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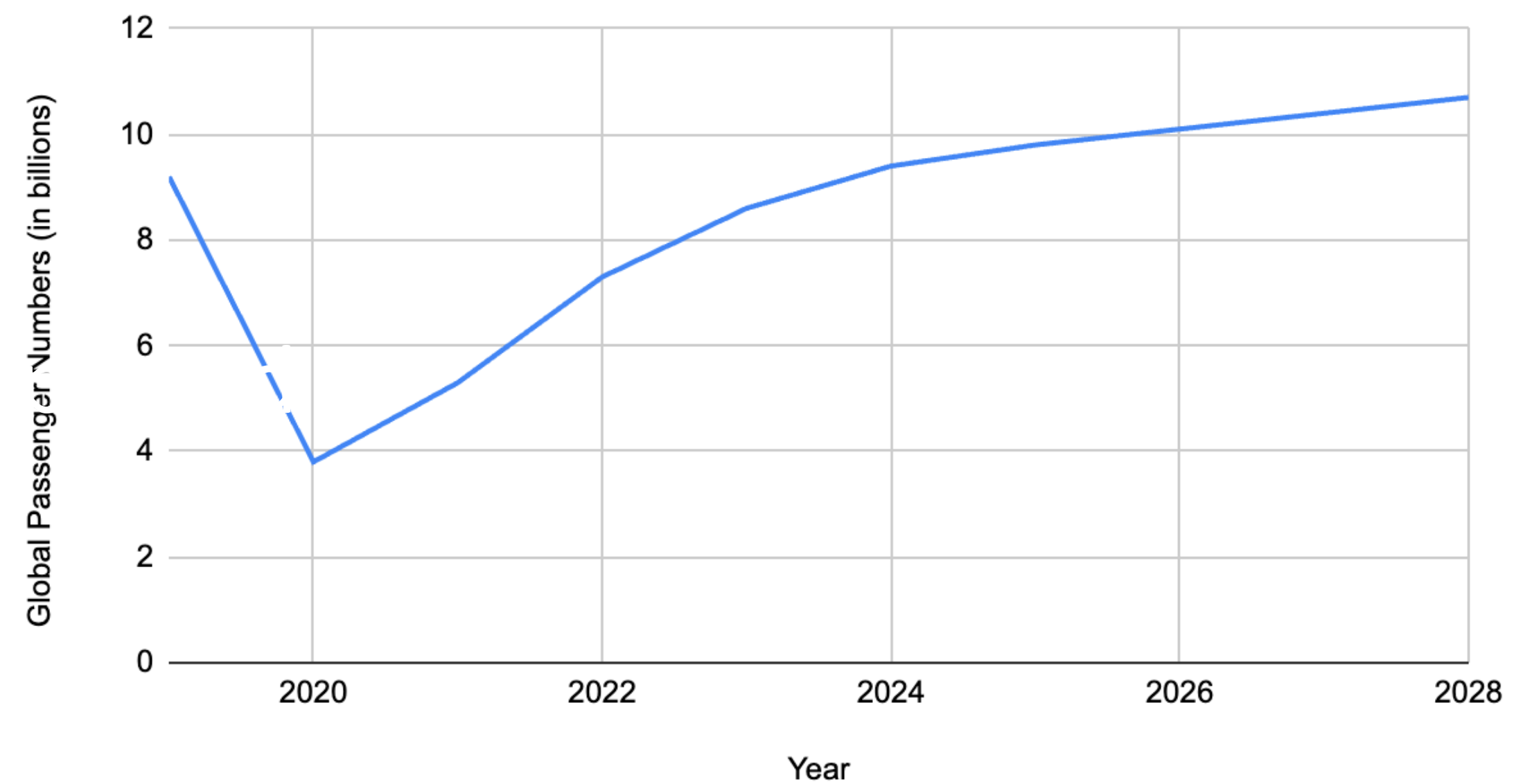
A New Era in Turbulence Prediction - Rapid ML
Iterations and Data Validations

Flights are busier than ever

9.4B

Travelers expected in 2024

Global Passenger Numbers (in billions) vs. Year

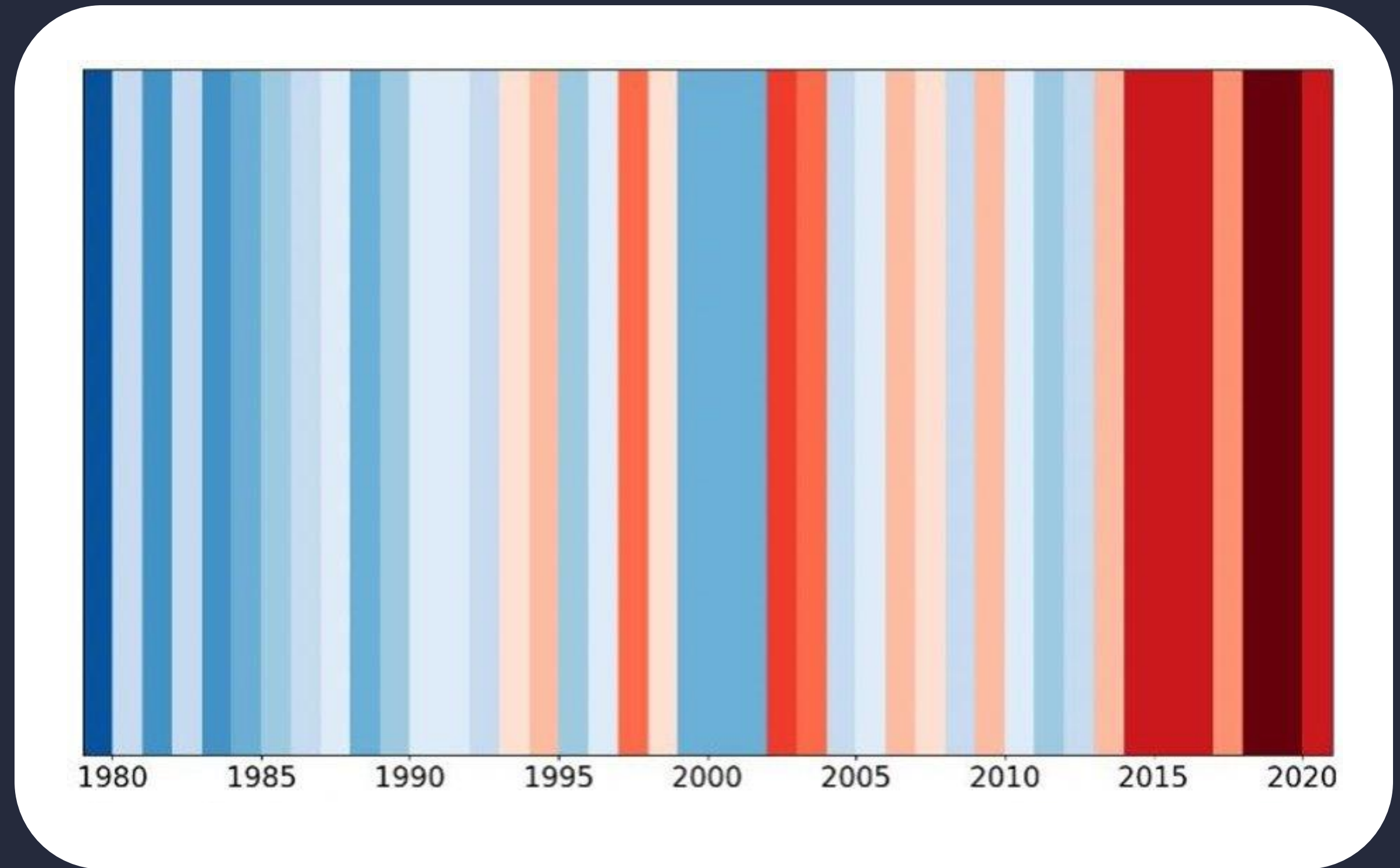


Source: ACI

Ride quality is getting worse

55%

Increase in Clear Air
Turbulence



Clear-air turbulence trends over the North Atlantic in high-resolution climate models, Paul Williams, March 2023

