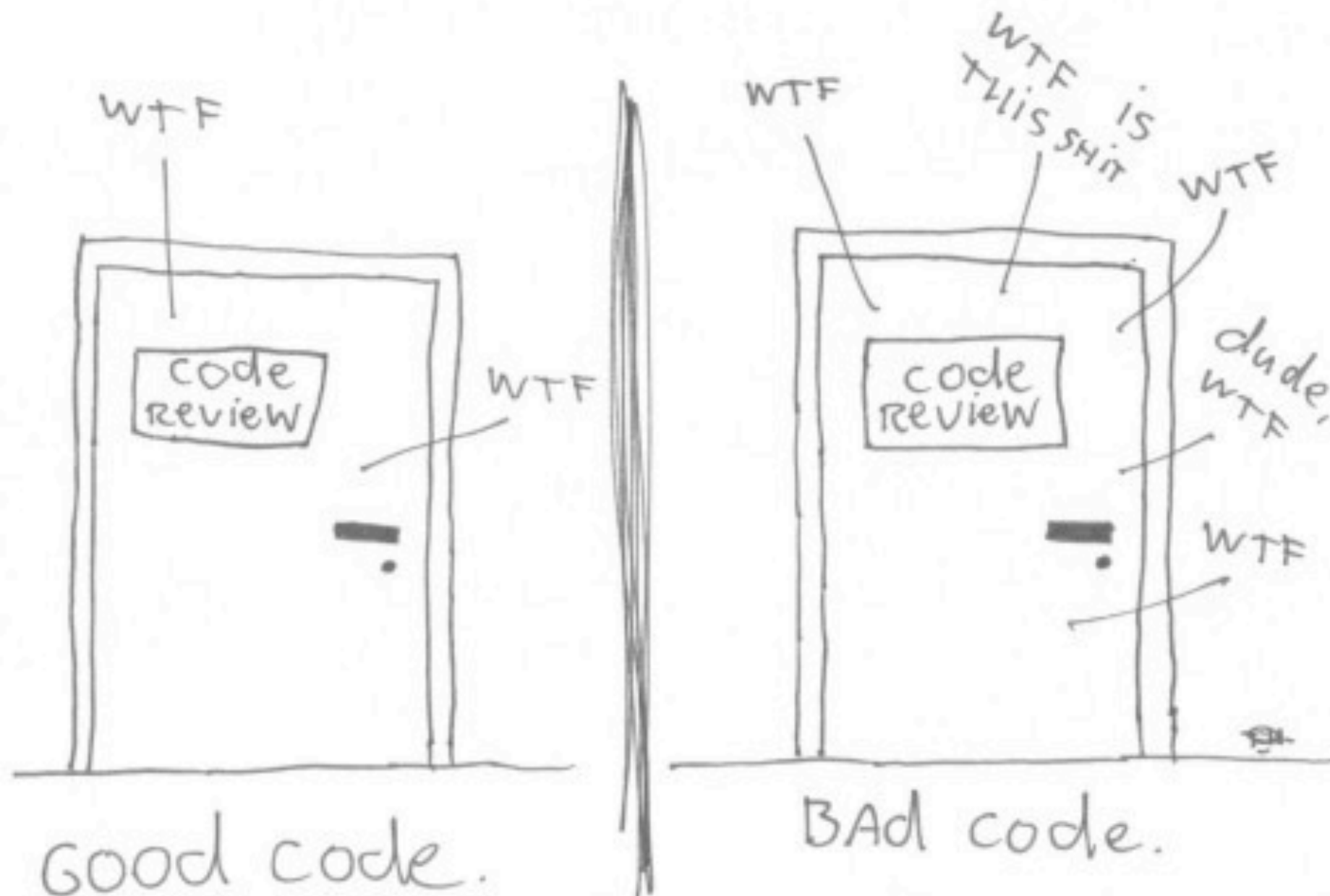


# **Software Quality – you know it when you see it**

Erik Doernenburg  
ThoughtWorks

@erikdoe // [erik.doernenburg.com](http://erik.doernenburg.com)

The ONLY valid measurement  
of code quality: WTFs/minute



(c) 2008 Focus Shift/OSNews/Thom Holwerda - <http://www.osnews.com/comics>

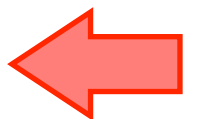
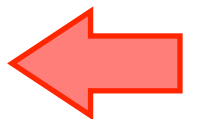
# Software Quality

