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Geospatial Technology for Multifaceted Crisis: Real-time
Crisis Mapping and Long-term Trend Analysis

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Sensemaking with Smart Maps

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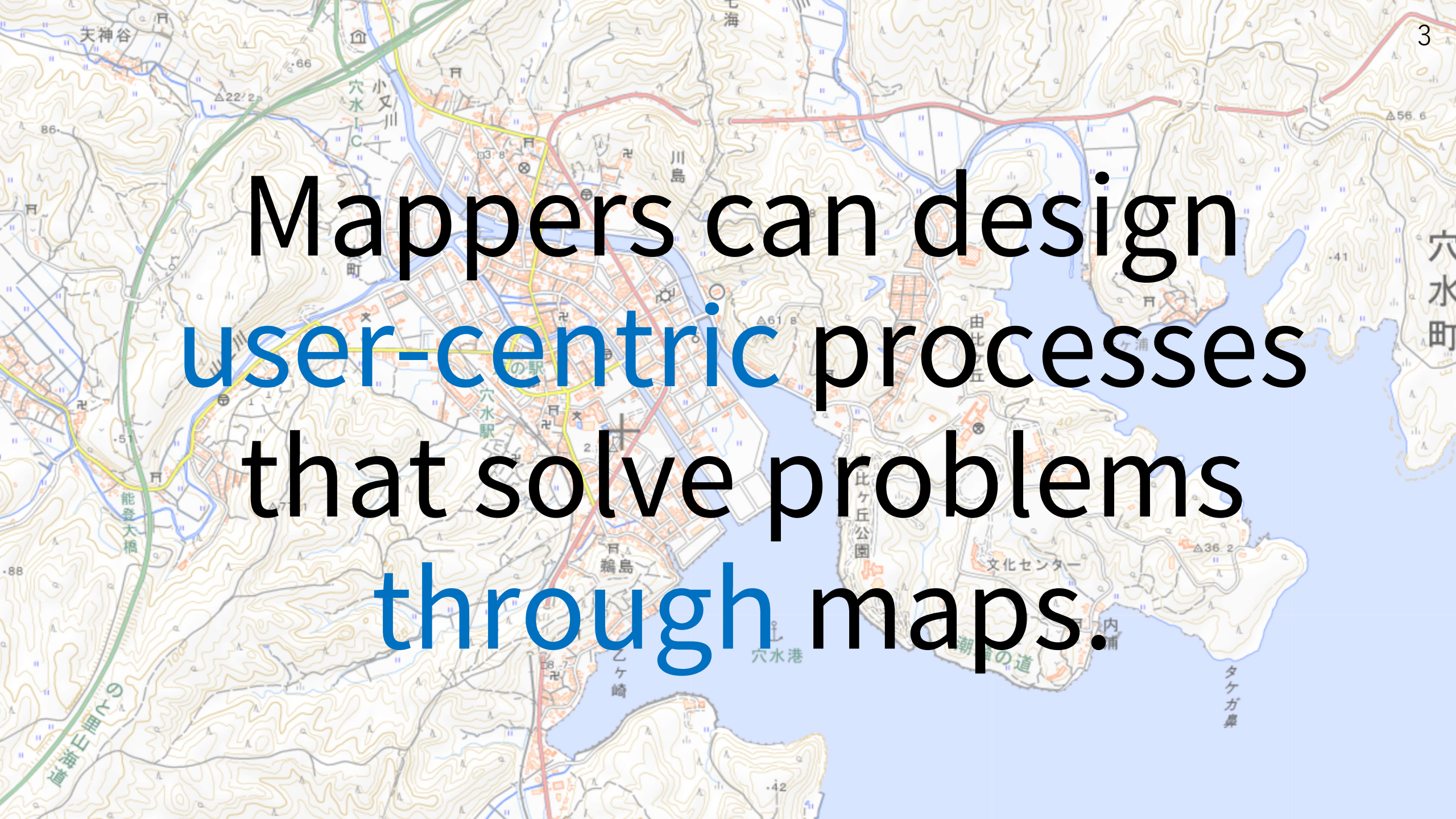
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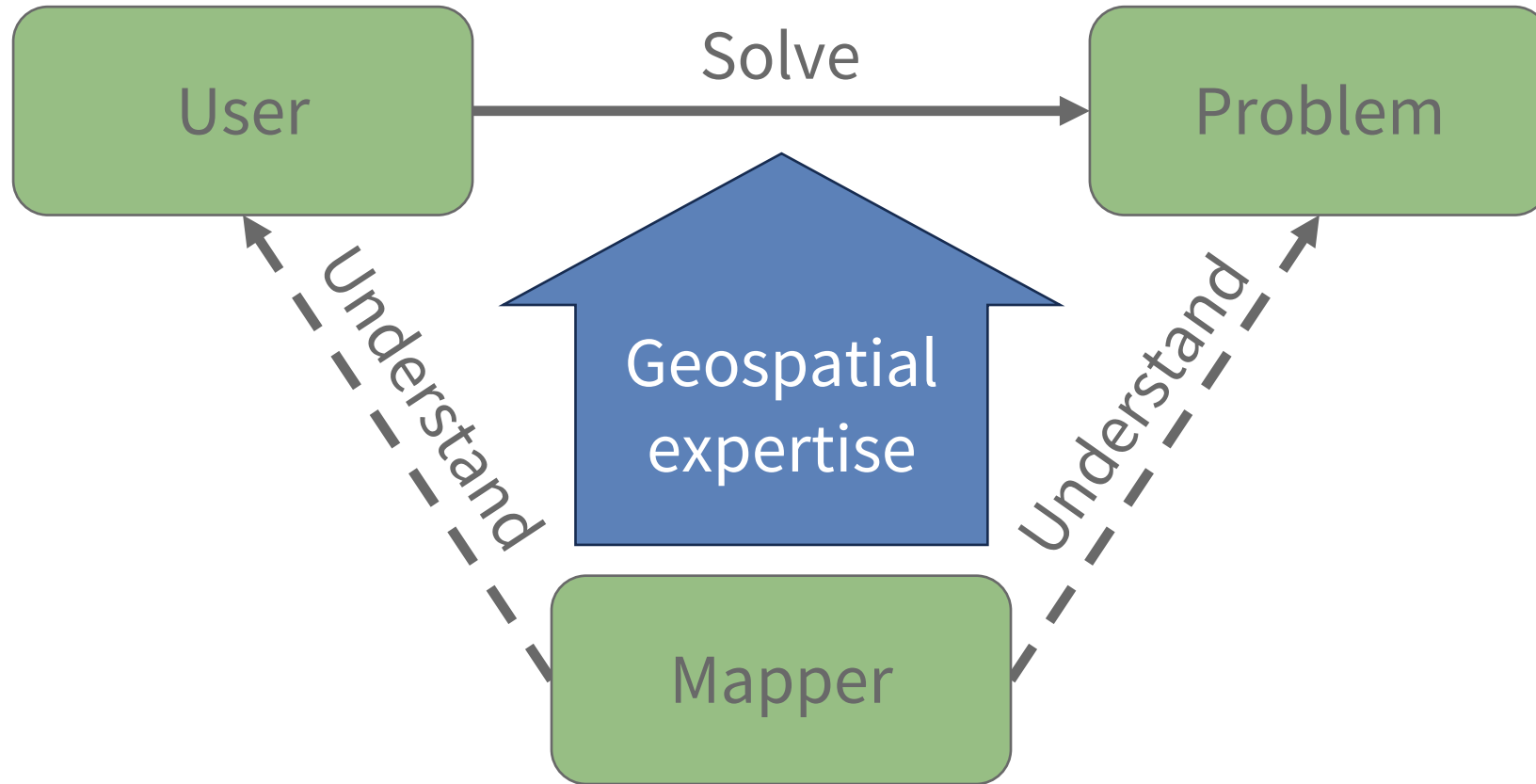
A topographic map of a coastal region, likely in Japan, showing contour lines, rivers, and roads. Overlaid on the map are several colored lines: a green line along the coast, a yellow line through the inland area, and a red line following a path through the landscape. The map includes various geographical labels in Japanese, such as '穴水港' (Aizumi Port), '山王川' (Yamao River), and '穴水町' (Aizumi Town).

Maps have been common tools for decisions.

