

# UrbanFACET: Visually Profiling Cities from Mobile Device Recorded Movement Data of Millions of City Residents

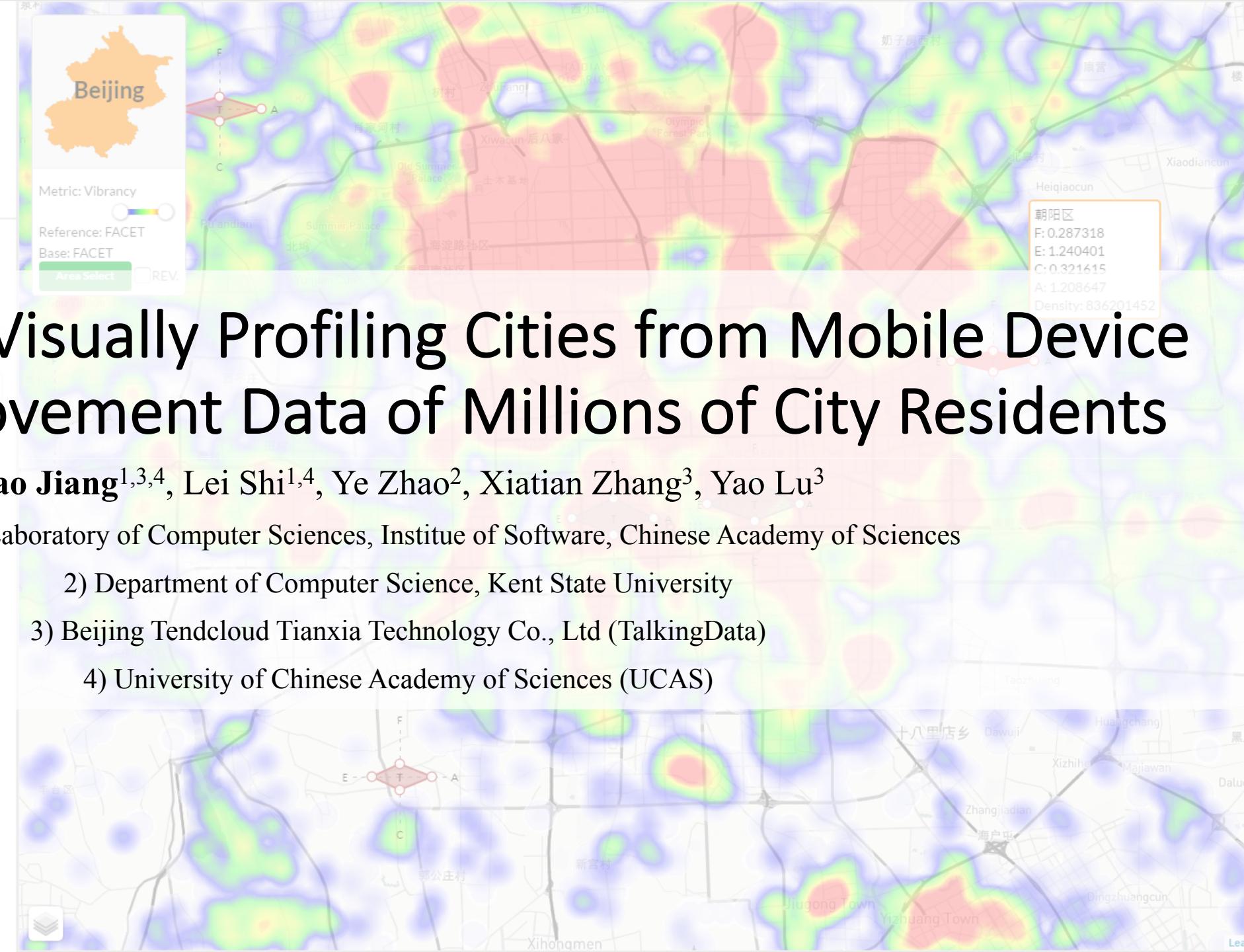
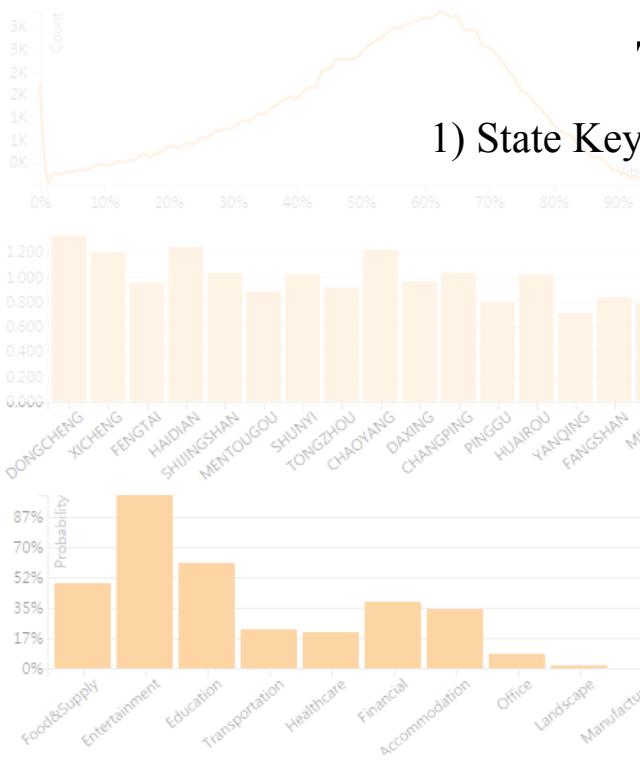
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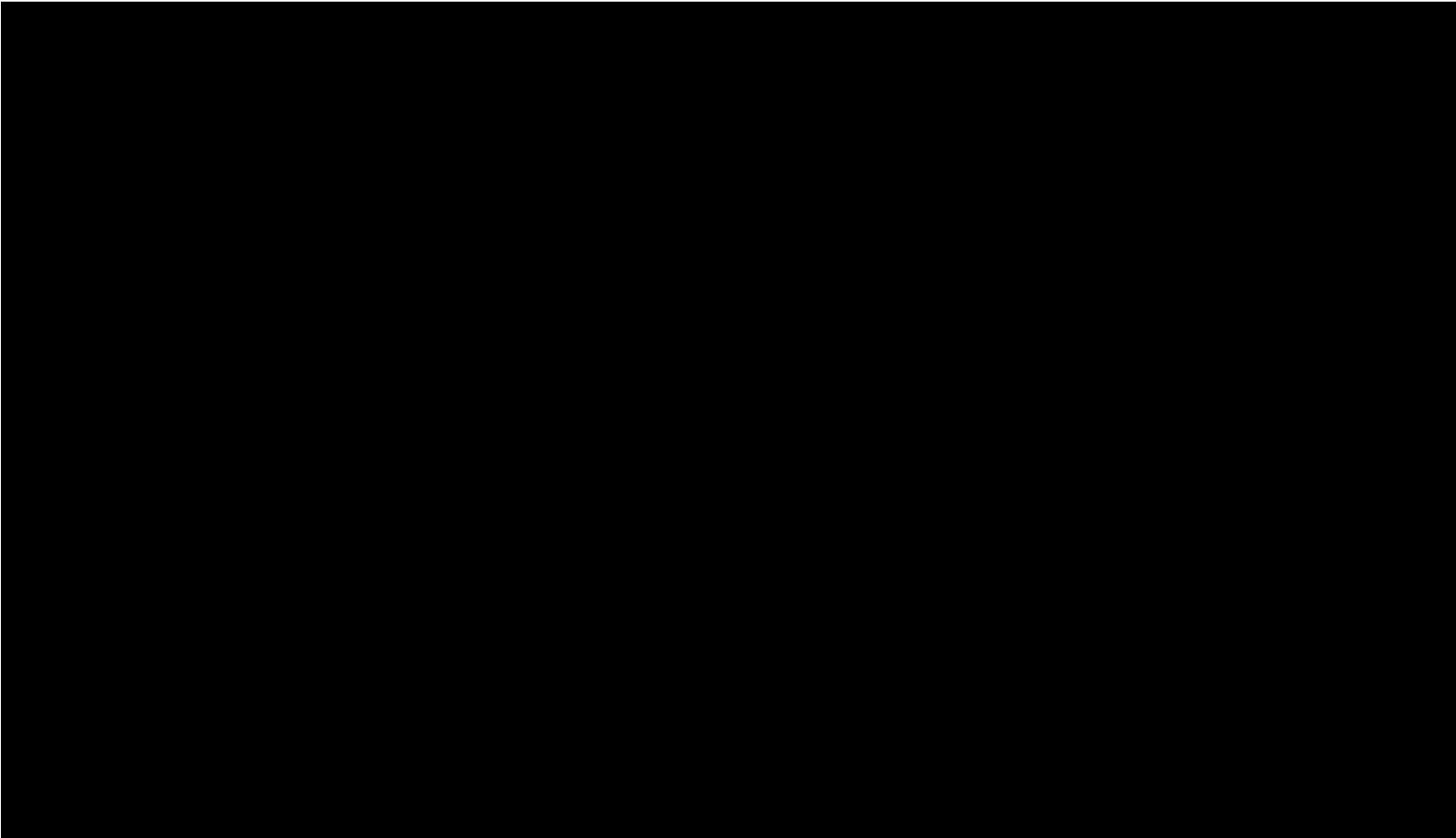
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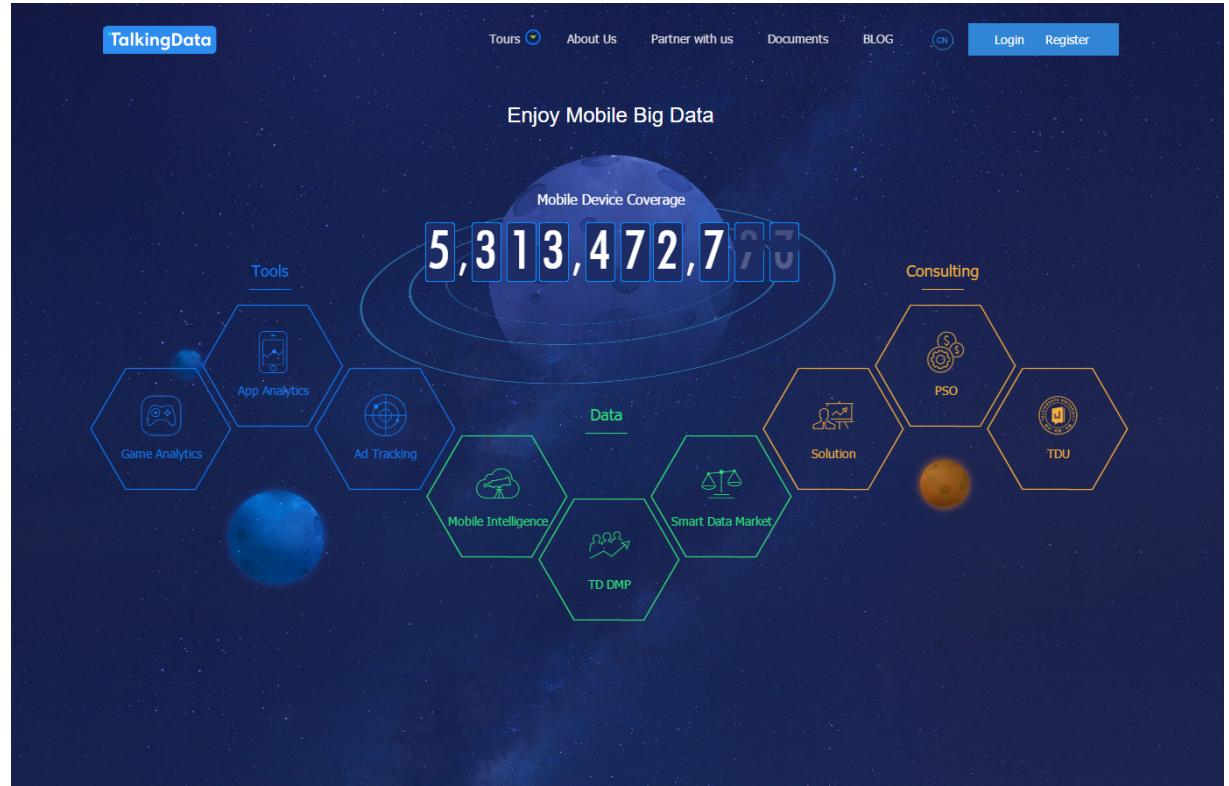


