

Data Science SONYC

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SONYC Data Science

- Analysis of SONYC data – 34 years worth of data
- Analysis of SONYC together with multiple data sets
 - E.g.: How construction permits impact SPL captured by SONYC
- Data collected from traditional and *unsuspecting* sensors
 - SONYC, census, crime, building permits, public transportation, tweets

Opportunity: leverage this data to make new insights about how people are using cities, frame new policies and make cities more efficient

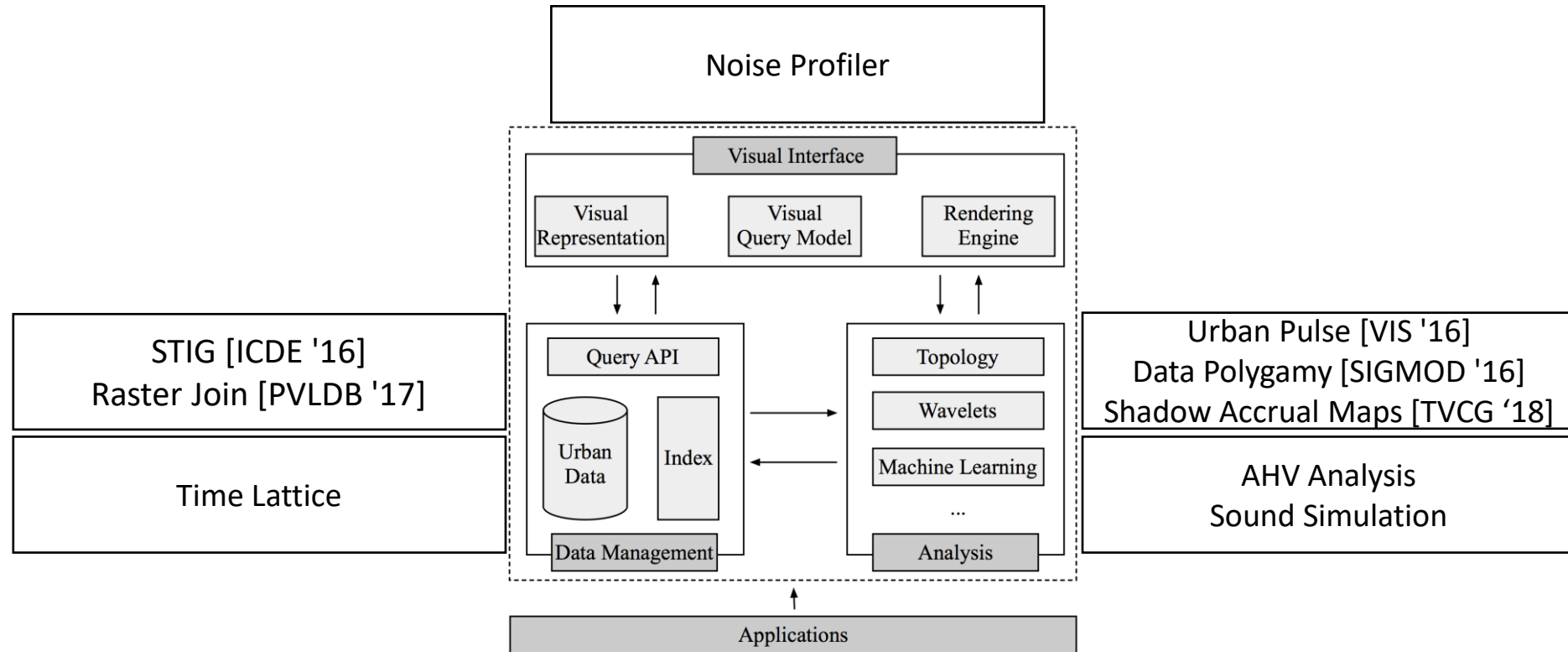
Challenges of Data Science

- SONYC: 34 years worth of data
 - How to handle and query large data?
 - How to visualize this data?
 - How to gain new insights from the data?

Objectives for SONYC

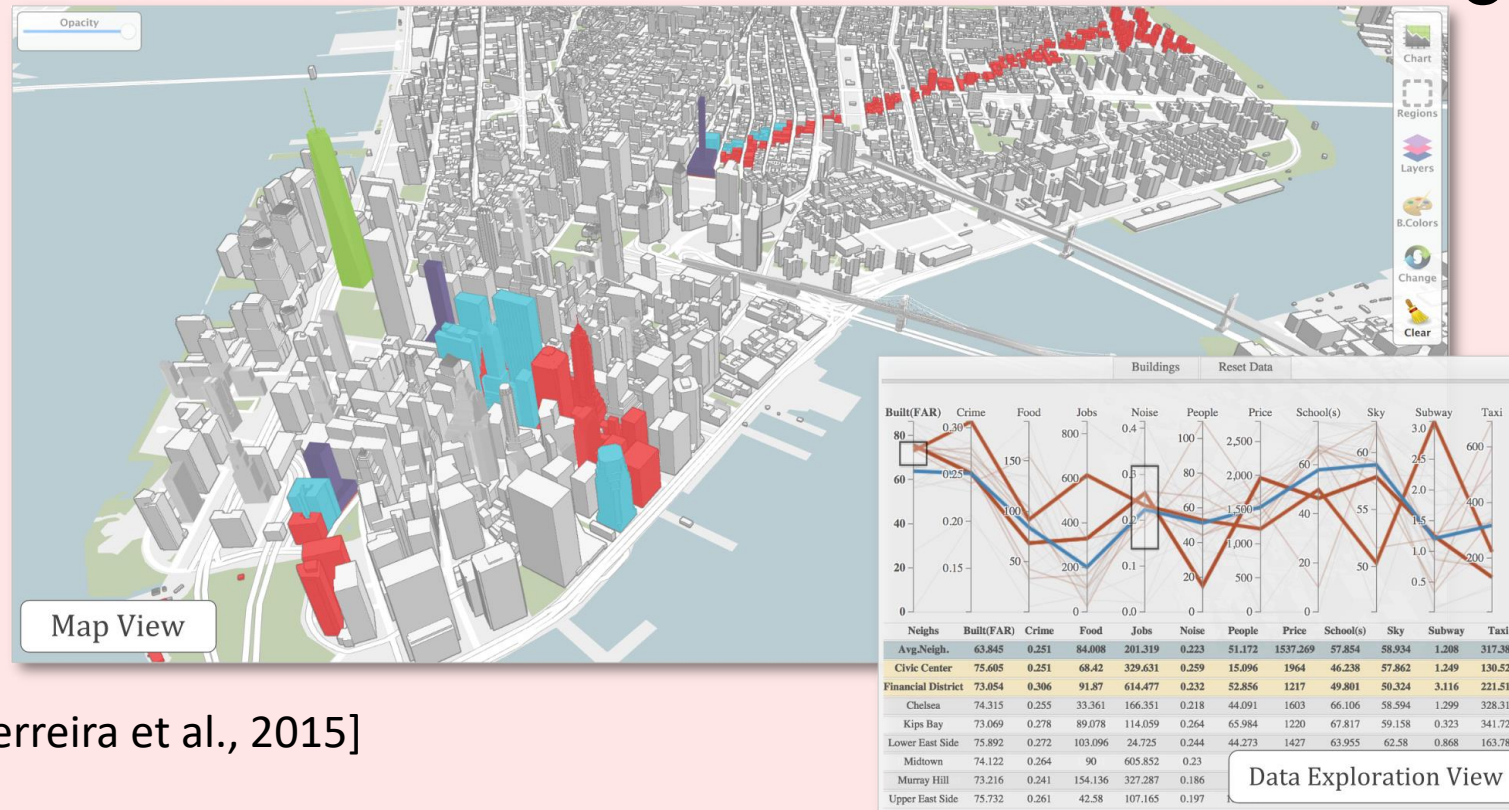
- Interactive querying of noise data
 - Techniques to support interactive, low latency queries of SPL data
 - Drive exploratory visualization
- Visual interface
 - Build a visual interface for noise data exploration
 - Explore noise in the context of the city and related data
- Analysis of city-wide noise
 - Data analytics to gain insights into possible patterns of noise over space and time
 - Use the generated data (SPL) together with open data
 - Generate a city-wide time-varying noise map

