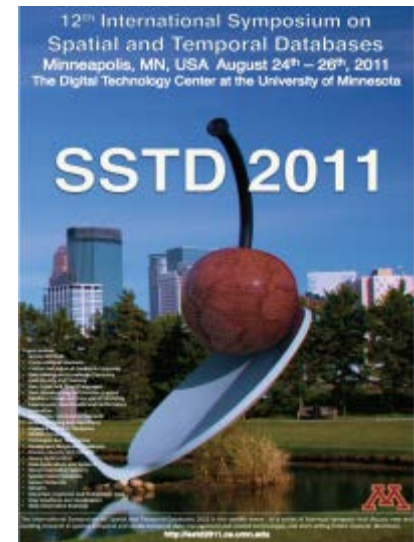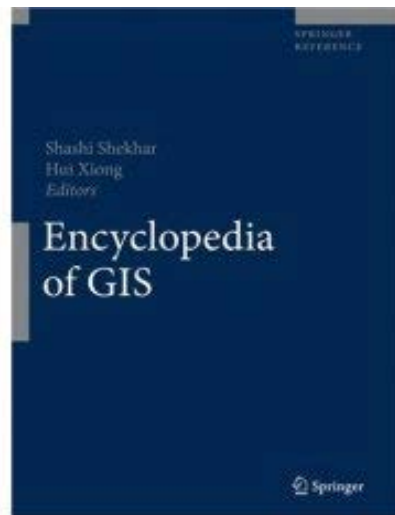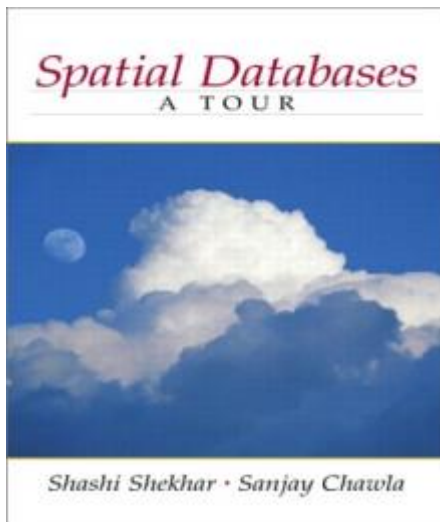# From GPS and Virtual Globes to Spatial Computing 2020

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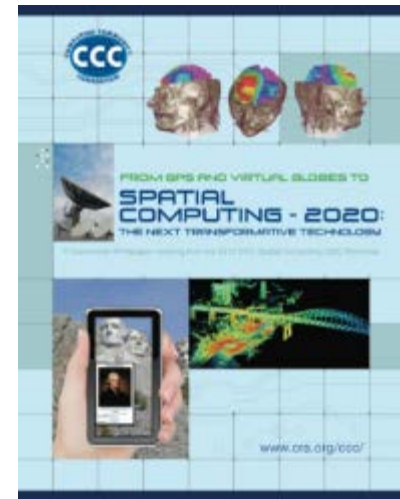
- www.cra.org/ccc/visioning/visioning-activities/spatial-computing
- Community Workshop
    - at National Academy, September 2012
    - Highlights presented in this talk
- With few slides on work from presenter's group

    Identifying patterns in spatial information: a survey of methods,
    Wiley Interdisc. Reviews: Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery ,
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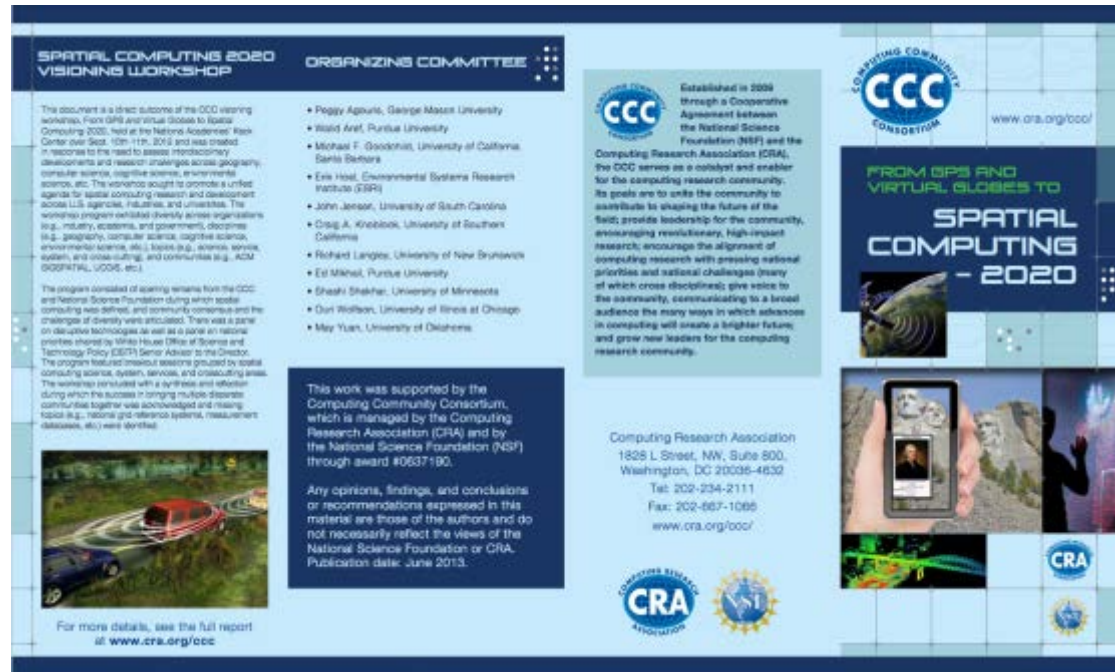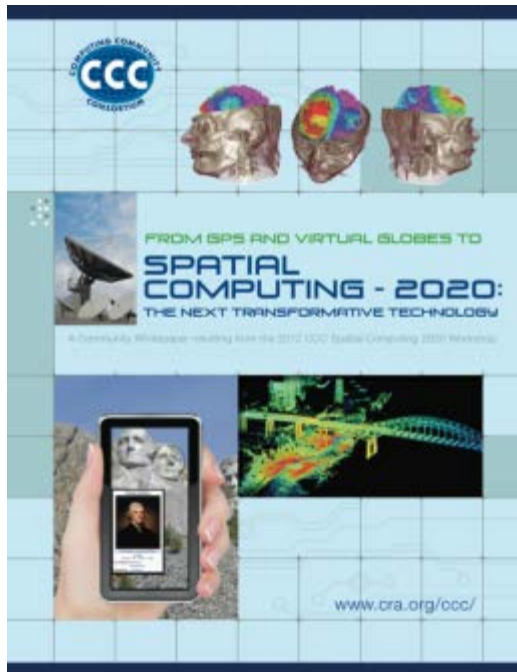
Outline

- Computer Science Education Week! (code.org)
  - President Obama encourages all to learn coding!
  - 2-minute video at
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6XvmhE1J9PY
- Introduction
  - Spatial Computing Audience: Niche => Everyone
  - Spatial Computing 2020 - Workshop
- GPS
- Location Based Services
- Spatial Statistics
- Spatial Database Management Systems
- Virtual Globes
- Geographic Information Systems
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What is Spatial Computing?

