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Convergence of Operations Research with Safety and Security

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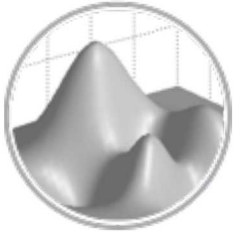
Research Group Skills



Modeling of Complex Systems

Rigorous systems modeling (steady-state and transient)

Large-scale, non-traditional, networked systems



Nonlinear and Discrete Mathematical Programming

Large-scale algorithms and problem formulation

Parallel algorithms for structured problems (e.g., uncertainty)



Software and Scientific Computing

Open-source domain-specific tools (WST, WNTR, EGRET)

General modeling and optimization tools (Pyomo, Schur-IPOPT)

Mathematical Programming

\min_x	$f(x)$	←	Objective Function
s.t.	$c(x) = 0$	←	Equality Constraints
	$d^L \leq d(x) \leq d^U$	←	Inequality Constraints
	$x^L \leq x \leq x^U$	←	Variable Bounds

Mathematical programming (i.e. Optimization)

Problem types classified according to:

- Linearity/Nonlinearity of objective and constraints
- Continuous/Discrete/Mixed variables

LP, QP, NLP, MILP, MINLP

Useful for much more than... “optimization”

Convergence of Operations Research and ...

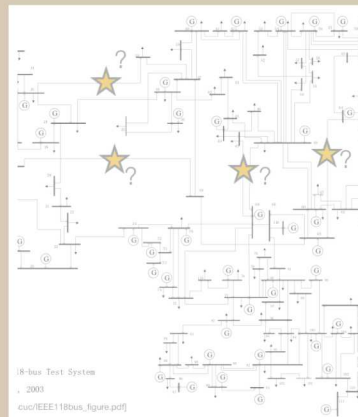
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Safety Systems
Design



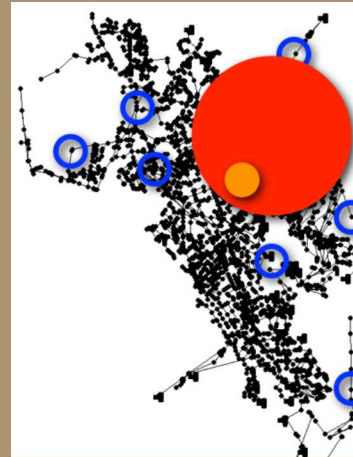
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Powergrid
Optimization



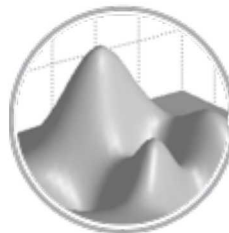
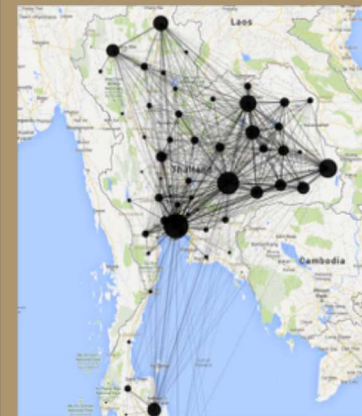
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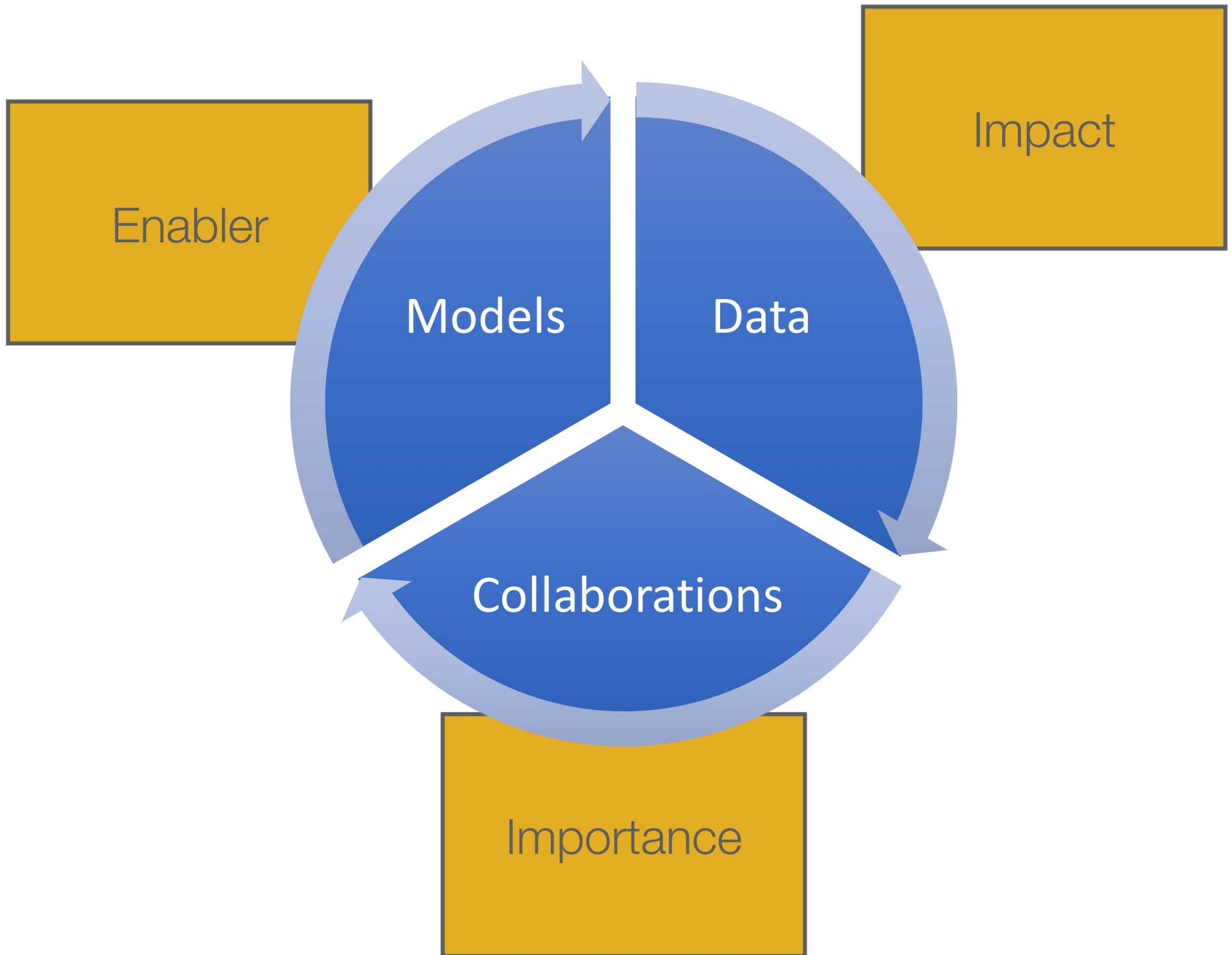
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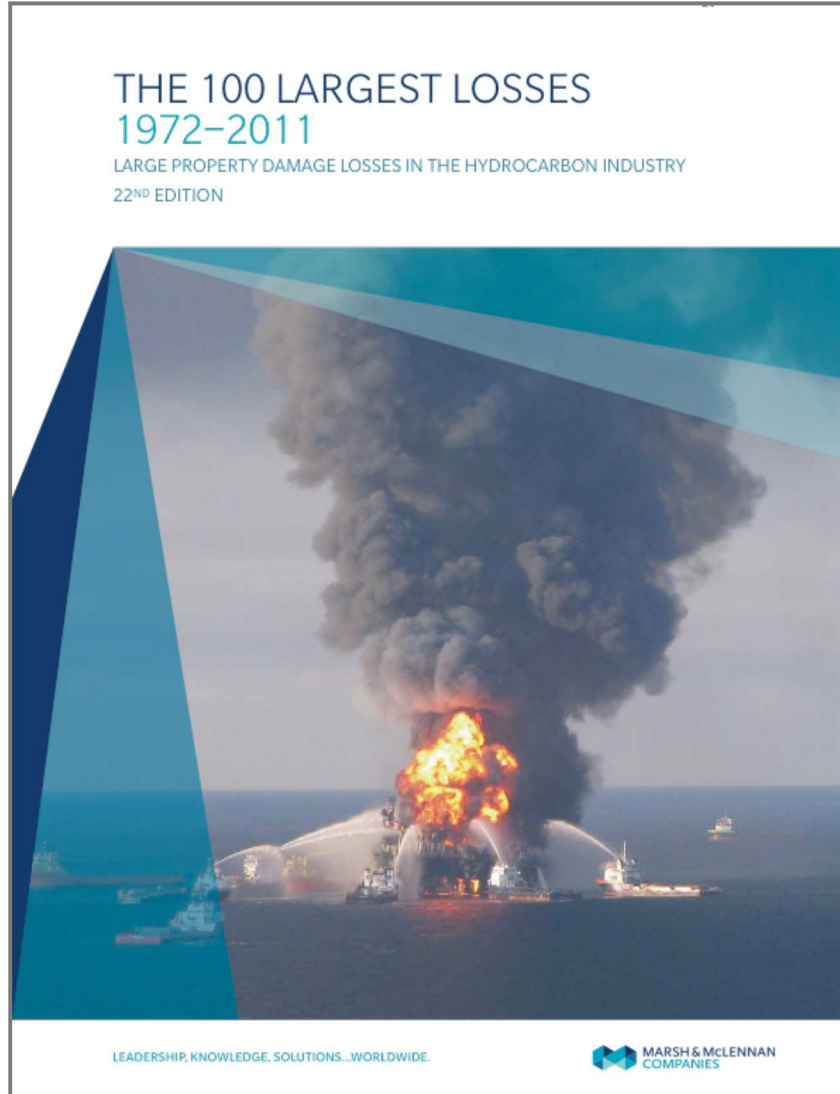
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Infectious
Disease Spread





The need for improved gas detector placement



Marsh (2012). The 100 largest losses 1972-2011.
London, United Kingdom.

70% attributed to fires and explosions

BSEE (2012), HSE (2007) and PSA (2012) data do not indicate a decreasing trend.

