

## Turing Research Fellowship

- 3 years (starting April 2023):
  - 1<sup>st</sup> yr: at the Turing
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> yr: two placements
- time allocation:
  - 80% on a programme (Science of Cities and Regions)
  - 20% independent research
- mentor: Sarah Wise (UCL)

## Background



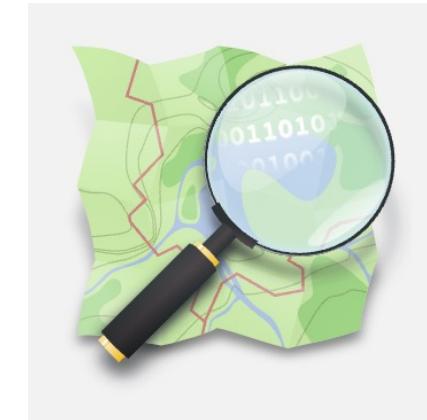
## Background



## Research question

How can tools best use AI to detect and facilitate effective disaster response?

## *My project*



<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1gefrrKkl7JwjKyoeMhXW69NeR1BqjaJoCmdleWaC5VzE/edit#gid=2030519786>



**fAlr**

The local & Open  
AI-assisted mapping tool

[>> GitHub <<](#)  
[>> Blog about fAlr <<](#)

Status: alpha stage

<https://fair-dev.hotosm.org/>

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Leaflet | Kakuma Mission 17A Flight 1



# Why fAIR?

Lack of AI  
Openness

Bias in  
Models

Lack of  
Humans in  
the Loops

Lack of AI  
capacity  
building

Today's AI  
services are **not**  
**fully free and**  
**open source.**

Today's AI  
models are **not**  
**sensitive to the**  
**local nature** of  
each areas.

**People are not**  
**fully in the loop**  
in today's AI  
models.

**People are not**  
**included** in the  
design and  
decision-making.

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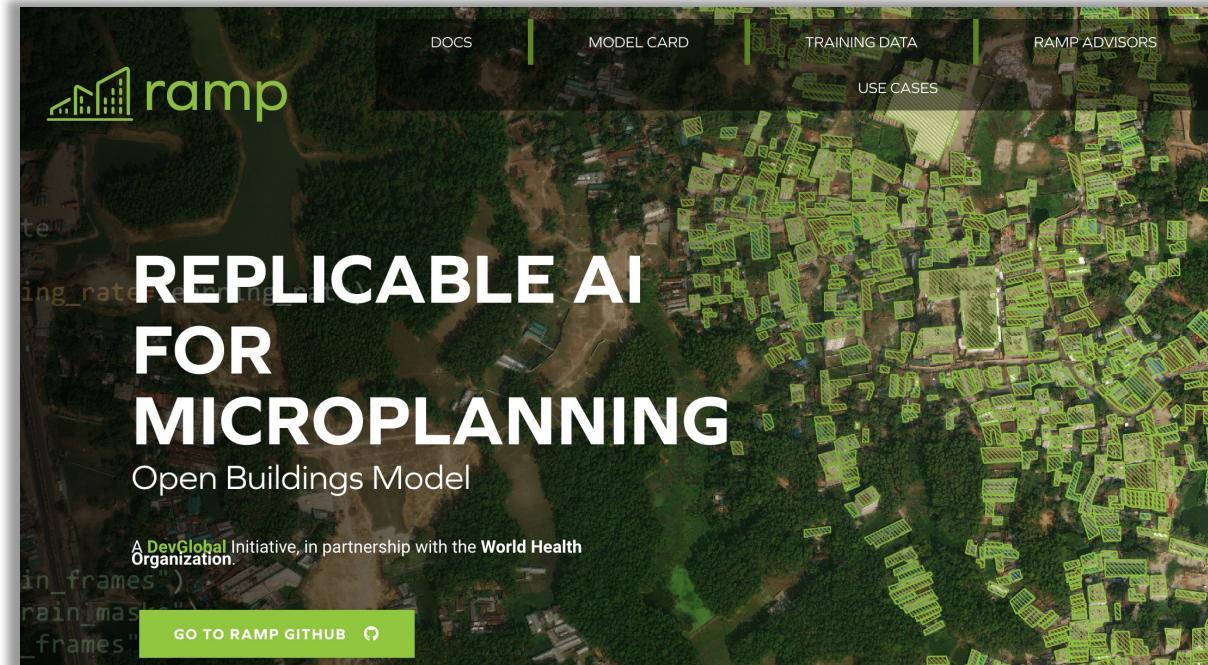
## State of the art

