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Resiliency to Adversarial Deception & Battlefield Conditions for Decision Loop Analytics

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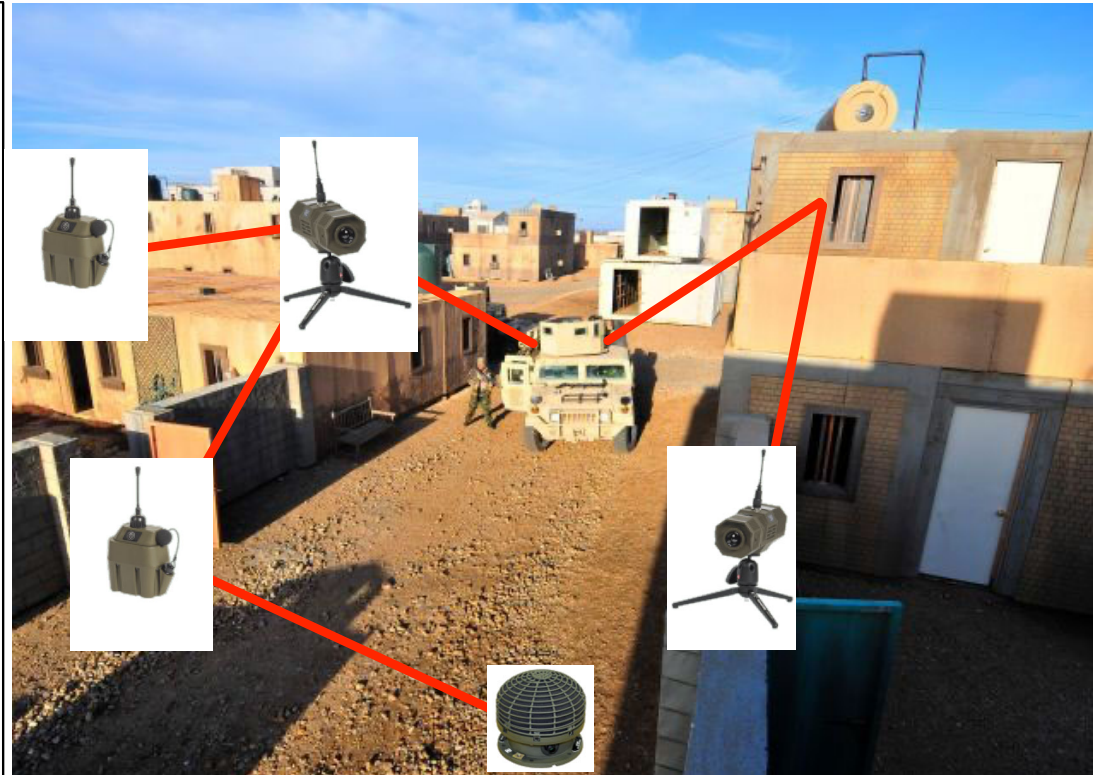
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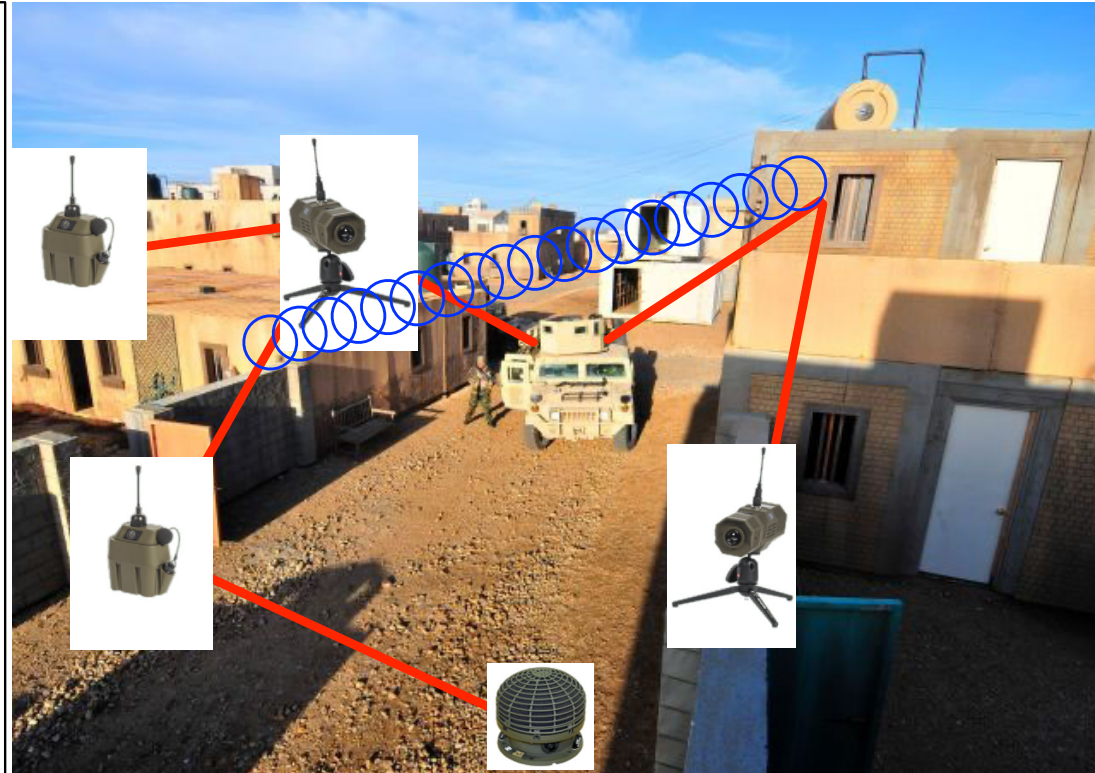
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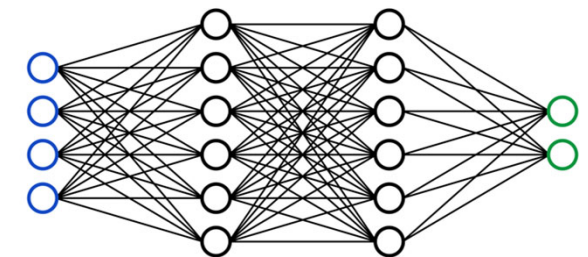
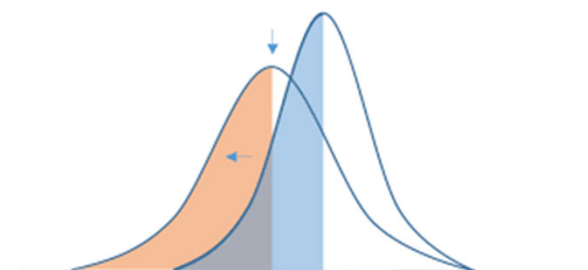
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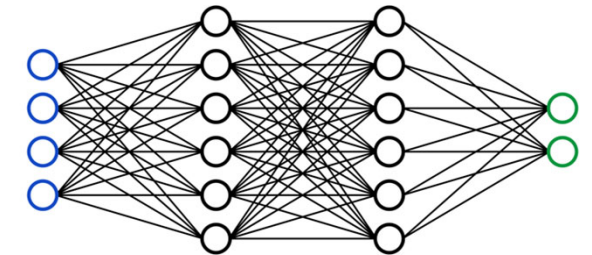
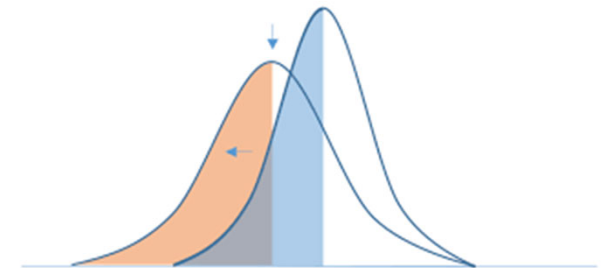
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Design of ML models with formal robustness and resiliency properties notwithstanding reduced training data and time

