

# Putting insight in the hands of decision makers

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Innovations for Urban Monitoring and Mapping

Understanding Risk West  
and Central Africa

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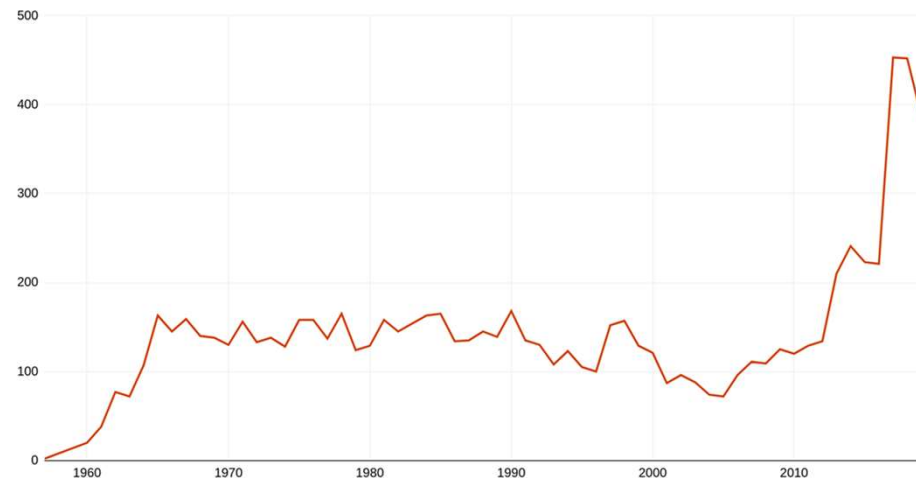


# More data

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Our capacity to produce data is growing at a fast pace. Hundreds of satellites circle the Earth sending back petabytes of imagery and readings every day. Advances in AI allows us to analyze this at higher speed.

**Objects launched into space**



Source: [Online Index of Objects Launched into Outer Space, UNOOSA](#)



# fastai-serving

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At Development Seed we support organizations to run ML on imagery, and do so at scale. We do this by building open technologies like Chip-n-Scale, fastai-serving.



[LULC mapping in Slovenia](#)  
Query Planet project with ESA Phi Lab and Sinergise

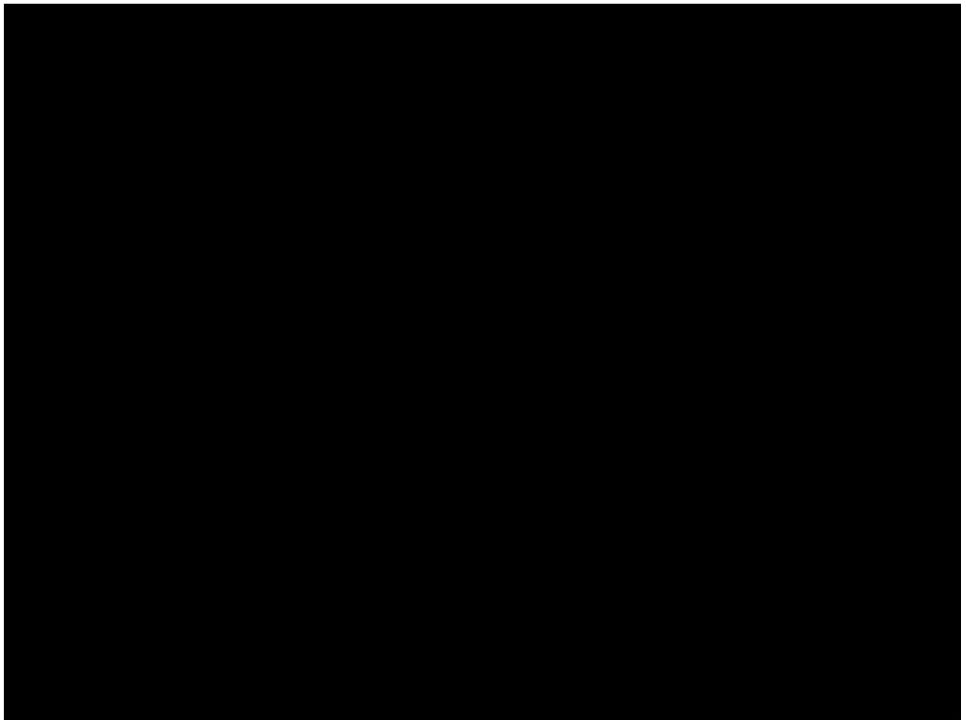


# Label Maker

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Label Maker makes it easier to generate label data and packages satellite imagery with data from OpenStreetMap.

[More about Label Maker](#)



# Putting this data in the hand

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We need to be building tools that put data in hands of decision makers in ways they can consume it:

- Open tools that allow people to **see under the hood**, and understand what is going on.
- Tools that **combine data streams** so they can draw insight from a richer set of inputs.



# Urchn

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Latest Change Detection and OSM Edits

Madrid

Show City Information

## How good is your map?

Urchn tells you where map is incomplete and out of date. Satellite change detection flags features that have changed since they were mapped.

OSM Edits over Time

2007

2018

Latest Change Detection and OSM Edits

Ho Chi Minh City



# How good is your map?

Urchn scans recent satellite imagery to show you where there are more buildings on the ground than there are on your map.

