An aerial photograph of a city, likely Santiago, Chile, with a large, snow-capped mountain (Cerro San Cristóbal) in the background. The city is densely packed with buildings, and the overall scene is hazy, suggesting air pollution or smog. The text is overlaid on the image.

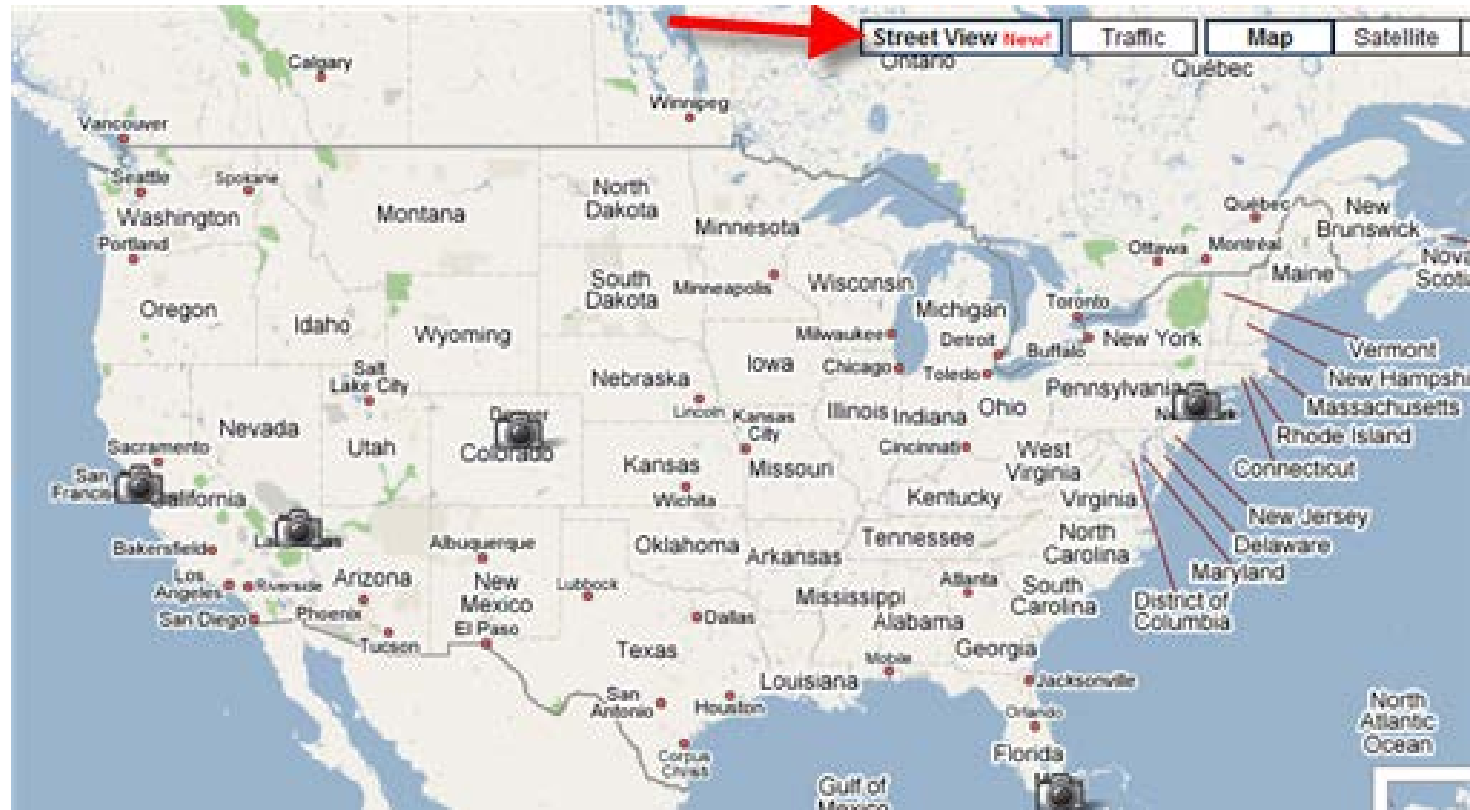
Google “Air View”

**Helping to make air quality information
more useable and accessible**

**Karin Tuxen-Bettman, PhD
Google Earth Outreach**



Street View launch, May 2007



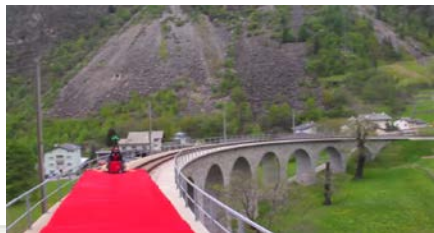
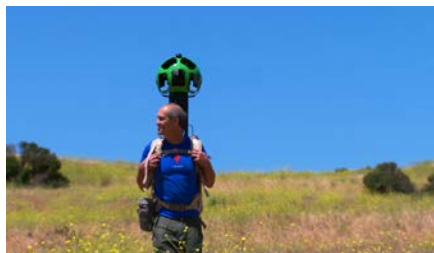
Scaling! (2007-2009)



Coverage today: 77 countries across 7 continents



Oh, the places you'll go...





