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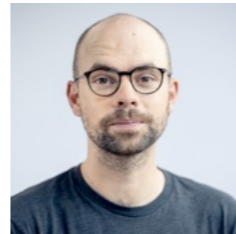
# Learning from sketches: large-scale learning with the memory of a goldfish

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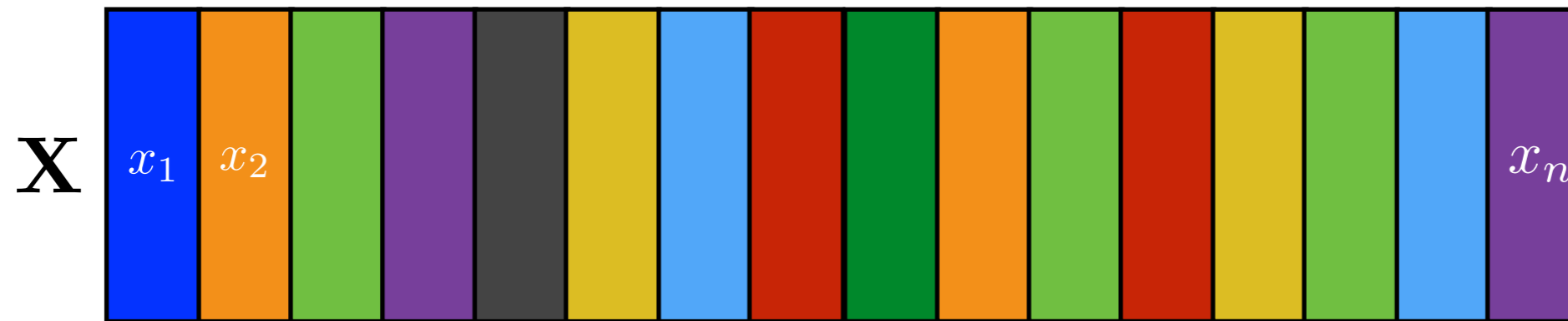
## ■ Recently with **Titouan Vayer** and **Ayoub Belhadji**



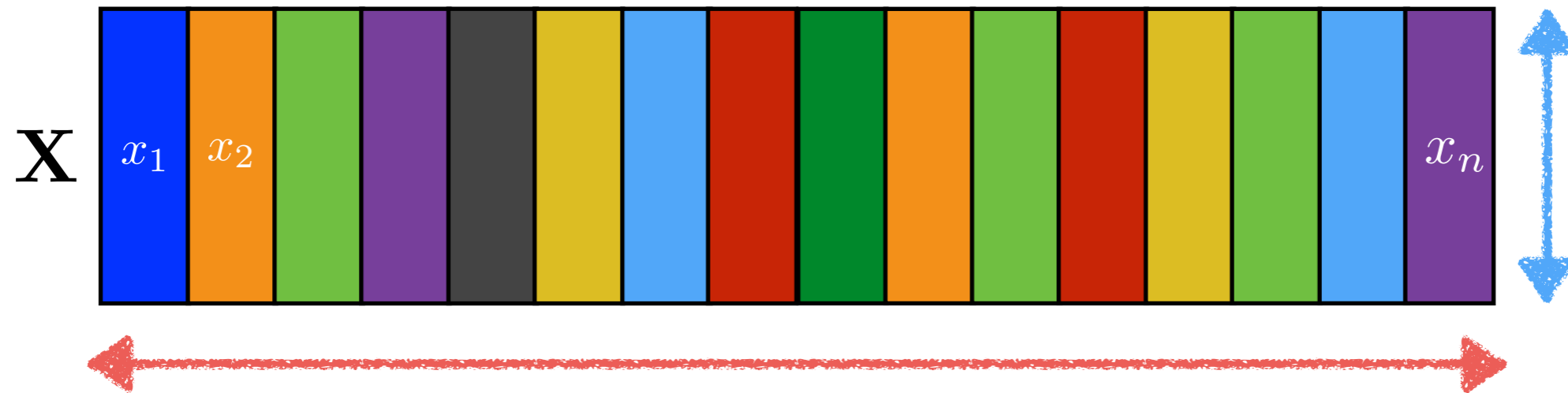
## ■ Building on a series of past work with

- A. Bourrier, N. Keriven, A. Chatalic
- G. Puy, N. Tremblay, Y. Traonmilin, C. Elvira, L. Giffon
- P. Perez, M. Davies, G. Blanchard, P. Vandergheynst
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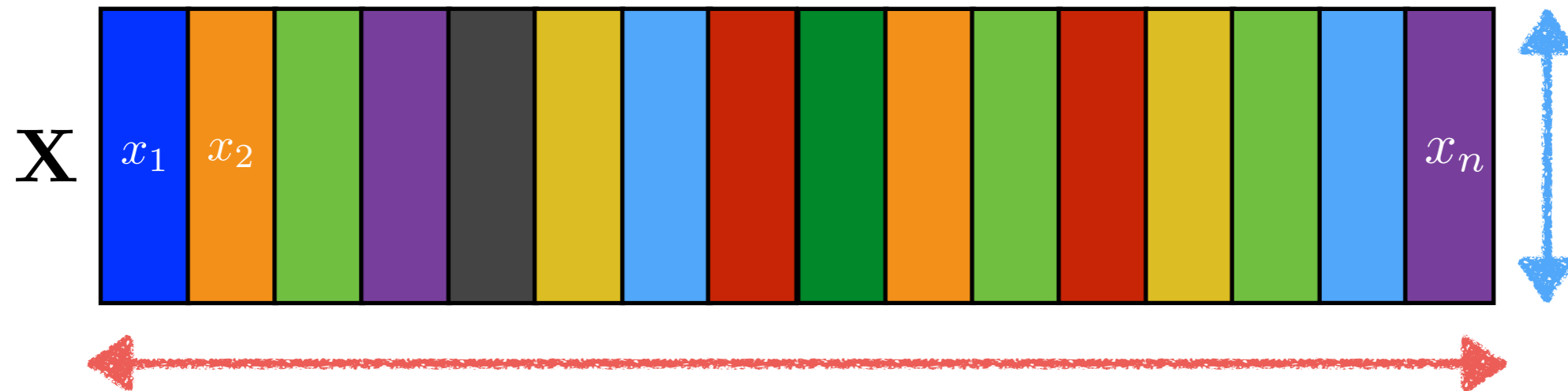


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Challenge: compress  $\mathcal{X}$  before learning ?

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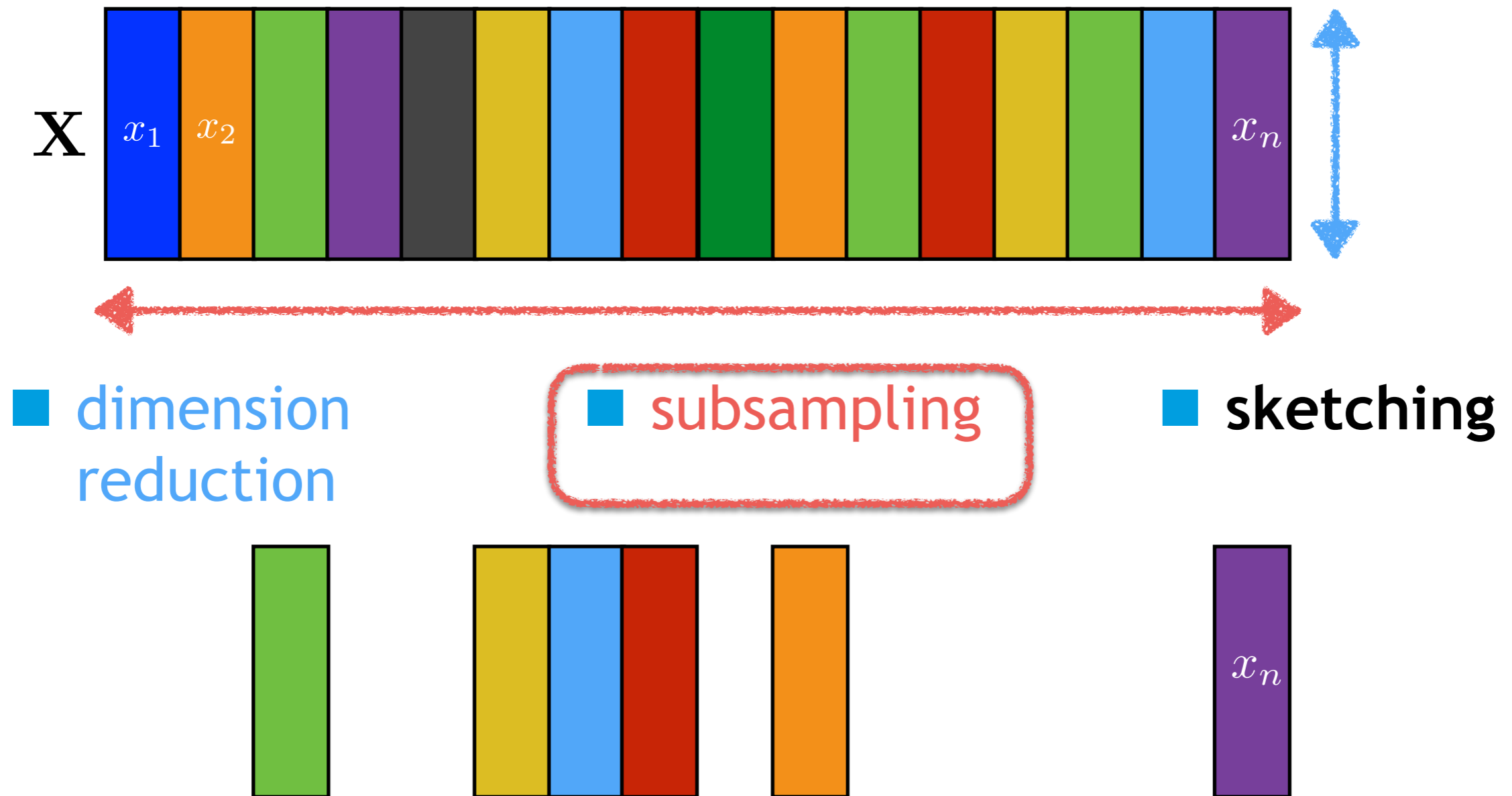
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*random projections - Johnson Lindenstrauss lemma  
see e.g. [Calderbank & al 2009, Reboredo & al 2013]*

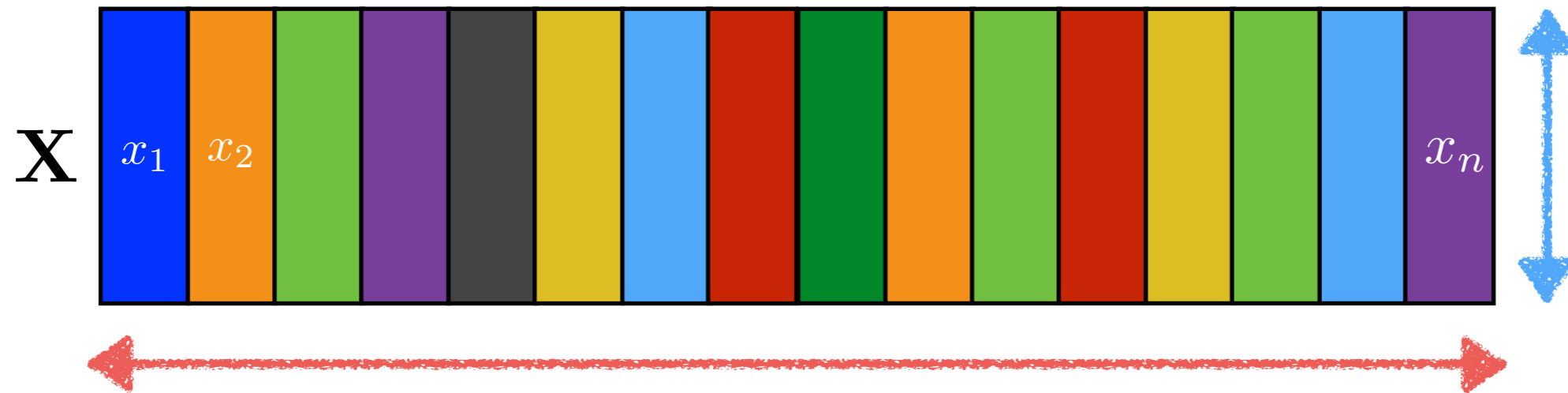
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*Nyström method & coresets*

*see e.g. [Williams&Seeger 2000, Agarwal & al 2003, Felman 2010]*

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with random moments

$$\mathbb{E}\Phi_1(X)$$

...

$$\mathbb{E}\Phi_m(X)$$



$$\mathbf{s} \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

Inspiration:

*compressive sensing*  
*sketching/hashing*

[Foucart & Rauhut 2013]

[Thaper & al 2002, Cormode & al 2005]

Connections with: *generalized method of moments*

[Hall 2005]

*kernel mean embeddings* [Smola & al 2007, Sriperimbudur & al 2010]



