



Types of Caves

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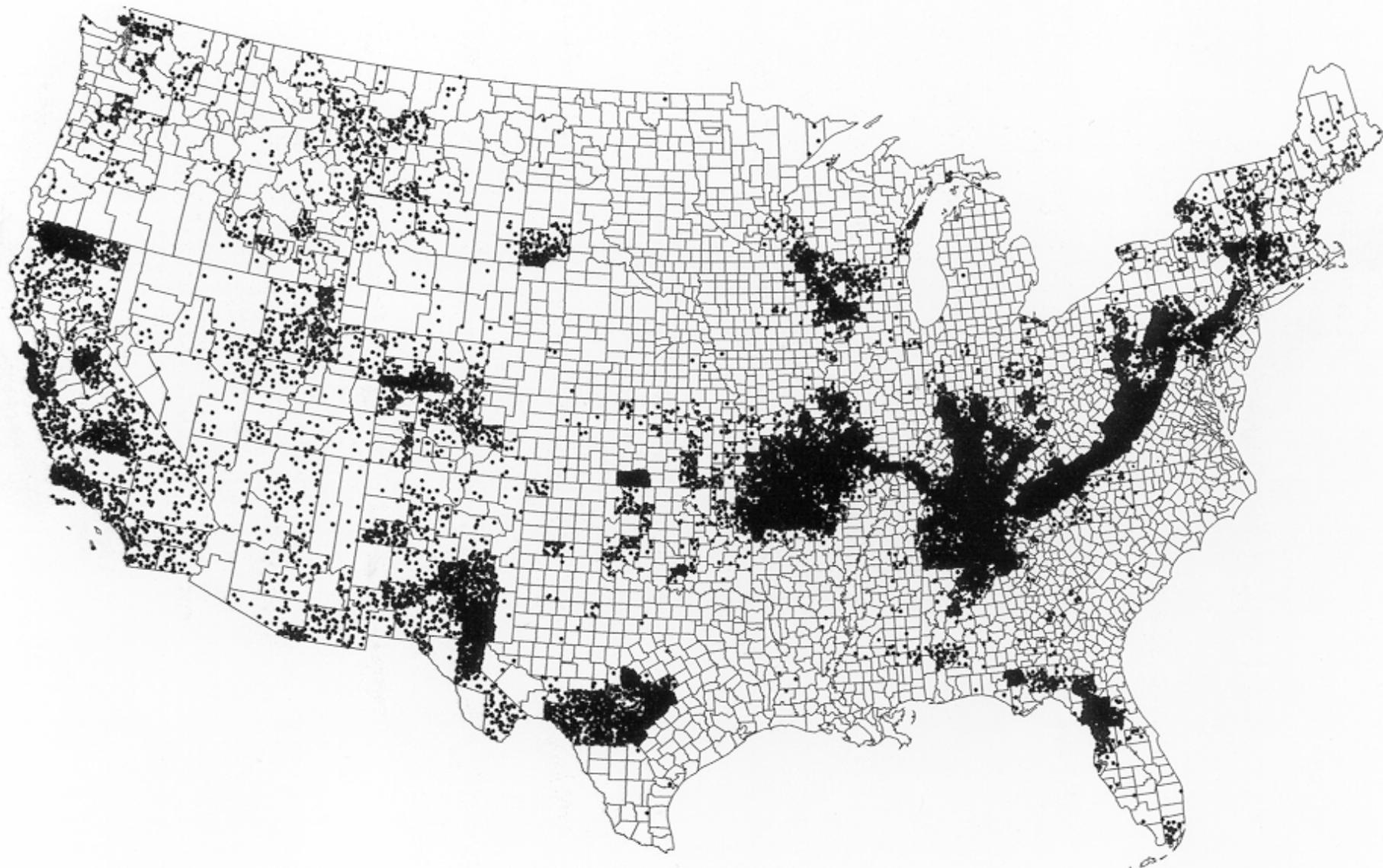
