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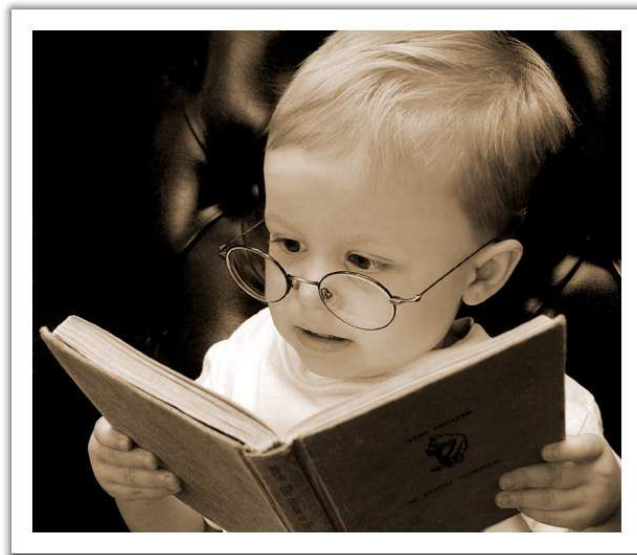
# Transfer Learning:

## Part 2. Challenges in Transfer Learning

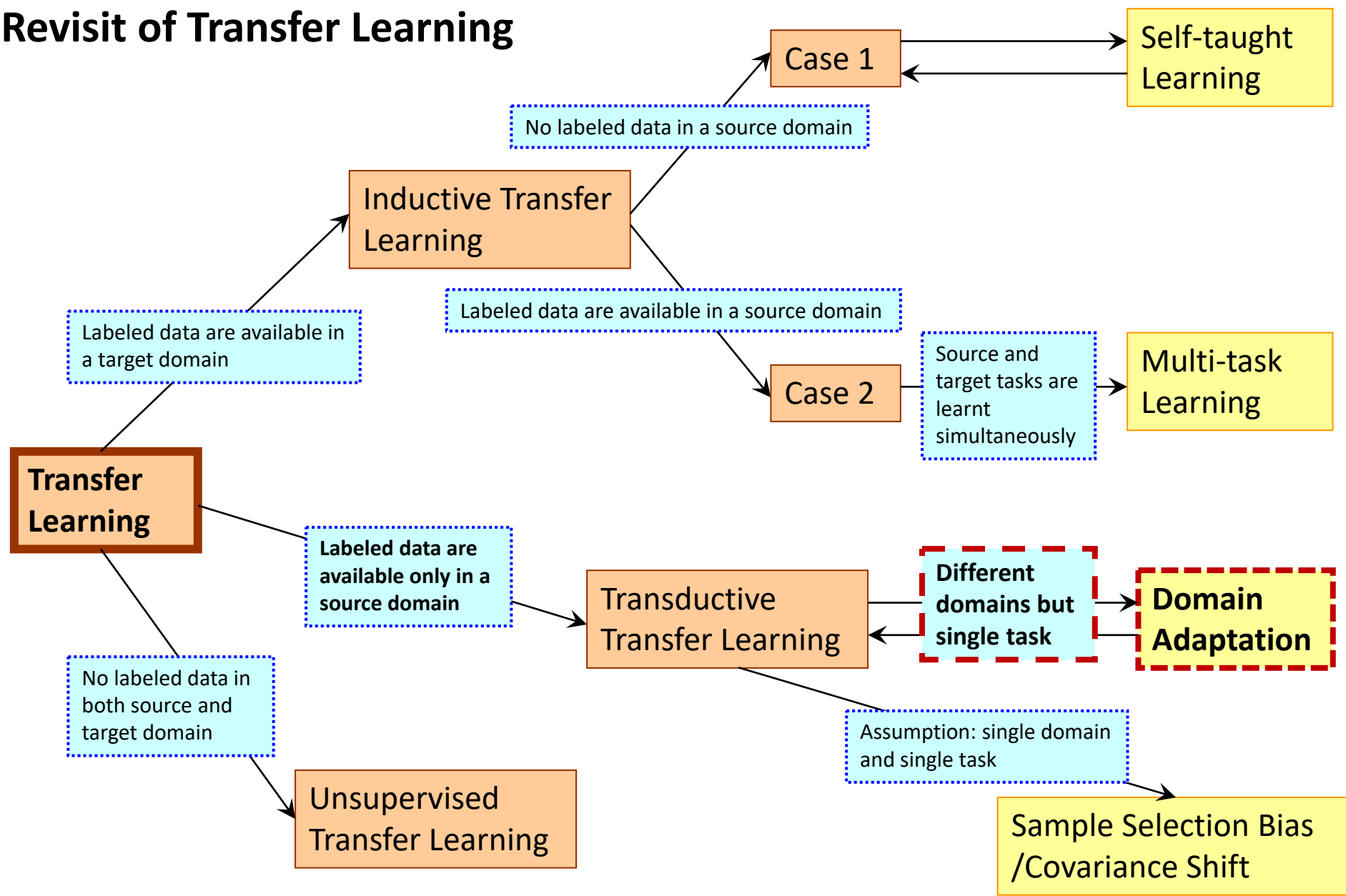
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# Topic #2 (10:50~12:30)