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The Problem

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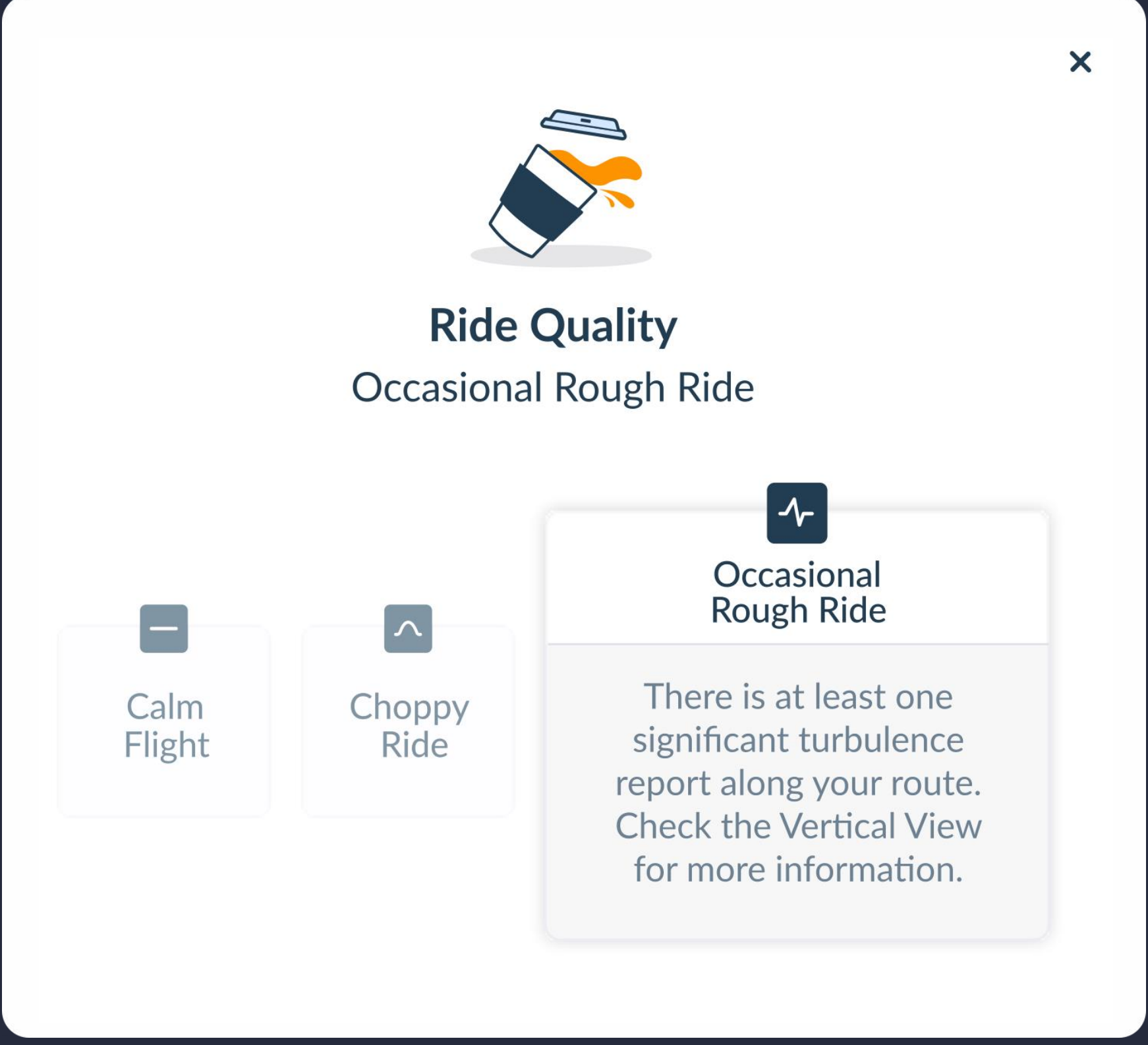
2 Turbulence is hard to predict

- Subgrid problem (predicting 100m-scale phenomena using models with kilometer-scale resolution)
- Multiple causes: Turbulence can arise from various causes (e.g. clear-air turbulence, mountain-wave turbulence, convectively induced turbulence), each with its own set of governing dynamics
- Hard to spot (not visible via sat / radar)
- Not enough observations

SkyPath is Redefining

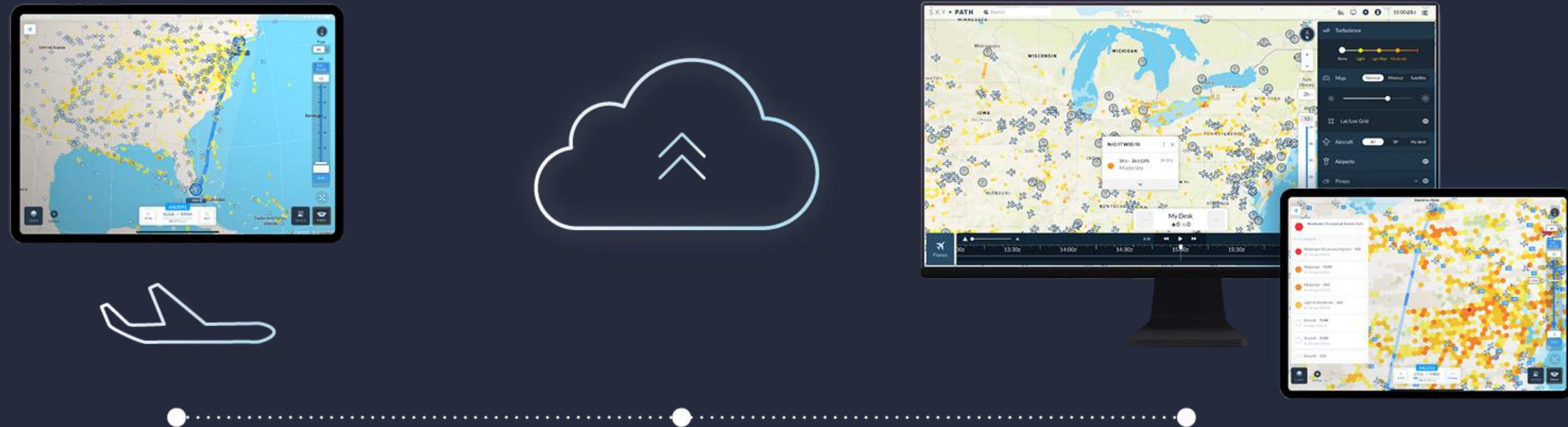
Ride Quality

Harness the collective power of live **crowdsourced turbulence data**, seamlessly fused with an **AI-generated turbulence forecast**, for unparalleled safe and informed flying



