

# Artificial Intelligence and Robotics at Oregon State University

Tom Dieterich, Distinguished Professor

# 24 Faculty + 3 Pending

## Artificial Intelligence

- Machine Learning
- Planning and Control
- Signal Processing
- Computer Vision
- Natural Language Processing
- Human/AI Collaboration
- Genomics and Medicine
- Ecology
- Power Grid Management

## Robotics

- Locomotion
  - Walking
  - Running
  - Snakes
  - Spiders
- Underwater
- Aerial
- Ground
- Prosthetics
- Human/Robot Collaboration

# Outline

- Machine Learning and Data Mining
  - Anomaly Detection
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  - Autonomy

# Machine Learning and Data Mining

- Anomaly Detection
- Robust Machine Learning
- Causal Models for Science



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Wong



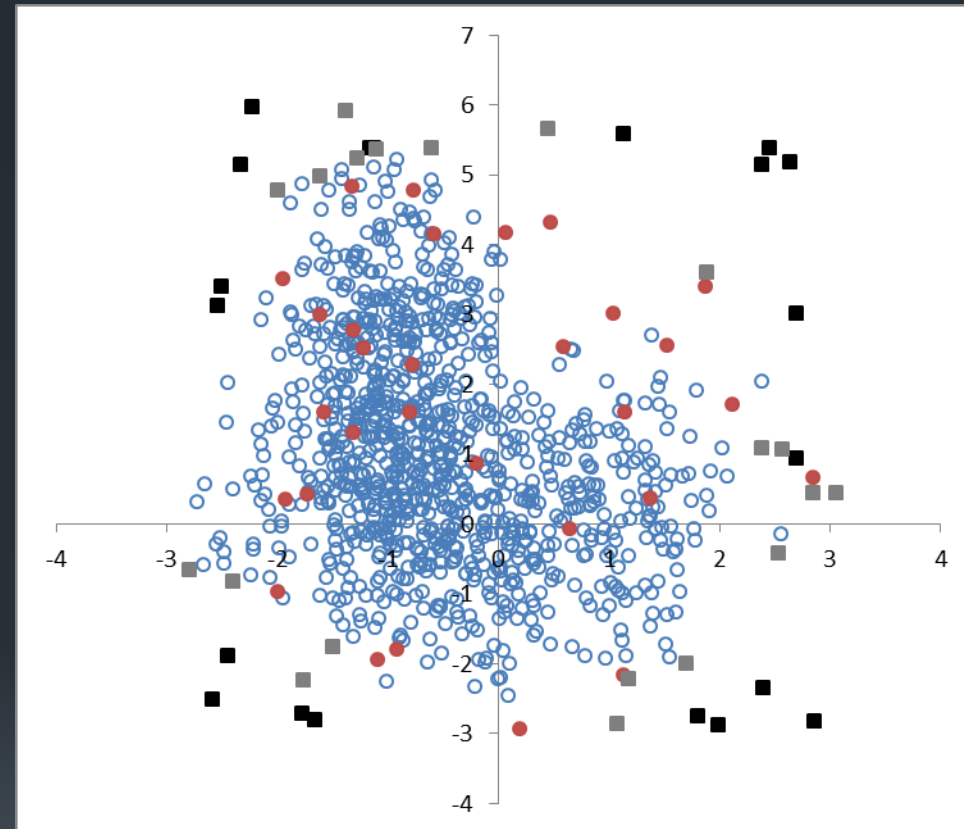
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# Anomaly Detection

- Given: a data set of tuples

$x_1, \dots, x_N$

- most of the  $x_i$  are “normal”
  - small fraction (e.g., 0.01  $\rightarrow$  0.0001) are anomalies
- Find: the anomalies
- Applications
    - Cybersecurity
    - Data cleaning
    - Robust machine learning



# Benchmarking Study

Tom Dietterich  
Andrew Emmott

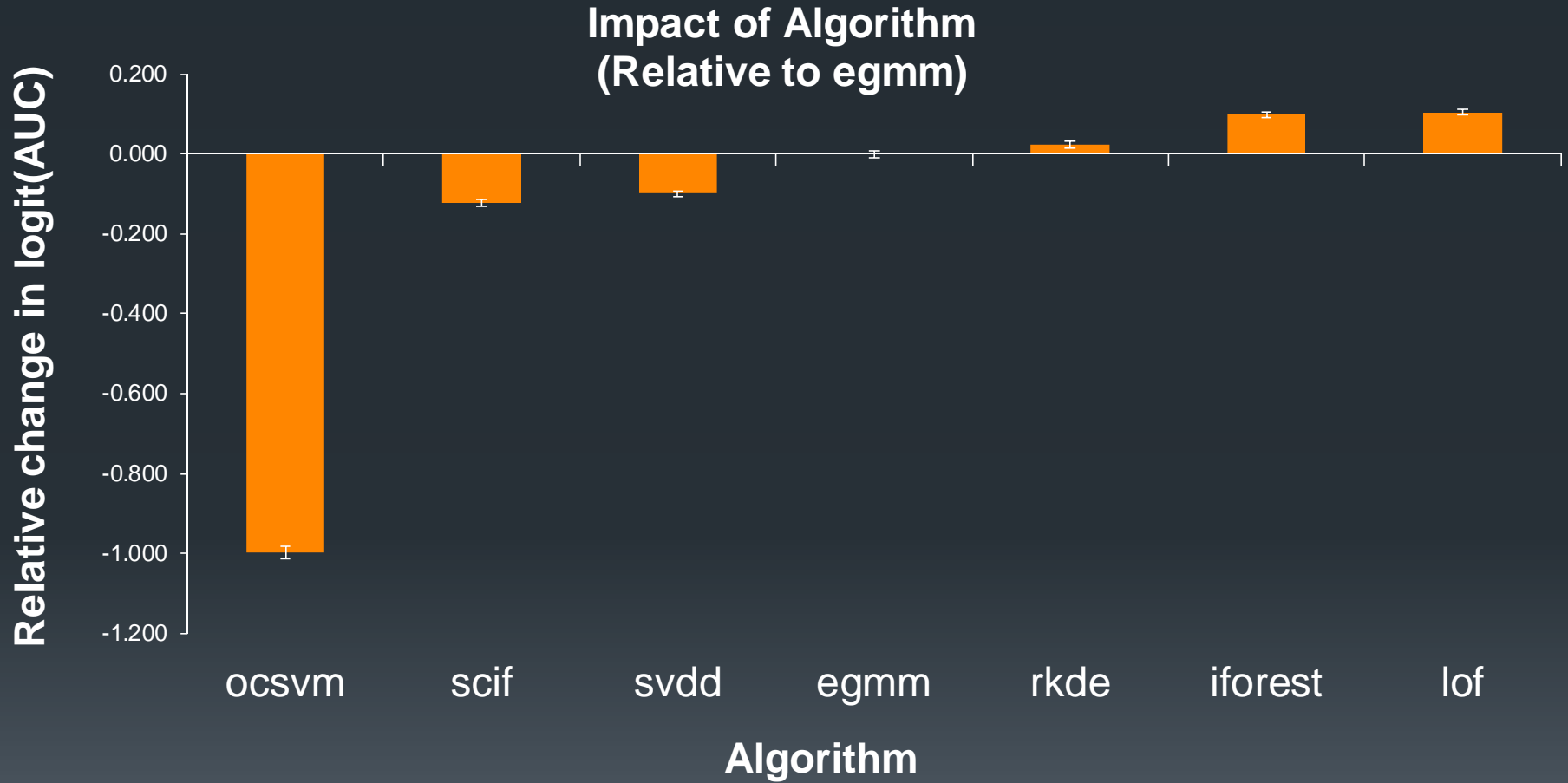
- 24,800 benchmark data sets
  - constructed by manipulating existing supervised learning data sets to control
    - fraction of anomalies
    - difficulty of each point
    - clusteredness of the anomalies
    - number of irrelevant features

# Anomaly Detection Algorithms

- Density Estimation
  - Ensemble of Gaussian Mixture Models (EGMM)
  - Robust Kernel Density Estimation (RKDE)
- Quantile Methods
  - One-class Support Vector Machines (OCSVM)
  - Support Vector Data Description (SVDD)
- Distance/Isolation Methods
  - Isolation Forest (IFOR, SCIF)
  - Local Outlier Factor (LOF)

# AUC Results:

Effect of algorithm while controlling for all other factors





# Anomaly Detection Summary

- Isolation Forest (Liu, Ting, Zhou, 2007, 2012) works very well
  - Accurate
  - Fast
  - Scalable
- Next Steps:
  - Rerunning this study to include more algorithms
    - Angle-Based Outlier Detector (ABOD)
    - Lightweight Online Detector of Anomalies (LODA)
  - PAC Theory of Anomaly Detection
    - Siddiqui, Fern, & Dietterich (UAI 2016)
  - Explanations of Anomalies
    - Siddiqui, Fern, Dietterich, Das (ODD 2015)

# Applications of Anomaly Detection

- Cybersecurity
  - Detecting cyber attacks
  - Detecting insider threats
- Data Cleaning
- Robust Machine Learning

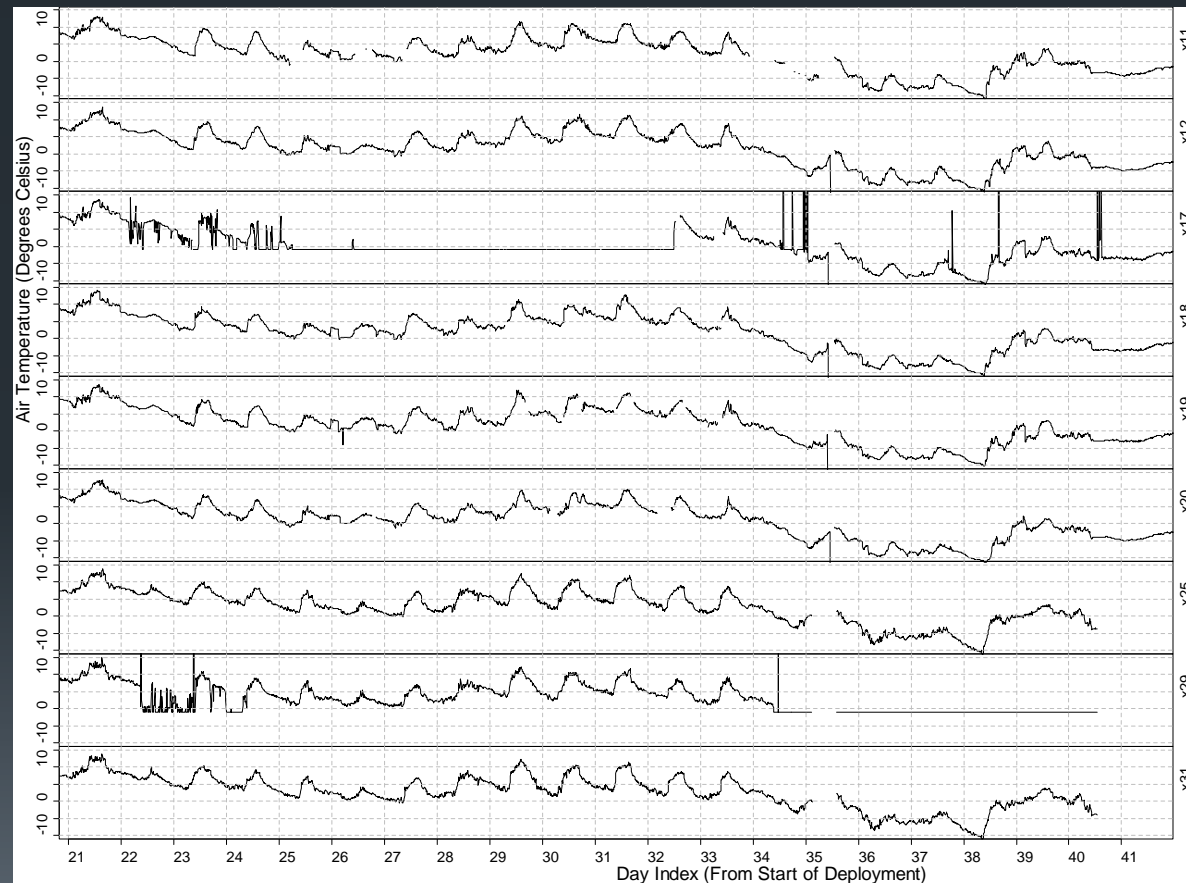
# Data Cleaning for the TAHMO Project

- Africa is very poorly sensed
  - Only a few dozen weather stations reliably report data to WMO (blue points in map)
  - Goal: Make Africa the best-sensed continent
- Project TAHMO (tahmo.org)
  - TU-DELFT & Oregon State University
  - Design low-cost weather station
  - Deploy 20,000 such stations across Africa
  - Create data products (e.g., drought assessments, inundation estimates)



