

Application of AI and Data Science techniques

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Computer Assisted Web interviews on mobile devices

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- historical insight to data collection
- outline of the project
- some statistics
- conclusions







CAWI mobile in CSB of Latvia data collection environment

 first type of surveys to be collected electronically via web forms was business statistics

- social statistics Computer Assisted Data collection was next
- social statistics Computer Assisted Telephone interviews followed
- social statistics Computer Assisted Web interviews was the next step
- some of surveys previously considered as business statistics moved to CAWI
- CAWI mobile for social statistics surveys launched





Different environments

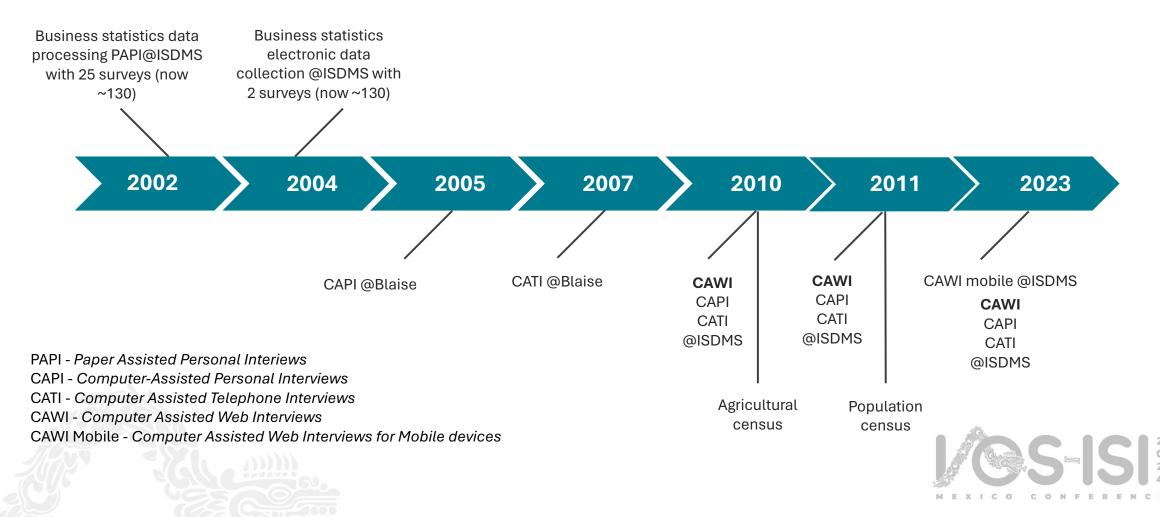
- business statistics data collection:
 - initially manual data entry from paper questionnaires
 - later electronic data collection via web forms
 - Integrated Statistical Data Management System (ISDMS)
- social statistics (and later agricultural statistics) data collection:
 - initially manual data entry from paper questionnaires
 - later electronic data collection CAPI & CATI Blaise
 - then CAPI & CATI Integrated Statistical Data Management System
 - then also CAWI
 - finally, also CAWI mobile







The path to CAWI mobile

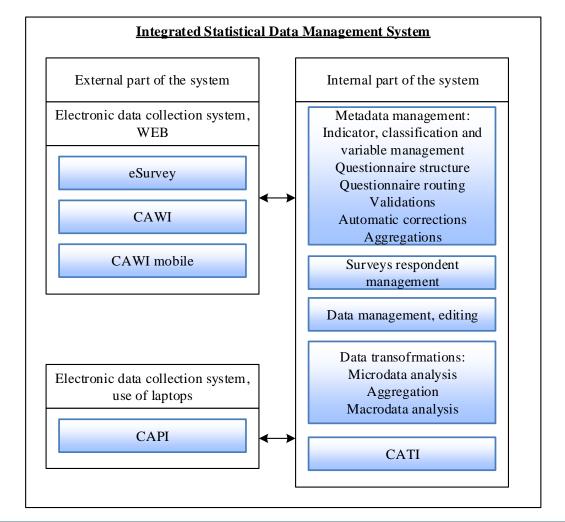






What is Integrated Statistical Data Management System

- centralized system
- metadata based system –
 no programming for new questionnaires, surveys
- supports full data life cycle
- Yearly approx. 130 surveys, 30K businesses and 30K persons surveyed







CAPI – CATI – CAWI

- What are the differences in the questionnaire?
- - CAPI interviewer asks the questions to respondent, capable of explaining
- CATI almost the same, but interview is over phone, not face to face

• - CAWI – respondent is on his/her own with the questionnaire via web browser on the computer



CAWI mobile

- Although technically CAWI web pages would open on mobile devices, but:
- functionality of the pages is not intended to small screens and tapping
- the questions, answers and hints are designed for a big screen







CAWI mobile

- We started using electronic means of communication with respondents at some point for reminders
- - People read them in their mobile devices
- - Trigger for CAWI mobile SMS reminders with survey link
 - Data input is not designed for mobile devices (respondents in most cases tries open the link from mobile device). CAWI data entry is not ready for the web browsers used on smartphones and respondents interrupt the data entry
 - Questions and answers are not designed for mobile devices (too long, to complicated etc.)







CAWI mobile - start

- Financial source European Comission DG Eurostat 2020 Grant project for improvement of various aspects of EU – SILC survey
 - one of the many targets of the project CAWI mobile module implementation
- As CSB of Latvia has ISDMS a common system for data collection the improvements aimed at one survey will serve as a platform for all other surveys where respondent is a person







Reference to EU - SILC

The EU statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC) aim to collect timely and comparable cross-sectional and longitudinal data on income, poverty, social exclusion, and living conditions.





CAWI mobile – the project

- ISDMS is an outsource developed system we needed a technical specification to implement CAWI mobile subsystem
- Internally we have to think through the design of the mobile version of the system
- We want to have CAWI mobile as an additional data collection mode which can be optional
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- Metadata descriptions shall be used to prepare CAWI mobile survey in the same way as the other modes







CAWI mobile – the project, cont.

- Within ISDMS it should be survey wise to be able to use mobile version or not
- The functionality should remain the same be it on laptop or mobile device, but it should be functionally possible to use it
- It must be possible for the respondent to start survey in CAWI mobile and to continue in CAWI – thus data matrix must remain



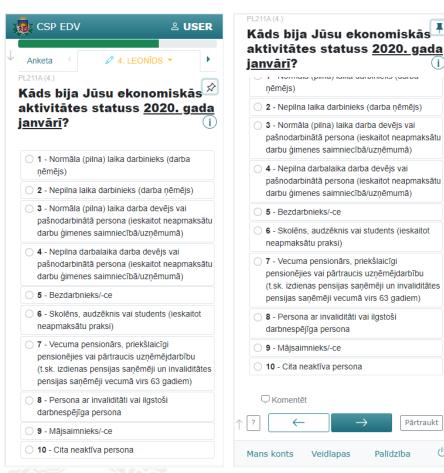




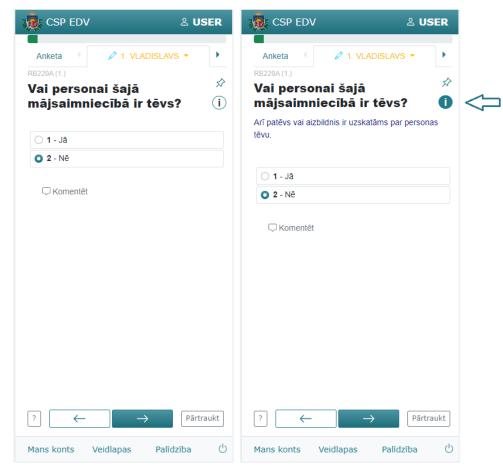
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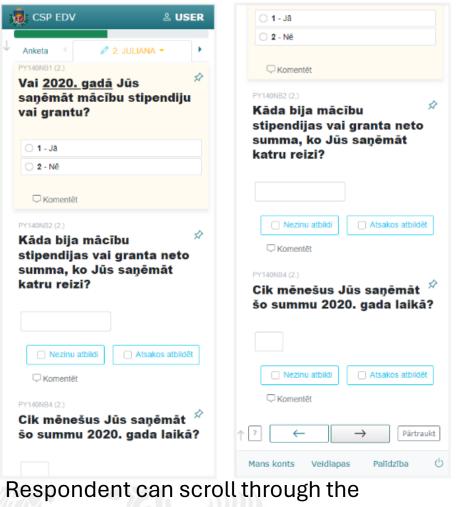


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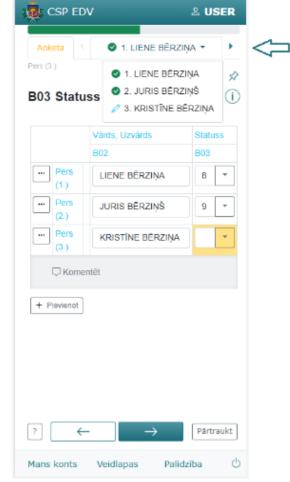




Functional changes, cont.



questionnaire, instead of getting questions on by one



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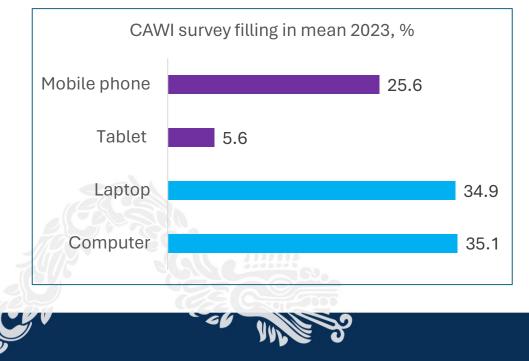