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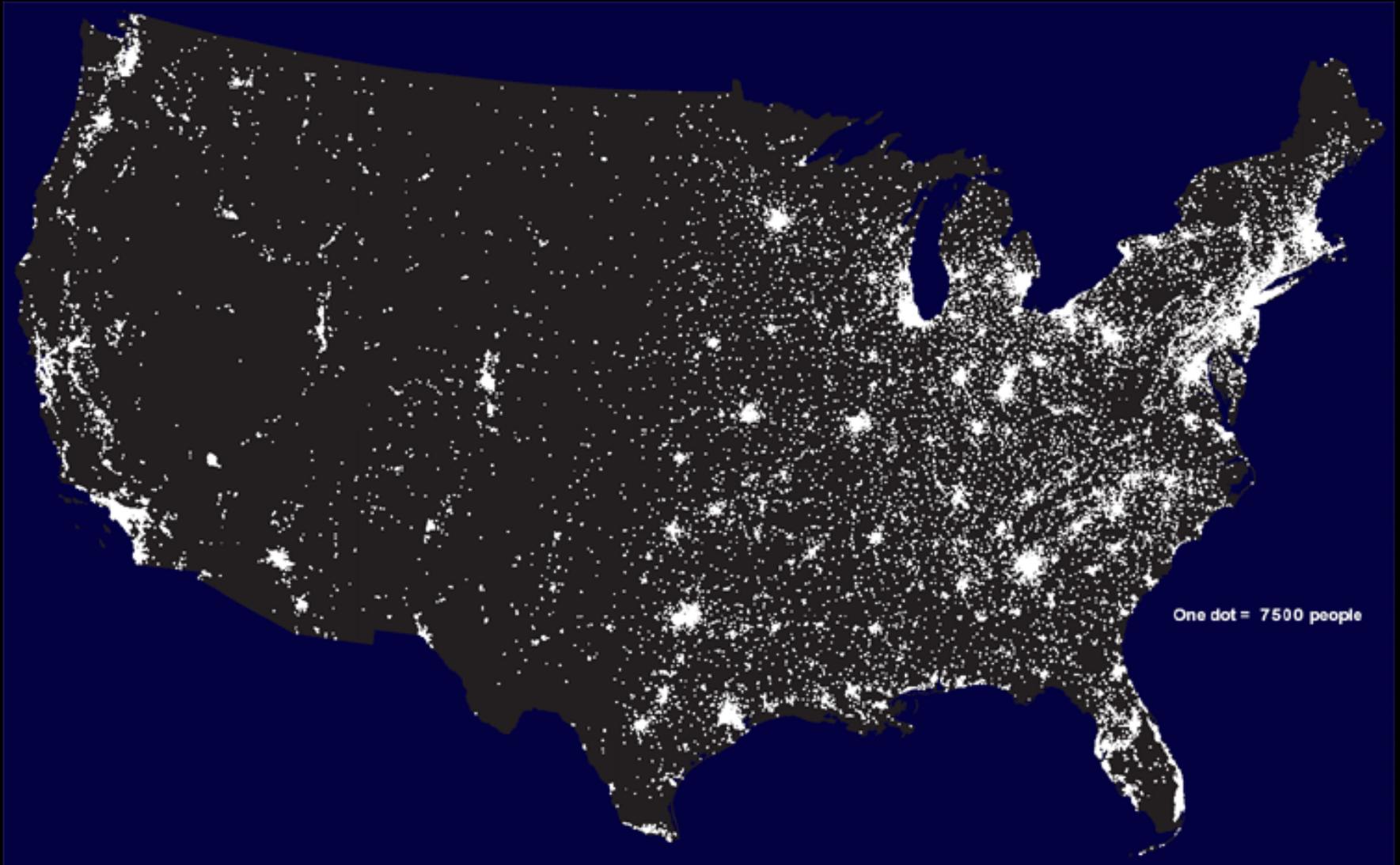


