Using Computer Vision on Crowdsourced Streetview Data to Register Safety Performance Indicators for Motorcyclists

Background – Motorcycle helmet use

- Motorcycle helmets can lower the risk of fatal injuries of riders by 42% and reduce the risk of injury by 69% in case of a crash
- In high-income countries, helmet use on motorcycles is close to 100%

  France: 98%

  Denmark: 98%

  Germany: 99%

- But what about LMIC countries?
  - Where motorcycles are the main mode of transportation?

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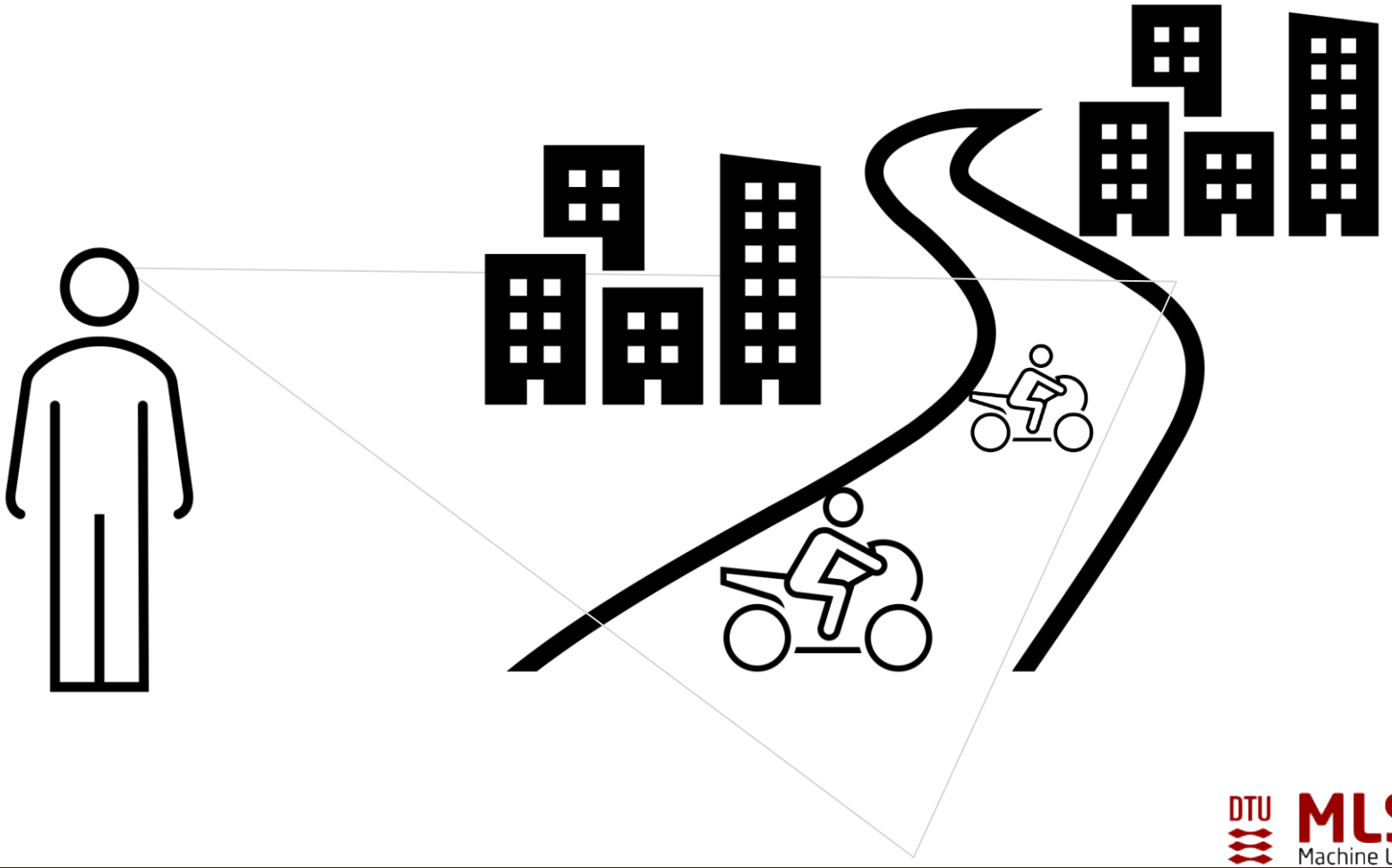

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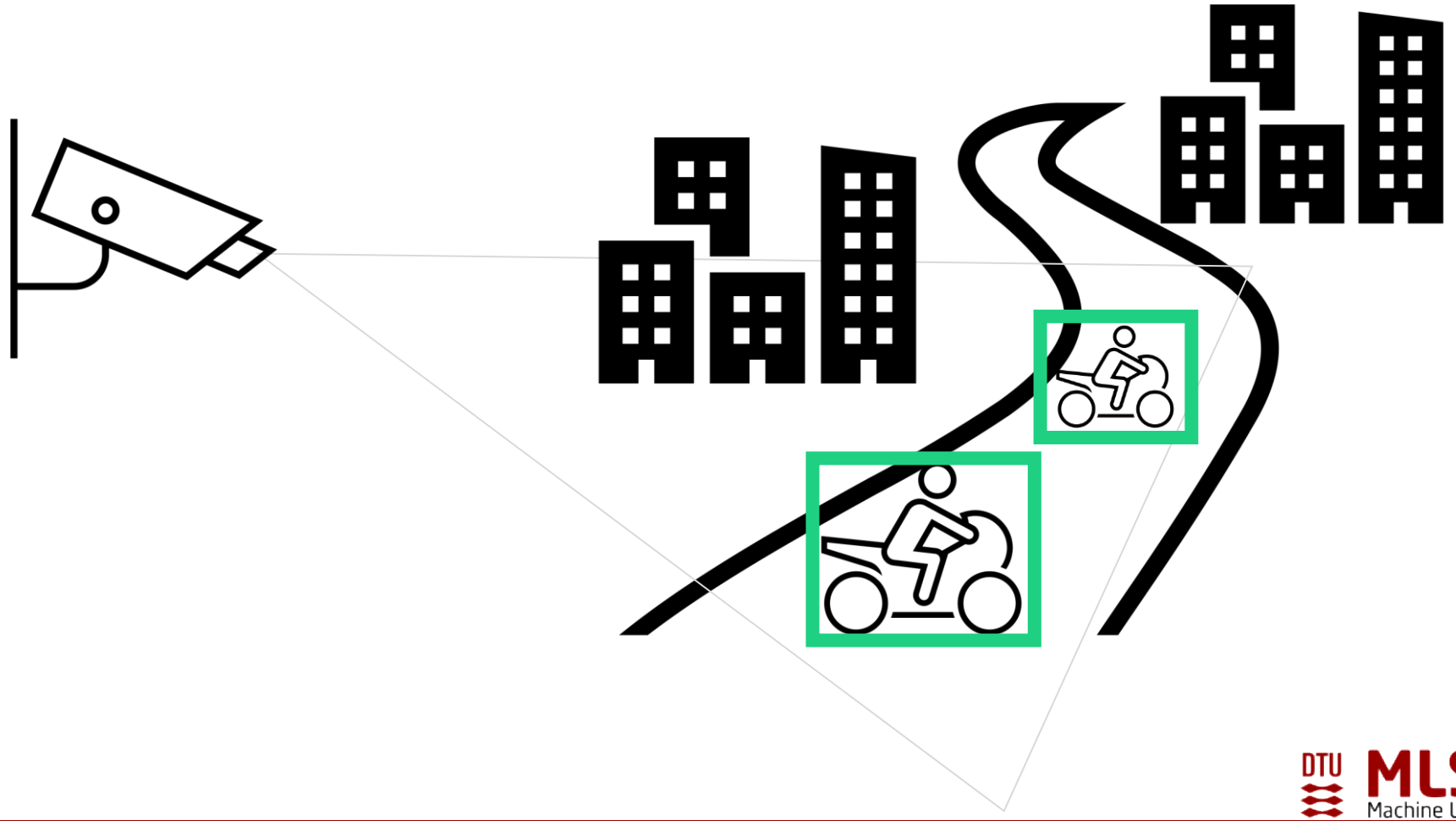