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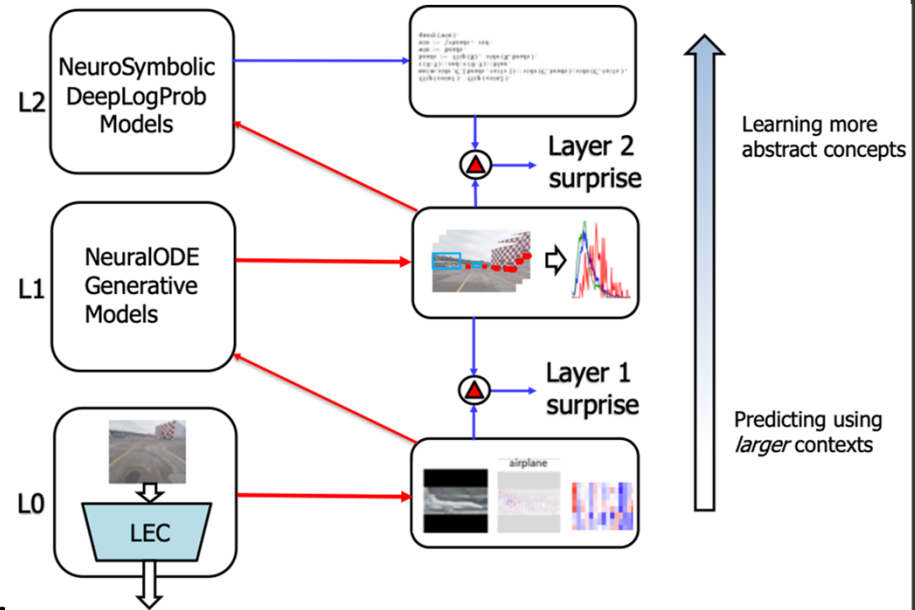
IoBTs need to withstand complex battlefield environments as well as malicious attacks by purposeful and intelligent adversaries

Prior State-of-the-Art

- Existing machine learning techniques are vulnerable to different types of attacks making them too brittle for the battlefield

Technical Approach

- Use a theory of mind approach to monitor ML models in IoBTs to detect “surprise” and provide confidence on predictions
- Combine information-theoretic approaches for training with inference-time monitors to yield formal guarantees of robustness and resiliency



Contribution: Theory of mind, information theory, and control theory offer new pathways to develop robust and resilient IoBTs

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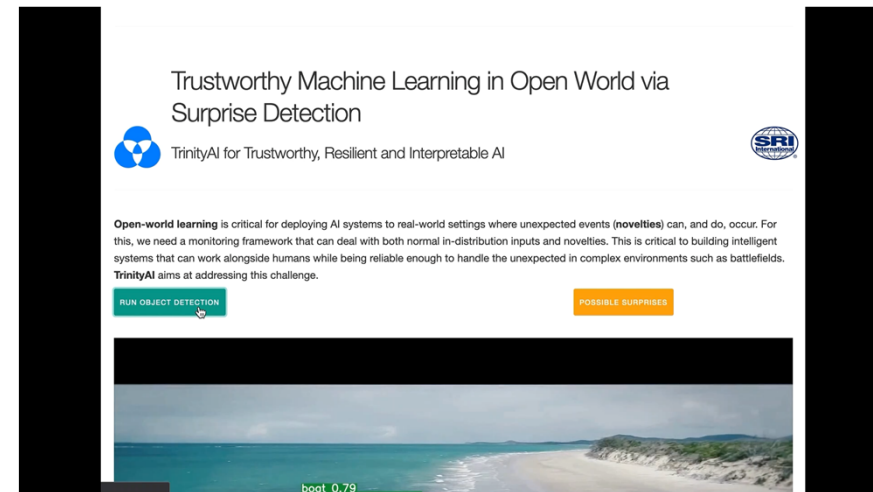
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Army Relevance: Build trust and resiliency in inferences made by deep neural network models

Contribution: Ability to discard predictions made by out-of-distribution or adversarial inputs.

- Use **surprise** or **novelty** to determine if a prediction can be trusted.
 - Sample the neighborhood of an input to determine if the output is consistent (no surprise).
 - Use attribution (e.g., integrated gradients) to make the sampling process efficient.
- Higher level knowledge can be used to detect surprise at more abstract levels, e.g., generative models or NeuroSymbolic models.



