

DAS and Big Scientific Data Analysis

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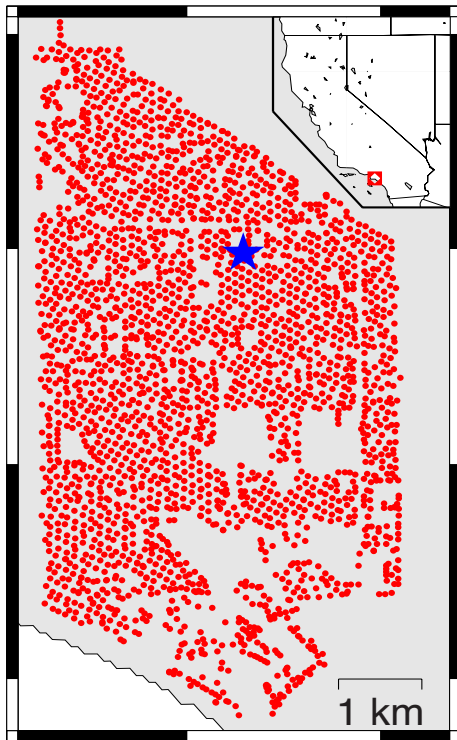
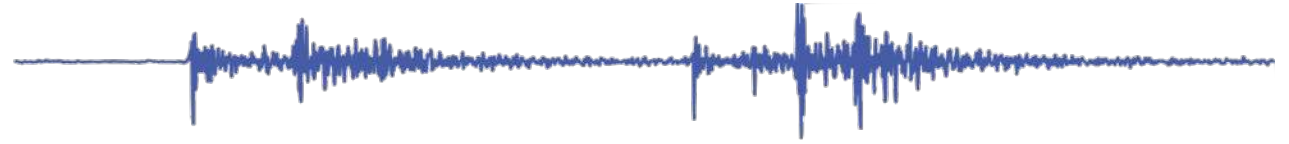


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Massive data sets in earthquake seismology

Long Duration (Large-T)

> 10 years continuous waveform data



[Nakata et al., 2015]

Big Networks (Large-N)

