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Abstract

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Karat	34.9	2200	103,322

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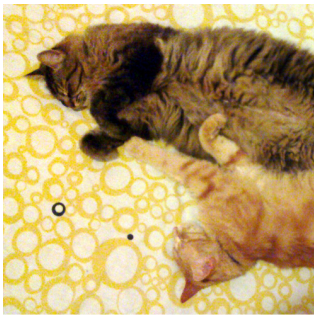
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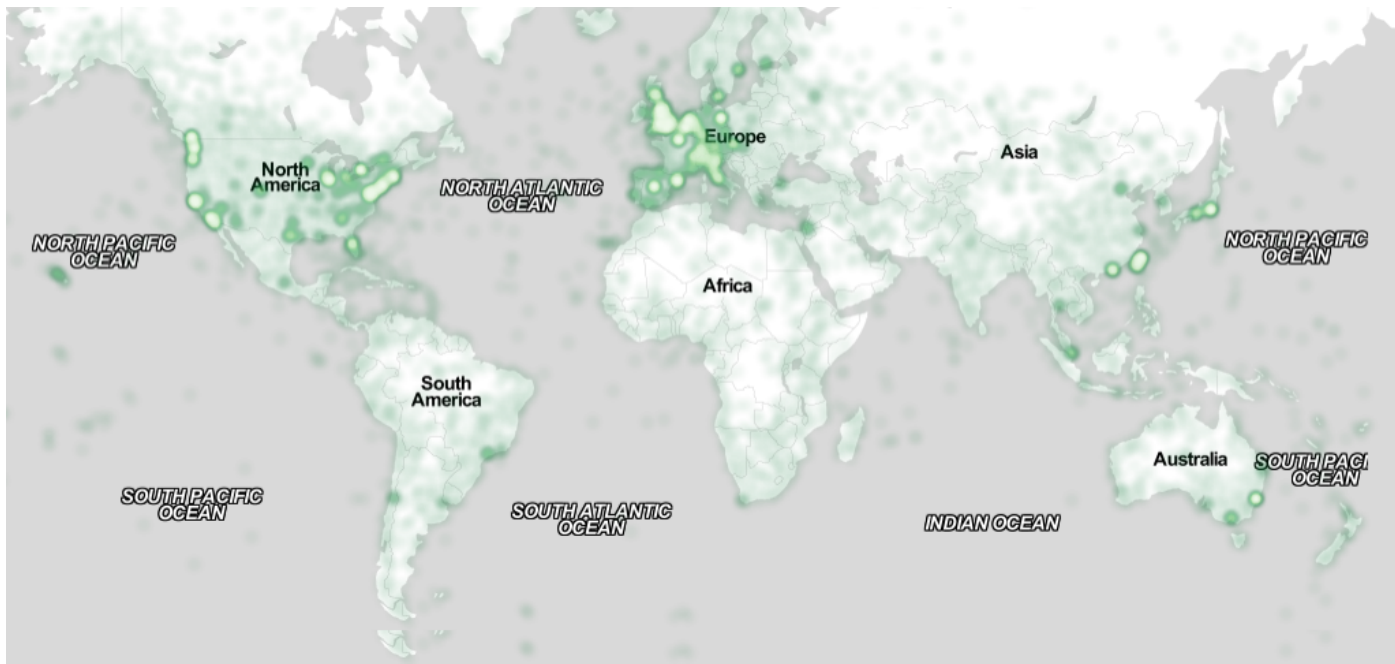
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Adult	22.0	Bogotá
Gene	22.0	Palo Alto
John	34.5	Minneapolis

Table 2: A simple narrow table in the left margin space.

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