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# What's M-Lab? Who's M-Lab?

Measurement Lab empowers **regulators, researchers, and consumers** with open data on network performance.



# **At every level, data is necessary**

## **For researchers & data analysts**

- Replicable science at scale

## **For policy makers**

- Data based policy

## **For Internet users**

- Scientifically-founded answers to important questions

# M-Lab's founding principle: Openness

*Openness means making room for real science*

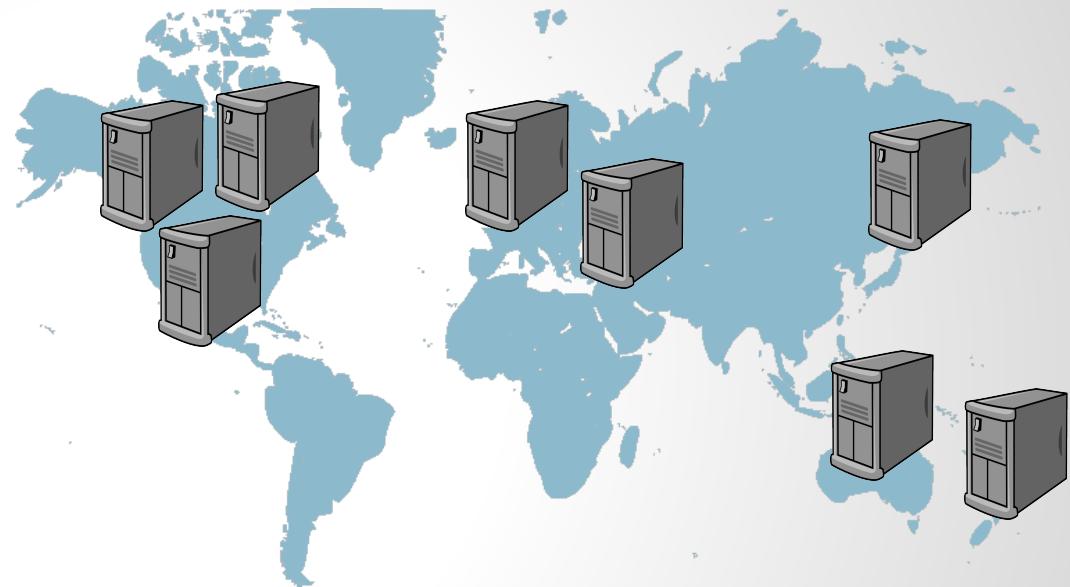
*Real science means replicable facts,  
not conjecture*

***How does M-Lab do this?***

- Open source, publicly documented **server platform**
- Open source **experiments** built by researchers
- Openly available, freely accessible **data**

# Open, global server platform

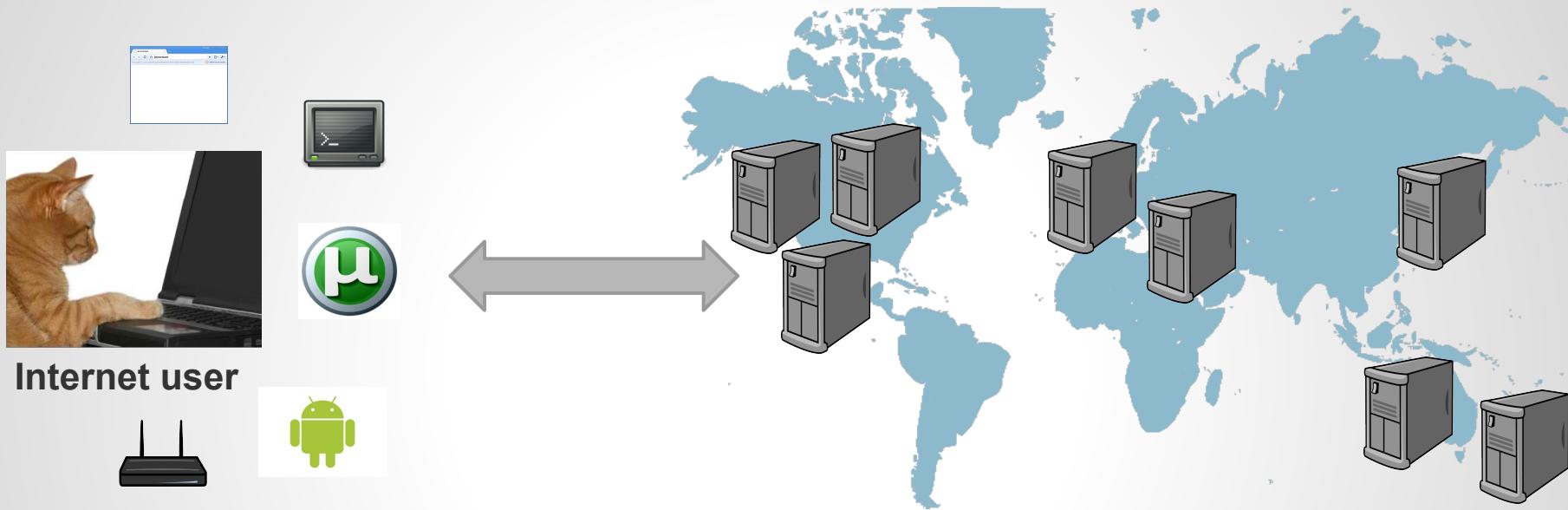
- Globally-consistent
- Well-provisioned
- Instrumented for rich information