1000's of sensors

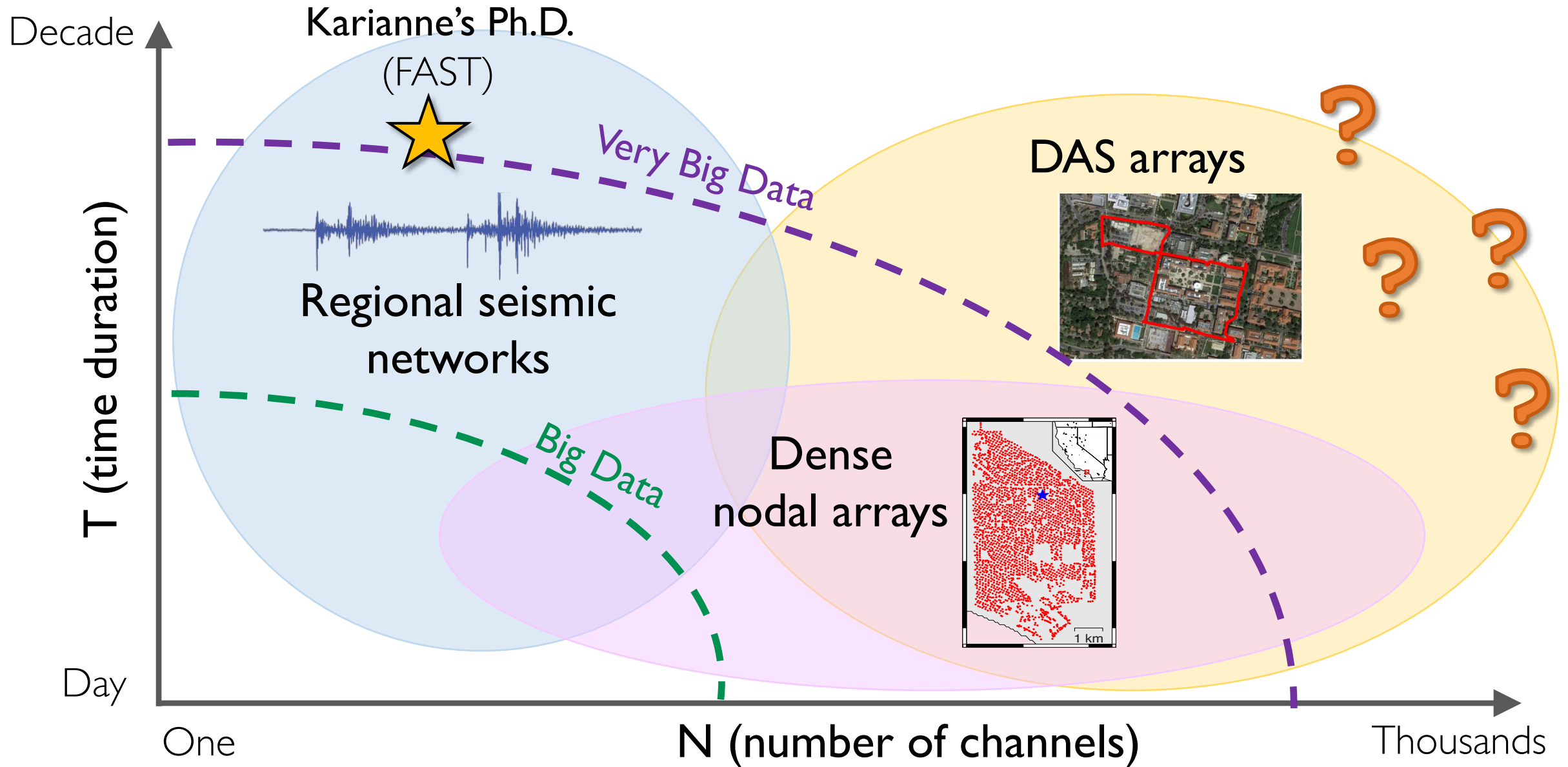


New data sources:
DAS arrays



[Martin et al., 2017]

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DAS and the challenges of “big data” analysis

Volume: 100 GB to 10 TB per day for a single DAS array

- Extracting information – automated analysis, scalability

Velocity: Near real-time analysis, e.g. for urban hazard assessment

- Streaming data – fully automated (no configuration)

Variety: Variation in DAS systems; seismometers, geophones

- Sensor fusion – combining DAS with other sources

Veracity: Data quality: noisy environments, poor coupling

- Automatic data cleaning, quality control, denoising

DAS and the opportunities of “big data” analysis

Novelty: New data source requires new algorithms

- Existing methods for seismic analysis may not account for:
 - Data volume
 - Data quality (vs. purpose-built scientific sensors)
 - Measurements – distributed (vs. point), directional sensitivity
 - Flexible array geometry
- Insufficient labeled data – unsupervised methods, transfer learning / domain adaption

Algorithms for big scientific data

- **Efficient algorithms:** linearly, sub-quadratically scaling with data volume
 - randomized algorithms, streaming algorithms, etc.
- **Data-driven algorithms:** **large-scale machine learning** (e.g. deep learning)
- **More computation:** parallel, distributed computing
- **Data reduction, data compression**
- **Custom, task-specific algorithms**