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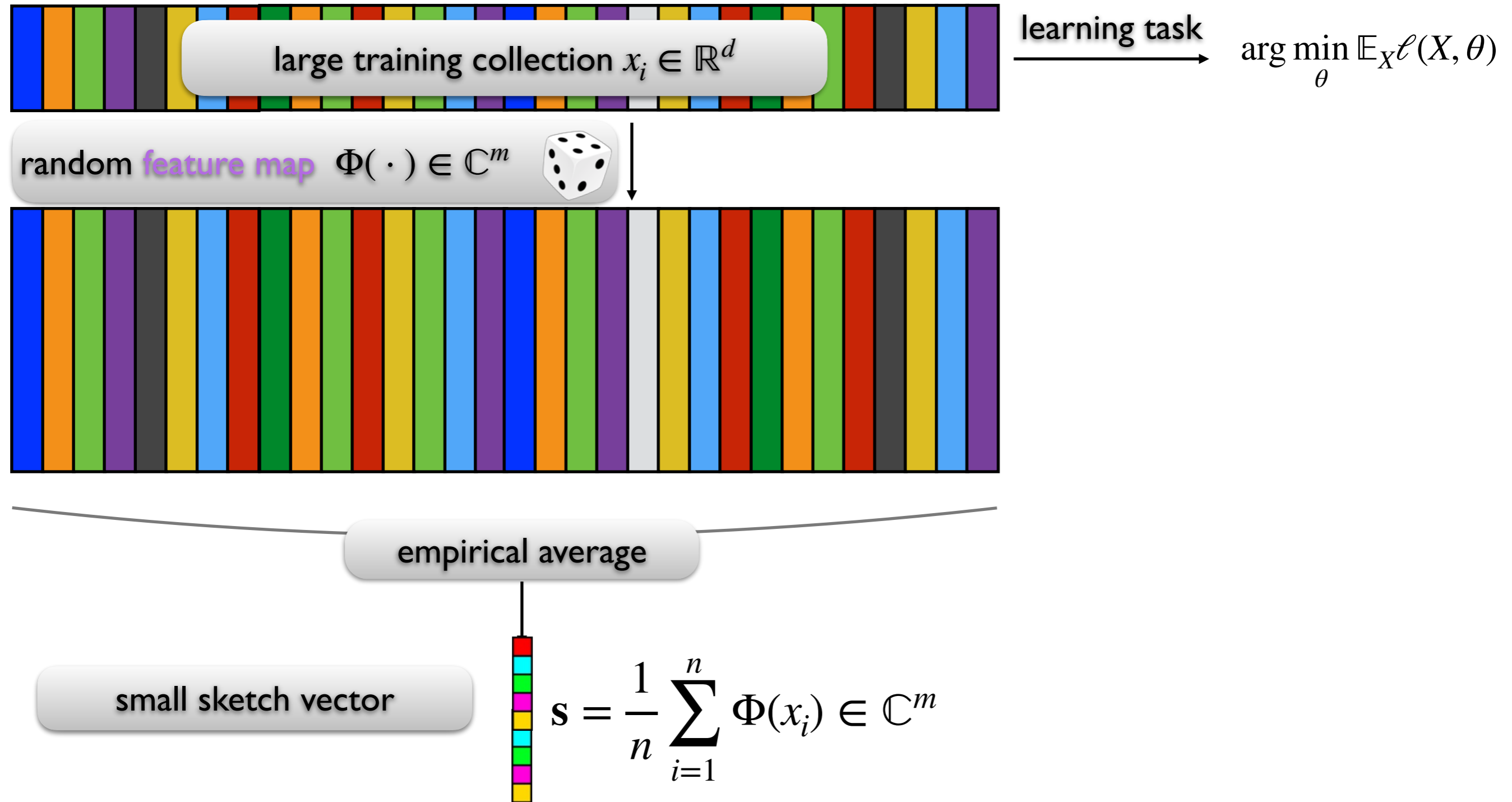
$$\arg \min_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_X \ell(X, \theta)$$

- Traditional approach:
  - (Convex) optimization
  - (Stochastic) gradient descent

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- Several passes on the training set
- Resource hungry at large scale

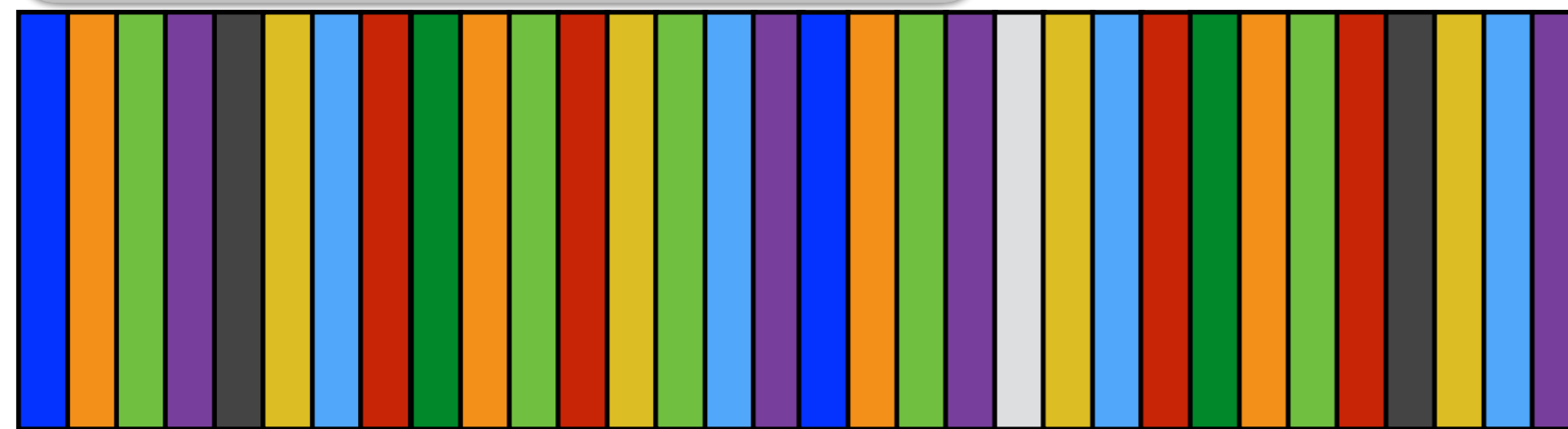
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ex: random Fourier features

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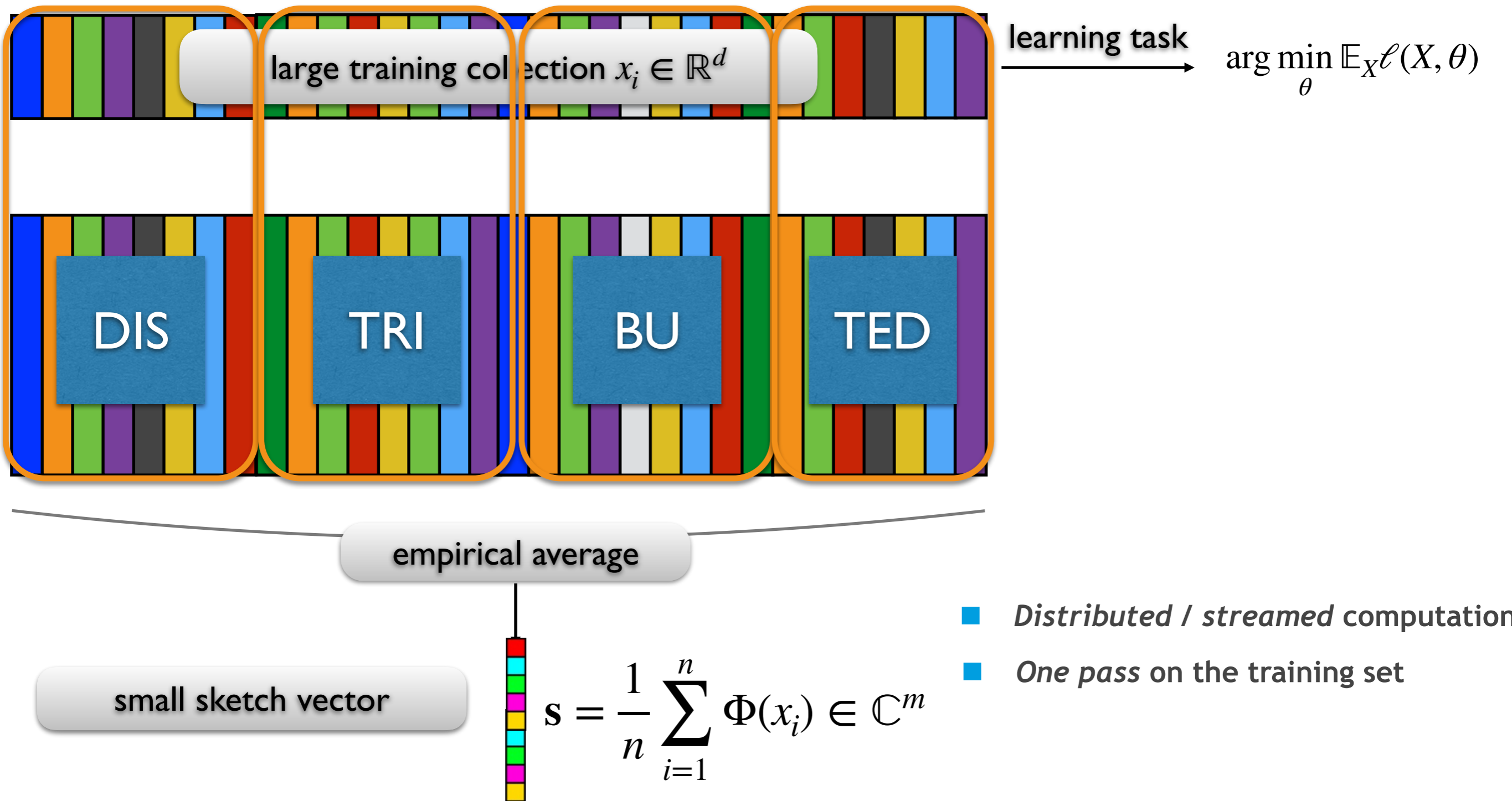
scalar nonlinearity  $\nearrow$   $\nwarrow$  random projection