The screenshot shows a notification window with a close button (X) in the top right corner. At the top is an icon of a coffee cup with a splash. Below the icon, the text reads "Ride Quality" and "Occasional Rough Ride". There are three buttons below: "Calm Flight" (with a minus sign icon), "Choppy Ride" (with a wavy line icon), and "Occasional Rough Ride" (with a pulse line icon). The "Occasional Rough Ride" button is highlighted and expanded to show a text box that says: "There is at least one significant turbulence report along your route. Check the Vertical View for more information."

How It Works



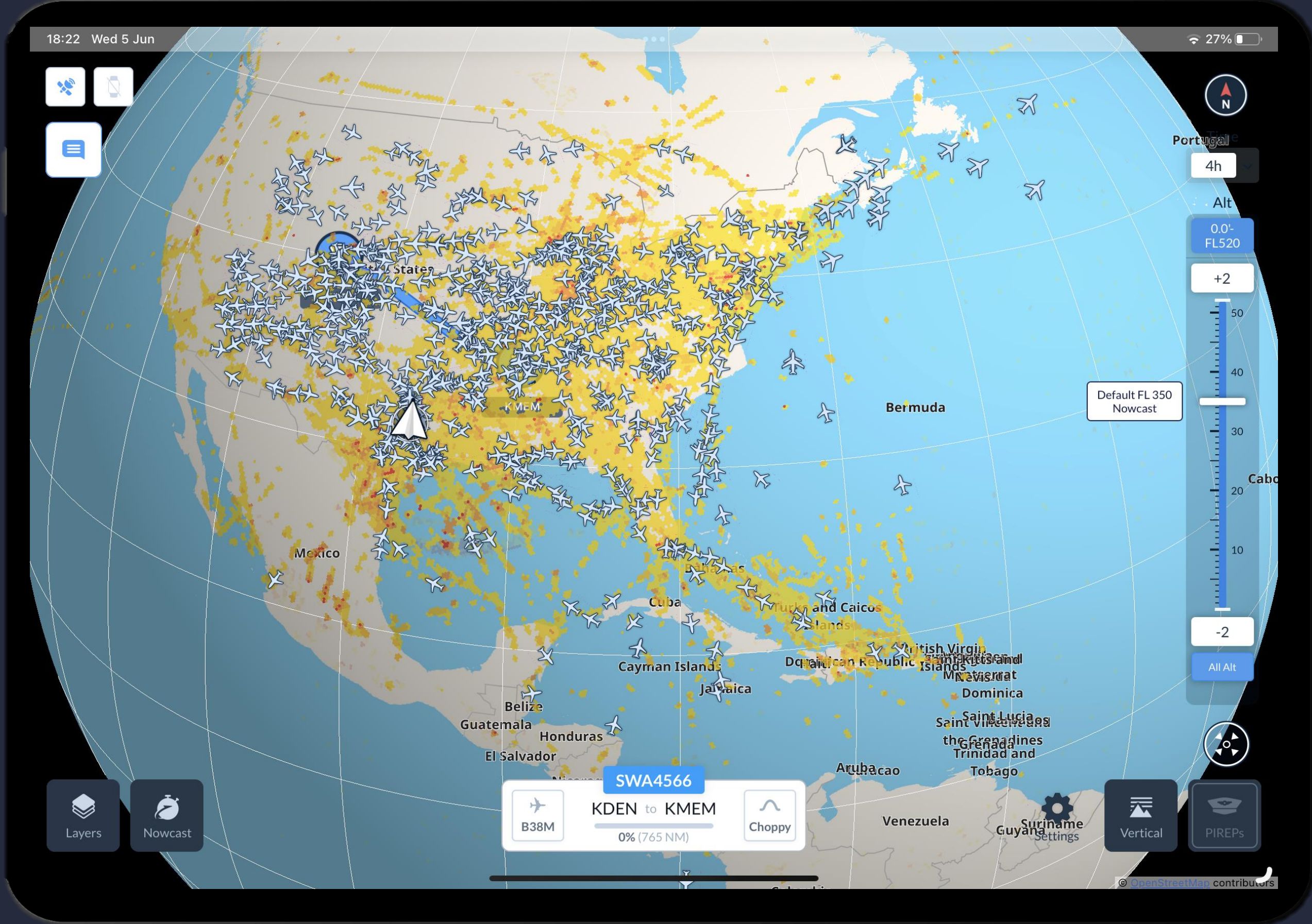
Patented algorithm tracks
ipad accelerometers

A/C normalization,
Noise filtering and AI

Data is distributed to all
ecosystem users

Software only solution, No Aircraft integration needed.

SkyPath Data



SkyPath Numbers

4B

Turbulence Reports
(10X YoY increase)