N 4th St
St. Louis, Missouri

Street View - Jun 2015

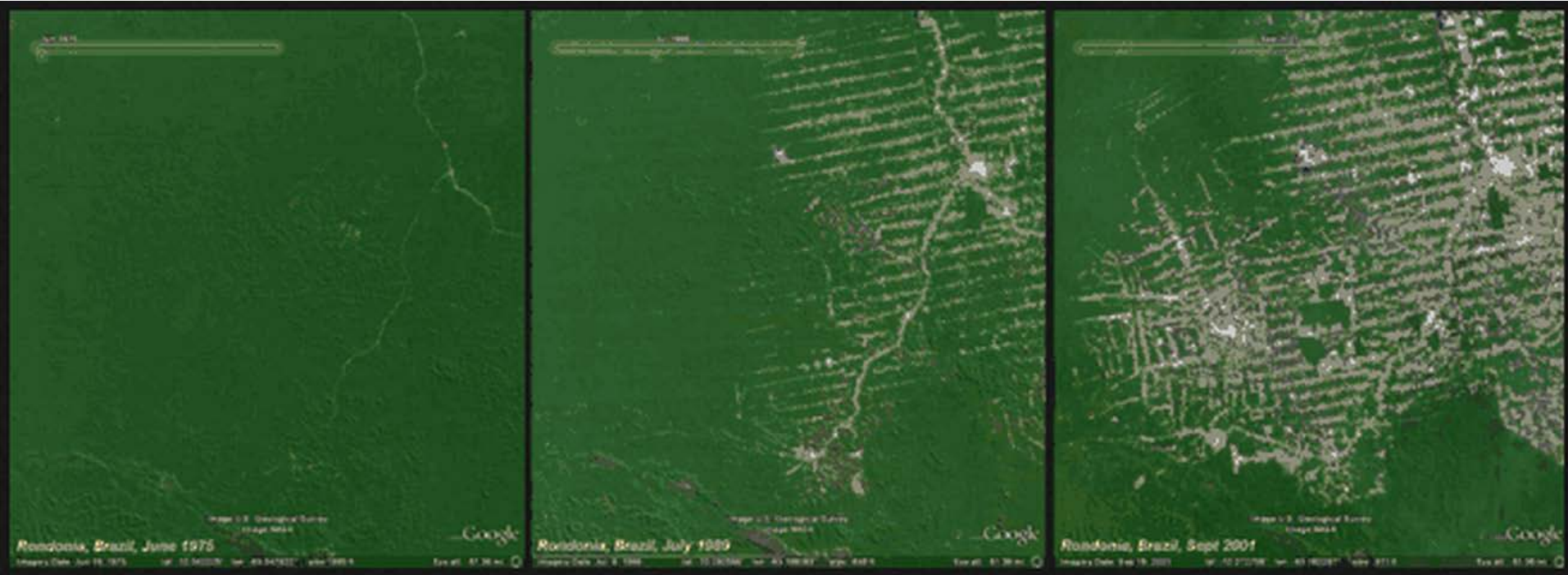


Back to Map

Google

Image capture: Jun 2015 © 2016 Google Terms Report a problem

Origins (2009): The Problem



Source: *UNEP Atlas of Our Changing Environment*

Operating NASA Earth Science Missions



Aqua

QuikSCAT

OSTM/Jason 2

Aquarius/SAC-D

Terra

TRMM

EO-1

Suomi NPP

Aura

ACRIMSAT

Landsat 7

Landsat 8

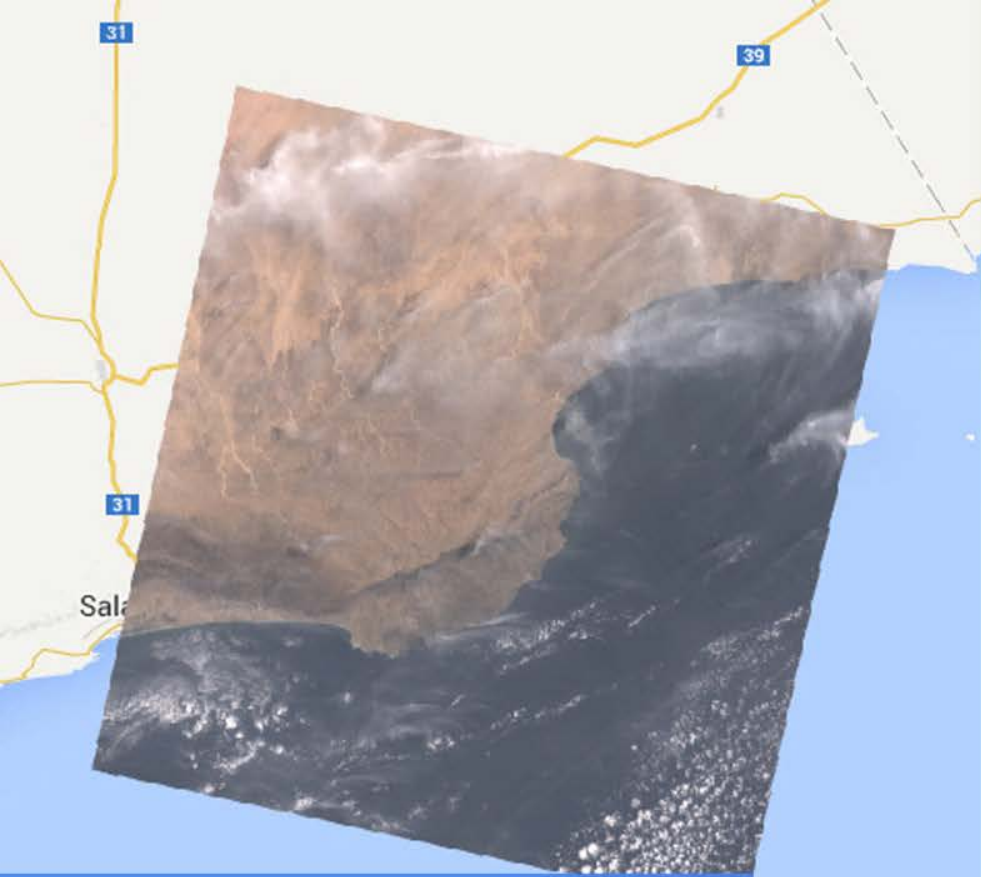
SORCE

GRACE (2)

CALIPSO

GPM Core

CloudSat



Satellite imagery

One Landsat 8 image:

- 64M pixels (30m resolution)
- 10 spectral bands
- 12 bits/band
- 600 images/day

**MORE THAN 4M IMAGES
FROM 42 YEARS OF LANDSAT.**

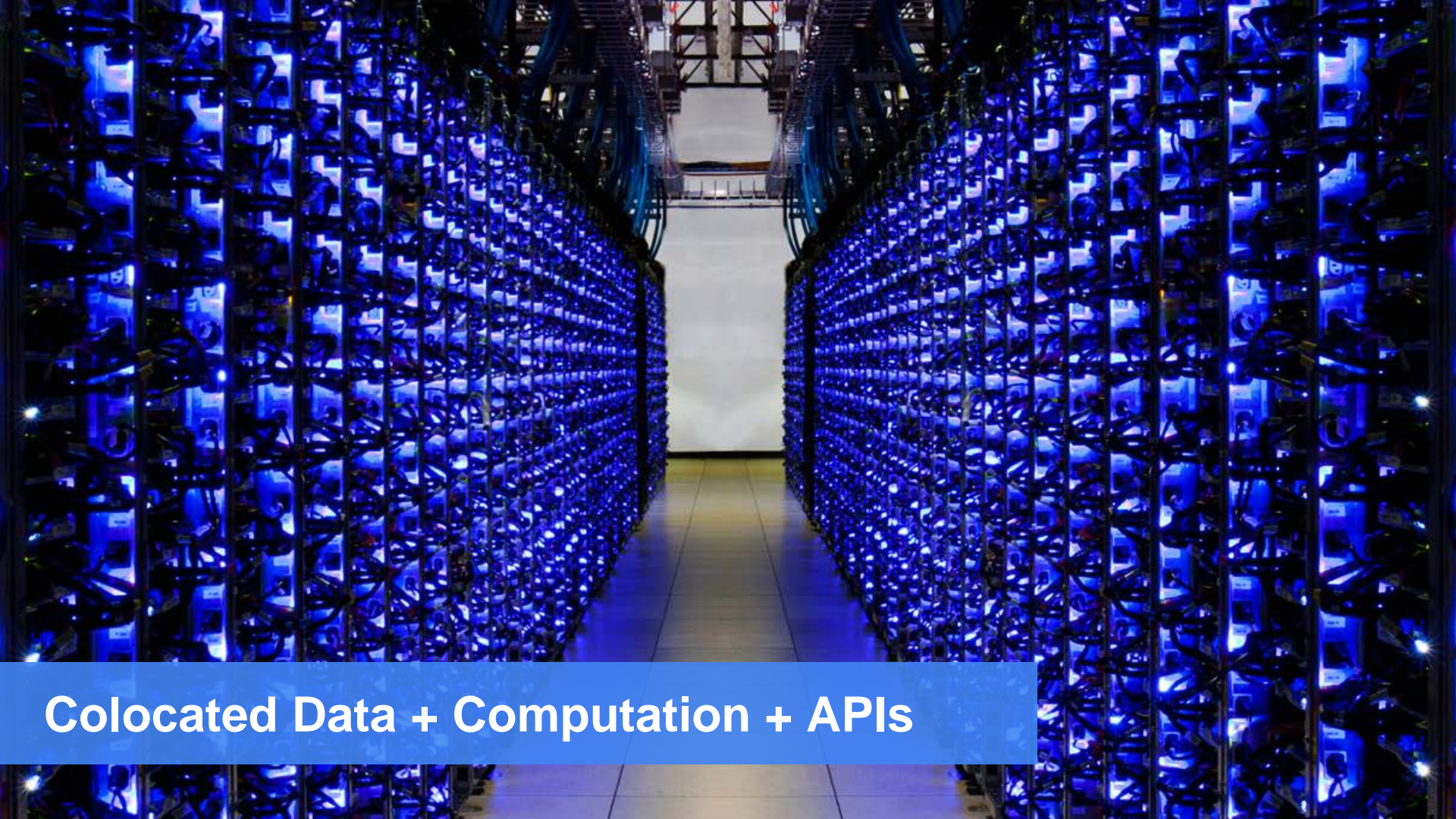
Many other satellites with different combinations of spatial resolution, spectral bands, collection frequency.



4 Million Landsat images (1972-2016)

More than a petabyte stored on tapes at USGS and growing daily

Earth Observation Data Archives



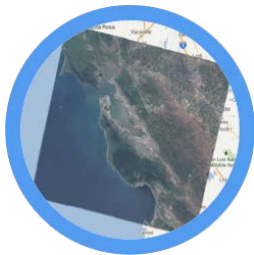
Colocated Data + Computation + APIs

Google Earth Engine



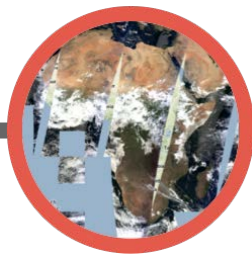
earthengine.google.com

The Earth Engine Data Catalog



Landsat & Sentinel

10-30m, 14-day

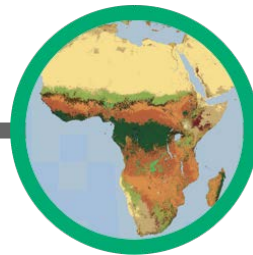


MODIS

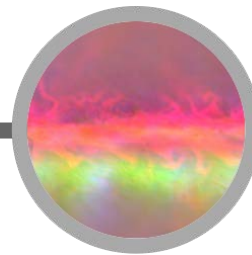
250m daily



**Your own data
can be added**



Terrain & Land Cover



Weather & Climate

NOAA NCEP, OMI, ...

