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Main sources of geographic information in the year 2000 ...



Statistics Canada Statistique Canada



...and many other
government agencies

“Traditional mapping agencies have elaborate standards and specifications to govern the production of geographic information, and employ cartographers with documented qualifications.”

(Goodchild 2007)



Dr. Mike Goodchild

Professor Emeritus
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Formerly required to produce commonly-used geographic information...



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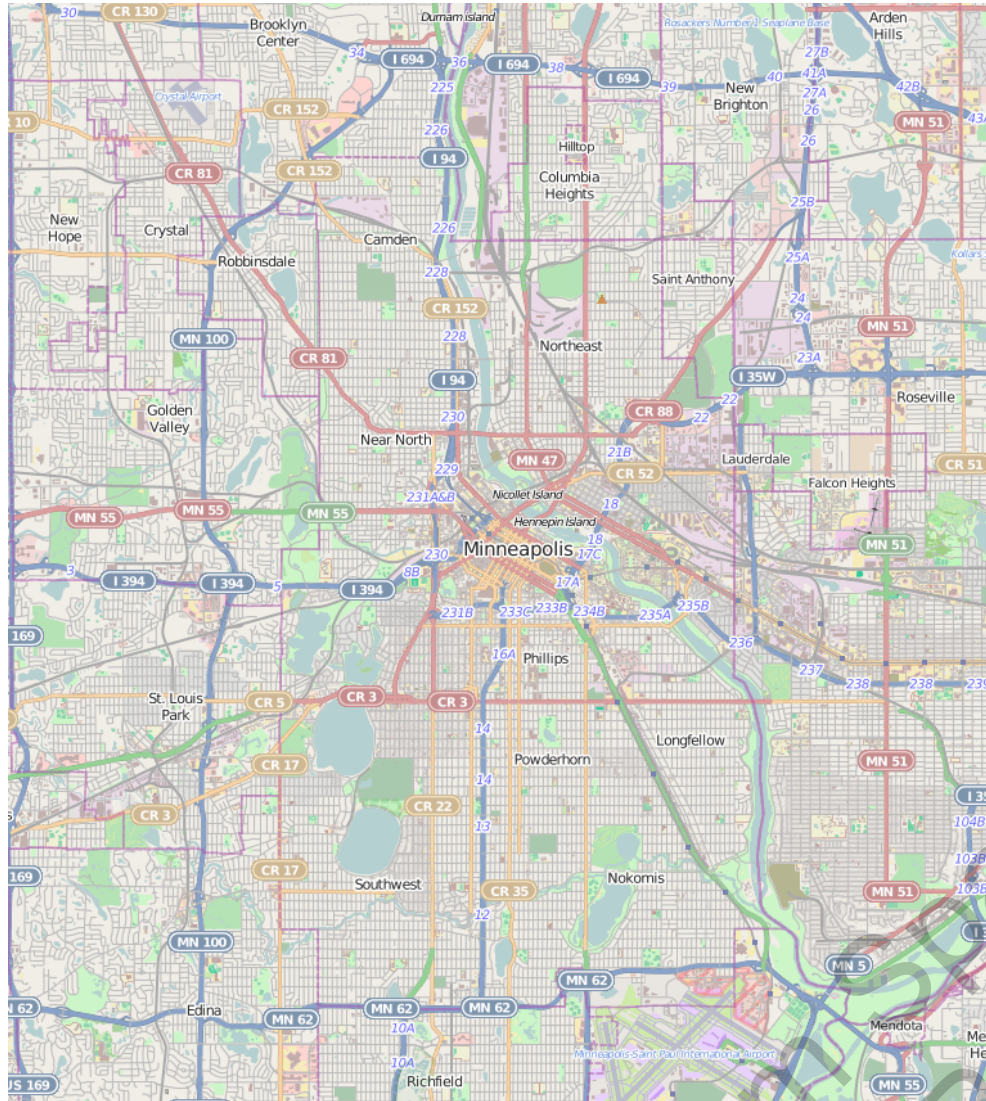
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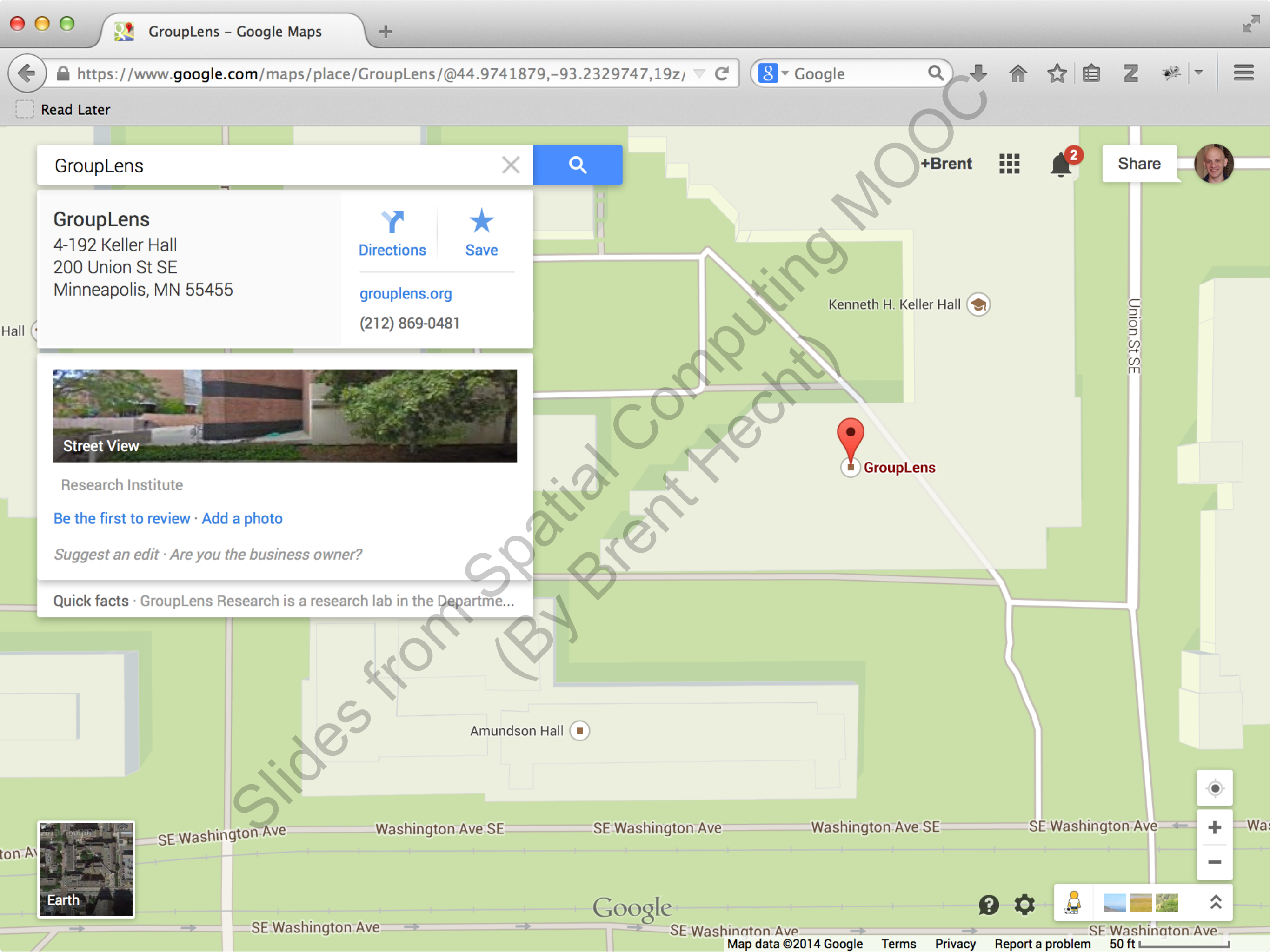
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Motto in English	A common bond for all the arts
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Type	Public Flagship University Land-Grant Sea-Grant Space-Grant
Endowment	US\$2.494 billion in 2012 (systemwide) ^[1]
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Provost	Karen Hanson
Academic staff	3,374 ^[2]
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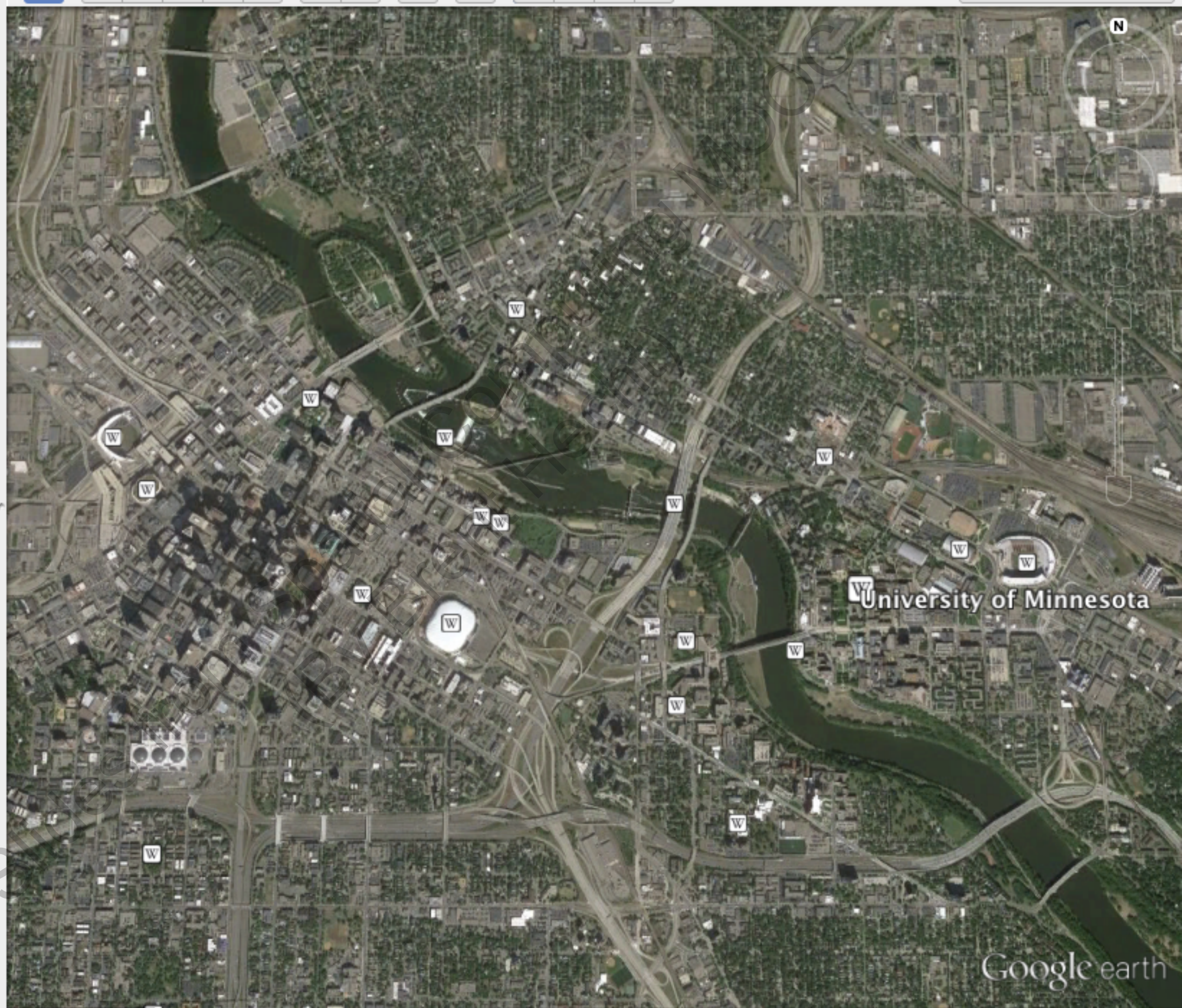
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
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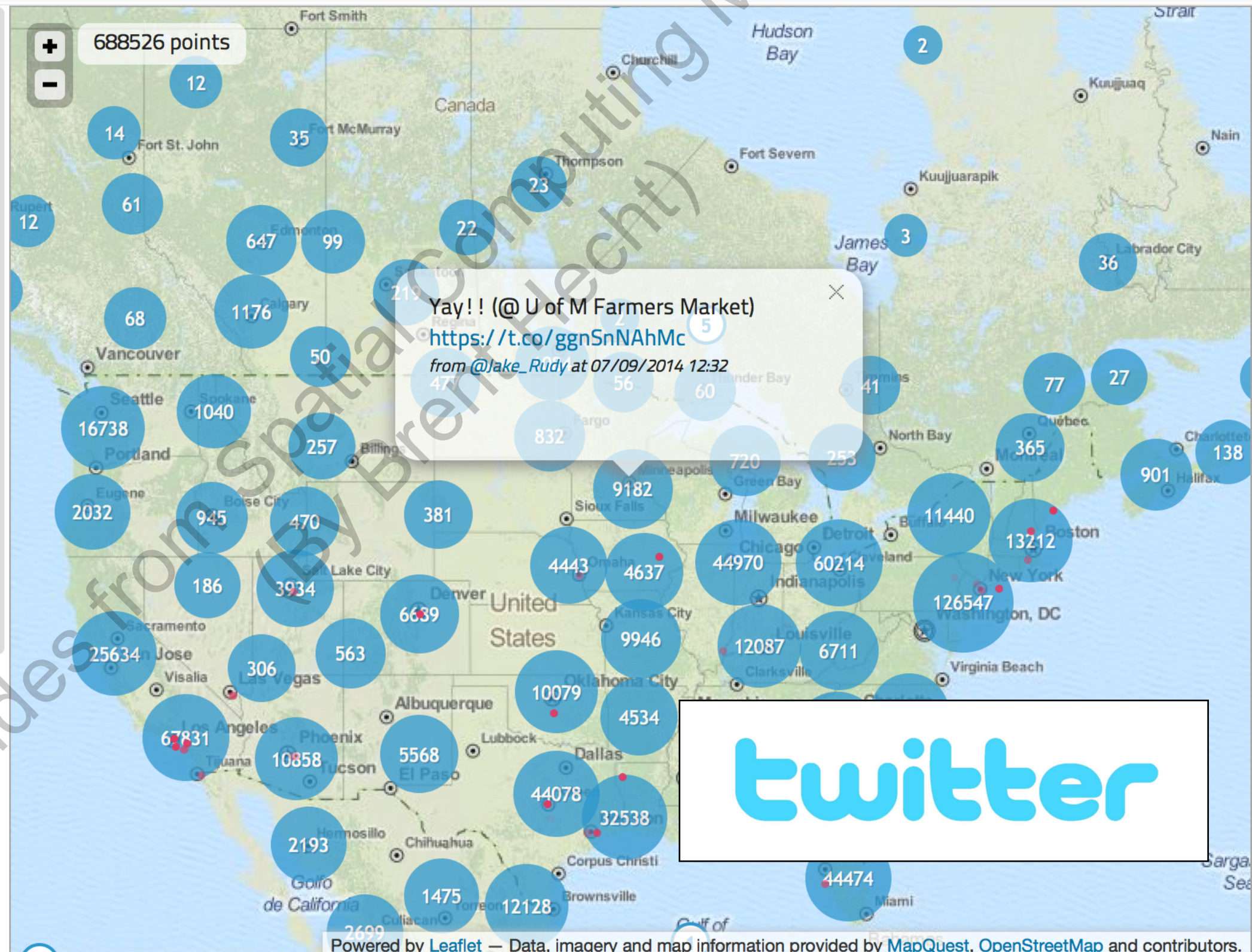
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“The vast amounts of data shared on social media reflect people’s attitudes, attention, activities and interests, offering unique opportunities to analyze and reason about our world and our society. With associated geotagged information, these social media items allow us to understand, for the first time, what people are paying attention to, and where they pay attention from, in real time. This data can prove hugely valuable to a diverse set of applications, such as improving city management, marketing, journalism, tourism, health and many more.”



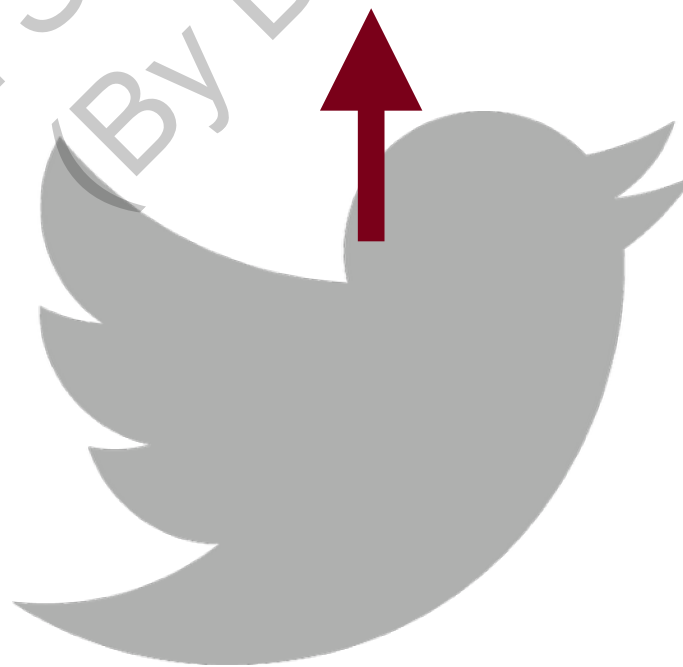
Dr. Mor Naaman

Associate Professor
Cornell Tech, New York City

Co-founder + Chief Scientist
Seen (<http://www.seen.co>)



Volunteered Geographic Information



“[Volunteered geographic information is] the widespread engagement of large numbers of private citizens, often with little in the way of formal qualifications, in the creation of geographic information, a function that for centuries has been reserved to official agencies. They are largely untrained and their actions are almost always voluntary, and the results may or may not be accurate. But, collectively, they represent a dramatic innovation that will certainly have profound impacts on geographic information systems (GIS) and more generally on the discipline of geography and its relationship to the general public.”

(Goodchild 2007)



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“[VGI is] a profound transformation in
how we know the world.”

(Elwood et al. 2012)



Dr. Sarah Elwood

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Univ. Washington, USA

**What's this
“Volunteered
Geographic
Information”?**



Spatial Computing, circa **2000**

**We need a
module on
Volunteered
Geographic
Information!**



Spatial Computing, circa **2014**

Q: How did this BIG change happen?

A: Enabling technologies!



Global Positioning System (GPS)



Spatial Databases: A Tour

Shashi Shekhar



This is a great introduction to spatial databases

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A: Enabling technologies!

“VGI requires **rethinking many of the important concepts** that geographers have previously used to understand geographic information, its uses, and its impacts.”

(Elwood et al. 2012)



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Further Reading

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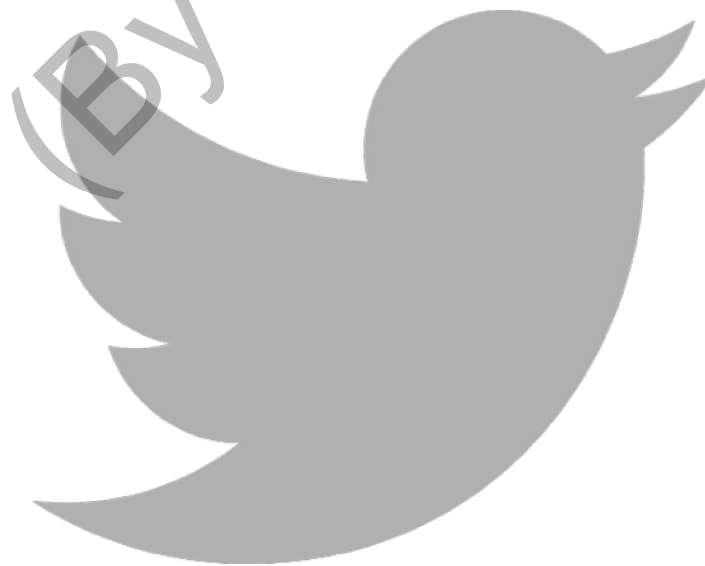


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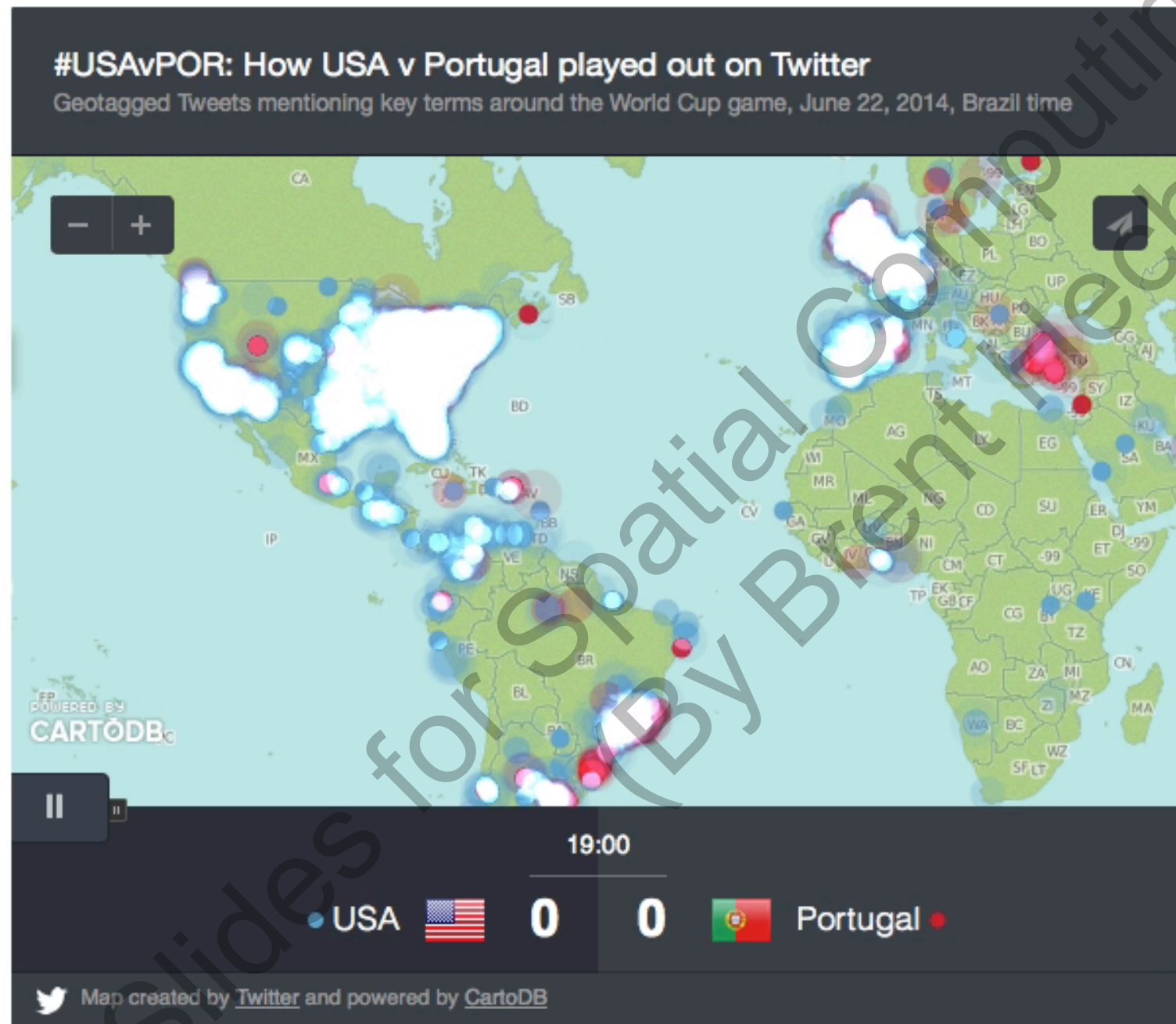
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charts when goals were scored — especially at the end of the match, when USA's Clint Dempsey scored to go ahead 2-1 and Portugal's Silvestre Varela suddenly tied the game at the end.



