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La ciudad: espacio frontera de nuestra modernidad

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The Global Street

- A space for making by those who lack access to formal instruments for making.

-making

presence/estamospresentes

-no explicit (conventional,

standard)

objective

Urban capabilities – arising out of a mix of people and space

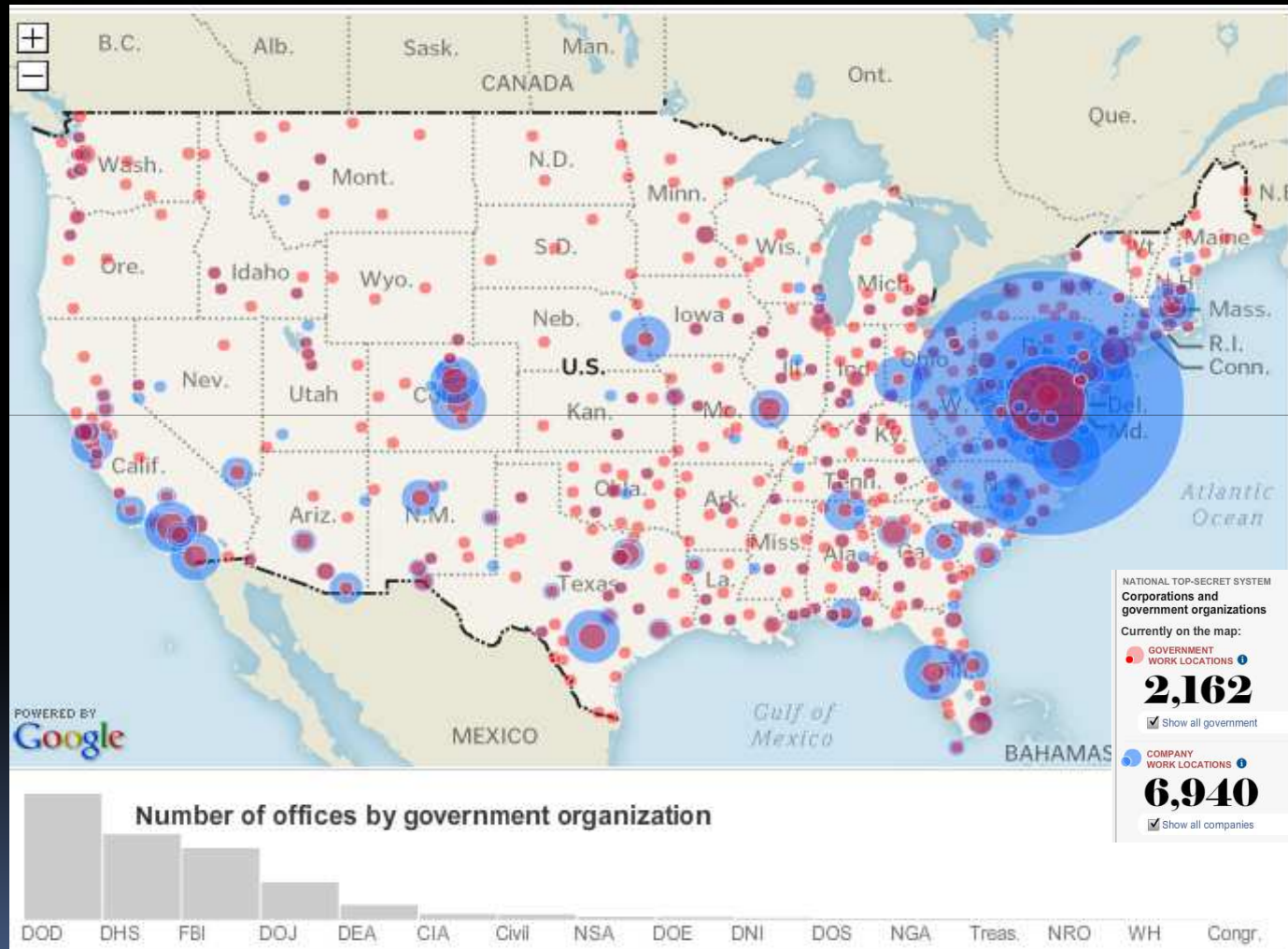




DE-URBANIZING THE CITY

- New types of powerful technologies that can de-urbanize cities...
- Not certain city's capabilities can talk back here

