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Use of AI in Surveying Process of Land Measurement

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Abstract: *We have seen a shift from traditional surveying techniques to more automated techniques and processes, such as the introduction of drones for surveying. For drone surveys, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), also known as drones, are equipped with high-resolution cameras that capture data. Whilst facing initial resistance, drone surveys have been widely adopted within the surveying industry due to them allowing surveyors to collect data more quickly and efficiently than ever before.*

In land surveying, another automation process that we have seen being used over the past few years is the use of machine learning algorithms to effectively analyse data. Machine learning algorithms are used to automatically detect and map changes in land use over time, allowing for land surveyors to easily recognise areas that may be of interest or concern, and to provide clients with accurate data that enables them to make more informed decisions.

One example of an automated process in land surveying is the use of drones. Drones equipped with cameras and sensors can be used to quickly and accurately survey large areas of land, capturing high-resolution images and data that can be used to create detailed maps. This can save time and money compared to traditional surveying methods, such as using a total station or GPS.

Keywords: Image analysing, Machine learning, Productive modelling, Data integration

I. INTRODUCTION

Recent advances in computing technology, cloud computing, and superior computing area unit paralleled with those in advanced computer science (AI) algorithms and important investment within the European Copernicus Earth Observation program and its watch satellite missions. AI allows automatic detection of spatial patterns in environmental knowledge like satellite pictures supported coaching knowledge.

The free and open convenience of world coverage Earth observation knowledge consistently collected and archived by house agencies. Remotely perceived satellite pictures and knowledge embrace spectral, spatial, and temporal Resolutions.

Numerous tools are developed permitting localized searches in geographic databases and knowledge extraction, operations, map overlay, and combined knowledge sets analysis. Surveying long stretches of land for tunnels, pipelines, and other subsurface infrastructure can be a time- consuming process when there is limited information on the local geology. Even with proper survey data, making sense of it for heavy civil work is a whole other challenge. But developing technologies offer new approaches to age- old problems.

Similar to Geographic Information Systems (GIS), AI can quickly identify and classify geographical features like trees, cars, roads, buildings, etc. A drone can provide clear, high-quality images and videos without the need for conventional surveying methods. Surveying and construction professionals can conduct sophisticated analytics and make better decisions using AI. It is possible to perform everything right from estimation to designing and reporting.

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You do not need to survey the interior of a building by hand if you have a device that can be programmed to scan it in detail and embellish the resultant model with UHD images and non-graphical attributes

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1.1 What is a AI

Artificial Intelligence, commonly known as AI, is a branch of computer science that focuses on creating intelligent machines that can perform tasks that typically require human intelligence, such as visual perception, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation. AI systems use algorithms and statistical models to analyze data, learn from experience, and make predictions or decisions. There are different types of AI, including machine learning, deep learning, natural language processing, and robotics. AI has a wide range of applications, from virtual assistants and chatbots to self- driving cars and medical diagnosis. While AI has the potential to bring many benefits, it also raises ethical and social concerns, such as job displacement, privacy, and bias.

1.2 Definition and explanation of AI

Artificial Intelligence (AI) refers to the development of computer systems that can perform tasks that typically require human intelligence. It encompasses various technologies, algorithms, and methodologies that enable machines to simulate intelligent behaviour, learn from experience, and make decisions or predictions based on data.

In the context of surveying and land measurement, AI plays a transformative role by automating and enhancing the surveying process. It enables computers and software to analyse and interpret large volumes of data, recognize patterns, and make informed decisions, ultimately improving the accuracy and efficiency of land measurement tasks. At its core, AI relies on algorithms and models that allow computers to process data and learn from it. One prominent subset of AI is machine learning, which involves the development of algorithms that can automatically learn and improve from experience without being explicitly programmed. Machine learning algorithms can identify patterns and relationships within data, enabling them to make predictions or classifications based on new, unseen data.

1.3 Importance and benefits of AI in surveying

The integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in surveying brings significant importance and numerous benefits to the field. By leveraging AI techniques and technologies, surveying processes can be enhanced in terms of accuracy, efficiency, data analysis capabilities, and decision-making. Here are the key importance and benefits of AI in surveying:

Improved Accuracy: AI-based algorithms and models can significantly enhance the accuracy of land measurement in surveying. By automating data analysis and interpretation, AI systems can reduce human errors associated with manual surveying methods. Machine learning algorithms can learn from historical survey data and identify patterns or relationships that may not be immediately apparent to human surveyors. This improved accuracy ensures more reliable measurements and reduces the risk of errors in subsequent engineering and construction processes.

Increased Efficiency:

AI enables automation in the surveying process, leading to increased efficiency. Automated data acquisition using technologies like drones allows for faster and more frequent surveys compared to traditional methods. AI algorithms can rapidly process large volumes of data, extract relevant information, and generate accurate maps or 3D models of surveyed areas. This saves time and reduces the need for extensive manual labour, enabling surveyors to focus on higher-level analysis and decision-making tasks.

1.4 Enhanced Data Analysis Capabilities

AI techniques empower surveyors with Advanced data analysis capabilities. Machine learning algorithms can uncover hidden patterns, trends, and correlations within survey data that may not be apparent through manual analysis. This allows for more in-depth understanding and interpretation of land characteristics, terrain features, and environmental factors. By extracting valuable insights from survey data, AI enables better decision-making in terms of project planning, risk assessment, and infrastructure design.

1.5 Cost Savings

AI-driven surveying techniques can lead to cost savings in multiple ways. The automation of data acquisition, analysis, and interpretation reduces the need for extensive manual labour, saving on labour costs. The efficiency and accuracy gained through AI integration can also help prevent costly errors in project planning and design. Additionally, AI-based optimization algorithms can aid in optimizing resources, such as the allocation of materials and equipment, leading to cost-effective project execution.

1.6 Land management in civil engineering

Traditional surveying methods have been the backbone of land measurement in civil engineering for many years. These methods involve manual techniques that require physical measurements and calculations. While these methods have been effective to some extent, they come with certain challenges and limitations.

One of the primary traditional surveying methods is the use of tape measures, theodolites, and levels. This method involves physically measuring distances, angles, and elevations on the ground. Surveyors meticulously collect data by stretching tape measures across land, taking angular measurements using theodolites, and determining vertical differences with levels. While this method can provide accurate measurements when executed correctly, it is time-consuming and requires a significant amount of manual labour. Another commonly used method is trigonometric surveying, which involves measuring distances and angles using trigonometric principles. This method relies on establishing control points and calculating distances and angles based on trigonometric functions. Trigonometric surveying is particularly useful in areas with difficult terrain or when direct measurements are impractical. However, it requires specialized knowledge and can be prone to errors if not performed accurately.

1.7 Challenges with traditional surveying methods :

Manual surveying methods heavily rely on human operators, who can introduce errors during data collection, recording, and calculation. Mistakes in measurement, transcription, or calculation can lead to inaccurate results and subsequent design and construction problems.

