DEEP LEARNING AND THE SYSTEMIC CHALLENGES OF DATA SCIENCE INITIATIVES

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I'm not going to explain deep learning in detail

Rather: give an overview of what you can do with it

DEEP LEARNING COURSES

- Vincent Vanhoucke (Google)
- Hugo Larochelle (Twitter)
- Andrew Ng (Baidu)
- · Nando de Freitas (Oxford, Google DeepMind)

Your challenges are not technological but organizational

WHY CHALLENGES ARE ORGANIZATIONAL?

- Technology is disruptive
- The current organization of research is half broken and changing
 - Misplaced incentives, interdisciplinarity, peer-reviewed publications, code vs papers, funding, reproducibility, questions around data-driven scientific method
- We are using few of the tools developed mainly in industry to manage disruptive innovation

OUTLINE

- Intro to deep learning
- The PS-CDS
- The data science ecosystem: challenges
- Some tools

DATA-DRIVEN INFERENCE

- You have a prediction or inference problem y = f(x)
 - X: photo, spectrum, y: galaxy/star and redshift
 - X: calorimetric image, y: particle parameters
 - X: particle parameters, y: calorimetric image

DATA-DRIVEN INFERENCE

- You have a prediction or inference problem y = f(x)
- You have no model to fit, but a large set of (x, y)
 pairs
 - The source is (typically) either
 - observation + human labeling
 - simulation
- And a loss function L(y, y_{pred})

THE SHALLOW LEARNING PARADIGM

- The solution
 - Design/define a lot of application/domain-dependent cues/features $h_i(x)$
 - Learn a linear function $f(x) = \sum_{j} w_{j} h_{j}(x)$
 - shallow neural nets, ensemble methods, kernel methods
 - Works well for most of the practical problems (but not all)

Your most important question is:

are you in the "not all" part?

THE DEEP LEARNING PARADIGM

- The solution
 - Parametrize f(x) = f(x, w)
 - w is very high-dimensional, f has a lot of capacity
 - make everything quasi-differentiable (L and f(.,w))
 - regularize $(L_1, L_2, dropout, etc.)$
 - learn w using stochastic gradient descent

SHALLOW TO DEEP LEARNING

- From a design (user) point of view
 - Instead of hand-crafting (families of) informative features, you will design a system of reusable blocks of differentiable functions
 - Close to the data, domain knowledge is important
 - Deeper layers are rather general
 - A lot of partly reusable trial-end-error tricks
 - Pre-trained and saved networks/blocks,
 - "dark knowledge"

STATE OF THE ART

- Computer vision
 - · close to the data: convolutional layers, max pooling
- Sequential data (speech, language)
 - recurrent nets, networks with memory (LSTM)
- · Multi-modal embeddings (eg: caption generation)
- (Half) future: robotics, Turing machine, reasoning, neural simulators

THE DEEP LEARNING PARADIGM

- Tools, techniques
 - deep learning libraries (Theano, TensorFlow, Caffe, Torch)
 - automatic differentiation
 - stochastic gradient descent
 - hyperparameter optimization
 - lots of data and machines (GPUs)

I will stop talking about science

Well, not really

I will talk about management (of) (data) science

WHERE DOES IT COME FROM?

- My eight-year of experience interfacing between high-energy physics and data science
- Our two-year experience of running PS-CDS
- Extensive collaboration with management scientist



DATA SCIENCE IN THE WORLD



INSTITUTE FOR DATA SCIENCE



Université Paris-Saclay

19 founding partners







































Université Paris-Saclay

19 fondateurs

60 000 étudiants

6 000 doctorants

15 000 étudiants en master

8 Schools

11 000 chercheurs et enseignants-chercheurs

300 laboratoires

8000 publications /an

15 % de la recherche publique française

10 départements

+ horizontal multi-disciplinary and multi-partner initiatives to create cohesion







A multi-disciplinary initiative to define, structure, and manage the data science ecosystem at the Université Paris-Saclay

http://www.datascience-paris-saclay.fr/

250 researchers in 35 laboratories

Biology & bioinformatics

IBISC/UEvry LRI/UPSud Hepatinov CESP/UPSud-UVSO-Inserm IGM-I2BC/UPSud MIA/Agro MIAj-MIG/INRA LMAS/Centrale

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Economy

LM/ENSAE RITM/UPSud LFA/ENSAE

Neuroscience

UNICOG/Inserm U1000/Inserm NeuroSpin/CEA

Particle physics astrophysics & cosmology

LPP/Polytechnique DMPH/ONERA CosmoStat/CEA IAS/UPSud AIM/CEA LAL/UPSud

Machine learning

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Visualization

INRIA LIMSI

Signal processing

LTCI/Telecom CMA/Polytechnique CVN/Centrale LSS/Supélec CMLA/Cachan LIMSI DTIM/ONERA

Statistics

LMO/UPSud LS/ENSAE LSS/Supélec CMA/Polytechnique LMAS/Centrale MIA/AgroParisTech



DATA SCIENCE

Design of automated methods

to analyze massive and complex data

to extract useful information



CENTER FOR DATA SCIENCE



DATA CENTER

We are focusing on inference:

data → knowledge

Interfacing with HPC, cloud, storage, production, privacy, security



WHAT IS NEW?