## External perspective

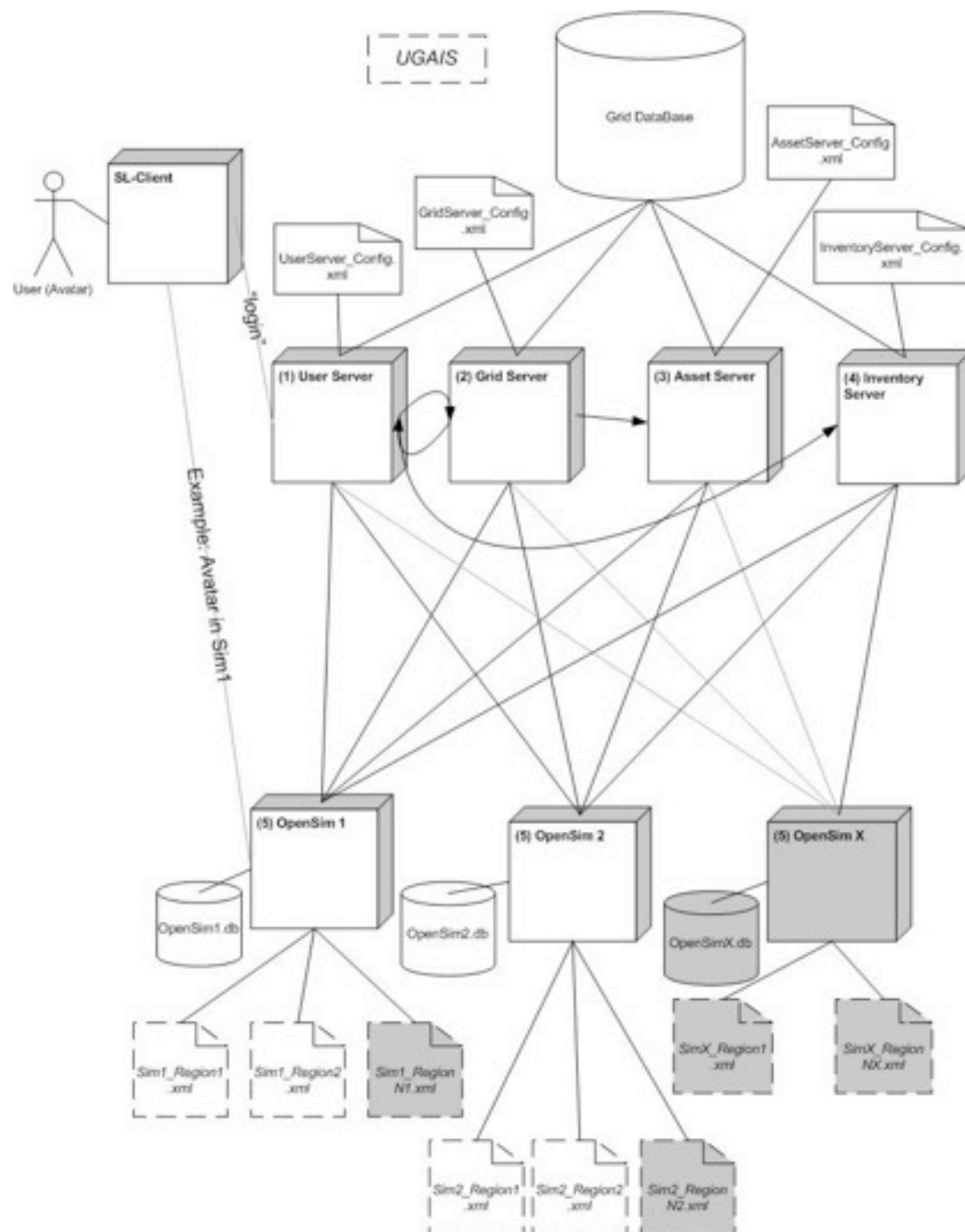
- Is the software of value to its users?

## Internal perspective

- How appropriate is the design?
- How easy is it to understand and extend?
- How maintainable is the software?



# 30.000ft and ground level



```
public void mergePluginOutput(BuildDetail build, Map parameter
    Iterator iterator = lines().iterator();
    while (iterator.hasNext()) {
        try {
            assemblePlugin(build, parameters, (String) iterat
        } catch (Exception e) {
            logger.error(e);
            continue;
        }
    }
}
```

```
void assemblePlugin(BuildDetail build, Map parameters, String
    String className = line.trim();
    if (className.startsWith("#") || StringUtils.isEmpty(className))
        return;
    }
    Class clazz = Class.forName(className);
    Widget digesterService = (Widget) clazz.newInstance();
    mergeParameters(build, parameters);
    build.addPluginOutput(digesterService.getDisplayName(), clazz
        .getOutput(parameters));
}
```

```
private void mergeParameters(BuildDetail build, Map parameter
    parameters.put(Widget.PARAM_CC_ROOT, configuration.getCCRoot());
    parameters.put(Widget.PARAM_BUILD_NAME, build.getProjectName());
```



# The 1000ft view

- Is at the “right” level
- Aggregates data and metrics
- Utilises visualisation techniques
- Makes every pixel count

