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# Machine Learning in Mobile and Sensor Networks

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# Context-Aware Computing: A Solution

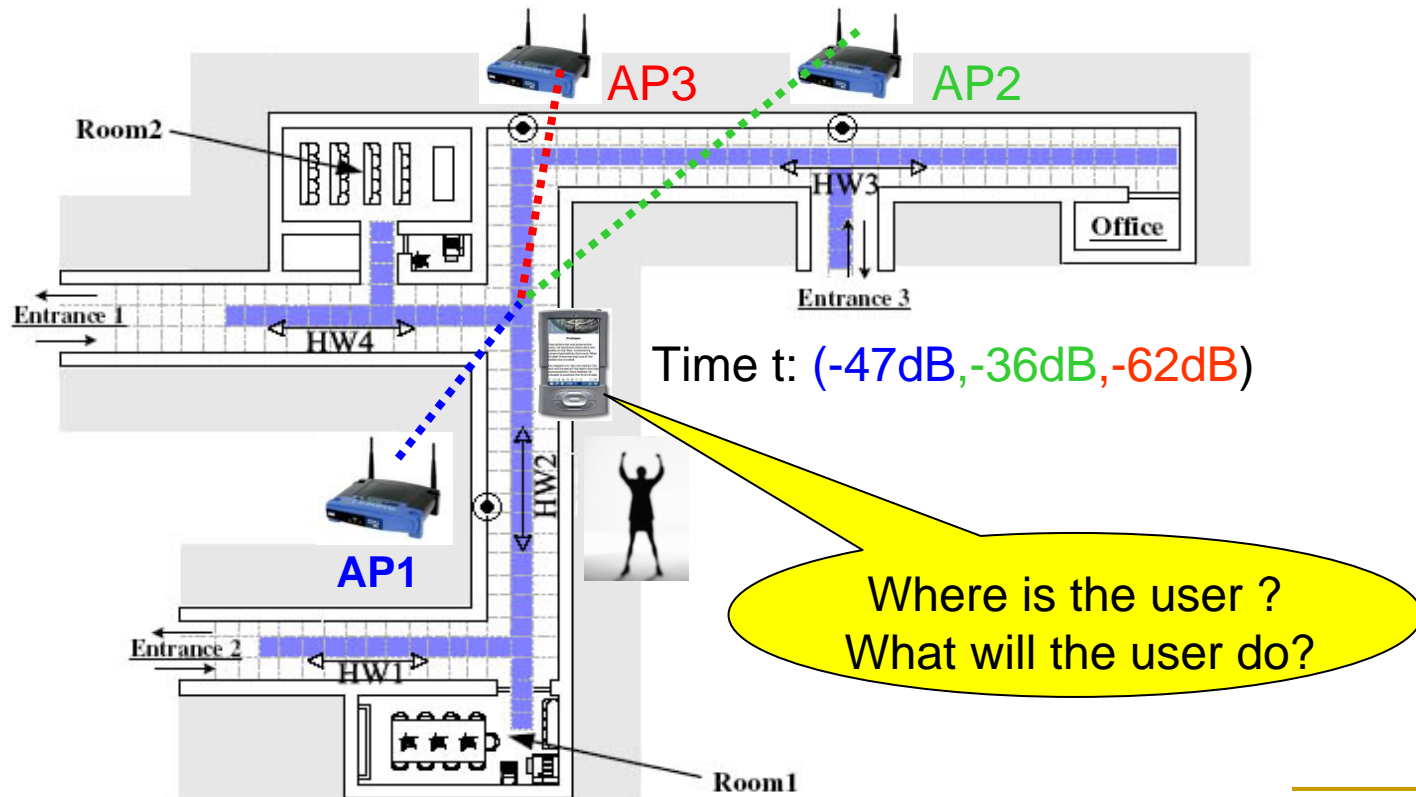
- A central theme in context-aware computing is to build *predictive models of human behavior*
  - Where is the user?  
(location estimation)
  - What is her ultimate goal?  
(activity recognition)



(courtesy CMU)

# Problem Domain: Wireless Environment

- A user with a mobile device walks in an indoor wireless environment (802.11b WLAN)



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# What are the learning problems?

- Learning to classify low level sequences
    - Location, actions and goals
    - Semi-supervised Learning
  - Learning to segment sequences into discrete activities
  - New Machine Learning Problem: Data Migration
  - Semi-supervised Learning:
    - To reduce calibration efforts
  - Training data migration problem
  - Distributed Learning problem
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# Machine Learning in Pervasive Computing: A Video Demonstration

- <http://www.cs.ust.hk/~qyang/sensor2.wmv>

# Probabilistic Goal Recognition: Architecture

ML Prob: semi-supervised classification

ML Problem: Distributed Learning

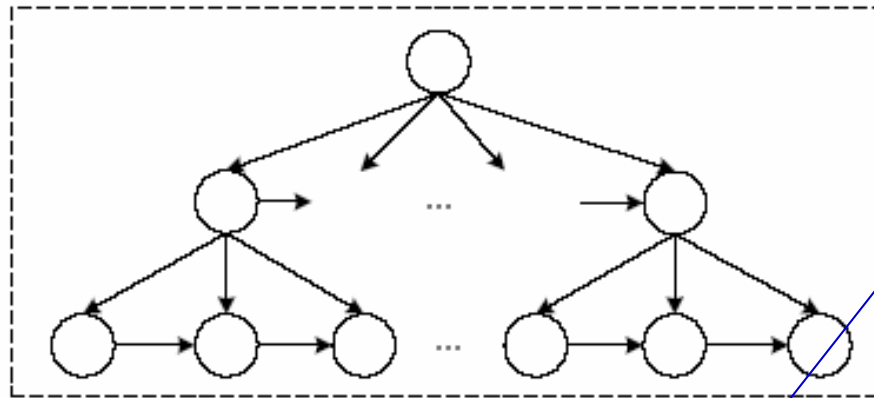
ML Prob: Model Migration

Goals

Actions

Intermediate states

Behavior Model

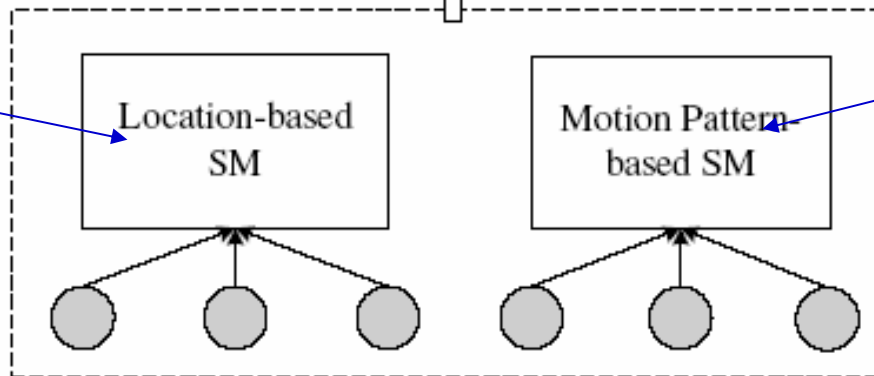


Generalized Sensor Model

ML Prob: Bayesian location estimation

ML Prob: segmentation

observations




# ML Problem: Bayesian Learning on Location

- Two phases: **offline** Training and **online** Localization
- Offline phase** – collect samples to build a mapping function  $l=f(s)$  from signal space  $S$  to location space  $L$  where  $s \in S$  and  $l \in L$

Loc.	Time	(AP1, AP2, AP3)
(1,0)	1s	(-60, -50, -40) dB
(2,0)	2s	(-62, -48, -35) dB
.....	.....	( ... , ... , ... ) dB
(9,5)	9s	(-50, -35, -42) dB

Training...  $l=f(s)$  where  
 $s \in S$  and  $l \in L$



- Online phase** – given a new signal  $s$ , estimate the most likely location  $l$  from  $l=f(s)$ 
  - $s^* = (-60, -49, -36)$  dB, compute  $f(s)=l$  as estimated location

# Related Work in Building the Sensor Model

- Microsoft Research's **RADAR** [Bahl and Padmanabhn, 2000]
  - K-Nearest-Neighbor Method
  - **Offline** - for each location, compute the mean signal
  - **Online** – estimate location with KNN and triangulation
- Maryland's **Horus** [Moustafa Youssef et al. ,2003], Rice U. **Robotics-based** System [Ladd et al., 2002, 2004]
  - Maximum Likelihood Estimation
  - **Offline** - for each location, train the **Radio Map** of each AP at each location
  - **Online** - apply Bayes' rule and (user dynamics) for estimation
- **Major issues**
  - Radio map changes with time
    - How to adapt for other times?
    - Yin et al. [IEEE Percom 2005]
  - Reduce human calibration by user unlabelled traces
    - Semi-supervised Learning
    - Chai et al. [IEEE Percom 2005]



# ML Problem: Data and Model Migration

- Key idea: collect radio map once, and then adapt the radio map using **reference points** and a **regression analysis**

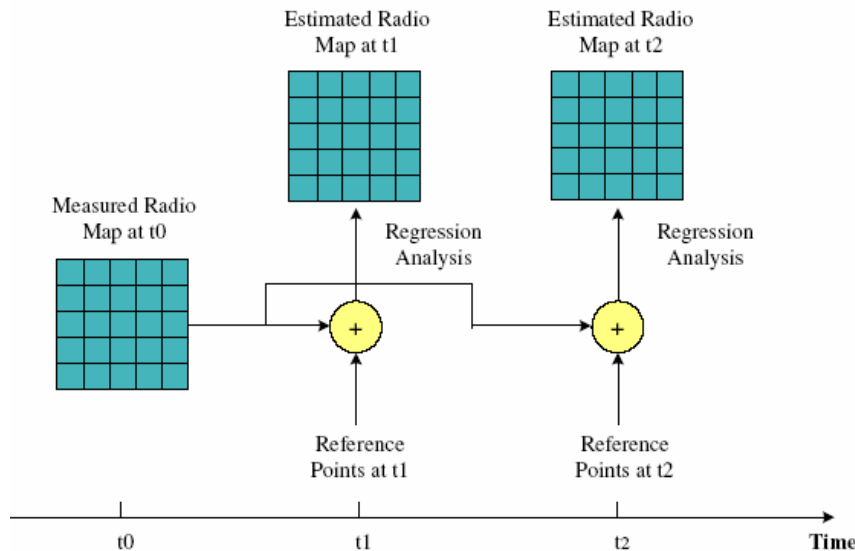
- During initial time period  $t_0$ :
  - At each location  $i$ , we learn a predictive function  $f_{ij}$  for the  $j$ th AP, based on the reference points

$$S_{est}(i, j, t_0) = f_{ij}(\overrightarrow{r}(t_0))$$

- During the online phase (time period  $t$ ):

