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**Tutorial: Urban Trajectory Visualization**

# **Introduction**





**Welcome!**



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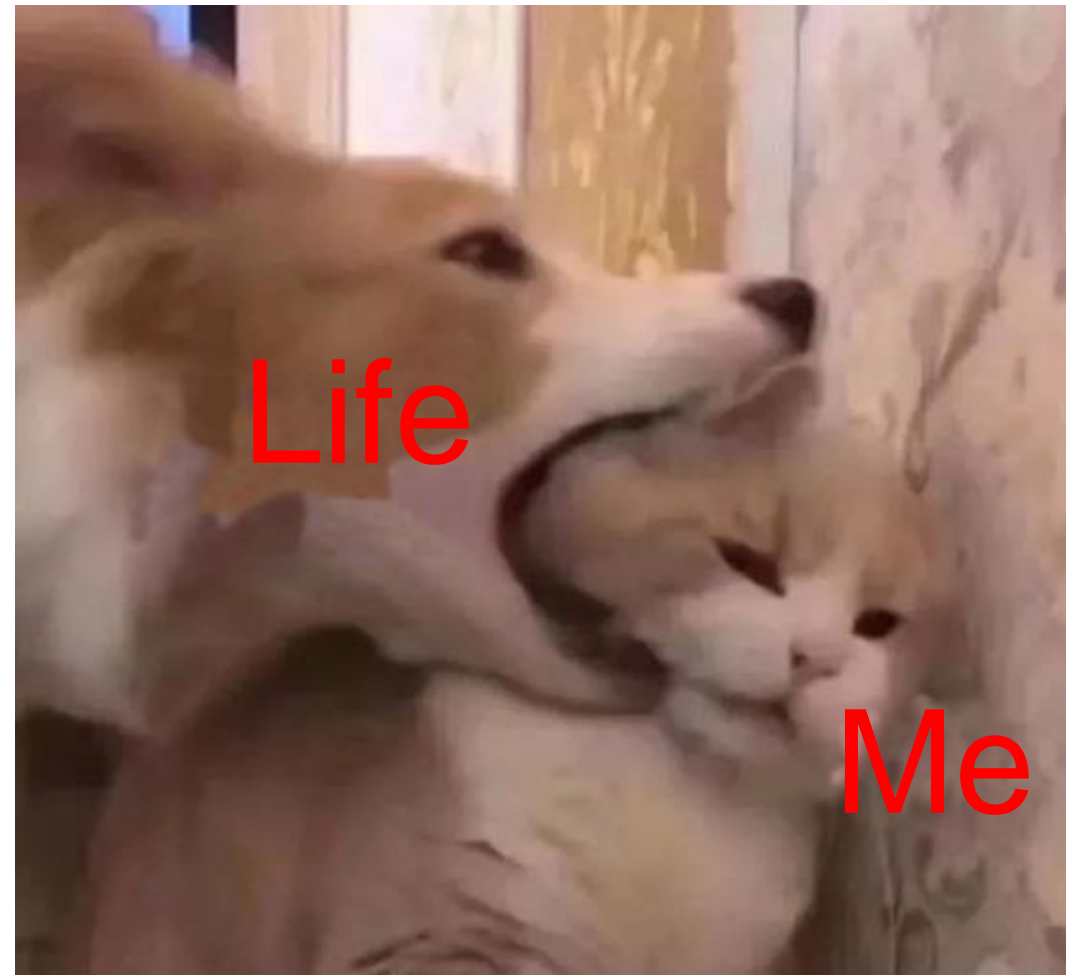
# Agenda

- 9:00am-9:30am
  - Welcome (Zhao)
  - Introduction: Urban Data and Visualization (Huang)
- 9:30am-10:30am
  - Trajectory Data Model and Management (Zhao)
- 10:30am-11:00am Coffee Break
- 11:00am-11:40am
  - Trajectory Data Visualization (Yang)
- 11:40am-12:40pm
  - Visual System Implementation (AL-Dohuki)
  - Visual System Examples (Zhao)
  - Conclusion (Zhao)



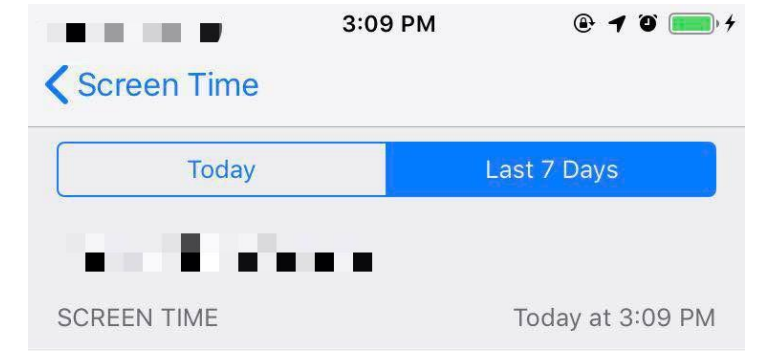
# Urban Data

Man was born free, and he is everywhere in chains





# Urban Data





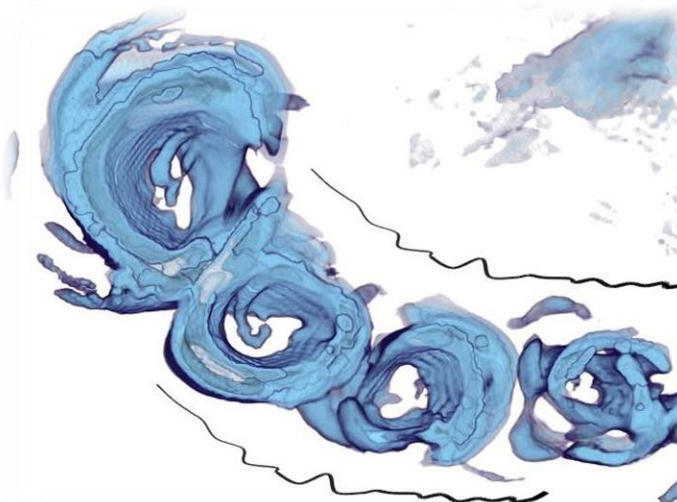
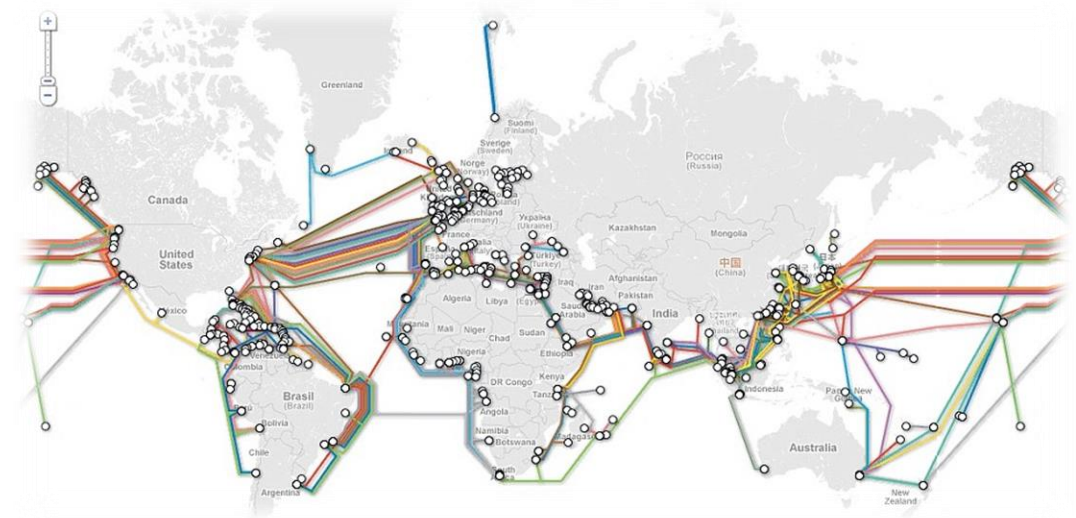
# Urban Data

- Human mobility
  - Active recording
    - Travel logs
    - Sport analysis
    - Twitter
    - ...
  - Passive recording
    - Credit card transactions
    - Public transit records
    - Mobile phone signal, Wi-Fi...
    - ....



# Urban Data

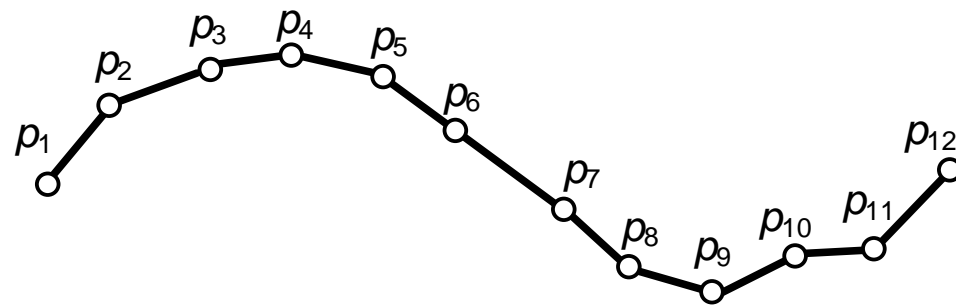
- Mobility of Animals
  - Migration: Birds, zebra, tiger
- Mobility of natural phenomena
  - Hurricane, tornado, ...
- Urban events
  - Crime, Festival, Complaint





# Urban Data ---Spatial Trajectories

A *spatial trajectory* is a trace generated by a moving object in geographical spaces, usually represented by a series of chronologically ordered points, e.g.,  $p_1 \rightarrow p_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow p_n$ , where each point consists of a geospatial coordinate set and a timestamp such as  $p = (x, y, t)$



