

# Scalable Developments for Big Data Analytics in Remote Sensing



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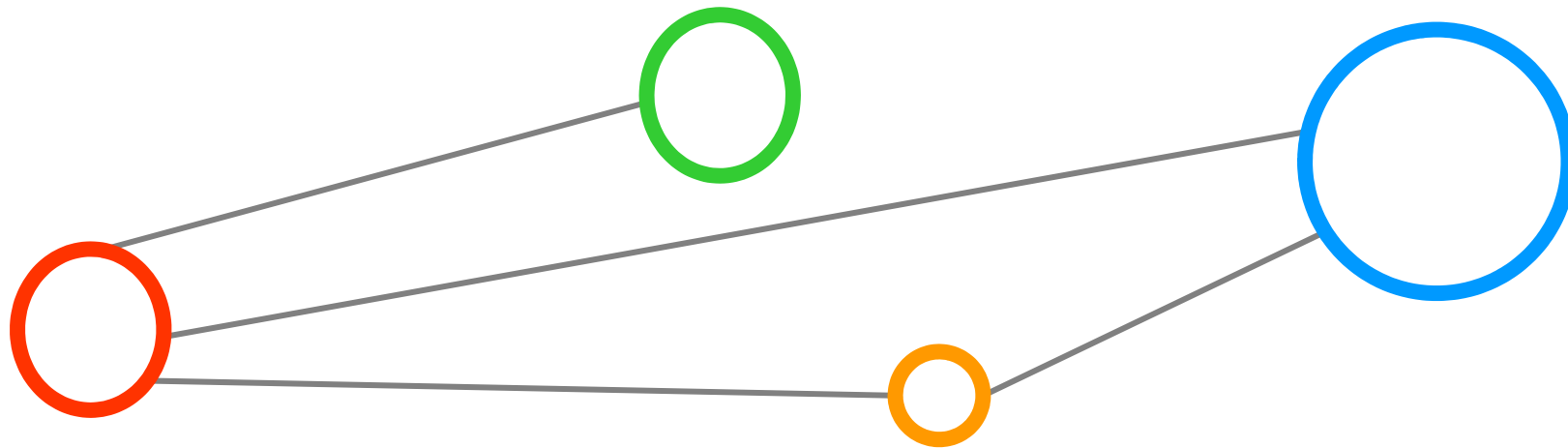
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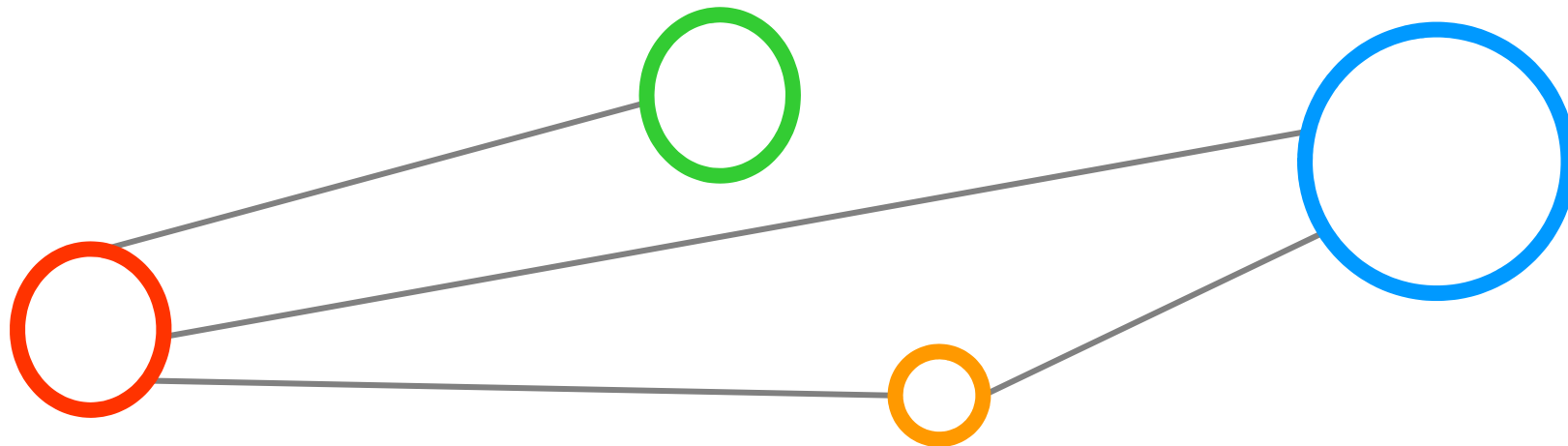
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# Big Data Analytics

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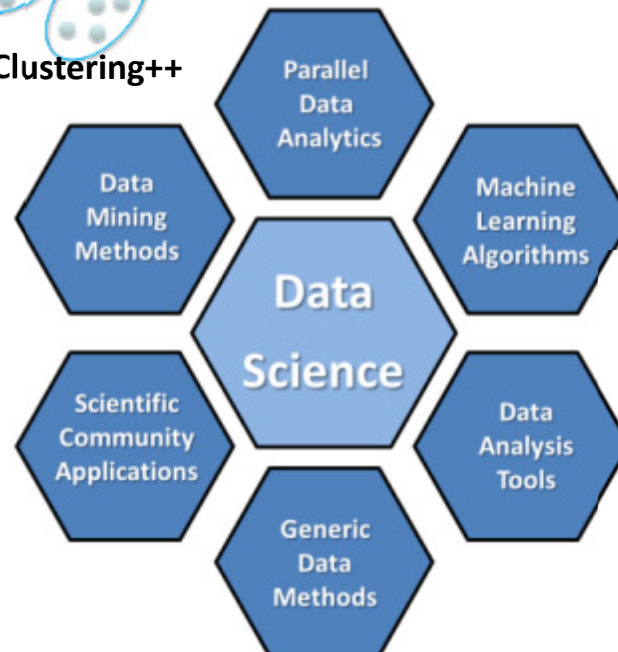
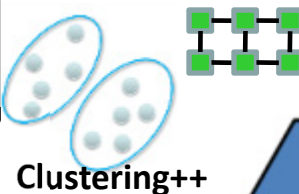
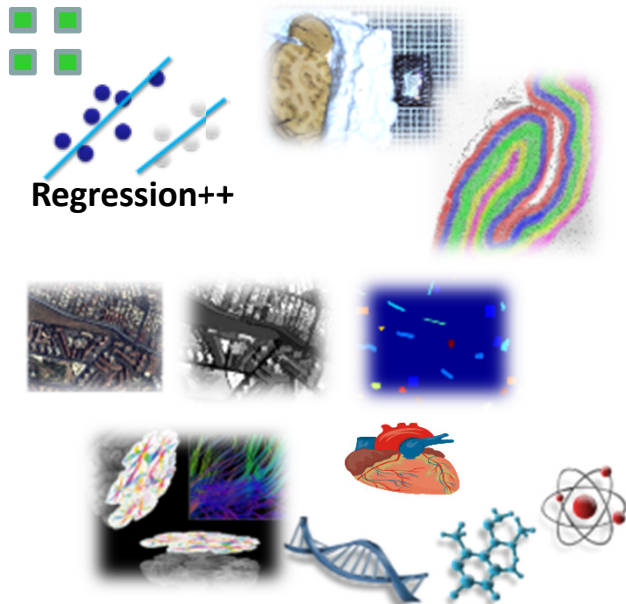