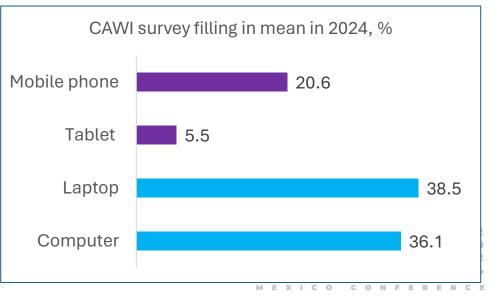
Statistics on response rates, EU - SILC

- EU – SILC survey in CAWI mobile started in 2023 and continues in 2024, respondent feedback is also collected via addition questions

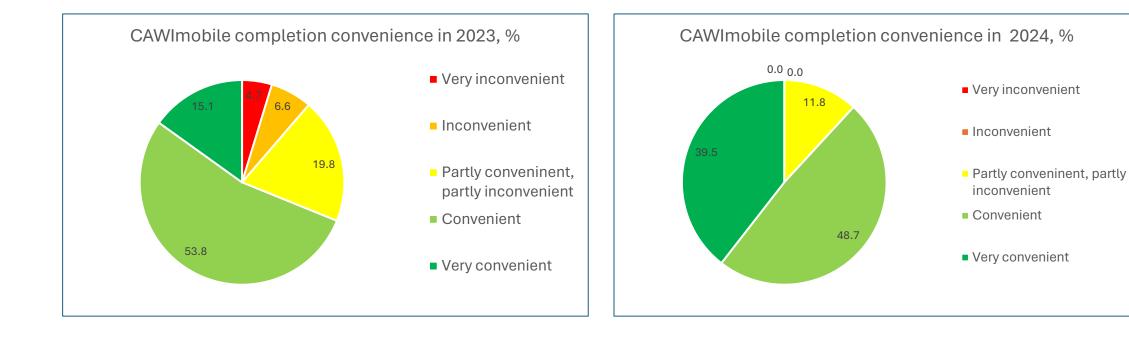
- A total of 390 questionnaires (~6.7% from collected questionnaires) via CAWI were received in 2023

- A total of 291 questionnaires via CAWI were received in 2024 (and counting)





Statistics on response rates, EU – SILC, convenience feedback



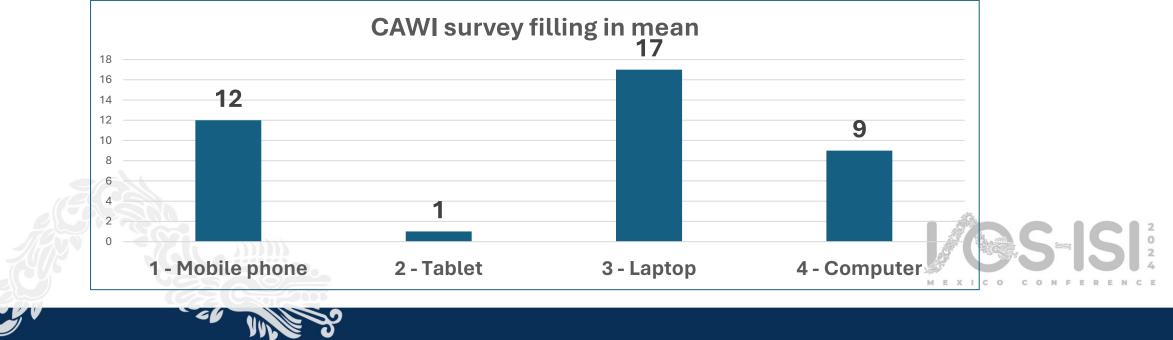




Statistics on response rates, survey "Personal and Professional Trips of Latvian Residents"

- Another survey has started to use CAWI mobile in 2024 - survey "Personal and Professional Trips of Latvian Residents"

- Data has been collected for one week, 45 collected questionnaires (4.2% of total sample size) via CAWI mobile



Survey on the use of information and communication technologies in households and by individuals

- One more survey has started to use CAWI mobile in 2024 survey on the use of ICT.
- Data collection via CAWI is completed

	Count	%
Sample size	8500	100
CAWI (completed)	513	6.04
out of which CAWI		
mobile	197	38.40







Conclusions

- Number of respondents in CAWI as such still is quite small

- Number of respondents specifically in CAWI mobile approach is substantial to overall CAWI respondents

- Work in progress:

- UX/UI further improvements
- Work on questionnaire forms adjustment to small screen a huge challenge
- Questionnaire form length is crucial contradiction to official statistics survey aiming at collecting as much data as possible
- Use of administrative data can help a lot, still a lot of methodological issues pre-print vs shortening the questionnaire vs (not)having required information in administrative data sources at all









Thank you

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INEGI's Advancements In Remote Sensing For A Comprehensive View Of Mexico's Agricultural Landscape Using Data Science Techniques

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Background





Background in the use of Earth Observations

In 2009, the first exercises to use Earth observations for obtaining agricultural statistical information began. Several projects were developed between 2012 and 2018..

However, the high cost of images and software licenses limited their use.



Evolution of Agricultural Census Data

The 2007 Agriculture Census produced a digital archive of all surveyed lands, including their primary activities (agricultural, livestock, or forestry) as attributes. Subsequent update projects began with the 2016 Update of the Agricultural Census Framework (AMCA), which included the following:

- 2016 AMCA, at land level
- 2017 ENA, selected sample only
- 2019 ENA, selected sample only
- 2018-2019 Review of AMCA using satellite imagery
- 2019-2020 Comparison of AMCA with other sources of agricultural boundaries

2022 Agricultural Census (New)



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Agricultural Land Use Identification

Agricultural frontier concept, Territorial distribution of areas in Mexico with agricultural activity, and lands cultivated in the last 5 years.



Problem Statement



Problem Statement

The problem to address is how to produce timely, cost-effective, and reliable estimates of the national agricultural frontier using Earth Observations combined with artificial intelligence algorithms.









Objective





Objective



Calibrate an algorithm using Artificial Intelligence and SENTINEL-2 satellite imagery to estimate the National Agricultural Frontier.



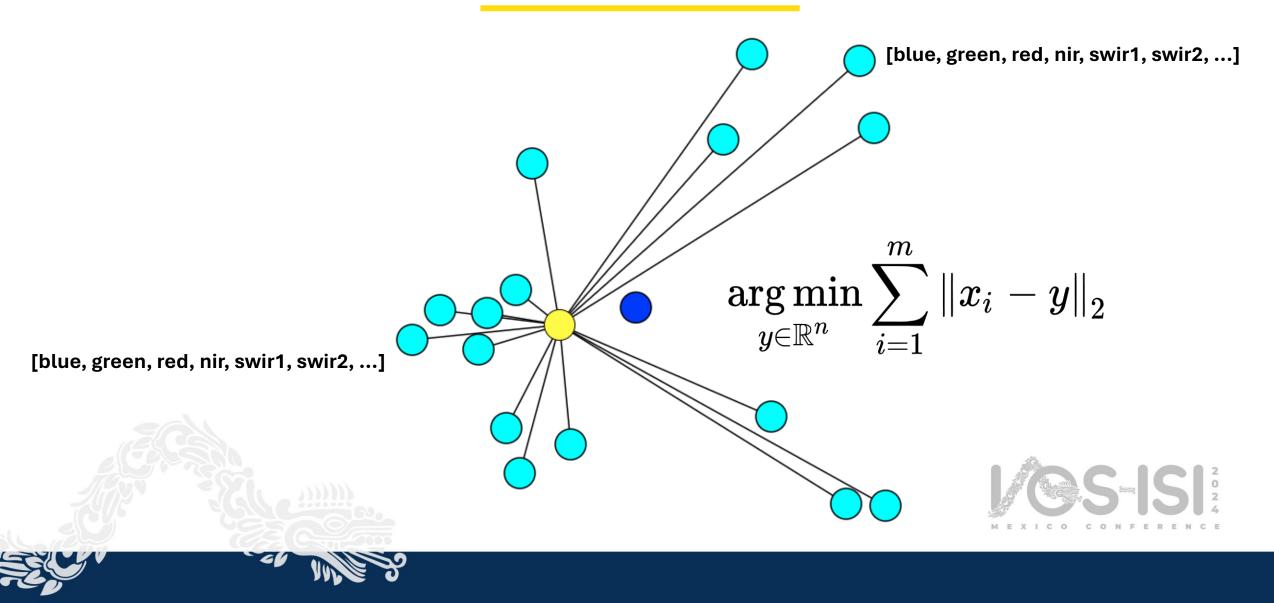
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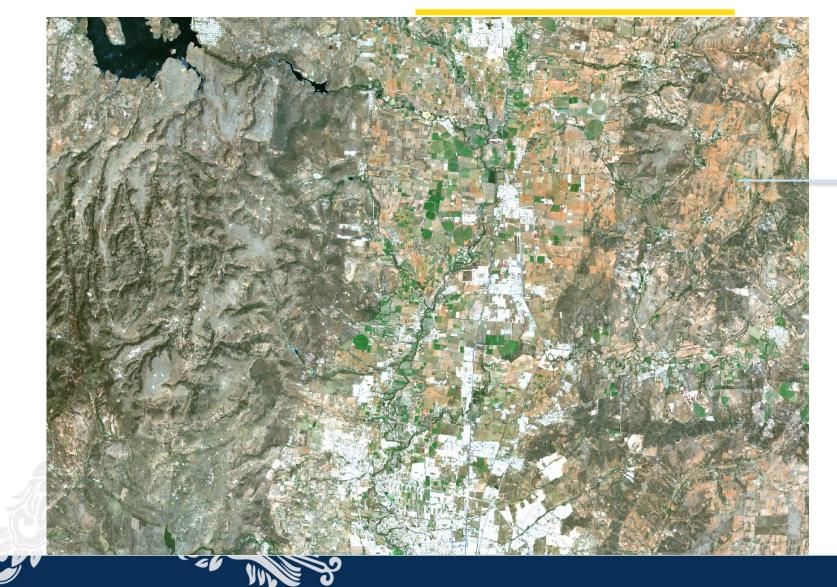
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Geomedian = Geometric Median



