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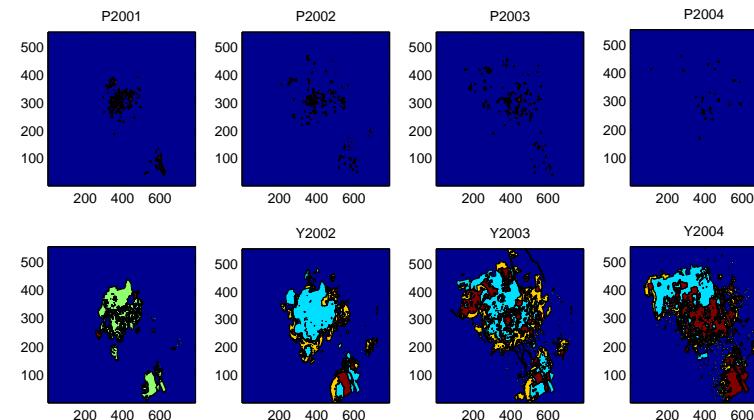
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# Mapping spatial processes in environmental management



## Mapping pest occurrence

- Building pest occurrence map in order to eradicate
- Observations costly
- Errors in mapping also costly



# Mapping spatial processes in environmental management

**Different problems depending on observations nature**

- Data visualization
  - Complete observations (everywhere)
  - Perfect observations (No errors/missing data)

⇒ [How to visualize data?](#)
- Map reconstruction
  - Complete observations
  - Noisy observations

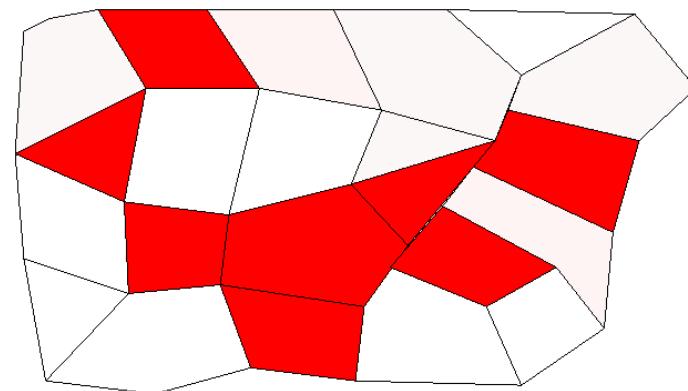
⇒ [How to reconstruct the “true” map?](#)
- **Sampling and map construction**
  - Incomplete observations (not everywhere)
  - Noisy observations

⇒ [Where to observe? / How to reconstruct?](#)

# Mapping spatial processes in environmental management

**How to design an efficient spatial sampling method to estimate an occurrence (0/1) map when**

- ✓ process to map has spatial structure
- ✓ observations are imperfect/incomplete
- ✓ sampling is costly
- ✓ process does not evolve during the sampling period





# Overview of the proposed approach

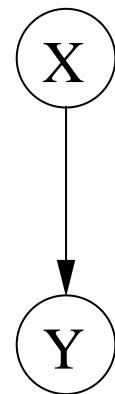
## Optimization approach for designing spatial sampling policies

The [Hidden Markov Random Field](#) model is used for:

- Representing current uncertain knowledge about map to reconstruct
- Updating knowledge after observations
- Defining a unique criterion for
  - map reconstruction from observed data
  - spatial sampling actions selection



# Optimal sampling problem



Hidden variable  $X$

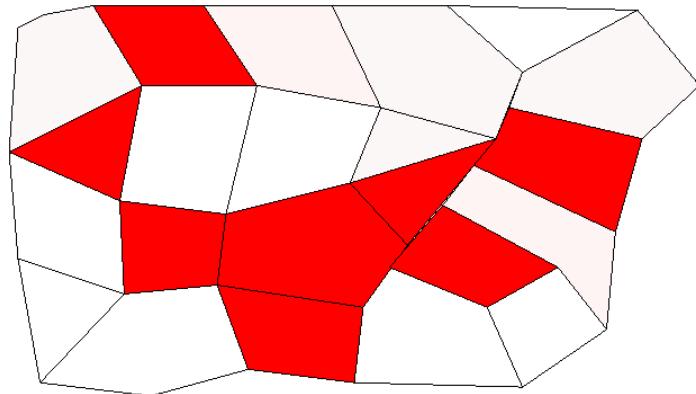
Sampling action  $a$

Observation model  
 $p(Y = o|x, a)$

**Question:** How to reconstruct hidden variable  $X$  using sampling actions?

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# Spatial sampling optimization



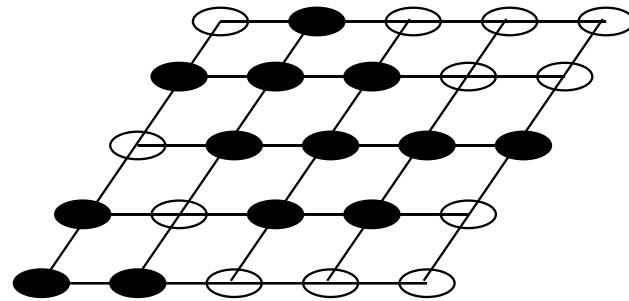
The hidden variable  $x$  is a map

⇒ The sampling optimization problem has to be revisited

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# Pairwise Markov random field (1)

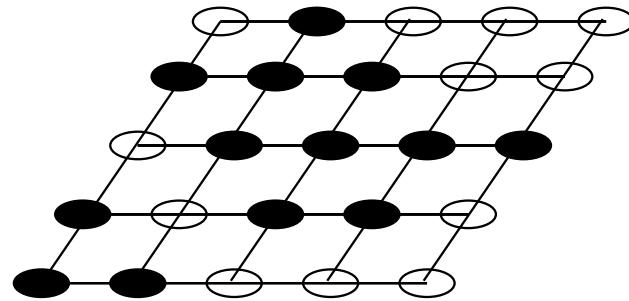


- Multiple interacting variables
  - Independence given neighborhood
- ⇒ **Pairwise Markov random field**

