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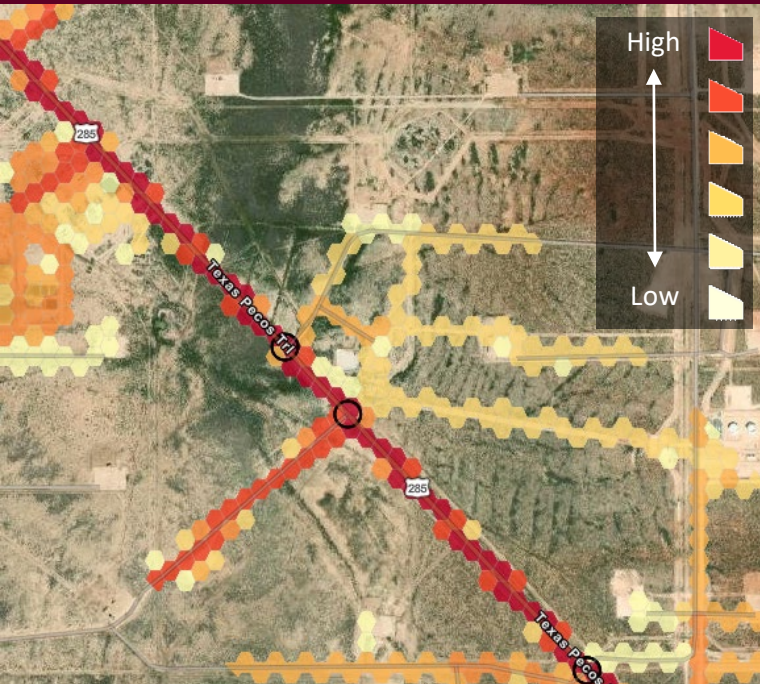
# Connected Vehicle Data Safety Applications

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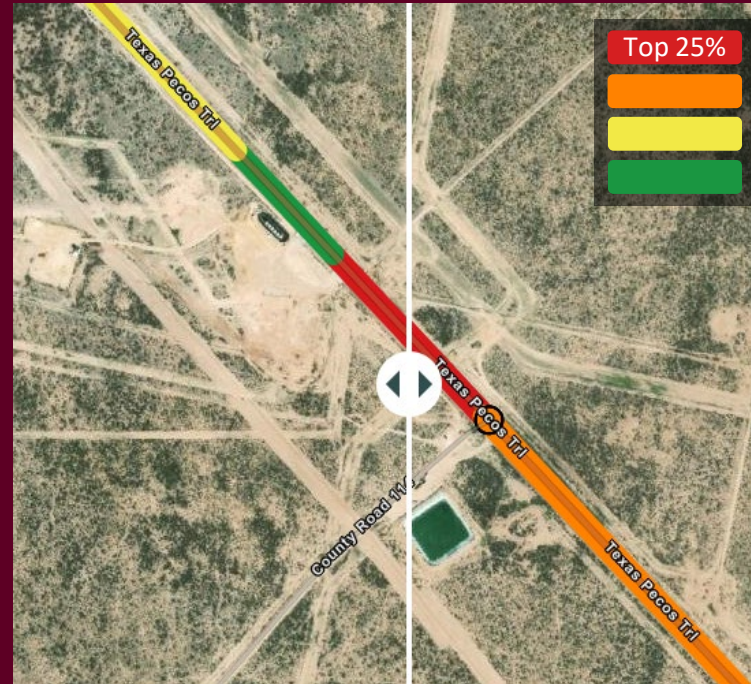


