

# IJCAI Tutorial

## Solving Games with Complex Strategy Spaces

### Part II: Integrating Learning with Game Theory for Strategic Decision Making

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# Outline

- ▶ Games with Human Players for Real-world Applications
  - ▶ Wildlife Conservation
- ▶ End-to-End Learning and Decision Making in Games
  - ▶ A differentiable learning framework for learning game parameters
- ▶ Learning-Powered Strategy Computation in Large Games
  - ▶ Leveraging Deep Reinforcement Learning
- ▶ Other Applications and Summary

# Societal Challenges

## Security & Safety



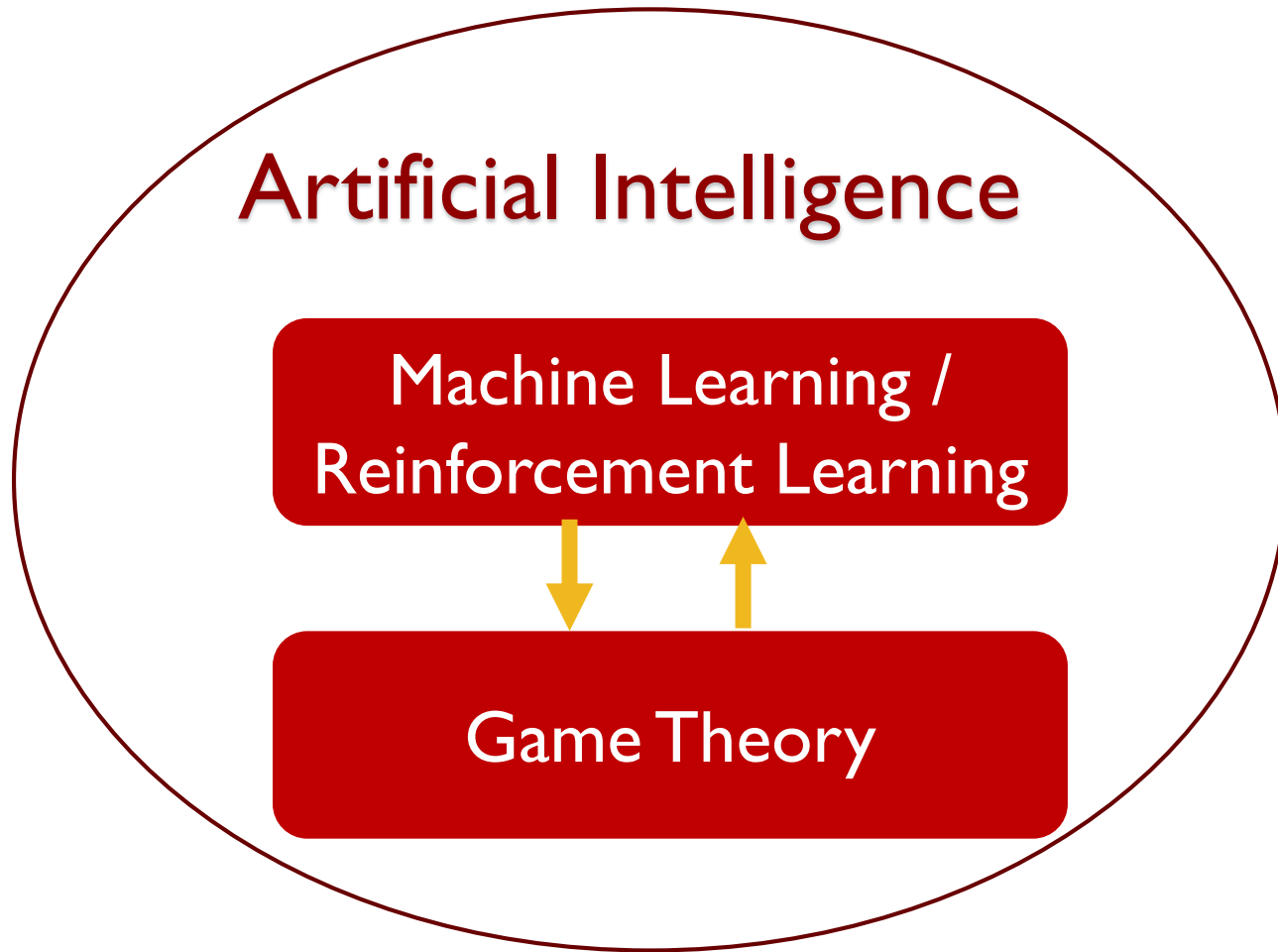
## Environmental Sustainability



## Mobility



# Solution Approaches



# Recap: Security Games

- ▶ Strong Stackelberg Equilibrium
  - ▶ Defender: mixed strategy
  - ▶ Attacker: best response, break tie in favor of defender



**Defender**

55.6%

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		<b>Adversary</b>	
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# Quiz

- ▶ How to get the defender's mixed strategy in SSE in this problem?



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  - ▶  $\text{AttEU1} = p * (-3) + (1 - p) * 4 = p * 1 + (1 - p) * (-1) = \text{AttEU2}$
  - ▶ Equilibrium:  $\text{DefStrat} = (0.556, 0.444)$ ,  $\text{AttStrat} = (1, 0)$



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# Recap: SSE vs NE

## ▶ Zero-sum

- ▶  $SSE = NE = \text{minimax} = \text{maximin}$
- ▶ Approach 1: Single LP (minimax or maximin strategy)
- ▶ Approach 2: Greedy allocation for security games

## ▶ General-sum

- ▶  $SSE \geq NE$
- ▶ Computing NE: PPAD Complete, LCP (linear complementarity problem) formulation, Gambit solver
- ▶ Computing SSE
  - ▶ Approach 1: Multiple LPs (each solve a subproblem)
  - ▶ Approach 2: A single MILP that combines all the LPs
  - ▶ Approach 3: Extended greedy allocation algorithm  $O(n \log n)$  for security games

# Example: Protecting Staten Island Ferry



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# Wildlife Conservation



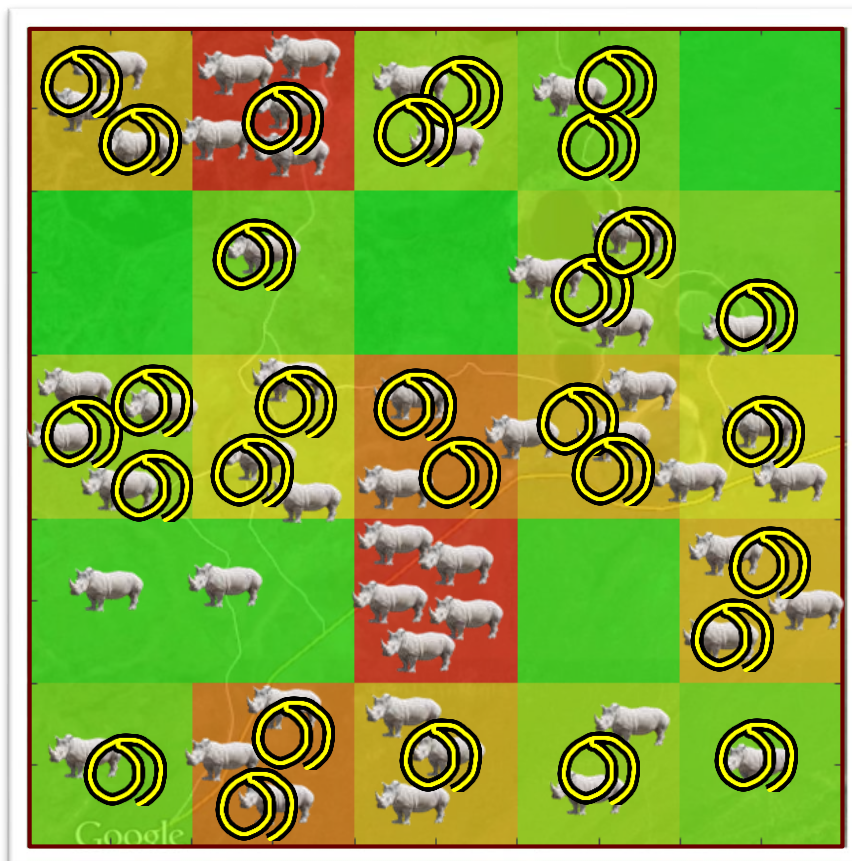
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# Human Behavior in Games

- ▶ Not always perfectly rational or behave as expected!
- ▶ Task: Predict where the poachers place snares



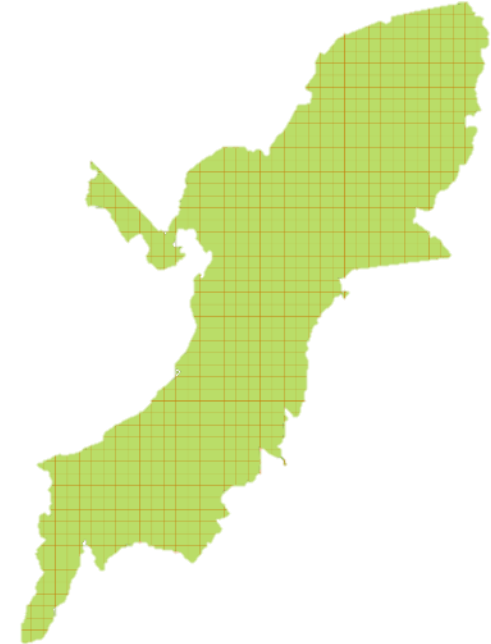
# Learn from Human Subject Experiments



Game 4

Total: \$1.5

# Learn from Real-World Data

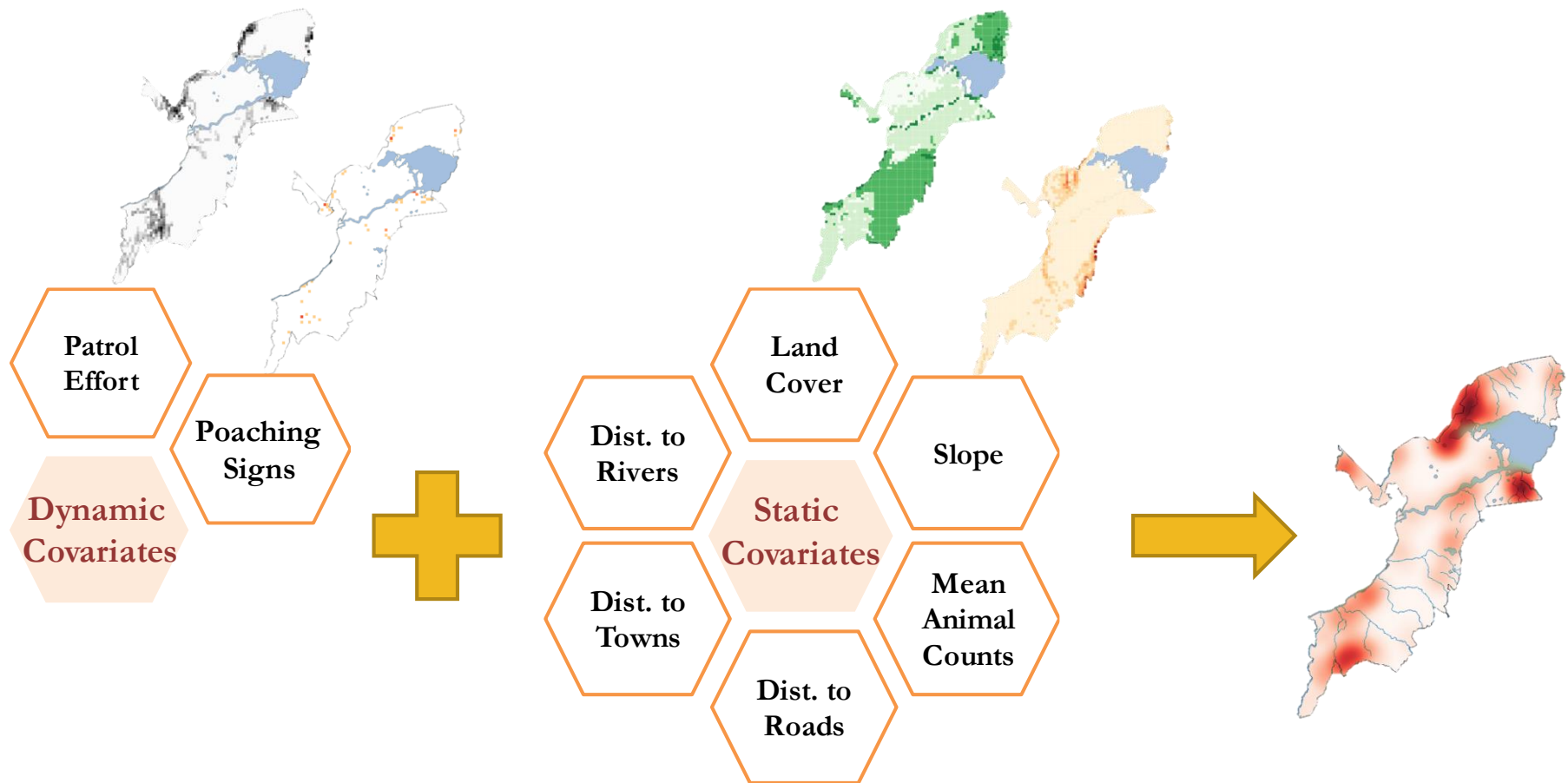


- ▶ **Raw Dataset for Queen Elizabeth National Park**
  - ▶ Covers 2520 sq. km
  - ▶ Patrol and poaching recorded

**Collaborators: Wildlife Conservation Society, Uganda Wildlife Authority,  
Rangers Pictures: Trip to Indonesia with World Wide Fund for Nature**

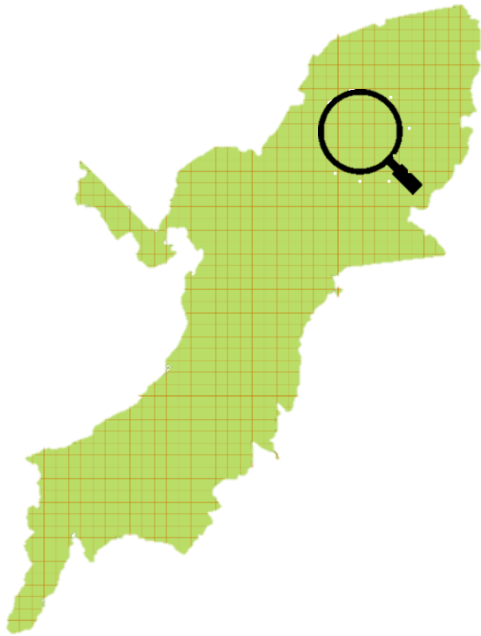


# Learn from Real-World Data



Each data point represent a 1km×1km area in a season

# Challenge I: Data Uncertainty



Attacked



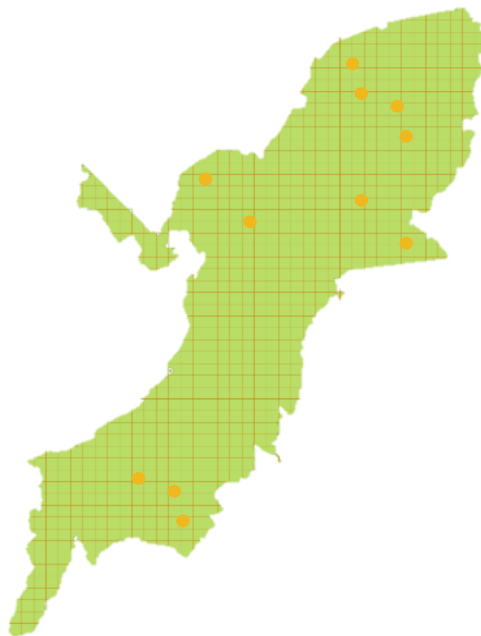
Not Attacked



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		⊗



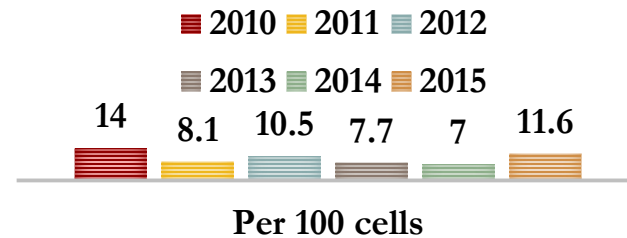
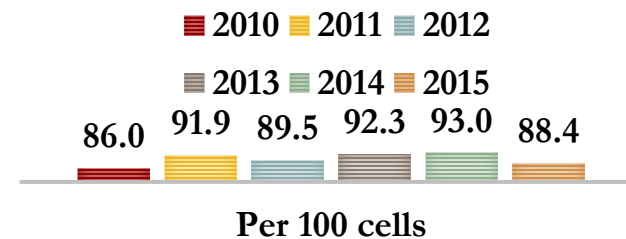
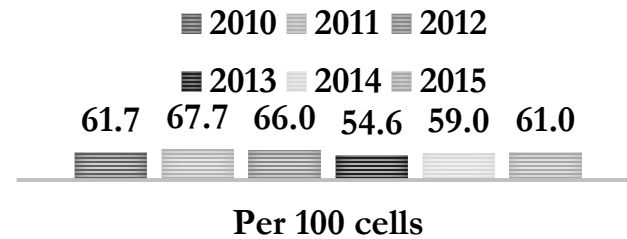
# Challenge 2: Lack of Recorded Attacks



Patrolled Cells  
(Year)

Not Attacked  
Patrolled Cells

Attacked  
Patrolled Cells



# Quantal Response Model

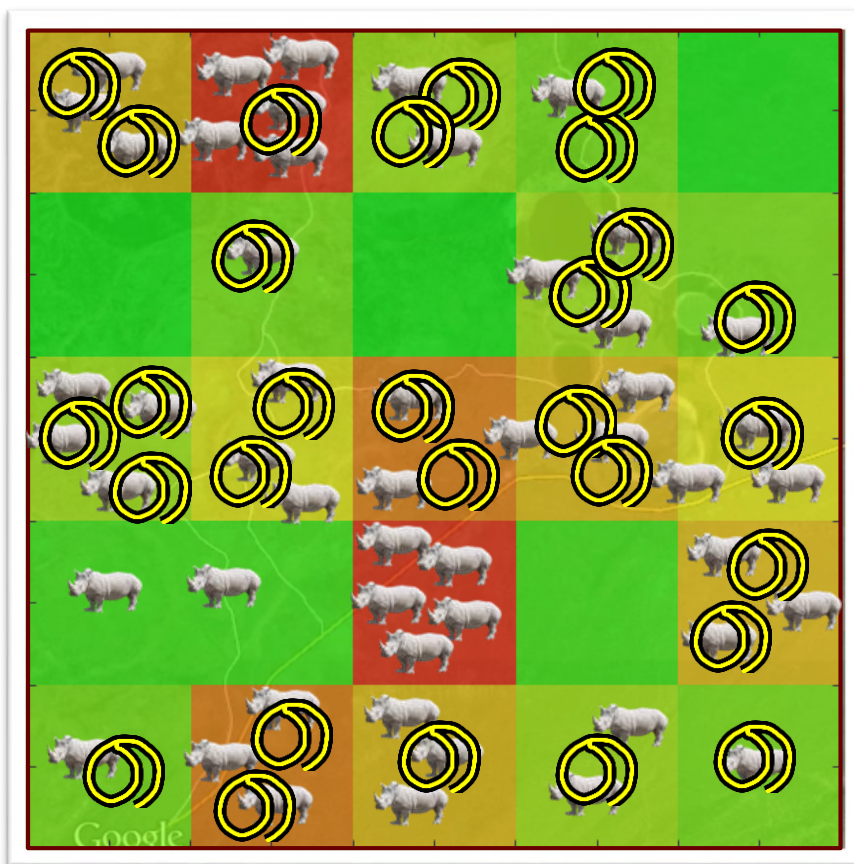
- ▶ Classical model in behavioral game theory
- ▶ Probability of attacking target  $j$

$$q_j = \frac{e^{\lambda * \text{AttEU}_j(x)}}{\sum_i e^{\lambda * \text{AttEU}_i(x)}}$$

- ▶  $\lambda$ : represents error level (=0 means uniform random)
  - ▶ Maximal likelihood estimation ( $\lambda=0.76$ )
  - ▶  $\max_{\lambda} f(\lambda) = \sum_j N_j \log(q_j)$
  - ▶ Solved through gradient ascent  $\lambda \leftarrow \lambda + \alpha \nabla_{\lambda} f(\lambda)$

# Subjective Utility Quantal Response Model

$$\triangleright \text{SEU}_j = \sum_k w_k f_j^k, \quad q_j = \frac{e^{\lambda * \text{SEU}_j(x)}}{\sum_i e^{\lambda * \text{SEU}_i(x)}}$$



Past Success/Failure  
Induced Features +

Coverage Probability  
+ Reward/Penalty

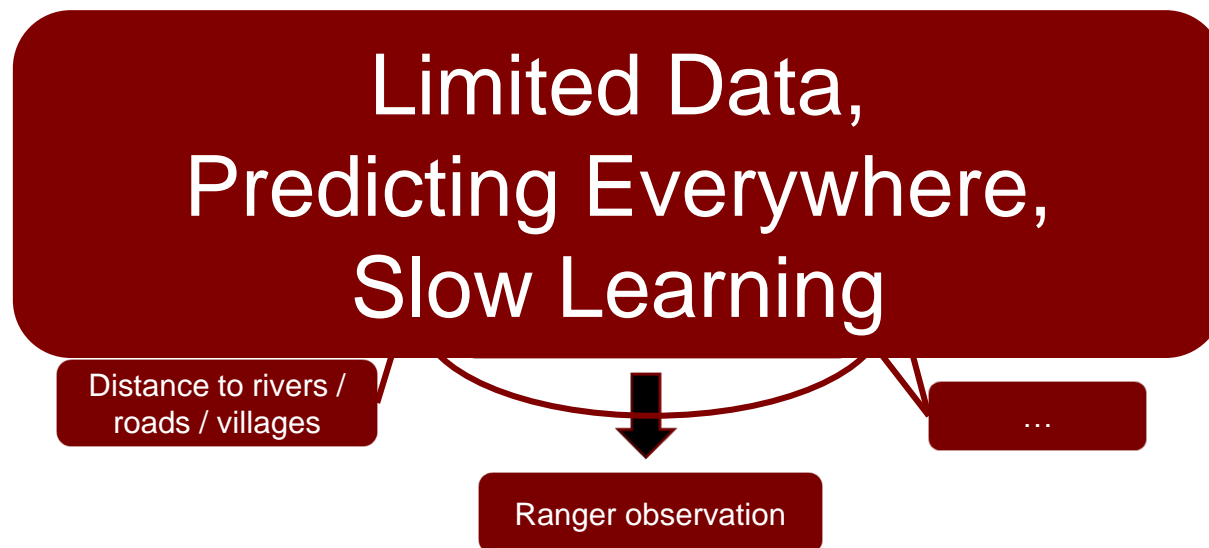


Attack Probability

# Adapted Behavioral Game Theory Models

## ► CAPTURE

- Real-world Data
- Dynamic Bayes Net: Time Dependency & Imperfect Observation



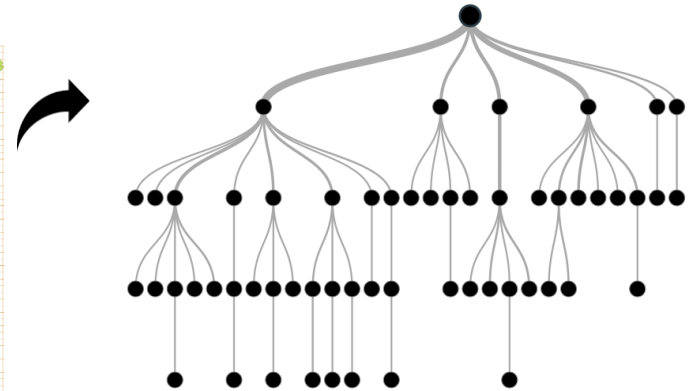
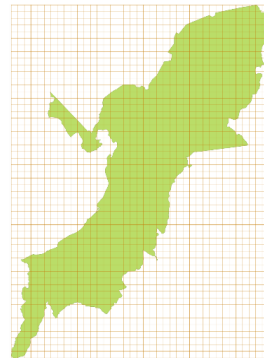
# Decision Tree

## ► PROS

- High speed
- Learn global poachers behavior
- Learn nonlinearity in geo-spatial predictor