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Twitter also charted mentions of "Clint Dempsey," showing a spike to

Earthquake Shakes Twitter Users: Real-time Event Detection by Social Sensors

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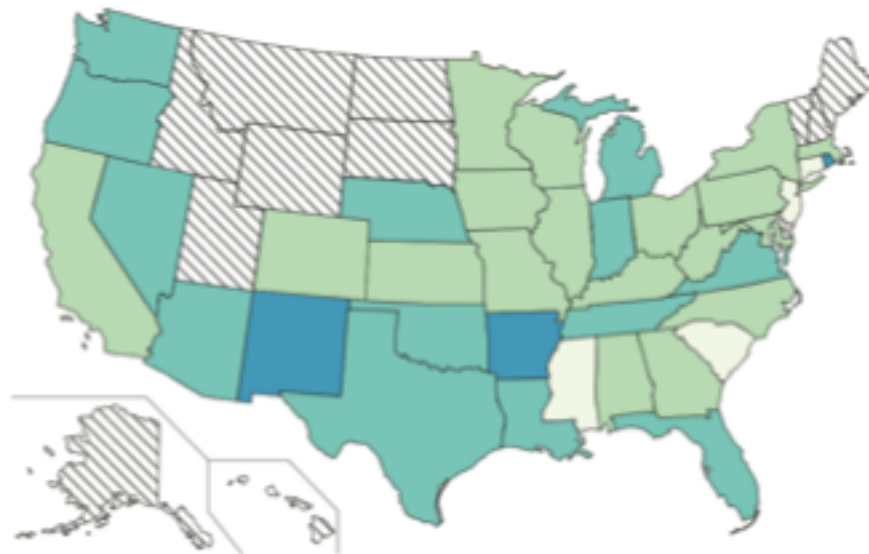
Twitter, a popular microblogging service, has received much attention recently. An important characteristic of Twitter is its real-time nature. For example, when an earthquake occurs, people make many Twitter posts (*tweets*) related to the earthquake, which enables detection of earthquake occurrence promptly, simply by observing the tweets. As described in this paper, we investigate the real-time interaction of events such as earthquakes, in Twitter, and propose an algorithm to monitor tweets and to detect a target event. To detect a target event, we devise a classifier of tweets based on features such as the keywords in a tweet, the number of words, and their context. Subsequently, we produce a probabilistic spatiotemporal model for the target event that can find the center and the trajectory of the event location. We consider each Twitter user as a *sensor*

currently estimated as 44.5 million worldwide¹. Monthly growth of users has been 1382% year-on-year, which makes Twitter one of the fastest-growing sites in the world².

Some studies have investigated Twitter: Java et al. analyzed Twitter as early as 2007. They described the social network of Twitter users and investigated the motivation of Twitter users [13]. B. Huberman et al. analyzed more than 300 thousand users. They discovered that the relation between friends (defined as a person to whom a user has directed posts using an "@" symbol) is the key to understanding interaction in Twitter [11]. Recently, boyd et al. investigated *retweet* activity, which is the Twitter-equivalent of e-mail forwarding, where users post messages originally posted by others [5].

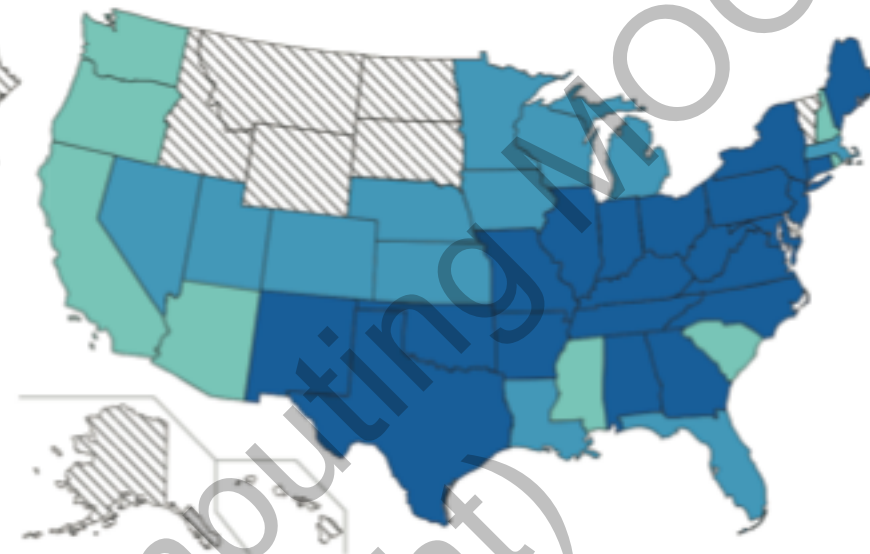
Twitter is categorized as a micro-blogging service. Microblogging is a form of blogging that allows users to send

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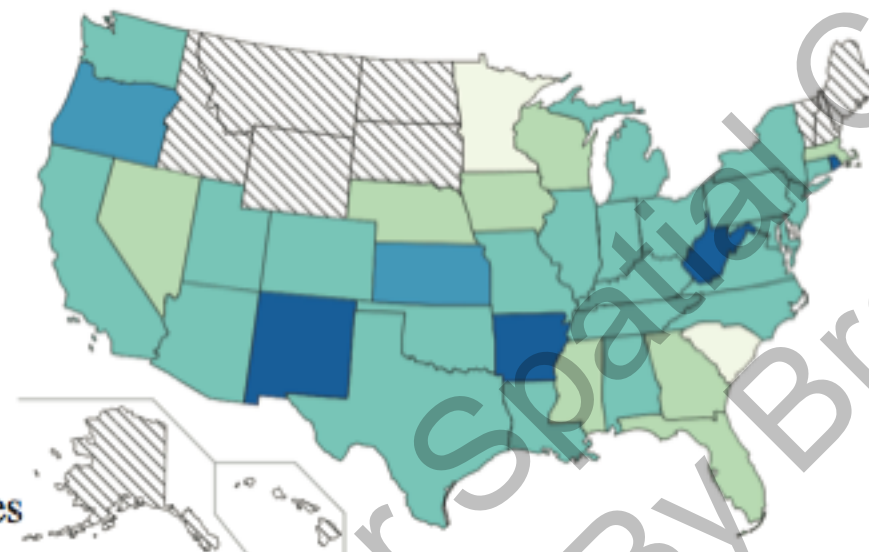
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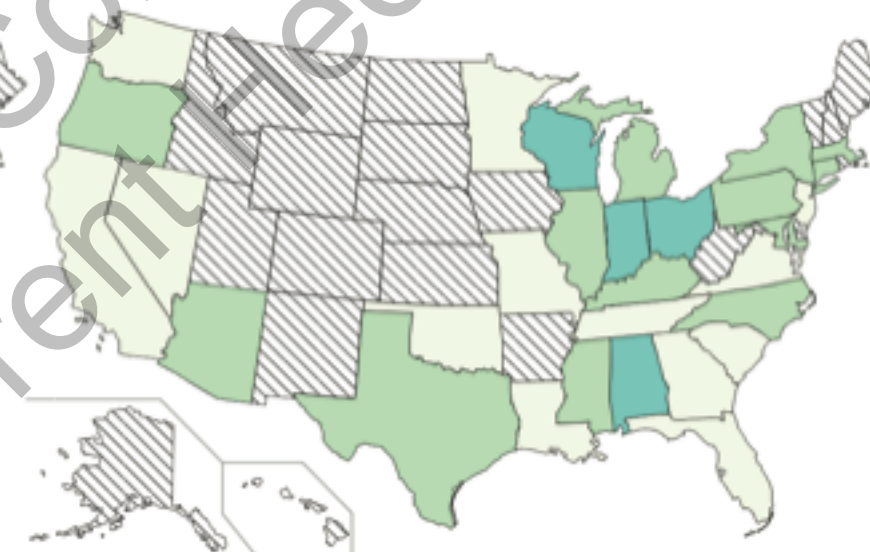
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 bonkers
mold
 antihistamines



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 buildings
mold
 hadd
 gato
 cessation
 meditating
ragweed



(d) August

You Are What You Tweet: Analyzing Twitter for Public Health

(Paul and Dredze 2011)

All these cool applications start with the lowly smartphone Twitter application...



Slides for Spatial Computing MOOC
(By Brent Hecht)





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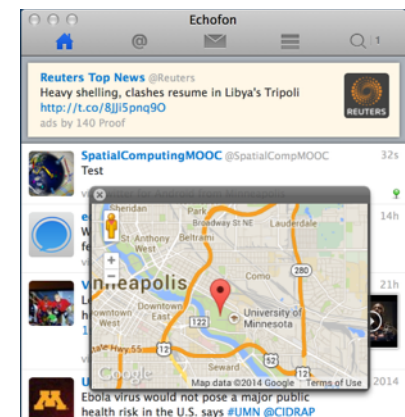
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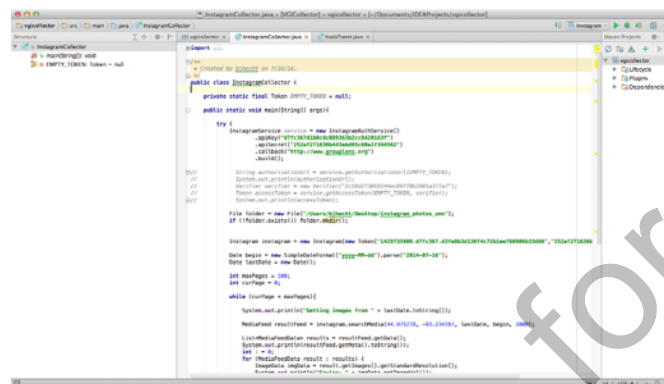
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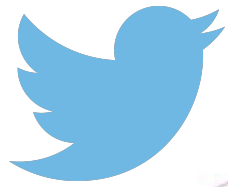


Your friends and contacts (or the general public) can see your geotagged content



In many cases, programmers can download your geotagged content (assuming it's public)

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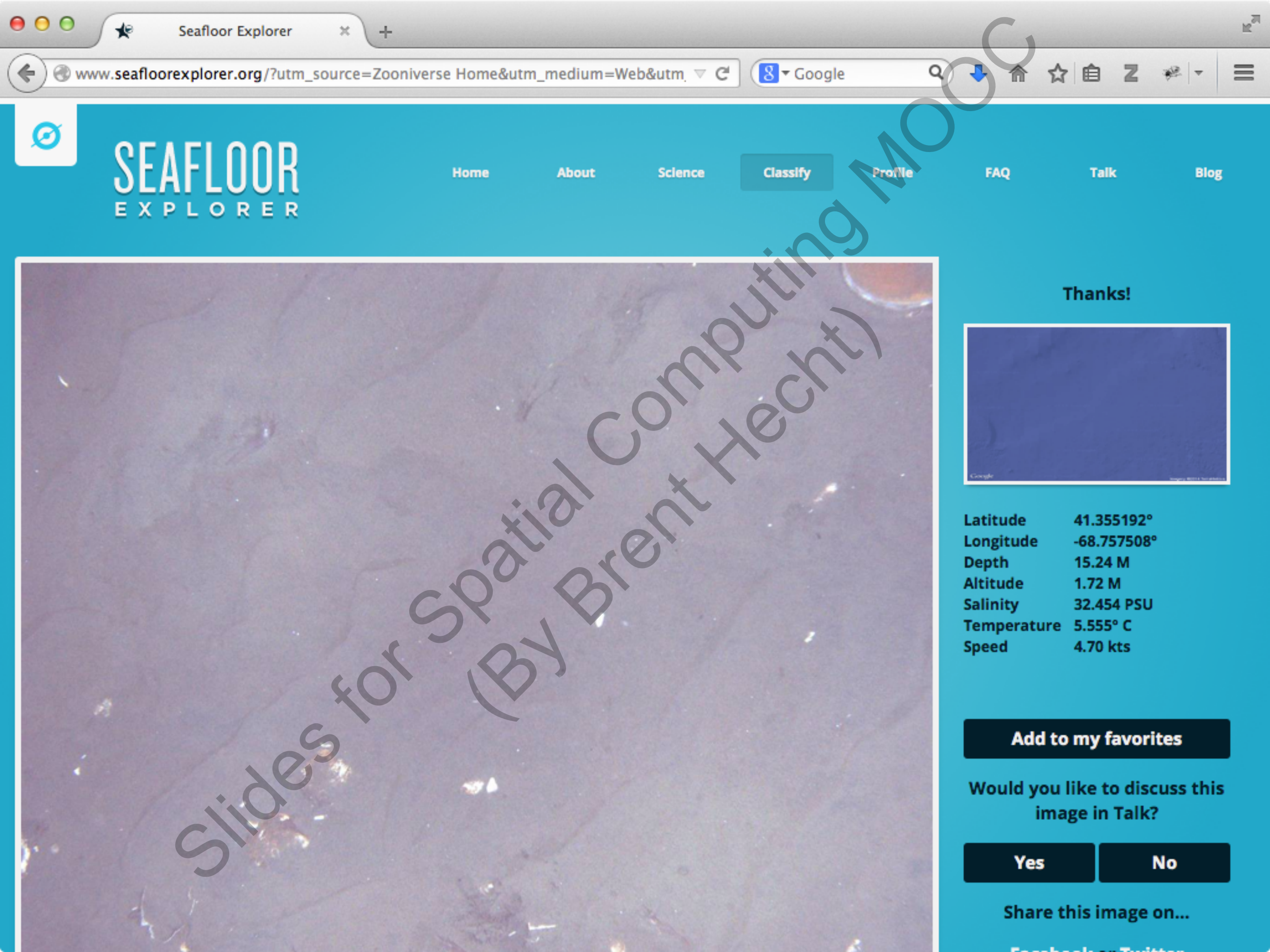


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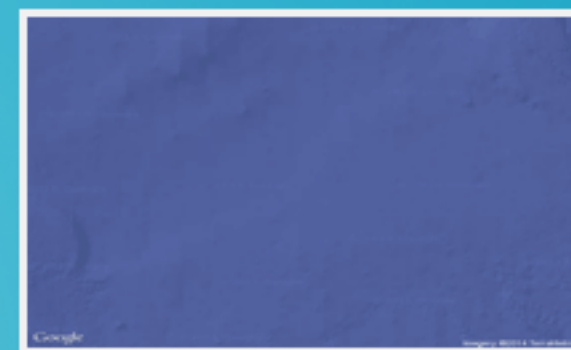
Many citizen science projects rely heavily on measurements that are geographically-referenced!



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The Science of Seafloor Explorer

HabCam (Habitat Mapping Camera System)

HabCam is a cabled optical and acoustic imaging system that is "flown" from a ship traveling at 5 kts at an altitude of 1 to 3 meters off the bottom at depths to 250m while collecting high resolution still images at a rate of six images per second.

Imaging at this rate provides ~50% overlap to allow for construction of image mosaics of the seafloor. A track approximately 100 nautical miles in length and 259,200 m² in area is imaged each 24 hour day while at sea. Over 30 million images (>30 TB) have been collected in less than one year of sea time, which demonstrates how quickly this quantity of data can accumulate.

Fauna, flora, benthic maps and more

For the past five years, study areas along the northeast continental shelf have been revisited seasonally, with measurements of all visible macrofauna, and characterization of benthic fauna and flora, oceanic properties (salinity, temperature, nutrients) and substrate type, providing the baseline of an exceptional and unique ecological time series.

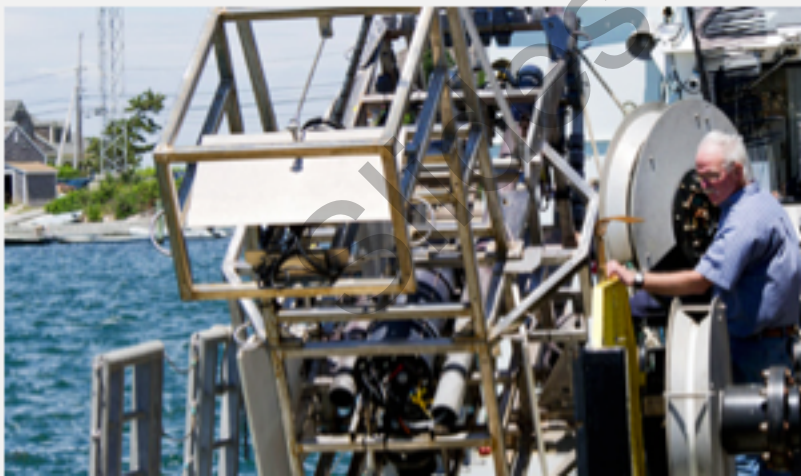
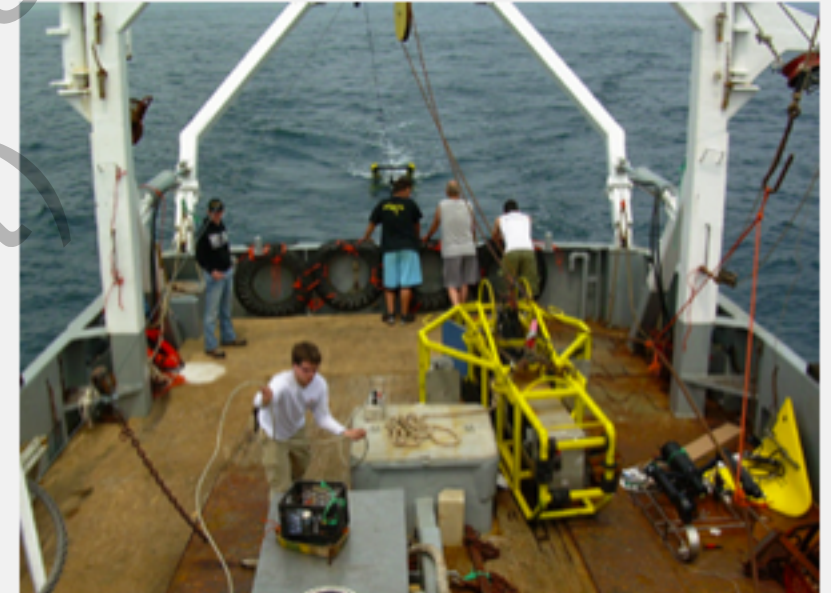
Key to extracting useful ecological information from this ever expanding library of image data is development of tools for rapid and accurate segmentation and classification of benthic organisms and substrate, together with visualization of images and their metadata through a Geospatially-explicit, queryable database. As scientists and ecosystem managers, we need to be able to ask questions like *"what is the current distribution and abundance of sea scallop and yellowtail flounder on Georges Bank, and how have they changed over the past few years?"* And, *"where is the invasive tunicate Didemnum vexillum currently co-located with gravel substratum and what is the potential for its' spread to new areas"*.

Enter Seafloor Explorer

The data now exist to answer such ecologically critical questions, but it is buried in hundreds of TBs of images that need to be processed through a defined and scalable pipeline of tools.

[Seafloor Explorer](#) is allowing us to capture data on the distributions of sea scallop and other commercially important species as well as defining the substrate and habitat in which they live. This information has never before been acquired on such an expansive (1000s of km) yet high resolution (1mm pixel resolution) scale. While manual classification currently pushes our knowledge and understanding of these distributions, the development of tools for automated segmentation and classification is lagging orders of magnitude behind the rate at which image data are currently being acquired and manually classified.

Using data from [Seafloor Explorer](#) we can now begin to build training sets of images and data that will provide the foundation for automated machine vision approaches to target classification from HabCam images. These tools must be developed if the untapped wealth of information available in optical imagery is to be fully realized in



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Which product should I use?