# UrbanFACET Demo



# Background - Big urban movement data in TalkingData

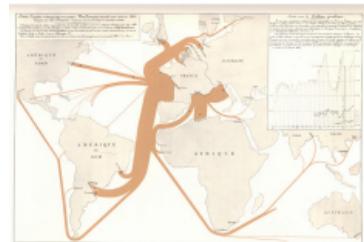
- TalkingData - **China's largest** independent Big Data service platform.
- Processes **TB<sup>+</sup>** data and more than **1 billion** session requests every day.
- Covers **thousands of** mobile apps and **millions of** smart devices.
- User properties can be tracked by **unique** user ID.



From <http://www.talkingdata.com/>

# Related work

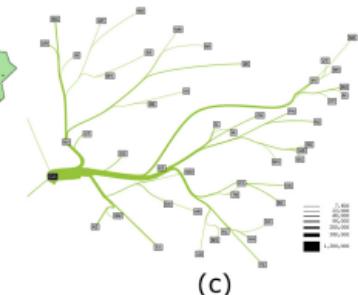
- Movement data **visualization approaches**
  - Flow map, flowstrates, OD maps
- **Urban mobility** analysis
  - P. A. L., etc. Spatiotemporal analysis of bluetooth data:  
Application to a large urban network.
  - G. A., etc. Revealing patterns and trends of mass mobility through spatial and temporal abstraction of origin-destination movement data
  - J. W., etc. Visualizing the dynamics of london's bicycle hire scheme
- **Entropy related analysis**
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Fig 1. Flow Map



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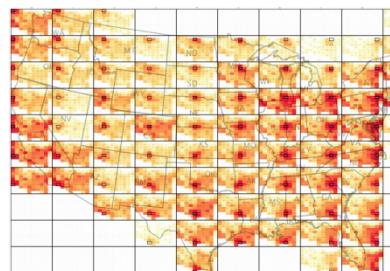