## ► CONS

- No explicit temporal dimension
- No aspect for label uncertainty



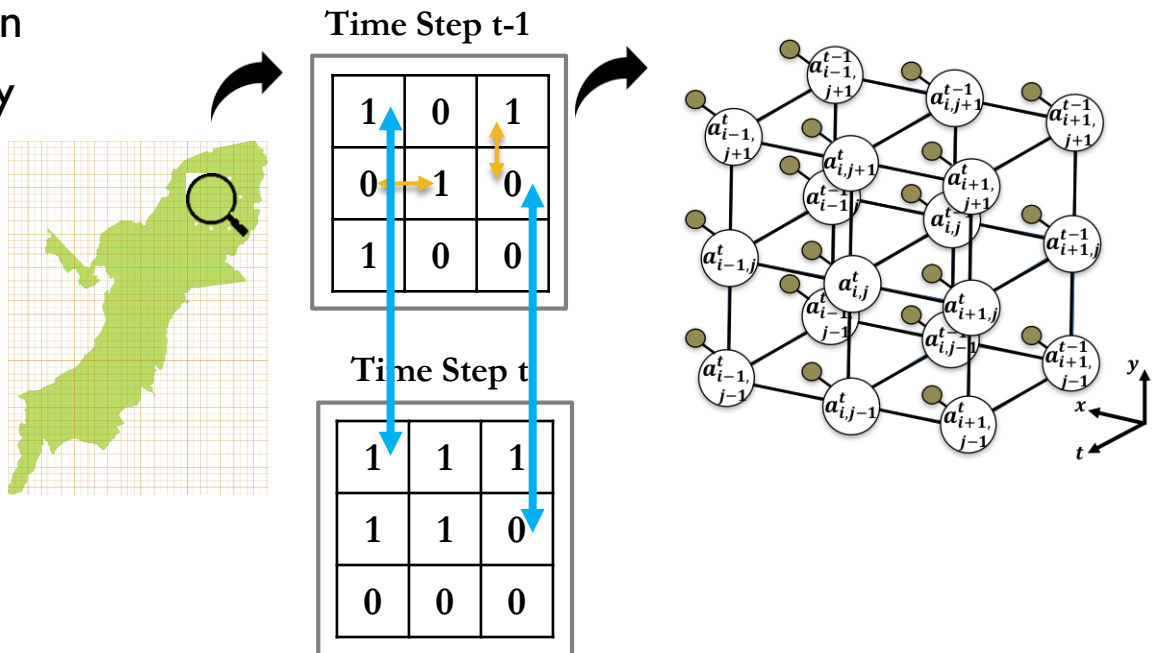
# Markov Random Field

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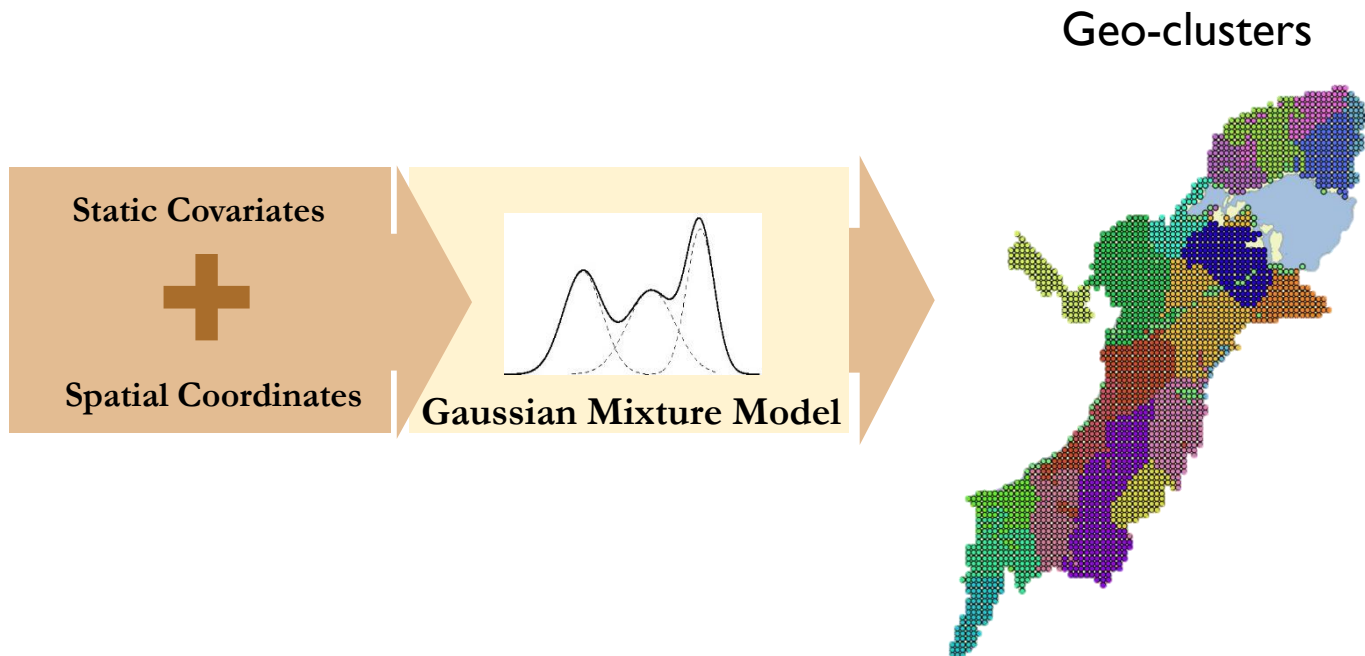
- Explicit spatial dimension
- Explicit temporal dimension
- Addresses label uncertainty

## ► CONS

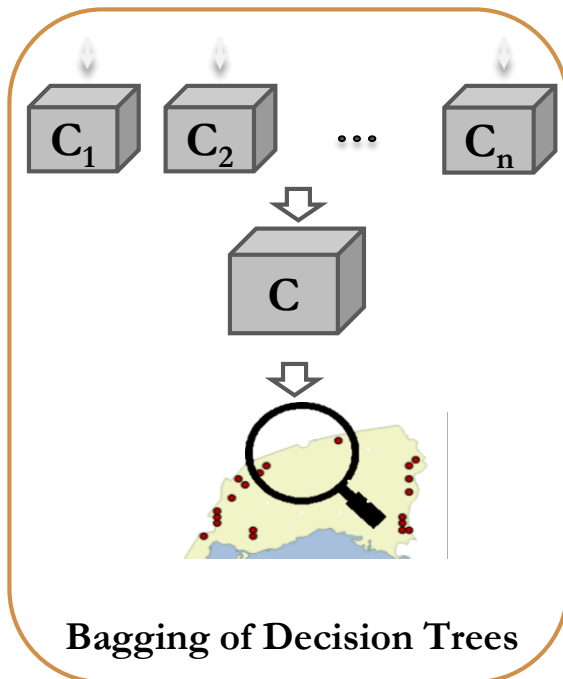
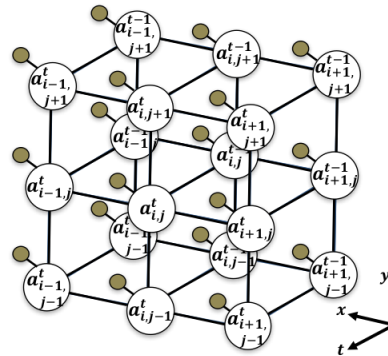
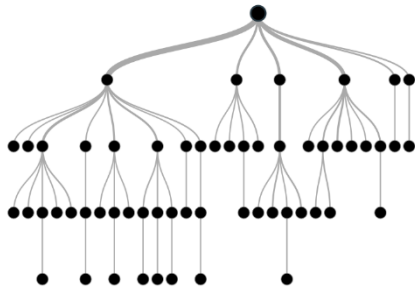
- Low speed
- Data greedy



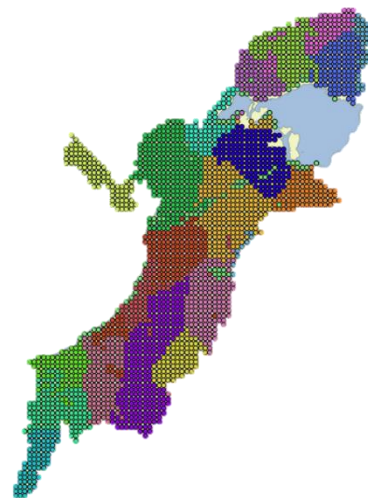
# Hybrid Model



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On Intensely Monitored Regions

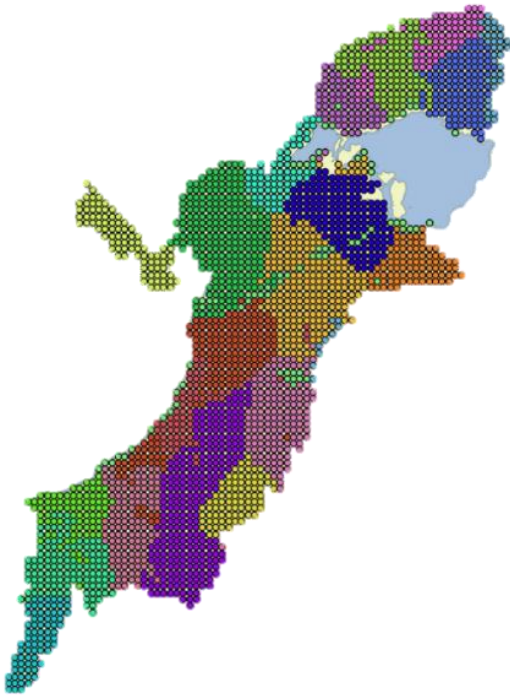


**Markov Random Fields**



**Decision Tree  
+  
Markov Random Fields**

# Augment Dataset With Expert Knowledge

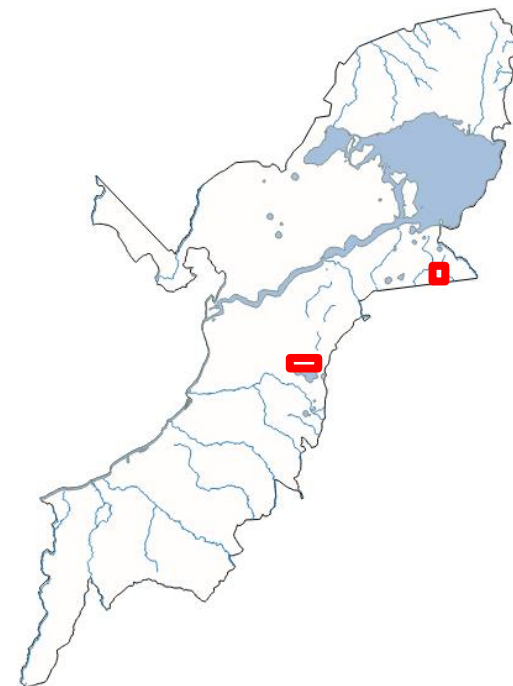


Cluster Index	Cluster Value in "predict_heatmap_i10.tif"		Estimated Snaring Threat (0~10)
1	1	1	7
2	2	2	3
3	3	3	8
4	4	4	7
5	5	5	3
6	6	6	2
7	7	7	8
8	8	8	3
9	9	9	0
10	10	10	0

- ▶ Negative sampling: sample from unpatrolled regions
- ▶ Positive sampling: Estimate from rangers' estimated scores
  - ▶ Collect answers for several sets of clusters  $C^1, C^2$
  - ▶ Compute aggregated score a  $s = \min\{s_1(C_i^1), s_2(C_j^1), \dots\}$ , add unlabeled points as positive points if  $s \geq 6$

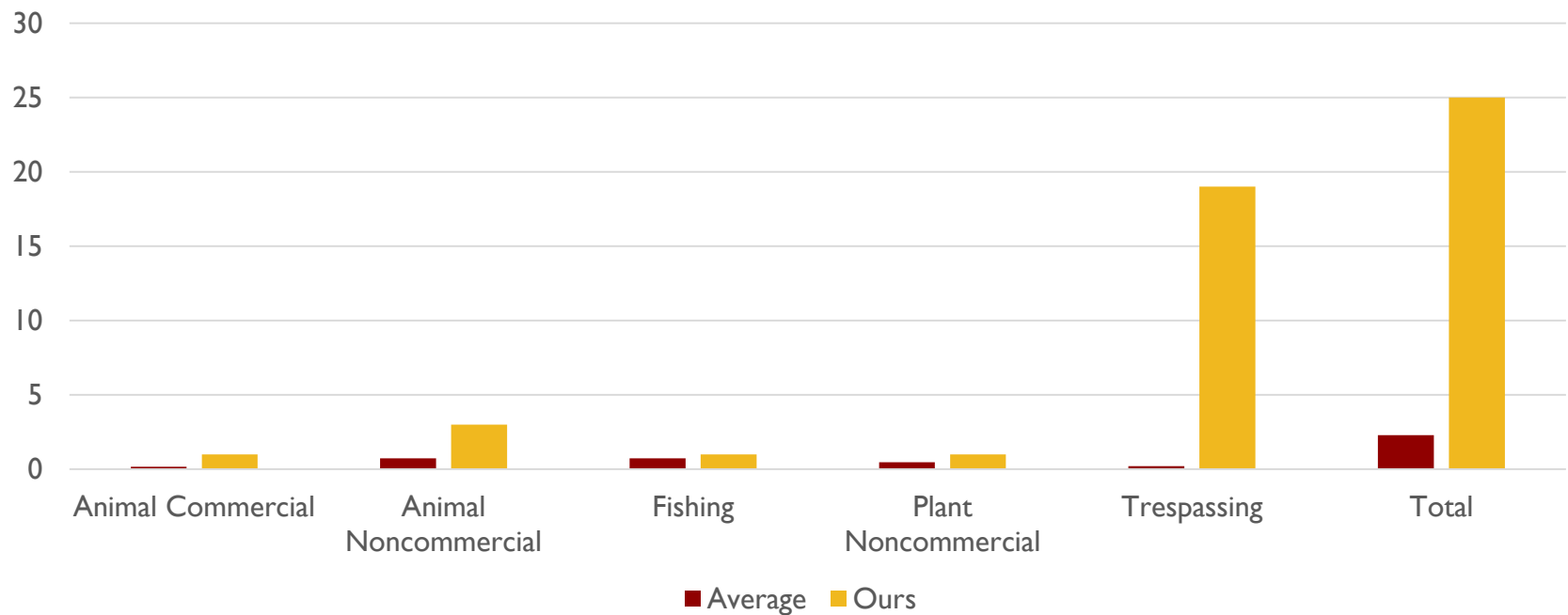
# Field Test I in Uganda (1 month)

- ▶ Trespassing
  - ▶ 19 signs of litter, ashes, etc.
- ▶ Poached animals
  - ▶ 1 poached elephant
- ▶ Snaring
  - ▶ 1 active snare
  - ▶ 1 cache of 10 antelope snares
  - ▶ 1 roll of elephant snares
- ▶ Snaring hit rates
  - ▶ Outperform 91% of months

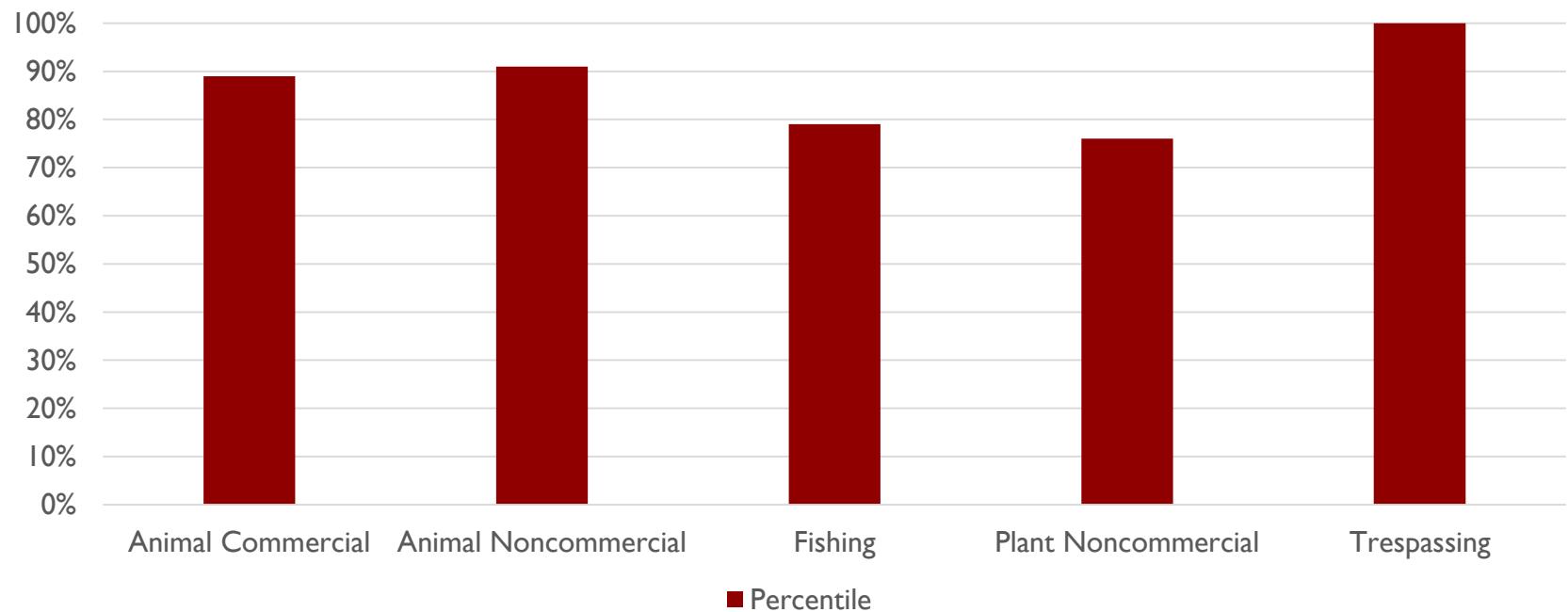


Historical Base Hit Rate	Our Hit Rate
Average: 0.73	3

# Field Test I in Uganda: Base rate comparison

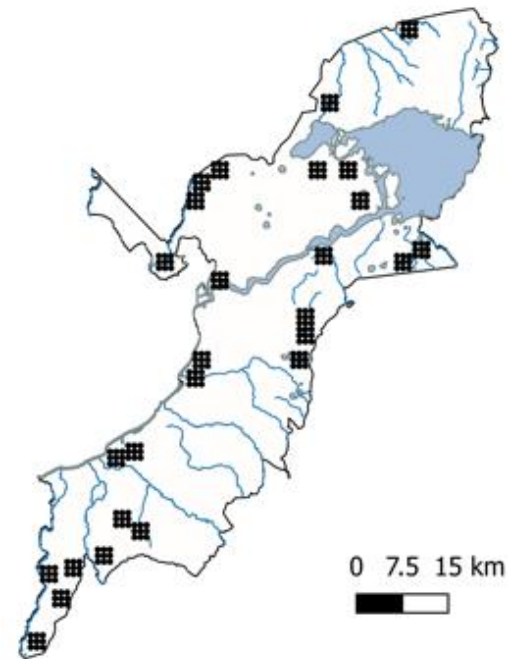


# Field Test I in Uganda: % Months Exceeded Historical



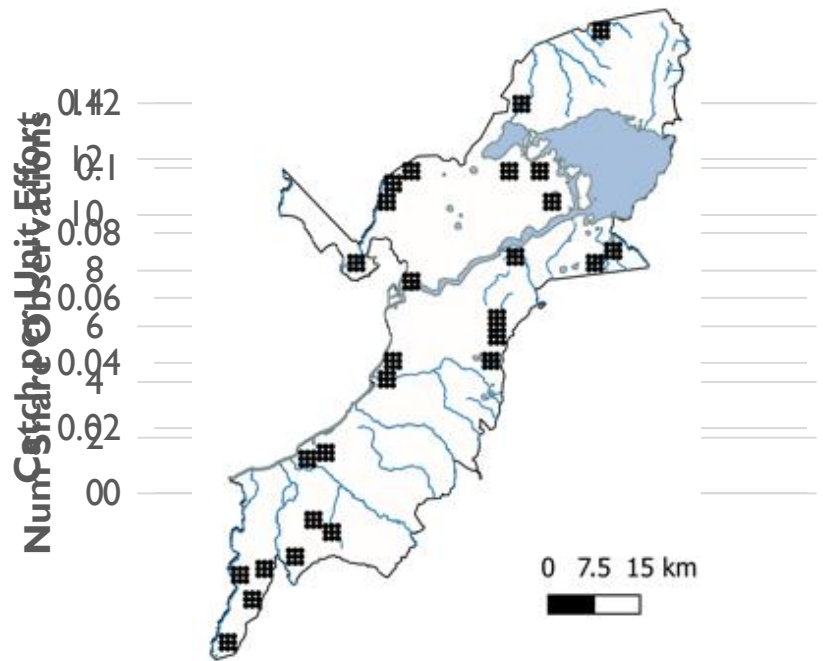
## Field Test 2 in Uganda (8 months)

- ▶ 27 areas (9-sq km each)
- ▶ 454 km patrolled in total
- ▶ No point  $> 5$  km from patrol post
- ▶ No area patrolled too much/rarely
- ▶ No overlapping areas
- ▶  $\leq 2$  areas per patrol post



# Field Test 2 in Uganda (8 months)

- ▶ 2 experiment groups
  - ▶ 1:  $\geq 50\%$  attack prediction rate
    - ▶ 5 areas
  - ▶ 2:  $< 50\%$  attack prediction rate
    - ▶ 22 areas
- ▶ Catch Per Unit Effort (CPUE)
  - ▶ Unit Effort = km walked

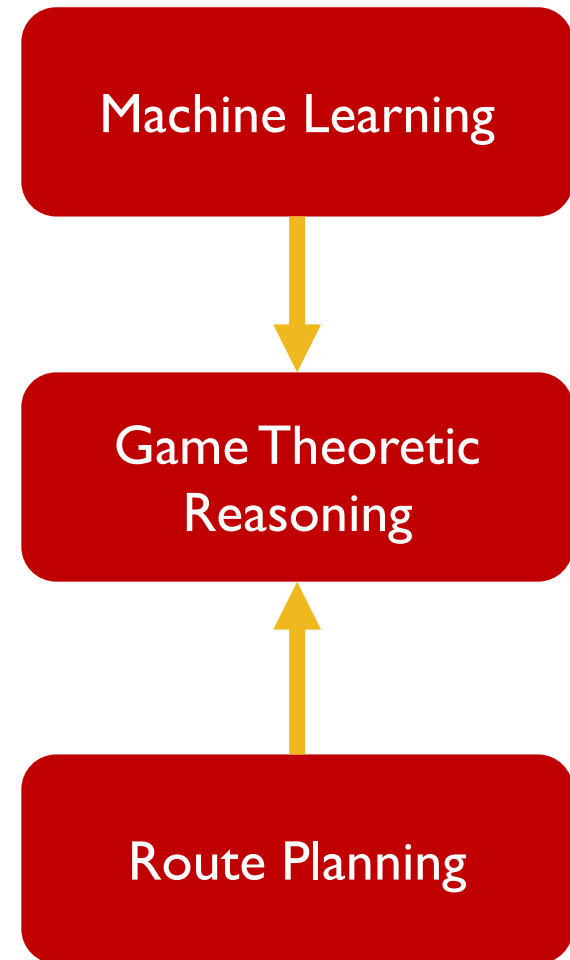


## Field Test in China

- ▶ Two-day field test in October 2017: 22 snares
- ▶ 34 patrols from November 2017 to February 2018
  - ▶ 7 snares



# From Prediction to Prescription

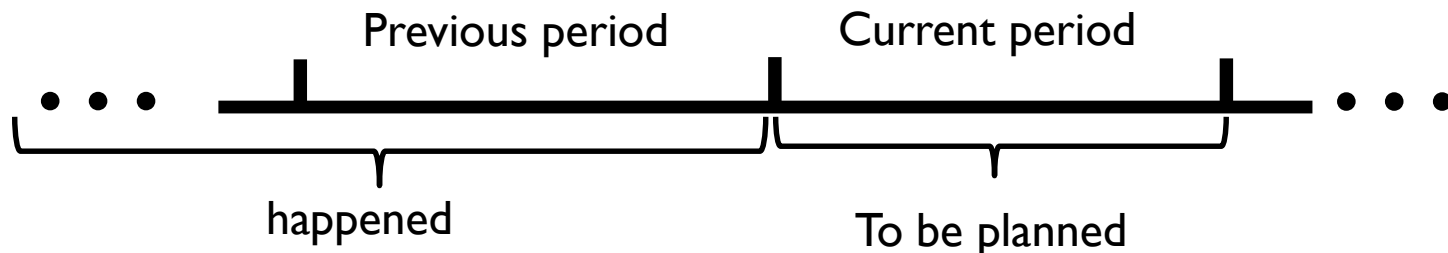


# Game Theoretic Reasoning Based on Learned Model

- ▶ Find optimal patrol strategy given poachers respond to the patrol strategy according to learned model
- ▶ Challenges
  - ▶ Learned model is hard to represent using closed form function (e.g., decision tree)
  - ▶ Hard to scale up when considering scheduling constraints

# Game Theoretic Reasoning Based on Learned Model

- ▶ Input: A machine learning model that predicts snares
- ▶ Output: an optimal patrolling strategy
- ▶ Goal: maximize catches of snares



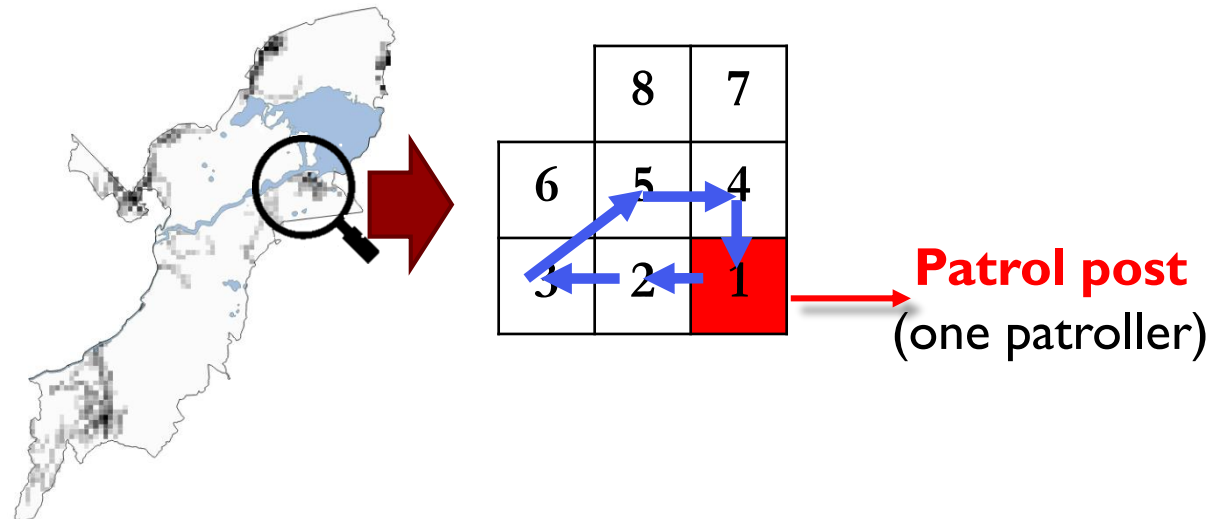
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For each cell  $i$ :



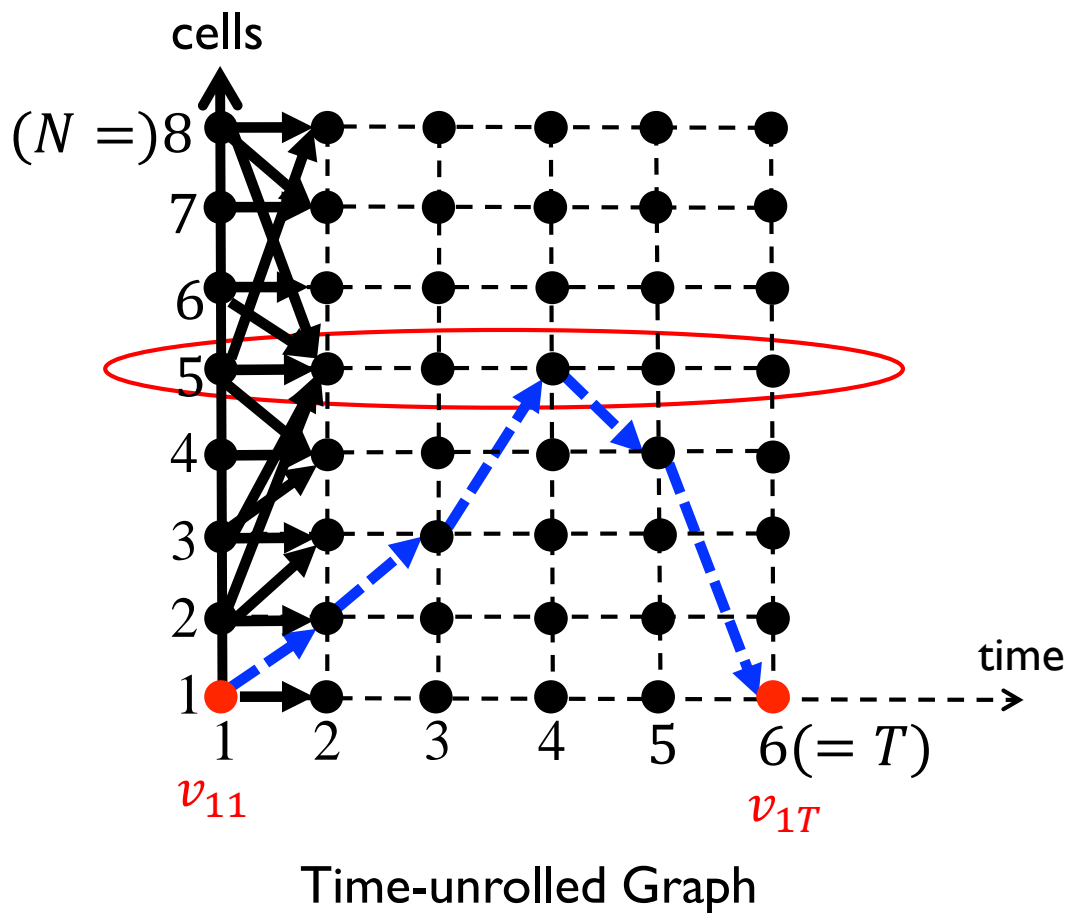
► Optimization problem:  $\max_{x_i} \sum_i g_i(x_i)$

► However...



