

# Analytics & Machine Learning for Pipeline Integrity & Risk

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## Introduction

# PLR Introduction



## Experience

- **30+** yrs experience in integrity and risk management
- **200,000+** miles of transmission and distribution pipe analyzed
- **20+** integrity use cases
- **7 of top 20** midstream operators use our services
- Multiple industry **presentations** and **publications**



## Technology

- Machine learning analytics **platform** purposed for pipeline systems
- Azure cloud-based **secure** infrastructure
- **Proven** open-source machine learning and statistical packages
- Curated and **ready to use**



## Solutions

- **Automated** model learning process for any pipeline use case
- Library of learned **reference** models for project primer
- Models tuned to client **objectives** and data
- Onsite and open-enrollment **training classes**
- Regulatory **audit** acceptance

# Course Objectives

- Learn machine learning fundamentals through integrity & risk
- Gain a practical understanding of machine learning
- Discuss practical applications of the practice
- Provide a starting point for educational learning

Group	Name	Theme	Training_Source	Assets
	All	All	All	All
	Index Threat - Equipment	Index	PLR Expertise & 100,000 miles+ of Projects	Any_Pipeline
	CO2 Dispersion Model	Industry Reference	Canary Analysis	Hazardous_Liquids
	Index Threat - Internal Corrosion	Index	PLR Expertise & 100,000 miles+ of Projects	Any_Pipeline
	Index Threat - Construction	Index	PLR Expertise & 100,000 miles+ of Projects	Any_Pipeline
	Index Consequence - Population	Index	PLR Expertise & 100,000 miles+ of Projects	Gas_Transmission
	Predict External Corrosion CGR	Threats	PLR Expertise & Large Projects based on MFL Data	Any_Pipeline
	PIR CFER Model	Industry Reference	CFER	Gas_Transmission
	Predict Incorrect Operations Susceptibility	Threats	PLR Expertise	Facilities Any_Pipeline
	Index Threat - Manufacturing	Index	PLR Expertise & 100,000 miles+ of Projects	Any_Pipeline
	Predict Missing Coating Types	Data Quality	PLR Expertise in Support of Training Course Multi-Class	Any_Pipeline
	Index Consequence - Business	Index	PLR Expertise & 100,000 miles+ of Projects	Gas_Transmission
	Index Consequence - Environment	Index	PLR Expertise & 100,000 miles+ of Projects	Gas_Transmission

# “About You & Your Requirements”

# Agenda

## DAY 1

Section	Topic	Schedule
<b>BASICS</b>	Introduction 1.1 - Overall Process 1.2 - Common Questions 1.3 - Learning Categories 1.4 - Learning Methods 1.5 - The Math (opt)	8:00 – 9:45
	<b>BREAK</b>	9:45 – 10:00
	1.6 - Classification & Performance 1.7 - Classification Example	10:00 – 11:30
	<b>LUNCH</b>	11:30 – 12:30
	1.8 - Regression & Performance 1.9 - Regression Example 1.10 - Cross-Validation (Resampling)	12:30 – 2:00
	<b>BREAK</b>	2:00 – 2:15
	1.11 - Model Explainability 1.12 - Explainability Example	2:15 – 2:45
	2.1 – Training Data Introduction 2.2 – Data Integration Concepts 2.3 – Data Sampling 2.4 – Data Quality 2.5 – Data Pre-Processing	2:45 – 3:30
	<b>BREAK</b>	3:30 – 3:45
	3.1 – Model Error 3.2 - Model Tuning 3.3 – Deterministic Model Validation  Day 1 Closing & Questions	3:45 – 5:00

## DAY 2

Section	Topic	schedule
<b>USE CASES</b>	Day 1 Recap & Questions	8:00 – 9:45
	Day 2 Introduction	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interactive use case discussion</li> <li>• Attendee selected use cases</li> <li>• Follow standard process</li> </ul>	
	<b>Selected Use Cases</b>	
	<b>BREAK</b>	9:45 – 10:00
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selected Use Cases</li> </ul>	10:00 – 11:30
	<b>LUNCH</b>	11:30 – 12:30
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Software Instruction based on Use Case &amp; Hands-On Requirements</li> <li>• Selected Use Cases (Optional Focus on Machine Learned based Risk)</li> </ul>	12:30 – 2:00
	<b>BREAK</b>	2:00 – 2:15
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selected Use Cases (Optional Hands-On with ML.ai &amp; Attendee or Example Data)</li> </ul>	2:15 – 2:45
	<b>BREAK</b>	3:30 – 3:45
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selected Use Cases (Optional Hands-On with ML.ai &amp; Attendee or Example Data)</li> </ul>	3:45 – 4:30
	<b>Course Closing &amp; Questions</b>	4:30 – 5:00

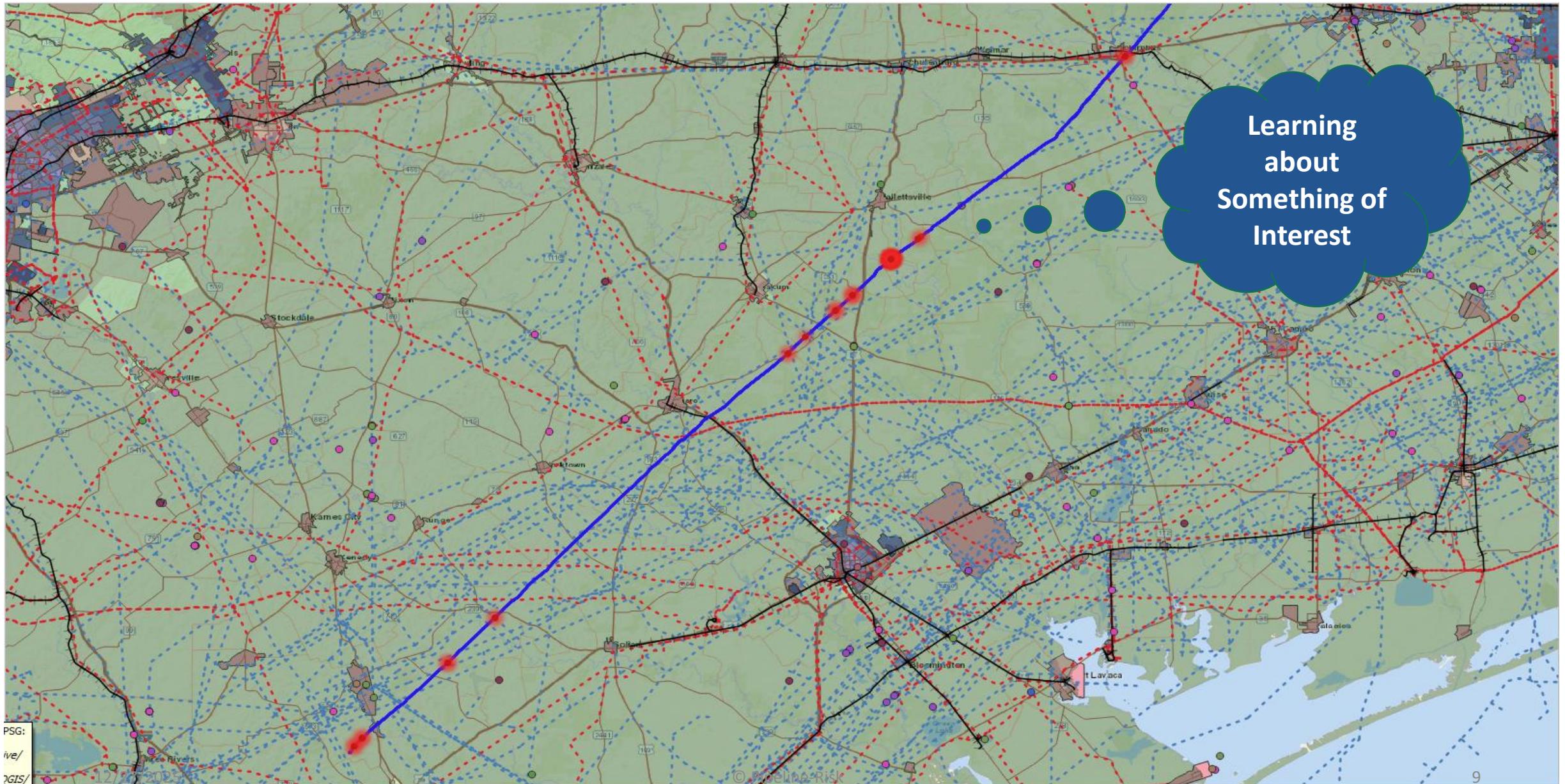
# BASICS

# Machine Learning Essentials

## Unit 1.1

### Overall Process

# Typical Use Case

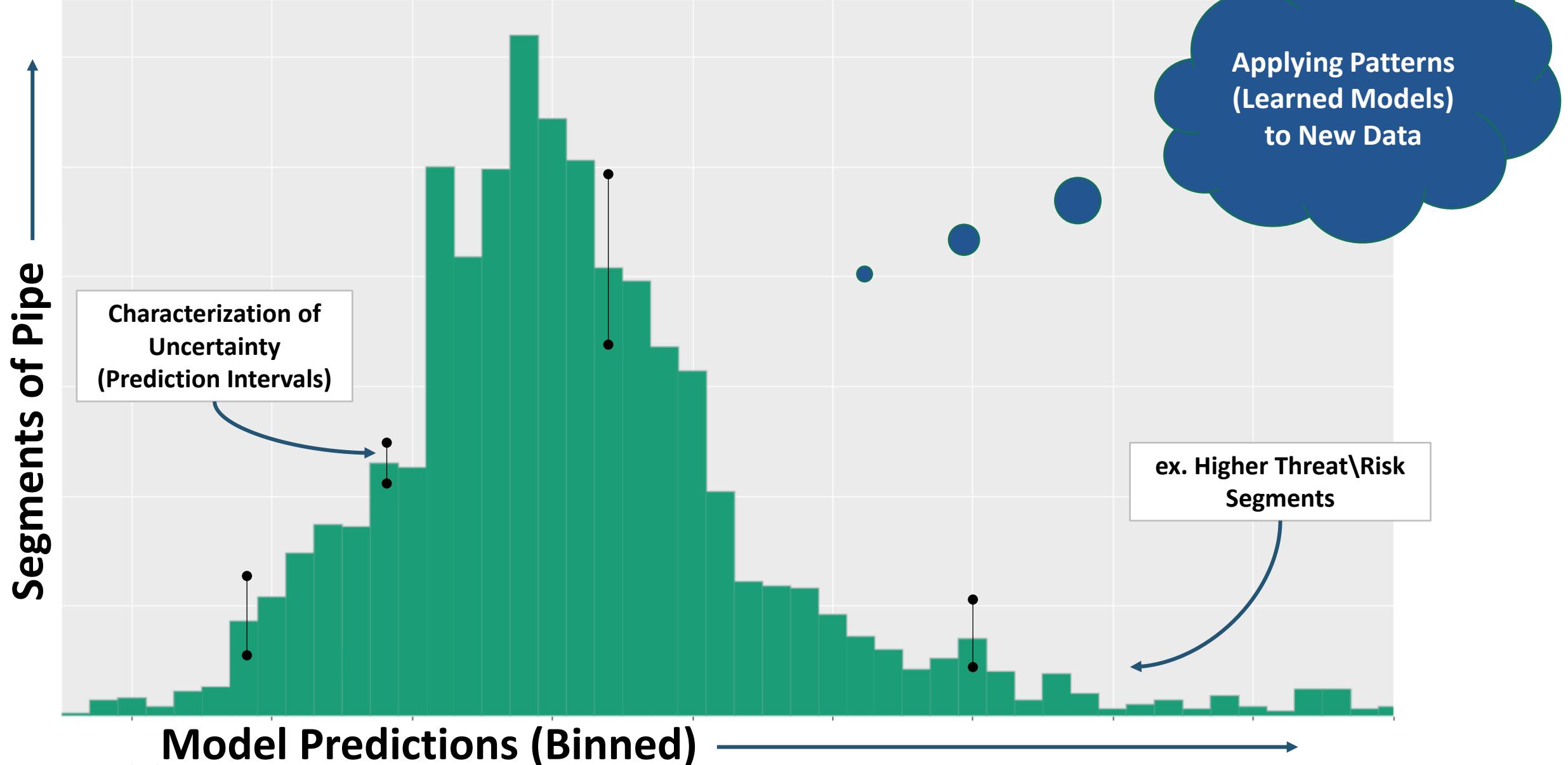


# Training Data

Learning Target												Predictor Data					
Observation	TPD	Class	Diameter	DOC	Farmland	Install_Yr	LineMark	PatroFreq	RAILROAD	Structures							
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Near_Miss	T	2.00	8.00	29.00	Farmland	1,980.00	Line_of_Site	Semi-Annual	RR		Structures						
One_Call_Violation	T	2.00	8.00	24.00	Farmland	1,980.00	Line_of_Site	Semi-Annual	RR		Structures						
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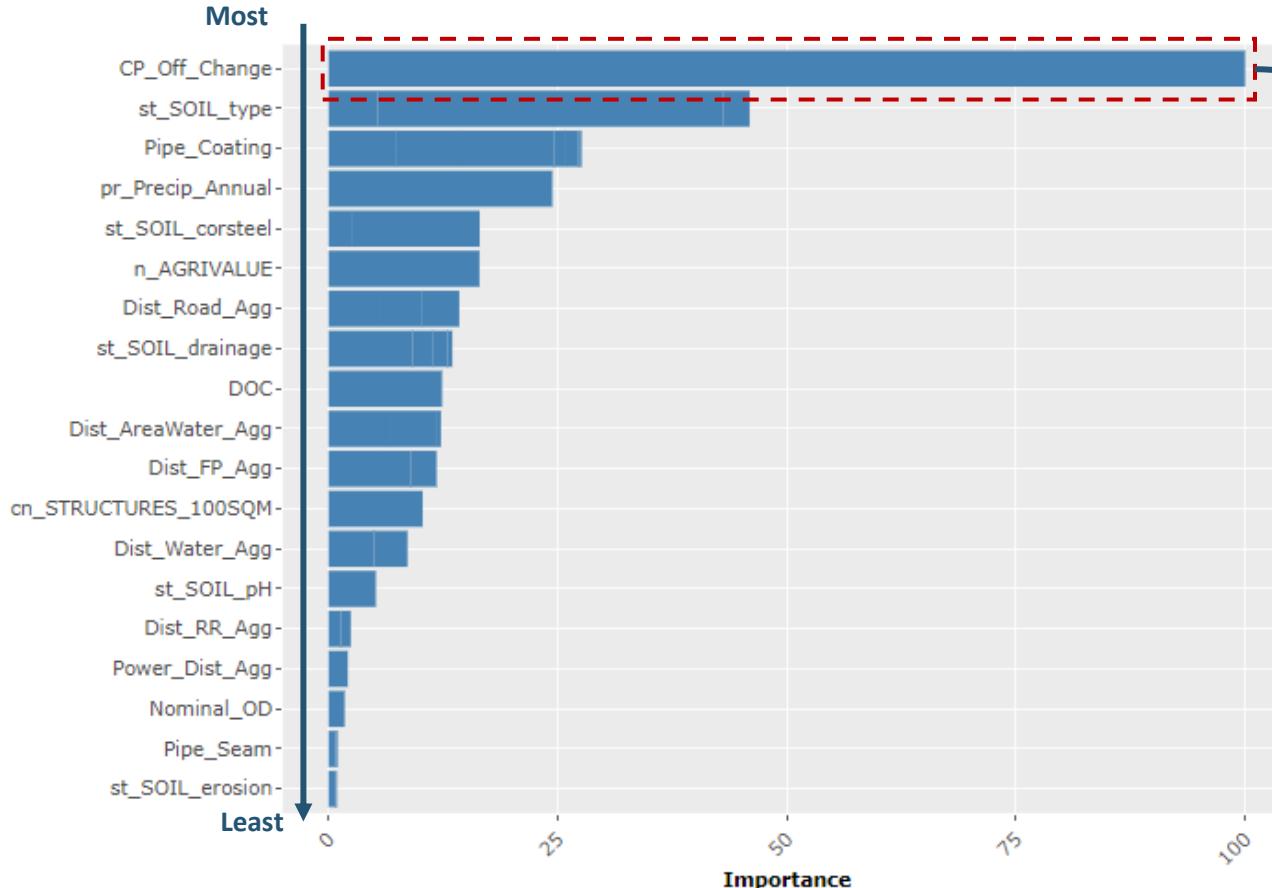
Finding Useful Patterns in Structured Data

# Model Application

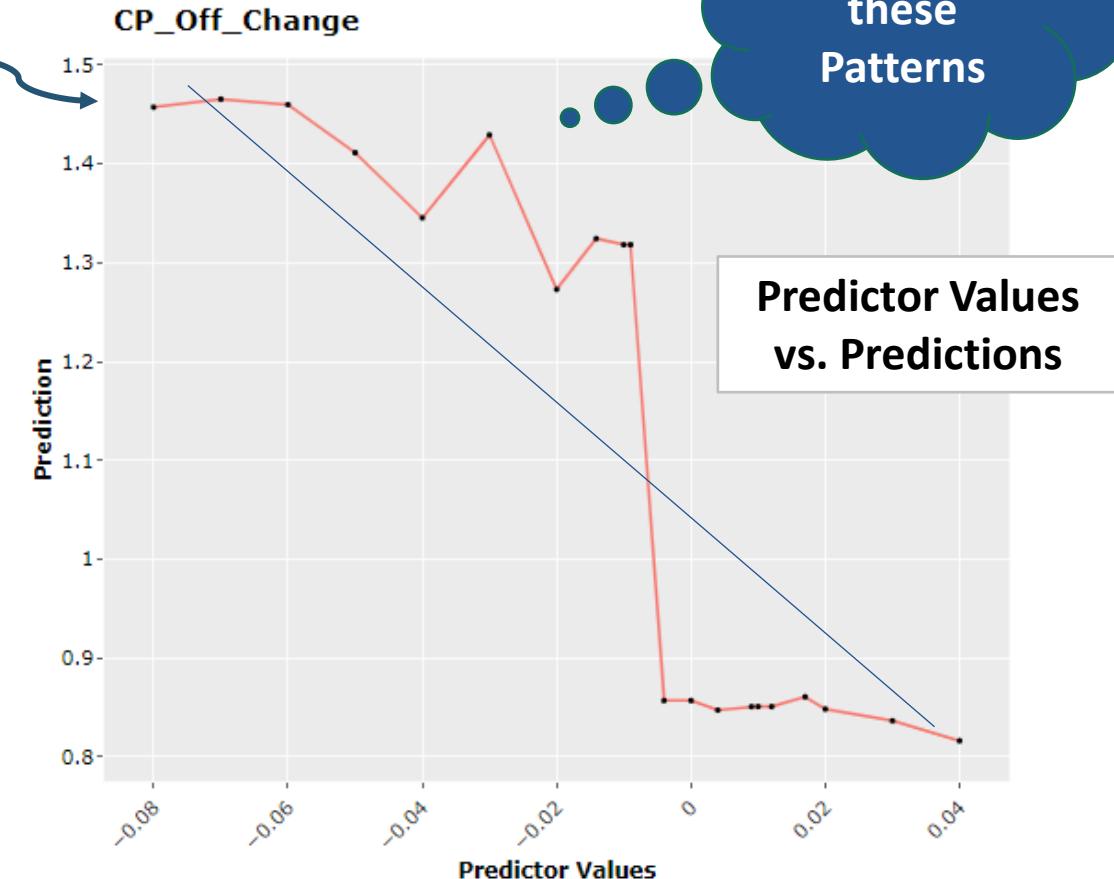


# Explain Results

## Predictor Importance



## Predictor Directionality



## Technical Notes

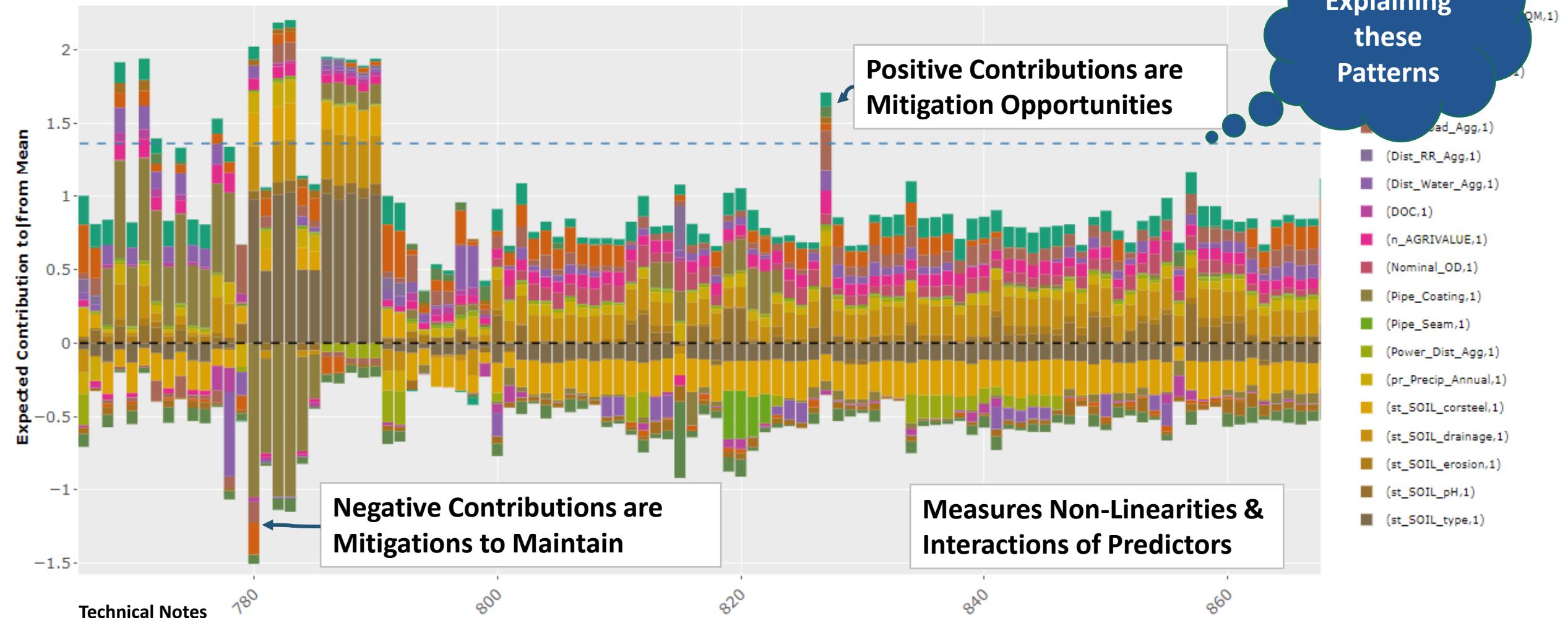
- Critical Step in Domain Expert Review (Check Validity, Correlation, Causation)
- Importance Methods Reveal Predictor Influence at Global Level
- Considers Non-Linearities & Interactions

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- Directionality based on Sampling of Actual Observations & Varying the Predictor Value
- Reveals Possible Monotonic Behavior

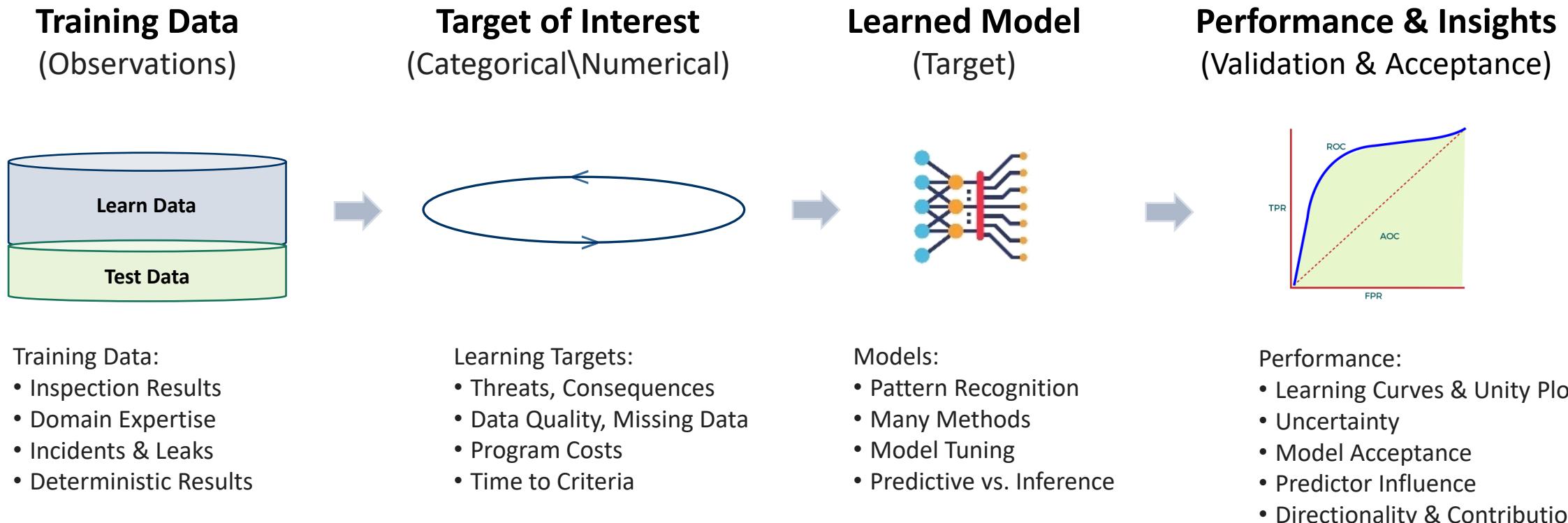
# Explain Results

## Predictor Contribution by Pipe Segment



- Deconstruction Methods are Either Model Dependent or Model-Agnostic
- Methods Deconstruct Predictions
- Variations in Contributions Consider Non-Linearity and Interactions
- Predictors may be Root Cause or Simply Correlated

# Machine Learning Process



## Technical Notes

Typical ML Processes

- Supervised (shown above)
- Unsupervised (no observations)
- Semi-Supervised
- Self-Supervised
- Synthetic Data Learning

Typical Targets

- Numerical (Regression)
- Two-Class (Classification)
- Multi-Class (Multi-Classification)

Models

- Hundreds of Methods
- Predictive
- Inferential (Explanatory)
- Ensembles

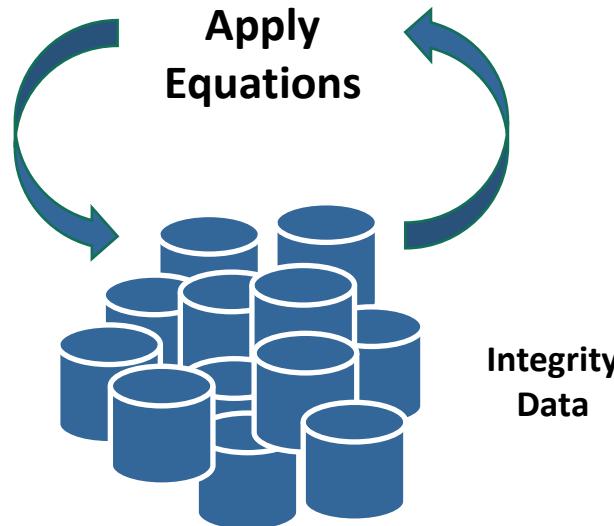
Typical Performance Metrics

- ROC, AUC, Accuracy
- Sensitivity, Specificity
- R2, RMSE, MAE
- KAPA, F1

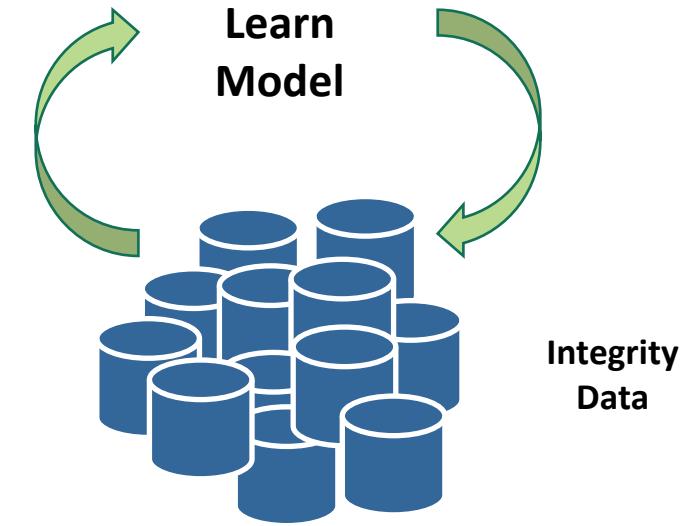
# Differentiation - Deterministic vs. Learned

**“Machine Learning Adapts Your Model To Your Business And Not The Business To Your Model”**

## Deterministic Models



## Machine Learned Models



**Same Integrity Data Used for Both Approaches**

# Unwanted Events are Complex

“The main idea behind complex systems (like pipeline integrity) is that the ensemble behaves in ways not predicted by its components. The interactions matter more than the nature of the units”

- Nassim Taleb, 2018 *“Skin in the Game”*

# Technology



<https://www.pipeline-risk.com>



<https://www.tidymodels.org/>



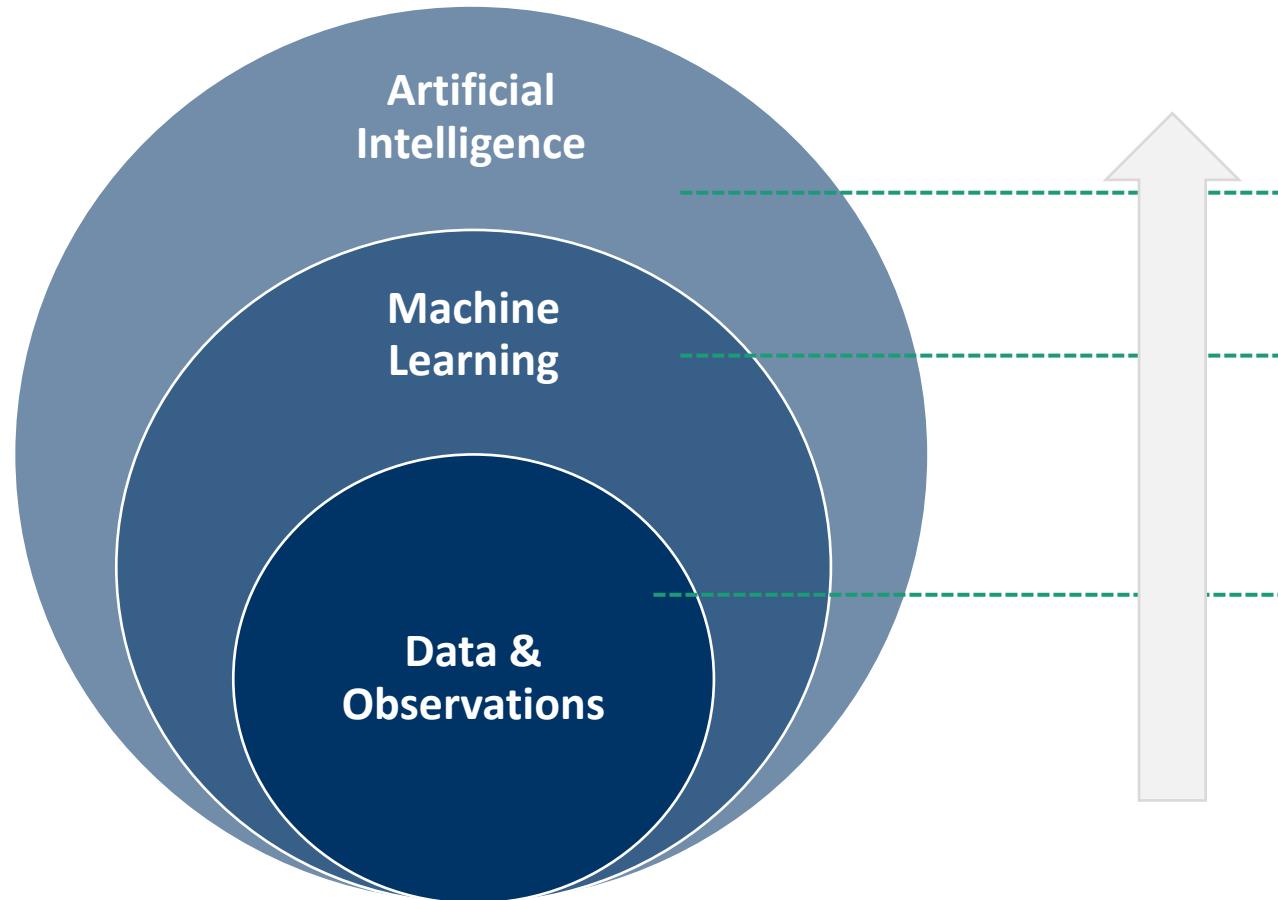
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# Machine Learning Essentials

## Unit 1.2

### Common Questions

# How Does Machine Learning Fit into AI



**Automated Responses to Data Patterns**  
(Adjust CP, Self-Repair, Reduce Pressure)

**Identify Data Patterns Representing & Influencing External Corrosion Observations**

**External Corrosion Observations**  
(Corrosion Defects) and Underlying Influencing Data (Coating Types, Soils, CP Readings, etc.)

