## From GPS, Google Maps and Uber to Spatial Computing

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# **Spatial Computing: Recent Examples**



SaTScan" oftware for the spatial, temporal, and space-time scan statistics





Planet

















UberEats



Earth on AWS

Build planetary-scale applications in the cloud with open geospatial data.





Google Earth Engine











Grubhut

Spin

SPIN

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Bird

Leading Market Players

# The Changing World of Spatial Computing

	Last Century	Last Decade
Map User	Well-trained few	Billions
Mappers	Well-trained few	Billions
Software, Hardware	Few layers, e.g., Applications: Arc/GIS, Databases: SQL3/OGIS	Almost all layers
User Expectations & Risks	Modest	Many use-case & Geo-privacy concerns

# It is widely used by Government!

Q? Which agencies sowed seeds for Google Maps?



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### Table 1. Members of the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC)

Dept. of Agriculture	Environmental Protection Agency
Dept. of Commerce	Federal Emergency Management Agency
Dept. of Defense	General Services Administration
Dept. of Energy	Library of Congress
Dept. of Health and Human Services	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Dept. of Housing and Urban Development	National Archives and Records Administration
Dept. of the Interior (Chair)	National Science Foundation
Dept. of Justice	Tennessee Valley Authority
Dept. of State	
Dept. of Transportation	Office of Management and Budget (Co-Chair)

**Source:** Peter Folger, Geospatial Information and Geographic Information Systems (GIS): Current Issues and Future Challenges. Congressional Research Service. June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

# **Deconstructing** Precision Agriculture

#AgInnovates2015

Wednesday, March 4, 2015 Reception | 5:00 to 7:00 pm House Agriculture Committee Room, 1300 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC

Think Moon landing. Think Internet. Think iPhone and Google.

Think bigger.

Come hear U.S. farmers, leading agriculture technology companies, and scientists tell how hey work together to fuel U.S. innovation and the economy to solve this global challenge. The event will exhibit three essential technologies of precision agriculture that originated from a broad spectrum of federally funded science: Guidance Systems and GPS, Data & Mapping with GIS, and Sensors & Robotics.

#### Moderator

Raj Khosla, Professor of Precision Agriculture at Colorado State Univ.

#### Farmers

 David Hula, of Renwood Farms in Jamestown, Virginia
 Rod Weimer, of Fagerberg Produce in Eaton, Colorado
 Del Unger, of Del Unger Farms near Carlisle, Indiana

#### Speakers

Mark Harrington, Vice President of Trimble

Carl J. Williams, Chief of the Quantum Measurement Division at NIST

Bill Raun, Professor at Oklahoma State Univ.

Marvin Stone, Emeritus Professor at Oklahoma State Univ.

J. Alex Thomasson, Professor at Texas A&M Univ.

Dave Gebhardt, Director of Data and Technology at Land O'Lakes/WinField

Shashi Shekhar, Professor at the Univ. of Minnesota

### **RSVP** http://bit.ly/1CoOYoa

# Hosted by the Congressional Soils Caucus

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# This is about feeding the world.

# **Economy & Spatial Computing**

### McKinsey Global Institute

The study estimates that the use of personal location data could save consumers worldwide more than \$600 billion annually by 2020. Computers determine users' whereabouts by tracking their mobile devices, like cellphones.

The biggest single consumer benefit, the study says, is going to come from time and fuel savings from locationbased services tapping into real-time traffic and weather data that help drivers avoid congestion and suggest alternative routes. The location tracking, McKinsey says, will work either from drivers' mobile phones or GPS systems in cars.

## The New York Times

Published: May 13, 2011

Big data: The next frontier for innovation, competition, and productivity



# **Ensuring Resource Availability** Advanced technology, including many types of Earth information, will unlock up to **Solution** in economic savings for energy generation and use by 2035.

Satellite observations can also help ensure water availability, which is particularly important to the 20% of the world now living in areas of water scarcity.