- Transfer Learning
  - Introduction to Transfer Learning (TL)
  - Challenges in Transfer Learning
  - TL for Visual Analysis
  - TL for Visual Synthesis and Manipulation



# Revisit of Transfer Learning



# Domain Adaptation in Transfer Learning

- Recall that, DA solves the **same** learning task across data domains, which would probably be of most interest for a variety of applications.
- Thus, in Part II, we will focus on Domain Adaptation in TL.



# Benchmark Datasets

- Amazon Review Dataset (AMT)
  - Product reviews in different domains
  - Kitchen (K), DVD (D), books (B), and electronics (E)
  - 2 classes, about 5,000 documents for each
  - TFIDF (term frequency–inverse document frequency) feature extracted from processed text.



# Benchmark Datasets (cont'd)

- Office31 & Office+Caltech
  - Object recognition
  - Amazon (A), Caltech (C), DSLR (D), Webcam (W)
  - 3 domains and 31 classes in Office31
  - 4 domains and 10 common classes in Office+Caltech
  - SURF **BoW** (**Bag-of-Words**) and DeCaf6 **CNN** features are extracted.





# Benchmark Datasets (cont'd)

- The ImageCLEF'14 DA Challenge (ICDA)
  - Object recognition
  - Caltech (C), ImageNet (I), Pascal (P), Bing (B), SUN (S)
  - 12 classes, about 60 documents for each
  - SIFT **BOW** features from images

Caltech



ImageNet



PASCAL VOC



Bing



SUN



# A Very Brief Review of BoW Features



- Before the resurgence of deep learning...

Object Image



Bag of 'words'





# BoW: Analogy to Document Representation

Of all the sensory impressions proceeding to the brain, the visual experiences are the dominant ones. Our perception of the world around us is based essentially on these impressions which reach the brain from the eye.

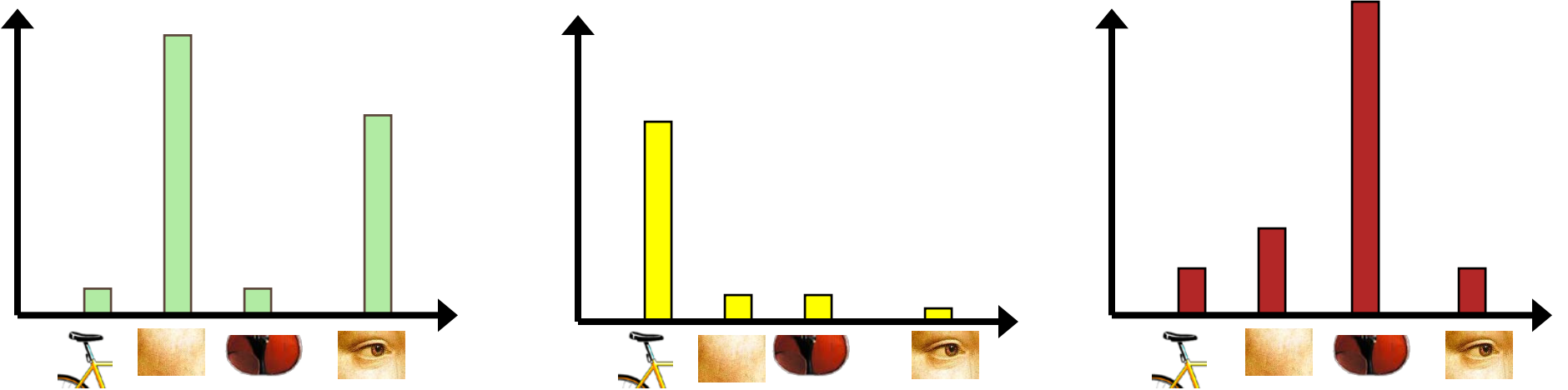
**sensory, brain,  
visual, perception,  
retinal, cerebral cortex,  
eye, cell, optical  
nerve, image  
Hubel, Wiesel**

