

# The Internet of Things: Roadmap to a Connected World

## Smart Cities

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# 1. The city as a cyber physical system

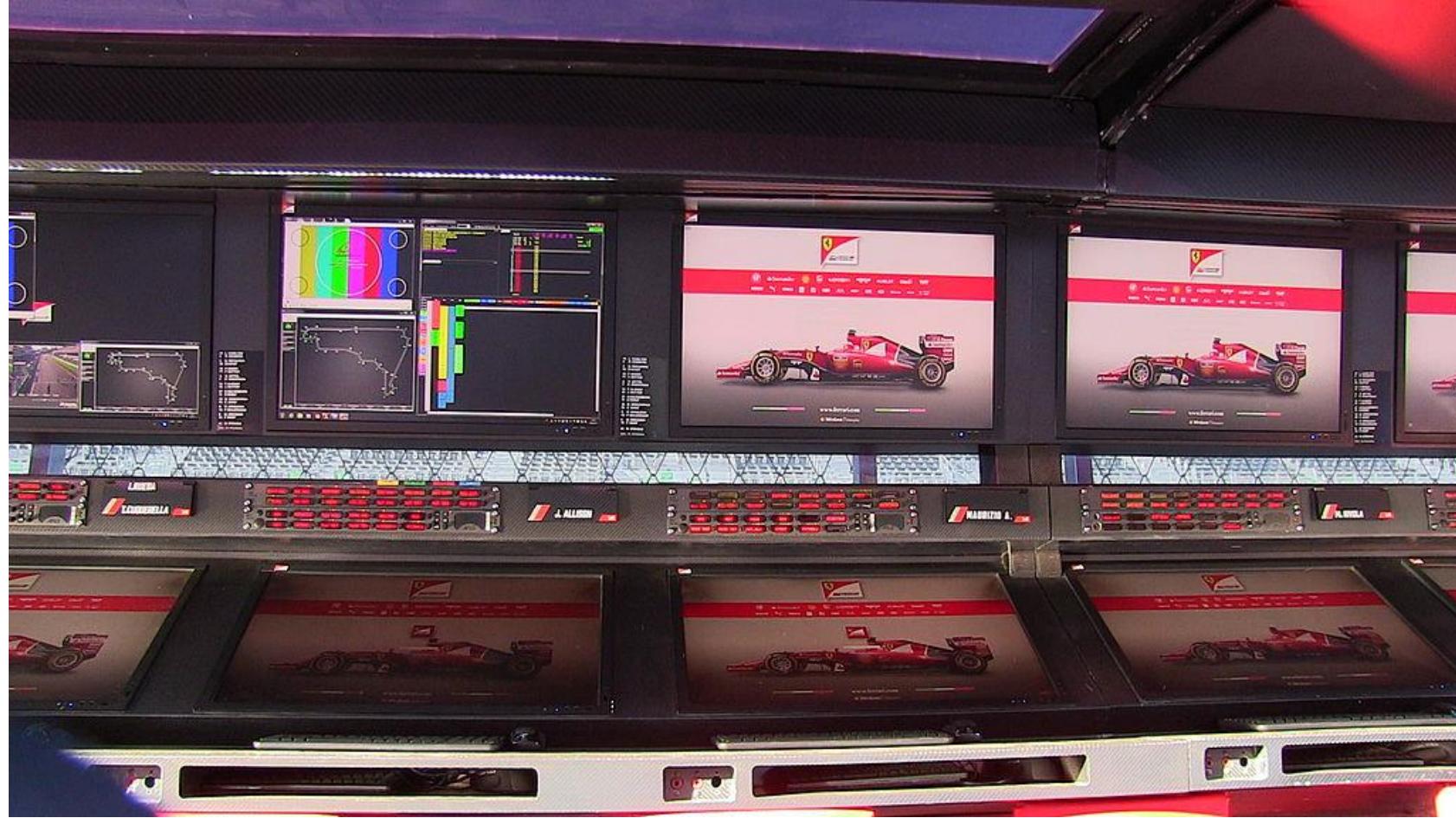


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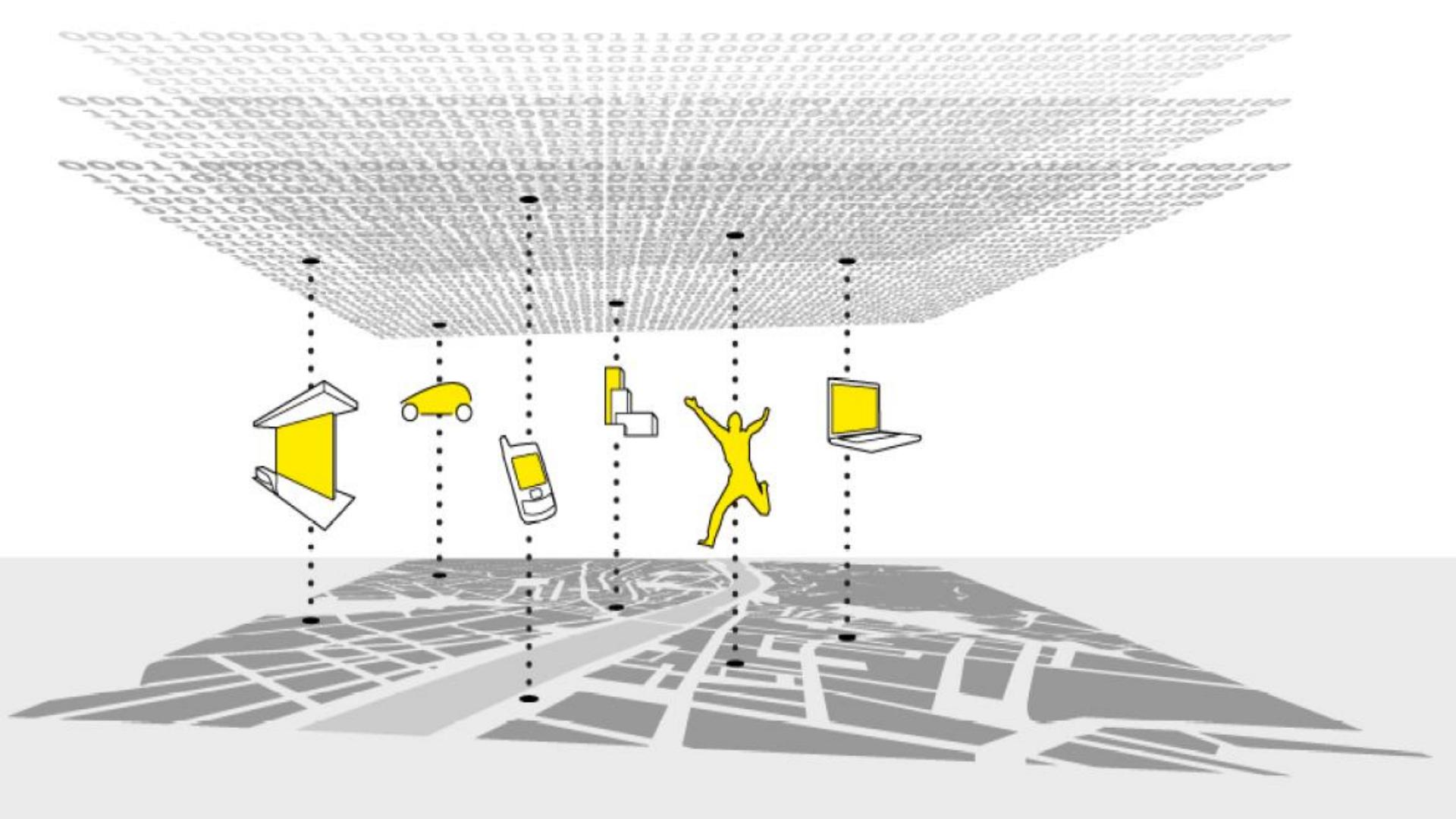


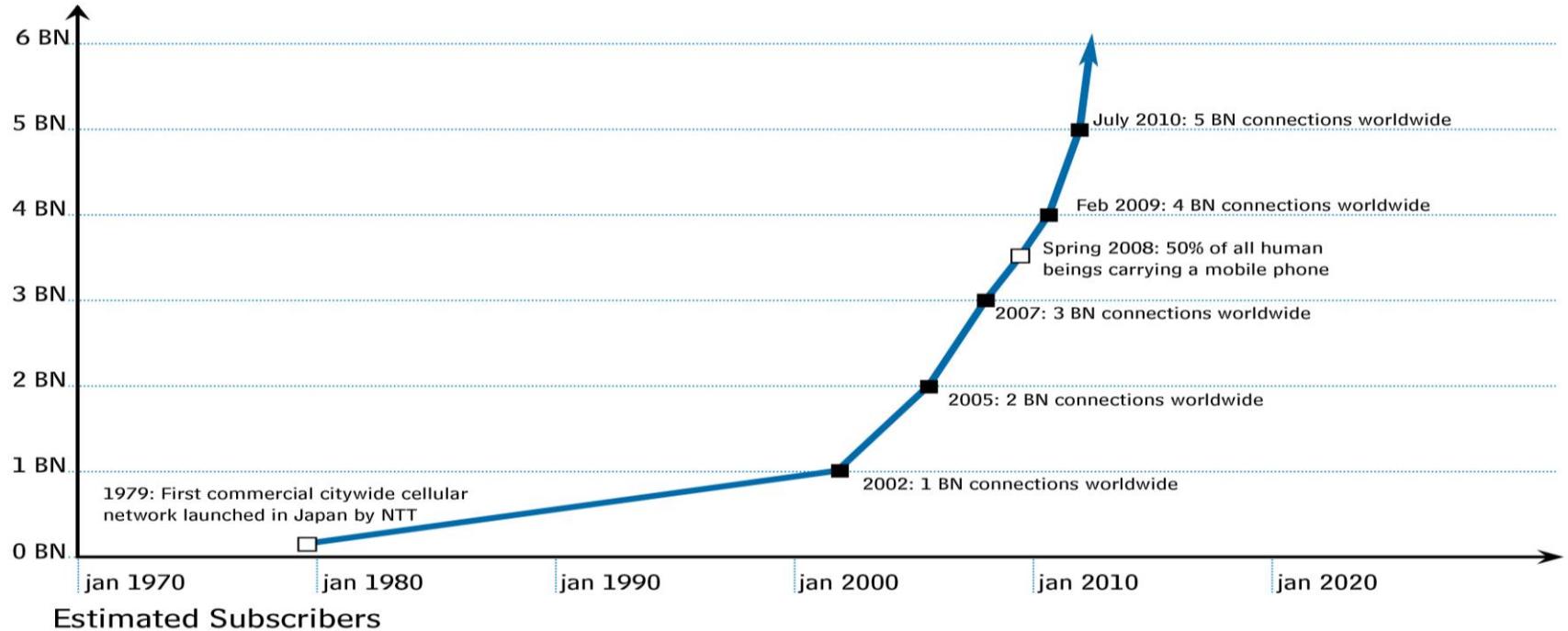
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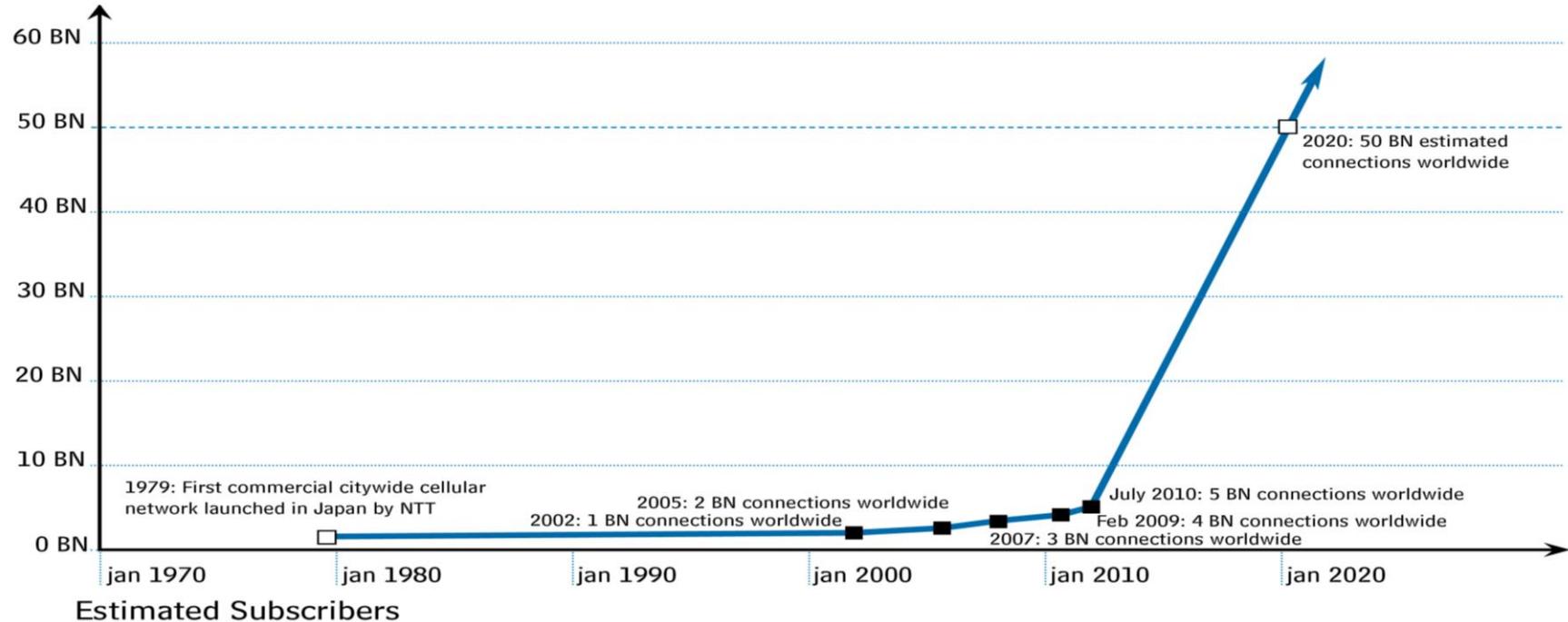






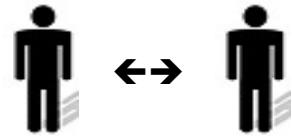
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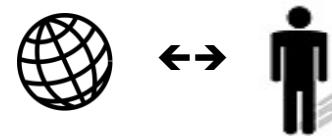


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# 2. Sensing the city



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# Big Data...