- Transformed our lives though understanding spaces and places
    - Examples: localization, navigation, site selection, mapping,
    - Examples: spatial context, situation assessment (distribution, patterns), …

The Changing World of Spatial Computing

Late 20th Century	21st Century and Beyond
Maps were produced by a few highly trained people in government agencies and surveying companies	Everyone is a mapmaker and many phenomena are observable.
Only sophisticated groups (e.g., Department of Defense, oil exploration groups) used GIS technologies	Everyone uses location-based services
Only specialized software (e.g., ArcGIS, Oracle SQL) could edit or analyze geographic information	Every platform is location aware
User expectations were modest (e.g., assist in producing and distributing paper maps and their electronic counterparts)	Rising expectations due to vast potential and risks

It is widely used by Government!

Geospatial Information and Geographic Information Systems (GIS): An Overview for Congress

May 18th, 2011

Congressional Research Service
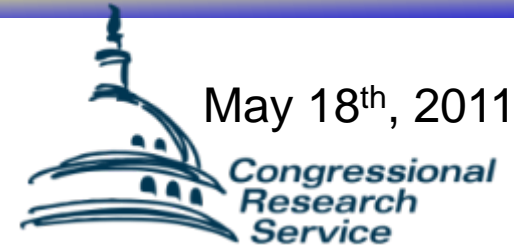
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Dept. of Commerce	Federal Emergency Management Agency
Dept. of Defense	General Services Administration
Dept. of Energy	Library of Congress
Dept. of Health and Human Services	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Dept. of Housing and Urban Development	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)

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

It is only a start! Bigger Opportunities Ahead!

McKinsey Global Institute

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

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 study cites smartphone location services including Foursquare and Loopt, for locating friends, and ones for finding nearby stores and restaurants.

But the biggest single consumer benefit, the study says, is going to come from time and fuel savings from location-based 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

New Ways to Exploit Raw Data May Bring Surge of Innovation, a Study Says

CCC Visioning Workshop: Making a Case for Spatial Computing 2020
http://cra.org/ccc/spatial_computing.php

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Funded Visioning Activities

Disaster Management   SEES IT   HealthIT   Interactive Tech   Architecture   XLayer   Robotics   Learning Tech

Open Source   Cyber Physical Systems   Global Development   Theoretical CS   Big Data Computing   NetSE

Spatial Computing

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

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Academia	Industry	Government

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12 Agencies

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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Workshop Highlights

Pull Panel: National Priorities, Societal Applications of Spatial Computing

Chair: Henry Kelly, OSTP

Members

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US-DoD: Todd Johanesen

NIH/NIEHS: Michelle Heacock

NASA: John L Schnase

DHS: Nabil Adam

NSF EarthCube: Clifford Jacobs

DOT: Walton Fehr

DOE: Alicia Lindauer

Push Panel: Spatial Computing (SC) Platform Trends, Disruptive Technologies

Chair: Dinesh Manocha, UNC

Members:

Graphics & Vision: John Keyser, TAMU

Interaction Devices: Steven Feiner, Columbia University

LiDAR : Avideh Zakhor, UCB

GPS Modernization: Mark Abrams, Advisor to USG

Cell Phones: Ramon Caceres, AT&T

Indoor Localization: Greg Welch, UNC

Internet Localization: Rajesh Gupta, UCSD

Cloud Computing: Divyakant Agarwal, UCSB

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Global Positioning Systems

- Positioning ships
  - Latitude f(compass, star positions)
  - Longitude prize (1714), accuracy in nautical miles

- Global Positioning System (**GPS**),& competition
  - Infrastructure: satellites, ground stations, receivers, ..
  - Use: Positioning (sub-meter), Clock synchronization

Trilateration

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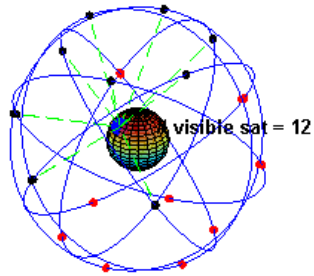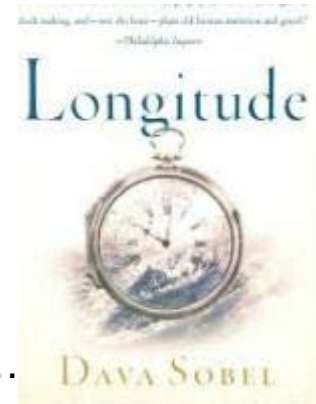
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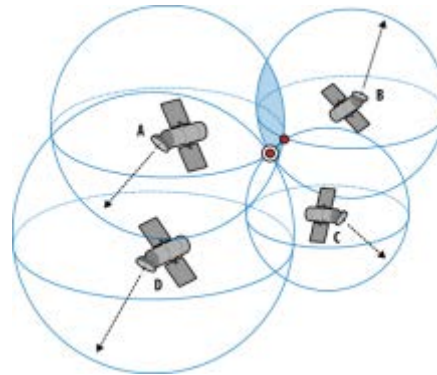
Trends: Localization Indoors and Underground

http://www.mobilefringe.com/products/square-one-shopping-center-app-for-iphone-and-android/

- GPS works outdoors, but,
  - We are indoors 90% of time!
  - Ex. malls, hospitals, airports, etc.
  - Indoor asset tracking, exposure hotposts, …

- Leveraging existing indoor infrastructure
  - WiFi, Cell-towers, cameras, Other people?

- How to model indoors for navigation, tracking, hotspot analysis, …?
  - What are nodes and edges ?

