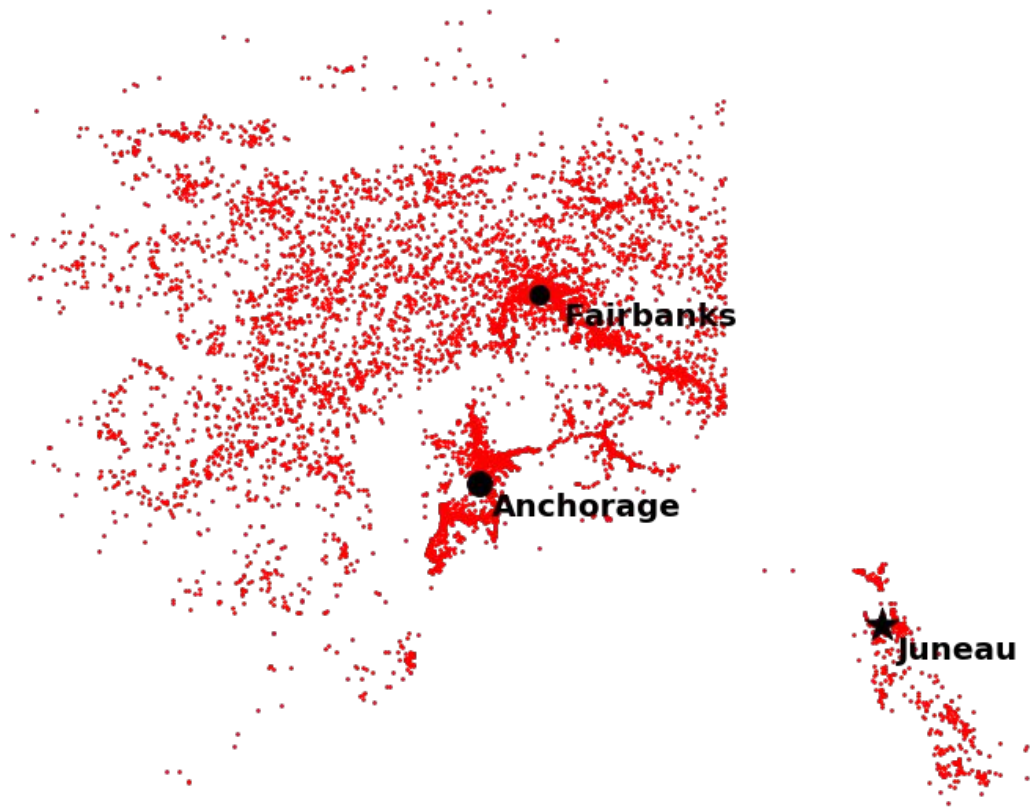


A red, textured map of the United States, appearing as if made of wood or a similar material, with the title 'Burning Backwoods' overlaid in a bold, black, serif font.

