

# A Computational Review of the Literature of Computational Archival Science (CAS):

Advancing Archival Theory in the Age of the  
Digital Tsunami and the Vanishing Box Problem

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# CAS: A Survey

- **+150 papers since 2016**
  - IEEE Big Data Conference CAS workshops
  - ACM Journal on Computing and Cultural Heritage (JOCCH) Special Issue on CAS
  - Records Management Journal (Emerald Insight) Special Issue on Technology and Records Management
  - Miscellaneous journal and book chapters including Proceedings of Science, Archives and Primary Source Handbook, DigitalHeritage, UCL Press, Libraries, Archives, and the Digital Humanities, AI & Society Journal of Knowledge, Culture and Communication, and International Conference on Metadata and Semantics Research).

Archival Science (CAS) Workshops	ANALYSIS			
Title	BROAD ARCHIVAL FUNCTION	CAS TOPICS	EXTENDED CAS TOPICS	SOCIAL JUSTICE
Learning Method for the Functional Auto Classification of	Description Records management	Computational methods	AI/ML	
ance Approach	Description	Computational methods	AI/ML	
or Automatic Annotation of TV Personalities	Description	Computational finding aids	AI/ML	
the View of Archival Diplomatics into the	Description Preservation Access	Computational methods		
onal Archives Preserve the Trustworthiness of	Description Preservation Access	Authenticity		
Tracking in GLAM Collections	Preservation Records management	Authenticity		
rations for Computational Archival Studies	Creation	Public engagement		
rough Computational Archival Science Pedagogy	Arrangement Description Access	Computational thinking Spatial analytics		Holocaust
nes for Records Professionals: Comparing Apples,	Records management	Computational methods		
chival Practices?	Description	Computational thinking	GenAI LLM	WWII Japanese Americ
s in Detecting and Protecting Personally nsive Study	Description Access	NLP	GenAI LLM	
nat	Appraisal	Digital curation	AI/ML GenAI Computer vision (CV)	

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# Angles of Analysis

Articles tagged in the following key areas:

## Archival Functions

Appraisal
Accessioning
Arrangement
Description
Preservation
Access
Records management

## CAS Topics

Iterative design
Computational thinking
NLP
Graph analytics
Computational finding aids
Digital curation
Public engagement
Authenticity
Archival theory
Computational methods
Spatial analytics
Temporal analytics

## Extended CAS Topics

AI/ML
Computer vision (CV)
GenAI
LLM

## Record Types

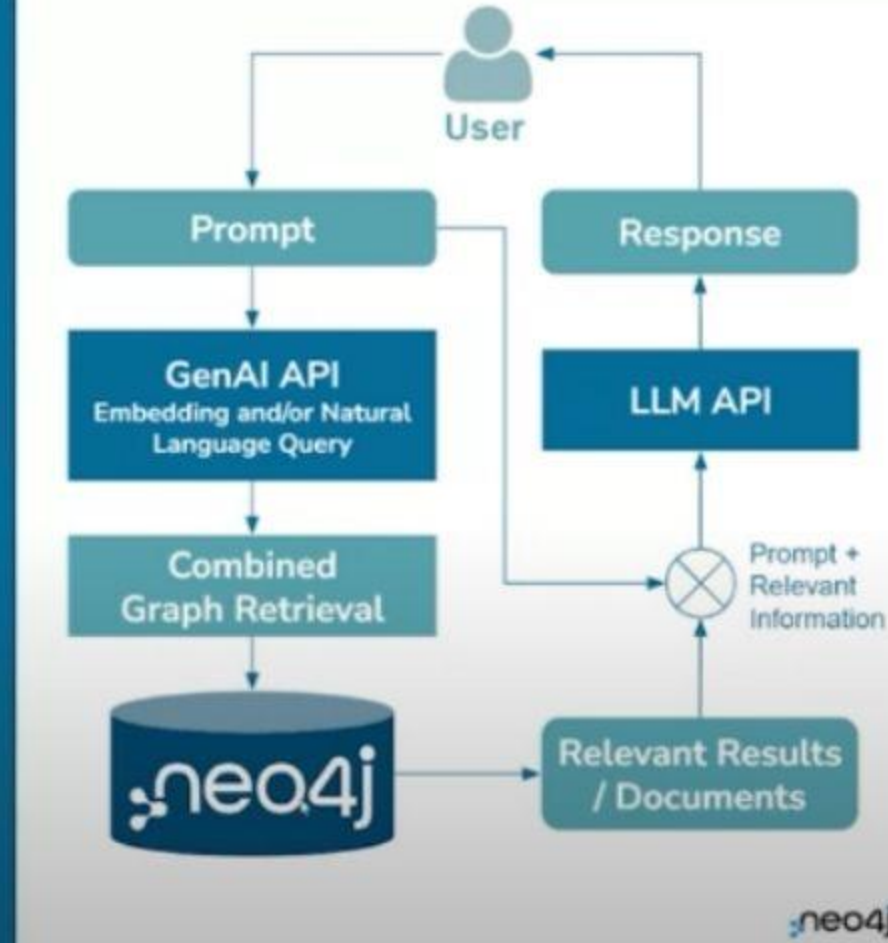
Architectural & Engineering Drawings
Artifacts
Data Files
Maps & Charts
Moving Images
Photographs & other Graphic Materials
Sound Recordings
Textual Records
Web Pages

# Social Justice Collections

CAS projects have engaged with a variety of fascinating collections including those highlighting:

African American voices
Black women's voices
Black women's history
Chinese historical
City directories
Endangered languages
Finnish war victims
Holocaust
Legacy of Slavery
Ottoman population
Spanish Civil War
Taiwan Indigenous People
WWII Japanese American Incarceration

## GraphRAG with Neo4j



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# GenAI, RAG, Knowledge Graphs

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In the Year: "2024", Paper: "M-24-9" was Published in the Journal: "ArchivesHandbook". It connects to the following Steps: "Description, Access", relates to the following Tools: "Computational thinking, Digital curation, Graph analytics, Spatial analytics, Temporal analytics", speaks to the following Topics: "City directories", and links to the following Items: "Textual Records, Maps & Charts".

In the Year: "2024", Paper: "M-24-10" was Published in the Journal: "iConference". It connects to the following Steps: "Appraisal, Accessioning, Arrangement, Description, Preservation, Access", relates to the following Tools: "Iterative design, Computational thinking, NLP, Graph analytics, Computational finding aids, Digital curation, Public engagement, Authenticity, Archival theory, Computational methods, Spatial analytics, Temporal analytics", adds to the following Technologies: "GenAI, LLM", and links to the following Items: "Architectural & Engineering Drawings, Data Files, Maps & Charts, Moving Images, Photographs & other Graphic Materials, Sound Recordings, Textual Records, Web Pages".

