



Exploring the Spectrum of Urban Lifestyles

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Footprints of 1432704 individuals from 493 cities including

39538679 check-ins



82451 movies



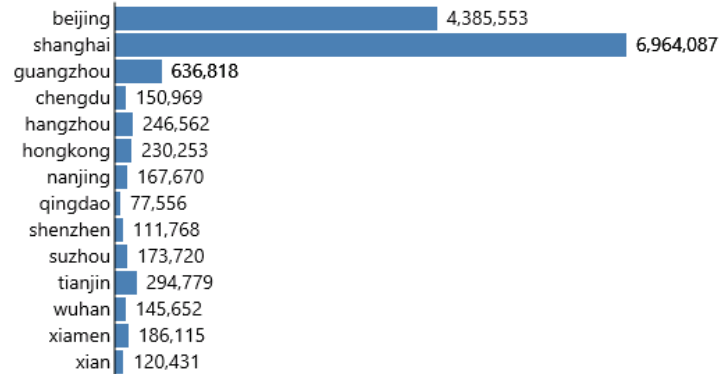
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406564 books



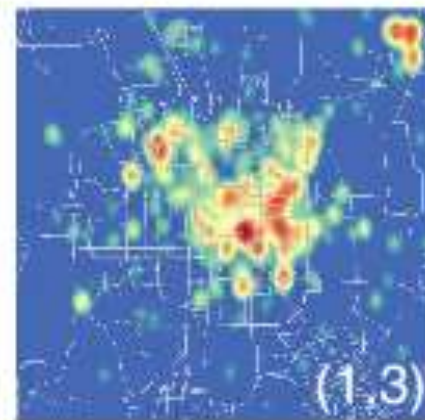
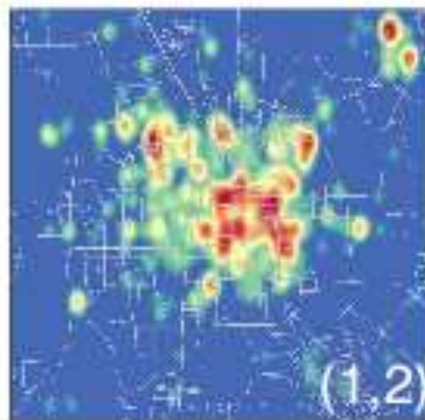
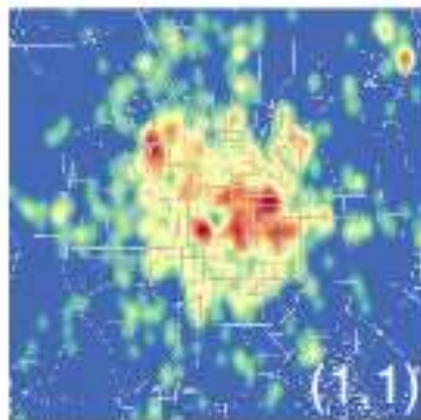
407950 offline events



Beijing citizens

Shanghai citizens

Hongkong citizens



Show All

Check-in

Movie

Music

Book

Event

Profile

city: suzhou
gender: male
Relationships: InLove
University: 南京师范大学(2004年)
Company: 苏州康兴置业有限公司 (2009-)
Self-description: 青山不随千秋画, 绿水无弦万古琴



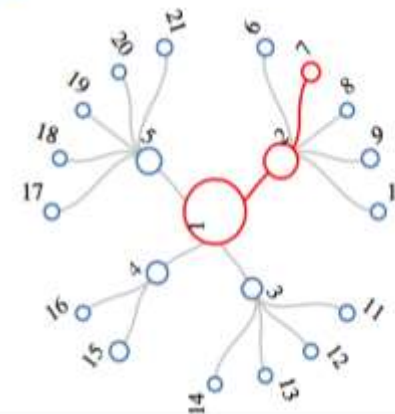
Spectrum



Living Patterns

📍 checkin 🎬 movie 📖 book 🎵 music 📅 events

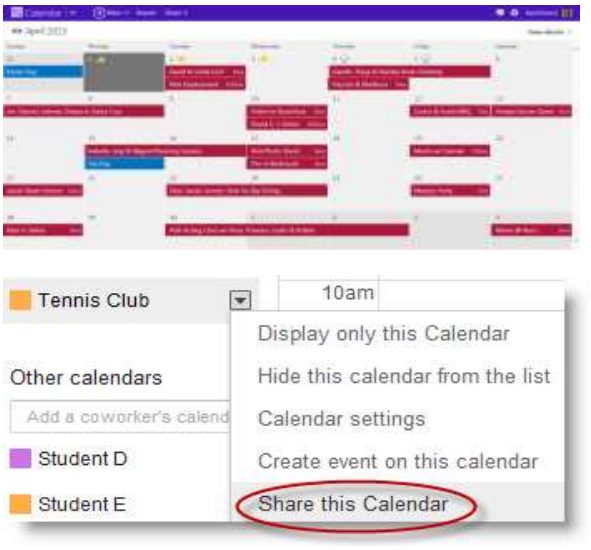
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- 1: 📍 (*) shopping mall 📍 (*) office 📍 (*) fast-food
- 2: 🎬 drama 📍 (*) office 📍 (X) office
- 3: 📍 (*) teaching building 📍 (J) school dormitory 🎬 drama
- 4: 🎬 drama, sci-fi 📖 politics 🎬 comedy
- 5: 📍 (J) 📍 (X) shopping mall 📍 (*) 📍 (X) office 📍 (X) (X) airport
- 6: 🎬 drama 🎬 comedy 🎬 action
- 7: 📍 (*) coffee 📍 (*) western-food 📍 (J) bar
- 8: 📍 (J) 📍 (X) shopping mall 📍 (*) 📍 (X) shopping mall 📍 (*) 📍 (X) apartment hotel
- 9: 🎵 music 🎬 drama, romance 🎵 taiwan
- 10: 🎬 drama, sci-fi 🎬 comedy 🎬 fiction
- 11: 🎬 drama 🎬 comedy 🎵 taiwan, pop
- 12: 📍 (J) apartment 📍 (*) apartment 📍 (X) apartment
- 13: 📍 (J) school dormitory 📍 (*) school dormitory 📍 (*) library

City
Beijing

- Lifestyle specification of an individual
- Lifestyle spectrum of a group of individuals



A Day in Your Life

Self-Disclosure

Cross-Domain Posting



山子 @ant_sz

3时

I'm at 上海交通大学(徐汇校区)! 赶到这边来体检...哎...
4sq.com/Zlx5mL #foursquare #ifttt

展开



Victor Wong @vkw

4时

Just got called up to gate to meet a founder of @virginamerica! What a treat for me as a founder and travel junkie
4sq.com/14d4NBL

查看摘要



Xinxin's ♥ @Llongkaibin

5时

I'm at 亚顺肉骨茶@Taman Sentosa 4sq.com/WKBrGL

查看摘要

foursquare

I'm looking for...