Product	Best For...	File Format	Type of Data	Level of Detail	Descriptive Attributes	Vintages Available
TIGER/Line Shapefiles	Most mapping projects--this is our most comprehensive dataset . Designed for use with GIS (geographic information systems).	Shapefiles (.shp) and database files (.dbf)	Boundaries, roads, address information, water features, and more	Full detail (not generalized)	Extensive	2006 - 2013, CD 113
TIGER Geodatabases	Useful for users needing national datasets or all major boundaries for by state. Designed for use in ArcGIS.	Geodatabase (.gdb)	Boundaries, roads, address information, water features, and	Full detail (not generalized)	Limited	2013

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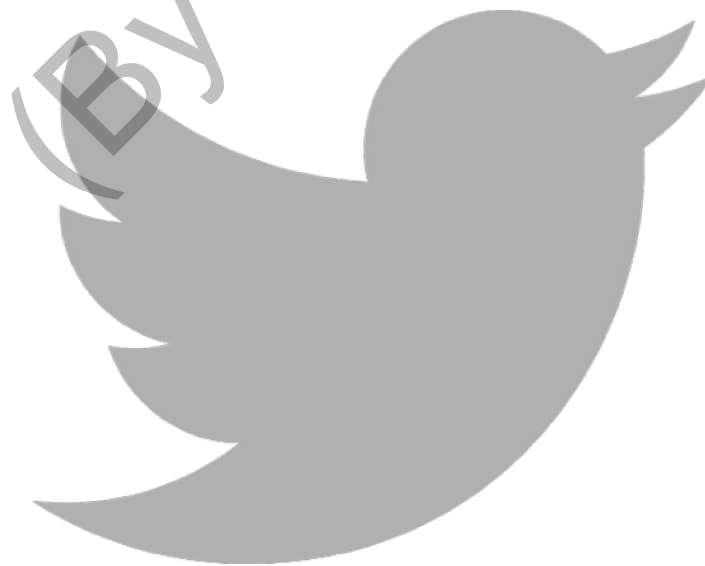


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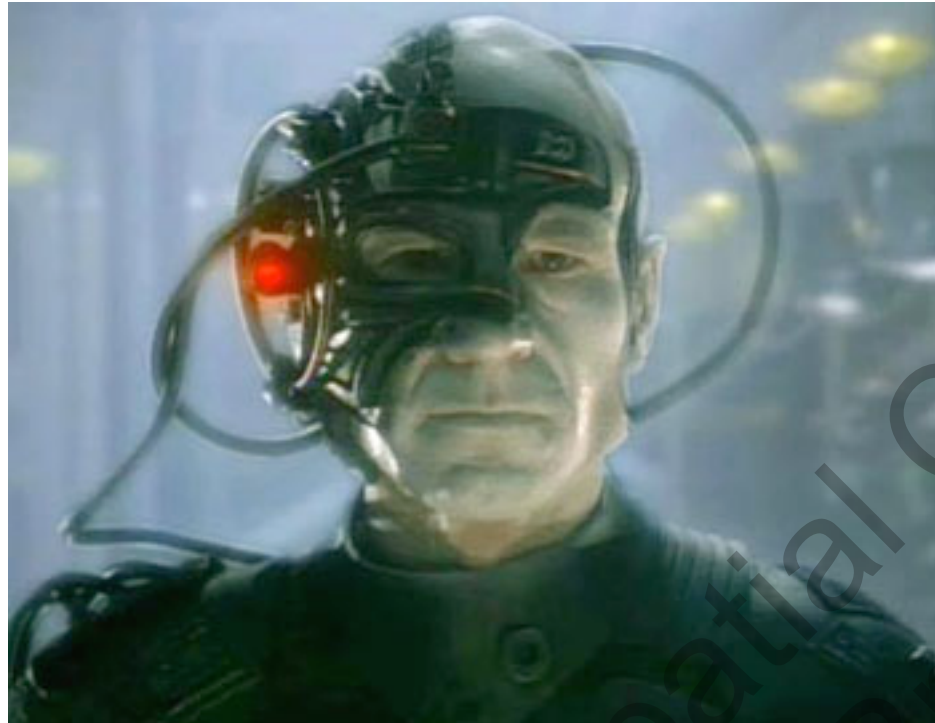
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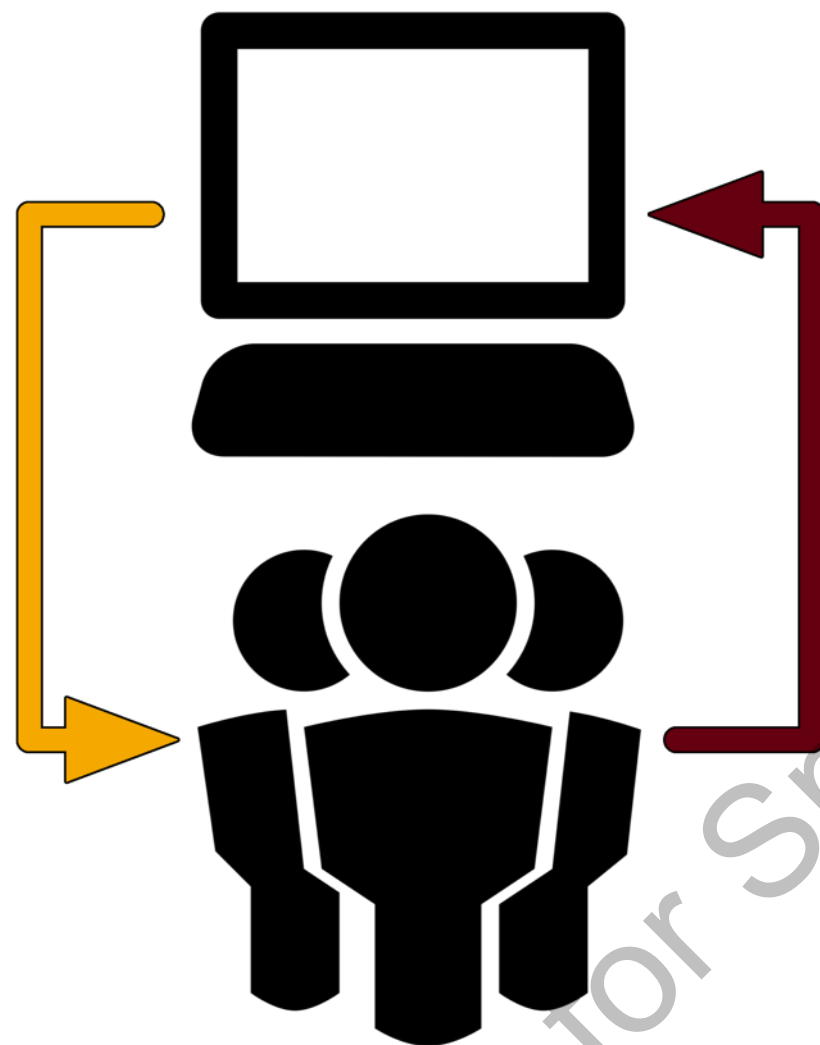
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Socio-technical System?



Socio-technical
System

People
interacting with
each other

=

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Technology
mediating that
interaction

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😊 PROS 😊

Very large data sets

😞 CONS 😞

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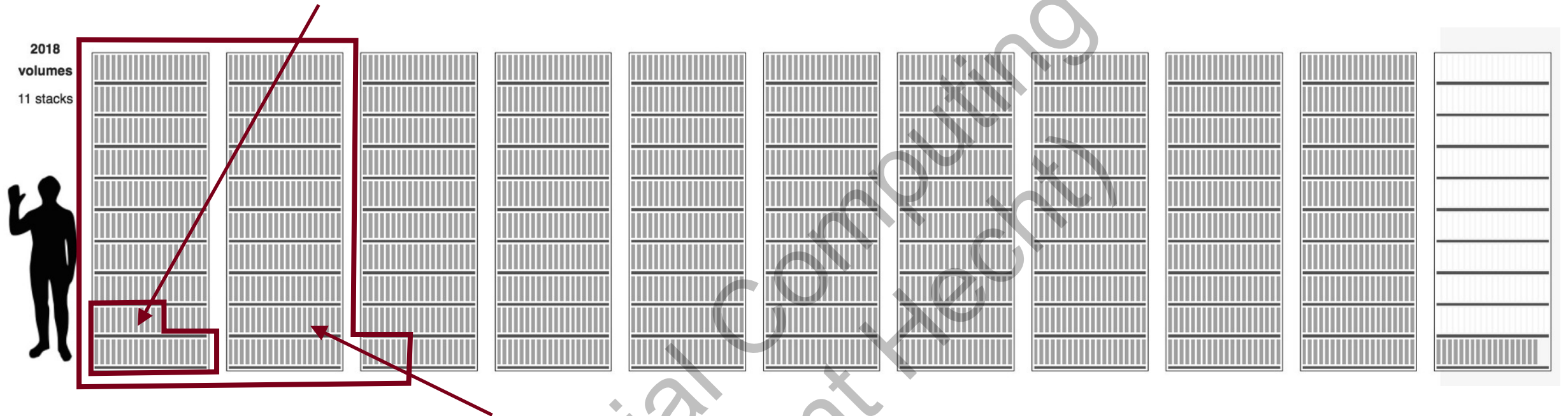


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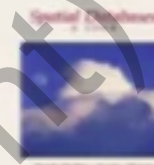


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Shashi Shekhar



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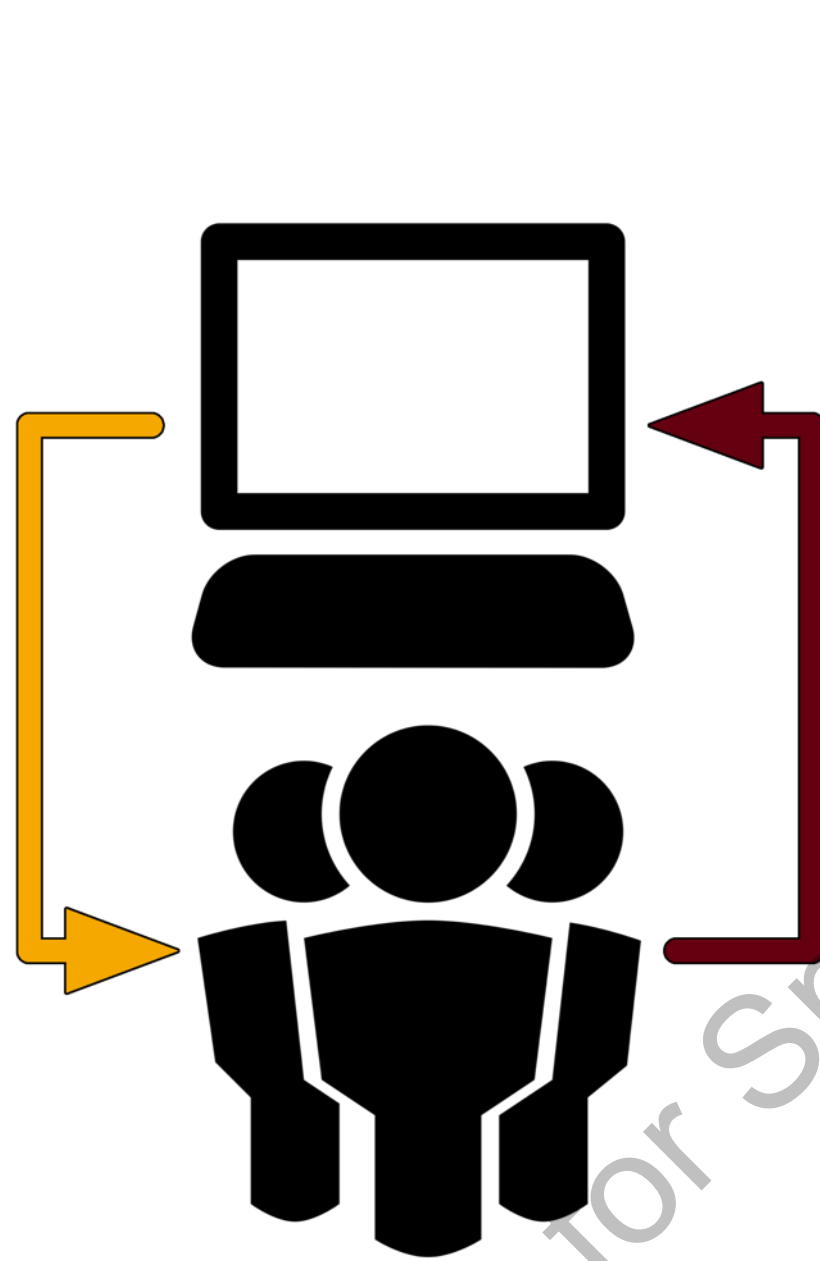
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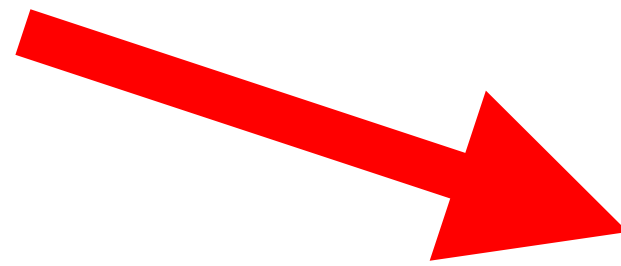
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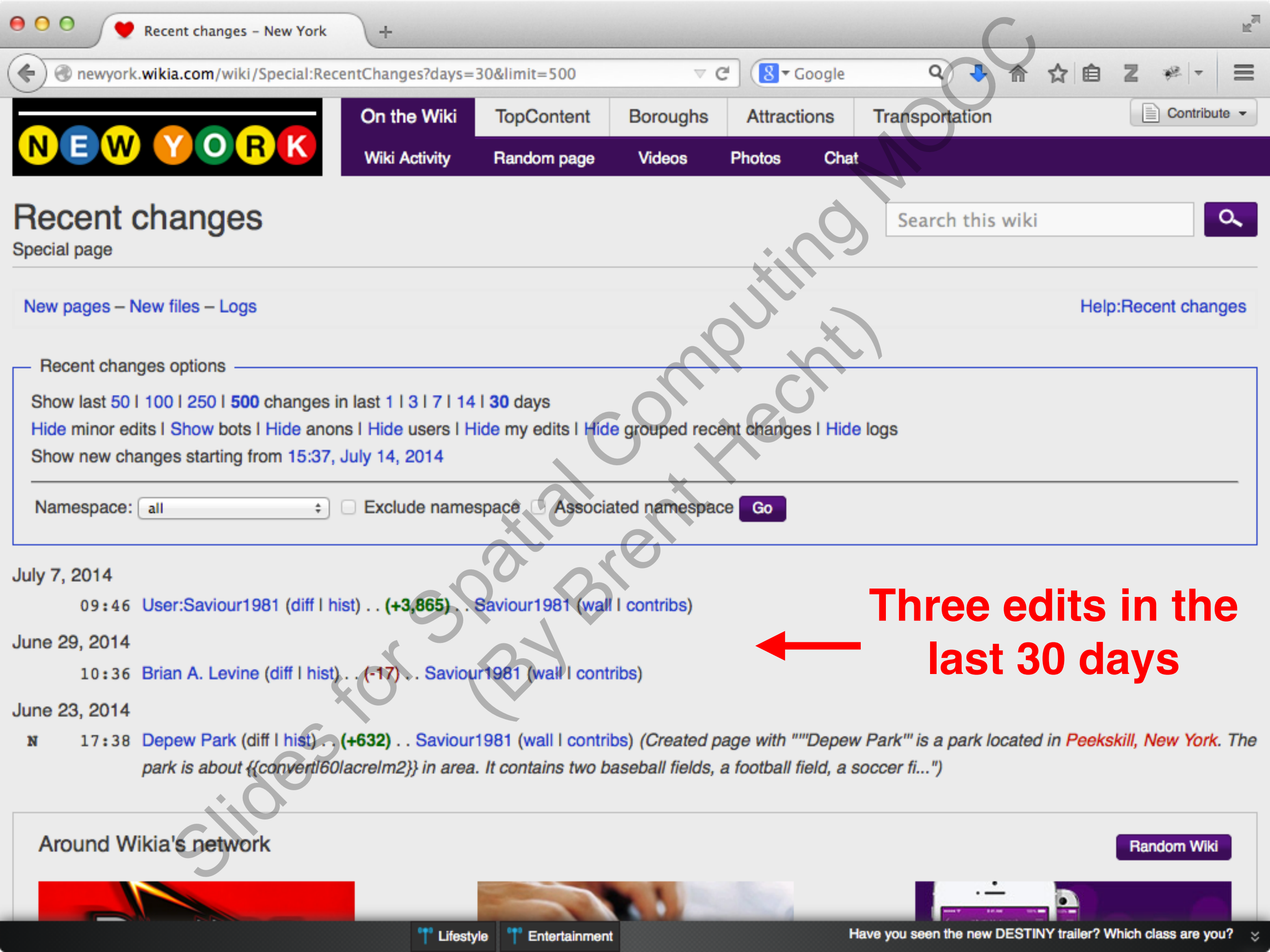


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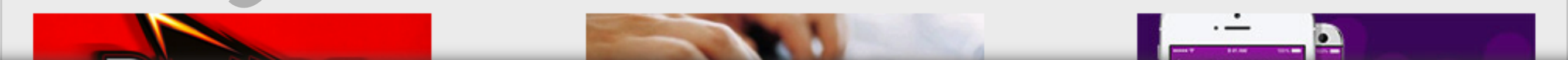
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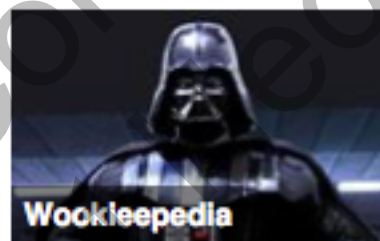
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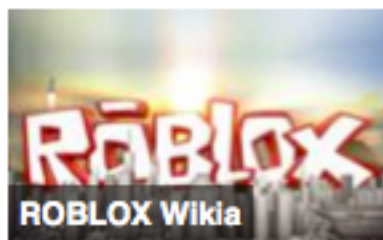
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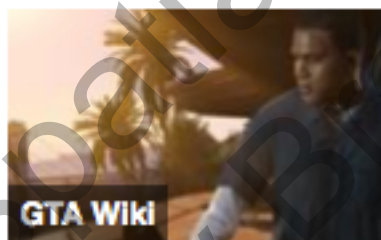
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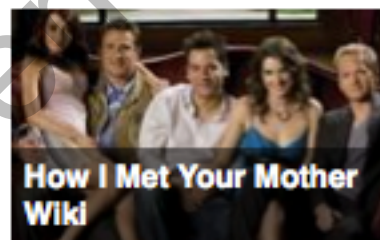
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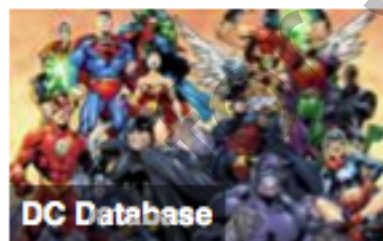
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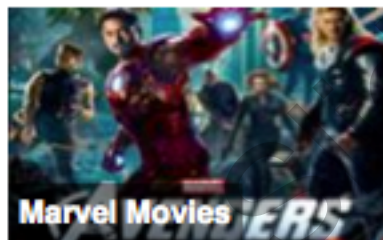
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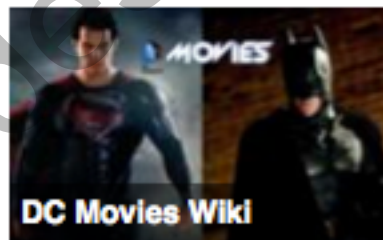
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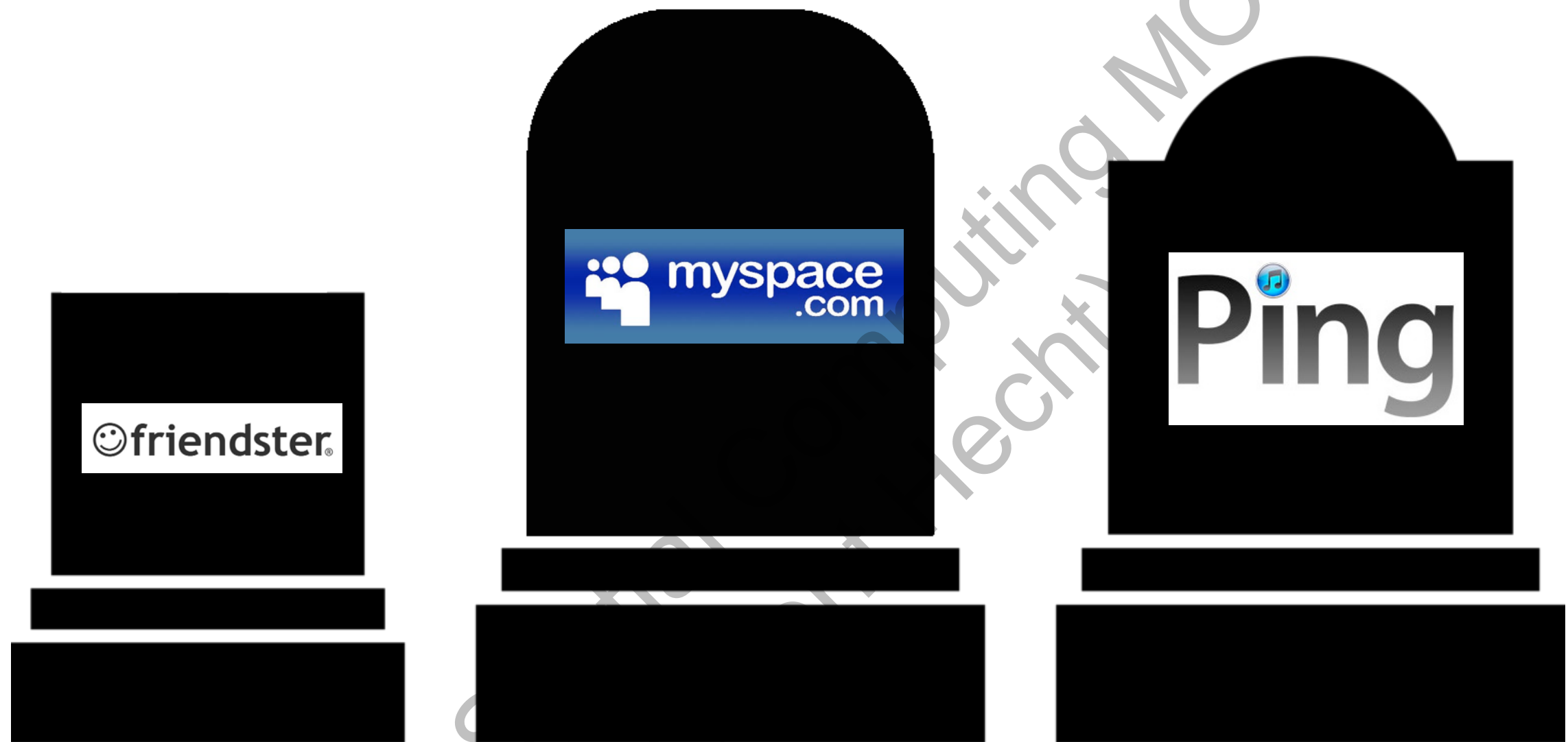
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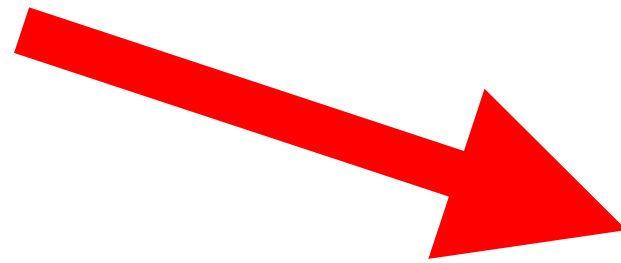
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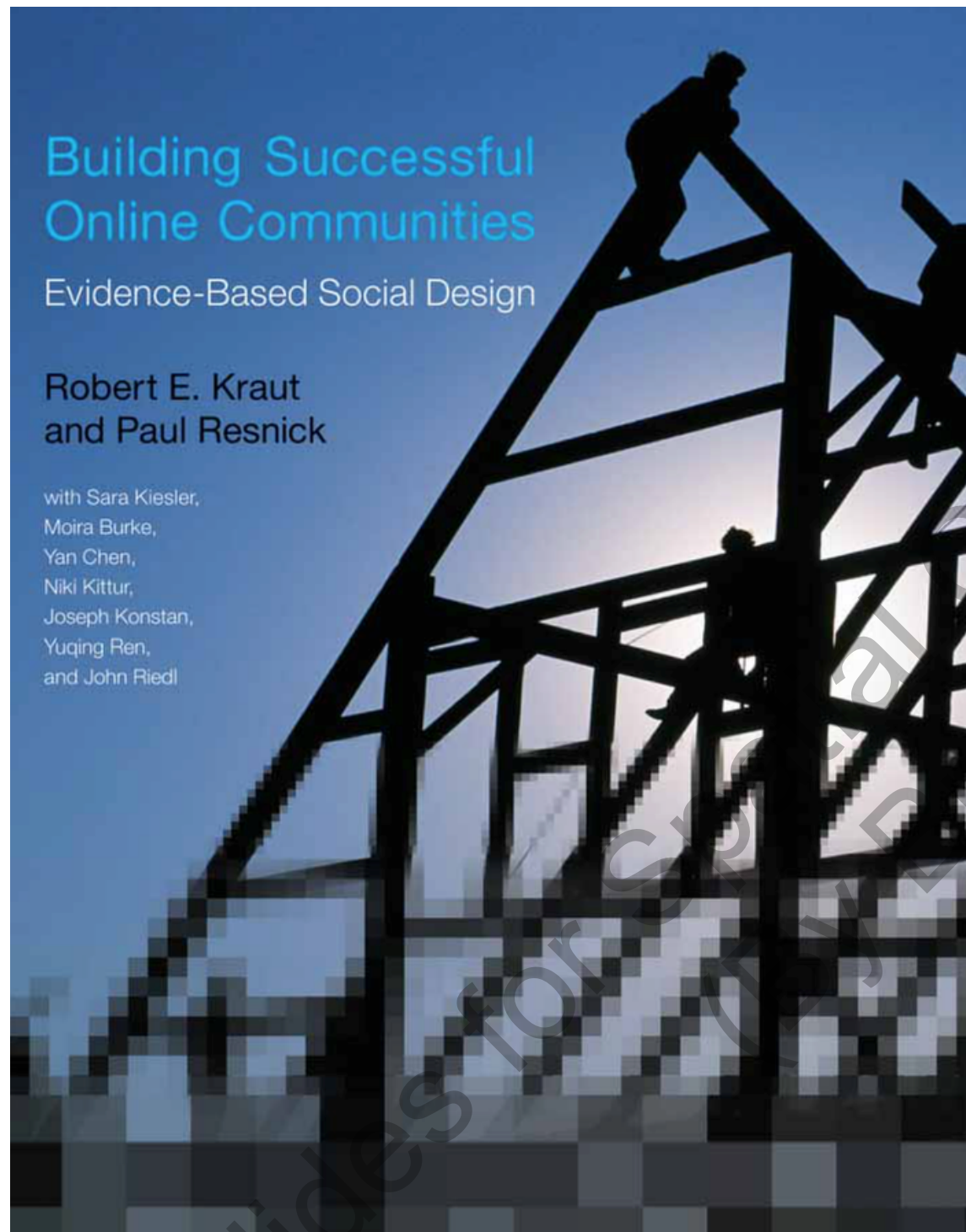