Burning Backwoods

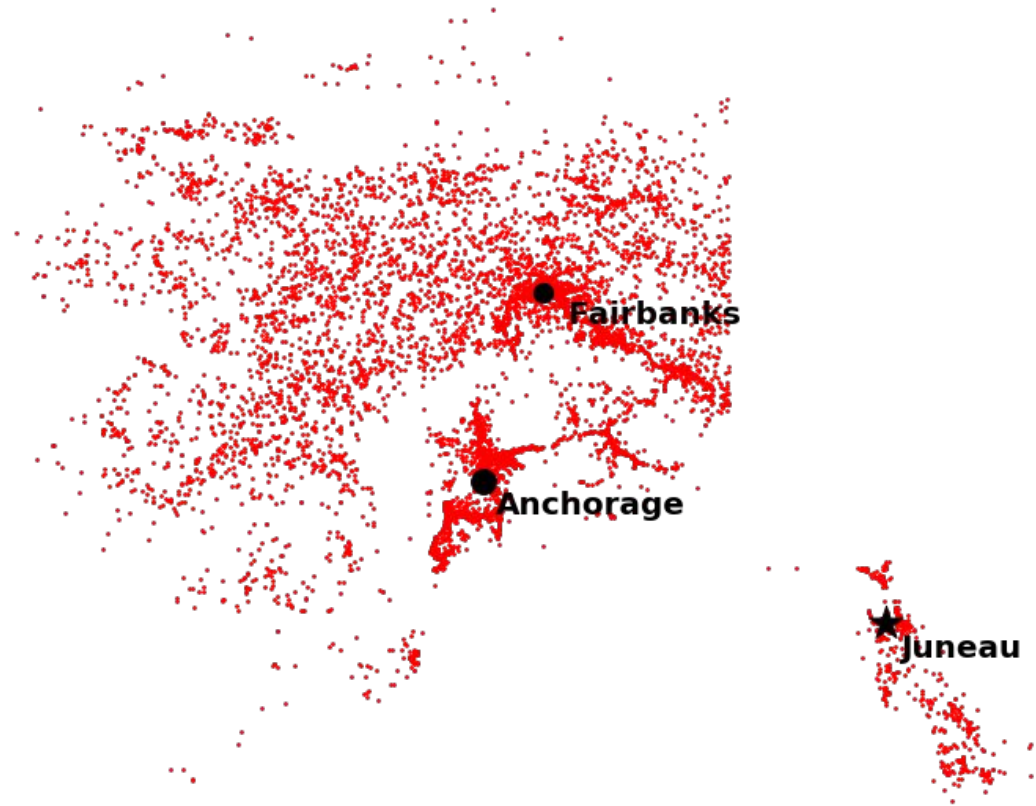
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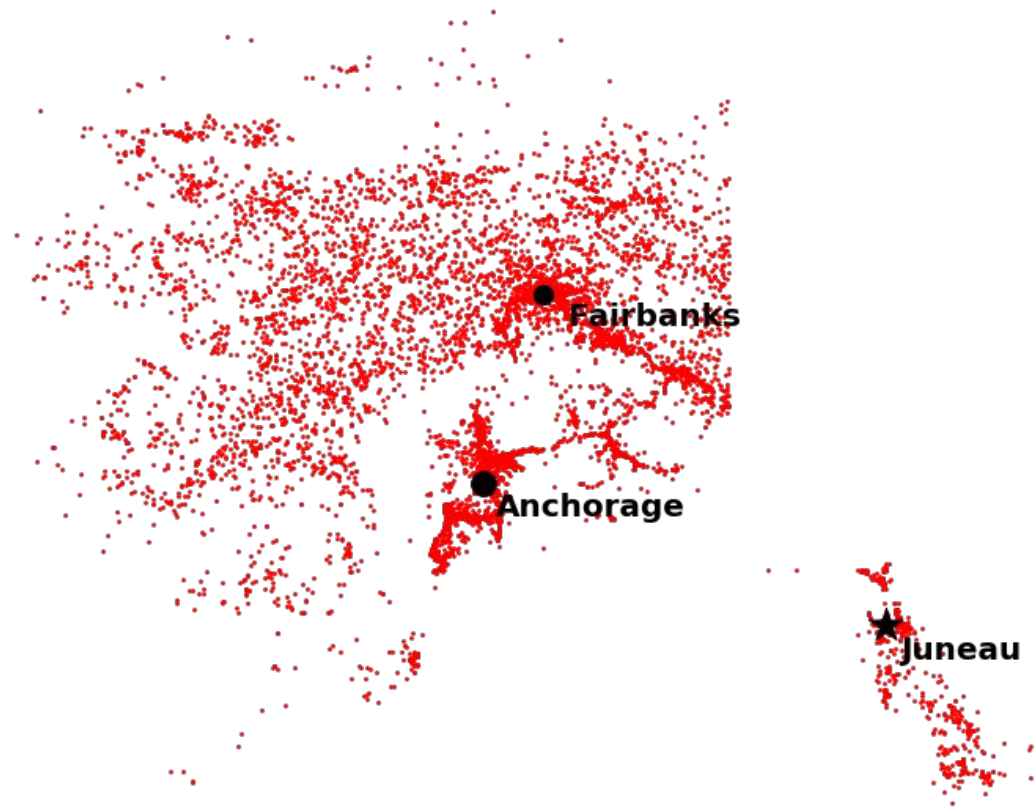