Victor W. checked in at Virgin America Flight 759

SeaTac, WA 5 hours ago via foursquare for iPhone

LIKE

Just got called up to gate to meet a founder of @virginamerica! What a treat for a founder and travel junkie

Log in to foursquare to leave a comment!



Hub Sites

foursquare

I'm looking for...


Get personalized recommendations for places

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Sign up with Facebook

(It takes one click, and we'll never post without your permission)

Or take the scenic route: Sign up with Email



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t

北京

9 Check-ins

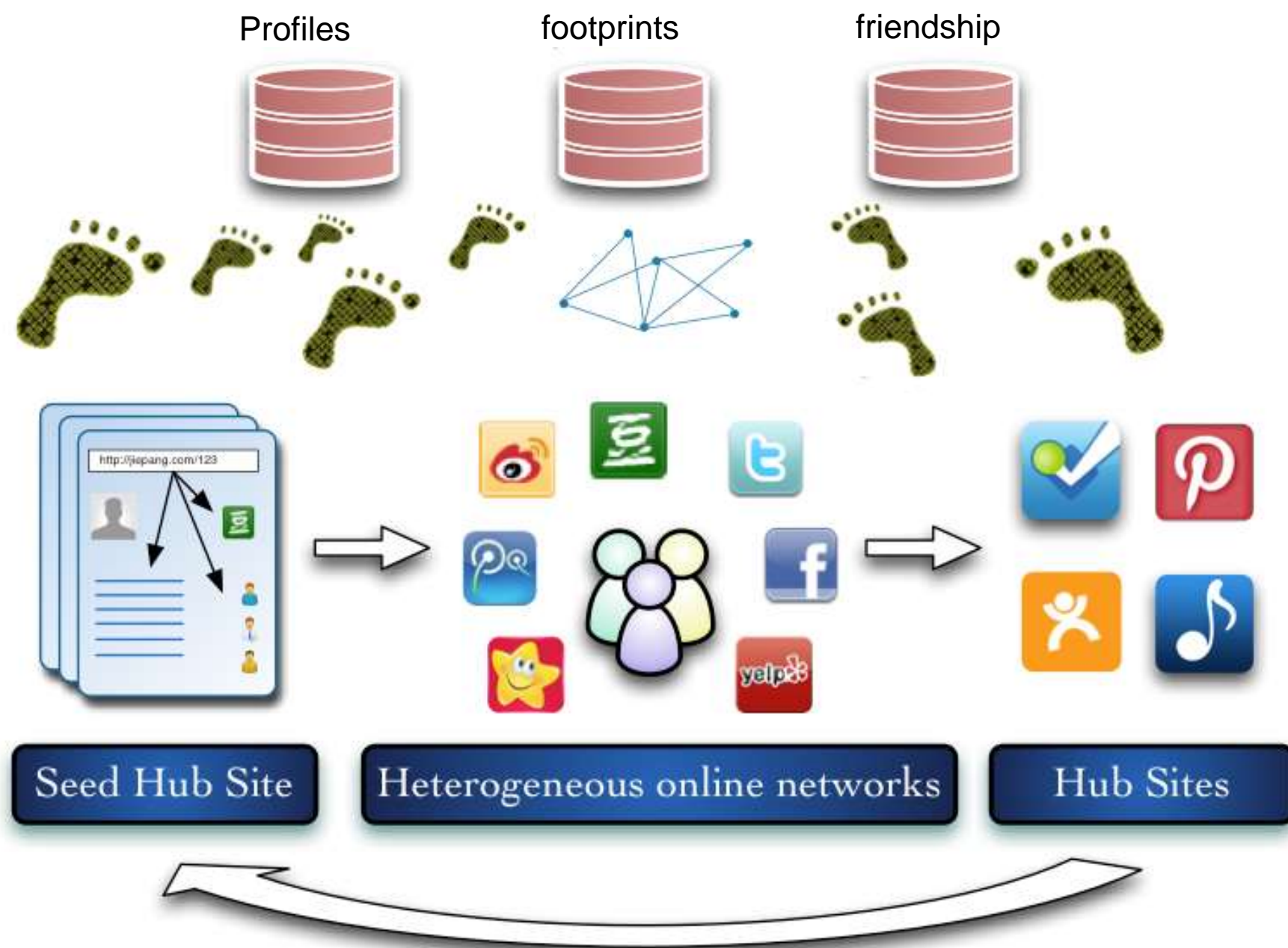
8 Days out

Tips



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ICONNECT Algorithm



Algorithm 1: IdentifyConnectedUsers (ICONNECT)

Input: seed hub site h

Output: users U , where each user $u \in U$ is a set of profile pages; footprints \mathcal{F} ; social links \mathcal{L} , hub sites H