EXIT #1

ROOM 101

First Floor

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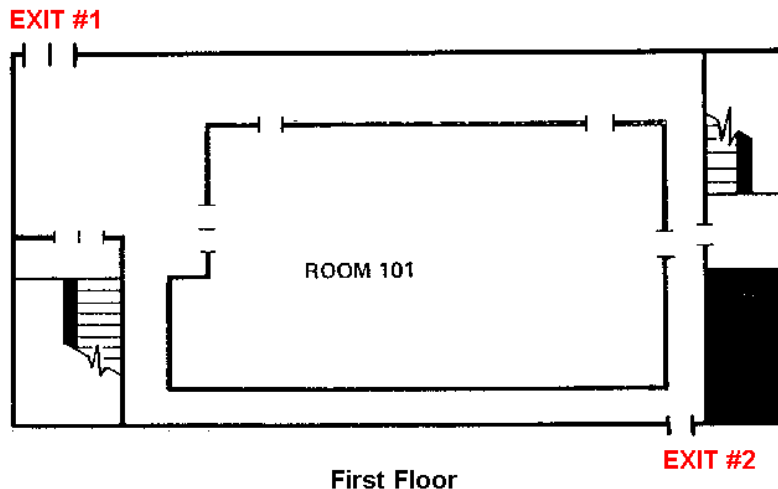
WiFi Localization

http://rfid.r

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Location Based Services

- Open Location Services: Queries
  - Where am I? What is around me?
  - Where is the nearest clinic (or doctor)?
  - What is the shortest path to reach there?
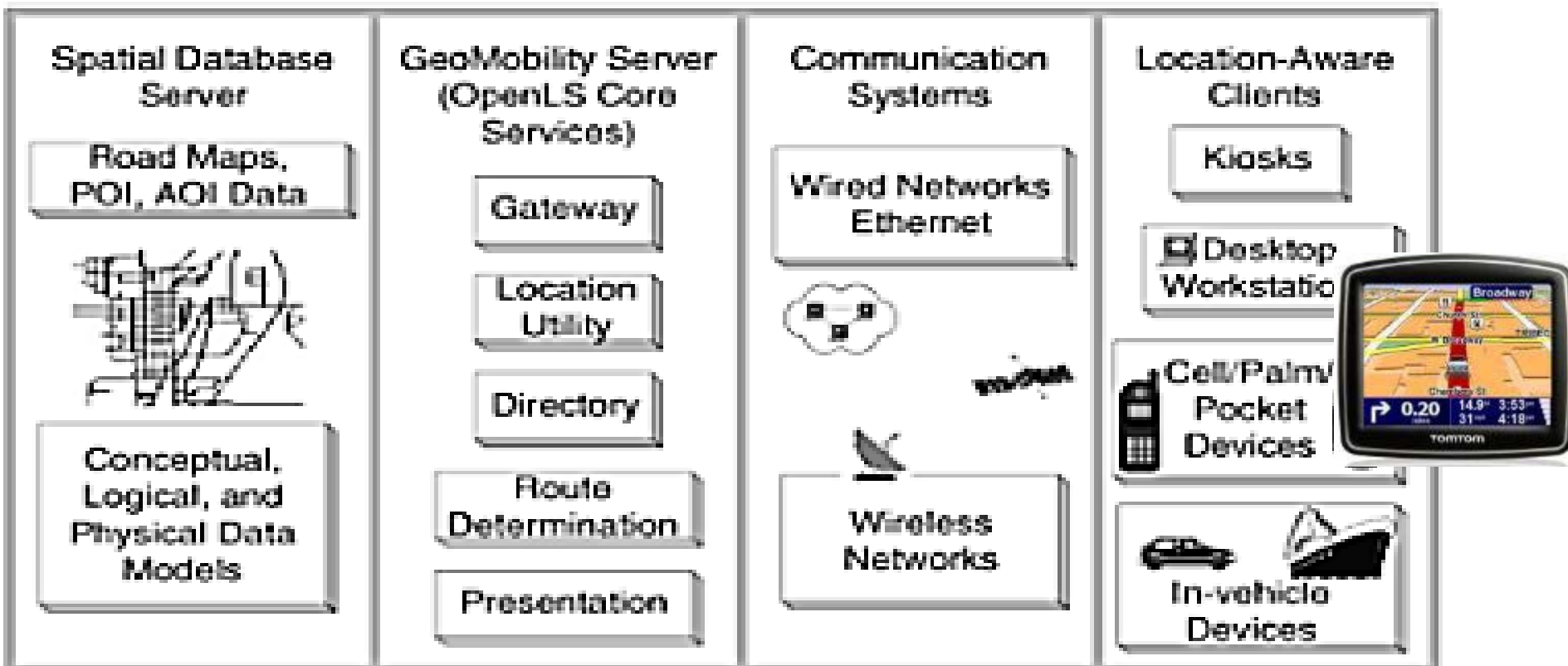
Trends: Persistent Environmental Hazard Monitoring

- Environmental influences on our health & safety
  - air we breathe, water we drink, food we eat
- Surveillance (e.g., SEER):
  - Passive > Active > Persistent
  - A fixed sensor covers a location, all the time
  - A moving sensor covers all location for some time!
  - How may one economically cover all locations all the time ?
- How do we create the infrastructure for the continuous and timely collection, fusion, curation and analysis of big spatio-temporal data?
  - Crowd-sourcing, e.g., American Redcross tweet maps
  - Smart-phone based sensors, e.g., NIEHS
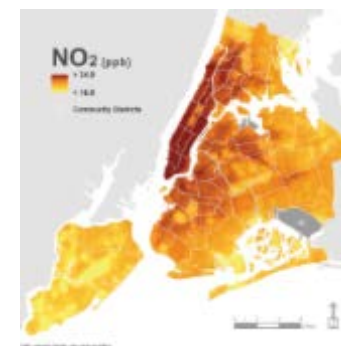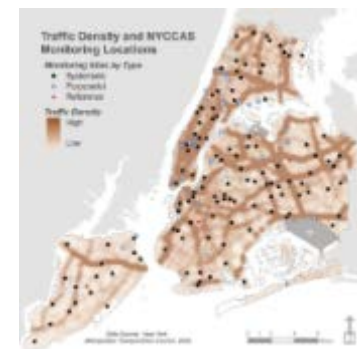
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Spatial Statistics: Mathematical Concepts

Pump sites
Deaths from cholera

- **Spatial Statistics**
  - Quantify uncertainty, confidence, …
  - Is it significant?
  - Is it different from a chance event or rest of dataset?
    - e.g., SaTScan finds circular hot-spots

- **Models of Auto-correlation, Heterogeneity, Edge-effect, …**
  - Point Process, e.g., Ripley's K-functions, SatScan
  - Geo-statistics, e.g., Kriging, GWR
  - Lattice-based models