Into the Wild



Into the Wild

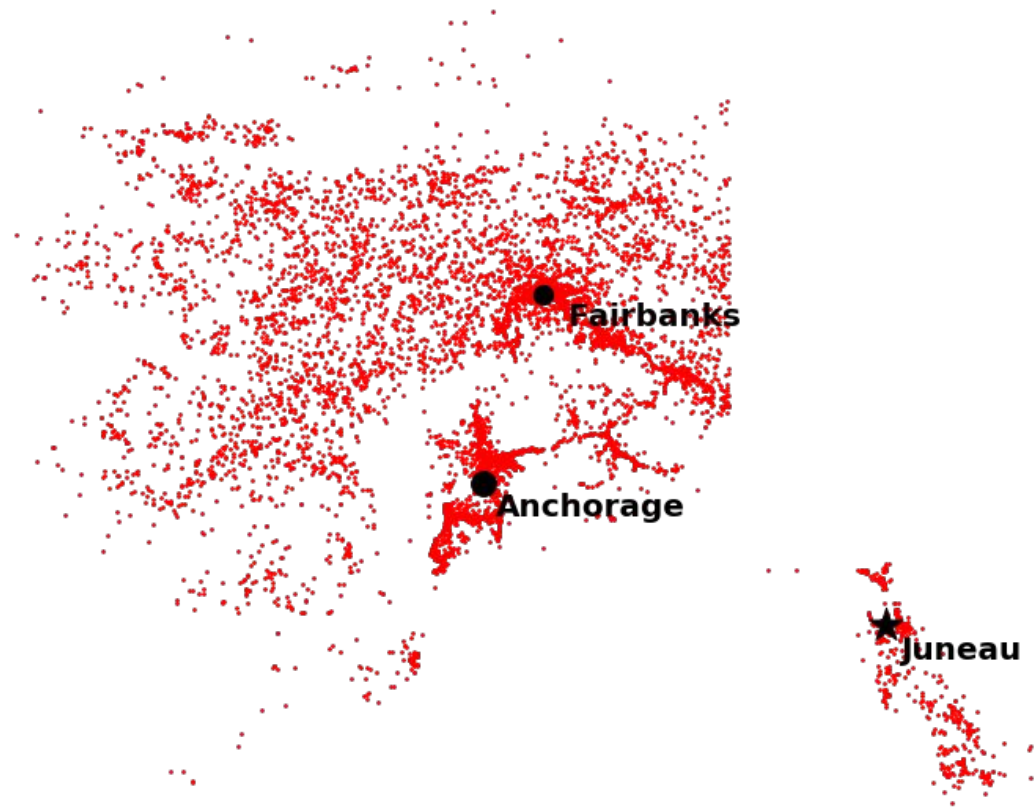
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Into the Wild

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Less than **0.70%** of total
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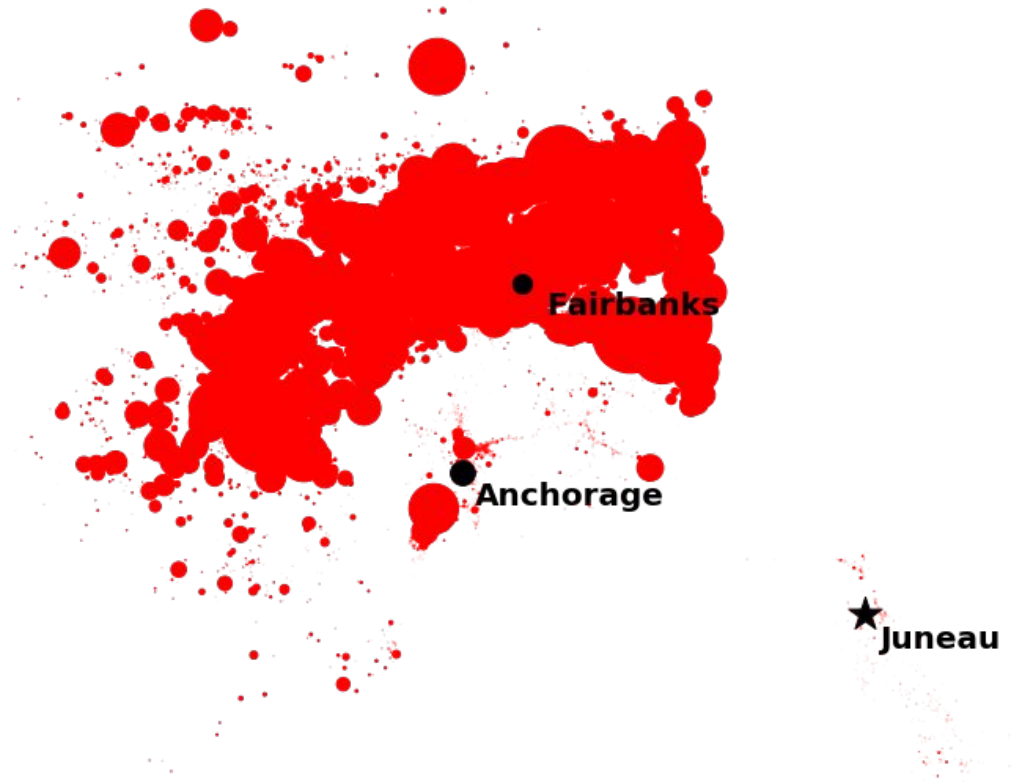


Into the Wild

Less than 0.25% of US
population

Less than 0.70% of total
wildfires

Over **23%** of total surface
area destroyed



Objectives



Which fires will be outliers?



How big will they get?



