

# La emergencia de la Ciencia Ciudadana

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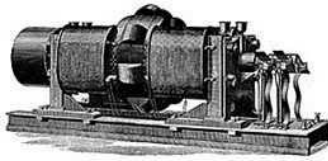
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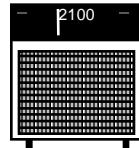
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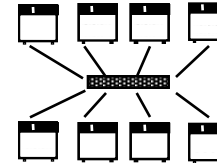
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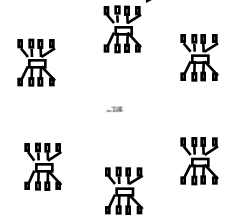
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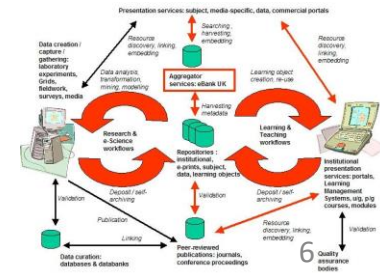
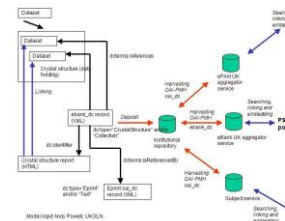
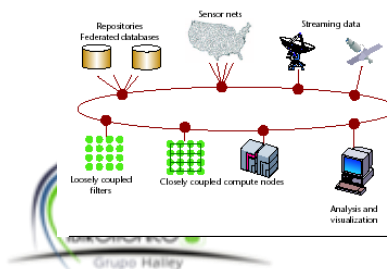
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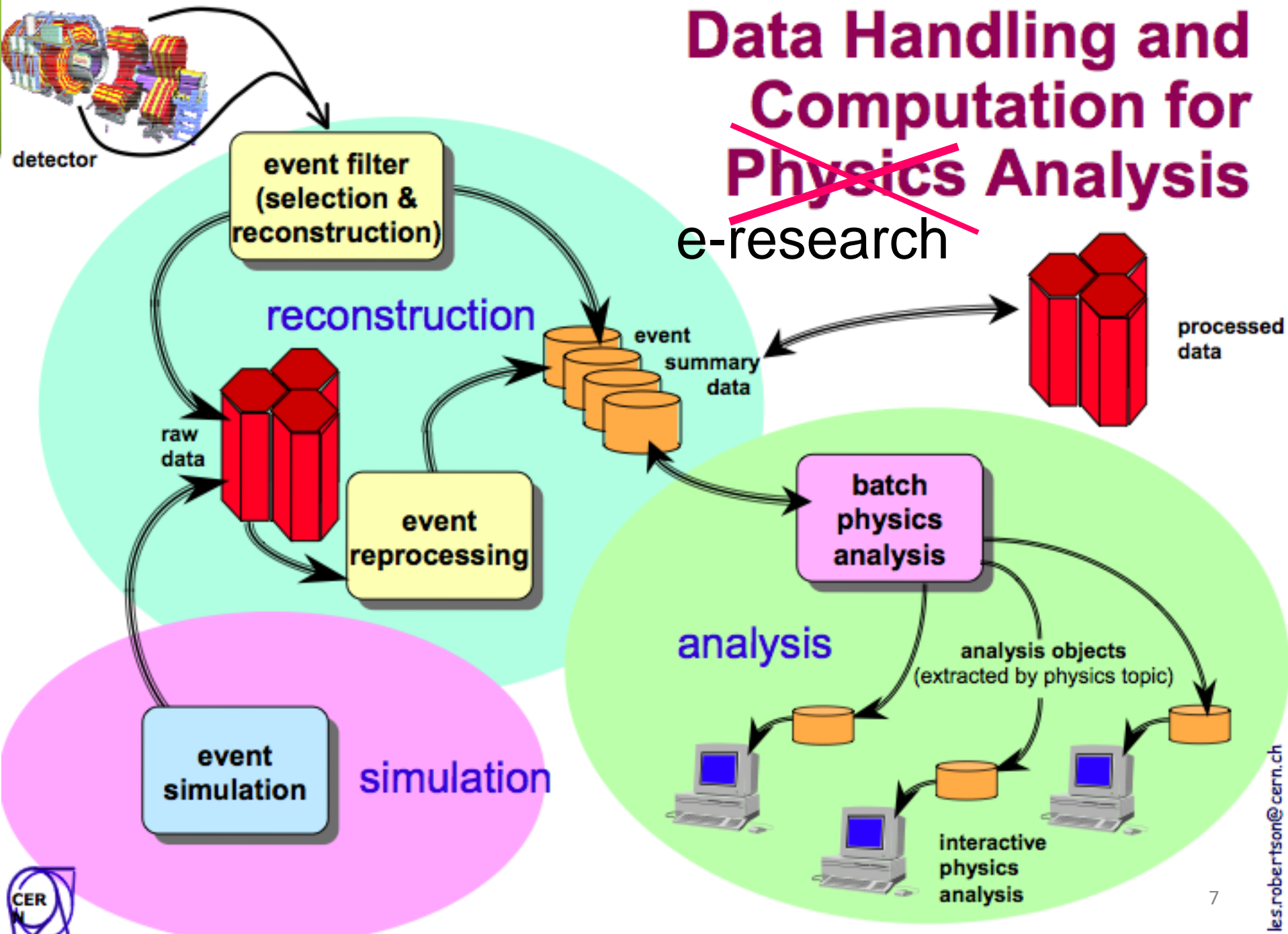


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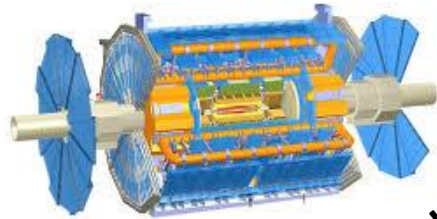
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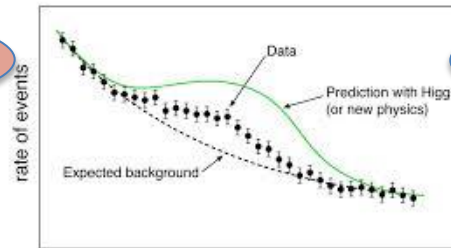
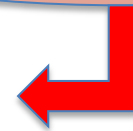
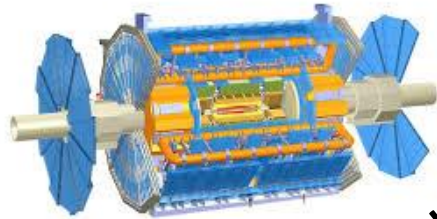


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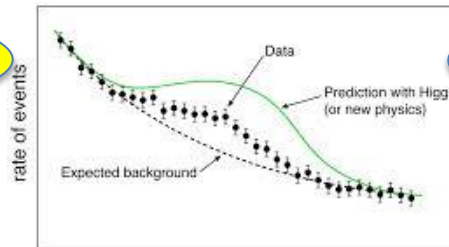
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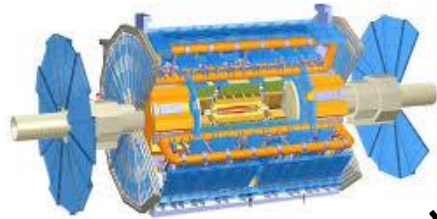
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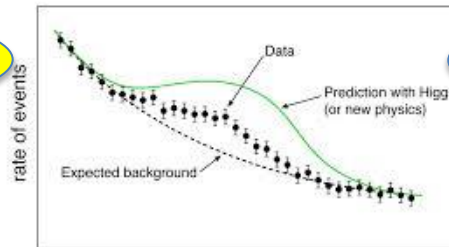
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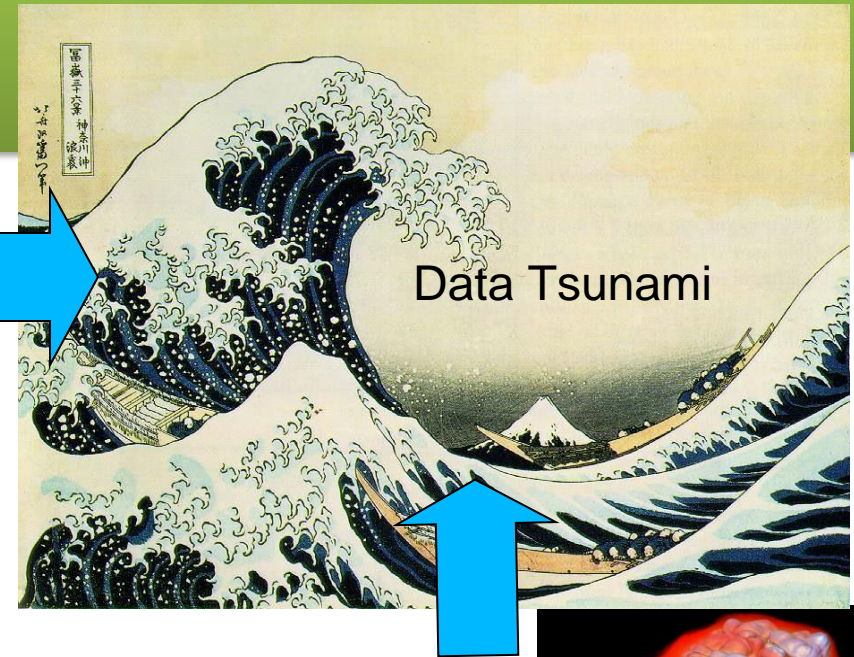
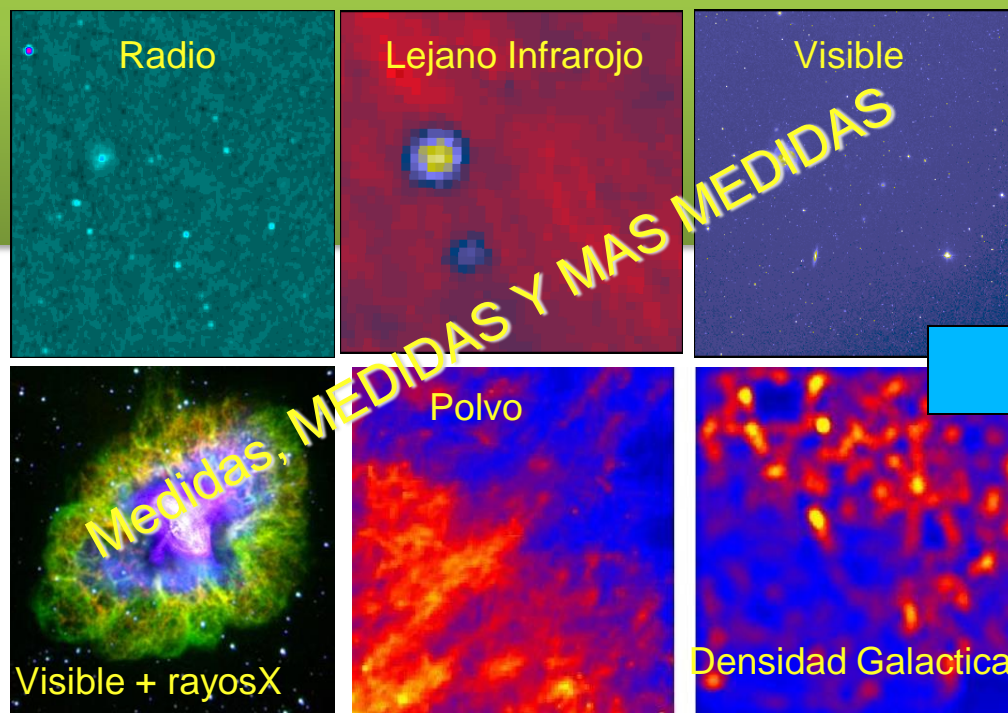
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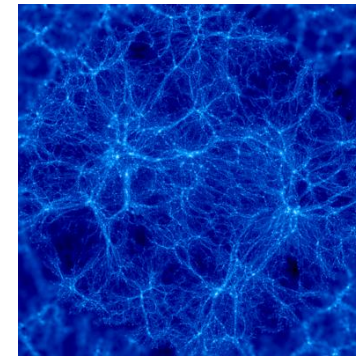
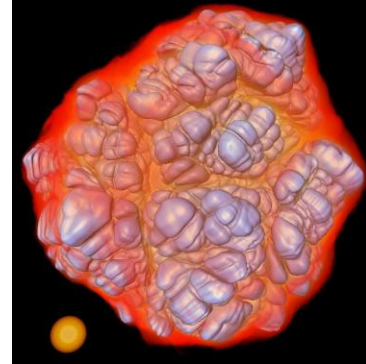
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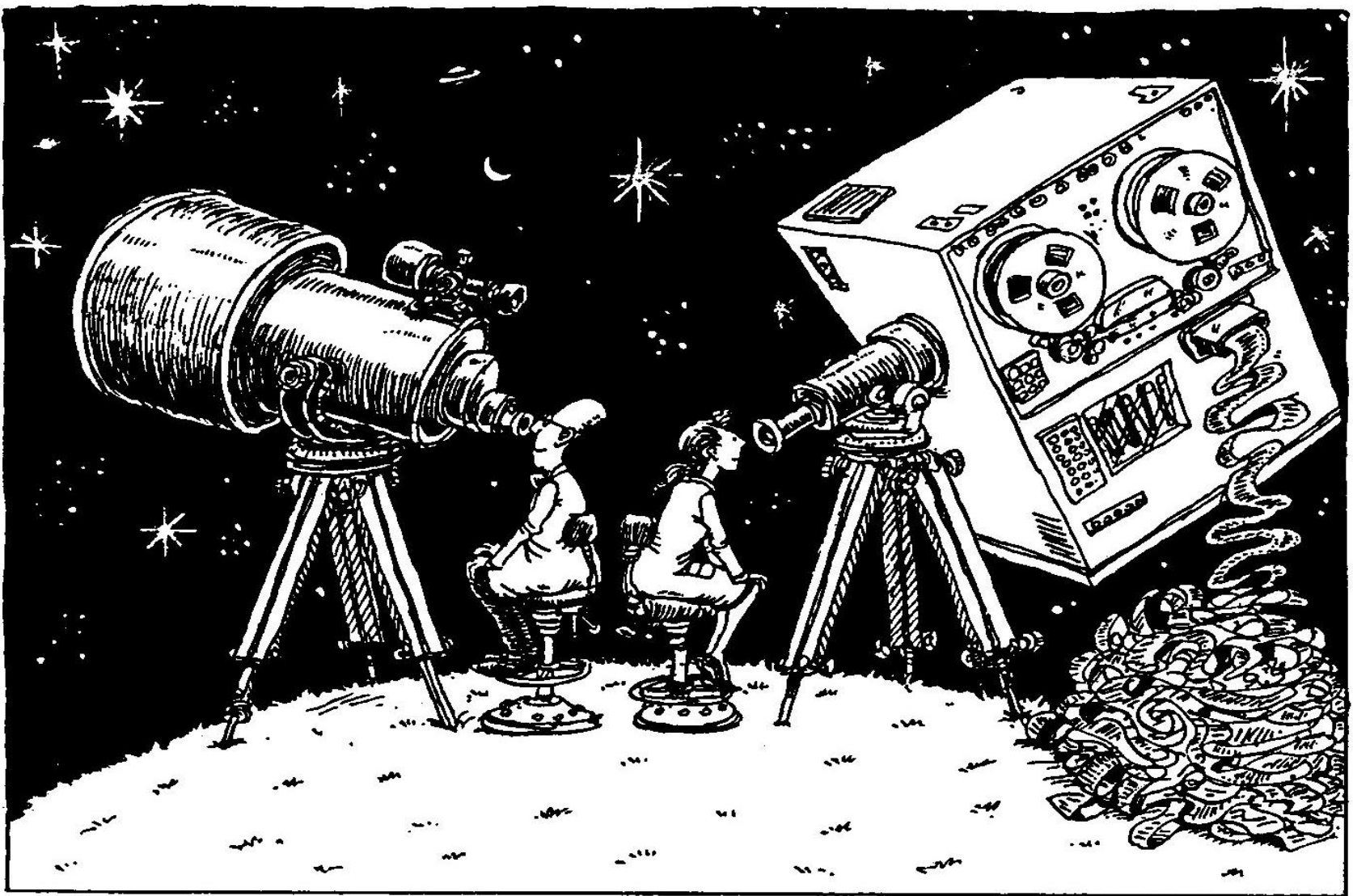
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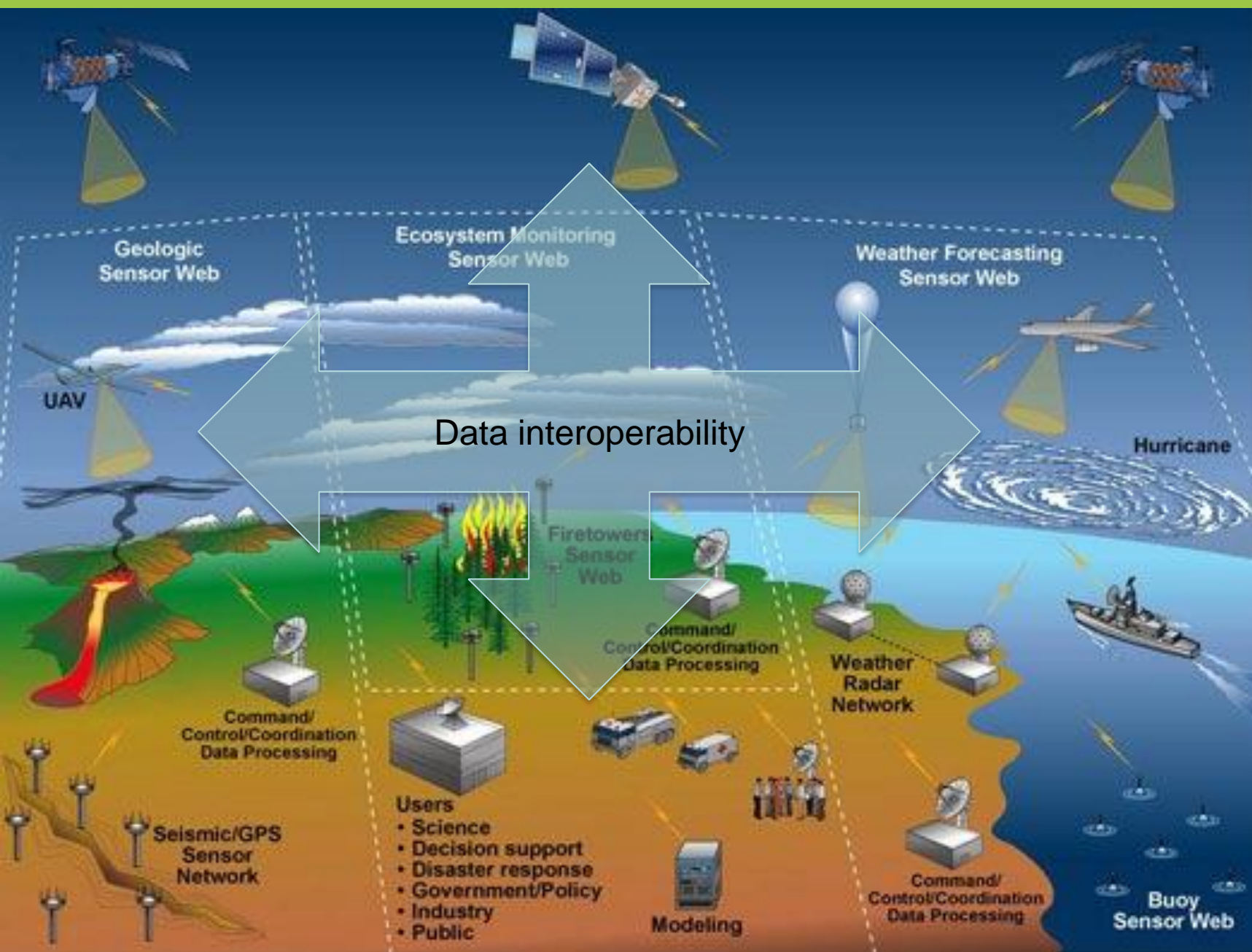
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How does this work?