Geomedian



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- 3. Green
- 4. Red
- 5. Vegetation 5
- 6. Vegetation 6
- 7. Vegetation 7
- 8. Near-Infrared
- 9. Vegetation 8
- 10. Water Vapour
- 11. Short Wave Infrared 1
- 12. Short Wave Infrared 2



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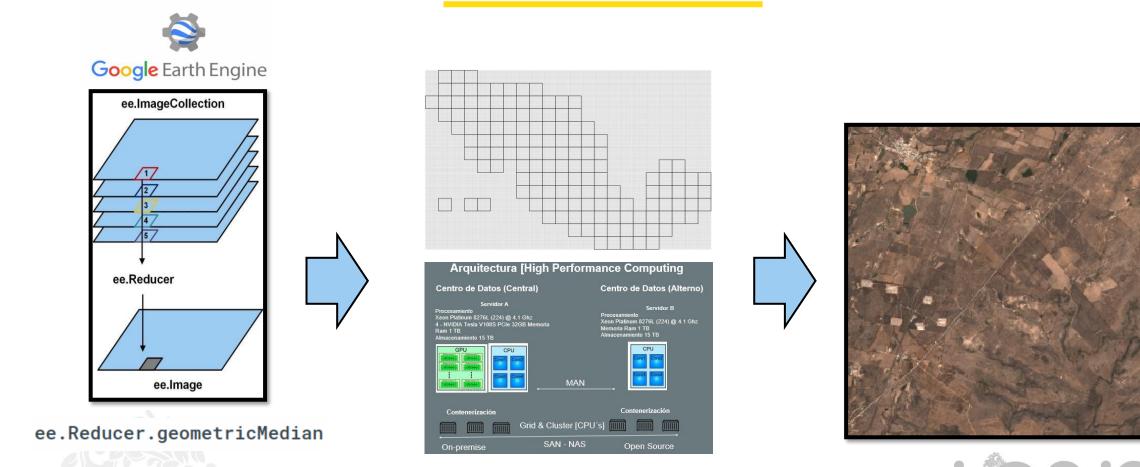


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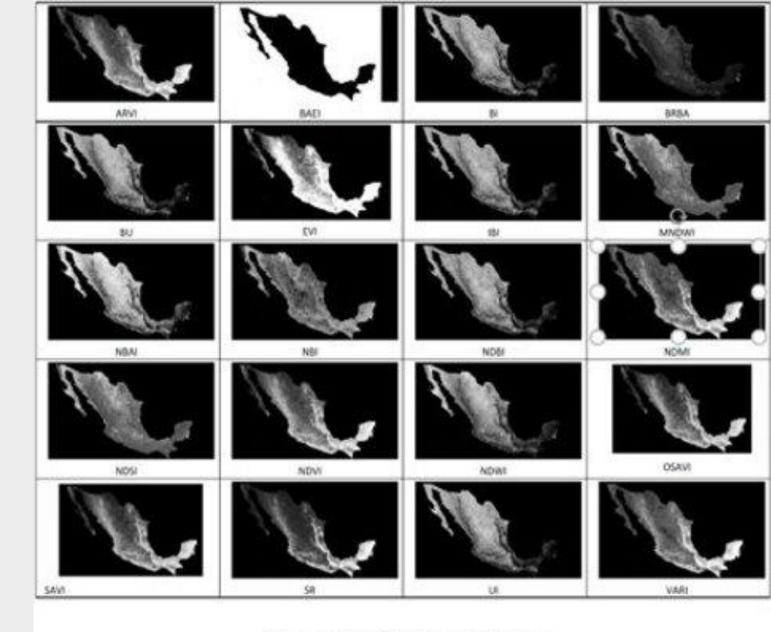
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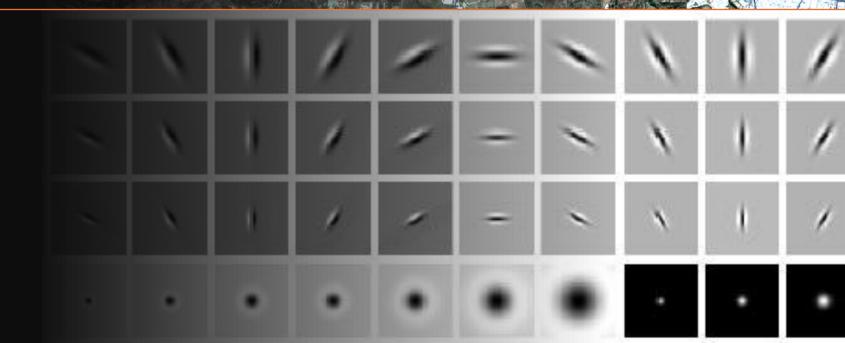




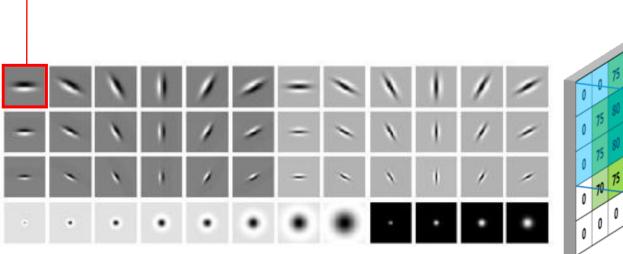
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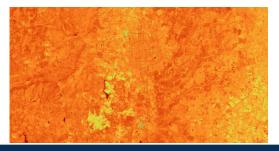


Texture Filters on the Infrared Band



Leung-Malik Texture Filter Bank

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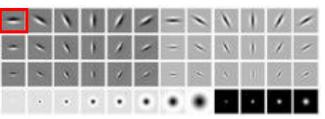
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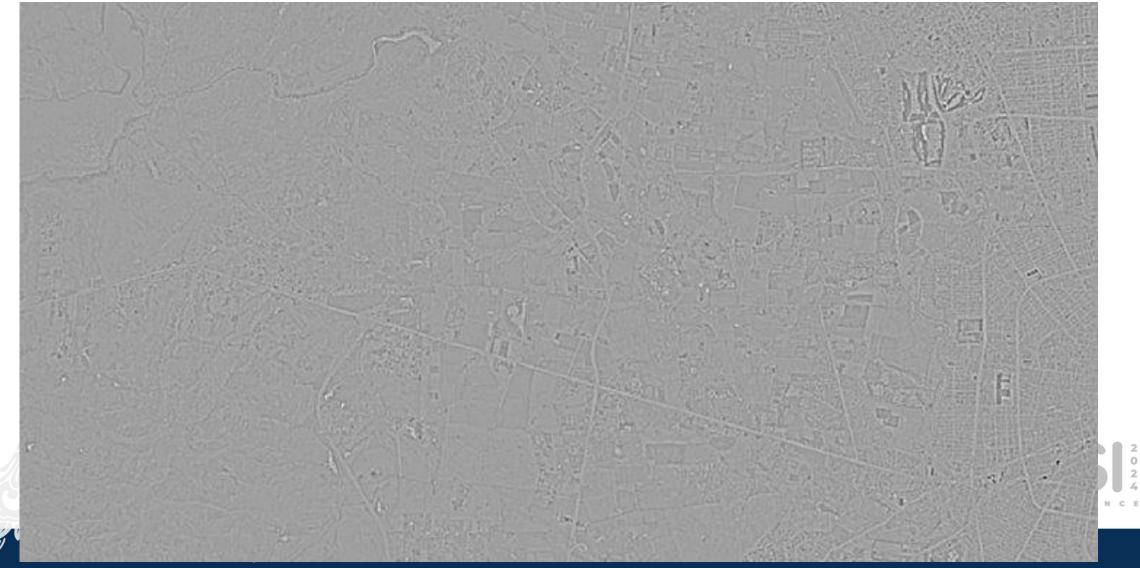