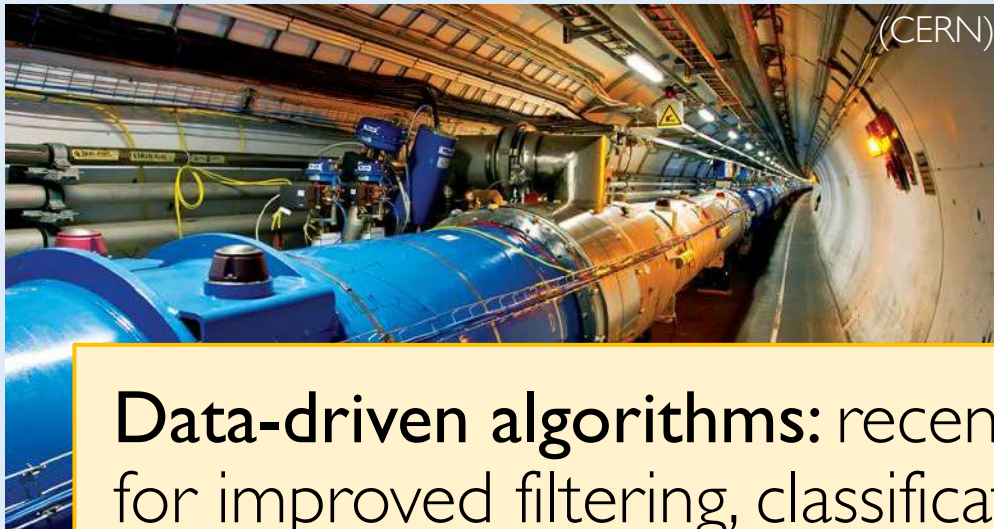


Extremely Big Scientific Data (outside geophysics)

Particle Physics

Large Hadron Collider

- Generates too much data to store: 1 billion collisions/s → 1 petabyte/s
- **Data filtering:** “interesting” events only (~1000 events/s) stored for analysis



Data-driven algorithms: recent work explores **machine learning** for improved filtering, classification of events at LHC

Astronomy

Square Kilometer Array (Phase I)

- Processing **reduces data size**, increases information content.
- **Real-time** processing of raw data, **supercomputers** generate science data products (600 PB/year)



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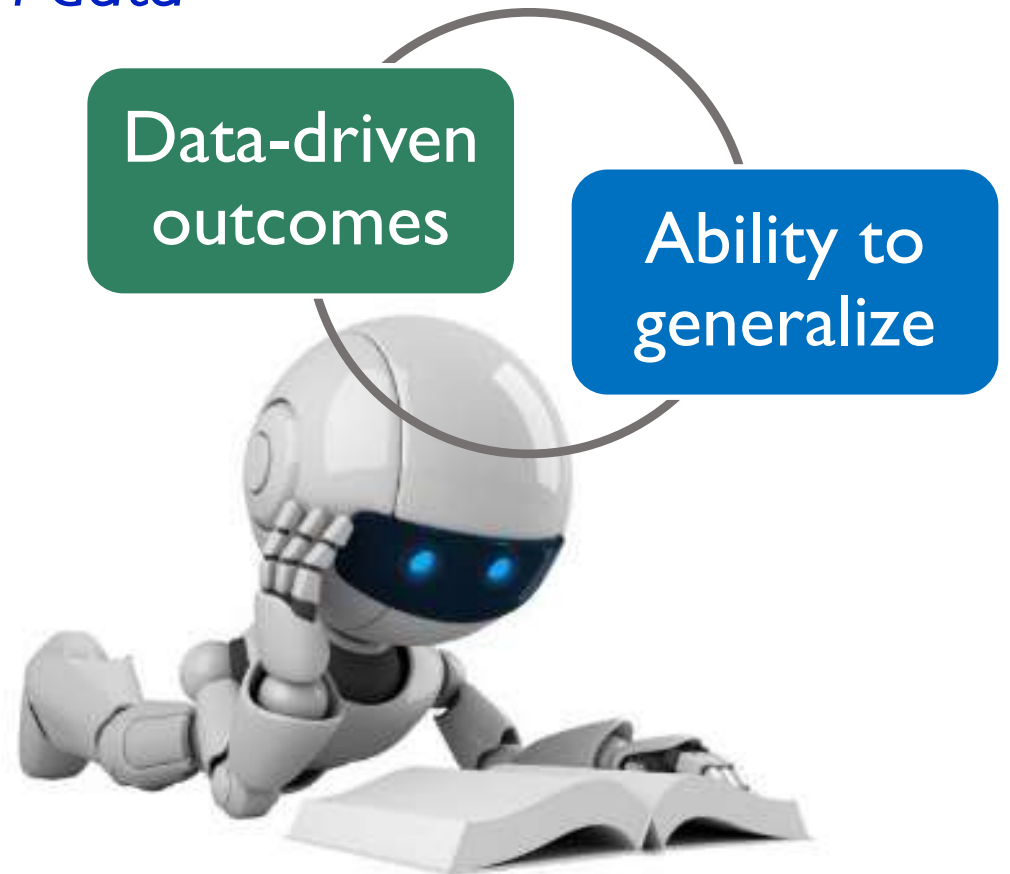
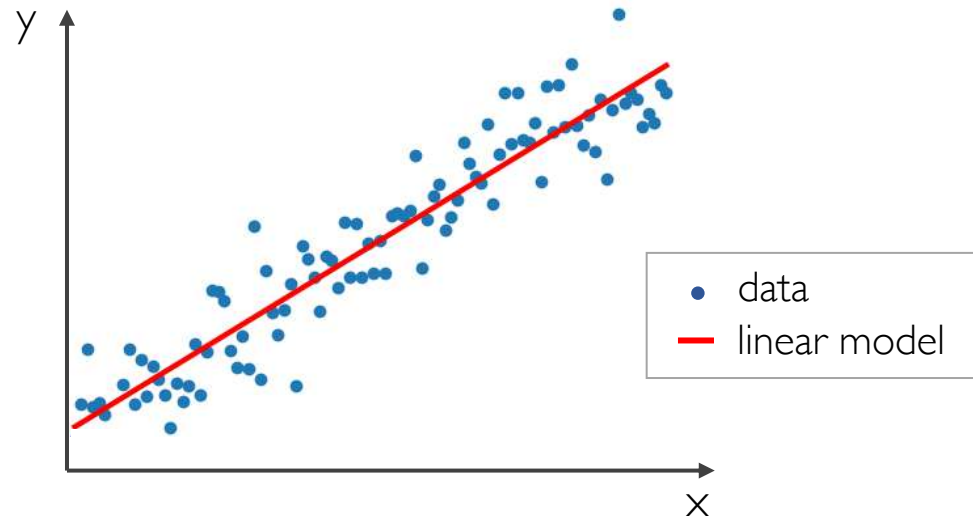
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What is Machine Learning?

