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# Grey-Box Bayesian Optimization for Sensor Placement in Assisted Living Environments

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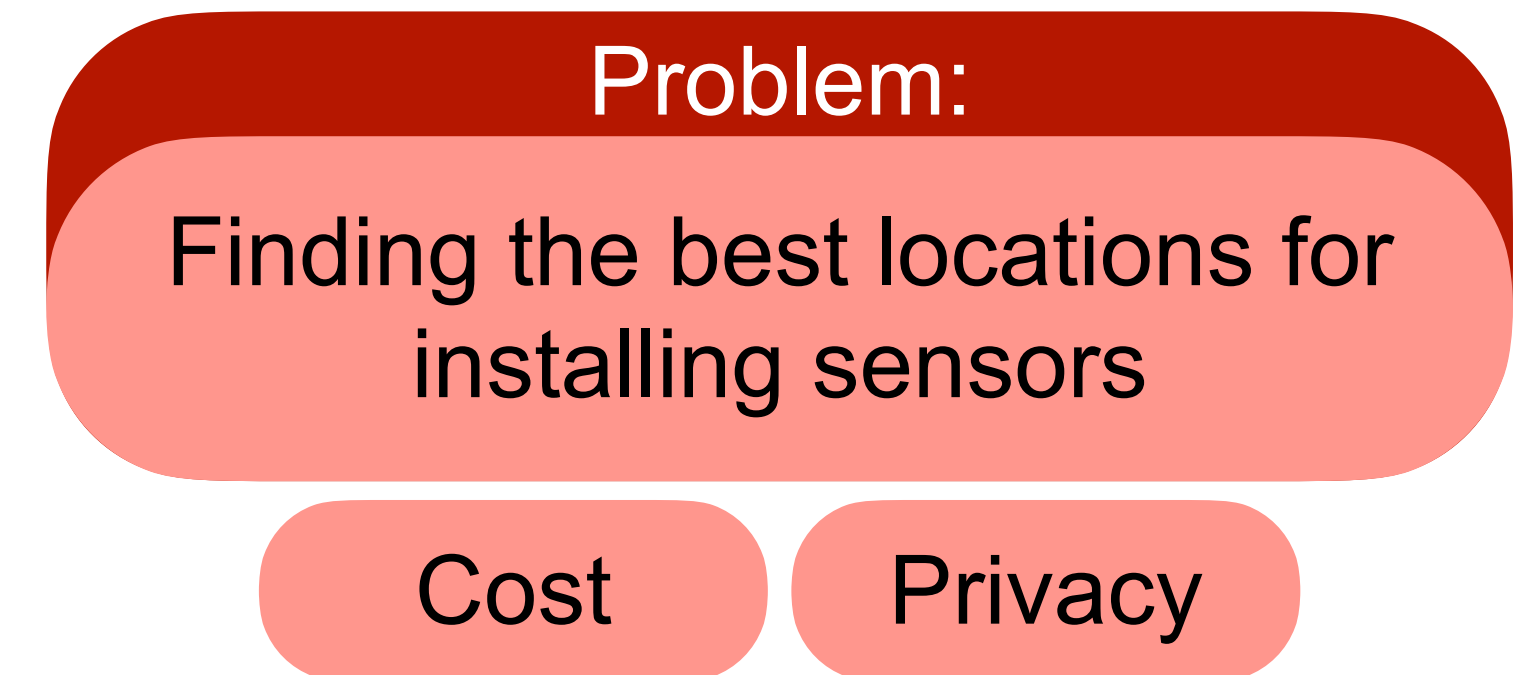
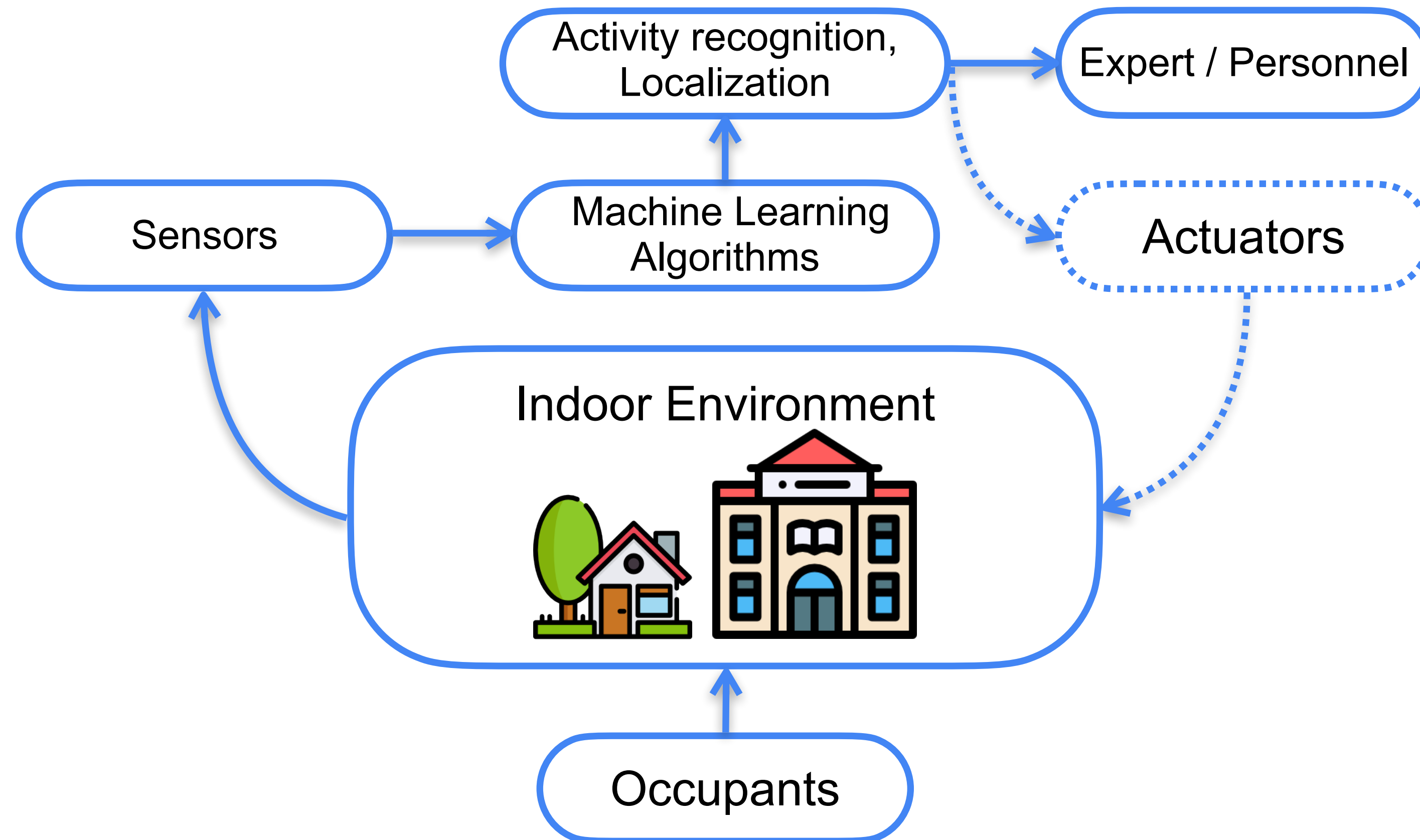
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# Smart Indoor Spaces

## Definition and Problem Statement



Majumder, S., et al., Smart homes for elderly healthcare—Recent advances and research challenges. *Sensors* **2017**, 17, 2496.



C. Lee, L., et al. "Securing smart home: Technologies security challenges and security requirements", *Proc. IEEE Conf. Commun. Netw. Secur.*, pp. 67-72, Oct. 2014.



Rocha, P., et al. Improving energy efficiency via smart building energy management systems: A comparison with policy measures. *Energy Build.* **2015**, 88, 203–213.

# Sensor Placement Techniques

Optimize the location of sensors

Given a lower bound on the performance of downstream applications

Evolutionary Algorithm

Genetic Algorithm

Brian L Thomas, Aaron S Crandall, and Diane J Cook. A genetic algorithm approach to motion sensor placement in smart environments. *Journal of reliable intelligent environments*, 2(1):3–16, 2016.