MAP OF GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SURVEILLANCE AGENCIES, USA



Source: Washington Post. 2010. "Top Secret America," Interactive Maps. *Washington Post*, July 2010. <http://projects.washingtonpost.com/top-secret-america/map/>

Surveillance regimes

- **1,271 government organizations and 1,931 private companies work on programs related to counterterrorism, homeland security and intelligence in about 10,000 locations across the US**
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- **An estimated 854,000 people – nearly 1.5 times as many people as live in Washington, D.C. – hold top-secret security clearances**
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- Of the estimated 265,000 private companies doing intelligence work, 1,931 do work at the top-secret level.
- Out of 854,000 people with top-secret clearance, the Post estimates that 265,000 are private contractors

Expulsions: Foreclosures

- 2006 : 1.2 million foreclosures, up 42% from 2005. This is: One in every 92 U.S. households
- 2007: 2.2 million forecls, up 75% from 06
- 2008: 3.1 million, up 81% from 07
- 2009: 3.9 million (or 1 in 45 US hholds)
- (From 2007 to 2009: 120% increase in forecls)
- 2010: 2.9 mill forecls. (2006-2010: total 14.2 mil)

- Source: RealtyTrac 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010; Blomquist 2011

Super-Prime Housing Market

- Monaco 18.9 million \$

Russian, CIS, UK, Italian, Scandinavian, Swiss

- London 15.9 million\$

Russian, French, South African, Italian, Indian,
UAE, Greek, Australian, US, Canadian

- New York City 10 million\$

UK, French, Italian, Spanish, Mainland Chinese,
Singaporean, Australian, Brazilian, Argentine,
Canadian

more

- Dubai \$8.0m

African (Kenyan, Somali, Tanzanian), Saudi Arabian, Russian, Indian, Iranian

-Paris 8.8 million\$

Russian, CIS, Middle Eastern, Italian, French, Benelux, German, UK, US

- Moscow \$7.8m CIS

More

-Singapore 8.3 m\$

Indonesian, Mainland Chinese, Malaysian,
Indian, Australian, UK

-Shanghai 6.4 million \$

Hong Kong, Taiwanese, US, Canadian, Korean,
Singaporean, Australian, Japanese,
Malaysian, German, French

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Mainland Chinese

Intelligent Cities: Risk of technical obsolescence

- Excessively 'closed' technical systems that involve people (example Intelligent Cities) are at high risk of becoming obsolete .

They do not register the way users might keep diverging from what the engineer had in mind.

The more widespread the use of intelligent systems in a city, the more the city itself is at risk of becoming obsolete.

DEAD CITIES



DEAD Cities: Advanced stage



Incomplete and complex

- Historically, it is the mix of incompleteness and complexity of major cities that has enabled them to outlive enterprises, kingdoms, and nation-states.

Urbanizing Technology

- The specific technical capabilities of interactive technologies deliver their utilities through complex ecologies.
- These ecologies include more than just the technical:
 - They also include the logics of users
 - And these can diverge significantly from the engineer's logic.

