

Toward an Innovative and **SENSEable City**

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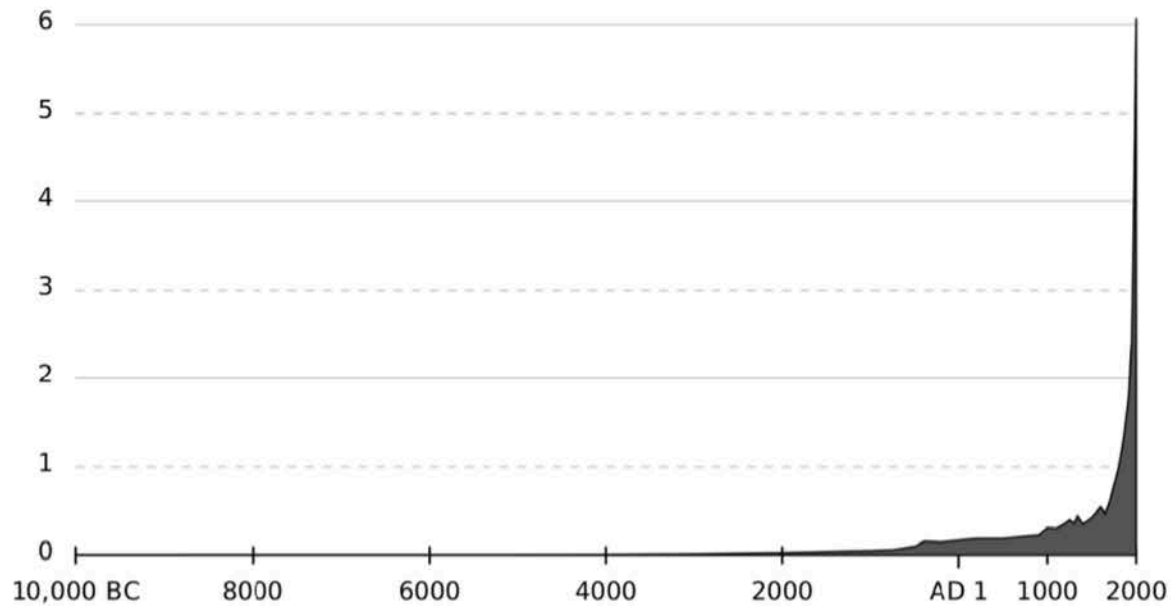


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just a bit of context...



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1927- 2,000,000,000

2011- 7,000,000,000

2050- 9,300,000,000

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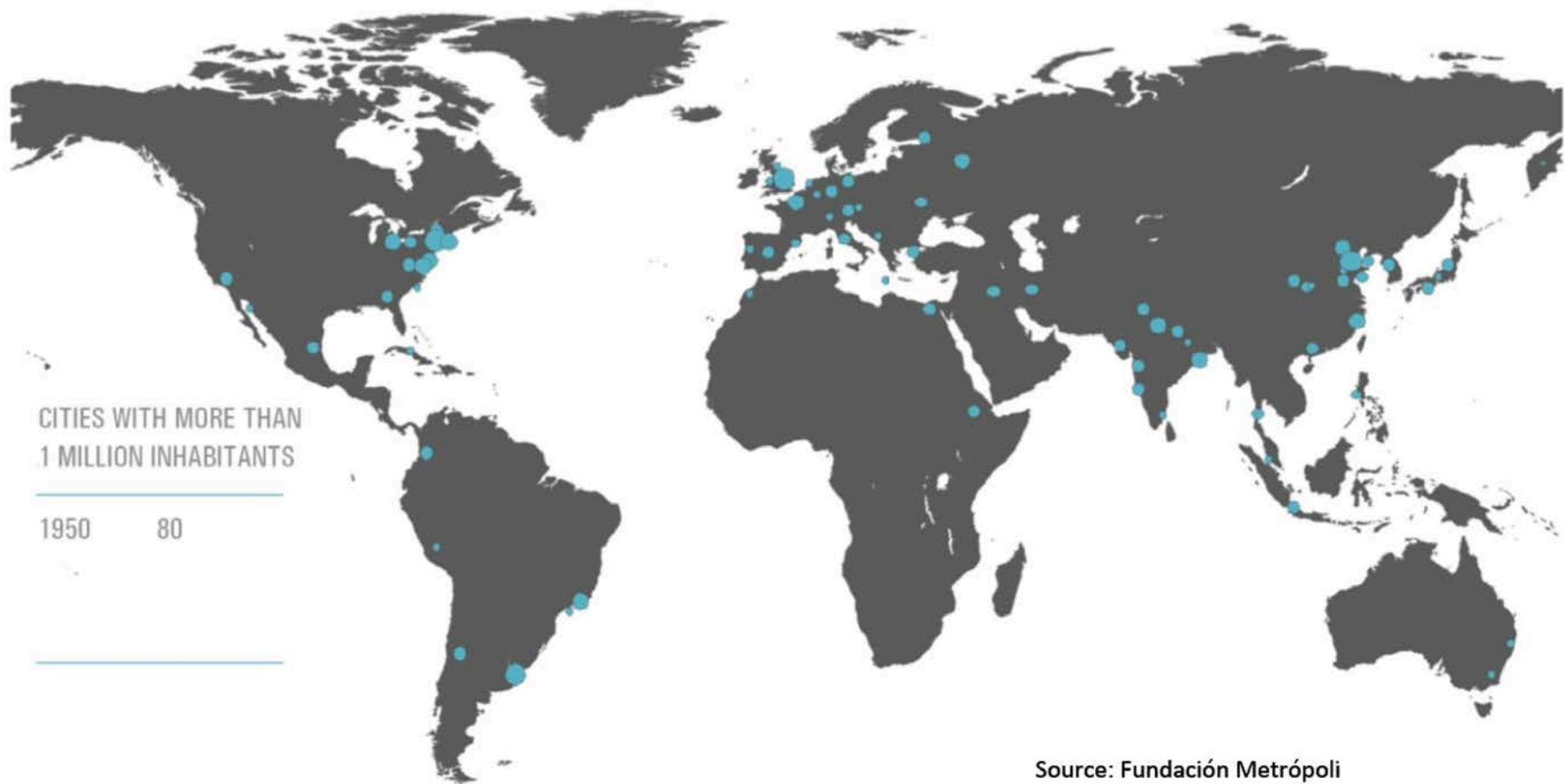
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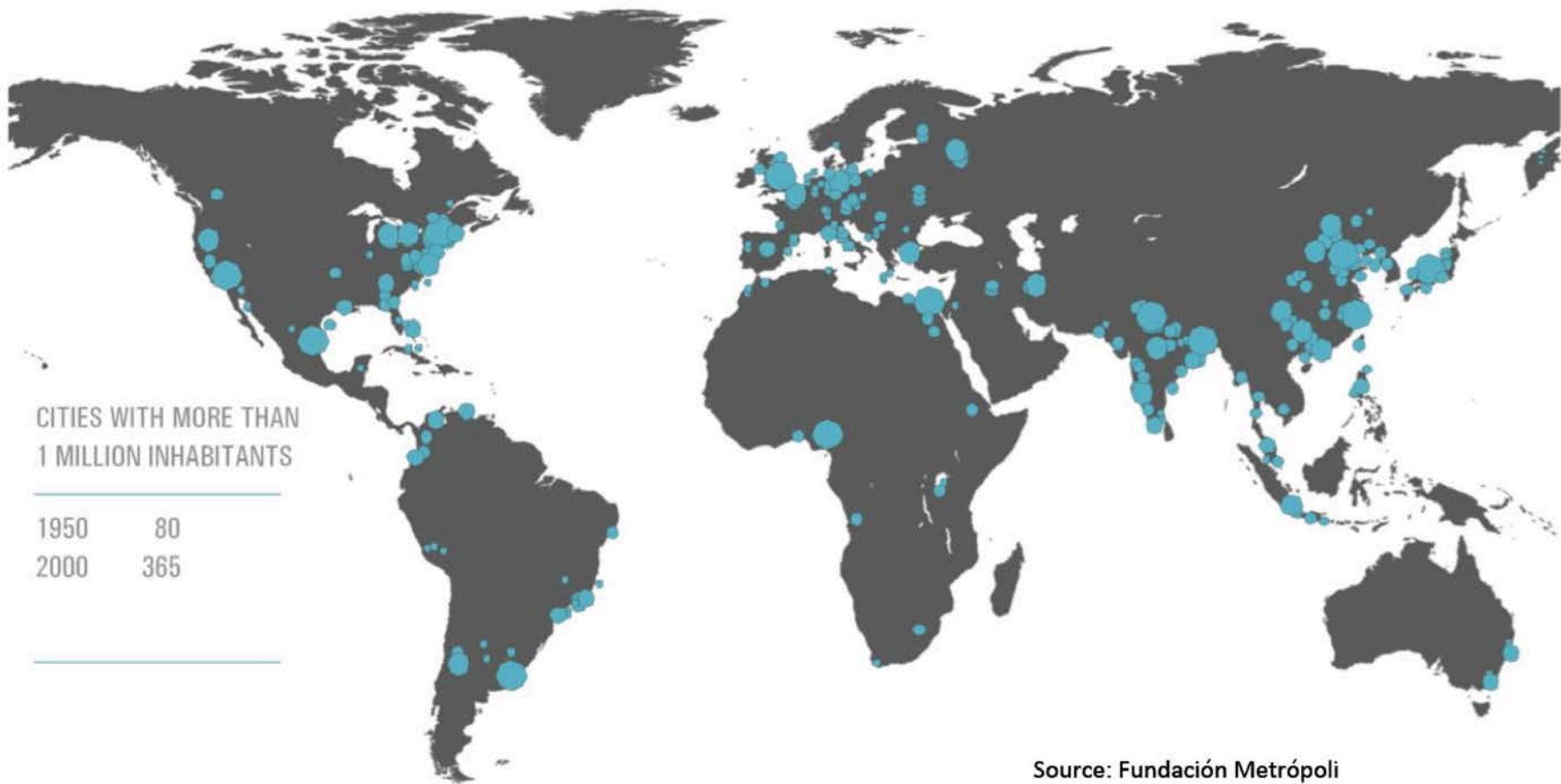
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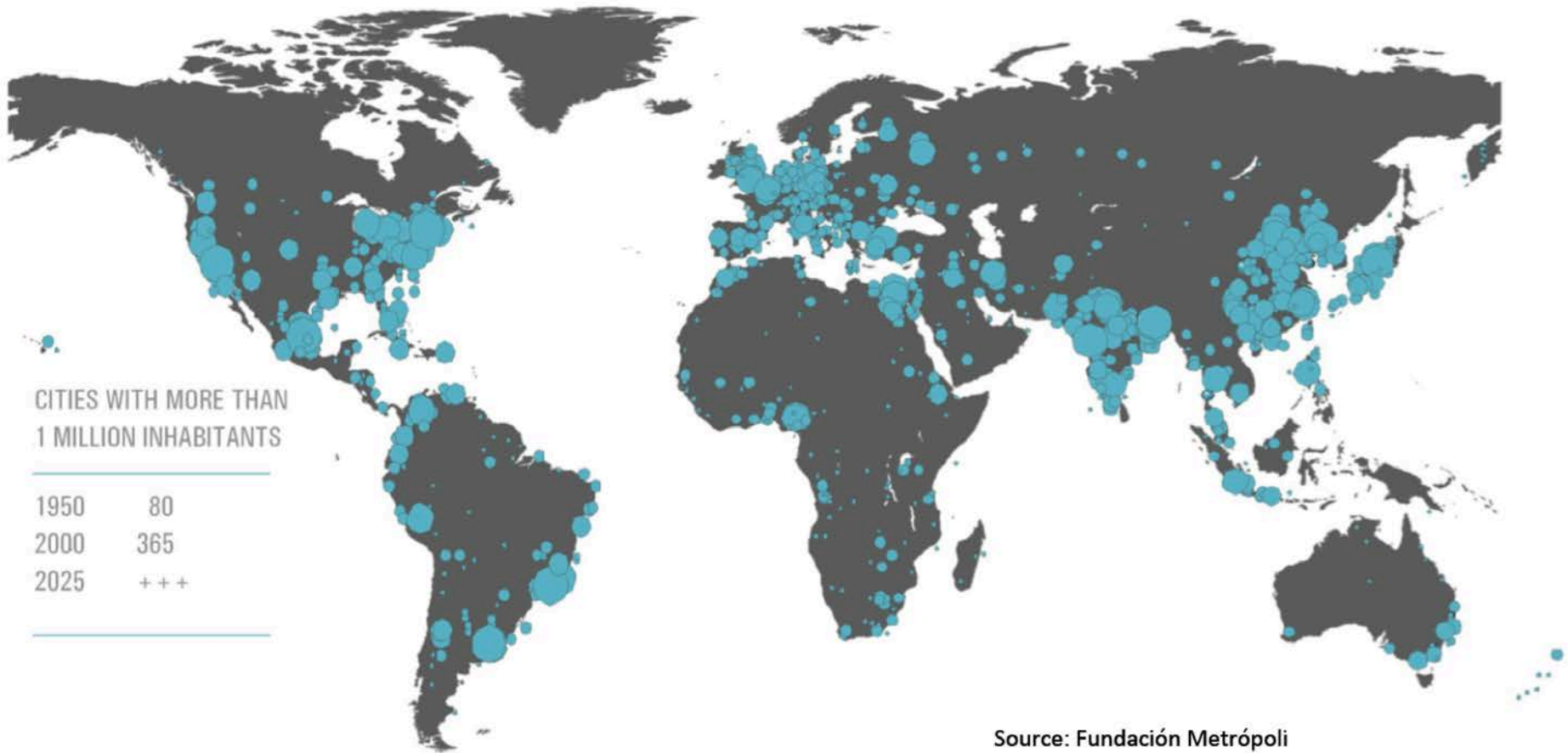
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Source: UN World Urbanization Prospects 2012





