

# Disaster Response: Leveraging Wide Area Earth Observation with Machine Learning

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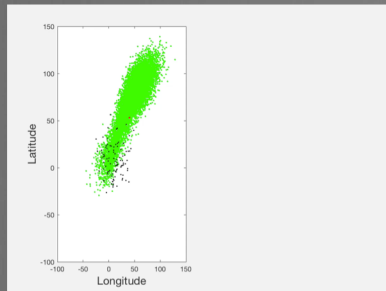
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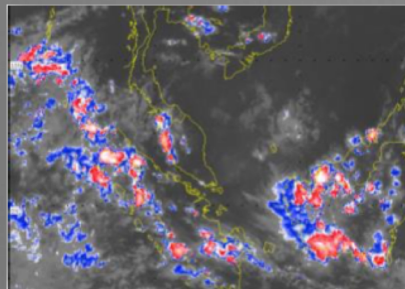
Satellite Applications Catapult, Harwell

# Challenge driven machine learning research

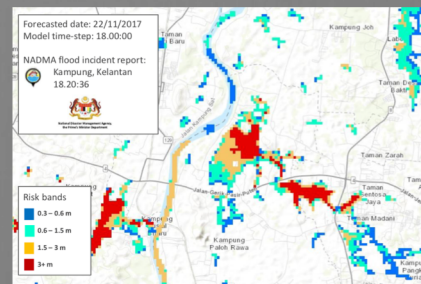
- ❖ Multi-sensor data including satellite imagery
- ❖ Applications in disaster management and environmental protection
- ❖ Co-designing/creating solutions with end-users
- ❖ Satellite Applications Catapult UKSA project (EASOS)



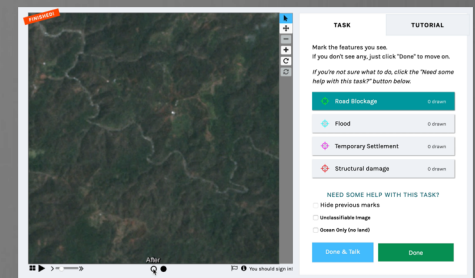
Oil source estimation



Rainfall nowcasting



Million parameter estimation

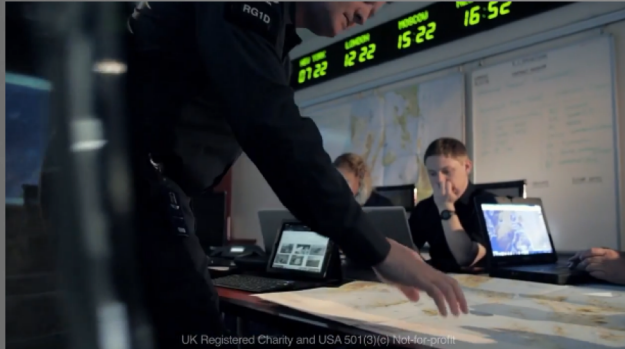


Human/Computer satellite imagery annotation



# Scalable multi-sensor data fusion

## Disaster Response Rescue Global



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seen one ambulance or any proffesionl  
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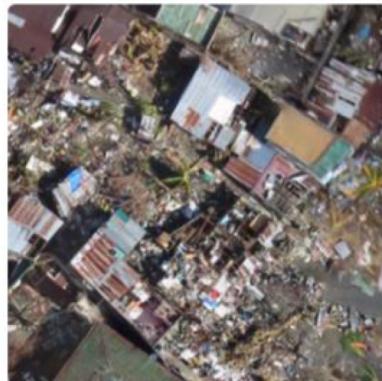
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177 million disaster-related tweets the day after Japan earthquake in 2011.

