

# Introduction

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Statistics and Machine Learning Interface Meeting

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What is the purpose of this meeting?

- Bring together researchers from statistics and machine learning on a focussed topic.
  - ▶ Multiple output Gaussian processes.
- Our objective:
  - ▶ Move beyond cultural and language barriers to find a shared set of common goals.
  - ▶ Also known as “becoming more like Star Trek”.
- Why this topic?
  - ▶ Increasing interest in multiple output kernels— also known as structured output kernels. Or multi-task kernels in Machine Learning.
  - ▶ Long history of study of approaches to generating these kernels in statistics.
- Aim is to have a further workshop at NIPS interfacing with the kernel learning community (regularization view point rather than GP viewpoint).

- BBC News Website This Morning
  - ▶ Artificial Brain “q10 years away”.
- My hope:
  - ▶ Practical, efficient and effective approaches to multi-output GPs “at most 9 years away”.

## Some Scheduling and Other Details

- Unfortunately Dave Higdon couldn't make it.
- My talk has moved forward to compensate.
  - ▶ Lots of discussion scheduled: informal atmosphere encouraged.
- Feel free to be controversial and try not to get offended!