# Machine Learning – Common Questions

Topic	Discussion
Data	<p><b>Do I have enough data? Do I have the right data? How do you know?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use statistical tests and model performance to determine data adequacy</li> <li>• Consider using your existing risk data, assessment data, public data, industry base models as data sources</li> </ul>
Complexity	<p><b>How can I interpret model mechanics and results?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider using explanatory methods to explain models and results</li> <li>• These methods can deconstruct complex outputs into human readable results in support of risk mitigation analysis</li> </ul>
Validation	<p><b>Are my current risk\threat models validated?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Validate models with observational data, establish acceptance criteria, test with unseen data</li> </ul>
Regulation	<p><b>Do regulators support approach?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider PHMSA does not endorse any approach although they've been advocating better use of data and QRA</li> <li>• Note most of machine learning is based on statistical models and adoption in other related industries is strong</li> </ul>
Readiness	<p><b>Are you Ready for ML?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider you already have data you believe is important, and ML practices are mature and ready</li> </ul>

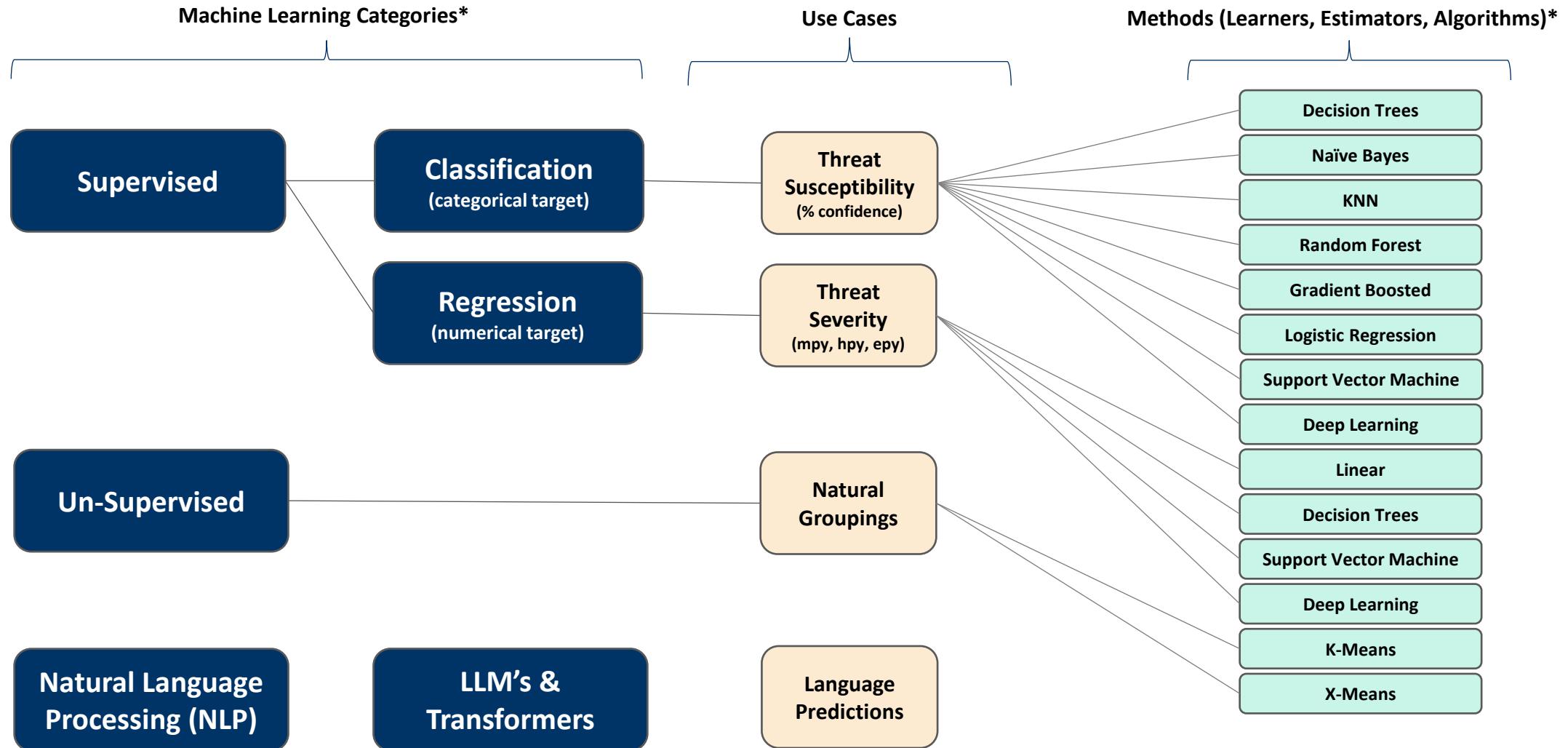
# Machine Learning Essentials

## Unit 1.3

### Learning Categories

# Learning Categories

# Machine Learning Categories



\* Generalized, Other Categories & Methods Exist

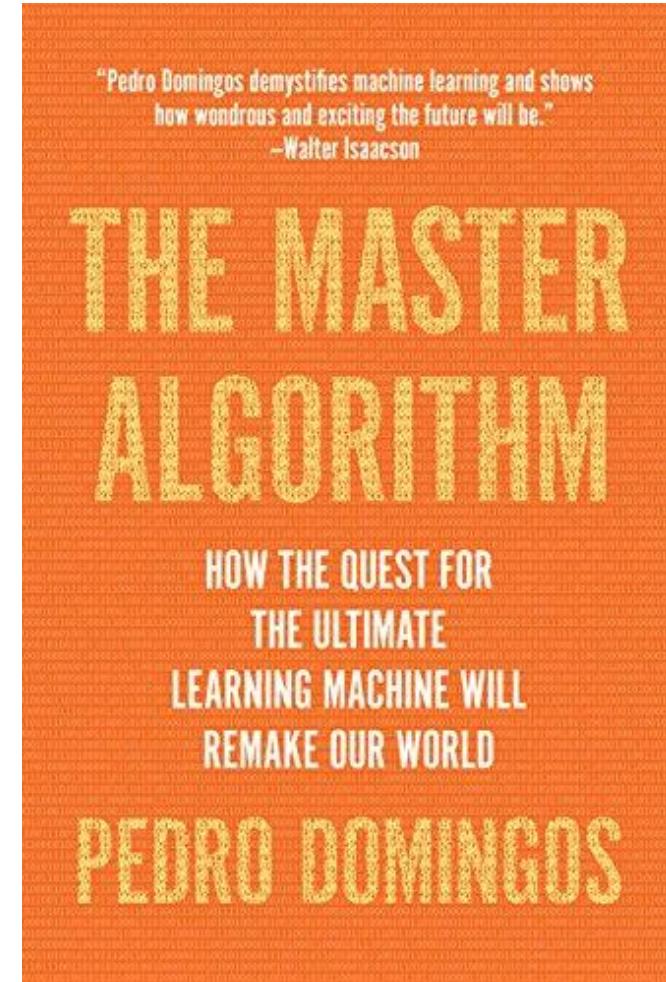
# Machine Learning Essentials

## Unit 1.4

### Learning Methods

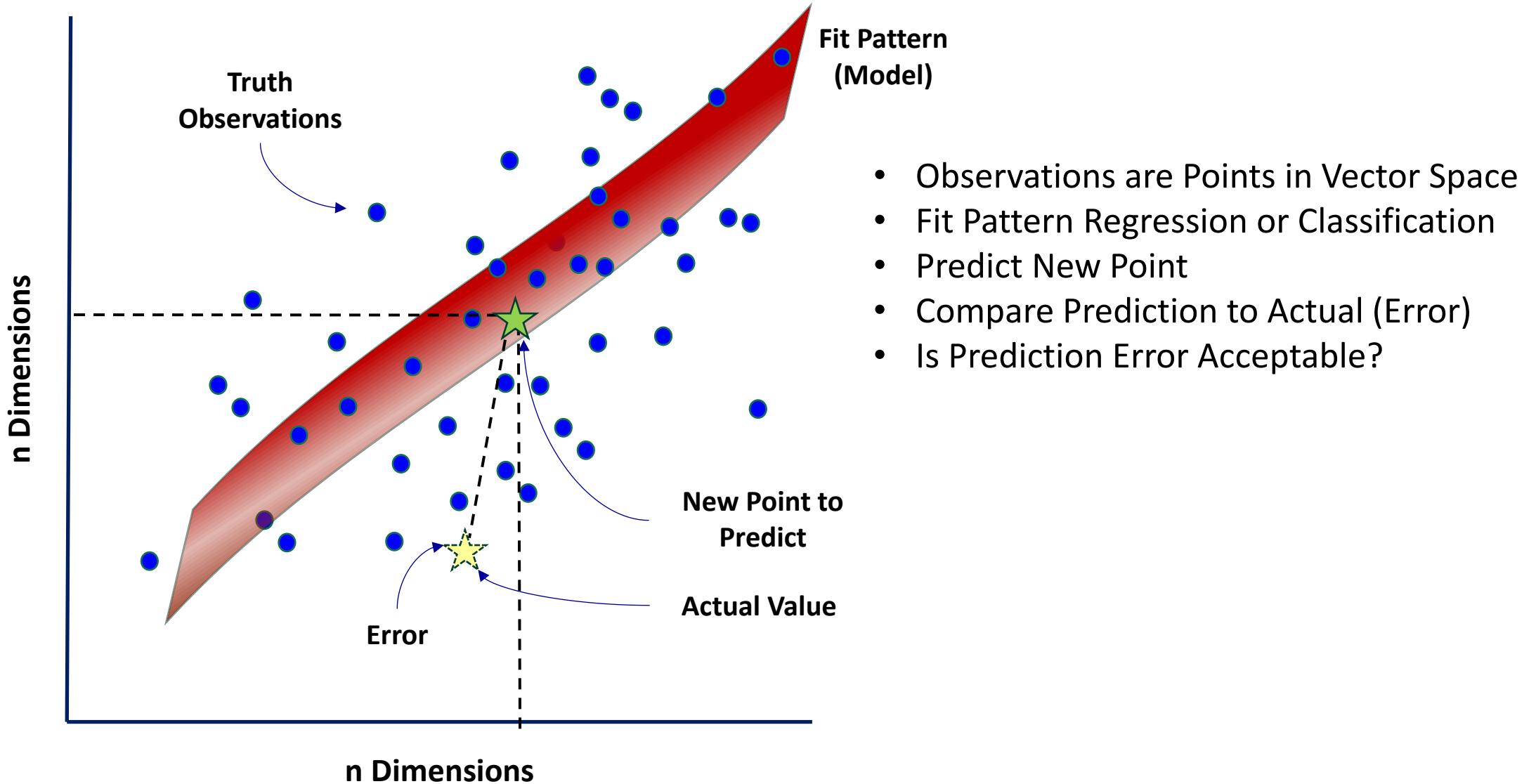
# Learning Methods

- Many methods available to practitioner
- Choice depends on objectives (performance, cost, explainability, preference)
- Intent of machine learning process is to find best fitting model based on optimal coefficients and\or parameters of a method which meet your objectives
  - Coefficients - think linear regression  $y = mx + b$
  - Parameters – think decision trees, number, depth, min breaks, distribution types, etc.

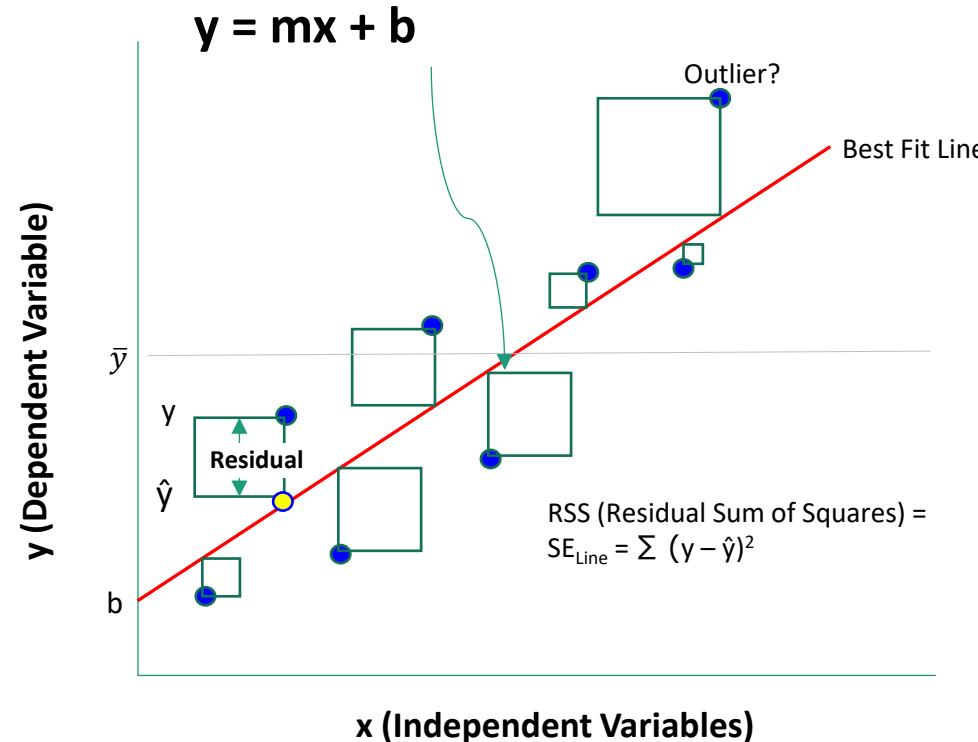


[Common Models](#)

# Method Intuition – Finding Patterns in n-Dimensional Space



# Method - Linear Regression



**Linear Regression** involves finding a ‘line of best fit’ that represents a dataset using the least squares method. The least squares method involves finding a linear equation that minimizes the sum of squared residuals. A residual is equal to the actual minus predicted value.

## 1. Find Best Fit Line

$$h_{\theta}(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \dots + \theta_j x_n \quad (\text{Hypothesis})$$

## 2. Find $\theta$ 's which minimize Squared Error of Line ( $\text{SE}_{\text{Line}}$ )

## 3. Use Gradient Descent to Solve for $\theta$ Coefficients

$$\text{Cost Function } J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\theta}x^i - y^i)^2$$

$$\text{Gradient Descent } \theta_j := \theta_j - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} J(\theta)$$

where:

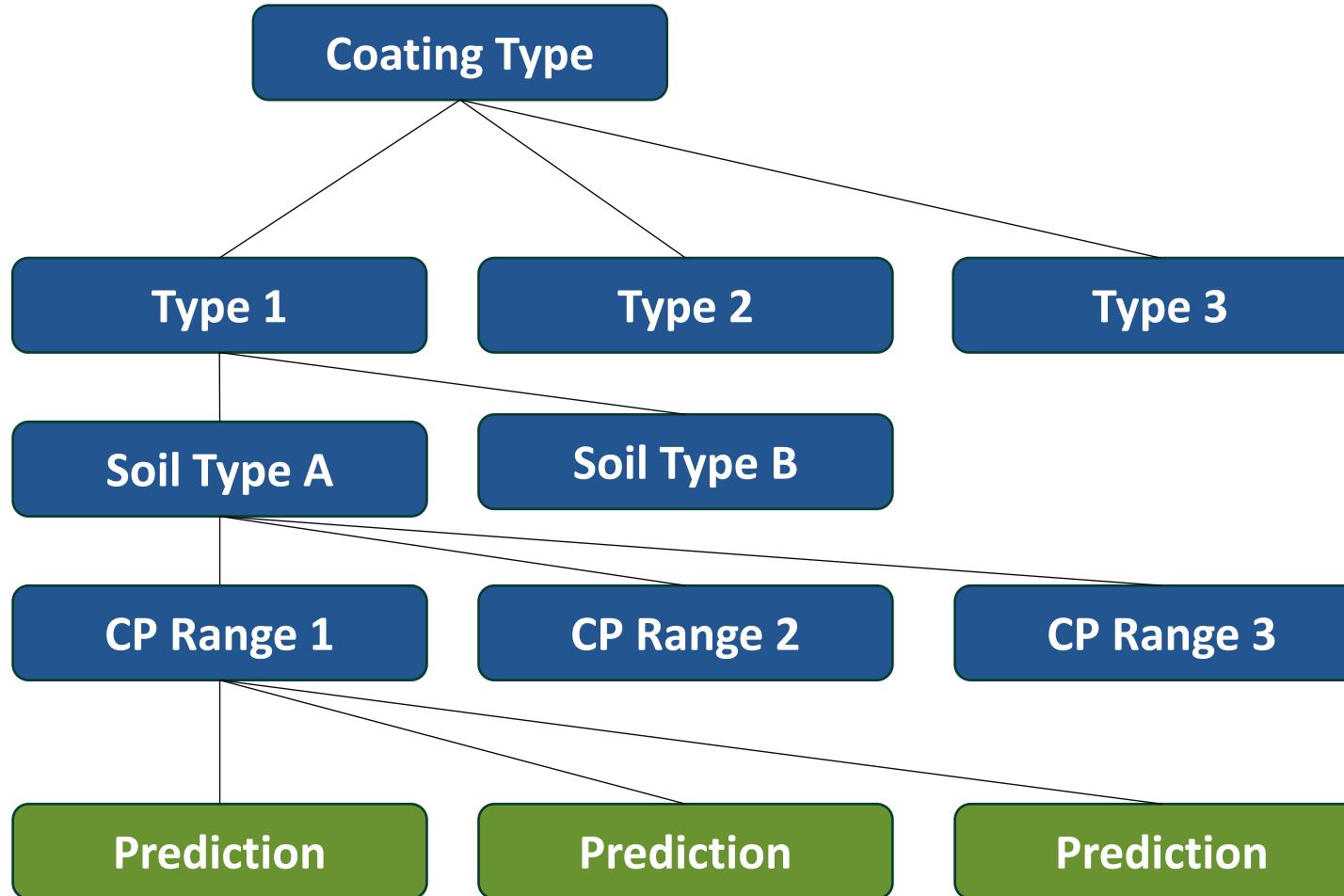
$\theta_j$  are the coefficients (or  $m$ 's) or weights to solve

$h_{\theta}x^i$  is the hypothesis function

$J(\theta)$  is the cost function to minimize

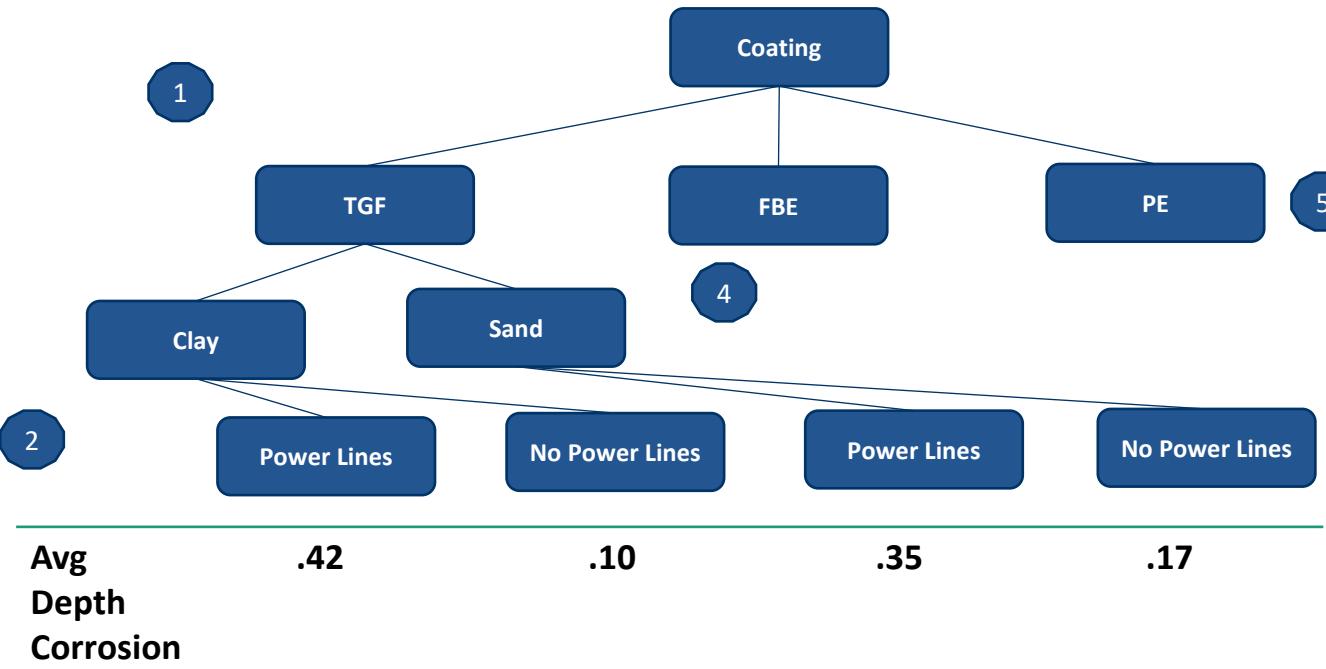
$\alpha$  is learning rate

# Method Intuition – Finding Patterns using Trees



- Which Predictors Reduce Entropy the Most?
- Observations follow Path
- Predict New Point
- Compare Prediction to Actual (Error)
- Is Prediction Error Acceptable?

# Method - Classification & Regression Decision Trees



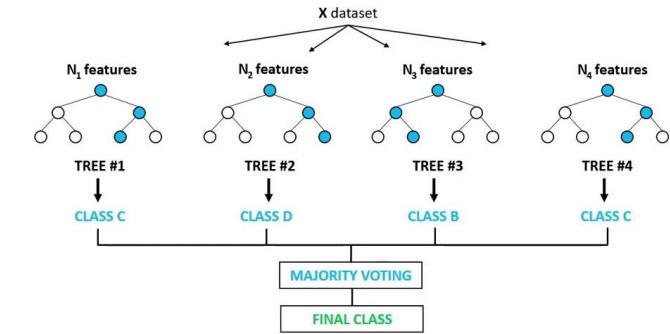
## Parameters

1. Criterion – Splitting based on Selected Criteria
2. Depth – Maximum Tree Depth
3. Pre-Pruning (not shown) – Prune Nodes based on Criteria
4. Branch – Whether to Branch is based on Pruning Criteria
5. Leaf – Min\Max Leaf Sizes

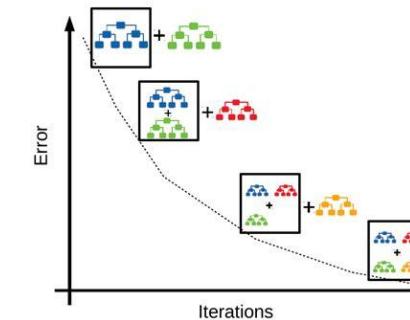
A **Decision Tree** is essentially a series of conditional statements that determine what path a sample takes until it reaches the bottom

- Creates Explicit Rules based on Observations
- Transparent, Easy to Interpret
- Can Handle Missing Data
- Under vs. Overfitting Issues

## Bagging

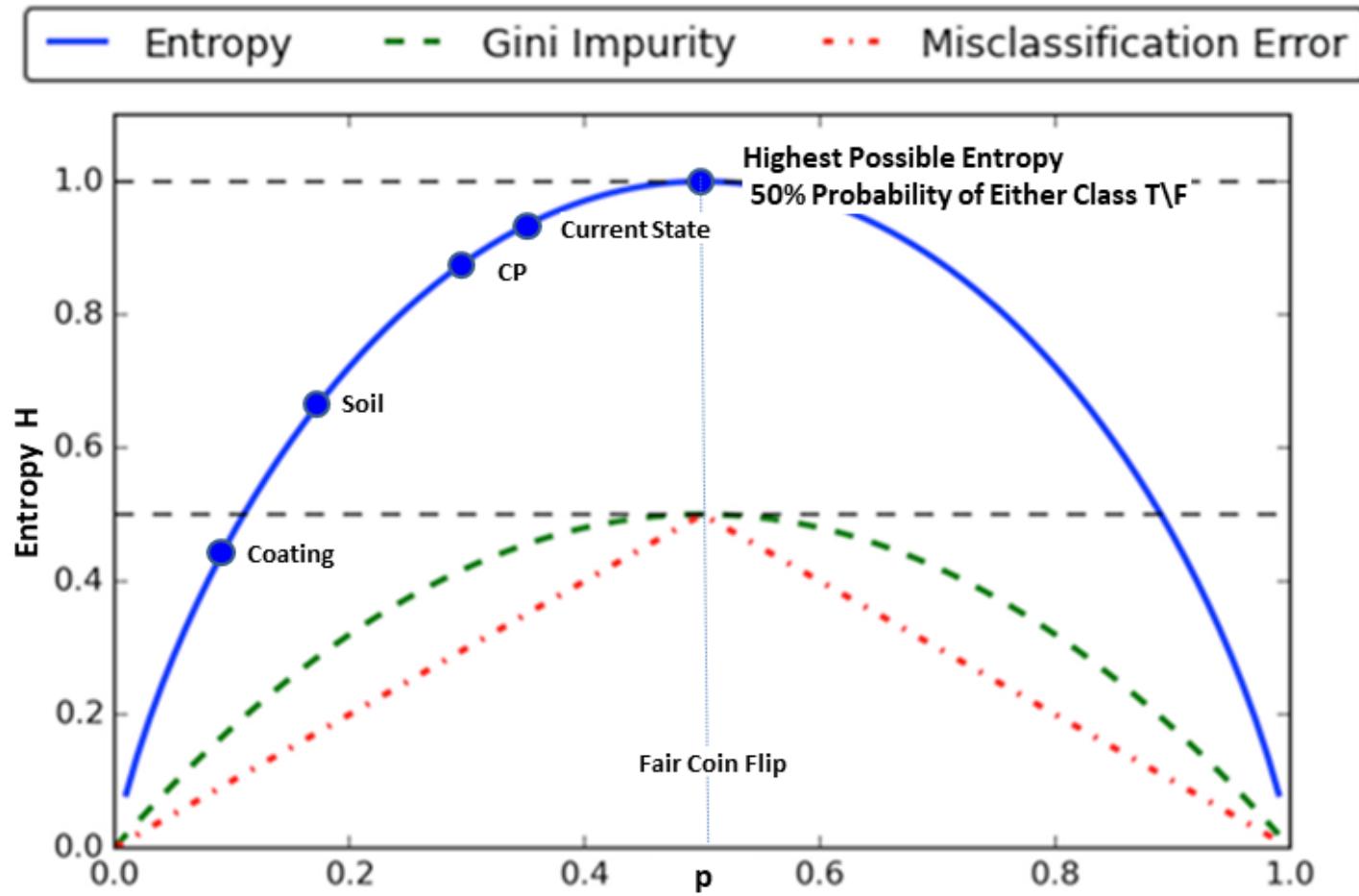


## Boosting



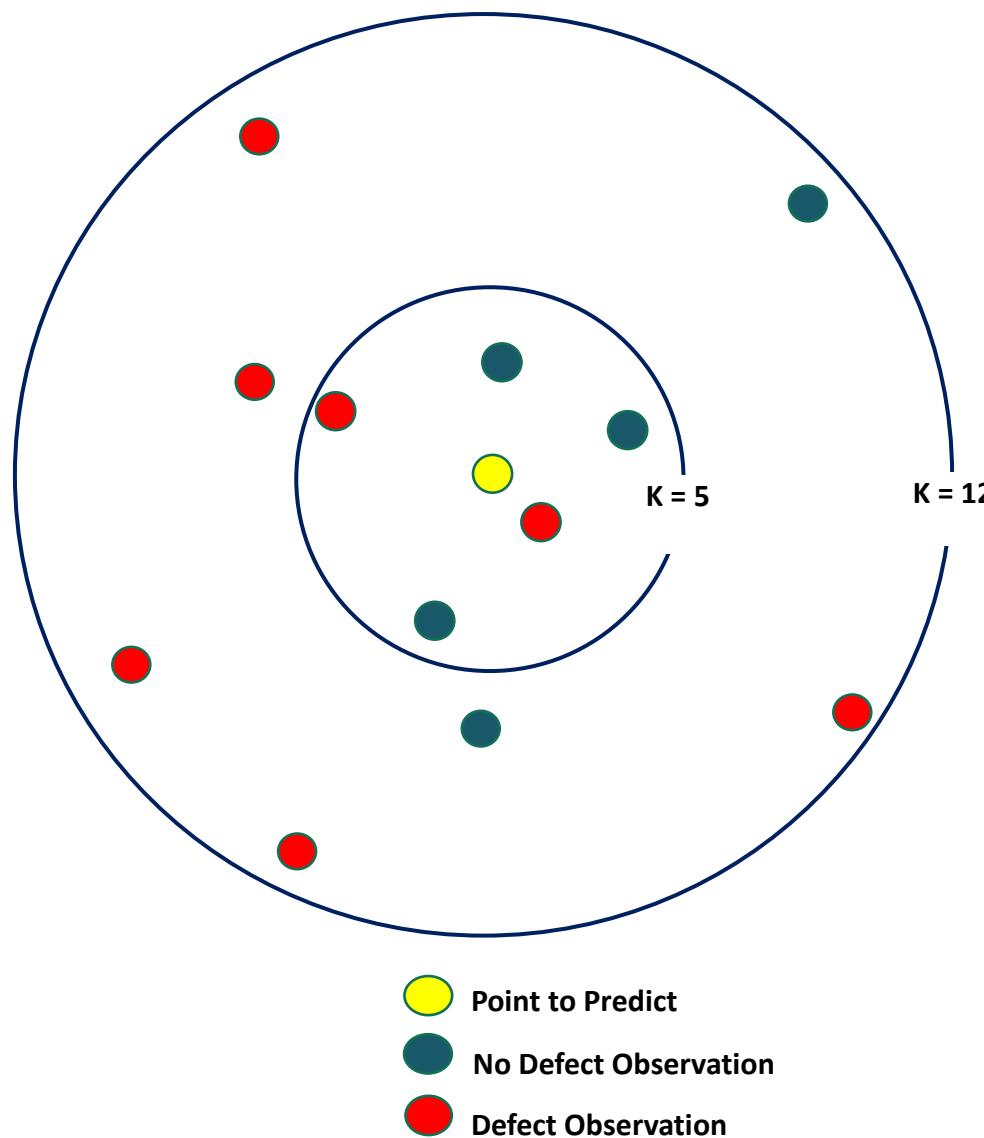
# Entropy

## Information Gain – Entropy Change



$$\text{Shannon's Entropy } H = -p_a \log_2(p_a) - p_b \log_2(p_b)$$

# Method - KNN (K Nearest Neighbor)



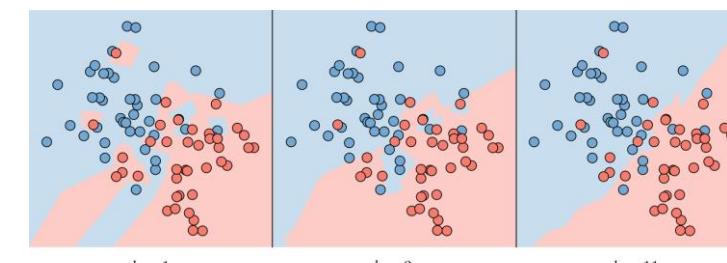
## KNN

KNN Uses Distance Calculations to Predict Classifications

- Lazy Learner, Memorizes Training Data
- Shallow Learner
- Non-Parameterized Method (No Weightings)
- Numerous Distance Calculations Available
- Data Normalization Recommended
- User Enters “K” to get Prediction

