Close to Real-Time Object Detection to Provide Synthetic Environments with Georeferenced Objects for Time-Critical Mission Planning

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Architecture of a Geospatial Analysis Platform

Cloud-based platforms enable processing large quantities of data. Still: same technology can be used on-premise or in field (offline)









Example of Feature Detection: Buildings

Machine Learning models and computer vision algorithms can be combined in workflows to extract relevant features with high precision



Input Imagery



Roofprint Detection / Building Split Detection



Roofprint Split



Footprint Shift



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Vectorization



Height Detection



Procedural Generation of Simulation Environment

Detected features are used as input for procedural generation of the 3D simulation providing a high fidelity, semantically enriched environment.

















Near Real-Time Training and Detection

Our Live Labeling approach gives instant feedback (within seconds) for labeling and training enabling training models on new features in the field on mobile devices.





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Live Labeling for ML Training

Patented Live Labeling toolset and technology in action

Part of the blackshark.ai end-to-end geospatial platform

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Live Labeling Architecture

Live Labeling splits the model into two streams: one global model, which is continuously trained on all training data, and one iterative/local model that only takes the current training image as input and has a very high learning rate, magnifying the impact of every label.





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Example: Close to Real-time Object Detection

Once imagery is captured, Live Labeling is used to train new detection classes, then run inference and visualize newly detected features in the 3D M&S environment









Example: Detecting Trucks

Once arial imagery is available, it is transferred to local units. They can train ML models in an ad-hoc manner and use the inference results in their M&S application.







(1) Input imagery (3) Inference on imagery

(2) labeling trucks (4) visualization in M&S environment











Future Work

Integrate object detection and segmentation into one step; generalization for multidomain environments; broader support of common formats; improved workflows













Thank you.