Greedy

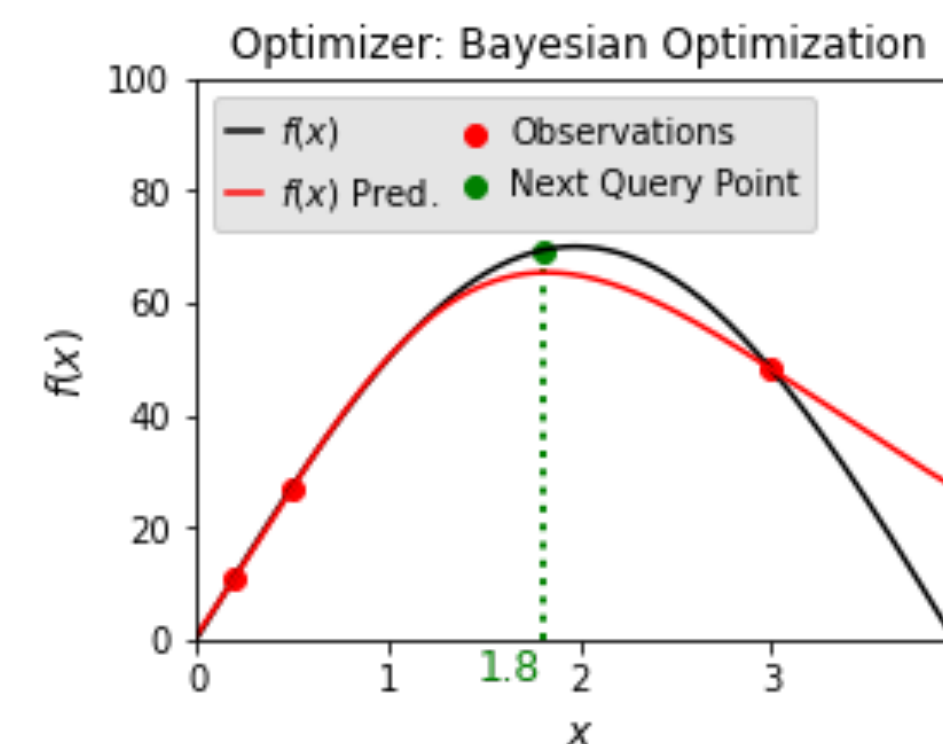
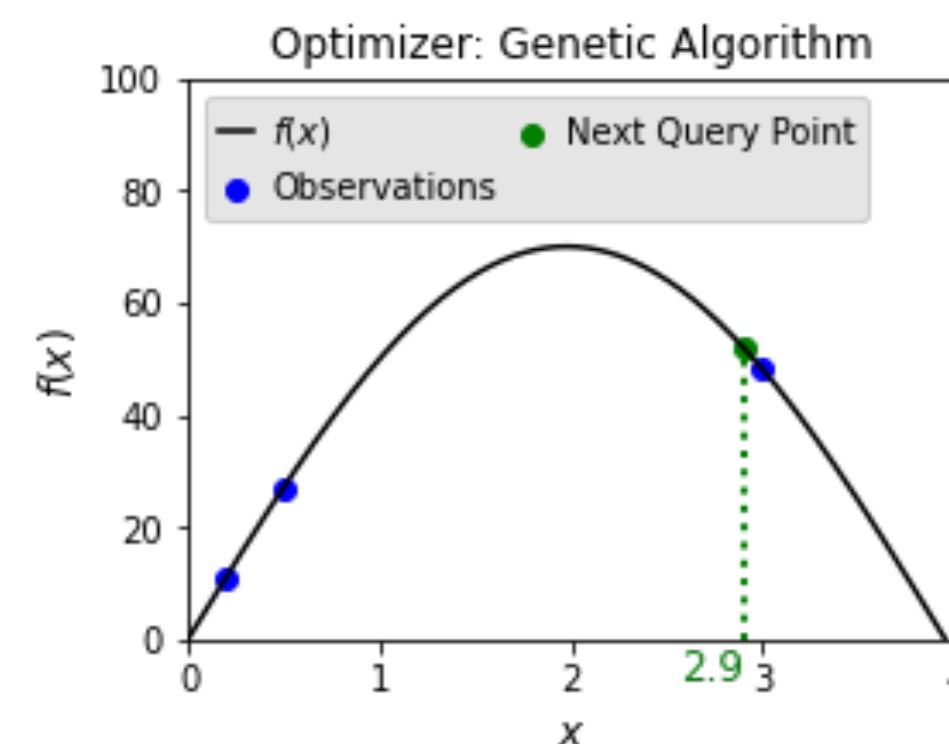
Andreas Krause, Jure Leskovec, Carlos Guestrin, Jeanne VanBriesen, and Christos Faloutsos. Efficient sensor placement optimization for securing large water distribution networks. *Journal of Water Resources Planning and Management*, 134(6):516–526, 2008.

They rely solely on **local information** that samples provide

$f(x)$

The function being optimized: some performance measure of the ML model

A sensor placement



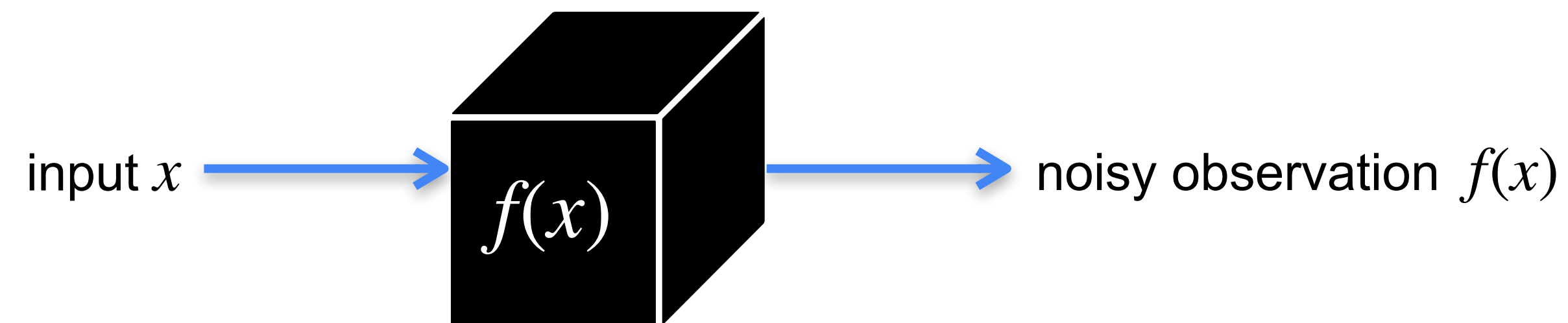
Estimation of Distribution Algorithms

Bayesian Optimization (BO)

Bobak Shahriari, Kevin Swersky, Ziyu Wang, Ryan P Adams, and Nando De Freitas. Taking the human out of the loop: A review of bayesian optimization. *Proceedings of the IEEE*, 104(1):148–175, 2015.

Uses **local information** to build a probabilistic **surrogate model**

# Bayesian Optimization (BO)



Optimization over  
permutation spaces

Aryan Deshwal, Syrine Belakaria, Janardhan Rao Doppa, and Dae Hyun Kim. Bayesian optimization over permutation spaces. In *Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence*, volume 36, pages 6515–6523, 2022.

**The main shortcoming:**  
Disregards any inherent,  
domain knowledge that might  
exist about  $f(x)$

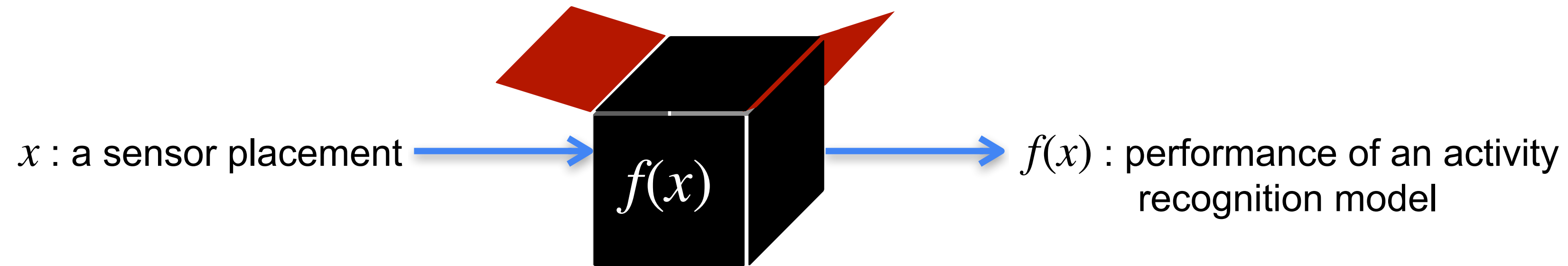
*Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics*, pages 7021–7039. PMLR, 2023.

Active monitoring of  
air pollution

Sigrid Passano Hellan, Christopher G Lucas, and Nigel H Goddard. Bayesian optimisation for active monitoring of air pollution. In *Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence*, volume 36, pages 11908–11916, 2022.



# Grey—Box Bayesian Optimization



Raul Astudillo and Peter I Frazier. Thinking inside the box: A tutorial on grey-box bayesian optimization. In *2021 Winter Simulation Conference (WSC)*, pages 1–15. IEEE, 2021.