# Why Urban Data is Unique?

- Spatial Properties

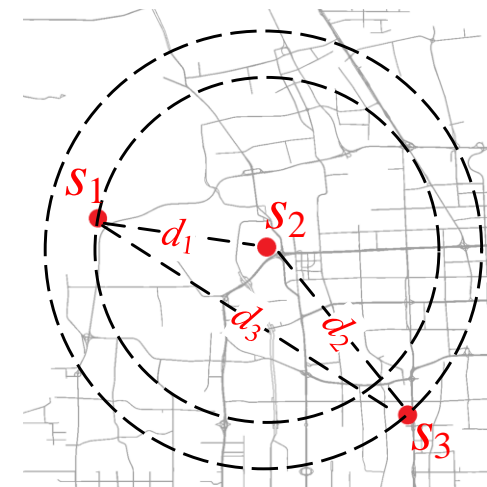
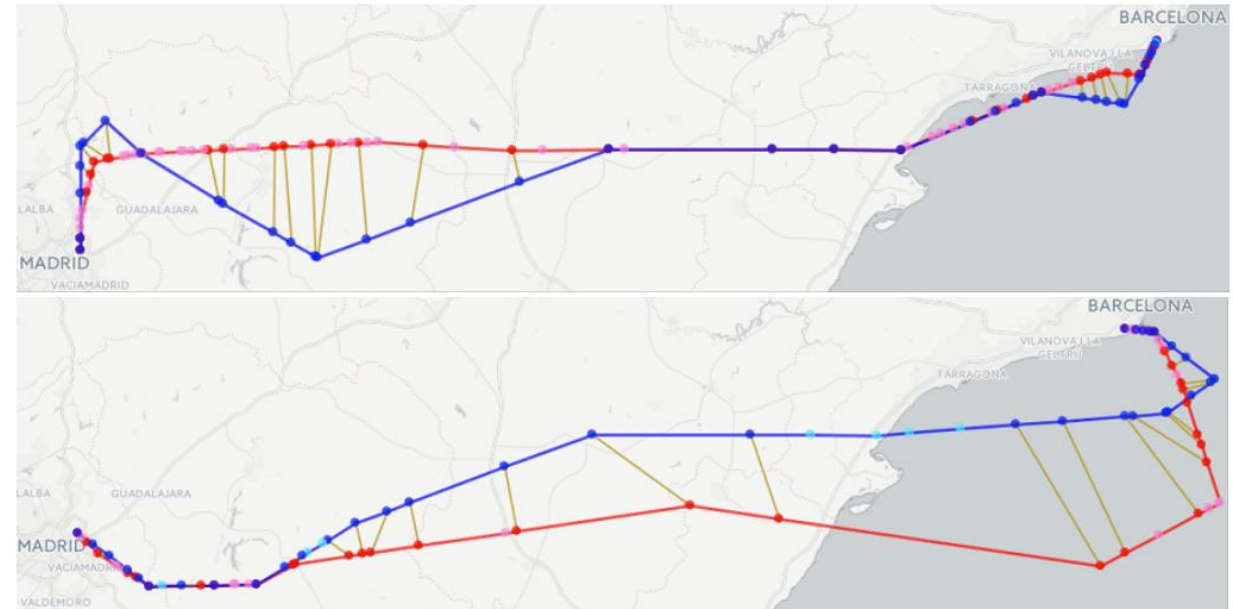
- Distance

- Spatial closeness
- Triangle inequality:

$$|d_1 - d_2| \leq d_3 \leq |d_1 + d_2|$$

- Hierarchy

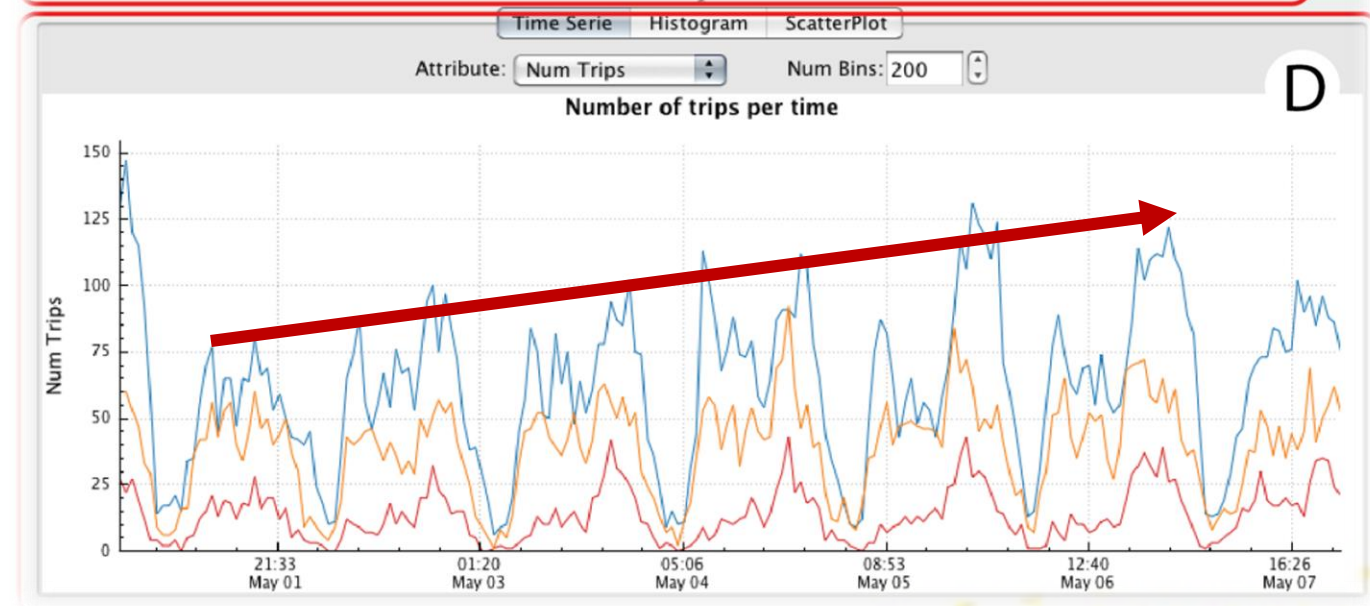
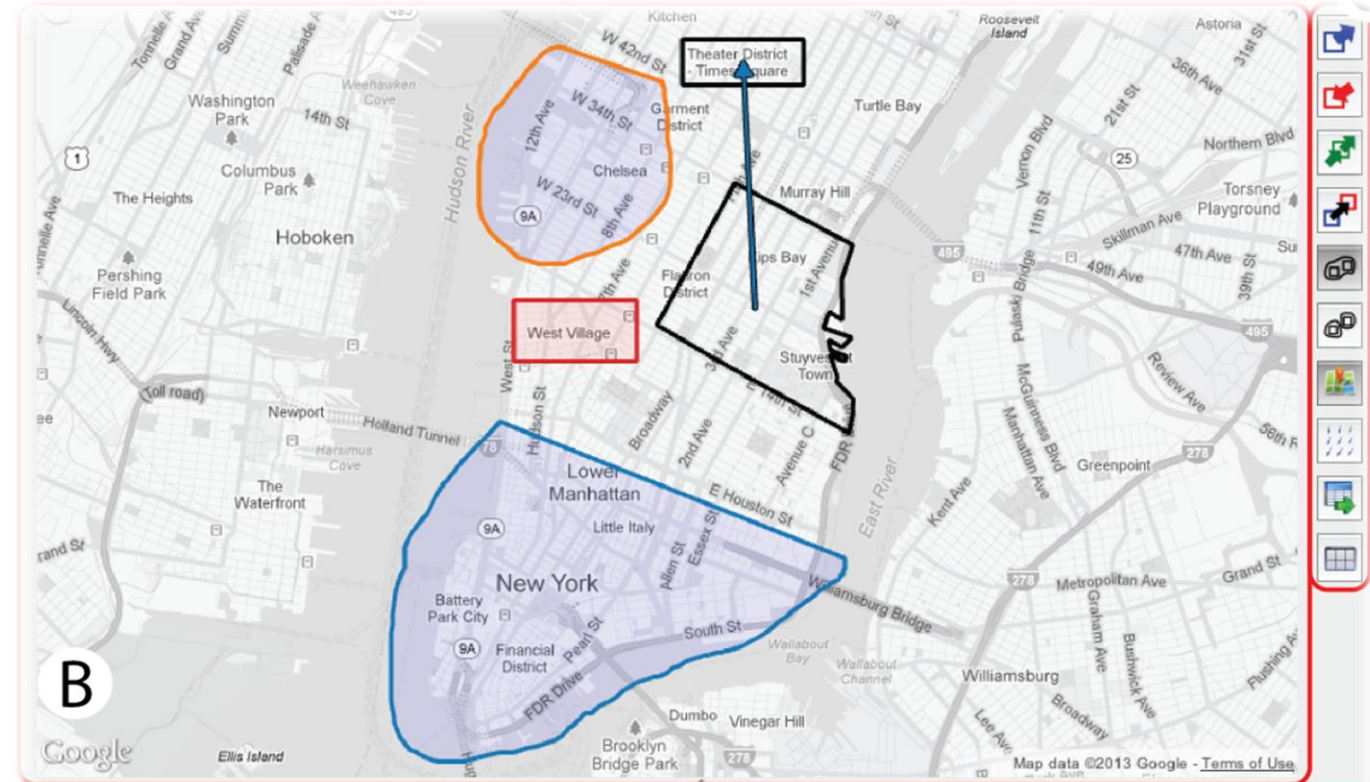
- Different spatial granularities
- City structures





# Why urban data is unique?

- Spatial Properties
- Temporal properties
  - Temporal closeness
  - Periodicity
  - Trend



# When we need urban data?



Manager of supermarket

How to set the bus line in the city to help people come to the mall to shop?