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# Pairwise Markov random field (2)



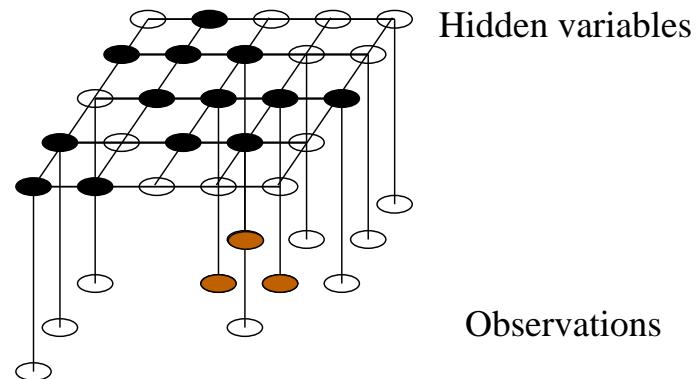
- Multiple interacting variables
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- ⇒ **Pairwise Markov random field**

- Interaction graph  $G = (V, E)$
- $\psi_i$ : “weights” on states of vertex  $i$
- $\psi_{ij}$ : correlations “strength” between neighbor vertices
- $Z$ : normalizing constant / partition function

$$P(x) = \frac{1}{Z} \left( \prod_{i \in V} \psi_i(x_i) \right) \left( \prod_{(i,j) \in E} \psi_{ij}(x_i, x_j) \right)$$



# Hidden Markov random field (1)



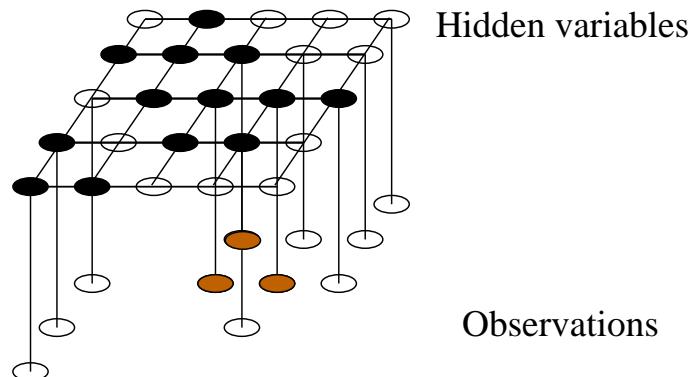
- $a \in \{0, 1\}^{|V|}$ : subset of  $V$  selected for sampling
- Independent observations:

$$P(o|x, a) = \prod_{i \in V} P_i(o_i|x_i, a_i)$$

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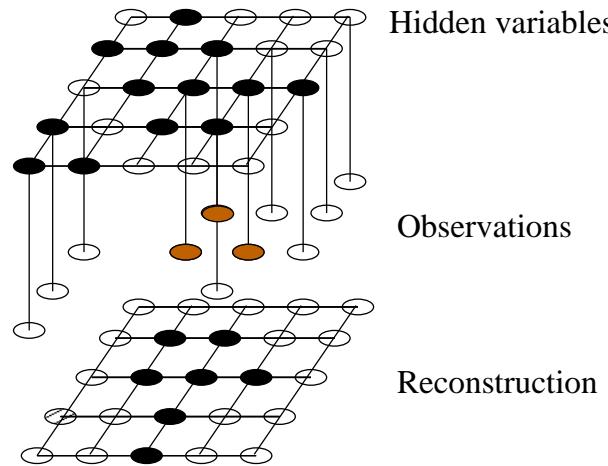
$$P(o|x, a) = \prod_{i \in V} P_i(o_i|x_i, a_i)$$

## Updated Markov random field (Bayes' theorem)

$$P(x|o, a) = \frac{1}{Z} \left( \prod_{i \in V} \psi'_i(x_i, o_i, a_i) \right) \left( \prod_{(i,j) \in E} \psi_{ij}(x_i, x_j) \right) \text{ where}$$

$$\psi'_i(x_i, o_i, a_i) = \psi_i(x_i) P_i(o_i|x_i, a_i)$$

# Hidden map reconstruction (1)



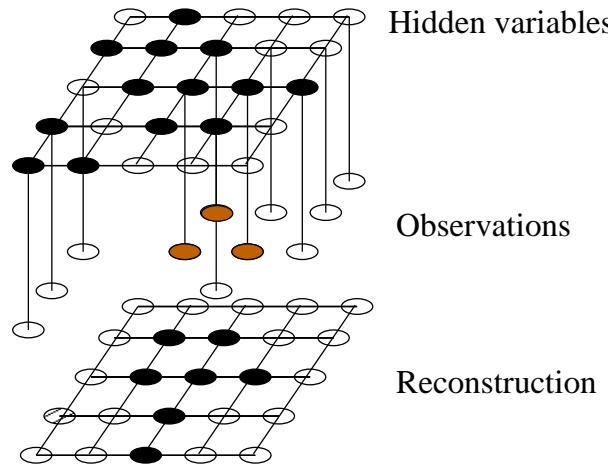
Local (MPM):

$$x_i^* = \arg \max_{x_i} P_i(x_i|o, a), \forall i \in V$$

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# Hidden map reconstruction (2)