Fig 2. Flowstrates



Fig 3. OD Map

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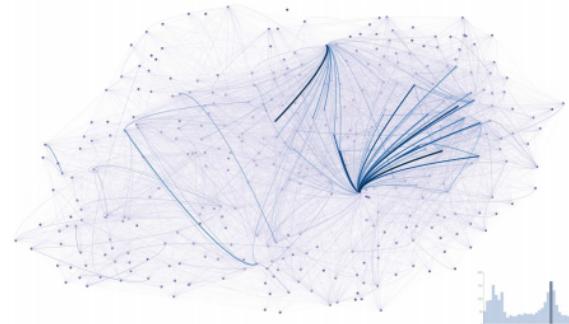


Fig 4. Visualizing the Dynamics of London's Bicycle Hire Scheme

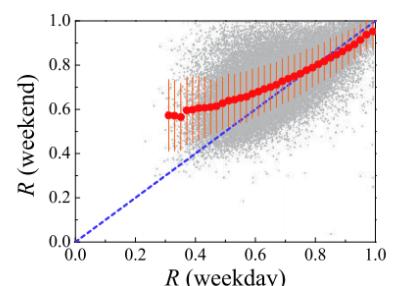


Fig 5. Limits of Predictability of Human Mobility Supplementary Material

# Background - Objective

- Limits: Previous geo-tagged data are **expensive** or spatially **sparse**, it's hard to make user-level profiling and analyzing;
- Works: We use the comprehensive dataset to **profile cities**, enable experts to explore **user-level** mobilities;
- Apps: traffic scheduling, location of public facilities, situation and risk awareness;

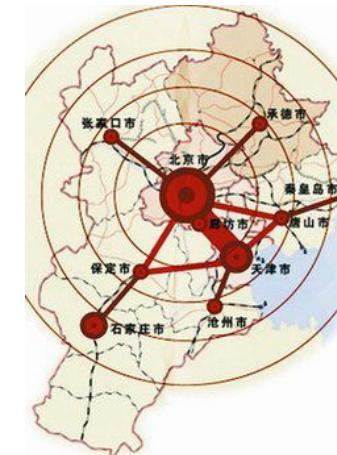


Fig 1. <http://www.apptiled.com/index.php/assignment/13890/>



Fig 2. <http://www.aiaa.com.hk/lang-en/shuttle.html>

Fig 3. <http://baike.baidu.com/item/%E4%BA%AC%E6%B4%A5%E5%86%80>



# Dataset used in UrbanFACET

- Data Content: Continuous **90-day** user location records\* (**1TB+**)
- Source Filter Condition: only **GPS/Wi-Fi**

Field	Description	Sample
Time	Timestamp of the record	20:10/07/03/2015
Lon.	Longitude of location	116.3336266
Lat.	Latitude of location	39.890955
Mid	Unique ID of the device	1470076020481
Src	Source of the location record	GPS

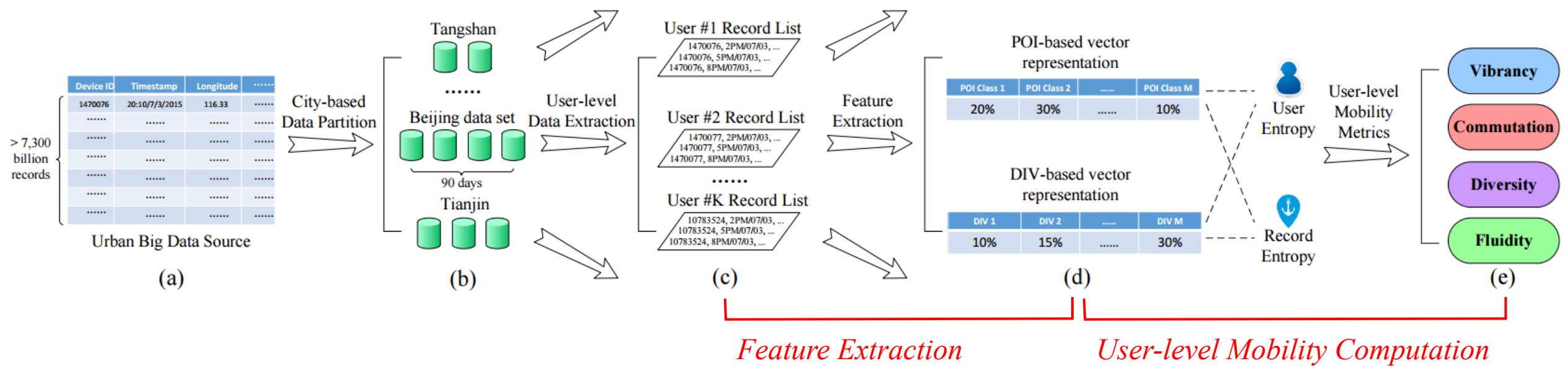
Fig 1. Metadata of location records

City	#Device	#Record	Size	Time
Beijing	31849742	8407648917	738.1G	90 days
Tianjin	8011128	2858575880	206.8G	90 days
Tangshan	2786668	920364499	64.8G	90 days
Zhangjiakou	1392236	317252149	23.1G	90 days

Fig 2. Statistics on four data sets used in this research

\* User privacy is preserved by anonymizing the device ID and discretizing time.

# UrbanFACET Data Processing Framework



# User-based Feature Extraction

- Point of Interest (POI)
- Administrative Division (DIV)

	POI Class									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Probability										

	DIV Class									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	...	N	
Probability								...		

Fig 1. User POI Feature Vector  
Fig 3. POI Class Definition

Fig 2. User DIV Feature Vector  
Fig 4. DIV Class Definition (Beijing)

POI Class	POI Class Type
1	Food & Supply
2	Entertainment & Leisure
3	Education
4	Transportation
5	Healthcare & Emergency
6	Financial & Bank
7	Accommodation
8	Office & Commercial
9	Natural Landscape
10	Factory & Manufacturer

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DIV Class	DIV Class Name
1	Dongcheng
2	Xicheng
3	Chaoyang
4	Fengtai
5	Shijingshan
6	Haidian
7	Mentougou
8	Fangshan
9	Tongzhou
10	Shunyi
11	Changping
12	Daxing
13	Huairou
14	Pinggu
15	Miyun
16	Yanqing

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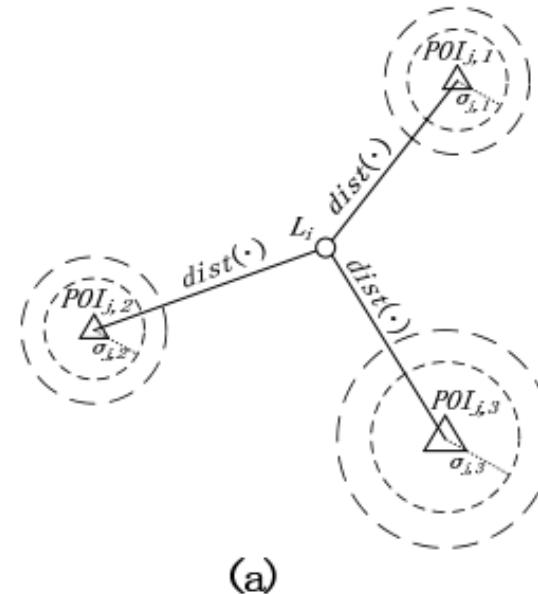
# User-based Feature Extraction

## Probability Definition

- Calculation on **probability** of  $R_i$  belonging to the  $j^{\text{th}}$  POI class ( $q_{ij}$ )

## Big Data Issues

- File-based Indexed
  - Storage and query **optimization**
- Grid-based Computation
  - **Scalability** on calculating probability