# Informing Engineering Decisions

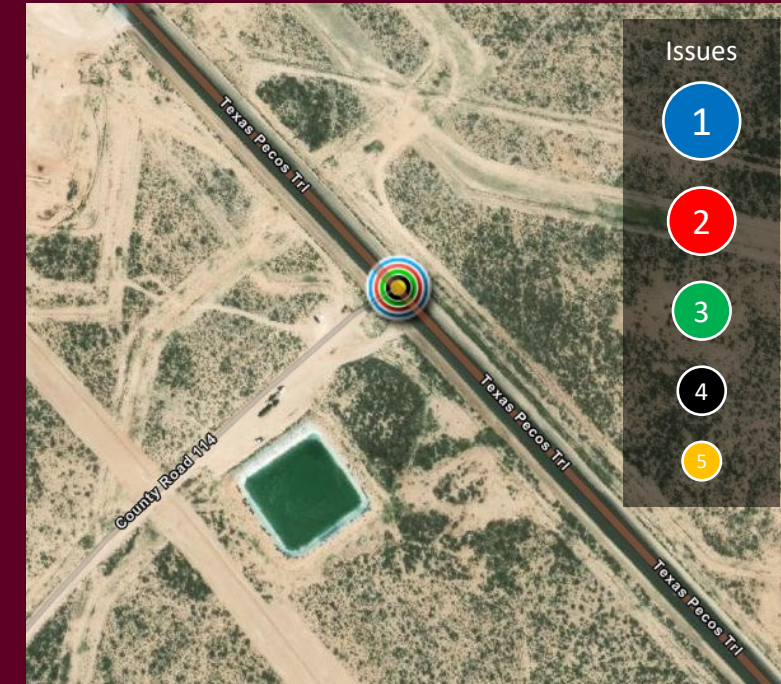
Where & How People Travel



Safety Assessments



Targeting Opportunities







Weather



Intersections



Traffic  
Control



Driver  
Behaviors



Traffic  
Counts



Crashes



Roadway  
Inventory



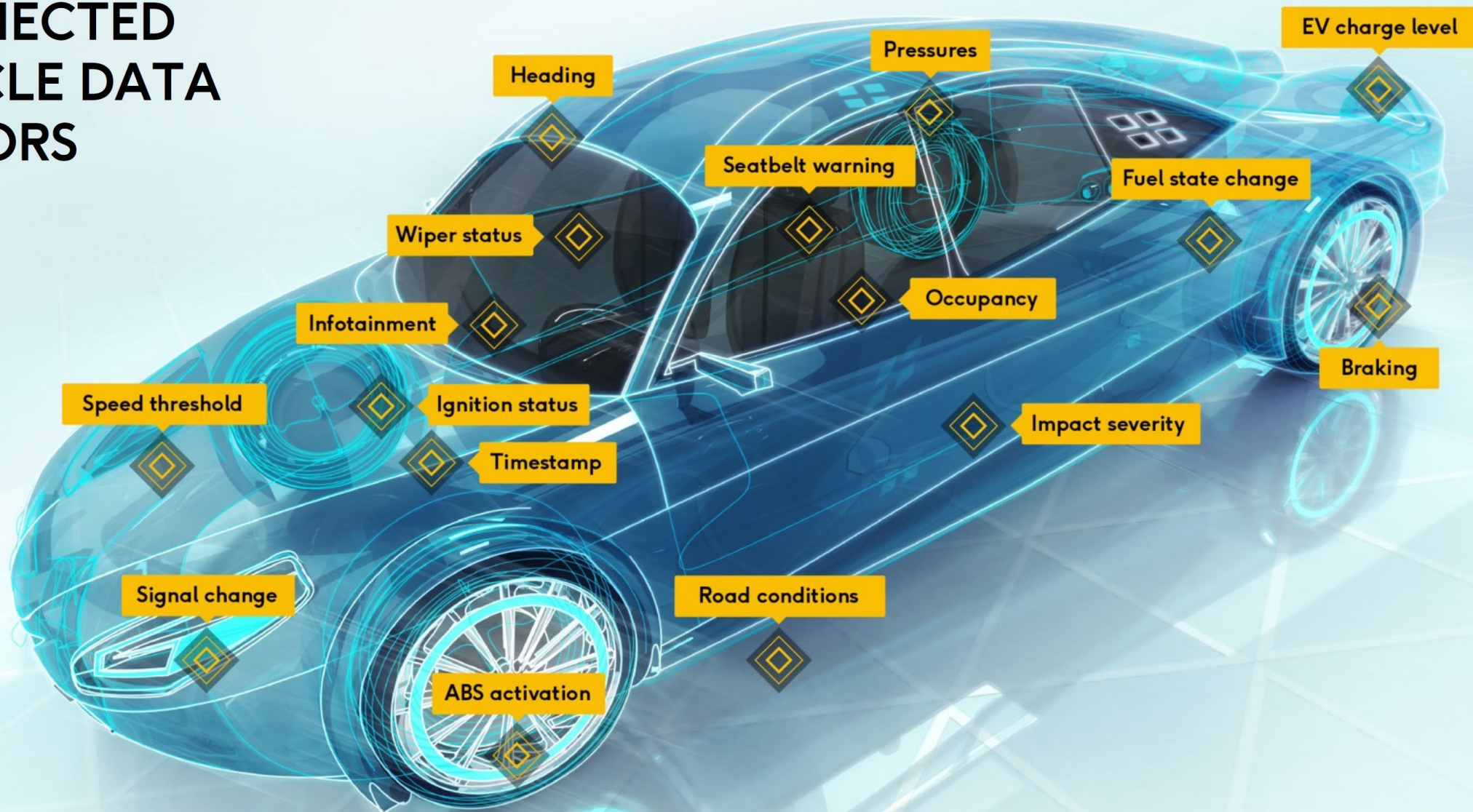
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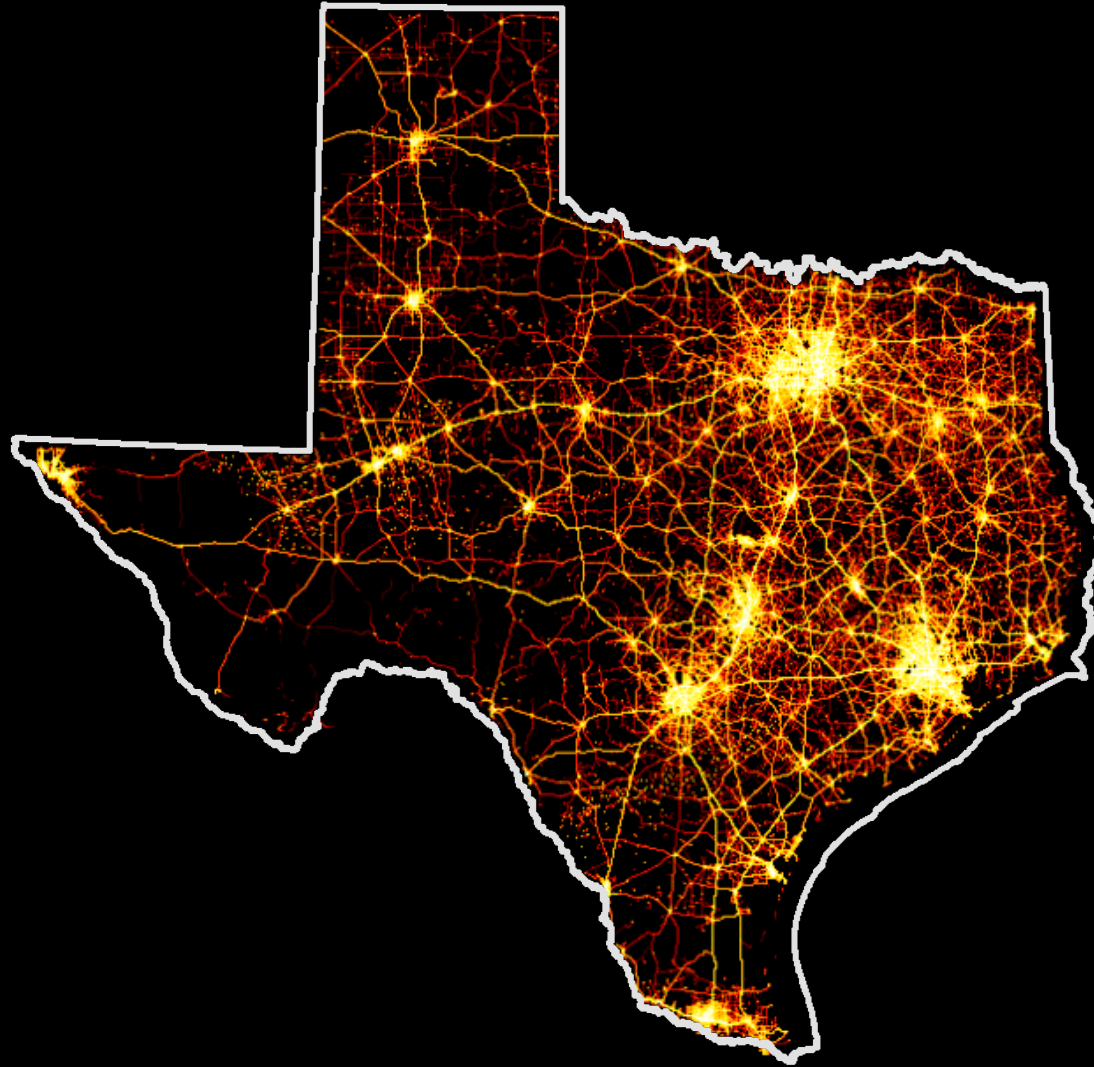