Illustrating low confidence of predictions from out-of-distribution inputs.

Full demo video available:

[Trustworthy ML with Surprise Detection](#)

Key Publications:

Attribution-Based Confidence Metric For Deep Neural Networks

S. Jha, S. Raj, S.L. Fernandes, S.K. Jha, S. Jha, B. Jalaian, G. Verma, A. Swami, *NeurIPS* 2019.

Runtime Monitoring of Deep Neural Networks Using Top-Down Context Models Inspired by Predictive Processing and Dual Process Theory

A. Roy, A. Cobb, N. D. Bastian, B. Jalaian, S. Jha, *Designing Artificial Intelligence for Open Worlds, AAAI Spring Symposium*, 2022.



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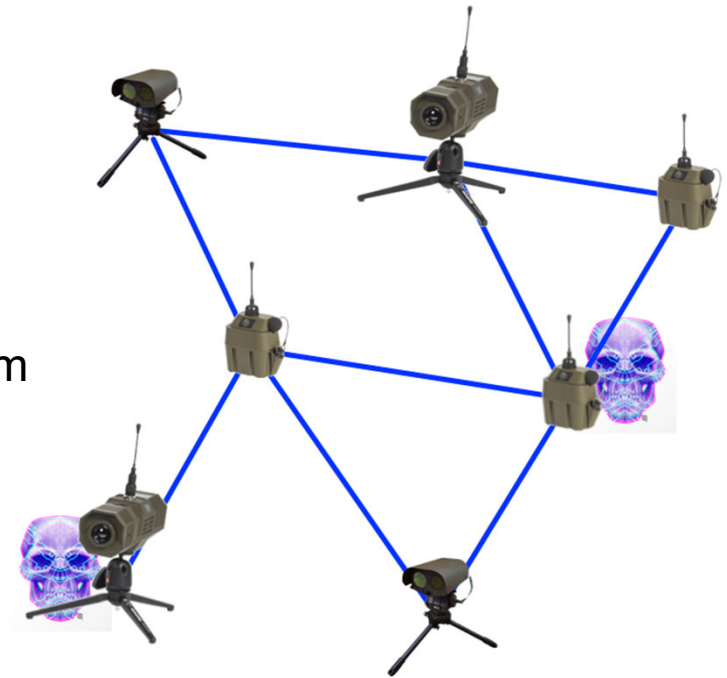
Adversarial spoofing of sensors can be detected and mitigated to provide resiliency to near peer attacks

Prior State-of-the-Art

- Sensor spoofing can lead to errors in target tracking
- Finding attacked sensors is a hard combinatorial problem

Technical Approach

- Use a model of the target dynamics to detect attacks
- Identify classes of problems that can be solved in polynomial time
- Deploy efficient centralized and **decentralized** algorithms



Contribution: Incorporation of target dynamics improves attack detection and mitigation



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Army Relevance: Resiliency to sensor attacks will limit and delay adversarial action

Contribution: Detect attacked sensors and track targets despite the attacks

- A model for the target dynamics is used to determine if sensor data is compatible with physics
- The dynamics are decomposed into small components to simplify the checking of consistency with sensor data
- Attacked sensors are identified and associated data not used for tracking
- Decentralized implementation involves a consensus step that compresses sensor data while keeping enough redundancy for attack detection



Illustrating detection of sensor attacks

Full demo video available: [Resilient Localization](#)

Key Publications:

Secure State-Reconstruction Over Networks Subject to Attacks

Y. Mao, S. Diggavi, C. Fragouli, P. Tabuada, *IEEE Control Systems Letters*, 5(1), 2021.

On the Computational Complexity of the Secure State-Reconstruction Problem

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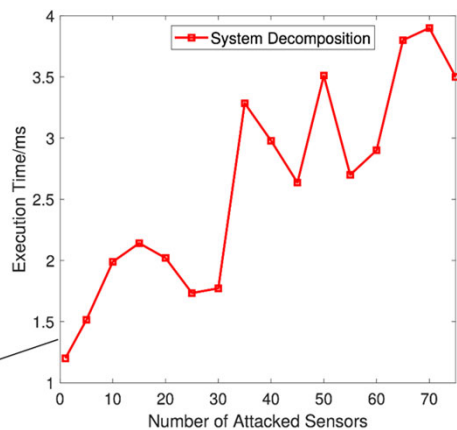
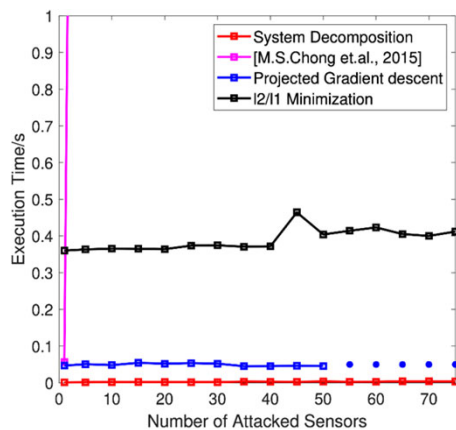
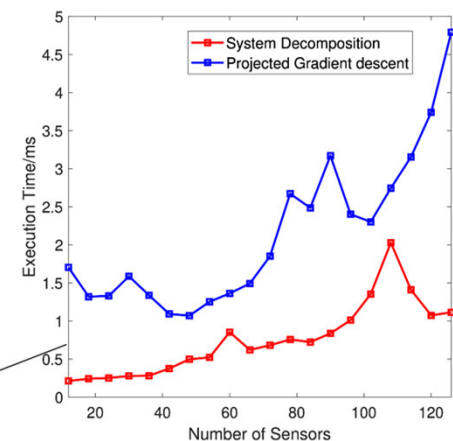
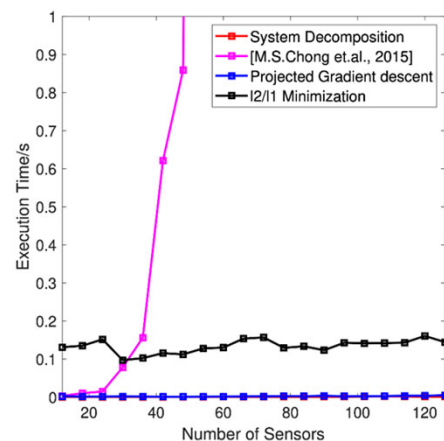
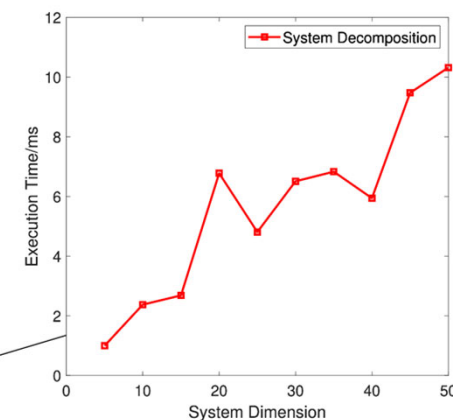
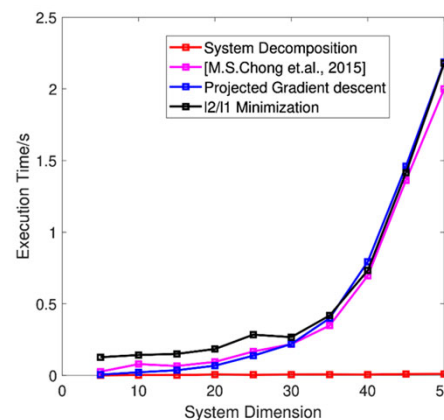