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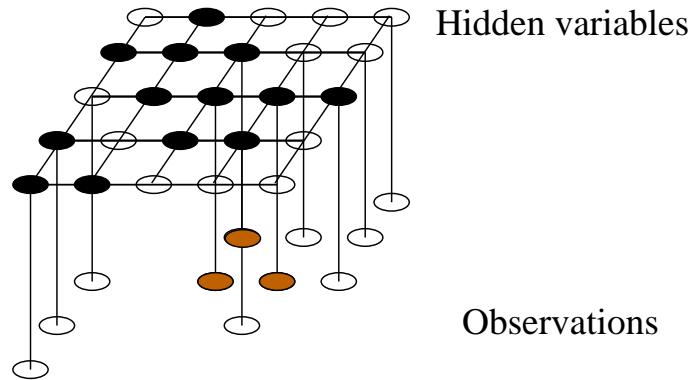
$$x_i^* = \arg \max_{x_i} P_i(x_i|o, a)$$

## Value of reconstructed map

Expected number of well classified sites in  $x^*$

$$V^{MPM}(o, a) = f \left( \sum_{i \in V} \max_{x_i} P_i(x_i|o, a) \right)$$

# Sampling action optimization (1)

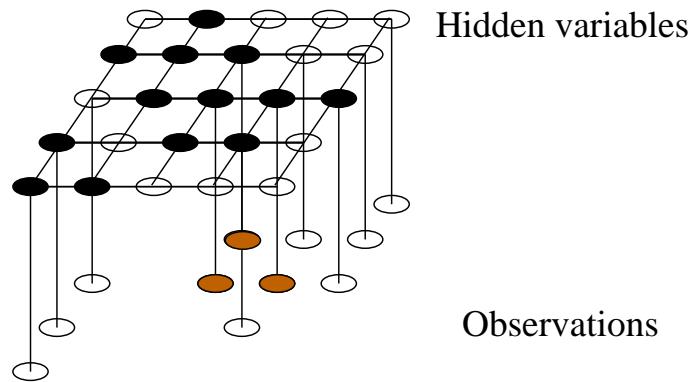


- $a \in \{0, 1\}^{|V|}$  selected for sampling
  - Independent observations  
 $o \in \{0, 1\}^{|V|}$
- ⇒ How to optimize the choice of  $a$ ?

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# Sampling action optimization (2)



- $a \subseteq V$  selected for sampling
  - Independent observations  $o$  result
- ⇒ How to optimize the choice of  $a$ ?

$$U(a) = -c(a) + \sum_o P(o|a)V(o, a)$$

$$a^* = \arg \max_a U(a)$$

- The computation of  $a^*$  is hard! (NP-hard)
- Only feasible for small problems or needs approximation!

# Approximate spatial sampling (1)

Approximate the computation of

$$a^* = \arg \max_a -c(a) + \sum_o P(o|a)V^{MPM}(o, a)$$

- Explore cells where initial knowledge is the most uncertain:

marginal  $P_i(x_i|o, a)$  closest to  $\frac{1}{2}$

$$\tilde{a} = \arg \max_a -c(a) + f \left( \sum_{i, a_i=1} \min \left\{ P_i(X_i = 1), P_i(X_i = 0) \right\} \right)$$

- Marginals computation is itself *NP-hard*  
 $\Rightarrow$  approximation using belief propagation (sum prod) algorithm

# Approximate spatial sampling (2)

The approximation results from simplifying assumptions:

- Sampling actions are reliable
- No passive observations
- Joint probability approximated by one with independent factors



# Adaptive spatial sampling (1)

- Idea:
  - Sampling locations not chosen once for all before the sampling campaign
  - Intermediate observations are taken into account to design next sampling step
  - Possibility to visit a cell more than once



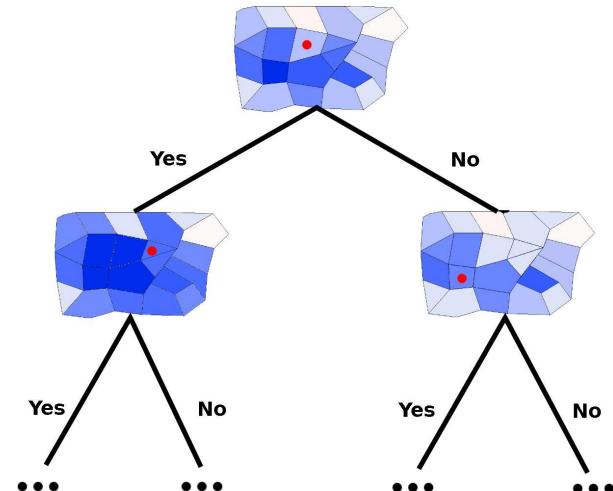
# Adaptive spatial sampling (2)

- a sampling strategy  $\delta$  is a tree
- a trajectory in  $\delta$ :  
 $\tau = (a^1, o^1, \dots, a^K, o^K)$

**Value of a leaf**

$$U(\tau) = - \sum_{k=1}^K c(a^k) + V^{MPM}(o^0, o^1, \dots, o^K, a^0, a^1, \dots, a^K)$$

**Value of a strategy**  $V(\delta) = \sum_{\tau} U(\tau) P(\tau \mid \delta)$





# Heuristic adaptive spatial sampling

- Exact computation is *PSPACE-hard* !
  - ⇒ Heuristic algorithm
    - on line computation
    - approximate method for static sampling at each step

# Concluding remarks

- A framework for spatial sampling optimization:
  - based on Hidden Markov random fields
  - different map quality criteria
  - extended to “adaptive” sampling
- Problems too complex for exact resolution
  - ⇒ Heuristic solution based on approximate marginals computation
- Empirical validation on simulated problems:
  - Comparison of SSS, ASS and classical sampling methods (random sampling, ACS)
  - Markov random fields parameters learned from real data
  - ASS > SSS > classical methods

# Ongoing work

- Exact algorithms for small problems (Usman Farrokh): combining variable elimination and tree search
- “Random sets + kriging” approach (Mathieu Bonneau): development of a dedicated approximate method and comparison to the HMRF approach
- PhD thesis on *adaptive spatial sampling for weeds mapping at the scale of an agricultural area* (Sabrina Gaba, INRA-Dijon).
- Future?  
⇒ Spatial partially observed Markov decision processes



