Advanced Data Management (CSCI 640/490)

Spatial Data

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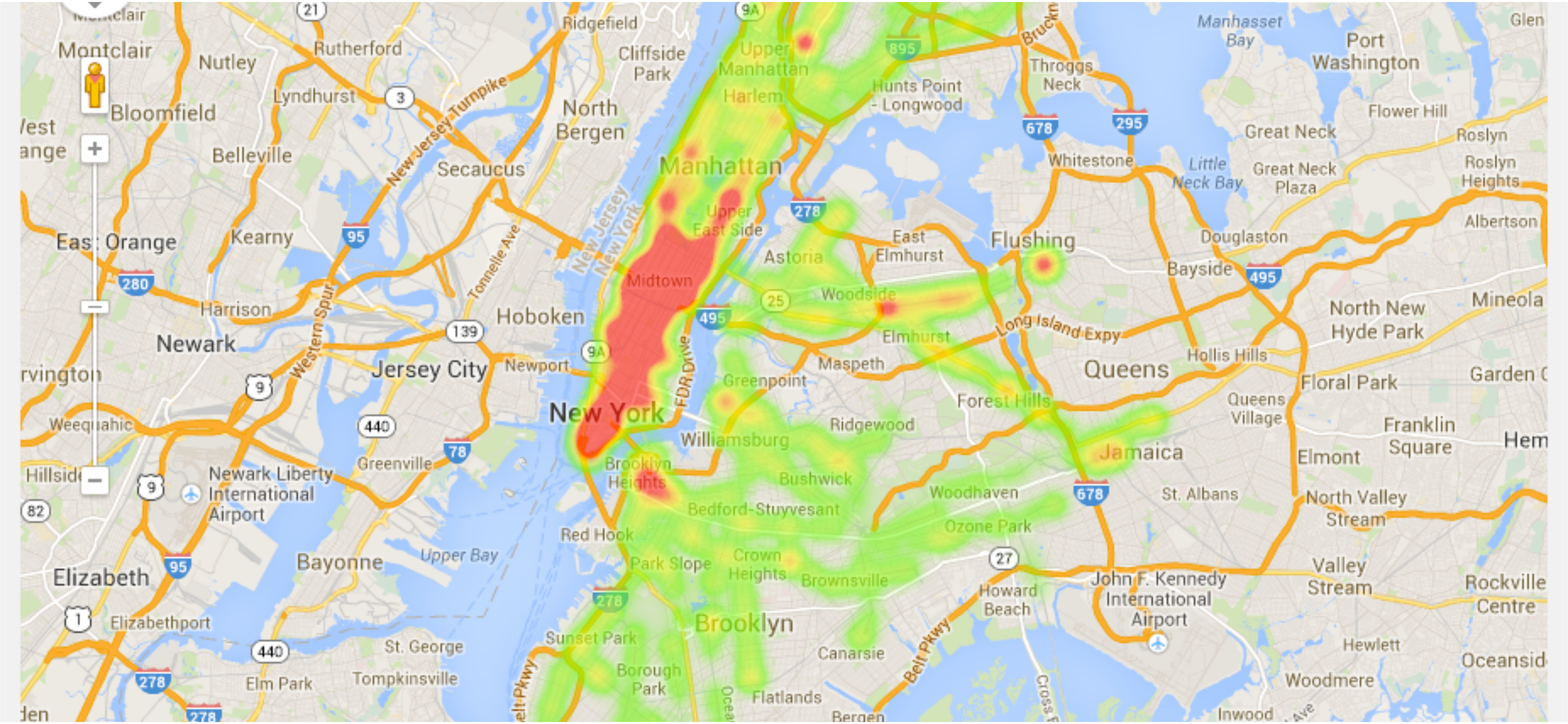
Data Exploration Through Visualization



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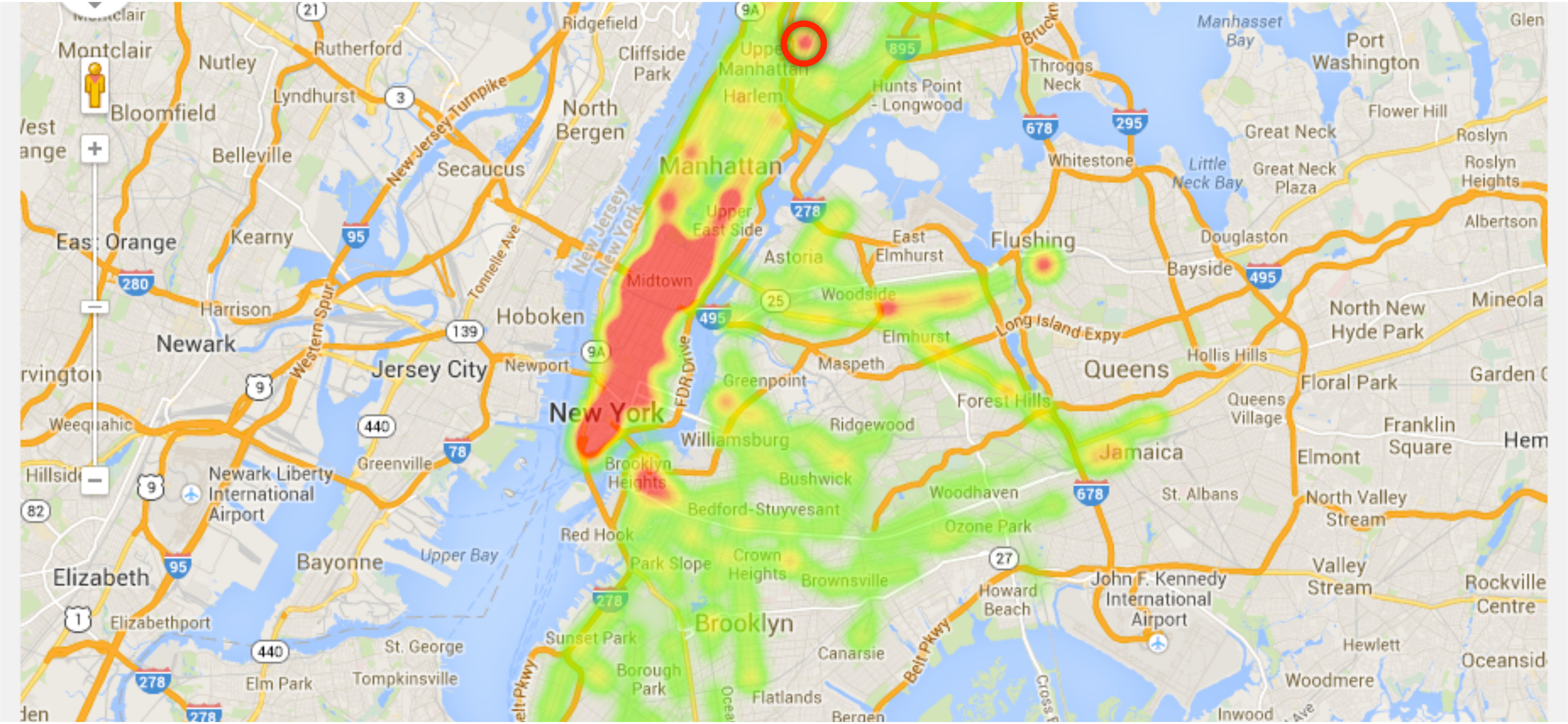
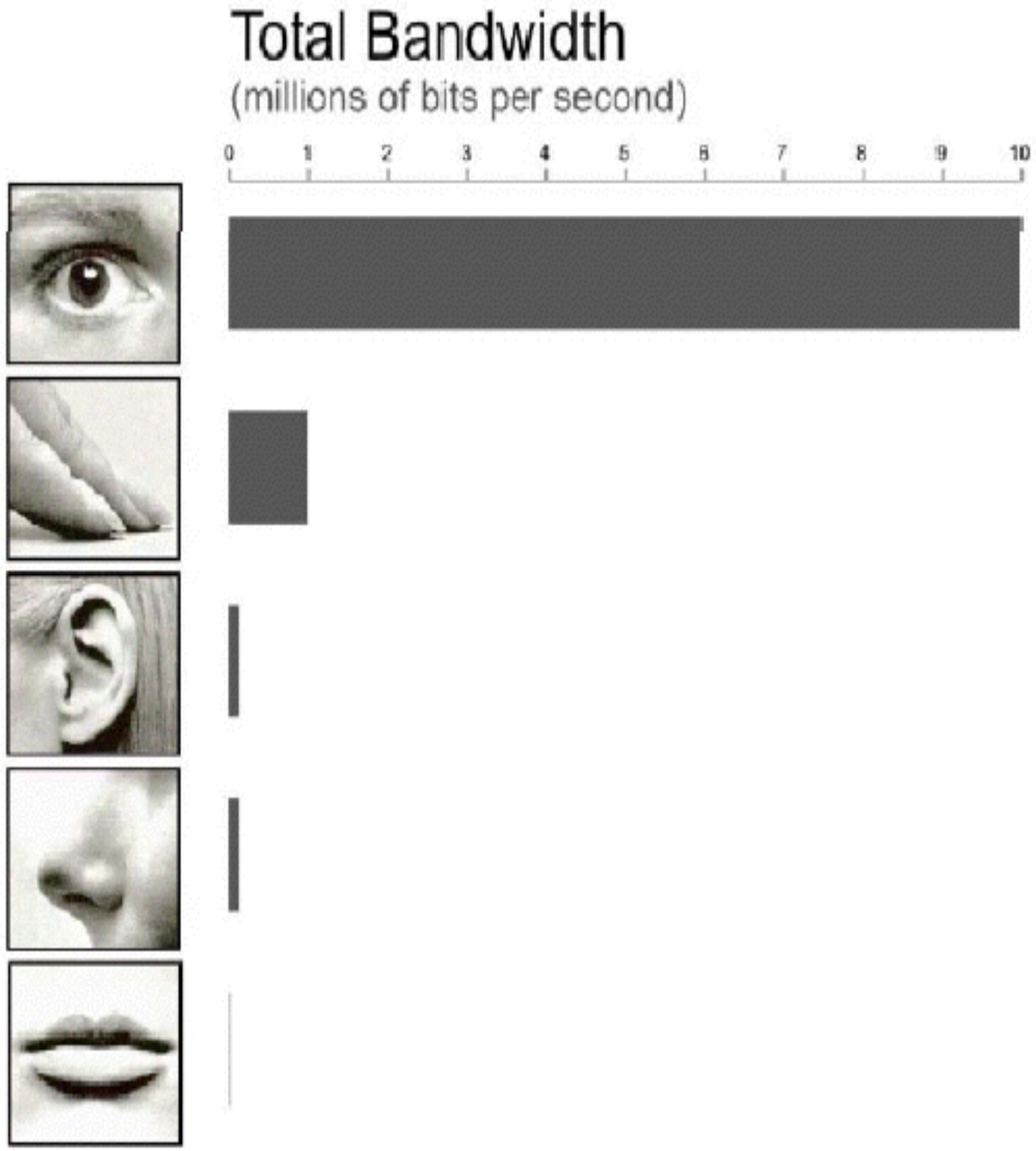
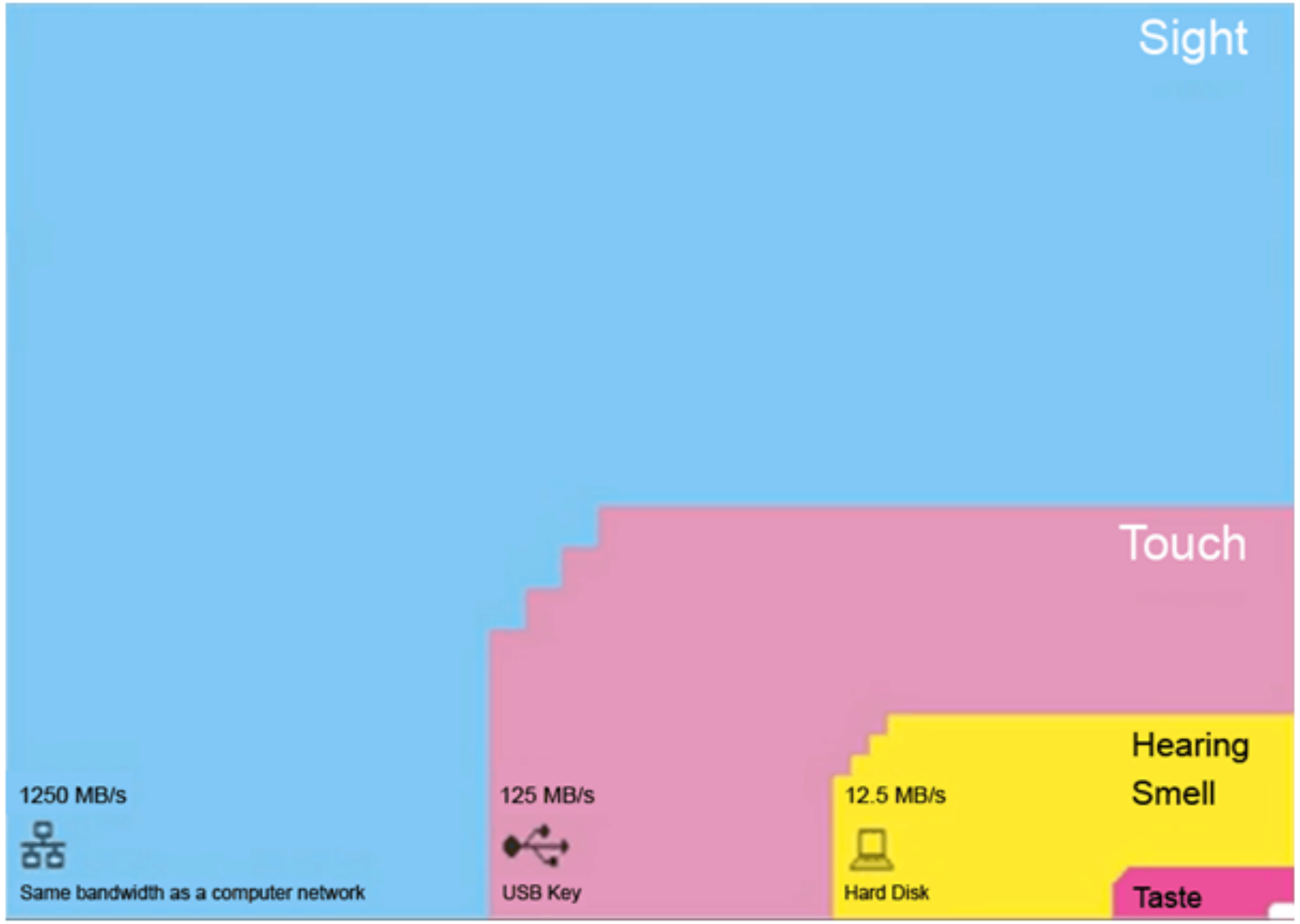


Why do we visualize data?





[via A. Lex]

[T. Nørretranders]

Why Visual?

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13.0	7.58	13.0	8.74	13.0	12.74	8.0	7.71
9.0	8.81	9.0	8.77	9.0	7.11	8.0	8.84
11.0	8.33	11.0	9.26	11.0	7.81	8.0	8.47
14.0	9.96	14.0	8.10	14.0	8.84	8.0	7.04
6.0	7.24	6.0	6.13	6.0	6.08	8.0	5.25
4.0	4.26	4.0	3.10	4.0	5.39	19.0	12.50
12.0	10.84	12.0	9.13	12.0	8.15	8.0	5.56
7.0	4.82	7.0	7.26	7.0	6.42	8.0	7.91
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[F. J. Anscombe]

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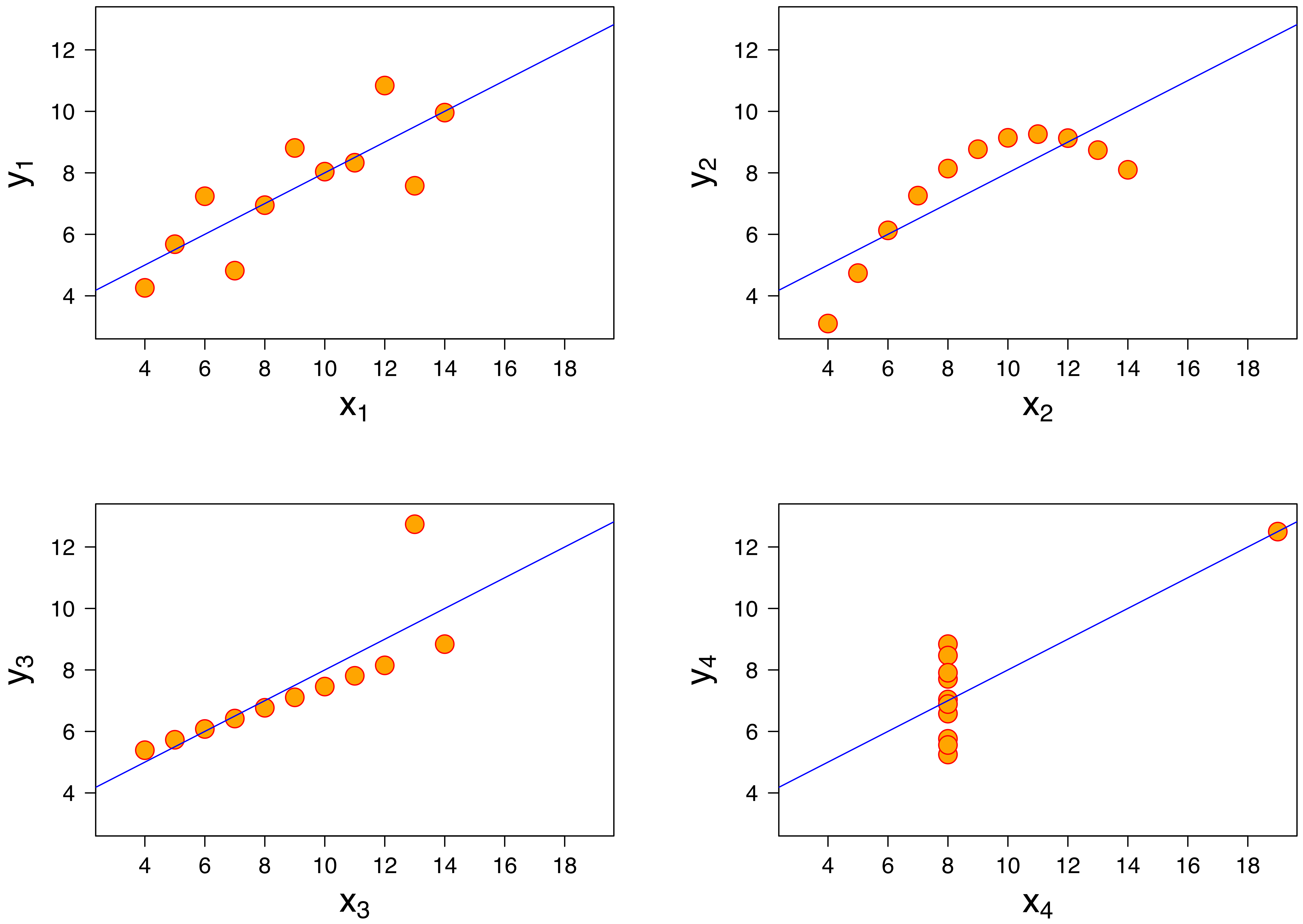