SaTScan™
Software for the spatial, temporal, and space-time scan statistics
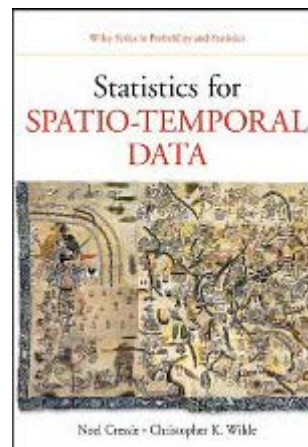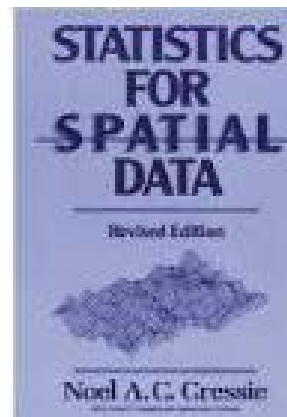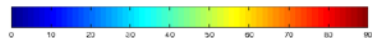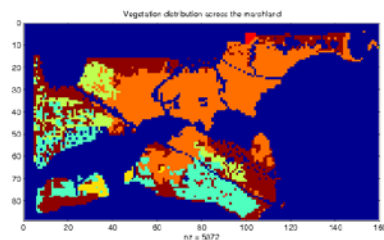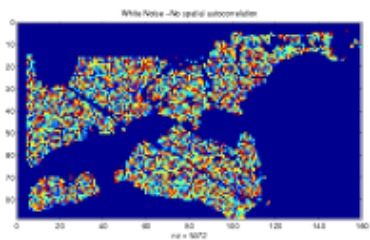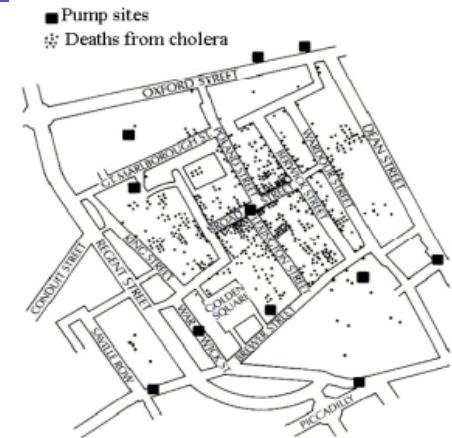
Trends: Spatial-Concept Aware Patterns

- Spatial Concepts
  - Natural geographic features, e.g., rivers, streams, …
  - Man-made geographic features, e.g., transportation network
  - Spatial theories, e.g,, environmental criminology
- Spatial-concept-aware patterns
  - Hotspots: Circle => Doughnut holes
  - Hot-spots => Hot Geographic-features
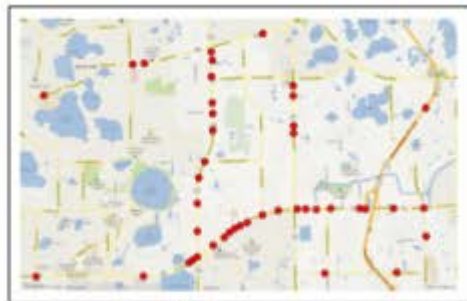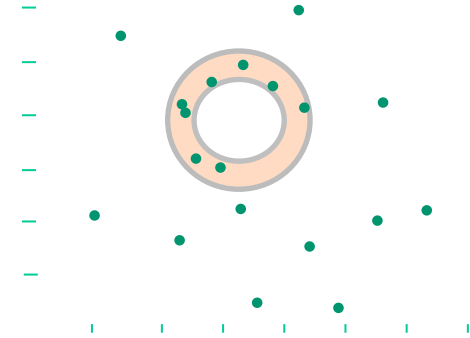
(a) Input   (b) Crimestat K-means with Euclidean Distance   (c) Crimestat K-means with Network Distance   (d) KMR

Hypothesis generation via Co-locations/Co-occurrence

- Co-location (Cholera Deaths, Water Pump)
  - Hypothesis: Cholera is water-borne (1854)
  - Miasama theory => Germ Theory

- Co-location (Liver Cancer, HBV infection)

- Which exposures and cancers are co-located?
  - How may we find these co-location in big data?

TURNING POINTS IN SCIENCE
GERM THEORY

- Pump sites
- Deaths from cholera
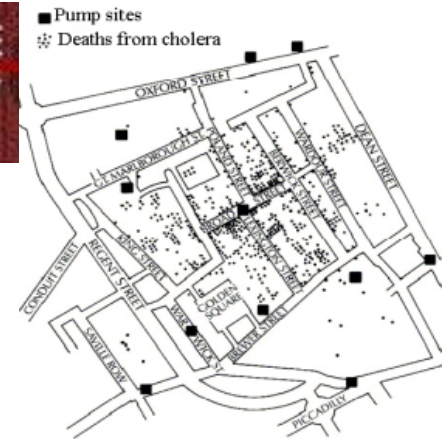
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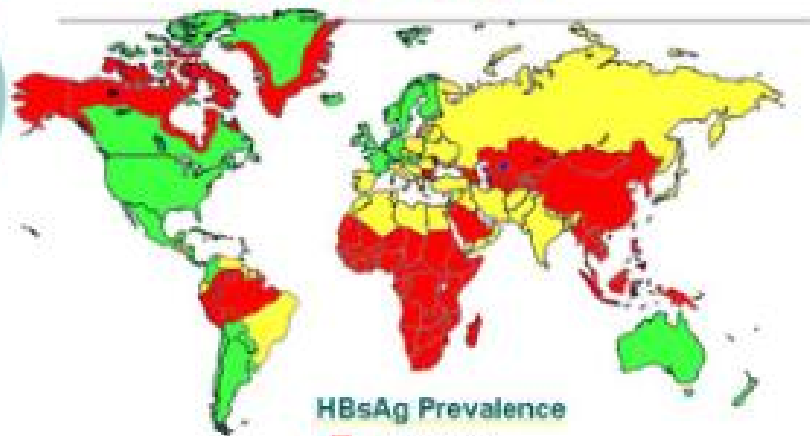
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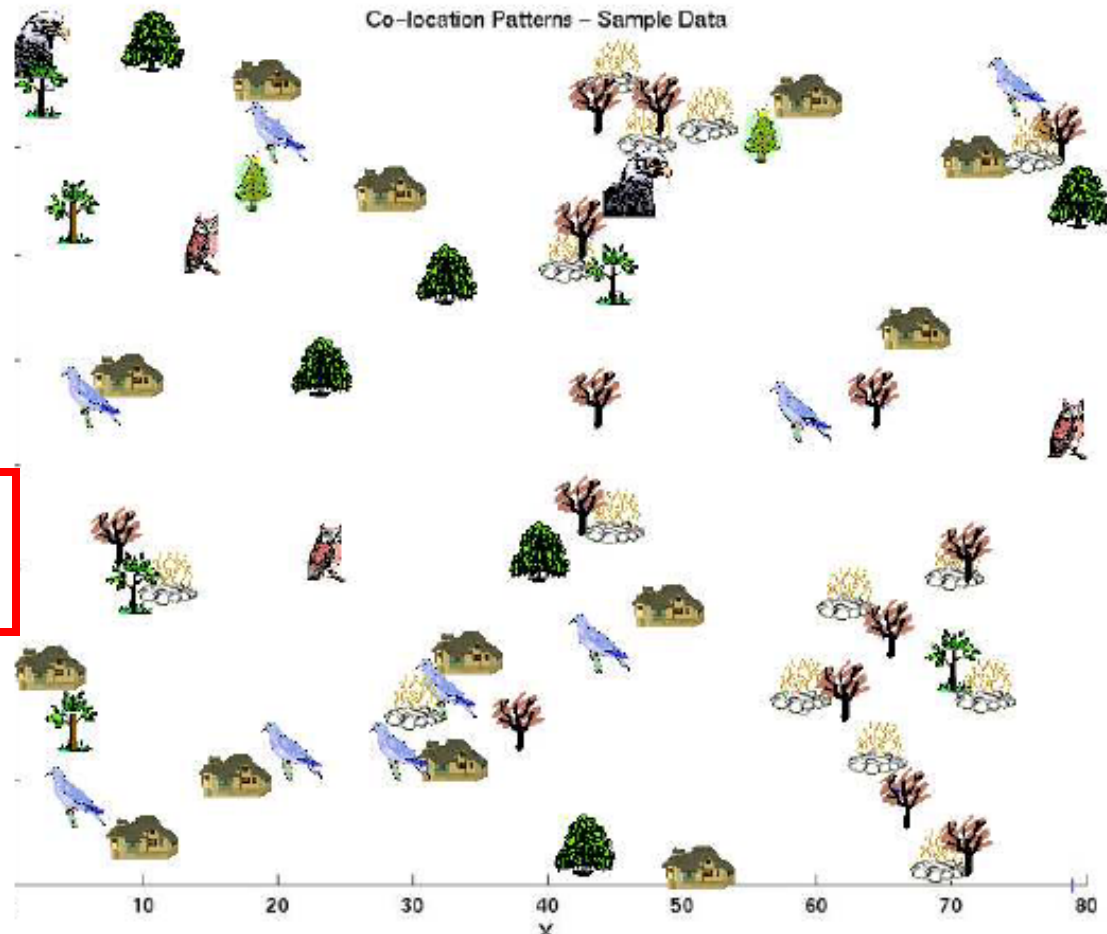- ≥8% - High
- 2-7% - Intermediate
- <2% - Low

