Research topic: Generalisation and Multiple Representation of Location-Based Social Media Data

Prof. Dr.-Ing. habil. Dirk Burghardt, Institute of Cartography, TU Dresden

Multi-scale approach applied to geotagged photographs (Feik and Robertson, 2015)

Multi-scale tag cloud map (Dunkel et al., 2017)
Extracting Place Descriptions from User Generated Content for Map Generalisation

PhD Student. Azam Raha Bahrehdar, Institute of Geography, UZH Zürich

Linking VGI for map generalisation using representative tags (Bahrehdar and Purves, 2016)

Categorising Place dimensions using a probabilistic model (Bahrehdar and Purves)
Research topic: Interactive Image Retrieval for Enabling Enhancement of Scientific Environmental Data

Björn Barz, Computer Vision Group, FSU Jena
Project: Lightweight Acquisition and Large-Scale Mining of Trajectory Data

Moritz Beck, Chair of Computer Science I, University of Würzburg

Semantic Tagging of Trajectories

Efficient Pattern Visualization
Research topic: Lightweight Acquisition and Large-Scale Mining of Trajectory Data

Johannes Blum, Chair of Computer Science I, University of Würzburg

- “Paths using A8”
- “Paths from A to B between 8:00 and 10:00 on Mondays”
- “Paths from Berlin to Paris”

Efficiently store, compress and access trajectory data

Exploit data structures for shortest-path computations
Research topic: Towards an Opportunistic Location Modelling for Tweet Geo-localization
Dr. Rahul Deb Das
Department of Geography, University of Zurich

Research Objective:

• How different information can be integrated adaptively to geolocate an ungeotagged tweet at different granularity?

Information sources: Tweet metadata (user profile, time), location indicative words (toponyms, locale words), context, Instagram images.

Tweet 1: Afternoon walk in sydney?? https://t.co/wu475oJzV, Australia
Research topic: Uncertainty in Geo-Temporal Data
Dr.-Ing. Alexandra Diehl, University of Konstanz

Projects:
• Echochambers
• Multimodal Trajectories
• Social Weather

Publications

M. Hundt, B. Schneider, M. El-Assady, D. A. Keim and A. Diehl. 
*Visual Analysis of Geolocated Echo Chambers in Social Media*. 
Research topic: identifying patterns in people’s perception of the environment and visualising collective attribution of values and meaning as a base for multi-resource environmental decision-making processes

Dr.-Ing. Alexander Dunkel, Institute of Cartography, TU Dresden

Tag Map Fort Mason Center (San Francisco): collective attribution of visual values and meaning from tag clustering (Dunkel, 2012)

Important visual connections and Lines of Sight in Yosemite Valley, extracted from photograph metadata (Dunkel, 2015)
Research topic: Motivation and Participation of Digital Volunteer Communities in Humanitarian Assistance: Models and Incentives for Closing the Gap to Decision Makers

Ramian Fathi (Public Safety and Emergency Management, University of Wuppertal)

1. Motivation and incentives of digital volunteers, who provide volunteered geographic information

2. The relationship between digital volunteering and conventional volunteering in case of crisis and disaster

3. The quality of the geographic information delivered by digital volunteers and its linkage to decision making
Research topic: Visual Communication to Control Route Choice Behavior

M.Sc. Lisa Gillmann
Institute of Cartography and Geoinformatics, Leibniz Universität Hannover

Depending on the color, which route would you choose, when this is all the information you have?