### CCC Visioning Workshop: Making a Case for Spatial Computing 2020 http://cra.org/ccc/spatial\_computing.php



### From GPS and Virtual Globes to Spatial Computing-2020

#### About the workshop

This workshop outlines an effort to develop and promote a unified agenda for Spatial Computing research and development across US agencies, industries, and universities. See the original workshop proposal **here**.

#### Spatial Computing

Spatial Computing is a set of ideas and technologies that will transform our lives by understanding the physical world, knowing and communicating our relation to places in that world, and navigating through those places.

The transformational potential of Spatial Computing is already evident. From Virtual Globes such as Google Maps and Microsoft Bing Maps to consumer GPS devices, our society has benefitted immensely from spatial technology. We've reached the point where a hiker in Yellowstone, a schoolgirl in DC, a biker in Minneapolis, and a taxi driver in Manhattan know precisely where they are, nearby points of interest, and how to reach their destinations. Large

#### Logistics

Date: Sept. 10th-11th, 2012 Location: Keck Center Hotel: Liaison Hotel

#### Steering Committee

Erwin Gianchandani

Hank Korth

#### Organizing Committee

Peggy Agouris, George Mason University

Walid Aref, Purdue University

Michael F. Goodchild, University of California -Santa Barbara

# Workshop Highlights

### Agenda

- Identify fundamental research questions for individual computing disciplines
- Identify cross-cutting research questions requiring novel, multi-disciplinary solutions







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- John Jensen, University of South Carolina ٠
- Craig A. Knoblock, University of Southern California .
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- May Yuan, University of Oklahoma .



### 2012 CCC Workshop: Spatial Computing Visioning







## [PDF] Spatial Thinking: A missing building block in STEM education Spatial ... scienceoflearning.jhu.edu/assets/documents/spatial\_thinking\_FINAL.pdf by K Gagnier - Related articles

One critical building block of **success** in **STEM** fields, however, is often overlooked: the ability to think spatially. **Spatial thinking** refers to a set of mental skills that ...

### • Ten Opportunities

- 1. Spatial Abilities Predict STEM Success
- 2. Emerging Spatial Big Data
- 3. Augmented Reality Systems
- 4. Time-Travel in Virtual Globes
- 5. Spatial Predictive Analytics
- 6. Persistent Environment Hazard Monitoring
- 7. Geo-collaborative Systems, Fleets, and Crowds
- 8. Localizing Cyber Entities
- 9. GPS Deprived Environment
- 10. Beyond Geo

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    - Outdoors => Indoors
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# Global Positioning Systems (GPS)

- Positioning ships
  - Latitude f(compass, star positions)
  - Longitude Prize (1714) => marine chronometer
  - accuracy in nautical miles
- Global Navigation Satellite Systems
  - Use: Positioning, Clock synchronization
  - Infrastructure: satellites, ground stations, receivers, …





http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ Global\_Positioning\_System





http://answers.oreilly.com/topic/2815 -how-devices-gather-locationinformation/

#### PRECISE GEODETIC INFRASTRUCTURE National Requirements for a Shared Resource

# **Positioning Precision**



## Spatial Computing is a Critical Infrastructure Today!

- 2 billion GPS receivers in use, will hit 7 billion by 2022.
- Besides location, it reference time for critical infrastructure
  - Telecommunications industry, Banks, Airlines...
- GPS is the single point of failure for the entire modern economy.
- 50,000 incidents of deliberate (GPS) jamming last two years
  - Against Ubers, Waymo's self-driving cars, delivery drones from Amazon
- Ground based alternatives appearing in S. Korea, USA, ...

# Bloomberg Businessweek

July 25, 2018, 4:00 AM CDT

The World Economy Runs on GPS. It Needs a Backup Plan

Source: https://www.bloomberg.com/news/features/2018-07-25/the-world-economy-runs-on-gps-it-needs-a-backup-plan



## **Trends: Localization Without GPS**

- GPS works outdoors, but,
  - It can be jammed or spoofed
  - We are indoors 80% of time!
  - Ex. malls, hospitals, airports, ...
- Indoor infrastructure
  - Location: Wi-Fi, Blue Tooth, ...
  - How to represent indoor for navigation?