Vision



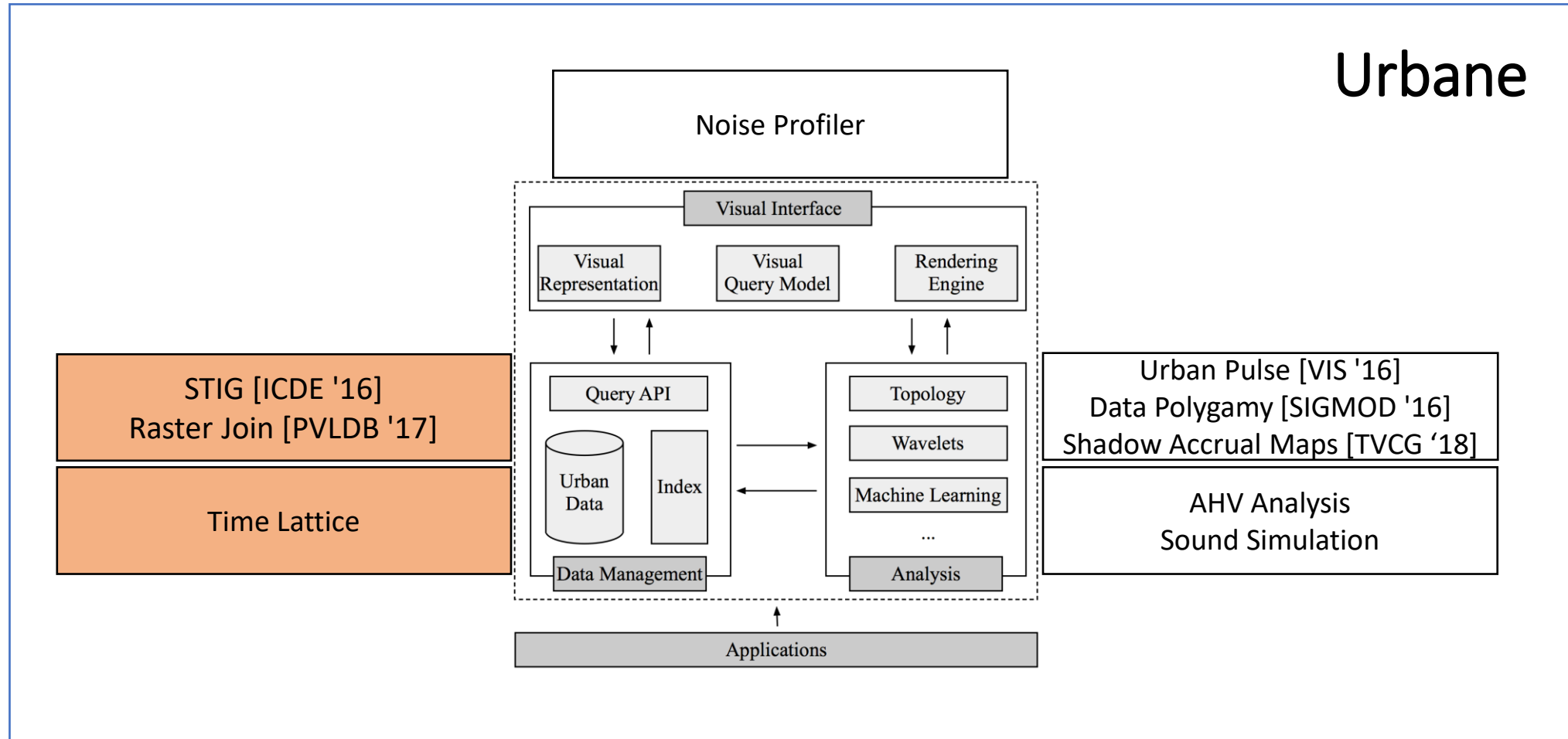
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[Ferreira et al., 2015]

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 - Support range queries at multiple resolutions
 - Average SPL between March 1st and March 15th, at hour resolution
 - Support updates from new data

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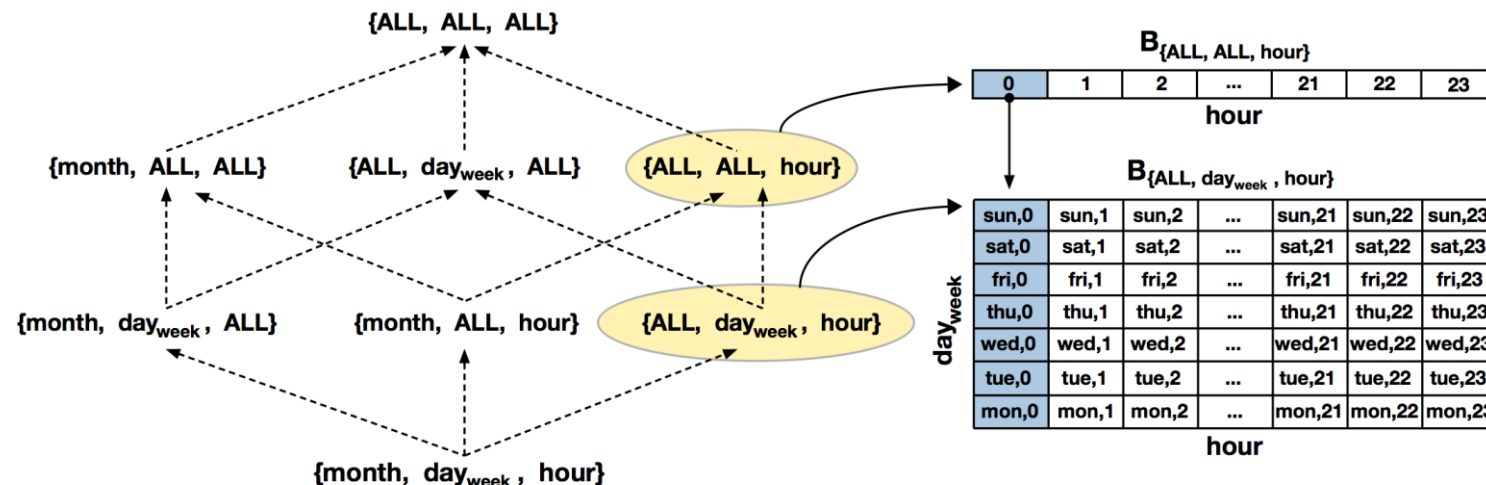
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- **Small memory** overhead
- Allow low latency queries over large time series (**< 1 second**)

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- Time Lattice
 - Data structure that supports multiple resolution queries at interactive rates
 - Makes use of the implicit hierarchy present in temporal resolutions to materialize a sub-lattice of a data cube