# Big Data Analytics

‘Big Data Analytics’ is an ‘interesting mix’ of distinct approaches

- Analytics: Whole methodology; Analysis: data investigation process itself
- ‘Big’: **scalable processing methods** and **underlying parallel infrastructure**

■ Concrete ‘big data’:  
large medical data

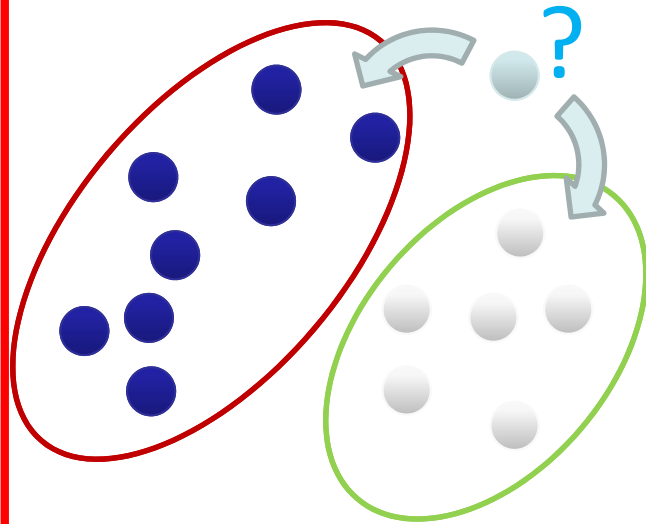


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large earth science data



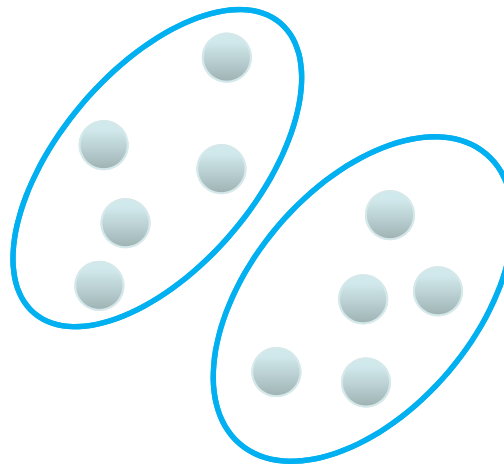
# Learning From Data – Classification Technique

## Classification



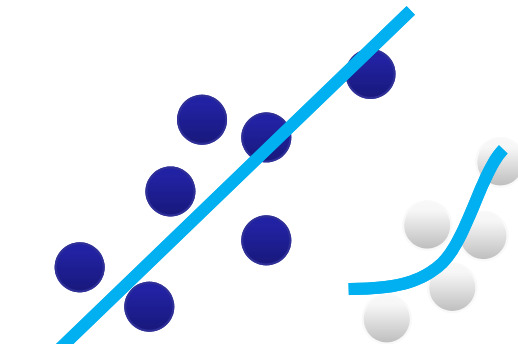
- Groups of data exist
- New data classified to existing groups

## Clustering



- No groups of data exist
- Create groups from data close to each other

## Regression



- Identify a line with a certain slope describing the data

# Selected Classification Method

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## Perceptron Learning Algorithm – simple linear classification

- Enables binary classification with ‘a line’ between classes of separable data

## Support Vector Machines (SVMs) – non-linear (‘kernel’) classification

- Enables non-linear classification with maximum margin (best ‘out-of-the-box’)

Reasoning: achieves often better results than other methods in remote sensing application

## Decision Trees & Ensemble Methods – tree-based classification

- Grows trees for class decisions, ensemble methods average n trees

## Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs) – brain-inspired classification

- Combine multiple linear perceptrons to a strong network for non-linear tasks

## Naive Bayes Classifier – probabilistic classification

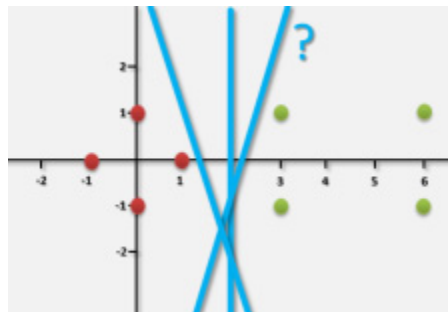
- Use of the Bayes theorem with strong/naive independence between features

# Supervised Learning – SVM Classification Method

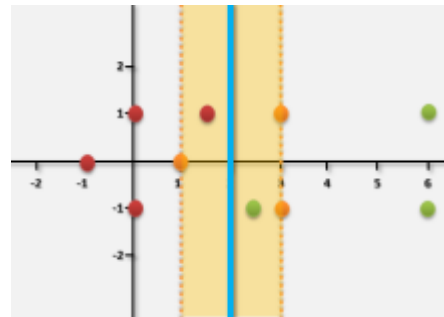
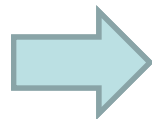
## SVM Algorithm Approach

[1] C. Cortes and V. Vapnik et al.