# Game Theoretic Reasoning

- ▶ Observe: a pure strategy  
= a path from  $v_{11}$  to  $v_{1T}$
- ▶ Claim: a mixed strategy  
 $\Leftrightarrow$  one-unit fractional  
flow from  $v_{11}$  to  $v_{1T}$
- ▶ **Patrol effort at cell  $i$**  =  
the aggregated flow  
through cell  $i$
- ▶ Build a mixed integer  
linear program



# Game Theoretic Reasoning Based on Learned Model

## ► A MILP formulation

$$\text{maximize } \sum_{i=1}^N \left( g_i(0) + \sum_{j=1}^m z_i^j \cdot [g_i(j) - g_i(j-1)] \right) \approx \max_{x_i} \sum_i g_i(x_i)$$

$$\text{subject to } \begin{aligned} x_i &\geq \sum_{j=1}^m z_i^j \cdot [\alpha_j - \alpha_{j-1}], \\ x_i &\leq \alpha_1 + \sum_{j=1}^m z_i^j \cdot [\alpha_{j+1} - \alpha_j], \\ z_i^1 &\geq z_i^2 \geq \dots \geq z_i^m, \\ z_i^j &\in \{0, 1\}, \end{aligned}$$

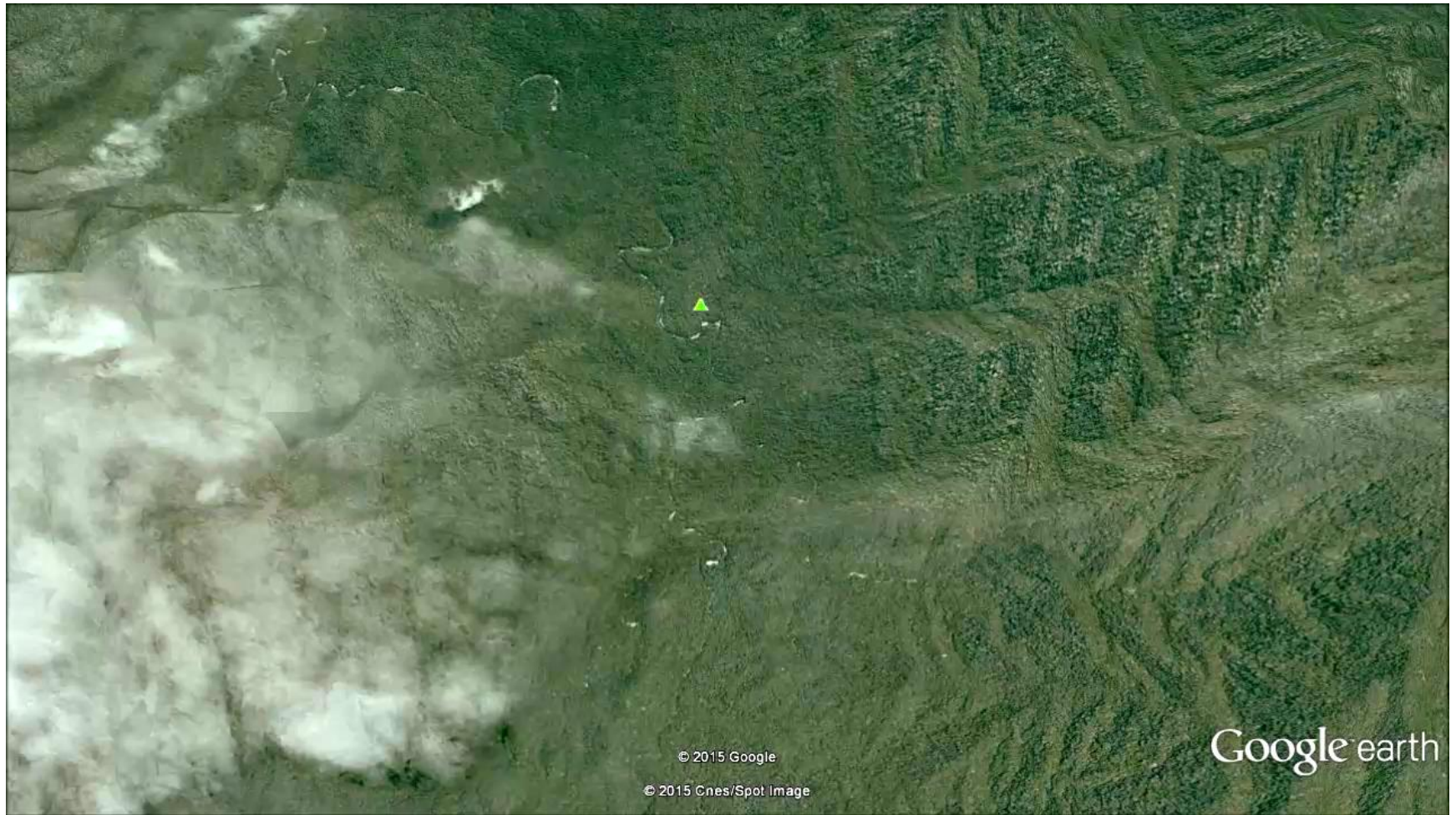
$$x_i = z_i^1 + z_i^2 + \dots$$

Patrol effort at cell  $i$  = the aggregated flow through cell  $i$

$$\begin{aligned} x_i &= \sum_{t=1}^T \left\lceil \sum_{e \in \sigma^+(v_{t,i})} f(e) \right\rceil, \\ \sum_{e \in \sigma^+(v_{t,i})} f(e) &= \sum_{e \in \sigma^-(v_{t,i})} f(e), \\ \sum_{e \in \sigma^+(v_{T,1})} f(e) &= \sum_{e \in \sigma^-(v_{1,1})} f(e) = 1, \\ 0 \leq x_i &\leq 1, \quad 0 \leq f(e) \leq 1, \end{aligned}$$

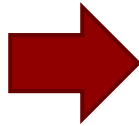
$f$  is a unit flow

# Complex Terrain



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Patrol Route (2D)



Patrol Route (3D)



# Trial Patrol in the Field

- ▶ 8-hour patrol in April 2015: patrolling is not easy!

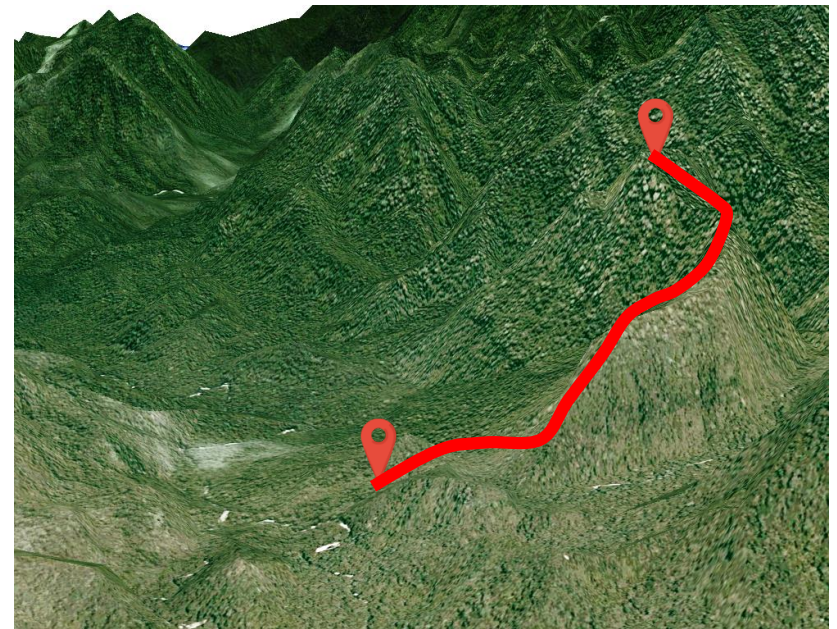
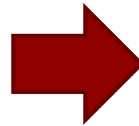
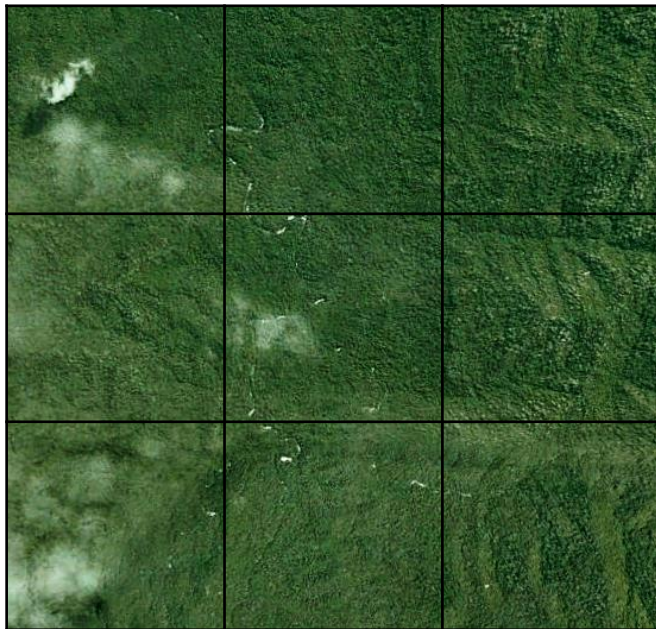


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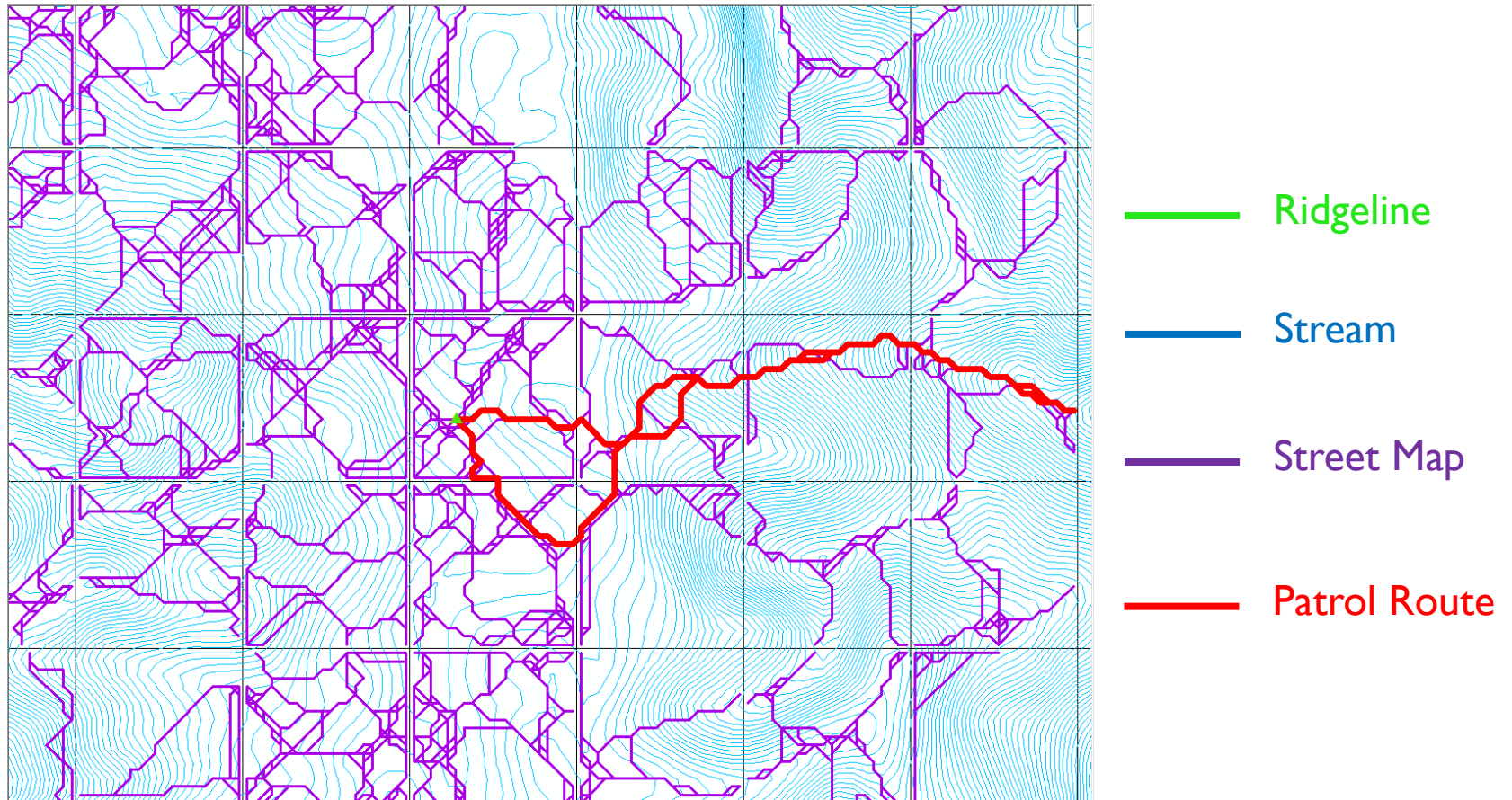
# Spatial Constraint

- ▶ Grid based → Route based
- ▶ Hierarchical modeling: Focus on terrain features
- ▶ Build virtual street map

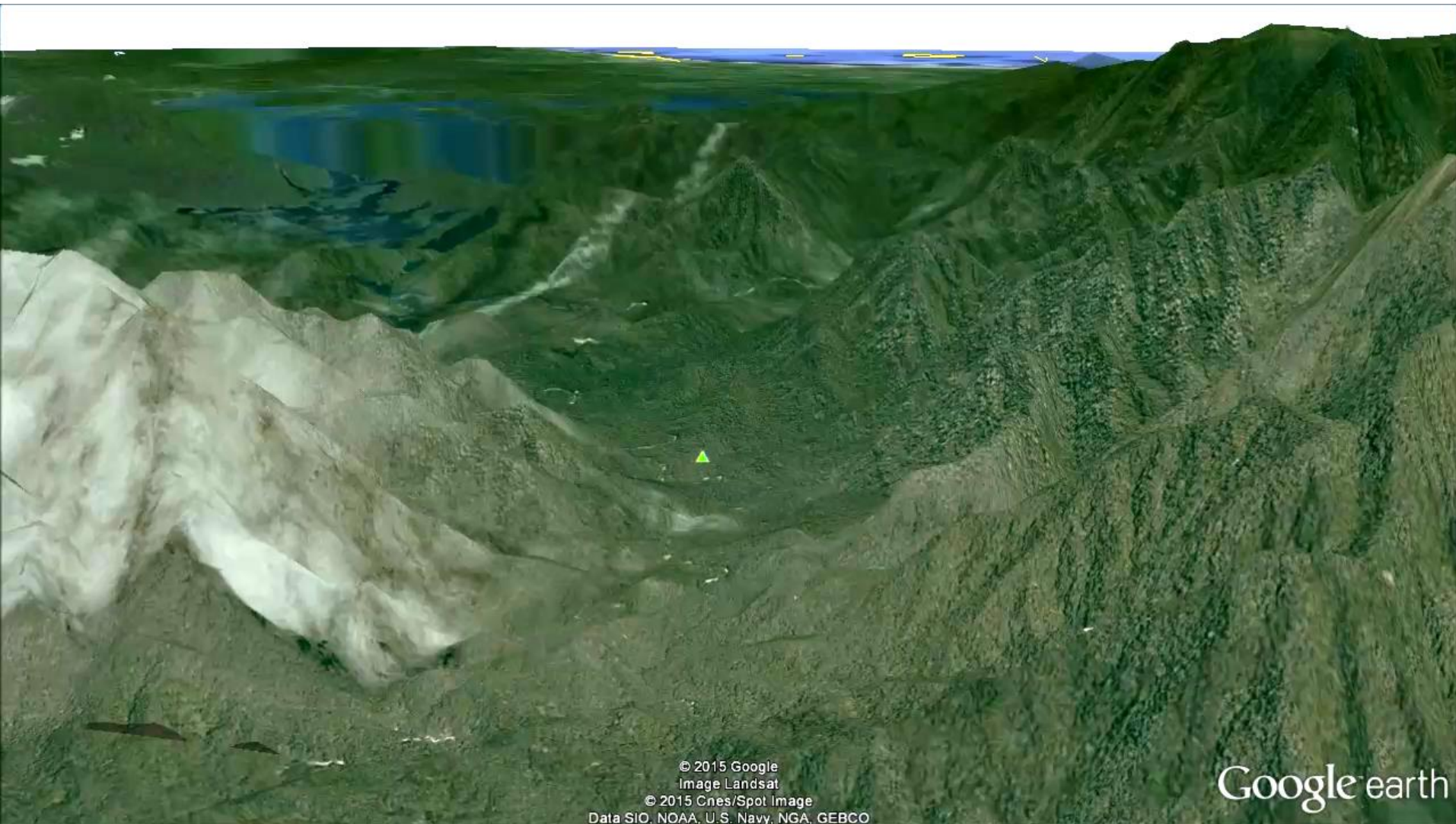


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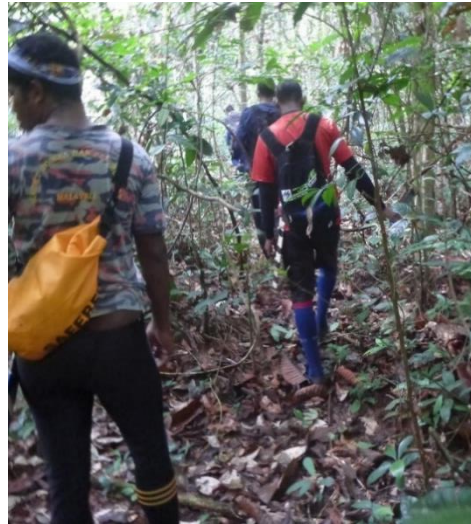


# Patrol Route Design



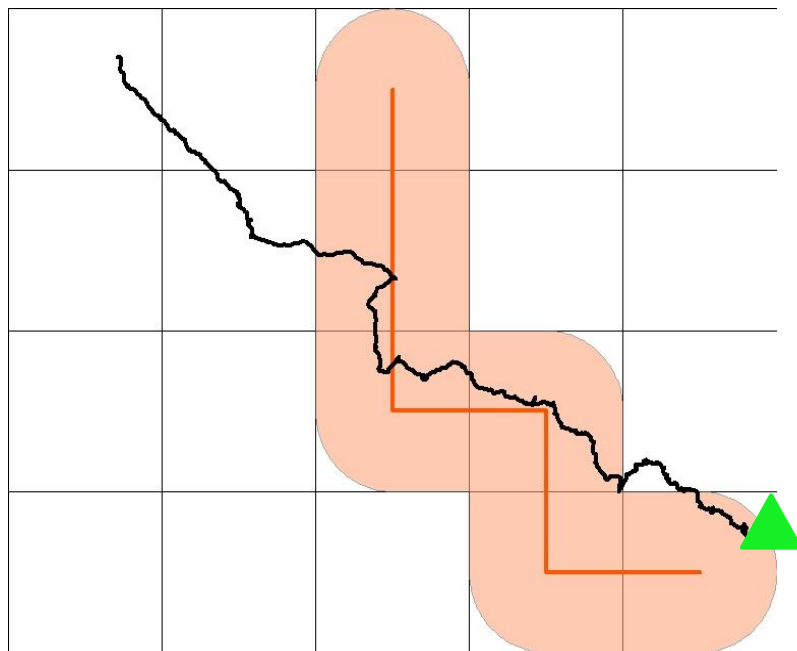
# Field Test in Malaysia

- ▶ In collaboration with Panthera, Rimba
- ▶ Regular deployment since July 2015 (Malaysia)

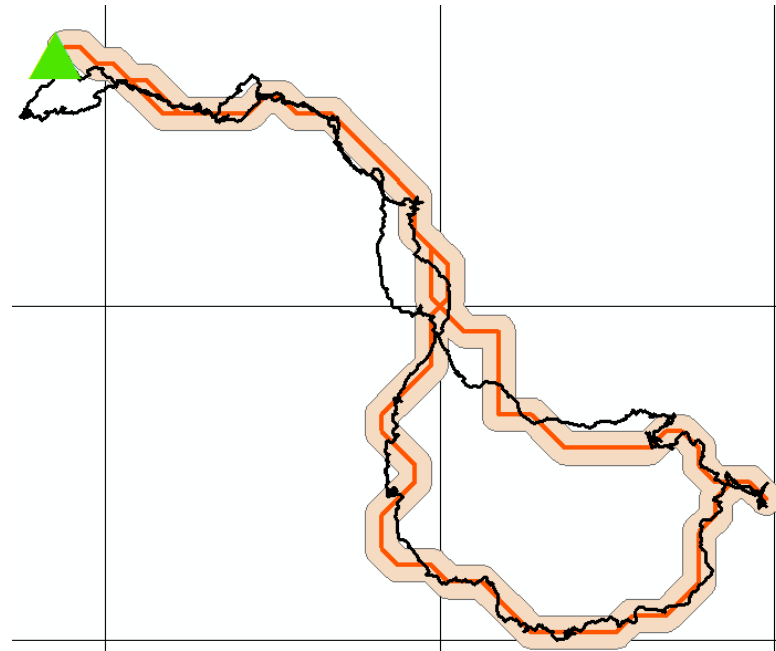


# Real-World Deployment

## Grid Based



## Route Based



# Real-World Deployment

Animal Footprint



Tree Mark



Camping Sign



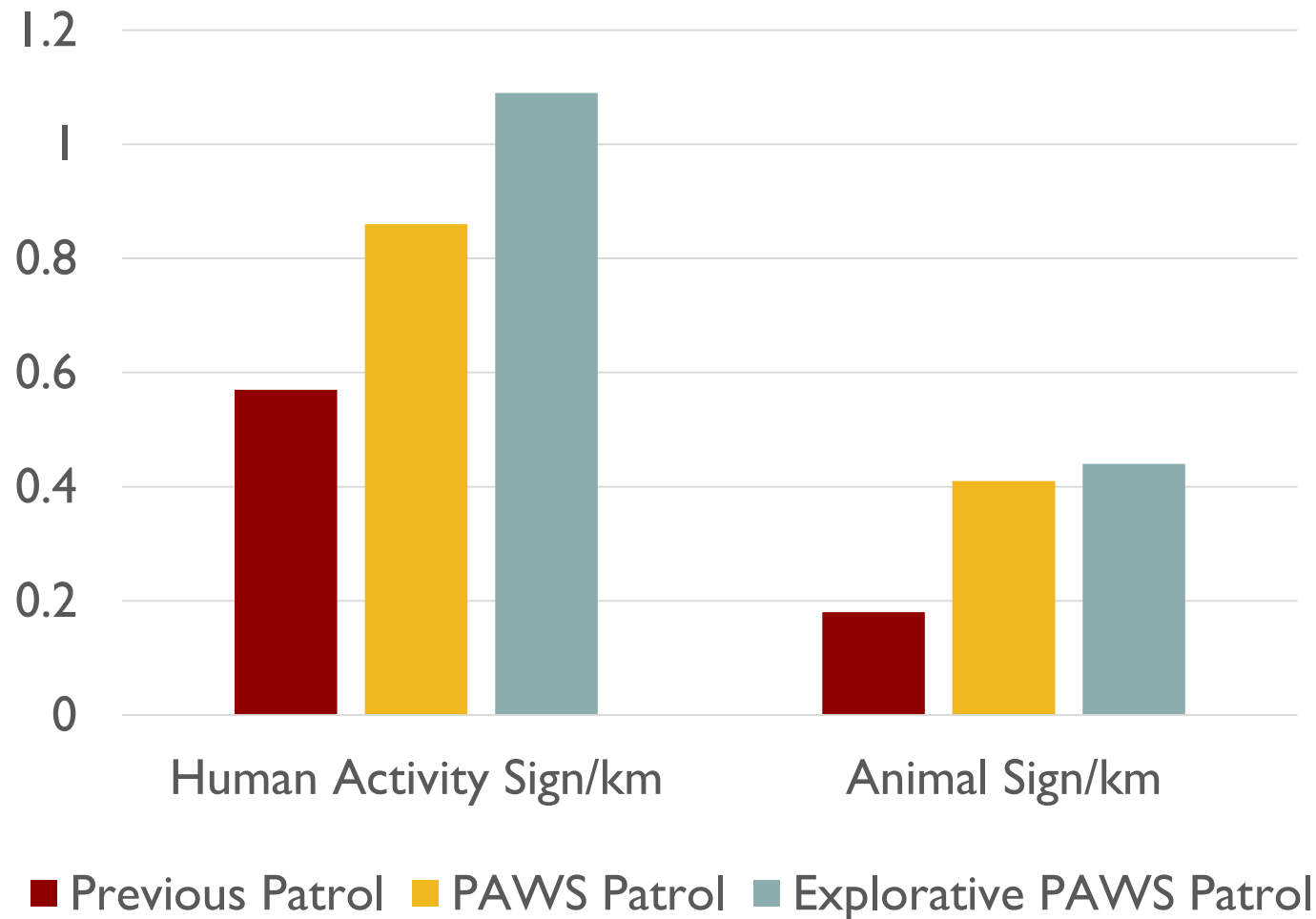
Tiger Sign



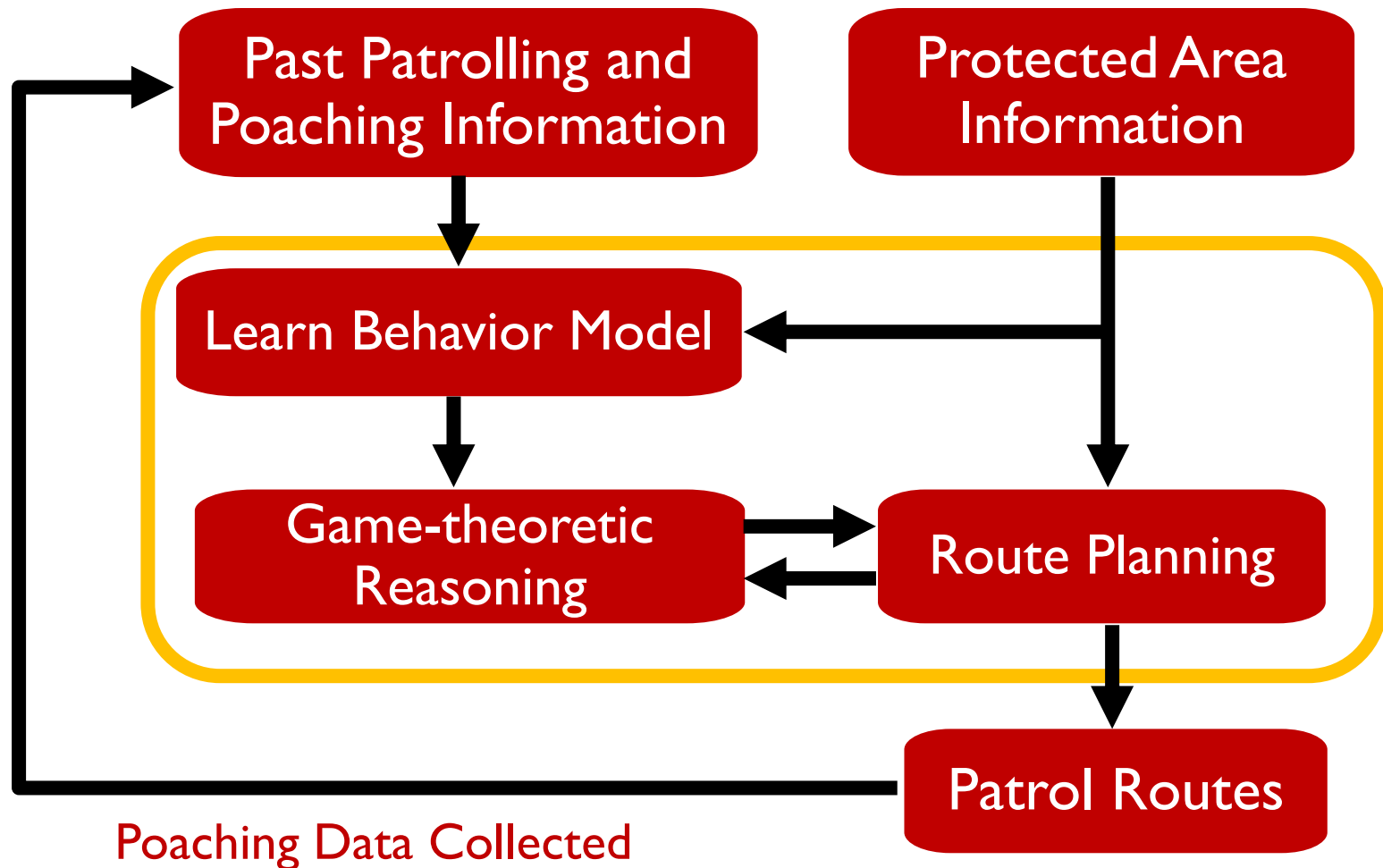
Lighter



# Real-World Deployment



# PAWS: Protection Assistant for Wildlife Security



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- ▶ PAWS is deployed in the field
  - ▶ Saved animals!