# Metrics

- lines of code
- method length
- class size
- cyclomatic complexity
- weighted methods per class
- coupling between (object) classes



ckjm



# More metrics

- duplication
- check-in counts
- coverage
- testability
- test/code ratio

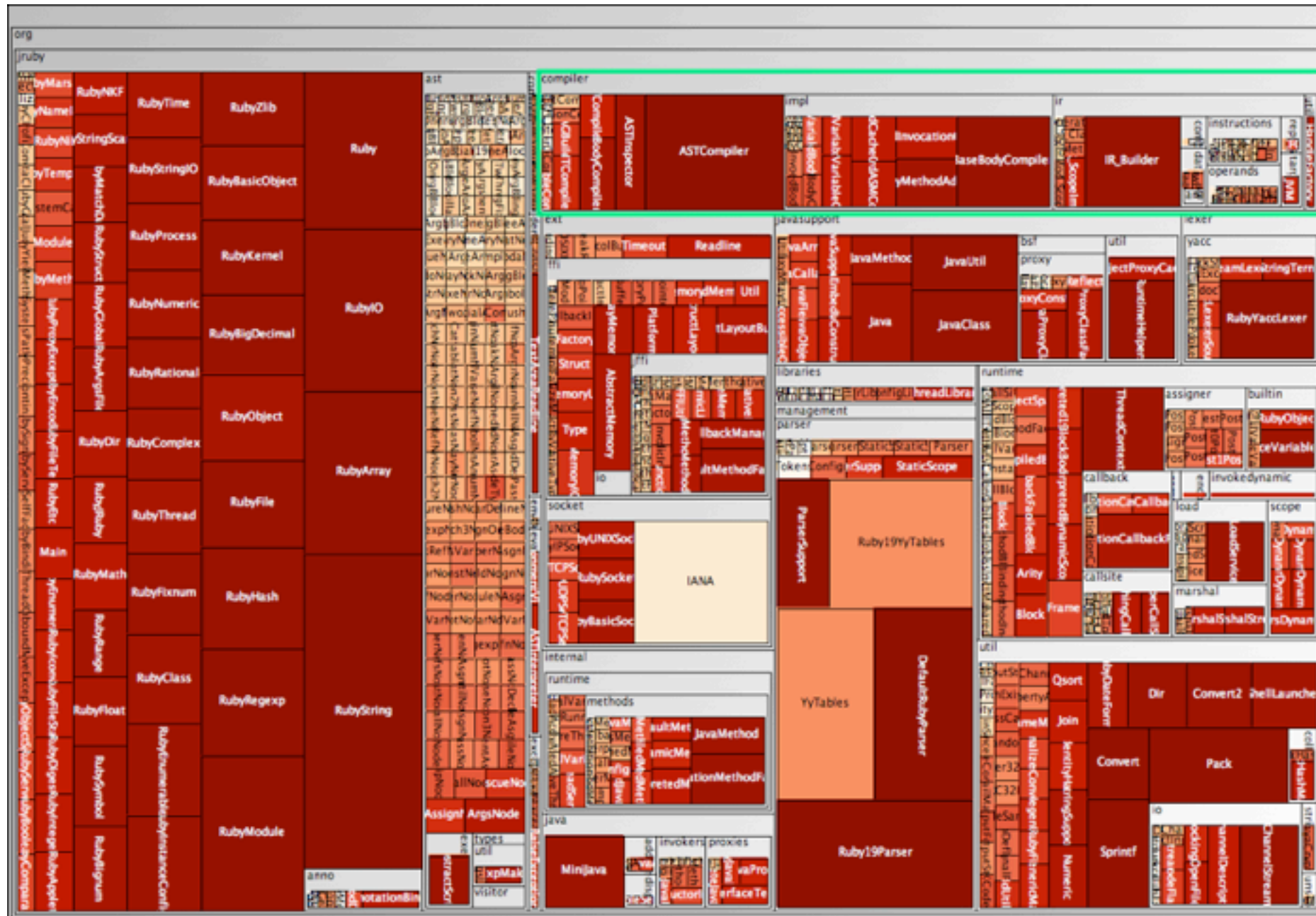


simian