The amount of data produced from the dawn of civilization up until 2003 can be estimated in five exabytes. According to Google's executive chairman Eric Schmidt, "today that same amount is created every two days" (<http://techcrunch.com/2010/08/04/schmidt-data/>, 2010).



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# Big Data...

Big data is what you cannot put in an Excel spreadsheet



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# Big Data

/ opportunistic  
/ user generated  
/ purposely sensed



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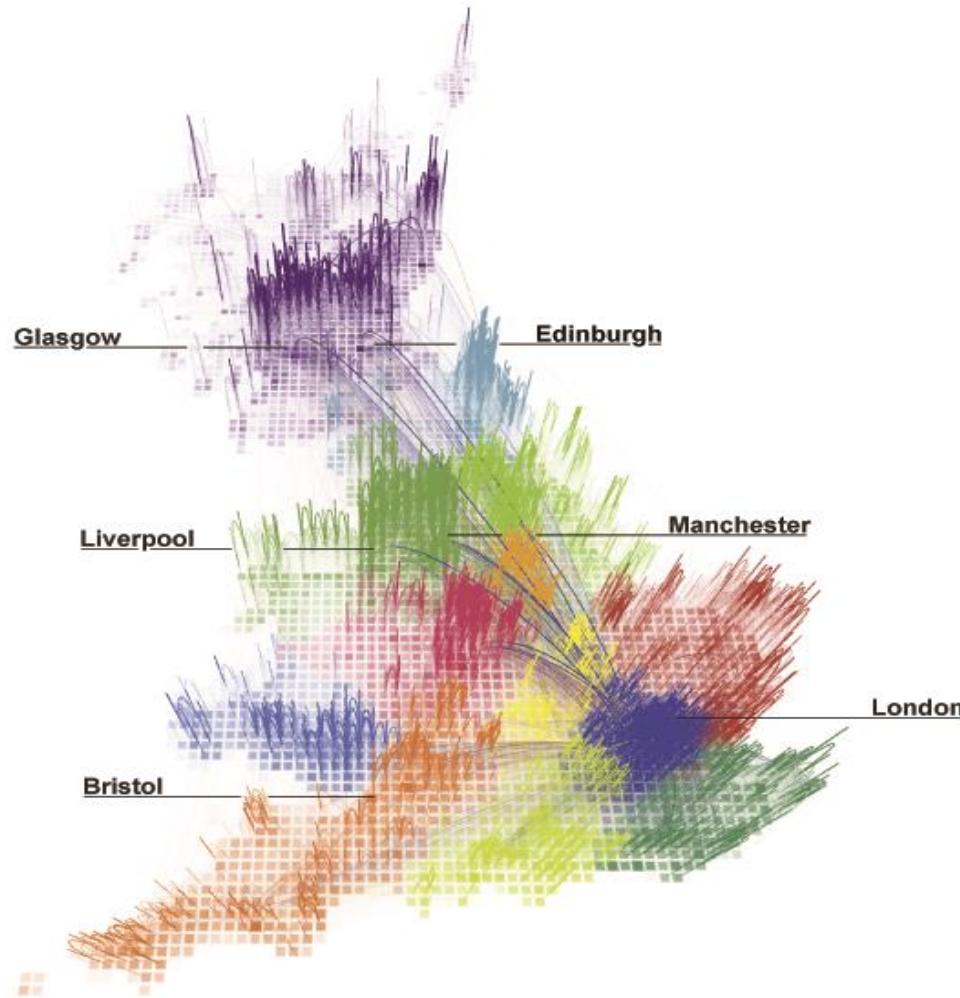


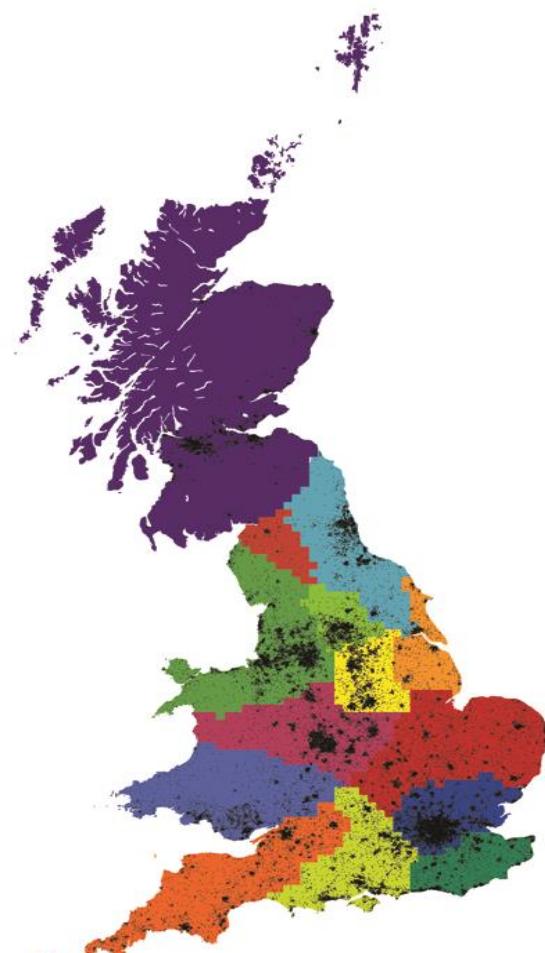
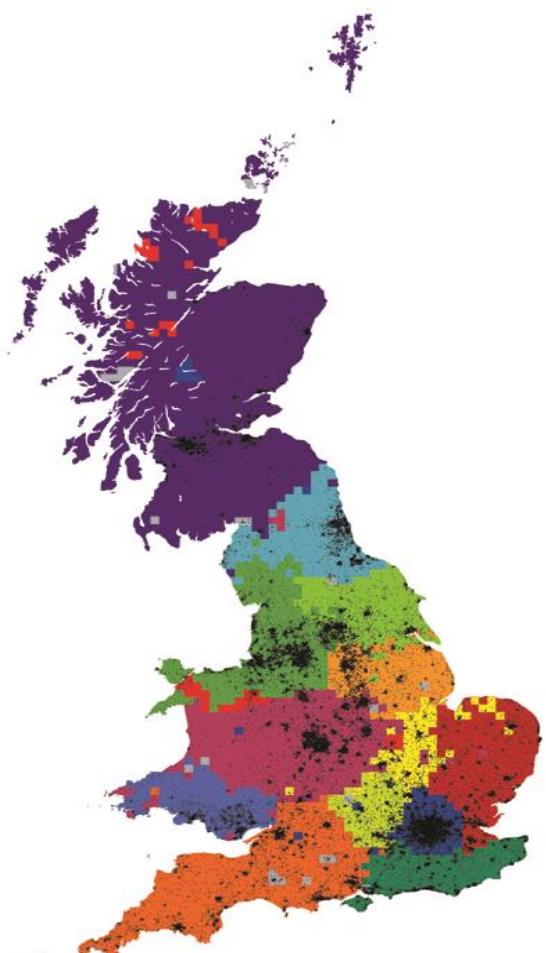
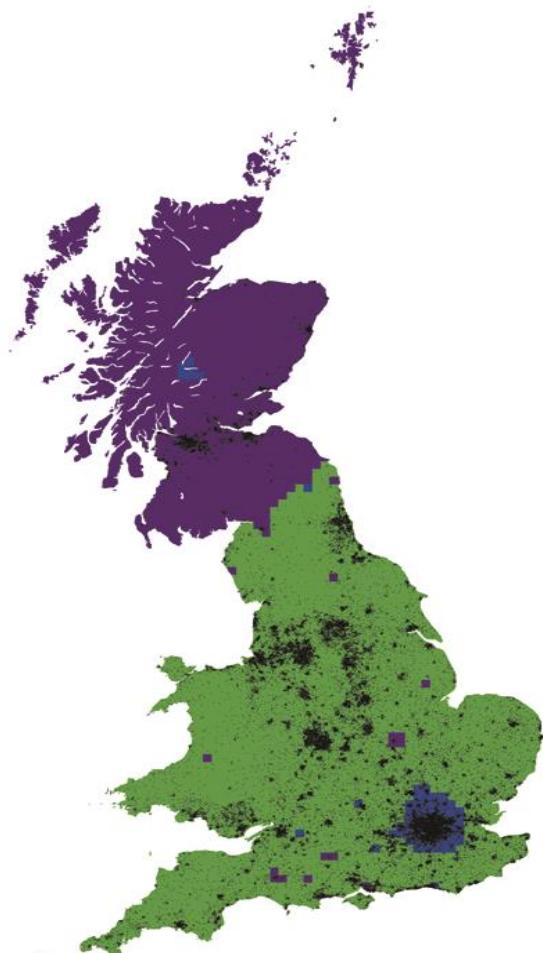
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# Phone-Call Cartography

**A**MERICANS are more connected now than ever. Mobile phones allow people to maintain relationships with friends, family and colleagues across long distances.

If you analyze aggregated cellphone traffic, researchers at M.I.T., AT&T and I.B.M. did with United States data from July of last year — interesting patterns emerge.

Cities become connective hubs as people move to them from nearby communities and from far across the country. As a result, many calls originate and end in cities, connecting urban citizens to their families back home.

At the same time, communities emerge that have little to do with geographic boundaries. While some follow

state lines, others split states in half or combine them.

There are sister states like Georgia and Alabama, and Mississippi and Louisiana. New Jersey and California, on the other hand, split in half because of the influence of large cities. Chattanooga, Tennessee, connects more with the Georgia-Alabama community than with the rest of Tennessee, and Pittsburgh splits from Pennsylvania to align with West Virginia. Texas remains whole, because the communication among Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and Austin is strong enough to hold it together.

These patterns show that proximity is only one of many factors — both cultural and economic — that bring people together.

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## COMMUNITIES

Calling patterns reveal communities that don't necessarily correspond to geographic borders. Some follow state lines and others split states in half or combine them.

## COMMUNICATION

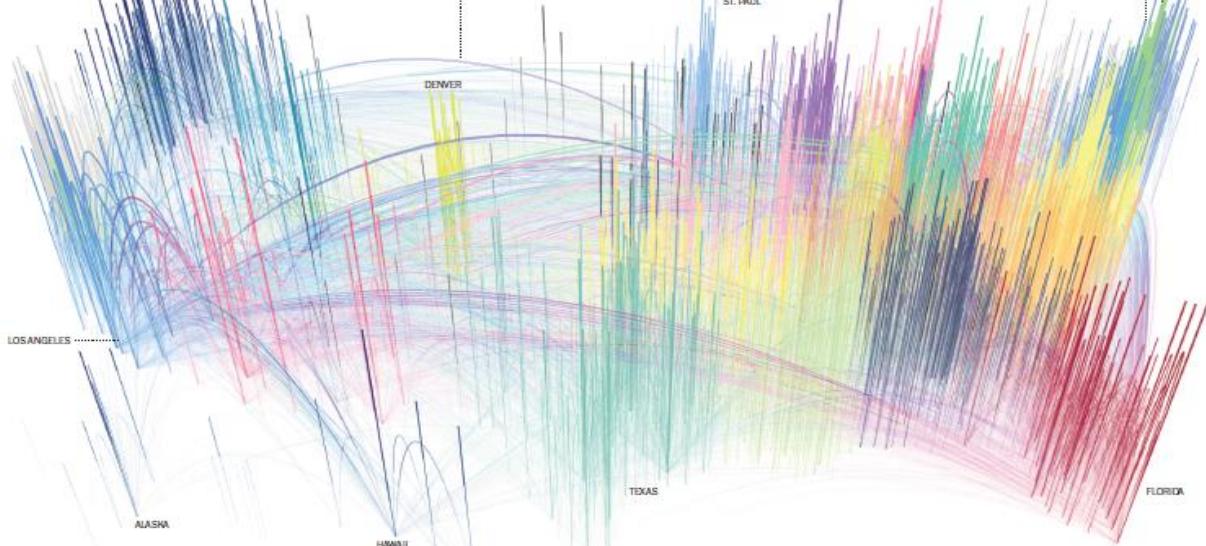
This map shows the mobile connections between people, with each arc representing thousands of phone calls. The color of each arc is a mix between the colors of the communities on either end of the calls, corresponding to the map above.