Police officer

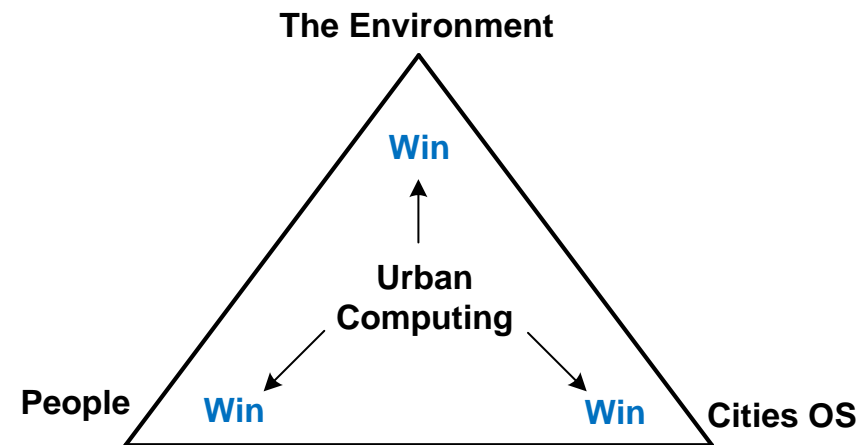
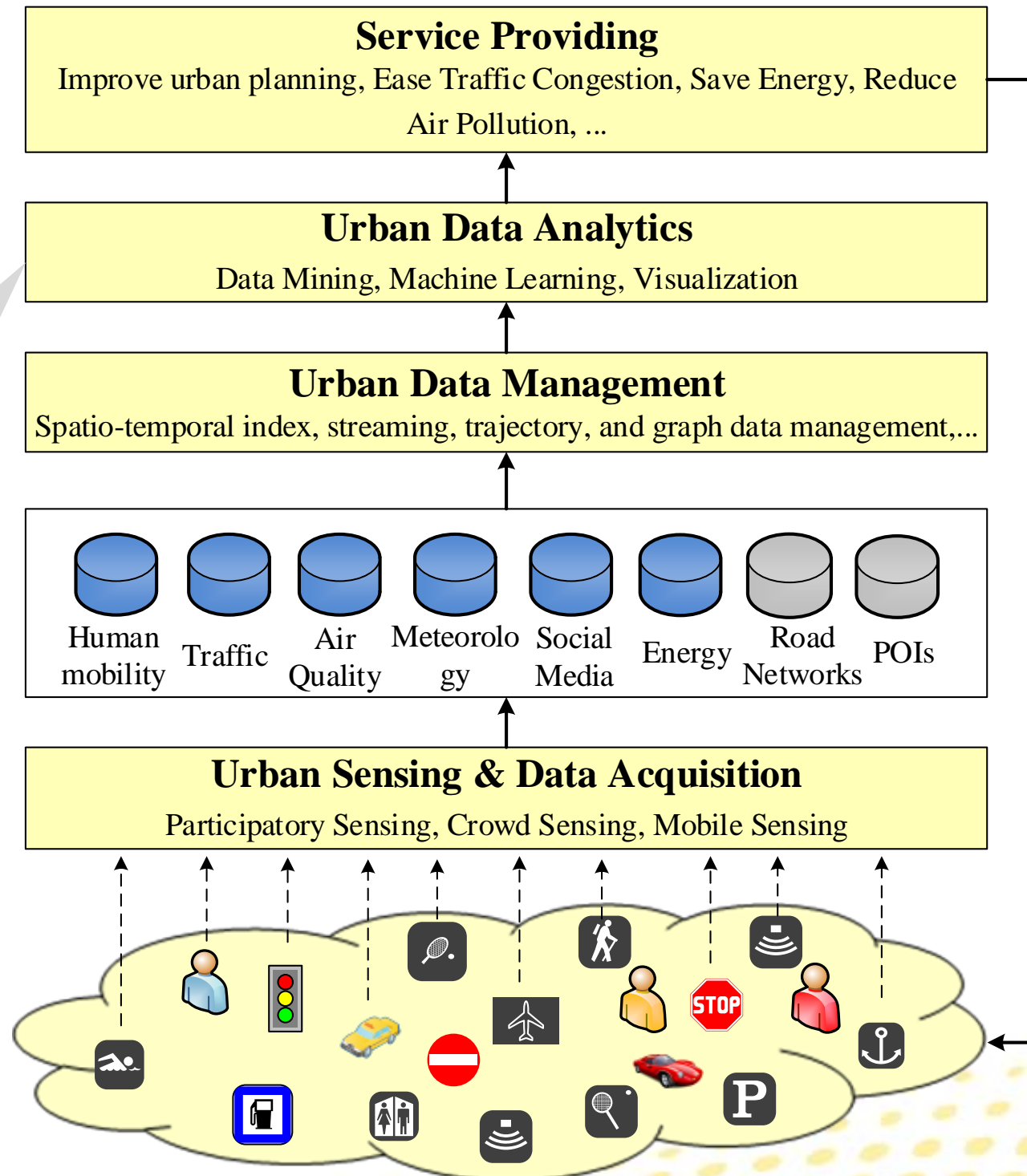
Who witnesses the crime?  
Where to catch the suspect?



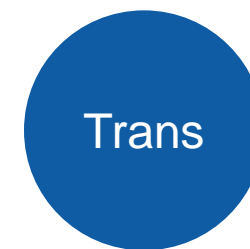
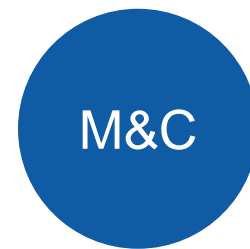
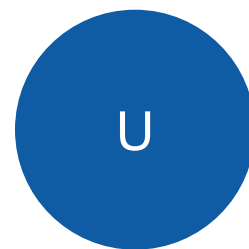
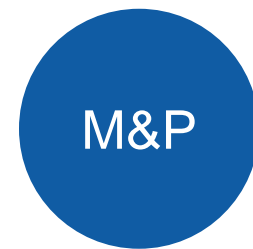


# How to use urban data?

- Texts and images → spatial and spatio-temporal data;
- A single data source → Data cross different domains
- Separate data mining algorithms → machine learning + data management
- **Visual and interactive data analytics**



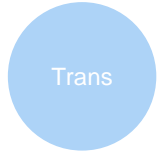
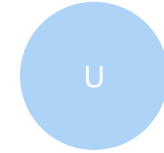
# Visualization Tasks and Challenges



- Data Management & Data Preprocessing
- Data Uncertainty
- Data Mining & Data Classification
- Data Transformation (Graph, Matrix,...)



# Data Management & Data Preprocessing



- Spatial Databases

- Queries

- Range queries
- KNN queries

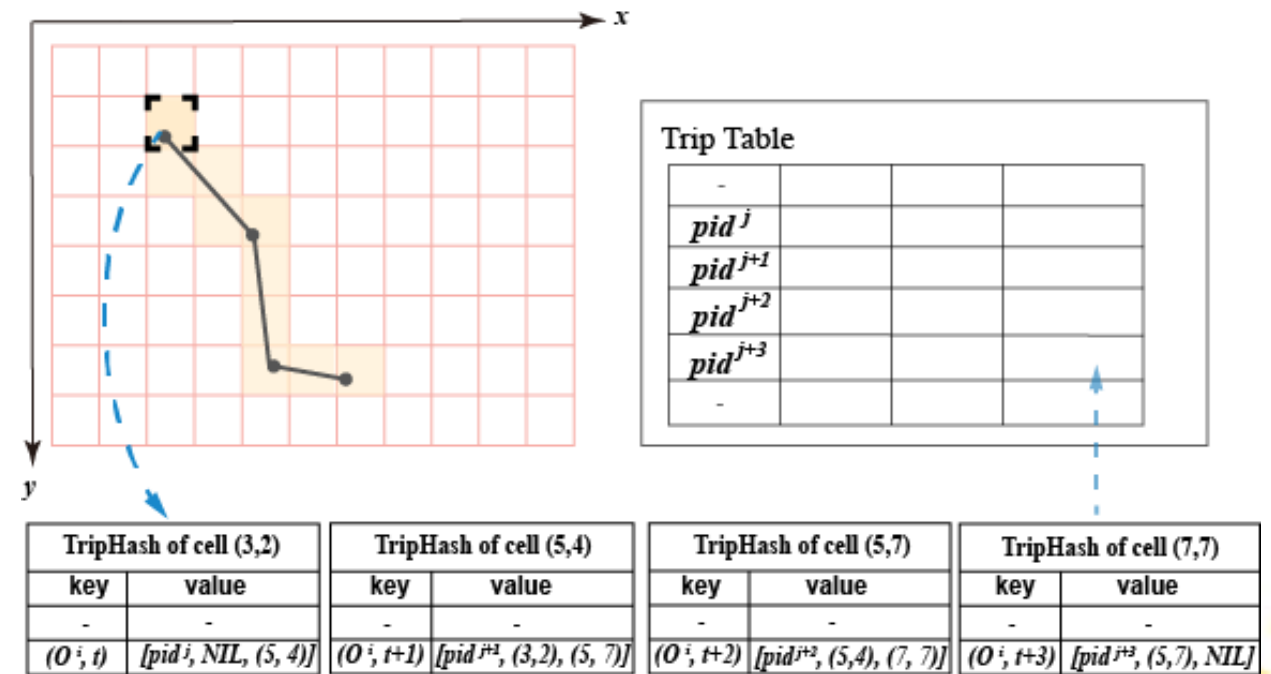
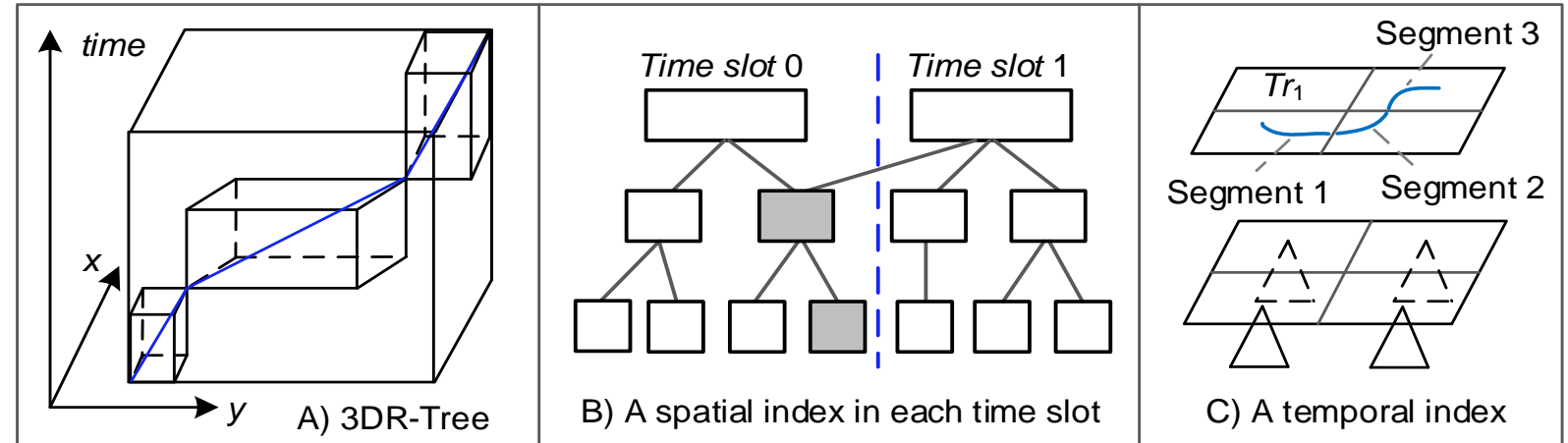
- Distance metrics

- The distance between a point and a trajectory
- The distance between two trajectories
- The distance between two trajectory segments