- Introduced 1995 by C. Cortes & V. Vapnik et al.
- Creates a 'maximal margin classifier' to get future points ('more often') right
- Uses quadratic programming & Lagrangian method with  $N \times N$



(linear example)



('maximal margin classifier' example)

(use of soft-margin approach for better generalization)

$$\min_{w, \xi_i, b} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 + C \sum_i \xi_i \right\}$$

$$y_i(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i - b) \geq 1 - \xi_i, \quad \xi_i \geq 0$$

(maximizing hyperplane turned into optimization problem, minimization, dual problem)

$$\mathcal{L}(\alpha) = \sum_{n=1}^N \alpha_n - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{m=1}^N y_n y_m \alpha_n \alpha_m \mathbf{x}_n^T \mathbf{x}_m \quad 0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C$$

(max. hyperplane → dual problem, using quadratic programming method)

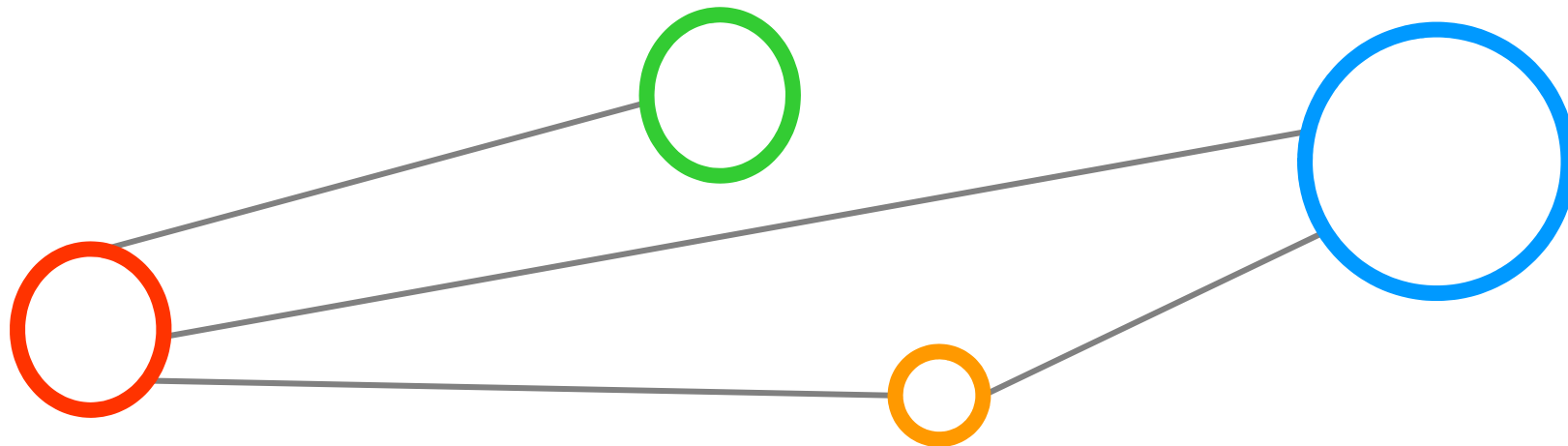
$$k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = \langle \phi(\mathbf{x}_i), \phi(\mathbf{x}_j) \rangle$$

(kernel trick, quadratic coefficients – Computational Complexity & Big Data Impact)

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 y_1 x_1^T x_1 & y_1 y_2 x_1^T x_2 & \dots & y_1 y_N x_1^T x_N \\ \dots & \dots & \ddots & \dots \\ y_N y_1 x_N^T x_1 & y_N y_2 x_N^T x_2 & \dots & y_N y_N x_N^T x_N \end{bmatrix}$$

# Scalable and Parallel Developments

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# Short Survey of Related Work

Technology	Platform Approach	Analysis
Apache Mahout	Java; Hadoop	No parallelization strategy for SVMs
Apache Spark/MLlib	Java; Spark	Parallel linear SVMs (no multi-class)
Twister/ParallelSVM	Java; Twister; Hadoop 1.0	Parallel SVMs, open source; developer version 0.9 beta
scikit-learn	Python	No parallelization strategy for SVMs
piSVM 1.2 & piSVM 1.3	C; MPI	Parallel SVMs; stable; not fully scalable
GPU LibSVM	CUDA	Parallel SVMs; hard to programs, early versions
pSVM	C; MPI	Parallel SVMs; unstable; beta version

[2] M. Goetz, M. Riedel et al., " 'On Parallel and Scalable Classification and Clustering Techniques for Earth Science Datasets', 6<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Data Mining in Earth System Science, International Conference of Computational Science (ICCS), Reykjavik

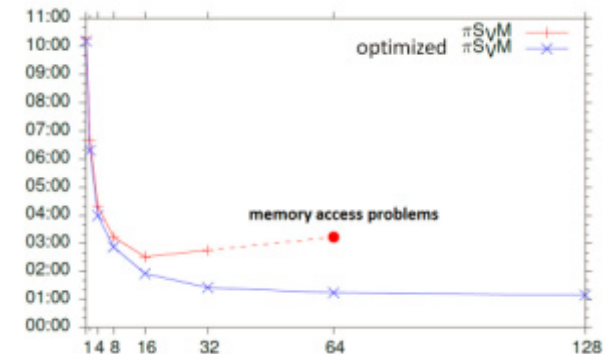
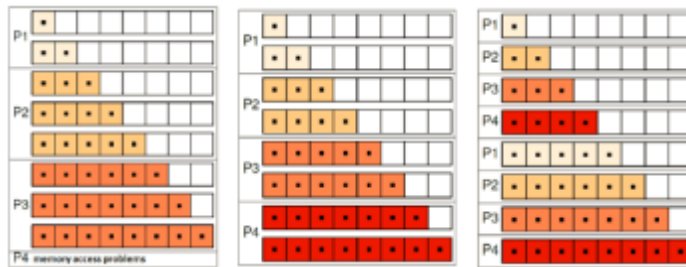
# Parallel & Scalable piSVM MPI Tool – Tunings

## Original parallel piSVM tool 1.2

- Open-source and based on libSVM library, C, 2011
- Message Passing Interface (MPI)
- New version appeared 2014-10 v. 1.3 (no major improvements)
- Lack of ‘big data’ support (memory, layout, etc.)

