Detection Algorithms for Biosurveillance: A tutorial

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Many Methods!

Method	Has Pitt/CMU tried it?	Tried but little used	Tried and used	Under development	Multivariate signal tracking?	Spatial ?
Time-weighted averaging	Yes	Yes				
Serfling	Yes		Yes			
ARIMA	Yes	Yes				
SARIMA + External Factors	Yes		Yes			
Univariate HMM	Yes		Yes			
Kalman Filter	Yes	Yes				
Recursive Least Squares	Yes		Yes			
Support Vector Machine	Yes	Yes				
Neural Nets	Yes	Yes				
Randomization	Yes		Yes	Yes		
Spatial Scan Statistics	Yes			(w/ Howard Burkom)	Yes	Yes
Bayesian Networks	Yes			Yes	Yes	
Contingency Tables	Yes		Yes			
Scalar Outlier (SQC)	Yes	Yes				
Multivariate Anomalies	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Change-point statistics	Yes			Yes		
FDR Tests	Yes		Yes		Yes	
WSARE (Recent patterns)	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
PANDA (Causal Model)	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes
FLUMOD (space/Time HMM)				Yes	Yes	Yes

Details of these methods and bibliography available from "Summary of Biosurveillance-relevant statistical and data mining technologies" by Moore, Cooper, Tsui and Wagner. Downloadable (PDF format) from www.cs.cmu.edu/~awm/biosurv-methods.pdf

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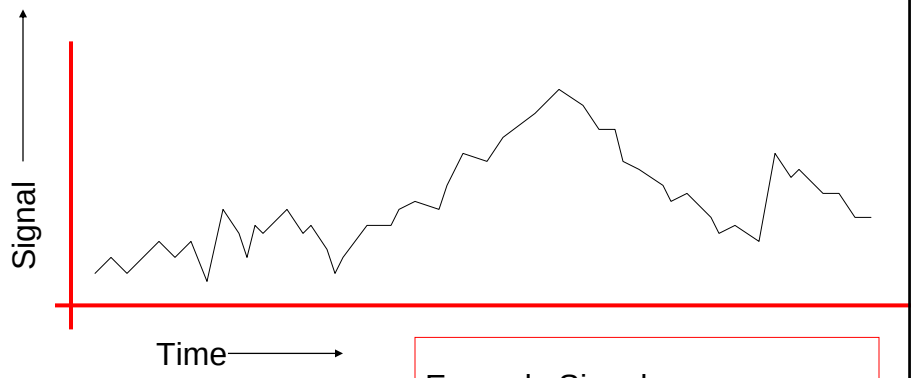

Example Signals:

- Number of ED visits today
- Number of ED visits this hour
- Number of Respiratory Cases Today
- School absenteeism today
- Nyquil Sales today

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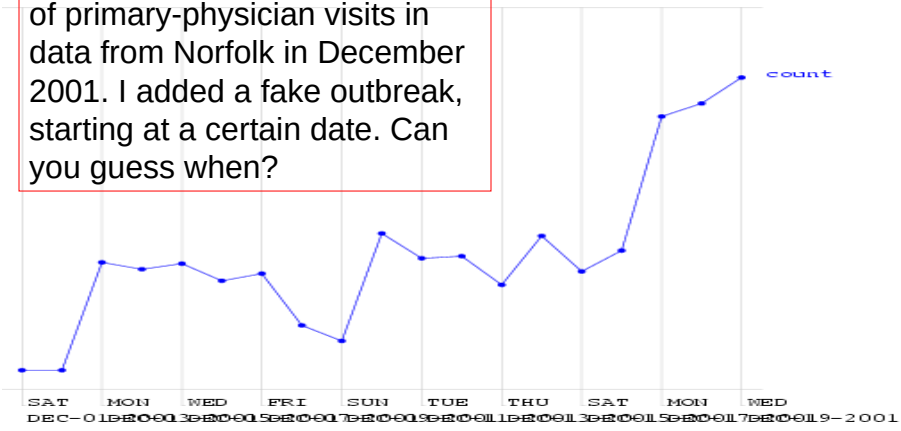

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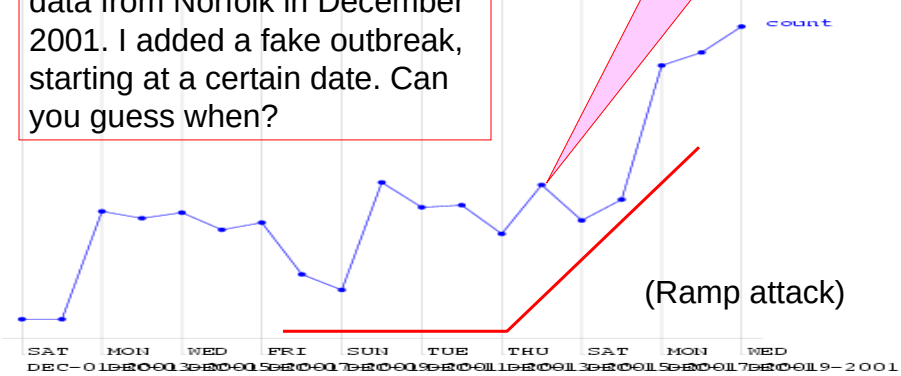

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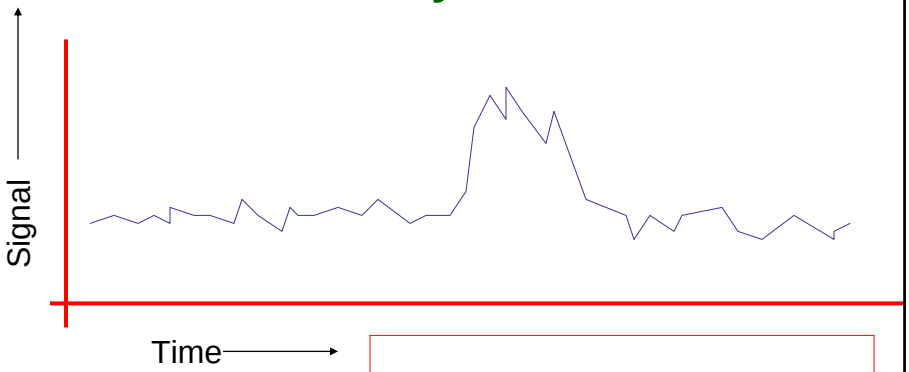

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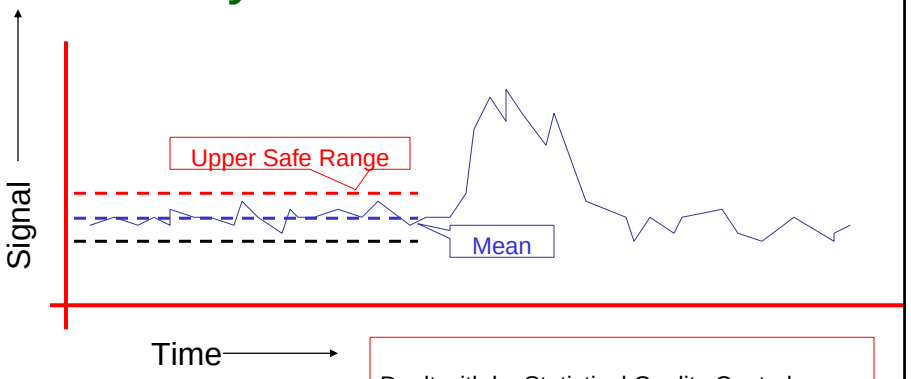

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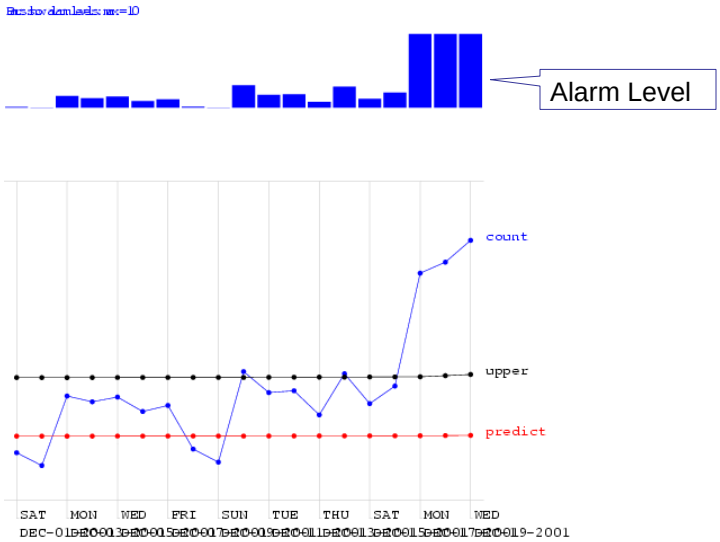

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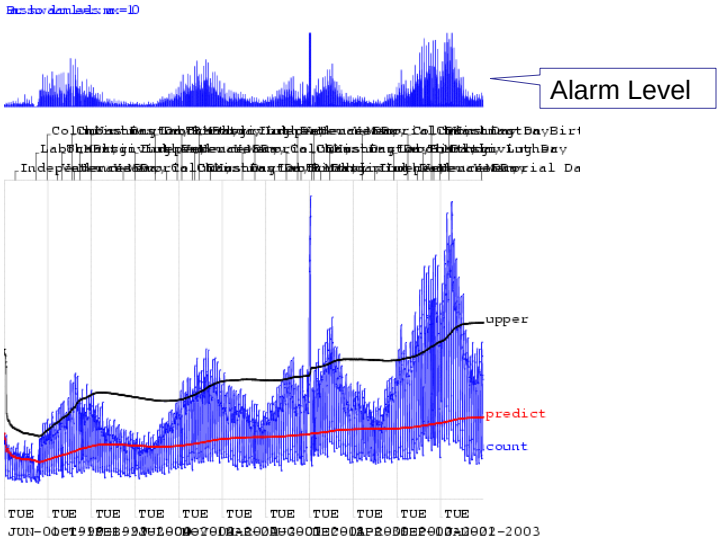

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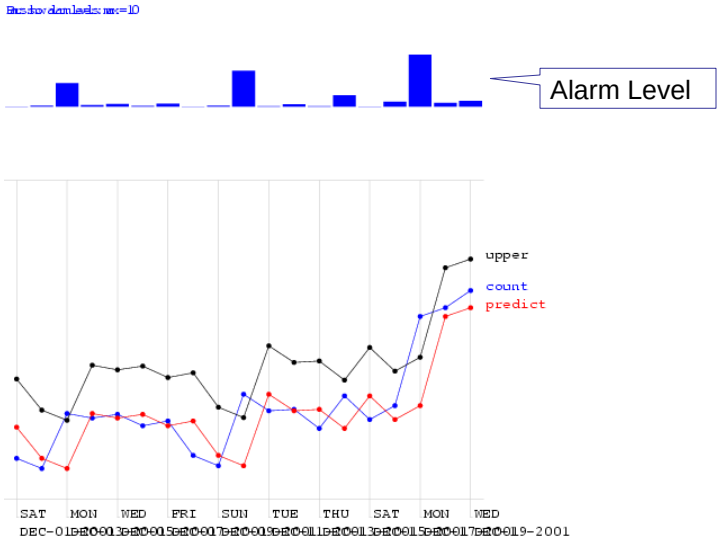

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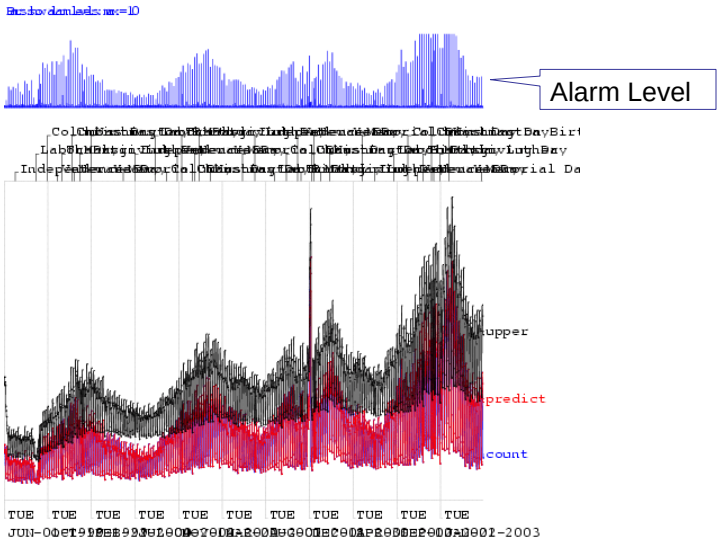