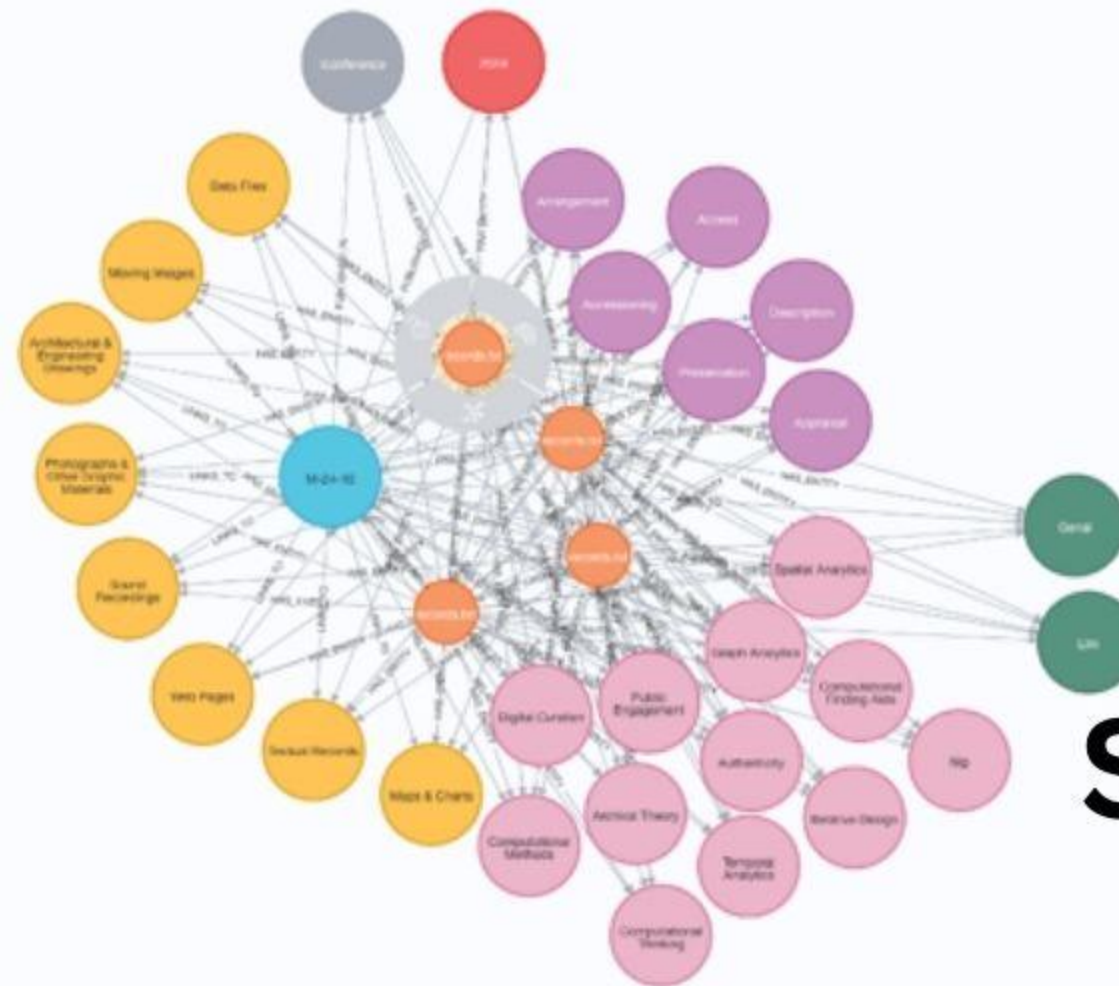
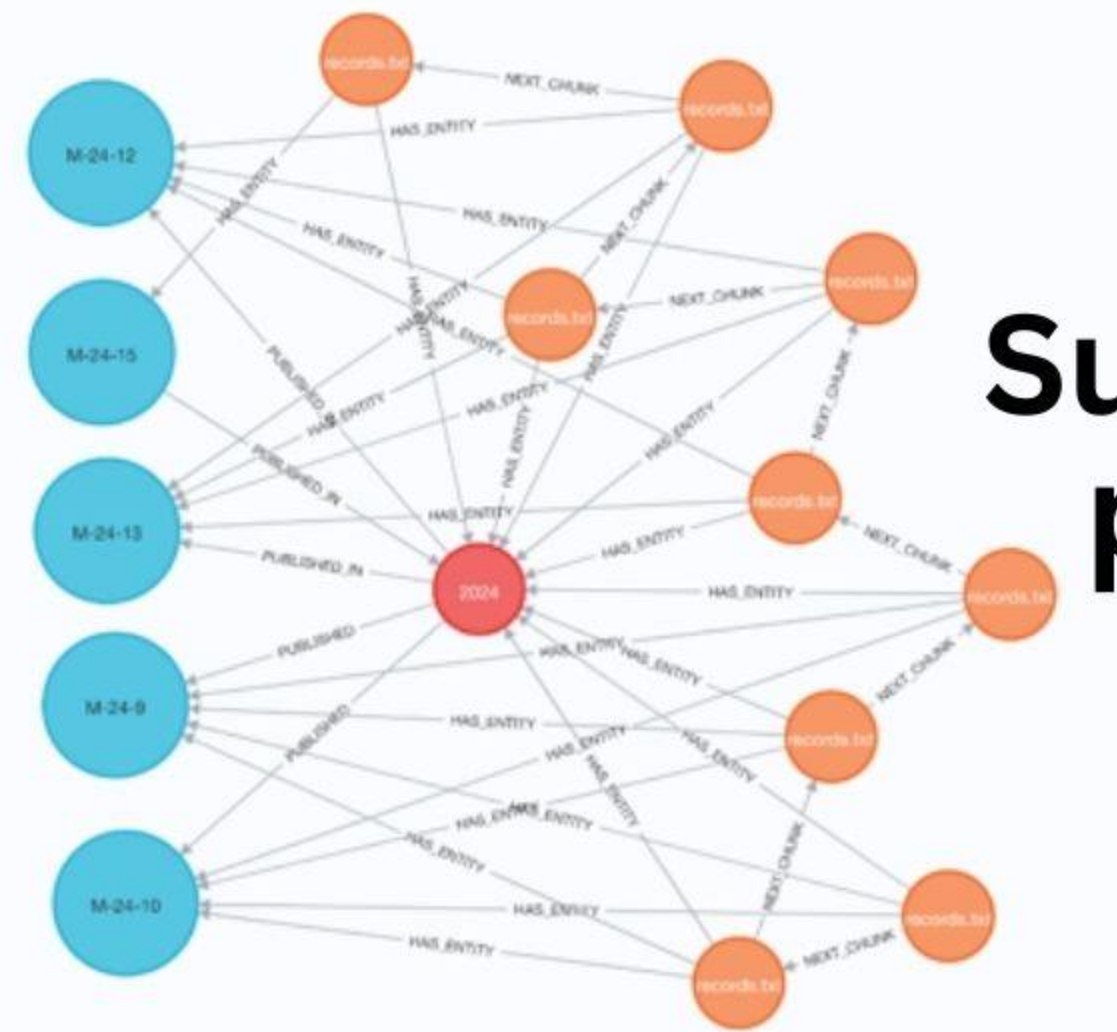
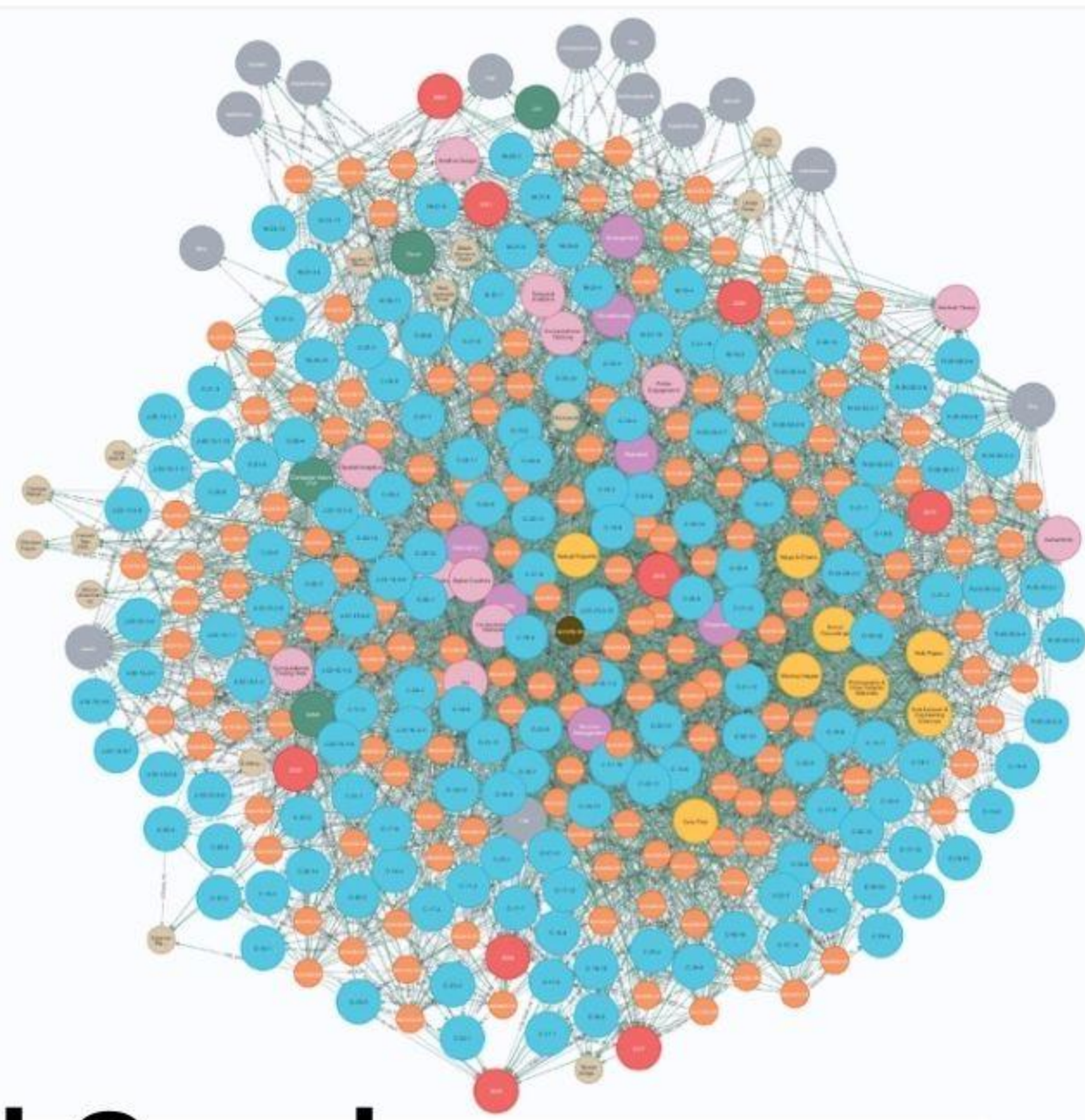
In the Year: "2018", Paper: "M-18-11" was Published in the Journal: "DigitalHeritage". It connects to the following Steps: "Description, Access", relates to the following Tools: "Iterative design, Digital curation, Computational methods", speaks to the following Topics: "WWII Japanese American Incarceration", and links to the following Items: "Textual Records, Maps & Charts".