# M-Lab: a bird's eye view



# Open-source measurement tools



- Client-server, web-based, CPE & mobile
- Active
- Open-source

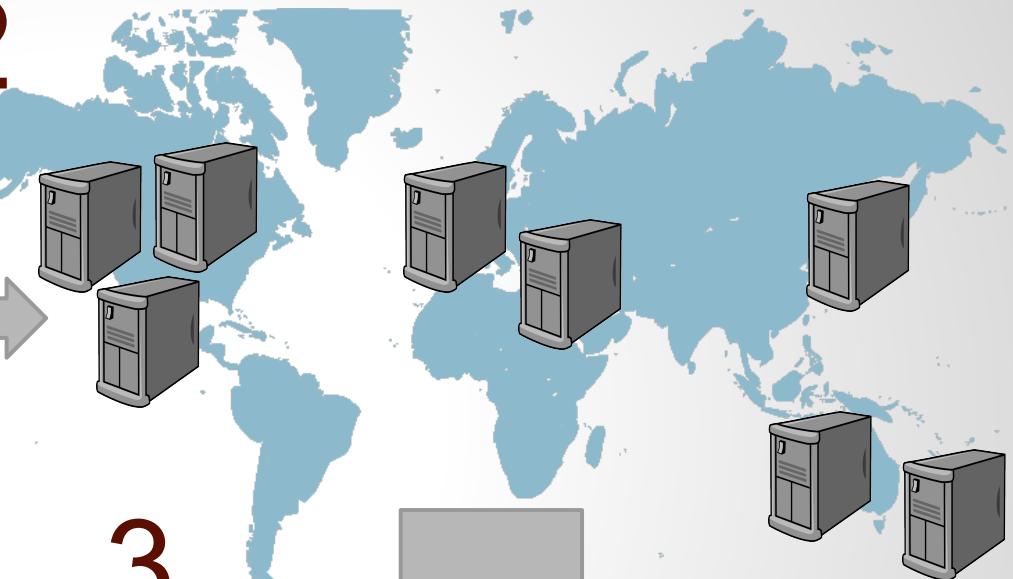
# M-Lab's open data ecosystem

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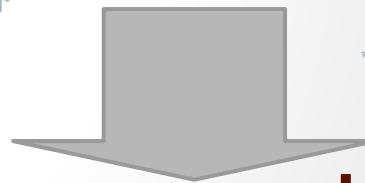


Internet user

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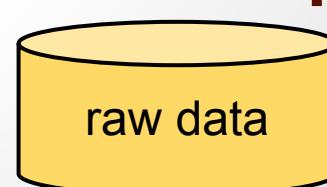
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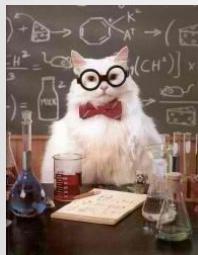
+600TB!