Less than 50% of all known releases are detected by gas detectors (HSE, 1997 & 2003)

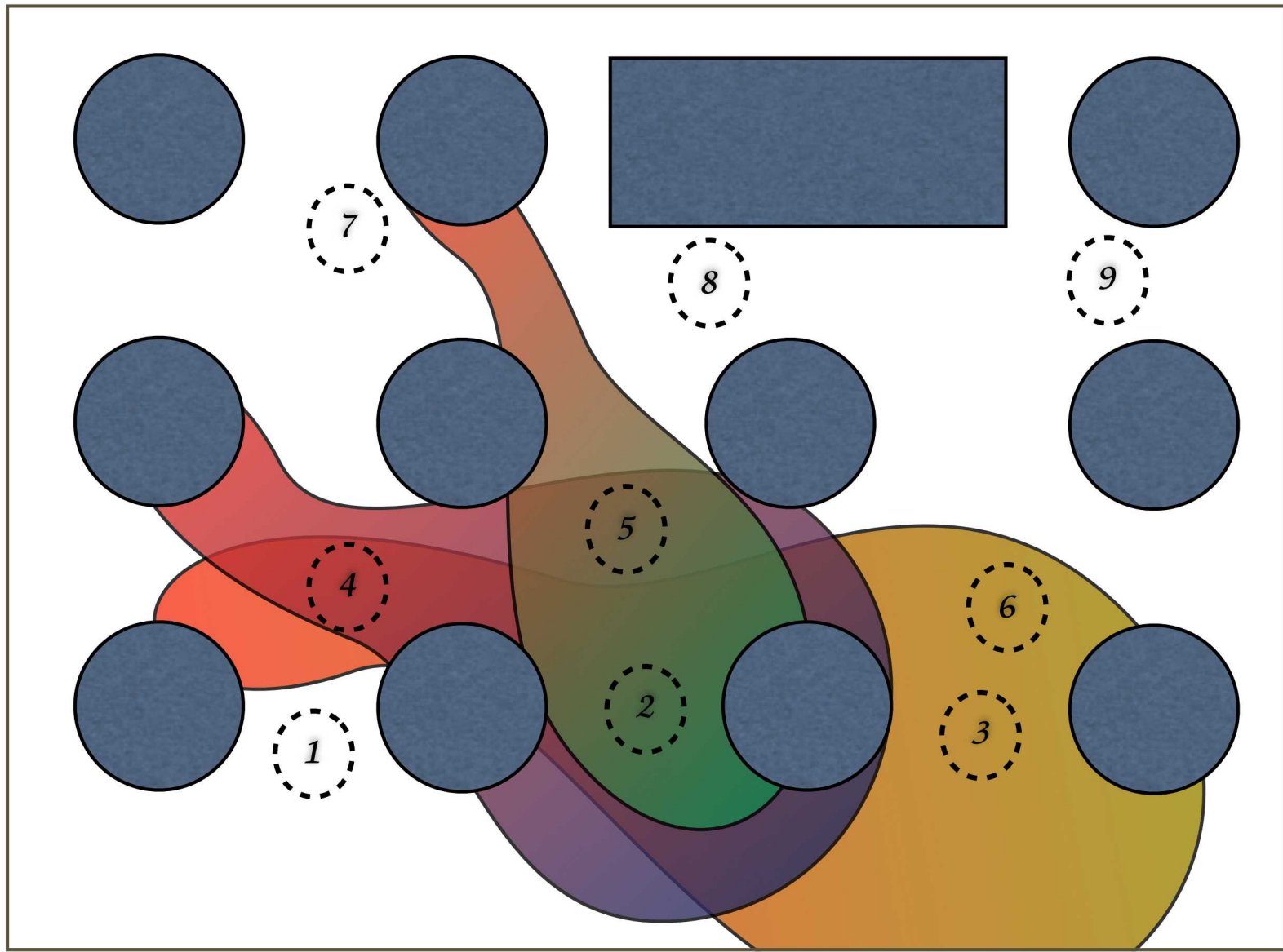
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Significant uncertainty (leak location, weather, process conditions, etc.)

Highly complex geometries (difficult to model)

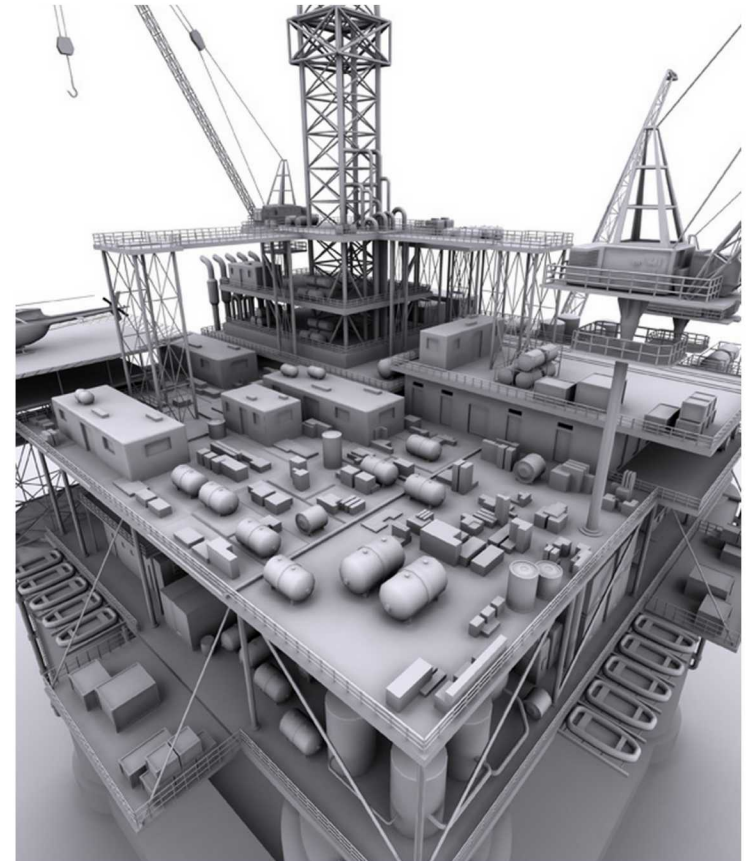
Design of gas detector systems currently done with rule-of-thumb, semi-quantitative methods.

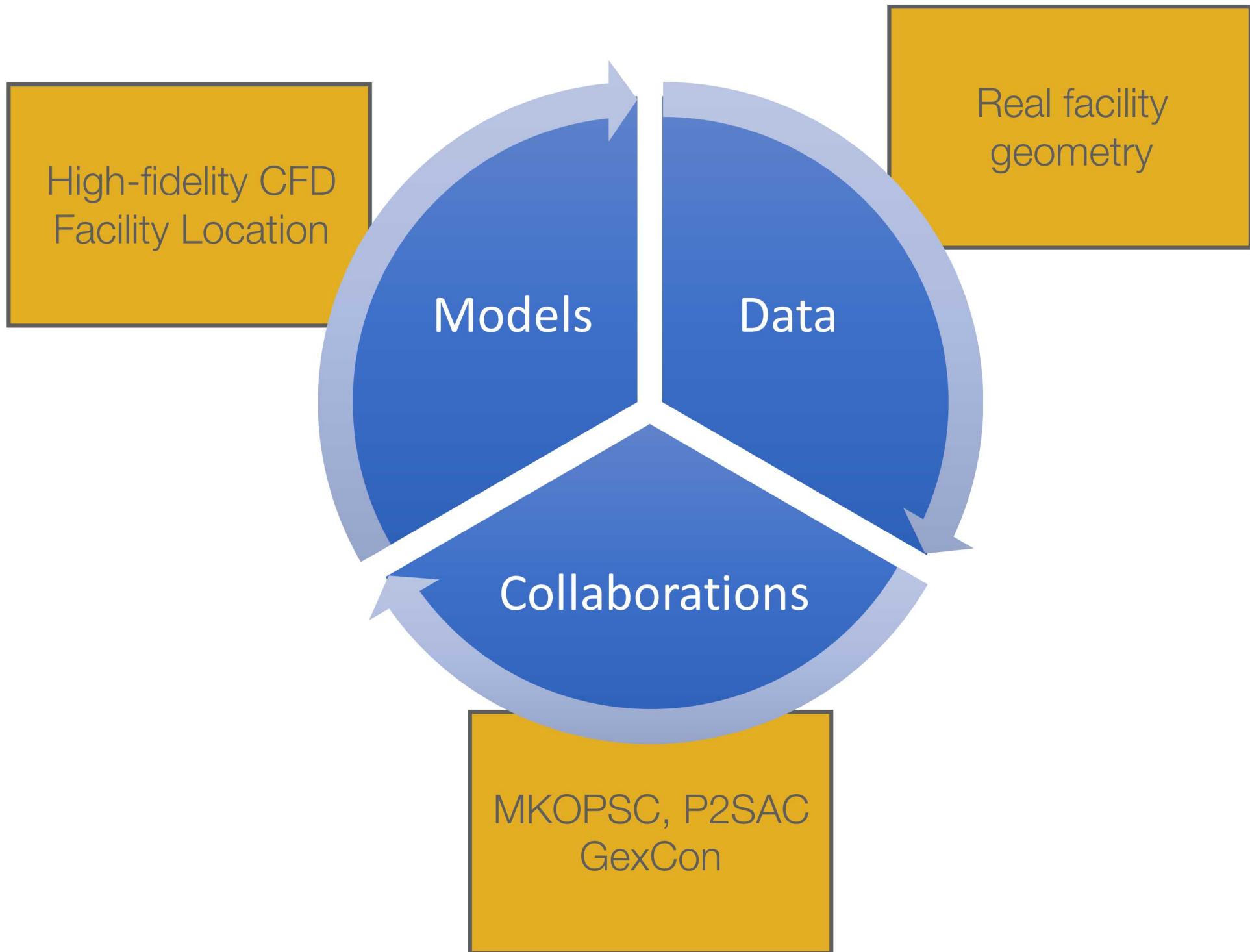
Optimal Placement of Detectors



Optimal Placement of Gas Detectors

- Significant uncertainty in:
 - Leak location
 - Weather conditions
 - Process conditions
- Problem scope:
 - Hundreds or thousands of scenarios
 - Hundreds or thousands of potential locations
 - Several different technologies
- Other challenges:
 - Most effective objective metric
 - Leak dispersion in complex geometries
 - Combinatorial explosion of decisions