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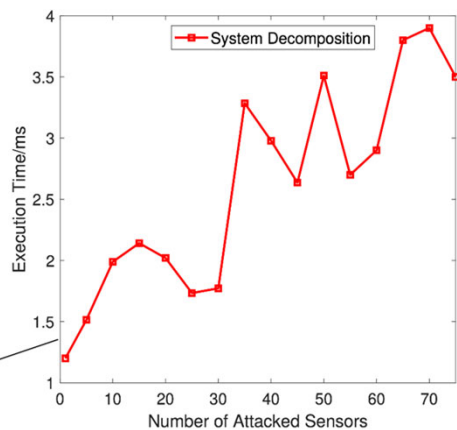
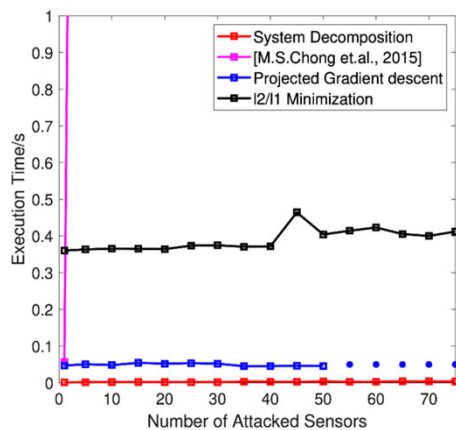
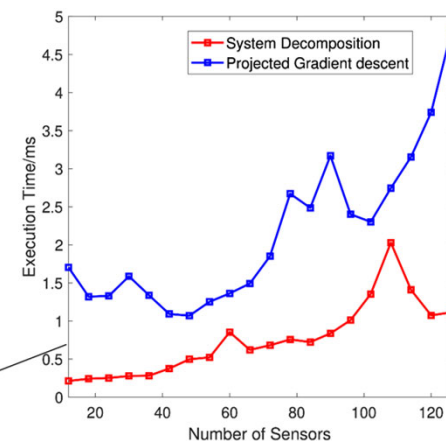
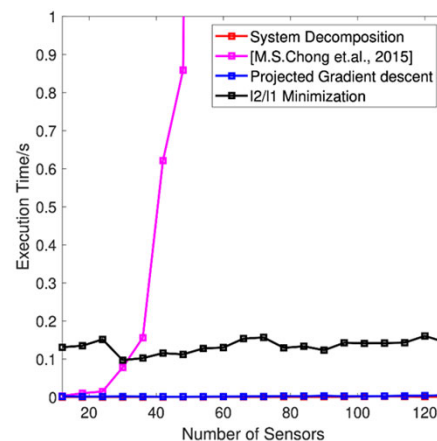
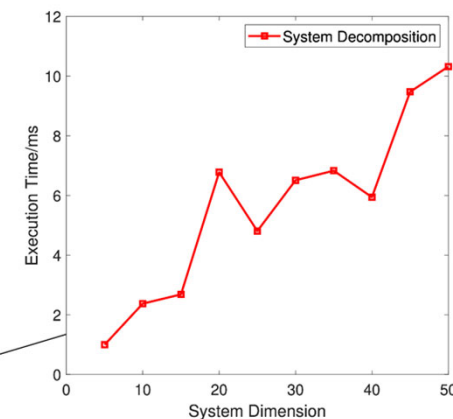
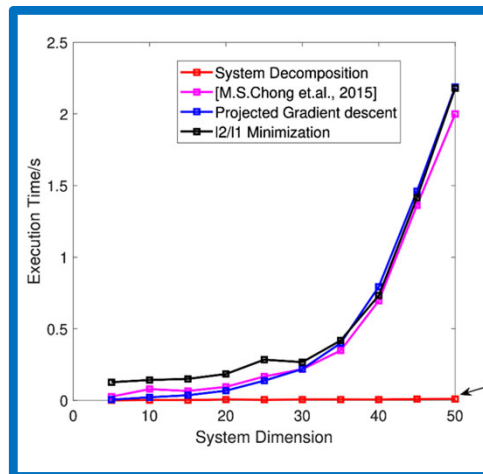


