Generating detailed multimodal choice-sets using distributed parallel computing

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Multimodal Choice Sets

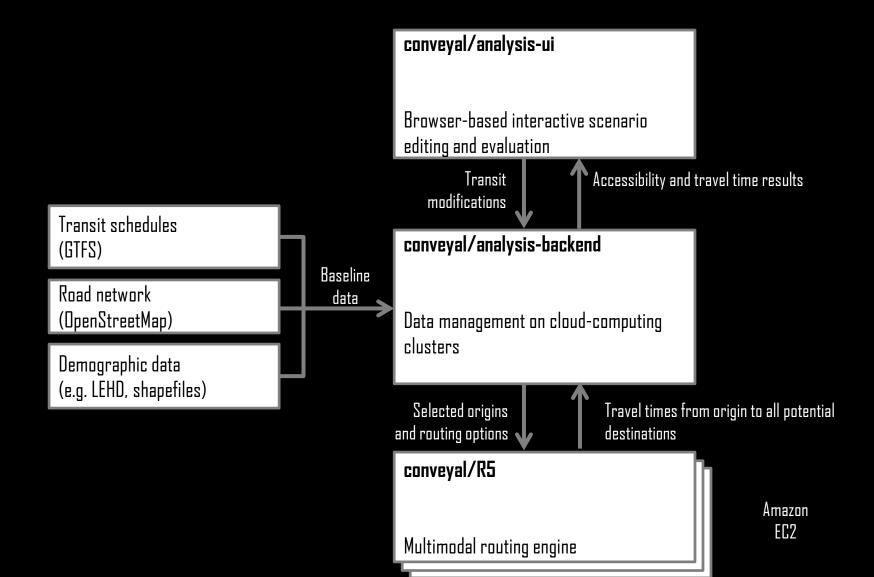
Challenges

- Intractable to compute and store travel time and path data for large numbers of origin/destination pairs
- Geographic resolution may be too aggregate for proper modeling of access to transit (walk, car, scooter?)

Innovations

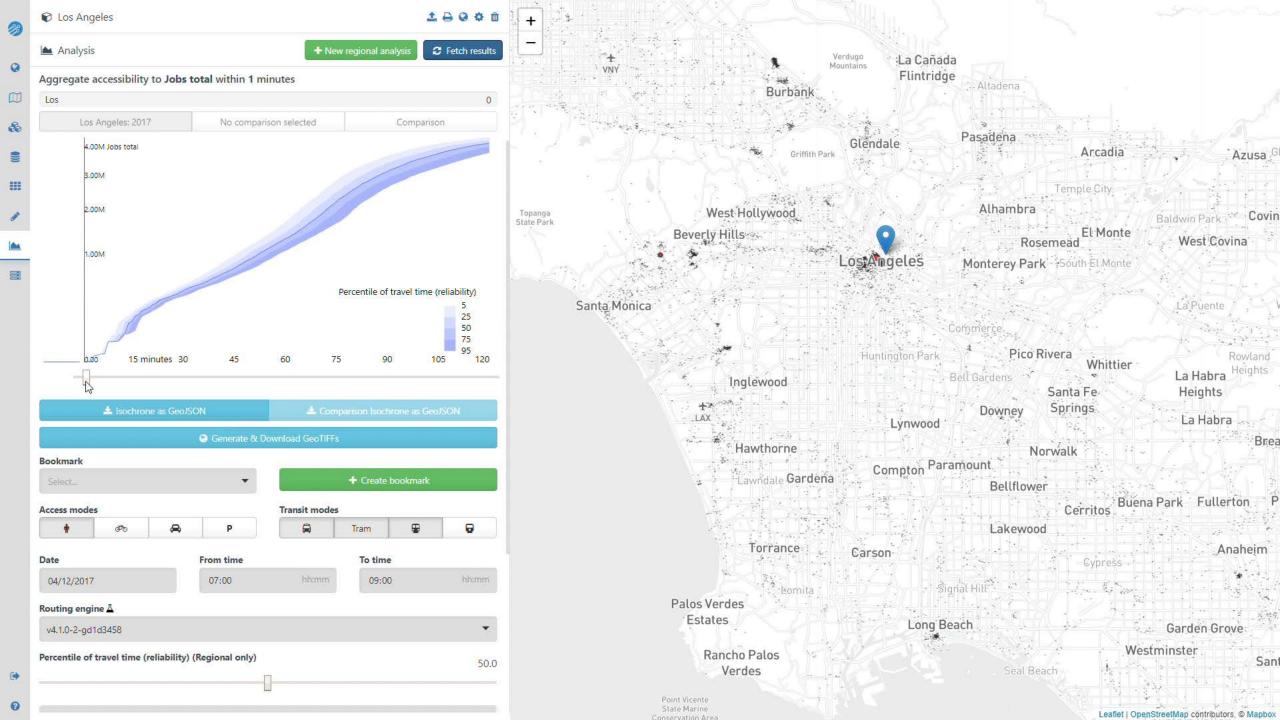
- Handling mixed schedule- and frequency-based transit networks with a Monte Carlo approach (Conway, Byrd, and van der Linden 2017)
- Distributed computing, efficient storage
- Hosted web-based tool, configurable via online interface (Conveyal Analysis)
- Methods are documented and open-source

