

# **Data Warehouse**

——A Multi-dimensional data model——

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## **Data Model**



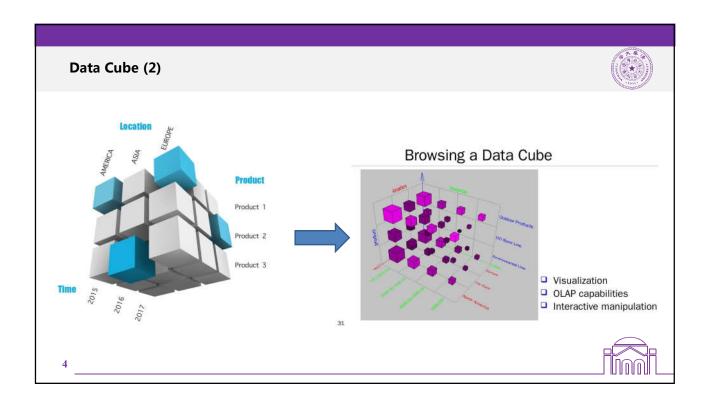
- Review the basic concepts of database
- What is a data warehouse?
- A multi-dimensional data model
- Data warehouse architecture
- Data warehouse implementation
- From data warehousing to data mining



# Data Cube (1)



- A data warehouse is based on a multidimensional data model which views data in the form of a data cube
- A data cube, such as sales, allows data to be modeled and viewed in multiple dimensions
  - ◆ Dimension tables (维表), such as item (item\_name, brand, type), or time(day, week, month, quarter, year)
  - ◆ Fact table (事实表) contains measures (such as dollars\_sold) and keys to each of the related dimension tables
- In data warehousing literature, an n-D base cube is called a base cuboid(基本方体).
   The top most 0-D cuboid, which holds the highest-level of summarization, is called the apex cuboid(顶端方体).
   The lattice of cuboids forms a data cube.



## Data Cube (3)



- Dimension and Dimension table
  - Dimension: is the perspectives or entities with respect to which an organization wants to keep records.
  - Dimension table: is a set of properties to further describes a dimension.
- Each dimension may be associated with a dimension table.

Time, item, location, provider

- Fact and fact table
  - ◆ Fact: the measure of a theme
  - Fact table: the representation of the fact. It contains the names of the facts, keys to each of the related dimension tables. Facts are numerical, sales amount

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## Data Cube (4)



Dimension number of data cube

The number of dimensions to be viewed.

Sales (item time location dollars\_sold )

Base cuboid: the cube which contains all dimensions that can be viewed in data warehousing.

Apex cuboid: the cube which contain no dimension.

Data Cube: is the all cuboids in a multi dimensional data model.

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# **Data Cube** — **One Example(1)**



## **ALLElectronics sales**

dimension: time, item, location, brand

dimension table:

time(time\_key day day\_of\_week month quarter year)
item(item\_key item\_name brand type supplier\_key)

fact table: (time\_key item\_key brand\_key location\_key dollars\_sold units\_sold)

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# Data Cube — One Example(2)



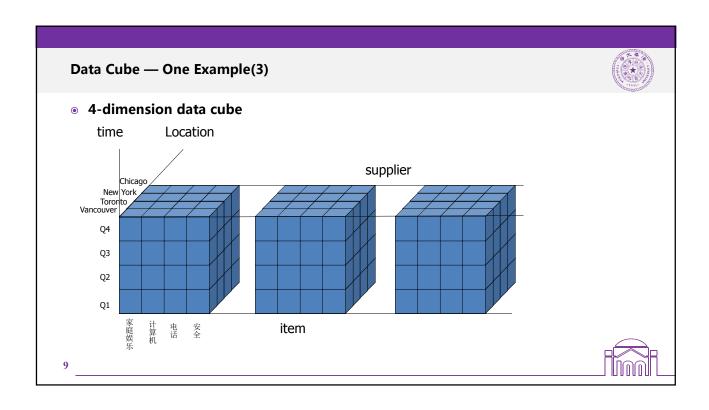
#### ≥ 2-dimension data cube:

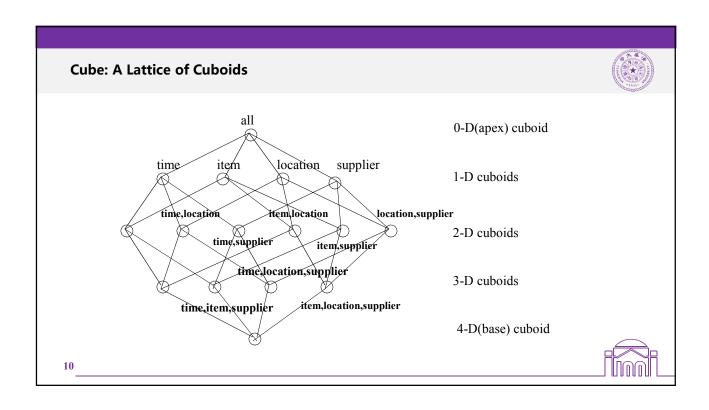
location=" Vancouver"

	item(type)		
Time(quarter)	entertainment	computer	security
Q1	605	825	400
Q2	680	920	512
Q3	781	1026	501
Q4	824	1120	580

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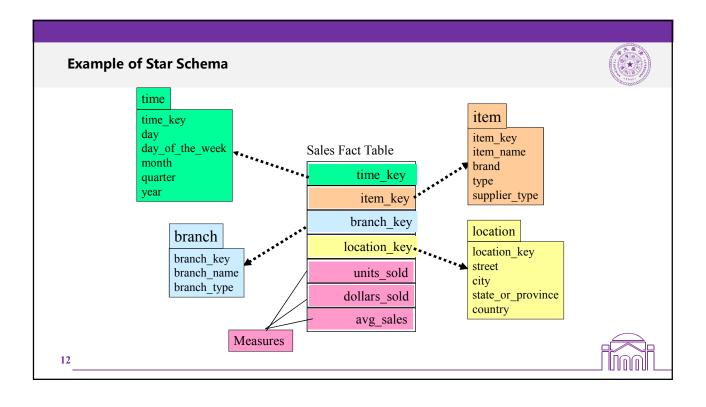


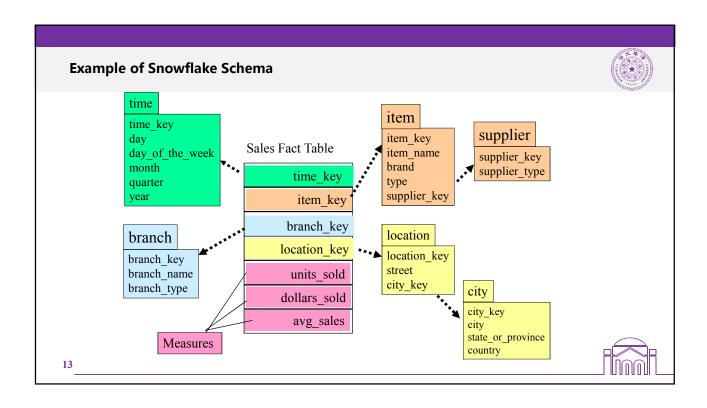
# **Conceptual Modeling of Data Warehouses**