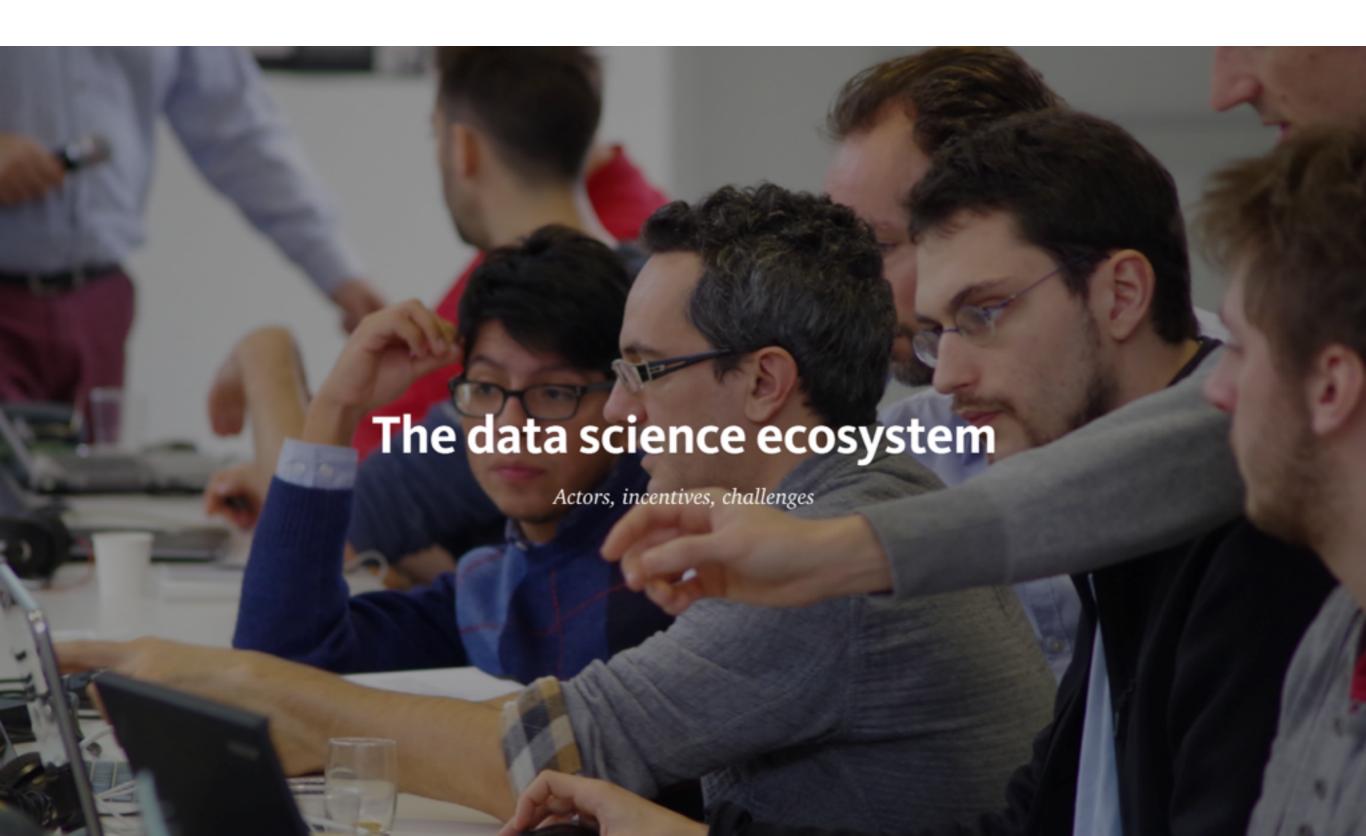
"As the flow of data increases, it is increasingly processed, analyzed, and acted upon by machines, not humans."

NYU-CDS manifesto

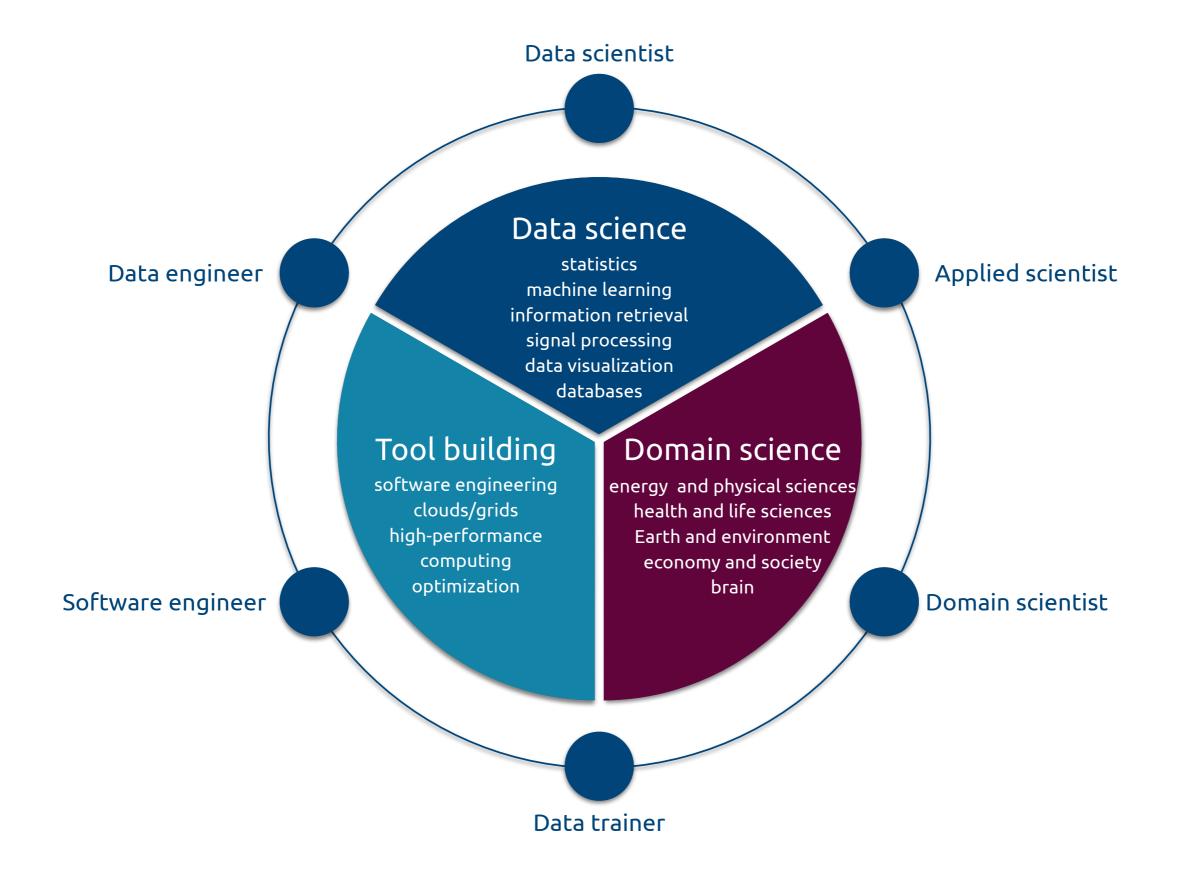
WHAT IS NEW?