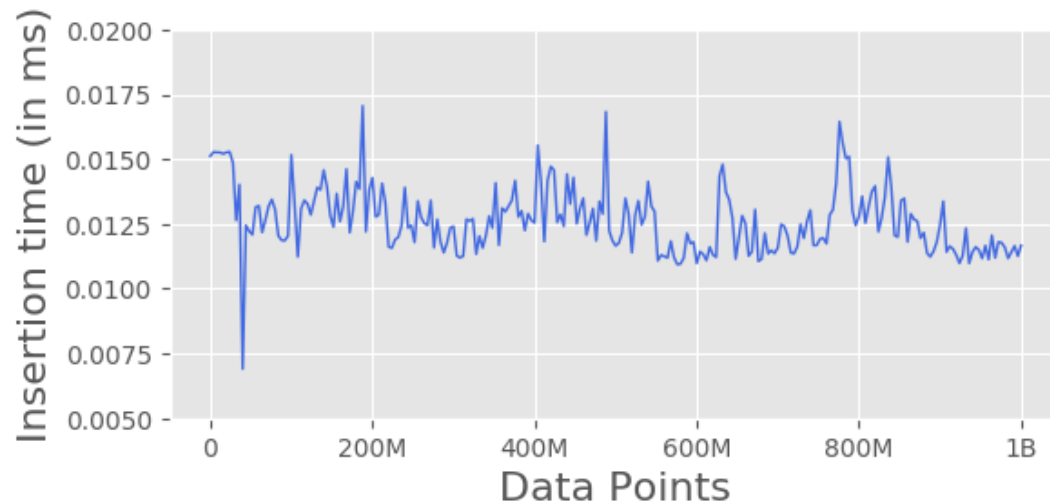
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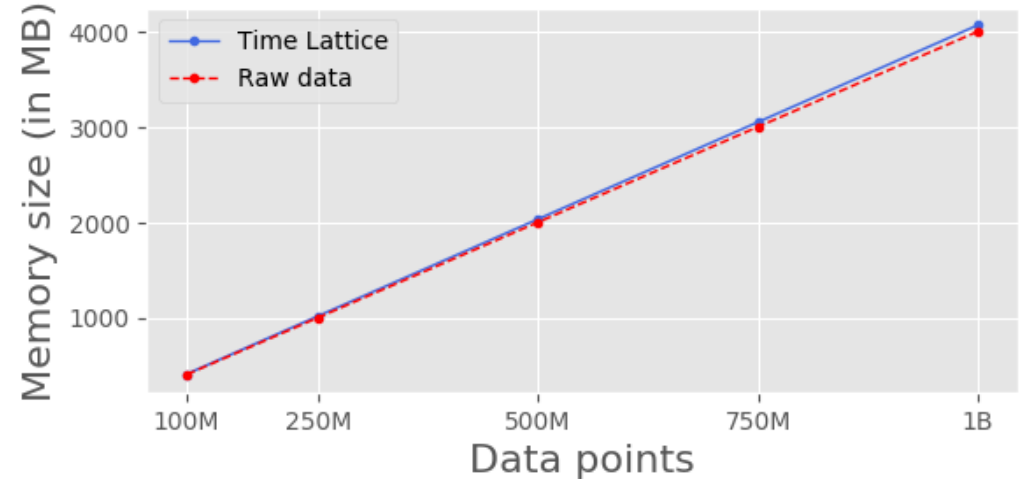
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Handling Large Temporal Noise Data



Constant insertion time:
ideal for streaming



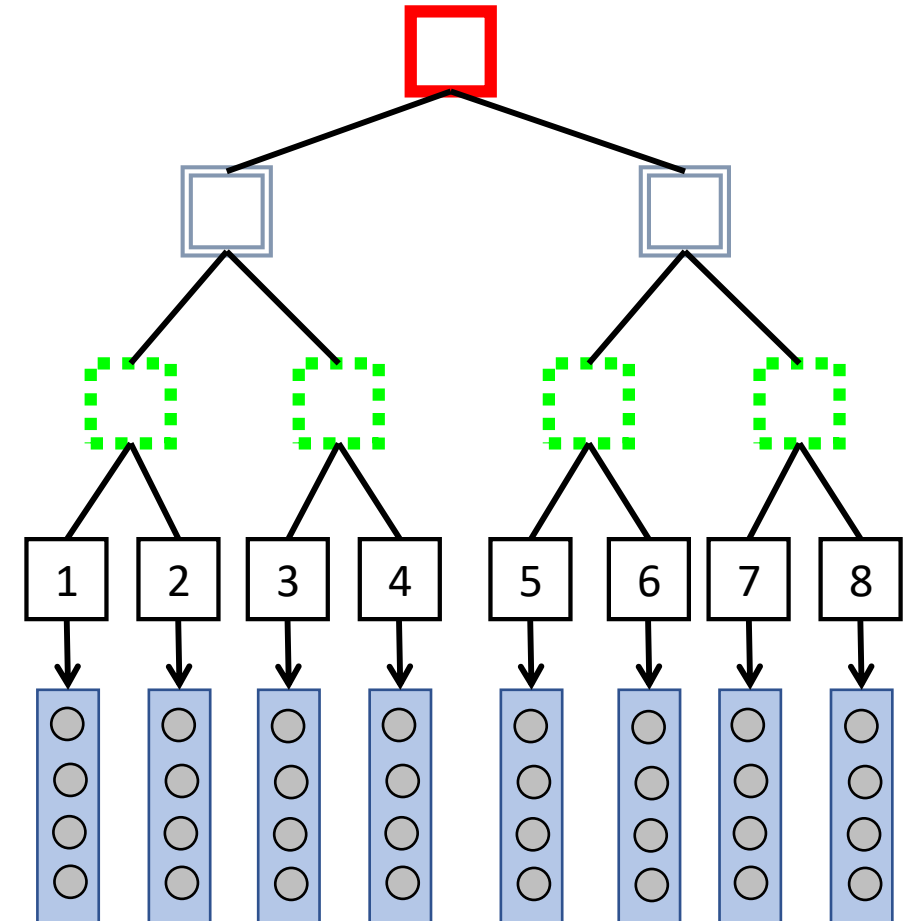
Linear memory overhead

Handling Large Spatio-Temporal Data

- Developing a set of GPU-based techniques
- STIG [Doraiswamy et al. 2015]

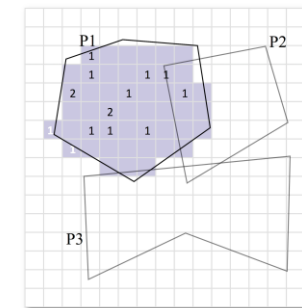
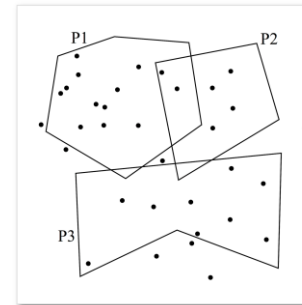
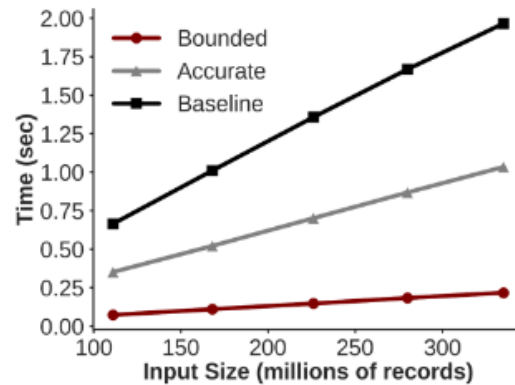
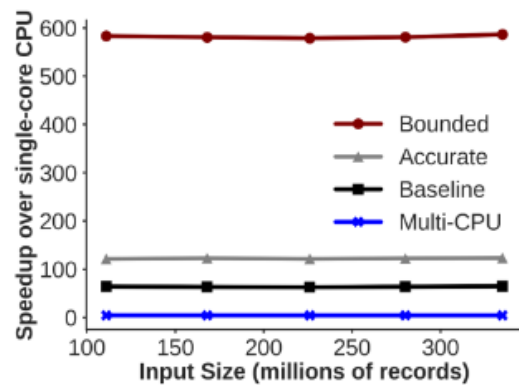
Query	MongoDB		PostgreSQL		ComDB	
	Time	Speedup	Time	Speedup	Time	Speedup
1	0.075	6718x	503.9	274x	20.6	274x
2	0.080	6273x	501.9	291x	23.3	291x
3	0.067	6534x	437.8	322x	21.6	322x
4	0.070	6244x	437.1	465x	32.6	465x

Time in Seconds



Handling Large Spatio-Temporal Data

- Raster join [Tzirita Zacharitou, Doraiswamy et al., 2017]