The City as Hacker

- Of spaces
- Of technologies
- Of individual's self-interest: the capacity of making a collective good even if the individuals involved are selfish and nasty.
- Of excessively rigid technological systems

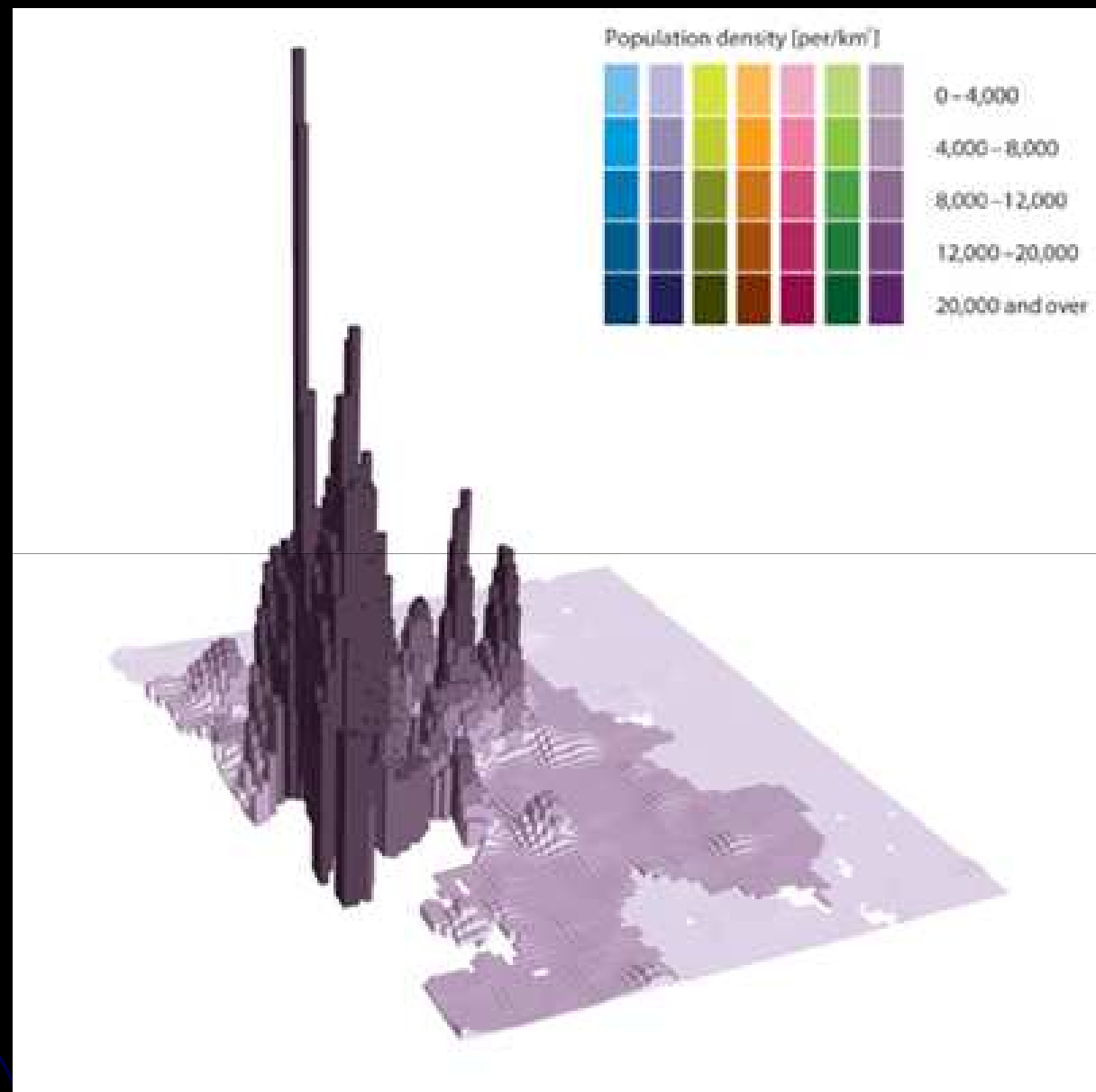
The city tells us what works

- The city is one window into understanding successful technological innovations for urban systems and urban life
- The city as a powerful “hacker” of technologies: it alters the original design, adjusts it to urban users.