# Questions?

# Thanks for listening





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# Optimal sampling problem

## Hidden variable model

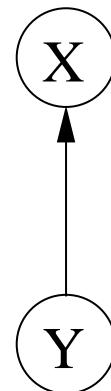


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## Updated model



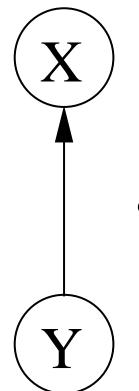
Posterior:  $P(x|o, a) = \frac{P(o|x, a)P(x)}{P(o|a)}$

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## Hidden variable reconstruction



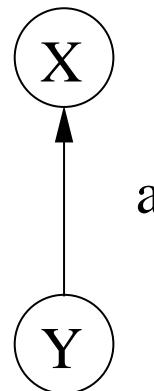
$$\begin{aligned}x^*(o, a) &= \arg \max_x P(x|o, a) \\V(o, a) &= f(P(x^*|o, a))\end{aligned}$$

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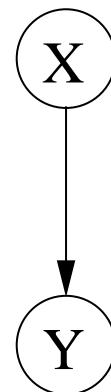
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- $x^*(o, a)$  is the **best reconstruction** given sampling result  $(o, a)$
- $V(o, a)$  is the **value of reconstructed variable** after sampling result  $(o, a)$



# Optimal sampling problem

## Sampling action optimization



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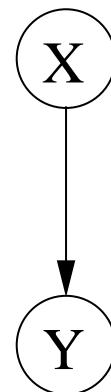
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The **value of an action** is a tradeoff between

- The **cost**  $c(a)$  of the action and
- The **expected quality of the reconstructed variable** (over all possible sample results)



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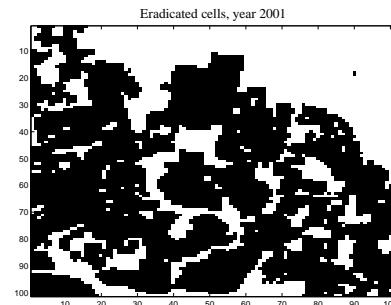
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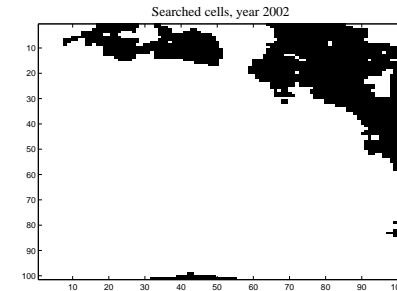




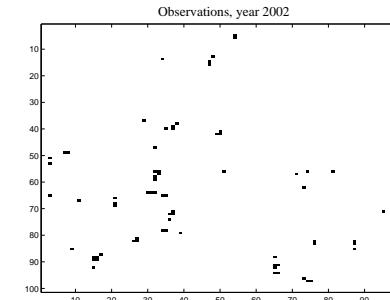
# HMRF model for fire ants problem (1)



Eradication  
(e)



Search actions  
(a)



Observations  
(o)

- eradication (at previous year):  $e_i \in \{0, 1\}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots n$
- search actions: passive search or active search,  
 $a_i \in \{0, 1\}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots n$
- observations: no nest detected / at least one nest detected,  
 $o_i \in \{0, 1\}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots n$



# HMRF model for fire ants problem (2)

- Distribution on maps = Potts model

$$P_e(x \mid \alpha, \beta) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp \left( \sum_{i \in V} \alpha_{e_i} \text{eq}(x_i, 1) + \beta \sum_{(i,j) \in E} \text{eq}(x_i, x_j) \right)$$

- Distribution of observation given map,  $P_{a_i}(o_i \mid x_i, \theta)$

$o_i \setminus x_i$	0	1
0	1	$1 - \theta_{a_i}$
1	0	$\theta_{a_i}$

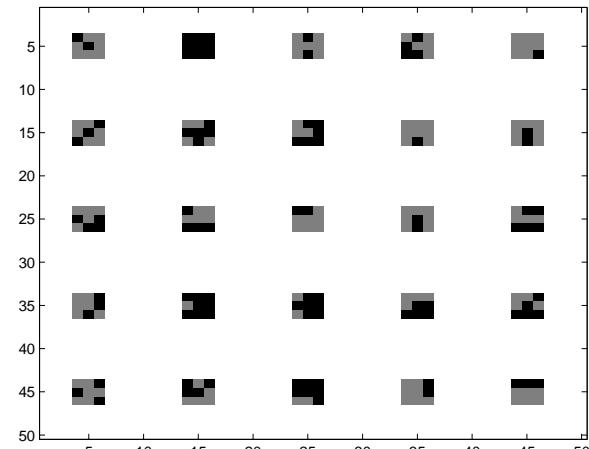
with  $\theta_0 < \theta_1$



# HMRF model for fire ants problem (3)

An initial arbitrary sampling  $(a^0, o^0)$  is used for:

- Parameters estimation:  $\lambda = (\alpha, \beta, \theta)$   
 approximate version of EM for HMRF (Simul field EM)
  - identification problem between  $\alpha$  and  $\theta$
  - OK if  $\theta$  known: use of expert values
- Marginals computation:  $P_i(x_i | o_i^0, a_i^0)$