Floods



Damage

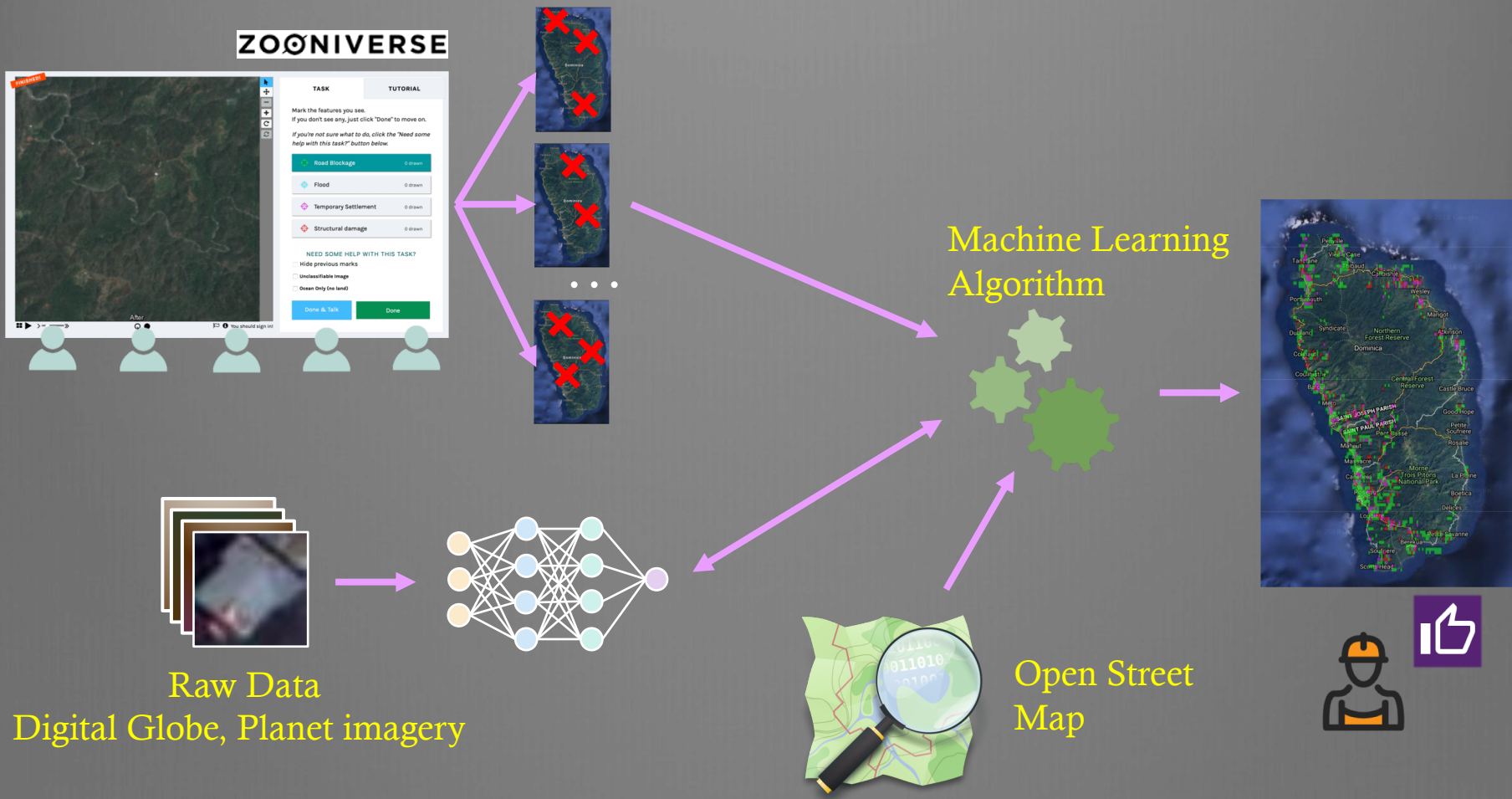


Tarpaulin



11,180 km<sup>2</sup> area covering 10 islands/archipelagos following hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017.

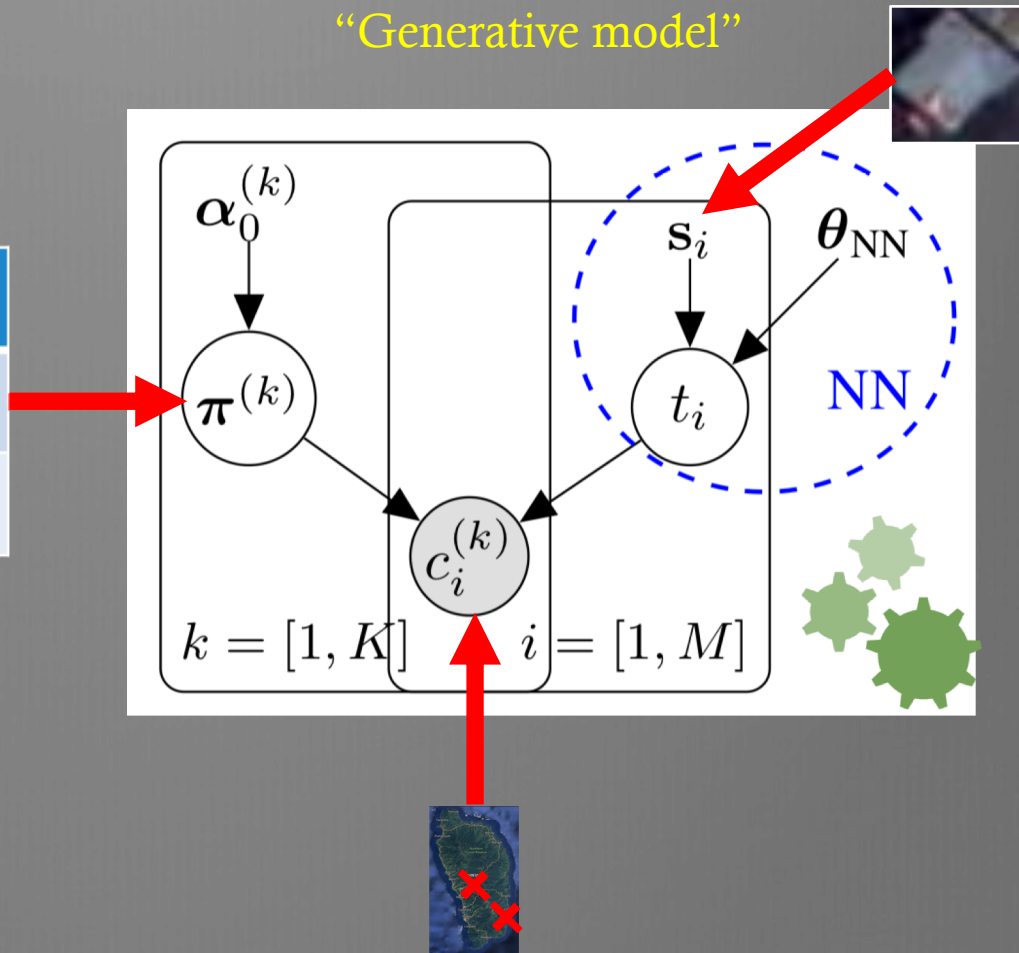
# Hybrid human-automatic satellite imagery annotation



