

# Probabilistic Logical Networks

## Spatio-Temporal Inference

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  - $\text{inside}(X, Y) \text{ AND } \text{inside}(Y, Z) \Rightarrow \text{inside}(X, Z)$
- 3 Laws and background knowledge are **expressed in PLN**
  - hand-coded
  - learned based on past experience
  - inferred

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ListLink  
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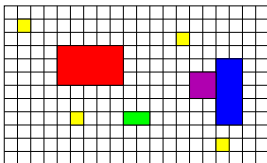
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- Can be **pre-processed independently** (Computer Vision)
- or in tight **interaction with PLN/OpenCog** (feedback to correct predicate extraction)

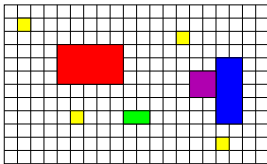
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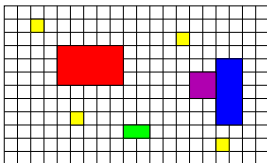


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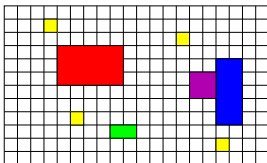


$t=2$

2D or 3D **SpaceMap**

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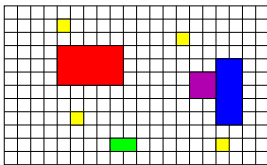


$t=3$

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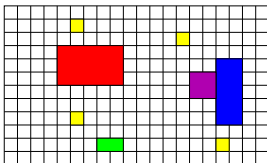


$t=4$

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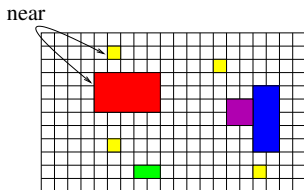


$t=5$

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# Extract Spatio-temporal predicates, **OpenCog** (for now)



t=5

```
AtTime
  5
  EvaluationLink
    near
    ListLink
      yellow_obj1
      red_obj
```

## 2D or 3D **SpaceMap**

- **Grid**, objects placed on the grid
- **recorded** over time
- **Fixed set of spatial predicates** (near, inside, above, etc) computed and **timestamped**



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## In practice

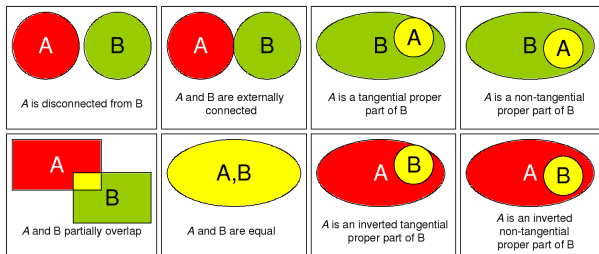
- **hand-coded** Spatio-temporal inference rules in PLN (ImplicationLink)
- **Dedicated** inference control mechanism

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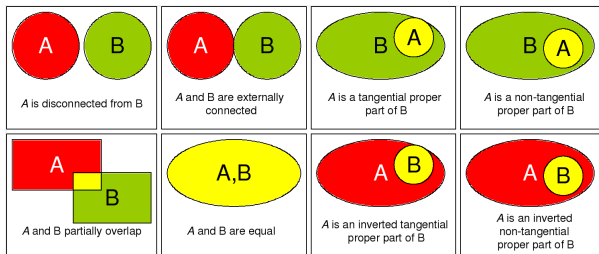
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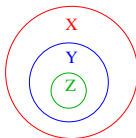


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## 2 Rules to infer new relationships



ImplicationLink  
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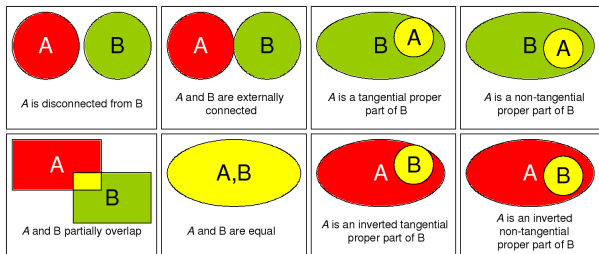
```

nonTangentialProperPart ($X, $Y)
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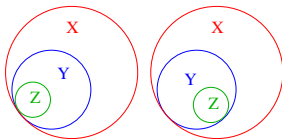
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tangentialProperPart(\$X,\$Y)  
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XOR

tangentialProperPart(\$X,\$Z)  
nonTangentialProperPart(\$X,\$Z)





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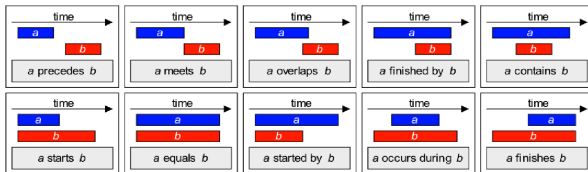
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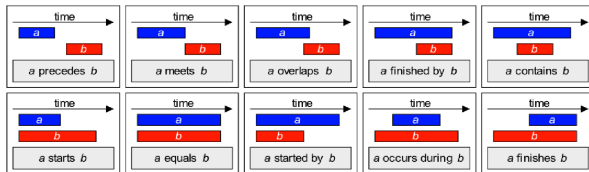
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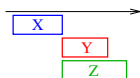


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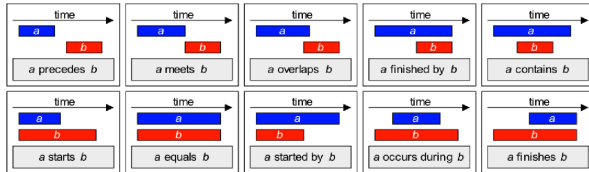