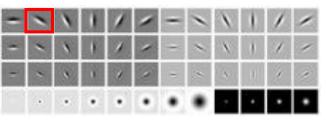
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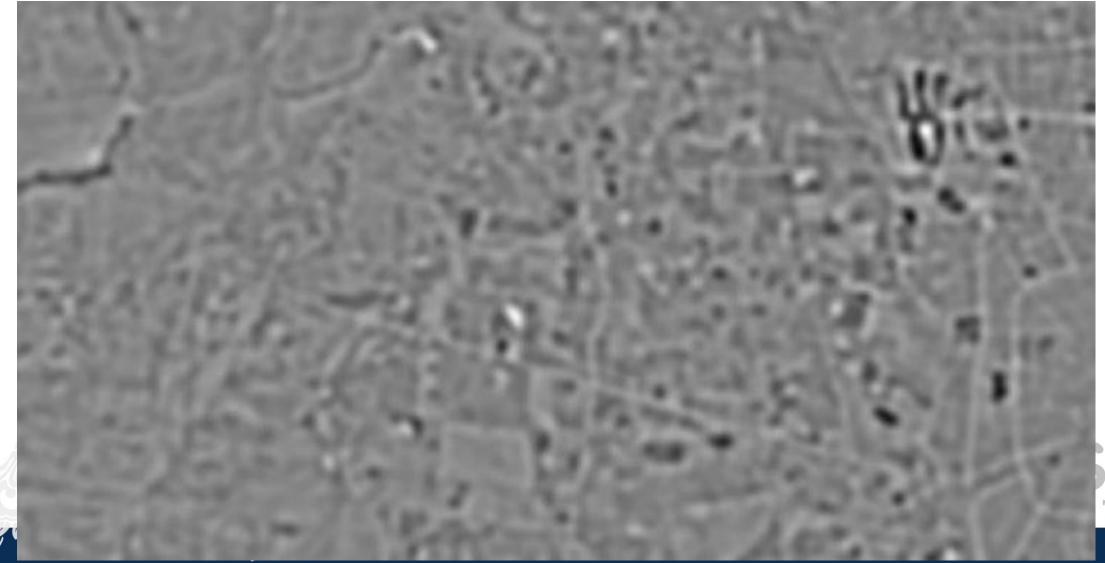


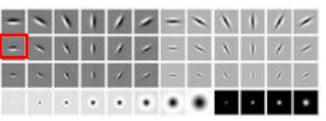


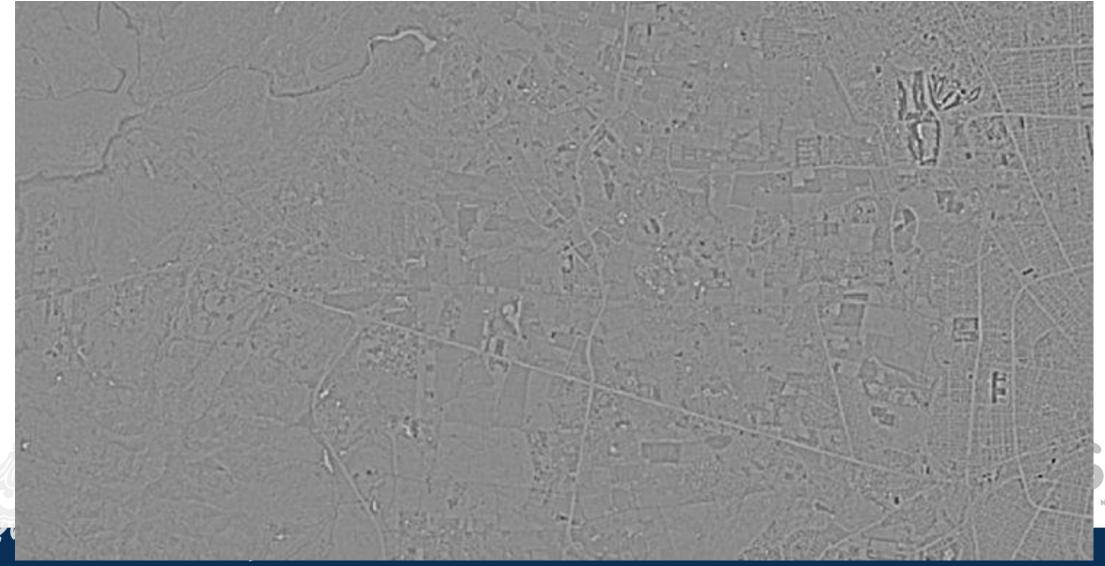






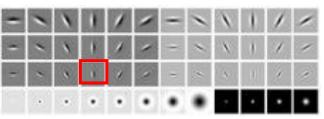


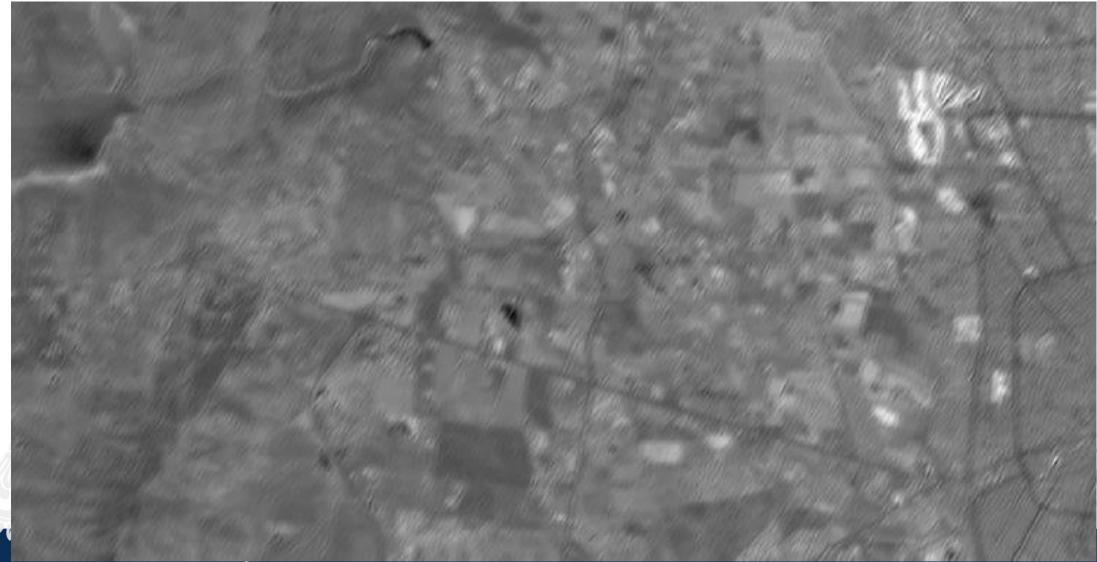


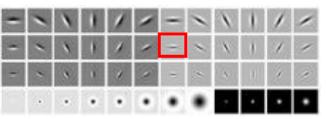


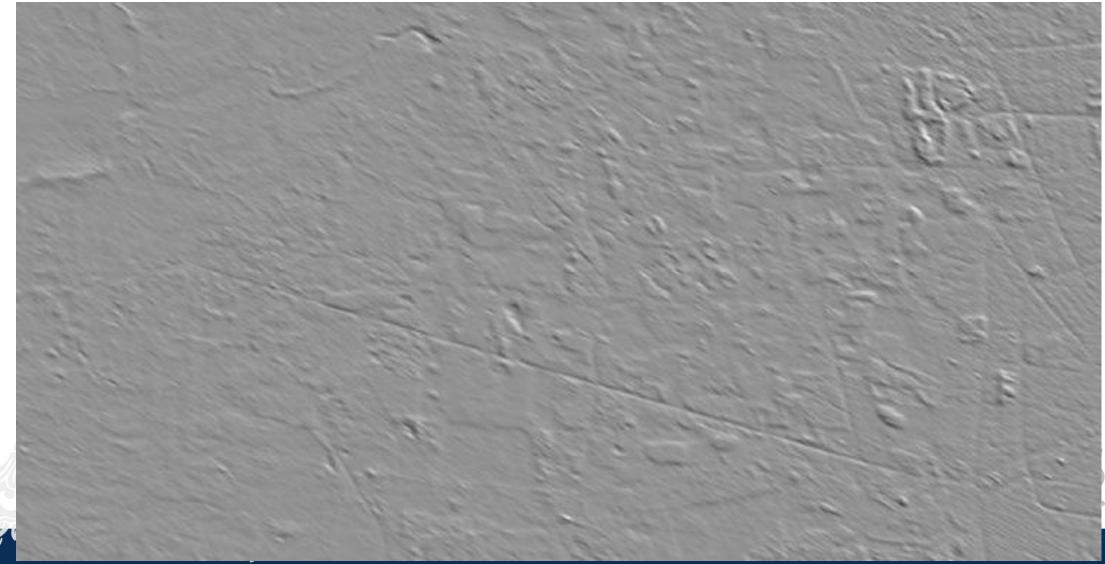
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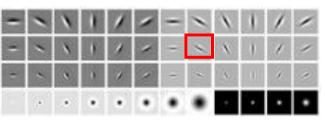
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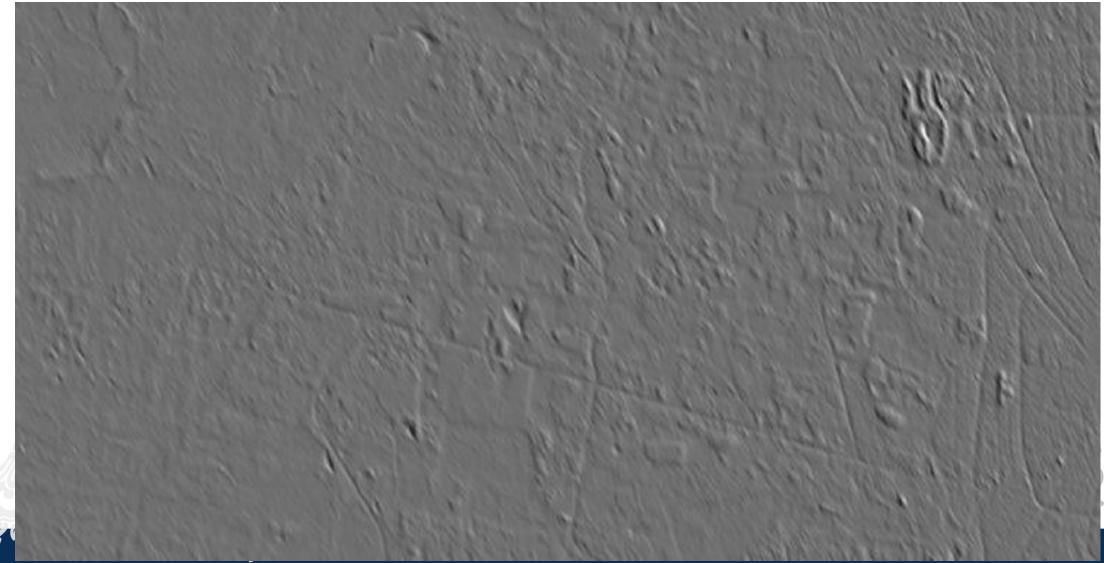