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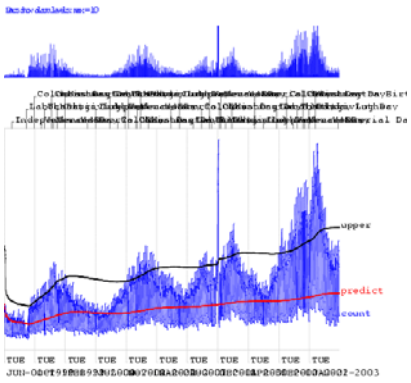

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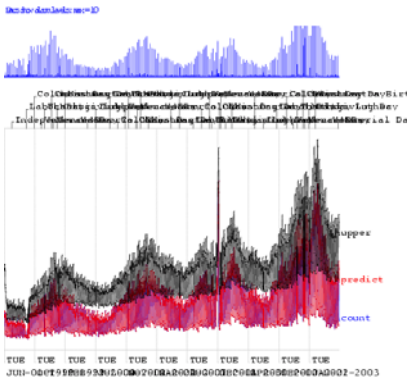

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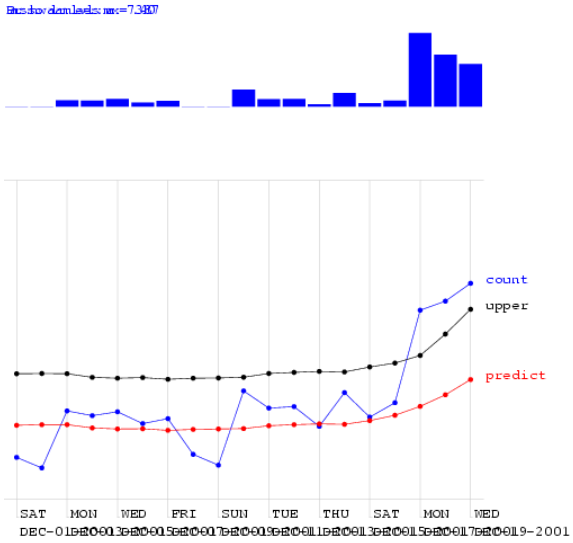

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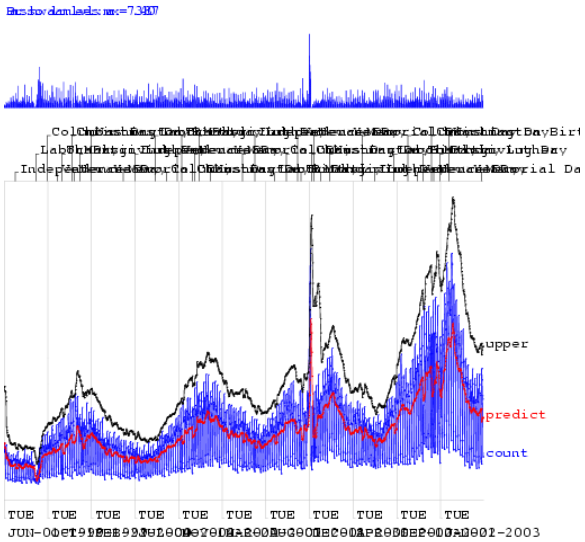

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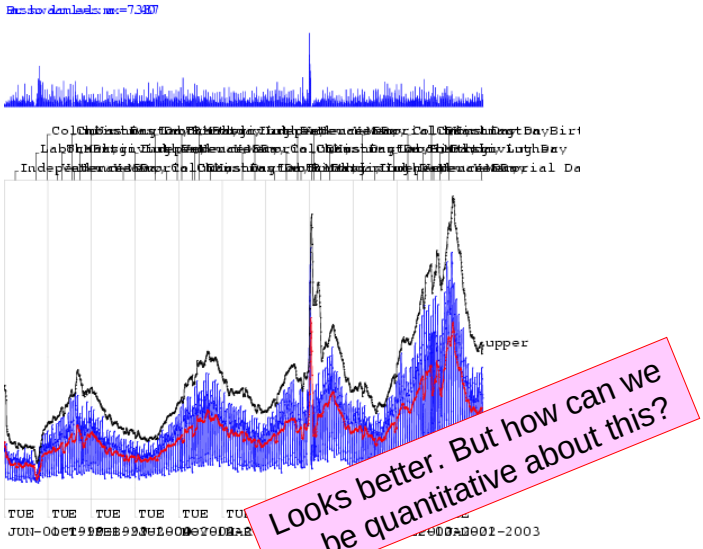

Looks better. But how can we be quantitative about this?

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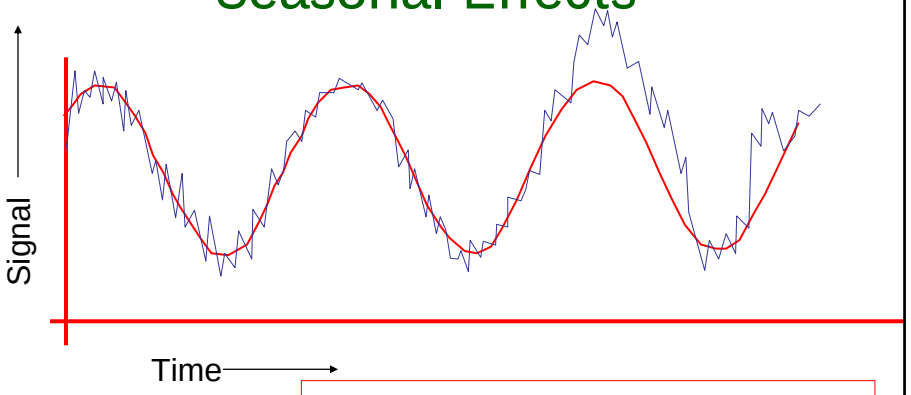

Fit a periodic function (e.g. sine wave) to previous data. Predict today's signal and 3-sigma confidence intervals. Signal an alarm if we're off.

Reduces False alarms from Natural outbreaks.

Different times of year deserve different thresholds.

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Day-of-week effects

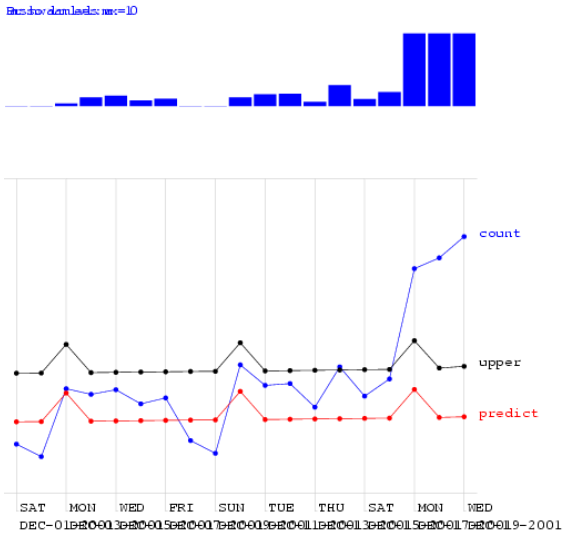
Fit a day-of-week component

E[Signal] = a + $delta_{day}$

E.G: $delta_{mon}$= +5.42, $delta_{tue}$= +2.20, $delta_{wed}$= +3.33, $delta_{thu}$= +3.10, $delta_{fri}$= +4.02, $delta_{sat}$= -12.2, $delta_{sun}$= -23.42

A simple form of ANOVA

Regression using Hours-in-day & IsMonday



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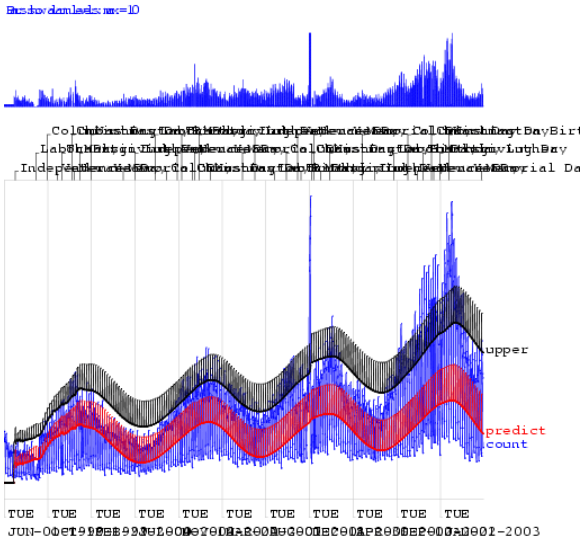

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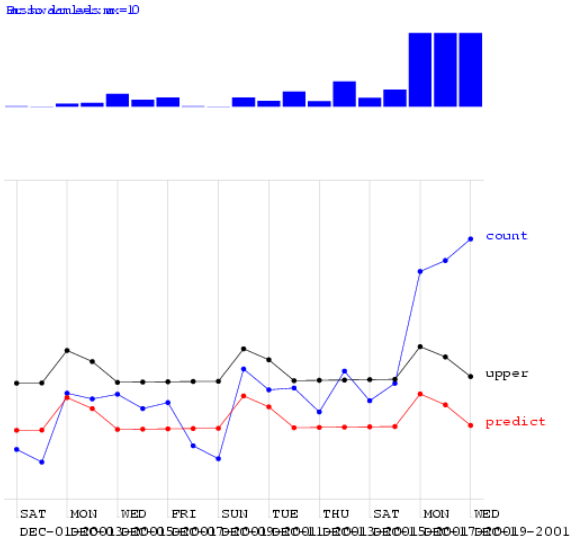

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- CUmulative SUM Statistics

- Keep a running sum of “surprises”: a sum of excesses each day over the prediction
- When this sum exceeds threshold, signal alarm and reset sum

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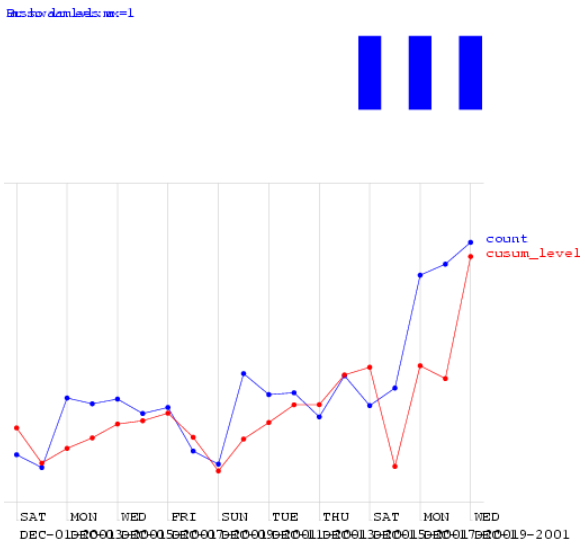

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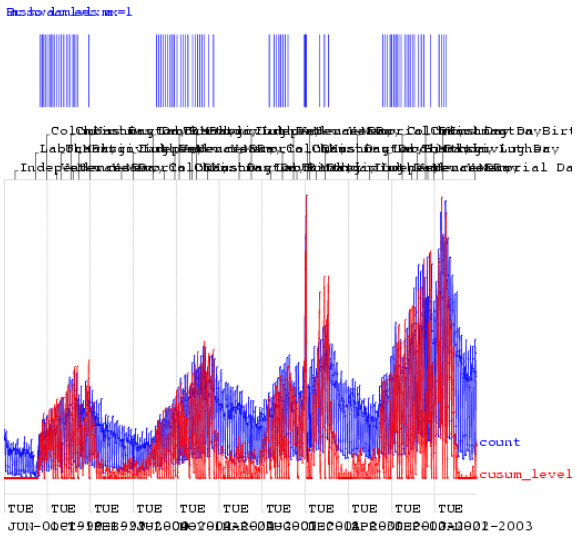

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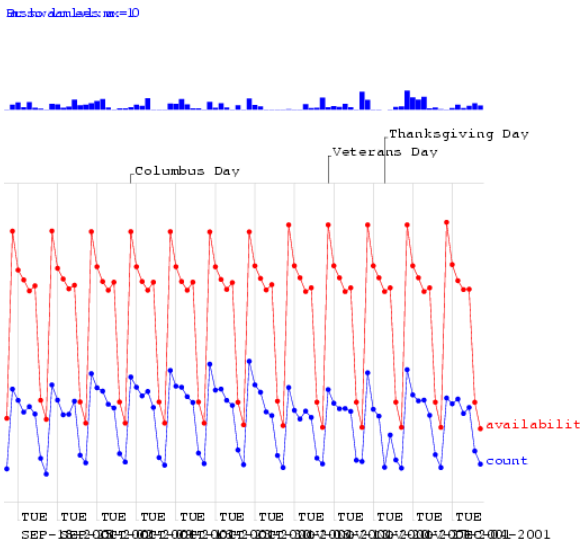


that the date is a Sunday. It is also possible to add local terms, such as the mean count over the previous seven days as an additional feature to allow the method to adapt better to recent local events. These additions can be very helpful, and as we shall see at the end of the chapter, regression methods that include these extra terms perform better than moving average (which had been our favorite method) on our data.