Cloud  
Storage

BigQuery



700B rows



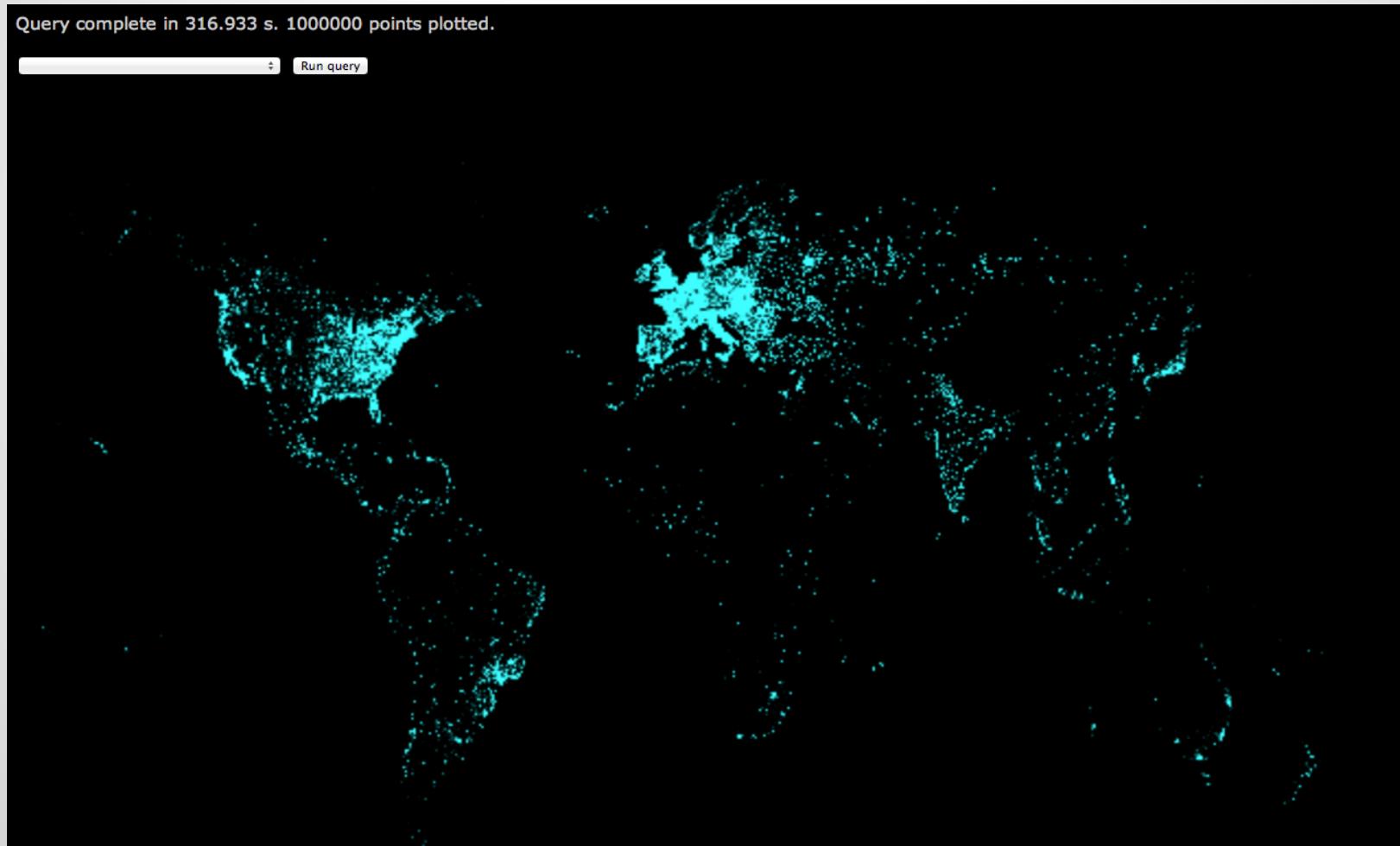
Researcher



Regulator

# Open data, world-wide

Global tests over 3 months, [more here.](#)