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1.8 AIM

The aim of using AI for the surveying process of land measurement is to improve the accuracy, speed, and efficiency of land surveying by utilizing machine learning algorithms and computer vision techniques. AI can assist with tasks such as image analysis, object recognition, and data processing to help surveyors make more accurate measurements and create more detailed maps. This can help reduce errors, save time, and increase productivity in the land surveying industry.

1.9 OBJECTIVE

1. Increase accuracy: One of the primary objectives of using AI for land surveying is to increase the accuracy of the measurements. By using machine learning algorithms and other AI tools, surveyors can identify and correct errors in the data, resulting in more precise measurements.
2. Improve efficiency: Another objective of using AI for land surveying is to improve the efficiency of the surveying process. By automating certain tasks, such as identifying land features and mapping land cover, surveyors can complete surveys more quickly and with fewer errors.
3. Enhance data analysis: AI can be used to analyze large datasets of land features and land cover, providing surveyors with more detailed and comprehensive information about the area being surveyed. This can help to identify patterns and trends, leading to more informed decision-making.
4. Increase safety: By using drones and other remote sensing technologies, surveyors can collect data without having to physically access difficult or dangerous terrain. This can help to reduce the risk of accidents and injuries during the surveying process.

Overall, the use of AI for land surveying has the potential to improve the accuracy, efficiency, and safety of the surveying process, while also providing more detailed and comprehensive information about the area being surveyed.

1.10 NEED OF STUDY

The need to study the use of AI for the surveying process of land measurement arises from the potential benefits that AI can provide to the surveying industry. By improving the accuracy, efficiency, and safety of the surveying process, AI can help surveyors to collect more detailed and comprehensive information about the area being surveyed. Additionally, AI can help surveyors to analyze large datasets of land features and land cover, providing them with more informed decision-making capabilities. By studying the use of AI for land surveying, we can better understand how to leverage these benefits and improve the surveying process

1. Accuracy and precision: There is a need to study how AI can improve the accuracy and precision of land surveying. This includes examining how machine learning algorithms can identify and correct errors in the data, resulting in more precise measurements.
2. Efficiency and productivity: Another need is to study how AI can improve the efficiency and productivity of the surveying process. This includes examining how AI can automate certain tasks, such as identifying land features and mapping land cover, to reduce the time and effort required for surveying.
3. Data analysis and interpretation: There is a need to study how AI can be used to analyze large datasets of land features and land cover, providing surveyors with more detailed and comprehensive information about the area being surveyed. This includes examining how AI can identify patterns and trends, leading to more informed decision-making.
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II. LITERATURE REVIEW

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III. METHODOLOGY

Data Collection: The first step in using AI for land surveying is to collect data about thearea being surveyed. This can include data from various sources such as satellite imagery, LiDAR data, and ground-based surveys.

Data Preprocessing: Once the data has been collected, it needs to be preprocessed to prepare it for use with AI algorithms. This can include tasks such as data cleaning, feature extraction, and data normalization.

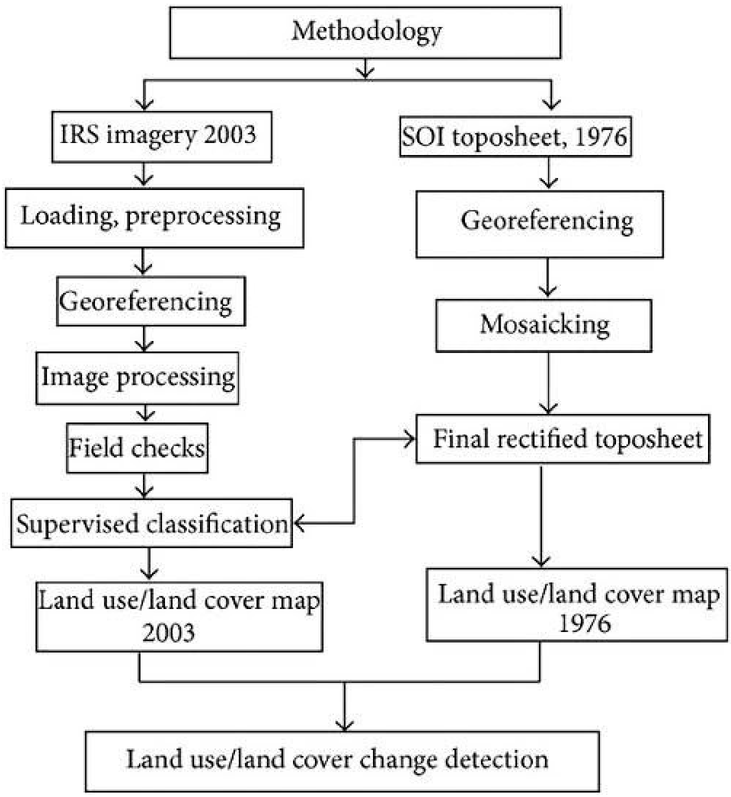
Algorithm Selection: The next step is to select the appropriate AI algorithm for the task at hand. This can include various techniques such as machine learning, deep learning, and computer vision.

Model Training: Once the algorithm has been selected, it needs to be trained on the data. This involves feeding the algorithm the data and allowing it to learn from it, adjusting its parameters to optimize its performance.

Model Evaluation: Once the model has been trained, it needs to be evaluated todetermine its accuracy and performance. This can be done using various metrics such asprecision, recall, and F1 score.

Model Deployment: Once the model has been evaluated and deemed accurate and effective, it can be deployed for use in the field. This can involve integrating it with various surveying tools and equipment to automate the surveying process.

Continuous Improvement: Finally, it is important to continually monitor and improve the AI system to ensure that it remains accurate and effective over time. This can involveretraining the model with new data, adjusting its parameters, and making other improvements as needed.



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3.1 Basic Principles of Land Measurement

Land measurement is a fundamental aspect of civil engineering and surveying. It involves the determination and quantification of various land parameters, such as distances, areas, angles, and elevations. To ensure accurate and consistent measurements, surveyors rely on several basic principles. Here are the key principles of land measurement:

Distance Measurement: Distance measurement is a fundamental principle of land measurement. It involves accurately determining the distances between points on the land surface. Traditionally, surveyors have used tools such as chains and tapes to measure distances. However, modern surveying techniques utilize electronic distance measurement (EDM) devices, which employ electromagnetic waves or laser beams to measure distances with higher precision. These devices provide accurate and reliable distance measurements, forming the basis for various land measurement calculations.

