

# IPACK2017-74304:EDGE COMPUTING AND CONTEXTUAL INFORMATION FOR THE INTERNET OF THINGS SENSORS

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# Fugitive Methane Emissions in Natural Gas Processing

**Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) is the second largest contributor to global warming after CO<sub>2</sub>**

- Greenhouse warming potential of CH<sub>4</sub> is 37 × greater than CO<sub>2</sub>\*

**> 0.5 Million active oil and gas wells in the U.S.:**

- ~30% of U.S. anthropogenic methane emissions
- *Estimates: Leakage rate is 2-10% of total production!*



\*Alvarez et. al., Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci., 109 (17), pp. 6435-6440, (2012)





Waste Water Tanks

Condensation  
Tanks

Well  
Heads

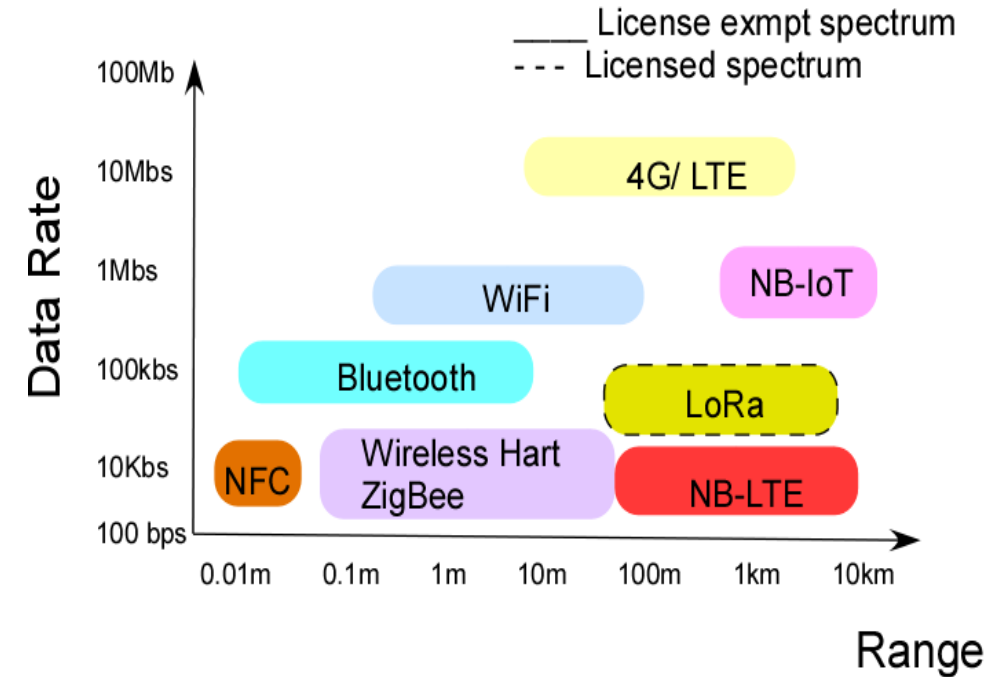
# Remote sensing requirement

Power harvesting:

- ❖ solar panel
- ❖ batteries
- ❖ provide enough charge for 5 consecutive day of operation

All communication protocols needs to be [time synchronized](#) and made compatible for:

- ❖ Optimum sensor data sampling rate
- ❖ power management,
- ❖ Minimized communication bandwidth,
- ❖ computational workload
- ❖ analytics optimization on cloud/edge.



Communication	Bandwidth
IoRa	2 Kbs
Celullar	10Mbps
WiFi	1Gbs



# System performance

AIMS’s system integrates 4 communication protocols

- 1. Wireless HART: motes
- 2. Serial RS-485: Wind sensors
- 3. Wide area network: LoRa
- 4. Satellite communication: cloud

Power requirement:

- 1.Current ~600mA
- 2. Voltage 3.3-12V
- 3. Power ~2W

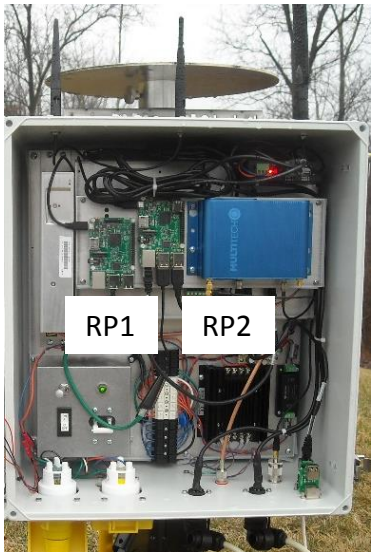
Overall strategy:

- efficient edge computation
- minimize data transmission



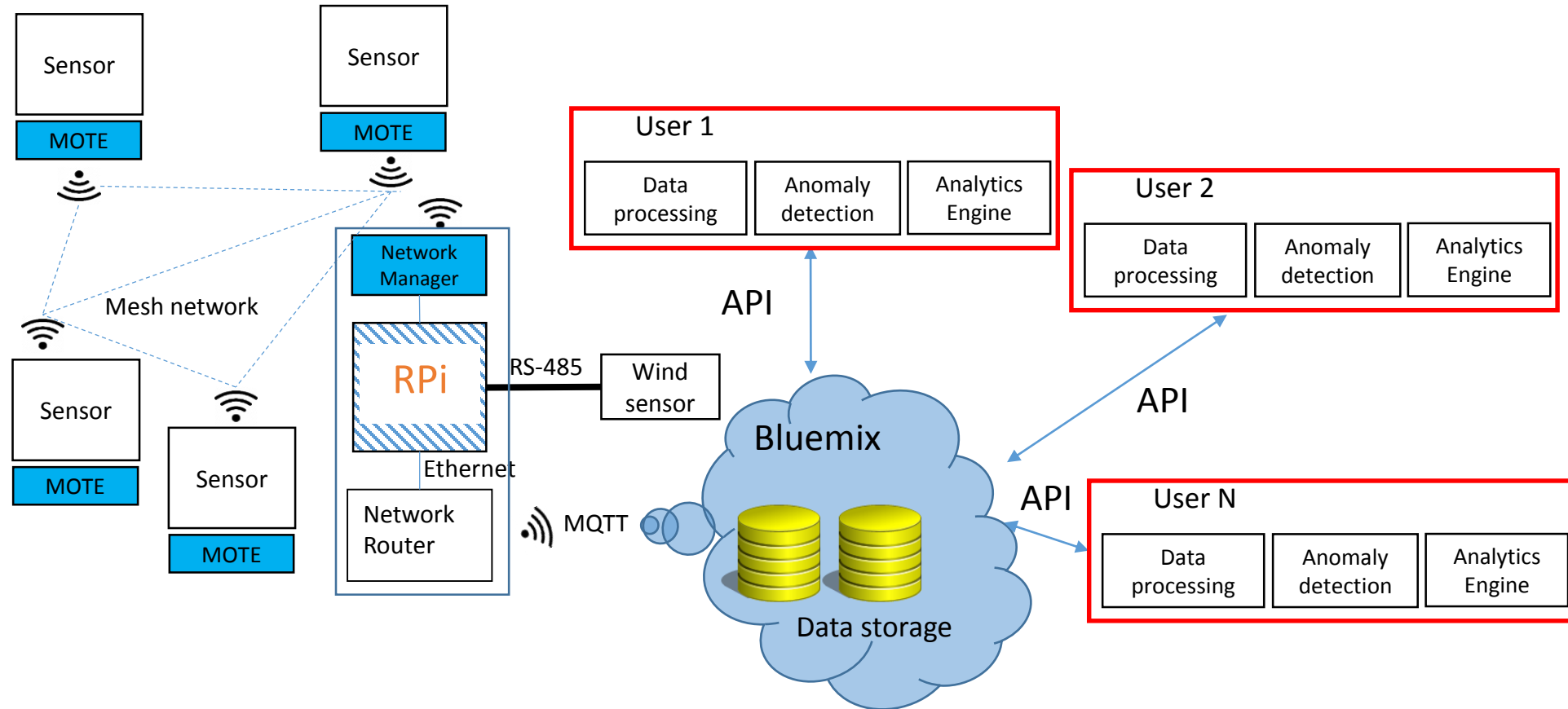
Wireless radio and sensor board

	Current(mA)	Voltage (V)	Power (mW)
Rpi-Zero	150	5	750
Figaro sensor	56	5	280
Cell modem	400	3.3	1320
GPS	20	3.3	66
Wind sensor	20	12	240
Total	646		1906