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1  $H \leftarrow \emptyset$ ;  $H.add(h)$ ;
2  $\mathcal{F} \leftarrow \emptyset$ ;  $\mathcal{L} \leftarrow \emptyset$ ;
3 A queue storing unvisited profile pages  $P_U \leftarrow h.getAllUsers()$ ;
4 A set of visited profile pages  $P_V \leftarrow \emptyset$ ;
5 while  $P_U.length > 0$  do
6    $p \leftarrow P_U.dequeue()$ ;
7    $D \leftarrow \emptyset$ ,  $P_O \leftarrow \emptyset$ ;
8    $(D, P_O) \leftarrow \text{VisitProfile}(p, P_V, D, P_O, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{L})$ ;
9   Merge  $\{u \in U \mid P_O \cap u \neq \emptyset\}$  to  $u'$ ;
10   $P_V \leftarrow P_V \cup D$ ;  $P_U \leftarrow P_U \setminus D$ ;
11  if  $u' = \emptyset$  then  $u' \leftarrow U.createUser()$ ;
12  foreach  $d \in D$  do
13     $u'.add(d)$ ;
14     $H_0 \leftarrow$  hub sites obtained from  $\mathcal{F}(d)$ ;
15     $P_U.enqueue(\mathcal{L}(p).getProfiles() \setminus (P_V \cup P_U))$ ;
16    foreach  $h' \in H_0 \setminus H$  do
17       $P_U.enqueue(h'.getAllUsers() \setminus (P_V \cup P_U))$ ;
18     $H \leftarrow H_0 \cup H$ ;
19 return  $U, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{L}, H$ 

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Procedure VisitProfile($p, P_V, D, P_O, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{L}$)

Input: profile page p , visited pages P_V , newly discovered pages D , previously visited pages $P_O \subset P_V$, footprints \mathcal{F} , social links \mathcal{L}

Output: D, P_O

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1  $D.add(p)$ ;
2  $\mathcal{F}(p) \leftarrow$  footprints obtained from the account of  $p$ ;
3  $\mathcal{L}(p) \leftarrow$  social links obtained from the account of  $p$ ;
4  $P' \leftarrow$  other profile pages displayed on  $p$  or  $\mathcal{F}(p)$ , directly connected with  $p$ ;
5 foreach  $p' \in P'$  and  $p' \notin D$  do
6   if  $p' \in P_V$  then  $P_O.add(p')$ ;
7   else VisitProfile( $p', P_V, D, P_O, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{L}$ );
8 return ( $D, P_O$ )

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Relational Hierarchical LDA (RH-LDA)

📍 checkin 🎬 movie 📖 book 🎵 music 🧑 events
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footprint (word): combination of domain specific tags (category)

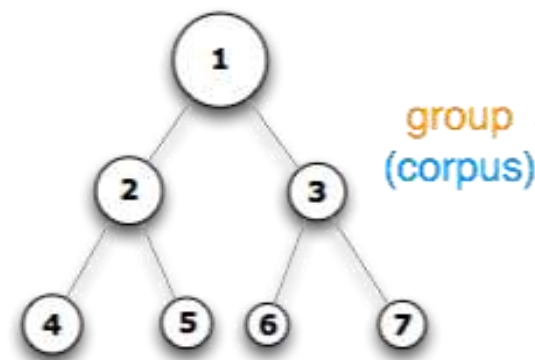
📍 (☀) shopping mall 🎬 drama, sci-fi 🎵 taiwan,pop 🧑 lecture

living pattern (topic): frequently co-occurring footprints

📍 (☀) shopping mall + 🎵 taiwan,pop + 📍 (🌙) bar

lifestyle spectrum: tree-structured topic hierarchy

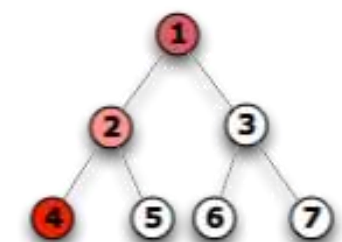
lifestyle spectrum
(topic hierarchy)



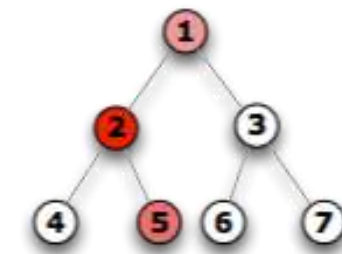
nodes: living patterns
higher levels: commonalities
lower levels: variations



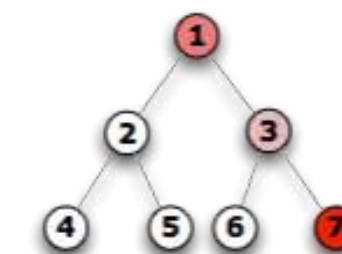
follow (cite)



lifestyle: 1-2-4
(topic sequence)



lifestyle: 1-2-5
(topic sequence)

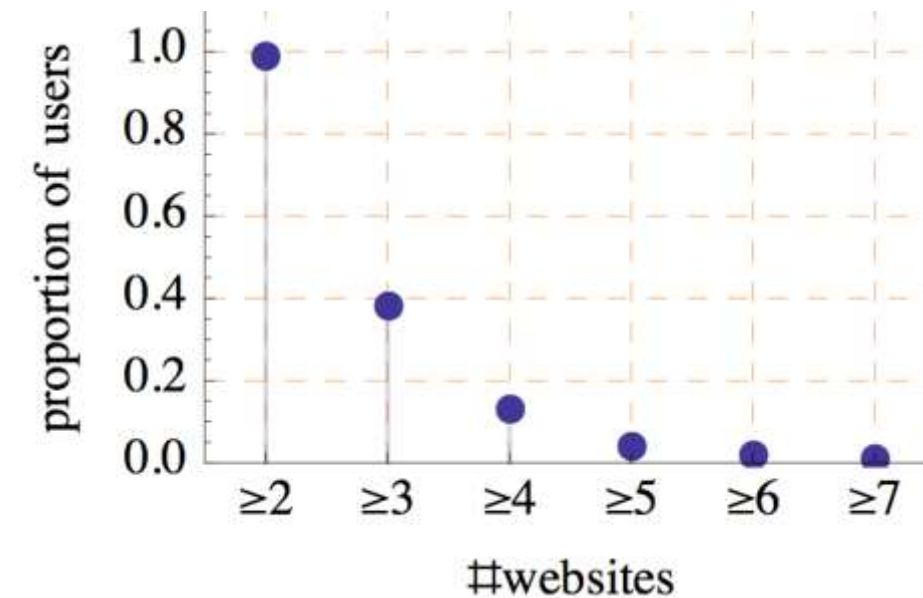


lifestyle: 1-3-7
(topic sequence)

probability

Data

- 4 (major) networks: Jiepang, Weibo, Douban, Dianping
- 1.4M+ unique (deterministically identified) users accounts
- Heterogeneous footprints: tweets, photos, check-ins, movies, books, music, offline events, online purchase history, etc.
- Rich user profiles integrated from different sites (publicly available)