Optimization-based Approach

$$\min \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \alpha_a \sum_{i \in \mathcal{L}_a} d_{a,i} x_{a,i}$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{i \in \mathcal{L}_a} x_{a,i} = 1 \quad \forall a \in \mathcal{A}$$

$$x_{a,i} \leq s_i \quad \forall a \in \mathcal{A}, i \in \mathcal{L}_a$$

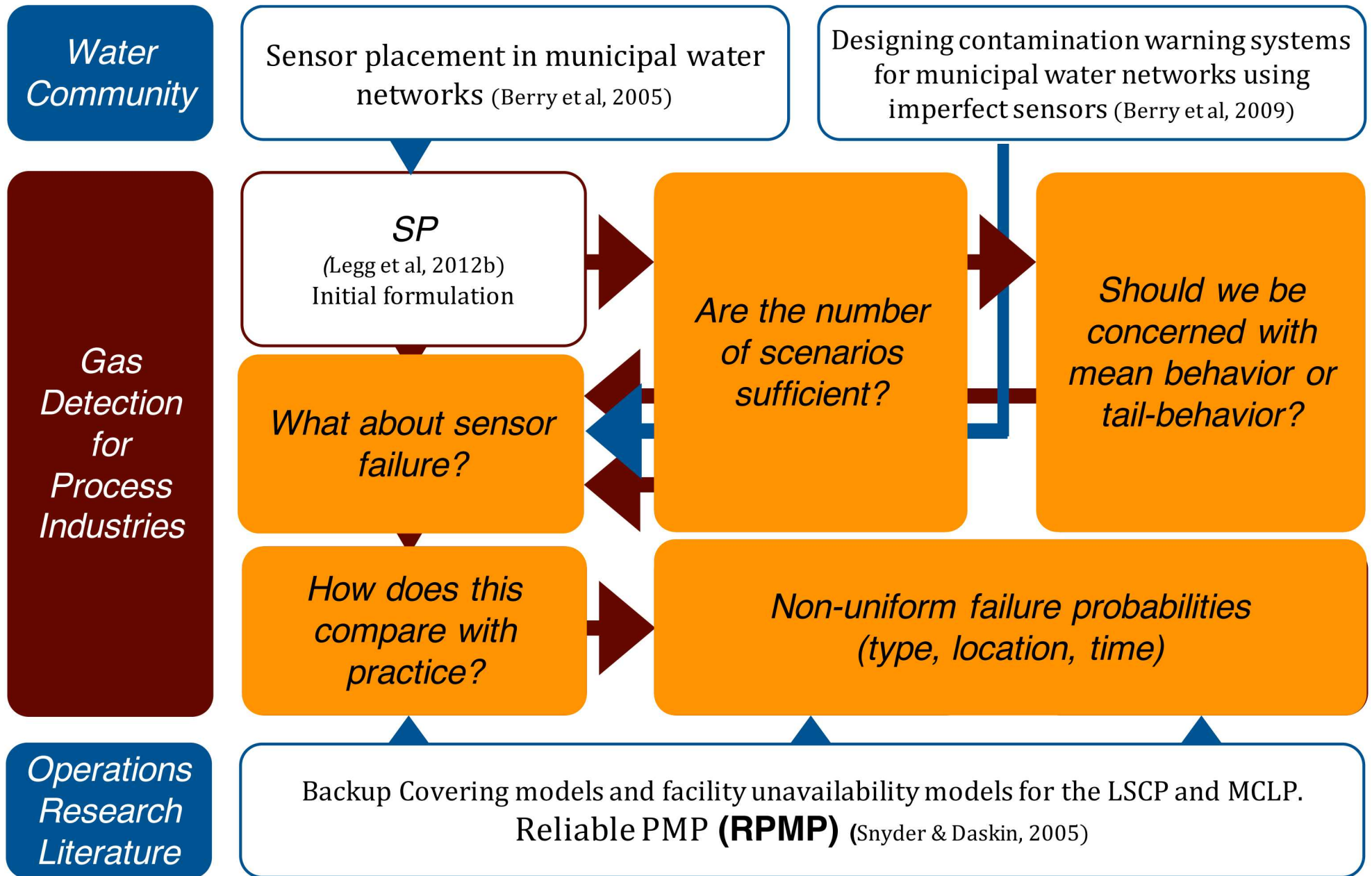
$$\sum_{i \in \mathcal{L} \setminus \{D\}} s_i \leq p$$

$$s_i \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{L}$$

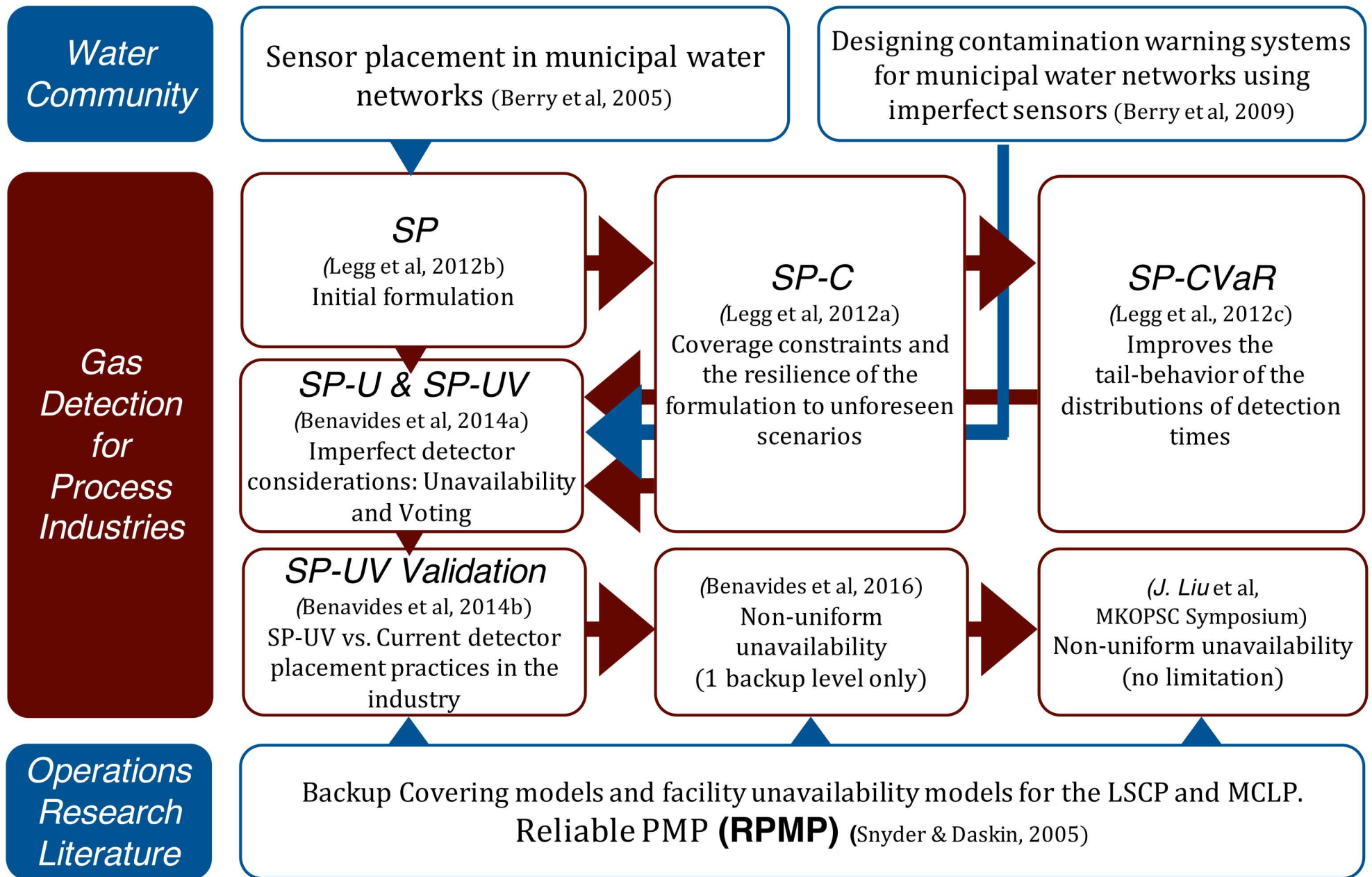
$$0 \leq x_{a,i} \leq 1 \quad \forall a \in \mathcal{A}, i \in \mathcal{L}_a$$

- Minimizes the expected detection time across all events
- Summation of probabilities of detection of scenario **a**
- A sensor location can only claim detection if a sensor exists in that location
- Constraint limiting the number of sensors allowed
- Binary variable reflecting existence of a gas detector
- Probability of ‘first to detect’ within the range of [0,1]

Gas Detector Placement Research



Gas Detector Placement Research



Optimal Gas Detector Placement

Mathematical optimization is computationally tractable (and useful) - Several formulations exist with realistic assumptions

Optimization methods based on dispersion studies outperform common methods for gas detector placement

Methods that use dispersion information outperform those that do not

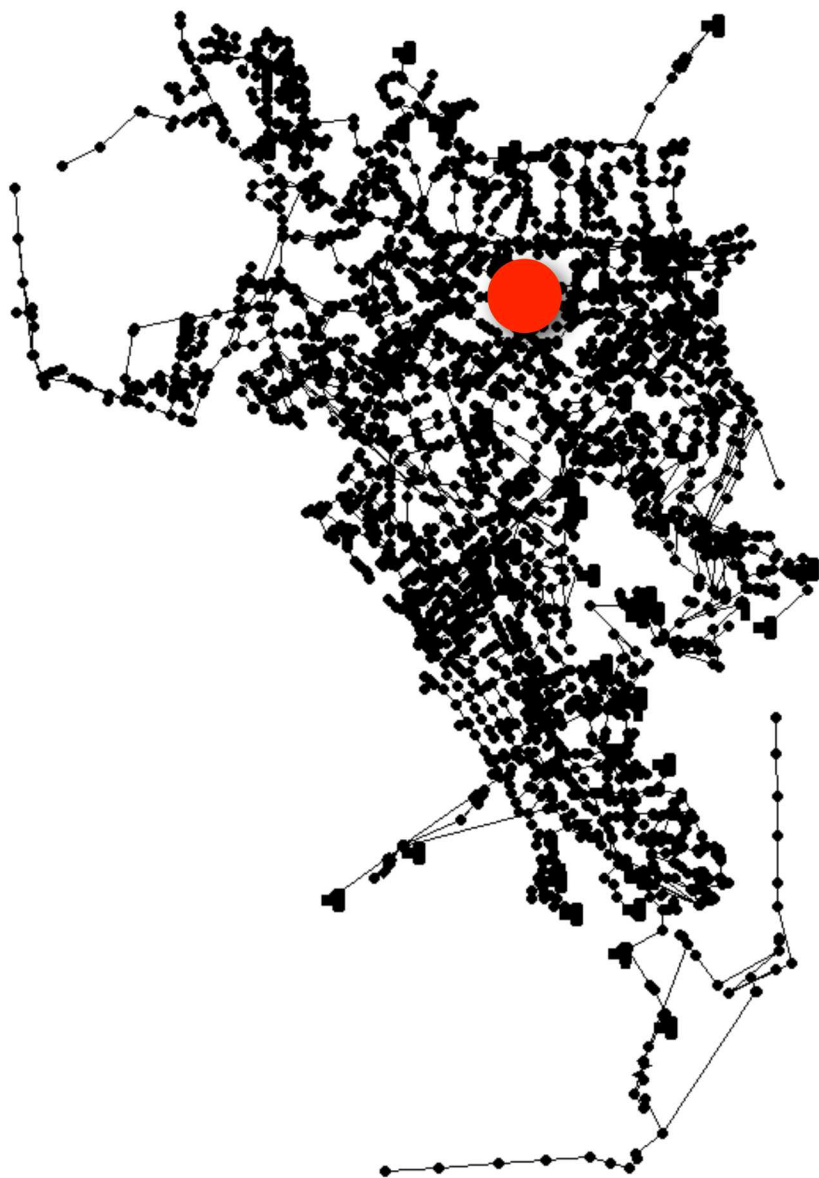
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The volumetric approach (one of the most common) behaves the poorly (worse than random) with the data studied

Similar results for all 4 data sets

Similar results when incomplete data used for placement
(75% / 25%)