... and many more, updating daily!

> 200 public datasets

> 5 million images

> 4000 new images every day

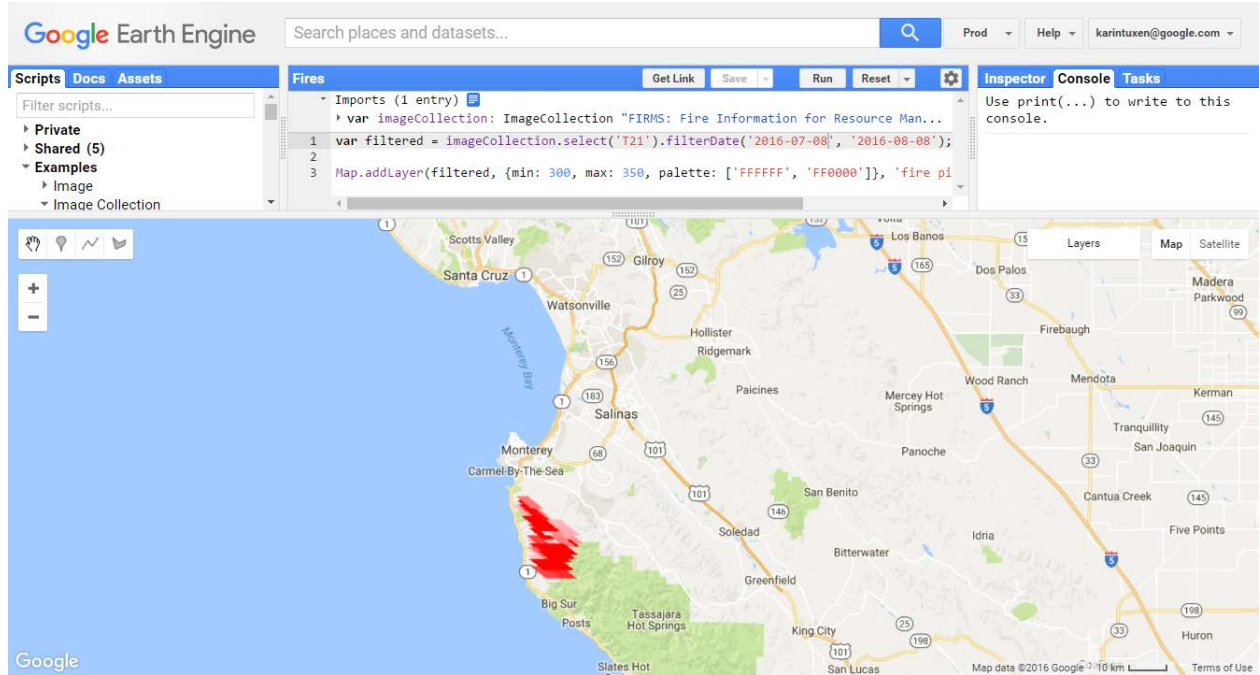
> 5 petabytes of data

AQ-related datasets in Earth Engine

- [MODIS fire data \(FIRMS\)](#) ingested into EE daily.



MODIS of Soberanes Fire



FIRMS data showing Soberanes Fire in Earth Engine

AQ-related datasets in Earth Engine

- [MODIS 08 Gridded Atmospheric Product](#) ingested into EE daily.

The screenshot displays the Google Earth Engine web interface. At the top, the Google Earth Engine logo is on the left, and a search bar with the placeholder text "Search places and datasets..." is in the center. To the right of the search bar are buttons for "Prod", "Help", and a user profile dropdown for "karintuxen@google.com".

Below the header, the interface is divided into several panels. On the left is the "Scripts" panel with tabs for "Scripts", "Docs", and "Assets". It contains a "Filter scripts..." input field and a tree view showing "Private", "Shared (5)", and "Examples" folders. The "Examples" folder is expanded, showing "Image", "Image Collection", "Clipped Composite", and "Expression Map".

The central panel is titled "AOD + Ozone" and contains a code editor with the following script:

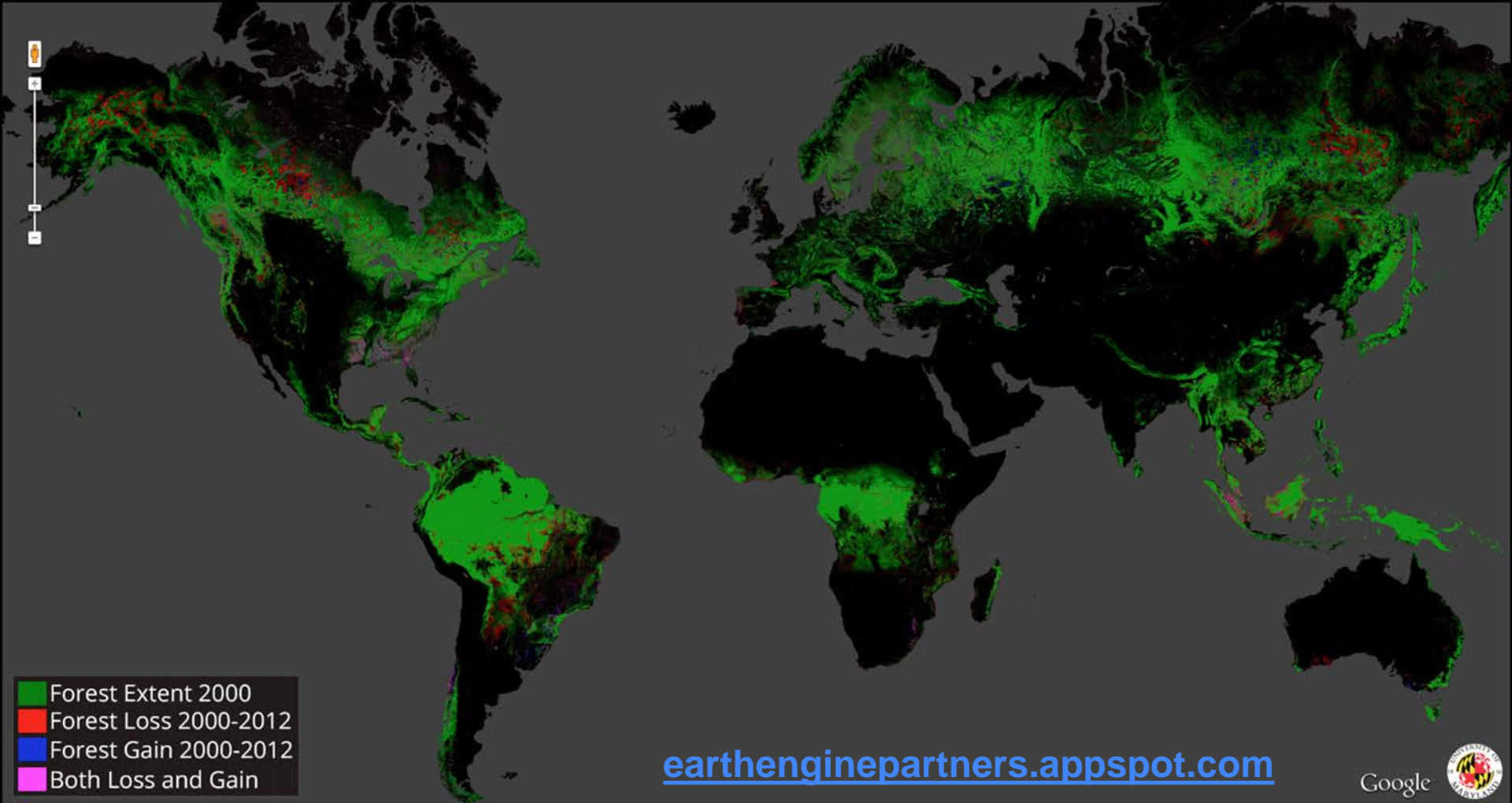
```
Imports (2 entries)
  var imageVisParam: Total_Ozone_Mean_Mean from 2826 to 3187
  var imageVisParam2: Optical_Depth_Land_And_Ocean_Mean_Mean from -13 to 1135

1 var imageCollection = ee.ImageCollection("MODIS/MYD08_M3_051");
2
3 var countries = ee.FeatureCollection('ft:1tdSwUL7MVpOauSgRzqVTowdfy17KDbw-1d9omPw');
4 var us = countries.filter(ee.Filter.equals('Country', 'United States'));
5
6
```

On the right is the "Inspector" panel with tabs for "Inspector", "Console", and "Tasks". The "Inspector" tab is active, showing a message: "Use print(...) to write to this console."