+12M

Turbulence Notifications

20K

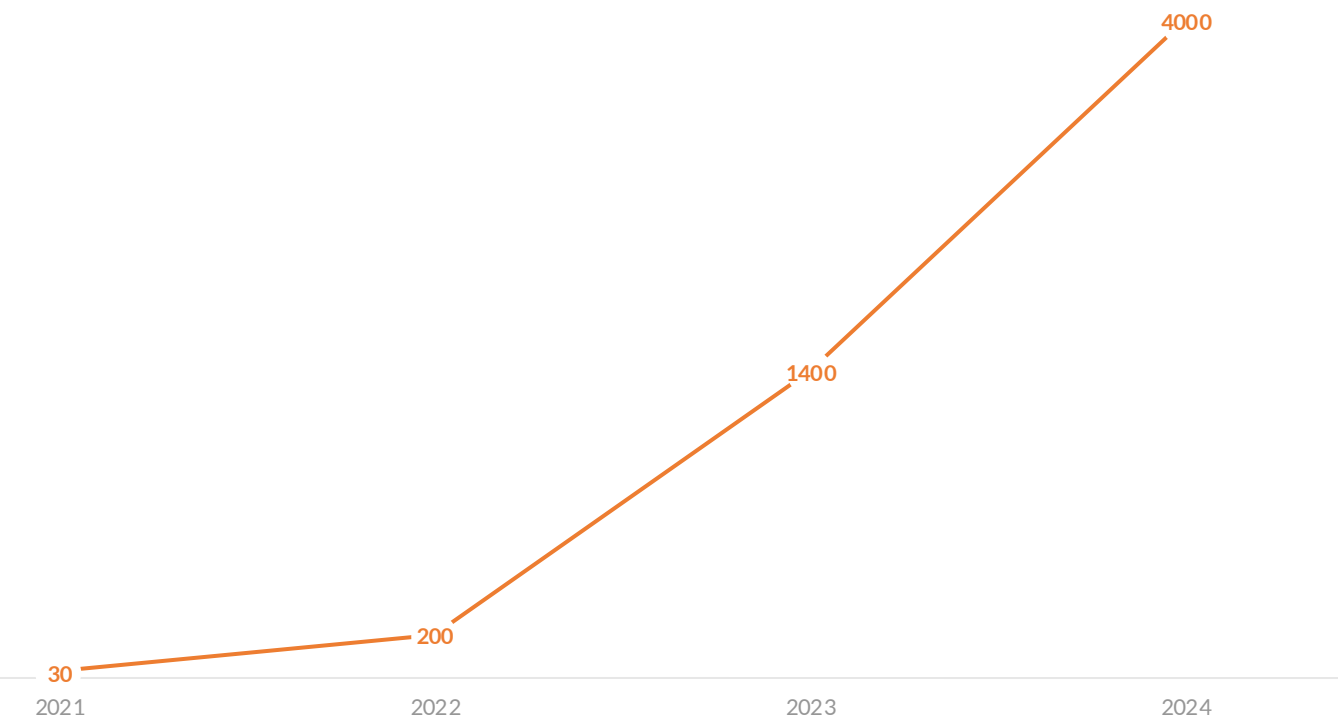
Submitted PIREPs

100K

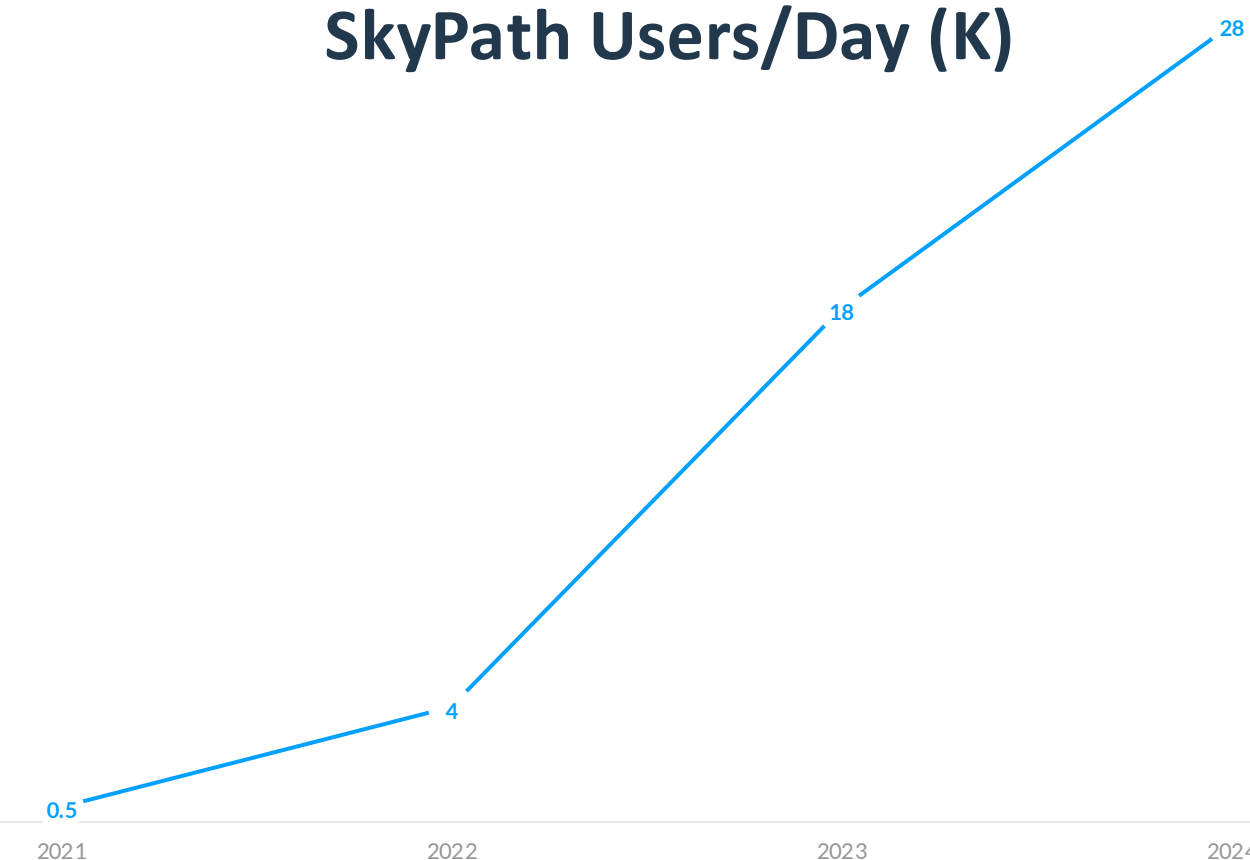
Subscribed pilots

> Number of turbulence reports and PIREPs submissions across the entire SkyPath ecosystem

SkyPath Turbulence Reports (MM)