We've found that certain search terms are good indicators of flu activity. Google Flu Trends uses aggregated Google search data to estimate current flu activity around the world in near real-time.

2007-2008 U.S. Flu Activity - Mid-Atlantic Region  
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Each week, millions of users around the world search for health information online. As you might expect, there are more flu-related searches during flu season, more allergy-related searches during allergy season, and more sunburn-related searches during the summer. You can explore all of these phenomena using [Google Insights for Search](#). But can search query trends provide the basis for an accurate, reliable model of real-world phenomena?

We have found a close relationship between how many people search for flu-related topics and how many people actually get sick, but a pattern emerges when all the flu-related search queries are added to the model. We have built systems and found that many search queries tend to be popular exactly when flu season is happening. By combining all these queries, we can estimate how much flu is circulating in different countries and regions around the world. Our [results](#) have been [published](#) in [Nature](#).

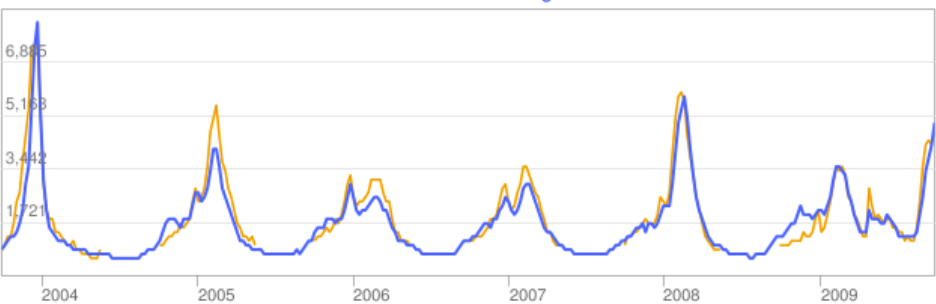
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**Detecting influenza epidemics using search engine query data**

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**Seasonal influenza epidemics are a major public health concern, causing tens of millions of respiratory illnesses and 250,000 to 500,000 deaths worldwide each year<sup>1</sup>. In addition to seasonal influenza, a new strain of influenza virus against which no previous immunity exists and that demonstrates human-to-human transmission could result in a pandemic with millions of fatalities<sup>2</sup>. Early detection of disease activity, when followed by a rapid response, can reduce the impact of both seasonal and pandemic influenza<sup>3-5</sup>. One way to improve early detection is to monitor health-seeking behaviour in the form of queries to online search engines, which are submitted by millions of users around the world each day. Here we present a method of analysing large numbers of Google search queries to track influenza-like illness in a population. Because the relative frequency of certain queries is highly correlated with the percentage of physician visits in which a patient presents with influenza-like symptoms, we can accurately estimate the current level of weekly influenza activity in each region of the United States, with a reporting lag of about one day. This approach may make it possible to use search queries to detect influenza epidemics in areas with a large population of web search users.**

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## Collective intelligence

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**Collective intelligence** is a shared or [group intelligence](#) that emerges from the collaboration and competition of many individuals and appears in [consensus decision making](#) in bacteria, animals, humans and computer networks. It can also be understood as an emergent property from synergies among 1) data/info/knowledge, 2) software/hardware; and 3) experts and others with insight that continually learns from feedback to produce (nearly) just in time knowledge for better decisions than these elements acting alone.<sup>[1]</sup>

The idea emerged from the writings of [Douglas Hofstadter](#) (1979), [Peter Russell](#) (1983), [Tom Atlee](#) (1993), [Pierre Lévy](#) (1994), [Howard Bloom](#) (1995), [Francis Heylighen](#) (1995), [Douglas Engelbart](#), [Cliff Joslyn](#), [Ron Dembo](#), [Gottfried Mayer-Kress](#) (2003) and other theorists. Collective intelligence is referred to as **Symbiotic intelligence** by Norman Lee Johnson.<sup>[2]</sup> The concept is relevant in [sociology](#), [business](#), [computer science](#) and mass communications: it also appears in science fiction, frequently in the form of telepathically-linked ensembles and cybernetic

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### History

A precursor of the concept is found in entomologist that acted like the cells of a single beast he called a


In 1912 [Émile Durkheim](#) identified society as the so-called [Vladimir Vernadsky's](#) concept of "noosphere" and H. a noosphere — a transcendent, rapidly evolving coll

### Dimensions

[Howard Bloom](#) has discussed mass behavior - collective intelligence - and calls it "a learning machine". In 1986 Bloom combined bacterial colonies and human societies can be explained by the evolution of collective intelligence. Bloom traced the evolution of collective intelligence animal except for humans and co-operate in keeping

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**Comment**

The entire political sense of collective intelligence has been removed, despite a mainstream politician (Al Gore) using it in just this sense. This is censorship, period. I request that you put some element of the material regarding political parties and constitutions as organizing collective action back in, as its removal seems simply to validate the narrowly technical views.

In opposition to the above, I state that technical views are anything but narrow. They are, in fact, quite useful in getting a deep understanding of CI.

Murray Turoff and Roxanne Hiltz researched online Collective Intelligence starting in 1986. Their measure was obtained by comparing the group problem solution with the best individual solution in the group. See [http://www.wikiworld.com/wiki/index.php/CollectiveIntelligence\\_4/](http://www.wikiworld.com/wiki/index.php/CollectiveIntelligence_4/)

**Needs renaming**

The most prominent opponent of 'Collective Intelligence' was a presumably little known individual called Albert Einstein. Oh, yes the one turning in his grave right now due to the idiotic naming of this phenomenon. If there is any chance that the hideous oxymoron 'Collective Intelligence' could be renamed to, say, 'Consensus' or 'Collective Processing' or more aptly 'Collective Infinite Stupidity', please make it so. —Preceding *unsigned* comment added by [80.65.242.154](#) ([talk](#)) 11:23, 7 March 2008 (UTC)

Amen, brother! This reads like stream of consciousness of some low IQ, high pretensions individuals who overdosed on ketamine. Description of views of the supporting "scientists" reads like something straight out of "Who is who in New Age pseudoscience". And bringing into this Thomas Jefferson who sincerely believed in educated citizenry running a free republic (not a multitude of ignorant postmodern sheeple slavering for their "global-minded" overlords) just adds insult to injury. [76.24.104.52](#) ([talk](#)) 03:15, 27 April 2009 (UTC)

**Needs wikification**


This needs to be split into sections for easier reading/scanning. It probably could also stand to be "tightened up" a bit (i.e., edited), but maybe that's just the impression I got from scanning through the 16 paragraphs with no section breaks. - [dcljr](#) ([talk](#)) 04:46, 26 August 2005 (UTC)

Okay, I've had a bash at trying to sort it into slightly more manageable chunks, but as I don't know a lot about this subject, I'm reluctant to do any more drastic editing!


In particular, the paragraphs that I put under "general concepts" don't make a lot of sense to me. Perhaps they should be edited, re-written or discarded by somebody who understands this topic.

At first glance, the French version of the page appears to be much better written and structured, with more interesting real-world examples. Here's a rough translation of the headings, just to give you a flavour:


- 1 Definition
  - 1.1 Characteristics of collective systems



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- La producción de conocimiento replica el modo de producción de la economía: *Global, Colectiva, en tiempo real, Viabilizada por las TIC*
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# ¿Qué es Ciencia Ciudadana?

- Ejecutada por aficionados
- Participación activa del Ciudadano Investigador
- Interacción entre aficionados e investigadores
- Conducida por grandes grupos: Global Masiva y Distribuida.