In the Year: "2024", Paper: "M-24-12" was Published in the Journal: "AFOLIAN". It connects to the following Steps: "Accessioning, Arrangement, Description, Access", relates to the following Tools: "Digital curation", adds to the following Technologies: "GenAI, LLM", speaks to the following Topics: "Legacy of Slavery", and links to the following Items: "Textual Records".

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In the Year: "2021", Paper: "M-21-14" was Published in the Journal: "AI&Society". It connects to the following Steps: "Description, Access", relates to the following Tools: "Iterative design, Temporal analytics", adds to the following Technologies: "AI/ML", speaks to the following Topics: "Holocaust", and links to the following Items: "Textual Records".

In the Year: "2024", Paper: "M-24-15" was Published in the Journal: "MTSR". It connects to the following Steps: "Description, Access", relates to the following Tools: "Spatial analytics, Digital curation", adds to the following Technologies: "AI/ML, Computer vision (CV)", speaks to the following Topics: "WWII Japanese American Incarceration", and links to the following Items: "Textual Records, Maps & Charts".





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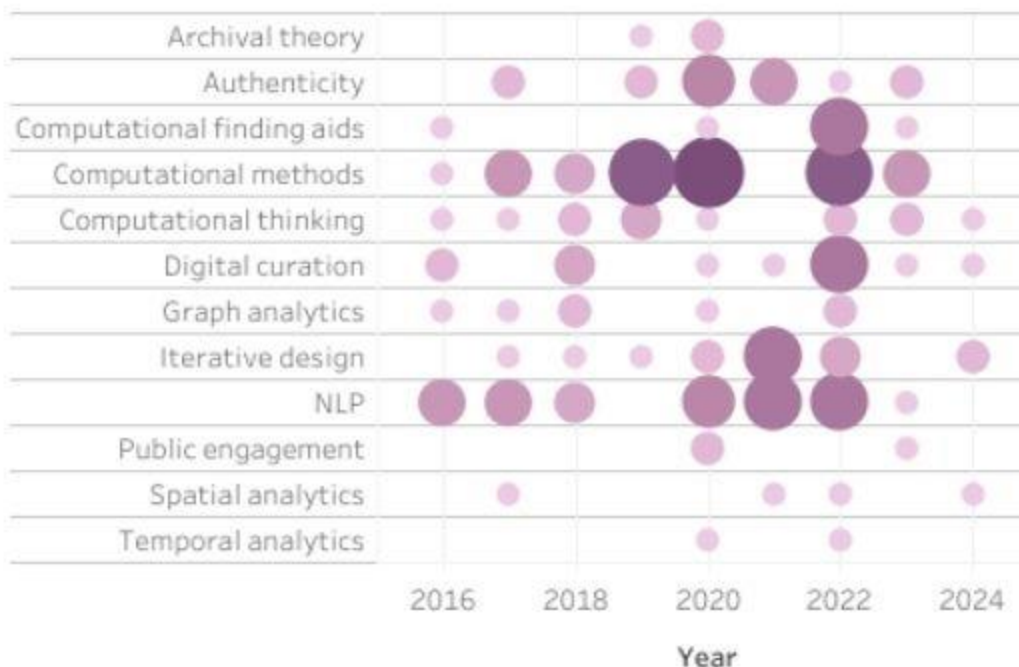