Select a Grid Data Source:

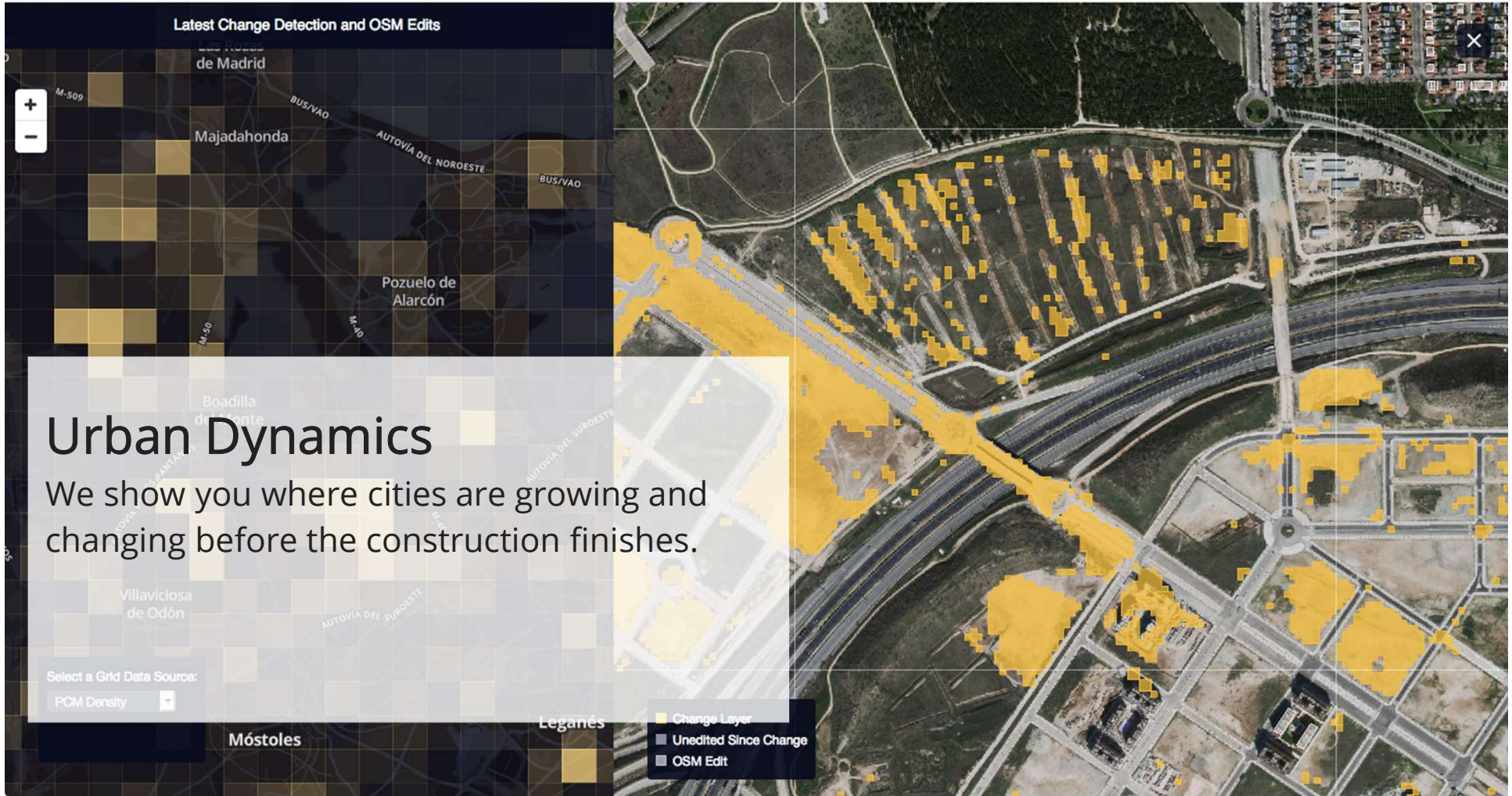
OSM Density

Sq. Km of OSM Buildings

less

more

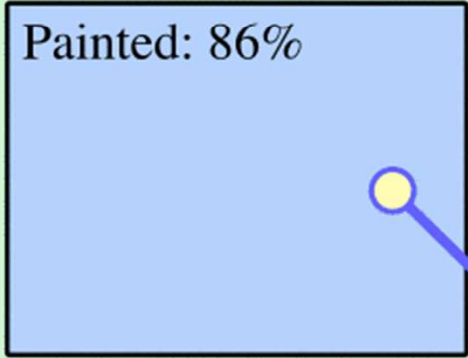




# Housing Passports

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## Predictions & Footprints

Relating predicted characteristics to building footprints.



# Combining data streams

Housing Passports combines data from street level and overhead imagery and field collection to provide a more complete picture of vulnerability.



## LOCATION

LATITUDE 4.549682  
LONGITUDE -74.161051

## EVALUATION

AREA 56.8767174981  
AVG SLOPE 4.35222031222  
AVG HEIGHT 9.50733462087  
FLOORS 3  
VOLUME 541

## STREETVIEW DETECTION

CONSTRUCTION **complete**  
ML  
DESIGN ML **designed**  
MATERIAL ML **painted**



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## RISK

# HP Mobile

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Housing Passports mobile, a proof of concept that brings inference to the field.



# More info

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More about Housing Passports:

- [Building better before the next disaster](#)
- [Finding vulnerable housing in street view images](#)



# Want to know more?

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