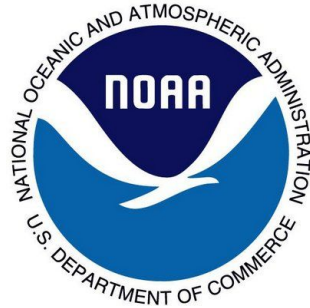
Fires

**1,880,465 wildfires
1992-2015**



Weather Stations

~800,000,000 observations



Process

Data



Process

Data



Storage



PostgreSQL

Process

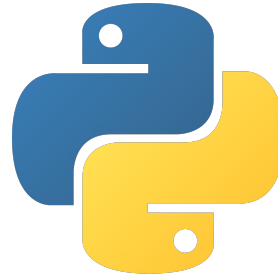
Data



Storage



Analysis



Process

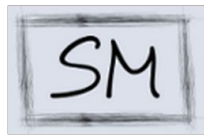
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Storage



Analysis



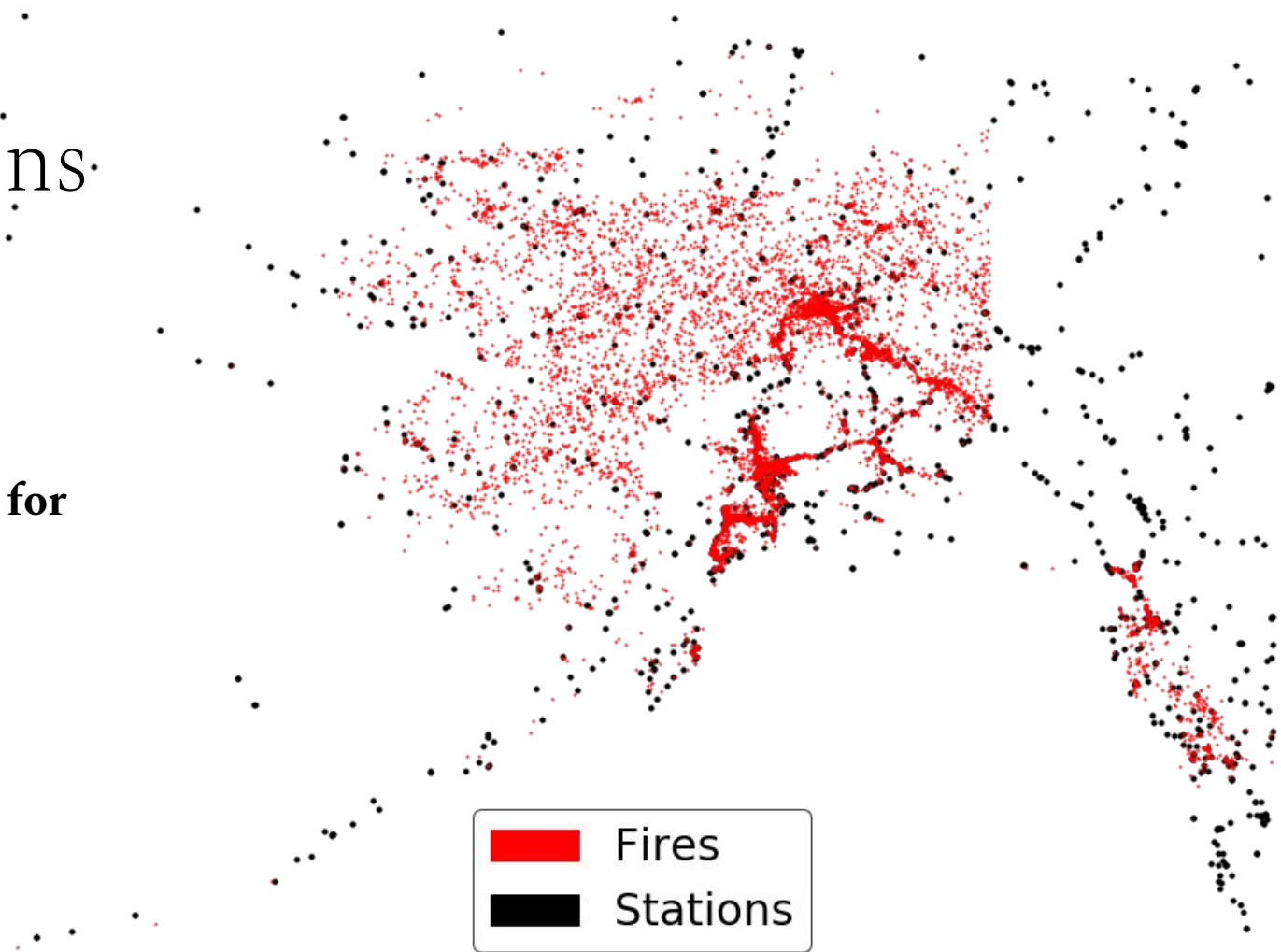
Anomaly Detection
Isolation Forest

Modeling
Gamma Distribution
GLMs

Assumptions

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**Closest weather
station acts a proxy for
each fire**



