

# Connected Vehicle Surface Observation Network

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# Background

## Surface Transportation Weather Support

- **Developed and manufactured a proprietary sensing platform**
  - Telematics enabling technology for the connected Vehicle Market (focus on weather safety) but not limited to.
- **Connected vehicles – Next generation of Telematics**
  - Communication protocol, DSRC / 5G cellular (combination) – V2V, V2I
- **Objective: Turn vehicles into Sentinel beings.**
- **Vehicles become road maintenance probes**
  - weather, surface reconstruction (potholes).
- **Create a real time road weather alert system / public**
  - Situational awareness, Dynamic Weather Routing / shortest safest route.
- **Designed to Collect and aggregate weather data on a dynamic basis from both the WT platform and Vehicle Can-Bus.**
  - Axel Slippage
  - Humidity into the engine intake system
  - Headlights
  - Windshield Wiper Activity.



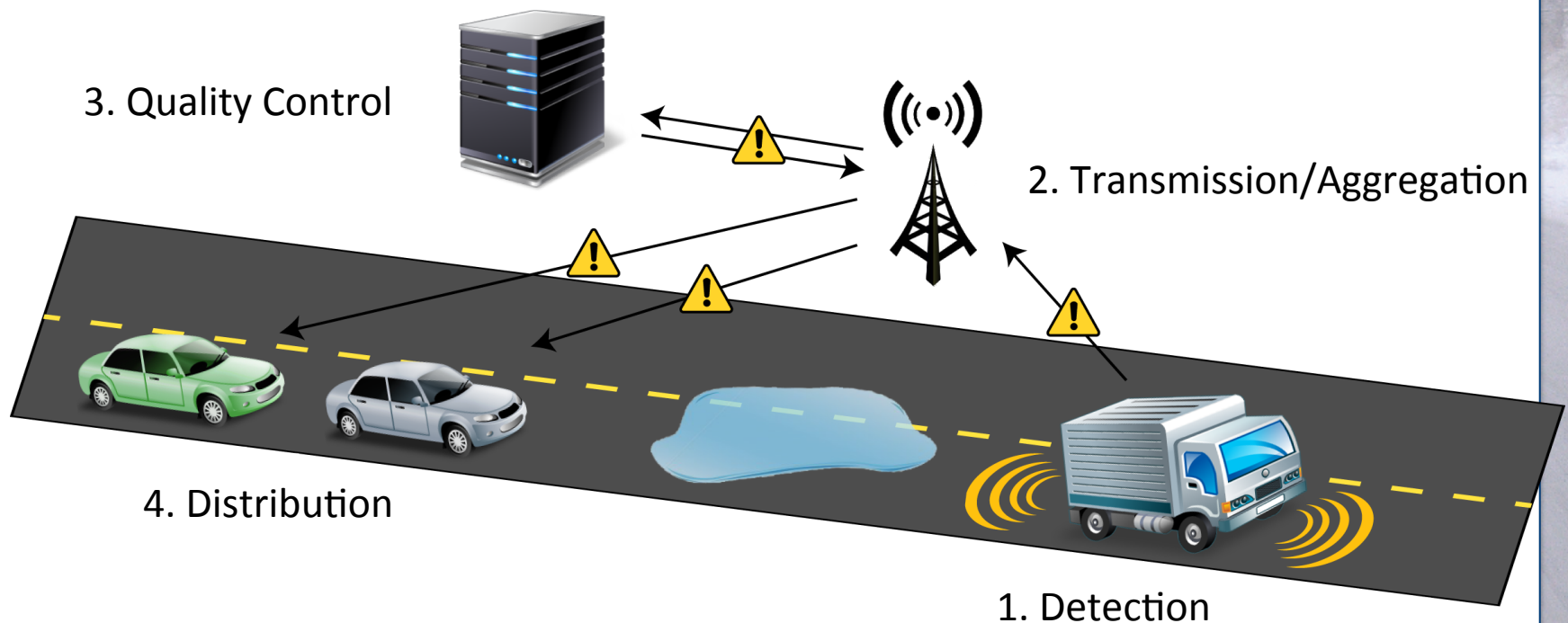
# Current Capabilities

## Surface Transportation Weather Support

- **Deployed the largest Mobile Weather and Air Quality Observation Network in the US.**
- **Pure Real-time (dynamic) data**
  - Exceptional Quality / scientific integrity, NWS/EPA
- **Unsurpassed Spatial and Temporal Granularity.**
- **Millions of observations Daily to the NWS**
  - Perspective: More observations in one day / US national fixed weather infrastructure delivers in a week.
  - Extremely cost effective, 10 x's more observations @ 10<sup>th</sup> cost
  - Virtually maintenance free.
- **Connected fleet of 1,500 Con-Way trucks (24/7)**
  - Year round vs Seasonal vehicles
  - Every major interstate / transmitting every 5 seconds
  - On-board notification to driver / 25 mile geo-fenced alerting