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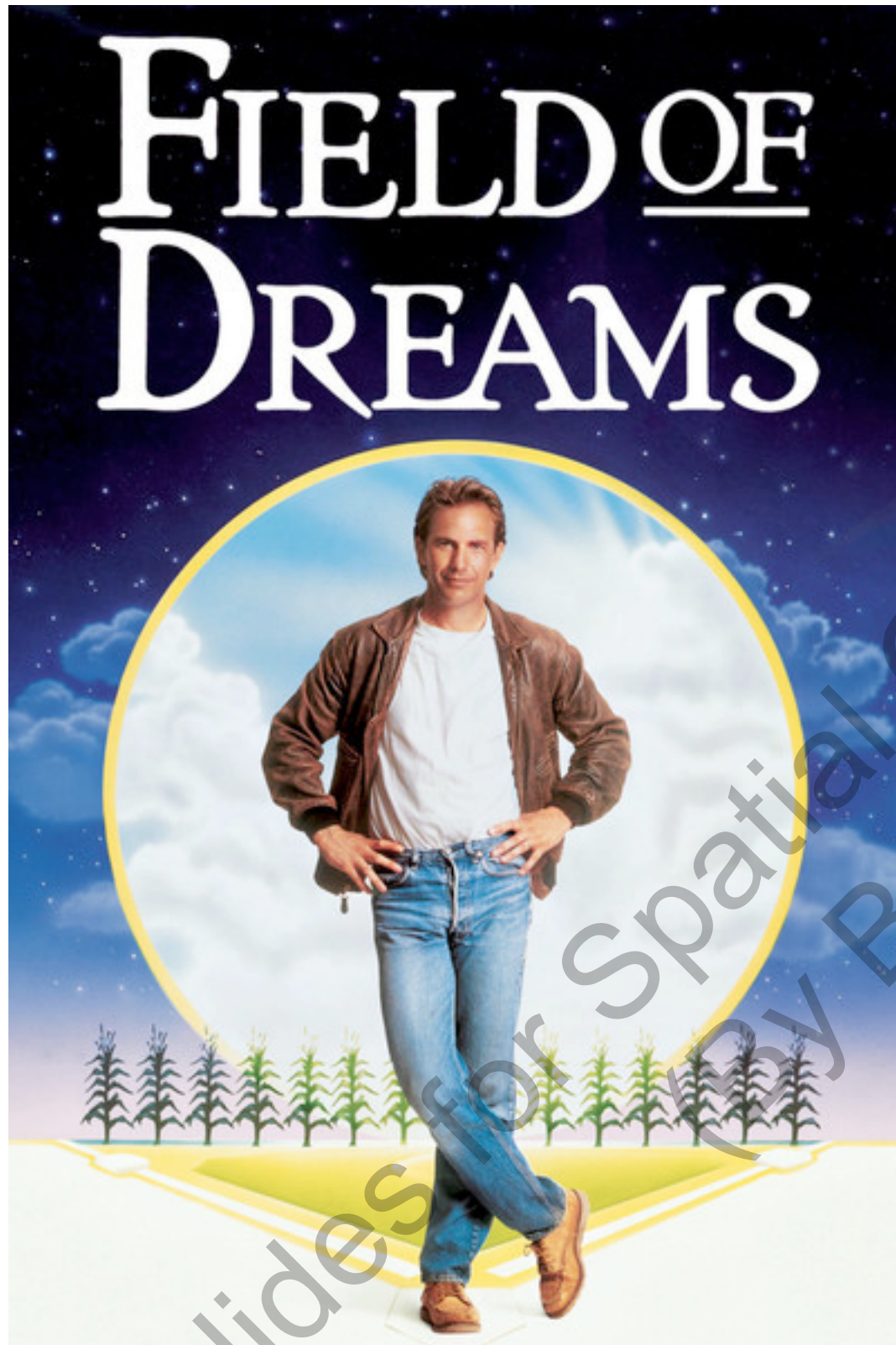
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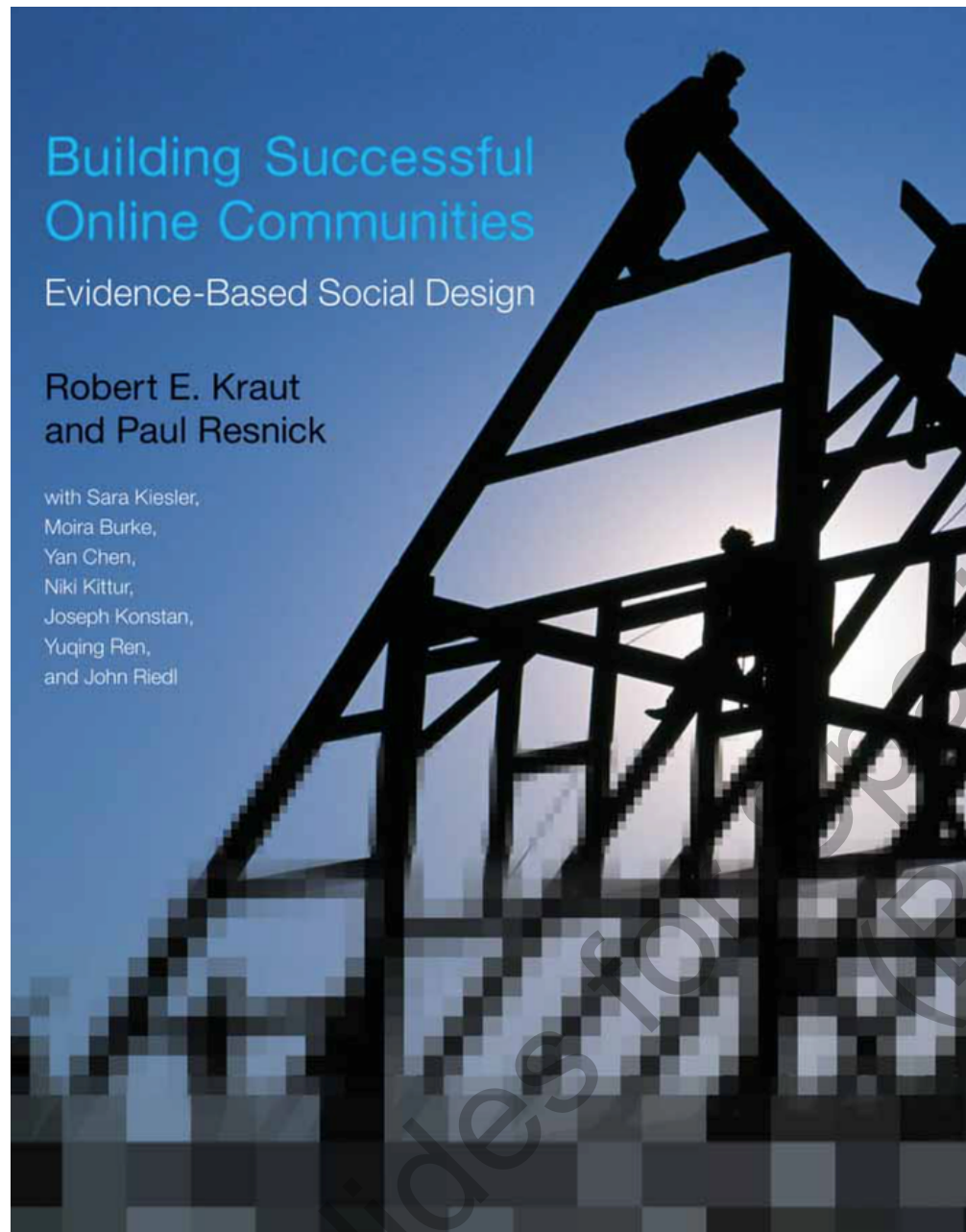
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**Not for online
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Challenges in creating a new online community that produces VGI (or any other online community):



(1) Carve out a useful niche. Make sure what you're doing is unique and valuable.

(2) Defend that niche in the “ecology of competing communities and alternative ways that potential members can spend their time”.

(3) Obtaining a critical mass of users.

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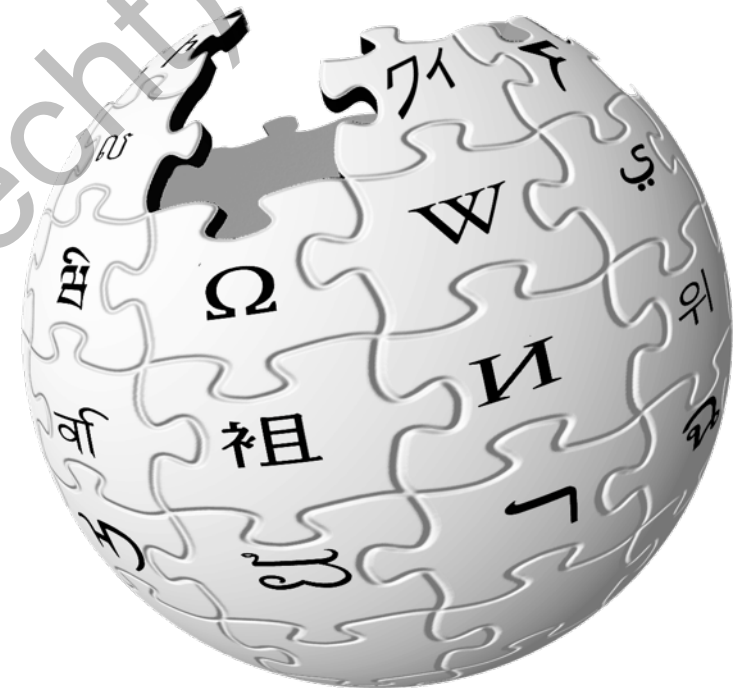
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Common limitations of APIs for social media VGI:

- (1) You only can access a sample of the data.

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of all tweets

~90%

of all *geotagged* tweets!

(Morstatter et al. 2013)

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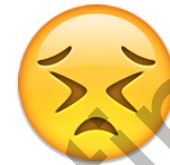
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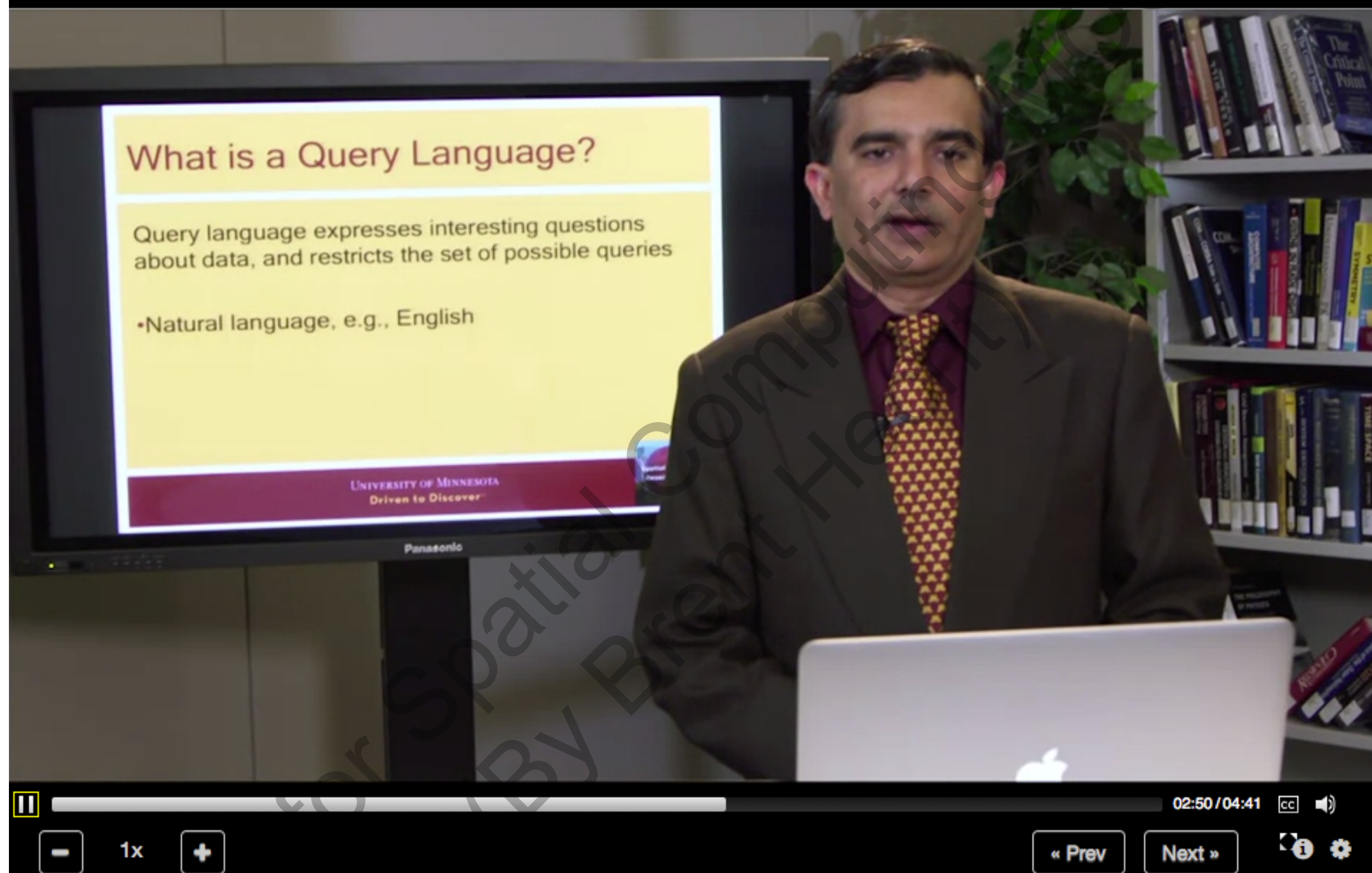
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Space and Place

Space

- positions on surface of Earth
- points, lines, polygons, raster cells
- the basis of pretty much all traditional geographic information systems



The video shows a man in a dark suit, maroon shirt, and patterned tie standing in front of a large screen. The screen displays a slide titled "What is a Query Language?". The slide text reads: "Query language expresses interesting questions about data, and restricts the set of possible queries" followed by a bullet point: "• Natural language, e.g., English". At the bottom of the slide is the University of Minnesota logo with the tagline "Driven to Discover". The man is holding a laptop in front of him. The background includes a bookshelf filled with books and a potted plant.

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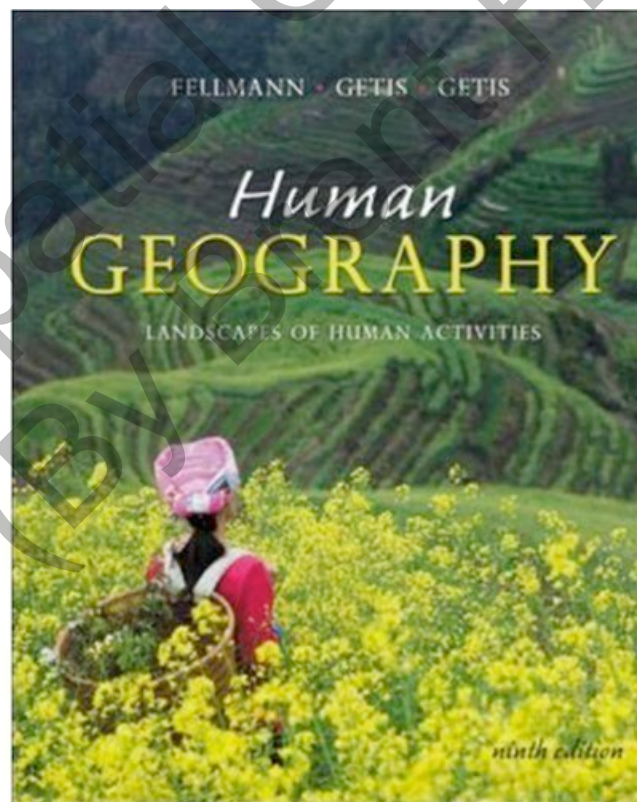
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Place

- “humanized space” - Yi-Fu Tuan
- personal and emotional connections to a space
- individual, but can be similarities among people

“Place refers to the attributes and values we individually associate with a location.”

(Fellman et al. 2007)





Seattle Seahawks



San Francisco 49ers



Super Seattle: Seahawks rally past 49ers in rough, wild NFC title game

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Social Media VGI

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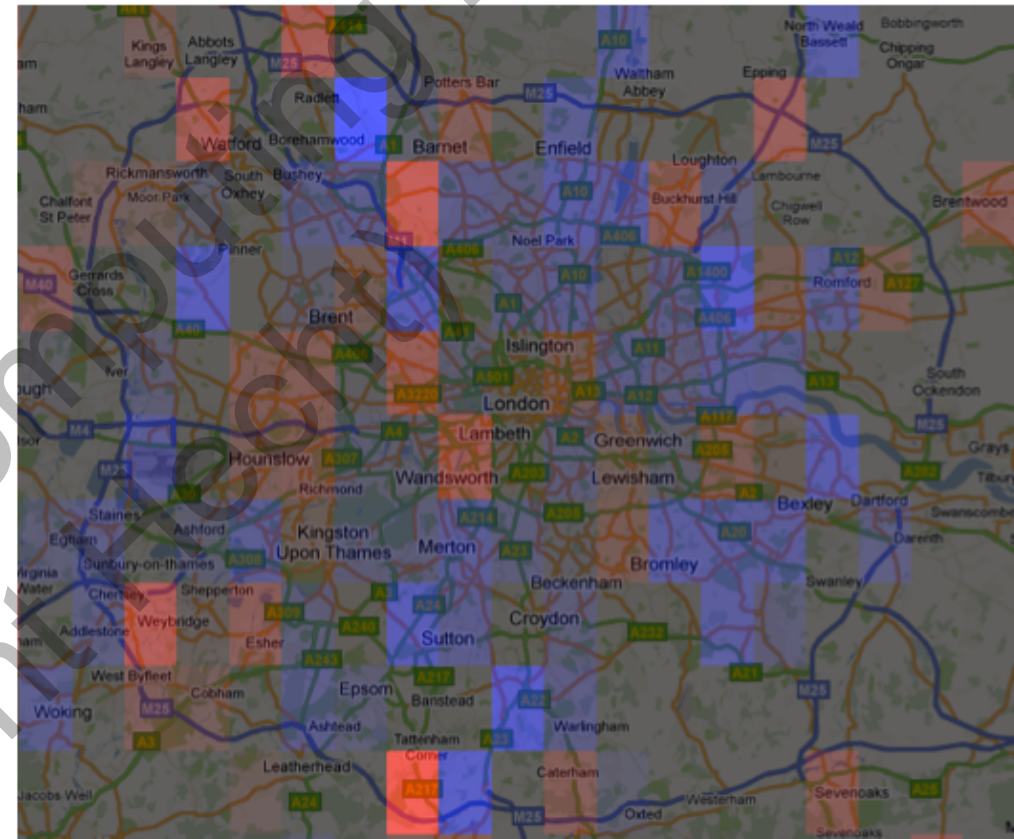


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(Quercia et al. 2012)