Through the work of Hubel and Wiesel have been able to demonstrate the message about the image falling on the retina undergoes a step-wise analysis in a systematic way. The nerve cells stored in columns. In this system, each cell has its specific function and is responsible for a specific detail in the pattern of the retinal image.

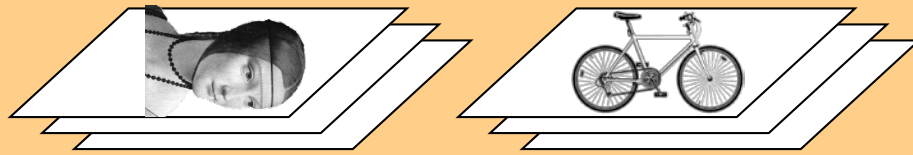
China is forecasting a trade surplus of \$90bn (£51bn) to \$100bn this year, a threefold increase on 2004's \$32bn. The Commerce Ministry said the surplus would be a predicted 30% jump in exports and a 18% rise in imports.

**China, trade,  
surplus, commerce,  
exports, imports, US,  
yuan, bank, domestic,  
foreign, increase,  
trade, value**

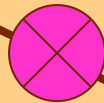
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# Learning



Feature detection  
& representation



Dictionary (codewords)

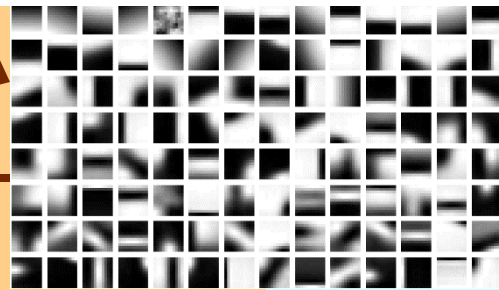
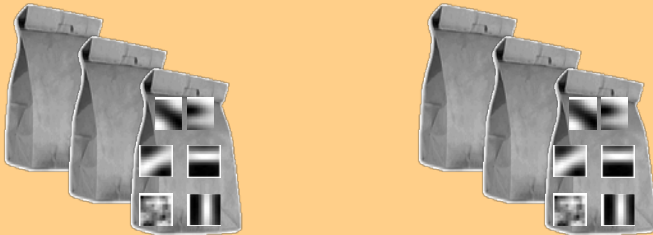
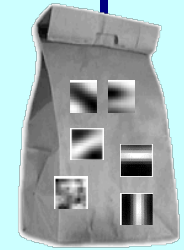
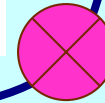