The height of the arc represents the relative volume of calls.

Tall, narrow arcs show many calls within a small geographic area.

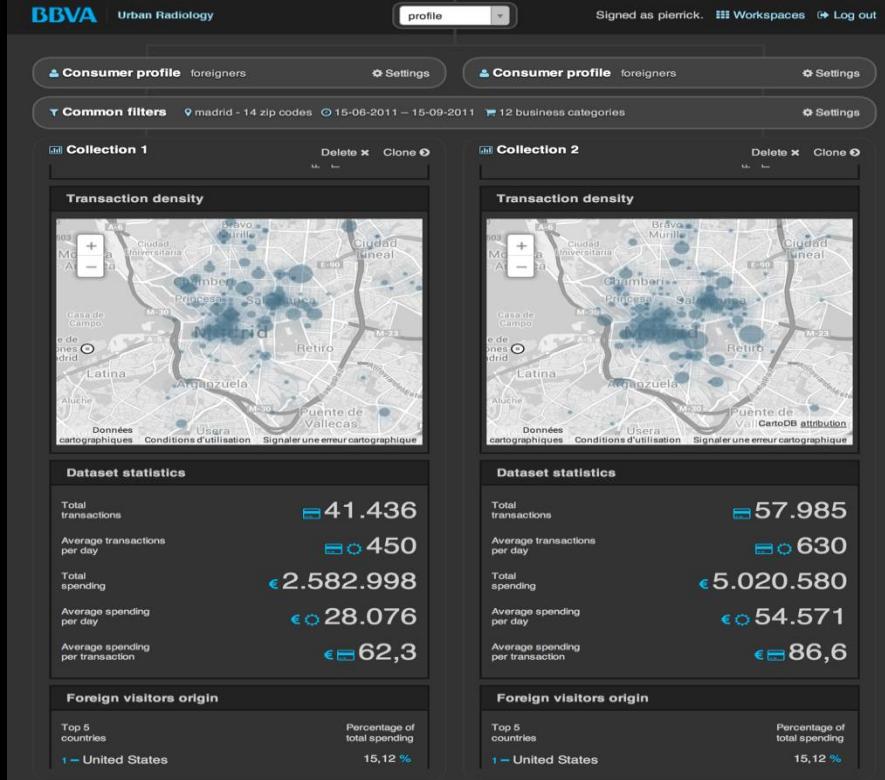
The many cross-country long distance calls (which rarely touch down in the nation's less-populated midsection) connect major metropolitan areas.

This arc represents calls between Chicago and Seattle.



# Urban Radiology project

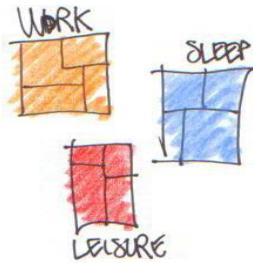
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Running prototype (2013)  
Now being developed as a product

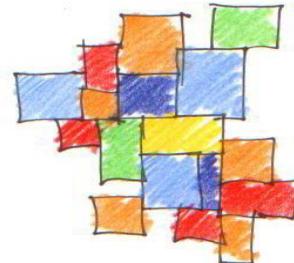
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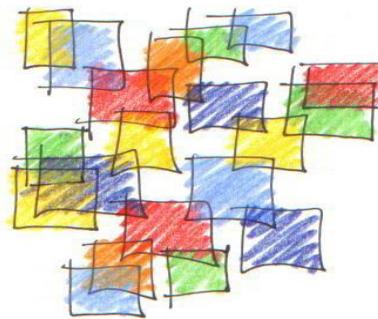
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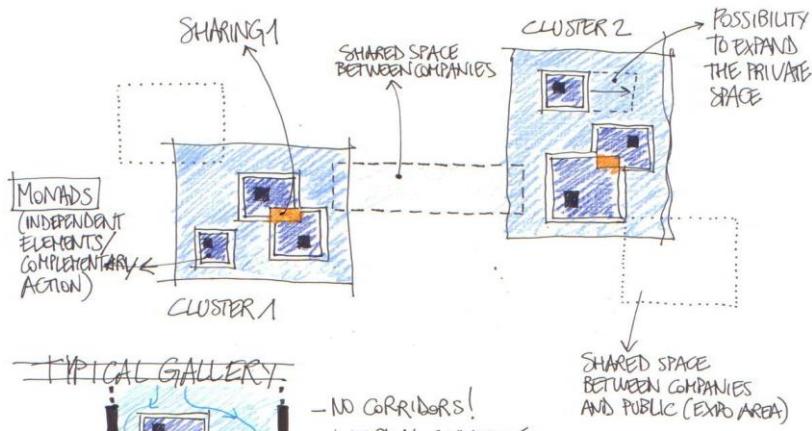
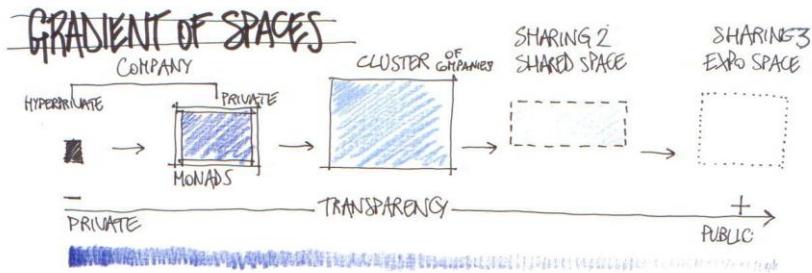
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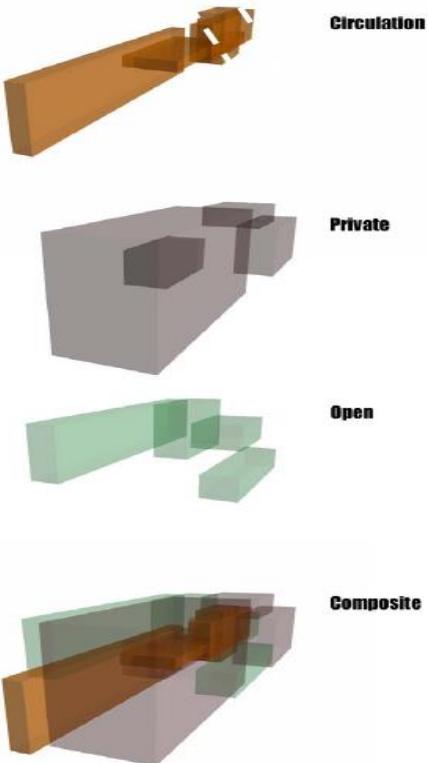