# CONNECTED VEHICLE DATA SENSORS





# Texas-size Data:

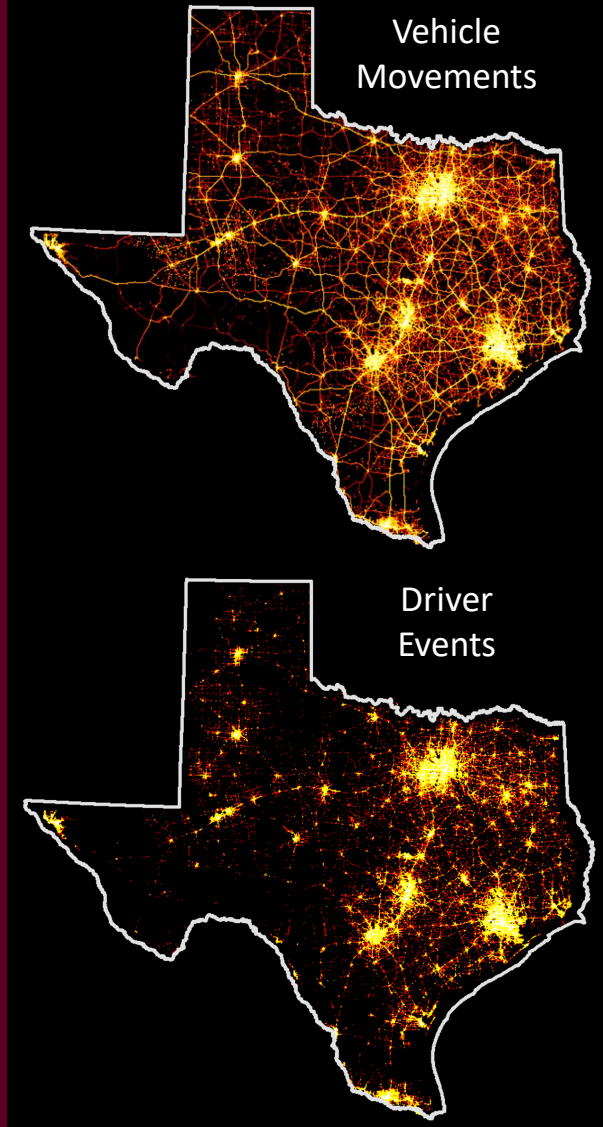
Urban & Rural





# TxDOT Statewide Wejo Data

- Statewide coverage
- Nov. 2021 – May 2023
- Vehicle movements
  - 1.2 trillion points
  - Every 3-seconds: location, speed, heading, etc.
- Driver events
  - 27 billion points
  - When an event occurs: hard braking, seatbelt latch, etc.



