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"Finding the Needles in a Haystack": Identification of Illegal Dumping of Construction Waste Using Urban Big Data

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# iLab:The urban big data lab





- iLab is an urban big data hub housed in KB715 of the Knowles Building.
- It facilitates multi-dimensional and multi-disciplinary urban big data collection, storage, analysis, and visualisation to inform decision-making in smart city development.
- iLab is a repository for urban big data from multiple sources including Geographical Information Systems (GIS), Global Positioning Systems (GPS), Urban Remote Sensing (URS), satellite and airborne Remote Sensing (RS), Building Information Modeling (BIM), and facilities and asset management.
- iLab is works closely with other groups in HKUrbanLab.
- iLab also has its own unique research remit to integrate big data in pursuit of various development in relation to smart city.

# To develop an urban "digital twin" for smart city development

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Berlin, Germany (BlueModels)



New 3D mapping system with one-stop data sourc allows Hong Kong planners to build urban sites Sil 12:30 PMMYT Biggest implication of lauded technology is ability to cater to needs of greyi population

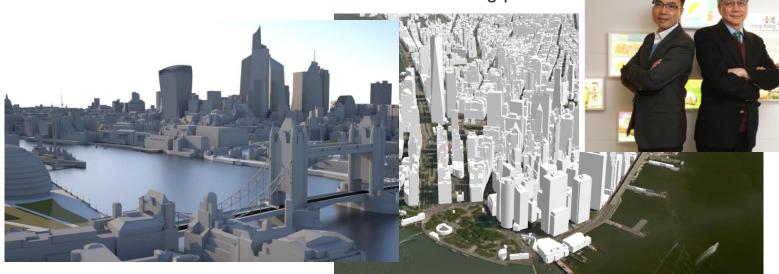
System comes with plans to make geospatial data accessible to public for ar developers and professional bodies as part of smart city push





#### **Building Hong Kong, 'SimCity' style**





London, UK (Vertex Modelling)

New York, USA (3D Tiles)

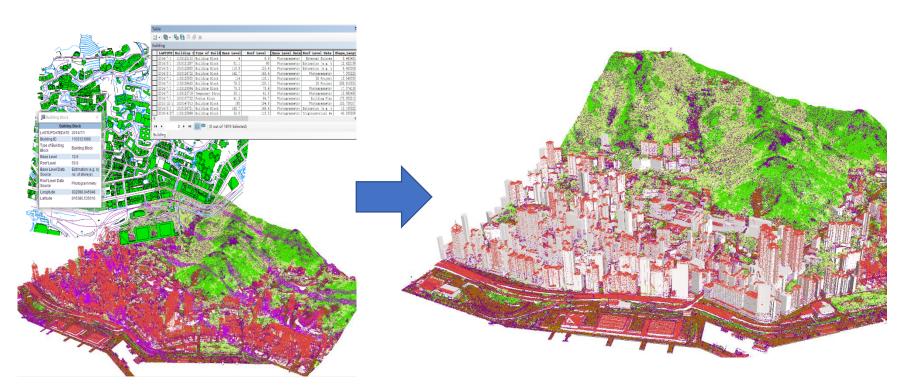


Hong Kong (Sources: Lands D) https://www.landsd.gov.hk/mapping/en/news/3DSD/FullScreen.html

# The digital twin with LoD 1

(Blocks model comprising prismatic buildings with flat roof structures)





A 2 km×2 km area in northwestern Hong Kong Island, containing I36 I blocks of densely distributed buildings of varying heights and shapes