2000

DIGITAL REVOLUTION







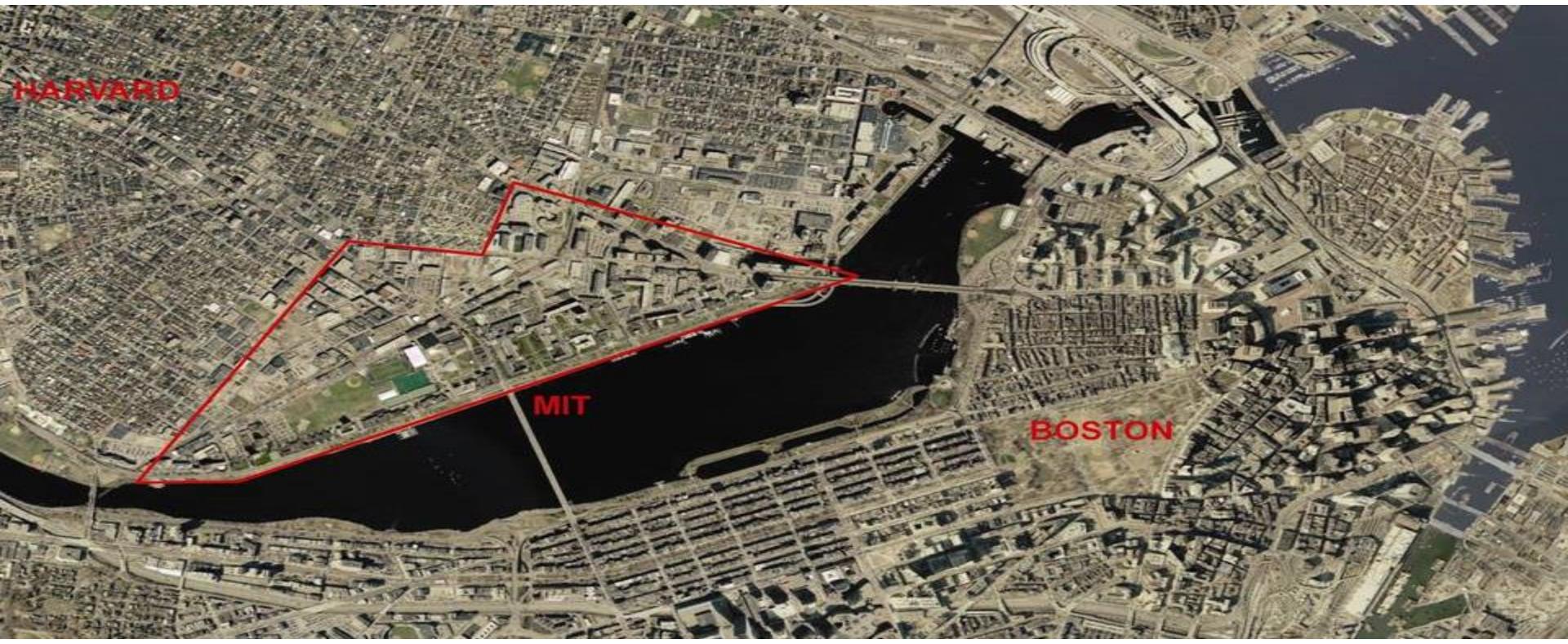
MIT campus

Location: Boston, MA

Area: 168 acres

People: 10,320 students and 9, 414 total employees

Buildings: over 190





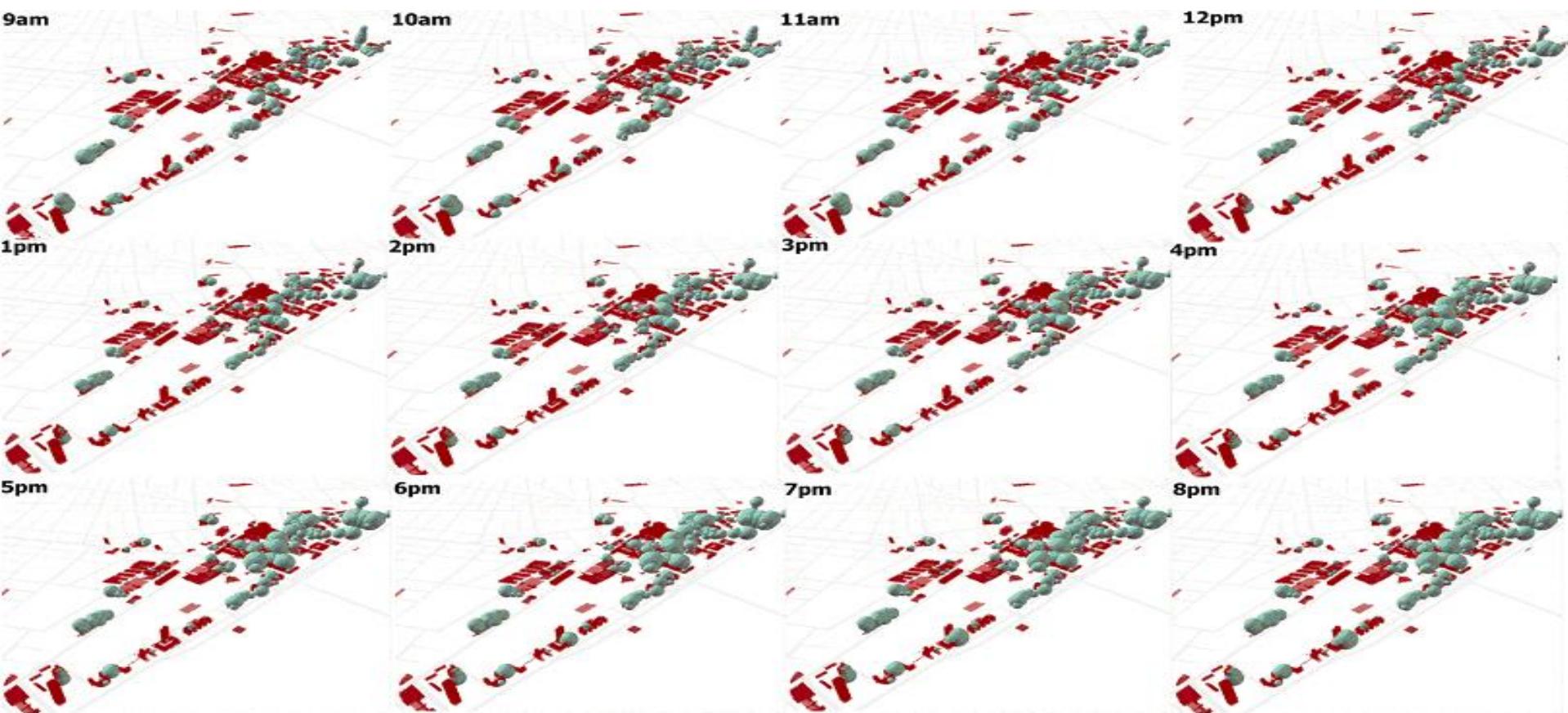
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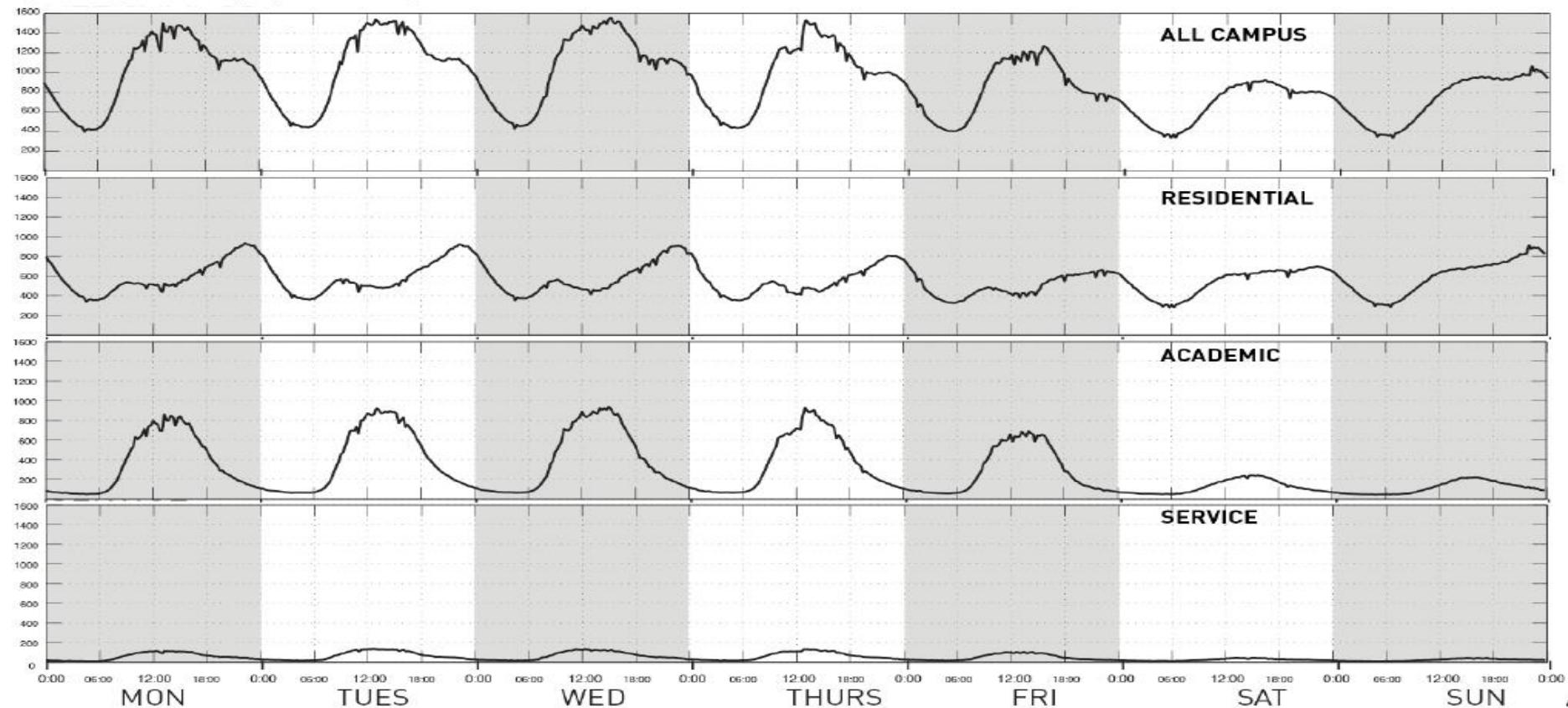
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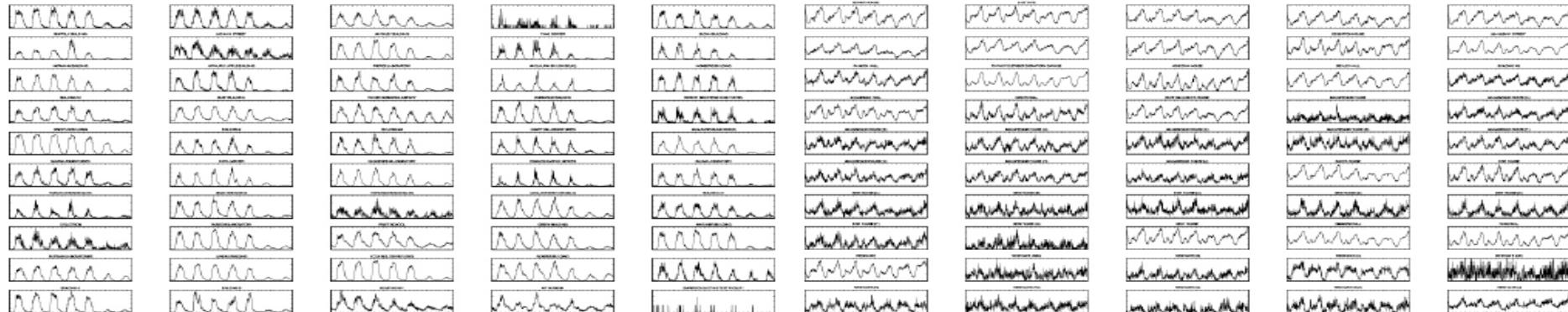


Summary slide of the signals from the three program types discussed earlier - compared to the signature of the entire campus. The user number is the average weekly number of people connecting to the internet via WiFi.

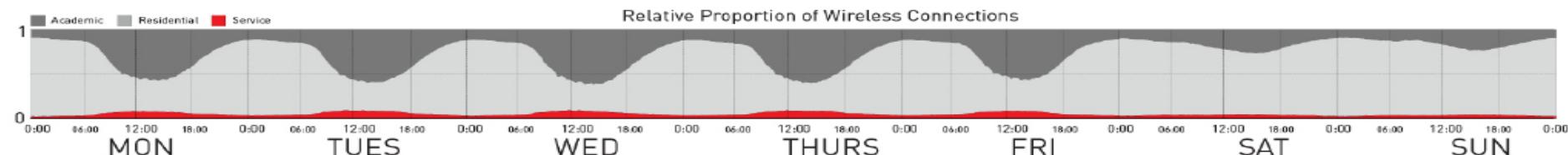


### 3. MIT CAMPUS

The average weekly WiFi signals from individual buildings give us a fingerprint of each building. Can these be correlated (calibrated?) to the type of people living in particular dorms? Do physicists have different WiFi usage than chemists?



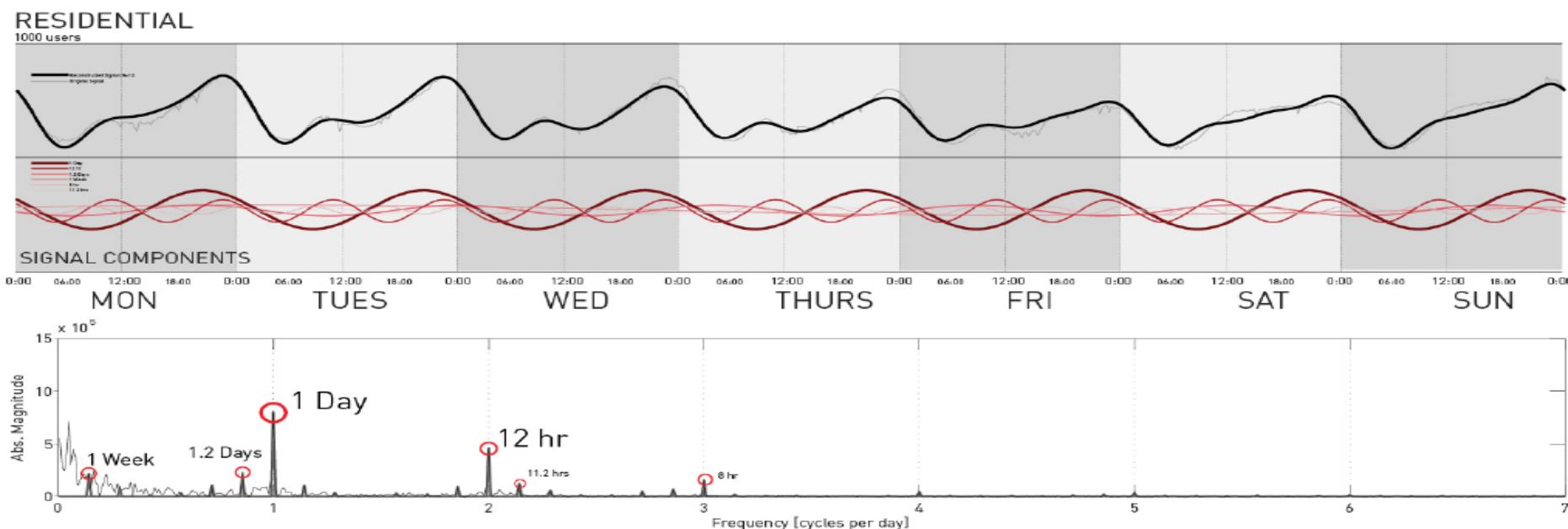
Calculating the average relative proportions of total WiFi connections among the three program types (academic/residential/service) over the course of a week reveals characteristic WiFi behavior in the three program types. Although the service building WiFi use is much lower than the two other program types, in general, the service and academic buildings show a similar increase in WiFi use during normal daylight hours, while the residential use increases at night. This difference diminishes during the weekend.



### 3.1 MIT FFT

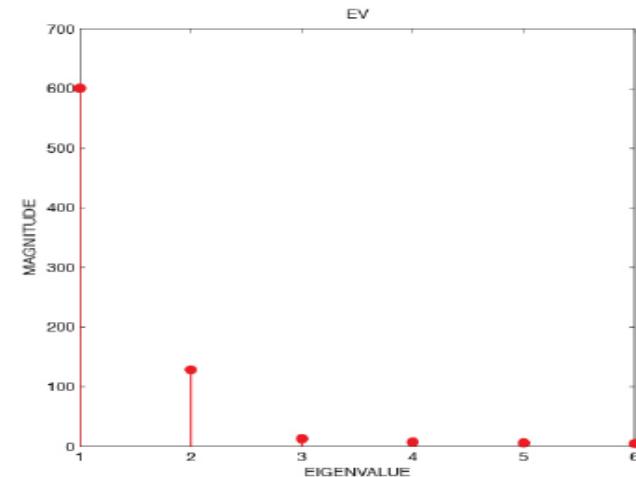
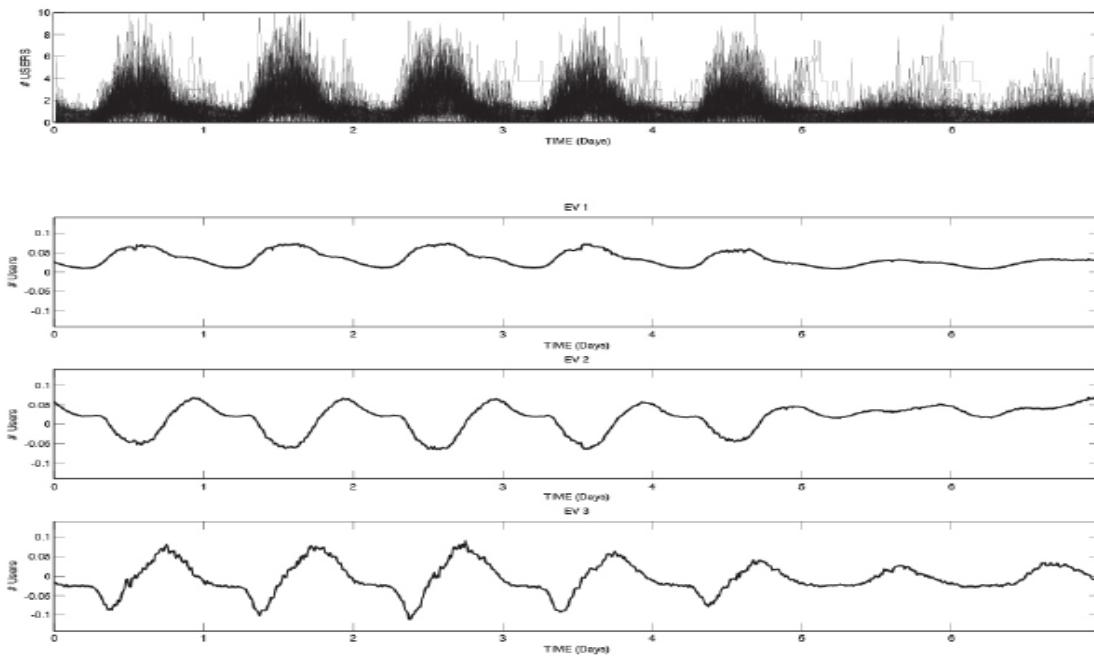
Taking an FFT of the average weekly time series allows us to separate the WiFi signatures into individual components. Shown below are the original signature, the reconstructed signature, the six frequencies used to reconstruct the synthetic time series, and the spectral graph of the original time series. The thickness and color of the individual components are a function of the magnitude of the frequency shown in the lowermost plot. The primary frequencies for residential buildings correspond to periods of 1 day, 12 hours, 1.2 days, 8 hours, and 1 week. The diurnal cycle is as expected for people who sleep at night and work during the day. The 12hr and 8hr periods correspond to daily activities such as going to class and accessing the internet in the evening. Note the largest WiFi signal comes just before midnight. Since these are mostly students in dorms, it is not surprising.

