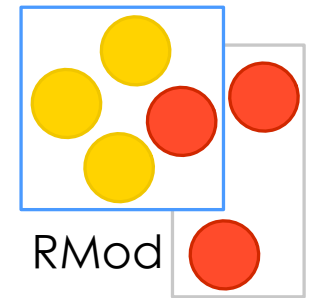


# Quality and Software Visualization

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# RMOD expertise



## Supporting software evolution and software composition

### Axis 1: Reengineering

Maintaining large software systems

Moose: a powerful platform for reengineering

Nokia, Daimler, Harman-Becker, Siemens, Cincom

### Axis 2: Dynamic languages to support evolution

Revisiting fundamental aspects of OO languages

Reuse Traits: Fortress (SUN Microsystems), Perl-6, Scala (EPFL), Squeak, Dr-Scheme,

***Security and Dynamic Languages***



# A word of presentation

Since 1996 Moose (reengineering platform)

Object-Oriented Reengineering Patterns

Grounded in reality

Maintainer of open-source projects

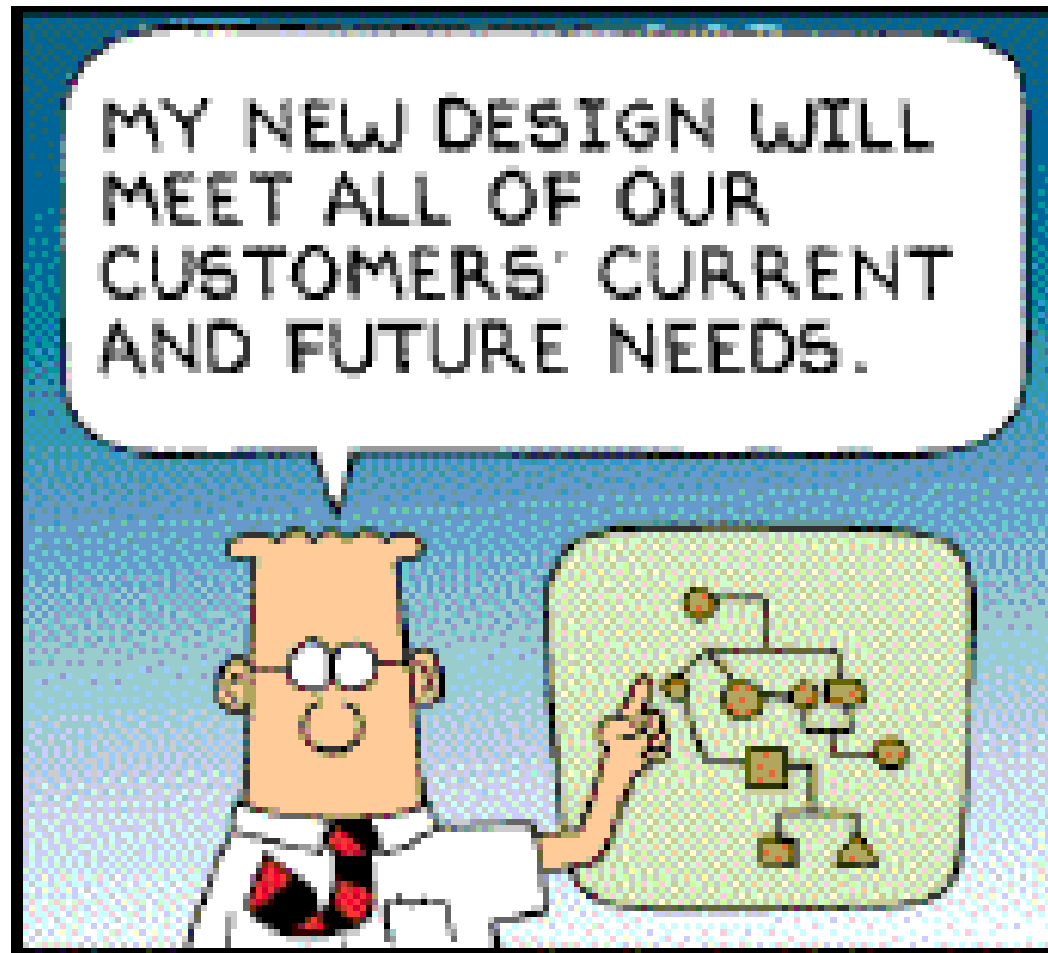
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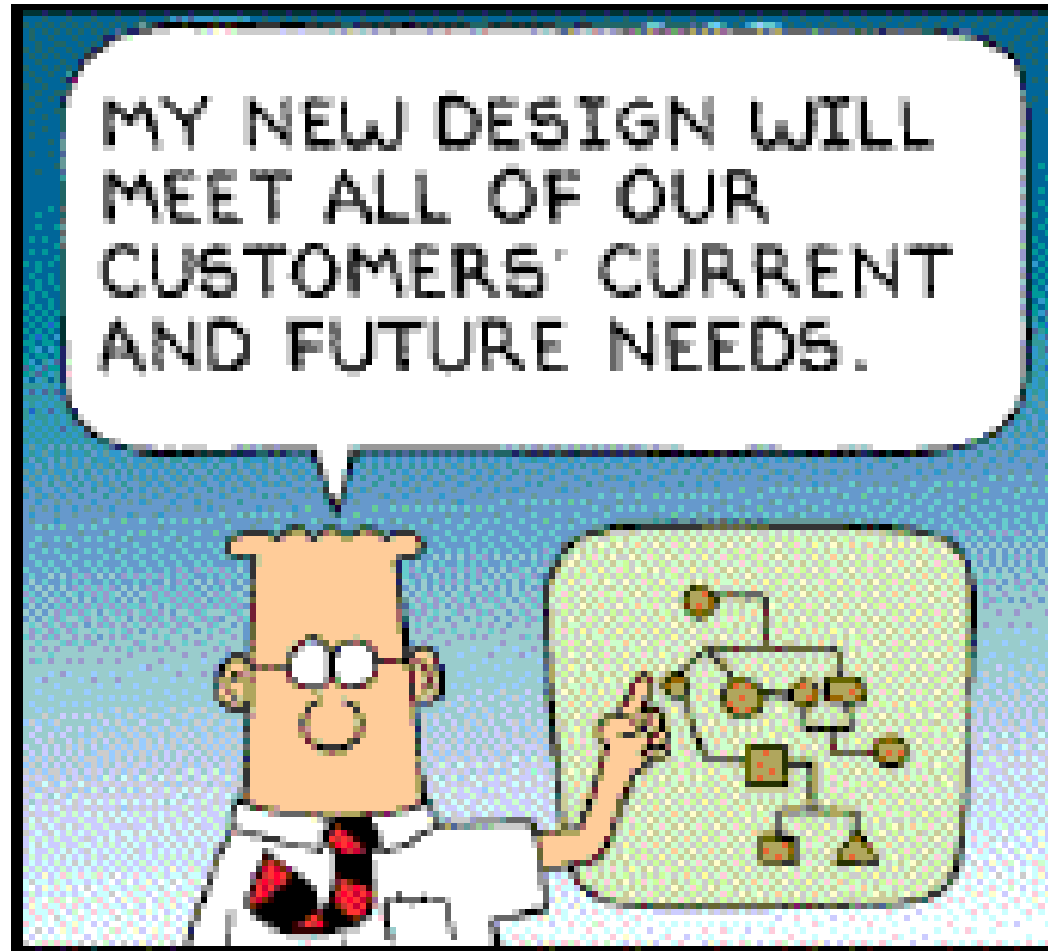
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# Let's face it, this is the Graal

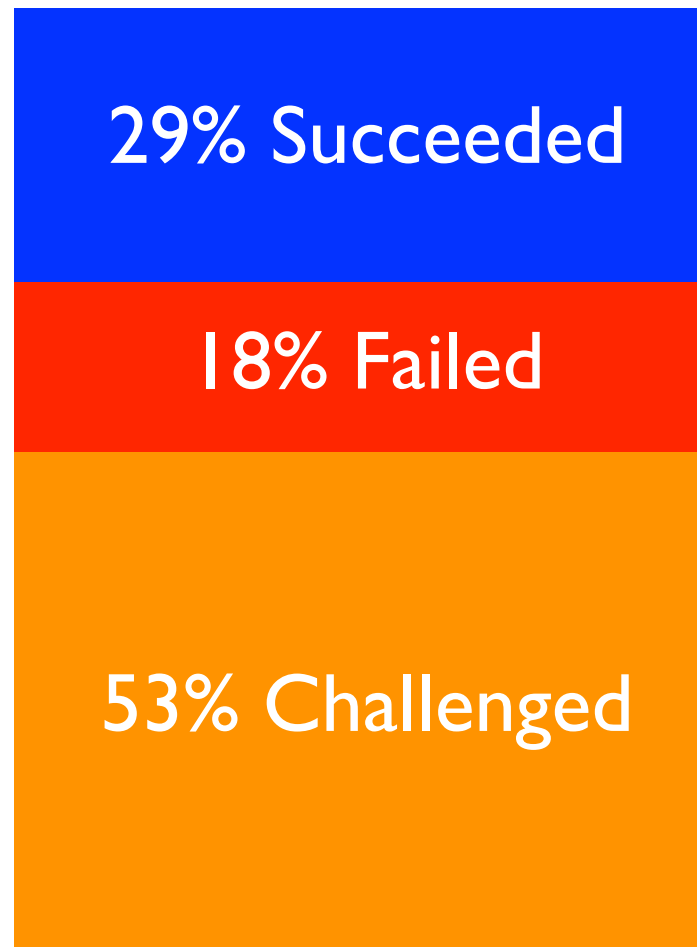


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# Software...

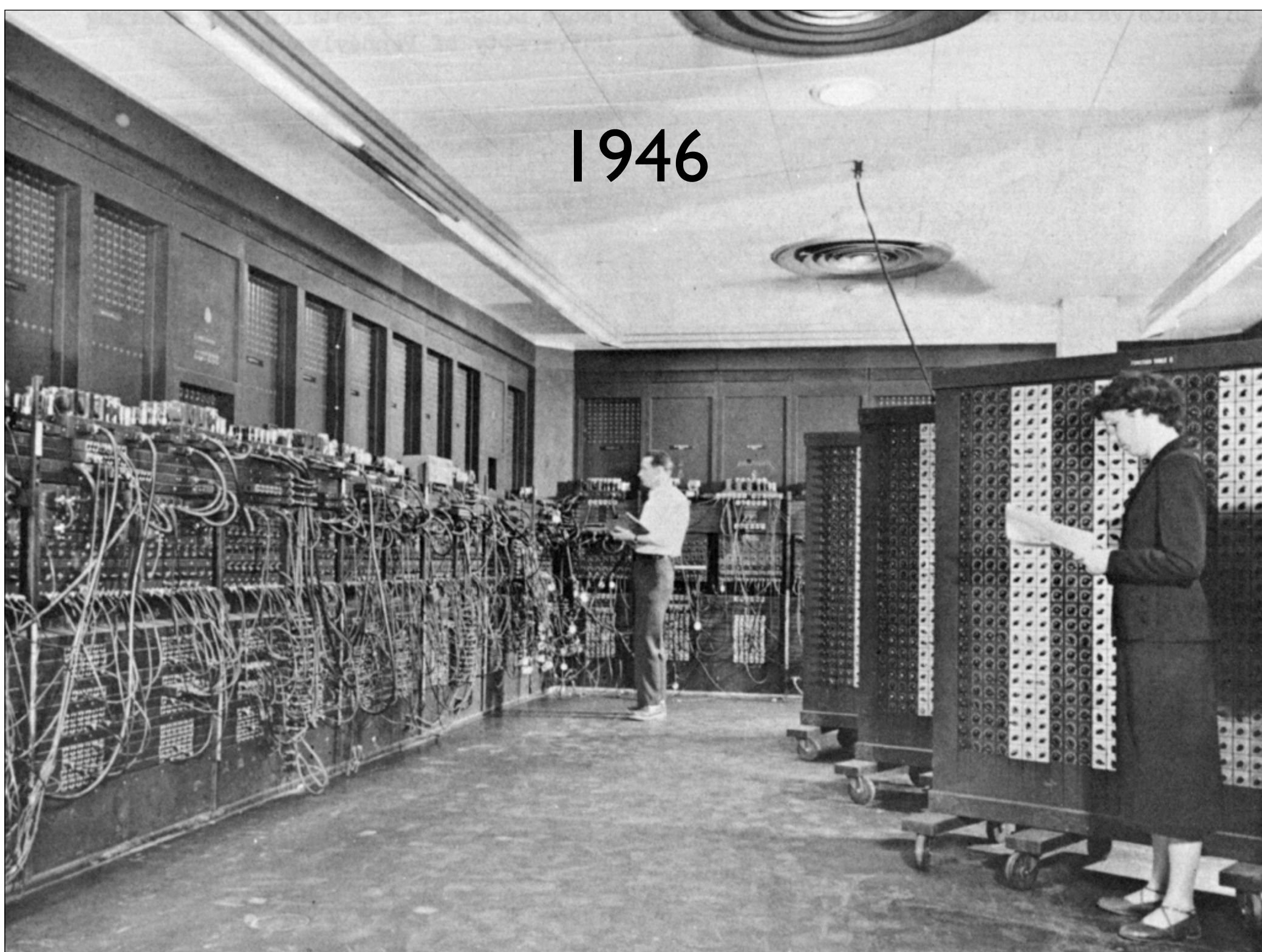


The Standish Group, 2004

# Software is complex.



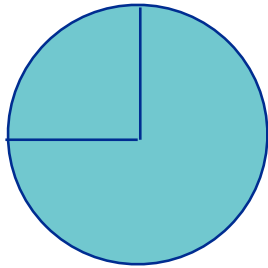
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# How large is your project?

1'000'000 lines of code  
\* 2 = 2'000'000 seconds  
/ 3600 = 560 hours  
/ 8 = 70 days  
/ 20 = 3 months

# Maintenance: **Continuous** Development

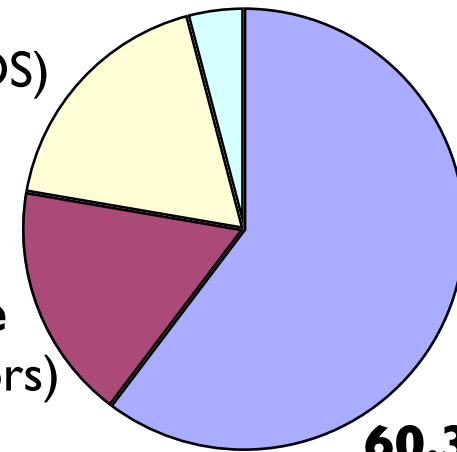


Between 50% and 75% of global effort is spent on “maintenance” !

**18.2% Adaptive**  
(new platforms or OS)

**17.4% Corrective**  
(fixing reported errors)

**4.1% Other**



**60.3% Perfective**  
*(new functionality)*

**The bulk of the maintenance cost is due to *new functionality***  
even with better requirements, it is **hard** to predict new functions

# Lehman's Software Evolution Laws

**Continuous Change:** “A program that is used in a real-world environment **must** change, or become progressively less useful in that environment.”

**Software Entropy:** “As a program evolves, it becomes more **complex**, and extra resources are needed to **preserve** and **simplify** its structure.”