# How can I relate to a trillion anything?

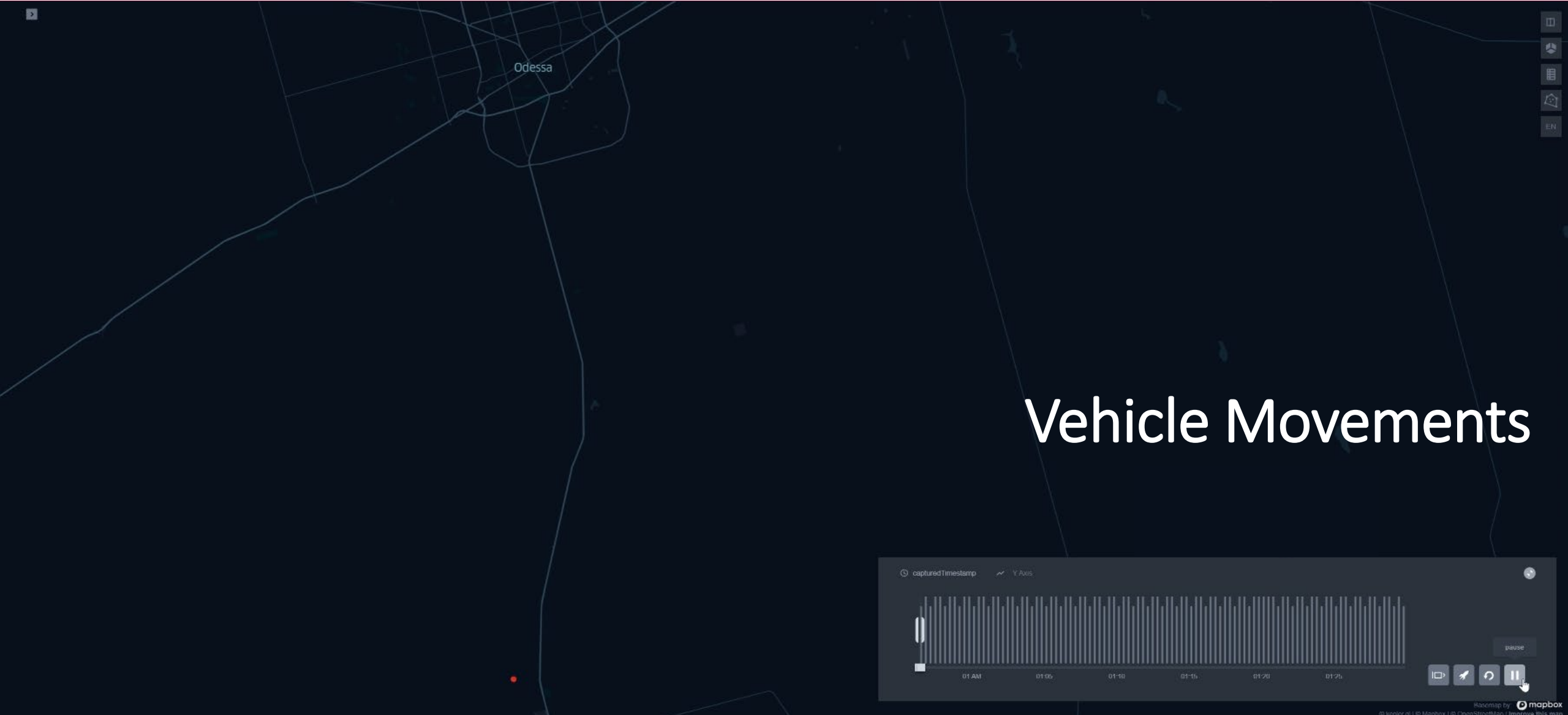
Lego bricks

~64,000 Containers

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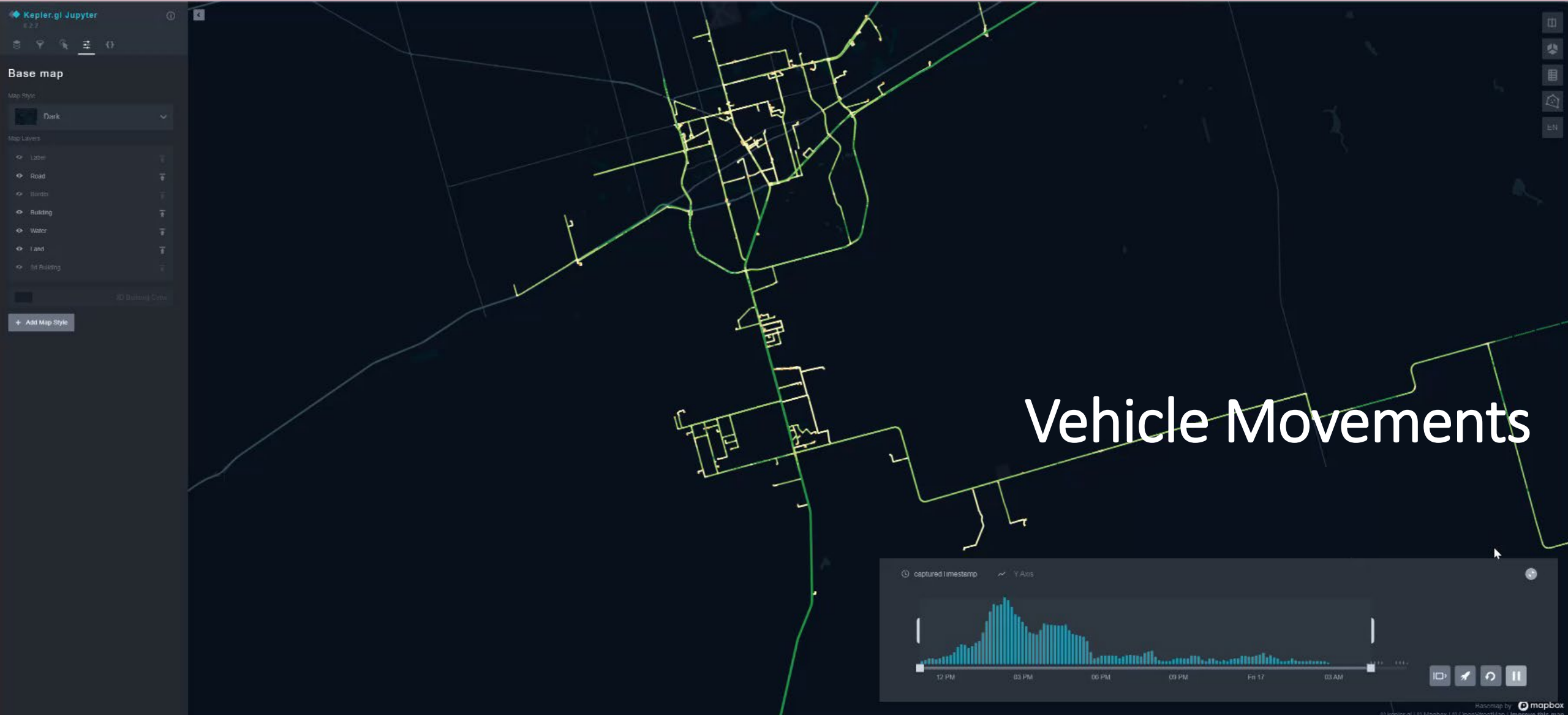