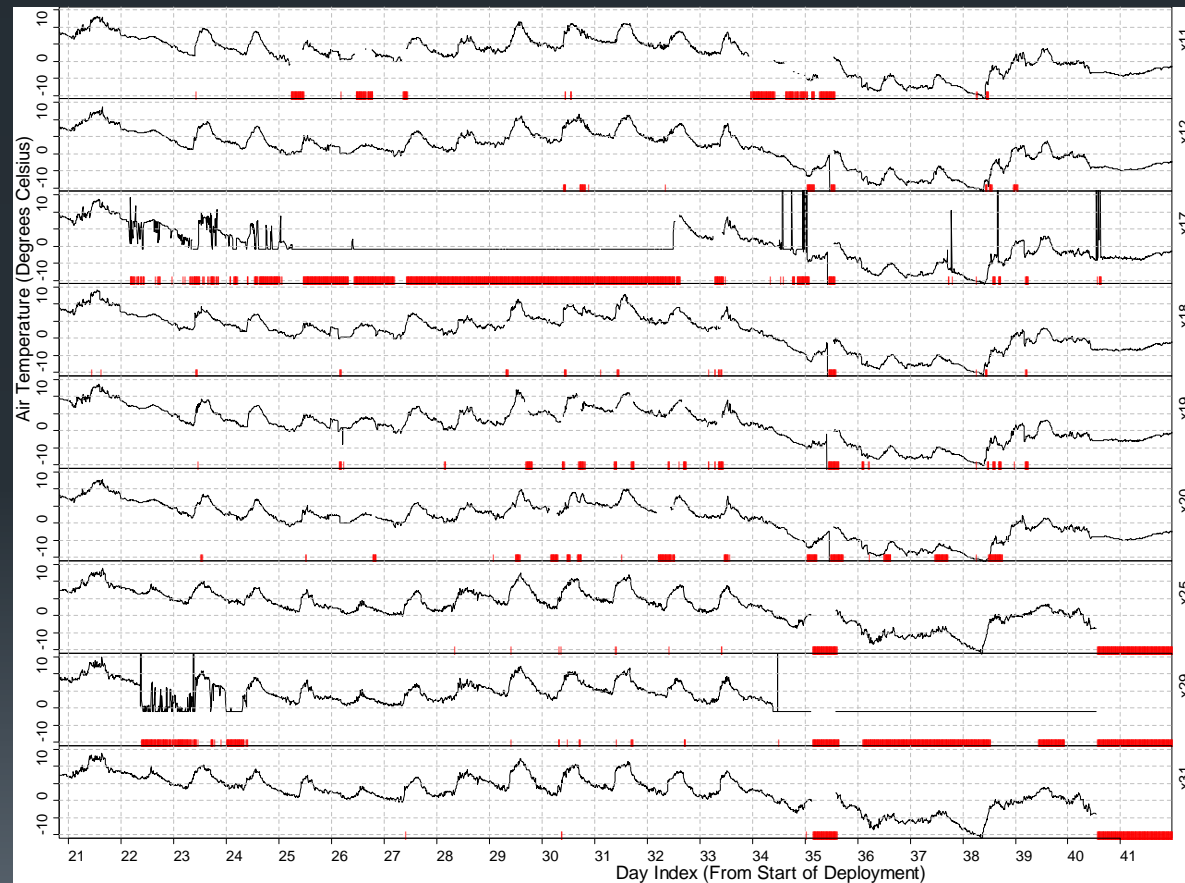
# Data Quality Control

- An ideal method should produce two things given raw data:



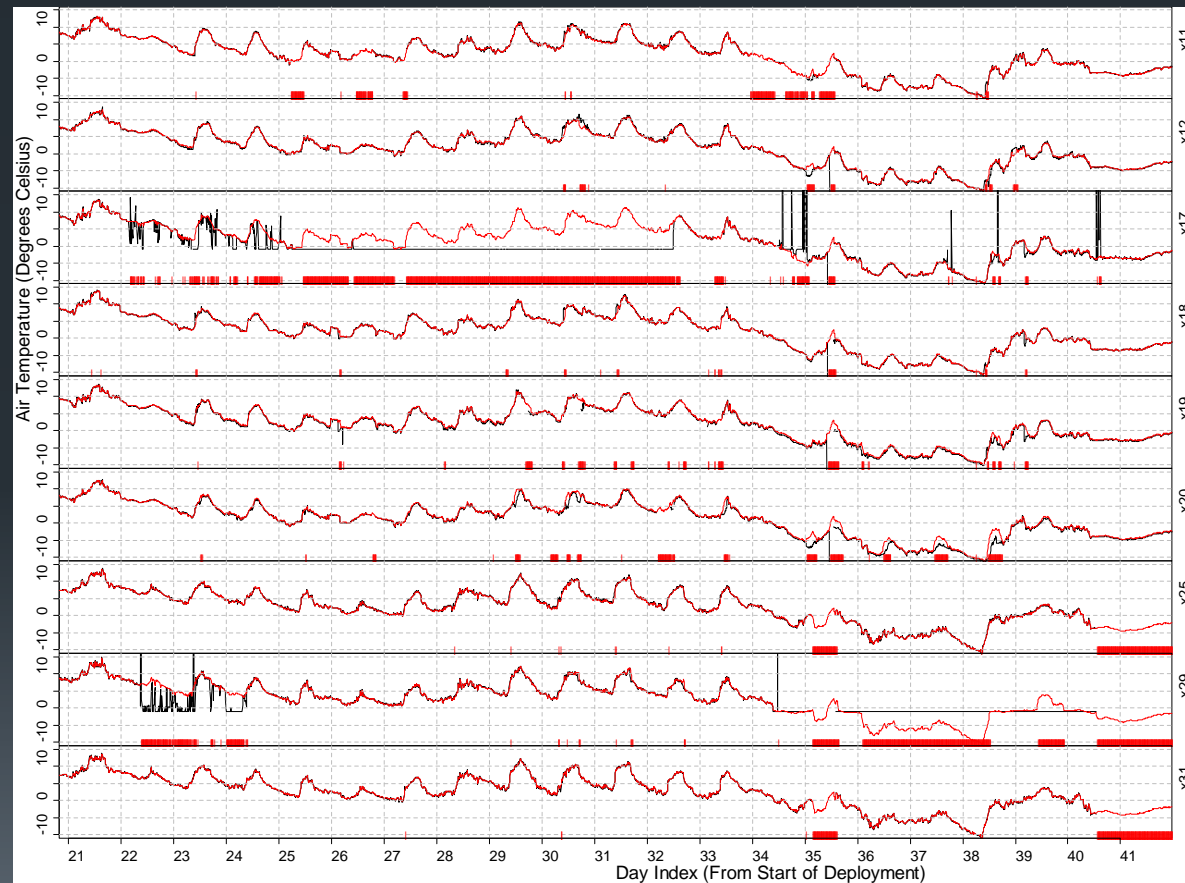
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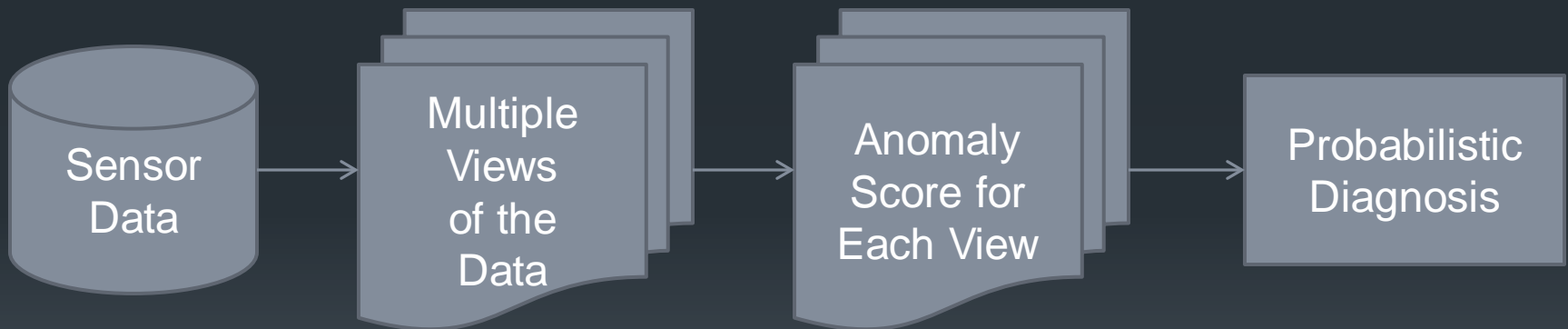
- An ideal method should produce two things given raw data:
  - A label that marks anomalies
  - An imputation of the true value (with some confidence measure)



Dereszynski &, Dietterich, ACM TOS 2011.

# SENSOR-DX Architecture

- General architecture for Internet of Things QC
- Find the most likely explanation of the observed anomaly scores



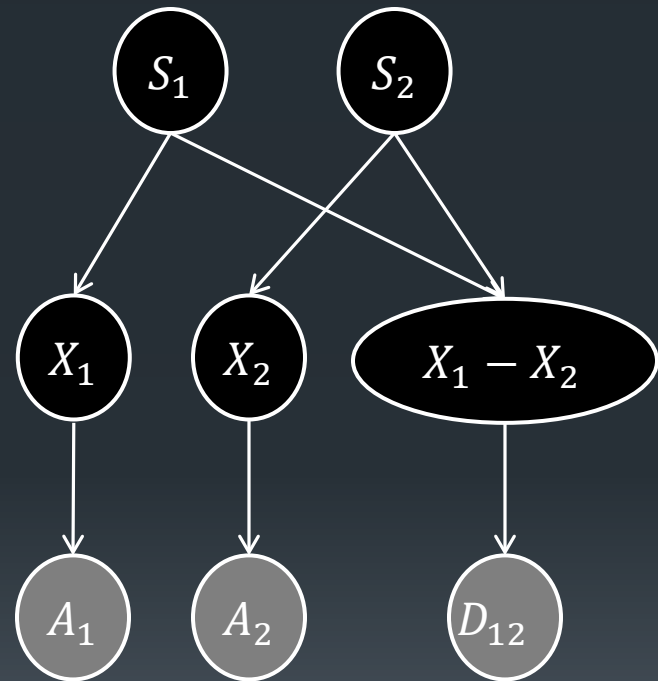
# A Very Simple Example

- Weather station with two thermometers

Sensor states (“working” vs “broken”):

Views:

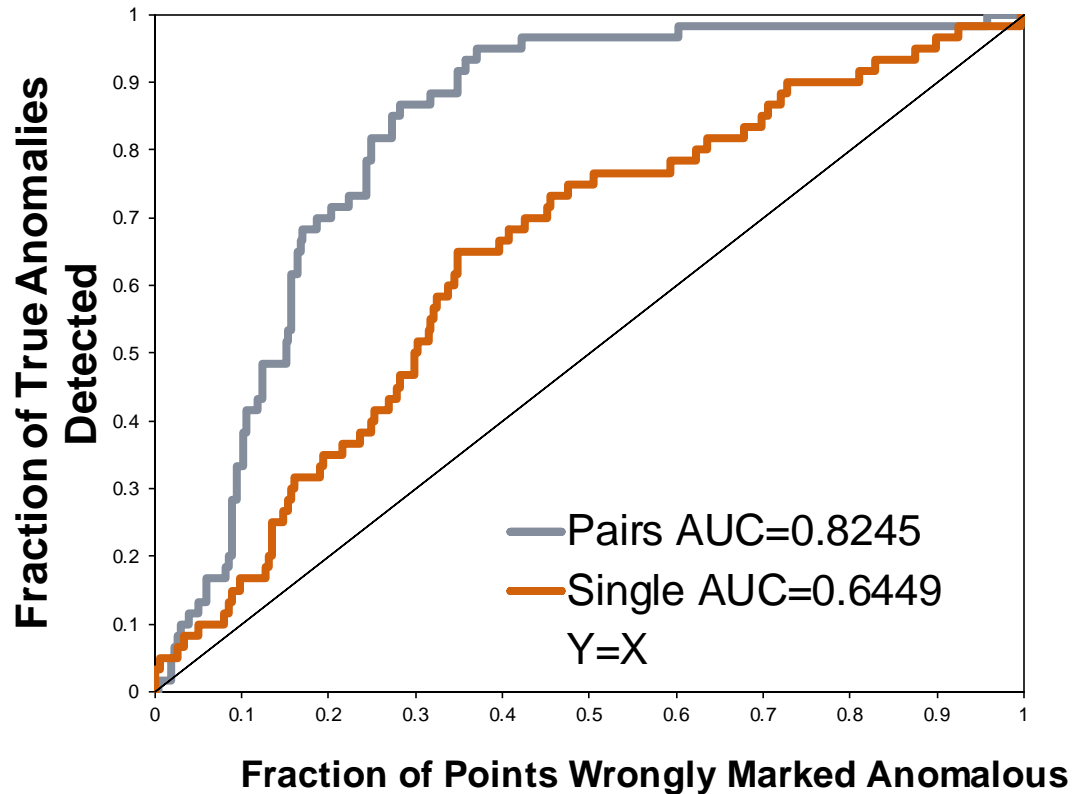
Anomaly Scores:





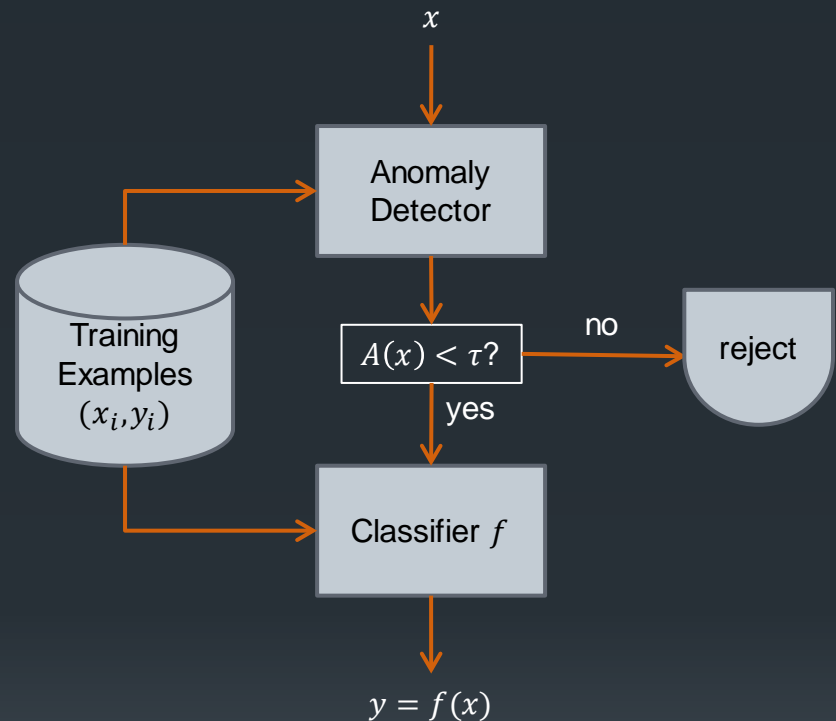
# Example Result

Using  $P(A_1|s_1)$  and  $P(D_{12}|s_1, s_2)$



# Robust Machine Learning

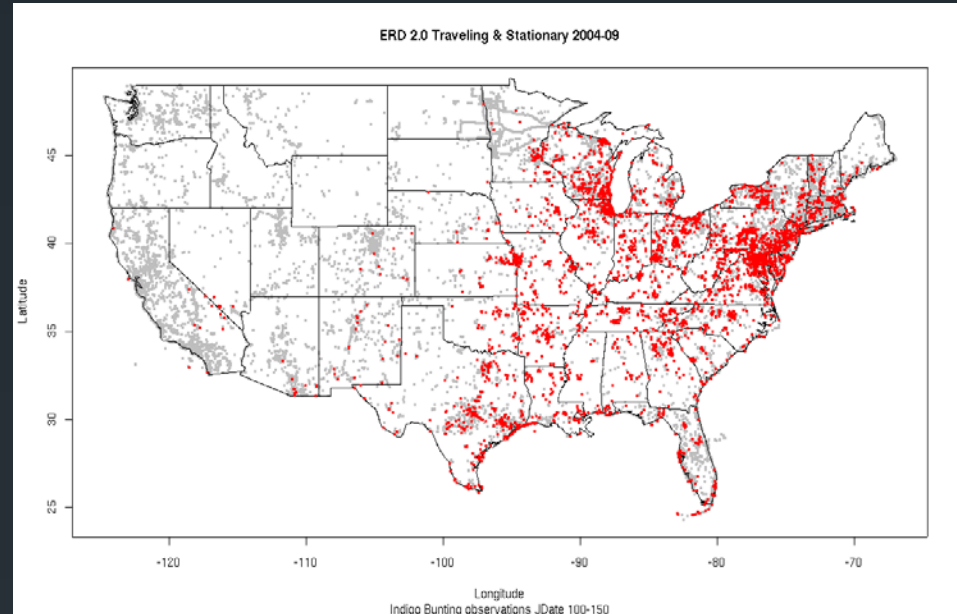
- Open Category Learning
  - test data contain data points belonging to “new” classes
- Non-Stationary Learning
  - test data contain data from a very different distribution



Fern, Dietterich, Juozapaitis, unpublished

# Causal Models for Science

- Modeling Bird Migration
  - Input data: “Citizen Science” observations
  - Output model: predicts when and where birds will fly



Sheldon, Sun, Liu, Dieterich, Cornell Lab of Ornithology

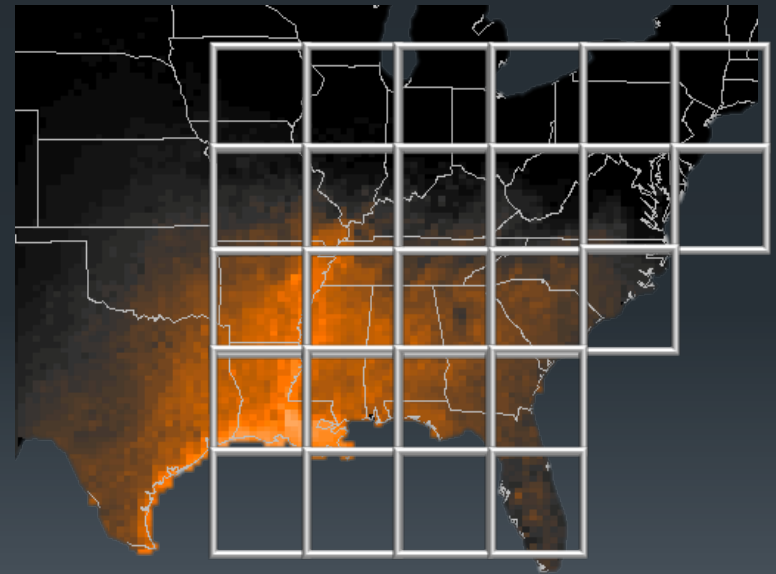
# Hidden Markov Model



$P(x_1)$ : Initial State Distribution

$P(x_t|x_{t-1})$ : State transition function

- Individual Model
  - Model of a single bird's location over time
- Population Model
  - Model of the spatial distribution of a population of birds over time



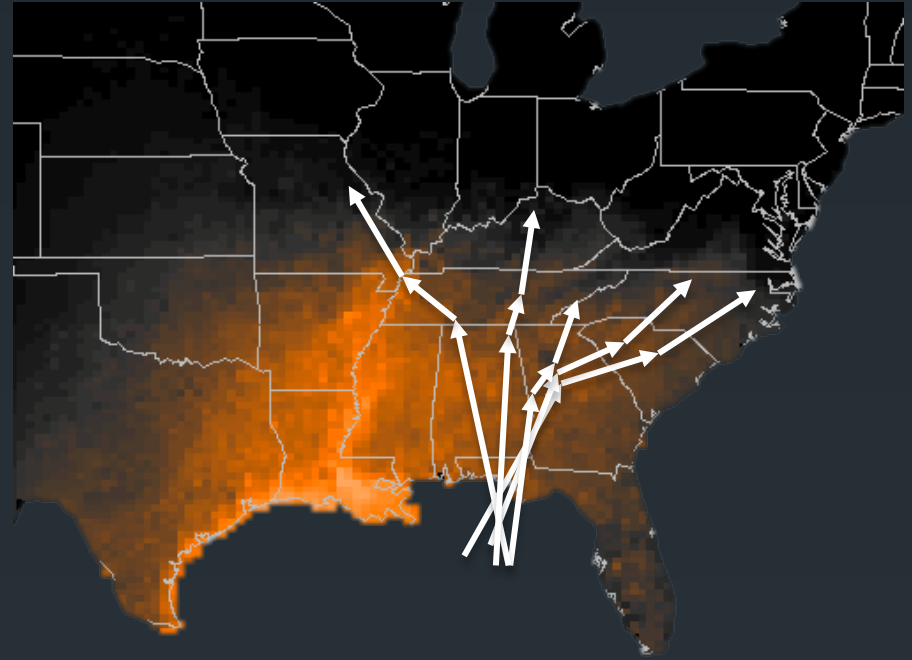
# Fitting the model

## The data we wish we had:

- Tracks of individual birds over time
- Weather at every location



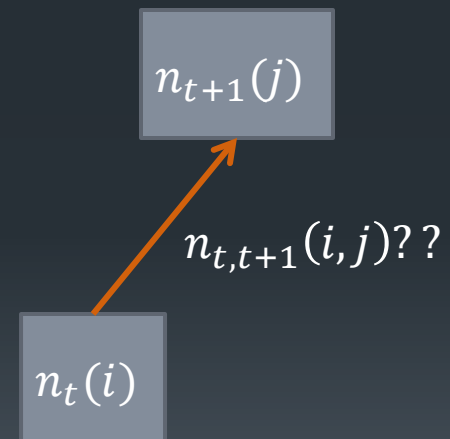
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This would give us points  $(x_{t,t+1}(i), x_t(i), x_{t+1}(j))$  to which we could fit our model

# Challenge: Aggregate anonymous counts

- We do not observe the behavior of individual birds:  $x_t(i)$
- We only obtain information about aggregated counts of birds:  $n_t(i)$

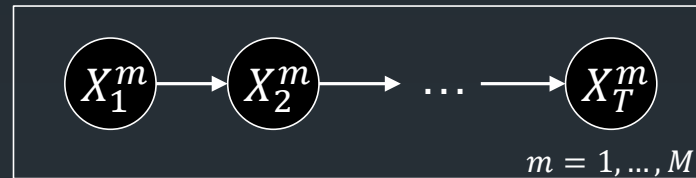


# Solution: Collective Graphical Models

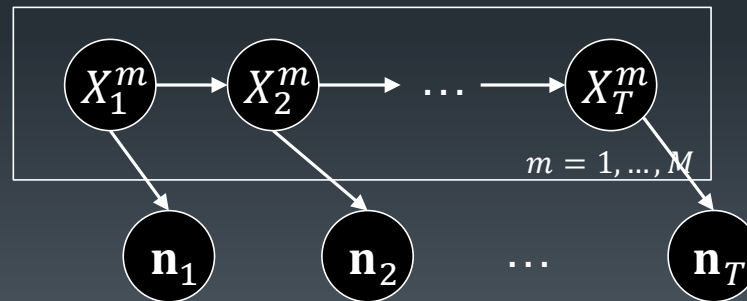
Individual model:  
Markov chain on grid  
cells