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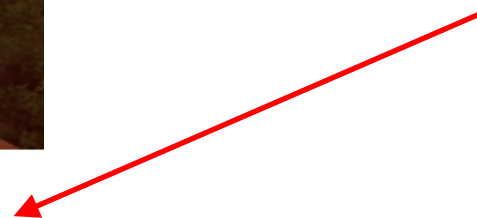
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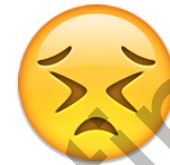
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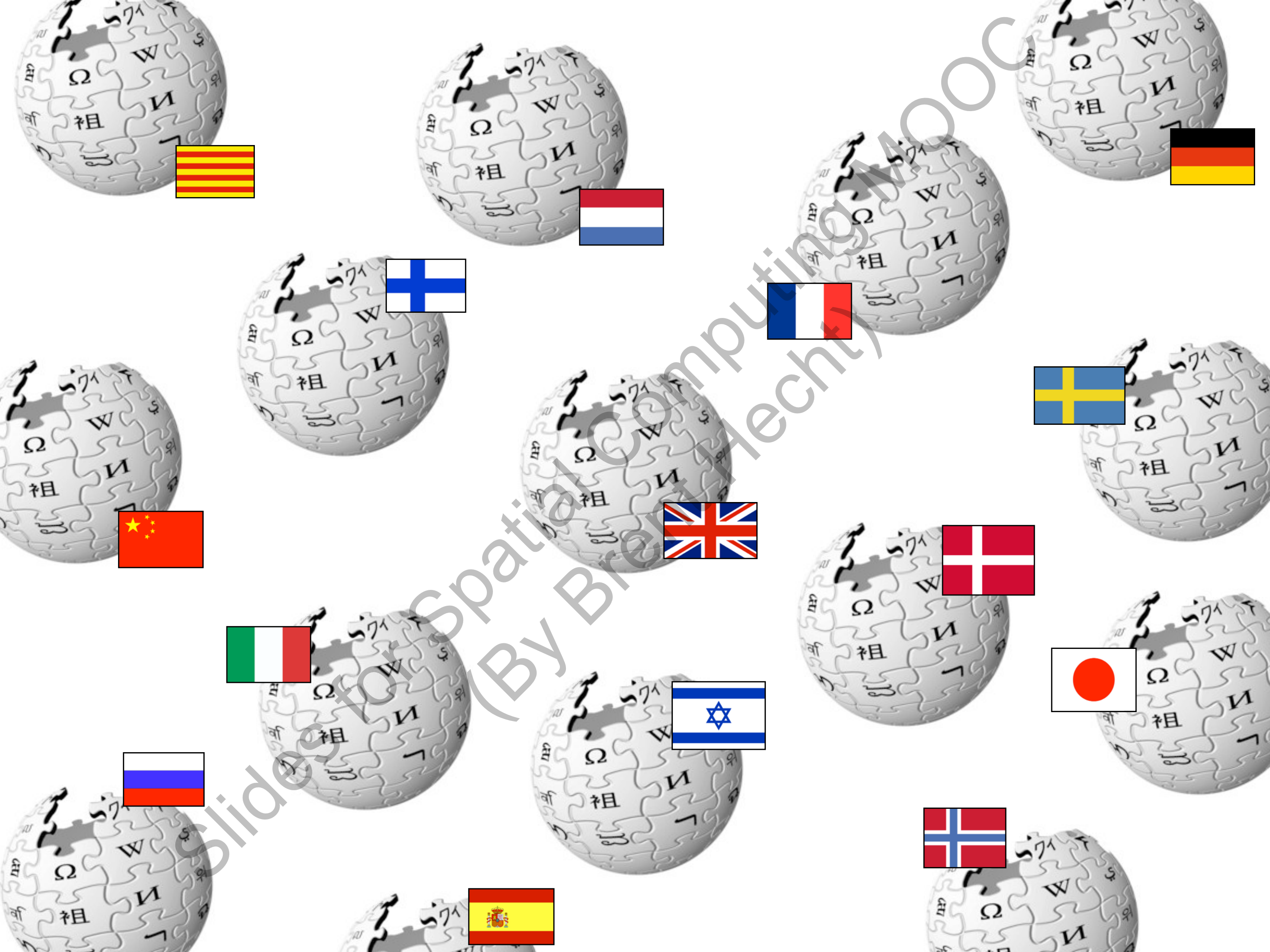
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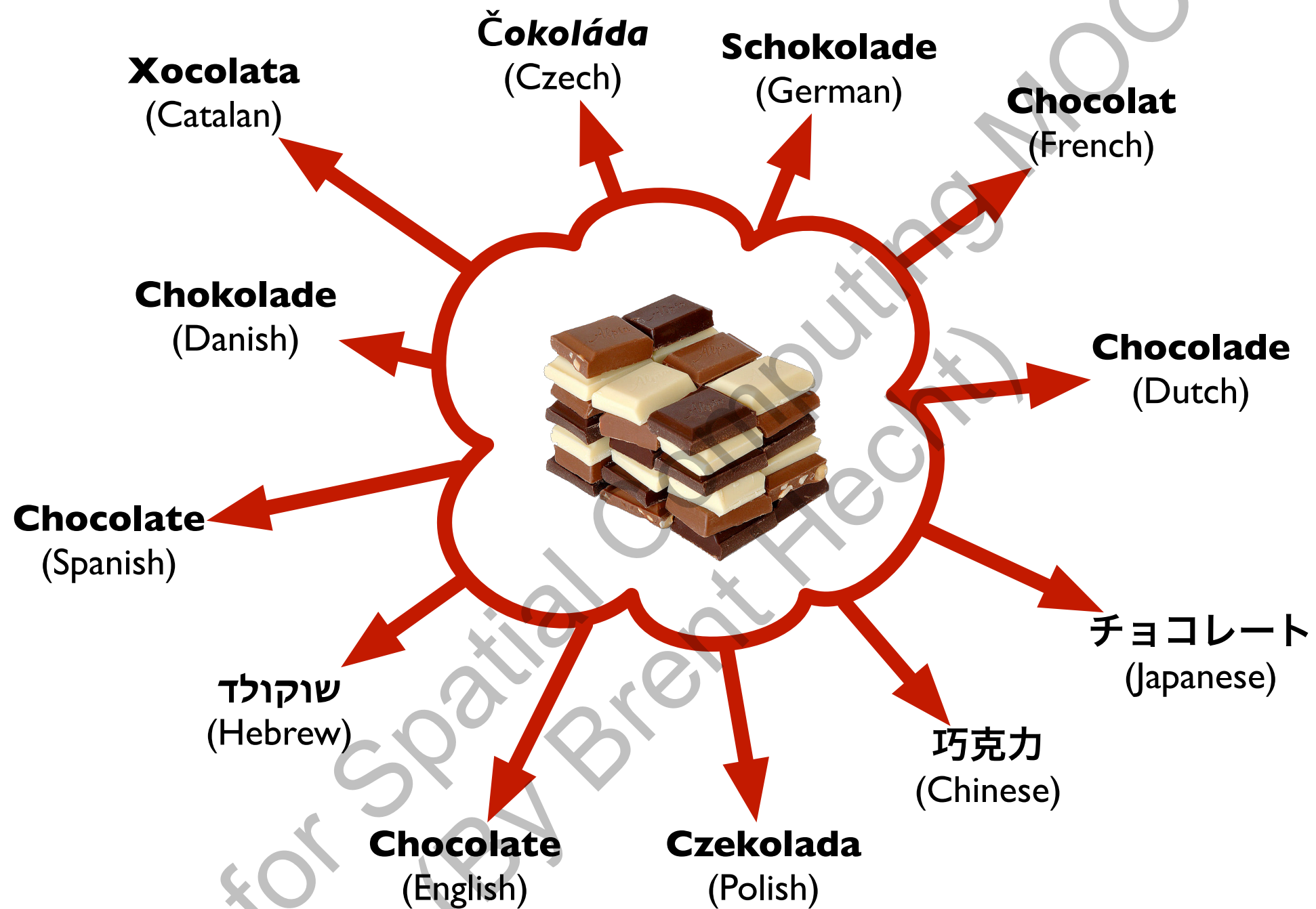
VGI reflects the culture of its contributors

Certain cultural groups produce far more VGI than others

VGI tends to be focused more on certain cultural groups than on others







Concept = Chocolate



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For other uses, see [Chocolate \(disambiguation\)](#).

After fermentation, the beans are dried, cleaned, and roasted. The shell is removed to produce cacao nibs, which are then ground to **cocoa mass**, pure chocolate in rough form. Because the cocoa mass is usually liquefied before being molded with or without other ingredients, it is called **chocolate liquor**. The liquor also may be processed into two components: **cocoa solids** and **cocoa butter**. Unsweetened **baking chocolate** (bitter chocolate) contains primarily cocoa solids and cocoa butter in varying proportions. Much of the chocolate consumed today is in the form of **sweet chocolate**, a combination of cocoa solids, cocoa butter or other fat, and sugar. **Milk chocolate** is sweet chocolate that additionally contains milk powder or condensed milk. **White chocolate** contains cocoa butter, sugar, and milk but no cocoa solids.

Cocoa solids are one of the richest sources of flavanol antioxidants [3]. They also contain

A stack of alternating dark and light chocolate squares, arranged in a roughly rectangular shape. The squares are stacked in a way that shows the edges of the layers, creating a textured, three-dimensional effect. The dark chocolate squares are a rich brown, while the light chocolate squares are a pale cream color. Some of the dark squares have small, light-colored inclusions, possibly nuts or fruit.

Chocolate most commonly comes in dark, milk, and white varieties, with cocoa solids contributing to the brown color

Chocolate liquor

 Cookbook:Chocolate  Chocolate





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Chocolate

Para otros usos de este término, véase *Chocolate (desambiguación)*.

El **chocolate** (en náhuatl: *xocolatl*)[?] es el alimento que se obtiene mezclando **azúcar** con dos productos derivados de la manipulación de las semillas del **cacao**: la *pasta de cacao* y la *manteca de cacao*.¹ A partir de esta combinación básica, se elaboran los distintos tipos de chocolate, que dependen de la proporción entre estos elementos y de su mezcla, o no, con otros productos tales como **leche** y **frutos secos**.

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El chocolate comúnmente viene en tres variedades: negro, blanco y con leche, con el **cacao en polvo** contribuyendo a su coloración marrón.



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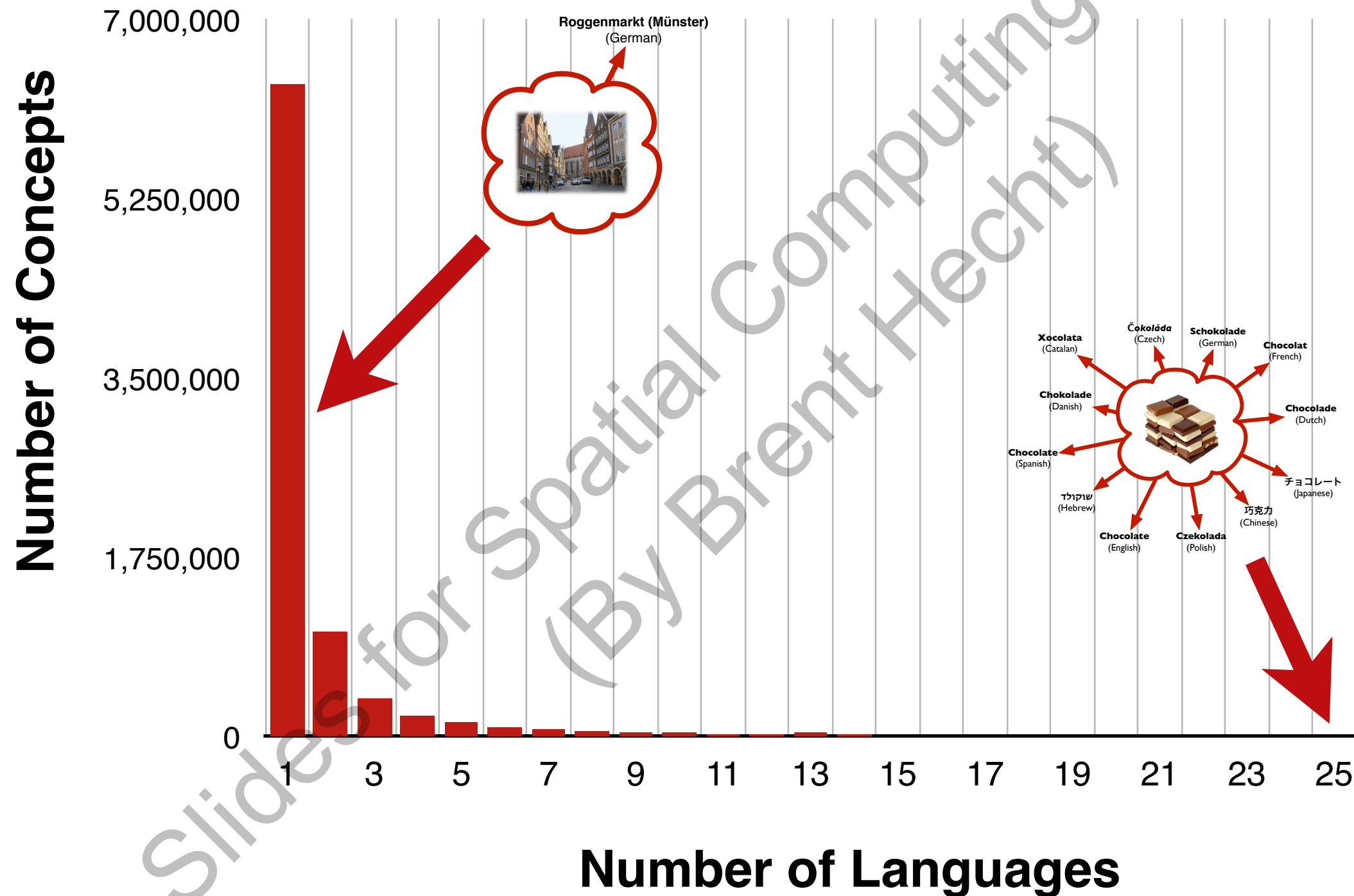
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Single-language concept