# Vehicle Movements











# Seat belt latching

04/29/21 04/30/21  
12:46:19pm 14:07:27pm





# Create Meaningful Results

Data

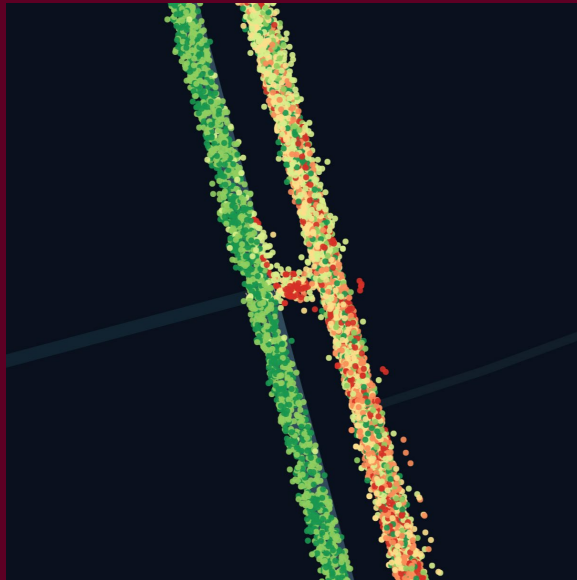


Information



Intelligence

Raw vehicle movements



2.4% U-turns

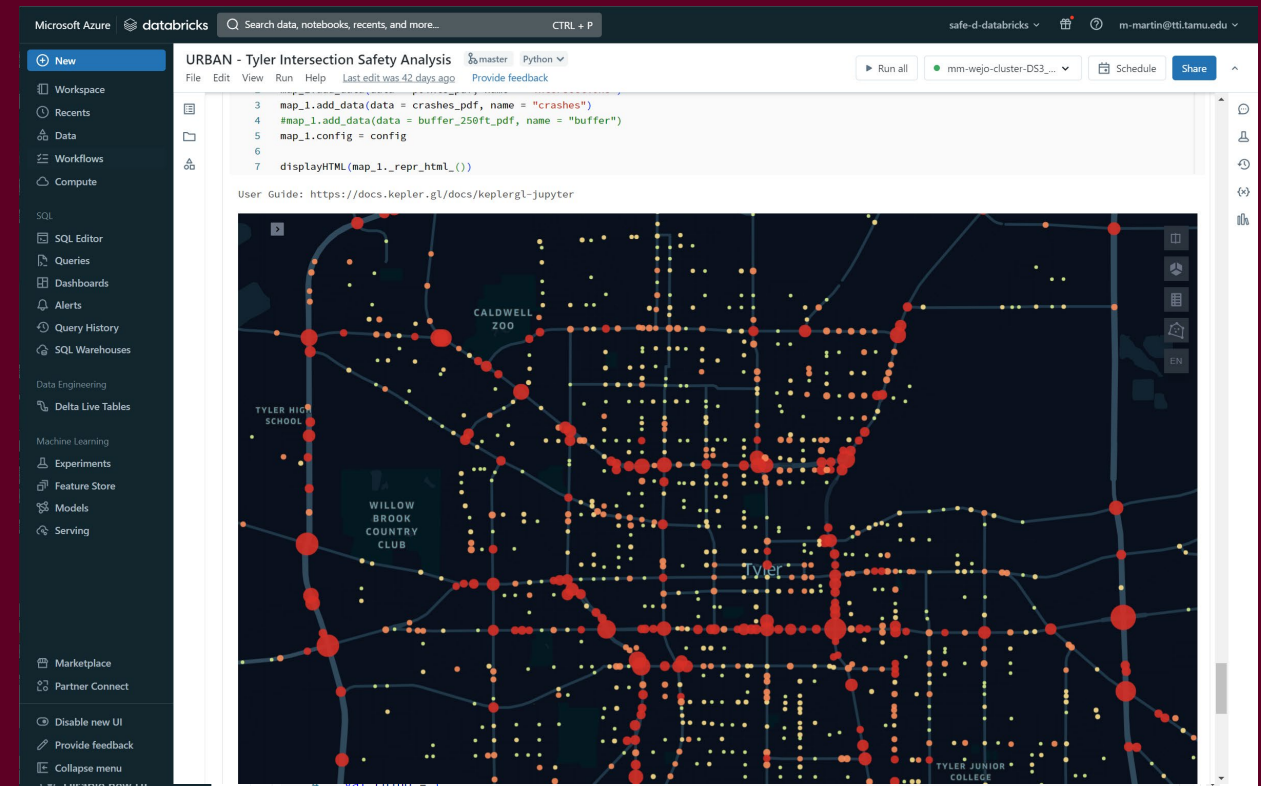


Median crossover realignment opportunities where there are high U-turn percentages



# Data wrangling skills required

- Data engineering & analysis at this scale is different
- TTI's setup
  - Cloud storage
    - Microsoft Azure Cloud
    - Partitions are your friend
  - Compute options
    - Databricks
    - Flexible, distributed compute
  - Low/no code options
    - Moonshadow
    - XYZT.ai
- Dig into the details & test assumptions

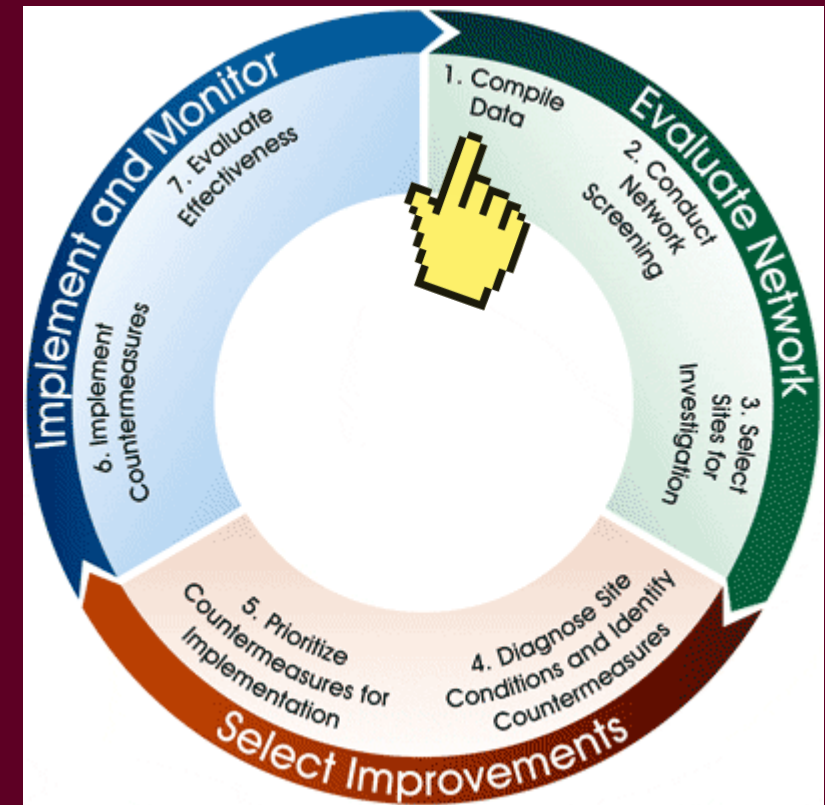




# Predicting Crashes

The data fundamentals:

- Crashes
- Exposure
- Driver behaviors
- Roadway characteristics
- Environmental conditions



<https://highways.dot.gov/safety>

# Crash Data

- Location
- Time
- Severity
- Vehicle types
- Contributing factors
- Conditions
- Collision type





# Exposure Data

- Traffic volume (AADT)
- Trips
  - Counts
  - Length
  - Duration
- Turning movements