CDC 2003

Incidence of Liver Cancer in Males- 2002

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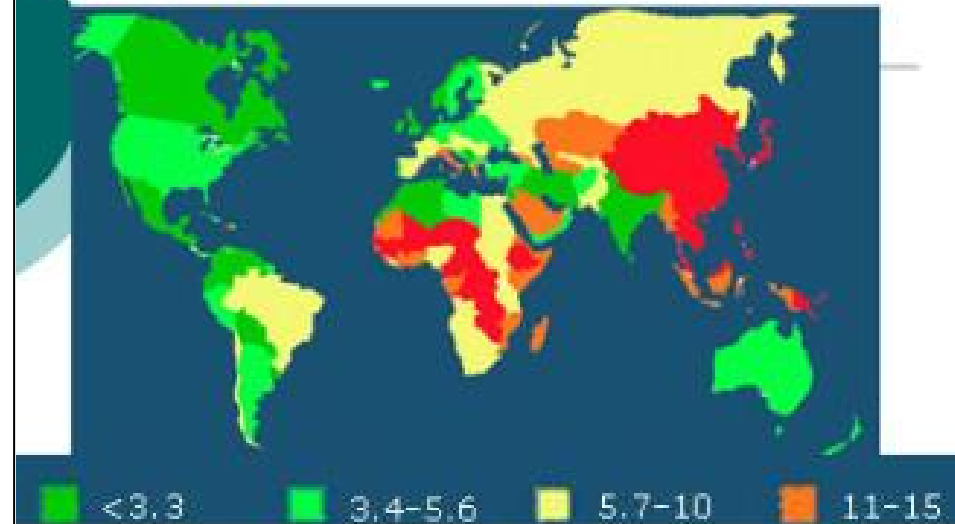
Rates per 100,000

Co-locations/Co-occurrence

- Given: A collection of different types of spatial events

- Find: Co-located subsets of event types

Co-location Patterns – Sample Data

Answers: [cherry tree] [flames] and [blue bird] [house]

Fast Algorithms to Mine Colocations from Big Data

Participation ratio pr(f_i, c) of feature f_i in colocation c = $\{f_1, f_2, …, f_k\}$:

    fraction of instances of f_i with feature $\{f_1, …, f_{i-1}, f_{i+1}, …, f_k\}$ nearby

    (i.e. within a given distance)

Participation index PI(c) = min$\{$ pr(f_i, c) $\}$

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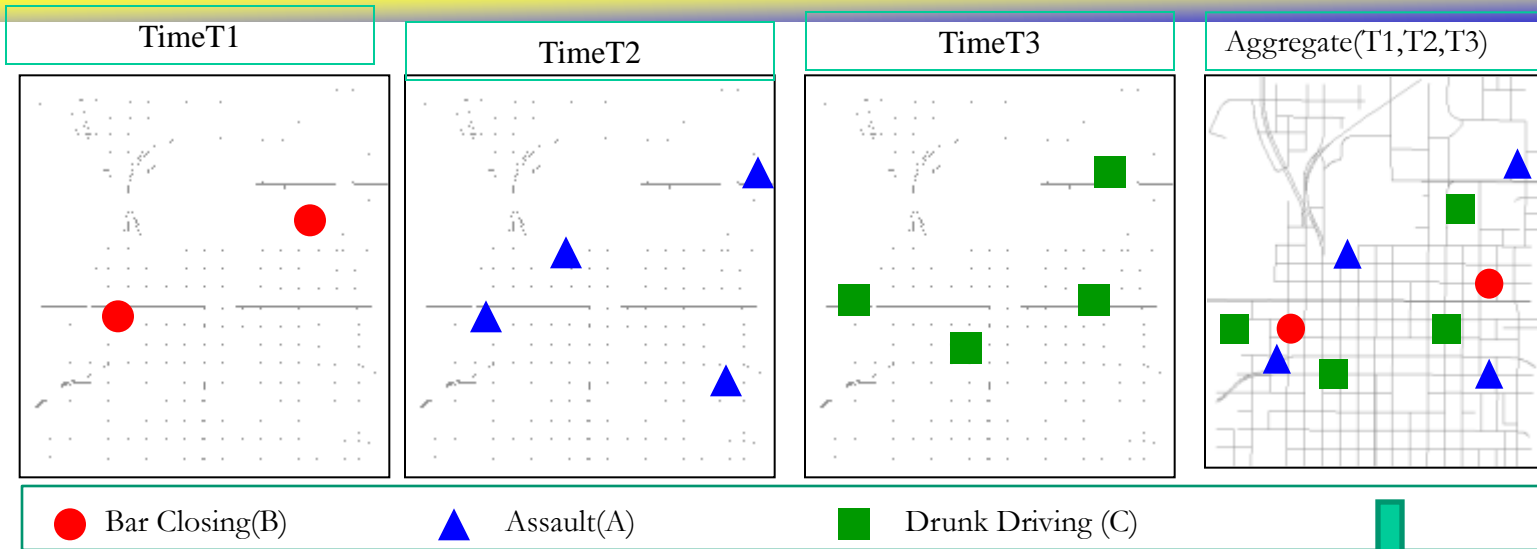
    (1) Computational: Non-monotonically decreasing like support measure