## Trends: Locate Cyber Entities

- Web Server (Internet Node) : Internet Protocol IPv6
- Web-browser: HTML 5
- Voluntary: Checkins on facebook, foursquare, ...
- Tweets









Even before cable news outlets began reporting the tornadoes that ripped through Texas on Tuesday, a **map** of the state <u>began blinking red</u> on a screen in the Red Cross' new social media monitoring center, alerting weather watchers that something was happening in the hard-hit area. (AP, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012).<sup>16</sup>

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    - Point Location => Spatial
    - Scalability => Privacy
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# From (Point) Location to Spatial

- Q? What should Google return for the following questions?
  - Distance between Gujarat and Rajasthan
  - Distance between Gujarat and India



# Is GIS just Location?

- Spatial Relationships
  - Ex. Topological, Metric, ...
  - OGC Simple Features Standards
- Help feature selection for machine learning & modeling
  - Ex. Distance to key geographic features
  - Ex. Neighbor relationships



Spatial Analysis	Distance	
	Buffer	
	ConvexHull	
	Intersection	
	Union	
	Difference	
	DymmDiff	

Basic Functions	SpatialReference ()	Τ
	Envelop ()	T
	Export ()	T
	IsEmpty ()	T
	IsSimple ()	T
	Boundary ()	T
		T
Topological / Set	Equal	Τ
Operators	Disjoint	Τ
	Intersect	
	Touch	
	Cross	
	Within	Τ
	10000	
	Contains	
	Overlap	

# **Spatial Big Data Curation**



# **Geo-Security & Geo-Privacy**

- Operational Security Advice by US Army: Avoid Geo-tags!
  - Q. Why?



### Geo-tags can show enemies your location ArmvTimes

Monday Dec 20, 2010

The Army is warning troops to be careful when using Facebook and other popular social networking sites because their geo-tagging features may show where U.S. forces are located in war zones.

### Insurgents Used Cell Phone Geotags to Destroy AH-64s in Iraq ... https://www.defensetech.org > Aircraft <

Mar 15, 2012 - From an Army press release warning of the dangers of geotags: ... location of the helicopters inside the compound and conduct a mortar attack, ...



"I ran a little experiment. On a sunny Saturday, I spotted a woman in Golden Gate Park taking a photo with a 3G iPhone.

Because iPhones embed geo-data into photos that users upload to Flickr or Picasa, iPhone shots can be automatically placed on a map.

At home I searched the Flickr map, and score—a shot from today. I clicked through to the user's photostream and determined it was the woman I had seen earlier.

After adjusting the settings so that only her shots appeared on the map, I saw a cluster of images in one location.

Clicking on them revealed photos of an apartment interior—a bedroom, a kitchen, a filthy living room. Now I know where she lives."

# Challenge: Geo-privacy, ...

- Emerging personal geo-data
  - Trajectories of smart phones, Google map search, ...
- Privacy: Who gets my data? Who do they give it to? What promises do I get?
- Groups: Civil Society, Economic Entities, Public Safety ,Policy Makers



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    - Queries => Persistent Monitoring
  - Spatial Statistics
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# **Location Based Services**

- Location: Where am I? (street address, <latitude, longitude>)
- Directory:
  - What is around me?
  - Where is the nearest clinic (or ambulance)?
- <u>Routes:</u> What is the shortest path to reach there?



# Models: Spatial Graphs & Flow Networks

- Ex.: Roadmaps, Electric grid, Supply chains, ...
- Graphs: Nodes, Edges, Routes, ...
- Flow networks: Capacity constrain
- Operations:
  - Geo-code, Map-matching, ...
  - Connectivity, shortest path, nearest neighbor
  - Logistics: Site selection, Allocation, Max-flow, ...