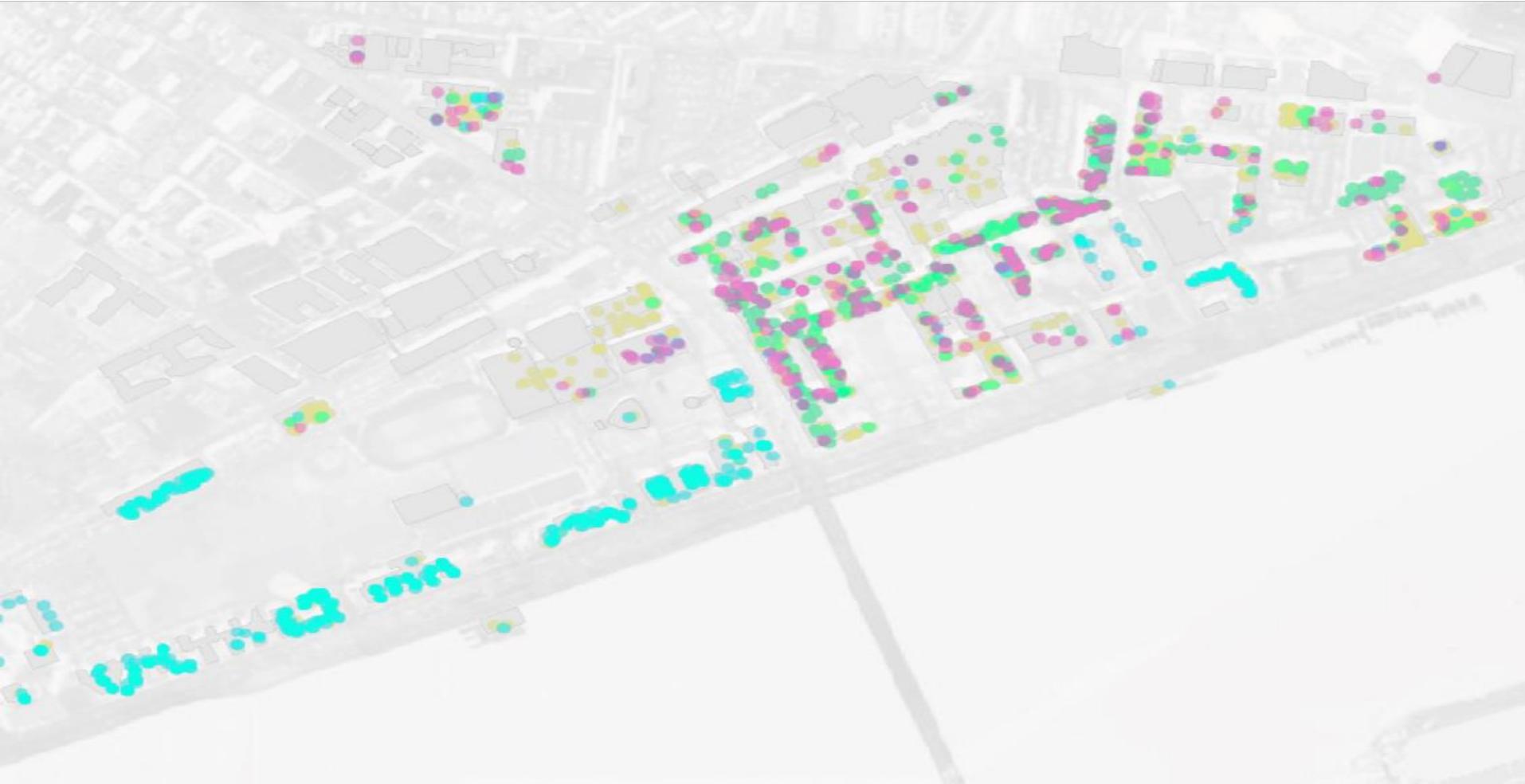
As can be seen below, the FFT technique is ideal for characterizing and extracting fundamental components of periodic behavior. Is a city periodic? I would say yes - it is governed by cycles and thus, unlike the eigenvector technique which is more interested in canonical forms (periodic or not), tends to make a lot of intuitive sense for urban analysis.



### 3.2 MIT EIGENVECTOR ANALYSIS AND K-MEAN CLUSTERING

The test of seeing whether WiFi antennas in Simmons Hall could be grouped according to very localized usage patterns was partially successful - there are still many uncertainties about the accuracy of the results - so it was decided to use all of the antennas on the MIT campus to determine the 14 week average signal and then calculate the eigenvectors/eigenvalues and k-mean clustering. Shown below are the results of the eigenvector analysis.





# Science

By Carlo Ratti and Matthew Claudel

MOBILITY

## Why mapping is on the move

How quickly can you visit the largest museum in the world? In Jean-Luc Godard's film *Bande à part* (1964), the three main characters run through the Louvre in nine minutes and 43 seconds, supposedly breaking the record for the fastest visit. The dash inspired similar endeavours – including another cinematic sprint in Bernardo Bertolucci's *The Dreamers* and one by the Swiss artist Beat Lippert, who ostensibly holds the fastest time to date: nine minutes and 14 seconds (in June 2010).

Lippert's claim could now be confirmed by an experiment recently carried out in the museum. Using new technologies for monitoring Bluetooth signals from mobile phones, researchers measured the flow of visitors over time – which galleries they explored, which paths they took, how long they spent looking at each artwork. The study provides us with a new way of seeing one of the world's greatest collections, focusing not on the art but on the people in front of it.

Analyse of this data, published in the journal *Environment and Planning B\**, shows that, far from sprinting in Godard's footsteps, most people prefer to meander through the museum, with 10 per cent of visits lasting more than five hours. Regardless of pace, visitors follow a well-trodden path past masterpieces such as Da Vinci's "Mona Lisa" and the "Nike of Samothrace". Only a fraction move quickly, leaving less than an hour.

The study is based on a growing body of research that monitors signals from mobile phones. This data can provide an accurate understanding of human behaviour across many scales, from a museum to a city. Such knowledge has been sought throughout the history of urban planning. Ildefonso Cerdá, the father of modern Barcelona, was one of many who dreamt of a more

quantitative urbanism: "The building of cities, if not so already, will soon become a genuine science that calls for major and profound search in every branch of human knowledge." During the second half of the 20th century, urbanist William H Whyte (right) used on-site cameras to capture human flow inside New York's buildings and public spaces. His methods were insightful but labour intensive. Today, with the diffusion of hand-

held electronics, data collection is becoming effortless.

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The ensuing knowledge of human movement could radically inform design. If architecture is a kind of "third skin" – after our biological one and clothing – it has long been a rigid one. Perhaps with better data, the built environment can adapt to us: a living, tailored architecture that is moulded on inhabitants.

Some industries are exploring such implementation. Many banks, for example, are down-sizing their physical presence, following extensive digitisation. Knowledge of occupancy patterns allows them to rebuild in a leaner and more efficient way. One bank is optimising the spatial distribution of branches in Milan based on mapping the commuting flows of its workforce. This has a potentially significant impact on citywide logistics, ecology and wellbeing.

Mobile phone-based mapping of human flows is not without questions. Issues of privacy must be addressed; in the Louvre study we used anonymised data. Quantitative data must be put in context so that they do not undermine those intangible qualities of space that architects strive for. However, if implemented correctly, analysis of occupancy and movement promises to revolutionise our built environment. Data allow architects to take into account patterns of users, helping them respond to every demographic – from those intent to sprint through the Louvre by Godard. 

Architect Carlo Ratti directs the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's *Senseable City Lab*. Matthew Claudel is a research fellow at the lab. \*Yoshimura Y et al, 2014, "An analysis of visitors' behavior in the Louvre Museum: a study using Bluetooth data"

## Vite fait

BANDE À PART

The characters in Jean-Luc Godard's 1964 film whizz through the Louvre in less than 10 minutes



Mind

# End 3



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# 4. User generated data



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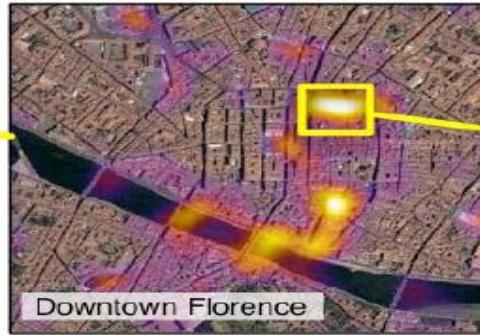
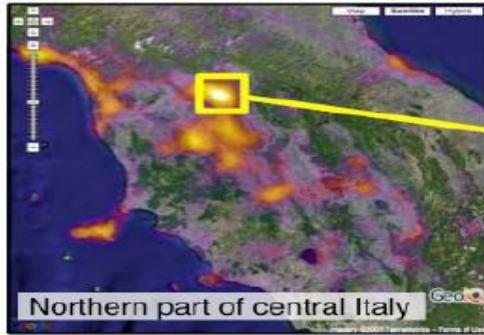
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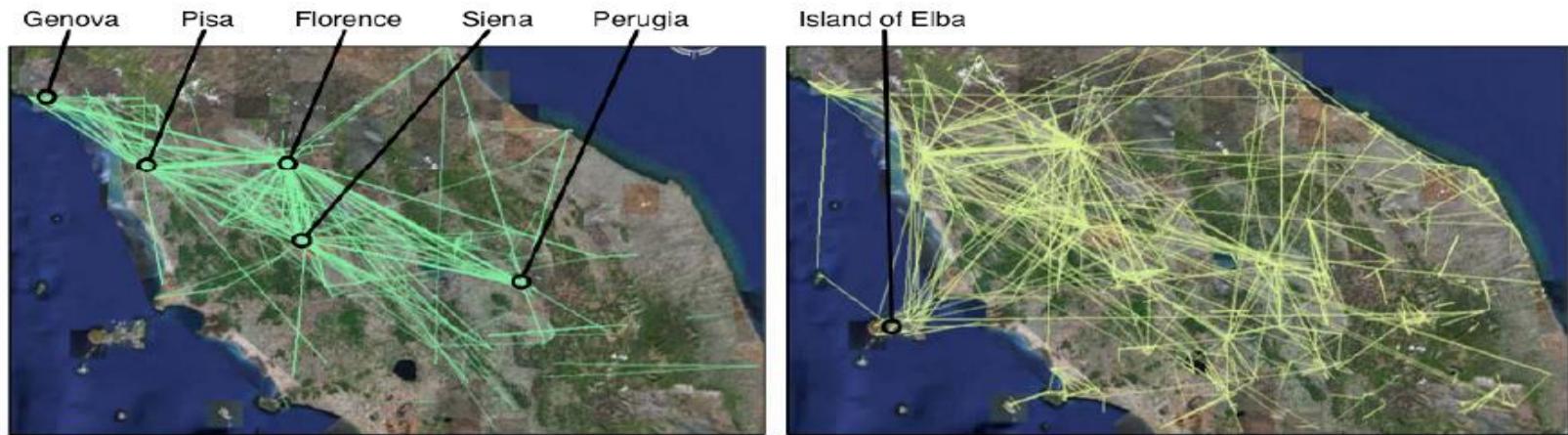
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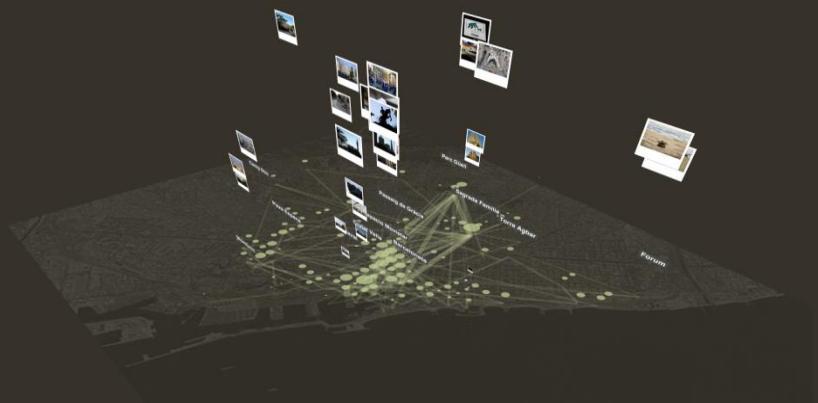