Source: own illustration, basemap - Google Maps
Research topic: Multiscale Visualisation of Categorised Point Datasets

Mathias Gröbe, M.Sc.
Institute of Cartography, TU Dresden

Micro Diagrams: A Multi-Scale Approach for Mapping Large Categorised Point Datasets  (Gröbe and Burghardt, 2017)
Research topic: Analysis and Visualization of User Groups in Location-Based Social Networks

Thomas Gründemann,
Institute of Cartography, TU Dresden

Using Network Analysis for User Group Detection

Spatial Distribution of the User Groups
Research topic: Extraction of Emotions and Reactions from Location-Based Social Media Data

Dr. Ing. Eva Hauthal, Institute of Cartography, TU Dresden

Locals (orange) and Tourists (blue) in Dresden (Hauthal & Burghardt, 2016)
Research topic: Crowd-sourced data collection to support automatic classification of building footprint data

Dr.-Ing. Robert Hecht,
Leibniz Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development

Building classification and urban structure analysis based on topographic data

Semantic enrichment of building data through VGI (actively or passively crowd-sourced)

Data quality aspects and quality control of crowd-sourced information
Research topic: Intensive visual analytics tool to visualize and demonstrate high dimensional data

PhD Student. Garima Jindal, International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad INDIA

Heidi matrix: nearest neighbor driven high dimensional data visualization (2009)

Sample IVAT Screens (2017)
Research topic: open data and network analysis → ?

Stefan Kasberger, Institute for Geography, University Graz

Reachability analysis of kebab restaurants (OSM) in Graz.

Text data mining of Zika virus: Co-occurrences of species in research publications.

Julian Keil, Geomatics Group, Ruhr University Bochum

Analyzing the Effects of VGI-based Landmarks on Spatial Memory and Navigation Performance (Bestgen et al., 2017)
Research topic: Improving cartographic generalisation focusing on point clustering in interactive maps

M.Sc. Johannes Kröger
Lab for Geoinformatics and Geovisualization
HafenCity Universität Hamburg

Preliminary clustering prototype seeded by population distribution (own work)

Grid-based point clustering in the "Tankstellenfinder" of Aral
From http://www.aral.de/de/retail/online-services/tankstellenfinder-und-routenplaner.html
Research topic: Crowdsourcing-based densification of hydrological monitoring systems

Melanie Kröhnert,
Institute of Photogrammetry & Remote Sensing, TU Dresden
Research topic: Application of low-cost sensors for the detection and assessment of hydro-meteorological extreme events

Robert Krüger, Chair of Geoinformatics, TU Dresden

Development of low-cost sensor stations to measure precipitation and soil moisture

Recruit citizen scientists to densify the observation network
Research topics: Map Labeling and Searching in huge sets of spatial data

Dipl.-Inf. Filip Krumpe
Algorithmic Group, Prof. Dr. Stefan Funke
University of Stuttgart

Shahid Latif
Institute of Computer Science and Business Informatics (ICB), University of Duisburg-Essen

Spatio-temporal Analysis
- Preprocess: Clean, Parse
- Temporal: STL, ARIMA
- Spatial: KDE, Clustering
- Spatio-temporal: STARIMA

Natural Lan. Gen.
- Doc Plan
- Micro Plan
- Surface Reali.

Vis. Generator

• Automatic
• Interactive
• Integrating text and Vis.
• Dynamic
Research topic: From Participatory Sensing to intelligent environmental Maps

Florian Lautenschlager, Institute of Computer Science, Uni Würzburg

Sensorbox for participatory sensing

Intelligent pollution maps
Research topic: Spatiotemporal Event Detection and Analysis of Social Media Data

Diao Lin, Chair of Cartography, TU Munich

Multi-scale event detection
Real time local and global events detection

Tracing the evolution of events
How to trace the spatiotemporal propagation of events automatically?