Assumptions

Above 50°C



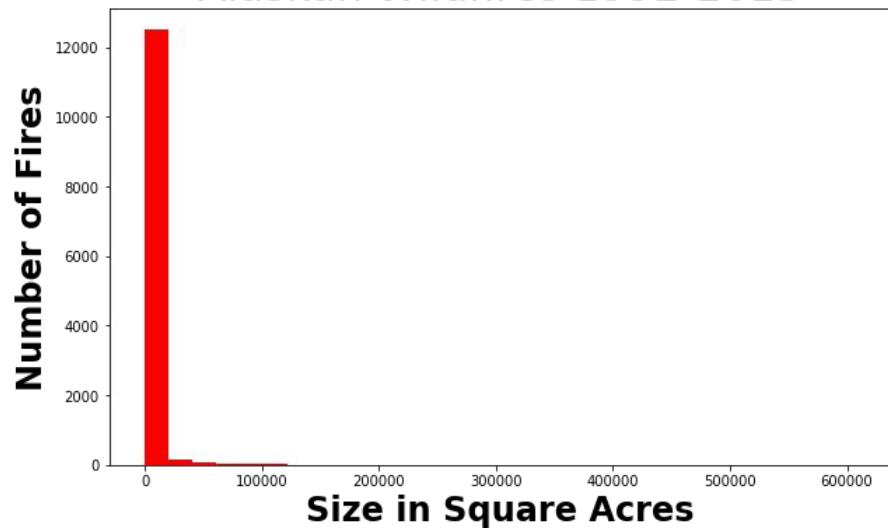
Under -100°C



Analysis: Anomaly detection

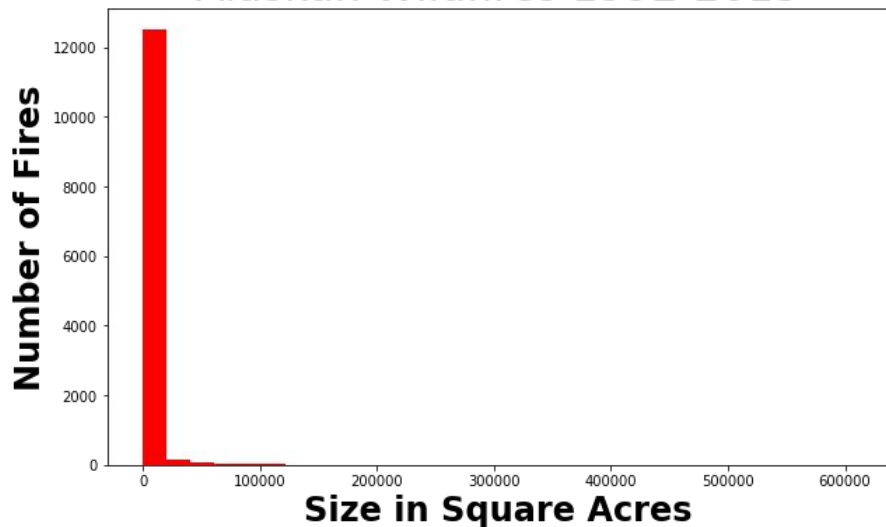
Analysis: Anomaly detection

Alaskan Wildfires 1992-2015

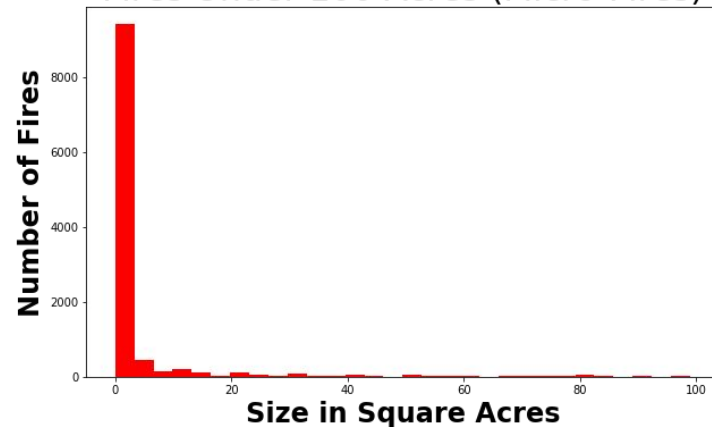


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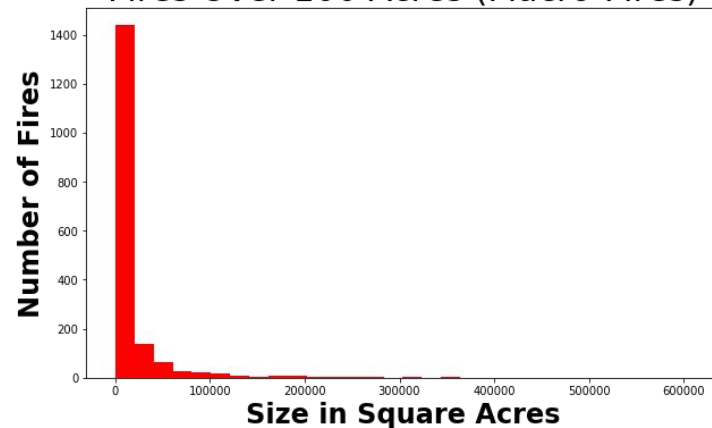
