

International Conference on Pattern Recognition 2008

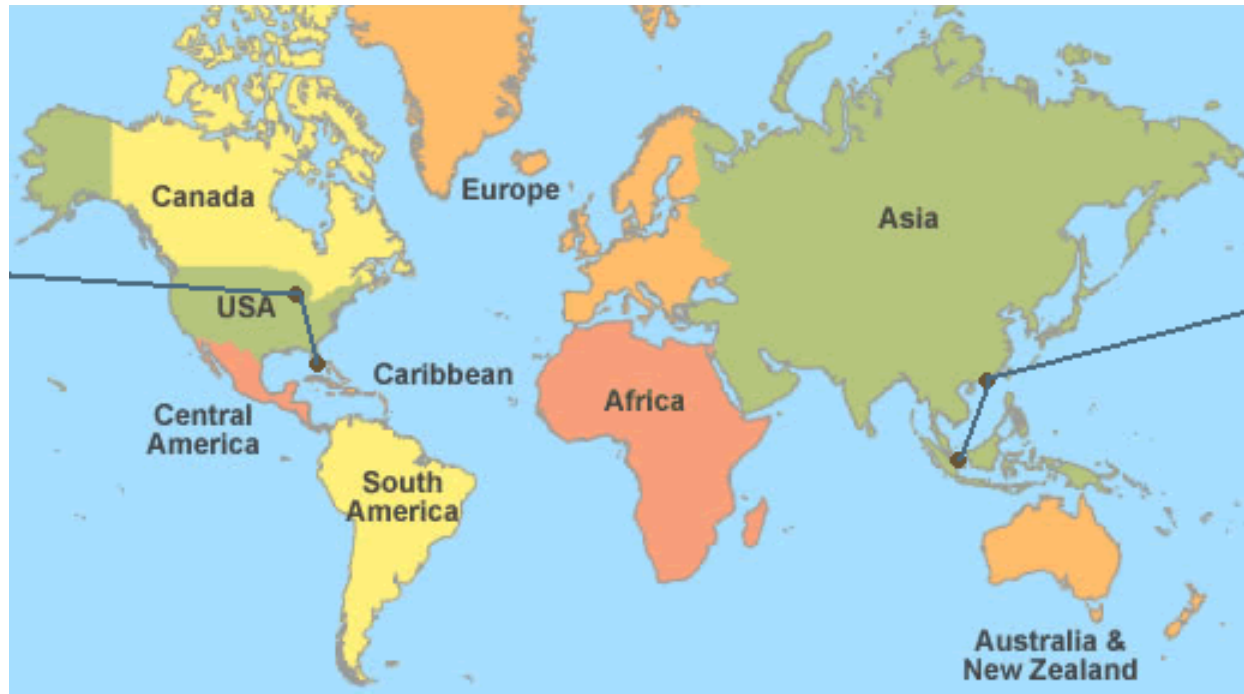
Florida, USA
06-Dec to 16-Dec 2008

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A Long Flight!

Singapore – Hong Kong – Chicago - Tampa



But, saved a day!

- **06-Dec-2008:** Took off from **Singapore** to Tampa, Florida
 - United Airways: via Hong Kong to Chicago
 - Delta Airways: Chicago to Tampa
- **06-Dec-2008:** Evening 6PM at **Tampa**
 - Some room booking glitch!
 - Put up first day at the Sheraton (shared room with Ye Ning, also from NUS)
 - Moved to Howard Johnson for remaining days

Florida

- Florida is located on the South East coast of US
- Visit: Tampa and Orlando



At Tampa, Florida

- **Agenda**
 - ICPR 2008 conference (of course!)
 - Roam around Tampa (of course!!)
- **First impression**
 - Beautiful – coastal and scenic
 - Very poor public transport system (considering that you are arriving from Singapore!)

On the way to the convention hall...

- A “co-ordinate system” we found while walking from hotel to the conference venue (The Tampa Convention Center)



On the way to the convention hall...