# Driver Behavior Data

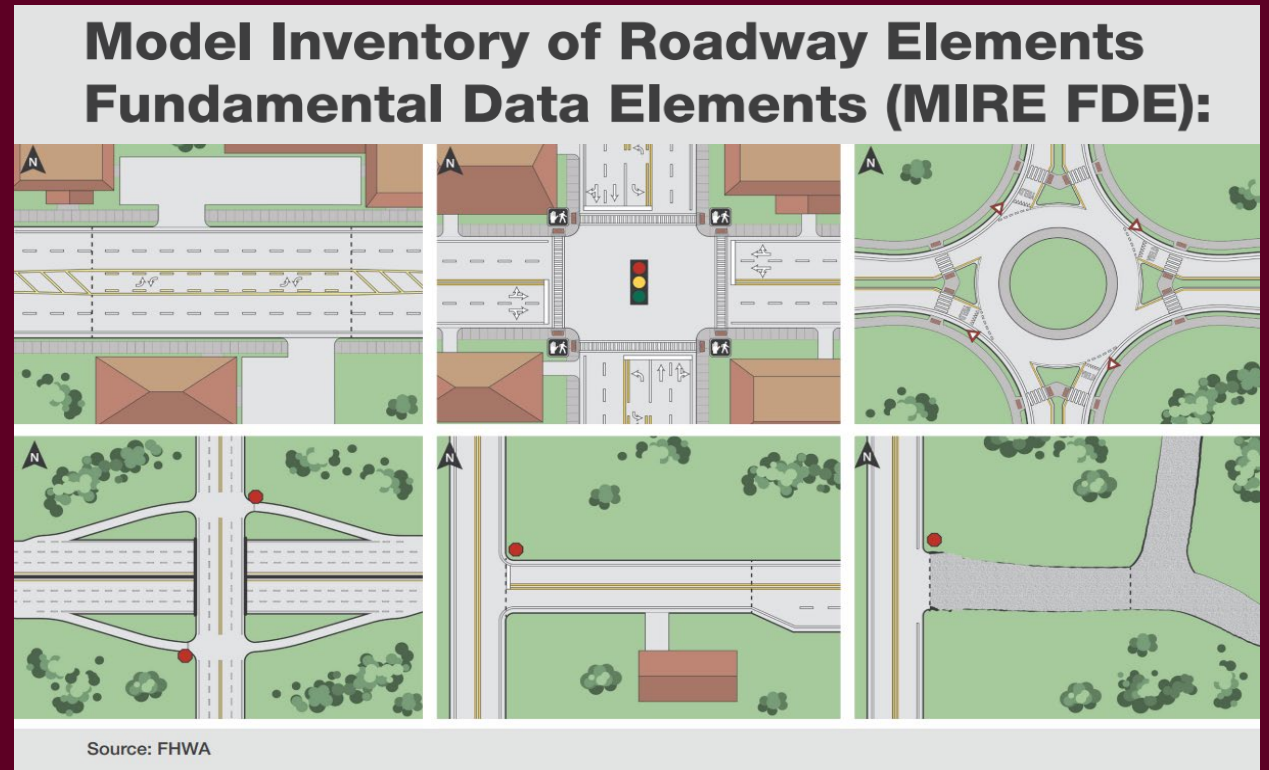
- Operating speeds
- Hard braking
- Hard acceleration
- Distractions
- Turning movements
- Lane departures
- Emergency braking
- Seat belt (un)latching
- Passengers





# Roadway Characteristic Data

- Posted speed limit
- Segment
- Intersection / driveways
- Curves
- Functional class
- Number of lanes
- Shoulder width
- Median type
- Pavement type / condition



# Environment Conditions Data

- Lighting conditions
- Precipitation
- Temperature
- Event intensity





# CV Data Safety Application

## Goals

- Reduce crash frequency
- Reduce crash severity

How do you get started?