The City: Knowledge Partner

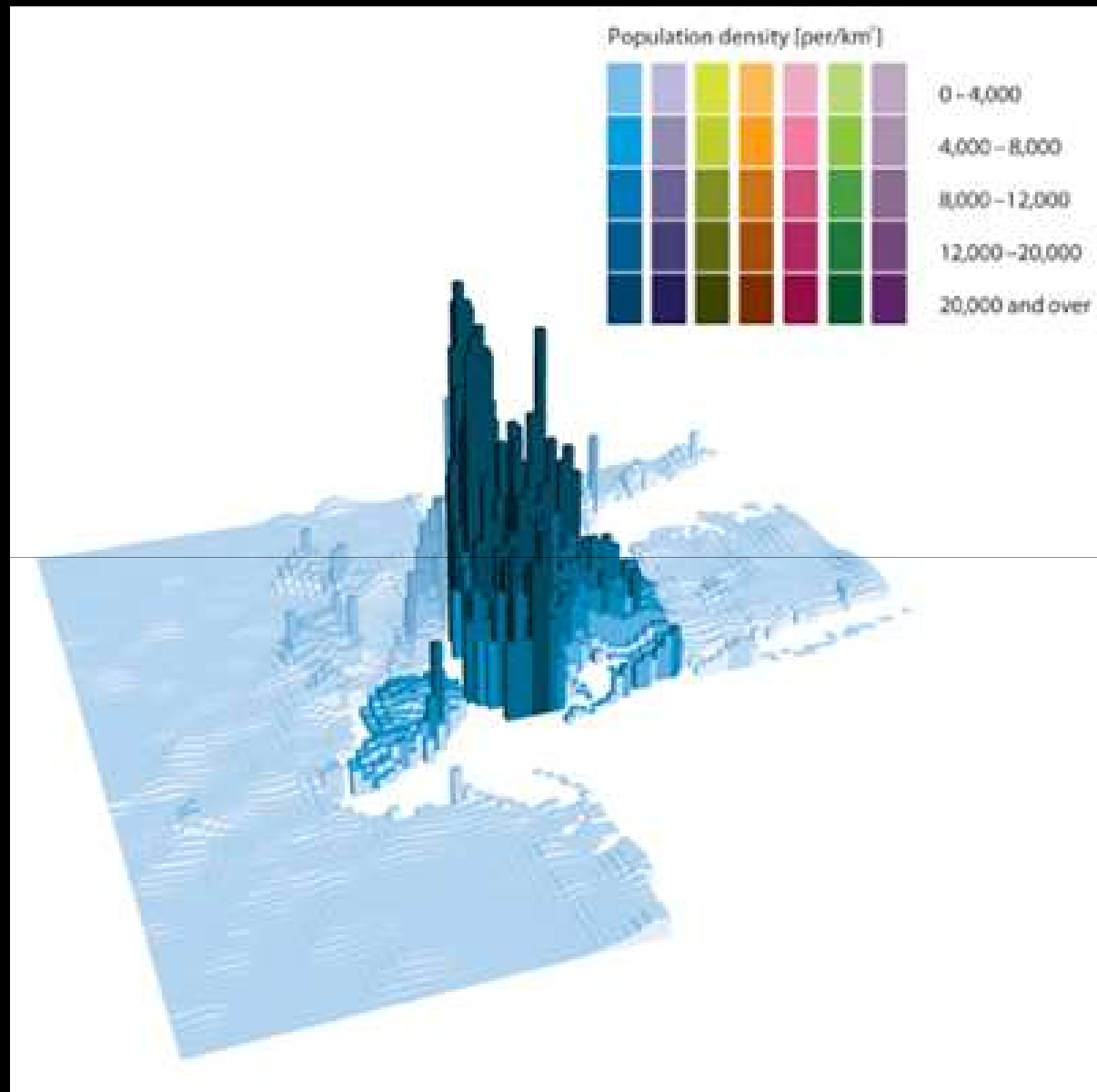
- The city is a generous partner in this work:
- it is a lens onto larger realities
- Many non-urban processes and organizations now have an urban moment in their trajectories.
- This type of analysis keeps us from only seeing as technologists/engineers.