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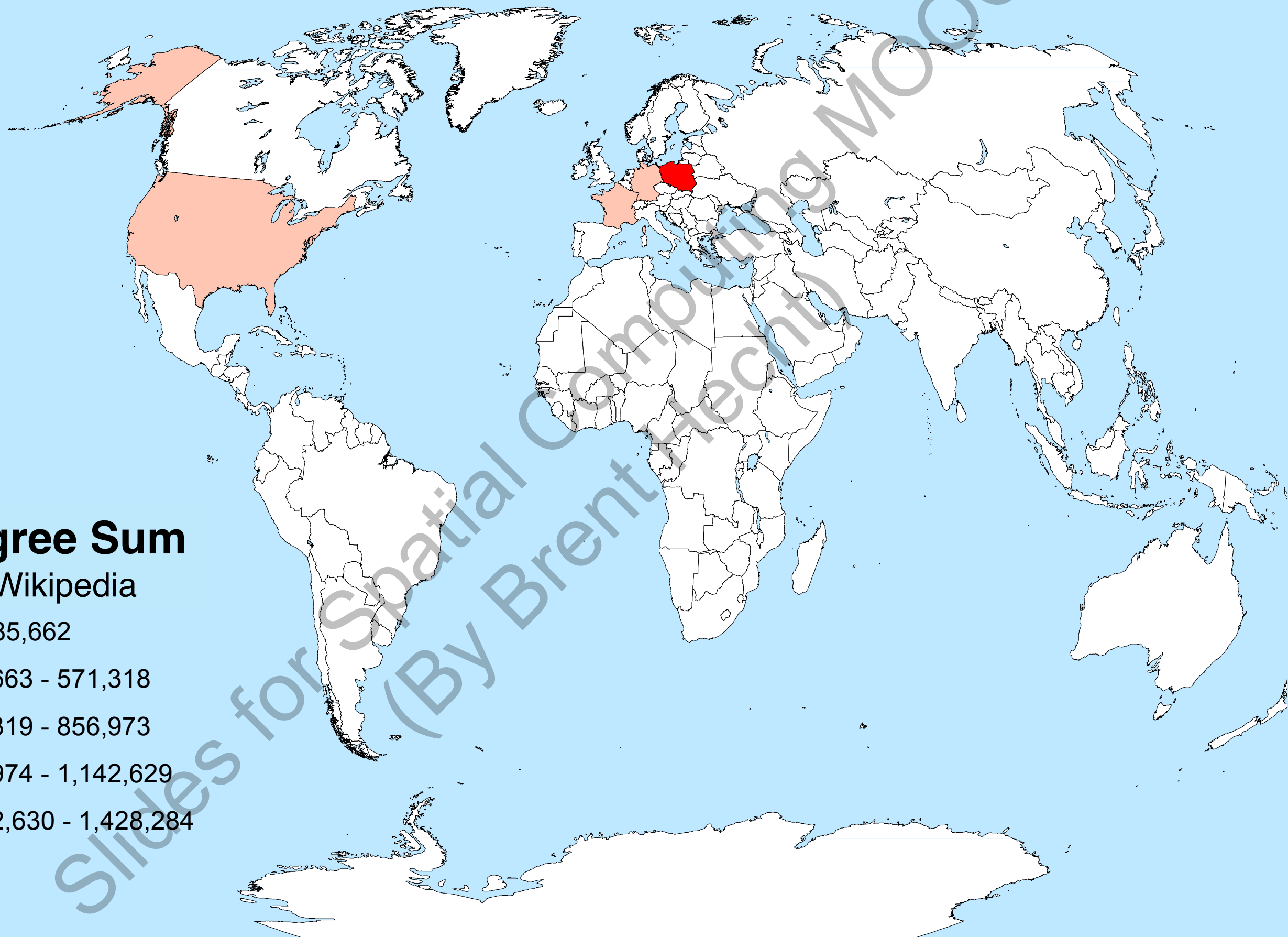
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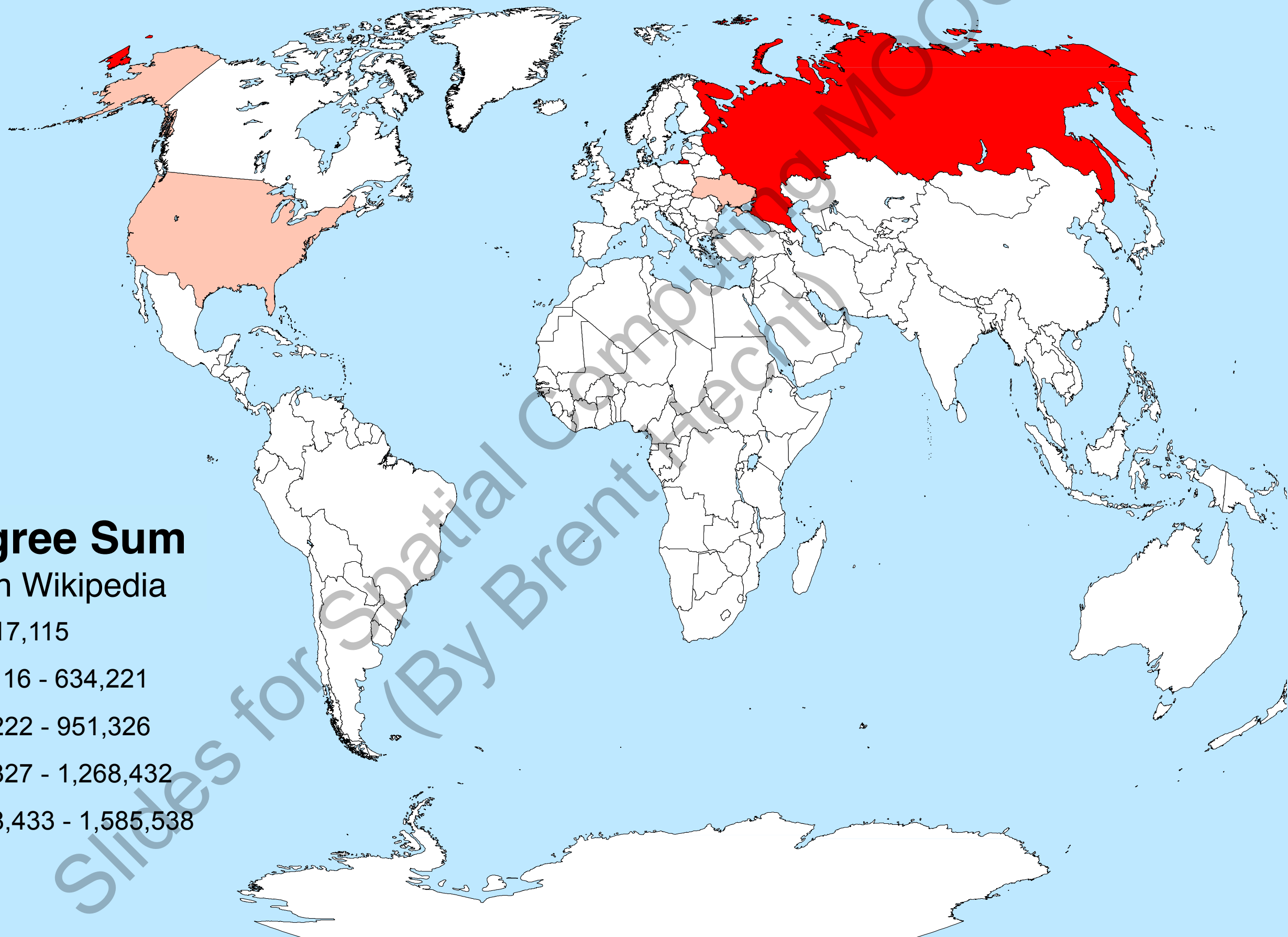
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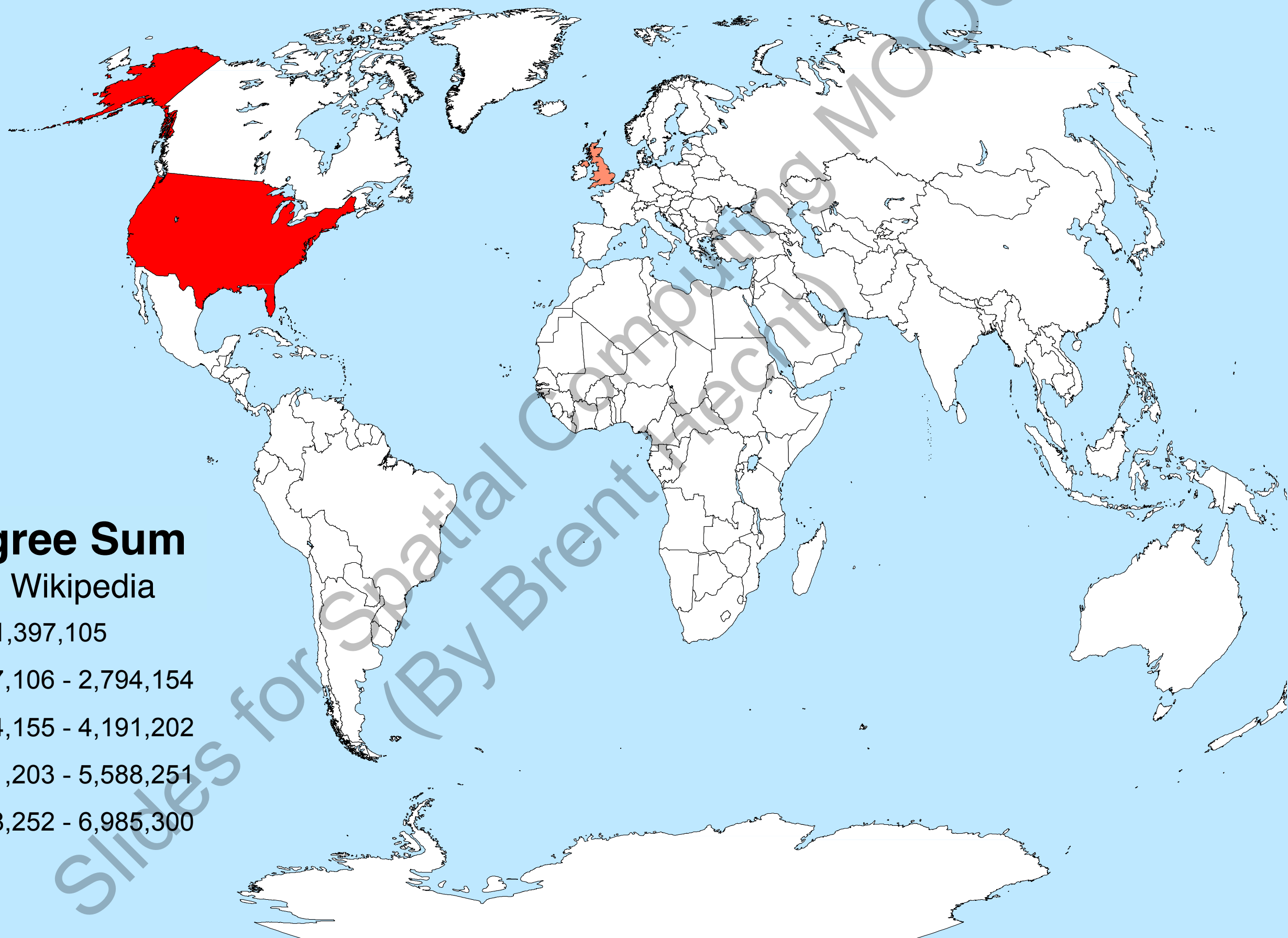
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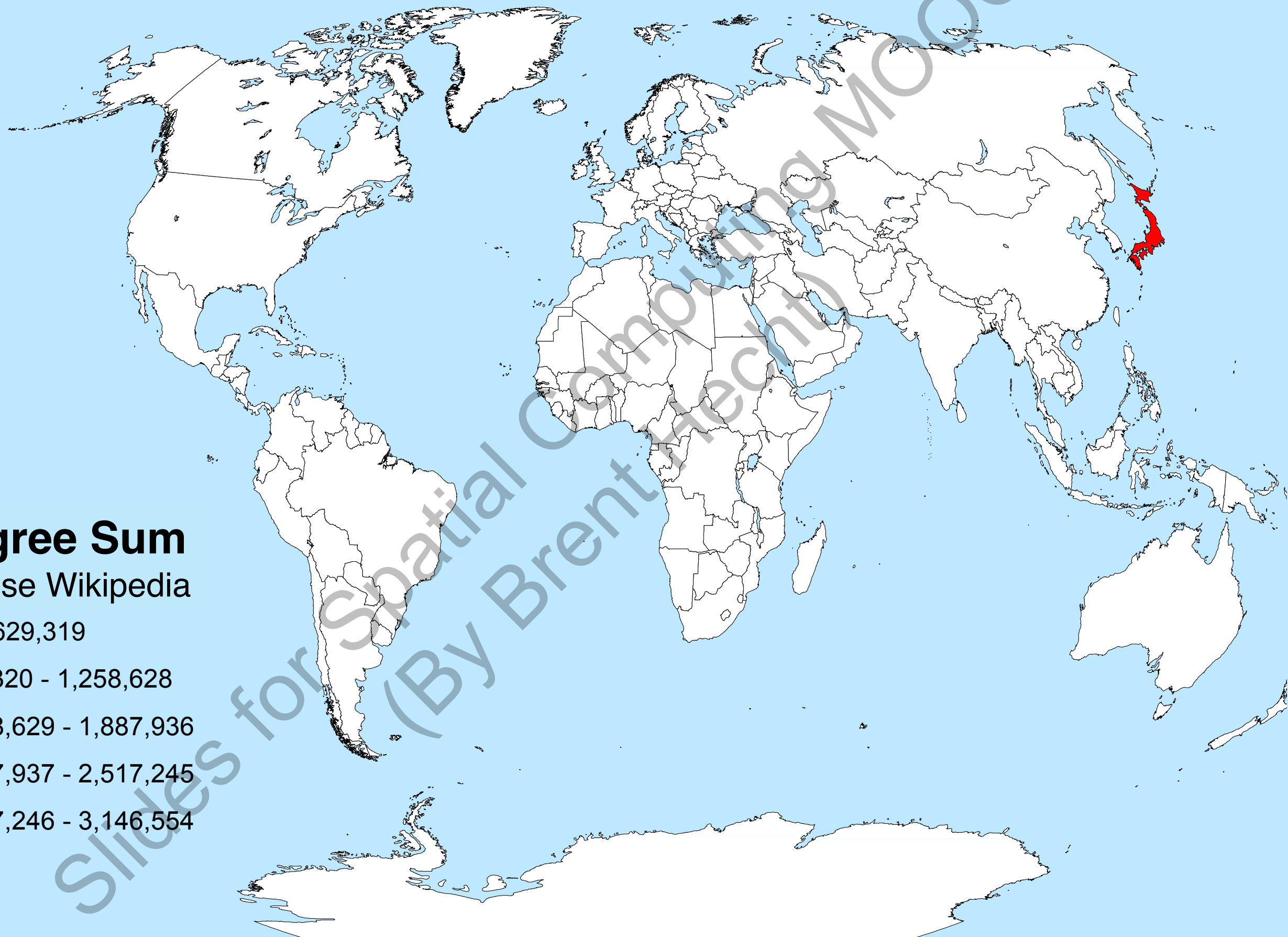
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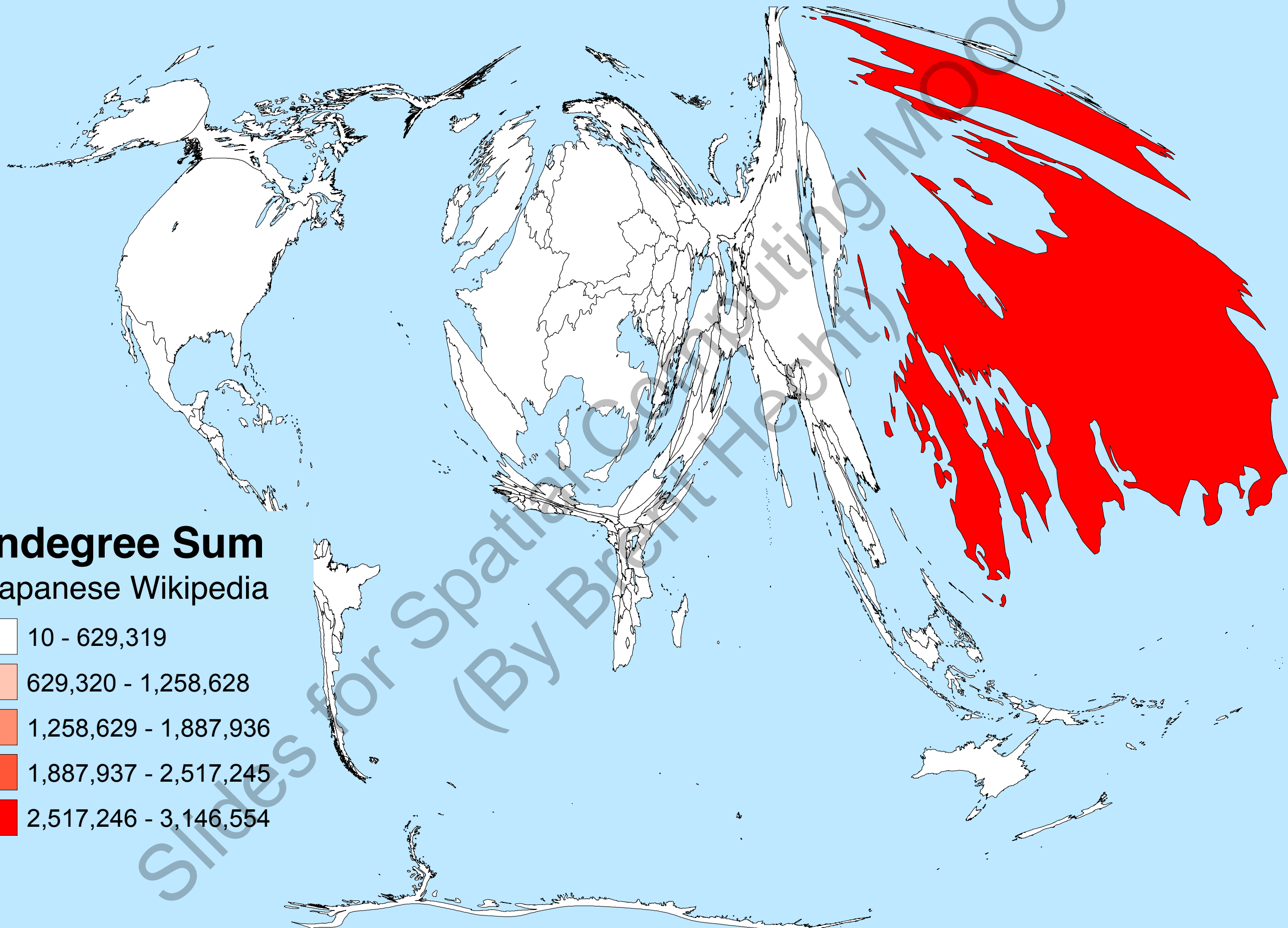
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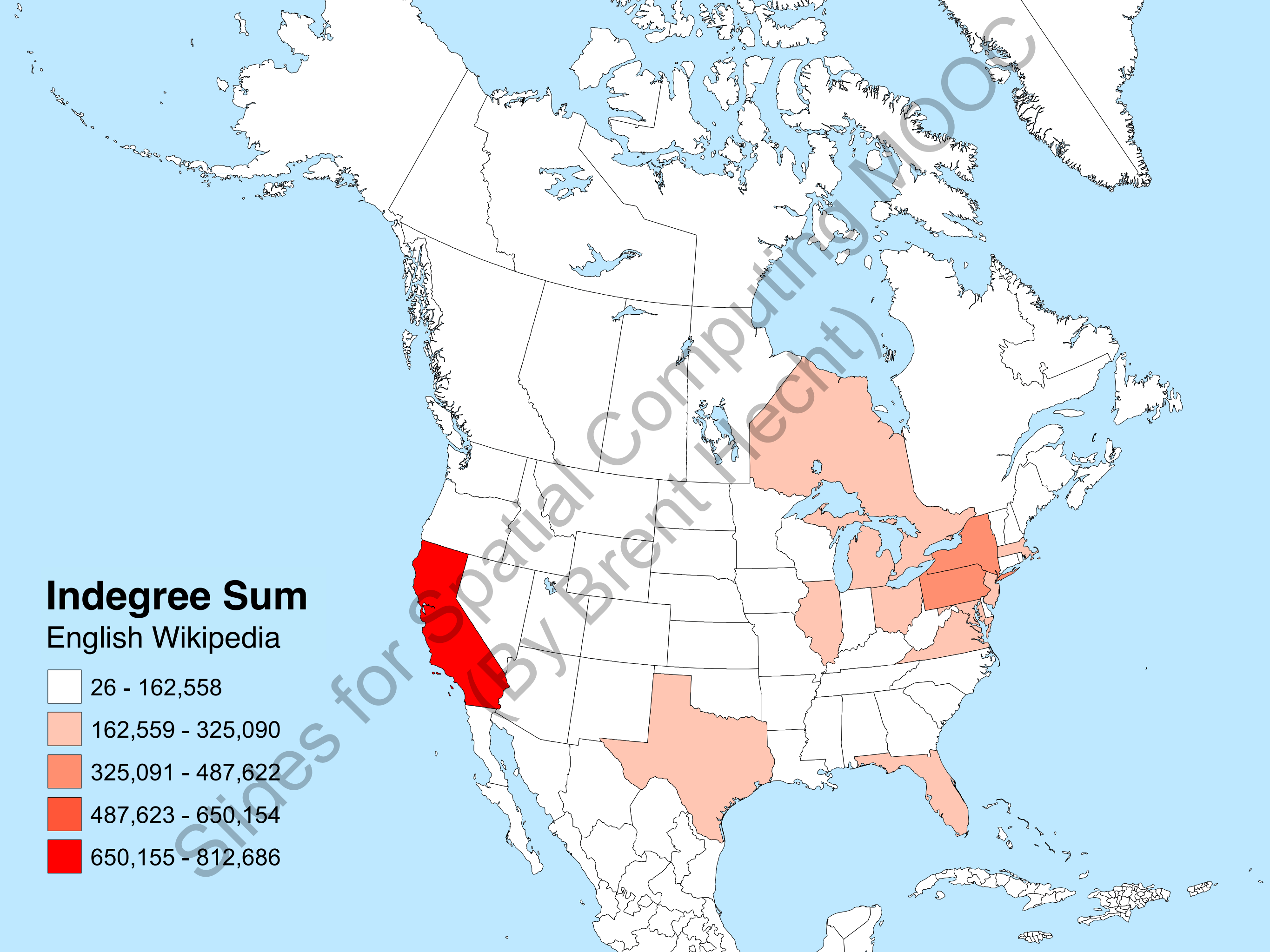
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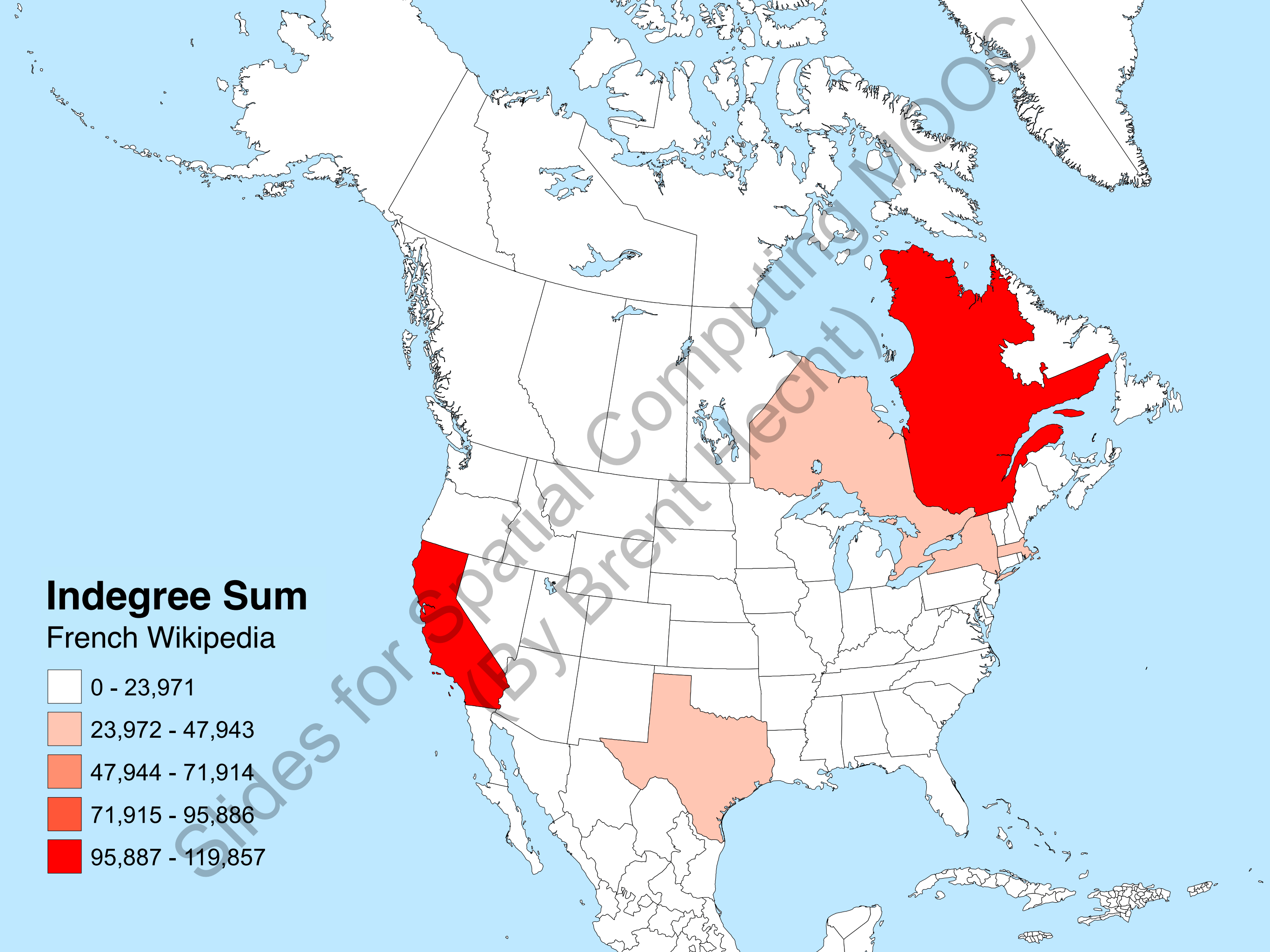
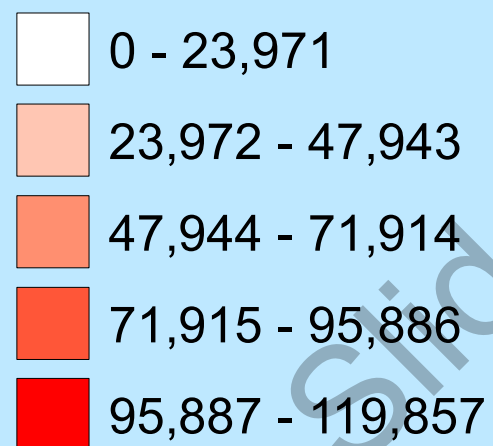
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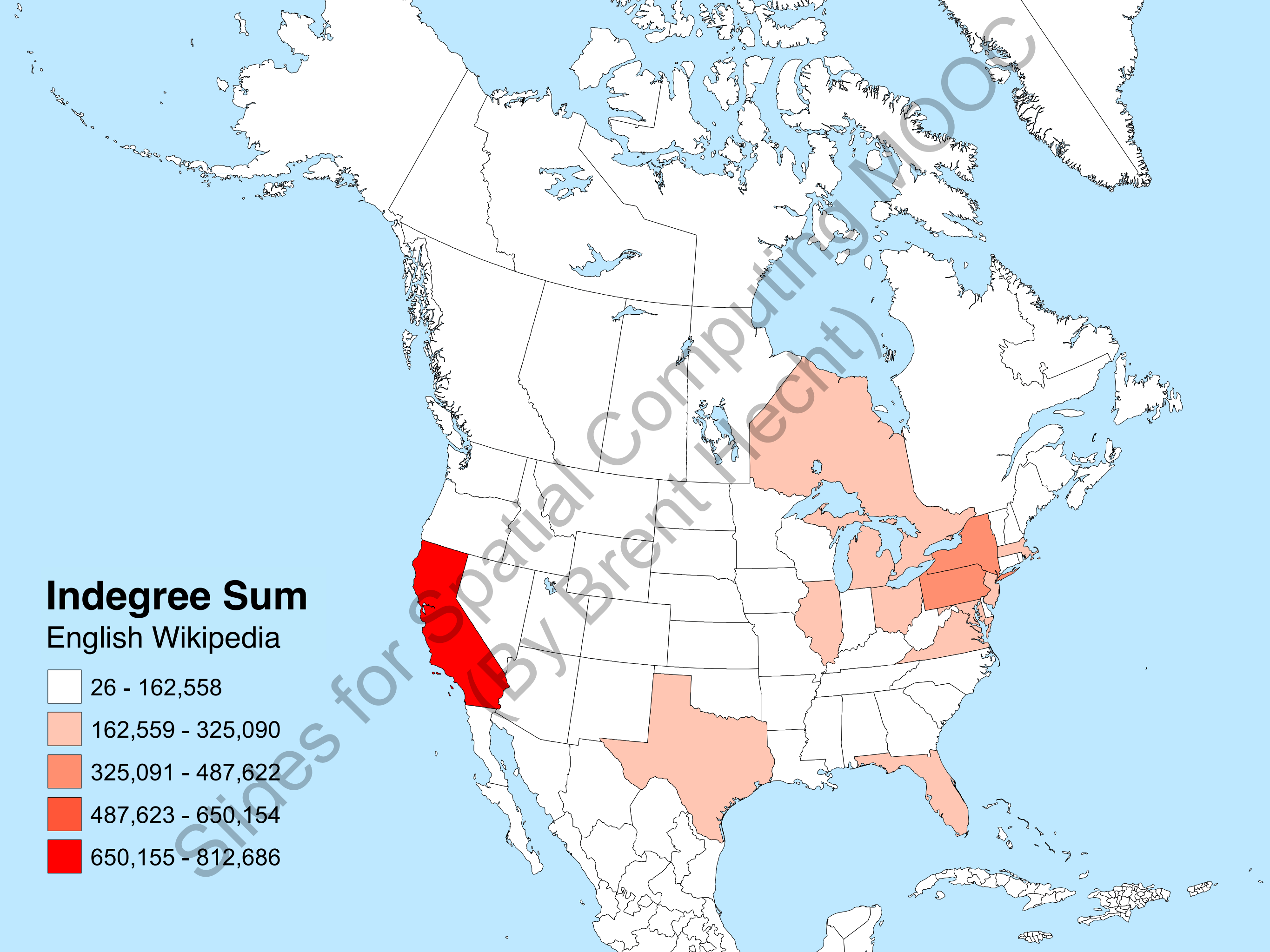
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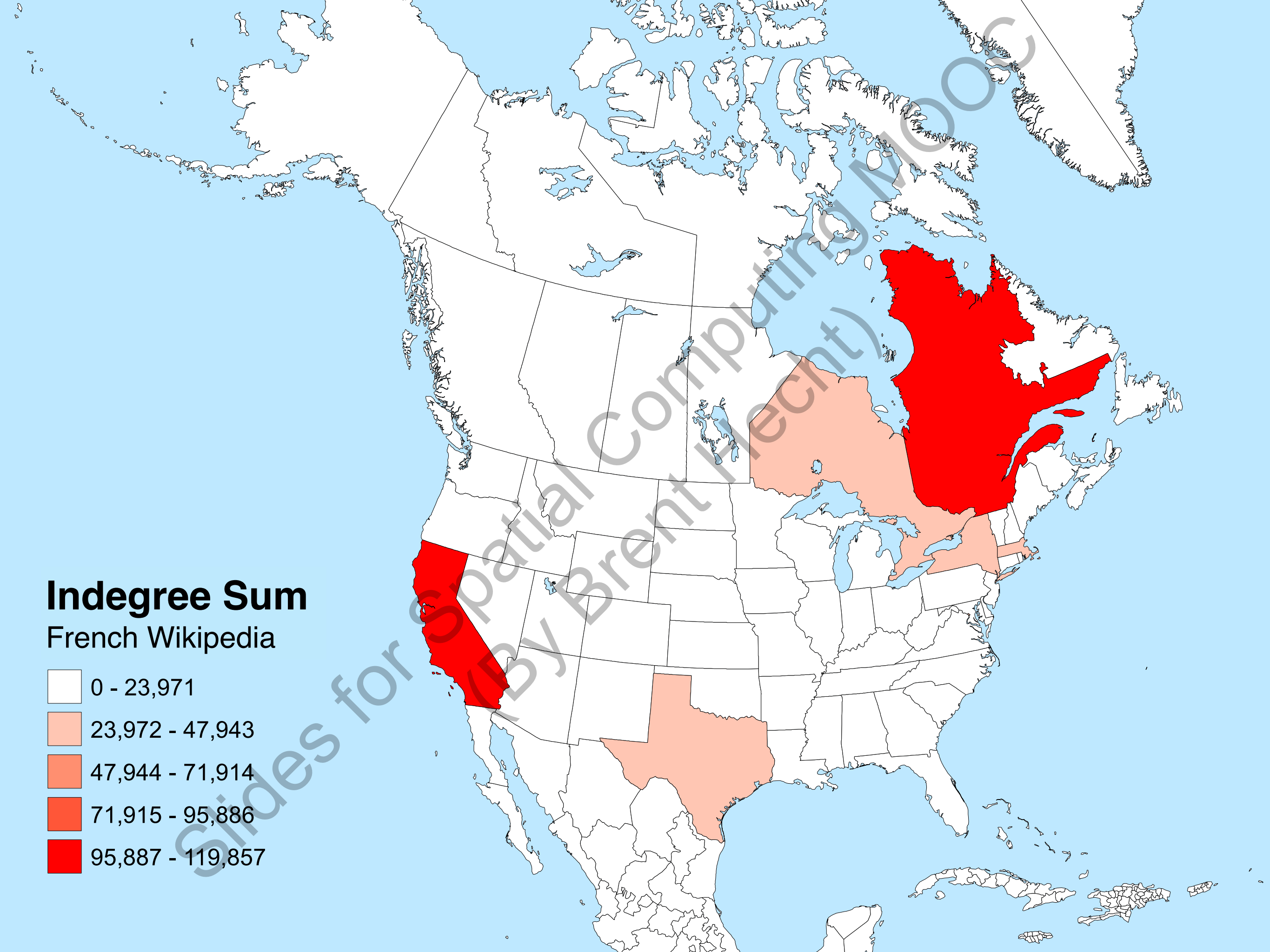
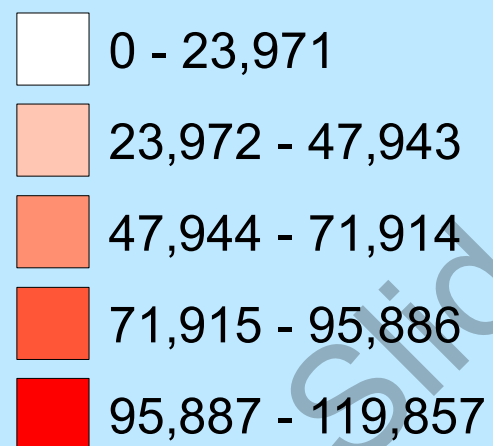
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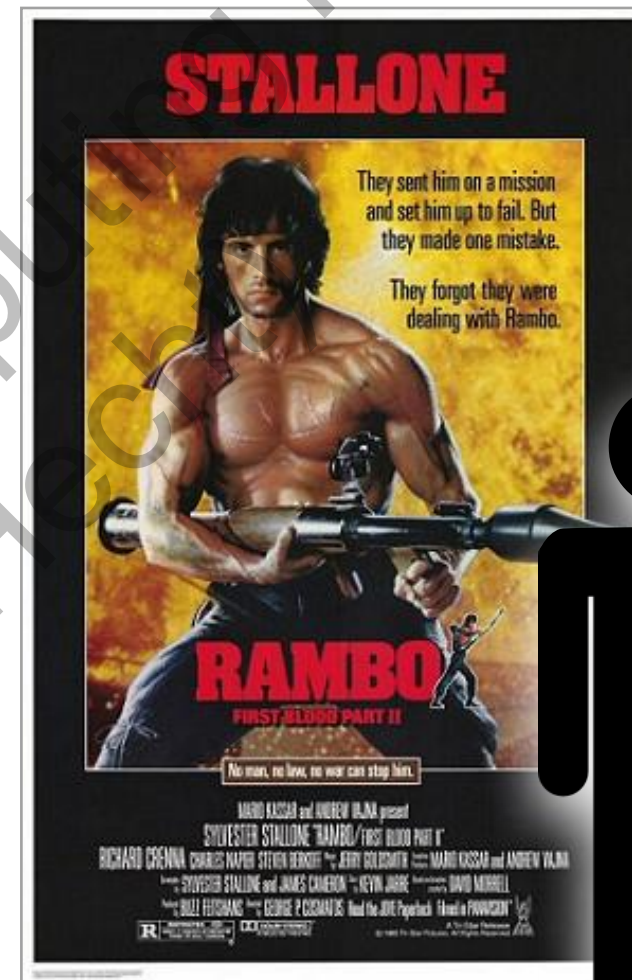
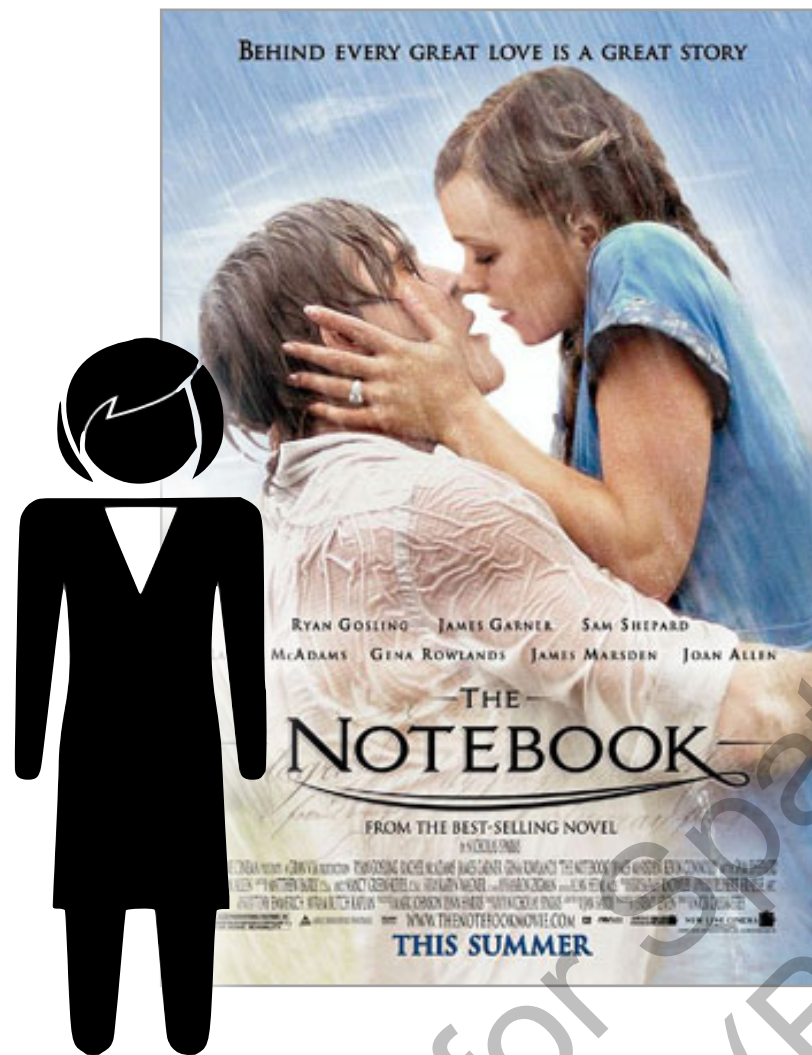
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movies released in last 90 days that you haven't rated