(a)

(b)

$$q_{ij} = \frac{\sum_k \varphi_{0, \sigma_{j,k}^2} (\text{dist}(L_i, \text{POI}_{j,k}))}{\sum_j \sum_k \varphi_{0, \sigma_{j,k}^2} (\text{dist}(L_i, \text{POI}_{j,k}))}$$

# Mobility Definition – Classification Attempts

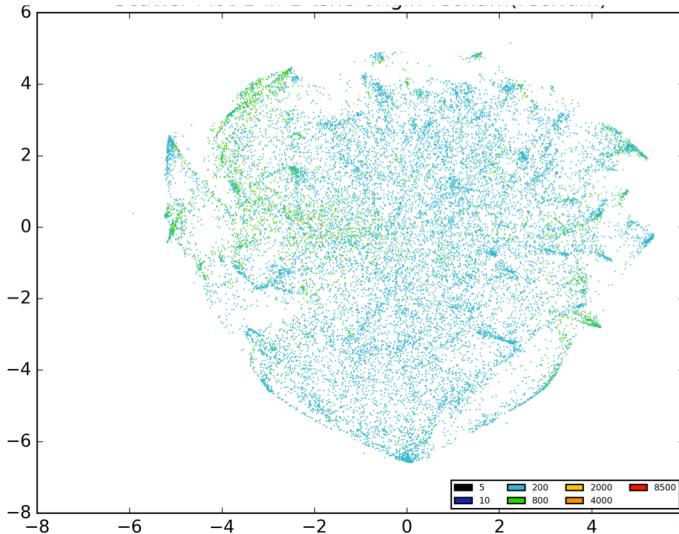


Fig 1. t-SNE of 0.1% random sample of Beijing Data

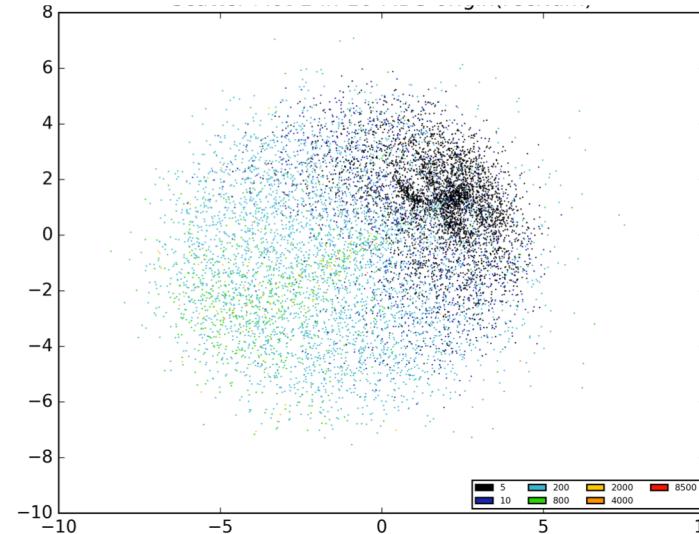


Fig 2. MDS of 0.1% random sample of Beijing Data

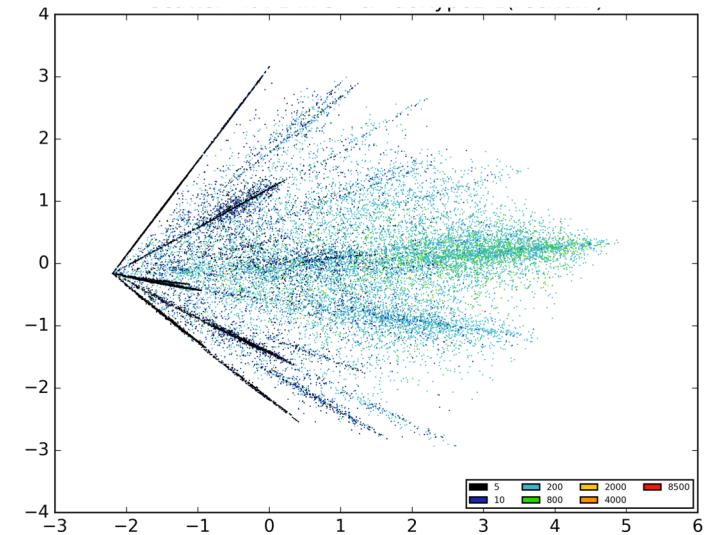


Fig 3. PCA of 0.1% random sample of Beijing Data

It is hard to determine both the **number of clusters** and their clear clustering **boundaries**