- We have the data
 - statistical / physical modeling is less important
 - data-driven prediction
- We have the computational power
- We have the algorithms
 - · deep learning breakthrough: image, speech, language
 - closing on Al, step by step

https://medium.com/@balazskegl



THE DATA SCIENCE LANDSCAPE



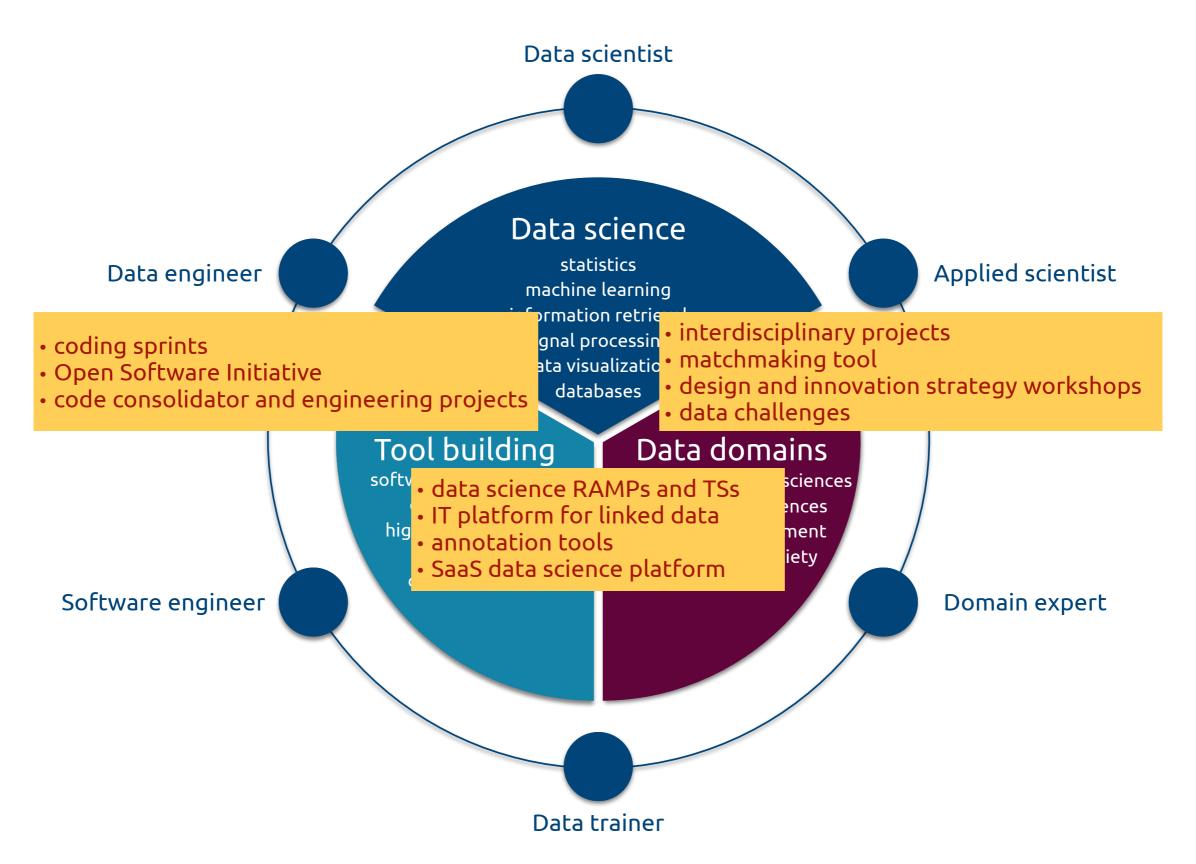
CHALLENGES

- (The lack of) manpower
 - especially at the interfaces
 - industrial brain-drain
- Incentives
 - data scientists are not incentivized to work on domain science
 - scientists are not incentivized to work on tools
- Access
 - · no well-developed channels to identify the right experts for a given problem
- Tools
 - few tools that can help domain scientists and data scientists to collaborate efficiently

Tools

We are designing and learning to manage tools to accompany data science projects with different needs

TOOLS: LANDSCAPE TO ECOSYSTEM



DESIGNING DATA SCIENCE PROJECTS



DESIGNING DATA SCIENCE PROJECTS

Data value

Exploration of value

- design theory
- data-based prospection
- innovation workshops

Data analytics

Problem formulation Problem solving

- specialized teams
- RAMPs / training sprints
- data challenges



DESIGN AND INNOVATION STRATEGY WORKSHOPS

- Putting domain scientists, data scientists, and management scientist in the same room
- Getting them understand each other
- Keeping them collectively creative
- The goal: identifying and defining projects
 - low-hanging fruits
 - breakthrough projects
 - long-term vision

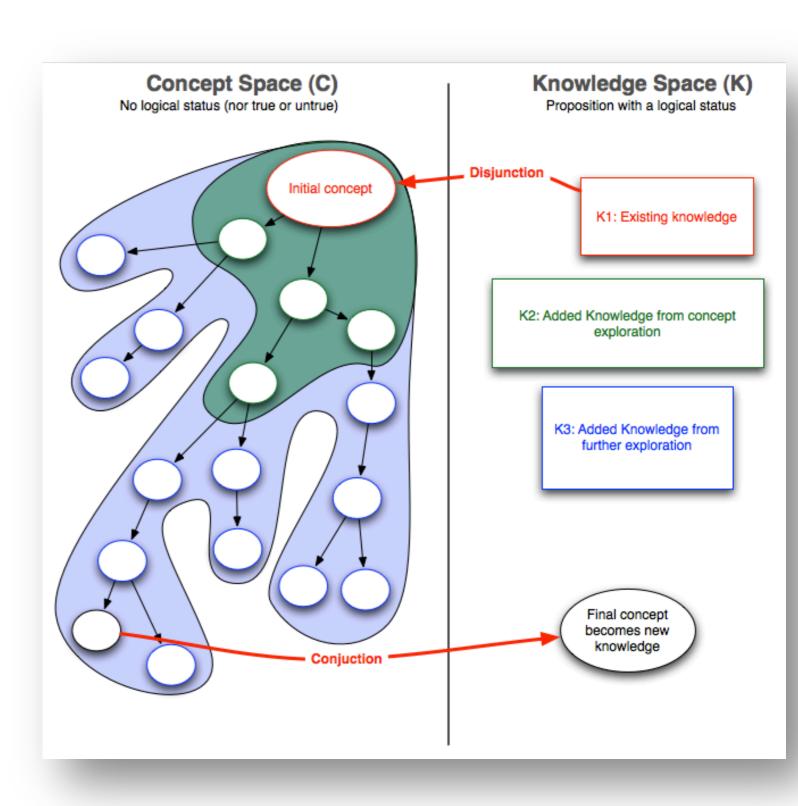


DESIGN AND INNOVATION STRATEGY WORKSHOPS

C/K design theory

innovative design

interaction and joint expansion of concepts and knowledge



DESIGN AND INNOVATION STRATEGY WORKSHOPS

DKCP process: linearizing C-K dynamics

Initialisation

[K] Knowledge sharing Workshops

[C] IFM-Design Workshops

[P] Project building

[RUN]