# How it Works

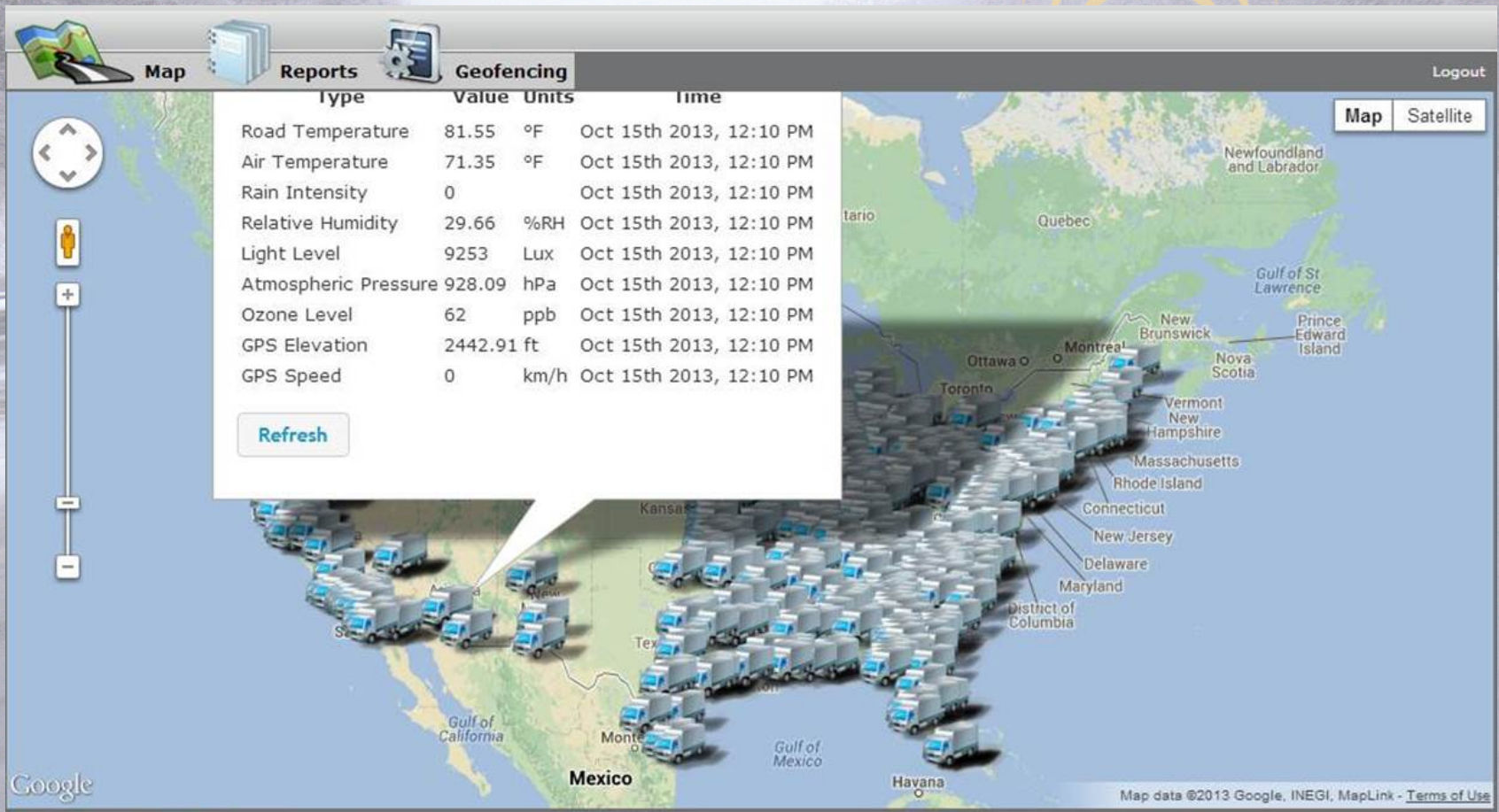
- **Connected Vehicle Surface Observation Network**