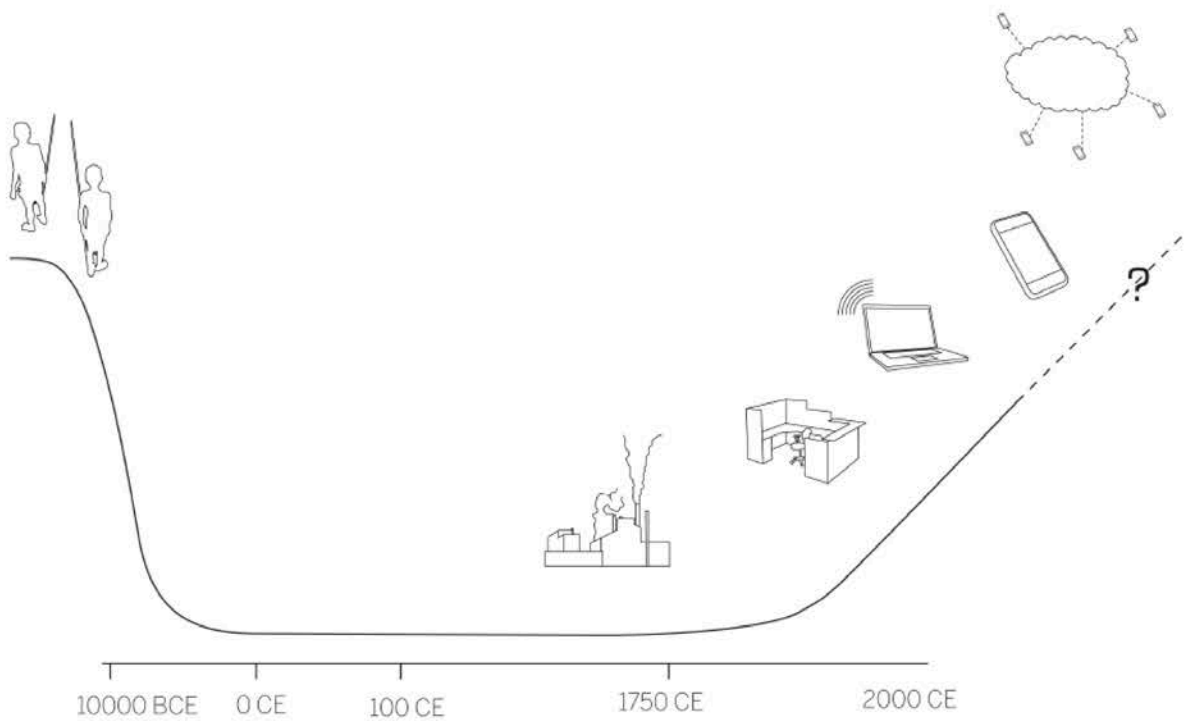


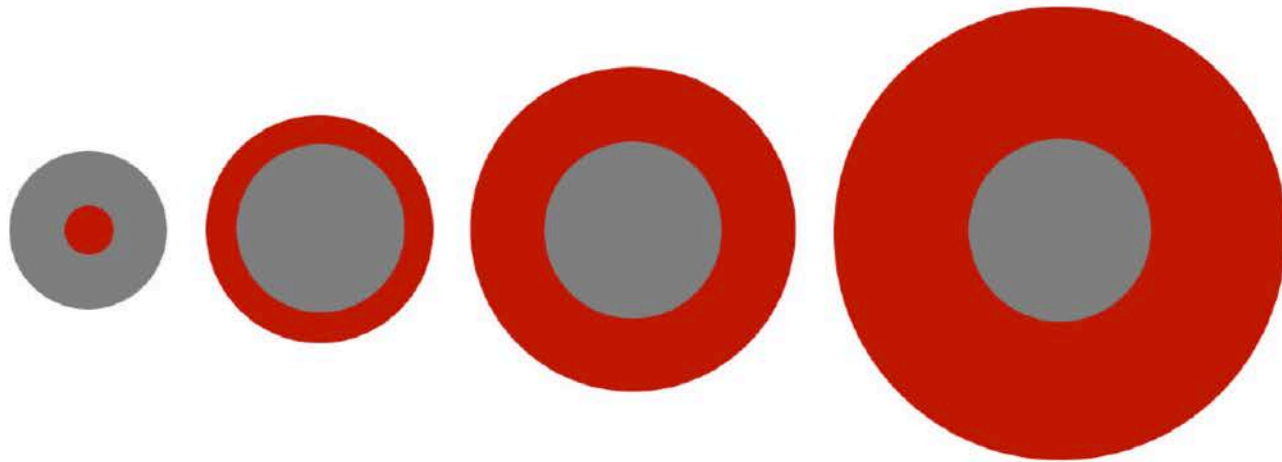
CITIES WITH MORE THAN
1 MILLION INHABITANTS

1950	80
2000	365
2025	333

Source: Fundación Metr poli

digital nomadism





2003

2010

2015

2020

■ Earth's Population

■ Connected Things

Source: Cisco Systems



when things
talk back.

trash track

seattle + nyc, usa

Sourcemap





_television set



_book shelf



_children's shoe



_blender



_mattress



_keyboard



_cardboard box



_motor oil / glove



_leather case



_dvd player



_phone book



_computer



_jeans



_tire



_porcelain soup bowl

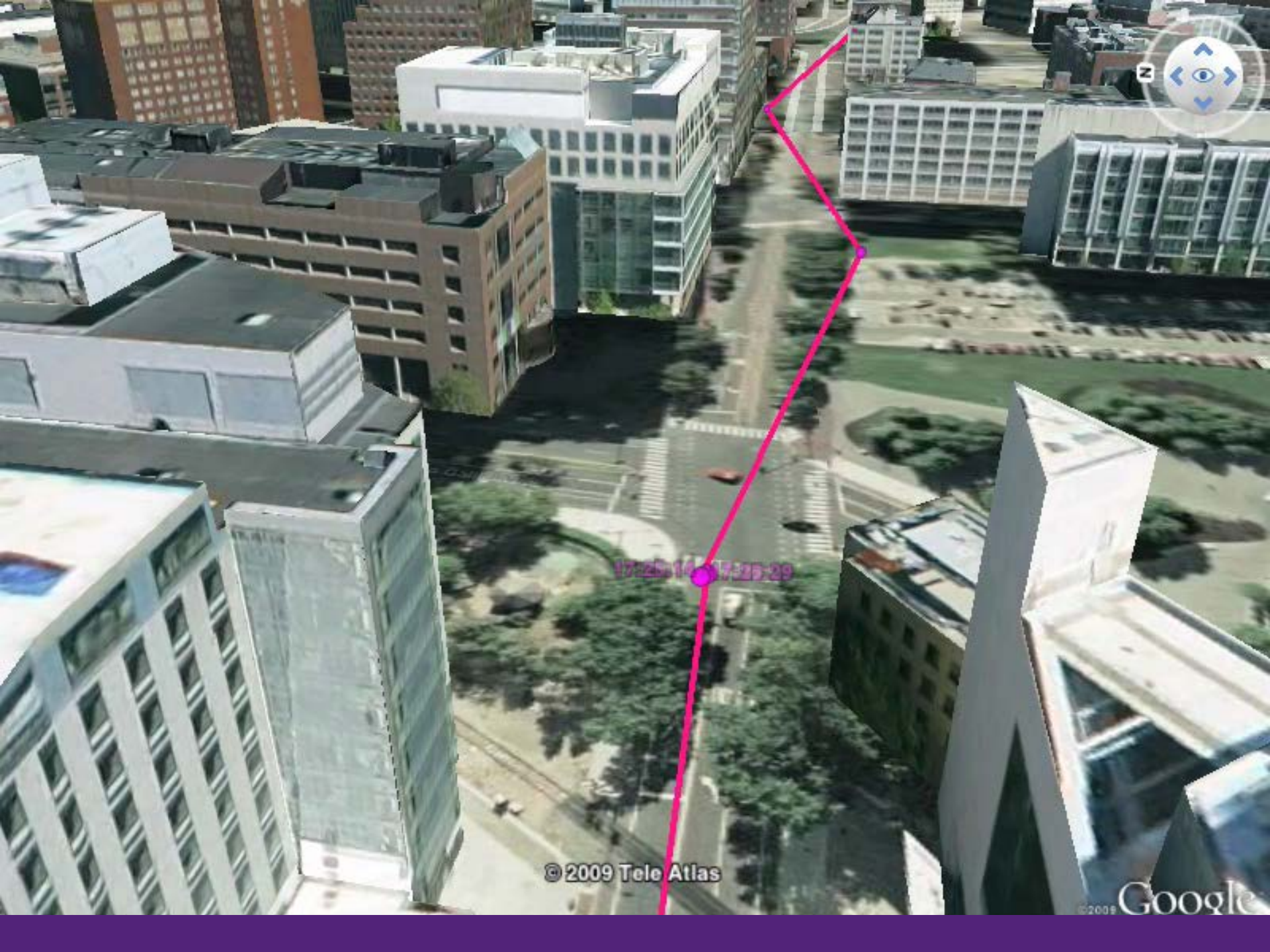


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TrashTrack Tag 2.0
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**How does e-waste
travel across the world
after disposal?**

Sensors (with GPS and SMS)

Sleep mode: sensors wake up once per day
battery lasts more than 2 years

200 devices tracked in the U.S. (CRT, LCD, printers)



200
Trackers

4 km
Average Travel Distance

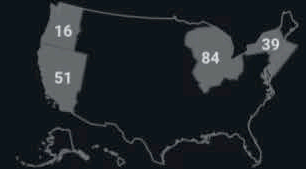
0 days
Average Active Time

Starting cities ●
Ending cities ●
Traveling paths —
Selected paths —

by Device Type



by Starting Region



by Ending Region

Inside of US: 138 Outside of US: 62

Highlights 11/11

- LCD from Waukegan, IL
- LCD from Cadillac, MI
- LCD from Wapakoneta, OH
- LCD from Oxford, MI
- LCD from Willard, OH
- LCD from Orlando, FL
- CRT from Youngstown, OH
- CRT from Norcross, GA
- CRT from Doraville, GA
- CRT from Doraville, GA

LCD FROM WAUKEGAN, IL

Tracker ID 351564053163523
Travel Distance 14,579 km
Travel Duration 71 days

STOP 07

CASTLE PEAK ROAD
~130 Castle Peak Road,

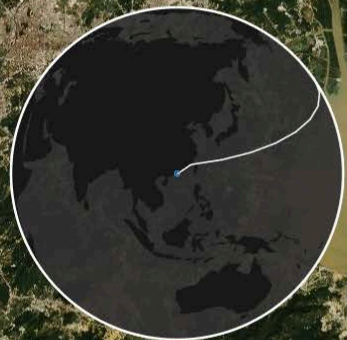
City Ping Shan
Coordinate 114.002787 | 22.436384
Date Sat Jan 10 2015 21:29:26

Media Content



Abandoned gaylord boxes filled with various electronics. Previous business owners had moved out and left this material behind. BAN's tracker had reported here about 10 months earlier.

SATELLITE STREET



Dec 2014

Jan 2015





Taiwan



Hong Kong



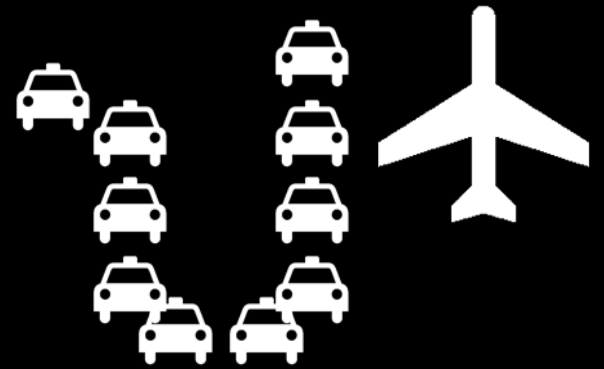
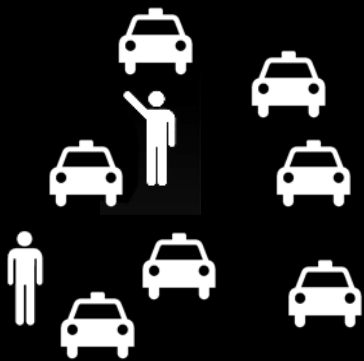
Malaysia