Image representation



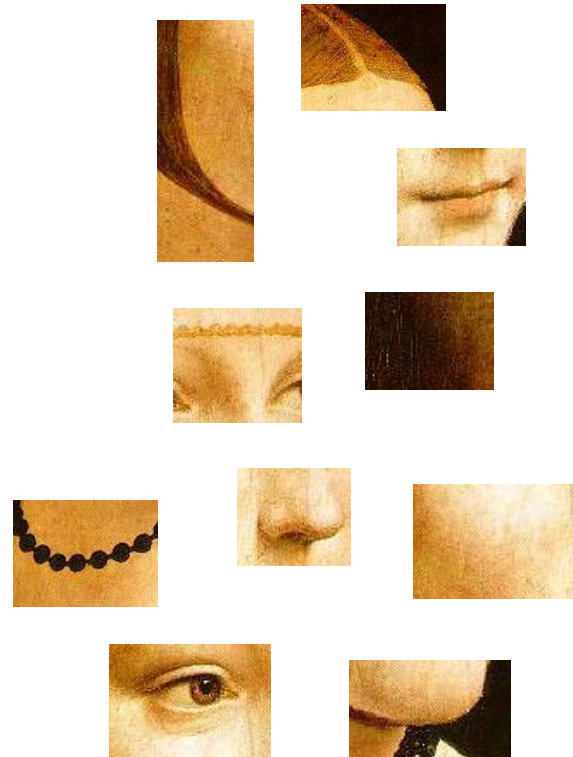
Category models  
(and/or) classifiers

# Recognition

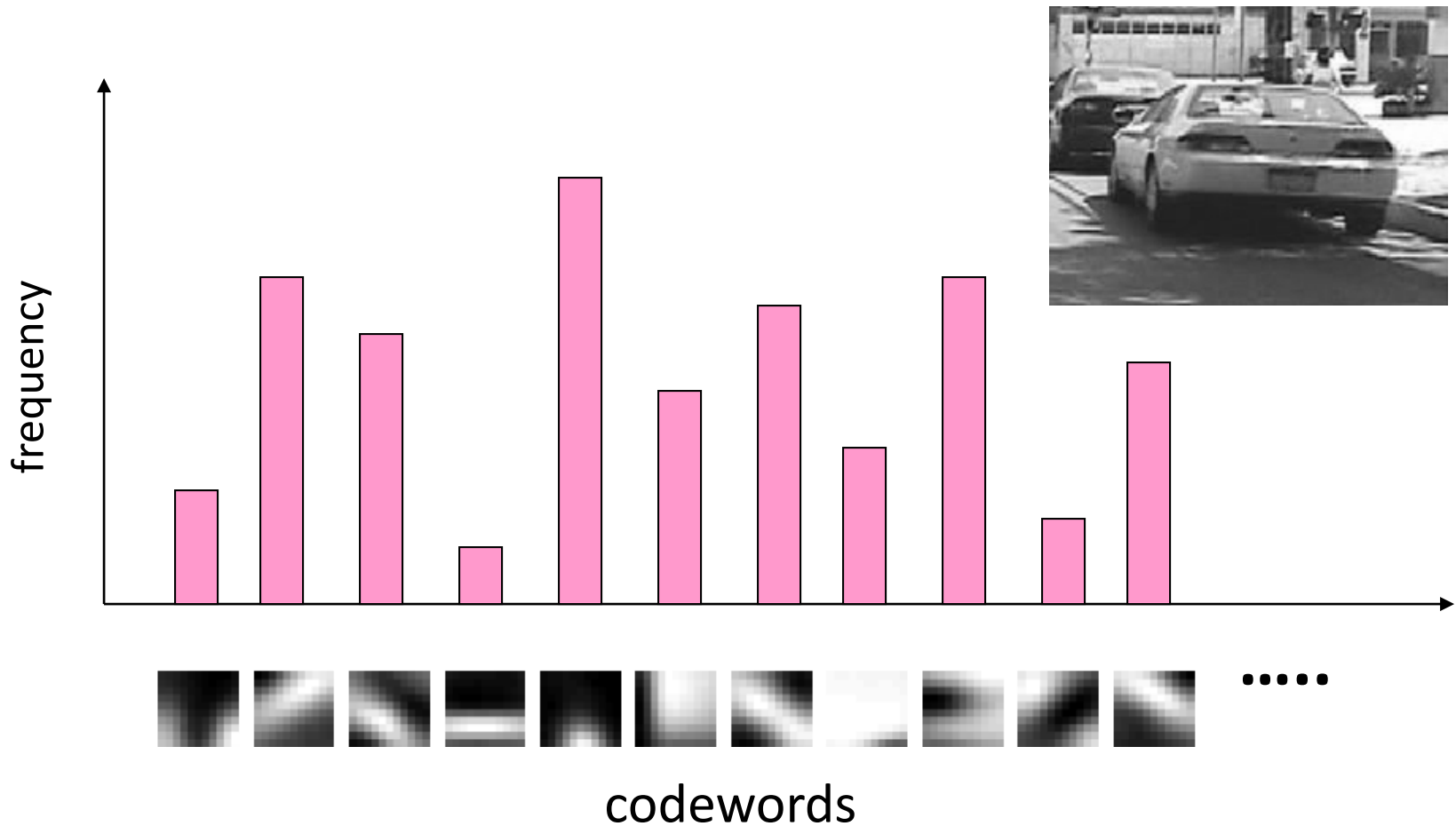


Category  
decision

# Feature detection and representation for BoW



- BoW is a histogram of codewords, which counts the occurrences of each codeword in an image.



# Challenges in Domain Adaptation

- Domain Shift/Bias/Mismatch
- Data Types: Homogeneous vs. Heterogeneous DA
- Settings for Training DA Models:  
From Supervised, Semi-Supervised to Unsupervised DA





# Challenge #1 in Domain Adaptation

- **Domain Shift**

- AKA *domain bias*, *domain mismatch*, etc.
- Image classification: different view points, sensors, etc.
- Audio recognition: different speakers, environments, quality, etc.
- Activity recognition: different identities, context, etc.
- Semantic analysis: different topics, vocabularies, etc.



- Training data in the source domain
- Test data in the target domain