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## Citizen science

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**Citizen science** is scientific research conducted, in whole or in part, by amateur or nonprofessional scientists. Formally, citizen science has been defined as "the systematic collection and analysis of data; development of technology; testing of natural phenomena; and the dissemination of these activities by researchers on a primarily avocational basis"<sup>[1]</sup>. Citizen science is sometimes called "public participation in scientific research."<sup>[2][3]</sup>

Citizen-science activities can take many forms:

- Citizen scientists can help gather data that will be analyzed by professional researchers. The [Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count](#), which began in 1900, is a good example.
- Citizen scientists can help analyze data that has been gathered by professional researchers. SETI Live<sup>[4]</sup>, [Galaxy Zoo](#)<sup>[5]</sup>, and other [Zooniverse](#) projects are examples.
- Citizen scientists can volunteer at a research center or join a research expedition, such as those organized by the [Earthwatch Institute](#).
- Citizen scientists can compete in competition such as NASA's International Space Apps Challenge.<sup>[6]</sup>
- Citizen scientists can build and operate their own instruments to gather data for their own experiments or as part of a larger project. Examples include [amateur radio](#), [amateur astronomy](#), and [Maker](#) activities.
- Citizen scientists can travel to areas that are seldom visited by Space<sup>[8]</sup>

Citizen science may be performed by individuals, teams, or networks. Volunteer networks often allow scientists to accomplish tasks that

Citizen science networks are often involved in the observation of cy geographic areas,<sup>[9]</sup> and in monitoring programs for natural-resource

Many citizen-science projects serve education and outreach goals. or an informal education environment such as museums.

In recent years, citizen science projects have become increasingly

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Hello,

I would like to suggest to edit the page to:

"Some programs provide materials specifically for use by primary or secondary school students. As such, citizen science is one approach to [both, formal and] informal science education.

Note that it is contradictory to state citizen science is an approach to informal science education, right after stating that some programs provide materials specifically for use by primary or secondary school students.

Unless what one really wanted to say is that citizen science is informal science. But that isn't the case either because there are high qualified scientists behind data gathering and analysis across the world.

My suggestion is to highlight that citizen science encompasses both dimensions, formal and informal in both domains, science and science education.

I hope this is a useful contribution.

It is after all, a nice article with great external references.

Fsoares67 (talk) 17:14, 15 January 2008 (UTC)

Do you have citable sources for these thoughts? Wikipedia cannot use "[original research](#)", no matter how valid it might be. --Orlady (talk) 18:55, 15 January 2008 (UTC)

Do you mean a source for considering school education formal education? That's as commonsense as it is considering informal education what doesn't go on in schools. In regards to high qualified scientists, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology cited in the article is a good example, but I would like also to suggest WorldBirds plus the plethora of research studies supported by EarthWatch.

There is no source to state citizen science is an approach to informal science education either in the article. Please, clarify what conjecture source you refer too.

Please, clarify —Preceding [unsigned](#) comment added by Fsoares67 (talk • [contri](#)bs) 19:03, 15 January 2008 (UTC)

Excuse me I'm new to Wikipedia. I'm going to organize my sources and come back. I am affectionate to citizen science and that is actually the research topic of my dissertation. That's why I thought I could contribute. Narrowing citizen science to an approach to informal science education is flat wrong, though. I have a short review of projects aimed to K-12 education. It couldn't get more formal than that. Posting sources as soon as possible. Fsoares67 19:23, 15 January 2008 (UTC)

Thus far I was unable to contact the author, and I suspect the review has not been published. Nevertheless, I strongly suggest to not limit the concept of Citizen Science to informal science education. It is also a pedagogical approach to increase scientific literacy among students, thus playing an important role in formal science education.-- Preceding [unsigned](#) comment added by Fsoares67 (talk • [contri](#)bs) 14:26, 8 February 2008 (UTC)

### Crowd-sourcing?

Would citizen science be a kind of crowd-sourcing? That's what I would call it from other examples, e.g. publish photos of something and have people look at them and log the details. —Monado (talk) 04:34, 22 January 2011 (UTC)

- Yes, from Wikipedia's own article on same! —Monado (talk) 04:35, 22 January 2011 (UTC)

### Related book

New book, may be useful for expanding/referencing this article: Reinventing Discovery: The New Era of Networked Science by Michael Nielsen. Jodi.a.schneider (talk) 06:34, 10 October 2011 (UTC)


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## Collective intelligence

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**Collective intelligence** is a shared or [group intelligence](#) that emerges from the collaboration and competition of many individuals and appears in [consensus decision making](#) in bacteria, animals, humans and computer networks. It can also be understood as an emergent property from synergies among 1) data/info/knowledge, 2) software/hardware; and 3) experts and others with insight that continually learns from feedback to produce (nearly) just in time knowledge for better decisions than these elements acting alone.<sup>[1]</sup>

The idea emerged from the writings of [Douglas Hofstadter](#) (1979), [Peter Russell](#) (1983), [Tom Atlee](#) (1993), [Pierre Lévy](#) (1994), [Howard Bloom](#) (1995), [Francis Heylighen](#) (1995), [Douglas Engelbart](#), [Cliff Joslyn](#), [Ron Dembo](#), [Gottfried Mayer-Kress](#) (2003) and other theorists. Collective intelligence is referred to as **Symbiotic intelligence** by Norman Lee Johnson.<sup>[2]</sup> The concept is relevant in [sociology](#), [business](#), [computer science](#) and mass communications: it also appears in science fiction, frequently in the form of telepathically-linked ensembles and cybernetic

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### History

A precursor of the concept is found in entomologist that acted like the cells of a single beast he called a

In 1912 [Émile Durkheim](#) identified society as the soul

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### Dimensions

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calls "a learning machine". In 1986 Bloom combined


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Bloom traced the evolution of collective intelligence

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**Comment**

The entire political sense of collective intelligence has been removed, despite a mainstream politician (Al Gore) using it in just this sense. This is censorship, period. I request that you put some element of the material regarding political parties and constitutions as organizing collective action back in, as its removal seems simply to validate the narrowly technical views.

In opposition to the above, I state that technical views are anything but narrow. They are, in fact, quite useful in getting a deep understanding of CI.

Murray Turoff and Roxanne Hiltz researched online Collective Intelligence starting in 1986. Their measure was obtained by comparing the group problem solution with the best individual solution in the group. See <http://www.wikiworld.com/wiki/index.php/CollectiveIntelligence.g?>

**Needs renaming**

The most prominent opponent of 'Collective Intelligence' was a presumably little known individual called Albert Einstein. Oh, hes the one turning in his grave right now due to the idiotic naming of this phenomenon. If there is any chance that the hideous oxymoron 'Collective Intelligence' could be renamed to, say, 'Consensus' or 'Collective Processing' or more aptly 'Collective Infinite Stupidity', please make it so. —Preceding *unsigned* comment added by [80.65.242.154](#) (talk) 11:23, 7 March 2008 (UTC)

Amen, brother! This reads like stream of consciousness of some low IQ, high pretensions individuals who overdosed on ketamine. Description of views of the supporting "scientists" reads like something straight out of 'Who is who in New Agey pseudoscience'. And bringing into this Thomas Jefferson who sincerely believed in educated citizenry running a free republic (not a multitude of ignorant postmodern sheeplees slaving for their "global-minded" overlords) just adds insult to injury. [76.24.104.52](#) (talk) 03:15, 27 April 2009 (UTC)

**Needs wikification**


This needs to be split into sections for easier reading/scanning. It probably could also stand to be "tightened up" a bit (i.e., edited), but maybe that's just the impression I got from scanning through the 16 paragraphs with no section breaks. - [dcljr](#) (talk) 04:46, 26 August 2005 (UTC)

Okay, I've had a bash at trying to sort it into slightly more manageable chunks, but as I don't know a lot about this subject, I'm reluctant to do any more drastic editing!


In particular, the paragraphs that I put under "general concepts" don't make a lot of sense to me. Perhaps they should be edited, re-written or discarded by somebody who understands this topic.

At first glance, the French version of the page appears to be much better written and structured, with more interesting real-world examples. Here's a rough translation of the headings, just to give you a flavour:


- 1 Definition
  - 1.1 Characteristics of collective systems



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# The Polymath project

<http://gowers.wordpress.com/2009/01/27/is-massively-collaborative-mathematics-possible/>

Tim Gowers



- 1991-1995 Department of Mathematics at University College London.
- 1996 Prize of the European Mathematical Society
- 1998 the Fields Medal for research on functional analysis and combinatorics.

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Gowers's Weblog

Mathematics related discussions

« A Tricky issue

Background to a Polymath project »

## Is massively collaborative mathematics possible?

Of course, one might say, there are certain kinds of problems that lend themselves to huge collaborations. One has only to think of the proof of the classification of finite simple groups, or of a rather different kind of example such as a search for a new largest prime carried out during the downtime of thousands of PCs around the world. But my question is a different one. What about the solving of a problem that does not naturally split up into a vast number of subtasks? Are such problems best tackled by  $n$  people for some  $n$  that belongs to the set  $\{1, 2, 3\}$ ? (Examples of famous papers with four authors do not count as an interesting answer to this question.)

It seems to me that, at least in theory, a different model could work: different, that is, from the usual model of people working in isolation or collaborating with one or two others. Suppose one had a forum (in the non-technical sense, but quite possibly in the technical sense as well) for the online discussion of a particular problem. The idea would be that anybody who had anything whatsoever to say about the problem could chip in. And the ethos of the forum — in whatever form it took — would be that comments would mostly be kept short. In other words, what you would *not* tend to do, at least if you wanted to keep within the spirit of things, is spend a month thinking hard about the problem and then come back and write ten pages about it. Rather, you would contribute ideas even if they were undeveloped and/or



# Hales–Jewett theorem

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In [mathematics](#), the **Hales–Jewett theorem** is a fundamental [combinatorial](#) result of [Ramsey theory](#), concerning the degree to which high-dimensional objects must necessarily exhibit some combinatorial structure; it is impossible for such objects to be "completely random".<sup>[1]</sup>

An informal geometric statement of the theorem is that for any positive integers *n* and *c* there is a number *H* such that if the cells of a *H*-dimensional *n*×*n*×*n*×...×*n* cube are colored with *c* colors, there must be one row, column, diagonal etc. of length *n* all of whose cells are the same color. In other words, the higher-dimensional, multi-player, *n*-in-a-row generalization of game of [tic-tac-toe](#) cannot end in a draw, no matter how large *n* is, no matter how many people *c* are playing, and no matter which player plays each turn, provided only that it is played on a board of sufficiently high dimension *H*. By a standard [strategy stealing argument](#), one can thus conclude that if two players alternate, then the first player has a winning strategy when *H* is sufficiently large, though no constructive algorithm for obtaining this strategy is known.

More formally, let *W*<sub>*n*</sub><sup>*H*</sup> be the set of words of length *H* over an alphabet with *n* letters; that is, the set of sequences of {1, 2, ..., *n*} of length *H*. This set forms the hypercube that is the subject of the theorem. A *variable word* *w*(*x*) over *W*<sub>*n*</sub><sup>*H*</sup> still has length *H* but includes the special element *x* in place of at least one of the letters. The words *w*(1), *w*(2), ..., *w*(*n*) obtained by replacing all instances of the special element *x* with 1, 2, ..., *n*, form a *combinatorial line* in the space *W*<sub>*n*</sub><sup>*H*</sup>; combinatorial lines correspond to rows, columns, and (some of the) diagonals of the [hypercube](#). The Hales–Jewett theorem then states that for given positive integers *n* and *c*, there exists a positive integer *H*, depending on *n* and *c*, such that for any partition of *W*<sub>*n*</sub><sup>*H*</sup> into *c* parts, there is at least one part that contains an entire combinatorial line.

For example, take *n* = 3, *H* = 2, and *c* = 2. The hypercube *W*<sub>3</sub><sup>2</sup> in this case is just the standard [tic-tac-toe](#) board, with nine positions:

11 12 13

21 22 23

31 32 33

A typical combinatorial line would be the word 2*x*, which corresponds to the line 21, 22, 23; another combinatorial line is *xx*, which is the line 11, 22, 33. (Note that the line 13, 22, 31, while a valid line for the game [tic-tac-toe](#), is not considered a combinatorial line.) In this particular case, the Hales–Jewett theorem does not apply; it is possible to divide the [tic-tac-toe](#) board into two sets, e.g. {11, 22, 23, 31} and {12, 13, 21, 32, 33}; neither of which contain a combinatorial line (and would correspond to a draw in the game of [tic-tac-toe](#)). On the other hand, if we increase *H* to, say, 8 (so that the board is now eight-dimensional, with 3<sup>8</sup> = 6561 positions!), and partition this board into two sets (the "noughts" and "crosses"), then one of the two sets must contain a combinatorial line (i.e. no draw is possible in this variant of [tic-tac-toe](#)). For a proof, see below.

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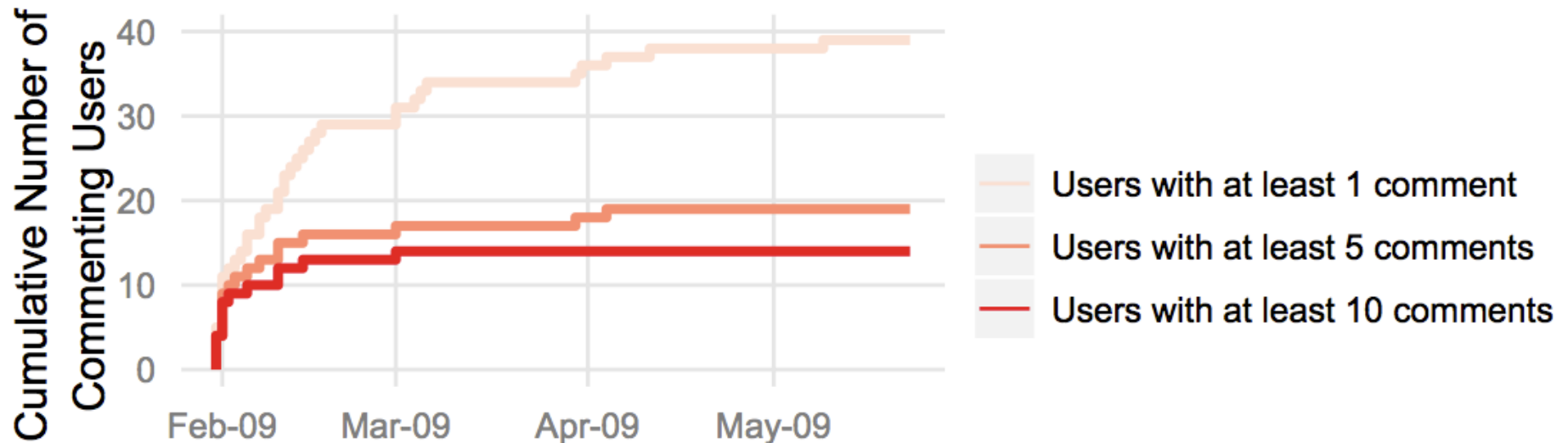
## Proof of Hales–Jewett theorem (in a special case)

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We now prove the Hales–Jewett theorem in the special case *n* = 3, *c* = 2, *H* = 8 discussed above. The idea is to reduce this task to that of proving simpler versions of the Hales–Jewett theorem (in this particular case, to the cases *n* = 2, *c* = 2, *H* = 2 and *n* = 2, *c* = 6, *H* = 6). One can prove the general case of the Hales–Jewett theorem by similar methods, using [mathematical induction](#).