Graph Data for UMN Campus Courtesy: Bing





lodes	Edges				
NID	EID	From	То	Speed	Distance
N1	E1	N1	N2	35mph	0.075mi
N2	E2	N1	N4	30mph	0.075mi
N3	E3	N2	N3	35mph	0.078mi
N4	E4	N2	N5	30mph	0.078mi
N5	E5	N3	N6	30mph	0.077mi
N6	E6	N4	N1	30mph	0.075mi
N7	E7	N4	N7	30mph	0.078mi
N8	E8	N5	N2	30mph	0.078mi
N9	•••	•••		•••	

## **Dynamic Nature of Transportation Network**



### **Next Generation Navigation Services**

Eco-Routing
 Best start time
 Road-capacity aware, e.g., evacuation route planning



## Why UPS trucks (almost) never turn left - CNN.com

### www.cnn.com/2017/02/16/world/ups-trucks-no-left-turns/ <

Feb 23, 2017 - Left-hand turns are dangerous and wasteful, data shows. By avoiding them, UPS saves 10 million gallons of fuel each year. ... pedestrians than right ones, according to data collected by New

## **Next Generation Navigation Services**

Eco-Routing		
<ul> <li>Best start time</li> <li>Road-capacity aware</li> </ul>	Minimize:	
	DISTANCE	
	FUEL GREENHOUSE GASES	
Static	Time-Variant	
Which is the shortest travel time	Which is the shortest travel time	
path from downtown Minneapolis	path from downtown Minneapolis	
to airport?	to airport at different times	
	of a work day?	
What is the capacity of Twin-	What is the capacity of Twin-	
Cities freeway network to evacuate	Cities freeway network to evacuate	
downtown Minneapolis ?	downtown Minneapolis at different	
	times in a work day?	

## Routing Challenges: Lagrangian Frame of Reference

### Q? What is the cost of Path <A,C,D> with start-time t=1 ? Is it 3 or 4 ?



**Details**: A Critical-Time-Point Approach to All-Start-Time Lagrangian Shortest Paths, IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering, 27(10):2591-2603, Apr. 2015 (A summary in Proc. Intl. Symp. on Spatial and Temporal Databases, Springer LNCS 6849, 2011), (w/ V. Gunturi et al.),

## Spatio-temporal Graphs: Computational Challenges

### **Ranking changes over time**

Violates stationary assumption in Dynamic Programming

Time	<b>Preferred Routes</b>
7:30am	Via Hiawatha
8:30am	Via Hiawatha
9:30am	via 35W
10:30am	via 35W

### Waits, Non FIFO Behavior

Violate assumption of Dijkstra/A\*

Time	Route	Flight Time
8:30am	via Detroit	6 hrs 31 mins
9:10am	direct flight	2 hrs 51 mins
11:00am	via Memphis	4 hrs 38mins
11:30am	via Atlanta	6 hrs 28 mins
2:30pm	direct flight	2 hrs 51 mins

\*Flights between Minneapolis and Austin (TX)

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## Trends: Persistent Geo-Hazard Monitoring

- Environmental influences on our health & safety
  - air we breathe, water we drink, food we eat
- Large Area Surveillance
  - Passive > Active > Persistent
  - How to economically cover all locations all the time ?
  - Crowd-sourcing, e.g., smartphones, tweets,
  - Wide Area Motion Imagery, UAVs, ...



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    - Novel approaches
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# **Spatial Data Science: A Historical Example**



# Limitations of Traditional Data Science

- A. High cost of missed or spurious patterns
  - Pr.[Self-driving car sensors fail to detect a red traffic light] > 0
  - Loss of life, stigmatization, economic loss
- B. Gerrymandering risks
  - Spatial partitioning choice may alter results
- C. Spatial data violates assumptions of traditional data science
  - Data samples: independent and identically distributed (i.i.d)
  - Nearby spatial data samples are not independent
  - No two places on Earth are exactly alike!









# A. Reducing Spurious Patterns

- SatScan (National Cancer Institute)
  - Compare with complete spatial random
  - Monte Carlo simulation







- Spatial Statistics
  - Quantify uncertainty, confidence, ...
  - Model Auto-correlation, heterogeneity, ...