# System evolution is like... SimCity



# Software are living...

Early decisions were certainly good at that time

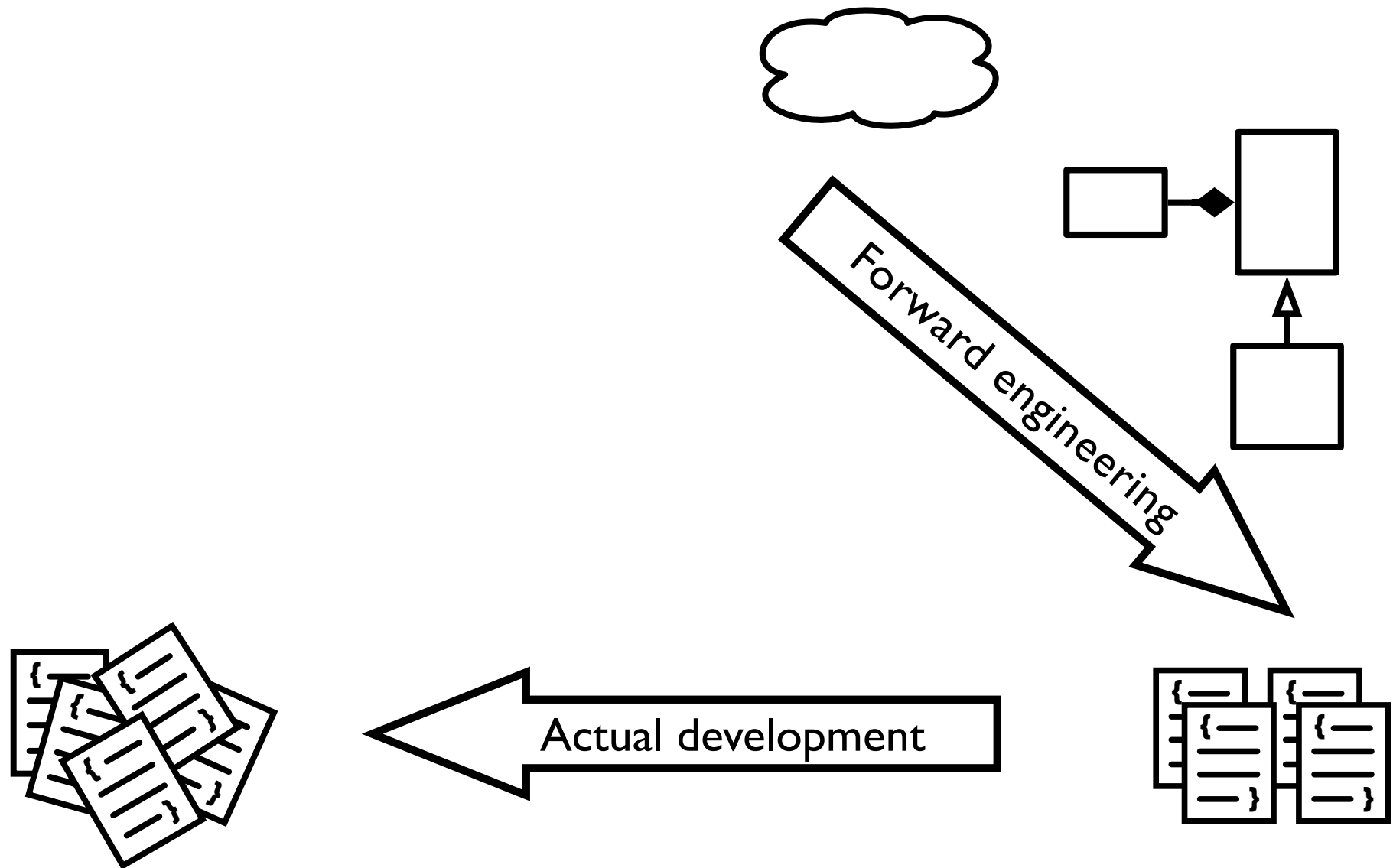
But the context **changes**

Customers **change**

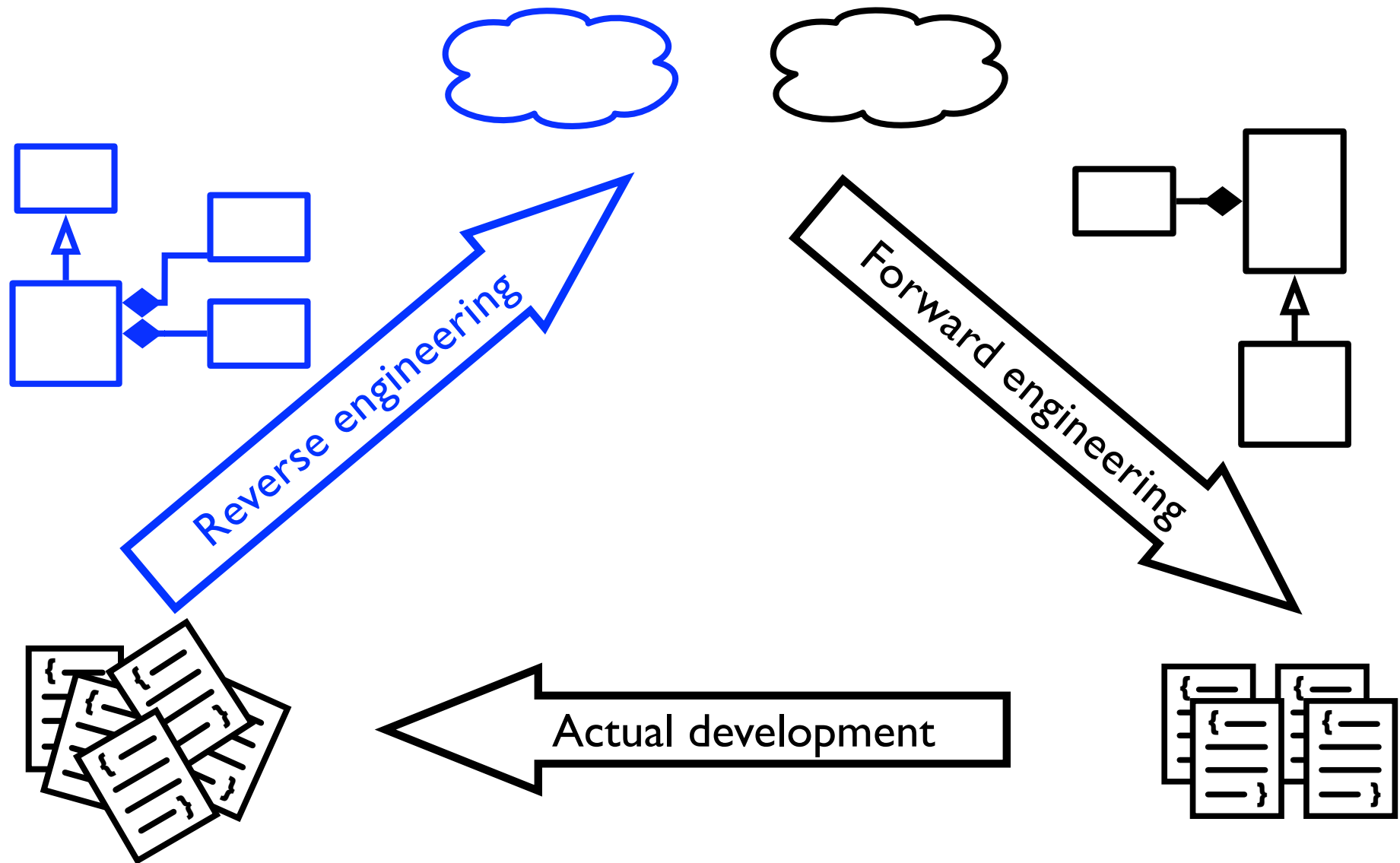
Technology **changes**

People **change**

Software development  
is **more** than forward engineering.



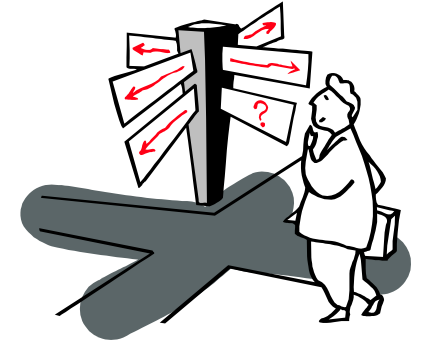
Maintenance is  
is needed to evolve the code.





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# **Help** teams maintaining large software

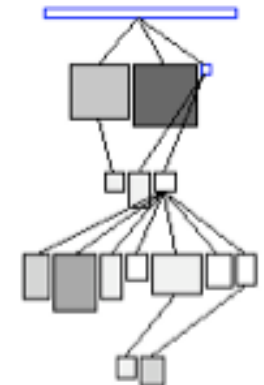
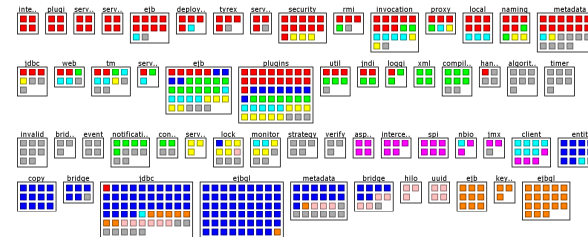
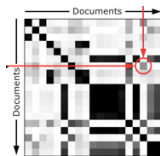
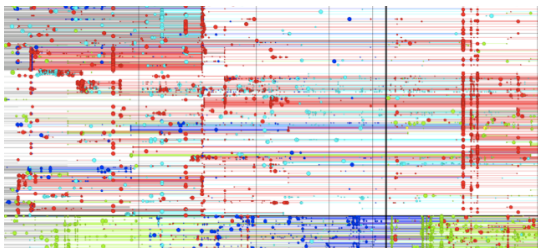
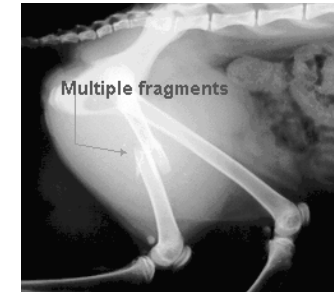
What is the xray for software?

code, people, practices

Which analyses?

How can you monitor your system (dashboards....)

How to present extracted information?



# Since 1996...

## Topics

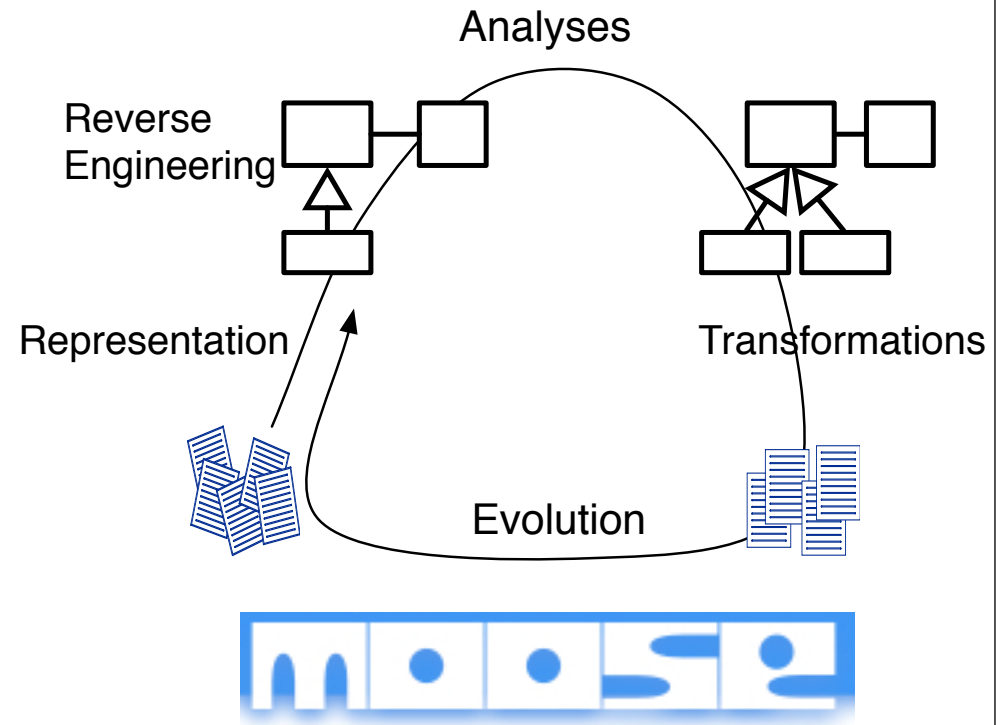
Metamodeling, metrics,  
program understanding,  
visualization, evolution analysis,  
duplicated code detection,  
code Analysis, refactorings,  
test generation...

## Contributions

Moose: an open-source extensible reengineering  
environment: (Lugano, Bern, Annecy, Anvers, Louvain la  
neuve, ULB, UTSL)

## Contacts

Harman-Becker (3 Millions C++), Bedag (Cobol), Nokia,  
ABB, IMEC



**Understanding Large Systems**

[VVCRE99, TSI00, TSE03]

**Static/Dynamic Information**

[ICSM99]

**Feature Analysis**

[JSME 06]

**Class Understanding**

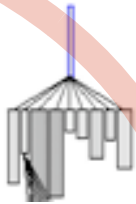
[OOPSLA01, TSE04]

**Package Blueprints**

[ICSM 07]

**Distribution Maps**

[ICSM 06]



**Software Metrics**

[LMO99, OOPSLA00]

**Duplicated Code Identification**

[ICSM99, ICSM02]

**Group Identification**

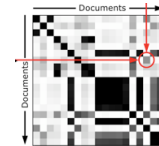
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**Test Generation**

[CSMR 06]

**Concept Identification**

[VCRE 06]



Analyses

Reverse  
Engineering

Representation

Transformations

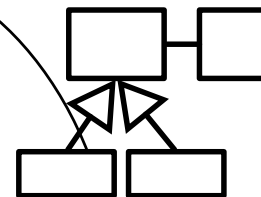
Evolution

**Language Independent Meta  
Model (FAMIX)**

[UML99]

**An Extensible Reengineering  
Environment (Moose)**

[Models 06]



**Language Independent  
Refactorings**

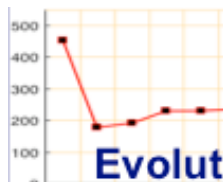
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**Reengineering Patterns  
Version Analyses**

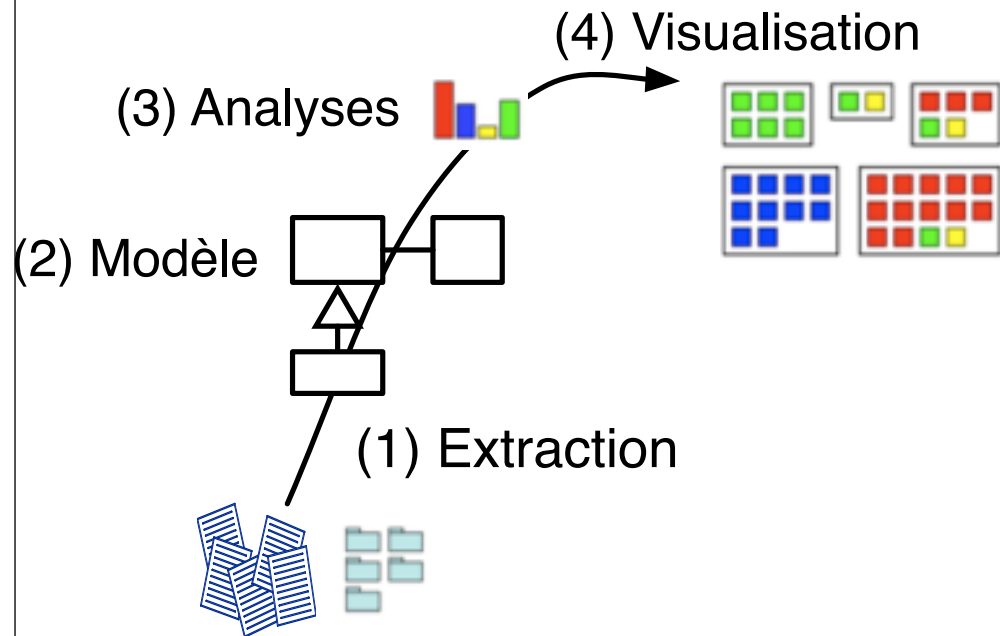
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**HISMO metamodel**

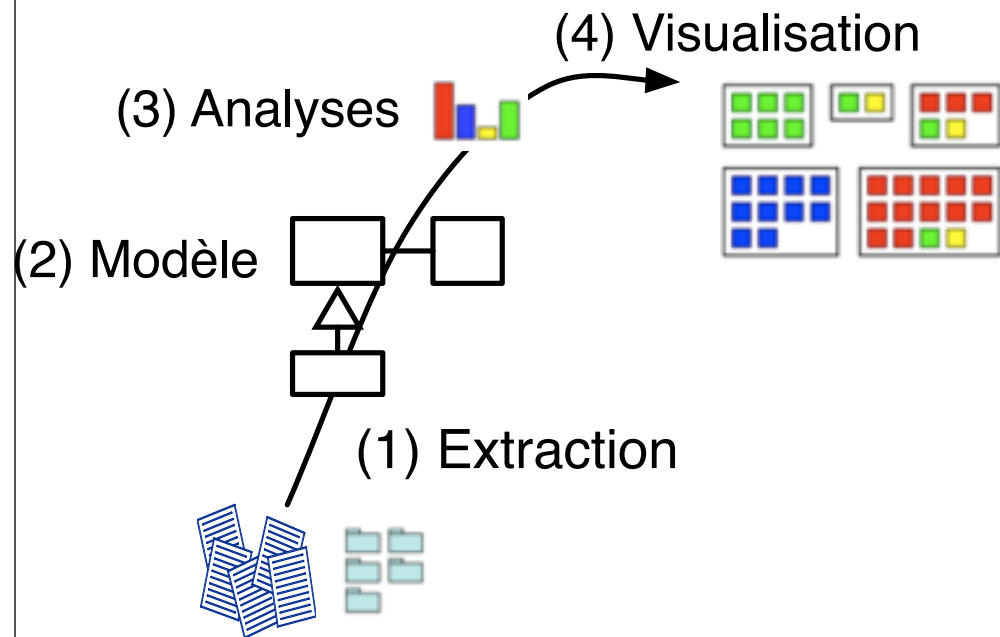
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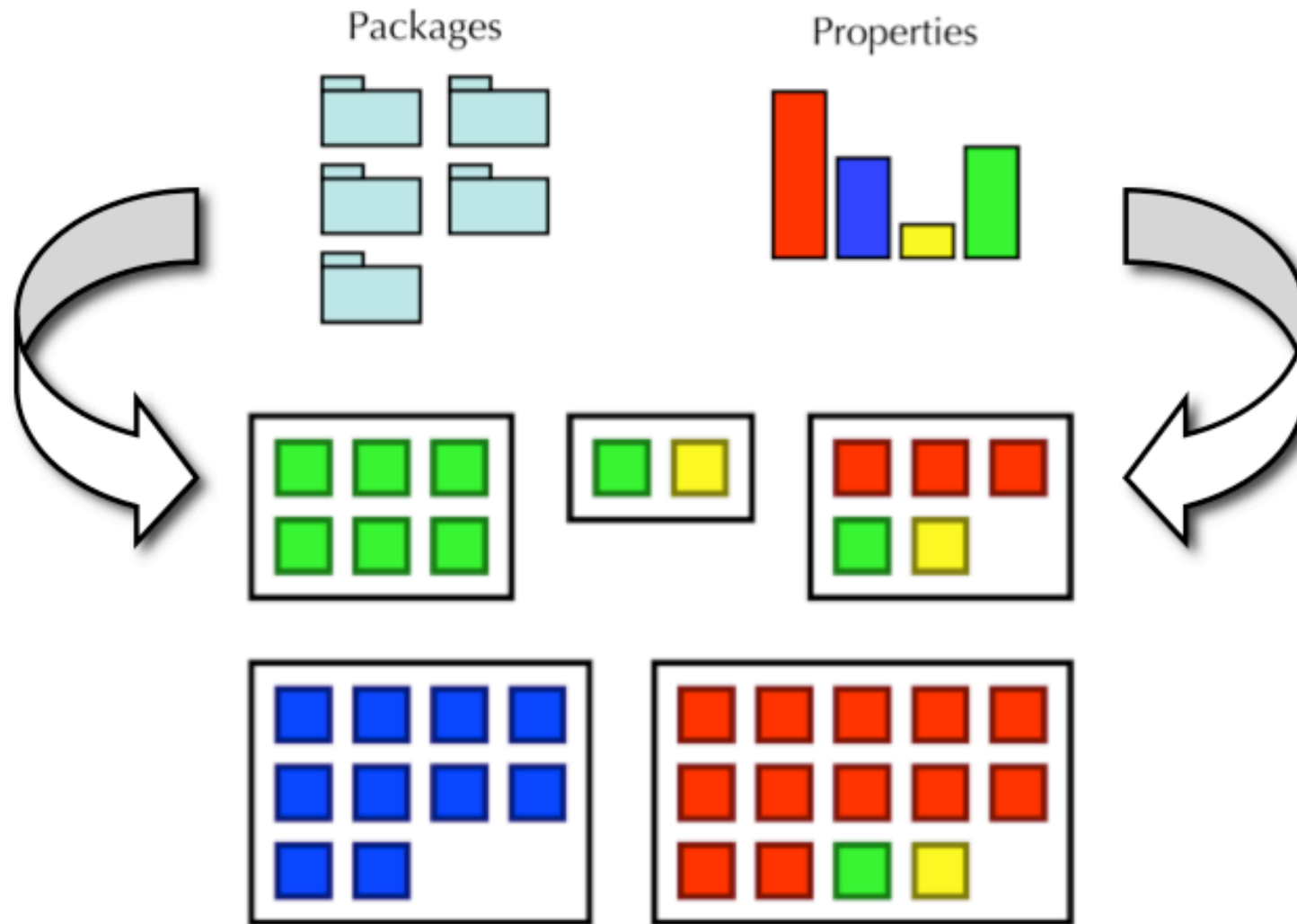
# An example: who is responsible of what?