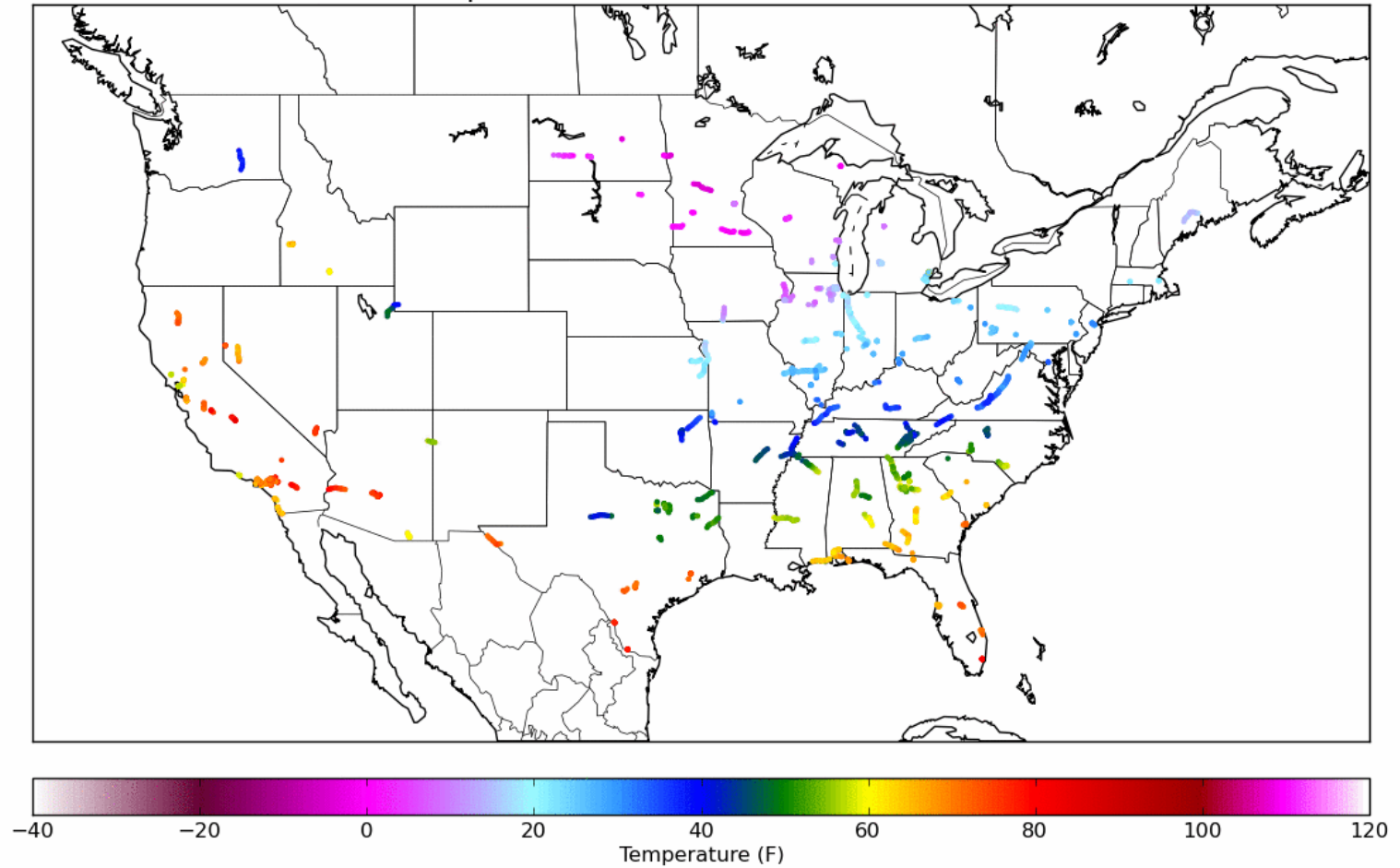
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## Parameters