- Indexing structures

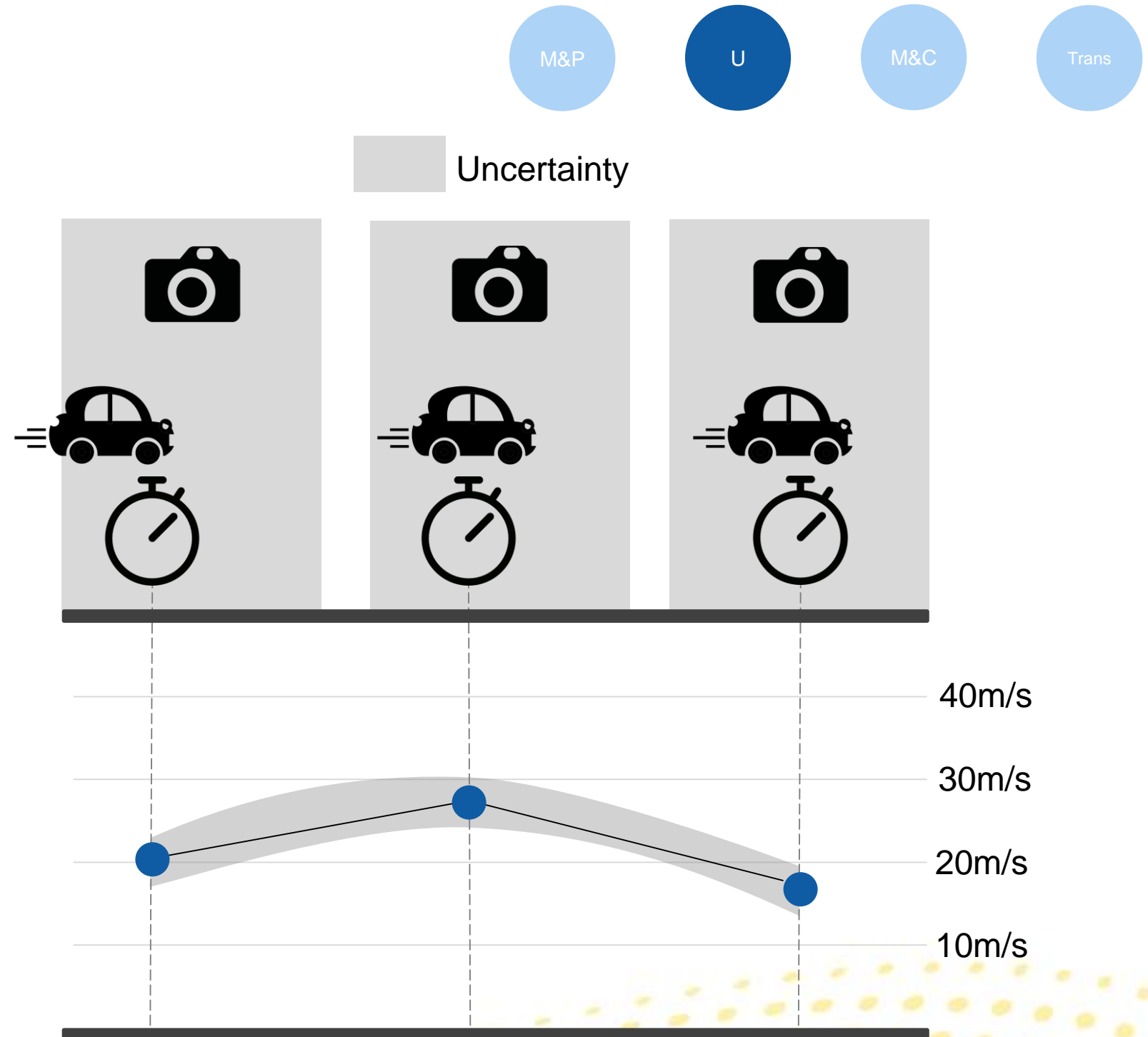
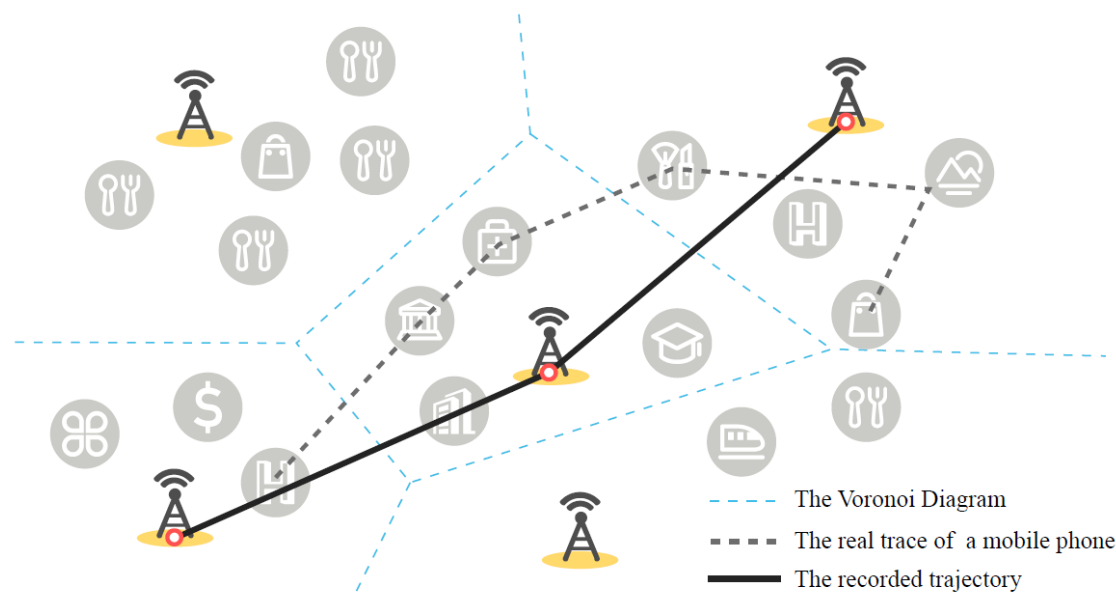
- Space-Time-Cube

- Retrieval algorithms

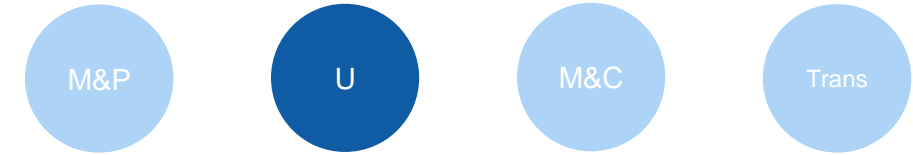


# Data Uncertainty

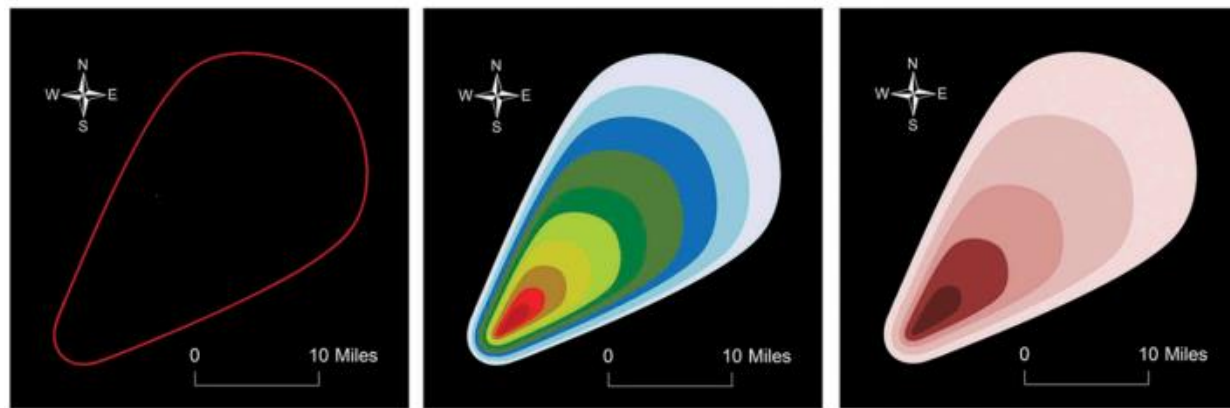
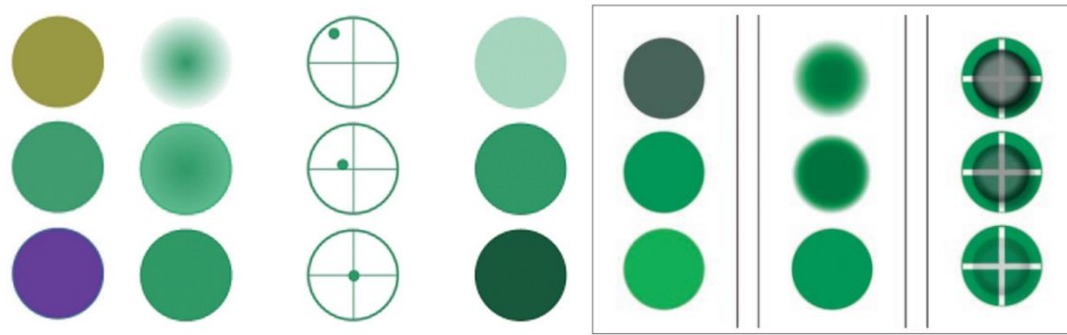
- Spatial uncertainty
- Temporal uncertainty
- Attribute uncertainty



# Data Uncertainty



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- Temporal uncertainty
- Attribute uncertainty



Data Type / Data Quality	Positional Accuracy	Attribute Accuracy	Logical Consistency	Completeness	Lineage
<b>Discrete</b> Points and Lines	Size Shape (Error ellipses) (Epsilon bands)	Value Color Saturation (Feature code checks)	Color mixing Redundancy by overprinting Slivers by solid fills (Topological cleaning)	Mapping Technique Density traces <b>Marginalia</b> Generalization algorithm Mapping tolerance Buffer size	Mapping Technique Minimum Bounding Rectangles
<b>Categorical</b> Aggregation & Overlay (Tesselation, tiling, Areal coverages)	Texture Value (Certainty of boundary location)	Color mixing (Attribute code checks) (Topographic classifier)	lack error models	Mapping Technique Missing values Logical adjacency surface <b>Marginalia</b> Discrete model weights	
<b>Partitioning &amp; Enumeration</b> (Metric class breaks)	not meaningful	Size = height (Blanket of error)	Size = height (Maximum likelihood prism maps)	Mapping Technique Missing values Misclassification matrix Classing scheme OAL/TAI	<b>Marginalia</b> Source of data Scale/Resolution Date Geometry
<b>Continuous Interpolation</b> (Surfaces and volumes)	no clear distinction b/w the two Value Color Saturation (Continuous tone vignettes) (Continuous tone isopleths)		Size = line wt Color Shape = compactness (TIN links)	not possible by definition Mapping Technique Surface of search attenuation <b>Marginalia</b> Interpolation algorithm	
<b>Graphical Syntax</b>			<b>Graphical/Lexical Syntax</b>		