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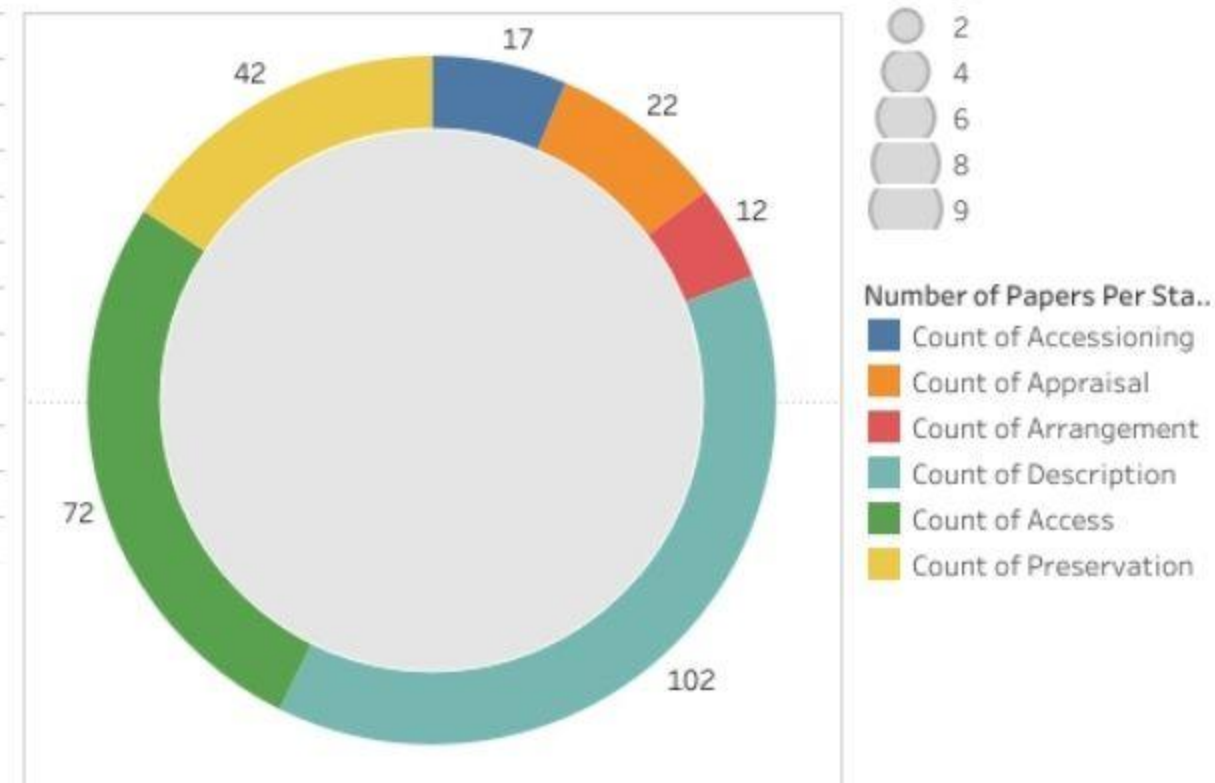
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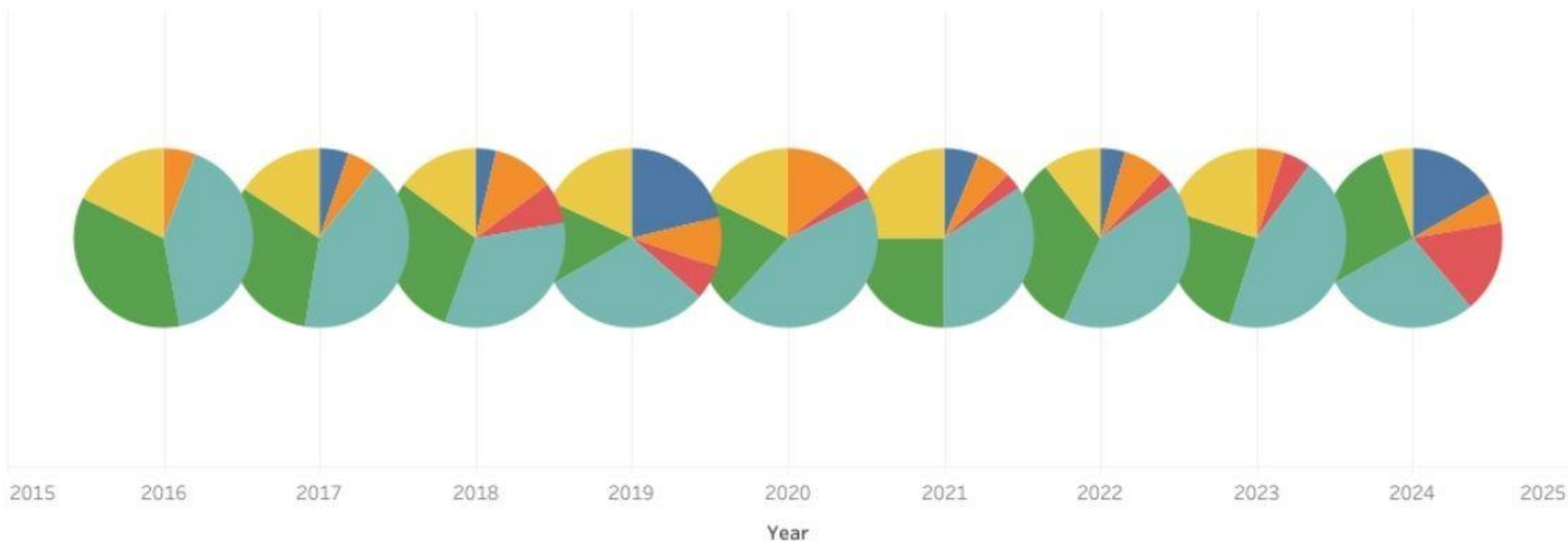
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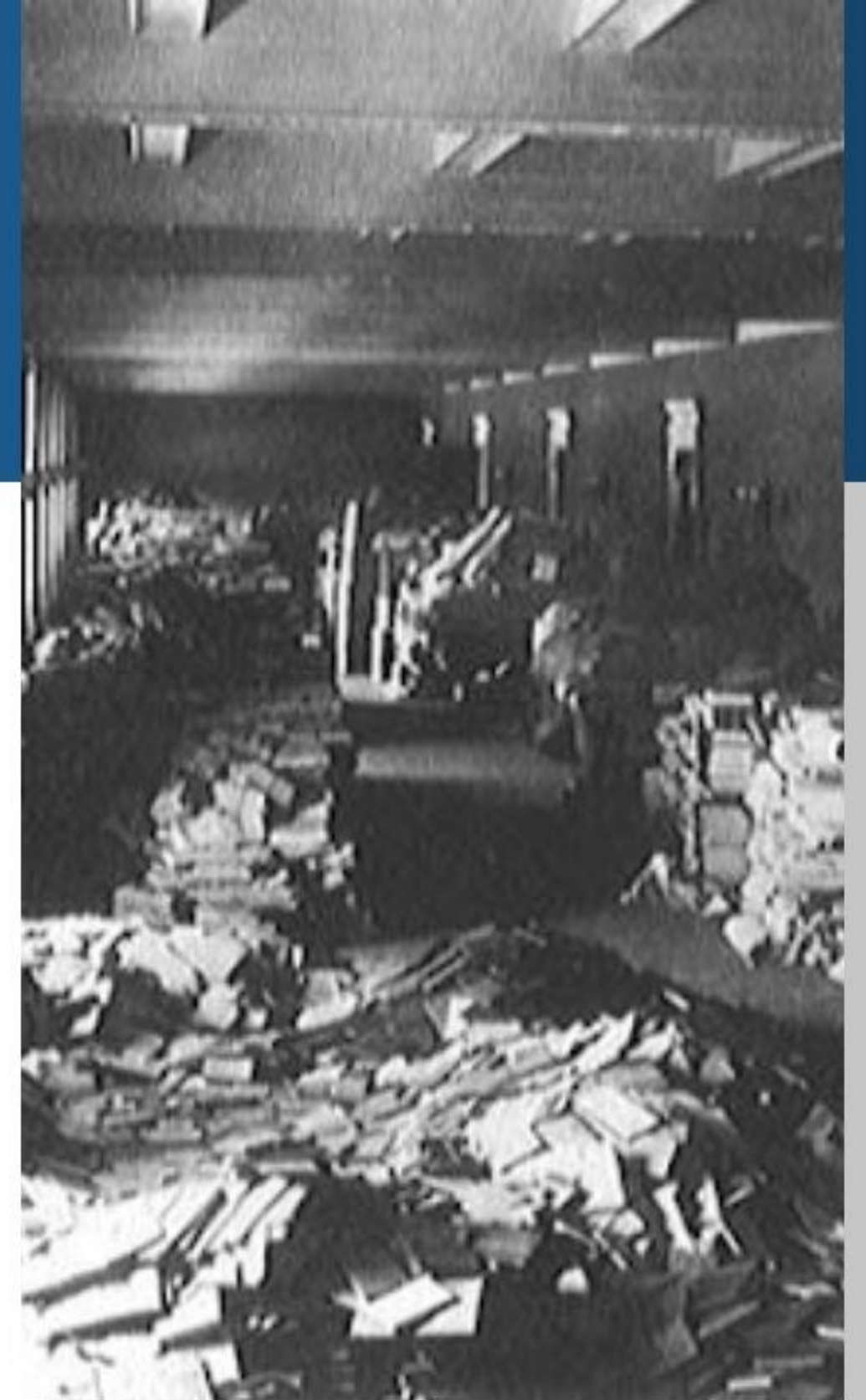
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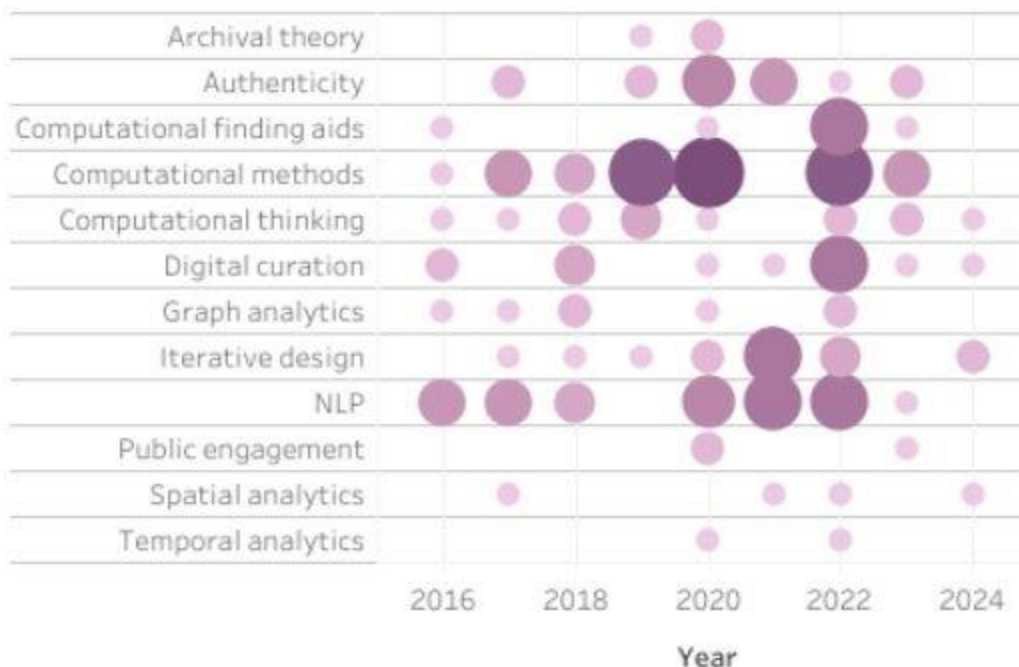