Machine learning (ML)

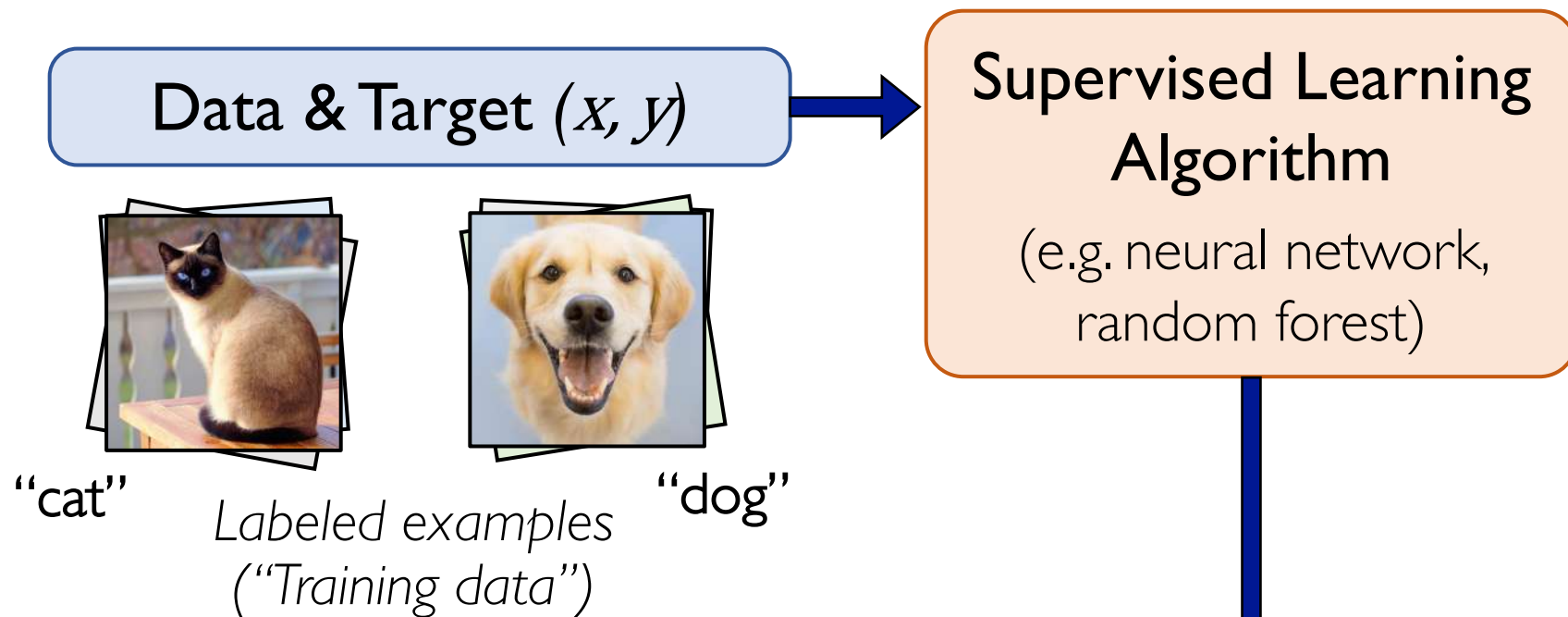
a set of tools for recognizing complex patterns and building predictive models *automatically from data*