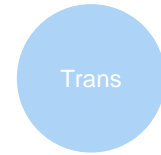
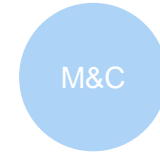
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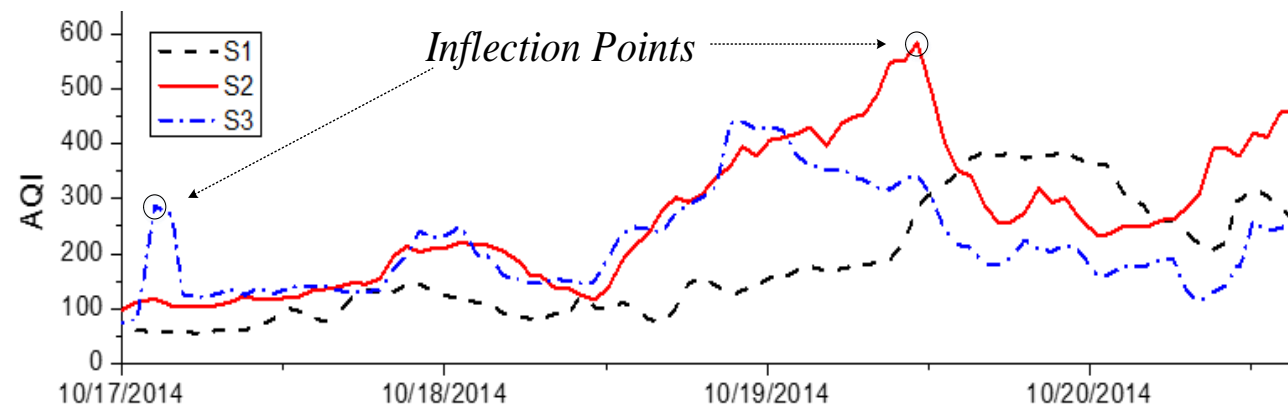
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## Challenges

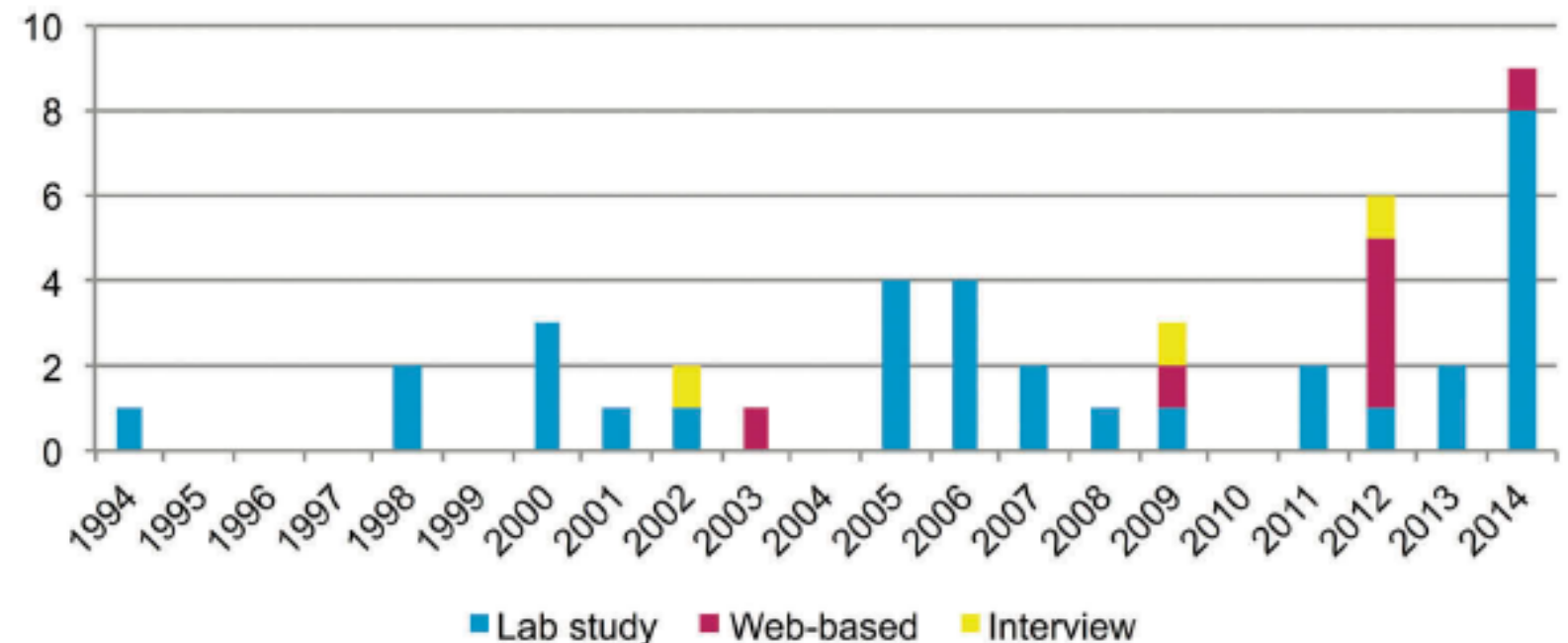
- Multiple complex factors vs. insufficient and inaccurate data

- Inflection points and sudden changes

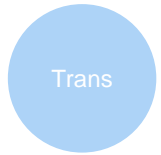
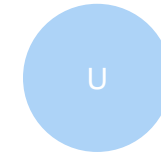


AQI of different stations changing over time of day

Number of user studies assessing the effect of uncertainty visualization



# Data Mining & Data Classification



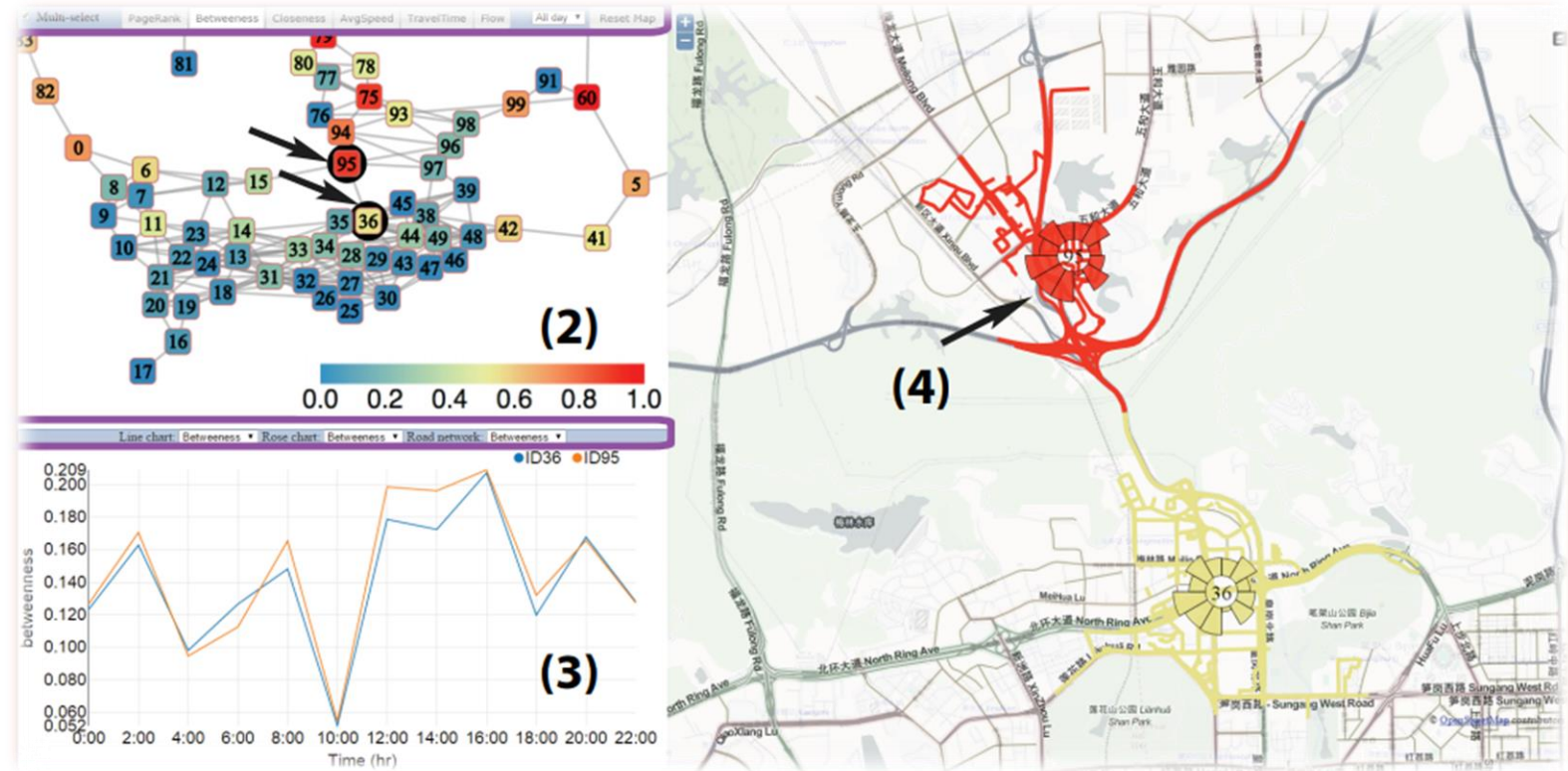
## Trajectory classification

- Motivation
  - For users:
    - Reflect on past events and understand their own life pattern
    - Obtain more reference knowledge from others' experiences
  - For service provider:
    - Classify trajectories of different transportation modes
    - Enable smart-route design and recommendation
- Challenges
  - The big volume of the urban data
  - The diversity of the transportation modes
  - The complexity of the urban conditions

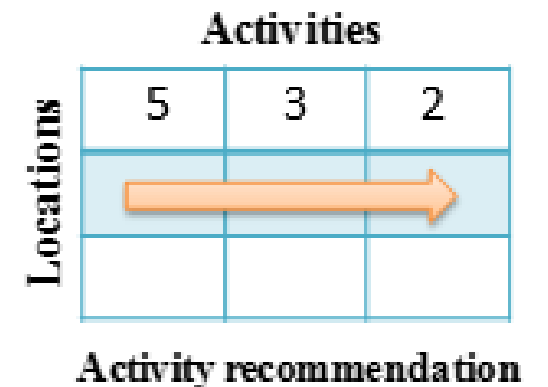
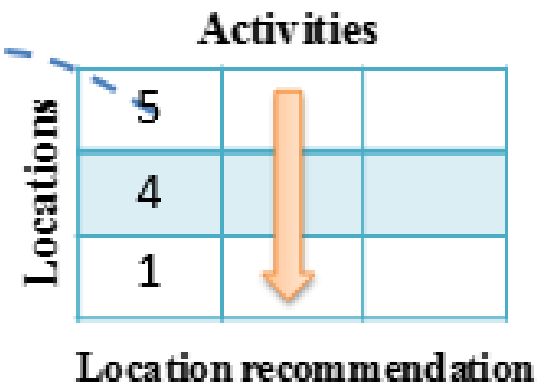
# Data transformation (Graph, Matrix,...)