Age	Gender	Residence	Relationship	Occupation	College	High School	Self description	...
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Data

- 53 million footprints (check-in, movie, music, events, book, etc.)
- 3 million social links
- 39 million check-ins

city		Shanghai	Beijing	Guangzhou	Tianjin	Hangzhou	Hongkong	Xiamen	Suzhou	Nanjing	Chengdu	Wuhan	Xian
users		417,681	162,764	53,089	15,490	34,322	12,599	10,123	19,673	21,558	23,372	20,975	15,261
Footprints	check-in	25,178,189	5,898,447	1,092,138	392,943	619,219	424,650	369,231	560,274	414,202	327,634	321,646	229,678
	movie	1,661,214	1,466,479	171,789	118,775	238,721	57,003	70,172	89,706	174,664	191,042	166,337	123,223
	music	766,165	737,254	85,953	60,658	103,936	30,313	29,716	39,701	82,513	88,426	76,316	62,876
	book	402,318	387,138	51,913	28,188	57,835	18,117	18,516	19,521	44,345	42,241	44,804	28,435
	event	609,076	803,158	101,246	52,133	78,587	18,277	20,889	27,400	46,788	66,640	44,764	72,902
	total	28,616,962	9,292,476	1,503,039	652,697	1,098,298	548,360	508,524	736,602	762,512	715,983	653,867	517,114

Table 1. Summarization of collected footprints for different cities (partially presented due to page limit).

Mobility Footprints

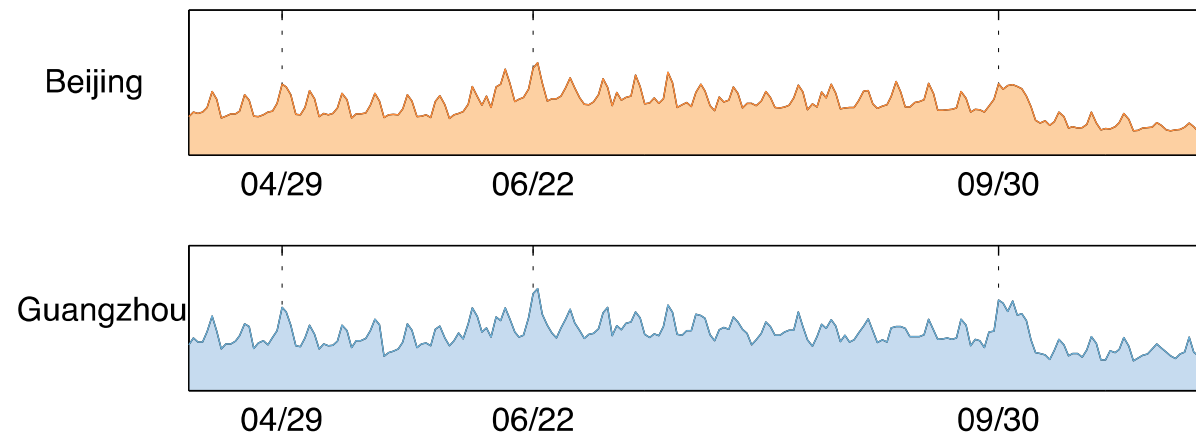
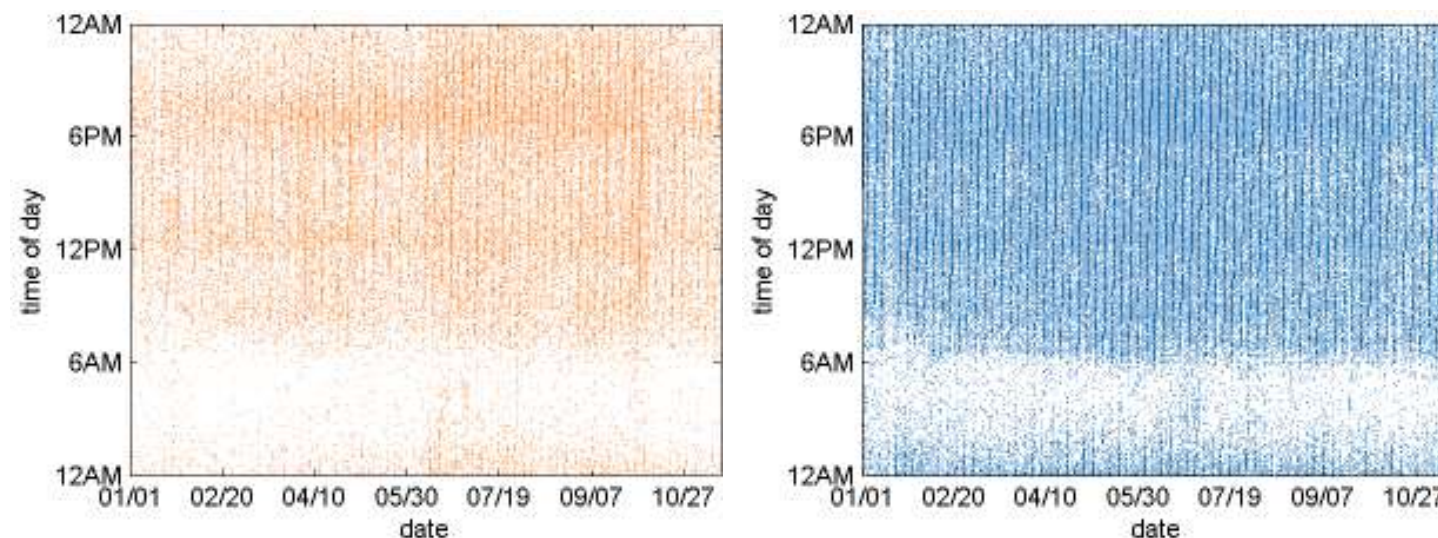


Figure 5. Daily trends of total check-ins in different cities.



(a) Beijing

(b) Guangzhou

Figure 6. Diurnal distribution of 1000 sampled users' check-ins.