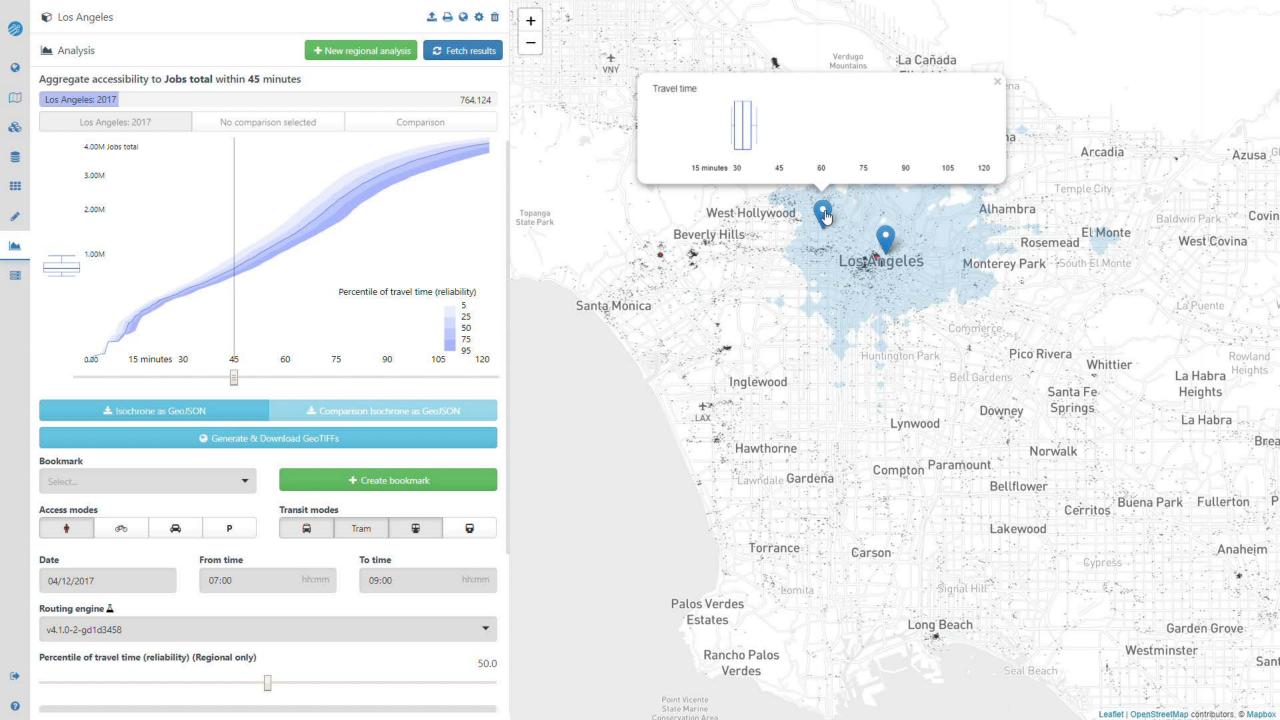
Open, cloud-based software for distributed parallel computing