Population model:  
 $M$  iid copies of individual  
model



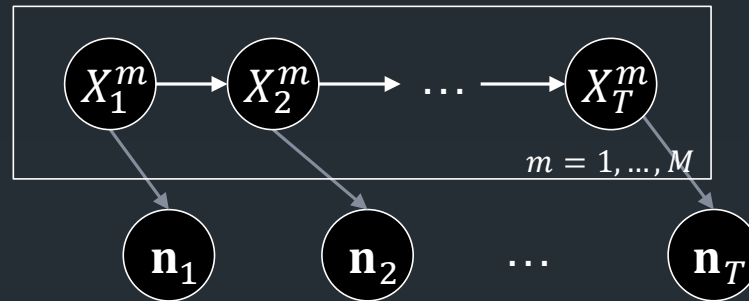
Derive aggregate counts



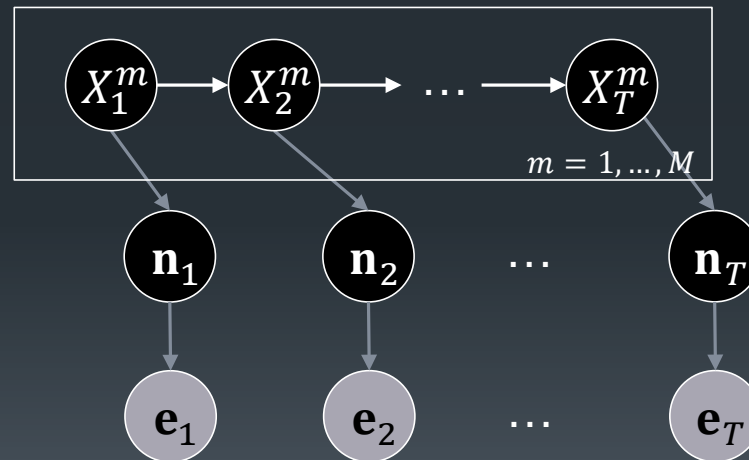
# Solution:

## Collective Graphical Models (2)

Derive aggregate counts



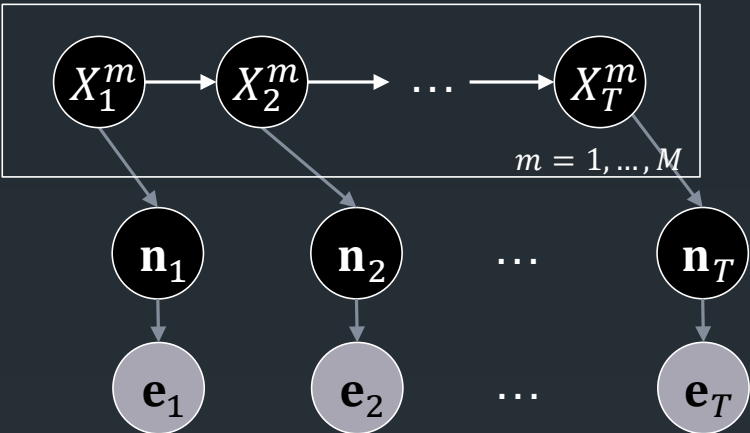
Attach Noisy Observations



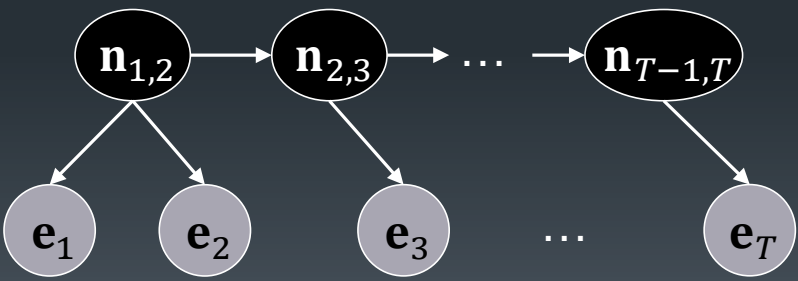


# Solution: Collective Graphical Models (3)

Attach Noisy Observations



Marginalize out individuals:  
chain-structured model on  
sufficient statistics

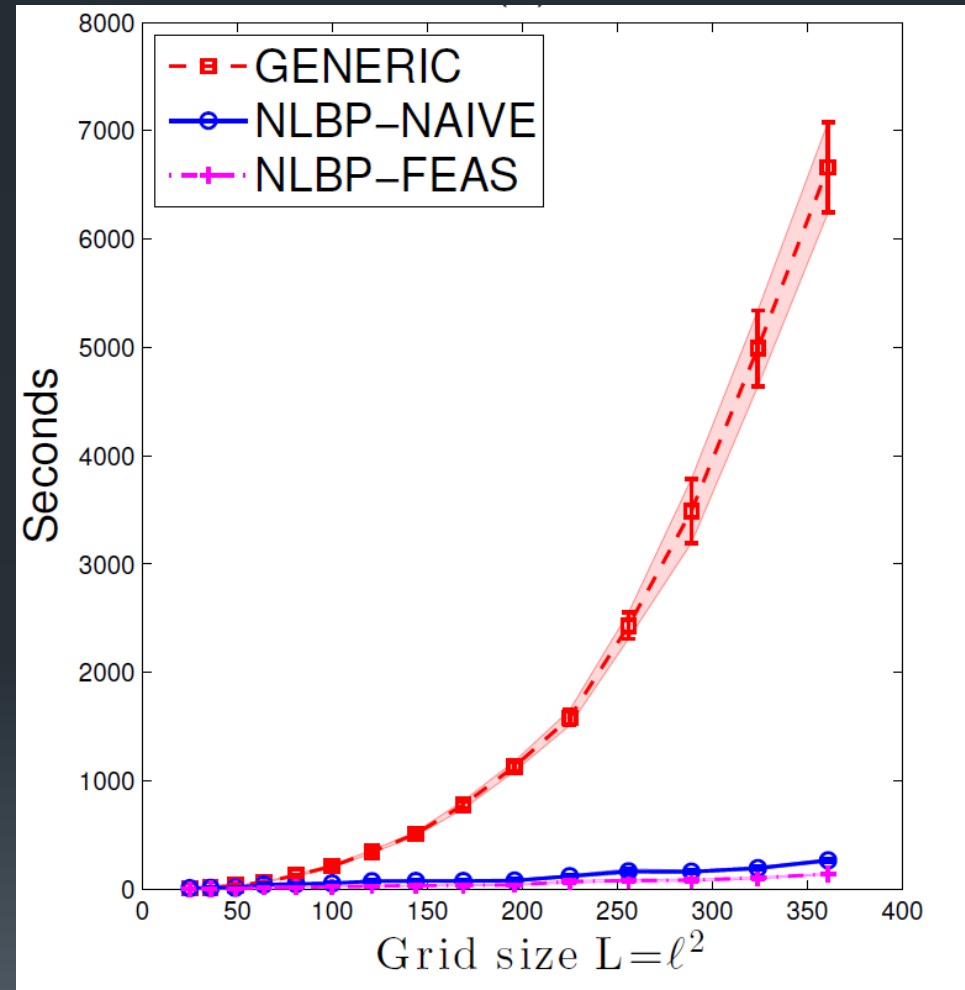


Transition counts



# MAP Inference in the Collective Graphical Model

- Generic Message Passing
- Non-linear belief propagation
  - NLBP-NAÏVE
    - same message-passing schedule as in standard BP
  - NLBP-FEAS
    - special schedule
    - dampened updates
    - guarantees feasibility at each step



# Eastern Wood Peewee



FIGURE 10.11.11

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# Planning and Control

- Experiment Planning for Microbial Fuel Cells
- Preventing or Reducing Blackouts in the Power Grid
- Managing Endangered Species
- Given: a simulator of the system
- Find: find near-optimal ways to control the system



Alan Fern



Xiaoli  
Fern



Tom  
Dietterich



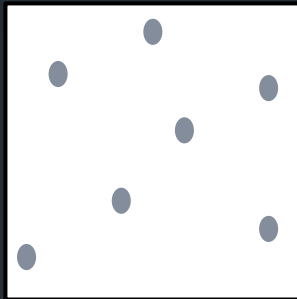
Prasad  
Tadepalli

- Methods:
  - Monte Carlo Tree Search
  - Reinforcement Learning
  - Bayesian Optimization

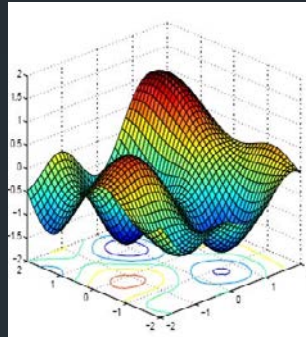
# Parallel Bayesian Optimization

Xiaoli Fern

Previous Experiments



Posterior Model



Choose Next K Experiments



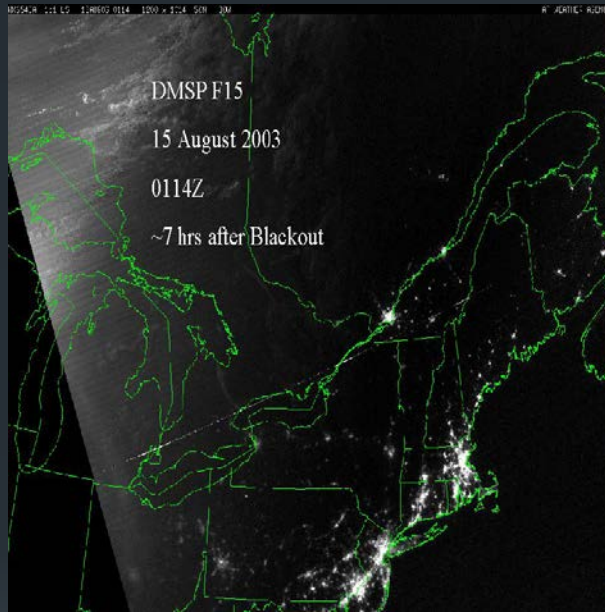
How many to run in parallel?  
When to start new experiments?  
Which experiments to start?

Run K Experiments

# Simulation-Based Electric Grid Stabilization

Alan Fern

## Northeast Blackout, 2003



Credit: Air Force Weather Agency (AFWA)

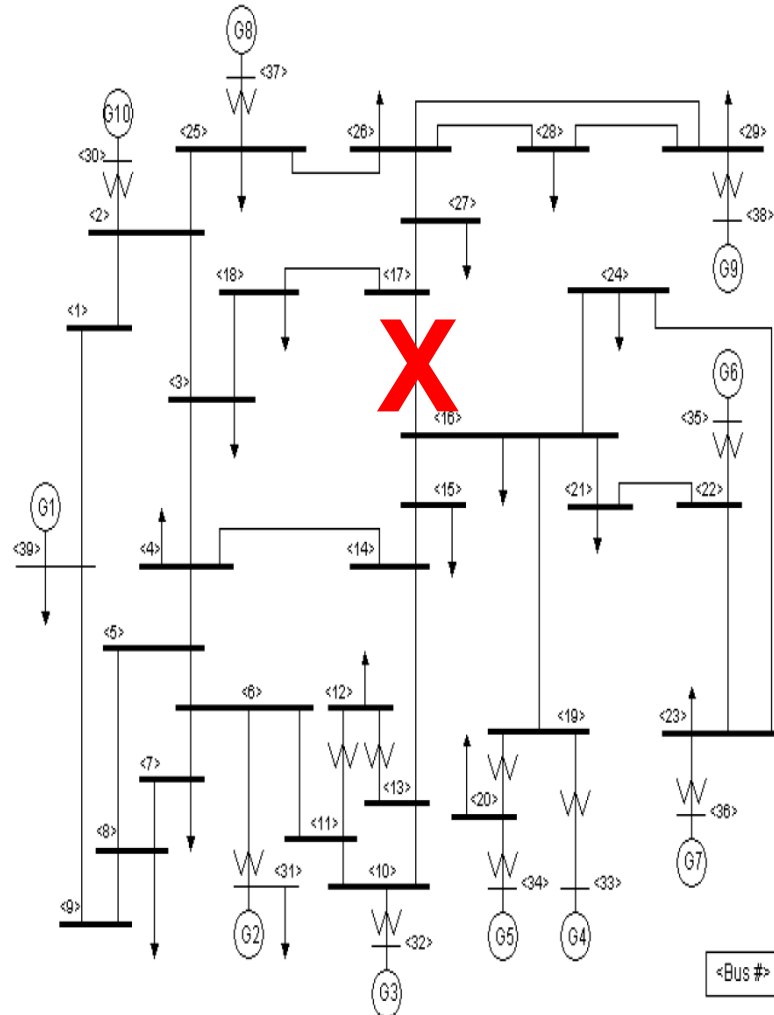


Credit: Jonathan Fickies/Getty Images

■ How can AI help?