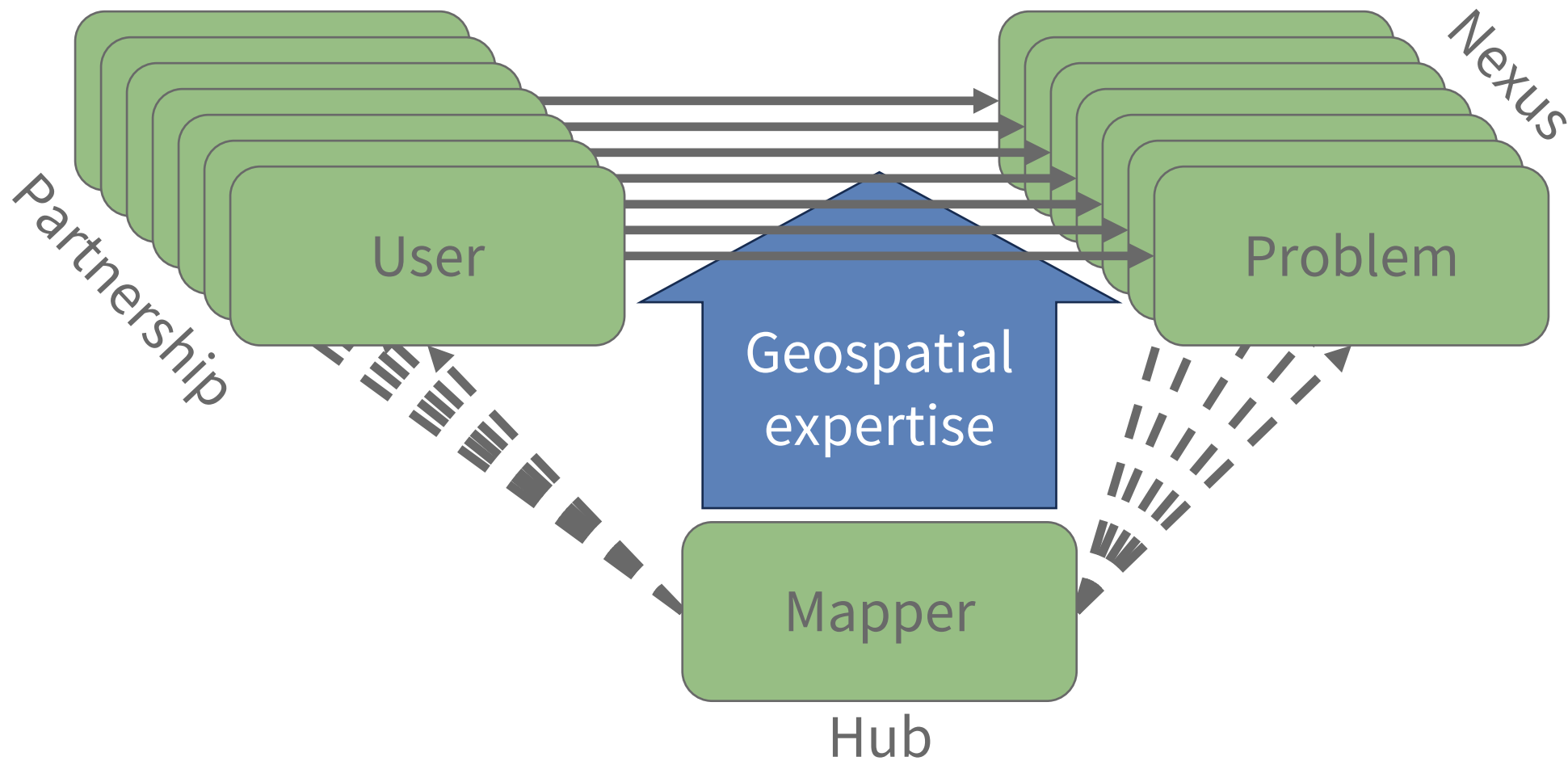
How can Mappers contribute to decisions?

A topographic map of a coastal region, likely in Japan, showing contour lines, roads, and water bodies. The map includes labels for various locations such as 天神谷 (Tenshigaya), 穴水町 (Aizumi-cho), 川島 (Kawashima), 比ヶ丘公園 (Hikegahira Park), 文化センター (Culture Center), and 穴水港 (Aizumi Port). The text "Mappers can design user-centric processes that solve problems through maps." is overlaid on the map, with "user-centric" and "through" highlighted in blue.

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Mapper as a Partnership Hub



#580 of SDGs Action Plan 2023 of SDGs Promotion Headquarters, the Government of Japan (2023-03)



The UN Open GIS Initiative is an ongoing Partnership Initiative for **Technology in Peacekeeping** of United Nations Department of Operational Support. It has been running by the **United Nations Geospatial** in the Office of Information and Communications Technology (OICT), **since March 2016**.



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Partnership Initiatives

Viable and implementable projects have been initiated since the first Partnership for Technology in Peacekeeping international symposium held in 2014 in Brindisi, - Italy. These initiatives range from quick-impact projects, which use available resources to achieve small-scale yet high-impact results, to strategic cooperation projects that look at leveraging Member States' capacities, technologies and expertise to enhance the effectiveness, efficiency, agility, and responsiveness of specific areas of field operations. Existing partnership relationships continue to thrive between the United Nations and Member States: Austria, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Republic of Korea, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America.

UN Open GIS (Geospatial Information Systems) Initiative

Partners: Finland, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, United States of America

Status: Ongoing

The UN Open GIS Initiative, established in 2016, is an ongoing partnership initiative and supported by Member States, International Organizations including UN Agencies, Academia, NGOs, and the Private Sector.

The aim of UN Open GIS is the creation of an extended spatial data infrastructure by utilizing open source GIS solutions that meet the operational requirements of the United Nations (UN Secretariat including UN field missions and regional commissions). The initiative also reaches to UN agencies and operating partners, and to developing countries.

The UN Open GIS Initiative intends to provide a sustainable, hybrid GIS platform (integrating open source software GIS technology with the existing proprietary GIS platform) to effectively and efficiently support enhanced Situational Awareness and to inform decision-making. This will fulfill UN core mandates that refers to or depends on the following: geospatial information, the saving of lives and the support to emergency operations, and the enablement of cost-effective operations.

Various open source GIS solutions have been explored/assessed in the UN field operational environment, with findings of positive outcomes to move forward from the existing proprietary GIS platform toward the hybrid GIS platform. This is particularly on mobile GIS solutions (QField, KoBoToolbox, Geopaparazzi), desktop GIS solution (QGIS), OpenDroneMap, Cloud Free Satellite Imagery, and Hybrid GIS infrastructure.

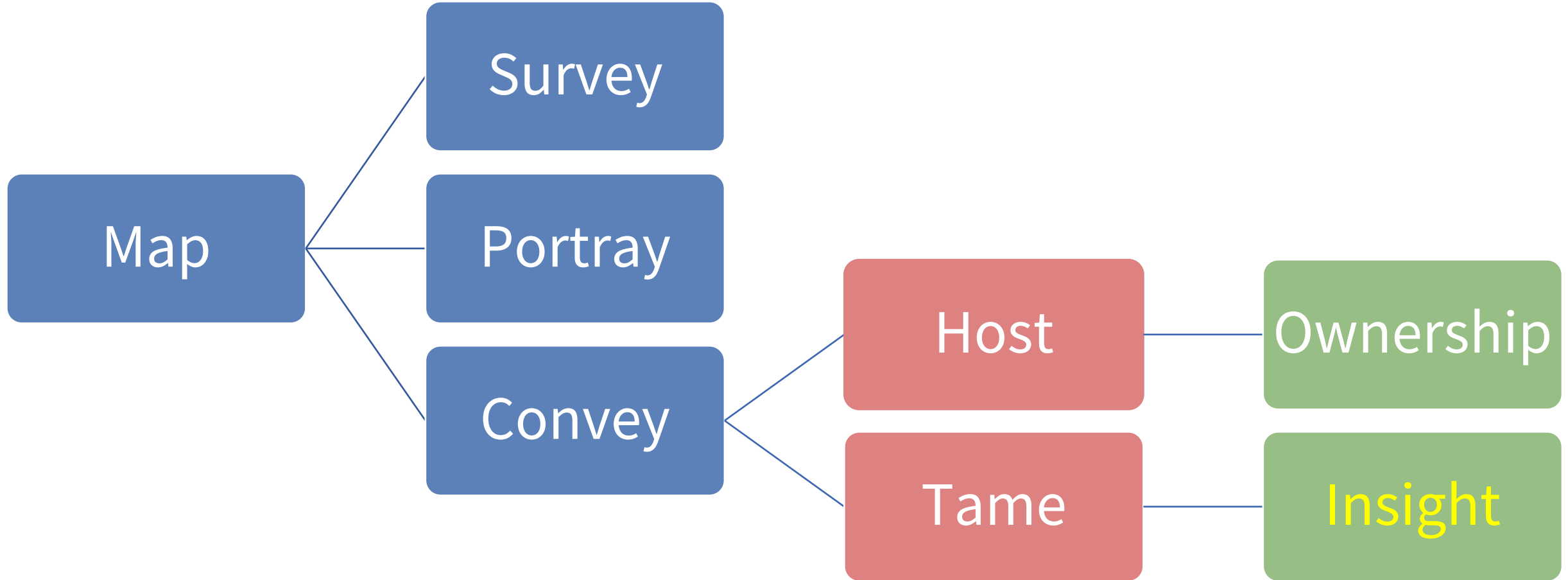
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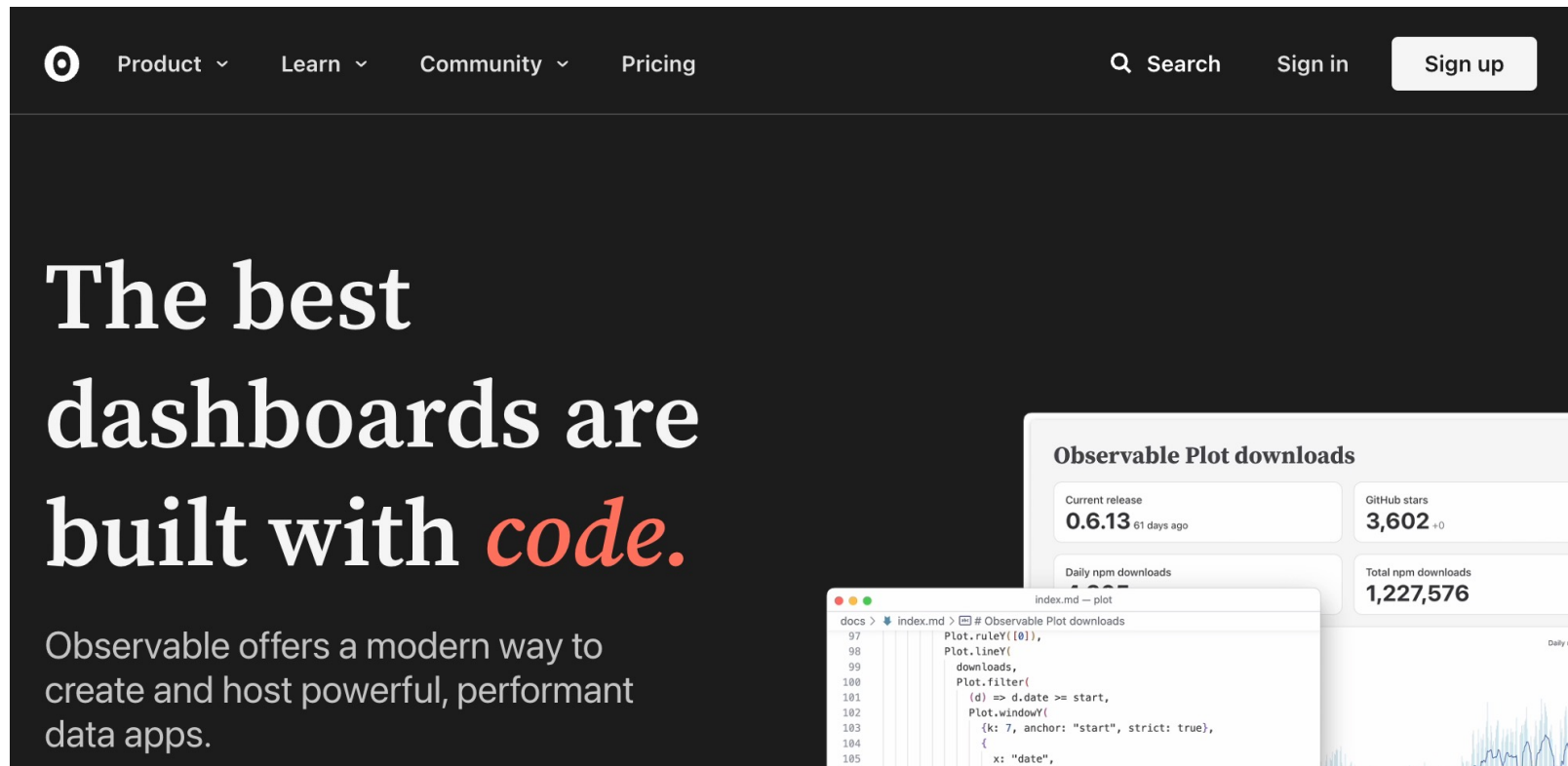
1. Open **Community of Practice**. An open-source multi-sector partnership.
2. Vision: keep **web maps** open for a better world.
3. Mission: **test new technologies** for **future** geospatial operations.