THREE ANALYTICS TOOLS FOR INITIATING DOMAIN-DATA SCIENCE INTERACTIONS

DATA CHALLENGES

RAPID ANALYTICS AND MODEL PROTOTYPING (RAMP)

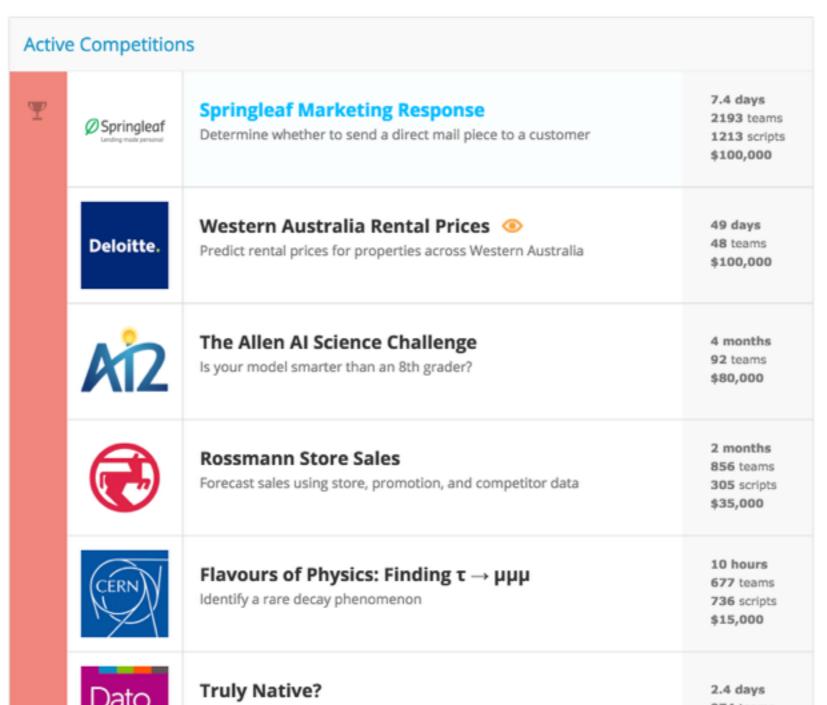
TRAINING SPRINTS (TS)



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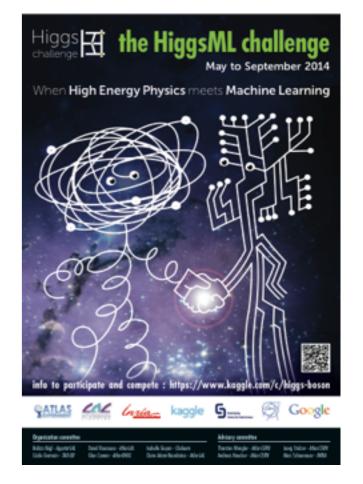
Red Ventures - Director, Data Science (Charlotte, NC)

BBC-Group - CTO - Software Engineer Machine Learning for a new business unit (Start-Up Division) (Zurich, Switzerland)

On the Forums

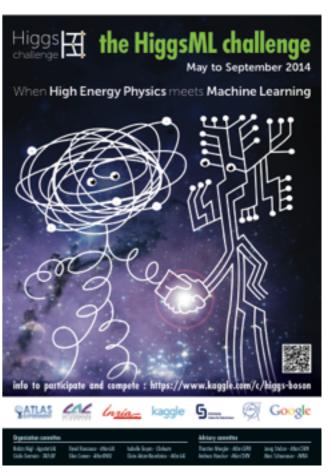


- A data challenge is a recently developed unconventional dissemination and communication tool
 - a scientific or industrial data producer arrives with a well-defined problem and a corresponding annotated data set
 - defines a quantitative goal
 - makes the problem and part of the data set (the training set) public on a dedicated site
 - data science experts then take the public training data and submit solutions (predictions) for a test set with hidden annotations
 - submissions are evaluated numerically using the quantitative measure
 - contestants are listed on a leaderboard
 - after a predefined time, typically a couple of months, the final results are revealed and the winners are awarded

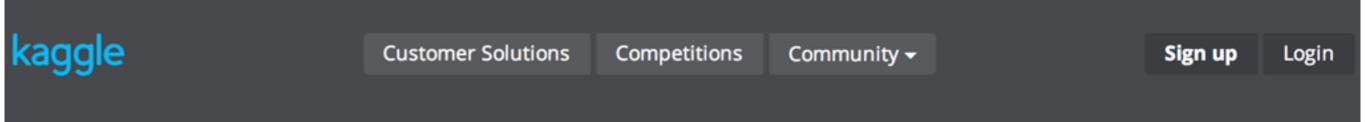




- The HiggsML challenge on Kaggle
 - https://www.kaggle.com/c/higgs-boson



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Completed • \$13,000 1,785 teams
Higgs Boson Machine Learning Challenge

Mon 12 May 2014 - Mon 15 Sep 2014 (21 days ago)

Dashboard

Private Leaderboard - Higgs Boson Machine Learning Challenge

This competition has completed. This leaderboard reflects the final standings.

See someone using multiple accounts? Let us know.

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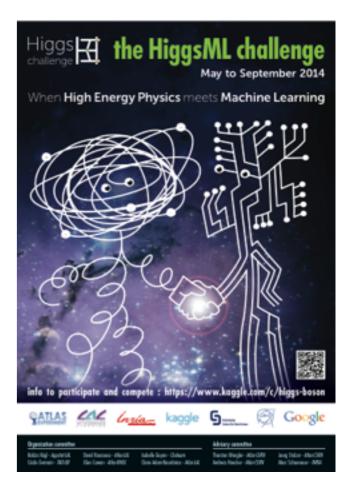
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HUGE PUBLICITY

SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT OVER THE BASELINE

yet partially missing the objectives

- Challenges are useful for
 - generating visibility in the data science community about novel application domains
 - benchmarking in a fair way state-of-the-art techniques on well-defined problems
 - finding talented data scientists
- Limitations
 - not necessary adapted to solving complex and open-ended data science problems in realistic environments
 - no direct access to solutions and data scientist
 - emphasizes competition