hubcab

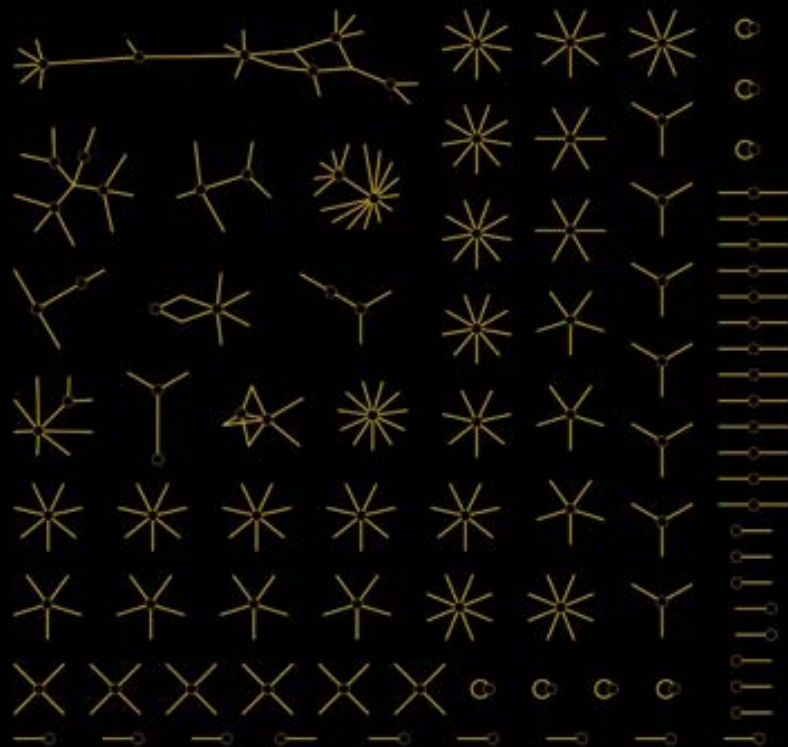
new york city





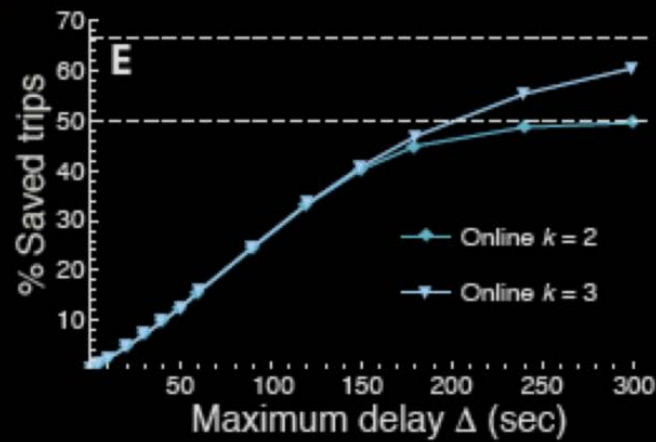
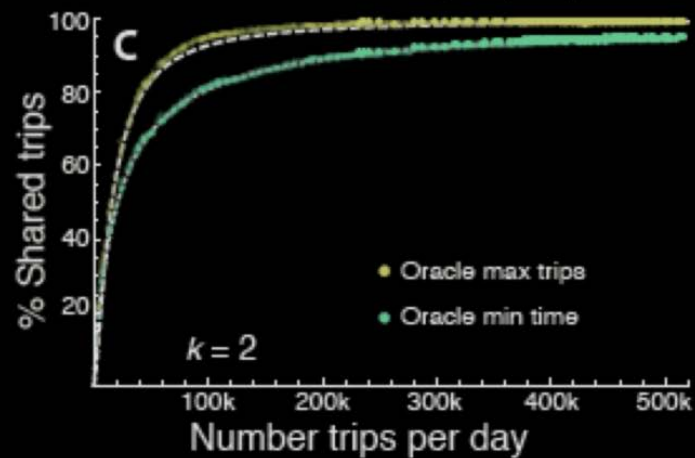
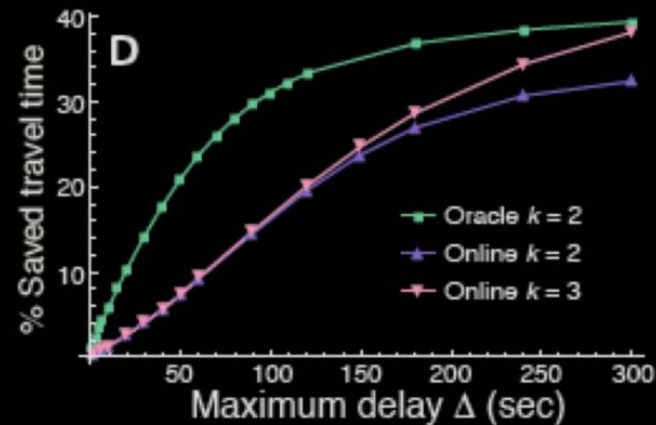
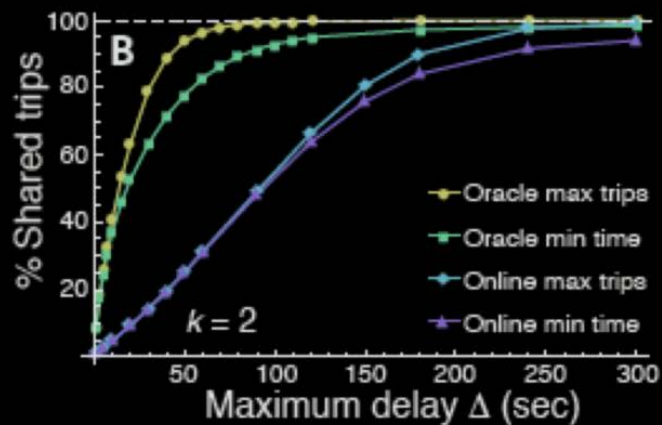
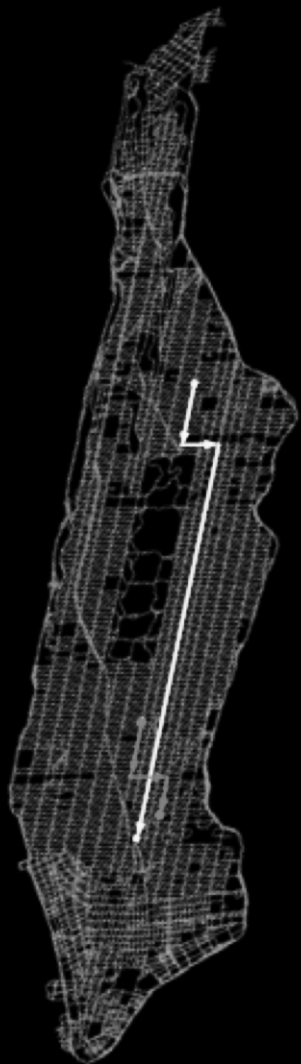


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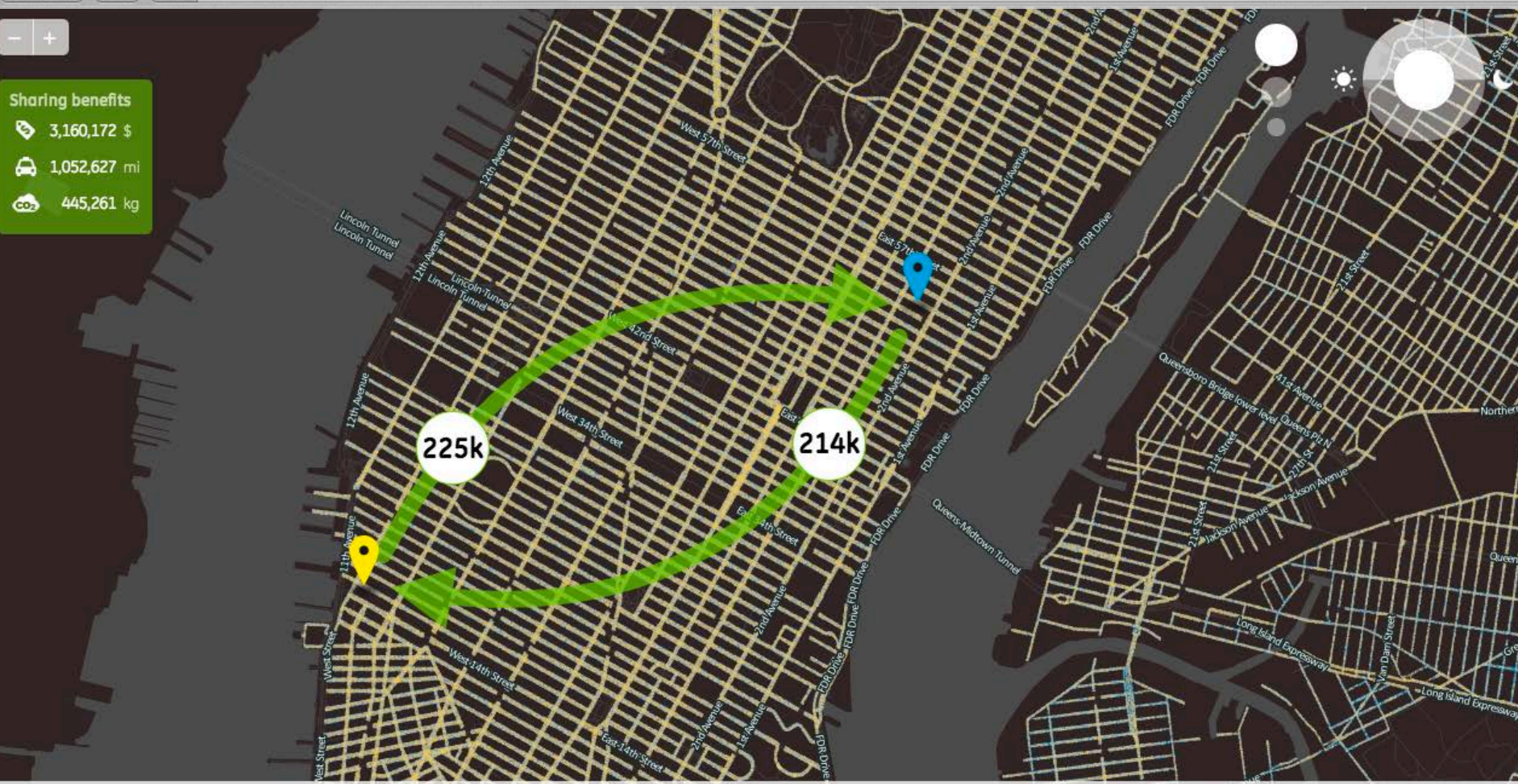
$\Delta = 60 \text{ sec}$

More tolerance = denser network = more sharing opportunities



Sharing benefits

- 3,160,172 \$
- 1,052,627 mi
- 445,261 kg



hubcab



HubCab is an interactive visualization that invites you to explore the ways in which over 150 million taxi trips connect the City of New York in a given year. [Show me how it works.](#)

Taxi Pickup Reset
West 15th Street
 Total Pickups: 1069
 Average duration: 12.4 min
 Average distance: 3 mi

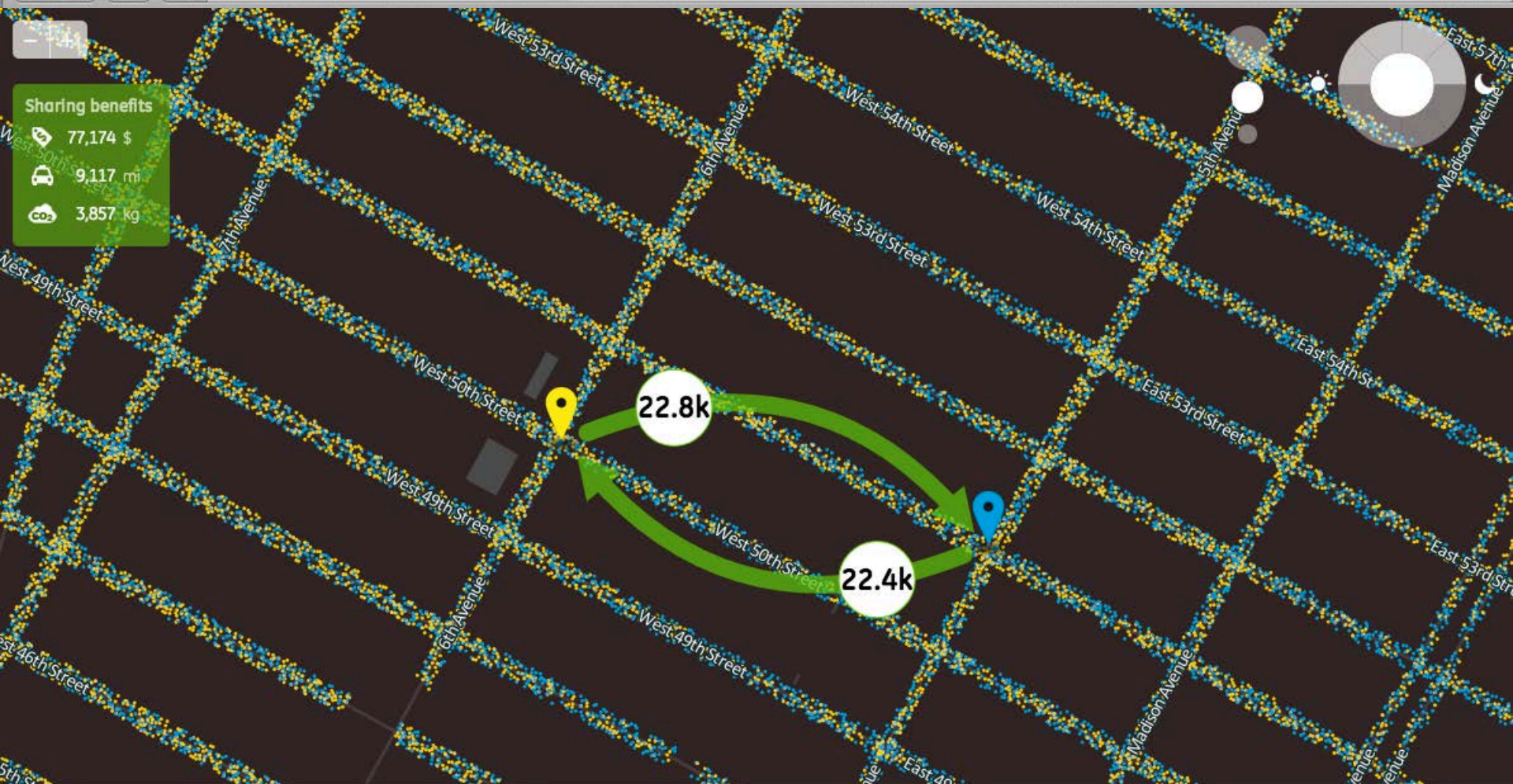
Taxi Dropoff Reset
East 54th Street
 Total Dropoffs: 1053
 Average duration: 10.2 min
 Average distance: 2.38 mi

[Learn more about the project](#) ↓



Sharing benefits

- 77,174 \$
- 9,117 mi
- 3,857 kg



hubcab



HubCab is an interactive visualization that invites you to explore the ways in which over 170 million taxi trips connect the City of New York in a given year. [Show me how it works.](#)

Taxi Pickup

West 50th Street

Total Pickups: 724
 Average duration: 11.4 min
 Average distance: 2.64 mi

Taxi Dropoff

West 51st Street

Total Dropoffs: 1704
 Average duration: 10.8 min
 Average distance: 2.06 mi

[Learn more about the project](#) ↓

*light
traffic*

Light Traffic

Improving traffic efficiency through slot-based intersections

SENSEABLE CITY LAB



light **TRAFFIC** Autonomous Intersection



Driverless Cities: enablers

Communication technology

cellular and short-range radio technology can be used for **V2V** and **V2I** communication



Vehicle-smartphone integration



Short range radio communication

Self-driving vehicles

currently being tested in several cities worldwide and will soon become widespread



