

Interactive Exploration of Multi-granularity, Spatial and Temporal Datacubes: *Providing Computer-Assisted Geovisualization Support*



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Context

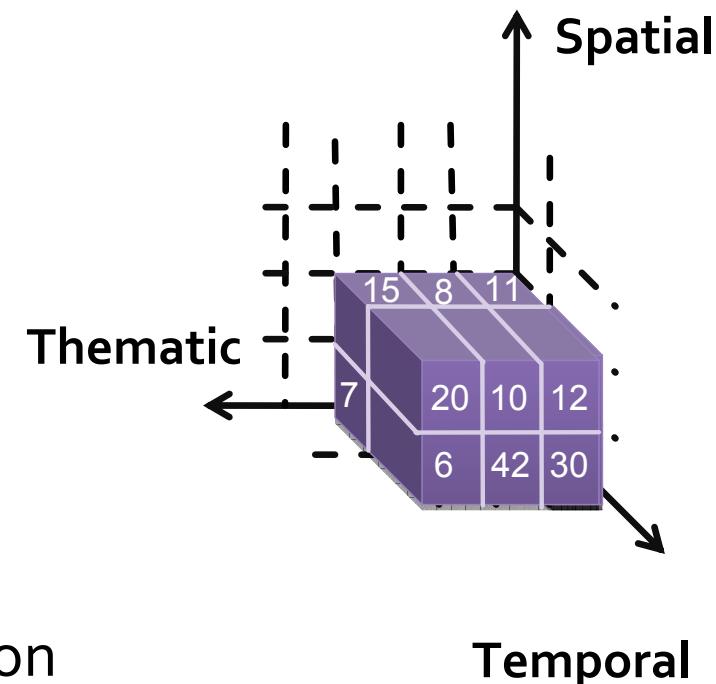
SOLAP

- Business Intelligence (BI)
- Analysis –oriented database structure
- Operators
 - Drill-down, roll-up, drill-across, swap, slice
- Different display modes: maps, tables, diagrams
- High interactivity
 - to explore
 - to cross-tabulate
- Missing a certain control on geovisualization of data



Complexity of geovisualization with SOLAP

- SOLAP allows dynamic queries
 - The user changes on-the-fly:
 - the **dimensions**,
 - the **measures**,
 - the **levels of granularity** of the analysis.
 - The user can do :
 - Uni-, bi-, or **multivariate** analysis
 - Depending on one.. two... or several **dimensions**.
- SOLAP should allow dynamic geovisualization
 - The user should benefit easily of
 - **different points of view** of the analysis...
 - only **appropriate views** of the data...
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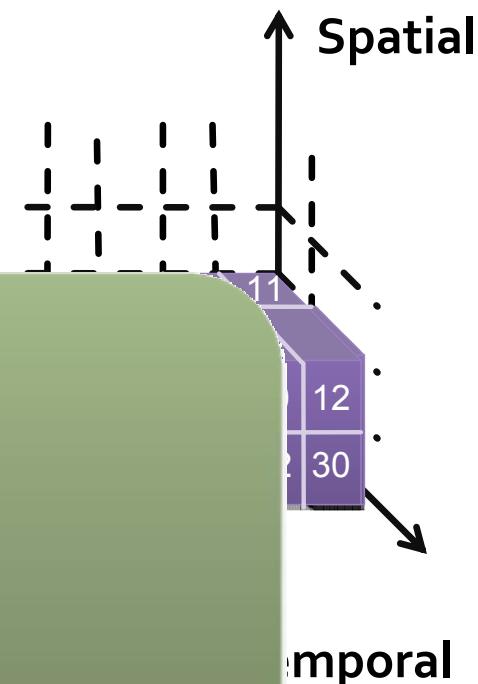
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Facilitating GKD ?

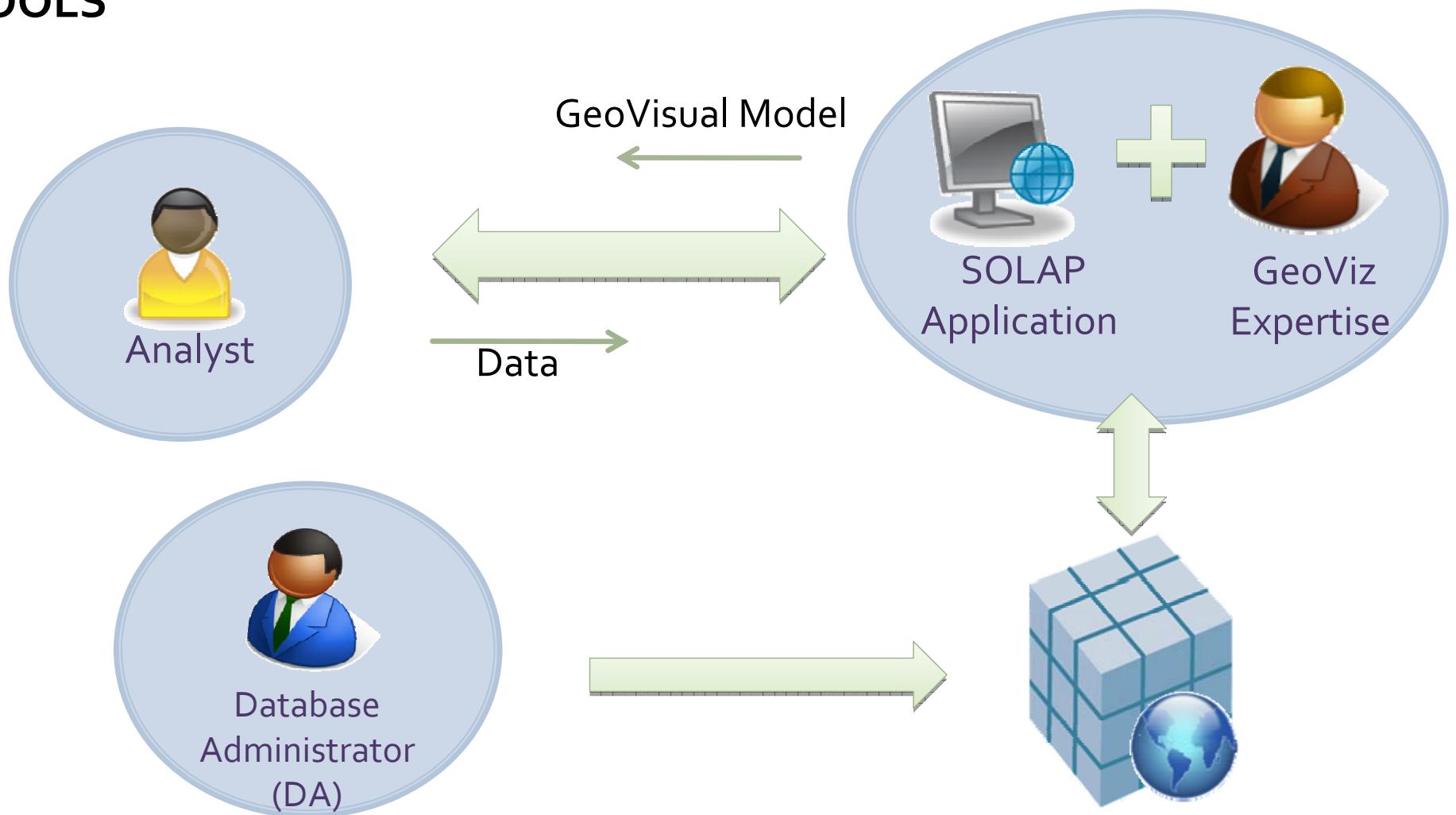
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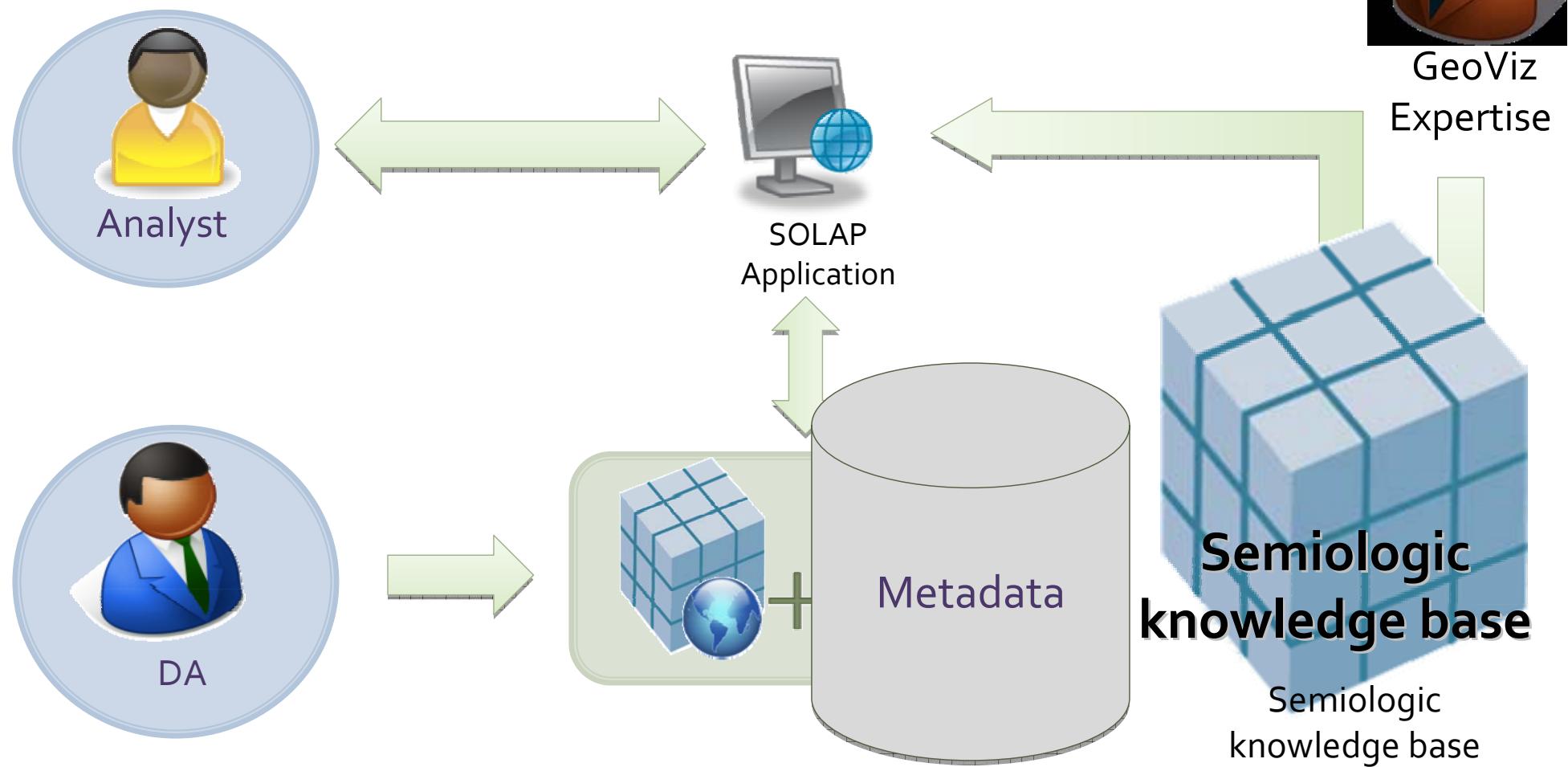
Our Solution

