# Food-to-Subway Proximity in Brooklyn:

Analyzing Restaurants and Grab-and-Go Shops

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### BACKGROUND

- >12,500 restaurants in NYC, ~20.4% located in Brooklyn
- Within Brooklyn:
  - 2,574 restaurants
  - 596 "grab-and-go" shops¹
- Subway as a main mode of transport

## RESEARCH QUESTION(S)

In respect to subway station locations:

What is the most accessible restaurant cuisine in Brooklyn?

What is the most accessible "grab-and-go" food type?

## DATA

MTA Subway Stations



- DOHMH New York City Restaurant Inspection Results
  - Updated on April 2018

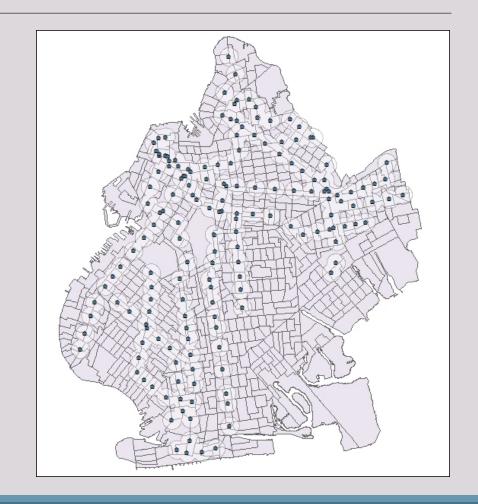
RESTAURANT CUISINES						
Afghan	African	American	Armenian			
Asian	Australian	Bangladeshi	Barbecue			
Cajun	Californian	Caribbean	Chinese			
Chinese/Cuban	Chinese/Japanese	Continental	Creole			
Creole/Cajun	Czech	Eastern European				
Egyptian	Ethiopian	French	German			
Greek	Hawaiian	Indian	Irish			
Italian	Japanese	Jewish/Kosher	Korean			
Latin(Cuban)	Mediterranean	Mexican	Middle Eastern			
Pakistani	Peruvian	Pizza/Italian	Polish			
Portuguese	Russian	Scandinavian	Seafood			
Soul Food	Southwestern	Spanish	Steak			
Tapas	Thai	Turkish	Vietnamese			

#### GRAB-AND-GO PLACES

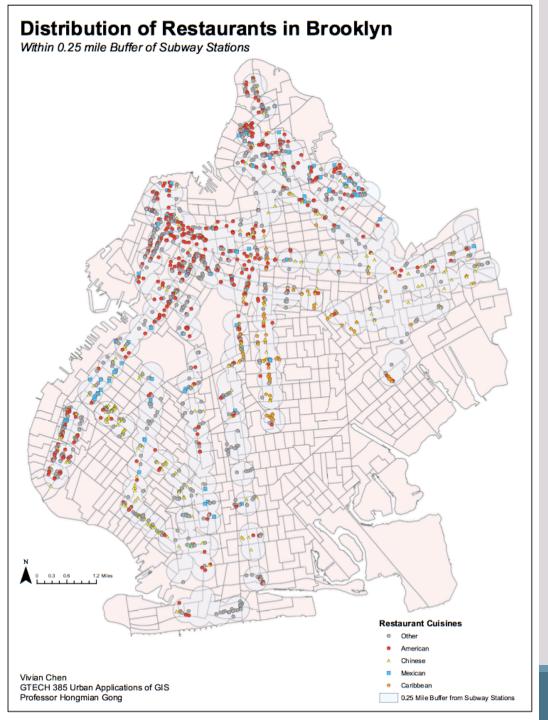
GRAB-AND-GO PLACES				
Bagels/Pretzels				
Bakery				
Bottled Beverages				
Café/Coffee/Tea				
Donuts				
Hotdogs/Pretzels				
Ice Cream, Gelato, Yogurt, Ices				
Juice, Smoothies, Fruit Salads				
Nuts/Confectionary				
Soups/Sandwiches/Salads/				
Mixed Buffet				