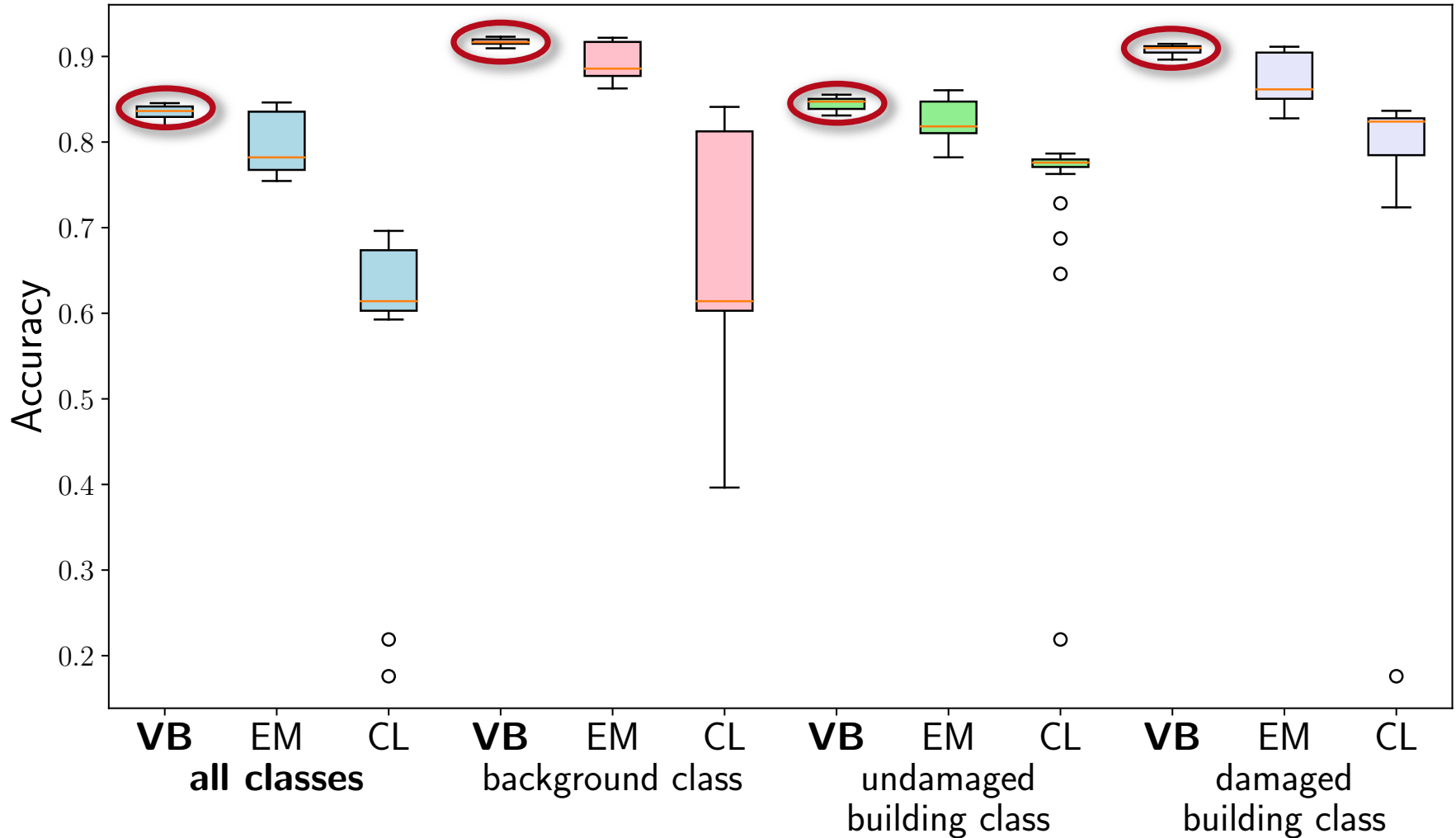


# Principled Bayesian modelling framework

	c = labelled damage	c = labelled no damage
t = actual damage	70%	30%
t = actual no damage	25%	75%