- Graph based
  - Node link
- Matrix based
  - Collaborative Filtering (CF)
  - Context-aware matrix factorization
- Challenges
  - Lack of data
  - Well designed model



An entry denotes how popular an activity is performed at a location

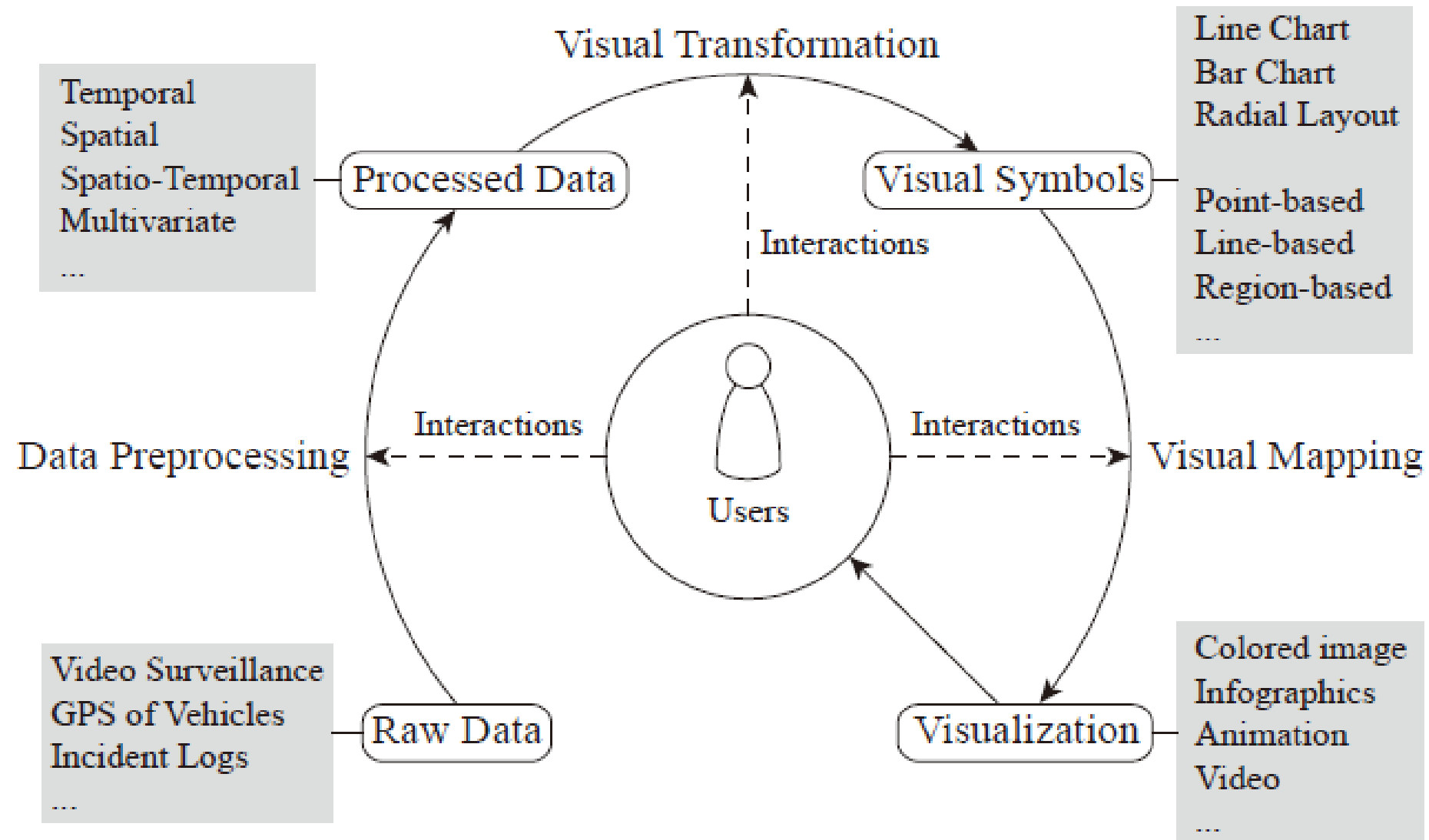


TrajGraph: A Graph-Based Visual Analytics Approach to Studying Urban Network Centrality Using Taxi Trajectory Data, Xiaoke Huang, Ye Zhao, Jing Yang, Chao Ma, Chong Zhang, and Xinyue Ye, IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics





# Overview of Existing Work



Conceptual pipeline of traffic data visualization

Chen W, Guo F, Wang F Y. A survey of traffic data visualization[J]. IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems, 2015, 16(6): 2970-2984.

# Visualization of Time

- Type
  - Linear Time
  - Periodic Time
  - Branching Time
- Visual elements
  - Time axis (line, radial,...)
  - Storyline

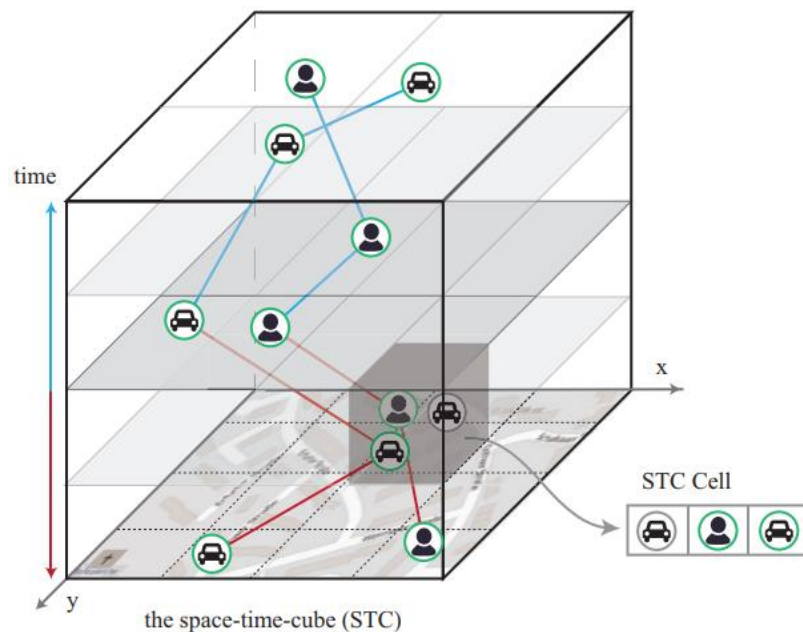






# Spatio-temporal Visualization

- Space-Time-Cube
  - Query
  - Visualization
  - Exploration
- Mobile objects



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## E-Map: A Visual Analytics Approach for Exploring Significant Event Evolutions in Social Media

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# Visualization of Multiple Properties

- Type:
  - Numerical Properties
  - Textual Properties
  - ...
- Visual techniques
  - 2D chart
  - Parallel coordinates
  - Glyphs

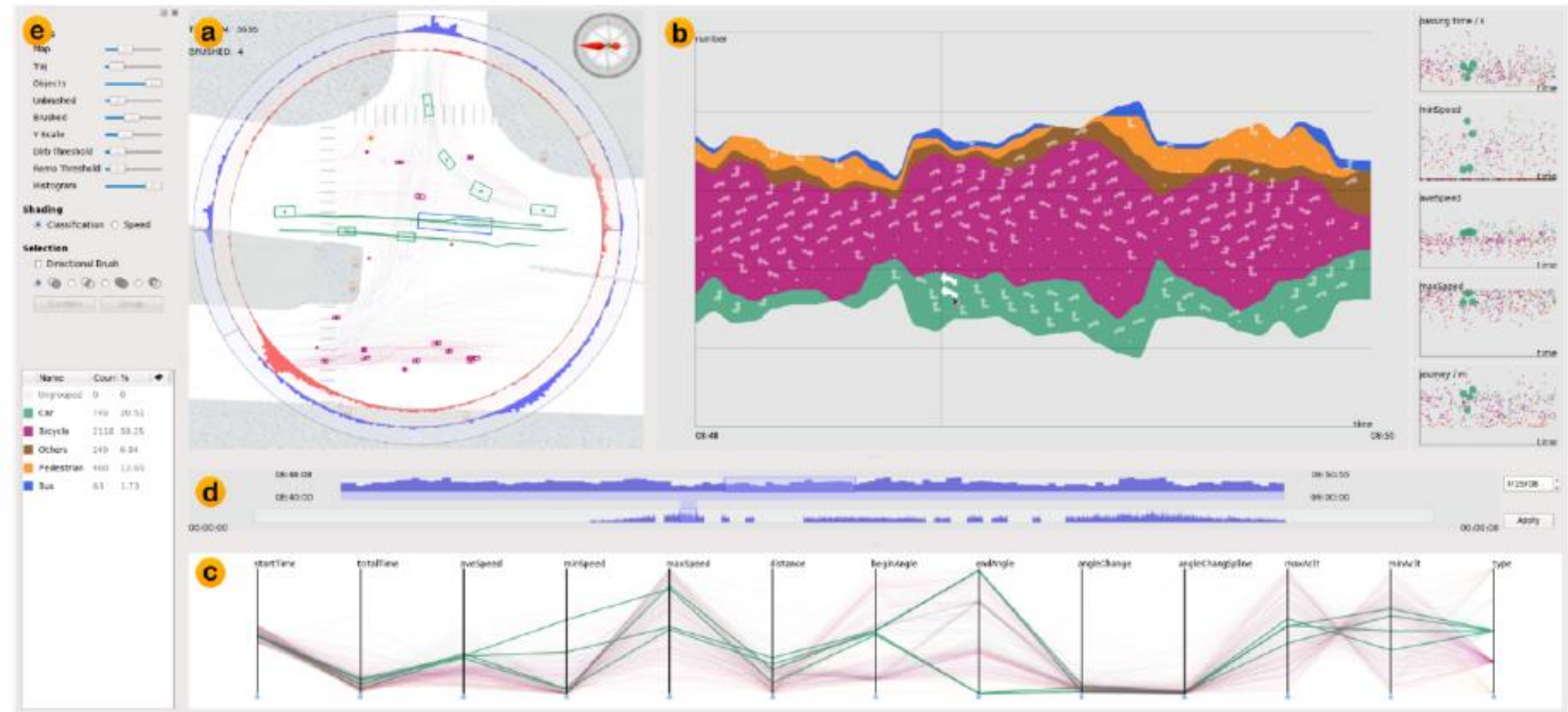


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# VISUAL ANALYSIS OF URBAN DATA