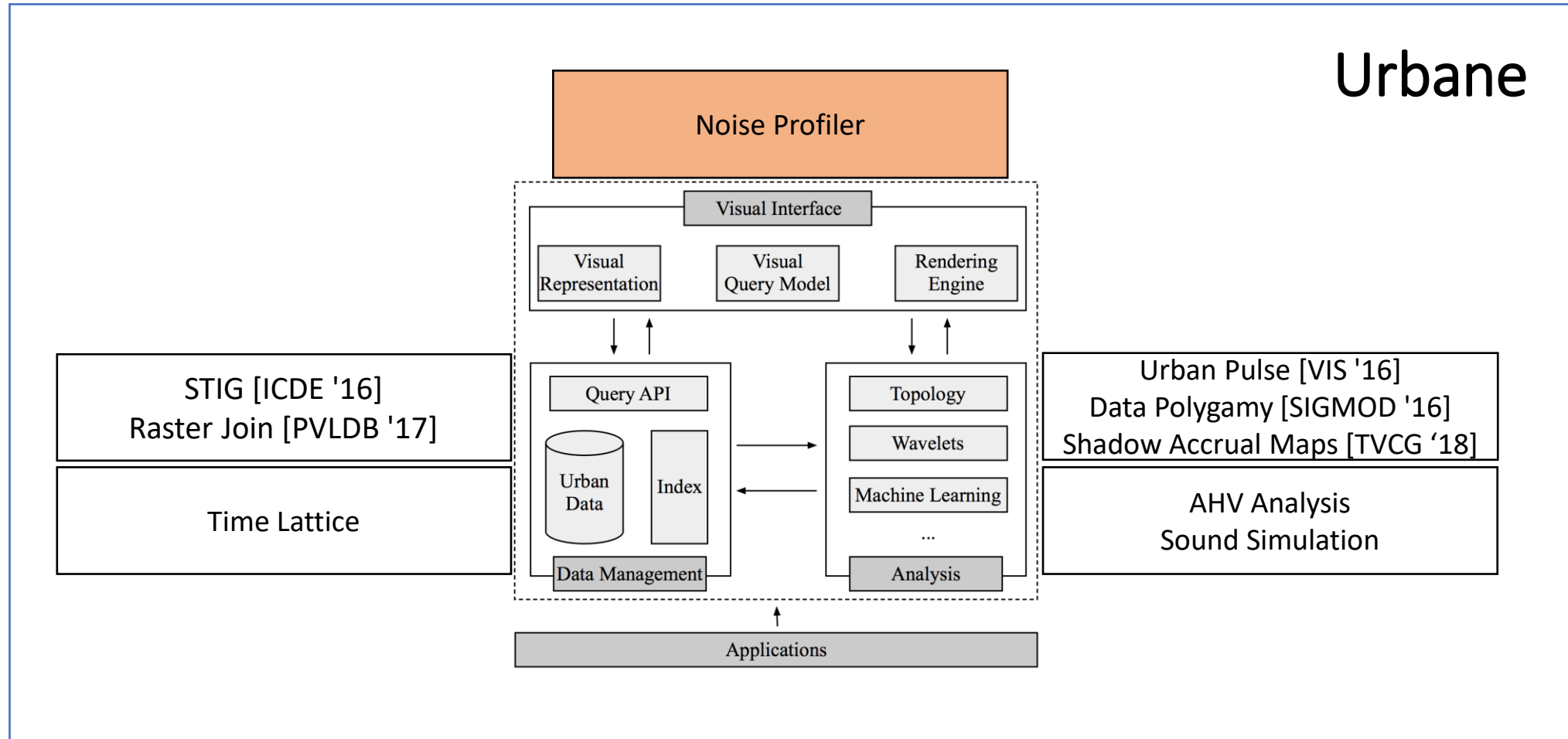


Map View

Data Exploration View

Jd	crime	food	noise	skyexposure	subway	taxi
0 - Battery Park	2707	55	161	0.103	0	23620
1 - Central Park	10613	5	164	0.014	6	54201
2 - Chelsea	66953	905	2081	0.108	8	290313
3 - Chinatown	11830	292	326	0.038	1	14642
4 - Civic Center	3772	21	97	0.096	3	8796
5 - East Harlem	122066	219	657	0.013	4	32907
6 - East Village	56102					
7 - Ellis Island	0					
8 - Financial District	25384					

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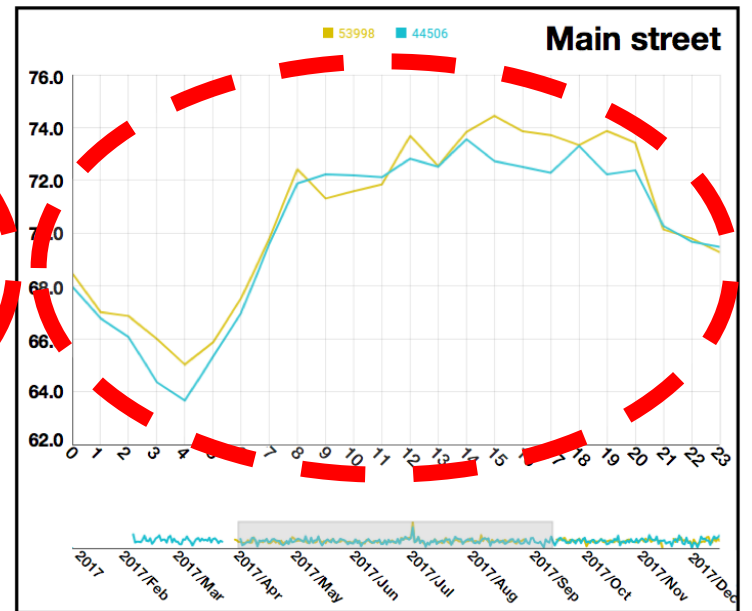
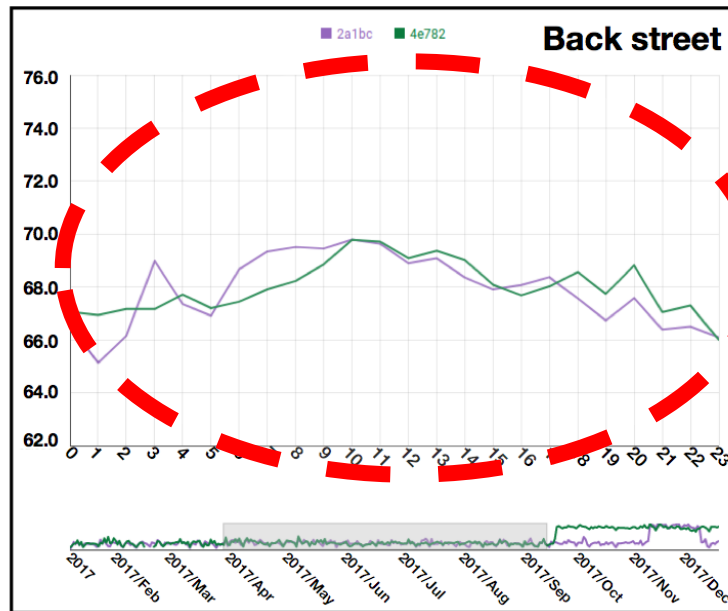
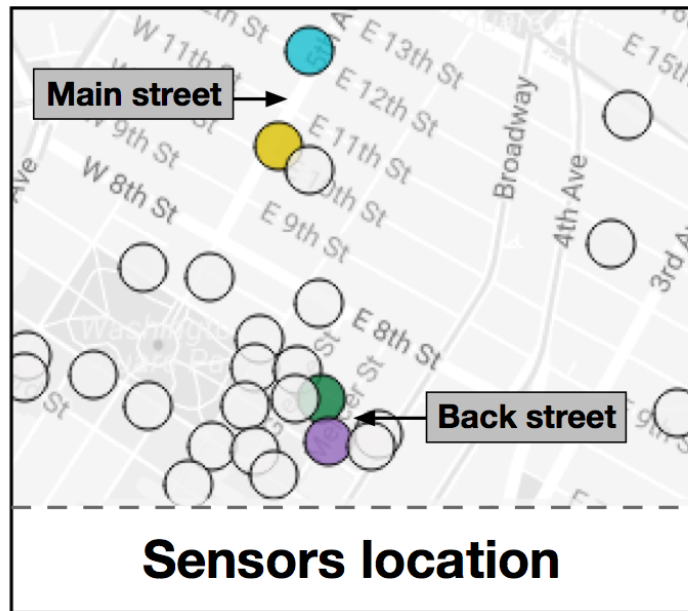
Time Lattice Interface: Noise Profiler