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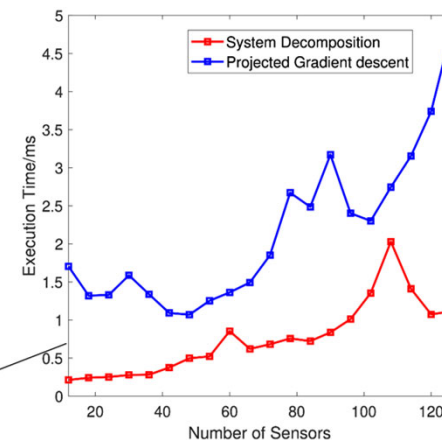
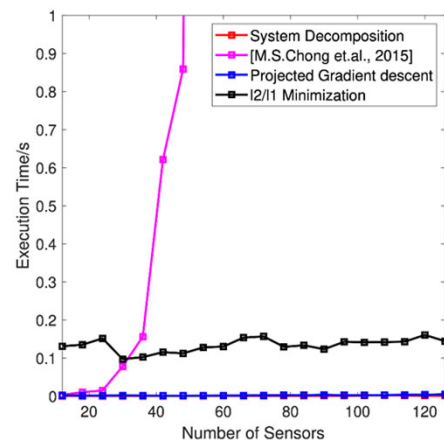
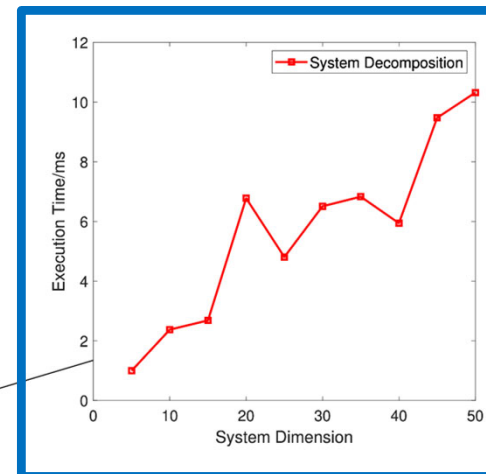
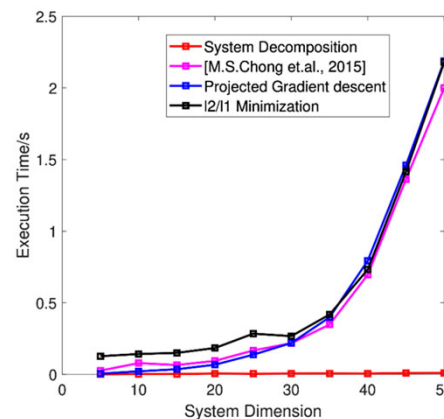
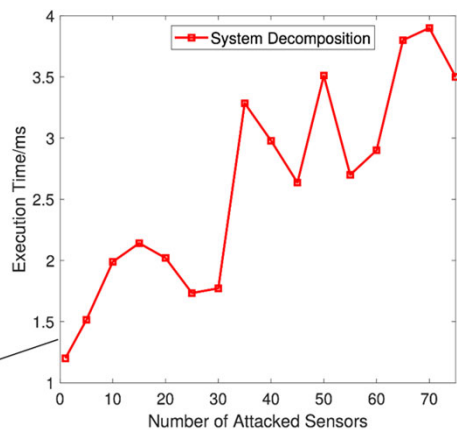
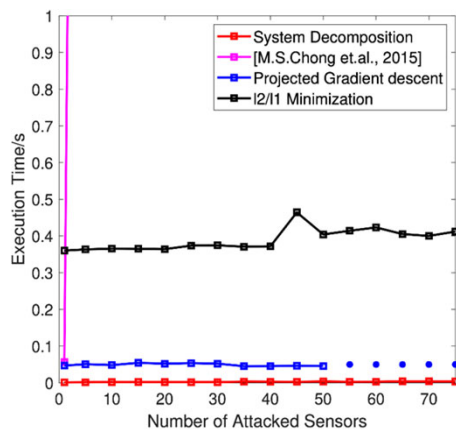


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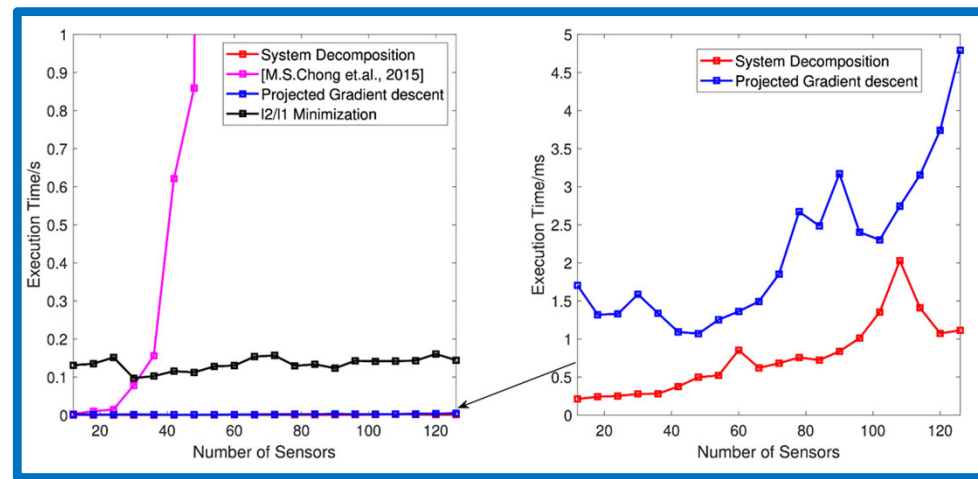
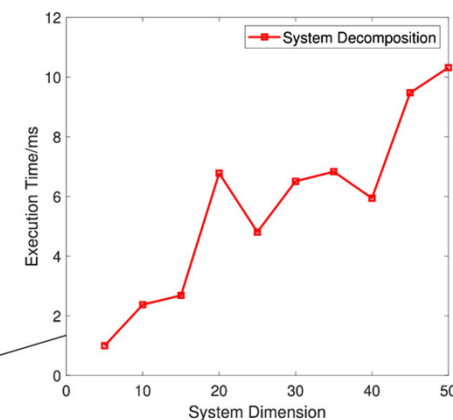
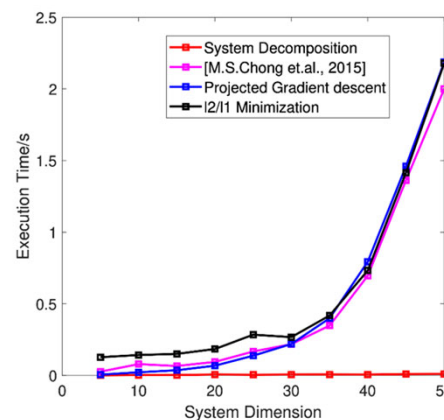
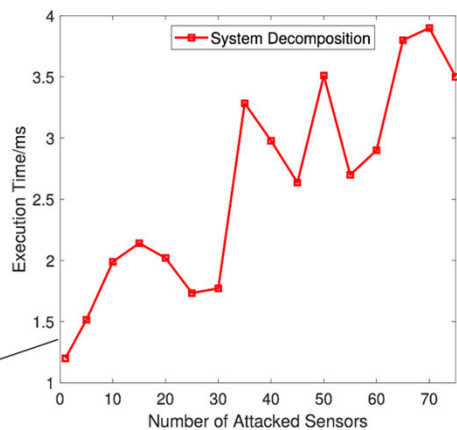
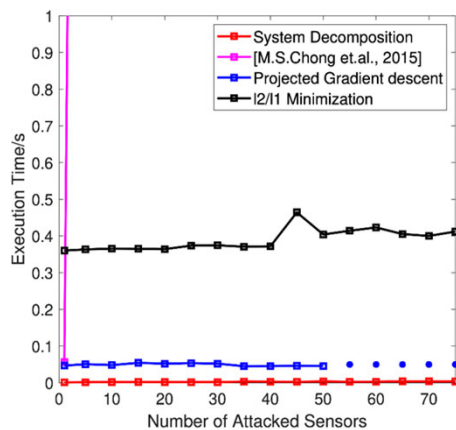