Too many **invalid** data occupied in clusters

# User-level Mobility Computation

- Continuous user mobility metrics - Shannon entropy over **people records**

$$H_p = - \sum_{j=1}^M p_j \cdot \log p_j$$

- Computation and spatial mapping



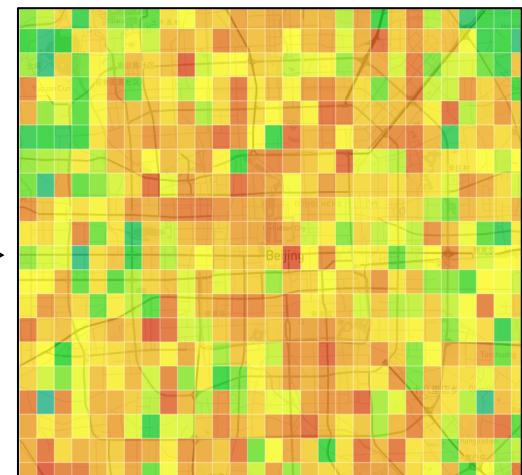
→ User Feature Vector



$$H_p = - \sum_{j=1}^M p_j \cdot \log p_j$$



$$H_{\text{grid-}i} = (H_{i-1} + \dots + H_{i-n})/n$$



# User-level Mobility Computation

- Shannon entropy over **each record**

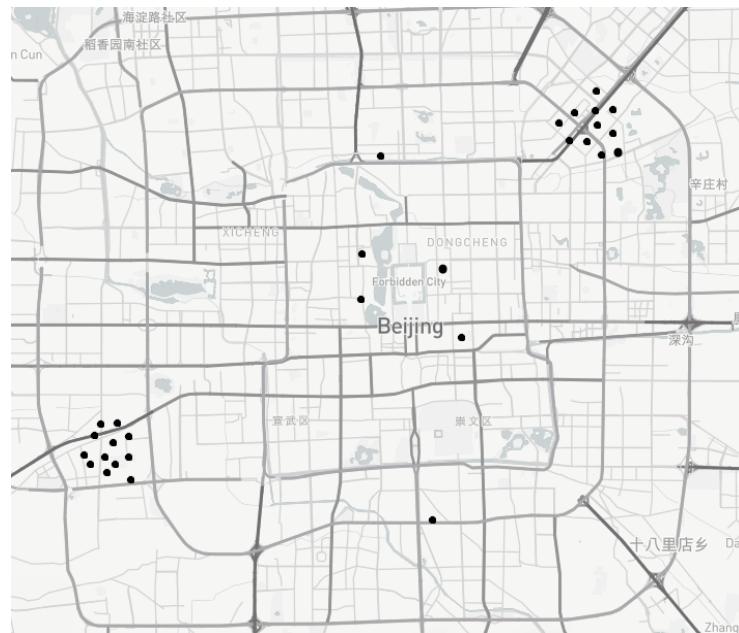


Fig. User entropy

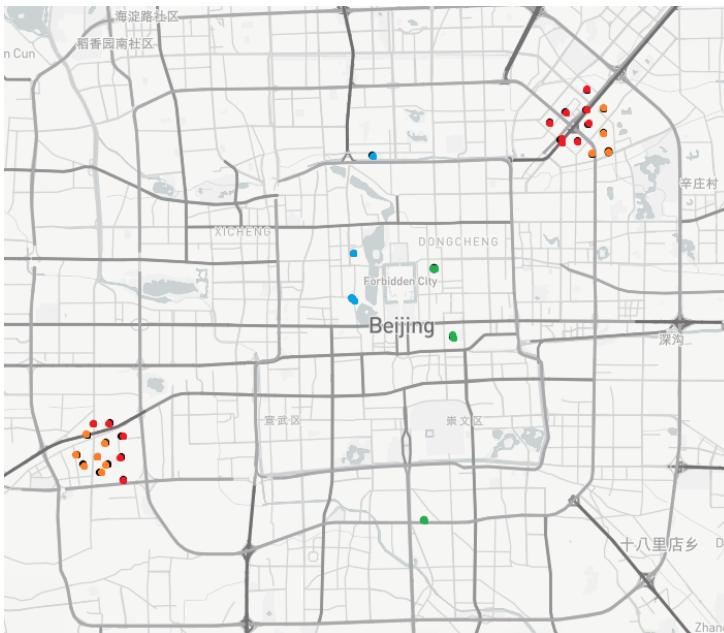
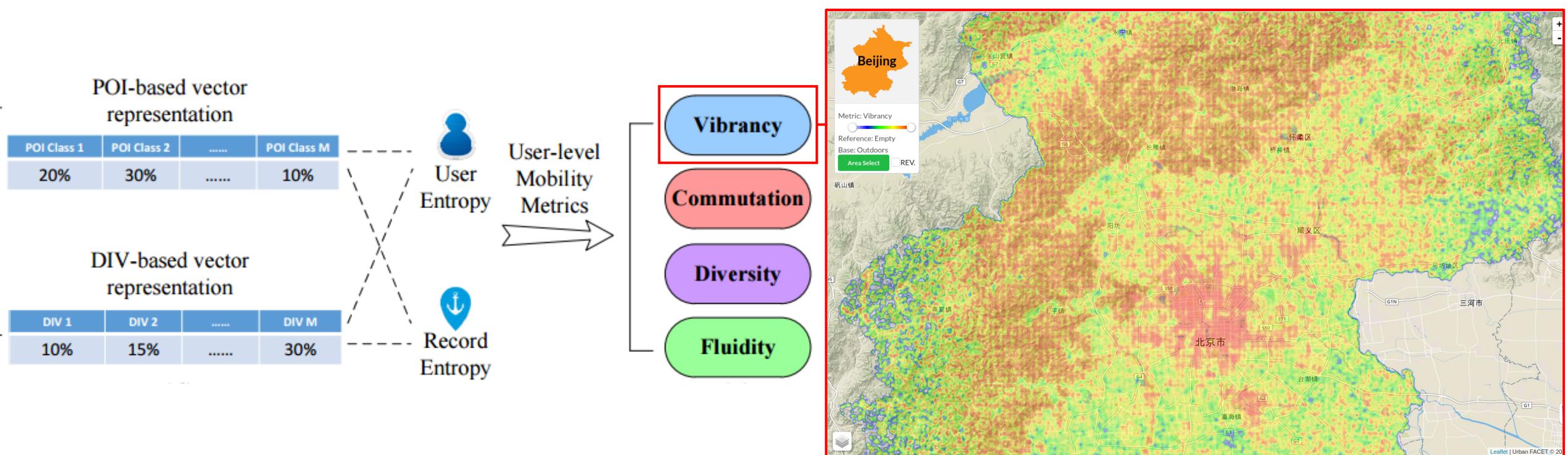


Fig. Record entropy

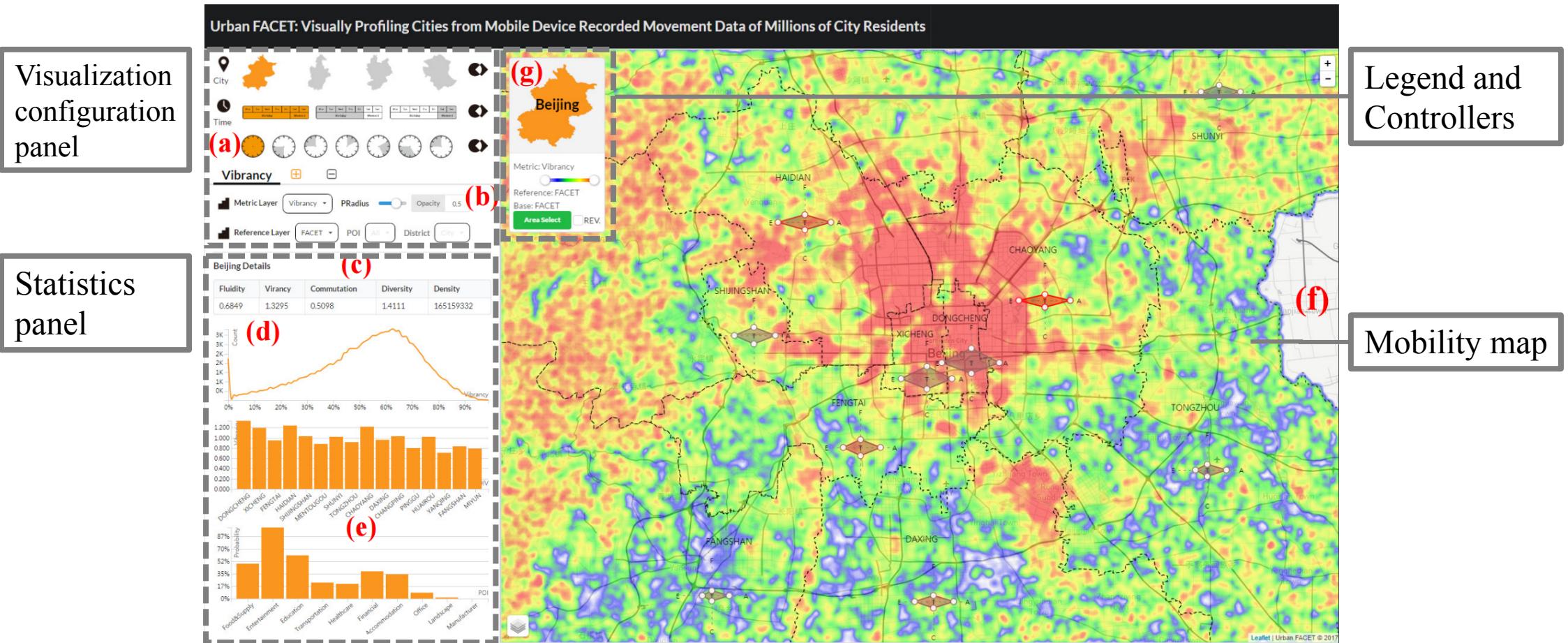
$$\begin{aligned} N \cdot H_p &= -\sum_{j=1}^M N \cdot p_j \cdot \log p_j \\ &= -\frac{N}{\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^M q_{ij}} \cdot \sum_{j=1}^M \sum_{i=1}^N q_{ij} \cdot \log p_j \\ &\approx -\sum_{j=1}^M \sum_{i=1}^N q_{ij} \cdot \log p_j \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N (-\sum_{j=1}^M q_{ij} \cdot \log p_j) \end{aligned}$$

$$H_r = -\sum_{j=1}^M q_{ij} \cdot \log p_j$$

# User-level Mobility Computation



# Visualization Design



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- **Point diffusion** based contour map
- Double color map **filter**
- **Star plot** design to FACET simultaneously