Each element of the [hypercube](#) *W*<sub>3</sub><sup>8</sup> is a string of eight numbers from 1 to 3, e.g. 13211321 is an element of the [hypercube](#). We are assuming that this [hypercube](#) is completely filled with "noughts" and "crosses". We shall use a [proof by contradiction](#) and assume that neither the set of noughts nor the set of crosses contains a combinatorial line. If we fix the first six elements of such a string and let the last two vary, we obtain an ordinary [tic-tac-toe](#) board, for instance 132113?? gives such a board. For each such board *abcdef*??, we consider the positions *abcdef*11, *abcdef*12, *abcdef*22. Each of these must be filled with either a nought or a cross, so by the [pigeonhole principle](#) two of them must be filled with the same symbol. Since any two of these positions are part of a combinatorial line, the third element of that line must be occupied by the opposite symbol (since we are assuming that no combinatorial line has all three elements filled with the same symbol). In other words, for each choice of *abcdef* (which can be thought of as an element of the six-dimensional hypercube *W*<sub>3</sub><sup>6</sup>), there are

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- Cada propuesta tendrá un max 100 comentarios. Una vez alcanzado el máximo, se resumen este hilo de discusión
- A pesar de lo técnico de la discusión, se tiene particular interés con los recién llegados que aportan ideas frescas





# A new proof of the density Hales–Jewett theorem

D. H. J. Polymath

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The Hales–Jewett theorem asserts that for every  $r$  and every  $k$  there exists  $n$  such that every  $r$ -colouring of the  $n$ -dimensional grid  $\{1, \dots, k\}^n$  contains a combinatorial line. This result is a generalization of van der Waerden's theorem, and it is one of the fundamental results of Ramsey theory. The theorem of van der Waerden has a famous density version, conjectured by Erdős and Turán in 1936, proved by Szemerédi in 1975, and given a different proof by Furstenberg in 1977. The Hales–Jewett theorem has a density version as well, proved by Furstenberg and Katznelson in 1991 by means of a significant extension of the ergodic techniques that had been pioneered by Furstenberg in his proof of Szemerédi's theorem. In this paper, we give the first elementary proof of the theorem of Furstenberg and Katznelson, and the first to provide a quantitative bound on how large  $n$  needs to be. In particular, we show that a subset of  $\{1, 2, 3\}^n$  of density  $\delta$  contains a combinatorial line if  $n$  is at least a tower of 2's of height  $O(1/\delta^3)$ . Our proof is reasonably simple: indeed, it gives what is arguably the simplest known proof of Szemerédi's theorem.

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## Density Hales–Jewett and Moser numbers

D.H.J. Polymath

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For any  $n \geq 0$  and  $k \geq 1$ , the **density Hales–Jewett number**  $Sc_{n,k}$  is defined as the size of the largest subset of the cube  $[k]^n := \{1, \dots, k\}^n$  which contains no combinatorial line; similarly, the Moser number  $Sc'_{n,k}$  is the largest subset of the cube  $[k]^n$  which contains no geometric line. A deep theorem of Furstenberg and Katznelson shows that  $Sc_{n,k} = o(k^n)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  (which implies a similar claim for  $Sc'_{n,k}$ ); this is already non-trivial for  $k = 3$ . Several new proofs of this result have also been recently established.

Using both human and computer-assisted arguments, we compute several values of  $Sc_{n,k}$  and  $Sc'_{n,k}$  for small  $n, k$ . For instance the sequence  $Sc_{n,3}$  for  $n=0, \dots, 6$  is  $1, 2, 6, 18, 52, 150, 450$ , while the sequence  $Sc'_{n,3}$  for  $n=0, \dots, 6$  is  $1, 2, 6, 16, 43, 124, 353$ . We also prove some results for higher  $k$ s, showing for instance that an analogue of the LYM inequality (which relates to the  $k = 2$  case) does not hold for higher  $k$ s, and also establishing the asymptotic lower bound  $Sc_{n,k} \geq k^n \exp(-O(\sqrt{\ell}(\log n)))$  where  $\ell$  is the largest integer such that  $2k > 2^{\ell}$ .

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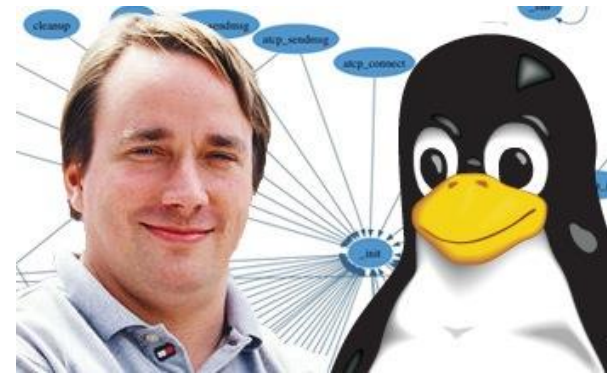
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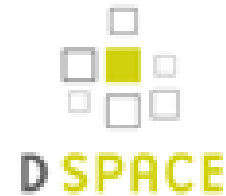
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- Rolf Schuster, Neu-Isenburg, Germany
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- Sirkko Rosenberg, Bautzen, Germany
- Steve Mollor, Perth WA, Australia
- Ton van Born, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
- Darren Chase, Adelaide, South Australia

Further details about these new discoveries can be found on [this web page](#) and will be published in due course. These discoveries bring the Einstein@Home discovery total to 9 new radio pulsars in the first two months of 2012!

Bruce Allen  
Director, Einstein@Home  
1 Mar 2012 13:04:59 UTC - Comment

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## Protein folding is linked to disease, such as Alzheimer's, ALS, Huntington's, Parkinson's disease, and many Cancers.

Moreover, when proteins do not fold correctly (i.e. "misfold"), there can be serious consequences, including many well known diseases, such as Alzheimer's, Mad Cow (BSE), CJD, ALS, Huntington's, Parkinson's disease, and many Cancers and cancer-related syndromes.

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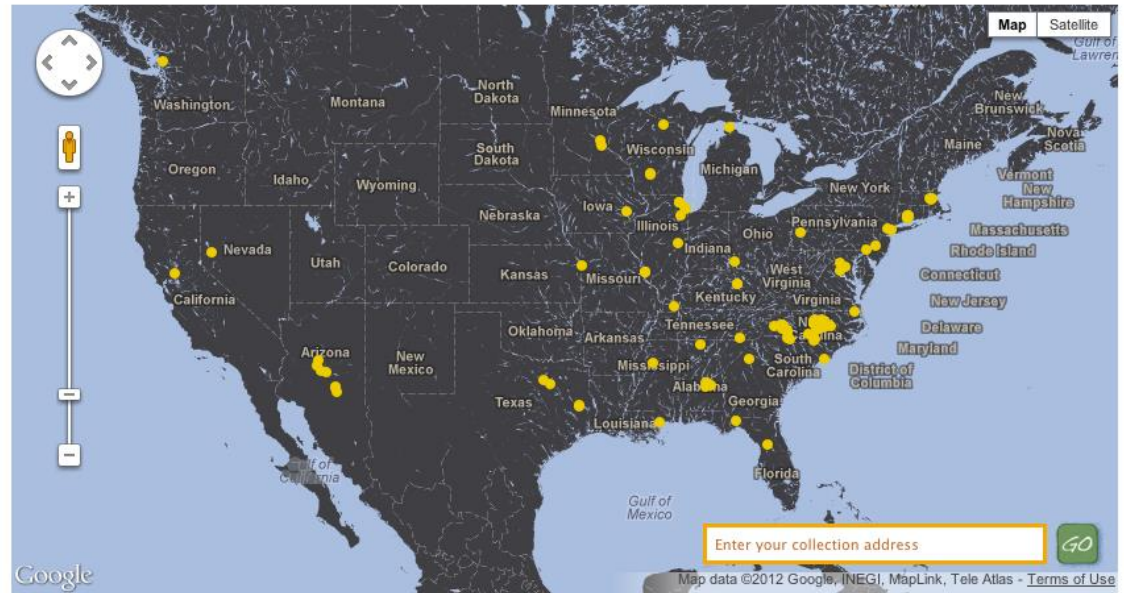


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## Victory for crowdsourced biomolecule design

Players of the online game Foldit guide researchers to a better enzyme.

Jessica Marshall

22 January 2012

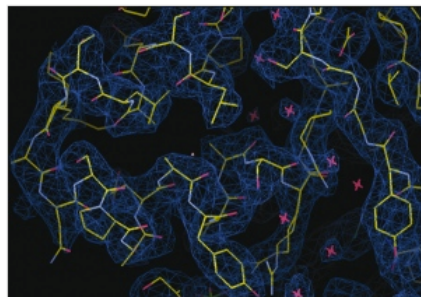
Obsessive gamers' hours at the computer have now topped scientists' efforts to improve a model enzyme, in what researchers say is the first crowdsourced redesign of a protein.

The online game Foldit, developed by teams led by Zoran Popovic, director of the Center for Game Science, and biochemist David Baker, both at the University of Washington in Seattle, allows players to fiddle at folding proteins on their home computers in search of the best-scoring (lowest-energy) configurations.

The researchers have previously reported successes by Foldit players in folding proteins<sup>1</sup>, but the latest work moves into the realm of protein design, a more open-ended problem. By posing a series of puzzles to Foldit players and then testing variations on the players' best designs in the lab, researchers have created an enzyme with more than 18-fold higher activity than the original. The work is published today in *Nature Biotechnology*<sup>2</sup>.


"I worked for two years to make these enzymes better and I couldn't do it," says Justin Siegel, a post-doctoral researcher working in biophysics in Baker's group. "Foldit players were able to make a large jump in structural space and I still don't fully understand how they did it."

The project has progressed from volunteers donating their computers' spare processing power for protein-structure research, to actively predicting protein structures, and now to designing new proteins. The game has 240,000 registered players, 2,200 of whom were active last week.



An enzyme designed by players of the protein-folding game Foldit was better than anything scientists could come up with.

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### The Science Behind Foldit

Foldit is a revolutionary new computer game enabling you to contribute to important scientific research. This page describes the science behind Foldit and how your playing can help.

Page Contents:

- What is protein folding?
- Why is this game important?
- Foldit Scientific Publications
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### What is protein folding?

**What is a protein?** Proteins are the workhorses in every cell of every living thing. Your body is made up of trillions of cells, of all different kinds: muscle cells, brain cells, blood cells, and more. Inside those cells, proteins are allowing your body to do what it does: break down food to power your muscles, send signals through your brain that control the body, and transport nutrients through your blood. Proteins come in thousands of different varieties, but they all have a lot in common. For instance, they're made of the same stuff: every protein consists of a long chain of joined-together amino acids.



Folded up Puzzle 48 (+) [Enlarge This Image](#)

**What are amino acids?** Amino acids are small molecules made up of atoms of carbon, oxygen, nitrogen, sulfur, and hydrogen. To make a protein, the amino acids are joined in an unbranched chain, like a line of people holding hands. Just as the line of people has their legs and feet "hanging" off the chain, each amino acid has a small group of atoms (called a sidechain) sticking off the main chain (backbone) that connects them all together. There are 20 different kinds of amino acids, which differ from one another based on what atoms are in their sidechains. These 20 amino acids fall into different groups based on their chemical properties: acidic or alkaline, hydrophilic (water-loving) or hydrophobic (greasy).



Unfolded (and unstable) Puzzle 48 (+) [Enlarge This Image](#)

**What shape will a protein fold into?** Even though proteins are just a long chain of amino acids, they don't like to stay stretched out in a straight line. The protein folds up to make a compact blob, but as it does, it keeps some amino acids near the center of the blob, and others outside; and it keeps some pairs of amino acids close together and others far apart. Every kind of protein folds up into a very specific shape -- the same shape every time. Most proteins do this all by themselves, although some need extra help to fold into the right shape. The unique shape of a particular protein is the most stable state it can adopt. Picture a ball at the top of a hill -- the ball

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




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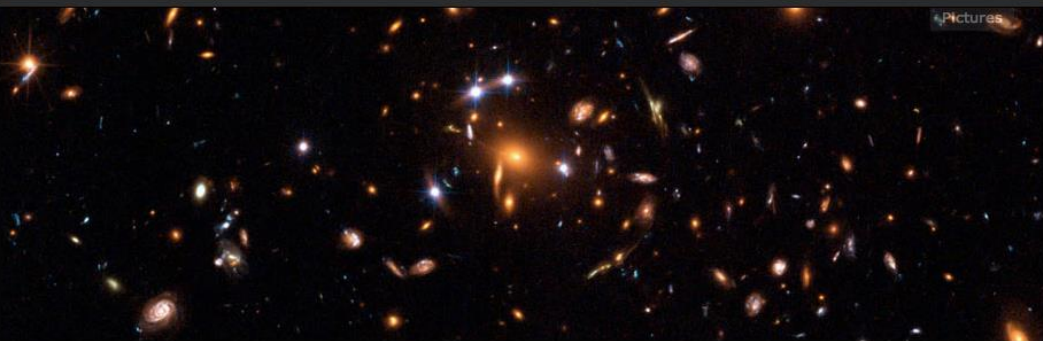


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## Welcome to Galaxy Zoo, where you can help astronomers explore the Universe

Galaxy Zoo: Hubble uses gorgeous imagery of hundreds of thousands of galaxies drawn from NASA's Hubble Space Telescope archive. To understand how these galaxies, and our own, formed we need your help to classify them according to their shapes — a task at which your brain is better than even the most advanced computer. If you're quick, you may even be the first person in history to see each of the galaxies you're asked to classify.