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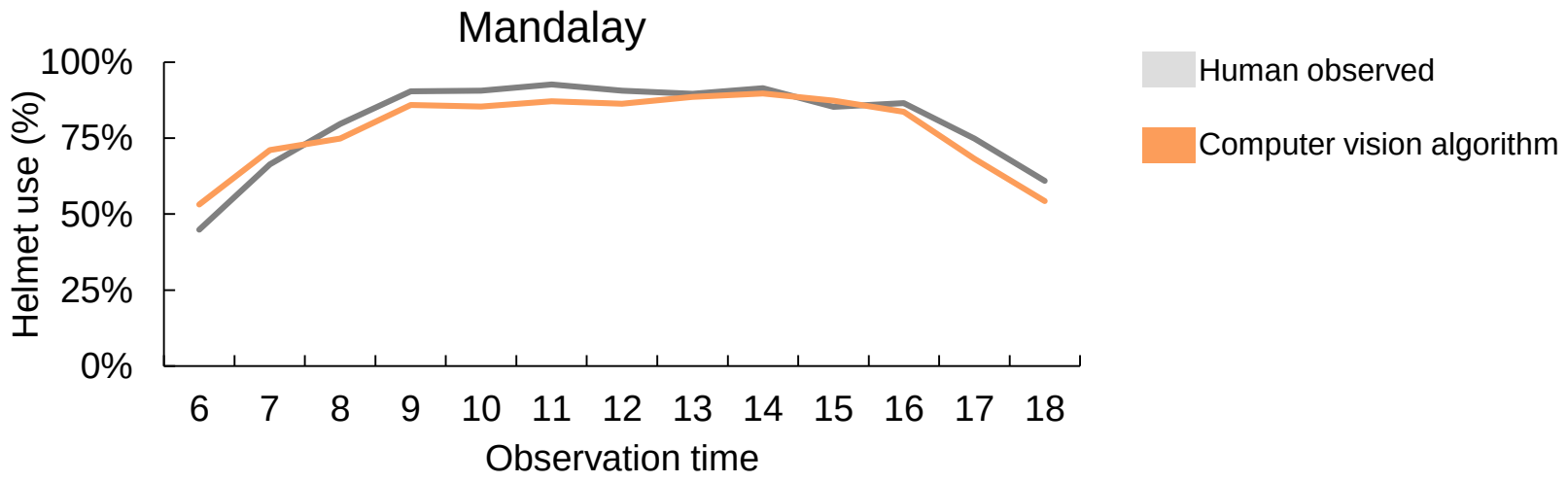

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Results from Myanmar

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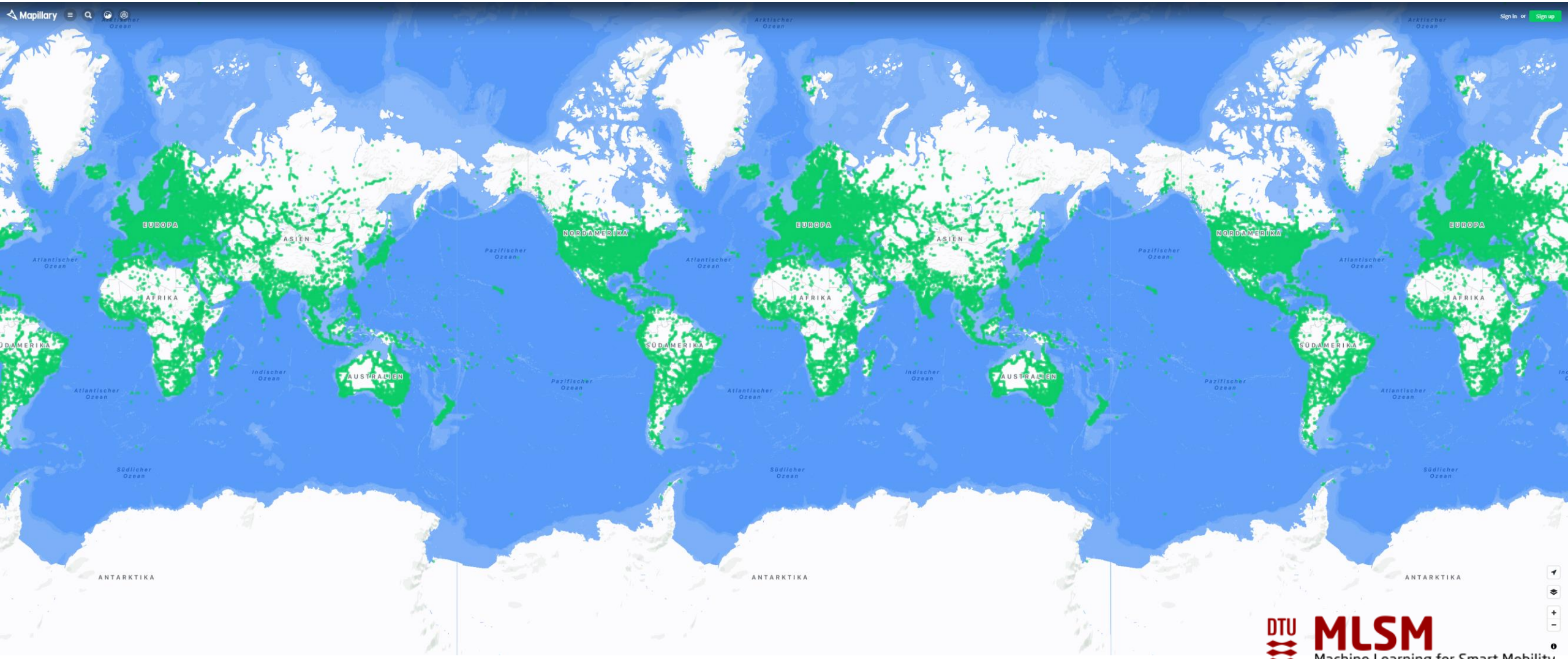

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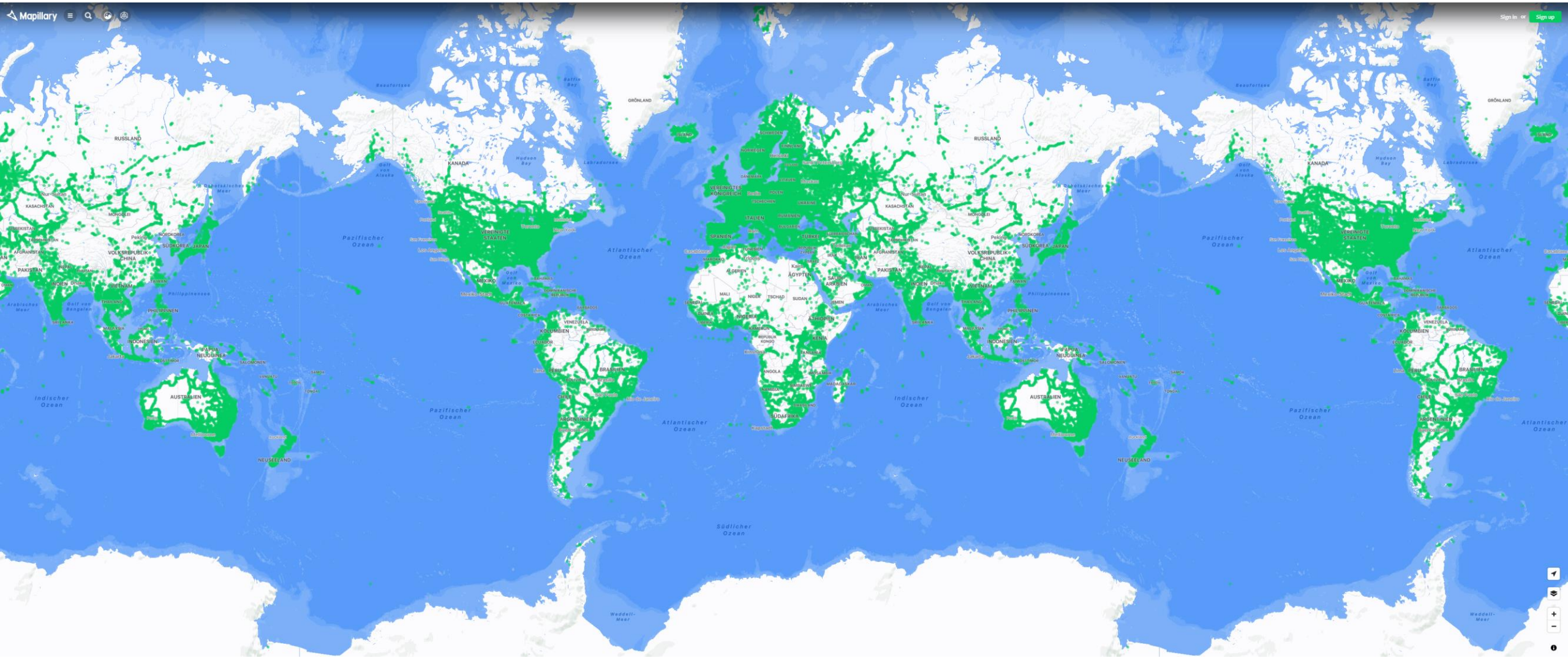