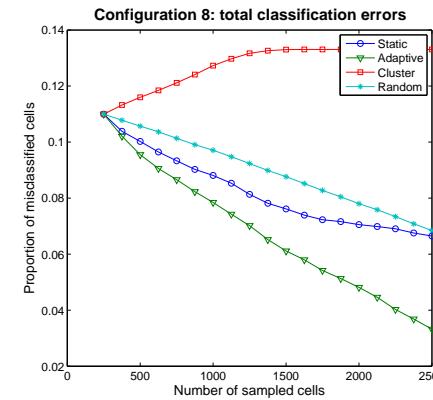
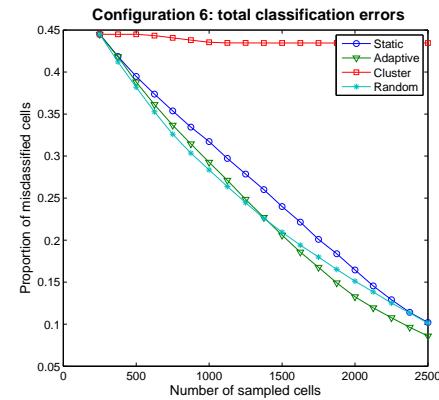
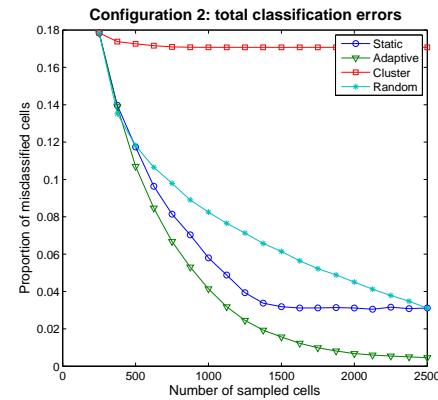
# Heuristic sampling methods evaluation (1)

- Evaluation on simulated data
- Comparison of behavior of
  - random sampling (RS)
  - adaptive cluster sampling (ACS)
  - static heuristic sampling (SHS)
  - adaptive heuristic sampling (AHS)

# Heuristic sampling methods evaluation (2)

- Procedure: repeat 10 times
  - simulate hidden map  $x$  from  $P(x | \alpha, \beta)$  ( $50 \times 50$  cells)
  - apply regular sampling (about 10% of area):  $a^0$
  - simulate  $o^0$  from  $P_{a_i}(o_i | x_i, \theta)$  (regular sampling plus passive search)
  - estimate initial knowledge
  - apply RS, ACS, SHS, AHS, 10 times

# Rate of misclassified cells



$$\alpha = (0, -2), \beta = 0.8 \quad \alpha = (0, 0), \beta = 0.5 \quad \alpha = (1 - 1), \beta = 0.4$$