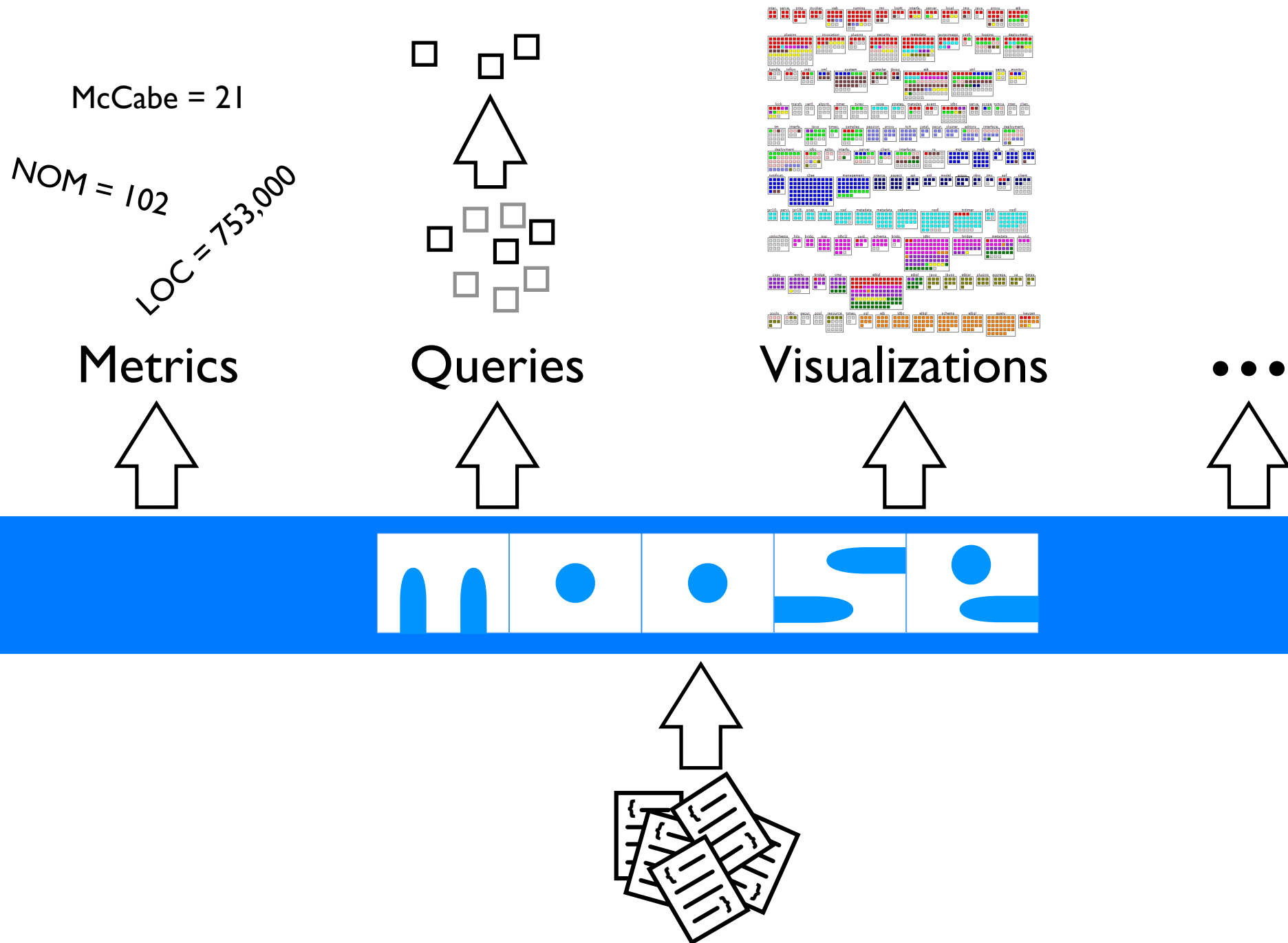
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# Distribution Map

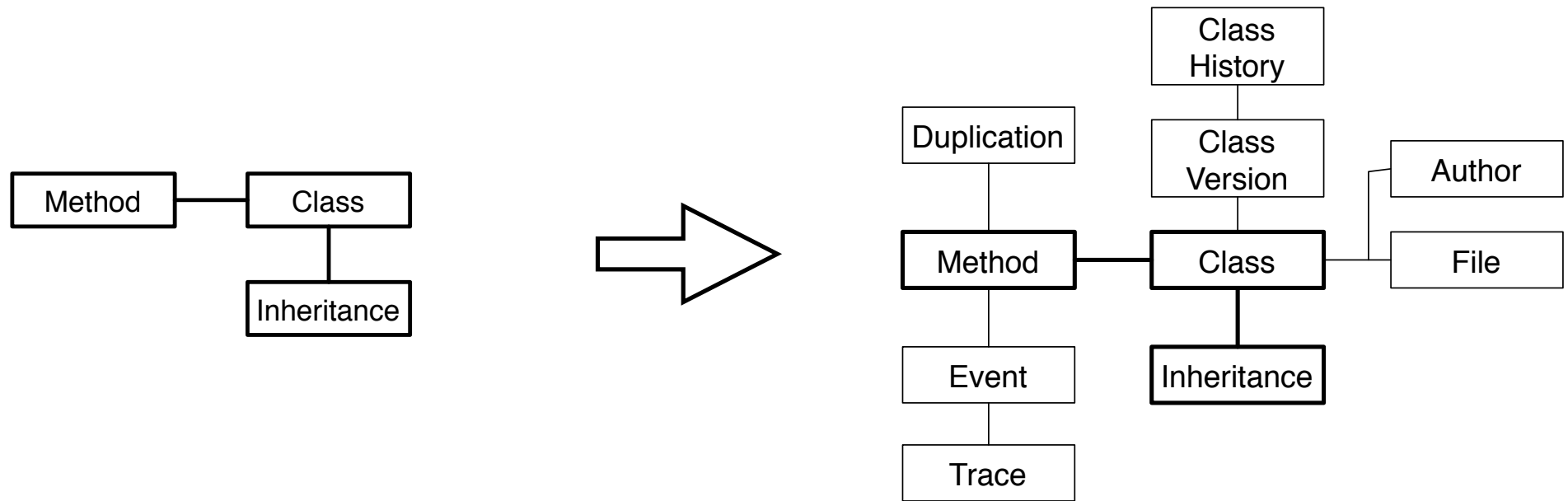


# Moose is a powerful environment





# Moose is designed to be extensible



open  
meta-described

# Moose has been validated on real life systems

Several large, industrial case studies (NDA)

Harman-Becker

Nokia

Daimler

Siemens

Different implementation languages (C++, Java, Smalltalk, Cobol)

We use external C++ parsers

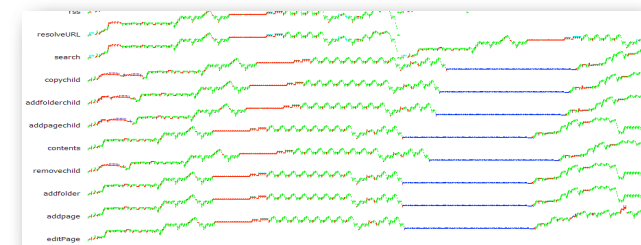
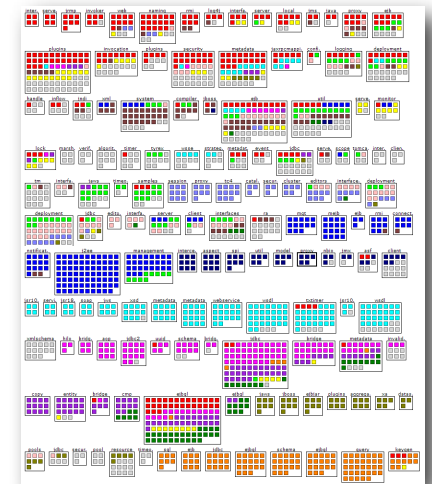
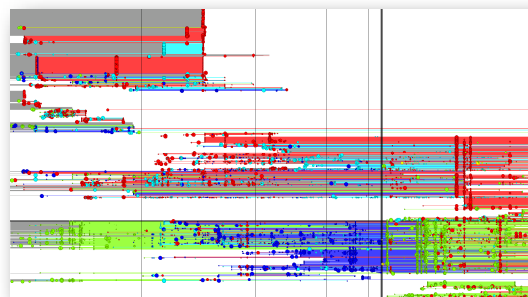
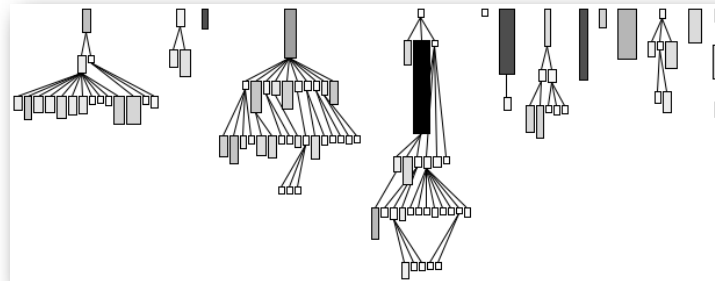
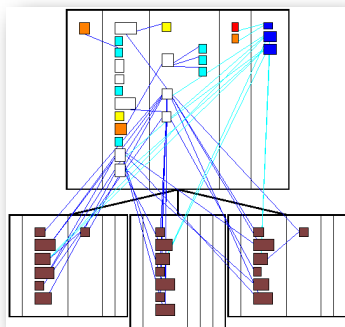
Different sizes

Moose is used in several research groups

# Visualization principles in 3 min



- Preattentive visualization (unconscious < 200ms)
- Gestalt principles (from 1912)
- 70% of our sensors are dedicated to vision



# How many 5?

3332123466509000096766689877835367  
7866760910919818971746433039821768  
34467865860880221167687687789762

# How many 5?

3332123466**5**0900009676668987783**5**367  
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# Preattentive attributes

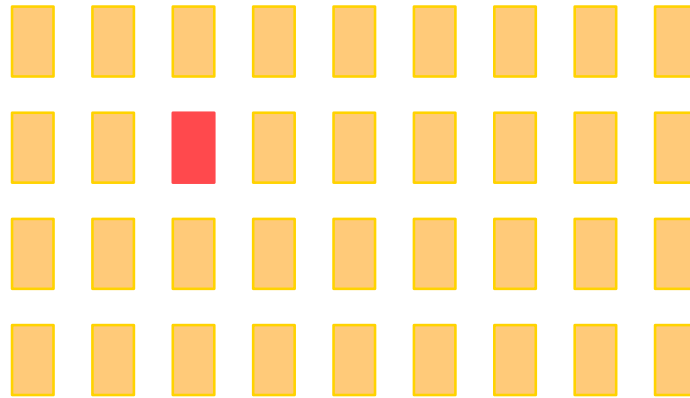
Color intensity

Form: orientation, line length, line width, size, shape, added marks, enclosure

Spatial position (2D location)

Motion (flicker)

# Color / intensity



# Position

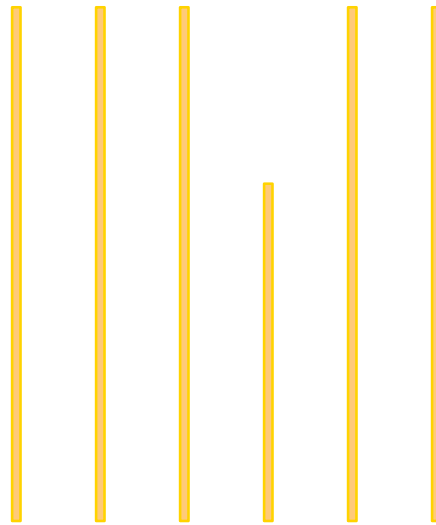




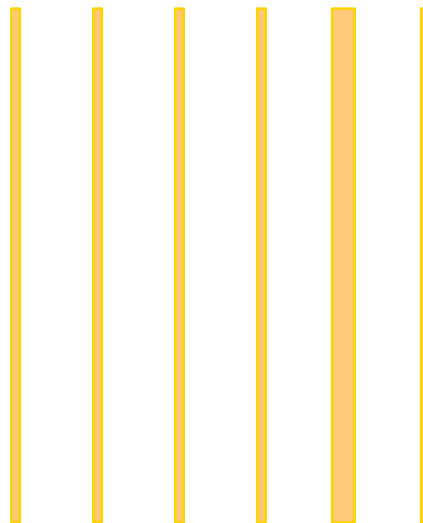
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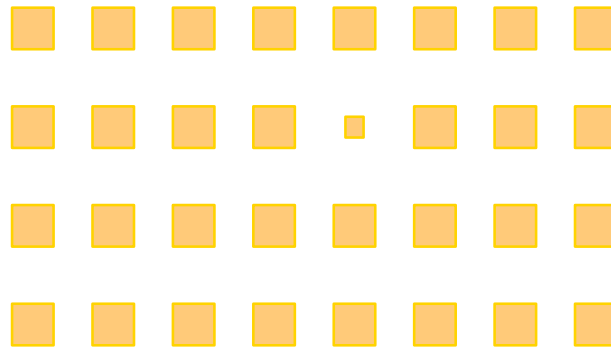
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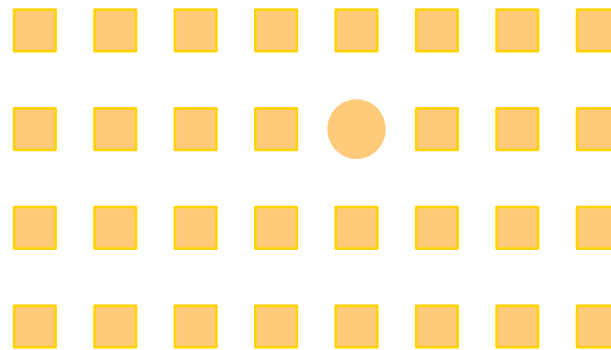
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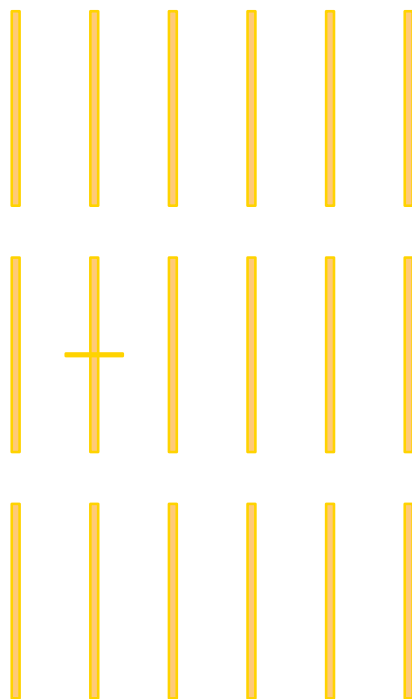
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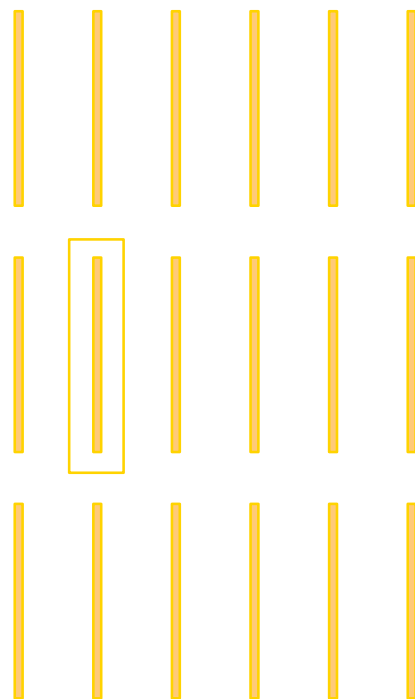
# Form / Shapes