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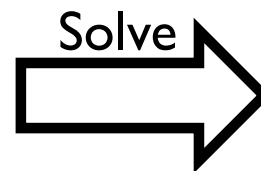
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# What game are we/they playing?

- ▶ Common criticism: game parameters are fully known
  - ▶ E.g. target importance
- ▶ How to learn parameters of **2-player zero sum games** from opponents' or players' actions?

# Forward Problem: Game Solving







			
	0	-1	1
	1	0	-1
	-1	1	0

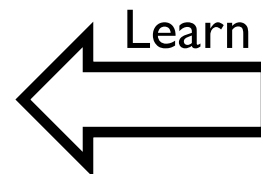


Equilibrium strategies

$$u^* = v^* = \left[\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right]$$

# Inverse Problem: Game Learning

			
	?	?	?
	?	?	?
	?	?	?



i.i.d samples from  
equilibrium strategies

$$a^{(1)} = ( \text{rock}, \text{paper} )$$

$$a^{(2)} = ( \text{rock}, \text{scissors} )$$

$$a^{(3)} = ( \text{paper}, \text{scissors} )$$







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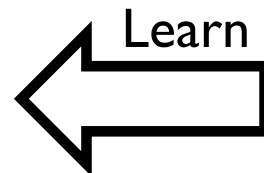
# What game are we/they playing?

## ▶ Previous work on this topic

- ▶ Directly learn good strategies from data (e.g. Letchford et al., 2009)
- ▶ Rely on special game structures (Vorobeychik et al., 2007)
- ▶ Computational Rationalization framework (Waugh et al., 2011)

# Differentiable Learning

			
	0	$-b_1$	$-b_2$
	$b_1$	0	$-b_3$
	$-b_1$	$b_3$	0



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- ▶ Guess the value of  $b_i$
- ▶ Compute equilibrium of guessed game
- ▶ Check if the computed equilibrium consistent with data
- ▶ Adjust the value of  $b_i$  to increase consistency
- ▶ Repeat until satisfied

$$\rightarrow \text{Update } b_i := b_i - \frac{\partial L}{\partial b_i}$$

# NE and QRE in Zero-Sum Games

Recall LP for computing NE

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{u,x} x \\ \text{s.t. } & x \geq \sum_i u_i P_{ij}, \forall j \\ & \sum_i u_i = 1, u_i \geq 0, \forall i \end{aligned}$$

## Nash Equilibrium

- ▶ Assumes perfect rationality
- ▶ May have multiple equilibria
- ▶ Discontinuous w.r.t.  $P$

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_u \max_v u^T P v \\ \text{s.t. } & 1^T u = 1, u \geq 0 \\ & 1^T v = 1, v \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Recall Quantal Response

$$q_j = \frac{e^{\lambda * \text{AttEU}_j(x)}}{\sum_i e^{\lambda * \text{AttEU}_i(x)}}$$

## Quantal Response Equilibrium

- ▶ Captures bounded rationality
- ▶ Unique
- ▶ Continuous w.r.t.  $P$

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_u \max_v u^T P v - \sum_i v_i \log v_i + \sum_i u_i \log u_i \\ \text{s.t. } & 1^T u = 1, u \geq 0 \\ & 1^T v = 1, v \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$u_i^* = \frac{\exp(Pv)_i}{\sum_q \exp(Pv)_q}, v_j^* = \frac{\exp(P^T u)_j}{\sum_q \exp(P^T u)_q}$$

# Learning of normal form games

- QRE = solution of min-max convex-concave problem

$$\min_u \max_v u^T P v - \sum_i v_i \log v_i + \sum_i u_i \log u_i$$

$$1^T u = 1, 1^T v = 1$$

- KKT conditions:

$$Pv + \log(u) + 1 + \mu 1 = 0$$

$$P^T u - \log(v) - 1 + \nu 1 = 0$$

$$1^T u = 1, 1^T v = 1$$

Recall: Newton's Method for 1-D:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$$

Generally, for nonlinear system

$$J_F(x_n)(x_{n+1} - x_n) = -F(x_n)$$

- Forward pass: Apply Newton's Method

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{diag}\left(\frac{1}{u}\right) & P & 1 & 0 \\ P^T & -\text{diag}\left(\frac{1}{v}\right) & 0 & 1 \\ 1^T & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1^T & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta u \\ \Delta v \\ \Delta \mu \\ \Delta \nu \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} Pv + \log(u) + 1 + \mu 1 \\ P^T u - \log(v) - 1 + \nu 1 \\ 1^T u - 1 \\ 1^T v - 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Learning of normal form games







- ▶ Backward pass: Gradients of  $P$  may be obtained via the implicit function theorem

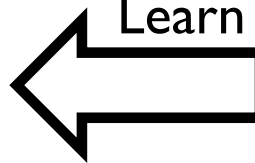
$$\nabla_P L = y_u v^T + u y_v^T,$$

where

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_u \\ y_v \\ y_\mu \\ y_\nu \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{diag}(\frac{1}{u}) & P & 1 & 0 \\ P^T & -\text{diag}(\frac{1}{v}) & 0 & 1 \\ 1^T & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1^T & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} -\nabla_u L \\ -\nabla_v L \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Learning in the presence of features

			
	0	$-b_1(x)$	$b_2(x)$
	$b_1(x)$	0	$-b_3(x)$
	$-b_2(x)$	$b_3(x)$	0



i.i.d samples from  
equilibrium strategies

$$a^{(1)} = ( \text{rock}, \text{paper} )$$

$$a^{(2)} = ( \text{rock}, \text{scissors} )$$

$$a^{(3)} = ( \text{paper}, \text{scissors} )$$

...

**Context**

$$x^{(1)} = [0.1, 0.5]$$

$$x^{(2)} = [0.3, 0.7]$$

...

# Learning in the presence of features

- ▶ Figure out which features attract/discourage attackers
  - ▶ Better understand attacker's interests
  - ▶ Design better configurations which favor defenders
- ▶ Predict each player's mixed strategy given an *new* environment
  - ▶ In practice, environment is changing over time

## Learning in the presence of features

- ▶ Context (feature)  $x^{(i)}$  and payoff matrix  $P_{\Phi}(x^{(i)})$ , parameterized by  $\Phi$
- ▶ Each player acts according to a mixed strategy  $(u, v)$  given by the QRE of  $P_{\Phi}(x^{(i)})$ , giving realizations  $a^{(i)}$
- ▶ Objective: Learn  $\Phi$  from  $\{x^{(i)}, a^{(i)}\}$

# End-to-end learning

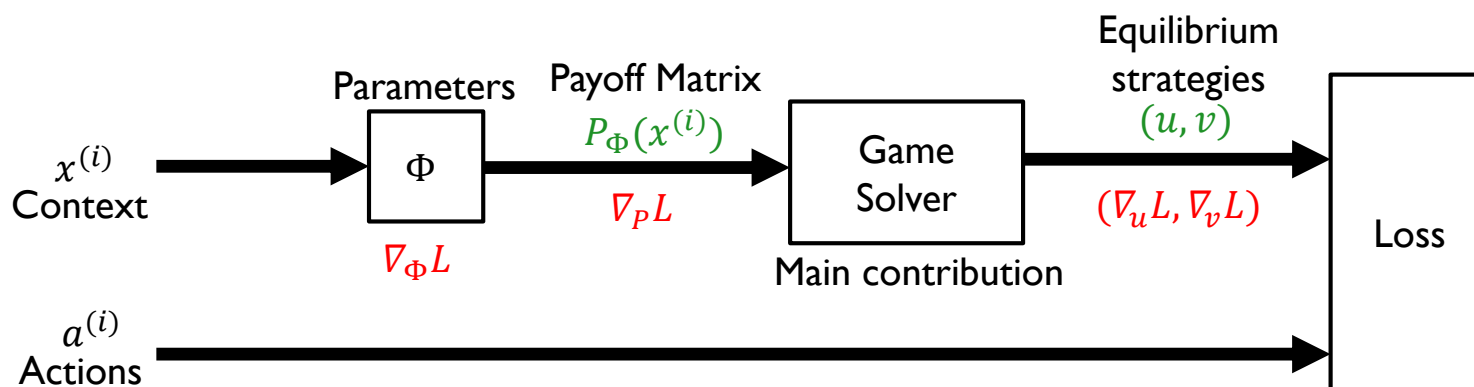
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**Algorithm 1:** Learning parameters  $\Phi$  using SGD

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**Input:** training data  $\{(x^{(i)}, a^{(i)})\}$ , learning rate  $\eta$ ,  $\Phi_{\text{init}}$   
**for**  $ep$  *in*  $\{0, \dots, ep_{\text{max}}\}$  **do**  
    Sample  $(x^{(i)}, a^{(i)})$  from training data;  
    **Forward pass:** Compute  $P_{\Phi}(x^{(i)})$ , QRE  $(u, v)$  and loss  $L(a^{(i)}, u, v)$ ;  
    **Backward pass:** Compute gradients  $\nabla_u L, \nabla_v L, \nabla_P L, \nabla_{\Phi} L$ ;  
    Update parameters:  $\Phi \leftarrow \Phi - \eta \nabla_{\Phi} L$ ;  
**end**

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# Extensive form Games

- ▶ Let  $(u, v)$  be strategies in sequence form
- ▶ Equilibrium is expressed as solution using *dilated entropy regularization* (Equivalent to solving QRE for the reduced normal form)

$$\min_u \max_v u^T P v - \sum_i \sum_a v_a \log\left(\frac{v_a}{v_{p_i}}\right) + \sum_i \sum_a u_a \log\left(\frac{u_a}{u_{p_i}}\right)$$
$$Eu = e, Fv = f$$

$$\nabla_P L = y_u v^T + u y_v^T,$$

where

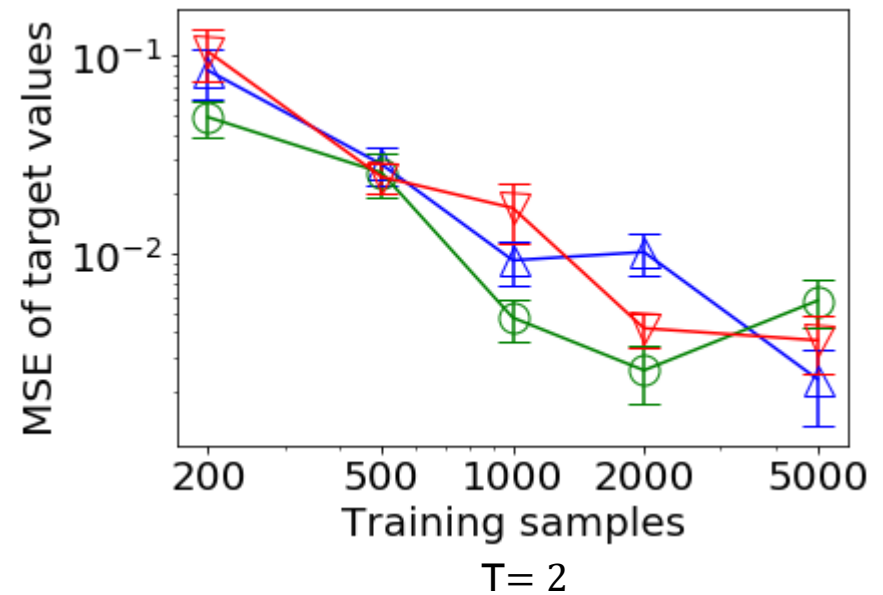
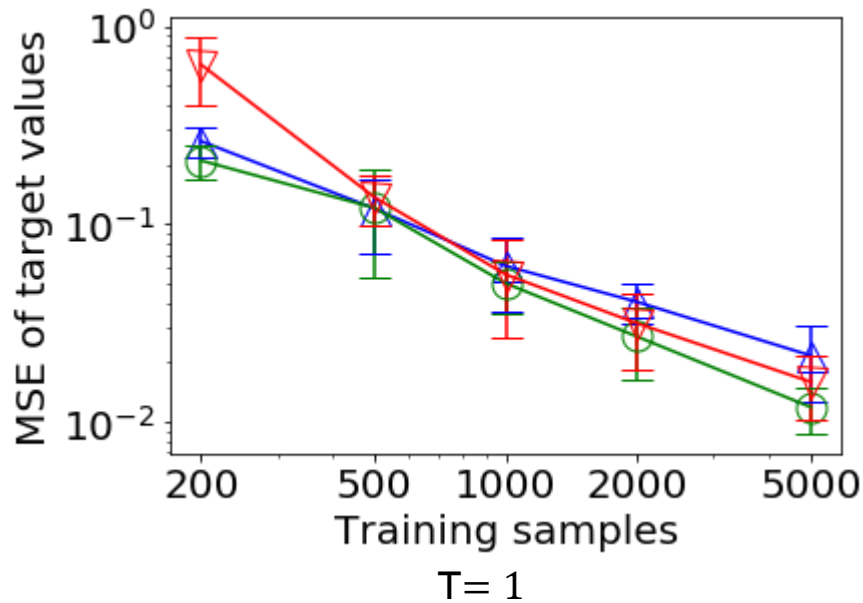
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# Resource Allocation Security Game

- ▶ Defender:  $r$  resources,  $n$  targets
  - ▶ Can allocate multiple resources to one target
- ▶ Attacker choose a target to attack
- ▶ Each target has value  $R_i$
- ▶ If target  $i$  is protected by  $x$  resources and is attacked:
$$U_a = \frac{R_i}{2^x} = -U_d$$
- ▶ Attacker may learn  $R_i$  from observed defender actions
- ▶ Extend to  $T$ -stage game

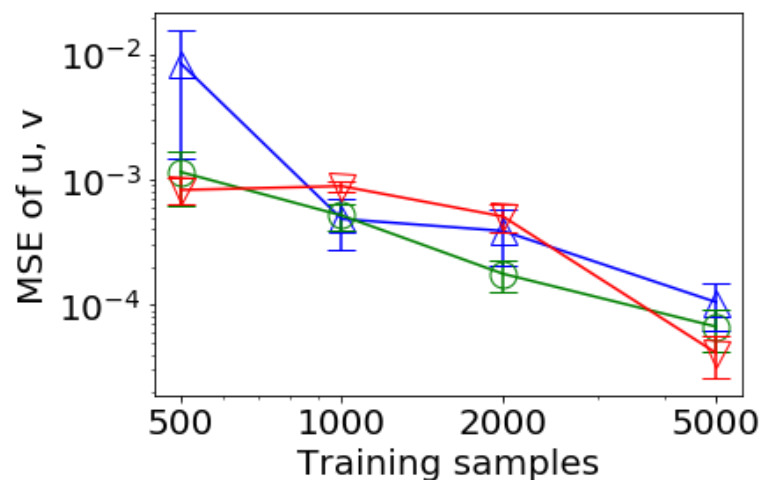
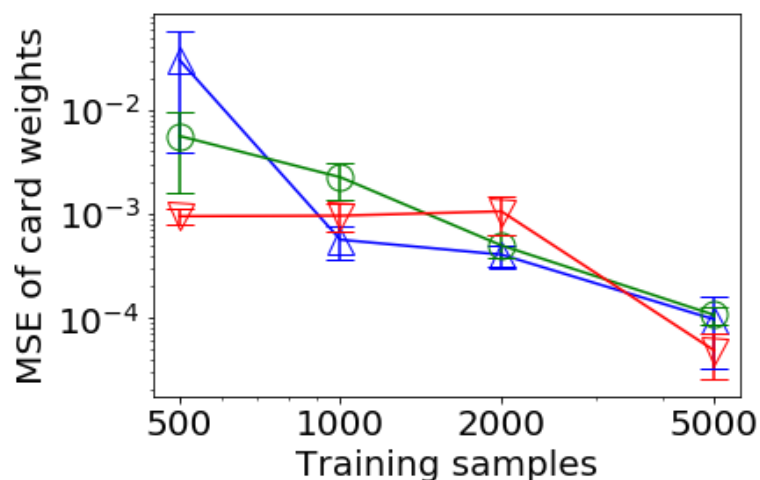
# Resource Allocation Security Game

►  $n = 2, r = 5$



# One-Card Poker

- ▶ Learn players' belief of card distribution
- ▶ Variant of Kuhn Poker with 4 cards, with *non-uniform* card distributions
- ▶ Observe actions of each player (e.g. raise, fold)
- ▶ Probabilities for chance nodes are embedded in  $P_\Phi$

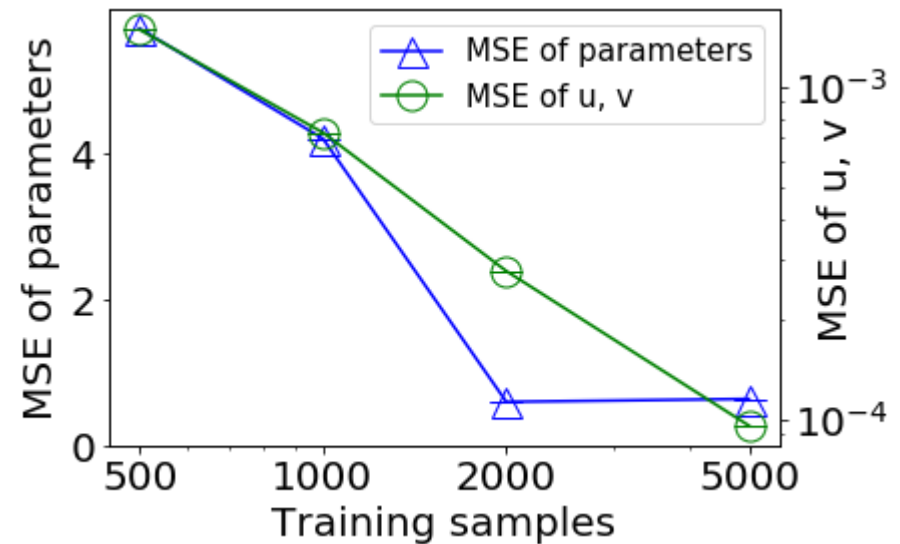


# Featurized Rock Paper Scissors

$P =$

	R	P	S
R	0	$-b_1$	$b_2$
P	$b_1$	0	$-b_3$
S	$-b_2$	$b_3$	0

$b = \Phi x,$   
 $x \in [0, 1]^2$   
 $\Phi \in [0, 10]^{3 \times 2}$   
 Objective is to  
 learn  $\Phi$



# Improve Scalability using FOM

- Recall in the basic approach, each step in the Newton's method of each forward pass requires solving a linear system → Time consuming

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{diag}(\frac{1}{u}) & P & 1 & 0 \\ P^T & -\text{diag}(\frac{1}{v}) & 0 & 1 \\ 1^T & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1^T & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta u \\ \Delta v \\ \Delta \mu \\ \Delta \nu \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} Pv + \log(u) + 1 + \mu 1 \\ P^T u - \log(v) - 1 + v 1 \\ 1^T u - 1 \\ 1^T v - 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Solution: Use first-order iterative method (FOM) to solve the forward pass directly

$$\min_u \max_v u^T P v - \sum_i v_i \log v_i + \sum_i u_i \log u_i$$
$$1^T u = 1, 1^T v = 1$$

# Improve Scalability using FOM

- ▶ The problem in the forward pass is a problem of the following min-max format, where the last two terms are strictly convex functions

$$\min_{Ex=x_0} \max_{Fy=y_0} x^T P y + \mathcal{E}(x) - \mathcal{F}(y)$$

- ▶ This problem can be solved using various FOMs

**Input:**  $x^{(0)}, y^{(0)}, P, \tau, \sigma$

**for**  $i$  **in**  $\{0, \dots\}$  **do**

$\tilde{y} = y^{(i)};$

$x^{(i+1)} = \text{BR}_x(x^{(i)}, \tilde{y}; P, \tau);$

$\tilde{x} = 2x^{(i+1)} - x^{(i)};$

$y^{(i+1)} = \text{BR}_y(y^{(i)}, \tilde{x}; P, \sigma);$

**end**

**BR is smoothed best response**

$$\text{BR}_x(\bar{x}, \tilde{y}) = \arg \min_{Ex=x_0} x^T P \tilde{y} + \mathcal{E}(x) + \frac{1}{\tau} D_x(x, \bar{x})$$

$$\text{BR}_y(\bar{y}, \tilde{x}) = \arg \min_{Fy=y_0} -\tilde{x}^T P y + \mathcal{F}(y) + \frac{1}{\sigma} D_y(y, \bar{y}).$$



# Improve Scalability using FOM

- Surprisingly, solving each step in the backward pass can also be converted to solving a problem with the min-max format. So same FOM can be applied.