INTEGRATING A SEMIOLOGIC KNOWLEDGE BASE WITH SOLAP TOOLS



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Geovisualization strategy

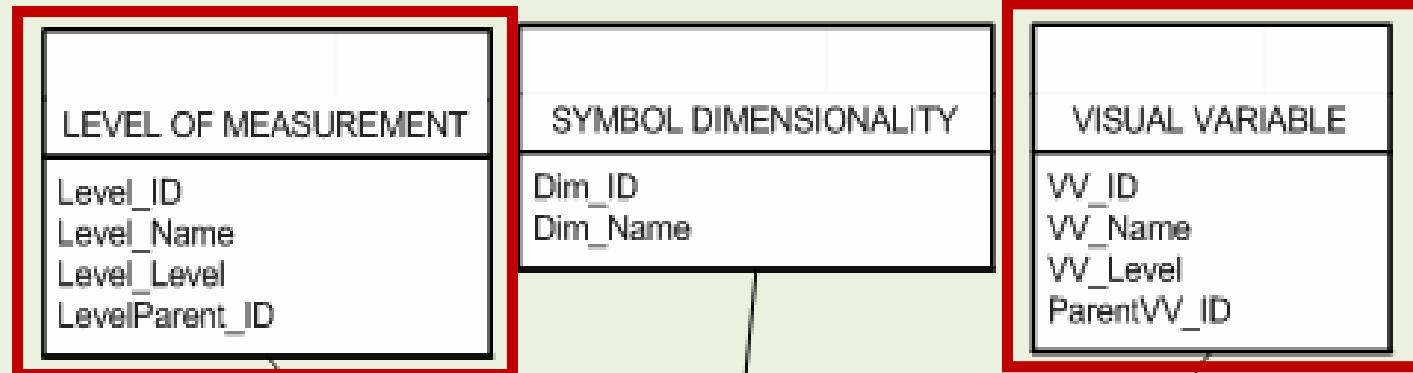


Semiotic knowledge base

- Two levels of semiotic knowledge
 - Representation of one component
 - Representation of all components together



ONE COMPONENT REPRESENTATION

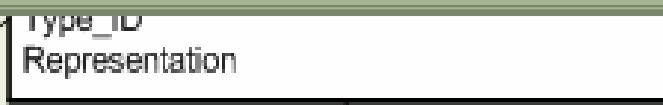


Multidimensional data structure
Cross-tabulated dimensions
describe a fact

TYPE OF OBJECT			
Type_ID			
Type_Name			
Type_Level			
ParentType			

ARRANGEMENT			

SOLAP COMPONENT			
Comp_ID			
Comp_Name			
Comp_Level			
ParentComp_ID			

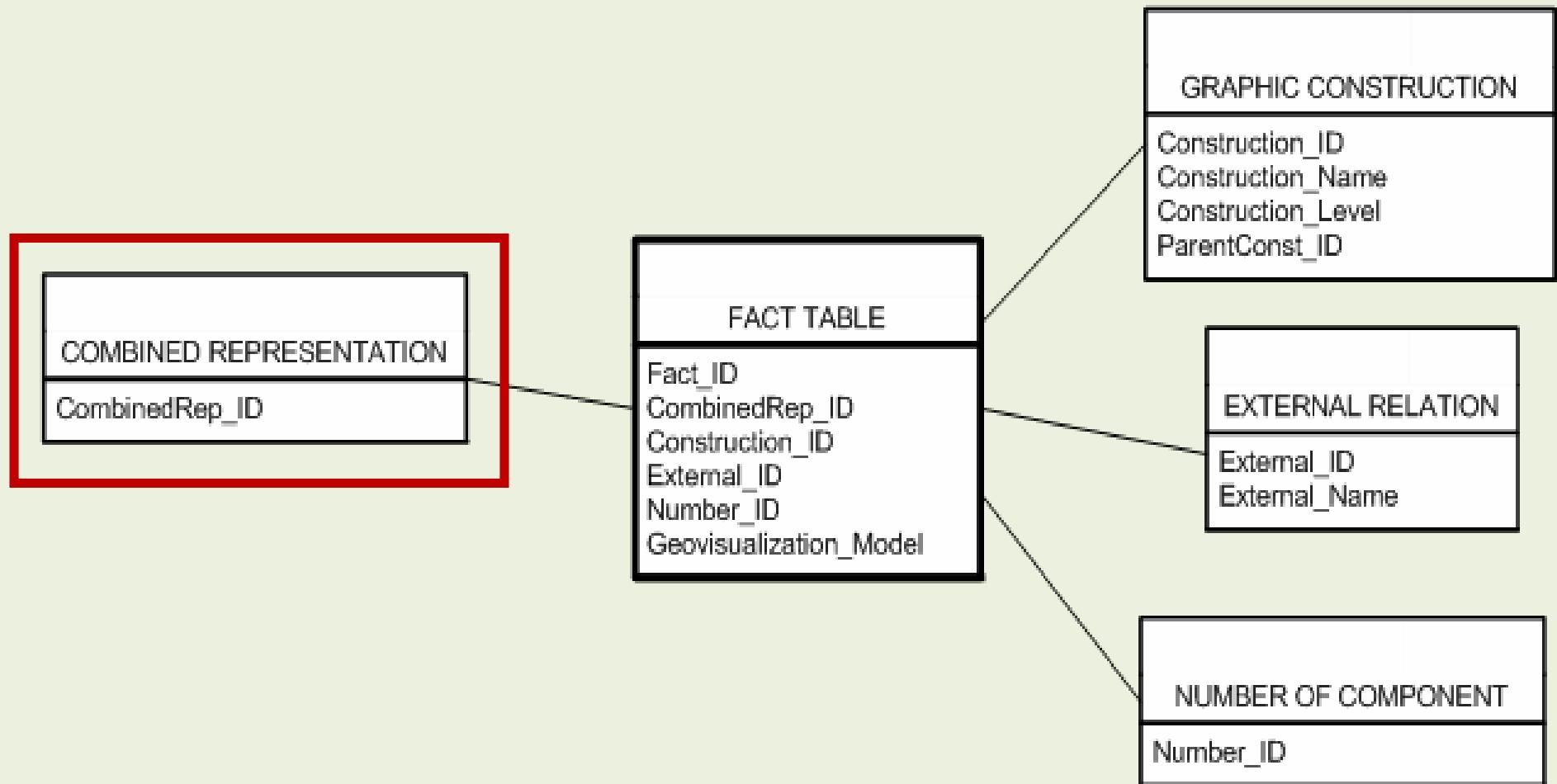


VARIATION	
Variation_ID	
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LEVEL OF PERCEPTION	
Peroep_ID	
Peroep_Name	

DISTRIBUTION	
Dist_ID	
Dist_Name	

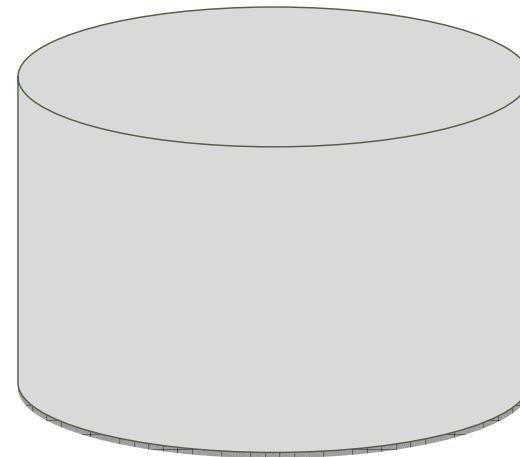
ALL COMPONENTS REPRESENTATION



Geovisualization Metadata

DEFINITION OF

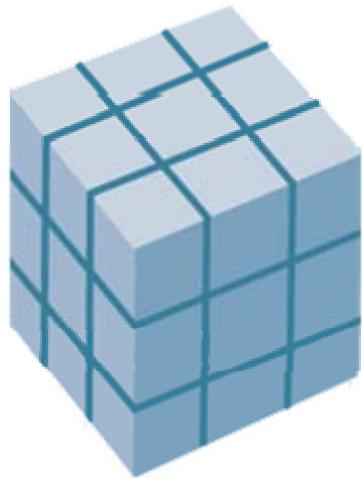
- Level of measurement
- Distribution
- Variation
- Internal relation
- External relation



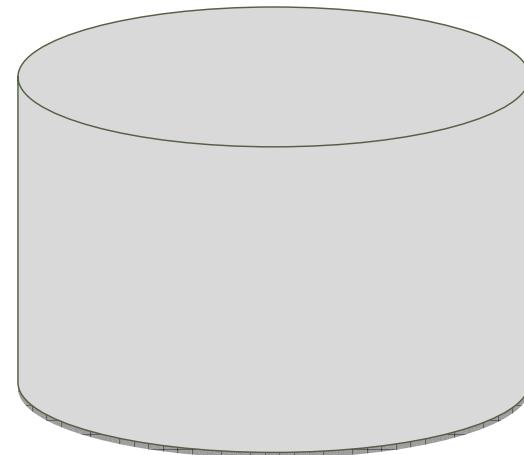
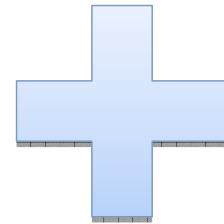
Geovisualization
Metadata

The other dimensions are derived from the knowledge base and the SOLAP application.