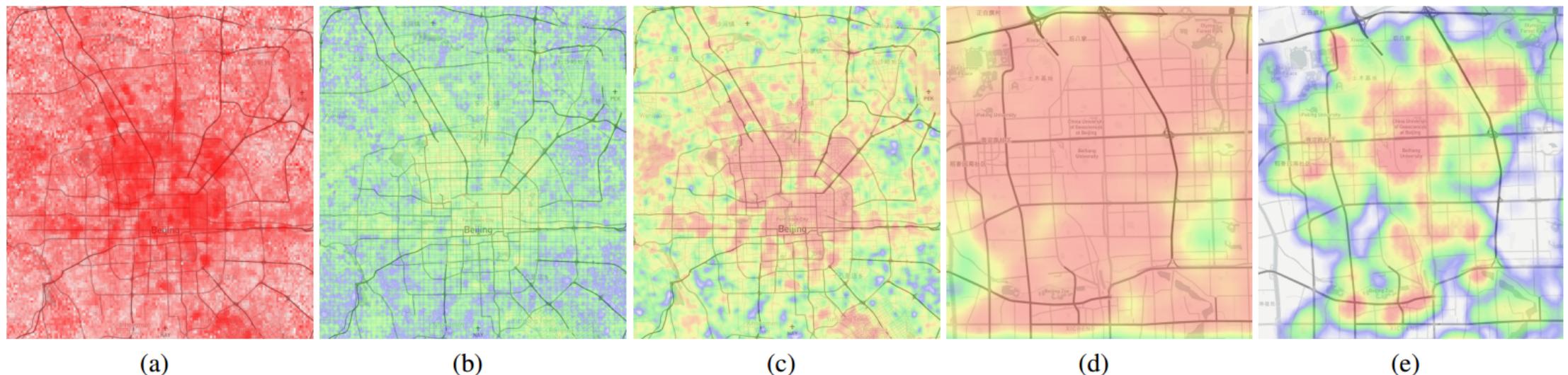
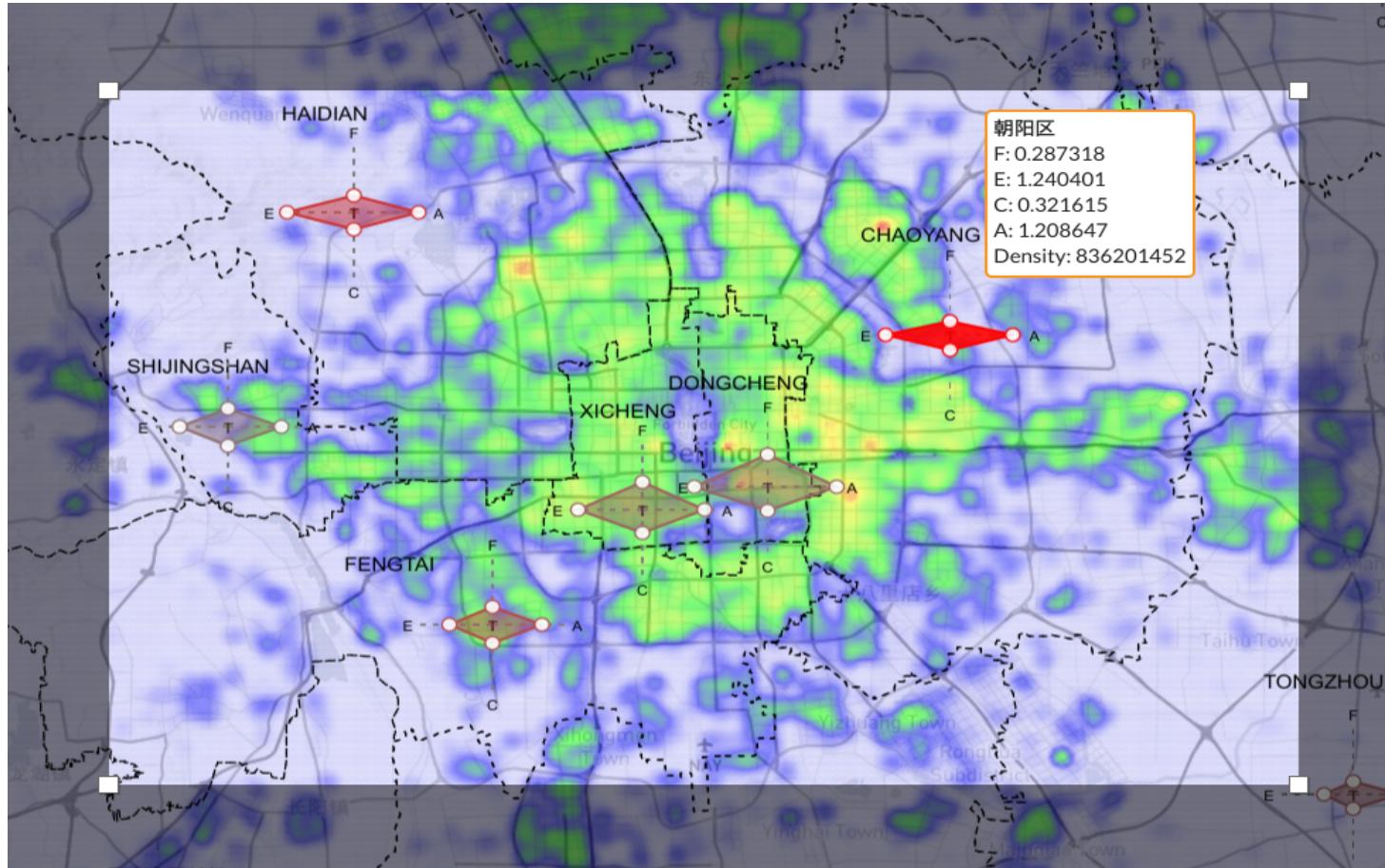