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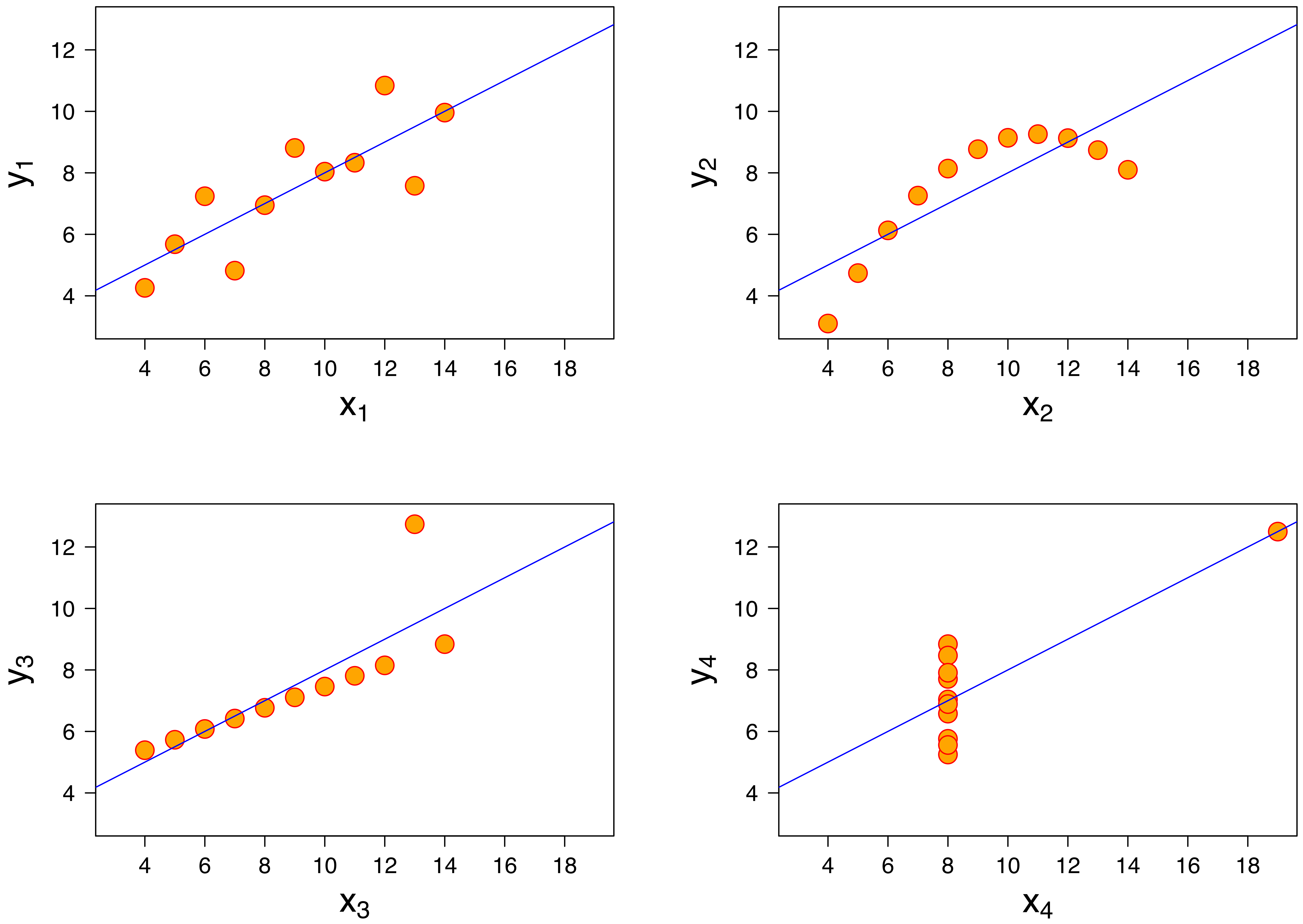

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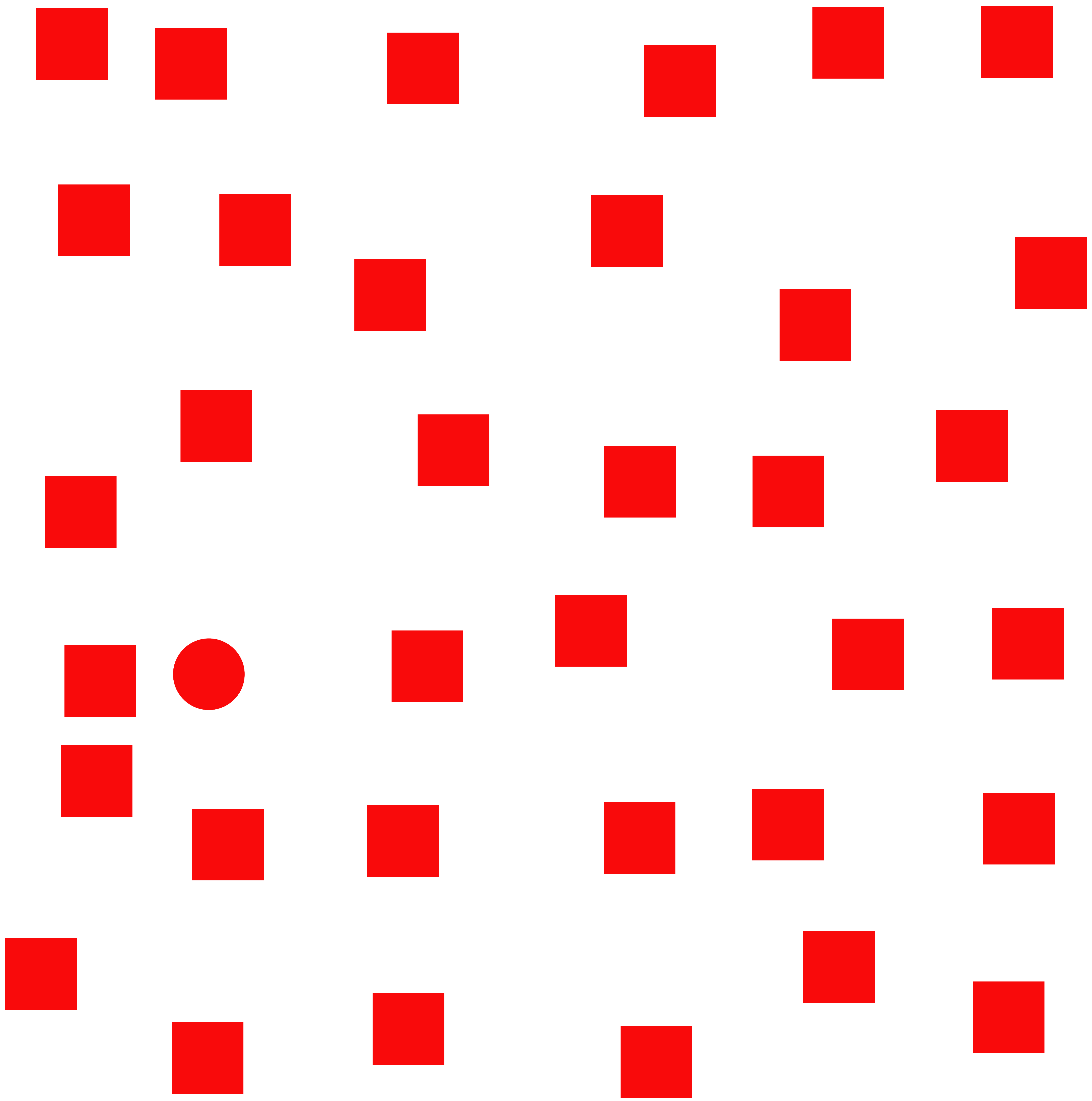
Visual Pop-out



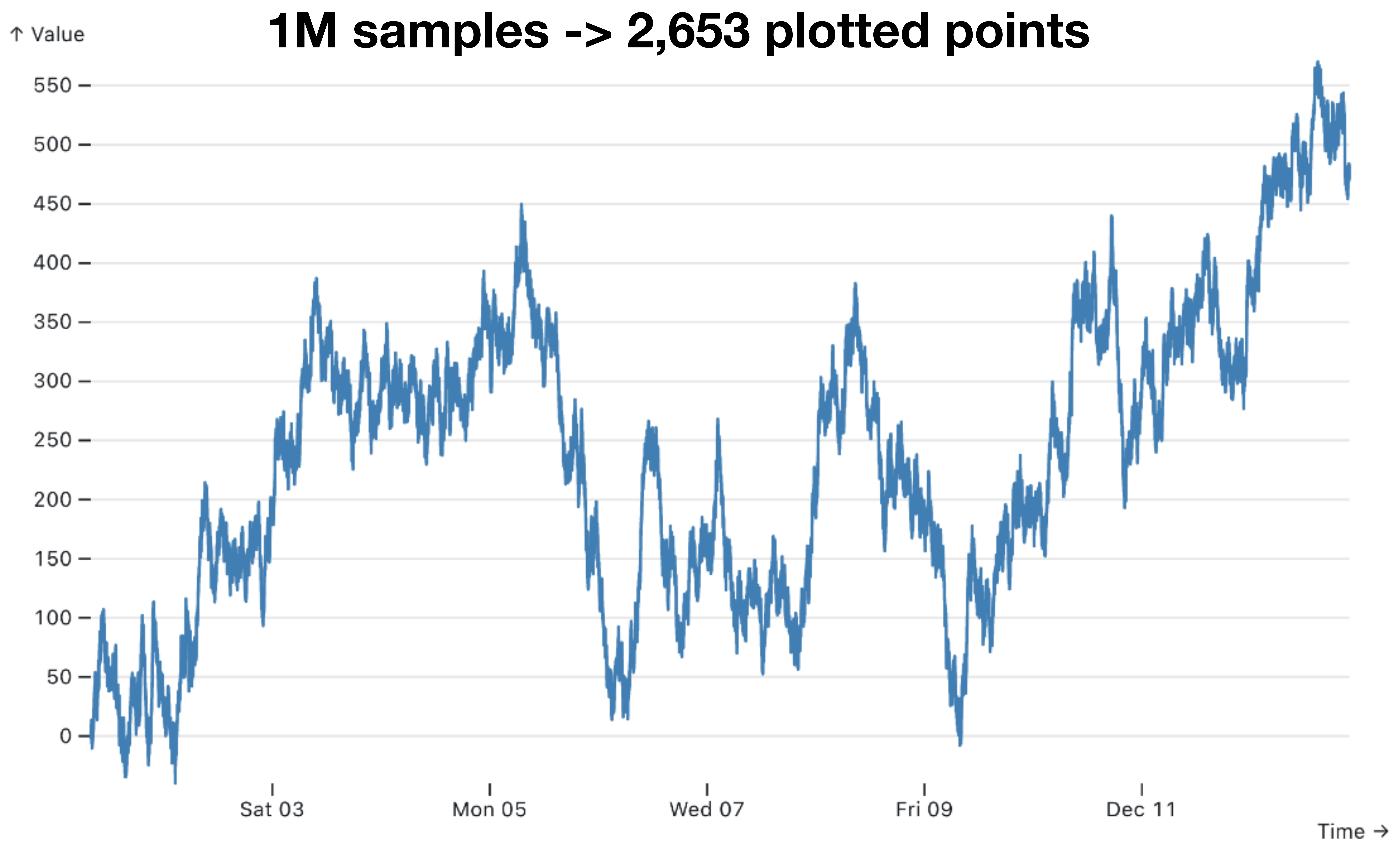
[C. G. Healey]

Supporting Scalable Visualization

- Two Problems:
  - **Lots of data**, how to display (encode) it
  - User **interaction** is key to gaining insight, requires **low latency**
- Addressing big data:
  - Encoding should focus on **available resolution**, not size of data
  - Approaches:
    - Sampling
    - Modeling
    - **Binning**
  - Bin → Aggregate (→ Smooth) → Plot

[J. Heer]

Time Series Aggregation



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Time Series Aggregation

- Insight: the **resolution** is bound by the **number of pixels**
- Compute average value per pixel (1 point/pixel)
  - …this may miss extreme (min, max) values
- Plot min/max values per pixel (2 points/pixel)
  - …this does better, but still misrepresents
- M4: min/max values & timestamps (4 points/pixel)
  - …this provides provable fidelity to the full data!

[Jugel, 2014, via J. Heer]

Effects of Latency

- **Higher latency** leads to...
  - Reduced user activity and data set coverage
  - Significantly fewer brushing actions
  - Less observation, generalization & hypothesis
- **Interaction effect**: Exposure to delay reduces subsequent performance in low-latency interface.
- Different interactions exhibit **varied sensitivity** to latency. Brushing is highly sensitive!

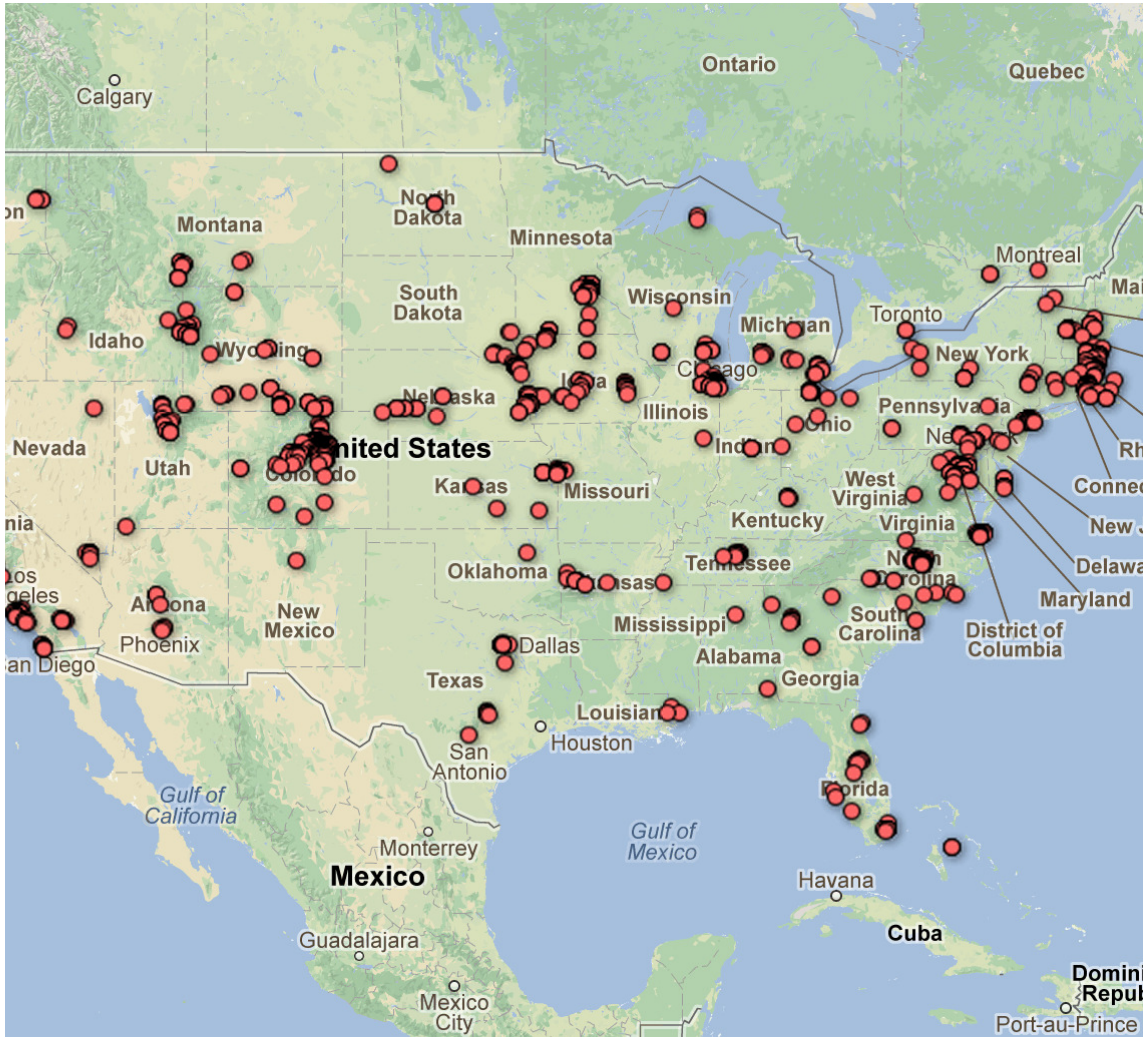
[Liu et al. via J. Heer]

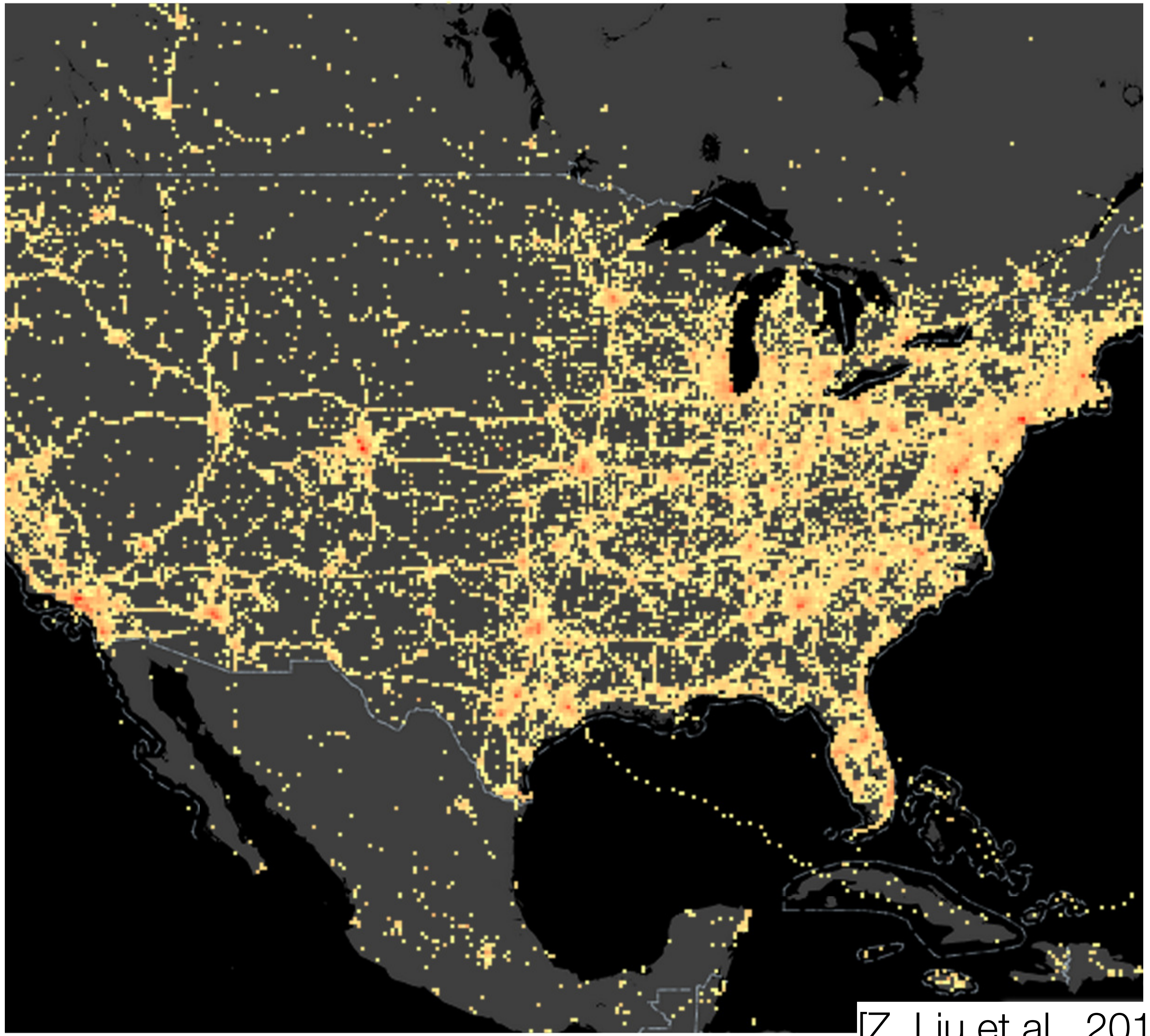
Interactive Scalability Solutions

- Use Database Technology: databases built for scalability
- Client-side Indexing (Data Cubes): take advantage of data structure
- Prefetching: load data before requests based on predictions
- Approximation: show estimates early but with error information