patterns of movement of italians vs. americans



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britons



parties

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# 5. Ad-hoc sensed data

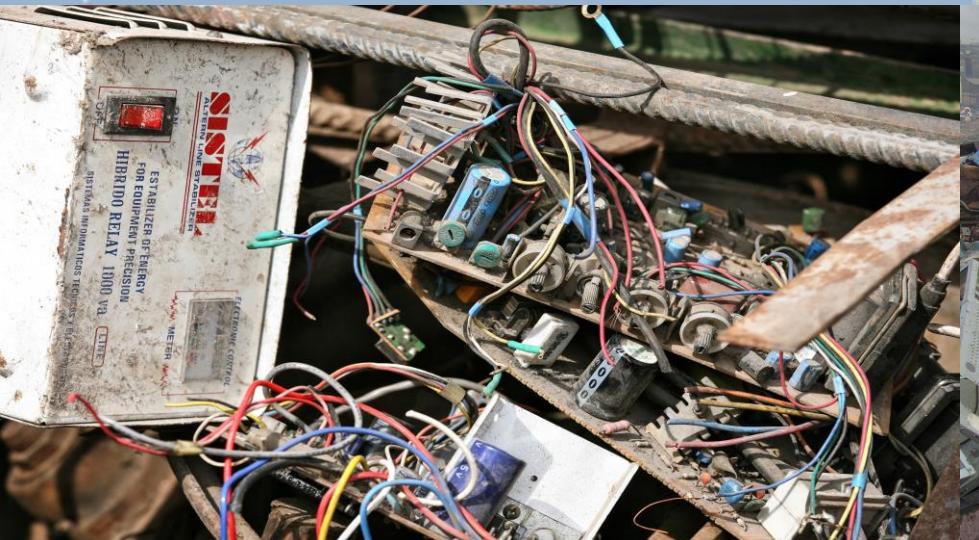


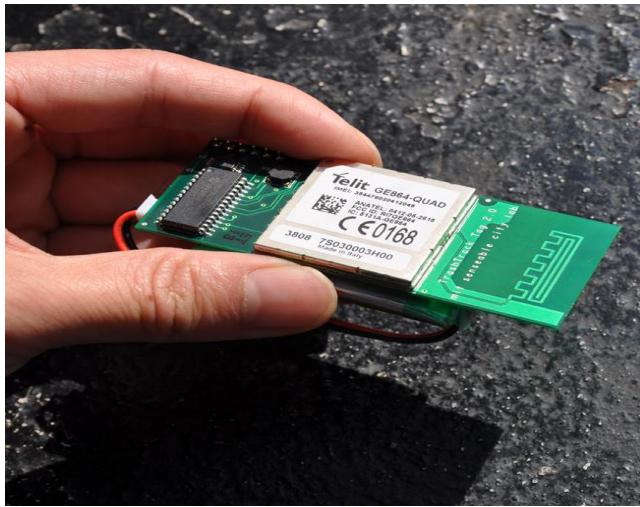
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# Sourcemap







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# 6. Combining data



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# 7. Actuating: transportation



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575 feet  
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OUTSMARTING TRAFFIC, TOGETHER

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Bluff St

E 5th St

Missouri School  
for the Deaf

E 6th St

Red Cross  
Pharmacy



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Caesars



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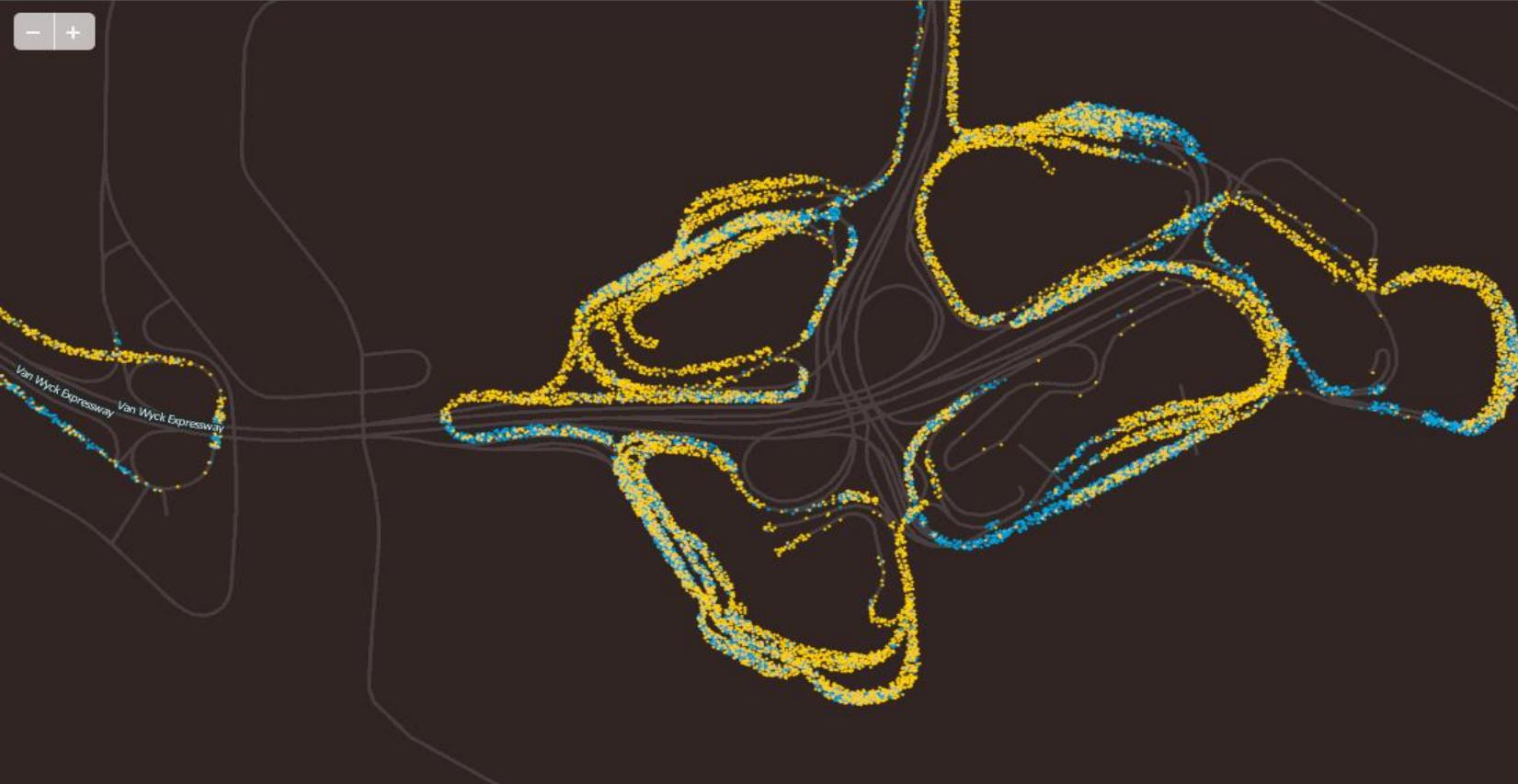


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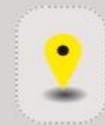




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Taxi Pickup



Taxi Dropoff

Learn more about the project ↓





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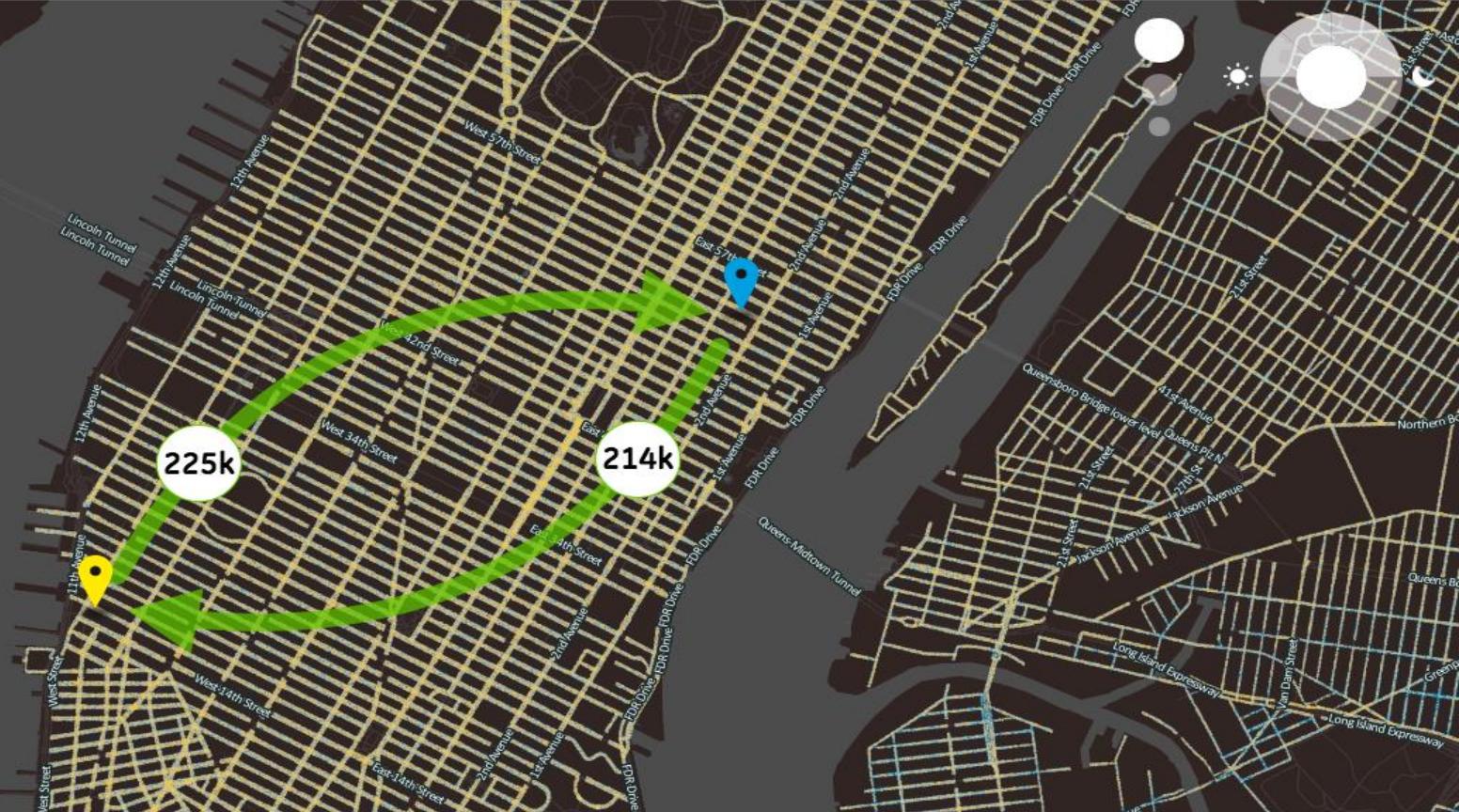
Taxi Dropoff