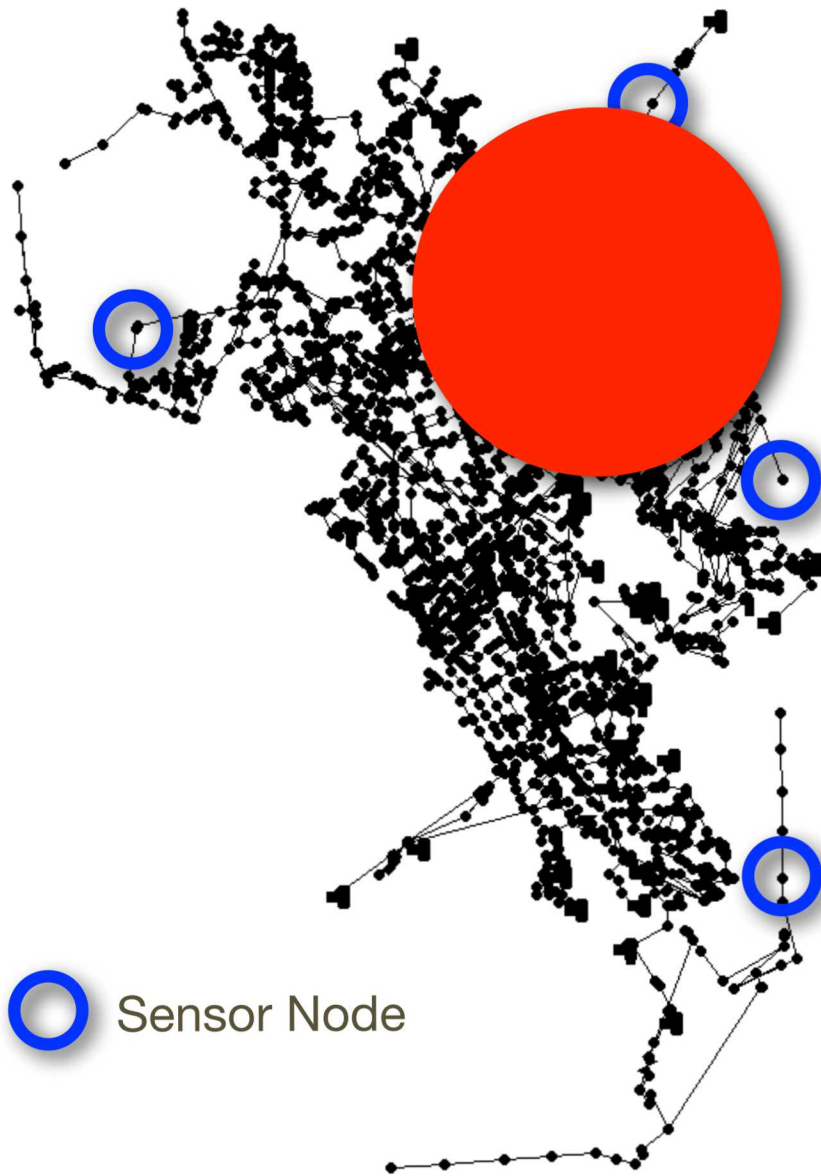




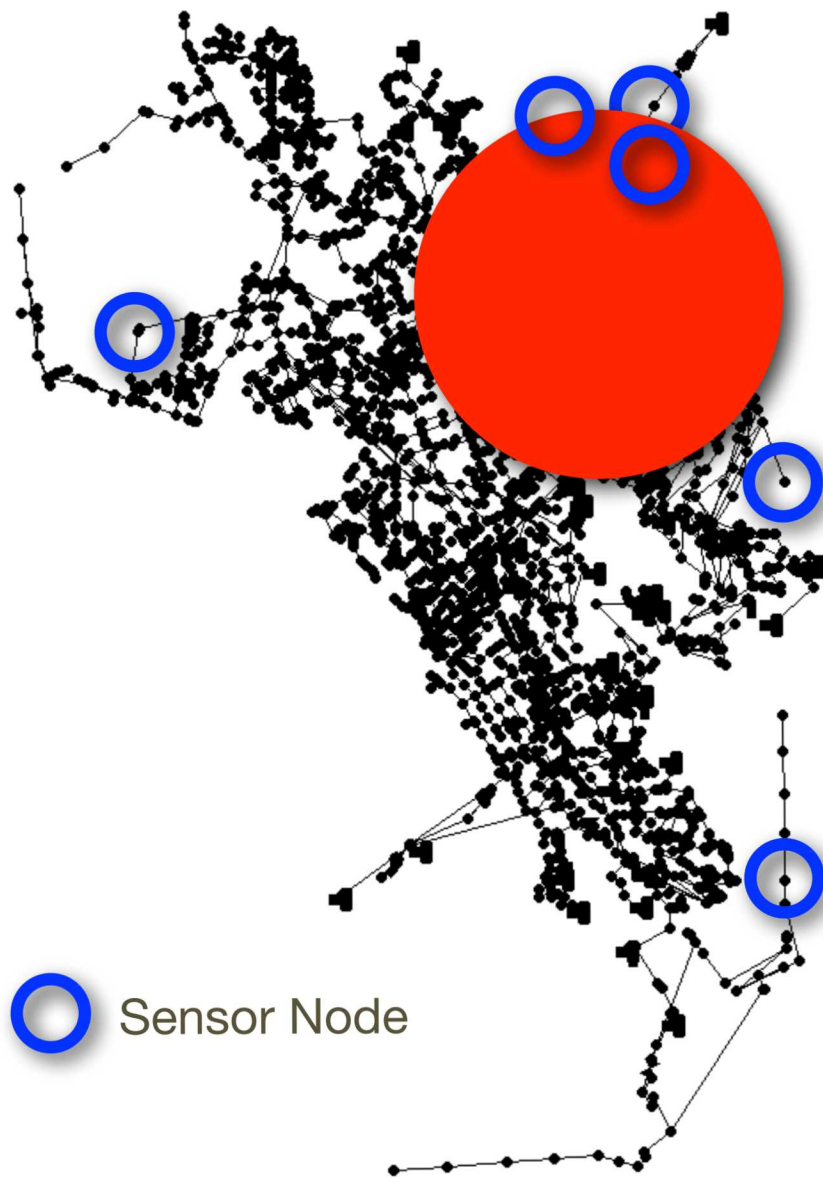
How do I best protect the
public and the infrastructure?