[J. Heer]

Sampling vs. Aggregation

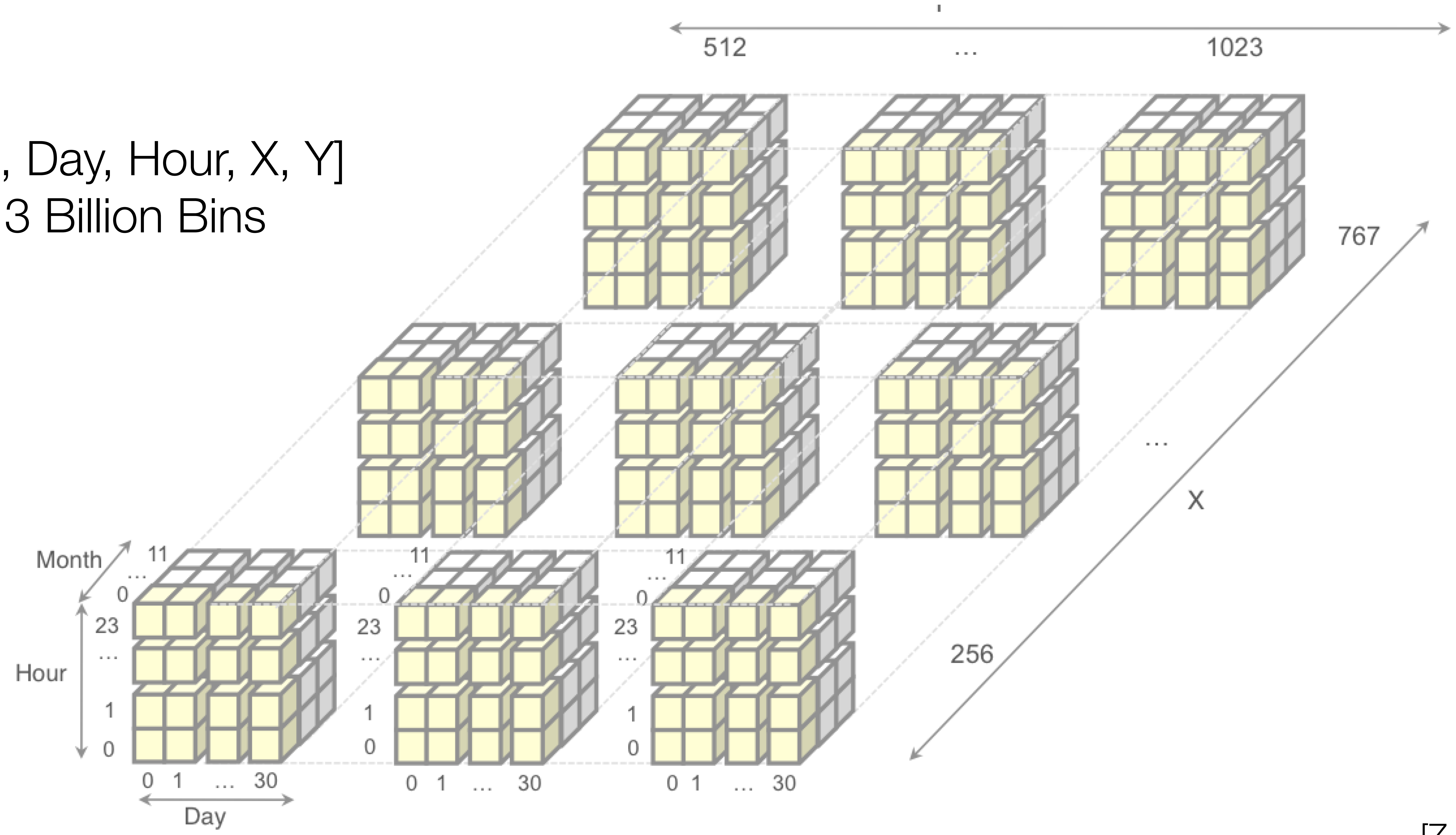




[Z. Liu et al., 2013]

Full 5-D Data Cube

[Month, Day, Hour, X, Y]
~2.3 Billion Bins



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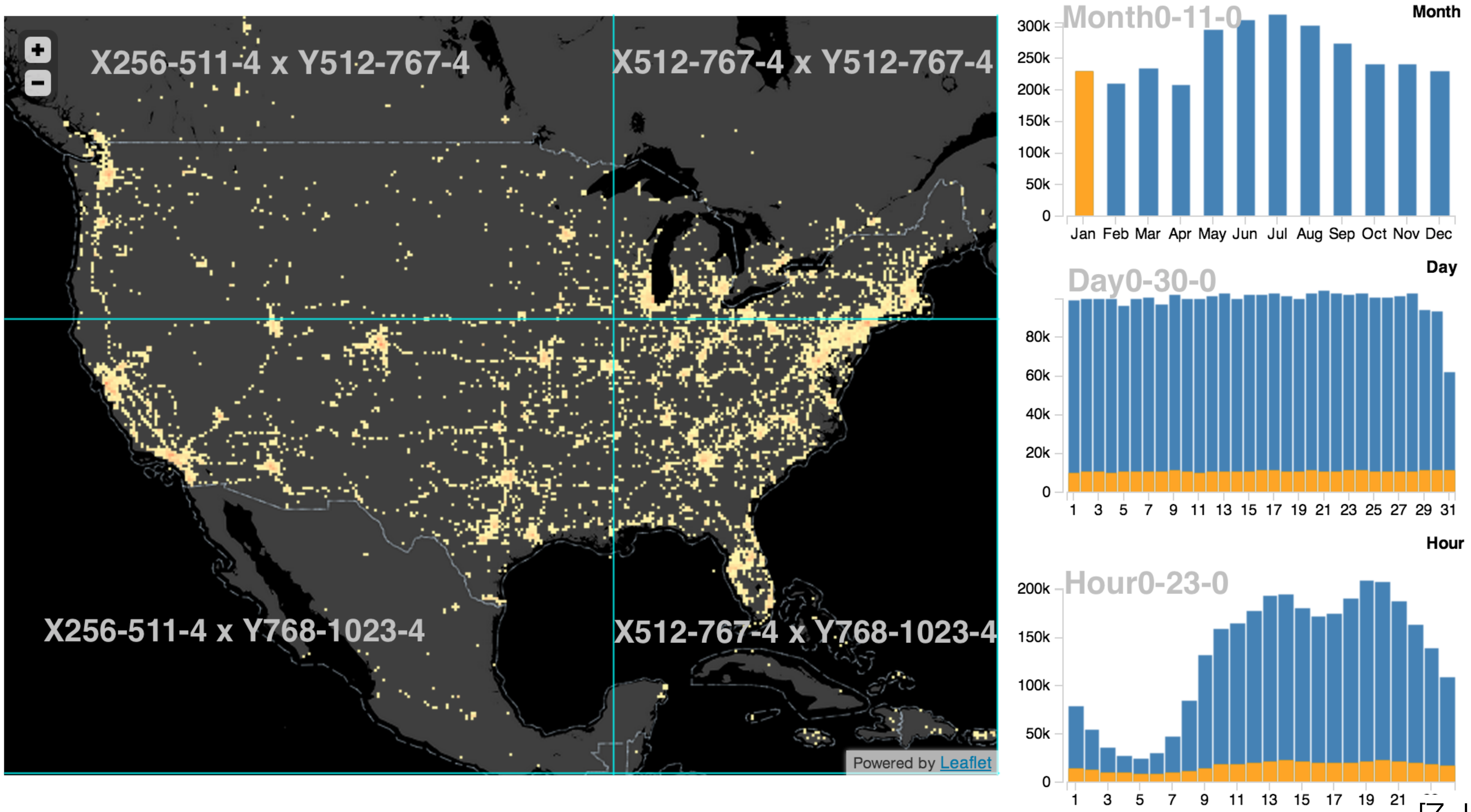
Break into Tiles



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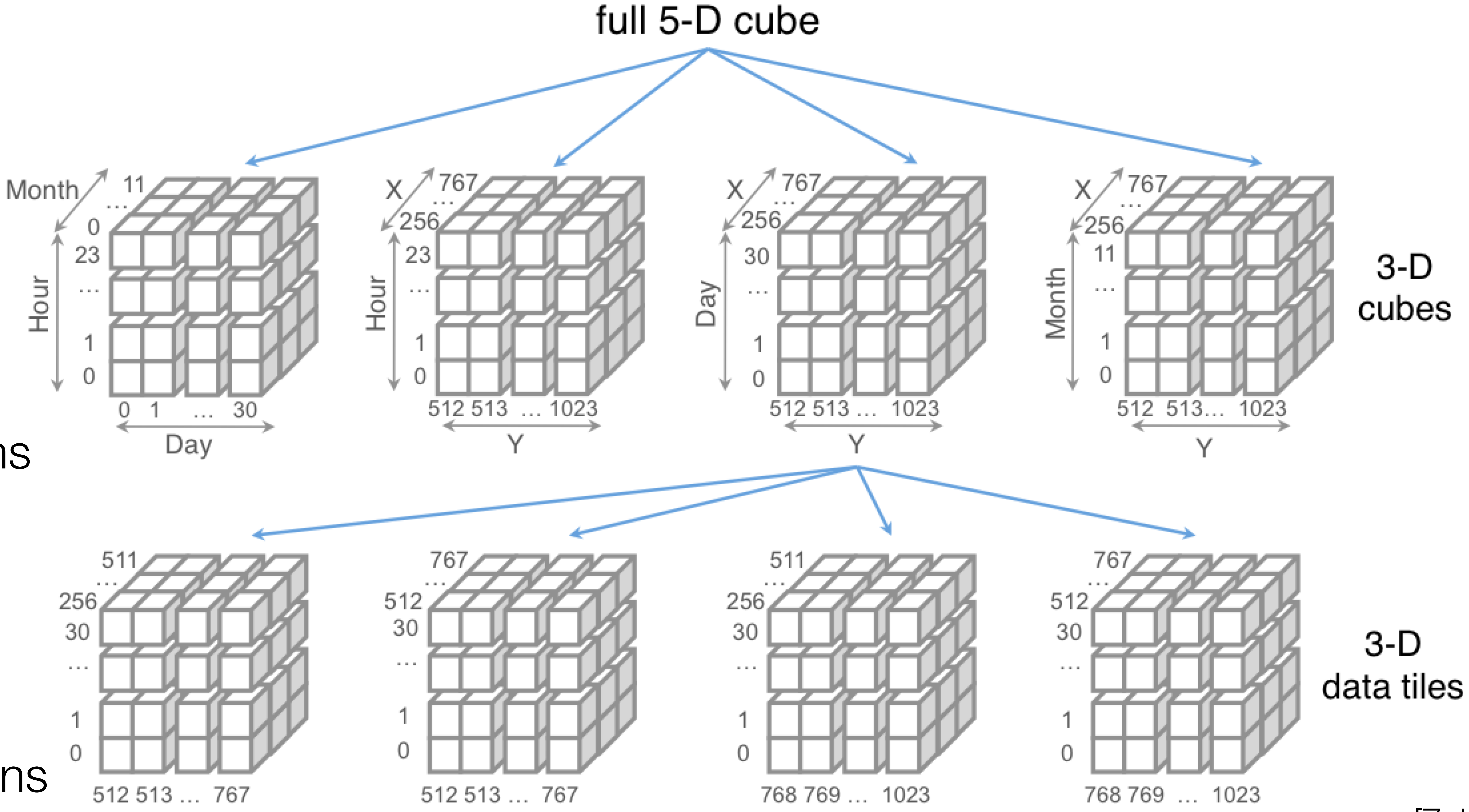
Data Cube Decomposition



~2.3 B Bins

~17.6 M Bins

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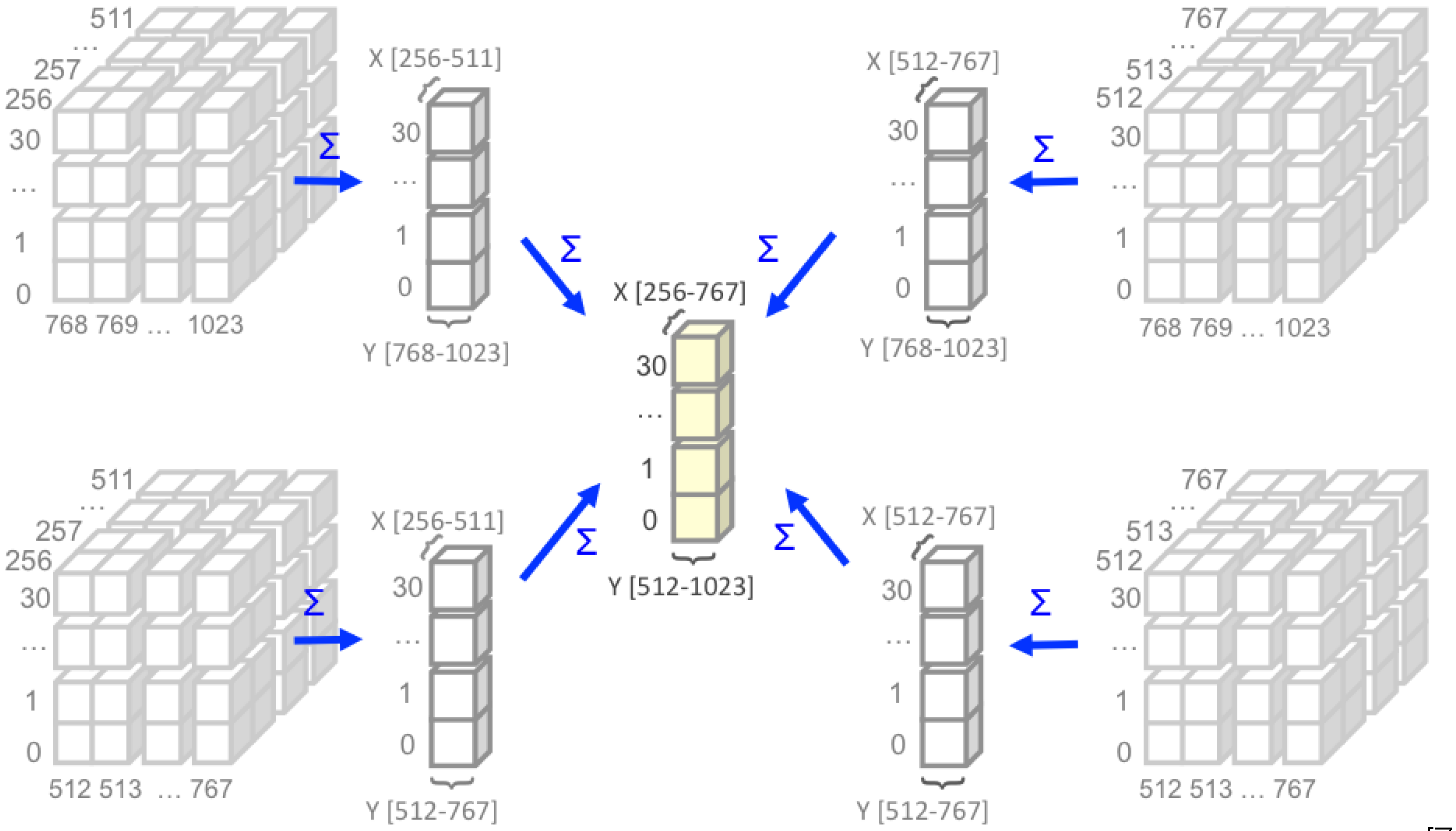
Aggregation of Tiles for Results