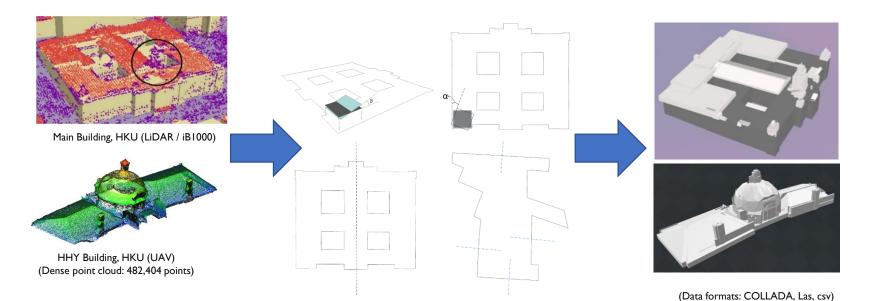
iB1000 (topographic map purchased from Lands Department of HKSAR. It is in Geodatabase (GDB) format with a scale of 1:1000; contains feature datasets including buildings, land cover, transportation, etc)

air-borne LiDAR (provided by the Civil Engineering and Development Department of HKSAR. It, comprising buildings, roads, and many other urban features, was collected between 1 December 2010 and 8 January 2011 by the CEDD by hiring an airborne LiDAR surveying company. In the original dataset, the point density is about 4 points/m2.)

## The digital twin with LoD2

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(Buildings have differentiated roof structures and thematically differentiated boundary surfaces)

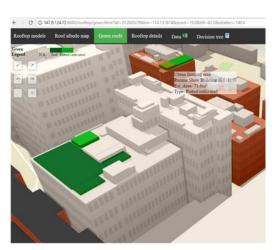




Generated rooftop objects from point clouds



Developed albedo map



Identified green roof areas by machine learning

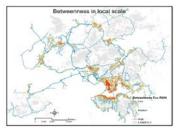
☐Green roof
prediction (by
Machine Learning)
☐"Edible roof", urban
farming
☐Unauthorised
Building Works

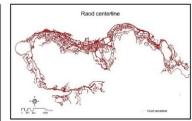
□Rooftops for social

functions

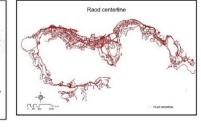
# Digital twins and smart city applications

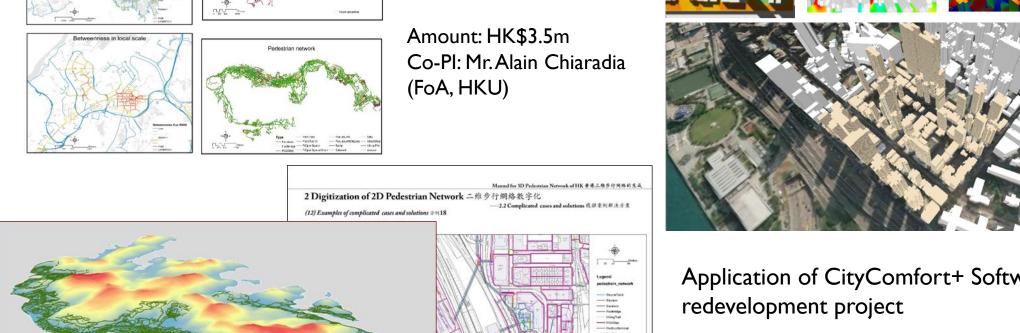






SPPR project: Strategies for Enhancing Walkability in Hong Kong via Smart Policies