## Situation-aware exploration and prediction

- Multisource
  - Trajectories
  - POIs
  - Twitter
  - Social media
- Heterogeneous
- Visual Querying
- Visual Reasoning
- Exploration

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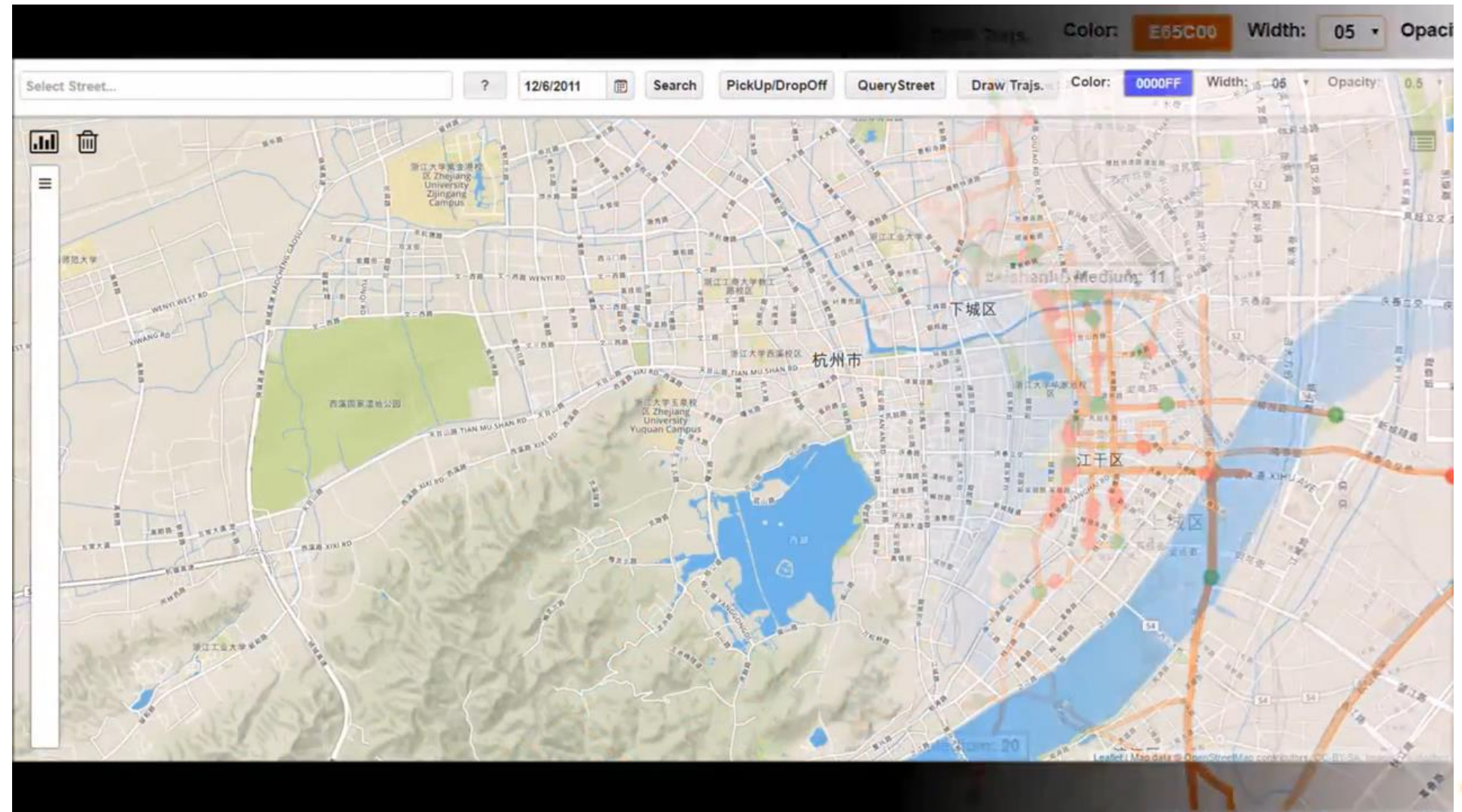
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Situation-aware exploration and prediction

- Trajectory data
- Semantics
  - Speed
  - Location
  - Time
- Visual Querying
- Summary



Al-Dohuki, S., Wu, Y., Kamw, F., Yang, J., Li, X., Zhao, Y., ... & Wang, F. (2017). SemanticTraj: A new approach to interacting with massive taxi trajectories. *IEEE transactions on visualization and computer graphics*, 23(1), 11-20.

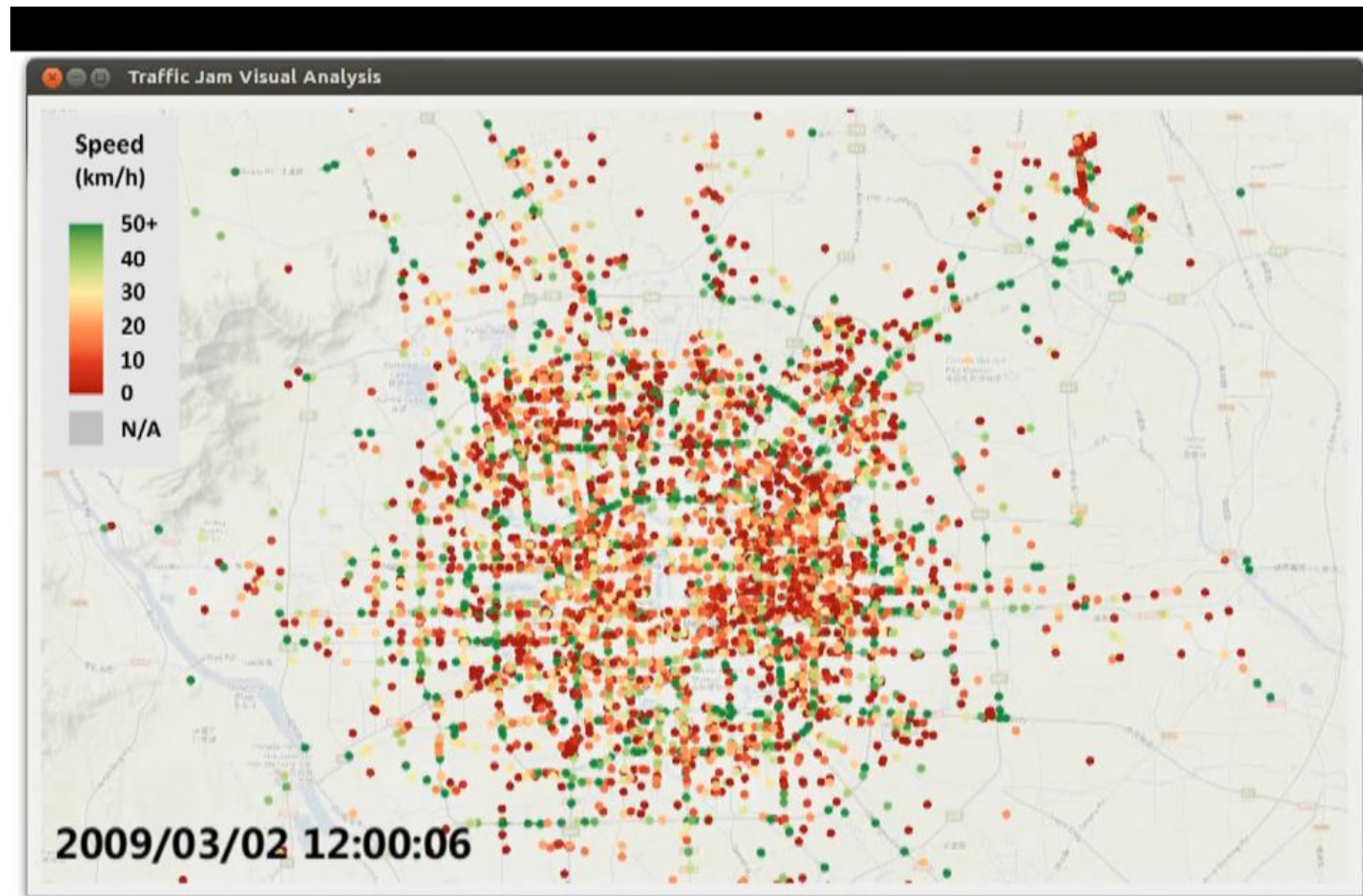
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# VISUAL ANALYSIS OF URBAN DATA

Situation-aware exploration and prediction

- Trajectory data
- Prediction
  - Traffic
  - Street based
  - Heatmap
- Detail visualization