# Electrical Grid Stabilization

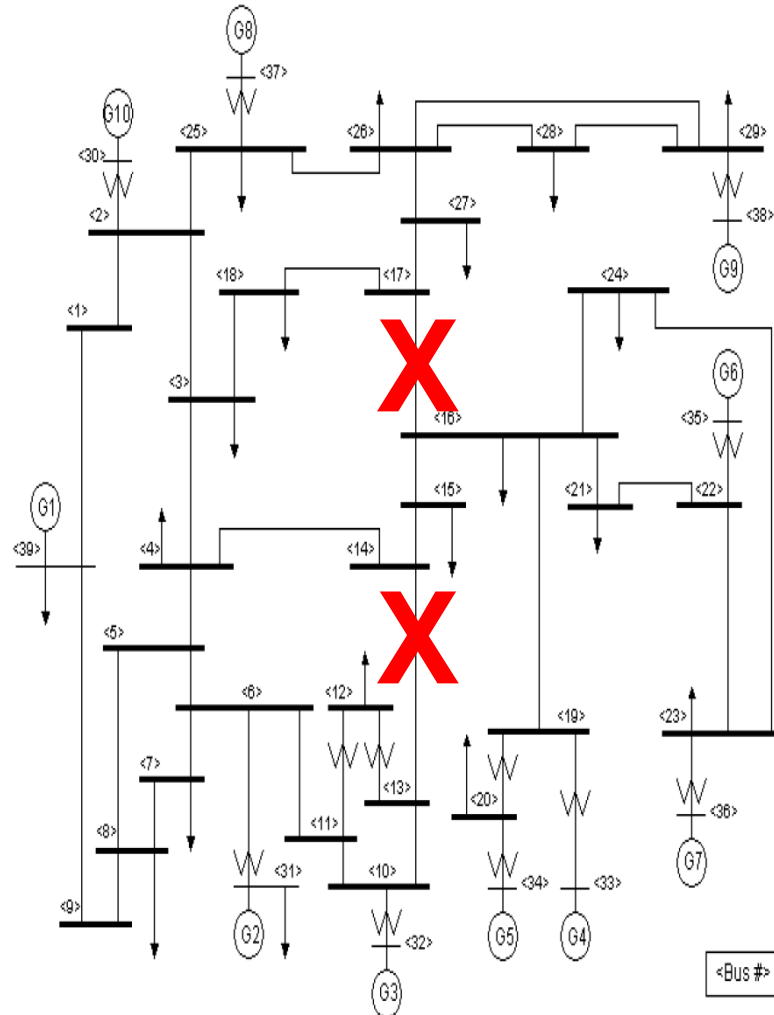
- *N-1* security





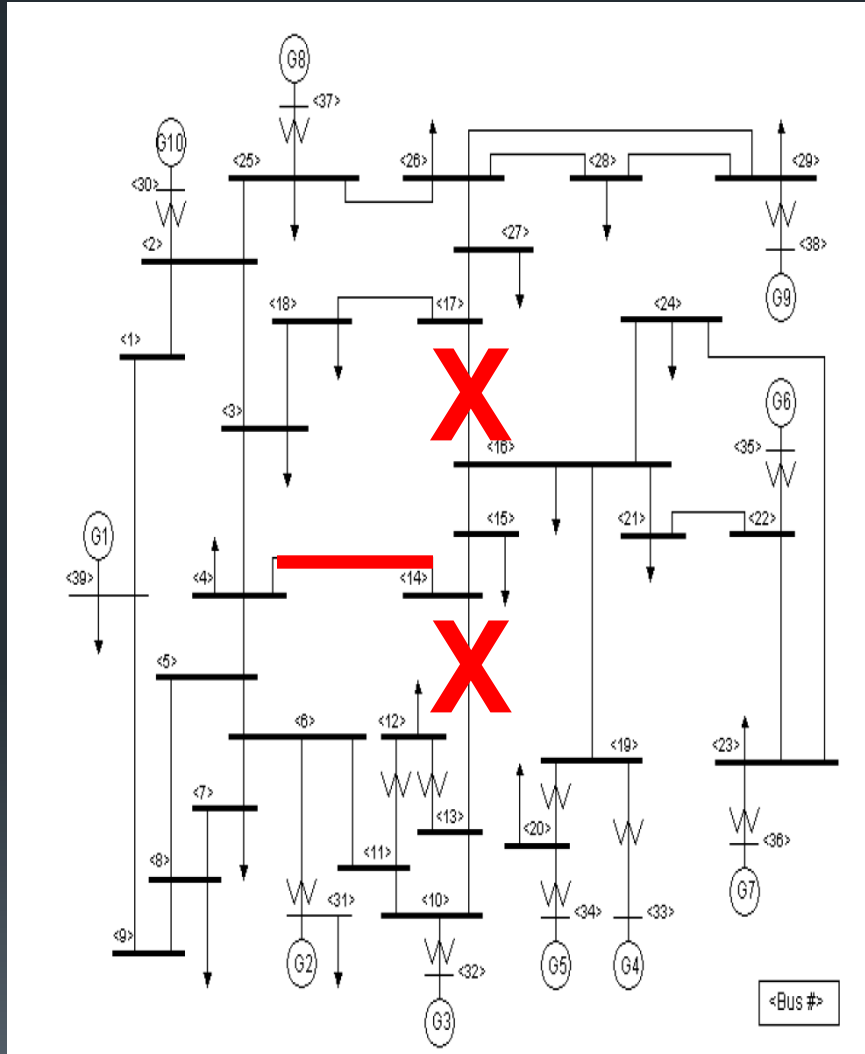
# Electrical Grid Stabilization

- What about  $N-2$  ?



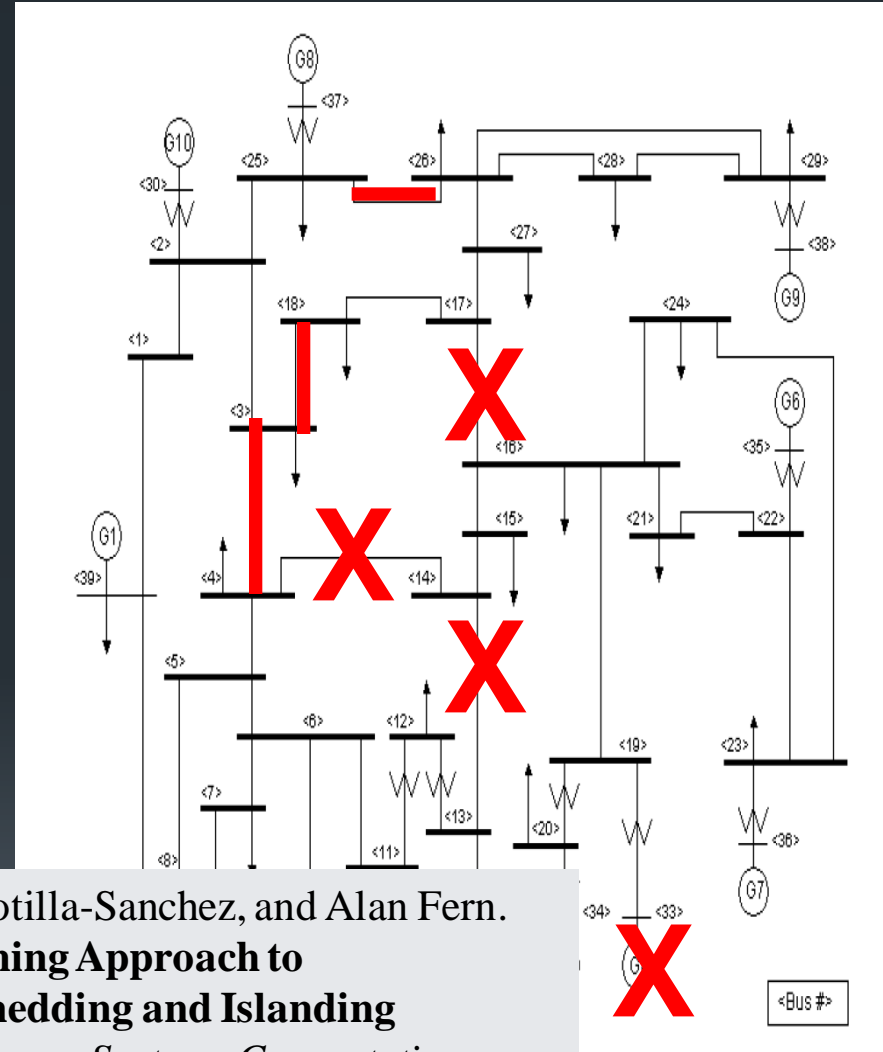
# Electrical Grid Stabilization

- Getting hot...



# Electrical Grid Stabilization

- Avoid Cascading failure
- Prevent or minimize damage by taking appropriate **remedial action schemes**
  - Load shedding
  - Islanding
- Island or Load Shed?
  - Where?
  - When?



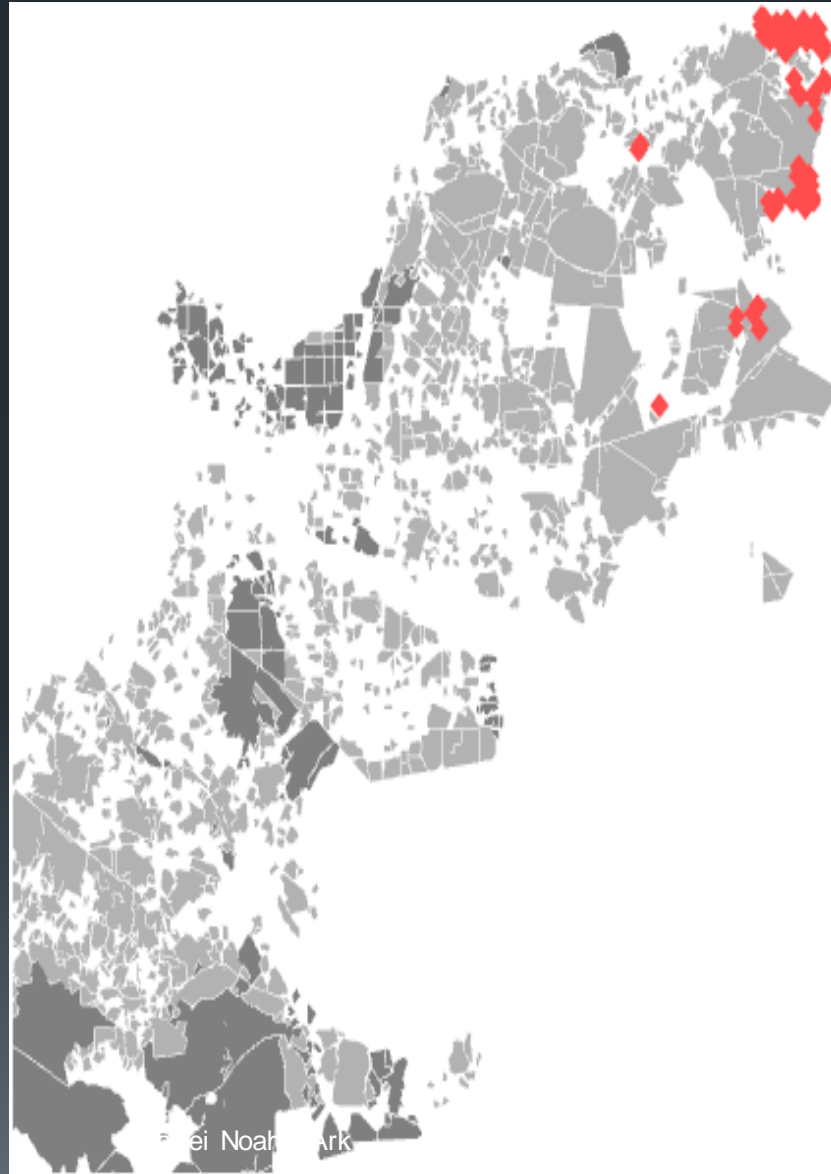
Rich Meier, Eduardo Cotilla-Sanchez, and Alan Fern. (2014). **A Policy Switching Approach to Consolidating Load Shedding and Islanding Protection Schemes.** *Power Systems Computation Conference* Huawei Noah's Ark

