

Data-Driven Dynamic Robust Resource Allocation for Efficient Transportation

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PENN RESEARCH IN EMBEDDED COMPUTING AND INTEGRATED SYSTEMS ENGINEERING

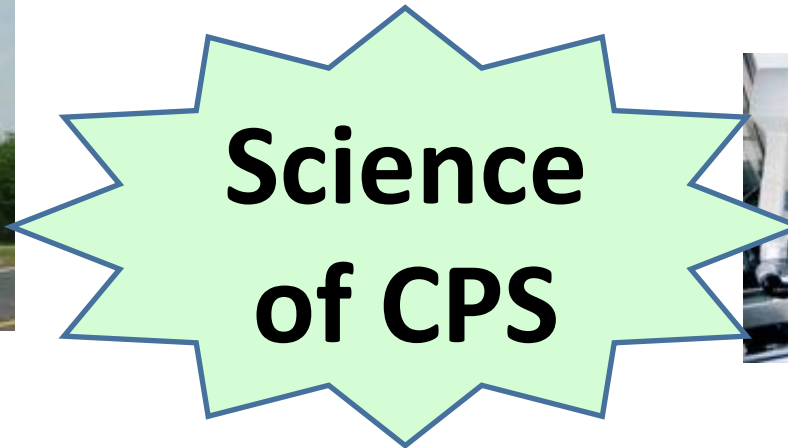
General Robotics, Automation, Sensing & Perception Lab

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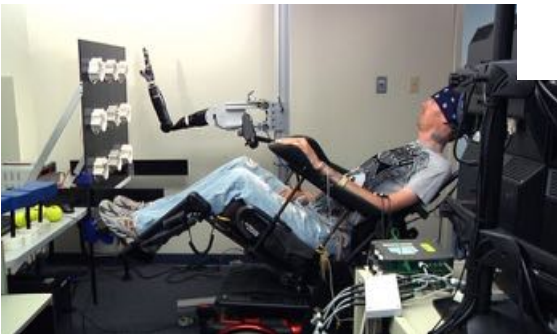
Tight **integration** of **communication** and **computation** systems with **control of physical world**



Transportation & Autonomous vehicles

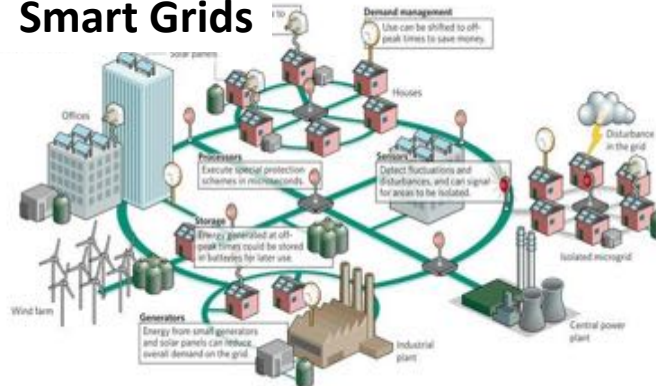


Industrial Automation and Advanced Manufacturing



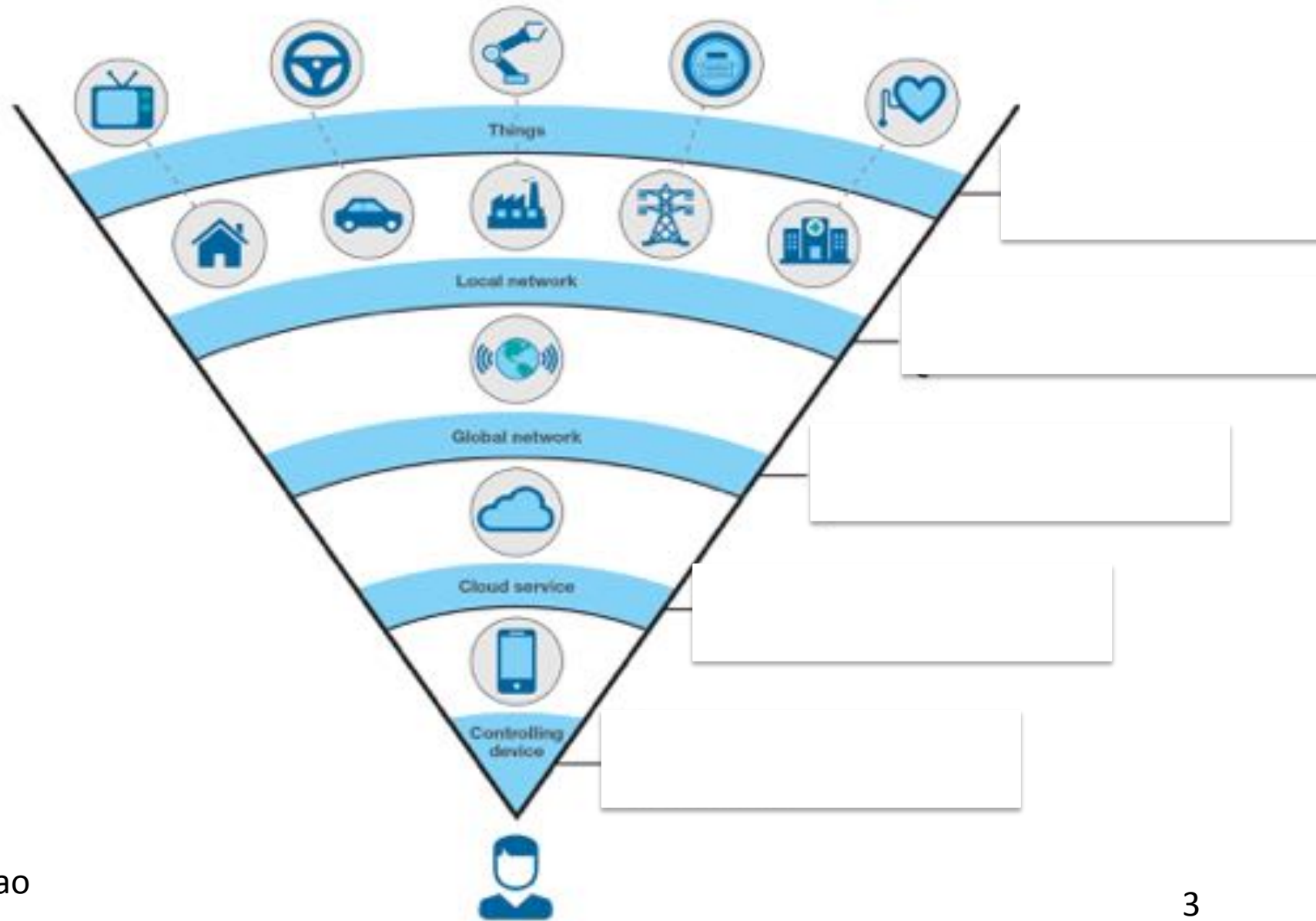
Medical Devices and System

Smart Grids



Building Automation

Internet of Things



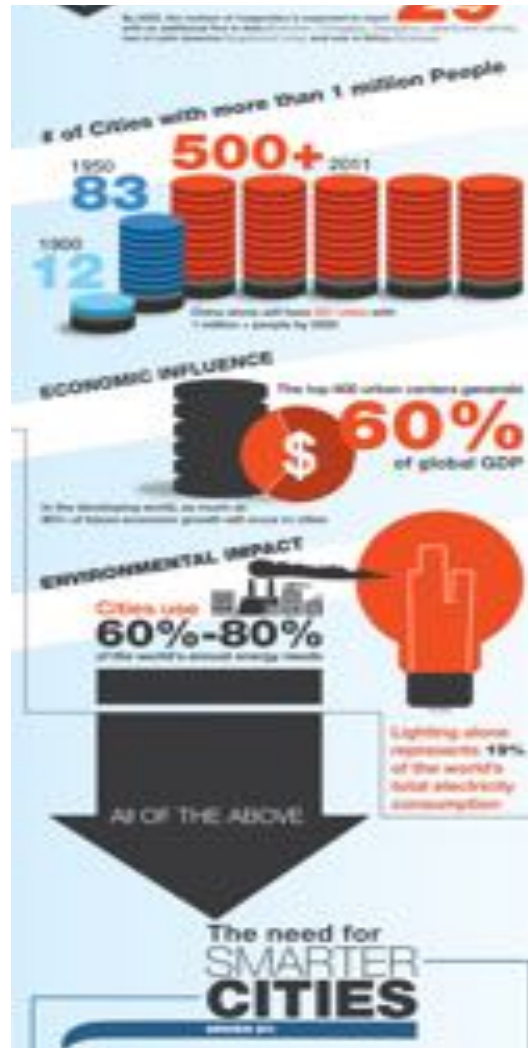
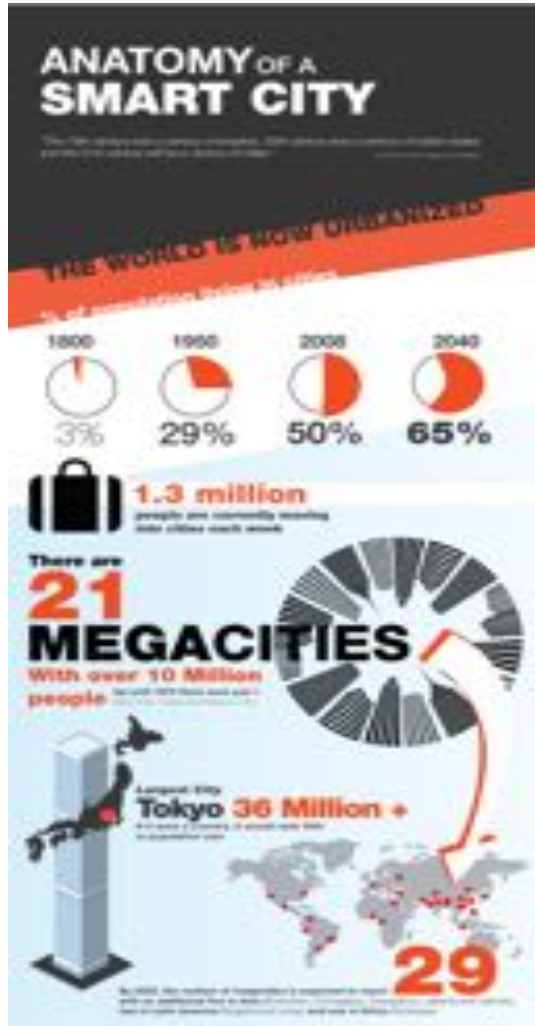
The White House unveils new US\$160 million Smart Cities Initiative