Below the code editor is a world map visualization. The map shows a global distribution of Aerosol Optical Depth (AOD) with a color scale from red (low) to yellow/green (high). The map is labeled "Aerosol Optical Depth" in the bottom left corner. In the bottom right corner, there are buttons for "Layers", "Map", and "Satellite".

At the very bottom of the interface, there is a footer with the text "Map data ©2016", a scale bar for "2000 km", and links for "Terms of Use" and "Report a map error".



A world map with a dark background, overlaid with satellite imagery data in shades of green and red. The data is concentrated in the Northern Hemisphere, particularly over North America, Europe, and Asia.

12
Years
of data

700
Terapixels
of data

654k
Landsat
scenes

1M
Hours of
computation

10,000
CPUs
used

4
Days to
complete

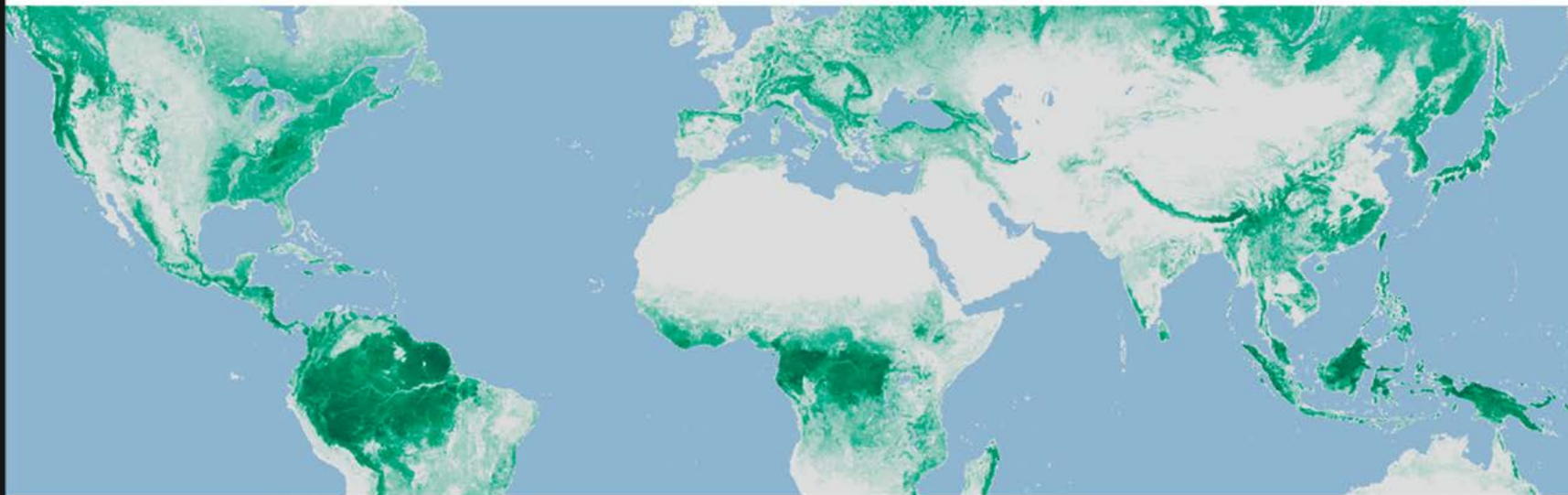
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in forests right now

44,479

ALERTS IN THE PAST
YEAR

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FOREST CHANGE

Tree cover gain

Tree cover loss

Displaying loss with > 30 % canopy density.

Tree cover loss is not always deforestation. ⓘ

globalforestwatch.org

Tree cover loss (zoom in for most accurate viewing)



2001

2002

2003

2004

2005

2006

2007

2008

2009

2010

2011

2012

2013

Lat/long: -0.555324, 100.218384

FOREST CHANGE

Tree cover gain

Tree cover loss

Displaying loss with **> 30 %** canopy density.

Tree cover loss is not always deforestation. ?

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Tree cover loss (zoom in for most accurate viewing)