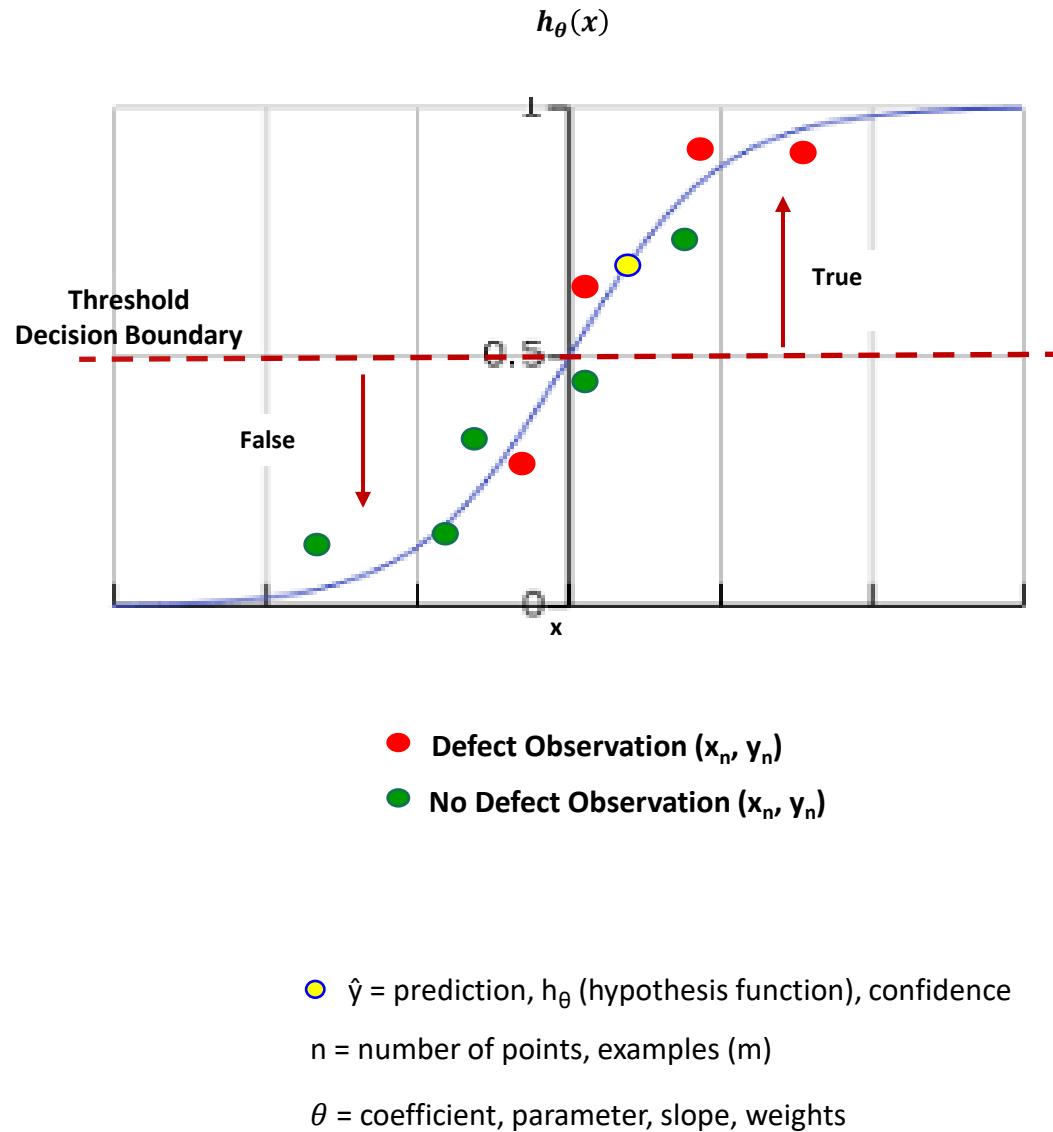
When K=5, the Prediction is “No Defect” (3 of 5, or 60% Confident)

When K=12, the Prediction is “Defect” (7 of 12, or 58% Confident)



The lower  $k$  (overfit), the higher the variance; the higher  $k$  (underfit), the higher the bias

# Method - Logistic Regression



**Logistic Regression** is a classification technique that also finds a ‘line of best fit.’ However, unlike linear regression, where the line of best fit is found using least squares, logistic regression finds the line (logistic curve) of best fit using maximum likelihood. This is done because the y value can only be one or zero.

**1. Find Best Fit Line**  $h_\theta(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-\theta^T x}}$  (Hypothesis)

- Sigmoid or Logistic Function for Binary Classification
- Linear Function  $\theta^T X$  may also be replaced by a Nonlinear Function

**2. Use Gradient Descent to Solve for Coefficients**

Cost Function:

$$J(\theta) = -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m [y \cdot \log(h_\theta(x)) + (1 - y) \cdot \log(1 - h_\theta(x))]$$

$$\text{Gradient Descent } \theta_j := \theta_j - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} J(\theta)$$

where

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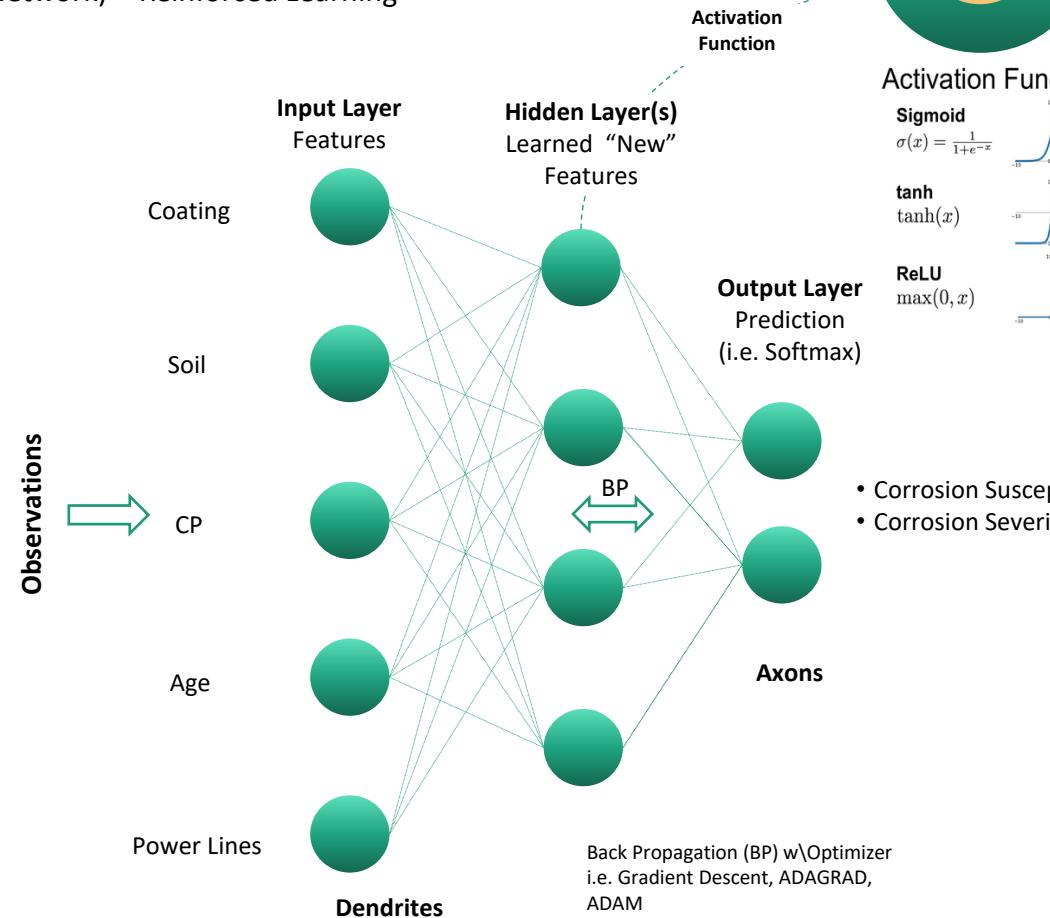
$\alpha$  is learning rate

**3. Measure Performance thru Confusion Matrix**

# Method - Deep Learning - Artificial Neural Network (ANN)

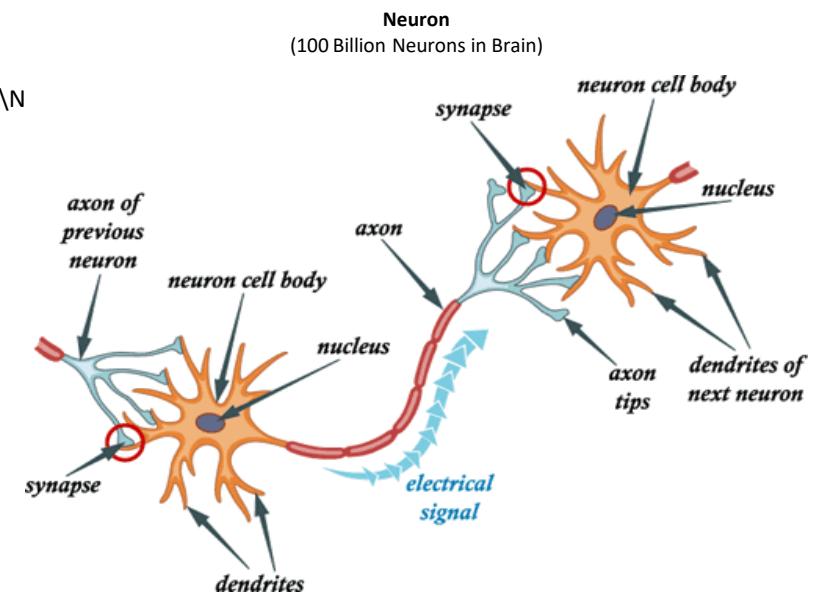
## Some Types of ANN's (Nuclei)

- MLP (Multi-Layer Perceptron) – Vanilla, Early Version
- RNN (Recurrent NN) – ST\LT Sequential Data, Speech
- CNN (Convolutional NN) – Vision
- DQN (Deep Q Network) – Reinforced Learning



## ANN

- Deep Learner
- Parameterized Method
- Higher Cost to Compute
- Linear or Non-Linear
- Data Normalization Recommended

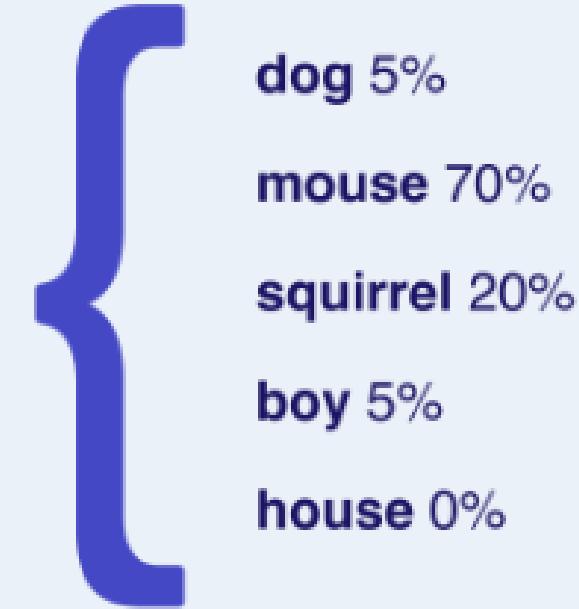


## Method – NLP's & Large Language Model (LLM's)

# Language Models

Trained to predict the next word in a sentence:

**The cat is chasing the \_\_\_\_\_**



# Summary

“All Models are Wrong, but Some Models are Useful”

- George E.P. Box

Famous Quality Control Mathematician

# Machine Learning Essentials

## Unit 1.5

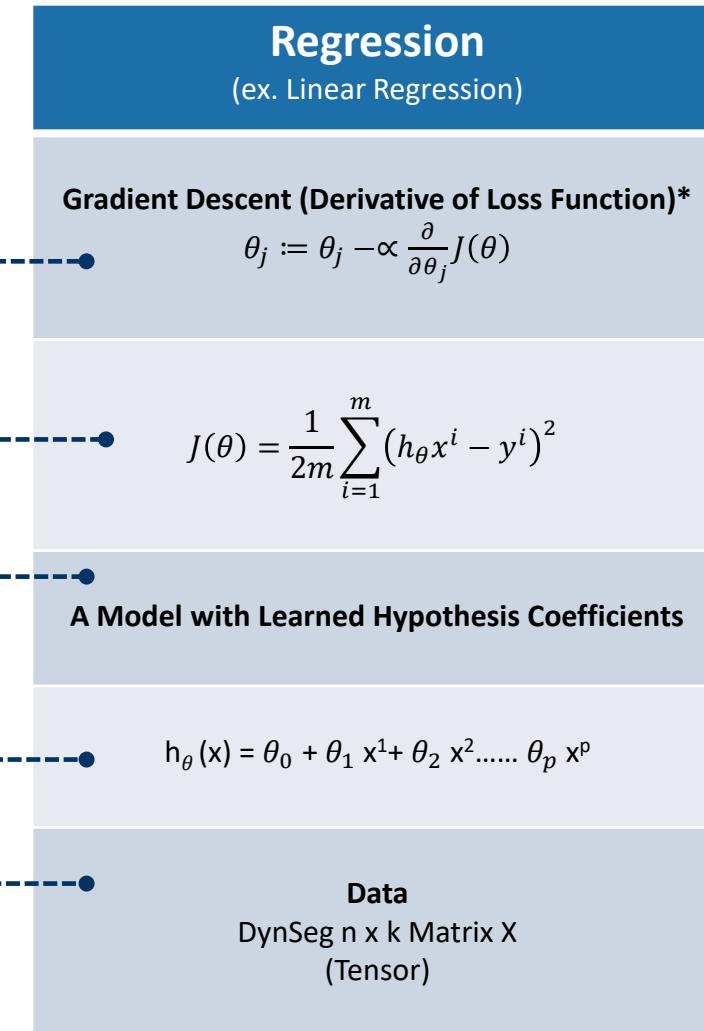
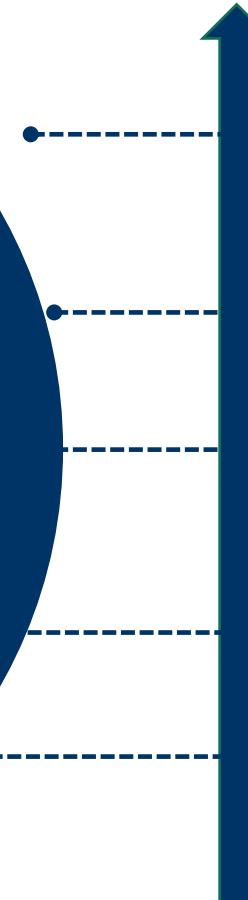
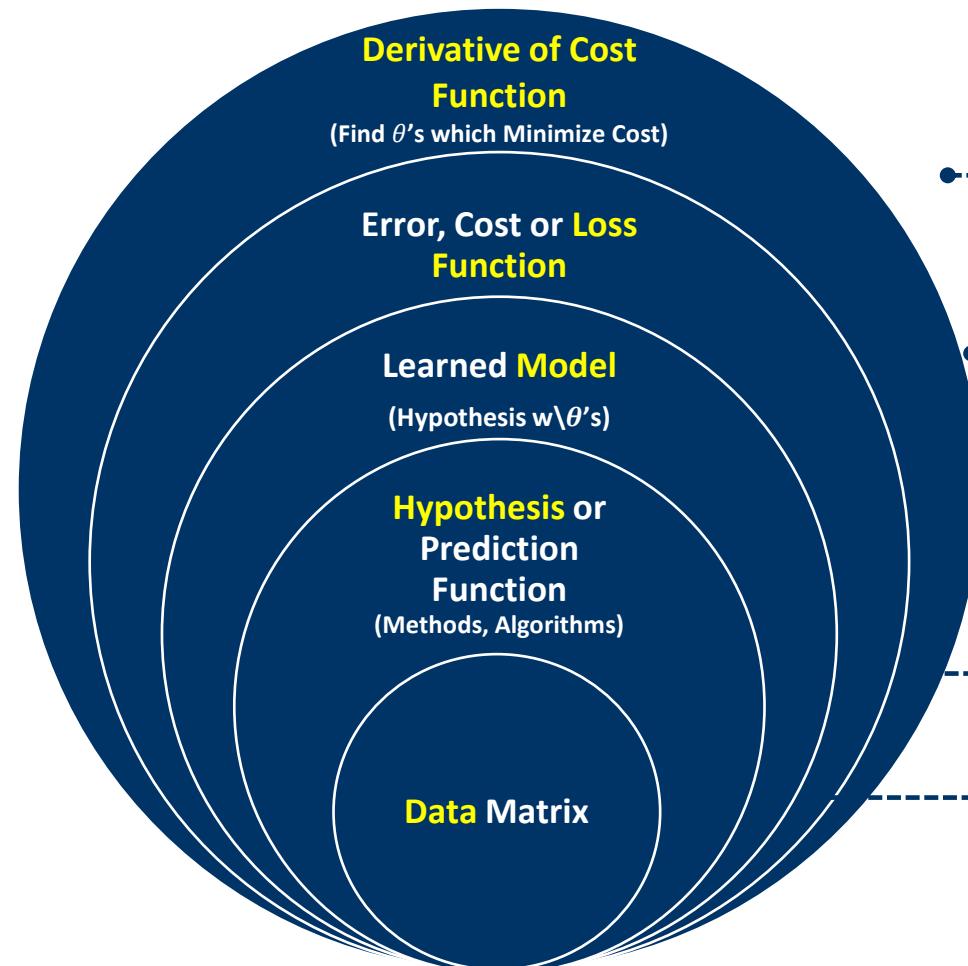
### The Math

# Gradient Descent



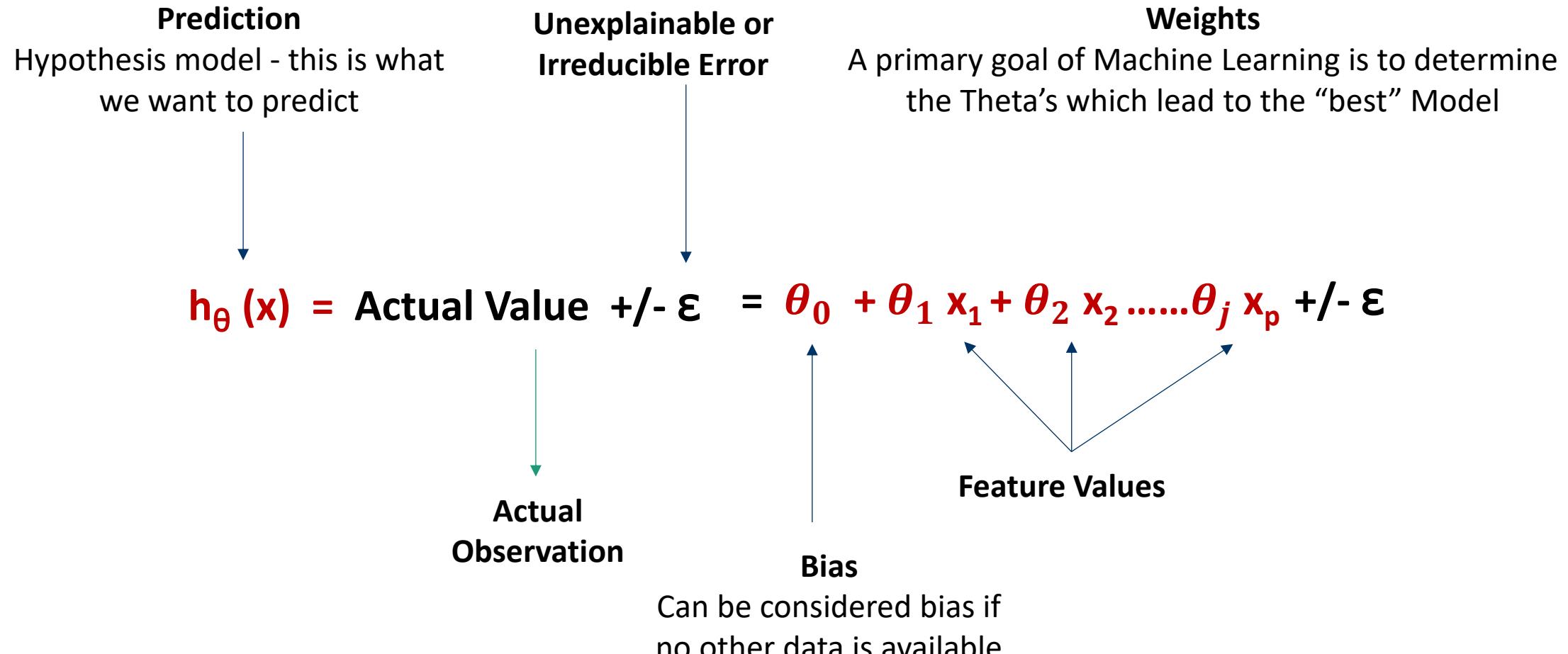
Where's the  
bottom?

# The Math – Gradient Descent



\* Other “Optimizer” functions are available

# The Math – Regression Intuition



# Machine Learning Essentials

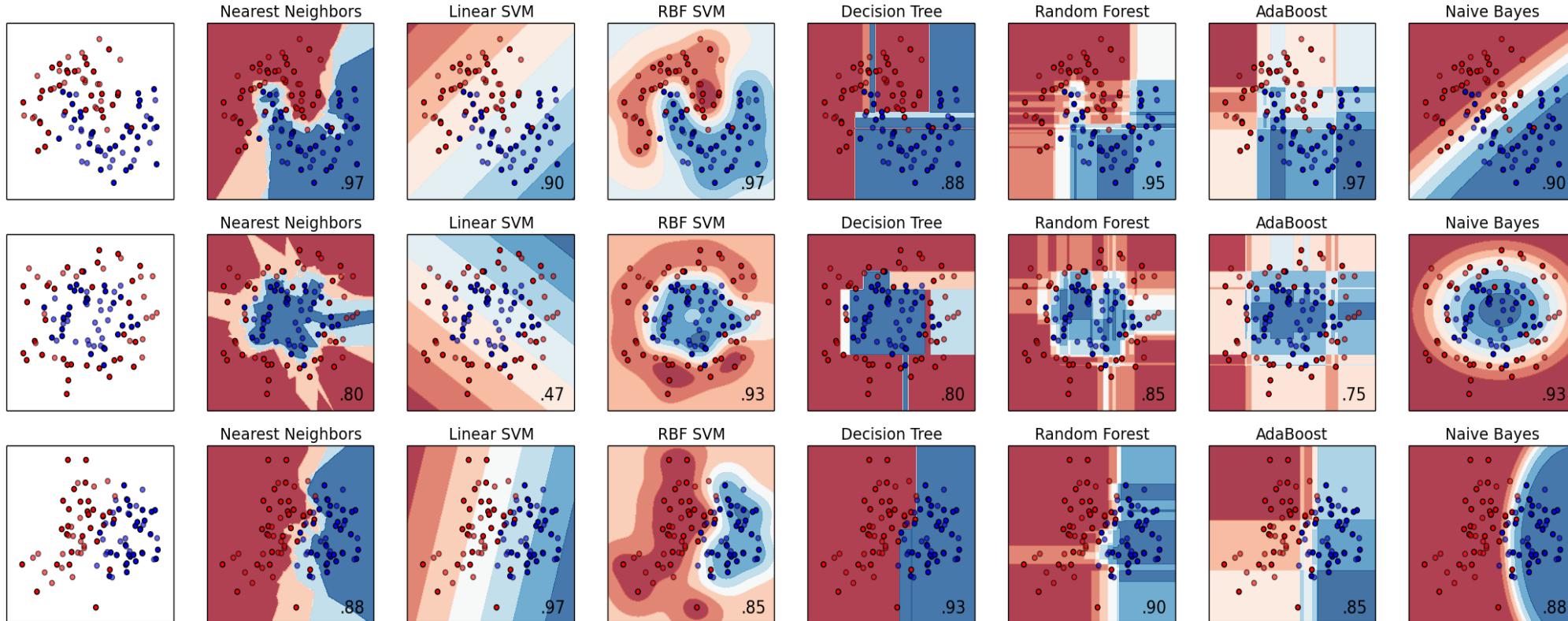
## Unit 1.6

### Classification & Performance

# Intuition

## Classification Methods

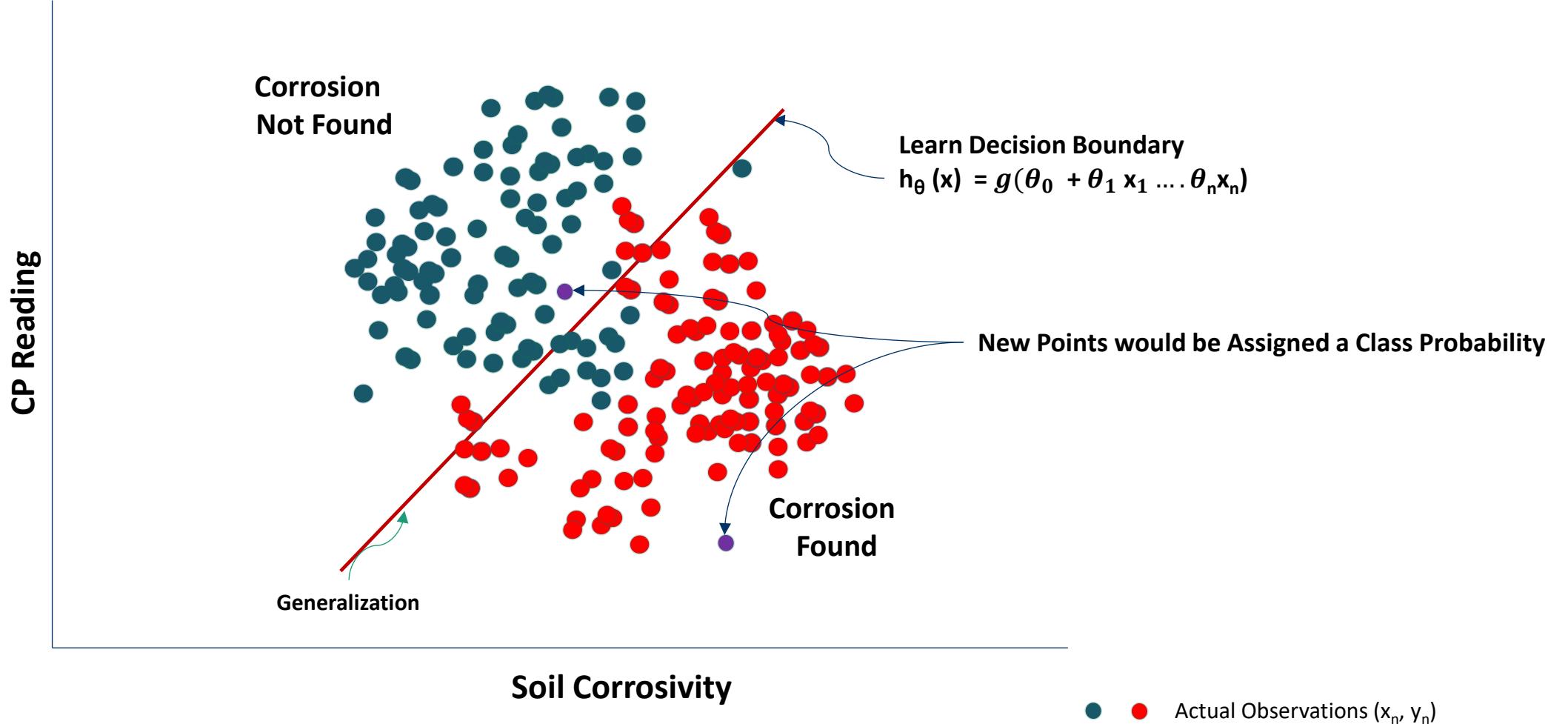
Example of Classifying Defects as Probability of Present or Not-Present in n-Dimensional Space