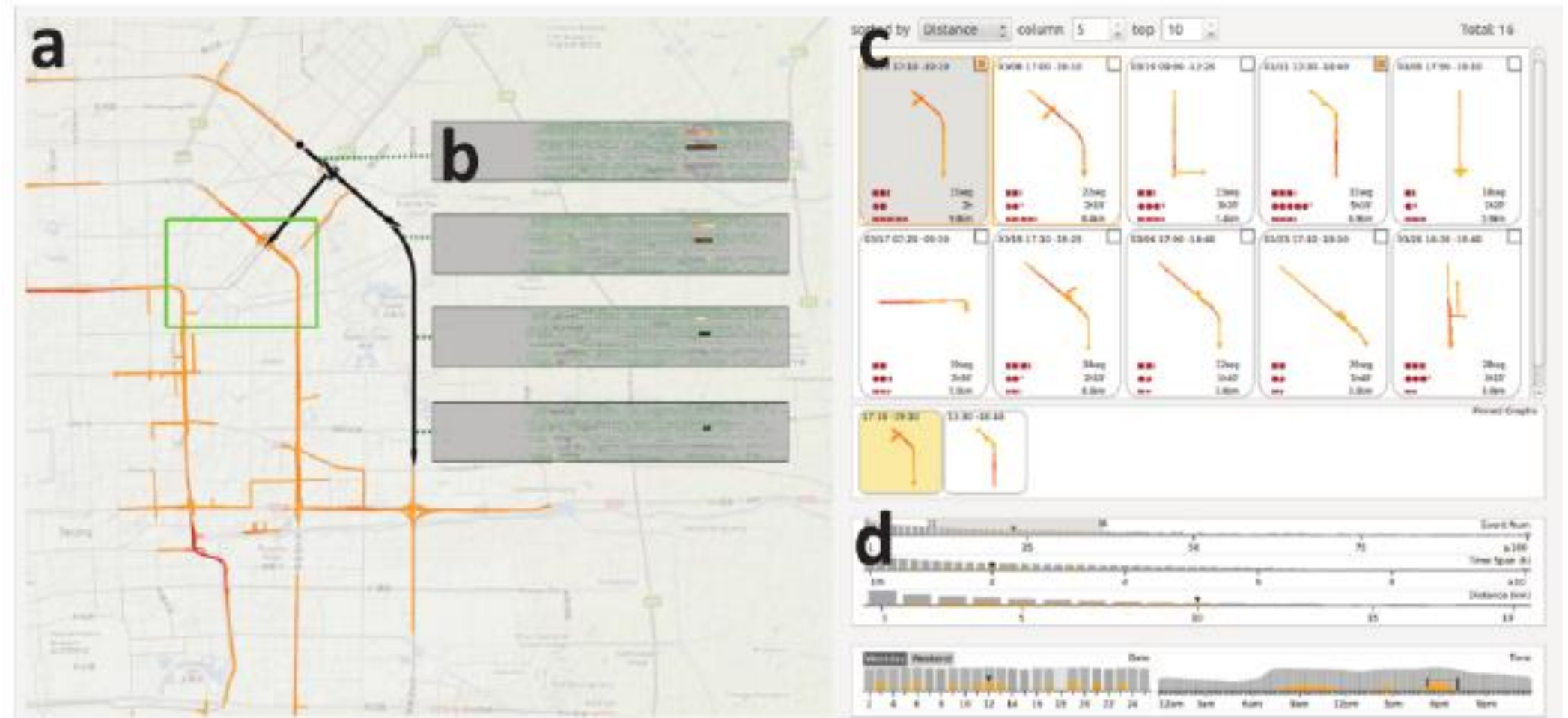
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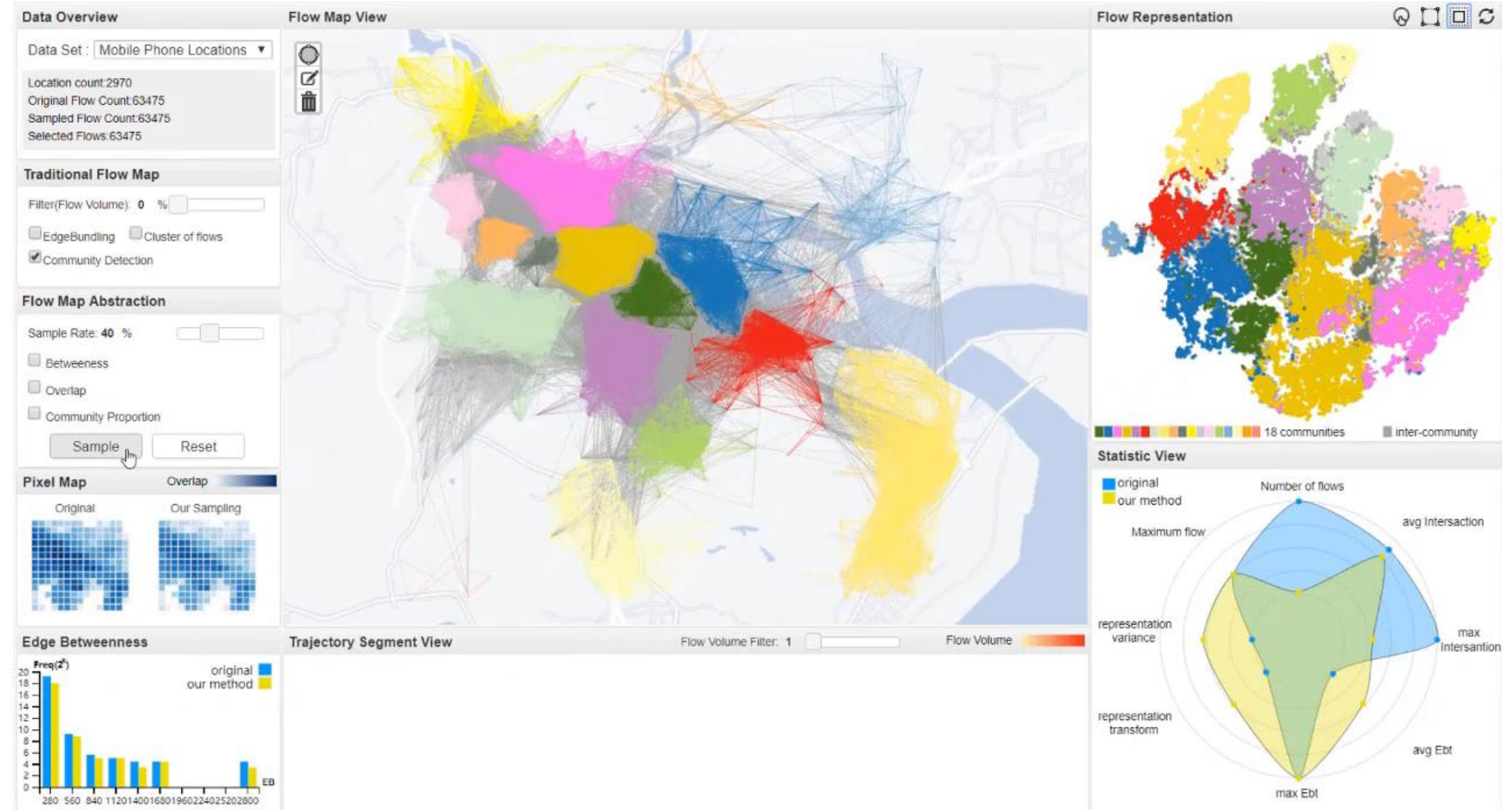
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## Pattern Discovery and Clustering

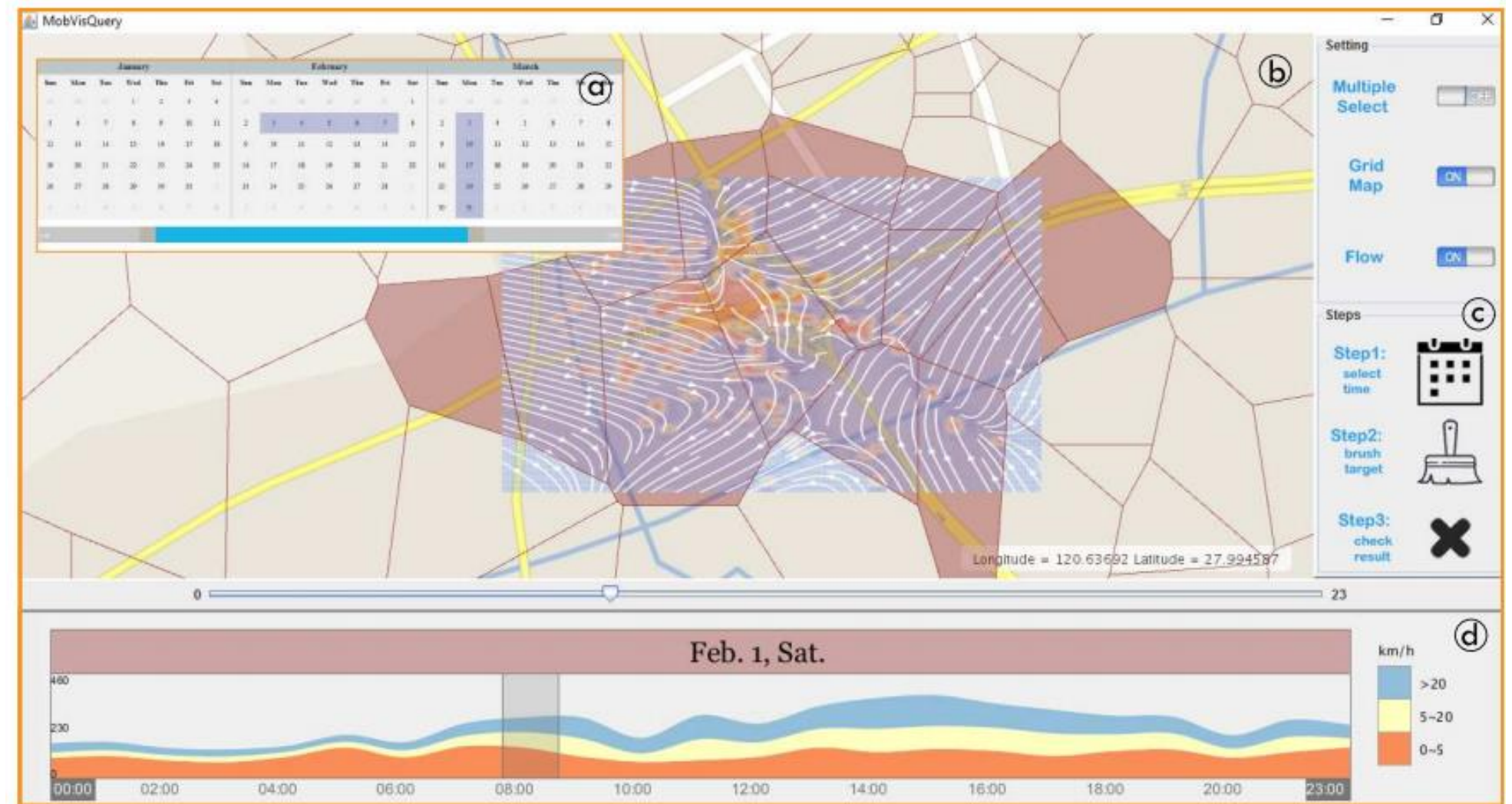
- Trajectory data
- Clustering
- Summary
- Simplification



# VISUAL ANALYSIS OF URBAN DATA

## Visual monitoring of traffic situations

- Trajectory data
- Traffic situations
  - Traffic direction
  - Traffic volume
  - Interactively exploration
- Citywide analysis



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## A Visual Reasoning Approach for Data-driven Transport Assessment on Urban Roads

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Visualization

# Visualization System of Urban Data?