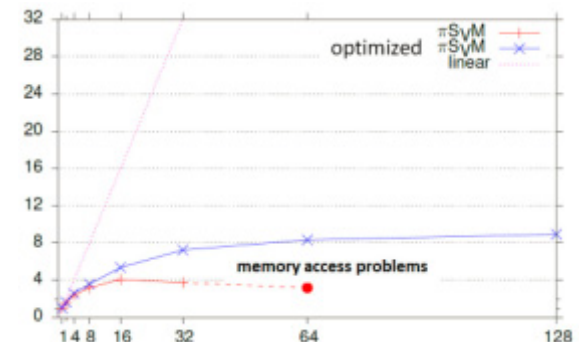


[3] piSVM Website, 2011/2014 code



## Tuned scalable parallel piSVM tool 1.2.1

- Open-source (repository to be created)
- Based on piSVM tool 1.2
- Optimizations: load balancing; MPI collectives
- Contact: [m.richerzhagen@fz-juelich.de](mailto:m.richerzhagen@fz-juelich.de)



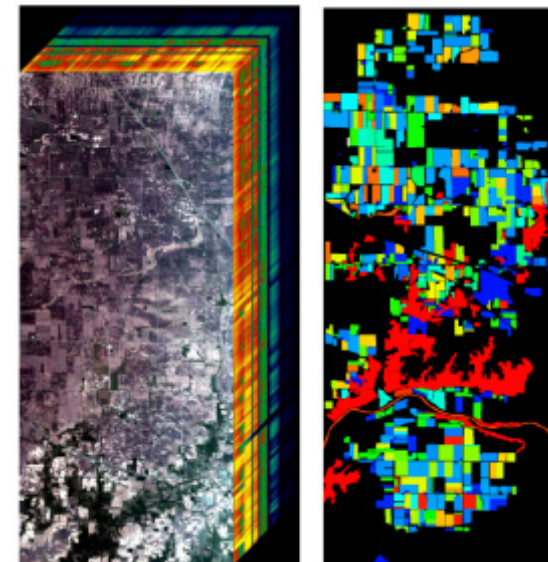
# Parallel & Scalable piSVM MPI Tool – Dataset

## Another more challenging dataset: high number of classes

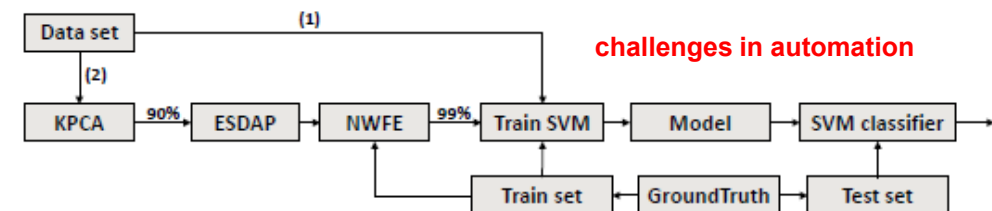
- Parallelization challenges: unbalanced class representations, mixed pixels

Class		Number of samples		Class		Number of samples	
number	name	training	test	number	name	training	test
1	Buildings	1720	15475	27	Pasture	1039	9347
2	Corn	1778	16005	28	pond	10	92
3	Corn?	16	142	29	Soybeans	939	8452
4	Corn-EW	51	463	30	Soybeans?	89	805
5	Corn-NS	236	2120	31	Soybeans-NS	111	999
6	Corn-CleanTill	1240	11164	32	Soybeans-CleanTill	507	4567
7	Corn-CleanTill-EW	2649	23837	33	Soybeans-CleanTill?	273	2453
8	Corn-CleanTill-NS	3968	35710	34	Soybeans-CleanTill-EW	1180	10622
9	Corn-CleanTill-NS-Irrigated	80	720	35	Soybeans-CleanTill-NS	1039	9348
10	Corn-CleanTilled-NS?	173	1555	36	Soybeans-CleanTill-Drilled	224	2018
11	Corn-MinTill	105	944	37	Soybeans-CleanTill-Weedy	54	489
12	Corn-MinTill-EW	563	5066	38	Soybeans-Drilled	1512	13606
13	Corn-MinTill-NS	886	7976	39	Soybeans-MinTill	267	2400
14	Corn-NoTill	438	3943	40	Soybeans-MinTill-EW	183	1649
15	Corn-NoTill-EW	121	1085	41	Soybeans-MinTill-Drilled	810	7288
16	Corn-NoTill-NS	569	5116	42	Soybeans-MinTill-NS	495	4458
17	Fescue	11	103	43	Soybeans-NoTill	216	1941
18	Grass	115	1032	44	Soybeans-NoTill-EW	253	2280
19	Grass/Trees	233	2098	45	Soybeans-NoTill-NS	93	836
20	Hay	113	1015	46	Soybeans-NoTill-Drilled	873	7858
21	Hay?	219	1966	47	Swampy Area	58	525
22	Hay-Alfalfa	226	2032	48	River	311	2799
23	Lake	22	202	49	Trees?	58	522
24	NotCropped	194	1746	50	Wheat	498	4481
25	Oats	174	1568	51	Woods	6356	57206
26	Oats?	34	301	52	Woods?	14	130

remote sensing cube & ground reference



[4] G. Cavallaro, M. Riedel et al., *IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Applied Earth Observations and Remote Sensing*, to be published