Example, red is “defect present”, blue is “defect not present”, number indicates accuracy

# Intuition

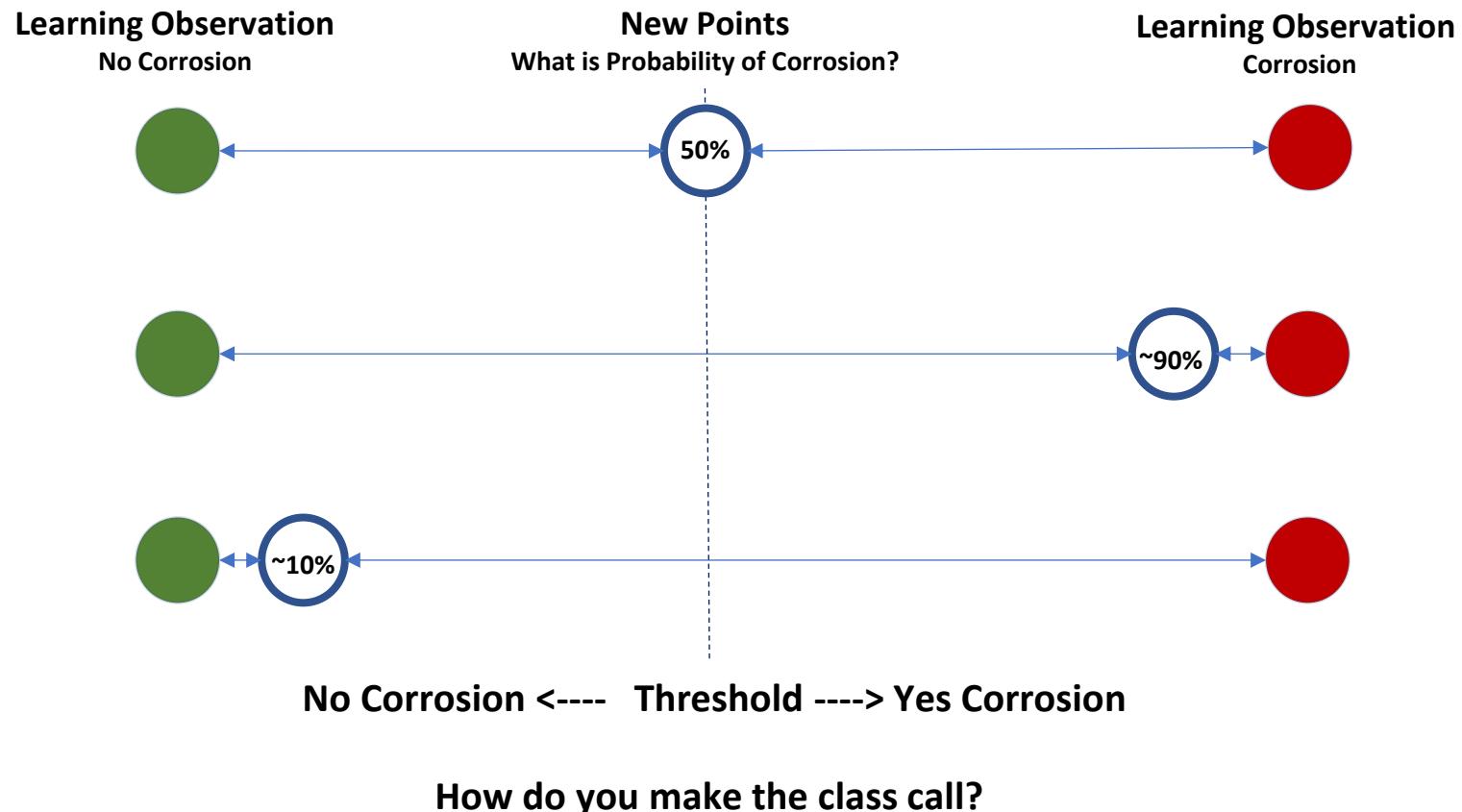
## Plot Observations of External Corrosion Found vs. Known Variables



# Intuition

## How does Classification “Classify” New Points?

Distances between Points in n-Dimensional Vector Space  
(think Distance, Frequency & Variance)



# Confusion Matrix

## Two-Class Performance Learning Data Example:

- Joints of Pipe = 100
- Joints with Defects = 10
- Joints without Defects = 90

Overall Accuracy 89%	Actual (No Defects = 90)	Actual (Defects = 10)	
Prediction (No Defects = 81)	80 (TN = true negatives)	1 (FN = false negatives)	
Prediction (Defects = 19)	10 (FP = false positives)	9 (TP = true positives)	47% (precision)
	89% (specificity)	90% (sensitivity or recall)	

# Classification Performance Metrics

<b>Accuracy</b>	$(TP + TN)/(TP + TN + FP + FN)$
<b>Balanced Accuracy</b>	$(\text{sensitivity} + \text{specificity})/2$
<b>Error</b>	$1 - \text{Accuracy}$
<b>Precision</b>	$TP/(TP + FP)$ = percentage of correctly predicted classes of predicted class (also positive predictive value)
<b>Sensitivity</b>	$TP/(TP + FN)$ = percentage of correctly predicted classes of actual positive class
<b>Specificity</b>	$TN/(TN + FP)$ = percentage of correctly predicted classes of actual negative class
<b>False Positives</b>	Type I Error
<b>False Negatives</b>	Type II Error
<b><u>KAPPA</u></b>	Useful metric when minority class is small (<.20 slight agreement, >.80 high agreement), higher KAPPA scores are better
<b>Prevalence</b>	$(TP + FN)/(TP + TN + FP + FN)$
<b>F Score</b>	$2 * (\text{precision} * \text{recall})/(\text{precision} + \text{recall})$ = harmonic mean (higher F-Scores are better) = $TP/(TP + \frac{1}{2}(FP + FN))$
<b>Negative Predictive Values</b>	$TN/(TN + FN)$
<b>Detection Rate</b>	$TP/(TP + TN + FP + FN)$
<b>Detection Prevalence</b>	$(TP + FP)/(TP + TN + FP + FN)$
<b><u>LogLoss</u></b>	Quantifies accuracy by penalizing false classification (smaller numbers better)

# Machine Learning Essentials

## Unit 1.7

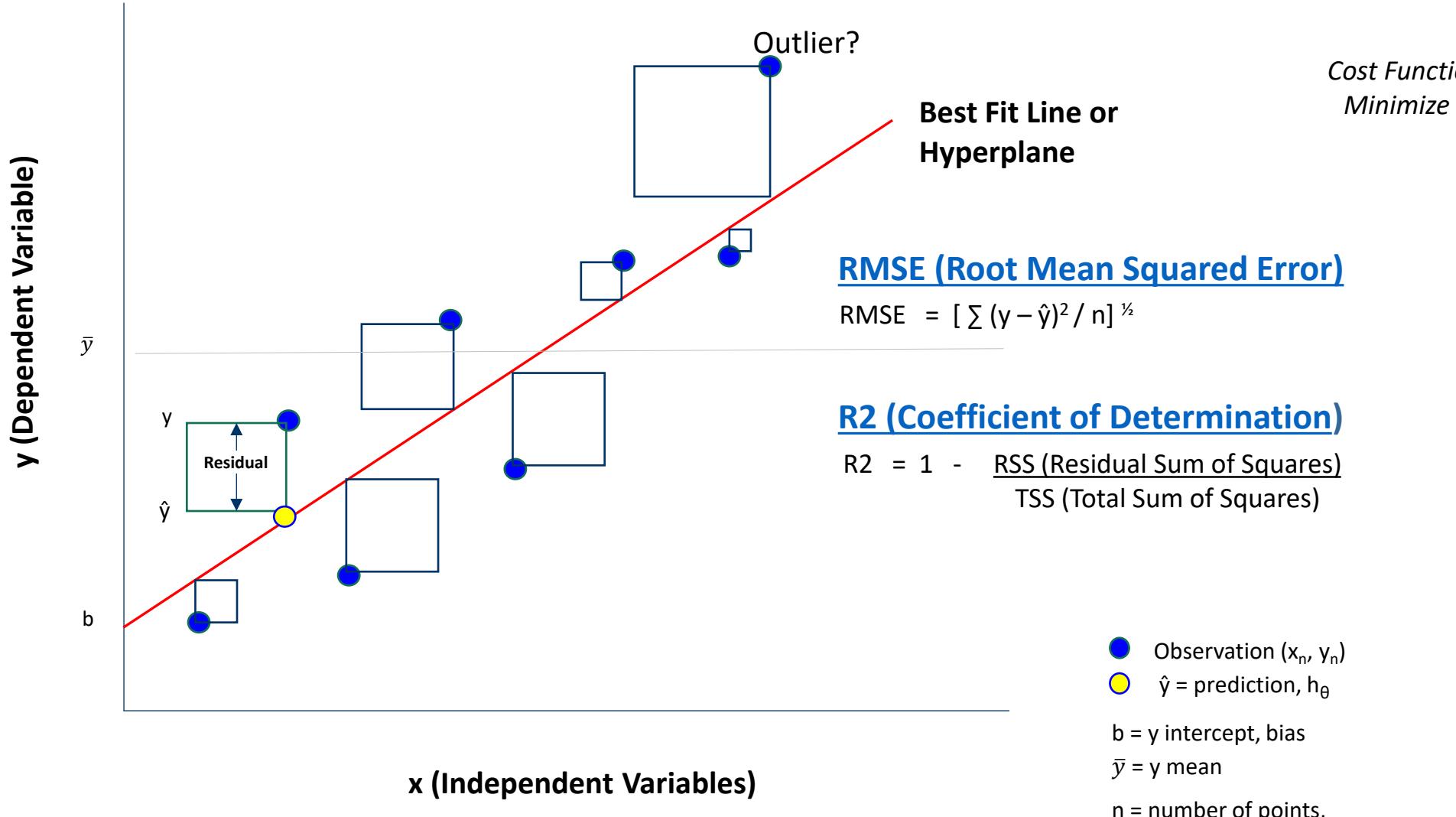
### Classification Example

# Machine Learning Essentials

## Unit 1.8

### Regression & Performance

# Intuition



# Machine Learning Essentials

## Unit 1.9

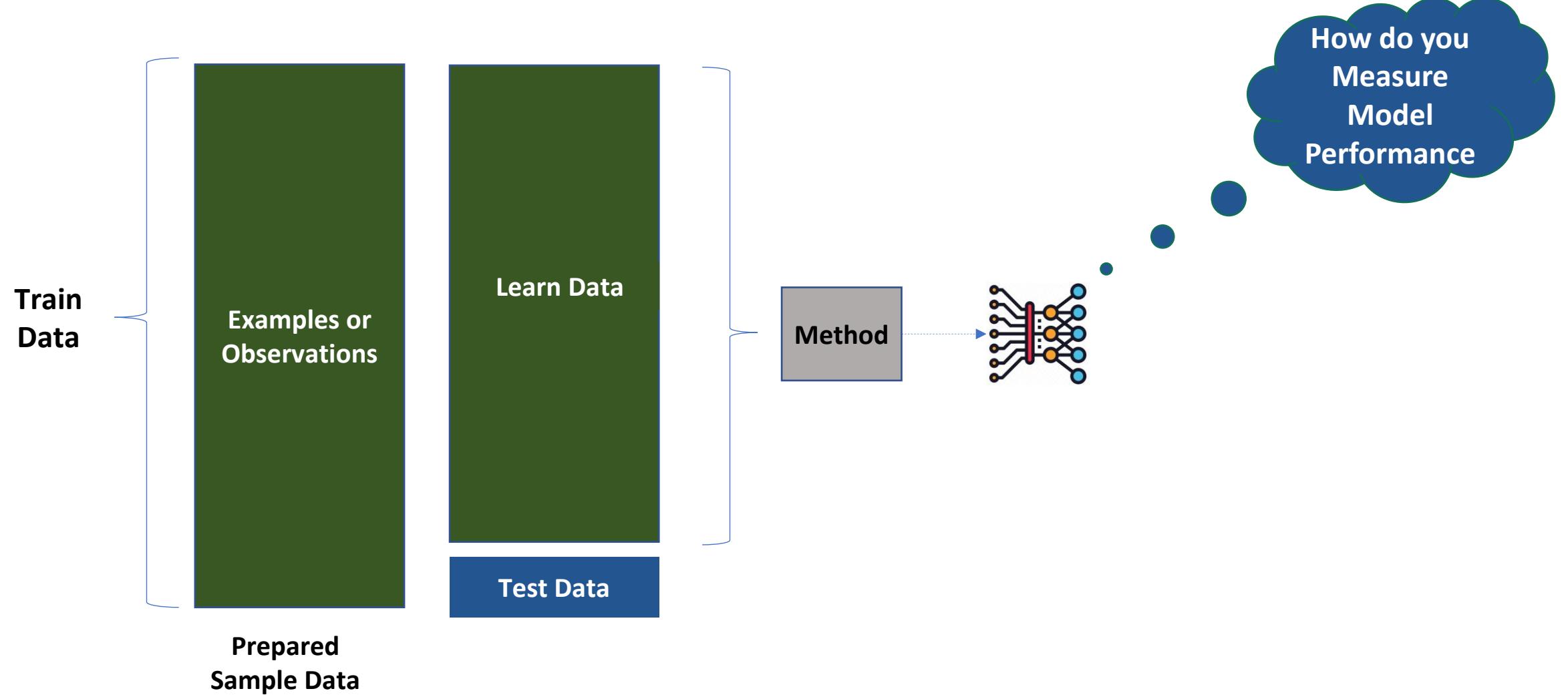
### Regression Example

# Machine Learning Essentials

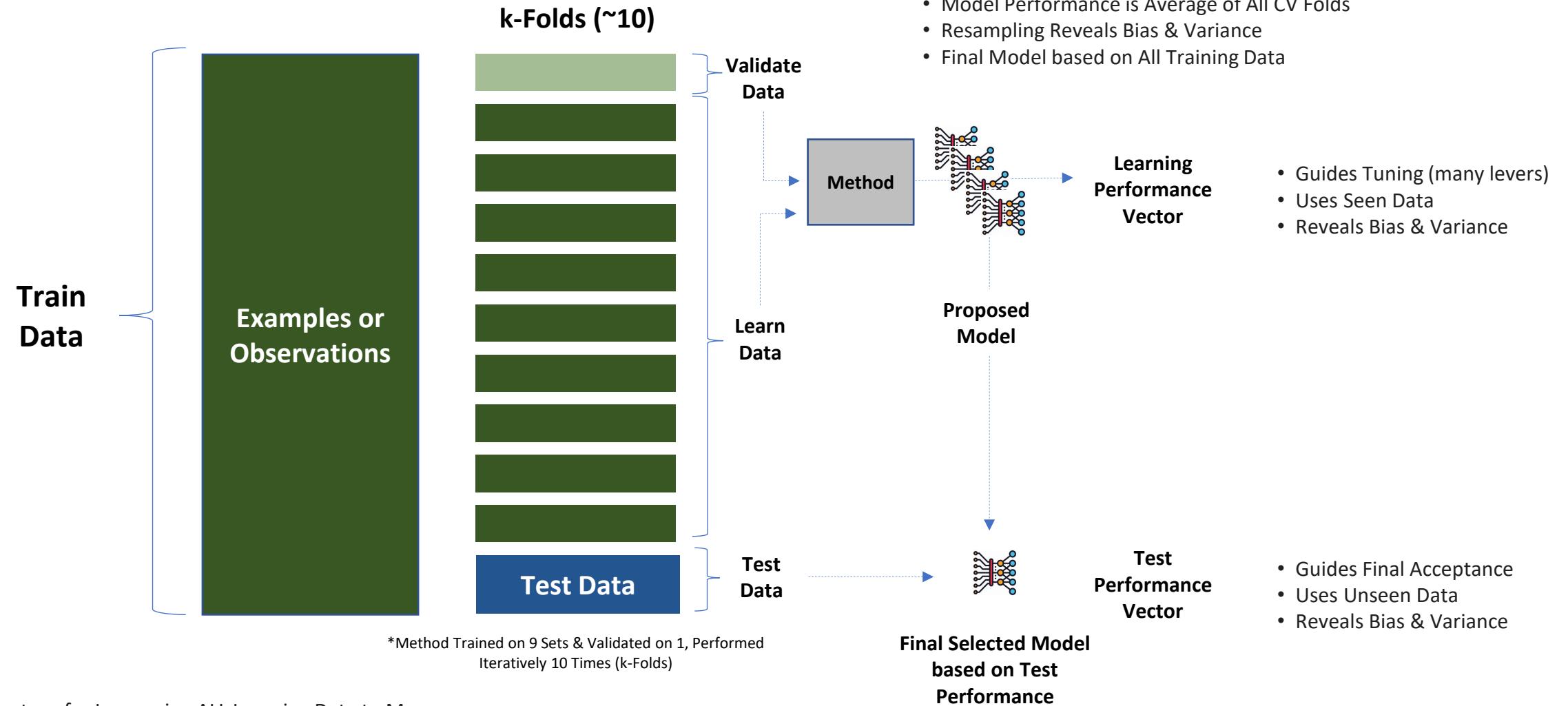
## Unit 1.10

### Cross-Validation (Re-Sampling)

# Why Resampling?



# Cross-Validation & Resampling



- A Strategy for Leveraging ALL Learning Data to Measure Performance and Learn a Final Model

# Machine Learning Essentials

## Unit 1.11

### Model Explainability

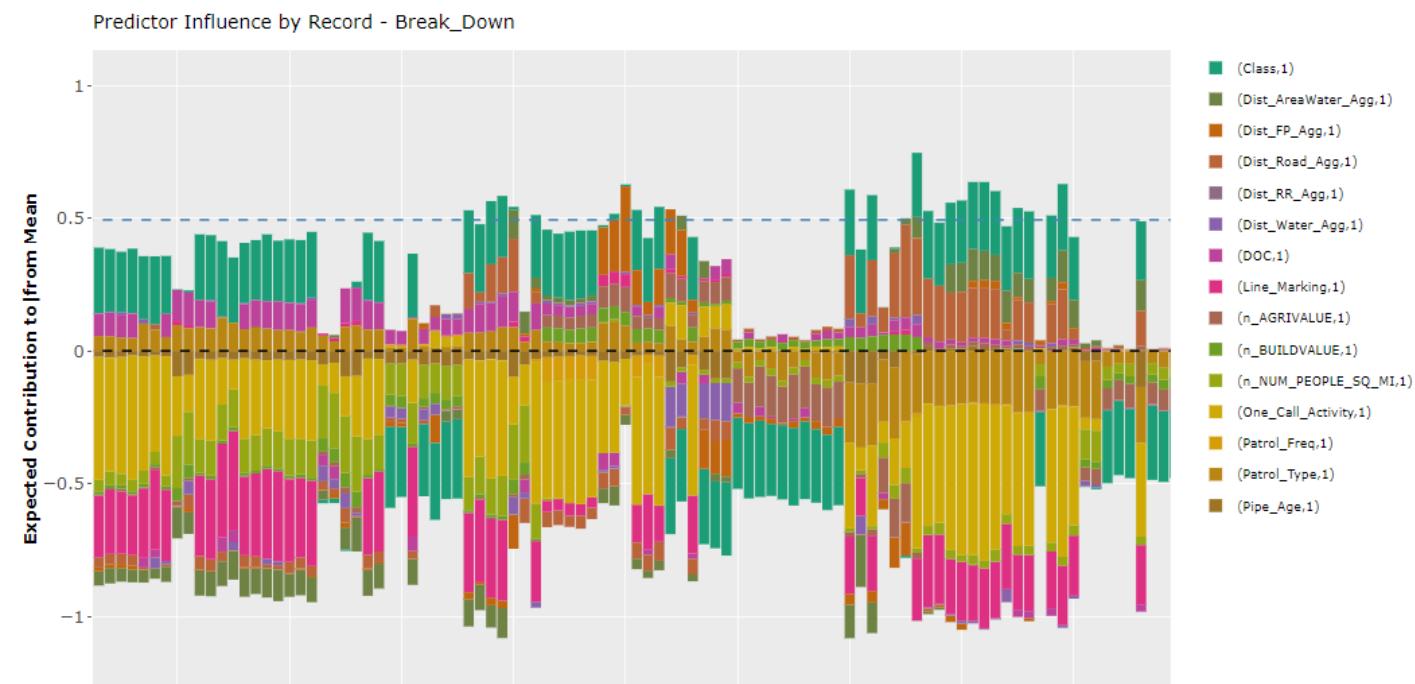
# Model Explainability Methods

## Objective

- Explain model predictions so they are understandable, explainable & validate results (i.e., [192.917](#))

## Methods

- Global – generalizes explanation thru model weights and sampling of training data (explainer) results
- Local – explains specific prediction thru innovative statistical techniques
- Simulation – directly interact with model by changing inputs (predictors & legend)

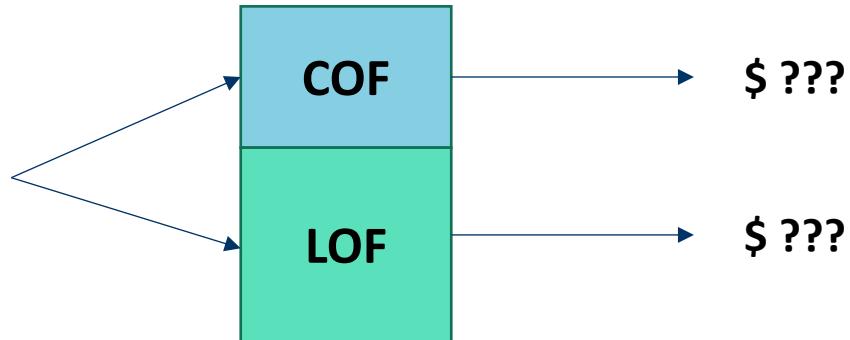


# Intuition

$$\text{ROF} = \text{LOF} \times \text{COF}$$

Example:

$$\$120 = 60\% \times \$200$$



- What is the Contribution of LOF to ROF in absolute terms?
- What is the Contribution of COF to ROF in absolute terms?
- Is it useful to know these contributions?
- What if you have a risk algorithm with 100 predictors & non-linearities?
- How do you know what each factor contributes?

# Intuition

Equations for Interactive Probabilities	
$P_{ECint}$	$P_{ECint} = P_{EC} + 0.148(P_{EC} + P_{MFR}) + 0.017(P_{EC} + P_{CD}) + 0.013(P_{EC} + P_{MD})$
$P_{ICint}$	$P_{ICint} = P_{IC} + 0.052(P_{IC} + P_{MFR}) + 0.019(P_{IC} + P_{CD})$
$P_{SCCint}$	$P_{SCCint} = P_{SCC}$
$P_{MFRint}^*$	$P_{MFRint} = P_{MFR}$
$P_{CDint}$	$P_{CDint} = P_{CD}$
$P_{EFint}$	$P_{EFint} = P_{EF} + 0.059(P_{EF} + P_{EC})$
$P_{MDint}$	$P_{MDint} = P_{MD} + 0.089(P_{MD} + P_{SCC}) + 0.022(P_{MD} + P_{CD}) + 0.006(P_{MD} + P_{IO})$
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$P_{OFint}$	$P_{OFint} = P_{OF} + 0.092(P_{OF} + P_{EF}) + 0.203(P_{OF} + P_{CD}) + 0.098(P_{OF} + P_{MD})$

# Machine Learning Essentials

## Unit 1.12

### Explainability Example

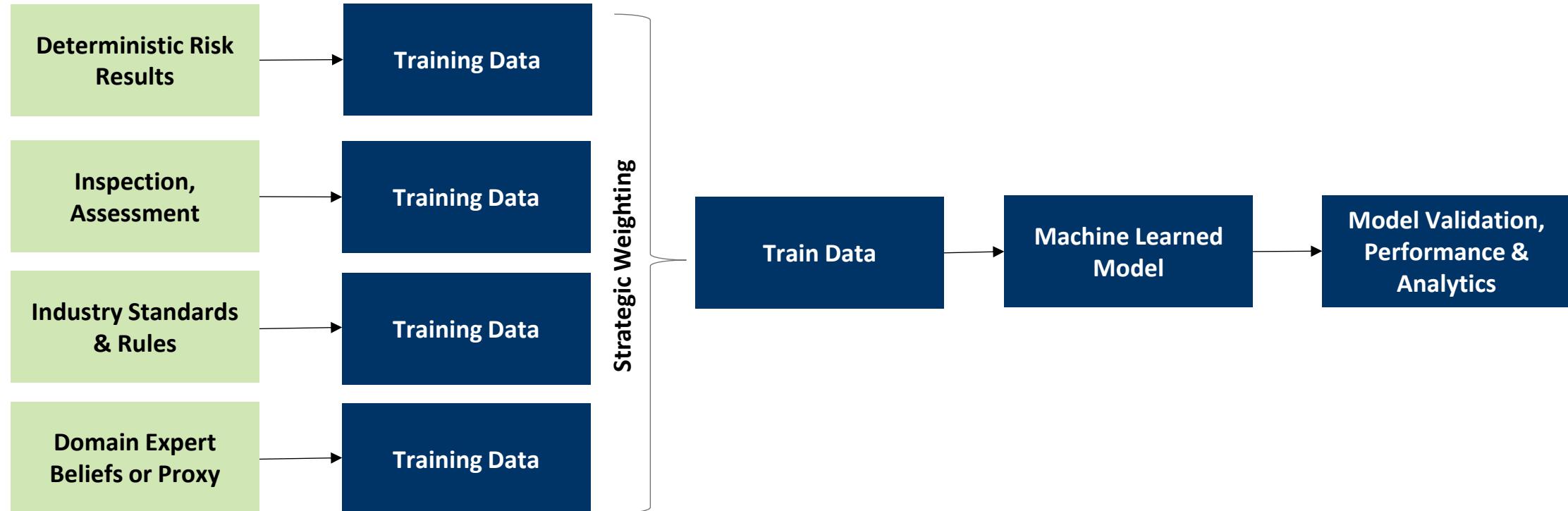
# DATA

# Data Concepts

## Unit 2.1

### Training Data

# Training Data Sources

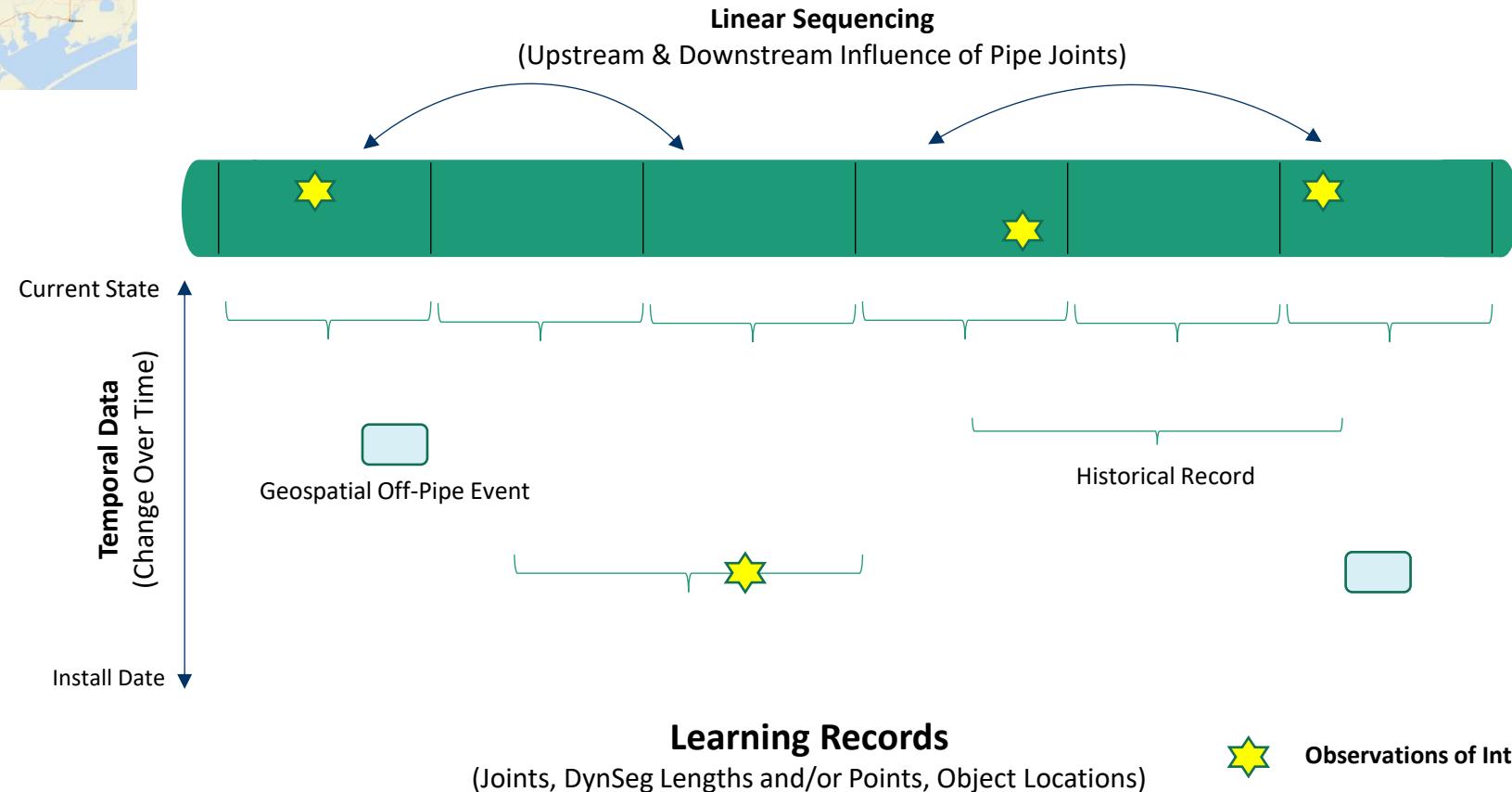
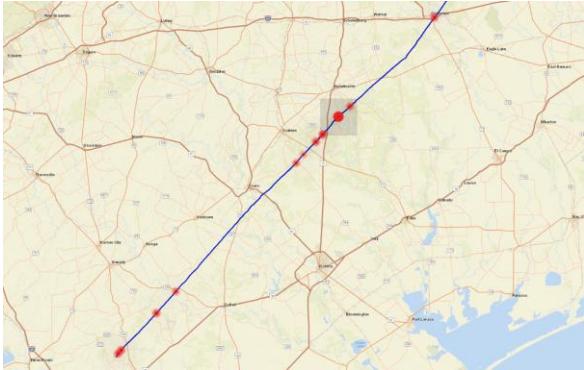