Angular Measurement: Angular measurement is another crucial principle in land measurement. It involves measuring angles between lines or directions. Surveyors use various instruments, such as theodolites or total stations, to measure angles. Theodolites consist of a telescope mounted on a rotating base, allowing surveyors to measure horizontal and vertical angles. Total

Levelling: Levelling is the process of measuring and determining the differences in elevation between points on the land surface. It is crucial for assessing the slope and topography of the land, identifying potential drainage issues, and designing structures with proper foundations. Surveyors use levelling instruments, such as dumpy levels or digital levels, to measure the height differences between points. These instruments incorporate a telescope and a spirit level, enabling precise elevation measurements. By establishing a network of levelled points, surveyors can create accurate contour maps and ensure proper land grading.

Traverse Surveying: Traverse surveying is a method used to determine the relative positions of points on the land surface. It involves a sequence of distance and angular measurements from one point to another, forming a chain of connected lines. Traverse surveys are commonly used for establishing boundary lines, creating road alignments, and conducting detailed surveys of smaller areas. Modern surveying techniques, such as GPS (Global Positioning System), have made traversing more efficient by providing precise positioning information and reducing the reliance on manual measurements.

Geodetic Surveying: Geodetic surveying deals with the measurement and representation of the Earth's surface on a global scale. It considers the curvature of the Earth and considers the Earth's geoid (the shape defined by mean sea level). Geodetic surveys involve precise measurements of long distances and the use of complex mathematical models to account for the Earth's curvature and irregularities. This type of surveying is essential for large-scale projects, such as mapping national boundaries, establishing geodetic control networks, and conducting precise positioning for satellite-based navigation systems.

Error Analysis and Control: Error analysis and control are integral aspects of land measurement. Surveyors must account for measurement errors, such as instrumental errors, environmental factors, and human errors, to ensure accurate results. Error control techniques, such as redundant measurements, balancing traverses, and statistical analysis, help minimize and quantify measurement errors. By understanding and managing measurement errors, surveyors can enhance the accuracy and reliability of land measurements.

3.2 AI Techniques in Land Measurement

Artificial Intelligence (AI) techniques have revolutionized various industries, and the field of land measurement is no exception. AI offers powerful tools and algorithms that can enhance the accuracy, efficiency, and automation of land measurement processes. Here are some key AI techniques utilized in land measurement:

Machine Learning: Machine learning is a branch of AI that focuses on developing algorithms that enable computers to learn from data and make predictions or decisions without explicit programming. In land measurement, machine learning algorithms can be trained on large datasets of land survey measurements, topographic data, and associated attributes. These algorithms can then analyse the data to identify patterns, relationships, and anomalies, leading to improved accuracy in land measurement calculations. Machine learning techniques can be used for data processing, feature extraction, classification of land features, and predictive modeling.

Computer Vision: Computer vision is a field of AI that deals with enabling computers to understand and interpret visual information. In land measurement, computer vision techniques can be applied to analyse aerial or satellite imagery, photographs, or point cloud data captured by LiDAR sensors. By leveraging computer vision algorithms, land features such as buildings, roads, vegetation, and water bodies can be automatically detected, extracted, and classified. Computer vision techniques can assist in generating accurate maps, identifying changes in land features over time, and improving the efficiency of land measurement processes.

Object Recognition: Object recognition techniques utilize AI algorithms to identify and classify specific objects within an image or point cloud data. In the context of land measurement, object recognition can be used to automatically detect and classify various land features, such as buildings, trees, roads, and bodies of water. This automated detection can significantly speed up the process of identifying and mapping land features, eliminating the need for manual identification and measurement. Object recognition techniques, combined with other AI and computer vision methods, contribute to the automation and efficiency of land measurement tasks.

ArcGIS professional provides information preparation Tools for deep learning workflows, conjointly for improved Support for deploying qualified models for feature extraction And classification. Similar capabilities are on the market in ArcGIS Image Server within the ArcGIS Enterprise ten.Update that permits users to deploy deep learning models at Scale mistreatment distributed computing. Learn modules Within the ArcGIS API for Python to coach deep learning Models employing a easy, intuitive API. ArcGIS Notebooks Offers a ready-to-use atmosphere for deep learning model Coaching. For object detection and classification workflows Mistreatment CNTK, Keras, PyTorch, fast.ai, and TensorFlow, ArcGIS provides intrinsically Python Formation functions.

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3.3 ArcGIS PRO

Every part of the information science progress may be Motor-assisted by ArcGIS tools, as well as information Preparation and preliminary information analysis; model Training; special analysis; and at last, scattering results Through internet layers and maps and driving field operation. ArcGIS professional additionally provides information Preparation tools for deep learning workflows, additionally As improved support for deploying qualified models for Feature extraction and classificati

3.4 ANDROID STUDIO

Linking of the deep learning trained modules from ArcGIS Pro to Android Studio to work as an front-end app Giving the satellite imagery, data and also providing the user The benefit of choosing their specific location through the ArcGIS satellite map.

3.5 LEARNING MODULE

Deep learning rekindled the pursuit of artificial Intelligence in the direction of a general- purpose computer Capable of automating any human-related operation. This is Primarily due to a burst of interest in deep machine learning,Which uses hierarchical feature representations rather than Human-designed features or rules to model high-level Abstractions, demonstrating great promise in recognizing And characterizing LC and LU patterns from VFSR imagery.

3.5 WORK METHOD

Applications in surveying

Neural networks are a type of machine learning algorithm that are particularly well- suited for complex pattern recognition tasks. They are inspired by the structure and function of the human brain, consisting of interconnected layers of artificial neurons that process and learn from data. In surveying, neural networks have found various applications to enhance accuracy, automate processes, and extract valuable insights from data. Here are some key applications of neural networks in surveying:

Image Classification and Object Detection: Neural networks, particularly Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), have been widely employed in surveying for image classification and object detection tasks. In aerial or satellite imagery, neural networks can automatically identify and classify land features such as buildings, roads, vegetation, water bodies, and other infrastructure elements. This enables the automated extraction of valuable information from imagery, speeding up the mapping and analysis processes.

Feature Extraction and Recognition: Neural networks can be utilized to extract relevant features from surveying data. For example, LiDAR point cloud data can be processed using neural networks to identify and classify different land features based on their characteristics, such as trees, buildings, or terrain. Neural networks can also be used to recognize and interpret patterns in survey measurements, helping to identify anomalies, measurement errors, or other important information in the data.

Data Fusion and Integration: Neural networks can assist in integrating and fusing data from multiple sources in surveying. For example, data from different sensors, such as GPS, LiDAR, and aerial imagery, can be combined using neural networks to generate more accurate and comprehensive representations of the land surface. By leveraging the capabilities of neural networks, surveyors can obtain more reliable and detailed information about the surveyed area.

Prediction and Estimation: Neural networks can be trained to predict or estimate various surveying parameters. For instance, they can be used to estimate the elevation of unmeasured locations based on surrounding elevation data. Neural networks can also be employed to predict other important land characteristics, such as slope, volume, or land cover types, based on available survey data. These predictions can assist in creating detailed maps, terrain models, or in making informed decisions related to land development or resource management.