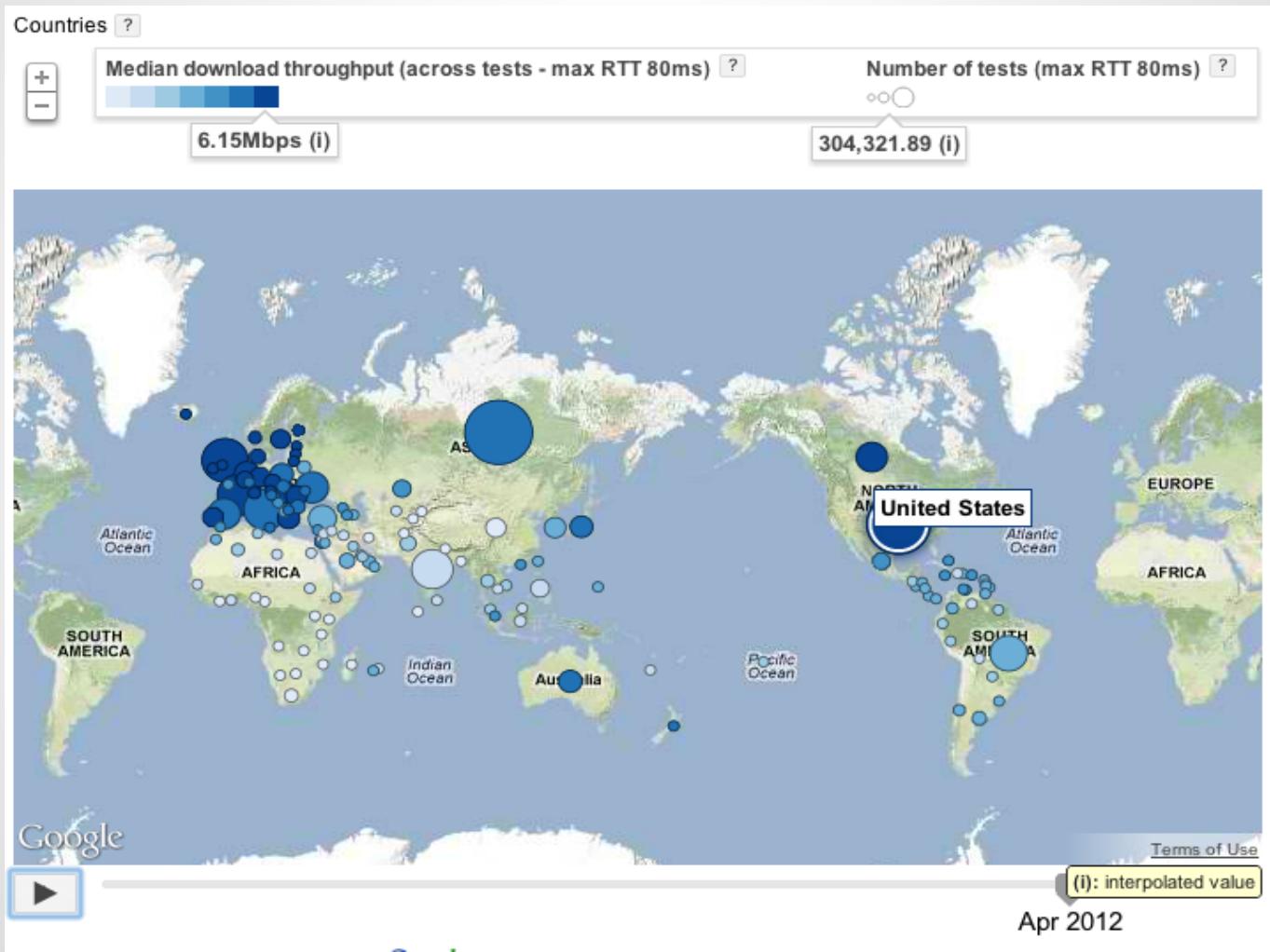
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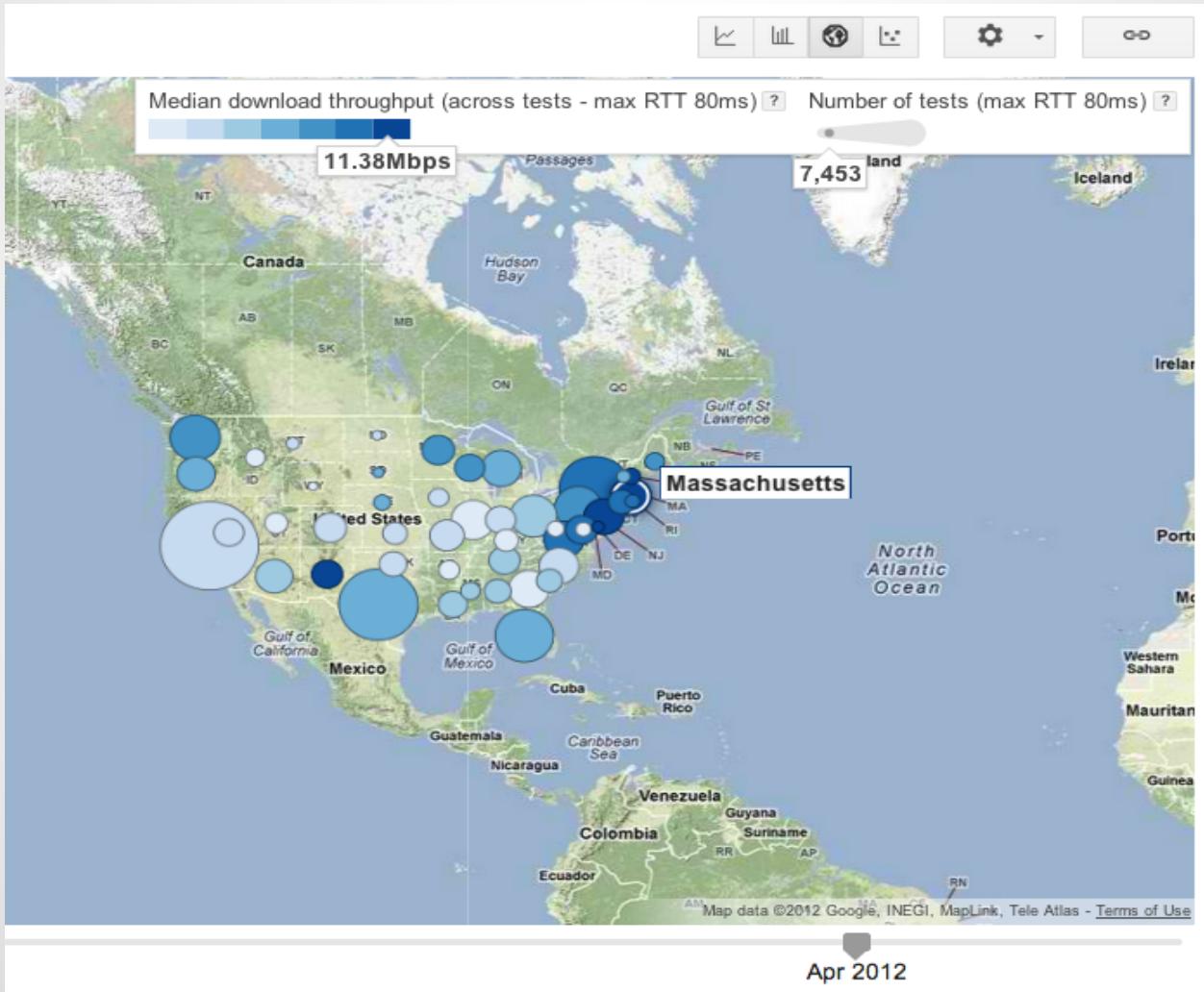
# Open data means accountable policy