10. SICKNESS AVAILABILITY

Another way to deal with day-of-week variations is to use the sickness availability method to smooth the time series by removing noise due to the day-of-week effect. This algorithm transforms the daily counts in the time series into a daily sickness value, which is defined as the number of people getting sick every day irrespective of whether they seek health care or not. The term availability refers to the probability that a patient will seek health care during a specific day of the week; hence, there are a total of seven values of availability, one for each day of the week. The availability of a day can be thought of as the fraction of a weeks-worth of visits that get assigned to the given day. The sickness availability method is based on the intuitive assumptions that the expected count is the product of the true amount of sickness and the current day's availability.

We can estimate the expected availability for a specific day of week (dow) using the average of the availabilities on that day for the past m weeks. We can calculate the expected availability A_{dow} as:

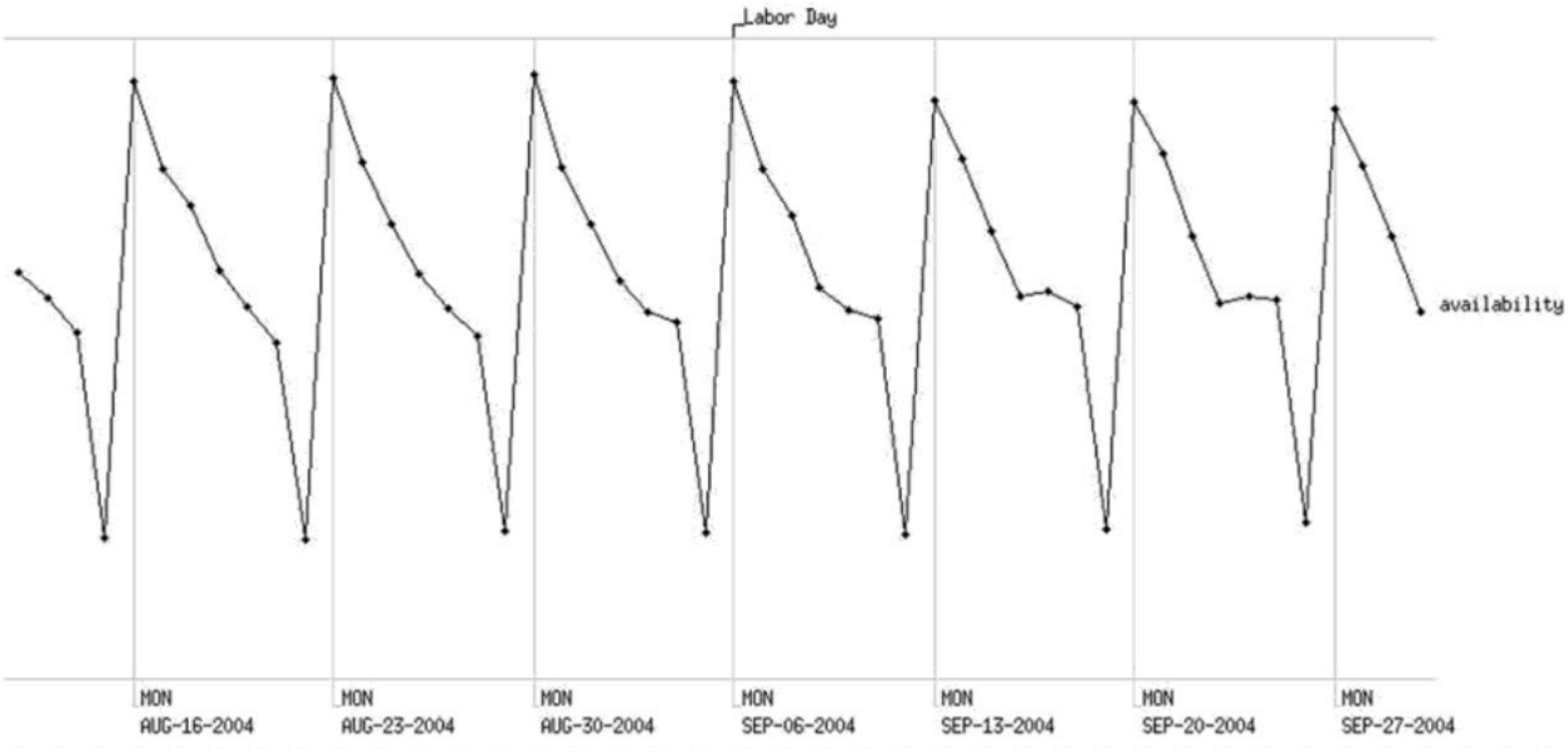
$$A_{dow} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m} (C_{i(dow)} / \sum_{dow=0}^{6} C_{i(dow)})}{m} \tag{9}$$

In Eq. 9, A_{dow} refers to the expected availability for the day of week specified by the variable *dow*, which takes on seven different values ranging from 0 to 6. The term $C_{i(\text{dow})}$ is the actual number of patients that visited the ED on the particular day of week *dow* during the *i*th week in the past. Since national holidays affect the number of patients visiting the ED, weeks containing holidays are ignored completely in the availability calculations. Finally, the parameter m controls the smoothness of the sickness curve.

Since sickness is defined as the total number of people in the city getting sick on a particular day, we can calculate it as follows:

$$S_{today} = \frac{C_{today}}{A_{today}} \tag{10}$$

The term S_{today} in Eq. 10 refers to the number of people who are sick on the current day while the term C_{today} refers to the number of people who visited the ED on the current day. A_{today} is the probability that a patient will visit the ED for the day of week specified by *today*. Figure 14.18 shows the availability estimated in the period leading up to the synthetic ramp outbreak: it shows a consistent picture that we usually see far more patients on Mondays than Sundays, and then the visits taper off during the rest of the week. Figure 14.19 shows both the original count and the estimated sickness (count/availability). Sickness is much more stable than the original count because day of week effects have been greatly reduced. It is now possible to run a time series algorithm on the sickness values. In this case, we chose to use moving average with a window of seven days. The resulting alarms show something that was not achieved in any



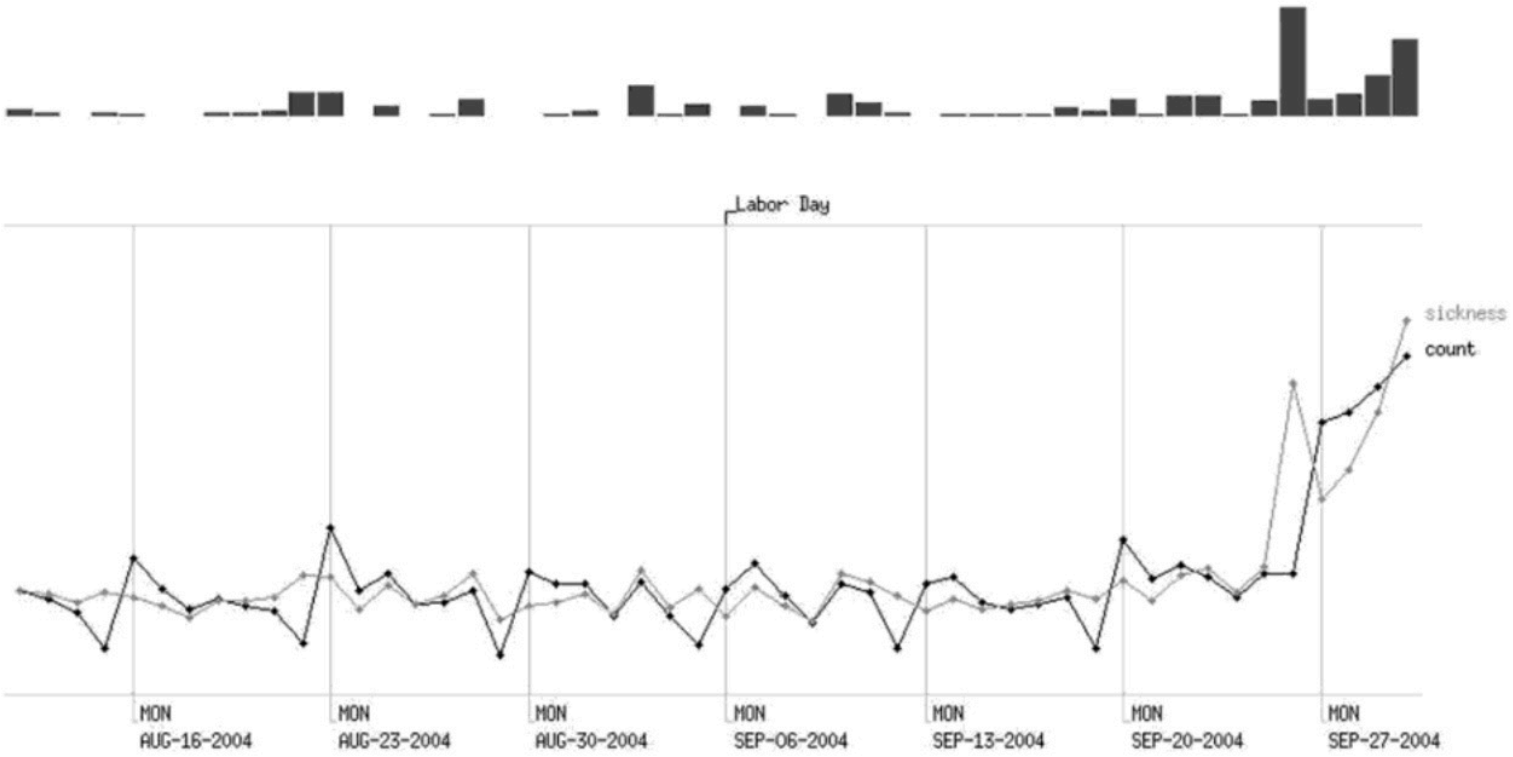


FIGURE 14.19 The black "count" line shows the raw data. The gray "sickness" line shows the sickness after the count has been divided by the corresponding availability value from Figure 14.18. Note how the sickness time series is now smoother than the original data and decorrelated with day of week. The alarm levels are derived from moving average applied to the sickness time series.

of the previous illustrations: a strong alarm resulting from the higher-than-expected counts for the Sunday.

We would like to emphasize that the sickness availability method only smoothes the time series. It is not a detection algorithm by itself. Instead, a detection algorithm, such as the control chart, moving average, or CUSUM algorithms should be used on the smoothed data.

11. FURTHER COMPARISON OF THE UNIVARIATE ALGORITHMS

We insert another copy of Table 14.1, with some of the above methods added for comparison. The newly evaluated algorithms follow:

- Regression using two features: the mean count over the past week and hours of daylight. This allows the algorithm to account for seasonal variation by putting a negative coefficient in front of hours of daylight.
- Regression using the additional feature *is_Monday*, which is set to 1 if today is Monday and 0 otherwise. This allows the algorithm to anticipate the Monday bump in physician visits and so be less prone to false positives.
- Regression using indicator variables for all days of the week except for Sunday (which would be redundant), and additionally, *hours_of_daylight* and *mean_count_over_previous_seven_days*.
- Using sickness/availability to compensate day-of-week effects, and then using the approach of comparing against yesterday. This method thus looks for jumps in the day-of-week-adjusted counts.

For this data set, with its seasonal components and day-of-week components, we see that sickness availability (to cope with day-of-week effects) combined with moving average (to cope with seasonal trends) performs well. Some of the regression methods perform almost equally well. We should note that this does not mean these methods are best in general: individual properties of individual data sets mean different approaches can be stronger for different data sets. Our only general advice is that in our experience relatively simple methods usually work at least as well as complex approaches. A second important note is that the numbers in Table 14.2 cannot be used as an estimate of how quickly real outbreaks are expected to be detected: the numbers are a function of many things, including the simulated magnitude of the outbreaks and the simulated noise levels.

