

Welcome to the Workshop on Statistical Issues in Analyzing Information from Diverse Sources

Before We Start

- Parking – hang tags
- Restrooms – just inside glass doors
- Food – lounge across from elevators
- Rides
- Wifi
- Requests from me...
- May be SRO today
- First “wholly CCICADA” WS

What is CCICADA?

- CCICADA is the Command, Control and Interoperability Center for Advanced Data Analysis
- CCICADA is one of two coordinated “halves” of a new Center of Excellence for “Command, Control and Interoperability” founded by DHS
- CCICADA emphasizes data analysis
- The other half of the CCI Center is based at Purdue and emphasizes visualization and visual analytics



CCICADA Partners

- Alcatel-Lucent Bell Labs
- Carnegie-Mellon Univ.
- Howard University
- Princeton University
- Rutgers University (Lead)
- Tuskegee University
- University of Massachusetts, Lowell
- AT&T Labs - Research
- Geosemble Technologies
- Morgan State University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst.
- Texas Southern University
- University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign
- University of Southern California



Background

- *Many homeland security tasks require the ability to reach conclusions from massive flows of data*
 - Arriving quickly
 - From disparate sources
 - Subject to error/uncertainty
- *Our job is to build the science of data analytics to address this massive flow of data, and to:*
 - Enable rapid situational awareness
 - Assist in identifying new threats
 - Mitigate the effects of natural or man-made disasters
 - Allow homeland security community to work more efficiently
 - Protect the privacy of individuals

Challenges

- Current methods for extracting, organizing, storing, retrieving information will not scale
- Decision makers need to exploit multiple types of data...and put them *together*



Our Main Activities

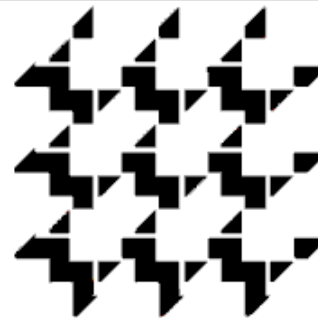
- Basic research to advance the field of data science
- Applied research connecting data science to real problems of homeland security
- Educational programs to prepare the homeland security workforce of the future and to build the STEM workforce, more generally
- Technology transfer programs to move some of our work to practical use

How Does CCICADA Relate to DIMACS?

- Separate but overlapping centers
 - Director, Fred Roberts
 - Share staff and facilities at Rutgers
 - Overlapping but distinct partner institutions
 - Overlapping but distinct faculty & researchers
 - Overlapping interests
 - Co-sponsor activities

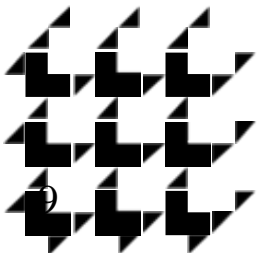
DIMACS

*Center for Discrete Mathematics & Theoretical Computer Science
Founded as a National Science Foundation Science and
Technology Center*



DIMACS Special Focus on Information Sharing

- Potential future topic for DIMACS activities
- This WS may be viewed as “exploratory”
- Possible topics:
 - Explosion and challenges of data in social media
 - Making inferences in networks
 - Privacy in data sharing
 - Collaboration methods
 - Cross-domain information sharing



Moral: We have lots of activities,
so we hope you'll come back
more than once every 17 years