DRAW SHAPE

COUNTRY OR REGION

OTHER DATA LAYERS

TOTAL SELECTED AREA

27,746,793 ha

LOSS 2001-2013 with >30% canopy density

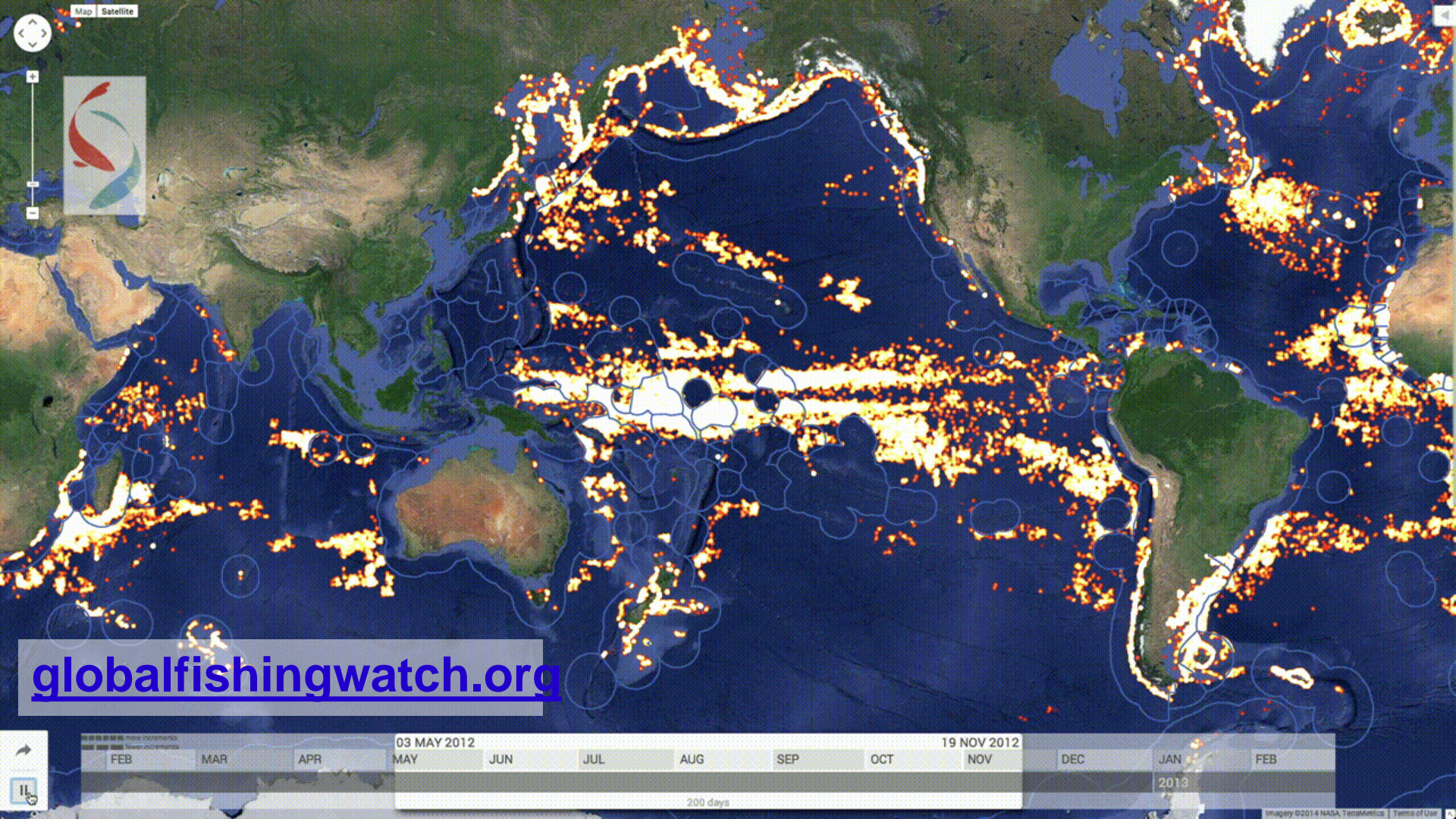
3,754,595 ha

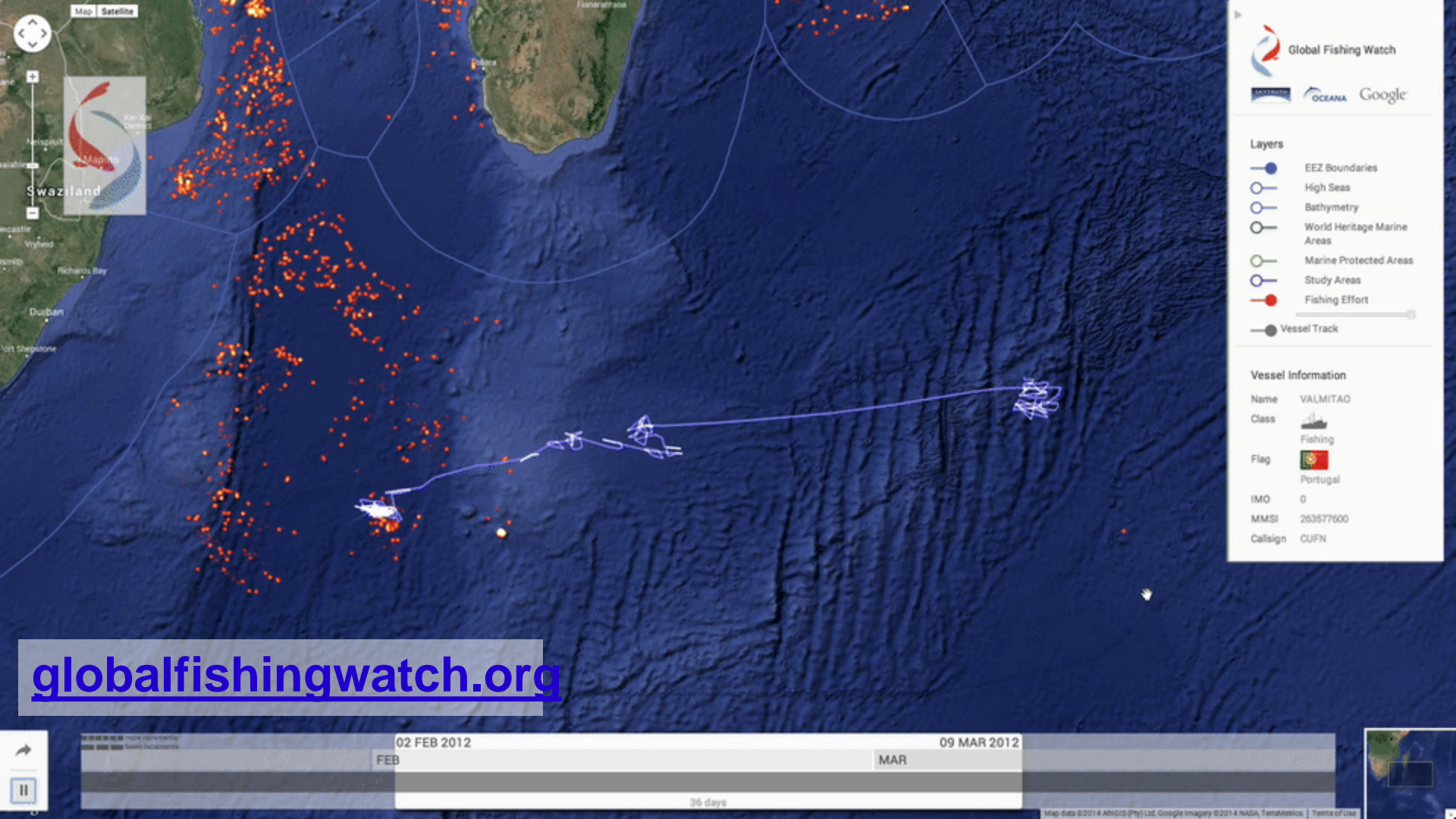
GAIN 2001-2012

2,016,743 ha

This algorithm approximates the results by sampling the selected area. Results are more accurate at closer zoom levels.







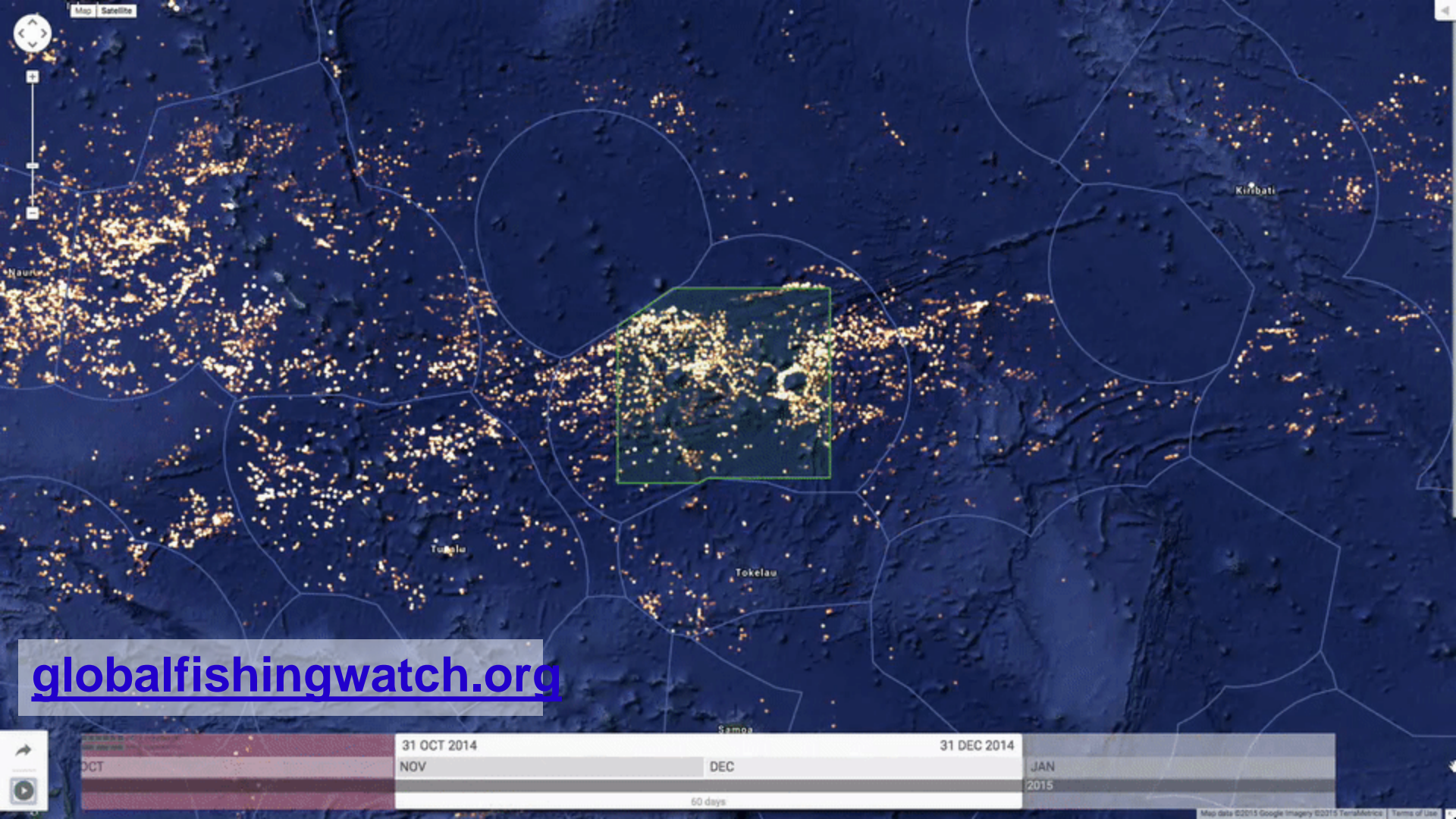
Layers

- EEZ Boundaries
- High Seas
- Bathymetry
- World Heritage Marine Areas
- Marine Protected Areas
- Study Areas
- Fishing Effort
- Vessel Track

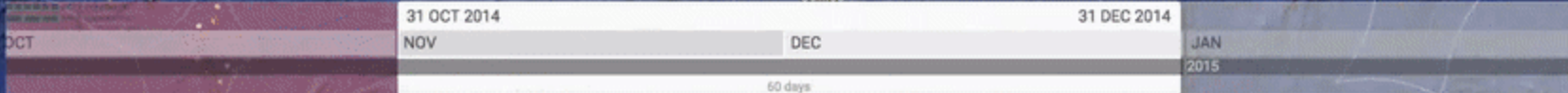
Vessel Information

Name VALMITAO
Class Fishing
Flag Portugal
IMO 0
MMSI 263577600
Callsign CUFN

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For Climate Change:

Methane
Carbon Dioxide (CO₂)

For Human Health:

Particulate Matter
Black Carbon
Carbon Monoxide (CO)
Nitric Oxide (NO)
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂)
Ozone (O₃)

Indianapolis

About leaks in Indianapolis

Methane leak indicator

- Low ?
- Medium ?
- High ?
- Where we drove ?

