

# Advanced Network Management a.k.a.

AlOps: Autonomous IT Operations or Al for IT Operations

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## How to pronounce "Pei"?

Just pronounce "Pei" as "Pay"
In fact, just call me "Dan"

Louvre Museum



I-M Pei: the famous architect who designed the glass pyramid



#### About the Instructor

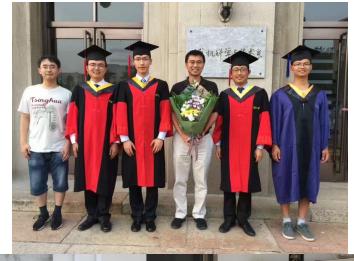
- Tenured Associate Professor.
- UCLA Ph.D. Best Ph.D. Thesis Award in UCLA CS in 2005.
- Joined Tsinghua CS Department in December 2012, with Government Endorsement ("Recruitment Program
  of Global Talents")
- Homepage: <a href="http://netman.aiops.org/~peidan">http://netman.aiops.org/~peidan</a>
- Previously a Principal Researcher at AT&T Research, a co-founder and founding CEO of a mobile health company in Beijing, before joining Tsinghua.
- Supervised interns from CMU, Cornell, Princeton, UCLA, GaTech, Michigan, Northwestern etc. Now @ Google, MSR, IBM, Purdue, Northeastern, HKUST
- ACM/IEEE Senior Member

### My Research Group @ Tsinghua: NetMan

- Currently advising~15 of Ph.D. and M.S. students at Tsinghua.
- Two affiliated assistant professors and two post-docs



 Graduated 10 PhDs (3 went to MSRA, two went to Nankai University, one becomes a CEO, one goes to Alibaba)





#### **Industry Collaborators**













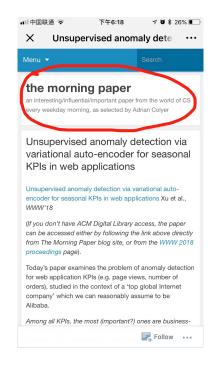


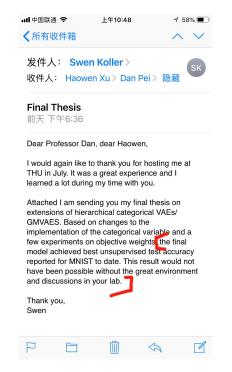


#### **Publications:**

100+ AlOps papers and 20+ issued US Patents. Published in SIGCOMM、WWW、SIGMETRICS、TON、INFOCOM、IMC、CONEXT etc.

Research results are covered by technology media such as MIT technology Review, Hacker News, Mother Board, Morning paper, and many Chinese media.





MIT Technology Review

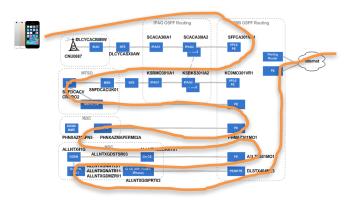
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#### Data Mining Solves the Mystery of Your Slow Wi-Fi Connection

Chinese researchers have worked out the reasons for why Wi-Fi can take so long to connect.

#### **AIOps: Autonomous IT Operations through Machine Learning**

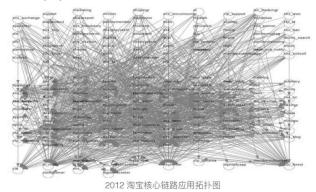
## Large & complex access network



Large & complex data center

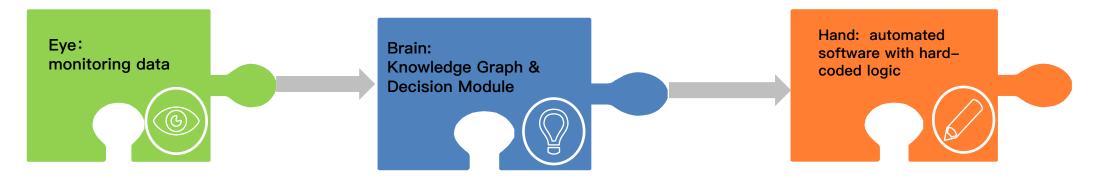


Large & complex application software



- Imagine that you are running an Internet-based service with hundreds of thousands of servers and many software modules, a large, complex, cross-layer, and rapidly evolving distributed system.
- You want to achieve 99.999% service reliability, but machine-generated monitoring data and hundreds of operators (IT operation engineers) alone won't get you there, because of the high complexity and sheer scale of the software/hardware system and the vast amount of machinegenerated data.
- Machine learning is the direction to enable Autonomous IT Operations autonomous.