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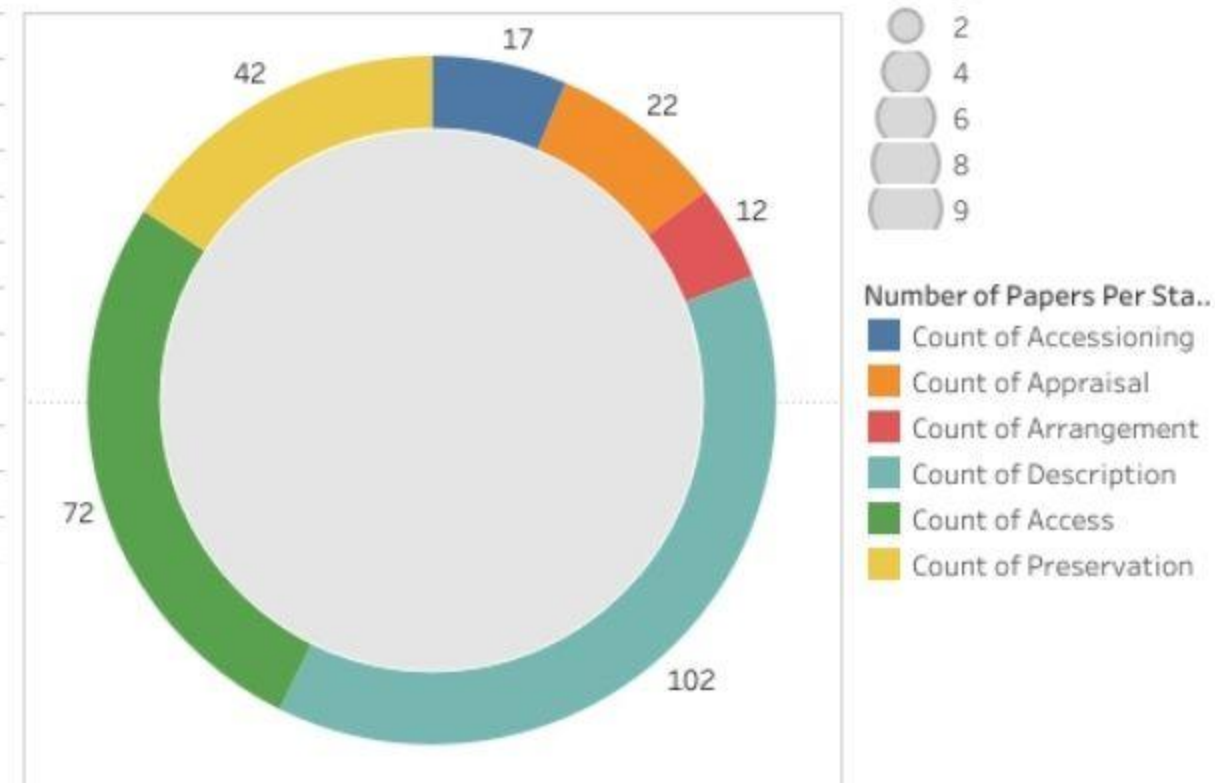
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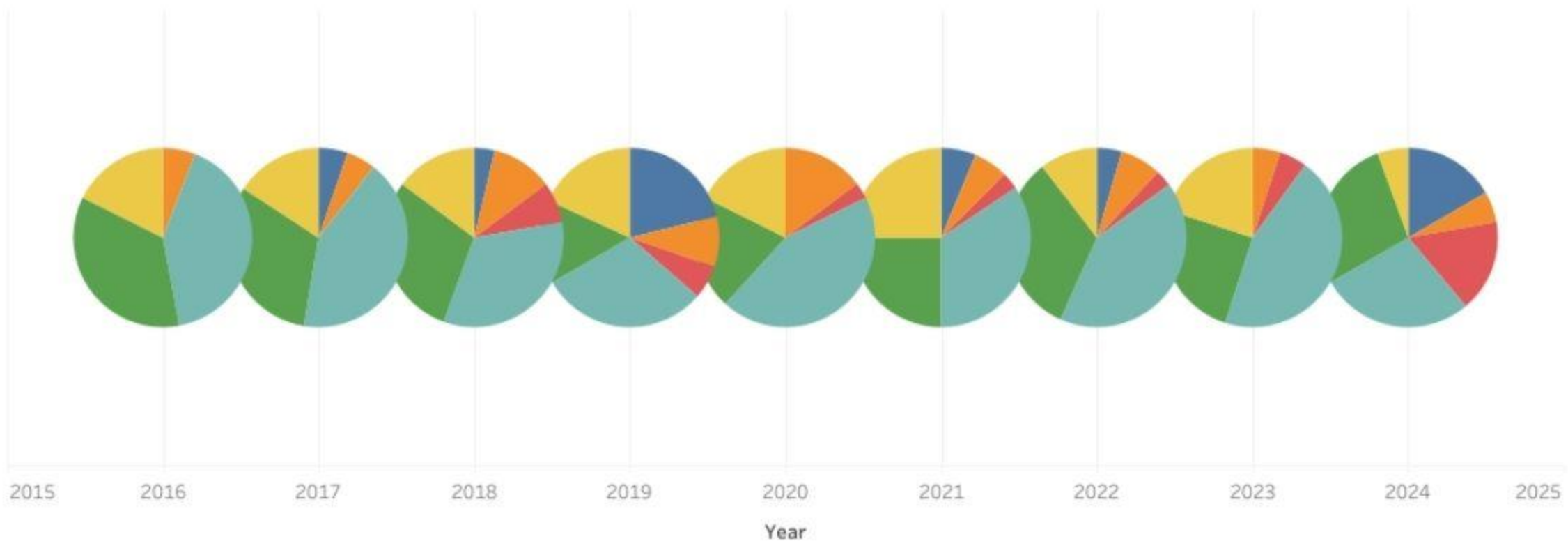
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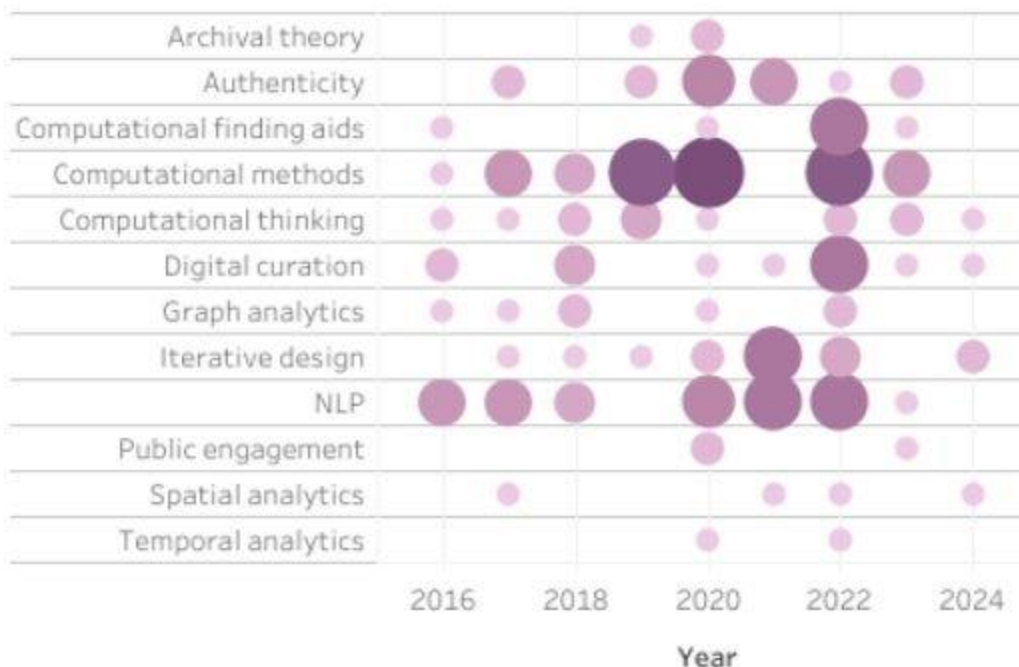
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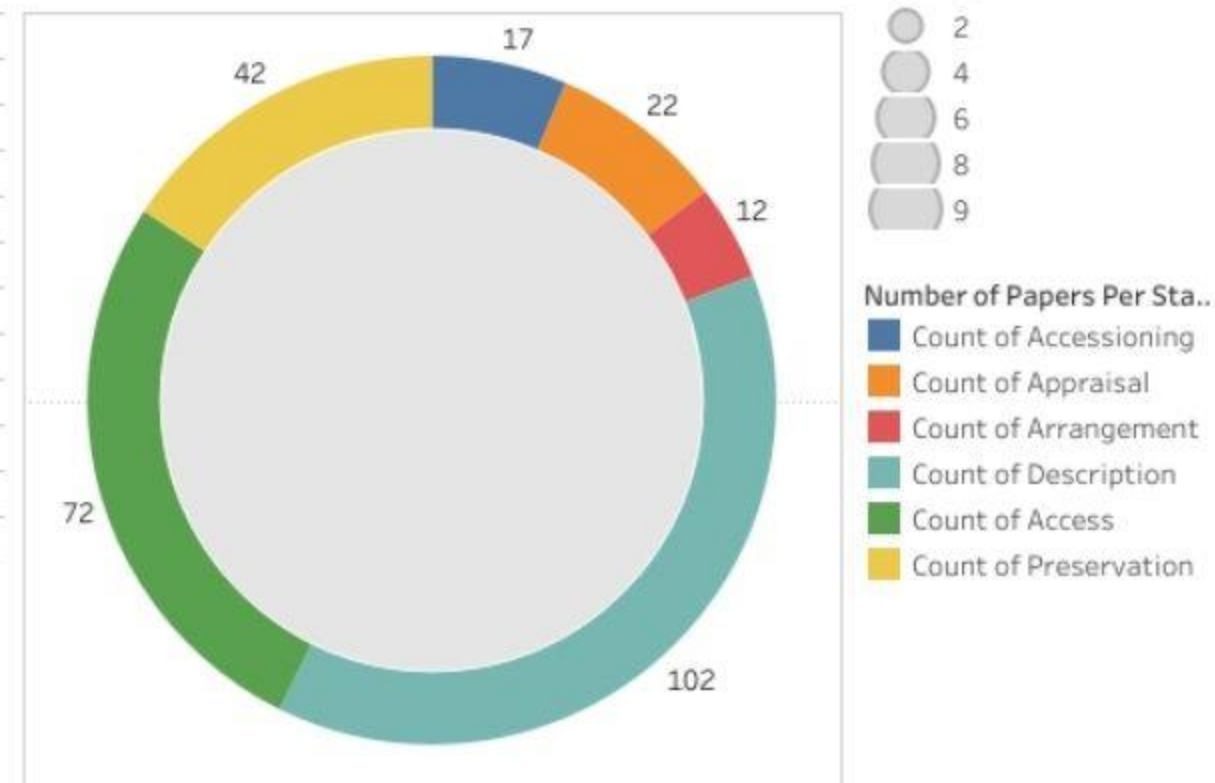