17th September 2015 [Tom Teodorczuk](#)

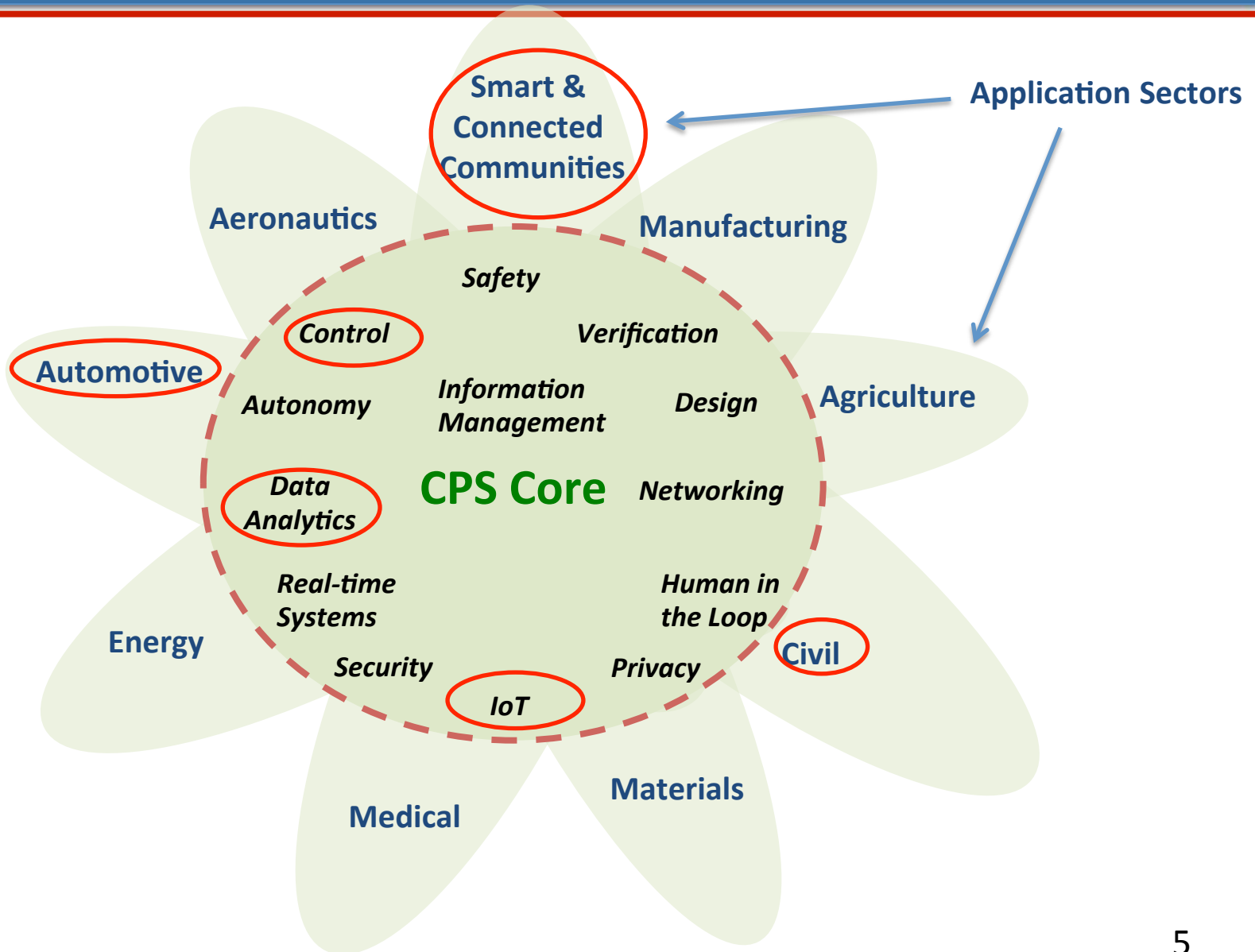
- **\$35 million for Smart Cities Grants by NSF**
 - **\$10 million for CPS Program in 2016**
- **\$70 million for Transportation, Energy, and more, by**
 - DoT
 - DoE
 - DHS
 - NIST



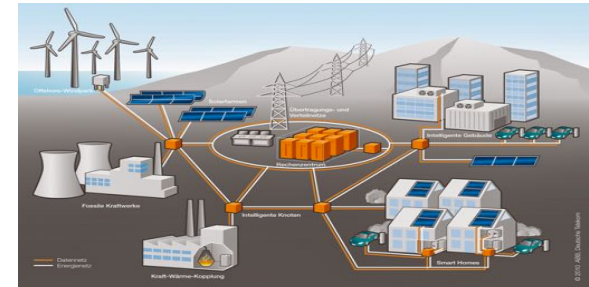
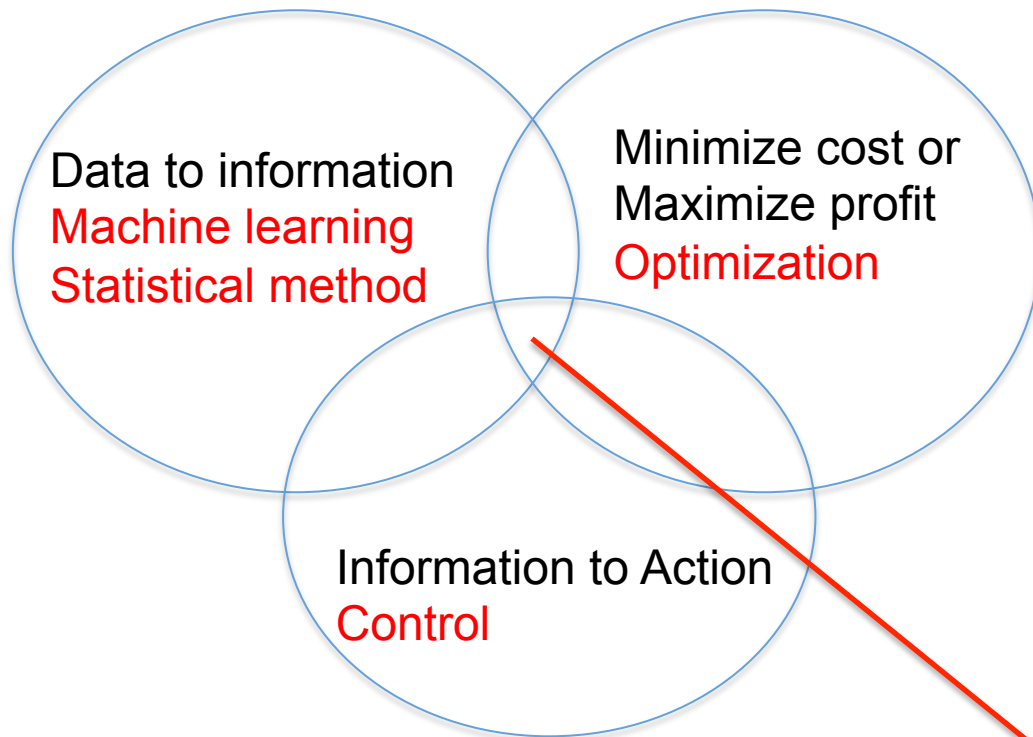
Smart Cities



Challenges of CPS



Data-Driven Control, Optimization of CPS



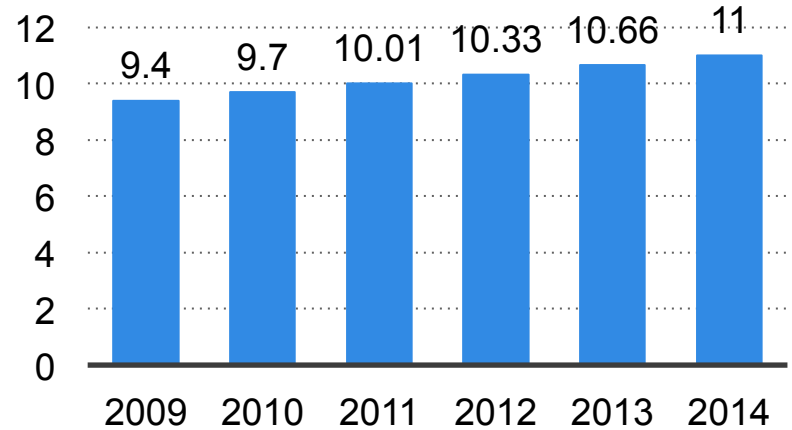
Demand response of smart grid



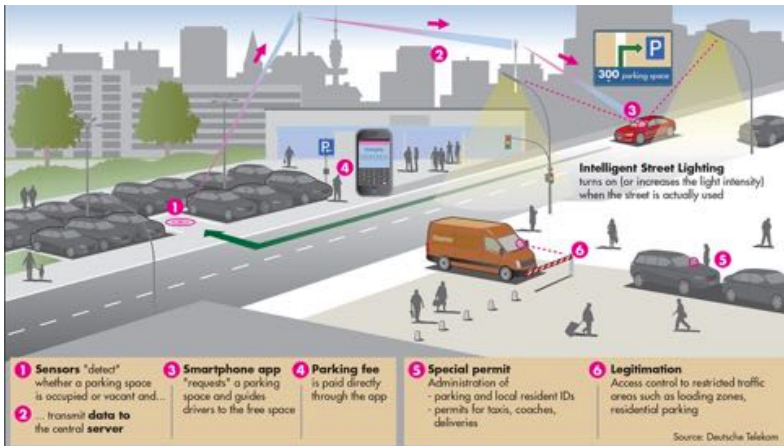
Intelligent transportation systems: integration research challenges unsolved

Growing **complexity and dynamics**: scale, uncertainty, heterogeneous...