Anatomy of Mapping



Tame the data for insight.

- The purpose of visualization is **insight**, not a picture. (Ben Shneiderman)
- Someone must establish tie with (= tame) the data to create insight.
- We use **interactive visualization** and large language models (LLMs).



The screenshot shows the Observable website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Product, Learn, Community, and Pricing, along with a search bar and Sign in/Sign up buttons. The main content area features a large heading: "The best dashboards are built with *code*." Below this, a text block states: "Observable offers a modern way to create and host powerful, performant data apps." In the foreground, there is a code editor window displaying the following code:

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index.md - plot
docs > index.md > # Observable Plot downloads
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98 Plot.lineY(
99   downloads,
100   Plot.filter(
101     (d) => d.date >= start,
102     Plot.windowY(
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104       {
105         x: "date",
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Overlaid on the code editor is a dashboard titled "Observable Plot downloads". It contains four data cards:

- Current release: **0.6.13** 61 days ago
- GitHub stars: **3,602**₊₀
- Daily npm downloads: **1,227**
- Total npm downloads: **1,227,576**

At the bottom right of the dashboard, there is a line chart showing "Daily npm" downloads over time.

What if Smart Maps is applied to...

UCDP Georeferenced Event Dataset (GED) Global version 23.1

This dataset is UCDP's most disaggregated dataset, covering individual events of organized violence (phenomena of lethal violence occurring at a given time and place). These events are sufficiently fine-grained to be geo-coded down to the level of individual villages, with temporal durations disaggregated to single, individual days.

Available as:



Please cite:

- Davies, Shawn, Therese Pettersson & Magnus Öberg (2023). Organized violence 1989-2022 and the return of conflicts between states?. *Journal of Peace Research* 60(4).
- Sundberg, Ralph and Erik Melander (2013) Introducing the UCDP Georeferenced Event Dataset. *Journal of Peace Research* 50(4).

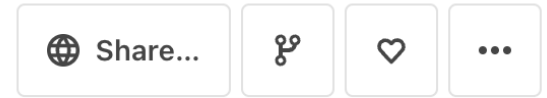
Uppsala Conflict Data Program / Georeferenced Event Dataset
https://ucdp.uu.se/downloads/index.html#ged_global