# A Popular Technique to Eliminate Domain Shift

- **Maximum Mean Discrepancy**

- **Minimizing** the MMD between domains (Huang et al., NIPS'06):

$$MMD(S, T) = \left\| \frac{1}{N_s} \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} \phi(\mathbf{x}_i^s) - \frac{1}{N_t} \sum_{j=1}^{N_t} \phi(\mathbf{x}_j^t) \right\|_{\mathcal{H}}$$

where  $\mathcal{H}$  is the RKHS (reproducing kernel Hilbert space) associated with the kernel  $k$ , and  $\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \langle k(\mathbf{x}), \cdot \rangle$ .

- Empirically (recall what is done in [SVM via kernels](#)):

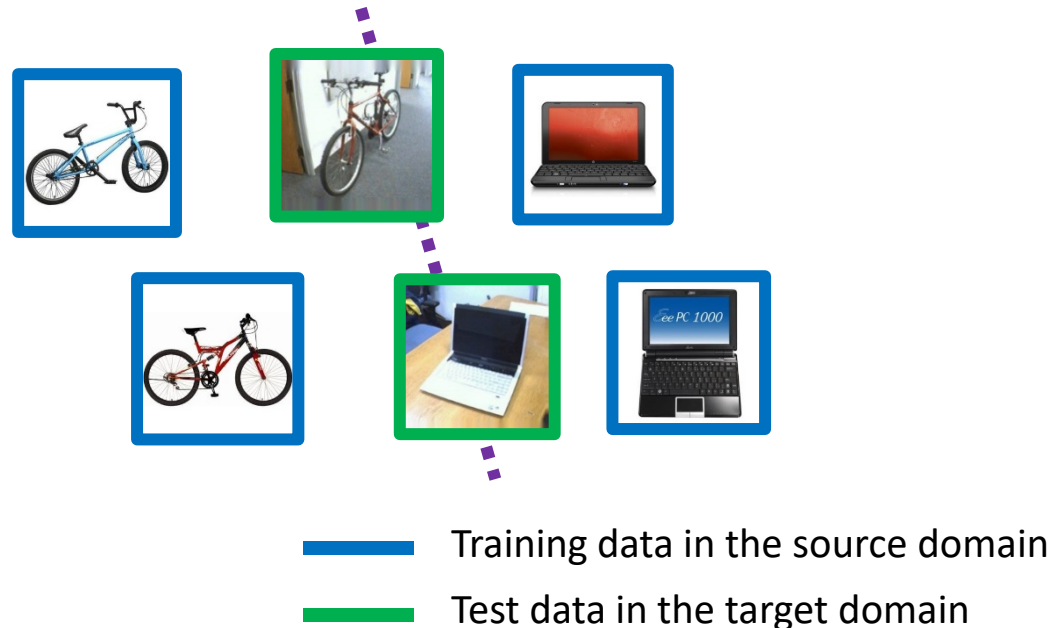
$$MMD(S, T) = \left[ \frac{1}{N_s^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^{N_s} k(\mathbf{x}_i^s, \mathbf{x}_j^s) - \frac{2}{N_s N_t} \sum_{i,j=1}^{N_s, N_t} k(\mathbf{x}_i^s, \mathbf{x}_j^t) + \frac{1}{N_t^2} \sum_{j,j=1}^{N_t} k(\mathbf{x}_j^t, \mathbf{x}_j^t) \right]$$