challenges in automation

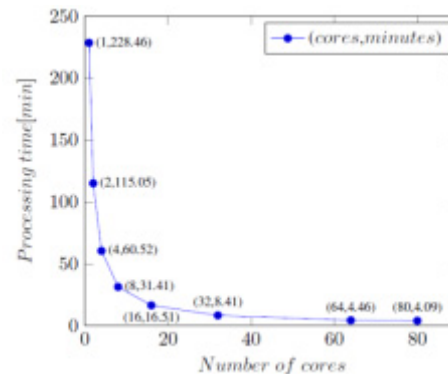
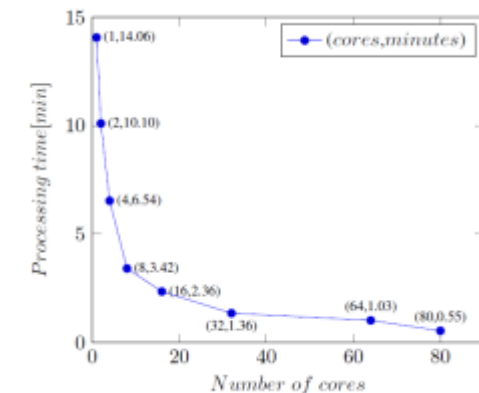


[5] Indian pines dataset, processed and raw

# Parallel & Scalable piSVM MPI Tool – Parallel Results

High number of classes, different scenarios important to check

- Parallelization benefits: major speed-ups, ~interactive (<1 min) possible

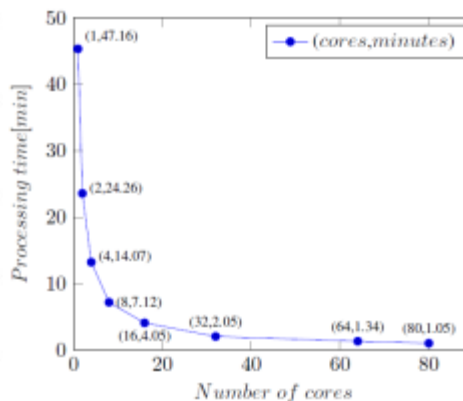
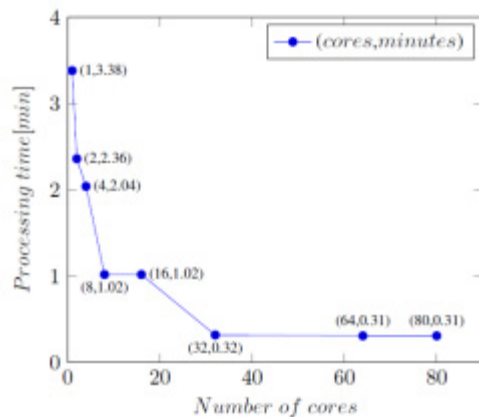


manual & serial activities (in minutes)

	kpca	esdap	nwfe	10x CSV	Training	Test	Total
(1) Scenario	0	0	0	$4.47 \times 10^3$	10,45	71,08	$4.55 \times 10^3$
(2) Scenario	5	15.38	1	529.55	1.37	23.25	575.55

'big data' is not always better data

	(1) Scenario	(2) Scenario
Number of features	200	30
Overall Accuracy (%)	40,68	77,96



Manual  
WORK

Can we automate feature extraction  
mechanism to some degree?

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[6] Analytics Results (raw)

[7] Analytics Results (processed)

# Parallel & Scalable piSVM MPI Tool – Most Impact

## 2x benefits of parallelization (shown in n-fold cross validation)

- (1) Compute parallel; (2) Do cross-validation runs in parallel
- Evaluation between Matlab (aka serial) and parallel piSVM
- 10x cross-validation (RBF kernel parameter and C, gridsearch)

raw dataset (serial)

$\gamma / C$	1	10	100	1000	10000
2	27.30 (109.78)	34.59 (124.46)	39.05 (107.85)	37.38 (116.29)	37.20 (121.51)
4	29.24 (98.18)	37.75 (85.31)	38.91 (113.87)	38.36 (119.12)	38.36 (118.98)
8	31.31 (109.95)	<b>39.68</b> (118.28)	39.06 (112.99)	39.06 (190.72)	39.06 (872.27)
16	33.37 (126.14)	39.46 (171.11)	39.19 (206.66)	39.19 (181.82)	39.19 (146.98)
32	34.61 (179.04)	38.37 (202.30)	38.37 (231.10)	38.37 (240.36)	38.37 (278.02)

processed dataset (serial)

$\gamma / C$	1	10	100	1000	10000
2	48.90 (18.81)	65.01 (19.57)	73.21 (20.11)	75.55 (22.53)	74.42 (21.21)
4	57.53 (16.82)	70.74 (13.94)	75.94 (13.53)	76.04 (14.04)	74.06 (15.55)
8	64.18 (18.30)	74.45 (15.04)	<b>77.00</b> (14.41)	75.78 (14.65)	74.58 (14.92)
16	68.37 (23.21)	76.20 (21.88)	76.51 (20.69)	75.32 (19.60)	74.72 (19.66)
32	70.17 (34.45)	75.48 (34.76)	74.88 (34.05)	74.08 (34.03)	73.84 (38.78)

raw dataset (parallel, 80 cores)

$\gamma / C$	1	10	100	1000	10000
2	27.26 (3.38)	34.49 (3.35)	39.16 (5.35)	37.56 (11.46)	37.57 (13.02)
4	29.12 (3.34)	37.58 (3.38)	38.91 (6.02)	38.43 (7.47)	38.43 (7.47)
8	31.24 (3.38)	<b>39.77</b> (4.09)	39.14 (5.45)	39.14 (5.42)	39.14 (5.43)
16	33.36 (4.09)	39.61 (4.56)	39.25 (5.06)	39.25 (5.27)	39.25 (5.10)
32	34.61 (5.13)	38.37 (5.30)	38.36 (5.43)	38.36 (5.49)	38.36 (5.28)

processed dataset (parallel, 80 cores)

