

# **Applied Machine Learning for Design Optimization in Cosmology, Neuroscience, and Drug Discovery**

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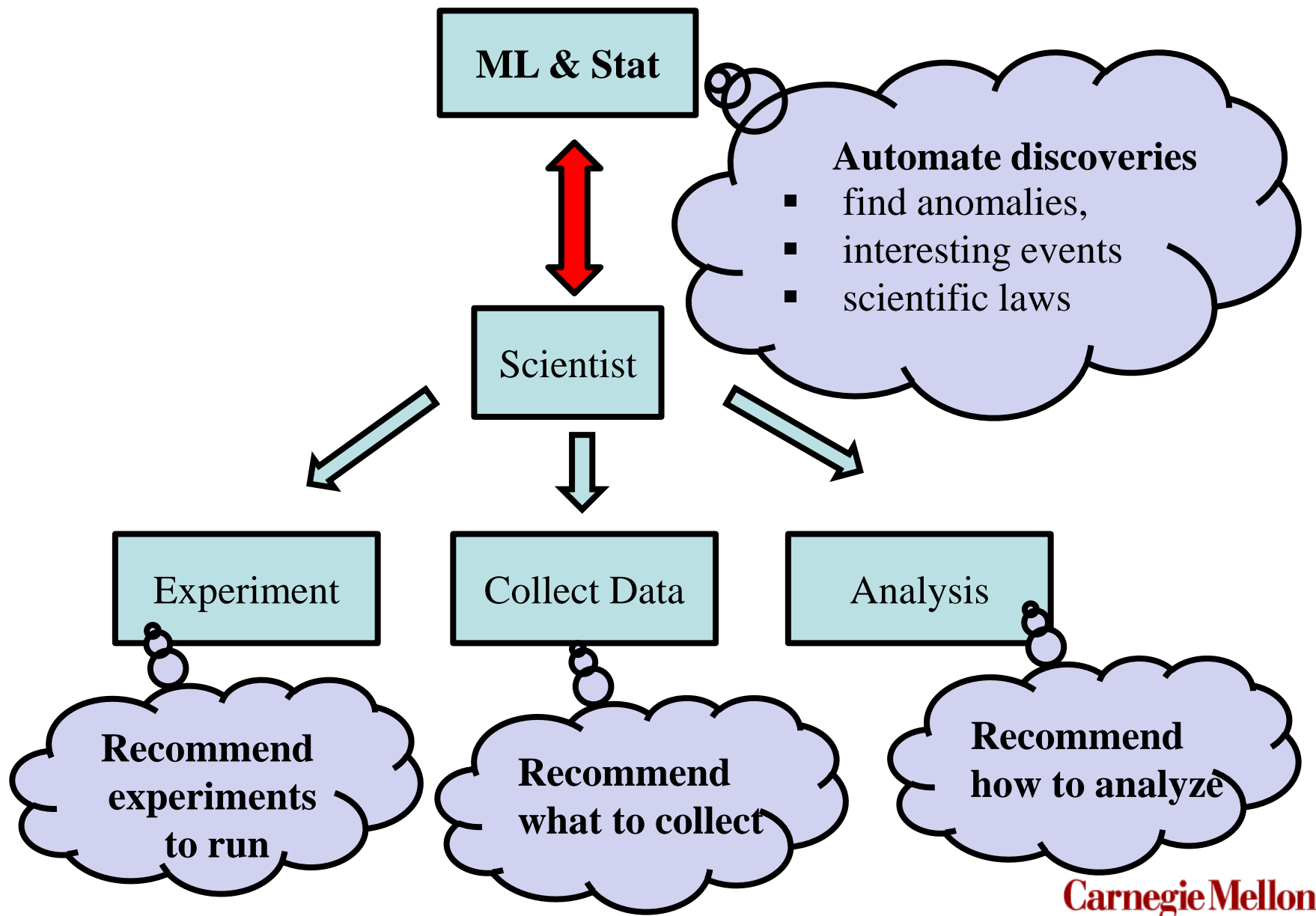
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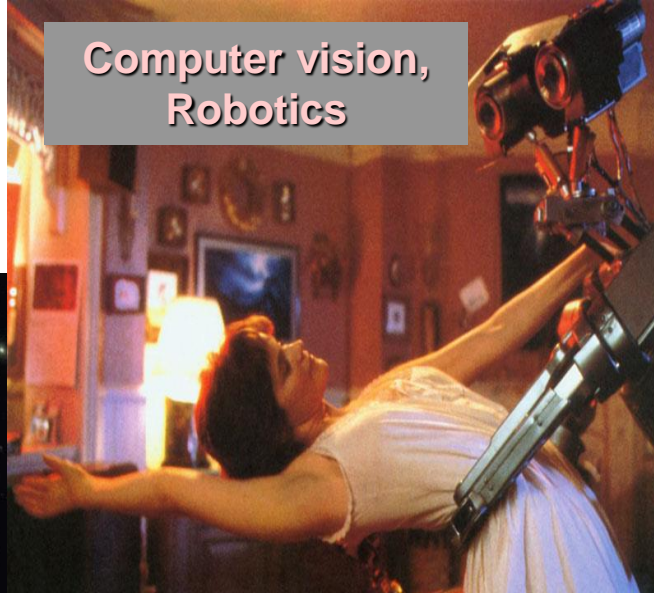
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# Goal: Create a Scientific Assistant



Computer vision,  
Robotics



EEG, fMRI, MEG, ...



Astronomy

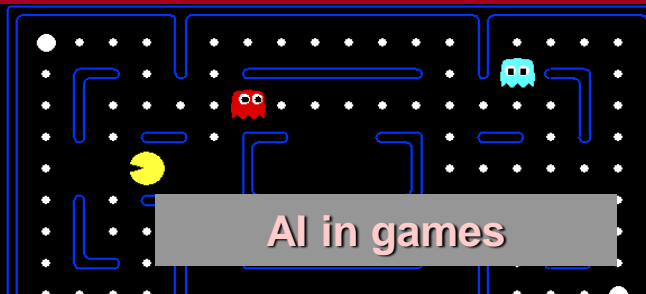


## machine learning applications

Drug Discovery



AI in games



Neuroscience



Turbulences



ML in Agriculture



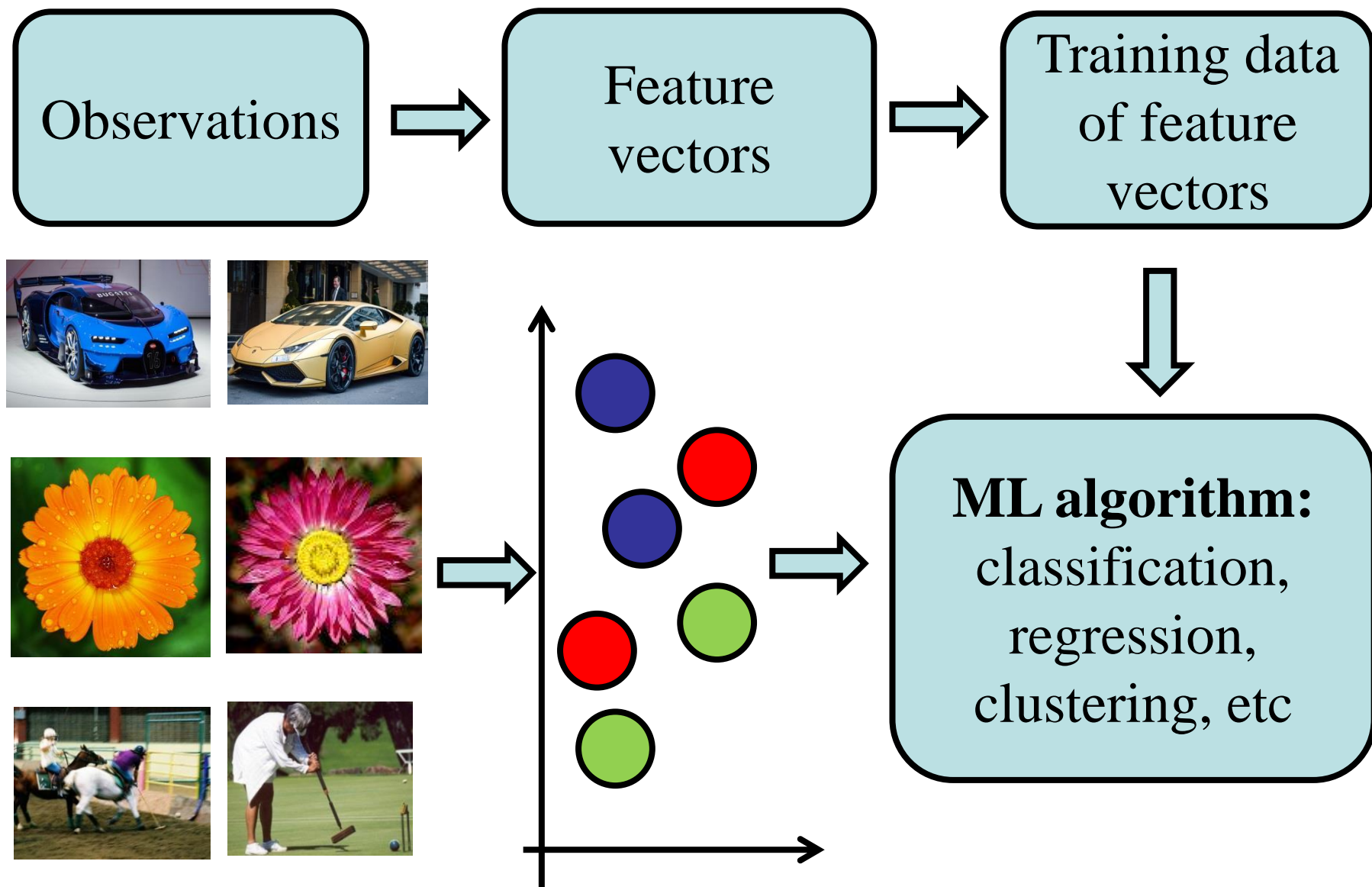
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# Machine Learning on Complex Objects

# Traditional Machine Learning

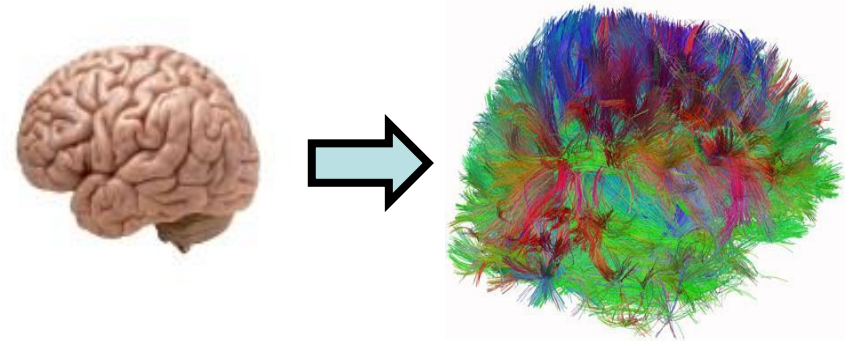


# Complex Data is Everywhere

## Finance

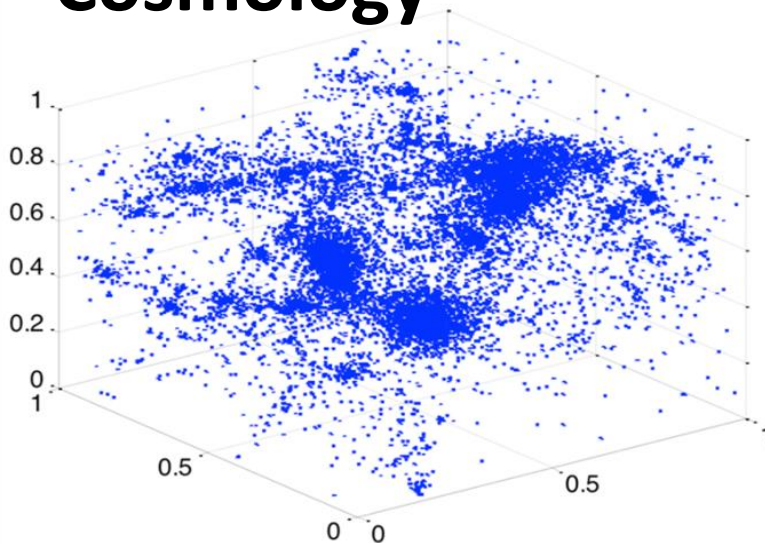


## Neuroscience



Diffusion Weighted Imaging

## Cosmology



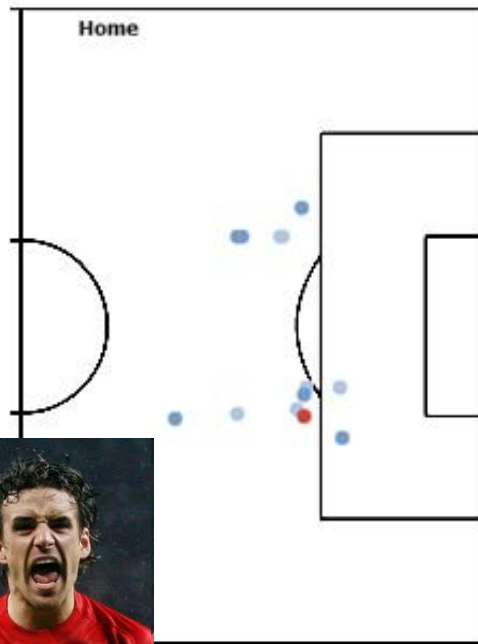
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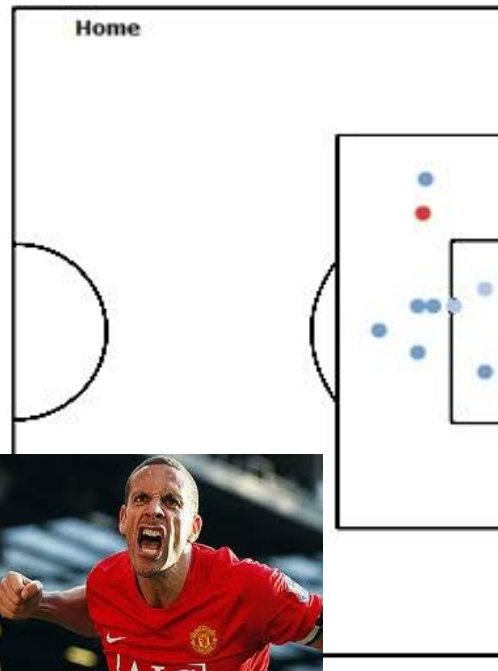