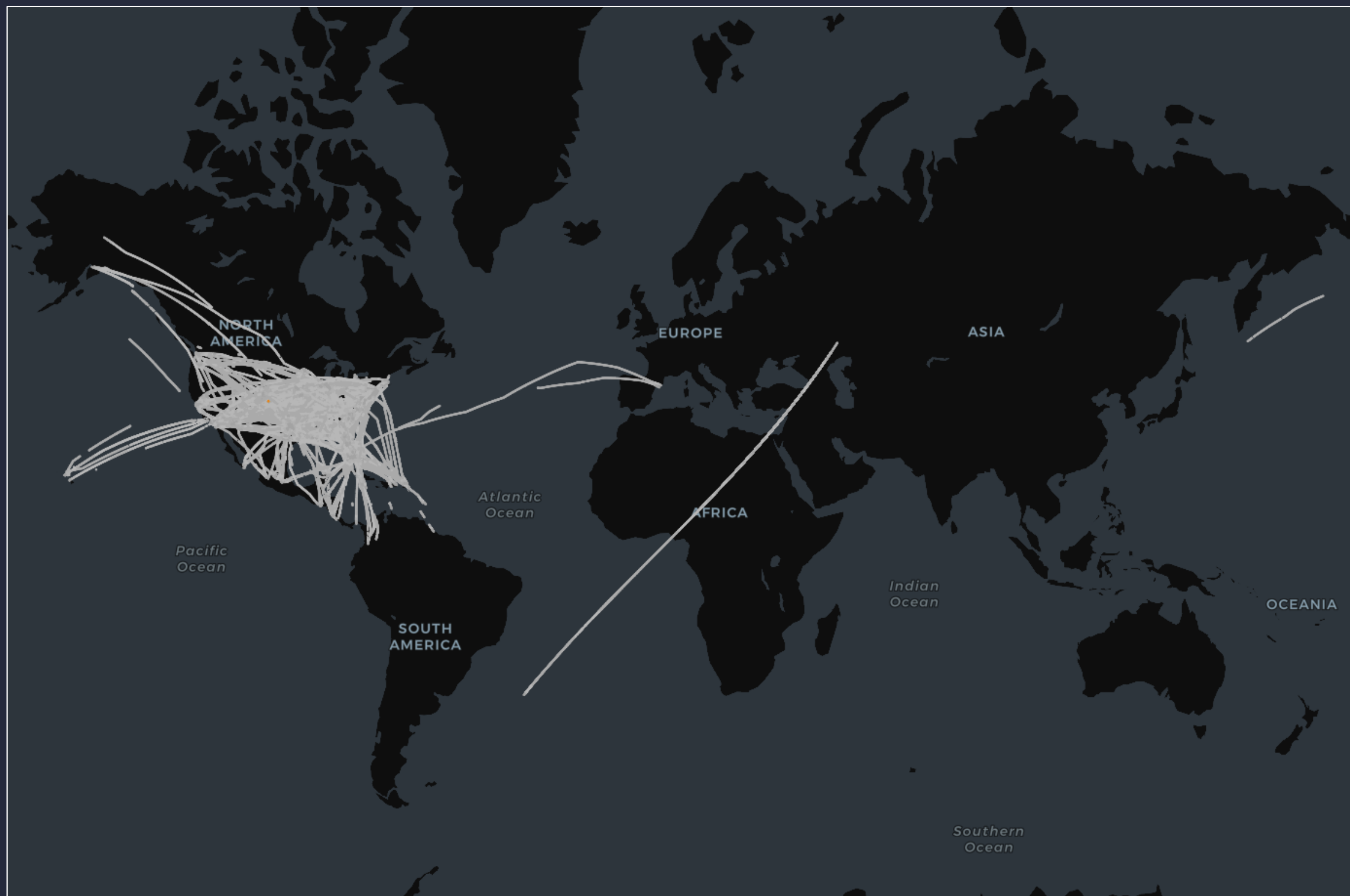


SkyPath Users/Day (K)



Global Coverage - Growth

2021, 24 hours

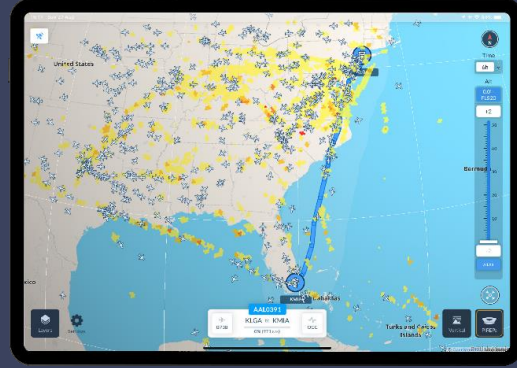


2024, 24 hours



We started with the following hypothesis

Building a Machine Learning Model from the ground up with the vast amount of SkyPath data and atmospheric conditions can yield great results



Turbulence Reports



Atmospheric
Conditions



Machine Learning
Model



Nowcasting

Short-Term Turbulence
Prediction

Meteorological Parameters

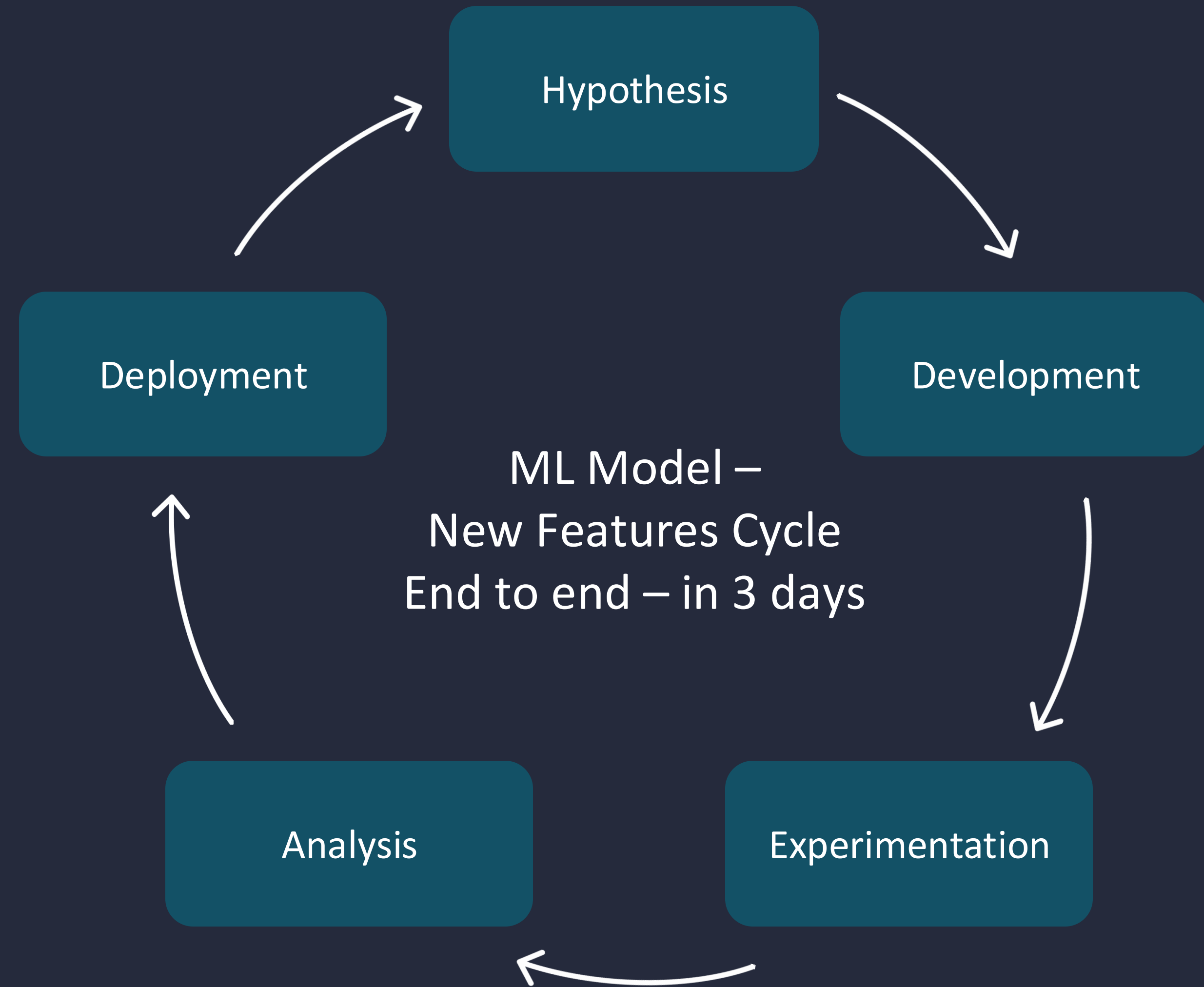
- Raw meteorological parameters - wind shear, temperature, wind speed, and pressure, etc.
- More complex parameters including topography, land cover, climate belts, and thermodynamic potentials
- Stitching multiple NWP models
- To date, the model uses hundreds of parameters
- It covers all types of turbulence and causes