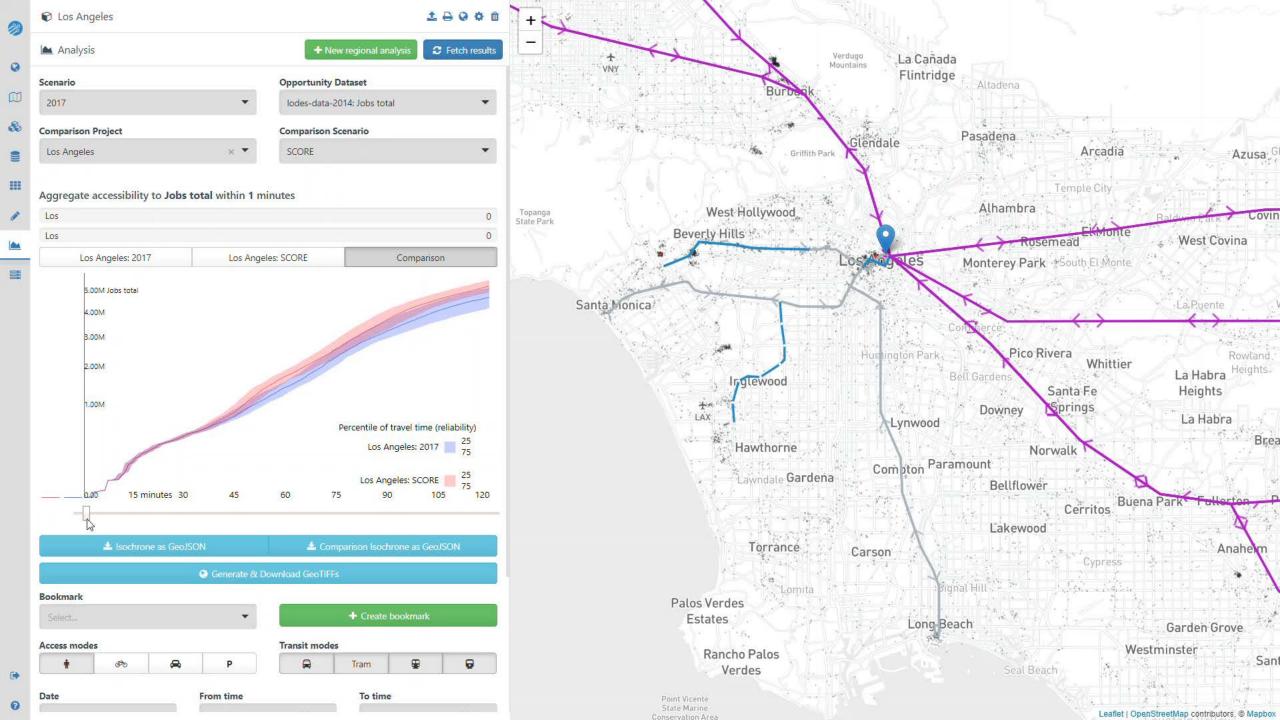


Example Application

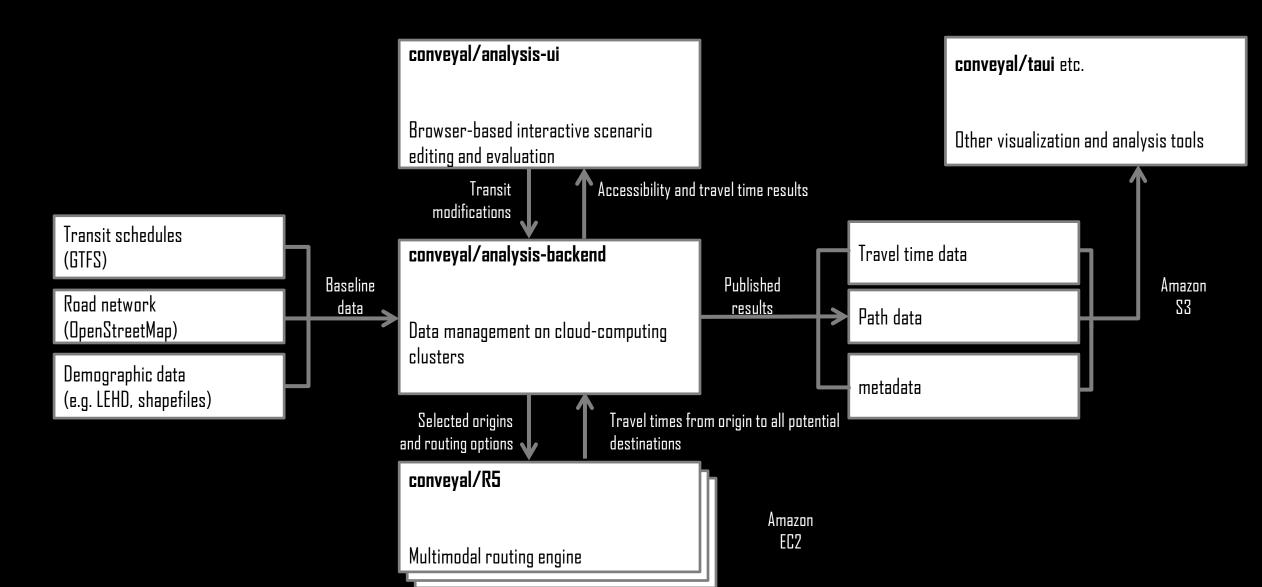
- Southern California
 - 71 GTFS feeds
 - 730k vertices, 2 million edges
 - 900k grid-cell origins (approximately 300m x 300m)
 - Walking along OpenStreetMap network from origins to transit stops
- Atlanta, Toronto, Tokyo, Netherlands...
 - See blog.conveyal.com