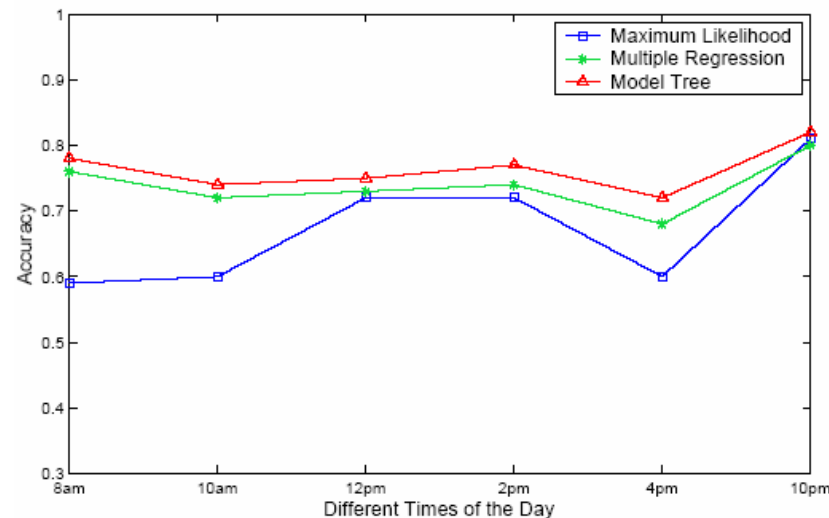
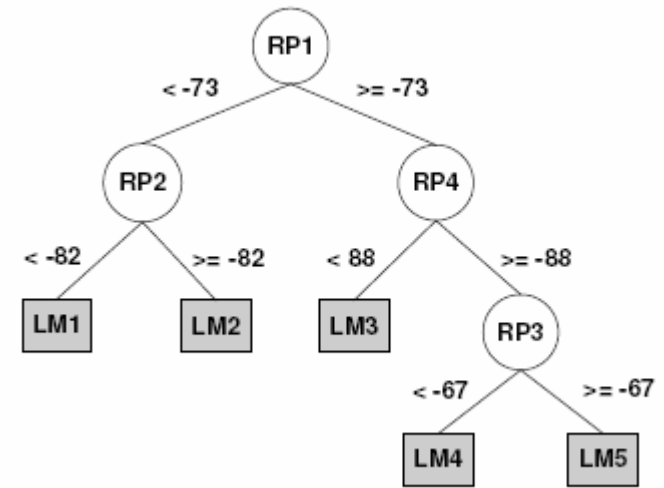
$$S_{est}(i, j, t) = f_{ij}(\overrightarrow{r}(t))$$

$$D_i(t) = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^P (s_j(t) - ss_j(t))^2}$$

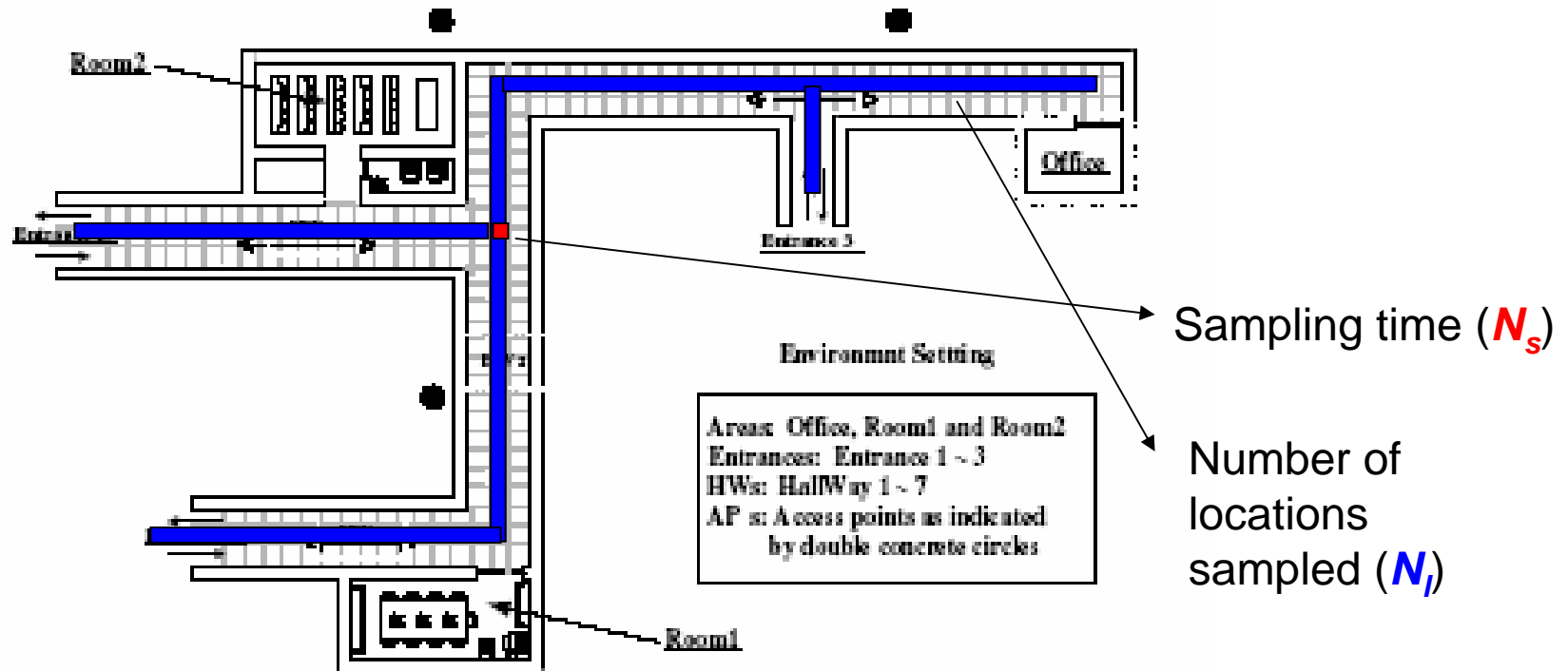


# Critical Issue: learn predictive function $f_{ij}$

- -- mapping between the signal-strength values received by the mobile client and the reference points.
- Two algorithms via regression analysis
  - A multiple-regression based algorithm (Linear Model LM)
$$s = a_0 + a_1 * r_1 + a_2 * r_2 + ... \mathcal{E}$$
  - A model-tree based algorithm (see result at 1.5m)



# ML Problem: Semi-Supervised Learning



Total amount of calibration effort:  $N_s \times N_l$

# Semi-supervised Learning Framework: Using Unlabeled Traces to Improve the Radio Map

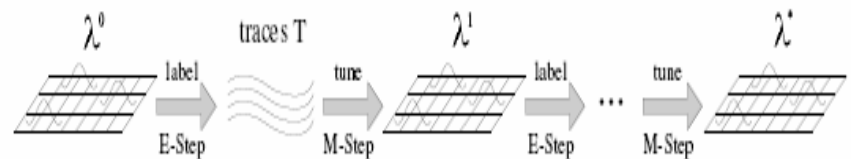
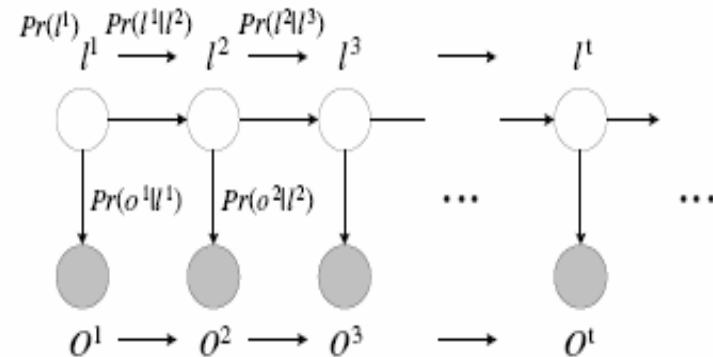
## ■ What is a user trace

- – A **sequence** of signal strength measurements recorded when a user holding a wireless device navigates in the environment

Trace #	Observation Sequences			
	$t_1$	$t_2$	...	$t_k$
1	$(AP_1:-57)$	$(AP_1:-56)$	$(AP_1:-55)$	$(AP_1:-52)$
	$(AP_2:-33)$	$(AP_2:-30)$	$(AP_2:-36)$	$(AP_2:-62)$
	$(AP_3:-51)$	$(AP_3:-62)$	$(AP_3:-56)$	$(AP_3:-47)$
2	$(AP_1:-62)$	$(AP_1:-39)$	$(AP_1:-46)$	$(AP_1:-41)$
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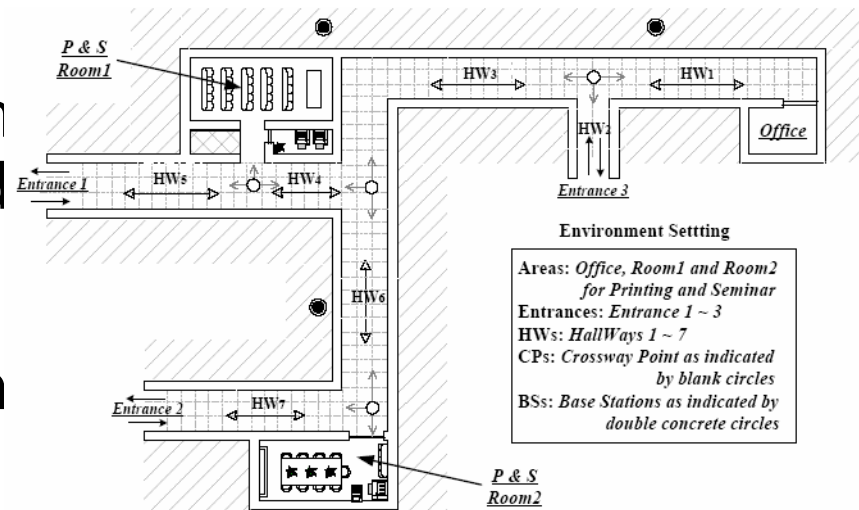
# Modeling User Traces Using Hidden Markov Model (HMM)

- An HMM is a quintuple  $\langle L, O, \lambda, A, \pi \rangle$ 
  - L: location-state space –  $\{l_1, l_2, \dots, l_n\}$
  - O: observation space –  $\{o_1, o_2, \dots, o_m\}$
  - $\lambda$ : radio map –  $\{ \Pr(o_j | l_j) \}$
  - A: location-state transition –  $\{ \Pr(l_j | l_i) \}$
  - $\pi$ : initial state distribution –  $\{ \Pr(l_i) \}$
- HMM model parameter  $\theta = (\lambda, A, \pi)$



# Experimental Setting

- The environment is modeled a space of 99 locations, each representing a 1.5-meter grid cell.
- Sensor readings contain signal strength measurements from base stations.
- Sensor model construction: 100 signal samples at each location.



