Automating Human Geospatial Intelligence

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What about people? Where were people? Who live there?





What about people? Human GEOINT is still lacking!





While Physical GEOINT advances, Human GEOINT is largely lagging.

- Automatic large-scale sensing makes rich and upto-date Physical GEOINT possible.
- But human GEOINT is mostly relying on manual, periodical survey like census.







Limitations of current Human GEOINT

- Outdated (as soon as published)
- Coarse-Grained (census tract or block)
- Static (average/aggregate, not "this time")
- Passive (relying on inhabitant corporation)



Goals: **Can we automate Human GEOINT**, to **actively** and **dynamically** acquire **fine-grained**, **up-to-date** information about humans in a place?

- (Q1) Neighborhood Detection: Where are various neighborhoods located in the city?
- (Q2) Neighborhood Profiling: What characterizes each neighborhood (e.g., race, education)?



The time has come: Big Data that is GEO-tagged

- Google Street View
- Microsoft Building Footprints
- Open government data- Data.Gov everywhere.
- Social media- 500m tweets per day in 2021.



Preliminary Study: The City of Chicago

Six zip code area in Chicago.
 Downtown, midtown, suburbs.

Zip Code	60621	60624	60623	60643	60604	60603
Population	28018	34829	81283	48887	823	1052
Income \$	22158	23429	32460	65631	91750	146250
College %	10.2	9.5	10.3	37.3	91.9	95.2
White %	2.2	4.5	38.0	23.3	64.6	64.1
Asian %	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	29.2	32.7

US Census ACS, from 2019



Data Collected and Processed

- Steet View images: 241K images 2021.
 Extracted 62814 vehicles and other features.
- **Tweets:** 25K from Archive.Org 2011 2020.
- Crime incidents: 941K records 2001 2020.
- Building addresses: 40K records (OpenStreetMap).
- Building footprints (Microsoft)

Can data "predict" the human world?



Interestingly, we found *strong features* that are highly indicative for *every* target latent property.



















So we submitted a proposal abstract.

- Task 1: Data Source Discovery
- Task 2: Geo Data Alignment
- Task 3: Feature Extraction and Integration
- Task 4: Prediction Model Construction

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Mission Imperative: MI#1 Assured Positioning, Navigation, Timing, & Targeting (to extend GEOINT foundation products with automatic Human GEOINT).

Application Areas: Cross Cutting-Foundation (to build foundation for Human GEOINT), Geospatial Cyber (to use cyber data).

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