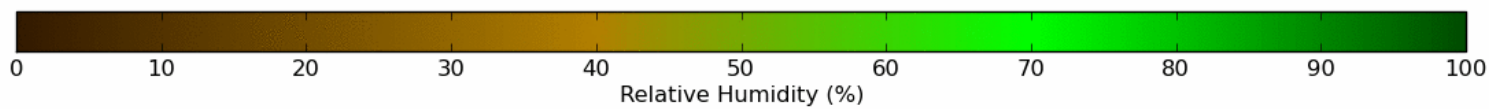
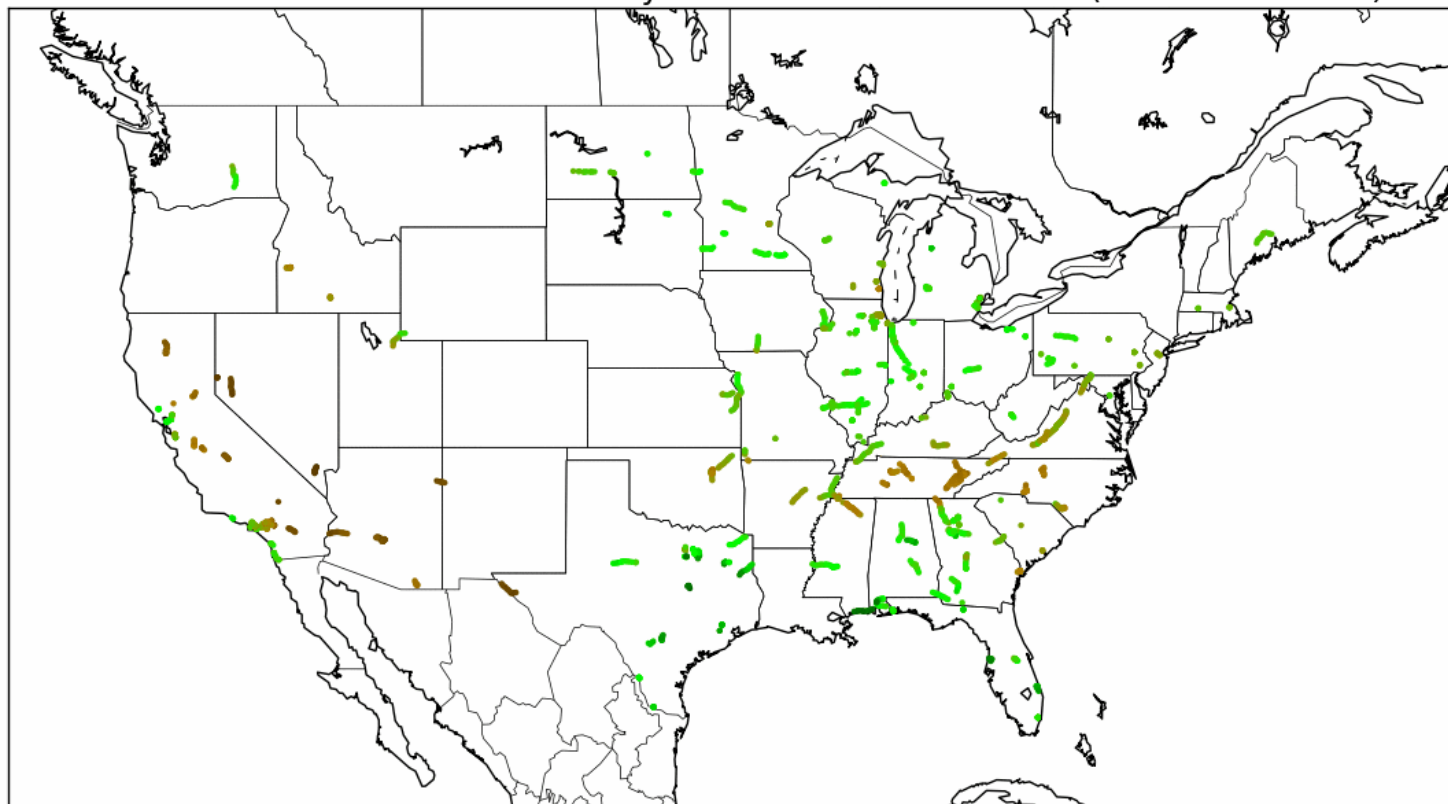