# Conservation Planning

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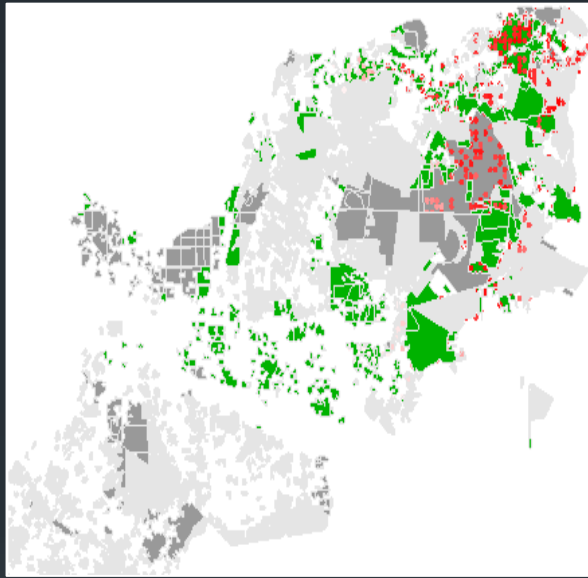
**Red area:** current location of the Red-Cockaded Woodpecker

**Goal:** purchase and conserve land parcels to maximize population spread of target species

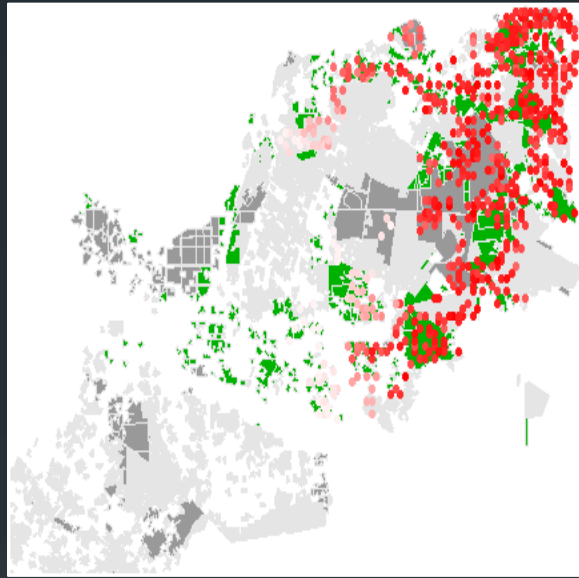


Red-Cockaded Woodpecker

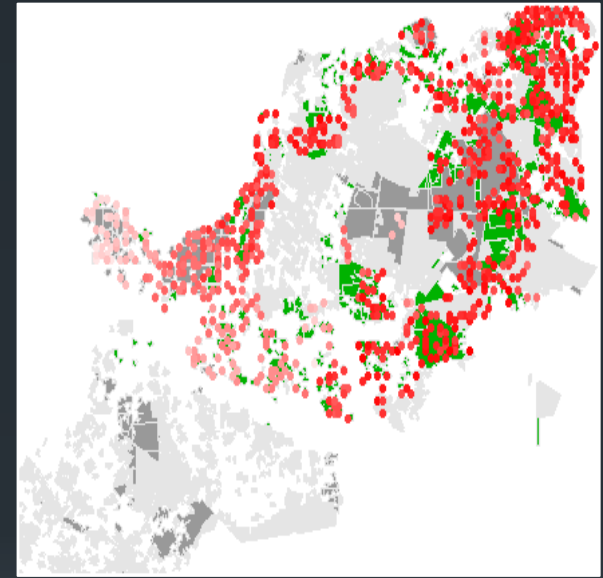
# Conservation Planning



Year 1

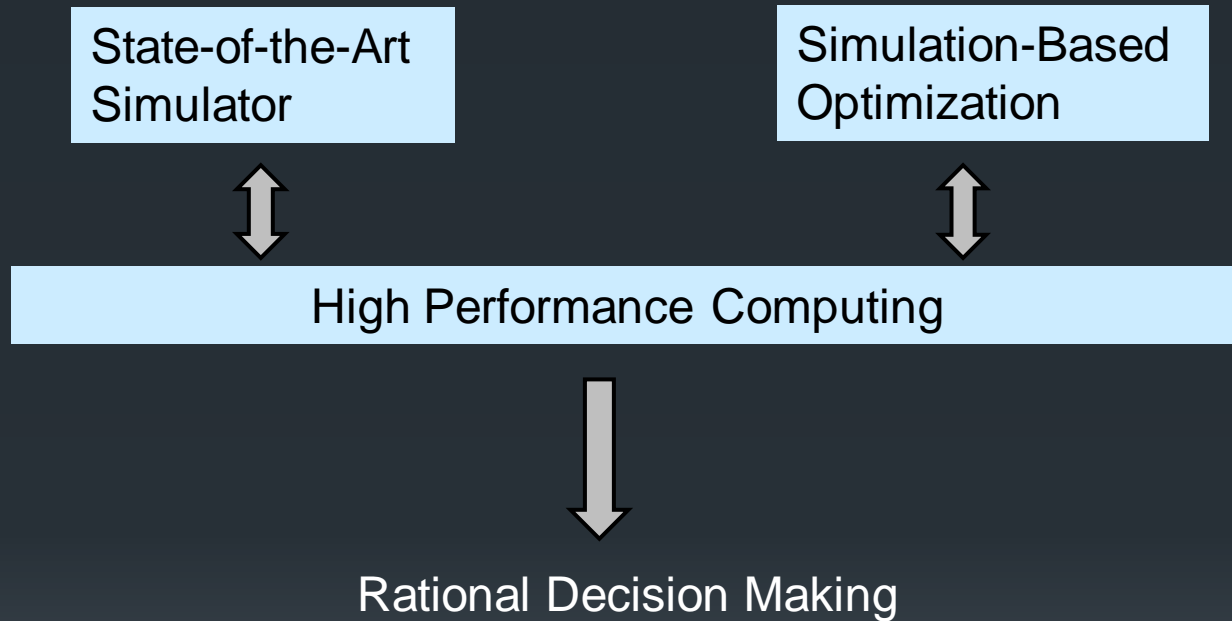


Year 5



Year 10

# The Big Picture



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# Computer Vision and Acoustics

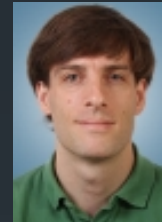
- Video Action Recognition (Sinisa)
- Object Recognition and Segmentation (Fuxin, Sinisa)
- Video Object Tracking (Fuxin, Sinisa, Alan)
- Bird Song Recognition (Xiaoli, Raviv)



Sinisa  
Todorovic



Fuxin Li



Alan Fern



Xiaoli  
Fern



Raviv  
Raich



# Action Recognition in the Wild

Behrooz Mahasseni  
Sinisa Todorovic  
CVPR 2016

- No priors on camera viewpoint
- Large number of action classes
- Different motion patterns
- Background Clutter and Occlusion



Fishing



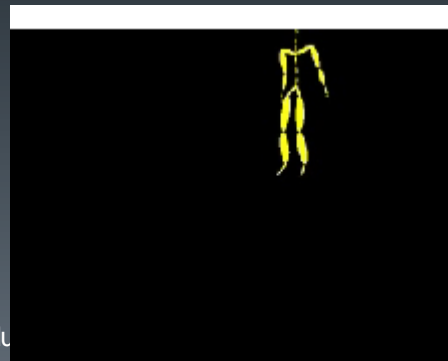
Running



Wind Surfing

# State of the art

- Deep Learning Approaches
  - DCNN + (Time Pooling / LSTM / Graphical Models)
- Current Trend
  - Deeper Networks + More training data → Higher accuracy
- Our Idea
  - Augment with complementary data ONLY in TRAINING
    - Dynamics of the motion pattern
    - 3D human skeleton sequences



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# Result

- Dataset: Sport1M

Method	Hit@1	Hit@5
Single Frame	59.3	77.7
LSTM	71.3	89.9
[1]	60.9	80.2
[2]	72.1	90.6
[3]	61.1	85.2
R-LSTM	<b>75.9</b>	<b>91.7</b>

[1] Karpathy et al. Large-scale video classification with convolutional neural networks. In CVPR, 2014

[2] Ng et al. Beyond short snippets: Deep networks for video classification, arXiv2015

[3] Tran et al. C3D: generic features for video analysis. CoRR 2014

# Result

- Dataset: UCF101, HMDB-51

Method	UCF101	HMDB-51
[1]	65.4	-
[2]	75.8	44.1
[3]	71.12	-
[4]	72.8	40.5
[5]	79.34	-
[6]	85.2	-
<b>R-LSTM</b>	<b>86.9</b>	<b>55.3</b>

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[2] Srivastava et al. Unsupervised learning of video representations using lstms, arXiv2015

[3] Donahue et al. Long-term recurrent convolutional networks for visual recognition and description, arXiv 2014

[4] Simonyan et al. Two-stream convolutional networks for action recognition in videos NIPS 2014

[5] Zha et al. Exploiting image-trained cnn architectures for unconstrained video classification, arXiv 2015

[6] Tran et al. C3D: generic features for video analysis, CoRR, 2014

# Semantic Segmentation

Fuxin Li, et al.

- Given an image, identify the category and spatial extent of all relevant objects
- Focus on detailed object interactions

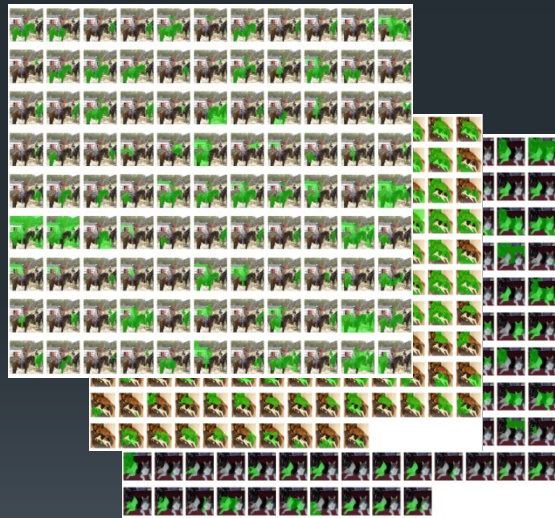


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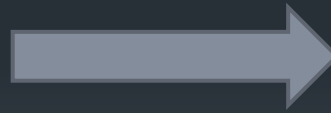
- Predict % overlap of categories, not objects

$X$ : Shape/Color/Texture feature of segments

$Y$ : Class-specific overlap



1 regressor  
per category



Horse 0.85  
Bus 0.3  
Dog 0.5, Cat 0.5  
Person 0.95  
Plant 0.9  
Bike 0.4

Li, Carreira and Sminchisescu. CVPR 10, IJCV 12

# Dissecting Segments

Image



Segment #1: Chair 0.53  
Person 0.29

Segment #2: Chair 0.23  
Person 0.36



Atomic regions:



Venn diagram



Segment #3: Chair 0.34  
Person 0.54

Segment #4: Chair 0.19  
Person 0.43



# Find Most Consistent Configuration

Seg #1: Chair 0.53  
Person 0.29



Seg #2: Chair 0.23  
Person 0.36



Configuration #1

Person

Chair



Seg #3: Chair 0.34  
Person 0.54



Seg #4: Chair 0.19  
Person 0.43



Configuration #2

Person

Chair

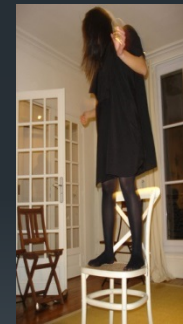
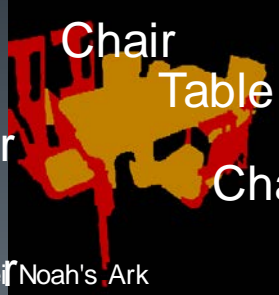
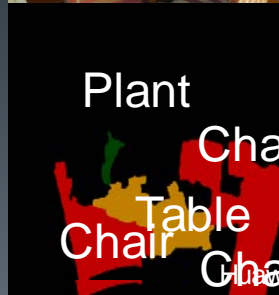