# Form / Added marks



# Form / Enclosure

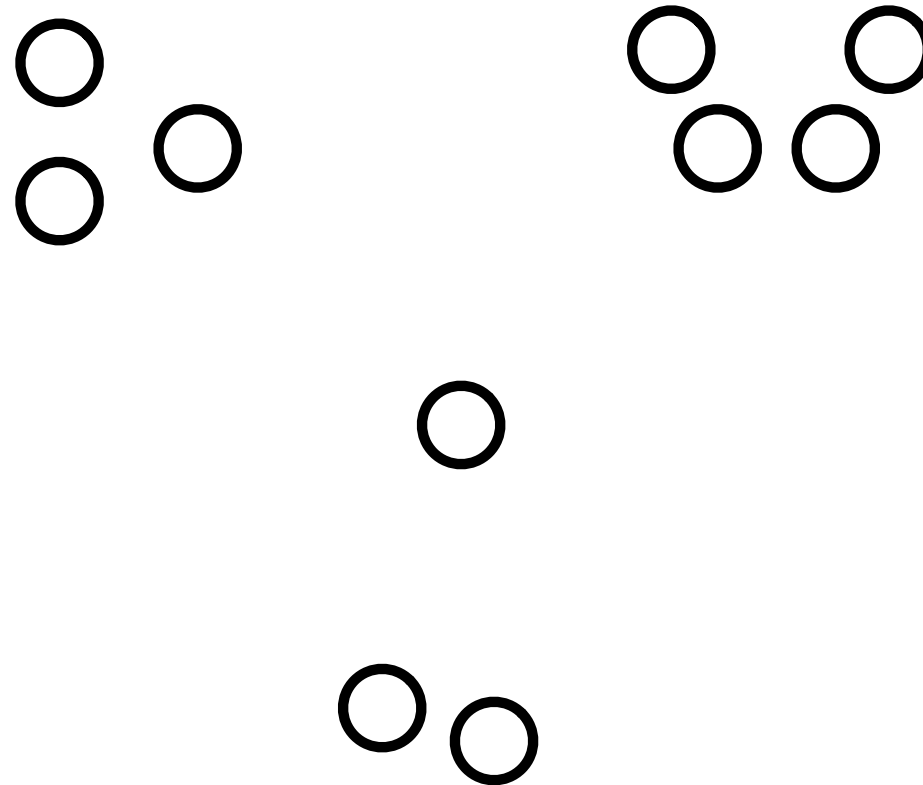


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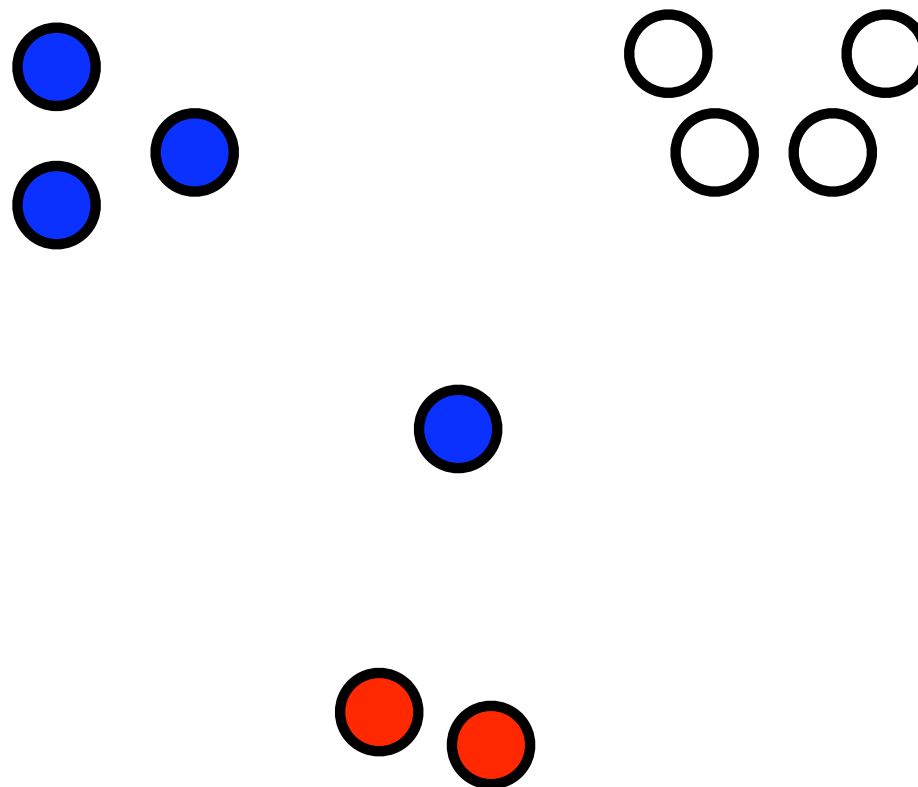




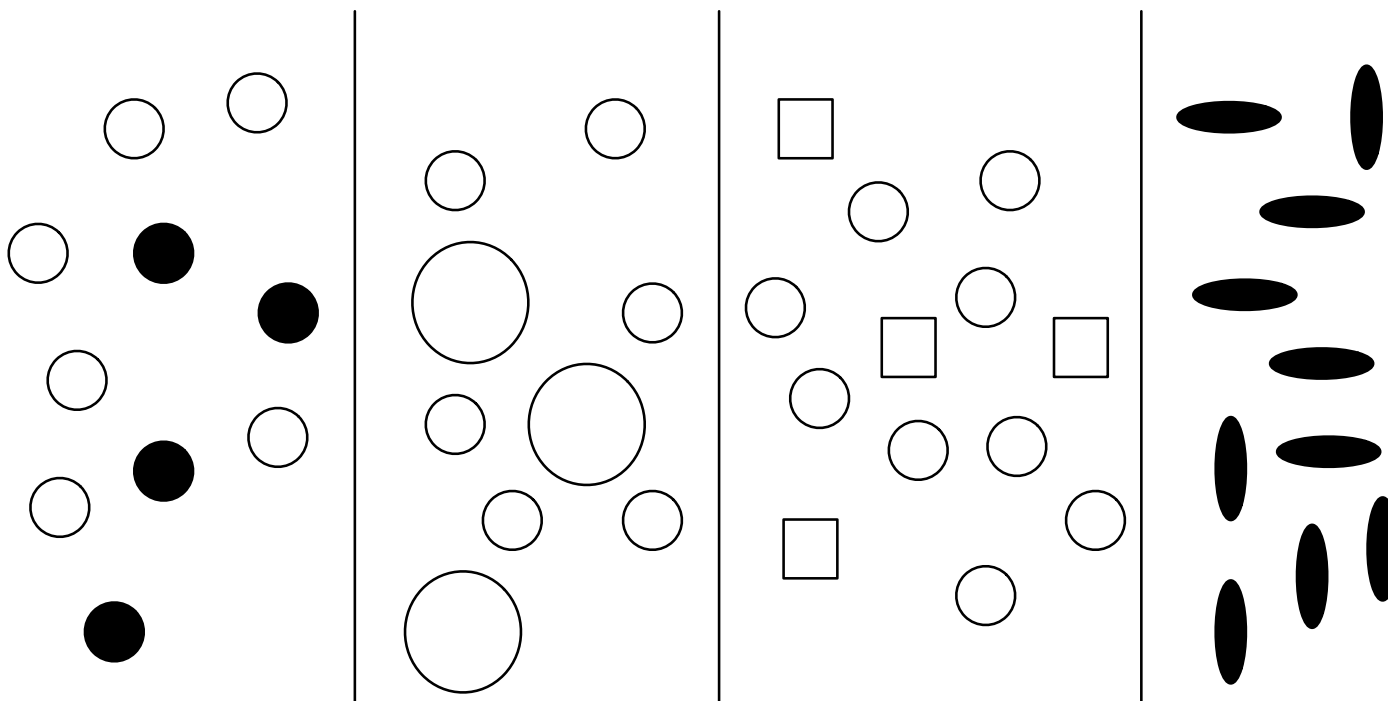
# Principle of Proximity



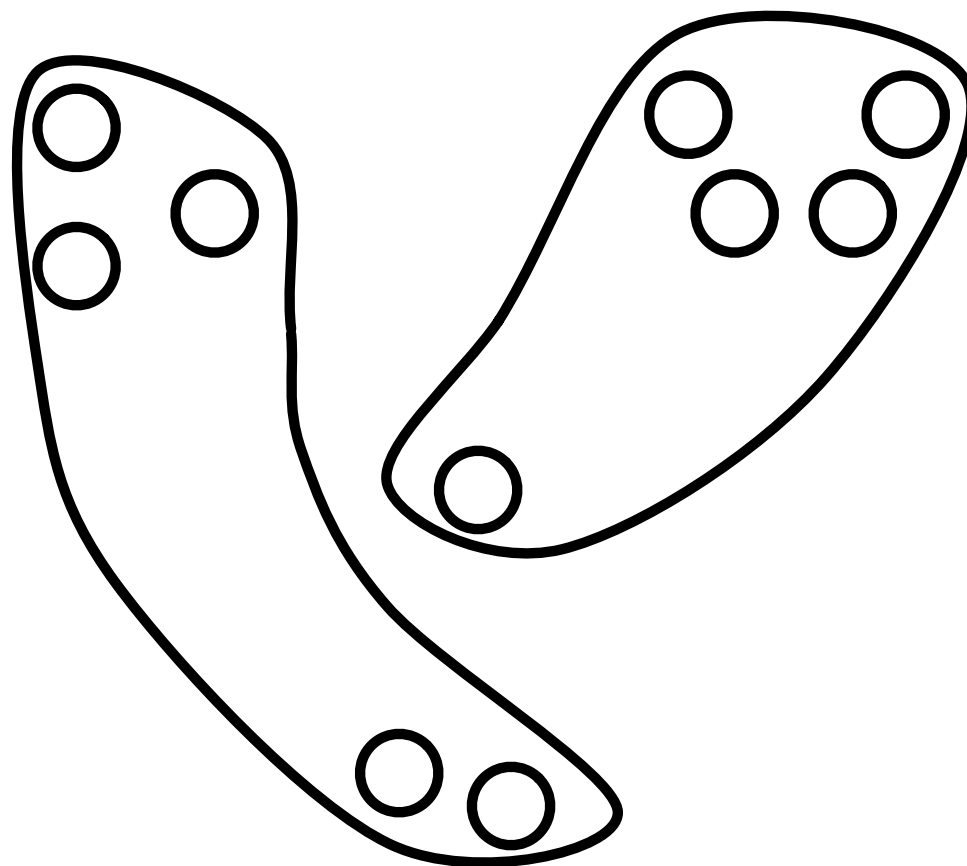
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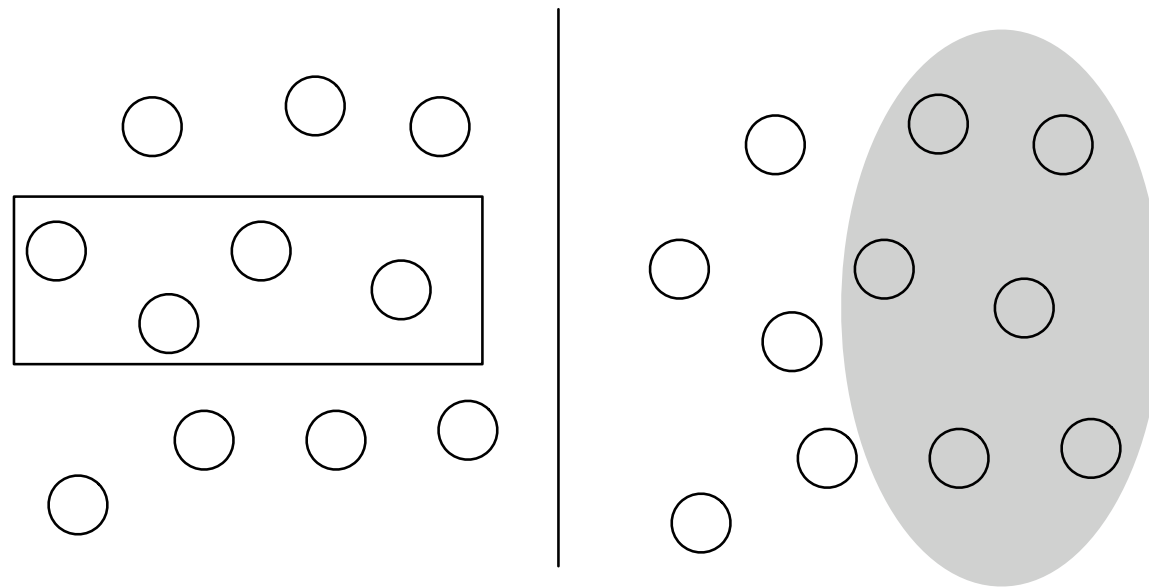
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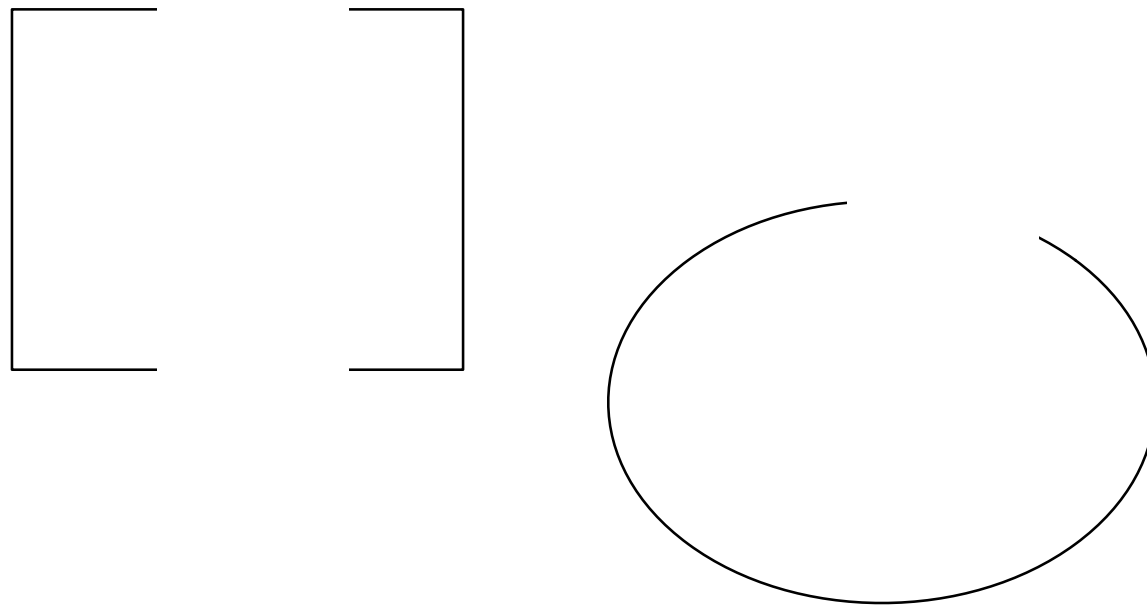
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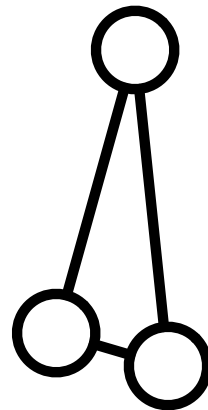
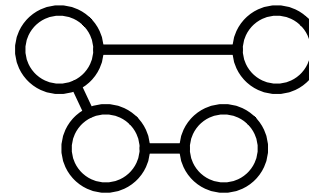
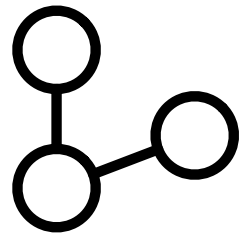
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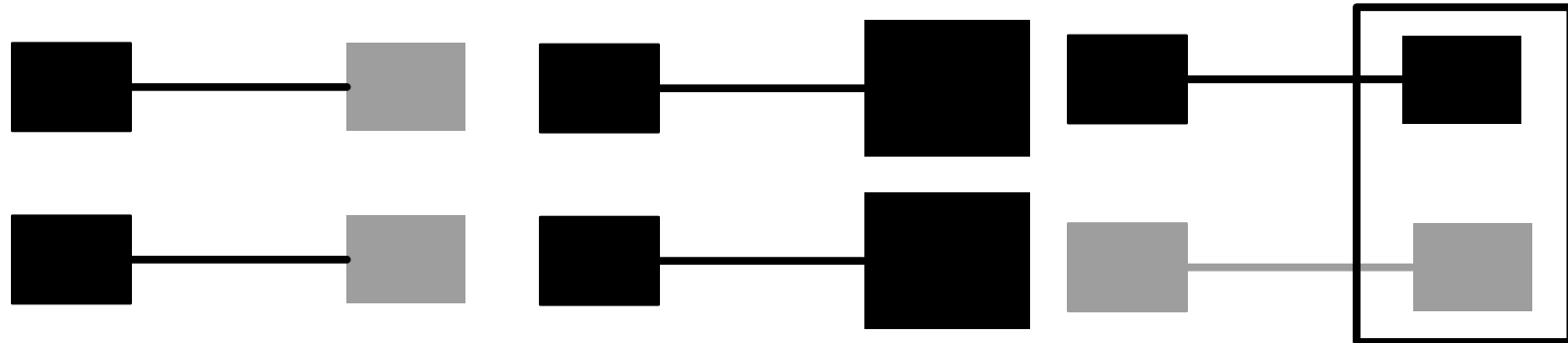
# Principle of Closure



# Principle of connectivity



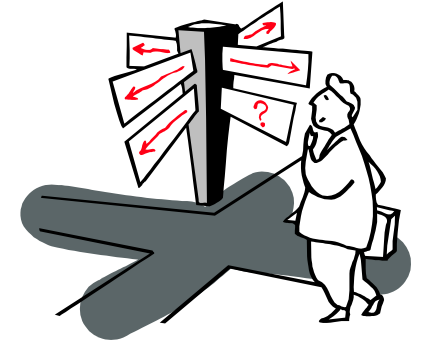
# Principle of connectivity





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# Challenges in Visualization

Screen size

Max 12 colors

Edge-crossing

Limited short-term memory (three to nine)

Extracting semantics out

Beauty cannot be a goal

Get some help from

Gestalt principles

pre-attentive visualization

# Understanding large systems

Understanding code is difficult!

Systems are large

Code is abstract

Should I really convinced you?