Google self driving car



Self driving technology

Traffic lights

Traffic lights are **150 years** old technology, conceived for **horses**

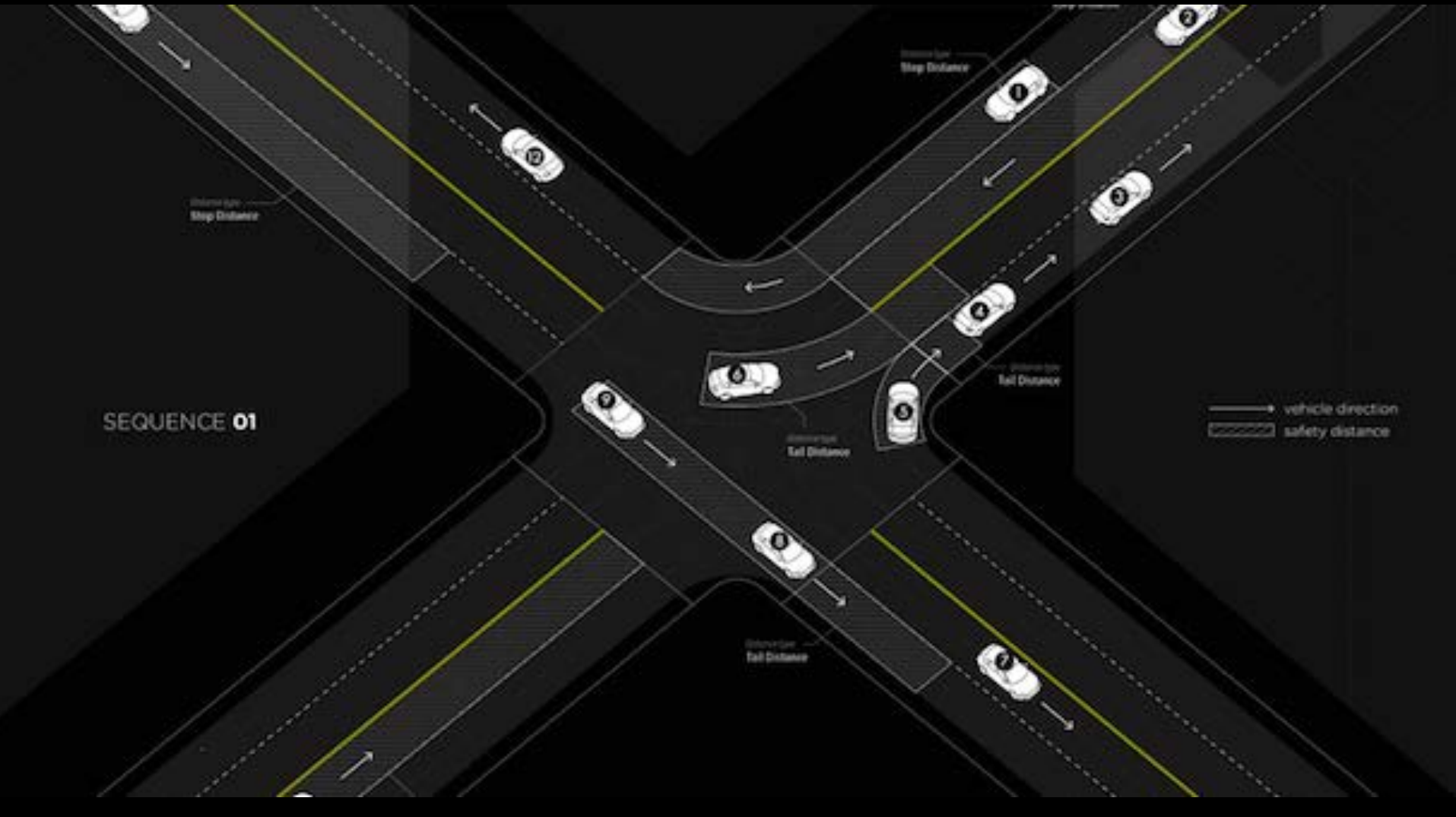


The death of traffic lights?

Driverless vehicles will just optimize traffic light operation (**modern horses**), or can we do **something better**?

Slot-based intersection

From flow-based to vehicle-based intersection management

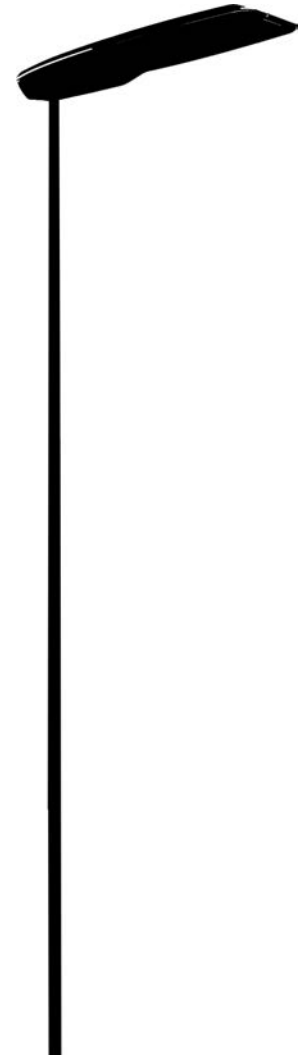
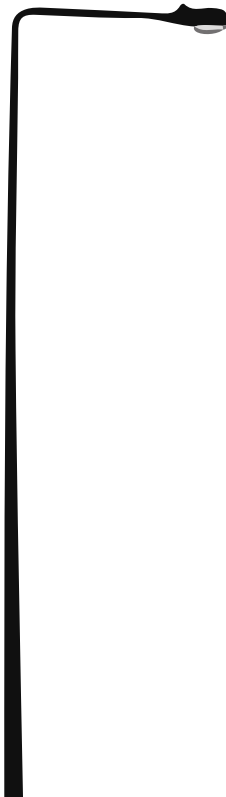


Light Traffic

Double intersection capacity vs. traffic light: with current traffic, **queues would disappear**

as above,
so below

Let's talk about
street lights



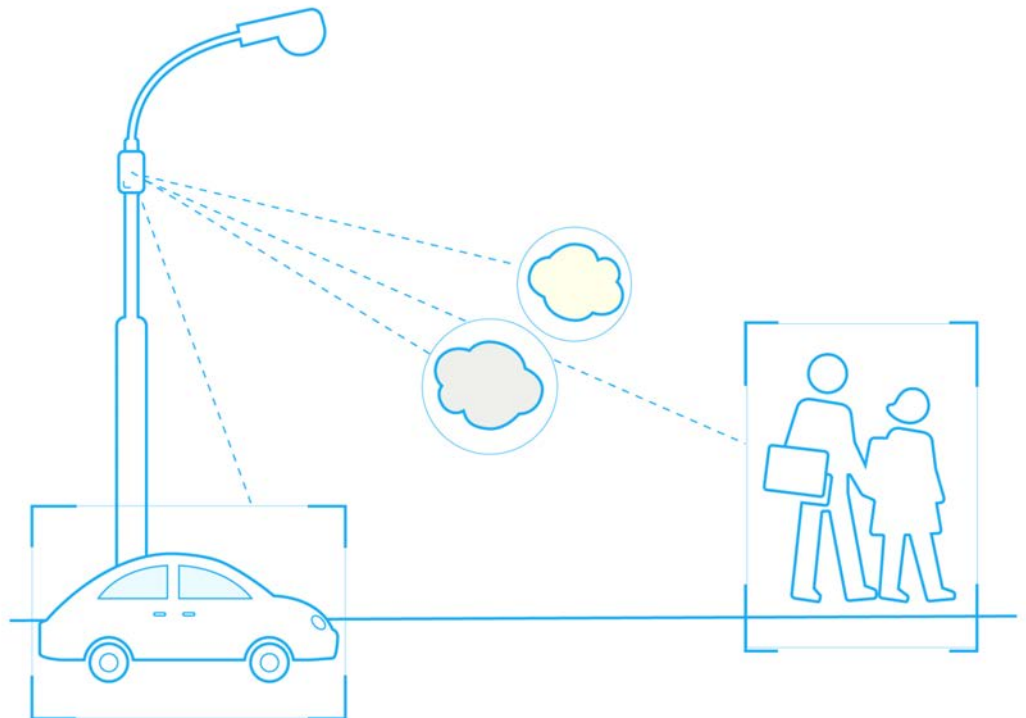
An incredible
presence

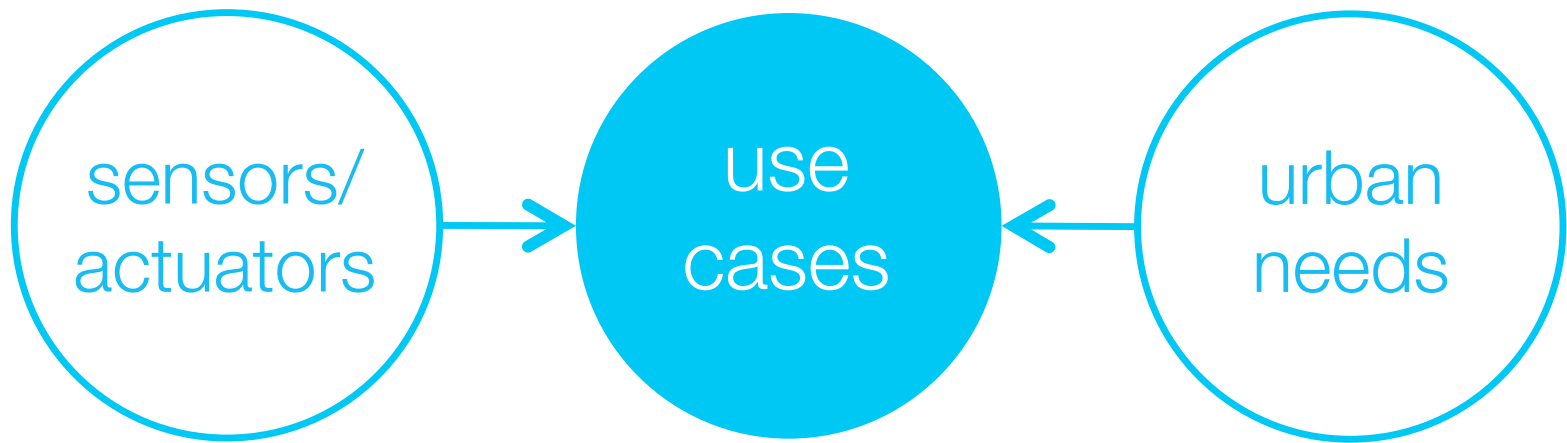
26 million streetlights
in the United States

RESEARCH OBJECTIVE 1

Transform streetlights into
an urban knowledge
platform that senses the
urban space.

Embed cheap, scalable
sensors to provide insights
into areas of difficult
measurement about cities.