Quality Control and Anomaly Detection: Neural networks can play a crucial role in quality control processes in surveying. They can be trained to identify measurement errors, outliers, or other anomalies in the survey data. By analysing the patterns and characteristics of the data, neural networks can help detect and flag potential issues, ensuring the reliability and accuracy of the survey results.

Data Processing and Analysis: Neural networks can automate and optimize various data processing and analysis tasks in surveying. They can assist in filtering and cleaning survey data, reducing noise, and improving the overall quality of the data. Neural networks can also be used for data compression, feature extraction, and data visualization, facilitating the interpretation and utilization of surveying data.

At the very initial stages, we will be training the deep Learning data sets using satellite imagery for ArcGIS pro. In Which the further segmentation and Labelling of the images Will take place. To export training data, there is a labelled Imagery layer with the class label for each position, as well As a raster input with all the original pixels

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World Imagery: Color Infrared as the raster input. With the feature class and Raster layer in place, the module is ready to use the export Training data() method in the ArcGIS. To export training Data, use the Learn module. In addition to feature class, Raster layer, and output folder, we must also specify tile size (image chip size), strid size (distance to transfer each time When creating the next image chip), chip format (TIFF, PNG, or JPEG), and metadata format (how we are going to Store those training labels). Depending on the size of the Data, tile and stride size, and computing resources, this Operation took 15 minutes to 2 hours in our experiment. After the modules have been trained and published as a deep Learning package, the deep learning package will export and Connect the maps to Android Studio for user access.

Image processing

Image processing and computer vision techniques have become invaluable tools in land measurement, enabling the analysis and interpretation of visual data captured from various sources such as aerial or satellite imagery, photographs, and LiDAR point cloud data. These techniques leverage algorithms and methods to extract meaningful information from images, aiding in land measurement and analysis. Here are some key applications of image processing and computer vision in land measurement:

Land Feature Extraction and Classification: Image processing and computer vision techniques can automatically extract and classify land features from imagery. Through the analysis of aerial or satellite images, these techniques can identify and delineate features such as buildings, roads, vegetation, water bodies, and other infrastructure elements. By automatically detecting and classifying these features, land measurement processes can be accelerated, leading to more efficient mapping and analysis.

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Change Detection and Monitoring: Image processing and computer vision algorithms enable the detection and monitoring of changes in land features over time. By comparing images acquired at different time points, these techniques can identify and quantify changes such as land cover alterations, urban expansion, or environmental changes. Change detection and monitoring provide valuable insights for land management, urban planning, and environmental assessment.

Georeferencing and Orthorectification: Image processing techniques can georeferenced and orthorectify aerial or satellite images, aligning them with real-world coordinates and removing distortions caused by terrain or sensor characteristics. Georeferenced images serve as a reliable base for accurate land measurement and mapping. Orthorectification corrects image distortions caused by the Earth's curvature, topographic relief, and sensor tilt, ensuring precise geometric representation of the land surface.

Terrain Modeling and Digital Elevation Mapping: Image processing and computer vision can be used to generate terrain models and digital elevation maps (DEMs) from imagery. By analysing the shape, shading, and texture of the land surface, these techniques estimate elevation values and create detailed 3D representations of the terrain. DEMs are essential for land measurement tasks, such as slope analysis, volume calculations, and visualization.

AI-Based working Tools and Technologies

The advancement of artificial intelligence (AI) has led to the development of various tools and technologies that are specifically designed to support and enhance land measurement processes. These AI-based tools leverage machine learning algorithms, computer vision techniques, and data analytics to automate tasks, improve accuracy, and provide valuable insights. Here are some key AI-based tools and technologies used in land measurement:

Geographic Information System (GIS) Integration: GIS software integrates spatial data, such as land boundaries, survey measurements, and topographic information, with AI capabilities. By combining GIS with AI algorithms, surveyors can analyse large datasets, perform spatial analysis, and visualize land features. AI-powered GIS tools provide functionalities like spatial data classification, predictive modeling, and geospatial data mining, enabling more efficient and comprehensive land measurement and analysis.

Remote Sensing and Satellite Imagery: AI algorithms are utilized to process and analyse remote sensing data, including satellite imagery, aerial photographs, and LiDAR point clouds. These technologies enable the automated interpretation and extraction of valuable information from large-scale land areas. AI algorithms can automatically detect land features, classify land cover types, and generate accurate digital elevation models (DEMs) from remote sensing data, supporting land measurement and mapping processes.

LiDAR Data Processing: LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) technology captures precise three-dimensional measurements of land surfaces by emitting laser pulses and measuring their reflection. AI-based tools are used to process and analyse LiDAR data, extracting information such as elevation, slope, and vegetation characteristics. By employing AI algorithms, surveyors can automate the classification of LiDAR point clouds, detect objects, and derive terrain models, enhancing the accuracy and efficiency of land measurement.

Data Analytics and Predictive Modeling: AI-based data analytics tools utilize machine learning algorithms to analyse and interpret large volumes of land measurement data. These tools can identify patterns, correlations, and anomalies in the data, facilitating predictive modeling and decision-making. By applying AI algorithms, surveyors can predict land characteristics, estimate parameters, and optimize land measurement processes for improved accuracy and efficiency.

Mobile and Field Data Collection: AI-powered mobile applications and field data collection tools have become increasingly popular in land measurement. These tools leverage AI algorithms to automate data collection, streamline workflows, and ensure data quality. They enable real-time data capture, validation, and synchronization with central databases, reducing manual data entry errors and enhancing field productivity.

Internet of Things (IoT) Integration: AI technologies can be integrated with IoT devices and sensors to enable real-time data acquisition and analysis. IoT devices, such as GPS receivers and environmental sensors, collect data during land measurement processes, which can then be analysed using AI algorithms. This integration facilitates data fusion, real-time monitoring, and decision-making based on up-to-date information.

Data Visualization and Reporting: AI-based tools offer advanced data visualization and reporting capabilities, allowing surveyors to present land measurement data in a clear and actionable format. These tools generate interactive maps, charts, and graphs, enabling stakeholders to easily interpret and analyse the data. AI-powered reporting features automate the generation of comprehensive reports, reducing manual effort and providing standardized documentation of land measurement results.