Domain: Transportation Systems



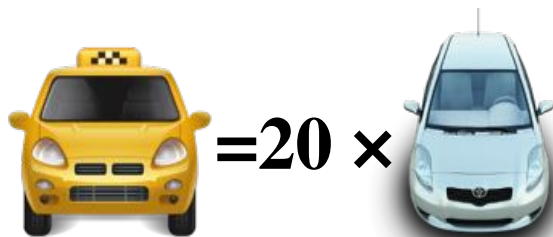
Revenue of US taxi services increases



Smart Parking



Self-driving car



Cruising Mileage

Idle: 300 million miles/year

Previous Work

- Urban traffic, demand modeling
 - Spatial and temporal patterns in speed prediction: [P. Jaillet et al., 2014]
 - Infer traffic condition based on taxi trip dataset: [Work et al., 2015]
- Coordination and resource allocation in smart transportation
 - Smart parking: [Geng and Cassandras, 2013]
 - Bike redistribution and incentives in sharing:[Morari et.al, 2014]
 - Mobility-on-demand systems: autonomous vehicles/robotics
 - Minimize re-balancing number; with future demand : [Pavone et.al, 2014, 2015]
 - Dynamic on-demand ride-sharing [Frazzoli, et al., 2016]
 - Evaluation metric: number of vehicles needed; simulated waiting time

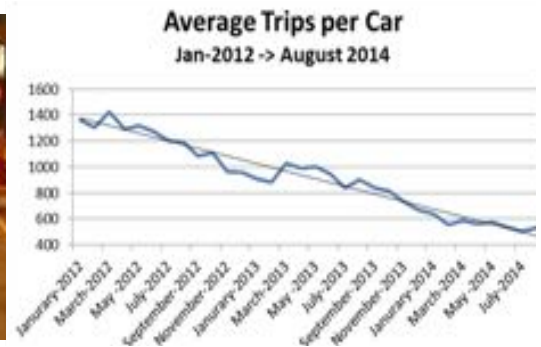
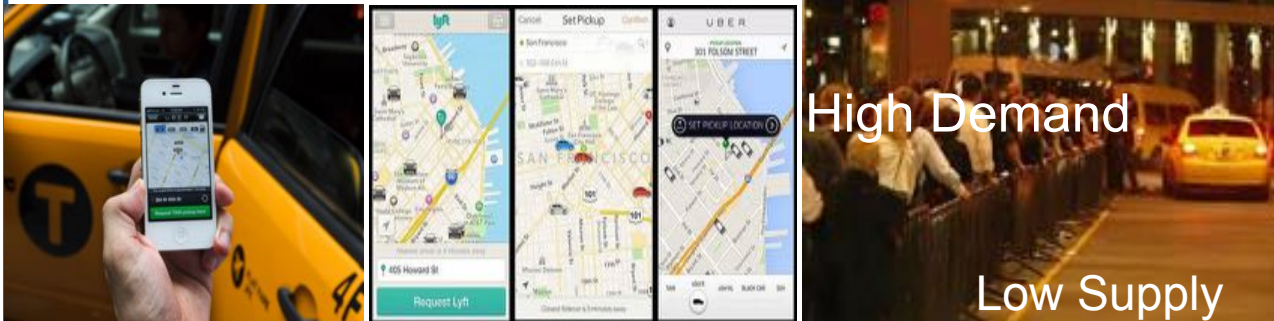
Novelty of my work

Brings data-driven optimization to system-wide efficient transportation

Motivation: Efficient Transportation

No system-level optimal, proactive resource allocation

Data → Predicted demand → Improved system performance?

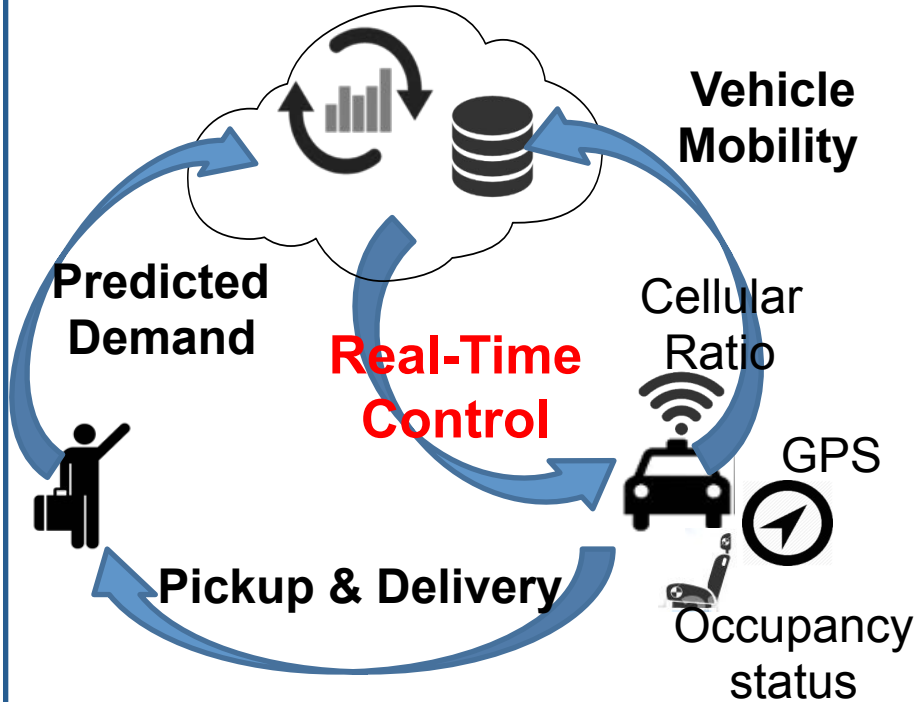


On demand ridesharing service

- Greedy, increase human satisfaction myopically
- Optimal vehicle allocating with accurate, known demand distributions

Problem and Goal

Storage/Dispatch Center



Challenges: scale, uncertainty
Conflict of interests
Limited resource
Customers: reach destination soon
System optimal: minimum idle

System-level balanced supply-demand ratio
(fair service) with least total idle distance

Hierarchical

Local controller: heuristic, greedy, matching, etc.

Contributions Outline: Data-Driven Control, Optimization of CPS

Large-scale dynamic decision, receding horizon control

Demand predicted from historical and real-time sensing data

Uncertain demand: computationally tractable, probabilistic cost guarantee

1. Robust optimization for the worst-case resource allocation cost
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Contributions Outline: Data-Driven Control, Optimization

Large-scale dynamic decision, receding horizon control

Demand predicted from historical and real-time sensing data

- Reduce idle mileage of ride-sharing service
- Considering both current and predicted future demand

Receding Horizon Control Hierarchical Vehicle Dispatch

Spatial-temporal data \rightarrow demand, mobility
e.g. Poisson, vector time series

Dynamically optimize: time t , consider dispatch costs of $(t, \dots, t+\tau)$, execute decision for t

1. Update sensing data, demand prediction

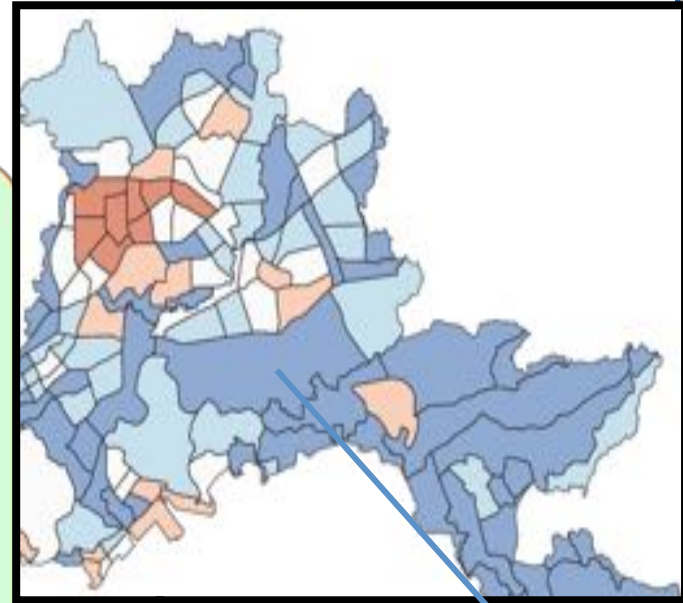
2. System-level: balanced supply towards demand with minimum total idle distance