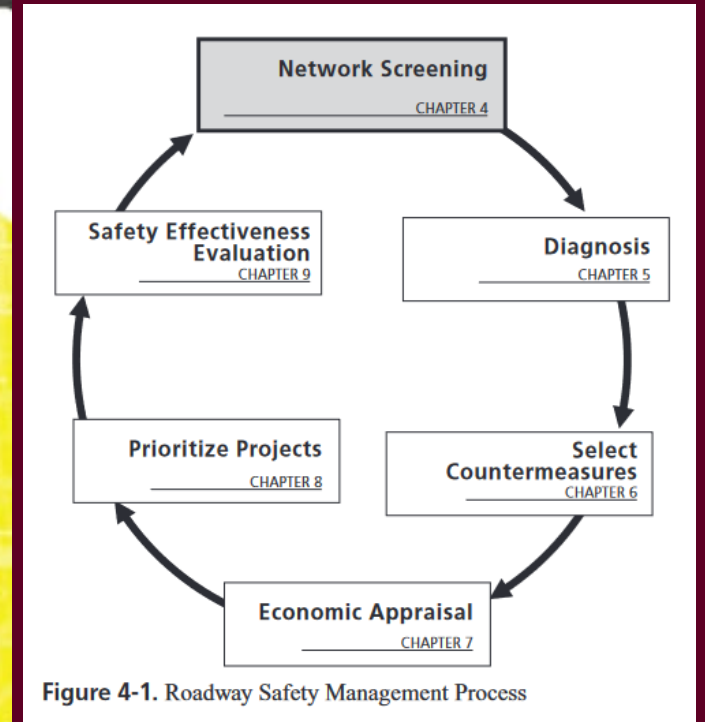
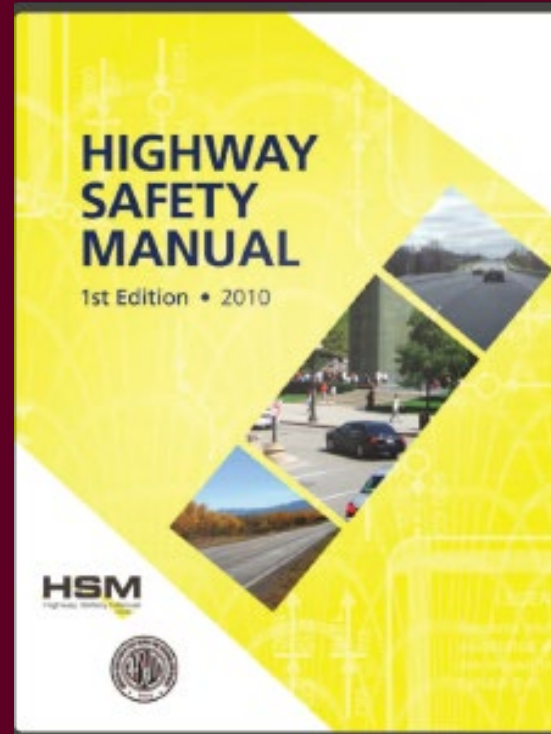
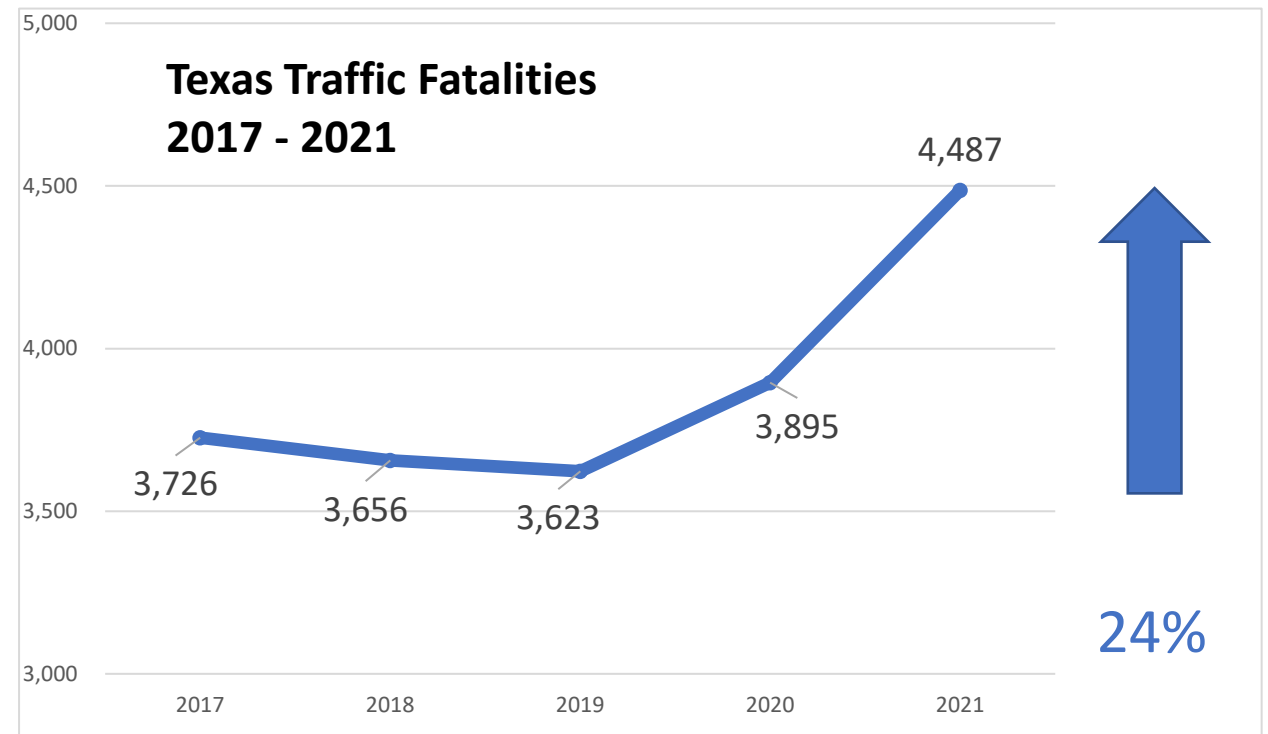


Figure 4-1. Roadway Safety Management Process

# Predicting Crashes

## Suggestions:

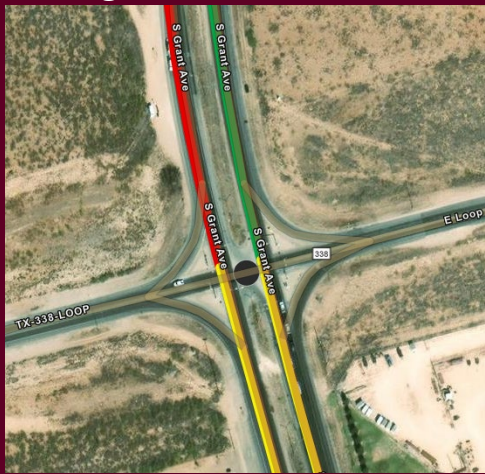
- Pull together data fundamentals
- Use existing science-based methods
- HSM Network screening
  - Roadway “wellness check”
  - Predictive methods (SPF + EB)
  - Determine influential factors
- Remember context matters