# State-of-the-art parameter inference methodologies

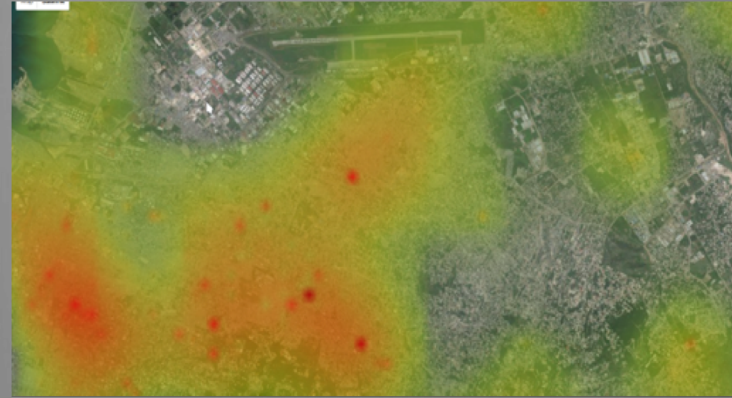




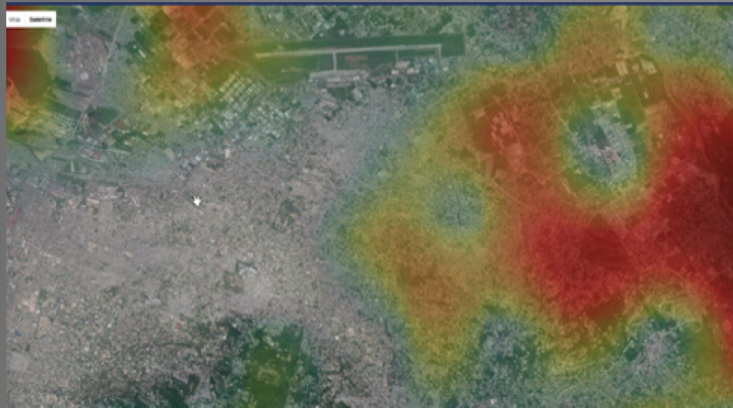
# Uncertainty, risk and targeted data acquisition



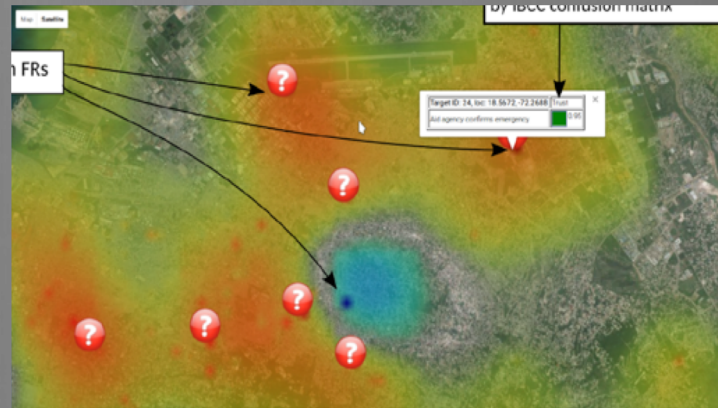
Data



Interpolation



Uncertainty



Intelligent tasking



# Further work ...

## BCCNet: Bayesian classifier combination neural network

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### Abstract

Machine learning research for developing countries can demonstrate clear sustainable impact by delivering actionable and timely information to in-country government organisations (GOs) and NGOs in response to their critical information requirements. We present a novel Bayesian classifier combination neural network (BCCNet) for the detection of small-scale, irregularly shaped objects in satellite imagery. The network is trained on a large dataset of satellite imagery and is able to detect and classify small-scale, irregularly shaped objects in satellite imagery. The network is able to detect and classify small-scale, irregularly shaped objects in satellite imagery. The network is able to detect and classify small-scale, irregularly shaped objects in satellite imagery.

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Python code:

<https://github.com/OlgaIsupova/BCCNet>

- New applications
  - Tracking bomas in Africa
  - Mapping tailings dams in Brazil
  - Health monitoring of schools across Africa
  - Seismic fault detection world-wide

