Royal Constellations

A 1000 years of ancestral connections in the European royal families

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This leads to very interesting & entangled family trees which the visual below tries to convey. It shows how all 10 of the current hereditary royal leaders of Europe can be connected to each other through their ancestors. We don't have to look very far back. Even the most distant royal relatives have their shared forebears born after the year 1700.

Each "star" below is a person, placed approximately on their year of birth in the vertical direction and to their closest relative who is a royal leader today in the horizontal direction. Hover over a star to see how many relatives can be connected to that person in "6-degrees of separation". For highly connected royals, such as Pauline of Württemberg, born in 1810, who is a relative of 6 current royal families, it may take a second to calculate all connections.

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Current royal leader

Famous royal

Other people

parent - child

husband - wife

degrees of separation (on hover)

1   6

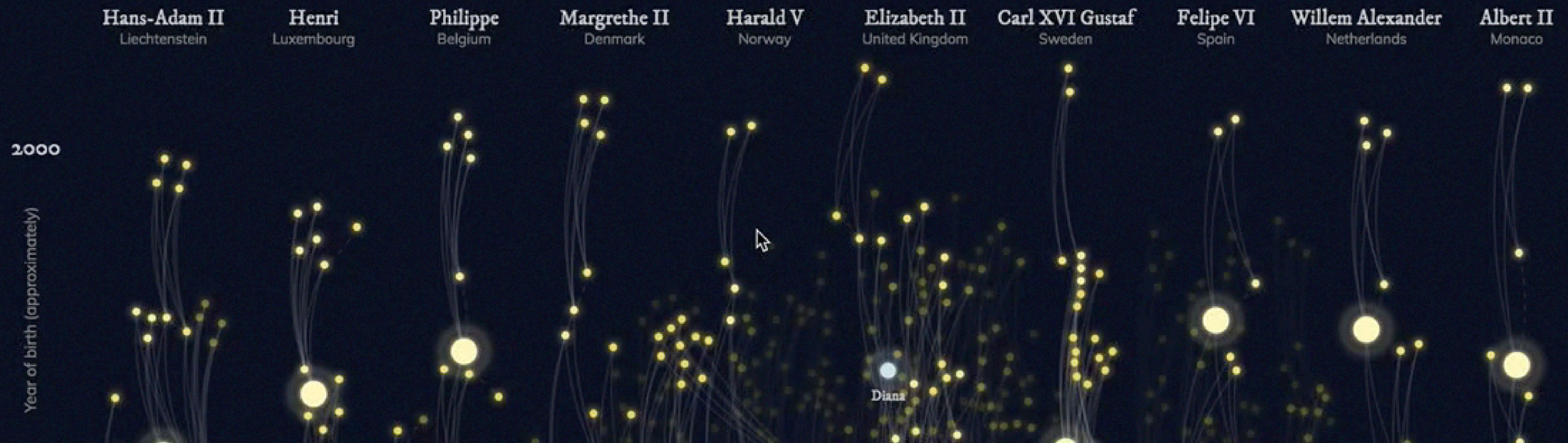## Discover the shortest path between two royals