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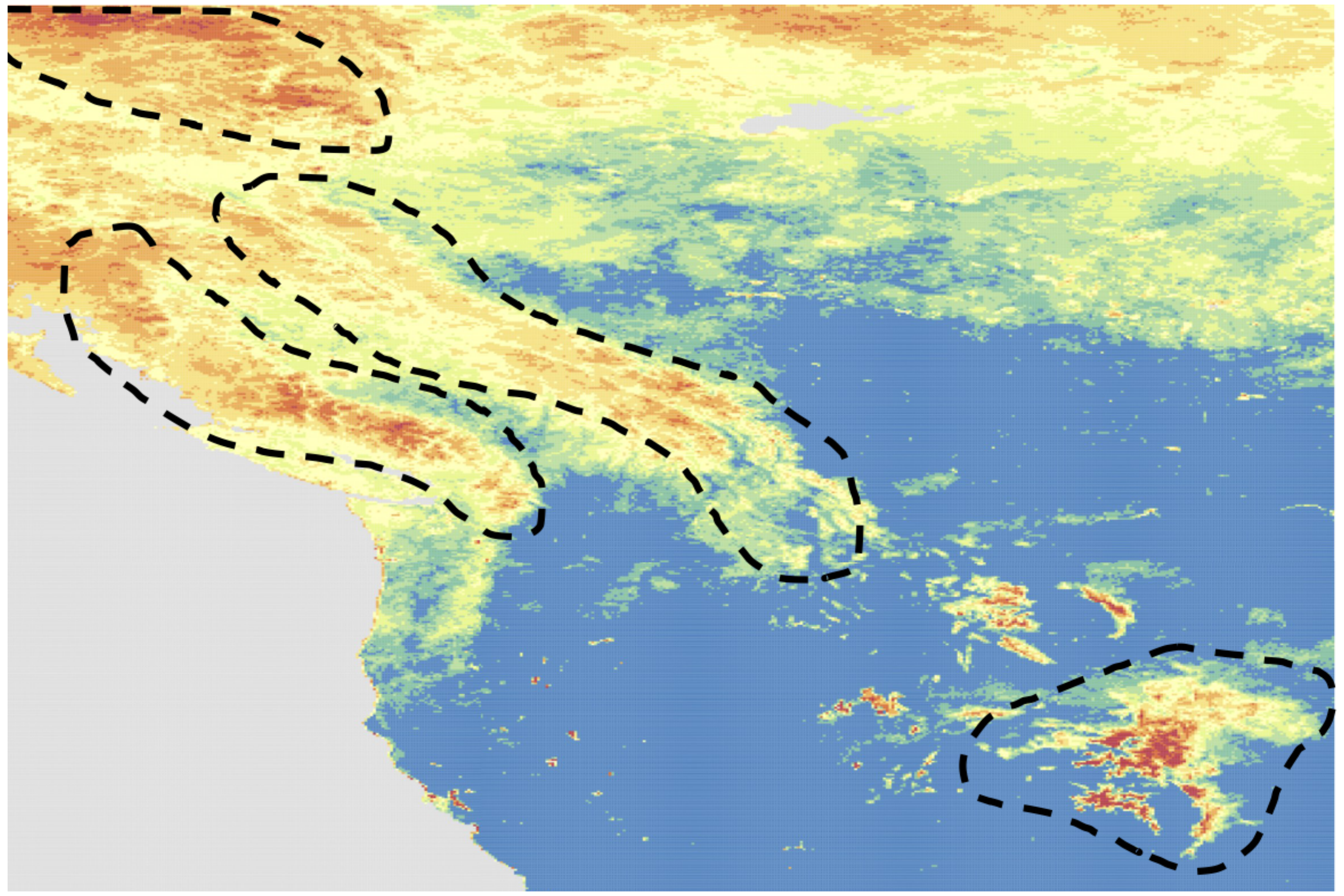
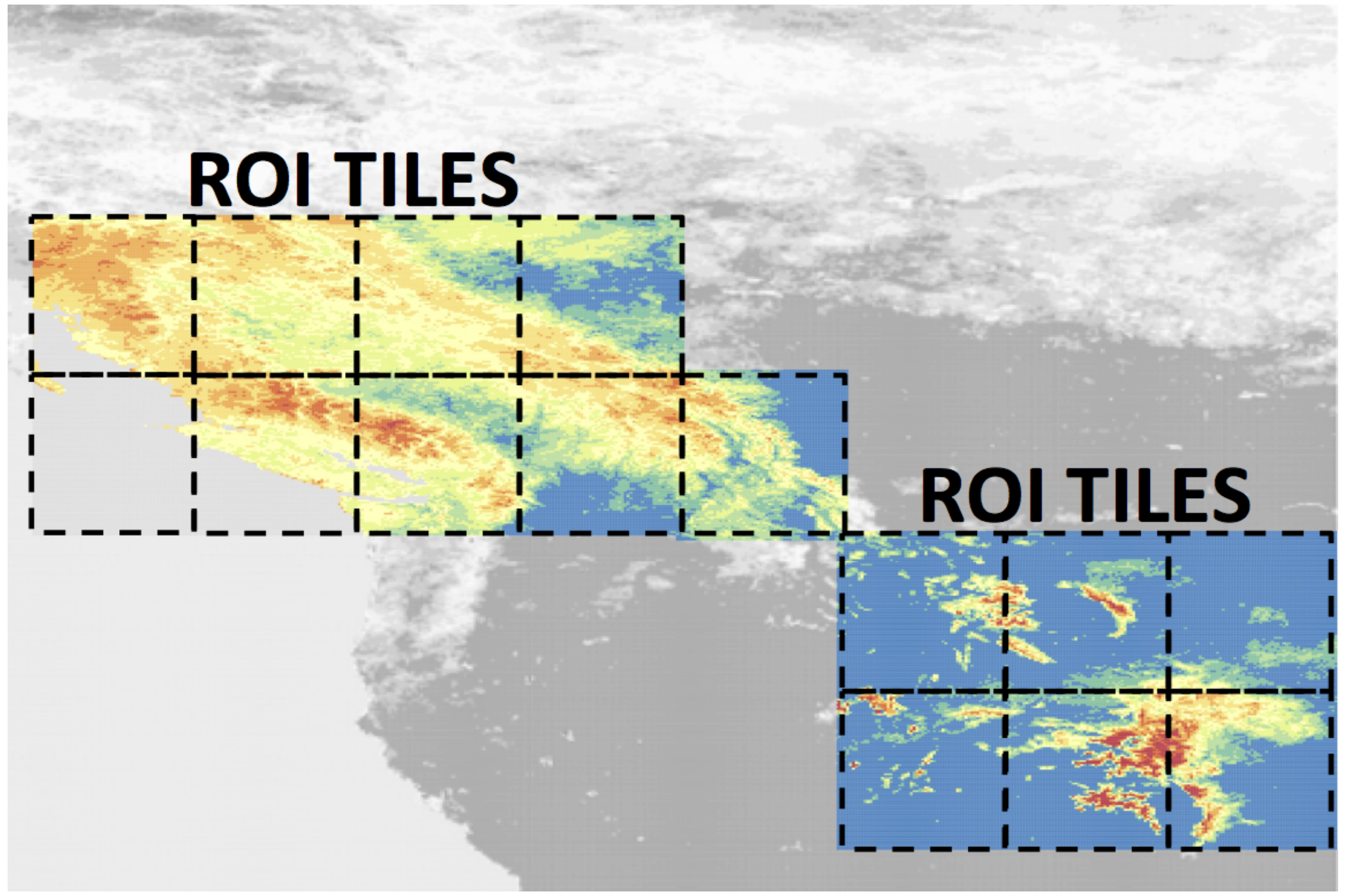
Prefetching (ForeCache)

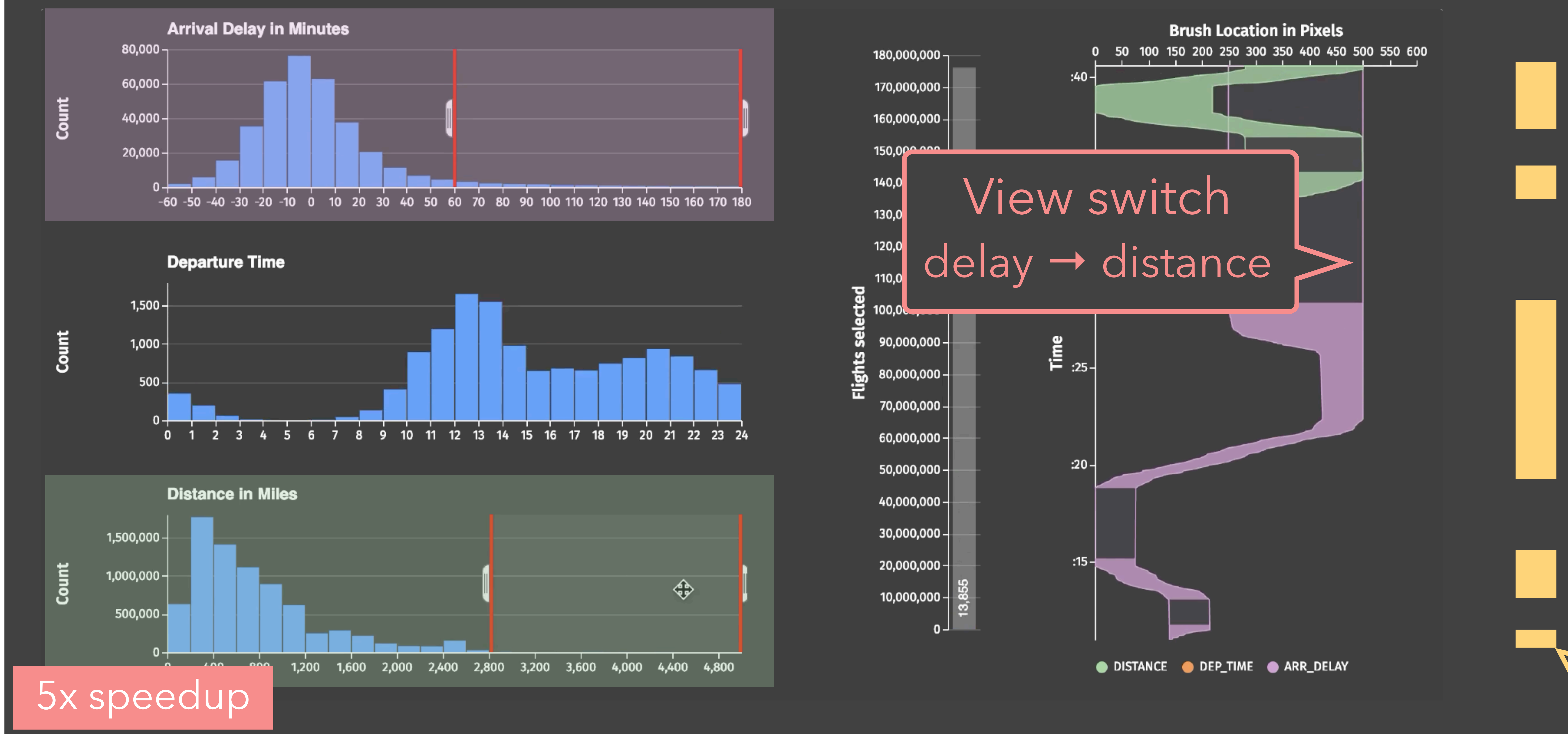
- Predict which tiles a user will need next and prefetch those
  - Use common patterns (zoom, pan)
  - Use regions of interest (ROIs)





[Battle et al., 2016]

Latency Differences in Tasks



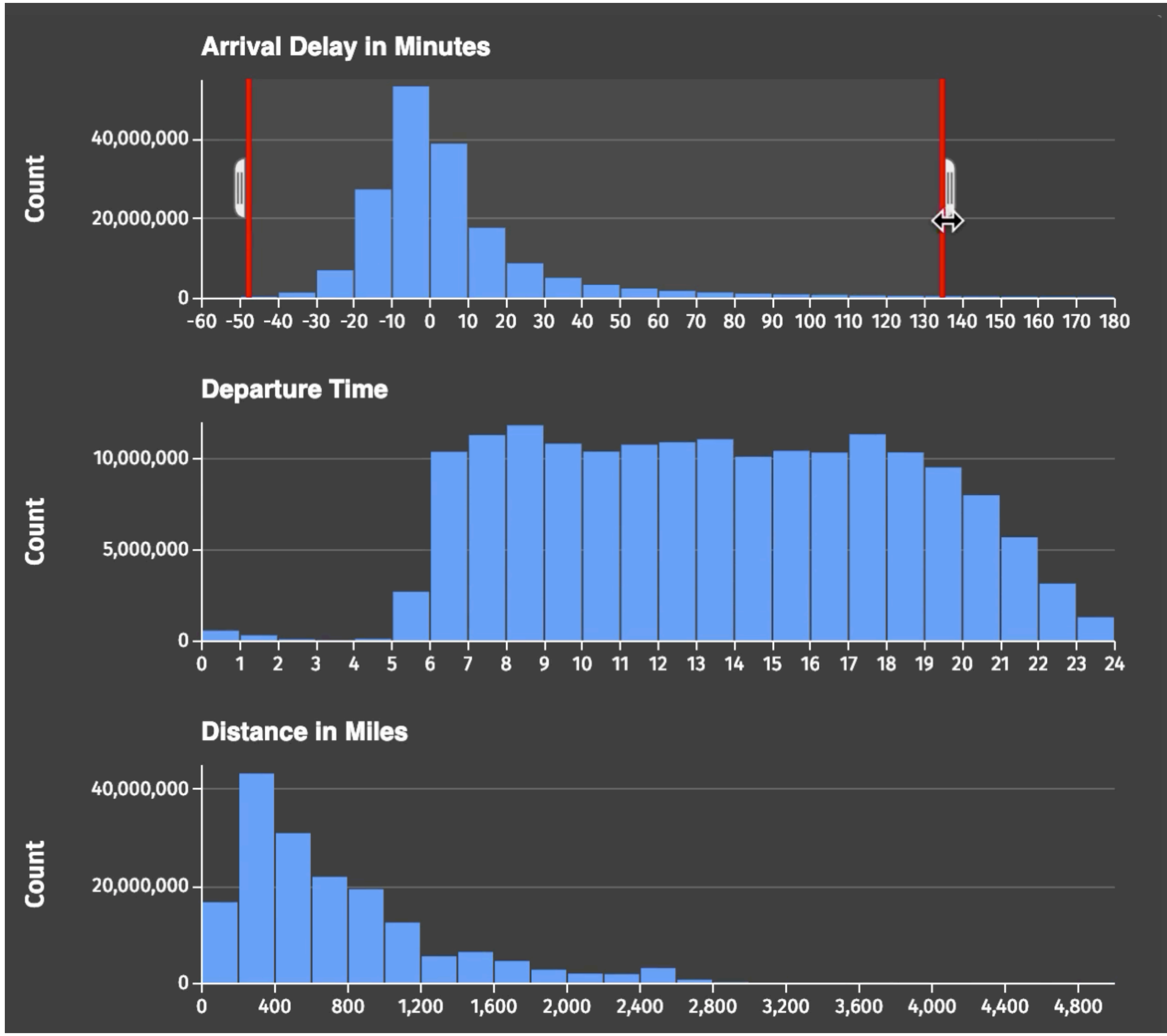
Brushing interactions

👁 Brushing is more common and people are sensitive to latencies.

💡 Prioritize brushing latency over view switching latency.

[D. Moritz et al. via J. Heer]

Task-Prioritized Prefetching



brushes in the precomputed view

serves requests from a data cube

Data Cube. Gray et al. *1997.*

interacts with a new view

query for new data cubes

[D. Moritz et al. via J. Heer]

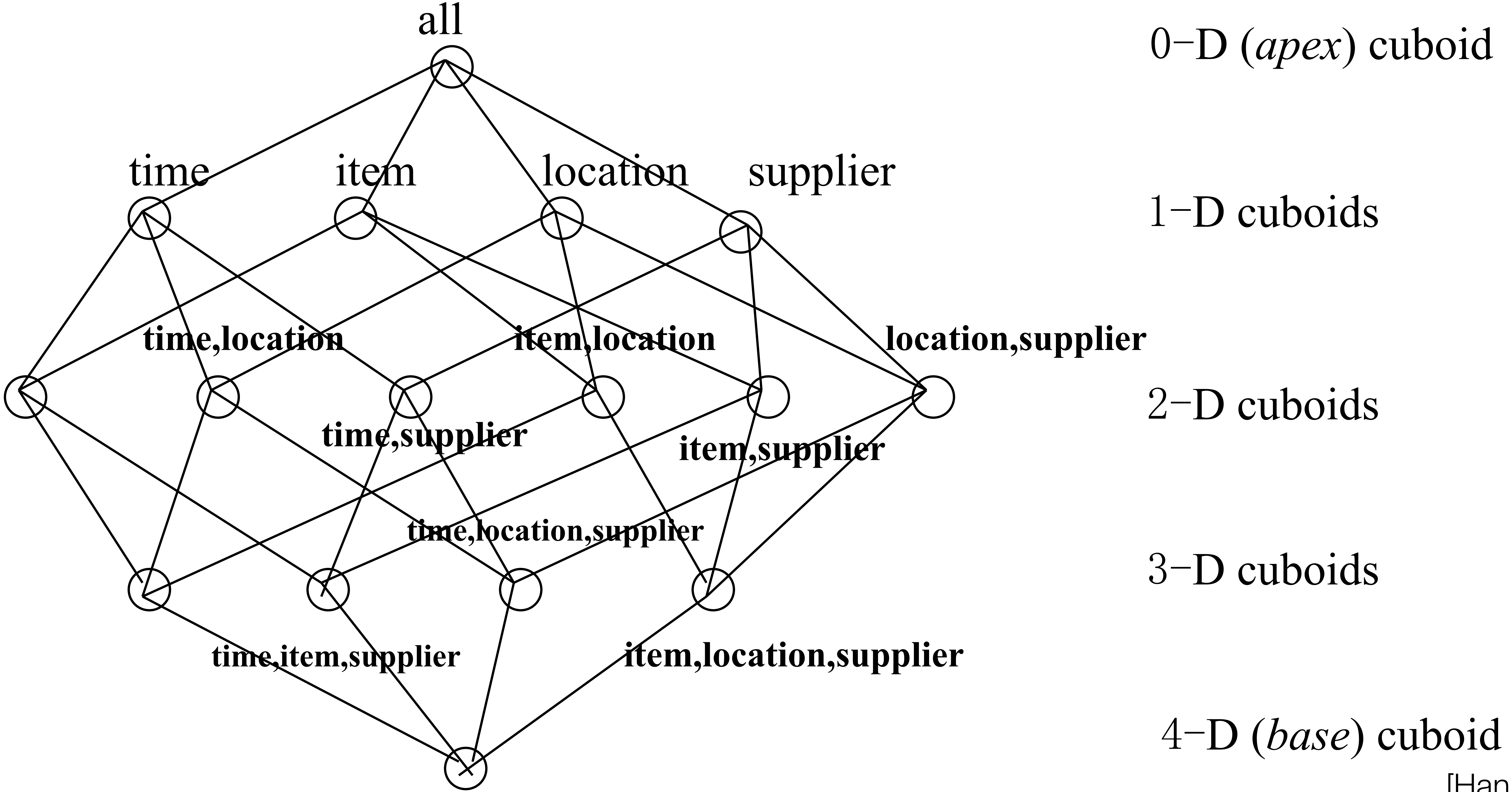
Assignment 5

- Spatial, Graph, and Temporal Data Processing

Data Cubes

J. Han, M. Kamber, and J. Pei

Data Cube: A Lattice of Cuboids



[Han et al., 2011]

Cube Operations

- Roll-up: aggregate up the given hierarchy
- Drill-down: refine down the given hierarchy
- Roll-up and drill-down are "inverses"