Density - Mumbai



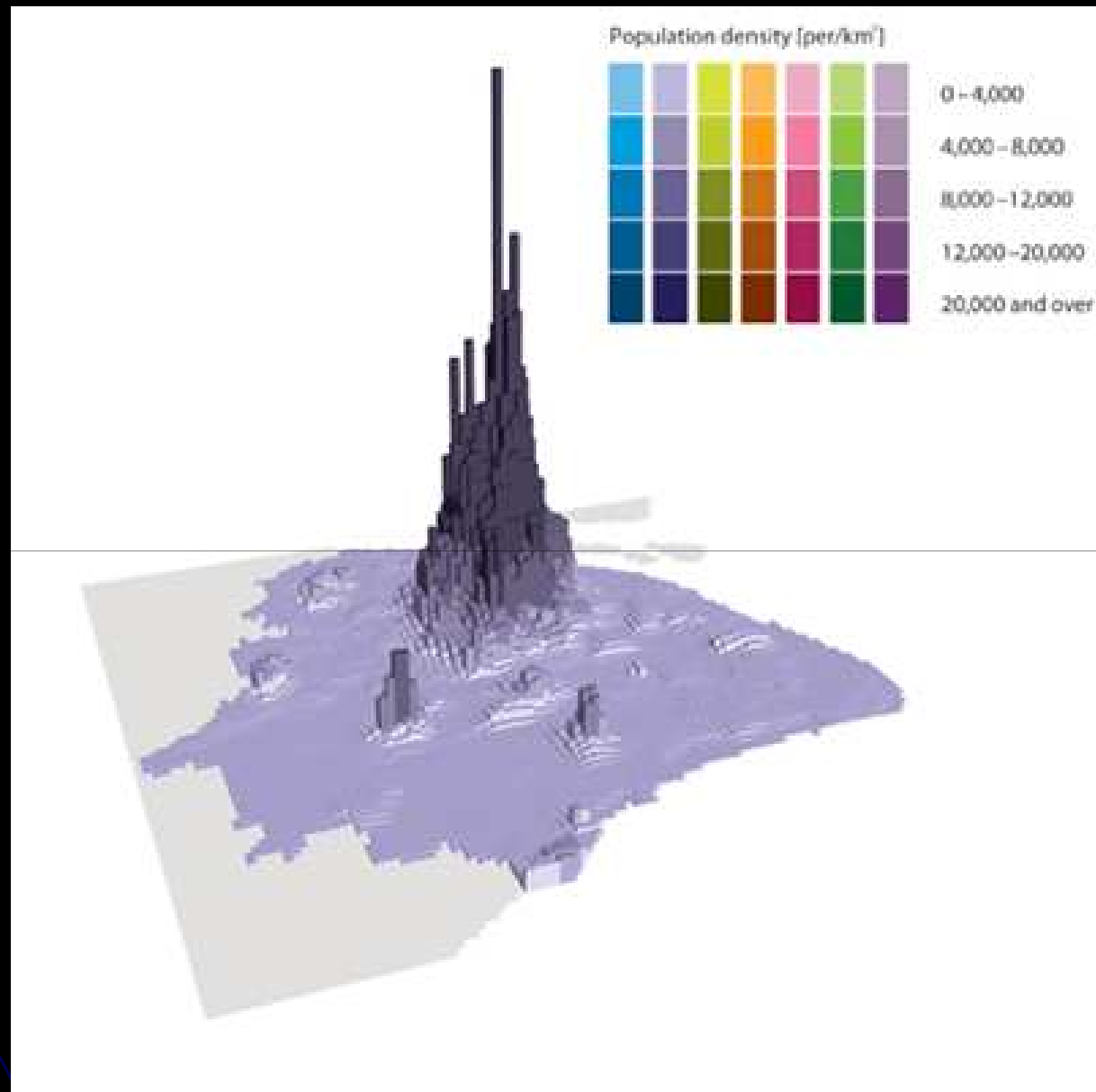
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Density - NYC