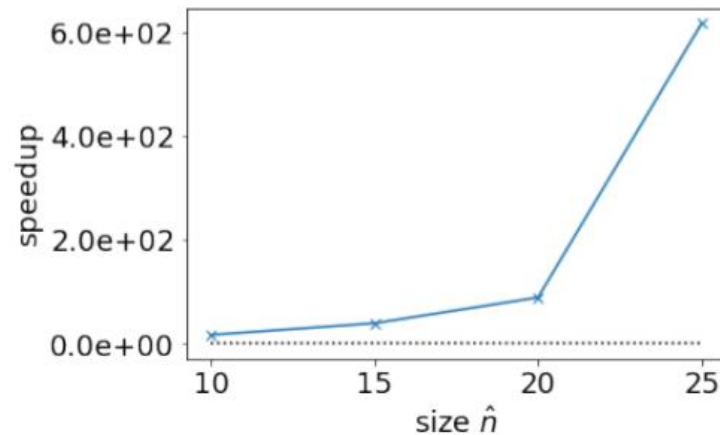
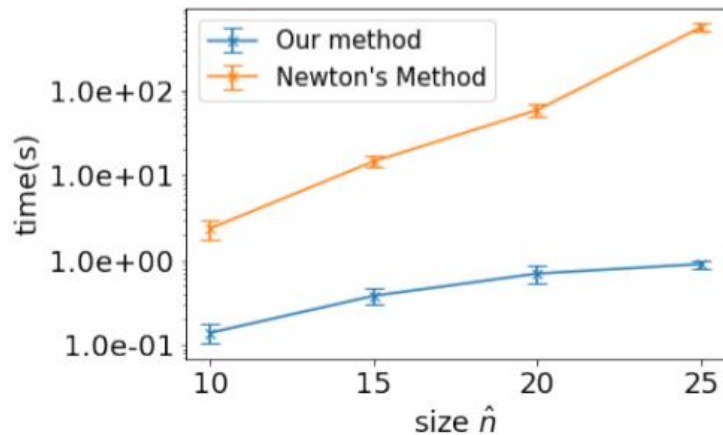
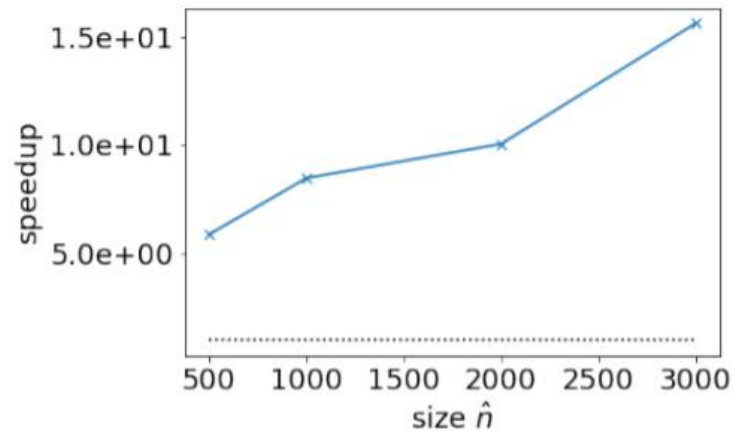
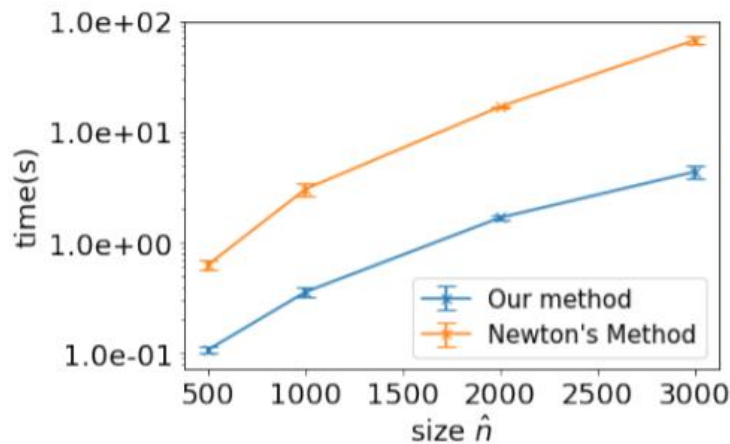
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KKT Conditions

$$\begin{aligned} \min_x \max_y \quad & x^T P y + \frac{1}{2} x^T \Xi(u) x - \frac{1}{2} y^T \Xi(v) y \\ & + \nabla_u L^T x + \nabla_v L^T y \\ \text{subject to} \quad & E x = 0 \quad F y = 0. \end{aligned}$$

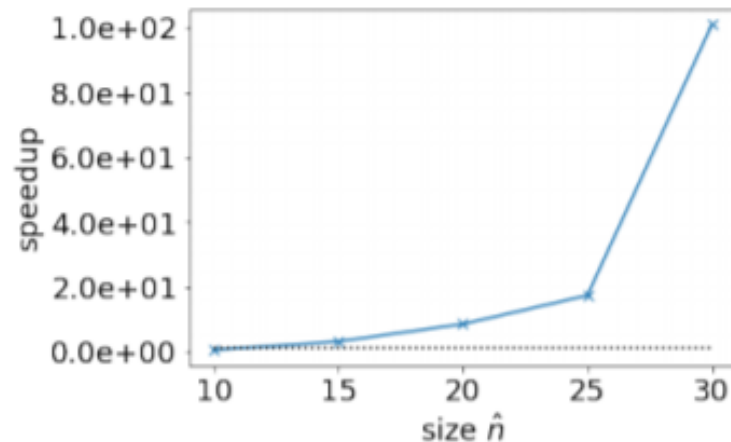
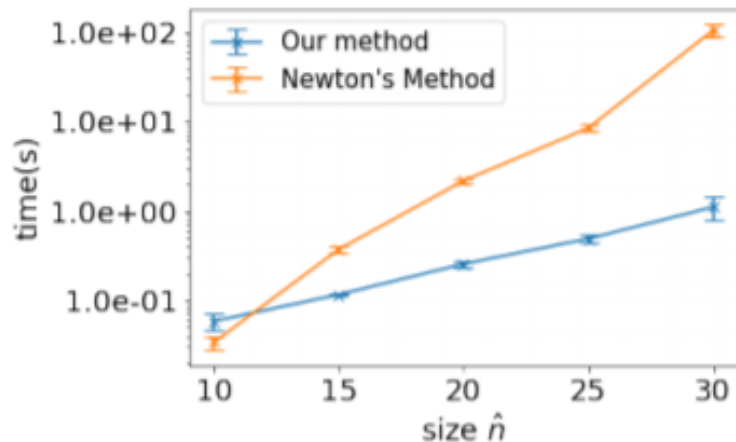
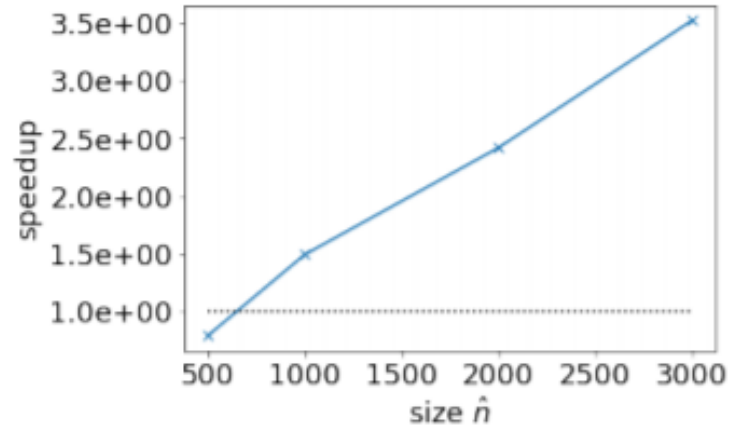
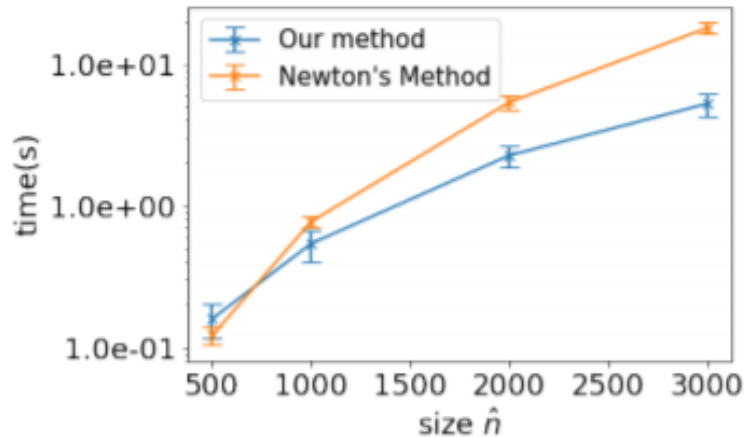
# Speedup in Forward Pass



Depth of game tree increase

#actions increase

# Speedup in Backward Pass



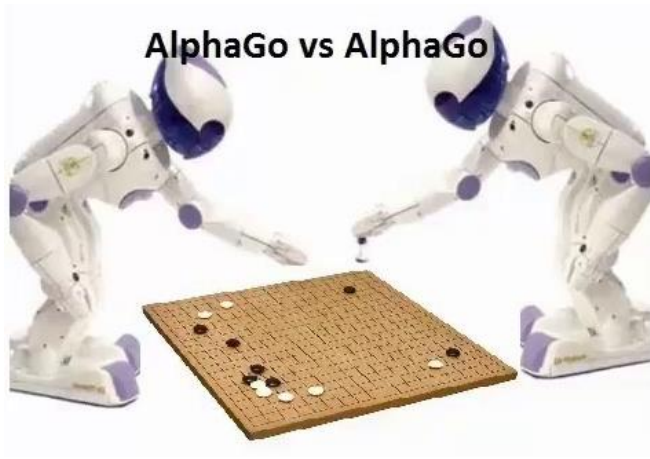
Depth of game tree increase

#actions increase

# Outline

- ▶ Games with Human Players for Real-world Applications
  - ▶ Wildlife Conservation
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  - ▶ A differentiable learning framework for learning game parameters
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  - ▶ Leveraging Deep Reinforcement Learning
- ▶ Other Applications and Summary

# Solving Game through Learning from Self Play



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ue4A2Y\\_i3ZQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ue4A2Y_i3ZQ)



# More Complex Games: Patrol with Real-Time Information

- ▶ Sequential interaction
  - ▶ Players make flexible decisions instead of sticking to a plan
  - ▶ Players may leave traces as they take actions
- ▶ Example domain: Wildlife protection



Footprints



Lighters

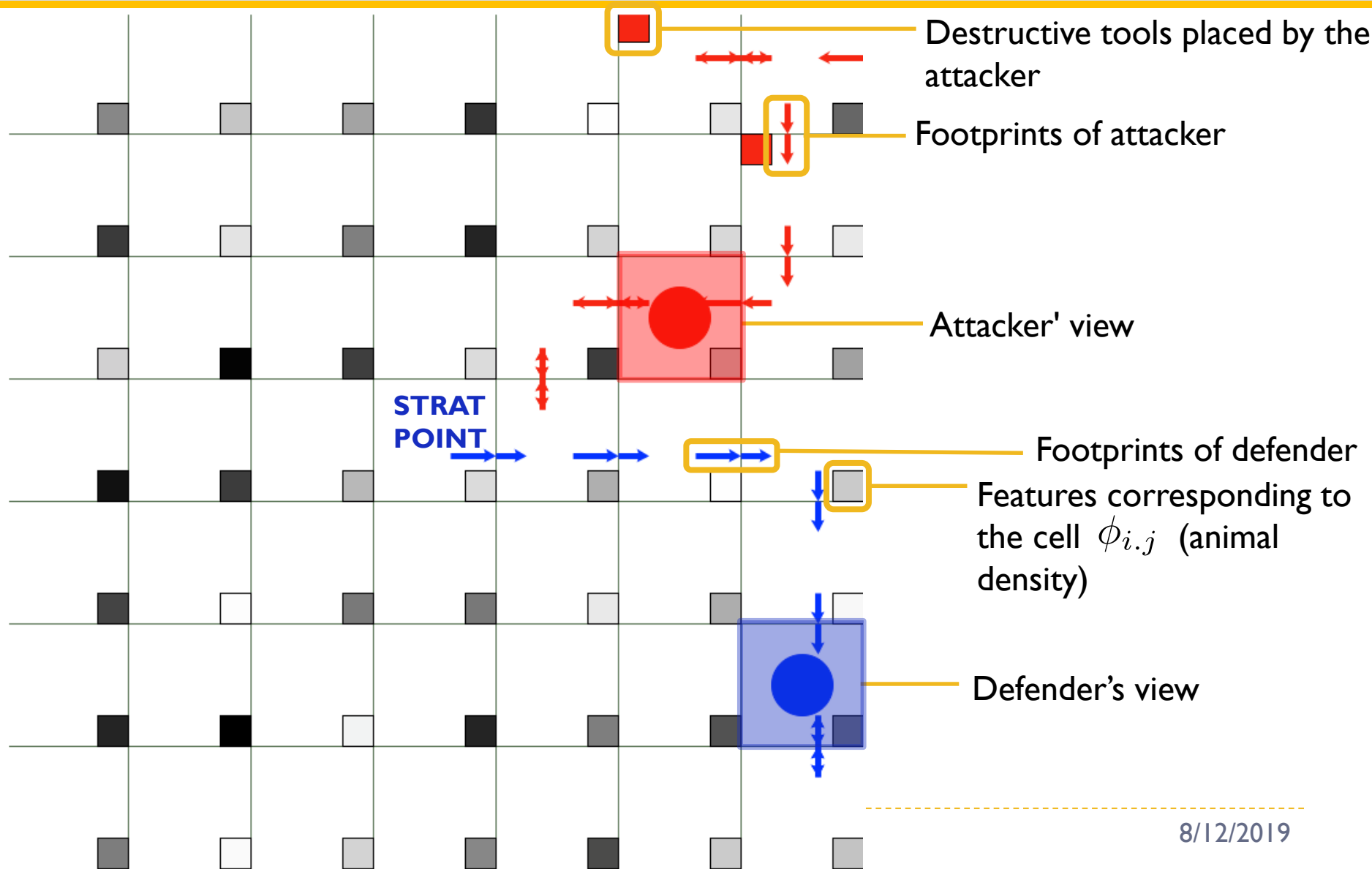


Old poacher camp

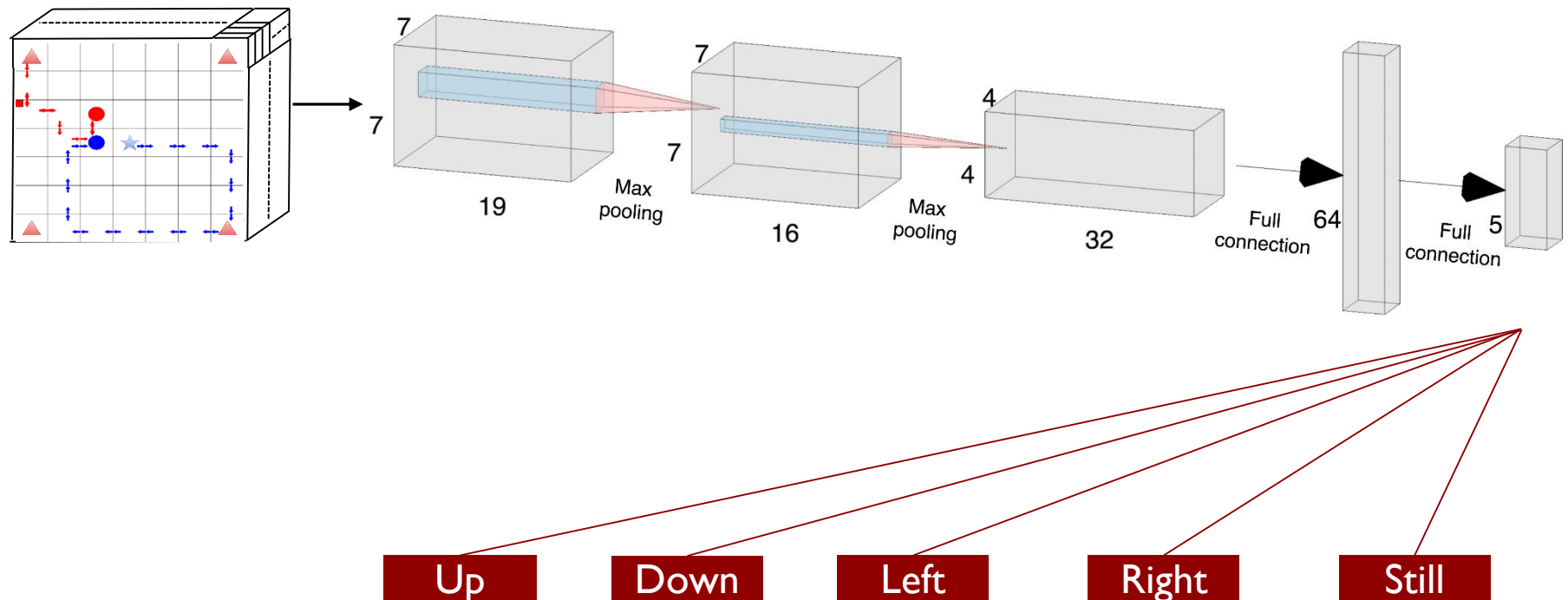


Tree marking

# Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning

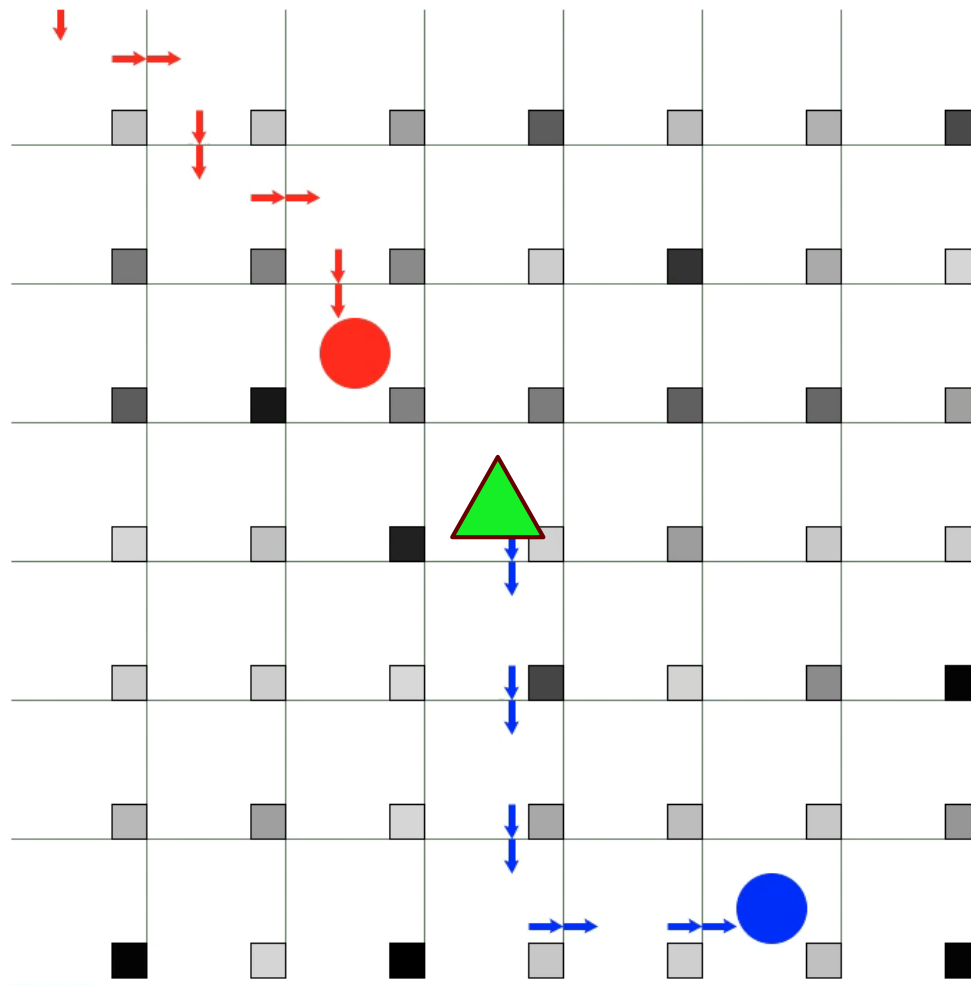


# Compute Best Response by Training a Deep Q-Network



- ▶ Q Network: Game state  $\rightarrow$  Q-value
- ▶ Use Deep Reinforcement learning to train the network and find optimal patrol policy (assuming fixed attacker)

# Compute Best Response by Training a Deep Q-Network



DQN Defender  
vs  
Non-Adaptive Attacker

Attacker 

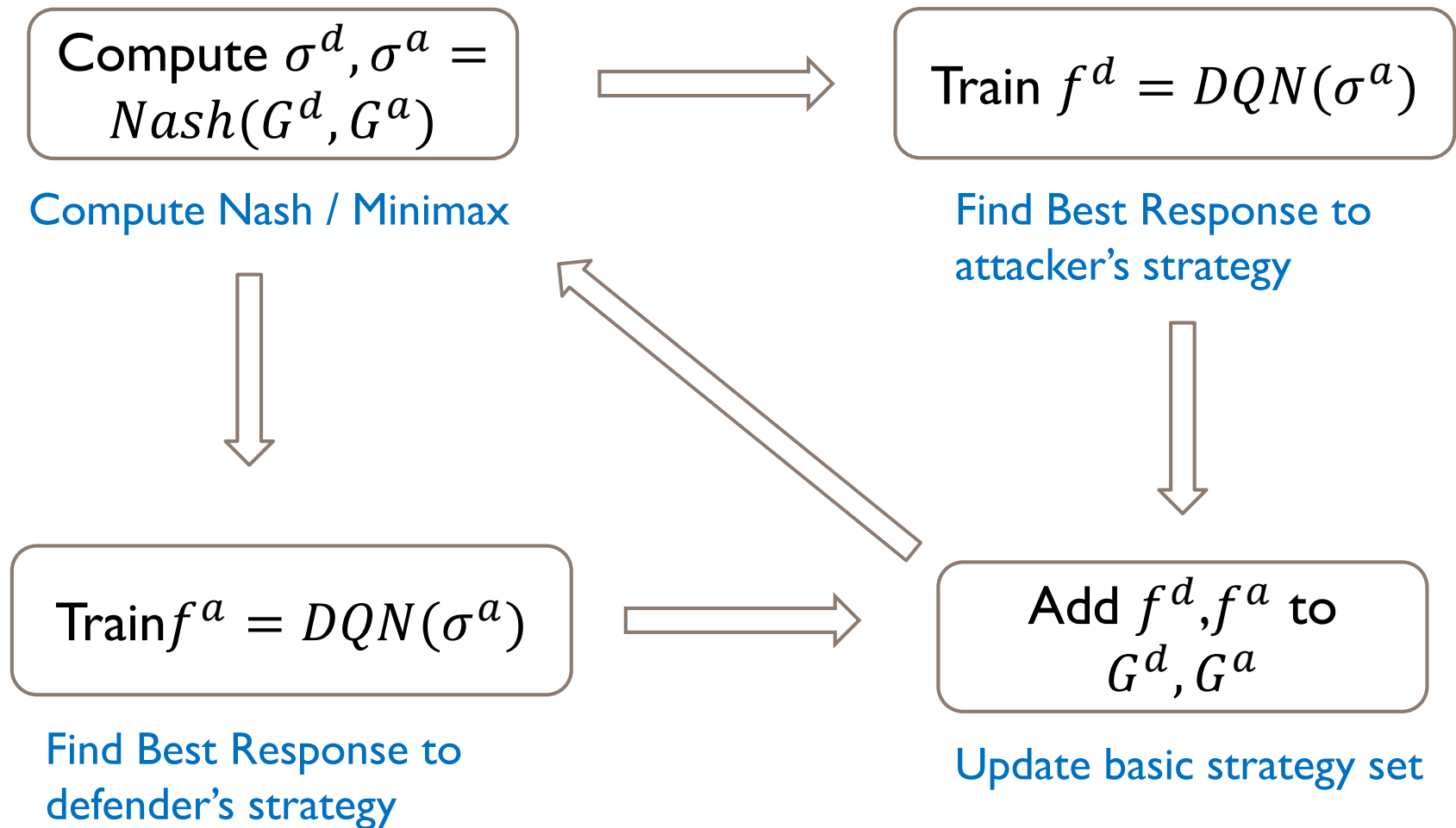
Snares 

Start from one of the corners

Defender 

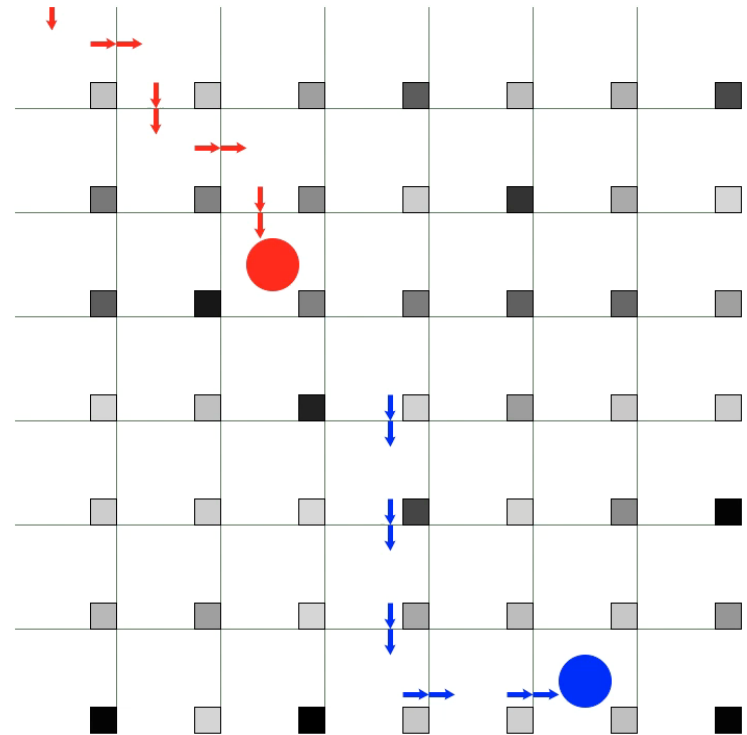
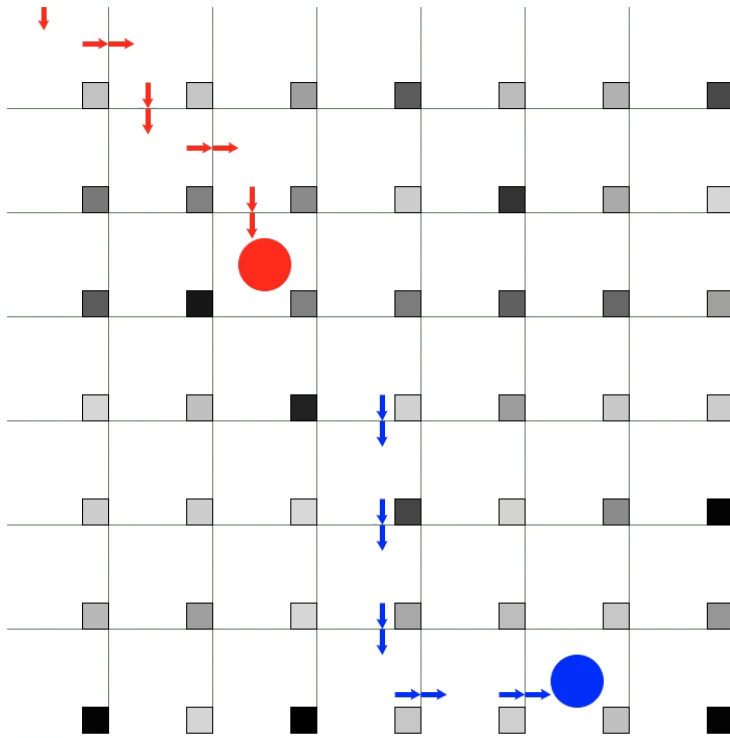
Start from  
Patrol Base 

# Compute Equilibrium: DQN + Double Oracle



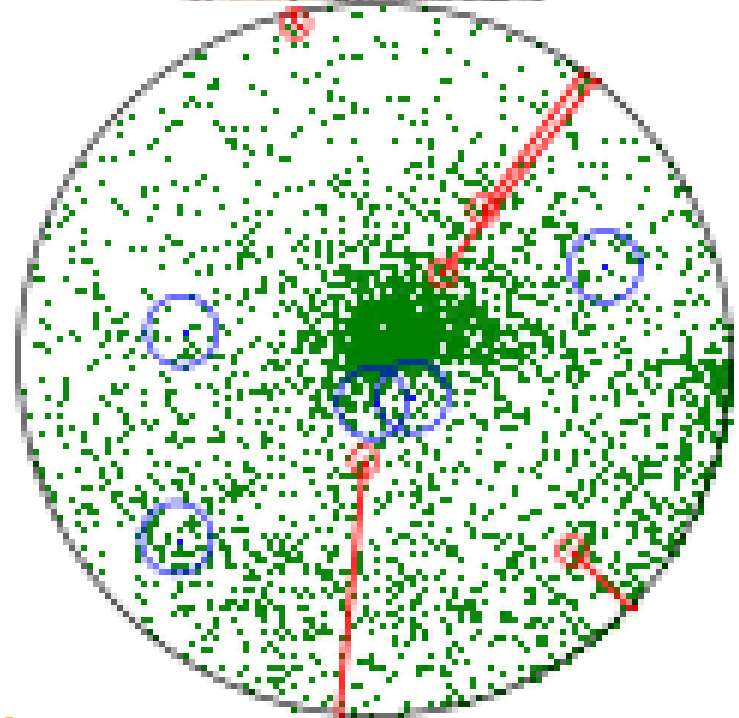
# Enhancements

- ▶ Use local modes for efficient and parallized training
- ▶ Start with domain-specific heuristic strategies