**Testability  
Explorer**

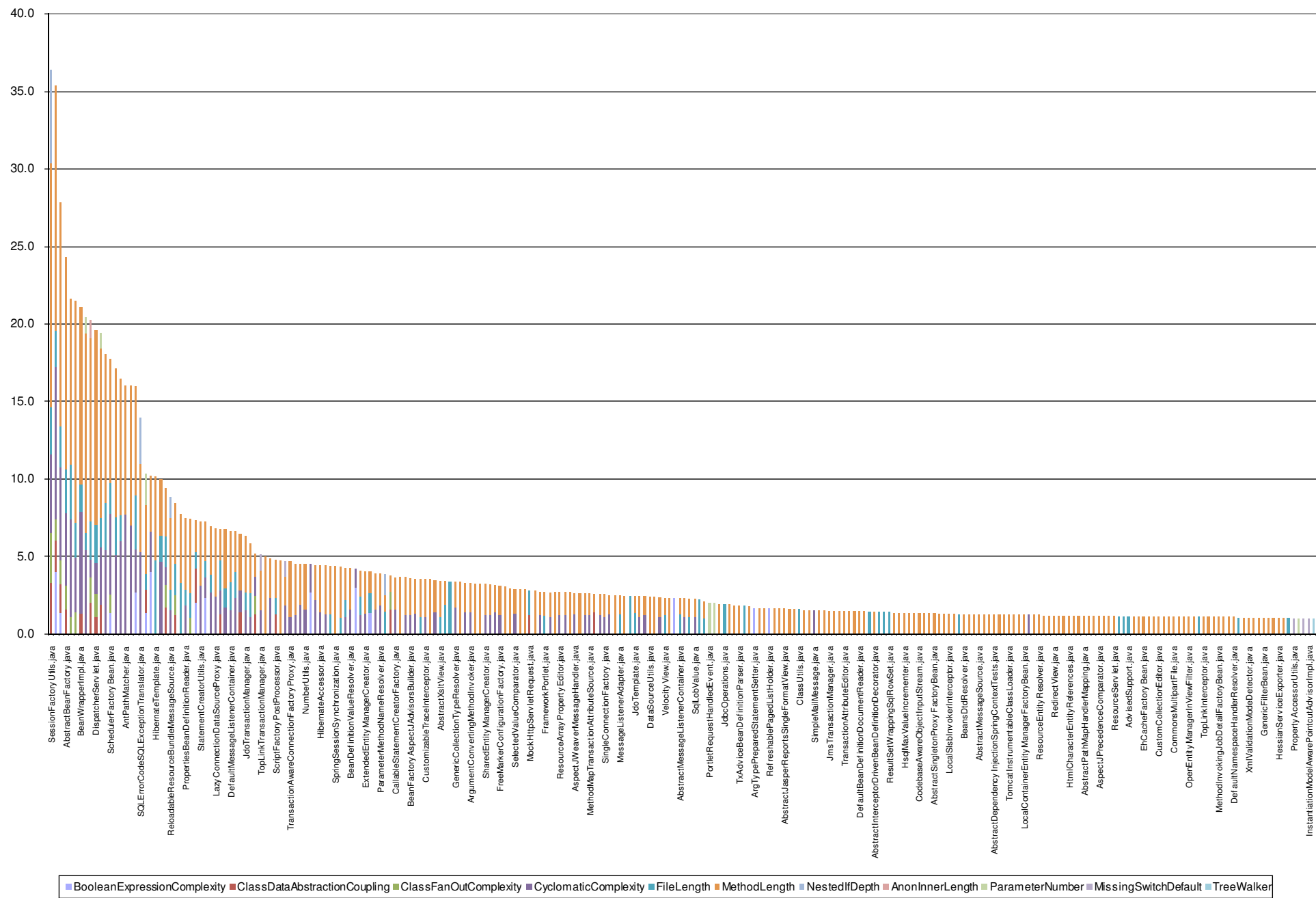


# Metrics tree maps



Shows distribution of metrics  
Created with checkstyle and InfoVis

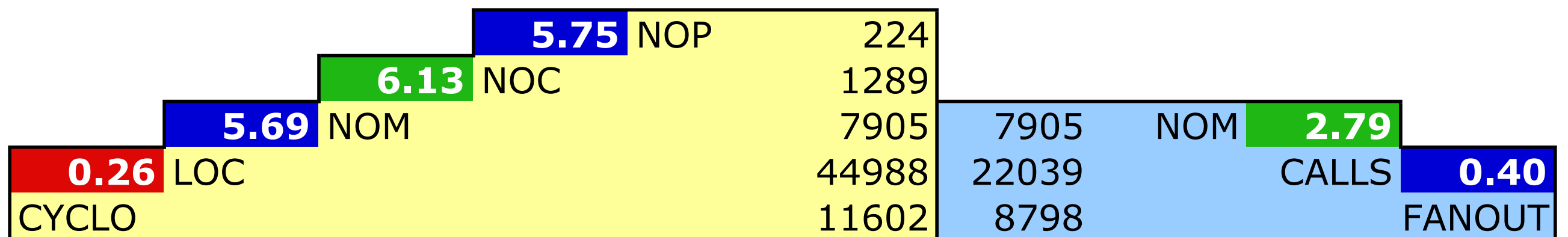
# Toxicity chart



Provides easy to compare overview of quality  
Developed by ThoughtWorks using Excel