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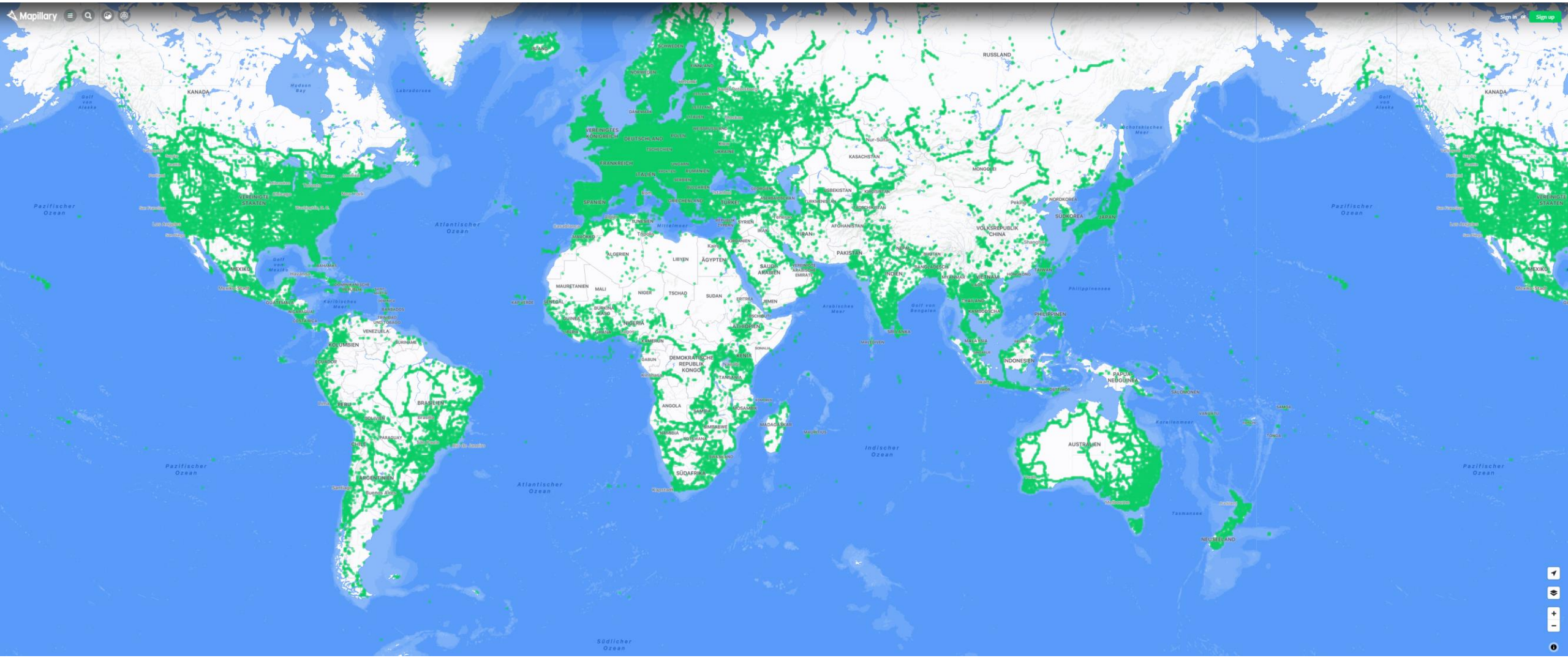
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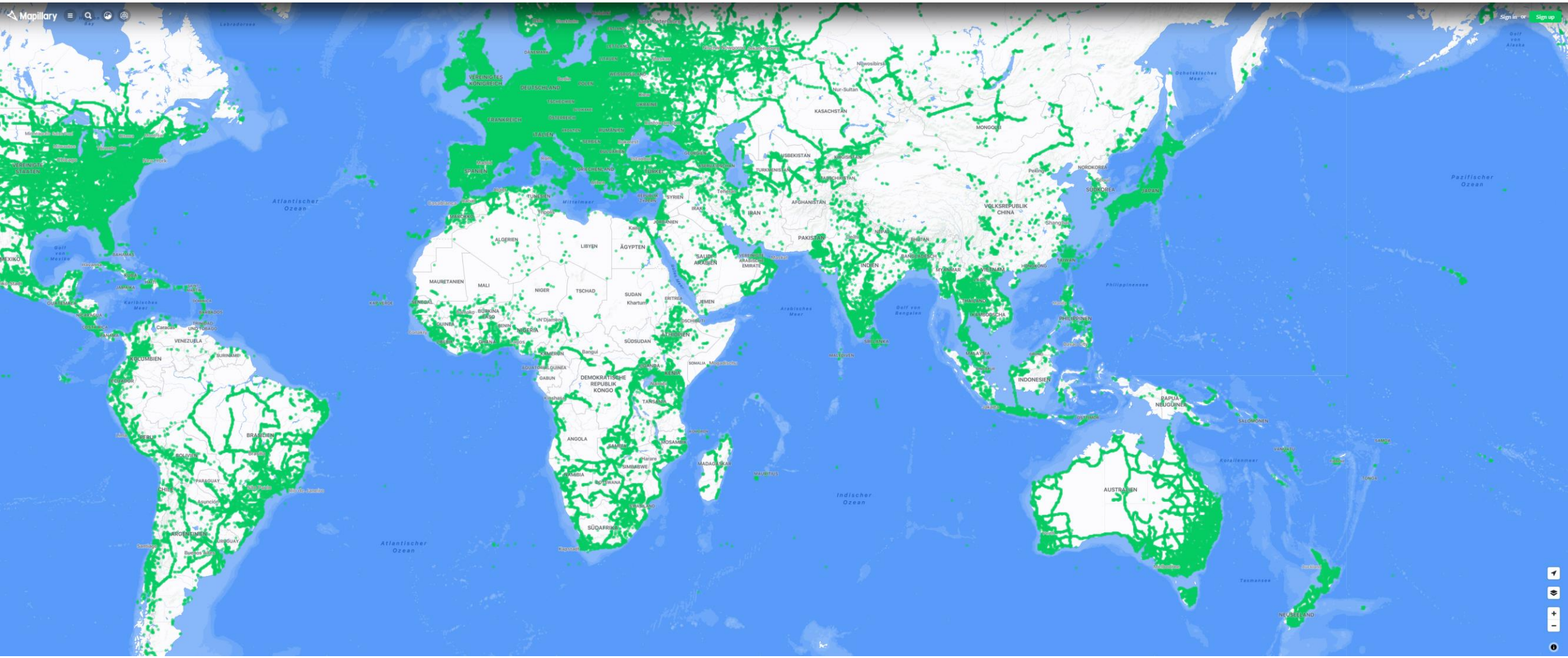
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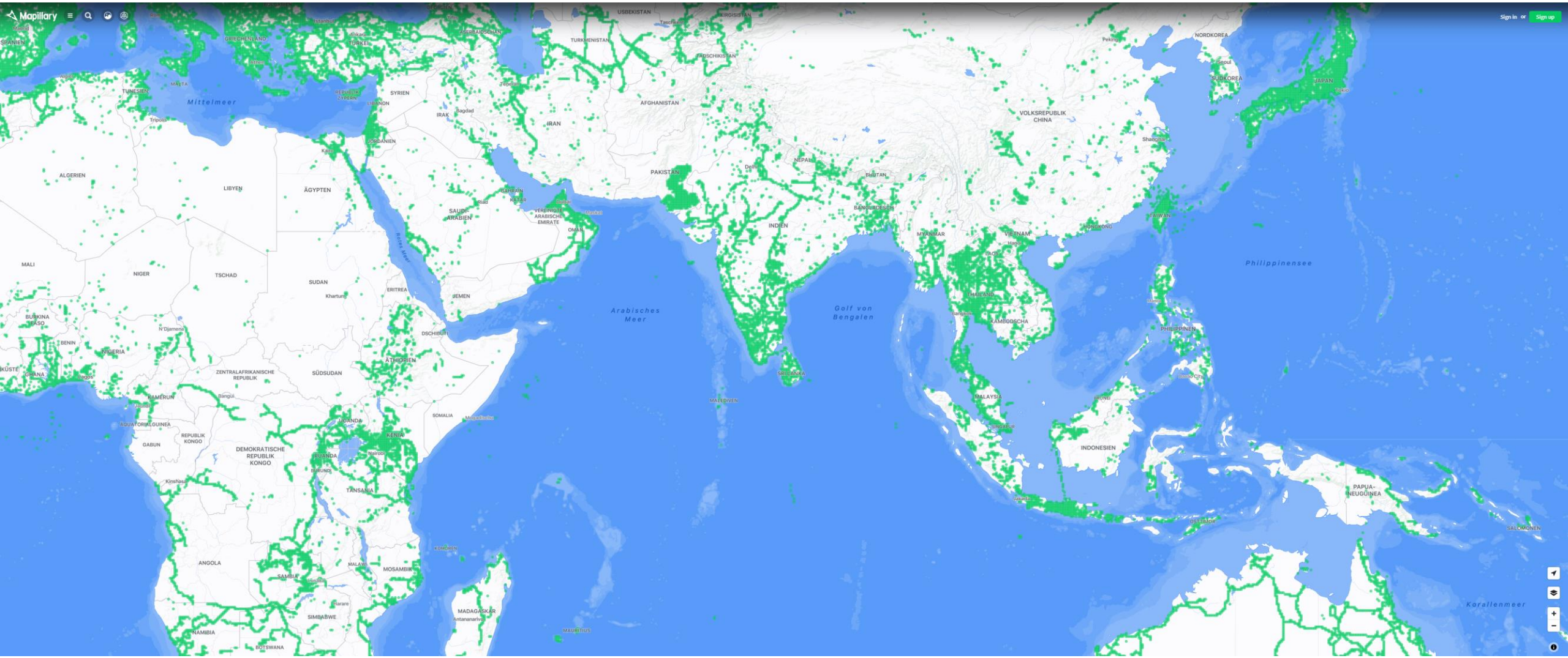