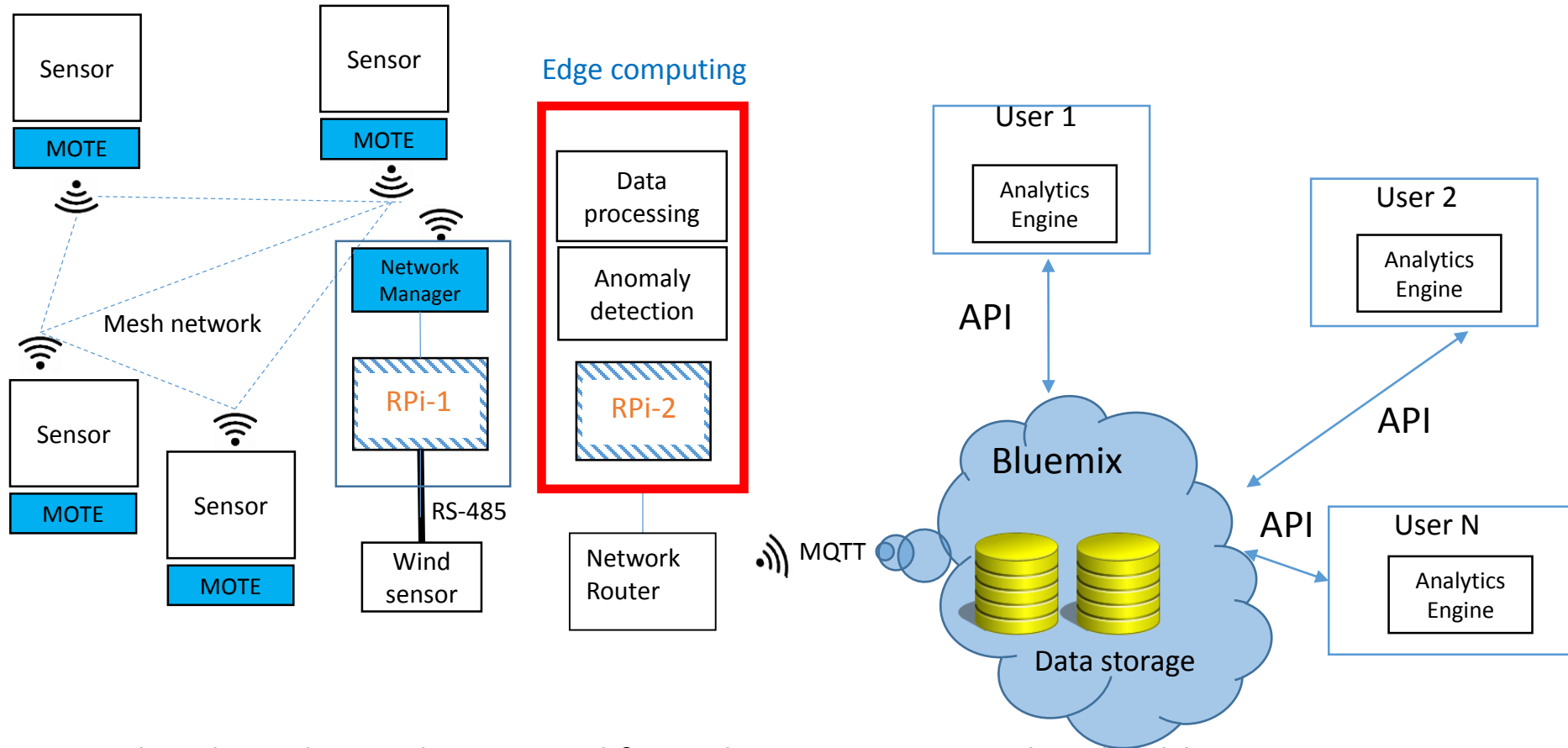
Remote gateway

# Current implementation



- Require high communication bandwidth
- Similar computation carried out multiple time by different users
- Good for exploratory work but is not scalable

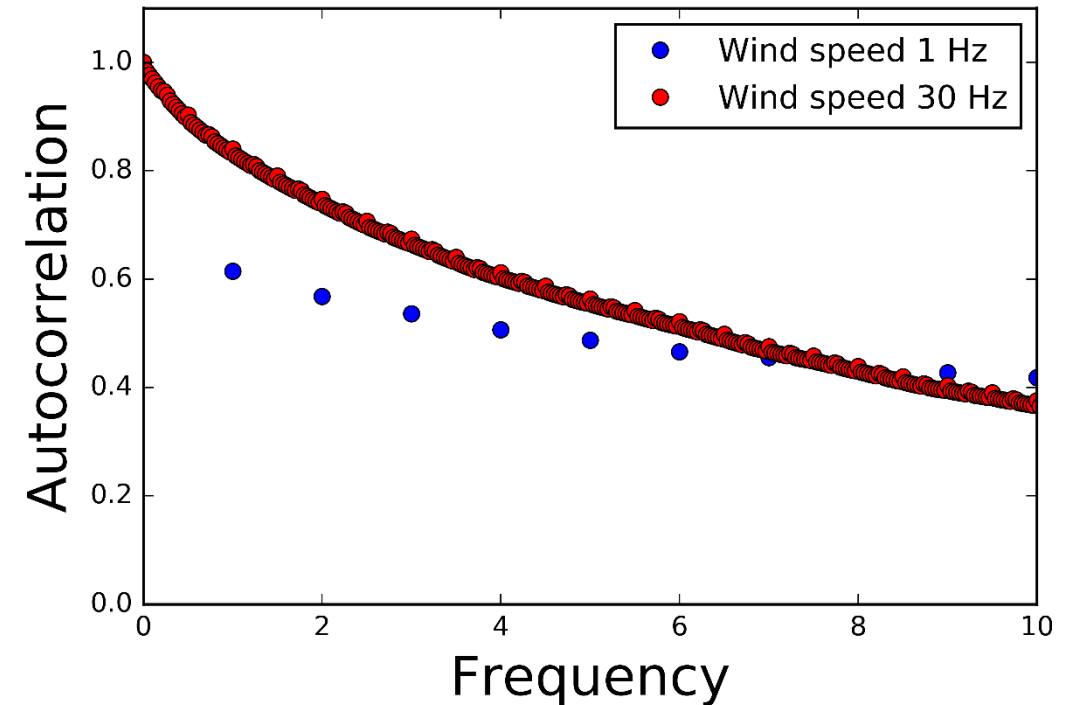
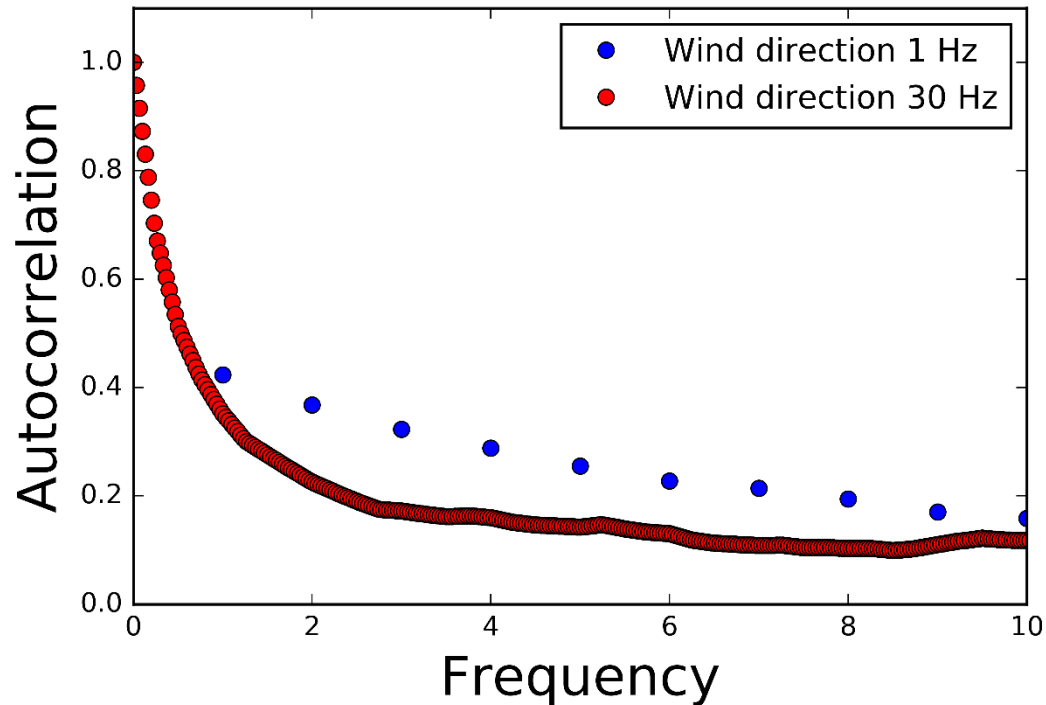
# Edge computing