12. ADDITIONAL METHODS

A complete set of approaches would require a very thick book, such as Hamilton (1994). The purpose of this chapter has been a tour of a sufficient variety of approaches to introduce the reader to some of the issues faced when choosing or implementing a time-series–based method, without going into the

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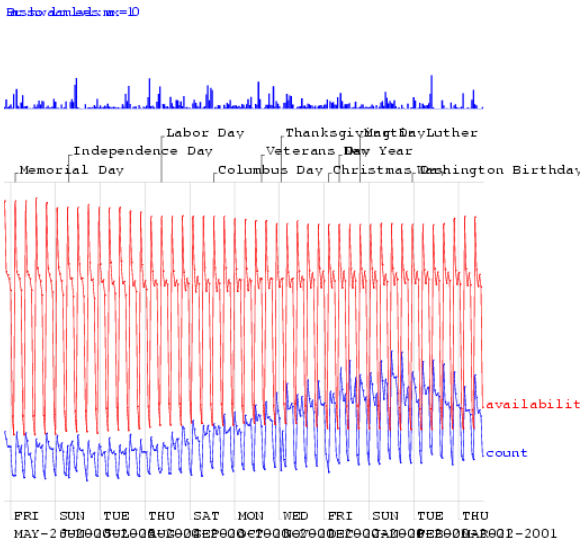

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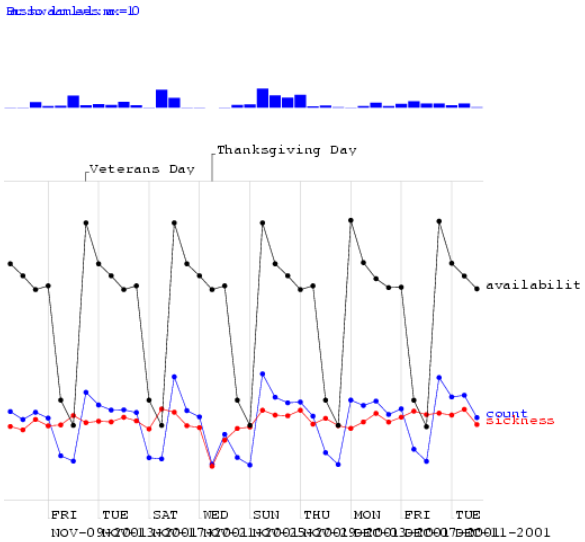

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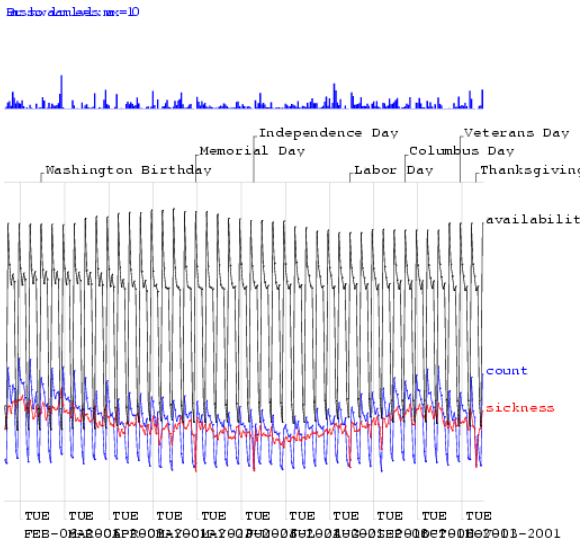

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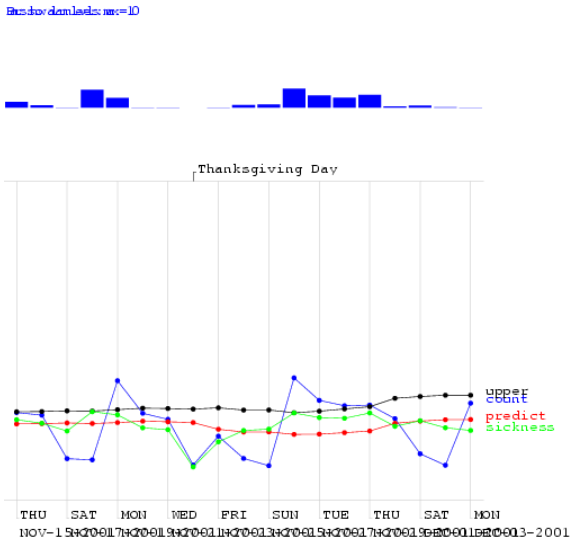

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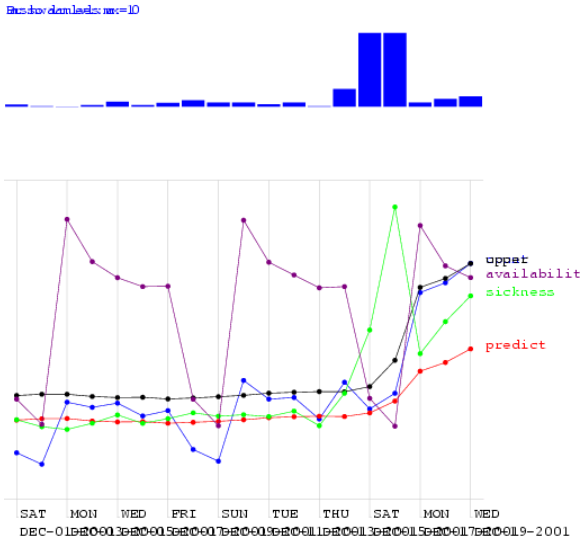

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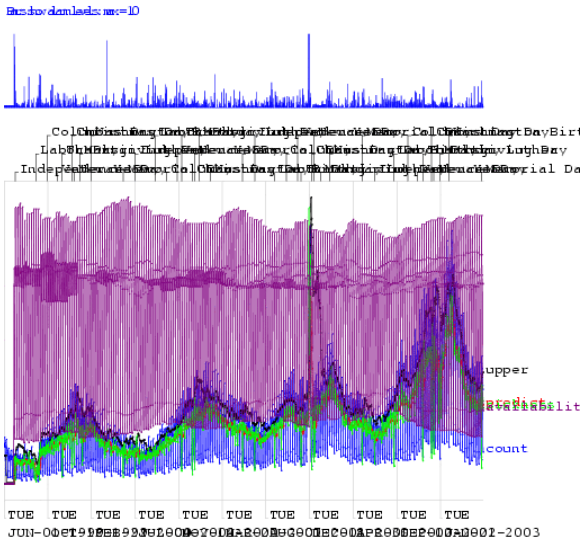

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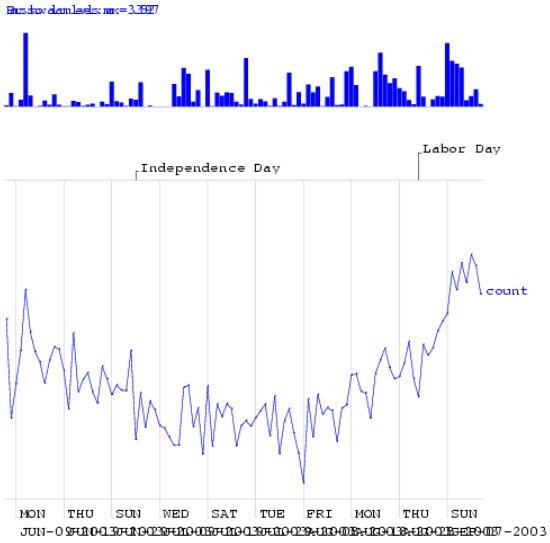

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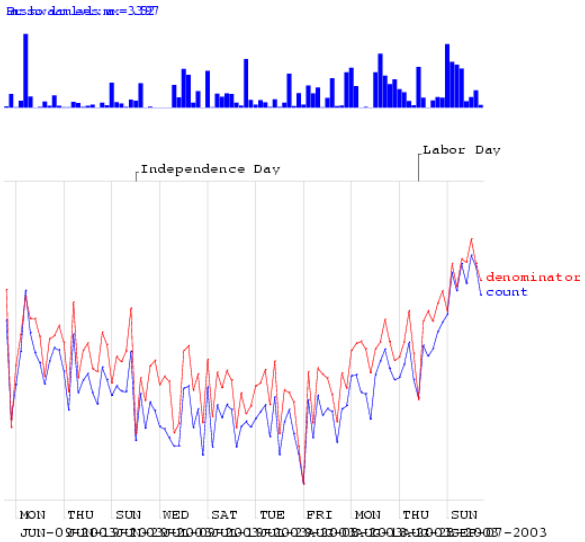

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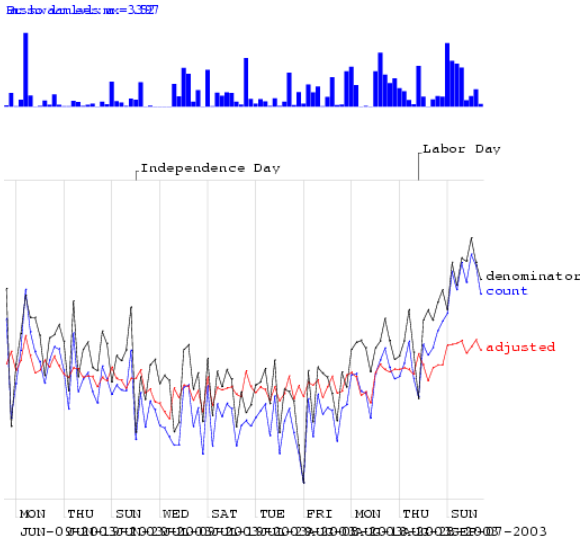

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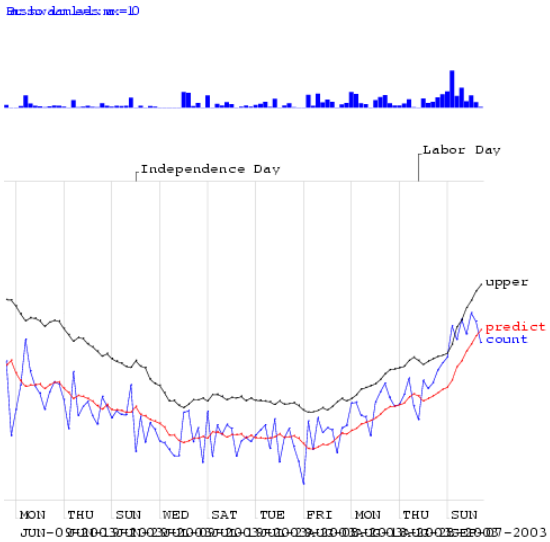

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Other state-of-the-art methods

- Wavelets
- Change-point detection
- Kalman filters
- Hidden Markov Models

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Multiple Signals

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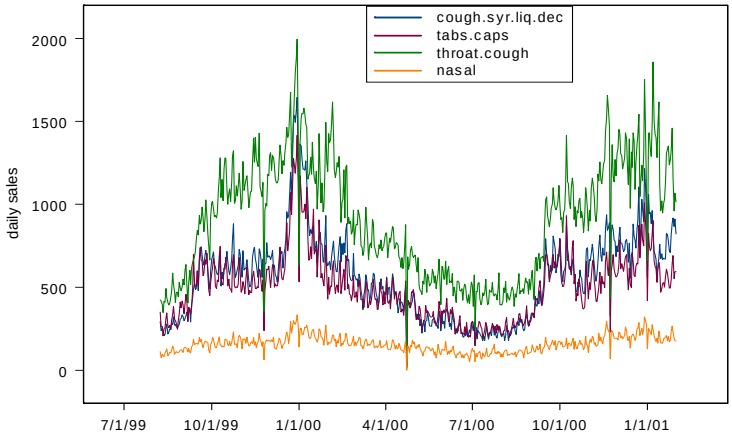
(relevant to inhalational diseases)



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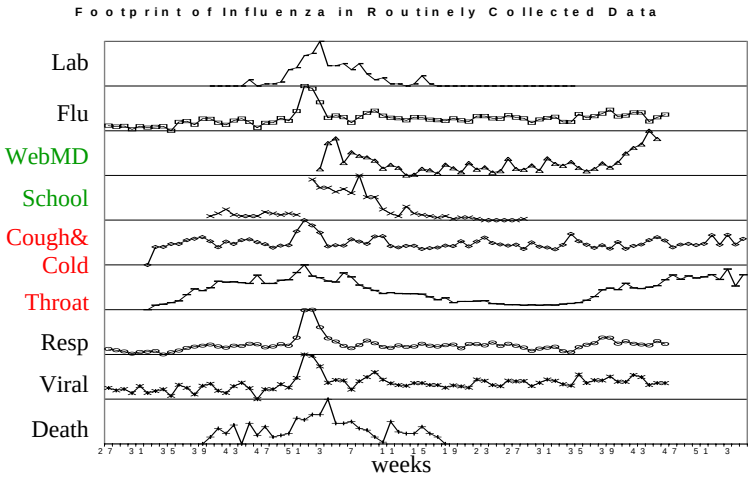

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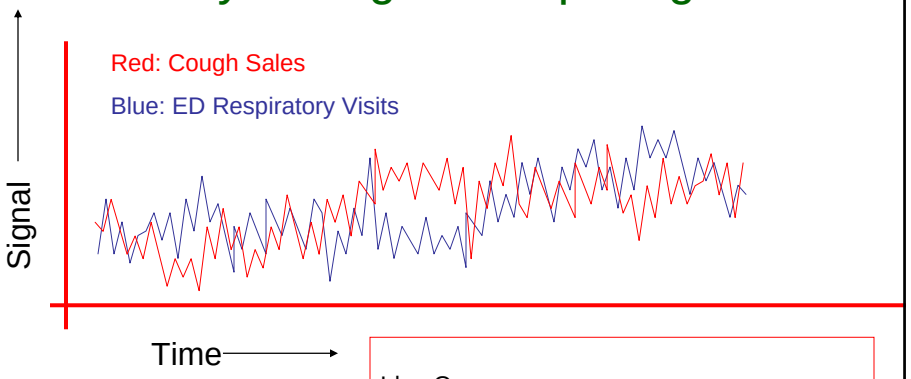

Idea One:

Simply treat it as two separate alarm-from-signal problems.