empirical average

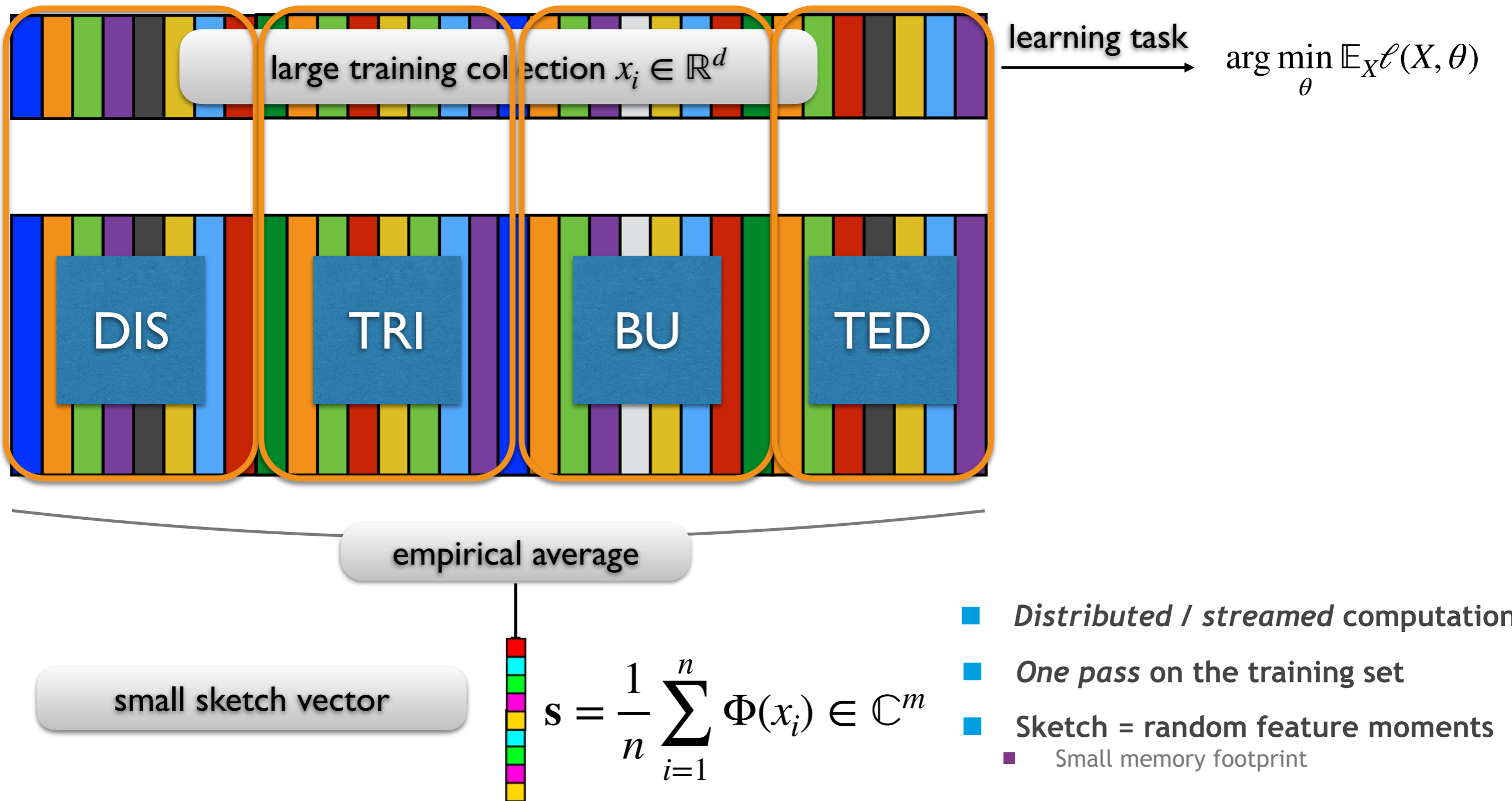
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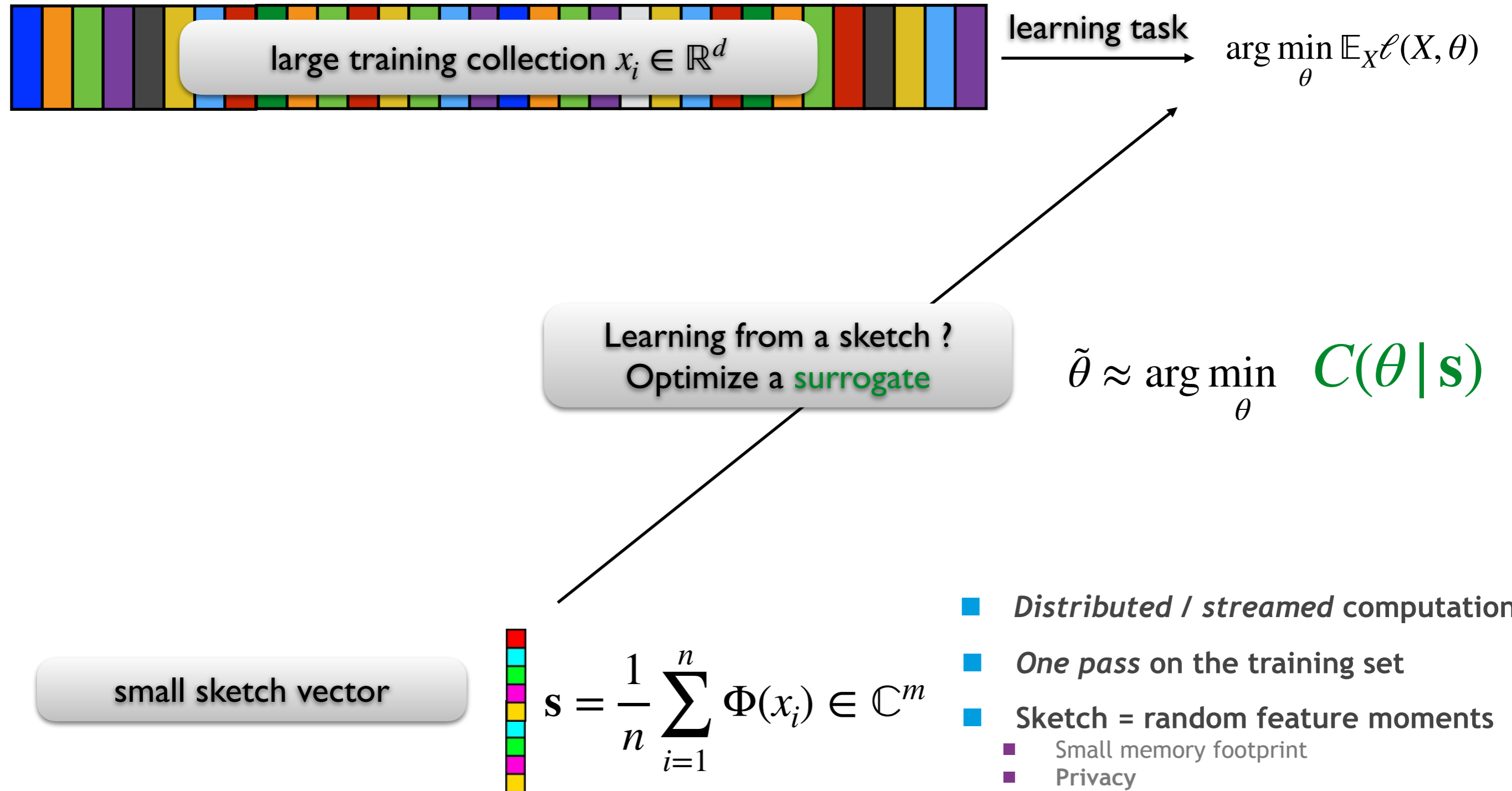
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- Sketch = random feature moments
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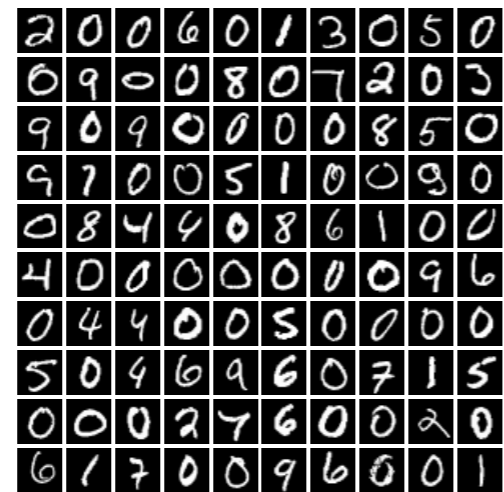
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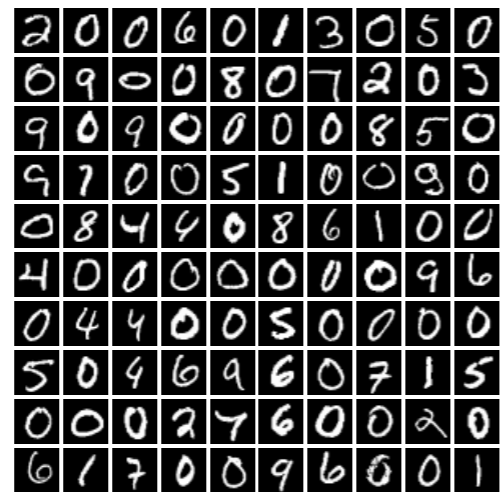
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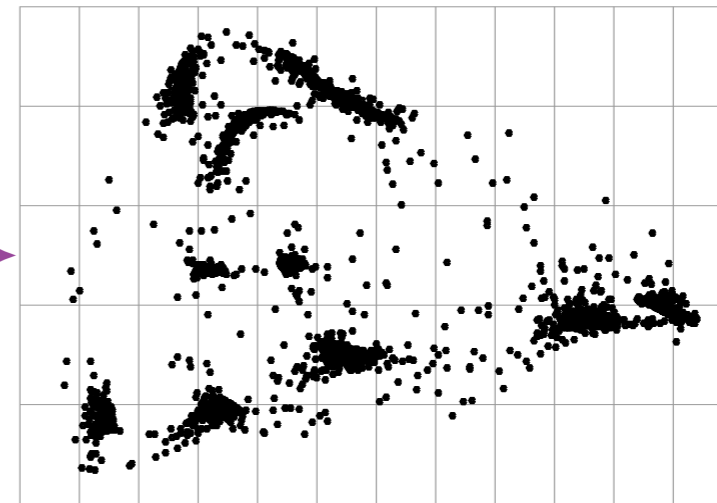
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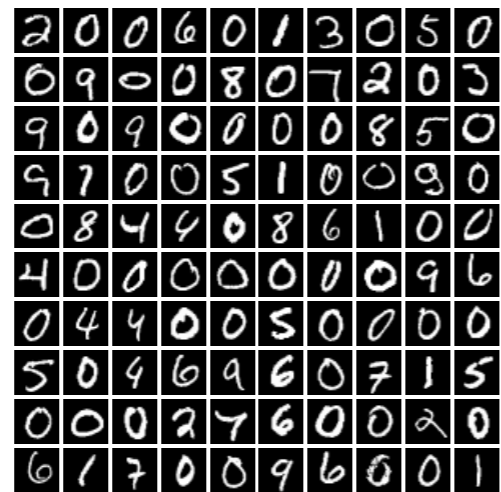
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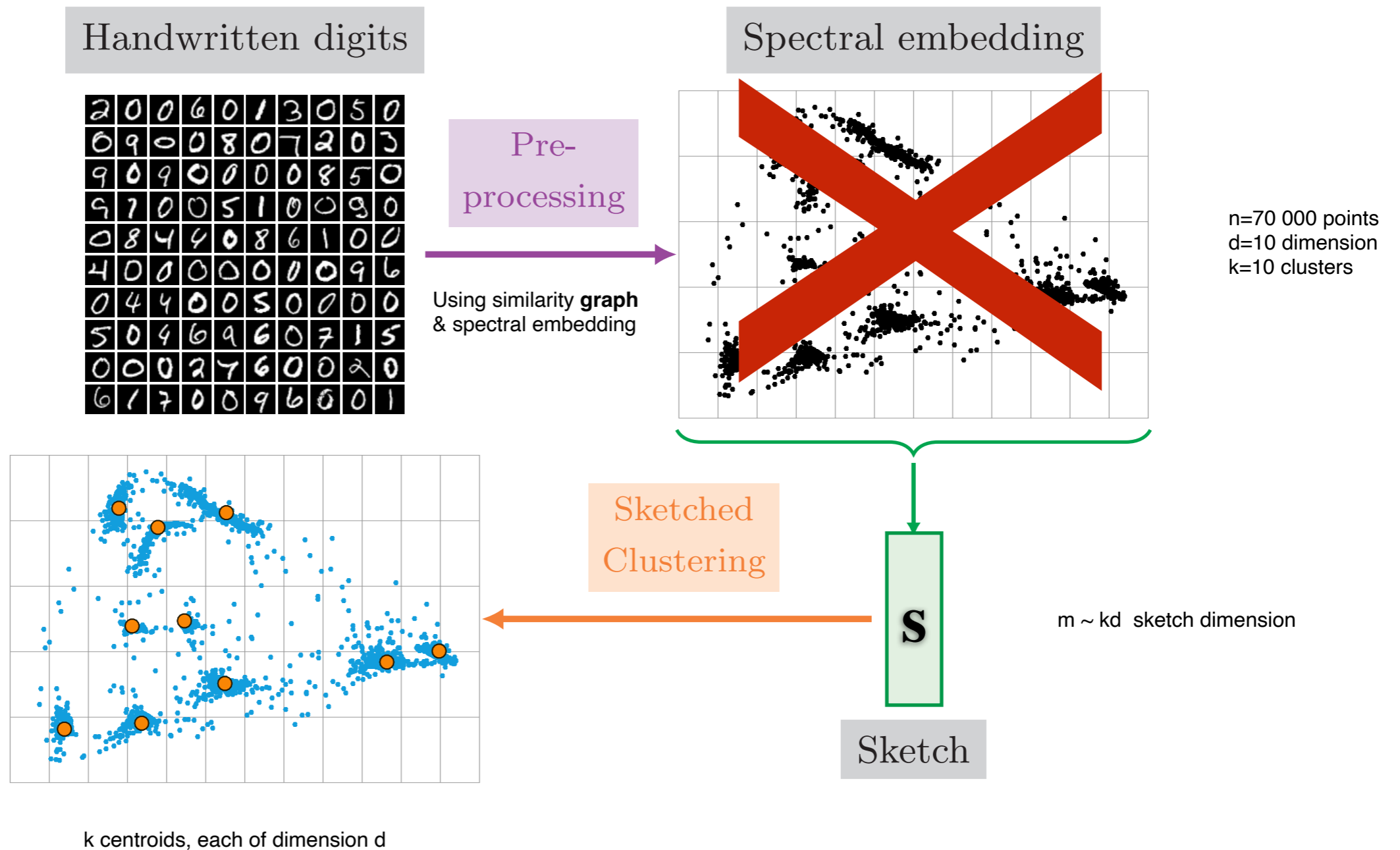
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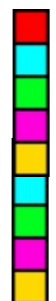
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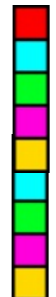
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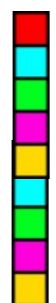
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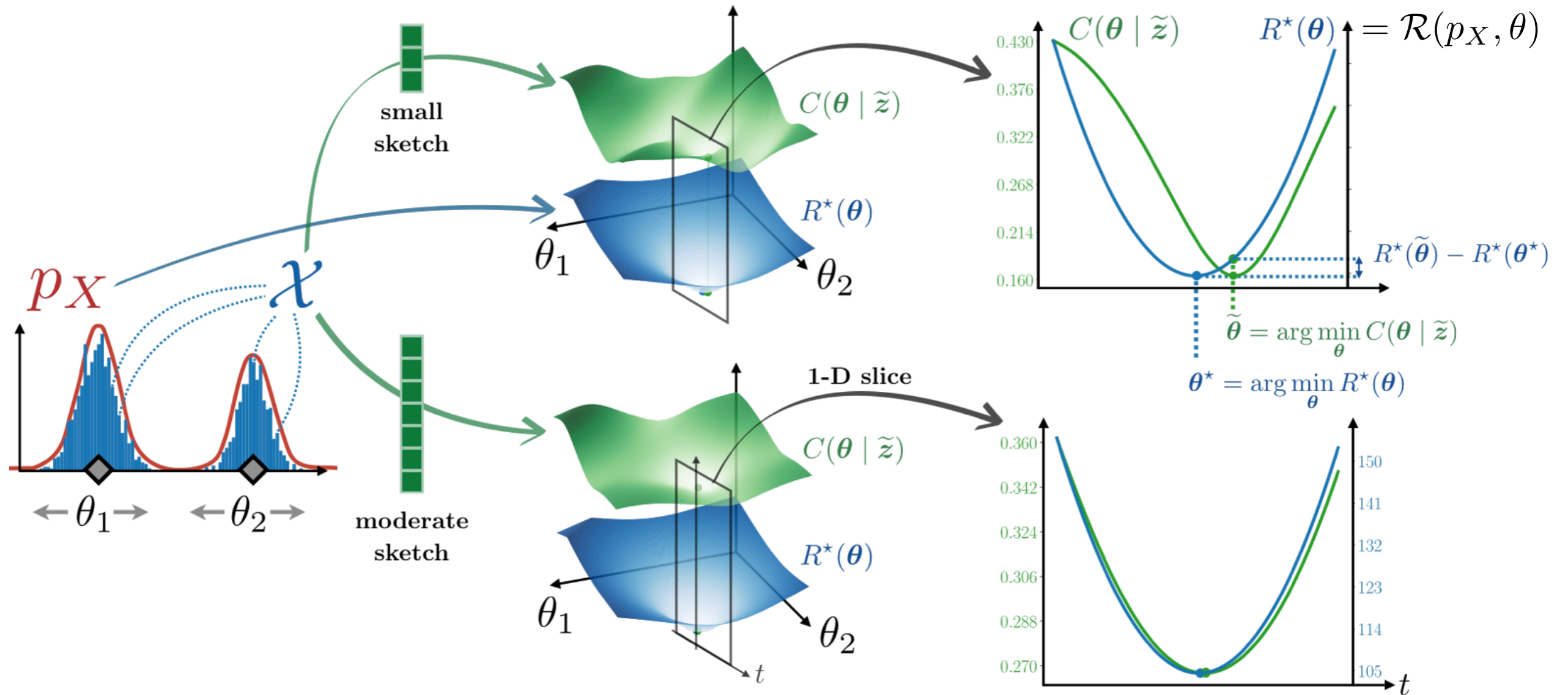
- can « forget » training samples

- complexity independent of  $n$

- slight variant differentially private

- **good surrogate ??**

# Optimization landscapes toy example - clustering



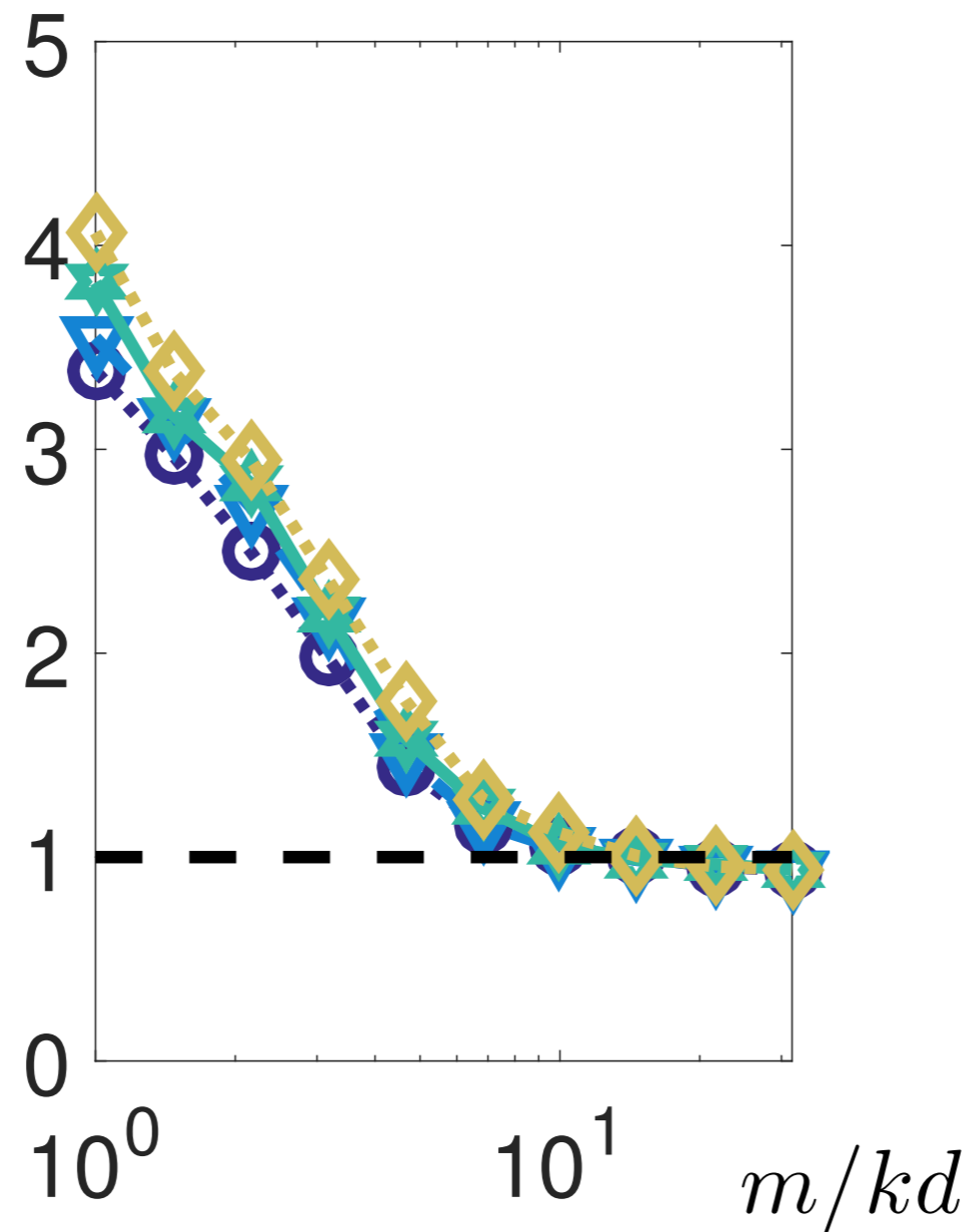
Surrogate  $C(\theta | s) =$  distance between sketch of model 2-mixture and empirical sketch