# Solving Game through Learning from Self Play

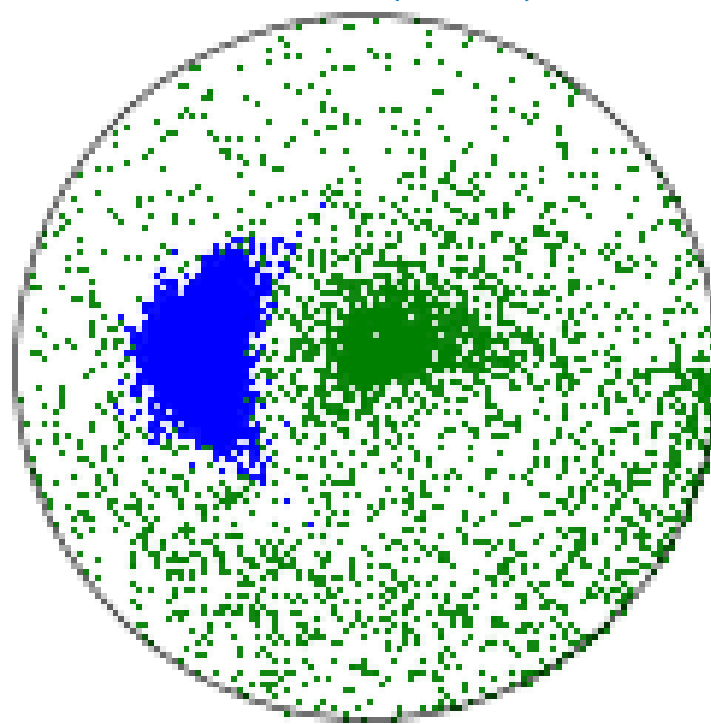
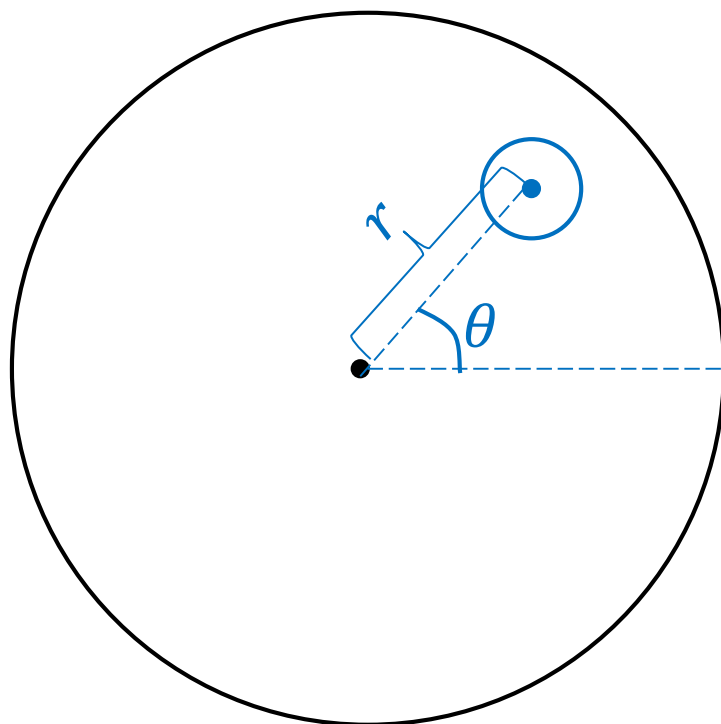
- ▶ Green dots: Valuable trees
- ▶ Blue dots: Defender location
- ▶ Red dots: Logging locations
- ▶ Zero-sum game
- ▶ Goal: Find defender strategy or defender policy



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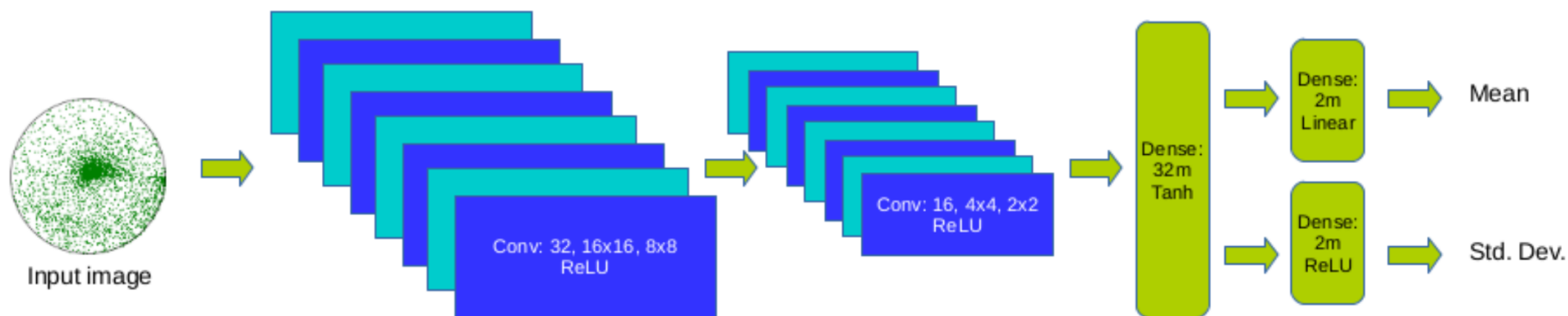
- Key idea I: Represent mixed strategy using logit normal distribution in polar coordinate system

$$r \sim P(\mathcal{N}(\mu_r, \sigma_r^2))$$
$$\theta \sim P(\mathcal{N}(\mu_\theta, \sigma_\theta^2))$$



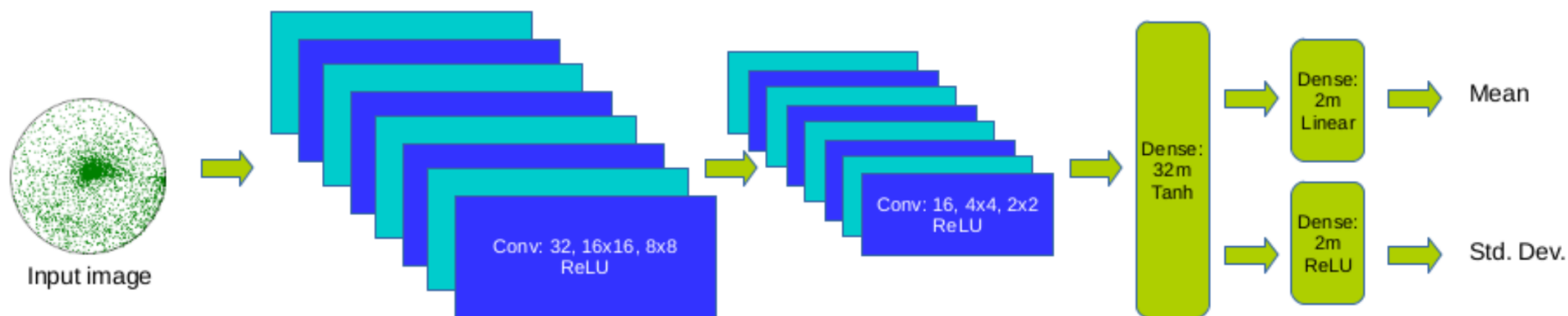
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- ▶ Key idea 2: Represent a “policy” with Convolutional Neural Network
  - ▶ Policy: mapping from game setting to strategy
  - ▶ CNN: Tree Distribution  $\rightarrow$  Mean/Std of  $r$  and  $\theta$



# Solving Game through Learning from Self Play

- ▶ Key idea 3: Approximate Fictitious Play
  - ▶ Fictitious Play: Best responds to opponent's average strategy
  - ▶ Average strategy → Random samples from history
  - ▶ Best response → Update neural network



# Solving Game through Learning from Self Play

## ► Put them together

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### Algorithm 1: OptGradFP

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**Initialization.** Initialize policy parameters  $\mathbf{w}_D$  and  $\mathbf{w}_O$ , replay memory  $mem$ ;

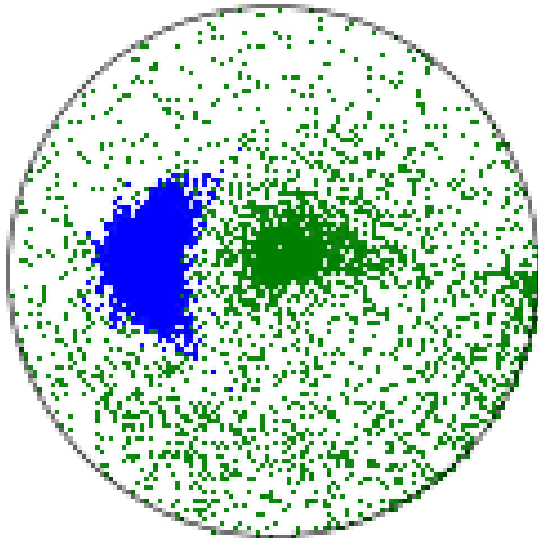
**for**  $ep$  in  $\{0, \dots, ep_{max}\}$  **do**

- Simulate  $n_s$  game play.** Sample game setting and actions from current policy  $\pi_D$  and  $\pi_O$   $n_s$  times, save in  $mem$ ;
- Replay for defender.** Draw  $n_b$  samples from  $mem$ , resample defender action from current policy  $\pi_D$ ;
- Update parameter for defender.** Update defender policy parameter  
$$\mathbf{w}_D := \mathbf{w}_D + \frac{\alpha_D}{1+ep\beta_D} * \nabla_{\mathbf{w}_D} J_D;$$
- Replay for attacker.** Draw  $n_b$  samples from  $mem$ , resample attacker action from current policy  $\pi_O$ ;
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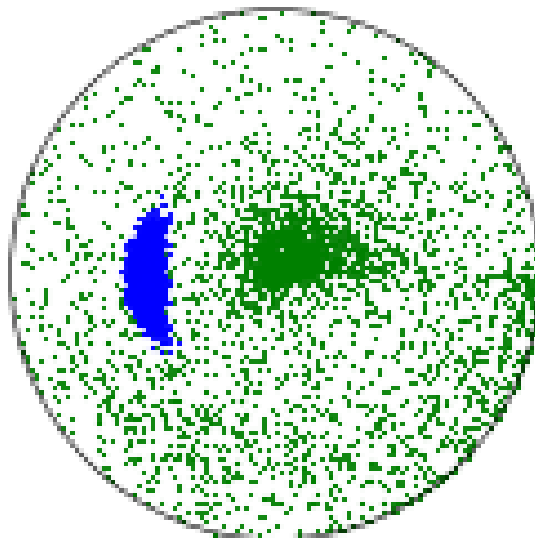
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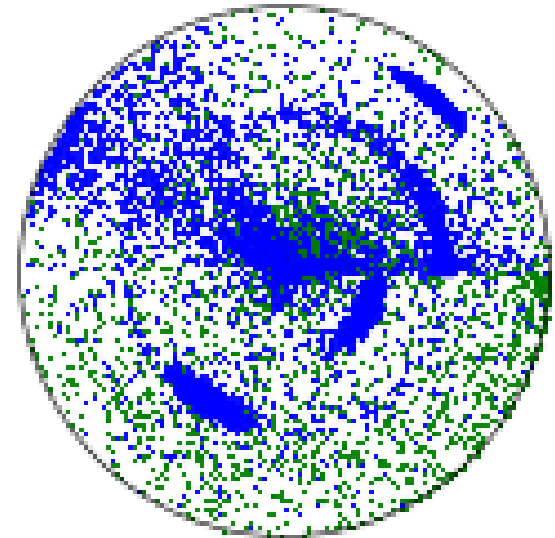
## ► Single game setting



Cournot Adjustment



StackGrad



OptGradFP

## ► Multiple game setting

- Train on 1000 forest states, predict on unseen forest state
- 7 days for training, Prediction time 90 ms
- Shift computation from online to offline

# Enhancement

## ► DeepFP

- Generative network for approx. BR + game model network
- Allow to use mathematical programming-based approach to compute BR for one or both players

**Data:** max\_games, batch sizes  $(m_1, m_2, m_G)$ , memory size  $E$ , game simulator and oracle  $BRO_p$  for players with no gradient

**Result:** Final belief densities  $\bar{\sigma}_p^*$  in mem  $\forall$  players  $p$   
 Initialize all network parameters  $(\theta_1, \theta_2, \phi)$  randomly;  
 Create empty memory mem of size  $E$ ;

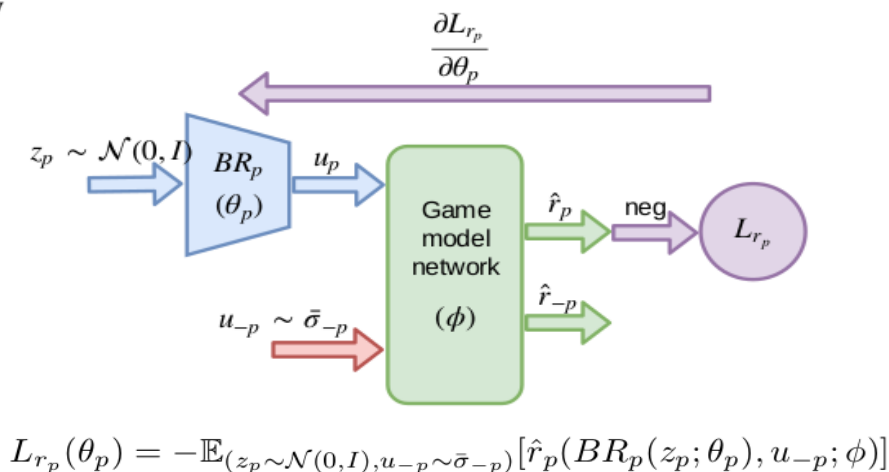
**for** game  $\in \{1, \dots, \text{max\_games}\}$  **do**

Obtain best responses

Play game and update memory


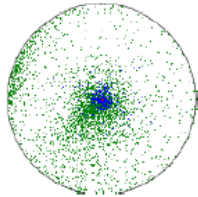
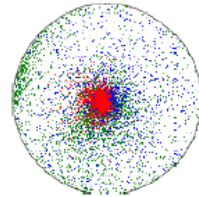
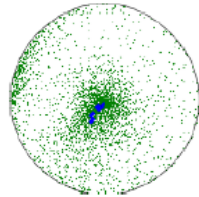
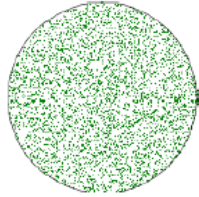
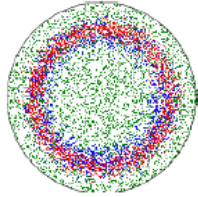
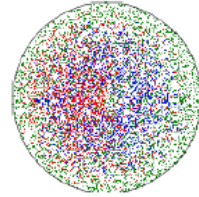
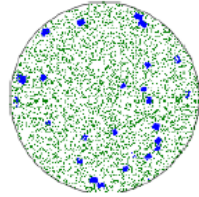
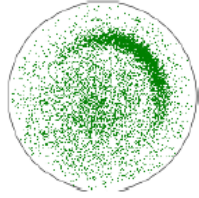
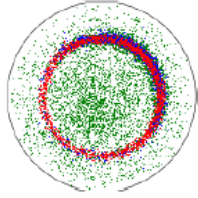
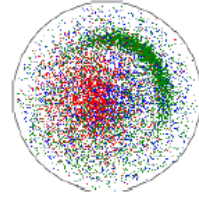
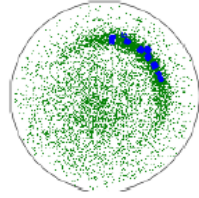
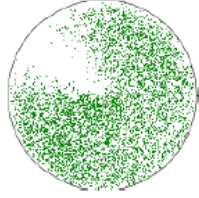
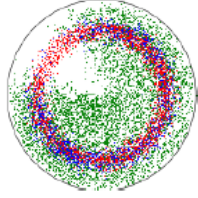
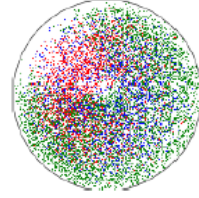
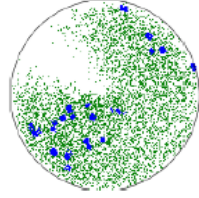
Train shared game model net

Train best response nets



$$L_{r_p}(\theta_p) = -\mathbb{E}_{(z_p \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I), u_{-p} \sim \bar{\sigma}_{-p})}[\hat{r}_p(BR_p(z_p; \theta_p), u_{-p}; \phi)]$$

# Enhancement

Forest structure	DeepFP	OptGradFP	DLP (approx. ground truth)
 F1	 $\epsilon = 10.96 \pm 6.19$	 $\epsilon = 21.72 \pm 4.47$	 $\epsilon = 12.48 \pm 2.23$
 F2	 $\epsilon = 1.20 \pm 0.07$	 $\epsilon = 1.28 \pm 0.07$	 $\epsilon = 0.53 \pm 0.10$
 F3	 $\epsilon = 8.96 \pm 3.65$	 $\epsilon = 14.58 \pm 0.20$	 $\epsilon = 0.49 \pm 0.13$
 F4	 $\epsilon = 2.05 \pm 0.13$	 $\epsilon = 2.18 \pm 0.09$	 $\epsilon = 0.12 \pm 0.07$

# Outline

- ▶ Games with Human Players for Real-world Applications
  - ▶ Wildlife Conservation
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  - ▶ A differentiable learning framework for learning game parameters
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- ▶ Other Applications and Summary

# How Valuable is This Car?



# Deception

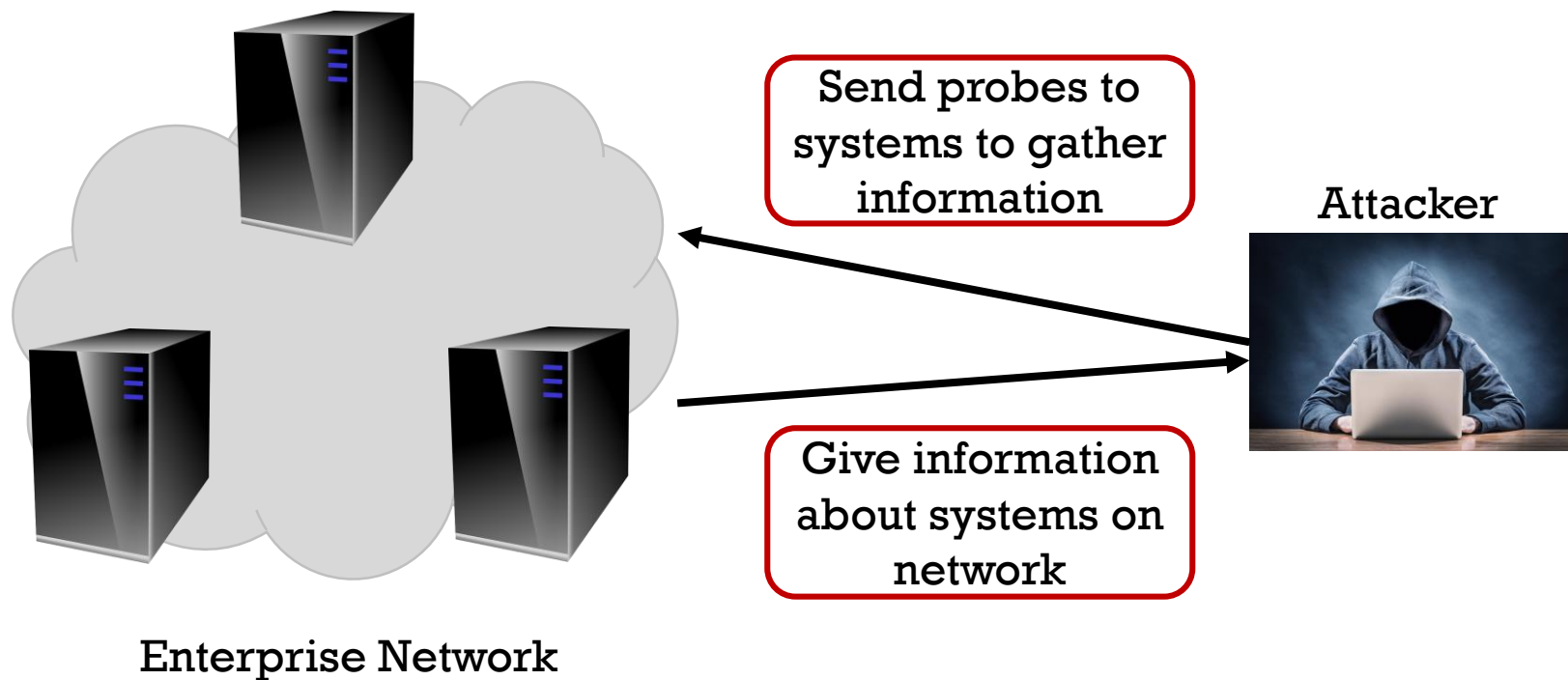


# Deception



# Cyber Deception

- ▶ What can the defender do without “patrol boats”?
- ▶ Use deception to confuse the attackers!

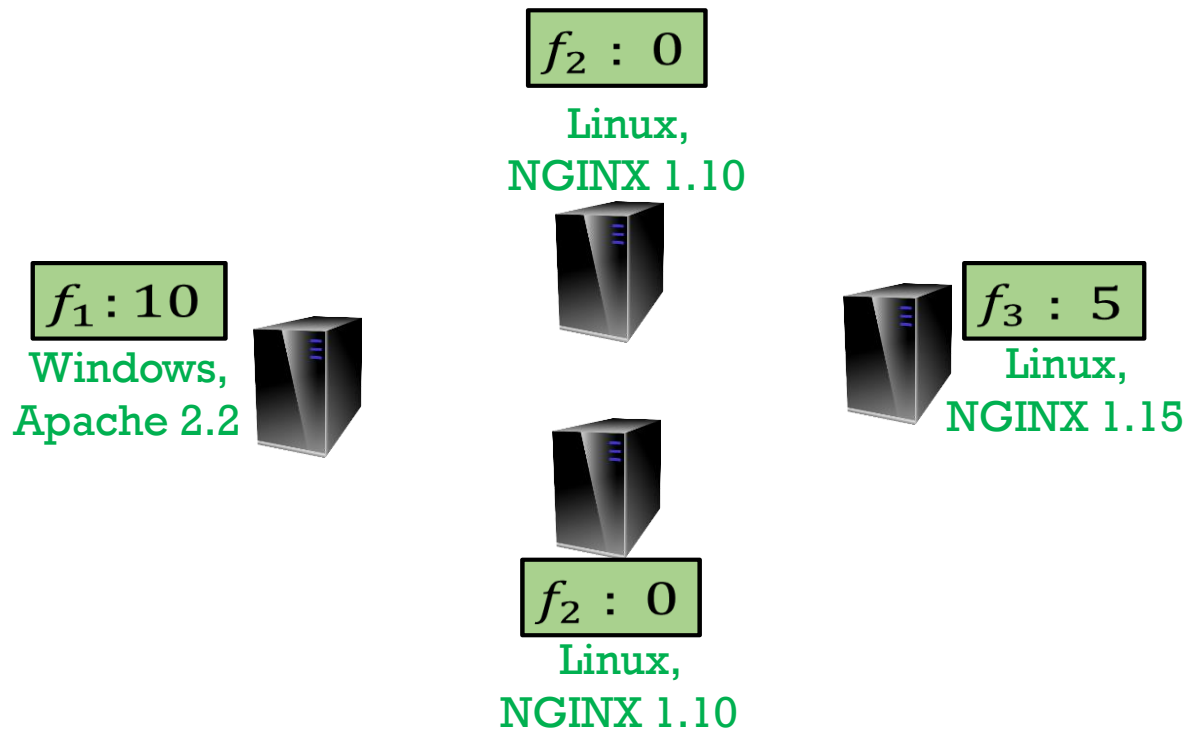


# Cyber Deception

- ▶ How should the defender disguise the systems to induce the adversary to attack the least valuable systems?
- ▶ Cyber Domain Challenges:
  - ▶ Intelligent adversary; could perceive deception occurring
  - ▶ Large number of system configurations and ways to disguise
  - ▶ Arbitrary deception may not be feasible or may affect performance

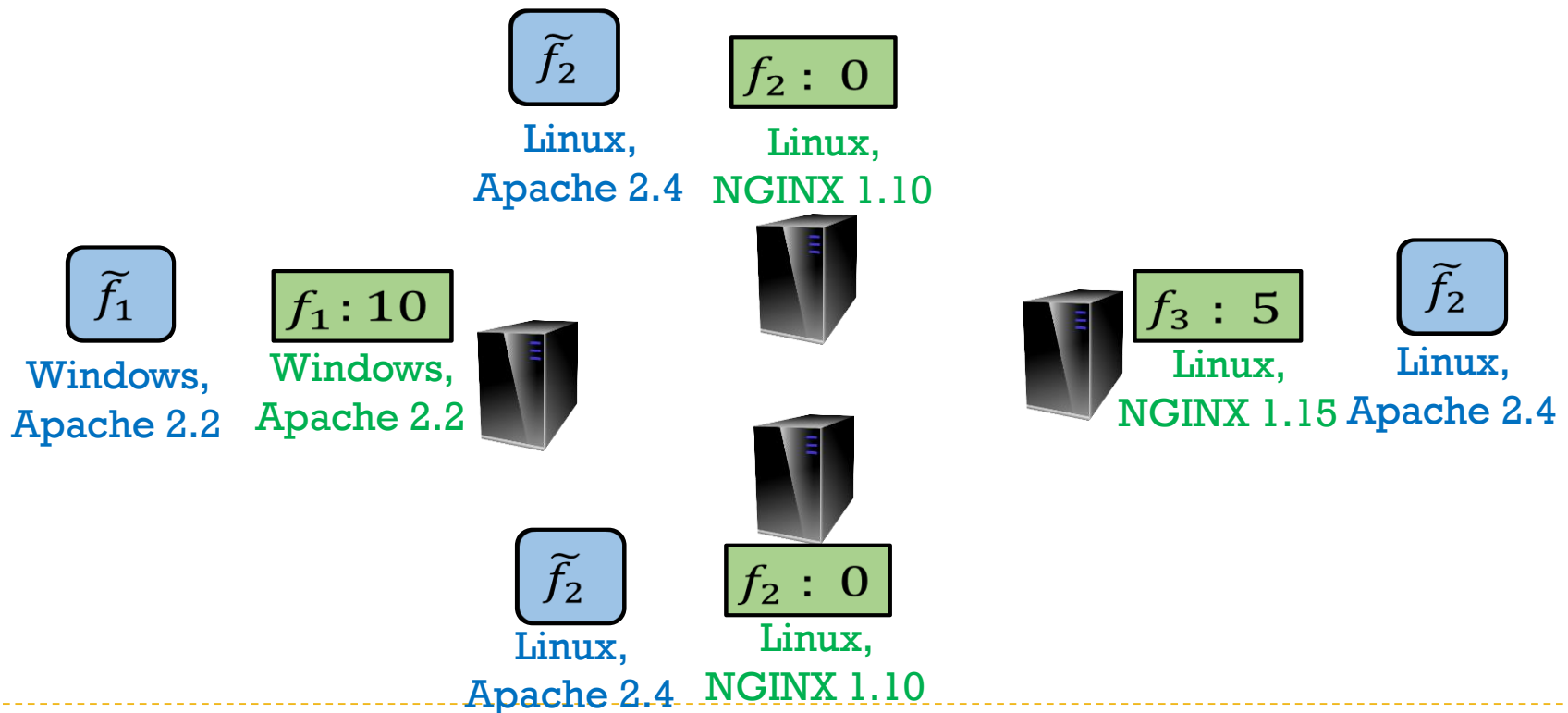
# Cyber Deception Game: Setting

- ▶  $K$  systems, each has true configuration (TC)  $f \in F$
- ▶ Successful attack on system with TC  $f$  yields utility  $U_f$  to attacker; defender loses  $U_f$  (gains  $-U_f$ )