…Question: why might that not be the best we can do?

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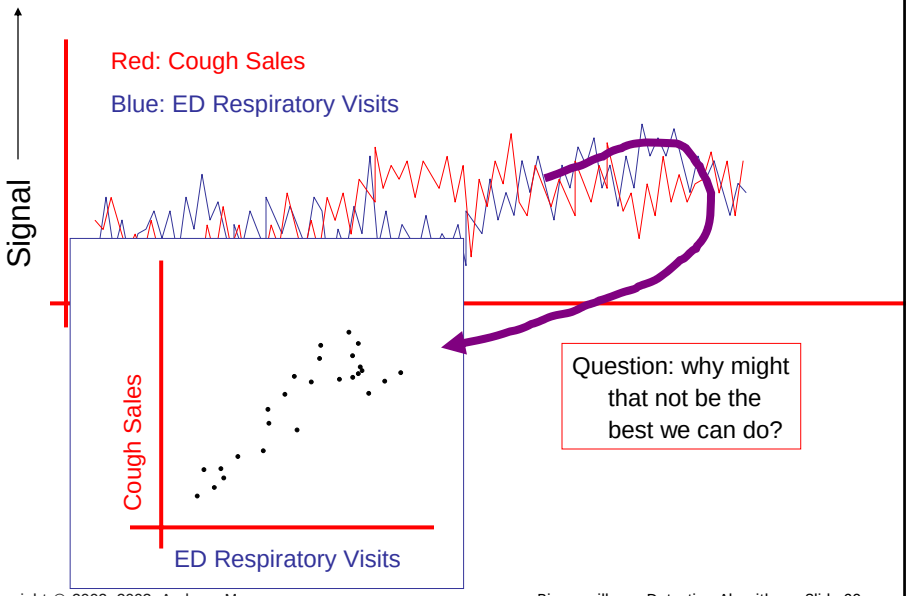

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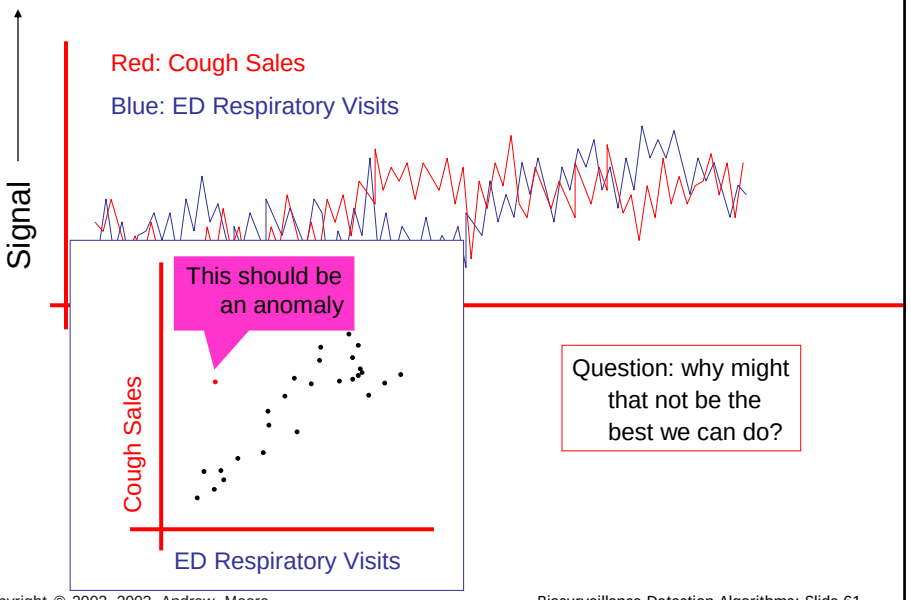

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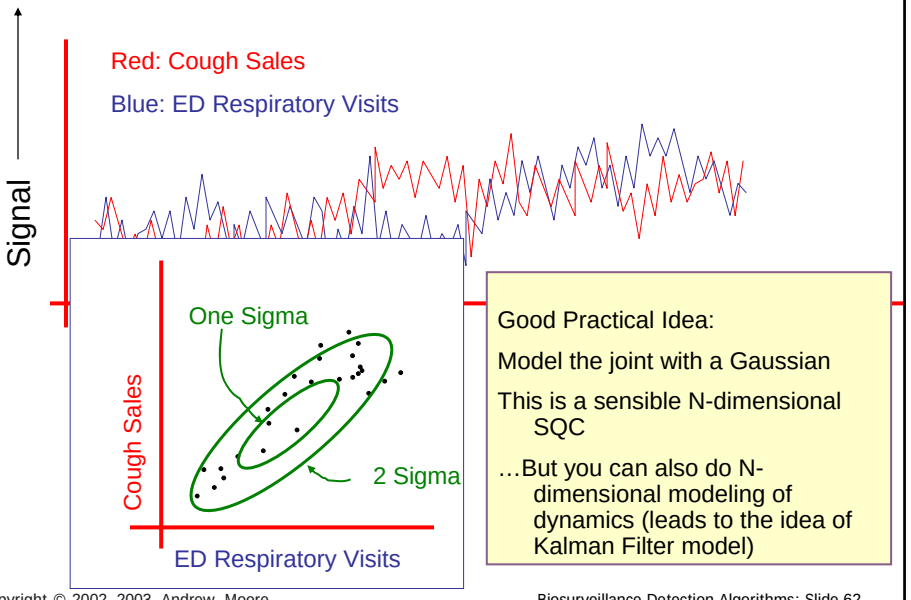


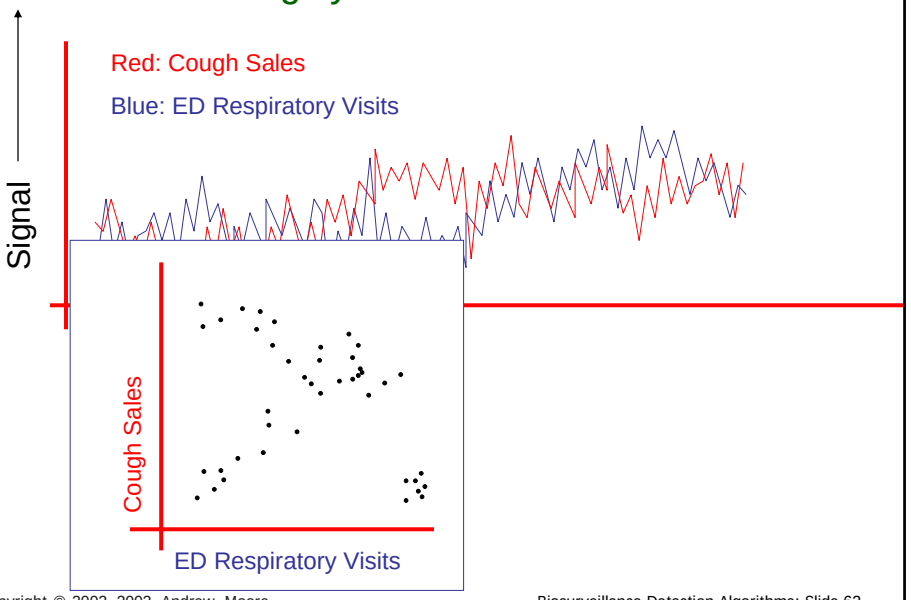
Good Practical Idea:

Model the joint with a Gaussian

This is a sensible N-dimensional SQC

…But you can also do N-dimensional modeling of dynamics (leads to the idea of Kalman Filter model)

But what if joint N-dimensional distribution is highly non-Gaussian?



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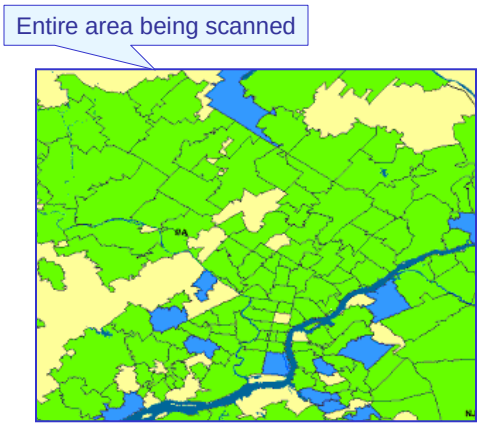

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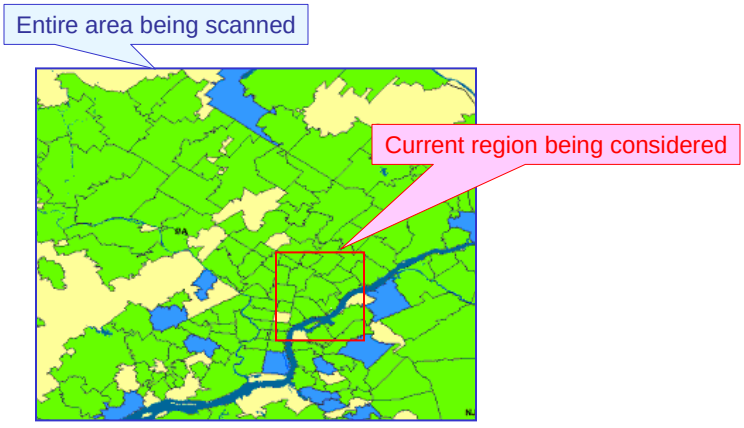

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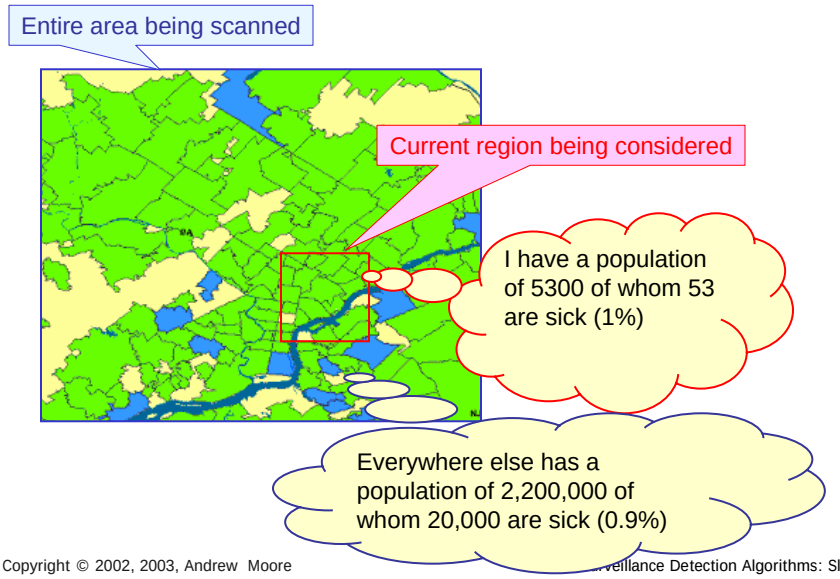

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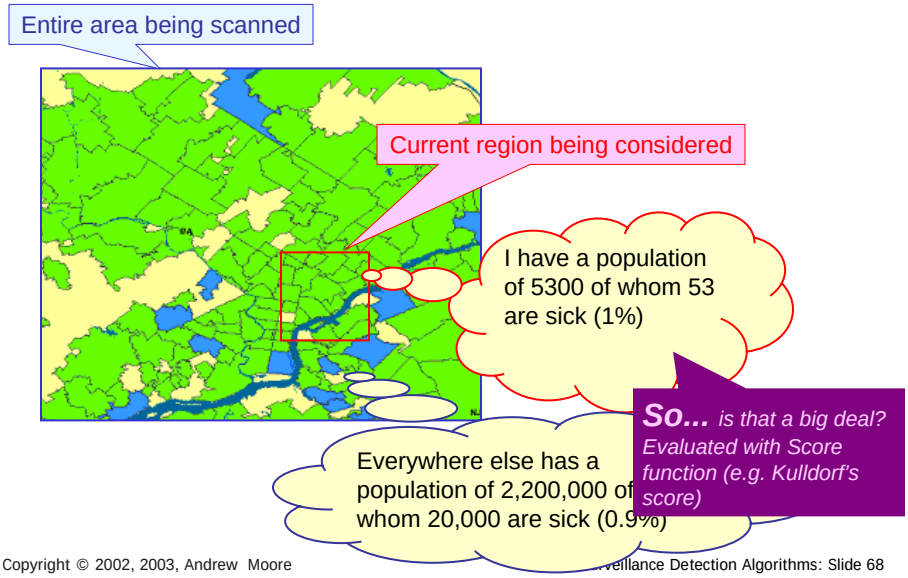