Answer to geovisualization needs



Semiotic
Knowledge base

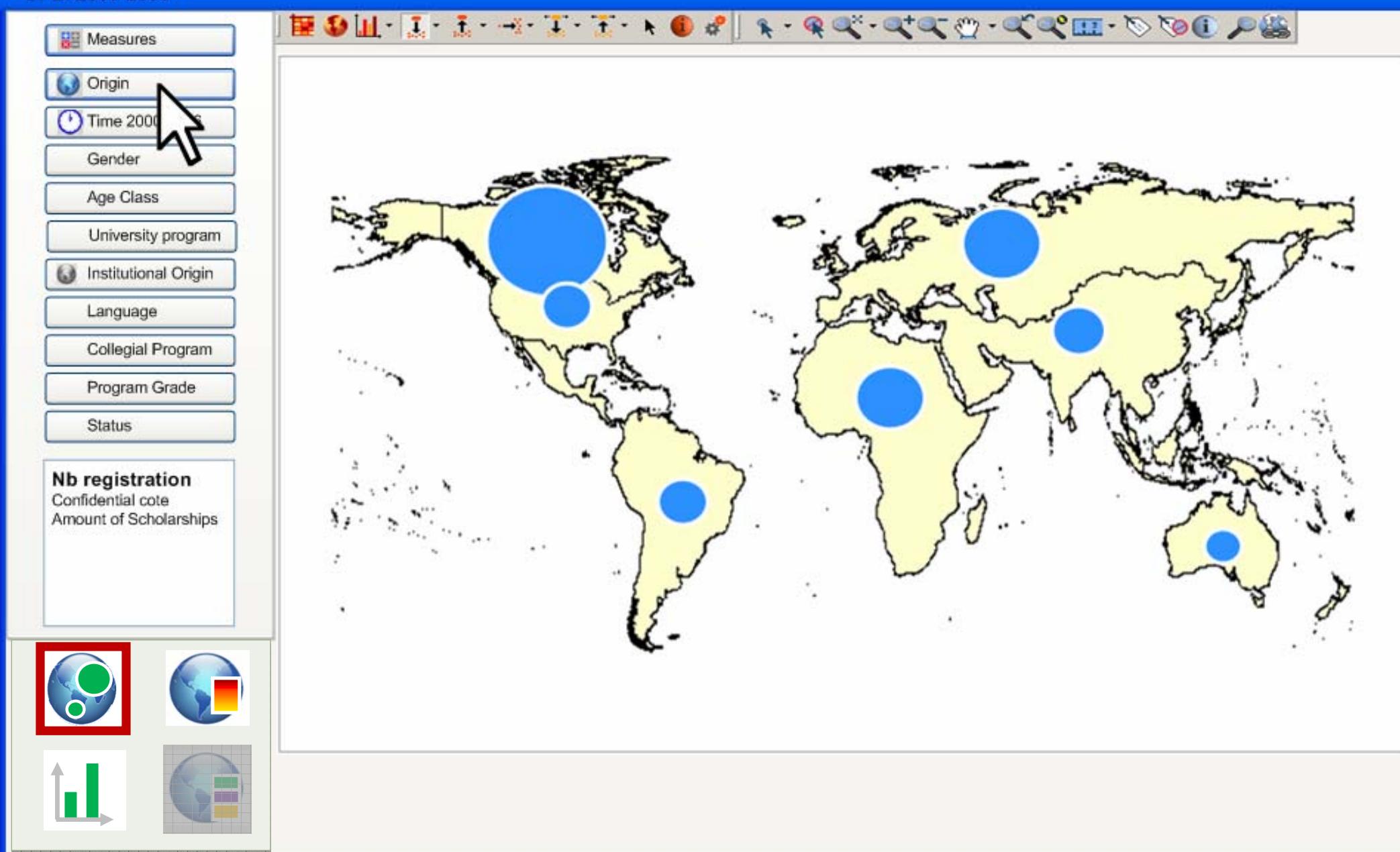


Geovisualization
Metadata

We can provide appropriate
geovisualization support.

Change the dimensions of the analysis from space...