99 locations

# Reducing the calibration effort: result

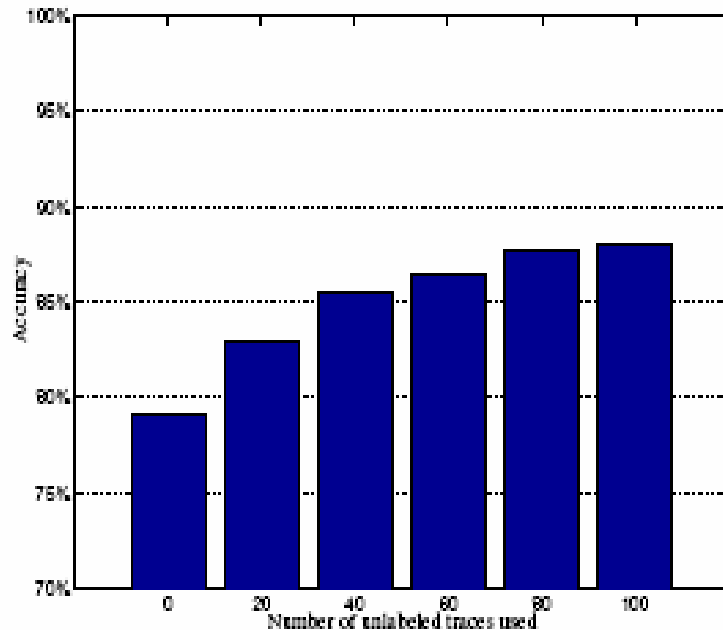


Fig. 16. Improvement achieved through using an increasing number of traces ( $N_s = 20, N_t = 99$ )

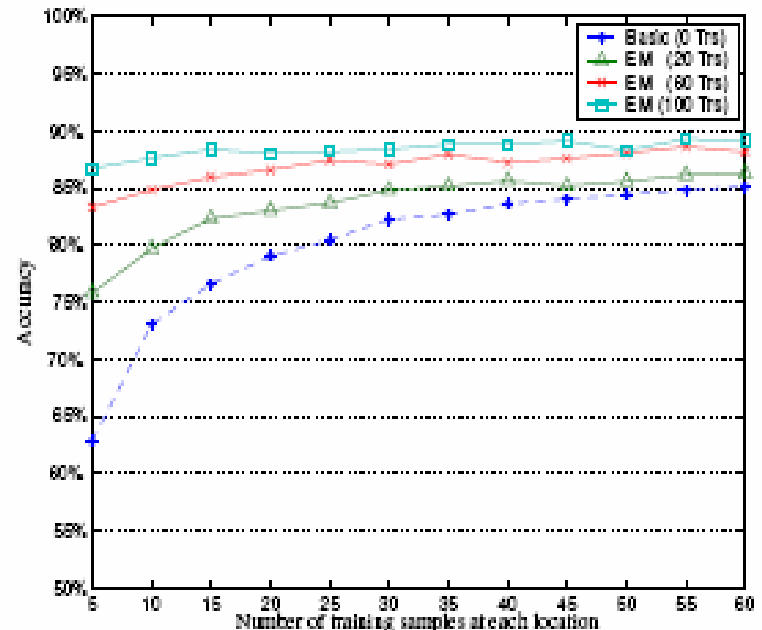
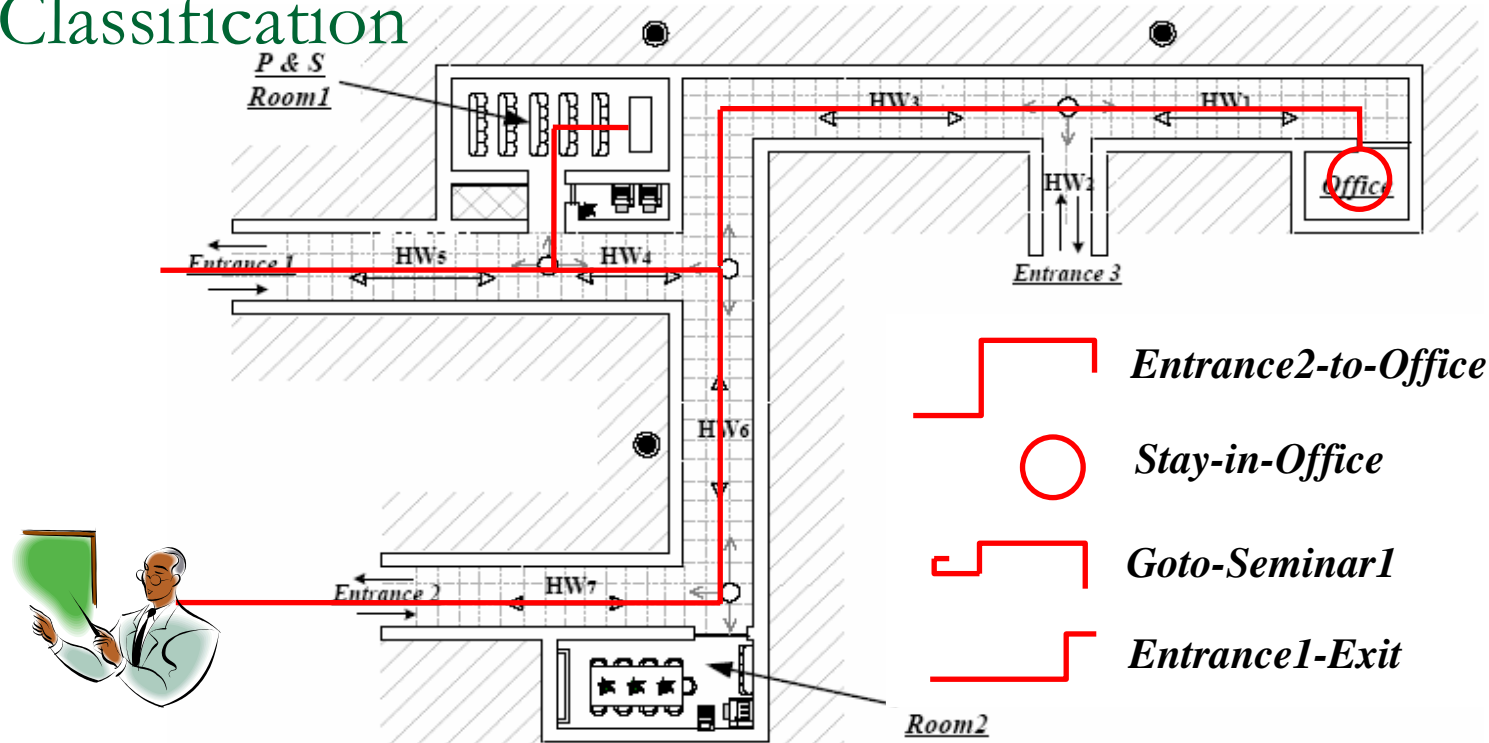


Fig. 17. Effect of using a varying number of traces to reduce the sampling time

# ML Prob: Multi-Dimensional Time-Series Classification



## Objective:

Infer what he is doing

recognize his ultimate goal

actions are not directly observable

more than one goal is achieved

**Sensor-based**

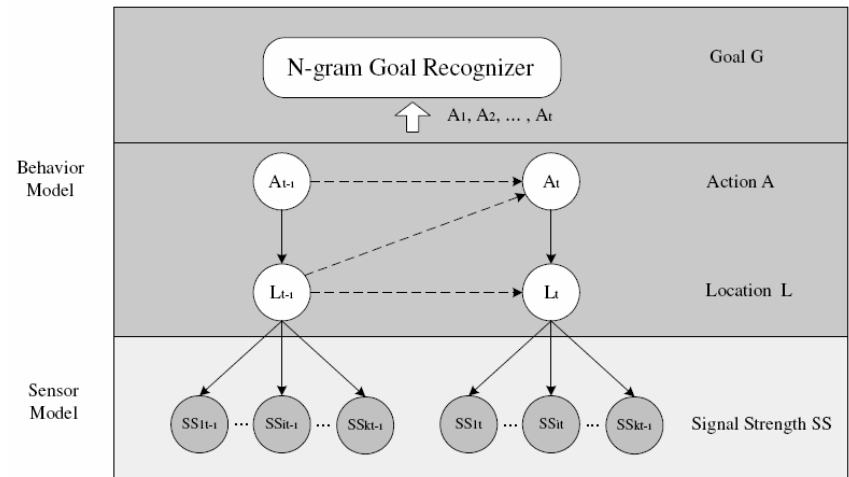
**Multiple-goal**

In: Proceedings of the AAAI '2004, '2005



# How to recognize a user's goals?

- **Problem:** how to ensure that goal recognition framework is robust?
- **Previous Work:**
  - HMM and DBN based: restricted to high-level inferences [Albrecht et al. 98] [Han & Veloso 00]
  - Sensor-based DBN: monolithic architecture but inflexible [Nguyen et al.03] [Bui 03] [Liao et al.04]
- **Our Method:**
  - A two-level recognition architecture

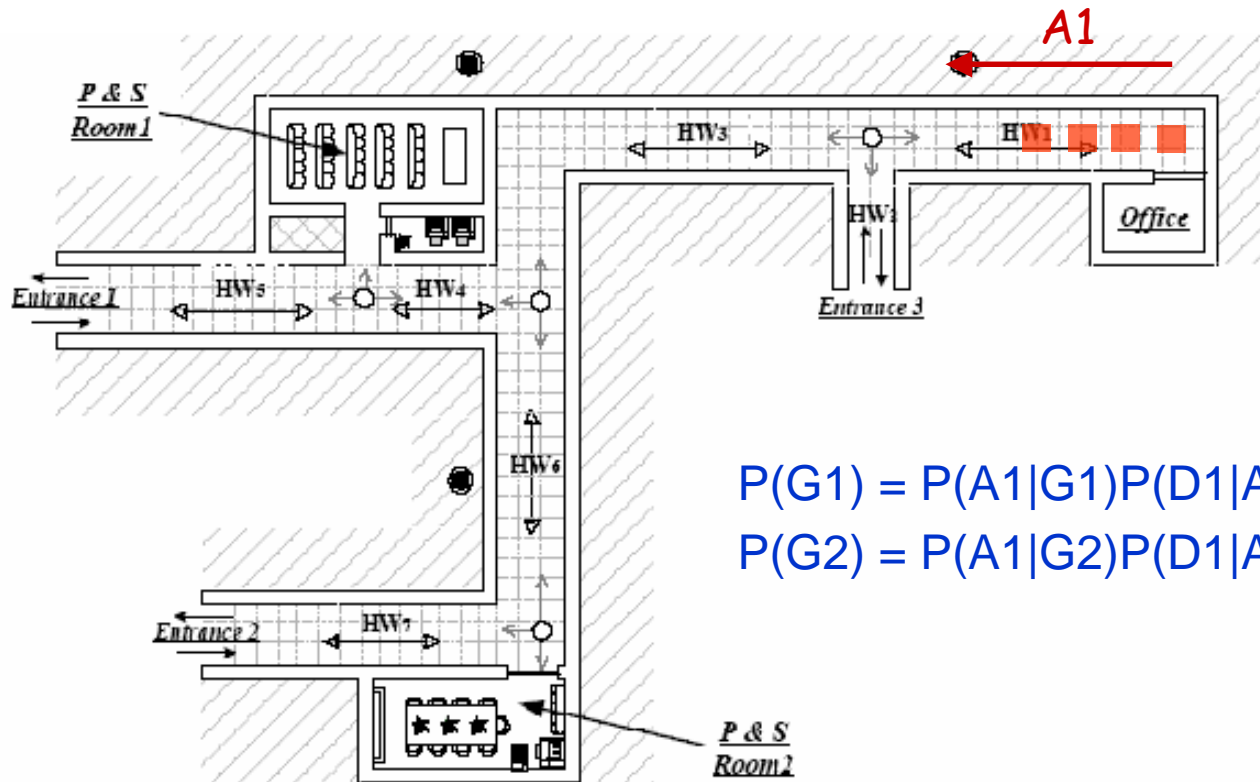


$$\begin{aligned} G^* &= \arg \max P(G|A_1, A_2, \dots, A_t) \\ &= \arg \max P(G|A_{1:t}). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} G^* &= \arg \max \frac{P(A_{1:t}|G)P(G)}{P(A_{1:t})} \\ &= \arg \max P(A_{1:t}|G)P(G) \end{aligned}$$