3. Send decisions to vehicles, local dispatcher

$t = t+1$

Spatial
Urban Regions

Temporal
Hourly Windows



n regions, optimization

One region, local dispatcher

Objective #1: Fair Service → Balanced Supply

- Goal: Fair service, similar average waiting time

Predicted demand — r_i^k

Supply — original number of vacant vehicles before dispatch (GPS): L_i^k

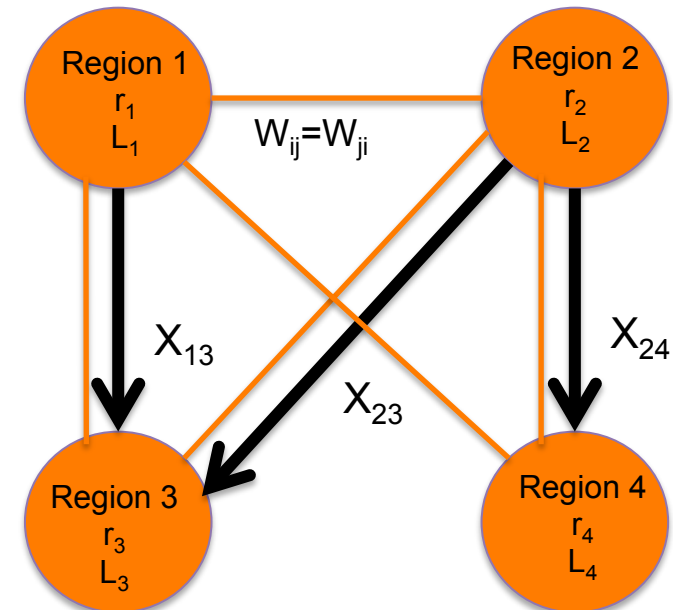
Decision variables $X_{ij}^k \geq 0$: number of vacant vehicles from region i to j

- Local supply/demand ratio close to global level: penalty difference

$$J_E = \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{\sum_{j=1}^n X_{ji}^k - \sum_{j=1}^n X_{ij}^k + L_i^k}{r_i^k} - \frac{N^k}{\sum_{j=1}^n r_j^k} \right]$$

Local s/d ratio

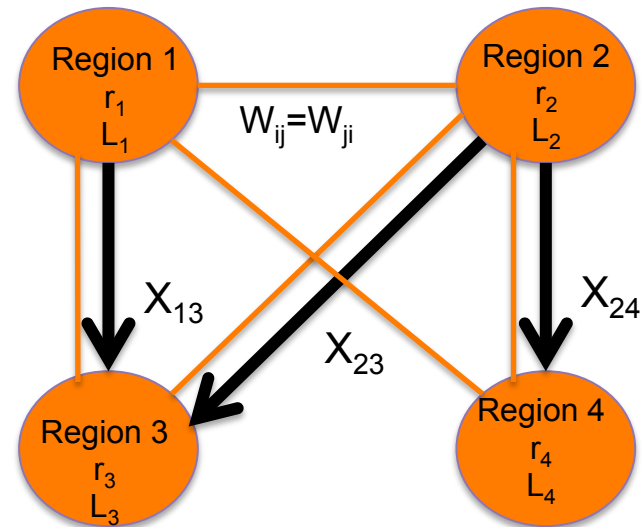
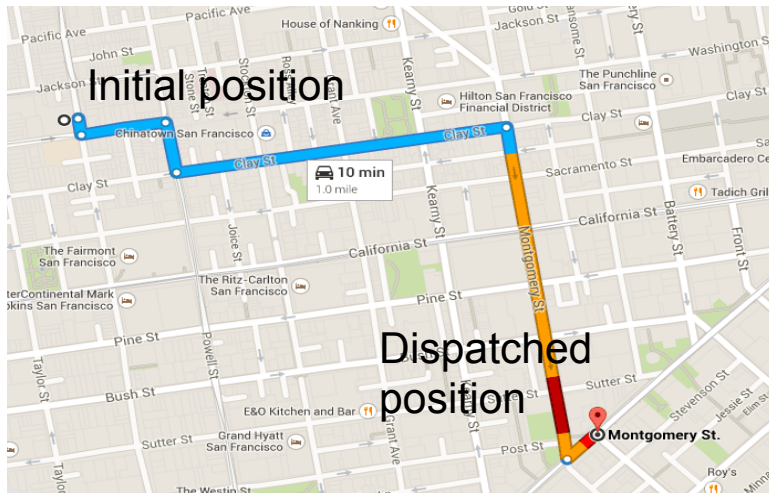
Global s/d ratio (city)



Objective #2: Minimum Cost: Total Idle Distance

- The distance between region i and region j at time k : W_{ij}^k

Decision variables $X_{ij}^k \geq 0$: number of vacant vehicles from region i to j



- Total idle distance to meet demand

$$J_D = \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n X_{ij}^k W_{ij}^k$$

System-Level Optimal Vehicle Dispatch

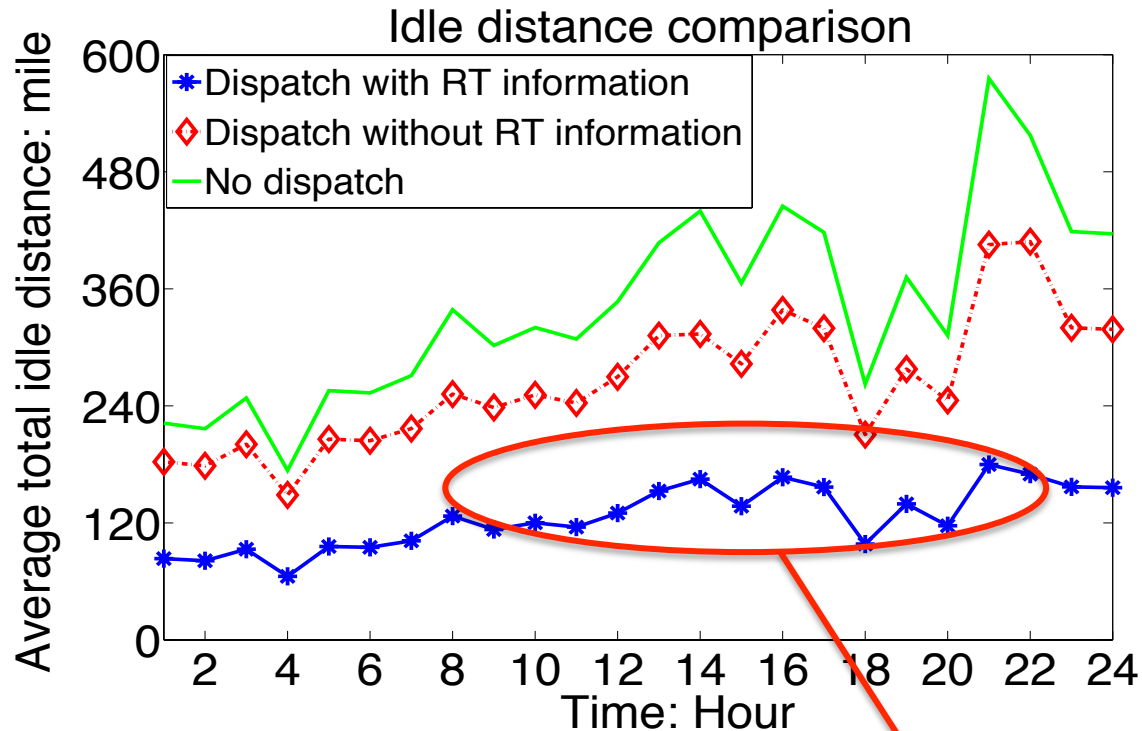
Idle distance to meet demand

Balanced supply

$$\begin{aligned}
 \min_{X^{1:\tau}, L^{2:\tau}} J &= \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} (J_D(X^k) + \beta J_E(X^k, r^k)) \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\sum_{j=1}^n X_{ij}^k W_{ij} + \beta \left| \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n X_{ji}^k - \sum_{j=1}^n X_{ij}^k + L_i^k}{r_i^k} - \frac{N^k}{\sum_{j=1}^n r_j^k} \right| \right) \\
 \text{s.t. } (L^{k+1})^T &= (\mathbf{1}_n^T X^k - (X^k \mathbf{1}_n)^T + (L^k)^T) P^k, \quad \text{State dynamics: trip} \\
 \mathbf{1}_n^T X^k - (X^k \mathbf{1}_n)^T + (L^k)^T &> 0, \quad \text{Supply positive} \\
 X_{ij}^k W_{ij}^k &\leq m^k X_{ij}^k, \quad \text{Sparsity constraint (distance limited)} \\
 X_{ij}^k &\geq 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Computational complexity: polynomial of variable number (τn^2)
 Spatial-temporal granularity

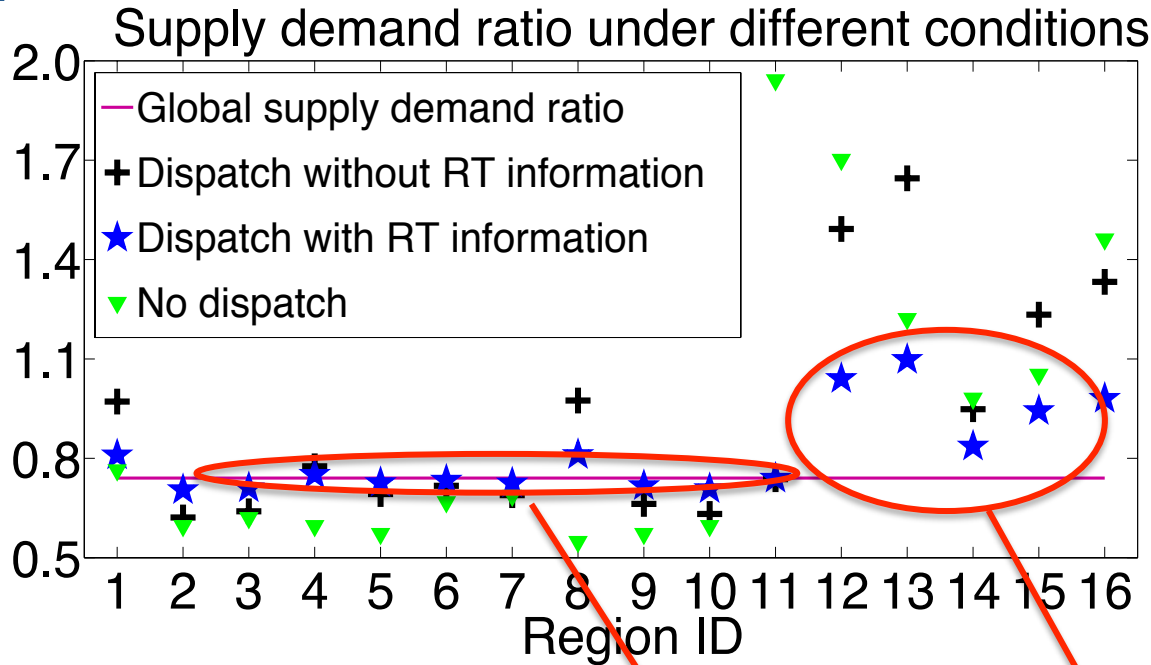
Experiment: RHC dispatch with Real-Time information