- linear regression, logistic regression, PCA

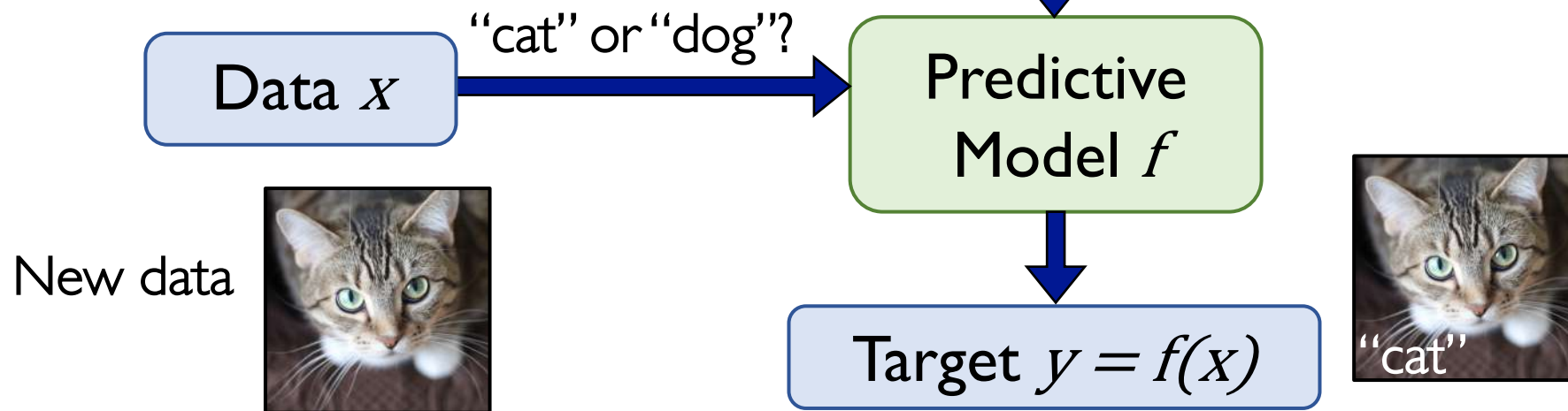


Building models from examples (*Supervised Learning*)