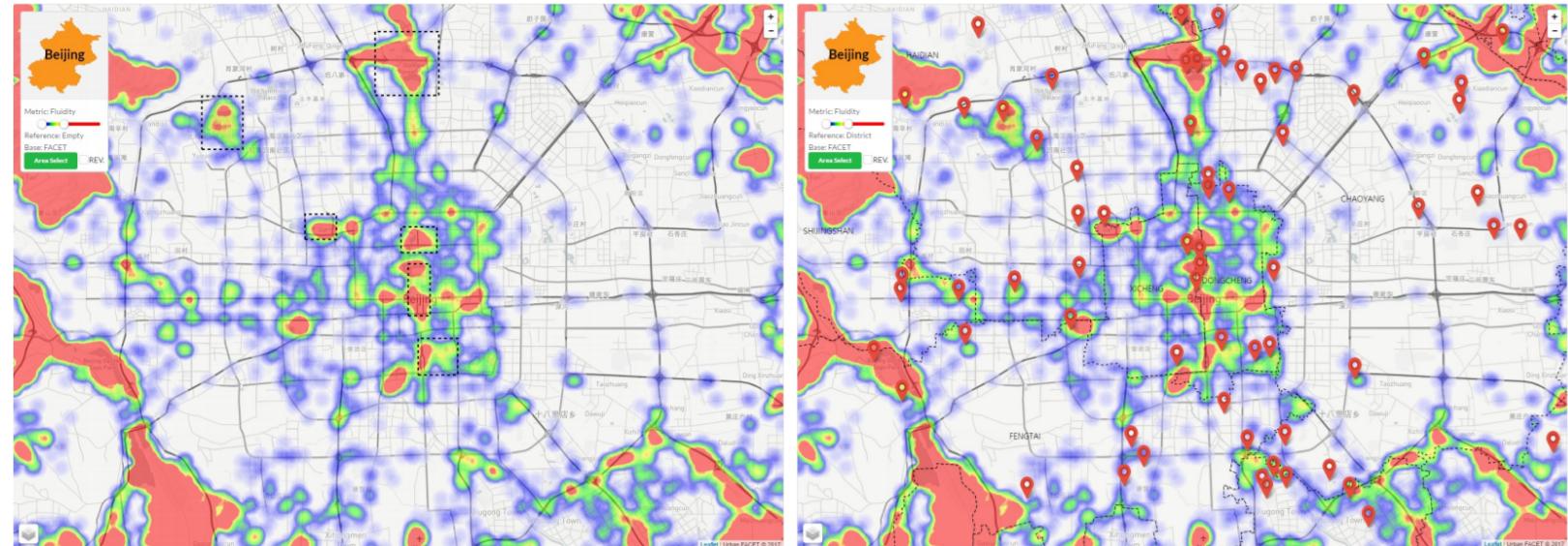
Fig. Alternative mobility metric visualization: (a) grid-based; (b) minimal contour map; (c) contour map with optimal diffusion radius and double color map filters; (d) zoom-in view with fixed diffusion radius; (e) zoom-in view with adaptive diffusion radius

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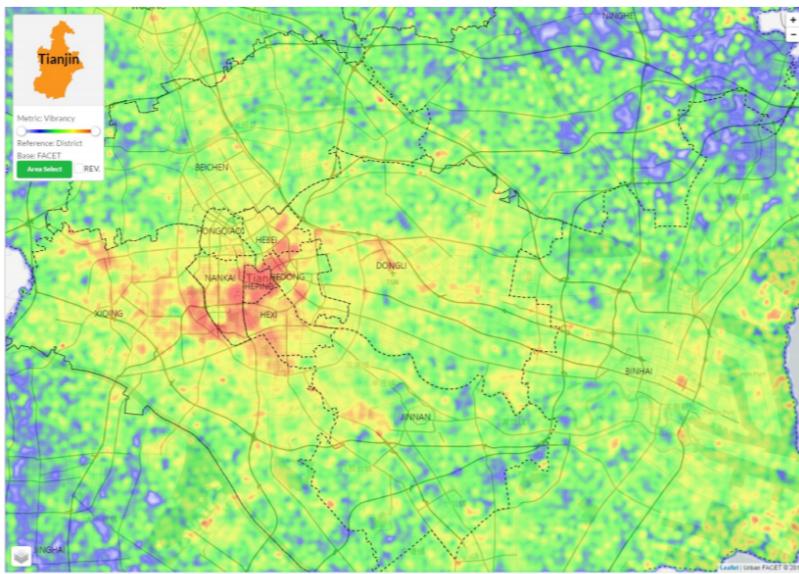
# Case Study

Fig. The fluidity metric distribution in Beijing (top)

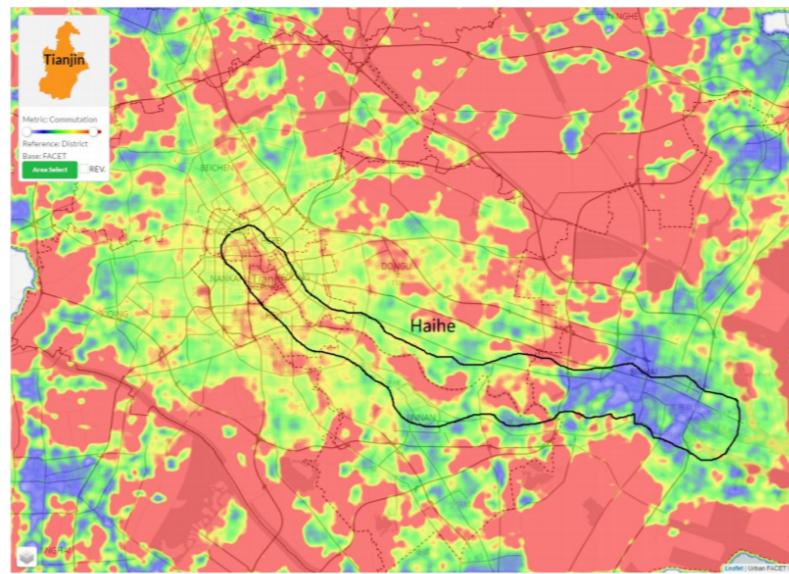


(a) Distribution

(b) Correlation with tourism POIs



(a) Vibrancy



(b) Commutation

Fig. The mobility metric distribution in Tianjin (left)

# Case Study

Fig. Temporal Comparison Analysis over different time periods (right)