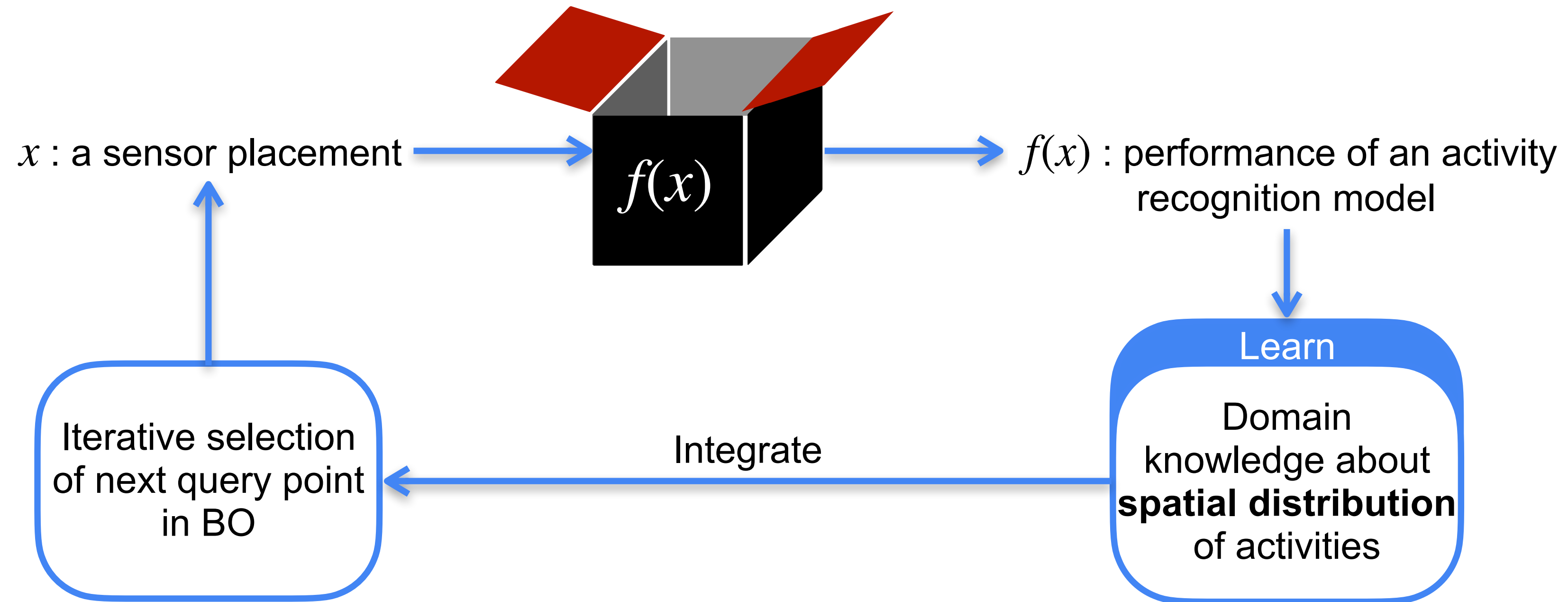
## Our hypothesis:

$f(x)$  contains inherent domain knowledge about the **spatial distribution of activities** that could help BO quickly identify important regions in the search space

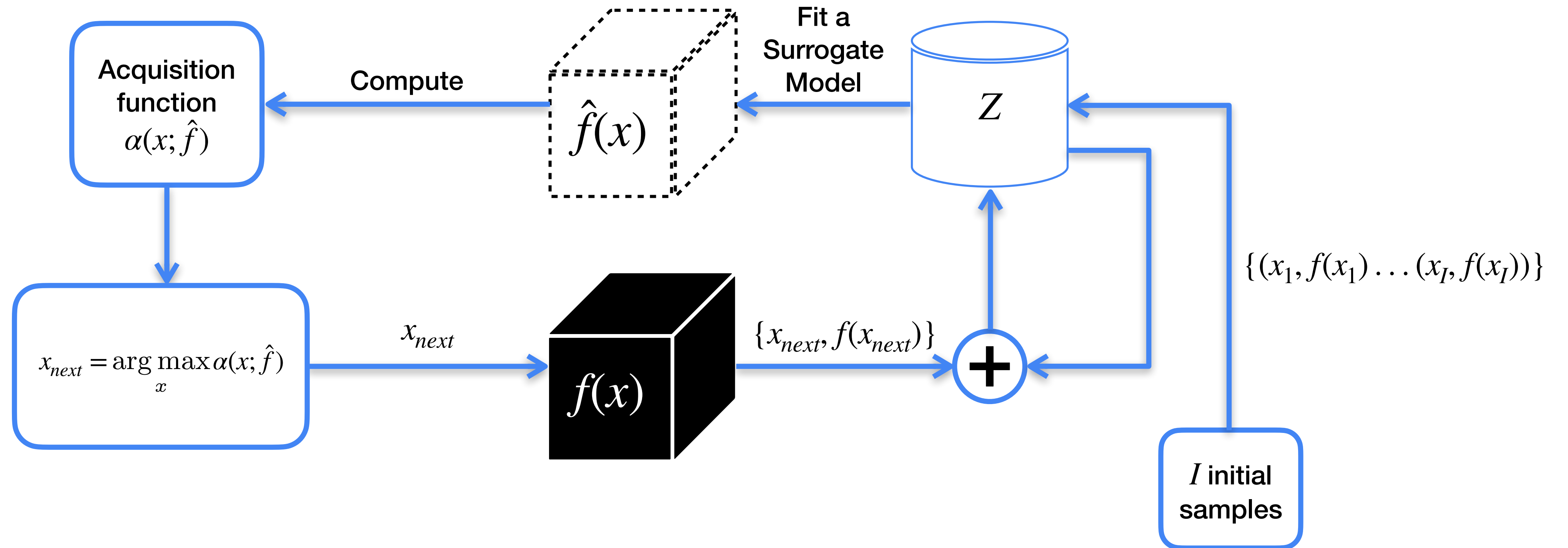
## Research Question:

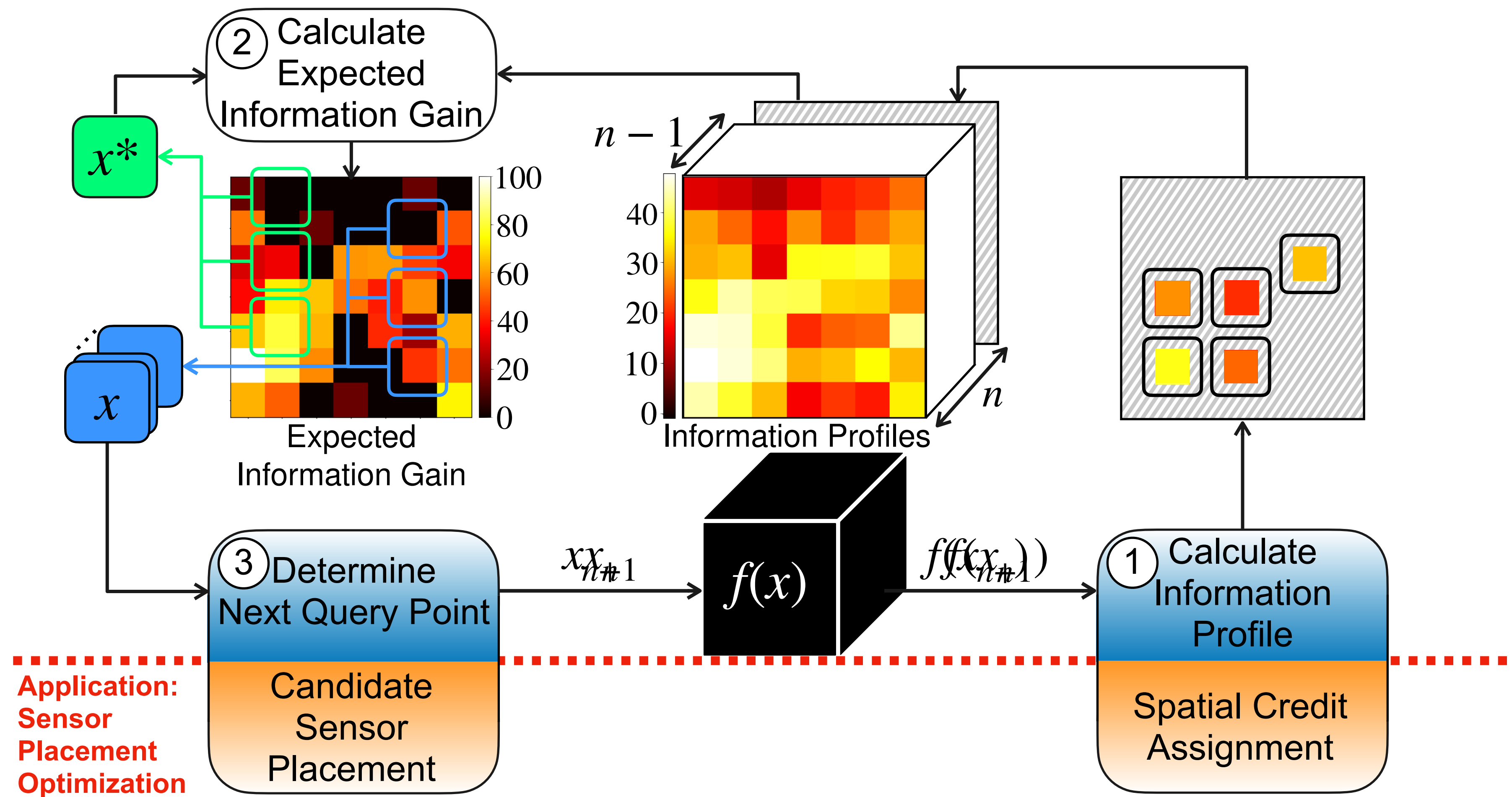
How to **reduce** the number of queries and **improve** the quality of solution found by BO