with  $k$  being *e.g.* the Gaussian Kernel.

- Will see some examples in Part III (TL for Visual Analysis).

# Challenge #2 in Domain Adaptation

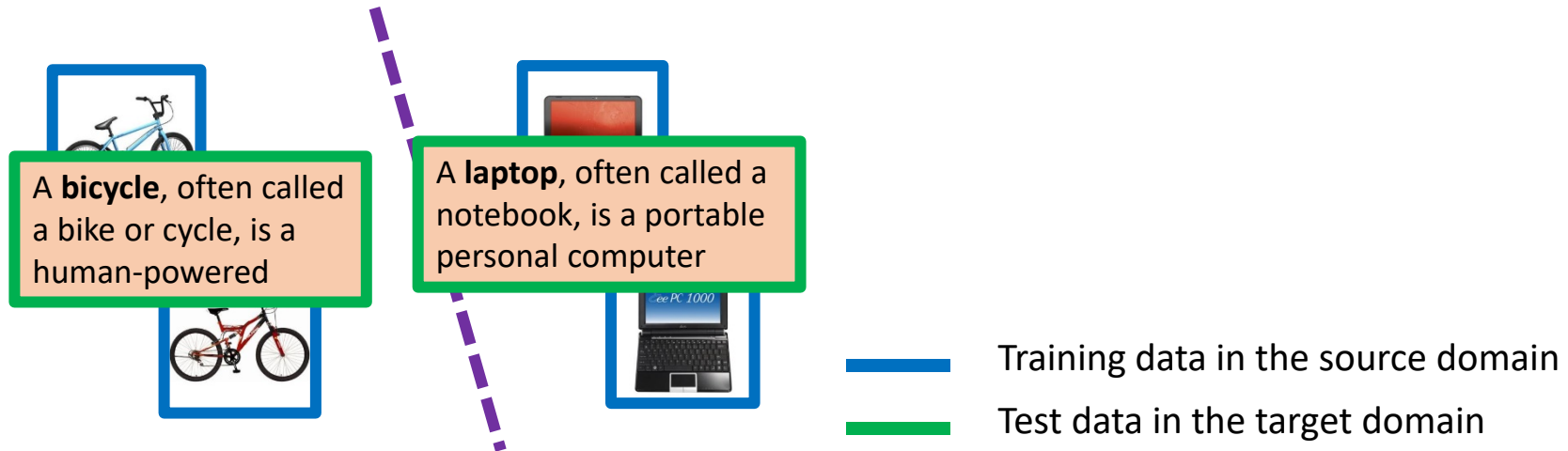
- Data Types: **Homogeneous vs. Heterogeneous DA**
- **Homogeneous DA** deals with cross-domain data of the **same** type of feature representations (but with **distinct** distributions, etc.).



- E.g., action recognition using data captured in different view points, speech recognition using data recorded by different speakers, etc.