- **USF Park:** A park maintained by the University of South Florida, the main local organizers of the conference



Tampa Convention Center

- A 'state-of-the-art' convention center next to the Tampa Bay
 - Has many seminar rooms and convention halls
 - Excellent facilities



Tampa Convention Center

- The view inside the convention center
 - Both the ground and first floors have seminar rooms and convention halls for conferences and meetings



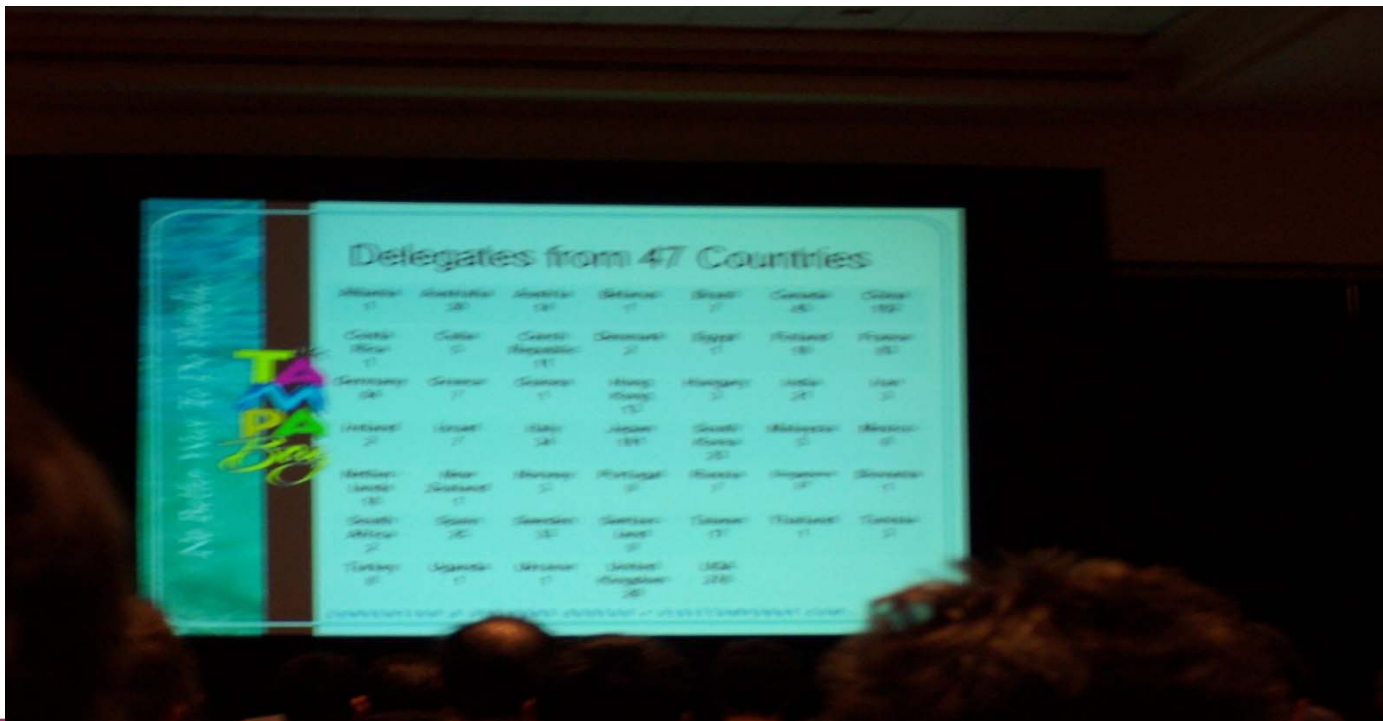
Tampa Bay

- Lovely scenic bay next to the convention center. This is where we had our lunches during the conference