# Data Concepts

## Unit 2.2

### Data Integration

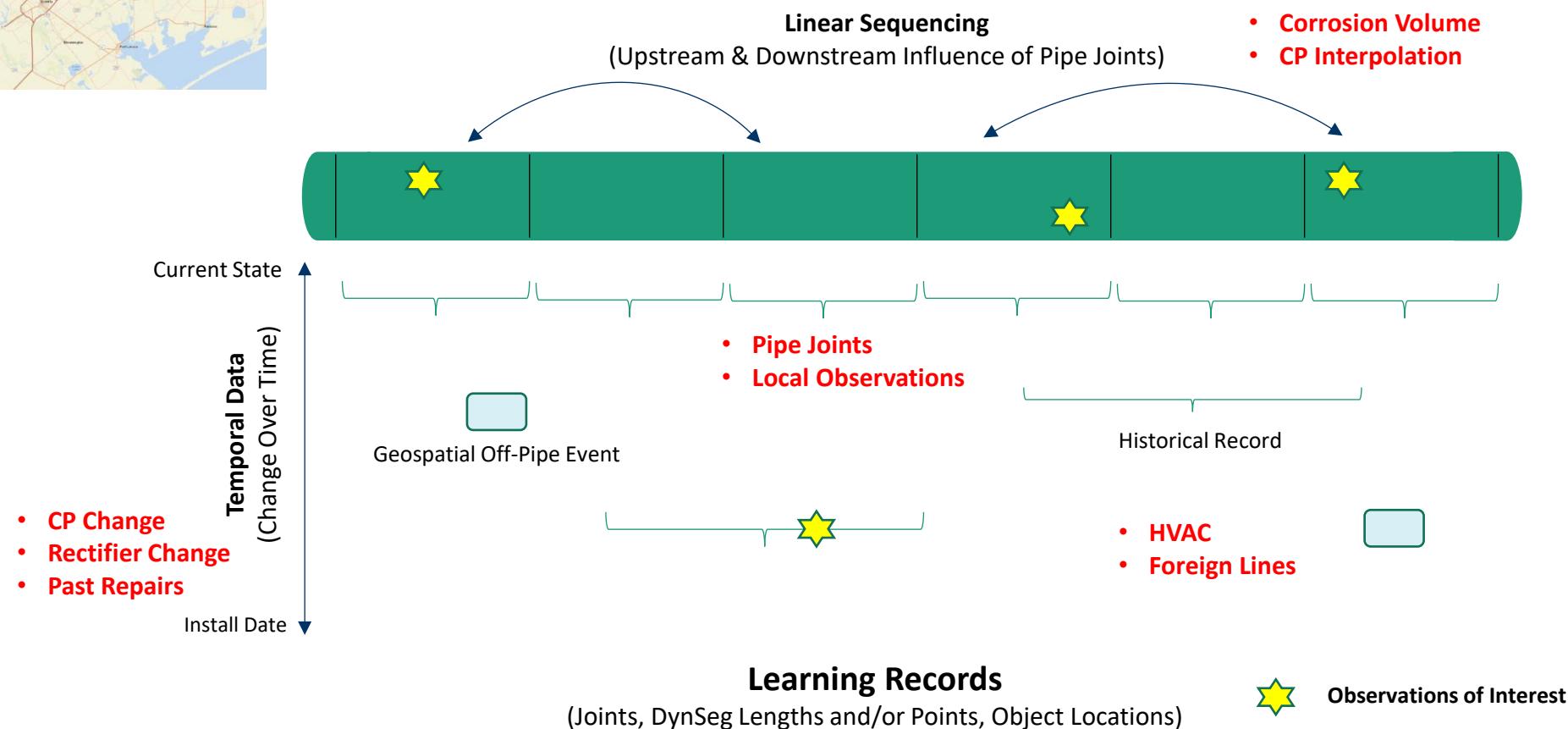
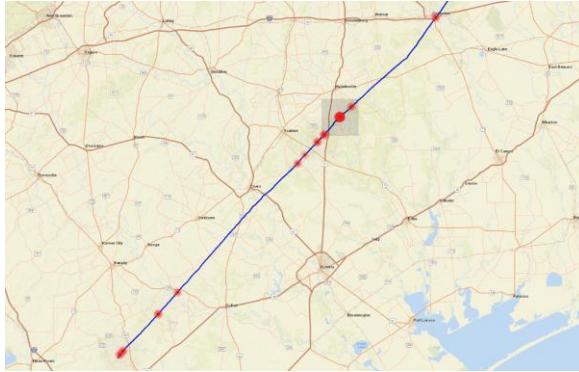
# What's Special About Pipeline Data?



## Dimensions

- Segmentation (Use Joints)
- Temporal (Use Rates – Feature Engineering)
- Off-Pipe Events (Use Thresholds)
- Sequencing (Interpolate, Generalize)

# External Corrosion Example



# Resulting Training Data - External Corrosion Example

Target	Pipe Segmentation						Temporal		Sequence		Off-Pipe		
	Comp_Name	EC_MPY	Measure_Start	Measure_End	Coating	Long_Seam	SOIL_PH	CP_Off_Trend	ANN.TEMP_DIFF	Comp_Distance	OHPL.Crossing.Distance	SCC_BINARY	TPD_BINARY
All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All	All
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# Data Concepts

## Recommendations

- Understand your objective (learning target)
- Understand your data
- Leverage existing & public data

## Challenges

- Do I have enough data? How do I know? What if I don't?
- Do I have the right data? ? How do I know? What if I don't?

## Concepts

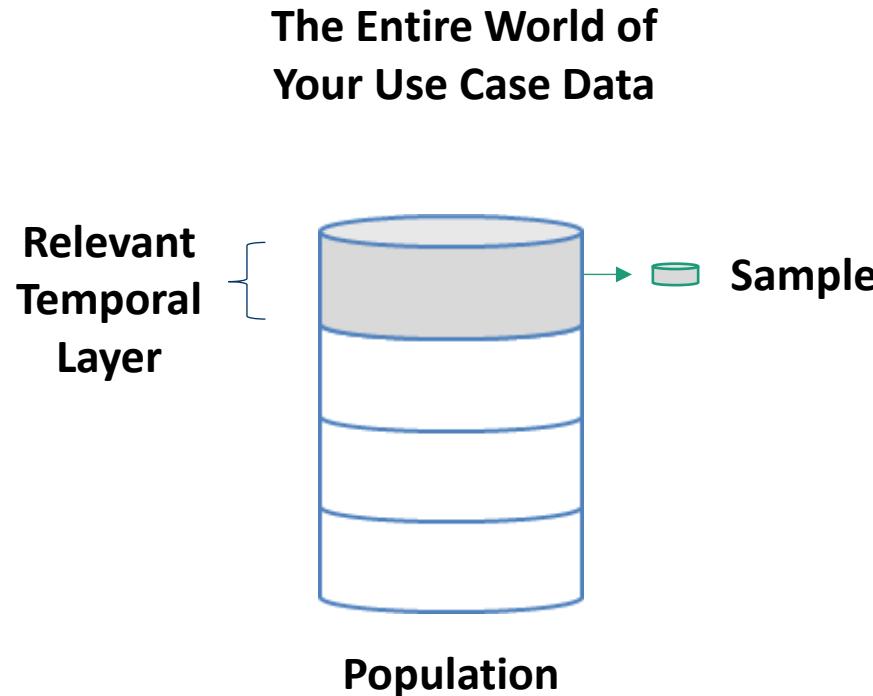
- Use data proxies
- Use synthetic data (human or machine generated)
- Use machine learning to measure how much and what data
- Learning data tends to be more granular
- Prediction data tends to be less granular

# Data Concepts

## Unit 2.3

### Data Sampling

# How Much Learning Data?

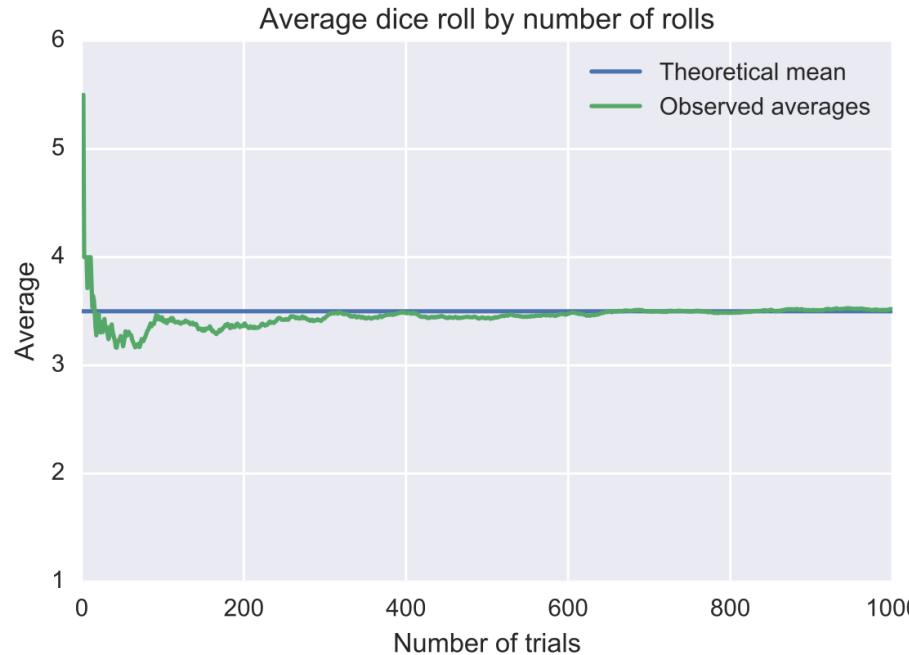


## The Learning Sample

- Samples should be a randomly selected set of records from the entire population of interest
- Verified thru analysis & visualization by domain experts
- Apply hypothesis testing and other methods to diagnose and mitigate sampling errors
- Performance metrics of learned models may reveal sampling errors

# Law of Large Numbers & Central Limit Theorem

- The **Law of Large Numbers** states that the average of the results obtained from many trials tends to become closer to the population average as more trials are performed



## States that Given A Sufficiently Large Sample

- The means of the samples in a set of samples (the sample means) will be approximately normally distributed
- This normal distribution will have a mean close to the mean of the population

## Why Do We Care?

- Most if not all data we use for integrity & risk analysis is a sample of a larger population, and we can use the CLT to infer unknown population parameters and confidence intervals

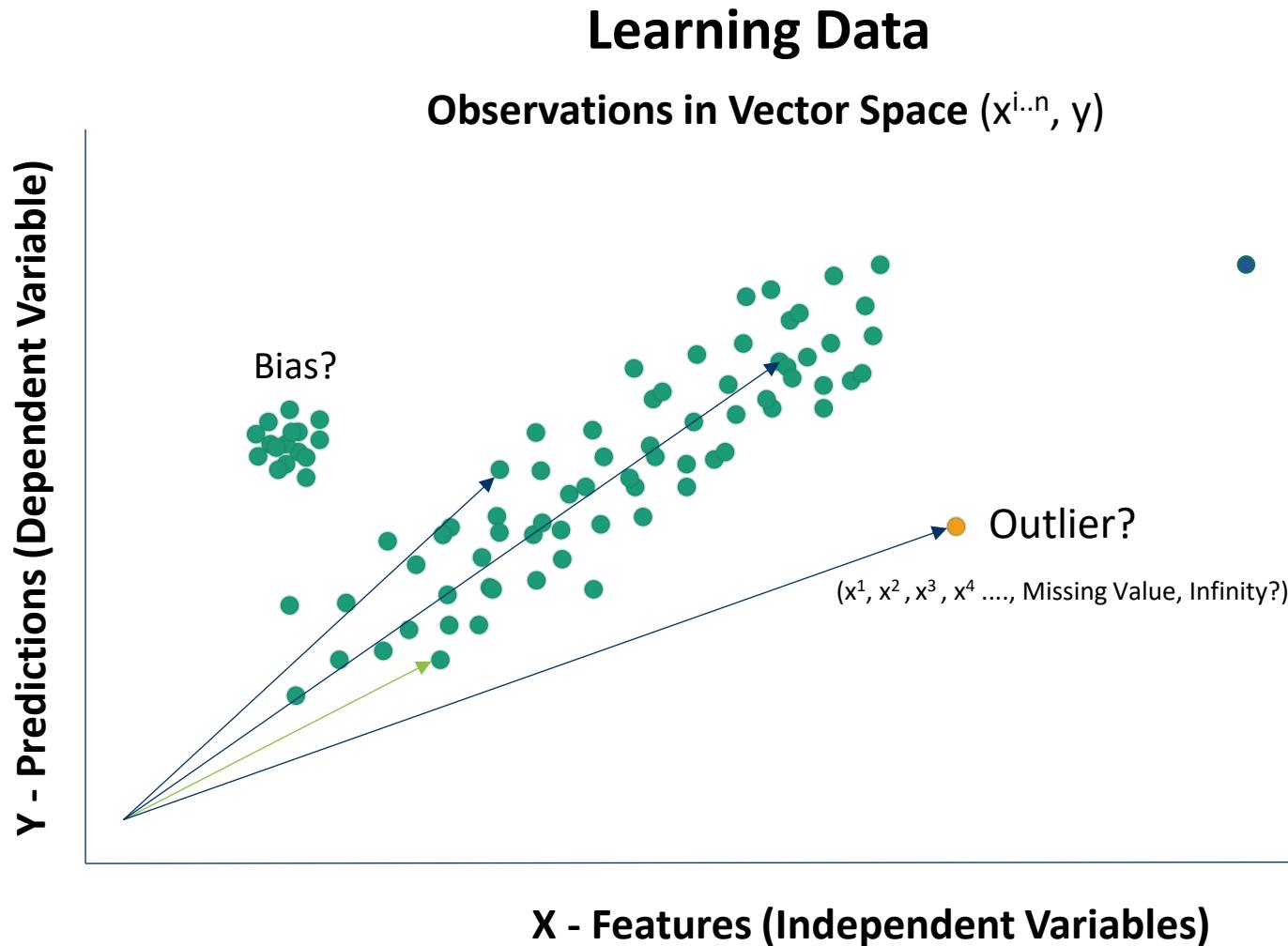
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# Data Concepts

## Unit 2.4

### Data Quality

# Intuition - What Does Data Quality Mean?



## Concepts

- Does Sample Represent Population?
- Is there Missing Data?
- Are there Long Factor\Attribute Lists?
- Are there Correlations & Confounders?
- Are there Outliers?
- Are there Natural Clusters, Bias?
- Are there Similarity Issues
- Is Referencing Correct?
- Are there Temporal Issues?
- Is Data Just Incorrect?

# Data Concepts

## Unit 2.5

### Learning Data Pre-Processing

# Why is Training Data Pre-Processed?

## Some Concepts (Objective is to Improve Model Performance)

- Puts Predictor Data on Same Scales (number of standard deviations)
- Converts (Sometimes) Categorical Data to Numerical (0/1)
- Imputes Missing Data
- Upsamples Minority Data
- Removes Highly Correlated Data
- Engineers Features to Improve Performance (PCA)

# Pre-Processing Recipes

## A Structured Approach to Data Pre-Processing

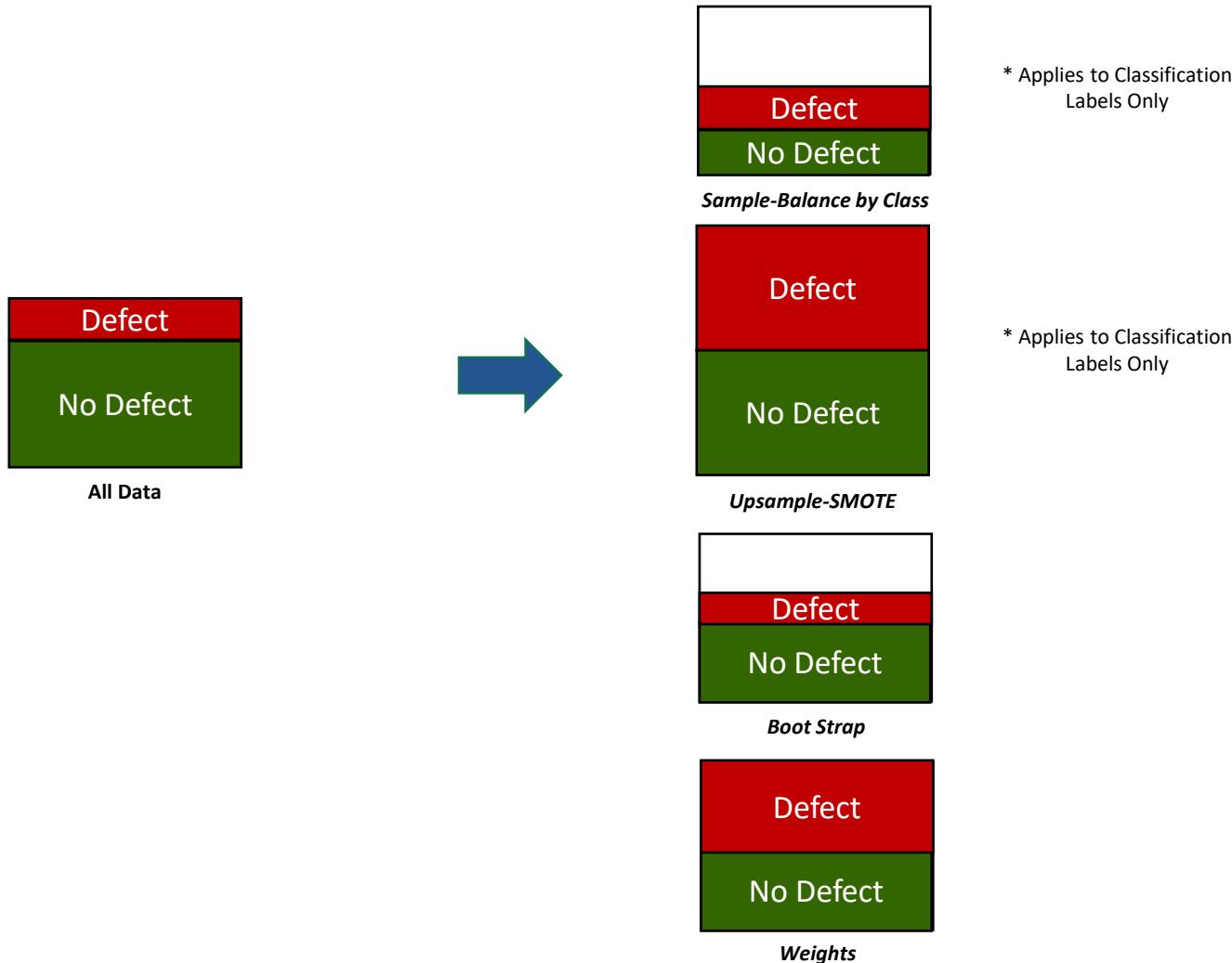
- Recommended Pre-Processing
- Recipe Steps

Table A.1: Preprocessing methods for different models.

model	dummy	zv	impute	decorrelate	normalize	transform
C5_rules()	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
bag_mars()	✓	✗	✓	○	✗	○
bag_tree()	✗	✗	✗	○ <sup>1</sup>	✗	✗
bart()	✗	✗	✗	○ <sup>1</sup>	✗	✗
boost_tree()	✗ <sup>2</sup>	○	✓ <sup>2</sup>	○ <sup>1</sup>	✗	✗
cubist_rules()	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
decision_tree()	✗	✗	✗	○ <sup>1</sup>	✗	✗
discrim_flexible()	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	○
discrim_linear()	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	○
discrim_regularized()	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	○
gen_additive_mod()	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	○
linear_reg()	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	○
logistic_reg()	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	○
mars()	✓	✗	✓	○	✗	○
mlp()	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
multinom_reg()	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗ <sup>2</sup>	○
naive_Bayes()	✗	✓	✓	○ <sup>1</sup>	✗	✗
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pls()	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓

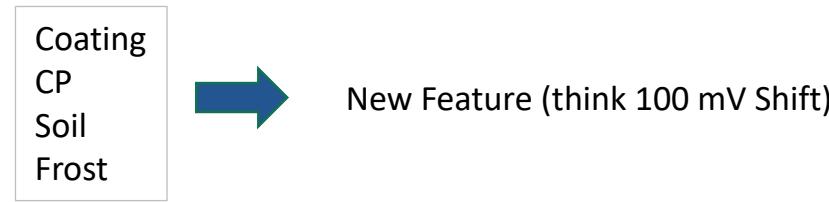
# Classification – Unbalanced Data

## Sampling Strategies – Observations

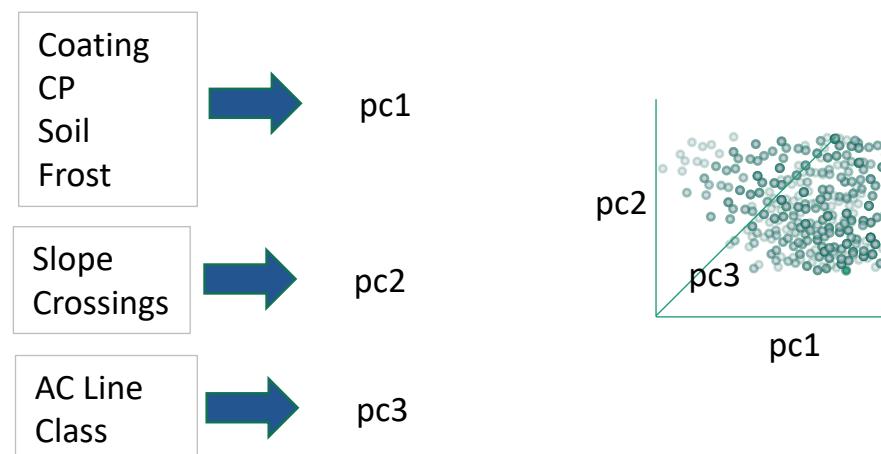


# Feature Engineering

- **Feature engineering** includes methods to transform multiple features into single features to improve the machine learned model:



- **PCA (Principal Component Analysis)** – Principal Component Analysis is a mathematical procedure that uses an orthogonal transformation to convert a set of observations of possibly correlated attributes into a set of values of uncorrelated attributes called principal components (think GPA):



# Feature Selection

- Feature selection includes methods to select features based on their ability to improve the **Performance (Minimize Error)** of the machine learned model:



Accuracy	Coat	CP	Soil Ph	Frost	X-Ing
77%	1	2	3	4	5
80%	1	2	3		4
93%	1	2			3
89%	Stop				

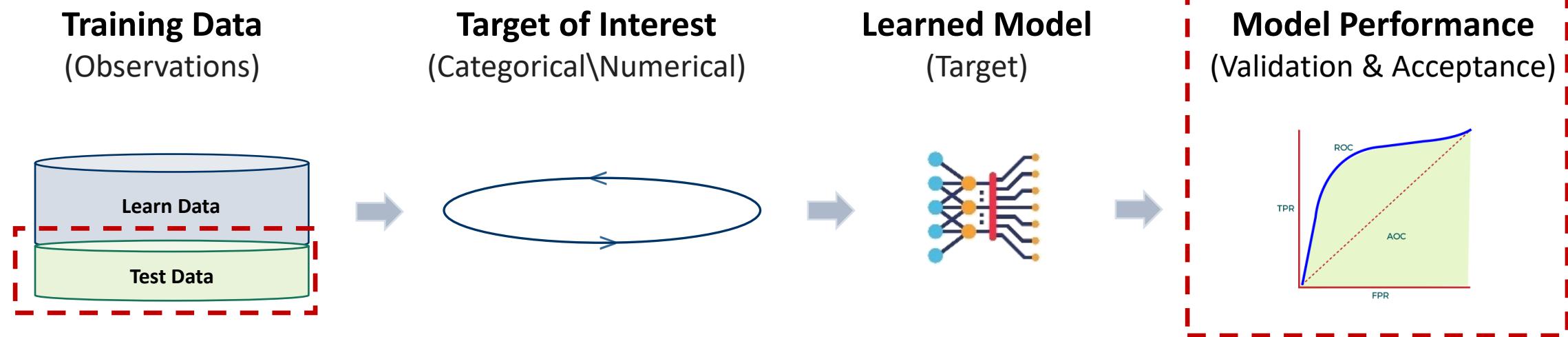


Accuracy	Coat	CP	Soil Ph	Frost	X-Ing
84%		1			
87%	2	1			
93%	2	1			3
89%	Stop				

- CP\_On
- CP\_Off
- Ext\_Coating
- Power\_Line
- Diameter
- Install\_Yr
- Seam
- Frost
- RAILROAD
- Corrosivity
- Structures
- DOC
- Water\_Body
- Farmland
- Bedrock
- Flooding
- Slope
- Stream
- Hwy\_Type
- Road\_Type