Noel Cressie - Christopher K. Wikle







Satscan<sup>™</sup> Software for the spatial, temporal, and space-time scan statistics

### Hotel That Enlivened the Bronx Is Now a 'Hot Spot' for Legionnaires'

By WINNIE HU and NOAH REMNICK AUG. 10, 2015

### **Contaminated Cooling Towers**

Five buildings have been identified as the potential source of the Legionnaires' disease outbreak in the South Bronx.

- Possible sources of Legionnaires' outbreak
- Additional sites found with legionella bacteria
- Locations of people with Legionnaires'



Source: New York Mayor's Office By The New York Times



The Opera House Hotel is at the center of the outbreak. Edwin J. Torres for The New York Times
## Legionnaires' Disease Outbreak in New York



(a) Legionnaire's in (b) Output of SaTScan New York (2015)

Details: Ring-Shaped Hotspot Detection. IEEE Trans. On Data & Knowledge Eng., 28(120:3367-3381, Dec. 2016 (: A Summary in Proc. IEEE ICDM 2014) (w/ E. Eftelioglu et al.)

## Significant Hotspot (Arbitrary Shape)

#### **Problem definition**

- Inputs: A set of points; DBSCAN parameters; Test statistic; Significance level
- Output: Significant clusters
- Objective: Computational efficiency



#### Contributions

- Significance modeling in DBSCAN
- A fast dual-convergence algorithm

#### Trends

- DBSCAN cannot avoid chance patterns
- SaTScan cannot detect arbitrary shapes

**Details:** Significant DBSCAN towards Statistically Robust Clustering, Y. Xie and S. Shekhar.Proc. 16th International Symposium on Spatial and Temporal Databases (SSTD '19), 2019, ACM (Best Paper Award)

## B. Neighbor Graph Reduces Gerrymandering Risks

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(d) Neighbor g	raph	(a) a map	(b) Partition A	(c) Partition C
Participation Index	Ripley's Cross-K	Pattern	Pearson Correlation	Pearson Correlation
0.5	0.33		(-) 0.9	1
1	1	$\bigcirc \bigcirc$	1	(-) 0.9



#### Co-locations/Co-occurrence



**Details**: Discovering colocation patterns from spatial data sets: a general approach, (w/ H. Yan et al.), IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering, 16(12), Dec. 2004.

### **Colocation Mining**

 $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{Participation ratio } pr(f_i, c) \mbox{ of feature } f_i \mbox{ in colocation } c = \{f_1, f_2, \hdots, f_k\}: \\ \mbox{ fraction of instances of } f_i \mbox{ with feature } \{f_1, \hdots, f_{i-1}, \hdots, f_{i+1}, \hdots, f_k\} \mbox{ nearby } \\ \mbox{Participation index } PI(\ c \ ) = \min\{\ pr(\ f_i, \ c \ ) \ \} \end{array}$ 

#### **Properties:**

- (1) Computational: Non-monotonically decreasing like support measure Allows scaling up to big data via pruning
- (2) Statistical: Upper bound on Cross-K function

Comparison with Ripley's K-function (Spatial Statistics)

	B.1 ← → A.1	B.1 • A.1	B.1 A.1
	A.3 B.2 A.2	A.3 B.2 A.2	A.3 B.2 A.2
K-function (B, A)	2/6 = 0.33	3/6 = 0.5	6/6 = 1
PI (B, A)	2/3 = 0.66	1	1

## Cascading spatio-temporal pattern (CSTP)



**Details**: Cascading Spatio-Temporal Pattern Discovery, (w/ P. Mohan et al.), IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering, 24(11), Nov. 2012.