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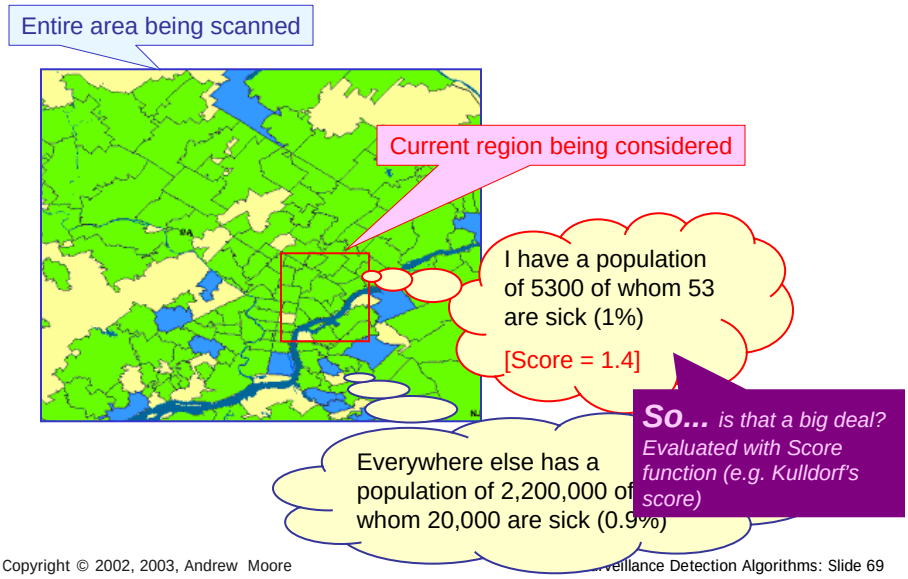
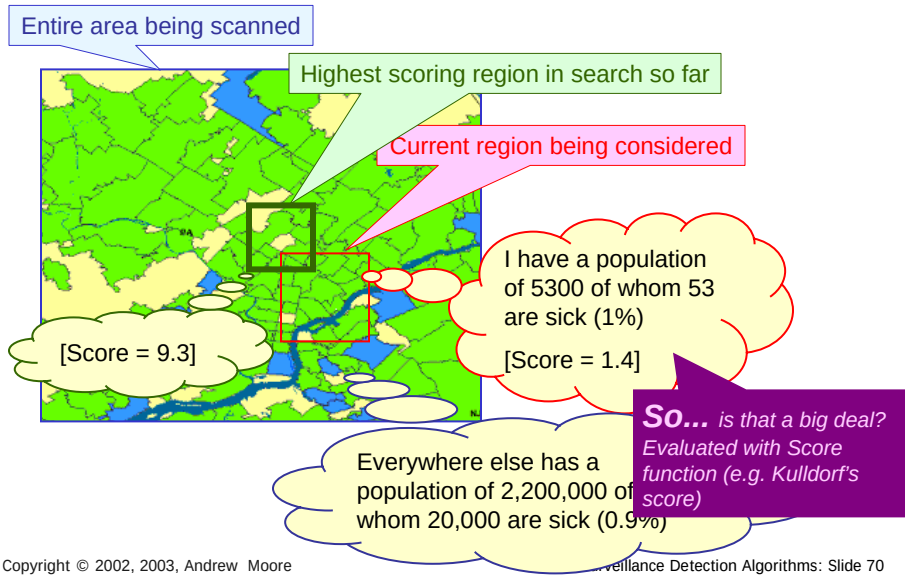
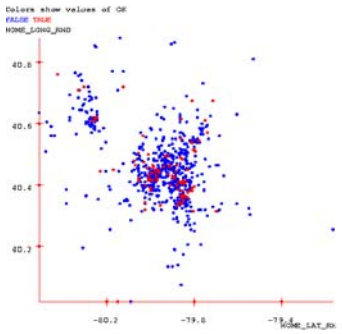


Many Steps of Spatial Scan



Scan Statistics



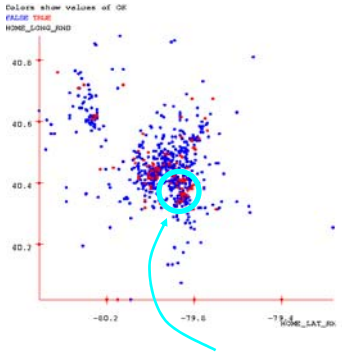
Standard scan statistic question:
Given the geographical locations of occurrences of a phenomenon, is there a region with an unusually high (low) rate of these occurrences?

Standard approach:

1. Compute the likelihood of the data given the hypothesis that the rate of occurrence is uniform everywhere, L_0
2. For some geographical region, W, compute the likelihood that the rate of occurrence is uniform at one level inside the region and uniform at another level outside the region, L(W).
3. Compute the likelihood ratio, $L(W)/L_0$
4. Repeat for all regions, and find the largest likelihood ratio. This is the scan statistic, S^*_W
5. Report the region, W, which yielded the max, S^*_W

See [Glaz and Balakrishnan, 99] for details

Significance testing

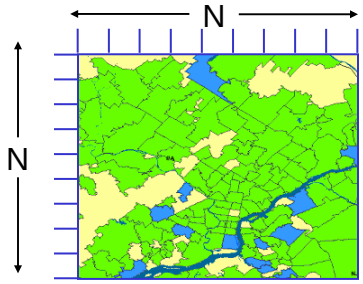


Given that region W is the most likely to be abnormal, is it significantly abnormal?

Standard approach:

1. Generate many randomized versions of the data set by shuffling the labels (positive instance of the phenomenon or not).
2. Compute S^*_W for each randomized data set. This forms a baseline distribution for S^*_W if the null hypothesis holds.
3. Compare the observed value of S^*_W against the baseline distribution to determine a p-value.

Fast squares speedup



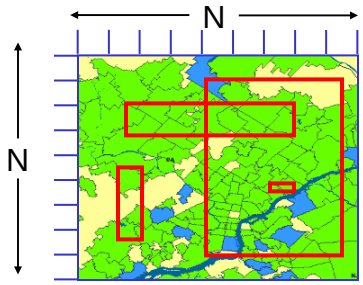
- Theoretical complexity of fast squares: $O(N^2)$ (as opposed to naïve N^3), if maximum density region sufficiently dense.

  If not, we can use several other speedup tricks.
- In practice: 10-200x speedups on real and artificially generated datasets.

  Emergency Dept. dataset (600K records): 20 minutes, versus 66 hours with naïve approach.

Fast rectangles speedup

Work in progress



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Fast oriented rectangles speedup

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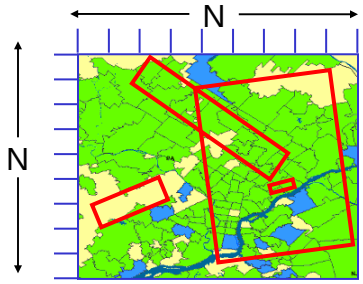

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(Angles discretized to 5 degree buckets)

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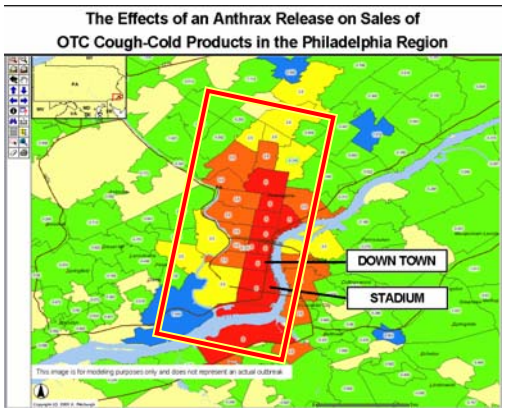

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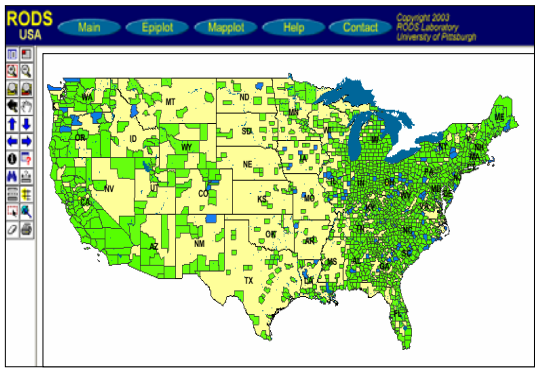

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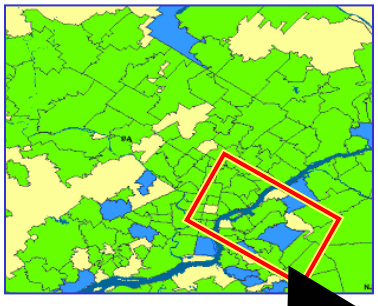

This is the strangest region because the age distribution of respiratory cases has changed dramatically for no reason that can be explained by known background changes

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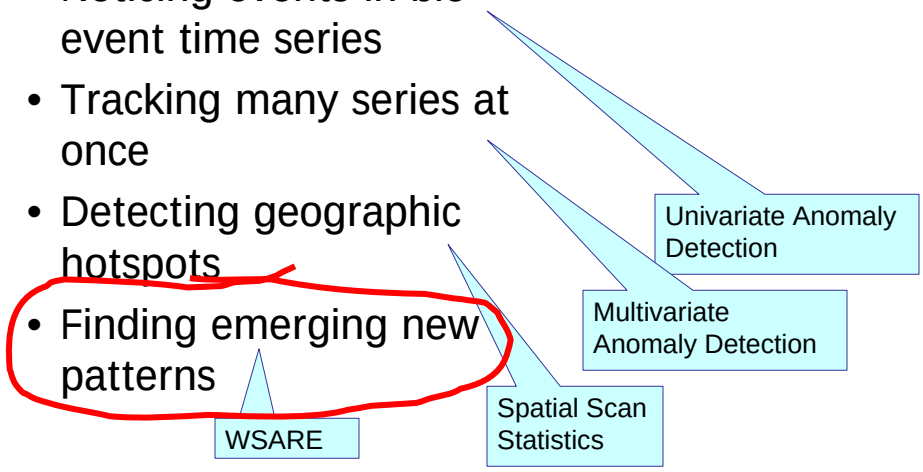


But there's potentially more data than aggregates

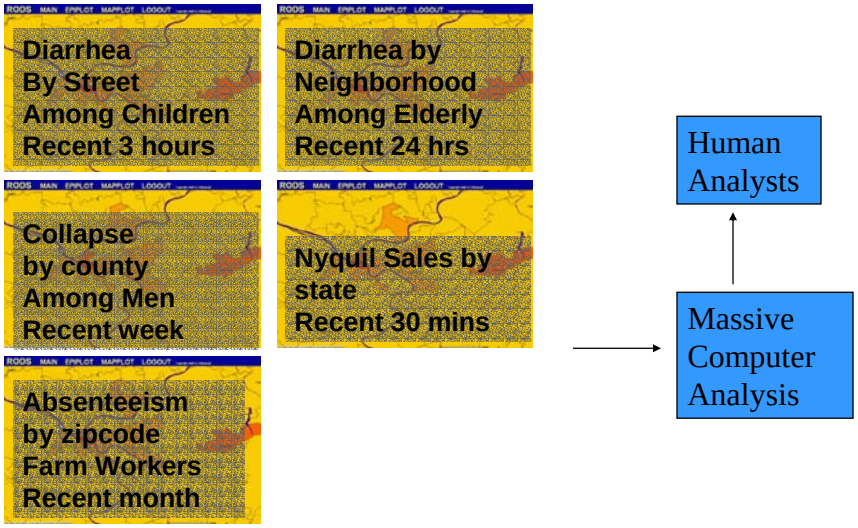
Suppose we know that today in the ED we had...

- 421 Cases
- 78 Respiratory Cases
- 190 Males
- 32 Children
- 21 from North Suburbs
- 2 Postal workers

(etc etc etc)

Have we made best use of all possible information?

There are so many things to look at



WSARE v2.0

- What's Strange About Recent Events?
- Designed to be easily applicable to any date/time-indexed biosurveillance-relevant data stream.

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Example

"last 24 hours"

"ignore key and weather"

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								Large Scale	Medium Scale	Fine Scale	Large Scale	Medium Scale	Fine Scale			
h6r32	6/2/2	14:12	Down-town	781	Fever	M	20s	NE	15217	A5	NW	15213	B8	2%	70R	...
t3q15	6/2/2	14:15	River-side	717	Respirat ory	M	60s	NE	15222	J3	NE	15222	J3	2%	70R	...
t5hh5	6/2/2	14:15	Smith-field	622	Respirat ory	F	80s	SE	15210	K9	SE	15210	K9	2%	70R	...
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  - 1. Here are the records that most surprise me
  - 2. Here's why
  - 3. And here's how seriously you should take it

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- Given 500 day's worth of ER cases at 15 hospitals...