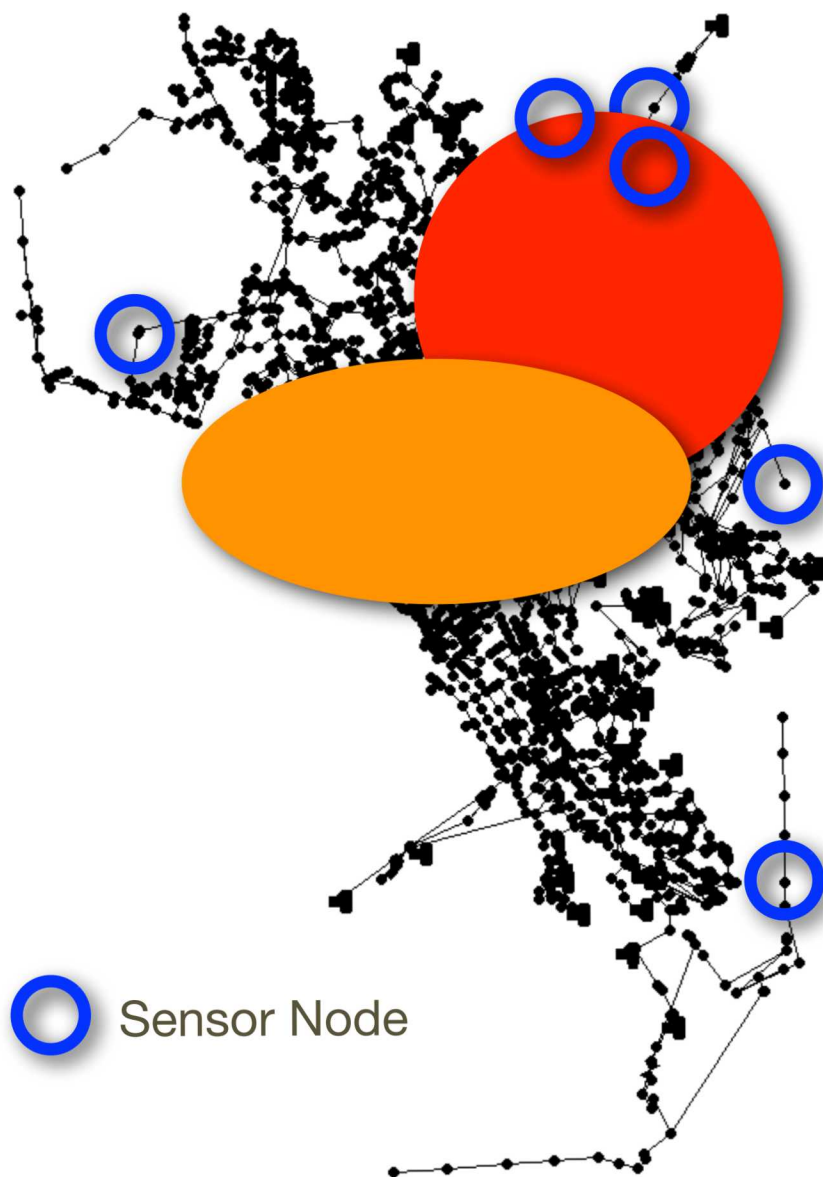
Early Warning and Response System



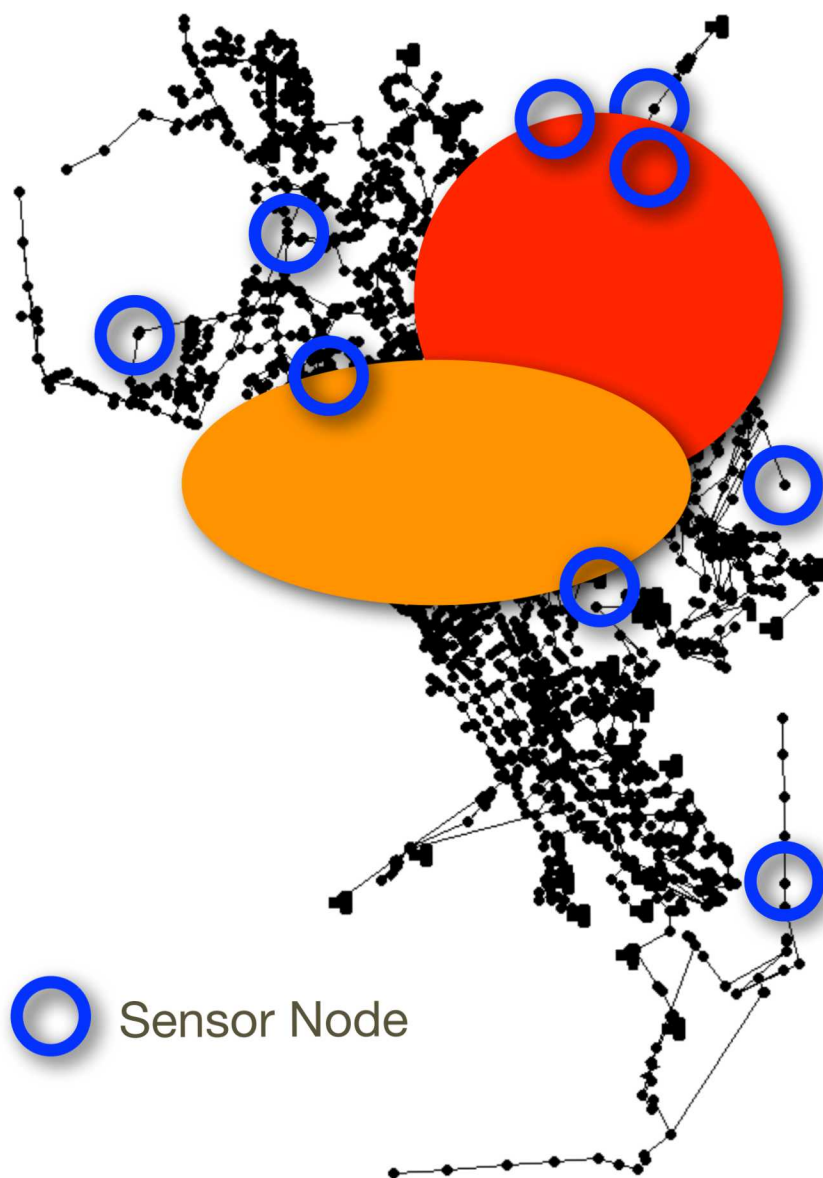
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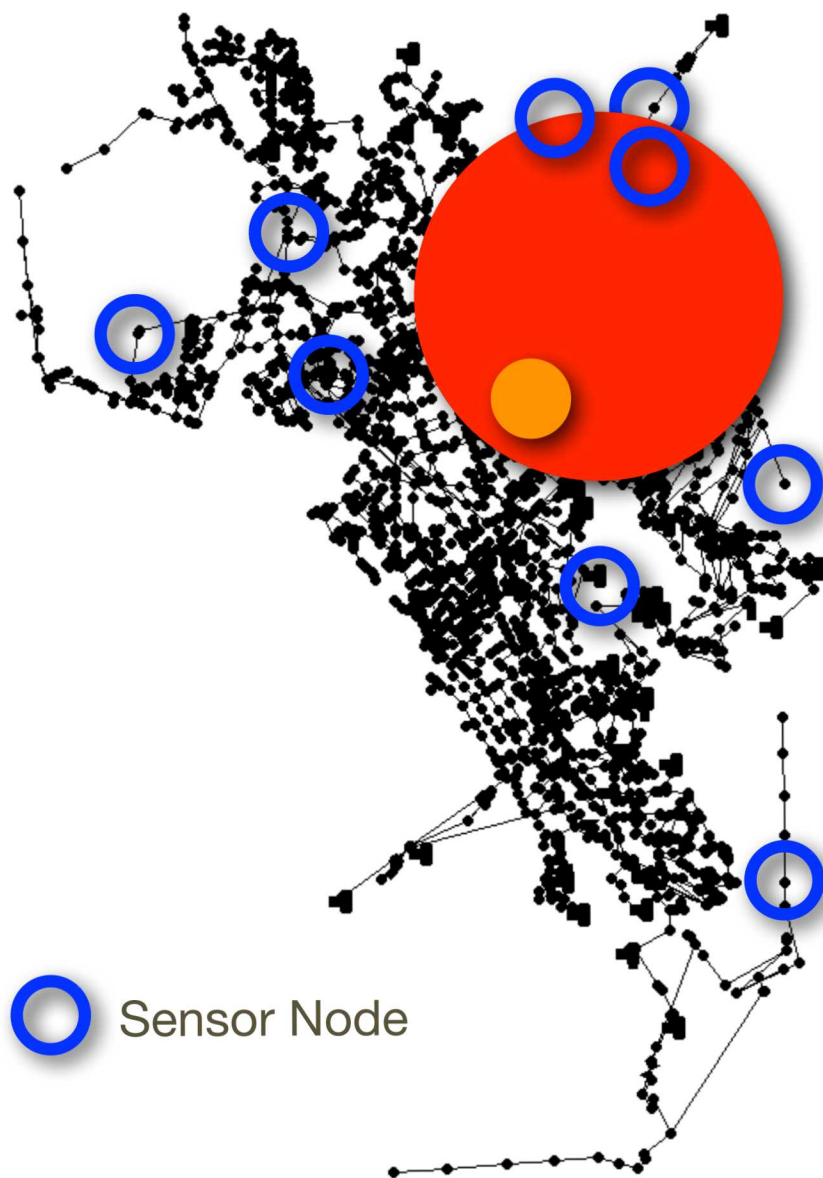
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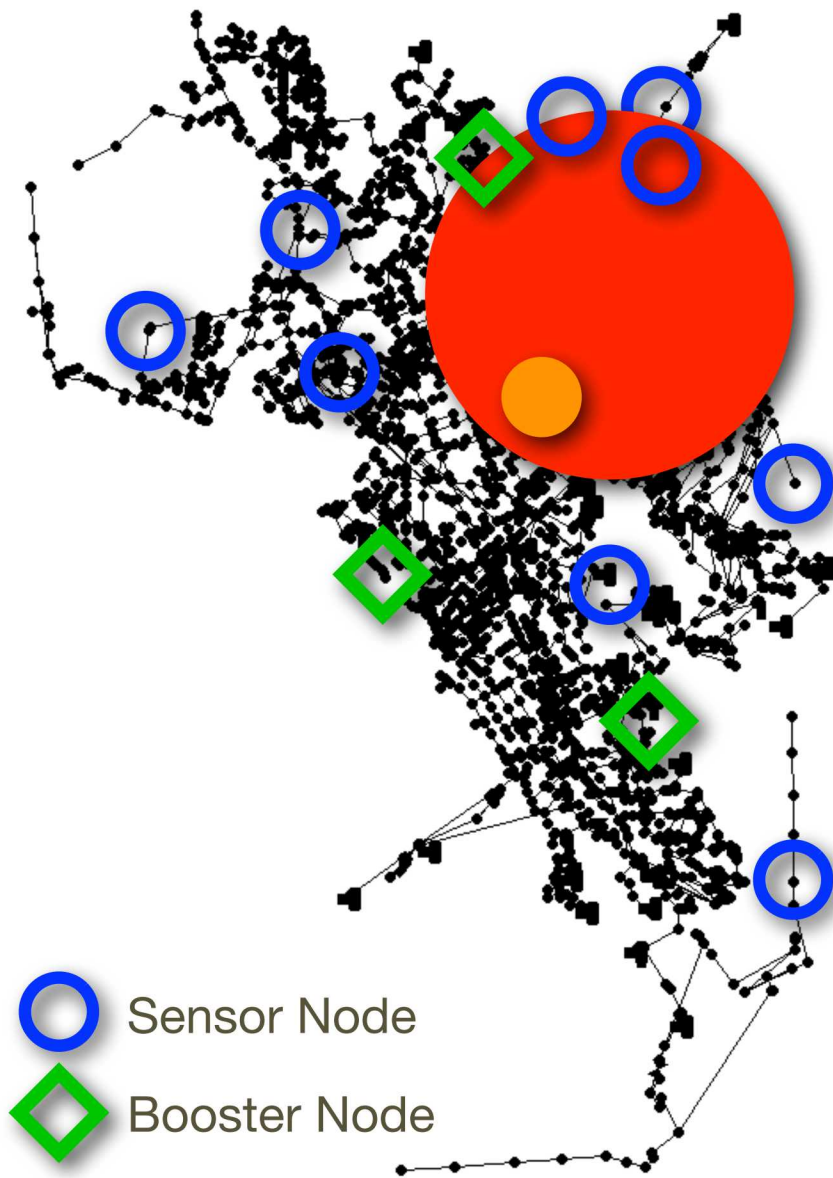
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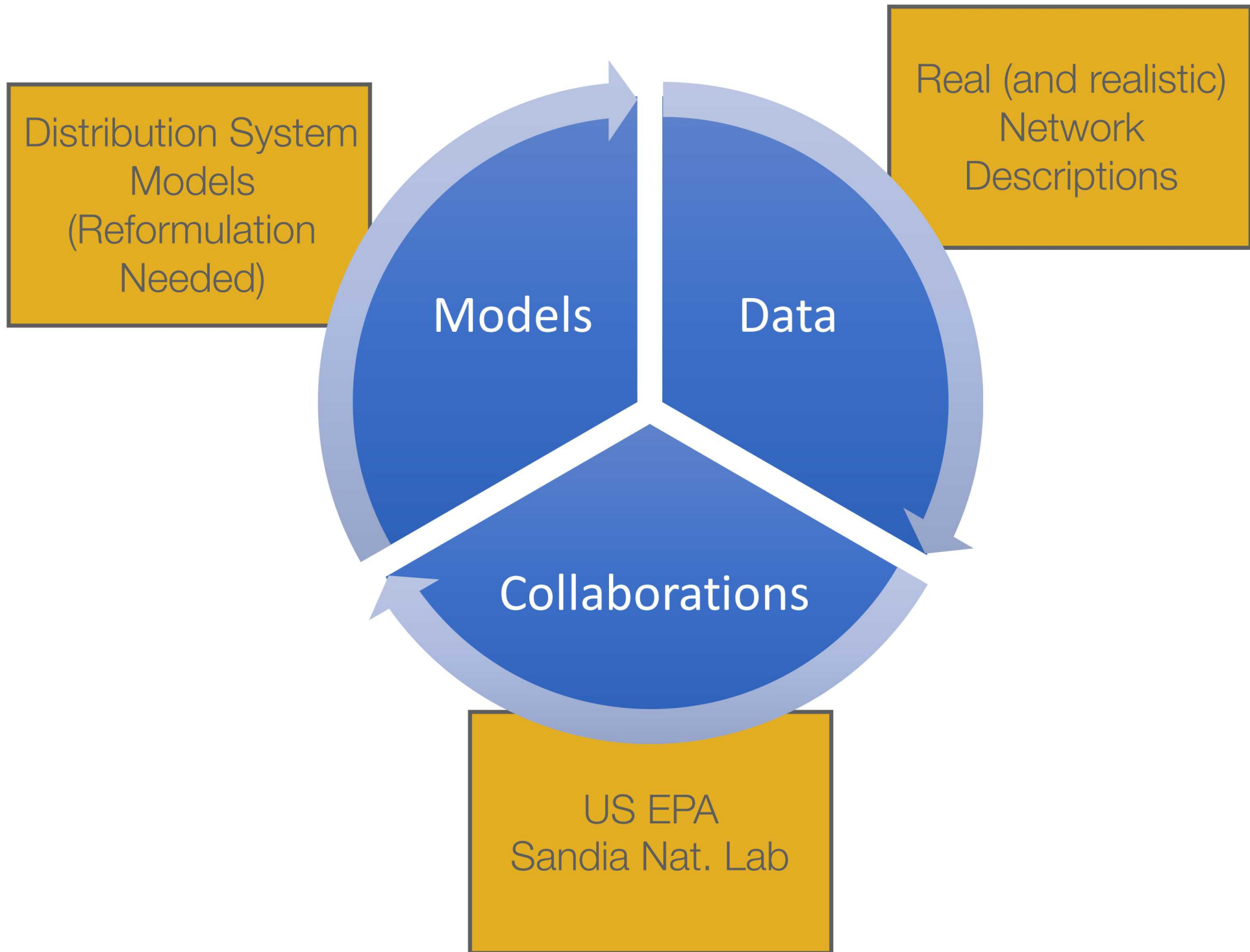
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Sensor Technology

Monitoring & Mitigation
System Design

Source/Plume Identification
& Real-time Response



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Optimal Real-time Sampling Approach

Given a contamination event:

What is the uncertainty in the plume?