# An Example

G1: Go-to-Print-in-Room1    G2: Go-to-Seminar-in-Room2



Signal vector:

<58, 60, 45>

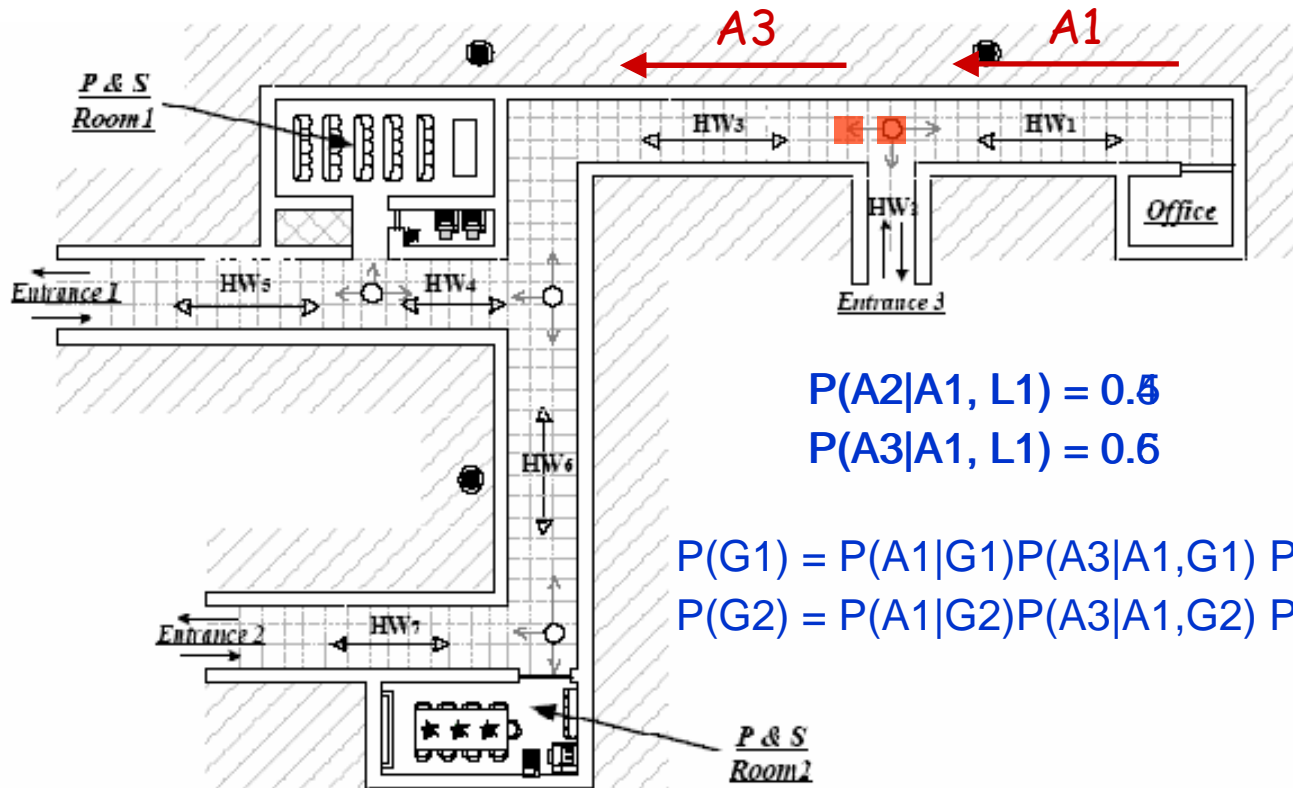
<56, 59, 48>

$$P(G1) = P(A1|G1)P(D1|A1) = 0.5$$

$$P(G2) = P(A1|G2)P(D1|A1) = 0.5$$

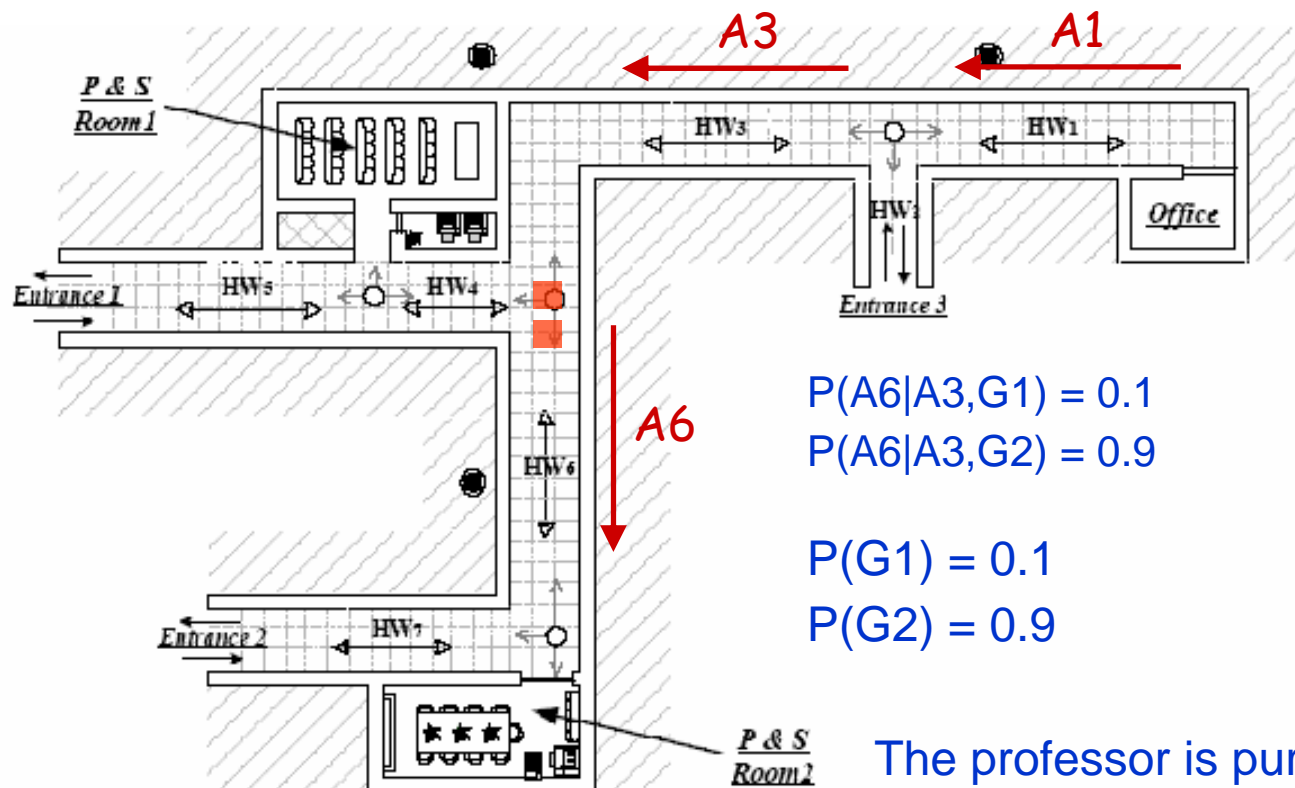
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G1: Go-to-Print-in-Room1    G2: Go-to-Seminar-in-Room2



$$P(A6|A3, G1) = 0.1$$

$$P(A6|A3, G2) = 0.9$$

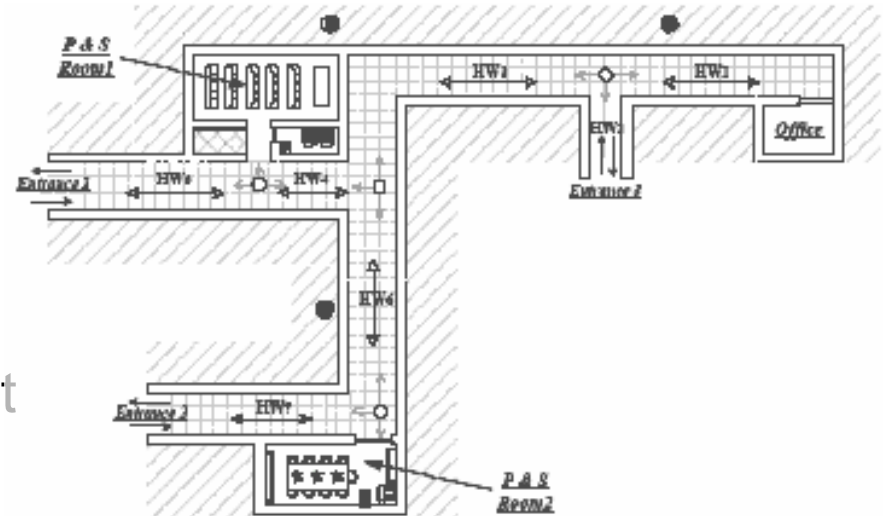
$$P(G1) = 0.1$$

$$P(G2) = 0.9$$

The professor is pursuing G2.

# Environment and Data Set

- 99 locations (a 1.5-meter grid cell)
- 8 out of 25 base stations
- Data for sensor model:
  - 100 samples were collected at each location
- Evaluation Data: about 600 traces(19 goals)
  - 3-fold cross-validation



99 locations
10 actions
19 goals

# Evaluation Criteria

## ■ Efficiency

- The average processing time for each observation in the on-line recognition.