# Effect of sketch size $m$ (clustering - planted model)

Relative loss

$$\frac{\mathcal{R}(p, \hat{\theta})}{\mathcal{R}(p, \theta^*)}$$



$k$  = number of cluster  
 $d$  = ambient dimension  
 $n$  = number of samples

$\bullet$   $n=10^4$   $\blacktriangledown$   $n=10^5$   $\star$   $n=10^6$   $\blacklozenge$   $n=10^7$

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# Moments & kernel mean embeddings

■ **Data distribution**  $X \sim p(x)$

■ **Sketch = vector of *generalized moments***

$$\mathbf{s} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \Phi(x_i) \approx \mathbb{E} \Phi(X) = \int \Phi(x) p(x) dx$$

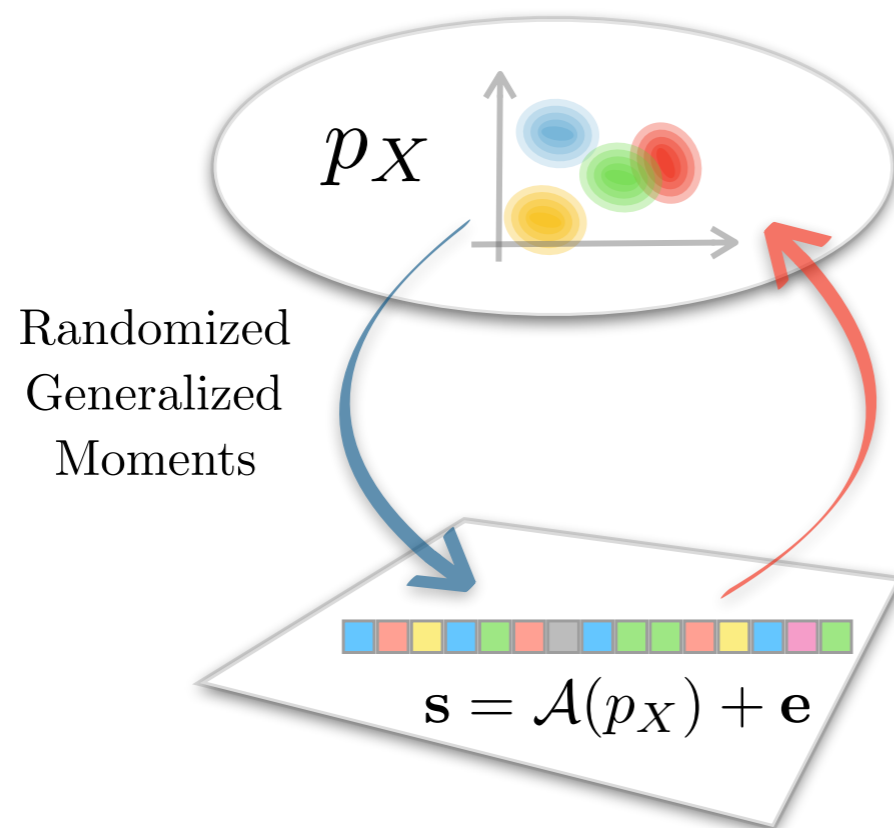
- *nonlinear* in the feature vectors
- *linear* in the distribution  $p(x)$
- finite-dimensional **Mean Map Embedding**, [cf Smola & al 2007, Sriperumbudur & al 2010]

$$\mathcal{A}(p) := \mathbb{E}_{X \sim p} \Phi(X)$$

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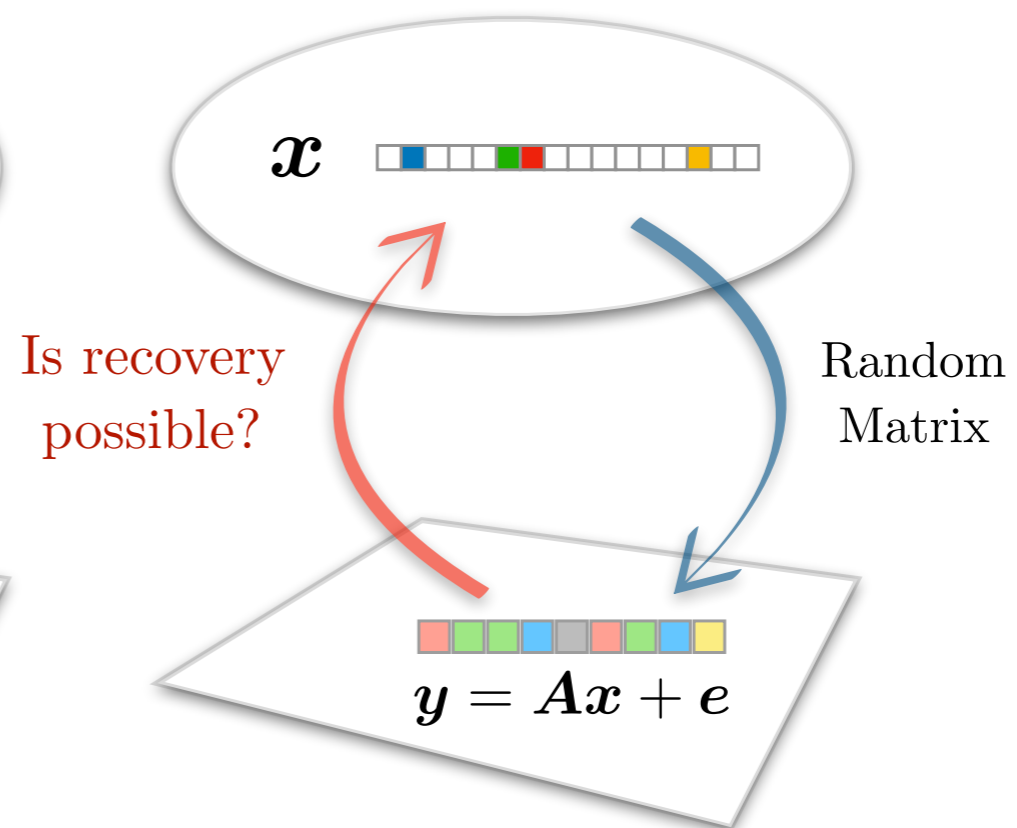
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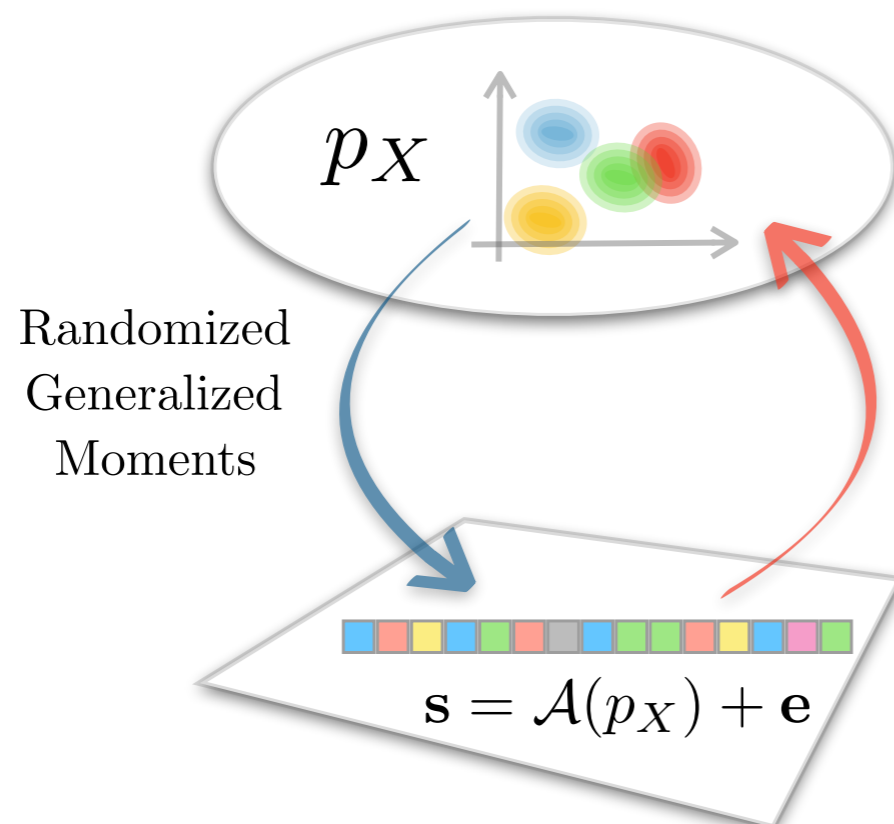


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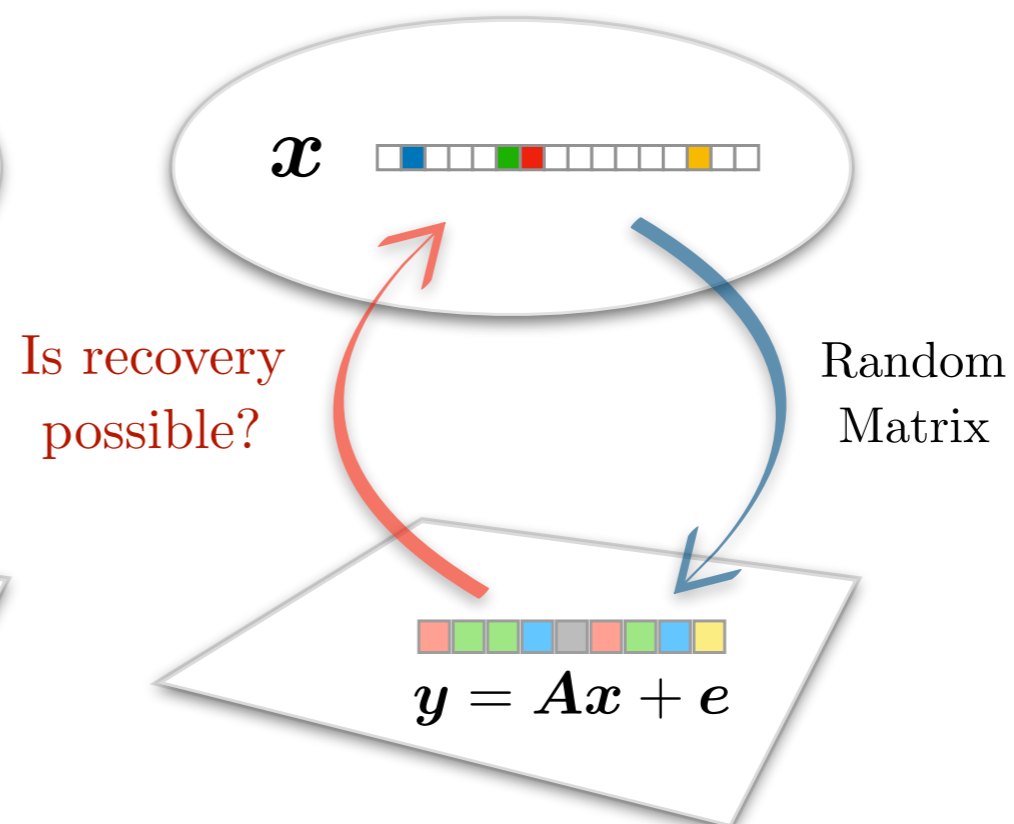
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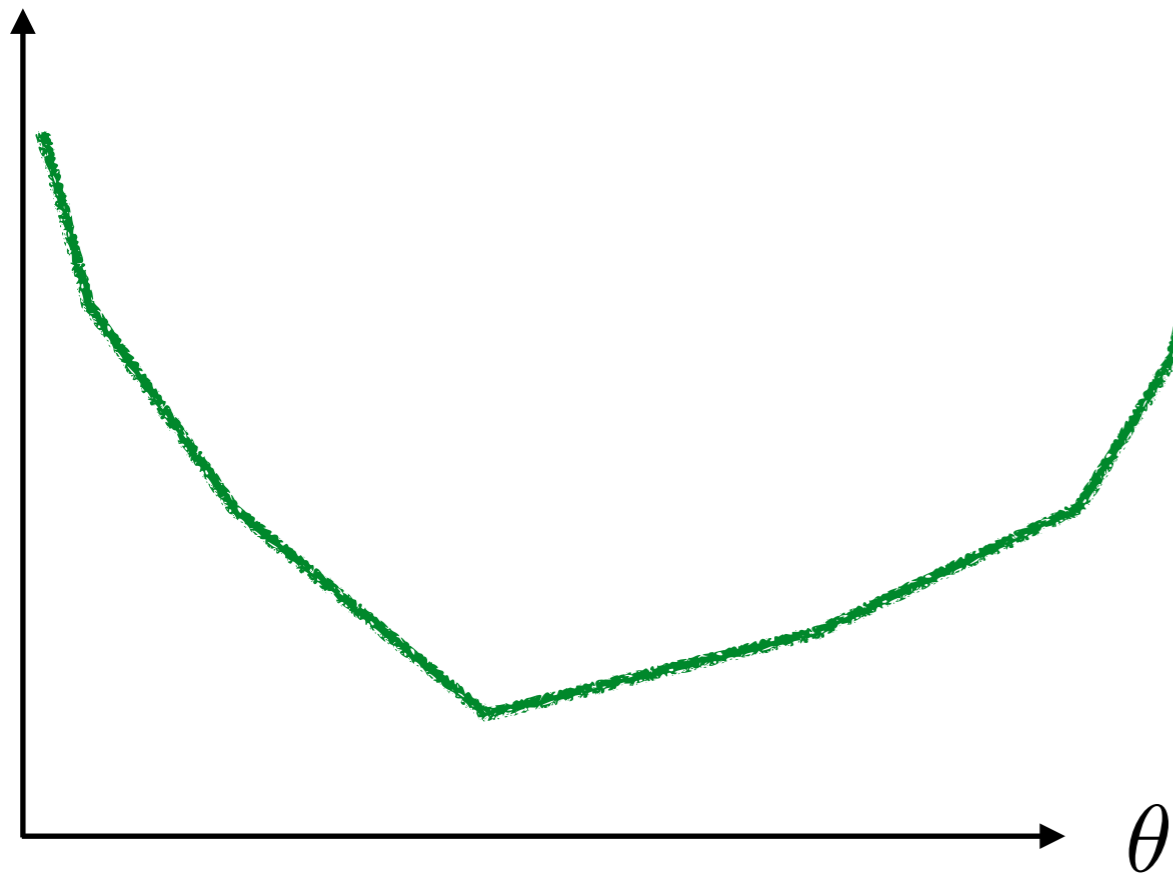
**Low-dim model set** (task-dependent)