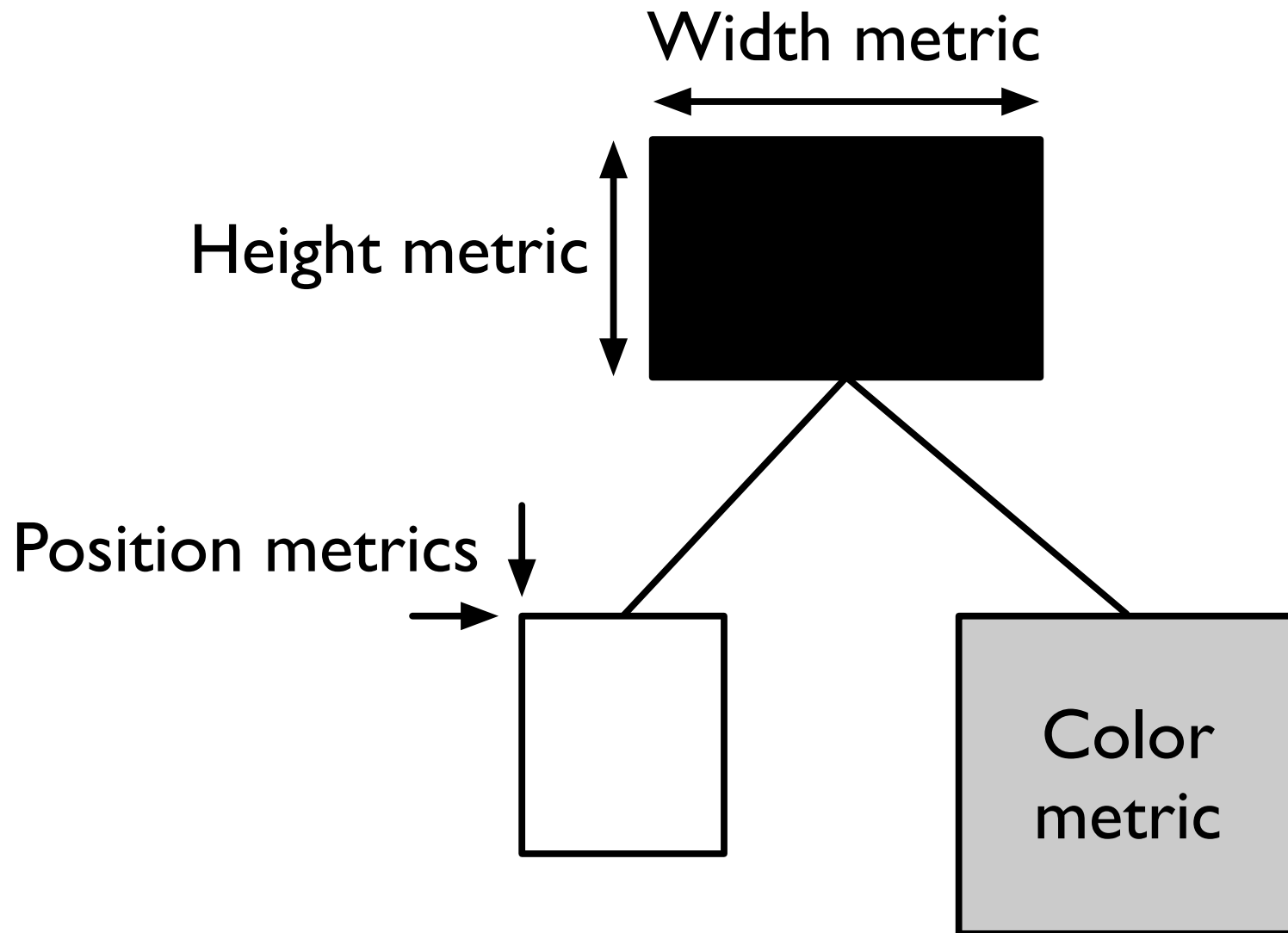
Some existing approaches

Metrics: you often get **meaningless** results once **combined**

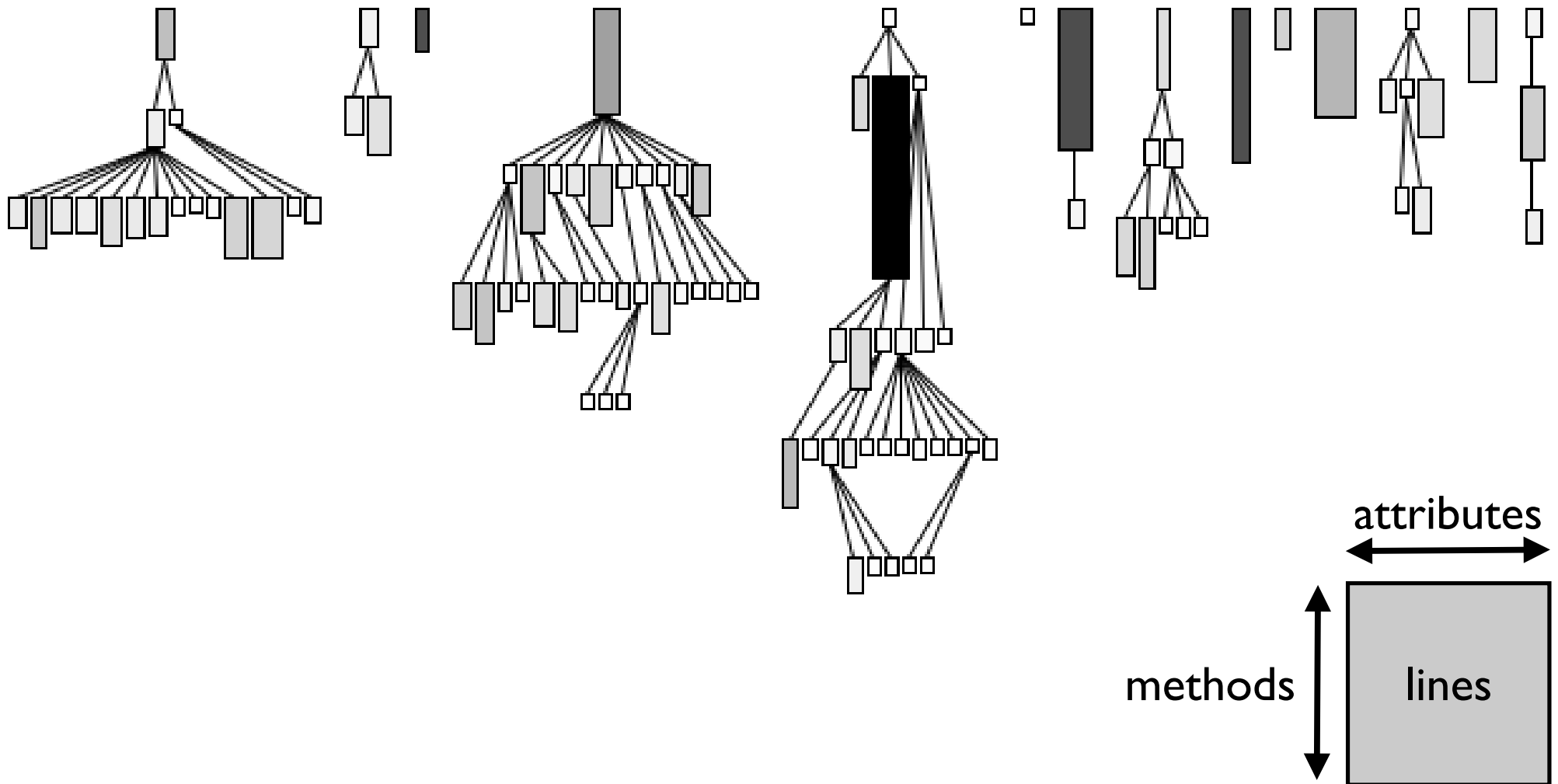
Visualization: often beautiful but **with little** meaning

# Polymetric views show up to 5 metrics.

Lanza et al, 03

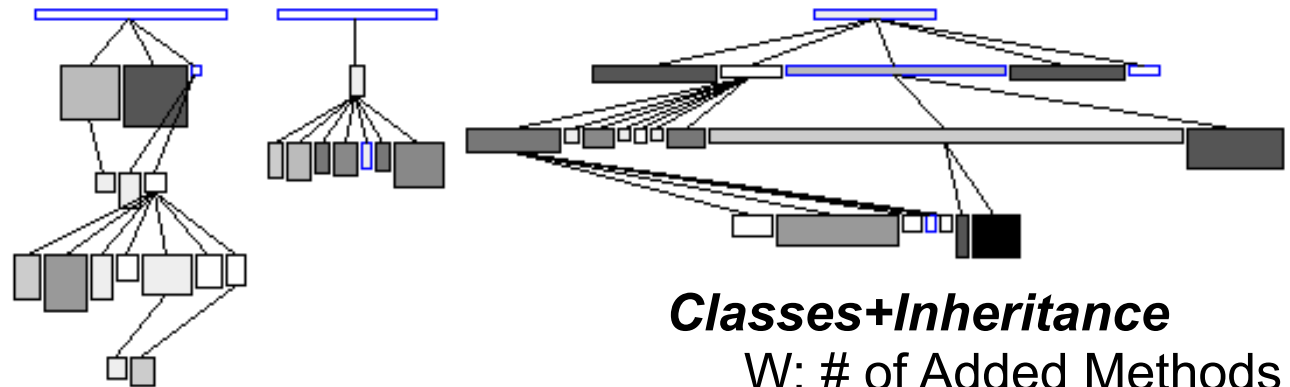


# System Complexity shows class hierarchies.



# Polymetric views condense information

To get a feel of the inheritance semantics: adding vs. reusing

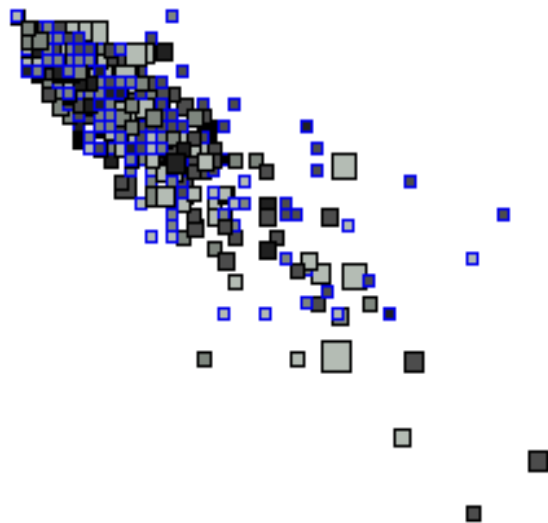


## ***Classes+Inheritance***

W: # of Added Methods

H: # of Overridden Methods

C: # of Method Extended



## ***methods***

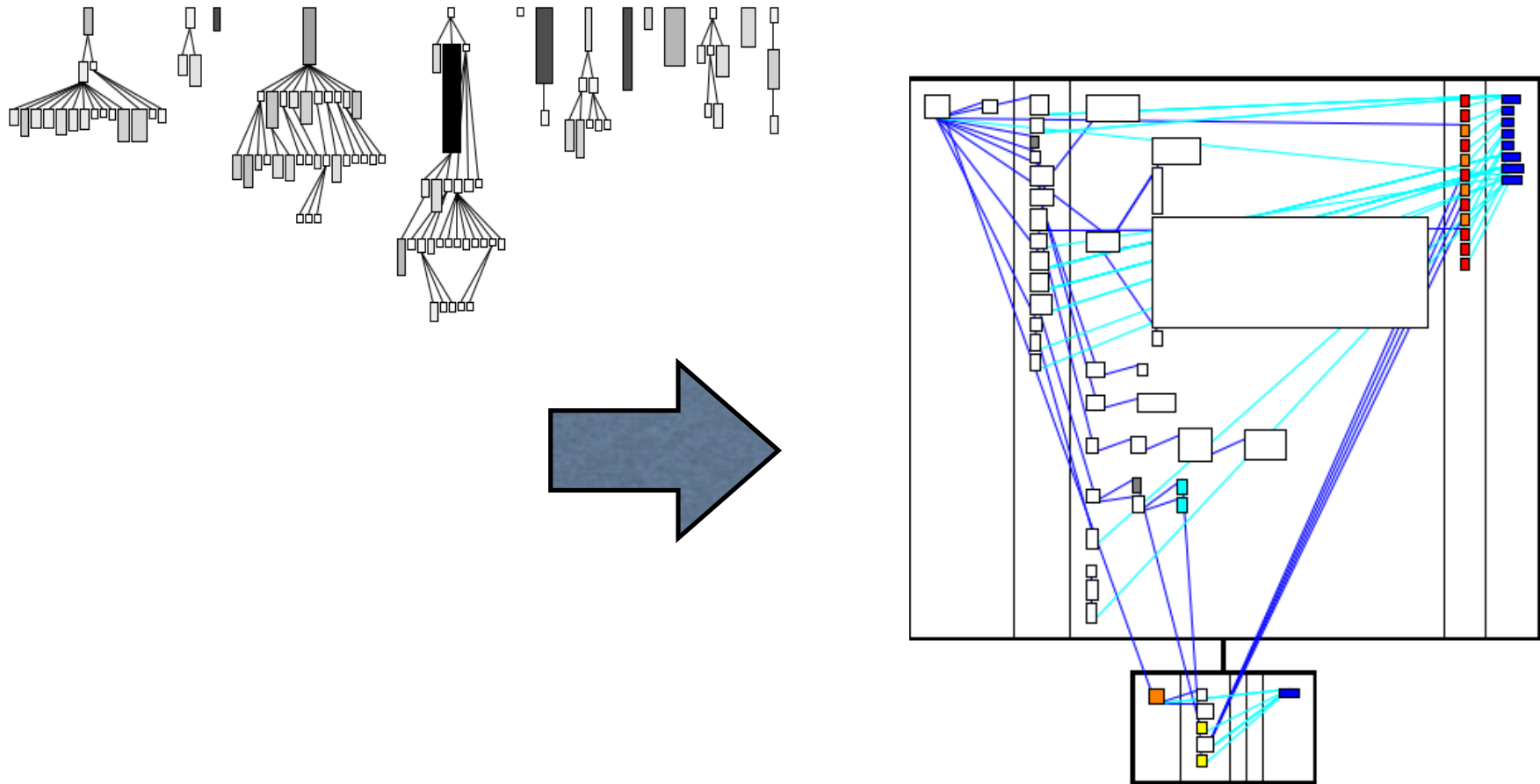
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# statements

# parameters

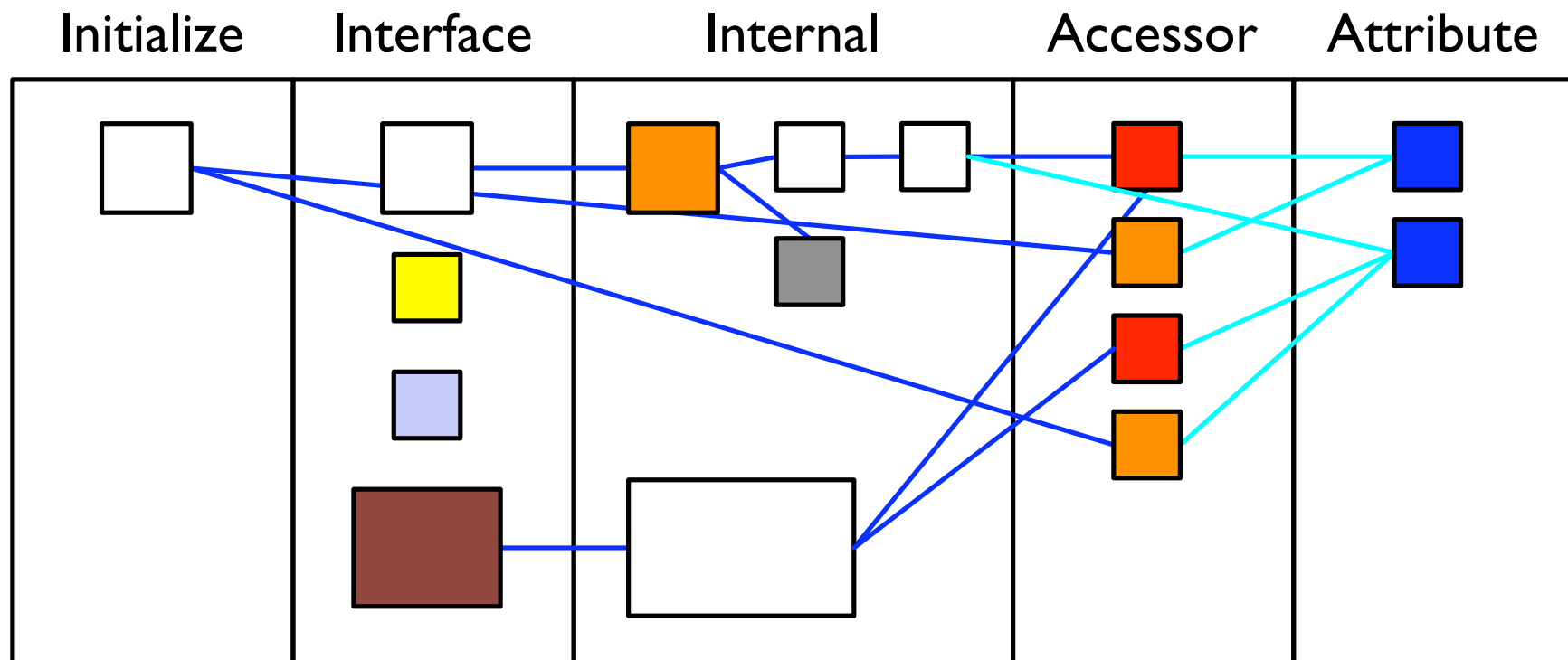
# Understanding classes

Understanding even a class is difficult!