$$\theta = (0, 0.8)$$

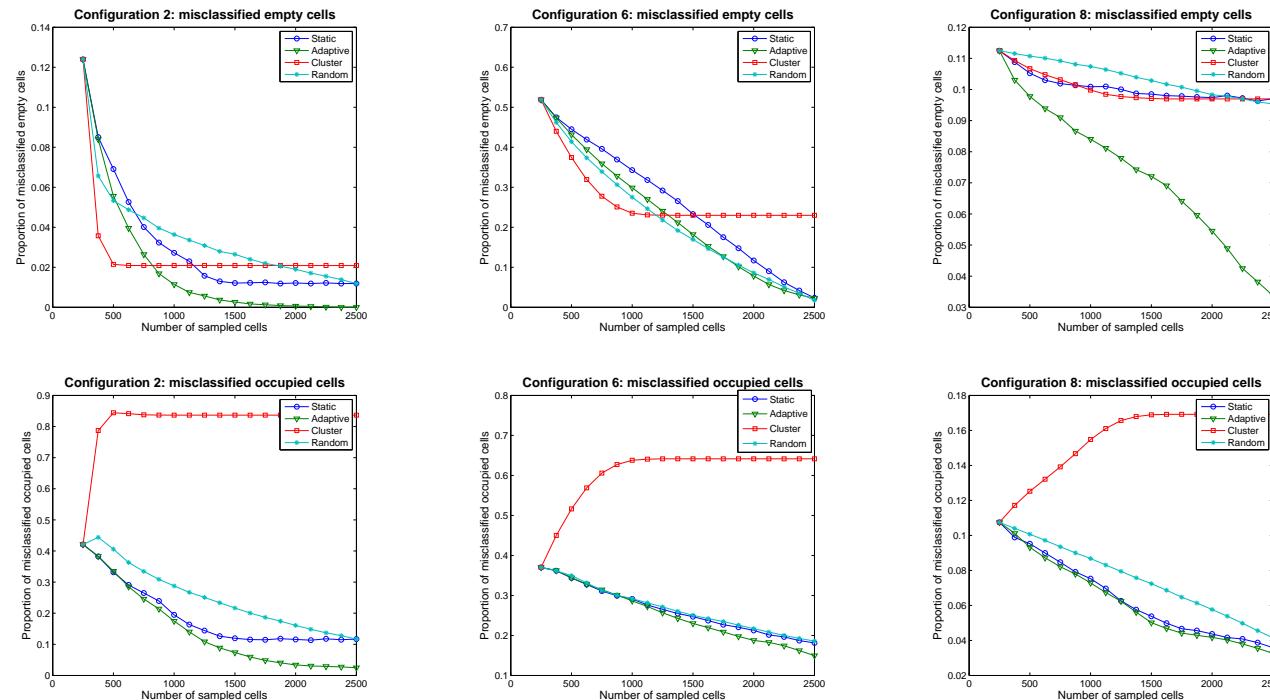
legend: SHS AHA ACS RS

misclassified  
empty cells

misclassified  
occupied  
cells

Legend:  
 SHS AHA ACS  
 RS

# Per color error rate



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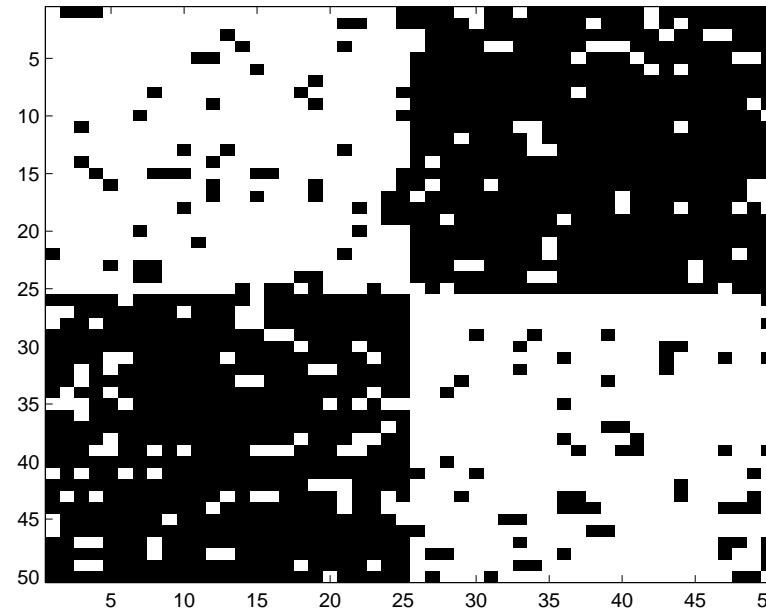
# General behavior

- ACS is not adapted (as expected): poor results
- Adaptive HS  $\geq$  Static HS  $\geq$  Random S
- Discrepancy between Adaptive HS and Static HS increases with
  - sampling ressources
  - hidden map structure



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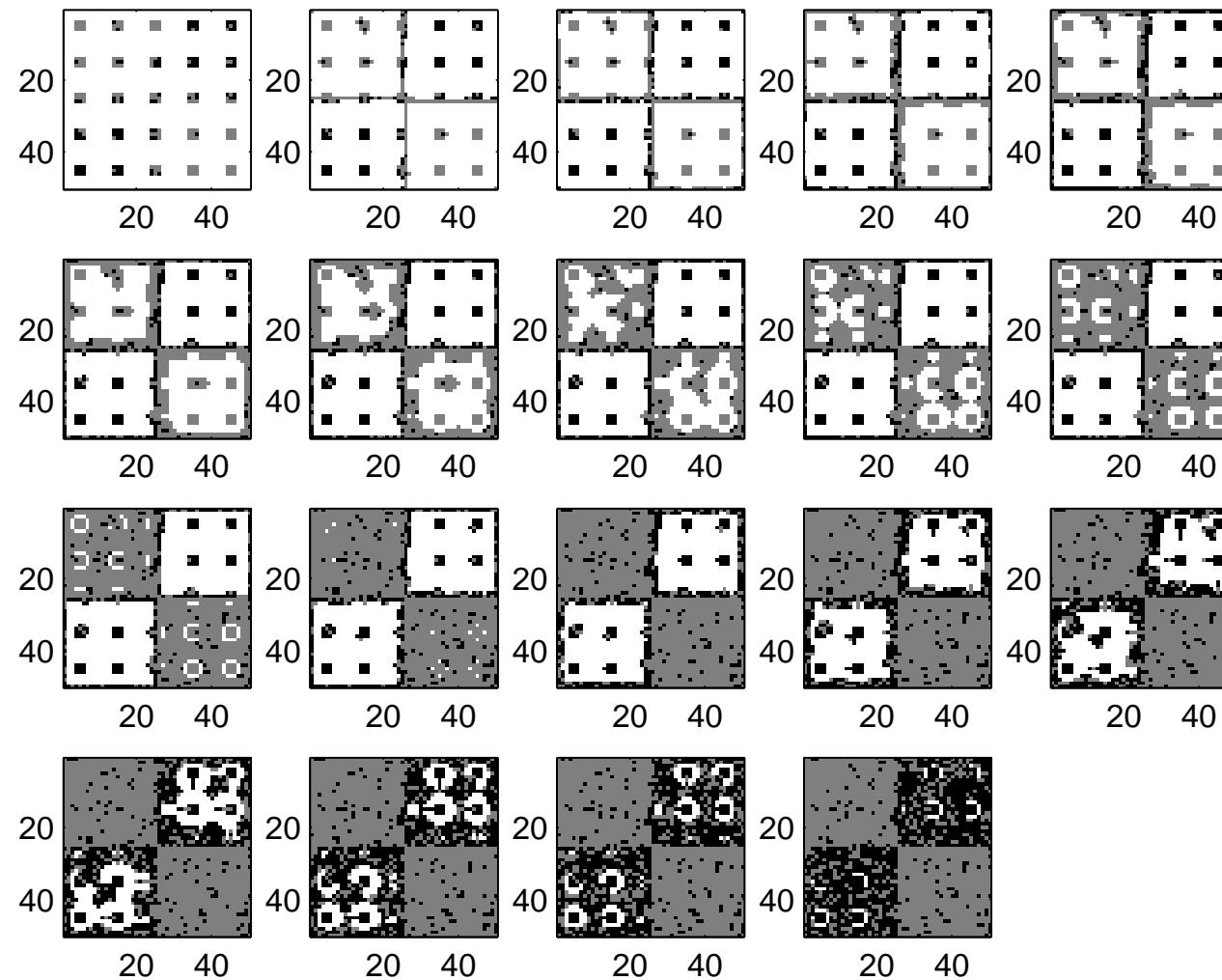
Hidden map