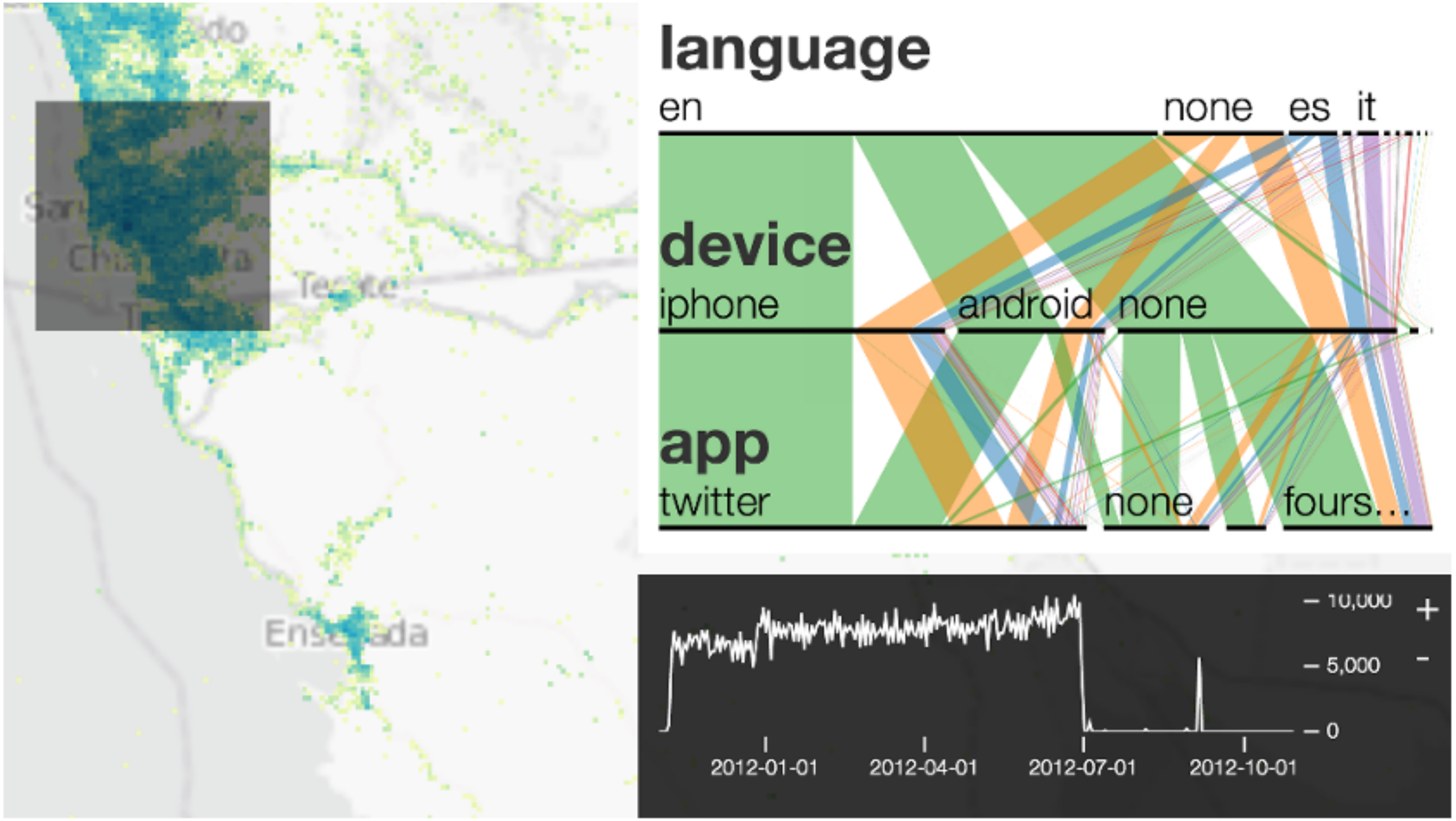
Spatial Data Exploration Motivation

L. Battle

Nanocubes for Real-Time Exploration of Spatiotemporal Datasets

L. Lins, J. T. Klosowski, and C. Scheidegger

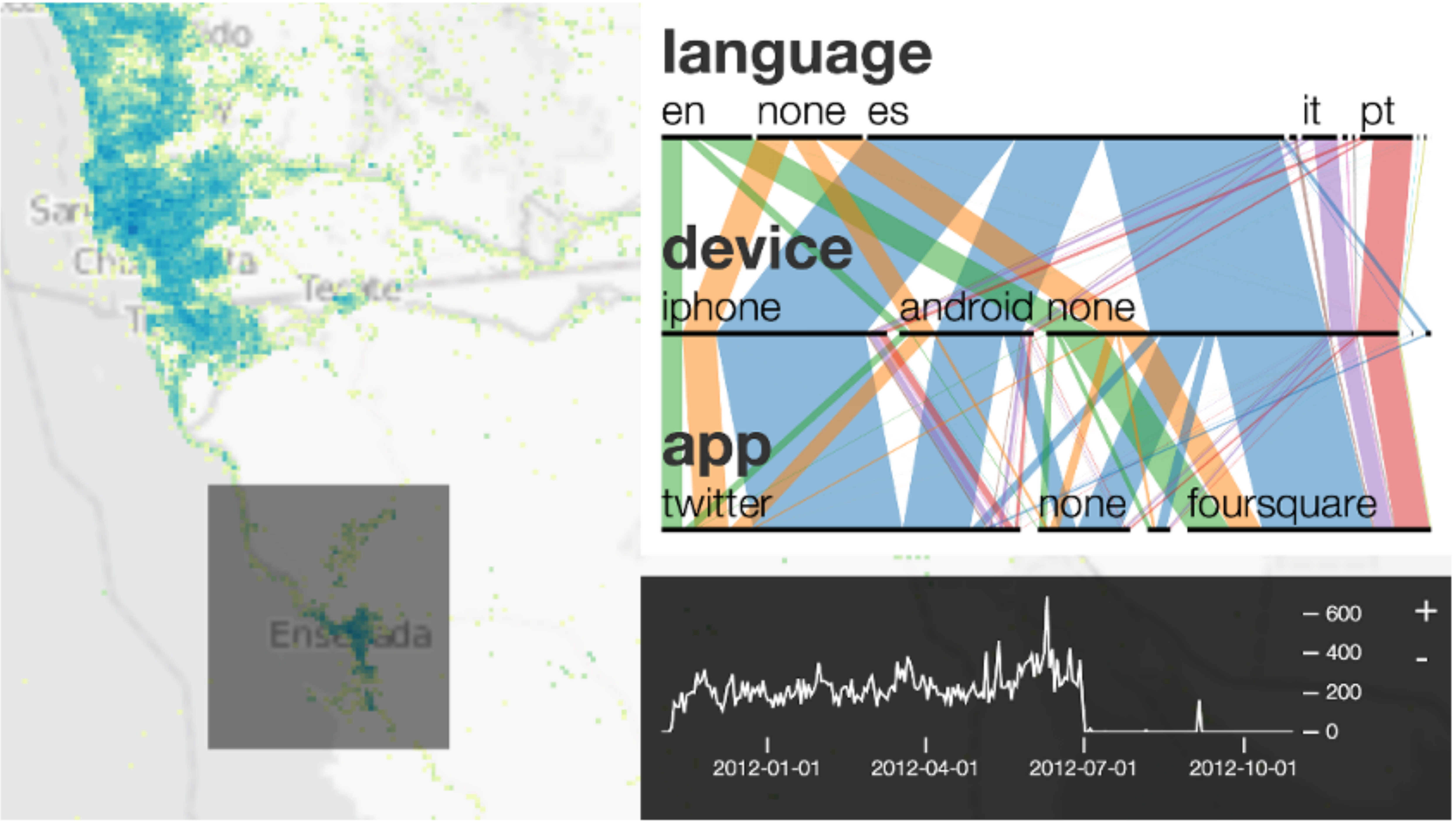
Goal: Interactive Exploration of Data Cubes



Linked view of tweets in San Diego, US

[Lins et. al, 2013]

Move to Another Location



Linked view of tweets in Ensenada, Mexico

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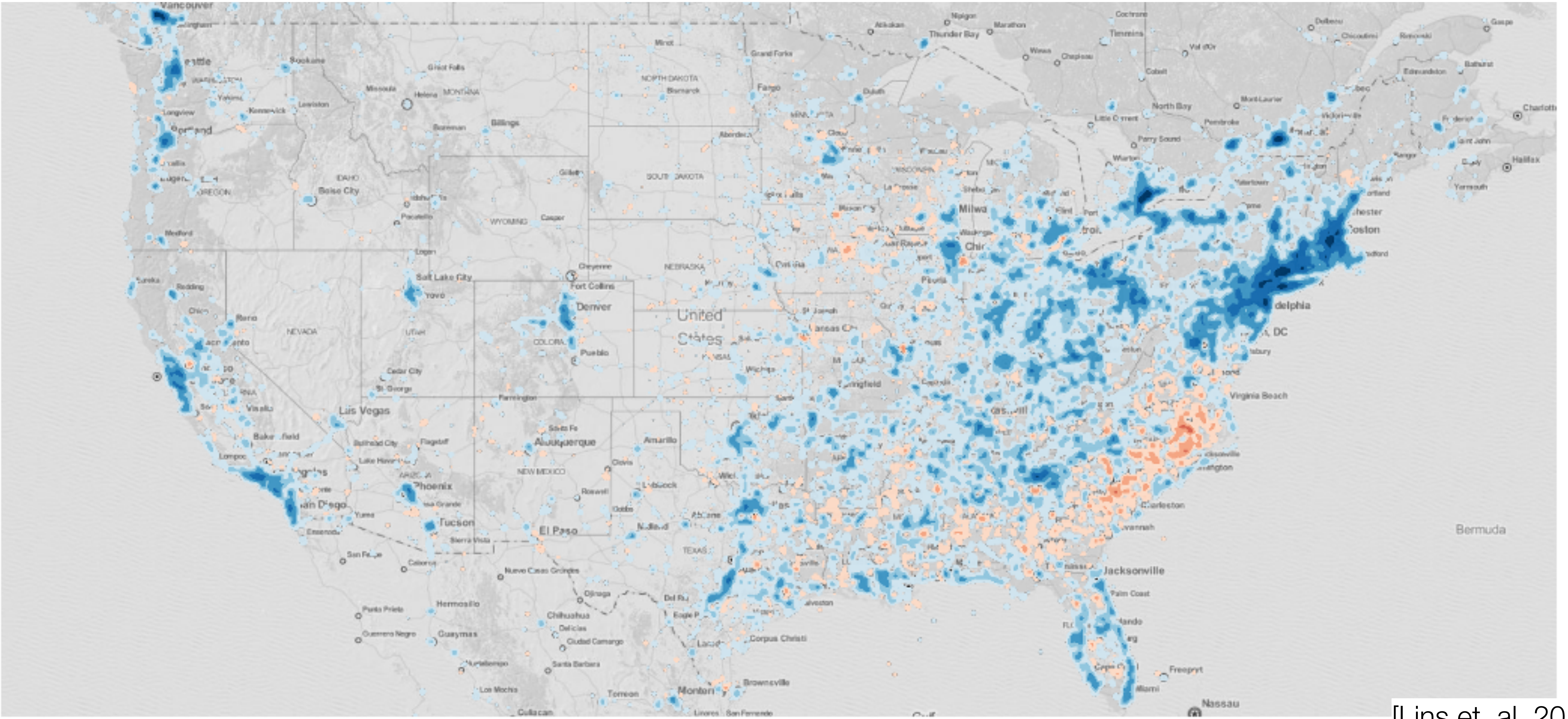
iPhone vs. Android Map



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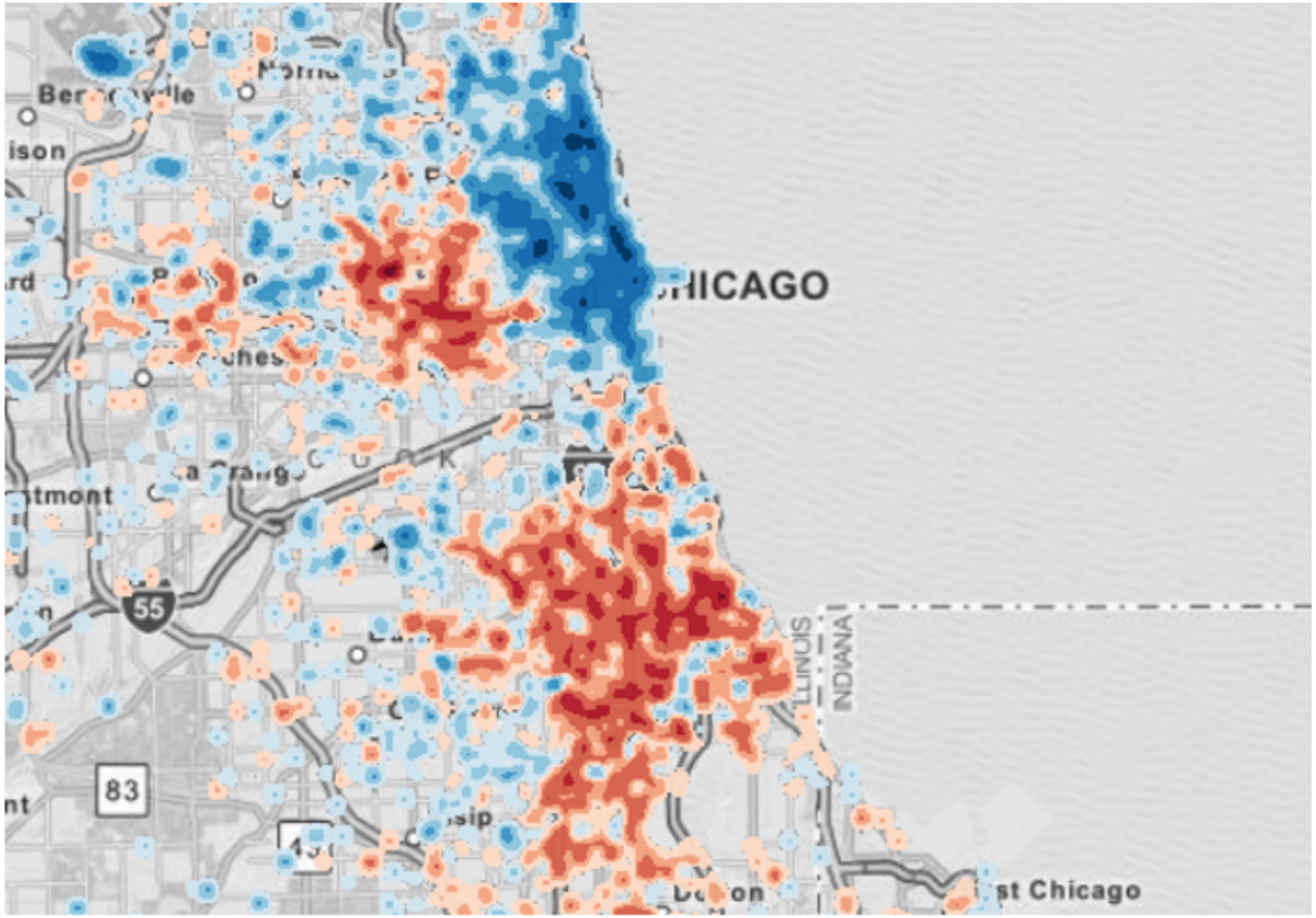
Zoom into Chicago



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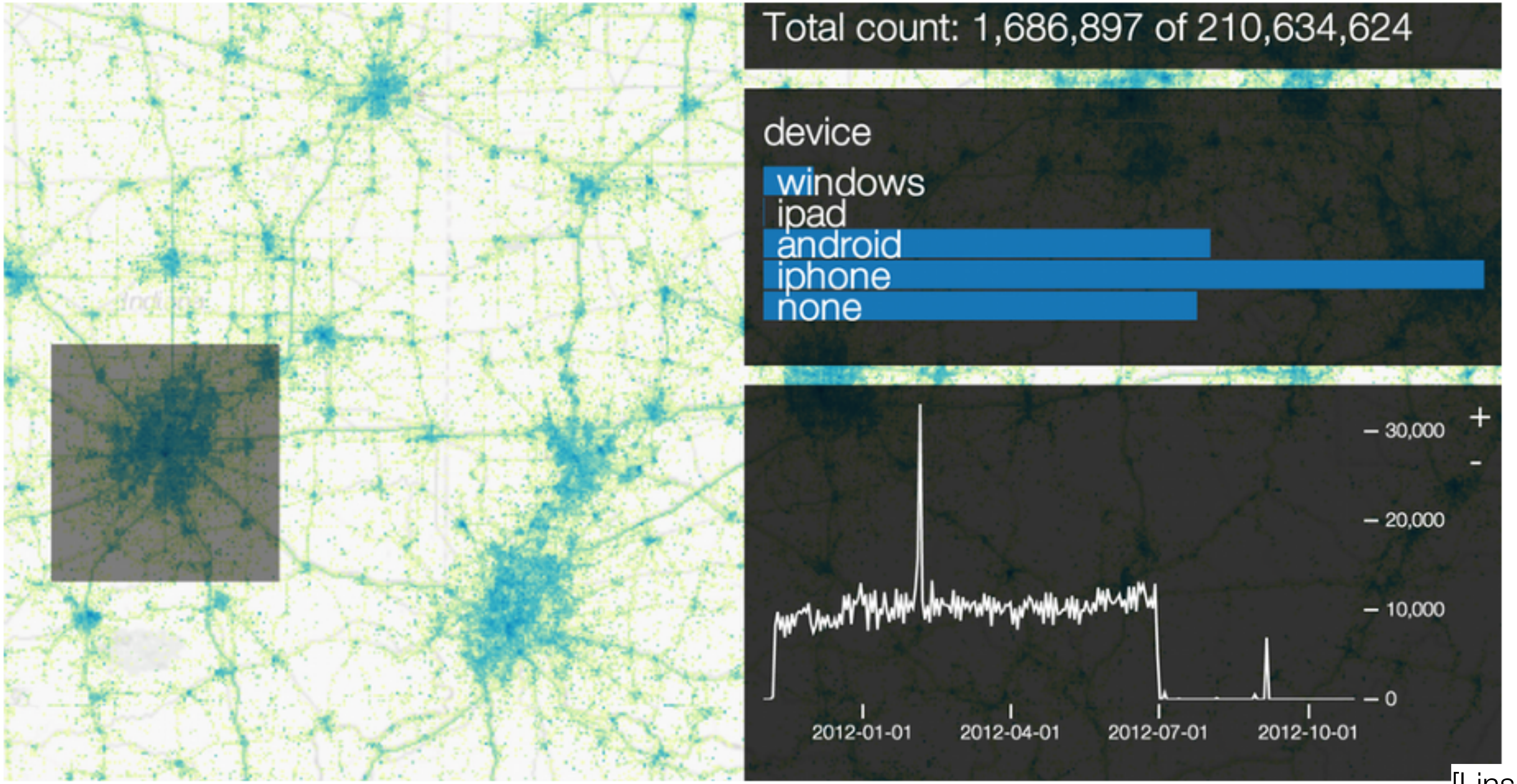
SuperBowl in Indianapolis



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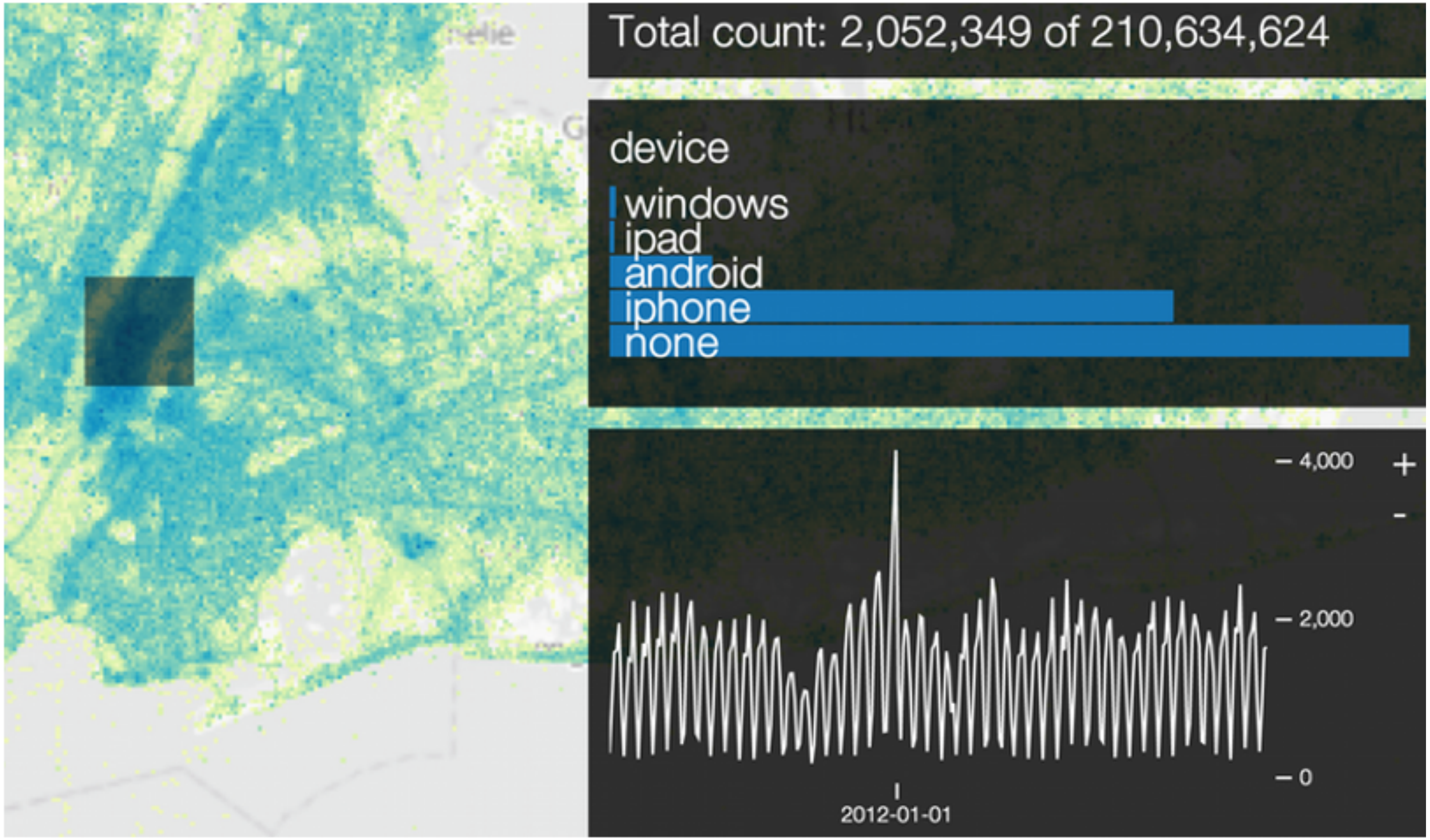
New Year's Eve in Manhattan



