Fature Insights: Harnessing AI and Social Media for Advanced Event and Epidemic Forecasting Presented by: Chang-Tien Lu Department of Computer Science June 3, 2025

Forecasts automatically emailed for evaluation without human-in-the-loop Evaluation done independently of authors, by MITRE Using a Gold Standard Report (GSR) of events Metrics 1. Quality

2. Lead time 3. Recall

4. Precision 5. Probability

Lead time Lead time -42 Predicted Pate Forecast Dote Event Date | Date | Dudity

6 Vs Volume Velocity Variety Ve racity Value Visualization Microblog is a noisy sensor

Retrieving relevant microblog texts is challenge!

Short-text format leads to informal language,

Microblogs are dynamic in nature

Content Filtering via Dynamic Query Expansion We need: Unsupervised and adaptive solution Our Approach: Dynamic Query Expansion

Data reduction helps!

Twitter Spatial Temporal

Messages Clustering Chaining

Reduce model complexity

Multitask Learning for Spatiotemporal Event Forecasting Task Overview Input: tweets

Output: predicted spatiotemporal event under target topic Model type: multitask learning insufficient tweets data for small location Hard to jointy consider both the heterogeneity and Challenge telatendness among different locations.