We decided to design something better



RAMPs

- Single-day coding sessions
 - 20-40 participants
 - preparation is similar to challenges
- Goals
 - focusing and motivating top talents
 - promoting collaboration, speed, and efficiency
 - solving (prototyping) real problems



TRAINING SPRINTS

- Single-day training sessions
 - 20-40 participants
 - focusing on a single subject (deep learning, model tuning, functional data, etc.)
 - preparing RAMPs

ANALYTICS TOOLS TO PROMOTE COLLABORATION AND CODE REUSE



El Nino prediction

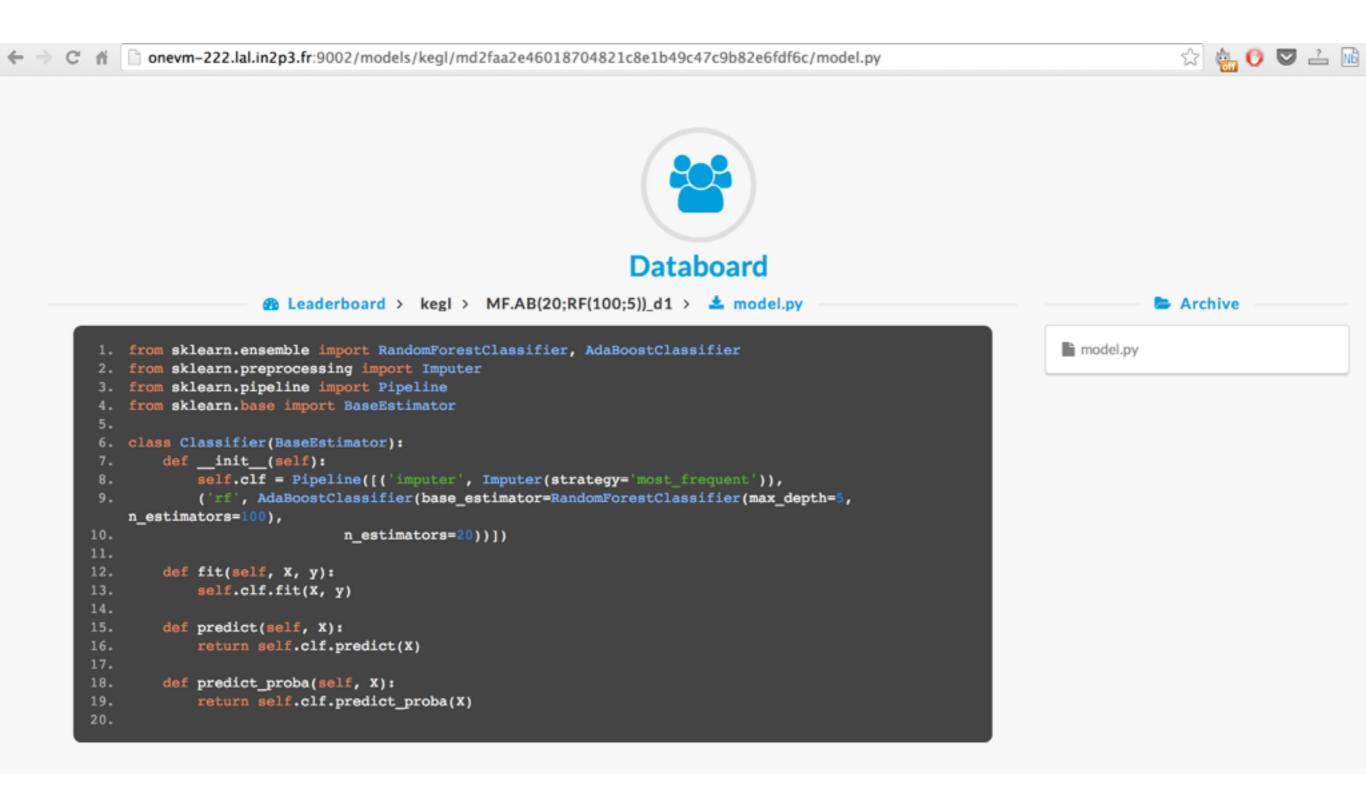
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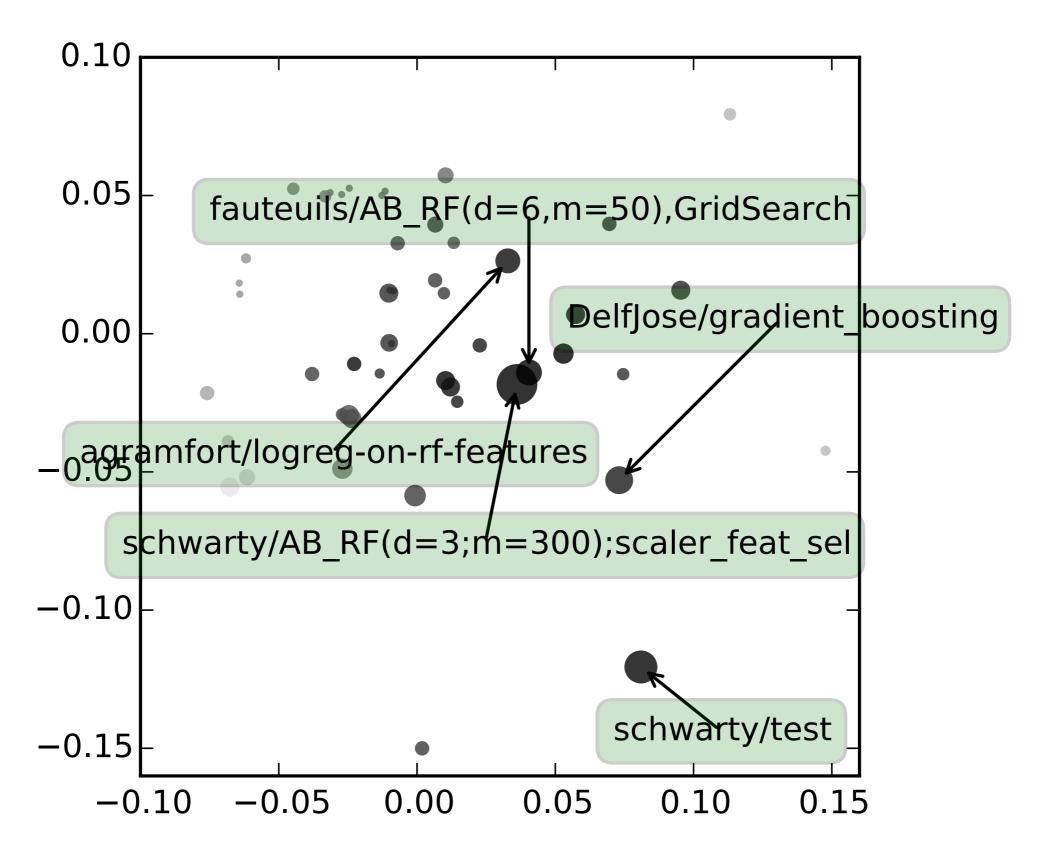
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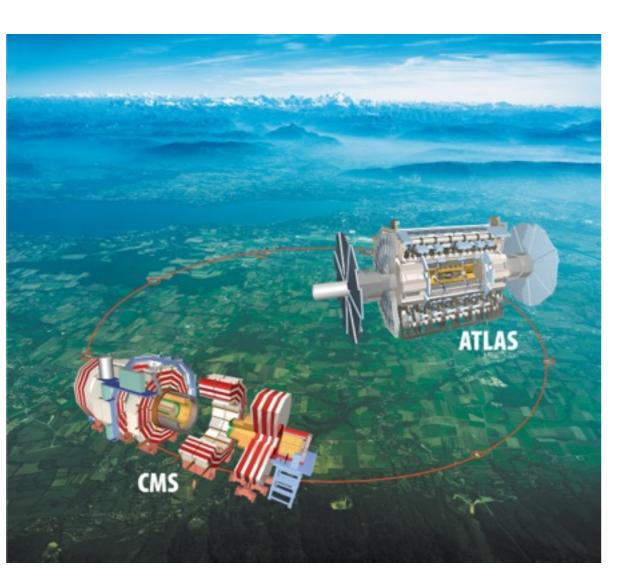
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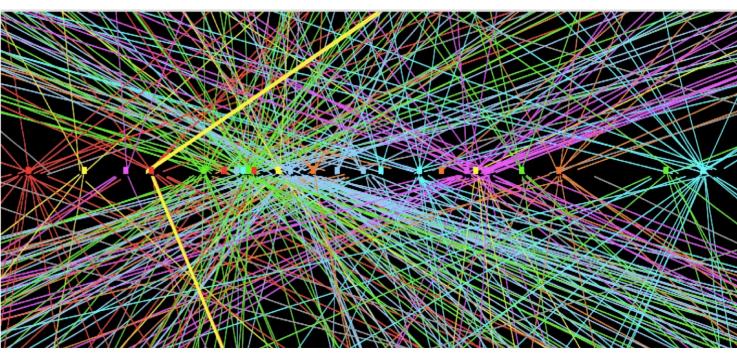