<https://observablehq.com/d/8c1b592ba7abe90d>



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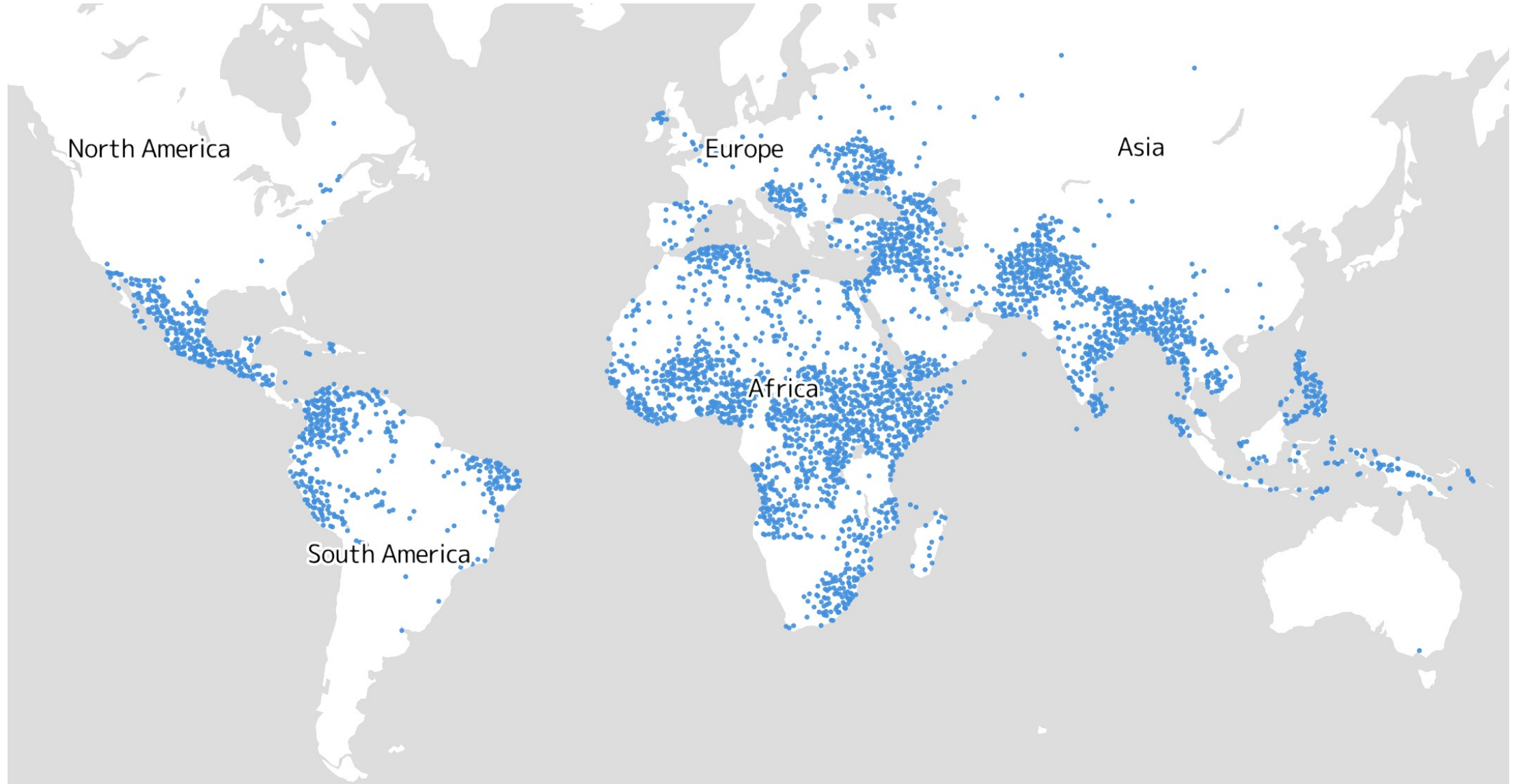
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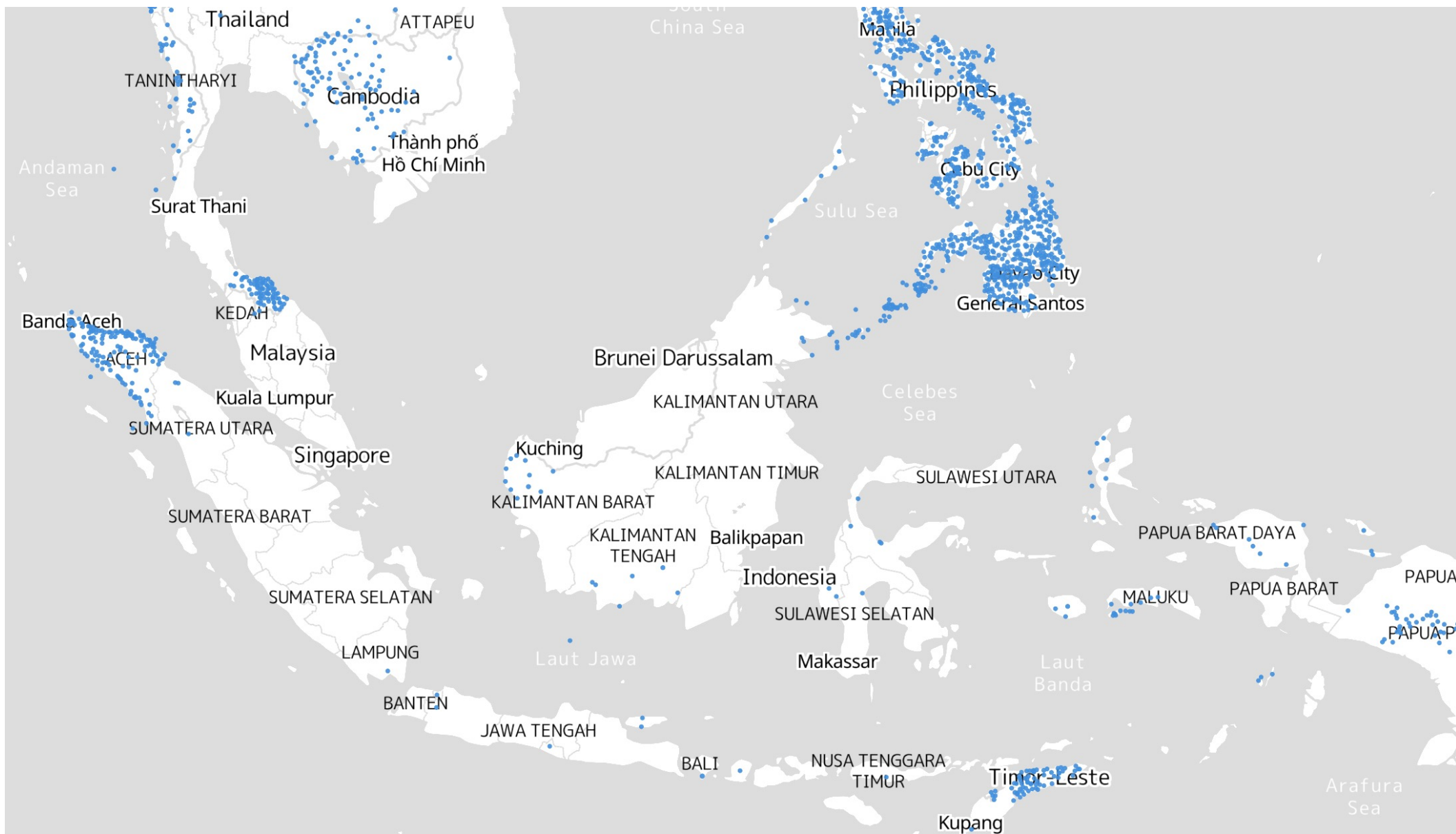
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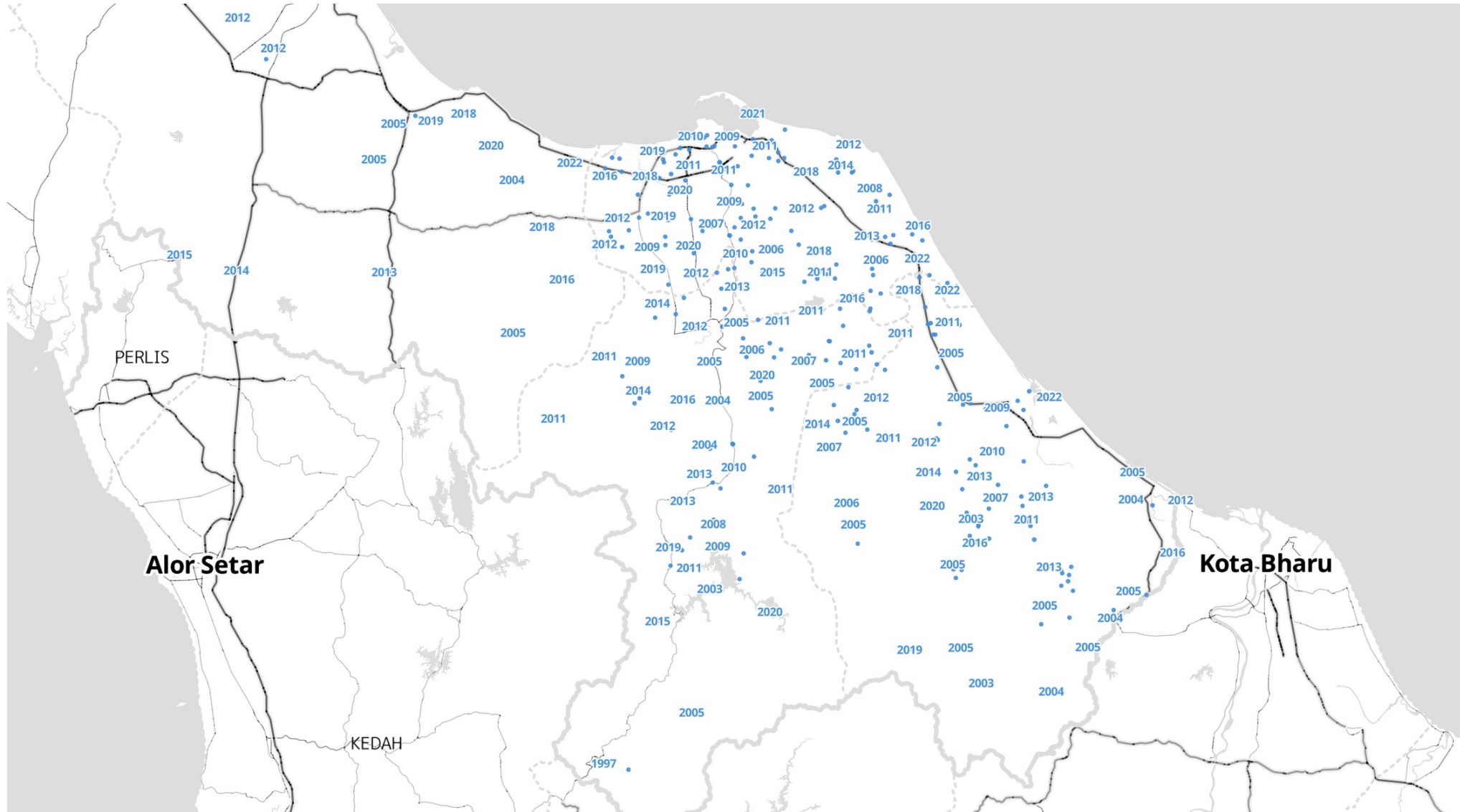
