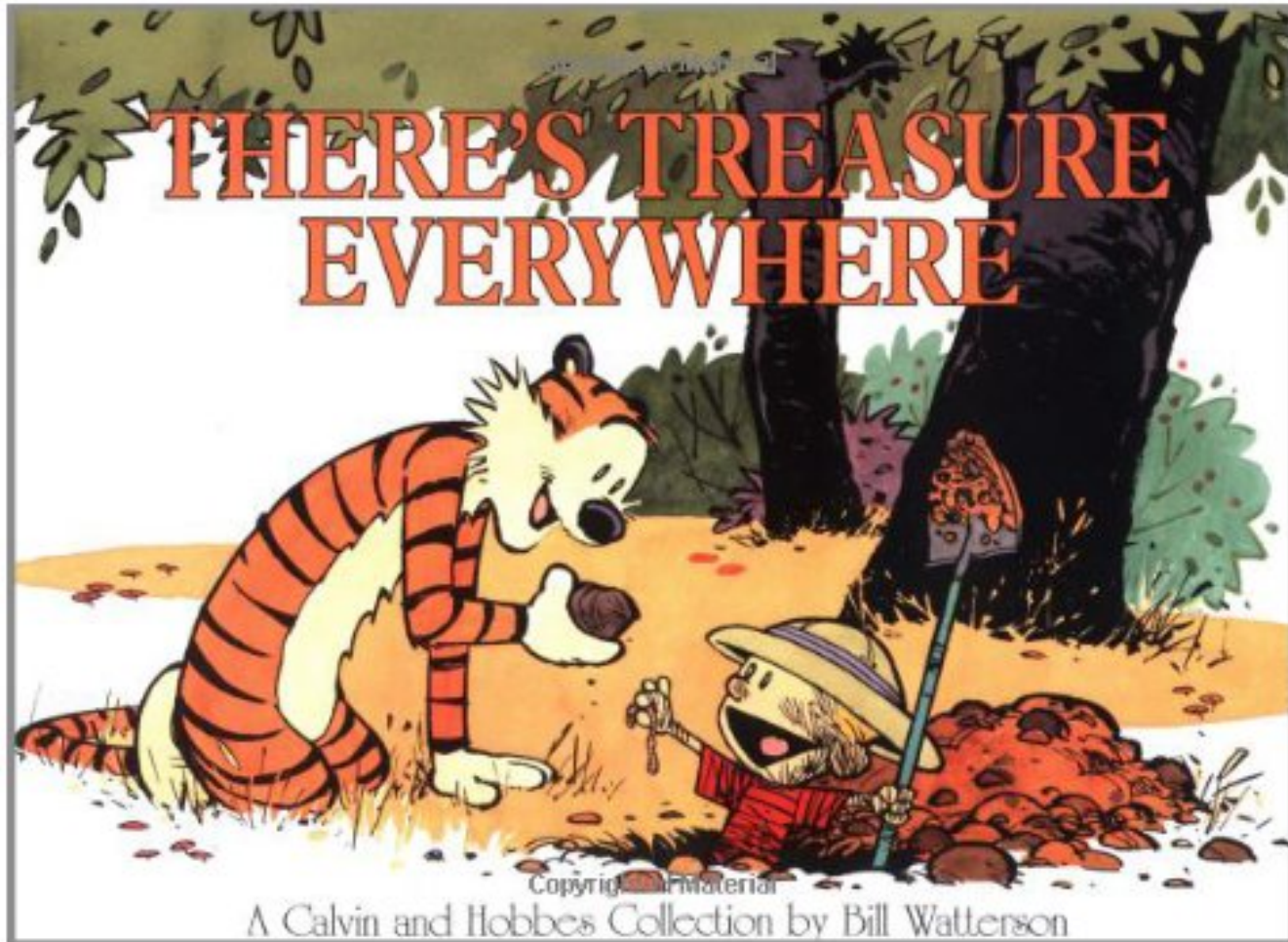


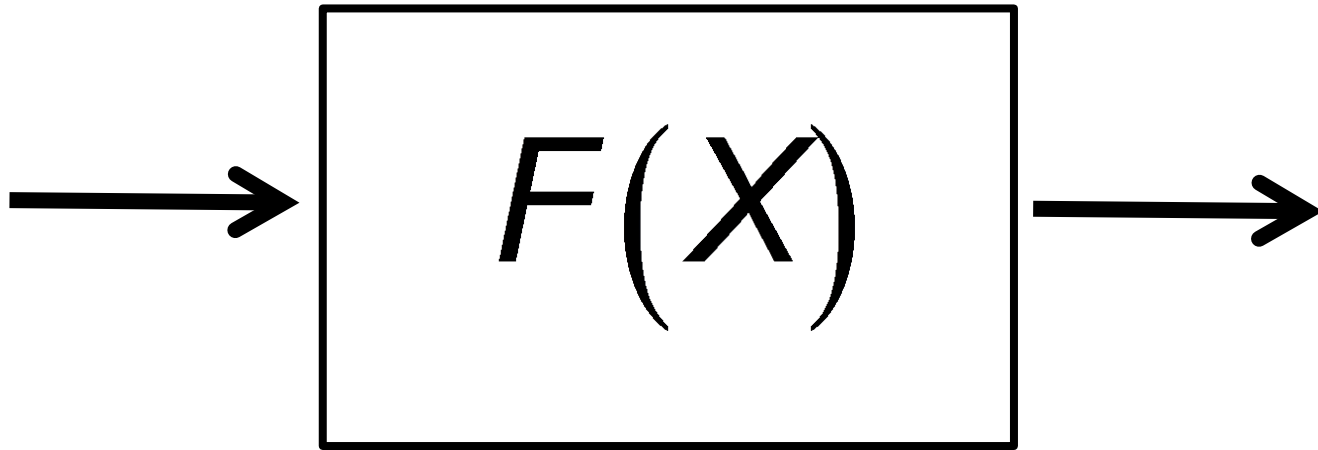
# **INDECISION – FUN VS. FORMAL**

# Fun

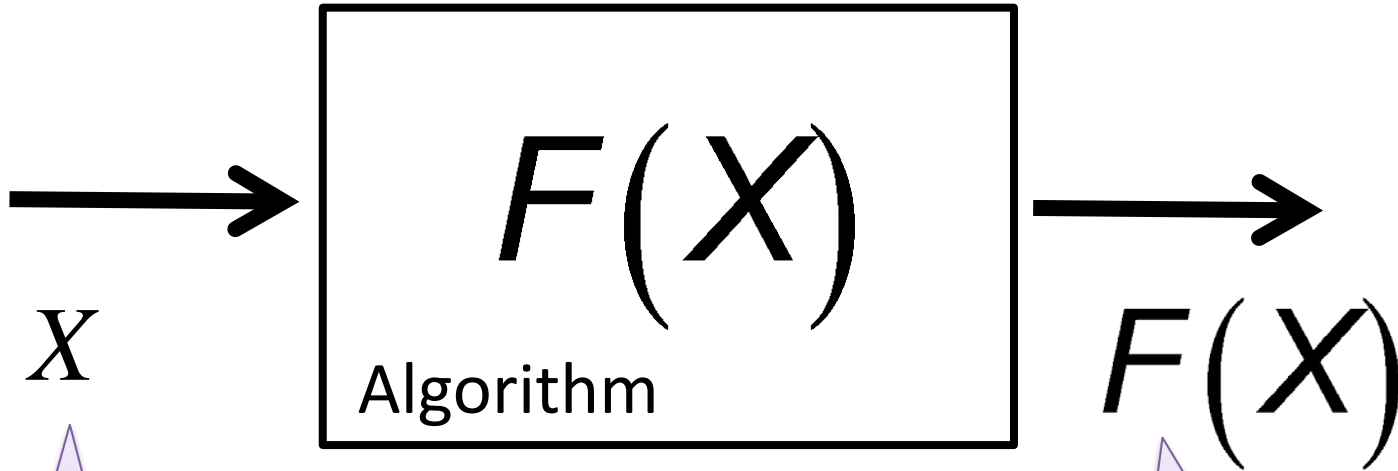


Is found data truly treasure?