The principles of civil survey and land measurement

1. Accuracy: Accurate measurements are essential in civil survey and land measurement. The principle of accuracy emphasizes the use of precise instruments, proper techniques, and careful data collection to minimize errors and uncertainties in measurements. This includes using calibrated instruments, appropriate survey control points, and robust survey methodologies.
2. Precision: Precision relates to the level of detail and repeatability in measurements. The principle of precision focuses on achieving consistent and reproducible results by reducing random errors. This is accomplished through rigorous survey techniques, advanced instruments, and multiple measurements to ensure reliable and precise data.
3. Reliability: Reliability refers to the consistency and dependability of survey and measurement results. The principle of reliability ensures that surveys are conducted using reliable instruments, calibrated equipment, and standardized procedures. Regular maintenance and adherence to professional standards contribute to the reliability of survey data.
4. Survey Control: Establishing proper survey control is essential in civil survey and land measurement. This principle involves setting up a network of control points with known coordinates or elevations to provide a reliable reference system for subsequent measurements. Control points serve as the foundation for accurate and consistent surveys.
5. Surveying Techniques: Various surveying techniques are employed depending on the specific requirements and characteristics of the land being measured. The principles of surveying techniques involve selecting the appropriate methods, such as triangulation, traverse, leveling, GPS (Global Positioning System), or laser scanning, to achieve the desired level of accuracy and detail in the survey.
6. Data Integrity: The principle of data integrity emphasizes the importance of ensuring the quality and reliability of survey data throughout the entire measurement process. This includes proper data collection, storage, management, and documentation. Adhering to standardized data formats, conducting quality checks, and maintaining data traceability contribute to data integrity.
7. Legal and Ethical Considerations: Civil survey and land measurement must comply with legal requirements, property rights, and ethical considerations. The principle of legal and ethical compliance involves conducting surveys within the framework of applicable laws and regulations, respecting landowners' rights, and adhering to professional codes of ethics.
8. Continual Professional Development: Civil survey and land measurement professionals should engage in ongoing professional development to stay updated with the latest surveying techniques, instruments, and industry practices. Continuous learning and improvement are essential principles for ensuring the application of the most effective and accurate survey methodologies.

Civil engineering survey equipment working:

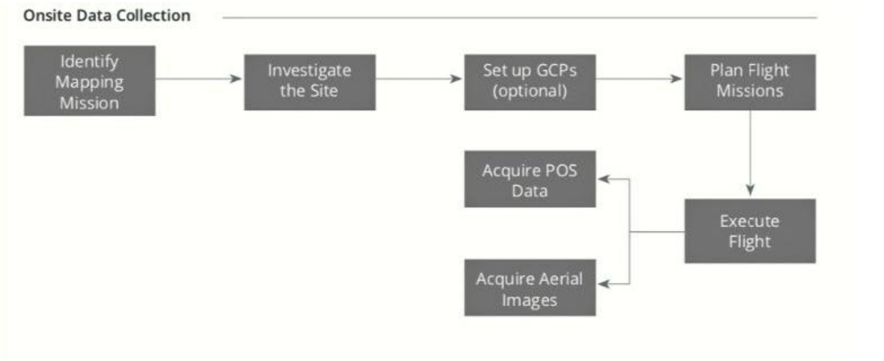
1. Total Station: A total station is an advanced electronic instrument used for precise angle and distance measurements. It combines an electronic theodolite (for measuring horizontal and vertical angles) with an electronic distance meter (EDM) that uses infrared or laser technology to measure distances. The total station emits a laser beam to reflect off a prism or target, and by measuring the time it takes for the beam to return, it calculates the distance. The instrument also has an onboard computer for data processing, storage, and communication capabilities.
2. Global Positioning System (GPS): GPS equipment uses a network of satellites to determine accurate positions on the Earth's surface. GPS receivers receive signals from multiple satellites, and by triangulating the signals, they can calculate precise coordinates. Civil engineering GPS equipment consists of a receiver, antenna, and data collector. It allows surveyors to determine precise locations, collect geospatial data, and perform real-time kinematic (RTK) surveys for high-accuracy positioning.
3. Automatic Level: An automatic level is used to measure height differences and level surfaces. It consists of a telescope mounted on a tripod that automatically compensates for minor tilt and ensures a level line of sight. By sighting through the telescope and reading a graduated staff held at different points, the instrument measures the difference in height or elevation.

4. Theodolite: Theodolites are optical instruments used to measure horizontal and vertical angles with high precision. They consist of a telescope mounted on a rotating base and vertical axis. Theodolites have graduated circles and micrometers for accurate angle measurement. By observing targets or reference points and reading the angle values, surveyors can determine precise angular measurements.

5. Laser Scanners: Laser scanners use laser beams to capture highly detailed and three- dimensional information about the land, structures, and objects. These scanners emit laser pulses and measure the time it takes for the pulses to reflect back from surfaces. By scanning a scene from different positions and combining the data, a 3D point cloud is generated, representing the shape and characteristics of the surveyed area or object.

6. Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR): GPR equipment is used to detect and map subsurface features and utilities. It emits electromagnetic pulses into the ground, and the radar waves are reflected back when they encounter subsurface objects or boundaries with different properties. By analyzing the received signals, surveyors can locate buried utilities, detect voids, and map geological layers.

These are just a few examples of civil engineering survey equipment and their working principles. Each instrument utilizes specialized technology to provide accurate measurements, data collection, and mapping capabilities. The collected data is then processed, analyzed, and used for various engineering and construction applications, including design, site planning, and monitoring.



Drone Surveying Workflow for Onsite Data Collection

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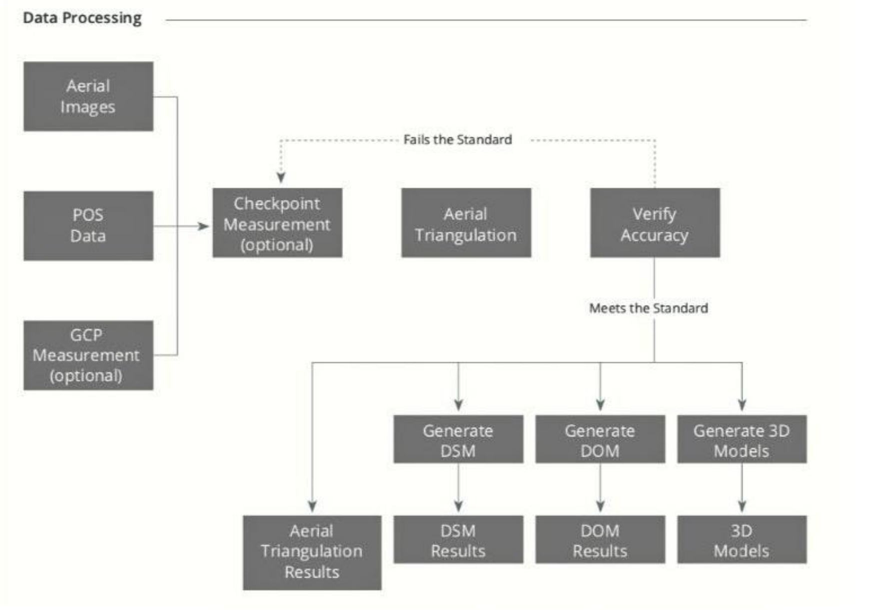