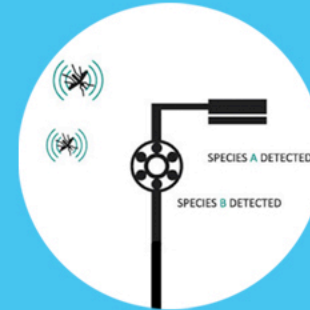


IDEATION REPORT

Dec 2015 – Jan 2016



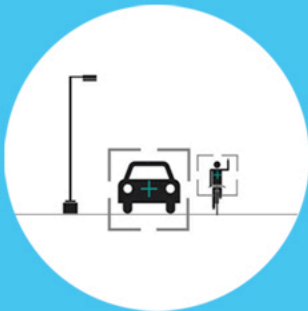
A.Q monitoring mesh



Bio acoustic mapping



Microclimate monitoring



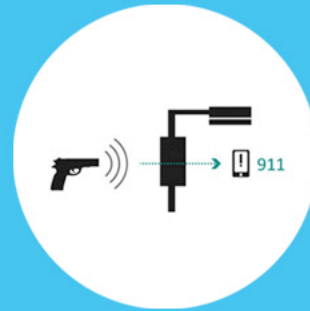
Networked cameras



Soundscapes mapping



Crowd monitoring wireless signals



Auto detection of emergency situations



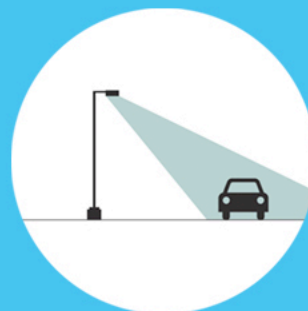
Stress mapping



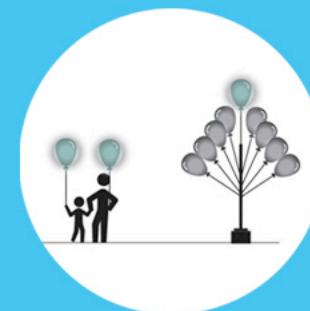
Local warming



Urban flows mapping using sound wave propagation



LIDAR 3D mapping

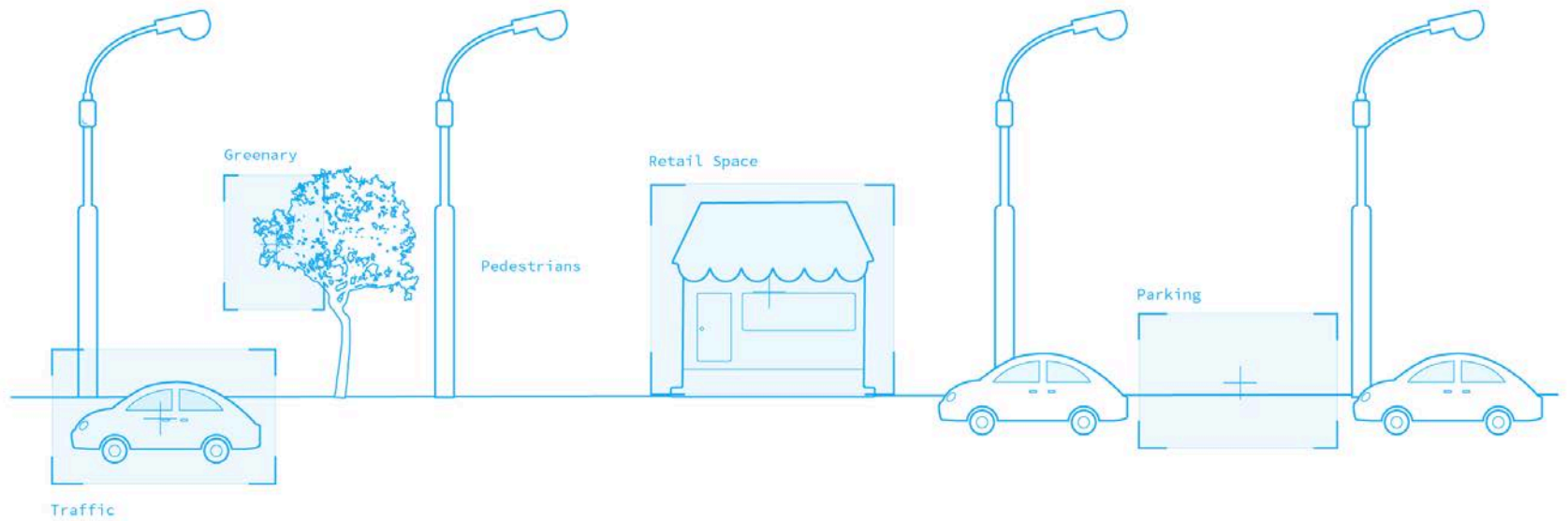


Dynamic lights as public infrastructure



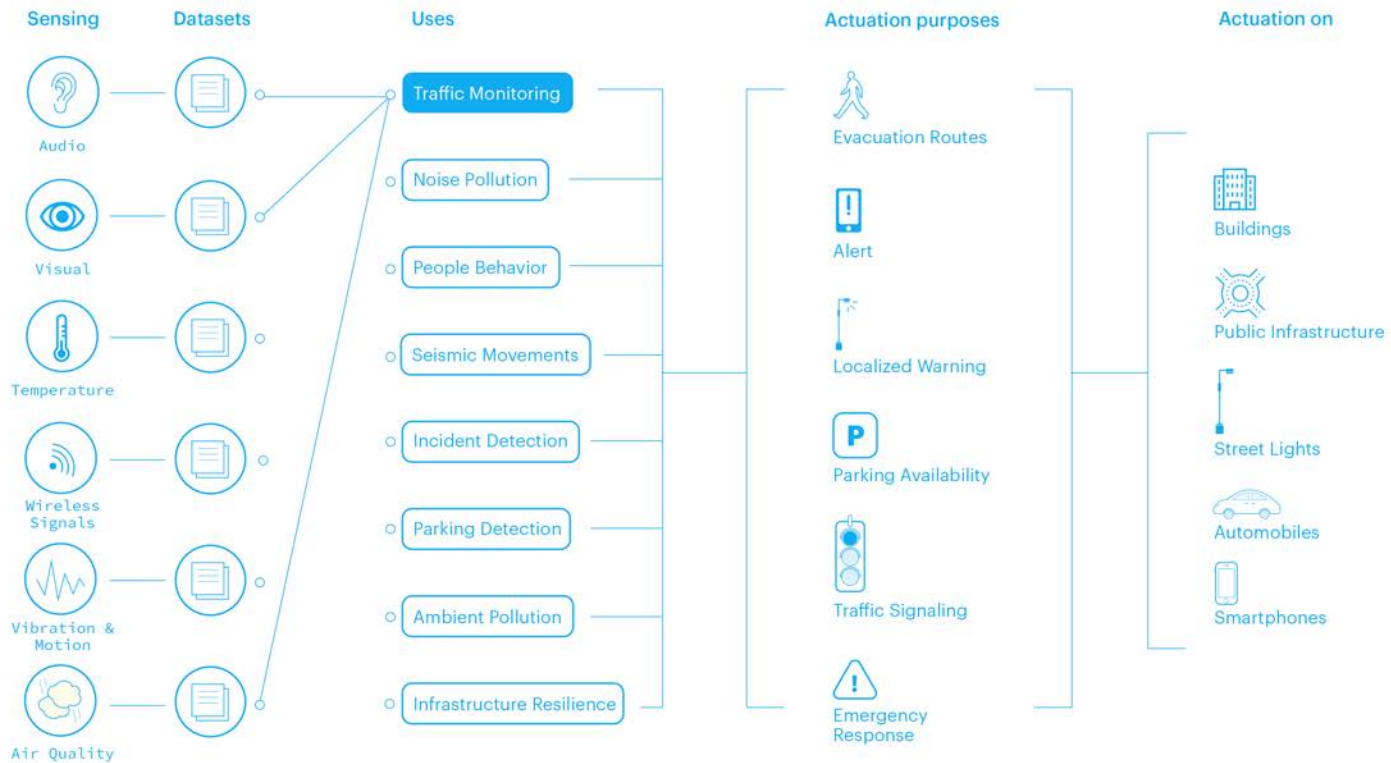
Active noise control

ONE SENSOR, MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS



COMBINING SENSORS

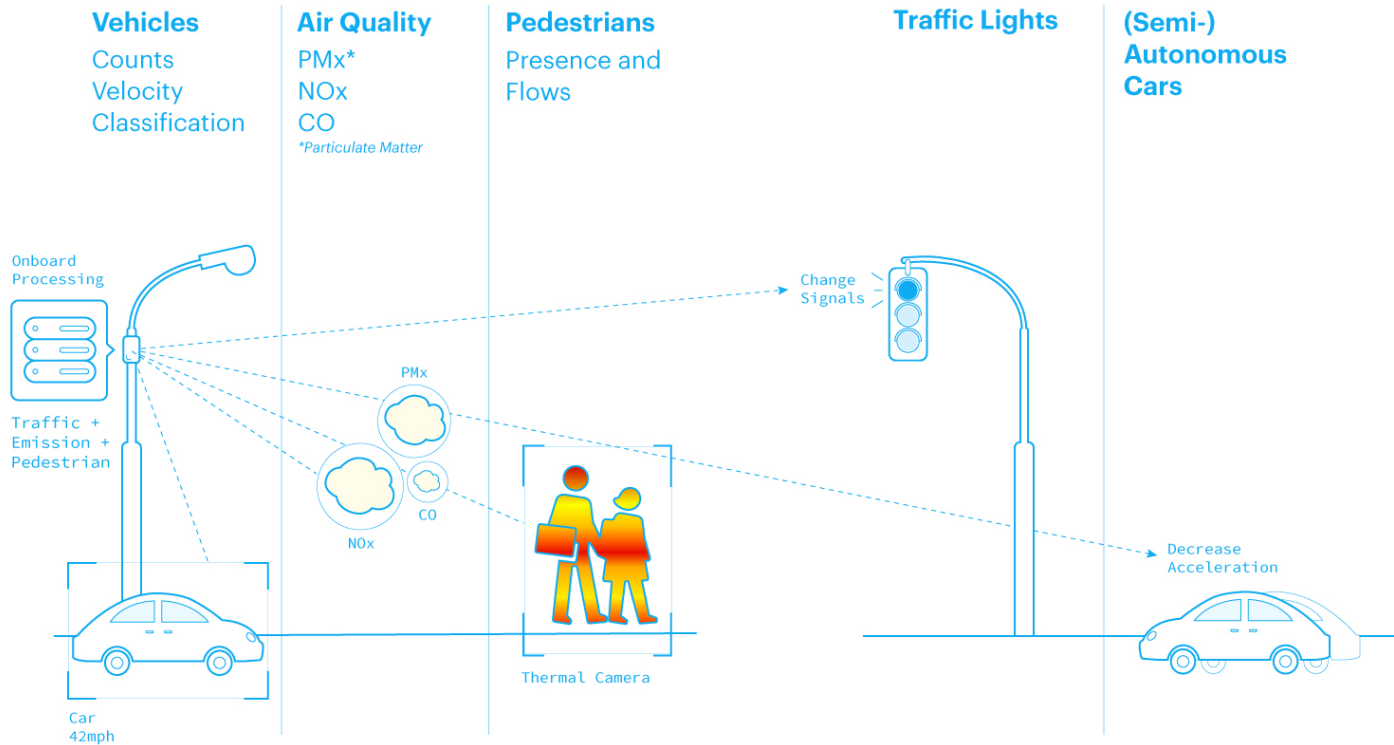
Ideation



Create a human centric and environmentally friendly street crossing integrating automated actuation cycles in traffic lights using real-time data from air quality and image sensors placed in streetlights.

1. Sensing and Processing

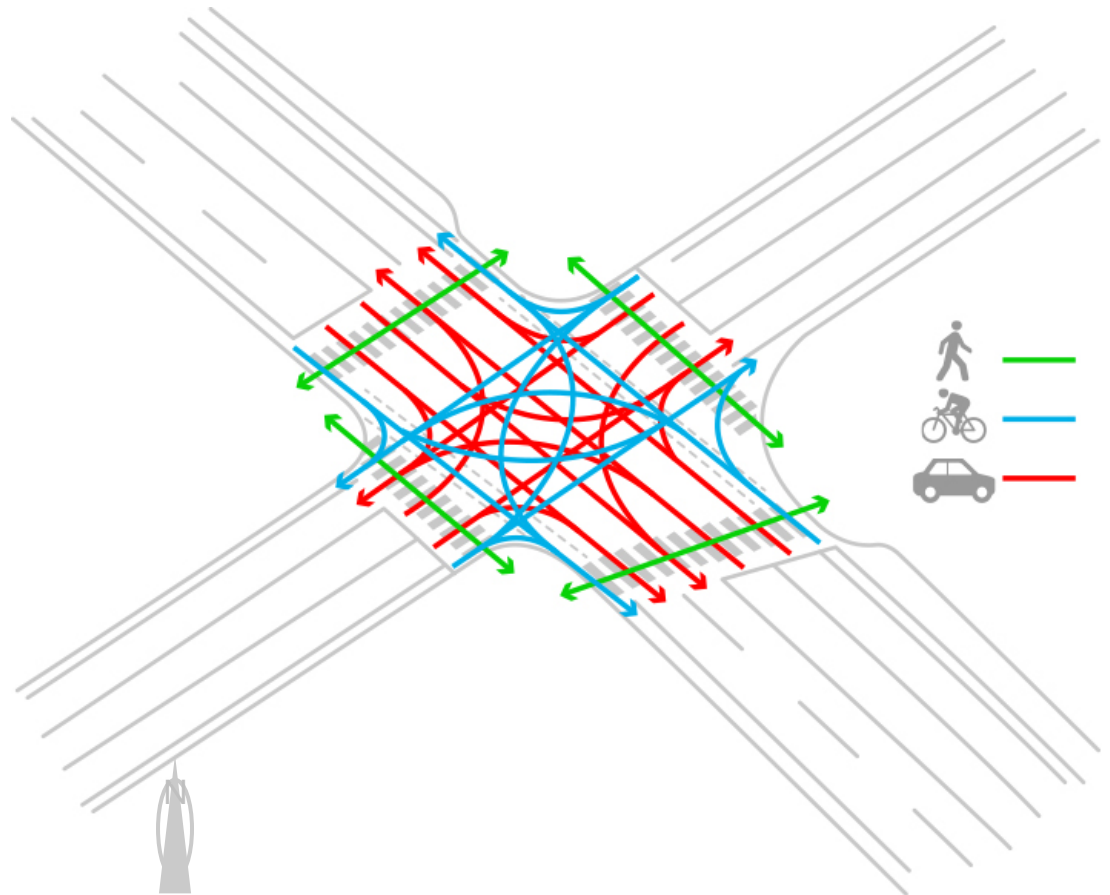
2. Actuation

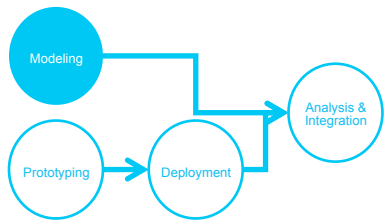


STREET CROSSING

Flows directionality on Mass. Ave. & Vassar St.

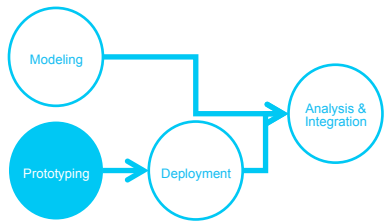
- Complex environment
- Simultaneous mobility of automobiles, bicycles and pedestrians
- 34 possible directions of discrete flows
- 8 for pedestrians
- 12 for bicycles
- 14 for automobiles





Traffic model of intersection

Loading the Model...