Collection Period	28 days
Number of Taxis	500
GPS Record Number	1,000,000

- System-level vehicle balancing and local shortest path dispatcher
 - Average demand, GPS vehicle locations
- Average idle distance ↓ 42%

Experiment: Dispatch with Real-Time Information



Collection Period	28 days
Number of Taxis	500
Record Number	1,000,000

- System-level vehicle balancing and local shortest path dispatcher
 - Average demand, GPS vehicle locations
- Average supply-demand ratio error ↓ 45%

Large error caused by prediction error

Uncertain demand: computationally tractable, probabilistic cost guarantee

1. Robust optimization for the worst-case resource allocation cost
2. Distributionally robust optimization for the expected cost

Data to Uncertain Demand or Demand Distributions

Spatial-temporal data

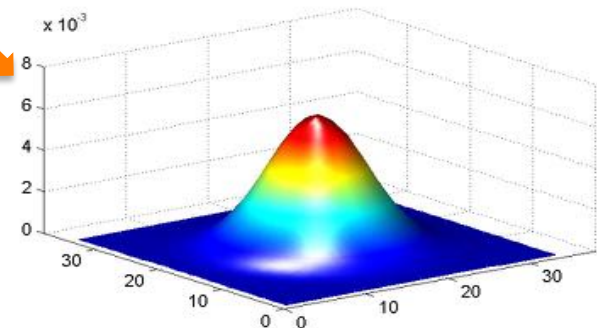
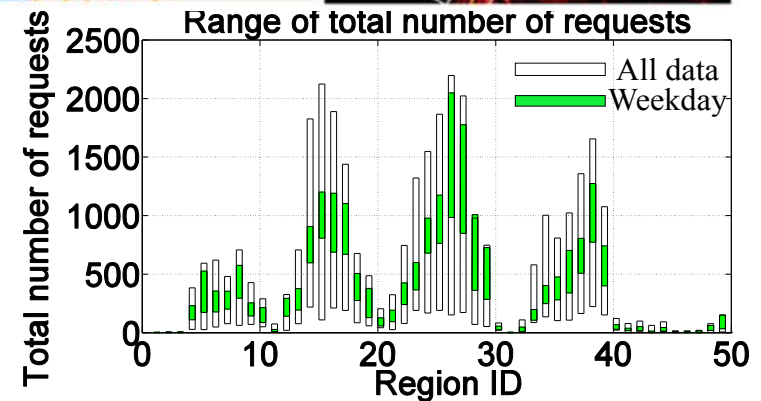
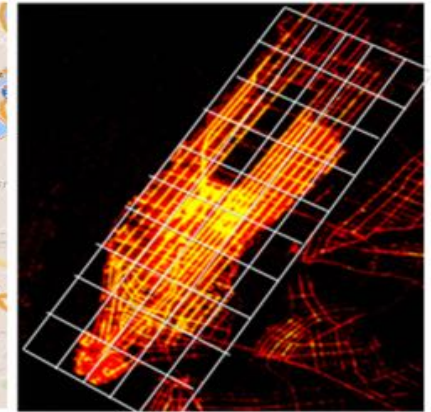
- Partition city map, cluster dataset
- Trip/trajectory \rightarrow Aggregated demand

$$\hat{r}_{k+1} = f_r(I_{[k-l,k]})$$

$$r_{k+1} = \hat{r}_{k+1} + \delta_{k+1}.$$

Vector time series
Poisson distribution

- Bootstrap (repeated experiments)
- Confidence region of H_0 : mean, covariance, probability distribution
- Closed and convex uncertainty sets



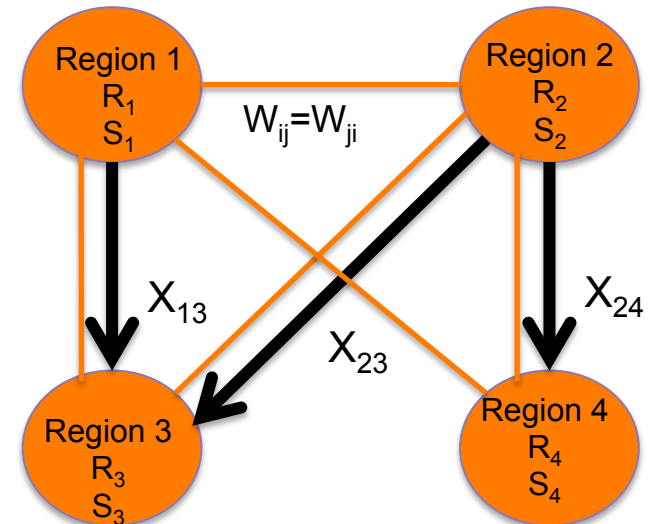
Uncertain Demand: Computationally Tractable Approximation

- Predicted demand — a closed and convex set

$$r_c = (r^1, r^2, \dots, r^\tau) \in \Delta \in \mathbb{R}^{\tau n} \quad (\text{demand at time } k: r^k)$$

- Decision variables $X_{ij}^k \geq 0$: number of vacant taxis from region i to j
 $S_i^k = f(X^{1:k})$ supply at region i time k , linear of previous decisions
- Objective not computationally intractable under uncertain demand

$$J_E = \sum_{k=1}^{\tau} \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \frac{S_i^k}{r_i^k} - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n S_j^k}{\sum_{j=1}^n r_j^k} \right|$$



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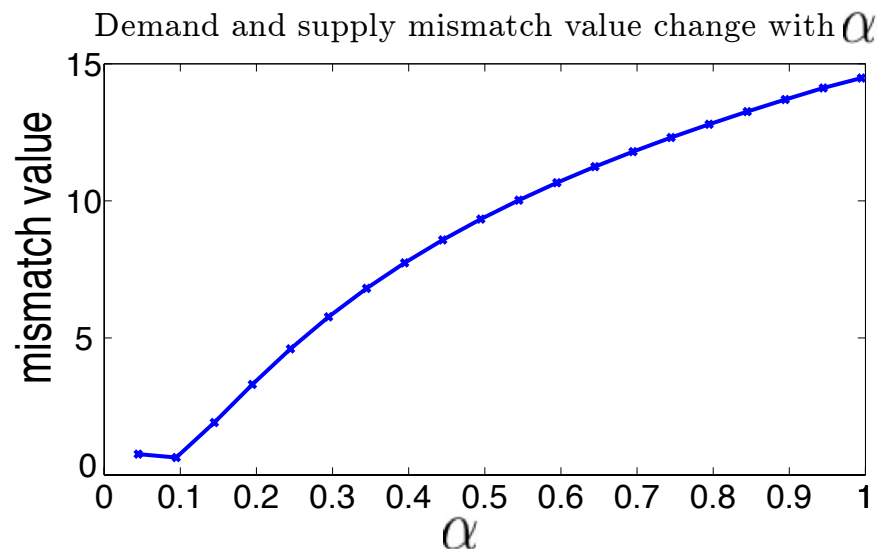
***Theorem: computationally tractable approximation (concave of demand)**

*Fei Miao et. al, CDC, 2015; Fei Miao et. al, under revision, IEEE TCST 2016

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$$\sum_{k=1}^{\tau} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{r_i^k}{(S_i^k)^\alpha} \quad \alpha > 0$$



Probabilistic Cost Guarantee for Worst-Case by Robust Solutions

- Predicted demand — a closed and convex set

$$r_c = (r^1, r^2, \dots, r^\tau) \in \Delta \in \mathbb{R}^{\tau n} \quad (\text{demand at time } k: r^k)$$

Probabilistic guarantee

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{X^{1:\tau}} \quad & J(X^{1:\tau}, r_c) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & P_{r_c \sim \mathbb{P}^*(r_c)}(f(X^{1:\tau}, r_c) \leq 0) \geq 1 - \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$



Robust optimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{X^{1:\tau}} \quad & \max_{r_c \sim \Delta} J(X^{1:\tau}, r_c), \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & f(X^{1:\tau}, r_c) \leq 0, \end{aligned}$$

***Theorems: robust optimization → Equivalent convex optimization**

1. Approximated objective: concave of uncertainties, convex of variables
2. Closed and convex uncertainty set (related to ϵ , first/second order)

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Minimize Expected Cost: Distributionally Robust Optimization (DRO)

- **Motivation:** Trade-off between the expected and the worst-case costs

- **Formulation**

Demand: $r_c = (r^1, r^2, \dots, r^\tau) \in \mathbb{R}^{\tau n}$, $r_c \sim F^*$, $F^* \in \mathcal{F}$

Resource allocation decision (spatial-temporal): $X^{1:\tau} = \{X^1, X^2, \dots, X^\tau\}$

Stochastic programming

$$\min_{X^{1:\tau}} \mathbb{E}_{r_c \sim F^*} [J(X^{1:\tau}, r_c)]$$

$$\text{s.t. } X^{1:\tau} \in \mathcal{D}_c.$$



Distributionally robust optimization

$$\min_{X^{1:\tau}} \max_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \mathbb{E} [J(X^{1:\tau}, r_c)]$$

$$\text{s.t. } X^{1:\tau} \in \mathcal{D}_c.$$

***Theorem: DRO \rightarrow Equivalent convex optimization**

1. Approximated objective: concave of uncertainties, convex of variables
2. Closed and convex set of probability distributions (first/second order)

*Fei Miao et. al, accepted, CPSWeek ICCPS 2017.