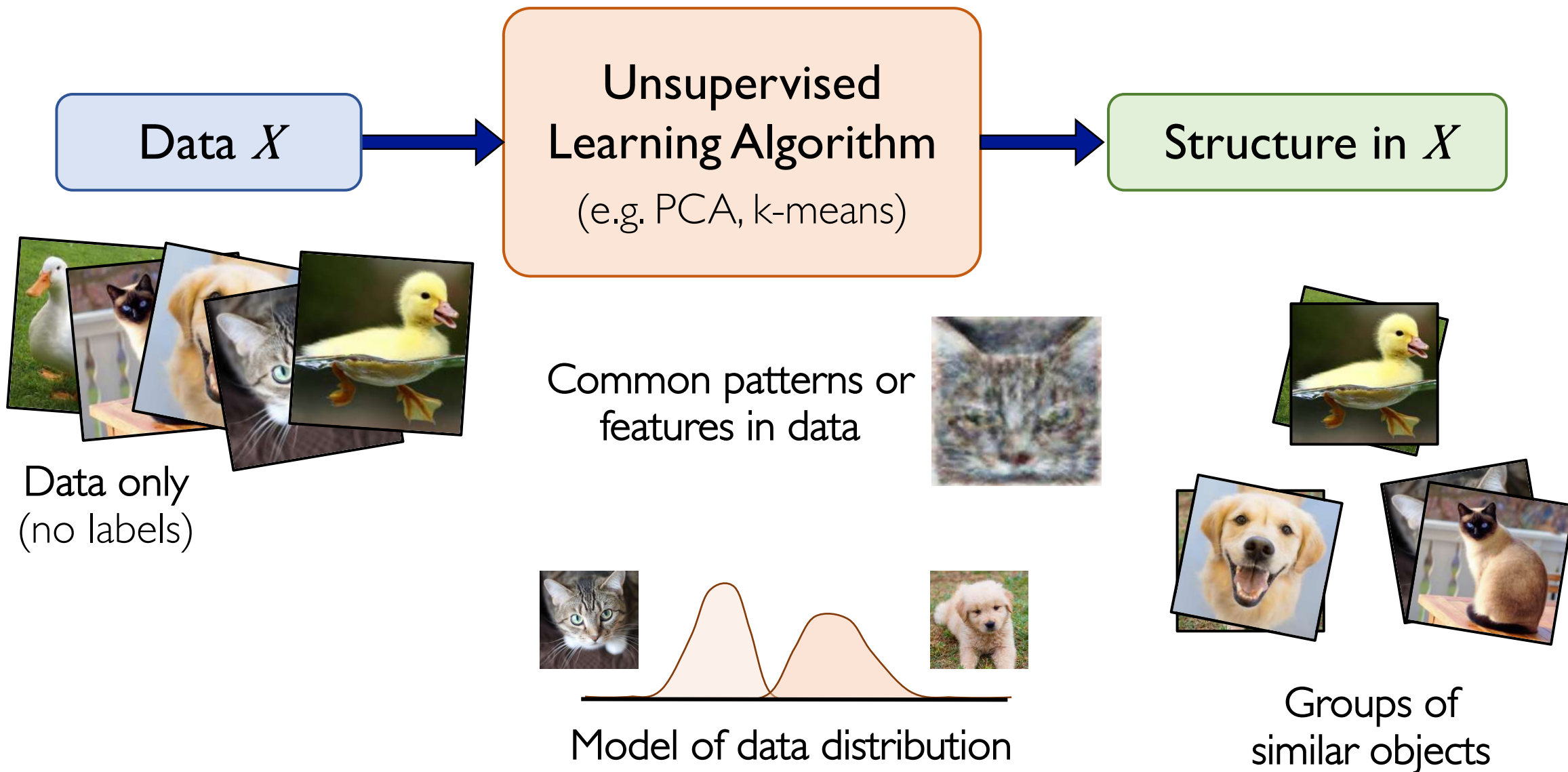
Training



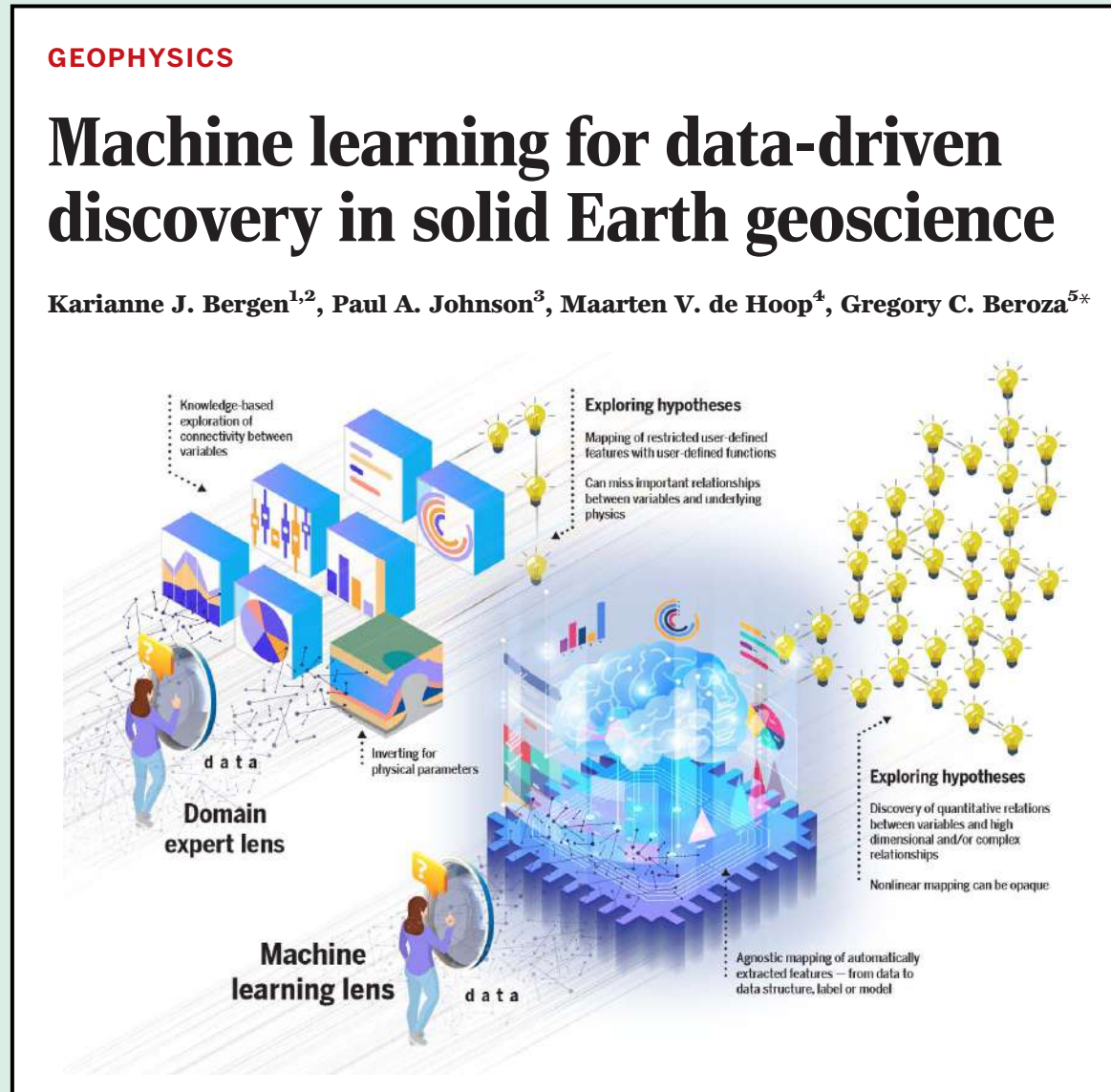
Prediction



Finding patterns in data (*Unsupervised Learning*)



For specific examples of ML applied to solid Earth geoscience:



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FAST: scalable “Large-T” earthquake detection



Leverages technology for efficient audio recognition



Discovers new event waveforms (without labeled data):
10 – 100× earthquakes detected