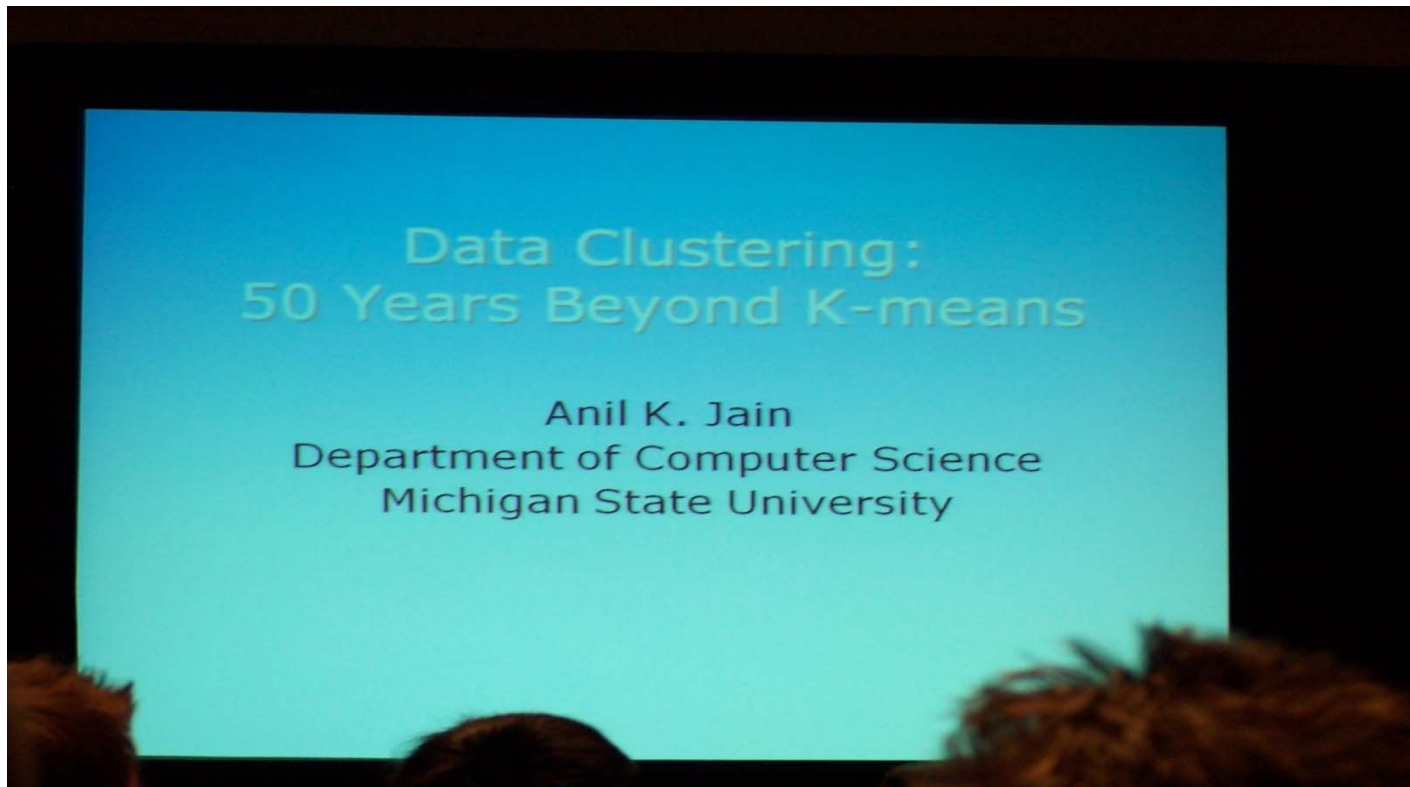
ICPR 2008 Conference

- Delegates from 47 countries attended
 - Maximum: US and Canada (150+)
 - Singapore had a sizeable number too (~18)



ICPR 2008 Conference Programme

- Prof. Anil K. Jain (Michigan State University) won **KS Fu Prize** (sort of lifetime achievement award in the field of data mining)