# MODEL VALIDATION & TUNING

# Machine Learning Process - Refresher



# Model Validation & Tuning

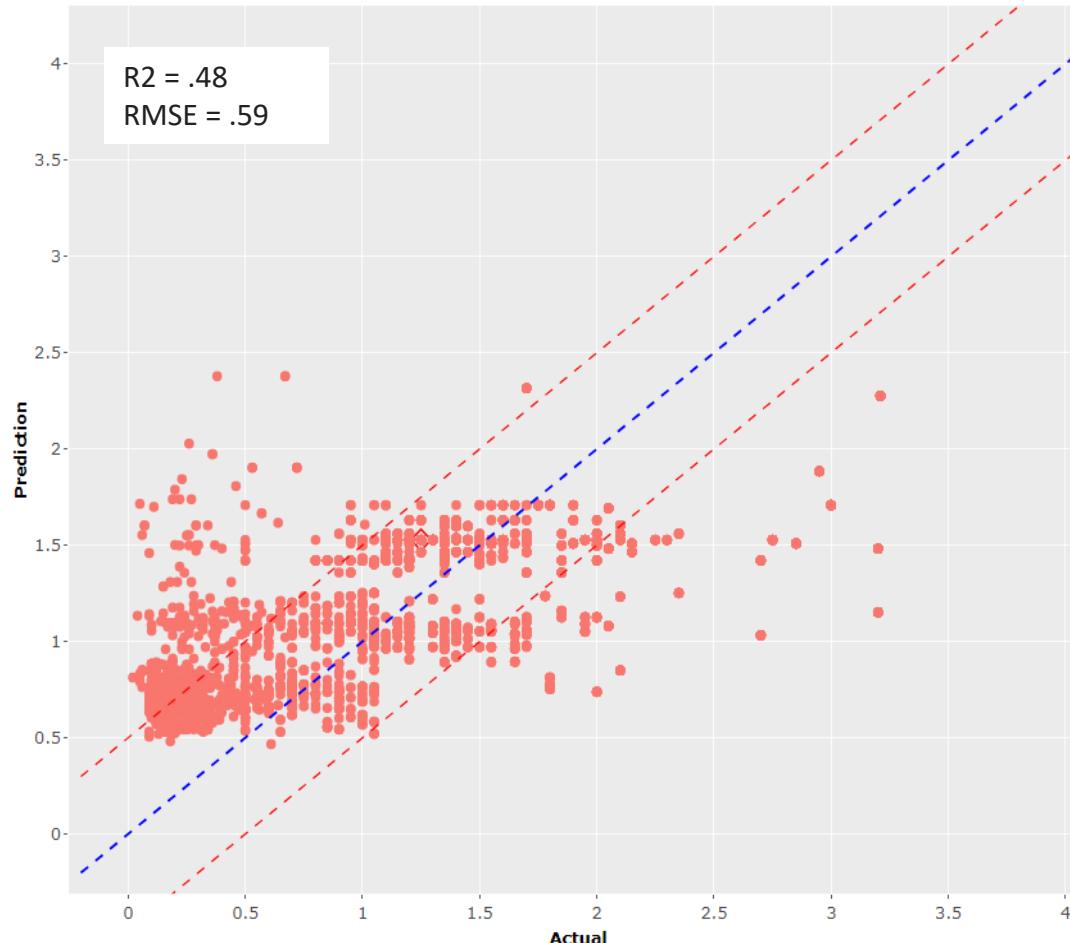
## Unit 3.1

### Model Error

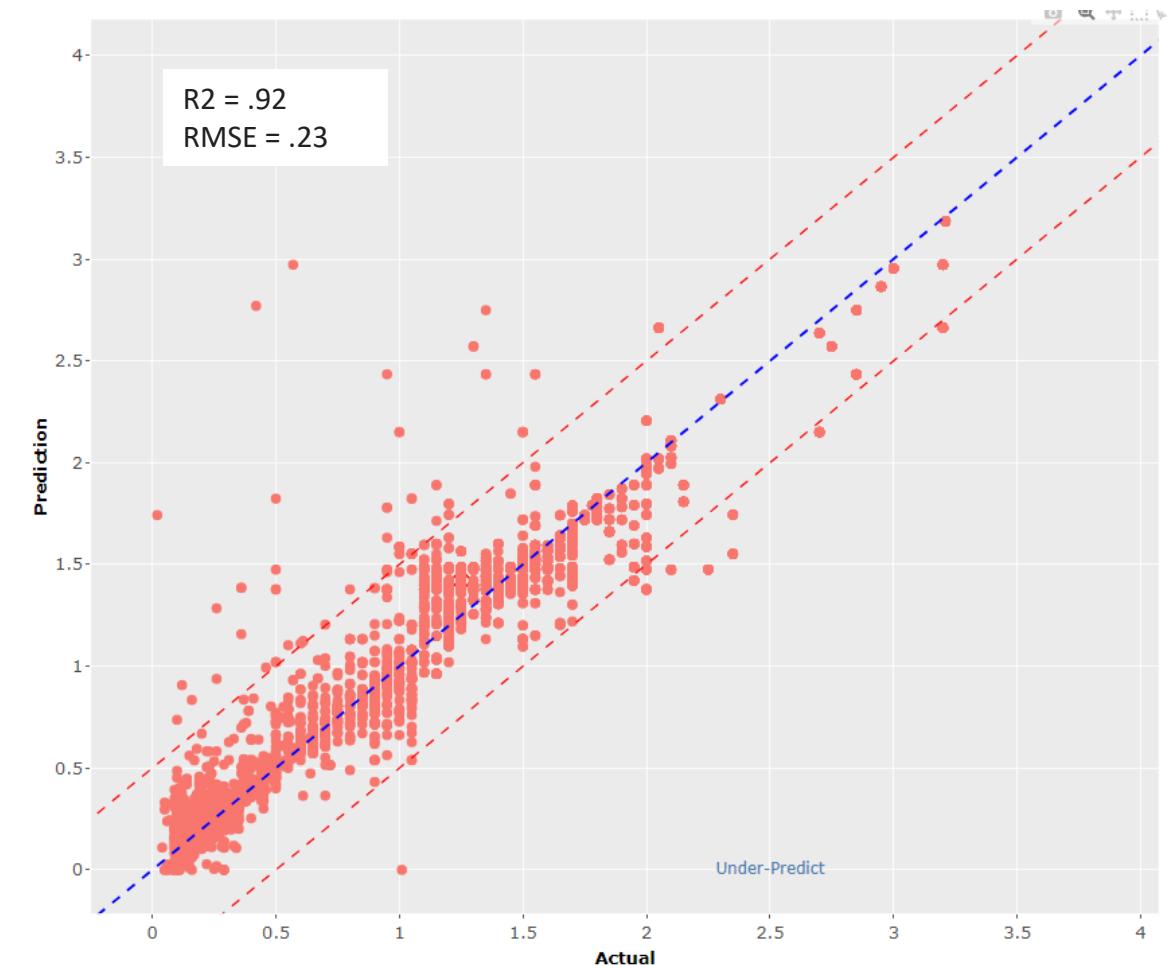
# Regression Model Error

## Regression Model Performance – Test with Unseen Data

Un-Tuned Model



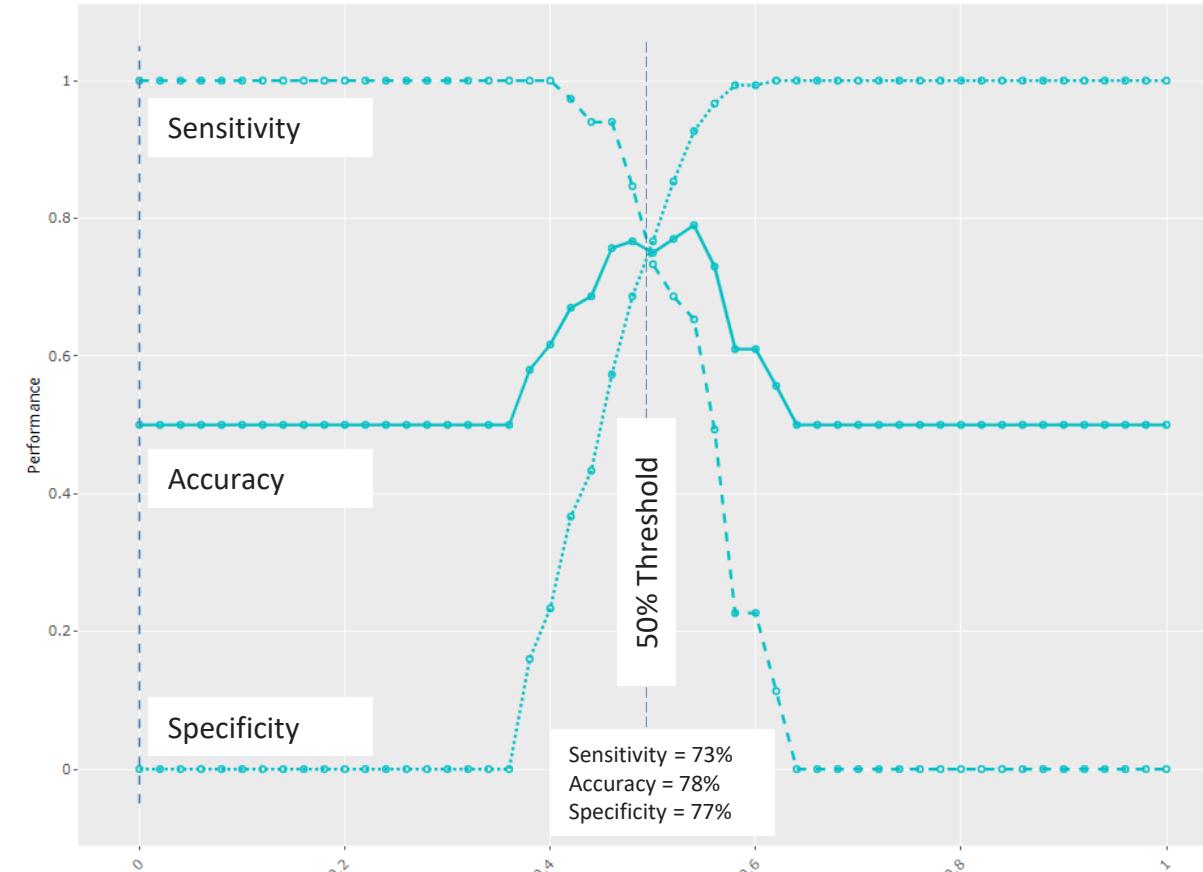
Tuned Model



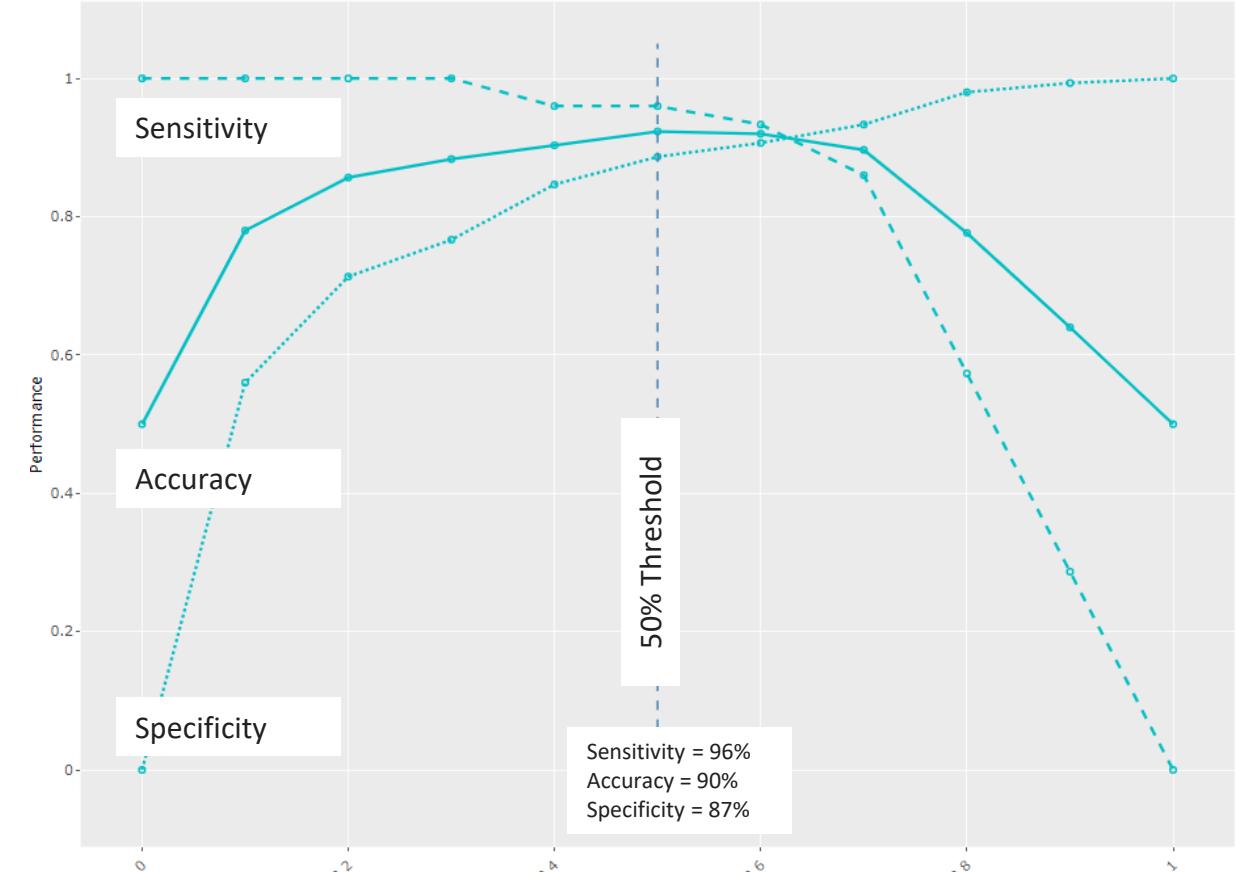
# Classification Model Error

## Classification Model Performance – Test with Unseen Data

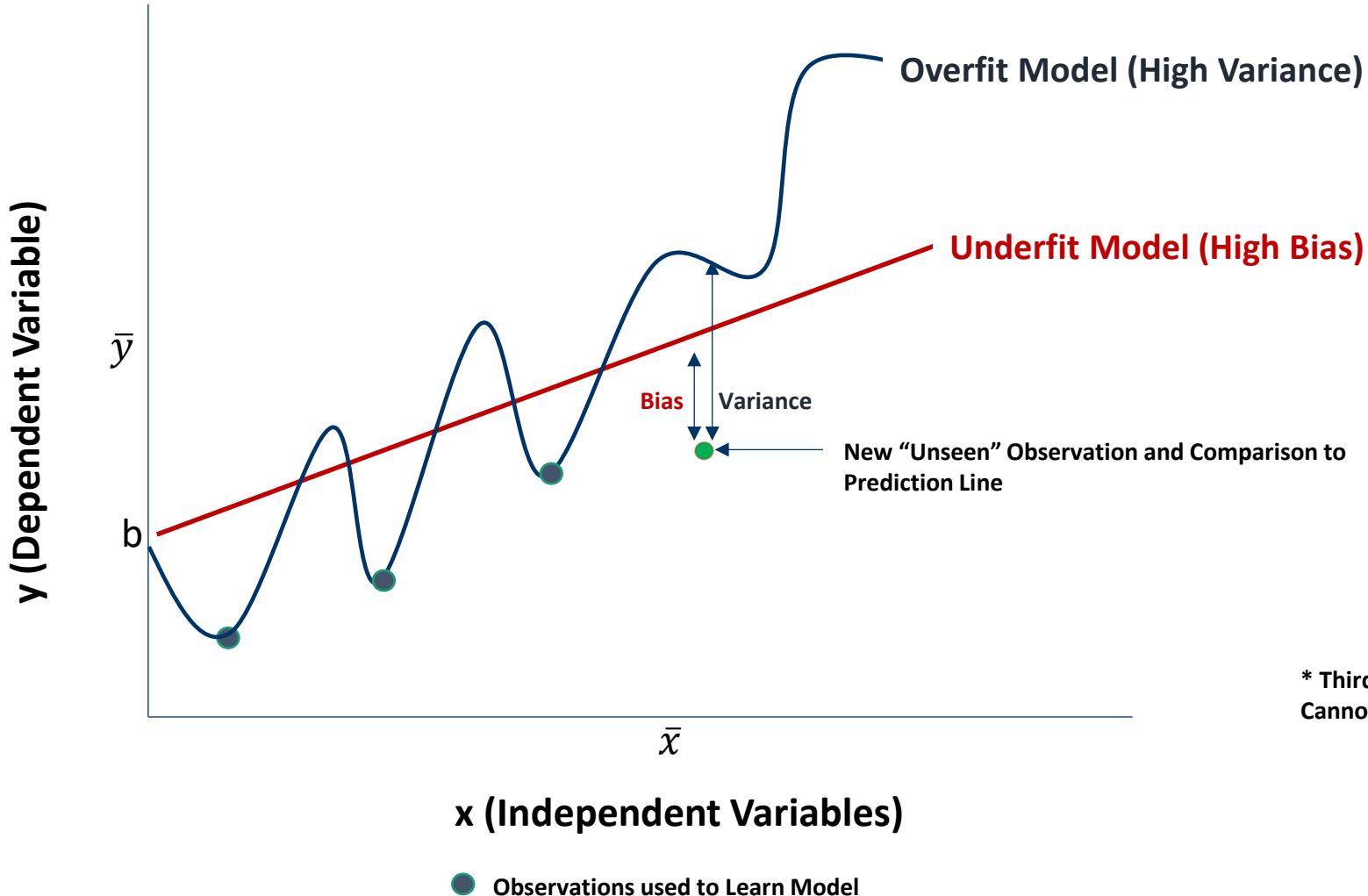
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Tuned Model



# Error Types - Bias & Variance\*



\* Third Type of Error is "Irreducible" Error which Cannot be Reduced

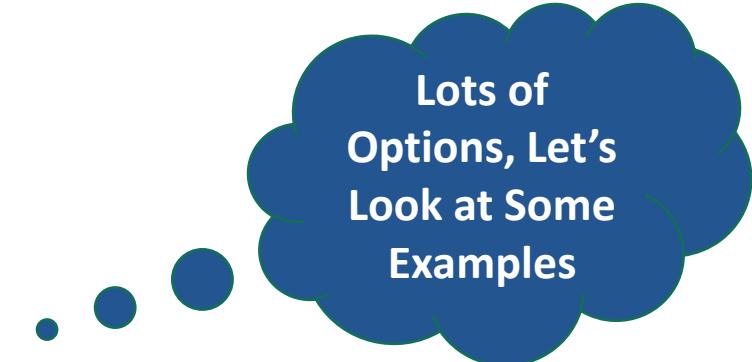
# Model Validation & Tuning

## Unit 3.2

### Model Tuning

# Model Tuning – Best Practices for Learning the “Best” Model

- Domain Expert Review of Predictors (Modify, Add, Remove Predictors)
- Try Different Learning Methods
- Optimize Method Parameters (Use Hyper-Parameter Grid Search)
- Add, Remove Predictors thru Forward Selection
- Add, Remove Predictors based on Global & Local Sensitivity Analysis Methods
- Review & Improve Learning Observation Assumptions
- Review & Improve Learning Data Sampling (Use Sampling Learning Curve)
- Use Weights to Increase\Decrease Importance of Learning Observations
- Explore Pre-Processing Options (Encoding, Up\Down Sampling, Correlations, etc.)
- Explore Feature Engineering (Combine or Modify Features, PCA)
- Investigate Incorrect Predictions (Sensitivity Analysis)
- Use Model Simulation with Domain Experts

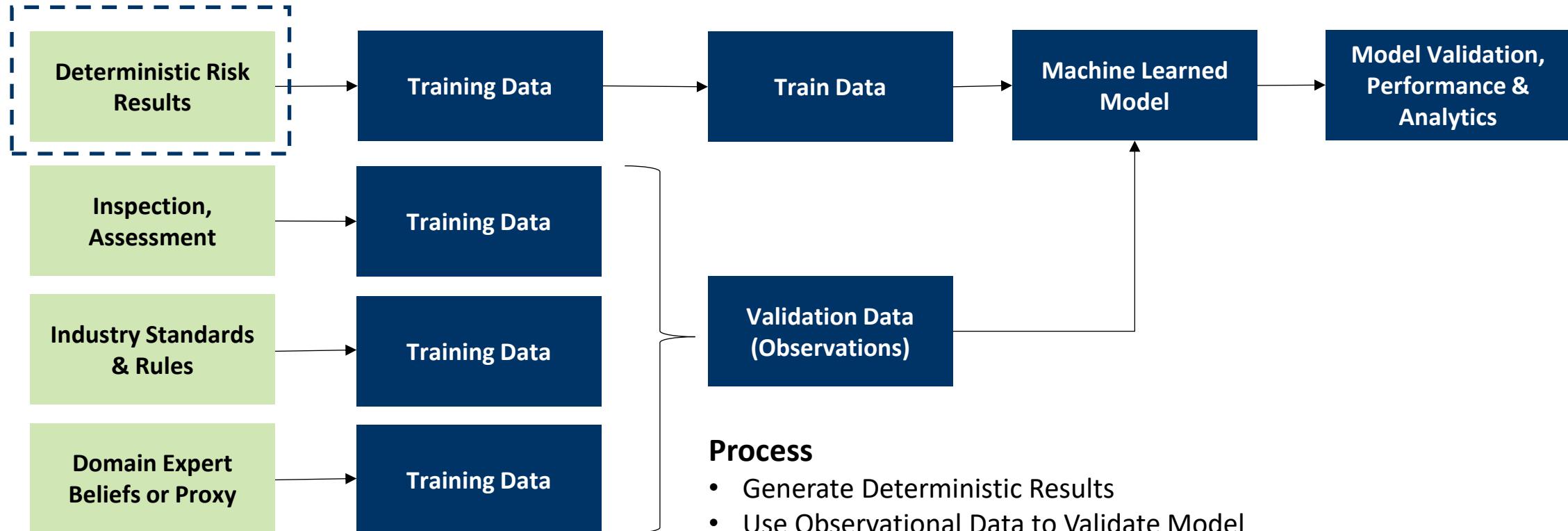


# Model Validation & Tuning

## Unit 3.3

### Deterministic Model Validation

# Validating a Deterministic Model



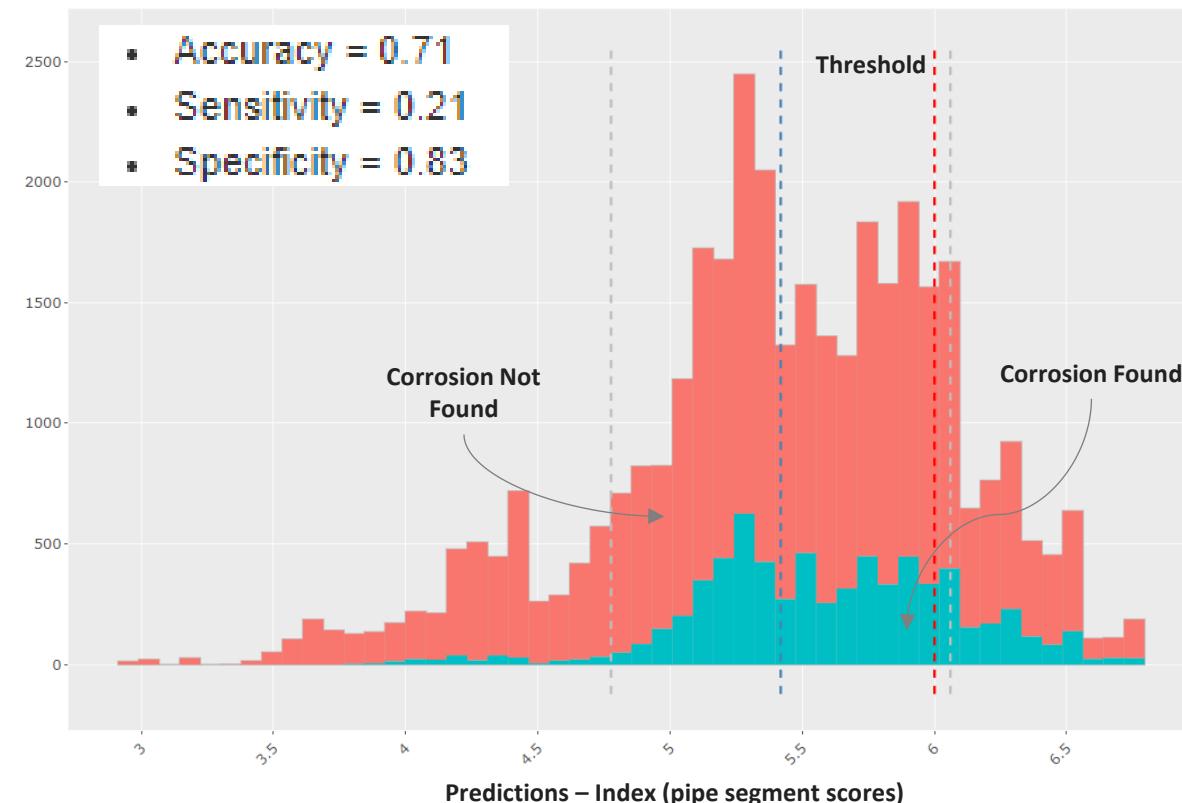
## Process

- Generate Deterministic Results
- Use Observational Data to Validate Model
  - Use Binary Positive\Negative Observation (T/F, Yes/No, etc.), or
  - Use Measured Value in Same Units as Deterministic Results
- Modify Deterministic Structure to Improve Model, or
- Learn a New Model with Same Predictors but based on Observations

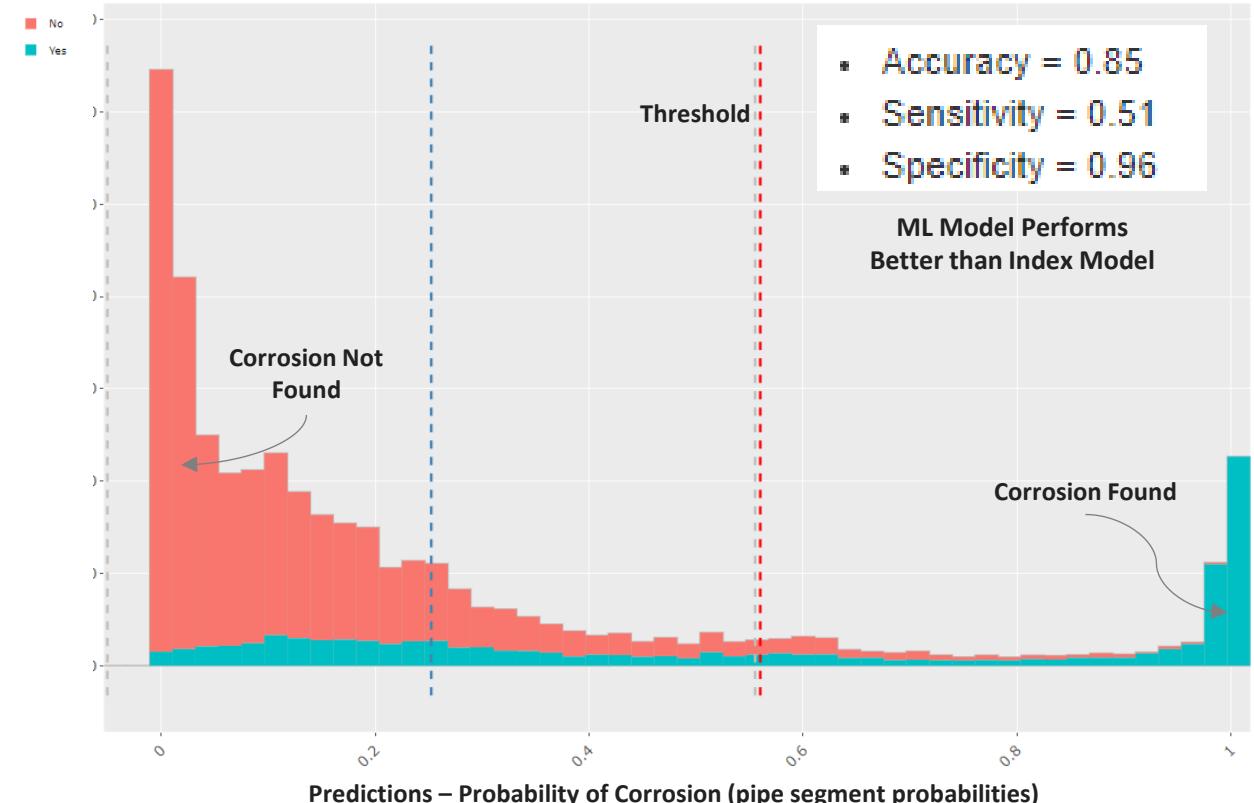
# Deterministic vs. Machine Learned Performance

External Corrosion Example (Same Predictor Data - Deterministic vs. Machine Learned both Tested w\Observations)

Deterministic Model



Machine Learned Model



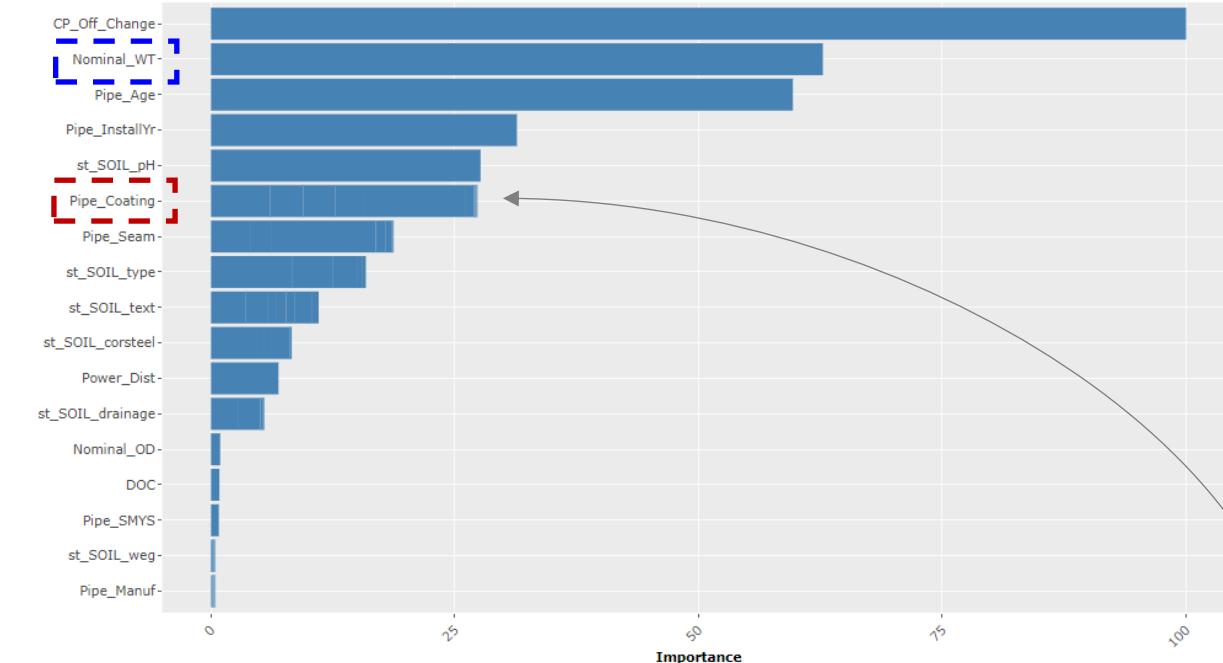
Model Learned based on Deterministic Structure

\* Performance Based on Threshold = One SD from Mean

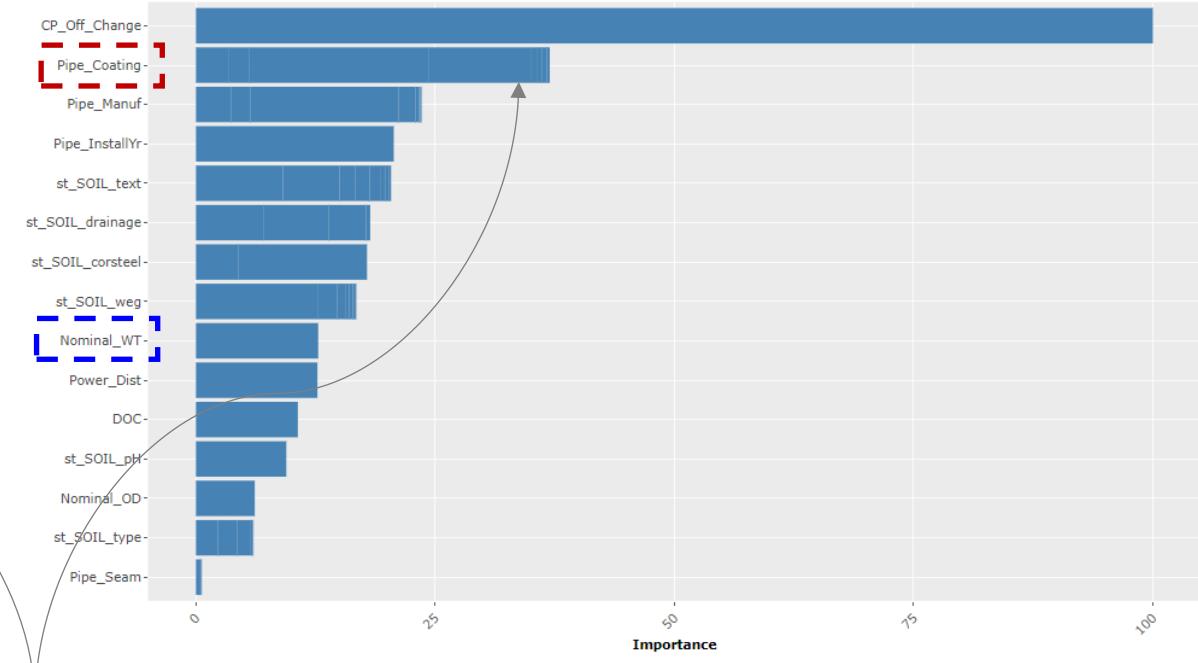
# Model Insights – Predictor Influence (Global)