Exploring applications of events
Utilizing substantial event records to understand the place semantics and individual activities
Research topic: Privacy Aspects in VGI

Marc Löchner M.Sc., Institute of Cartography, TU Dresden

Gathering information about the author of an image through a map, that has been created from data out of publicly available images (Löchner, 2017)
Comprehension of Data Quality and Fitness for Purpose at the Example of Intrinsic Data Quality Measures for VGI

Franz-Benjamin Mocnik
Institute of Geography, Heidelberg University

The OpenStreetMap folksonomy and its evolution
(Mocnik, Zipf, and Raifer 2017)

OSMvis – http://osm-vis.geog.uni-heidelberg.de
Research topic: Unsupervised Indoor Localization and Mapping using WiFi Signals

Bastian Schäfermeier
L3S Research Center/University of Kassel

Top-Right: Correlation matrix of WiFi signal strengths
Bottom: Parallel coordinate plot of signal strength vectors

WiFi fingerprint embedding with estimated access point locations
Research topic: Development of a Semiological Methodology on the Comparability of Current with Historical Geodata

Inga Schlegel,
Lab for Geoinformatics und Geovisualization, HCU Hamburg

Hamburg then and now (Facklam and Fleischhauer, 2014)

Approach of Transferring Semiology (OpenStreetMap, 2017; Lindley, Davies & Knight, 1841)
Research topic: Estimation of characteristics of residential buildings on the basis of LoD 1 and statistical micro data

Dipl.-Ing. Martin Schorcht, Leibniz Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development (IOER)
Research topic: Monitoring of Settlement and Open Space Development / German building stock

Steffen Schwarz
Leibniz Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development (IÖR)
Visualization and HCI approaches for integrating local knowledge as enhancement of quantitative data

Jordi Tost, M.A.
IDL Interaction Design Lab, FH Potsdam

Combination of scientific environmental data and VGI (Tost et al. 2017)

Local knowledge / Citizen Science as enhancement?

Focus on user-centered visualization methods to support insight formation and decision-making
Research topic: The value and contribution of VGI and GIS to urban resilience through enhancement of emergency response time

Katerina Tzavella
Project Researcher, TH-Cologne University of Applied Sciences
Doctoral candidate, Safety Engineering Program at University of Wuppertal

Service range analysis of the fire brigades of Cologne during an extreme flood scenario combined with population data and exposure assessments for specific CI using data from different VGI platforms
Research topic: Methods for Quality Assurance and Improvement of Volunteered Geographic Information in Tree Inventory Spatial Databases

Hossein Vahidi, Keio University, Japan

Developing a Proxy Indicator for Intrinsic Quality Assurance of VGI about Tree Species in CS Biodiversity Monitoring Programs

Integration of VGI and VHR Optical Satellite Data for Improvement of the Completeness of VGI in the Tree Inventories for Private Urban Orchards
Research topic: Building Pattern Detection and Generalisation

M.Sc. Xiao Wang,
Institute of Cartography, TU Dresden

Building groups detection and generalisation based on stroke
Research topic:
The Analysis of Spatially Superimposed and Heterogeneous Random Variables --- Using the Example of Social Media

René Westerholt, Institute of Geography, Heidelberg University

How does the spatial superposition of random variables affect spatial analysis results?

How can spatial autocorrelation within AGI datasets be measured and investigated?
Research topic: Visual Analytics for Enabling Enhancement of Scientific Environmental Data by using volunteered images in social media

Dr. Bin Yang, Section 1.5: Geoinformatics
Helmholtz Centre Potsdam
GFZ
A Framework for Representing and Reasoning with Context-Sensitive Vague Place Descriptions

Madiha Yousaf (Smart Environments, University of Bamberg)

1. aim to build a computational model, a formal knowledge representation and a reasoning algorithm, which allows natural language place descriptions to be interpreted by identifying the described place within a spatial database.

2. To which extent can and should context be incorporated into the model to allow for sensible interpretation of natural language place descriptions?

3. How/What will be the query semantics for context sensitive vague place descriptions and relations? How efficiently and effectively can reasoning be performed on the geographic database using the such a model?

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Research topic: Natural Disaster Database Design and Development for Himalaya Using Social Media

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Italy earthquake geographic feature granularity according to Geonames (Zahra et al., 2017)

Myanmar earthquake geographic feature granularity according to Geonames (Zahra et al., 2017)