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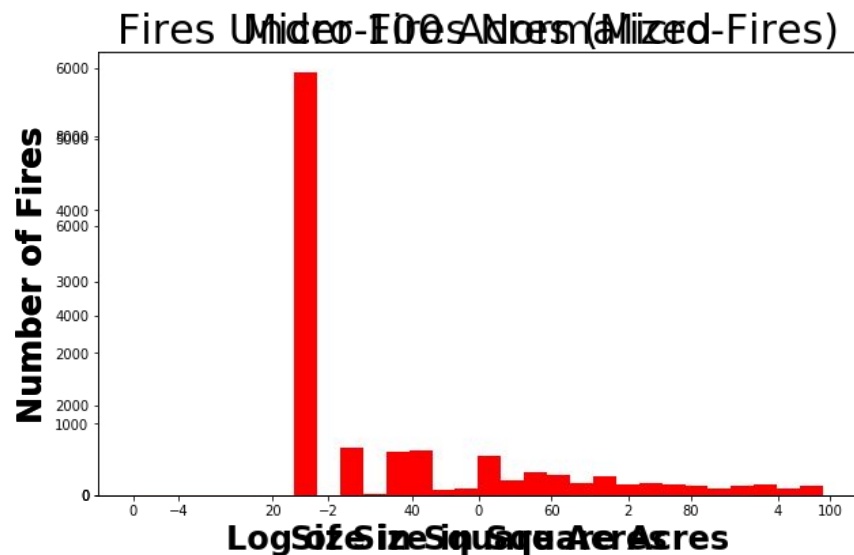
Fires Under 100 Acres (Micro-Fires)



Fires Over 100 Acres (Macro-Fires)



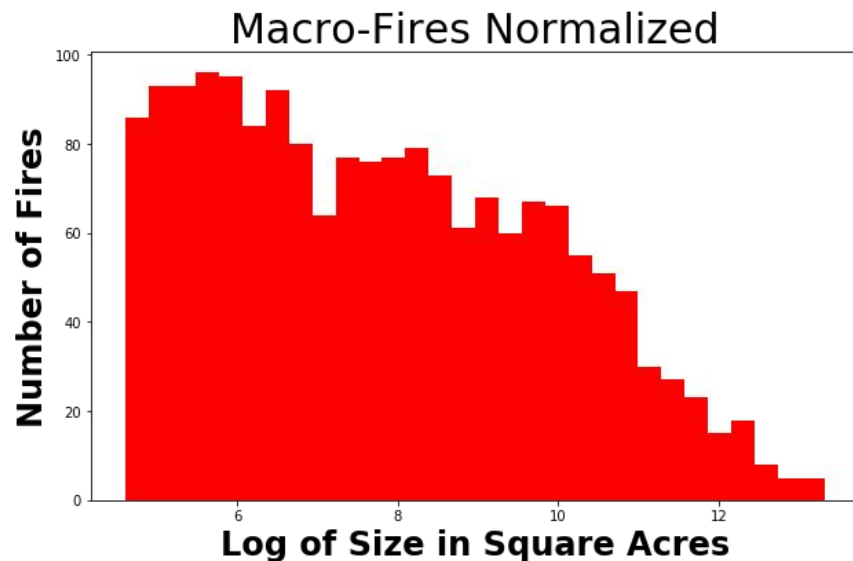
Analysis: Anomaly detection



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Macro-Fires:

13.79% of all fires

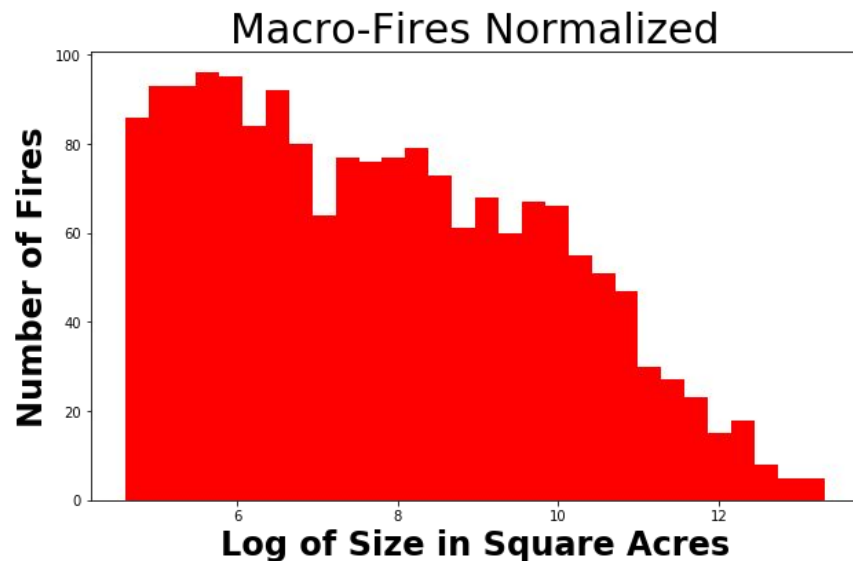


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Macro-Fires:

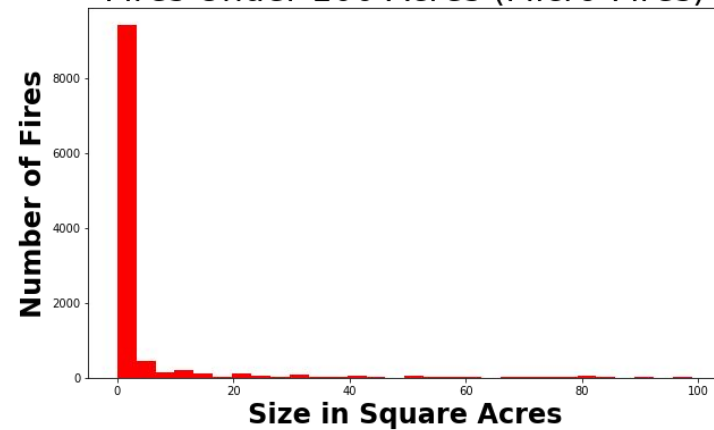
13.79% of all fires

99.86% of all damage

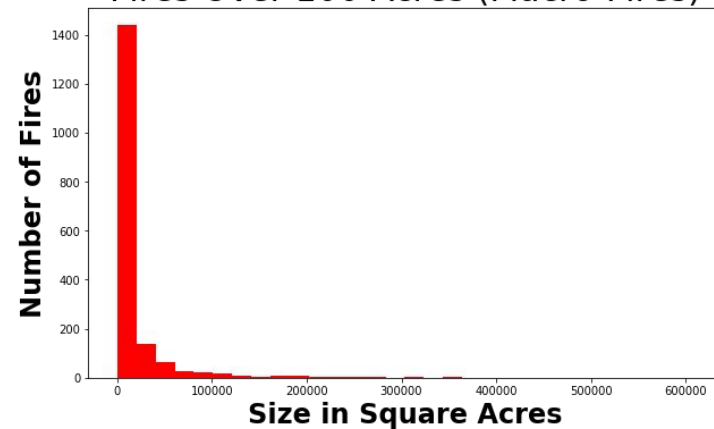


Modeling

Fires Under 100 Acres (Micro-Fires)



Fires Over 100 Acres (Macro-Fires)

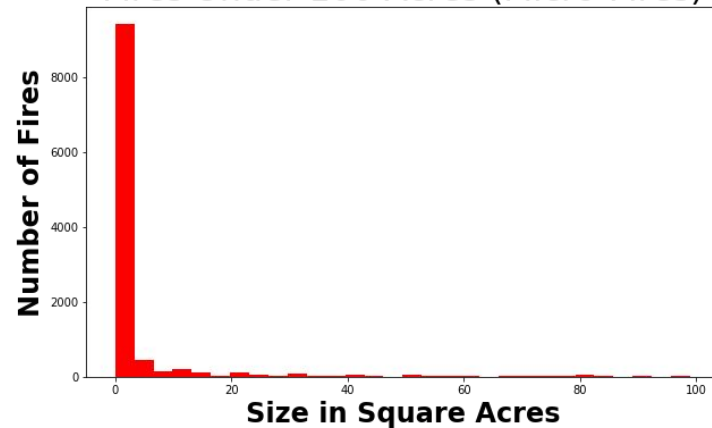


Modeling

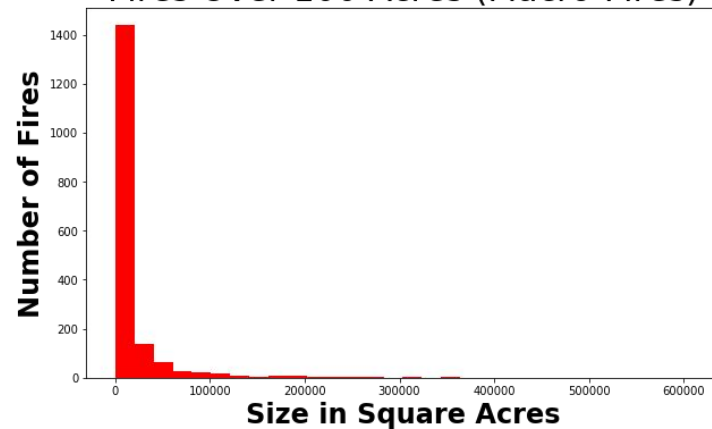
Gamma distribution:

Good for heavily skewed observations

Fires Under 100 Acres (Micro-Fires)

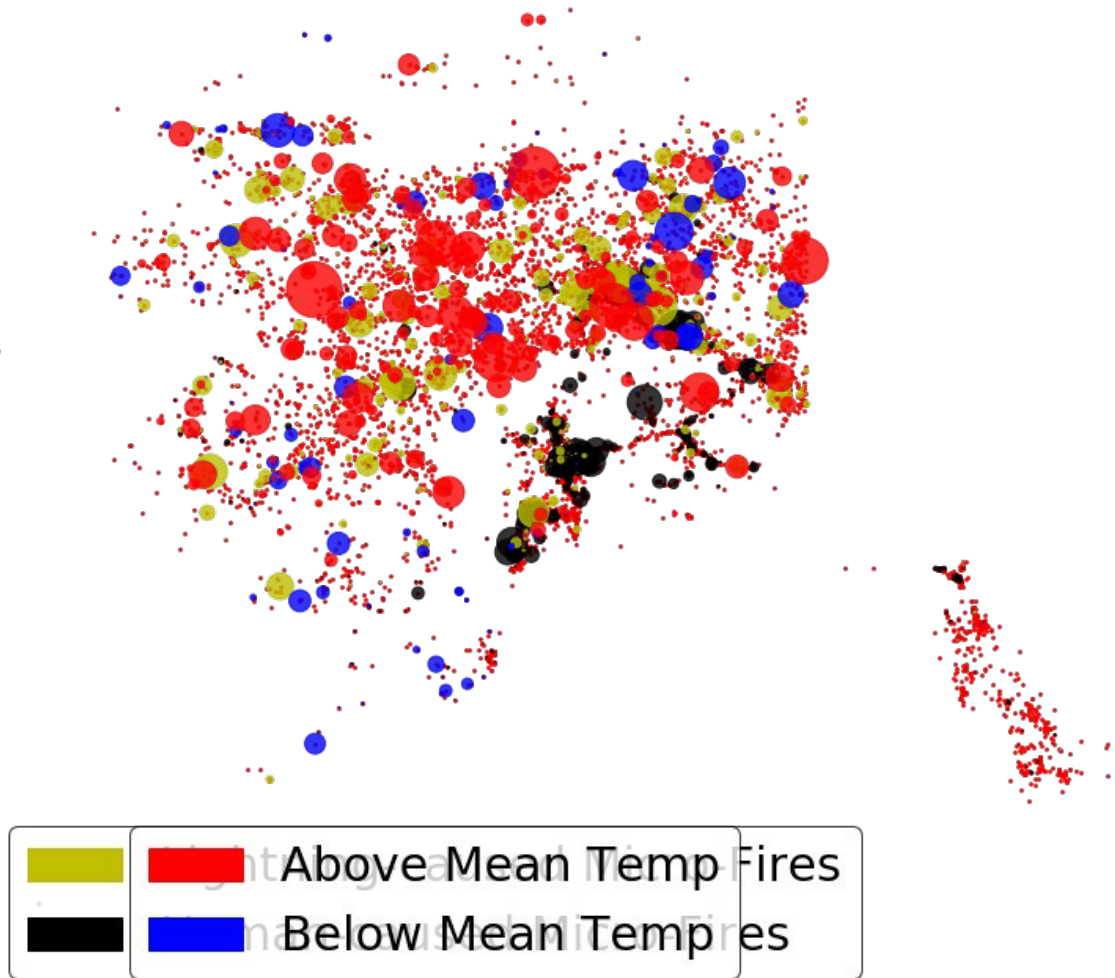


Fires Over 100 Acres (Macro-Fires)



Key Takeaways

~~Micro-fires started by~~
~~human tend to be larger~~



Other Applications

Catastrophe Modeling & Insurance Claims



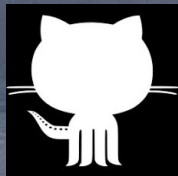
Intrusion Detection & System Health Monitoring



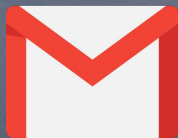
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