```

ImplicationLink
AND
    meet ($X, $Y)
    start ($Y, $Z)
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```

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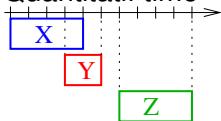


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ImplicationLink
AND
    precede ($X, $Y)
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```

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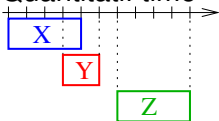
## 1 Quantitative time



```
initiatedAt(0, $X), terminatedAt(5, $X),  
initiatedAt(4, $Y), terminatedAt(6, $Y),  
initiatedAt(7, $Z), terminatedAt(11, $Z)
```

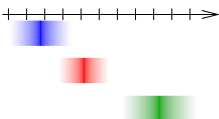
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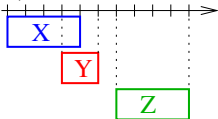
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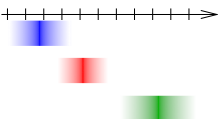
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- 6 `atTime(7am, flight) <1>`

# Example of Spatio-temporal Inference

## Spatio-temporal rule

- 1 At T, if X is inside Y and Y is inside Z then X is inside Z  
ForAll \$T, \$X, \$Y, \$Z  
ImplicationLink  
AND  
atTime(\$T, inside(\$X,\$Y))  
atTime(\$T, inside(\$Y,\$Z))  
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## Example of Spatio-temporal Inference

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## Sub-target theorem

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## Inference Steps for the **sub-target theorem**

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atTime(5:30am, grab\_a\_cab) <0.81>

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## Inference steps for the **target theorem**

```
atTime(6am, inside(self, airport)) <?>
```

- 1 Instantiate axiom 5 with \$T=6am  

```
atTime(6am, inside(airport_parking, airport)) <1>
```

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- 1 Instantiate axiom 5 with \$T=6am  

```
atTime(6am, inside(airport_parking, airport)) <1>
```
- 2 Apply sub-target theorem and previous step (standard probability theory)  

```
AND <0.73>  
  atTime(6am, inside(self, airport_parking))  
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  atTime(6am, inside(self, airport_parking))  
  atTime(6am, inside(airport_parking, airport))
```
- 3 **Instantiate spatio-temporal rule 1, with \$T=6am, \$X=self, \$Y=airport\_parking and \$Z=parking**  

```
ImplicationLink <1>  
  AND  
    atTime(6am, inside(self, airport_parking))  
    atTime(6am, inside(airport_parking, airport))  
    atTime(6am, inside(self, airport))
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`atTime(6am, inside(self, airport_parking))`  
`atTime(6am, inside(airport_parking, airport))`
- 3 **Instantiate spatio-temporal rule 1, with  $T=6am$ ,  $X=self$ ,  $Y=airport\_parking$  and  $Z=parking$**   
`ImplicationLink <1>`  
`AND`  
`atTime(6am, inside(self, airport_parking))`  
`atTime(6am, inside(airport_parking, airport))`  
`atTime(6am, inside(self, airport))`
- 4 **Apply step 2 as premise of previous step**  
`atTime(6am, inside(self, airport)) <0.73>`

# Example of Spatio-temporal Inference

## Inference steps for the **target theorem**

`atTime(6am, inside(self, airport)) <0.73>`

- 1 Instantiate axiom 5 with  $\$T=6am$   
`atTime(6am, inside(airport_parking, airport)) <1>`
- 2 Apply sub-target theorem and previous step (standard probability theory)  
`AND <0.73>`  
`atTime(6am, inside(self, airport_parking))`  
`atTime(6am, inside(airport_parking, airport))`
- 3 Instantiate spatio-temporal rule 1, with  $\$T=6am$ ,  $\$X=self$ ,  $\$Y=airport\_parking$  and  $\$Z=parking$   
`ImplicationLink <1>`  
`AND`  
`atTime(6am, inside(self, airport_parking))`  
`atTime(6am, inside(airport_parking, airport))`  
`atTime(6am, inside(self, airport))`
- 4 Apply step 2 as premise of previous step  
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# Conclusion

- Coding Spatio-temporal laws in the atomSpace
- Getting spatio-temporal knowledge (computer vision)
- In practice, **inference control** will play a great role to lead to efficient inference