### **MDCOP Motivating Example : Input**



• Manpack stinger





- M1A1\_tank
- (3 Objects)



- M2\_IFV (3 Objects)
- Field\_Marker (6 Objects)
- T80\_tank (2 Objects)



- BRDM\_AT5
  (enemy) (1 Object)
  BMP1
- (1 Object)



## MDCOP Motivating Example : Output



## C1. Modeling Auto-correlation in Prediction Models

- Traditional Models
  - Linear Regression (e.g., Logit), Bayes Classifier, Neural Networks, Decision Trees
- Semi-Spatial : auto-correlation in regularizer
- Spatial Models
  - W = neighbor matrix (row-normalized)
  - Spatial autoregressive model (SAR)
  - Markov random field (MRF) based Bayesian Classifier

Traditional	Spatial	
$y = X\beta + \varepsilon$	$y = \rho W y + X \beta + \varepsilon$	
$\Pr(C_i \mid X) = \frac{\Pr(X \mid C_i) \Pr(C_i)}{\Pr(X)}$	$\Pr(c_i \mid X, C_N) = \frac{\Pr(C_i) \Pr(X, C_N \mid c_i)}{\Pr(X, C_N)}$	



 $\varepsilon = \|y - X\beta\|^2 + \|y - y_{neighbor}\|^2$ 

## **Ex.: Spatial Auto-Regression Parameter Estimation**

 $\rho$ : the spatial auto - regression (auto - correlation) parameter

W: n - by - n neighborhood matrix over spatial framework

Name	Model	
Classical Linear Regression	$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$	
Spatial Auto-Regression	$\mathbf{y} = \rho \mathbf{W} \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{x} \mathbf{\beta} + \mathbf{\varepsilon}$	

Maximum Likelihood Estimation

$$\mathbf{n}(L) = \left| \mathbf{n} \middle| \mathbf{I} - \rho \mathbf{W} \right| - \frac{n \ln(2\pi)}{2} - \frac{n \ln(\sigma^2)}{2} - SSE$$

- Computing determinant of large matrix is a hard (open) problem!
  - size(W) is quadratic in number of locations/pixels.
  - Typical raster image has Millions of pixels
  - W is sparse but not banded.

A parallel formulation of the spatial auto-regression model for mining large geo-spatial datasets, SIAM Intl. Workshop on High Perf. and Distr. Data Mining, 2004. (w/ B. Kazar)

## C2. Modeling Spatial Heterogeneity: GWR

- Geographically Weighted Regression (GWR)
  - Goal: Model spatially varying relationships
  - Example:  $y = X\beta' + \varepsilon'$ Where  $\beta'$  and  $\varepsilon'$  are location dependent



Source: resources.arcgis.com



### Quiz

- Which are addressed in Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)?
  - Statistical significance to reduce chance Patterns
  - Spatial Auto-correlation
  - Spatial Heterogeneity

## Trends: Civil Society Concerns

- Was Tesla "self-driving" claim fatal? : <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o02H2xGlecc</u>
- Are automated face recognition software fair?
- <u>NSF DCL 19-016</u>: Fairness, Ethics, Accountability, and Transparency: Enabling Breakthrough Research to Expand Inclusivity in CISE Research
- Books:
  - Weapons of Math Destruction, Cathy O'Neil, 2016 (2019 Euler Book Prize, TED talk)
  - Automating Inequality, V. Eubanks, 2018.







#### Self-Driving Cars Still Can't Handle Snow, Rain, or Heavy Weather

By Joel Hruska on October 30, 2018 at 4:53 pm 87 Comments

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A downpour in Las Vegas at the CES technology show a year and a half ago may prove to have been a watershed moment in the race to develop autonomous cars. While other companies promoting their experimental self-driving vehicles had to keep them parked in the rain, one company, AdaSky, demonstrated how its sensors could see people hundreds of feet ahead even in a downpour, and even when they were wearing white and standing against a white background.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Thermal imaging is the best sensor at detecting people, day or night," Chris Posch of FLIR Systems said.

# ElectroMagnetic (EM) radiation

• Emitted by all objects above absolute zero (0° Kelvin(K), –273°C)



Source: directthermography.co.uk



# **Spectral Indices**

- Index = a summary across multiple bands to predict a feature, e.g., vegetation, water, ...
- Example using near-infra-red (NIR) and red (RED)
  - Ratio vegetation index (RVI) or Simple ratio index (SRI) = NIR/RED
  - Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) = (NIR RED) / (NIR + RED)
  - Physical interpretation: energy absorption, photosynthetic capacity
- Ex.: NDVI for Healthy vegetation (NIR = 50%, RED 8%)
  - Stressed/sparse vegetation (NIR = 40%, RED = 30%)
  - Q? How may a farmer use NDVI to monitor crops?