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DETECTION AND MITIGATION OF SENSOR ATTACKS

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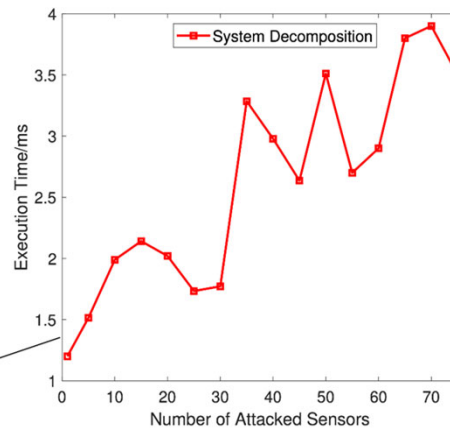
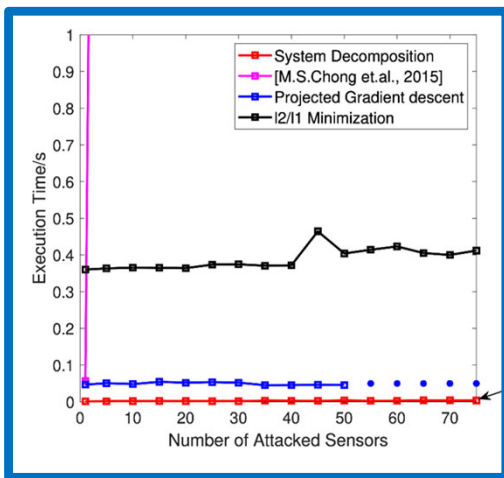
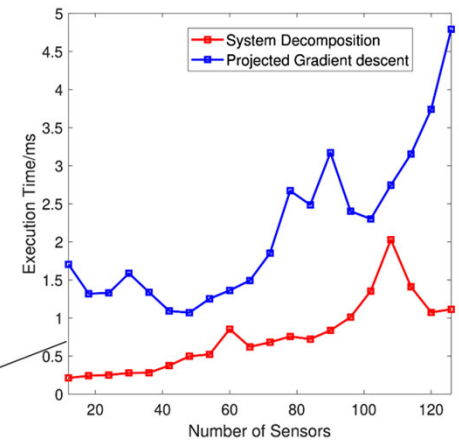
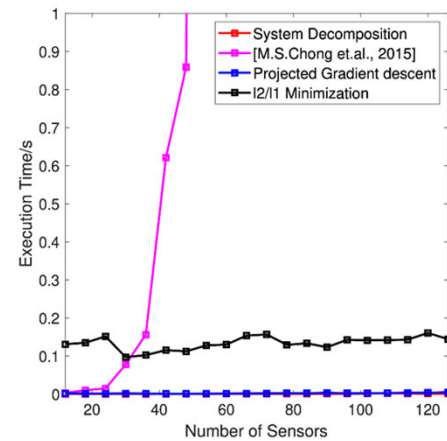
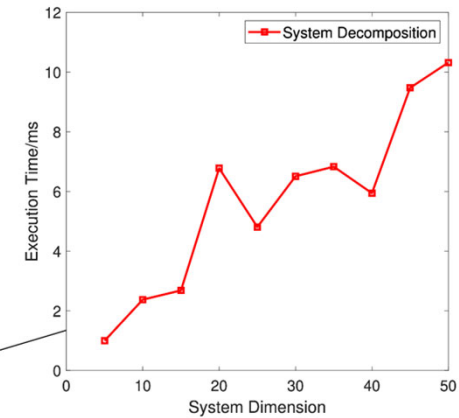
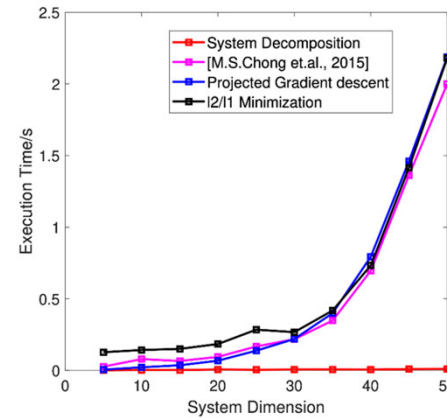


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Development of reinforcement learning algorithms with formally provable safety guarantees