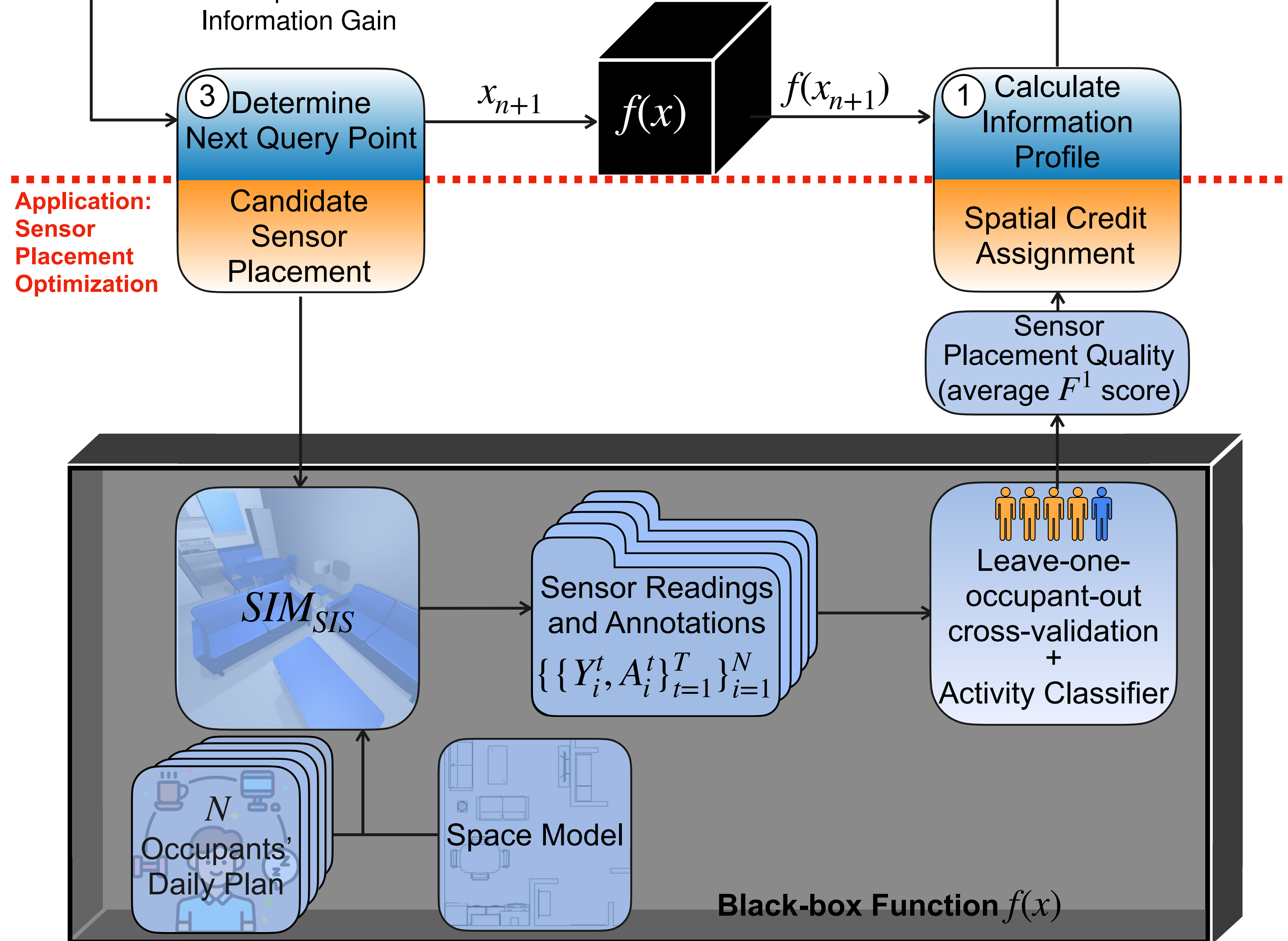
# Distribution—Guided BO (DGBO)



# Vanilla BO









# Experiments

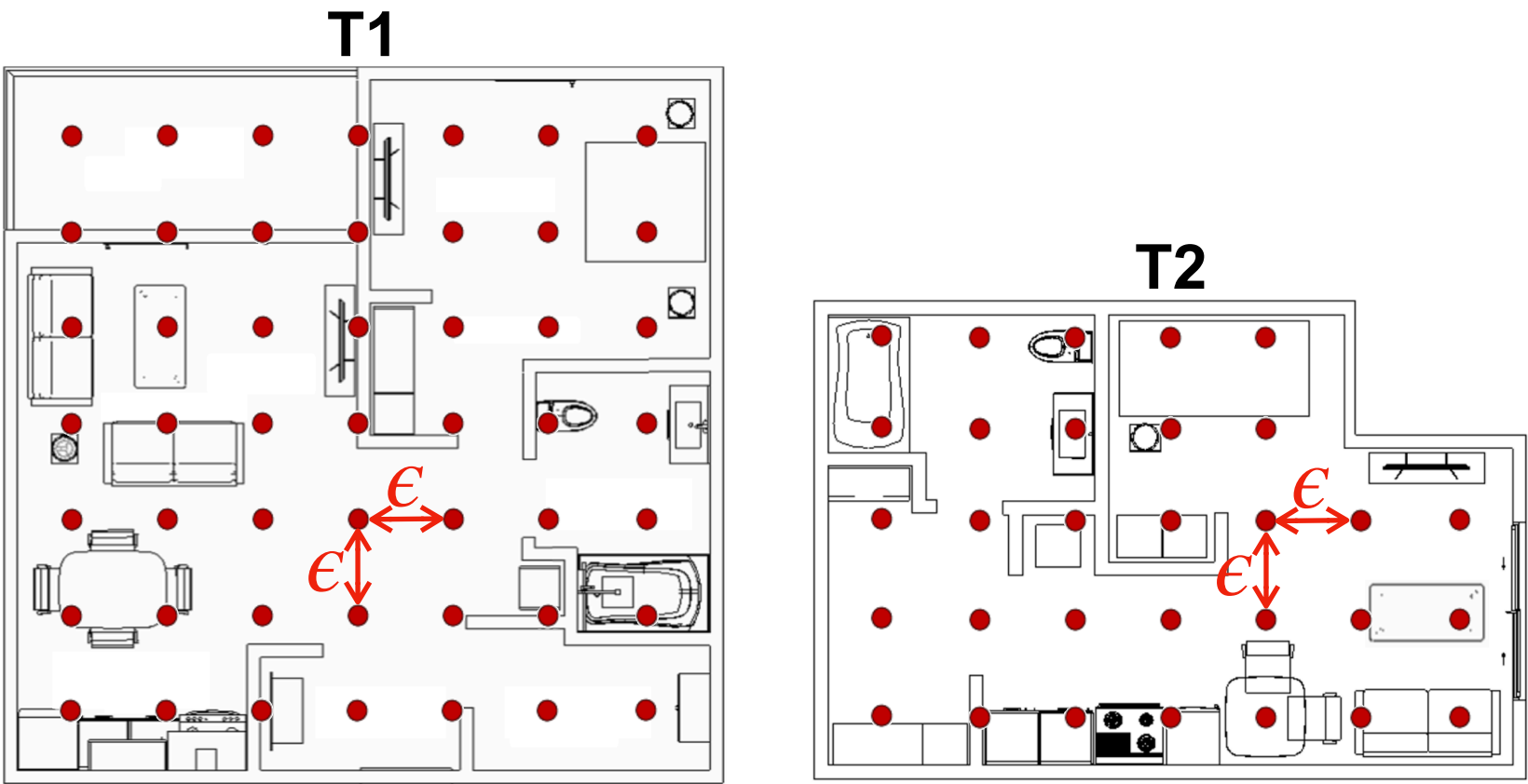
## Case Study

Lifestyle Options Retirement Communities - Terra Rosa



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### Simulation Case Study



**23 activities**  
activities with the same  
superscript can be shuffled

**Bathing<sup>a</sup>**

- 1 Undress
- 2 Shower
- 3 Dress

**Hygiene<sup>a</sup>**

- 1 Use toilet
- 2 Wash hands

**Other<sup>a</sup>**

- Work w/ Tablet<sup>b</sup>
- Exercise<sup>b</sup>
- Watch TV<sup>b</sup>
- Iron<sup>b</sup>
- Sleep<sup>b</sup>

**Dining routine<sup>a</sup>**

- Make tea
- Grab ingredients
- Fry eggs
- Toast breads
- Grab utensils
- Eat
- Take medicine
- Wipe dining table
- Wash dishes
- Clean kitchen

**Brooming<sup>a</sup>**

- Grab broom
- Broom
- Return broom

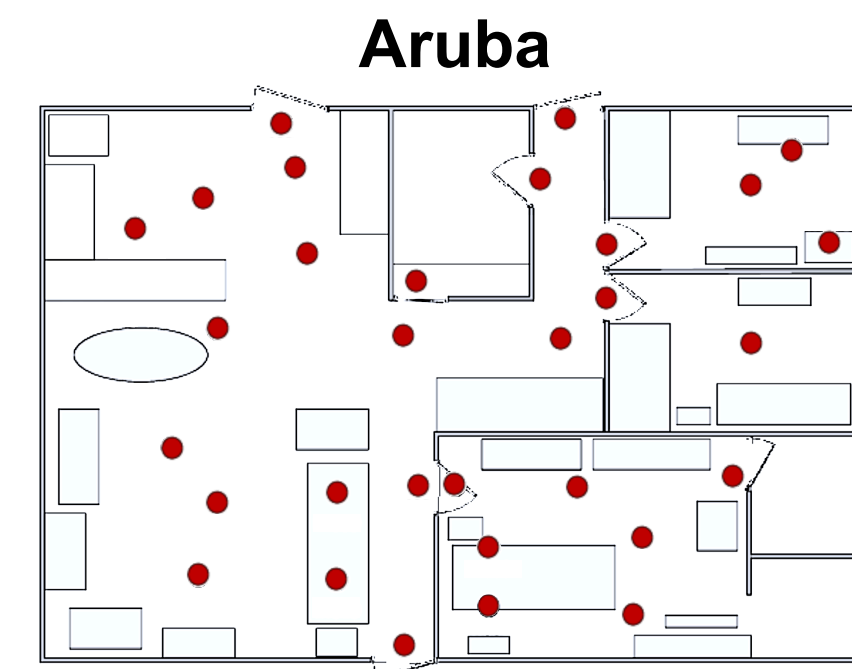


# Experiments

## Case Study



### Real-World Case Study



From in 219 days  
11 activities  
from an adult living alone

- Meal preparation
- Eat
- Enter home
- Wash dishes
- Respirate
- Housekeeping
- Relax
- Work
- Hygiene
- Sleep
- Leave home