More than 250,000 people have taken part in Galaxy Zoo so far, producing a wealth of valuable data and sending telescopes on Earth and in space chasing after their discoveries. The images used in Galaxy Zoo: Hubble are more detailed and beautiful than ever, and will allow us to look deeper into the Universe than ever before. To begin exploring, click the 'How To Take Part' link above, or read *The Story So Far* to find out what Galaxy Zoo has achieved to date.

Thanks for your help, and happy classifying.

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#### Galaxy Zoo classifications in SDSS Database

by Karen Masters - Jan 12, 2011

The latest release of data from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey happened yesterday (SDSS3 blog article about the release). This ...

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The original Galaxy Zoo was launched in July 2007, with a data set made up of a million galaxies imaged with the robotic telescope of the Sloan Digital Sky Survey. With so many galaxies, the team thought that it might take at least two years for visitors to the site to work through them all. Within 24 hours of launch, the site was receiving 70,000 classifications an hour, and more than 50 million classifications were received by the project during its first year, from almost 150,000 people

**A news story on a BBC Web site set the ball rolling; after just 3 hours, Schawinski recalls, traffic was so heavy that Galaxy Zoo's site, hosted by Johns Hopkins University, crashed.**



# The Science

Galaxy Zoo 1 and 2 have already produced lots of brand new science — have a look at 'The Story So Far' section for details of what we've done with all the clicks on the websites. However, they only give us a glimpse of the nearby Universe. With Galaxy Zoo: Hubble we can look further back than ever before, and begin to understand how the Universe has changed over time.

## What we want to know

Just as with the original incarnations of Galaxy Zoo, the aim of the project is to collect information on the shape of the galaxies. This one fact turns out to be a guide to many other facts about a galaxy. Find a spiral galaxy and normally - but crucially not always — you'll know that it's a rotating disk which has plenty of fuel for its ongoing star formation. A typical elliptical, on the other hand, has older stars and will have long since finished forming stars.

These rules don't always hold, and finding the exceptions has been one of the important results from Galaxy Zoo to they do illustrate just how important knowing the shape of a galaxy is. With Galaxy Zoo: Hubble, we want to see how of galaxies has changed over time. More stars were forming back then, so does that mean we should expect more sp does the proportion of blue ellipticals increase as we travel back in time? Only you can tell us.

Another critical question is what happens to the number of merging galaxies. We know that a merger can have a effect on the galaxies involved; one good way to form an elliptical, for example, is to collide two spirals together question is how much of an effect mergers had in producing the mix of galaxies we see today and to determine that to know how common they were in the past. Yesterday's mergers may well have produced today's galaxies.

Each of the questions we ask is designed to get more useful information about the galaxies that lurk in the inner shapes of ellipticals contain information about their past, and many spiral galaxies have bars across their centres, our own Milky Way galaxy. How these bars formed, how long they exist, and what their connection is to galaxy evolution also a currently debated topic, and comparing Hubble and Sloan data will help us unravel the answers.

Then there are other questions to ask about a galaxy, such as: What fraction of galaxies have two, three, or more? How tightly wound are the spiral arms? Does the galaxy have a 'boxy' or a 'rounded' bulge? How many galaxies with 'irregular' morphologies? Answering these questions about every galaxy, one galaxy at a time, is essential if we to understand the fine details of galaxy formation.

Those of you who took part in Galaxy Zoo 2 will have noticed that there's a whole new set of questions. Previous studies of galaxy shapes in Hubble data sets have noticed a greater number of irregular galaxies, and so we want to make a systematic study of these intriguing objects.

We want to know the answer to all these questions, and more. The primary goal of Galaxy Zoo is to construct a detailed shape information for almost all the galaxies the Hubble Space Telescope has ever seen. Such a database has substantial legacy value for the international astronomy community. In short, we hope to find out everything there is about the appearance of galaxies!

If you've read the 'How to Take Part' page then you know that we're also asking you to keep a look out for some objects.



Hanny Van Arkel



## Rare Objects

The sharp-eyed visitors to the Galaxy Zoo are very good at spotting the weird and wonderful — indeed, this is one of the most active areas of the discussion forum. So, we'd like to see if we can help the community be more effective at discovering certain types of rare object. We have several examples in mind for GZ2, based on the kinds of things found by the community so far.

## Gravitational Lenses

Gravitational lenses are galaxies and groups of galaxies that are so massive that they bend the path of light from more distant objects towards themselves, distorting the shapes of background galaxies into arcs and rings, and even causing multiple copies of the images of galaxies and quasars to appear in symmetrical patterns around them on the sky. These cosmic alignments are quite rare — only about one in a thousand elliptical galaxies is acting as a lens in this way. In some cases it is possible to find them using clever image analysis software, but the most interesting cases are too complex for this. However, humans seem to be very good at recognising the tell-tale signs of gravitational lensing!

Why do we want to know about more instances of gravitational lensing? The separation of the multiple images allows us to weigh the lens galaxy, something that is typically very hard to do in astronomy. Once we have measured the mass of the lens, we then know how strong a lens it is — and how much magnifying power it has. The lensed images appear typically 10-100 times brighter than they would without the lens: we can use gravitational lenses as cosmic telescopes to observe the very distant universe. And as usual, the more telescopes we have the better!

## Galaxy Mergers

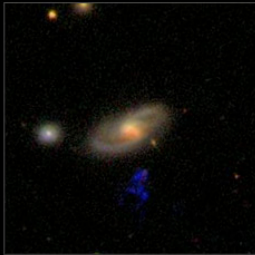
Galaxies can grow in two ways: by forming stars, or by merging together. Our current theories of galaxy formation expect there to be a lot of merging happening, and indeed we do see many examples, but it is very difficult to reliably measure how much merging is really going on. We need big samples, and keen eyes — Sounds like a job for Galaxy Zoo!

## Expect the Unexpected — Hanny's Voorwerp

One of the most exciting discoveries from the original Galaxy Zoo was something we never expected. Hanny Van Arkel, a Dutch schoolteacher and Galaxy Zoo volunteer, posted an image to the Galaxy Zoo forum and asked 'What's the blue stuff below?' No one knew. The object became known as Hanny's 'Voorwerp' — Dutch for 'object'. The original images from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey couldn't tell us what it was, so we've taken follow-up telescope observations, in the optical, ultra-violet, and radio ranges, as well X-ray measurements from several satellites and exquisite images from the Hubble Space Telescope.

Blog links:

- Nature of Voorwerp
- The Mystery Deepens
- Follow-up observations
- HST plans



The Voorwerp is shown above but you can read more about it and see additional examples on the Galaxy Zoo blog article: [The Mystery Deepens](#).

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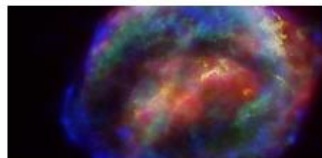
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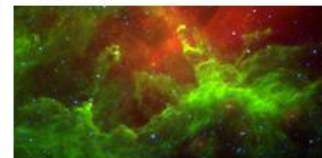
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10 January 2012 by [Chris](#), 2 Comments

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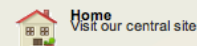
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## Zooniverse Cocktail Hour

20 December 2011 by [Robert Simpson](#), 1 Comment

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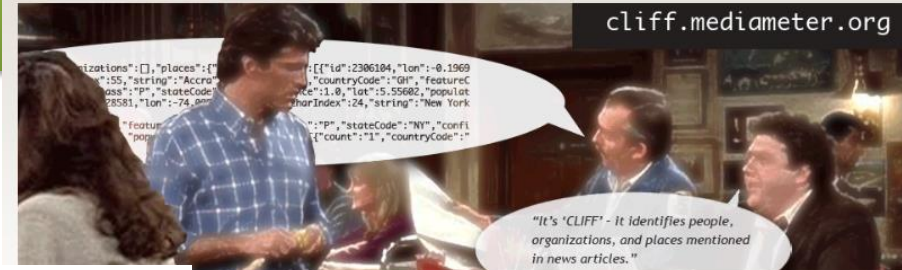


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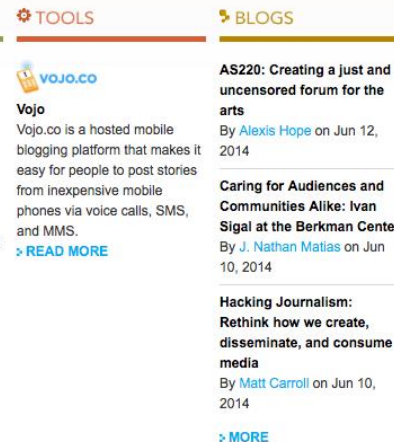


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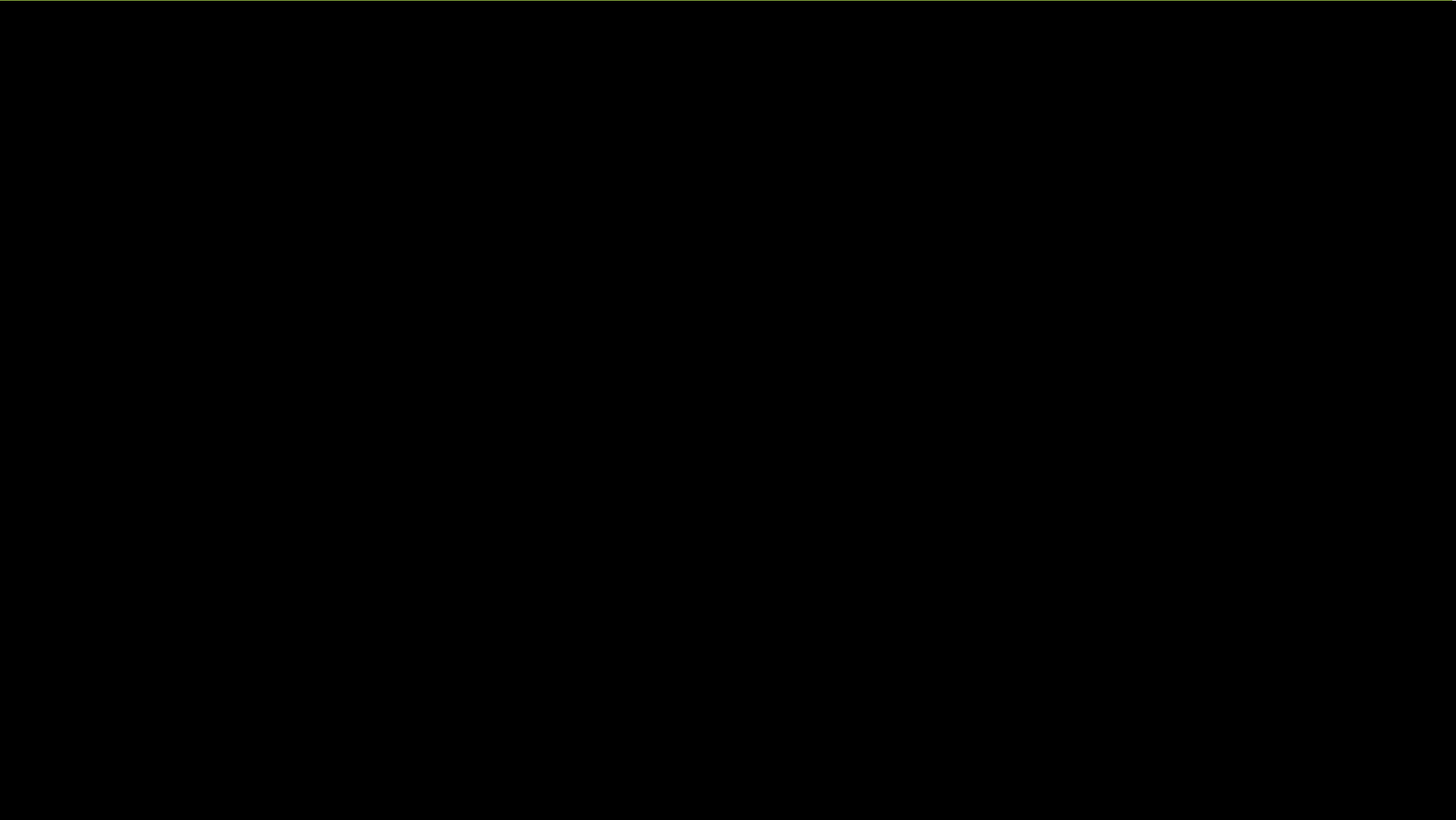


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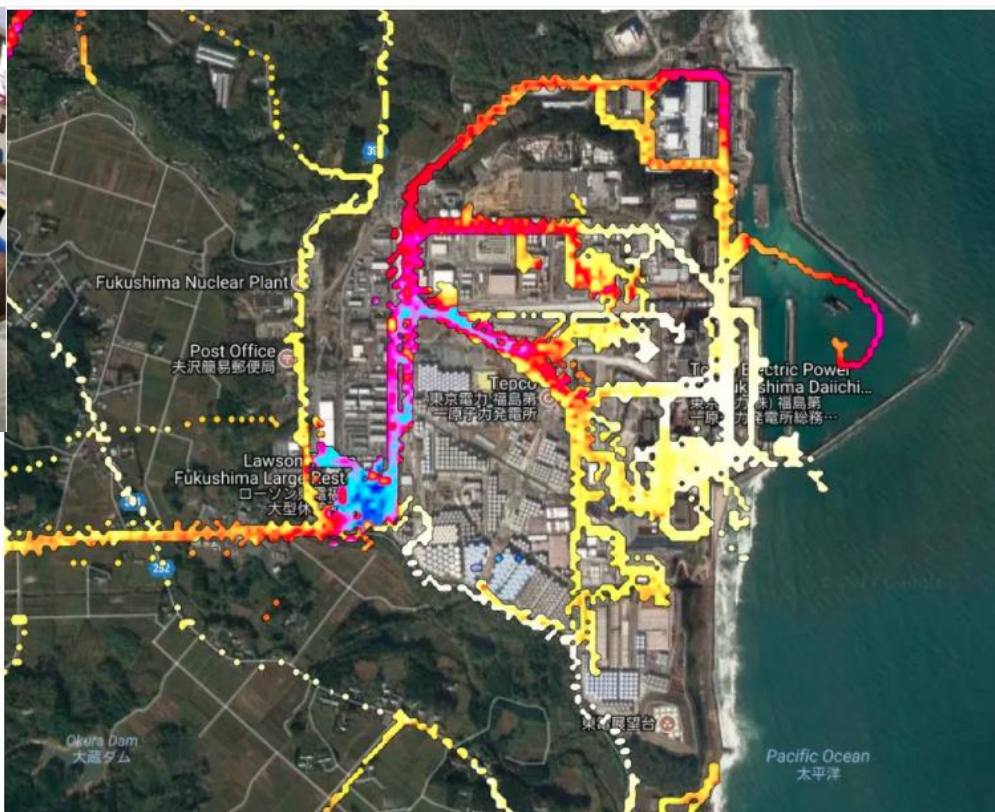
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Safecast's primary mission is to foster transparency and openness, particularly on the part of government and industry regarding the consequences of their actions for the environment. We'll talk to anybody about this, and our non-ideological stance enables us to engage with a much wider range of counterparts than most organizations. This past summer our head researcher Azby Brown attended a conference at the IAEA in Vienna at which a couple of guys from TEPCO also presented. Their presentation sucked. And Azby told them so at dinner. That started the conversation. "How can we suck less?" they asked. "By being more transparent" Azby replied. The Tepco staff actually listened for a long time as Azby explained the Safecast viewpoint on what it means to be truly open, and how far Tepco has to go to meet that high bar. The key point being that even though they think they're being open, and their openness has in fact improved a lot since 2011, it's still a lot less than what the public has a right to expect, and less than the public can get from other sources, like Safecast.