- **Greece's Telecom regulator**, EETT, built (and open-sourced) [SPEBS](#)
- **FCC's** [Measuring Broadband America 2011 report](#)
  - [New study](#) in 2012.
- [European Commission](#) [study](#)
  - 30 countries
  - 10,000 users
  - 3 years, starting in 2012
- **Austria's Telecom regulator**, RTR, support an M-Lab node and have developed a mobile measurement tool
- **Cyprus' Telecom regulator** support an M-Lab node
- **Canada's CIRA** are deploying servers and utilising M-Lab and baseline for measurement

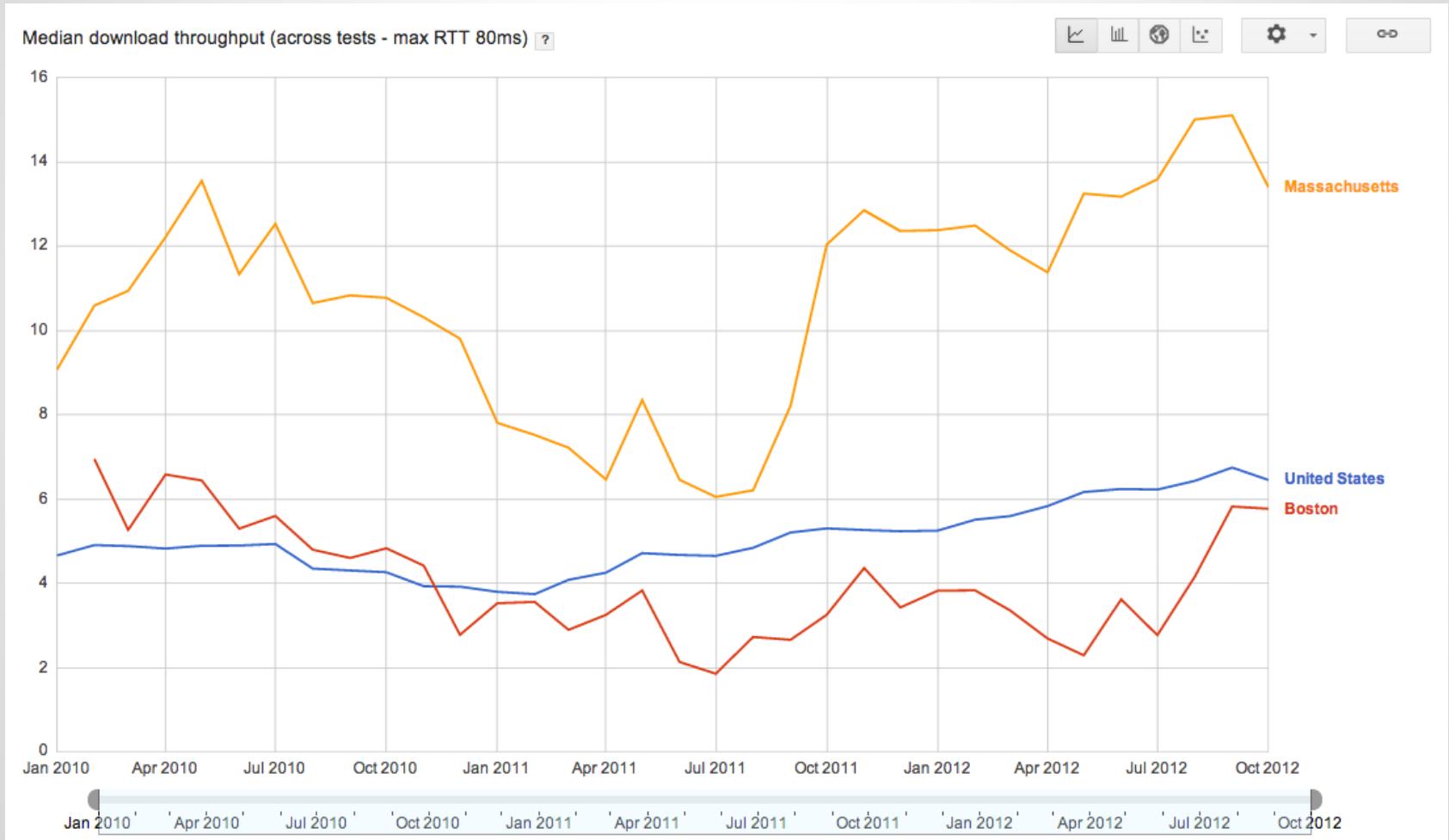
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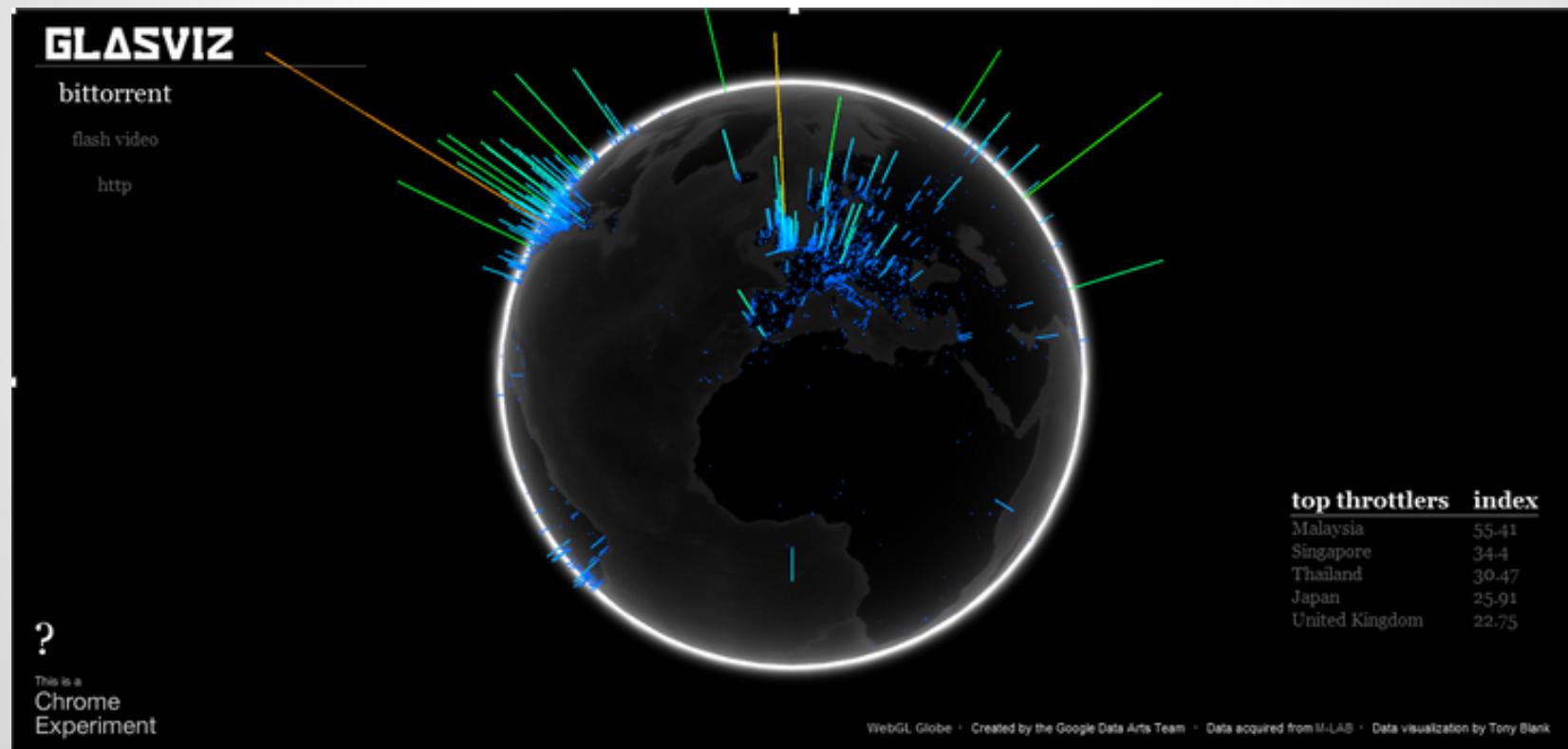