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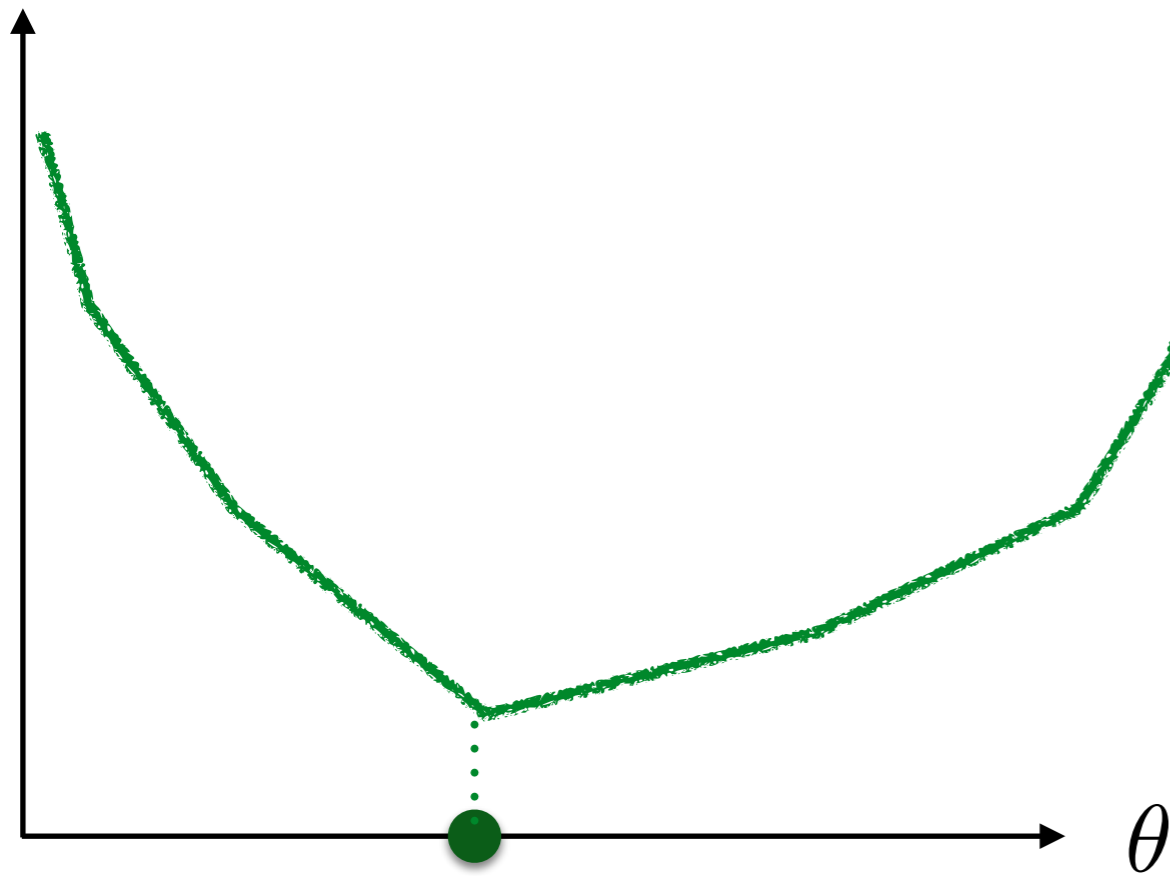
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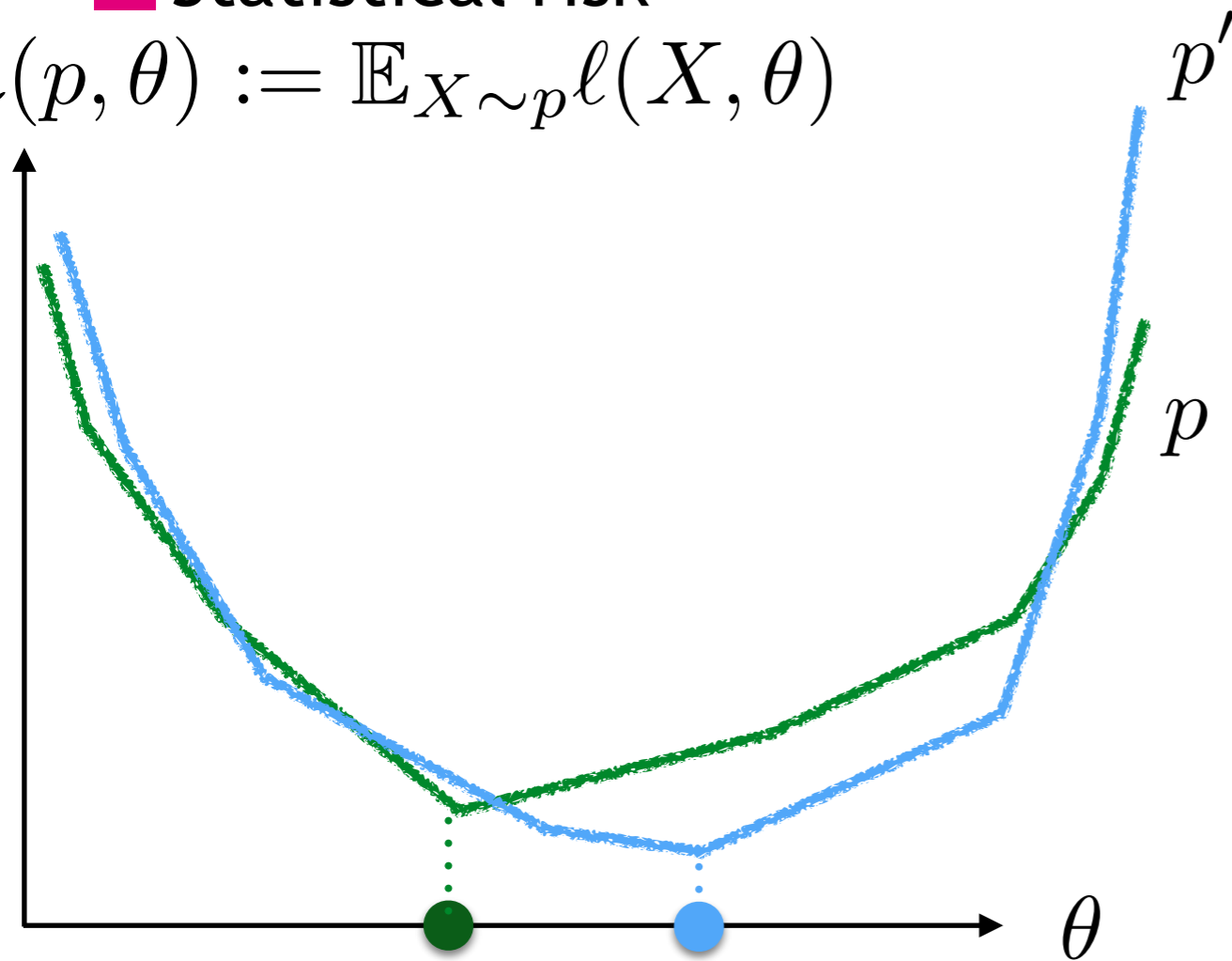


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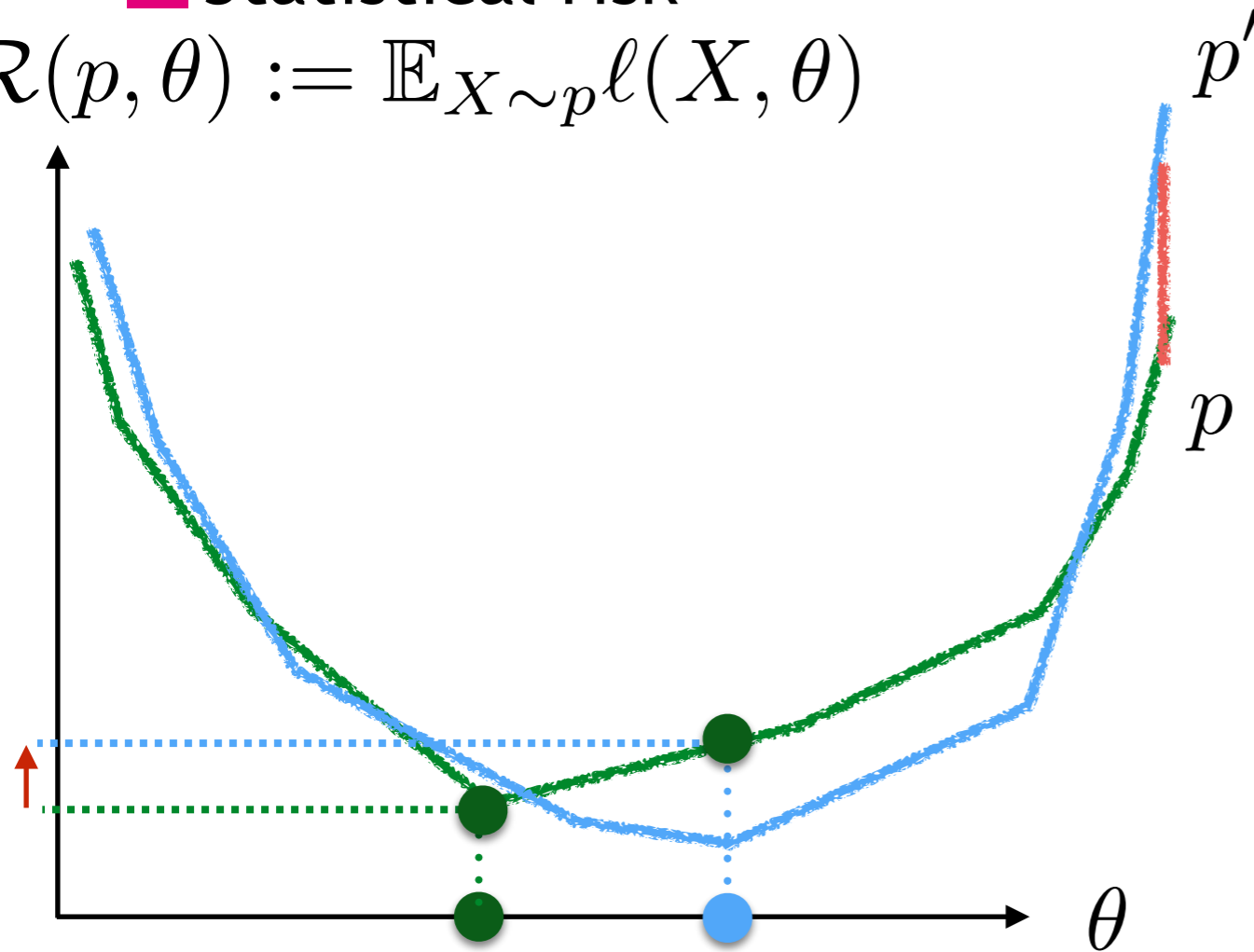
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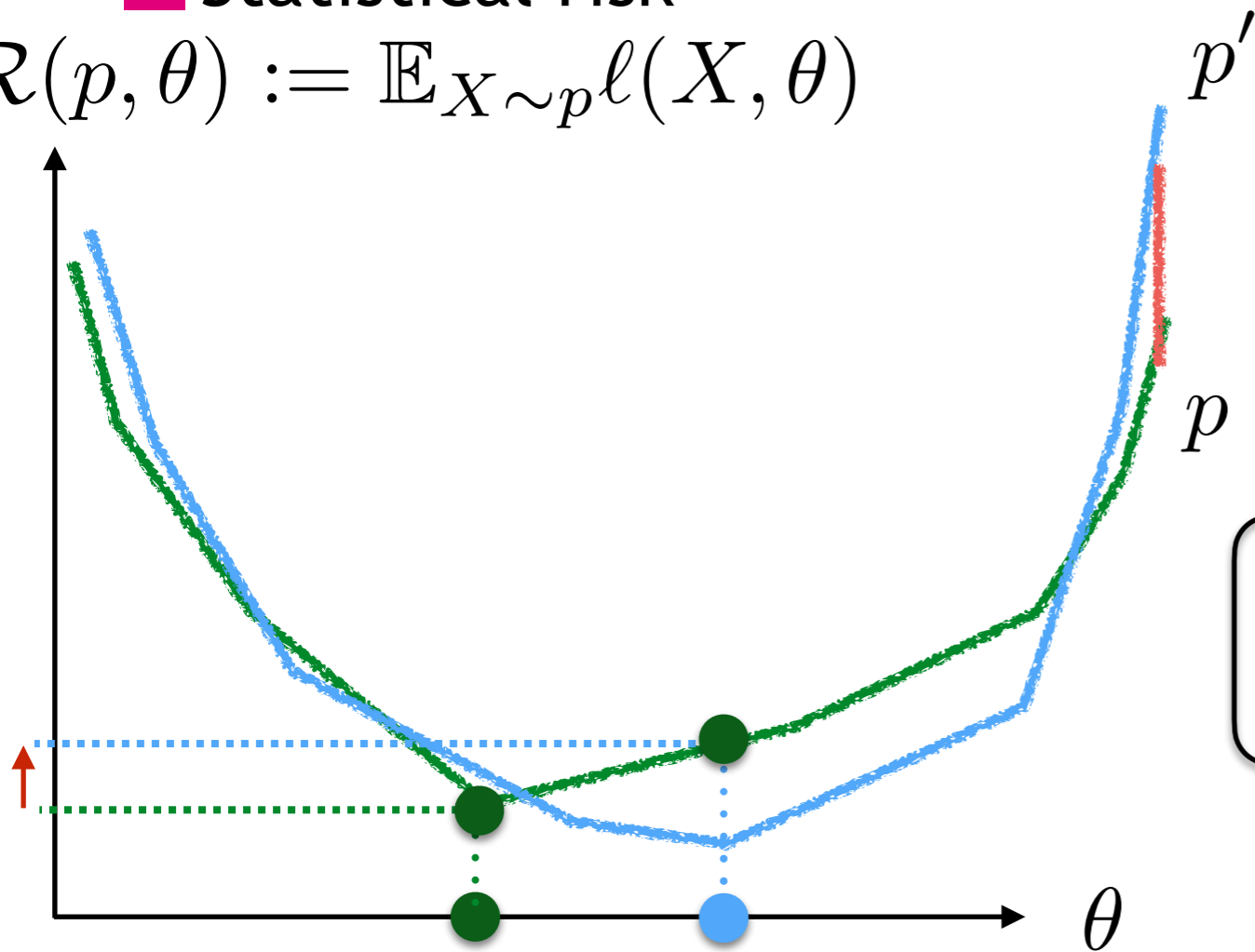
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■ with abstract hypothesis class  $\mathcal{H}$

$$\text{TaskMetric}(p, p') := \sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}} |\mathcal{R}(p, h) - \mathcal{R}(p', h)|$$