**Sharing benefits**

3,160,172 \$

1,052,627 mi

445,261 kg



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### Taxi Pickup

**Reset****West 15th Street**

Total Pickups: 1069  
Average duration: 12.4 min  
Average distance: 3 mi

### Taxi Dropoff

**Reset****East 54th Street**

Total Dropoffs: 1053  
Average duration: 10.2 min  
Average distance: 2.38 mi

Learn more about the project ↓





# Quantifying the benefits of vehicle pooling with shareability networks

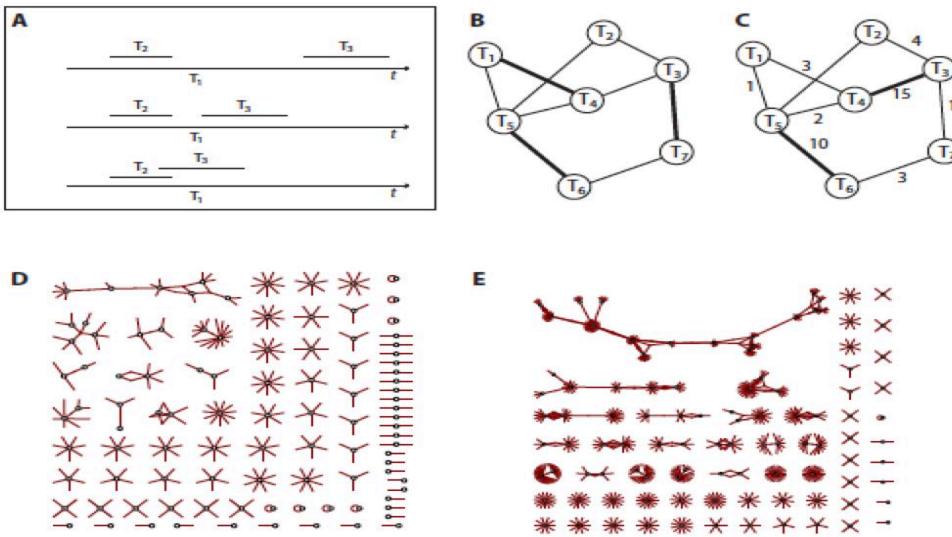
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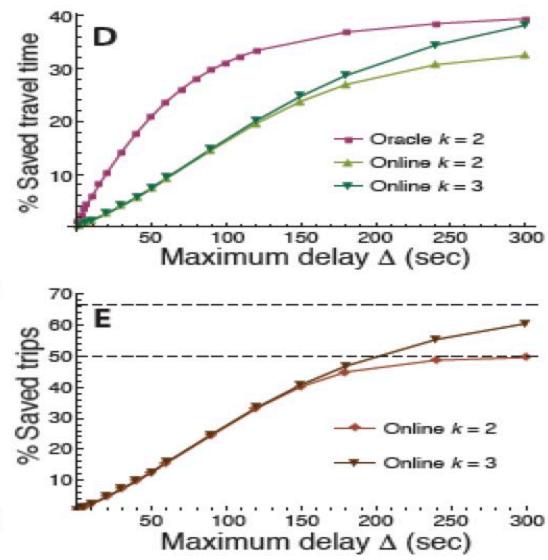
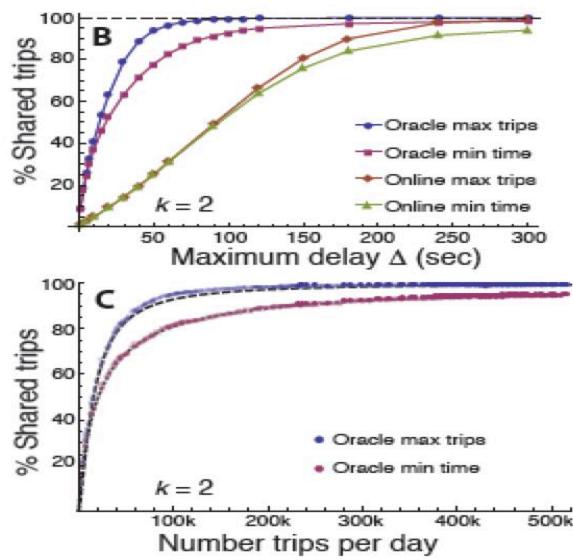
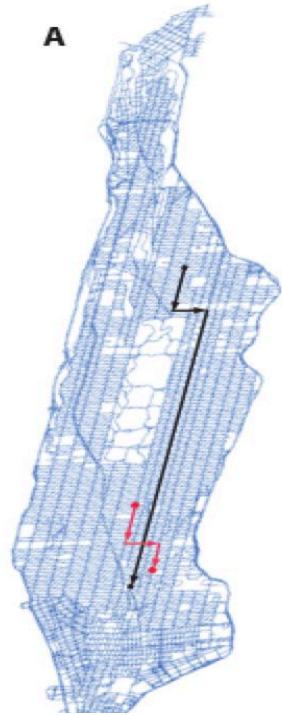
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Taxi services are a vital part of urban transportation, and a considerable contributor to traffic congestion and air pollution causing substantial adverse effects on human health. Sharing taxi trips is a possible way of reducing the negative impact of taxi services on cities, but this comes at the expense of passenger discomfort quantifiable in terms of a longer travel time. Due to computational challenges, taxi sharing has traditionally been approached on small scales, such as within airport perimeters, or with dynamical ad hoc heuristics. However, a mathematical framework for the systematic understanding of the tradeoff between collective benefits of sharing and individual passenger discomfort is lacking. Here we introduce the notion of shareability network, which allows us to model the collective benefits of sharing as a function of passenger inconvenience, and to efficiently compute optimal sharing strategies on massive datasets. We apply this framework

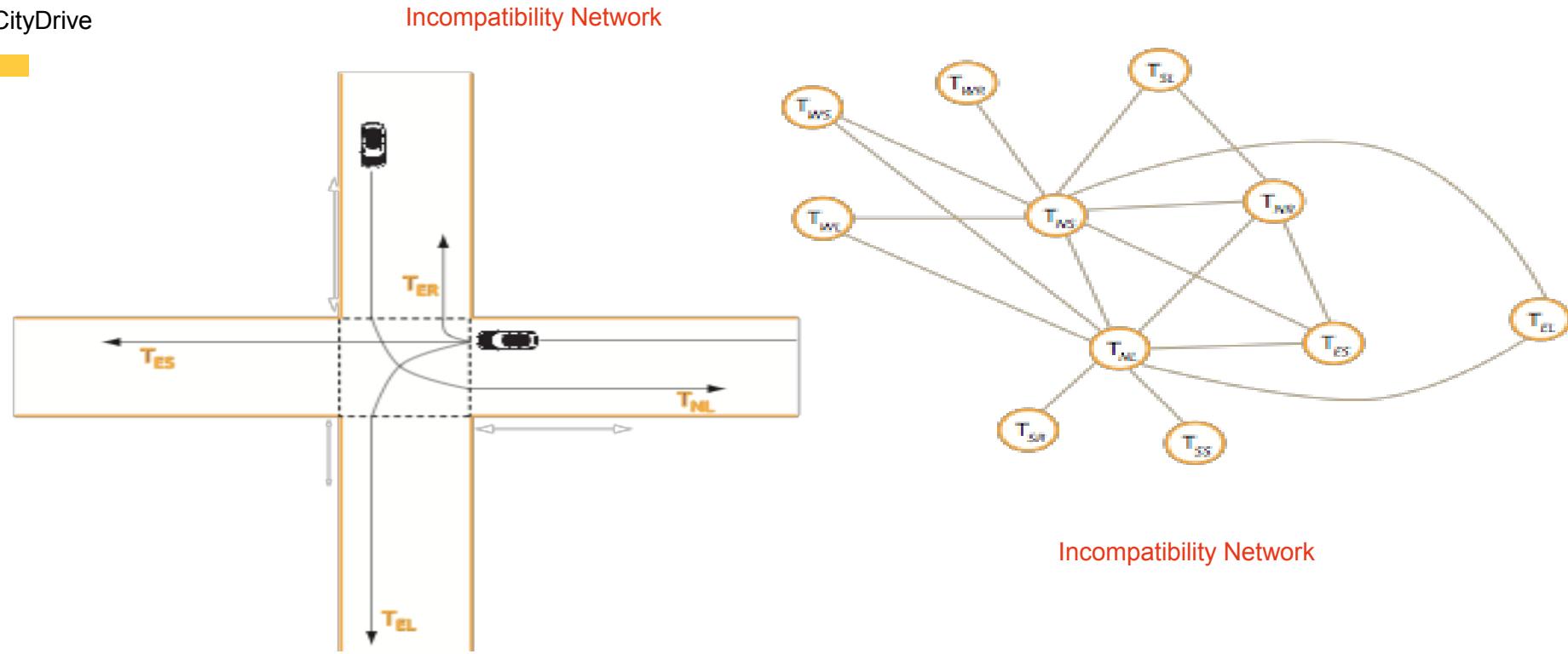
At the basis of a shared taxi service is the concept of ride sharing or carpooling, a long-standing proposition for decreasing road traffic, which originated during the oil crisis in the 1970s (6). During that time, economic incentives outbalanced the psychological barriers on which successful carpooling programs depend: giving up personalized transportation and accepting strangers in the same vehicle. Surveys indicate that the two most important deterrents to potential carpoolers are the extra time requirements and the loss of privacy (7, 8). However, the lack of correlations between socio-demographic variables and carpooling propensity (8), the design of appropriate economic incentives (9), and recent practical implementations of taxi-sharing systems in New York City (<http://bandwagon.io>) give ample hope that many social obstacles might be overcome in newly emerging “sharing economies” (10, 11).



**Figure 1: Shareability networks.** (A) Trip sharing model and taxi capacity. Each of the three cases involves three trips  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$ , and  $T_3$  to be shared, but ordered differently in time  $t$ . The top case corresponds to a feasible sharing according to our model with  $k = 2$ , and the trips can be accommodated in a taxi with capacity  $\geq 2$ . The middle case corresponds to a model with  $k = 3$  since three trips are combined; notice that the three trips can be combined in a taxi with capacity two since two of the combined trips are non-overlapping. The bottom case corresponds to  $k = 3$ , but here a taxi capacity  $\geq 3$  is needed to accommodate the combined trips. (B) Example of maximum matching (4) in a simple shareability network. The links belonging to the maximum matching are displayed in bold. (C) Example of maximum weighted matching (4). (D) Exemplary subset of the shareability network corresponding to 100 consecutive trips for values of  $\Delta = 30$  sec and (E)  $\Delta = 60$  sec, showing network densification effects and thus an increase of sharing opportunities with longer time-aggregation. Open links point to trips outside the considered set of trips. Isolated nodes are represented as self-loops. Node positions are not

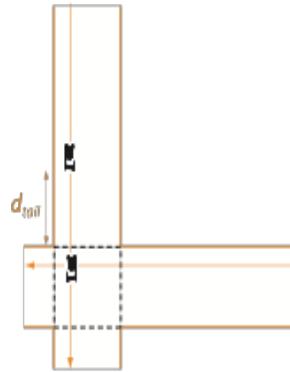




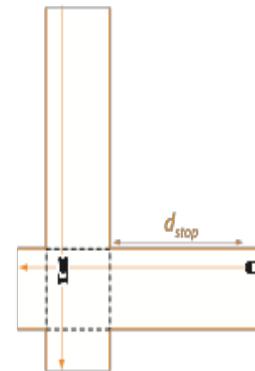




## Safety constraint



$$d_{tail} < d_{stop}$$



# End 7



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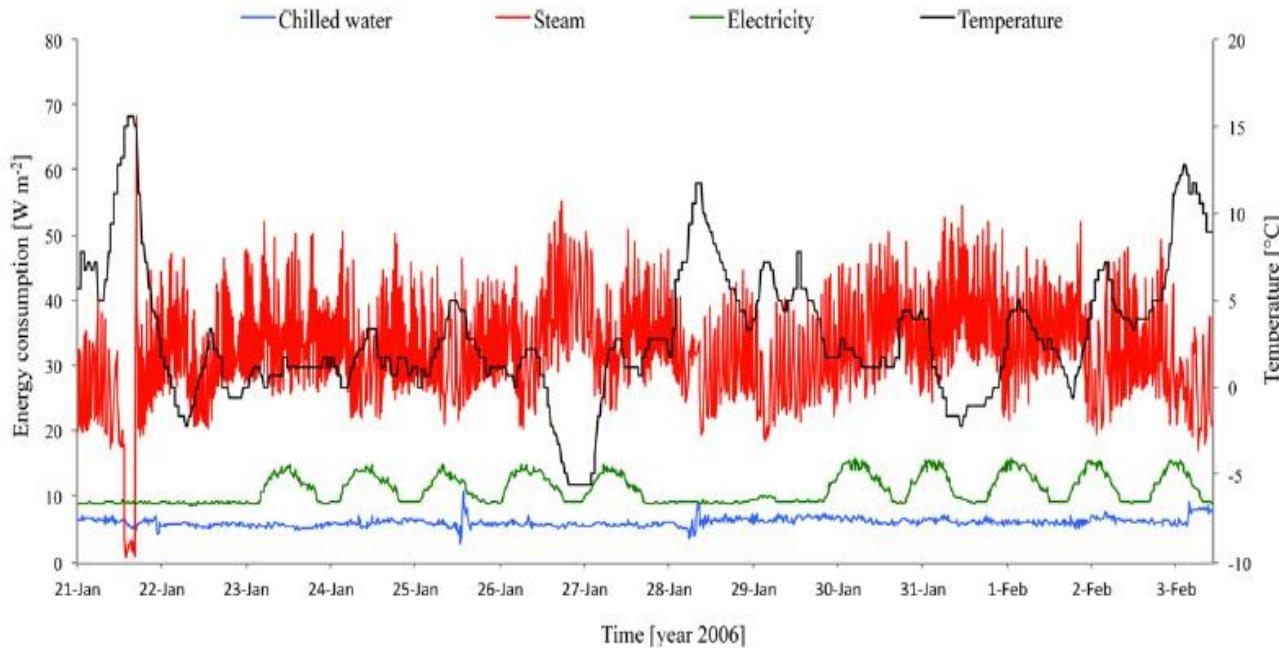


# 8. Actuating: buildings



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**Fig. 2.** Time series of energy consumption (steam, chilled water and electricity in  $\text{W m}^{-2}$ ) for E52 over 21st January–3rd February 2006 [18], alongside external air temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) [16].