Data Science Principles

- Developed an adaptive machine learning model that automatically improves using new observations and adjusts to meteorological changes
- Real time data assimilation
- Frequent training (adaptation to climate change)
- Prediction – every 1 hour
- Climate centric post process mechanism

Iterative Approach:

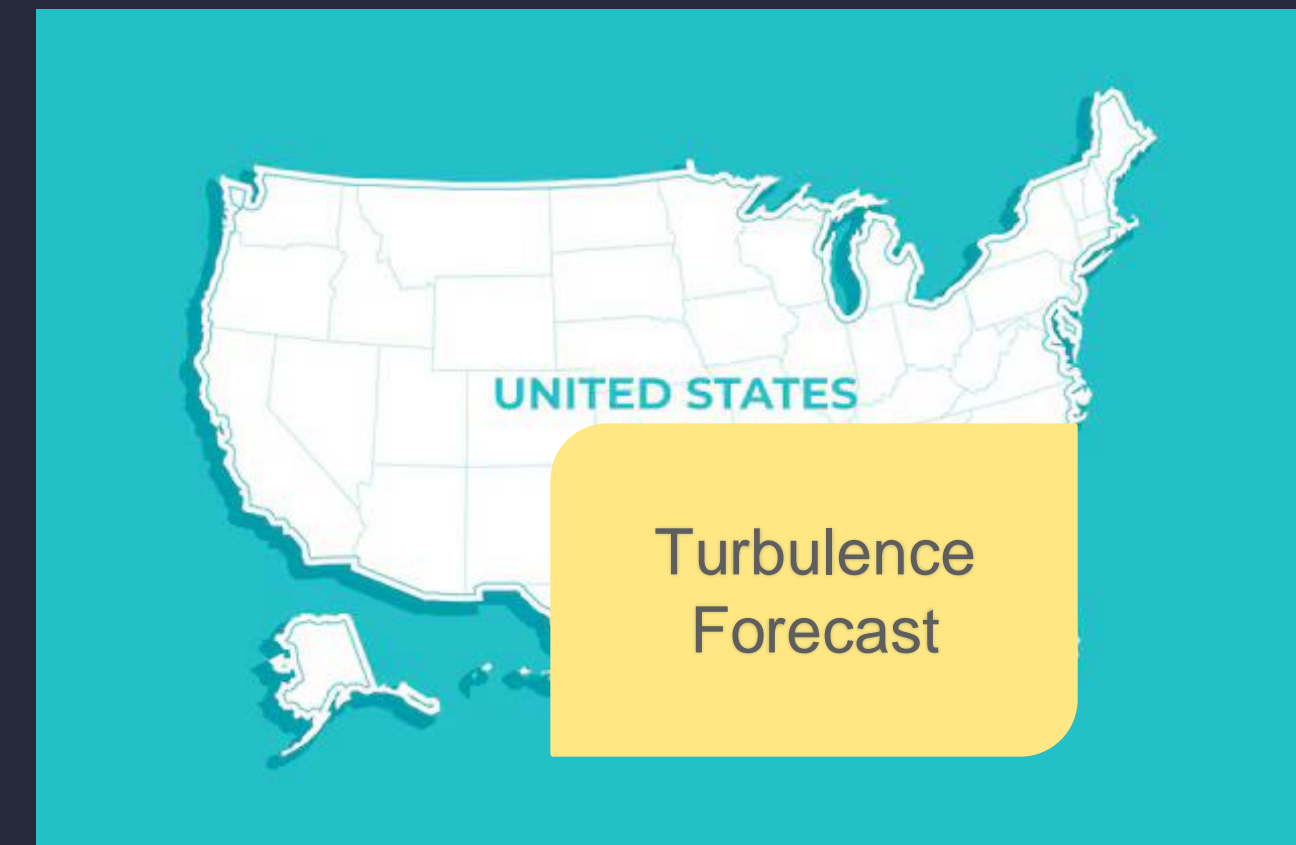
Perfecting Turbulence Prediction



UX Perspective

Thinking about the users is as important as the data science

- Sweet spot - High Resolution VS Actionable - 10X10 NM hexagons
- Color coded - Light / Mod / Mod-Occ-Sev