Army Relevance and Value Proposition

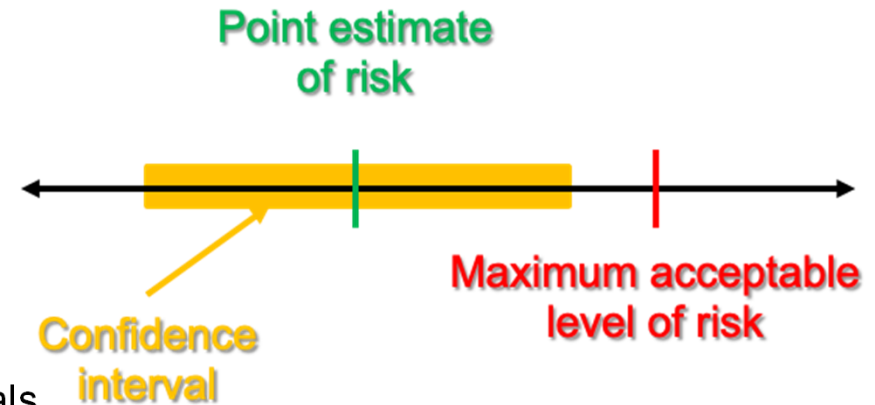
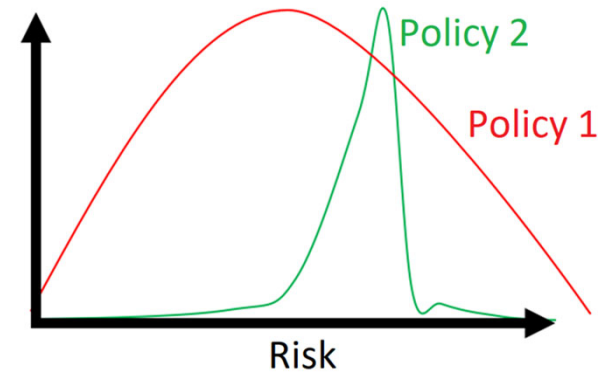
Guarantee safety of actions derived from RL algorithms deployed to optimally control IoBT resources with limited training for the dynamic environments

Prior State-of-the-Art

- Reinforcement learning (RL) algorithms have seen recent successes in low-risk applications like video game playing.
- Standard RL algorithms are not safe for high-risk uses

Technical Approach

- Develop improved high-confidence bounds on the safety of newly proposed policies before they are used
- Importance sample to estimate the CDF with appropriate confidence interval
- Derive relevant statistics such as mean and conditional value at risk (CVaR) and corresponding confidence intervals
- Choose optimal policy that meets safety guarantees



Contribution: Assured guarantees for aggressive decision making under uncertainty



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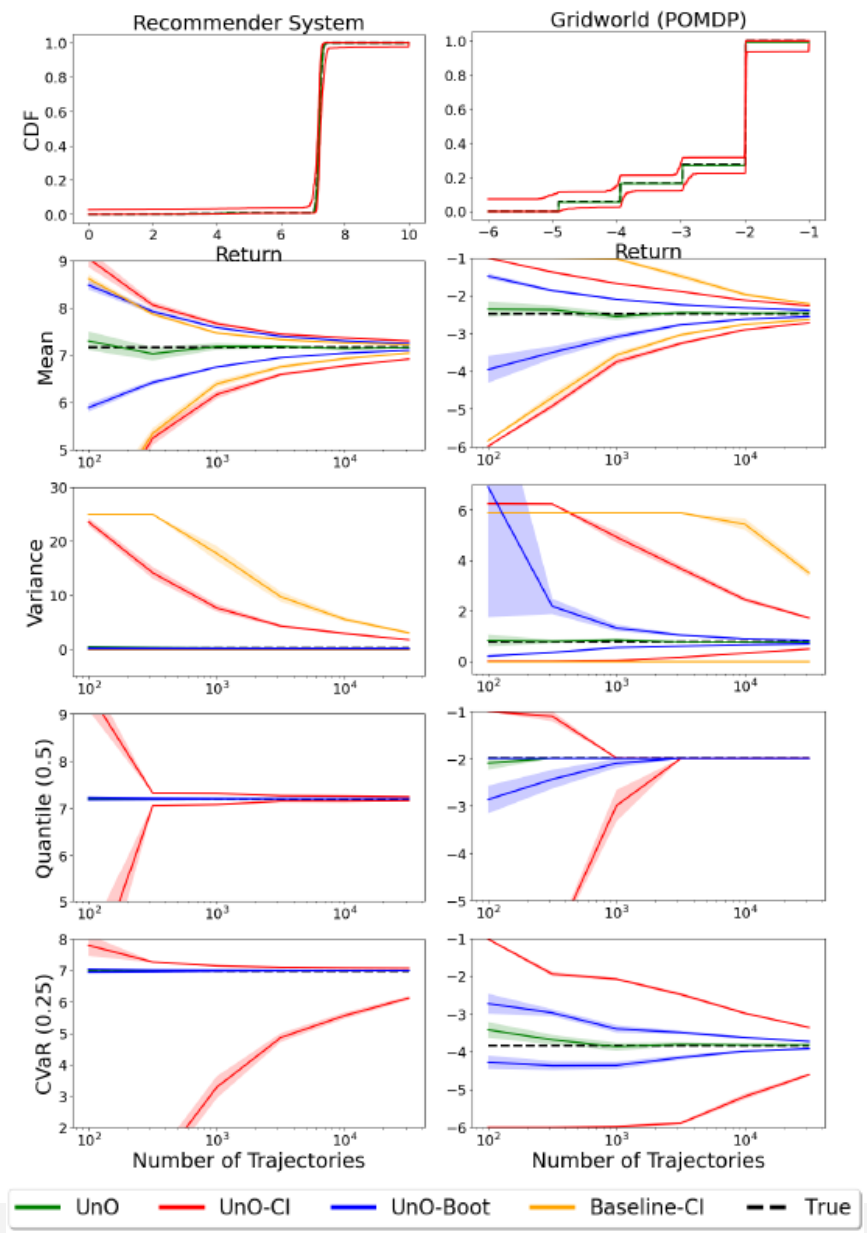
Army Relevance: Provides performance guarantees for deployment to dynamic environments

Contribution: The first method for estimating and bounding *any* parameter of the performance distribution of a proposed new policy, using data collected with a different current policy. This enables verification of the safety of a potentially dangerous new policy before it is used

- Past methods use *importance sampling* to estimate the expected performance of the new policy
- The new method uses importance sampling to estimate and bound the entire cumulative distribution function (CDF) of performance of the new policy
- This results in confidence intervals for all parameters of the return distribution that hold simultaneously (i.e., without requiring further applications of the union bound)

Key Publications:

Universal Off-Policy Evaluation
 Y. Chandak, S. Niekum, B. Castro da Silva, E. Learned-Miller, E. Brunskill, P. S. Thomas.. *NeurIPS*, 2021.