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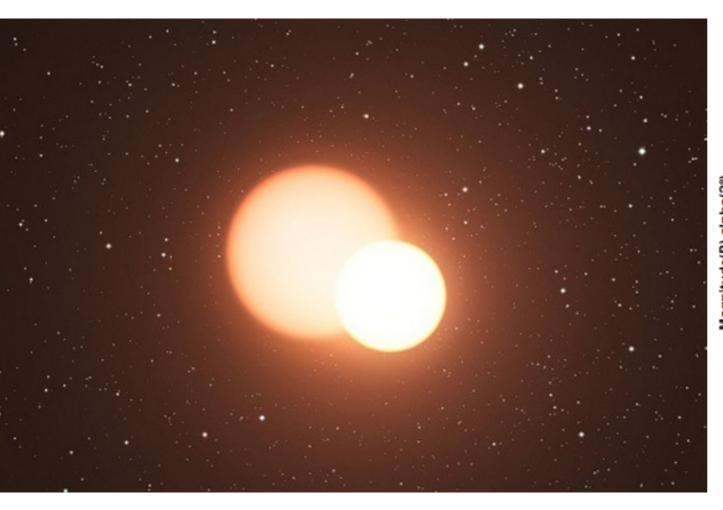


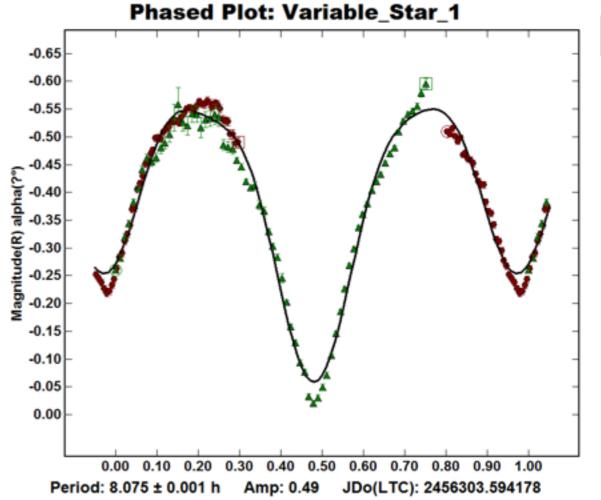
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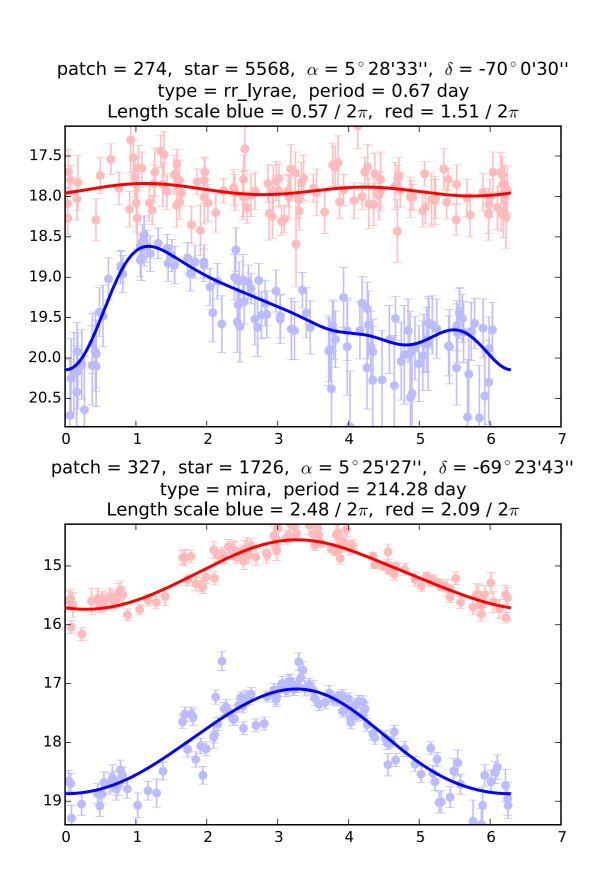