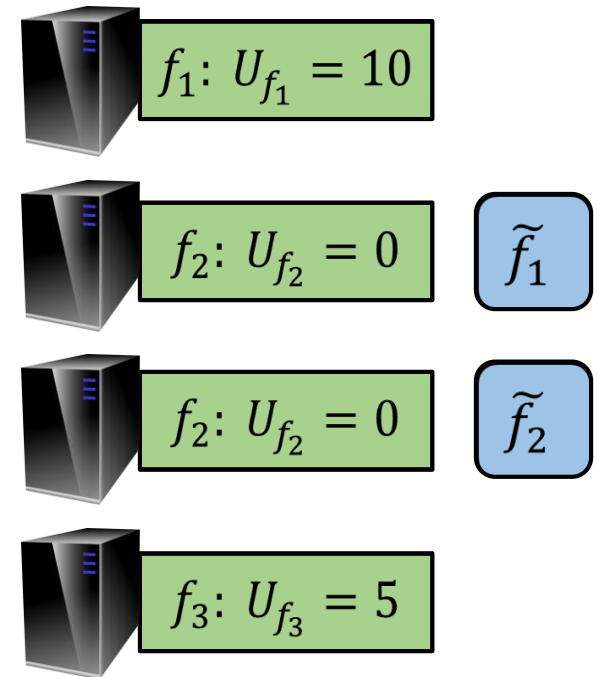
# Cyber Deception Game: Setting

- ▶ Defender disguise the systems through deceptive responses
- ▶ Each system gets **observed configuration (OC)**  $\tilde{f} \in \tilde{F}$



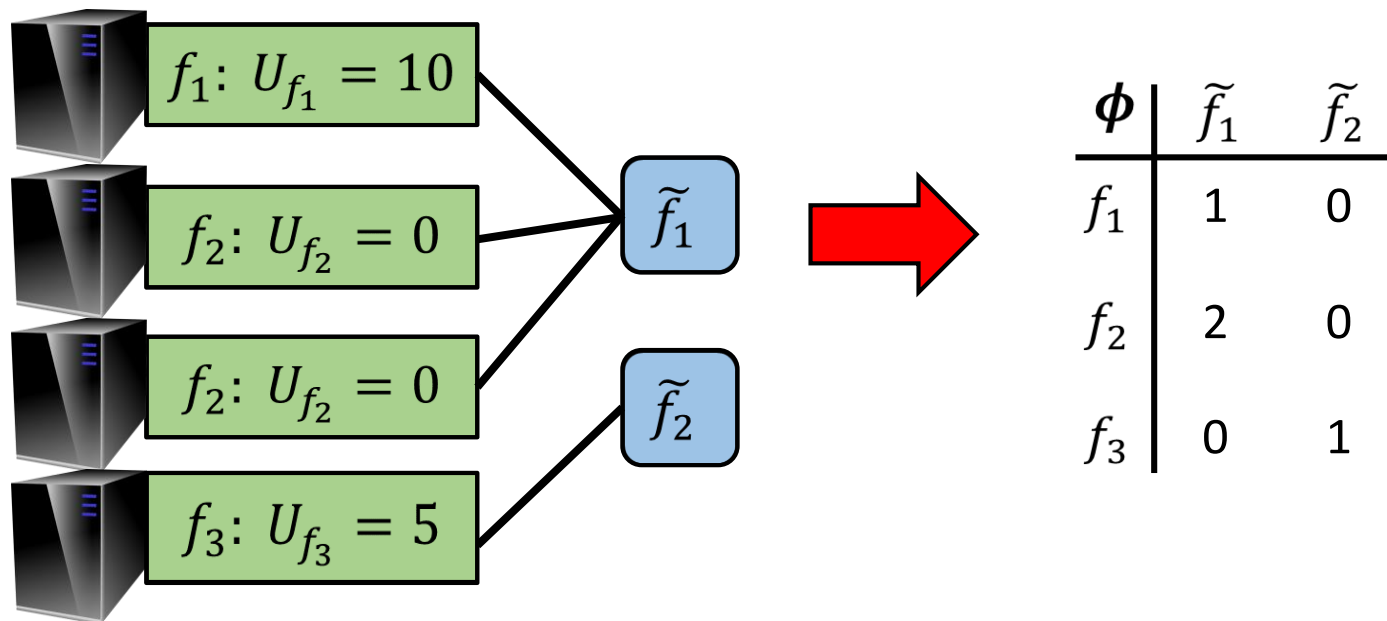
# Cyber Deception Game: Defender

- ▶ Know true configuration (TC)  $f$
- ▶ Need to decide observed configuration (OC)  $\tilde{f}$
- ▶ Systems with same TC are indifferent to the defender
- ▶  $N_f$  = Number of systems having TC  $f \in F$



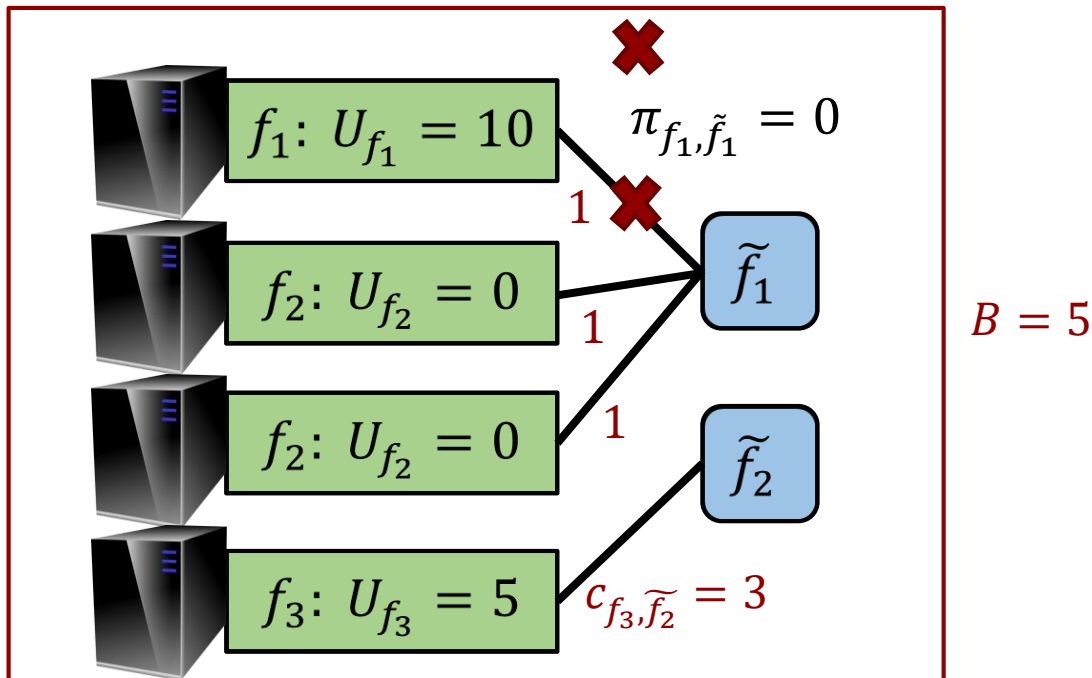
# Cyber Deception Game: Defender

- ▶ Deception strategy encoded via integer matrix  $\phi$ 
  - ▶  $\phi_{f,\tilde{f}}$  = number of systems with TC  $f$  and OC  $\tilde{f}$



# Cyber Deception Game: Defender

- ▶ Deception strategy encoded via integer matrix  $\phi$ 
  - ▶  $\phi_{f,\tilde{f}}$  = number of systems with **TC**  $f$  and **OC**  $\tilde{f}$
  - ▶ **TC**  $f$  may not be masked with **OC**  $\tilde{f}$  ( $\pi_{f,\tilde{f}} = 0$ )
  - ▶ Showing deceptive responses incur costs  $c(f,\tilde{f})$ ; budget  $B$



# Cyber Deception Game: Attacker

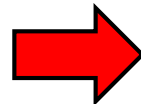
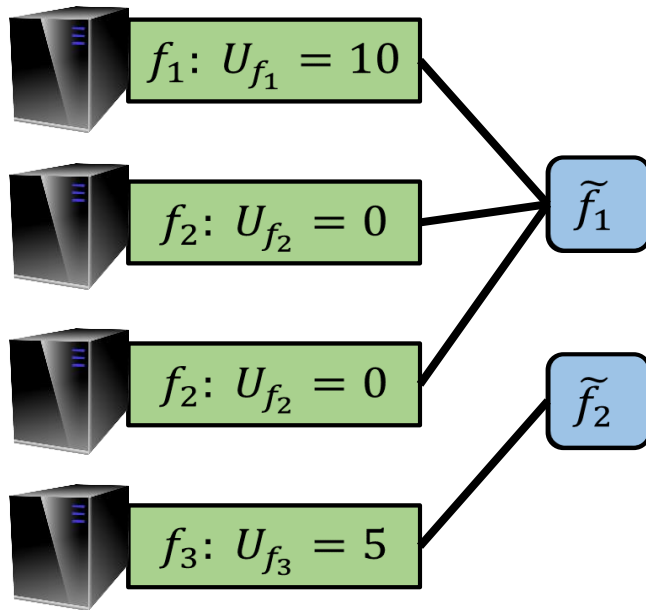
- ▶ Can observe OC of each system
- ▶ Cannot differentiate systems with same OC
- ▶ Uniformly randomly attacks systems with most attractive OC



**How much does the attacker know about the deception?**

# Cyber Deception Game: Attacker

- ▶ Powerful attacker: Knows deception strategy  $\phi$ 
  - ▶ Computes expected payoff for all OCs and best-responds
  - ▶ Robust assumption to minimize worst-case loss



$\phi$	$\tilde{f}_1$	$\tilde{f}_2$
$f_1$	1	0
$f_2$	2	0
$f_3$	0	1

Expected Payoff

$$\tilde{U}_{\tilde{f}} = \frac{\sum_{f \in F} \phi_{f, \tilde{f}} U_f}{\sum_{f \in F} \phi_{f, \tilde{f}}}$$

$$\tilde{U}_{\tilde{f}_1} = \frac{10 + 2 * 0}{3} = 3.33$$

$$\tilde{U}_{\tilde{f}_2} = 5/1 = 5$$

# Cyber Deception Game: Attacker

- ▶ Powerful attacker: Knows deception strategy  $\phi$ 
  - ▶ Computes expected payoff for all OCs and best-responds
  - ▶ Robust assumption to minimize worst-case loss
- ▶ Naive attacker: Not aware of deception
  - ▶ Believe what they observe
  - ▶ Preset preferences (utilities) for attacking OCs

## Quiz

- ▶ With powerful attacker, when there are no budget constraint and feasibility constraint, what is the optimal defender strategy?

# Quiz

- ▶ With powerful attacker, when there are no budget constraint and feasibility constraint, what is the optimal defender strategy?
- ▶ Trivial case (no constraints): assign to same OC

# Against Powerful Attacker

- ▶ Powerful attacker: Knows deception strategy  $\phi$ 
  - ▶ Computes expected payoff for all OCs and best-responds
  - ▶ Robust assumption to minimize worst-case loss
- ▶ When some masking infeasible or budget limited

Theorem: NP-hard to compute optimal strategy for defender against powerful adversary.

- ▶ Proven via reduction to Partition problem
- ▶ NP-hard even with just feasibility or just budget constraint

# Against Powerful Attacker

- Solve through mathematical programming

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_{u, \phi} & u \\ \text{s.t.} & u \geq \frac{\sum_{f \in F} \phi_{f, \tilde{f}} U_f}{\sum_{f \in F} \phi_{f, \tilde{f}}} \quad \forall \tilde{f} \in \tilde{F} \end{array}$$

Non-linear

Expected Utility  
for attacking  $\tilde{f}$

$$\sum_{\tilde{f}} \phi_{f, \tilde{f}} = N_f$$

$$\sum_f \phi_{f, \tilde{f}} = N_{\tilde{f}}$$

$$\phi_{f, \tilde{f}} \leq \pi_{f, \tilde{f}}$$

$$\phi_{f, \tilde{f}} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$$

Feasibility Constraints

$$\sum_f \sum_{\tilde{f}} \phi_{f, \tilde{f}} c_{f, \tilde{f}} \leq B$$

Budget Constraint

# Against Powerful Attacker

- ▶ Solve through mathematical programming
- ▶ Reformulate to MILP: Guaranteed to find optimal solution
  - ▶ Remove the non-linear constraint
  - ▶ Adds  $|K||\tilde{F}|$  auxiliary variables
  - ▶ Adds  $4|K||\tilde{F}|$  additional constraints
- ▶ Approximation algorithm: Solve sequential MILPs
- ▶ Heuristic algorithm: Greedy MiniMax (GMM)
  - ▶ A fast heuristic which greedily minimizes attacker utility

# Against Naïve Attacker

- ▶ Naive attacker: Not aware of deception
  - ▶ Simply believes OCs (or just not reasoning about the actual  $TC \rightarrow OC$  mapping strategy used by the defender)
  - ▶ Preset preferences (utilities) for attacking OCs
- ▶ When no budget constraints; but just the feasibility constraints

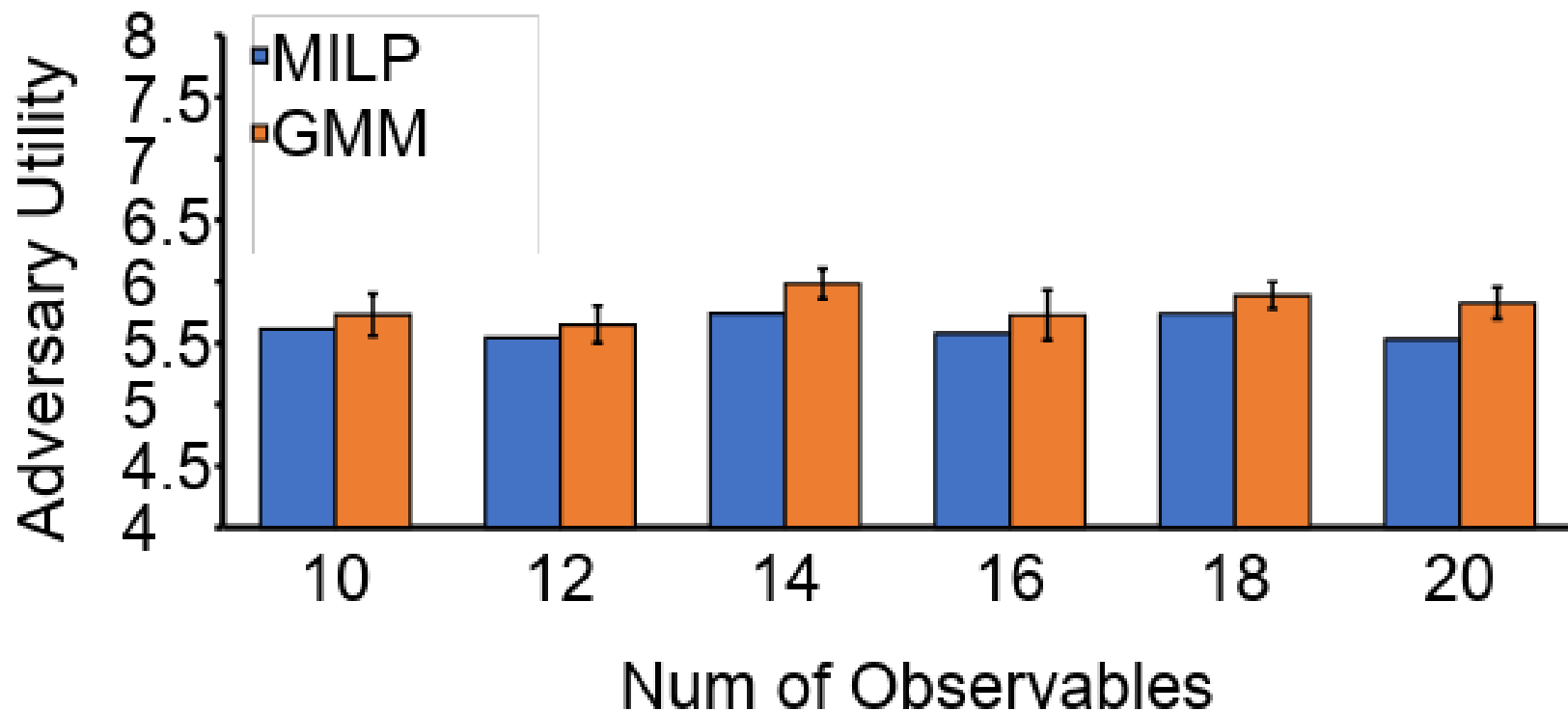
Theorem: can be solved in  $O(|F||\tilde{F}|)$  time

- ▶ When both budget and feasibility constraints present

Theorem: NP-hard to compute optimal strategy for defender against naïve adversary.

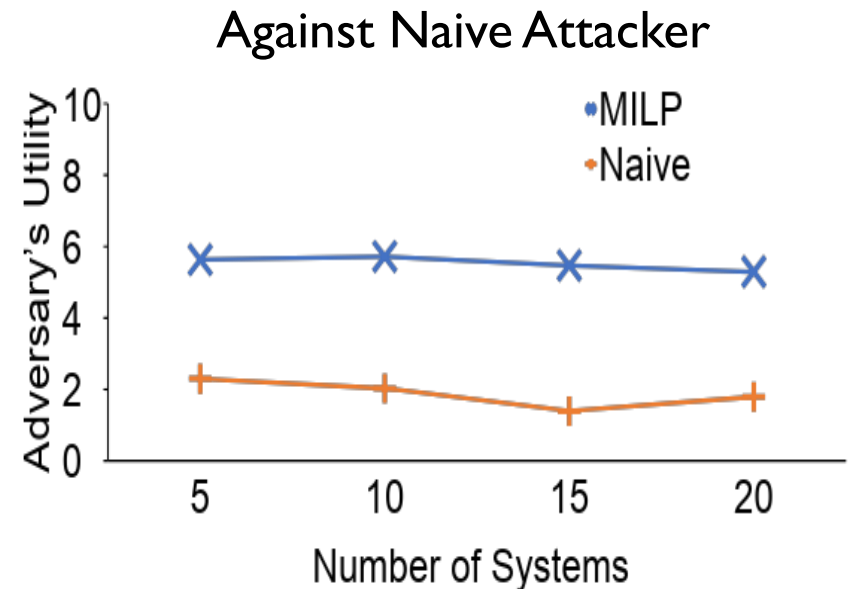
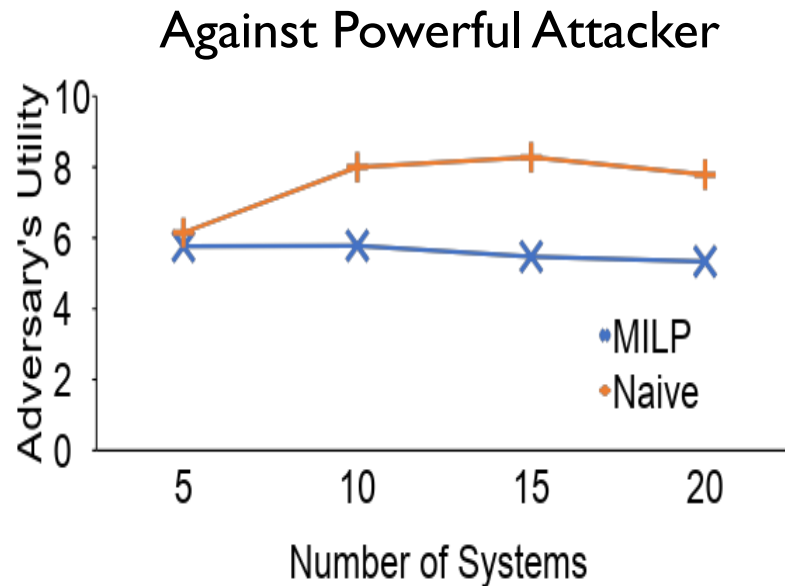
## Simulation Results

- ▶ 20 TCs, 20 Systems
- ▶ Attacker Utility = 10 without deception



# Simulation Results

## ► Attacker model and belief of attacker model matters



# Evolution of Surge Pricing

## ► Surge price interface

SURGE PRICING

Demand is off the charts! Fares have increased to get more Ubers on the road.

2.1x

THE NORMAL FARE

\$16.80 MINIMUM FARE

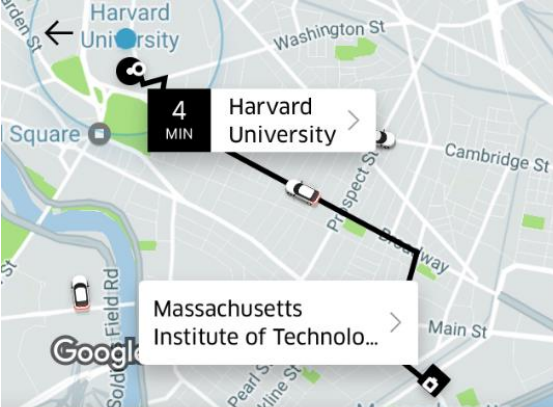
\$0.84 / MIN

\$3.04 / KM

I ACCEPT HIGHER FARE

OR


NOTIFY ME IF SURGE ENDS




Economy

Premium

Fares are slightly higher due to increased demand




\$4.99  
00:03



uberX  
\$11.02  
23:58

REQUEST UBERX



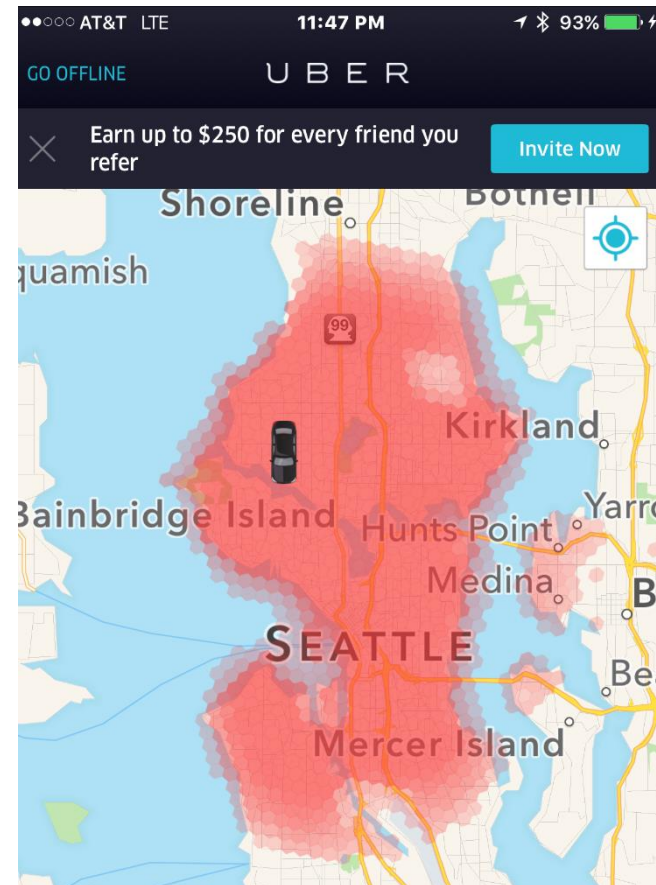
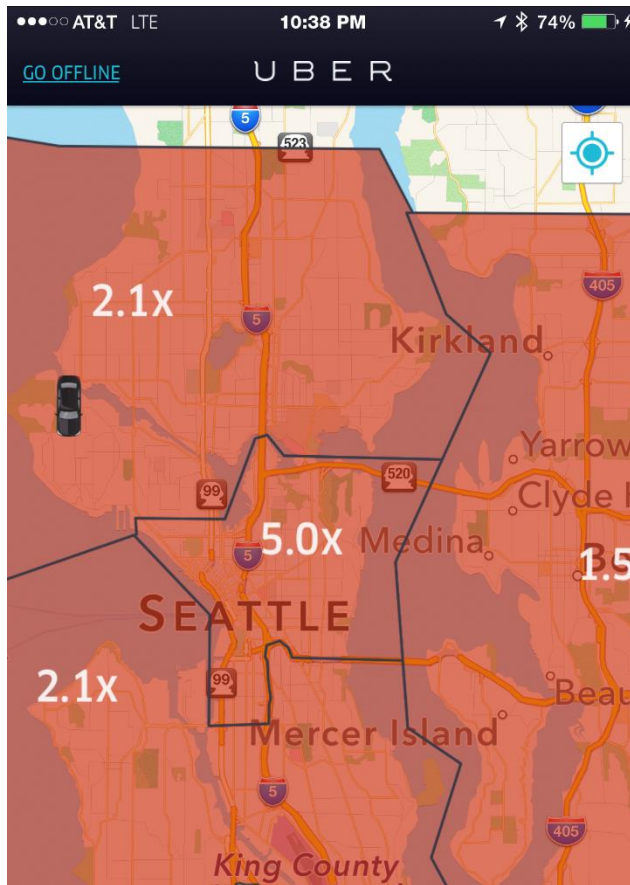
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# Evolution of Surge Pricing

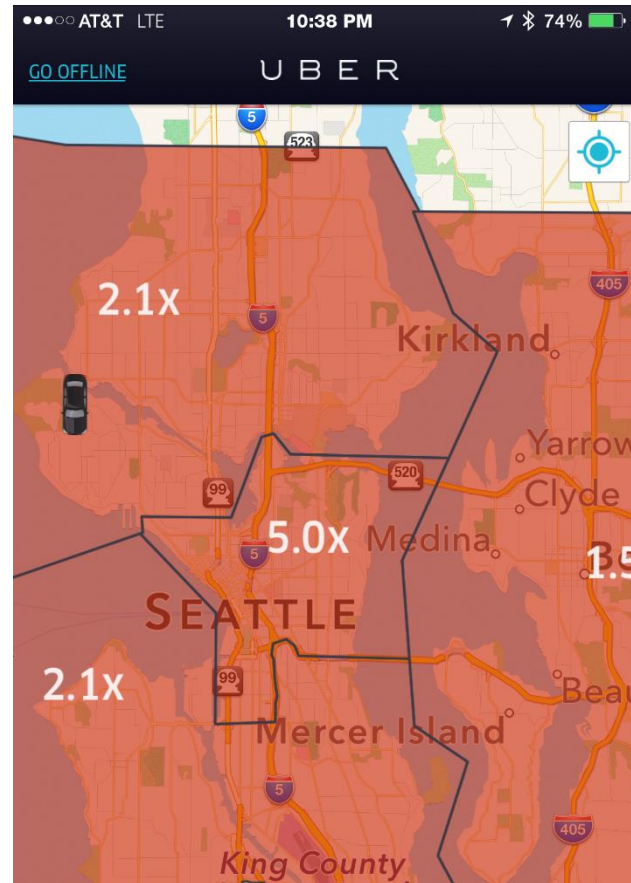
## ► Coarse → Fine grained in space



# Quiz

- ▶ What are the potential strategic behavior of a driver (with old or new interface)?