$$\alpha = (1, -1), \beta = 0.4, \theta = (0, 0.8)$$

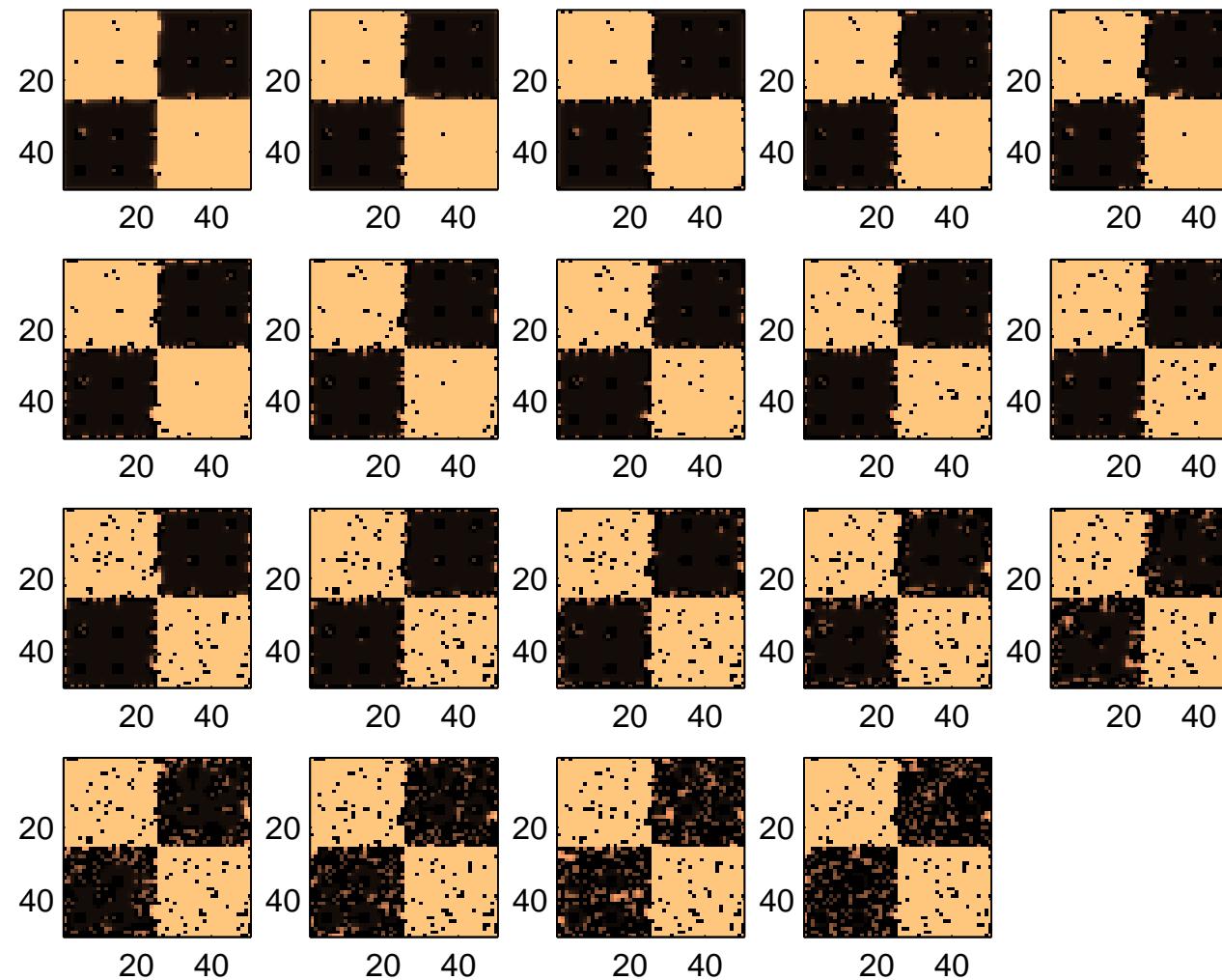
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Static sampling: A and O



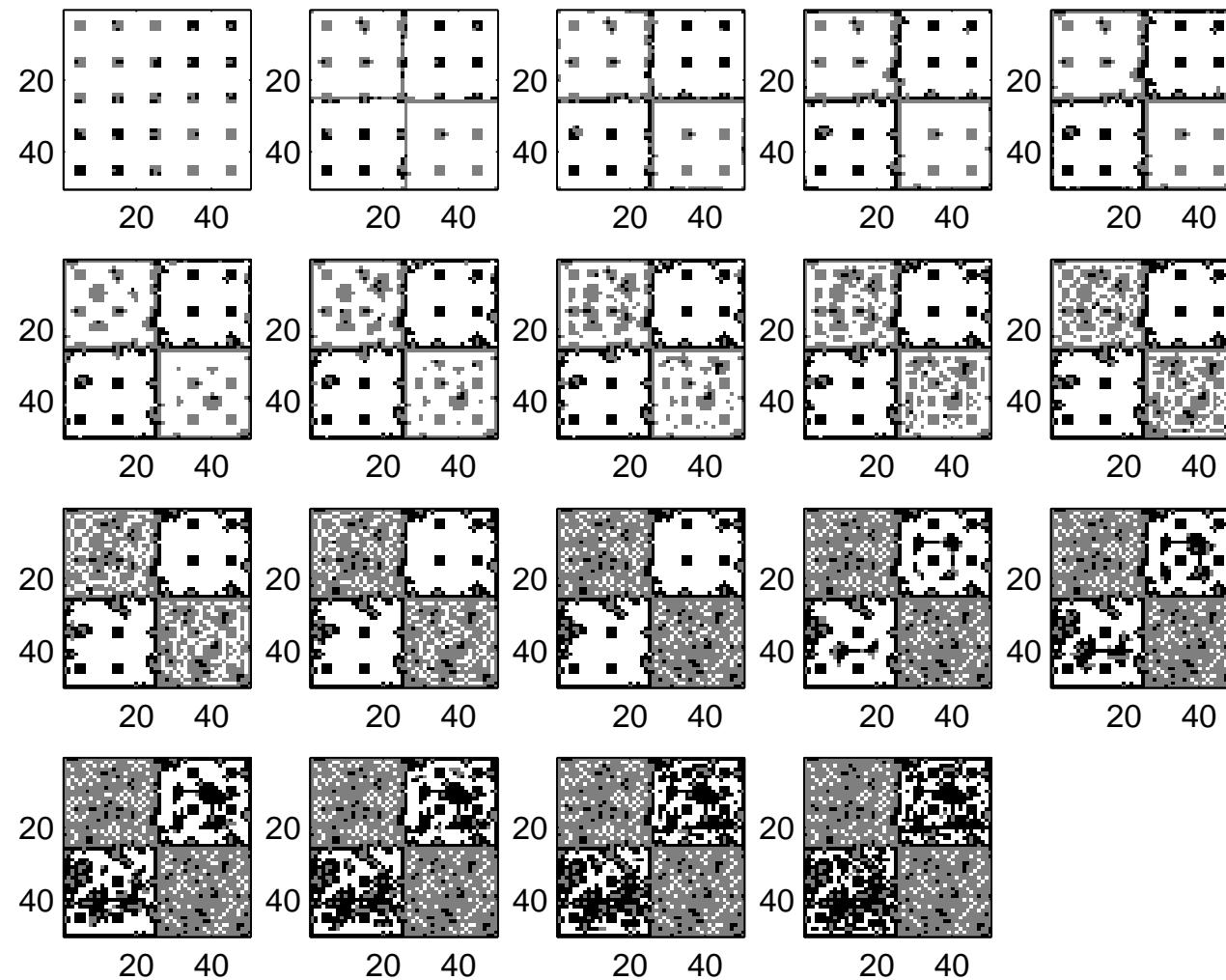
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Static sampling:marginals