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.... to gender

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Measures

Origin

Time 2000-2006

Gender

Age Class

University program

Institutional Origin

Language

Collegial Program

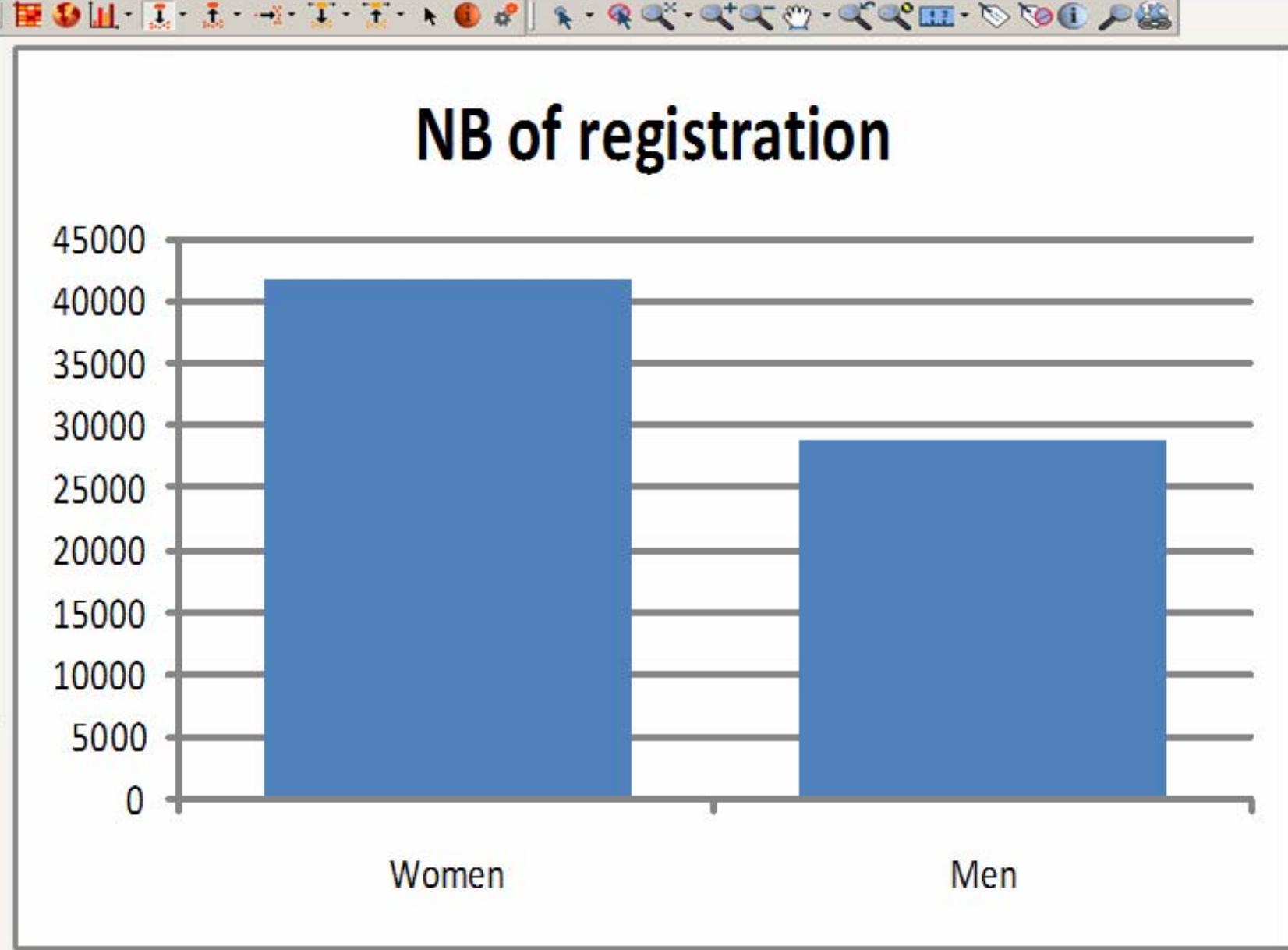
Program Grade

Status

Nb registration

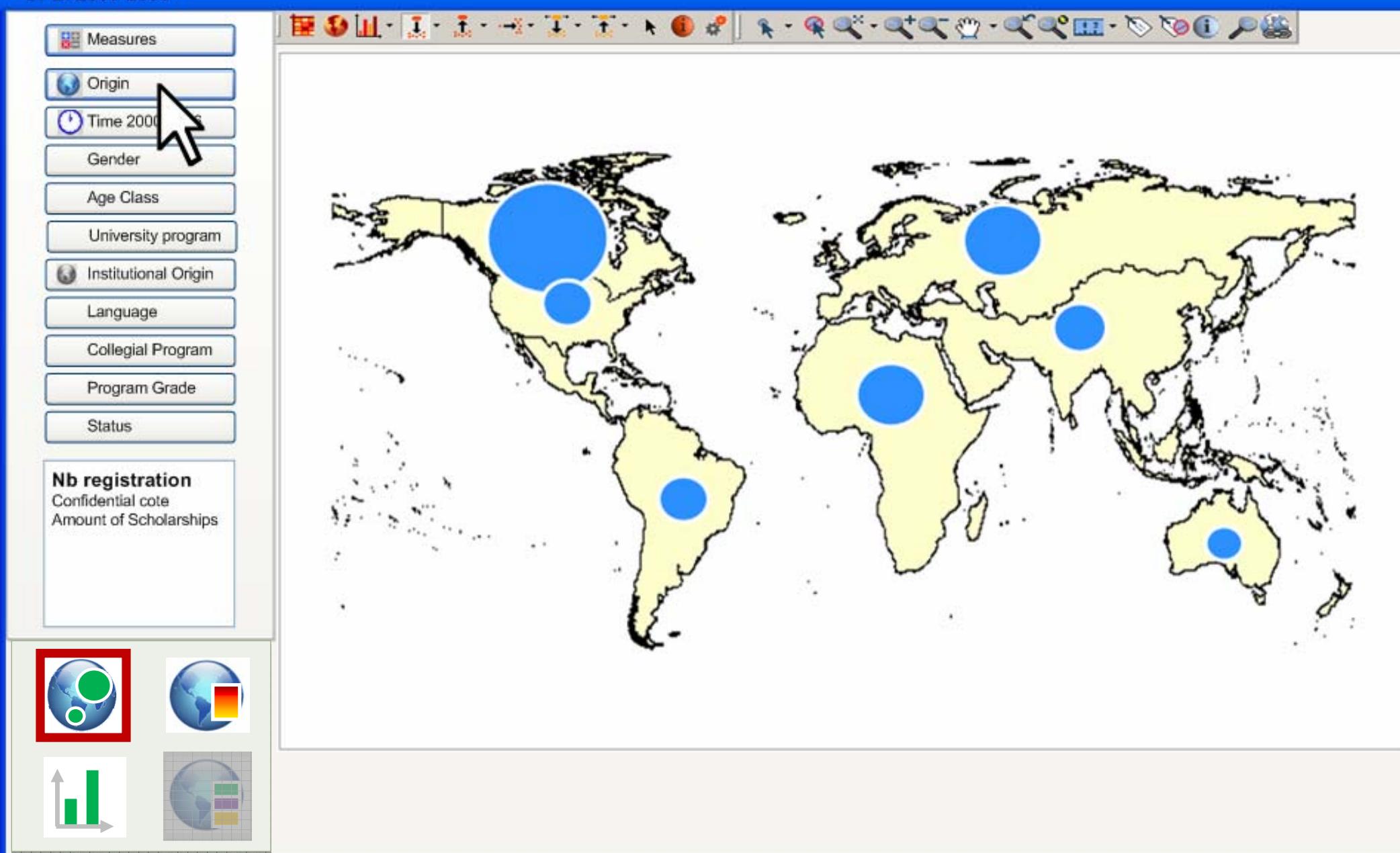
Confidential code

Amount of Scholarships



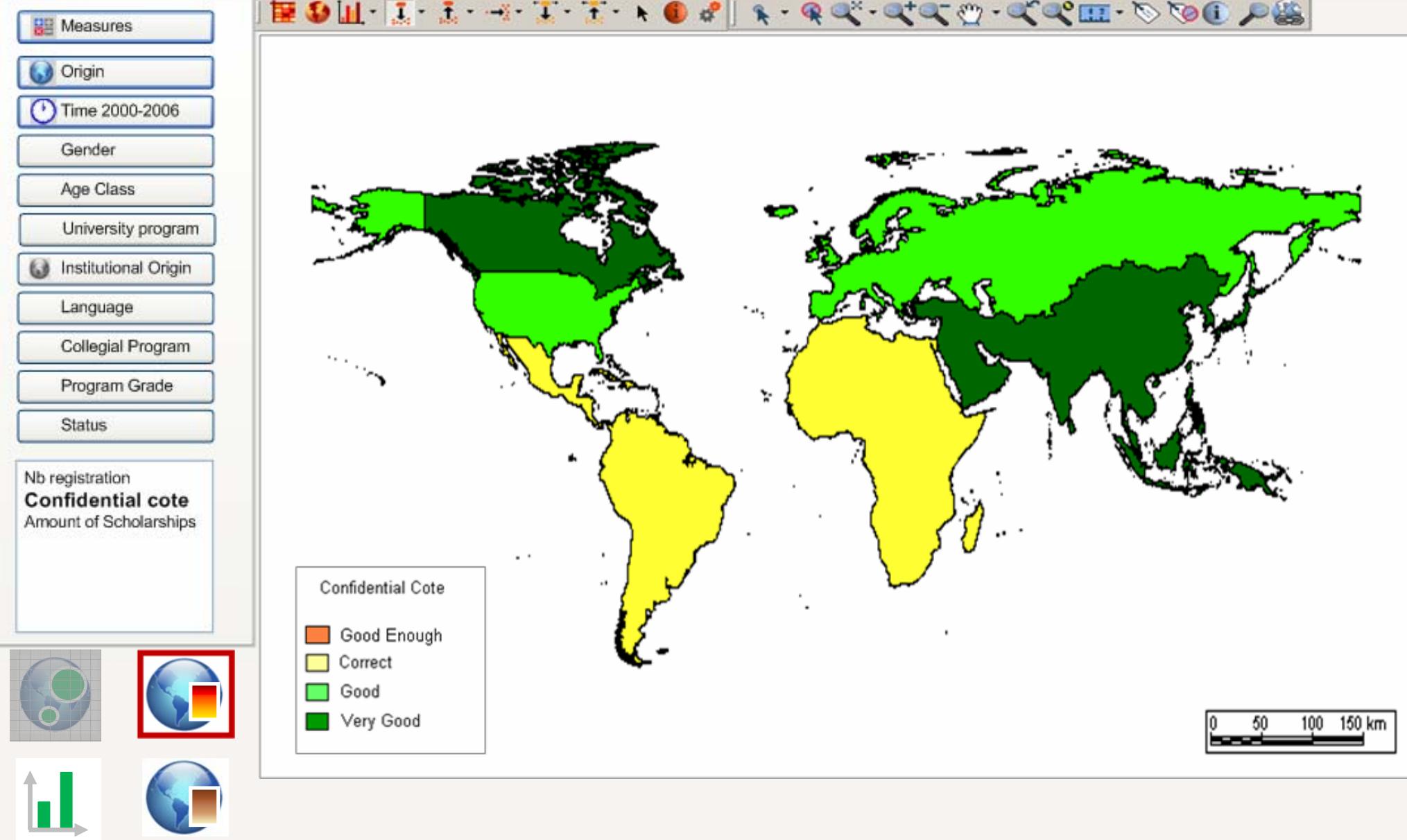
Change the measure of the analysis... from nb of registration ...

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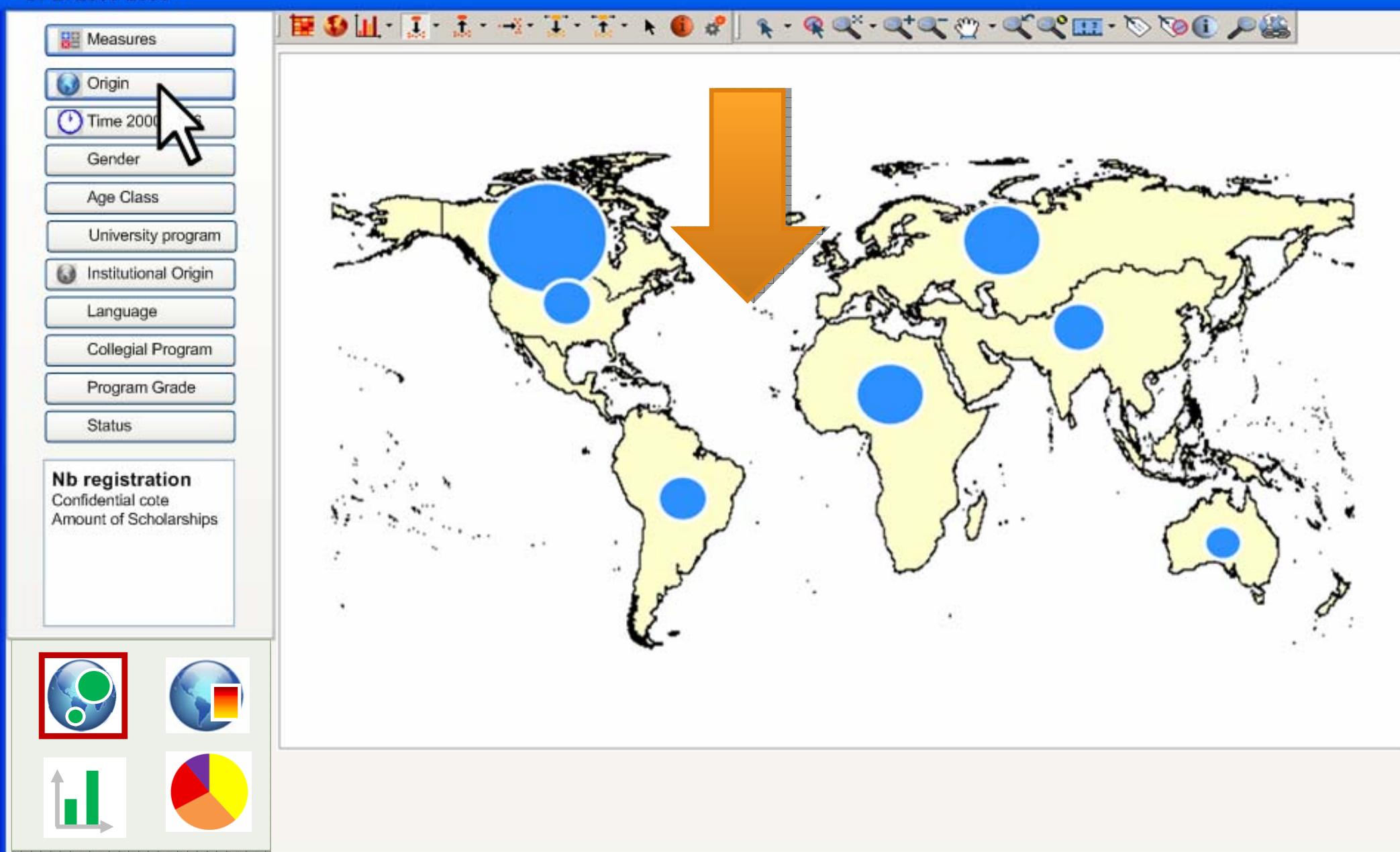
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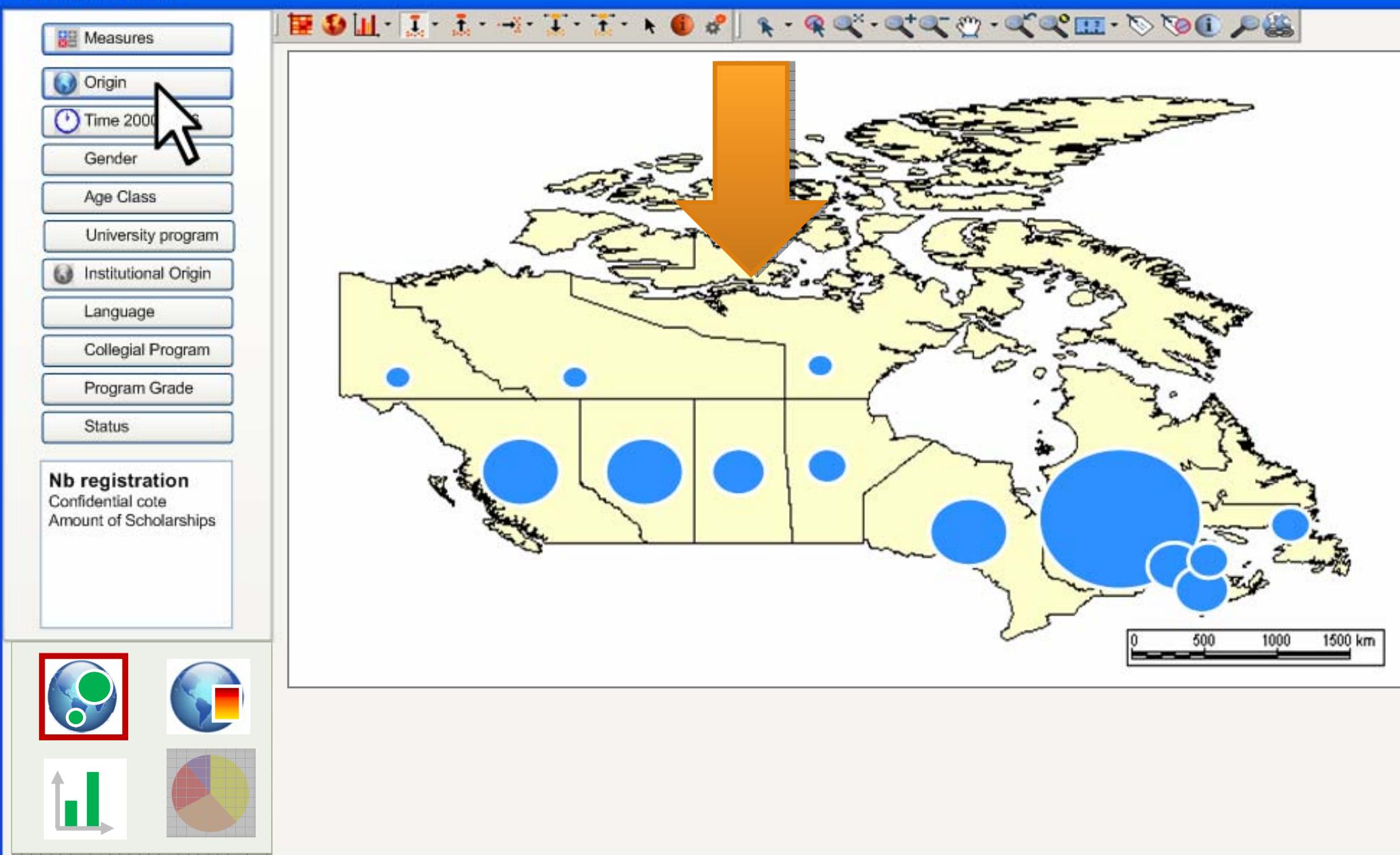
Change the level of granularity... from countries...