# Results: Winners of PASCAL VOC 2009-12

Segmentation Results: VOC2012 **BETA**  
 Competition "comp5" (train on VOC2012 data)  
 Average Precision (AP %)

	mean	aero plane	bicycle	bird	boat	bottle	bus	car	cat	chair	cow	dining table	dog	horse	motor bike	person	potted plant	sheep	sofa	train	tv/monitor
▶ O2P_SVRSEGM_CPMC_CSI [?]	47.5	64.0	32.2	45.9	34.7	46.3	59.5	61.7	49.4	14.8	47.9	31.2	42.5	51.3	58.8	54.6	34.9	54.6	34.7	50.6	42.2
▷ NUS_DET_SPR_GC_SP [?]	47.3	52.9	31.0	39.8	44.5	58.9	60.8	52.5	49.0	22.6	38.1	27.5	47.4	52.4	46.8	51.9	35.7	55.3	40.8	54.2	47.8
▷ BONN_O2PCPMC_FGT_SEGM [?]	47.0	65.4	29.3	51.3	33.4	44.2	59.8	60.3	52.5	13.6	53.6	32.6	40.3	57.6	57.3	49.0	33.5	53.5	29.2	47.6	37.6
▷ BONNGC_O2P_CPMC_CSI [?]	45.4	59.3	27.9	43.9	39.8	41.4	52.2	61.5	56.4	13.6	44.5	26.1	42.8	51.7	57.9	51.3	29.8	45.7	28.8	49.9	43.3
▷ BONN_CMBR_O2P_CPMC_LIN [?]	44.8	60.0	27.3	46.4	40.0	41.7	57.6	59.0	50.4	10.0	41.6	22.3	43.0	51.7	56.8	50.1	33.7	43.7	29.5	47.5	44.7
▷ OptNBNN-CRF [?]	11.3	10.5	2.3	3.0	3.0	1.0	30.2	14.9	15.0	0.2	6.1	2.3	5.1	12.1	15.3	23.4	0.5	8.9	3.5	10.7	5.3

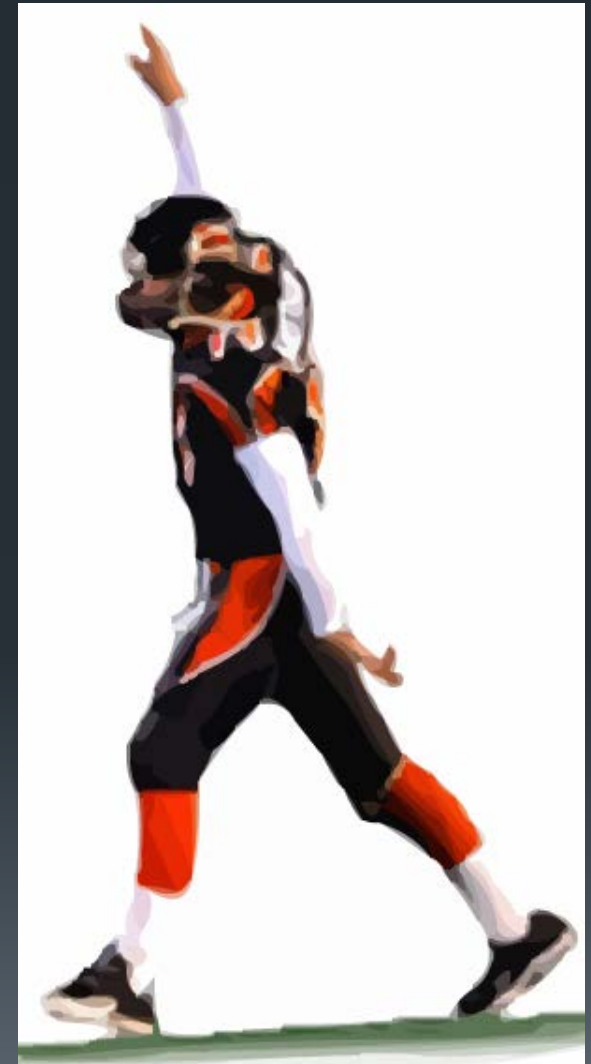


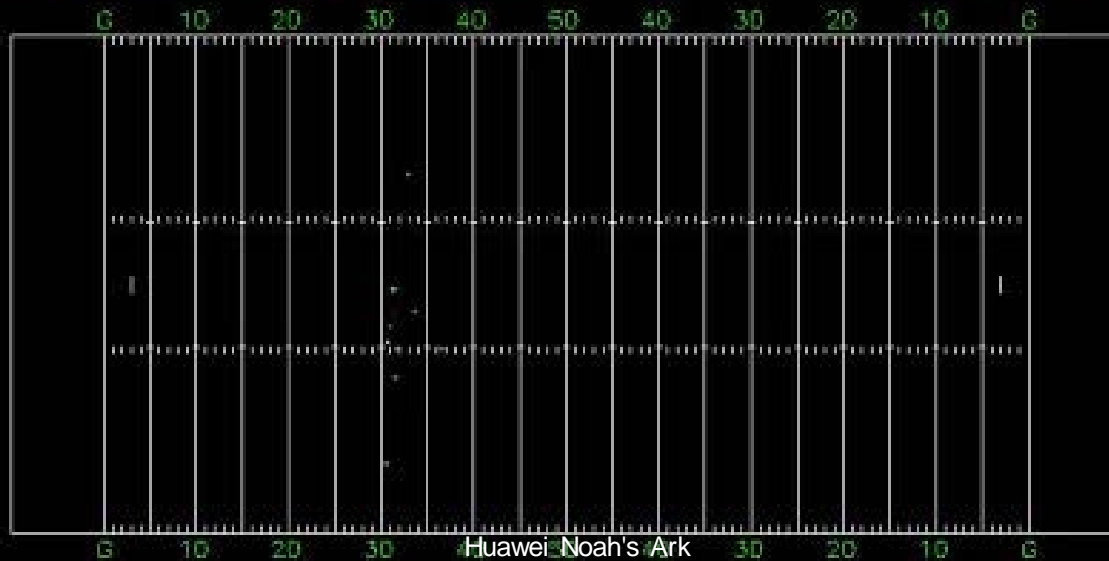
David Noah's Ark

# OSU Digital Scout

Alan Fern  
Sinisa Todorovic

- Goal: Understand American football
  - Determine the start of each play
  - Track each player
  - Understand what choices each player made
  - Understand what mistakes each player made
  - Improve the play
  - Plan how to defeat this play
- Industrial collaboration with HUDL, Inc.
  - Video analytics for US high school football teams



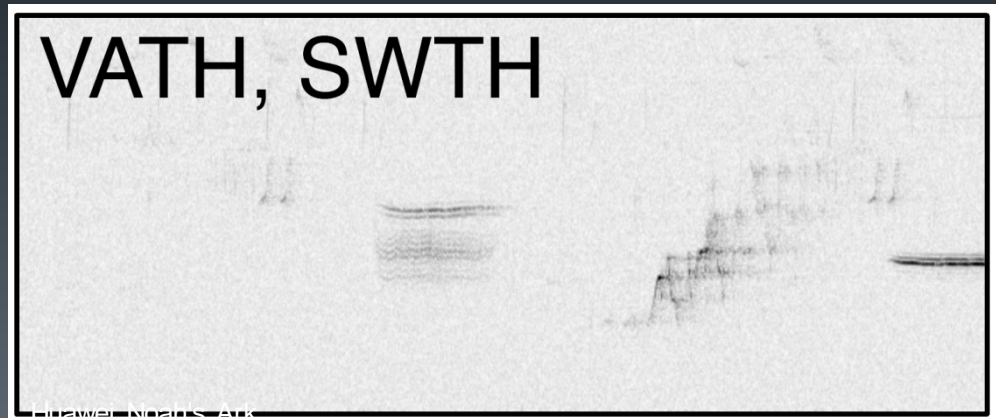
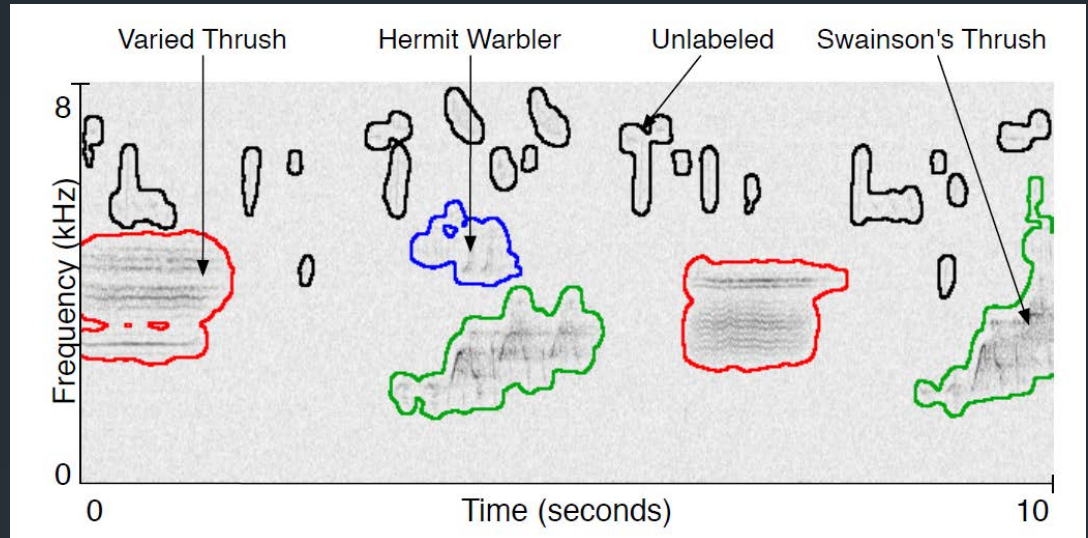


# Birdsong Recognition

Xiaoli Fern  
Raviv Raich

- At each site, a microphone records birds singing
- Goal: Determine what species are present at each site each day
- Problem: Labeling data is very time consuming
- Solution: Just label 10s segments
- Superset Label Problem