## How 5th Graders Are Learning To Monitor Their Air Quality

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Want to make an impact on your students and the world at the same time? Thanks to the Internet, there's no shortage of ways to get involved in powerful "citizen science" projects, and the teachers and students at The Option Program at the Seward School (TOPS) are jumping right in.

TOPS is a public K-8 magnet school in Seattle that emphasizes social justice. The fifth grade class here is taking a hands-on approach to monitoring the school's air quality with the [Safecast Air Quality Monitoring Station](#), a DIY electronics kit for assembling a monitoring system. The final product records GPS-tagged particulate levels, and automatically shares the data with the [Safecast citizen science initiative](#) over WIFI.

The kit, which is currently in the beta testing stage, comes in soldered and "soldering required" versions. Both kits teach students about electronics, information technology, environmental monitoring, and air quality through hands-on citizen science activities.



[Newton Street Study Group](#)'s Pamela Moore is spearheading the project. The Newton Street Study Group is an education projects company located in Seattle, WA. The company, which was founded in 1993, teaches, researches, designs, edits, and curates learning experiences with a focus on learning skills acquisition and performance. Customers include students, institutions, and businesses.

Pamela was immediately drawn to the idea of using KitHub's Safecast Air Quality Monitoring Kit. "I was familiar with Safecast's efforts in Fukushima and was already struck by its immense power: citizen science married to a real and understandable goal and a small team of well-connected and capable scientists and engineers," she explains.

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Upload data to an open and freely accessible community map.



Scientific-grade sensors and GPS-logged data collected and shared worldwide.

## Technical Specifications

The Safecast team has more than 5 years of experience developing environmental monitoring devices and large scale deployment. They have spent a considerable amount of time testing many particulate sensors to ensure that the sensor data will be reliable and supported by governmental agencies and environmental institutions.

It's incredible important to you as a consumer, that the data is not only accurate but is recognized as trustworthy. Safecast supports open source hardware and data. That means that anyone can build these devices and access the data as opposed to being closed and proprietary.

The Safecast Air device is designed to be a static sensor, permanently installed in a single location with fixed power and internet for the data consumption. This model measures particulate (in PM10, PM2.5 and PM1.0) and environmental calibration data (temperature and humidity).

Part	Description
Particulate Sensor - Alphasense OPC-N2	Optical Particle Monitor measures PM 1.0, 2.5, 10. <a href="#">Data Sheet</a> .
Sensiron Temperature/Humidity sensor with I2C	±2% relative humidity and ±0.3°C accuracy
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Wee Wifi Module	ESP8266 Wee Serial Wifi Module For Arduino
GPS Module	-165 dBm sensitivity, 10 Hz updates, 66 channels



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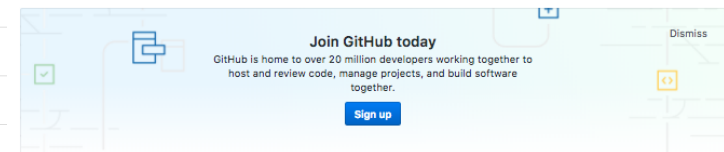
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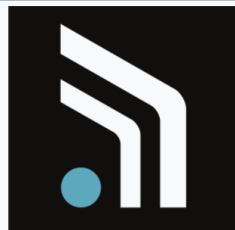
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## Safecast



**Safecast** is an international, volunteer-centered organization devoted to open [citizen science](#) for the environment. Safecast was established by Sean Bonner, Pieter Franken and [Joi Ito](#) shortly after the [Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster](#) in Japan, following the [Tōhoku earthquake](#) on 11 March 2011 and manages a global open data network for [ionizing radiation](#) monitoring.

The Safecast team, with help of International Medcom, Tokyo [Hackerspace](#) and other volunteers, has designed various [devices](#) for radiation mapping. These include the bGeigie and bGeigie Nano for mobile applications (carborne and walking measurements) as well as fixed stations called Pointcast.

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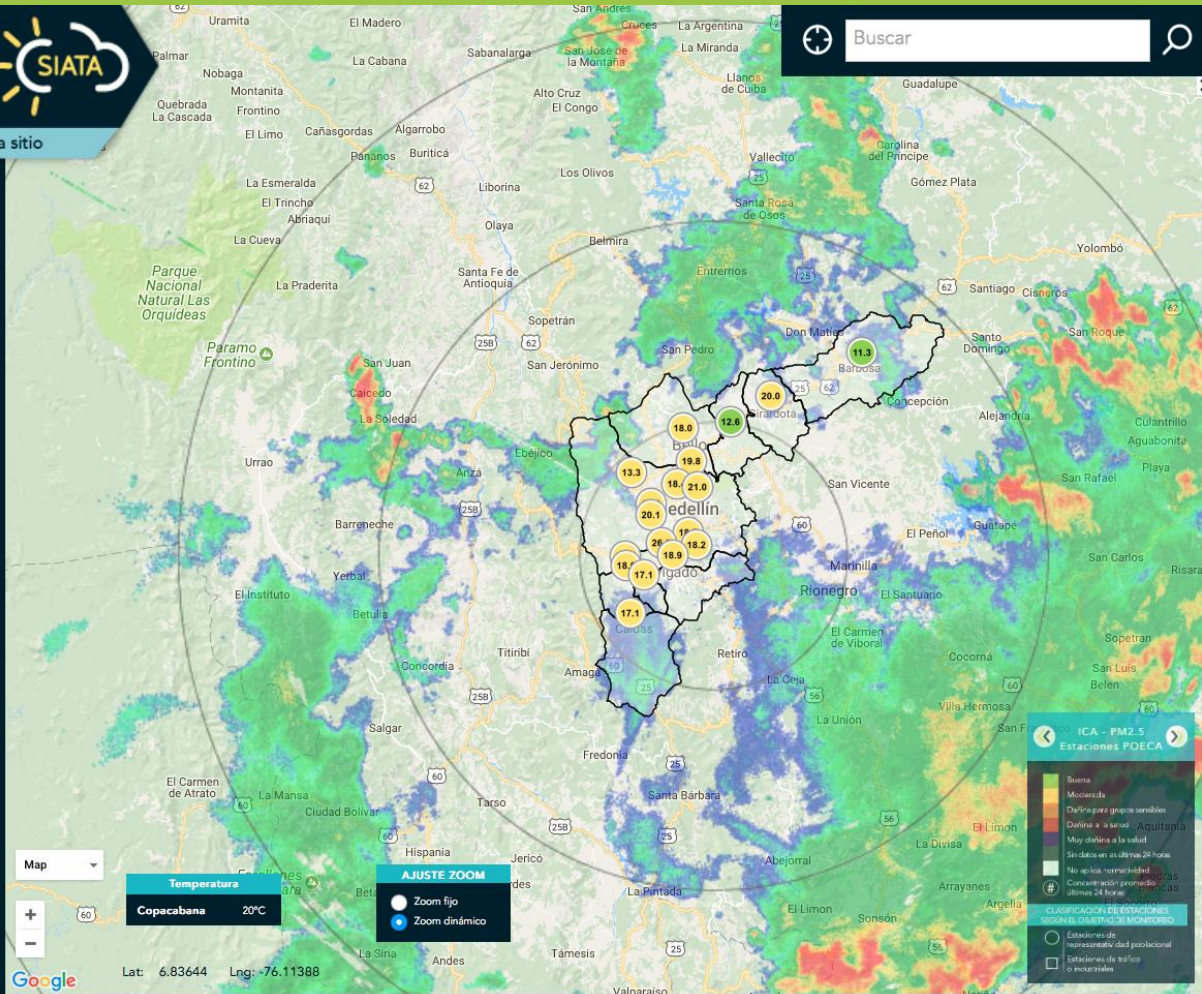
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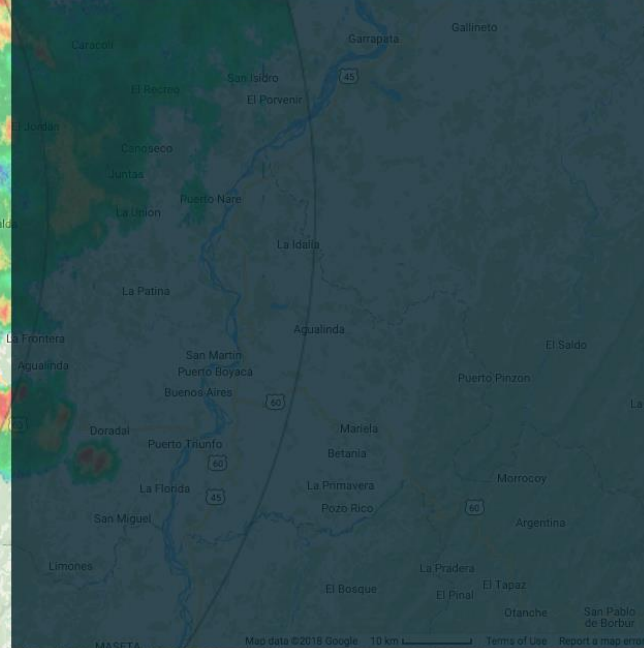
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**Table 3**

A summary of performance characteristics of low-cost PM sensors.

Model	Comparison with reference measurements ( $R^2$ )	Repeatability and reproducibility	Limit of detection ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	Effect of particle composition on sensor output	Effect of particle size on sensor output	Effect of humidity on sensor output	Effect of temperature on sensor output
Alphasense OPC-N2	$R^2_{lab} = 0.94-0.99^a$	$CV_{10} = 4.2-16\%^a$	NA	$\delta_{PC} \approx 30$ , estimated from Sousan et al. (2016a).	$\eta_{10} = 0.83-1.01^a$	NA	NA
Dylos models 1100 Pro and 1700	$R^2_{lab} = 0.97-0.99^b$ $R^2_{lab} = 0.64-0.95^c$ $R^2_{lab} = 0.91-0.98^d$ $R^2_{lab} = 0.81-0.99^e$ $R^2_{lab} = 0.58-0.99^f$ $R^2_{lab} = 0.70-0.90^g$ $R^2_{lab} = 0.48-0.78^h$ $R^2_{lab} = 0.40-0.45^i$ $R^2_{lab} = 0.74-0.84^j$ $R^2_{lab} = 0.55^k$	$CV_{10} = 1.4-8.0\%^b$ $R^2 = 0.67-0.98^b$ $nRMSE = 13.4-46.1\%^c$	$<1^b$	$\delta_{PC} \leq 20$ , estimated from Sousan et al. (2016b). $\delta_{PC} \leq 3$ , estimated from Northcross et al. (2013). Did not seem to affect the sensor output under ambient conditions. <sup>f</sup>	$\eta_{10} = 0.6-1.1$ , estimated from Sousan et al. (2016b). $\eta_{10} = 0.25-4.0$ , estimated from Han et al. (2017).	$\eta_{10} = 0.5-4.8$ , estimated from Han et al. (2017). Slight correlation between sensor output and humidity ( $R^2 = 0.18$ ). <sup>j</sup> Seems affected by humidity. <sup>k</sup>	NA No correlation between sensor output and temperature ( $R^2 = 0.03$ ). <sup>j</sup> Sensor response probably not dependent on temperature. <sup>h</sup>
Plantower PMS 1003	$R^2_{lab} = 0.82-0.93^a$ $R^2_{lab} = 0.69-0.99^b$	$R^2 = 0.99^b$	0.721-10.5 <sup>b</sup>	NA	NA	Slight correlation between sensor output and humidity ( $R^2 = 0.09-0.17$ ). <sup>a</sup>	No correlation between sensor output and temperature ( $R^2 < 0.02$ ). <sup>a</sup>
Plantower PMS 3003	$R^2_{lab} = 0.73-0.97^a$	NA	4.28-11.4 <sup>a</sup>	NA	NA	NA	NA
Samyoung DSM501A	$R^2_{lab} = 0.88-0.90^a$ $R^2_{lab} \approx 0.50^{b,c}$ $R^2_{lab} = 0.58-0.97^c$ $R^2_{lab} = 0.07-0.46^d$	$CV_{10} = 2-28\%^a$ $nRMSE = 22.3-52.7\%^a$	10 <sup>a</sup>	$\delta_{PC} \leq 8$ , estimated from Wang et al. (2015).	$\delta_{PC} \leq 18$ , estimated from Wang et al. (2015).	$\delta_{RH,PM} \leq 2.8$ , estimated from Wang et al. (2015).	$\delta_{T,PM} \leq 1.2$ , estimated from Wang et al. (2015).
Sharp DN7C3CA006	$R^2_{lab} = 0.98-0.99^d$	$CV_{10} = 0.8-7.1\%^d$	NA	$\delta_{PC} \leq 2$ , estimated from Sousan et al. (2016b).	NA	NA	NA
Sharp GP2Y1010AU0F	$R^2_{lab} = 0.42-0.99^e$ $R^2_{lab} = 0.95-0.99^f$ $R^2_{lab} = 0.98-0.99^g$ $R^2_{lab} = 0.92-0.98^h$ $R^2_{lab} = 0.72^i$ $R^2_{lab} = 0.99^j$	$CV_{10} = 5-25\%^e$ $CV_{10} = 0.9-5.9\%^f$ $nRMSE = 2.6-118.2\%^g$	26.1-26.9 <sup>f</sup>	$\delta_{PC} \leq 6$ , estimated from Wang et al. (2015). $\delta_{PC} \leq 4$ , estimated from Sousan et al. (2016b).	$\delta_{PC} \leq 2.4$ , estimated from Wang et al. (2015).	$\delta_{RH,PM} \leq 1.5$ , estimated from Wang et al. (2015). Baseline response linearly proportional to temperature. <sup>g</sup> Seems unaffected by temperature. <sup>h</sup>	$\delta_{T,PM} \leq 1.5$ , estimated from Wang et al. (2015). Seems unaffected by temperature. <sup>h</sup>
Shinyei PPD42NS	$R^2_{lab} = 0.66-0.99^b$ $R^2_{lab} = 0.93-0.96^c$ $R^2_{lab} < 0.16^d$ $R^2_{lab} = 0.53-0.98^e$ $R^2_{lab} = 0.55-0.94^f$ $R^2_{lab} = 0.50-0.80^g$	$CV_{10} = 4-28\%^b$ $R^2 = 0.91-0.94^c$ $R^2 = 0.25-0.44^b$	4.59-6.44 <sup>a</sup> 1 <sup>p</sup>	$\delta_{PC} \leq 18$ , estimated from Wang et al. (2015).	$\delta_{PC} \leq 24$ , estimated from Wang et al. (2015). $\delta_{PC} \leq 13$ , estimated from Austin et al. (2015).	$\delta_{RH,PM} \leq 8.0$ , estimated from Wang et al. (2015). Seems affected by humidity. <sup>g</sup> Slight correlation between sensor output and humidity ( $R^2 = 0.01-0.27$ ). <sup>g</sup> Seems unaffected by humidity. <sup>h</sup>	$\delta_{T,PM} \leq 1.6$ , estimated from Wang et al. (2015). Seems affected by temperature. <sup>g</sup> No correlation between sensor output and temperature ( $R^2 = 0.01$ ). <sup>g</sup> Seems unaffected by temperature. <sup>h</sup>
Shinyei PPD60PV	$R^2_{lab} = 0.43^b$	$R^2 = 0.98-1.0^b$	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