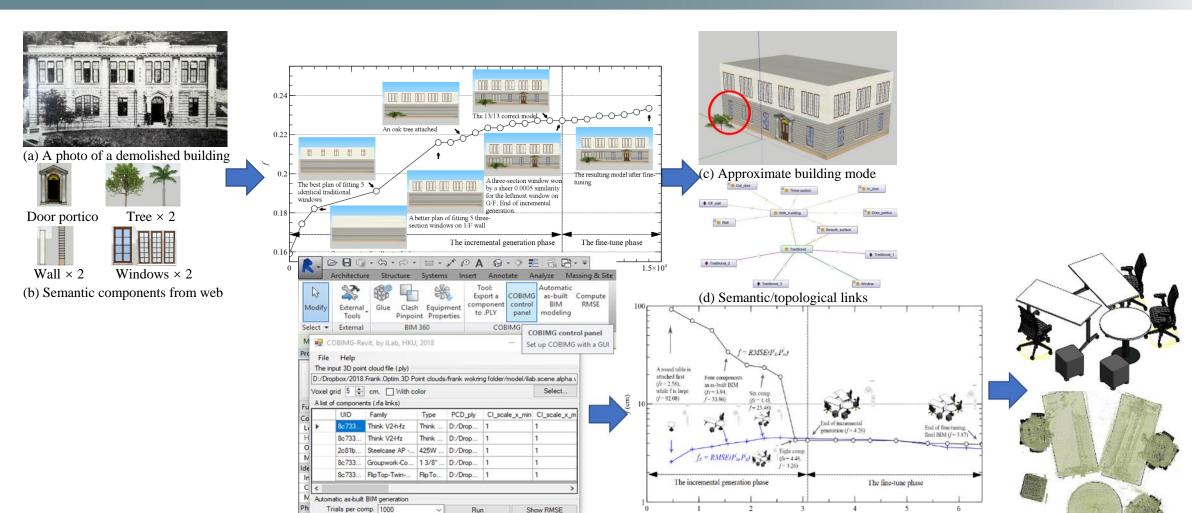
Application of CityComfort+ Software in URA's

Amount: HK\$0.7m

PI: Dr Jiangxiang Huang (FoA, HKU)

## The digital twin with LoD3 and 4





time (s)

## Identification of Illegal Dumping of Construction Waste Using Urban Big Data



"Construction waste" means any substance, matter or thing which is generated as a result of construction work and abandoned whether or not it has been processed or stockpiled before being abandoned. It is a mixture of surplus materials arising from site clearance, excavation, construction, refurbishment, renovation, demolition and road works (HKEPD, 2017).

In Hong Kong, inert construction waste (inorganic,情性)consists of materials such as debris, rubble, earth, bitumen and concrete,

while non-inert waste comprises (organic, 非惰性) mainly bamboo, plastics, glass, wood, paper, vegetation and other organic materials that are generated from construction, renovation, and demolition activities (HKEPD, 1998).





NENT - North East New Territories Landfill

OITF - Outlying Islands Transfer Facilities

KBTS - Kowloon Bay Transfer Station<sup>(4)</sup>

# Identification of Illegal Dumping of Construction Waste Using Urban Big Data



Illegal dumping, sometimes called fly-tipping, is a criminal offence defined in various ways in different

jurisdictions.

Illegal dumping is a human health concern, and car

Fly-tipped waste causes pollution, habitat destruct and underground water pollution.

It also causes aesthetic damage to the natural land



#### PRESS RELEASE

Ombudsman seeks public views and information on Government's control over landfilling and fly-tipping activities on private land

The Ombudsman, Ms Connie Lau, today (November 16) invited members of the public to provide views and information on how the Environmental Protection Department ("EPD"), the Planning Department ("Plan D") and the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department ("AFCD") control landfilling and fly-tipping activities on private land.

Presently, the three departments have the following roles: EPD enforces the Waste Disposal Ordinance and other environmental protection laws to tackle acts of dumping of wastes on private land that do not have the consent of all the owners of the land as well as any related environmental problems; Plan D takes enforcement actions under the Town Planning Ordinance against unauthorised landfilling activities in the Development Permission Areas; while AFCD, according to the circumstances, incorporates enclaves by phases into country parks for better protection of those sites.

In recent years, there have been frequent occurrences of illegal landfilling and fly-tipping activities. Even though actions were taken by the departments concerned, those actions were criticised as futile and ineffective by different sectors of the community.

The Ombudsman has, therefore, decided to initiate a direct investigation against EPD, Plan D and AFCD. The ambit of the investigation covers the powers, responsibilities, mechanisms and procedures of those departments regarding the control of landfilling and fly-tipping activities on private land. Her Office will also examine the departments' enforcement actions and their outcomes. The aim is to identify inadequacies in the current legal framework, system and enforcement regime.