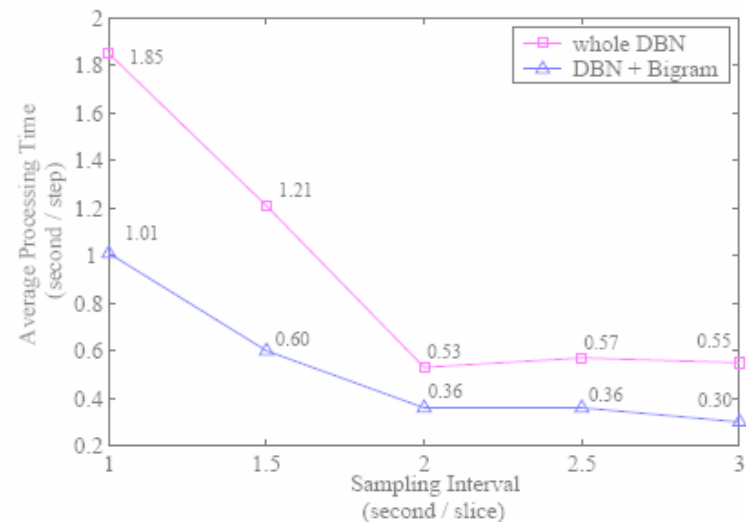
## ■ Accuracy

- The number of correct recognition divided by the total number of recognition.

## ■ Convergence rate

- The average number of observations, after which the recognition converges to the correct answer, over the average number of observations for those traces which converge.

Sampling Interval	1s	1.5s	2s	2.5s	3s
Whole DBN	89.5 %	87.1 %	84.2 %	75.4 %	71.9 %
DBN + Bigram	90.5 %	83.2 %	82.1 %	74.7 %	72.6 %

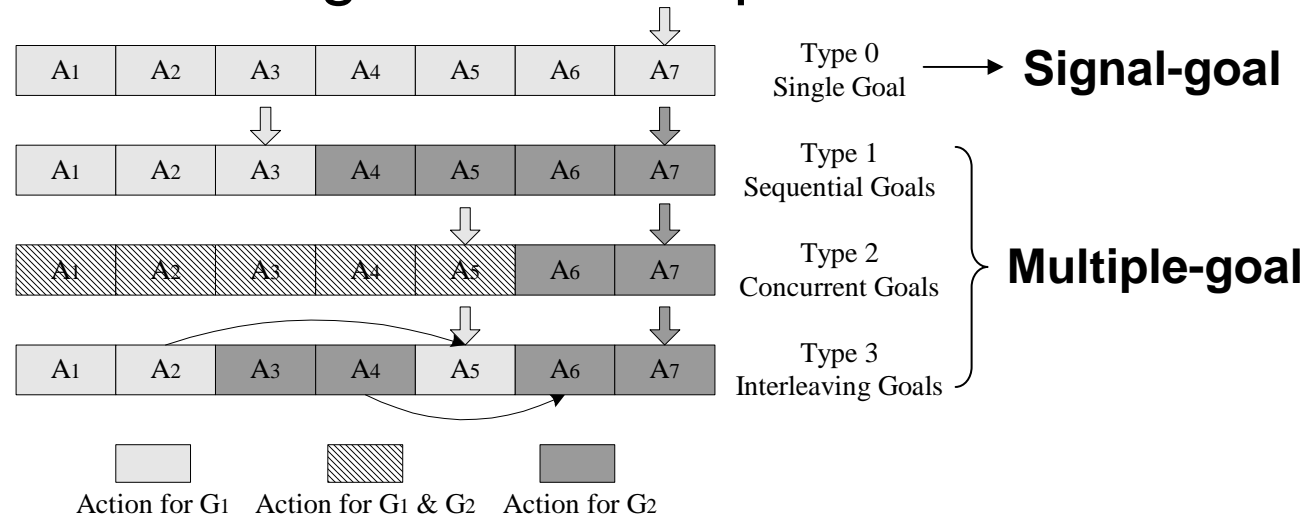


# Sensor-Based Multiple-Goal Recognition == Time-series Classification

- Recognition based on sensory readings

Trace #	Observation Sequences				Goal
	$t_1$	$t_2$	...	$t_k$	
1	$(AP_1:-57)$	$(AP_1:-56)$	$(AP_1:-55)$	$(AP_1:-52)$	$G_1$
	$(AP_2:-33)$	$(AP_2:-30)$	$(AP_2:-36)$	$(AP_2:-62)$	
	$(AP_3:-51)$	$(AP_3:-62)$	$(AP_3:-56)$	$(AP_3:-47)$	
2	$(AP_1:-62)$	$(AP_1:-39)$	$(AP_1:-46)$	$(AP_1:-41)$	$G_2$ $G_3$
	$(AP_2:-57)$	$(AP_2:-41)$	$(AP_2:-45)$	$(AP_2:-43)$	
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- Multiple-goal in a single action sequence



# Plan Recognition and Activity Recognition

## ■ Two categories of approaches:

### □ Consistency approaches

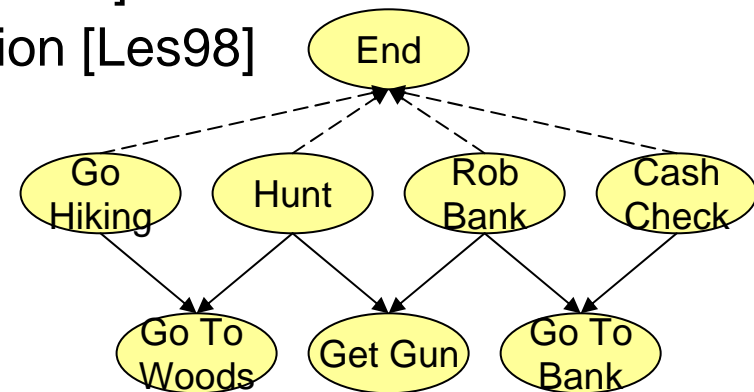
- Formal theory of plan recognition [Kau87]
- Scalable and adaptive goal recognition [Les98]

### □ Probabilistic approaches

- Hidden Markov models
- Bayesian Net and dynamic BN

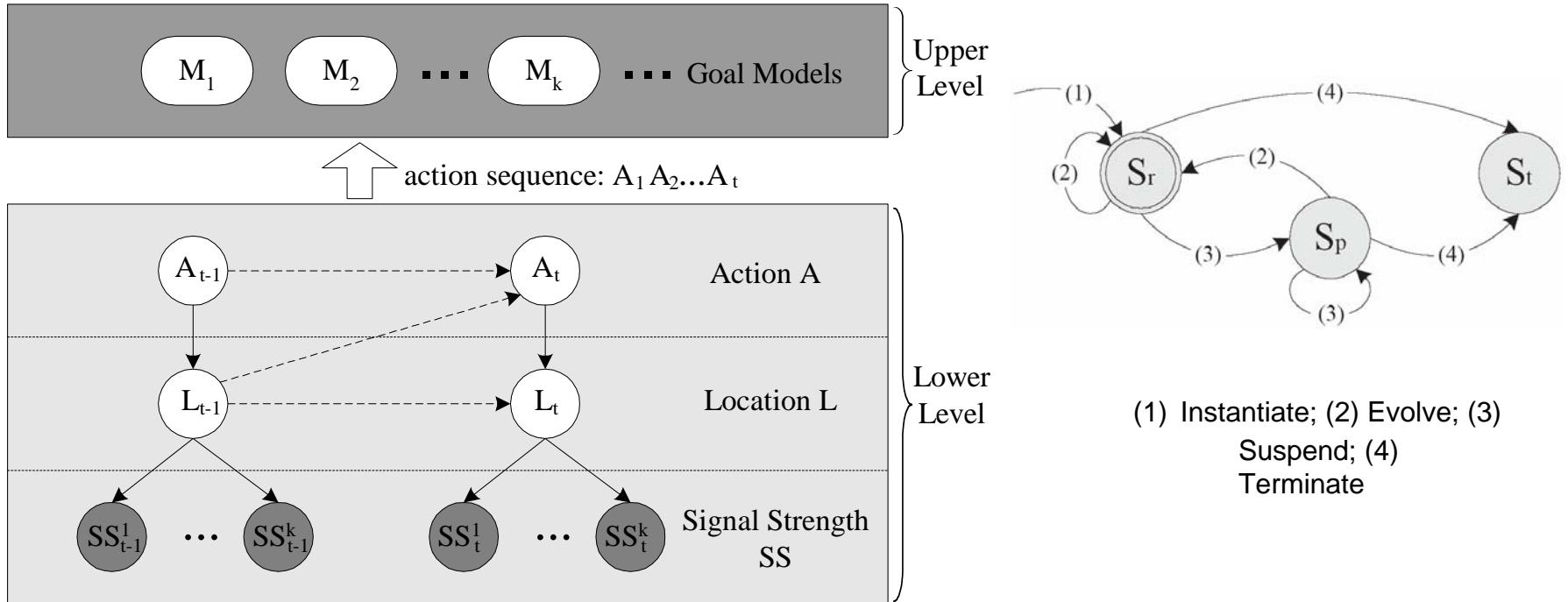
## ■ Limitations

- Logic-based assume actions are given, and cannot deal with uncertain signals
- Bayesian approaches must have a winning goal; but there may be several concurrent goals





# Framework of Sensor-Based Multiple-Goal Recognition



Two-level multiple-goal recognition framework

# Model Instantiation and evolution

- A **default-goal** model  $M_0$  is instantiated when a goal model is created at time  $t$ 
  - $M_0$  is added into the model set  $\mathbf{M}$
  - $L_t(M_0) = \pi_0 Q_0(A_t)$
- A **goal** model  $M_k$  is instantiated
  - whenever  $\pi_k Q_k(A_t) \geq \pi_0 Q_0(A_t)$
  - $Acc(M_k) = A_t$  and  $M_k$  is added into  $\mathbf{M}$
  - $L_t(M_k) = \pi_k Q_k(A_t)$

# Experimental Setting

- Actions and goals:

AID	Name	AID	Name
$A_1$	<i>Walk-in-HW1</i>	$A_2$	<i>Walk-in-HW2</i>
$A_3$	<i>Walk-in-HW3</i>	$A_4$	<i>Walk-in-HW4</i>
$A_5$	<i>Walk-in-HW5</i>	$A_6$	<i>Walk-in-HW6</i>
$A_7$	<i>Walk-in-HW7</i>	$A_8$	<i>Print_R1</i>
$A_9$	<i>Seminar_R1</i>	$A_{10}$	<i>Print_R2</i>
$A_{11}$	<i>Seminar_R2</i>	—	—

GID	Name	GID	Name
$G_1$	<i>"Print-in-Room2"</i>	$G_2$	<i>"Seminar-in-Room2"</i>
$G_3$	<i>"Print-in-Room1"</i>	$G_4$	<i>"Seminar-in-Room1"</i>
$G_5$	<i>"Go-to-Office"</i>	$G_6$	<i>"Exit-through-Entrance3"</i>
$G_7$	<i>"Exit-through-Entrance1"</i>	$G_8$	<i>"Exit-through-Entrance2"</i>

- eight** goals, 850 single-goal traces
- Multiple-goal traces are synthesized:
  - Segments of single-goal traces are pieced together to generate connective traces containing multiple goals.