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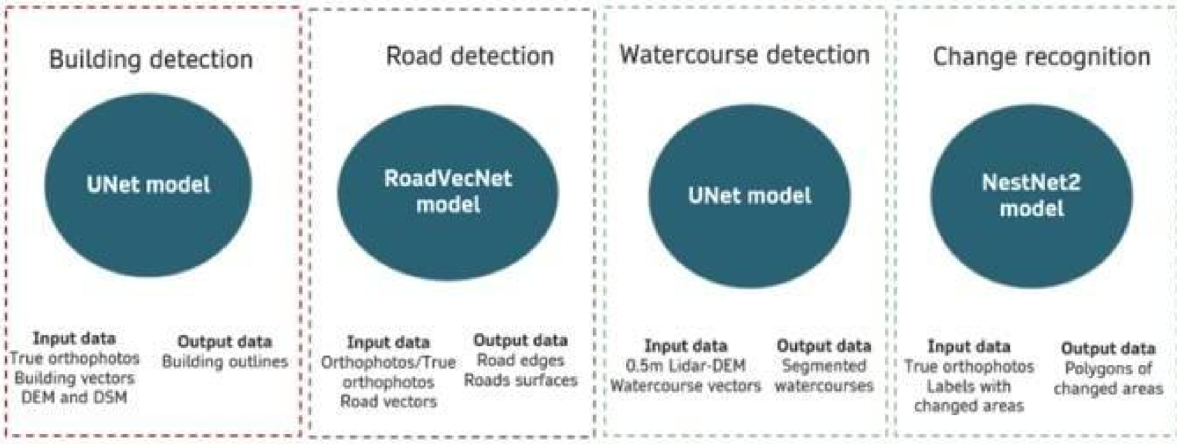
Case study

In November 2020, Finland launched the Artificial Intelligence 4.0 Programme, based on EU objectives and Finland's strategy to promote the development and introduction of AI and other digital technologies in governments and companies. NLS was identifiedas one national government agency that could benefit from technological innovation and efficiency improvements. In the map production unit alone, up to a hundred employeeswork on the stereo models of aerial images for manually updating the topographic map each year. Besides that, many staff members are approaching retirement age. There is therefore an urgent need for new, high-efficiency technology (e.g. AI) to fill the gap. Furthermore, NLS started a new aerial imagery programme (covering one-third of the country annually) and new national Lidar programme (covering one-sixth of the country)in 2020. This resulted in a huge amount of datasets needing to be processed for nationaltopographic map updating.

Deep learning technology has been proven to be highly accurate and effective in objectdetection, and is regarded as one of the best solutions for reducing the labour-intensive tasks in topographic map updating. Therefore, the ATMU project was launched as the first AI project in the NLS map production department. Its goals were to develop deep learning solutions for object detection and change recognition, to reduce the amount of manual and routine work in GIS production, to improve the accuracy and up-to-datedness of geospatial data, to support the innovation of map production, and to providehigh-quality training datasets for society.



An overview of deep learning technologies in the ATMU project

Training data

Deep learning technology is a data-driven technology. Besides the selection of the proper neural network, the quality, quantity and diversity of training data must be considered inorder to make very accurate predictions. The training data presented the main challengeat the beginning of the ATMU project.

For example, although orthophotos and building footprints were available in the NLS topographic database, they were not suitable to be used as training data for building detection. The building footprints in the NLS topographic database were collected fromthe base of a building, whereas the deep learning model detected the roof of a building from images (true orthophotos). This made it impossible to match the building footprints to the true orthophotos. The orthophotos generated from aerial images and digital elevation models (DEMs) in the NLS database created the effect of building tilting. When orthophotos from different years were compared, building roof projections on theorthophotos often varied due to the different camera angles on different aerial vehicles.Unlike orthophotos, true orthophotos eliminate the effect of building tilting since they capture a vertical view towards the surface of the Earth. As a result, pixels on a true orthophoto have a uniform scale, making them measurable. Therefore, the ATMU project decided to use true orthophotos (30cm spatial resolution) instead of orthophotos. The true orthophotos along with building vectors, DEMs and digital surface models (DSMs) were utilized as the training data for building detection. True orthophotos and DSMs were generated by SURE for ArcGIS (Esri product, formerly nFrames). Highly detailed building vectors needed to be collected manually from true orthophotos.

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An initial UNet model was trained from scratch with all this training data (Figure 2). When the model could produce a good prediction, the predictions with manual correction were exploited as training data to continue training the model. Thus, the task of manual training data collection was greatly reduced. This strategy ensured the quality, quantity and diversity of training data for high-quality predictions.

The existing resources in the topographic database were not accurate enough to be usedas training data for watercourse detection. For watercourses, centrelines of all watercourses (<5m wide) from an area of 36km2 were therefore collected manually. 0.5m Lidar-DEM and watercourse labels with 1.5m buffer were rasterized and trained in the UNet model