$R^2$  and CV are the coefficients of determination and variance, respectively. The subscript is lab or fld when referring to comparison between sensor and reference measurements under laboratory or field conditions, respectively; subscript is Rt or Rr when referring to repeatability or reproducibility, respectively. nRMSE is the normalised root mean square error, which is defined as  $nRMSE = \frac{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (M_{Ai} - M_{Bi})^2}}{\sum_{i=1}^n (M_{Ai} + M_{Bi})}$ , where  $M_{Ai}$  and  $M_{Bi}$  are the  $i$ th values measured by sensors A and B, respectively, and  $n$  is the number of measurements.  $\delta_{PC}$ ,  $\delta_{RH,PM}$ ,  $\delta_{T,PM}$  is the change in sensor response due to change in particle composition, particle size, relative humidity, and temperature, respectively, measured at the same mass concentration. It is defined as  $\delta_x = y_{high} - y_{low}$  where the subscript  $x$  is PC, RH, PM, and T-PM when referring to particle composition, particle size, relative humidity, or temperature, respectively.  $y_{high}$  and  $y_{low}$  are the different (high and low) sensor responses under different conditions. NA stands for not available. The alphabets refer to the following studies: a: (Sousan et al., 2016a), b: (Northcross et al., 2013), c: (Manikonda et al., 2016), d: (Sousan et al., 2016b), e: (Hoksting et al., 2014), f: (Steinle et al., 2015), g: (Han et al., 2017), h: (Jiao et al., 2016), i: (Jovašević-Stojanović et al., 2015), j: (Williams et al., 2014a), k: (Kelly et al., 2017), l: (Wang et al., 2015), m: (Alvarado et al., 2015), n: (Olivares and Edwards, 2015), o: (Olivares et al., 2012), p: (Austin et al., 2015), q: (Ga et al., 2015), and r: (Zikova et al., 2016).

**Table 2**

Specifications of the different PM sensors as given by their respective manufacturers.

Model	Size (mm)	Weight (g)	Power supply	Maximum current consumption (mA)	Cost (US\$)	Detectable particle size	Concentration range of measurement	Performance tested in scientific literature
Alphasense OPC-N2	75×64×60	105	5 V DC	175	~500	0.38-17 $\mu\text{m}$ in 16 size bins	0.1-1,500,000 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Yes
Dylos DC 1100 Pro	178×114×76	544	110 V AC	NA	~300	0.5-2.5 $\mu\text{m}$ and 0.5-10 $\mu\text{m}$ in two size bins	0-106 particles/cm <sup>3</sup>	Yes
Dylos DC 1700	178×114×76	544	110 V AC or battery	NA	~400	0.5-2.5 $\mu\text{m}$ and 0.5-10 $\mu\text{m}$ in two size bins	0-106 particles/cm <sup>3</sup>	Yes
Novafitness SDL301	204×100×36	580	5 V DC	NA	~250	0.3-2.5 $\mu\text{m}$ and 0.3-10 $\mu\text{m}$ in two size bins	0-1000 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	No
Novafitness SDL607	73×73×20	120	5 V DC	NA	~120	0.3-2.5 $\mu\text{m}$ and 0.3-10 $\mu\text{m}$ in two size bins	0-1000 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	No
Novafitness SDS011	71×70×23	NA	5 V DC	80	~35	0.3-2.5 $\mu\text{m}$ and 0.3-10 $\mu\text{m}$ in two size bins	0-1000 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	No
Novafitness SDS018	59×45×20	NA	5 V DC	70	~40	0.3-2.5 $\mu\text{m}$ and 0.3-10 $\mu\text{m}$ in two size bins	0-1000 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	No
Novafitness SDS021	42×32×24	NA	5 V DC	70	~35	0.3-2.5 $\mu\text{m}$ and 0.3-10 $\mu\text{m}$ in two size bins	0-1000 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	No
Novafitness SDS198	71×70×23	NA	5 V DC	80	~80	1-100 $\mu\text{m}$	0-20000 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	No
Plantower PMS 1003	65×42×23	NA	5 V DC	120	~20	0.3-1.0 $\mu\text{m}$ , 1.0-2.5 $\mu\text{m}$ , and 2.5-10 $\mu\text{m}$ in three size bins	0-500 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Yes
Plantower PMS 3003	65×42×23	NA	5 V DC	120	~20	0.3-1.0 $\mu\text{m}$ , 1.0-2.5 $\mu\text{m}$ , and 2.5-10 $\mu\text{m}$ in three size bins	NA	Yes
Samyoung DSM501A	59×45×20	25	5 V DC	90	~15	Greater than 1.0 $\mu\text{m}$	0-1400 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Yes
Sharp DN7C3CA006	50×44×20	52	5 V DC	180	~20	0.5-2.5 $\mu\text{m}$	25-500 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Yes
Sharp GP2Y1010AU0F	46×30×18	15	5 V DC	20	~10	Greater than 0.5 $\mu\text{m}$	0-600 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Yes
Shinyei PPD42NS	59×45×22	24	5 V DC	90	~15	Greater than 1.0 $\mu\text{m}$	0-28 particles/cm <sup>3</sup>	Yes
Shinyei PPD60PV	88×60×20	36	5 V DC	NA	~250	Greater than 0.5 $\mu\text{m}$	0-70 particles/cm <sup>3</sup>	Yes

NA stands for not available.

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## Review

## End-user perspective of low-cost sensors for outdoor air pollution monitoring

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## Hace 4 años que en Bucaramanga no se mide la calidad del aire

La contaminación del aire debido a concentraciones elevadas de pequeñas partículas (MP10), de partículas finas (MP2,5), que contienen sulfato, nitratos y carbono negro, supone el principal riesgo medioambiental para la salud.



Este cuadro revela las escasas mediciones de la calidad del aire que se han hecho durante los últimos años en diferentes estaciones de Bucaramanga y Floridablanca. Al detallar los resultados se evidencian que las autoridades ambientales solo se han dedicado a realizar controles esporádicos.



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Pese a que los fétidos olores se respiran a diario en el ambiente, que registramos altos niveles de enfermedades respiratorias y que por cada dos habitantes del área metropolitana hay en promedio un vehículo en circulación con toda su carga contaminan en Bucaramanga no se le está haciendo un seguimiento periódico a la calidad del aire que se respira.

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## Esfuerzo público-privado y académico busca crear un mapa de calidad del aire

En un ejercicio conjunto entre el AMB y las alcaldías de Bucaramanga y Floridablanca, se hará una plataforma tecnológica, con el apoyo de la UIS y la empresa Multiprocesos, para crear una Red Ambiental Ciudadana Ambiental de Monitoreo, denominada Racimo-Aire.



El proyecto Racimo-Aire seguirá vinculando a la comunidad por medio de los estudiantes, para que ellos generen los datos y apoyen las decisiones futuras en mejoras ambientales. (Foto: Suministrada / VANGUARDIA LIBERAL)



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El proyecto Racimo fue aplicado en una primera etapa como experiencia colaborativa con estudiantes de secundaria en cinco colegios de Bucaramanga, acercándolos a ambientes y herramientas de investigación, usando las TIC para la generación de un banco de datos climáticos, como presión, temperatura, humedad y nubosidad, entre otros.

# RACIMO-Aire

## Red Ambiental Ciudadana de Monitoreo en Calidad de Aire de Bucaramanga

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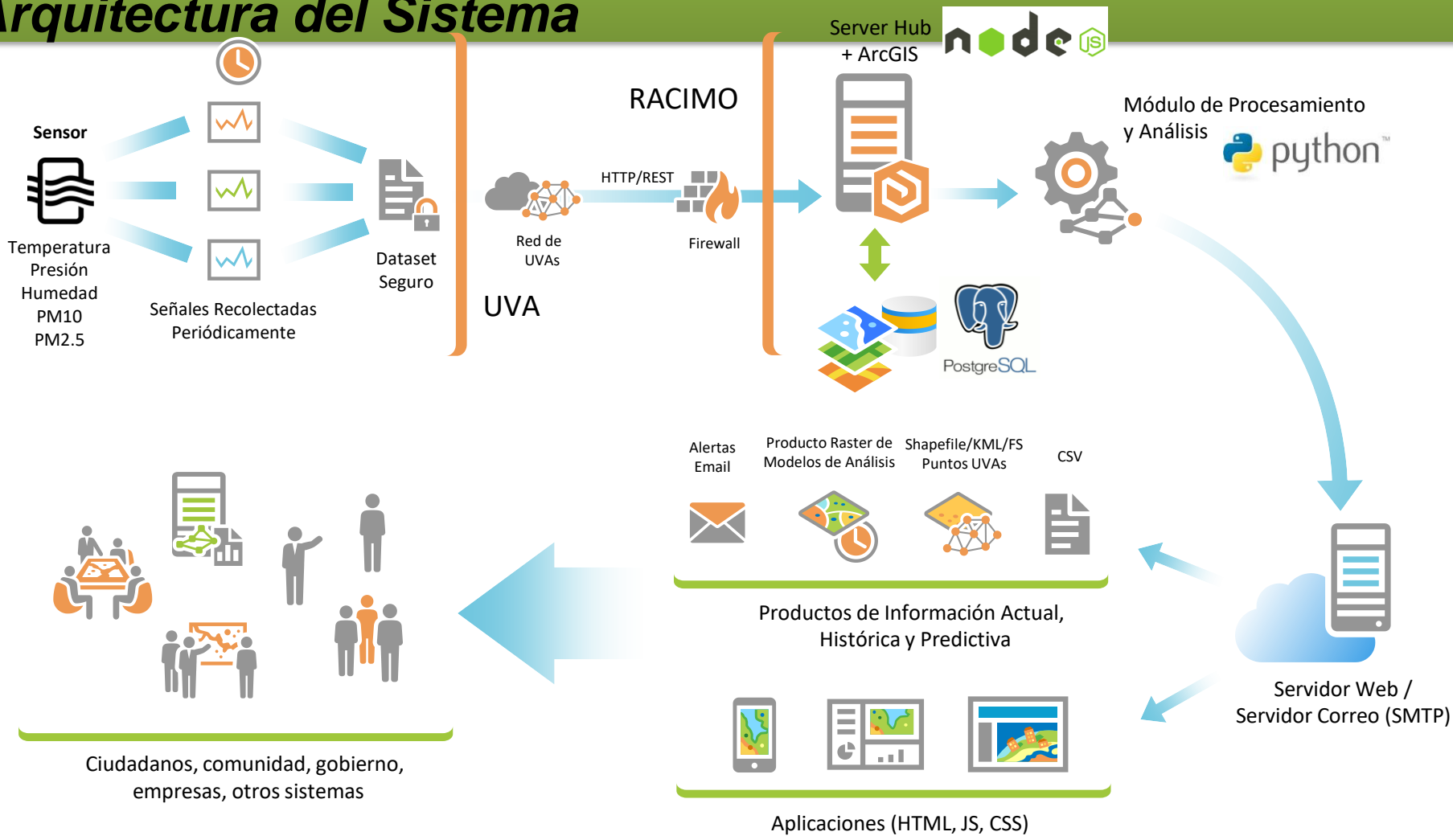
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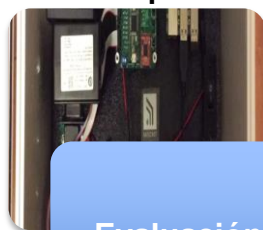