With some participants from Singapore

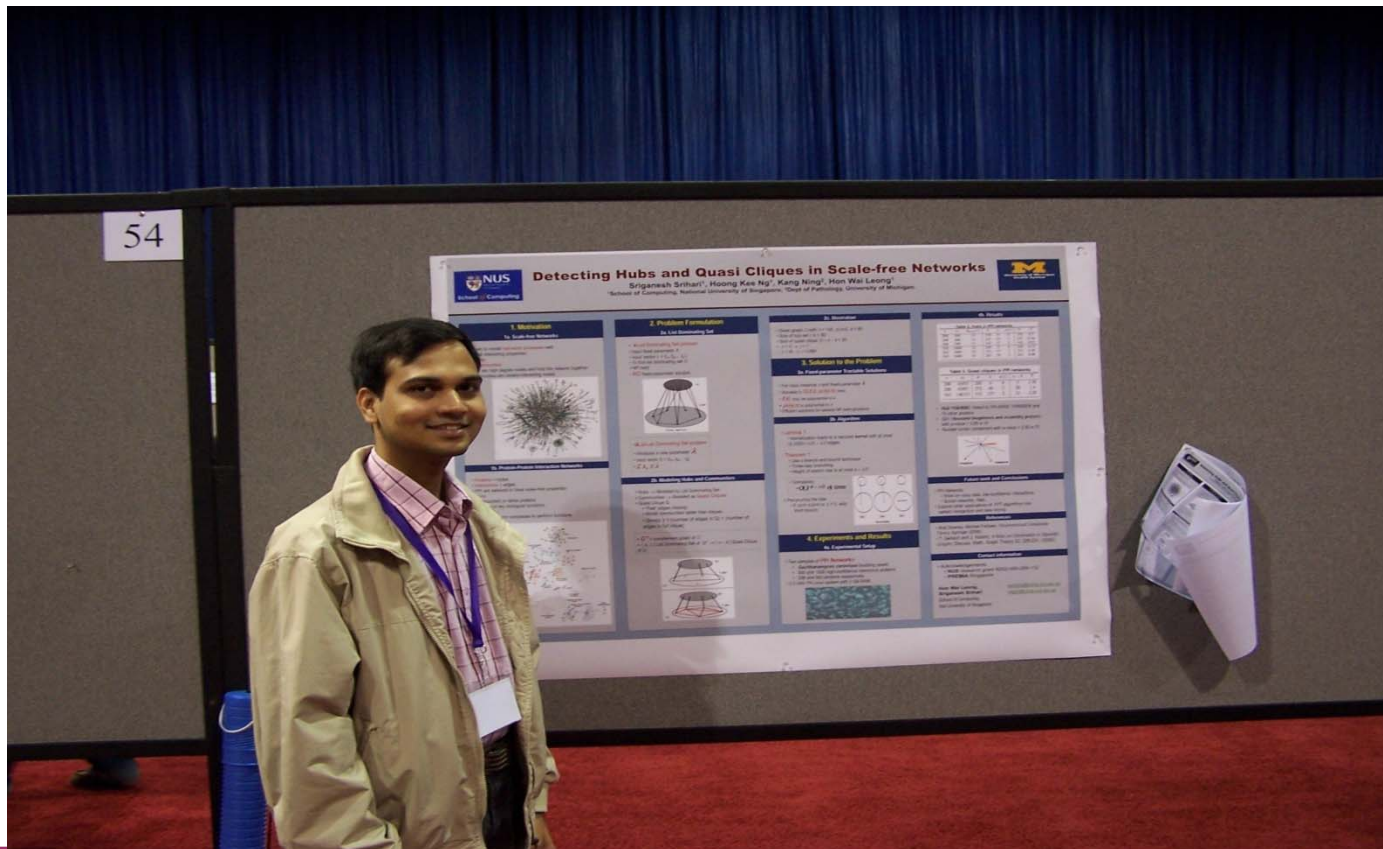
- With Prof Tan Chew Lim (NUS), who presented us with the PREMIA travel award



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My Poster at ICPR 2008

- Detecting hubs and quasi cliques from scale-free networks



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Next destination: Orlando

- I took an Amtrak from Tampa to Kissimmee, Orlando
 - About 1.5 hours ride north-east



At Orlando, Florida

- **Agenda**
 - JFK NASA Space Center at Cape Canaveral
 - Visit Prof Shaoije Zhang at the University of Central Florida
 - Give a talk at the department of EECS
 - Universal Studios & Sea World

