Surveillance Geoinformatics of Hotspot Detection and Prioritization for Monitoring, Etiology, Early Warning and Sustainable Management

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Motivation, Description, and Timeliness
Geoinformatic surveillance for spatial and temporal hotspot detection and prioritization is a critical need for the 21st Century. A declared need is around for statistical geoinformatics and software infrastructure for spatial and spatiotemporal hotspot detection, prioritization, early warning, and sustainable management. A hotspot can mean an unusual phenomenon, anomaly, aberration, outbreak, elevated cluster, critical area. The declared need may be for monitoring, etiology, early warning, or management. The responsible factors may be natural, accidental, or intentional. The five year NSF DGP project has been instrumental to conceptualize surveillance geoinformatics partnership among several interested cross-disciplinary scientists in academia, agencies, and private sector across the nations.

Our efforts are driven by a wide variety of case studies of interest to agencies, academia, and private sector involving critical societal issues, such as public health, ecosystem health, ecohealth, biodiversity and threats to biodiversity, emerging infectious disease, water management and conservation, carbon sources and sinks, persistent poverty, environmental justice, crop pathogens, invasive species management, biosurveillance, biosecurity, disease biogeoinformatics, social networks, sensor networks, hospital networks and syndromic surveillance, video mining, early warning, tsunami inundation, and disaster management. Also space-time disease, poverty, pollution, object identification and tracking, early detection, early warning, hotspot trajectories and trends with examples of West Nile Virus, urban poverty patch dynamics, etc. The project emphasis is on development of geoinformatic hotspot surveillance system. The system has two methodological components: hotspot detection and prioritization.

Our methodology involves an innovation of the popular circle-based spatial scan statistic methodology. In particular, it employs the notion of an upper level set and is accordingly called the upper level set scan statistic system, pointing to the next generation of a sophisticated analytical and computational system, effective for the detection of arbitrarily shaped hotspots along spatio-temporal dimensions. We also propose a novel prioritization scheme based on multiple indicator and stakeholder criteria without having to integrate indicators into an index, using Hasse diagrams and partially ordered sets. It is accordingly called poset prioritization and ranking system.

We propose a cross-disciplinary collaboration to design and build the prototype system for surveillance infrastructure of hotspot detection and prioritization. The methodological toolbox and the software toolkit developed will support and leverage core missions of several agencies as well as their interactive counterparts in the society. The research advances in the allied sciences and technologies necessary to make such a system work are the thrust of this five year project.

The project will have a dual disciplinary and cross-disciplinary thrust. Dialogues and discussions will be particularly welcome, leading potentially to well considered synergistic case studies. The collaborative case studies are expected to be conceptual, structural, methodological, computational, applicational, developmental, refinements, validational, and/or visualizational in their individual thrust.

The proposed short courses will provide up-to-date instruction with live examples and illustrations. The proposed workshops will emphasize presentations of case studies from within the region of the workshops, using preferably the methodology and software of the short courses. The participants will be
encouraged to be in contact with the course instructor before and after the course and the workshop to help formulate and finalize their case studies for presentation and publication.

Best case studies will be invited for presentation at an annual digital government research conference symposium on surveillance geoinformatics of hotspot detection and prioritization to be held in USA. Publications are planned for special issues of subject area journals and edited monographs.

**Technical, Scientific, Picturesque Reference Material**

1. Overview PowerPoint
   [http://www.stat.psu.edu/~gpp/ppts/Atlanta_Overview.pdf](http://www.stat.psu.edu/~gpp/ppts/Atlanta_Overview.pdf)
2. Poster PowerPoint
   [http://www.stat.psu.edu/~gpp/ppts/AtlantaPoster.pdf](http://www.stat.psu.edu/~gpp/ppts/AtlantaPoster.pdf)
3. Poster Two Pager
4. Demo Two Pager
5. Project Highlights Two Pager
6. Center for Statistical Ecology and Environmental Statistics
   [http://www.stat.psu.edu/~gpp](http://www.stat.psu.edu/~gpp)
7. Hotspots Project Initiatives
   [http://www.stat.psu.edu/hotspots](http://www.stat.psu.edu/hotspots)
8. NSF Digital Government Research Program Online News
   [DGOOnline News 2004 and 2006](http://www.stat.psu.edu/hotspots)
9. Networks and Infrastructure
   [http://www.stat.psu.edu/%7Egpp/current_events.htm](http://www.stat.psu.edu/%7Egpp/current_events.htm)
10. Raster Map Analysis
    [http://www.stat.psu.edu/%7Egpp/raster_map_analysis.htm](http://www.stat.psu.edu/%7Egpp/raster_map_analysis.htm)
11. Landscape Pattern Analysis for Assessing Ecosystem Condition (Johnson and Patil)
12. Pattern Based Compression of Multi Band Image Data for Landscape Analysis (Myers and Patil)
13. Article on the workshop program on hotspot geoinformatics
14. Freeware for circular spatial scan program and information.
    [http://www.satscan.org](http://www.satscan.org)
15. Freeware for academia for Hasse program for Windows
    [http://www.getsynapsed.de/](http://www.getsynapsed.de/)

The following web links are of some informative papers.


The following links are of some relevant methods and tools.

21. TeeraSeer Space-Time Intelligence System
   http://www.terraseer.com/

22. Salford Systems
   http://www.salford-systems.com/

23. CrimeStat
   http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/crimestat


Federal Agency Partnership
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National and International Applications
- Biosurveillance
- Carbon Management
- Coastal Management
- Community Infrastructure
- Crop Surveillance
- Disaster Management
- Disease Surveillance
- Ecosystem Health
- Environmental Justice
- Environmental Management
- Environmental Policy
- Homeland Security
- Invasive Species
- Poverty Policy
- Public Health
- Public Health and Environment
- Robotic Networks
- Sensor Networks
- Social Networks
- Syndromic Surveillance
- Tsunami Inundation
- Urban Crime
- Water Management

Websites:
http://www.stat.psu.edu/~gpp/
http://www.stat.psu.edu/hotspots/
http://www.stat.psu.edu/~gpp/DGOnlineNews2006.mht