

Near the end of World War II, Germany developed the V-1 flying bomb, an early cruise missile. Over a period of 9 months, **537** V-1 bombs fell in South London, over an area of **144km<sup>2</sup>**. The British authorities noticed that the bombs sometimes fell in "clusters," but they did not know whether this was the result of random chance or a precision guidance system.

$$144 \cdot 4 = 576$$

On average, how many V-1s fell in any area of **.25km<sup>2</sup>**?

$$\lambda = \frac{537}{576} \approx .932$$

Imagine that we divide South London into  $4 \cdot 144 = 576$  squares of area **.25km<sup>2</sup>** each. If the number of V-1s in a given square of area **.25km<sup>2</sup>** followed a Poisson distribution, how many of the squares would we expect to have exactly  $k$  hits from a V-1?

$$576 \cdot e^{-.93} \cdot \frac{(.93)^k}{k!}$$

$k$	expected # squares	observed #
0	226.74	229
1	211.39	211
2	98.54	93
3	30.62	35
4	7.14	7