Thermal Imaging

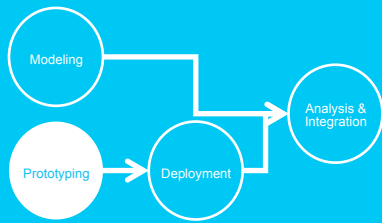


Cameras



Air Q. Sensors



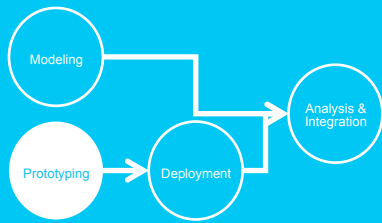


PROTOTYPING

Networked cameras & Hyper spectral Imaging

- Networked camera system (Wi-Fi 2.4 GHz)
- Cloud based trigger and synchronization control
- Low cost on board computer (RPi 2/3 based)
- Image sensor (5MP sensor programmable resolution and frame rate / 1080p 30fps video capable)
- Pi NOIR Infrared image sensor (5MP sensor)
- FLIR Lepton Thermal sensor (80 x 60 px)

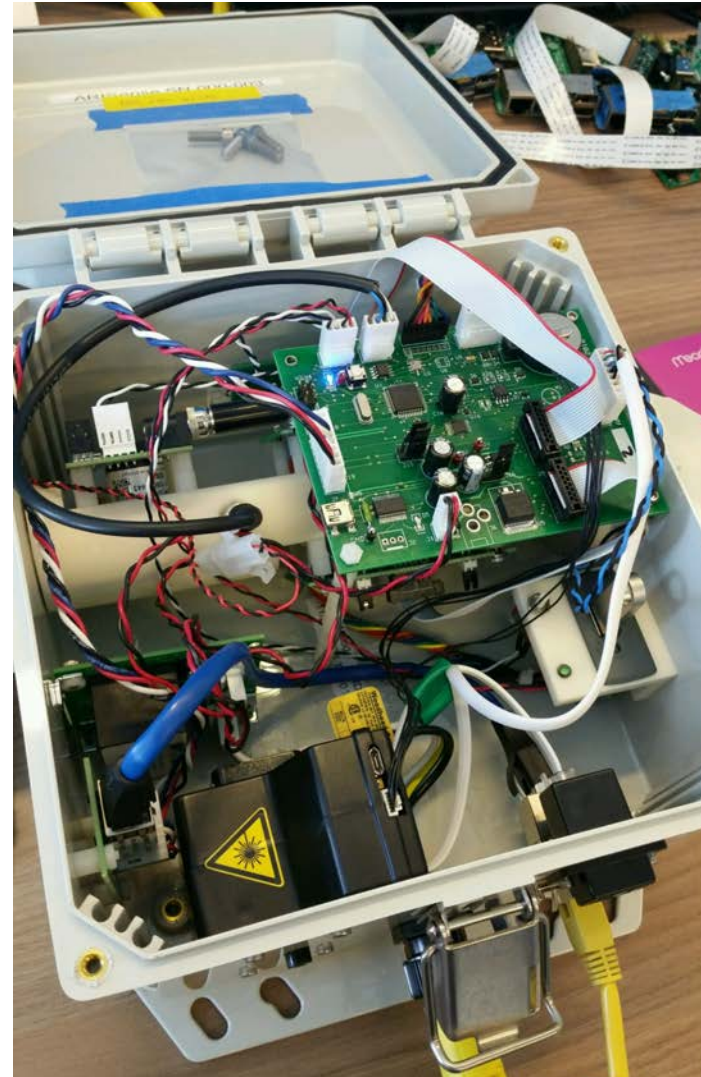


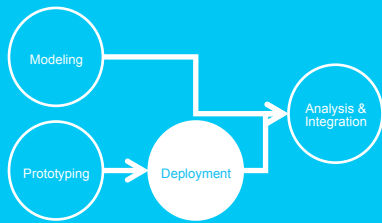


PROTOTYPING

Air Quality Nodes

- Gas phase pollutant concentrations: CO, NO, NO₂, O₃ + NO₂) and CO₂.
- Size-resolved particulate matter with estimated PM₁, PM_{2.5}, and PM₁₀.
- Additional measurements: Barometric pressure, noise, ambient light intensity, wind speed, wind direction, relative humidity, and temperature

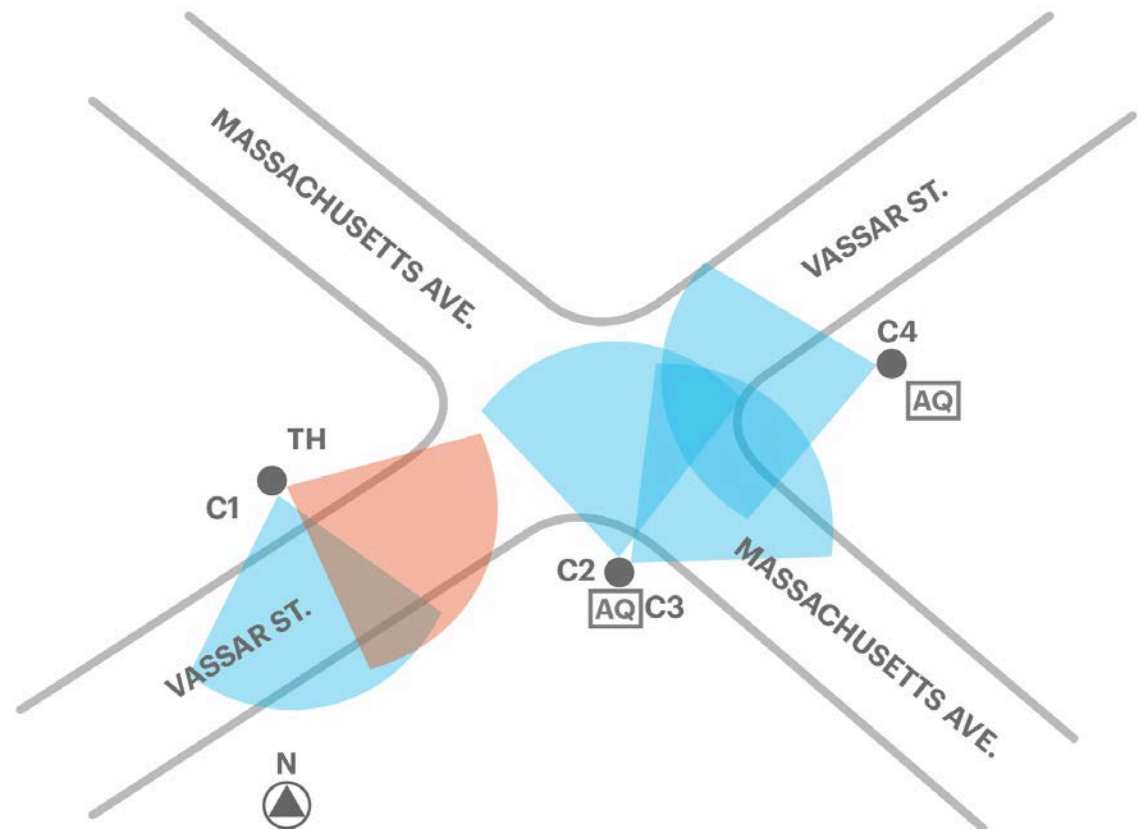


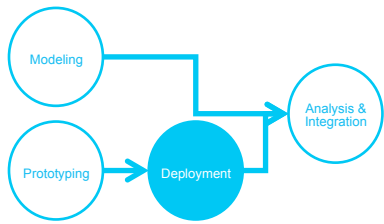


SENSOR DEPLOYMENT & DATA COLLECTION

Corner of Mass. Ave. & Vassar St.

- Synchronized data acquisition from multiple sensors
- Continuous data acquisition for A.Q. sensor nodes (one minute frequency sampling).
- Batch data sampling for video (1600x1200 px/15 FPS/H.264) for 15 min-2hr distributed periods throughout the day.
- Batch data sampling for thermal sensor (80x60px/2-20 FPS)

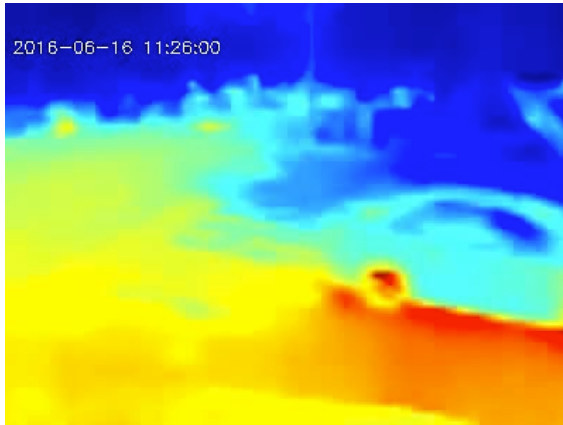




PRIMARY DATA SAMPLING

Thermal and image sensors

Thermal sensor



Camera 4



Camera 2



A photograph of a dark, tunnel-like interior. The walls are made of rough, textured concrete or stone. There are several pipes and conduits running along the walls and ceiling. In the center, there is a large, white, mechanical structure, possibly a piece of equipment or a vehicle. The lighting is dim, creating a sense of depth and mystery. The overall atmosphere is industrial and somewhat claustrophobic.

UNDERWORLDS



WHAT IS IN OUR COLLECTIVE GUT?

+ E. COLI

+ CAFFEINE

+ NOROVIRUS

+ ESOMEPRAZOLE

+ BACTEROIDES

+ COCAINE







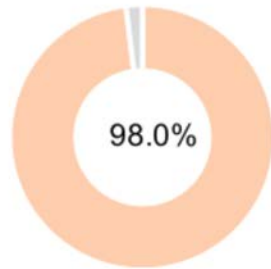
600,000 people
8+ hours travel time



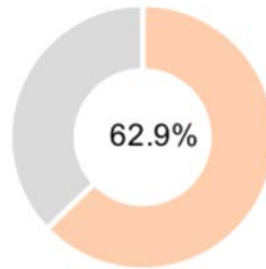
1,500 people
15 minutes travel time

HUMAN GUT MICROBIOME SIGNATURE

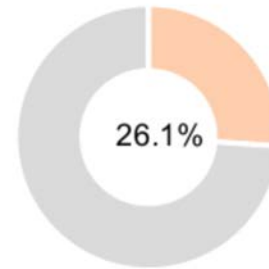
HUMAN STOOL



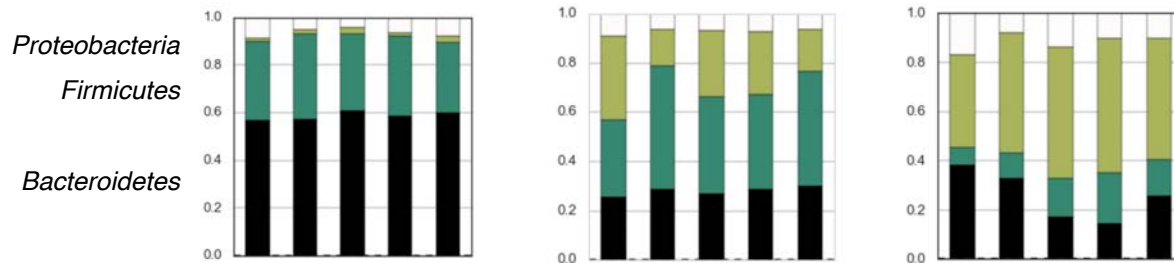
NEIGHBORHOOD



WWTP



Confirmed human associated bacteria

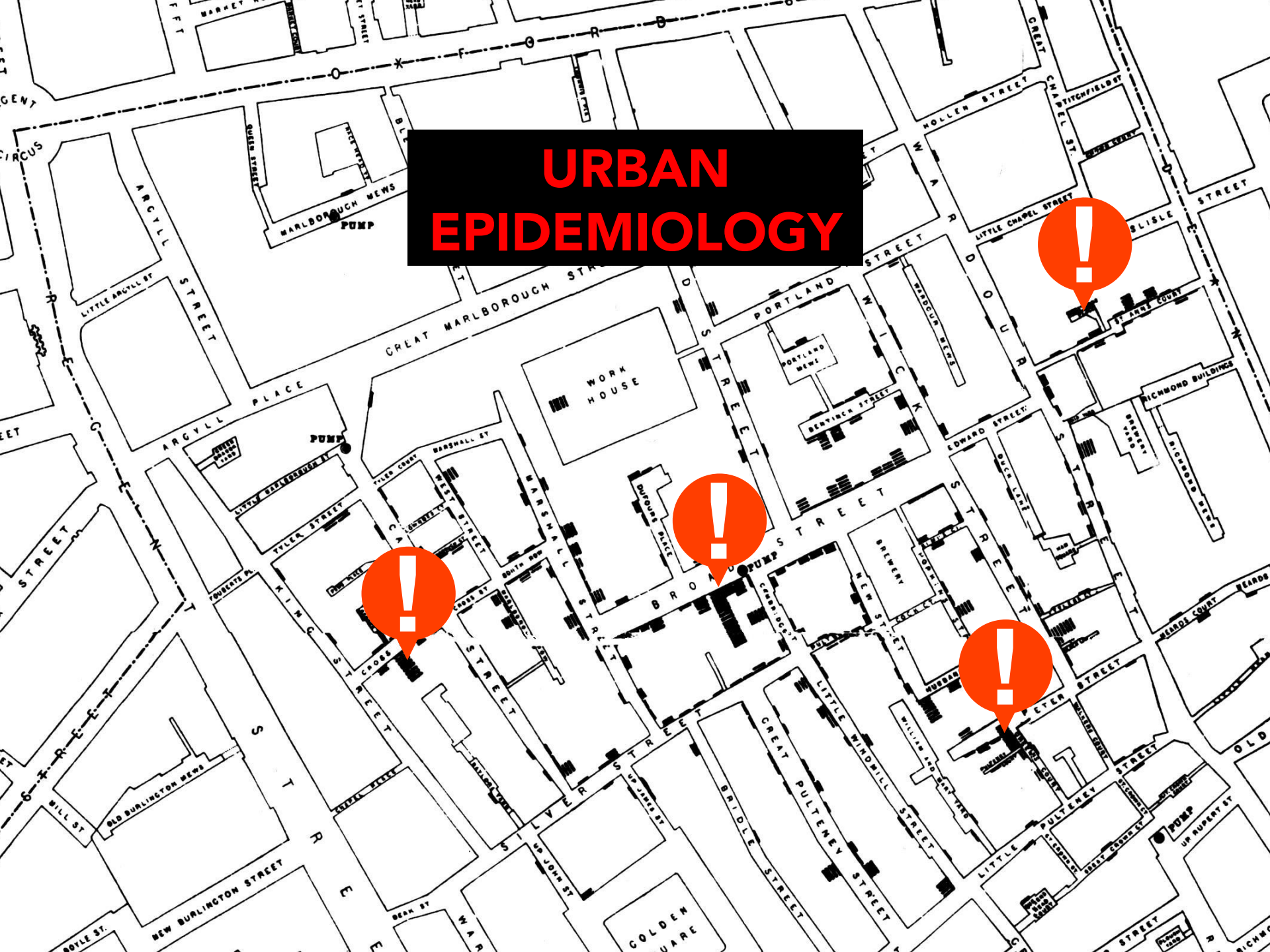


An aerial night view of a city, likely New York City, showing a dense cluster of illuminated skyscrapers. The buildings are lit up with various colors, including yellow, white, and blue. In the center, there is a black rectangular box with the text "REAL-TIME DETECTION" in red. There are also four red circular icons with white exclamation marks scattered across the image, pointing towards different buildings.