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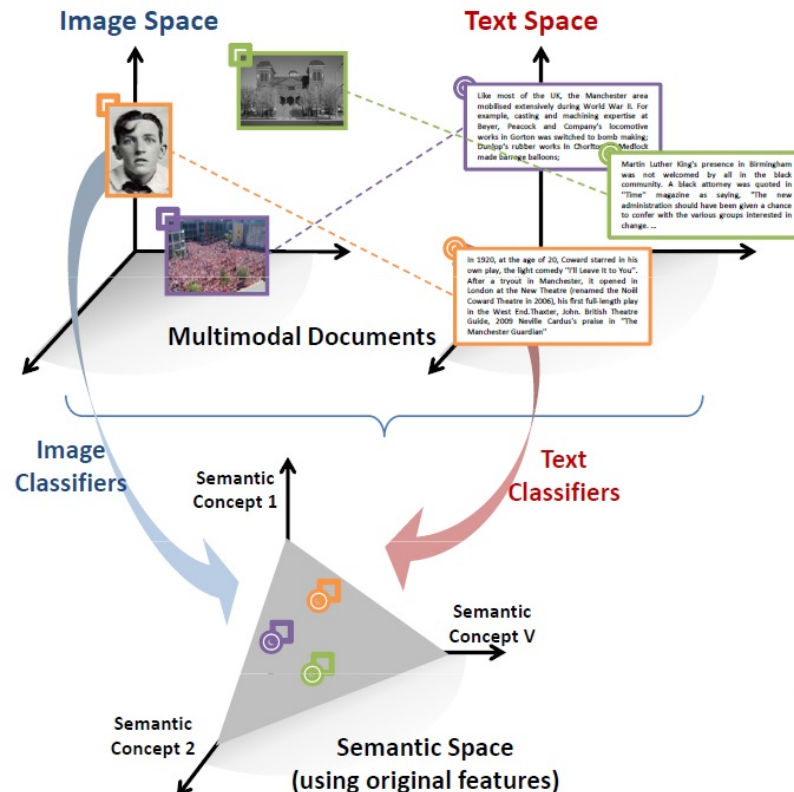
- Data Types: Homogeneous vs. Heterogeneous DA
- **Heterogeneous DA** deals with cross-domain data of the **distinct** types of feature representations (and thus with **very different** distributions).



- When can we expect heterogeneous DA? For example...
  - Image classification with source-domain data in feature 1 but target-domain data in feature 2 (e.g., **SIFT/HOG vs. deep features**).
  - **Image-to-text** or **text-to-image** retrieval/recognition also deal with cross-domain heterogeneous data.

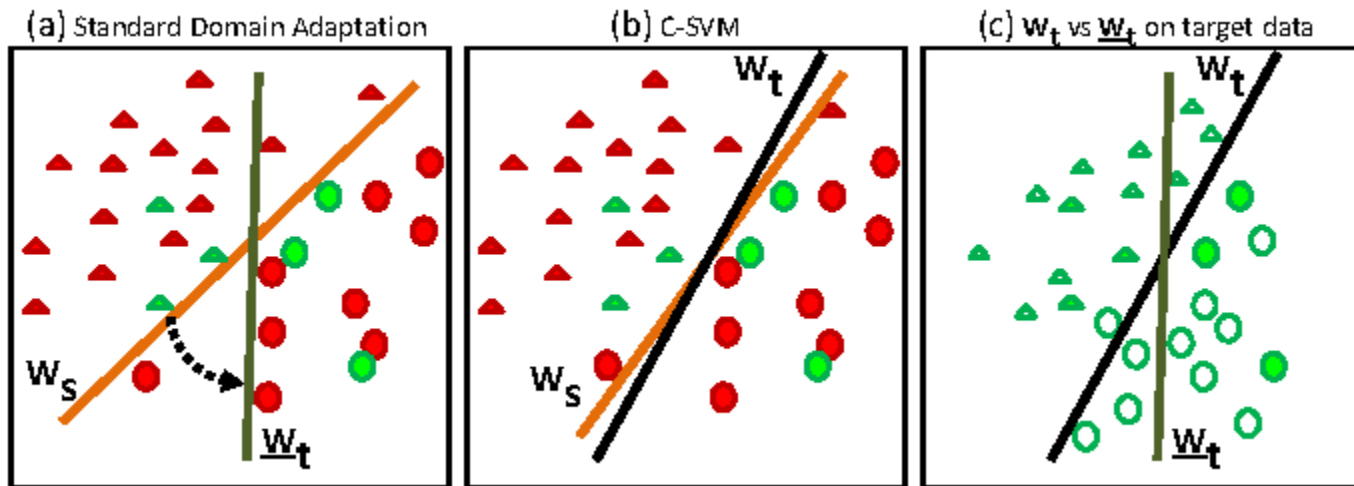
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- Remarks for Heterogeneous DA
  - Since very different data representations and distributions, one generally, expect at least **few labeled data in the target domain**.
  - Thus, the setting of **semi-supervised DA** is preferable (if not required).