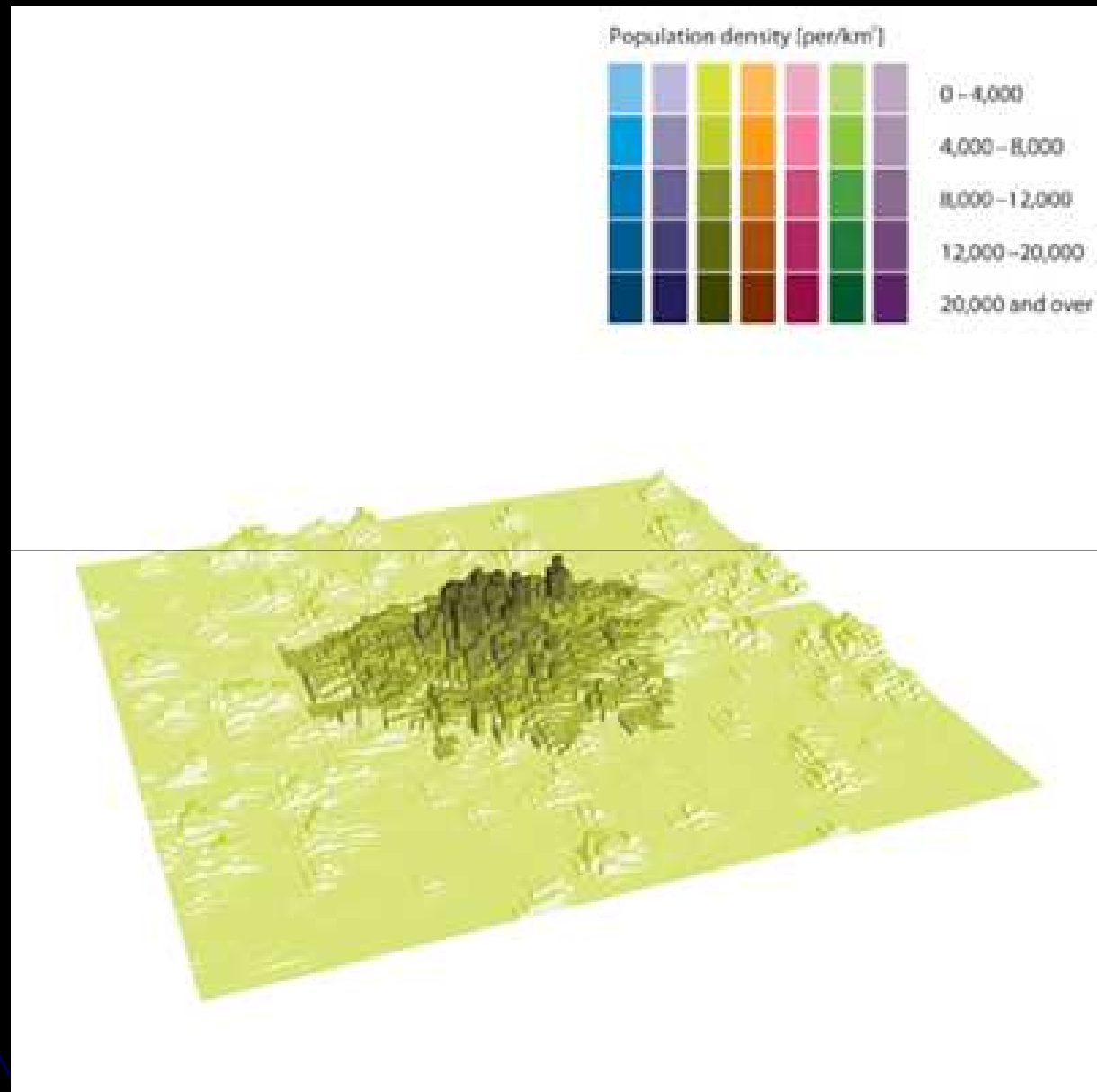
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Density - Shanghai