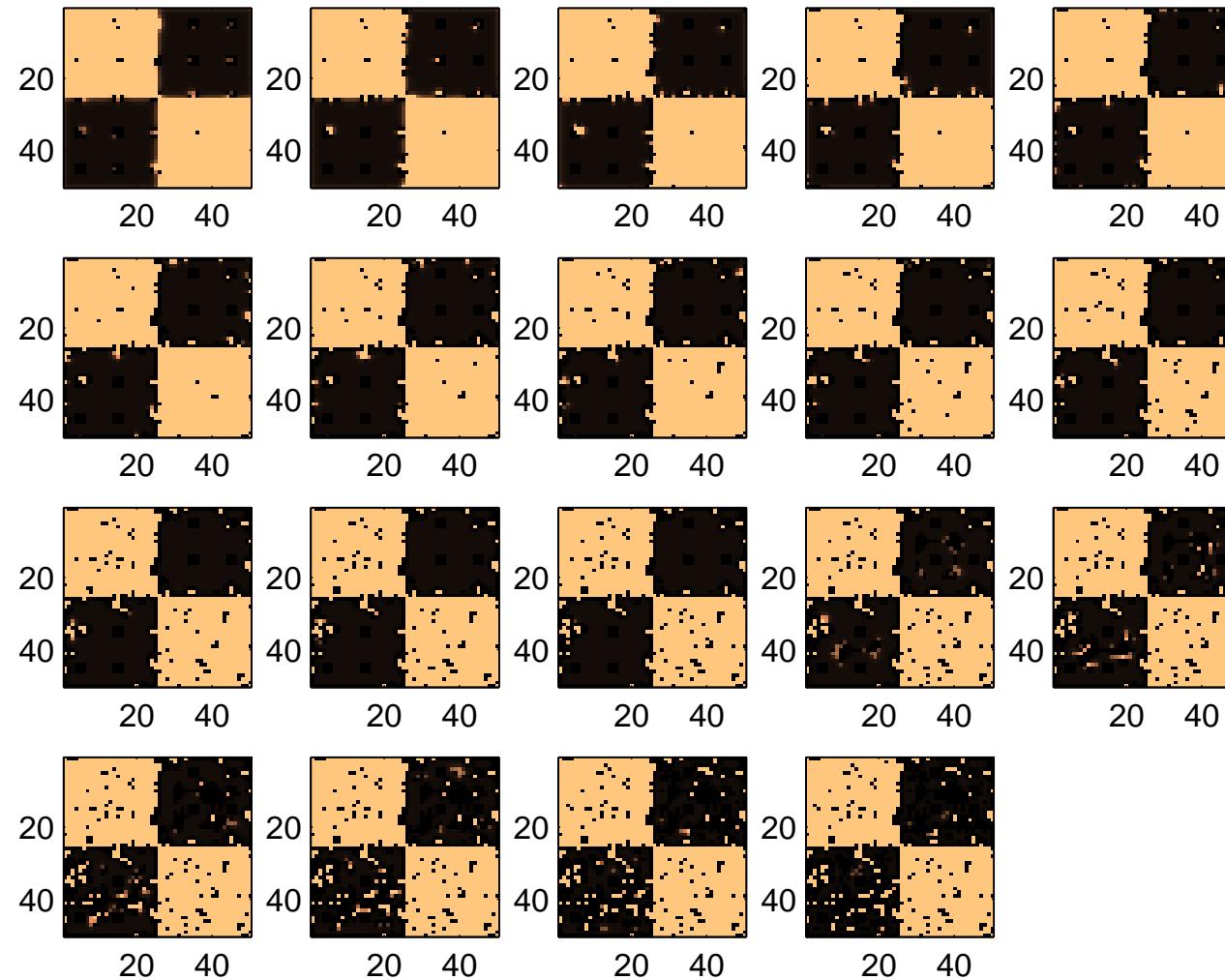
# Where do we sample?

Adaptive sampling: A and O (cumul)



# Where do we sample?

Adaptive sampling: marginals



# Where do we sample?

- No sampling in large empty areas
- Sampling preferably near detected occupied sites within low density areas
- If sampling resources increase
  - SHS complete exploration until the whole area is covered
  - AHA can visit several times a site before extending exploration to another area