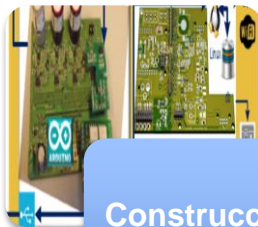
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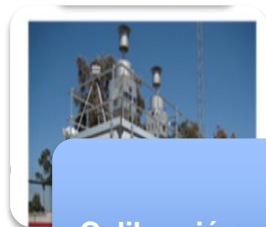
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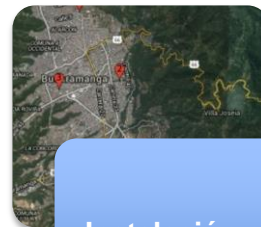
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Adaptación de  
sensores



Calibración en  
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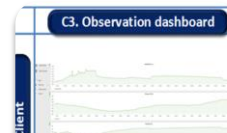
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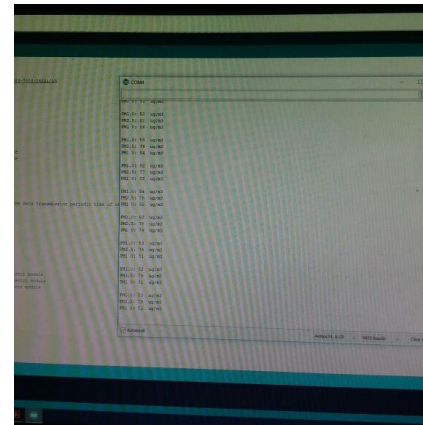
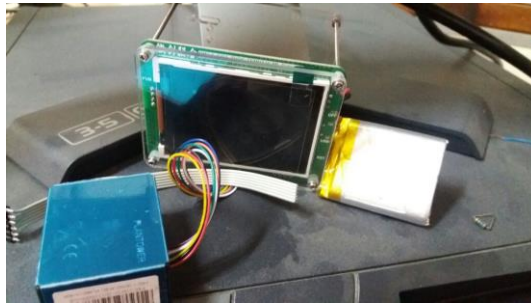
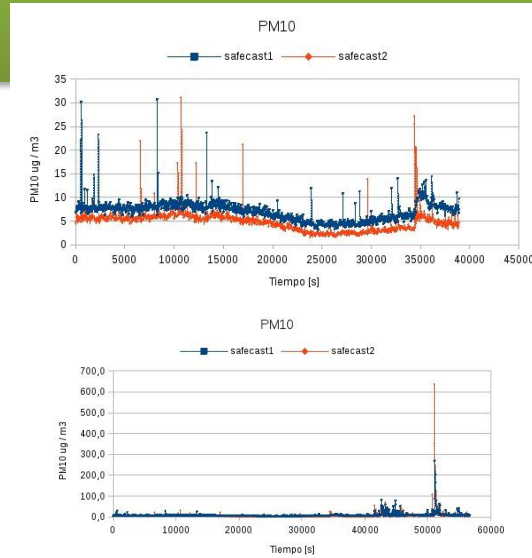
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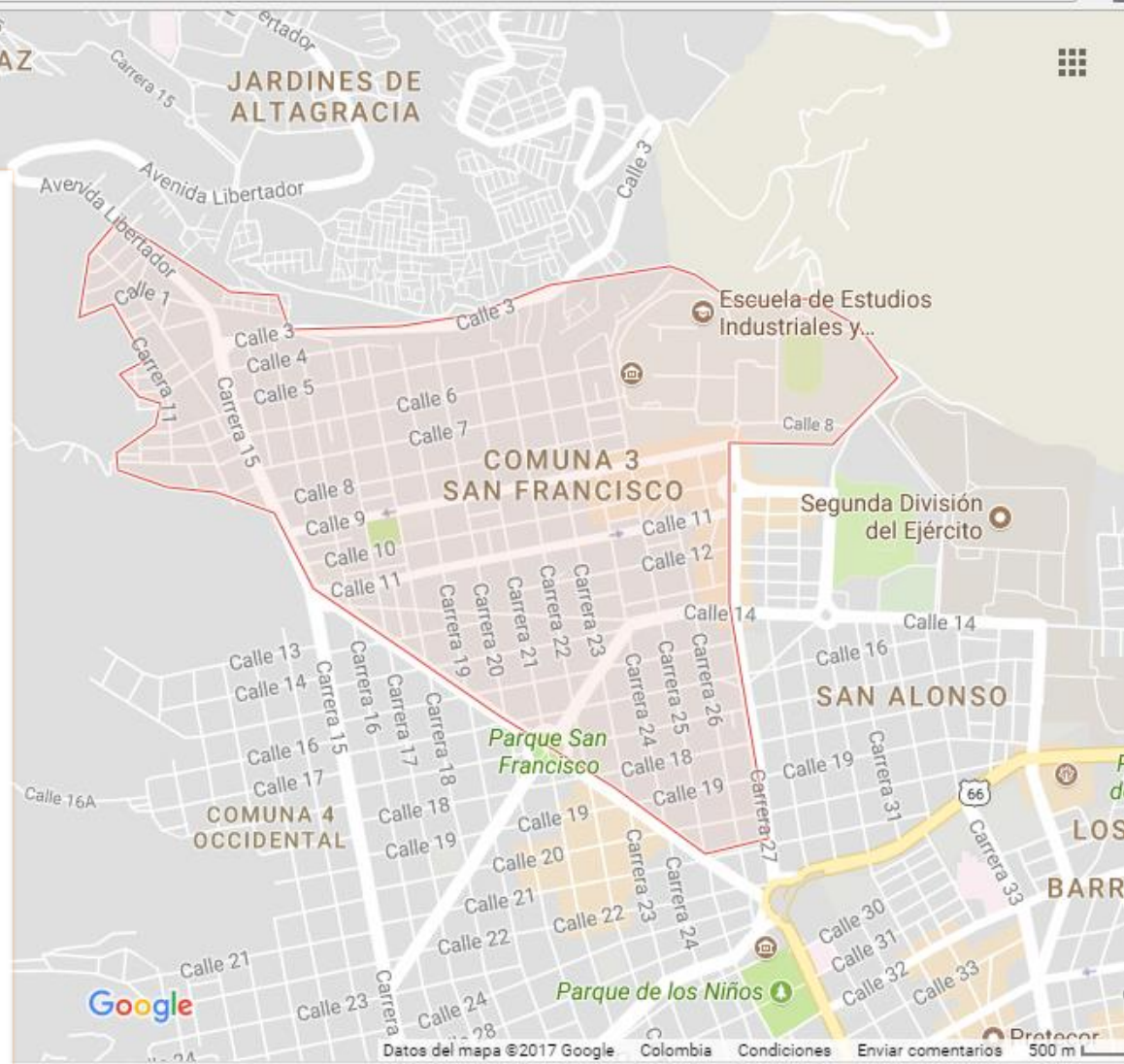
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1. REPRESENTA EL 10% DEL ÁREA TOTAL DE BUCARAMANGA (2.732 HA).
2. HABITAN APROXIMADAMENTE 44, 700 PERSONAS.
3. NIVEL SOCIO ECONÓMICO BAJO – MEDIO.
4. BAJA DENSIDAD POBLACIONAL FRENTE AL PROMEDIO DE LA CIUDAD, CON 161 HABITANTES POR HECTÁREA, EL PROMEDIO DEL MUNICIPIO DE BUCARAMANGA DE ES 189PERSONAS/ HA.
5. TERCERA COMUNA CON MAYOR PARTICIPACIÓN ECONÓMICA, 29% LE ANTECEDE LA ZONA CENTRO Y DE LA CONCORDIA.
6. CONSIDERADA RECEPTORA DE MÁS DE 8.500 PERSONAS AL DÍA PARA EJERCER ACTIVIDADES ECONÓMICAS.
7. CONCENTRACIÓN IMPORTANTE DE MOVILIZACIÓN DE PERSONAS A SUS EMPLEOS, CERCA DEL 12% DEL TOTAL DE VIAJES DE MOVILIZACIÓN DE PERSONAS EN EL MUNICIPIO (Se estima 130.000 viajes/ día).
8. POLO DE INVESTIGACIÓN, DESARROLLO E INNOVACIÓN ( 4 Universidades, 5 Colegios, 2 Parques, 1 Plaza De Mercado....)





**22** Cámaras de  
Seguridad

Sensores para la  
Medición de la  
Calidad del Aire

**4** Zonas WIFI

**2** Puntos Vive  
Digital

**14** Kit de cámaras de  
video vigilancia (cada  
kit contiene 3 cámaras)  
con analíticas de  
embebidas,  
almacenamiento de  
video local botón de  
pánico y conectividad;

**2,6** km de Cicloruta

**4** Colegios con  
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Educativa  
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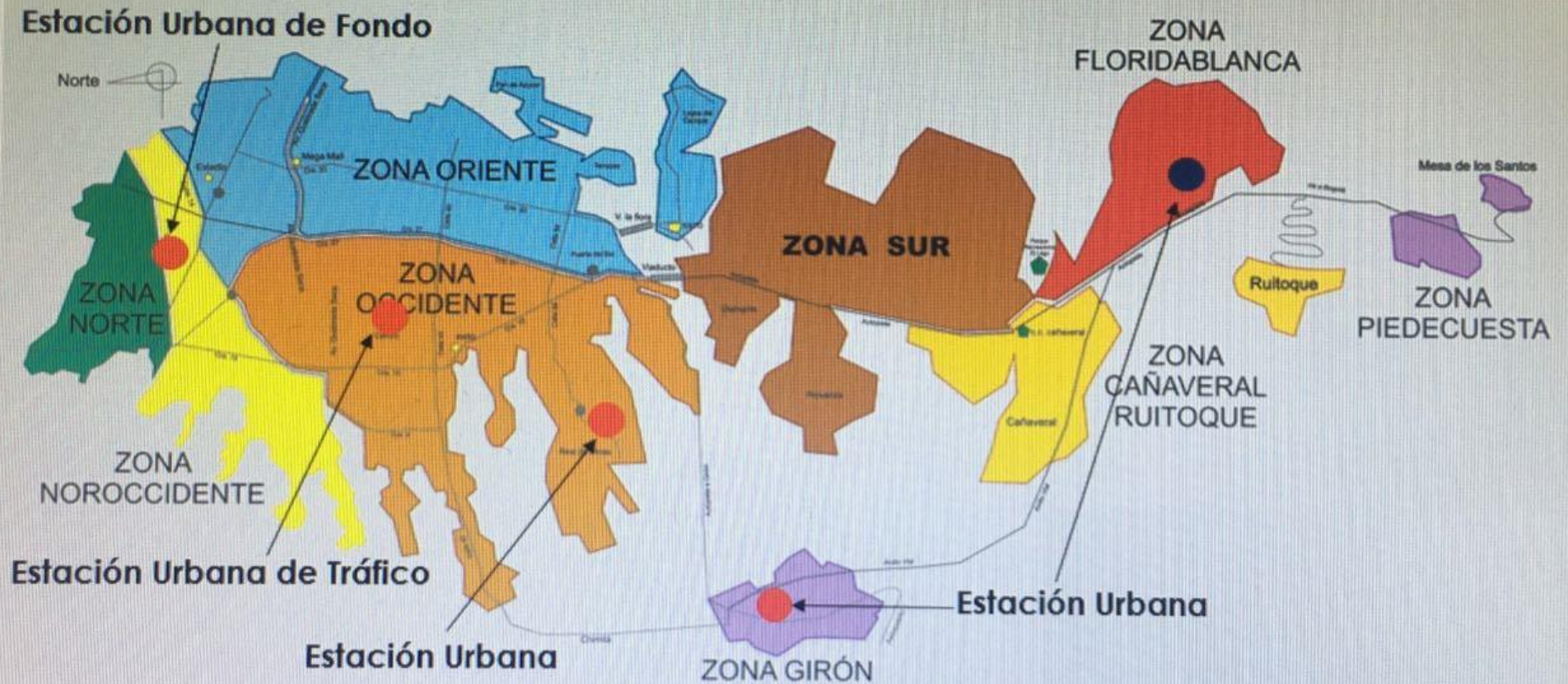
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Universidades  
desarrollando  
soluciones  
tecnológicas



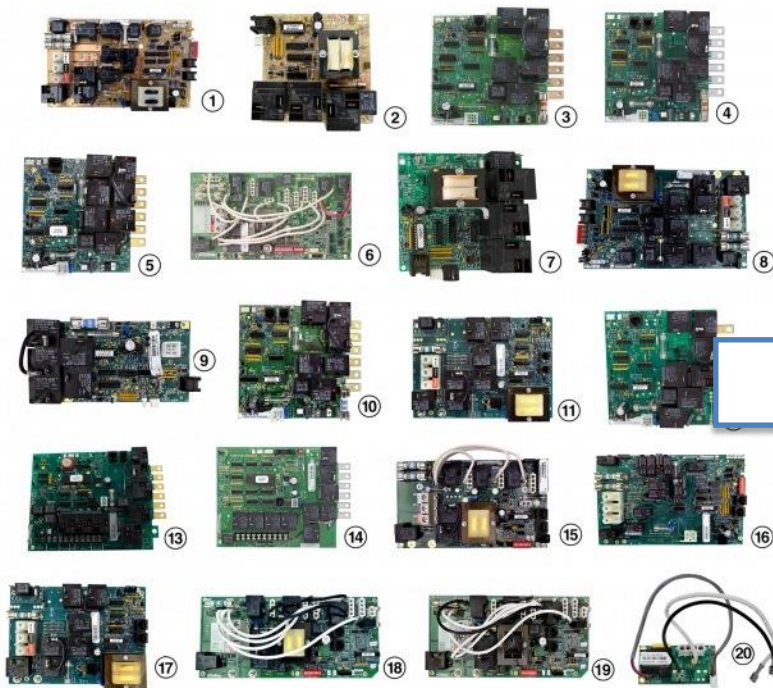


# Posible ubicación de los Puntos del SVCA



● Puntos de Ubicación SVCA





- Entregas semanales en Kioscos
- Operado desde las casas
- Fáciles de integrar
- Aprendiendo Haciendo
- Intercambio de Datos en la Nube
- Ambientes de colaboración





**O inventamos o erramos**

**Graciasssss**

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