# Distributional Data

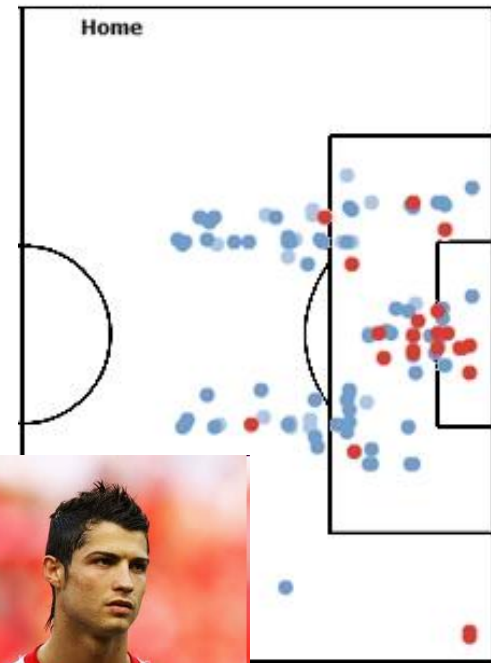
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Owen Hargreaves



Rio Ferdinand



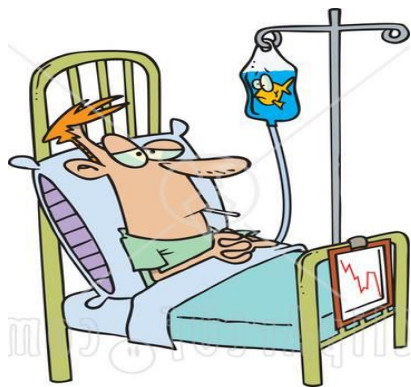
Cristiano Ronaldo

## Shot Type

- Goals
- Shots on Goal
- Shots



# ML on Distributions



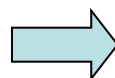
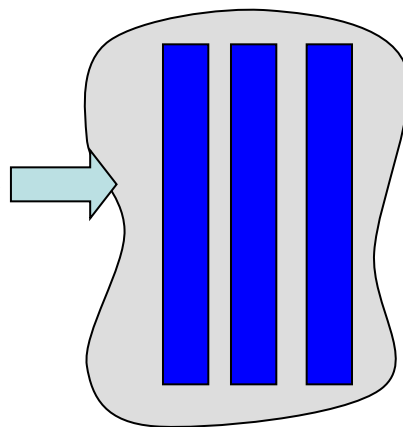
healthy or sick?

## Standard machine learning

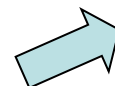
**Medical tests:**

blood pressure,  
heart rate,  
temperature,  
blood sample  
...

Set of feature vectors



Classifier




Healthy

Sick

**What happens if we repeat the medical tests?**

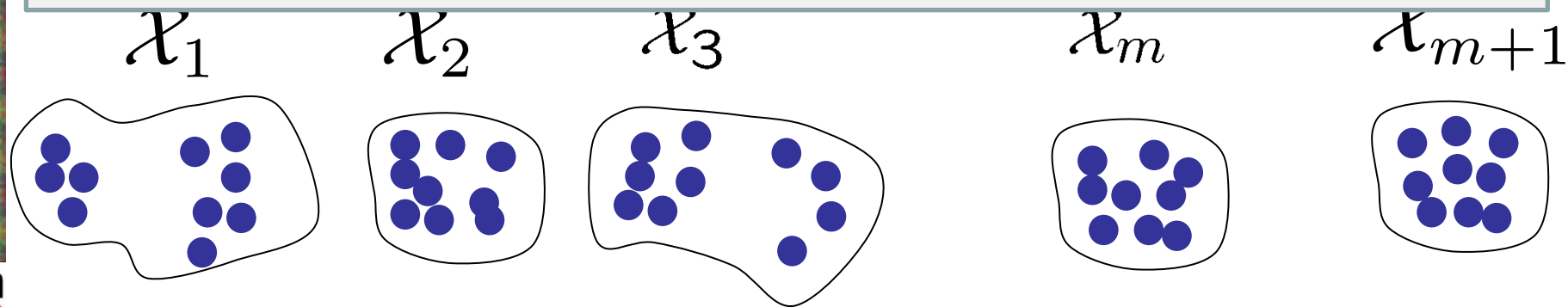


# Distribution Regression / Classification

$$Y_1=1 \quad Y_2=0 \quad Y_3=1 \quad Y_m=0 \quad ?$$


**Differences compared to standard methods on vectors**

- ❑ The inputs are distributions, density functions (not vectors)
- ❑ We don't know these distributions, only sample sets are available (error in variables model)



# Distribution Classification

We have  $T$  sample sets,  $(\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_T)$ . [Training data]  
 $\{X_{t,1}, \dots, X_{t,m_t}\} = \mathbf{X}_t \sim p_t$ .  $\mathbf{X}_t$  has class  $Y_t \in \{-1, +1\}$ .

What is the class label  $Y$  of  $\mathbf{X} = \{X_1, \dots, X_m\} \sim p$ ?

**Solution:** Use RKHS based SVM!

**Calculate the Gram matrix**  $K_{ij} \doteq \langle \phi(p_i), \phi(p_j) \rangle_{\mathcal{K}} = K(p_i, p_j)$   
 $\doteq \exp(-\frac{D(p_i, p_j)}{\sigma^2})$

**Dual form of SVM:**

$$\hat{\alpha} = \arg \max_{\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^T} \sum_{i=1}^T \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j K_{ij}, \quad \text{subject to } \sum_i \alpha_i y_i = 0, \\ 0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C.$$
$$Y = \text{sign}(\sum_{i=1}^T \hat{\alpha}_i y_i K(p_i, p)) \in \{-1, +1\}$$

**Problems:** We do not know  $p_i$ ,  $p$ ,  $K(p_i, p_j)$ , or  $K(p_i, p)$ ...

# Distances / Divergences between Distributions

Euclidean:  $D(p, q) = (\int (p(x) - q(x))^2 dx)^{1/2}$

Kullback-Leibler:  $D(p, q) = KL(p, q) = \int p(x) \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} dx$

Rényi:  $D(p, q) = R_\alpha(p||q) = \frac{1}{\alpha-1} \log \int p^\alpha q^{1-\alpha}$

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## RÉNYI DIVERGENCE ESTIMATION

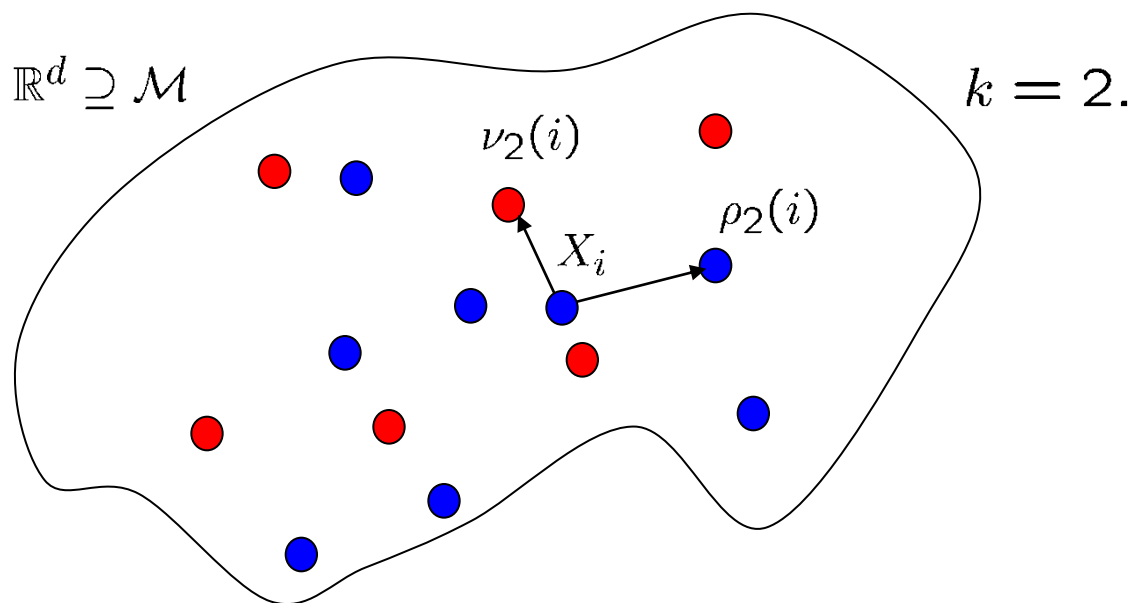
without density estimation

**Using**  $X_{1:n} = \{X_1, \dots, X_n\} \sim p$   $Y_{1:m} = \{Y_1, \dots, Y_m\} \sim q$

**Estimate divergence**  $R_\alpha(p||q) \doteq \frac{1}{\alpha-1} \log \int p^\alpha q^{1-\alpha}$



# The Estimator



$k \geq 1$ , fixed.

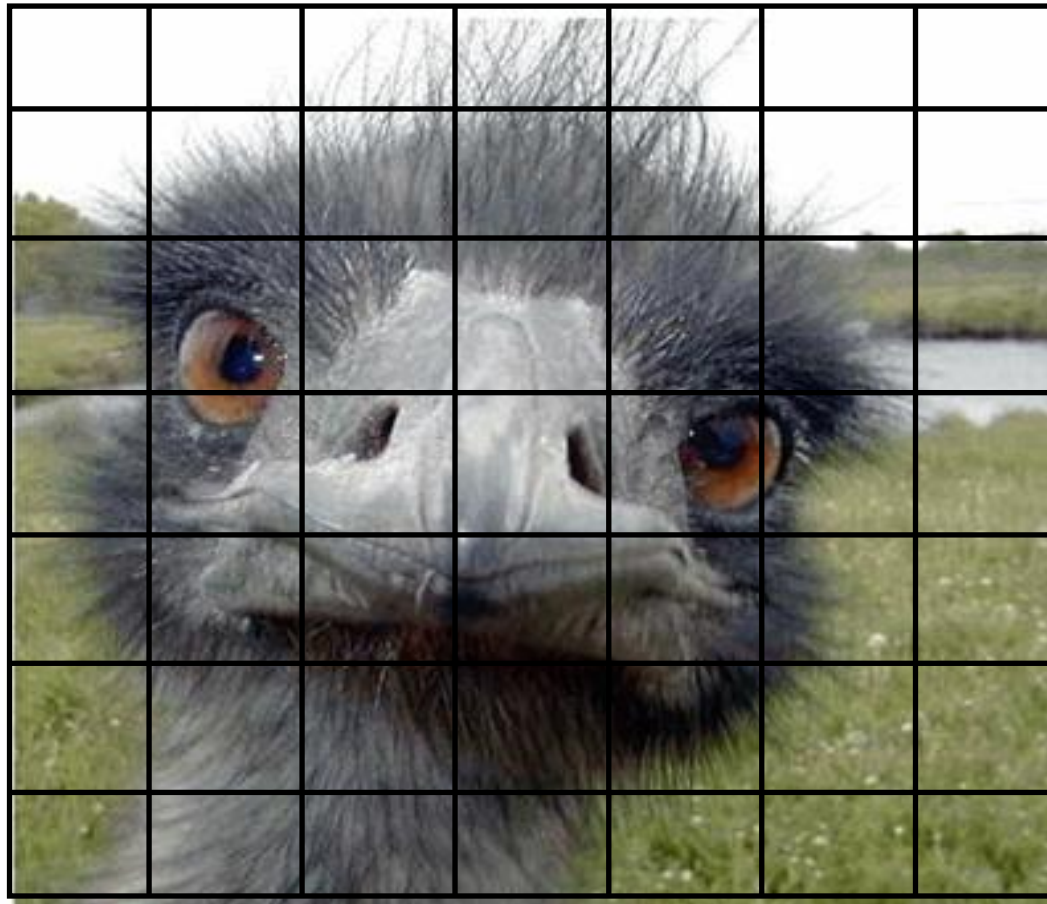
$\rho_k(i)$  : the distance of the  $k$ -th nearest neighbor of  $X_i$  in  $X_{1:n}$

$\nu_k(i)$  : the distance of the  $k$ -th nearest neighbor of  $X_i$  in  $Y_{1:m}$

$$D_\alpha(p||q) \doteq \int p^\alpha q^{1-\alpha}$$

$$\widehat{D}_\alpha(X_{1:n}||Y_{1:m}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{(n-1)\rho_k^d(i)}{m\nu_k^d(i)} \right)^{1-\alpha} \frac{\Gamma(k)^2}{\Gamma(k-\alpha+1)\Gamma(k+\alpha-1)}$$

# ML on Distributions



## Dealing with complex objects

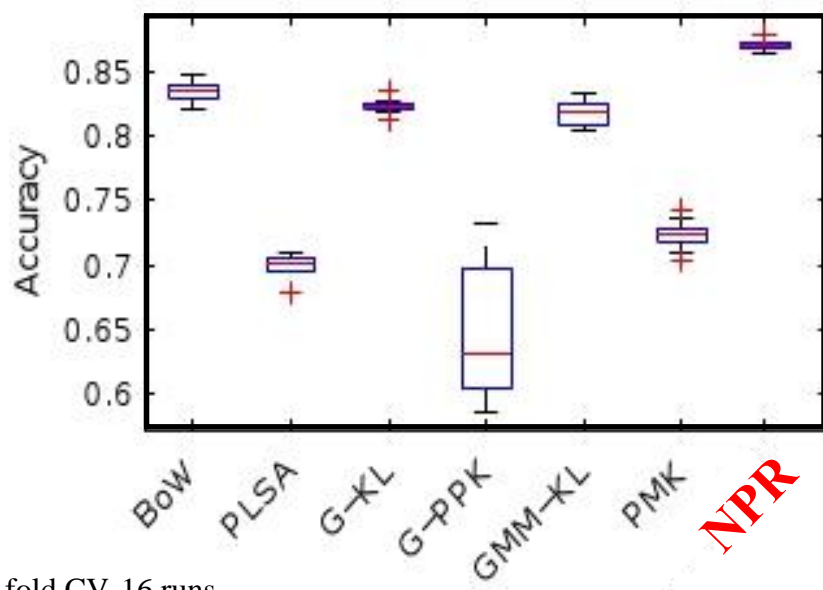
- ☐ break into smaller parts, represent the input as a **set** of smaller parts
- ☐ treat the set elements as sample points from some **unknown distribution**
- ☐ do ***ML on these unknown distributions*** represented by sets

# Sport Events Classification

[Li and Fei Fei, 2007]



8 categories, 1040 images, each represented by 295 to 1542 57 dim points.