Where can we take additional measurements to reduce uncertainty?

Account for uncertainty in:

Contamination location, time, profile

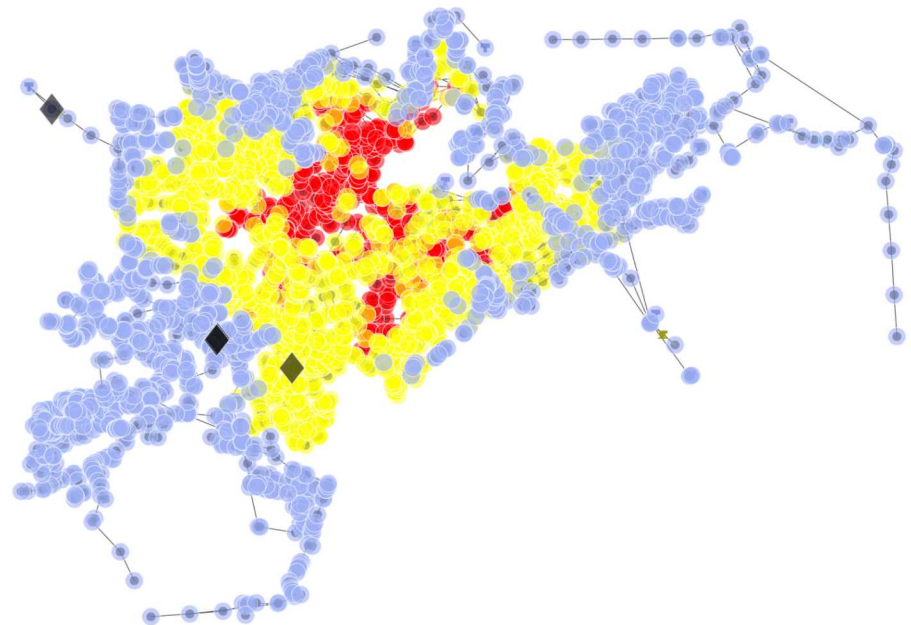
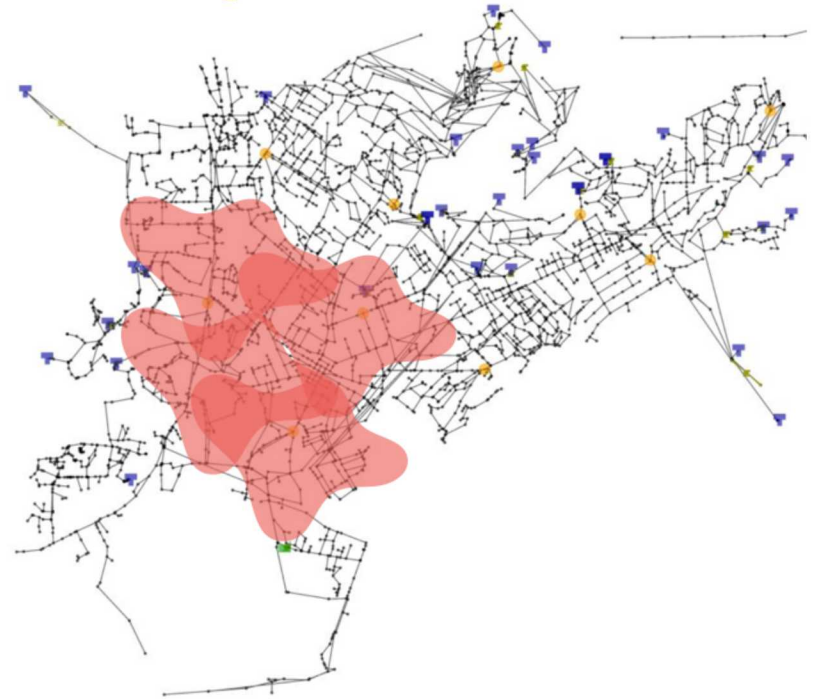
Hydraulics, reaction dynamics

Computational approach:

Pre-compute scenarios (M's)

Bayesian statistics:

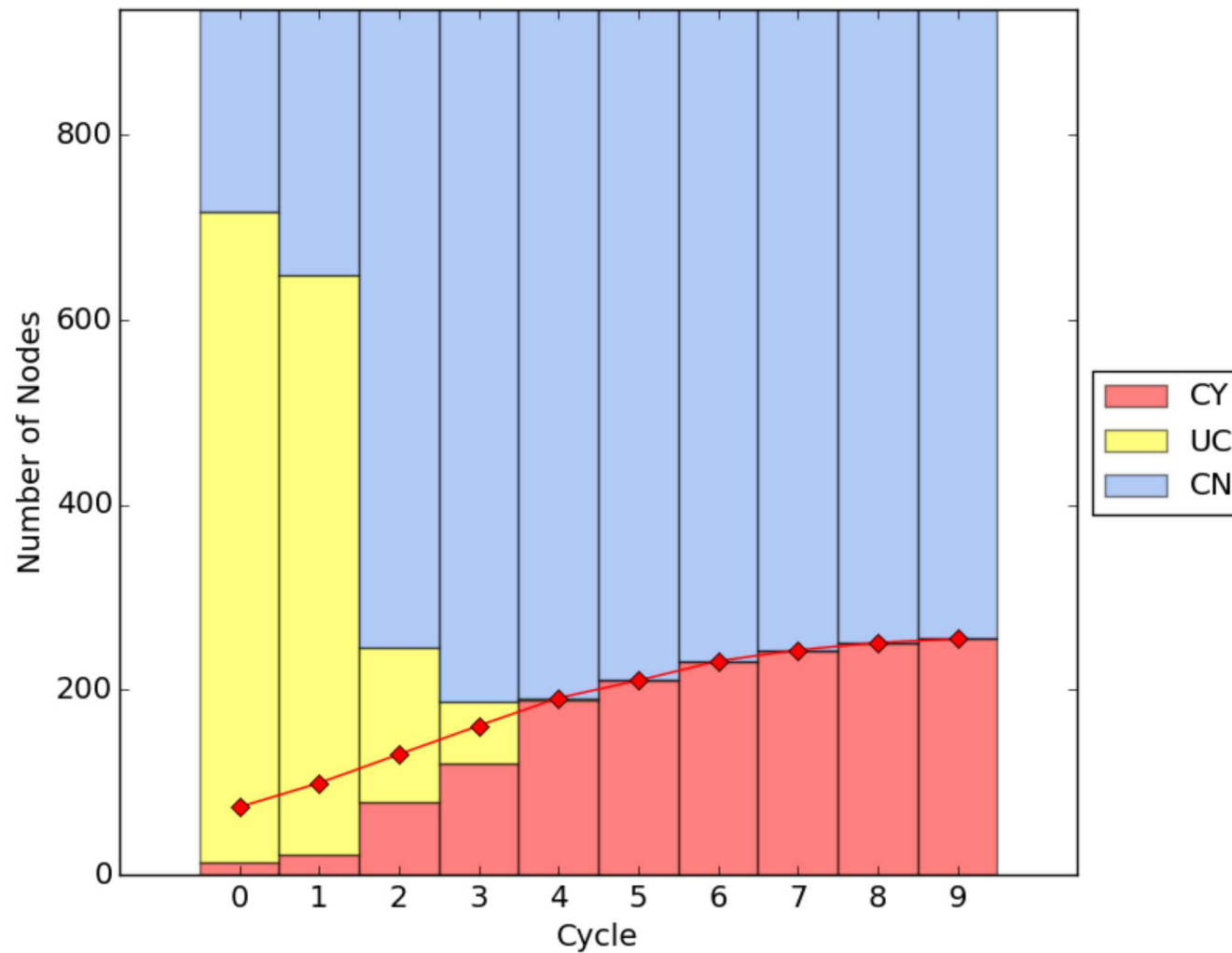
- update scenario probabilities
- propagate probability of scenarios to probability of contamination
- use optimization to find best sampling locations to update the scenario probabilities



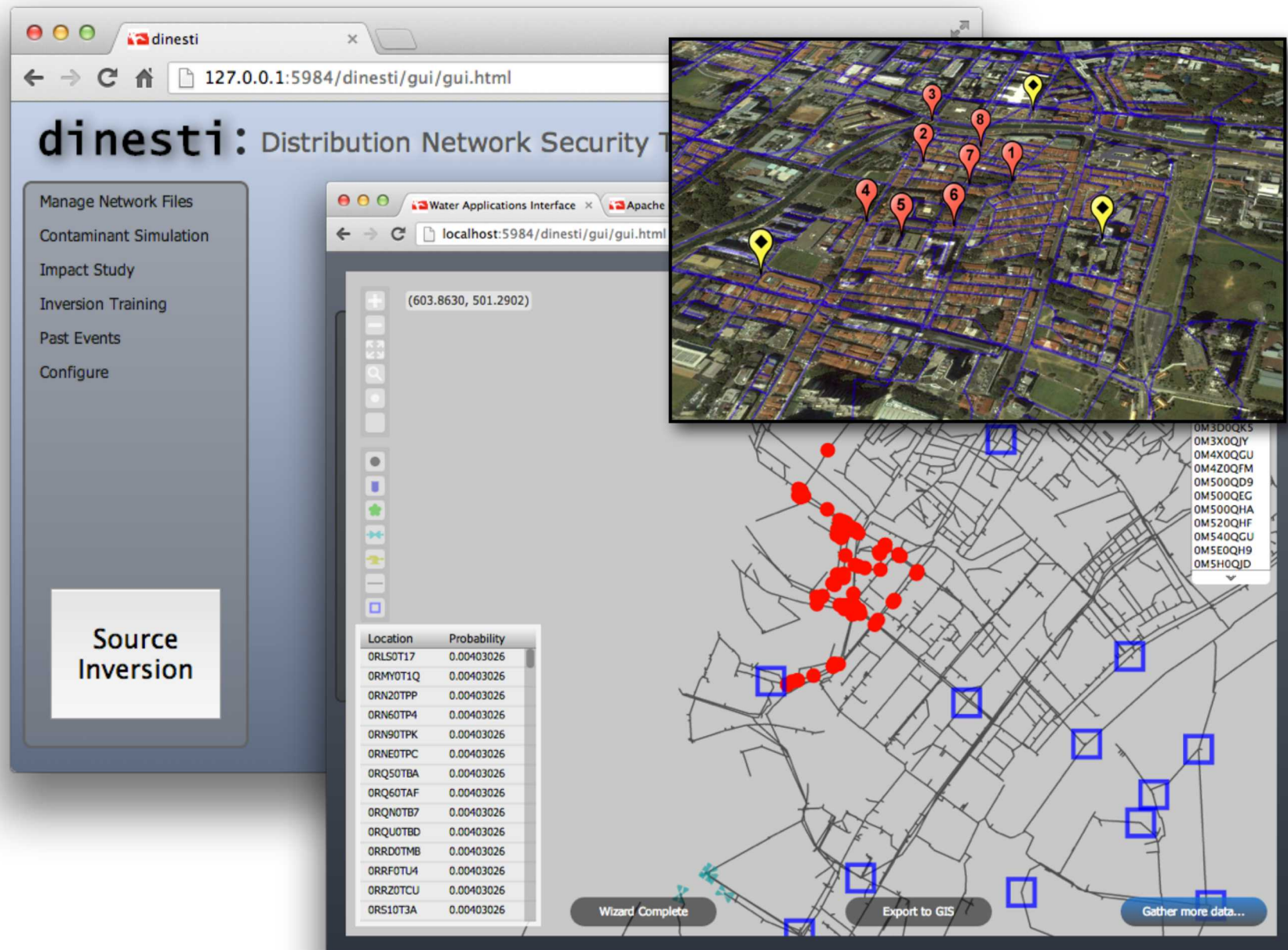
Maximization of number of expected scenarios that mismatch