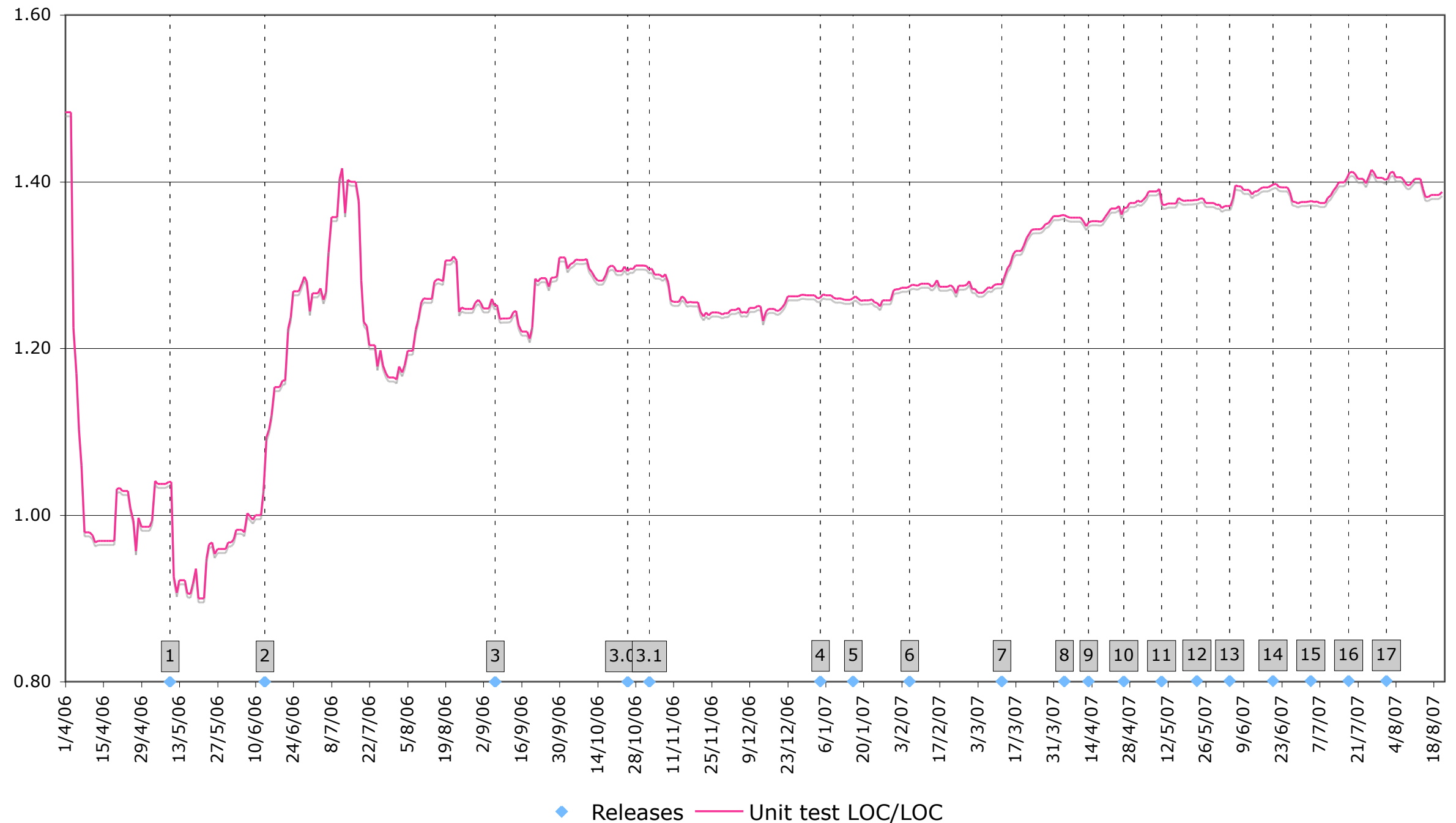
# Size & complexity pyramid

	Low	Medium	High
CYCLO / Line	0.16	0.20	0.24
LOC / method	7	10	13
NOM / class	4	7	10
NOC / package	6	17	26
CALLS / method	2.01	2.62	3.20
FANOUT / call	0.56	0.62	0.68



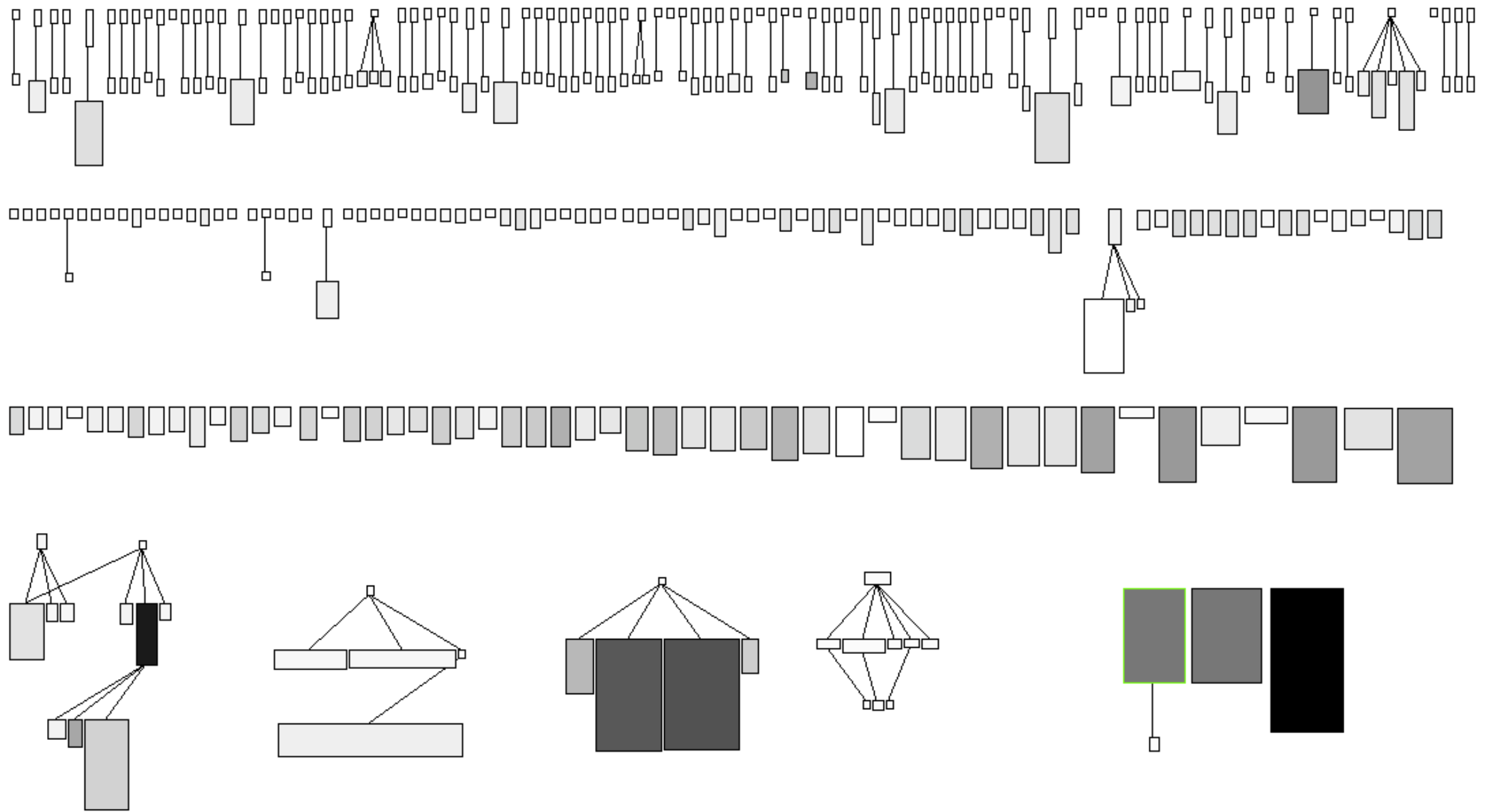
Developed at Universities of Berne and Lugano  
 Shows key metrics and their relationships  
 Allows comparison to “industry standards”  
 Created by iPlasma tool from source code

