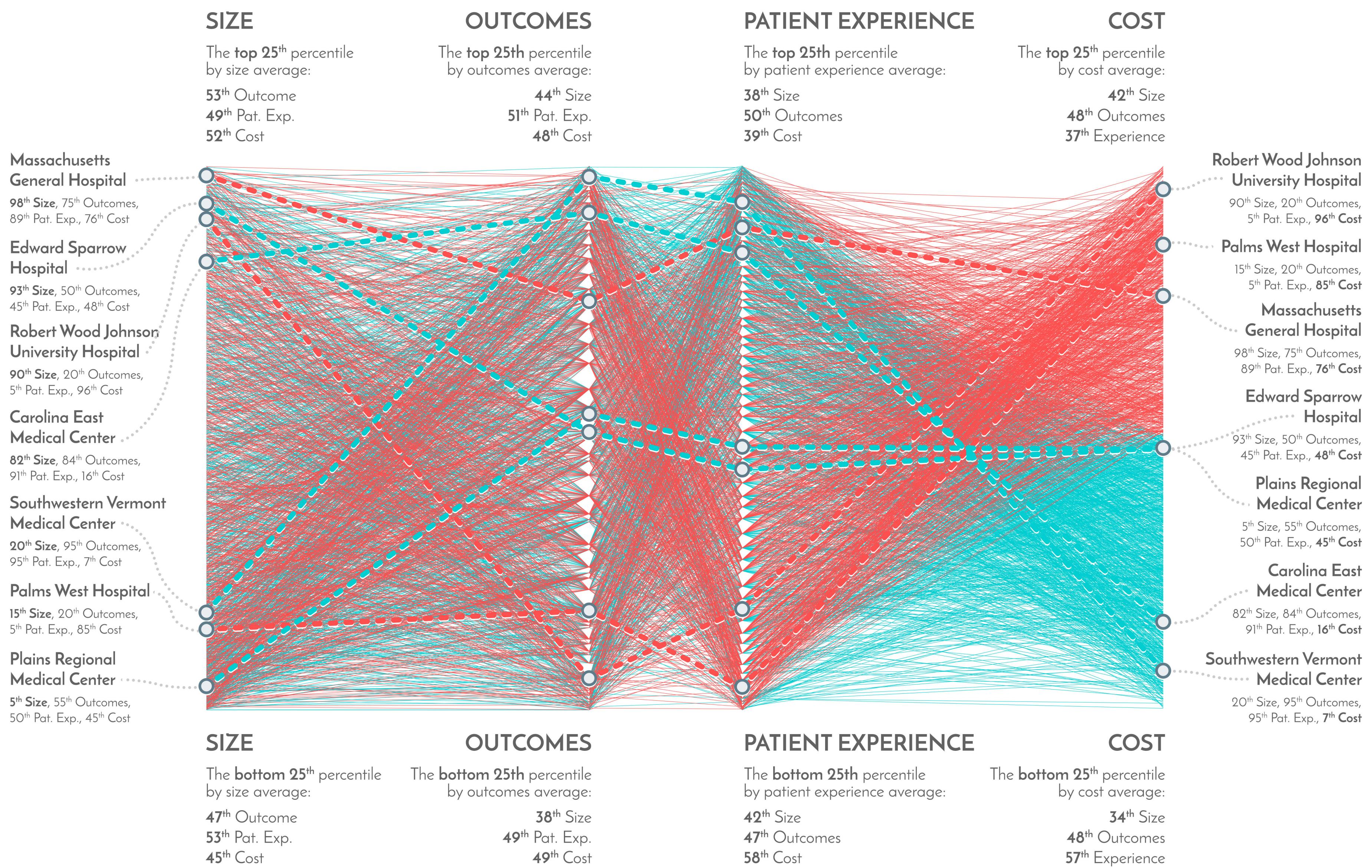


# Hospital variation

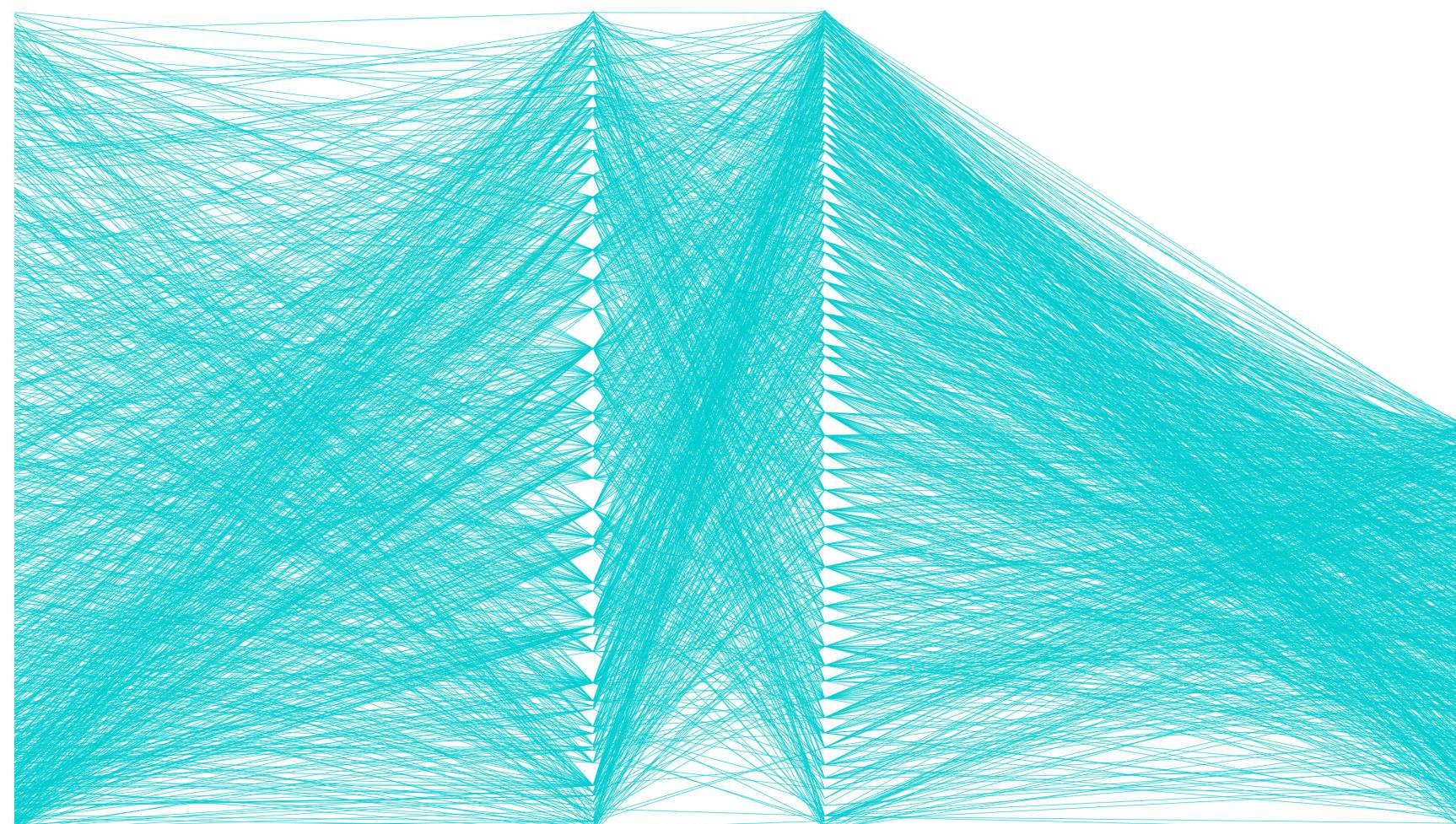
Size, cost, outcomes and experience as reported by CMS



The chart above shows variability in size, patient experience, outcomes, and cost for two thousand hospitals. Data was taken from the 2015 CMS quality and cost assessments for Medicare hospitals. High-cost hospitals (red) tend to have a slightly lower patient experience, but match low-cost (blue) hospitals in size and outcome.

## LOW COST HOSPITALS

Isolation of the bottom 50th percentile of hospitals by cost. Note the cluster of lines between the last two axes. Cost is slightly negatively correlated to patient experience for low-cost hospitals. No other variables correlate.



## HIGH COST HOSPITALS

Isolation of the top 50th percentile of hospitals by cost. Note the dark band between the last two axes. Cost is slightly negatively correlated to patient experience for high cost hospitals. No other variables correlate.