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Fri 5/23/2000	C1, C2, C3, C4 ...
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:	:
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Sun 12/10/2000	C1, C2, C3, C4 ...
:	:
Sat 12/16/2000	C1, C2, C3, C4 ...
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- Ask: "What's different
  about today?"

DATE_AD	ICD9	PRODRON	GENDER	place2	...	...
					...	...
12/9/00	786.05	3	F	s-e	...	...
12/9/00	789	1	F	s-e	...	...
12/9/00	789	1	M	n-w	...	...
12/9/00	786.05	3	M	s-e	...	...
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12/16/00	787.02	2	M	n-e	...	...
12/16/00	782.1	4	F	s-w	...	...
12/16/00	789	1	M	s-e	...	...
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12/23/00	789.09	1	M	s-w	...	...
12/23/00	789.09	1	F	s-w	...	...
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12/23/00	786.09	3	M	s-e	...	...
12/23/00	780.9	2	F	n-w	...	...
12/23/00	V40.9	7	M	s-w	...	...

Simple WSARE

- Given 500 day's wor
  of ER cases at 15
  hospitals...
- For each day...

DATE_AD	ICD9	PRODRON	GENDER	place2	...	...
					...	...
12/9/00	786.05	3	F	s-e	...	...
12/9/00	789	1	F	s-e	...	...
12/9/00	789	1	M	n-w	...	...
12/9/00	786.05	3	M	s-e	...	...
:	:	:	:	:	...	...
12/16/00	787.02	2	M	n-e	...	...
12/16/00	782.1	4	F	s-w	...	...
12/16/00	789	1	M	s-e	...	...
12/16/00	786.09	3	M	n-w	...	...
12/23/00				s-w	...	...
			1 F	s-w	...	...
				n-w	...	...
				:	...	...
				s-e	...	...
				s-e	...	...
				n-w	...	...
				s-w	...	...

Fields we use:

Date, Time of Day, Prodrome, ICD9, ***Symptoms***, Age, Gender, Coarse Location, Fine Location, ***ICD9 Derived Features, Census Block Derived Features, Work Details, Colocation Details***

Example

```
Sat 12-23-2001 (daynum 36882, dayindex 239)

35.8% ( 48/134) of today's cases have 30 <= age < 40
17.0% ( 45/265) of   other cases have 30 <= age < 40
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Example

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Sat 12-23-2001 (daynum 36882, dayindex 239)
FISHER_PVALUE = 0.000051
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Table 1: A sample 2x2 Contingency Table

	C_{today}	C_{other}
$Age\_Decile = 3$	48	45
$Age\_Decile \neq 3$	86	220

Searching for the best score...

- Try ICD9 = x for each value of x
- Try Gender=M, Gender=F
- Try CoarseRegion=NE, =NW, SE, SW..
- Try FineRegion=AA,AB,AC, ... DD (4x4 Grid)
- Try Hospital=x, TimeofDay=x, Prodrome=X, ...
- [In future... features of cens

Overfitting Alert!

Example

```
Sat 12-23-2001 (daynum 36882, dayindex 239)
FISHER_PVALUE = 0.000051 RANDOMIZATION_PVALUE = 0.031
35.8% ( 48/134) of today's cases have 30 <= age < 40
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Multiple component rules

- We would like to be able to find rules like:

  There are a surprisingly large number of children with respiratory problems today

  or

  There are too many skin complaints among people from the affluent neighborhoods

- These are things that would be missed by casual screening
- BUT
  - The danger of overfitting could be much worse
  - It's very computationally demanding
  - How can we be sure the entire rule is meaningful?

Checking two component rules

Table 2: 2x2 Contingency Table 1 for a two component rule

Records from Today matching C_0 and C_1	Records from Other matching C_0 and C_1
Records from Today matching C_1 and differing on C_0	Records from Other matching C_1 and differing on C_0

Table 3: 2x2 Contingency Table 2 for a two component rule

Records from Today matching C_0 and C_1	Records from Other matching C_0 and C_1
Records from Today matching C_0 and differing on C_1	Records from Other matching C_0 and differing on C_1

- Must pass both tests to be allowed to live.

WSARE v2.0

- Inputs:
  1. Date/time-indexed biosurveillance-relevant data stream
  2. Time Window Length
  3. Which attributes to use?
- Outputs:
  1. Here are the records that most surprise me
  2. Here's why
  3. And here's how seriously you should take it

Primary Key	Date	Time	Hospital	ICD9	Prodrome	Gender	Age	Home			Work			Recent Flu Levels	Recent Weather	(Many more...)
								Large Scale	Medium Scale	Fine Scale	Large Scale	Medium Scale	Fine Scale			
h6r32	6/2/2	14:12	Down-town	781	Fever	M	20s	NE	15217	A5	NW	15213	B8	2%	70R	...
t3q15	6/2/2	14:15	River-side	717	Respiratory	M	60s	NE	15222	J3	NE	15222	J3	2%	70R	...
t5hh5	6/2/2	14:15	Smith-field	622	Respiratory	F	80s	SE	15210	K9	SE	15210	K9	2%	70R	...
:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

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Normally, 8% of cases in the East are over-50s with respiratory problems.

But today it's been 15%

Don't be too impressed!

Taking into account all the patterns I've been searching over, there's a 20% chance I'd have found a rule this dramatic just by chance

WSARE on recent Utah Data

Saturday June 1st in Utah:

The most surprising thing about recent records is:

Normally:

0.8% of records (50/6205) have time before 2pm and prodrome = Hemorrhagic

But recently:

2.1% of records (19/907) have time before 2pm and prodrome = Hemorrhagic

Pvalue = 0.0484042

Which means that in a world where nothing changes we'd

expect to have a result this significant about once

every 20 times we ran the program

Results on Emergency Dept Data

Rule 1: Tue 05-16-2000 (daynum 36661, dayindex 18)
SCORE = -0.00000000 PVALUE = 0.00000000
32.84% (44/134) of today's cases have Time Of Day4 after 6:00 pm
90.00% (27/ 30) of other cases have Time Of Day4 after 6:00 pm

Rule 2: Fri 06-30-2000 (daynum 36706, dayindex 63)
SCORE = -0.00000000 PVALUE = 0.00000000
19.40% (26/134) of today's cases have Place2 = NE and Lat4 = d
5.71% (16/280) of other cases have Place2 = NE and Lat4 = d

Rule 3: Wed 09-06-2000 (daynum 36774, dayindex 131)
SCORE = -0.00000000 PVALUE = 0.00000000
17.16% (23/134) of today's cases have Prodrome = Respiratory
and age2 less than 40
4.53% (12/265) of other cases have Prodrome = Respiratory
and age2 less than 40

Rule 4: Fri 12-01-2000 (daynum 36860, dayindex 217)
SCORE = -0.00000000 PVALUE = 0.00000000
22.88% (27/118) of today's cases have Time Of Day4
after 6:00 pm and Lat2 = s
8.10% (20/247) of other cases have Time Of Day4
after 6:00 pm and Lat2 = s

Rule 5: Sat 12-23-2000 (daynum 36882, dayindex 239)
SCORE = -0.00000000 PVALUE = 0.00000000
18.25% (25/137) of today's cases have ICD9 = shortness of breath
and Time Of Day2 before 3:00 pm
5.12% (15/293) of other cases have ICD9 = shortness of breath
and Time Of Day2 before 3:00 pm

Rule 6: Fri 09-14-2001 (daynum 37147, dayindex 504)
SCORE = -0.00000000 PVALUE = 0.00000000
66.67% (30/ 45) of today's cases have Time Of Day4 before 10:00 am
18.42% (42/228) of other cases have Time Of Day4 before 10:00 am

WSARE 3.0

- "Taking into account recent flu levels..."
- "Taking into account that today is a public holday..."
- "Taking into account that this is Spring..."
- "Taking into account recent heatwave..."
- "Taking into account that there's a known natural Food-borne outbreak in progress..."

Analysis of variance

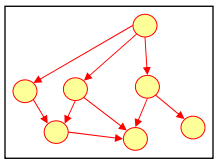
- Good news:

  If you're tracking a daily aggregate (e.g. number of flu cases in your ED, or Nyquil Sales)...then ANOVA can take care of many of these effects.

- But...

  What if you're tracking a whole joint distribution of transactional events?

Idea: Bayesian Networks



"Patients from West Park Hospital are less likely to be young"

"On Cold Tuesday Mornings the folks coming in from the North part of the city are more likely to have respiratory problems"

"The Viral prodrome is more likely to co-occur with a Rash prodrome than Botulinic"

"On the day after a major holiday, expect a boost in the morning followed by a lull in the afternoon"

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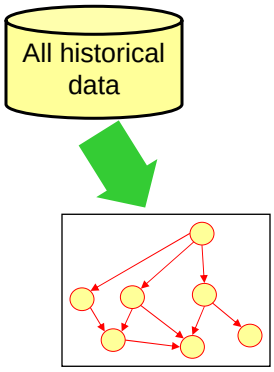

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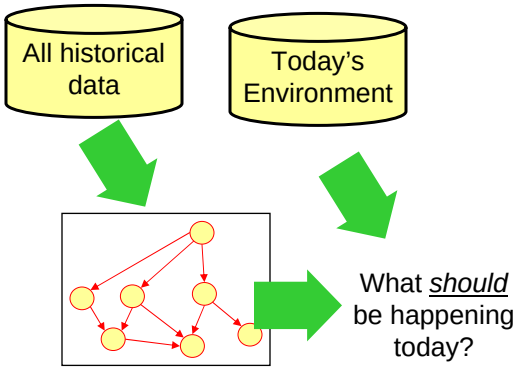

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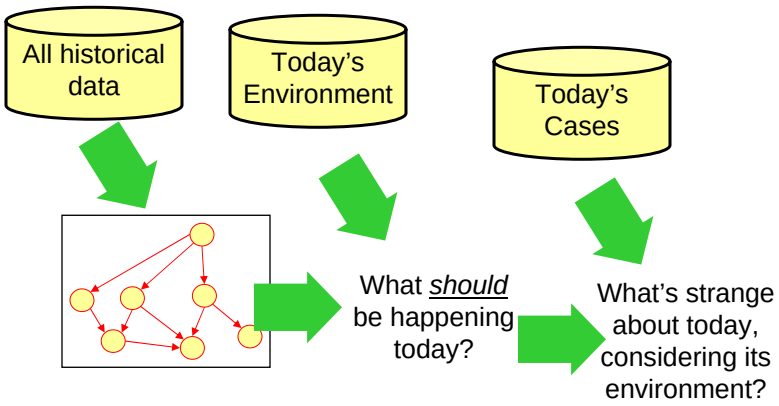

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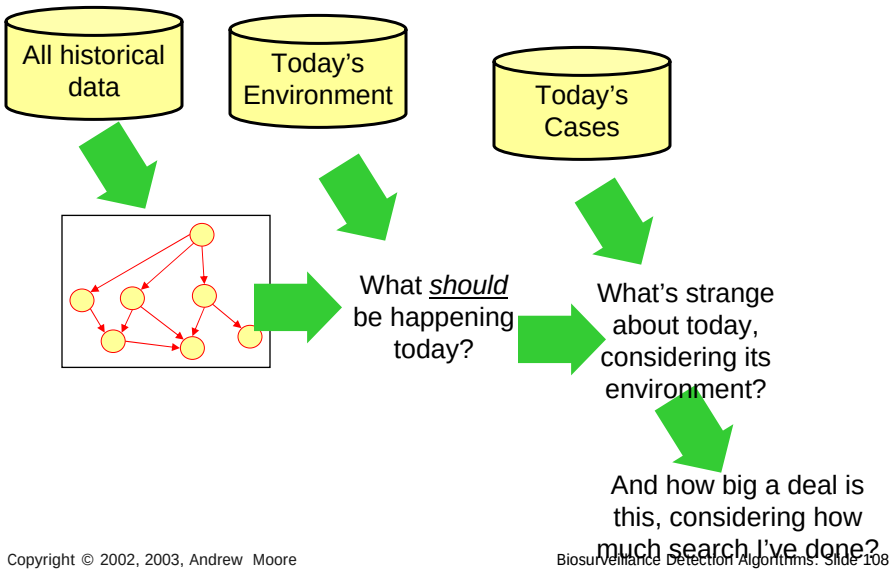