Data analyzed at edge- reducing need for wide communication bandwidth  
Uniform data analysis and interpretation  
Less storage required

# Data acquisition rates

Data acquisition rate is dependent on the stability of the wind and local turbulence.

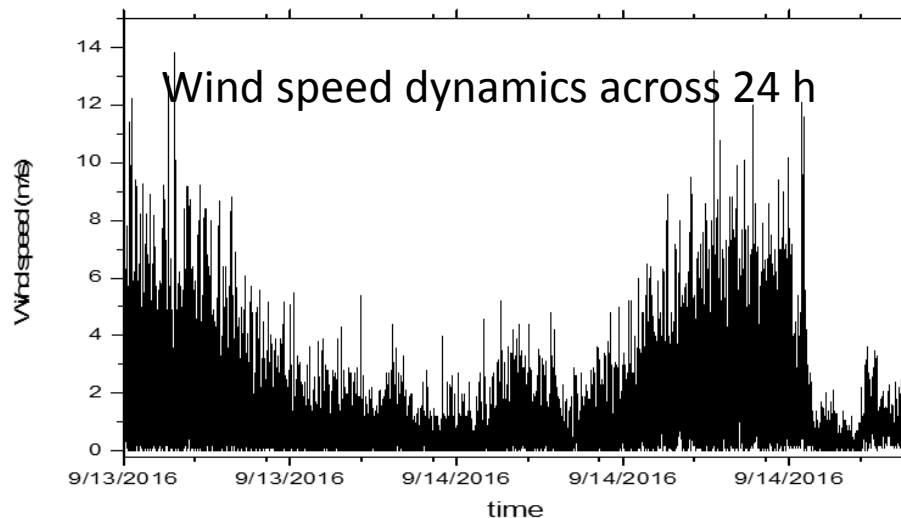


- Data sampling rate driven by autocorrelation of the wind speed/direction.
- Wind speed more stable than wind direction
- Depending on the data sampling rate-autocorrelation can be slightly different.