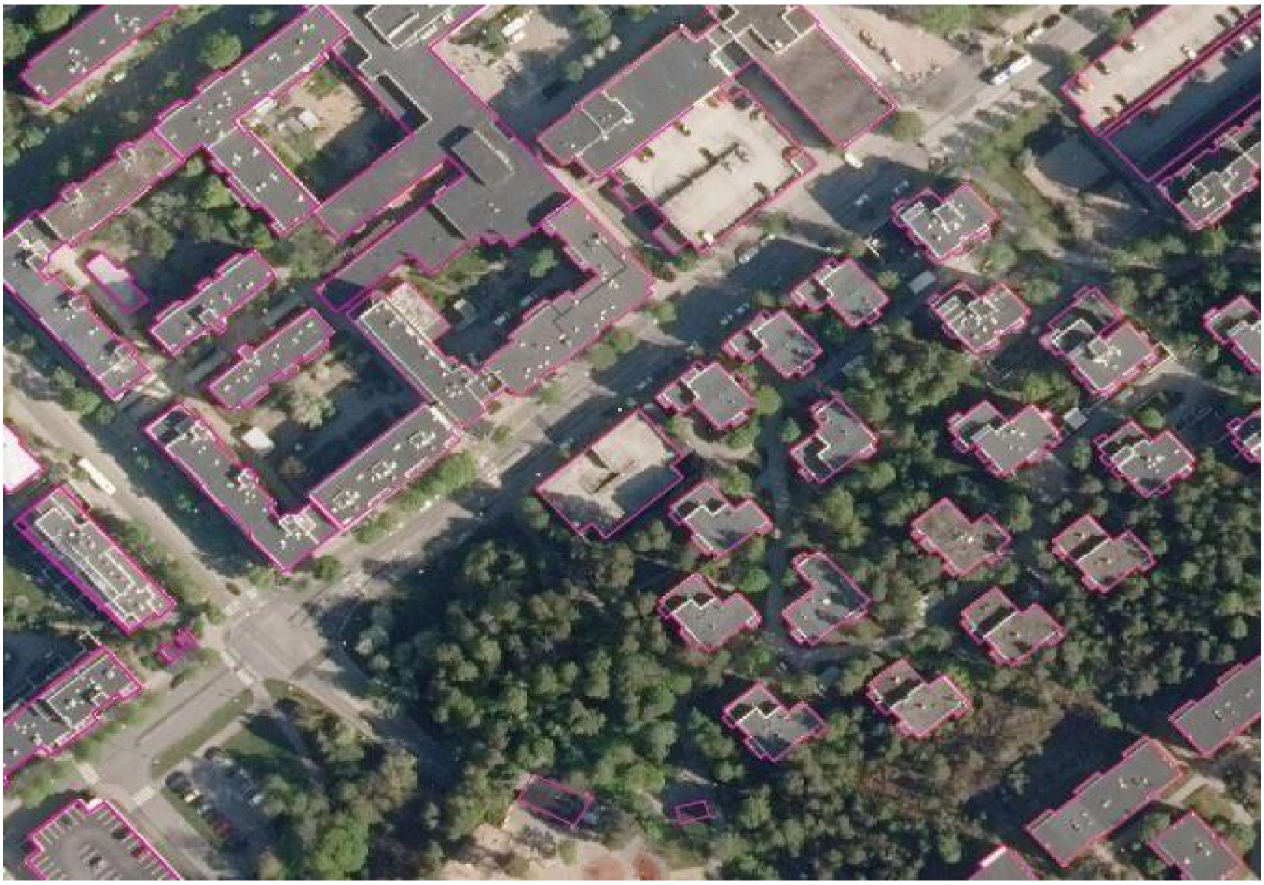

Figure 2: High-quality training data for building detection

Neural networks

During the ATMU project, different neural networks – such as UNet, MaskR-CNN, DenseUNet, RoadVecNet, DSAMNet, MDESNet, Changer, NestNet and NestNet2 – were tested for object detection and change recognition. Different deep learning technologies were also studied, including transfer learning, multi-task learning and transformer/attention mechanism. The neural networks performed as follows during theATMU project:

Building detection: UNet seemed to perform better with the NLS datasets than the othertested neural networks (Figure 3). With transfer learning techniques the result was approx. 5% more accurate when compared to the model trained from scratch. UNet in combination with the transformer did not seem to improve the result. The advantages ofthe use of a transformer might be clearer if a huge amount of training data were utilized

Road detection: UNet, DenseUNet and RoadVecNet were tested with orthophotos from differently coloured spaces. RoadVecNet in combination with RGB images performed the best and was applied to the project. Road detection employed multi-task learning techniques, which means that the neural network can have multiple inputs and multiple outputs. The multiple input data included images from differently coloured spaces together with labels, while the outputs consisted of two parts: road surface segmentationand road edges.

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Figure 3: An example of building detection from the ATMU UNet model.

Watercourse detection: The UNet model was trained with 0.5m Lidar-DEM, and vectors and parameters of the network were optimized.

Computational environment

The training process requires huge computational power. In the ATMU project, deep learning models were trained in Puhti at CSC, Finland's IT Center for Science. Supported by CSC's capacity of CPUs and GPUs, Puhti has supercomputers for small and medium jobs. It has a total of 682 CPU nodes. Each node is equipped with two IntelXeon processors with 20 cores each, i.e. 40 cores in total. The Puhti AI partition has 80GPU nodes with 4 GPUs per node, totalling 320 NVIDIA Tesla V100 GPUs. CSC's supercomputers have three main disk areas: home, projappl and scratch. The 'home' directory has a storage capacity of 10GiB, while 'projappl' has 50GiB and scratch has 1TiB

IV. RESULTS

By the end of the two years, the ATMU project had produced more than 100,000km2 oftrue orthophotos, and the UNet model for building detection had been trained with datasets covering an area of more than 60,000km2. According to the NLS expert evaluation, it has reached an accuracy level of up to 97.9% when compared to differentreference data. It is now available for the practical use of map production. The option ofintegrating the ATMU building model with the new topographic database system is currently under discussion.

The AI model (RoadVecNet) for road detection likewise achieved a great result and further application is under consideration. Meanwhile, the preliminary results for watercourse detection using UNet provide a good basis for further research. In addition, expert evaluation of building and road change recognition had been implemented. The results showed that approximately 96% of changes from roads and buildings have beenfound from true orthophotos using the NestNet2 model. The change detection results canbe used as pointers for the operators so that they do not need to check the changed areasacross the entire image. This will significantly reduce the amount of manual work. Further application of the change detection method might need to be discussed in the coming year.

The ATMU project has been selected for inclusion in the EuroGeographics annual report representing Finland. In addition, the project has made high-quality training data for building detection publicly available, so it can be used to further boost AI developmentin the geospatial field.

TRADITIONAL SURVEY	USE AI FOR SURVEY
Rely on human surveyors to collect and analyze data, which can be time- consuming and require significant	Use machine learning algorithms toanalyze large amounts of data quickly and accurately.

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expertise.	
Use specialized equipment such as total stations and GPS receivers to measure angles and distances.	Can identify patterns and anomalies in the data that may not be immediately apparent to human surveyors.
Can be used to create detailed maps and 3D models of the land.	May require less physical labor than traditional land surveys, which can reduce costs and improve safety.
Have a long history of use in civil engineering and are well-established in the industry.	Can be used to monitor changes in the land over time, which can be useful for identifying potential hazards or issues.
Can be used to identify potential hazards or issues that may affect the use or development of the land	May not provide the same level of accuracy as traditional land surveys, especially in areas with significant elevation changes or obstructions.
Can provide accurate and detailed information about property boundaries, which can help prevent disputes between neighbors and ensure that landowners have clear title to their property	May require significant investment in technology and training.

The Benefits of Traditional Land Surveying

For companies that already own total stations and have a trained team of traditional surveyors, they may be hesitant to make the shift to drone surveying because of concerns of purchasing more expensive equipment and having to train additional skills.

The Drawbacks of Traditional Land Surveying

The main disadvantages of traditional land surveying are time, cost, and safety. More often than not, survey crews are working on undeveloped or highly vegetated land, and have a greater chance of falling or being exposed to harsh elements. Moreover, if a crew is working near an interstate, more safety precautions must come into play in order to minimize risk. In addition to potential safety hazards, this is an incredibly time- consuming, expensive task. Measuring large areas requires a team of people, which increases labor costs, and often weeks or months to complete before the data is ready for analysis and compilation. It's easy for a project to quickly get behind schedule, which can add on to the cost of the project as a whole.

The Benefits of Drone Surveying

Drone surveying offers several advantages that traditional methods simply can't offer, including:

Speed – A huge selling point of drone surveying is that accurate and actionable data can be collected much faster than traditional methods. Drones can scan up to 700 acres a day (per team) and data can be ready for final delivery within two weeks.

Safety – There's absolutely no need to put people on your team in harm's way. The drone can be piloted from a safe location while the drone itself is high above the ground, which significantly reduces the potential risks for on-site teams.