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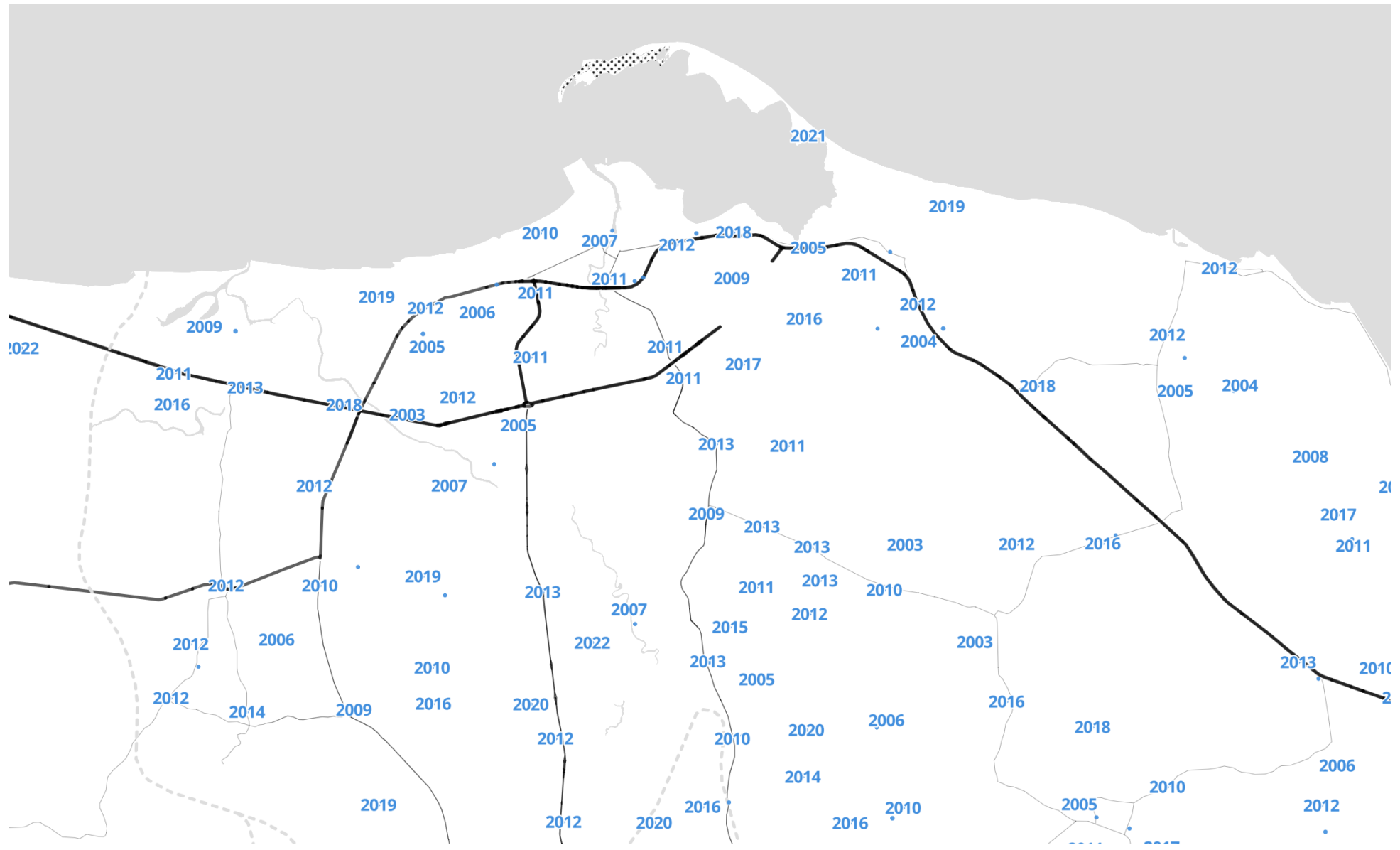
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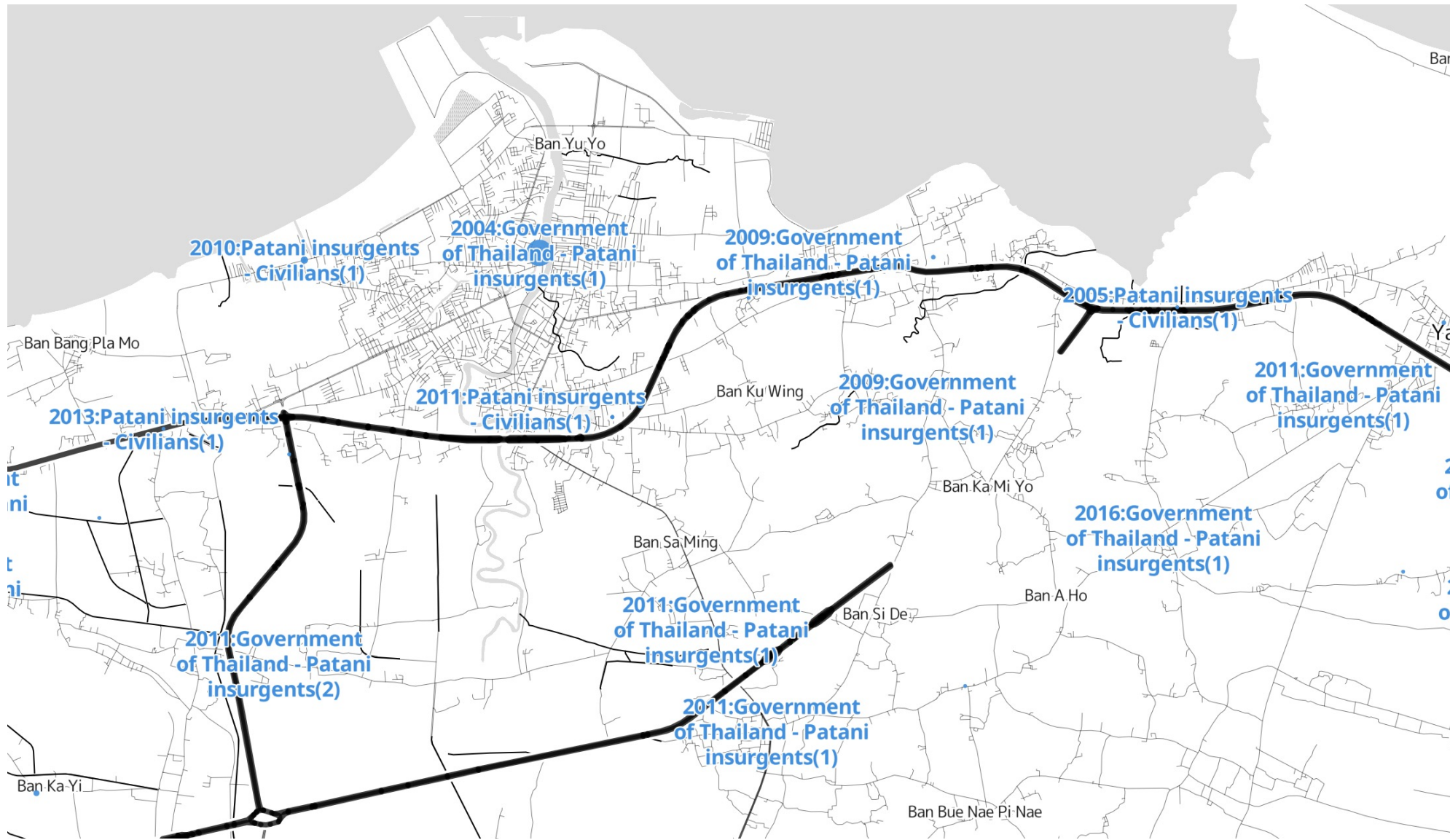
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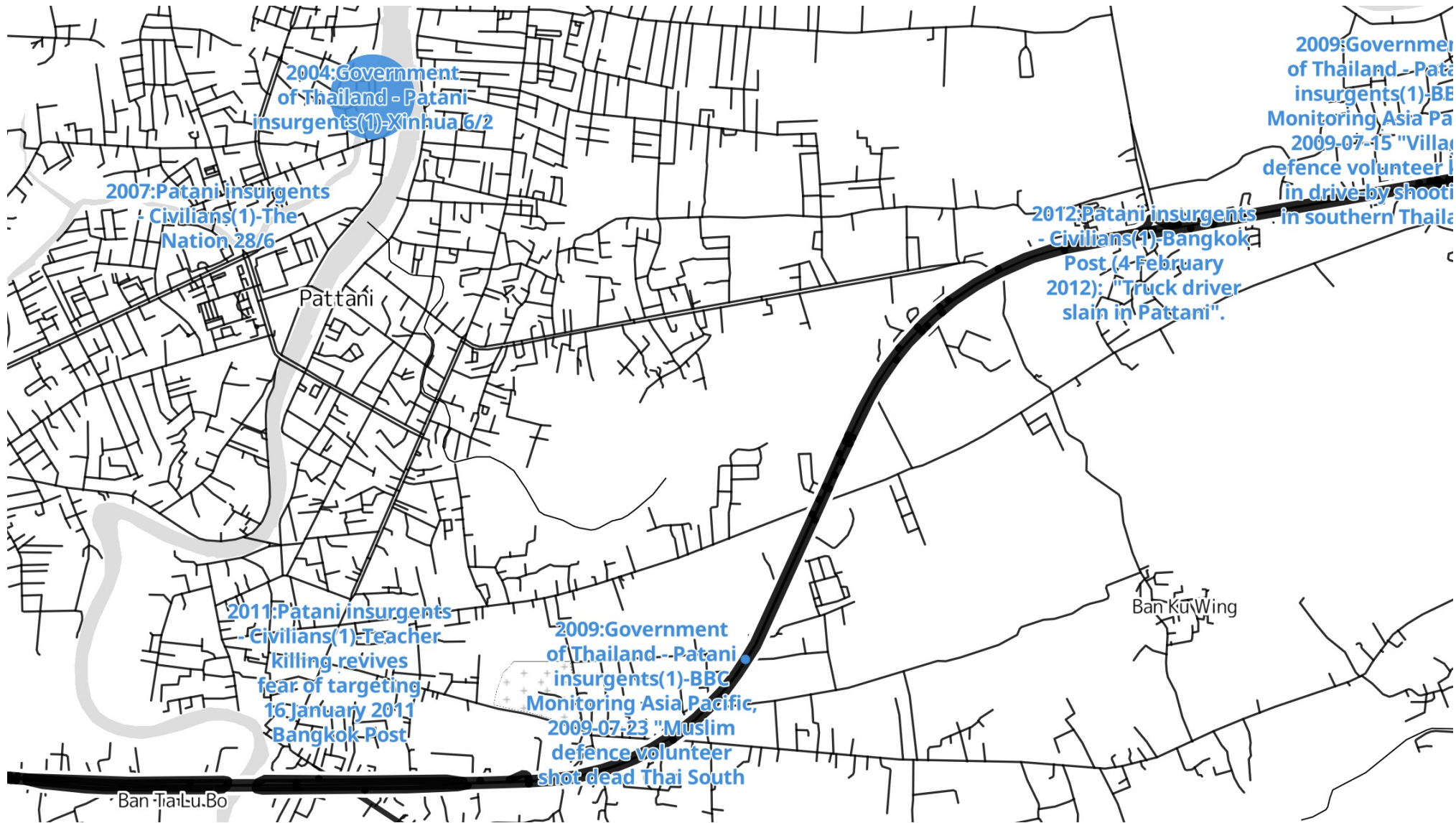