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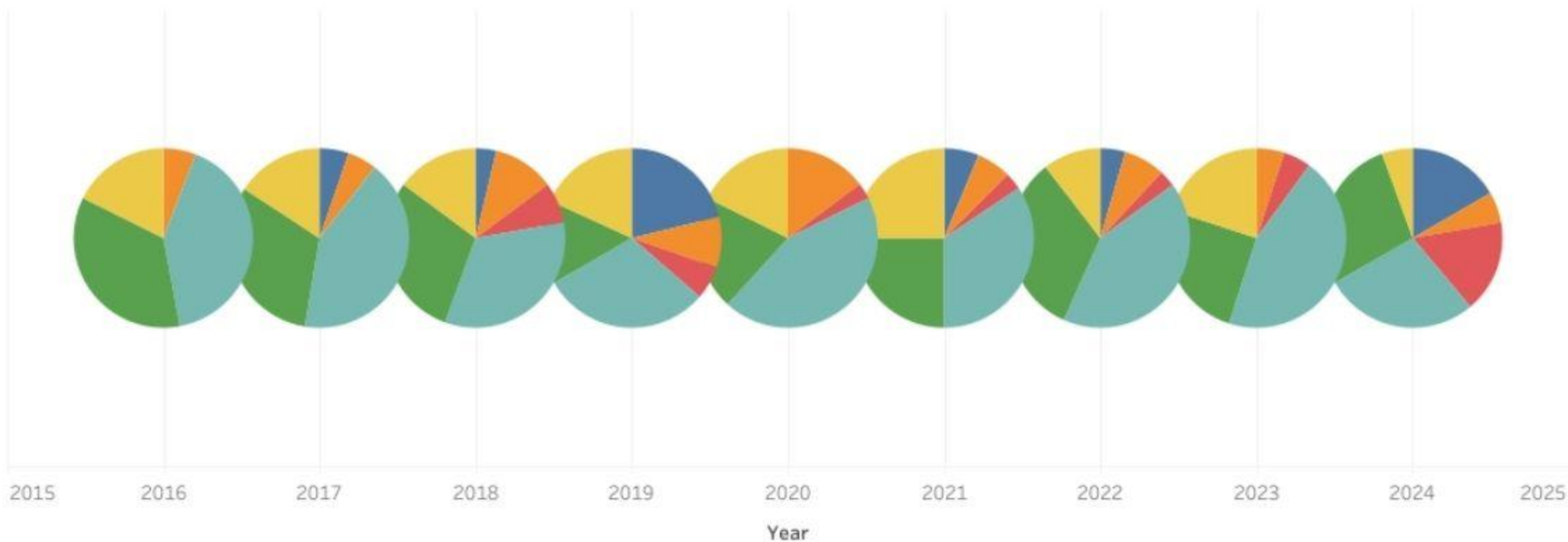
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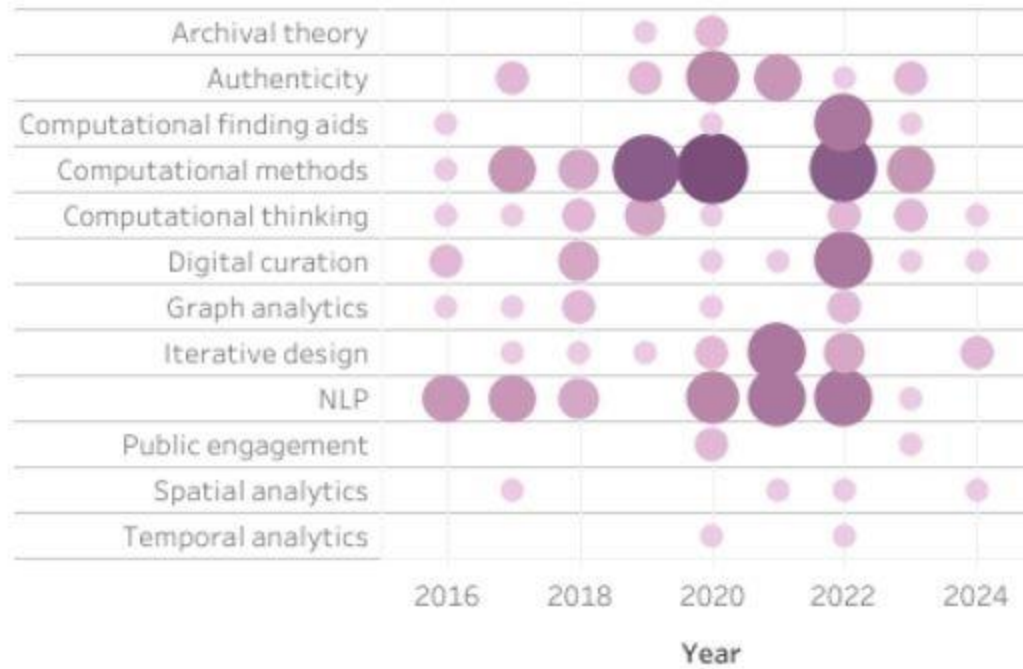
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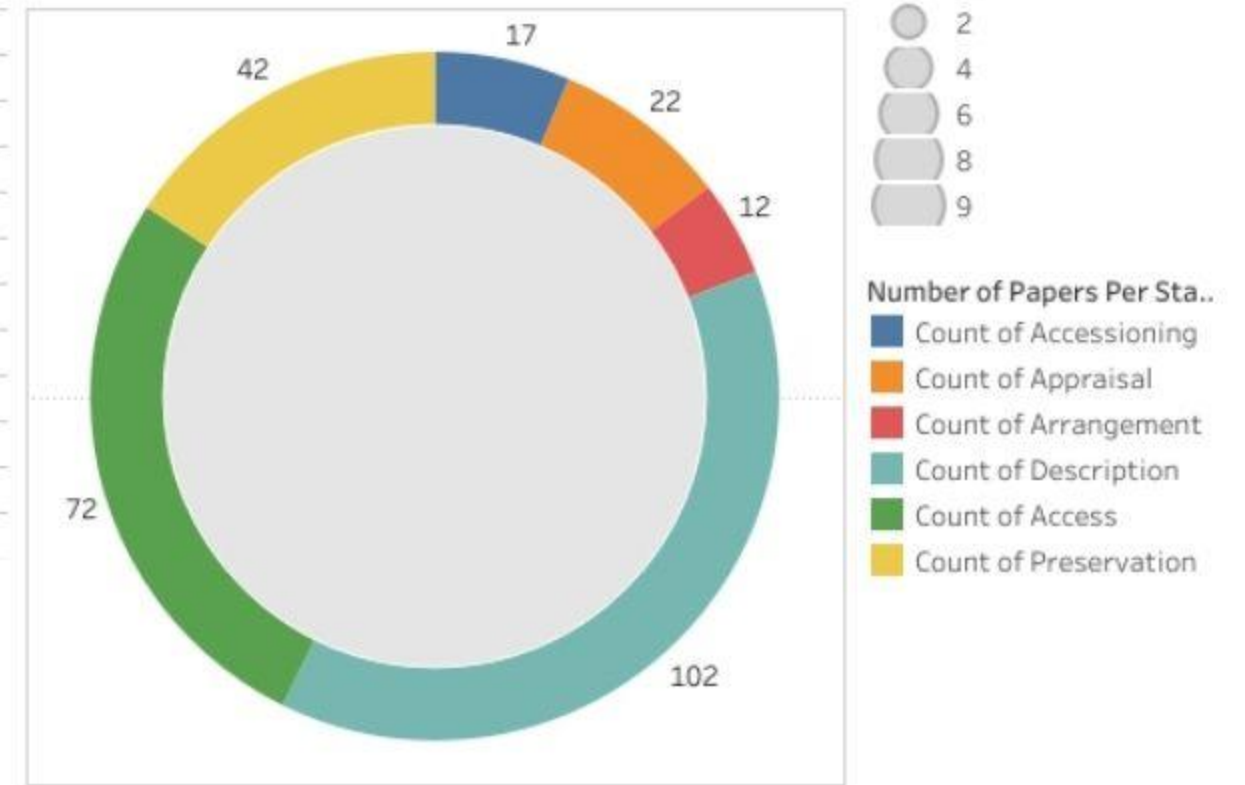
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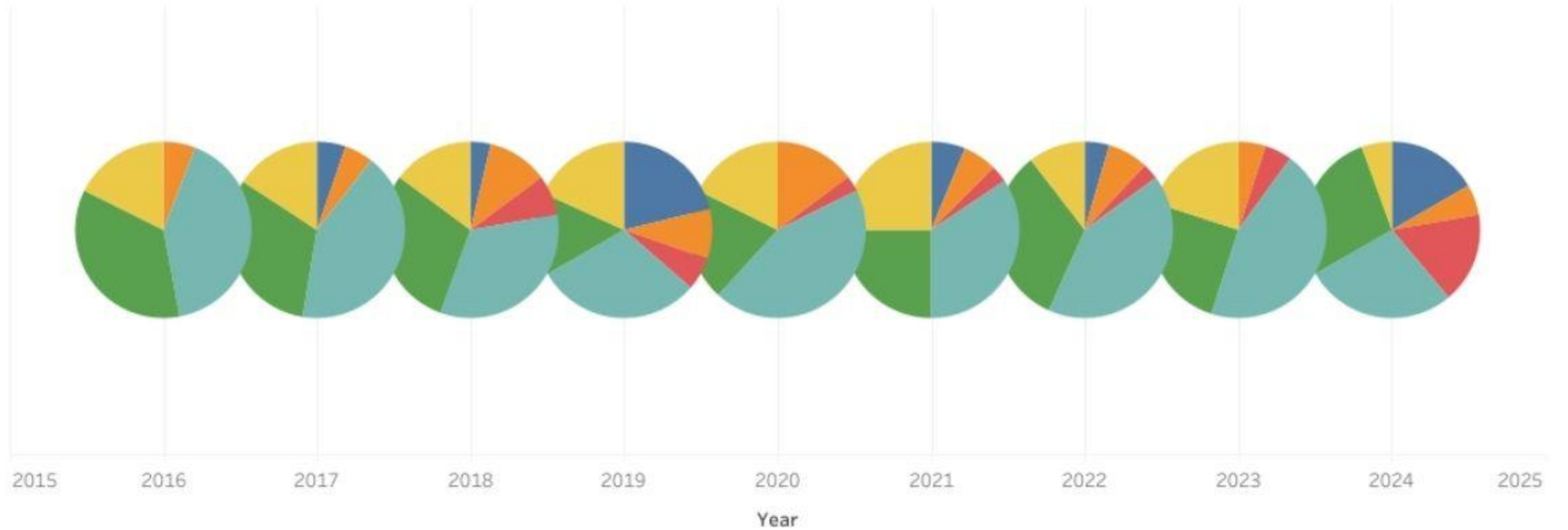