REAL-TIME DETECTION



URBAN EPIDEMIOLOGY





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PUBLIC HEALTH

To Keep Polio At Bay, Israel Revaccinates A Million Kids

September 2, 2013 · 3:24 AM ET
Heard on Morning Edition

JASON BEAUBIEN



In early August, Israel launched a mass campaign to vaccinate children against polio, including this little girl at a clinic in Rahat.

David Baumroutch/IFP/Getty Images

Israel is in the midst of a massive, emergency immunization drive of all children under the age of 9 against polio.

Why?

Health workers detected the virus in southern Israel in February. Since then, they've found it in 85 different sewage samples across the country, the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) said Wednesday. Yet so far, no children have gotten sick or been paralyzed by the virus.

MULTISTEP PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

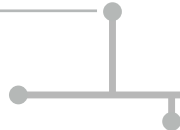
CITY DATA

Demographic data is paired with biochemical data



SEWAGE NETWORK

Network is mapped and flow characterized



SEWAGE SAMPLES

Samples are collected and processed in situ



HEALTH MONITORING

A front-end platform is created to visualize fluctuations in health parameters



BIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS

Viral, bacterial, and chemical data is extracted from individual samples

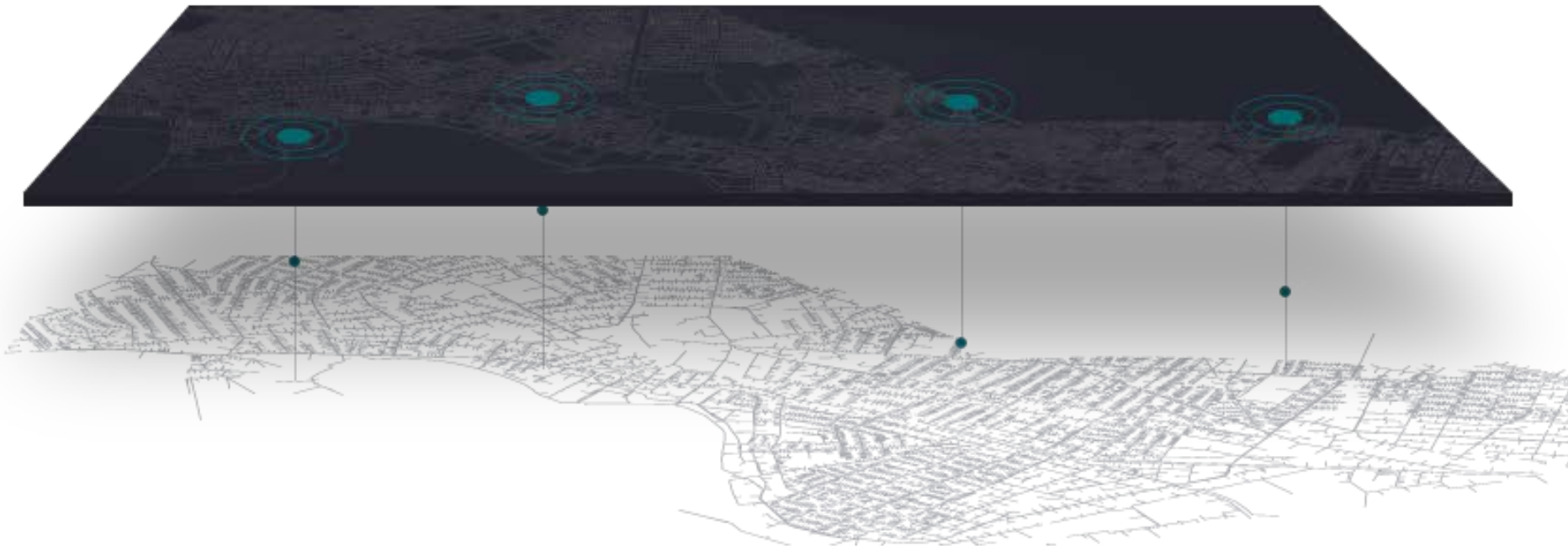
WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

A combination of discovery-mode (untargeted) and targeted protocols:

VIRUSES: REAL-TIME DISEASE TRACKING (human viral pathogen qPCR assays)

BACTERIA: MICROBIOME, ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE (16S and WGSS sequencing)

CHEMICALS: DETECTION, POLICY EVALUATION (mass spec & targeted metabolomics)



Underworlds

Belmont Country Club

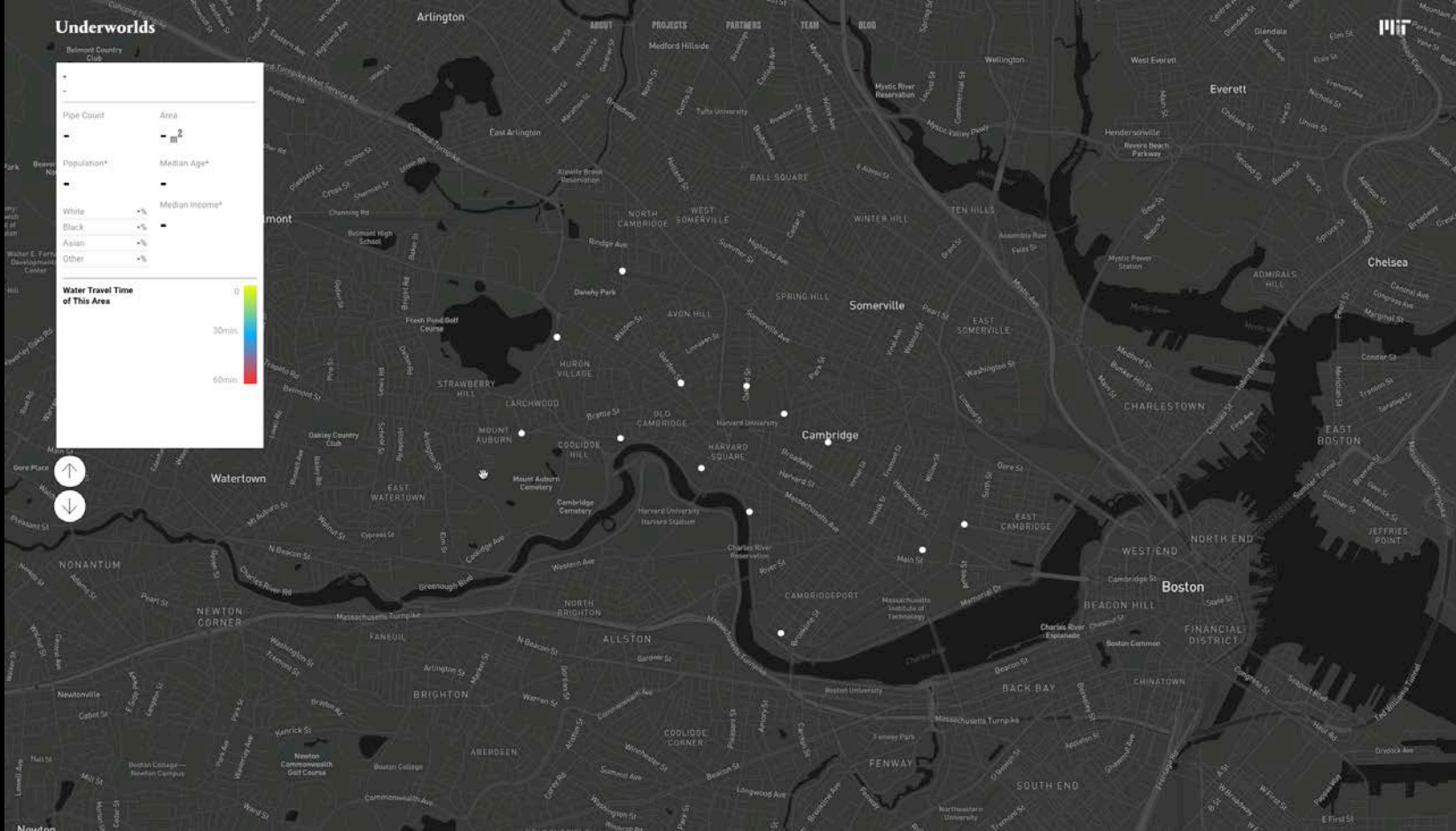
Pipe Count	Area
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Population*	Median Age*
-	-

White	Median Income*
+%	-
Black	+%
Asian	+%
Other	+%

Water Travel Time of This Area

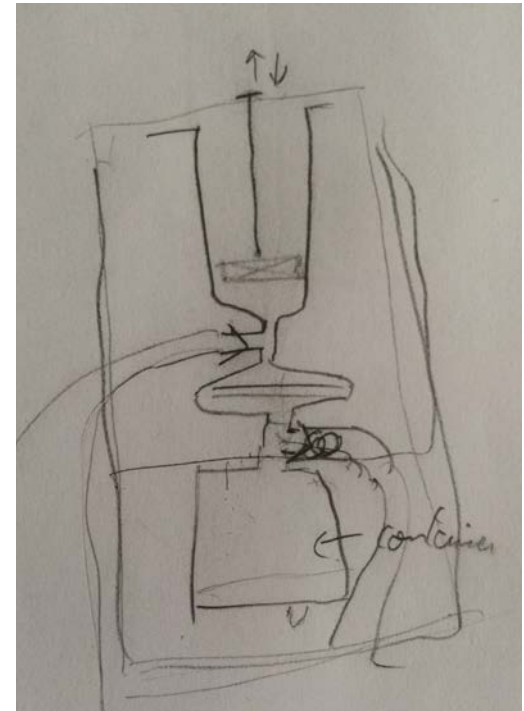
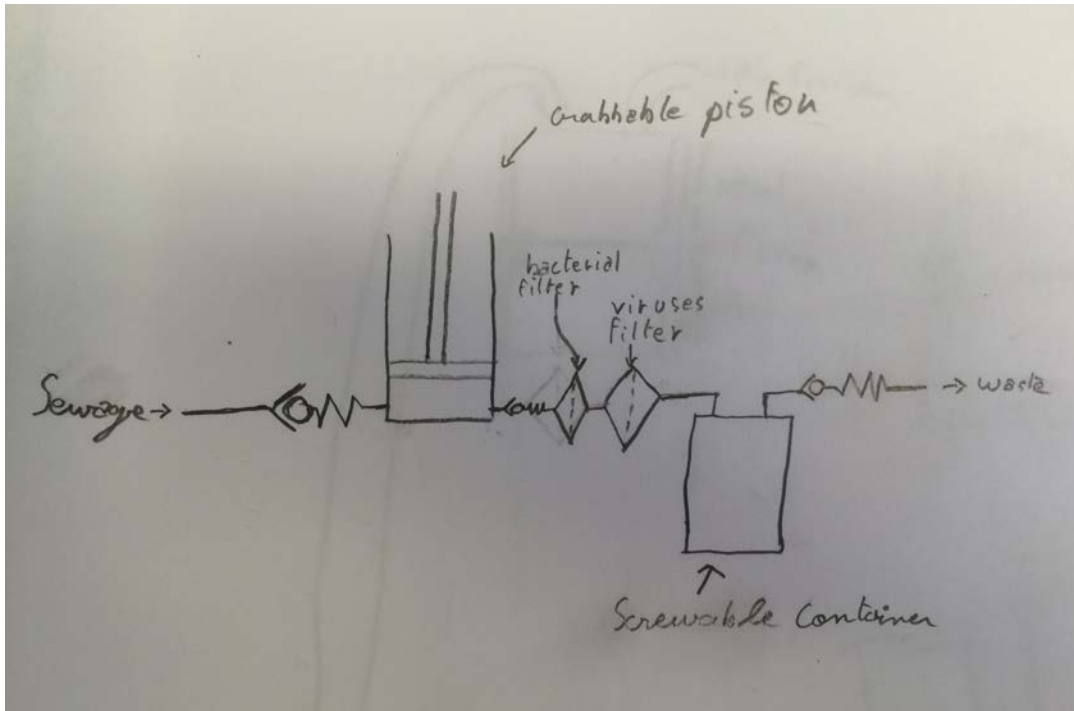
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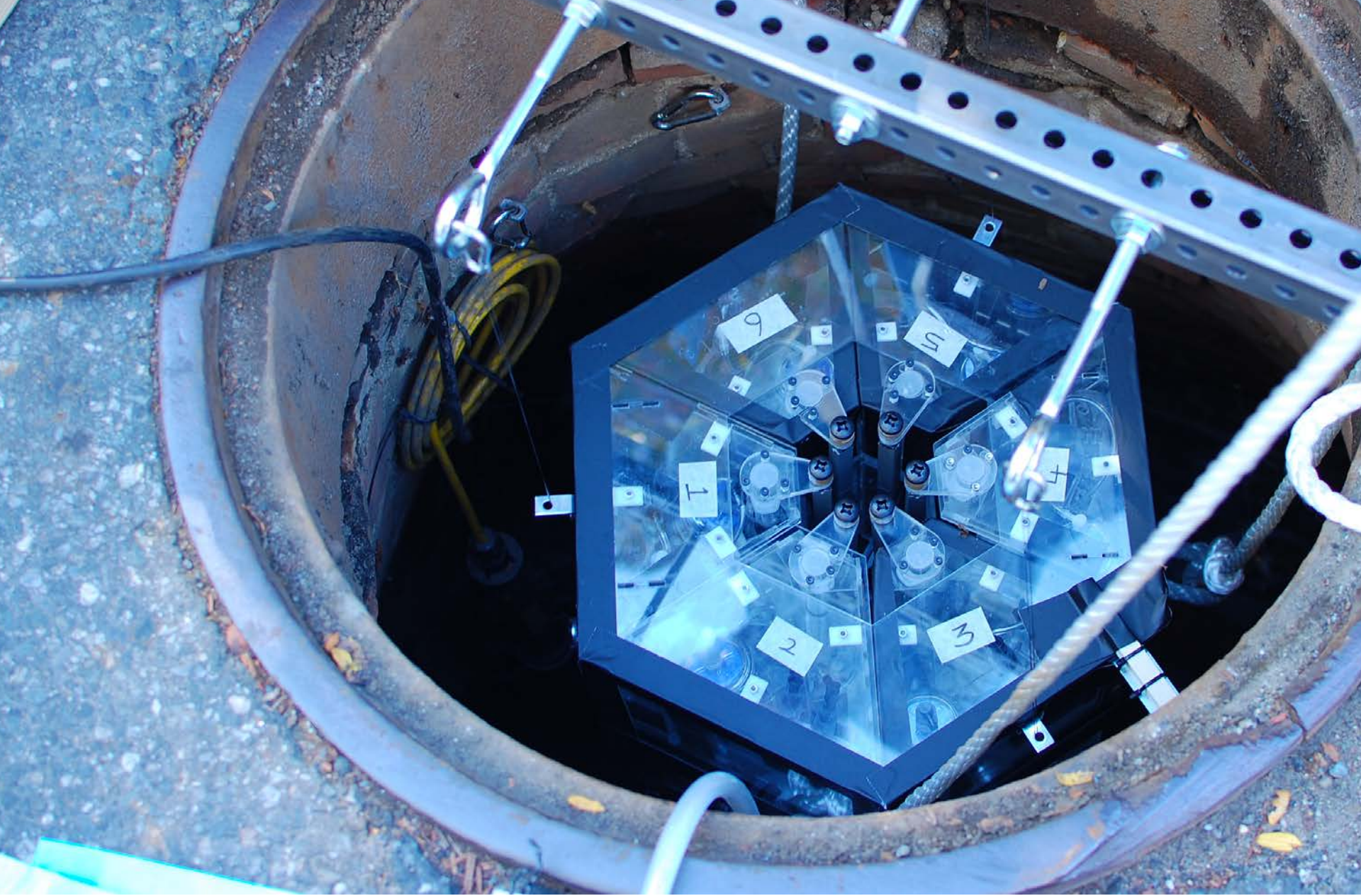