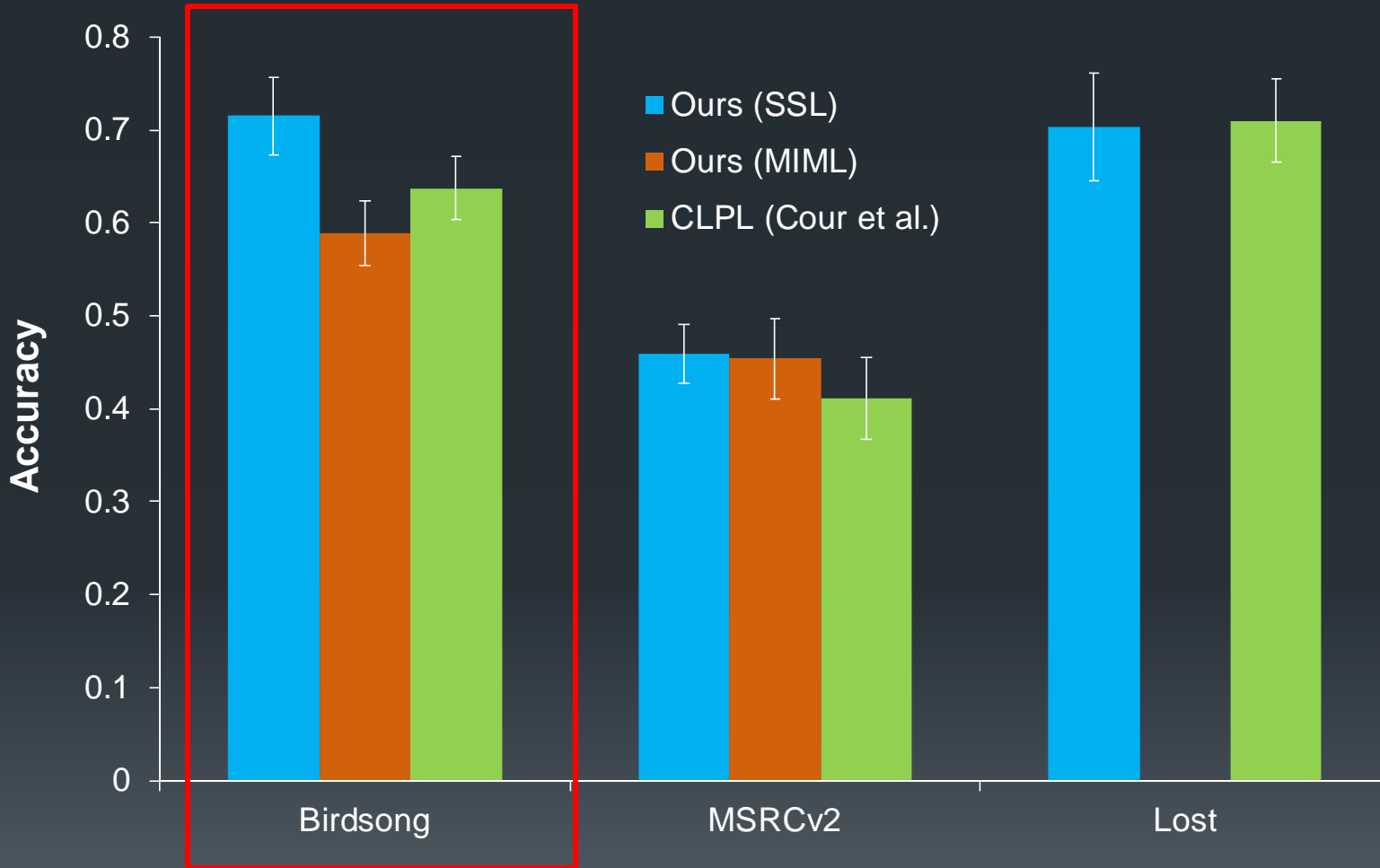
Segmented Spectrogram



# Machine Learning Approaches

- Method 1:
  - Formulate as “Multiple Instance Multiple Label” problem (MIML)
  - Each example is a “bag” of instances and is assigned multiple labels
- Method 2:
  - Formulate as “Superset Label Problem”
  - Each example is a single instance but has been assigned multiple labels

# Results on Superset Labeling/MIML Problems



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# Natural Language Processing

- Parsing
- Event and Event Argument Coreference



Liang  
Huang



Prasad  
Tadepalli



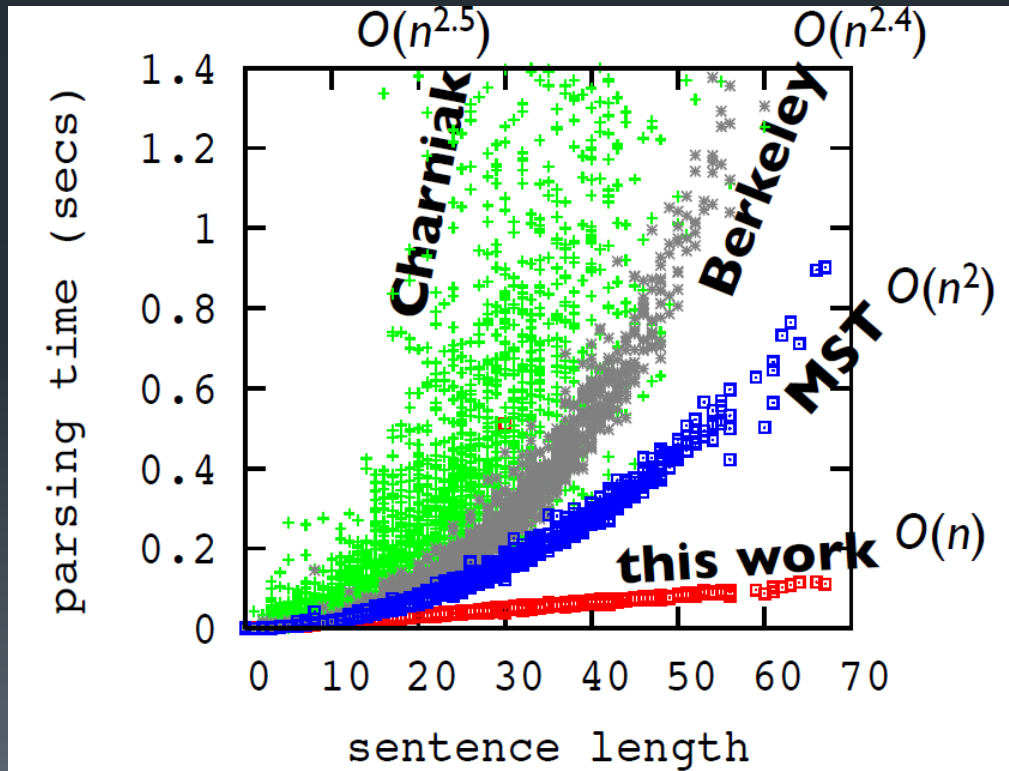
Xiaoli  
Fern



# Linear Time Dynamic Programming Parsing

Liang Huang

- Very fast linear time dynamic programming parser
- explores exponentially many trees and outputs a forest
- state-of-the-art parsing accuracy in English and Chinese



Huawei Noah's Ark

# Joint Entity and Event Coreference

Xiaoli Fern  
Prasad Tadepalli

- Two sentences:
  - “Hugh Jackman plays a furry comic-book hero.”
  - “The Australian actor is playing a superhero.”
- Coreferences:

## Document 1

“Hugh Jackman”

“plays”

“a furry comic-book hero”

## Document 2

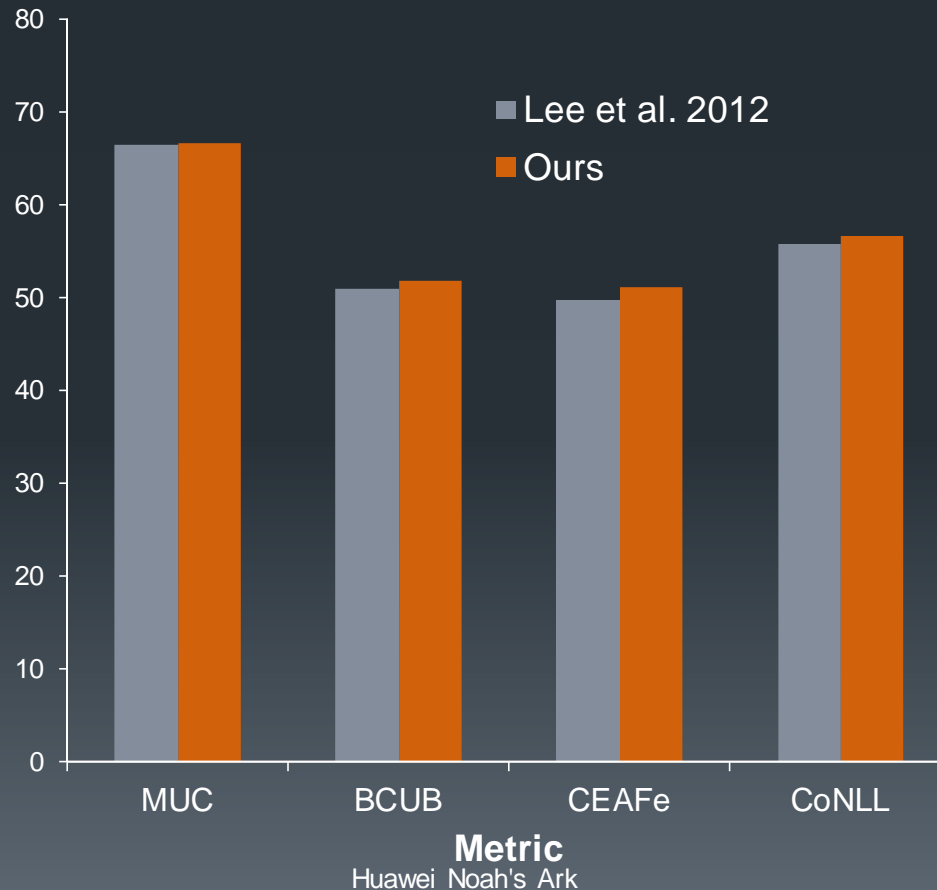
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# Joint Inference using Learned Scoring Functions

- Learning performed using the “Easy First” framework
- Small but consistent improvement by using better learning method



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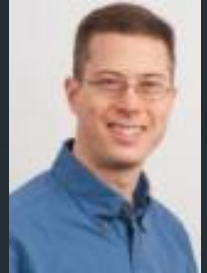
# Robotics

- Robotics PhD Program ranked #4 in US
- Home of ROS: Robot Operating System



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# Robot Locomotion: Legs



Jonathan Hurst

# More Locomotion

- Ross Hatton
  - Snake robots and full-body locomotion
  - Casting manipulation (free cables and whip-like objects)
  - Spiders and spider webs
  - Vibration
- Belinda Batten
  - Micro-air vehicles
- Geoff Hollinger
  - Underwater Vehicles
  - Wheeled Vehicles



# Prosthetics and Human Control

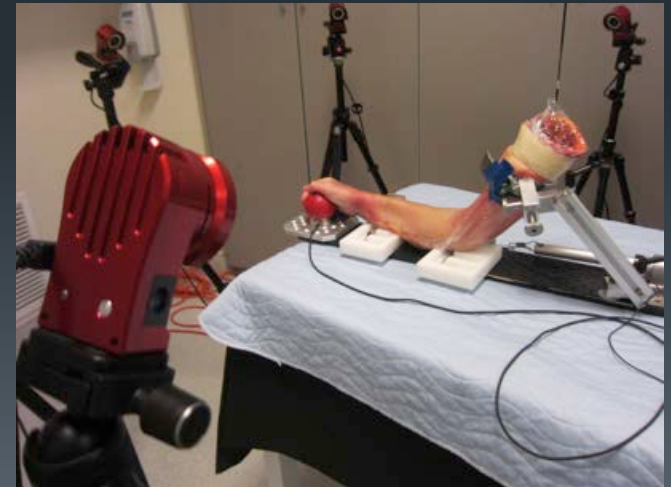
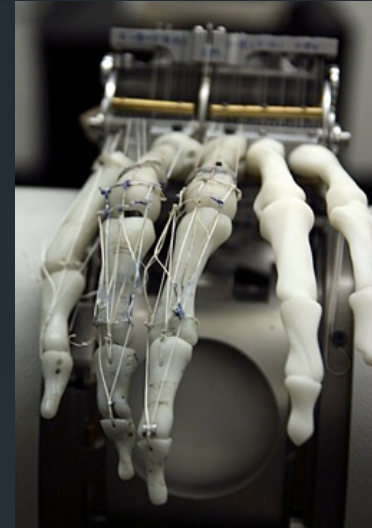
- Robotic Control and Dynamics
- Human neuro-biomechanics
- Biomedical Implants
- Robot Hands



Ravi  
Balasubramanian



John  
Mathews





# Biologically-Inspired and Soft Robotics

- Soft sensors and actuators
- Gecko-inspired adhesion
- Wearable soft robotics



Yiğit Mengüç

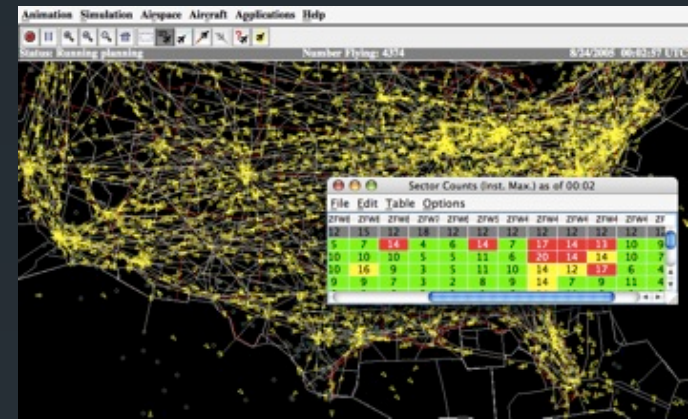


# Robot Teams and Autonomy

- Coordination of autonomous cars
- Air Traffic flow optimization
- UAV traffic management



Kagan Tumer



# Personal Robots, Autonomy, ROS

- Human-robot interaction
- Long-term robot autonomy
- Shared-autonomy human-robot systems
- Open-source software architectures for robotics
- Robots in the theatre
- Machine learning for the control of physical systems
- Advanced user interfaces for robot assistants



Bill Smart



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