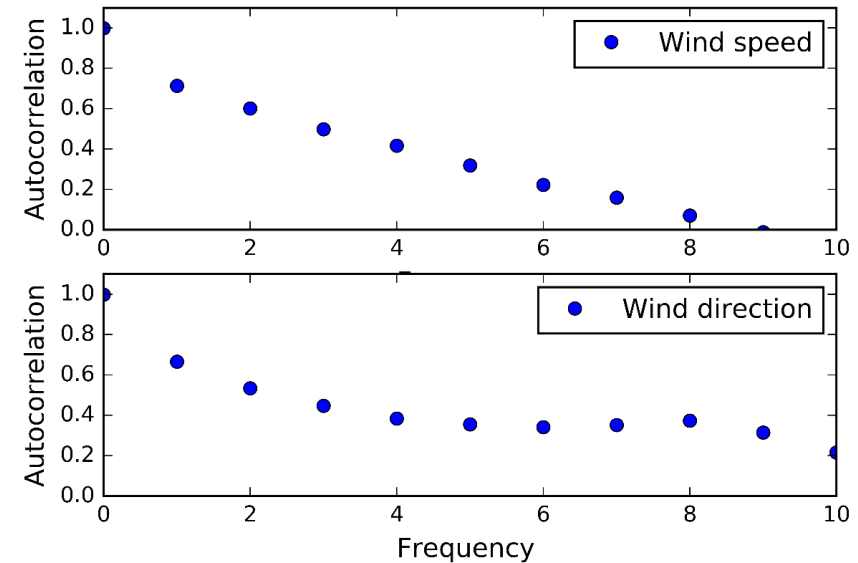


# Spatial-temporal analytics

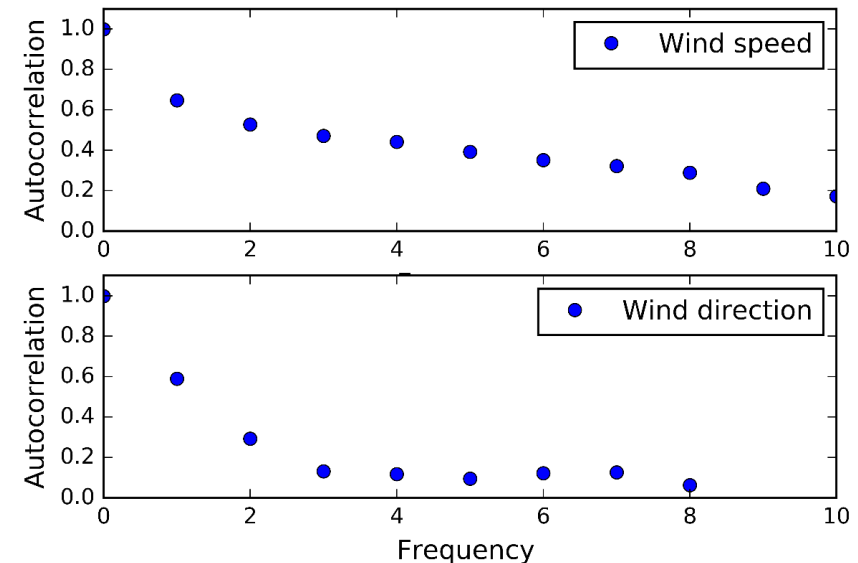
- Wind data has a strong geospatial component
  - geographical location dependence
  - daily and seasonal dependence
- Gas leaks may have temporal dependence
- Analytics needs to be adaptable to accommodate dynamic behavior
- The data sampling rate will need to be “cognitive”, recognize the environment and adjust the sampling rate



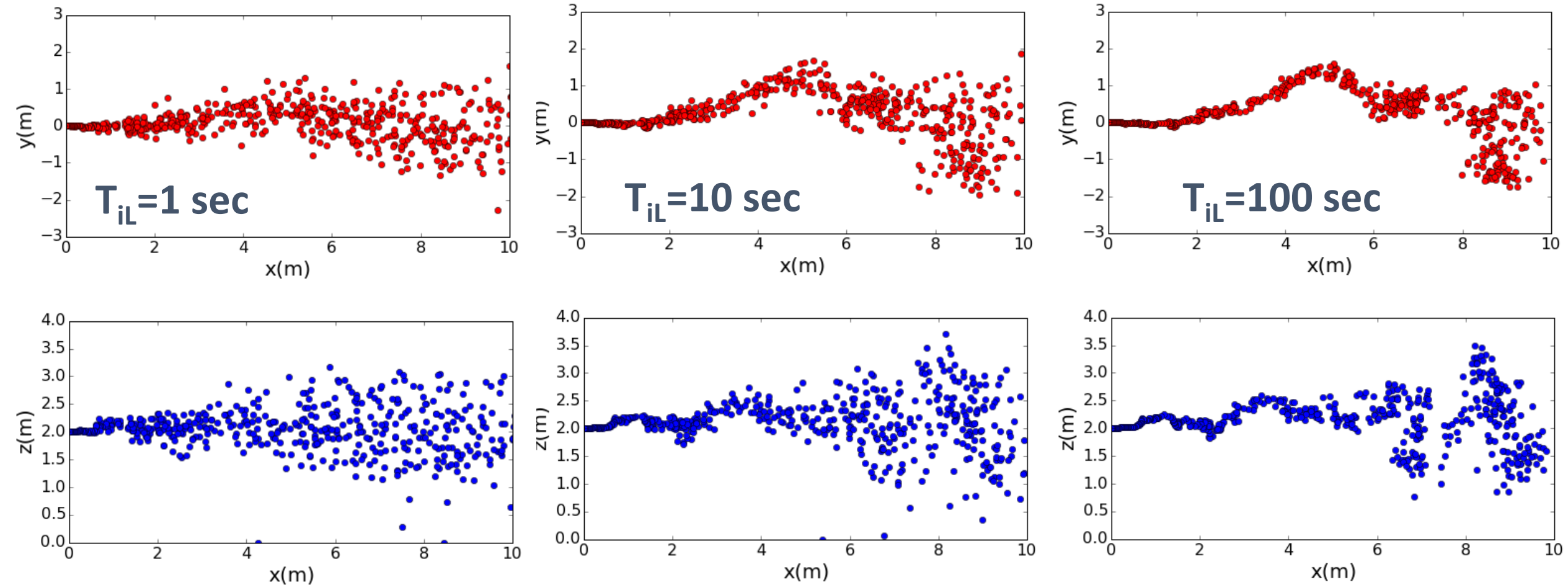
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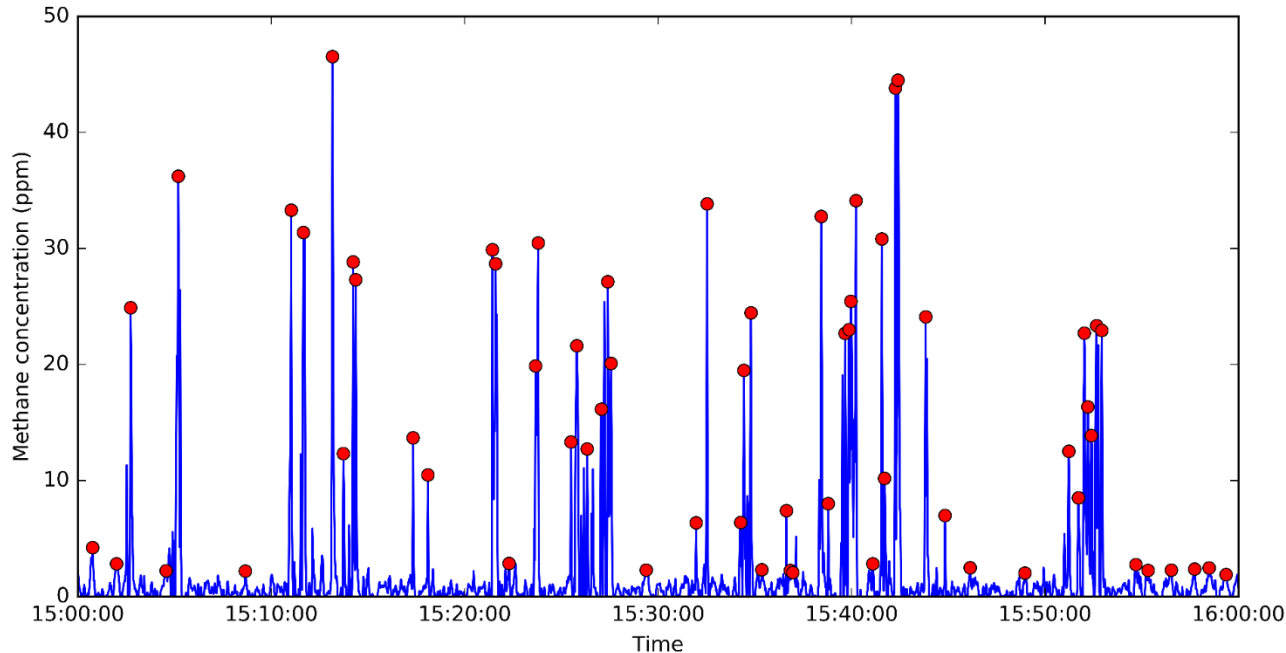
# Instantaneous Plume: Lagrangian Integral Time Scale Effect