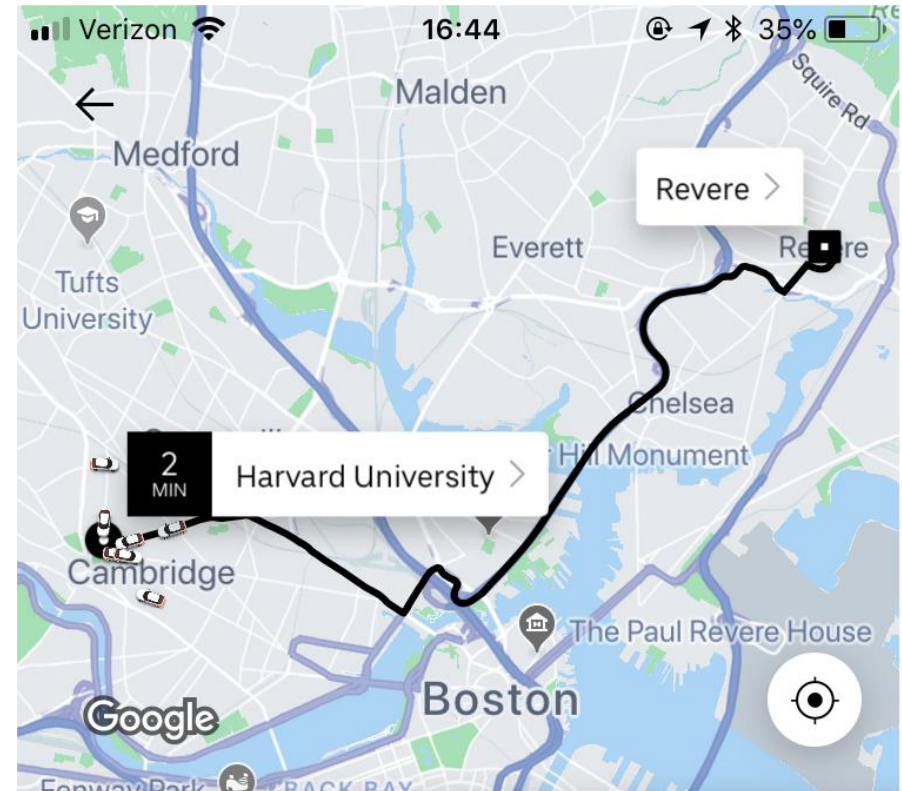
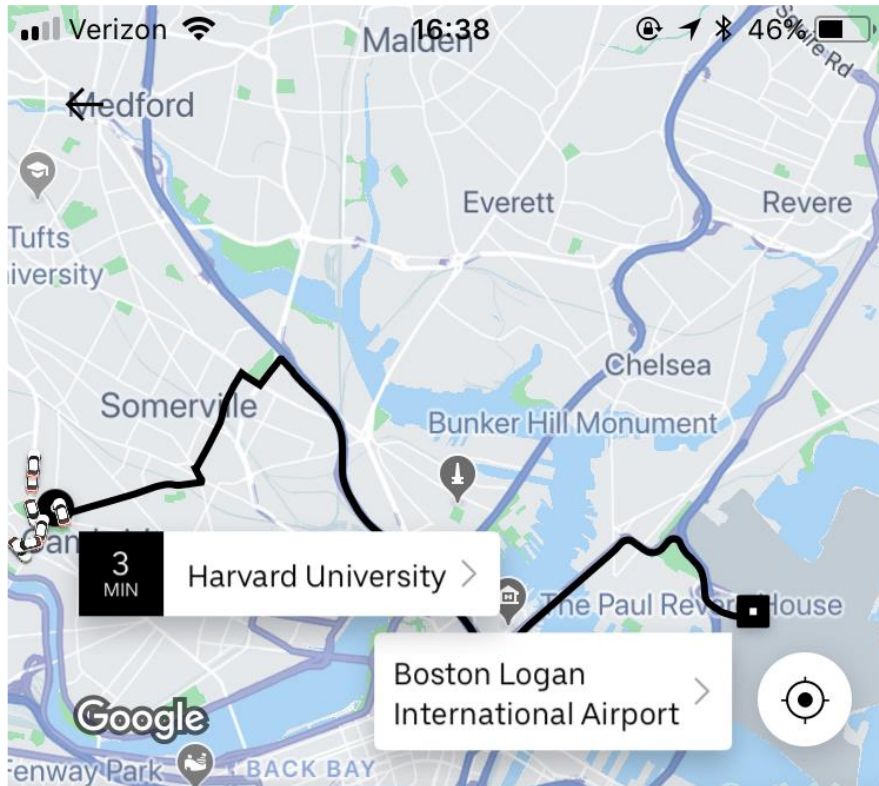
# Market Failure - I



## Market Failure - 2



# Market Failure - 3



Bad draw dispatches: “after accepting, drivers are able to contact the rider. Some may learn [the] destination and canceling if the trip will not be worth the time.”

# Competitive Equilibrium

- ▶ **Competitive Equilibrium (CE)**
  - ▶ Also called Walrasian equilibrium
  - ▶ Traditional concept in economics
  - ▶ Commodity markets with flexible prices and many traders

# Competitive Equilibrium

- ▶ A very simple setting
  - ▶ A set of items  $[n] = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$
  - ▶ A set of buyers  $[m] = \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$
  - ▶ Each buyer  $i$  has a valuation for each item  $j$ :  $v_{ij}$
  - ▶ Given a price vector  $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , agent  $i$ 's utility is:  $u_i(x; p) = v_i \cdot x - p \cdot x$  where  $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$  indicates which items the agent gets
  - ▶ Each agent can get at most one item

# Competitive Equilibrium

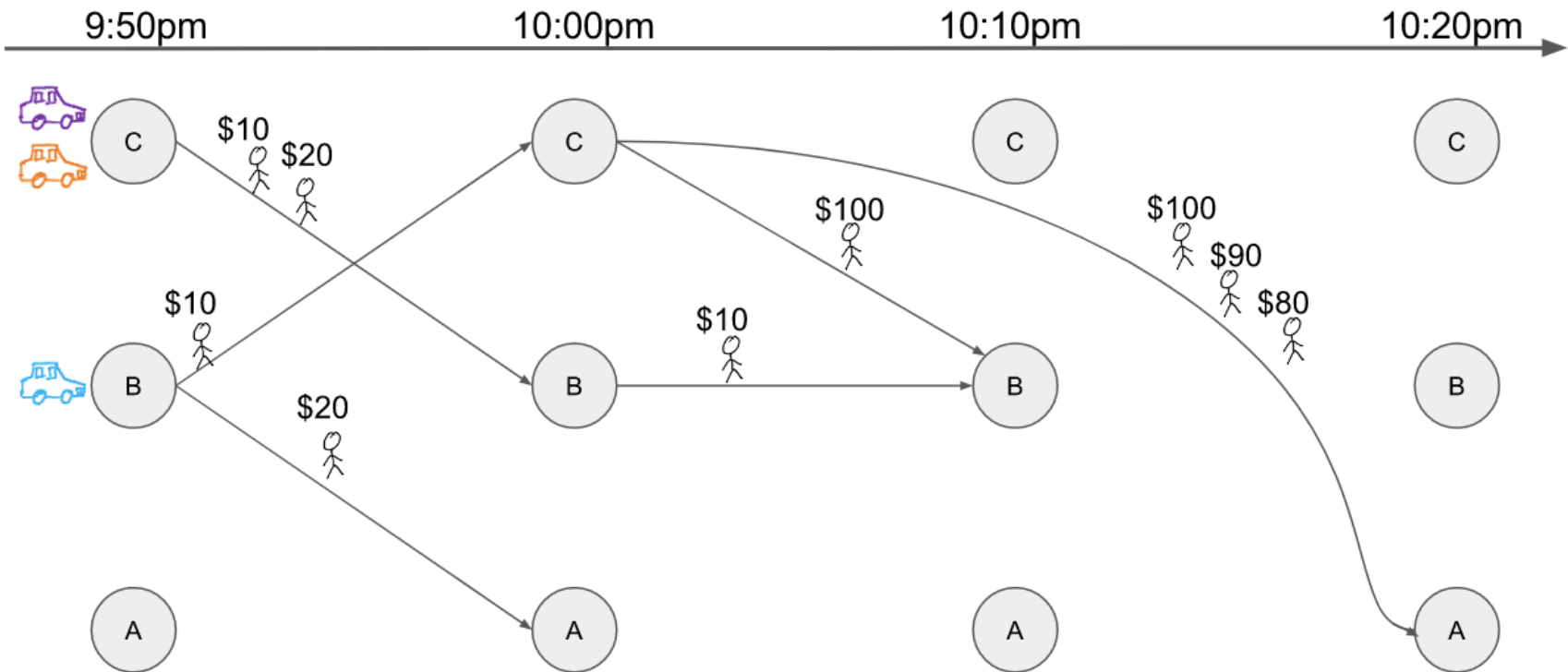
## ▶ A CE consists of:

- ▶ A price vector  $p \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$
- ▶ A valid allocation matrix  $x$ 
  - ▶  $x_{ij} \in \{0,1\}$  indicates whether or not item  $j$  is allocated to agent  $i$
  - ▶ Each item is allocated at most once  $\sum_i x_{ij} \leq 1, \forall j$
  - ▶ Each buyer can get at most one item  $\sum_j x_{ij} \leq 1, \forall i$
  - ▶ Use  $x_i$  to denote the binary vector for agent  $i$
- ▶  $p$  and  $x$  satisfy the following constraints
  - ▶ Best response
    - $x_i \in \operatorname{argmax}_{x: x \in \{0,1\}^n, \sum_j x_j \leq 1} u_i(x; p), \forall i$
  - ▶ Market clearance
    - $\forall j, \sum_i x_{ij} = 1$  or  $p_j = 0$

# Super Bowl Example

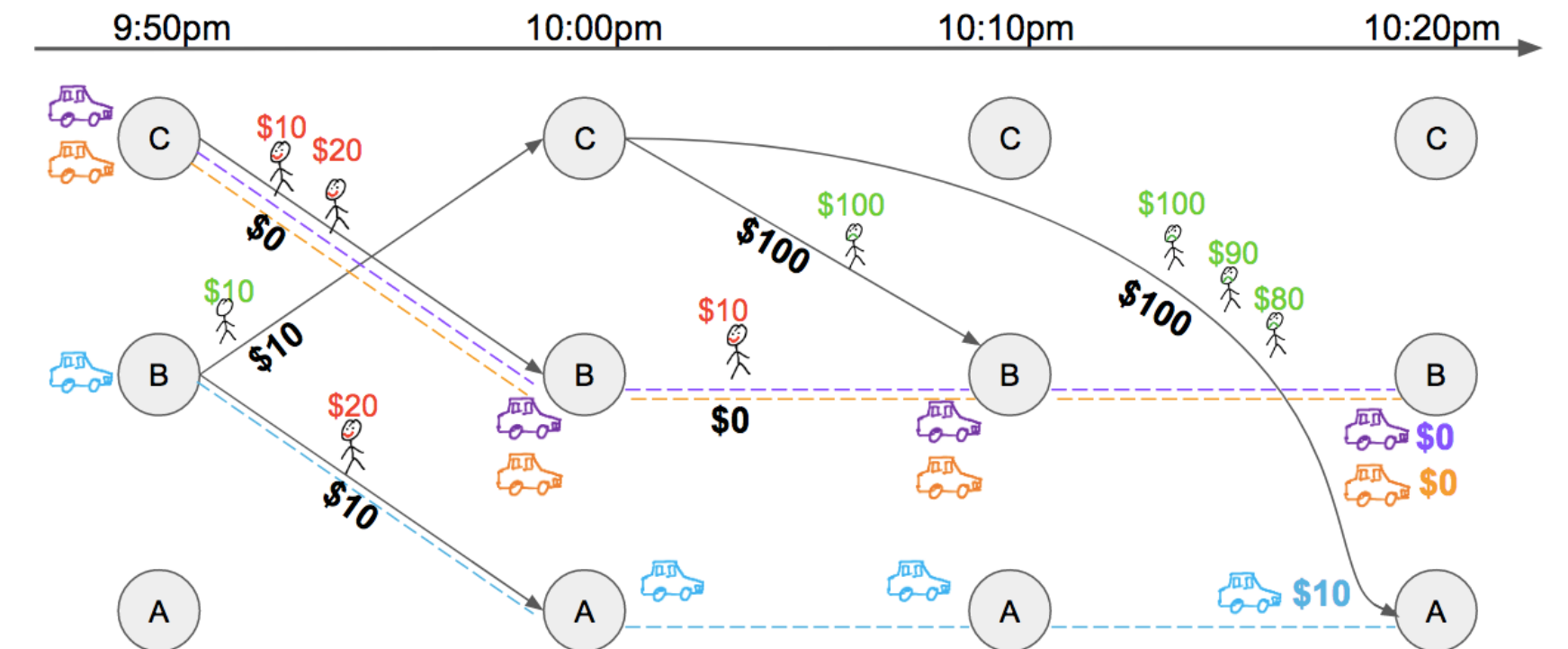


Super  
Bowl  
Ends



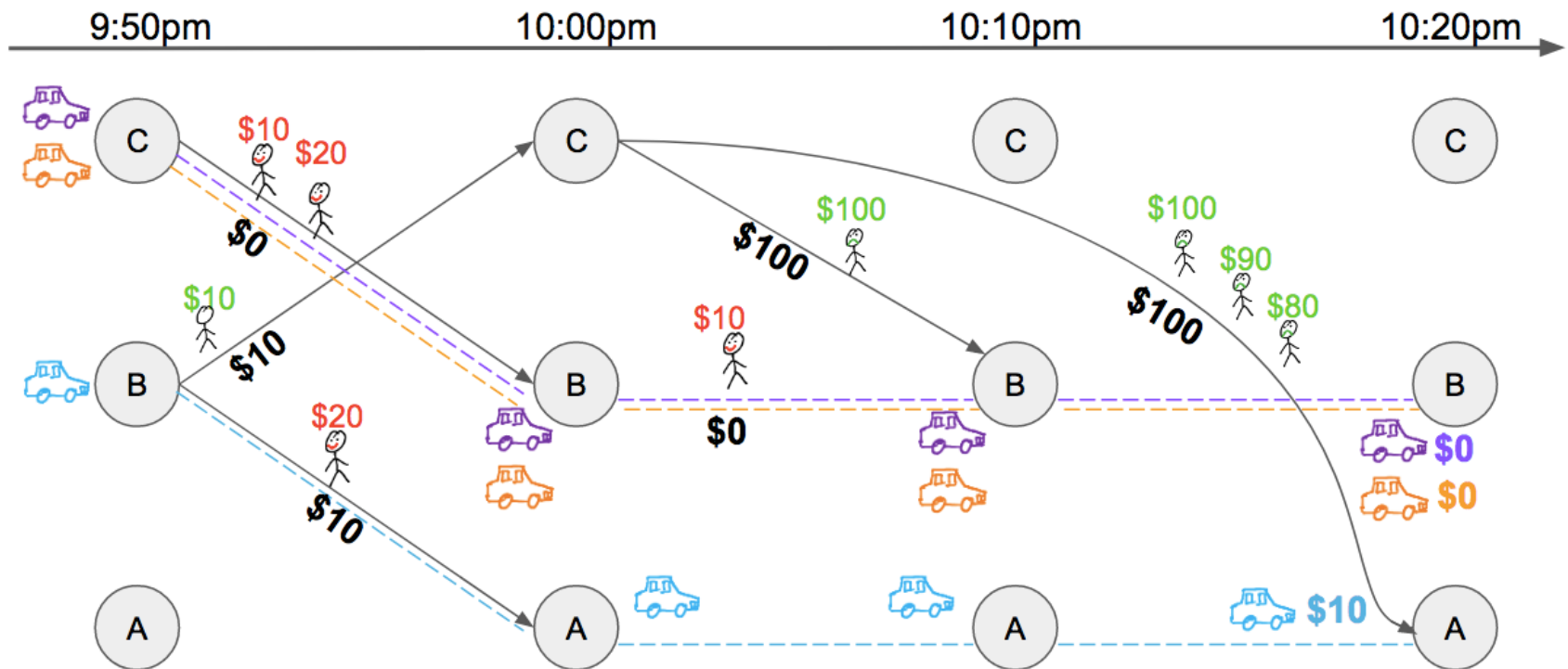
# Myopic Pricing

- ▶ At current time  $t$ , each location has a sub-market
- ▶ Allocate cars to the riders with highest valuations
- ▶ Driver-pessimal price shown in black



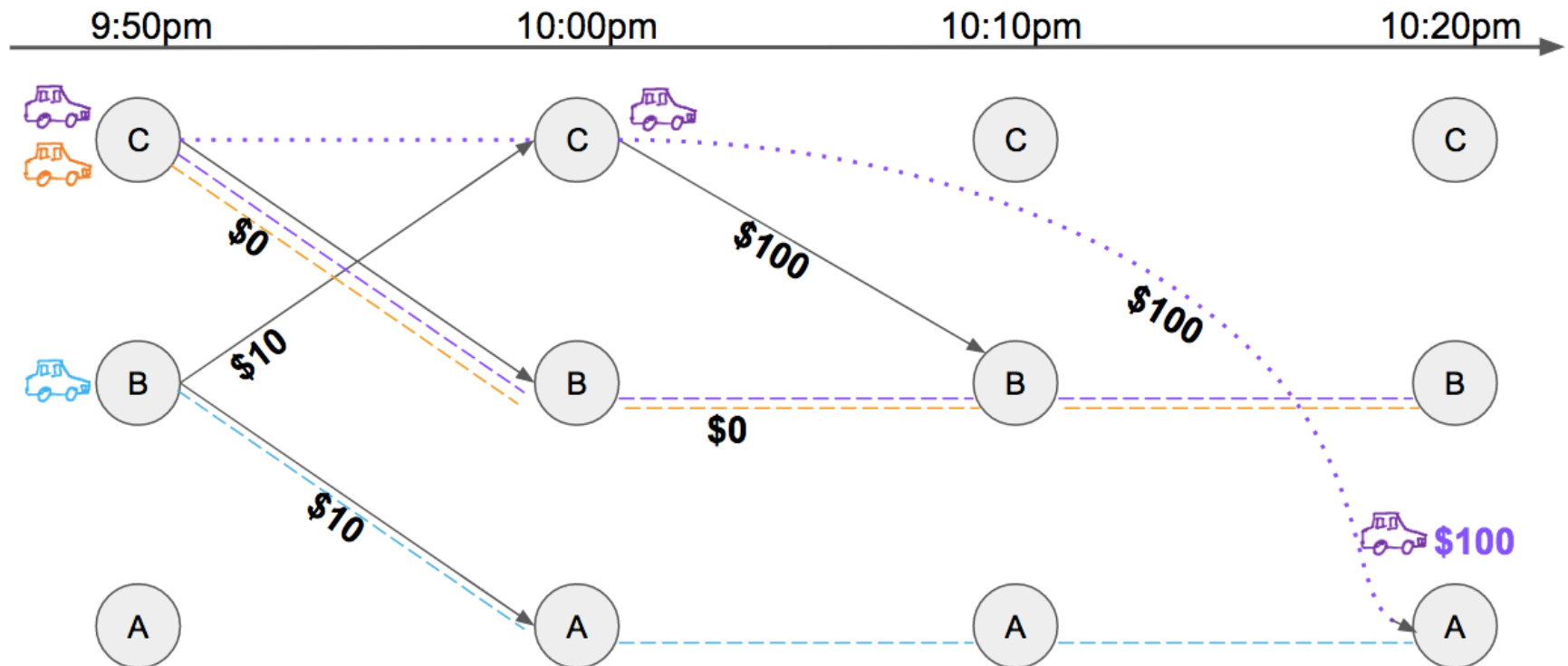
# Quiz

- With Myopic Pricing, at most, how much more can the purple driver earn if he deviates from the system's assignment and all other drivers always follow the system's assignment? (Options: \$100, \$90, \$80, \$0)



# Useful Deviation

- Purple driver rejects the assigned ride at 9:50am to earn more money



# Spatial-Temporal Pricing

- ▶ Model: Discrete time/location, Impatient riders, Anonymous origin-destination trip price
- ▶ One-shot assignment
  - ▶ Assignment plan: Decompose a min-cost flow
  - ▶ Pricing: Dual of flow LP
  - ▶ Form competitive equilibrium (CE)
    - ▶ Welfare optimal
    - ▶ Maximize total payment for each driver
    - ▶ Maximize utility for each rider
    - ▶ Envy free
    - ▶ All feasible driver payments in CE form a lattice

# ILP for Computing Optimal Assignment Plan

$$\max_{x,y} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{R}} x_j v_j - \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{k=0}^{|Z_i|} y_{i,k} \lambda_{i,k}$$

Dual Variables

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{j \in \mathcal{R}} x_j \mathbb{1}\{(o_j, d_j, \tau_j) = (a, b, t)\} \leq \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{k=0}^{|Z_i|} y_{i,k} \mathbb{1}\{(a, b, t) \in Z_{i,k}\}, \quad p_{a,b,t} \quad \forall (a, b, t) \in \mathcal{T}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{|Z_i|} y_{i,k} = 1, \quad \pi_i$$

LP Relaxation

$$\forall i \in \mathcal{D}$$

~~$$x_j \in \{0, 1\},$$~~

$$x_j \leq 1 \quad u_j$$

$$\forall j \in \mathcal{R}$$

~~$$y_{i,k} \in \{0, 1\},$$~~

$$x_j \geq 0$$

$$\forall i \in \mathcal{D}, k = 1, \dots, |Z_i|$$

$$y_{i,k} \geq 0$$

# Dual Problem to Compute CE Pricing

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} \pi_i + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{R}} u_j \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \pi_i \geq \sum_{(a,b,t) \in Z_{i,k}} p_{a,b,t} - \lambda_{i,k} && \forall k = 0, 1, \dots, |\mathcal{Z}_i|, \forall i \in \mathcal{D} \\ & u_j \geq v_j - p_{o_j, d_j, \tau_j}, && \forall j \in \mathcal{R} \\ & p_{a,b,t} \geq 0, && \forall (a,b,t) \in \mathcal{T} \\ & u_j \geq 0, && \forall j \in \mathcal{R} \end{aligned}$$

# Spatial-Temporal Pricing

- ▶ However...Drivers can deviate and trigger recomputation!

- ▶ Solution: Driver-Pessimal CE

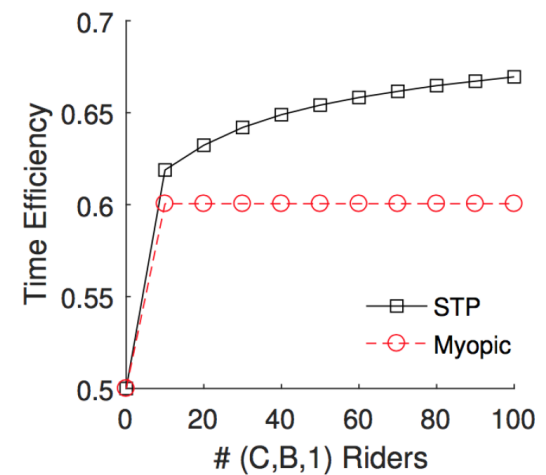
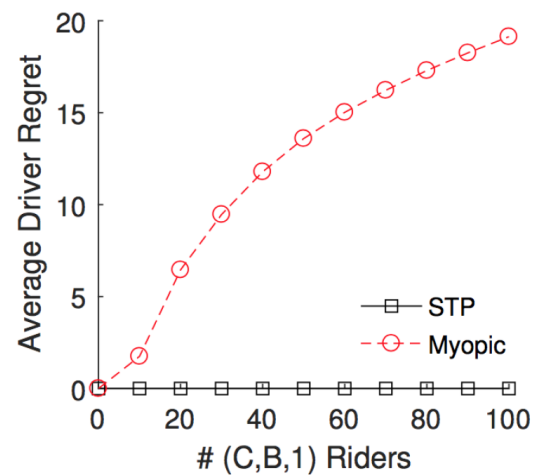
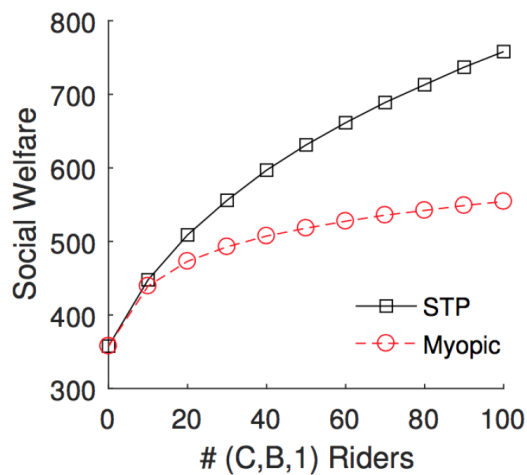
- ▶ Trip price = welfare gain difference

$$p_{a,b,t} = \Phi_{a,t} - \Phi_{b,t+dist(a,b)}$$
$$\Phi_{a,t} \triangleq W(D \cup \{(t, T, a)\}, R) - W(D, R)$$

- ▶ Incentive compatible subgame perfect equilibrium
  - ▶ No driver want to deviate from assigned action!

# Spatial-Temporal Pricing

## ► SPT vs Naïve surge



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# Thank you!

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# Security Challenges



## Explosions in Brussels



## Ansbach attack

A suicide bomb injured at least 12 in Germany's Ansbach, near Nuremberg, on July 24. This is the fourth violent incident in Germany in a week.



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J. Wu, 25/07/2016

REUTERS

# Sustainability Challenges



Today  
 $\approx 3,200$



100 years ago  
 $\approx 60,000$



# Mobility Challenges

