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A Vision of the Next Generation of Earth Observing System and the Role of Machine Learning



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The Next Generation MINTS Environmental & Social Observatory for <u>Actionable Insights</u>

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Cyber Physical Observatory

Measure -- Simulate -- Protect & Improve Intelligent Prediction -- Advanced Detection -- Accelerated Intervention Towards Decoding Human Chem-Bio Detection

<u>Multi-Use Multi-scale Integrated Interactive Intelligent</u> <u>Sensing and Simulation providing Actionable Insights</u>



Vision Statement

Holistic smart sensing and simulation to provide timely actionable insights and transparent transformative data for data driven decisions.

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Machine learning combined with holistic sensing as a service is a powerful tool in addressing a wide range of challenging issues.

Observation



Uses of machine learning:

- 1. Calibration of low-cost sensors
- 2. Creation of new data products (e.g. remotely sensed products)
- 3. Super-resolution
 - Spatial
 - Wavelength
- 4. Physics based machine learning, e.g. for solving ODEs for chemically reactive systems with inference of missing terms

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Multi-Use Multi-scale Integrated Interactive Intelligent Sensing & Simulation









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Platform: Provides sensor with power, time and location stamps all observations, provides communication, and where relevant mobility. This may include wearable sensors.

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Concept Definitions

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- **Software Defined Sensor**: Smart sensor package which combines a physical sensing system with software/machine learning providing a variety of calibrated data products which can be updated via an app store.
 - Platform: Provides sensor with power, time and location stamps all observations, provides communication, and where relevant mobility. This may include wearable sensors.
 - Sentinel: Software Defined Sensor + Platform
 - **Robot Team**: A collection of co-operative autonomous sentinels
 - Cyber Physical Observatory: A collection of sentinels and/or robot teams providing real time actionable insights.



Fully Autonomous Robotic Team For Data Product Creation and Automated Cal/Val



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System Capability

- Autonomous Robotic Aerial Vehicle FreeFly Alta-X (USA)
 - Remote sensing payload
 - In-situ aerosol and gas sensing payload
 - On board machine learning
- Autonomous Robotic Boat Maritime Robotics Otter (Norway)
 - Remote sensing payload
 - In-situ water sensing payload
 - In-situ aerosol and gas sensing payload
 - In-situ meteorological sensing payload
- Ground remote control stations









Autonomous Aerial Vehicle with Payload

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Goal

 Generate the precise latitude & longitude for each hyper-spectral image pixel.

Data Products Generated by the Resonon Pika XC2 Hyper-Spectral Camera

- ► 1,600x1,000 pixels
- 462 wavelengths from 391–1,011 nm (Visible to VNIR)
- ✓ 4 Gb per image
- ENVI binary format
- Latitude, longitude and altitude from the Global Positioning System (GPS)
- Roll, pitch, and yaw from the Inertial measurement unit (IMU)

Assumptions

 The GPS, IMU and hyper-spectral imager are collocated.

Real-Time Onboard Georectification











Hyper-spectral Spectrum

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Create a HDF5 file containing:

- Datacube
- Wavelengths
- Georectified Coordinates
- Pixel Times
- Pixel Resolutions

The HDF5 files may be compressed for more efficient use of storage.

An example spectrum for a single pixel



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Full UAV Remote Sensing Data Stack



Hyperspectral Datacube Thermal (Infrared) Image High Resolution Visible Image . 8









Autonomous Boat: Maritime Robotics Otter



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Over a period of just a few minutes we acquire thousands of training data points. This training data allows our machine learning algorithms to rapidly learn by example.



The Training Data is Autonomously Collected by the Robot Team

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Automating Remote Sensing Data Product Creation





- Robotic Aerial Vehicle automatically tracks boat and observes water with Hyperspectral Imaging.
- Automated reception of real-time co-located training data from robotic boat.
- Onboard machine learning with over 1 TeraFlop of embedded GPUs (256 Cuda cores).
- Onboard real-time derived product creation.

High Bandwidth Wireless Communication



Robotic Boat with **real-time streaming** of in-situ observations of Water Composition direct to the Aerial Vehicle

Near Real Time Data Product Development Timescale with Automated Quality Control & Validation





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Prescriptions

Software Defined Sensors

What Resolution Do We Need?







Infant Mortality per 1,000 Live Births by Zip Code,

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Cyber Physical Social Observatory

Real time holistic environmental and social data for actionable insights. With App stores for on the fly generation of new data products.

(CPSO) Cyber Physical Social Observatory

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Ideal Spatial resolution is 0.5 km









Half of the variance



What Resolution Do We Need?

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Virus and particle size comparison

The average size of a virus is 0.1 micron, or 25 times smaller than a PM2.5 particle. This is used to determine the filtration efficacy of various household materials.

Break-through Family of Sensors

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Particle Size Distribution (IPS7100 sensor)



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Three-dimensional rendering of a FAST3D-CT simulation showing geometric complexity of the urban geometry database and the good vertical mixing caused by the building vortex and recirculation patterns in midtown Manhattan.

Real-Time Complex Terrain Simulation & Sensing for Dense Urban Environments



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