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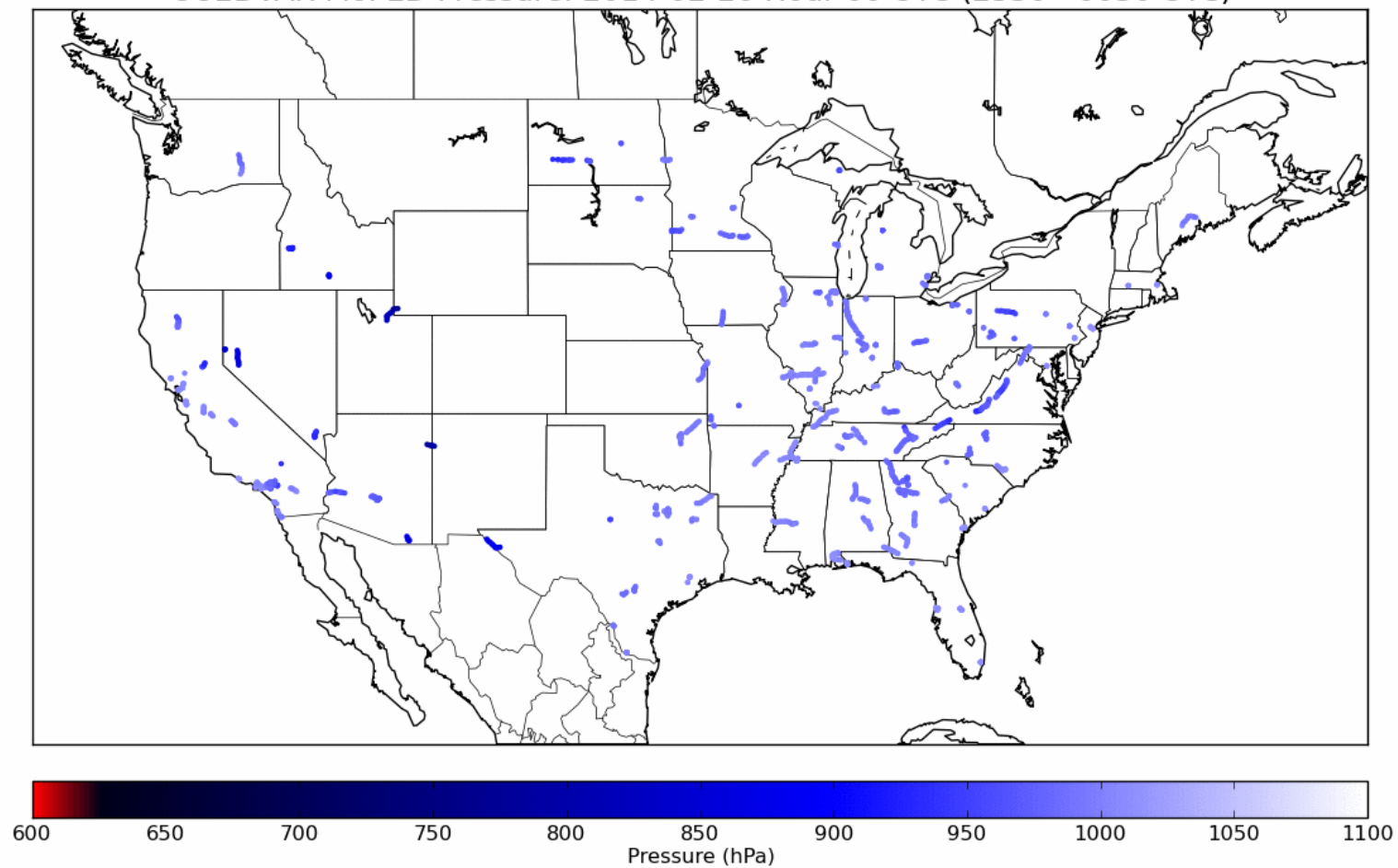