$T_{iL}$  velocity auto-correlation time

As  $T_{iL}$  increases, instantaneous snapshot shows a more wispy plume and sensor hits more unlikely unless sensor directly downwind from leak

# Peak detection algorithm



The information in chemical plume detection is carried by

1. peak height,
2. peak width and
3. timestamp

Additional information:

1. background methane level

Peak detection algorithm:

- wavelet convolution
- derivatives crossing zero
- maxima preceded by a delta

Computationally efficient

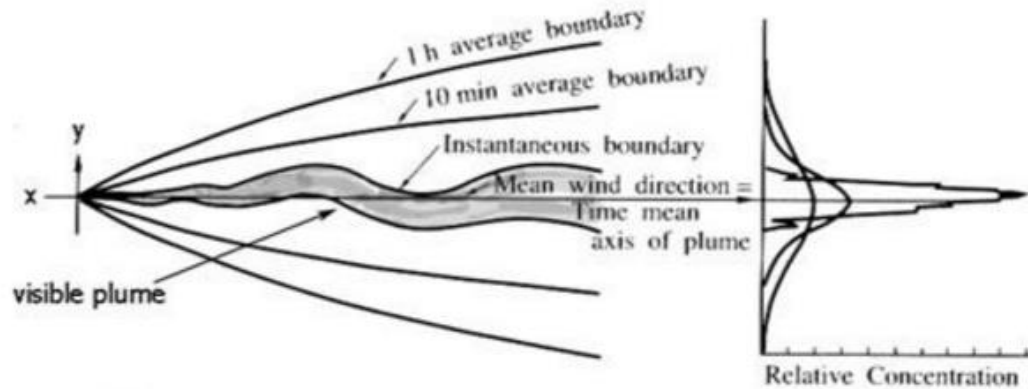
Perform well with a given signal

Implemented in Python

Run on a buffered dataset with 10 min of data acquired at 1 Hz frequency

Reduce data size by 99% compared to all data acquired

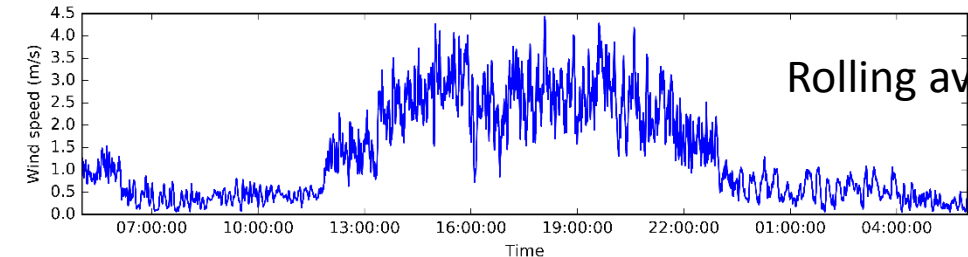
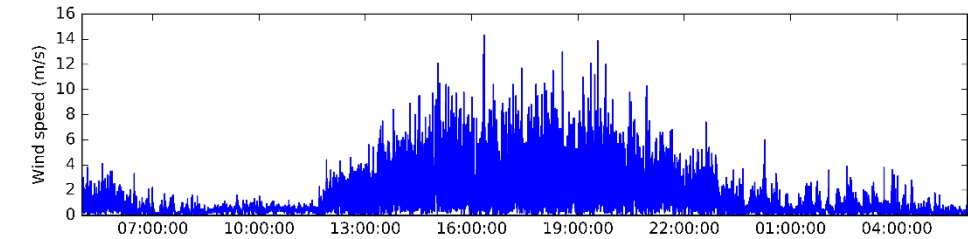
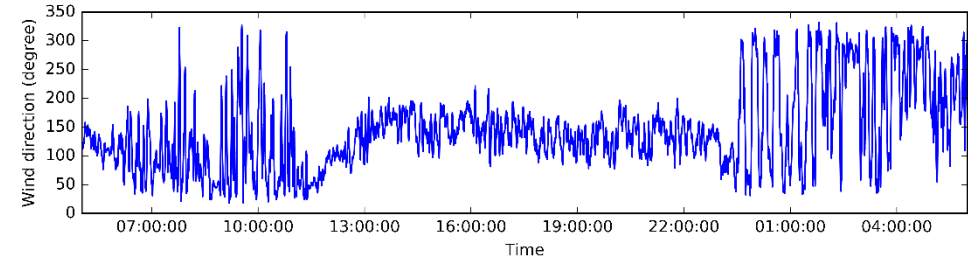
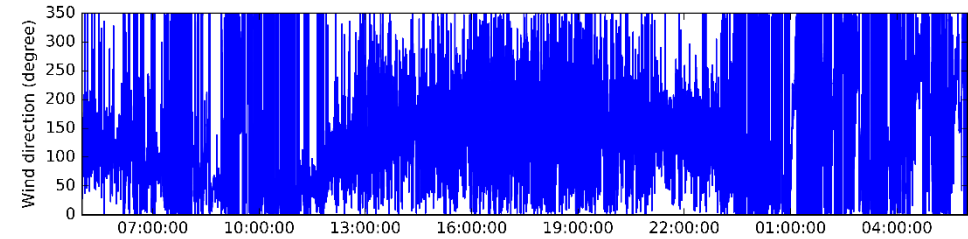
# Wind data processing