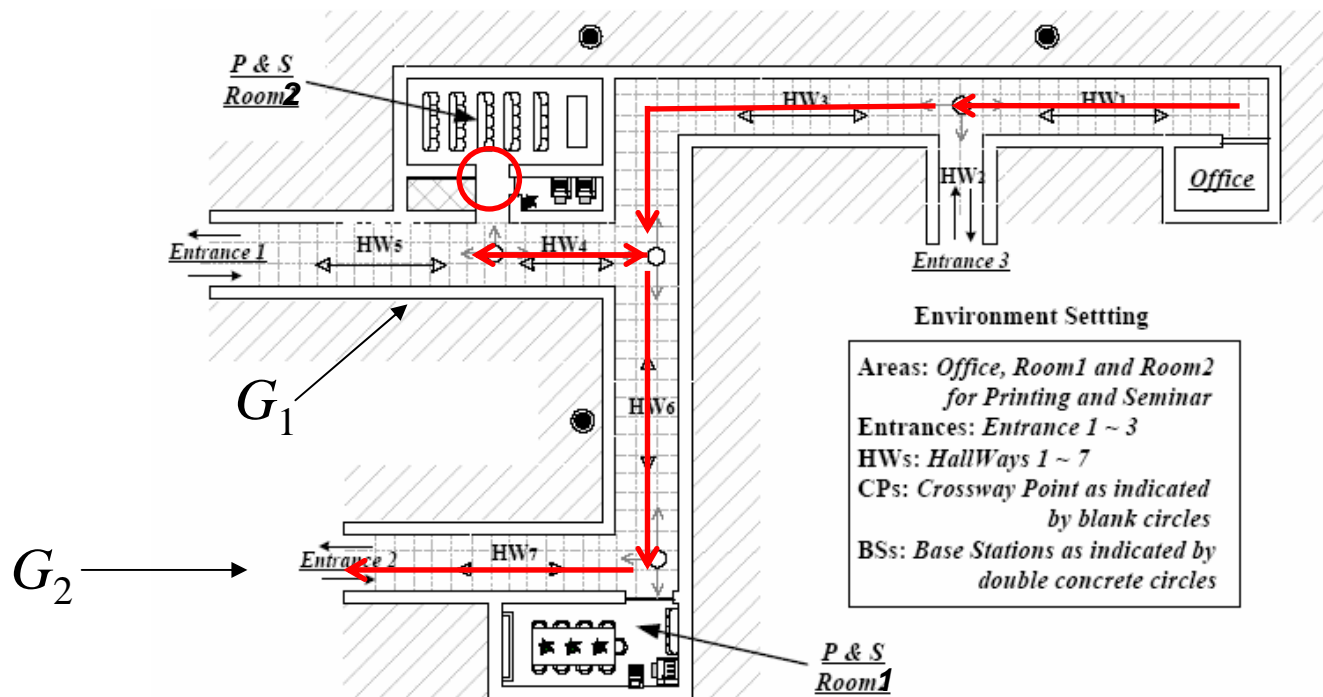
# Comparison Targets & Evaluation Criteria

- Three algorithms:
  - *MG-Recognizer* [Cha05]
  - *SG-Recognizer* [Yin04]
  - *BHMM-Recognizer* [Han99]
- Three criteria:
  - Recognition accuracy
  - Inference efficiency
    - Measured in terms of the number of models instantiated
  - Scalability
    - *w.r.t.* the number of goals modeled
    - *w.r.t.* the number of goals contained in a single trace

# An Example

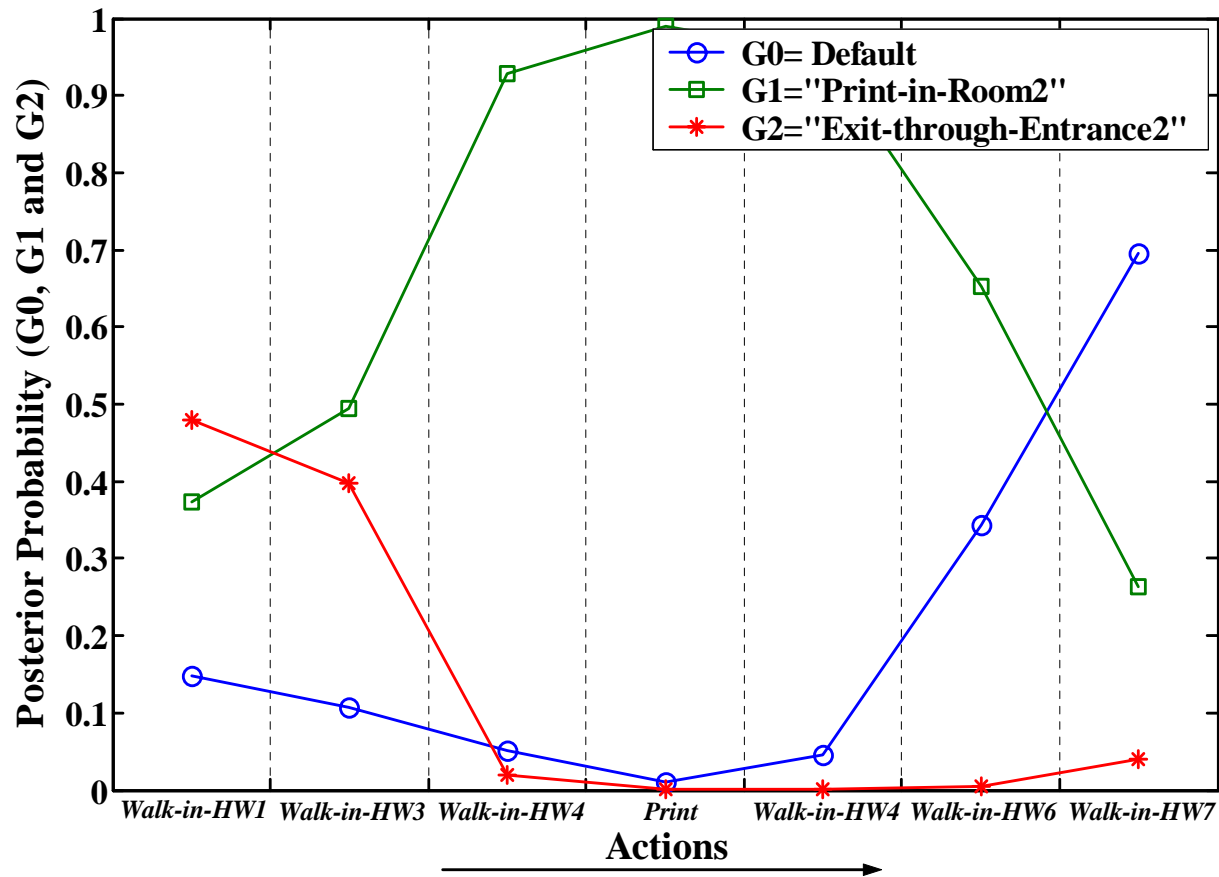
- Two goals are achieved in a single trace:

$G_1 = \text{"Print-in-Room2"}$  and  $G_2 = \text{"Exit-through-Entrance2"}$



# Recognition Accuracy

## ■ SG-Recognizer



# Accuracy and Efficiency

- Recognition accuracy:

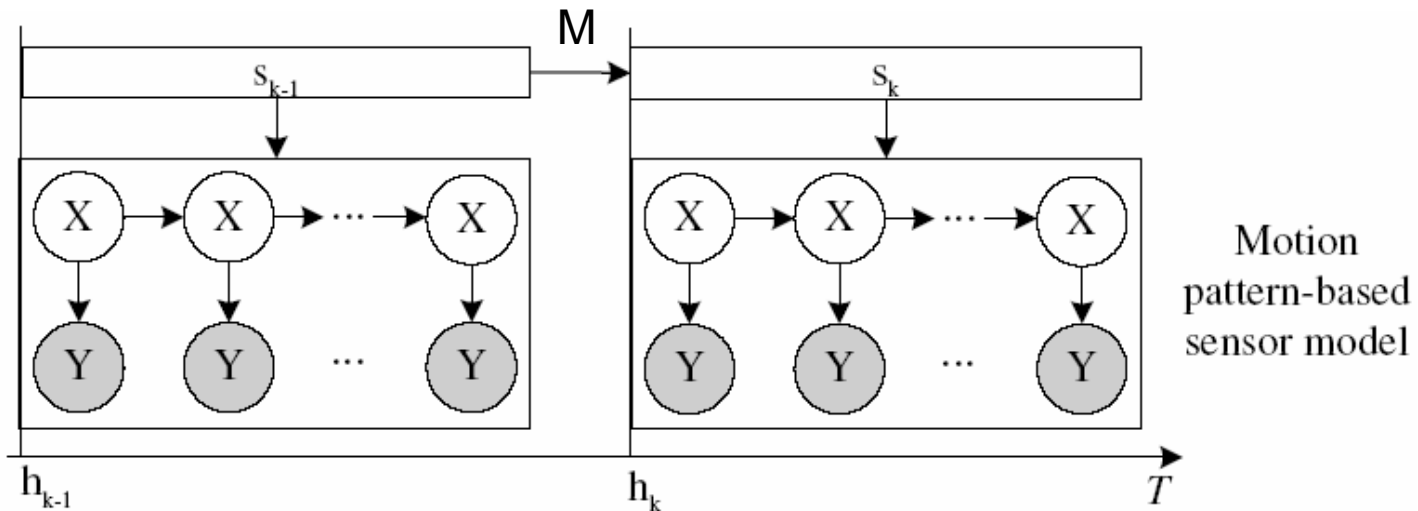
Recognizer	<i>SG-Recognizer</i>	<i>BHMM-Recognizer</i>	<i>MG-Recognizer</i>
Single-Goal	97.8%	95.5%	94.6%
Multiple-Goal	24.5%	79.1%	91.4%

- Inference Efficiency:

Recognizer	<i>SG-Recognizer</i>	<i>BHMM-Recognizer</i>	<i>MG-Recognizer</i>
Single-Goal	9	20.7	6.5 + 3.7
Multiple-Goal	9	28.7	6.6 + 4.8

# ML Prob: Segmentation and Feature Selection in Multi-dimensional Time-series

- Learning a Probabilistic Segmentation Model [AAAI 2005]
- We partition an observation sequence  $Y$  into  $N_s$  segments



- Segment labels  $S = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{N_s}\}$  and segmentation points  $H = \{h_1, h_2, \dots, h_{N_s}\}$