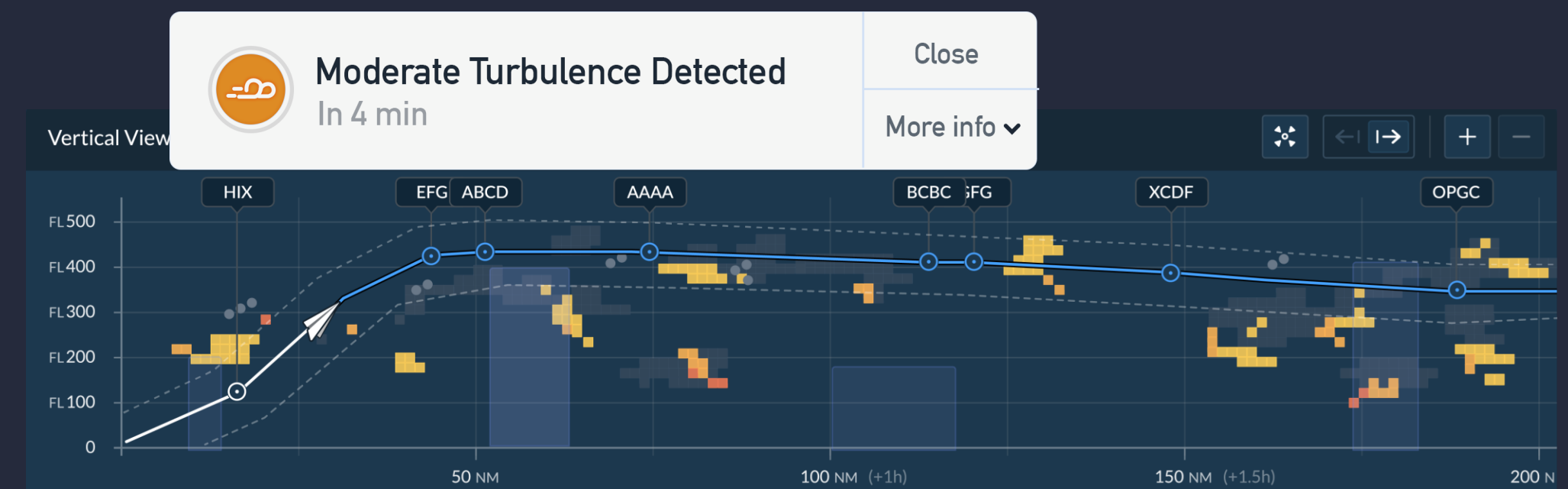


Observation

Prediction



Visual and vocal notifications to notify the crew

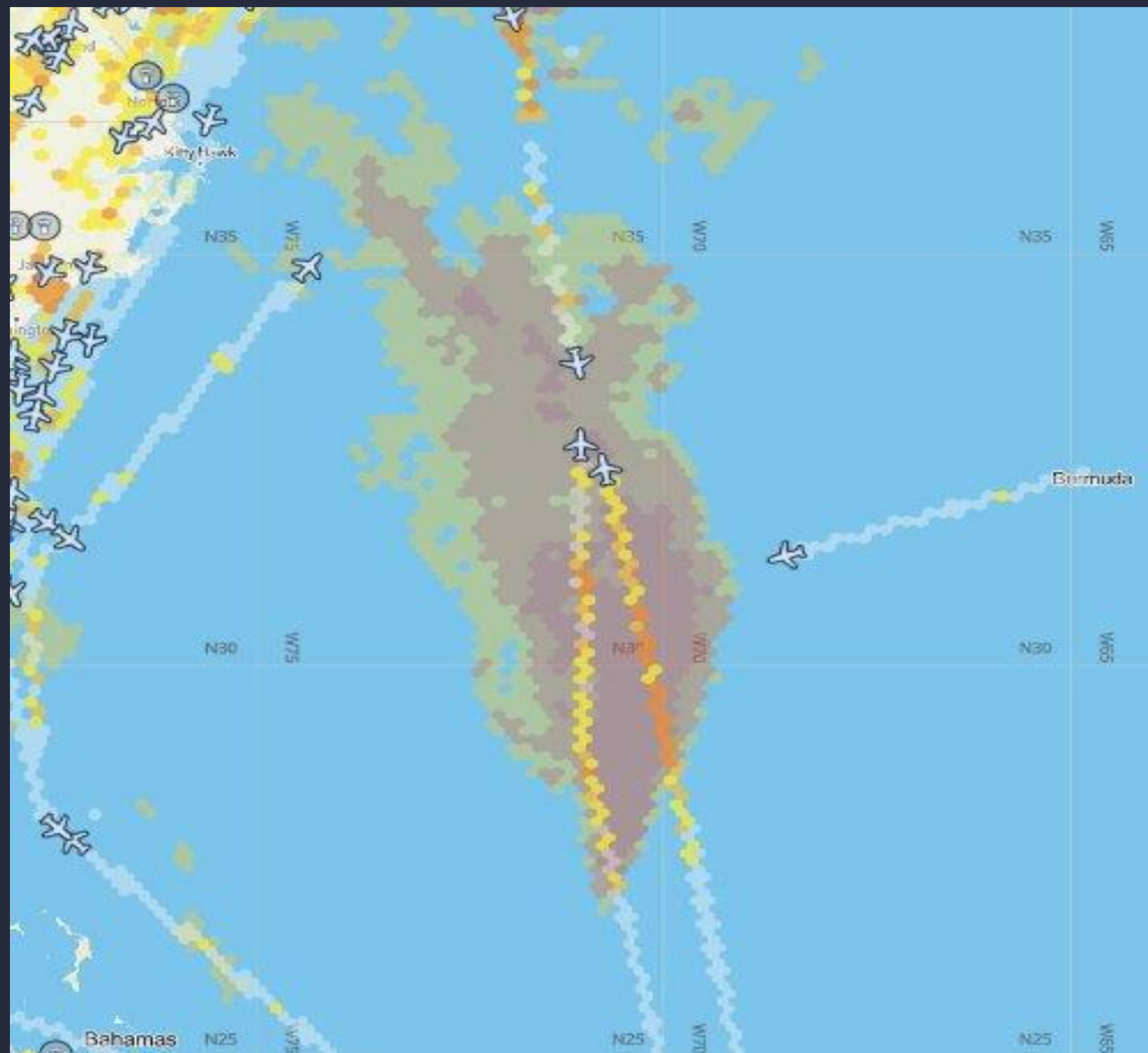


Nowcasting Results

One snapshot out of many

Predicts very well – validated by the observations in real time

90% accuracy



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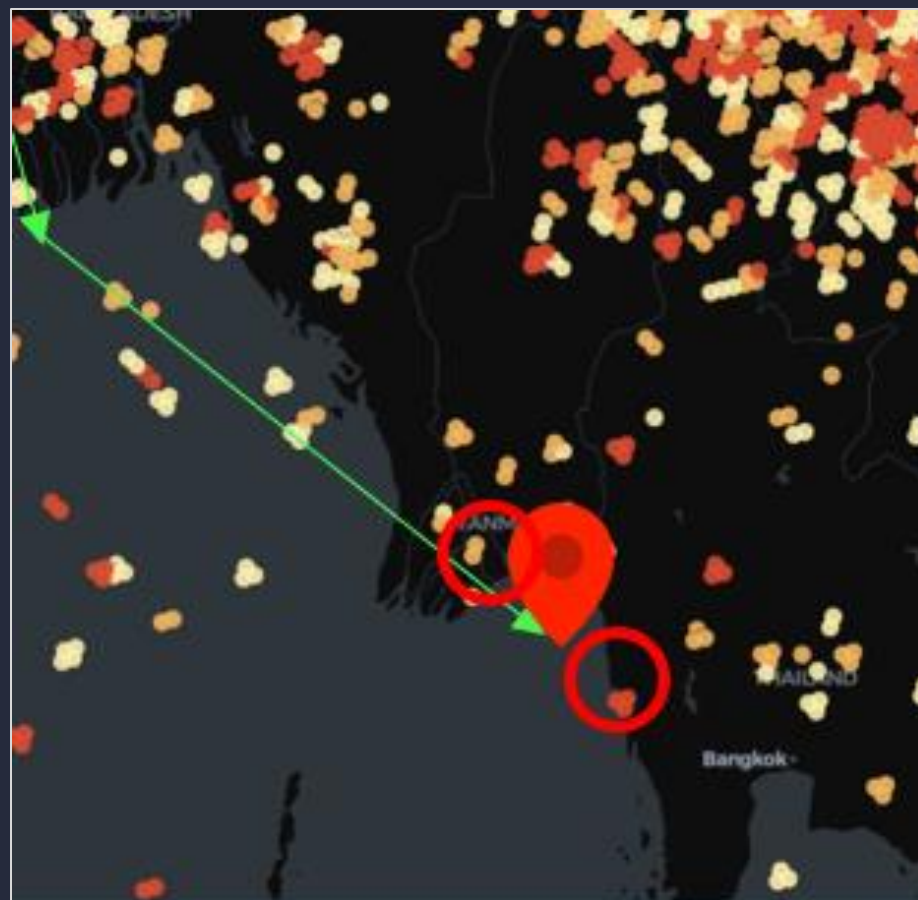
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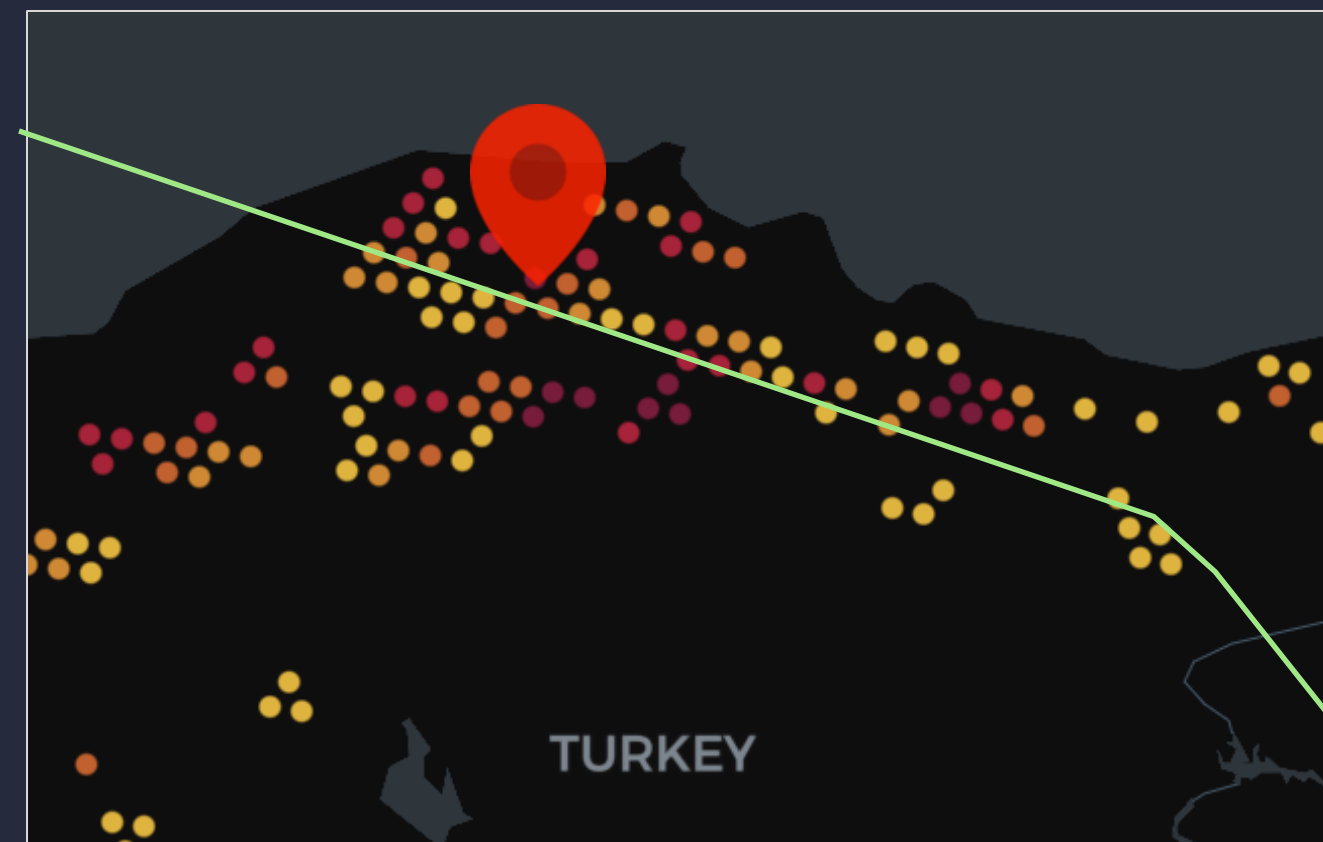
SkyPath Nowcasting in the field