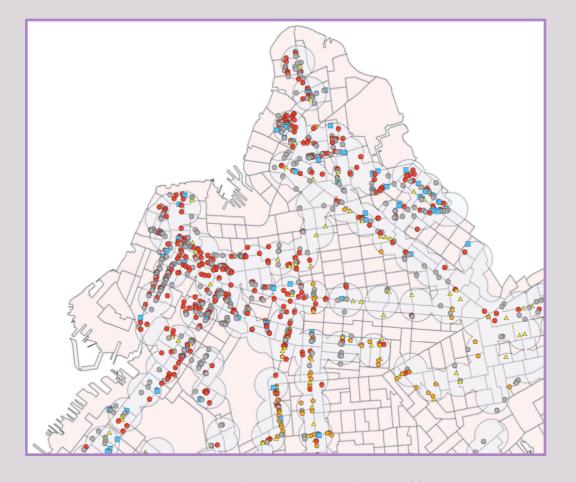
## **METHODOLOGY**

- Clip all data to Brooklyn study area
- Buffer
  - Create a buffer of 1,320 ft. around subway stations (equivalent of a "5-minute-walk"<sup>2</sup>)
- Select by Location
- Frequency



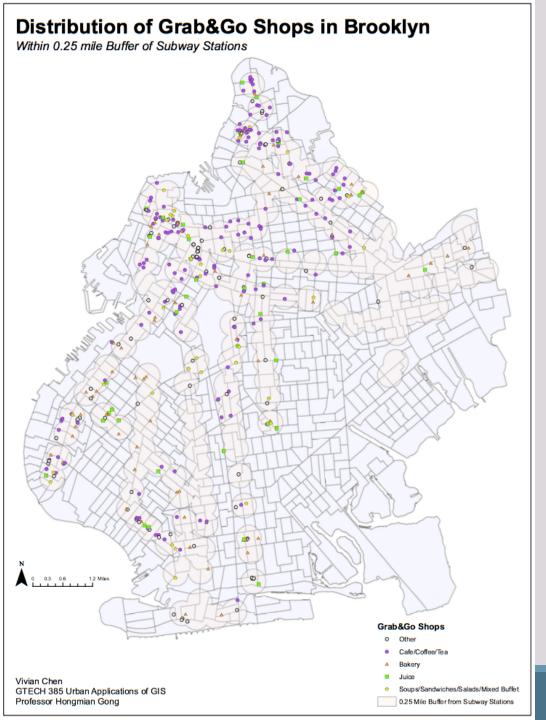
<sup>2</sup>http://evstudio.com/the-five-minute-walk-calibrated-to-the-pedestrian/

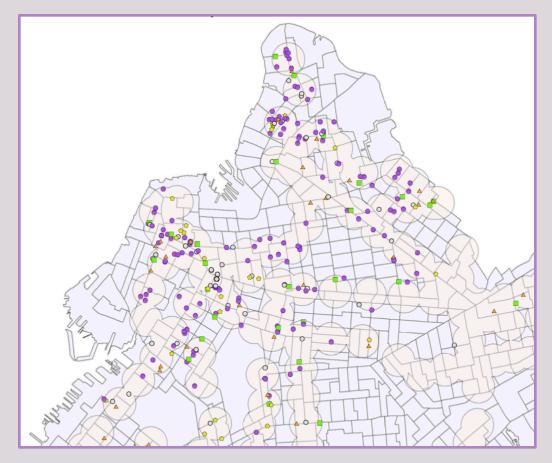




#### Restaurant Cuisines within .25-mile Buffer

CUISINES	COUNT	% OF ALL RESTAURANTS
AMERICAN	461	26.8
CHINESE	292	17.0
MEXICAN	108	6.3
CARIBBEAN	104	6.1
OTHER	754	43.9
TOTAL	1719	66.5





Grab-and-Go Shops within .25-mile Buffer

TYPES	COUNT	% OF ALL GRAB & GO SHOPS
CAFÉ/COFFEE/TEA	172	28.9
BAKERY	76	12.8
JUICE	44	7.4
SOUPS/SANDWICHES/SALADS/ MIXED BUFFET	41	6.9
OTHER	88	14.8
TOTAL	421	70.6

## CONCLUSION

- American cuisine and Café/Coffee/Tea spots are the most accessible by train
- There's a larger percentage of grab-and-go food places than sit-down restaurants within a 5-minute-walk to a subway station
- Areas with more restaurants/g&g food places tended to have more subway lines/stations intersecting
- May not have had all restaurant/g&g food place data for all locations in Brooklyn