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Aggregations on Spatiotemporal Data

- Spatial: e.g. counting events in a spatial region (world or San Fran.)
- Temporal: e.g. queries at multiple scares (hour, day, week, month)
- Seek to address Visual Information Seeking Mantra:
- Overview first, zoom and filter, details-on-demand
- Multidimensional:
  - Latitude, Longitude, Time + **more**

Data Cube Aggregations

Relation A

Country	*Device*	*Language*
US	Android	en
US	iPhone	ru
South Africa	iPhone	en
India	Android	en
Australia	iPhone	en

Aggregation B

Country	*Device*	*Language*	*Count*
All	*All*	*All*	5

Group By on *Device, Language* C

Country	*Device*	*Language*	*Count*
All	Android	en	2
All	iPhone	en	2
All	iPhone	ru	1

Cube on *Device, Language* D

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All	*All*	*All*	5
All	Android	*All*	2
All	iPhone	*All*	3
All	*All*	en	4
All	*All*	ru	1
All	iPhone	ru	1
All	Android	en	2
All	iPhone	en	2

Equivalent to Group By on all possible subsets of {*Device, Language*}

[Lins et. al, 2013]

Nanocube Queries

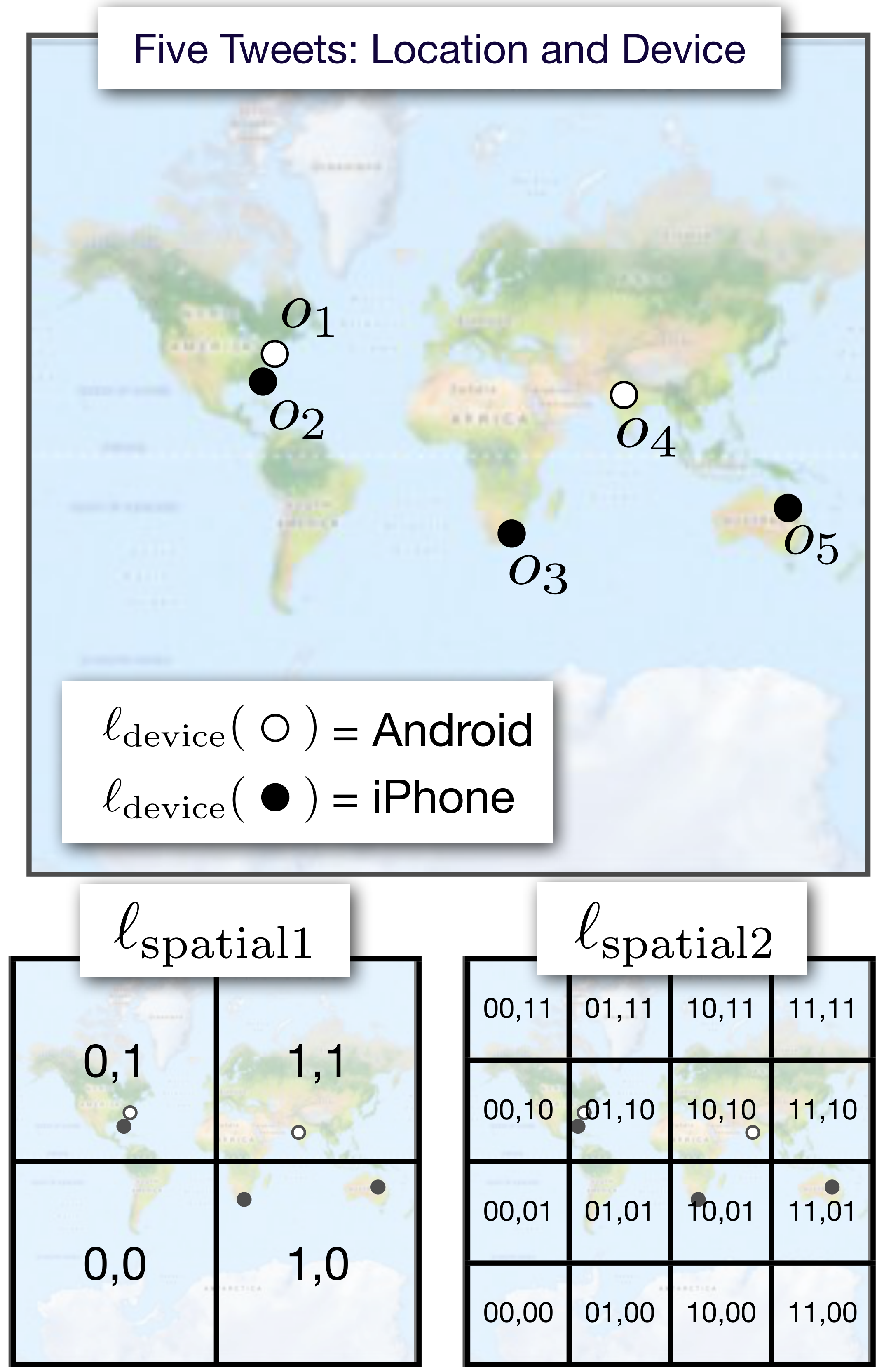
- Representing natural language queries as data cube queries

Natural language query	s		c		t		URL
count of all Delta flights	*R*	*U*	*R*	{ Delta }	*R*	*U*	/where/carrier=Delta
count of all Delta flights in the Midwest	*R*	Midwest	*R*	{ Delta }	*R*	*U*	/region/Midwest/where/carrier=Delta
count of all flights in 2010	*R*	*U*	*D*		*R*	2010	/field/carrier/when/2010
time-series of all United flights in 2009	*R*	*U*	*R*	{ United }	*D*	2009	/tseries/when/2009/where/carrier=United
heatmap of Delta flights in 2010	*D*	tile0	*R*	{ Delta }	*R*	2010	/tile/tile0/when/2010/where/carrier=Delta

- s = space, c = category, t = time
- R = rollup, D = drill down
- <value> after RD = subset of dimension's domain, U = universe
- Note that time queries are stored in an array of cumulative counts

[Lins et. al, 2013]

Building a Nanocube



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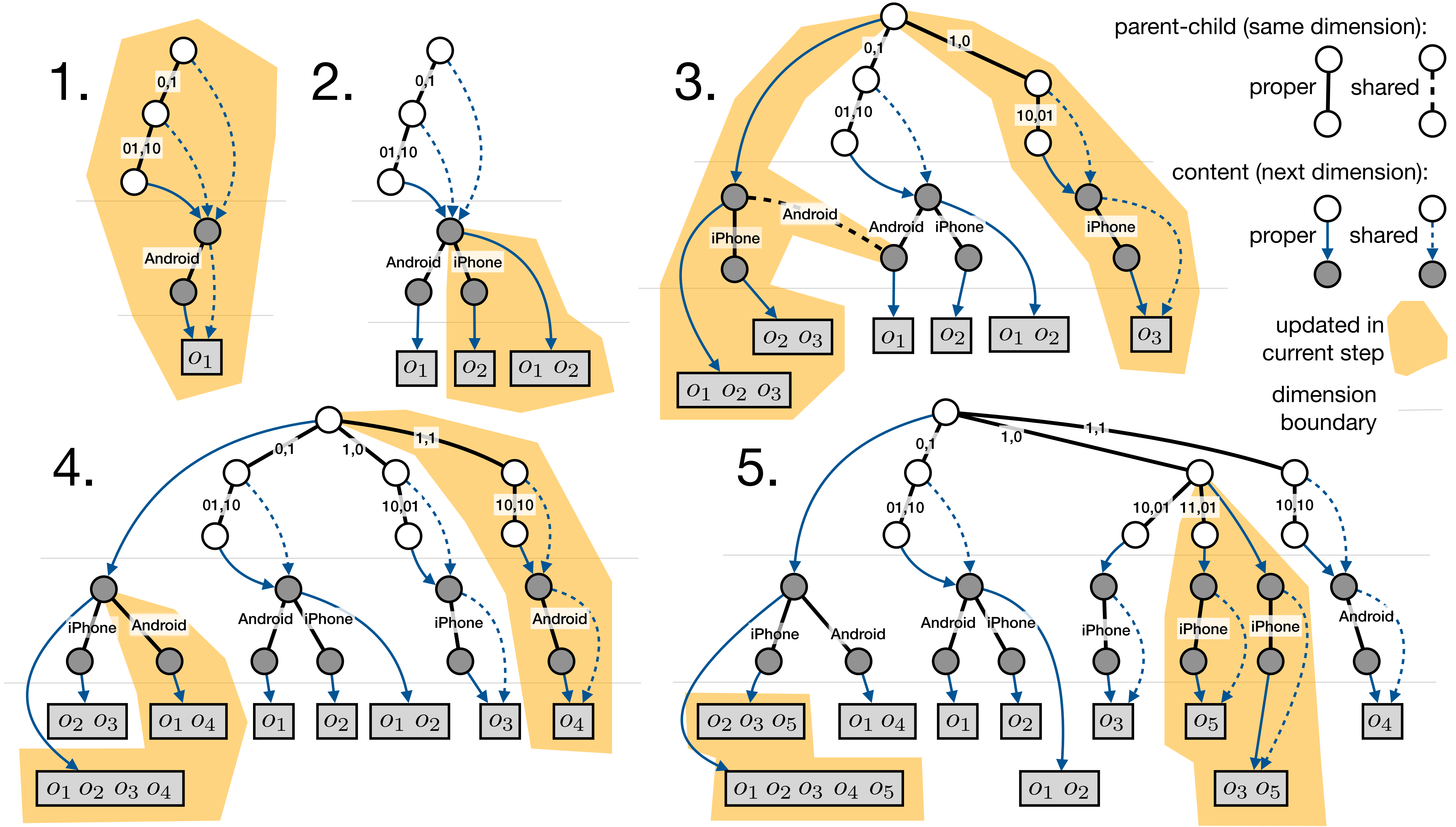

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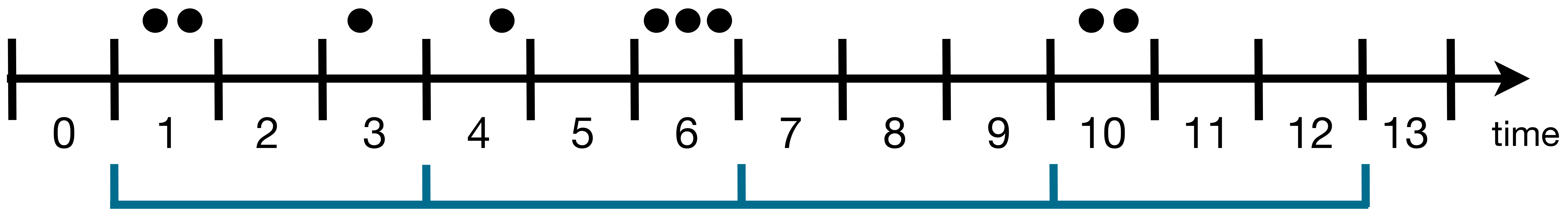
Summed-area Table

- Every node in the previous figure stores an array of timestamped counts like this:



query/tseries/1/3/4

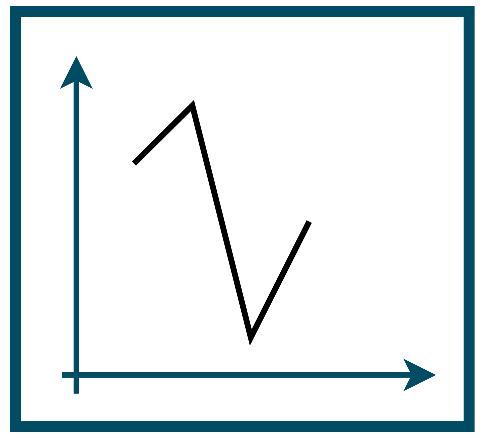
start at bin 1, use buckets of 3 bins each, and collect 4 of these buckets

solve using...

bin: 1 accum: 2	bin: 3 accum: 3	bin: 4 accum: 4	bin: 6 accum: 7	bin: 10 accum: 9

A Summed Table Sparse Representation for Counts

result



3	4	0	2

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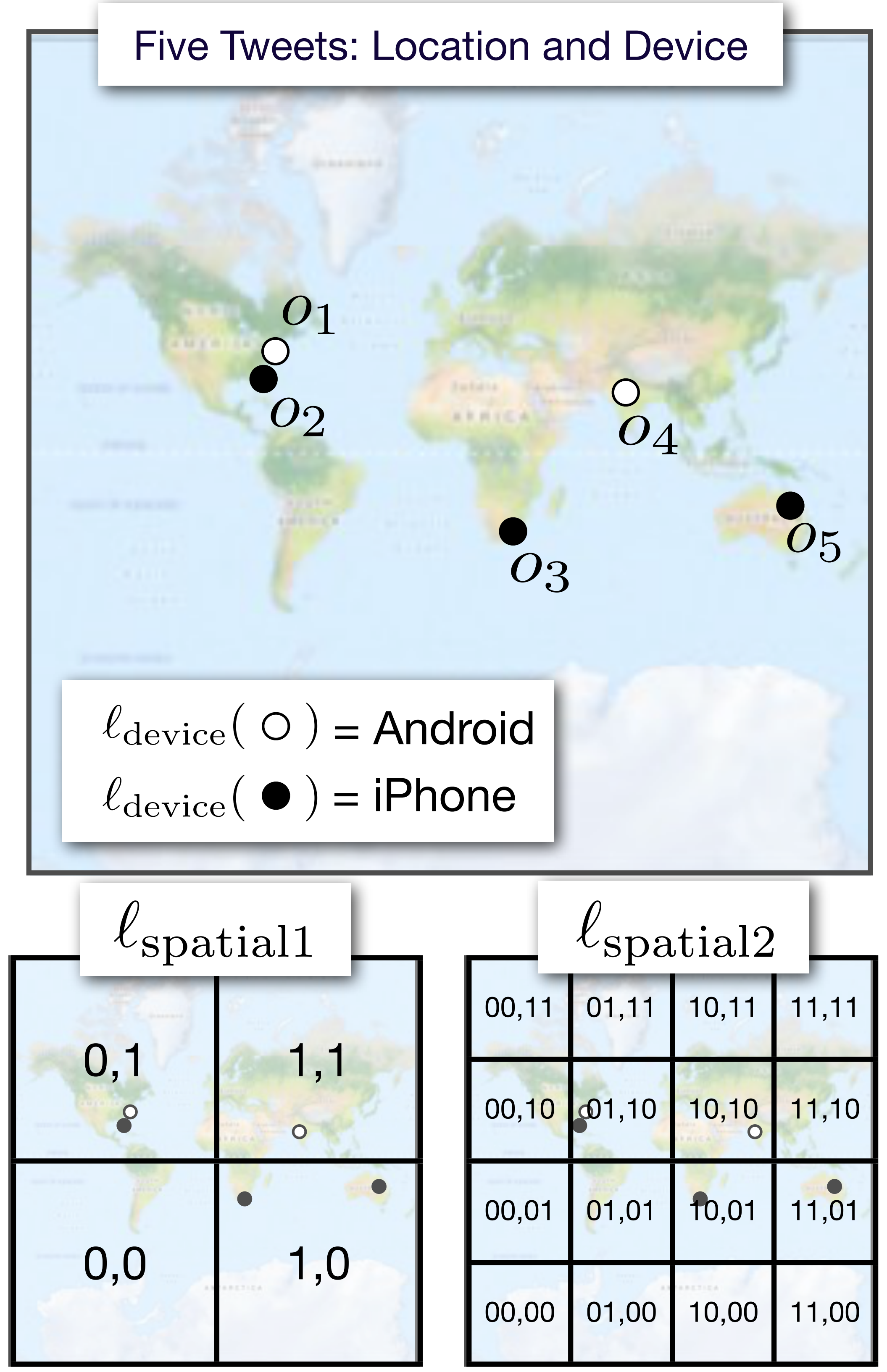

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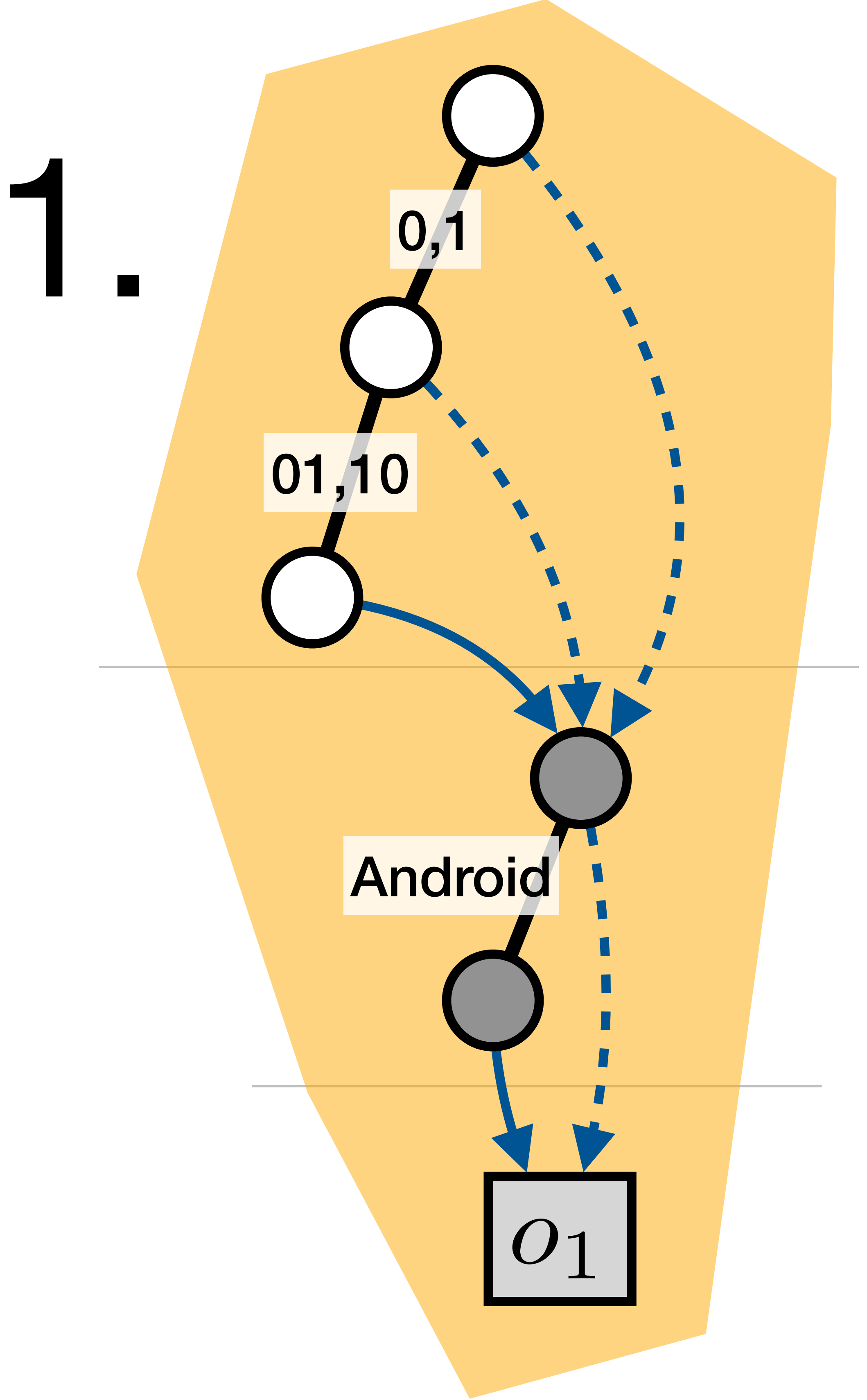