$\gamma / C$	1	10	100	1000	10000
2	75.26 (1.02)	65.12 (1.03)	73.18 (1.33)	75.76 (2.35)	74.53 (4.40)
4	57.60 (1.03)	70.88 (1.02)	75.87 (1.03)	76.01 (1.33)	74.06 (2.35)
8	64.17 (1.02)	74.52 (1.03)	<b>77.02</b> (1.02)	75.79 (1.04)	74.42 (1.34)
16	68.57 (1.33)	76.07 (1.33)	76.40 (1.34)	75.26 (1.05)	74.53 (1.34)
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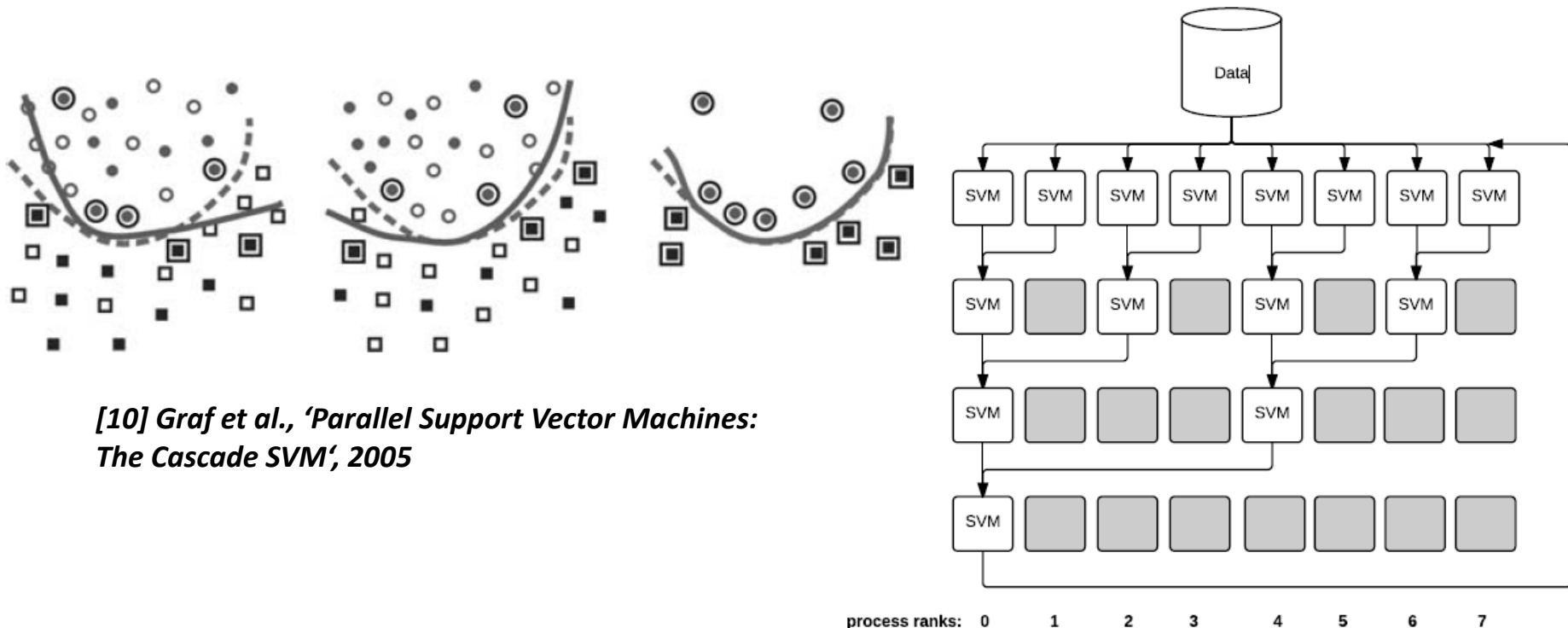
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# Parallel & Scalable Cascade SVM MPI Tool – Approach

## Cascade Approach: Filtering the support vectors out

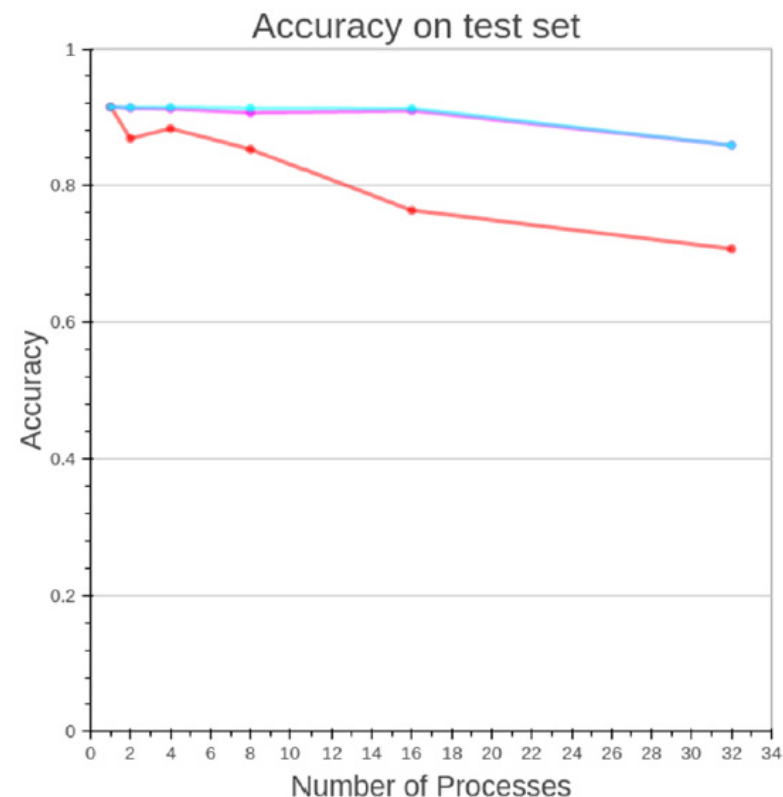
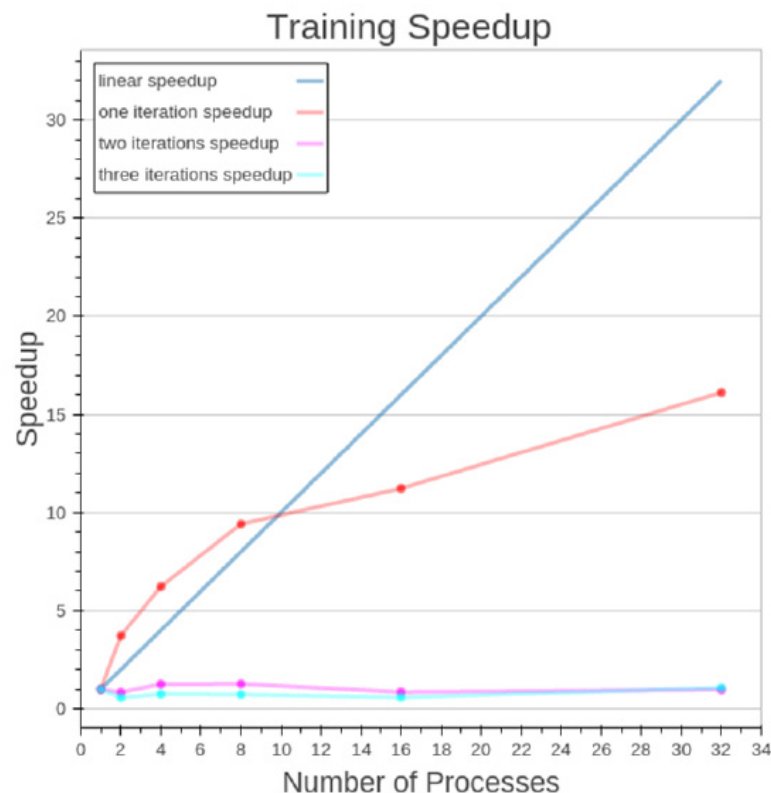
- Theoretically unlimited parallelization (shared nothing or MPI)
- Various extensions: cross feedback (implemented)
- Parallel application: using parallel I/O & MPI