        Allows scaling up to big data via pruning

    (2) Statistical: Upper bound on Cross-K function

■ Comparison with Ripley's K-function (Spatial Statistics)
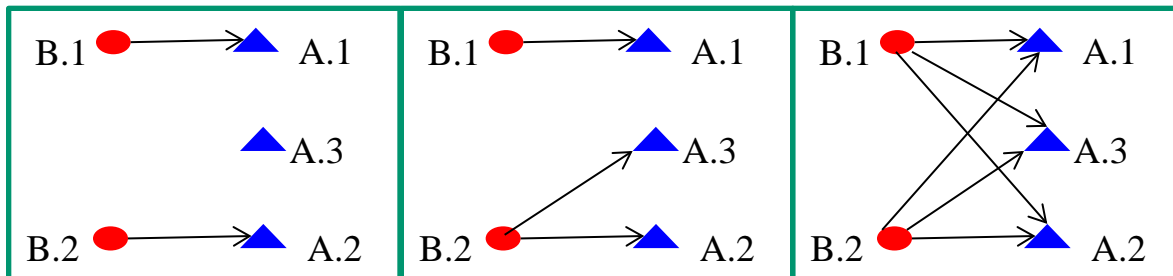
K-function (B → A)	2/6 = 0.33	3/6 = 0.5	6/6 = 1
PI (B → A)	2/3 = 0.66	1	1

Cascading spatio-temporal pattern (CSTP)

| TimeT1 | TimeT2 | TimeT3 | Aggregate(T1,T2,T3) |

● Bar Closing(B)   ▲ Assault(A)   ■ Drunk Driving (C)

□ *Input:* Urban Activity Reports

□ *Output: CSTP*

  □ *Partially ordered* subsets of ST event types.

  □ Located together in space.

  □ Occur in *stages* over time.

□ Applications: Public Health, Public Safety, …
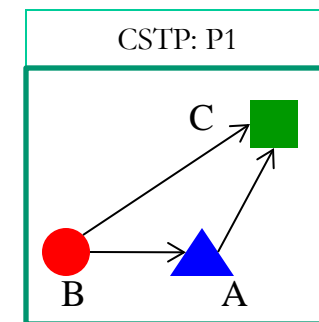
CSTP: P1

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Spatial Databases for Geometry

- Dice, Slide, Drill-down, Explore, …
  - Closest pair(school, pollution-source)
  - Set based querying
- Reduce Semantic Gap
  - Clumsy code for inside, distance, …
  - 6 data-types
  - Operations: inside, overlap, distance, area, …
- Scale up Performance
  - Data-structures: B-tree => R-tree
  - Algorithms: Sorting => Geometric
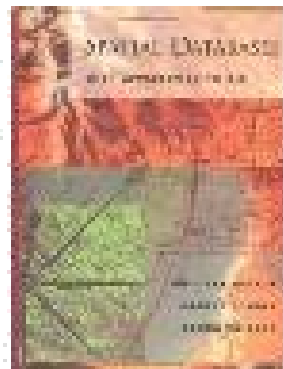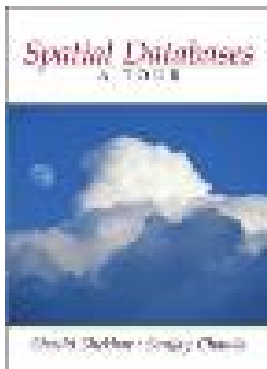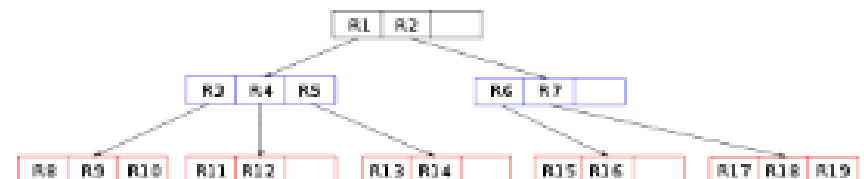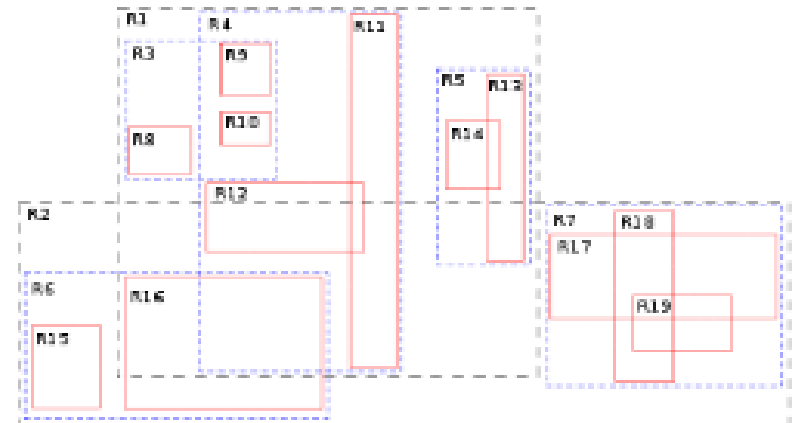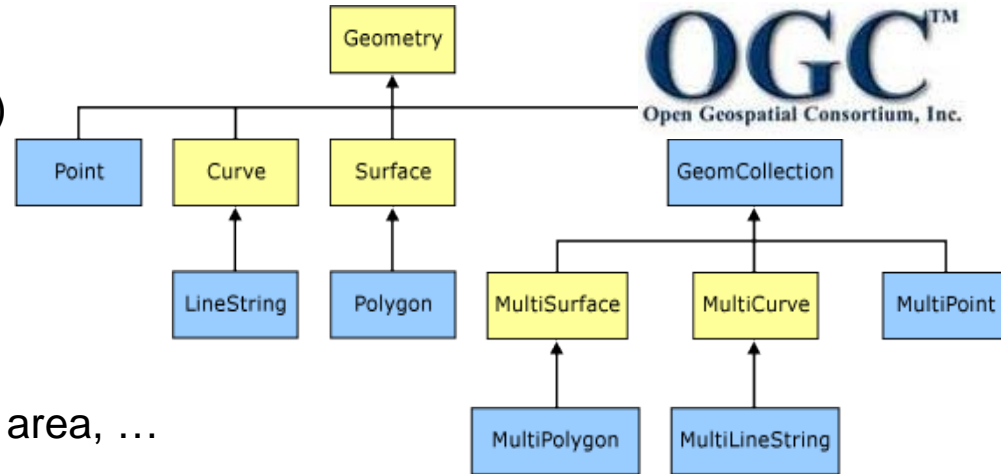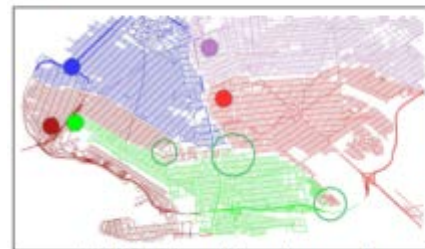
Trend: Spatial Network Databases