# Test to code ratio



Shows the test to code ratio over time  
Created with Unix tools and Excel

# System complexity view

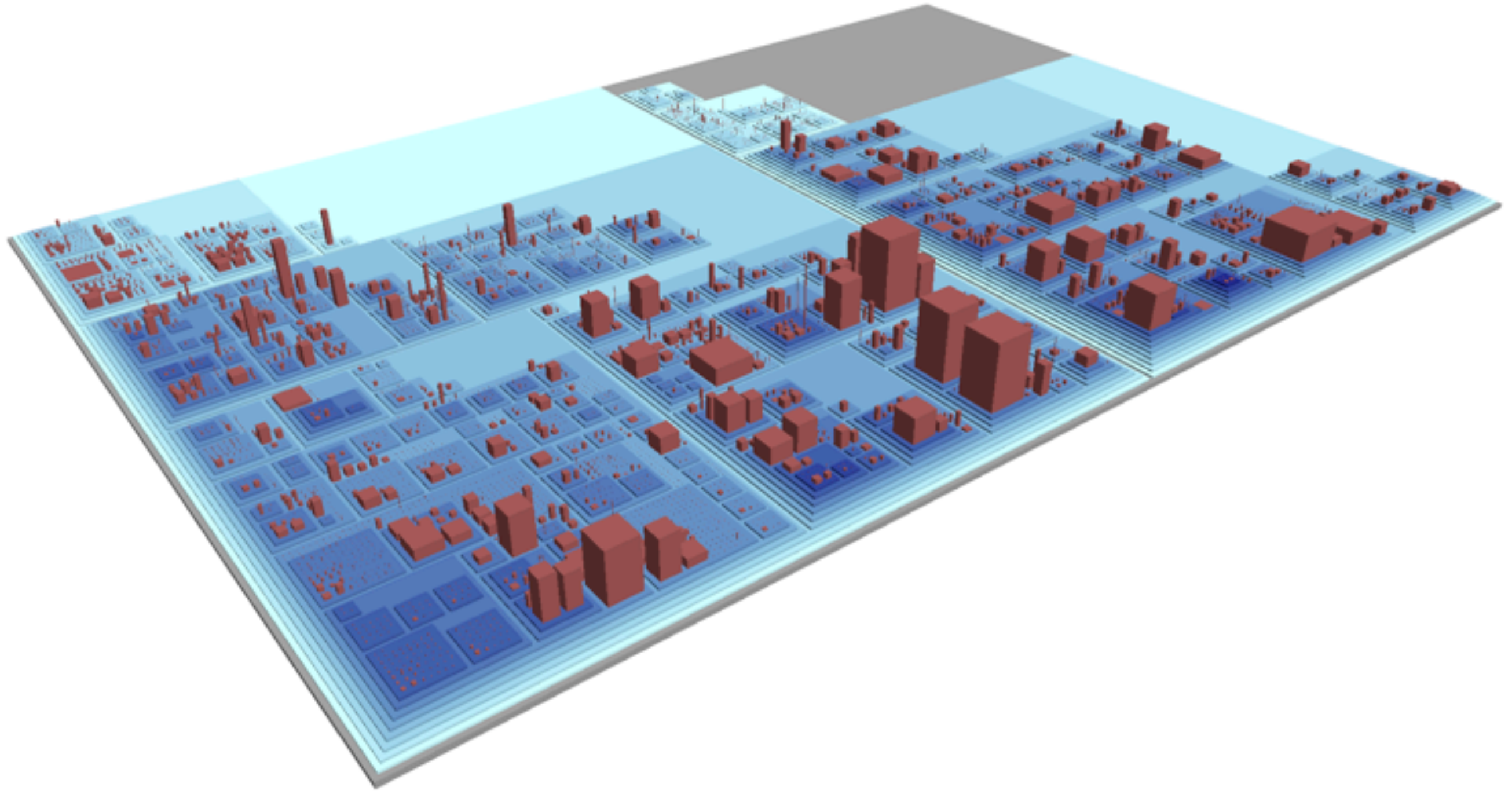


Part of Moose Technology

Polymetric view of class hierarchy



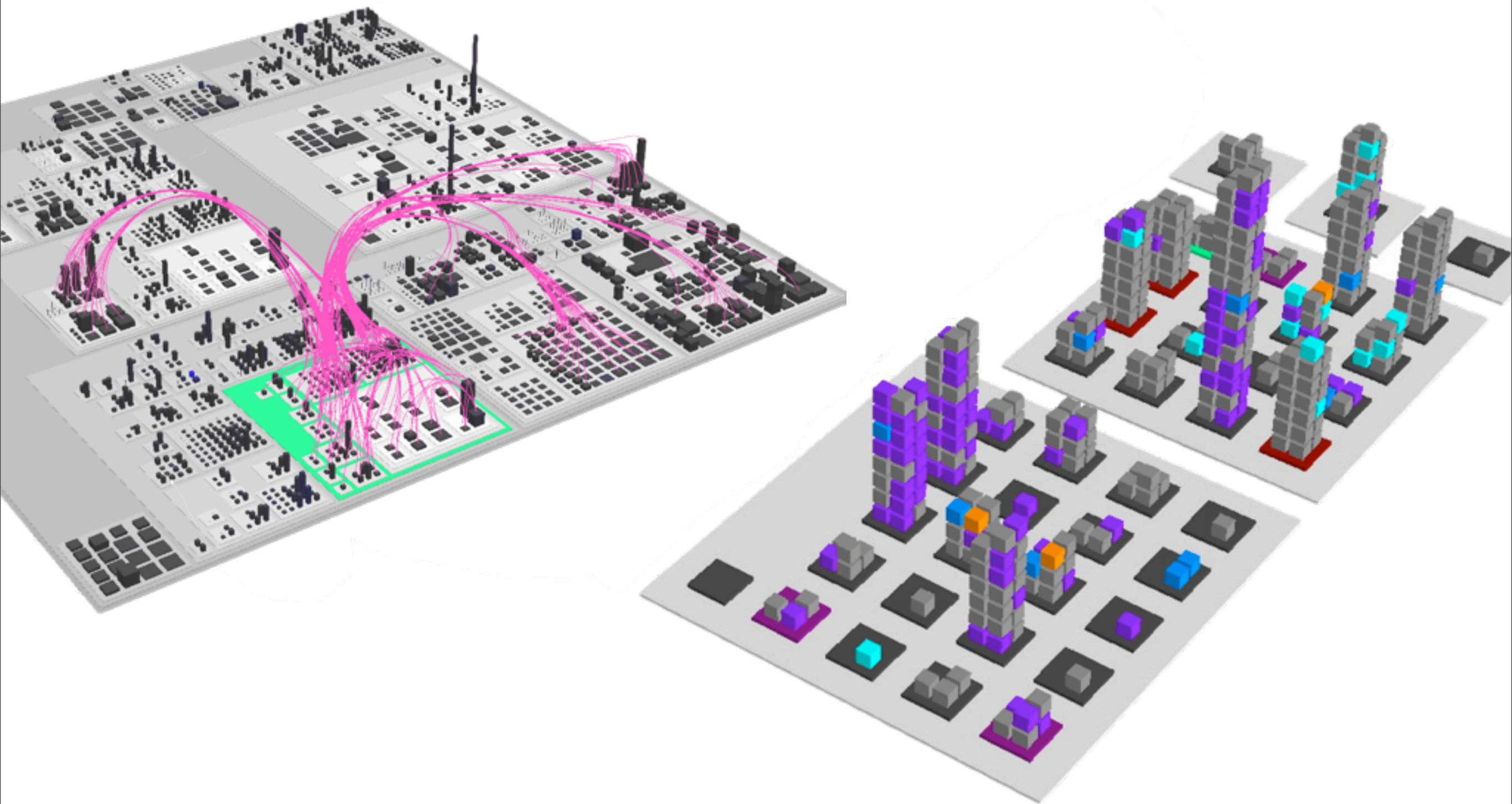
# CodeCity



Also part of Moose Technology  
Polymetric views in 3D and more



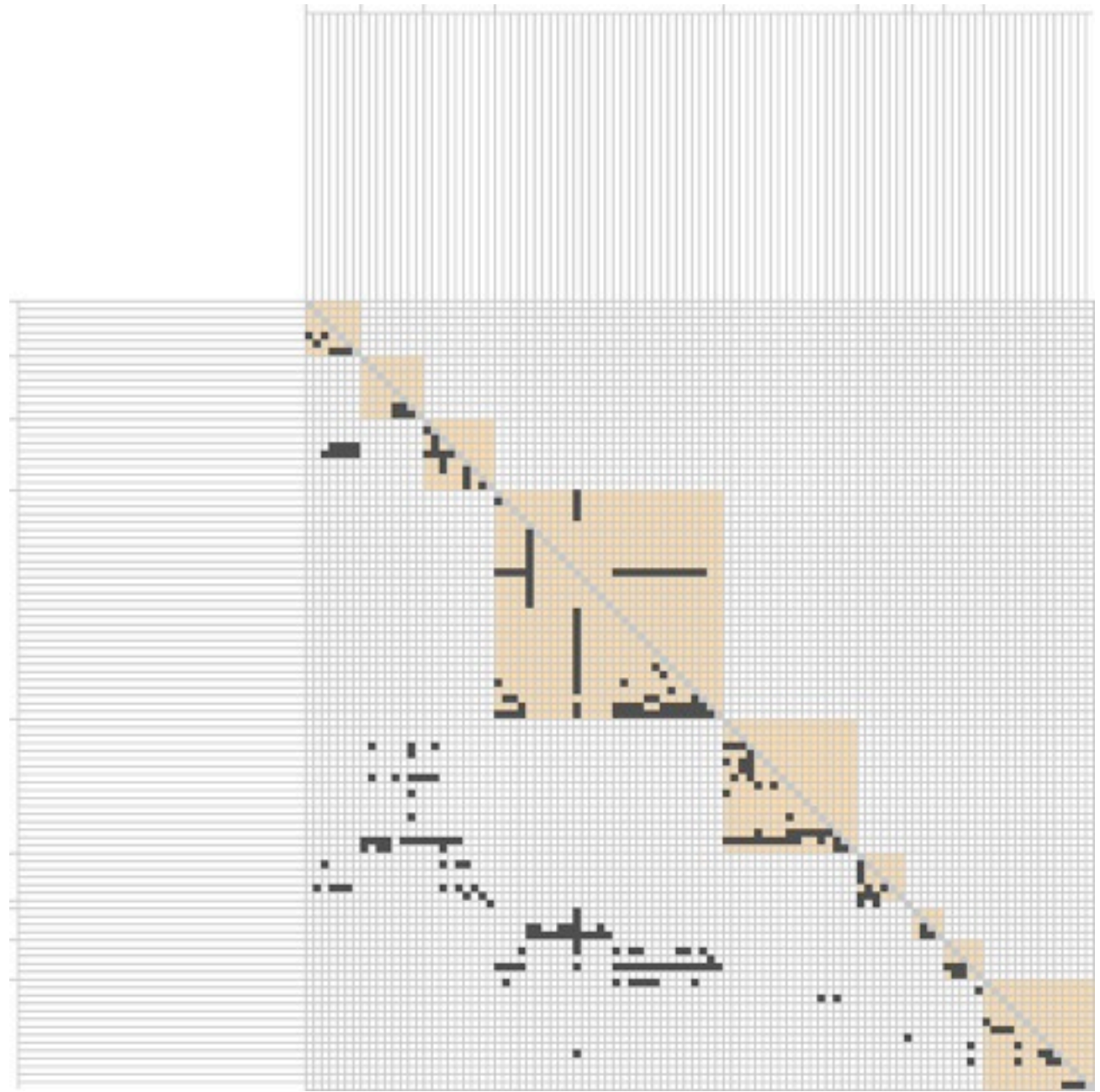
# CodeCity continued



⚠ Might need a license for VisualWorks Smalltalk

# Dependency Structure Matrix

	.beans														.core						
	access	annotation	xml	parsing	support	wiring	serviceloader	config	support	annotation	factory	beans	propertyeditors	style	task	enums	type	io	annotation	core	util
access																					
annotation																					
xml	1																				