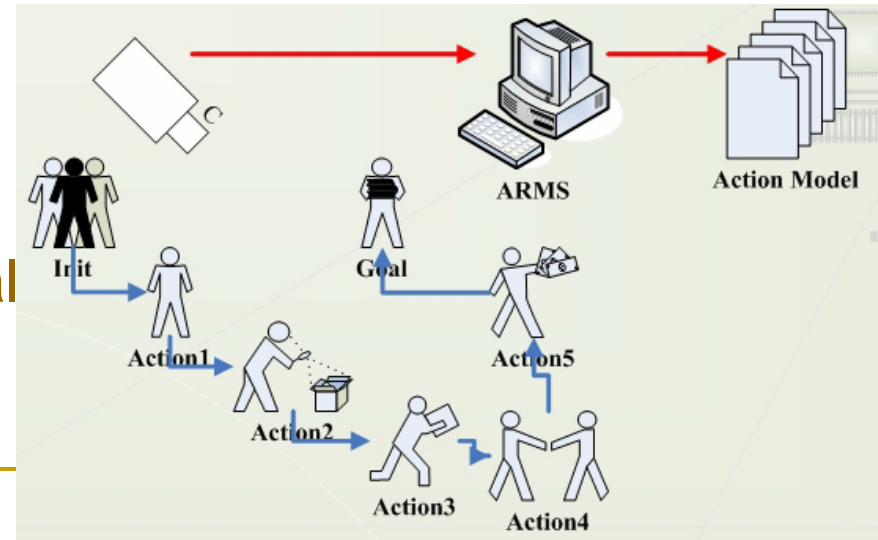


# ML Prob: Statistical Relational Learning: Action Model Learning

- **Input: observed plans**
  - $init_1, a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{13}, \dots, a_{1n}, goal_1$
  - $init_2, a_{21}, a_{22}, a_{23}, \dots, a_{2m}, goal_2$
  - ...
- **Output: action models; e.g.**  
**load** (x - hoist y - crate z - truck p - place)
  - **pre:** (at x p), (at z p), (lifting x y)
  - **del:** (lifting x y)
  - **add:** (at y p), (in y z),
    - (available x), (clear y)
- **Main Issue:**
  - **Automatically guess an initial action model**  
Then allow humans to edit these models

## Key contribution:

- can learn action models even when no intermediate state observations are available



# Distributed Learning In Sensor Networks

- *Distributed Regression: an Efficient Framework for Modeling Sensor Network Data*, Carlos Guestrin et al, IPSN 2004
- Key Insight:
  - Robustness of learned model is key in sensor networks
    - Nodes may be added to the network or fail
    - Communication is unreliable, and link qualities change over time
  - Distributed machine learning:
    - Pieces of models are learned at different sites
    - A central model is integrated together.

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# Conclusions and Future Work

- Sensor and Wireless Networks provides grounds for new Machine Learning Research
  - Semi-supervised Classification on time series
  - Data and Model Migration
  - Multi-dimensional Segmentation
  - Distributed Learning of robust models

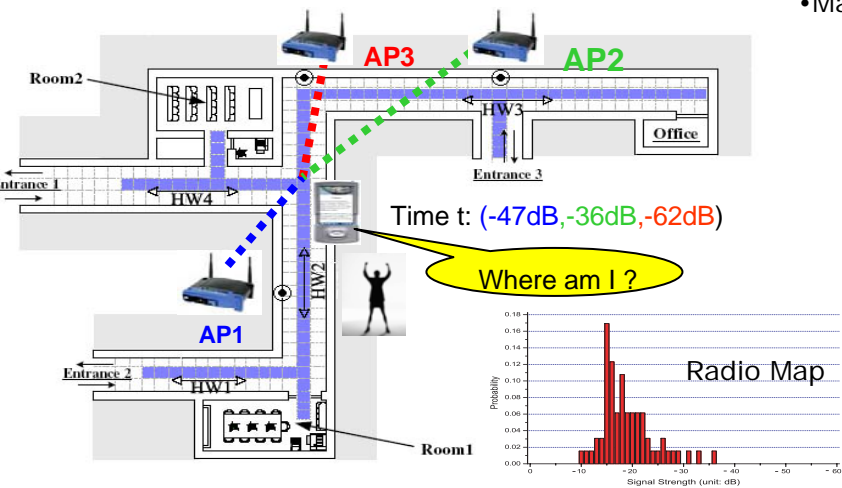
# Our Other Work in 2005 (HKUST)

- See <http://www.cs.ust.hk/~qyang>
- **Research in ubiquitous computing**
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  - **KDD-CUP 2005: Champion on all three awards** (see <http://webproject1.cs.ust.hk/q2c/>)
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# Accurate and Low-cost Indoor Location Estimation Using Kernels

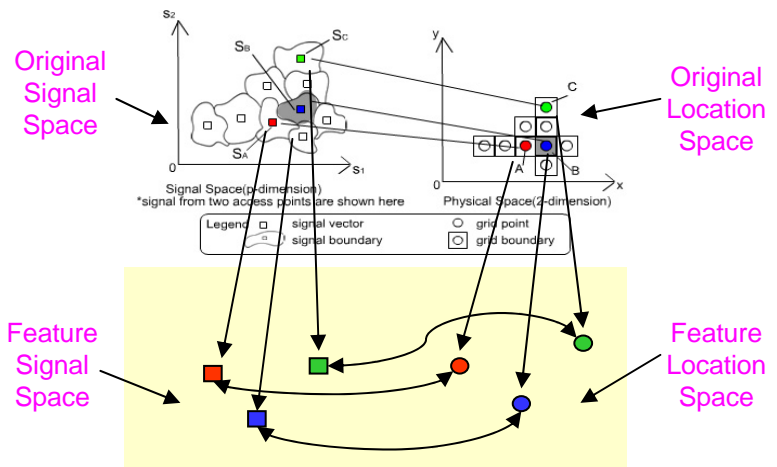
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**Problem** A user with a mobile device walks in an indoor wireless environment (Covered by WiFi signal)



**Motivation**

- Similar signals may not necessarily be nearby locations, or vice versa
- Maximize correlation between signal and location under feature transformation



**Methodology Kernel Canonical Correlation Analysis**

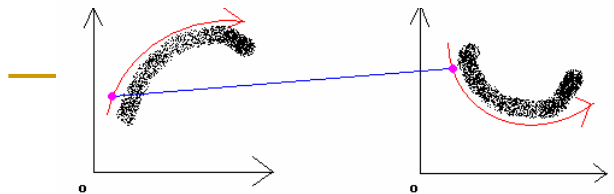
- Proposed by [D.R Hardoon et al. 2004]
- Two non-linear Canonical Vectors  $W_x$  &  $W_y$
- $W_x = X \alpha$     $W_y = Y \beta$
- K is the kernel

$$\Phi: x \rightarrow \Phi(x)$$

$$K(x, z) = \langle \Phi(x), \Phi(z) \rangle$$

- Maximize the correlation of projections

$$\rho = \max_{\alpha, \beta} \frac{\alpha' K_x K_y \beta}{\sqrt{\alpha' K_x^2 \alpha \cdot \beta' K_y^2 \beta}}$$



**Experiment Results**

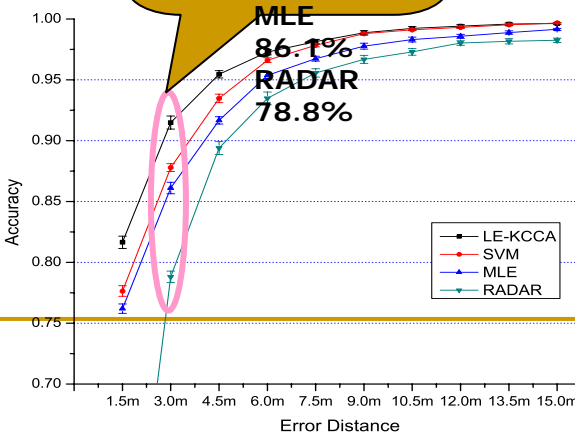
Accuracy (Error in 3.0m)

LE-KCCA  
91.6%

SVM  
87.8%

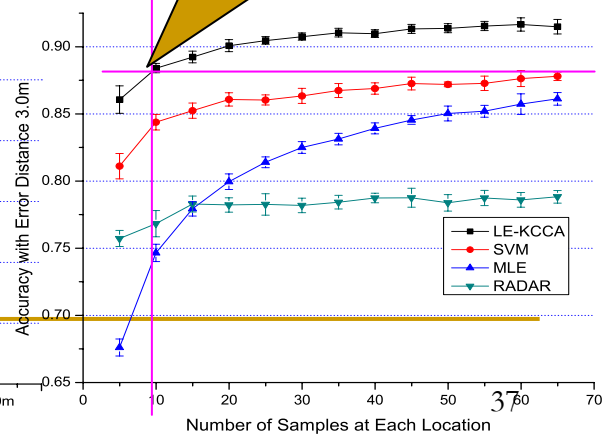
MLE  
86.1%

RADAR  
78.8%



Reduce Calibration Effort

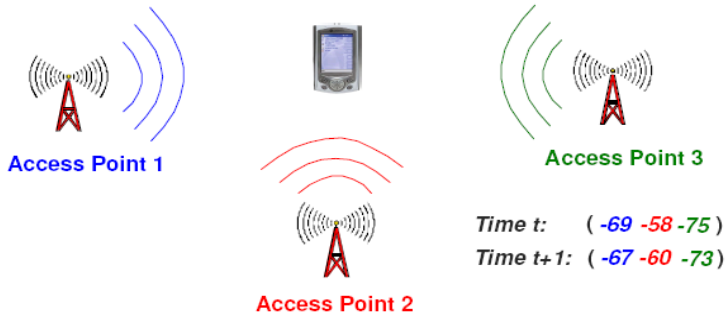
Outperform the others using 10-15 samples from each location



# Activity Recognition through Goal-Based Segmentation

Jie Yin, Dou Shen, Qiang Yang and Ze-Nian Li, AAI 2005

## ➤ Application Domain: Wireless Environment



## ➤ Trace Database on Signal-Strength Readings

Trace ID	Signal-strength Sequences				Goal ID
	$t_1$	$t_2$	...	$t_n$	
1	(AP1:-80)	(AP2:-81)	(AP1:-64)	(AP1:-68)	$G_1$
	(AP2:-78)	(AP2:-77)	(AP2:-69)	(AP2:-84)	
	(AP3:-62)	(AP3:-64)	(AP3:-71)	(AP3:-81)	
2	(AP1:-66)	(AP1:-63)	(AP1:-69)	(AP1:-78)	$G_2$
	(AP2:-85)	(AP2:-81)	(AP2:-64)	(AP2:-78)	
	(AP3:-84)	(AP3:-78)	(AP3:-59)	(AP3:-61)	

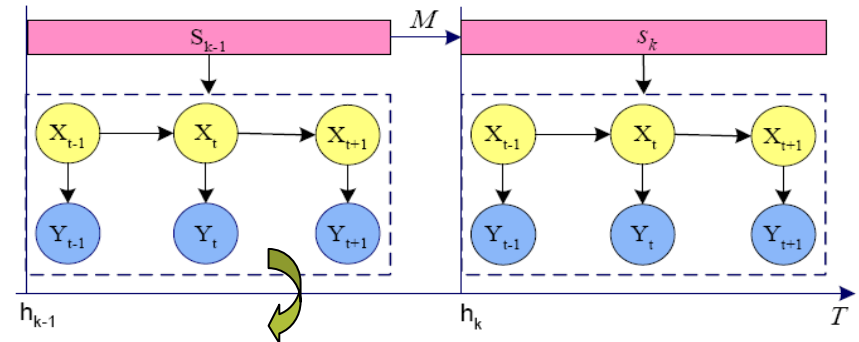
## ➤ Goal-Based Segmentation algorithm

- High-level **goals** can be recognized from low-level **signal segments**
- Each segment define a **motion pattern**