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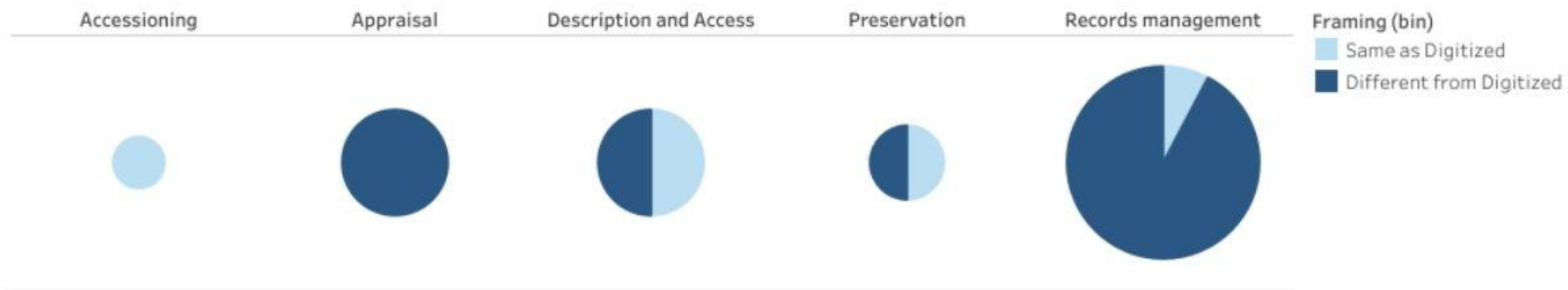
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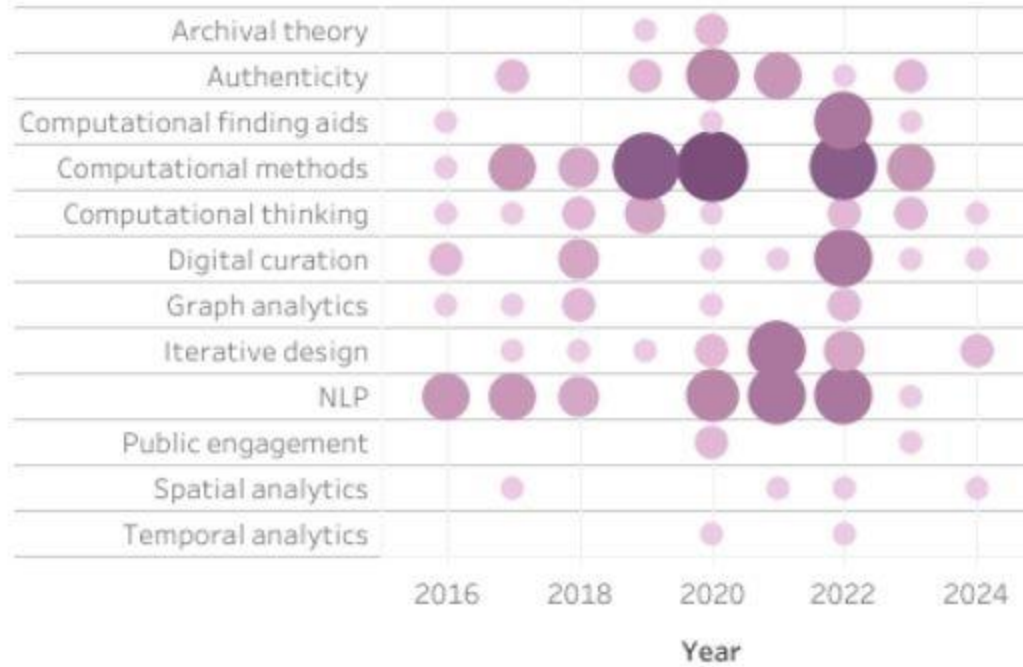
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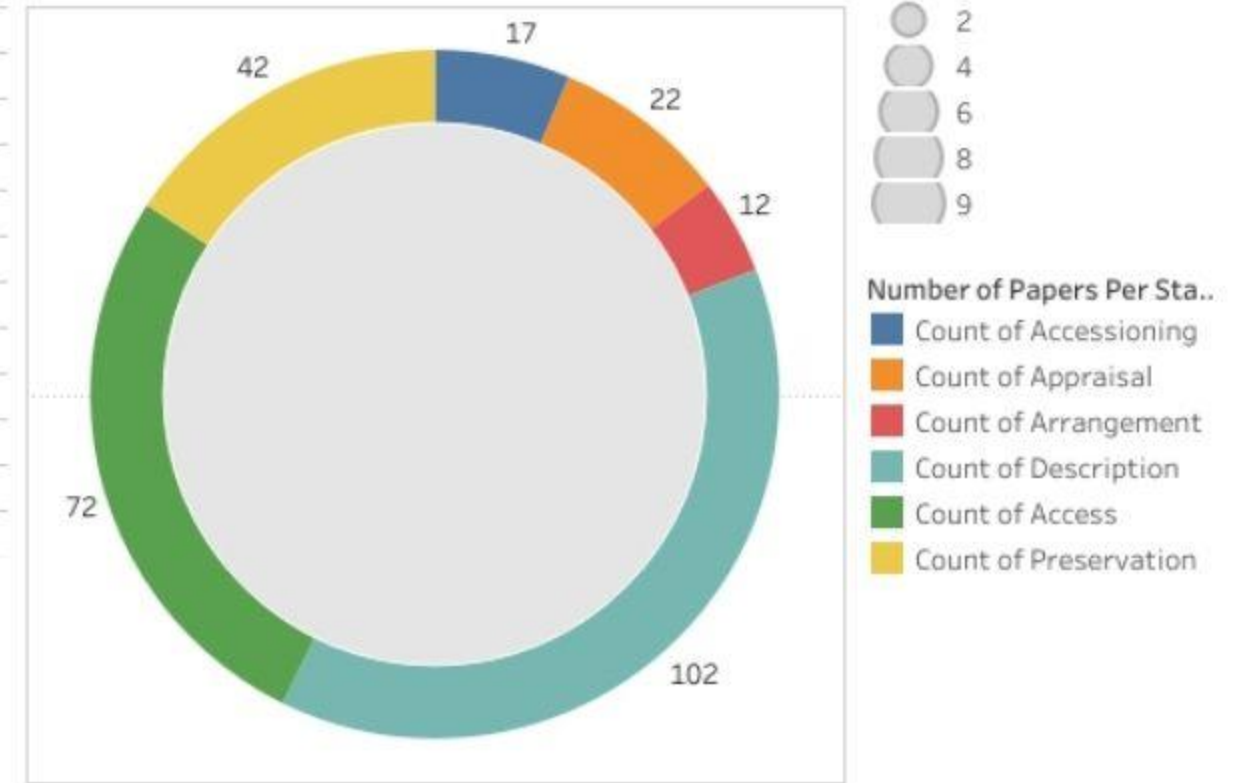
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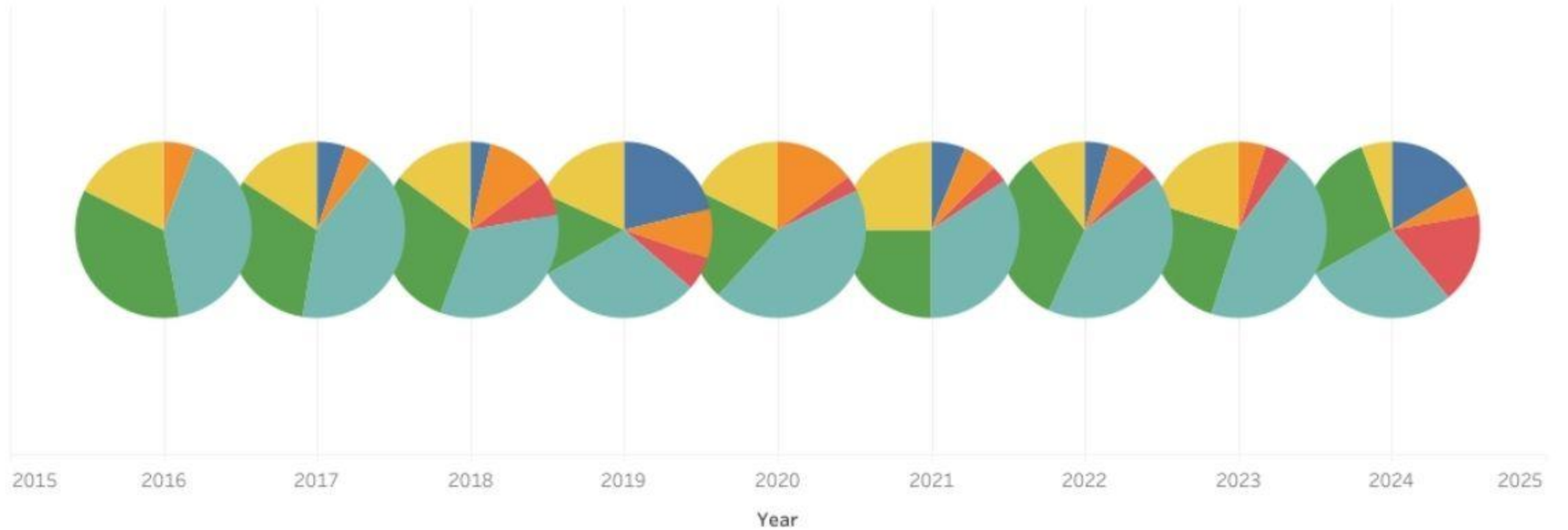