Applications of Data-Driven DRO Resource Allocation

Allocation cost Metric of service quality (d/s ratio related)

$$\min_{X^{1:\tau}, S^{1:\tau}} \max_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{k=1}^{\tau} \left(J_D(X^k) + \beta \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{r_i^k}{(S_i^k)^\alpha} \right) \right] \quad (3)$$

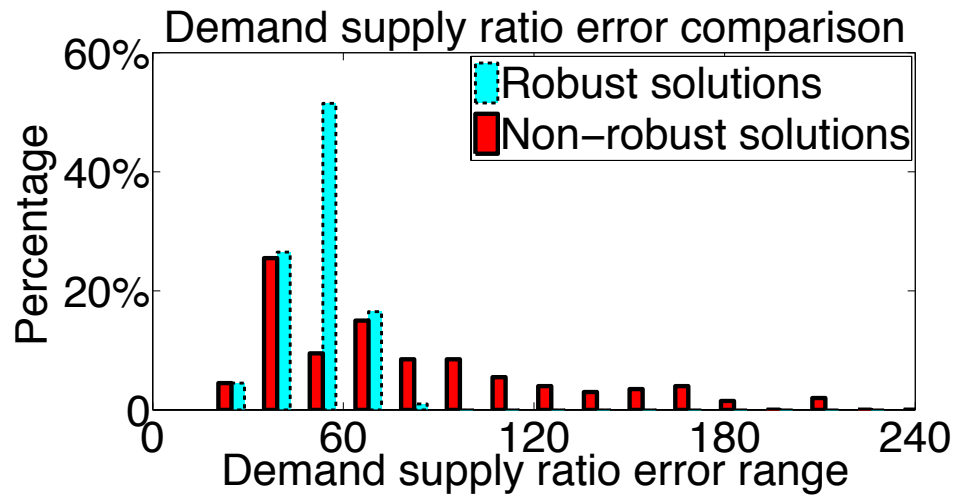
s.t. $X^{1:\tau}, S^{1:\tau} \in \mathcal{D}_c$

$S_i^k = f(X^{1:k})$ supply at region i time k, linear of previous decisions

Resource allocation under demand uncertainties

- Autonomous vehicle balancing for mobility-on-demand system
- Bicycle balancing: supply-demand ratio at each station is in a range
- Hierarchical carpooling framework: global balance, local carpool
- **Real-time** demand response with limited resource

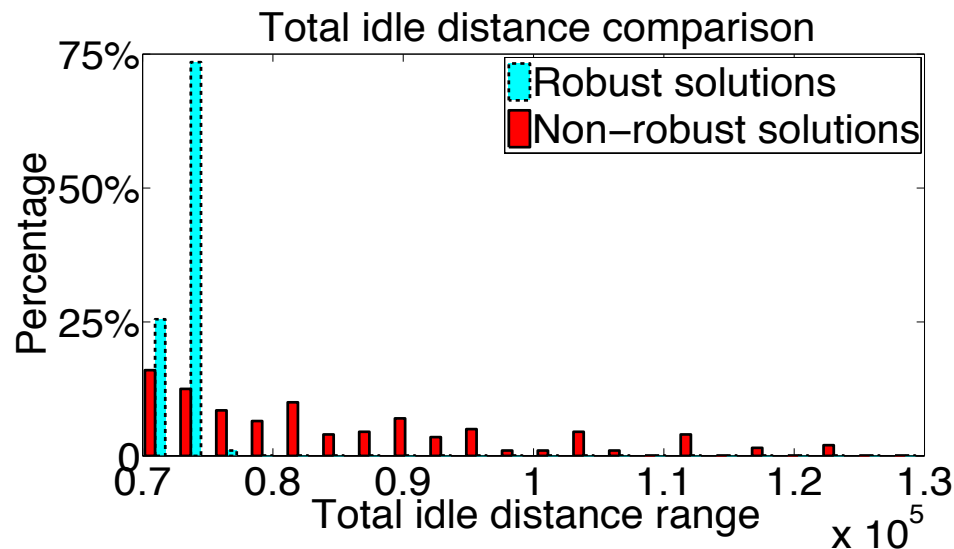
Evaluations: Robust VS Non-Robust Solutions



Collection Period	4 years
Data Size	100 GB
Trip number	700 million

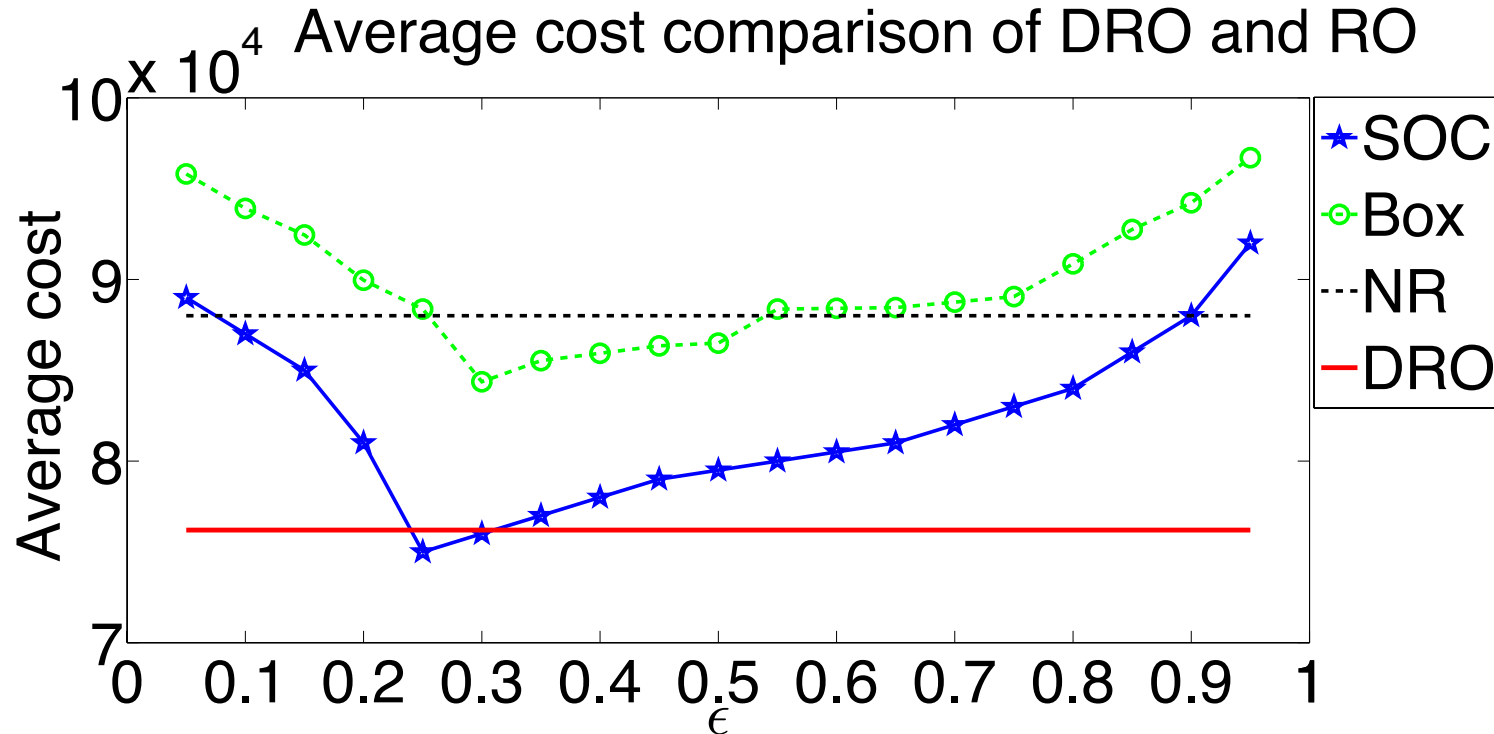
Cross-validation

Second-order-cone uncertainties
 Probabilistic guarantee $1-\epsilon=0.75$
 The average demand supply ratio error reduced by 31.7%