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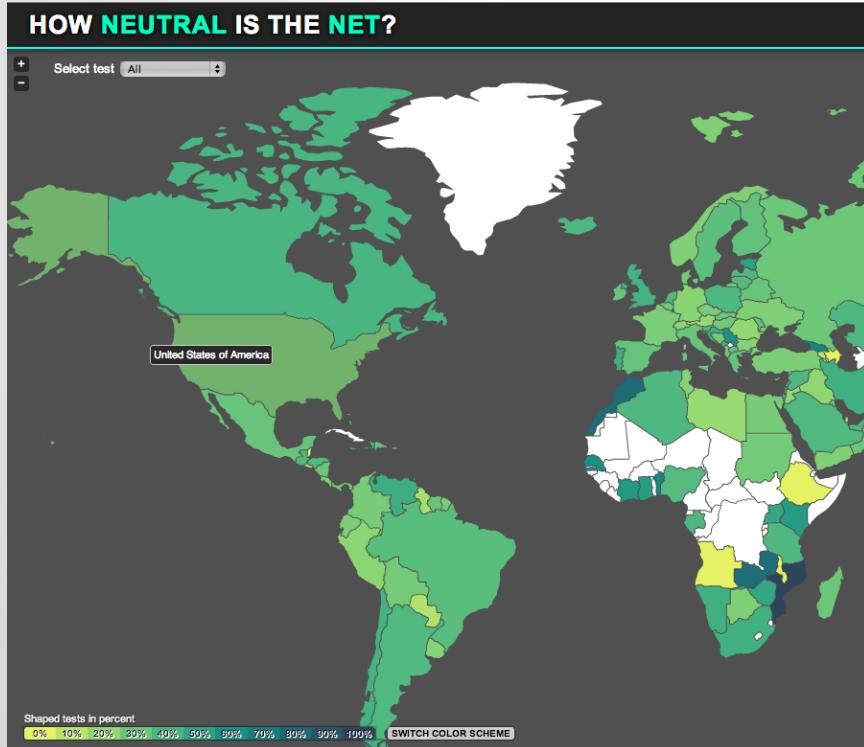
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Dynamic view of application-specific throttling, navigable across the globe by application type, [live here](#).



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View of throttling and shaping,  
by provider, by country, [live here](#).