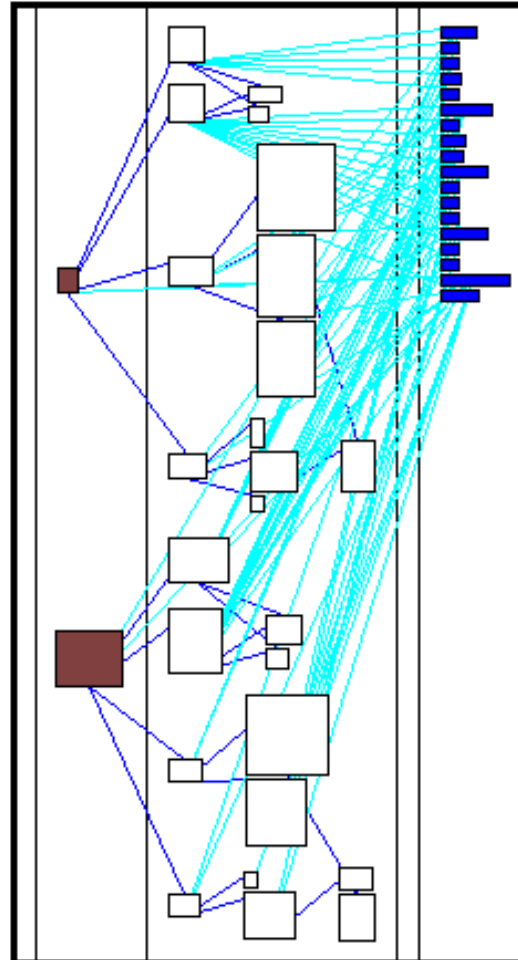
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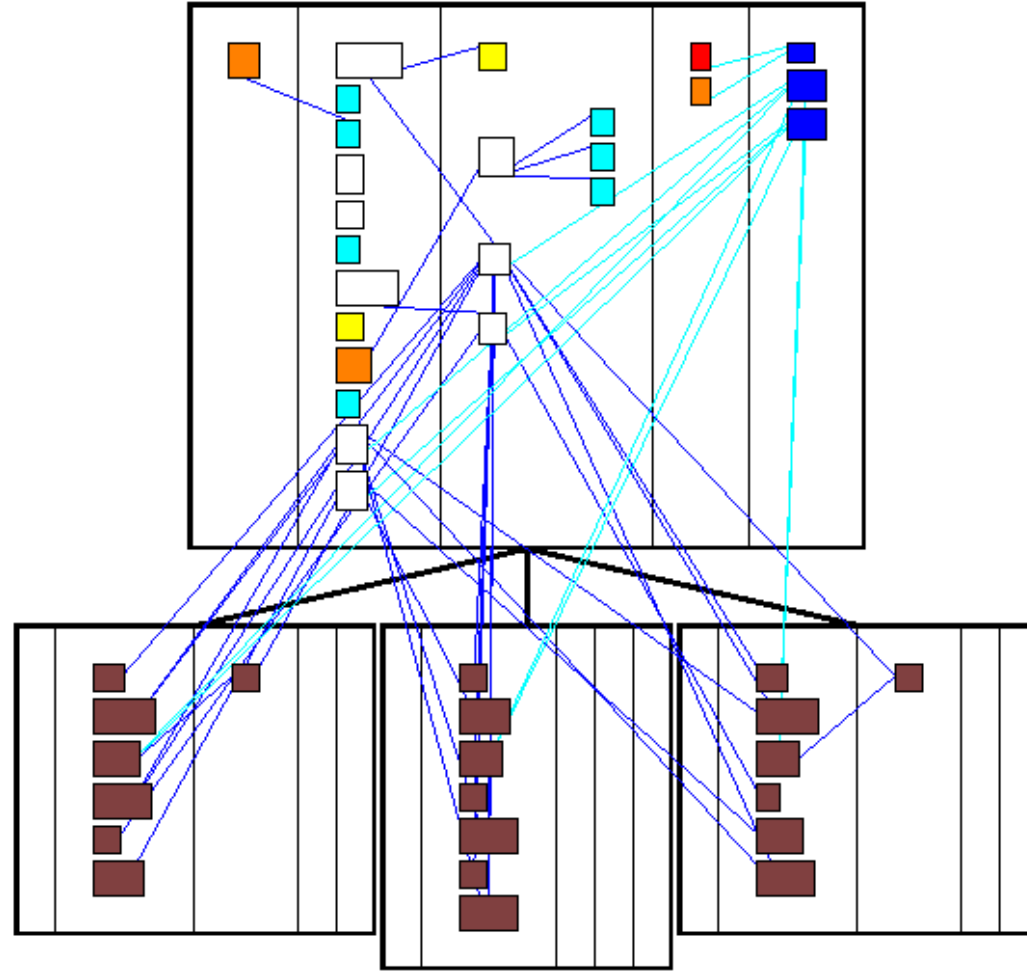
Ducasse, Lanza, 05





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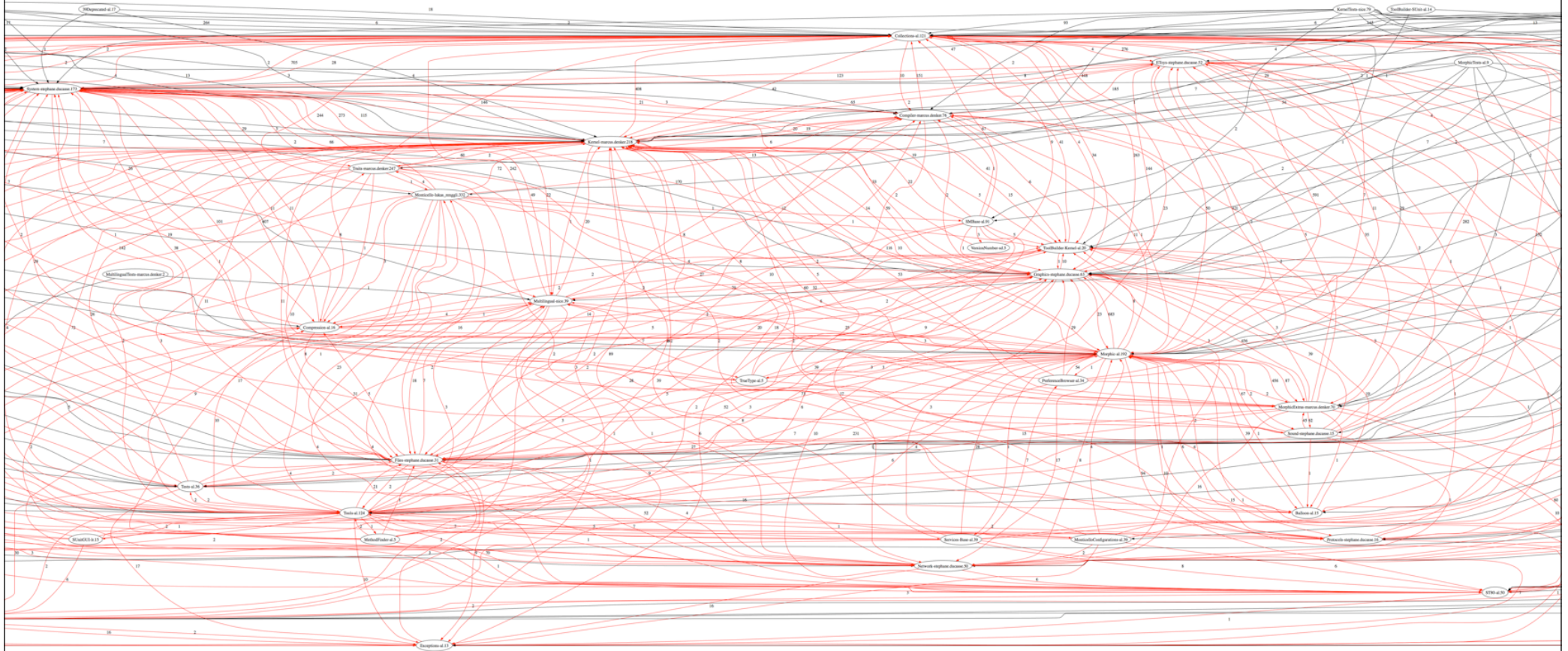


# Cycles?

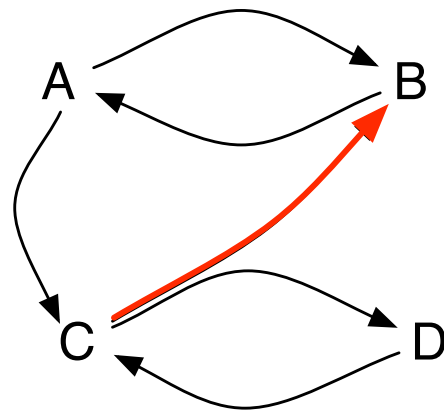
Identify  
Understand  
Fix

Enhancing Dependency Structural Matrix

# Graph you said?



# Building a DSM

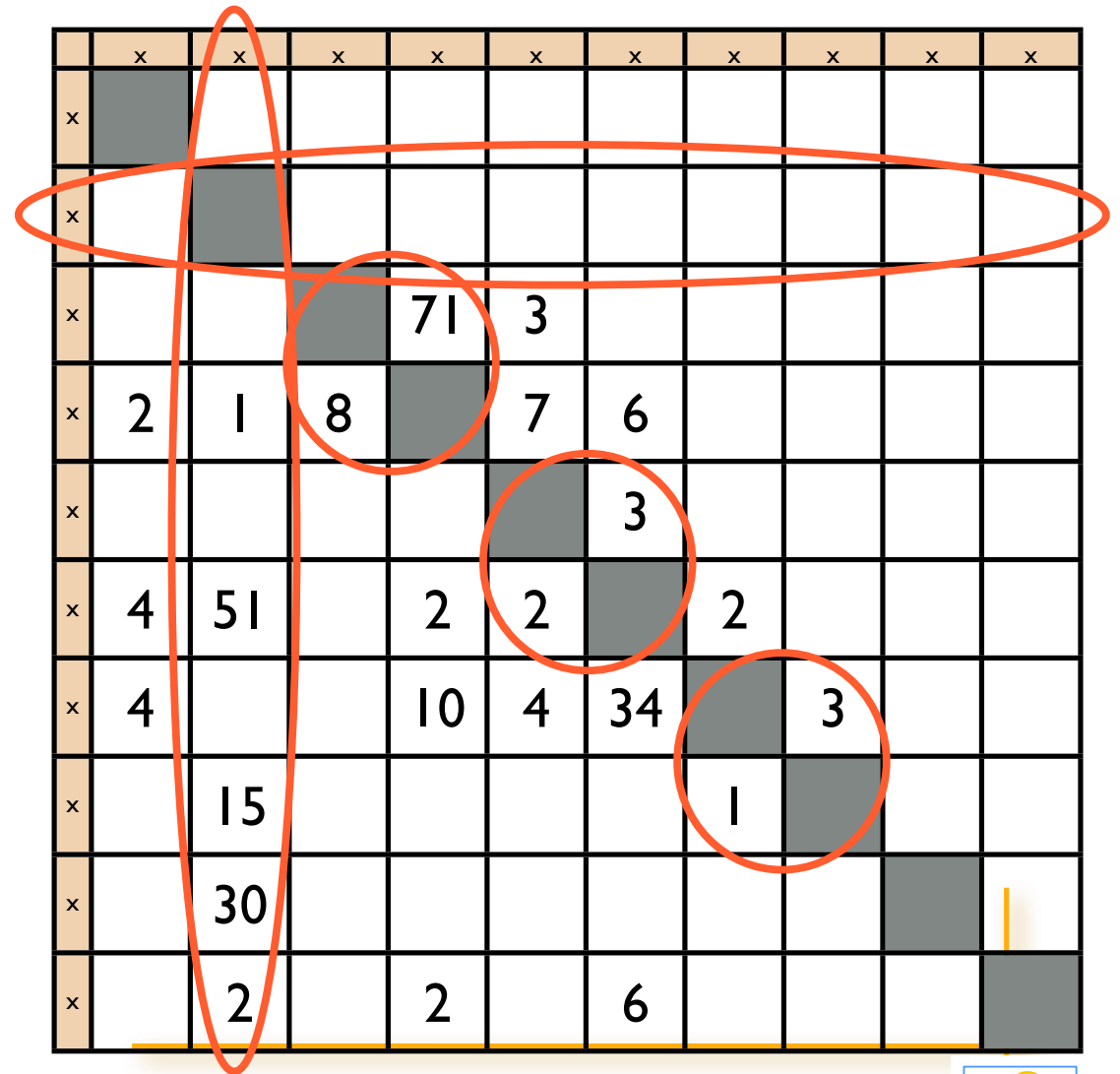


	A	B	C	D
A		X		
B	X		X	
C	X			X
D			X	

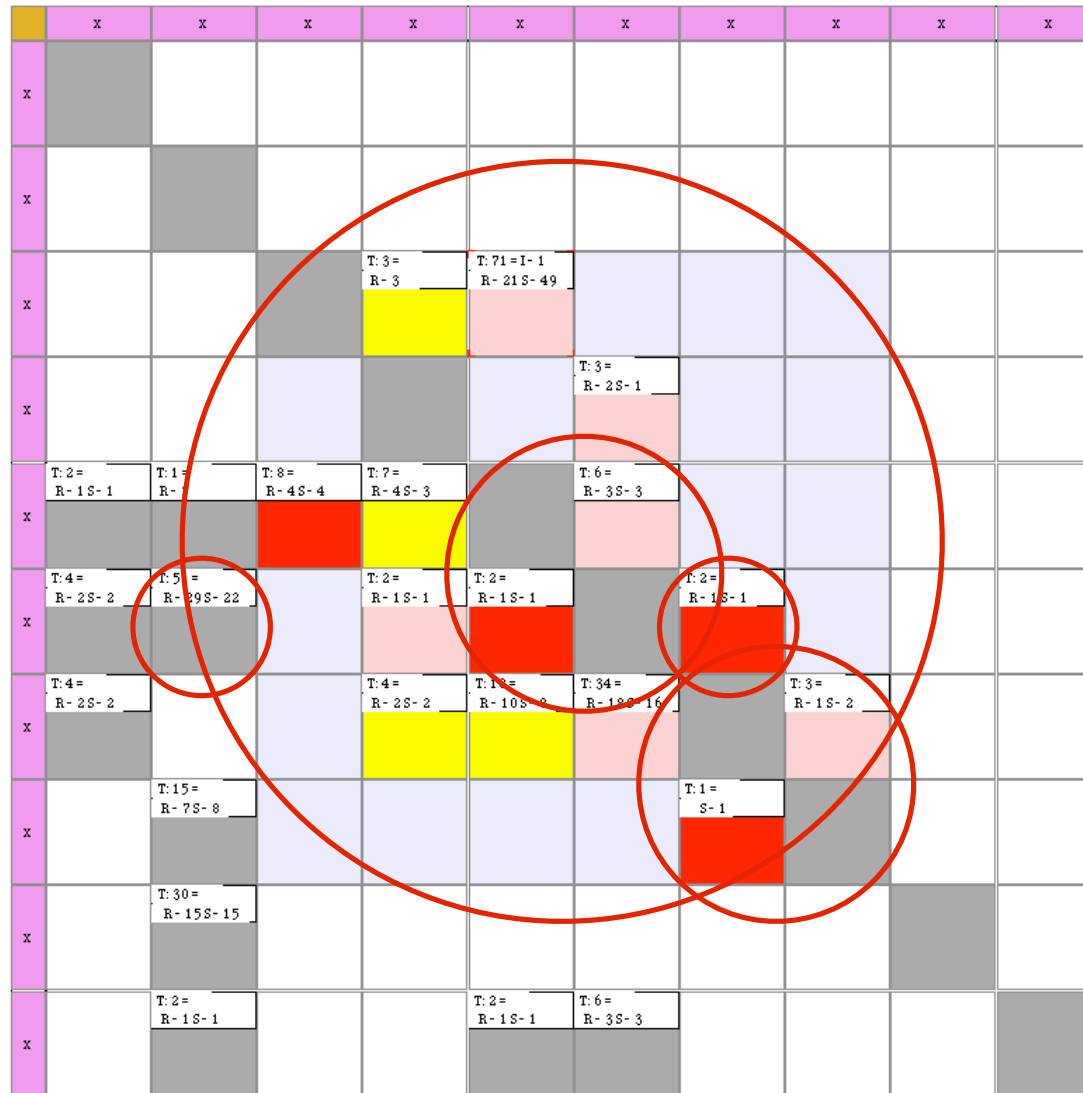
	A	B	C	D
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B	1	0	1	0
C	1	0	0	1
D	0	0	1	0

# 7 Packages visualization

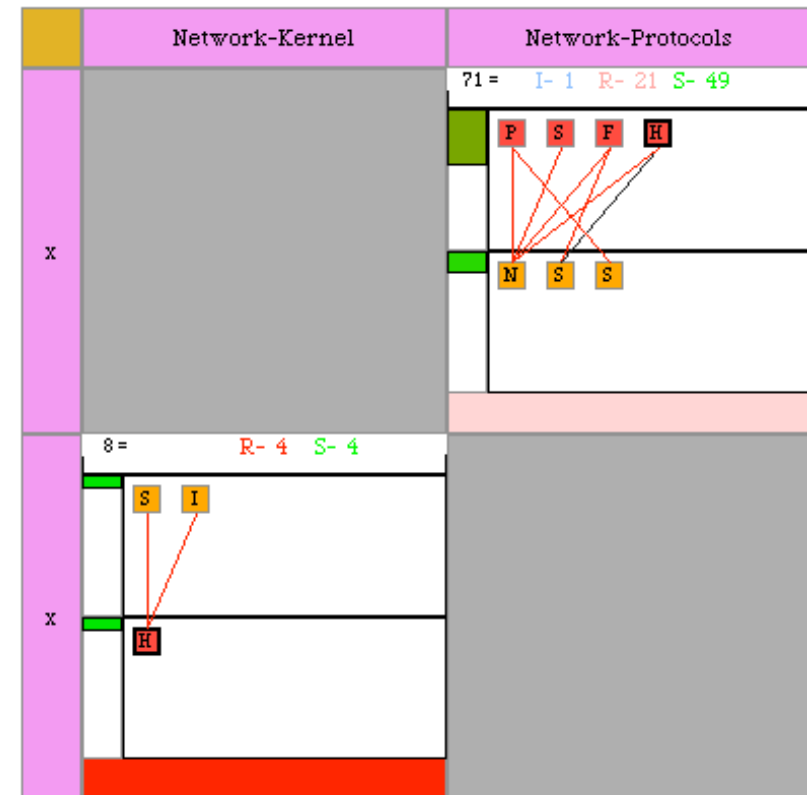
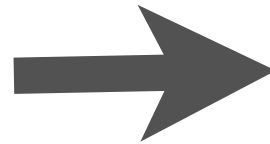
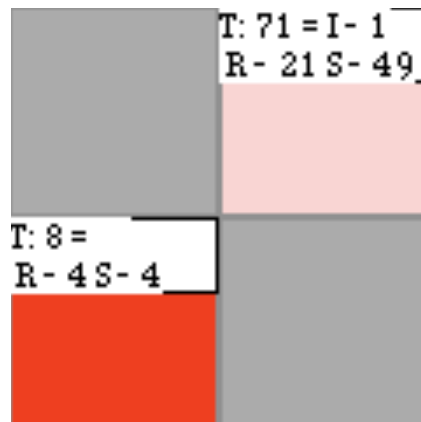
1 cell = 1 dependency  
1 column = used packages  
1 line = using packages