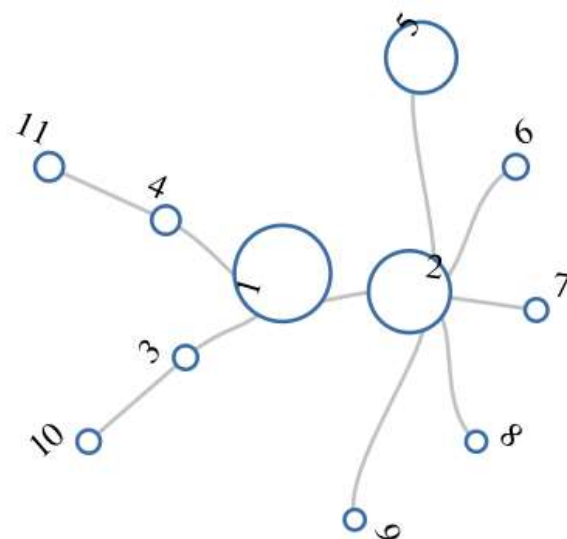
Rank City Bedtime

排名	城市名称	就寝时间
1	广州	23:08
2	东莞	22:53
3	厦门	22:37
4	西安	22:37
5	天津	22:32
6	长沙	22:29
7	重庆	22:25
8	武汉	22:24
9	郑州	22:19
10	成都	22:18
11	北京	22:15
12	昆明	22:10
13	南昌	22:09
14	淮南	22:08
15	上海	22:08
16	杭州	22:04
17	沈阳	22:04
18	西宁	22:03
19	南京	22:02
20	齐齐哈尔	21:50

Guangzhou

Beijing

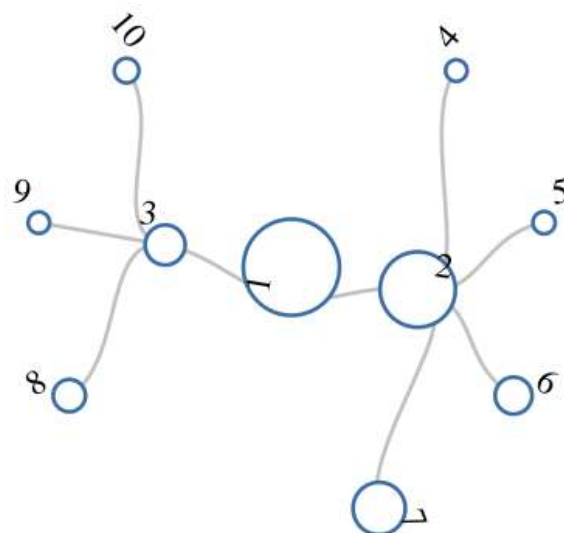
Average bedtime of different cities
(1M respondents, led by Chinese Medical Doctor Association, announced in world sleep day 2013)



a) financial practitioners

- 1: 📖 economics 📍 (🌃) (🌐) apartment hotel 📍 (🌙) (🌐) shopping mall
- 2: 📍 (🌙) japanese cuisine 📍 (🌙) fast-food 👤 lecture
- 3: 📍 (🌙) hot-pot 📍 (🌙) bar 📍 (🌙) snack
- 4: 📍 (🌙) snack 📍 (🌙) fast-food 📍 (🌙) japanese cuisine
- 5: 🎬 drama,romance 🎬 drama,comedy 🎬 drama,action
- 6: 📍 (🌙) bank 📍 (🌙) bank 📍 (🌙) subway
- 7: 📖 fiction,hongkong 📖 fiction,love 📖 mystery,japan
- 8: 🎵 folk,indie 🎵 indie,folk 🎬 drama
- 9: 📍 (🌙) car-4s 📖 fiction,society 📖 cartoon,philosophy
- 10: 👤 music 🎬 drama,romance 🎬 drama,comedy
- 11: 📍 (🌃) (🌐) scenic 📍 (🌙) (🌐) airport 📍 (🌙) (🌐) office

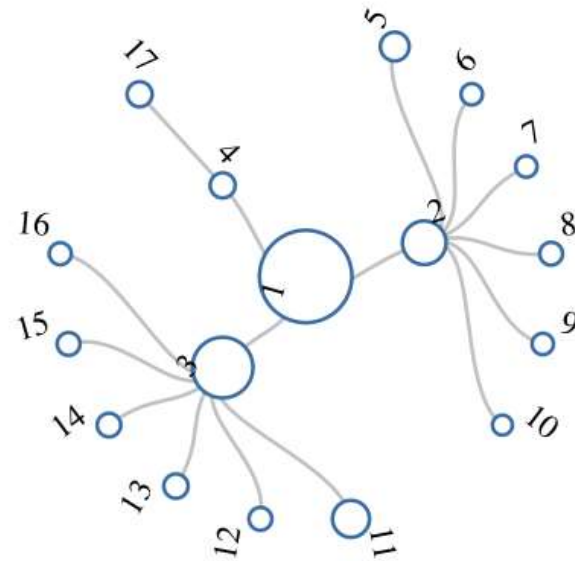
a') financial practitioners



b) software practitioners

- 1: 📖 computer 📖 programing,computer 👤 movie
- 2: 🎬 drama,romance 🎬 drama,comedy 🎵 taiwan,pop
- 3: 📖 ux,design 📖 fiction,foreignliterature 📖 fiction,chineseliterature
- 4: 📖 mystery,japan 🎬 comedy,action 📖 cartoon,mystery
- 5: 🎵 taiwan,pop 👤 music 🎵 chineserock,rock
- 6: 📍 (🌃) apartment 📍 (🌙) office 📍 (🌃) (🌐) apartment
- 7: 🎬 drama,romance 🎬 drama,action 🎬 drama,comedy
- 8: 👤 lecture 👤 music 👤 get-together
- 9: 📖 programing,computer 📖 algorithm,computer 🎬 drama,suspense
- 10: 🎬 drama,romance 👤 music 🎵 taiwan,pop