parsing			24																		
support	2	11	31																		
wiring		2																			
serviceloader																					
config	2	12	30	7	60	1	1														
support								1													
annotation																					
factory	7	8	6	1	75	6	4	60													
beans	5	12	10	7	54			50	8	2	14										
propertyeditors									5			19									
style																					
task																					
enums																					
type		3																			
io	4		18	7	11			2	5			2	7				6				
annotation		2			2												1				
core		6	4		10			10			1	17						1	3		
util	1	12	22	8	44	5	2	34	5	1	3	25	23	6	7	8	4	34	1	20	



Not metrics based

Looks at “complex complexity”

# Test coverage



Not as a percentage, shows call graph  
AspectJ + GraphViz

# DIY

## 1. Get metrics

- SourceMonitor, checkstyle, text tools, etc
- iPlasma, et al

## 2. Aggregate data

- Ruby scripts, unix tools, etc
- VBA and pivot tables

## 3. Render graphics

- Excel is a powerful graphing tool
- Gnuplot and InfoViz are easy to use

# How do you see quality?

## Comparisons

- industry standards
- different revisions: trends
- different parts: outliers

## Aesthetics

- symmetry
- balance/harmony



# What next?

## Measure

- tech debt
- effectiveness of training

## Guide

- refactoring
- clean-up

## Celebrate



Thank you

<http://erik.doernenburg.com/topics/softviz>

[http://97things.oreilly.com/wiki/index.php/Get\\_the\\_1000ft\\_view](http://97things.oreilly.com/wiki/index.php/Get_the_1000ft_view)

<http://www.moosetechnology.org>

**ThoughtWorks®**