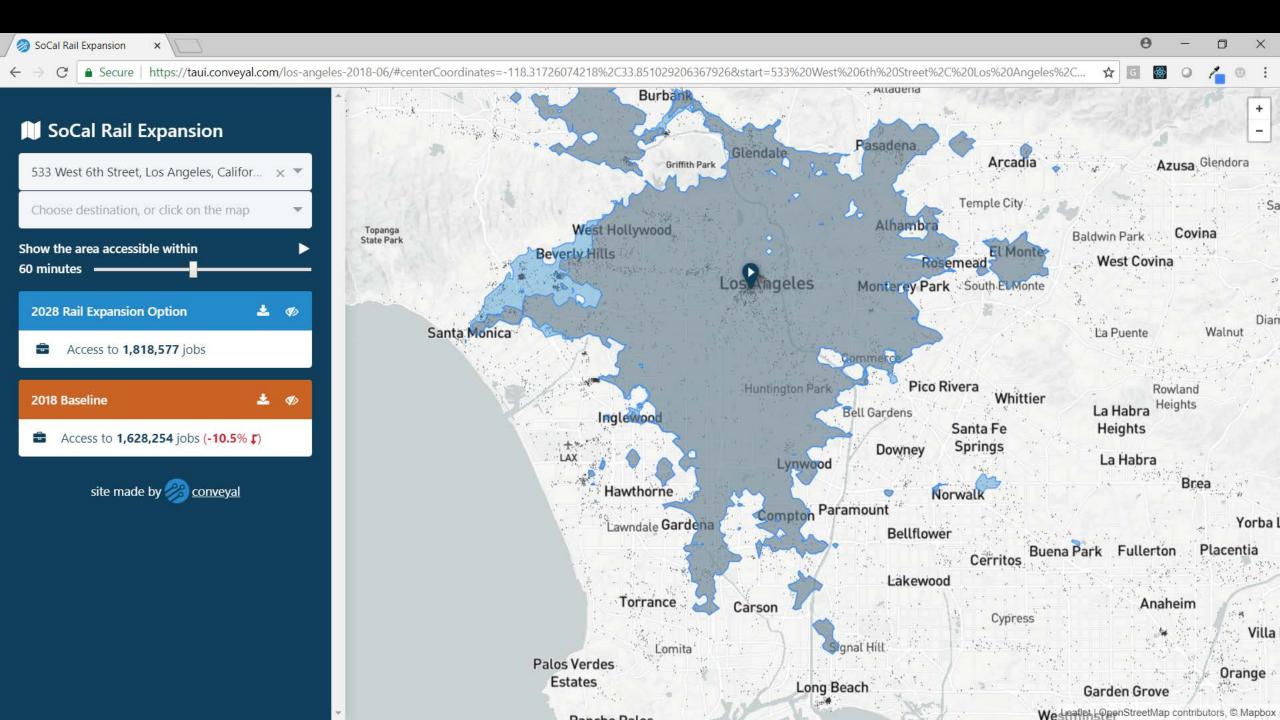


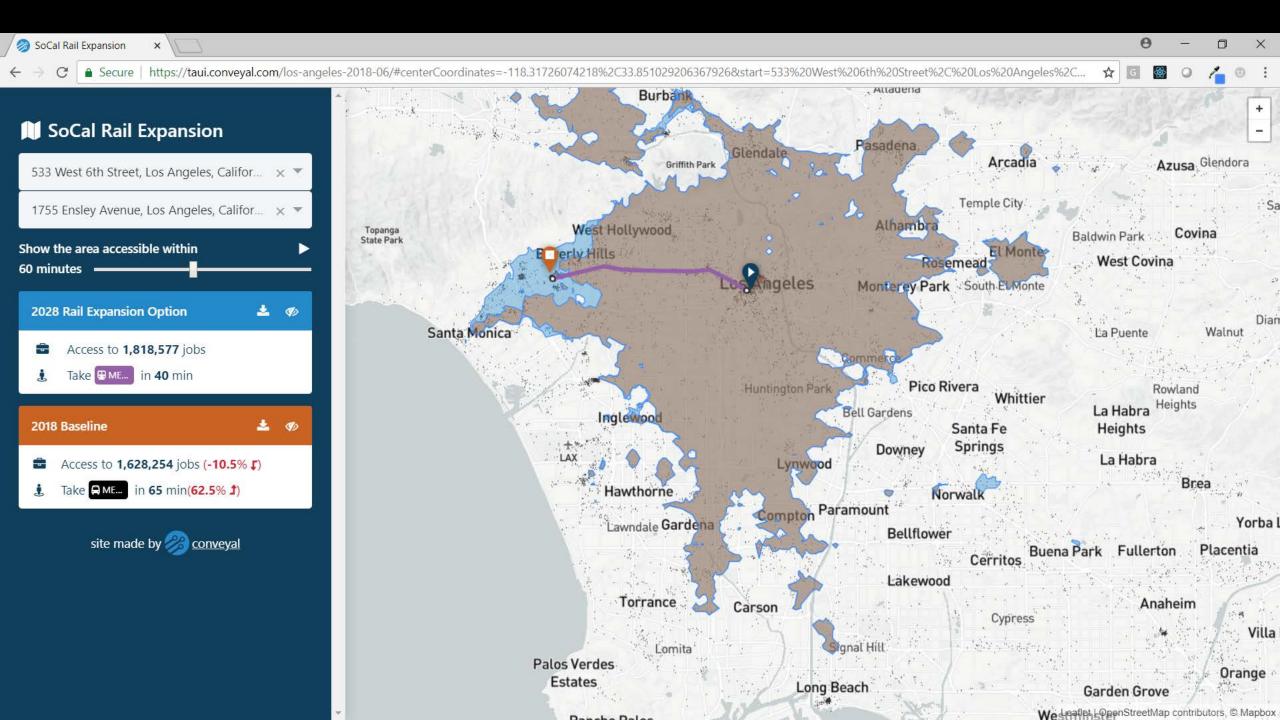