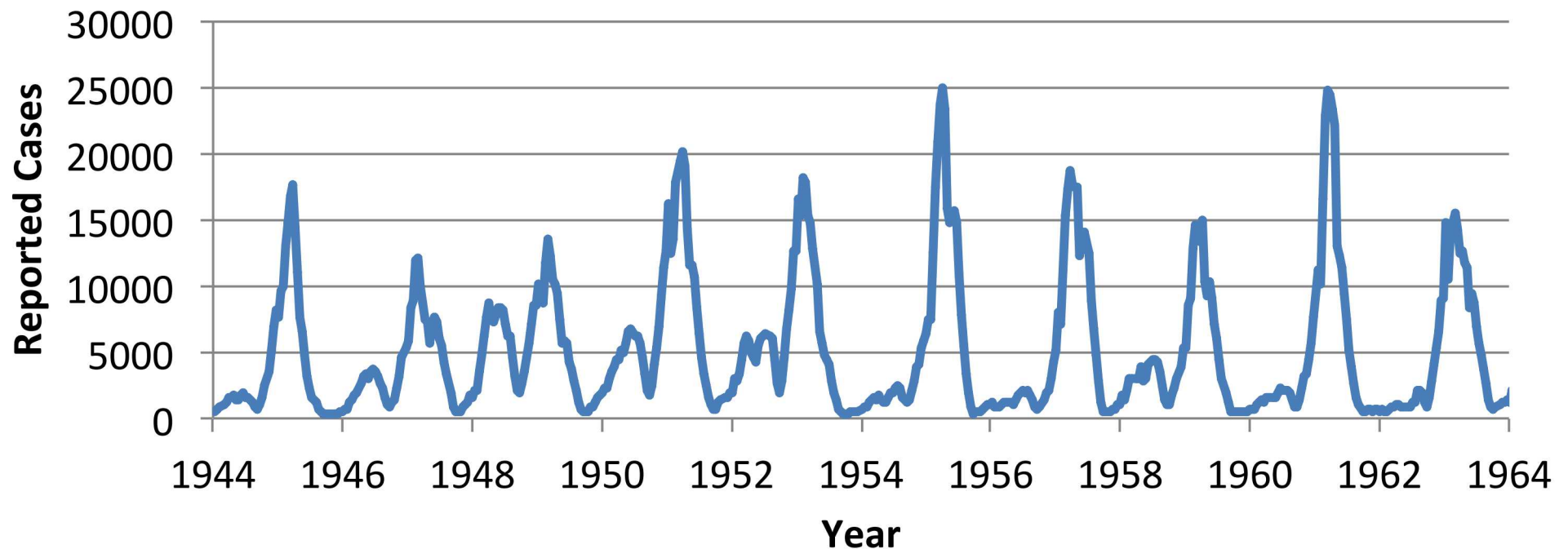
$$\begin{aligned} \max_x \quad & \sum_{s \in S} P_s^{\text{miss}} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & P_s^{\text{miss}} = 1 - P_s^{\text{match}} \quad \forall s \in S \\ & P_s^{\text{match}} \geq \exp(\tilde{P}_s) \quad \forall s \in S \\ & \tilde{P}_s = \sum_{n \in N} x_n \ln(\alpha_{s,n}) \quad \forall s \in S \\ & \sum_{n \in N} x_n \leq S_{\max} \\ & x_n \in [0, 1] \forall n \in N \end{aligned}$$

Uncertainty Reduction



Source Inversion Response System

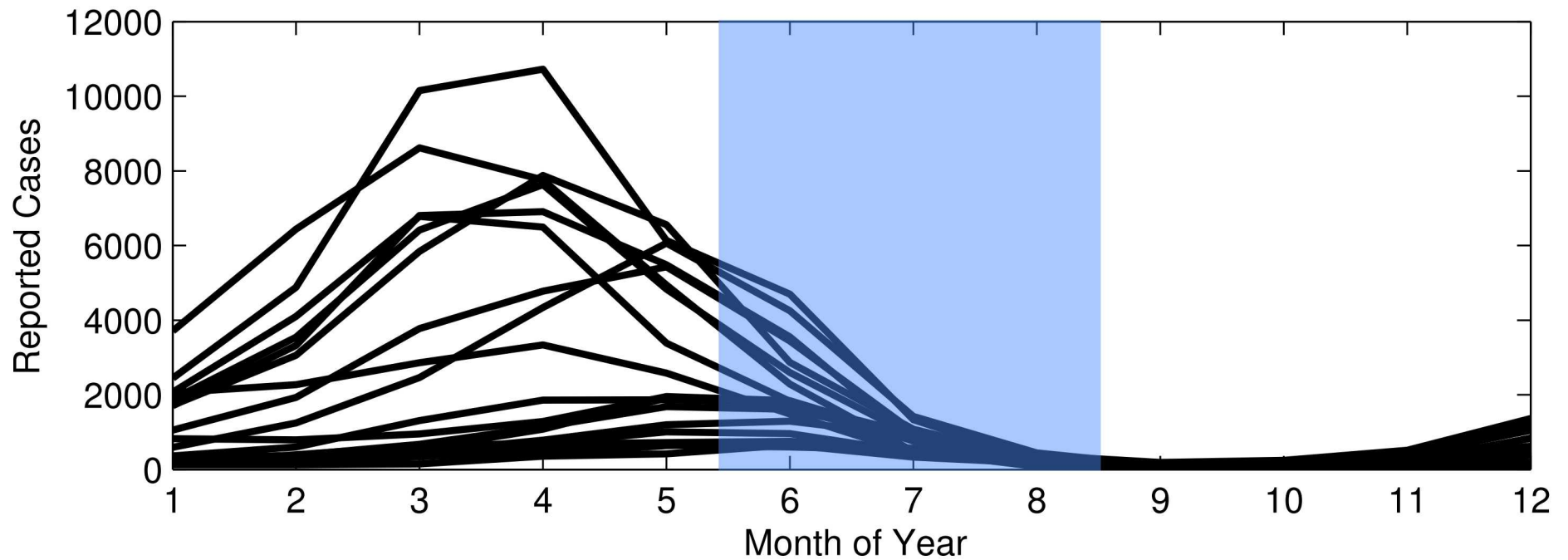




How do we use this data to better understand the spread of infectious disease?

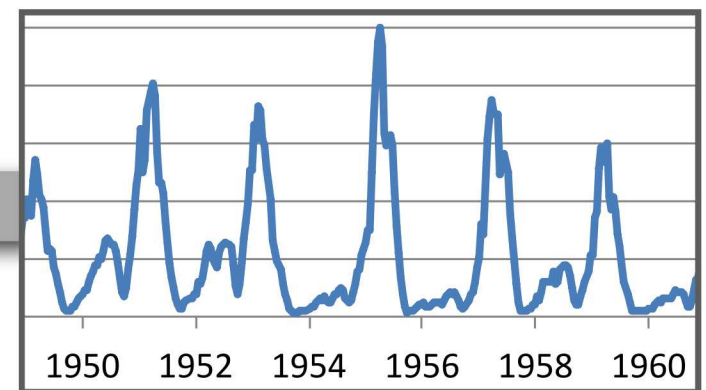
How would you use this data for improved intervention in an emerging childhood respiratory pandemic?