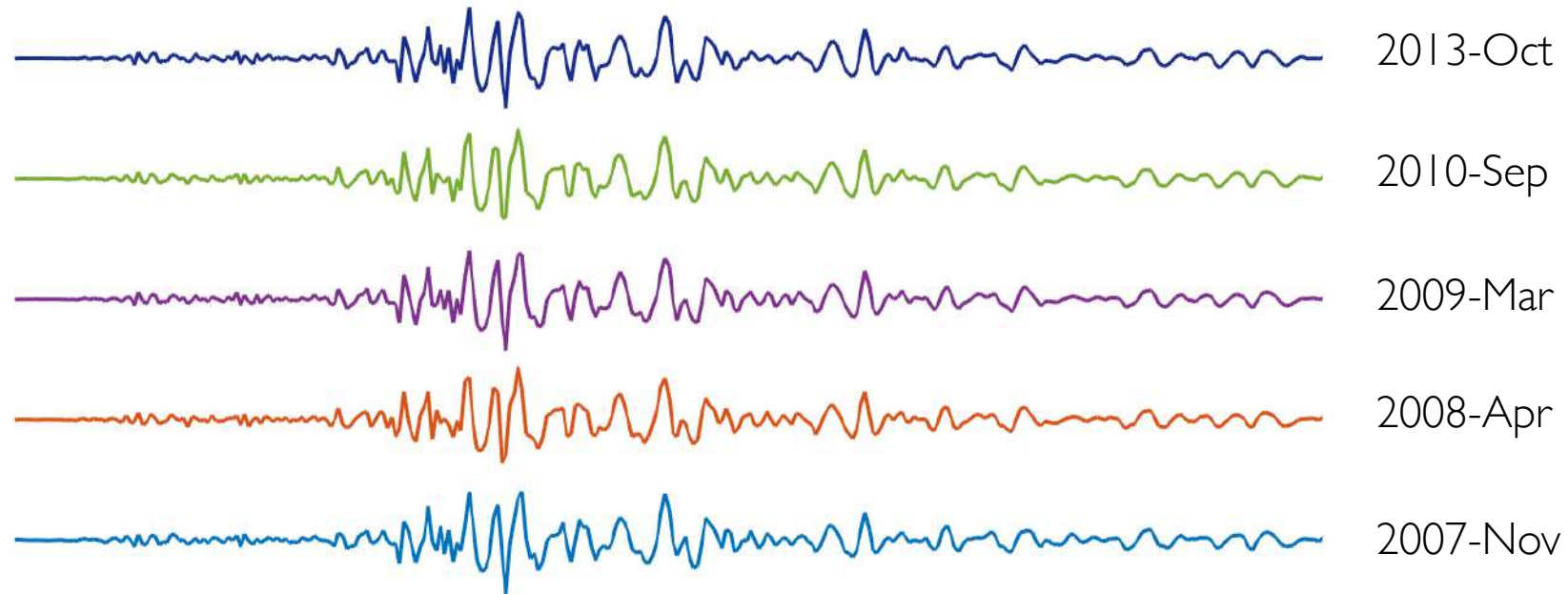


Computationally efficient:
500× more data with reduced runtime

FAST: scalable “Large-T” earthquake detection

Data mining approach: extracting patterns from large data sets

- *What pattern?* Repeating or similar waveforms



Exact search for similar waveforms: quadratic scaling – small data only

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Data mining approach: extracting patterns from large data sets

- *Scaling to big data?* Locality-sensitive hashing (LSH) for similarity search

Find duplicate web pages
Search for copyright content
Identify songs



FAST: efficient similarity search with LSH

Key ideas:

1. Searching a well-organized data collection is faster.
LSH clusters together similar waveforms for quick retrieval.



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2. Sacrificing (a little) accuracy can substantially reduce runtime.
FAST uses a *fast, approximate* rather than *slow, exact* similarity search.

Exact search: **7** days of data in **215** hours runtime
FAST: **10** years of data in **3–16** hours

DAS and Big Scientific Data analysis

- DAS produces larger data sets than traditional seismic arrays
- Solutions will leverage modern data science & computing:
 - Machine learning
 - Efficient algorithms
 - Parallel and distributed computing, data reduction, etc.

Questions?

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Available on this afternoon (4pm ET)
Zoom Meeting ID: **991 7999 4192**