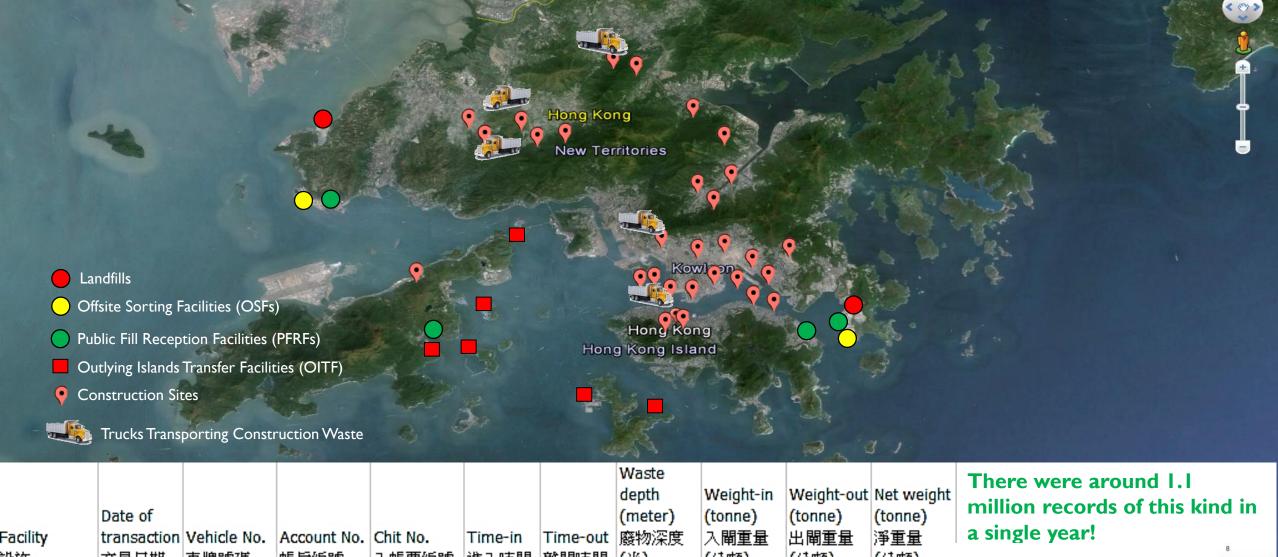


Environmental Protection Department Civil Engineering and Development Department

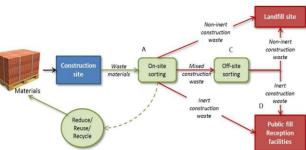
Management of abandoned construction and demolition materials