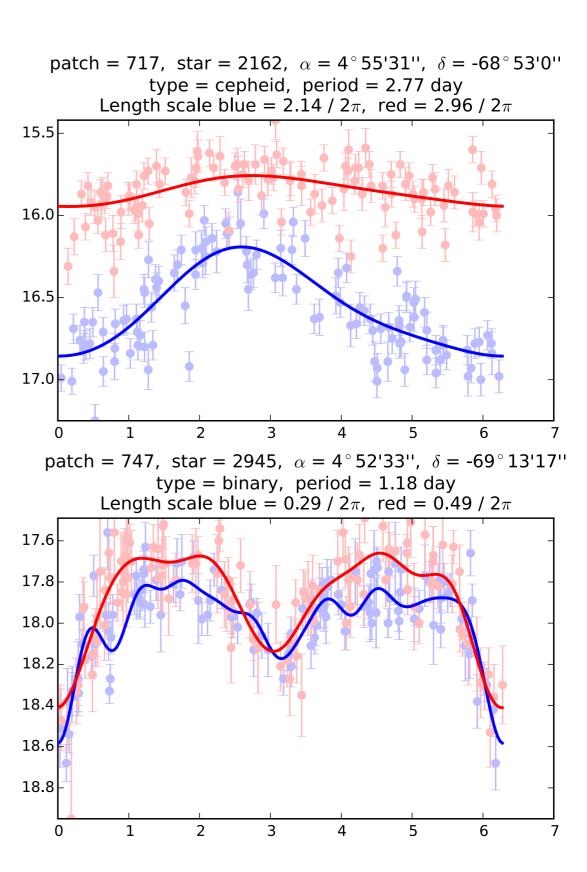
2015 Apr 10 Classifying variable stars





VARIABLE STARS





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Variable star type prediction

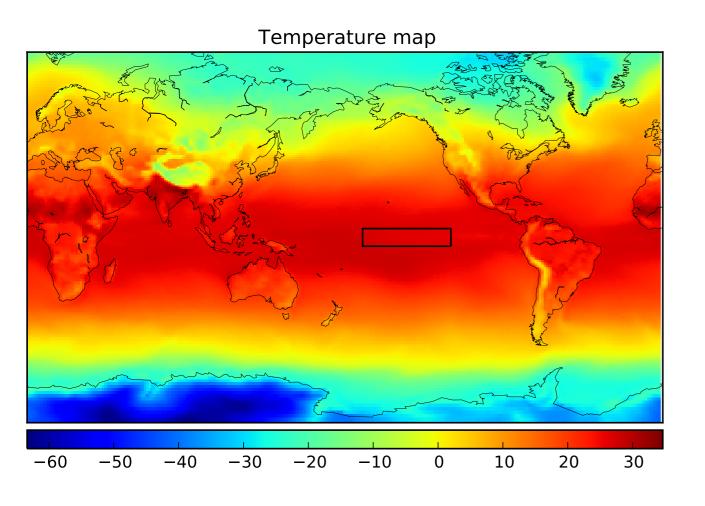
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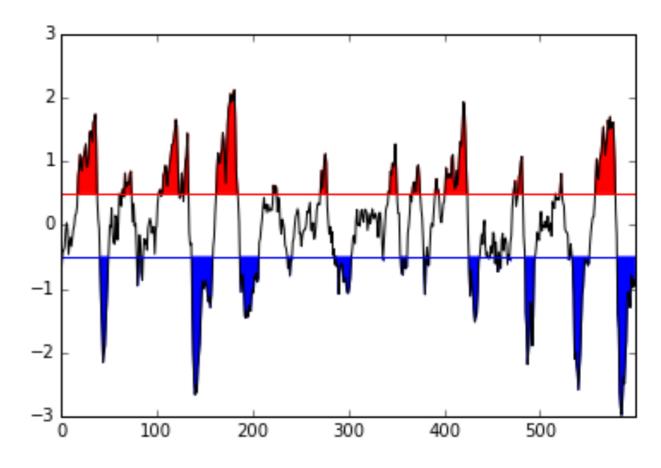
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accuracy improvement: 89% to 96%

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2015 June 16 and Sept 26 Predicting El Nino









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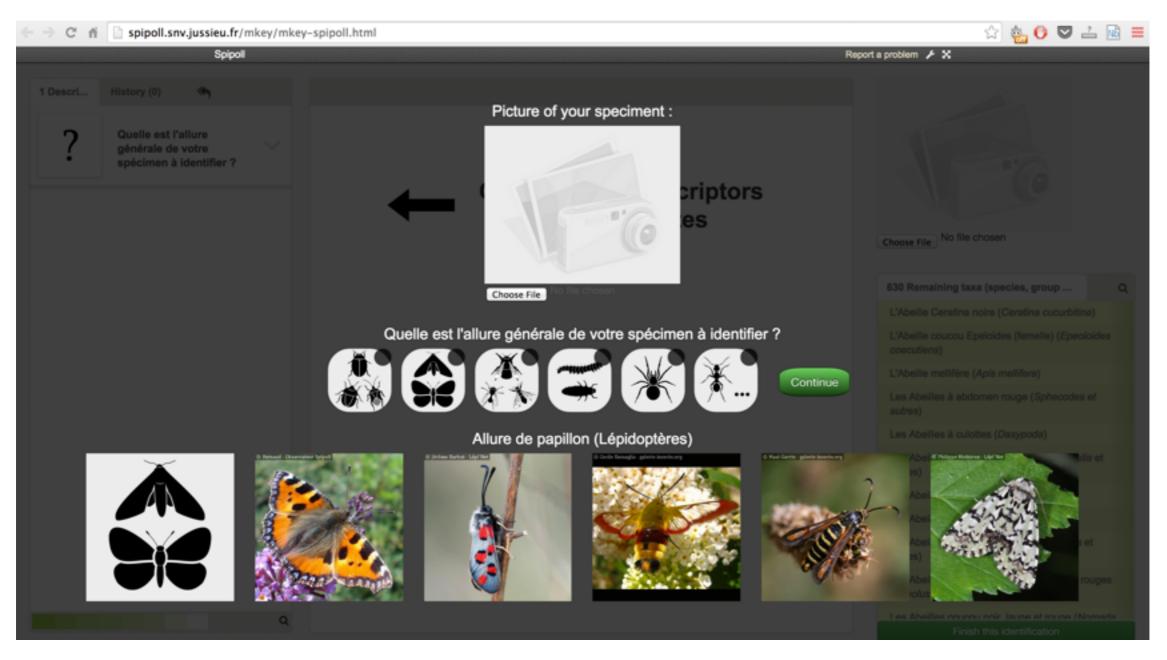
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RMSE improvement: 0.9°C to 0.4°C