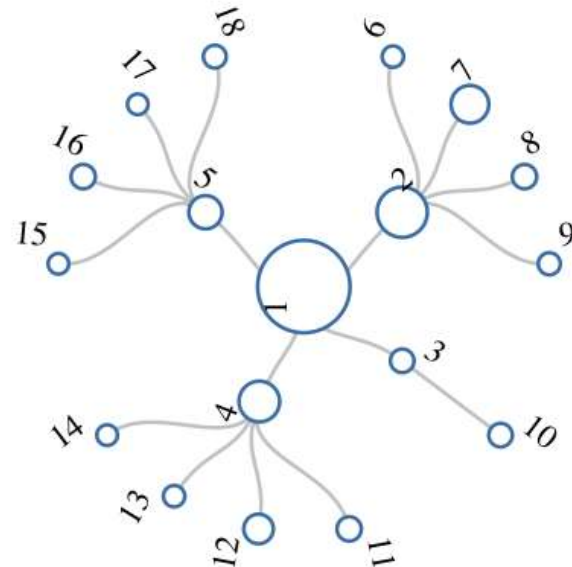
b') software practitioners



c) the post-90s generation

- 1: 🎬 drama,romance 🎬 drama,comedy 🎬 comedy,romance
- 2: 📍 (☀) coffee 📍 (☀) (🌐) train station 📍 (🌙) fast-food
- 3: 📍 (☀) institute 📍 (☀) coffee 📍 (☀) institute
- 4: 📖 hongkong,essay 📍 (☀) (🌐) coffee 📍 (🌙) electric game
- 11: 📍 (☀) subway 📍 (☀) shopping mall 📍 (☀) fast-food
- 12: 📍 (☀) teaching building 📍 (☀) teaching building 🧑 music
- 13: 🧑 exhibition 📖 fiction,youth 🧑 lecture
- 14: 🧑 music 🎵 taiwan,indie 🎵 folk,inland
- 15: 🎵 korea,kpop 🎵 taiwan,pop 🧑 music

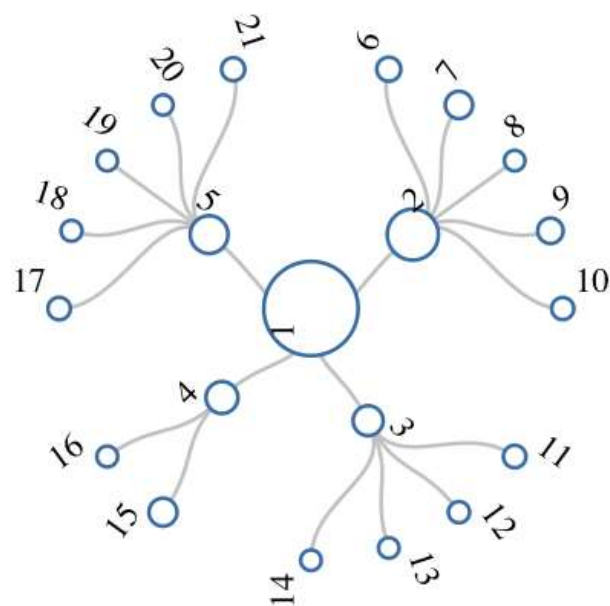
c') the post-90s generation



d) the post-80s generation

- 1: 🎬 drama,romance 🎬 drama,comedy 🎬 drama,action
- 2: 📍 (☀) shopping mall 📍 (☀) hot-pot 📍 (☀) japanese cuisine
- 3: 📍 (🌙) shopping mall 📍 (☀) office 📍 (☀) snack
- 4: 🧑 get-together 🧑 lecture 🧑 travel
- 5: 🎬 action,thriller 📍 (🌙) apartment 🎬 cartoon,suspense
- 6: 📍 (🌙) ktv 📍 (☀) office 📍 (☀) coffee
- 7: 📍 (☀) office 📍 (☀) sichuan cuisine 📍 (☀) office
- 8: 📍 (🌙) apartment 📍 (☀) commercial building 📍 (☀) commercial building
- 9: 📖 picturebook,taiwan 📖 picturebook,cartoon 📖 fiction,uk

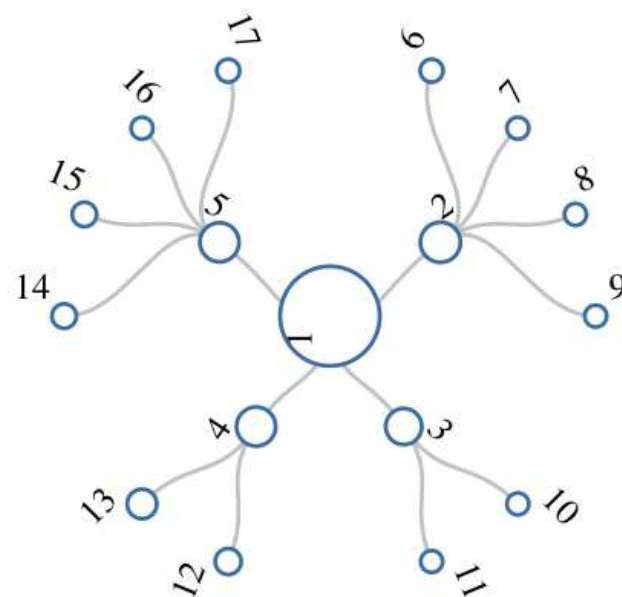
d') the post-80s generation



a) Beijing

- 1: 📍 (☀) shopping mall 📍 (☀) office 📍 (☀) fast-food
- 2: 🎬 drama 📍 (☀) office 📍 (☀) office
- 3: 📍 (☀) teaching building 📍 (🌙) school dormitory 🎬 drama
- 4: 🎬 drama, sci-fi 📖 politics 🎬 comedy
- 5: 📍 (🌙) (🌐) shopping mall 📍 (☀) (🌐) office 📍 (☀) (🌐) airport
- 6: 🎬 drama 🎬 comedy 🎬 action
- 7: 📍 (☀) coffee 📍 (☀) western-food 📍 (🌙) bar
- 8: 📍 (🌙) (🌐) shopping mall 📍 (☀) (🌐) shopping mall 📍 (☀) (🌐) apartment hotel
- 9: 🧑 music 🎬 drama, romance 🎵 taiwan