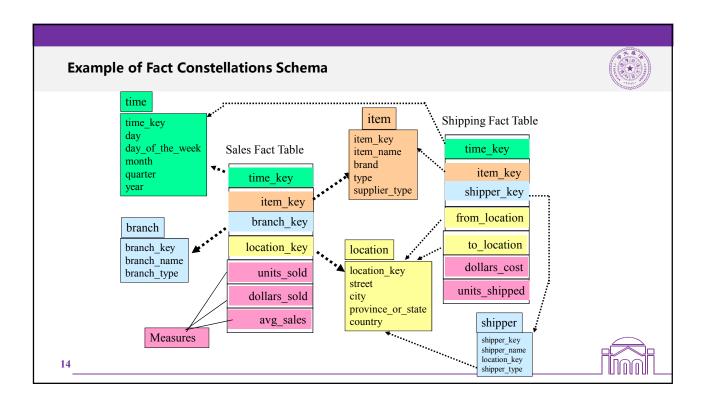


- Modeling data warehouses: dimensions & measures
  - Star schema: A fact table in the middle connected to a set of dimension tables
  - ◆ <u>Snowflake schema</u>: A refinement of star schema where some dimensional hierarchy is normalized into a set of smaller dimension tables, forming a shape similar to snowflake
  - ◆ <u>Fact constellations (事实星座)</u>: Multiple fact tables share dimension tables, viewed as a collection of stars, therefore called <u>galaxy schema</u> or fact constellation









# **Cube Definition Syntax (BNF) in DMQL**



- Cube Definition (Fact Table)
   define cube <cube name> [<dimension list>]: <measure list>
- Dimension Definition (Dimension Table)
   define dimension <dimension\_name> as (<attribute\_or\_subdimension\_list>)
- Special Case (Shared Dimension Tables)
  - First time as "cube definition"
  - define dimension < dimension\_name > as < dimension\_name\_first\_time > in cube < cube\_name\_first\_time >

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## **Defining Star Schema in DMQL**



define cube sales\_star [time, item, branch, location]:

dollars\_sold = sum(sales\_in\_dollars), avg\_sales = avg(sales\_in\_dollars), units\_sold = count(\*)
define dimension time as (time\_key, day, day\_of\_week, month, quarter, year)

define dimension item as (item\_key, item\_name, brand, type, supplier\_type)

define dimension branch as (branch\_key, branch\_name, branch\_type)

define dimension location as (location\_key, street, city, province\_or\_state, country)

#### **Defining Snowflake Schema in DMQL**



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#### **Defining Fact Constellation in DMQL**