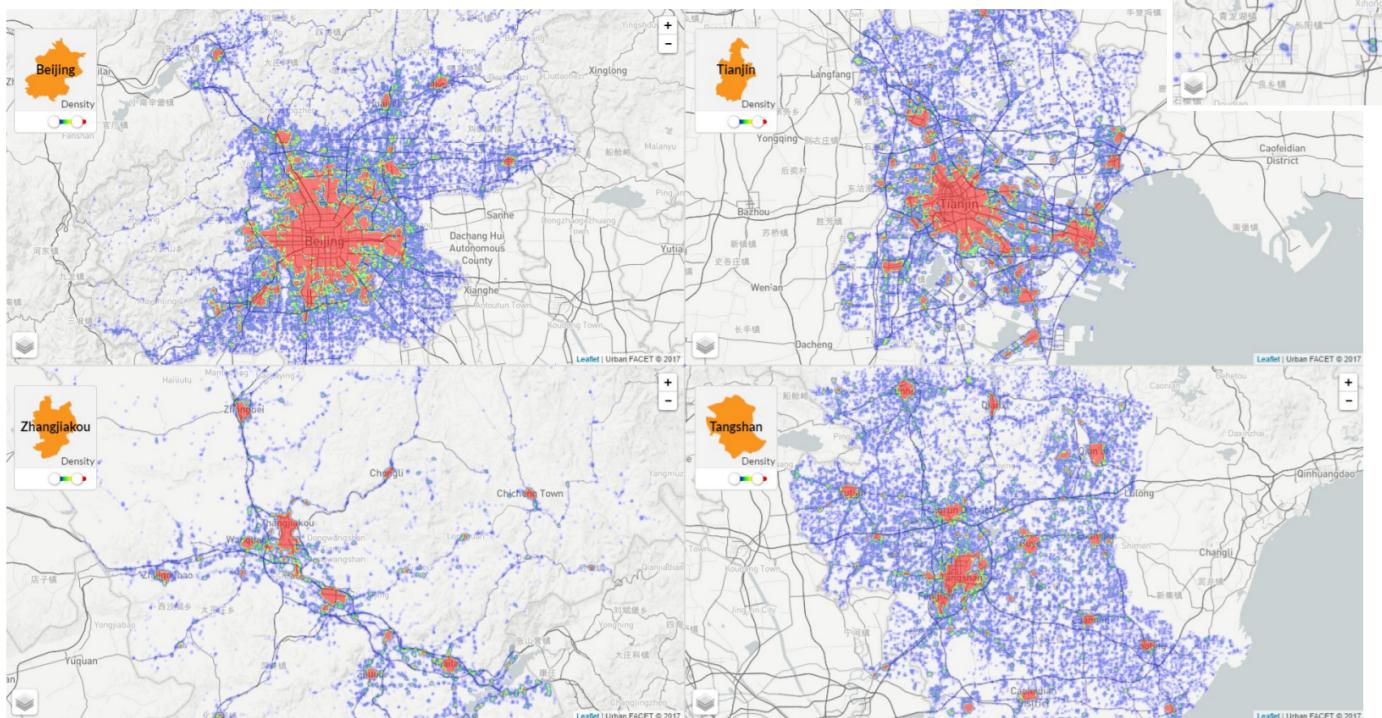
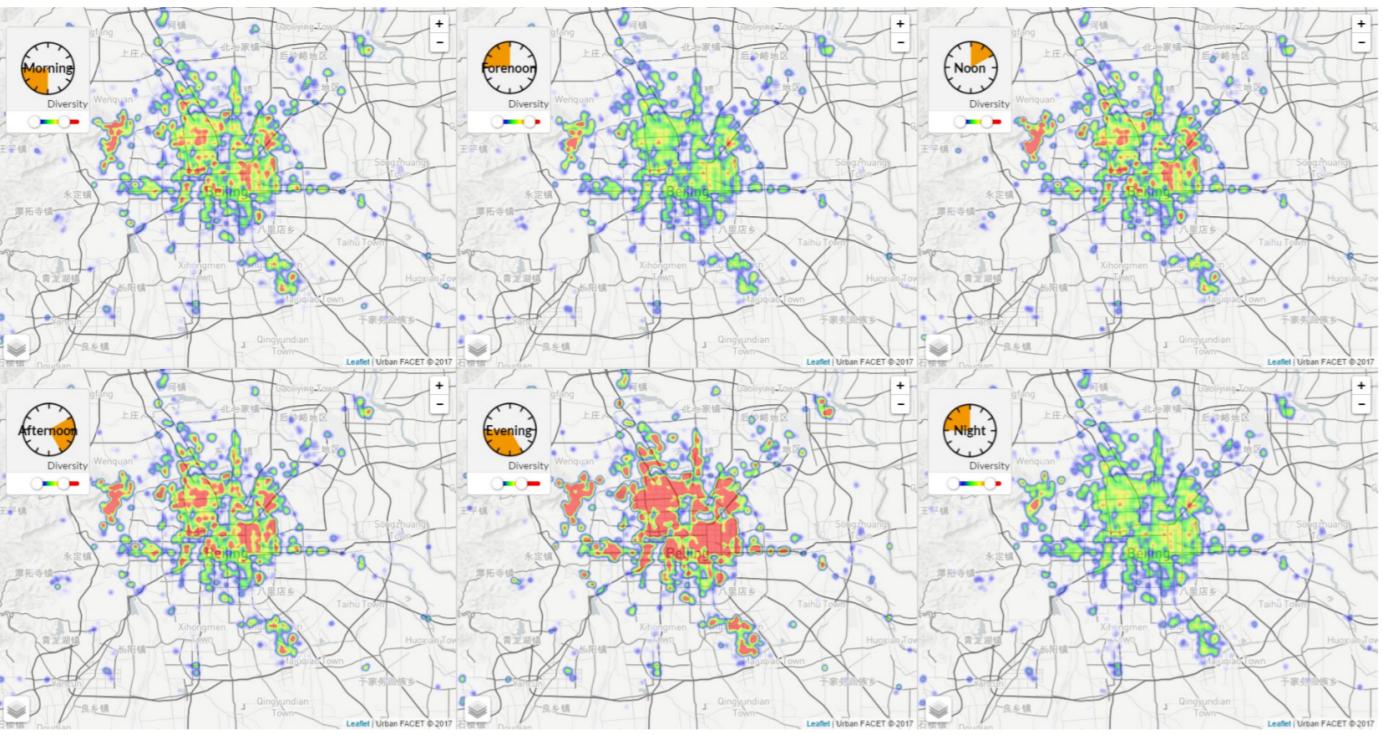


Fig. Spatial Comparison Analysis over different cities (left)

# Evaluation - Controlled user experiment

- Task Design: **16 subjects** with 2 groups (mobility metrics & density metric)
- Training Session: applied in advance
- Task: **8 tasks in 4 groups**
- Data Source: FACE/T randomly
- Result: 4 user-level mobility metrics in most cases **introduce new information** for users

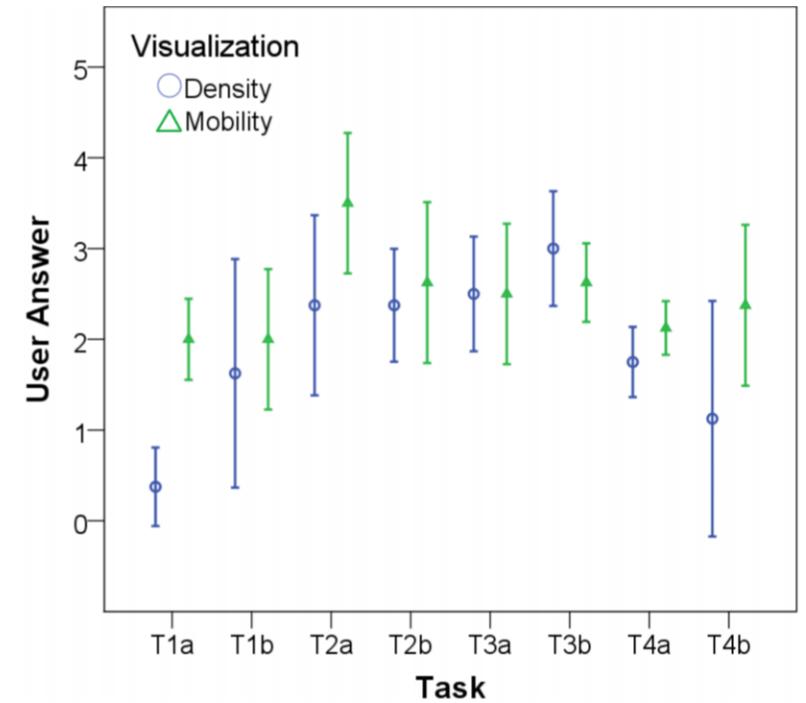


Fig. 13. Distribution of user answers in eight tasks.

# Conclusion

## Contribution

- Proposed a scalable, grid-based data analytics **pipeline**;
- Introduced a suite of information-theory based **metrics**;
- Developed an integrated visual analytics **system**, namely UrbanFACET.

## Future Work

- **Model** fine-grained regions and conduct **analysis** on residents.
- Figure out meaningful **time-based** user mobility **metrics**.
- **Extend** the **user base** of UrbanFACET beyond domain experts.

# Thanks!

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