## Predictor Importance Normalized Weights

Deterministic Model



Machine Learned Model

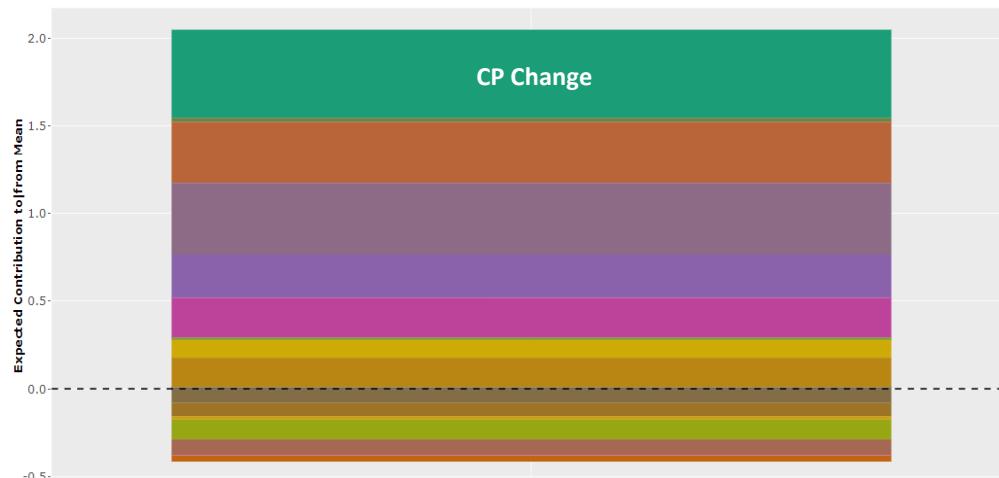


Deterministic vs. Machine Learned Weights  
Vary Between Approaches

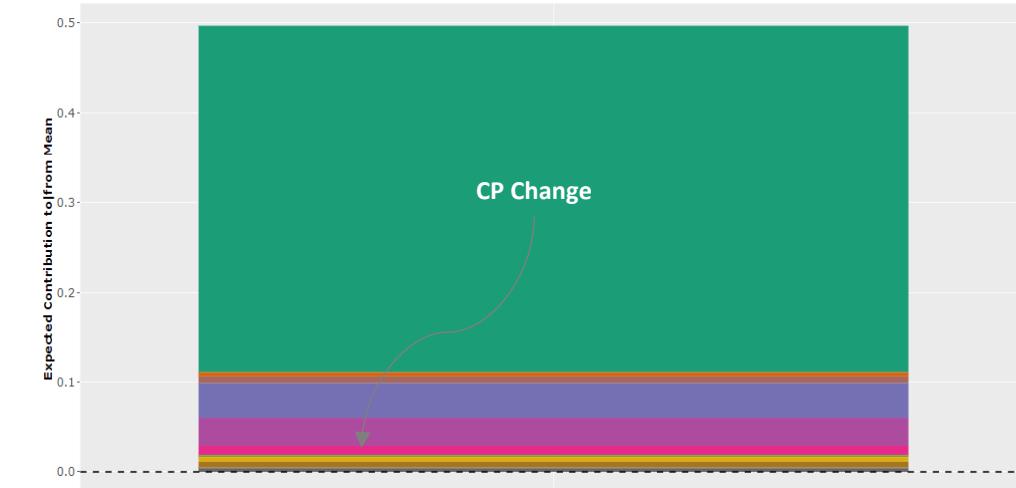
# Model Insights – Predictor Influence (Local)

## Pipe Segment Predictor Contributions (Top 100 Aggregated Predictions)

Deterministic Model



Machine Learned Model



Predictor Contributions Vary Between Approaches (Machine Learning Considers Predictor Non-Linearities and Interactions)

# Machine Learned Based Risk

## Unit 4.1

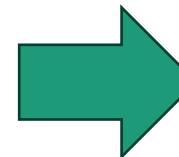
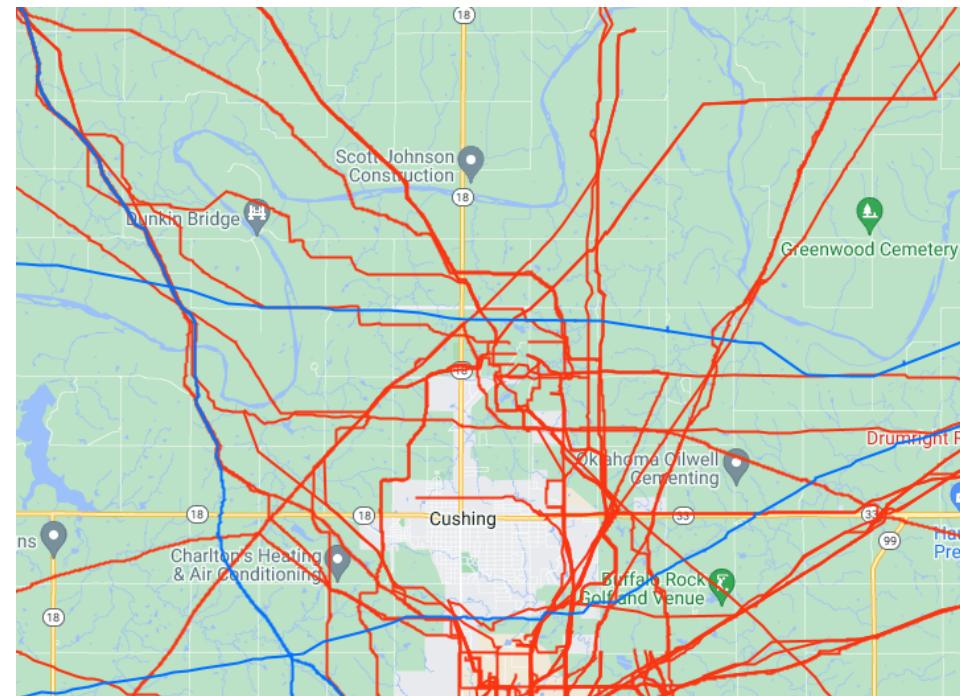
### Overview

# Risk Management

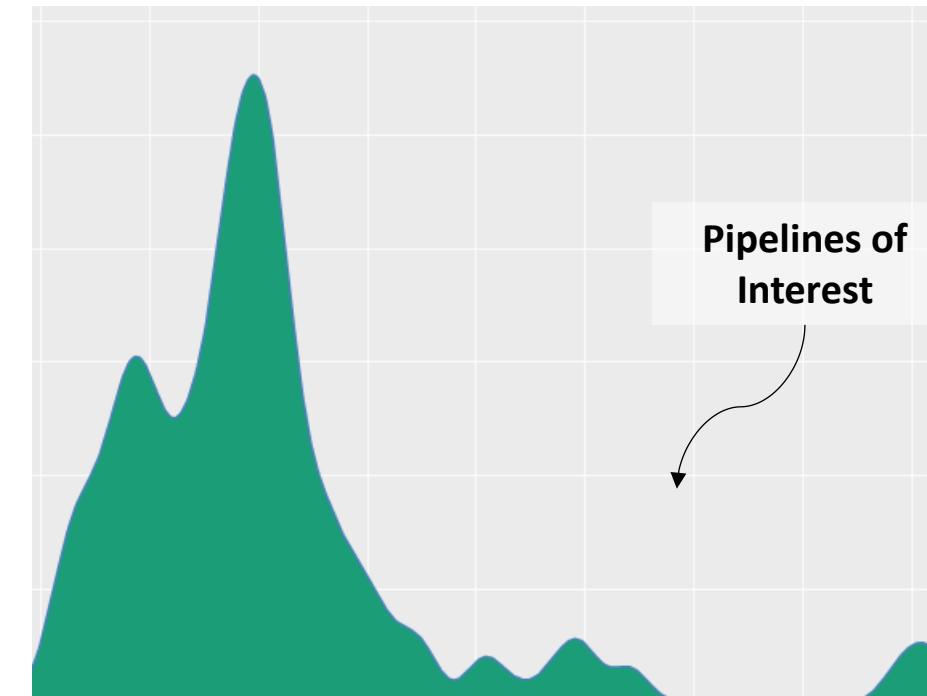
## Purpose Risk Process

- Assess Risk & Prioritize Assets
- Identify Best Inspection & Mitigation Options
- Meet Compliance Requirements

**Pipeline System**



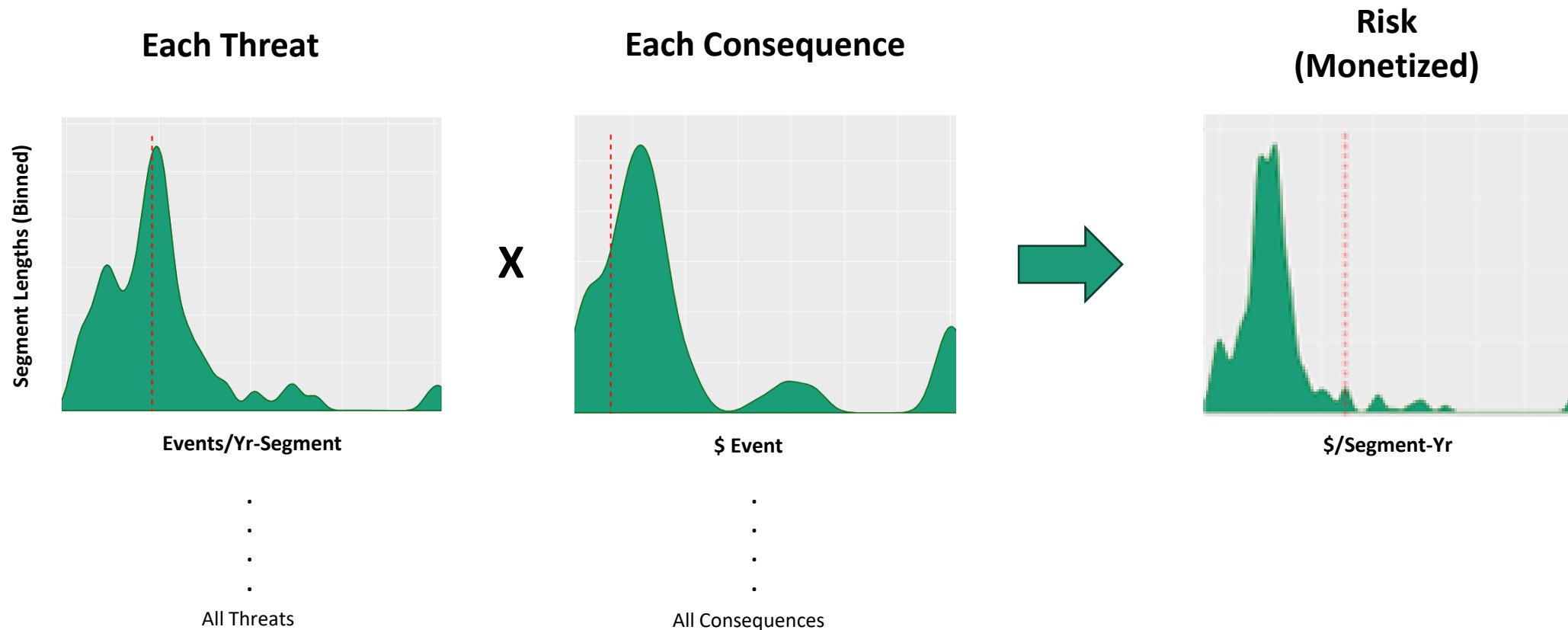
**Risk Profile**



# Risk Management

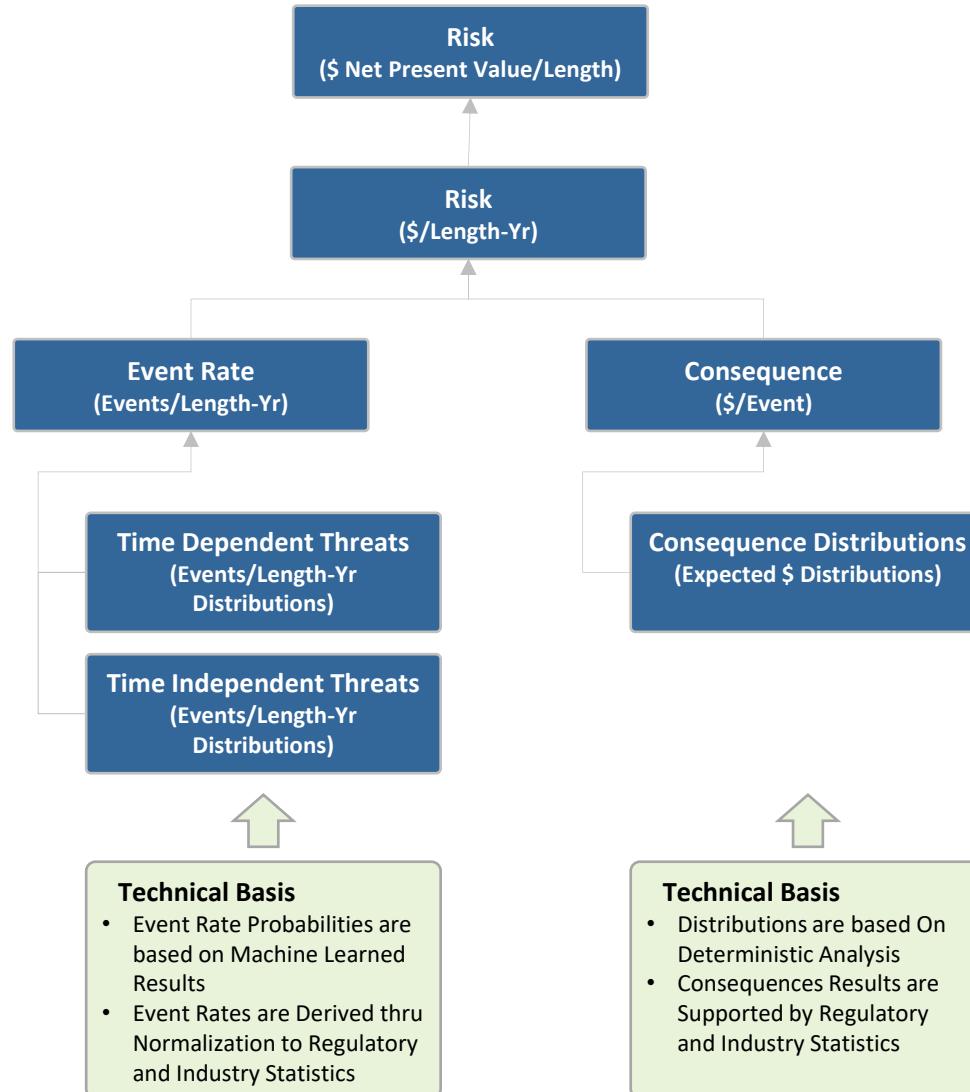
## Benefits of Machine Learned Models

- Data Driven based on Observations & Beliefs
- Explicitly Validated & Tuned, Transparent & Explainable
- Considers Data Non-Linearities & Interactions
- Supports Probabilistic and Quantitative Analysis



# A Structure for Machine Learning Based Risk Management

# Structure



## Key Points

- Monetized Risk Supports Financial Planning, Mitigation Decision-Making & Compliance Requirements
- Analysis may be Performed for Pipelines (\$/Length) or Fixed Assets (\$/Asset)
- Risk is based on a Machine Learned Estimate of Unwanted Future Events times an Estimate of Potential Consequences of the Event
- Events are Categorized as Either Time Dependent or Time Independent
- Time Dependent Events can Change Over Time and are based on ML Based Survival Curves with Probability of Events Over Time
- Time Independent Events are not Expected to Change Over Time and are Based on ML Based Probabilities
- Ensemble Models (Combinations of ML Models) may be Created to Improve Prediction Efficacy
- Risk Roll-Up is Possible as the Common Unit of Measurement is \$ Net Present Value of Carried Risk for all Threats by Length or Asset
- The Practitioner Leverages ML Results at Different Levels Depending on Requirements (i.e. \$/mile, \$/segment, max. POER in segment or per mile, etc.)

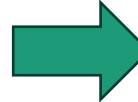
# Normalizing Distributions to Expected Values

Probability of Event Rate Distribution

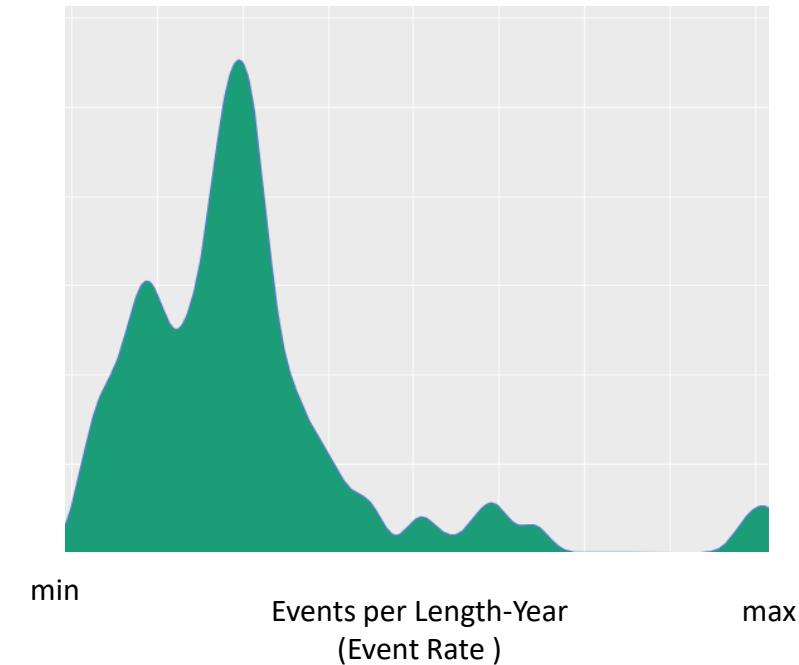


Scaling Function based on Assumed Event Rate

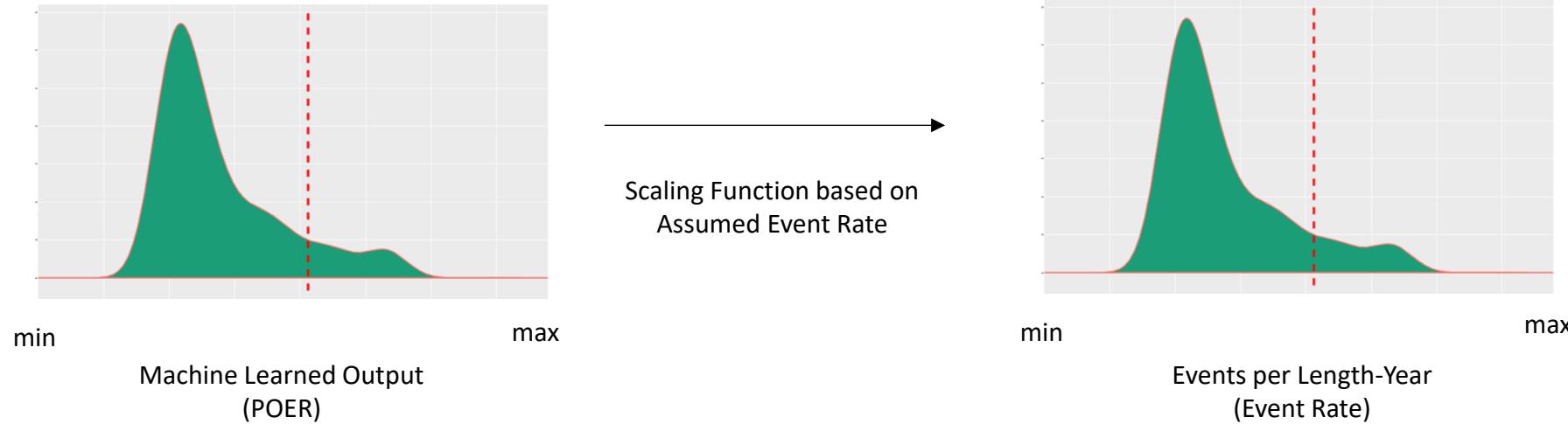
- Company Incident History
- PHMSA Industry History



Event Rate Distribution



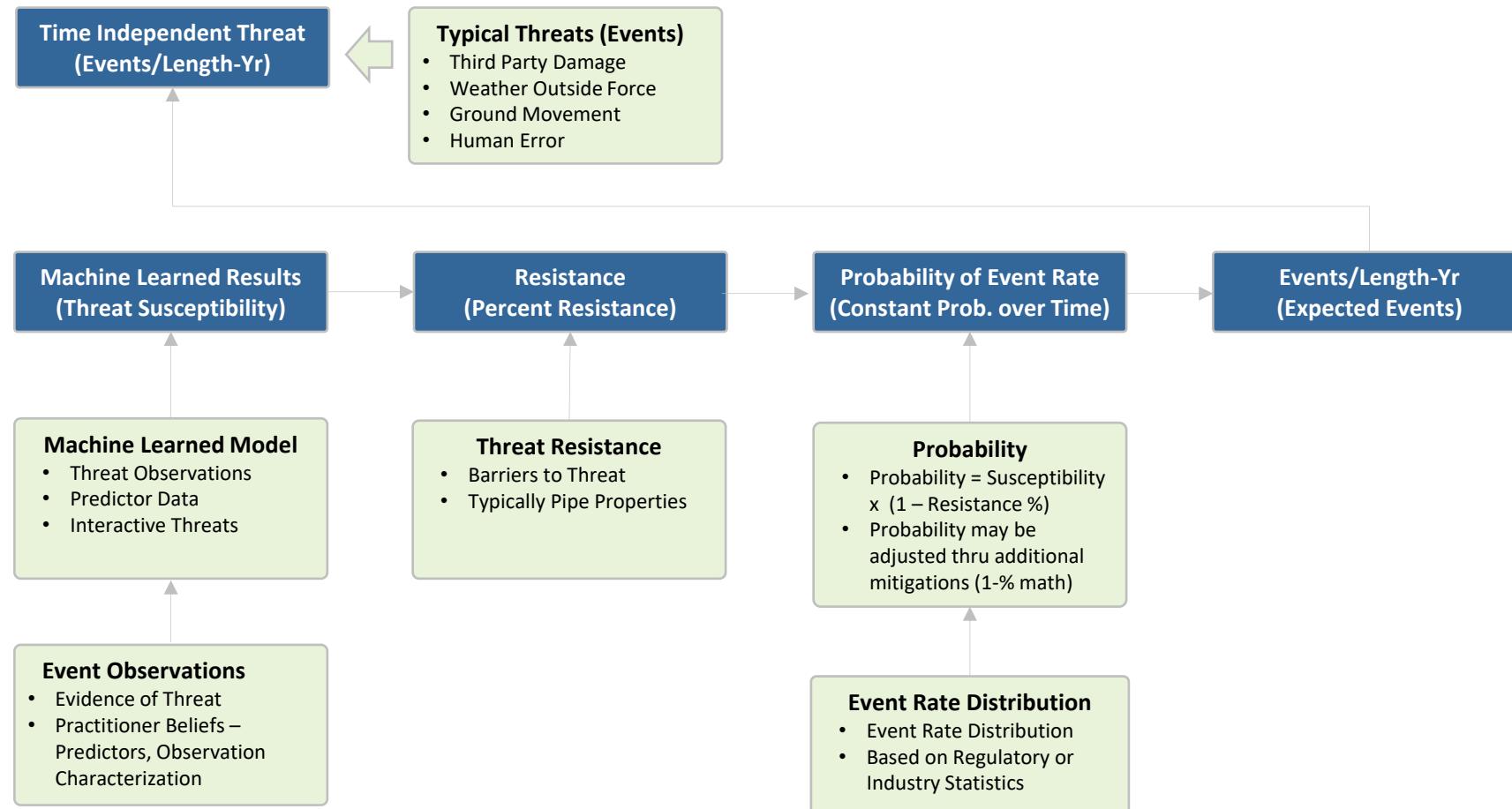
# Machine Learned Event Rates to Risk



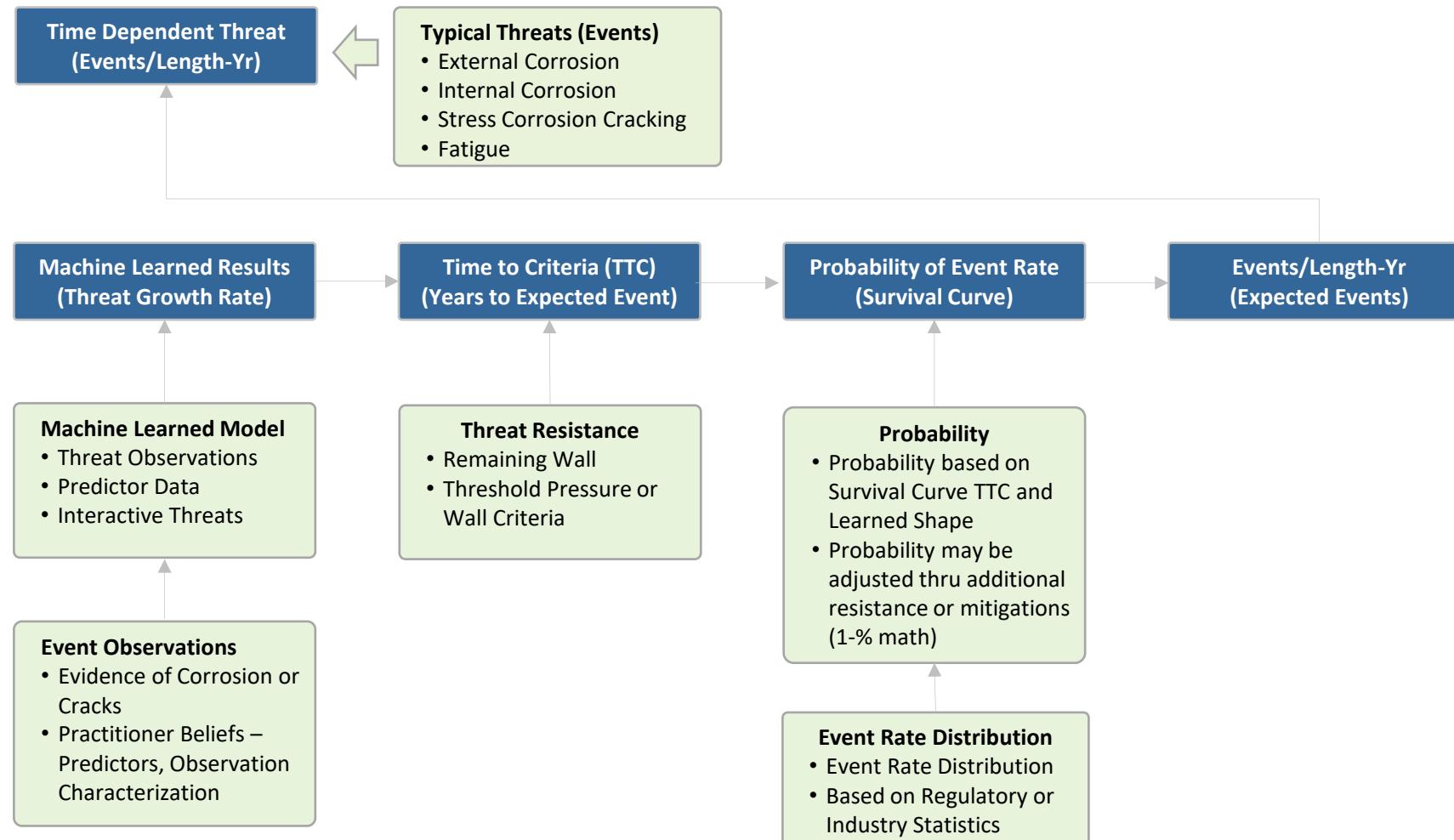
## Key Points

- **POER (Time Independent)** - The output of a machine learned time independent threat model is typically a probability of true or false. We call this a data driven probability of an event rate (POER) which may be further adjusted by % mitigation and\or % resistance
- **POER (Time Dependent)** - The output of a machine learned time dependent threat model is typically a corrosion or growth rate which we use to calculate a time to criteria (TTC). We use Weibull equations to convert this to a probability (based on learned shape and time to failure parameters) and call this a data driven probability of an event rate (POER) which may be further adjusted by % mitigation and\or % resistance
- **Event Rates** - POER distributions are data driven and are the basis of output event rates. Event rates are required to get to a quantitative output such as expected events per year and monetized risk. Without this normalization near-real world interpretation and application of output results are limited for both deterministic and machine learning structures.
- **Risk** - The process is to scale POER distributions to an event rate (i.e., unwanted events/length-year) based on regulatory, industry or asset owner histories or expectations, like actuary tables used by other industries. Event rates are then easily converted to expected events in a year for a pipe segment and may be multiplied by expected consequences to quantify risk for that pipe segment for a given year.