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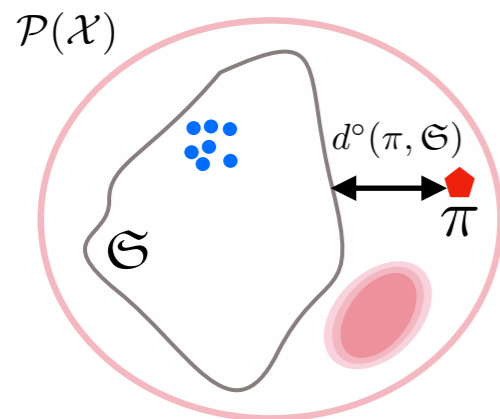
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Notion of **distance** to the model set

**Bias term: vanishes when the true distrib. in the model**

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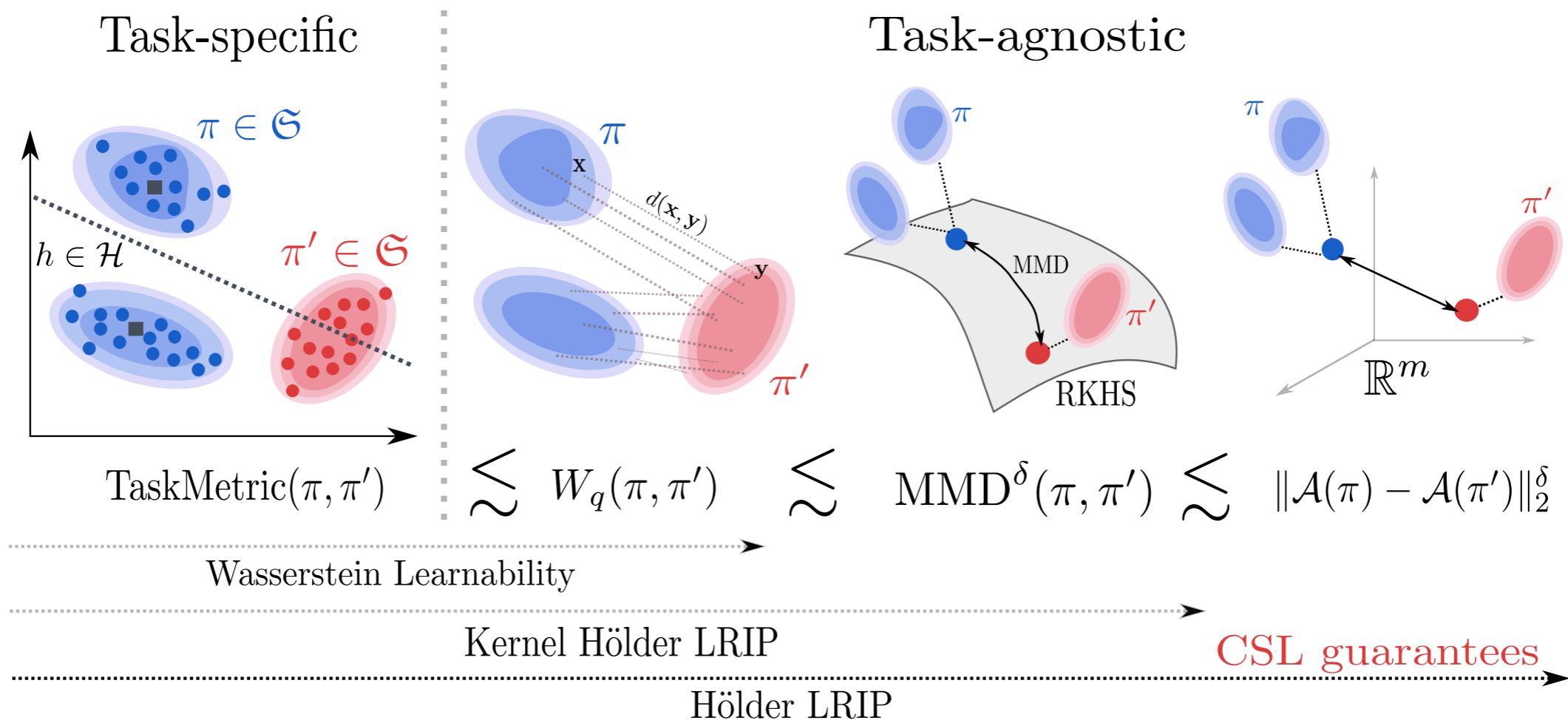
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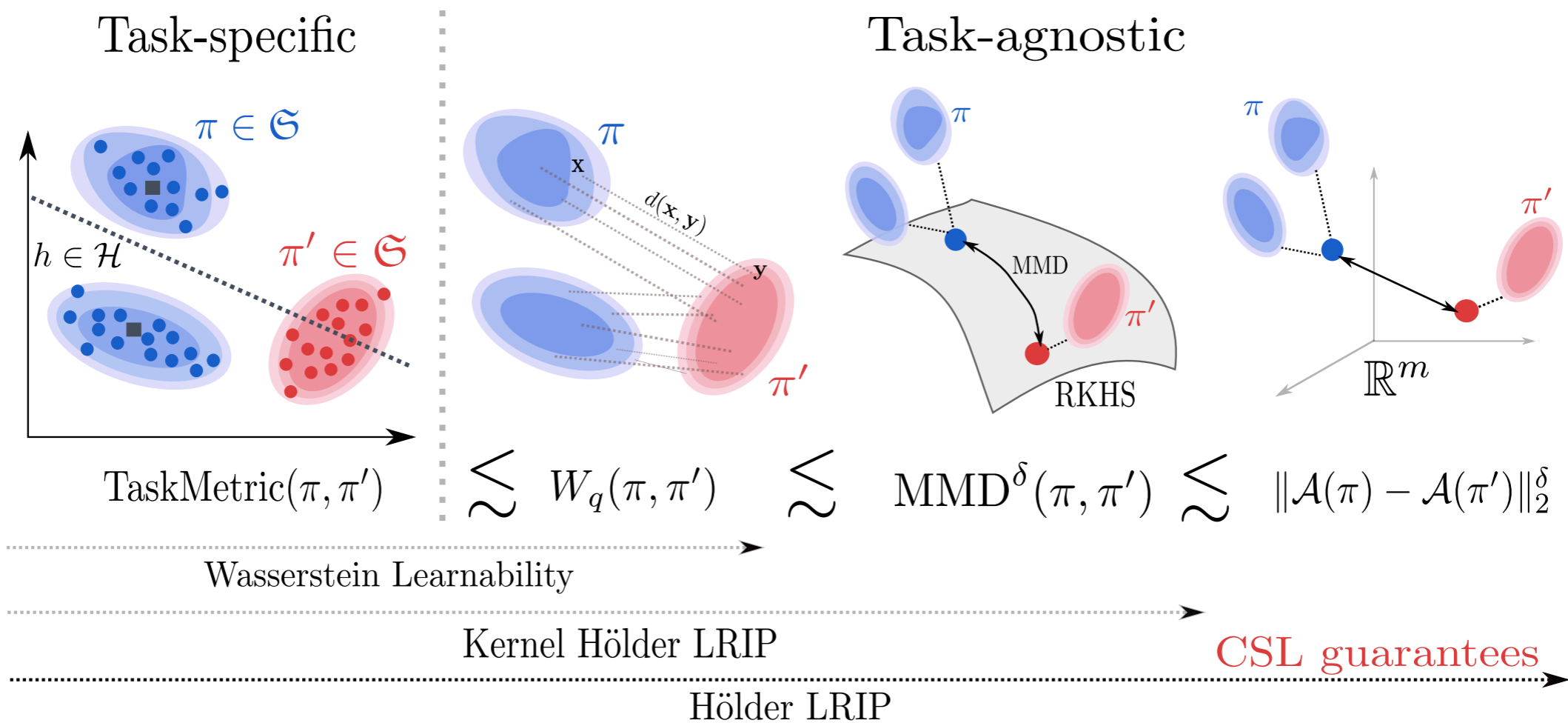
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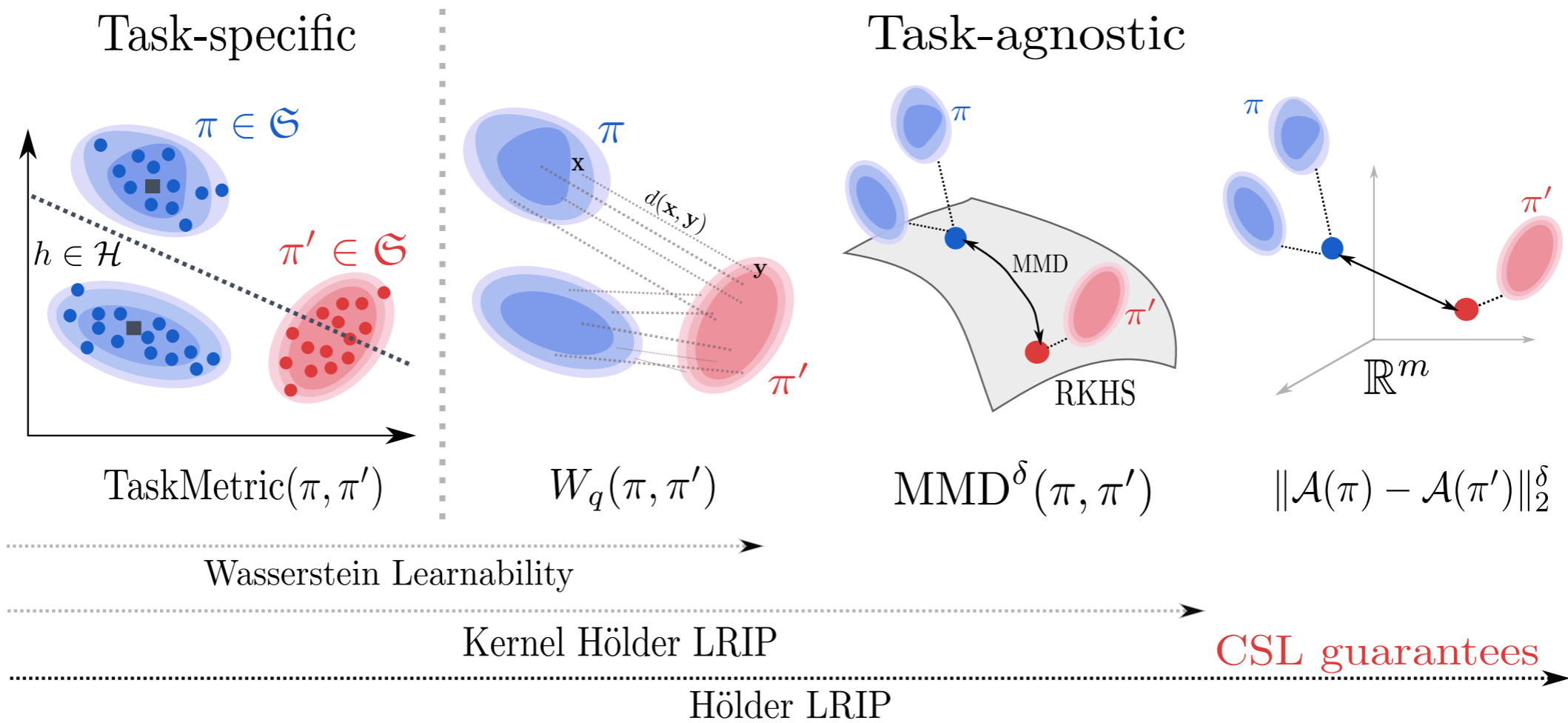
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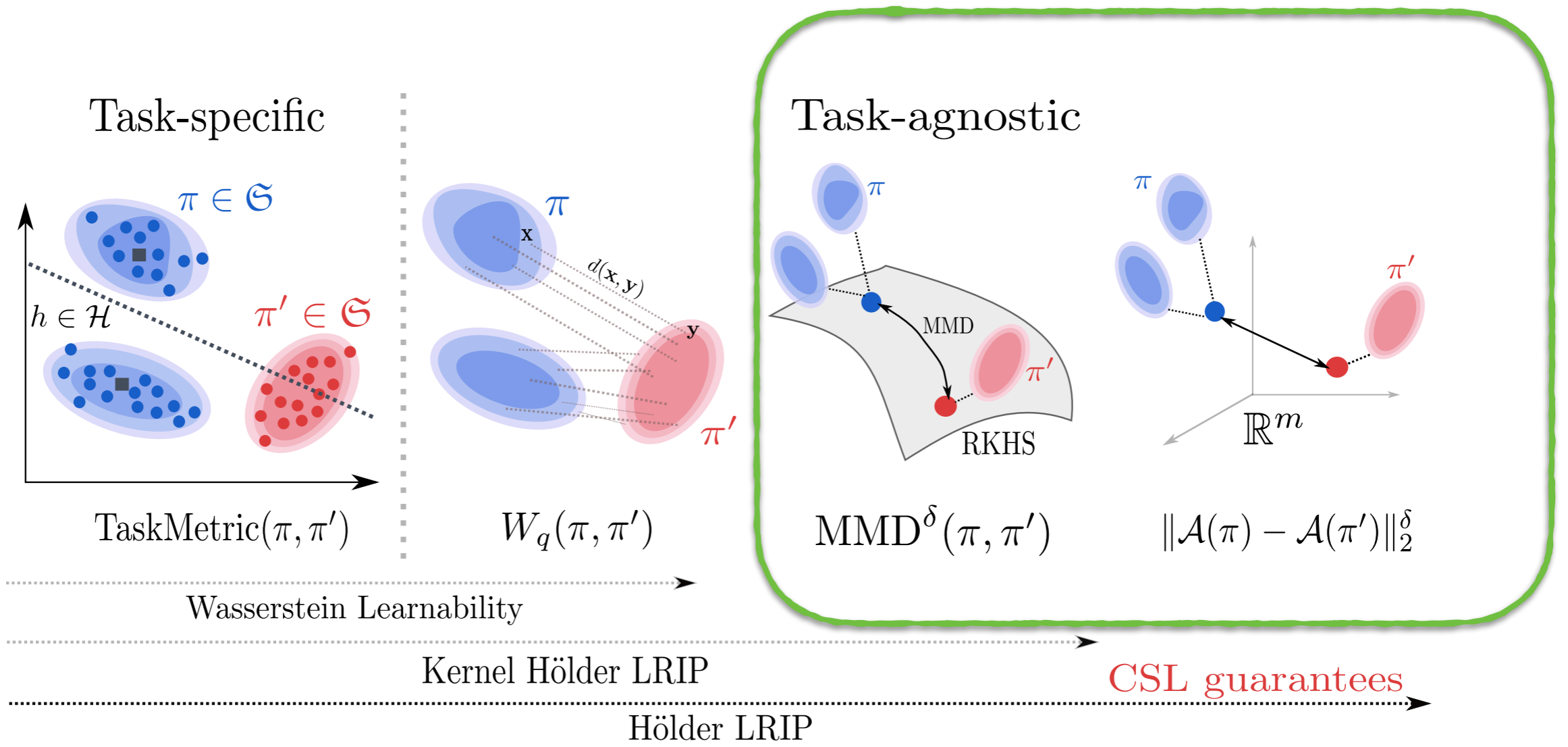
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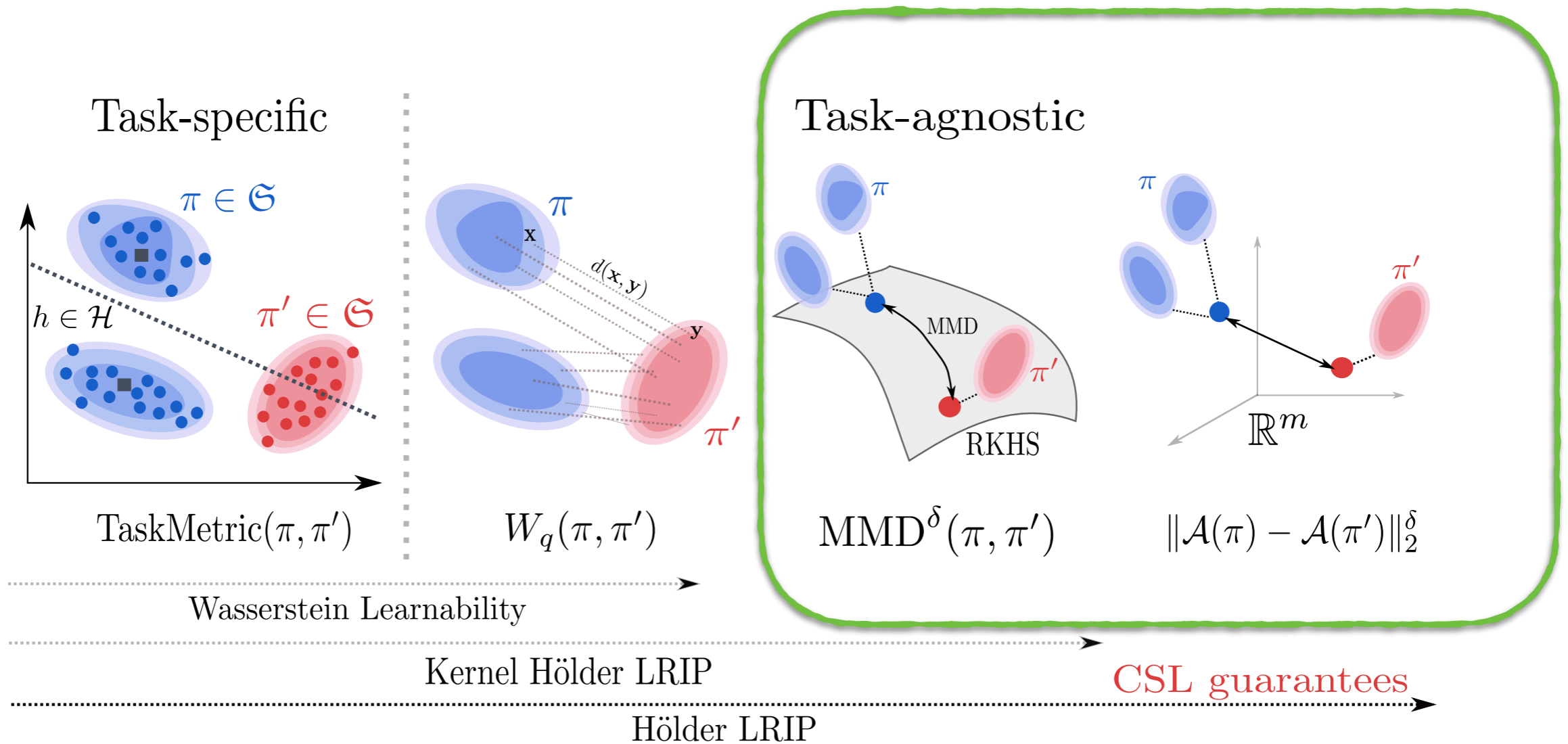
**RIP** for Mean Map Embedding (~ extensions of JL lemma)