Formal



# Formal



Possible  
Inputs,  
e.g. Data

Output,  
Performance  
Measure

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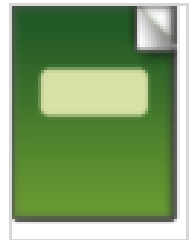
# Throwing Down the Gauntlet

## *(21 Years Ago)*



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Dialogue

## Performance Characterization in Computer Vision

R.M. Haralick

Goal: A full analytical model – inputs to outputs  
(perhaps a touch overstated, but not a lot)

# Oncoming Gauntlet - Duck



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Reply

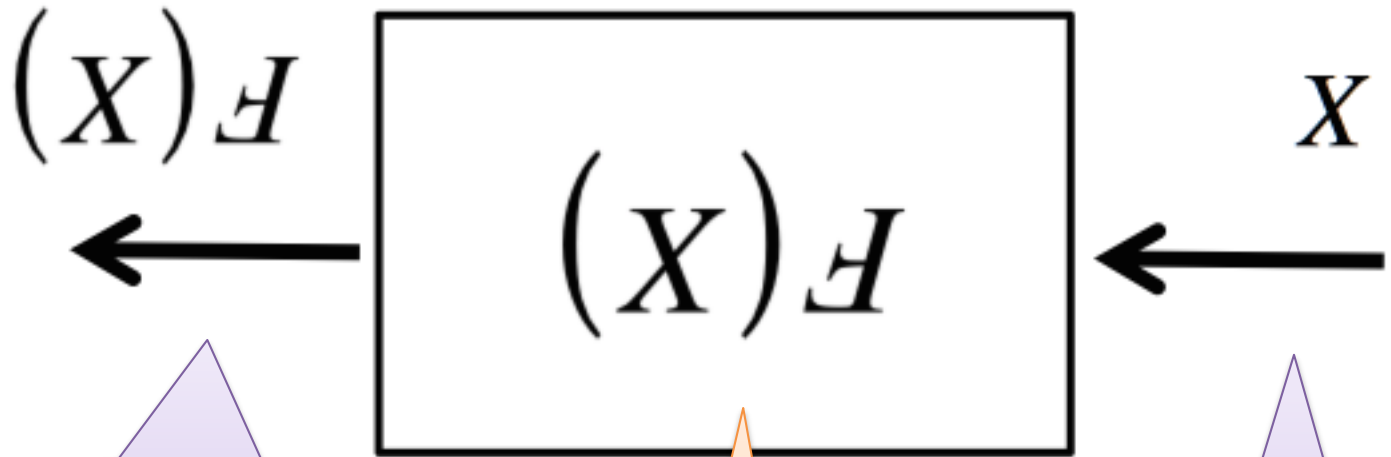
**Response to "Performance Characterization in Computer Vision"**

B.A. Draper, J.R. Beveridge

Response: A full analytical model is not feasible.  
The space of inputs ill-defined in open world problems