- Noise Profiler

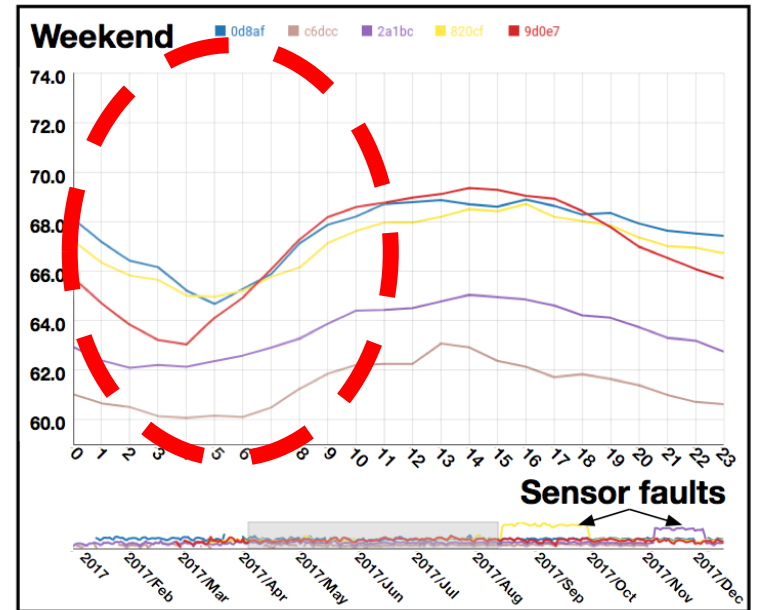
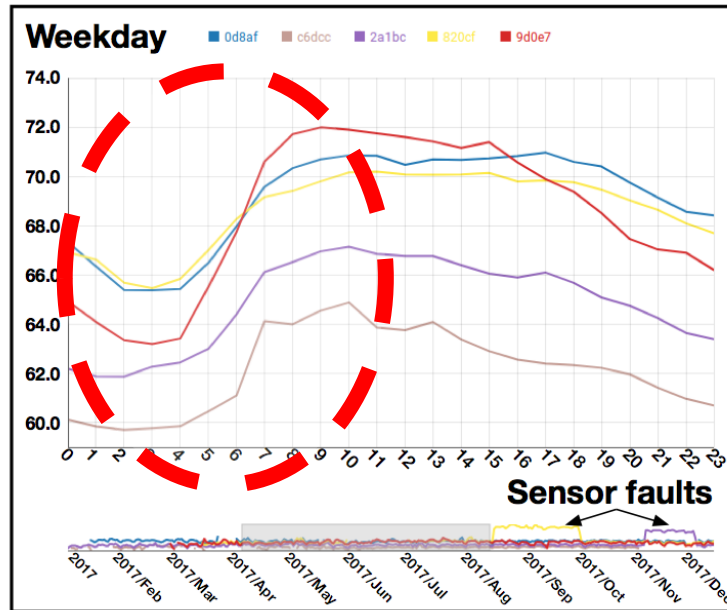
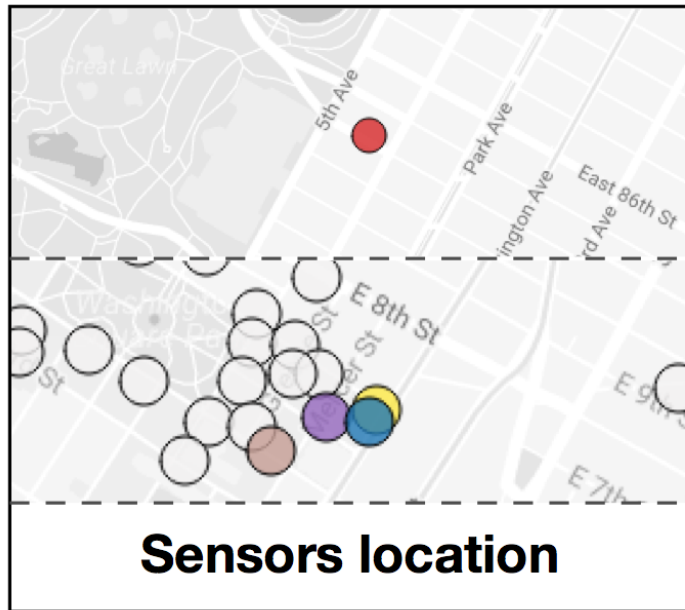
- Enable domain experts to specify, execute and visualize queries over the SPL data from across the city.
- Compare data from one or more sensors
- Support multiple metrics as the aggregate in the queries (e.g. equivalent continuous A-weighted sound pressure level)



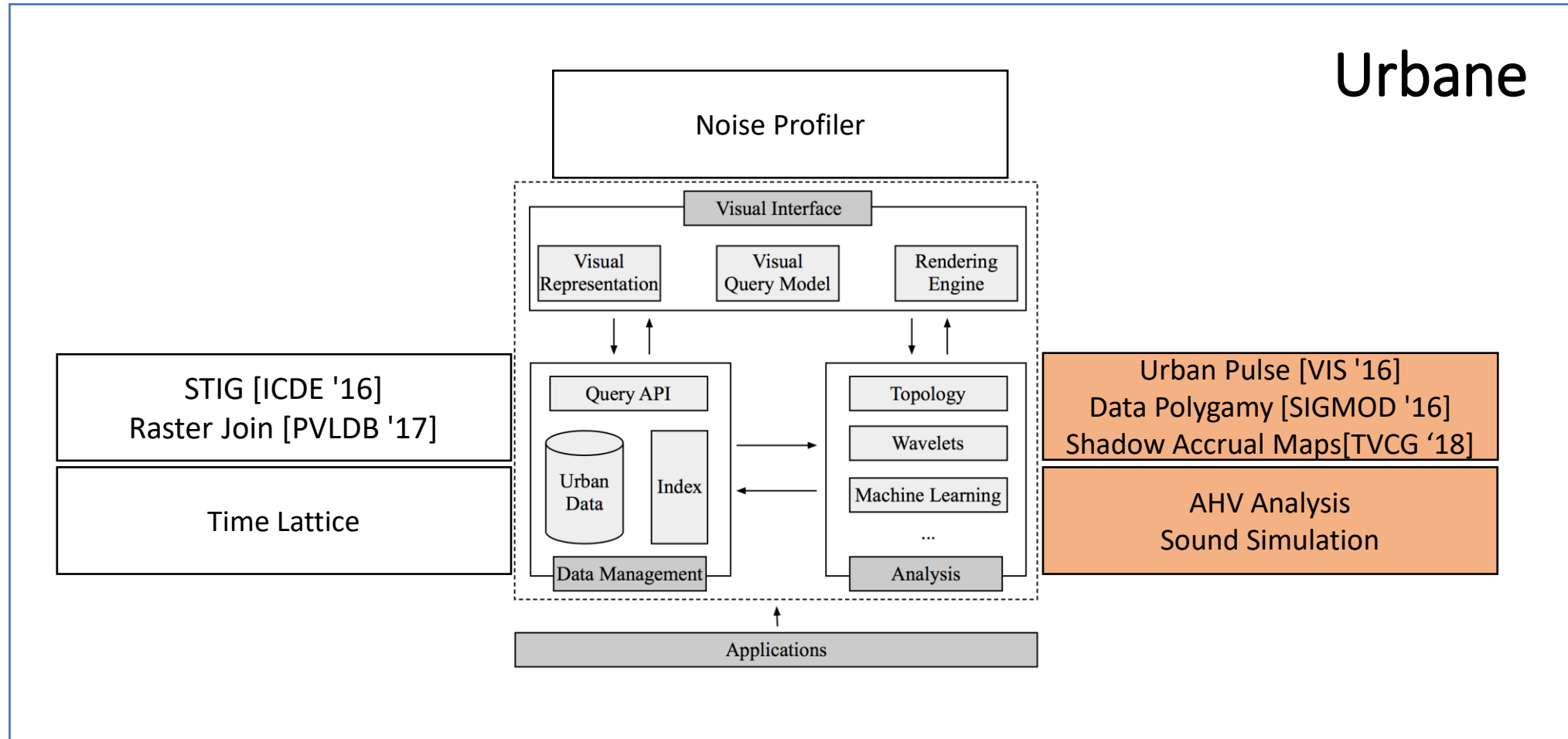
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Analysis of after hour variances