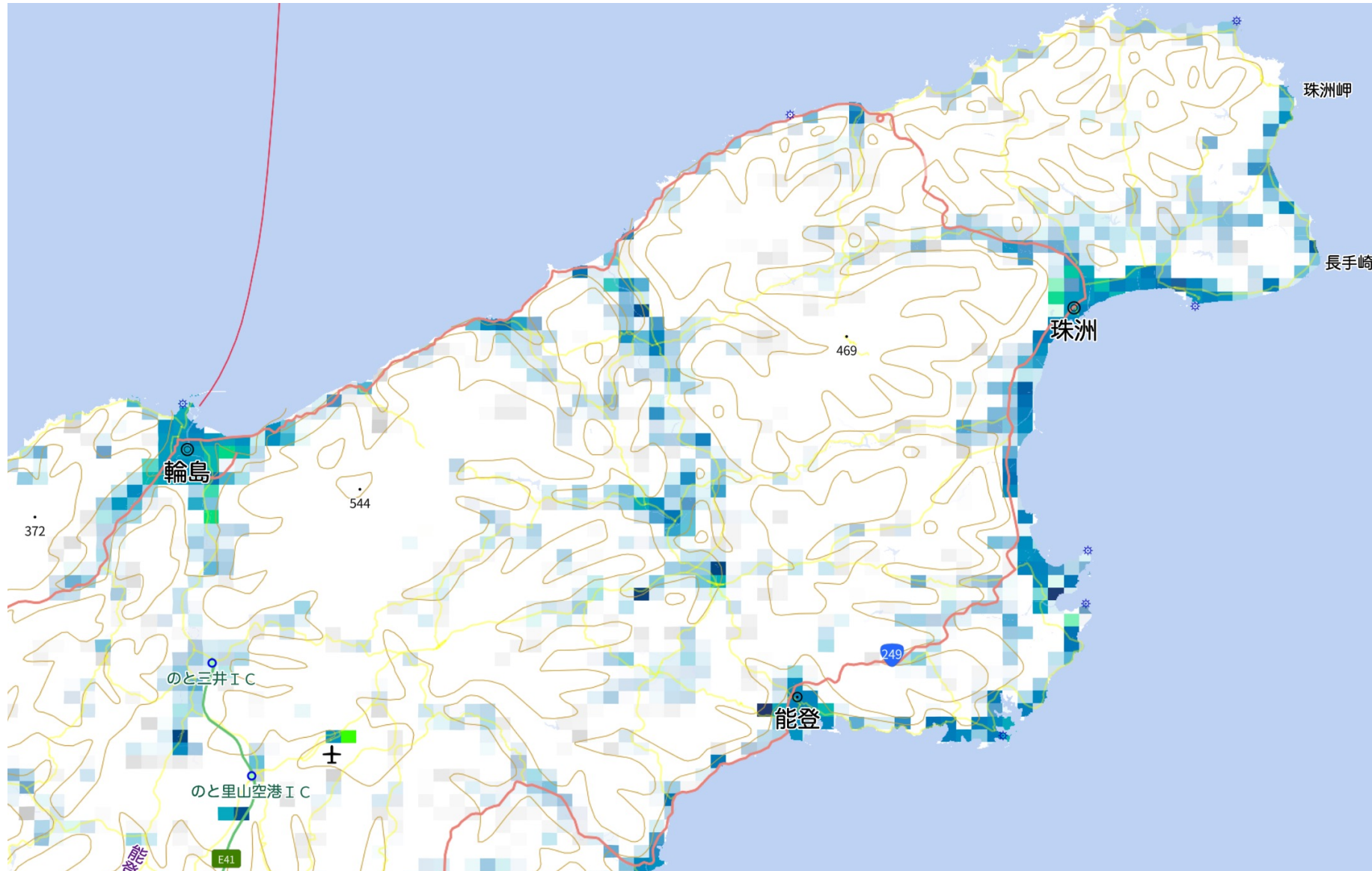


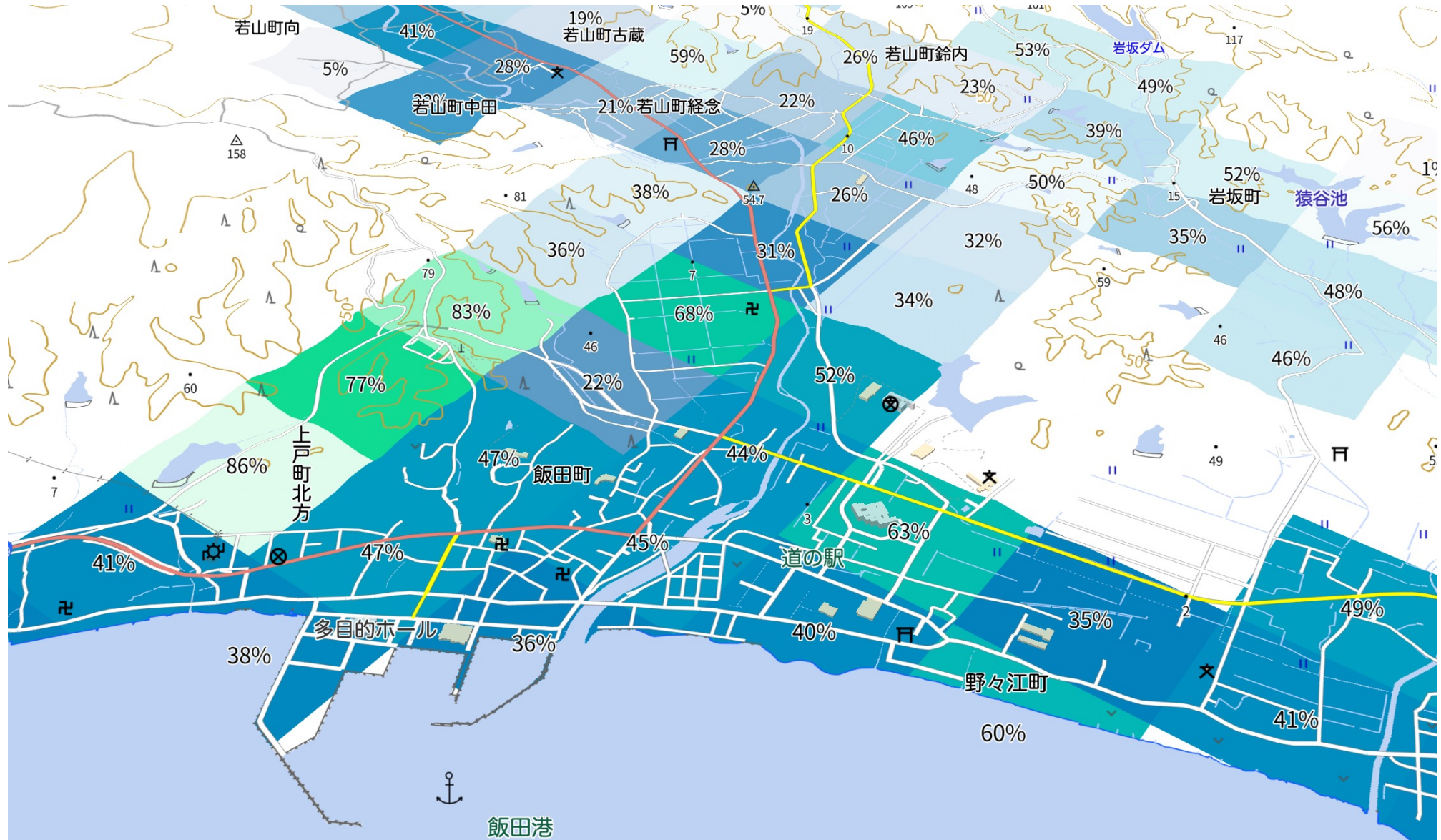




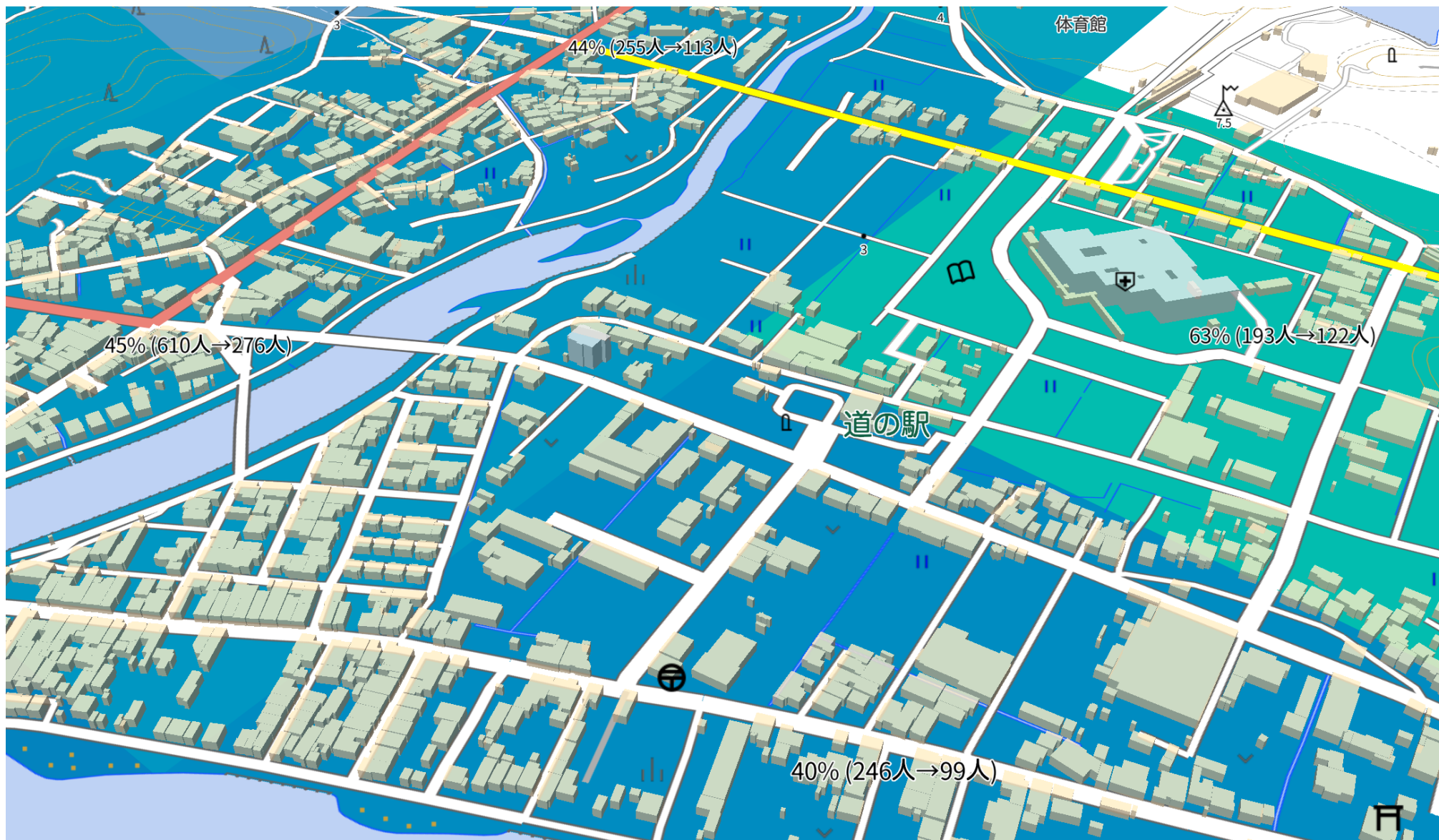