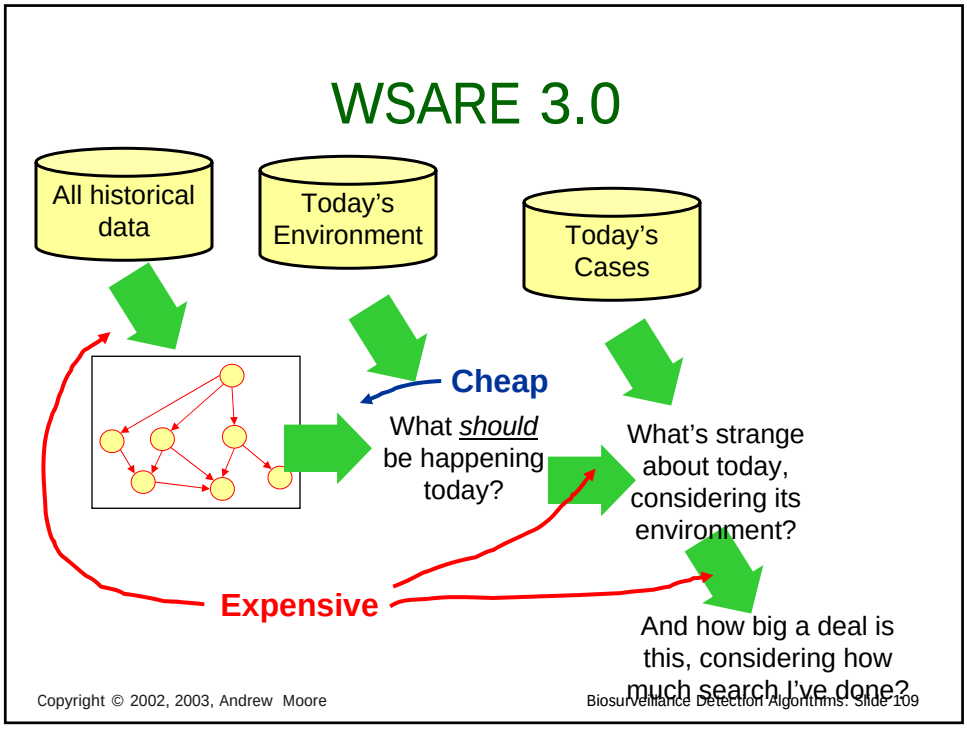
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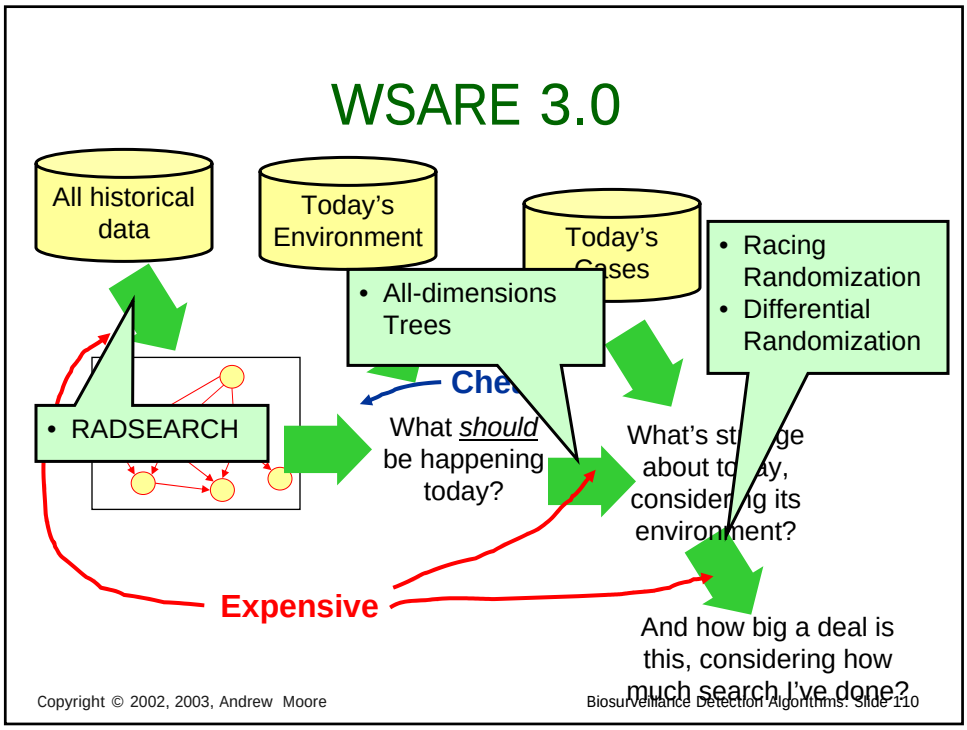
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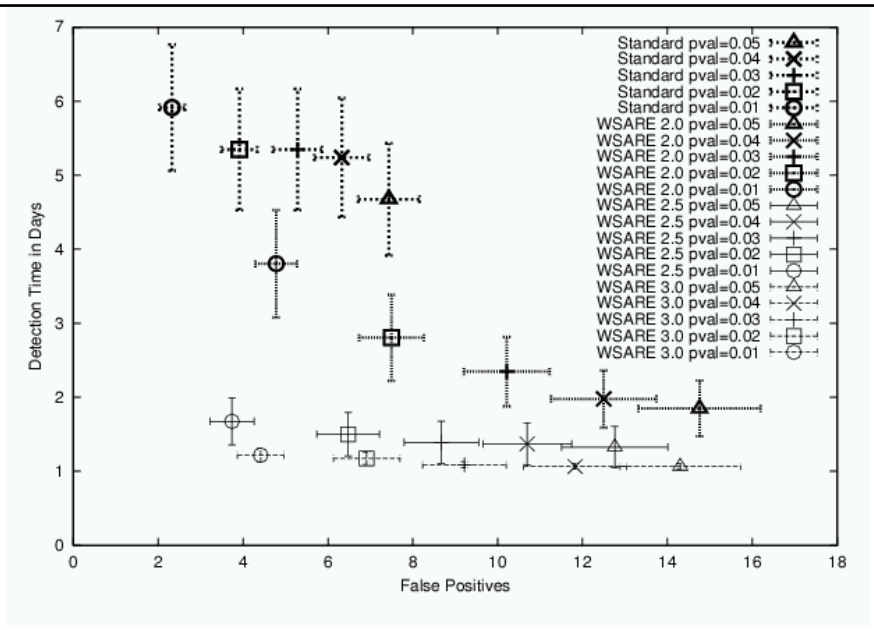

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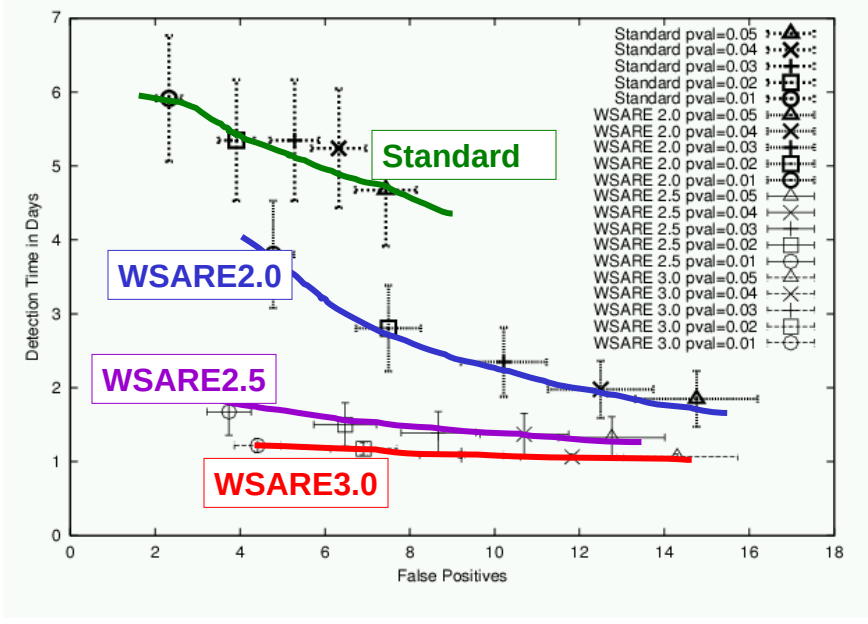

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- Searching over thousands of contingency tables on a large database…
- …only we have to do it 10,000 times on the replicas during randomization
- …we also need to learn Bayes Nets from databases with millions of records…
- …and keep relearning them as data arrives online…
- …in the end we typically search about a billion alternative Bayes net structures for modeling 800,000 records in 10 minutes

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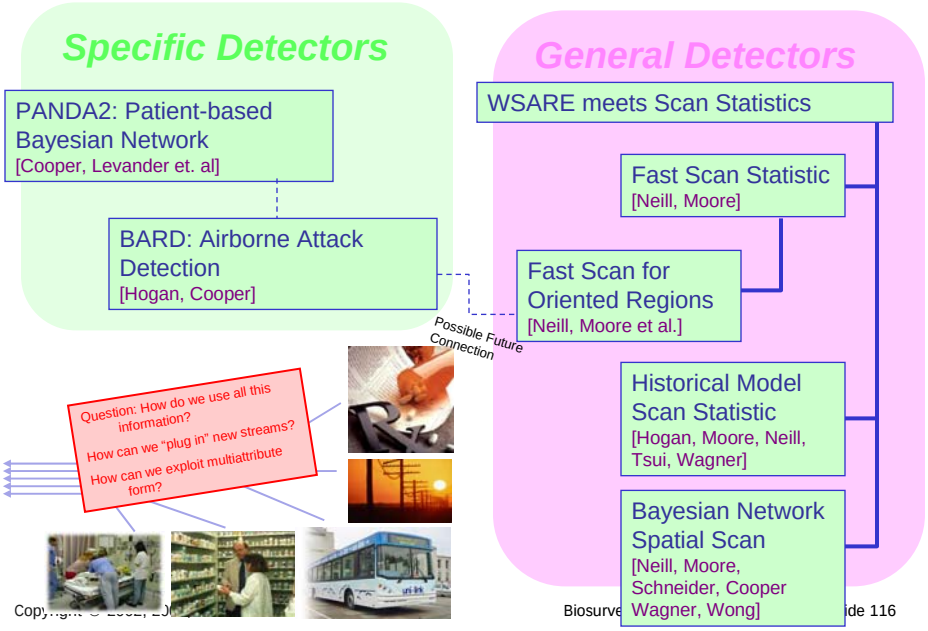
- WSARE 3.0 about to go online
- WSARE now being extended to additionally exploit over the counter medicine sales

Other New Algorithmic Developments



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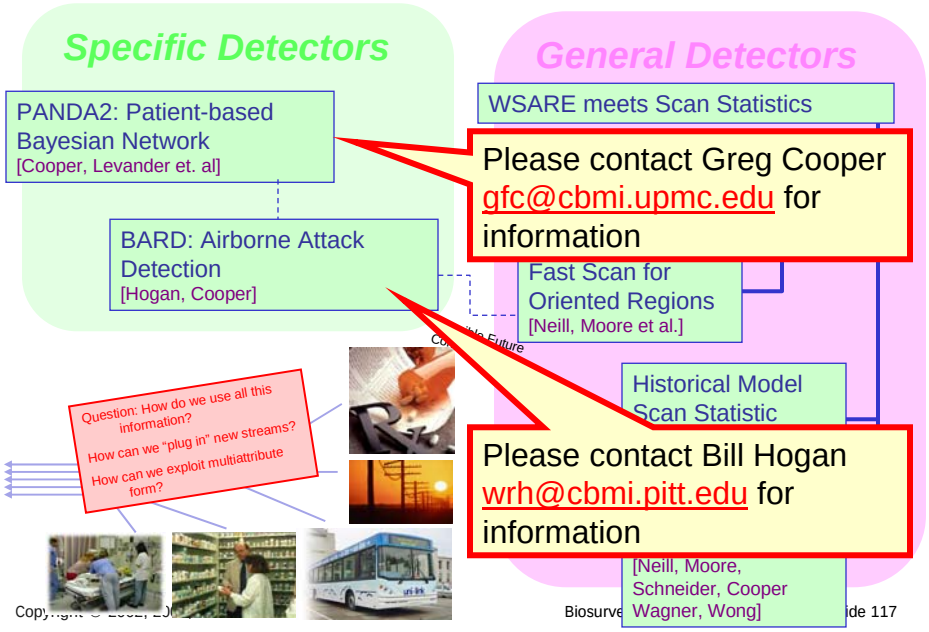

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Maximum Likelihood Estimation

Gaussian Bayes Classifiers

Regression, Neural Nets

Overfitting: detection and avoidance

The many approaches to cross-validation

Locally Weighted Learning

Bayes Net, Bayes Net Structure Learning, Anomaly Detection

Andrew's Top 8 Favorite Regression Algorithms (Regression Trees, Cascade Correlation, Group Method Data Handling (GMDH), Multivariate Adaptive Regression Splines (MARS), Multilinear Interpolation, Radial Basis Functions, Robust Regression, Cascade Correlation + Projection Pursuit

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See also: http://www.health.pitt.edu/rods