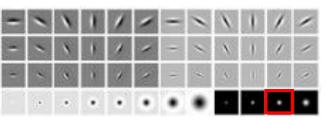


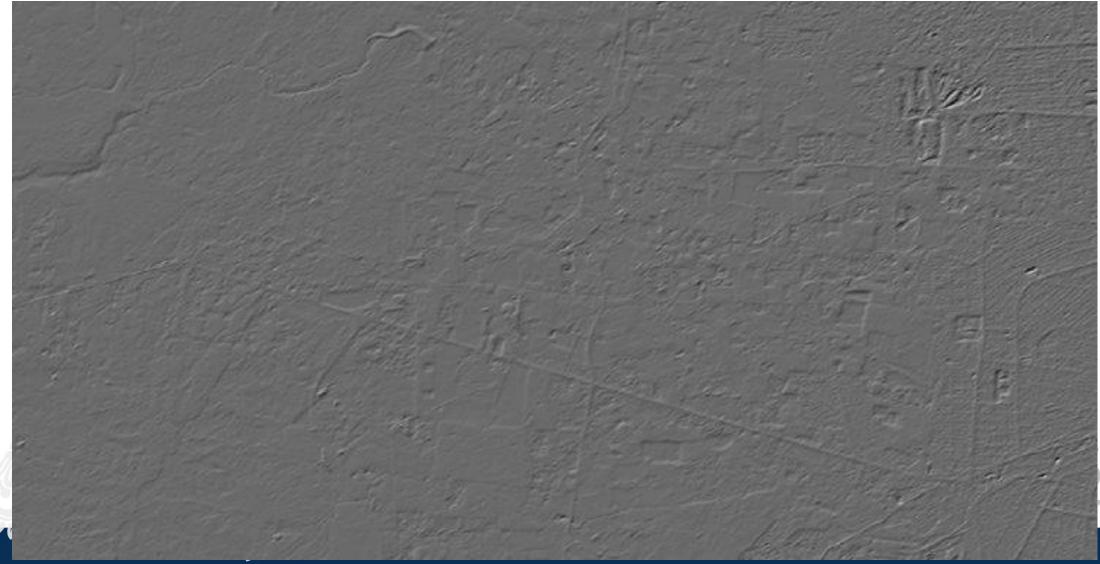




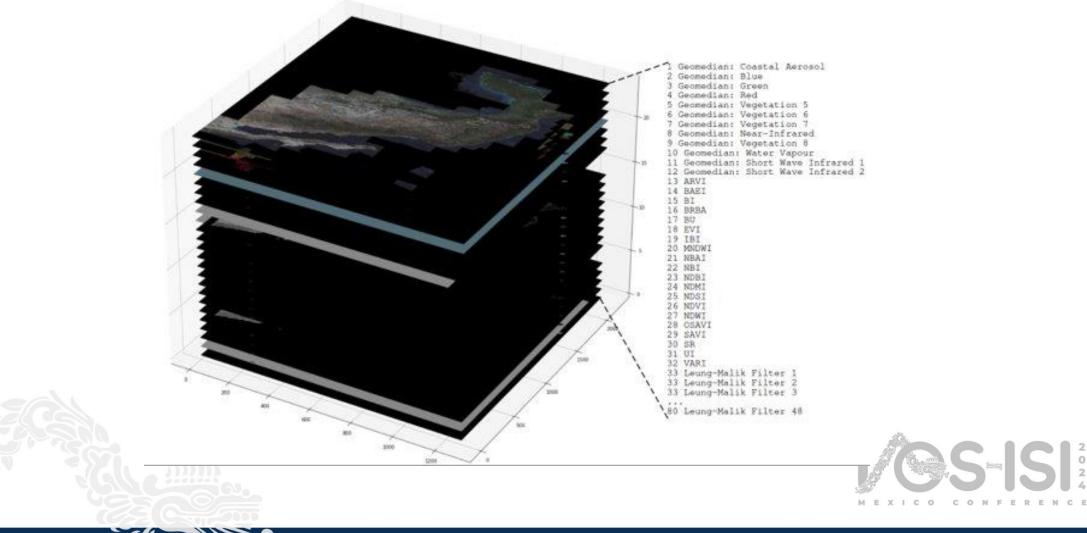








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Geomedian Segmentation



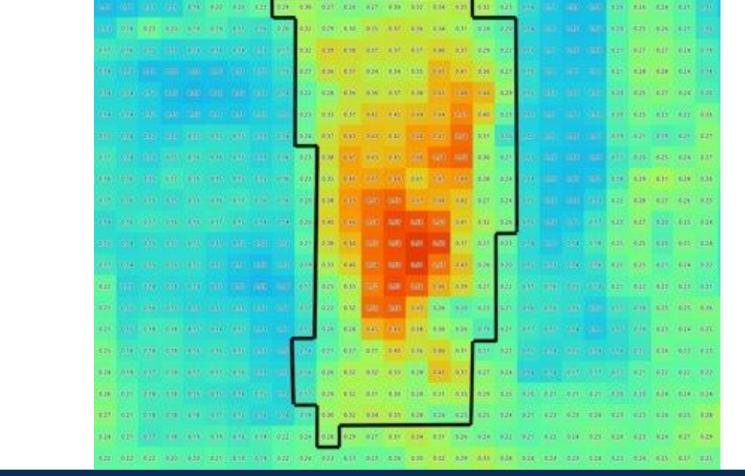
Geomedian Segmentation



Characterization of Segments

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- Minimum
- Maximum
- Average
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- Standard Deviation
- **TEXTURE FILTERS**
- Percentile 10 90



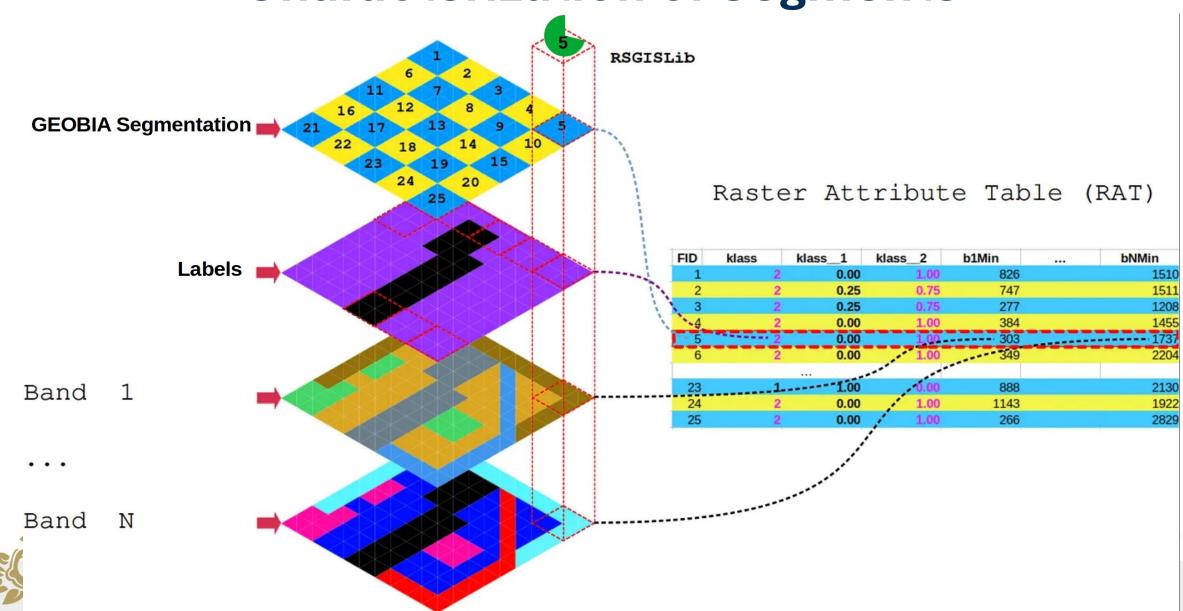
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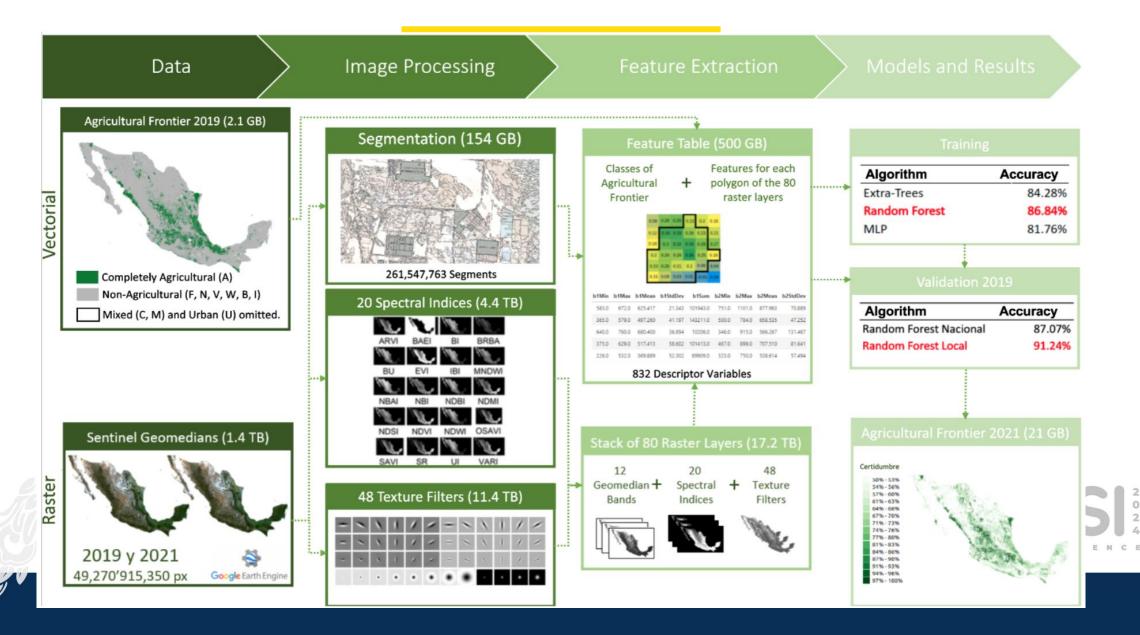
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Summary Methodology