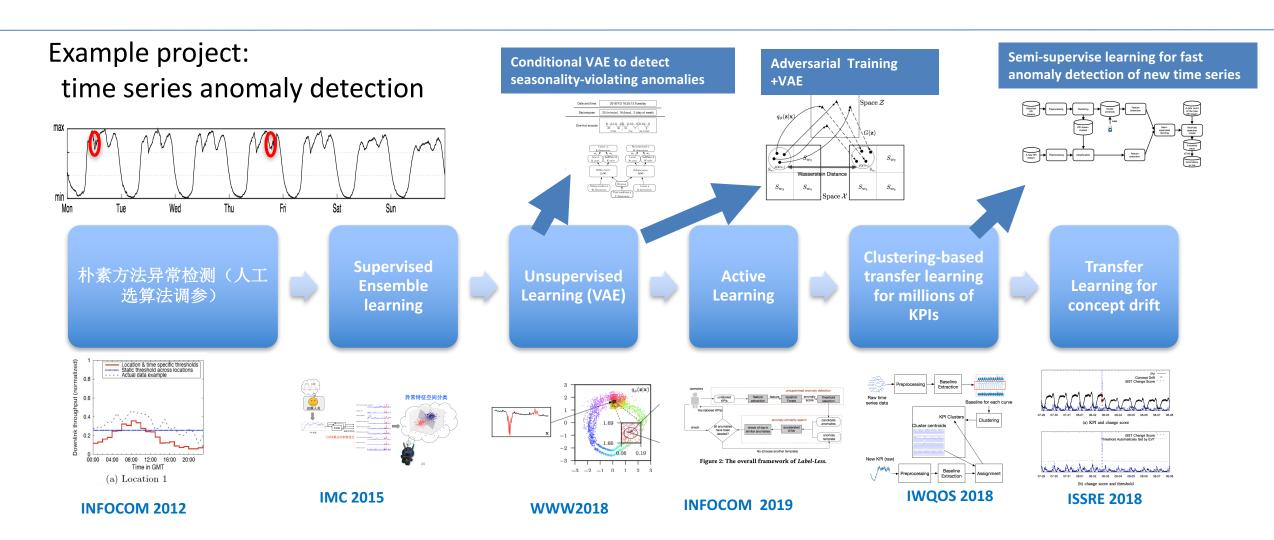
#### **AIOps Architecture & Algorithms**



- The major topics of AIOps often coincide with its more general counterparts in Machine Learning:
  - 1. Anomaly Detection in Time Series, Logs (semi-structured text), Traces (program execution trace), and Graphs
  - 2. Anomaly Localization
  - 3. Failure/Event Prediction
  - 4. Causal Inference and its application in Root Cause Analysis
- State-of-art Machine Learning Algorithms are applied to solve the unique challenges in AlOps:
  - 1.Deep Neural Networks for Time Series or Sequence
  - 2.Deep Generative Model (VAE, GAN)
  - 3. Deep Reinforcement Learning
  - 4. Natural Language Processing
  - 5. Causal Inference

#### My research methodology: From Practice, into Practice

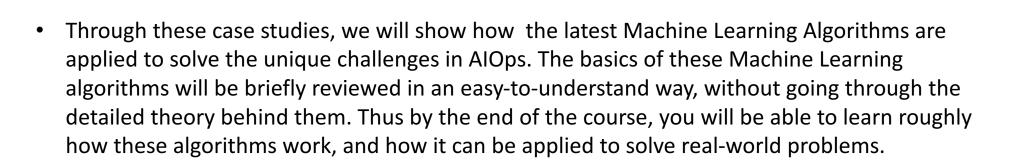
- 1. Discover challenging problems from Practice (specifically, IT Operations)
- 2. Design Al Algorithms to solve problem
- 3. Deploy the algorithms in practice. If not working perfectly? go to step 1.