PROTOTYPING A NETWORK OF AUTOMATED SAMPLING INSTRUMENTS

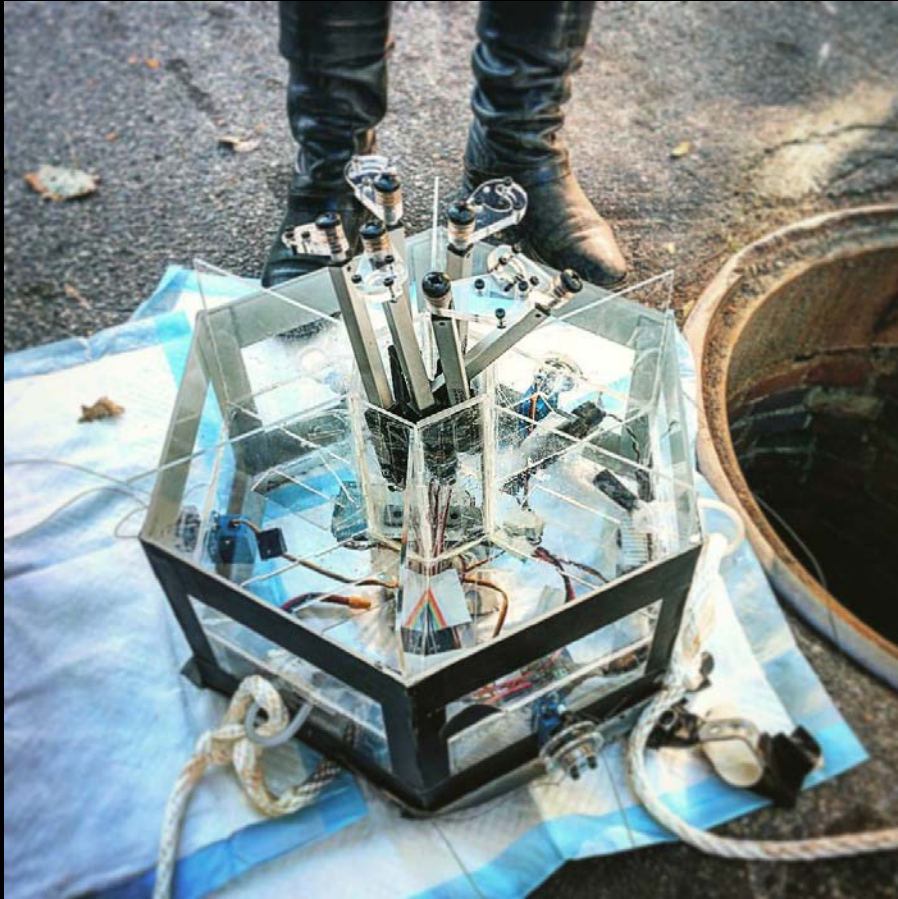
That are dynamically operated and sense information in situ







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completed:

MECHANICAL

- cable coil
- geared DC motor
- peristaltic pump

ELECTRICAL

- micro-controller & battery
- fluid counter
- infrared distance sensor

FLUID

- preprocessing filter
- collection bottle
- intake & outtake tubing



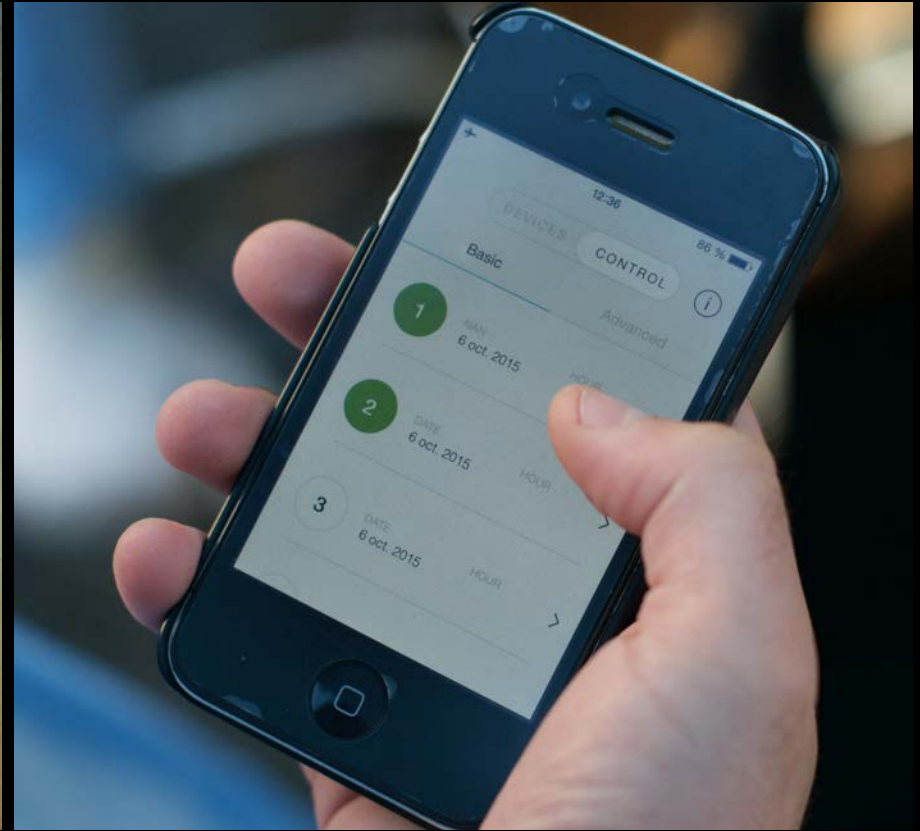
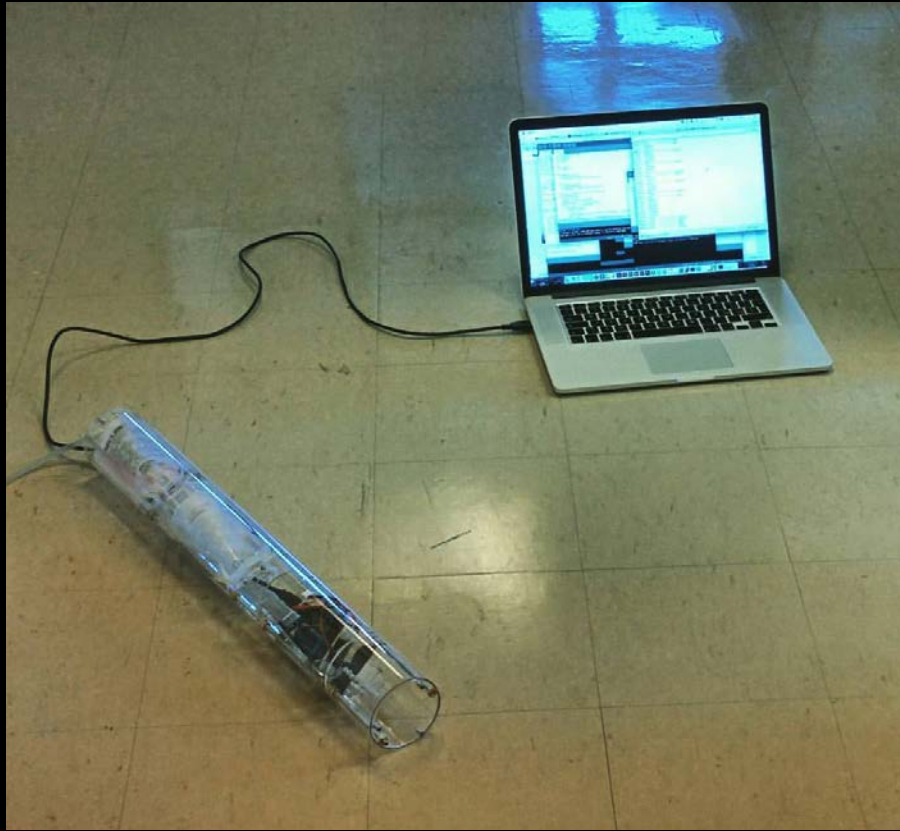
in progress:

SENSORS

- temperature
- flow
- water & moisture
- microfluidics device
- targeted bio sensors

COMMUNICATION

- data collection and storage
- preprogrammed deployment



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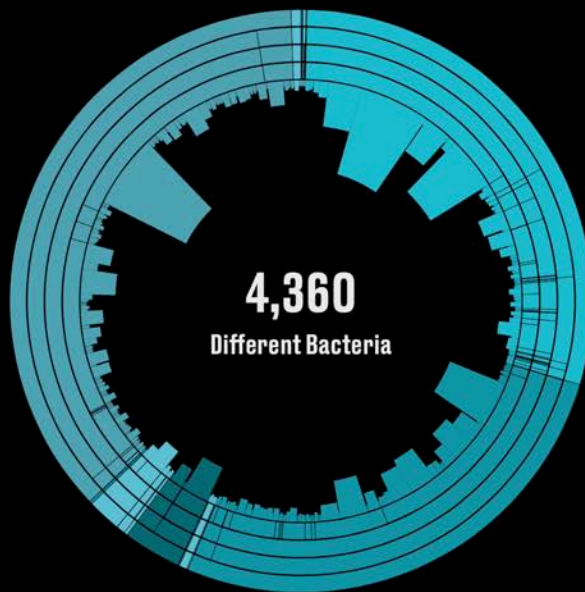


Underworlds

Bacteria

Viruses

Chemicals



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Geo Analysis

Bacteria

Bacteria Surburst

Virus

Virus Treemap

Human Virus



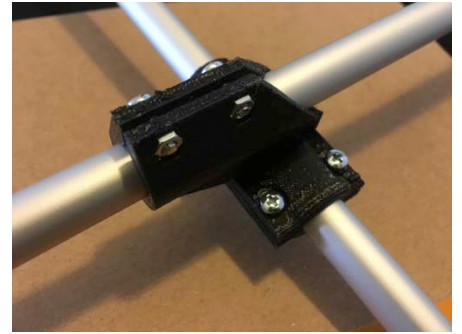
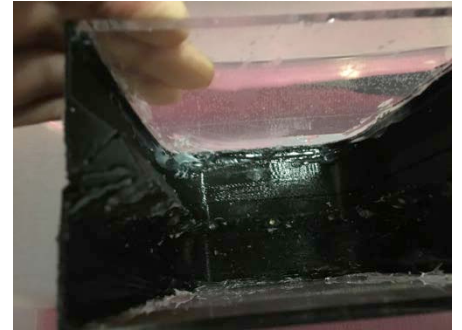
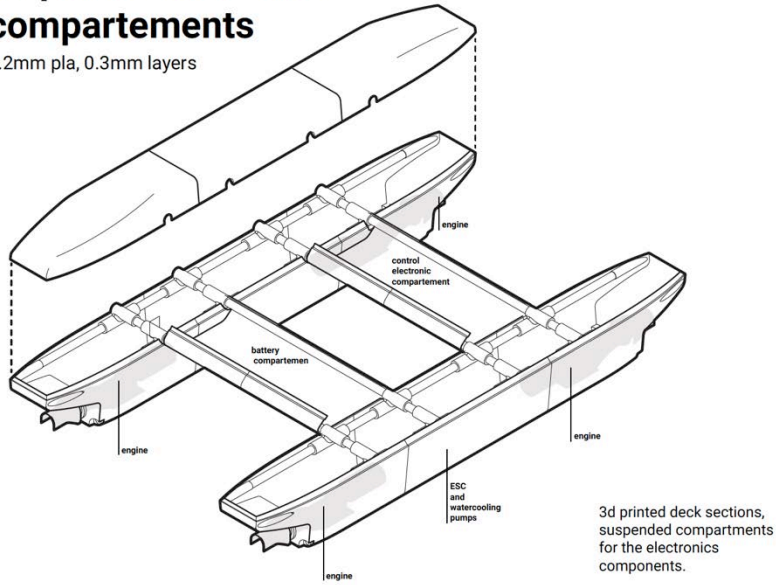
robot



roboat prototyping

3d printed deck and compartments

1.2mm pla, 0.3mm layers



ASV, technology overview

- **GPS (Global Positioning System)**
- **Doppler Velocity Logger (DVL):** an instrument that measures the vehicle's relative velocity according to the Doppler effect.
- **Pressure sensor:** estimate the surrounding flow conditions.
- **Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU):** measures the robot attitude (yaw, pitch and roll), and the angular velocities.



DVL



Pressure sensor



IMU

For our roboat that requires docking and self-assembly, only GPS-based navigation is insufficient, vision-based localization system or Inertial Navigation System should be developed.

urban research and data







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