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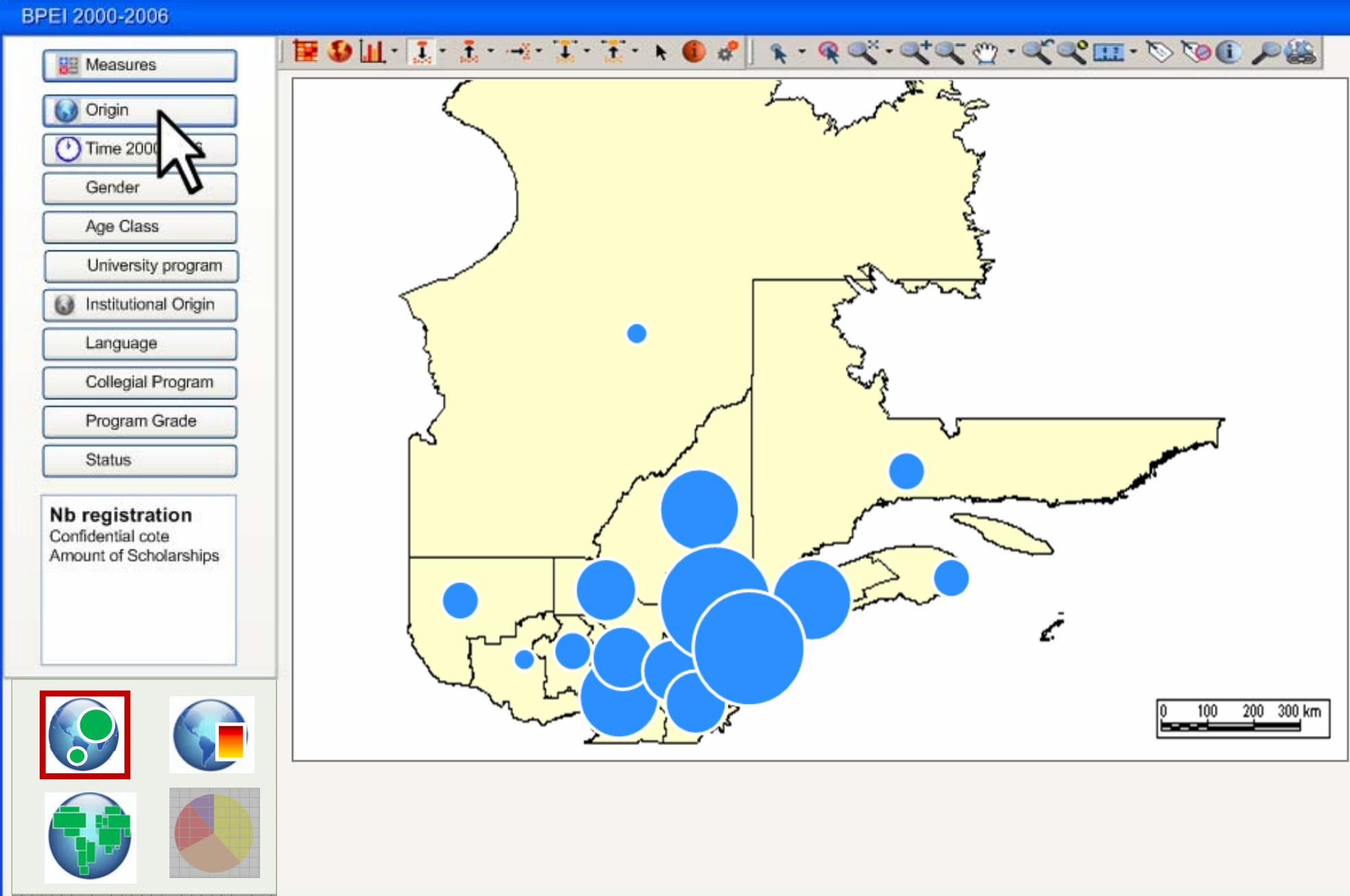


... to provinces...

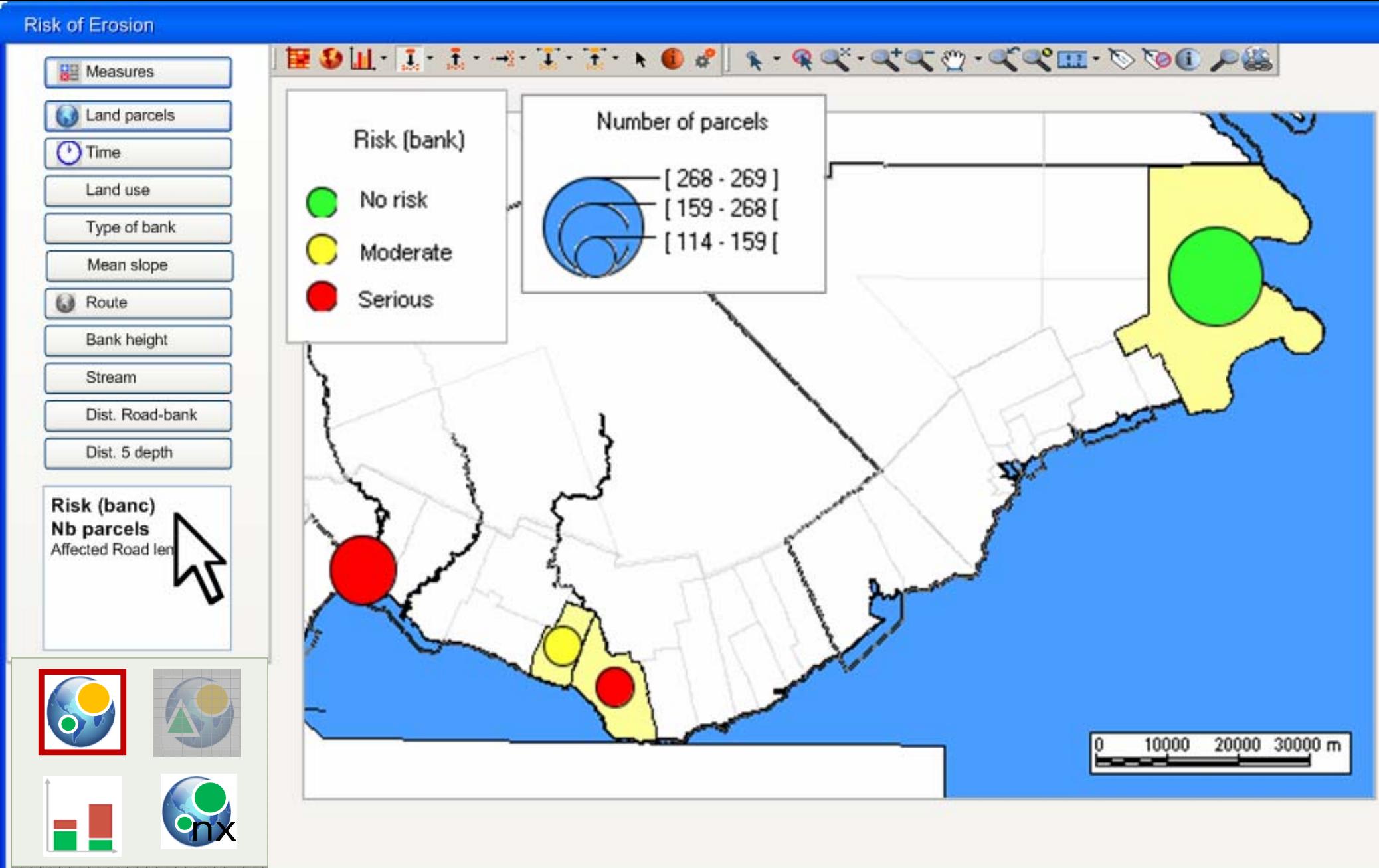
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... to administrative regions.