April 2016 Issue

The after-hours construction boom

Why buildings are rising on nights and weekends

By [Kathryn Brenzel](#) | April 01, 2016 12:00PM



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Buildings Dept. approves night construction, angering residents

By [Isabel Vincent](#) and [Melissa Klein](#)

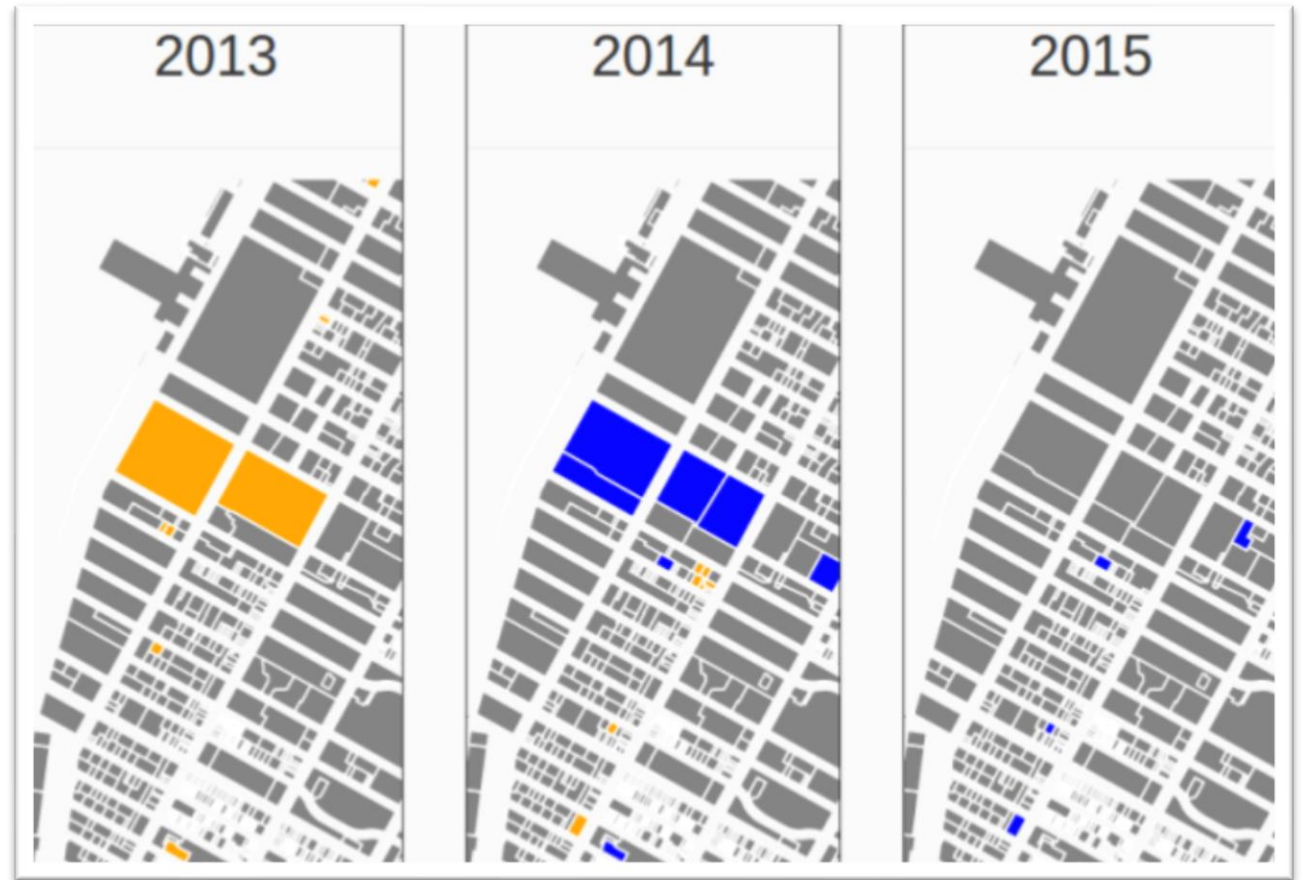
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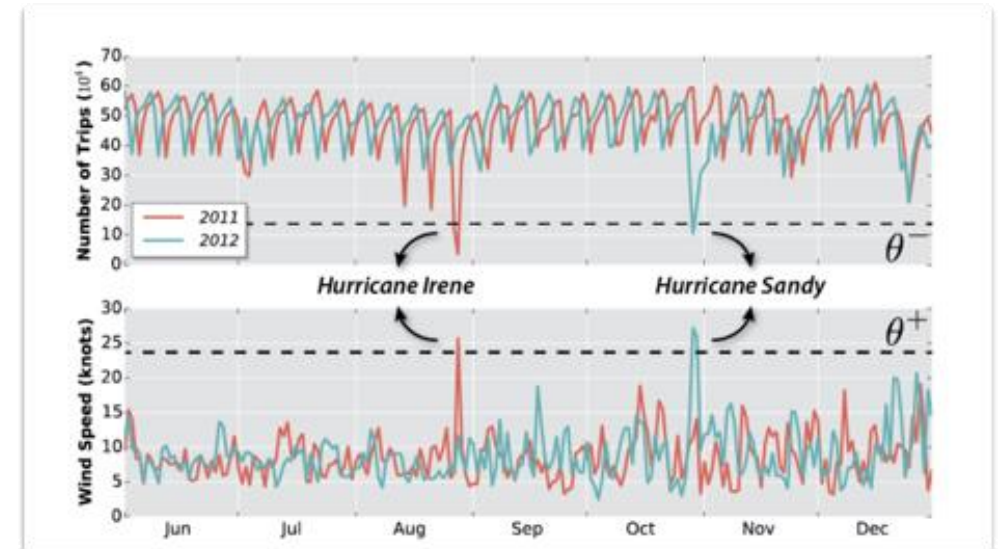
Analysis of after hour variances

The screenshot shows the NYC Department of Buildings Building Information Search interface. At the top, there are logos for NYC Buildings and NYC, along with a link to sign up for buildings news. Below this is a search box with a warning: "The below search does not include filings submitted in DOB NOW; use the [DOB NOW Public Portal](#) to access DOB NOW records." There are several search options: "Search by Property" with fields for Borough, House No., Street, Block, Lot, and Building Identification Number (BIN); "Search for Complaint or Violation" with fields for Complaint Number, 311 Reference Number, ECB Violation Number, BIN Number for ECB Violation, and a date range for ECB Violation Type. A "Back to top" link is visible at the bottom of the search section.



Find spatio-temporal relationships

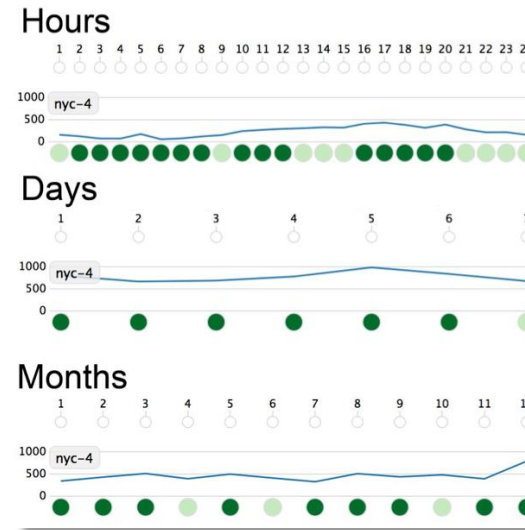
- Data Polygamy [Chirigati et al., 2016]
 - 100's of spatio-temporal data sets
 - Relationships occur only over certain points in space and time
 - Millions of possibilities
 - How to efficiently identify interesting relationships?