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2015 October 8 Insect classification





Pollenating insect classification

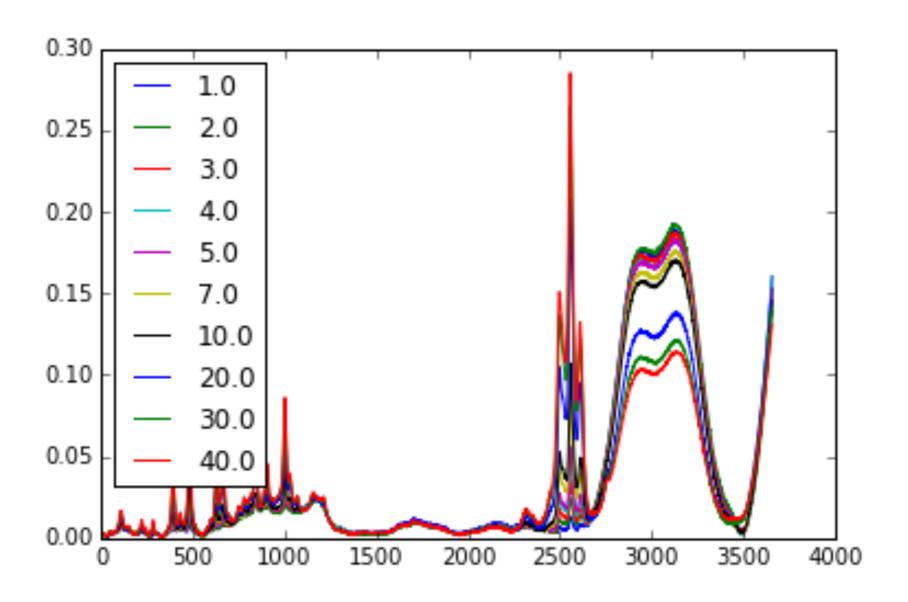
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accuracy improvement: 30% to 70%

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18	MatW	rotation_8	201560-08 17:08:01	0.6198	0	2016	1

2015 Fall Drug identification from spectra



THE RAMP TOOL

A prototyping tool for collaborative development of data science workflows

- Teaching support
- Networking and HR support
- Support for collaborative team work

THANK YOU!

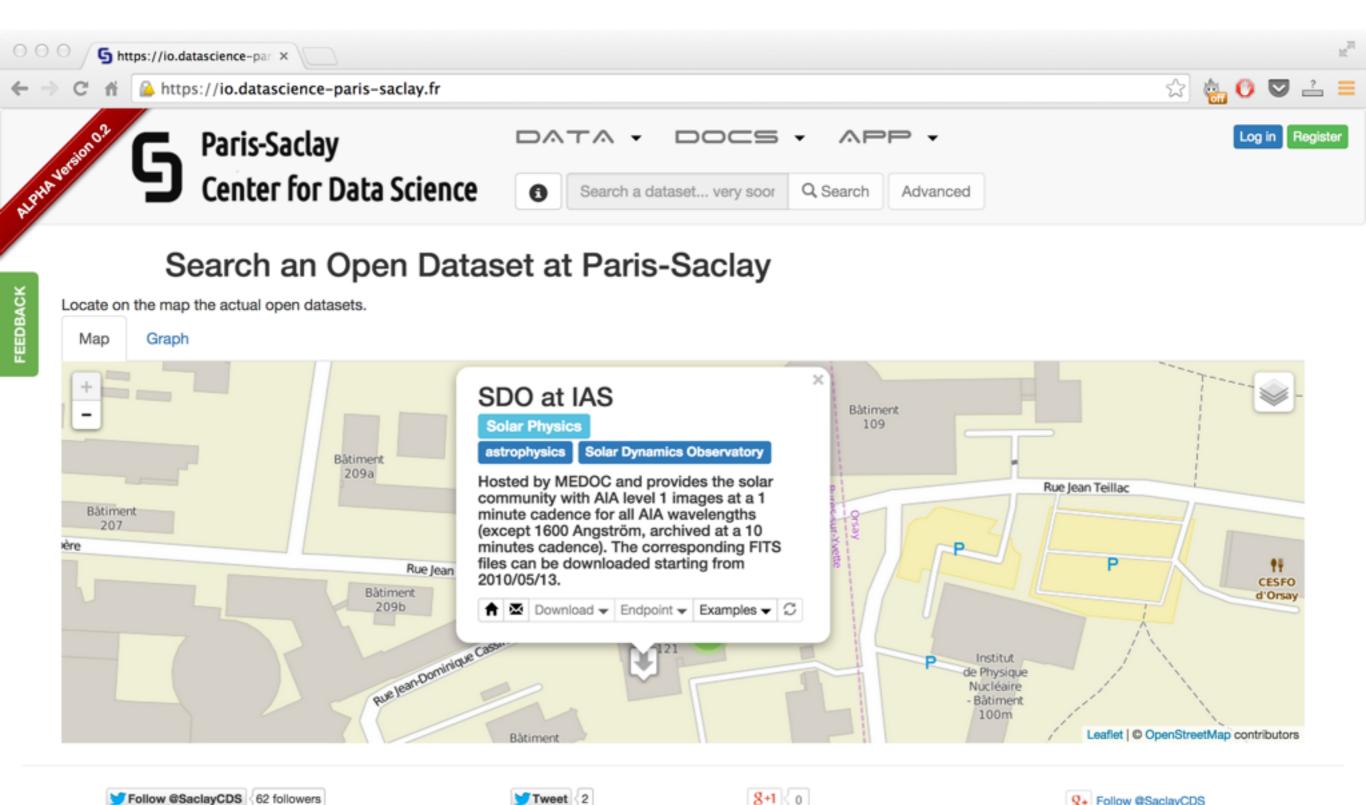
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- A window to open data at Paris-Saclay
- We are not storing or handling existing large data sets
- Rather indexing, linking, and mapping, embedding in the worldwide linked data (RDF) ecosystem
- Storing small data sets of small teams is possible
- Subsets of large sets for prototyping
- Or simply store metadata plus pointer



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