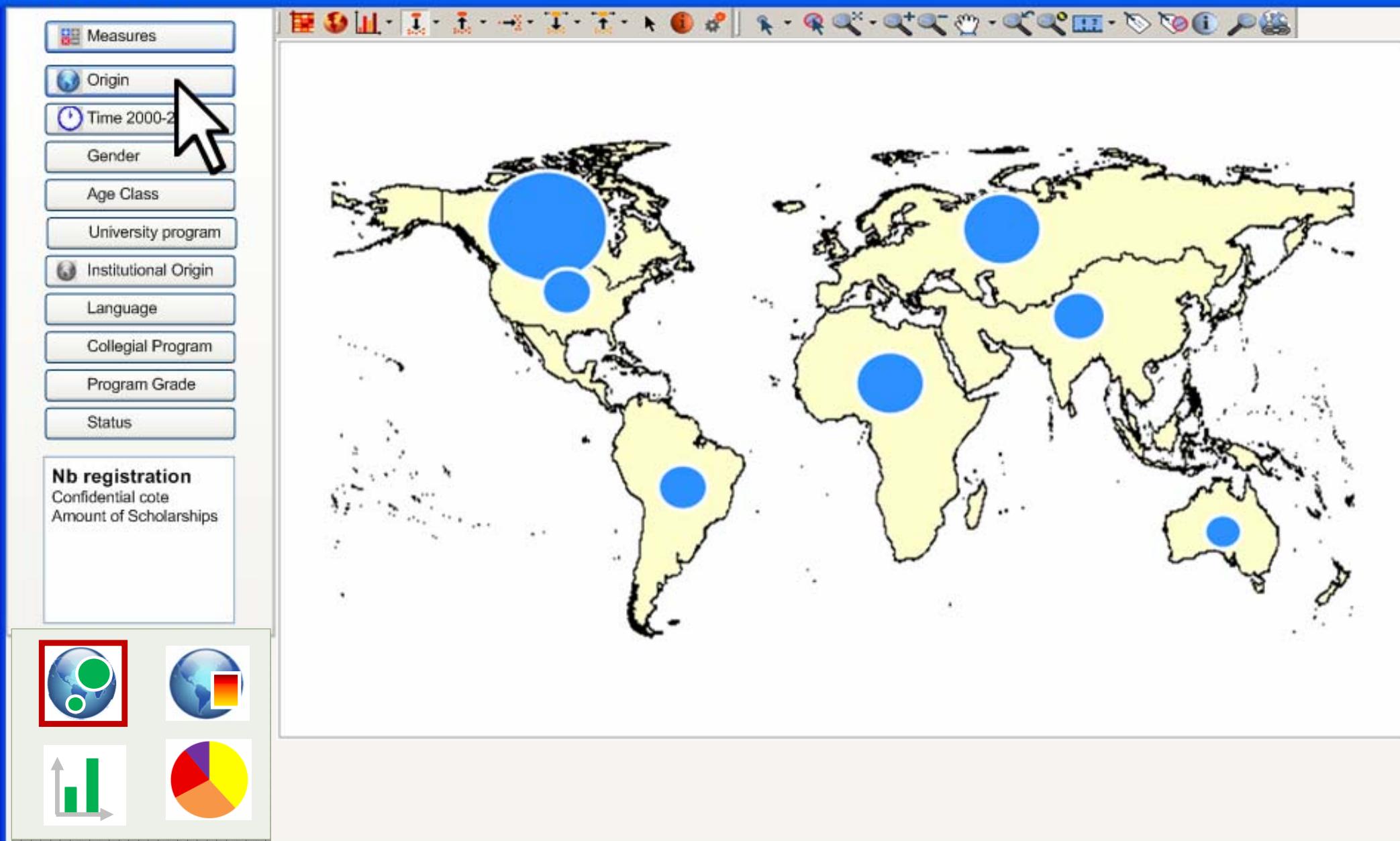


From univariate... to bivariate... to multivariate



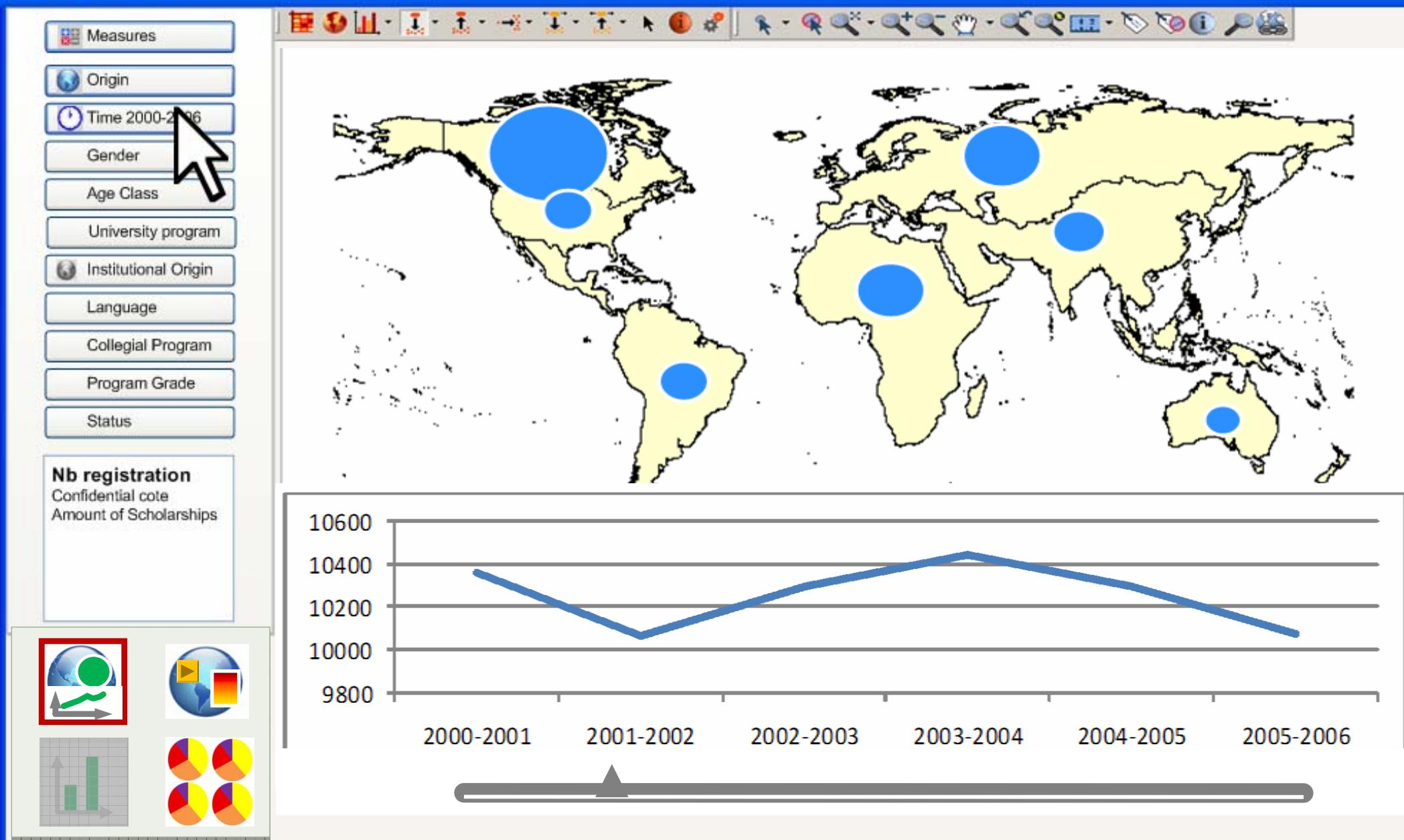
As multiple dimensions are cross-tabulated from one...

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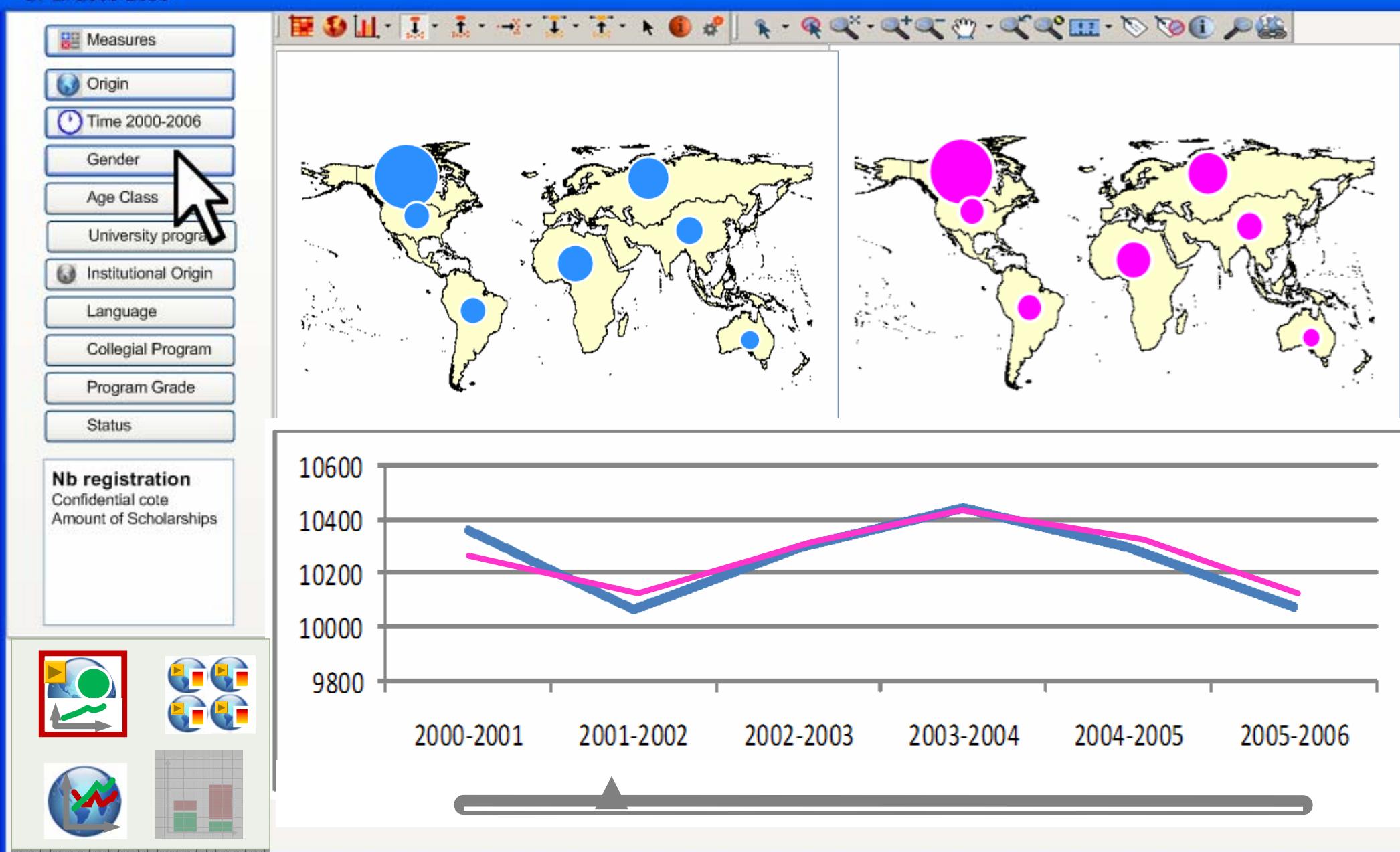
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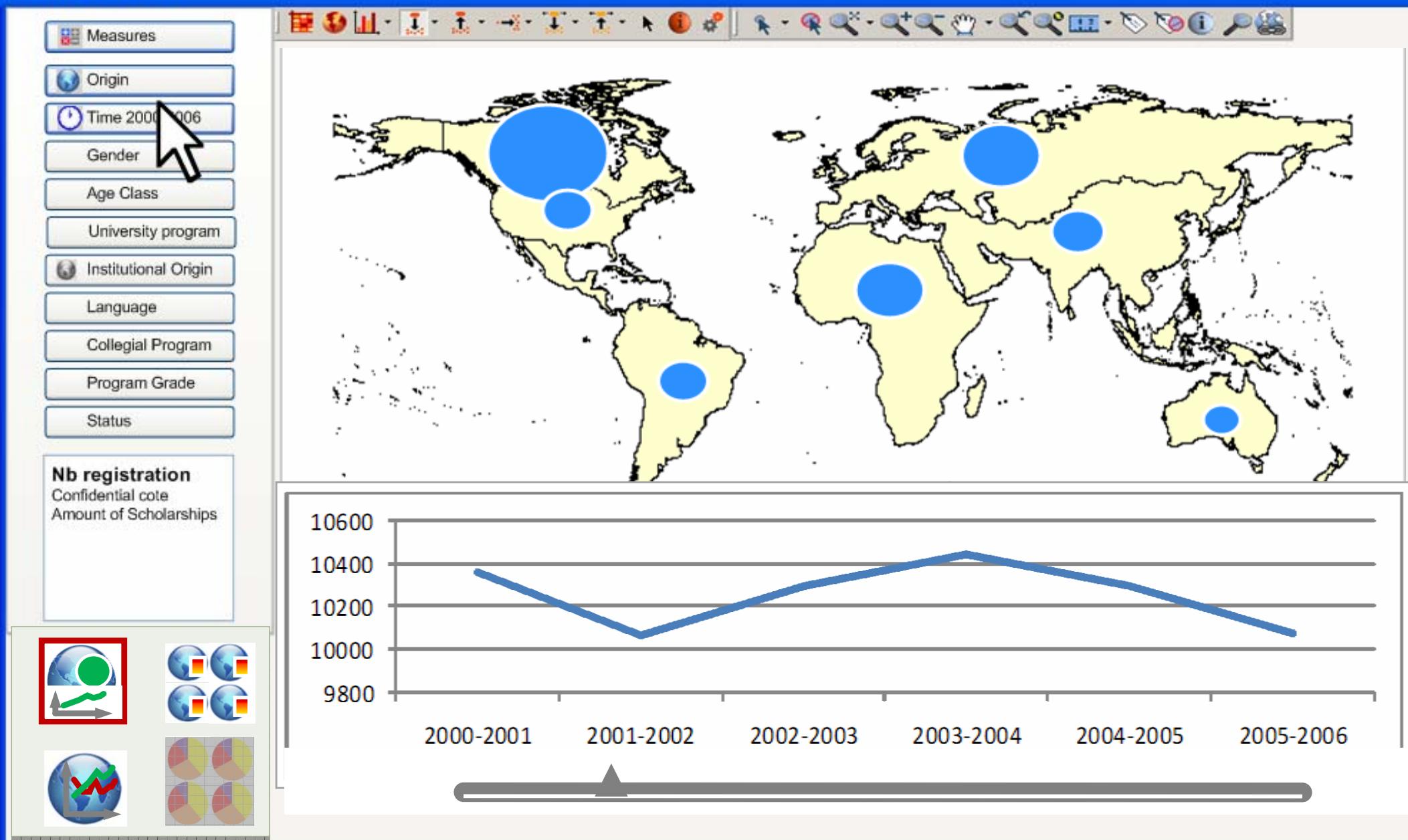
As multiple dimensions are cross-tabulated from one... two... three dimensions