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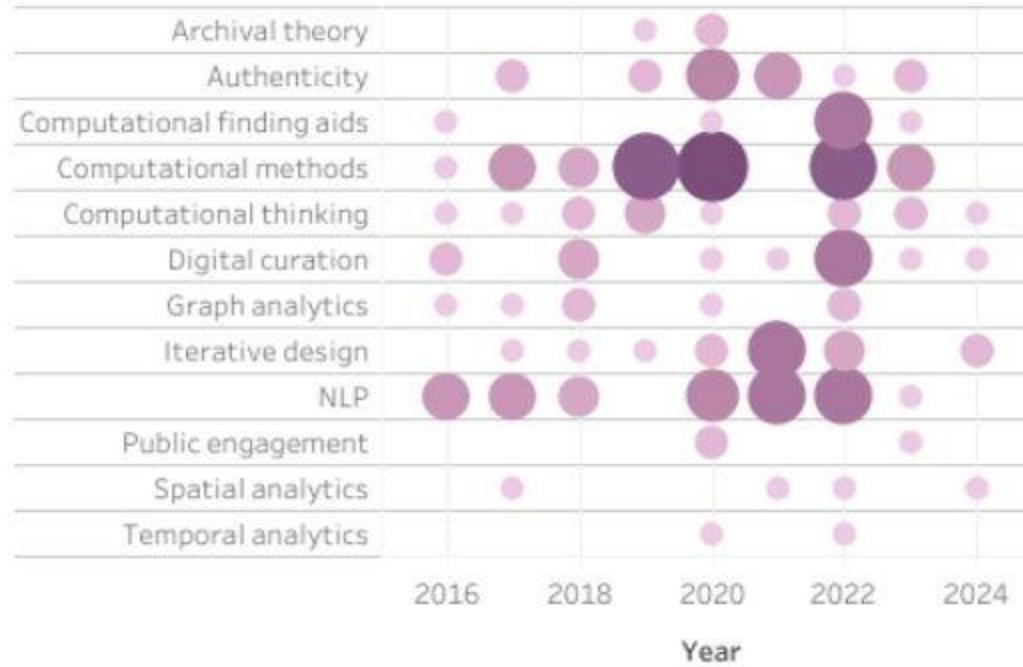
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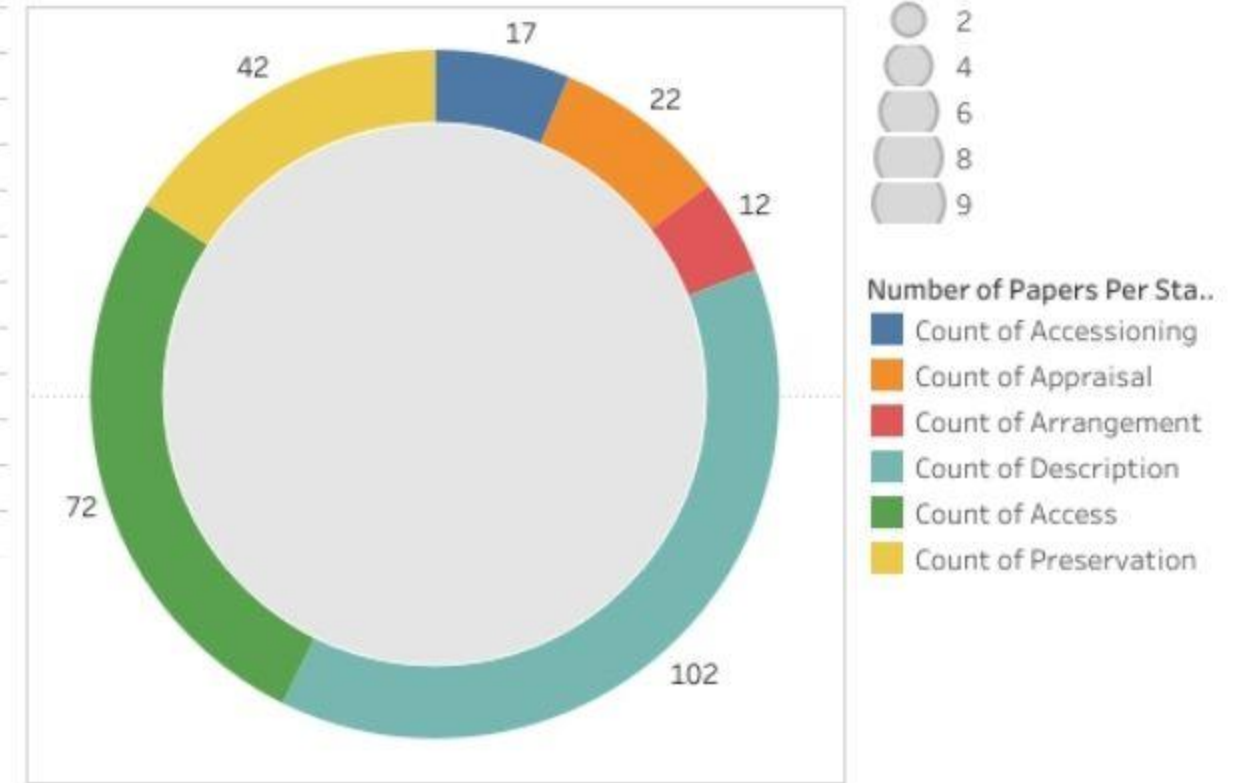
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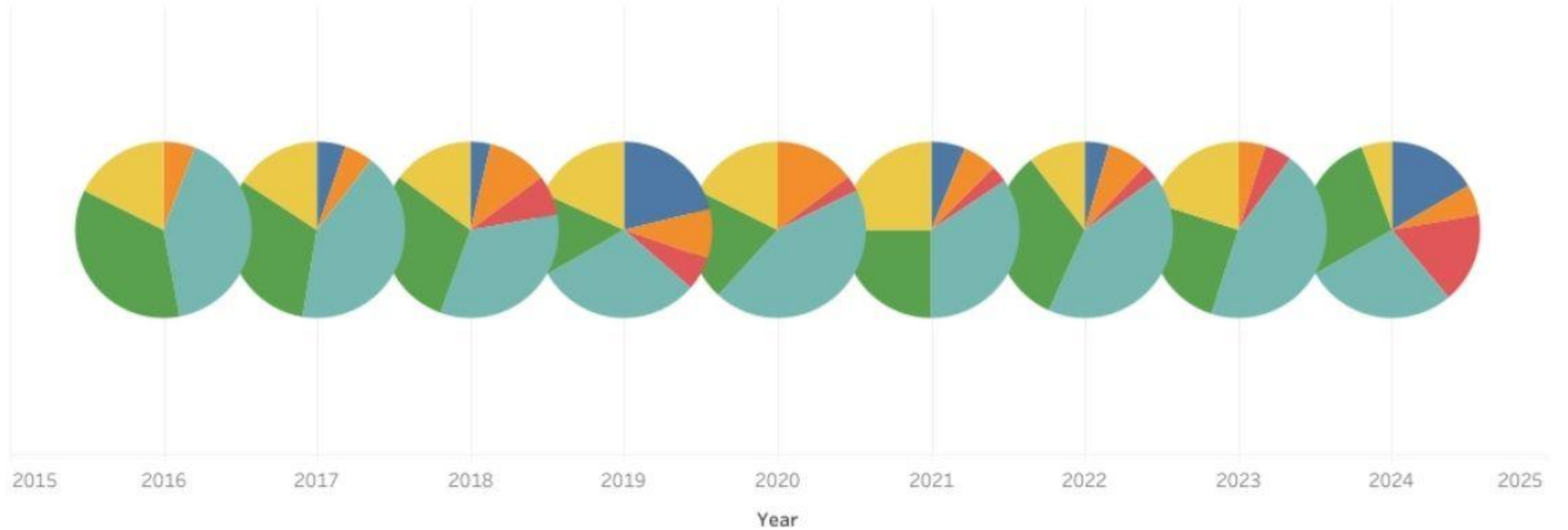
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