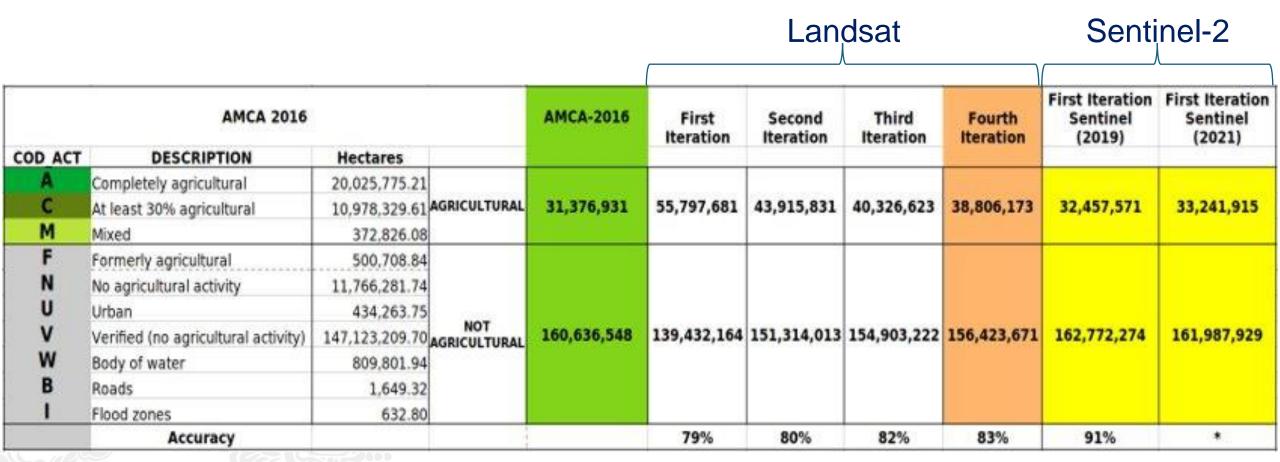
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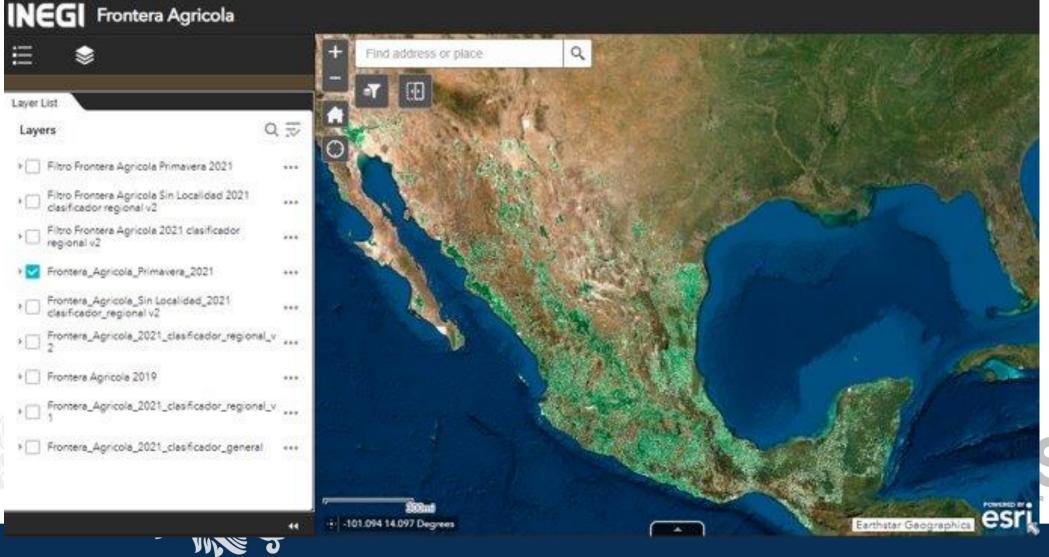








Web App

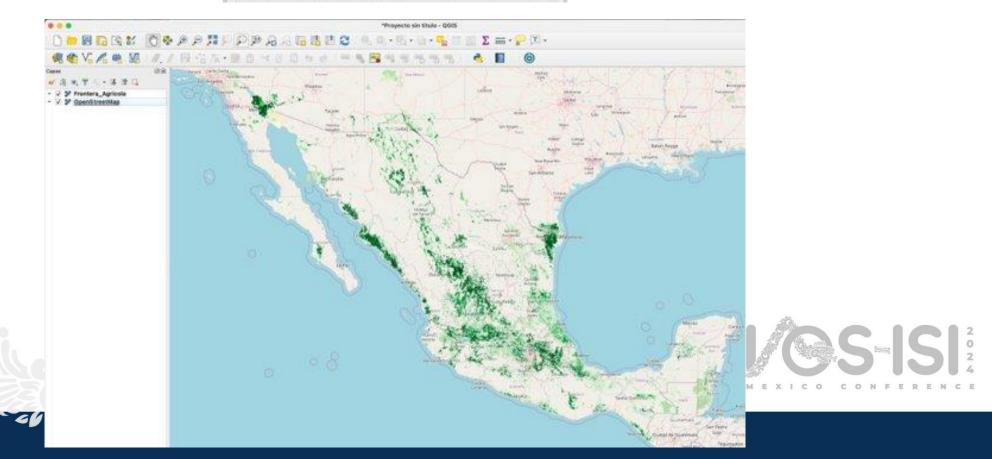


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Next Steps

- Compare the result of the new run with the results of the 2022 Census.
- Identify areas with good and poor algorithm performance
- Algorithm refinement from review results





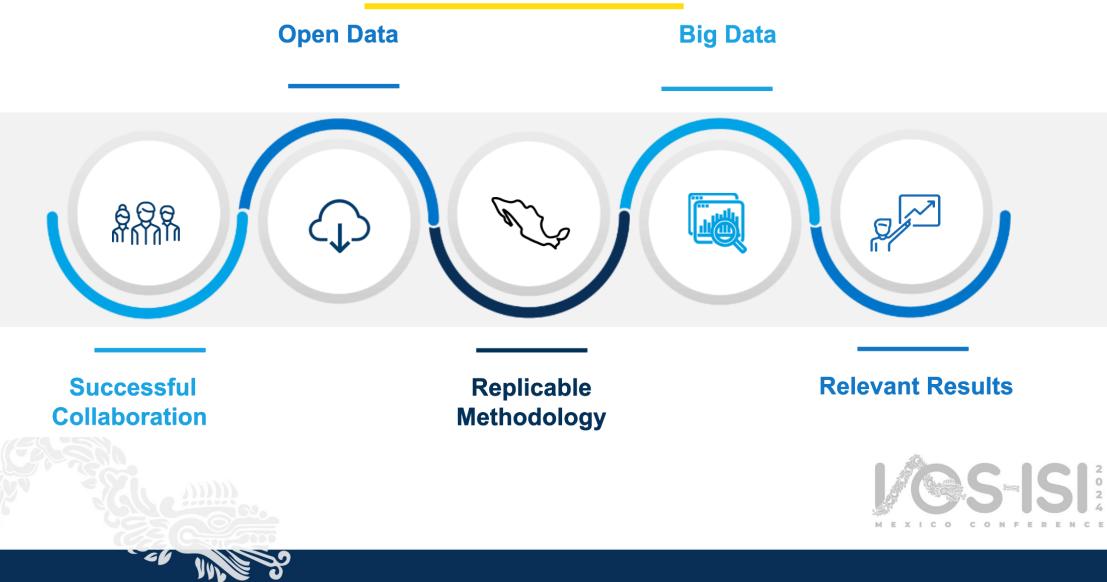


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Using Record Linkage of Administrative Records to Improve Federal Justice Statistics in the United States



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BJS is the statistical agency of the U.S. Department of Justice

 The Bureau Justice of Statistics (BJS) is one of thirteen federal statistical agencies in the Executive Branch of the U.S. Government

 The mission of BJS is to collect, analyze, publish, and disseminate information on crime, criminal offenders, victims of crime, and the operation of justice systems at all levels of government



The Federal Justice Statistics Program (FJSP) is made up of nearly 30 years of standardized administrative data from six agencies