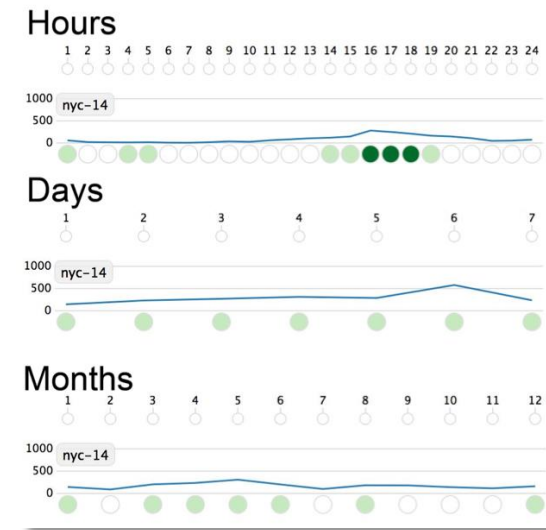
Quantify and compare "activity"

- Urban Pulse [Miranda et al., 2017]
 - Signature for different locations
 - Data oblivious
 - Rank and compare locations
 - Query similar locations

Rockefeller Center



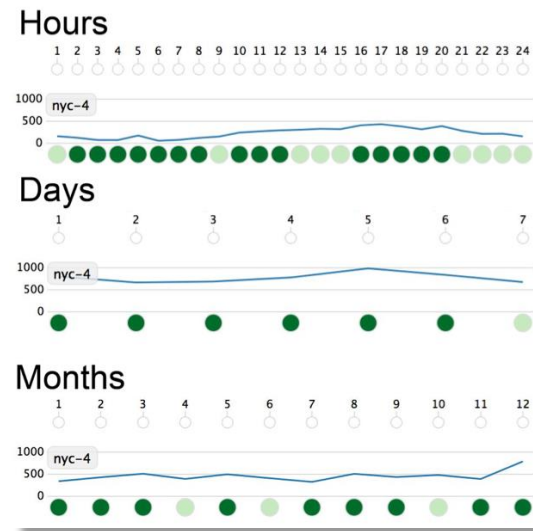
Union Square



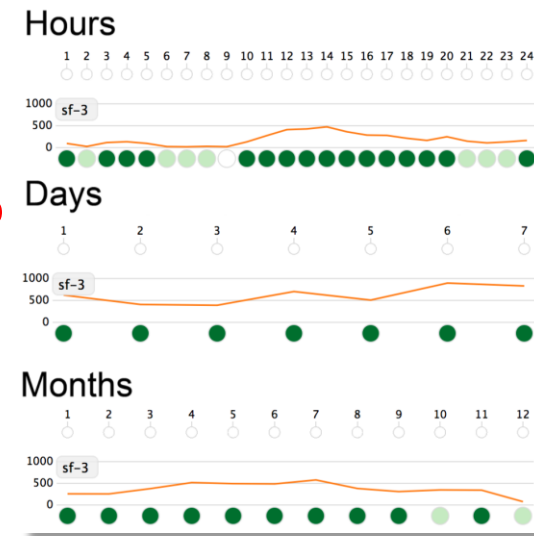
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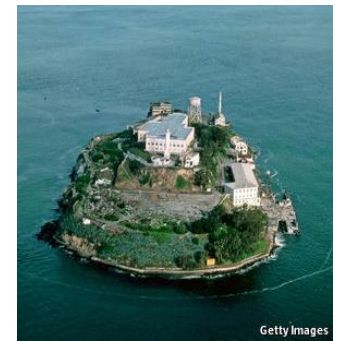
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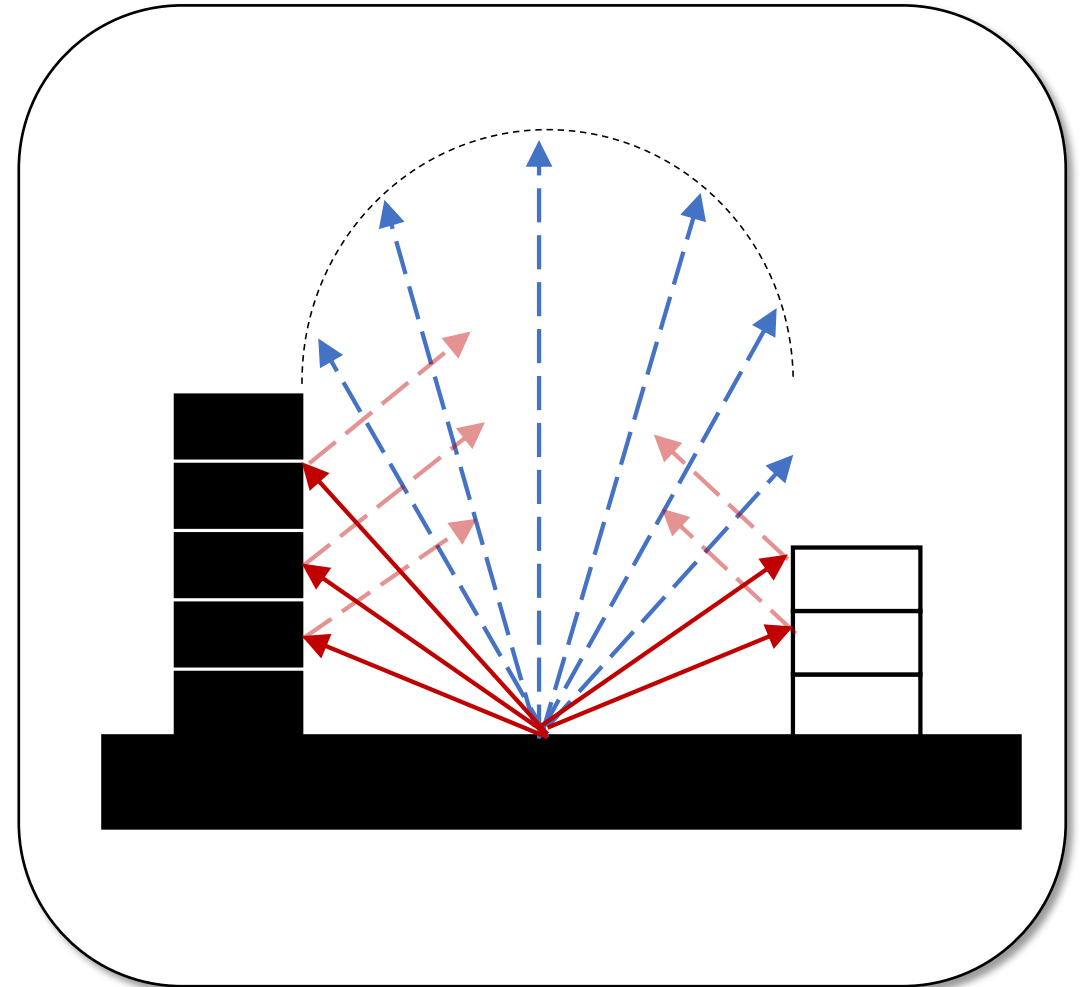


Alcatraz



Analysis of sound propagation

- Potential approach
 - Make use of highly detailed building models available in NYC
 - Use ray tracing to propagate sound over time
- Initial technology already in place [Miranda, Doraiswamy et al., 2018]
 - Interactively compute shadow accumulation over time
 - Makes use of accurate 3D geometry
 - Uses GPU for efficient ray propagation