**Random** kernel approximations [Rahimi & Recht 07, Bach 15]

**Covering dim** of « secant set », cf also monograph [Robinson 2010]

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for k-mixtures in  $\mathbb{R}^d$   $m = \mathcal{O}(k^2 d)$





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**RIP** for Mean Map Embedding (~ extensions of JL lemma)

**Random** kernel approximations [Rahimi & Recht 07, Bach 15]

**Covering dim** of « secant set », cf also monograph [Robinson 2010]

[Gribonval, Blanchard, Keriven & Traonmilin 2021, in *Mathematics of Statistics and Learning*]

for k-mixtures in  $\mathbb{R}^d$   $m = \mathcal{O}(k^2d)$

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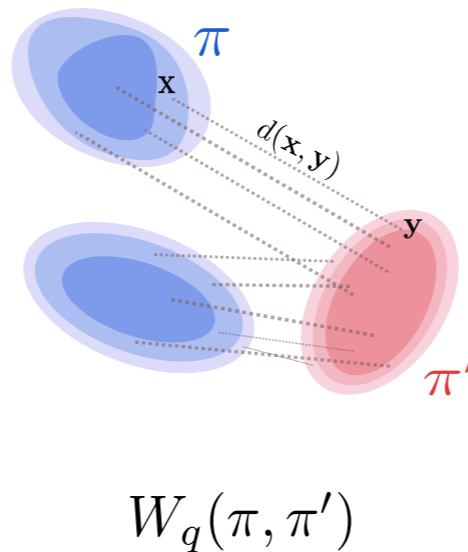
+ [Belhadji & G., *Sketch and shift: a robust decoder for compressive clustering*, TMLR 2024]  
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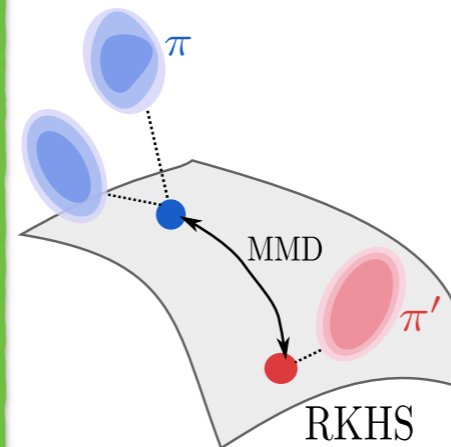
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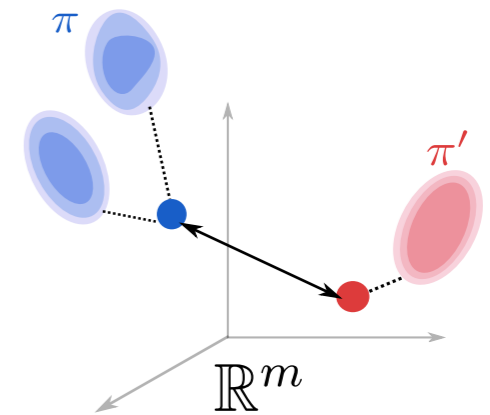
Kernel Hölder LRIP

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Task-agnostic



$MMD^\delta(\pi, \pi')$



$\|\mathcal{A}(\pi) - \mathcal{A}(\pi')\|_2^\delta$

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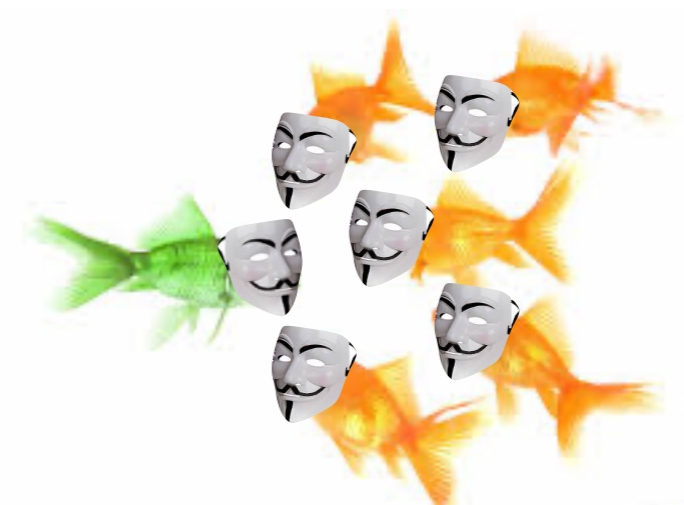
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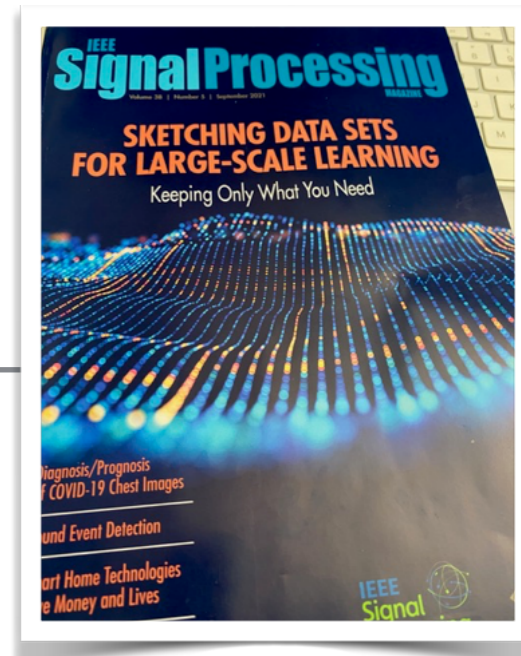
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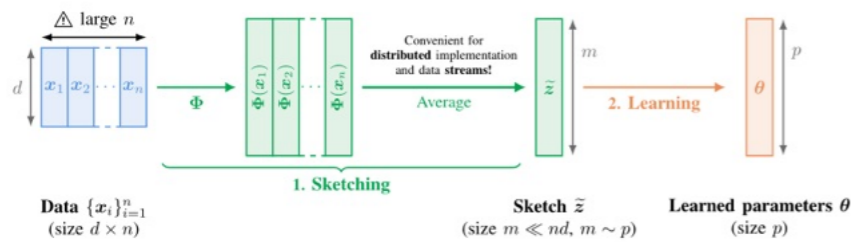
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# Summary



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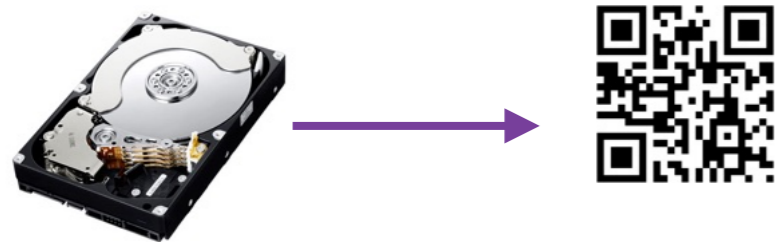
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➔ compressive PCA, k-means, GMM

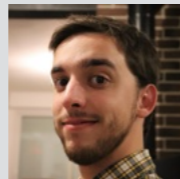
➔ *key links with kernels and optimal transport*

## ✓ Dimension reduction



## ❖ Open challenges:

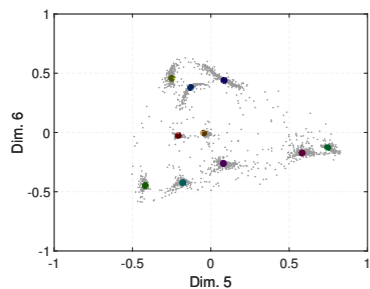
- *beyond unsupervised* sketched learning?  
*e.g.: classification, sparse matrix factorization*



[with E. Lasalle, T. Vayer & P. Gonçalves  
 Compressive Recovery of Sparse Precision Matrices, preprint 2023]

- *guaranteed* algorithms to learn from a sketch?  
*e.g.: continuous OMP / sliding Frank-Wolfe*

## ✓ Empirical success





# What's next ?



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## SHARP

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# "Frugal learning" : an oxymoron ?