Audit Commission Hong Kong 28 October 2016



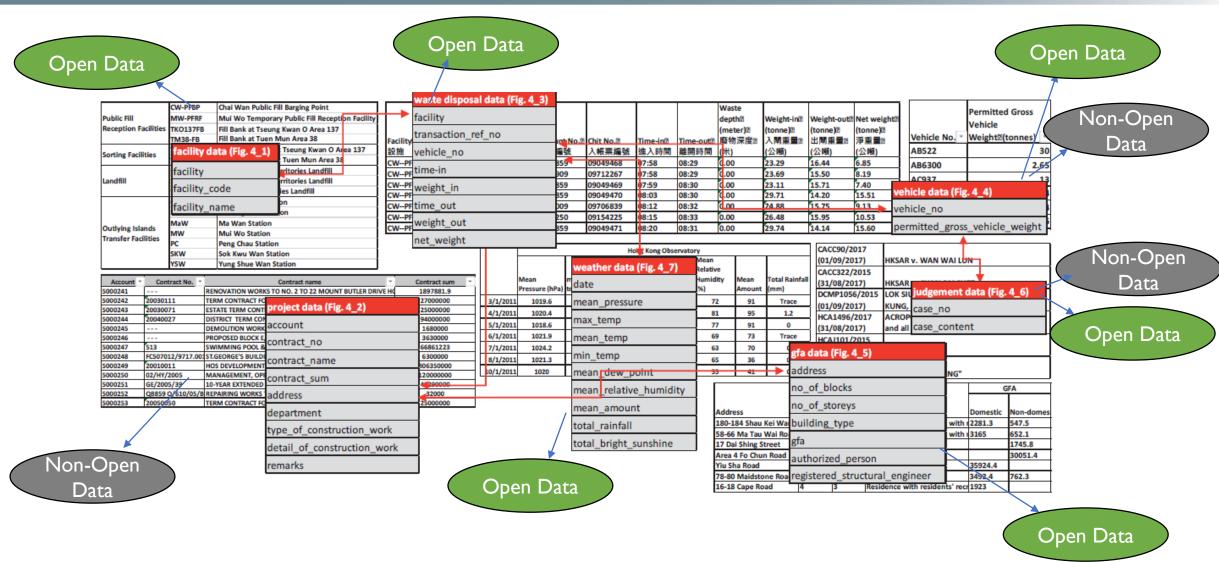


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# The big data





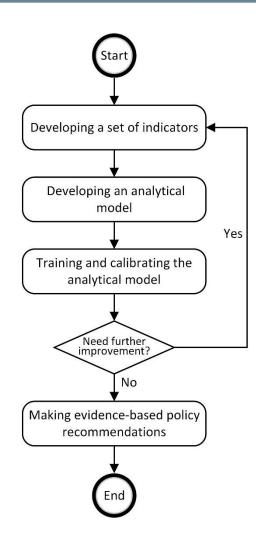
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# The big data analytics



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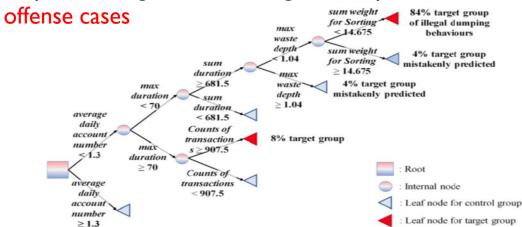




Step I:To characterize illegal dumping behaviors and develop a set of indicators that can predict illegal dumping behavior

Step 2:To develop an analytical model based on the identified indicators

Step 3: Training and calibrating the analytical model using known



The Government Policy Innovation and Co-Ordination Office (PICO) Public Policy Research (PPR) Funding Scheme 2018-19

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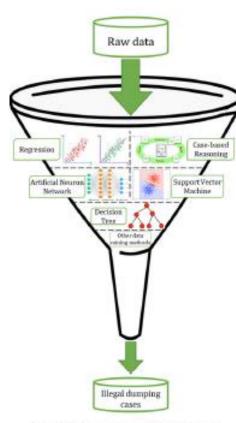


Fig. 6 An illustration of the "Illegal Dumping Filter" (IDF)

# Desire for open big data





estimated the repair cost to be at HK\$6 million.

last year.

after illegally dumping construction waste in protected wetland at Tsim Bei Tsui, New Territories

Prosecution estimated that around 1 hectare of wetland and mangrove forest had been affected by the illegal dumping. The Environmental Protection Department said that part of the wetland has been dug up and filled with spackling paste, which can kill the mangrove trees. The department



### Links to Further Information



Construction Waste Statistics in Hong Kong <a href="https://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/misc/cdm/trip.htm">https://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/misc/cdm/trip.htm</a>

Transaction Records of Construction Waste Disposal at Government Waste Disposal Facilities <a href="https://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/misc/cdm/scheme.htm#j">https://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/misc/cdm/scheme.htm#j</a>

Monthly Digests of Buildings Department - Detailed information - Completed new buildings for which occupation permits have been issued <a href="https://data.gov.hk/en-data/dataset/hk-bd-md-monthly-digests-of-buildings-department-md56">https://data.gov.hk/en-data/dataset/hk-bd-md-monthly-digests-of-buildings-department-md56</a>

Legal Reference System <a href="https://legalref.judiciary.hk/lrs/common/ju/newjudgments.jsp">https://legalref.judiciary.hk/lrs/common/ju/newjudgments.jsp</a>

The Cambridge Big Data Initiative <a href="https://www.bigdata.cam.ac.uk/">https://www.bigdata.cam.ac.uk/</a>