JFK Space Center



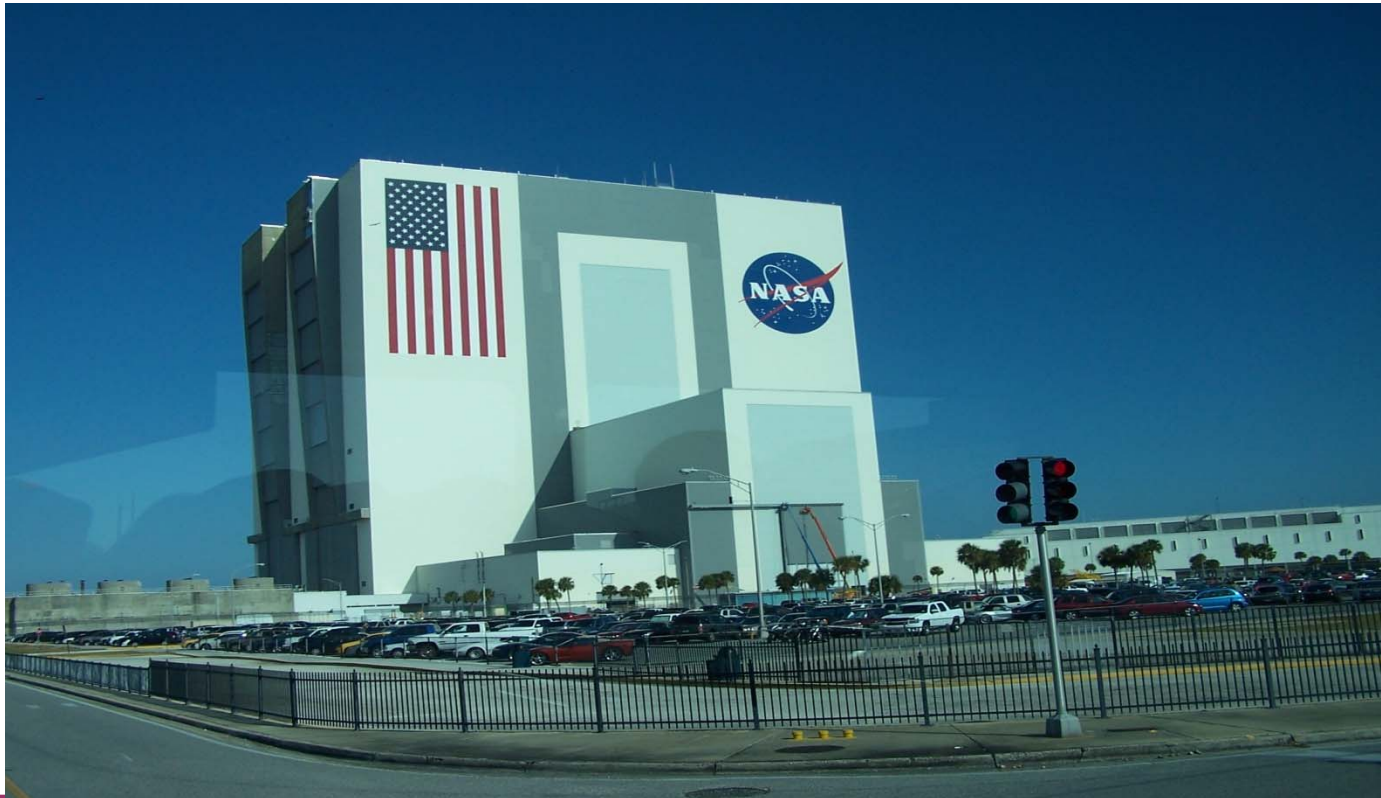
Bus tours within Space Center

- Took a bus tour to the various facilities within the center



Vehicle Assembly Building

- The VAB is where the rocket is assembled for launch
- It's the largest building in terms of volume



Launch Pad (this one not in use now)



The Moonstone

- I got to touch a piece of rock from the moon ;-)



Memorial for the martyrs of space!

- A memorial for those who sacrificed their lives during the various NASA missions



Visit to University of Central Florida

- Its in East Orlando
- Vast beautiful green campus
- About 50 min drive from Kissimmee
Special thanks for Prof Shaojie for driving me!
- Visited Prof. Shaojie Zhang
- Gave a talk at the EECS Dept

With Prof Shaojie Zhang, EECS

- The wall behind depicting the history of the dept.



UCF Visit

- The beautiful University campus



Universal Studios



Universal Studios

- With the Simpsons! ;-)



Sea World

- Worth a visit!
- Stunning killer whale (Shamu) and dolphin shows
- About 25 min drive from hotel

Shamu (Killer Whale) Show



Return trip

- 15-Dec-2008: Took Amtrak back from Kissimmee to Tampa
- 16-Dec-2008: Flight back to Singapore
- 18-Dec-2008: Reached Singapore
 - Very tired
 - Jet-lagged for a while! :P
 - Did you notice anything else? ;-)

Thank You!

- Thanks to Prof Leong and all members of the RAS group
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