Agribotix UAV-collected VI imagery recognized that the wheat density observed from the road was not indicative of the whole field. The red areas will likely produce less wheat.



We walked to this location to ground-truth the aerial images and found much sparser rows in the red areas shown in the image at left.

Bestdroneforthejob.com





### Virtual Globes & Volunteered Geo-Information

- Virtual Globes: Geo distribution, patterns
  - 1995: UMN Map Server
  - 1998: Al Gore's Digital Earth Speech
  - 1999: Microsoft Terra-server
  - 2004: Keyhole (Google Earth) : Fly-through





The Enduring Vision of a Digital Earth Speech by Al Gore, Jan. 31, 1998

Google earth

- Volunteered Geo-Information
  - Allow citizens to make maps & report
  - 2009 Haiti Post-Earthquake Maps
  - Road maps, Traffic maps, ...



## **Remote Sensing** – Agriculture Monitoring



**Global Agricultural Monitoring** 

AMIS Agricultural Market Information System

## **Opportunities: Time-Travel and Depth in Virtual Globes**

- Virtual globes are (quilt) snapshots
- How to add time?
  - Ex. NASA NEX, Google Earth Engine,
  - Ex. Google Timelapse: 260,000 CPU cor hours for global 29-frame video



googleblog.blogspot.com/2013/05/a-picture-of-earth-through-time.html

• Spatio-temporal Resolution

- Planet Labs. : daily 1m scan (visual bands)
- USDA VegScape / CropScape
- Small Satellites
  - CubeSat (10cm x 10cm x 11.35cm)



## Large Constellations of Small Satellites

- Hi-frequency (e.g., daily or hourly) time-series of imagery of entire earth
  - Monitor illegal fishing, forest fires, crops (2017 DARPA Geospatial Cloud Analytics)
- Small Satellites: video (5-minutes): <u>https://geospatialstream.com/sciencecasts-nasa-embraces-small-satellites/</u>
- Large Constellations
  - 2017: Planet Labs: 100 satellites: daily scan of Earth at 1m resolution in visible band



## Cheap (or free) satellite data on cloud computers

- 2008: USGS gave away 35-year LandSat satellite imagery archive
  - Analog of public availability of GPS signal in late 1980s
- 2017: Many cloud-based Virtual collaboration environment
  - Explosion in machine learning on satelliite imagery to map crops, water, buildings, roads, ...

	Google Earth Engines	NEX	AWS Earth
Elevation, Landsat, LOCA, MODIS, NAIP	Х	х	х
NOAA	x		x
AVHRR, FIA, GIMMM, GlobCover, NARR, TRIMM, Sentinel-1	x	X	
IARPA, GDELT, MOGREPS, OpenStreetMap Sentinel-2, SpaceNet (building/road labels for ML)			x
CHIRPS, GeoScience Australia, GSMap, NASS, Oxford Map, PSDI, WHRC, WorldClim, WorldPop, WWF,	x		
BCCA, FLUXNET		х	Spatial Computing

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### From Earth Observation to Geo-Dashboards



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## **Geographic Information Systems & Geodesy**

- GIS: An umbrella system to
  - capture, store, manipulate, analyze, manage, and present diverse geo-data.
  - SDBMS, LBS, Spatial Statistics, ...
  - Cartography, Map Projections, Terrain, etc.
- **Map Projections**

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- Which countries in North Korea missile range?
- Spherical coordinates vs. its planar projections





### Trend: 3 Dimensions, e.g., High Definition (HD) Roadmaps

- Trucks and bridges (<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=USu8vT\_tfdw</u>)
- Self- Driving Cars, HD-Roadmaps (Cm accuracy)
  - Base Map: road centerlines
  - (3D) Geometry: overpass, walls, curbs, slope, ...
  - Semantic: known traffic lights, stop sign, …
  - Map priors: known object types (e.g., people, cars, ...
  - Real-time: Camera, LiDAR, ...