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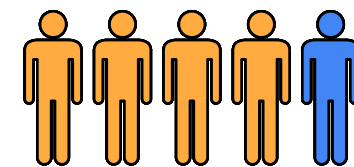
## Activity Classifier and Model Performance

Simulation  
Case Study

Sensor Readings and Annotations

$$\{ \{ R^t, A^t \}^T_{t=1} \}_{i=1}^N$$

LOO

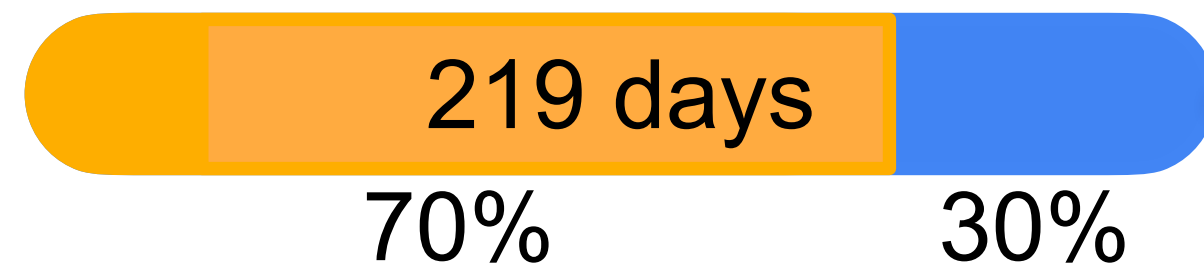


Random Forest

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$$F^1 = \sum_{i=1}^N (\text{Macro avg f1-score}) / N$$

Real-World  
Case Study



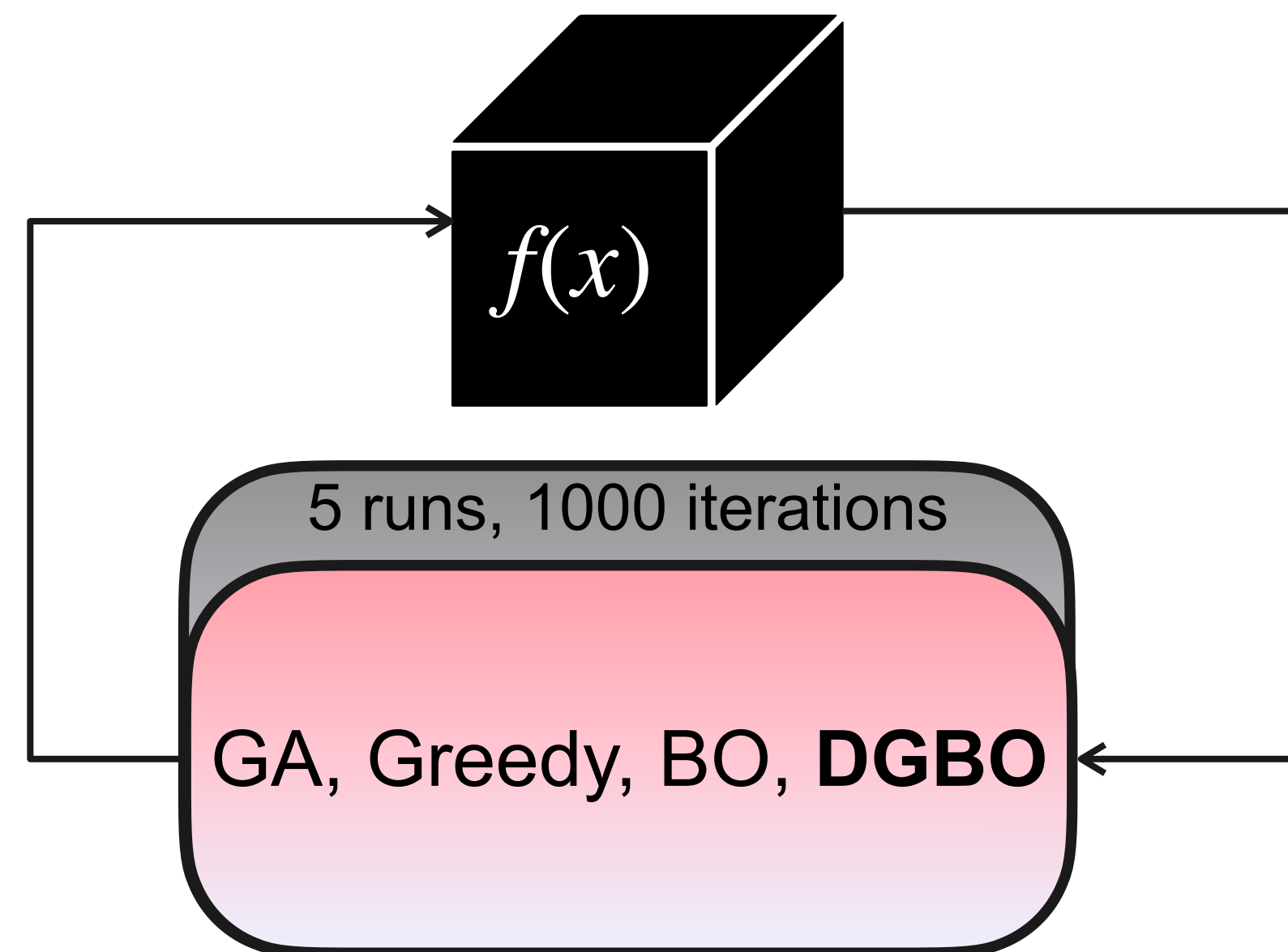
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# Experiments