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(Lam et al. 2011)



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Stephen Harper

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

For other people named Stephen Harper, see [Stephen Harper \(disambiguation\)](#).

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Stephen Joseph Harper (born April 30, 1959)

is a Canadian [politician](#) who is the 22nd and current Prime Minister of Canada and the ~~Leader of the Conservative Party~~ [Leader of the Conservative Party](#). Harper

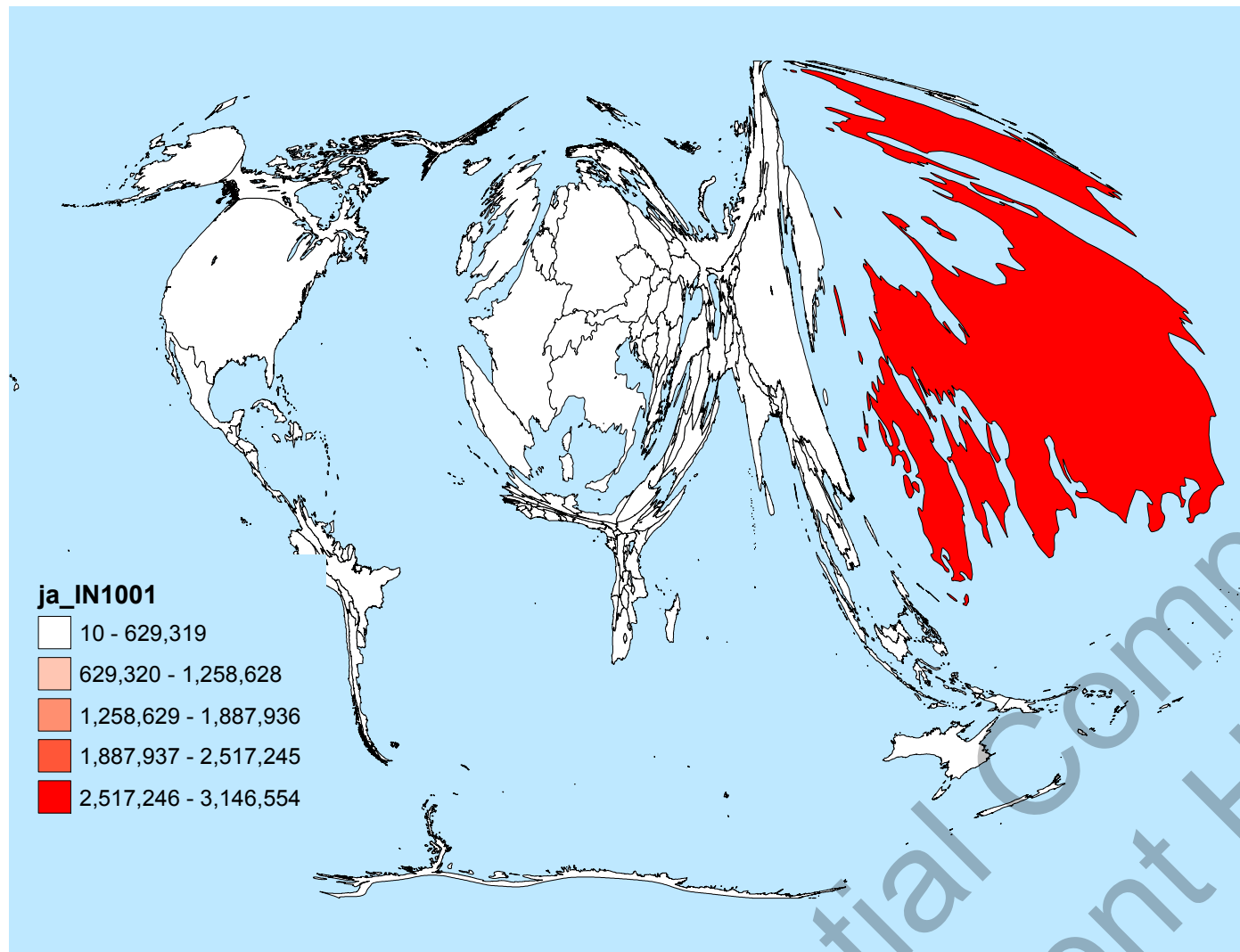
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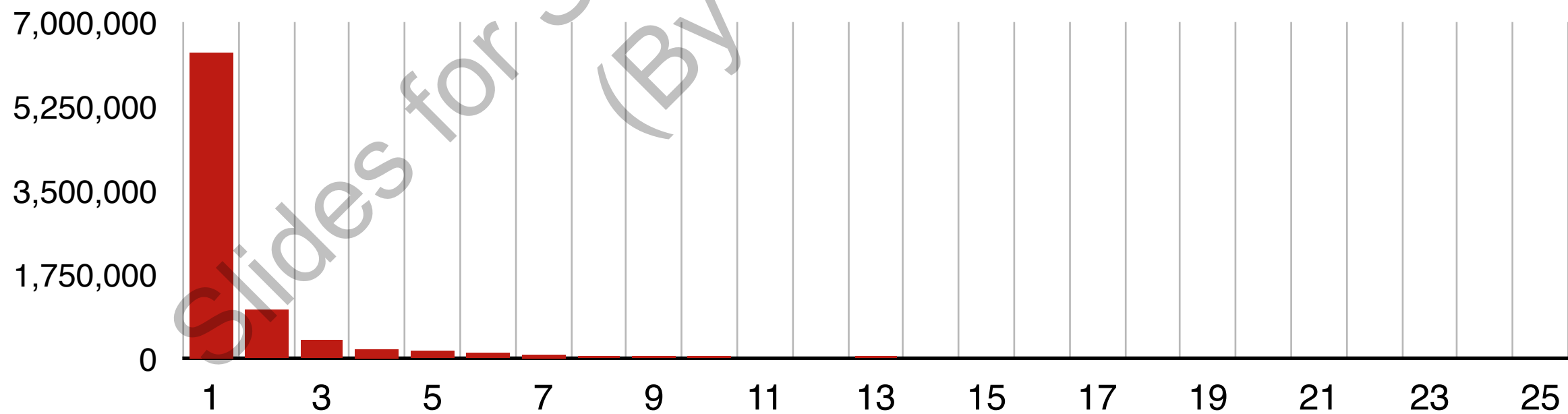
Harper has been the [Member of Parliament](#) (MP) for the [riding](#) of [Calgary Southwest](#) in

The Right Honourable
Stephen Harper
PC MP





Hillbilly Jedi
(English)



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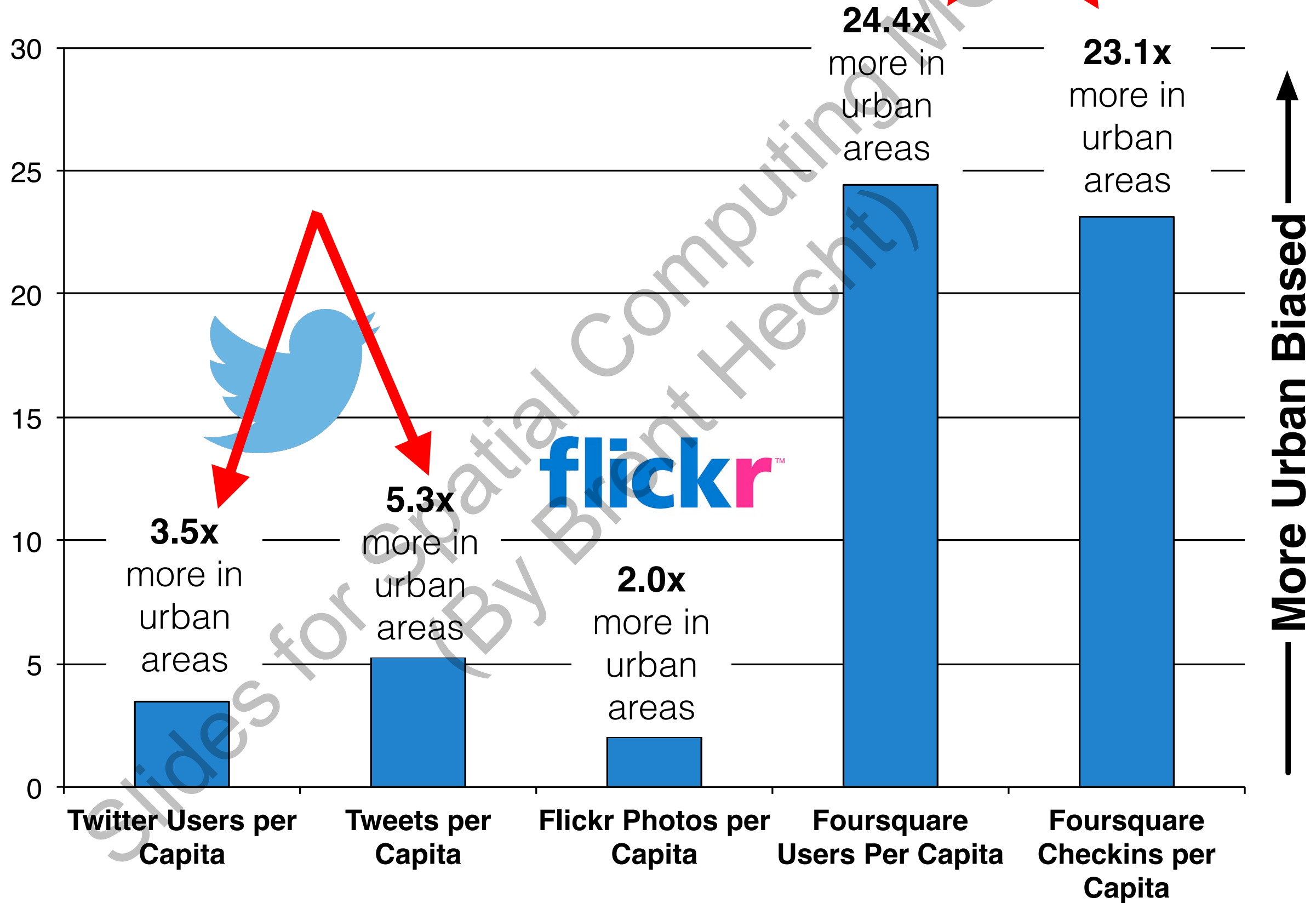
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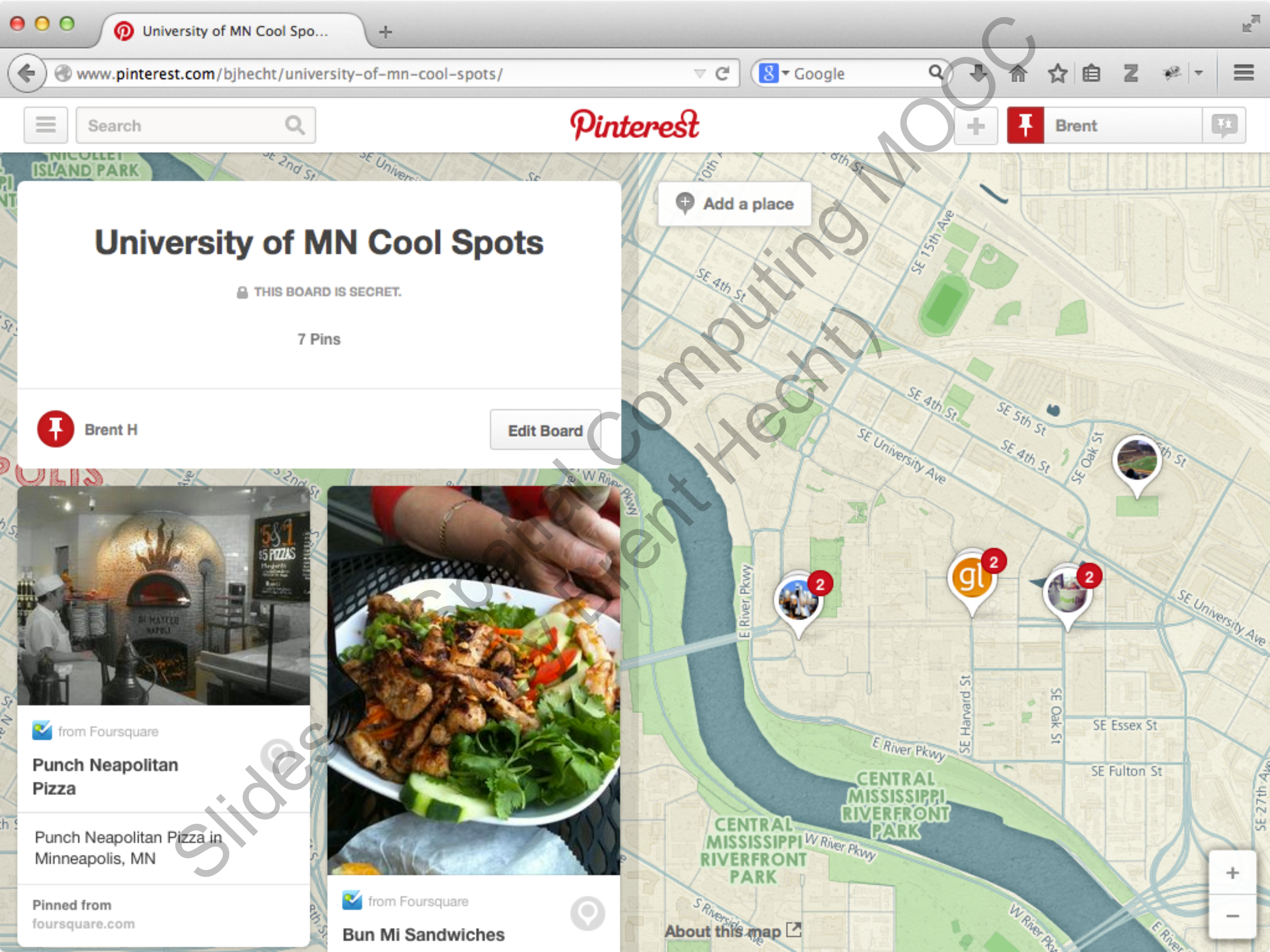


Coverage biases

for both **peer
production VGI** and
social media VGI

Ratio of Urban (NCHS=1) to Rural (NCHS=6)





University of MN Cool Spots

THIS BOARD IS SECRET.