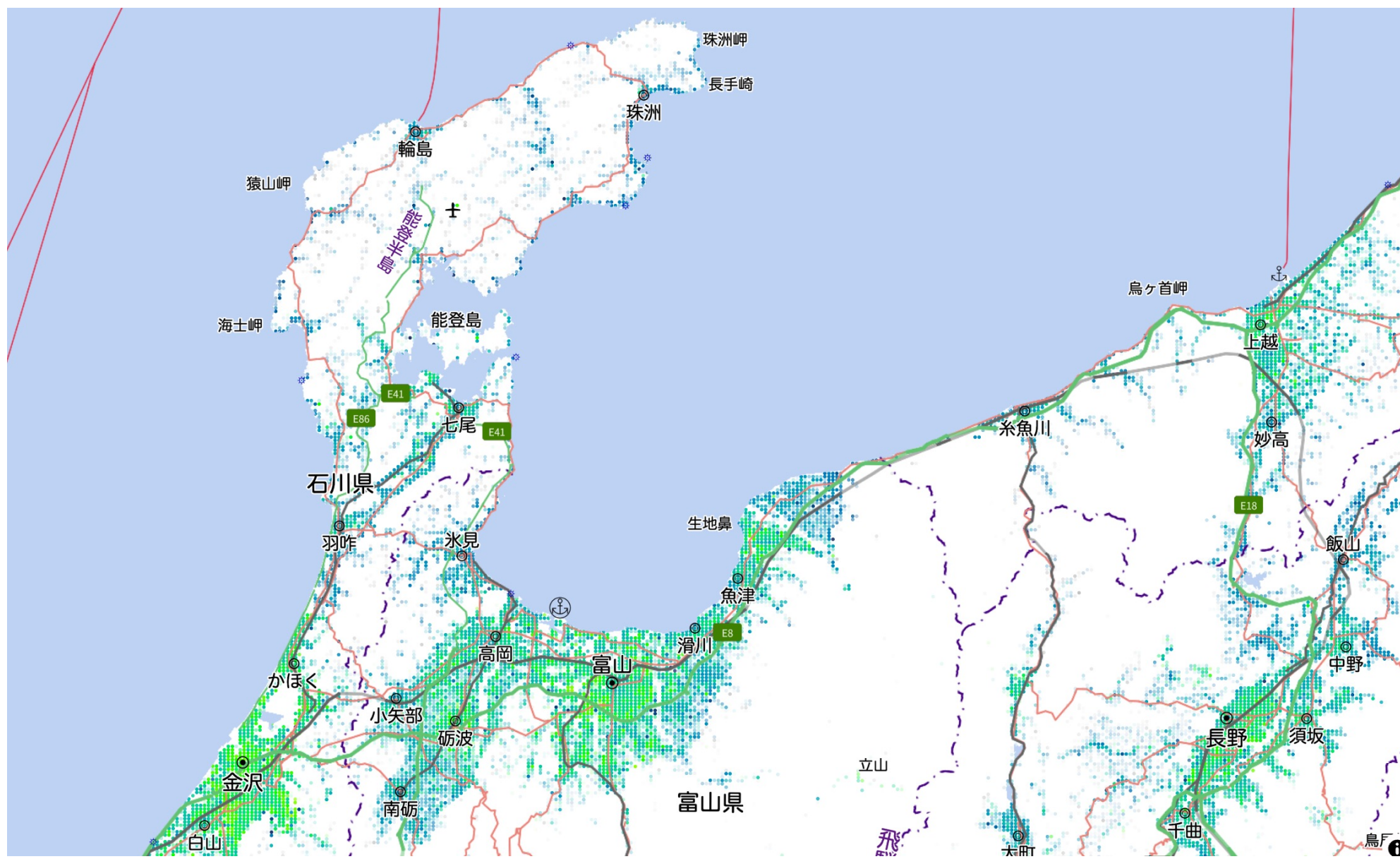
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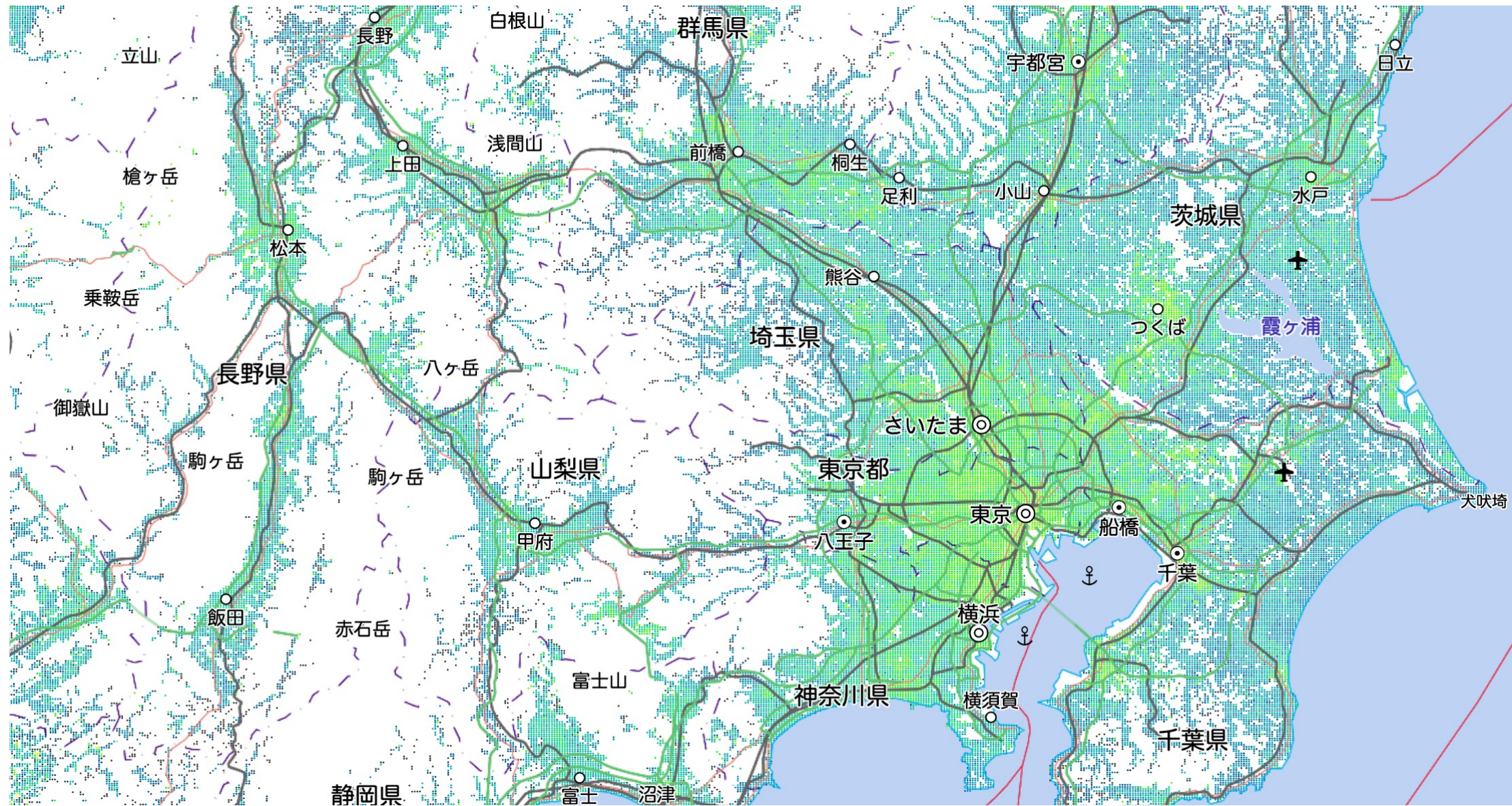