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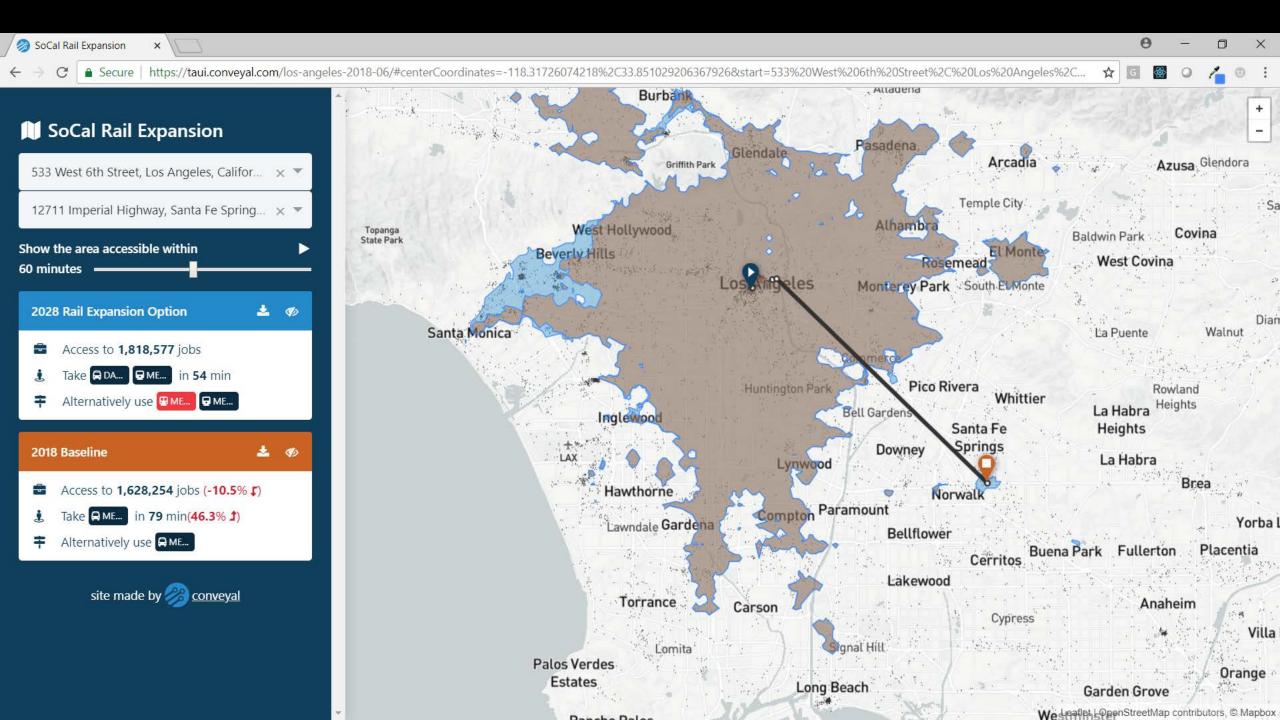