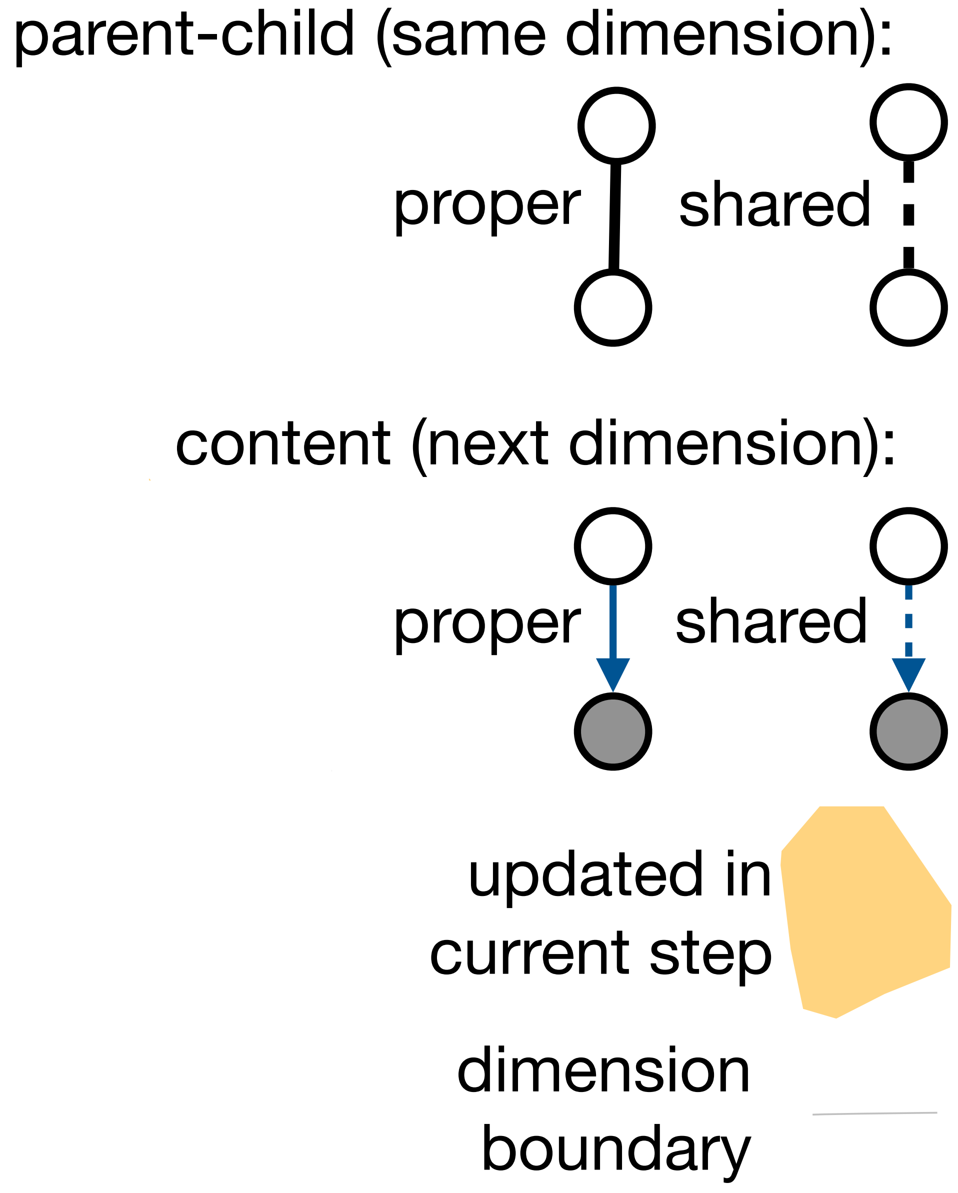

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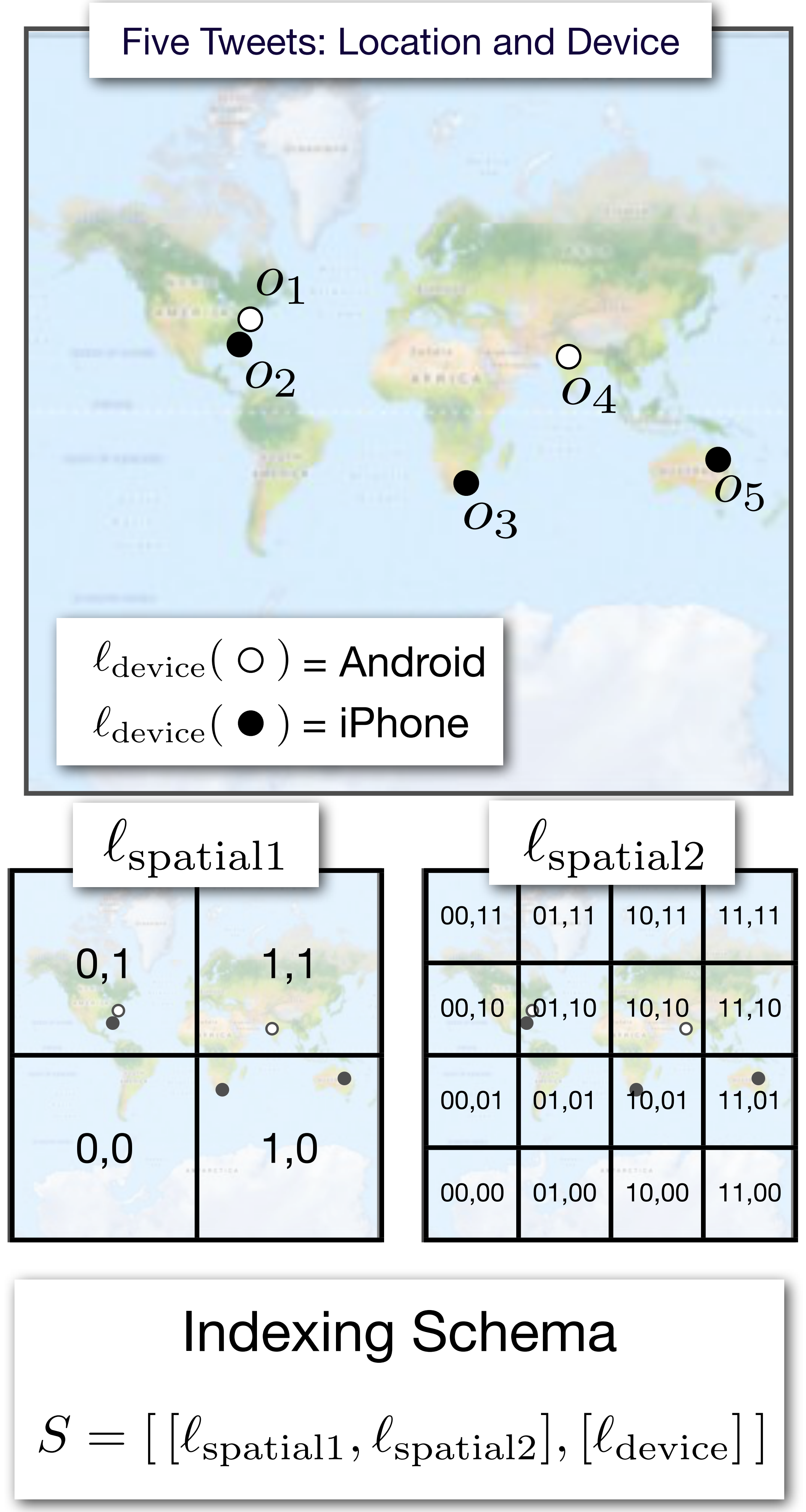

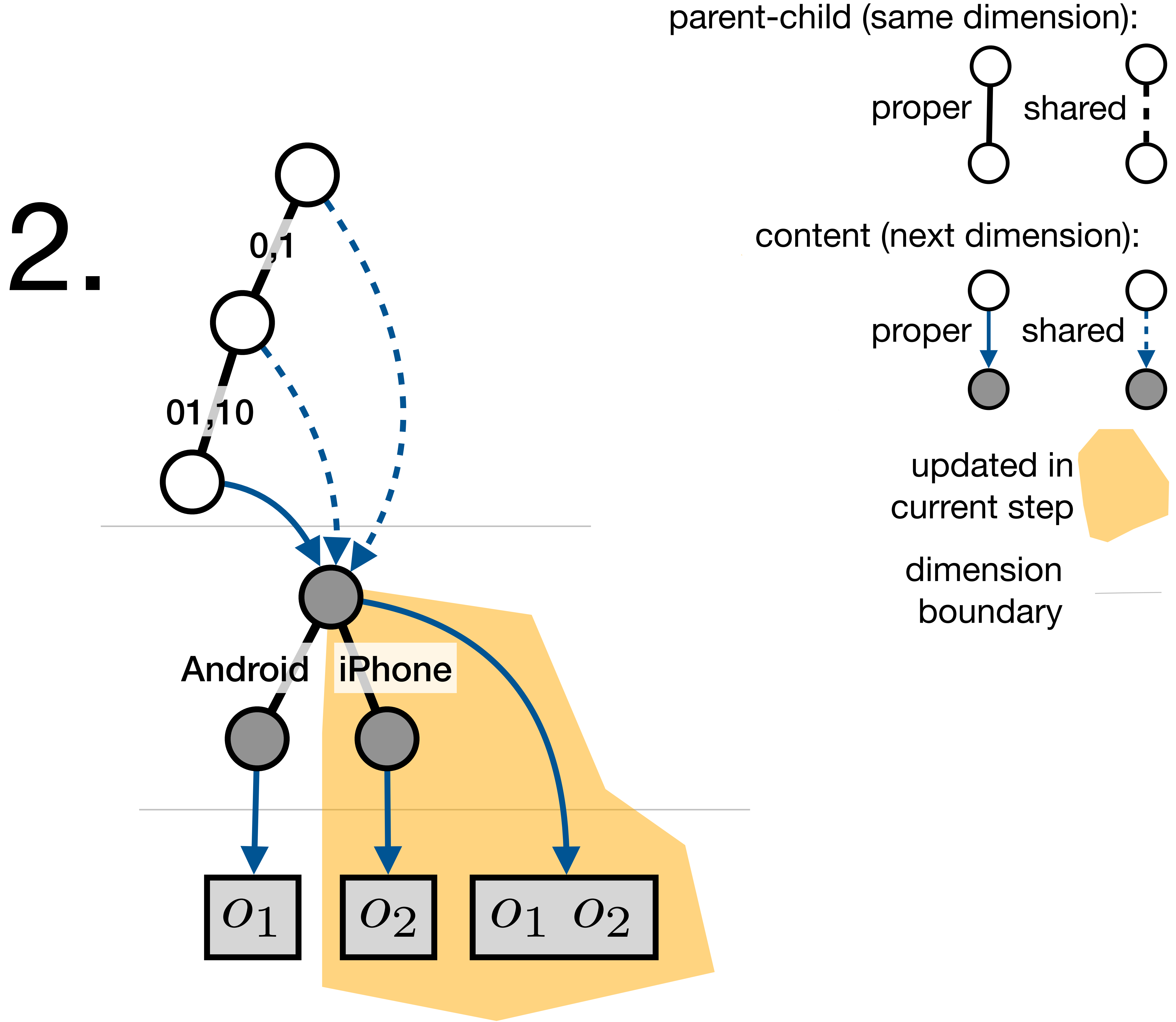

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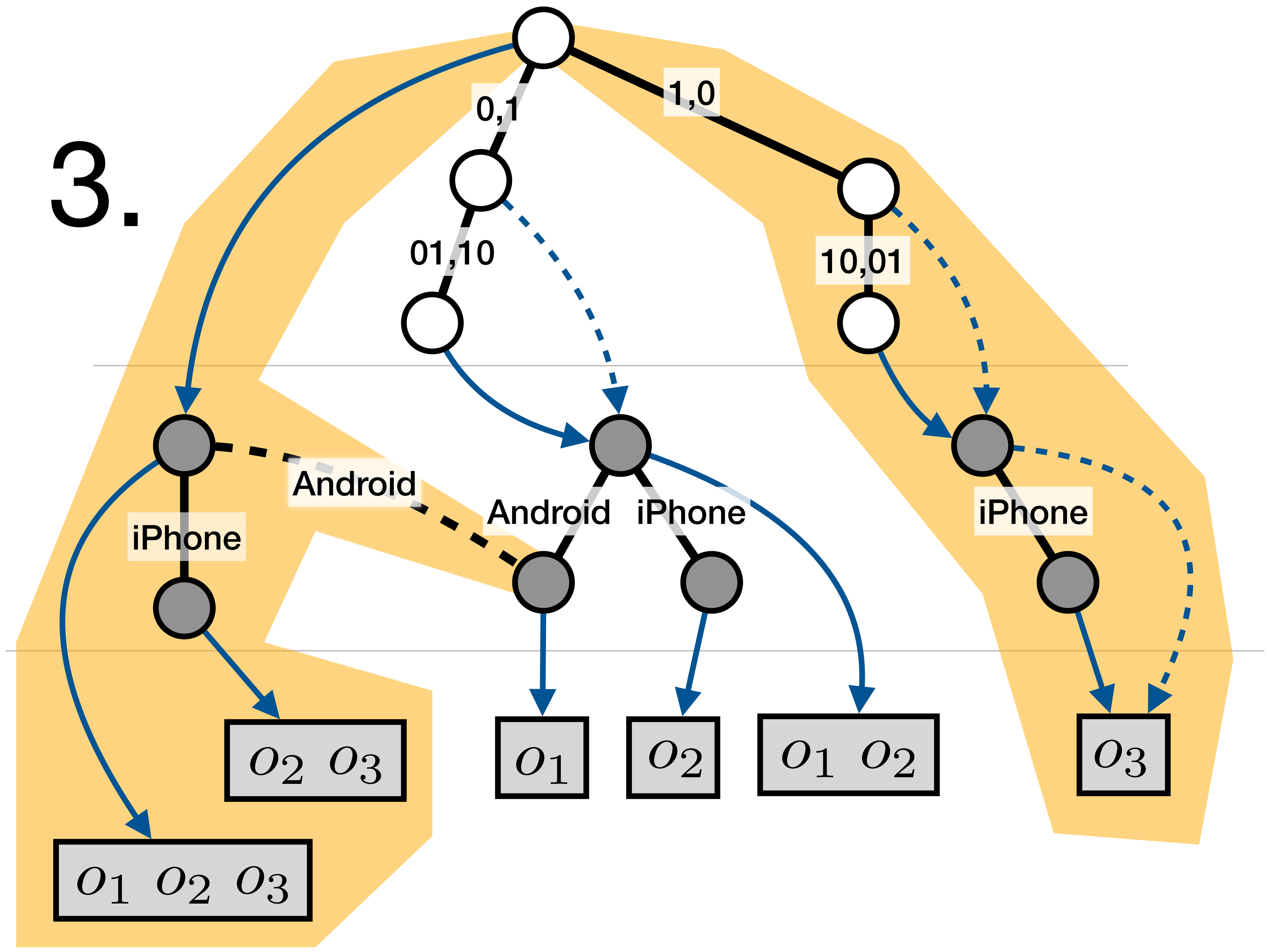