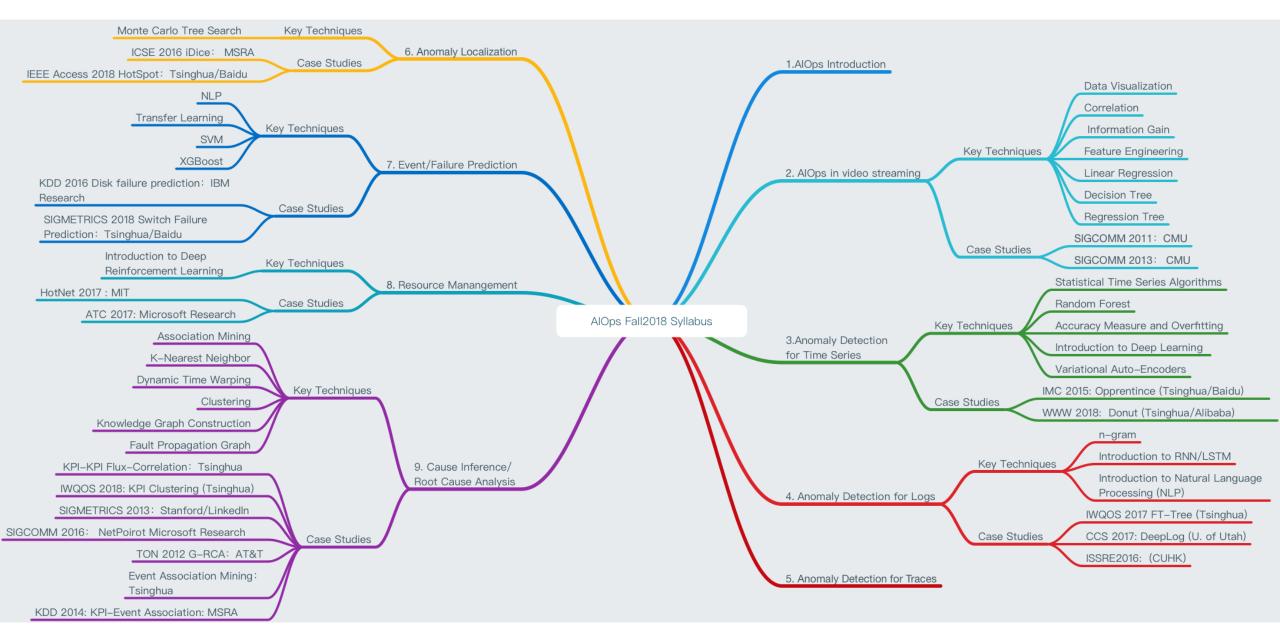
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#### **Summary**

- AlOps is a interdisciplinary research field between Machine Learning and Systems/Networking, which is why this course had this historical title "Advanced Network Management". If you are interested in learning how a large distributed system can be better run with the help of machine learning, this course is for you. If you want to learn how machine learn can help solve challenging problems in a very complex system, this course is for you.
- This course will cover the latest progress in major topics of AIOps using case studies from recent research papers in top conferences in all major computer science fields, including Machine Learning, Data Mining, System/Networking, Software Engineering, Database, Multimedia, etc







#### Course Requirements

Course website: <a href="http://course.aiops.org">http://course.aiops.org</a>

- **Prerequisites:** You are expected to be familiar with at least one programming language, preferably Python.
  - If not, please quickly learn one.

- Encourage interaction and discussion
  - stop me and ask questions at any time!
  - You get credits for interaction

#### Course Info

- Time: Wednesday 9:50pm-12:15pm (Weeks 1,2,4-16)
  - 15 classes, each has three 45-minute sessions.

Session 1: Machine Learning Basics

- Sessions 2 & 3: AlOps case studies
- Office Hours:
  - After every class.

#### Grading:

- Attendance & Interaction: 10%
  - Presence: 0.5% for each lecture in Weeks 4-15. 6% in total
  - 1% for each question asked or answered. 4% maximum.
- Assignments: 30% (each student finishes each assignment alone)
  - Assignment 1: 10%
  - Assignment 2: 20%
- Project: 60% (A project team of 2 or 3 students)
  - Ranking in algorithm competition & report: 50%
  - Presentation in week 16 (scored by all students, TA, and instructor): 10%
- The final grade will be in letter grading scale (e.g., A,B,C,D)

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### Case Studies: Papers and Slides

Already Posted on the course website

- Lecture Coverage
  - You were supposed to read these papers carefully

- Reading List
  - Relevant papers, read them if you have time

## Why reading papers/case studies?

 Purpose: background knowledge, algorithm, methodology, writing, principle, solution inspiration, evaluation methodology for the problem you are working on, and (sometimes) vision.

 My strongly biased personal opinion: Papers are not for finding topics for your next paper.

## What's a good paper

A new and important problem, solid solution.

 Old and challenging problem, a new simple but elegant solution, with straightforward insight and intuition behind it.

# Using Google Scholar to find relevant papers (demo)

 Browse latest proceedings of relevant conferences, find one relevant paper p. Relevant paper set S={p}

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for (each new p in S) {
    Browse p's references, and put relevant ones into S;
    Browse p's citations in Google Scholar, and put relevant ones into S;
}
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# Enjoy the course!



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