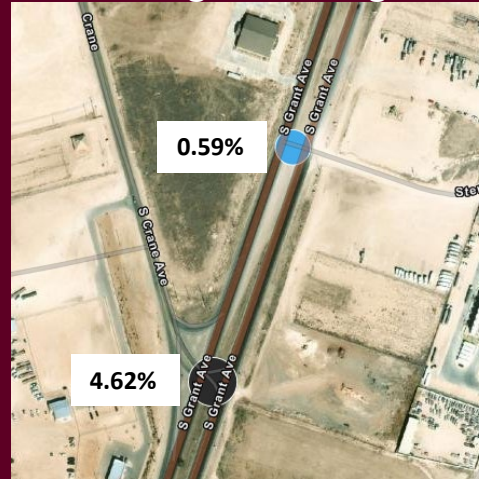


# Meaningful Applications

Segment-based Rates



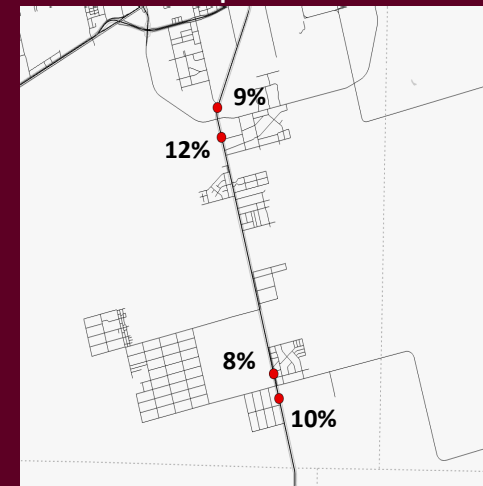
Turning Percentages



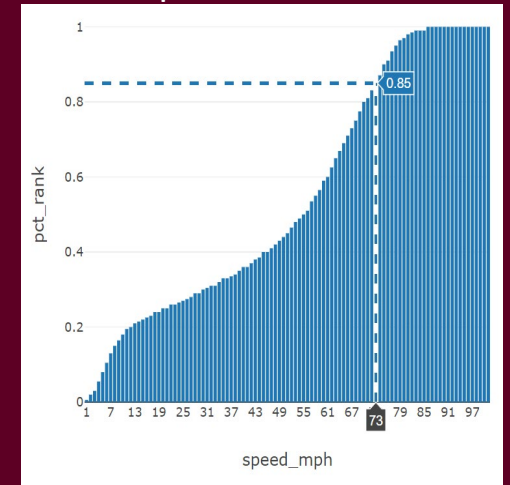
Relative Counts



Sample Rates



Speed Profiles



# Speed Calculations

1. Space-Mean Speed  
The journey distance traveled divided by the journey travel time. Segment SMS is the average journey SMS per segment.
2. Time-Mean Speed  
The average of all waypoint speeds per journey. Segment TMS is the average journey TMS per segment.
3. Speed variance
4. 15th, 50th (Median), 85th, and 95th percentiles
5. 15th vs 85th percentiles speed differential
6. PSL vs 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed differential
7. 10-MPH Pace

**679,255 vehicle movement points**  
 1/3 mile segment  
 1 year duration





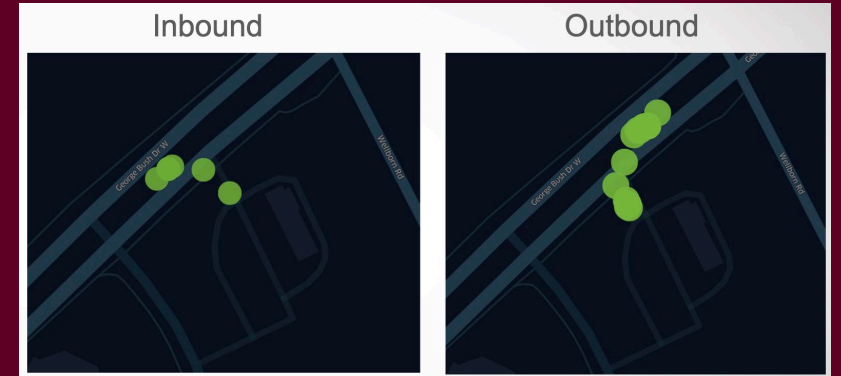
# Turning Movements

## Wejo Attributes

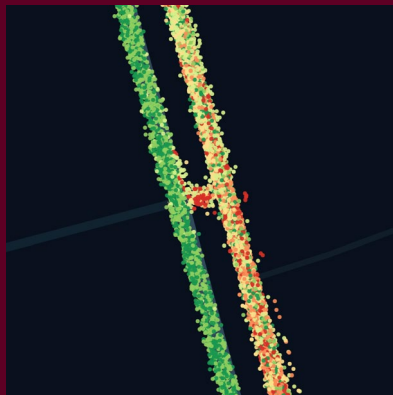
- Location
- Time
- Speed
- Heading
- Ignition on/off

## Algorithm

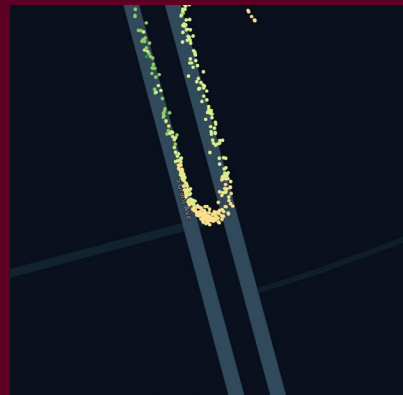
- Heading change
  - Left & right turn: ~ 90 degree
  - U-turn: ~ 180 degree
- Takes a few second
- Same location



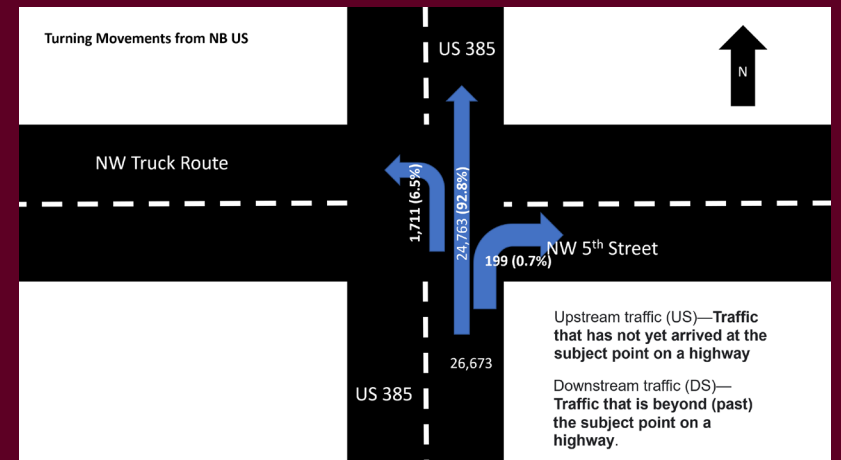
Raw vehicle movements



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# Summary

- Raw ingredients
  - Statewide coverage / Nov. 2021 – May 2023
  - Vehicle movements (+1 trillion points)
    - Every 3-seconds: location, speed, heading, etc.
  - Driver events (28 billion points)
    - When an event occurs: hard braking, seatbelt latch, etc.
- Data engineering skills required
  - Cloud storage & compute options
  - Low/no code options
- Dig into the details & test assumptions
- Data → Information → Intelligence
  - Predictive crash modeling
  - Turning movements
  - Speeds for custom segments