https://m.futurecar.com/3346/BMW-China-and-Beijing-based-Mapping-Company-NavInfo-to-Develop-HD-Maps-for-Autonomous-Driving

## **Trends: From Maps to Models**



## **Facilitate Collaboration & Interaction**

- Example: Collaborative Geodesign
- Goal: Improving water quality under limited budget
- Features
  - Collaboration to resolve conflicts
  - Interactive land allocation
  - Real-time visualization and feedback
  - Iterate till convergence



## **Opportunities: Beyond Geographic Space**

- Spaces other than Earth
  - Challenge: reference frame?
- Ex. Human body
  - What is Reference frame ?
    - Adjust to changes in body
    - For MRIs, X-rays, etc.
  - What map projections?
  - Define path costs and routes to reach a brain tumor ?

Outer Space	Moon, Mars, Venus, Sun, Exoplanets, Stars, Galaxies
Geographic	Terrain, Transportation, Ocean, Mining
Indoors	Inside Buildings, Malls, Airports, Stadiums, Hospitals
Human Body	Arteries/Veins, Brain, Neuromapping, Genome Mapping
Micro / Nano	Silicon Wafers, Materials Science



http://convergence.ucsb.edu/issue/14



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## Summary

- Spatial Data are ubiquitous & important
- Spatial Computing has transformed our society
  - -It is only a beginning!
  - -It promises an astonishing array of opportunities in coming
- Current Data Science Tools are inadequate – Gerrymandering, Spatial Auto-correlation, ...
- Ask: Data Science Degrees should include –Spatial Data Science Methods...

#### The World Economy Runs on GPS.



#### A UCGIS Call to Action:

Bringing the Geospatial Perspective to Data Science Degrees and Curricula



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## Algorithmic Fairness and Equity

#### Facial Recognition Is Accurate, if You're a White Guy Feb. 9, 2018

#### The New Hork Times



Facial recognition algorithms made by Microsoft, IBM and Face++ were more likely to misidentify the gender of black women than white men.



Gender was misidentified in up to 1 percent of lighter-skinned males in a set of 385 photos.



Gender was misidentified in up to 7 percent of lighter-skinned females in a set of



Gender was misidentified in up to 12 percent of darker-skinned males in a set of 318 photos.



Gender was misidentified in 35 percent of darker-skinned females in a set of 271 photos.

### **Trust and Ethics: FATE debate**

- Government View: Security, Balance prosperity and civil society
- **Business View:** Innovation critical for prosperity but carries risks
- Civil Society View: Risks should be disclosed
  - Fairness (or equity) : Reduce bias across gender, race, age, ...
  - Accountability : Determine and assign responsibility for a machine judgement
  - **Transparency (or explainability):** Be open and clear about (prediction) process
  - Ethics:
    - Privacy-preserving, Use case specific dilemmas
    - Trustworhty: **S**afe (Do no harm), **Secure** (Guard against malicious behavior)
- Q? Which category does MAUP/Gerrymandering risk belong to? Choices: F, A, T, E

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https://www.fatml.org/

## Gerrymandering Risk in Traditional Data Science

- Traditional methods not robust in face of
  - Spatial continuity
    - Gerrymandering risk: Spatial partitioning affects Results (Modifiable Areal Unit Problem)
  - Auto-correlation, Heterogeneity, Edge-effect, ...
  - Noise challenge data mining methods

Partition A	Spatial Data	Partition B	
• •	• • •	•	
Partition A: Pearson's Correlation	Pairs	Partition B: Pearson's Correlation	
1		- 0.90	
- 0.90		1	
## Limitations of Traditional Data Mining: Association Rules





(a) Map of 3 item-types

(b) Spatial Partition P1





(c) Spatial Partition P2

(d) Spatial Partition P3

Partitioning	P1	P2	P3
Transactions	T11, T12, T13, T14	T21, T22, T23, T24	T31, T32, T33, T44
Associations with support >= 0.5	( 🔺 😐 )	( 🔳 🔺 )	( 📕 🔺 🔸 )