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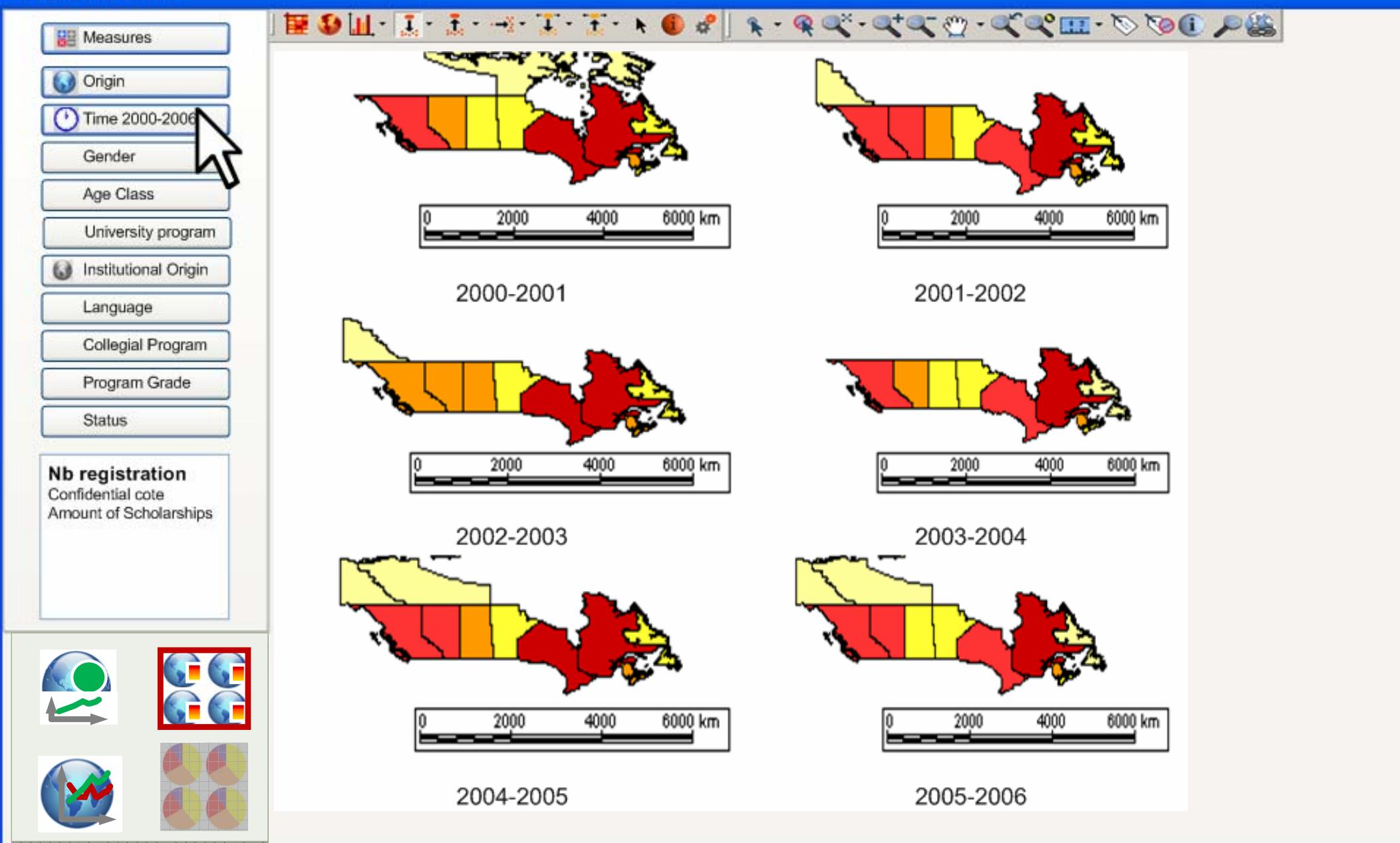
Different points of view of the same data... from one...