Investigations of recent turbulence events show consistent hits on real-world events.

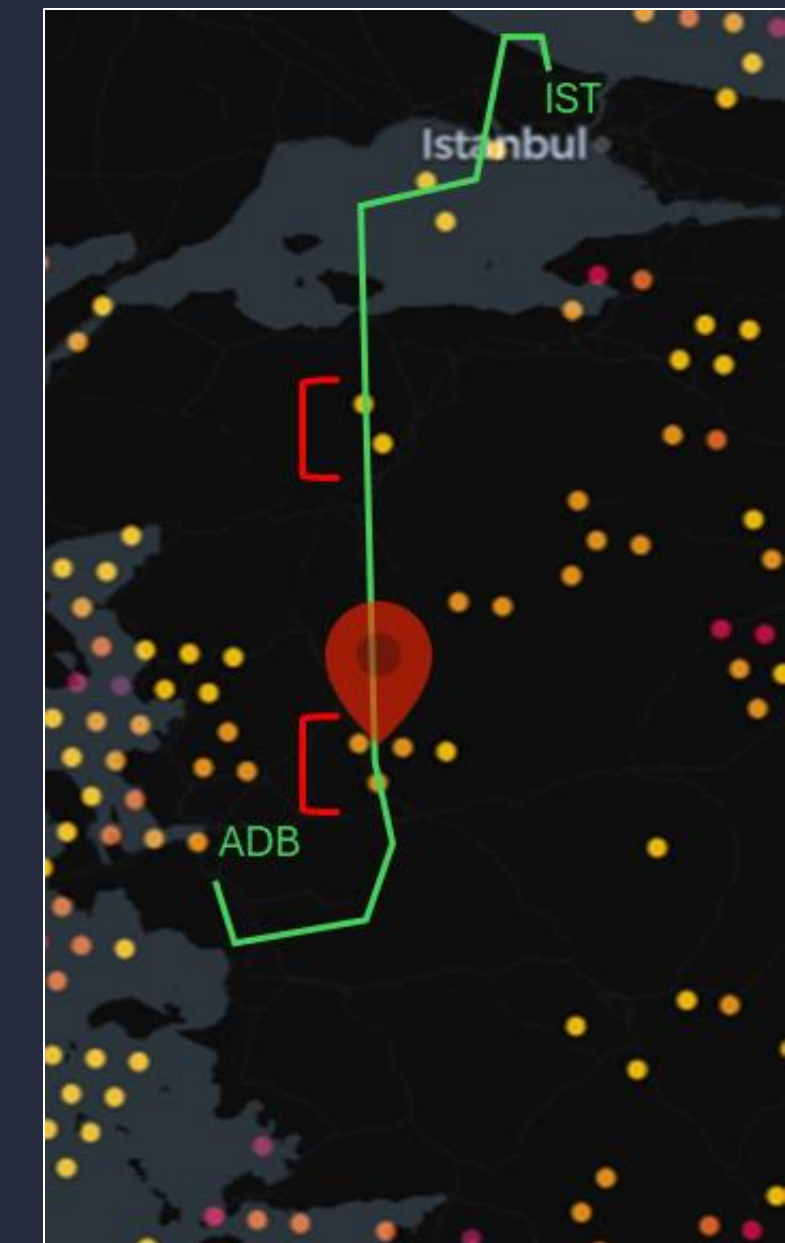
In all of these events SkyPath Nowcasting had pre-existing information on turbulence which could potentially have averted the event



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Mind blown! Thank you for this app. Used it yesterday for the first time and within 10 minutes I realized there was no reason to ask ATC for a ride report. Just like Google Maps and Waze crowd-sourced traffic data, this app is a great tool



Q&A

Thank you

Just wanted to let you know that the SkyPath app is excellent! I love the app because it's real time and allows you the ability to select rides. This is one of the best tools we have!



Love the app. I've found it to be the most accurate tool I have for predicting turbulence