**FIGURE 2.9** Plume boundaries and concentration distributions of a plume at different averaging times. (adapted from Seinfeld and Pandis)

- Instantaneous plume may be wispy and narrow leading to sporadic sensor readings
- On time averaging a Gaussian plume can be obtained
- Analytics strategy to exploit both: instantaneous and averaged plumes

Real time data is characterized by turbulence



Rolling average 10 min



# Classification using Multi-Mode Feature Recognition

Conventional:

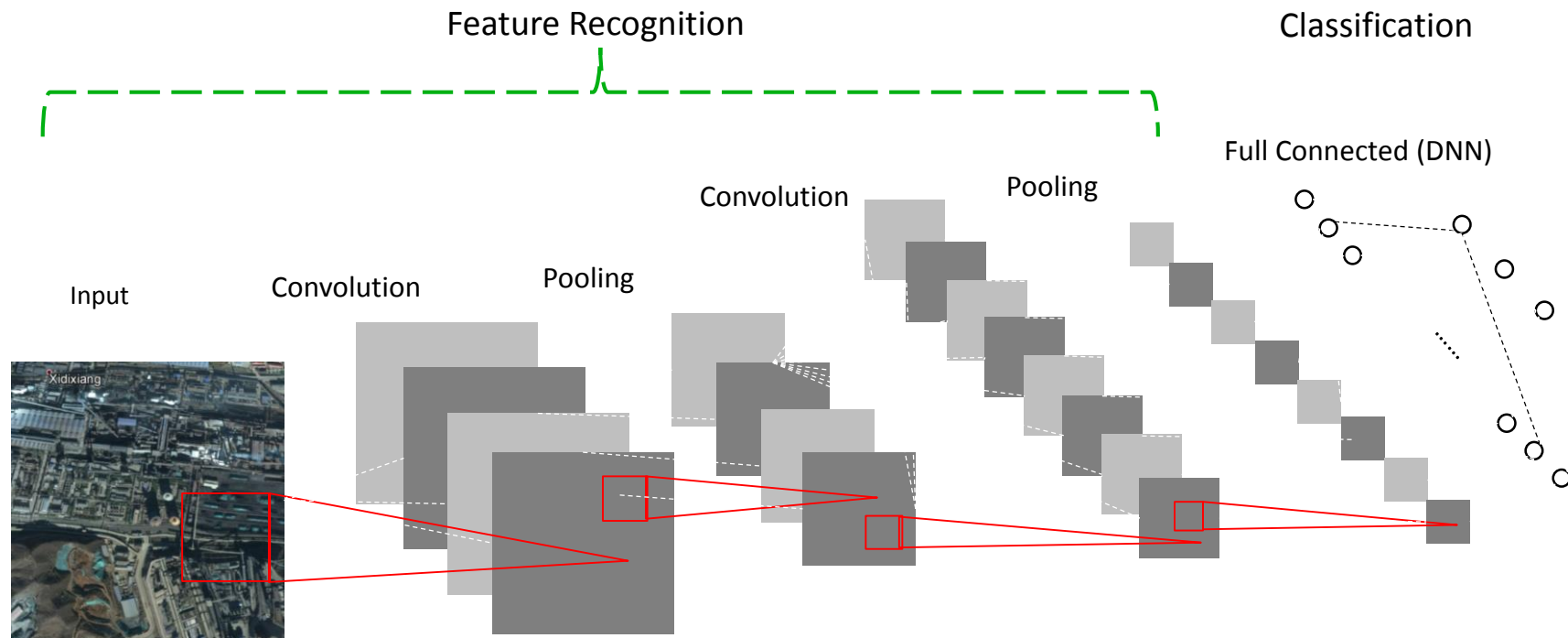
- Single set of satellite images
- Empirical feature engineering.