□ Best published: **86.7%**  
(Zhang et al, CVPR 2011)

□ **NPR: 87.1%**

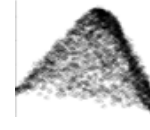
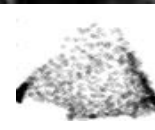
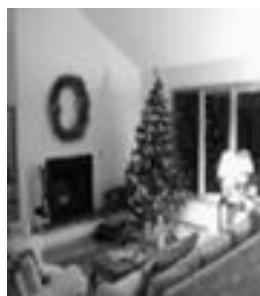


# Detecting Anomalous Images

## 50 highway images



## 5 anomalies

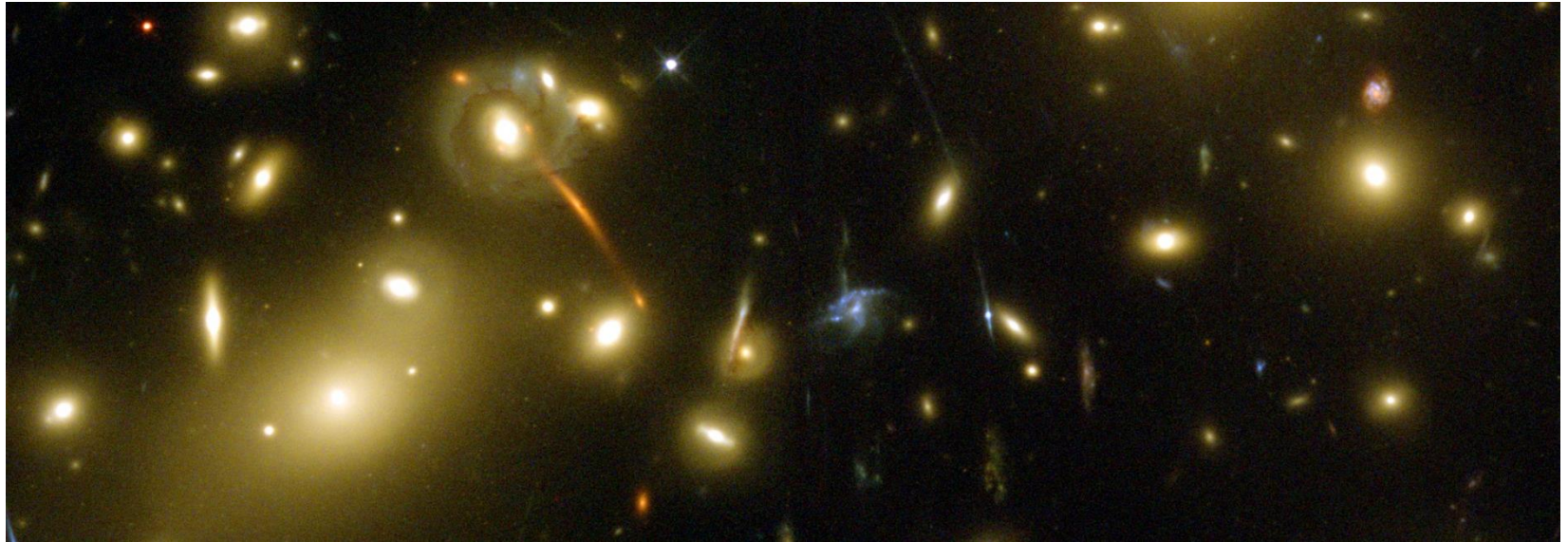


**2-dimensional sample set representation** of images (128 dim SIFT  $\Rightarrow$  2 dim)

**Anomaly score:** divergences between the distributions of these sample sets

# Cosmology Applications

# Find new scientific laws in physics



**Goal:** Estimate dynamical mass of galaxy clusters.

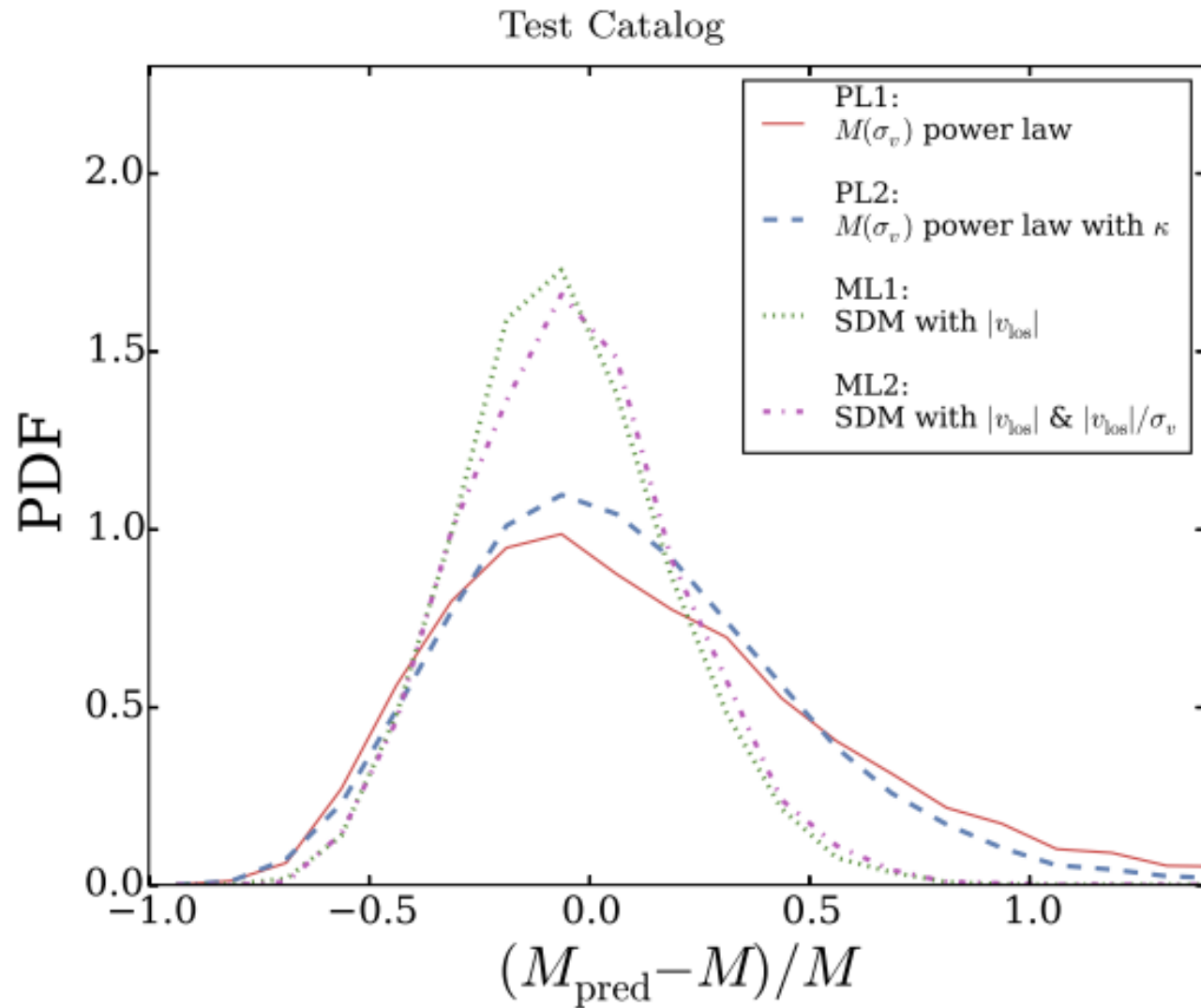
**Importance:** Galaxy clusters are being the largest gravitationally bound systems in the Universe. Dynamical mass measurements are important to understand the behavior of dark matter and normal matter.

**Difficulty:** We can only measure the velocity of galaxies not the mass of their clusters. Physicists estimate dynamical cluster mass from single velocity dispersion.

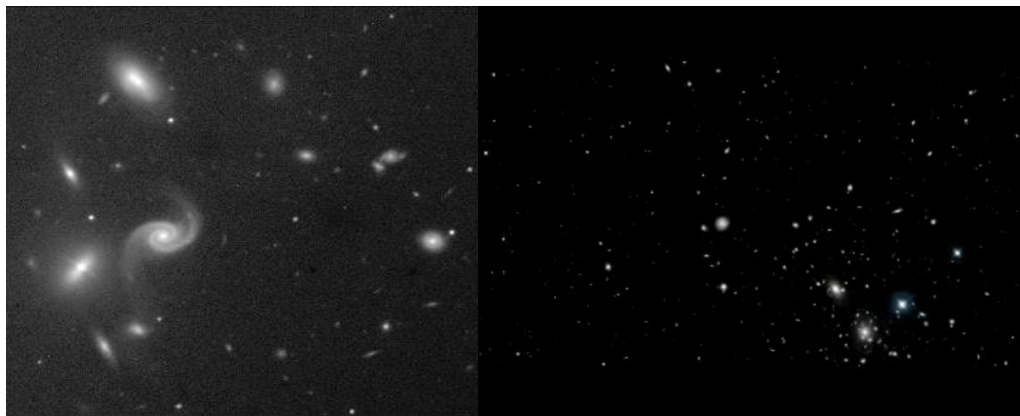
**Our method:** Estimate the cluster mass from the whole distribution of velocities rather than just a simple velocity distribution.



# Find new scientific laws in physics

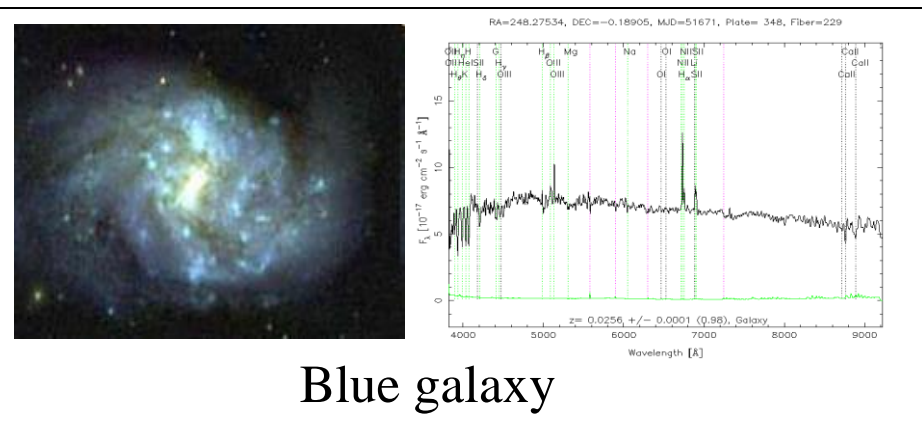


# Find interesting Galaxy Clusters

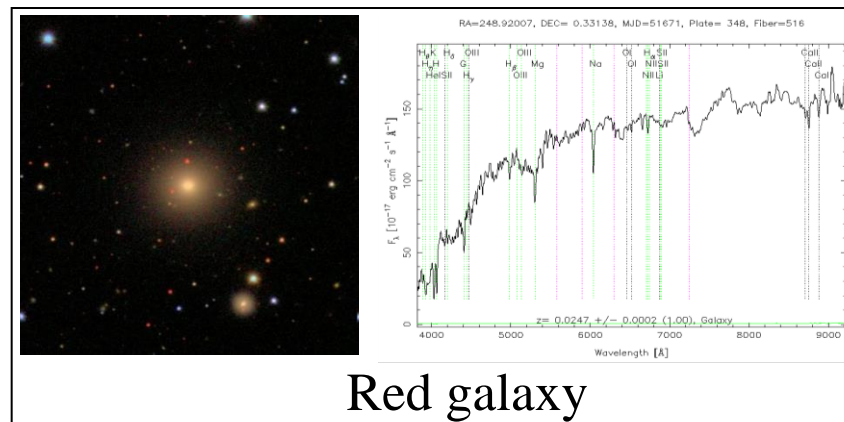


## Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS)

- ☐ continuum spectrum
- ☐ 505 galaxy clusters  
(10-50 galaxies in each)
- ☐ 7530 galaxies