 The FJSP was created by BJS in 1982 to serve as a national clearinghouse of federal criminal case processing data (1994-2022)

^o The primary goal is to enhance uniformity in statistics across the federal criminal case process

Methods standardize differences in administrative
 data files to improve uniformity, including—

- Standard unit of count (person-case)
- Common reporting period
- Common offense classification
- Standard disposition outcomes



6 federal justice agencies provide data annually

STAGE/DATA SOURCE

Arrest and booking

- U.S. Marshals Service: Persons arrested for federal offenses and booked by the U.S. Marshals Service
- Drug Enforcement Administration: Persons arrested by DEA agents

Prosecution

■ Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys: Persons investigated by U.S. attorneys' offices

Pretrial release

■ Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts: Persons supervised by pretrial services officers

Adjudication/Sentencing

- Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts: Persons in cases adjudicated in U.S. district courts
- **U.S. Sentencing Commission**: Defendants sentenced in U.S. district courts

Appeals

■ Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts: Criminal appeals heard in U.S. Courts of Appeals

Corrections

- Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts: Persons under federal supervision in the community
- Federal Bureau of Prisons: Persons admitted, released and present in federal prison system







BJS has developed methods to link records across stages of the criminal justice system

 There isn't a single identifier collected by each agency that permits linking across agencies

 The Dyad Link File (DLF) approach uses algorithms that employ exact and fuzzy matching of person and case identifiers that are available in each agency's data

 This strategy focuses on establishing links between pairs of agency files (or "dyads") from adjacent stages of the case process

 Information is at varying levels of quality and completeness, affecting success in linking records



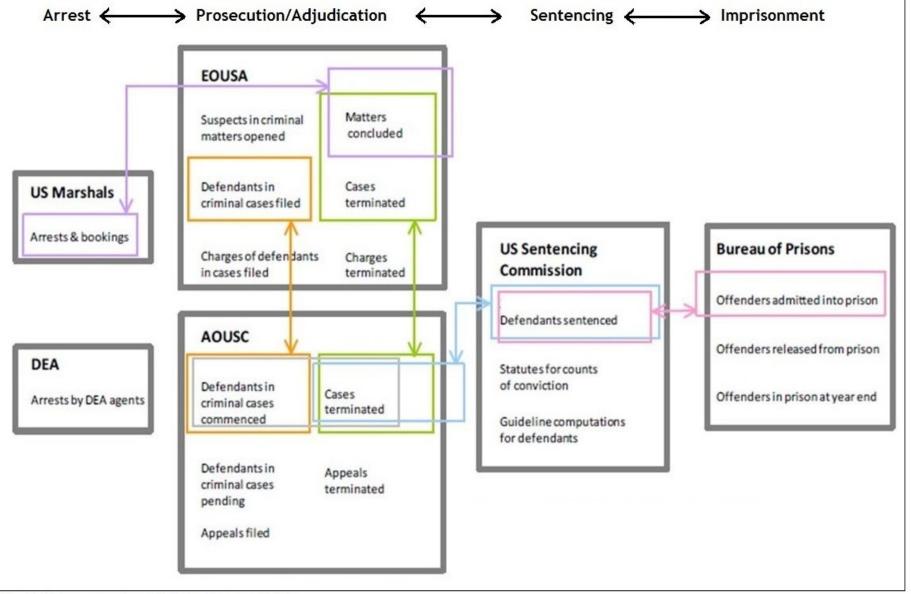
Linking Strategy



Person-level identifiers (include name, FBI number, date of birth, and more)

Case-level identifiers (include court docket number, federal district, judge, and more) Algorithms provide summary measure of match quality using Levenshtein Distance Linked data are used in statistical publications and development is underway for inclusion in data tool





 Once the link is made, personal identifiers are removed and replaced with a sanitized identification number

 This allows users to link case records without needing confidential identifying information



Diagram of available data and links.

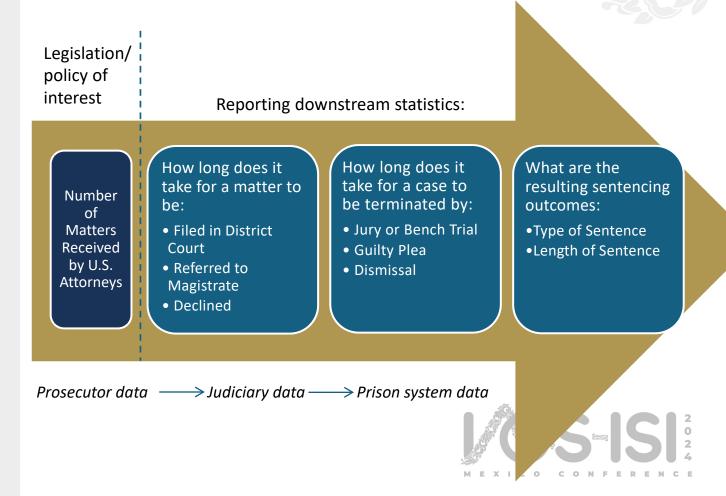
Using Record Linkage to Improve Statistics

- Statistics are typically reported using crosssectional data
- Ignores the element of time, which is especially important in a mostly linear system like the federal criminal justice system
- Examining the time it takes to move through the system can help to identify resource discrepancies and measure the value of policy changes
- The linked data files allows measure of the lag for different offense types and changes over time



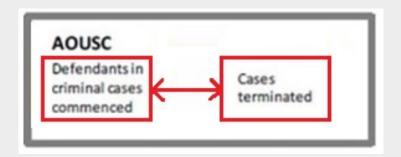
Linked data can be used to investigate the cascading effects of policy decisions made at earlier stages

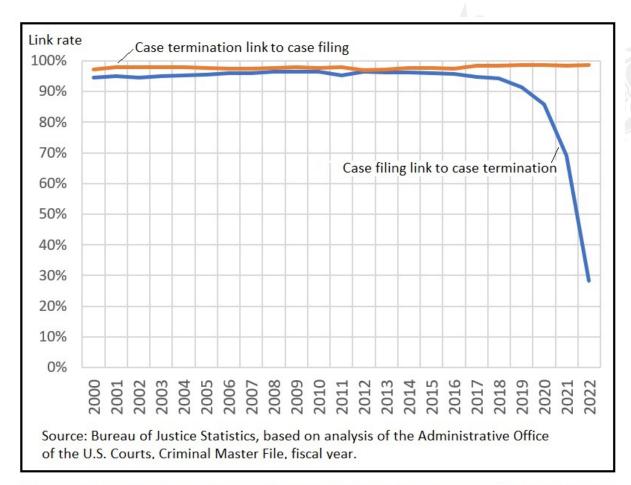
Changes in policy and laws have "downstream" impacts on later stages and linked data can be used to generate statistics for tracked cohorts



Example 1: Intra-agency links join records within the same agency

- Permits tracking a cohort within an agency over time
- Censoring occurs when the time required for the case processing event to occur exceeds the available observation period



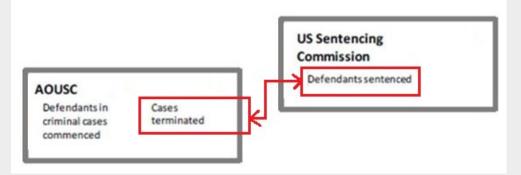


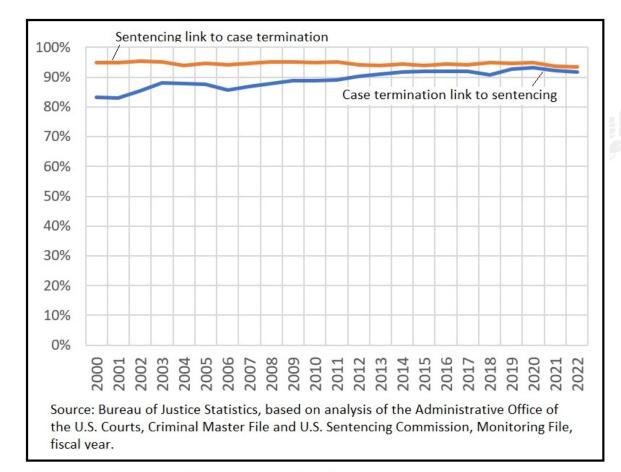
Intra-agency linked example: Percent of records that link between cases filed (AOUSC) and cases terminated (AOUSC), FY 2000-2022.



Example 2: Inter-agency links join records between two agencies

- Permits tracking a cohort across two agencies over time
- Maximizes use of shared identifiers between agencies





Inter-agency link example: Percent of records that link between cases terminated (AOUSC) and cases sentenced (USSC), FY 2000-2022.



Next Steps

- Work with agencies to standardize a "best practice" for creating and testing linked datasets
- Redesign documentation that demonstrate linking rates
- Incorporate linked statistics in data tool
- Assess and create additional link files as necessary







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APPLICATION OF AI TO BRIDGE THE TEACHER TO PUPIL RATIO IN UGANDA



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INTRODUCTION

- The pupil-to-teacher ratio is defined as the average number of pupils per teacher(UNESCO).
- According to the United Nations, Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization(UNESCO), there is an urgent call to massively recruit about 69 million teachers globally to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 4(SDG-4) (UNESCO, n.d.). This massive recruitment is imperative to fill the existing shortage of teachers globally.