Seasonality in Input Drivers



Input
Drivers

Nonlinear Disease
Spread Dynamics



Compartment-
based SIR Models

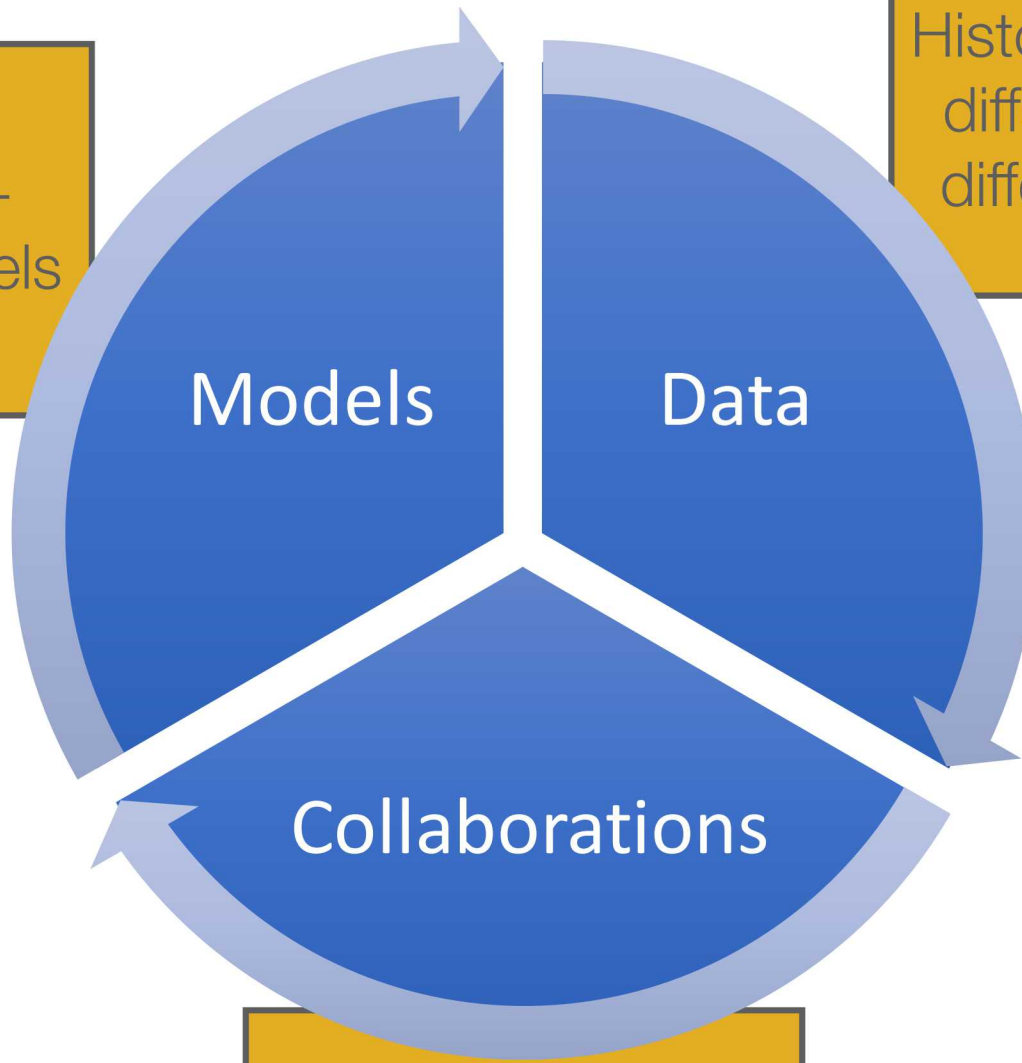
Models

Data

Historical case data
different diseases
different locations

Collaborations

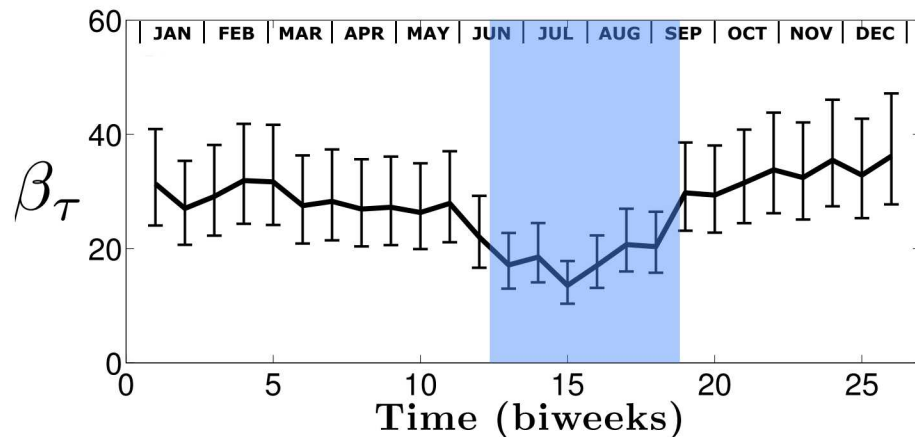
Epidemiologists
Hopkins, U. Florida
Thailand MPH



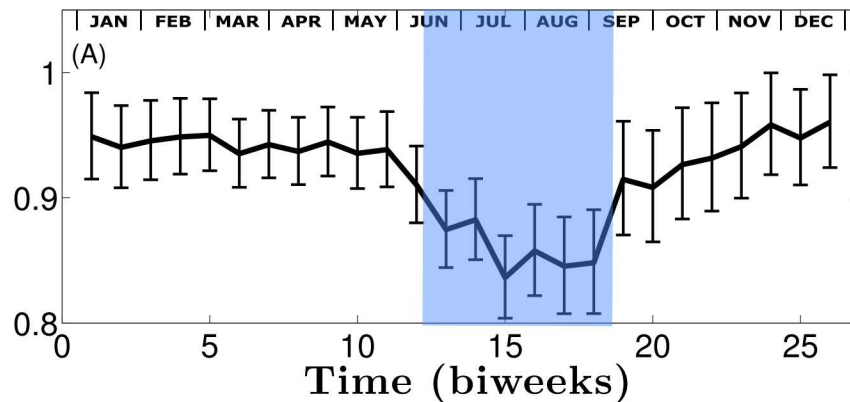
Estimating Seasonal Drivers in Childhood Infectious Diseases

- Childhood Infectious Diseases (e.g., Measles, Chickenpox)
 - Seasonality Induced by School Holidays
 - Pre-Vaccination Era: Everyone Contracts the Disease
 - Still a Significant Problem in Developing Countries & Easily Identified
- Estimation Challenges
 - Long-time Horizons (20-30 years)
 - Data aggregated monthly or biweekly
 - No Susceptible Information
 - Severe Under-reporting of Cases (1/2 for UK, 1/100 for Thailand)
 - Missing (1974, 1979), Substantial Noise, Time-Varying Reporting
- Available Data:
 - England & Wales: 60 (900) Cities 1944-1963
 - US: New York City, Baltimore, TYCO Data
 - Thailand: 76 Provinces 1972-1998
 - Library of Congress

Estimating Seasonal Drivers of Infectious Disease



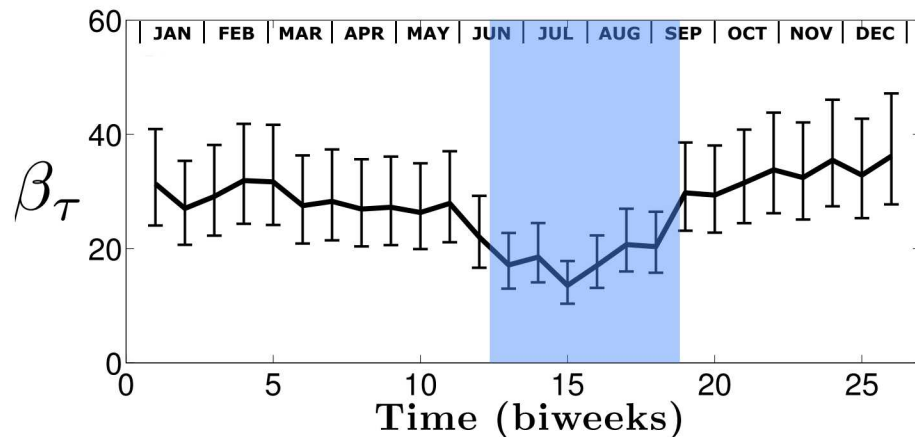
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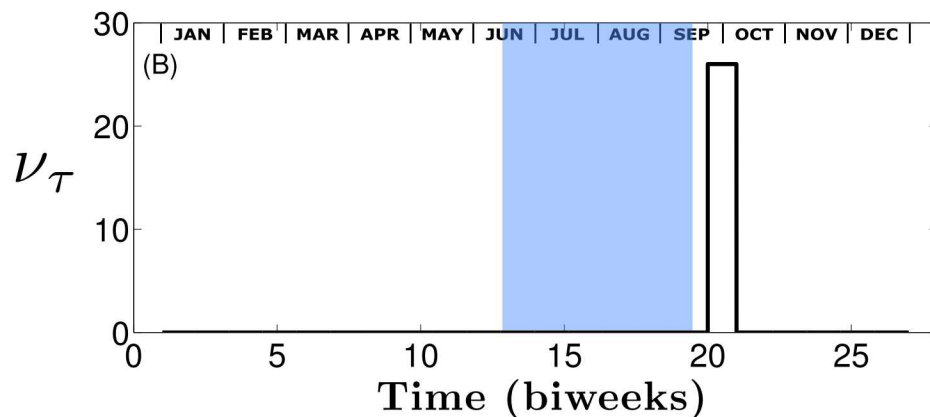
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Estimated patterns correlate with school holidays and we can quantify impact of school closure

Estimating Seasonal Drivers of Infectious Disease



← Estimating seasonality in transmission parameter (contacts)



← Estimating seasonality in birth rate

Estimated patterns correlate with school holidays and we can quantify impact of school closure

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Summary and Conclusions

Mathematical programming provides rigorous, computationally tractable, solutions to many problems in safety and security

- Protection of critical infrastructure
- Improved system understanding
- Design of mitigation systems
- Real-time response

Rapid, dramatic improvements in optimization capabilities (modeling tools, algorithms)

Increased data and desire for rigorous analysis from many application areas

Successful convergence in research requires:

- Collaboration: Importance, community
- Data: Impact
- Models: Enabling technology

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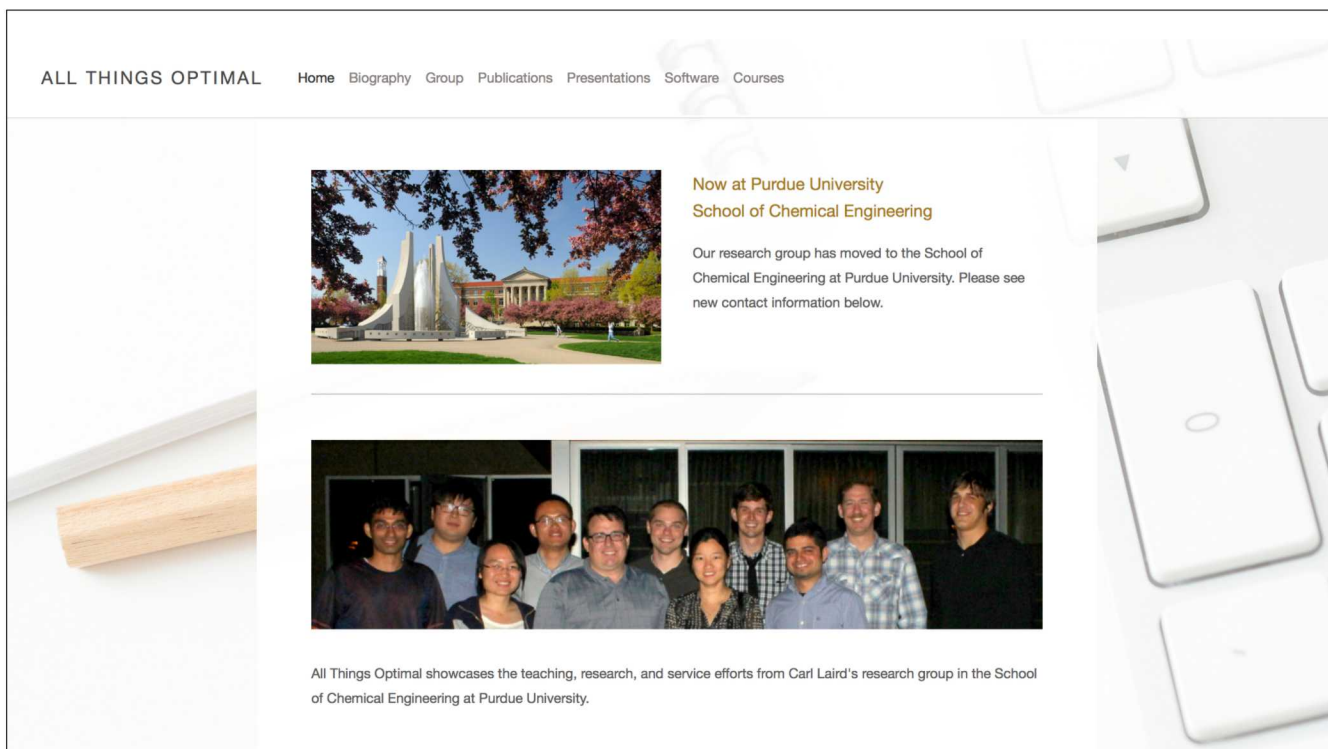
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