Blue galaxy



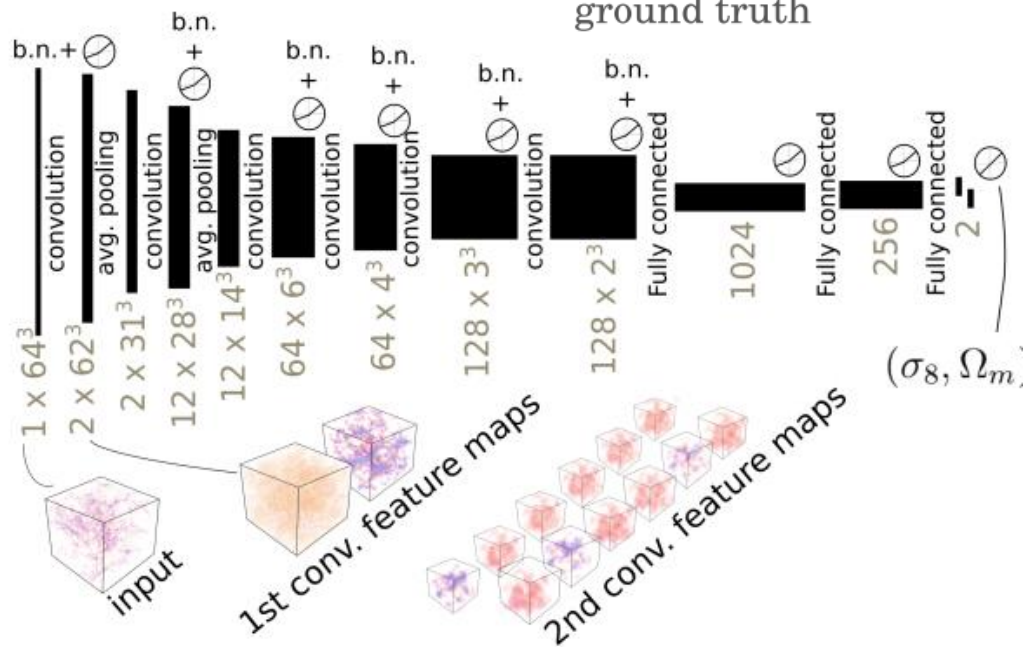
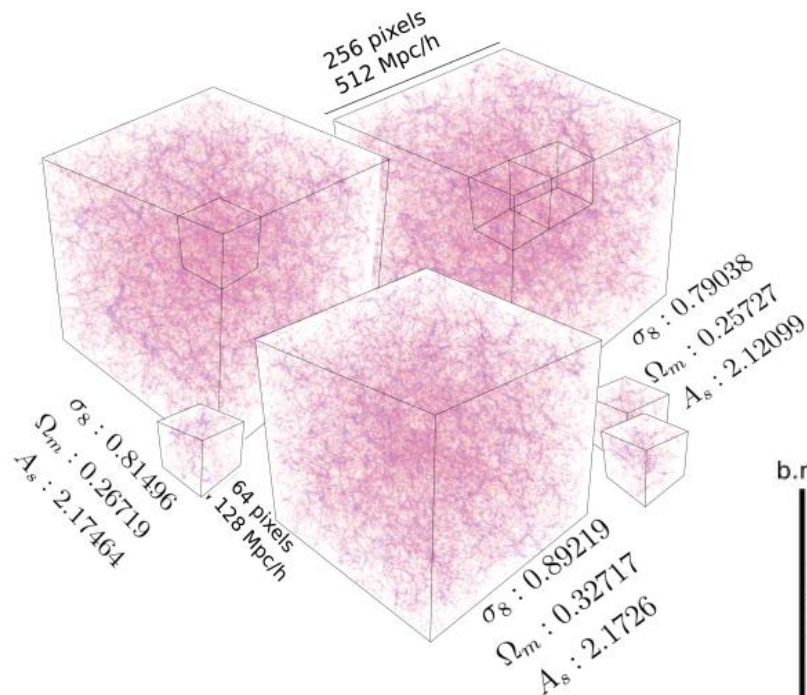
Red galaxy

## What are the most anomalous galaxy clusters?

The most anomalous galaxy cluster contains mostly

- ☐ star forming blue galaxies
- ☐ irregular galaxies

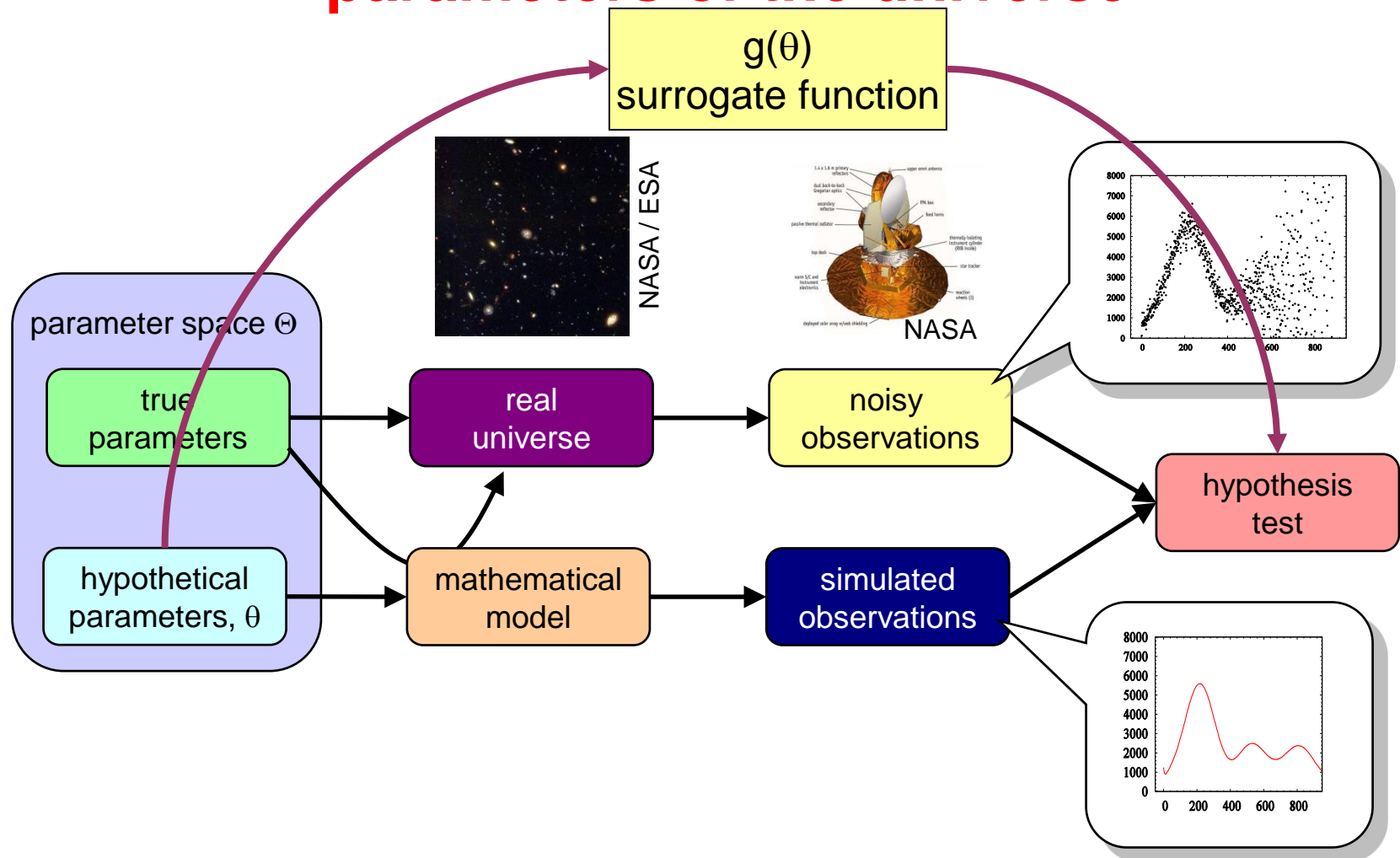
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# Active Learning & Design Optimization

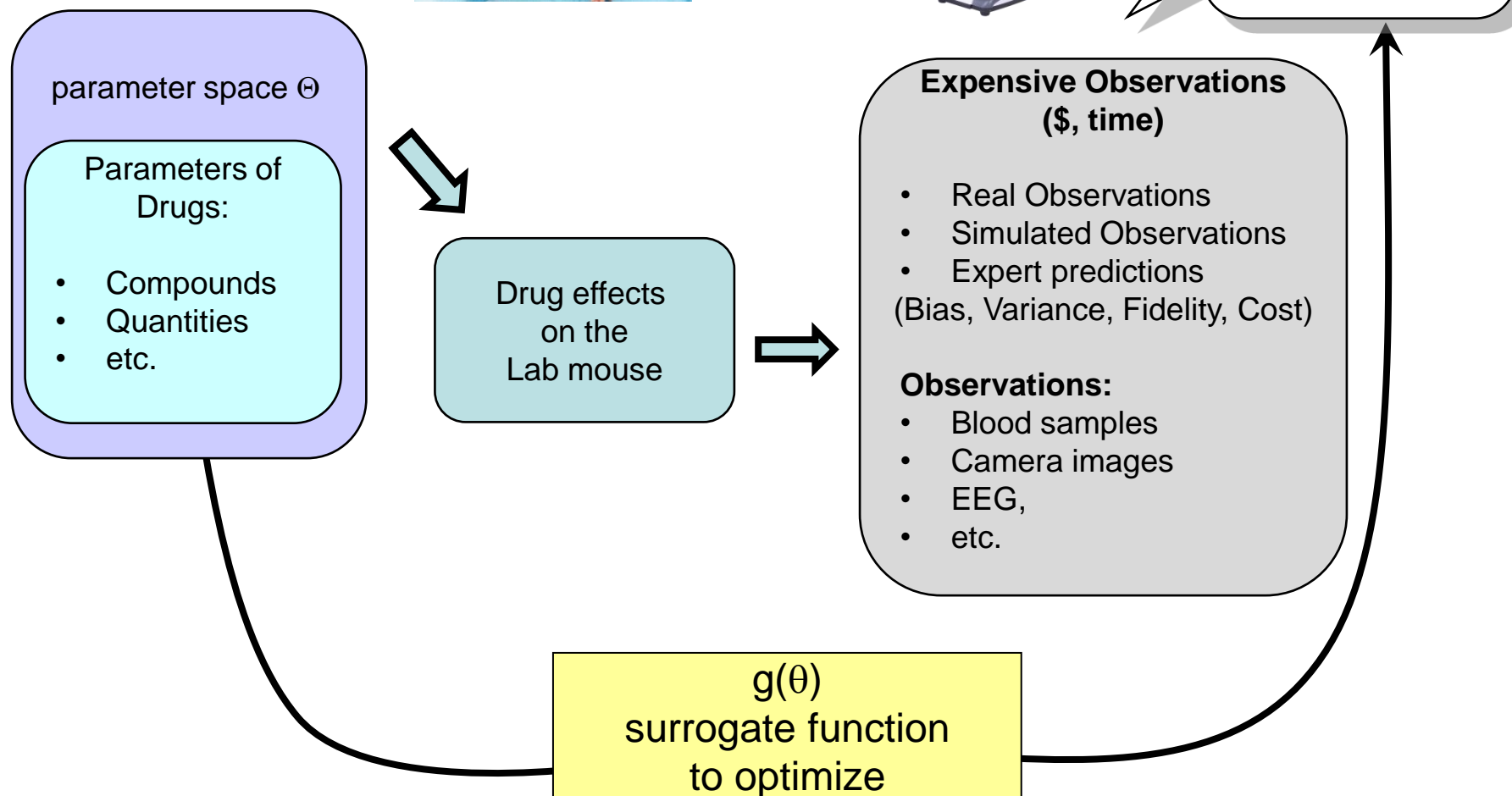
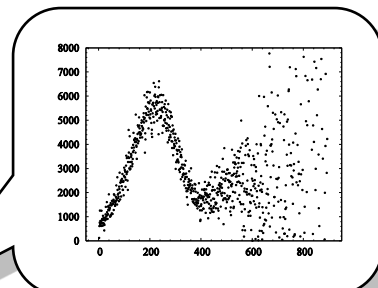
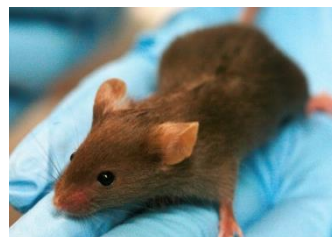
# Recommend experiments to find the true parameters of the universe



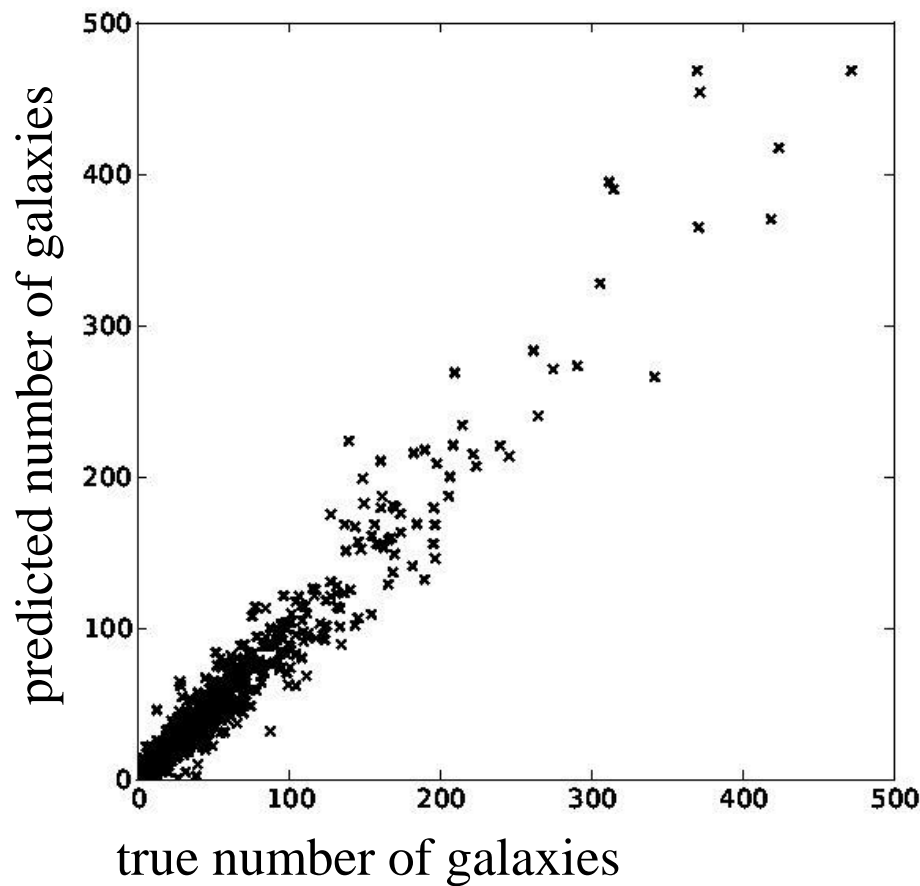
**Computation problem: How to search parameter space**

**Solution: Learn a surrogate function and make experiment decisions using it**

# Recommend experiments for drug discovery



# Learning Relationships from Simulations



**Goal:** predict the number of galaxies in a halo from a half dozen dark matter halo parameters

(#particles in a halo, velocity dispersion, max circular velocity, half mass radius,...)