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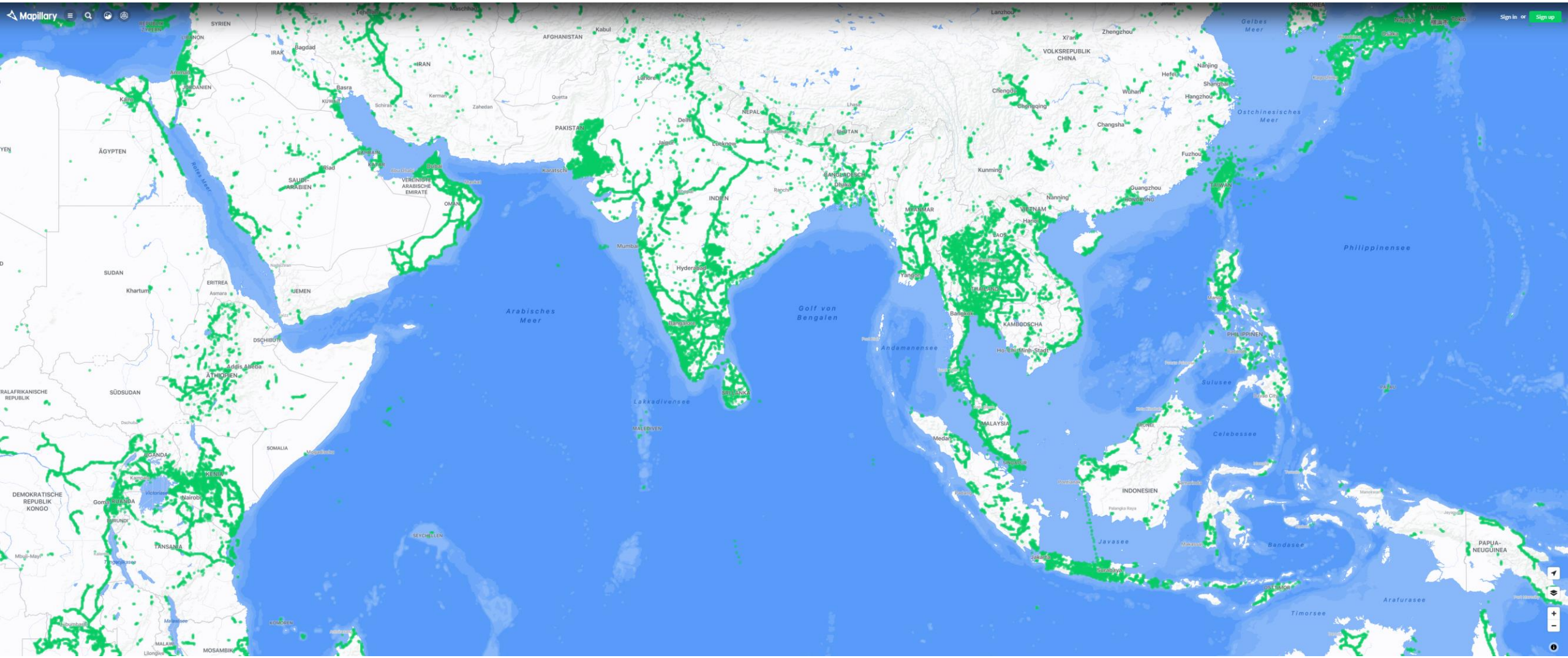