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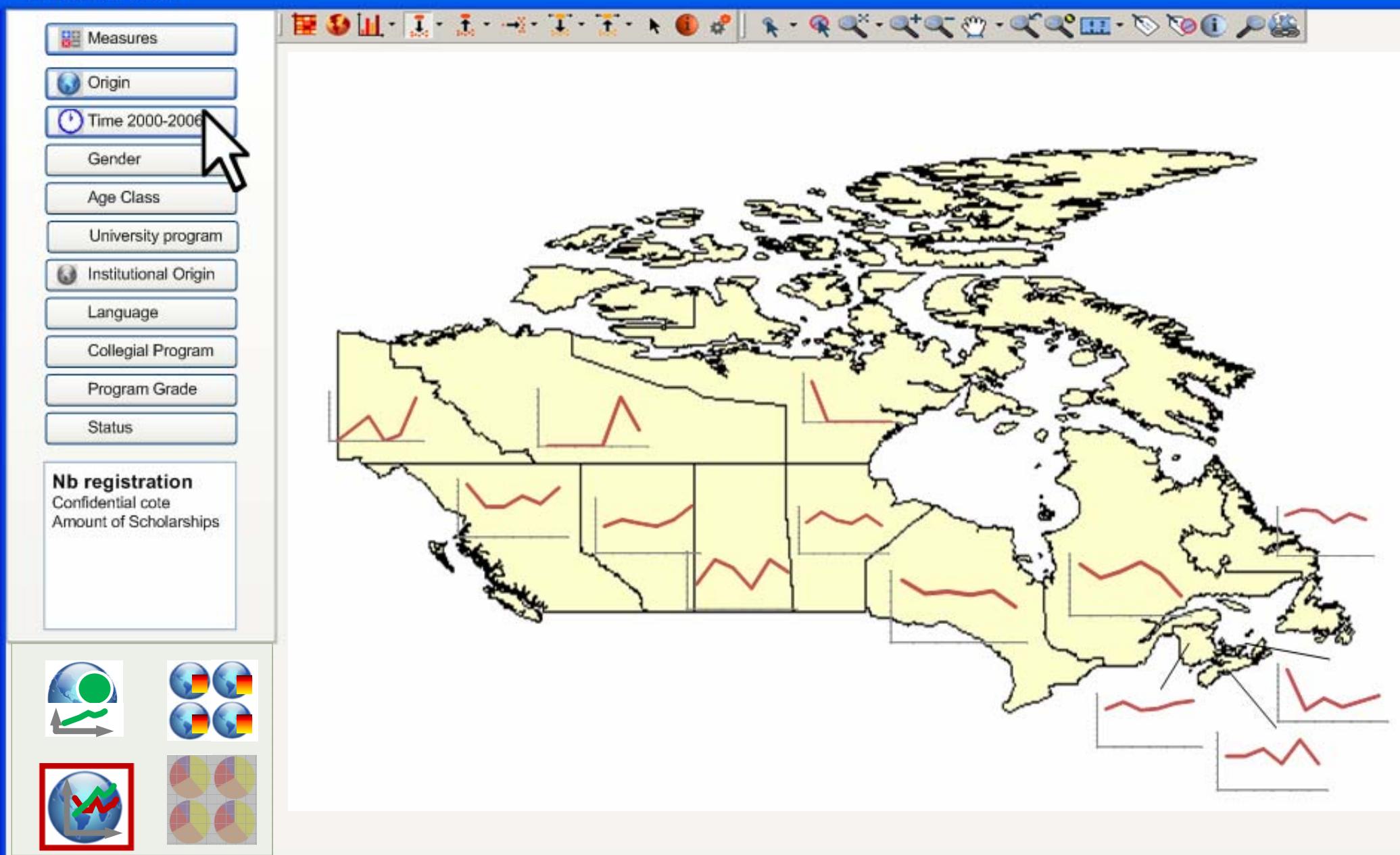
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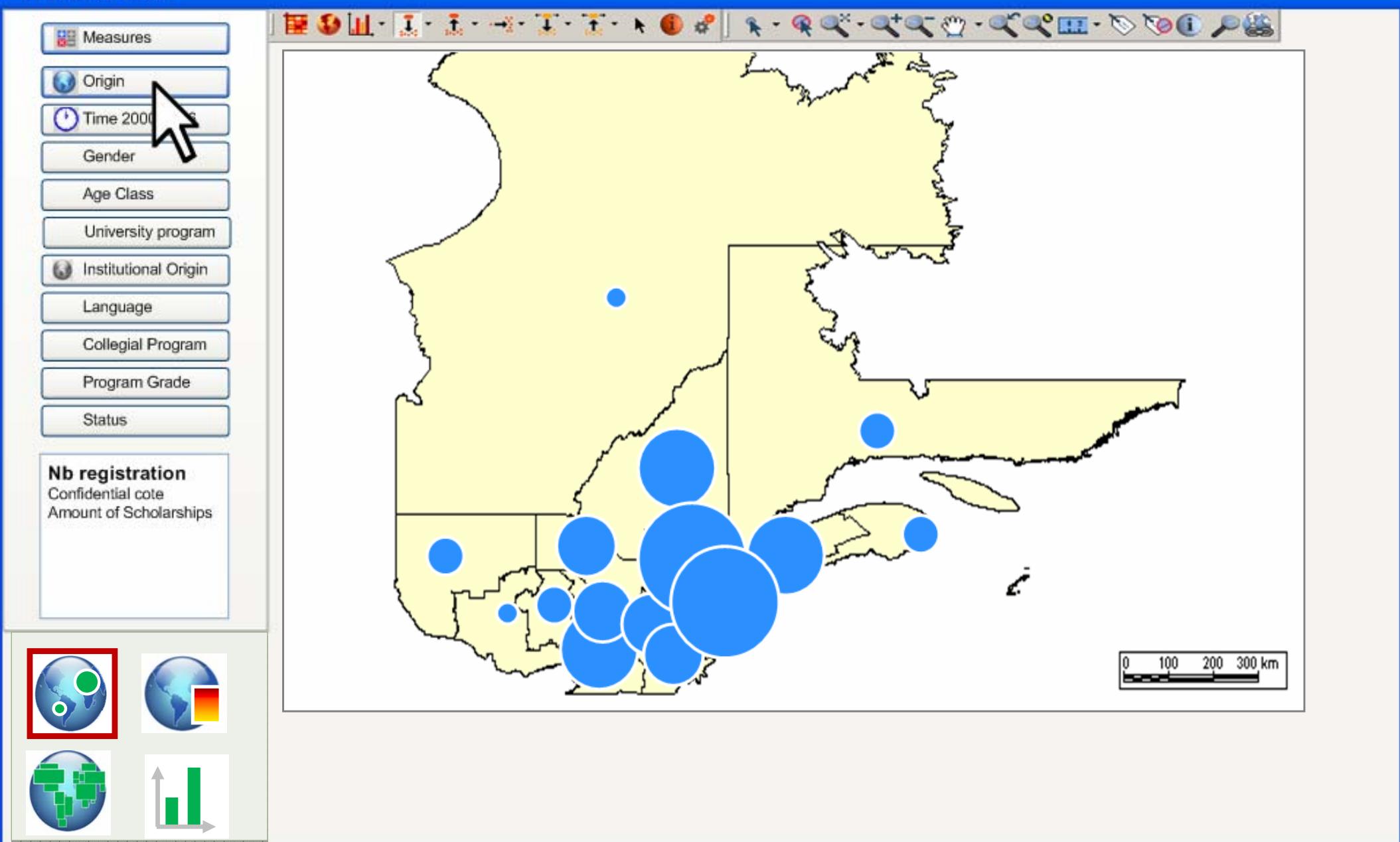
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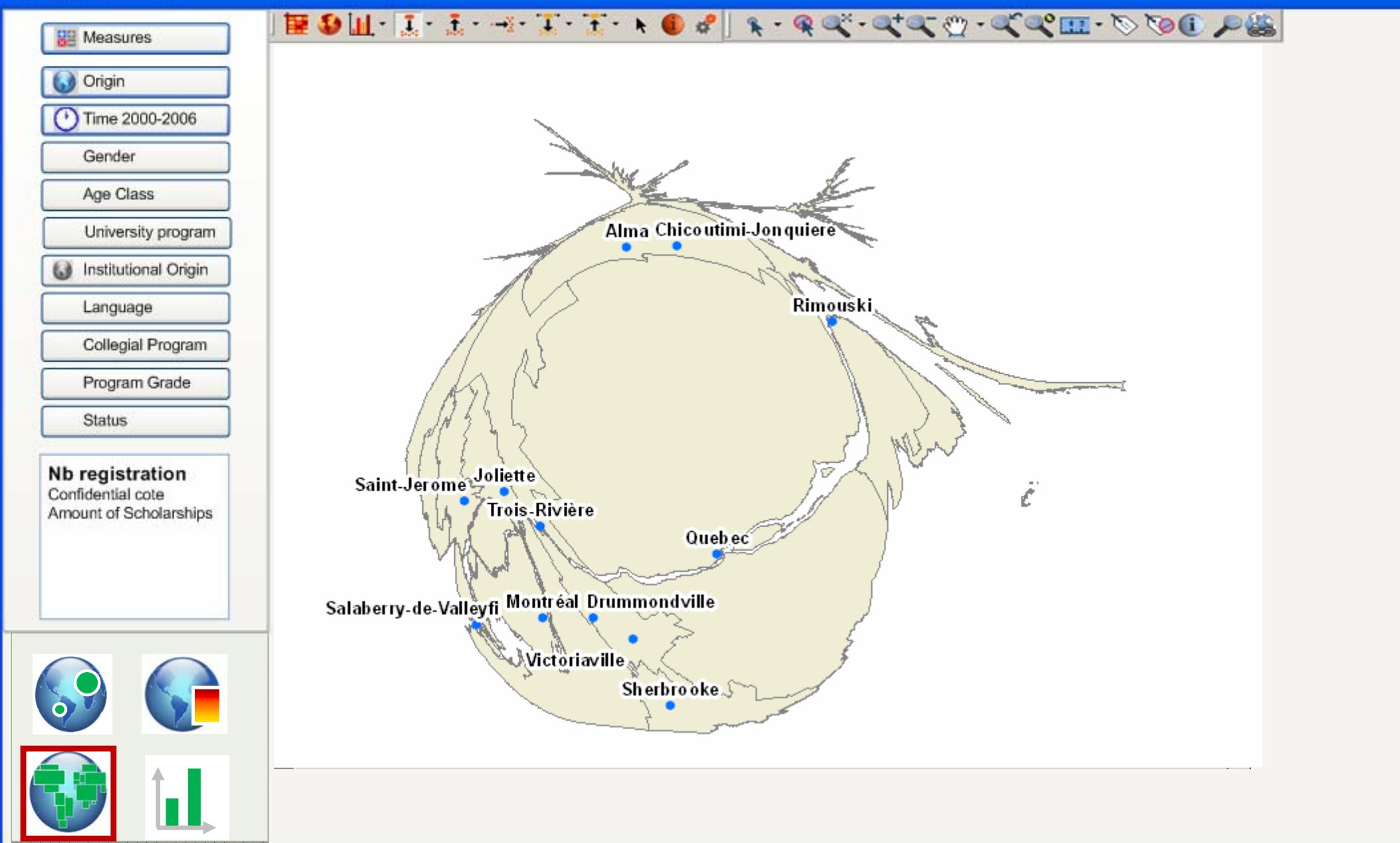
Multiple views readily available from one...

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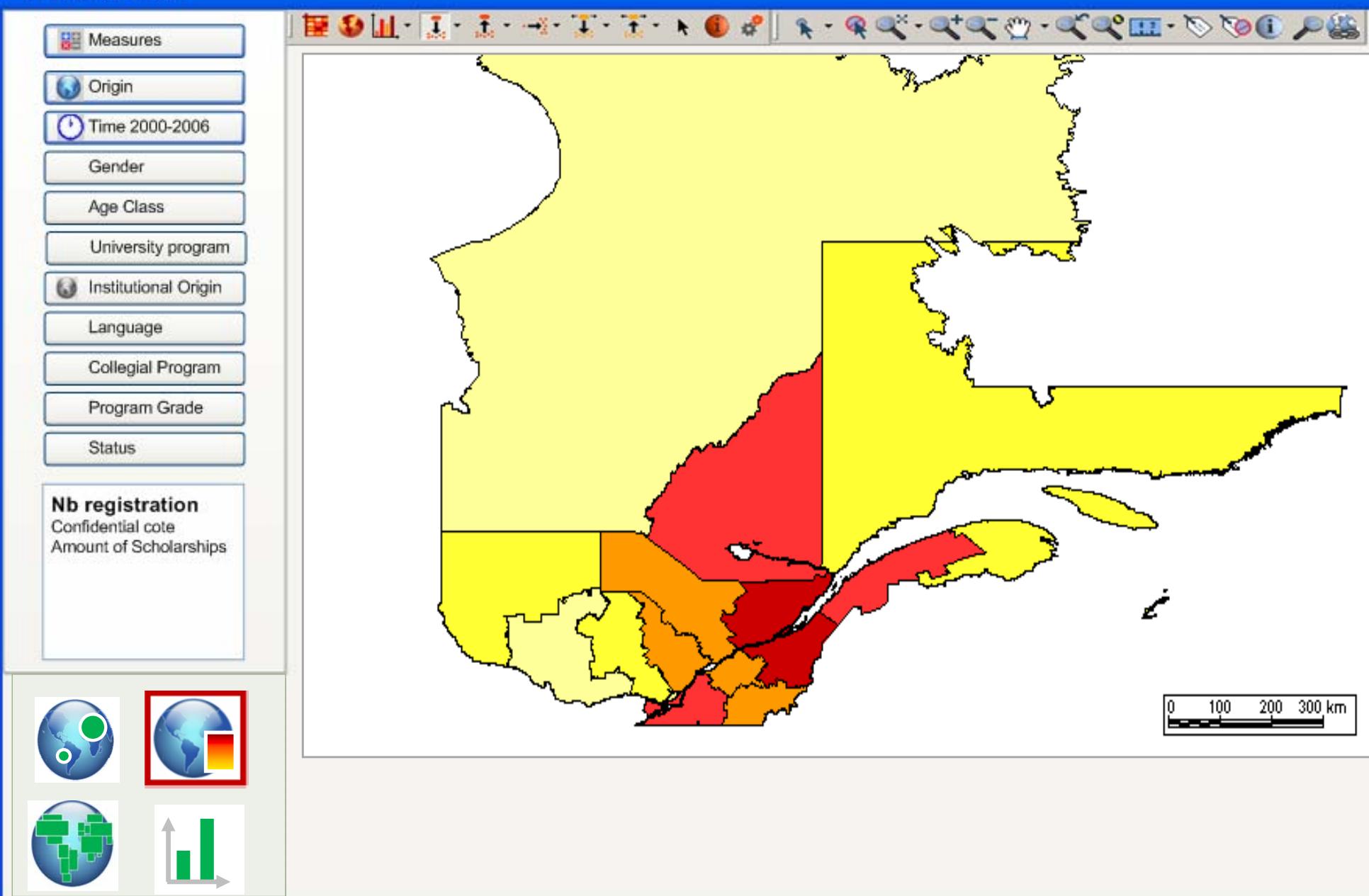
Multiple views readily available from one... two

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Multiple views readily available from one... two... three... views.

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Advances for GeoVisual Analytics

- Spatial OLAP for analytical needs
- Geovisualization + SOLAP
- Natural interaction with the data as well as with their geovisualization
- Support and increase the visual thinking



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Strengths and limits

- Strengths
 - Respects the data manipulation
 - Respects the exploration philosophy
 - Gives the flexibility to the geoViz expert to add new model to the system
 - Integrates a part of the semiologic knowledge
- Limits
 - Doesn't address the ART part of geovisualization
 - Still need a context definition by the DA
 - Still need a way to order the appropriate models with the context