How we collected the data

Why are leaks a problem?

How can we fix this?

Indianapolis

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November 16, 2015



PSE&G Receives Approval of \$905 Million Program to Accelerate Replacement of Aging Gas Infrastructure

***Utility to replace up to 510 miles of cast iron and unprotected steel
pipes over three years***
Low gas supply prices make this the ideal time to upgrade system

(Nov. 16, 2015 – Newark, N.J.) – Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G), New Jersey's largest utility, today announced the approval of a three-year, \$905 million program to expedite the replacement of aging gas pipes. Approved by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, the program will enable PSE&G to accelerate the modernization of its cast iron and unprotected steel gas infrastructure -- replacing up to 510 miles of gas mains and 38,000 service lines over the three-year period.

Work is being prioritized based on the condition and location of the gas mains. In addition, data on methane emissions from the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) will be used in prioritizing this work.

unprotected steel gas pipes are located. PSE&G is working with municipalities to determine when replacements will be done. Engineering and planning of the construction is underway, with work set to begin in the spring.

Work is being prioritized based on the condition and location of the gas mains. In addition, data on methane emissions from the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) will

NO₂ NO O₃



Denver
July 31, 2014
11AM - 12PM

Walking the Dog 🐕

There are 40,000 vehicles on the road in this area of town during rush hour, leading to elevated concentrations of NO. Some NO₂ is directly emitted from vehicles, but much of it comes from oxidation of NO emissions. O₃ concentrations are low because the photochemistry is just getting started.

11 AM

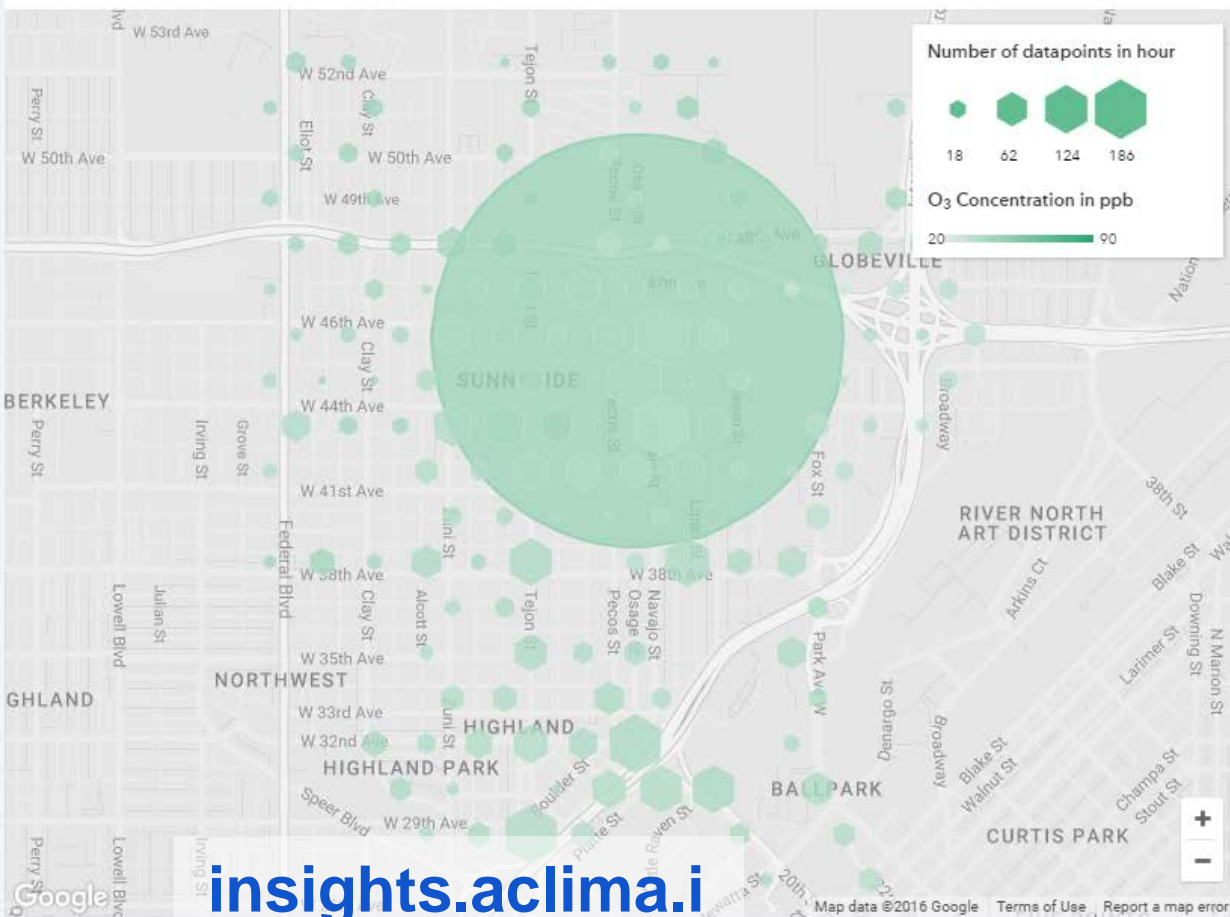
Early Lunch Hour 🍽️

With increased sunlight and temperature, photochemistry speeds up leading to higher O₃ concentrations. NO and NO₂ concentrations decrease from losses due to photochemistry and an increase in the thickness of the atmospheric boundary layer.

4 PM

Soccer Practice ⚽

Ozone concentrations are reaching their peak. NO emissions begin to increase as the afternoon rush hour starts. The relative amounts of NO and NO₂ is a balance between the conversion of NO₂ to NO by sunlight and the conversion of NO to NO₂ by ozone. On this day, the NO concentrations decrease to near-zero as the afternoon progresses.



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Starting in California...

In September 2015, Google and Aclima announced that we will be driving multiple communities in the San Francisco Bay Area, Los Angeles, and Central Valley Regions of California, through 2016.

We will be making the measurements available online to scientists via Google Cloud and Google Earth Engine.

[Read more.](#)

Google | Green Blog

A better web. Better for the environment.

Making the invisible visible by mapping air quality

Posted: 9/25/15

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How clean is the air we breathe? How much climate-warming greenhouse gases are our cities emitting? These are difficult questions to answer because most air pollution is measured at a city level, not at the neighborhood or community level which is more relevant to people's daily lives. With street-level air pollution data, a parent of an asthmatic child could reduce exposure to air pollution that causes asthma attacks when they go to the park to play. Bike commuters and outdoor enthusiasts could find the healthiest route for their trips. Or a city planner could pinpoint areas of low air quality in her city and devise specific solutions to improve it. Seeing where and when the air quality is good or bad could help identify how to reduce pollution most effectively—like changing traffic light patterns to reduce idling traffic or keeping heavy trucks out of neighborhoods that are most vulnerable.

Today at the [2015 Clinton Global Initiative Annual Meeting](#) in New York, we're [announcing](#) with [Aclima](#) that we will measure air pollution in more communities and map air quality at the street level. This follows our [2014 project](#) with [Environmental Defense Fund](#) (EDF) to [map methane](#) leaking from natural gas local distribution systems, and our [project to map multiple air pollutants](#) in Denver with Aclima, which we [announced](#) in July.


Now, we're equipping [Google Street View](#) cars with Aclima's air pollution sensing platform to measure and map air quality in at least three major metropolitan areas in California, including communities in the San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Central Valley regions. With 38 million residents and nearly 30 million registered vehicles, managing California's air quality is among the most challenging problems in the United States.





