DAS+ML:

a seismic 'listening' revolution for geoscience

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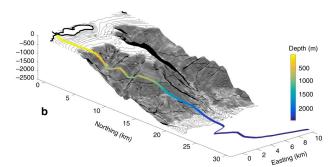
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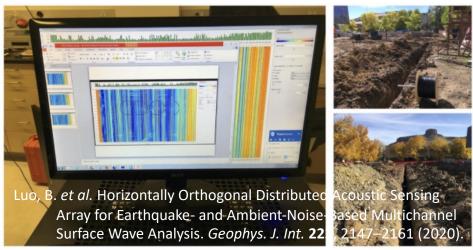


DAS: a deluge of data





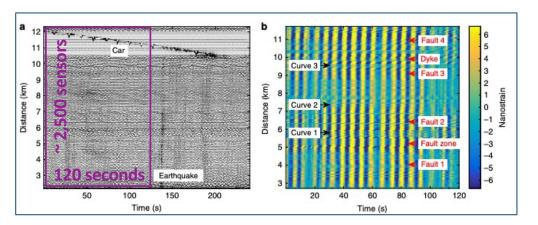
Sladen et al. (2019). Distributed sensing of earthquakes and ocean-solid Earth interactions on seafloor telecom cables, Nature Communications, 10(5777).





Views of (A) before, (b) during and (c) after the construction of SR-1,
located at the Richmond Field Station
http://geomechanics.berkeley.edu/people/hubbard/

Why DAS+ML?



15-km-long fiber Reykjanes Peninsula, SW-Iceland

Jousset, P. et al. Dynamic strain determination using fibre-optic cables allows imaging of seismological and structural features. *Nat. Commun.* **9**, 2509 (2018)

Time to Manually Interpret long/large DAS

One week of recording = 604,800 seconds

Interpretation: ~30 seconds for each 120 second "chunks":

30 seconds (interpretation) * 5,040 chunks

= 302,400 seconds (interpretation time)

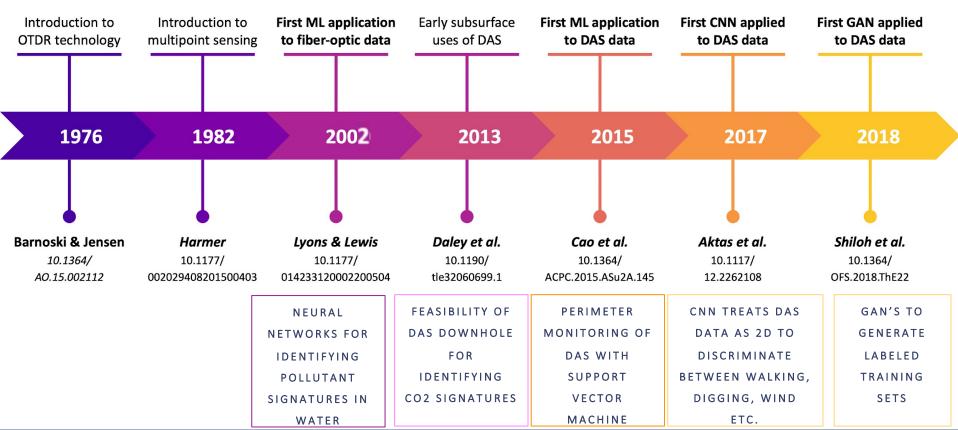
OR

= 42 hours of interpretation time

1 week of recording ~ 1 work week of interpreting

What about city-scale fiber?

Timeline of key distributed vibration/acoustic sensing

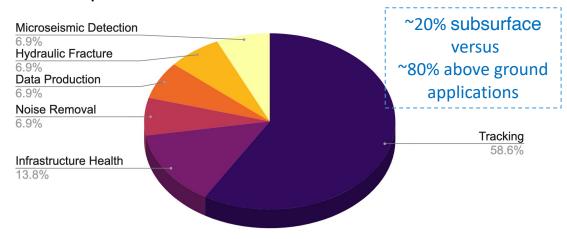






Applications & Algorithms

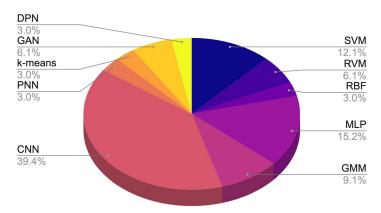
33 Papers with DAS+ML since 2015





Tejedor, J. et al. Machine learning methods for pipeline surveillance systems based on distributed acoustic sensing: A review. Appl. Sci. 7, 1–26 (2017).

Shao, L. Y. *et al.* Data-Driven Distributed Optical Vibration Sensors: A Review. *IEEE Sens. J.* **20**, 6224–6239 (2020).



SVM: Support Vector Machine

RVM: Relevance Vector Machine

RBF: Radial Basis Function MLP: Multilayer Perceptron

GMM: Gaussian Mixture Model

CNN: Convolutional Neural Network

GAN: Generative Adversarial Network

DPN: Dual path network





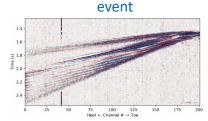
Challenges for subsurface DAS applications

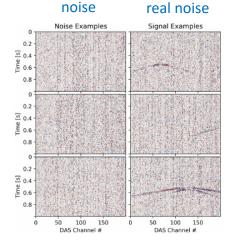
microseismic +

Labeling Challenges

We can't directly see the earthquake tremors or fractures opening!

confirmed microseismic





Real DAS

Binder & Tura (2020), CNN for automated microseismic detection in downhole distributed acoustic sensing data and comparison to a surface geophone array. Geophysical Prospecting, 68: 2770-2782.

Computing Power & Data Accessibility

Tend to have longer fibers - > higher volume

Data collection (field) may be far from physical data storage locations

Concurrent Developments in:

- High Performance Computing
- CUDA
- GPU and TPU

Need and Potential for

- Data lakes: avoid downloading
- Edge computing: processing alongside the sensor, extracting only the useful information from massive data streams



The Exciting Future of DAS+ML

GOAL: Improve DAS interpretability

fast and accurate labeling

domain-specific feature engineering

prepping & choosing characteristics of the DAS data

physics-based new pattern discovery

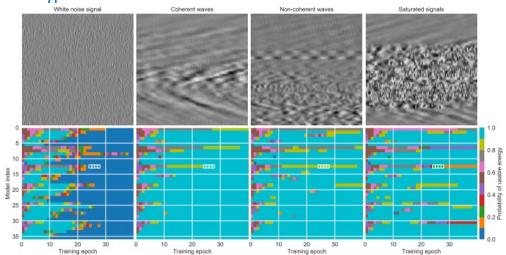
initial data quality control

improved efficient seismic processing

automated interpretation of events & subsurface properties (e.g. geology)

integration with other sensors

Evolution of probability of usable energy for 4 reference signal types across 36 different models



Dumont, V., Tribaldos, V. R., Ajo-Franklin, J. & Wu, K. Deep Learning on Real Geophysical Data: A Case Study for Distributed Acoustic Sensing Research. (2020).

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