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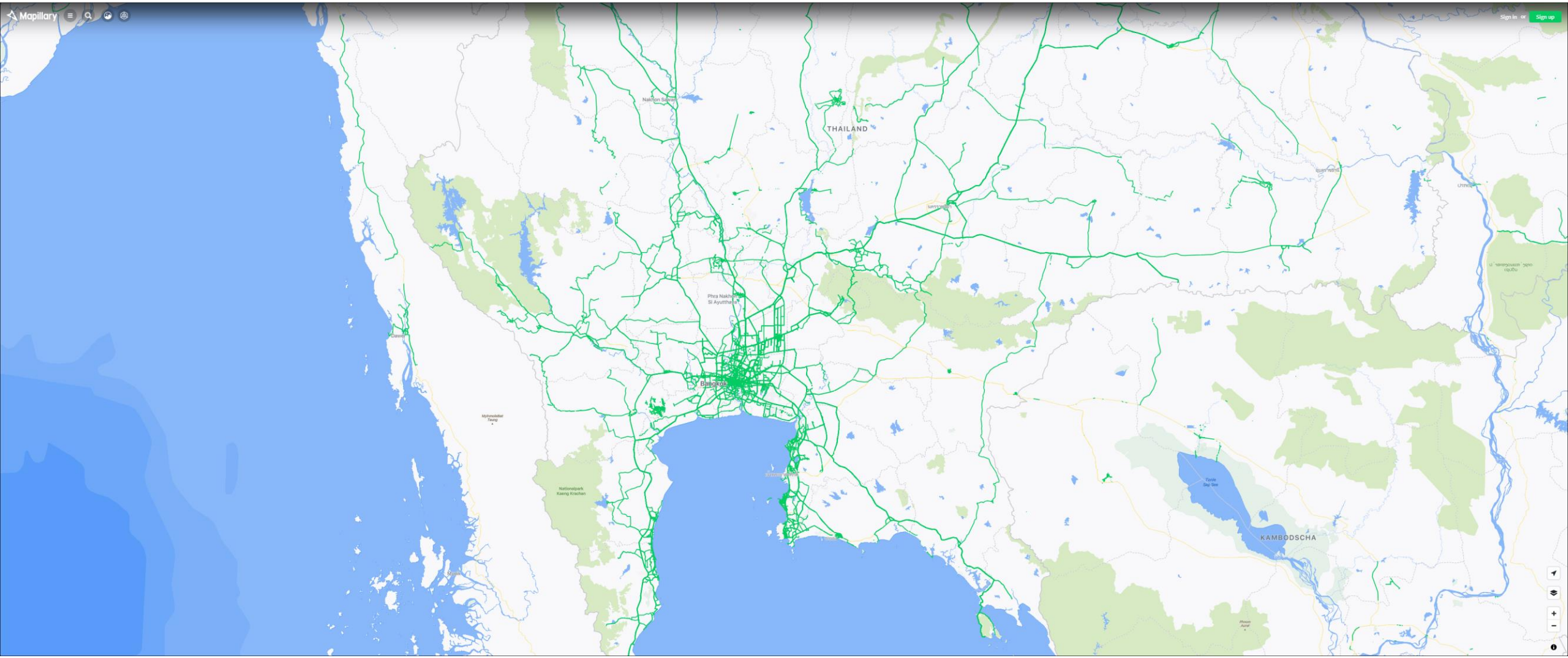
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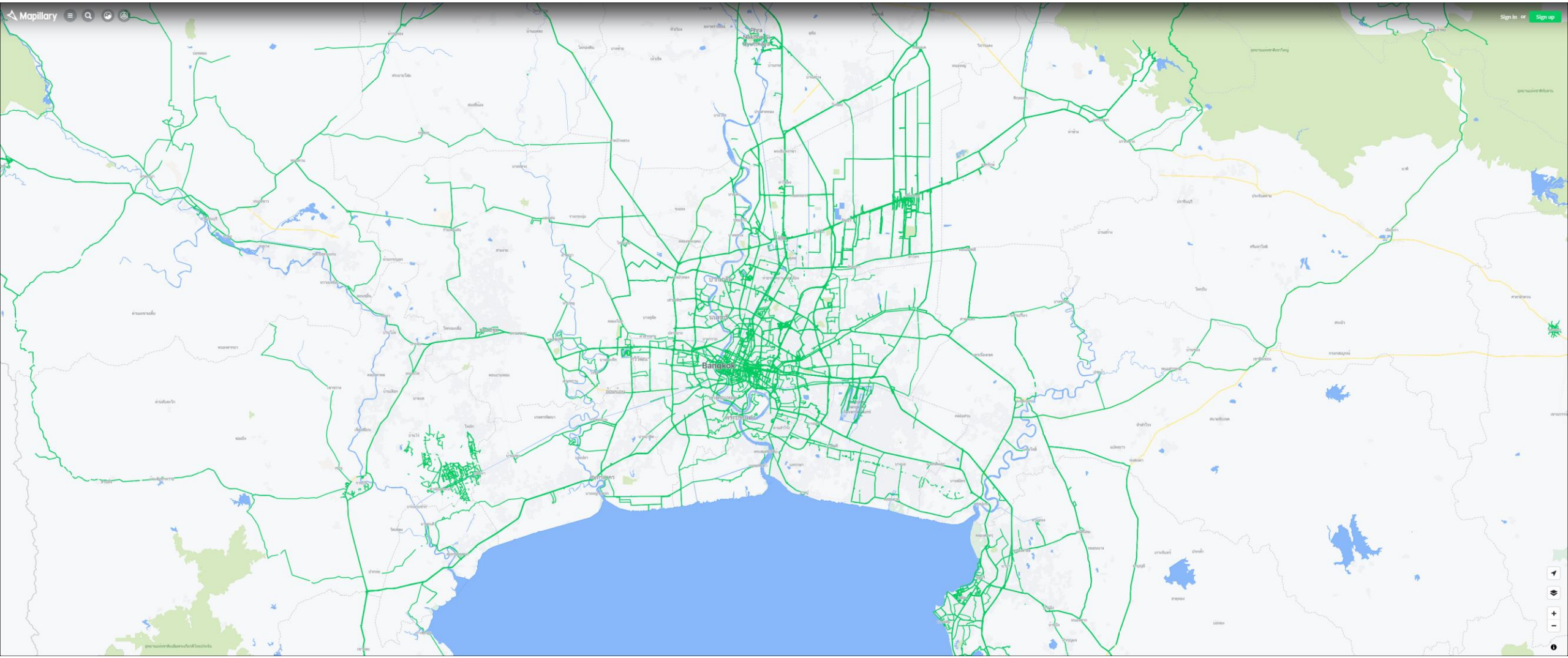

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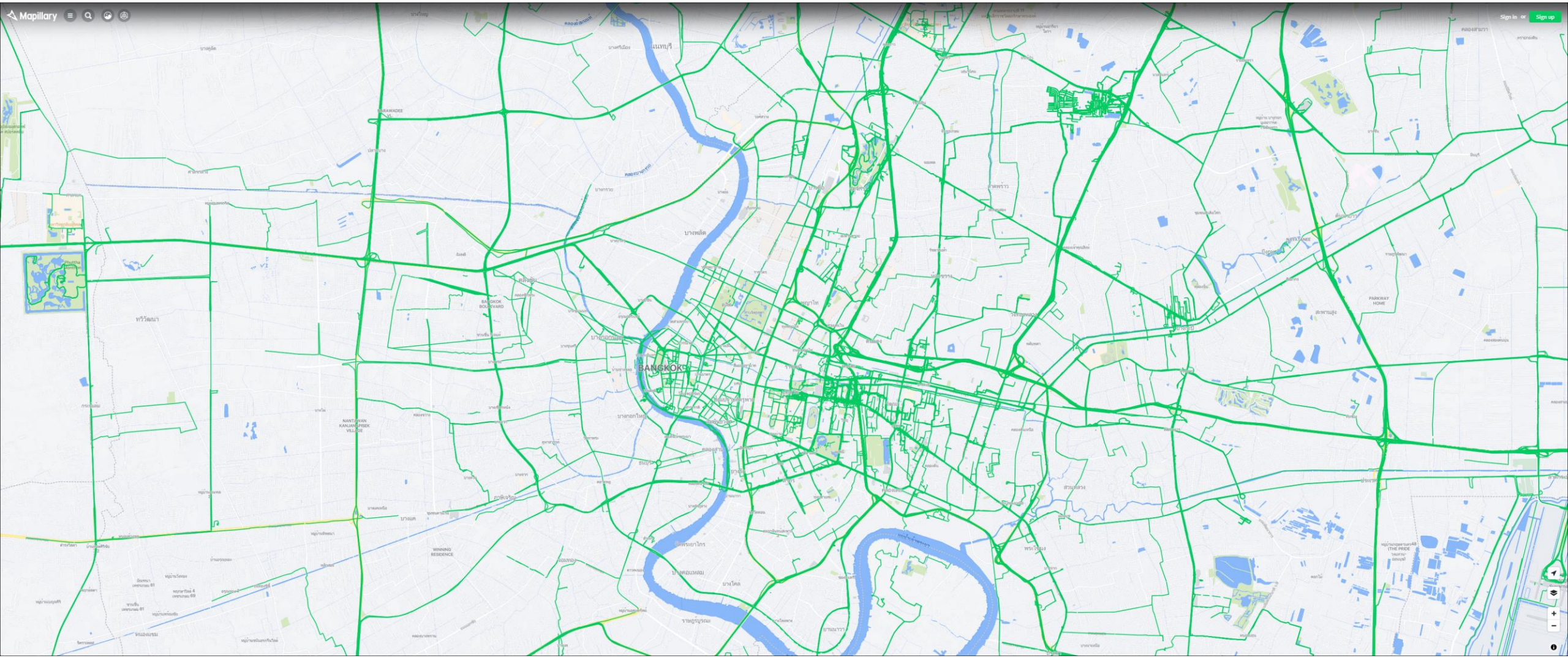