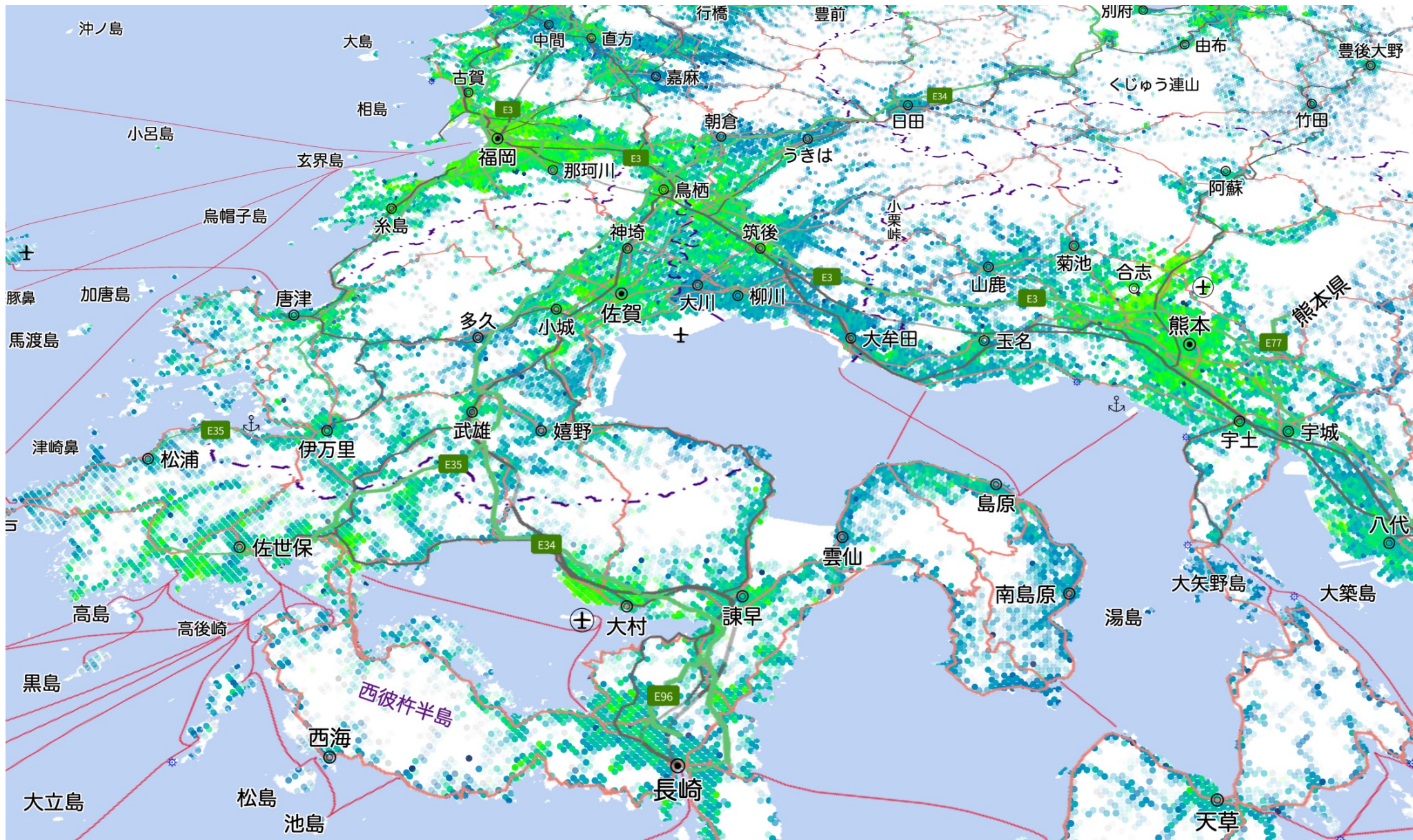








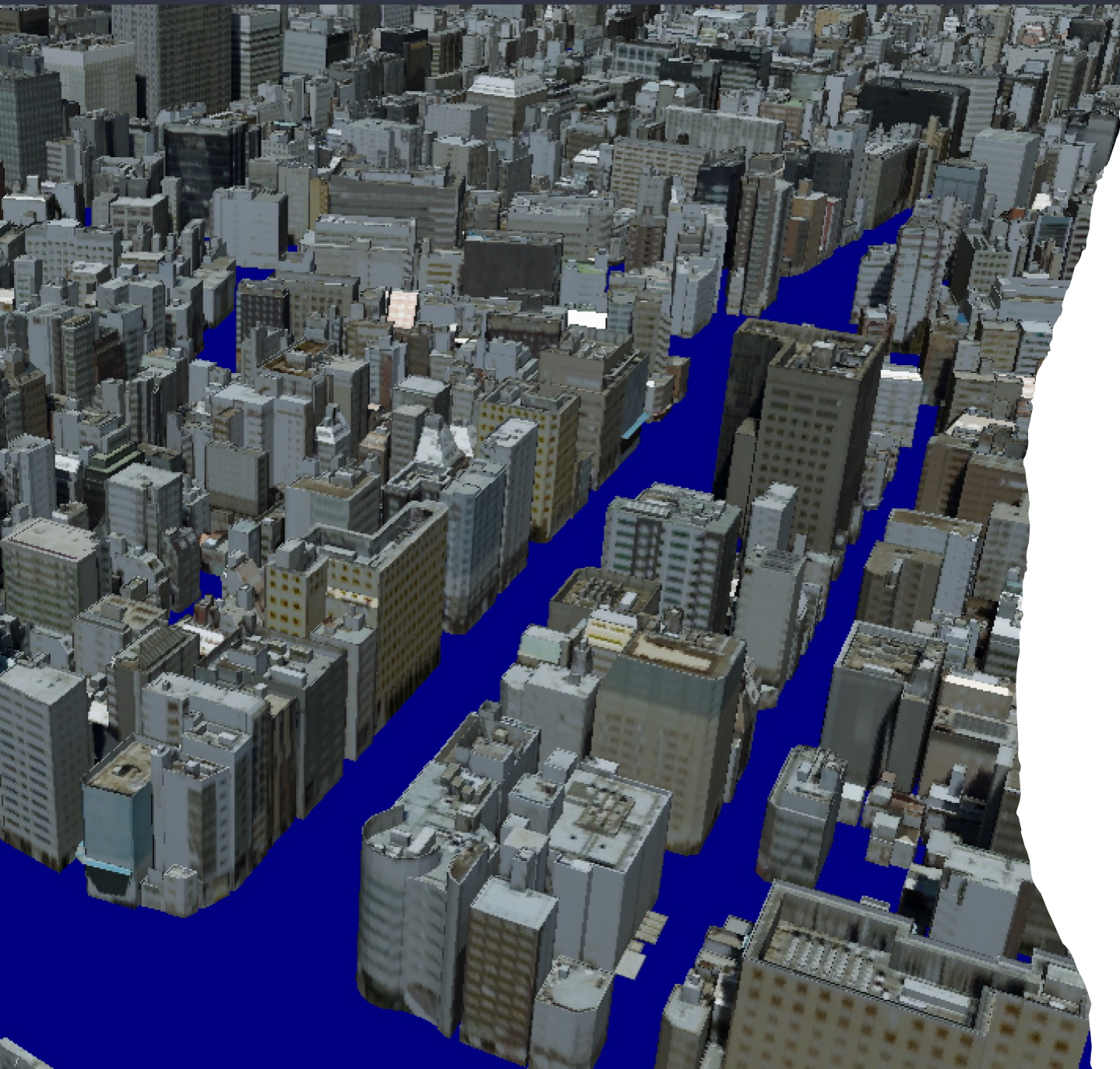






Point Cloud

- Open Data from Nagasaki prefecture.

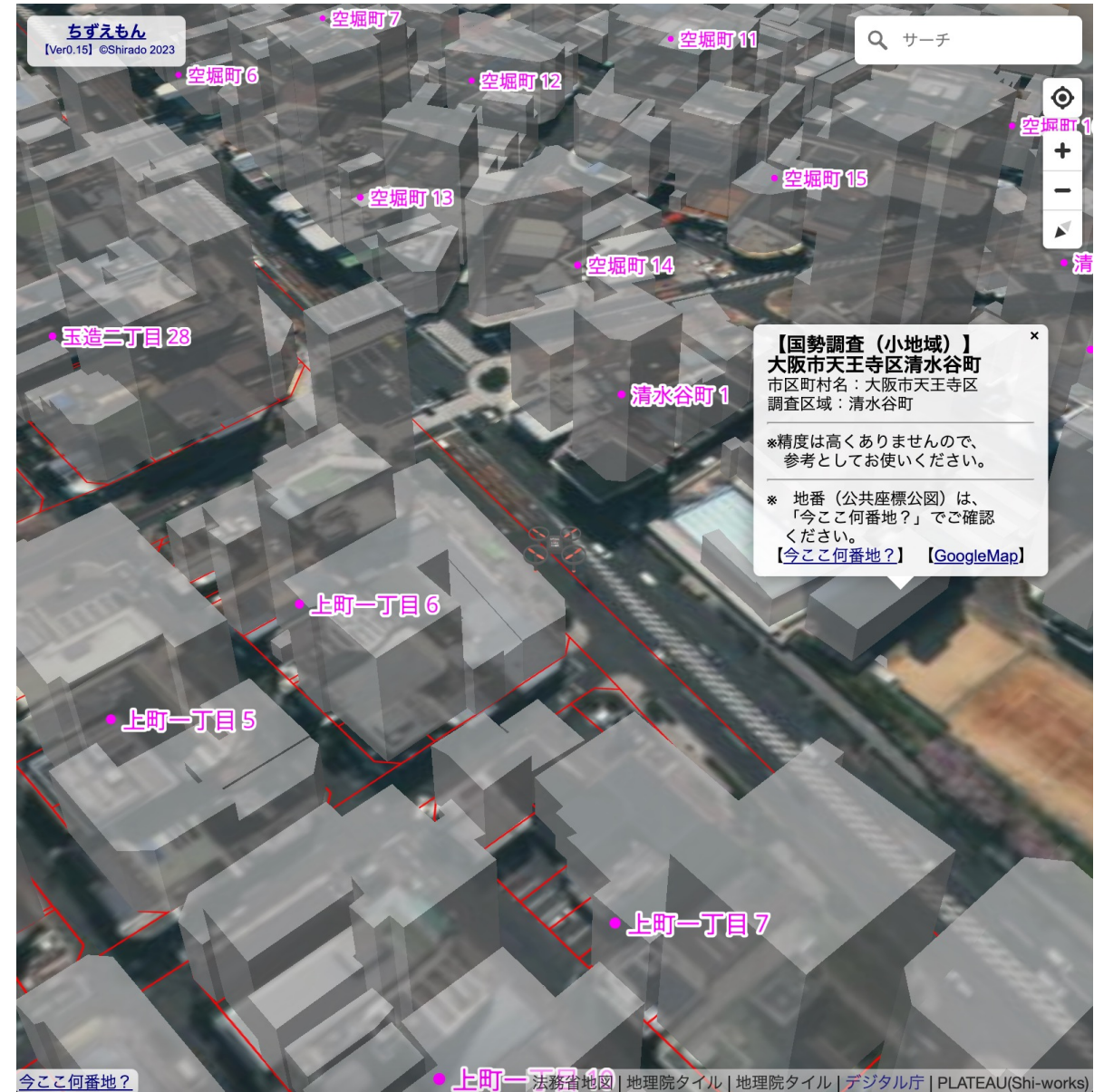



City Model

- 3D Tiles released by a Government Ministry (Project PLATEAU by MLIT)

Combined open cloud-native data in a simple web map.

Detailed city data from 2 ministries, 1 agency and 1 authority.



A detailed topographic map of Kawasumi, Japan, showing contour lines, roads, and geographical features. The map includes labels for various locations such as 天神谷 (Tenshigaya), 穴水町 (Aizumi-cho), 川島 (Kawasumi), 比ヶ丘公園 (Hikeshi Park), 文化センター (Culture Center), 内浦 (Ura), and タケガ鼻 (Takegana). The text is overlaid on the map in a large, bold, black font.

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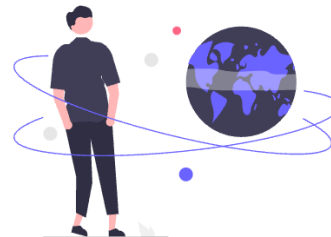
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