Sequence Segmentation Model  
Activity Recognition Model

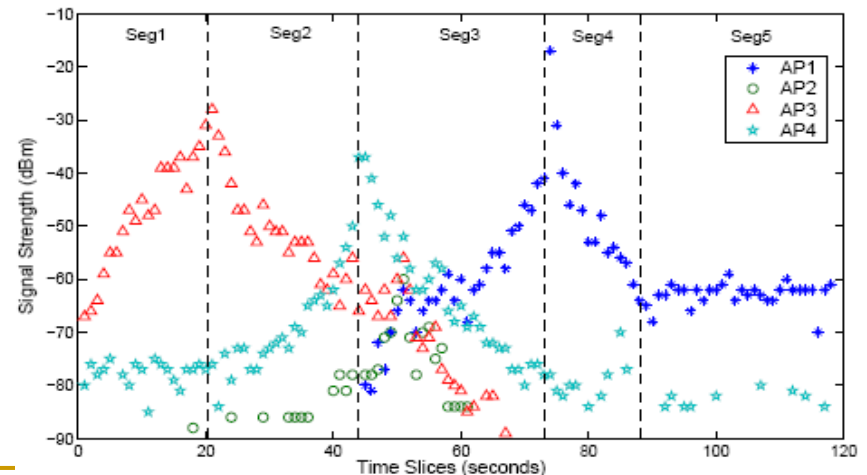
## ➤ Probabilistic Segmentation Model



Motion Pattern:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Dynamics Model: } & X_{t+1} = A_t X_t + W_t \\ \text{Observation Model: } & Y_t = C_t X_t + B_t \end{aligned}$$

## ➤ Illustration on Sensory data

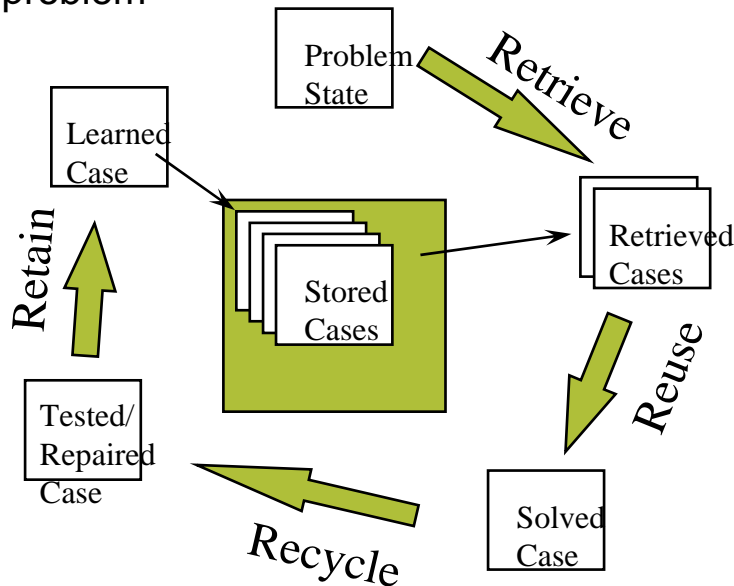


Reduce human effort in calibration for activity recognition!

# Competence Driven Case-Base Mining

R. Pan, Q. Yang, J.F. Pan, L. Li, AAI 2005

Case-Based Reasoning: Using previous cases to solve a current problem

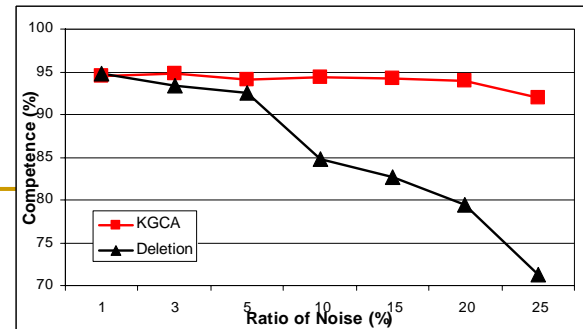
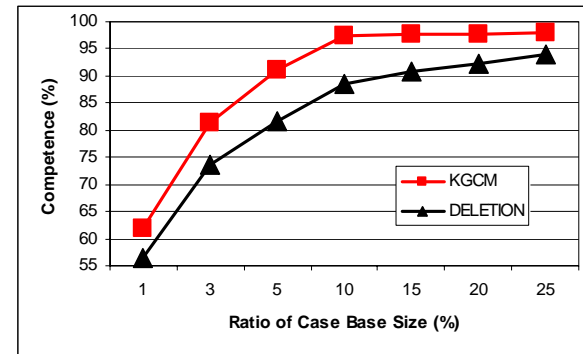


- Step 1: learn the distribution of the original sample – using KFDDA
- Step 2: Mining cases by considering the distribution and diversity

**Problem:** How to automatically obtain a quality case base from the raw data?

What is the quality metric?

Customer Database				
	Income	Married	Cars	Approved?
Sammy	50K	n	1	?
Beatrice	50K	y	1	Yes
Dylan	80K	n	2	Yes
Mathew	30K	n	1	No
Larry	40K	n	0	No
Basil	80K	n	1	Yes



# ARMS: Learning Action Models

ICAPS 2005

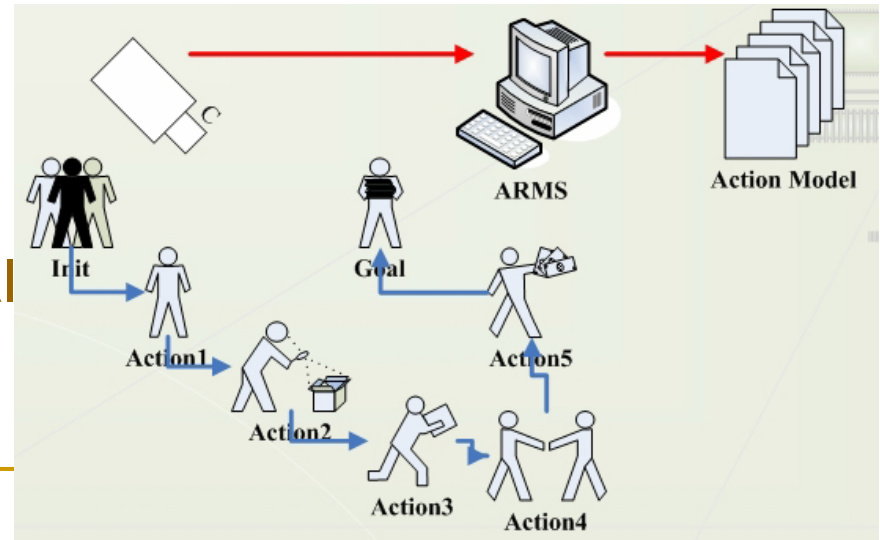
- **Input: observed plans**
  - $init_1, a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{13}, \dots, a_{1n}, goal_1$
  - $init_2, a_{21}, a_{22}, a_{23}, \dots, a_{2m}, goal_2$
  - ...

- **Output: action models; e.g.**  
**load** (x - hoist y - crate z - truck p - place)

- **pre:** (at x p), (at z p), (lifting x y)
- **del:** (lifting x y)
- **add:** (at y p), (in y z),
  - (available x), (clear y)

- **Main Issue:**
  - **Automatically guess an initial action model**  
Then allow humans to edit these models

Winner: the first ICAPS/KE competition 2005, CA, USA





# ACM KDD-CUP 2005 -- Winner

HKUST Team: D. Shen, R. Pan, J.T. Sun, J.F. Pan, K.H. Wu, J. Yin and Professor Q. Yang

## Task

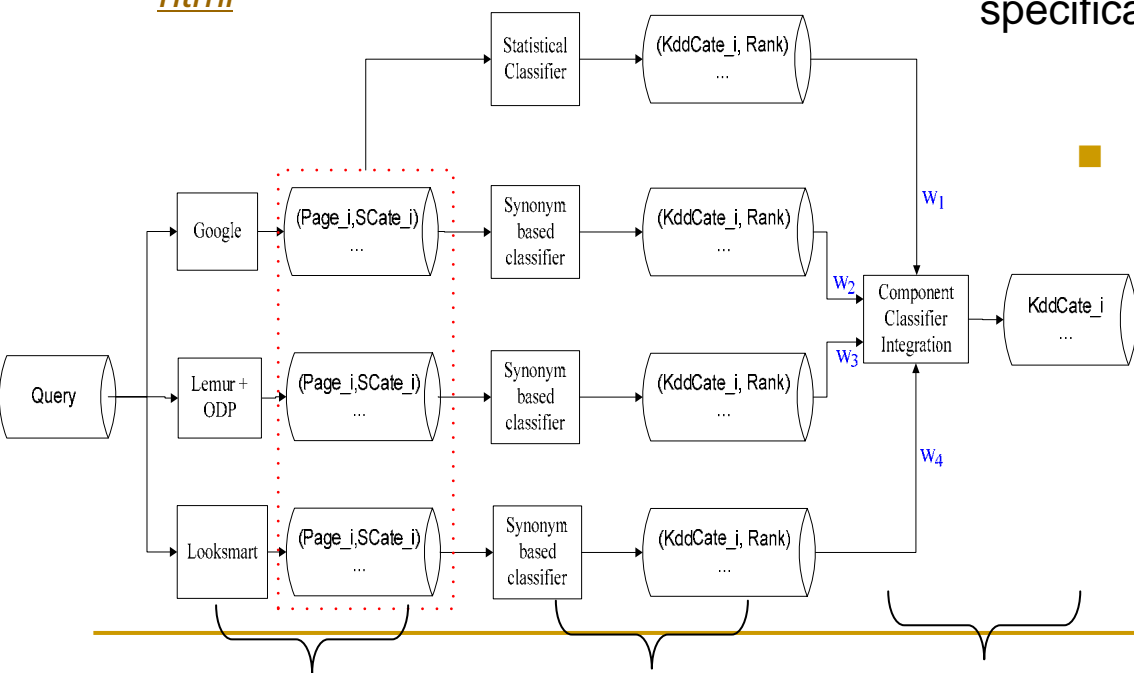
- Categorize 800,000 queries into 67 predefined categories;

## Limitation

- "There is no restriction on what data you can/can't use to build your models." *From* <http://kdd05.lac.uic.edu/kddcup.html>

## Key Characteristics:

- No training data
- Meaning of Queries: ambiguous
  - A query usually contains too few words;
  - Queries often have more than one meaning.
- Semantics of Categories: uncertain
  - Only the names of Categories, no more specification;



Phase I

Phase II

Ensemble

## HKUST won all three awards for KDDCup 2005:

- Query Categorization Precision Award,
- Query Categorization Performance Award
- Query Categorization Creativity Award

# KDDDCUP Winners Aug 2005



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# Thank You!

- <http://www.cs.ust.hk/~qyang>