# Alas – Today We Often ...

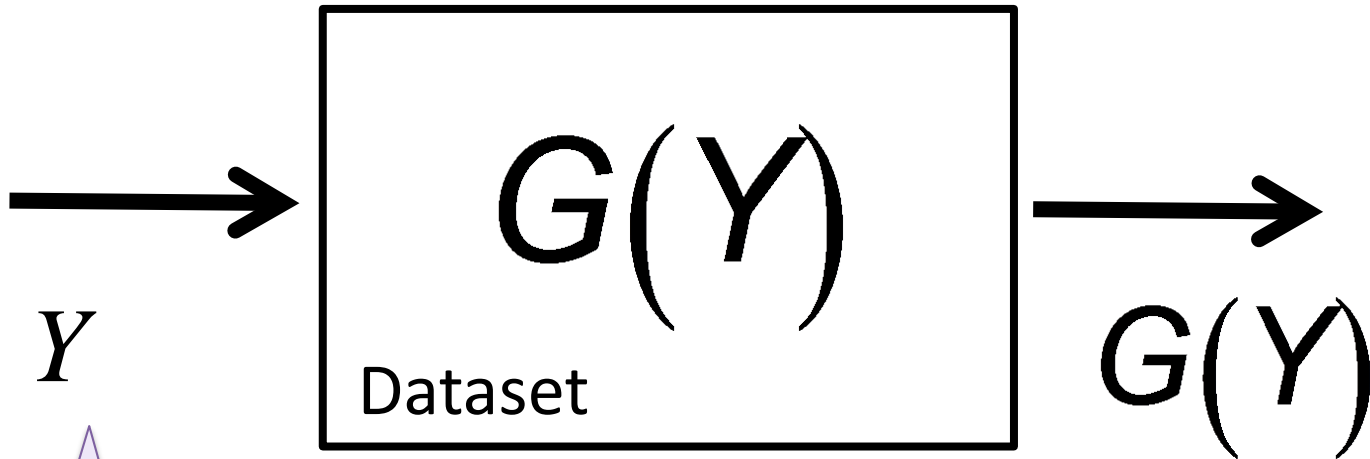


Performance  
measure per  
algorithm

Black Box is  
the Dataset

Set of  
Algorithms

# This View Shown Right-side Up



Set of Algorithms

Algorithm	Score
SVM-Snoopy	63.0
GSM-Calvin	69.0
Mine	73.0

Who jumps highest protocol

# Finally .. the Real Question

## What are we trying to accomplish?

Here is a true story from ~2003 - slightly abbreviated:

Ross to Geof\*: *When is 73.0 versus 69.0 significant?*

Geof to Ross: *Wouldn't you rather know what contributes to changes in performance?*

Ross to Geof: *Hmm, I hadn't thought to ask, yes I would.*

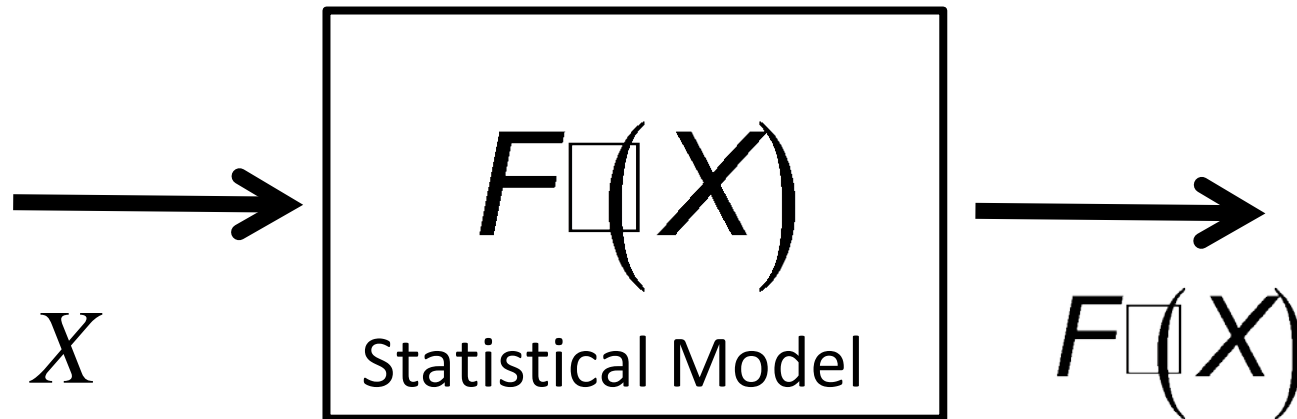
\*Geof Givens is the statistician who has worked as part of the CSU evaluation team for the past ten years.

# Beyond “Who Jumps Highest”

Run algorithm(s) on data & record outcome

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Now build a statistical model linking domain covariates to algorithm performance



# Perils & Promise of Found Data

- Fundamentally, I am agnostic
  - Found or Collected, both could work ...
- But
  - Found or collected,
  - getting beyond “Who jumped higher” is important!
- Example
  - FG 2015 Video Person Recognition Evaluation
  - What matter most for performanc?
    - Setting (Sensor + Location + Action)