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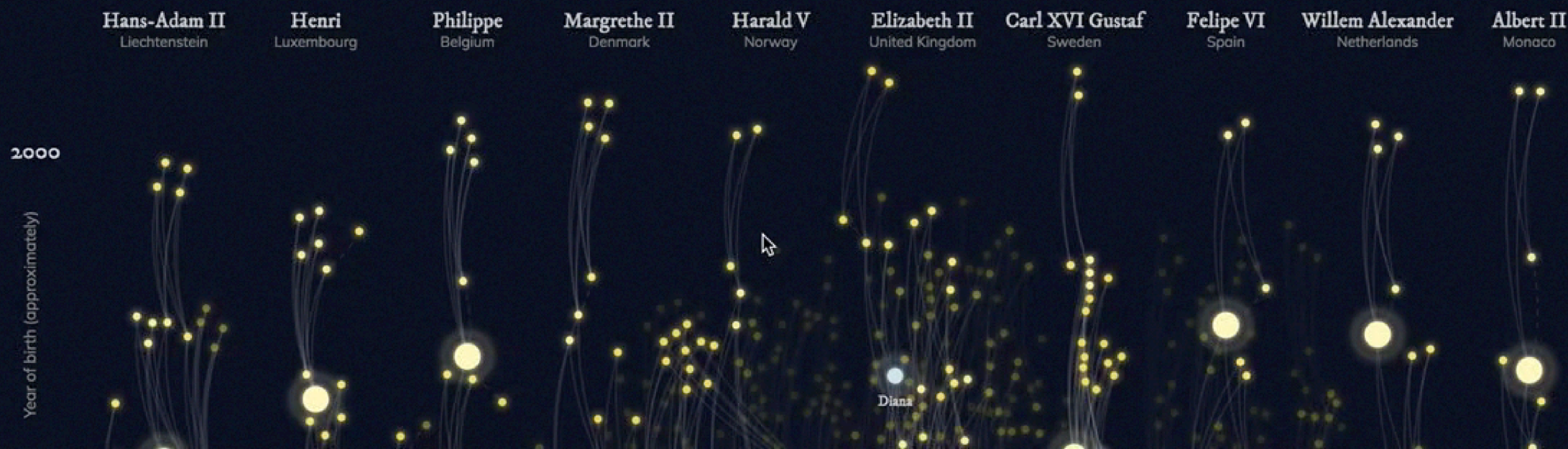
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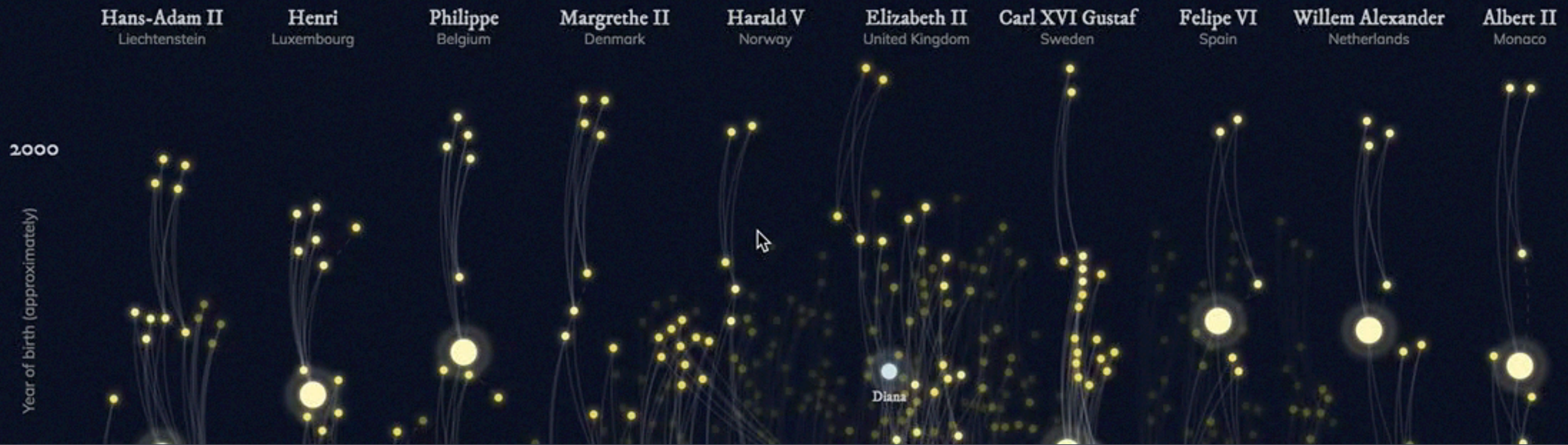## Discover the shortest path between two royals

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