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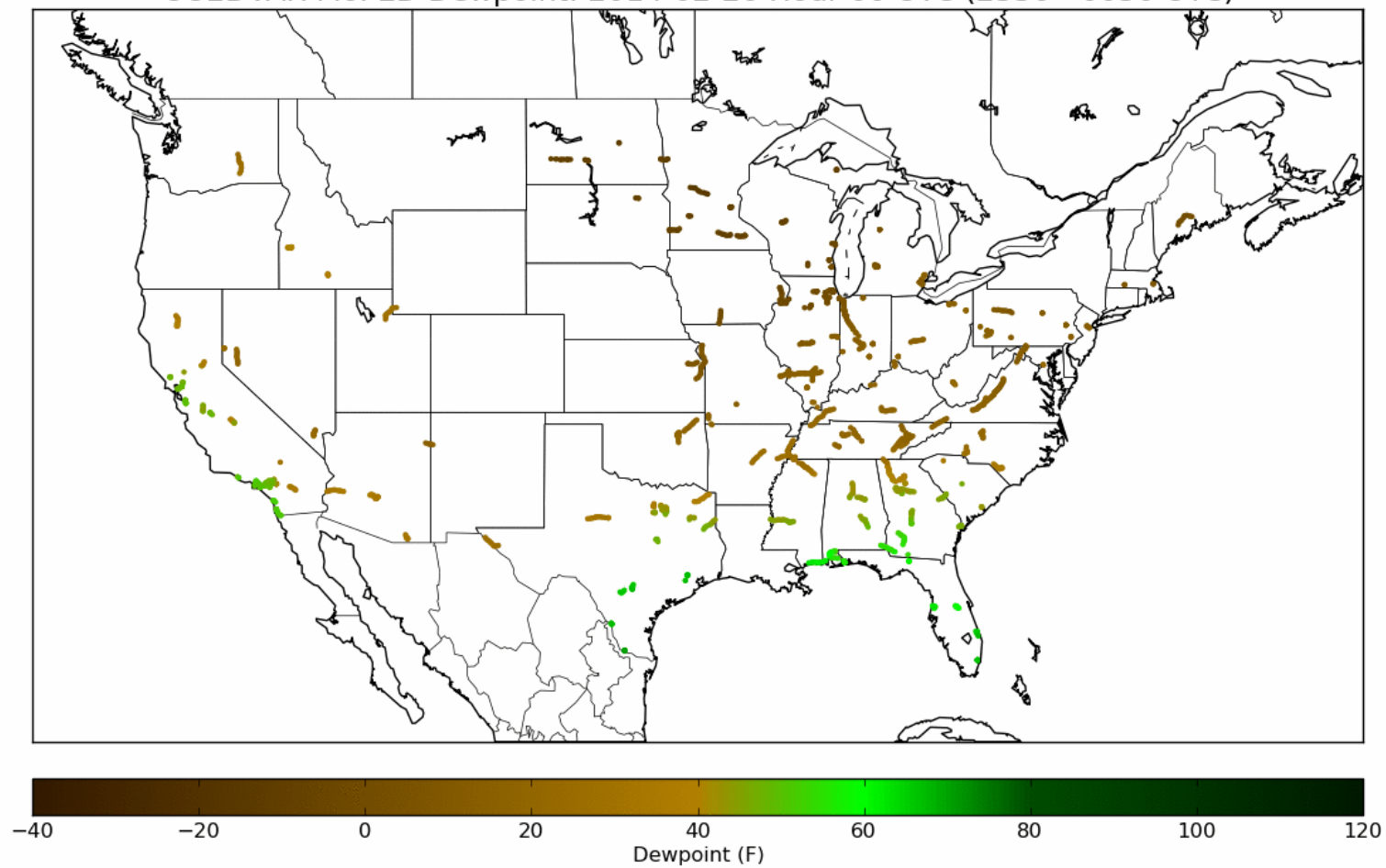