The average total idle distance
 Robust VS non-robust: ↓10.13%

Evaluation: Average Costs of (distributionally) Robust Solutions



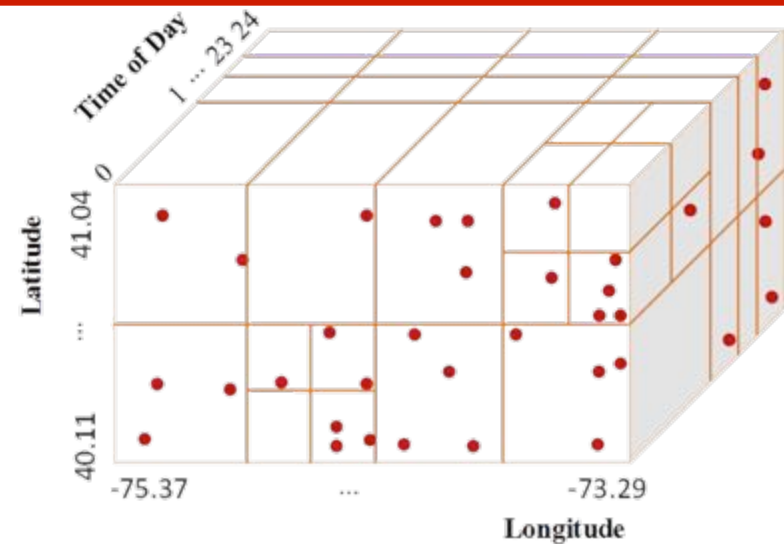
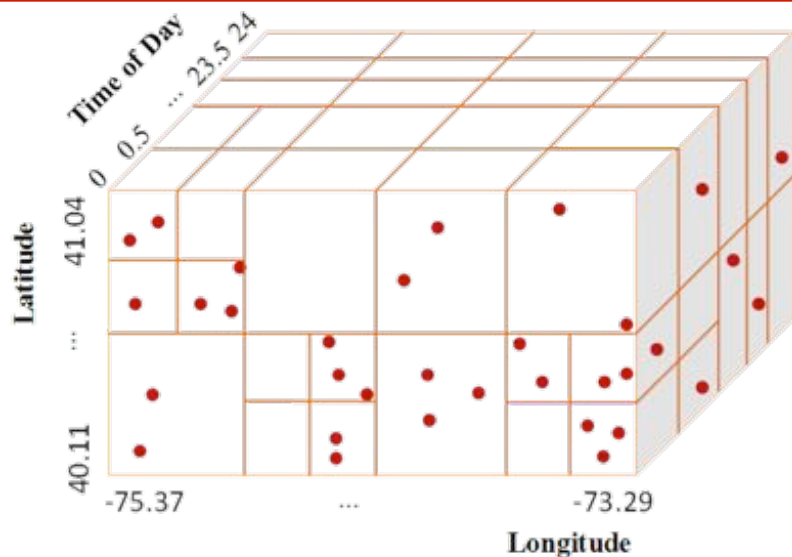
SOC: second-order-cone uncertainty set

Box: range of demand at each region

Compared with non-robust (NR) solutions (100GB NYC taxi data)

The average total idle driving distance is reduced by 10.05%

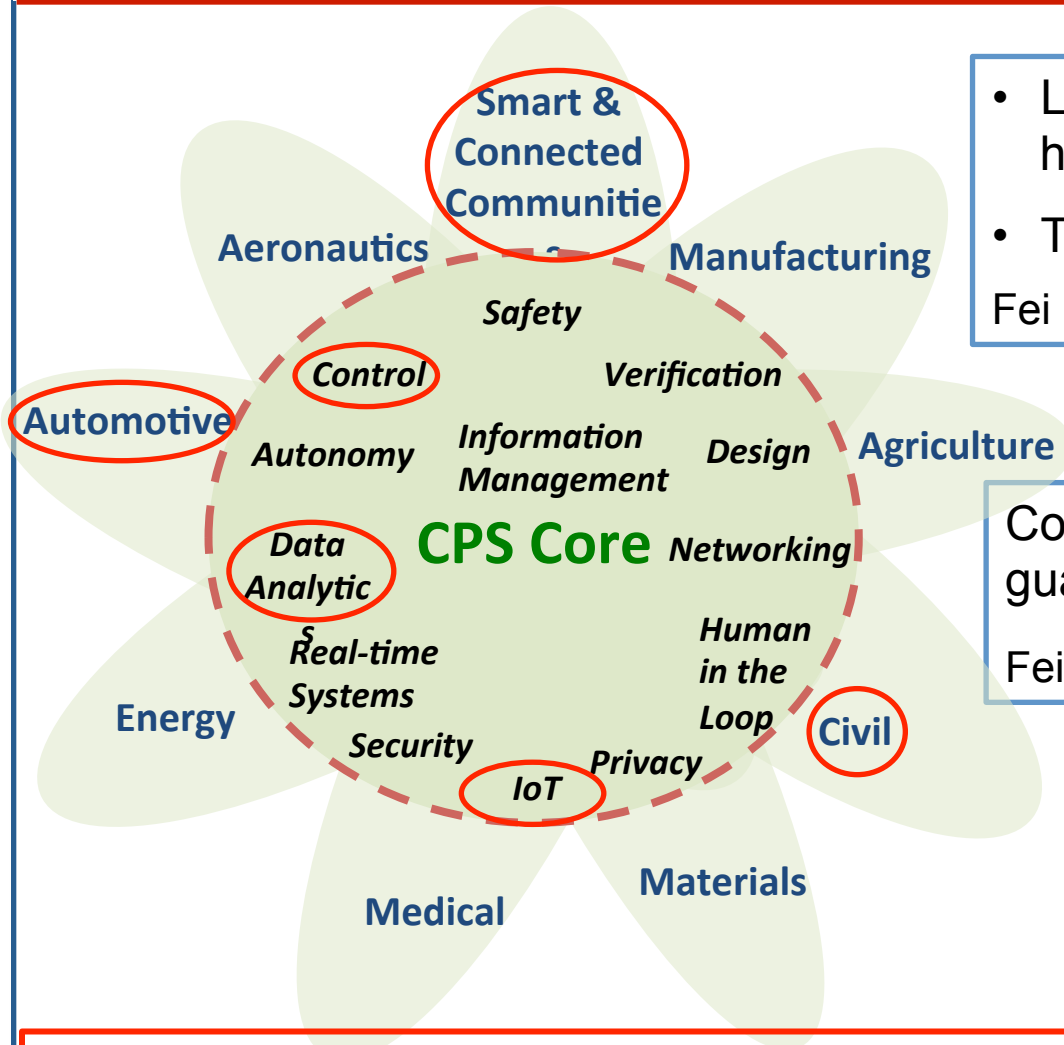
Dynamic Region Partition with DRO to Reduce Cost



Region Division	Grid Idle Mile	Quad-Tree Idle Mile	Change Rate
t=1 hour	7.63×10^4	6.62×10^4	13.1%
T=30 minutes	6.84×10^4	5.47×10^4	20.0%

- [Quad-tree region partition, uncertainty set of demand probability distributions, distributionally robust vehicle balancing] **VS** [static grid, non-robust model]
- total idle distance ↓ **60 million miles, 8 million dollars gas consumption/year**
- Compared with total idle distance of original data: ↓ **55%**

Summary of Contributions in Data-Driven CPS



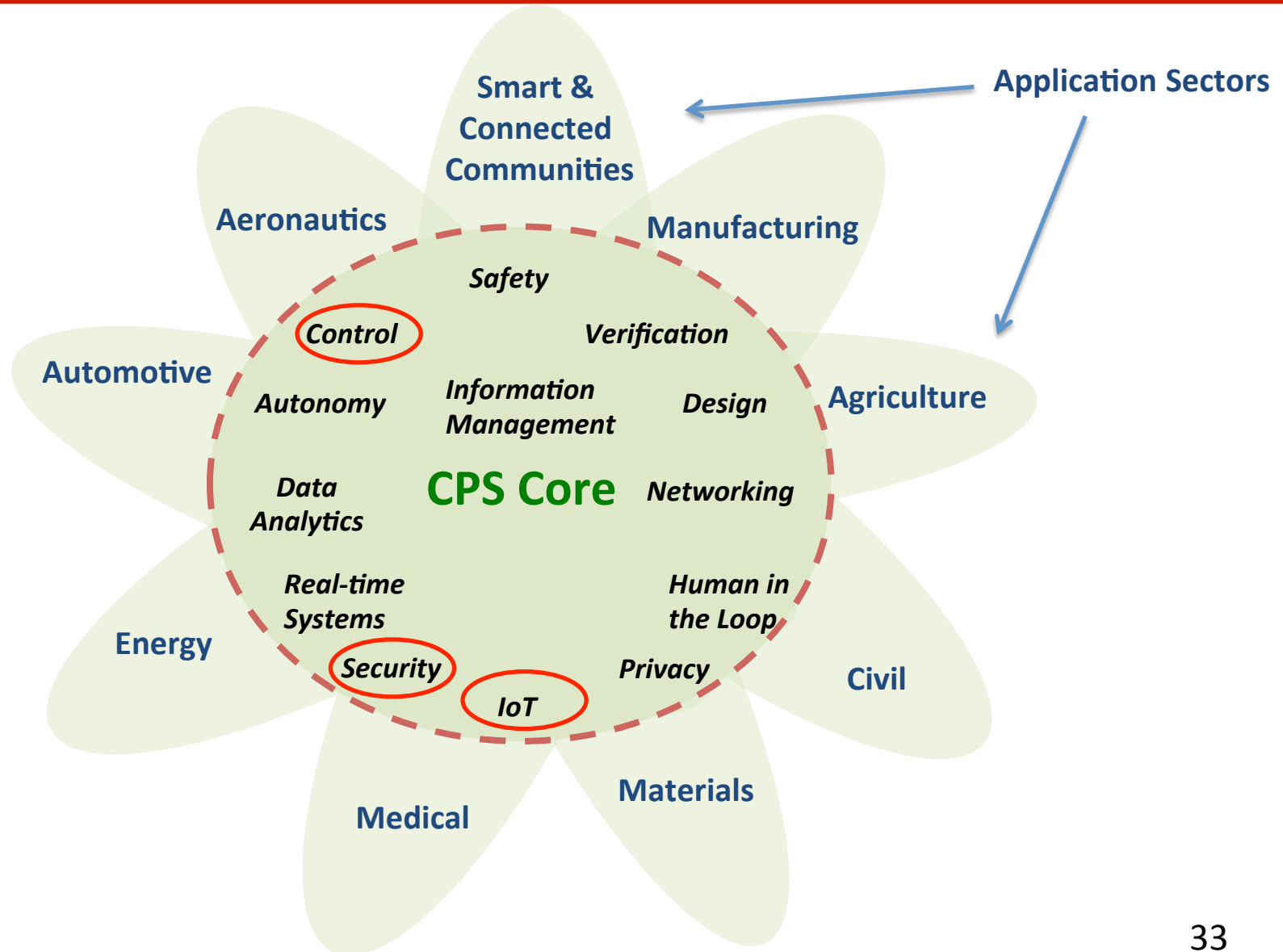
- Learn demand from data; real-time, hierarchical decision-making
 - Transportation efficiency
- Fei Miao et.al, ICCPS15 best paper finalist