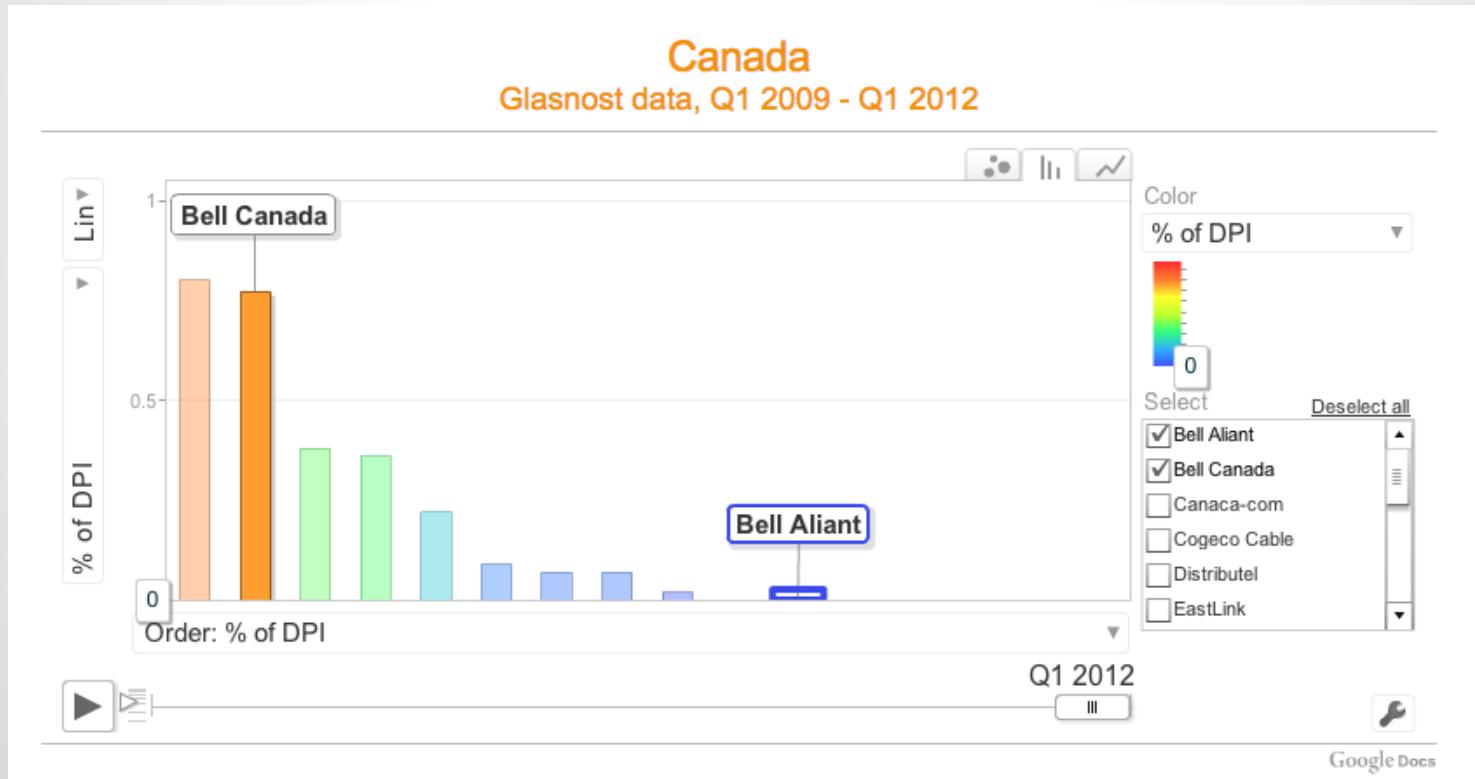
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| Provider   | Total tests | Shaped tests | Percent tests shaped |
|--|-------------|--------------|----------------------|
| MIAMI-UNIVERSITY - Miami University                                  | 6           | 2            | 33.3%                |
| VTCNET - Valley Telecom Internet                                     | 1           | 1            | 100%                 |
| TROYCABLE-NET - Troy Cablevision, Inc.                               | 11          | 2            | 18.2%                |
| SAT-TEL - Satellite Communication Systems, Inc.                      | 4           | 1            | 25%                  |
| YELMNET - Yelm Telephone Company                                     | 5           | 1            | 20%                  |
| RIPVIDCAB - Ripley Video Cable Company, Inc.                         | 1           | 0            | 0%                   |
| UMBC-AS - University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC)             | 2           | 0            | 0%                   |
| ASN-SCAD - Savannah College of Art and Design                        | 4           | 2            | 50%                  |
| HOTWIRE-COMMUNICATIONS - Hotwire Communications                      | 8           | 2            | 25%                  |
| INDCOPNET - IND. CO. CABLE TV, INC.                                  | 3           | 0            | 0%                   |
| BEK-COMMUNICATIONS-INTERENET-ROUTER - BEK Communications Cooperative | 2           | 1            | 50%                  |
| VIRTELA-NET-VGAATL1 Virtela Communications                           | 1           | 1            | 100%                 |
| WILLIAMSCHOOL - Williams College Center for Computing                | 4           | 2            | 50%                  |
| KAMOPOWER - KAMO Electric Cooperative, Inc.                          | 4           | 1            | 25%                  |
| OC3-NETWORKS-AS-NUMBER - OC3 Networks & Web Solutions, LLC           | 15          | 14           | 93.3%                |
| RBLHST-NY - Reliablehosting.com                                      | 4           | 2            | 50%                  |
| LSU-1 - Louisiana State University                                   | 2           | 1            | 50%                  |
| SIERRA-ADVANTAGE - Sierra Advantage, Inc.                            | 3           | 1            | 33.3%                |
| BRIGHTOK-AS - BrightNet Oklahoma                                     | 6           | 1            | 16.7%                |
| UVM-EDU-AS - University of Vermont                                   | 1           | 0            | 0%                   |
| CABLE-NET-1 - Cablevision Systems Corp.                              | 759         | 297          | 39.1%                |
| ASN-CROS-1 - Cros.net, Inc.  | 1           | 0            | 0%                   |
| ASN-NEXTWEB-R2 - Nextweb, Inc  | 1           | 0            | 0%                   |
| LHTC - LAUREL HIGHLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY                             | 1           | 0            | 0%                   |
| ASN-GIGENET - GigeNET  | 3           | 3            | 100%                 |

# Visualizing open data for the people

Sample chart from global study looking at DPI used to facilitate BitTorrent throttling and blocking, [live here.](#)



# **What's next for M-Lab? You *can* help!**

- Analysis and visualizations
- Expanding the platform
- Hosting more tools
- Ask the question: is the data open, and why not?

# More info

## More info about M-Lab

- [measurementlab.net](http://measurementlab.net)
- Charming marketing video