<https://github.com/hotosm/fAIr-utilities>

<https://www.hotosm.org/tech-blog/hot-tech-talk-open-ai-challenge/>

The screenshot shows the HOT website's homepage. At the top left is the HOT logo and name. Below it are four navigation links: "WHAT WE DO", "OUR WORK", "GET INVOLVED", and "DONATE". A horizontal line separates this from the main content area. In the main area, there is a "News" section with a timestamp "— 03 November, 2022". Below it is a large title "hot\_tech\_talk | Takeaways from our open AI challenge". At the bottom of this section is a small thumbnail image of a satellite map.

<https://rampml.global/>



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HANDOVER from Omdena

## Idea

**Aim:** generate buildings footprint (OSM)

**How:**

### **1. Improve existing fAlr-utilities:**

- Another model (not ramp)
- Rewrite the structure / folders (relatives in GitHub)

### **2. Write “from scratch”**

- Using PyTorch (currently TensorFlow)
- adding remote sensing capabilities...?

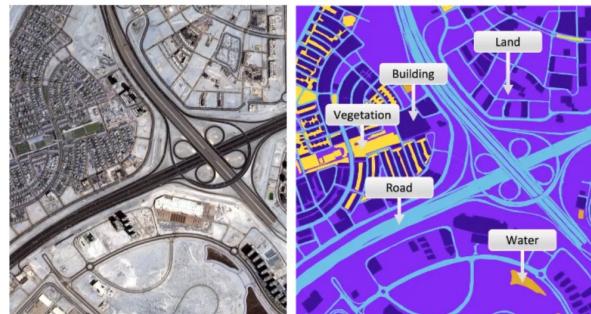
# Challenges

Remote sensing?  
CV models?

<https://github.com/satellite-image-deep-learning/techniques>

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## 2. Segmentation



(left) a satellite image and (right) the semantic classes in the image.

Image segmentation is a crucial step in image analysis and computer vision, with the goal of dividing an image into semantically meaningful segments or regions. The process of image segmentation assigns a class label to each pixel in an image, effectively transforming an image from a 2D grid of pixels into a 2D grid of pixels with assigned class labels. One common application of image segmentation is road or building segmentation, where the goal is to identify and separate roads and buildings from other features within an image. To accomplish this task, single class models are often trained to differentiate between roads and background, or buildings and background. These models are designed to recognize specific features, such as color, texture, and shape, that are characteristic of roads or buildings, and use this information to assign class labels to the pixels in an image. Another common application of image segmentation is land use or crop type classification, where the goal is to identify and map different land cover types within an image. In this case, multi-class models are typically used to recognize and differentiate between multiple classes within an image, such as forests, urban areas, and agricultural land. These models are capable of recognizing complex relationships between different land cover types, allowing for a more comprehensive understanding of the image content. Read [A brief introduction to satellite image segmentation with neural networks](#). Note that many articles which refer to 'hyperspectral land classification' are often actually describing semantic segmentation. [Image source](#)

### 2.1. Segmentation - Land use & land cover

2.1.1. [U-Net for Semantic Segmentation on Unbalanced Aerial Imagery](#) -> using the Dubai dataset BEGINNER

2.1.2. [Semantic Segmentation of Dubai dataset Using a TensorFlow U-Net Model](#) BEGINNER

2.1.3. [nqa-deep-learning](#) -> performs semantic segmentation on high resolution GeoTIFF data using a modified U-

# Data availability?

<https://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Maxar>

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## OPEN DATA PROGRAM

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## About



Forked from

<https://github.com/bohaohuang/mrs/tree>

/master \*Models for Remote Sensing\*;

the aim is testing ML models for image segmentation to generate building footprints

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