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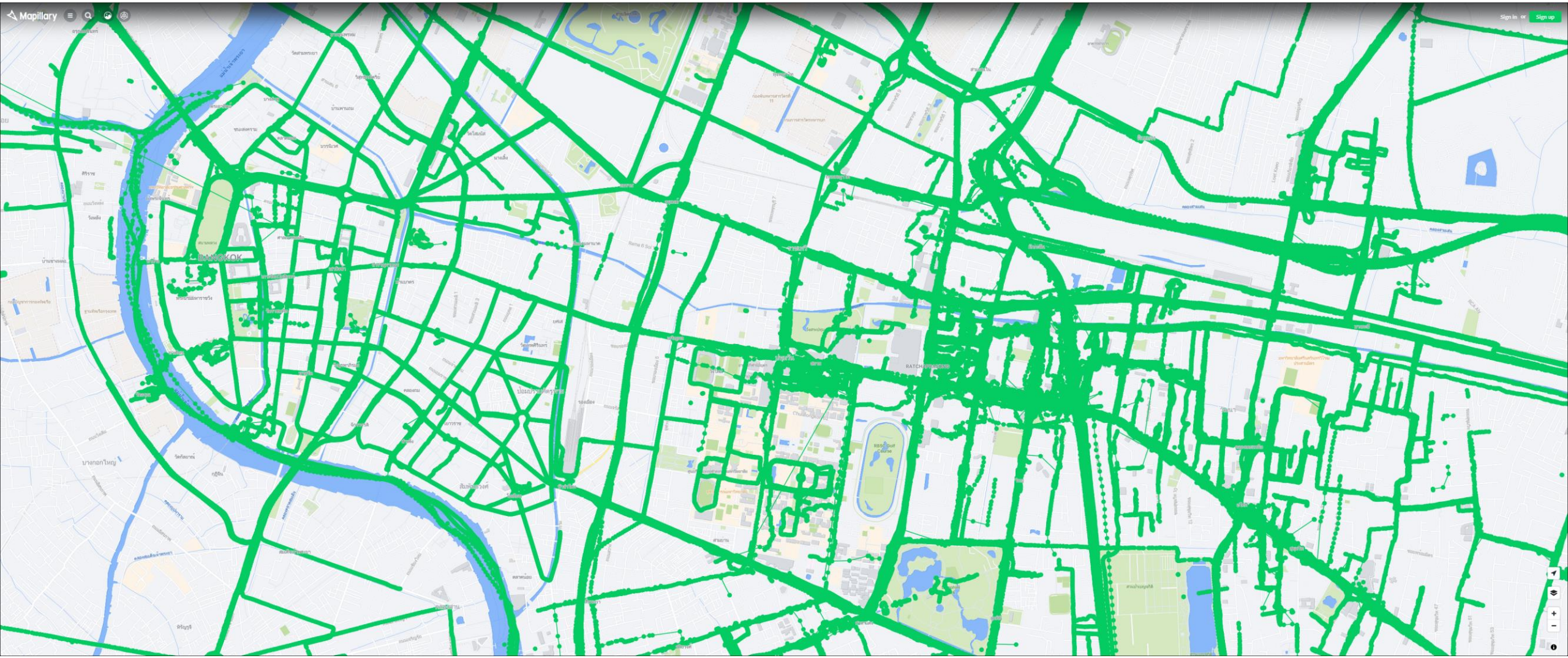
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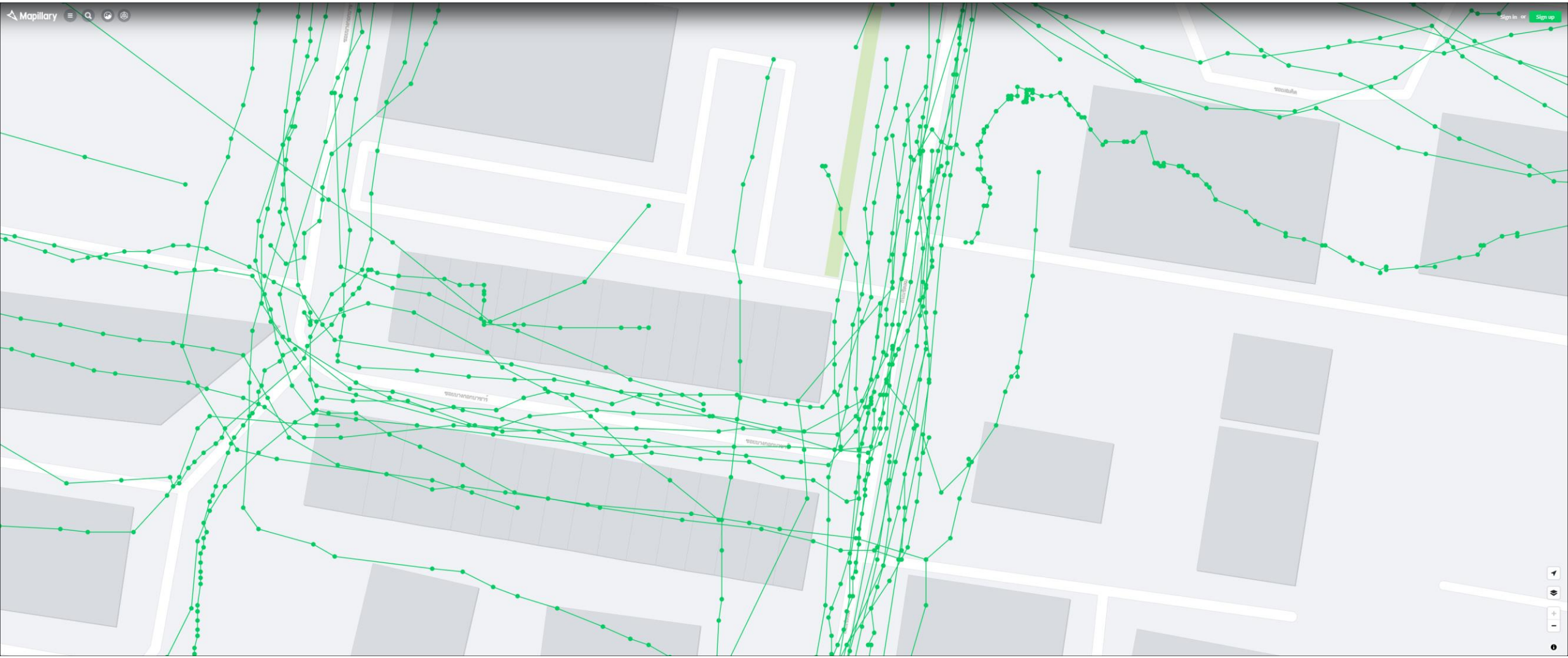