DEFINITION

- Human capital development is crucial for any economy to achieve sustainable development; The key input and determinant of human capital development, particularly in economies looking to move toward upper middle-income status – is access to quality education. Education can equip a national workforce with skills, knowledge, and creativity to compete in the knowledge-based global economy(Runde et al., 2017).
- A study done (by Solheim & Opheim, 2019) reducing teacher-pupil ratio boosts academic excellence.
- Moreover, this study elucidates that students excel; when teachers differentiate material for each student's zone of proximal development, provide frequent formative feedback, and build close relationships; this is possible when the gap between teacher-pupil ratio is narrowed.







EDUCATION SECTOR IN UGANDA

- The government of Uganda has implemented several policies and programs to develop the education sector, which is responsible for human capital transformation. One such policy is the Universal Primary Education Policy in 1997, which seeks to improve the literacy and enrolment rates for elementary education, and accordingly, the gross enrolment in primary schools increased from a total of 3.1 million in 1996 to 5.3 million in 1997, an increase of 73 percent in one year(Wabwire, 2022).
- Uganda's education system is comprised of an early childhood program that caters for children aged 3-5 years (pre-primary education), followed by seven (7) years of primary education, followed by four (4) years of Ordinary (O) Level secondary education, two (2) years of Advanced (A) Level secondary education and the final tier is three (3) to five (5) years of Tertiary education(UBOS,2022)







TEACHER TO PUPIL RATIO IN UGANDA



The Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) has remained constant, though, at 43 pupils per teacher since 2015(Uganda Bureau of Statistics, 2022)



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EDUCATION AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

• Artificial Intelligence in Education has been mostly used for the last 40 years(Vincent A.W.M.M. Aleven & Kenneth R. Koedinger, 2002).

The main three applications of AI in Education are:

- I. Intelligent tutoring systems that track student progress, difficulties, and errors, going through structured subject content to provide feedback and adjust the level of difficulty to create an optimal learning path;
- II. Support writing assignments and, conversely, automate the assessments of writing assignments, including identifying plagiarism and other forms of cheating
- III. Immersive learning experiences and games.

For this research, Artificial Intelligence was applied to work with the policymakers to distribute and allocate teachers based on demography and expertise factors







METHODOLOGY

- The development of this solution followed agile method of software engineering. Agile is a methodology where continuous iterations and testing take place during the entire Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC) of a product(Srivastava et al., 2017), this choice was based on the fact that Scrum which is an approach for Agile methodology is the mostly used method of software development(Cobb, 2015).
- Scrum was designed to increase the speed of development, align individual and organizations' mottos, define a culture focusing on performance, support shareholder value creation, have good communication of performance at all levels, and improve individual development and quality of life(Srivastava et al., 2017)







OUR IMPLEMENTATION FOR SCRUM IMPLEMENTATION

- The workflow of scrum consists of the Scrum Master, Product Owner, and the scrum team who work together to continuously iterate and evolve the product.
- Our AI solution underwent 2 iterations for 6 weeks, with each scrum cycle lasting 3 weeks, which is the acceptable scrum cycle(Srivastava et al., 2017).





FUNCTIONAL AND NON FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- The functional requirements for this study are:
 - Generating a map of Schools in Uganda with different pupil-to-teacher ratios.
 - The features contributing to the high pupil-to-teacher ratio in Uganda.
 - Developing an AI classifier to distribute or predict the total number of teachers given required for a school, given the number of pupils and different demographic indicators as well.
- The non-functional requirements for this study are:
 - Scalability: -The ability of a software or system to perform well given the expanding environment or workload.
 - Usability: The ability of a software or system to satisfy user needs with effectiveness and efficiency.
 - Accessibility: -The ability of software or system to reach as many people as possible.





DATASETS DESCRIPTION

We used two datasets namely:

- Dataset on pupil enrolment with data from 2010-2015, covering 117 districts.
- Dataset on teachers with data from 2010 2015 teaching in the districts as described in the pupil enrolment dataset.

The dataset on pupil enrolment consists of 11,703 data examples of pupils from primary one (P.1) to primary seven (P.7).

The dataset on teachers consists of 11,703 data examples of teachers from the same district as the pupils





DATA PRE-PROCESSING

- This research utilized normalization which involves scaling data to a common range using minmax normalization.
- For the categorical data (the type of school feature, regions, and districts) the researchers applied one hot encoding to transform the values into a format that the Machine learning algorithm can understand.
- The pandas.get_dummies function which is from the pandas library API (Application Programming Interface), which was used in this case, is used to convert categorical variables into dummy/indicator variables.







MODEL DEVELOPMENT

- The model was developed after a comprehensive analysis of the most used models which are Random Forest Regression, Linear regression, Decision trees, and K-Nearest Neighbors. The dataset was split into training (80%), and testing (20%). After the splitting, the features were scaled using a standard Scaler.
- After training the models, we evaluated their performances using Mean Squared Error, Root Mean Squared Error and R2 Score.







FLASK APPLICATION

 A flask application was developed as a server interface for Application Programming Interface (API) linkage, the selection of flask was based on its popularity and ability to make core functionality simple but extensive in terms of development(Neema Mduma et al., 2019)







RESULTS

• FEATURE ENGINEERING:

The results demonstrated in the figure below indicate that there is a positive correlation between the total number of teachers and other features in the dataset: the number of teachers who provide special needs education (0.19); the number of female teachers (0.70); the number of male teachers (0.68); total enrolment (0.17); total girls enrolment (0.17); total boys enrolment (0.16); year (0.02)







	Correlation Heatmap of Numeric Columns									
Year -	1.00	-0.05					-0.27	0.02		
Total Boys Enrollment –		1.00	0.89	0.97	0.22		0.06	0.16	- 0.8	
Total Girls Enrollment -		0.89	1.00	0.97	0.20	0.05	0.06	0.17	- 0.6	
Total Enrollment -		0.97	0.97	1.00	0.22		0.06	0.17	- 0.4	
Number of Male teachers -		0.22	0.20	0.22	1.00	0.05	0.13	0.68		
Number of female teachers -		0.01	0.05	0.03	0.05	1.00	0.16	0.70	- 0.2	
Number of teacher's who provide special needs education -	-0.27	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.13	0.16	1.00	0.19	- 0.0	
Total Number of Teachers –		0.16	0.17	0.17	0.68		0.19	1.00	0.2	
	Near -	Total Boys Enrollment -	Total Girls Enrollment -	Total Enrollment -	Number of Male teachers -	Number of female teachers -	Number of teacher's who provide special needs education -	Total Number of Teachers -		





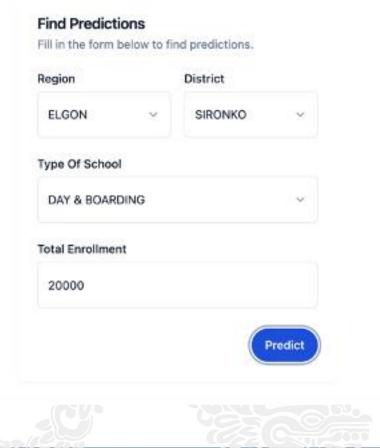
TEACHER DISTRIBUTION INTERFACE

 The deployed AI interface allows a policymaker to automatically allocate and re-distribute new and existing labor while policymakers maintain their responsibility for planning, communication, and coordination. From the interface, the policymaker selects: the region; district; type of school; and total enrolment for the school, and then the Artificial Intelligence model can select the exact location for the school and the number of teachers that are required for that particular school









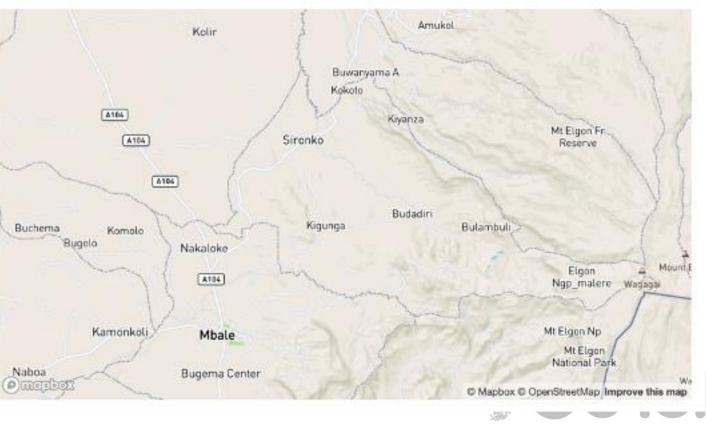
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Predicted Total Number of Teachers

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Location



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MODEL EVALUATION

Model	Train MSE	Train RMSE	Train R2	Test MSE	Test RMSE	Test R2
Random Forest	0.0634531 5	0.25189909559484003	0.9974348 20746451 3	0.17626439395831173	0.4198385331985521	0.9929137824521647
Linear Regression	1.9538743 29614056 2	1.3978105485415597	0.9210119 97830503 2	2.1001265160725113	1.4491813261536706	0.9155702803233934
KNN Regressor	1.9562433 24986762 1	1.3986576868507756	0.9209162 3	4.606038848950994	2.1461684111343624	0.8148270754831681
Decision Tree	0.0609634 5	0.24690778139191175	0.9975354 7	0.2516167797465886	0.5016141741882785	0.9898844502855648





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DISCUSSION AND CONCULSION

- An Artificial Intelligence Model-based prototype has been developed and deployed for this study to establish the location of the required school, and the total number of teachers that would be required for a particular school to bridge the pupil-to-teacher ratio in Uganda.
- The developed system whose requirements have been established in this paper narrates the futurist approach to policy-making in the education sector in Uganda. By taking advantage of the digital Census that the Uganda Bureau of Statistics is to undertake in April 2024, the findings of the census should be incorporated for the next iteration of the modelling, this will ensure wide coverage of schools in the Country







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