- Motivation: Urban phenomena
  - Access to medical facilities
  - Disparity in access
- Trend: model facility capacities
  - Graph models to Flow-Networks
- Trend: Network Patterns
  - (Origin, Destination) pairs
  - => Frequent Routes
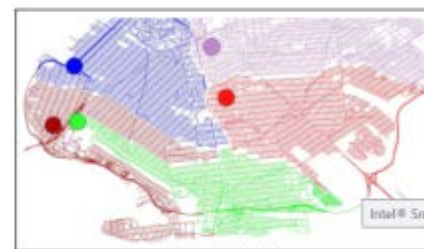- Trend: Spatio-temporal Networks

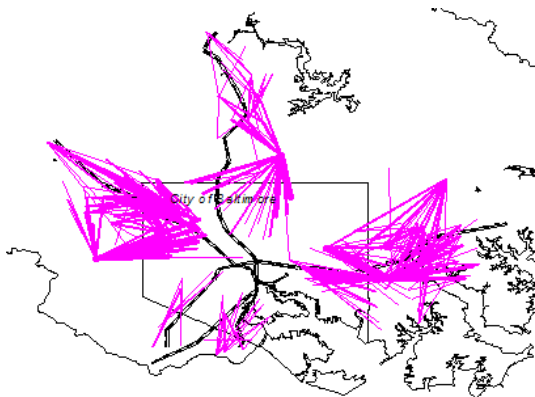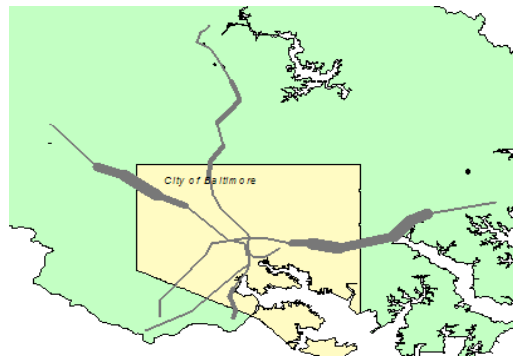

(a) Brooklyn Road Network and Gas Stations

(b) NVD

(c) Min-Cost Flow Approach

(d) CCNVD

(a) Input: Pink lines connect crime location & criminal's residence

(b) Output: Journey- to-Crime (thickness = route popularity) Source: Crimestat

Challenge: Geo-privacy, geo-confidentiality, …

- Emerging personal geo-data
  - Trajectories of smart phones, gps-devices, life-trajectories and migrations, …
- Privacy: Who gets my data? Who do they give it to? What promises do I get?
- Socio-technical problem
  - Need government support
  - Challenges in fitting location privacy into existing privacy constructs (i.e HIPPA, Gramm-Leach-Bliley, Children's Online Privacy Protection Act)
- Groups interested in Geo-Privacy
  - Civil Society, Economic Entities, Public Safety ,Policy Makers

Table 4.2: Geo-privacy Policy Conversation Starters

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| 1. Emergencies are different (E-911) |
| 2. Differential geo-privacy can improve saftey (E-911 → PLAN, CMAS) |
| 3. Send apps to data, not vice-versa (e.g., eco-routing) |
| 4. Transparent transactions for location traces for increased consumer confidence |
| 5. Responsible entities for location traces (Credit-bureau/census, HIPPA++ for responsible parties) |

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Virtual Globes & Volunteered Geo-Information

- **Virtual Globes**
  - Visualize Spatial Distributions, Patterns
  - Visual drill-down, e.g., fly-through
    - Change viewing angle and position
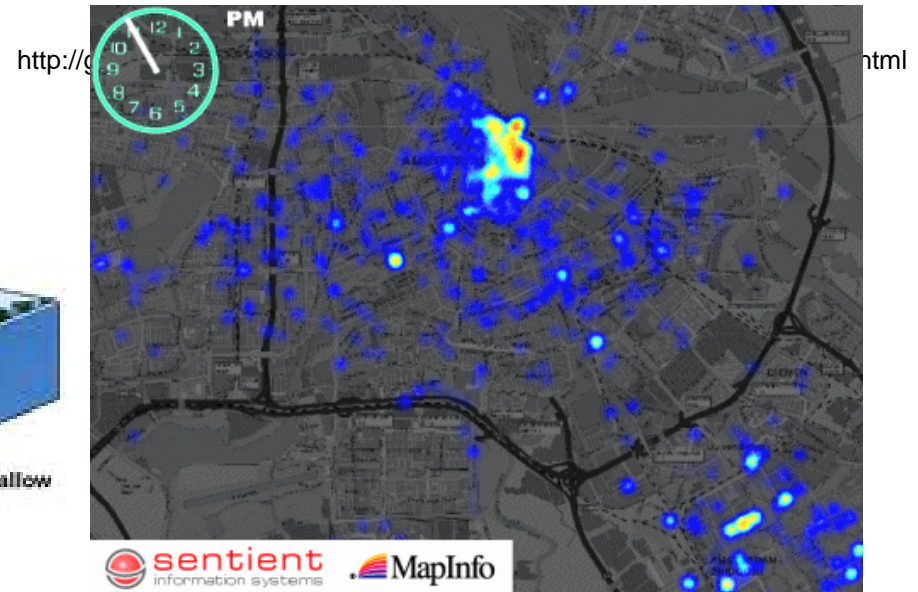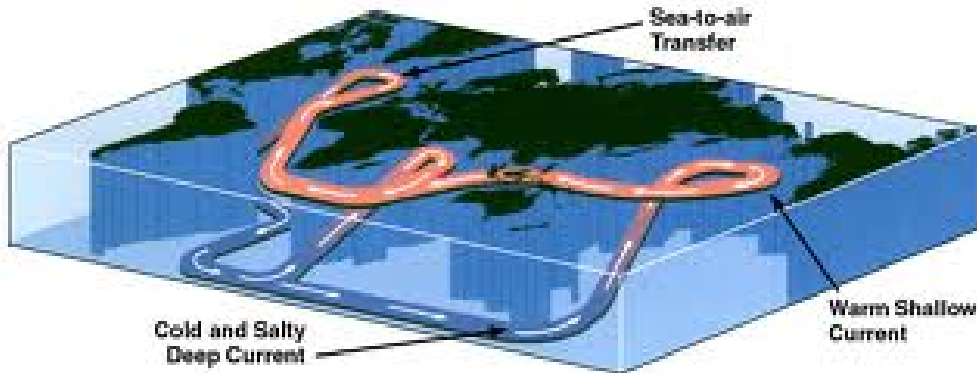   - Even with detailed Streetview!
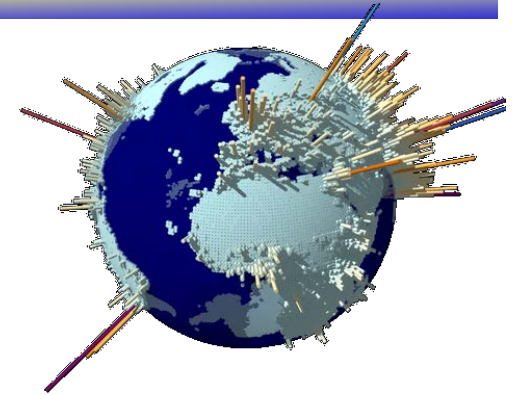
- **Volunteered Geo-Information**
  - Allow citizens to make maps & report
  - Coming to public health!
  - People's reporting registry (E. Brokovich)
  - www.brockovich.com/the-peoples-reporting-registry-map/