## Comparison

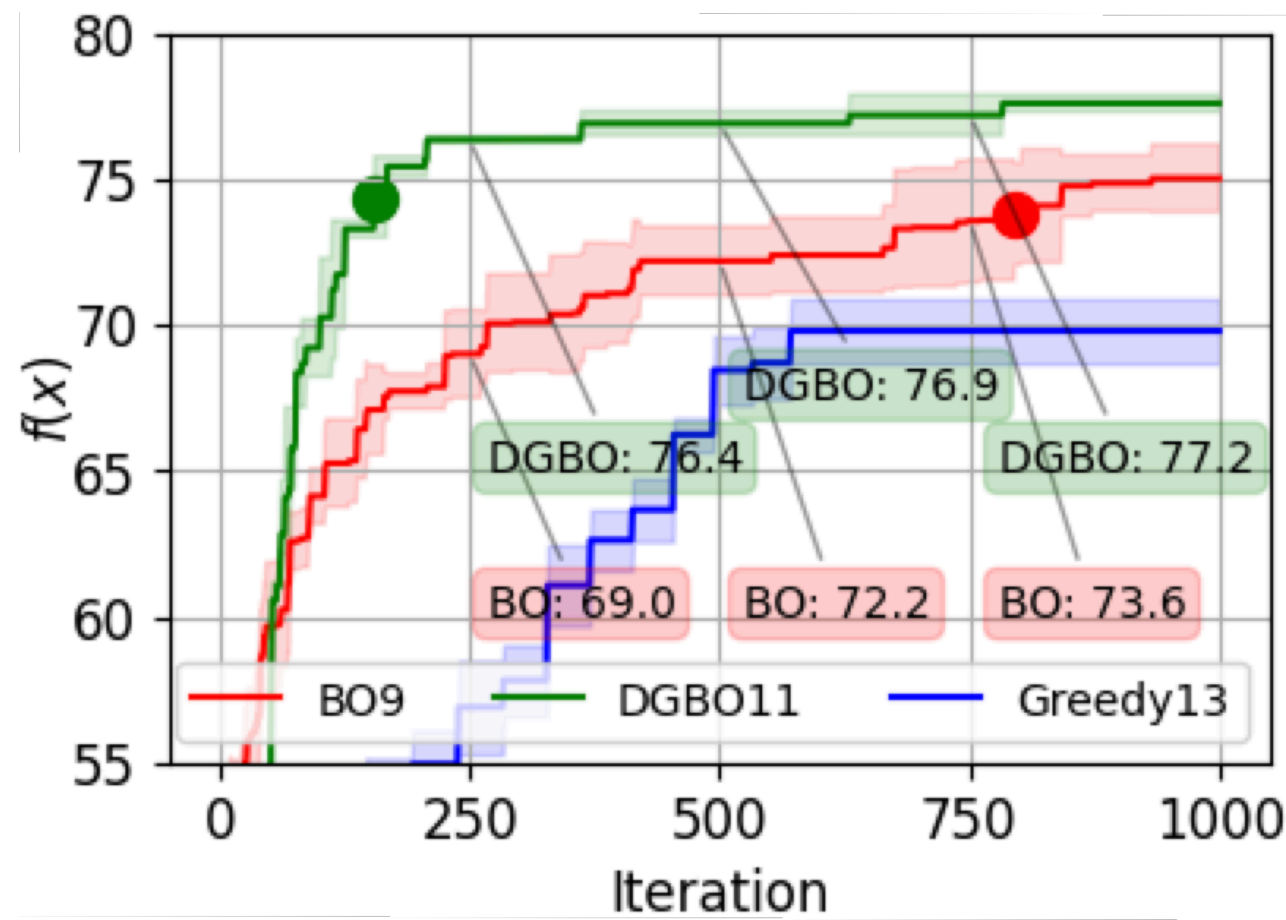




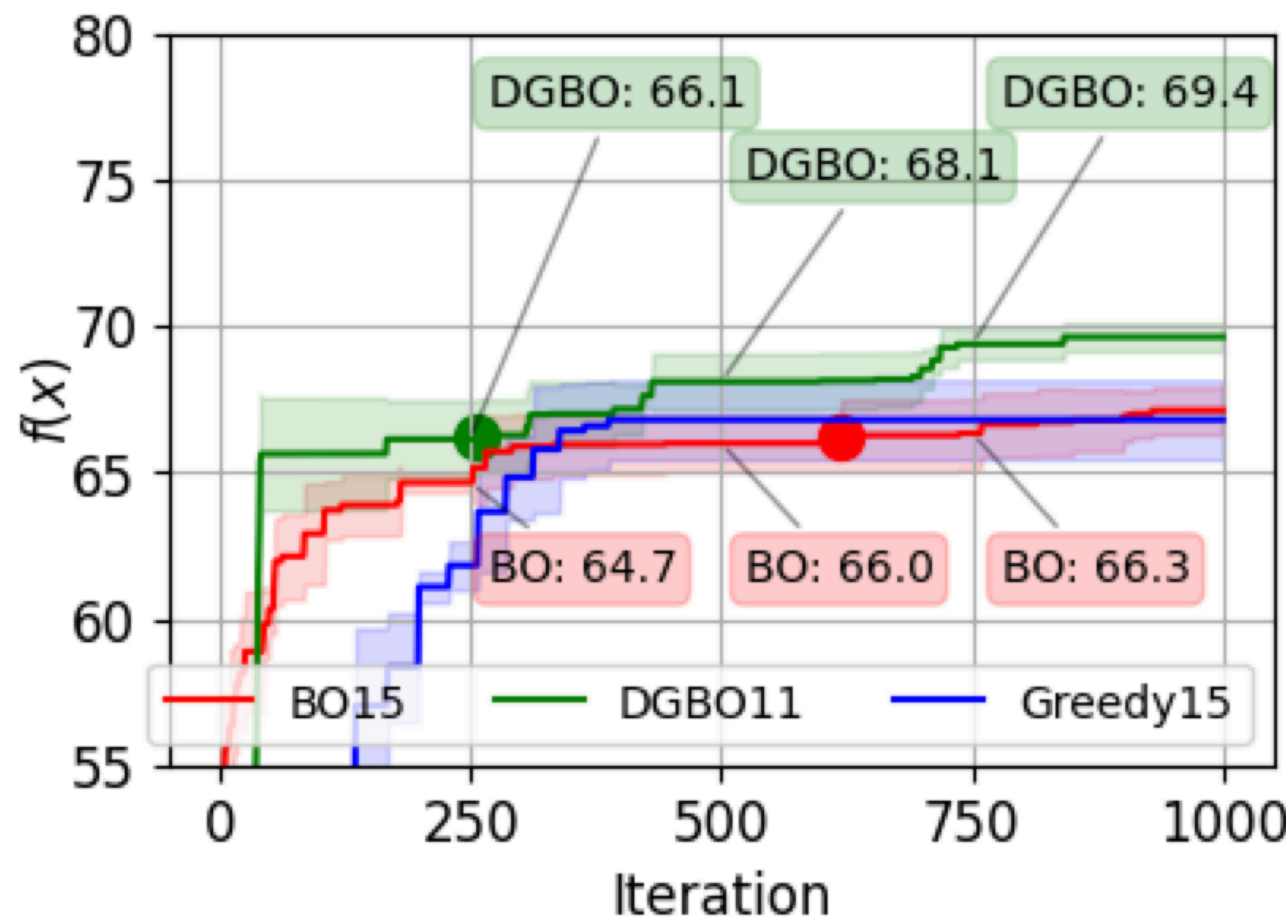
# Experiments

## Results

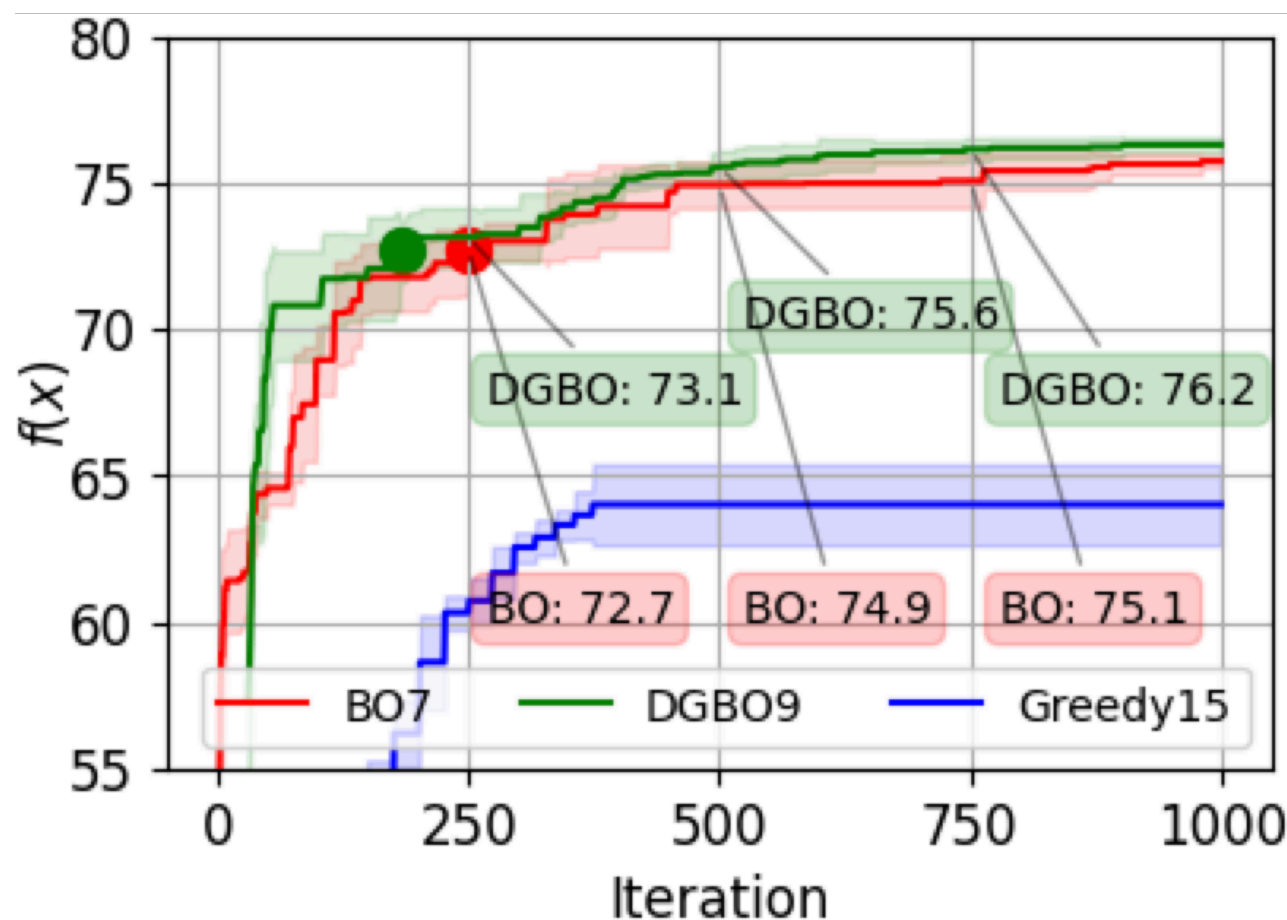
T1 with  $\epsilon = 1$



T2 with  $\epsilon = 1$



Aruba

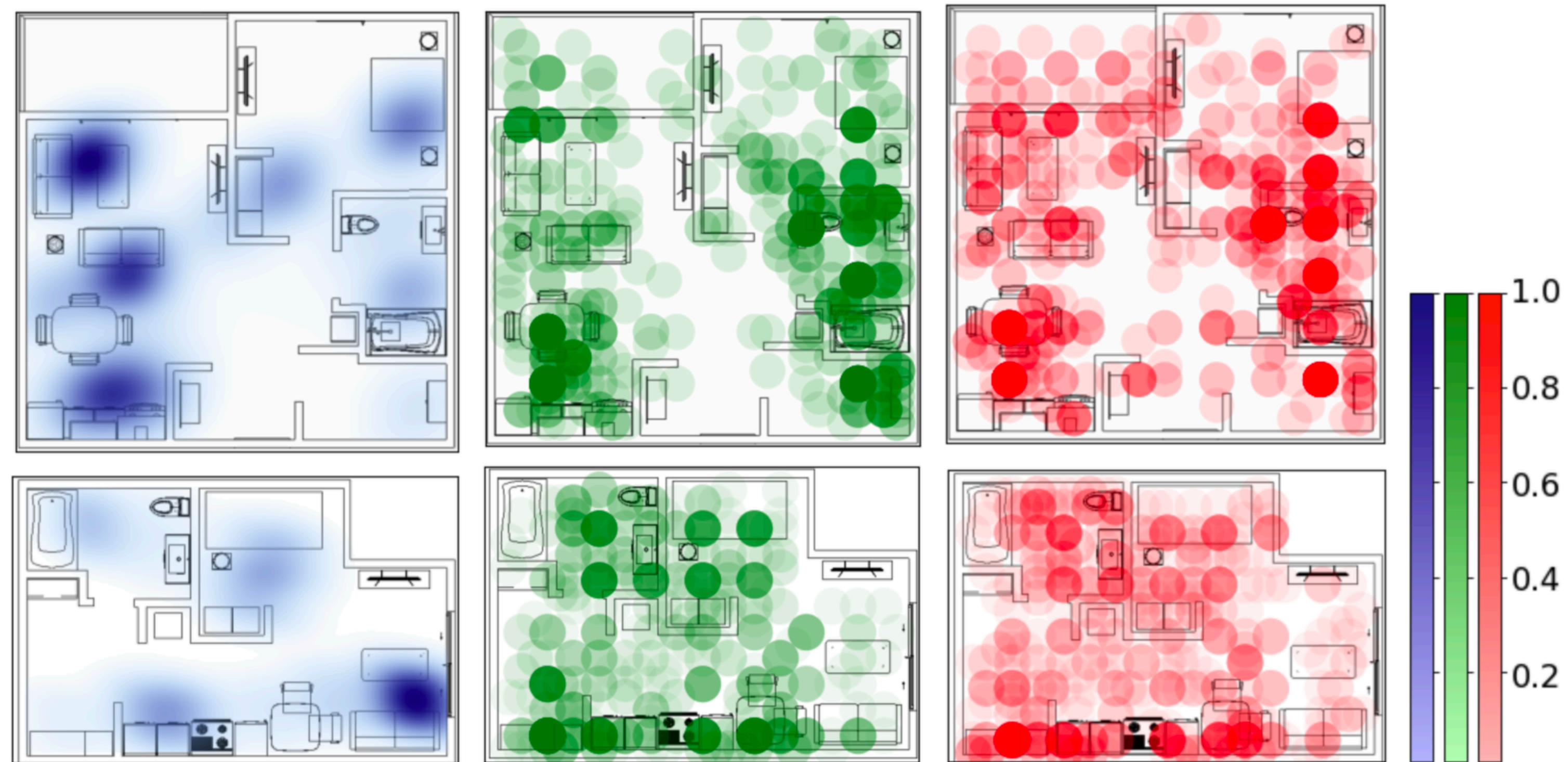


Testbed		$100 \times \frac{\text{Green} - \text{Red}}{\text{Red}}$	avg.
T1	$\epsilon=0.25(\text{m})$	-17.9%	-55.4%