# Identify cycles



# Causes and distribution





I: outgoing funnel

D: two classes referring  
each other  
F: candidate for direct  
cycle fix

E: high % of source

A: indirect cycle

F: candidate for  
direct cycle  
fix

I: incoming funnel

G: invocations

B: complex cycle

B: complex cycle

E: high % of target  
impacted

C: accesses

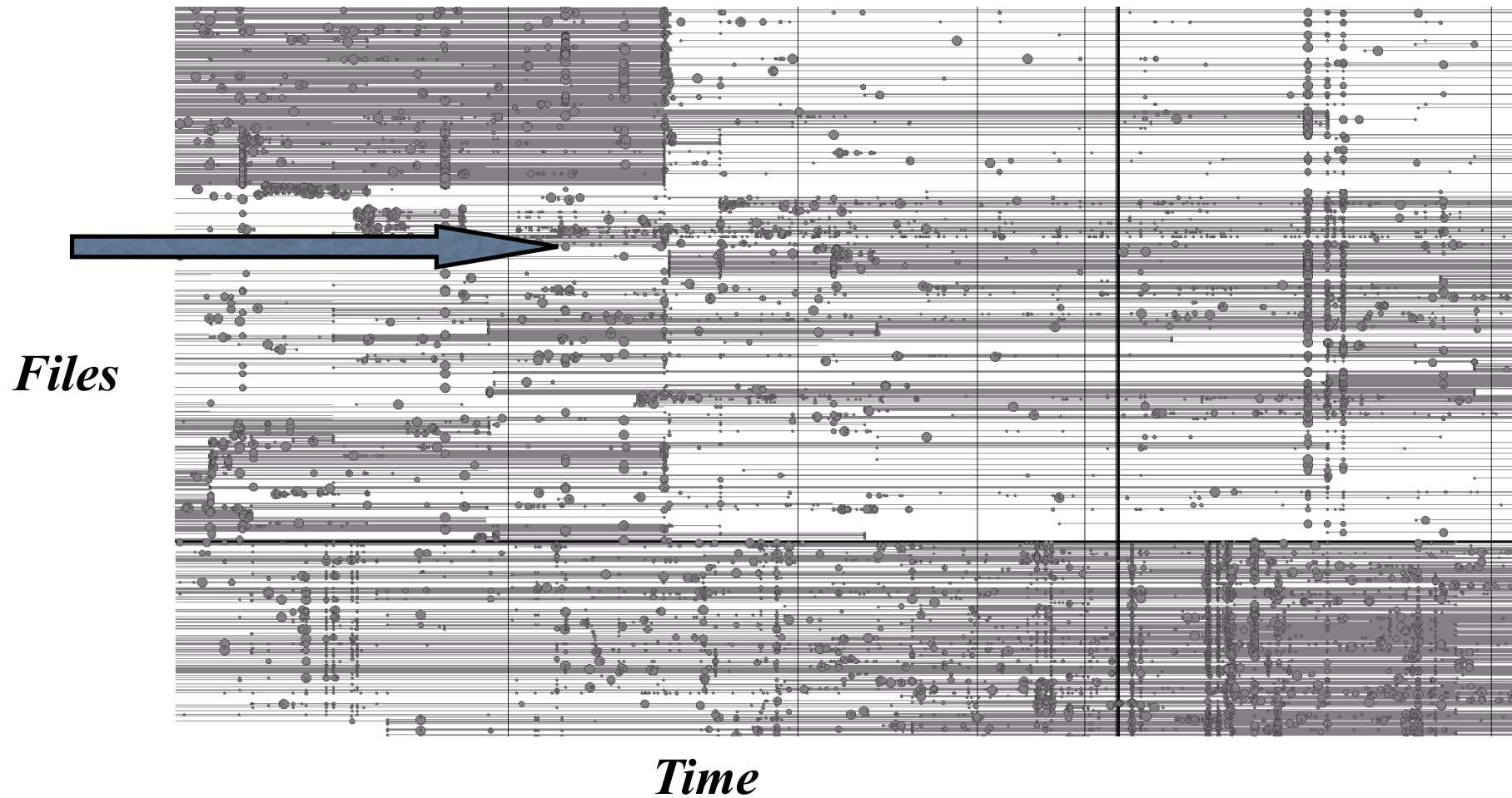
C: accesses

H: inheritance  
+ other

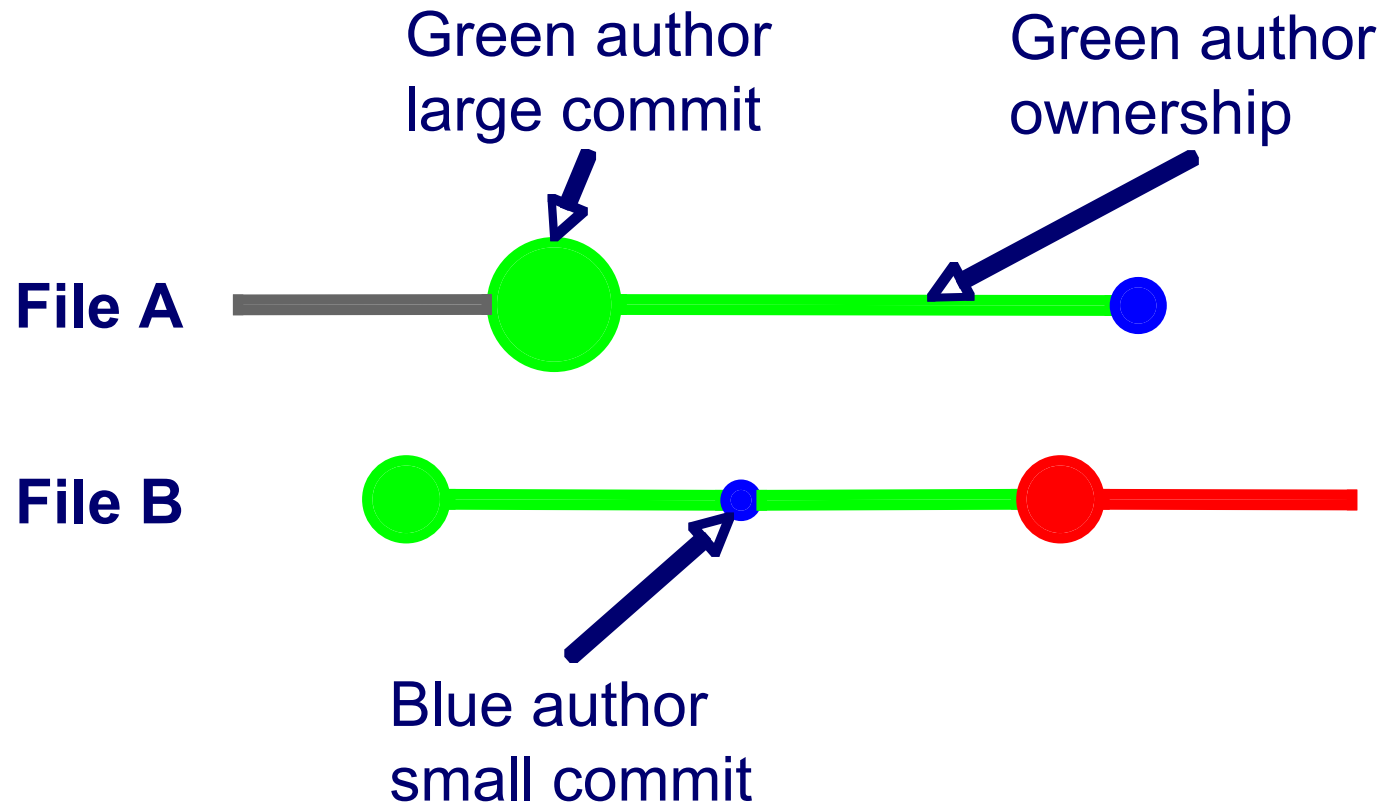
# How developers develop?

- More efficient to put people working together in the same office?
- How can we optimize software development?

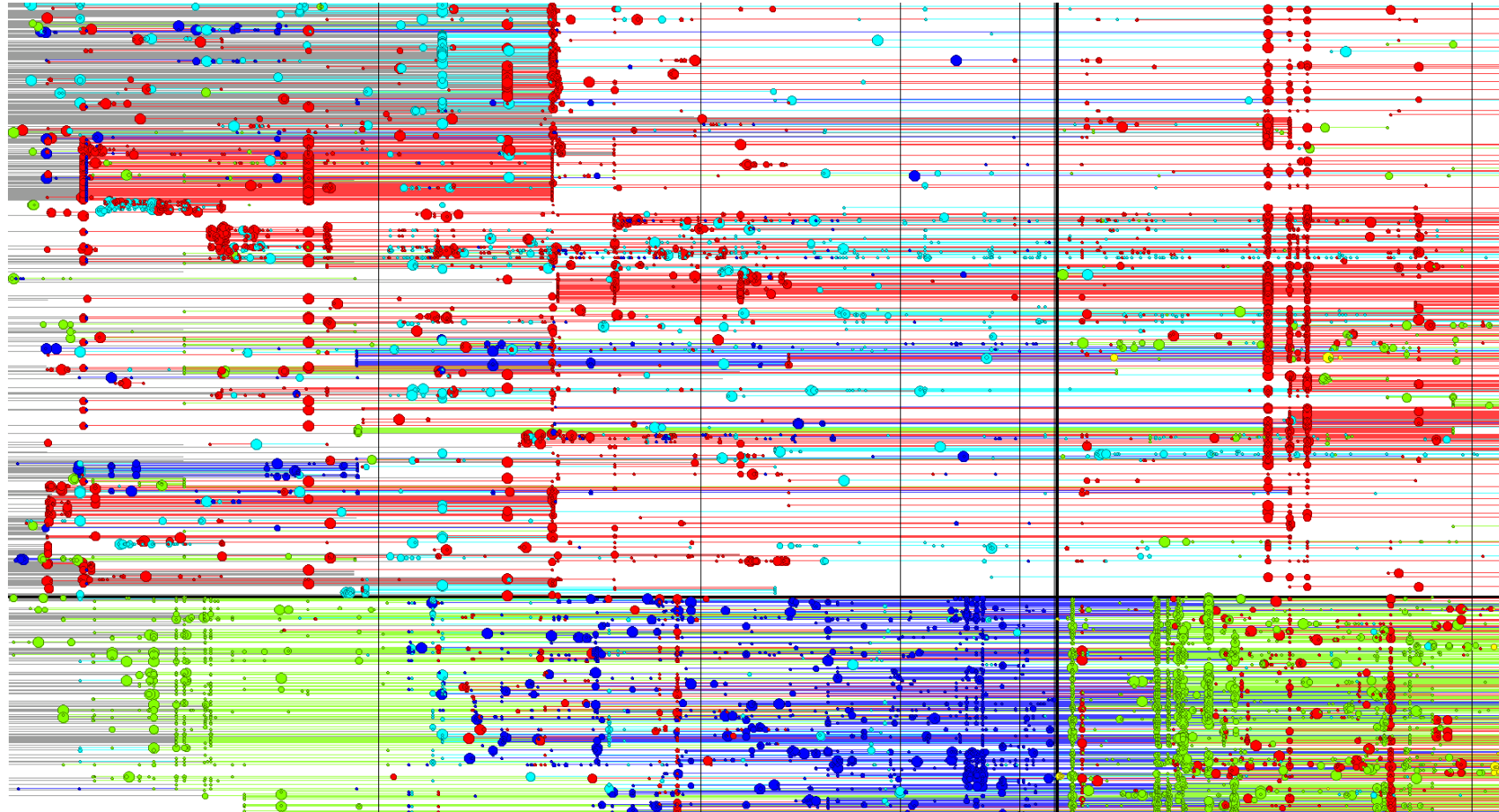
# Who did that?



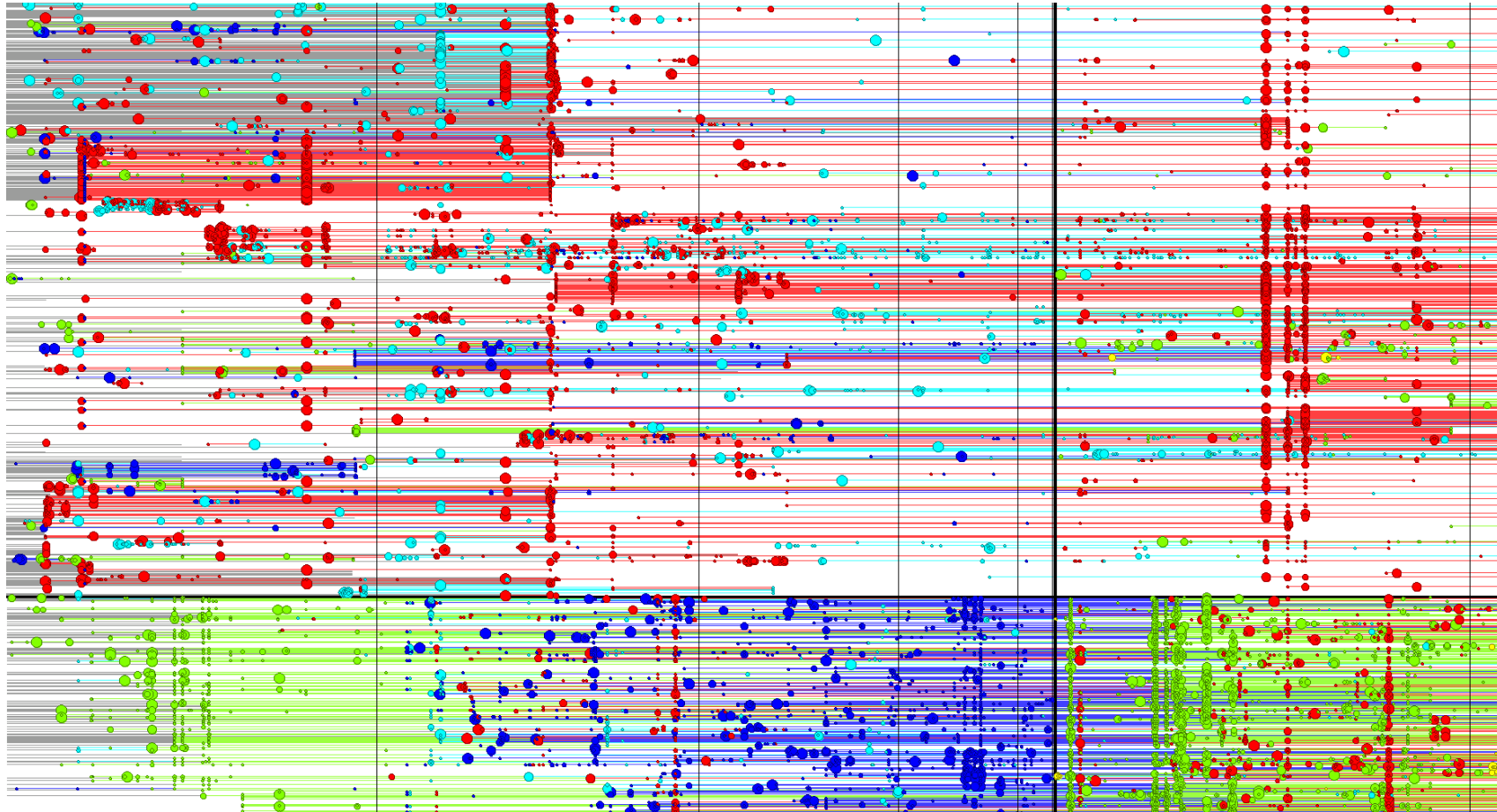
# Line colors show which author owned which files in which period



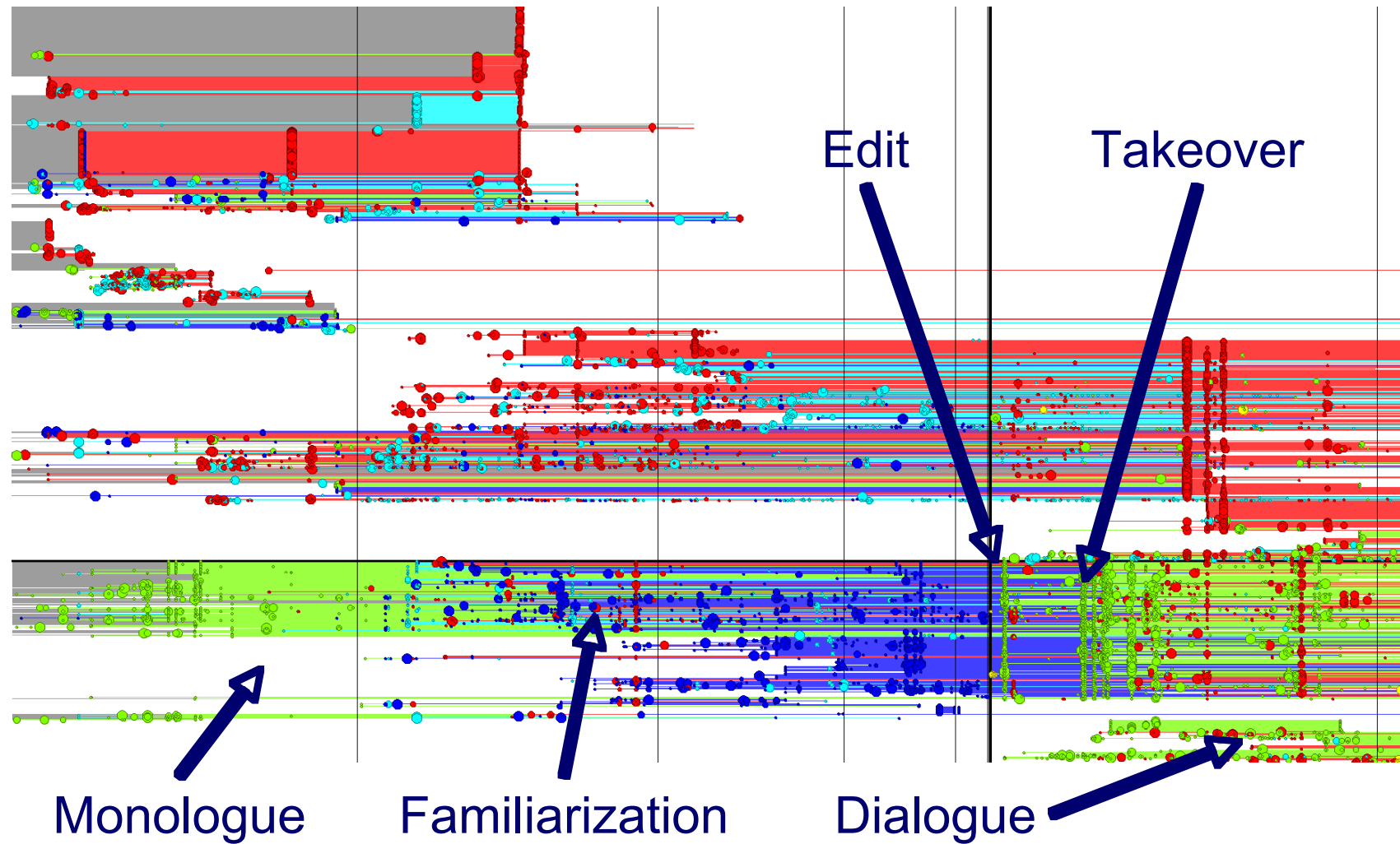
# Which author “possesses” which files?