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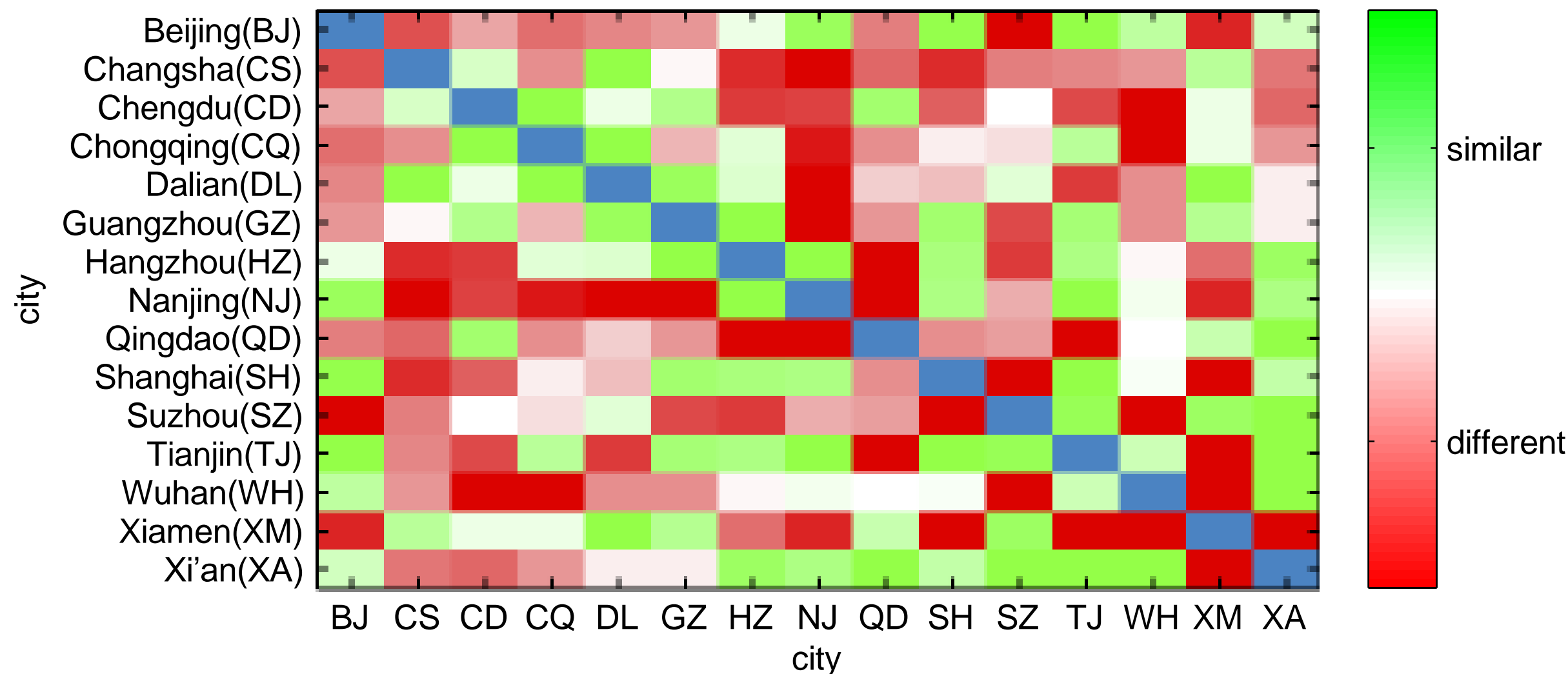


b) Hangzhou

- 1: 📍 (☀) jiangzhe cuisine 📍 (☀) fast-food 📍 (☀) coffee
- 2: 🎬 drama, comedy 📍 (☀) (🌐) coffee 📍 (☀) (🌐) western-food
- 3: 📍 (☀) (🌐) train station 📍 (☀) (🌐) shopping mall 📍 (☀) (🌐) outdoors
- 4: 🎬 drama 📖 fiction 🎵 taiwan
- 5: 📍 (☀) (🌐) shopping mall 📍 (☀) (🌐) snack 📍 (☀) (🌐) coffee
- 6: 🧑 music 🧑 get-together 🎬 drama, romance
- 7: 📍 (☀) office 📍 (☀) supermarket 📍 (☀) fast-food
- 8: 🎬 drama, action 📖 history 📖 fiction
- 9: 📍 (☀) library 📍 (☀) library 📍 (☀) scenic

b') Hangzhou

Similarity Matrix of Lifestyle Spectrum



Intergroup difference and intragroup variations (place of residence)

Table 2: Average recognition ratio

Method	RTM	hLDA	RH-LDA
Check-in	0.361	0.500	0.667
+Movie	0.389	0.556	0.694
++Music	0.444	0.583	0.722
+++Book	0.472	0.639	0.806
++++Events	0.472	0.667	0.833

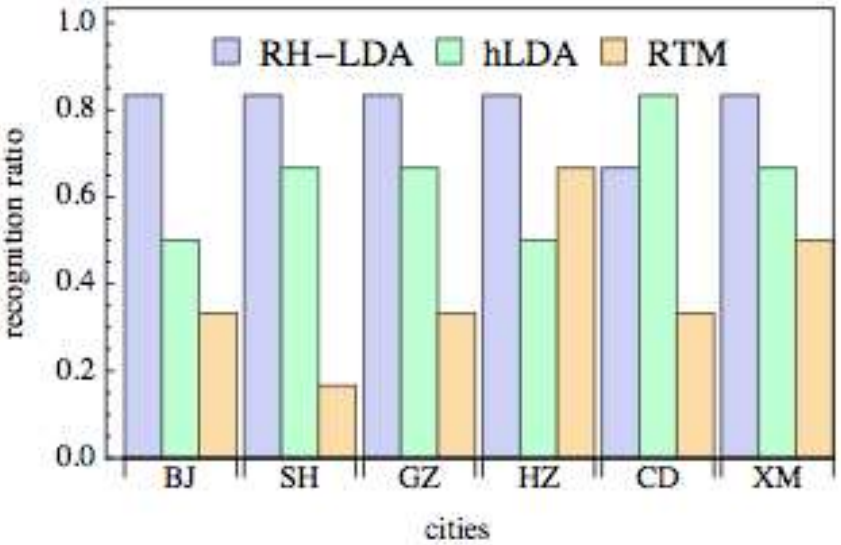


Figure 12: Recognition ratio.