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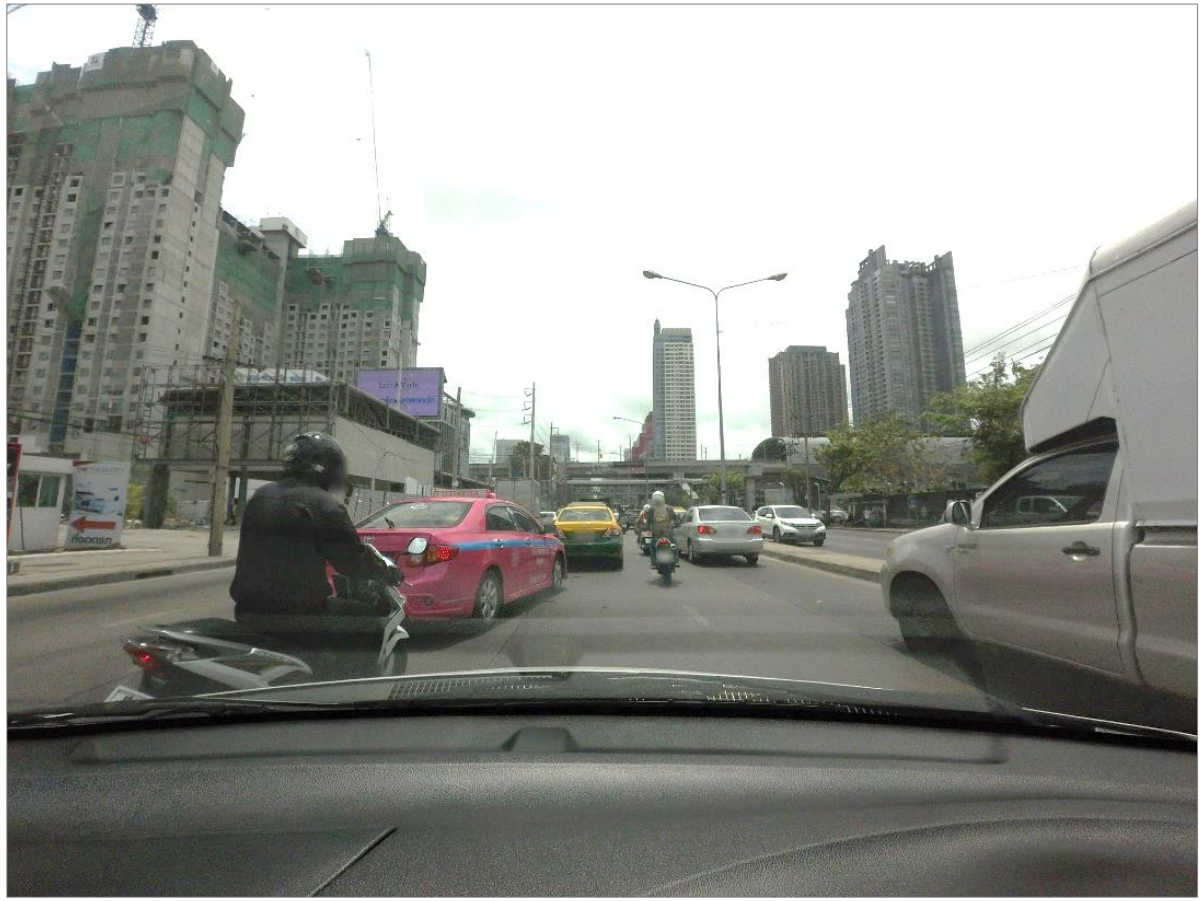
Images from Bangkok



- On-the-road perspective
- Anonymization of faces and license plates
- Images differ in resolution and overall quality
- Different lighting, angles and orientations of motorcyclist

Assessing helmet use in Bangkok

Main road infrastructure (OpenStreetMap data)

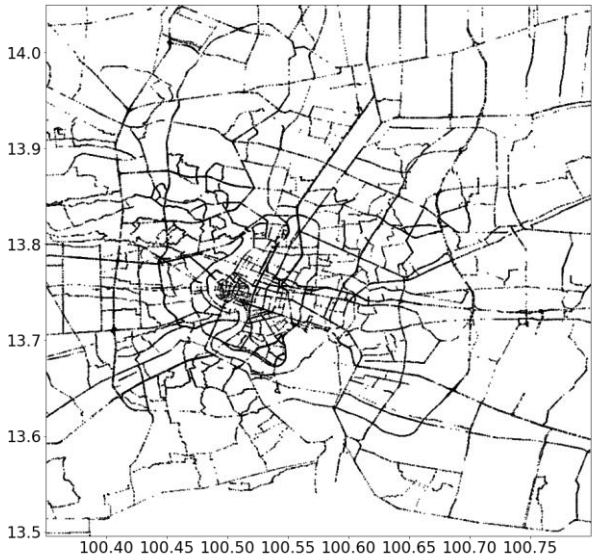
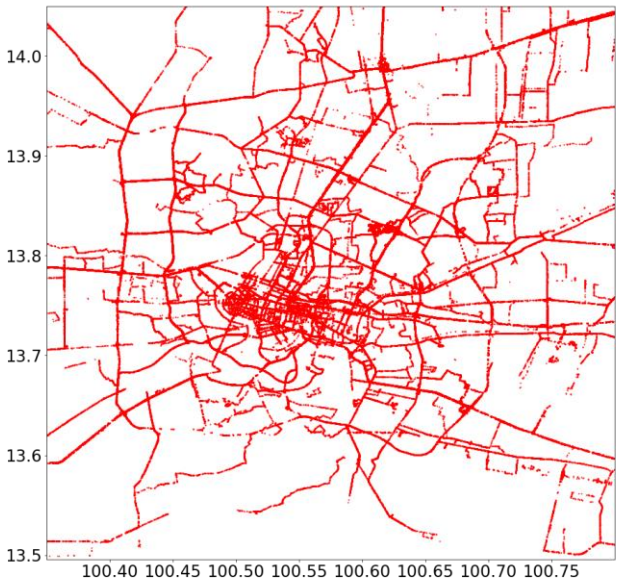
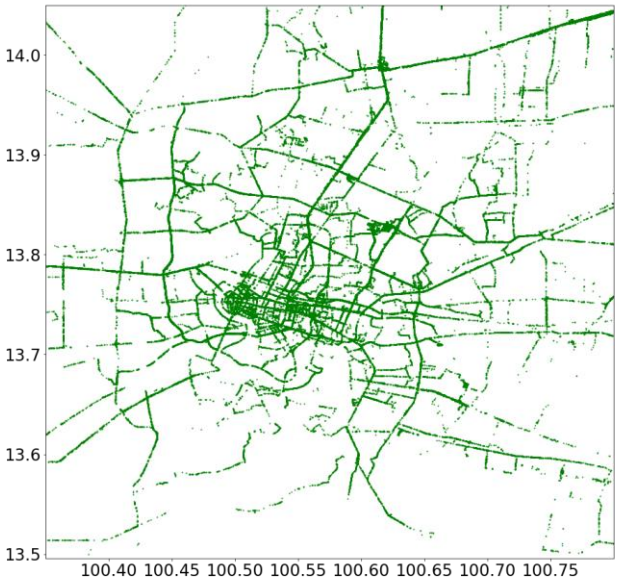