- Multi-Mode Feature Cognition
  - Methane abs@ 1.65  $\mu\text{m}$ , 2.3  $\mu\text{m}$
  - Shape, Heat, Road Connectivity ...
- Deep Learning to extract high-order hierarchical features

Shale gas sites found in Texas

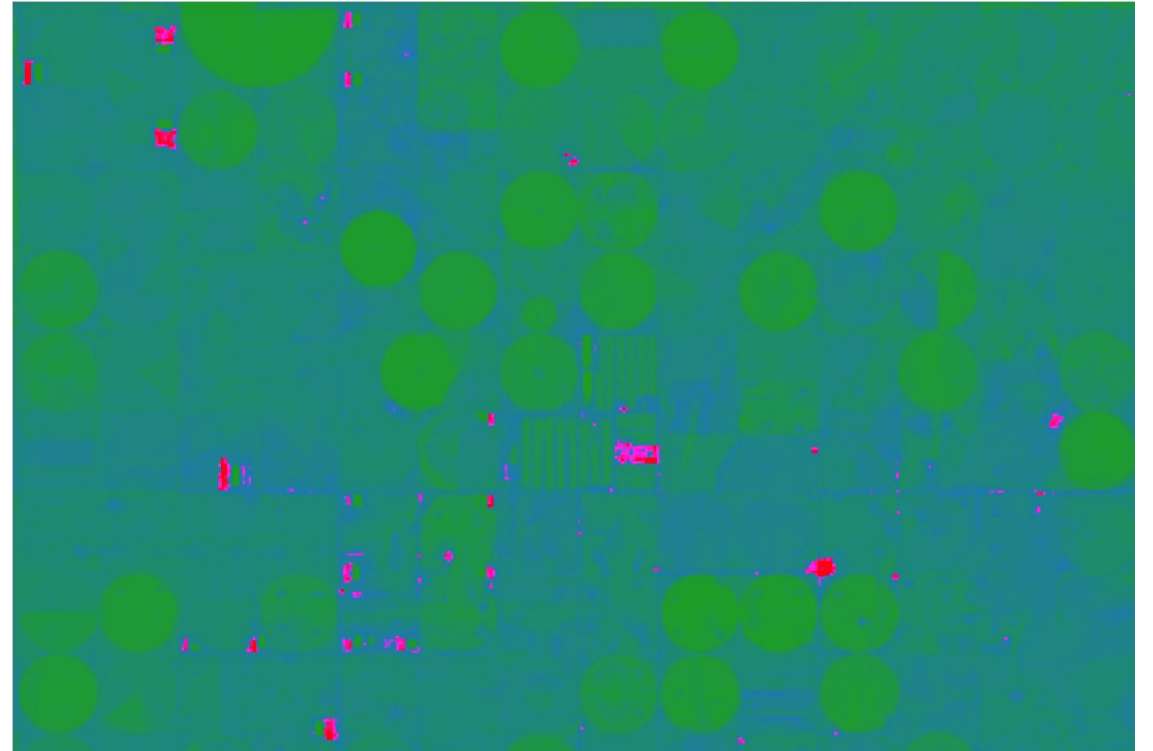
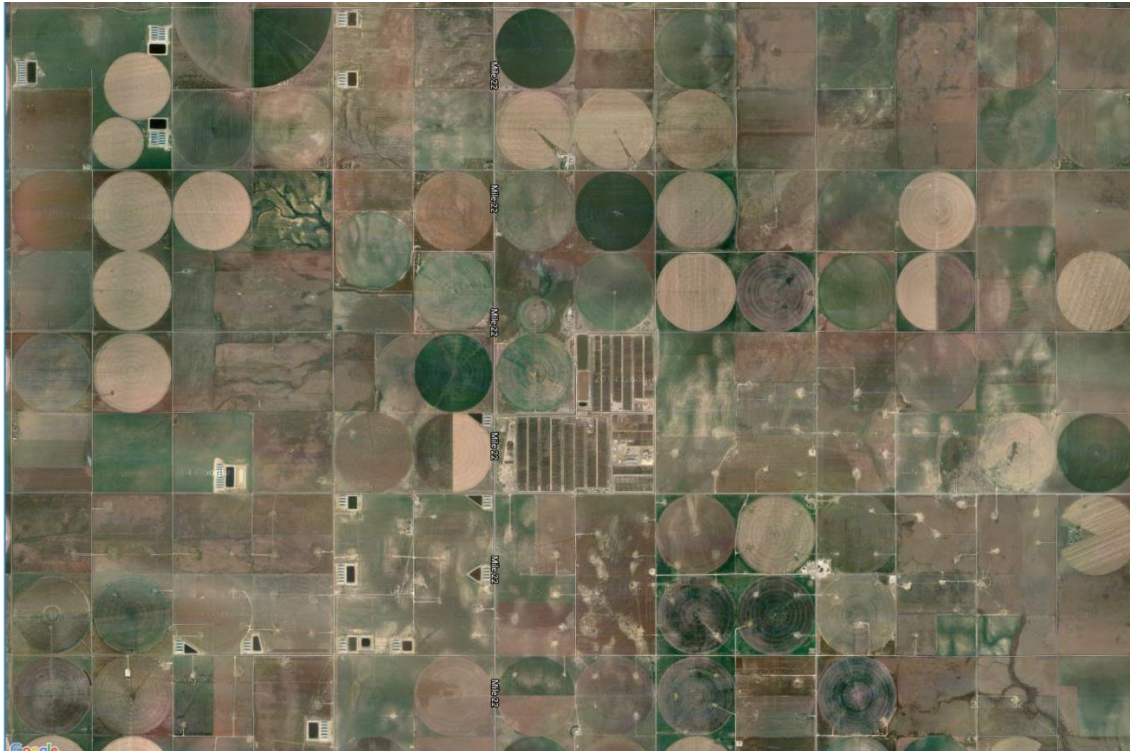


# Deep Learning – Extraction of Hierarchical Features



# Classification using Multi-Mode Feature Recognition

Kansas, Identification of Livestocks



## Conclusions

- Data strategy is driven by industrial applications where signal integrity determines the analytics output.
- Edge computing can reduce data size by orders of magnitude making IoT solution more amenable for remote applications where data bandwidth and connectivity is an issue.
- Contextual data can enable Internet of Things applications to be automated