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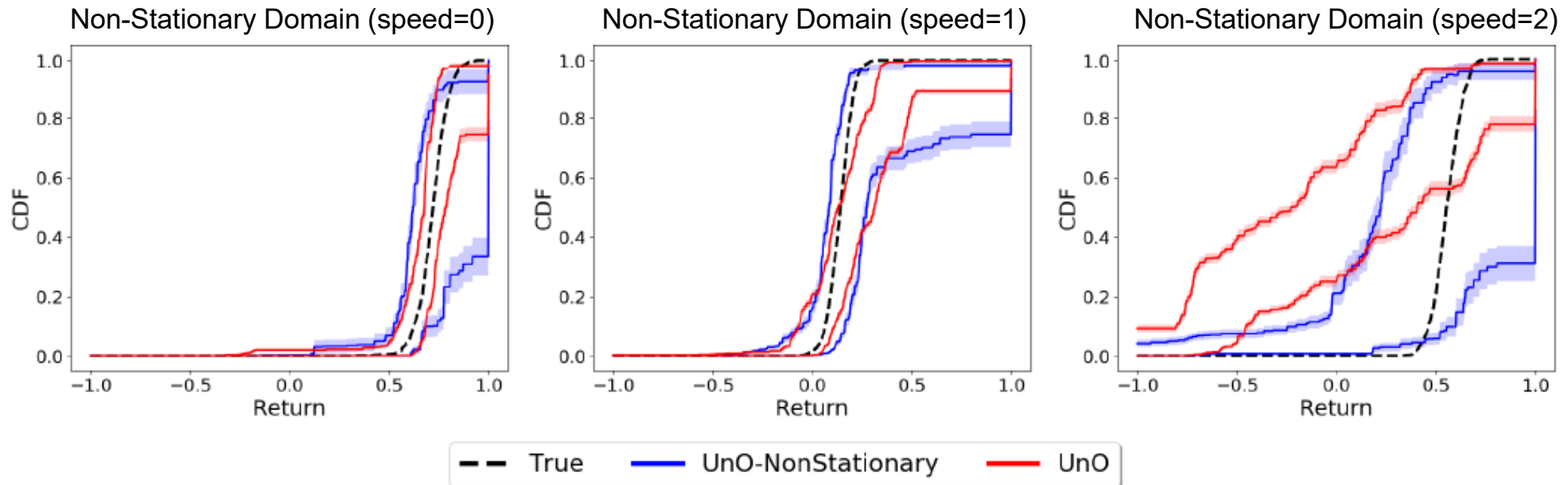
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Experiments and Results:



- Empirical results show confidence intervals for the variance of performance is state of the art
- Our method is the only method that provides confidence intervals for other parameters like conditional value at risk (CVaR)
- UnO can be extended to account for smooth nonstationarity of the MDP transition and reward functions

Summary:

Providing confidence intervals for the CDF and risk relevant statistics in non-stationary environments with smooth transitions



IOBT CRA IMPACT



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Before IoBT CRA

With IoBT CRA

Neural network accuracy could not be predicted even for networks trained to be robust to attacks



Highest performing prediction of neural network output accuracy when fed adversarial or benign inputs

Sensor attack detection for target tracking too slow for real-time implementation



10x speed up in sensor attack detection with implementation on edge devices

Sensor attack detection not always possible in a decentralized manner



New decentralized algorithm works for all network topologies and target linear dynamics

Off-policy confidence intervals for *mean values* only



Confidence intervals for risk relevant statistics for off-policy evaluation



NEXT STEPS



IoBT Cornerstone Challenges: Robustness - Dynamics

- What is the best way to incorporate extant knowledge and supplement it with machine learning to enable adaptable, effective and safe processing, communication, and actuation of IoBT resources in **evolving systems**?
- How best to embrace uncertainty throughout online reinforcement learning that must adapt to latent changes in the environmental context?
- How do multiple agents optimize resources in **dynamic environments** changing at rates comparable to the data exchange rates?
- How to offer **resiliency, safety**, and sound **risk analysis** in **persistently transient systems**?
- Can theoretical bounds be discovered in **multi-objective optimization** contexts that characterize the plausibility of meeting requirements of decision latency, prediction accuracy, resilience to adversarial manipulation and robustness to exogenous environmental conditions across multiple domains?

Prospective Army Capabilities

Robustness, resiliency, and adaptive services in the face of adversarial disruption and deception in conjunction with camouflaged sensing and communication are essential to maintain commander confidence in data and reduce risk

- Distributed processing overrides DDIL environment and offers protection through dispersion
- Information validation via multi-modal and multi-vantage sensing – leads to multiple corroborations of and stronger confidence in IoBT inferences



Questions?

Notable Awards/Honors:

- **10 year Most-influential Paper Award:** 42nd International Conference on Software Engineering (**S. Jha**)
- **Guest Editor:** Special Issue on AI of Transactions in Cyber-Physical Systems (**S. Jha**)
- **Guest Editor:** Special issue of Acta Informatica on Synthesis (**P. Tabuada**)
- **IFAC Fellow** (**P. Tabuada**)
- **Google Faculty Research Award** in Machine Learning (**S. Diggavi**)
- **2021 Wilbur Cross Medal, Yale University** (**T. Başar**)
- **Honorary Doctorate,** KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden, 2019 (**T. Başar**)
- **Chair of HSCC Steering Committee** (**P. Tabuada**)
- **Safe AI work published in Science** (**P. Thomas**)

Notable Transitions:

- Some of the results developed in the IoBT CRA bootstrapped winning proposals from DARPA and IARPA

Demos & Posters: Visit <https://abdelzاهر.cs.illinois.edu/RMB22-Demos.html>

- [Trustworthy ML with Surprise Detection](#)
- [Risk Aware \(Task\) Placement](#)
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