Image locations on Mapillary



Motorcycles detected on Mapillary images with YOLO



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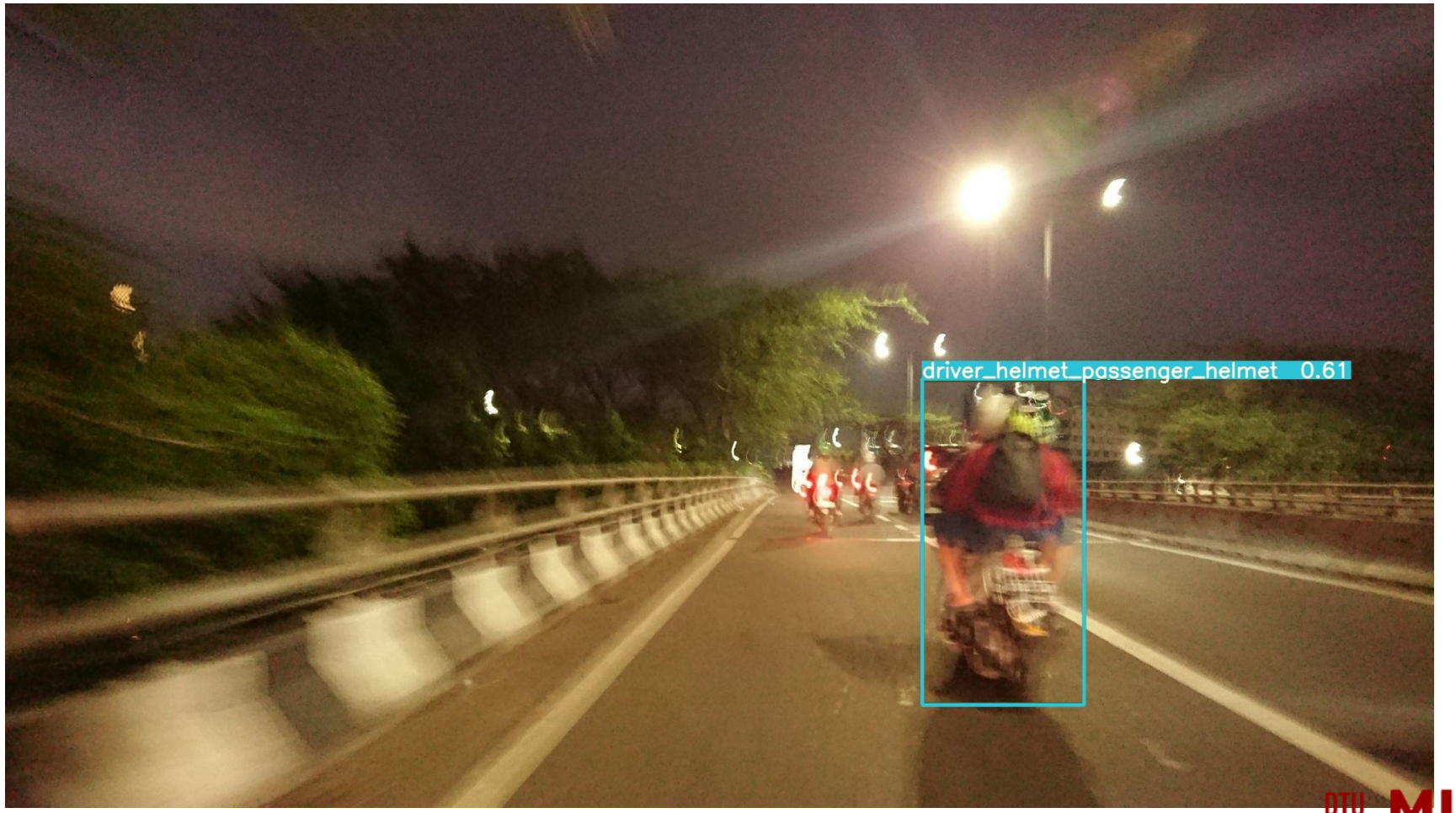

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- Helmet use in the Test data is 67.8%, due to the missing detections, the algorithm produces a relatively inaccurate helmet use estimate of 53.1%

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Scaling beyond Bangkok

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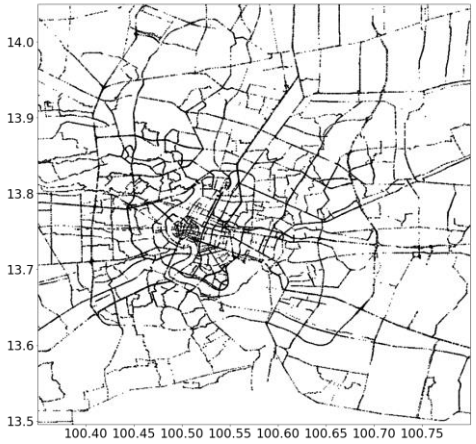

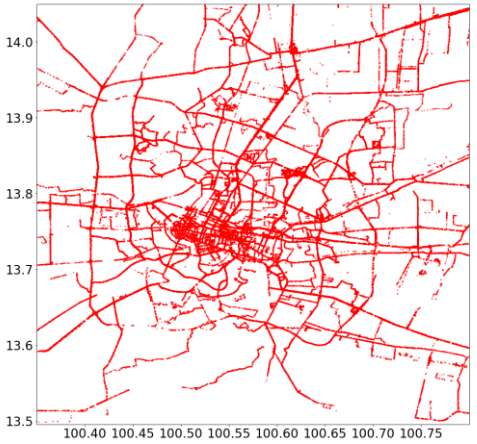

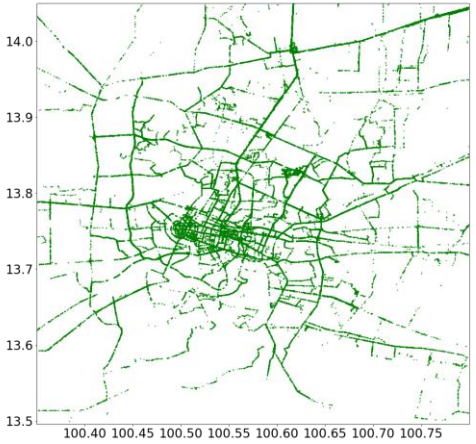

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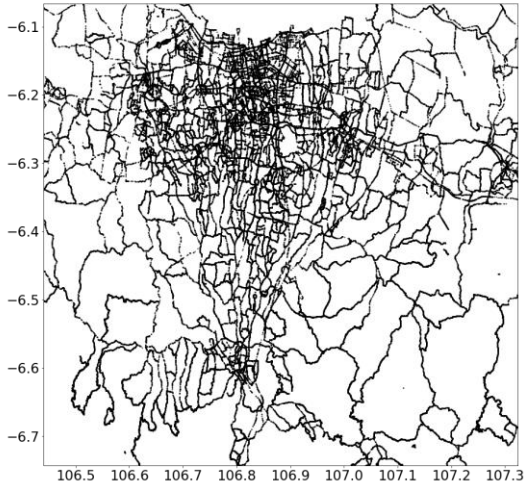

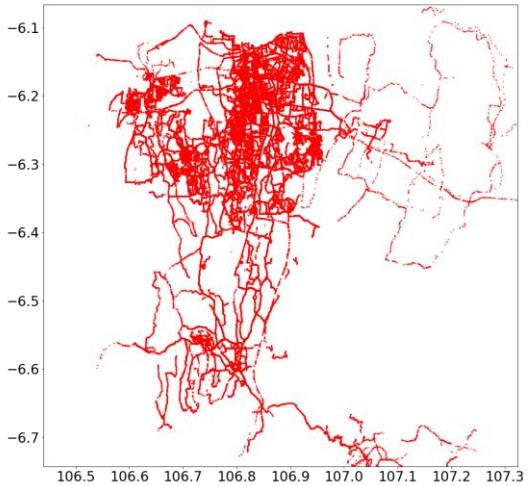

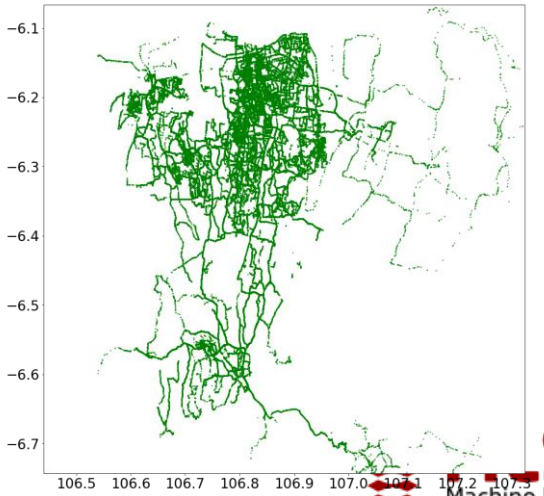

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In conclusion and the future

- It is a cheap and scale able solution register safety performance indicators in LMIC
- Already seeing performance increase with more data and better data cleaning.
- In the progress of scaling this to multiple cities and countries.

➢ Most important: Always use a helmet when travelling on a motorcycle! (and bike)

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