# Parallel & Scalable Cascade SVM MPI Tool - Results

## Results after various iterations

- Good for real-time: trade-off between accuracy & speed-up
- Comparisons with piSVM: less accuracy, but faster



# Parallel & Scalable Cascade GPGPU Tool – Results

## Promising area of parallelization: GPGPUs

- Not many implementations
- Still proprietary (e.g. Nvidia/CUDA)
- Open source implementation

*[11] V. Meyaris I. Kompatsiaris A. Athanasopoulos, A. Dimou, 'Gpu acceleration for support vector machines', 12th International Workshop on Image Analysis for Multimedia Interactive Services, 2011.*

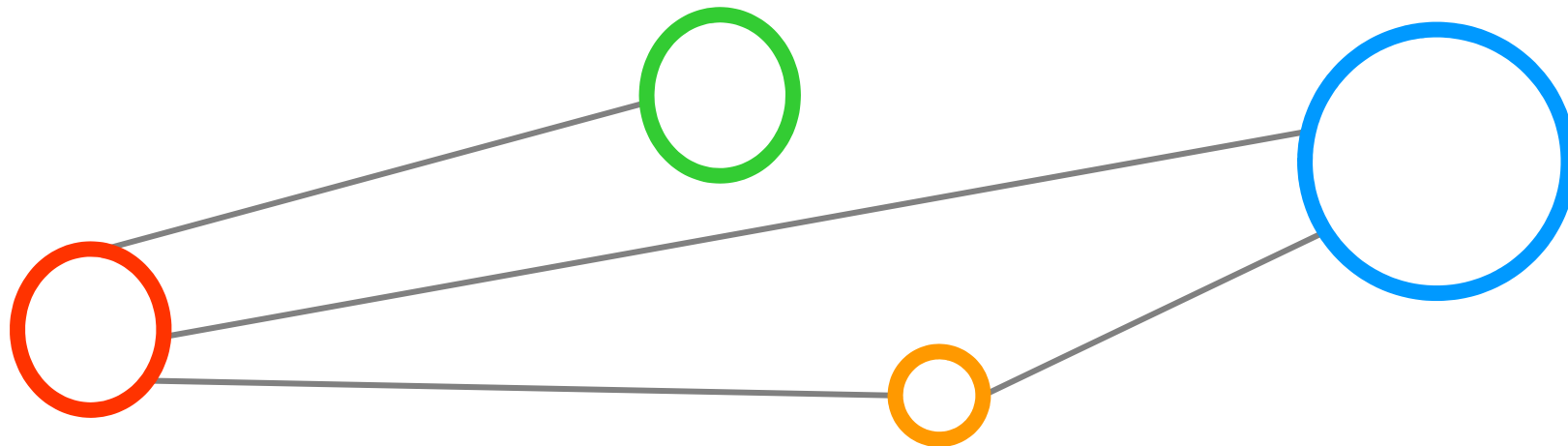
## Selected evaluations

- Still faster than serial (libsvm) version
- Performs not as good as the parallel piSVM implementation
- Disadvantages explained: e.g. overhead in copying data cpu/gpu
- Still promising area for the future: more expected to come!

	libsvm	GPU-libsvm	piSVM
raw	6779s	2619s	249s
preprocessed	746s	936s	62s

# Recent Research Directions

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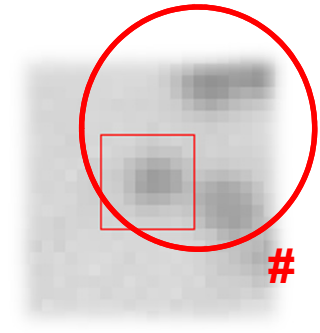


# Parallel & Scalable DBSCAN MPI Tool – Brain Analytics

## Neuroscience Application

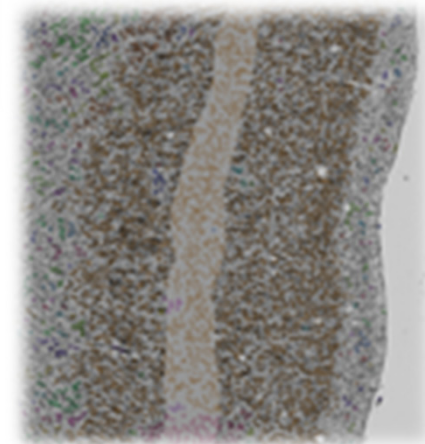
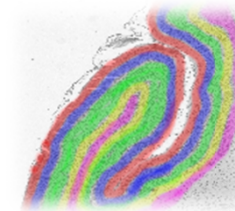
### ‘Cell nuclei detection and tissue clustering’