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
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Downtown San Jose

September 25, 2015 / Afternoon and Evening

Particulate Matter
(Particles per cubic centimeter)

3.5×10^5

3.0×10^5

2.5×10^5

2.0×10^5

1.5×10^5

1.0×10^5

0.5×10^5

Hot spot
near campus

High Concentrations
near Fairmont Hotel

Highest peak
near I-280

sensory science by **aclima**

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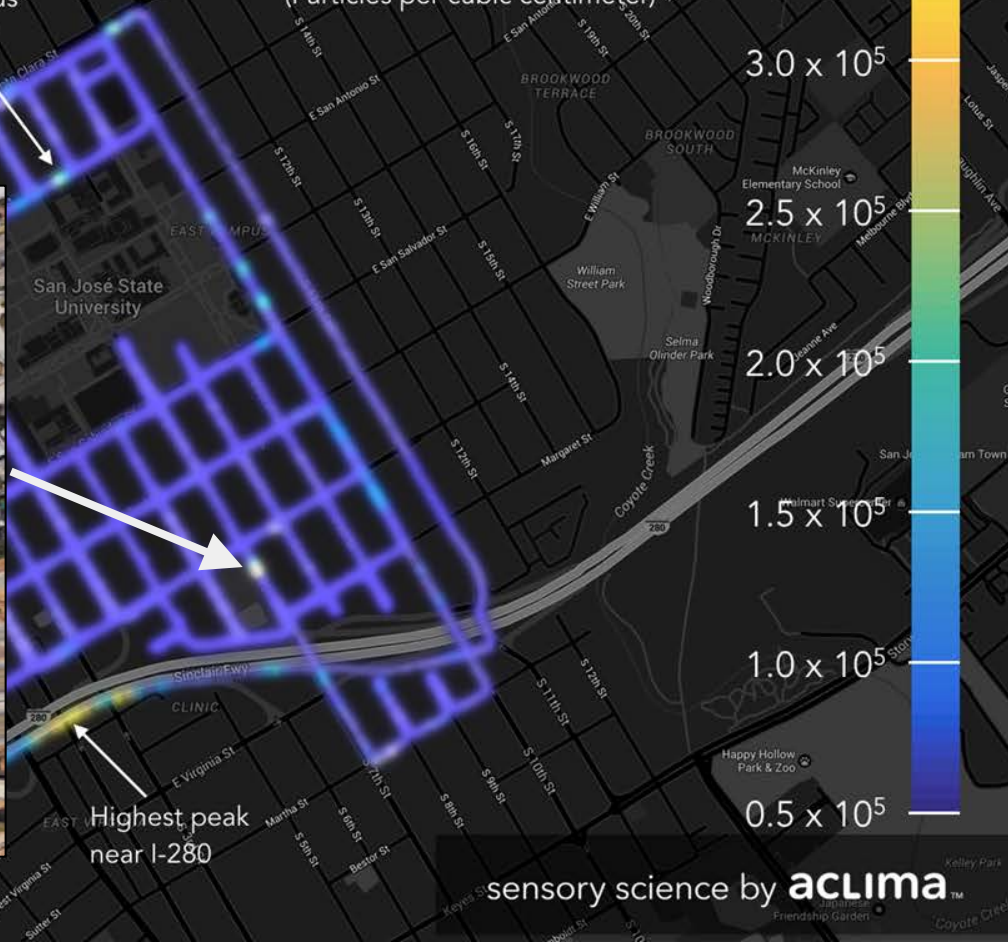
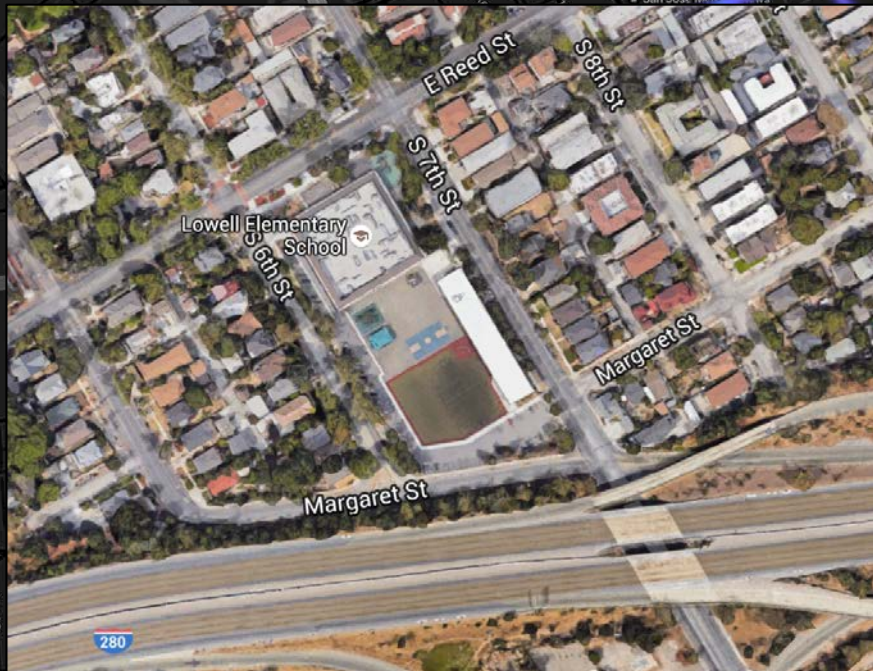
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1.0×10^5