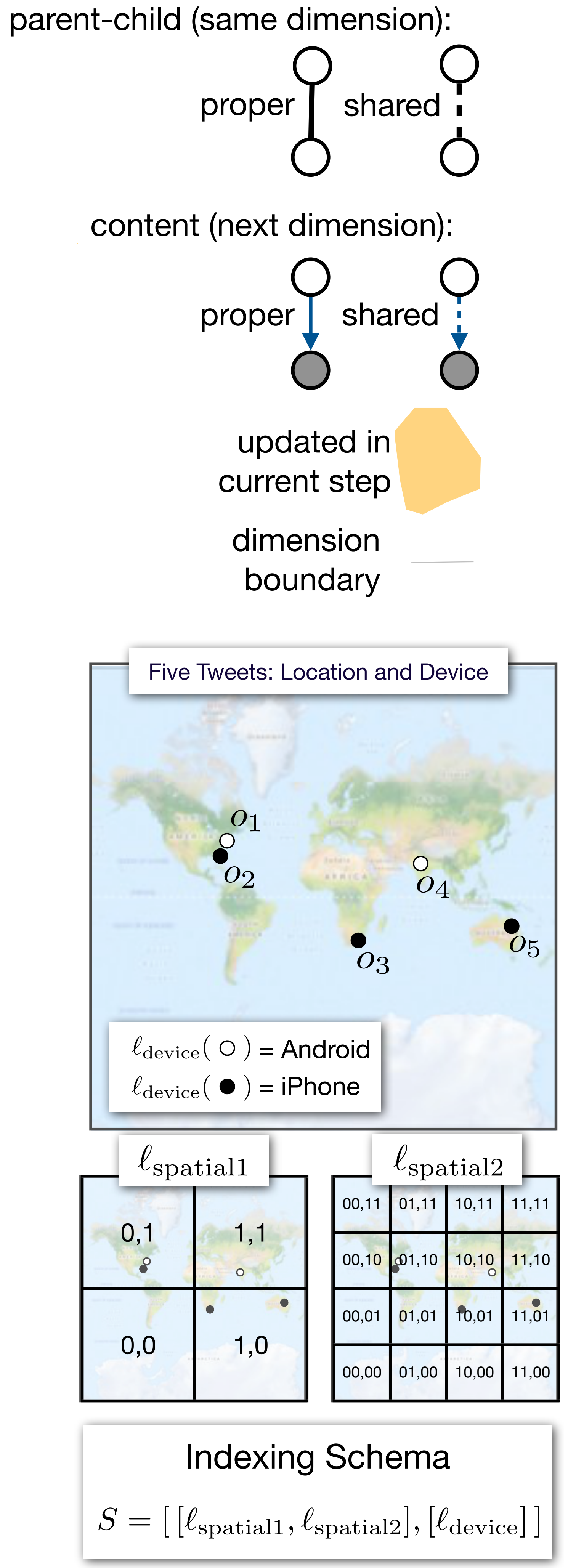

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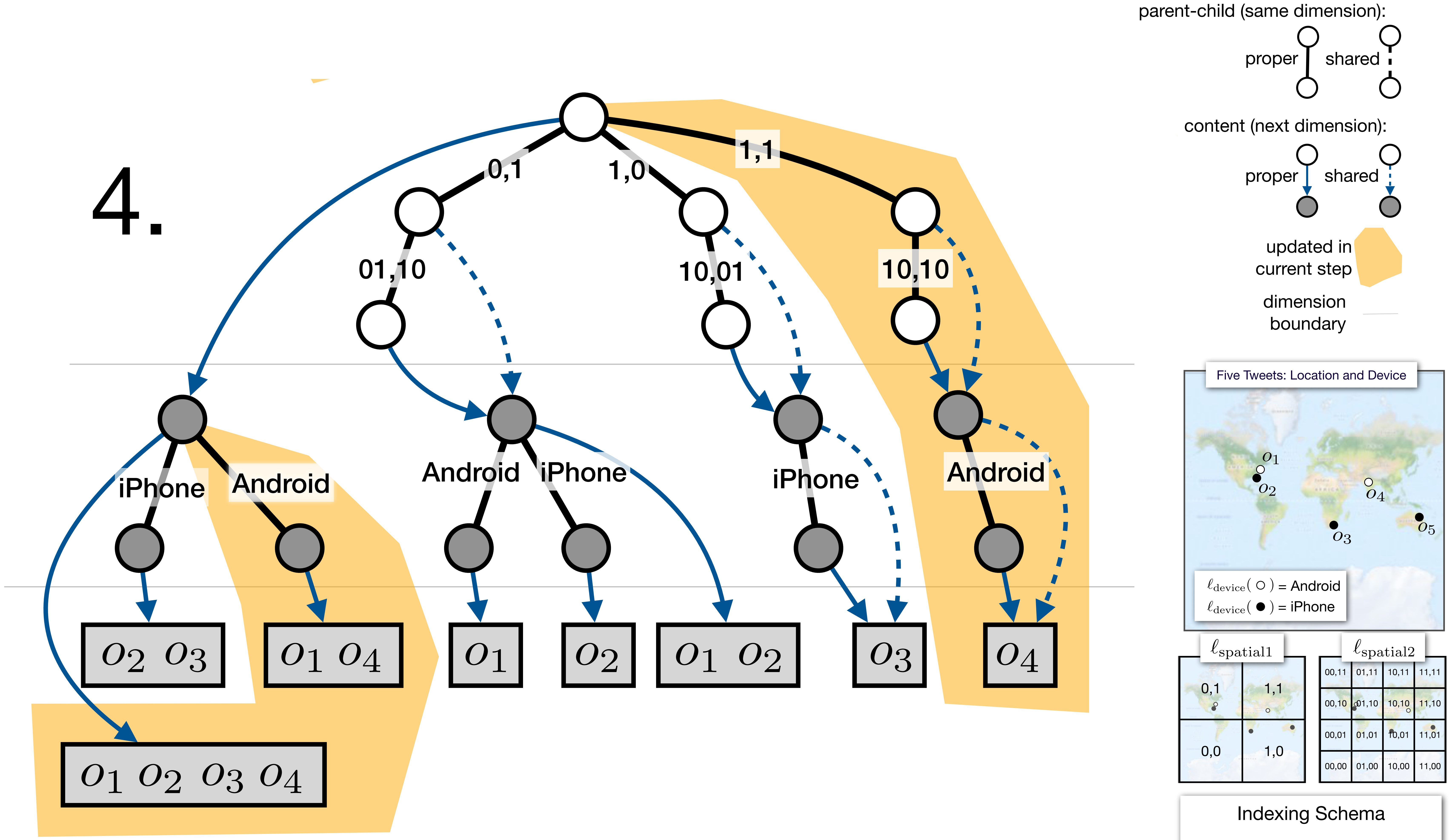

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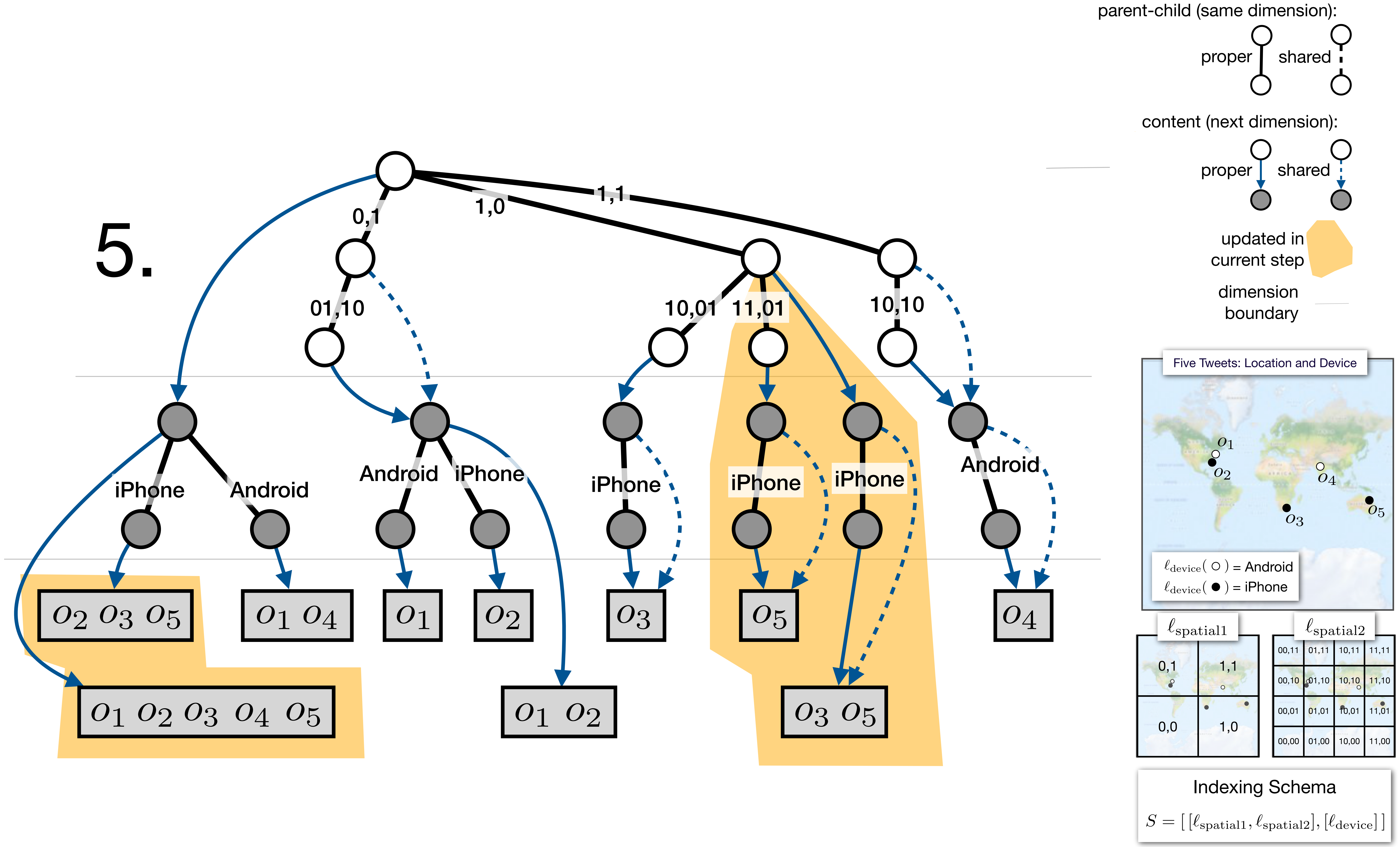

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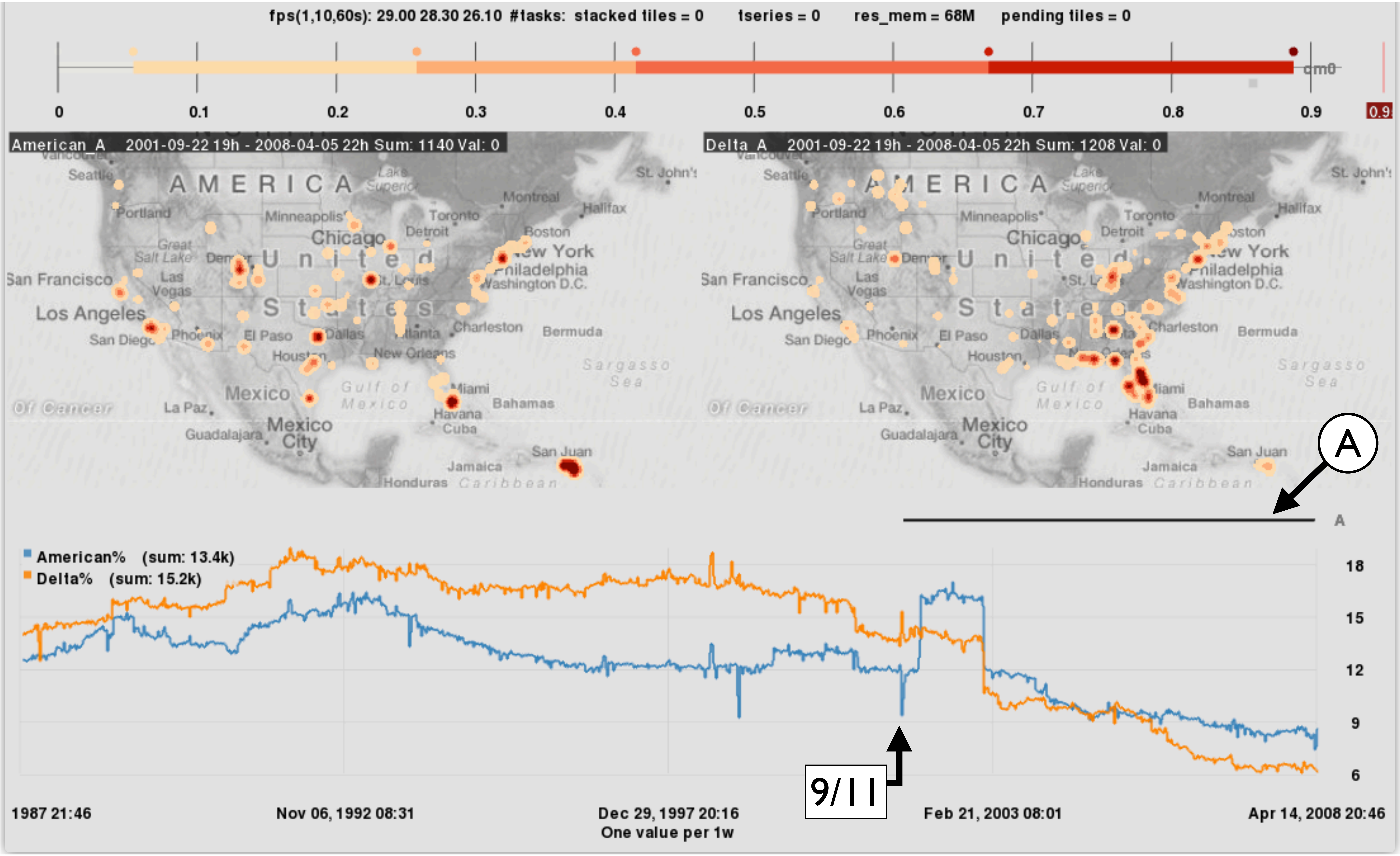
Nanocubes Discussion

- Save space by organizing the data in a manner that takes advantage of data sparseness
- Limited to one spatial dimension, one temporal dimension
- Precompute **once**, then exploration has **low latency**

Example: American vs. Delta



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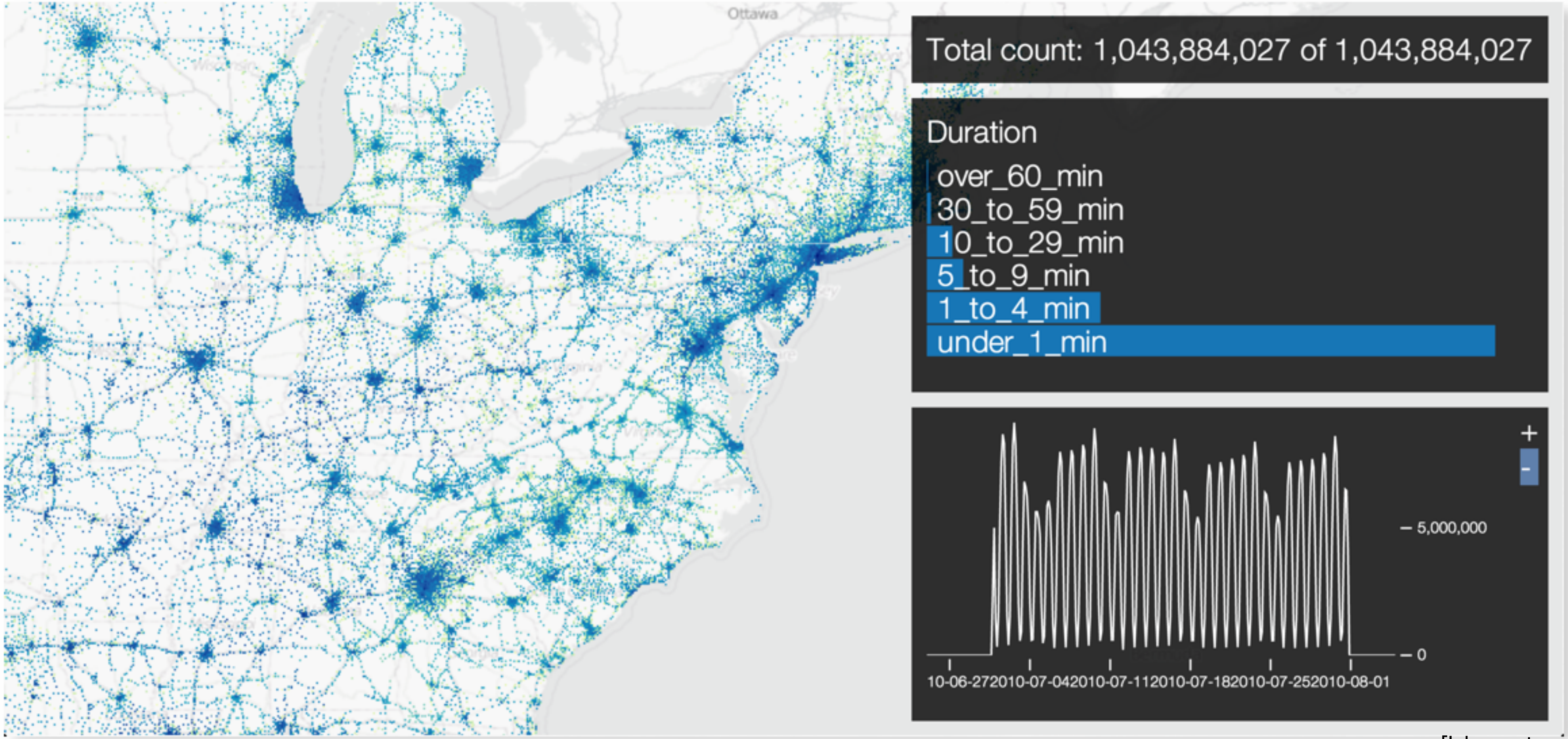

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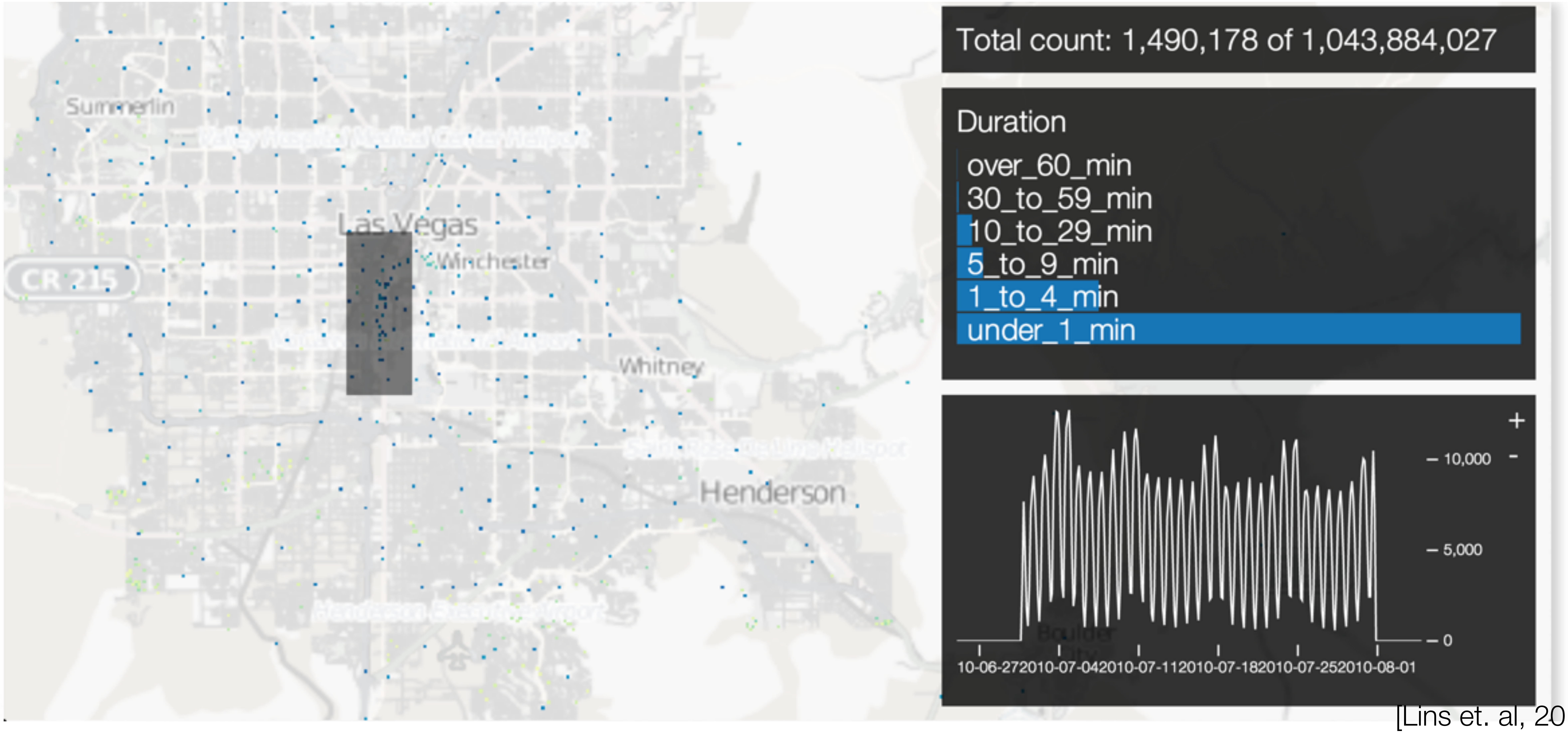

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Big Spatial Data Management

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