Opportunities: Time-Travel and Depth in Virtual Globes

- Virtual globes are snapshots

- How to add time? depth?
  - Ex. Google Timelapse: 260,000 CPU core-hours for global 29-frame video

- How may one convey provenance, accuracy, age, and data semantics?
- What techniques are needed to integrate and reason about diverse available sources?

Dubai Coastal Expansion, 1984-2012

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Sea-to-air Transfer

Cold and Salty Deep Current

Warm Shallow Current

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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.
- Reference Systems
  - Which countries in North Korea missile range?
  - 3D Earth surface displayed on 2D plane
  - Spherical coordinates vs. its planar projections

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North Korea's missiles
At least 1,000 of various types, according to South Korea's defense ministry

Key arsenal

Taepodong-2 *First successful launch December 12, 2012 (Unha-3 rocket based on same system)* 6,700 km
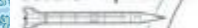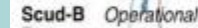
Taepodong-1 *Tested 1998 (failed)* 2,500 km

Rodong *Operational* 1,300 km

Scud-C *Operational* 300 km

Scud-B *Operational* 500 km

Source: AFP/KDM/Global Security

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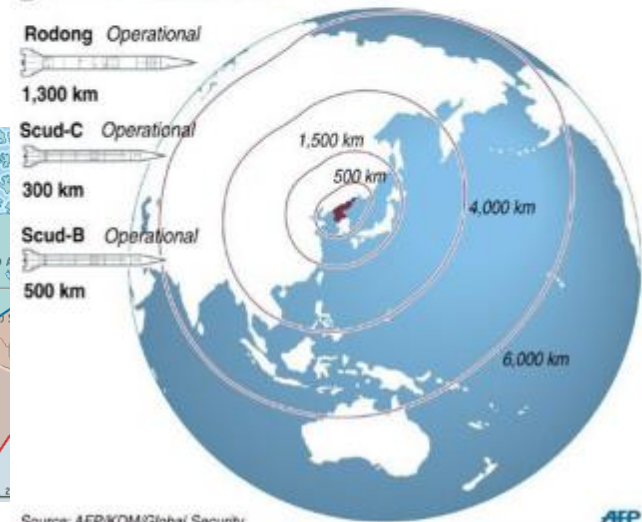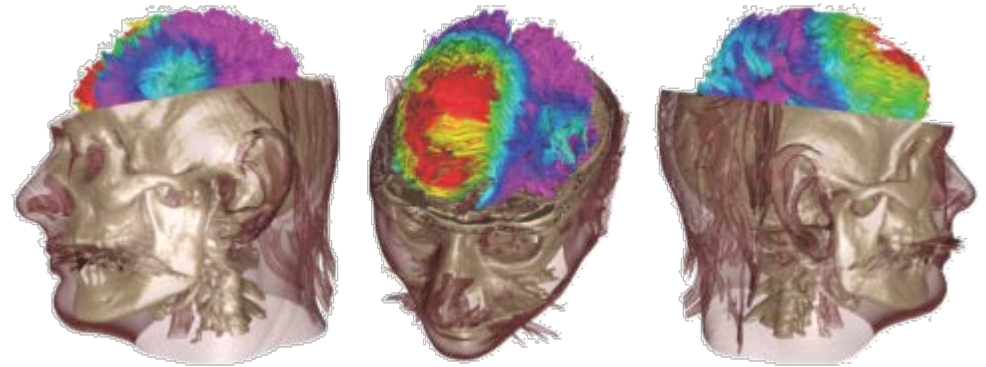
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Opportunities: Beyond Geographic Space

- 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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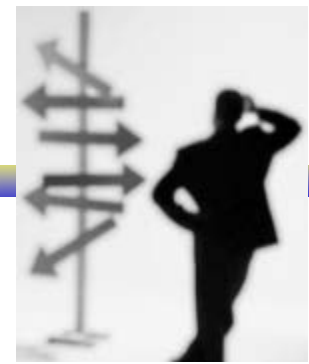
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- Spatial Computing has transformed our society
  - It is only a beginning!
  - It promises an astonishing array of opportunities in coming decade
- However, these will not materialize without support
- Create an enclave for confidential spatial data
  - Very valuable, but can not be shared today due to privacy concerns!
  - NIH HIPPA-compliance expertise can transform spatial-data sharing for research
  - For life-time (or event) exposure assessment using trajectories!
- Create a home for Spatial Computing within NIH
  - A lead Institution
  - Consolidate review of spatial proposals in one panel
    - Or Use special panels to review spatial proposal
    - Or leverage spatial panels at other agencies (e.g., NSF, USDOD-NGA)
  - Include spatial topics in relevant program announcements, e.g., BD2K
  - Create more spatial programs, e.g., spatial uncertainty
  - Reach out to broader spatial community (e.g., AAG, ACM SIG-Spatial, ASPRS, …)