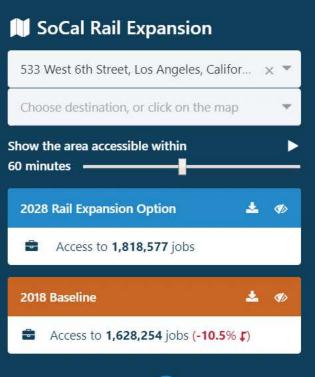
Custom binary formats for efficient storage

- Files can be fetched per origin as needed for downstream analysis
- Times: one file per origin (ex: 50 KB)
 - Travel times to all grid cells, in order
 - Selected percentiles (only median by default)
 - Delta encoding for high compression ratios
- Paths: one file per origin (ex: 300 KB)
 - For all grid cells, the transit segments of itineraries representative of the selected percentiles of travel time
 - Stored using indices for board stop, pattern, and alight stop
- Metadata: one file per region (ex: 1.3 MB)
 - Stop names and geographic coordinates, route names and colors

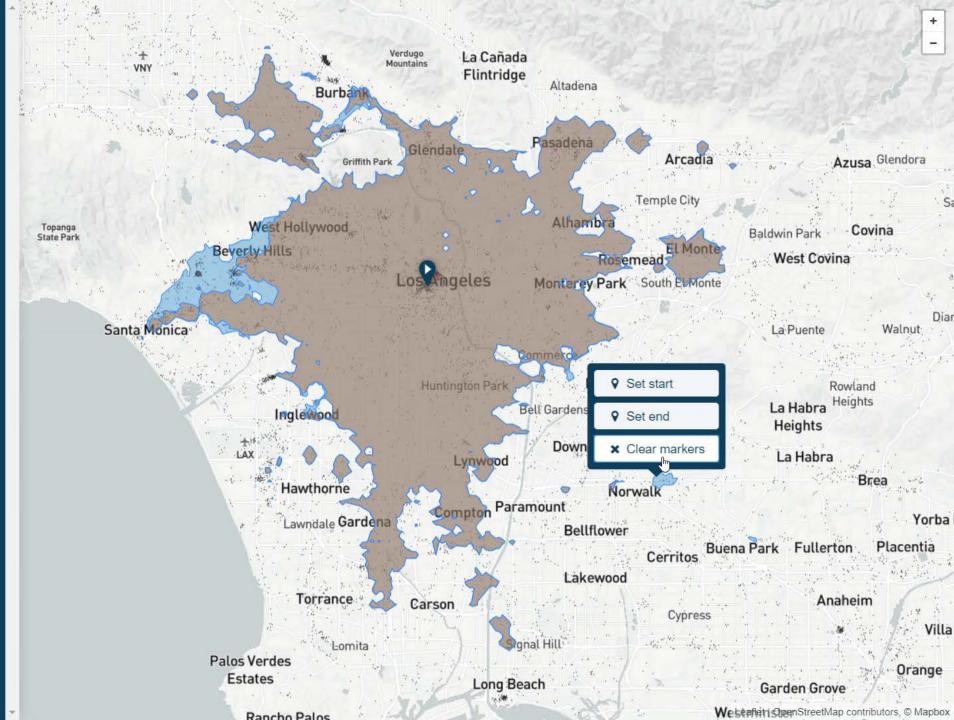








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