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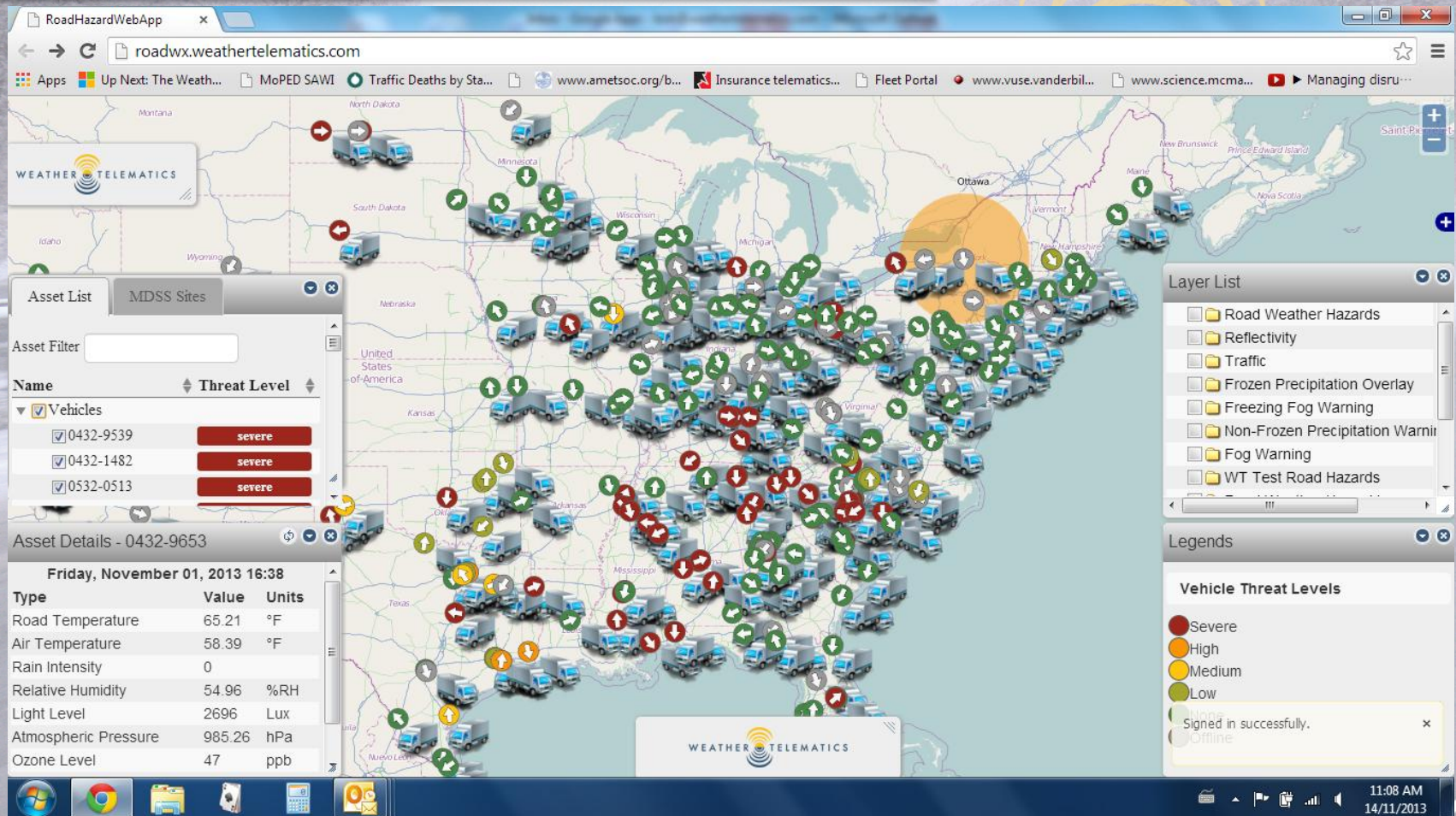




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# Road Hazard View





# Future Capabilities & Objectives \

## Enhanced Surface Transportation Weather Support

- **Ongoing enhancement to the Platform.**
  - Add additional Sensors
    - Wind speed and direction
    - Lightning
- **Work with Fleet partners to expand Network**
  - Nationally, Globally
- **Support Federal and State DOT initiatives (VDT)**
- **Continue to innovate telematics technology solutions to enhance the Science of Weather**
  - Work with AMS Community to understand disruptive effects
    - Big data, NowCasting vs forecasting
    - Based upon an entirely new ground-truthing paradigm
    - Help improve Forecasting models
- **Improved weather hazard awareness and MDSS layer.**
- **Work with the ITS and connected vehicle market to realize the benefits**
  - Saving lives, reducing property damage, and the economical impact of weather related delays
  - Delivering whole new level of situational awareness that otherwise has gone undetected.



# Case Study

- Feb 21, 2013
- Fleet vehicle involved in Fatal Head on collision
- Truck driver receives onboard warning 8 min ahead of impact – reduces speed from 60 Mph to 50 Mph
- 30 seconds up to impact, Driver receives constant warning – reduces speed to 28 Mph.
- Oncoming vehicle loses control on Black Ice.
- At point of impact truck was travelling 22 Mph.
- Mother of two dies at the scene.
- What if she had the same situational awareness
- Point: 4 RWIS stations and 1 ASOS within 5 mile radius
- Not one could detect what the mobile platform detected.
- This Technology exists today. The fleets infrastructure Exists,
- Unfortunately, Loss of life still exists.
- If one mobile platform can save just one life, I ask you to:



# Imagine!



**Mobile Weather Station on Board**  
**- *We deliver Weather!***