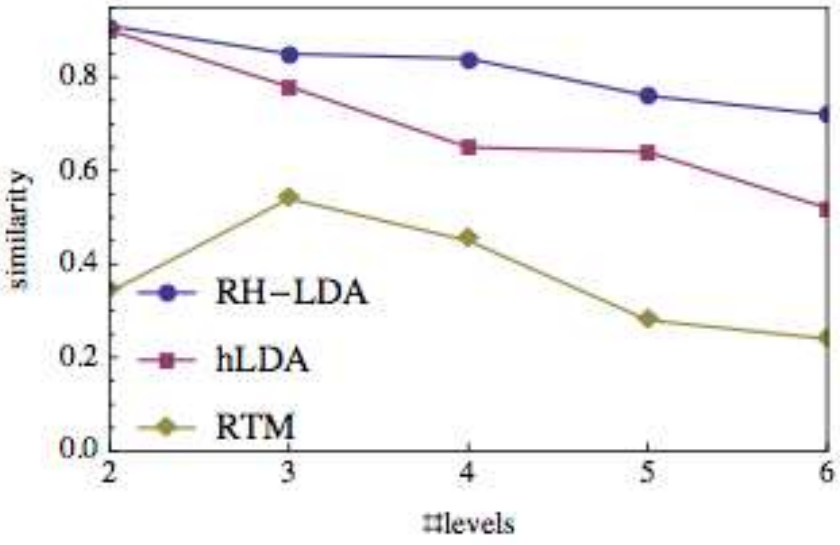


Figure 13: Jaccard Similarity.

36 participants
aged 21-45
20 males 16 females
6 for each city
8+years

Train models for 6 cities
Select based on lifestyles
RR: correctly inferred/all

Collect social data
Pick a path in the spectrum
Measured by JS

Mobility Footprints

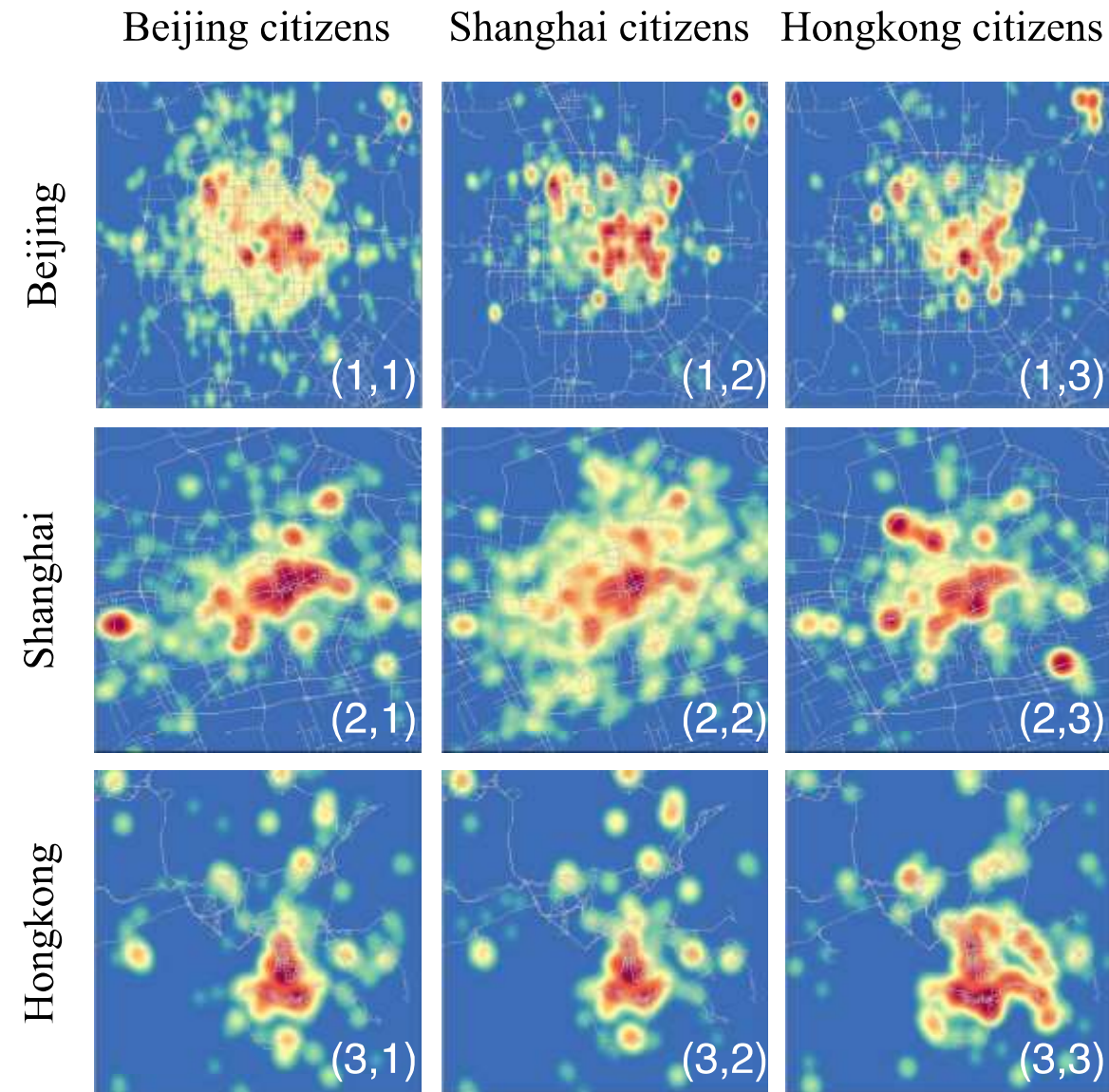


Figure 7. Check-in density distribution of 3 cities showing where people check-in in each other's cities.

LifeSpec as A Data Repository

- Scientific Research
 - Sociology
 - Economics
 - Public health
- Industry Applications
 - Recommendation
 - Advertising

Summary

- Computational framework for exploring urban lifestyles
- IConnect: identifying connected user accounts based on self-disclosure
- RH-LDA: relational-hierarchical model for summarizing lifestyles
- LifeSpec as a data platform for scientific and industry applications

Thanks!

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