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# The long way home

Learning from the temporal structuring of touristic visits

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# Geographic recommender services

CPV	images	user IDs	popularity	example image
Town Hall	111	59	68.5	
Little Venice	19	18	18.3	To the second se
Cathedral	22	14	16.0	

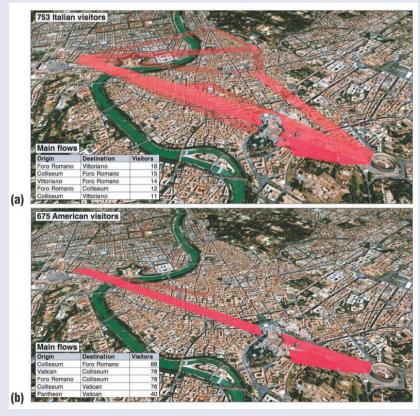


The three most popular sights of Bamberg Schlieder & Matyas (2009)



# Monitoring tourists

- Methodology
  - (digital) travel diaries: plans and individual decision making
  - Collective sensing: personalized GPS tracks (big data)
  - Close monitoring: personalized GPS tracks (dense data) + decision making



Girardin et al. 2008



### Example: A data set from Bamberg

#### Participants

 17 very small tourist groups (2-3 persons) volunteering to participate in the study

#### Instruction

 "Explore the city in whatever way you like and for how long as it pleases you."



Consumer camera with GPS sensor

# Close monitoring









pre-visit interview

GPS tracks photo sequence

post-visit interview



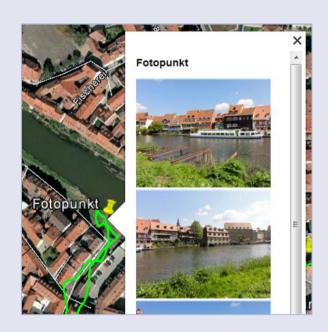
### Time-based vs. image-based popularity

	Old Court	Old Townhall	Cathedral	Ge. Park	Ge. Castle	Little Venice	Mi. Park	Mi. Monastery	New Resid.	Upper Parish	Rose Garden
I. popularity	16	29	33	8	6	26	15	16	24	6	24
Image rank	7	2	1	9	11	3	8	6	5	10	4
T. popularity	42	52	46	23	12	25	18	21	43	15	37
Time rank	4	1	2	7	11	6	9	8	3	10	5

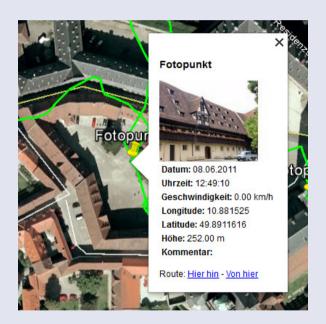
$$pop_{time}(p) = \sum_{x \in T_p} (1 + \log t(x)) = k + \sum_{x \in T_p} \log t(x)$$



# Time-based vs. image-based popularity



Little Venice (#115003) image-based rank 3 → time-based rank 6



Old court (#115013) image-based rank 7 → time-based rank 4



# Time-geographic cone

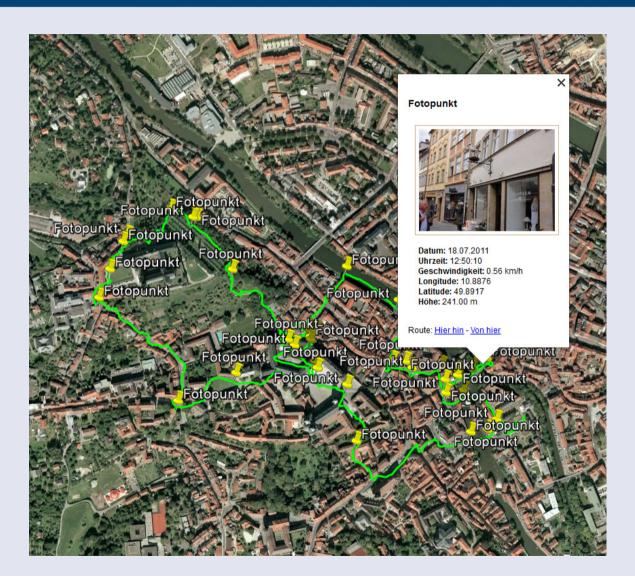


Spatial focusedness							
t (%)	20	40	60	80	100		
f (%)	40	42	43	46	54		

Photographic activity							
t (%)	20	40	60	80	100		
a (%)	43	25	12	12	8		

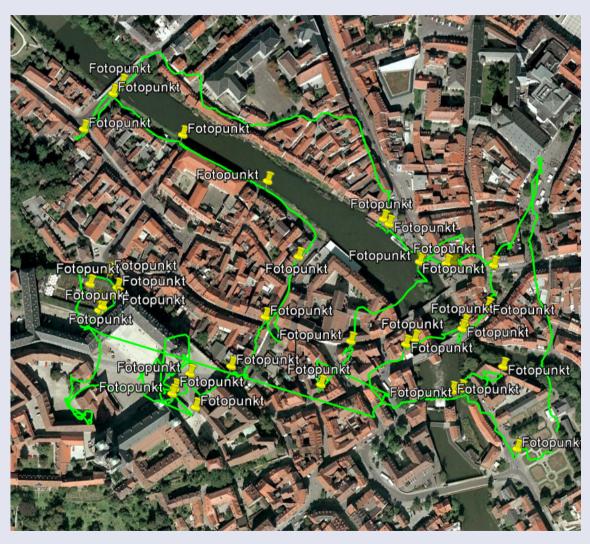
Towards the end of the tour less photos and higher focus (= less detours)





"2 hours left!"





"Cancel exploration"



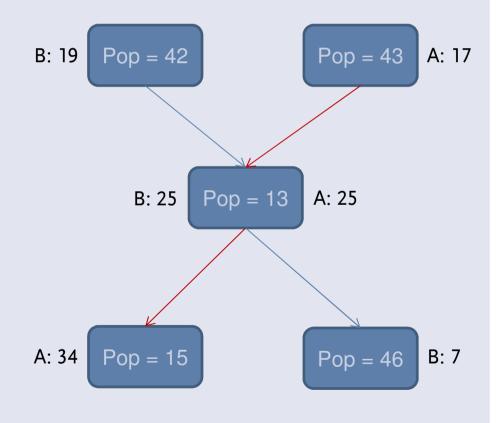


"Only the museum!"



### Recommendation proposal

- Collaborative filtering
  - Tourists are similar, if they spend similar amounts of time at similar places
  - Places are similar, if they have similar temporal popularity values
- Input
  - Place sequence traveled so far



### Recommendation proposal

- Background knowledge
  - (Planned stay time)
  - (Planned places)
  - places already visited
  - Visiting behavior of other tourists
- Triggered, if
  - a. there is still time, but no significant activity
  - b. there are too many places in the queue

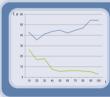
- Strategies
  - a. recommend places of similar tourists
  - b. less is more: recommend to select places similar users spent most time on
- Enhancement
  - Filter for time-geographic cone (indicated by rapidly increasing focusedness)



# Summary



"Deceleration"



Time geographic analysis



GPS data