Quantifying shadow

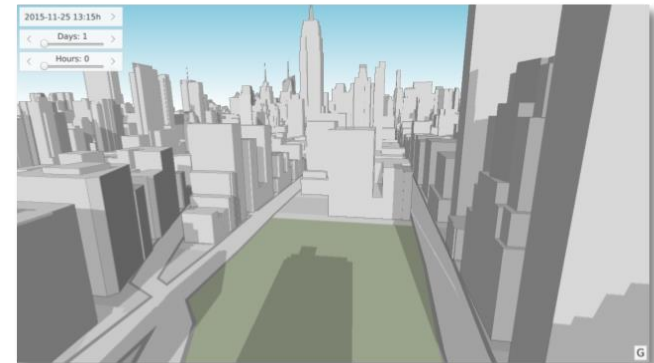
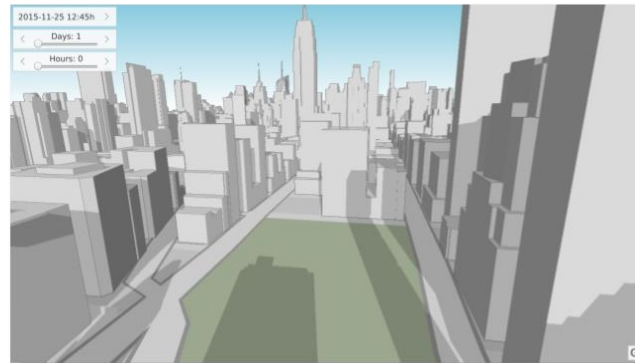
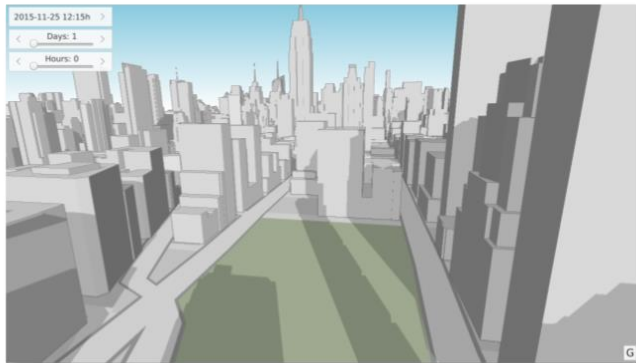
- Shadow accumulation



[Mapping the Shadows of New York City - The New York Times]

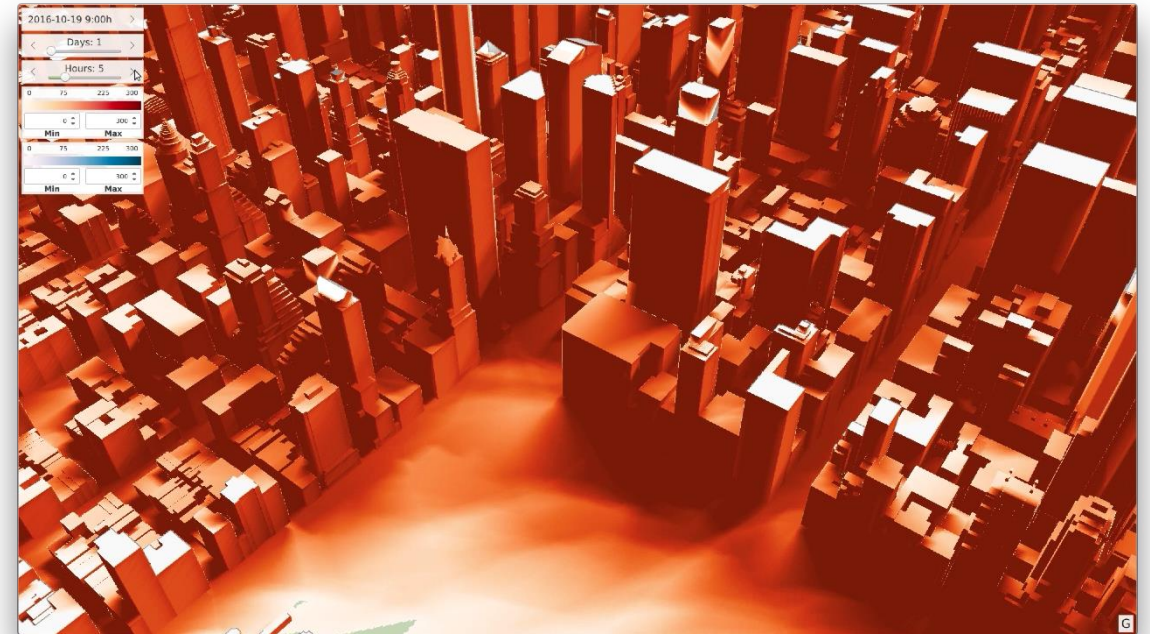
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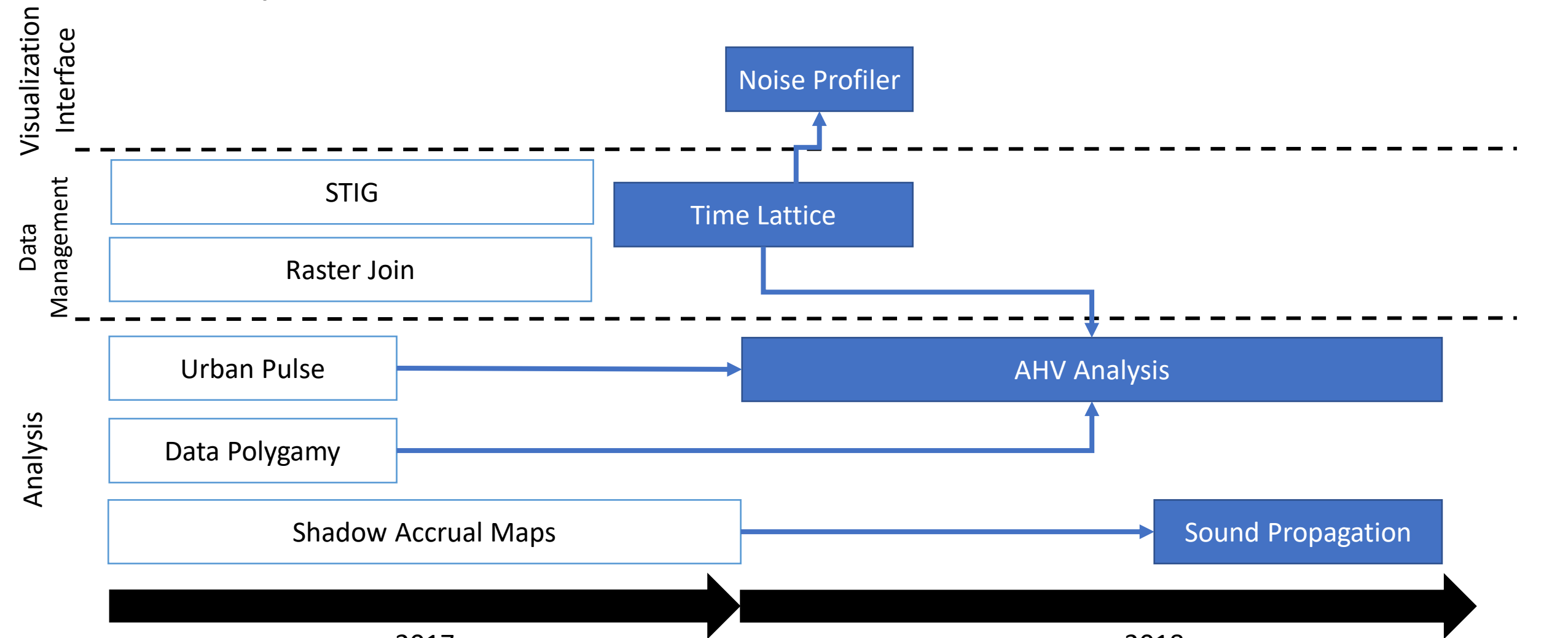
Quantifying shadow

- Shadow accumulation
 - Uses ray tracing to accumulate shadow over time
 - Allows for interactivity
 - Analysis of shadow impact from proposed buildings on public spaces



[Miranda, Doraiswamy et al., 2018]

Recap



Outcomes

- Papers:

Published:



IEEE SciVis



TVCG



PVLDB

Submitted:



Eurovis

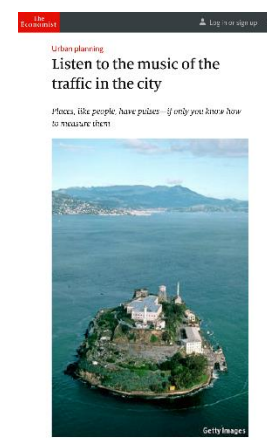
- Open source projects:

- Raster Join: github.com/ViDA-NYU/raster-join
- Urban Pulse: github.com/ViDA-NYU/urban-pulse
- Time Lattice: soon

- Media coverage



New York Times



The Economist



Architecture Digest



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