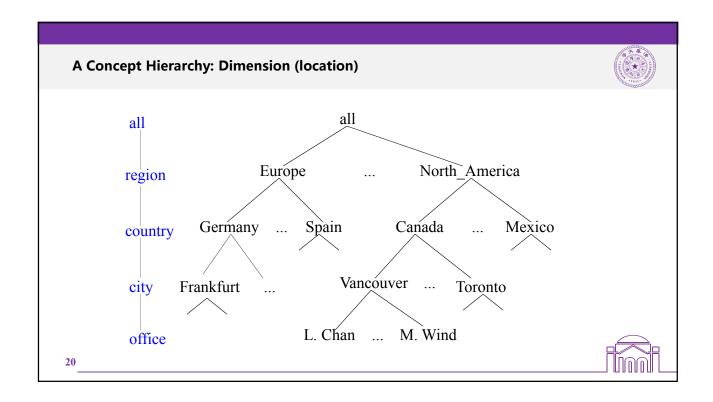


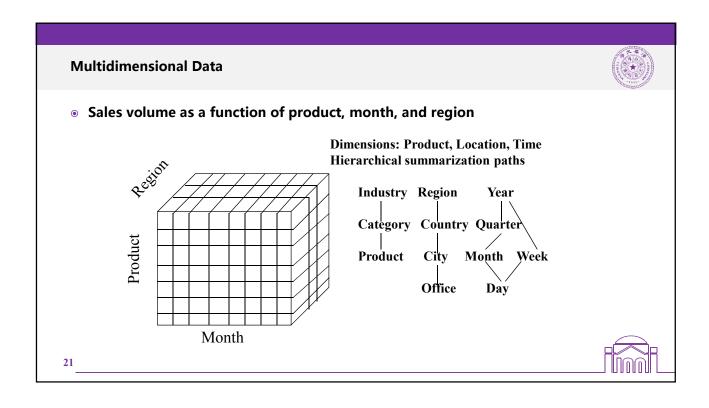
# A Concept Hierarchy: Dimension

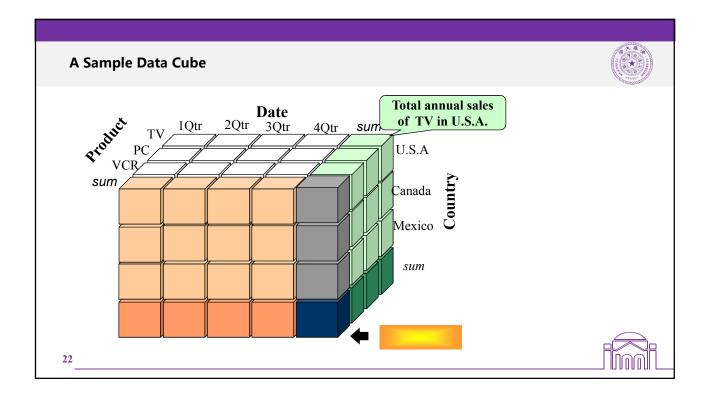


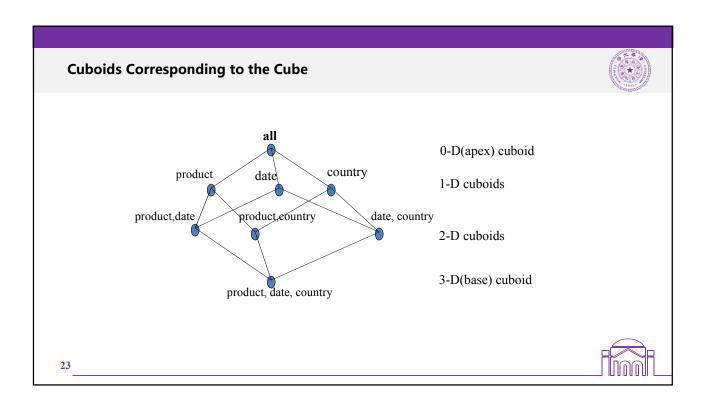
- A concept hierarchy defines a sequence of mappings from a set of low-level concepts to higher-level, more general concepts.
  - categories:
    - · the hierarchy of property: location, province, country
    - the hierarchy or grouping of property value
- For a given dimension, there may be more than one concept hierarchy.

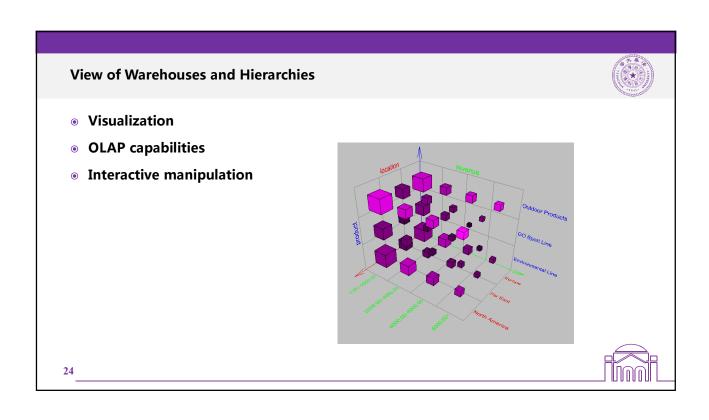












## **Typical OLAP Operations**



- Roll up (drill-up): summarize data
  - by climbing up hierarchy or by dimension reduction
- Drill down (roll down): reverse of roll-up
  - from higher level summary to lower level summary or detailed data, or introducing new dimensions
- Slice and dice: project and select on one or more dimensions
- Pivot (rotate):
  - reorient the cube, visualization, 3D to series of 2D planes
- Other operations
  - ♦ drill across: involving (across) more than one fact table
  - drill through: through the bottom level of the cube to its back-end relational tables (using SQL)