- Scientific Case: Detect various layers (colored)
- Layers seem to have different density distribution of cells
- Extract cell nuclei into 2D/3D point cloud
- Cluster different brain areas by cell density



### Use of HPBSCAN algorithm

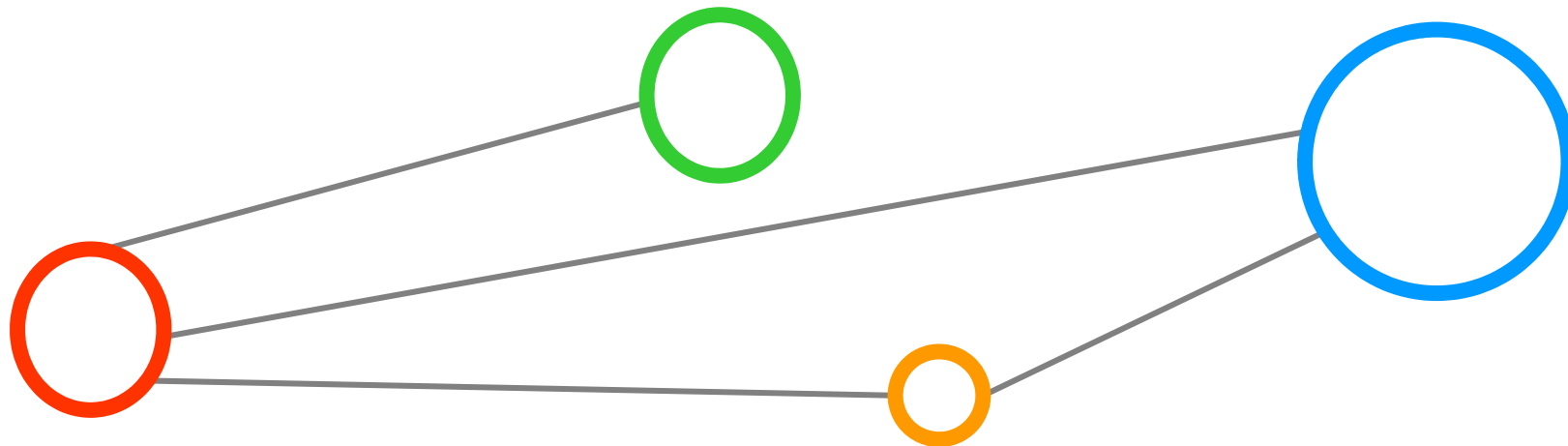
- Parallel & Scalable DBSCAN algorithm
- Developed in Juelich, open source
- First 2d results detect various clusters
- Approach: Several iterations (with 3D) with potentially different parameter values



➤ Research activities jointly with T. Dickscheid et al. (Juelich Institute of Neuroscience & Medicine)

# Conclusions

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## Scientific Peer Review is essential to progress in the field

- Work in the field needs to be guided & steered by communities
- NIC Scientific Big Data Analytics (SBDA) first step (learn from HPC)
- Towards enabling reproducibility by uploading runs and datasets

## Selected SBDA benefit from parallelization

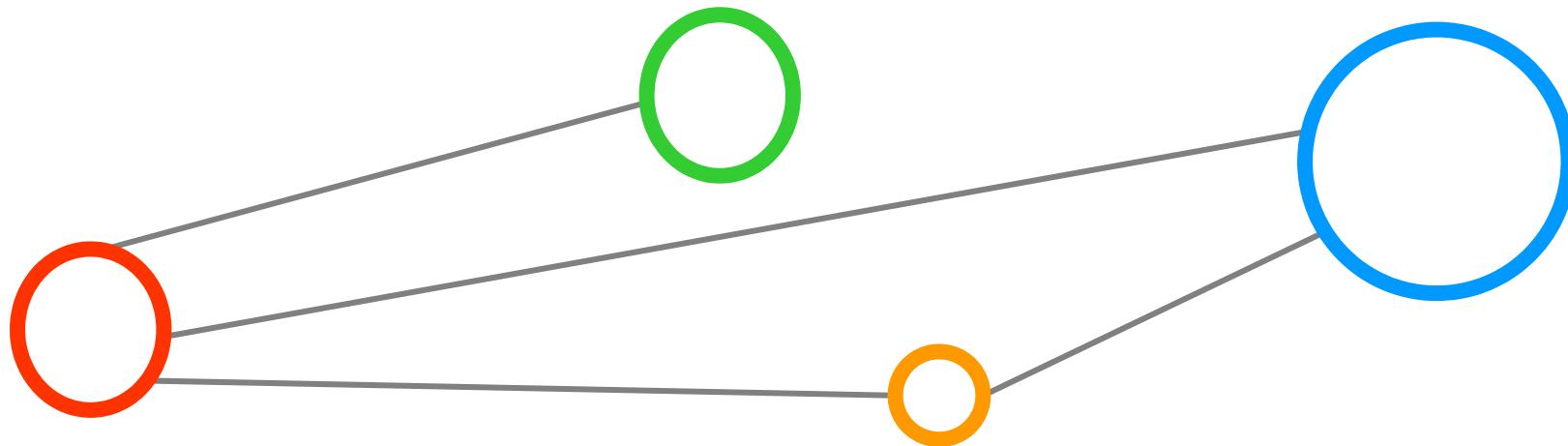
- Statistical data mining techniques able to reduce 'big data' (e.g. PCA, etc.)
- Benefits in n-fold cross-validation & raw data, less on preprocessed data
- Two codes available to use and maintained @JSC: HPDBSCAN, piSVM

## Number of Data Analytics et al. Technologies incredible high

- Thorough analysis and evaluation hard (needs different infrastructures)
- (Less) open source & working versions available, often paper studies
- Still evaluating approaches: HPC, map-reduce, Spark, SciDB, MaTex, ...

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