7 Pins



Brent H

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from Foursquare

**Punch Neapolitan
Pizza**

Punch Neapolitan Pizza in
Minneapolis, MN

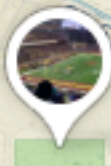
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Bun Mi Sandwiches

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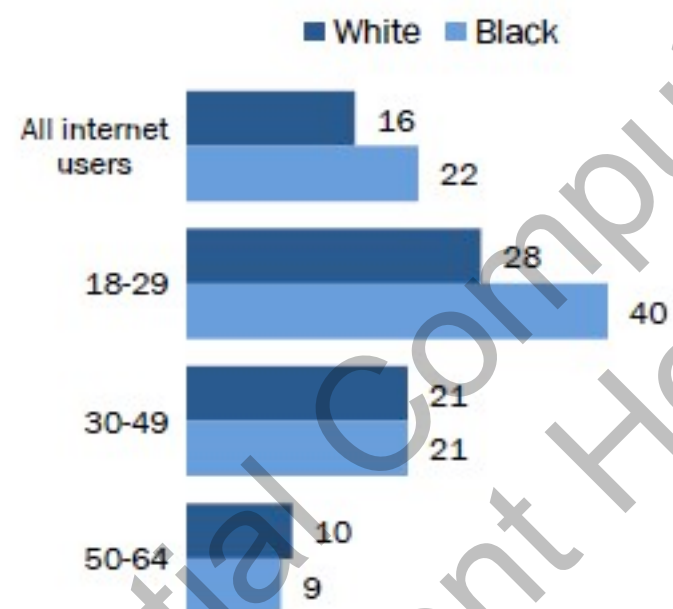


(Chang et al. 2014)

see paper for details about pin categories and gender preferences

Young African Americans have high levels of Twitter use

% of internet users in each age group who use Twitter



Pew Research Center's Internet Project July 18-September 30, 2013 tracking survey. N=6010 adults ages 18+. For results based on internet users, n=3,617 for whites and n=532 for African Americans.

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

<http://www.pewinternet.org/2014/01/06/african-americans-and-technology-use/>

VGI is neither an **objective** nor **complete** description of areas of interest!

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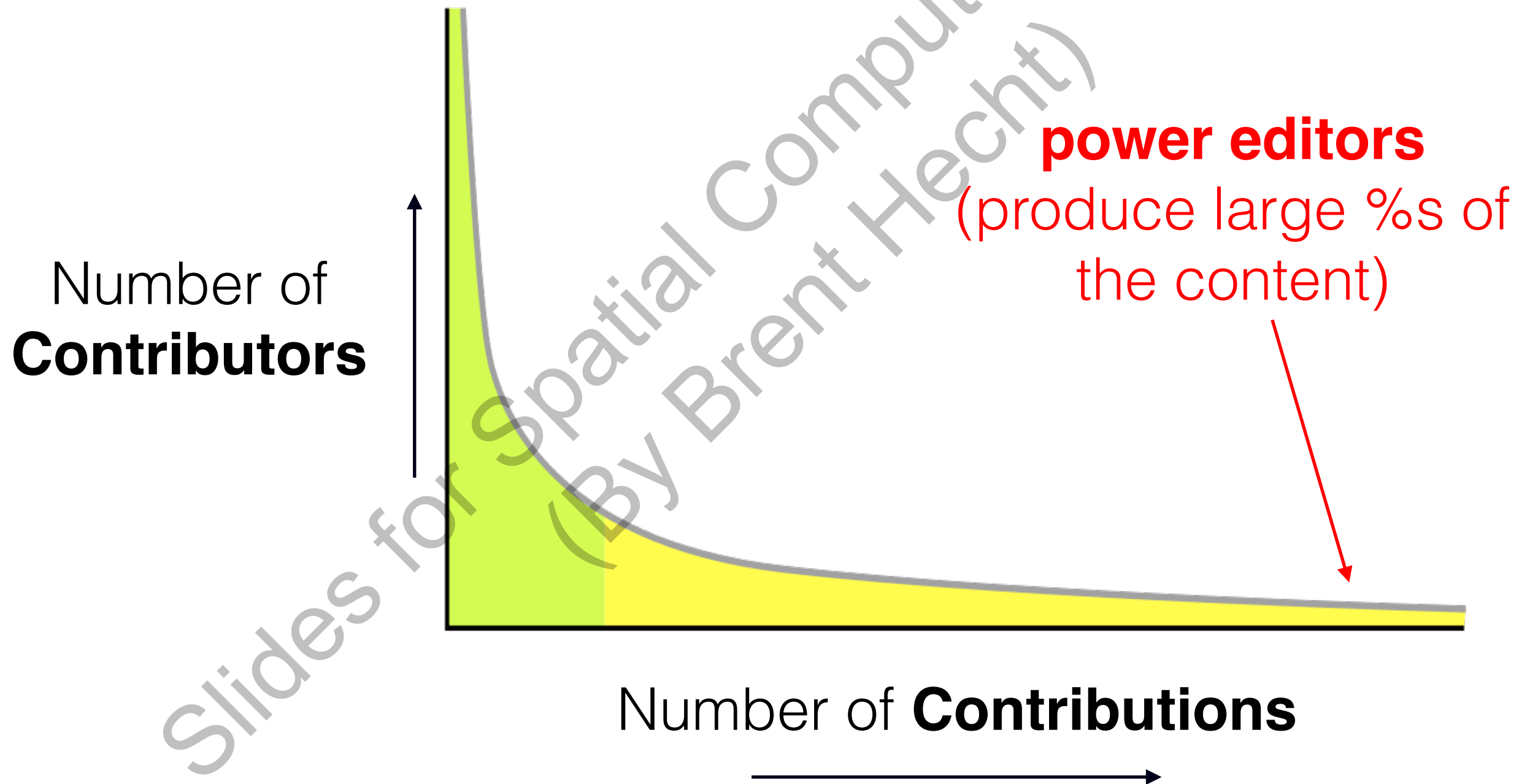
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Long tail contribution patterns in online communities:



% of viewed words written
by **top 10%** of editors

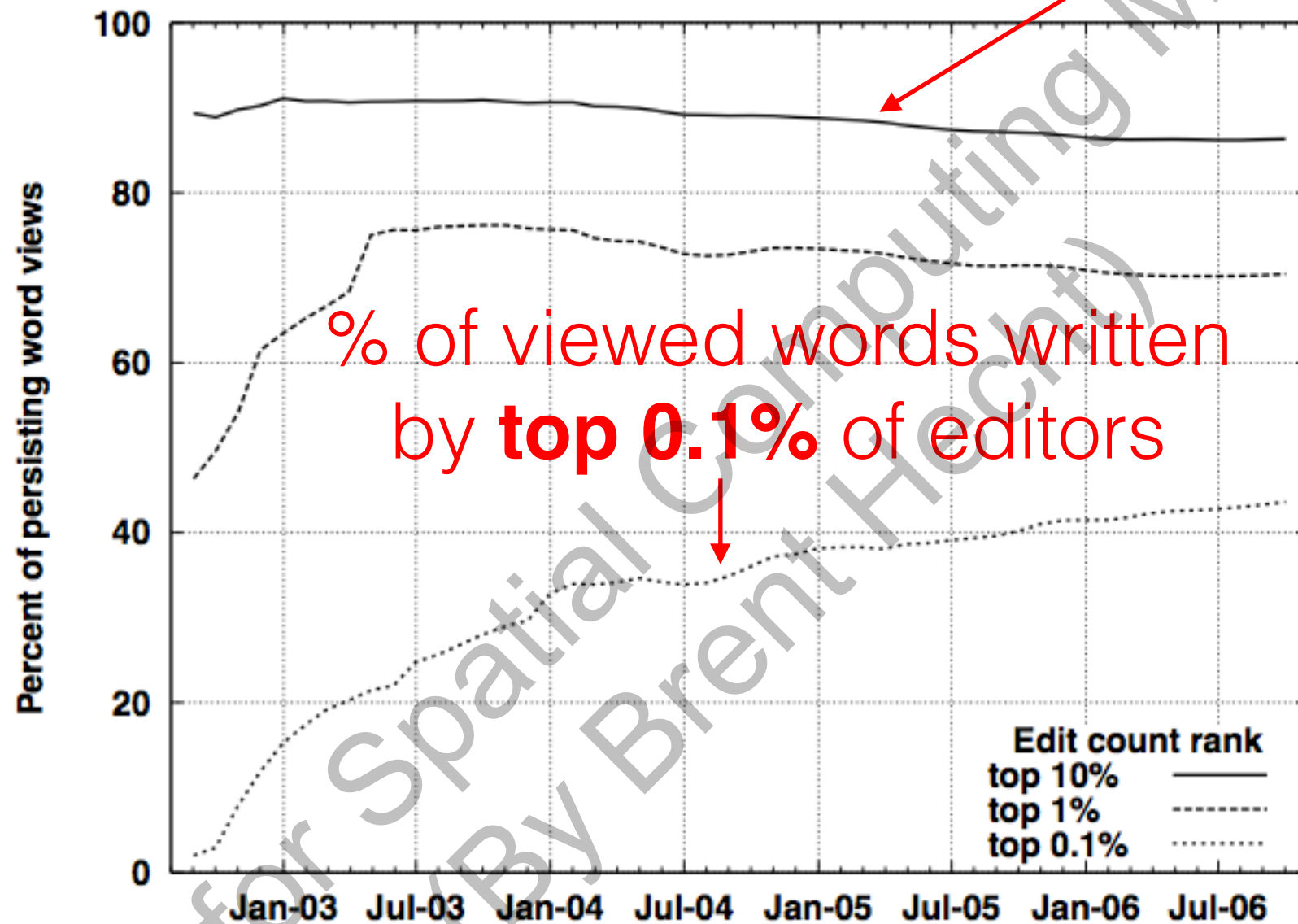
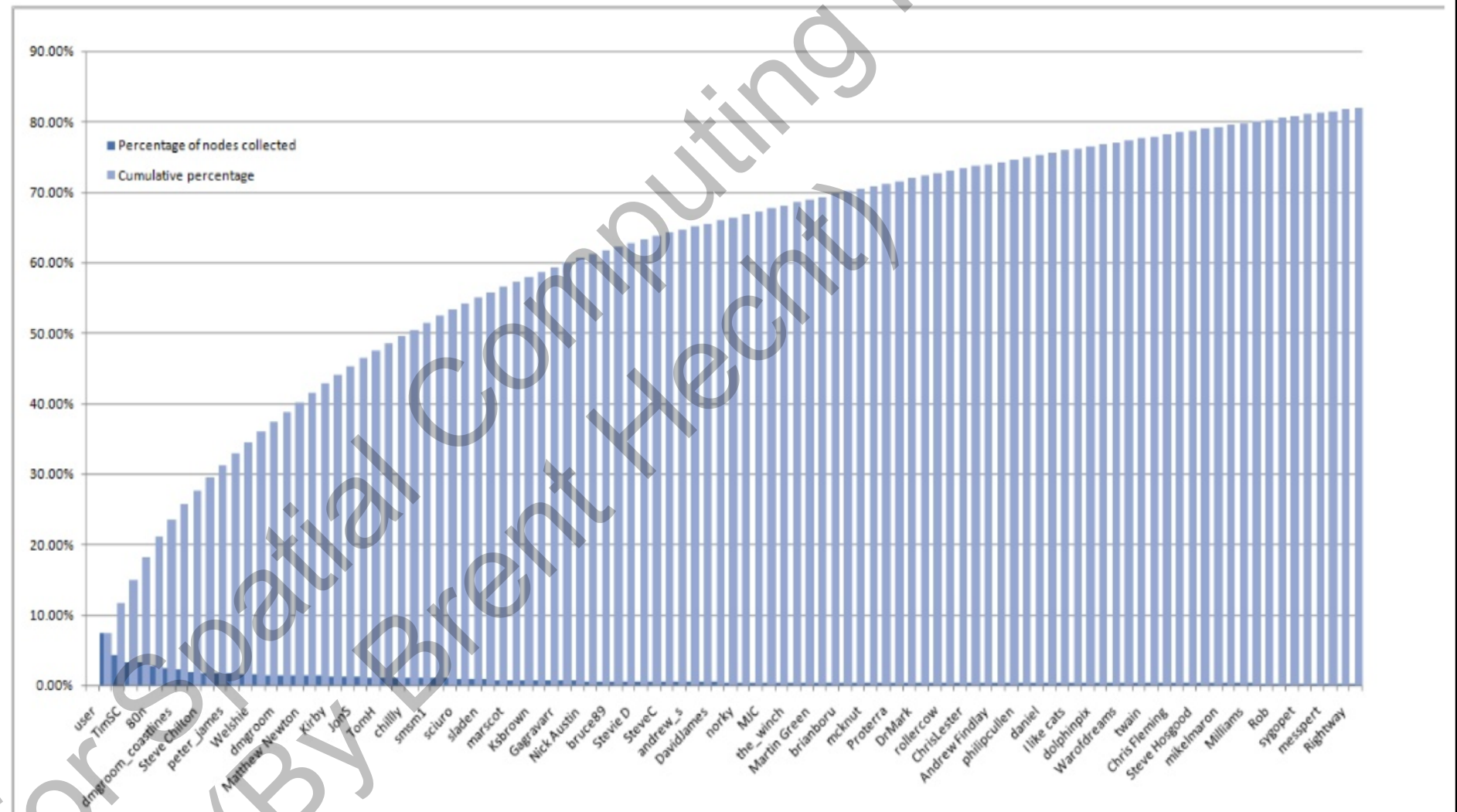


Figure 4: PWV contributions of elite editors.

(Priedhorsky et al. 2007)

OSM contribution in the UK to 2008



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Dr. Hecht says you're (mostly) wrong!



Encyclopedia Britannica

4 serious errors

123 factual errors,
omissions, and
misleading statements

English Wikipedia

4 serious errors

162 factual errors,
omissions, and
misleading statements



(Giles 2005)

“The quality of information on depression and schizophrenia on Wikipedia is generally as good as, or better than, that provided by centrally controlled websites, Encyclopaedia Britannica and a psychiatry textbook.”

Psychological Medicine

(Reavley et al. 2012)



How good is volunteered geographical information? A comparative study of OpenStreetMap and Ordnance Survey datasets

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Abstract. Within the framework of Web 2.0 mapping applications, the most striking example of a geographical application is the OpenStreetMap (OSM) project. OSM aims to create a free digital map of the world and is implemented through the engagement of participants in a mode similar to software development in Open Source projects. The information is collected by many participants, collated on a central database, and distributed in multiple digital formats through the World Wide Web. This type of information was termed 'Volunteered Geographical Information' (VGI) by Goodchild, 2007. However, to date there has been no systematic analysis of the quality of VGI. This study aims to fill this gap by analysing OSM information. The examination focuses on analysis of its quality through a comparison with Ordnance Survey (OS) datasets. The analysis focuses on London and England, since OSM started in London in August 2004 and therefore the study of these geographies provides the best understanding of the achievements and difficulties of VGI. The analysis shows that OSM information can be fairly accurate: on average within about 6 m of the position recorded by the OS, and with approximately 80% overlap of motorway objects between the two datasets. In the space of four years, OSM has captured about 29% of the area of England, of which approximately 24% are digitised lines without a complete set of attributes. The paper concludes with a discussion of the implications of the findings to the study of VGI as well as suggesting future research directions.

1 Introduction⁽¹⁾

While the use of the Internet and the World Wide Web (Web) for mapping applications is well into its second decade, the picture has changed dramatically since 2005 (Haklay et al, 2008). One expression of this change is the emerging neologism that follows the rapid technological developments. While terms such as neogeography, mapping mash-ups, geotagging, and geostack may seem alien to veterans in the area of geographical

OSM is
comparable to
Ordnance Survey
(OS) data
(in many places)
(Haklay 2010)



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Chocolate

Para otros usos de este término, véase [Chocolate \(desambiguación\)](#).

El **chocolate** (en náhuatl: *xocolatl*)[?] es el alimento que se obtiene mezclando [azúcar](#) con dos productos derivados de la manipulación de las semillas del [cacao](#): la *pasta de cacao* y la *manteca de cacao*.¹ A partir de esta combinación básica, se elaboran los distintos tipos de chocolate, que dependen de la proporción entre estos elementos y de su mezcla, o no, con otros productos tales como [leche](#) y [frutos secos](#).

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- 1 Historia del chocolate
 - 1.1 Origen
 - 1.2 De América a Europa
 - 1.3 El siglo XVII, la expansión por Europa
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 - 5.1.4 Chocolate con leche
 - 5.1.5 Chocolate blanco
 - 5.1.6 Chocolate relleno



El chocolate comúnmente viene en tres variedades: negro, blanco y con leche, con el cacao en [polvo](#) contribuyendo a su coloración marrón.

vandalism!



Logo

League/conference affiliations

National Football League (1932–present)

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- American Conference (1950–1952)
- Eastern Conference (1953–1969)
 - Capitol Division (1967–1969)
- **National Football Conference** (1970–present)
 - **NFC East** (1970–present)

Current uniform



no more
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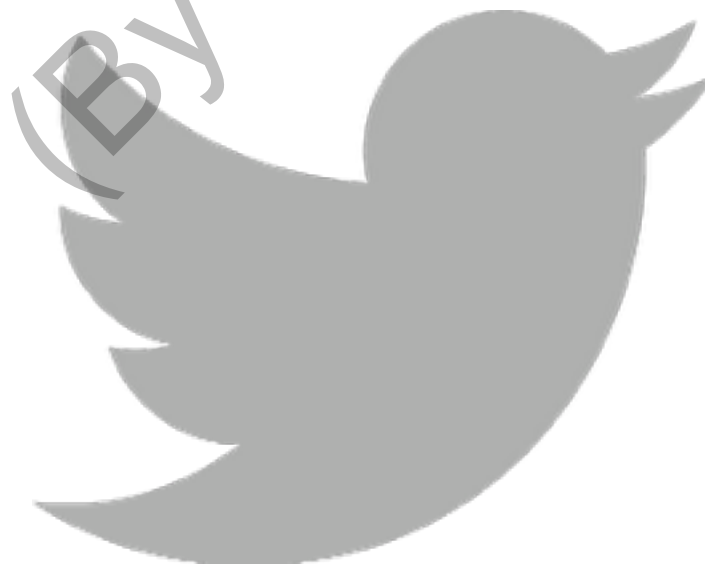


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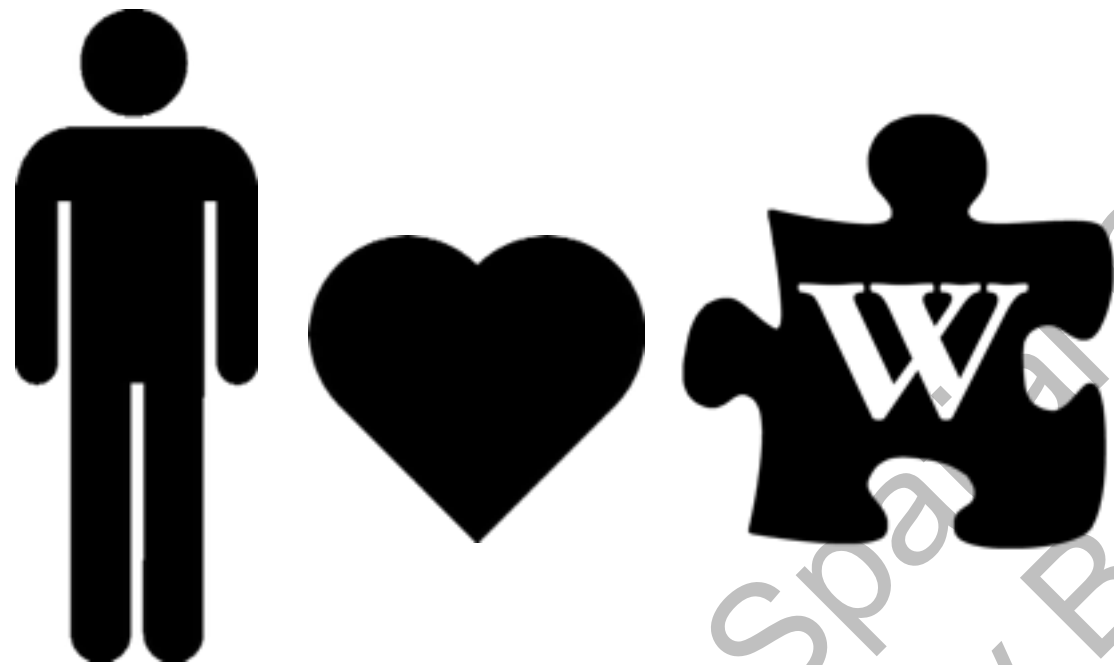
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Learning Objectives

1. Know the definition and historical context of volunteered geographic information (VGI)
2. Be able to produce VGI yourself!
3. Understand the socio-technical systems behind VGI.
4. Be qualified to assess the pros and cons of VGI for a given problem context.
5. **Technical Track:** Be able to use VGI in your apps, websites, and other systems



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Hugely popular with
people

Sixth most popular
website in the world

[Alexa 4/2014]

WP > WordPress +
Twitter + LinkedIn

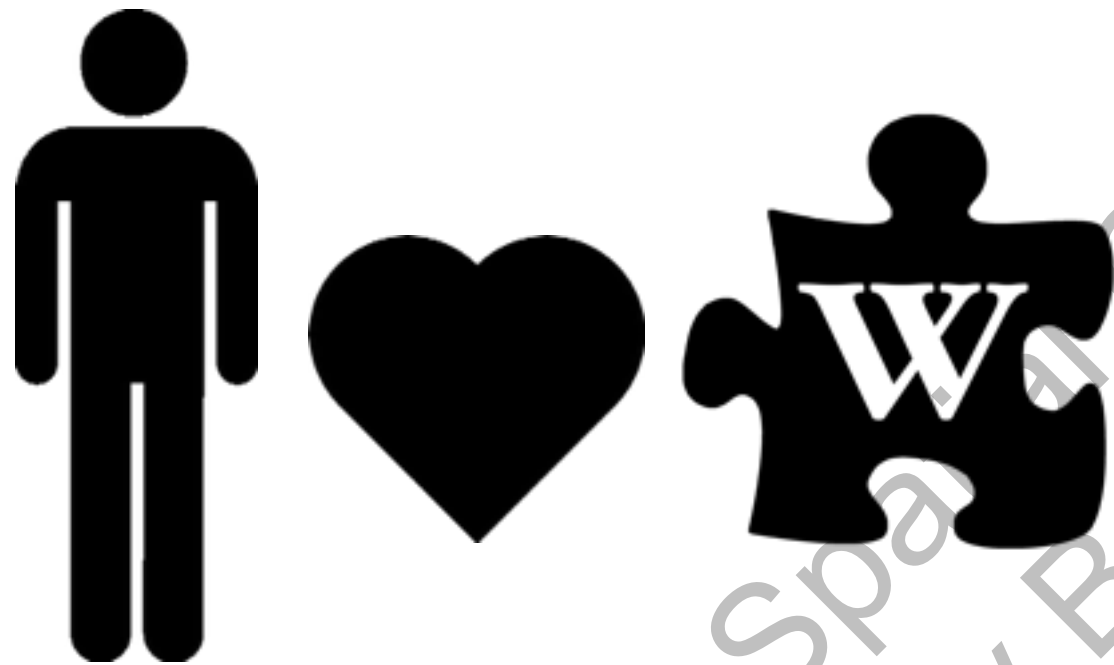
[DoubleClick 2011]

#1 result for ~50%
of searches

[Search Engine Watch 2012]



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