# Time Independent Threats



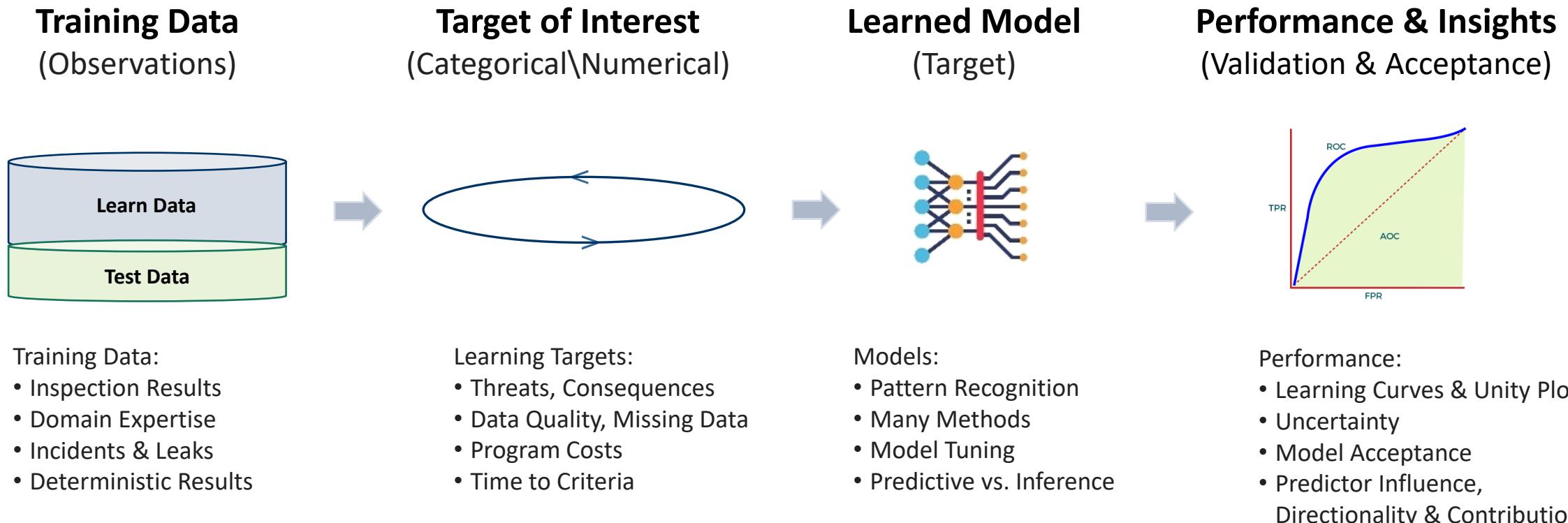
# Time Dependent Threats



# Course Closing

# USE CASES

# Machine Learning Process



## Technical Notes

### Typical ML Processes

- Supervised (shown above)
- Unsupervised (no observations)
- Semi-Supervised
- Self-Supervised
- Synthetic Data Learning

### Typical Targets

- Numerical (Regression)
- Two-Class (Classification)
- Multi-Class (Multi-Classification)

### Models

- Hundreds of Methods
- Predictive
- Inferential (Explanatory)
- Ensembles

### Typical Performance Metrics

- ROC, AUC, Accuracy
- Sensitivity, Specificity
- R2, RMSE, MAE
- KAPA, F1

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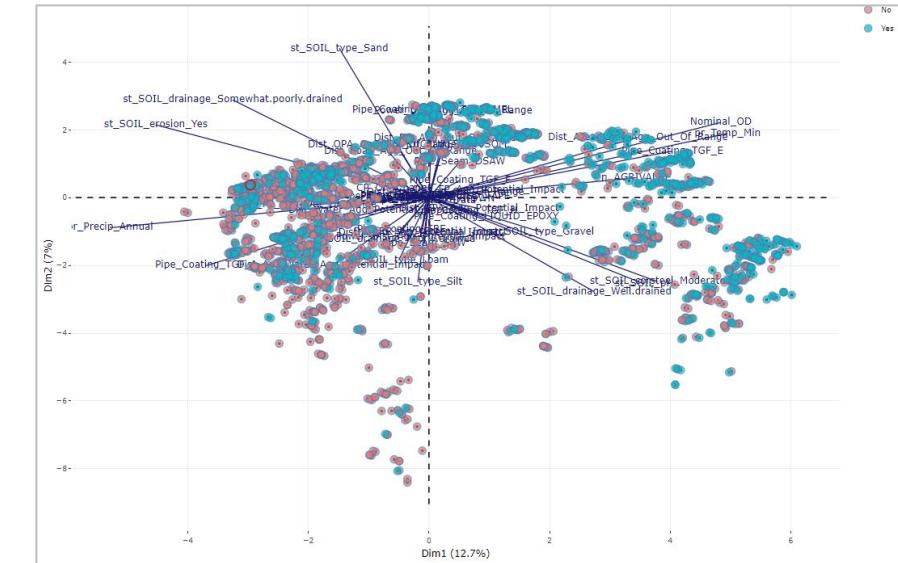
## Supporting Documentation

# Assess Model Applicability

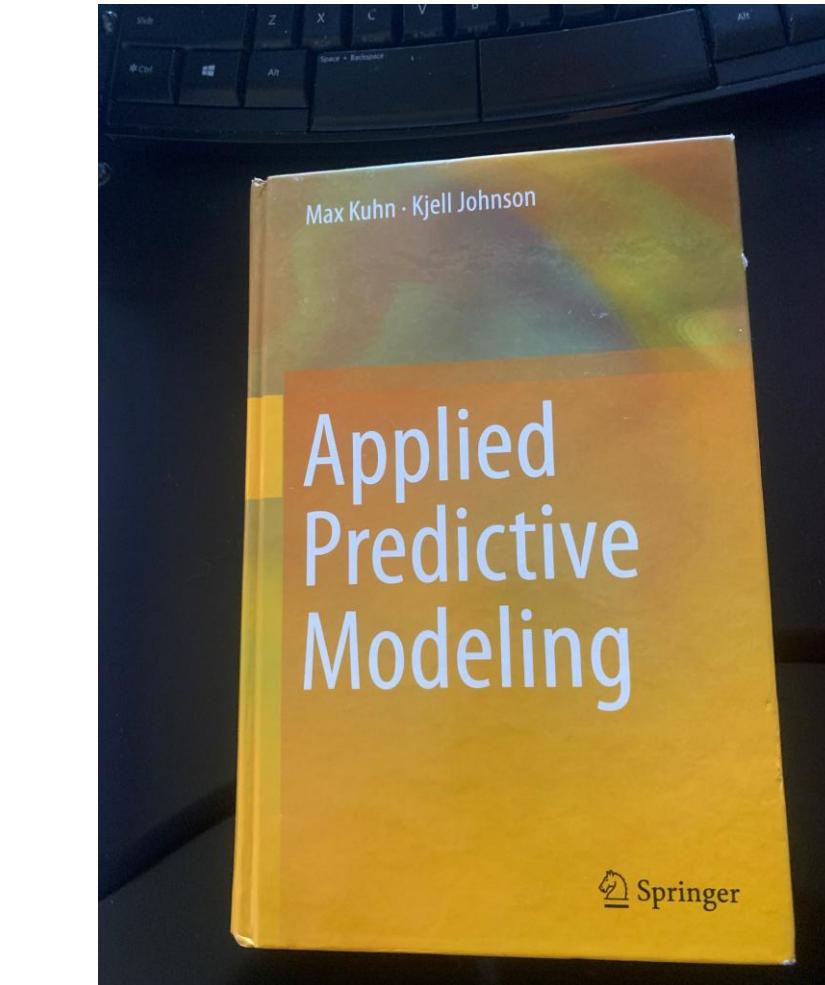
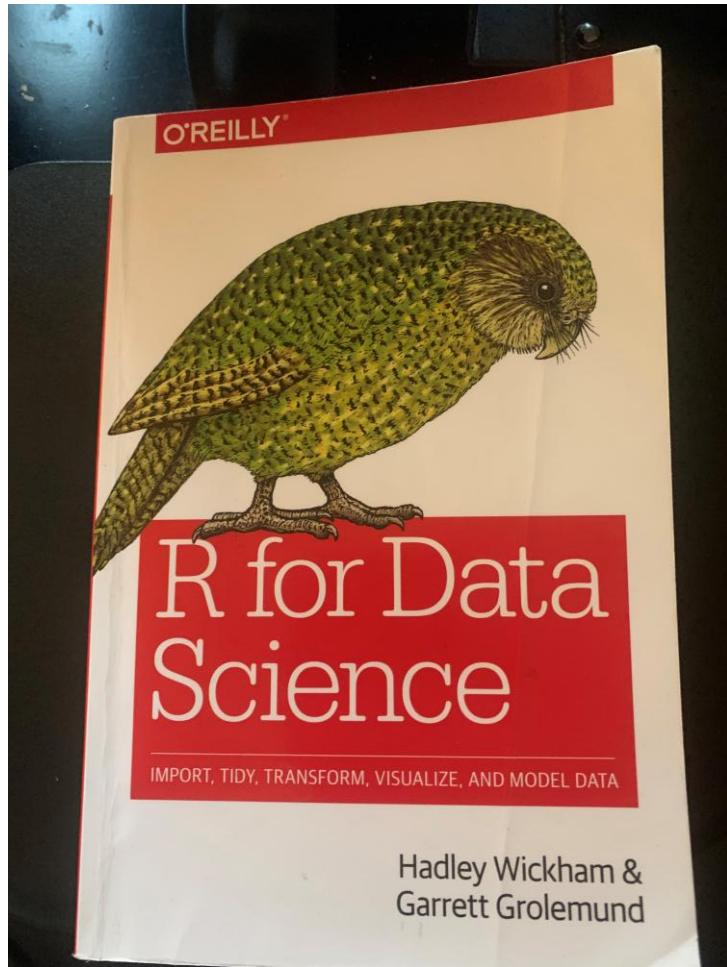
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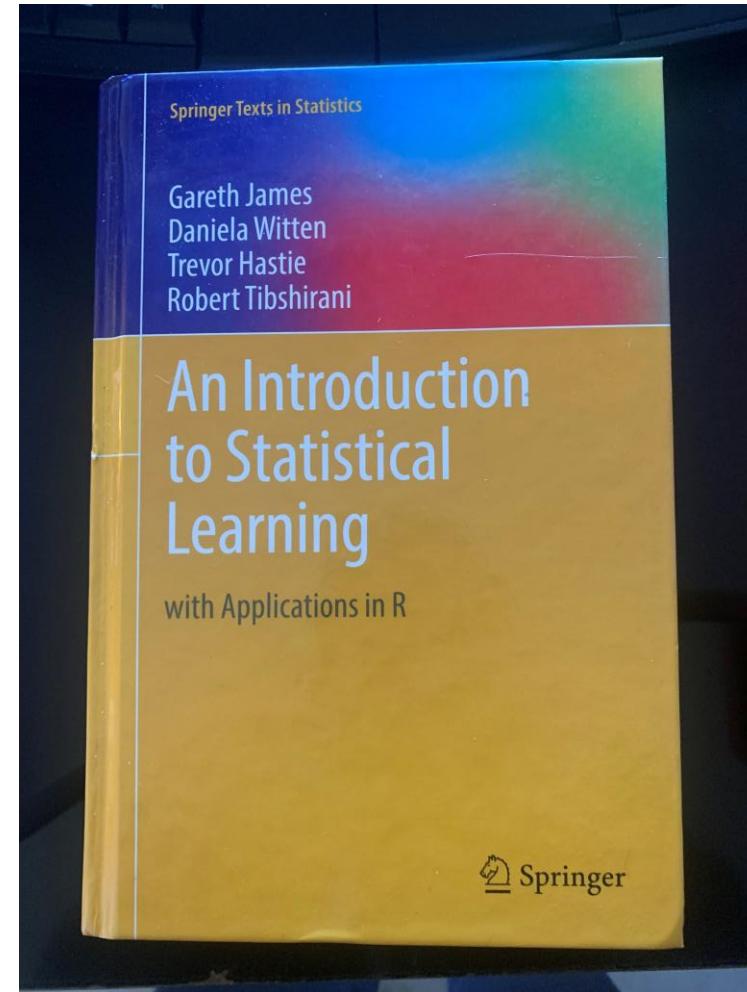
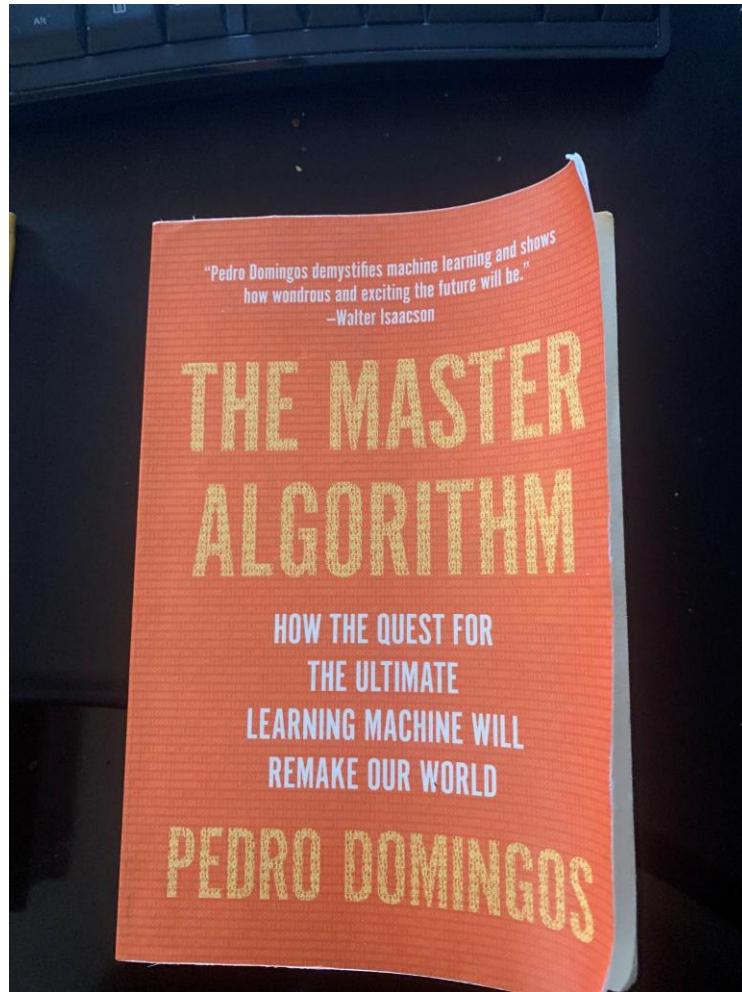
## How can we Test if a Learned Model can be used for New Prediction Data?

- Statistical Comparison (Variance Report)
- t-SNE Analysis
- PCA Analysis
- Learned Applicability Model Analysis
- Compare Prediction Distributions (Learn vs. Predict)



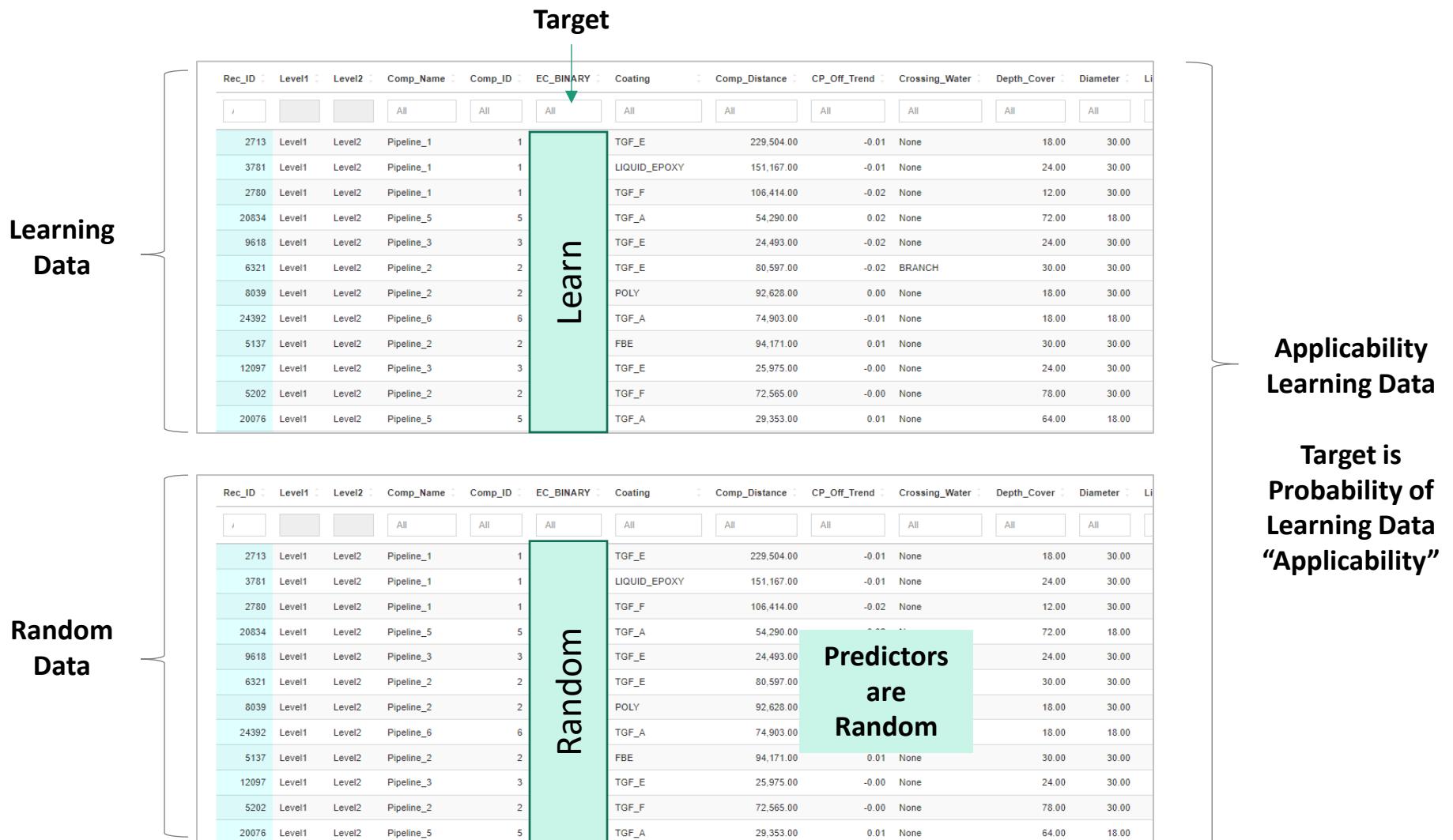
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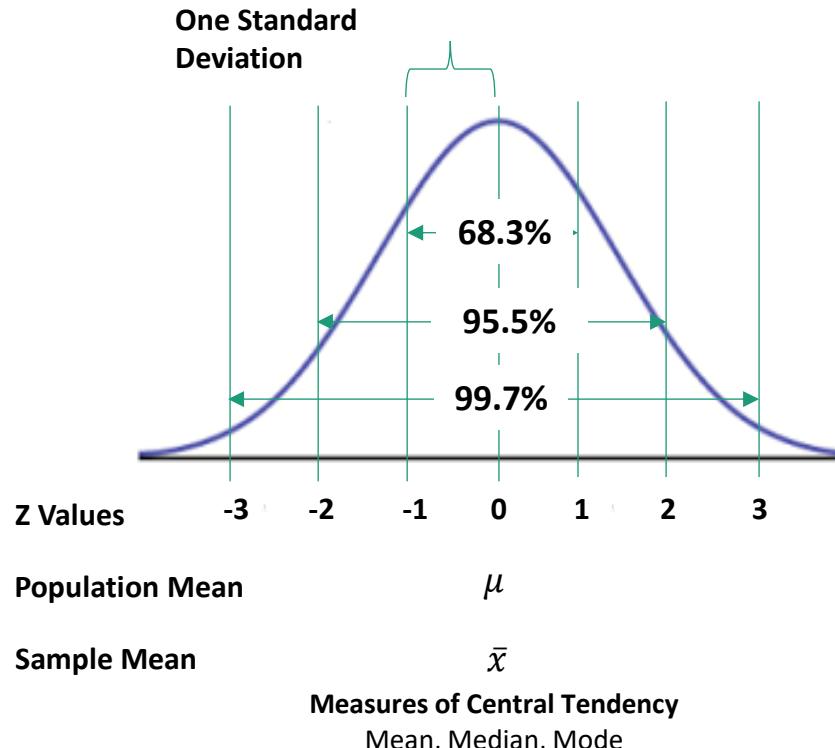
# Extra Slides

# Applicability Model



# Basic Statistics

## Empirical Rule for Normal Distribution of Continuous Random Data



### Population Parameters

$$\text{standard deviation } \sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x-\mu)^2}{N}}$$

$$\text{variance} = \sigma^2$$

$$\text{population} = N$$

### Sample Statistics

$$\text{standard deviation } s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x-\bar{x})^2}{n-1}}$$

$$\text{variance} = s^2$$

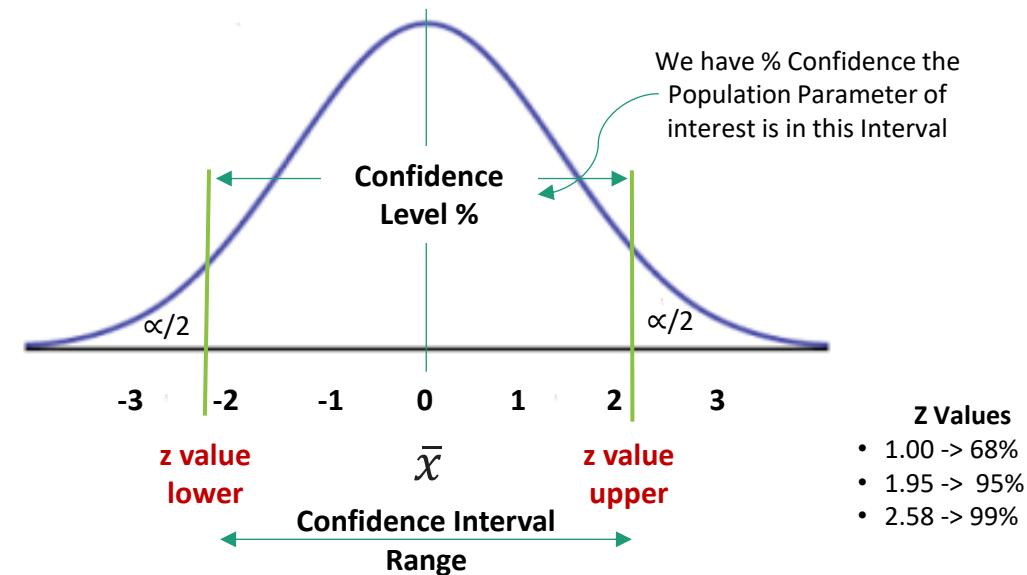
$$\text{sample size} = n$$

### Gaussian & Normal Distribution Function

$$P(x; \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

# Confidence Intervals

## How to Use Sampling to Determine a Confidence Interval for a Population



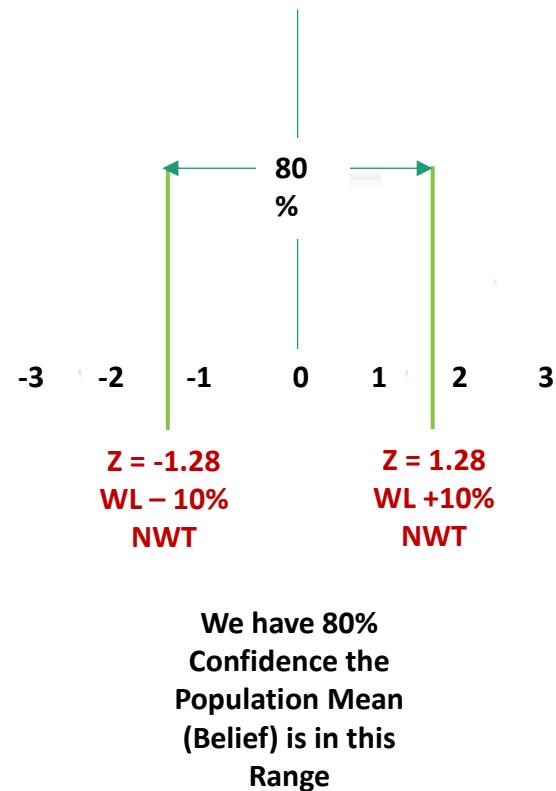
- Confidence Interval =  $\bar{x} \pm$  critical  $z \cdot$  Standard Error (SE)

where:

- Critical  $z$  from Standard Normal Distribution Table for required  $\alpha$  (Level of Significance)
- $SE = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$  or approximately  $\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$ , that is, SE = average variance of sample means
- Margin of Error is  $\pm z \cdot SE$

# Confidence Intervals

## How to Use Sampling to Determine a Confidence Interval for a Population Parameter



## Working Example

The performance of in-line inspection tools are often characterized by criteria such as “accuracy of reported defects are +/- 10% of nominal wall thickness 80% of the time”.

Assuming a normal distribution of reported defects, this means 80% of the defects would fall within  $\sim 1.28$  Standard Deviations of the Mean, where 1.28 is the Z value on either side of the mean.

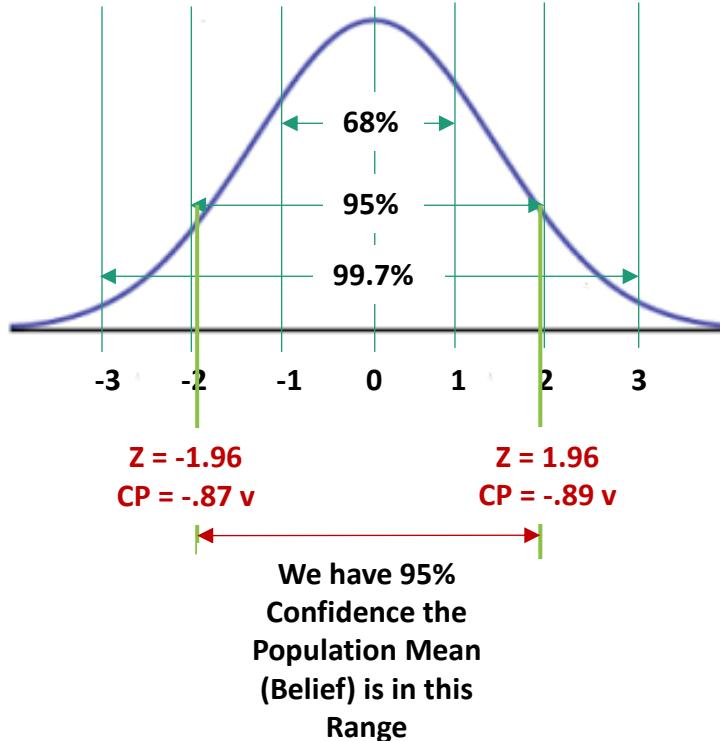
How is this Confidence Interval calculated?

Example:

- Reported defects should fall within +/- 10% NWT 80% of the Time
- Solve SE for 1 SD
- Z for 80% of Time = +/- 1.28 from Standard Normal Distribution Table
- $+/- 10\% = 0 \pm 1.28 \times SE$ , where 0 is average error
- Solve for SE = .078
- The margin of error is  $\pm z \times SE = 1.28 \times .078 = +/- 10\%$
- i.e. a 30% anomaly could range between 20-40% 80% of time

# Confidence Intervals

## How to Use Sampling to Determine a Confidence Interval for a Population Parameter



### Working Example

Using a representative population sample, we want to know what range of CP values include the cp population mean 95% of the time. We do not know the mean but would like to know the range where it is included 95% of the time. This will give us an idea of the state of cp across the broader population.

#### 1. Collect Inputs

- Sample Size  $n = 30$  (min. for Central Limit Theorem, Follows Normal Dist.)
- Sample Mean  $\bar{x} = -.88$  v (CP Off Reading Example)
- Sample Standard Deviation  $s = .03$
- Sample Standard Error  $SE = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$  or approximately  $\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} = .0055$  v

#### 2. Specify Required Confidence Level

- Specify Level of Significance  $\alpha = .05$  (i.e., mean is not in 95% CI)
- Confidence Level  $= 1 - \alpha = .95$

#### 3. Calculate Confidence Interval

- Find critical z-value in Stats Table for  $\alpha/2 = .025$  (i.e., 2.5% for each left & right tail outside of 95% Confidence)
- $z = \pm 1.96$
- Confidence interval is  $\bar{x} \pm z \cdot SE = -.88 \pm 1.96 \cdot .0055 = -.87$  to  $-.89$
- The margin of error is  $\pm 1.96 \cdot .0055$  or  $\pm .01$

# Missing Data Mitigation

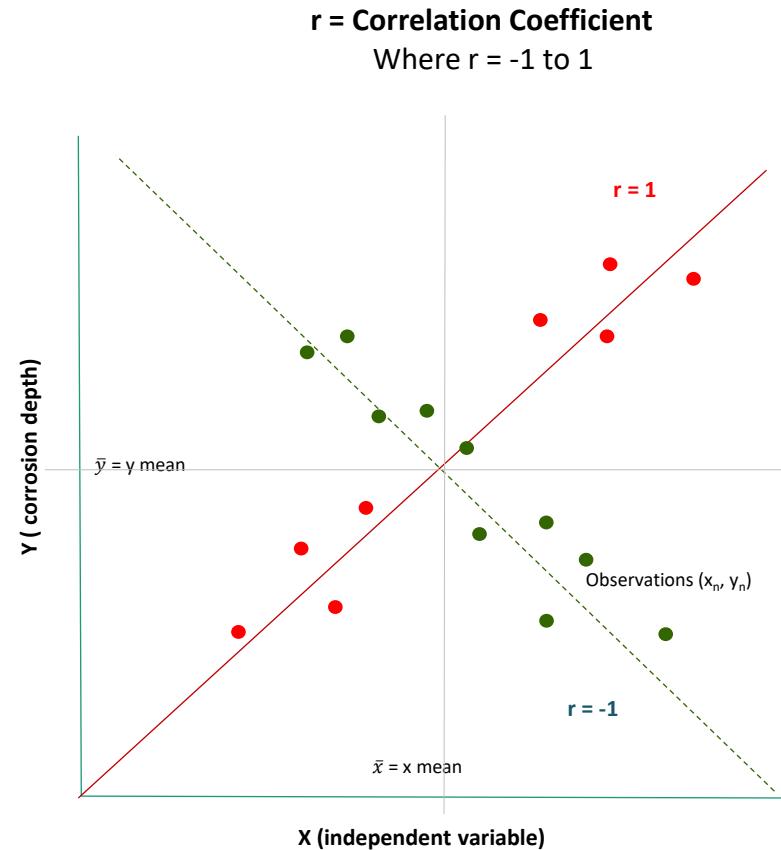
## Missing or Zero Numerical Data

- Exclude
- Find Proxy
- Machine Learn Value
- Use Average or Representative Value

## Categorical

- Exclude
- Find Proxy
- Machine Learn Value
- Default as “No\_Data” Attribute
- Use Average or Representative Value

# Correlation can be Misleading



$$r = \frac{\sum(x - \bar{x})(y - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum(x - \bar{x})^2 \sum(y - \bar{y})^2}}$$

Correlation is any statistical association, though it commonly refers to the degree to which a pair of variables are linearly related

## Anscombe's Quartet