0.5×10^5

Hot spot
near campus

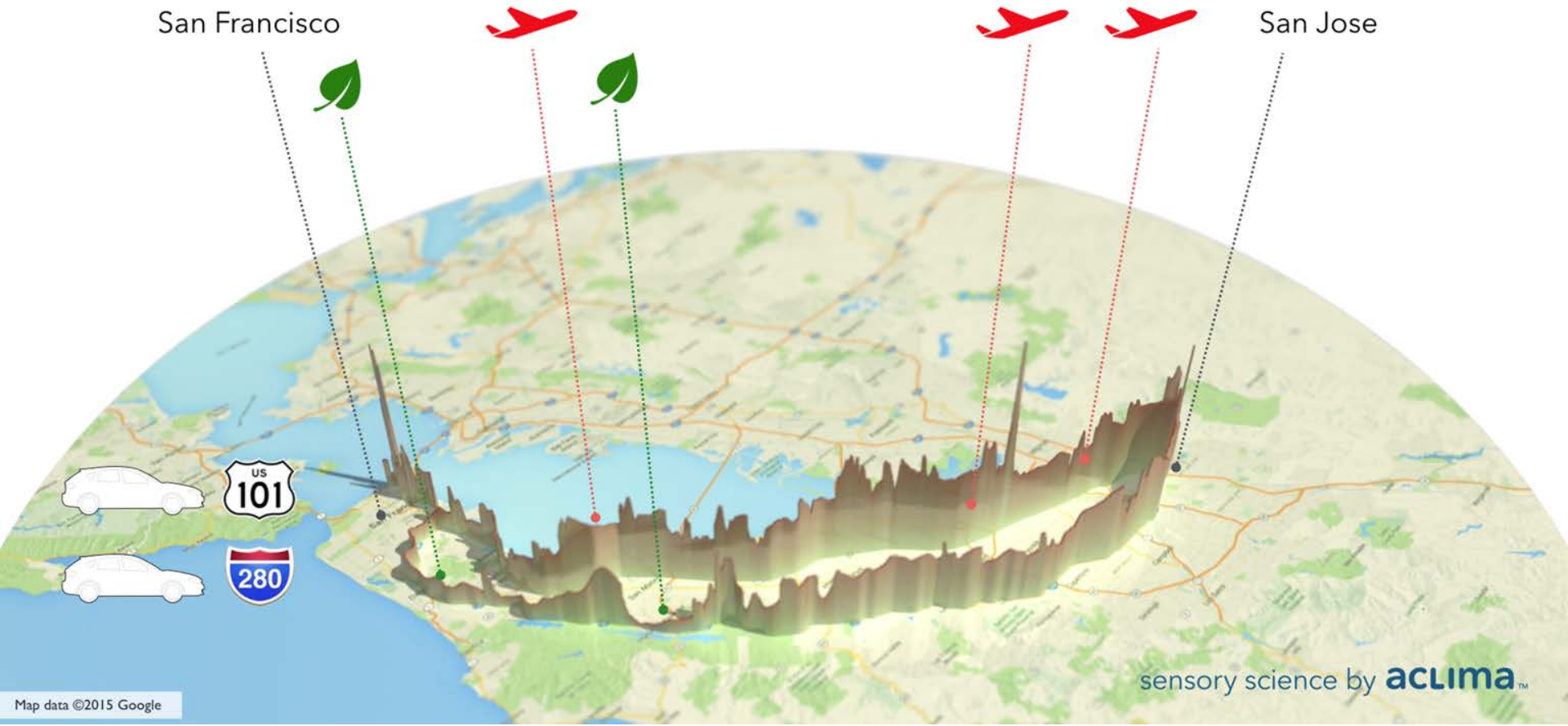
Highest peak
near I-280



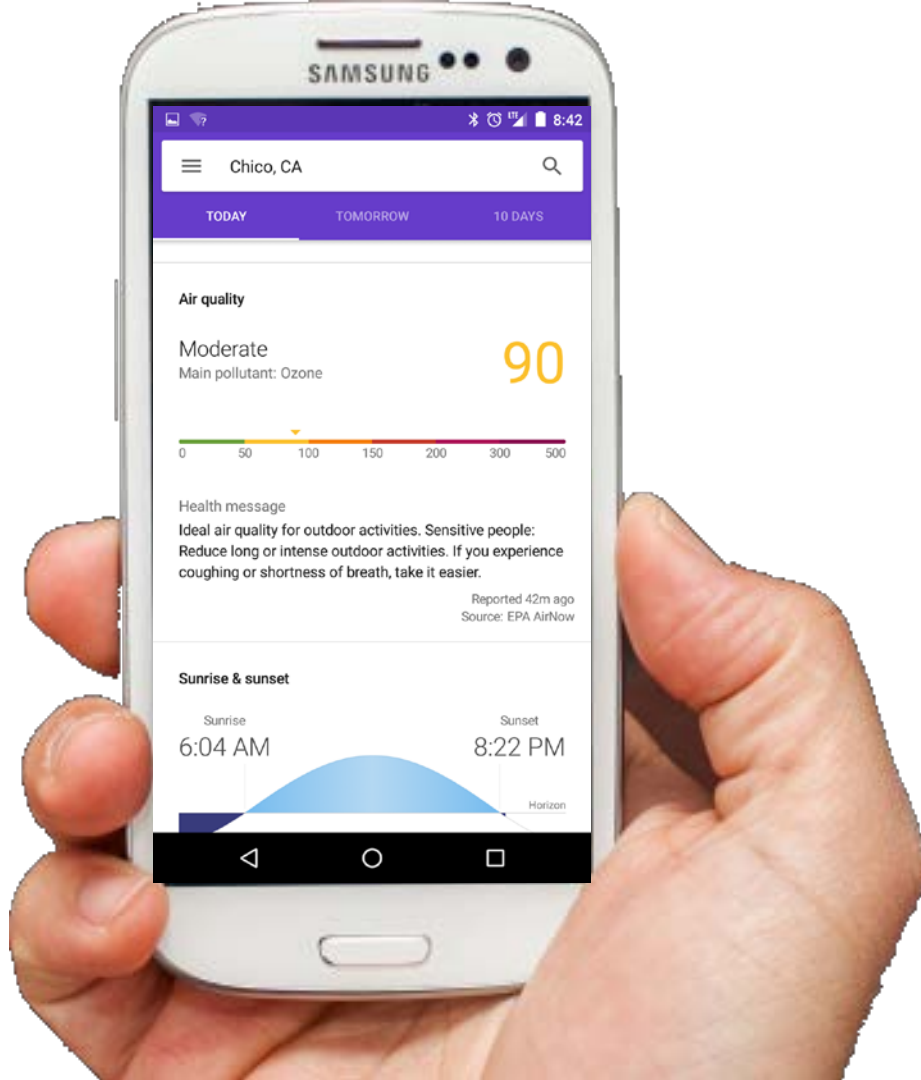
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A tale of two commutes

Nitrogen Dioxide / October 14, 2015







SAMSUNG

8:42



Chico, CA



TODAY

TOMORROW

10 DAYS

Air quality

Moderate

Main pollutant: Ozone

90

0 50 100 150 200 300 500

Health message

Ideal air quality for outdoor activities. Sensitive people:
Reduce long or intense outdoor activities. If you experience
coughing or shortness of breath, take it easier.

Reported 42m ago
Source: EPA AirNow

Sunrise & sunset

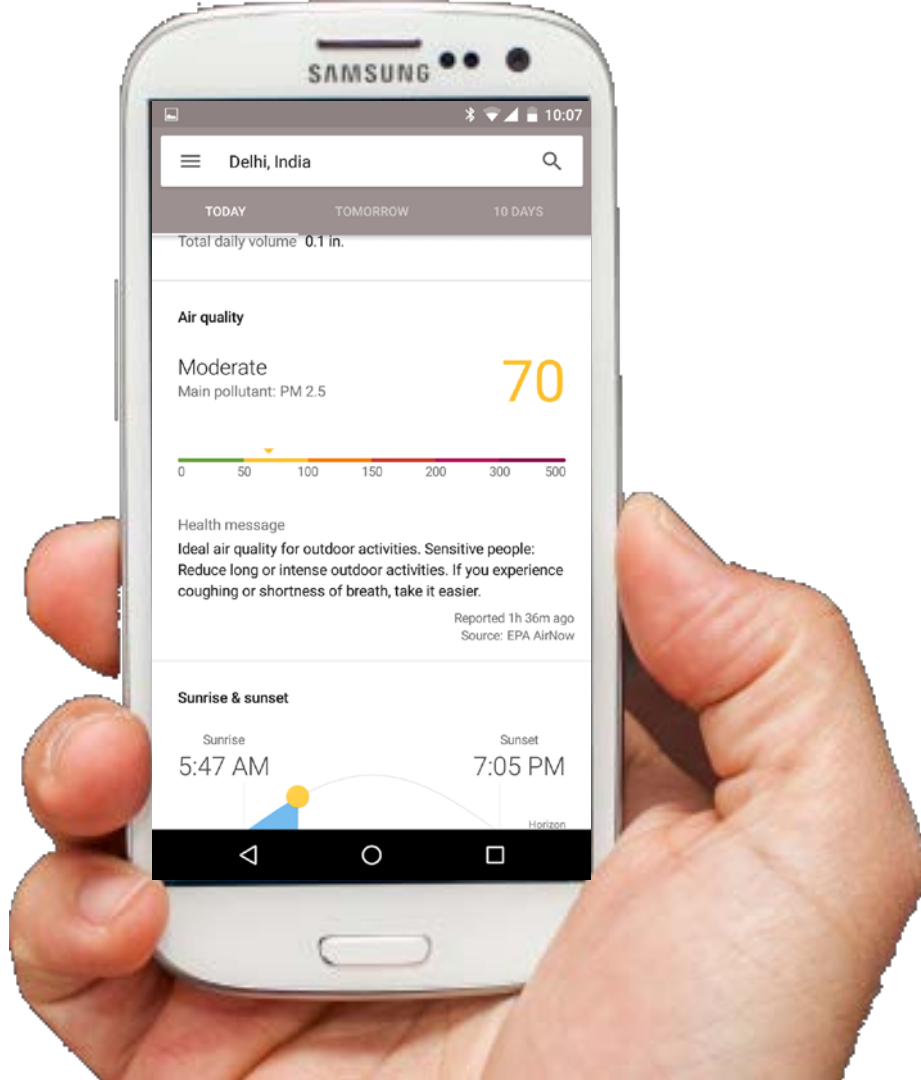
Sunrise

6:04 AM

Sunset

8:22 PM

Horizon





SAMSUNG

11:45



Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India



TODAY

TOMORROW

10 DAYS

Air quality

Unhealthy for sensitive groups

123

Main pollutant: PM 2.5



Health message

Sensitive people: Reduce long or intense outdoor activities. Take more breaks. If you experience coughing or shortness of breath, take it easier. If you have asthma, keep quick-relief medicine handy. People with heart disease: If you experience palpitations, shortness of breath, or unusual fatigue, contact your health provider.

Reported 1h 15m ago
Source: EPA AirNow

Sunrise & sunset

Sunrise

5:55 AM

Sunset

6:32 PM

In conclusion...

- Google tries to help tackle big issues where we can make a unique contribution, such as:
 - Using our existing Street View fleet as environmental sensing platforms.
 - Analyzing big data, e.g. sensors.
 - Surfacing results and interpretation to millions of people via smart phones.
- Please reach out to me with questions & ideas!

A world map with a dark blue ocean and green/brown landmasses, serving as the background for the slide.

Thank you

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