## ■ ML = evermore ?

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- Maximizing performance
- Race towards giant models
- Unrestrained consumption

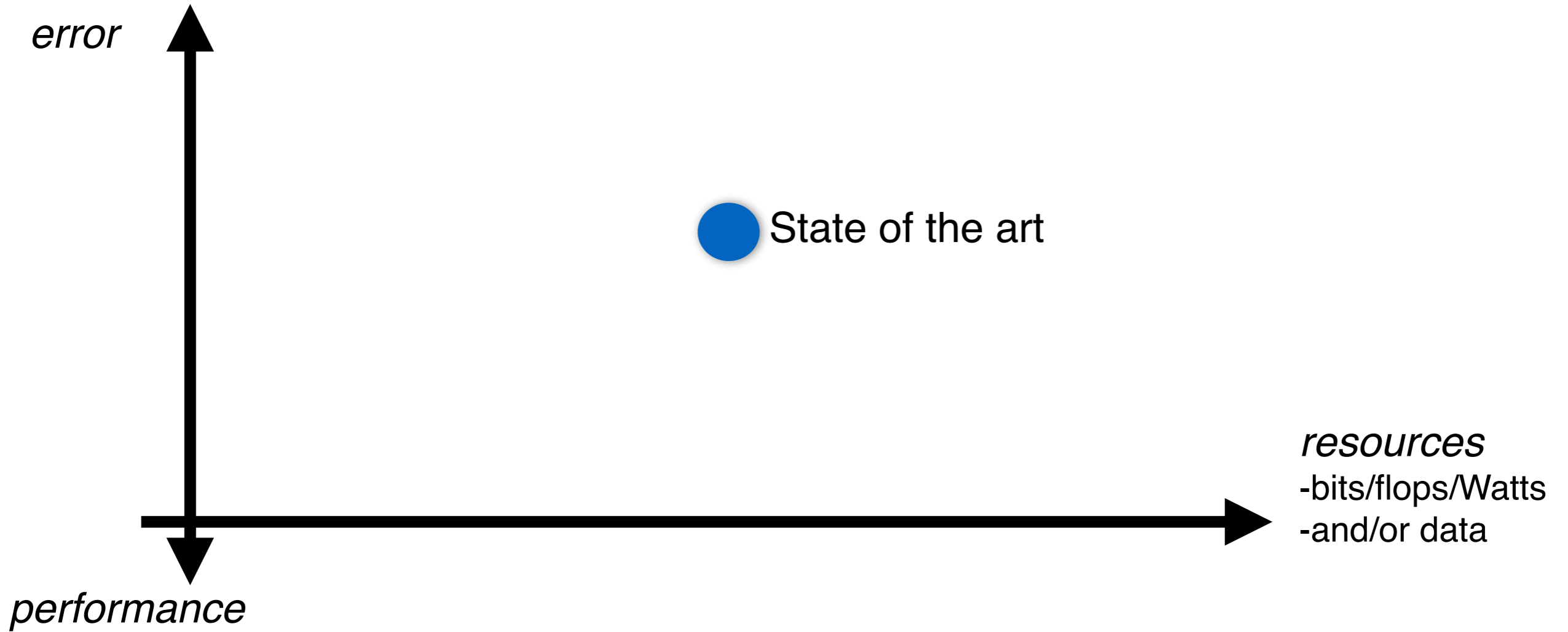


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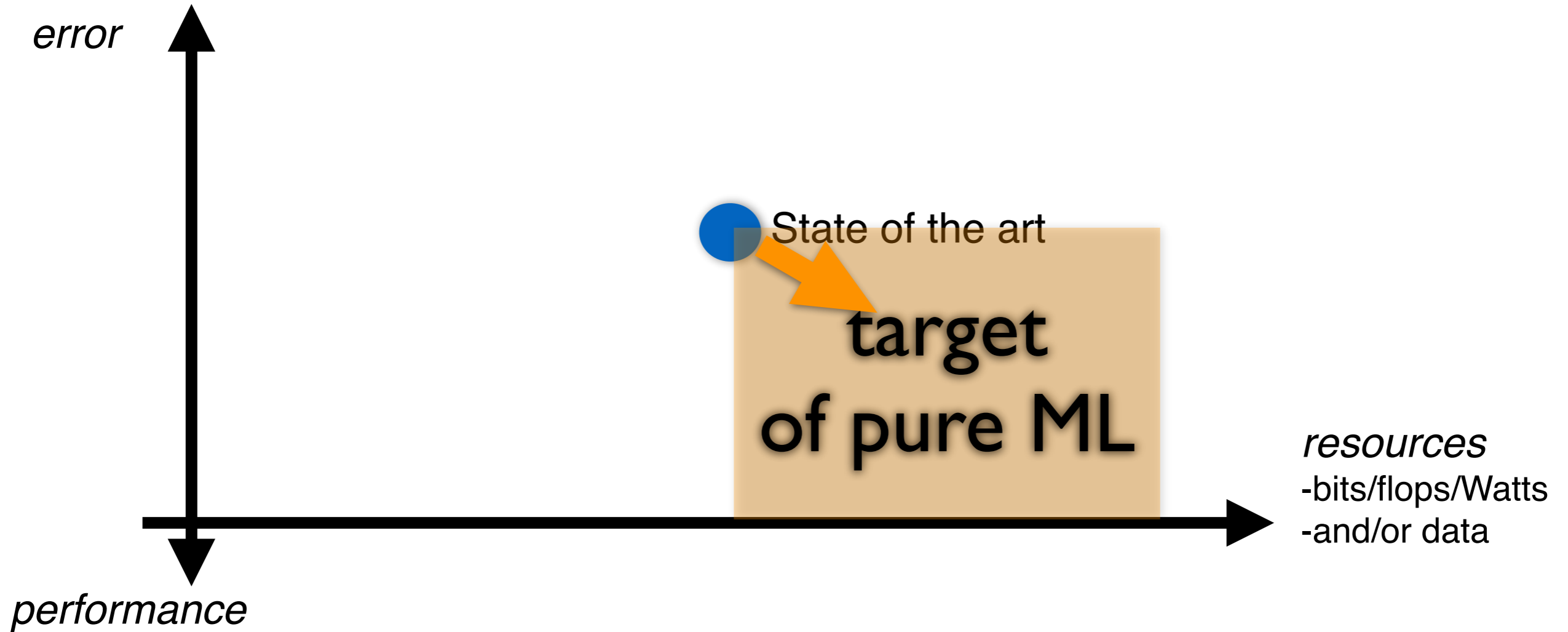


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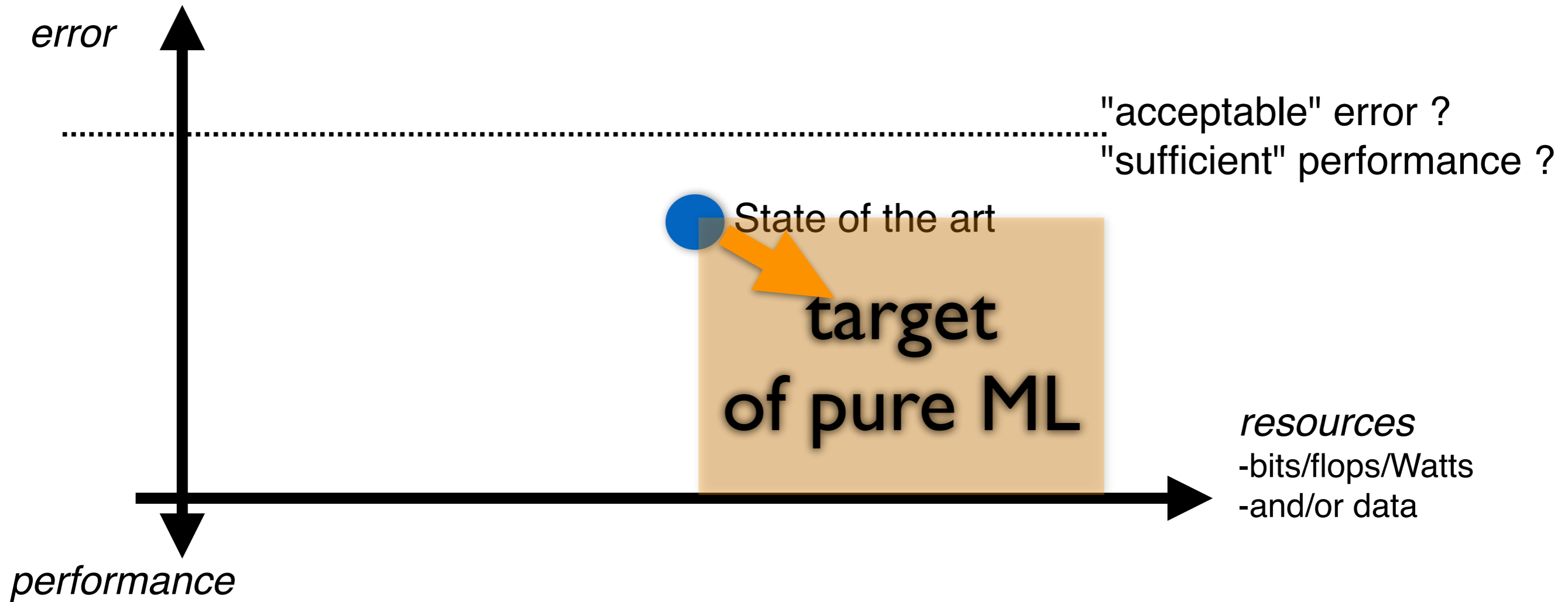
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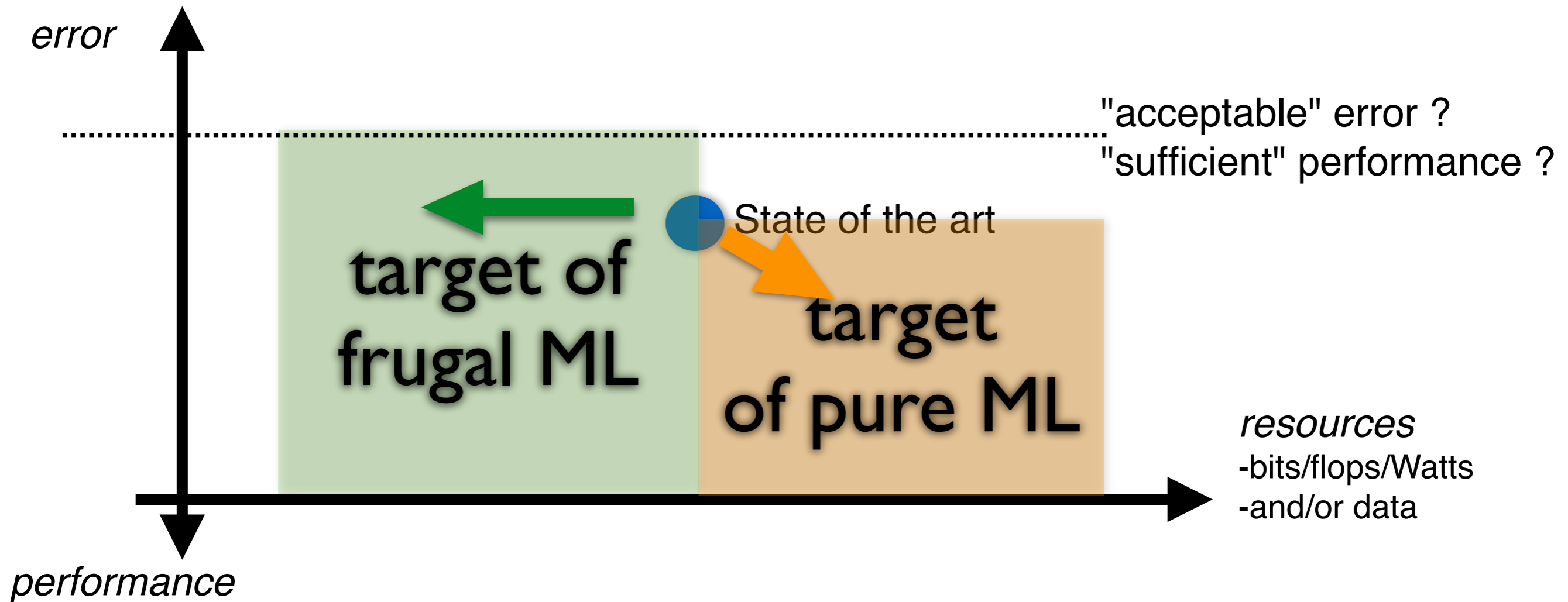
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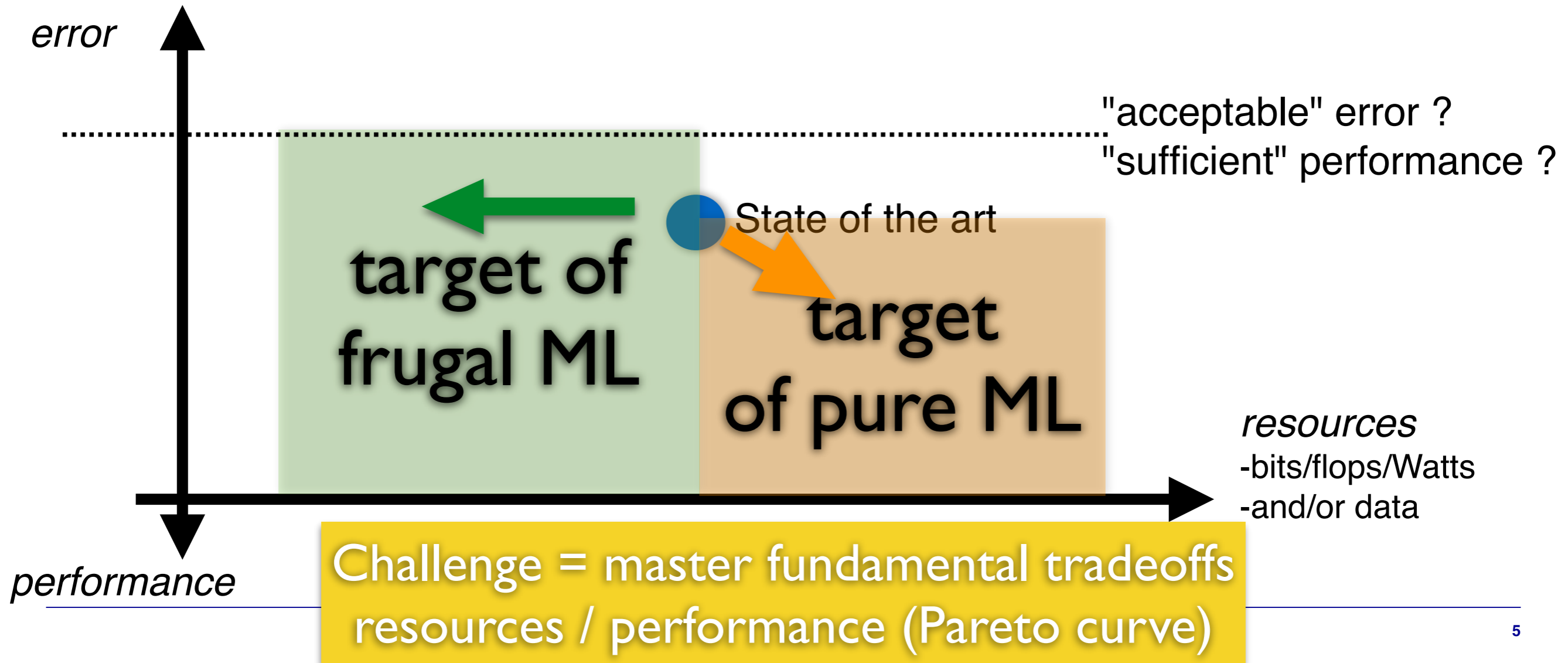
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