# Alphabetical order is no order!



# Based on similar commit signature



# Language Independent

Language independent, Textual,  
[ICSM'99], M. Rieger's PhD.Thesis

Duploc handled

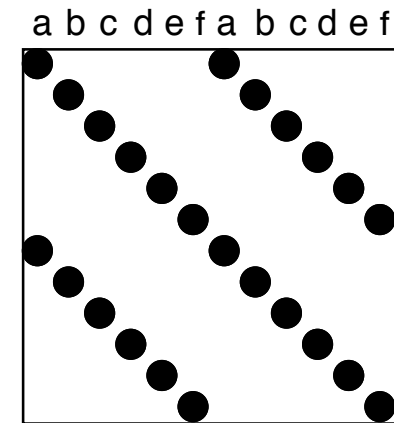
Pascal, Java, Smalltalk, Python,  
Cobol, C++, PDP-11, C

Slower than other approaches but...

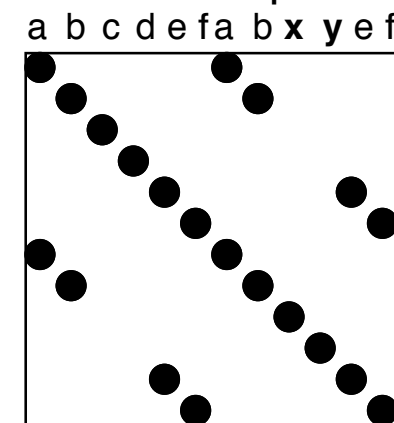
Max 45 min to adapt our approach to  
a new language

Between 3% and 10%

less identification than parametrized match



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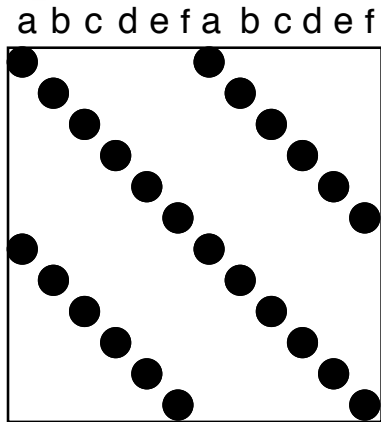
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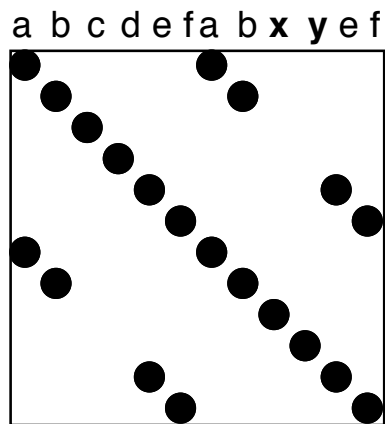
# A Conceptual Matrix

File A

File B



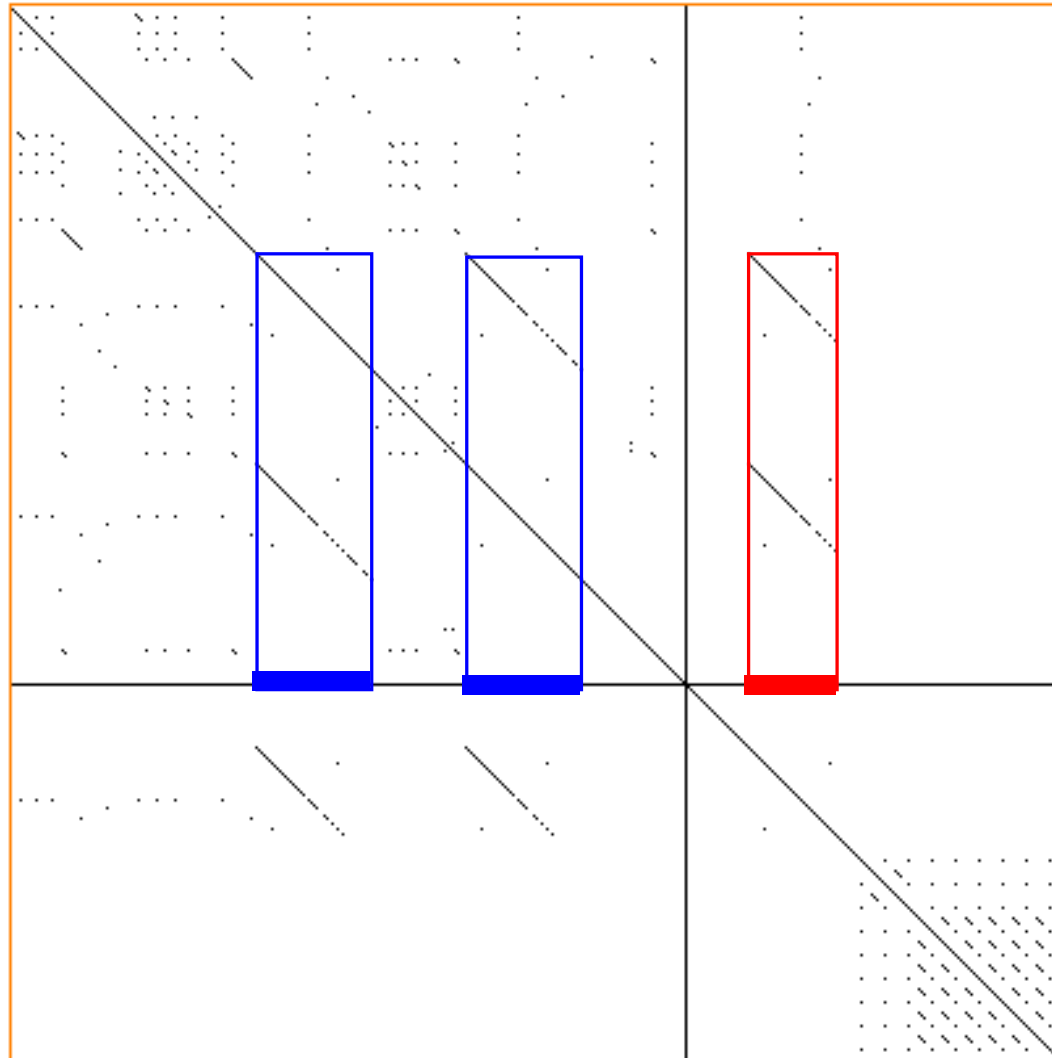
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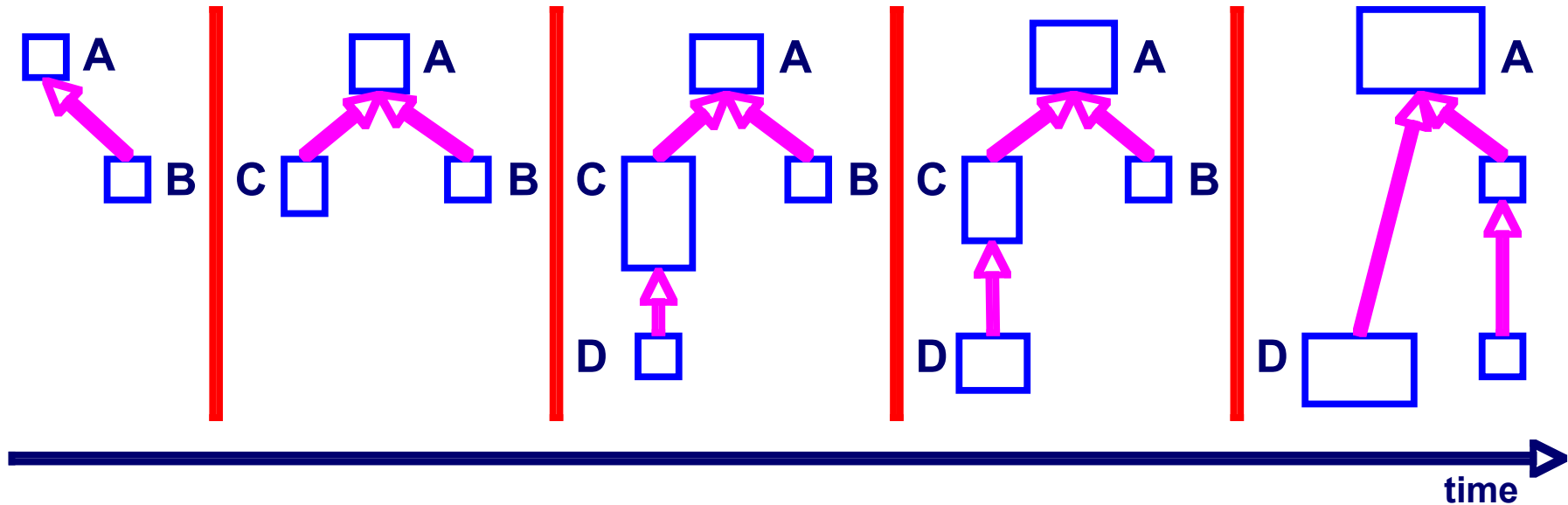
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# Evolution holds useful information



A is persistent

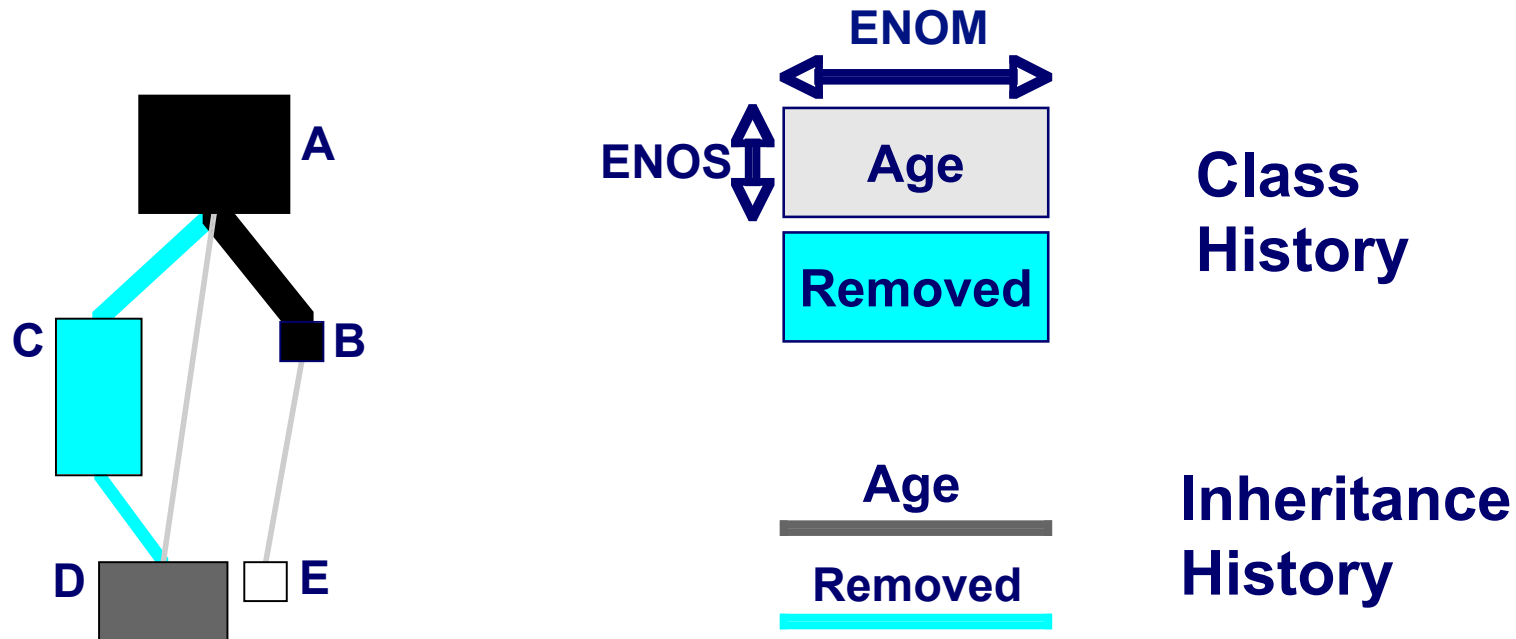
C was removed

B is stable

E is newborn

D inherited from C and then from A ...

# Hierarchy Evolution Complexity View characterizes class hierarchy histories



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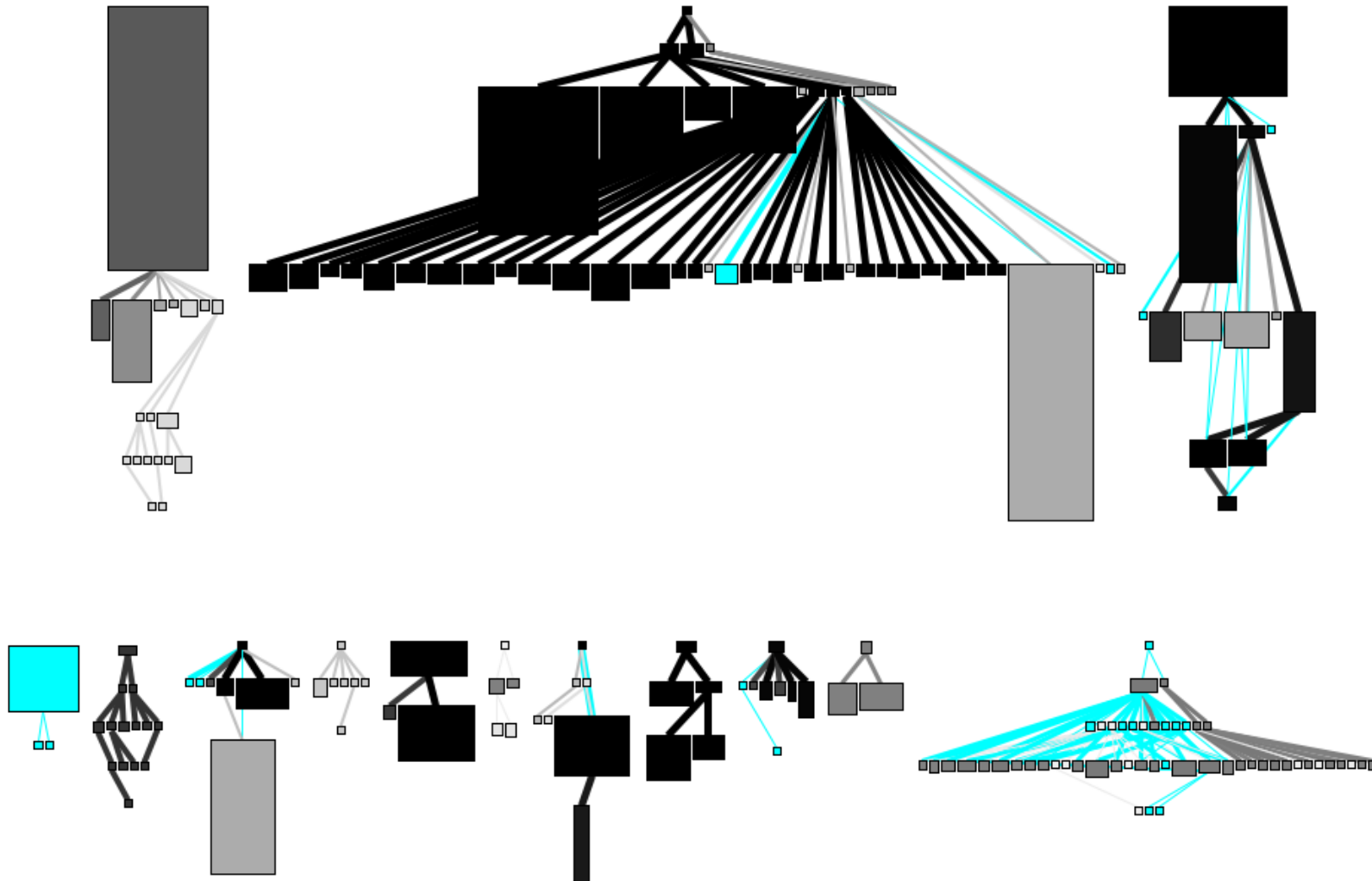
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# Class hierarchies over 40 versions of Jun - a 740 classes, 3D framework



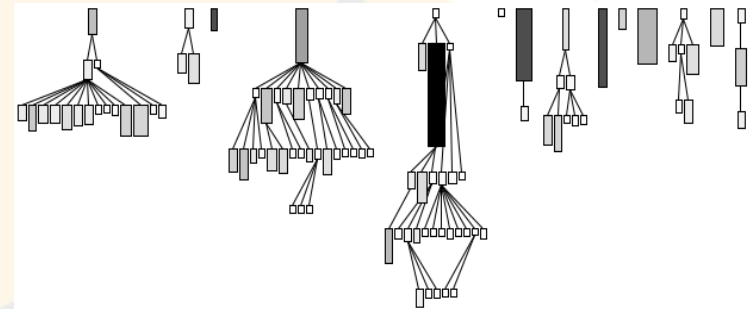
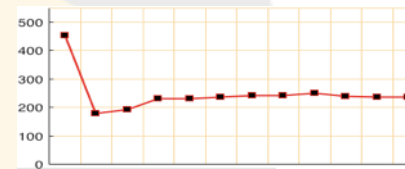
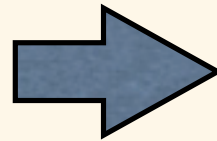
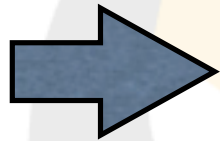
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Software Quality  
Cost prediction  
EJB Analysis  
Business rules extraction  
Model transformation

and also language challenges...

# Evolution is difficult

- We are interested in **your** problems!
- Moose is open-source, you can use it, extend it, change it
- We can collaborate!



NOM > 10 &  
LOC > 100