data: Millenium simulation  
395,832 halos

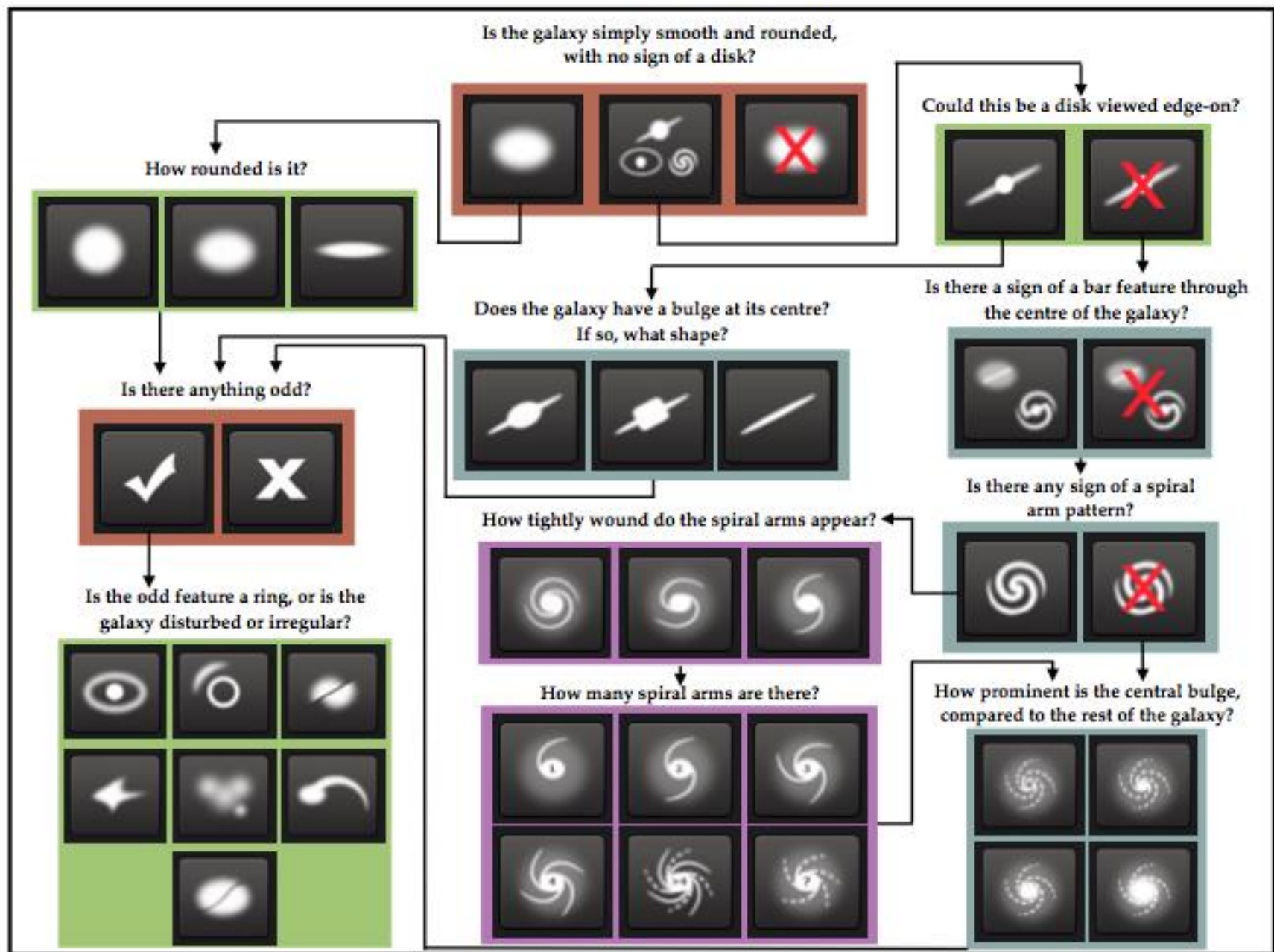
method: support vector regression

[Xiaoying Xu, 2012]



# The Galaxy Zoo challenge

- ❑ Crowdsourcing project
- ❑ Users are asked to describe the morphology of galaxies based on images.
- ❑ They are asked questions such as “How rounded is the galaxy” and “Does it have a central bulge”...
- ❑ 37 different categories in a decision tree
- ❑ Training set: JPG images of 61578 galaxies.
- ❑ Test set: JPG images of 79975 galaxies
- ❑ Image resolution: 424x424 color JPEG images



Willett et al. 2013.



## Classify galaxies

Answer the question below using the buttons provided.

**Is the galaxy simply smooth and rounded, with no sign of a disk?**



Smooth



Features or disk



Star or artifact

# The Large Synoptic Survey Telescope



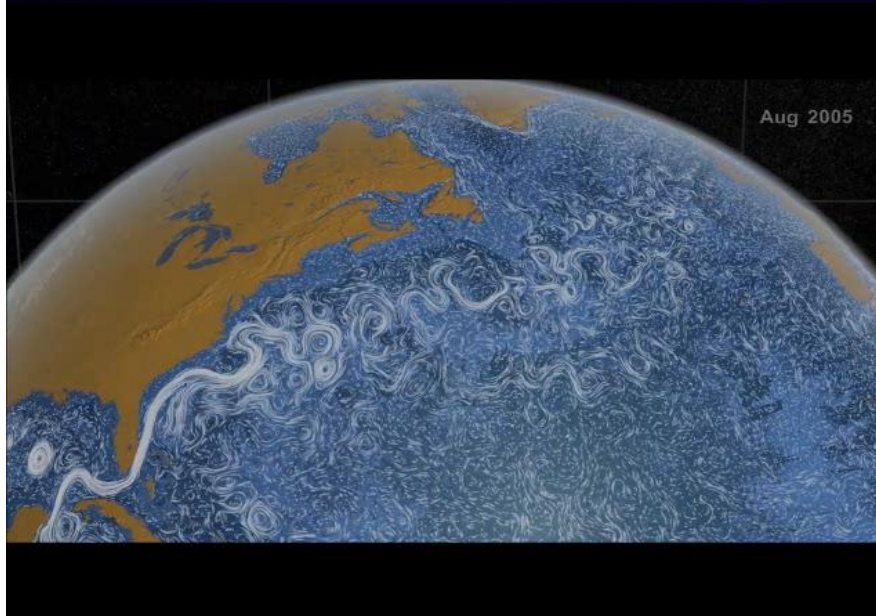
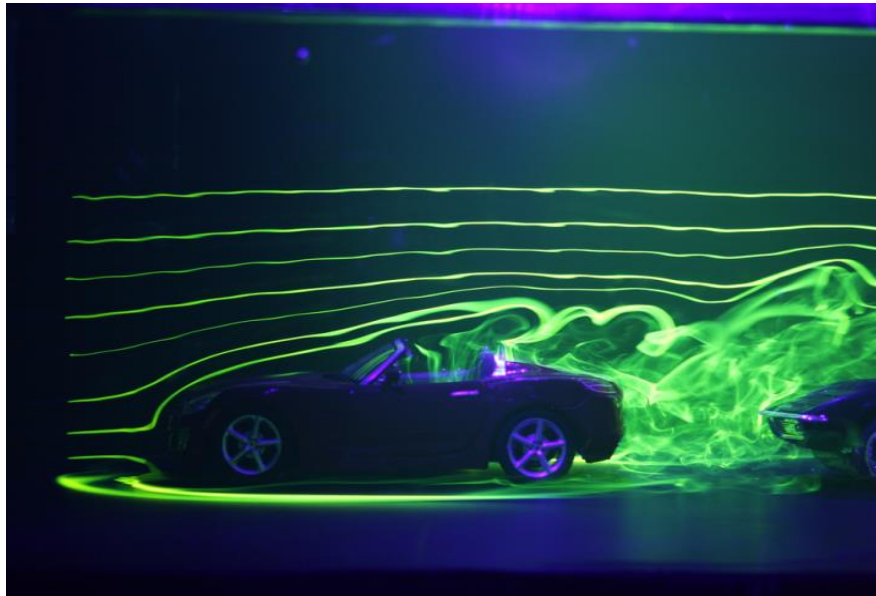
## Big data questions

- ❑ 15 Terabytes of data ... every night



# Other Examples in Physics

# ML to Help Understanding Turbulences



# Turbulence Data Classification

Simulated fluid flow through time

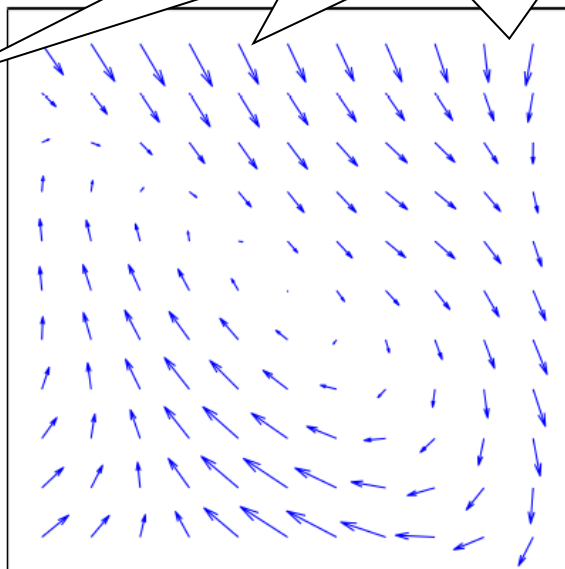
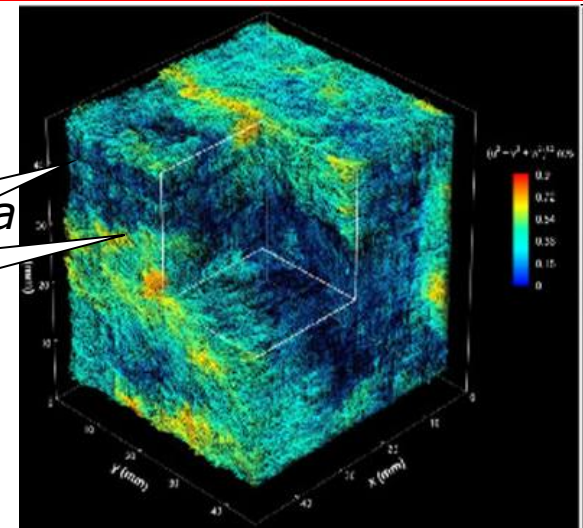
(JHU Turbulence Research Group, Alex Szalay)

**Goal:** find interesting events, ~~vertices~~ ~~phenomena~~

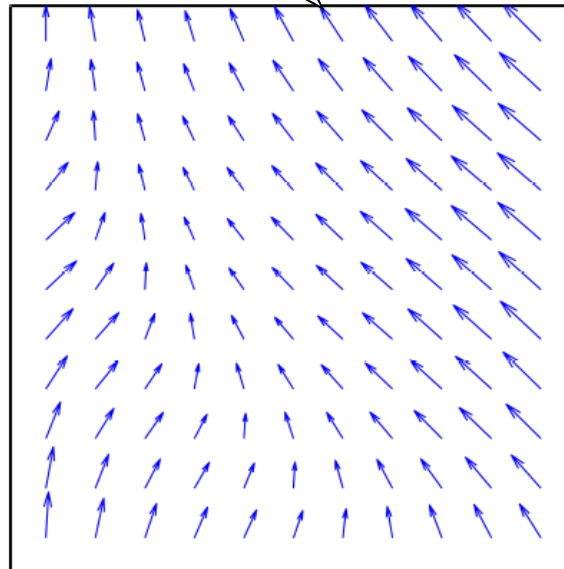
• 11 positive

• **Results:** Leave one out cross-validation : 97%

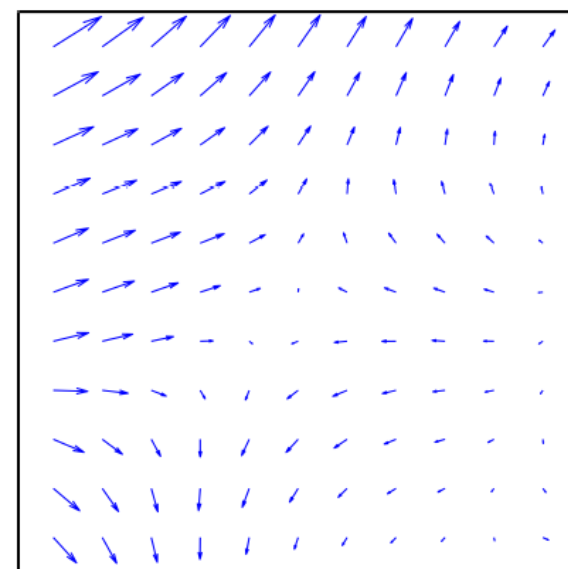
**Something interesting happened?**



Positive (vortex)