Distribution of Caves





Distribution of People





Cave Types

- Lava Tubes
- Erosional Caves
- Sea Caves
- Glacier Caves
- Solution Caves





1. Lava Tubes

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Kazumura Cave has been surveyed at 40.7 miles long and 3,614 feet deep making it the longest and deepest lava tube in the world.



- A variety of speleothems may be found in lava tubes including lavacicles.
- Secondary minerals may also be deposited in the tubes later, such as gypsum or calcite crystals.

2. Erosional Caves

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3. Sea Caves

- Carved by the power of oceans.
- Found all over the world and may be one of the most numerous types of caves.
- Sea caves rarely have formations like solution caves or lava tubes.



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3. Sea Caves





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4. Glacier Caves



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5. Solution Caves

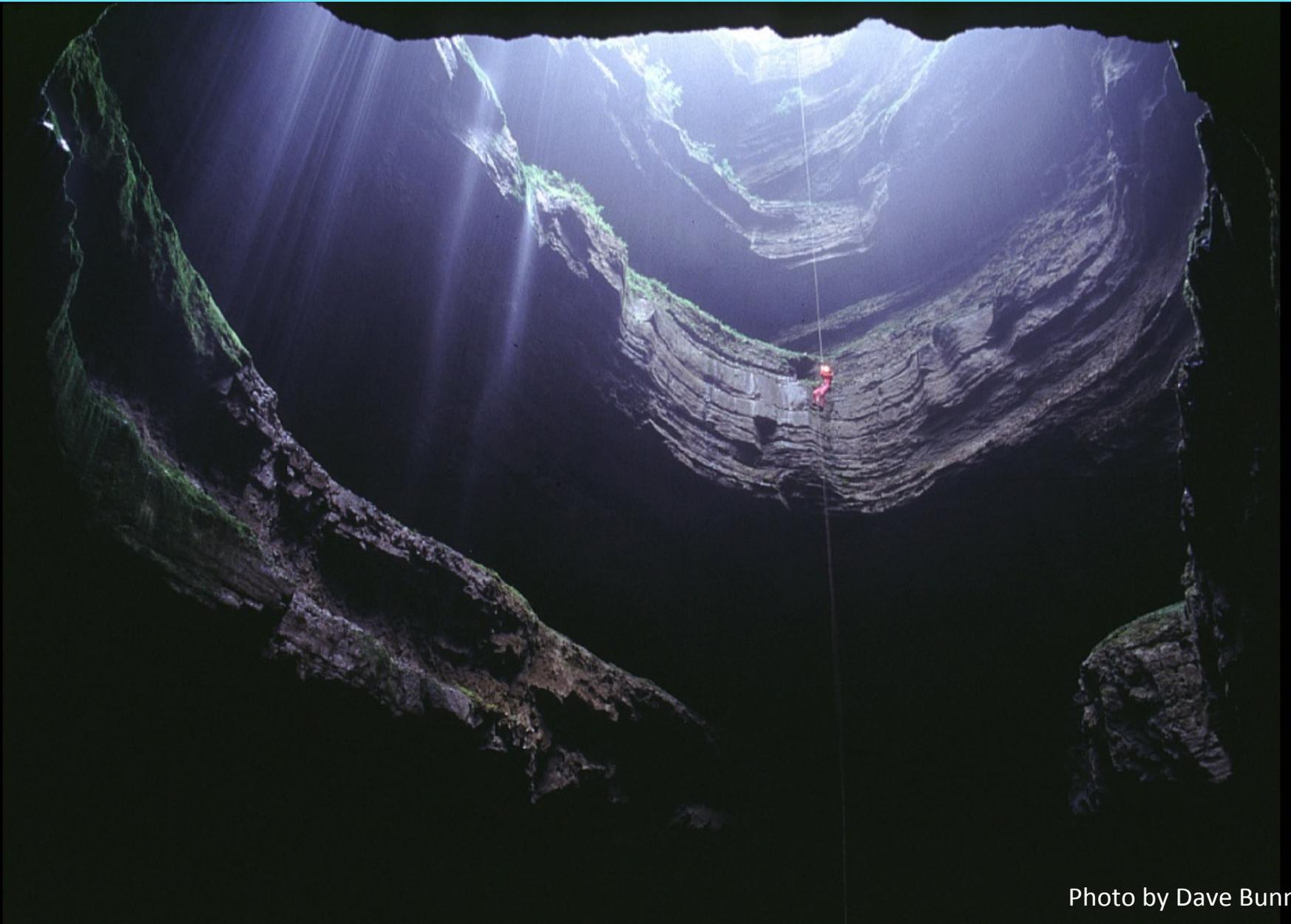


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5. Solution Caves



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