	$\epsilon=0.5(\text{m})$	-61.8%	
	$\epsilon=1(\text{m})$	-86.6%	
T2	$\epsilon=0.25(\text{m})$	-41.0%	-58.9%
	$\epsilon=0.5(\text{m})$	-71.7%	
	$\epsilon=1(\text{m})$	-64.1%	
Aruba		-39.6%	-39.6%



# Experiments

## Results

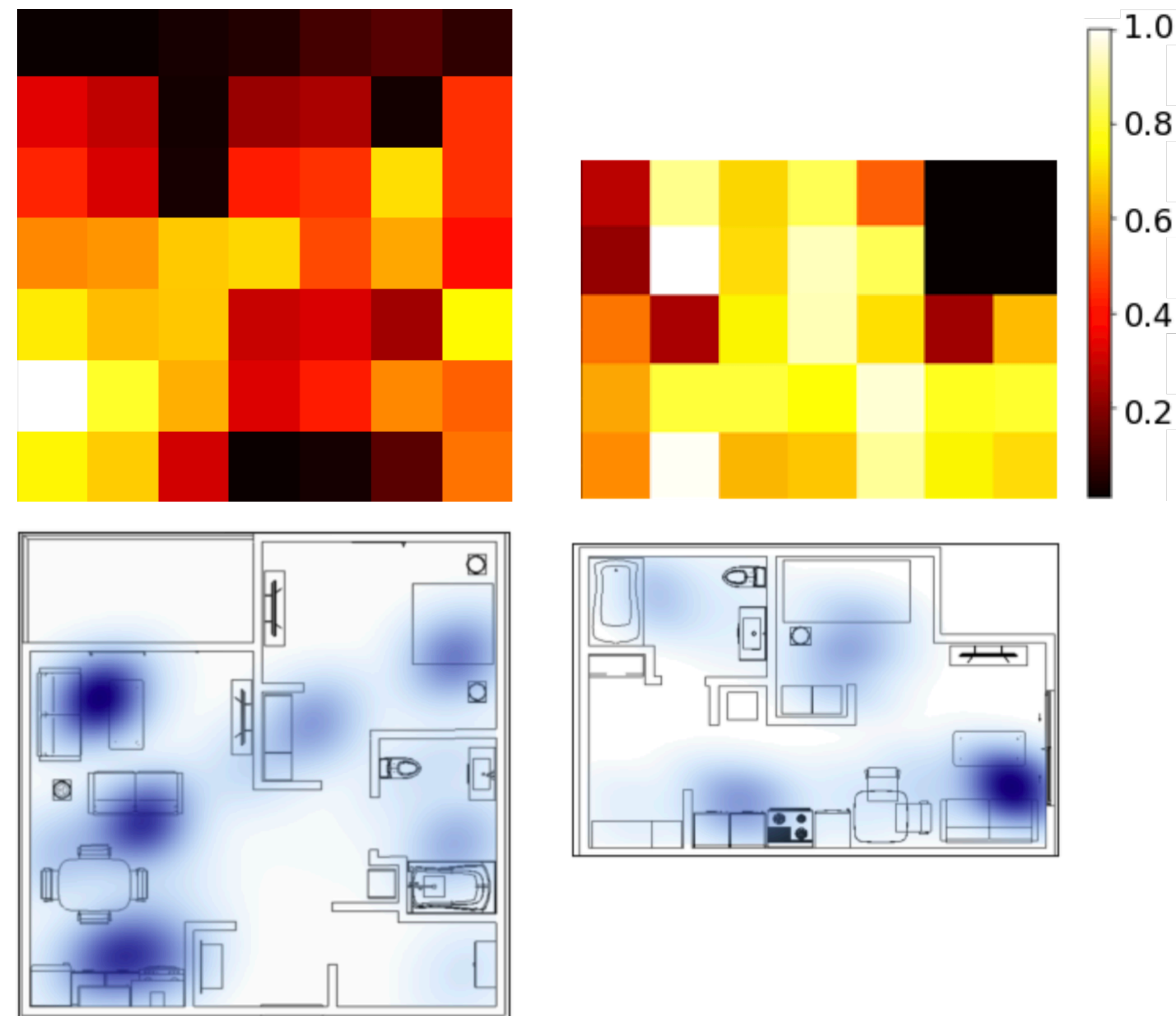


# Discussion

DGBO learns the **spatial distribution of activities**,  
that results in:

- High quality sensor placement
- Significantly fewer queries

**Expected Information Gain Convergence (after 50 iterations)**



**DGBO in other domains:**



Air pollution



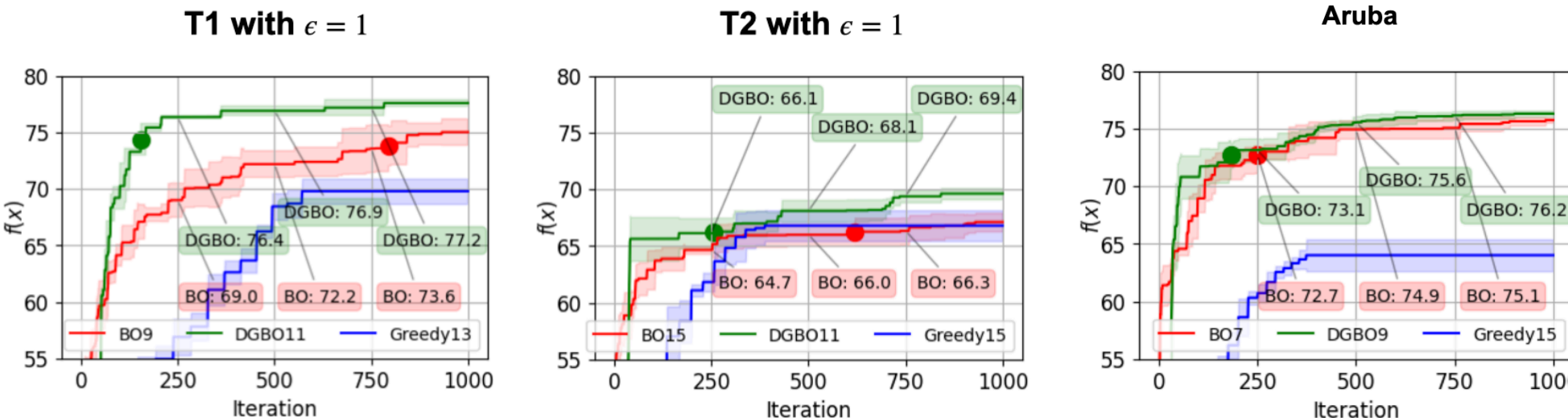
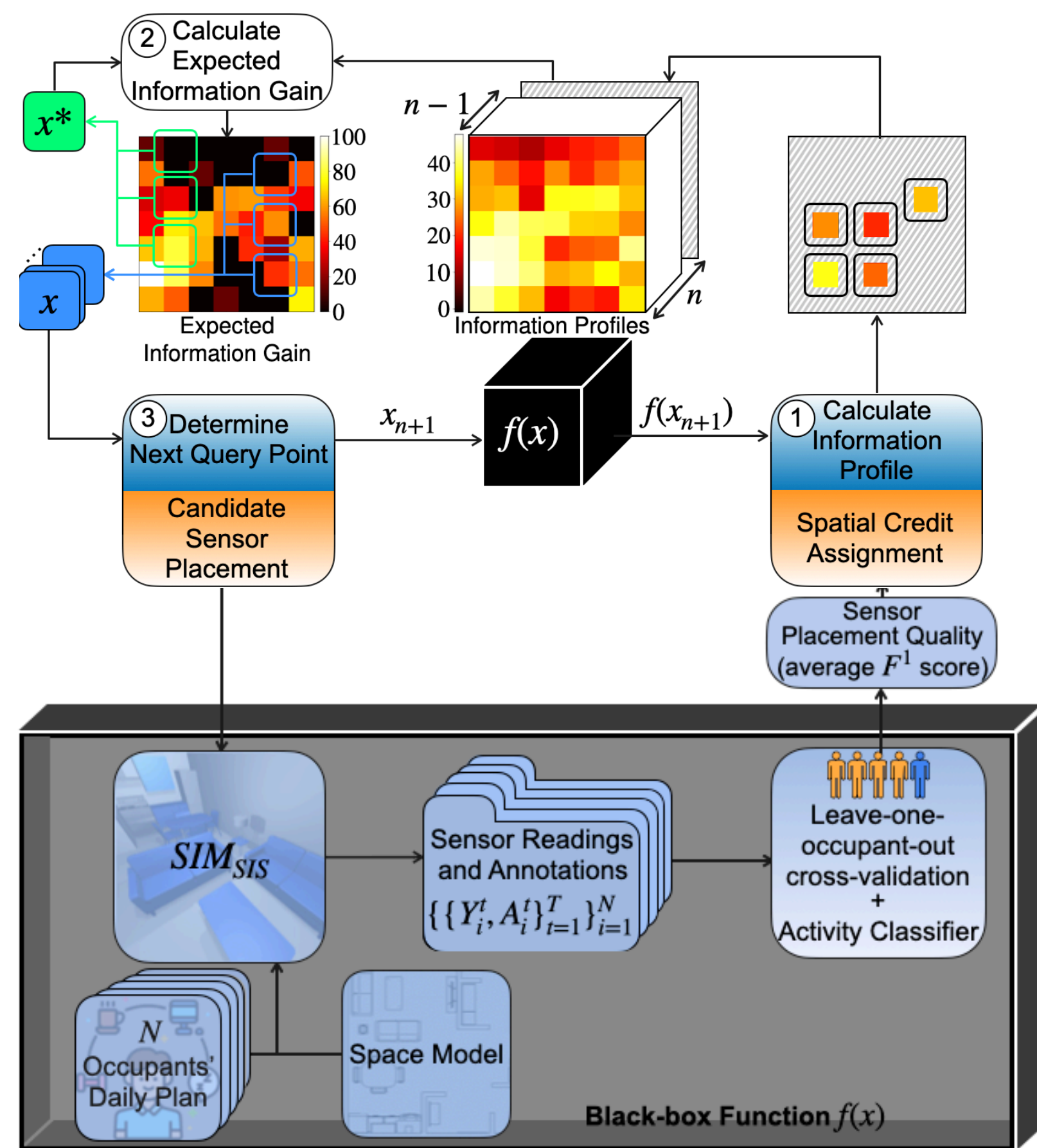
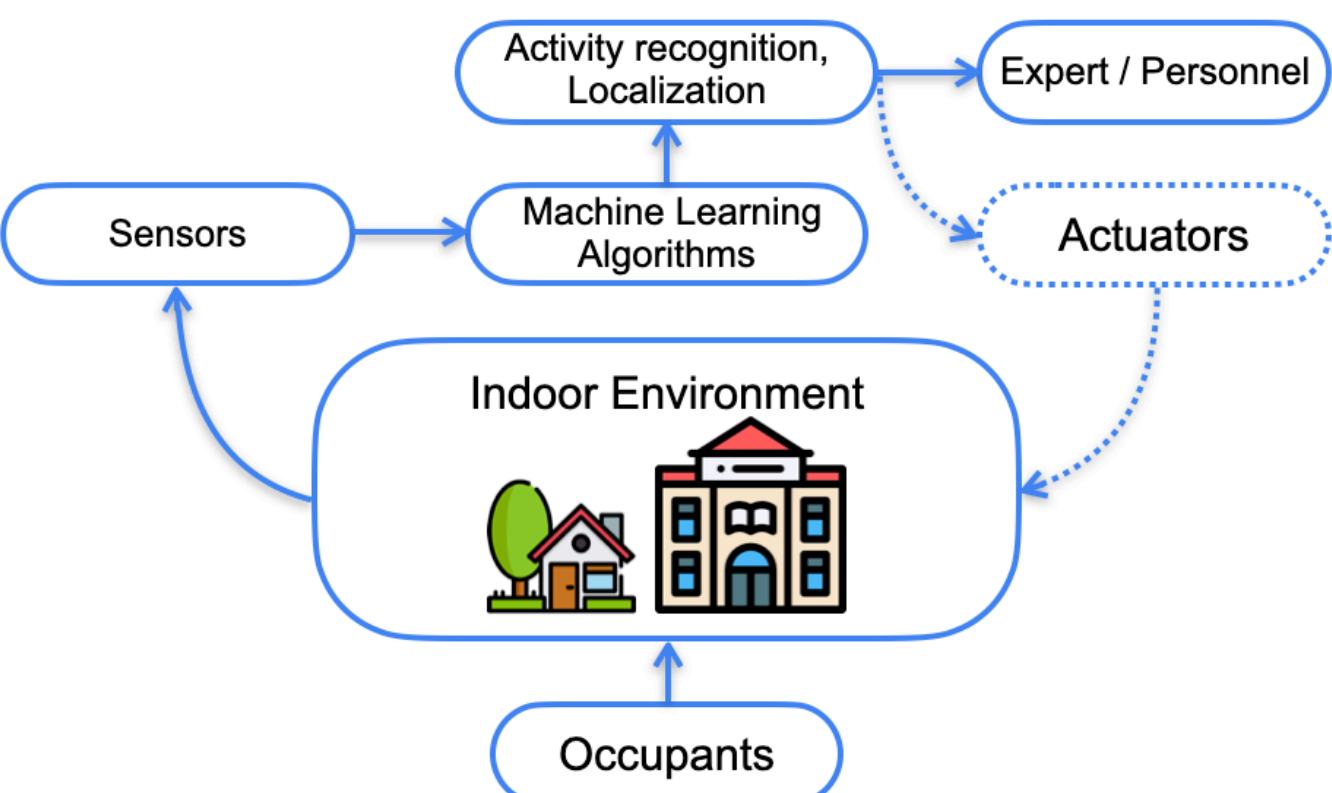
Wildfire



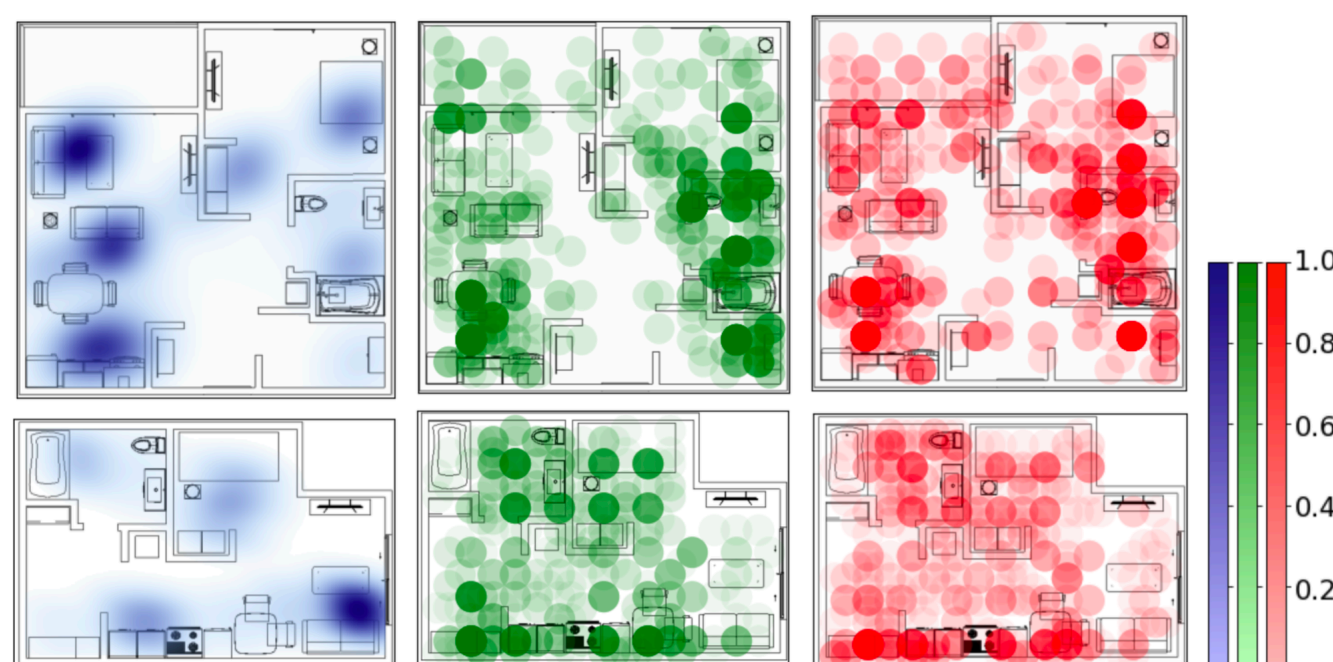
Emergency response



# Conclusion



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# Thanks!