Negative

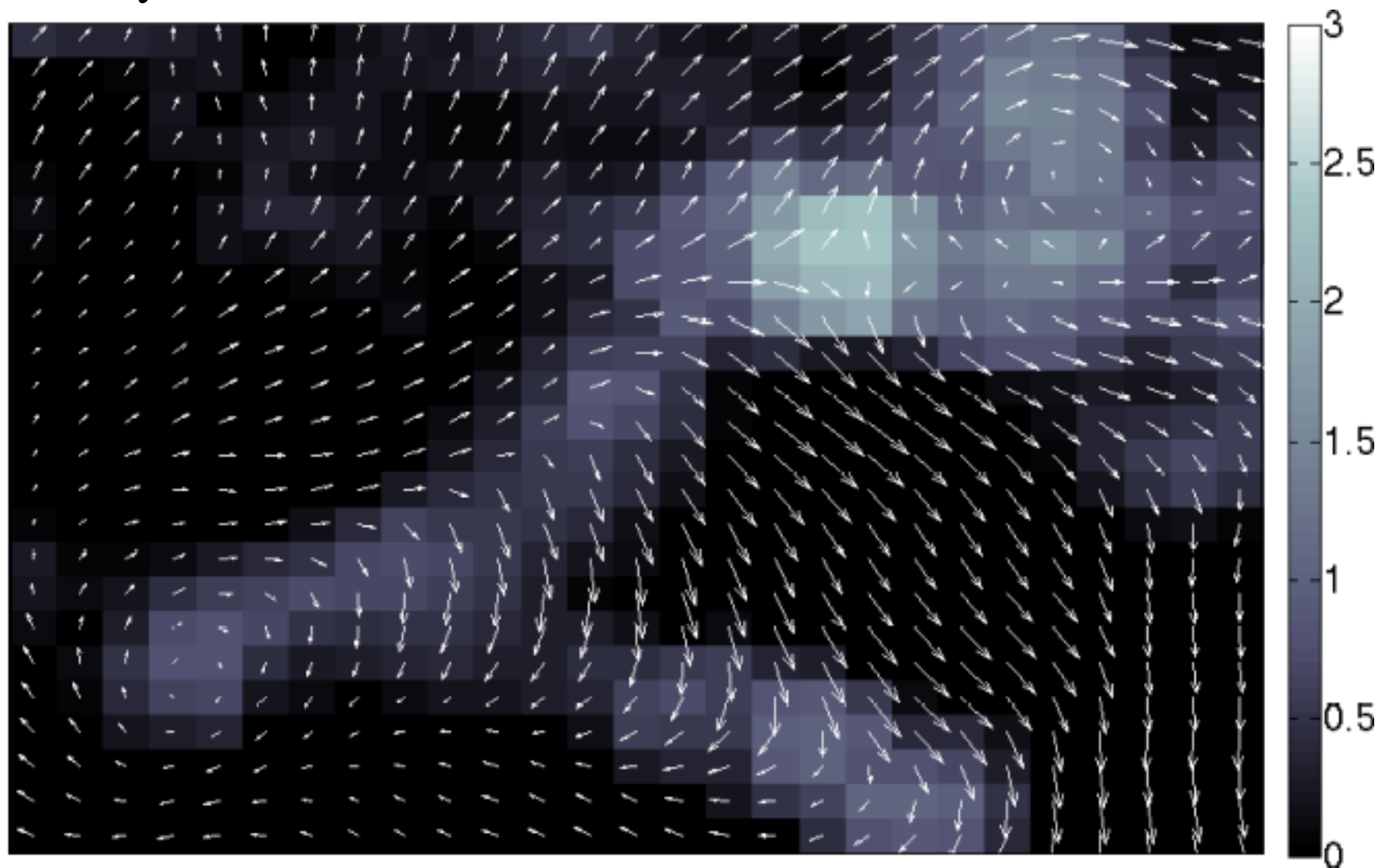


Negative



# Find Interesting Phenomena in Turbulence Data

Anomaly detection

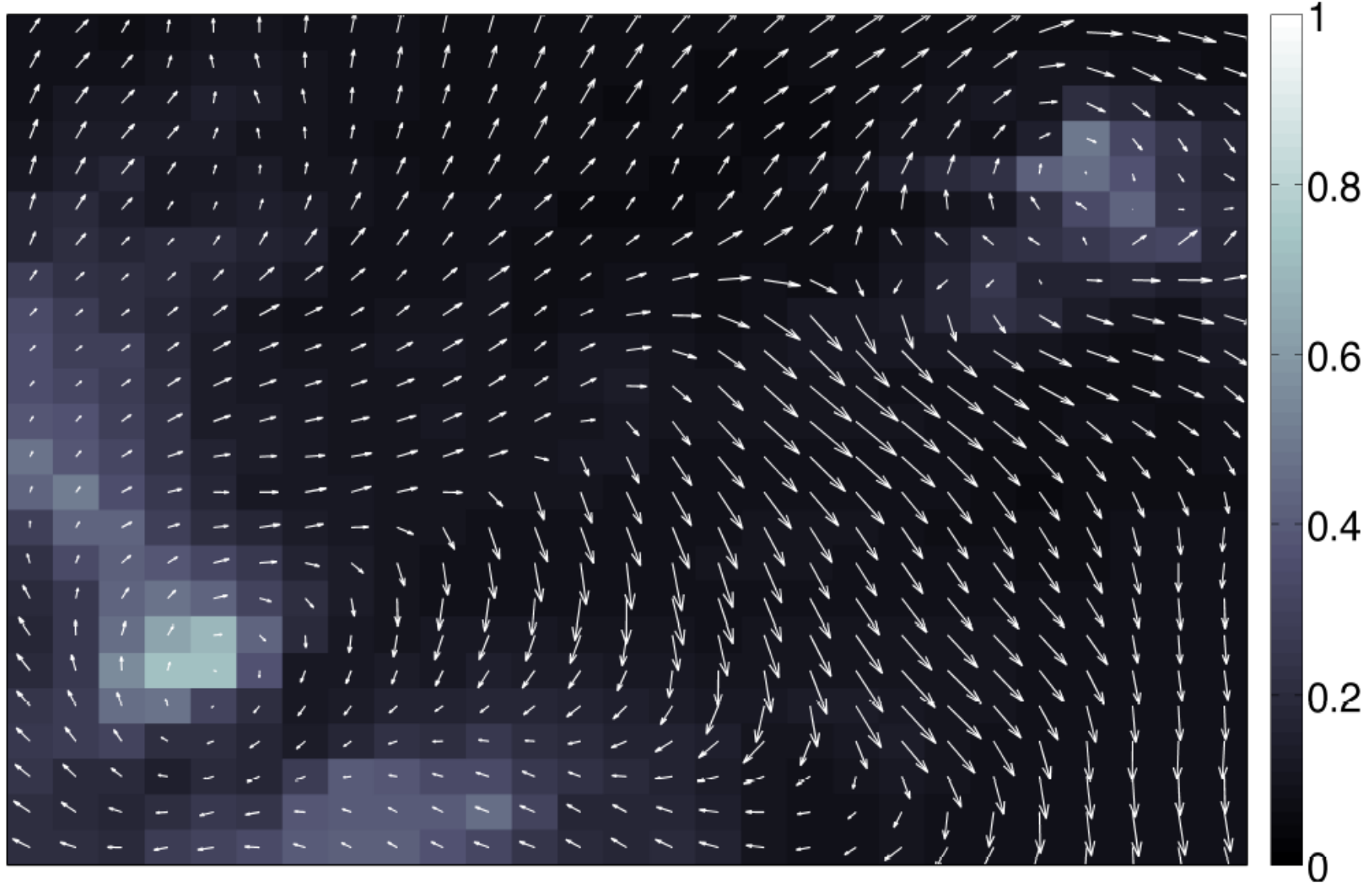


Anomaly scores

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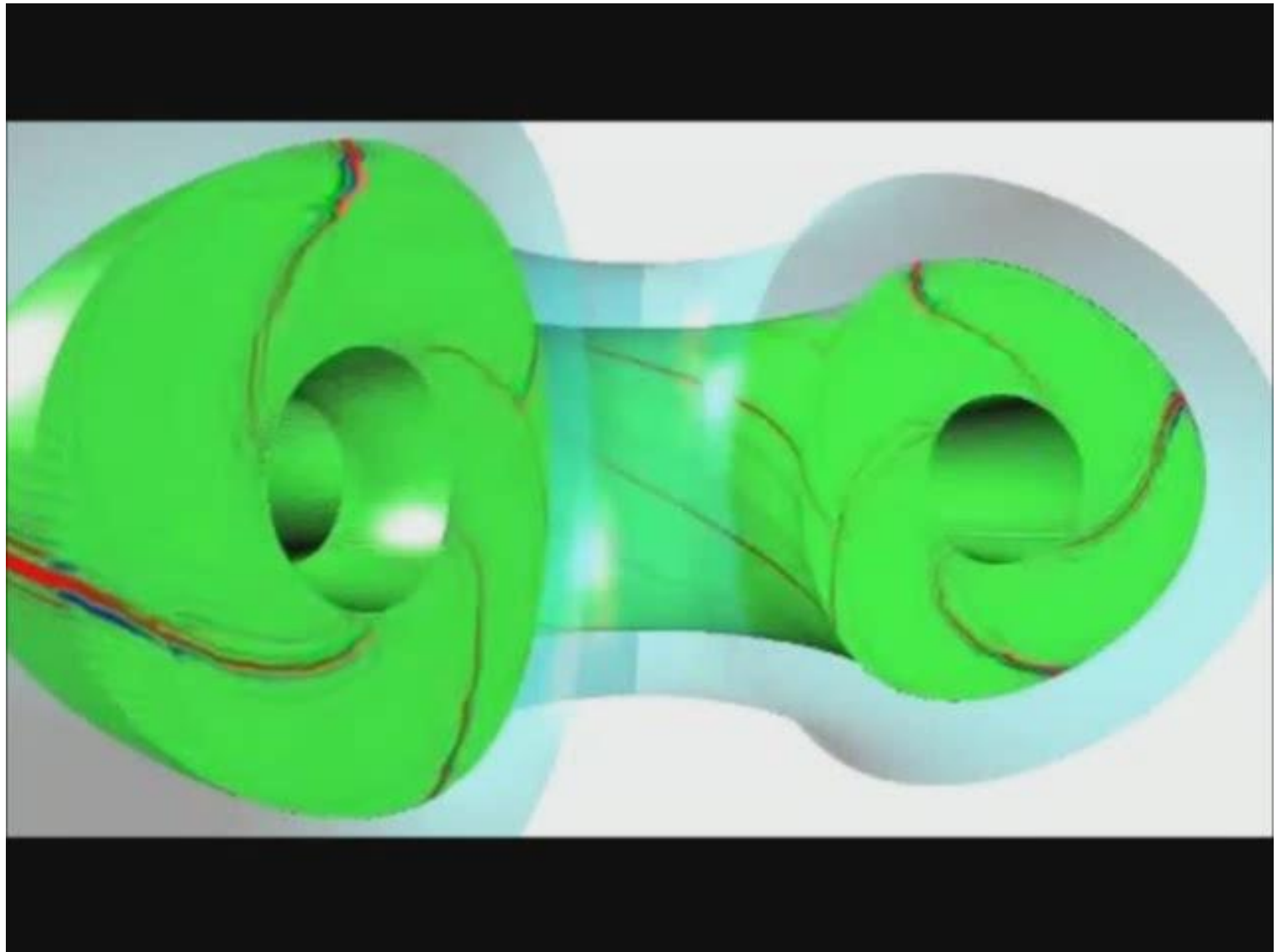


# Finding Vortices



Classification probabilities

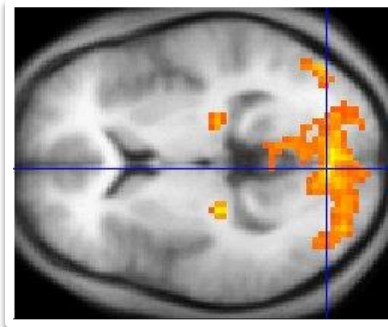
# Fusion power plants



# Neuroscience

# ML in Action: Neuroimaging

- ❑ MEG/ fMRI mind reading contest
- ❑ MRI lie detector
- ❑ Decoding thoughts from brain scans



Rob a bank ...



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## Brain Scans: Are You a Criminal?



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### MRI Scans as Courtroom Evidence

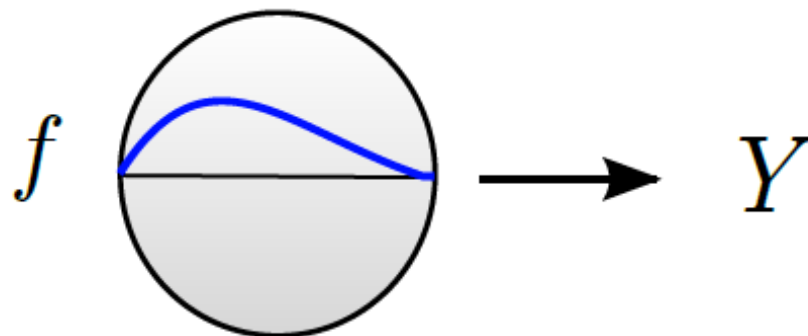
The average Joe's MRI scan can show a brain abnormality, do we proceed to check him into the nearest mental institution or prison? That would make about as much sense as trying to prove a defendant innocent of a violent

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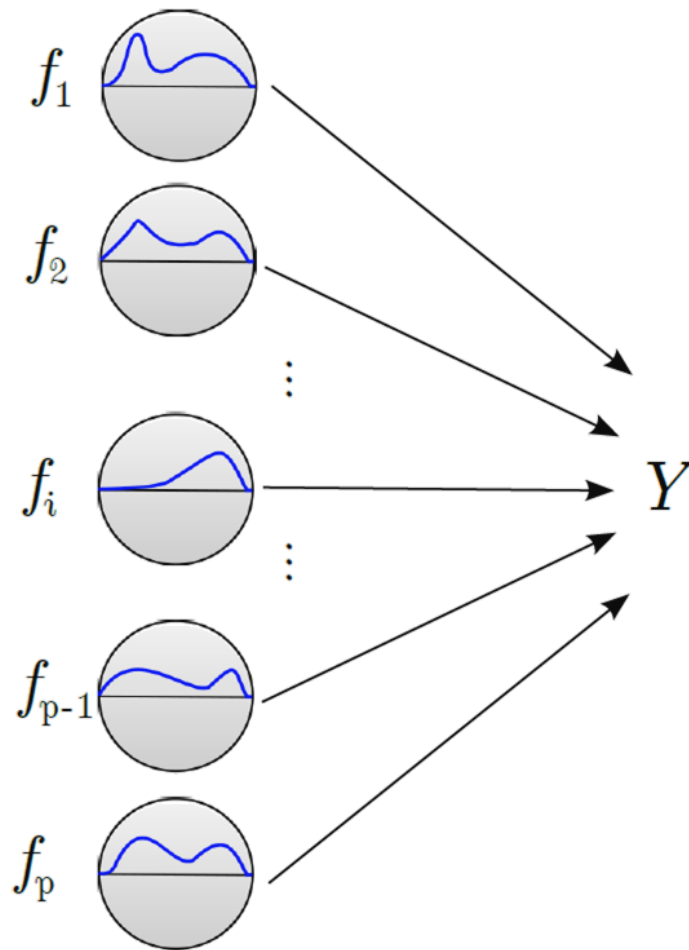
**FuSSO = Functional Shrinkage and Selection  
Operator  
(Functional Lasso)**

# Function-to-Real regression



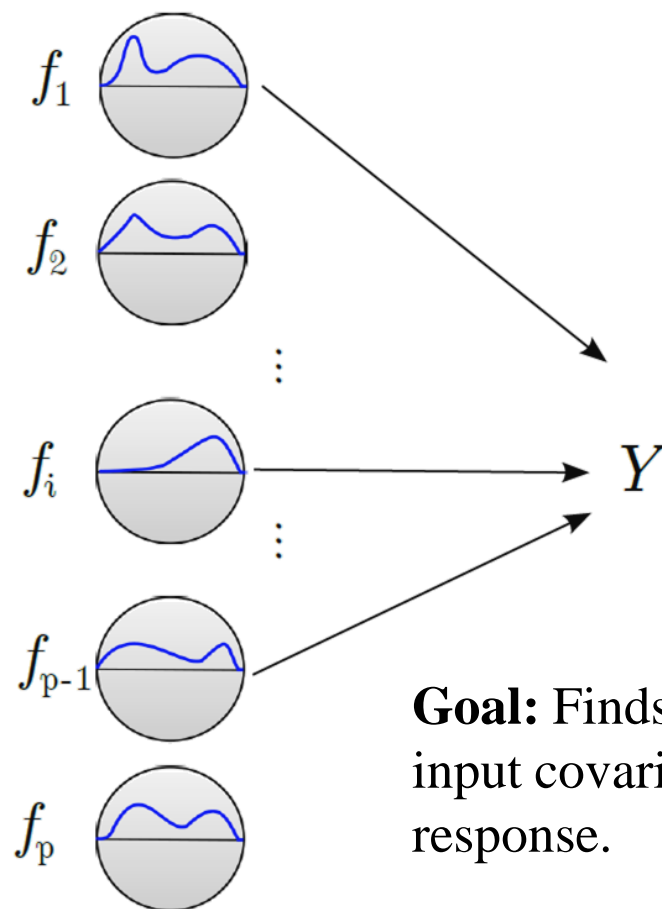
# Many Functions-to-Real regression

Similarly, one may consider a mapping that takes in multiple functions:



# Sparse Functions-to-Real regression

When the number of functional input covariates may be very large, a sparse model that depends only on a few of the functional covariates may be preferred:



**Goal:** Finds a sparse set of functional input covariates to predict a real-valued response.



# FuSSO Example Applications

## Finance:

**Inputs:** Time-series of several product prices in the past

**Output:** Price of a particular product in the nearby future



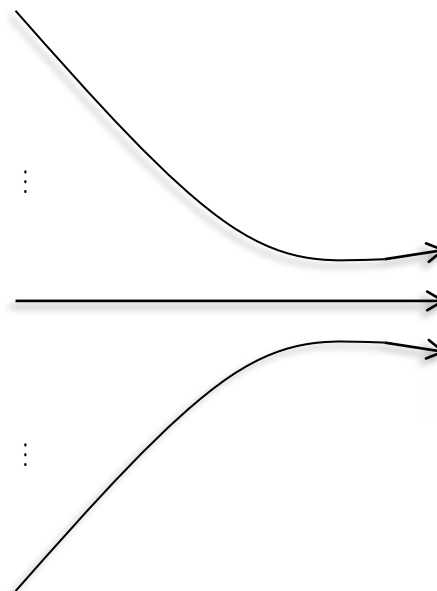
*A's Prices*



*J's Prices*



*K's Prices*

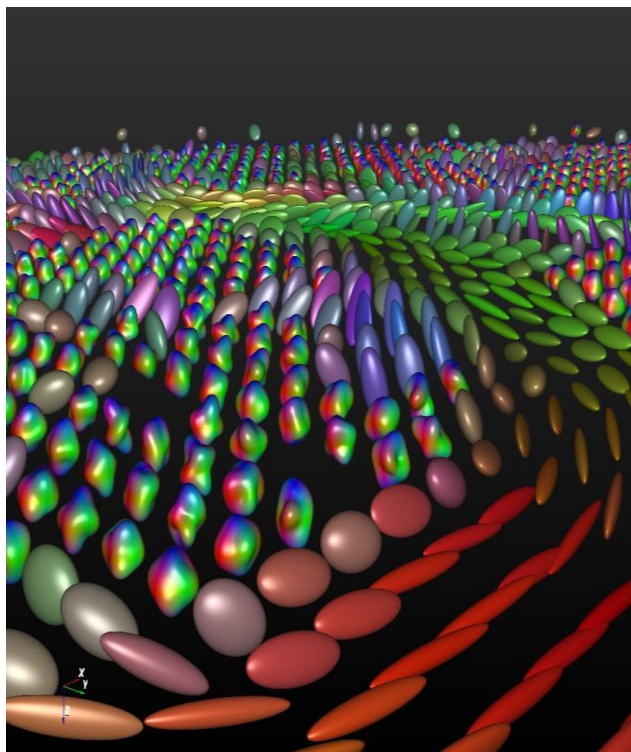


Future Price

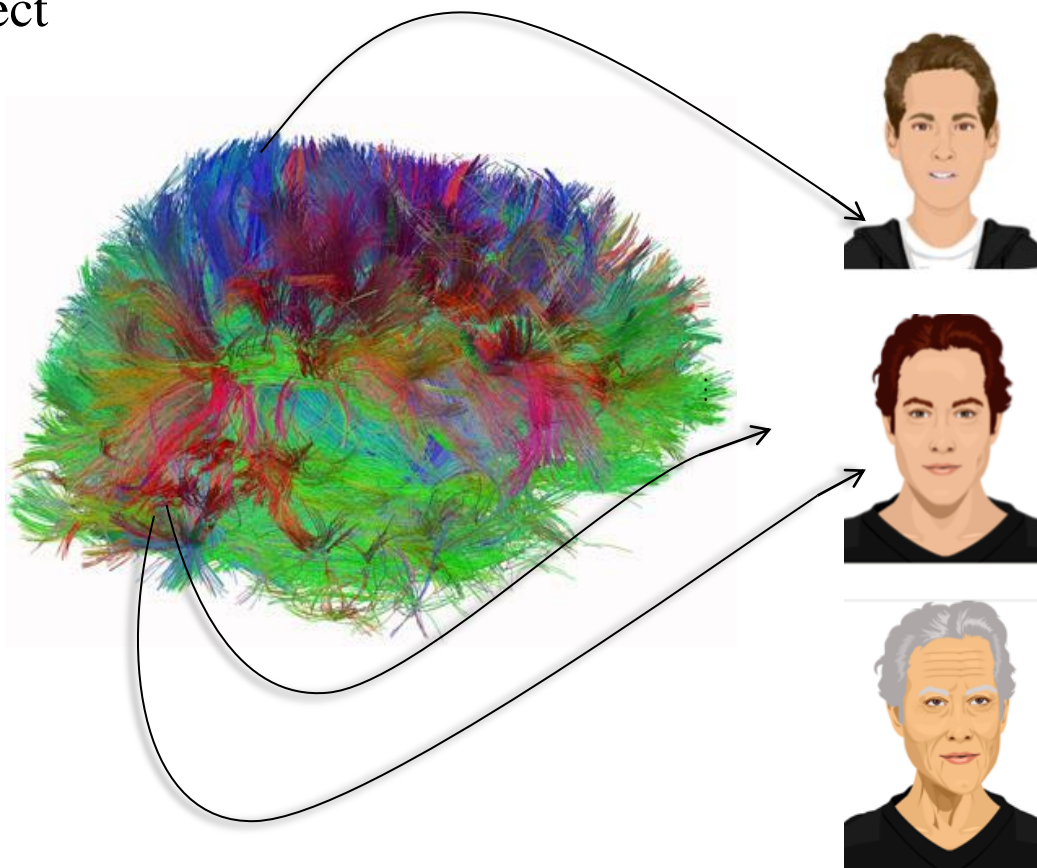
# FuSSO Applications in Neuroimaging

**Inputs:** Functions at each voxel (e.g. orientation distribution functions)

**Output:** The age of the subject



Voxels' ODFs



Age

# Results: Neuroimaging dataset

- ❑ Dataset with over 25K functions per subject for 89 total subjects (18 to 60 years old)
- ❑ Orientation distribution functions (ODF) at white matter voxels
- ❑ **Goal:** Predict the subject's age, given ODFs
- ❑ We compared to LASSO with peak ODF (quantitative anisotropy, QA) values. Finite dim non-functional data set.

Example  
Voxel ODF

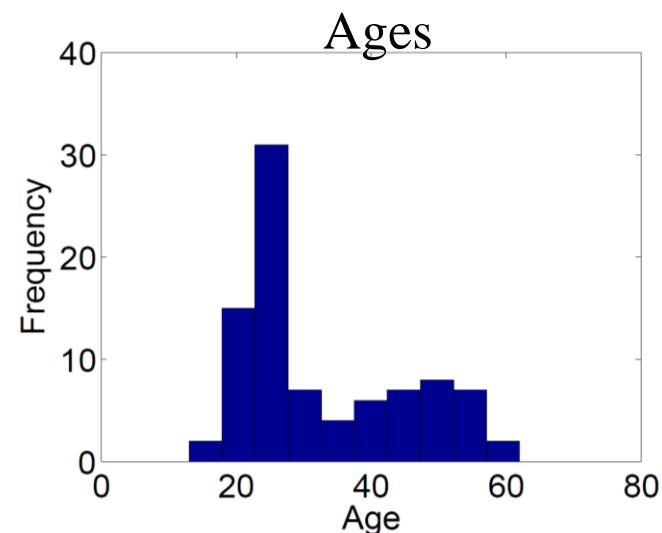
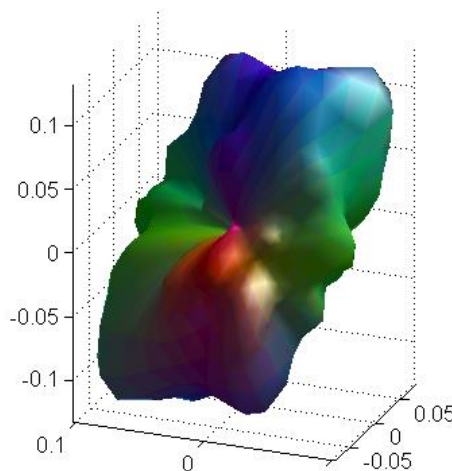


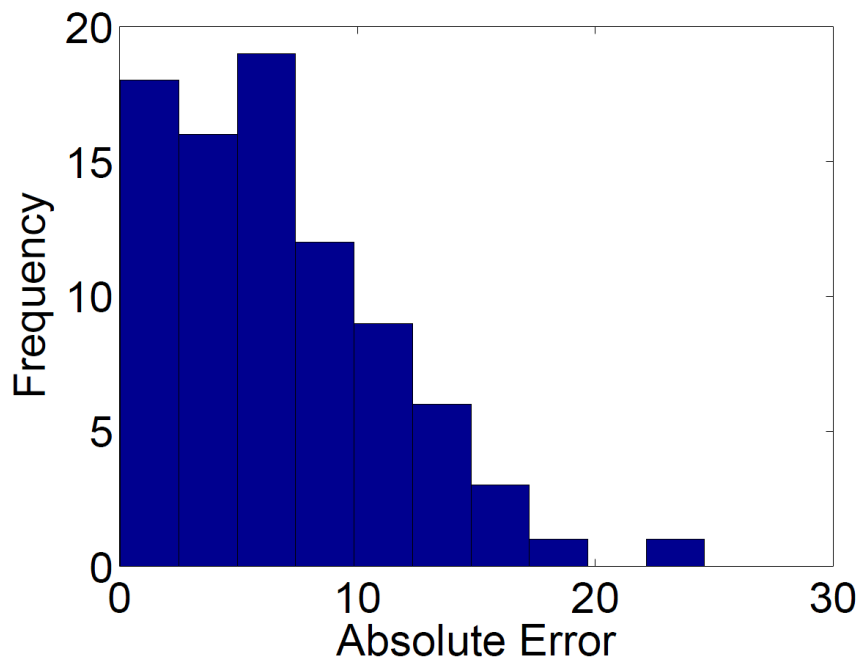
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# Results: Neuroimaging dataset

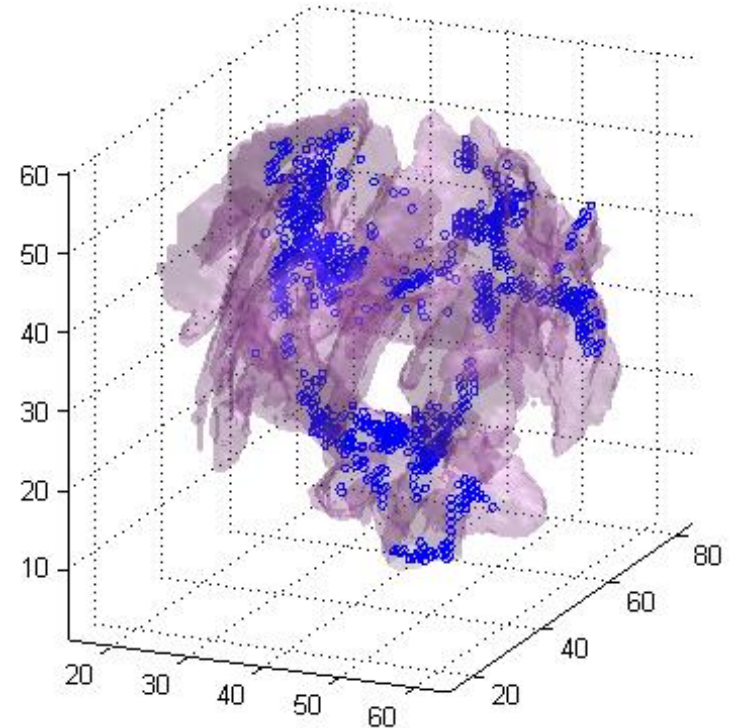
## Results:

Method:	FuSSO (ODFs)	LASSO (QAs)	Mean Predict
MSE:	70.85	77.13	156.43

Absolute Errors per Subject



Selected Voxels



Mean error: 8.3 years, Naïve approach error: 12.5 years



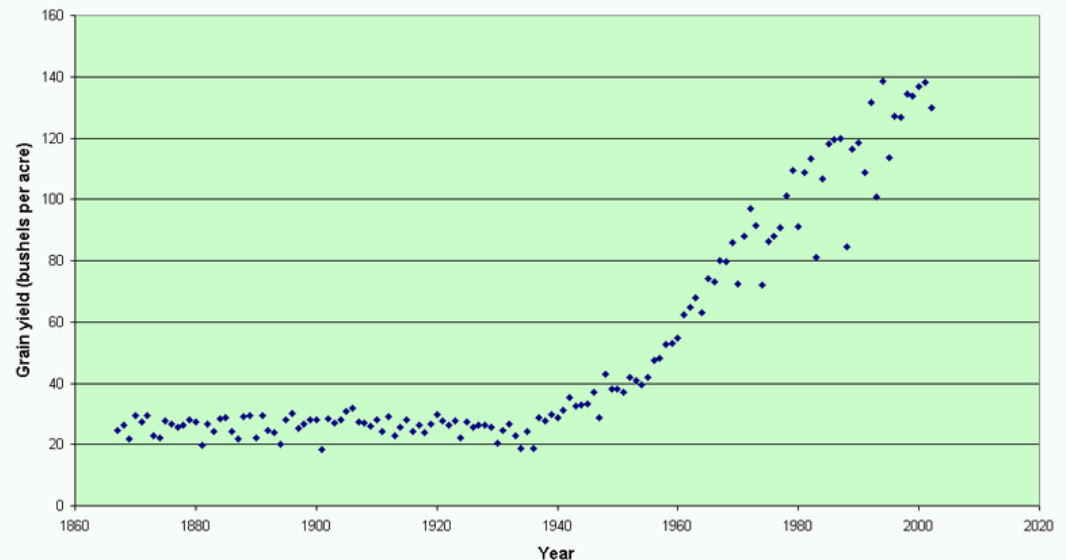
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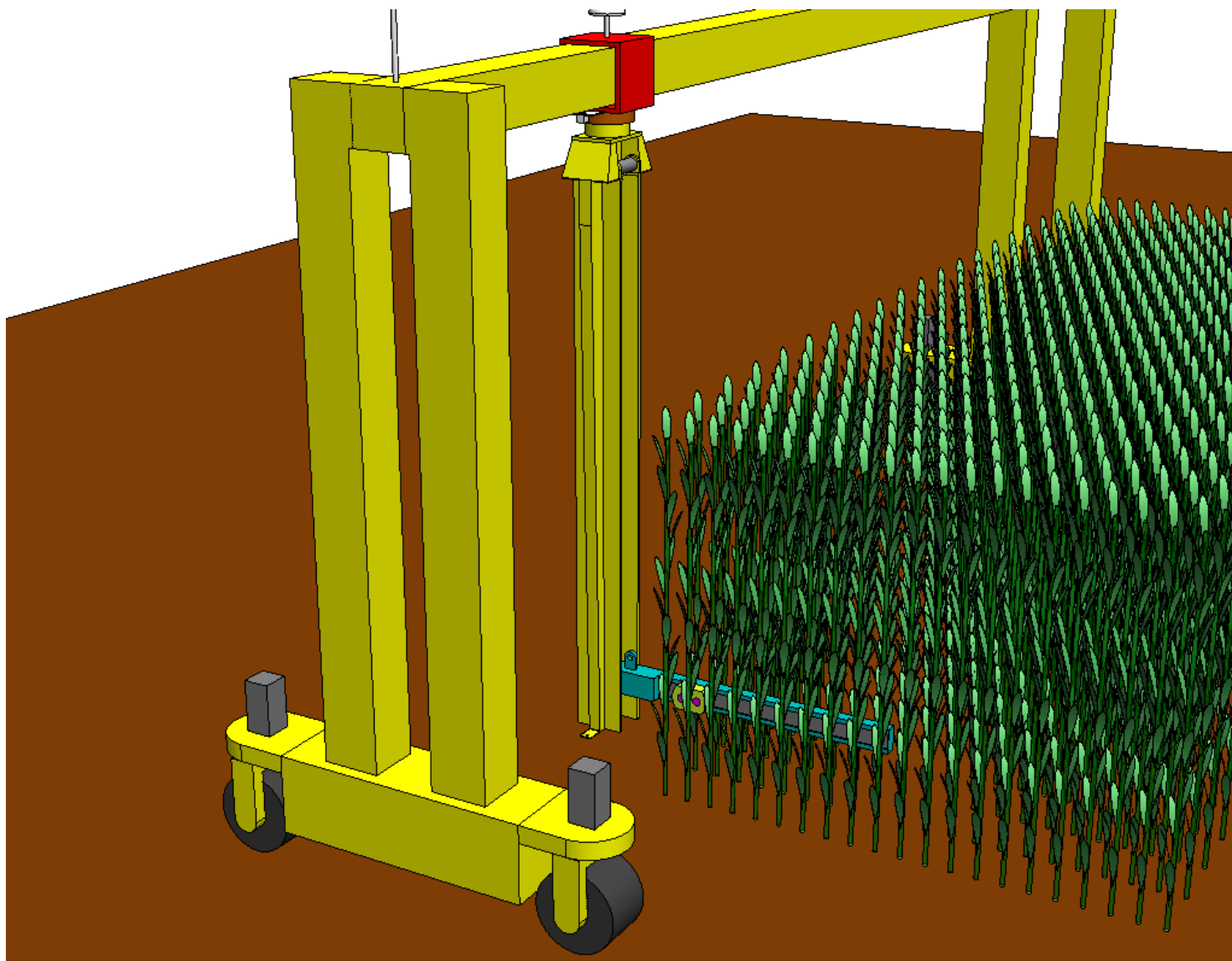
Recommend experiments (which plants to cross) to sorghum breeders.



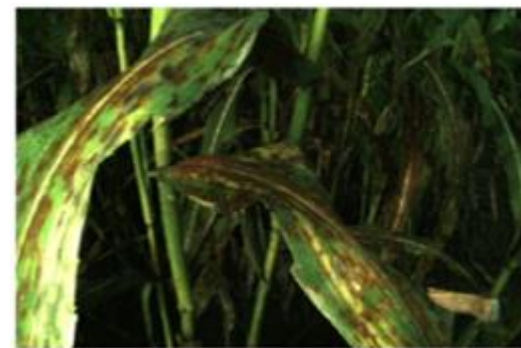
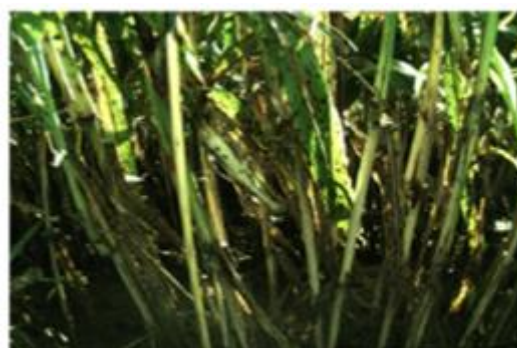
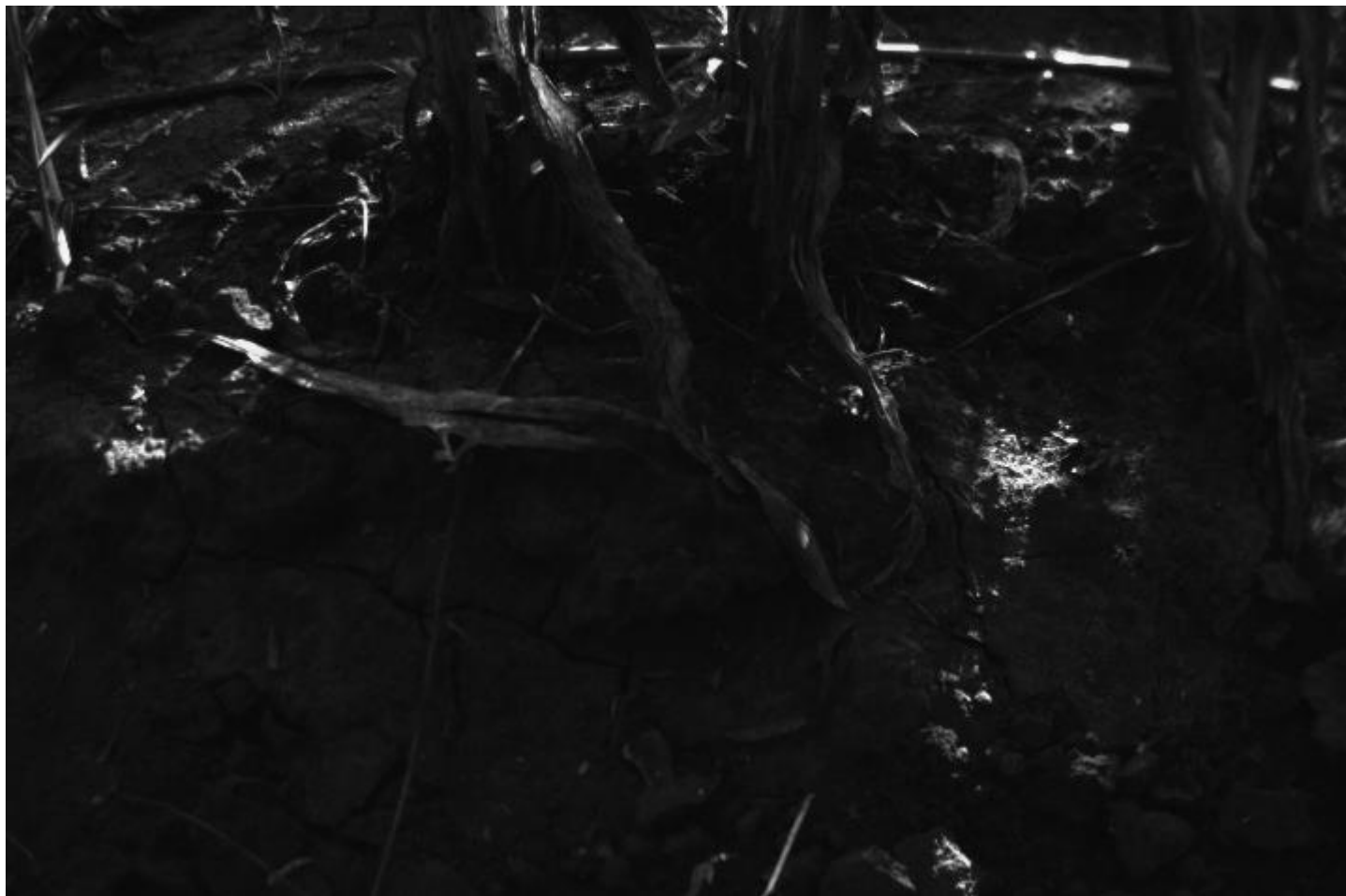
U.S. Average Corn Grain Yields, 1863-2002



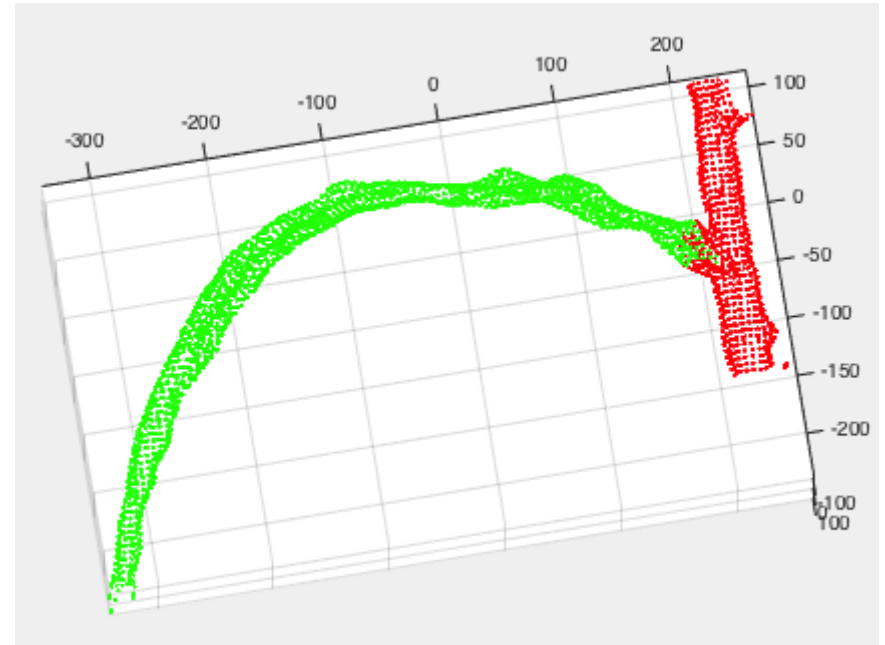
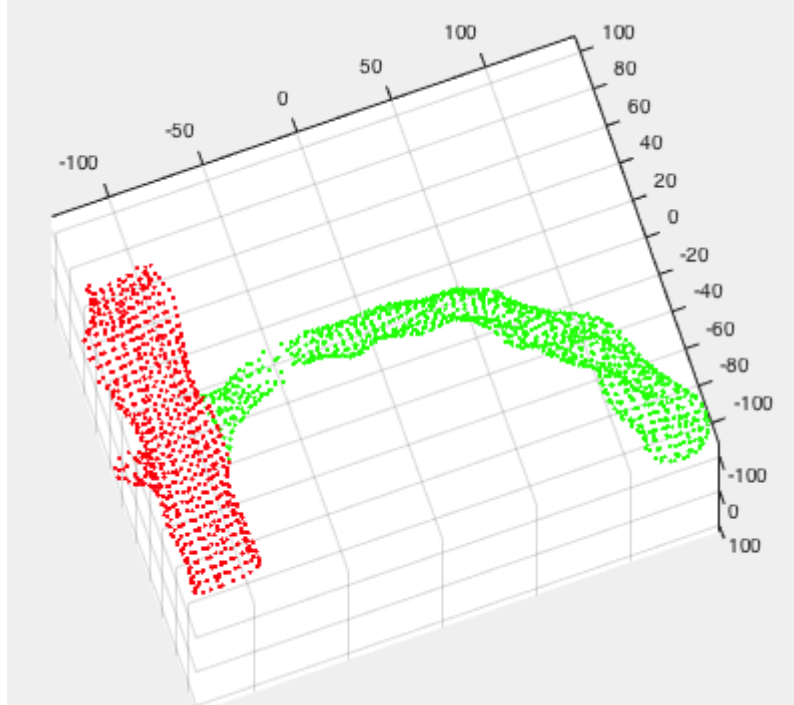
# CMU Robot











Name	Range	RMSE error
Leaf angle*	75.94	3.30 (4.35%)
Leaf radiation angle*	120.66	4.34 (3.60%)
Leaf length*	35.00	0.87 (2.49%)
Leaf width [max]	3.61	0.27 (7.48%)
Leaf width [average]	2.99	0.21 (7.02%)
Leaf area*	133.45	8.11 (6.08%)

# Grapes datasets



# Take me home!

## ☐ ML on Complex Objects

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# Linear Functional Regression

Functional analogues to finite dim linear regression models:  
for  $Y_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma)$ , and  $\Psi \subseteq \mathbb{R}^k$ , a compact set:

## One Real Vector vs. Functional Covariate:

### Real Vector Covariate

$$Y_i = \langle X_i, w \rangle + \epsilon_i$$

### Functional Covariate

$$Y_i = \langle f^{(i)}, g \rangle + \epsilon_i$$

where

$$X_i, w \in \mathbb{R}^d \text{ and} \\ \langle X_i, w \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^d X_{ij} w_j$$

$$f^{(i)}, g \in L_2(\Psi) \text{ and} \\ \langle f^{(i)}, g \rangle = \int_{\Psi} f^{(i)}(t) g(t) dt$$