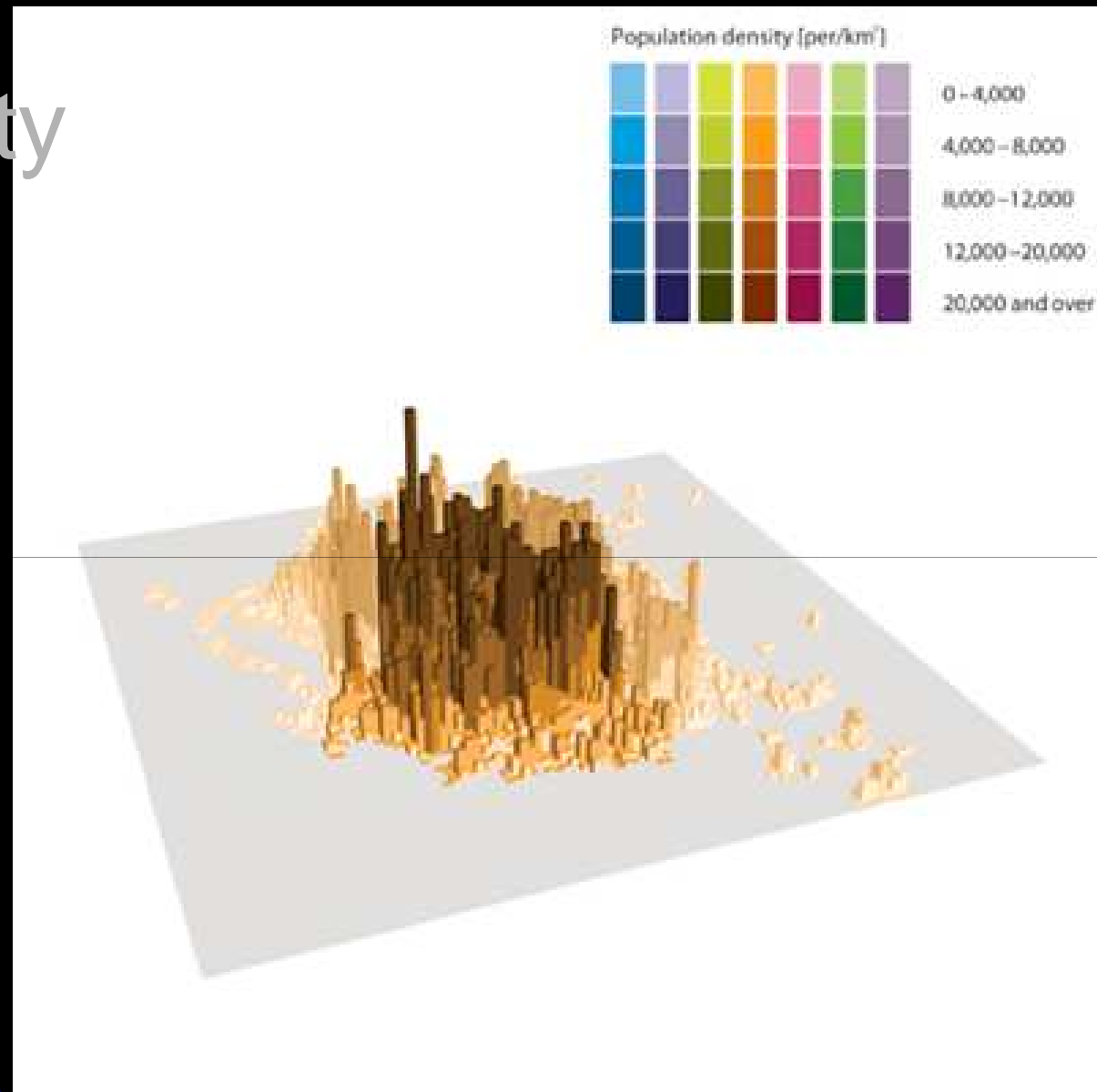
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Density - London