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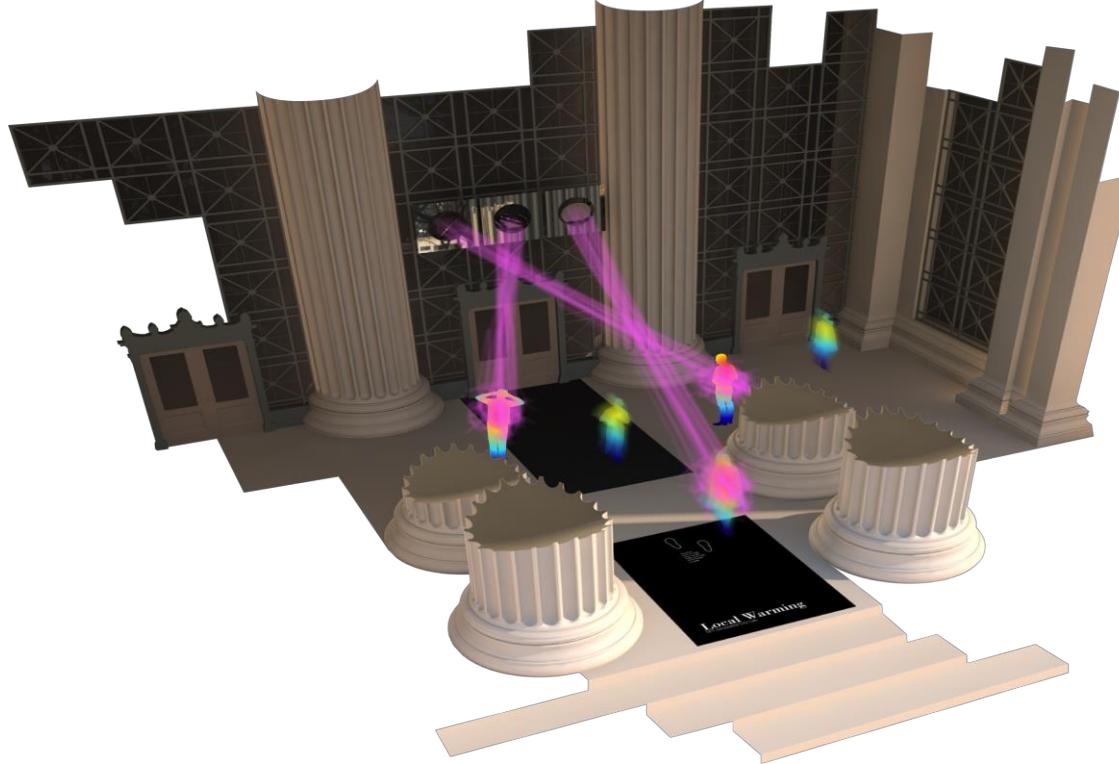
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a research project by the MIT Senseable City Laboratory that dynamically controls highly localized heating: It is a system that puts the heat where the people are.



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A vibrant painting depicting a bustling outdoor market scene. In the foreground, a woman in a light-colored dress and apron carries a yellow cloth bag, looking down at it. To her left, a large fish is displayed in a basket. In the center, a man in a brown jacket and yellow turtleneck looks towards the viewer. Behind him, a woman in a dark purple dress stands behind a stall filled with various fruits and vegetables. Another woman in a white dress is visible in the background. The scene is rich with colors and textures, showing a variety of produce like oranges, red peppers, and green beans. A large stack of blue and white cans is also visible. The overall atmosphere is one of a lively, traditional marketplace.

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*“Dietro ogni formaggio c’è un pascolo d’un diverso verde sotto un diverso cielo (...) Questo negozio è un museo: il signor Palomar visitandolo sente, come al Louvre, dietro ogni oggetto esposto la presenza della civiltà che gli ha dato forma e che da esso prende forma.”*

*(Italo Calvino)*



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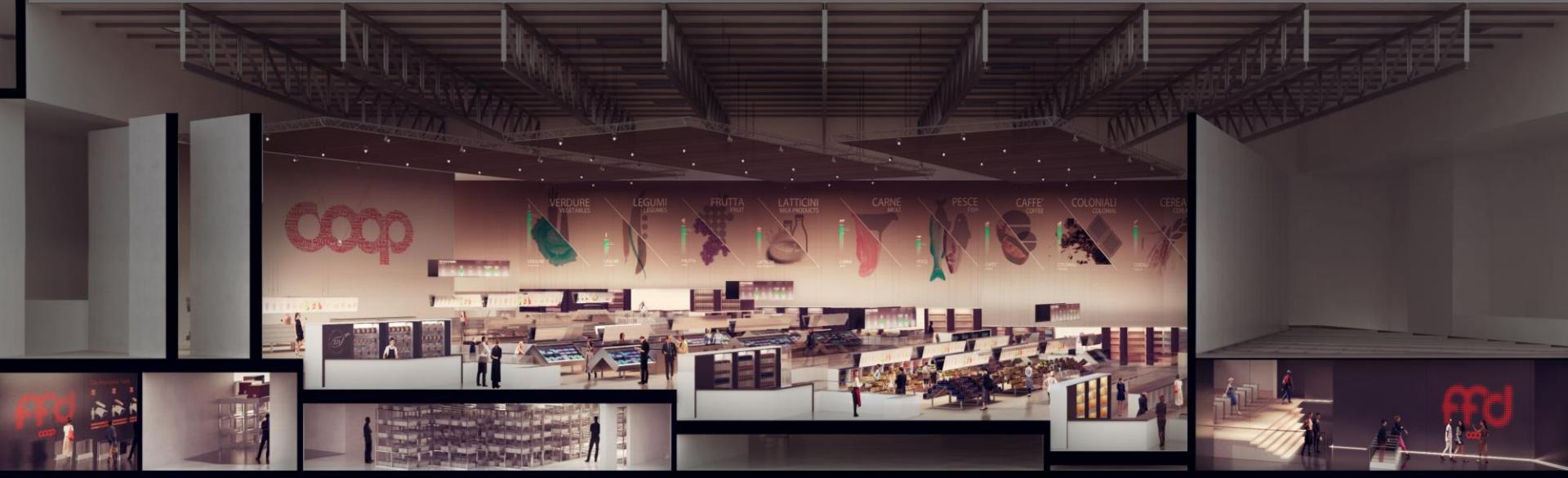
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VINO wine

CASSE  
CASH COUNTERS

L'ESSENZA  
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Franciacorta  
Unione di Passioni









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ORTO-FRUTTA E VINO  
FRUIT&VEGETABLES AND WINE



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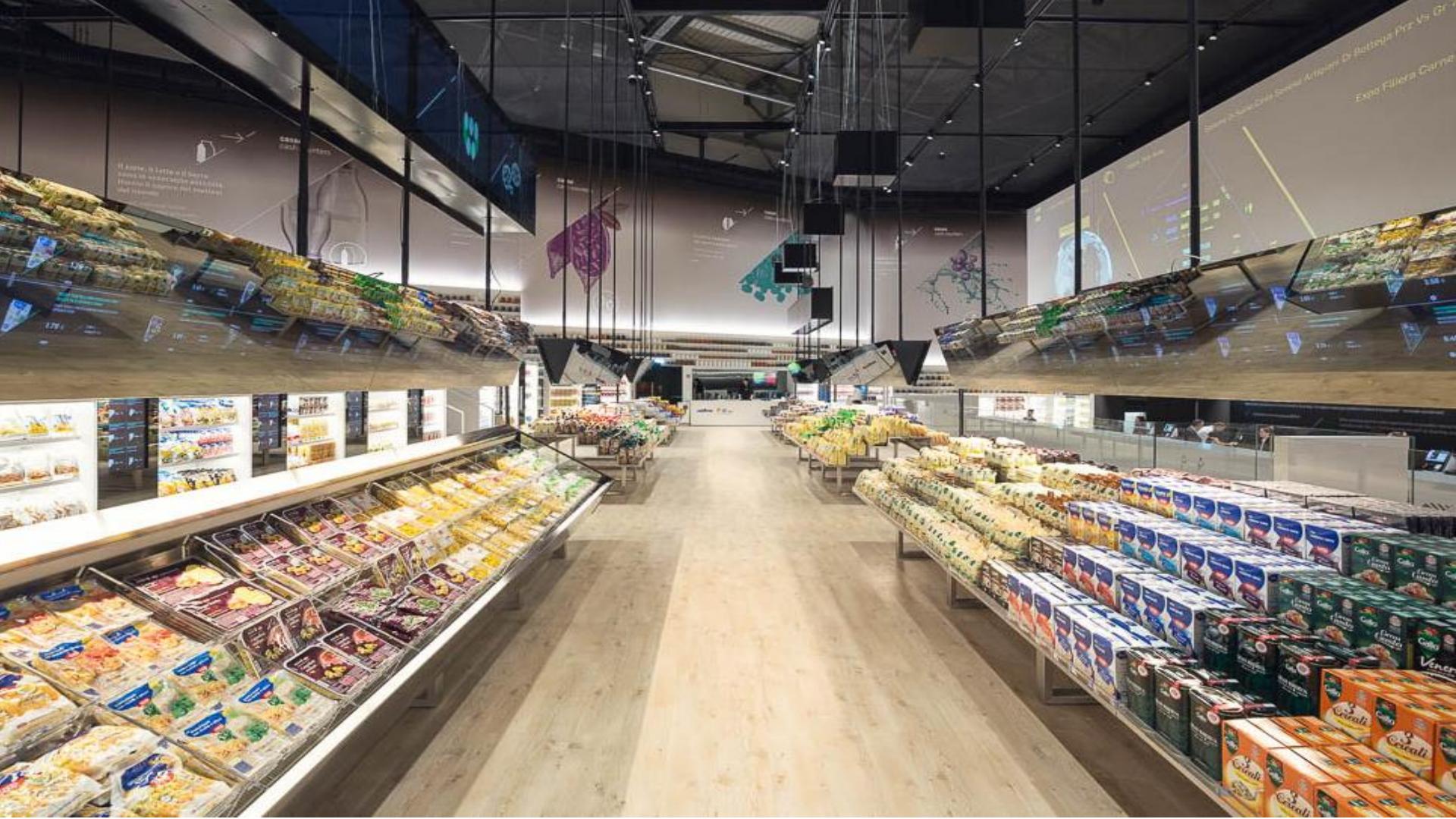
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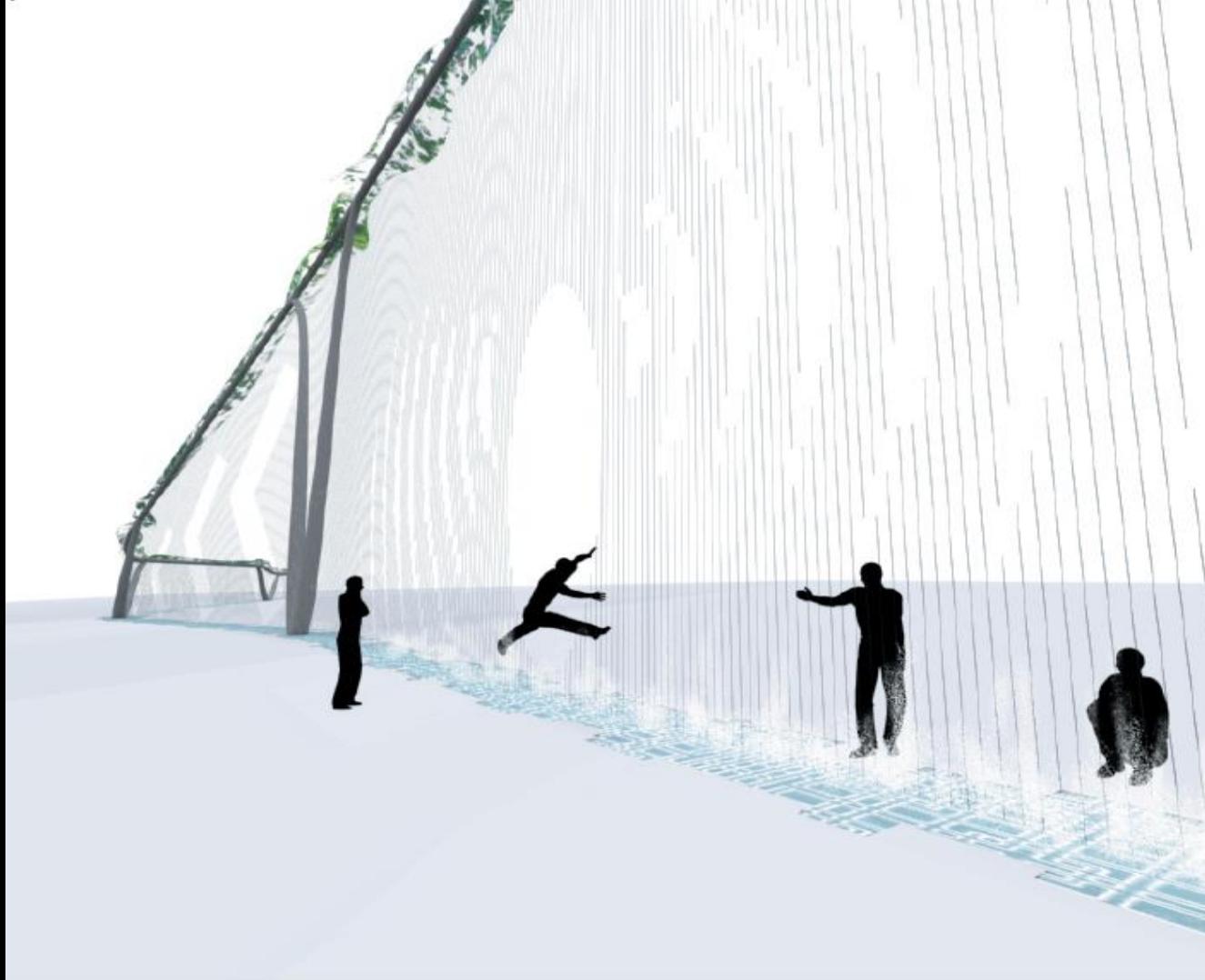
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che è la domanda

Who cares what the question is  
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