Access to remote locations – Whether you need to scan rocky terrain, overgrown swamp and marsh, or access high altitudes, a drone can reach areas with ease.

Cost effective – Drones can collect the data much quicker and with significantly fewer man hours, reducing the overall cost.

Accuracy – High quality sensors offer specifications with incredibly high accuracy, often as close as two millimeters.

Comparative analysis of AI-based methods vs. traditional surveying techniques

The advent of artificial intelligence (AI) has brought significant advancements in land measurement, offering new methods and tools that can revolutionize traditional surveying techniques. Let's explore a comparative analysis of AI-based methods and traditional surveying techniques:

Accuracy: AI-based methods often provide enhanced accuracy compared to traditional surveying techniques. AI algorithms can analyse large volumes of data with high precision, minimizing human error and improving measurement accuracy. Additionally, AI-based techniques such as machine learning and computer vision can effectively handle complex data processing tasks, resulting in more accurate measurements and analysis.

Efficiency: AI-based methods offer improved efficiency in land measurement processes. Traditional surveying techniques often require manual data collection and analysis, which can be time-consuming and labour-intensive. AI-based methods, on the other hand, can automate various tasks, such as data processing, feature extraction, and analysis, leading to faster and more efficient results. For example, AI algorithms can automatically detect and classify features in aerial imagery or point cloud data, saving significant time and effort compared to manual identification.

Data Processing: Traditional surveying techniques typically involve extensive manual data processing and analysis. This can introduce human error and increase the likelihood of inconsistencies in measurements. AI-based methods excel in automating data processing tasks, handling large datasets, and extracting relevant information. AI algorithms can process data from various sources, such as satellite imagery, LiDAR point clouds, or sensor readings, enabling efficient and accurate analysis.

Data Integration and Visualization: AI-based methods allow for seamless integration and visualization of data from different sources. Traditional surveying techniques often require manual integration of data collected through different instruments and techniques, which can be challenging and prone to errors. AI algorithms can integrate data from multiple sensors and platforms, creating comprehensive and accurate representations of the surveyed area. Furthermore, AI techniques enable advanced data visualization, such as 3D modeling and virtual reality, providing intuitive and immersive ways to interpret and analyse land measurement data.

Cost-effectiveness: AI-based methods have the potential to reduce costs associated with land measurement projects. While there may be initial investments in acquiring AI technologies and training personnel, the long-term benefits can outweigh the costs. AI- based methods can streamline workflows, improve efficiency, and reduce the need for extensive manual labour. This can lead to cost savings in terms of time, resources, and overall project duration.

Scalability and Flexibility: AI-based methods offer scalability and flexibility, allowing for easy adaptation to different surveying scenarios and project requirements. Traditional surveying techniques often have limitations in scalability due to the manual nature of data collection and analysis. AI algorithms, on the other hand, can handle large datasets and adapt to various surveying environments. They can be applied to different types of data, such as imagery, point clouds, or sensor readings, providing a versatile approach to land measurement tasks.

Skill Requirements: AI-based methods may require specialized skills and expertise in AI technologies and data analysis. Traditional surveying techniques rely on the expertise of surveyors with knowledge of geodetic principles, instruments, and measurement techniques. Integrating AI-based methods into land measurement practices may require additional training or collaboration with AI professionals. However, advancements in user-friendly AI tools and platforms are making AI more accessible to surveying professionals.It's Important to note that while AI-based methods offer significant advantages, traditional surveying techniques still hold value in certain contexts. Depending on the project requirements, environmental conditions, or regulatory considerations, a combination of traditional and AI-based methods may be the most appropriate approach.

V. CONCLUSION

The use of artificial intelligence (AI) in the surveying process of land measurement has brought significant advancements to the field of civil engineering. AI technologies have the potential to revolutionize surveying practices by improving accuracy, efficiency, and data analysis capabilities. Throughout this report, we have explored various aspects of AI in surveying, including its definition, importance, benefits, and applications.

We began by providing a background on the significance of land measurement in civil engineering, highlighting the challenges faced by traditional surveying methods. We then delved into the fundamentals of AI and its role in enhancing surveying processes. The report covered different AI techniques, including machine learning algorithms, neural networks, and image processing, and their applications in land measurement. We also discussed AI-based tools, technologies, and software that are reshaping the surveying landscape.Furthermore, we explored the basic principles of land measurement, types of surveying techniques, and their applications. We specifically focused on 3D modeling and point cloud analysis, showcasing their importance in extracting valuable information from surveying data.The report provided real-world case studies and examples of AI implementation in land measurement, highlighting their successful applications and outcomes. We also conducted a comparative analysis between AI-based methods and traditional surveying techniques, discussing the advantages and limitations of both approaches. Additionally, we discussed the ethical considerations, data privacy issues, and potential obstacles associated with the integration of AI in land measurement. It is crucial to address these challenges to ensure responsible and ethical implementation of AI technologies.Finally, we explored the emerging trends and future advancements in AI-based surveying, including the integration of multiple data sources, advanced data analytics, real-time monitoring, augmented reality, autonomous surveying systems, and cloud computing. These advancements hold great promise for further improving surveying processes and enhancing the capabilities of surveyors.

In conclusion, the use of AI in the surveying process of land measurement has the potential to revolutionize the field, enabling more accurate, efficient, and data-driven surveying practices. However, it is important to navigate the challenges and ethical considerations associated with AI implementation. By leveraging the advancements in AI technologies, surveyors and civil engineers can unlock new opportunities, improve decision-making, and contribute to the development of sustainable and resilient infrastructure.As technology continues to evolve, ongoing research, collaboration, and knowledge sharing will be crucial in harnessing the full potential of AI in land measurement. By embracing these advancements and addressing the challenges, the field of surveying will continue to progress, leading to improved outcomes in land measurement projects and shaping the future of civil engineering.

5.1 EXPECTED OUTCOMES

1. Increased Efficiency: One of the main benefits of using AI for land surveying is increased efficiency. AI algorithms can automate many of the tasks involved in the surveying process, reducing the amount of time and resources required to complete a survey.
2. Improved Accuracy: Another benefit of using AI for land surveying is improved accuracy. AI algorithms can analyze large amounts of data and detect patterns that may be missed by human surveyors, resulting in more accurate measurements and better survey results.
3. Cost Savings: By reducing the time and resources required for land surveying, using AI can also result in cost savings. This can make land surveying more accessible and affordable for a wider range of clients and projects.
4. Enhanced Safety: AI can also improve safety in the surveying process by reducing the need for human surveyors to work in hazardous or difficult-to-reach areas. This can help prevent accidents and injuries on the job.
5. Scalability: Finally, using AI for land surveying can make the process more scalable, allowing surveyors to handle larger and more complex projects with greater ease. This can help surveying companies expand their business and take on more challenging projects.

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