Computationally tractable, probabilistic guarantee under model uncertainties

Fei Miao et.al, ICCPS17; CDC15, TCST16

Challenges with growing **complexity and dynamics: scale, uncertainty**

Future work of CPS Safety and Security

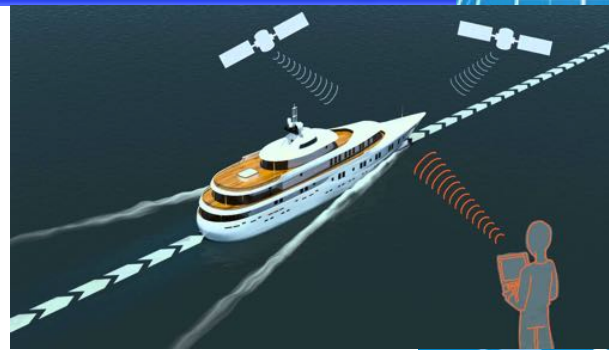
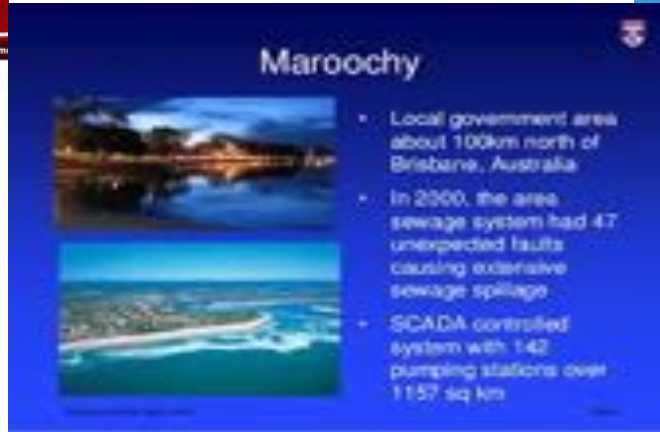


Challenges: Safety, Security and Resilience

- With integration of communication, computation and control, cyber attacks can cause disasters in the physical world
- Knowledge of physical system dynamics helpful for security, resilience



V2x: V2V + V2I



70% of the most commonly used Internet of Things devices had serious security vulnerabilities

~500 billion devices will be hooked to the Internet by 2025

15 seconds to hack into Google's Nest Thermostat

140 million records This year alone, more than 530 security breaches have compromised more than 140 million records kept by credit card and insurance companies, hospitals, government agencies and others.

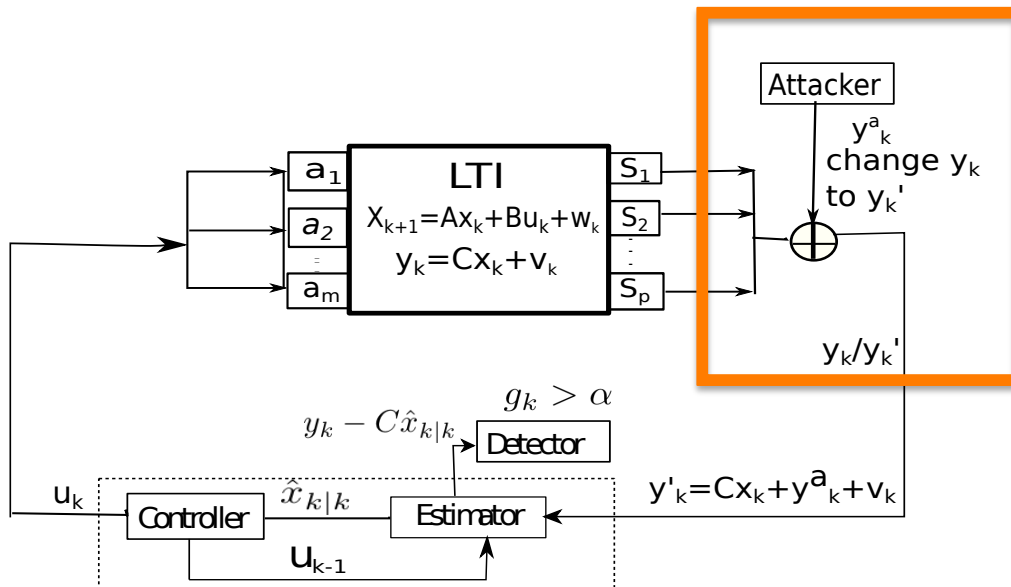
CPS Security: Coding for Stealthy Data Injection Attacks Detection

- **Problem:** **Stealthy Data Injection Attacks**

- Attacker is smarter with the system model knowledge: inject data to communication channel, drive system to unstable state and pass detectors.

- Communication cost for encrypted messages is too large

- **Goal:** A low cost technique to detect stealthy data injection attacks

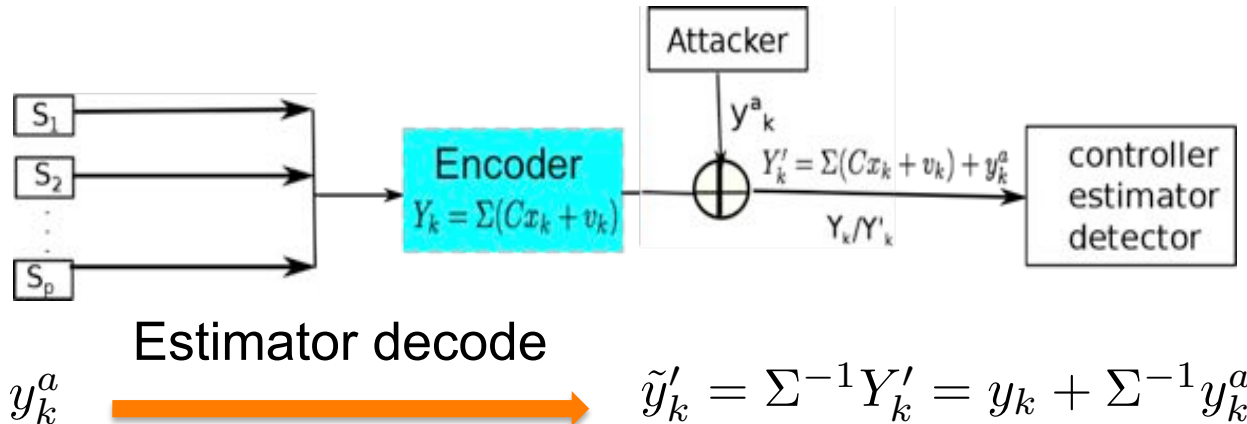


Coding Schemes for Stealthy Data Injection Attacks Detection

$$y_k = Cx_k + v_k$$

$$Y_k = \Sigma(Cx_k + v_k)$$

$$Y'_k = \Sigma(Cx_k + v_k) + y_k^a$$



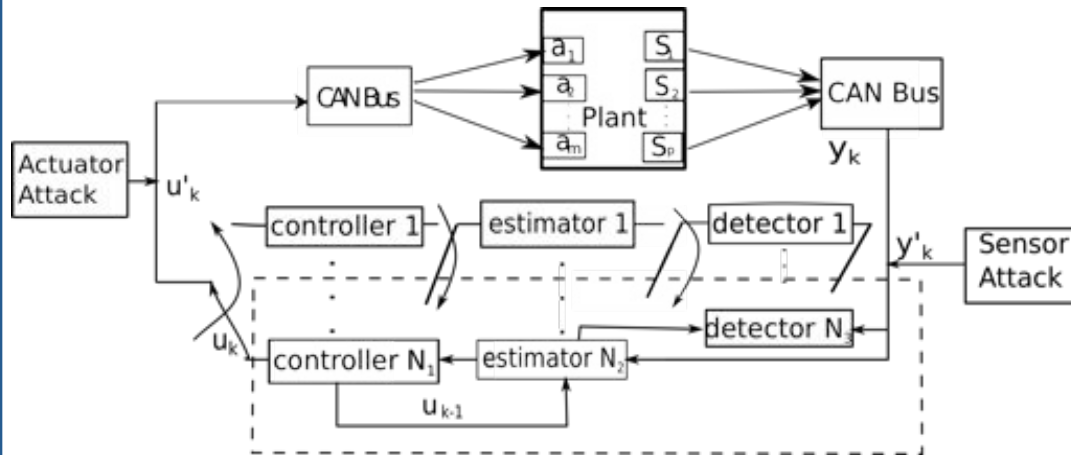
Low cost: no extra bytes to communicate after coding

*Research Contributions

- Analyze* sufficient conditions of feasible, low cost coding
- Design* an algorithm to calculate a feasible Σ in real-time
- Time-varying coding when the attacker can estimate Σ

*Fei Miao et.al, TCNS 2016. (funded by DARPA)

Dynamic Stochastic Game for Resilient Systems



- **Problem:** When an attack happens? What type of attack? **Not known!**
Higher attack detection rate, higher investment cost in security in general
- ***Contributions:** dynamic stochastic game for **an optimal switching policy** between subsystems to balance security overhead and control cost
- *Fei Miao et.al, CDC 2013,2014; journal version submitted to Automatica (funded by DARPA)

- **Agenda: safety, efficiency, security**
for CPSs with focus on smart cities,
autonomous transportation systems
- **Contributions: data-driven CPSs,
CPSs/Smart Cities security**
- **Future work**
 - Hierarchical decision making based on heterogeneous data information
 - Design incentive mechanisms (e.g., dynamic pricing) of users and suppliers for social optimal behavior
 - Safety assurance of coordinated control of connected autonomous vehicles
 - Security and resiliency of smart cities infrastructure with physical dynamics knowledge, distributed sensor networks