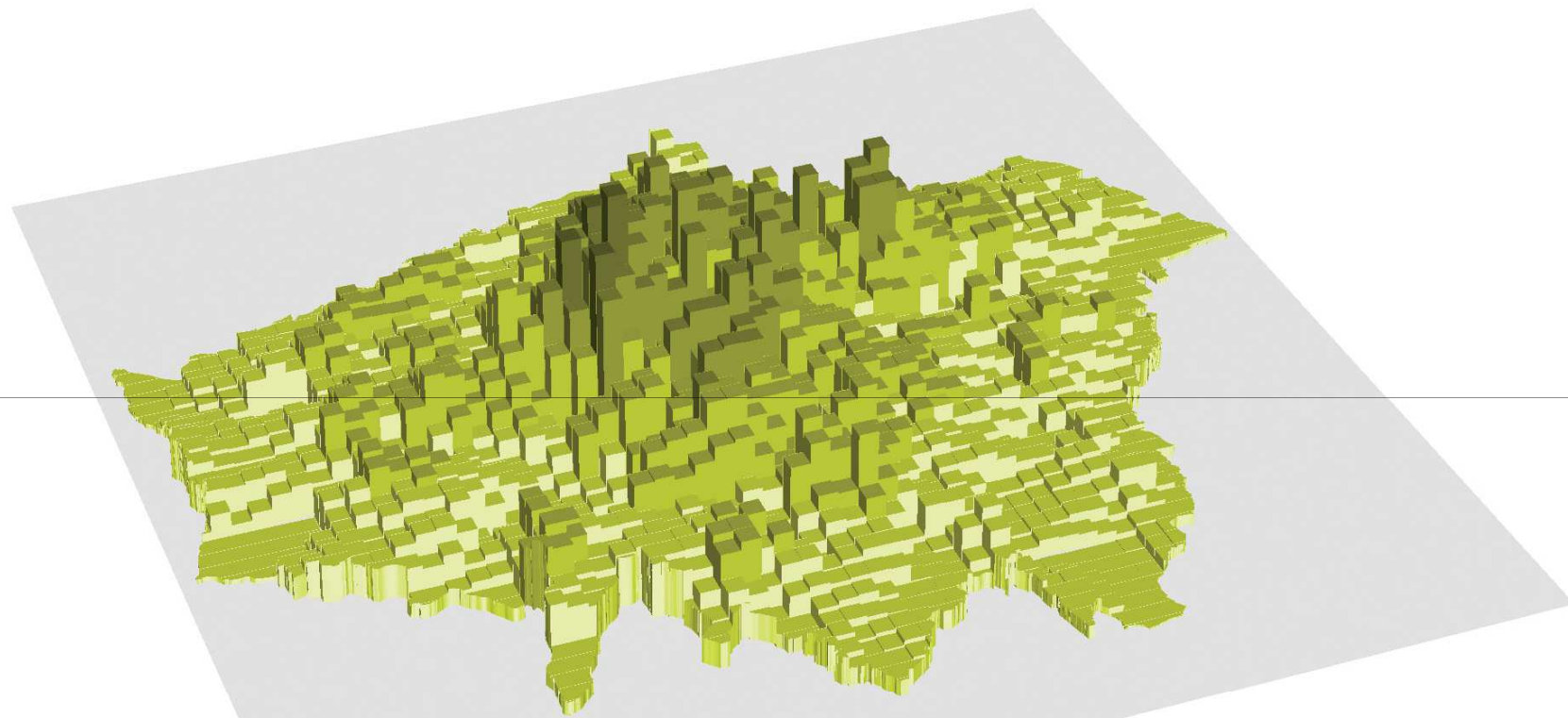
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Density - Mexico City



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London (Population)



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London (Workplace)