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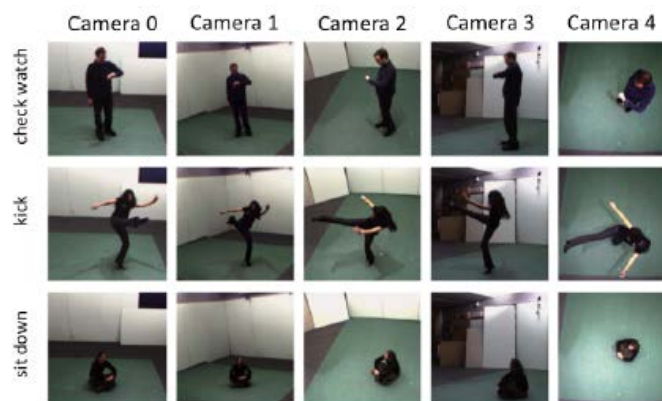
- Settings for Training DA Models:  
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- Supervised DA:
  - Both source and target-domain data are with labels during training, which is relatively rare to see (and sometimes might not require DA at all).





# Challenge #3 in Domain Adaptation

- Examples of **Supervised DA**:
  - Cross-domain data pairs are available during training.
  - Commonly seen in applications like **person re-identification**, **cross-camera action recognition** or **heterogeneous face recognition**.



Gray et al., Evaluating appearance models for recognition, reacquisition, and tracking, IEEE PETS Workshop, 2007.

Wang and Tang, Face photo-sketch synthesis and recognition, IEEE PAMI, 2010

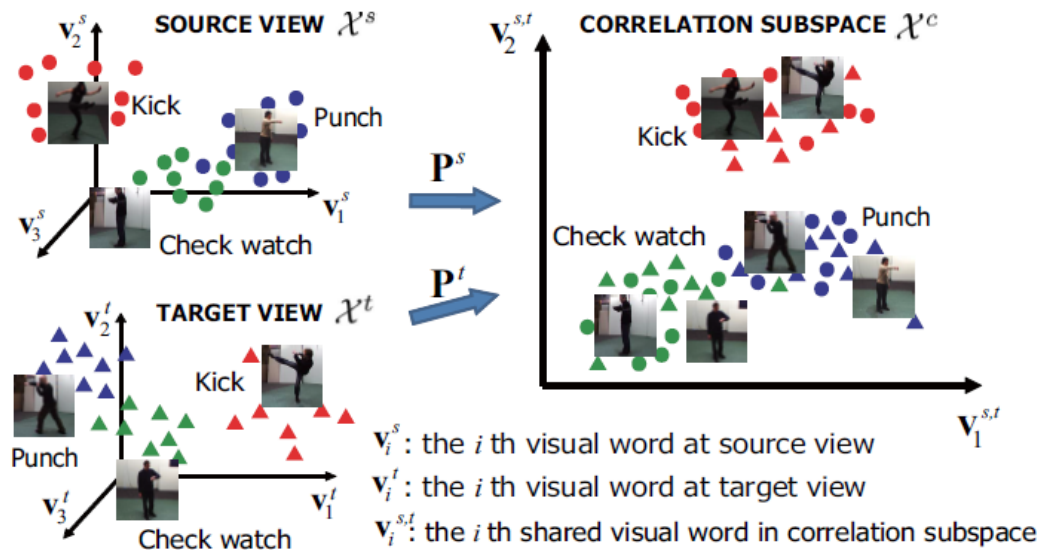
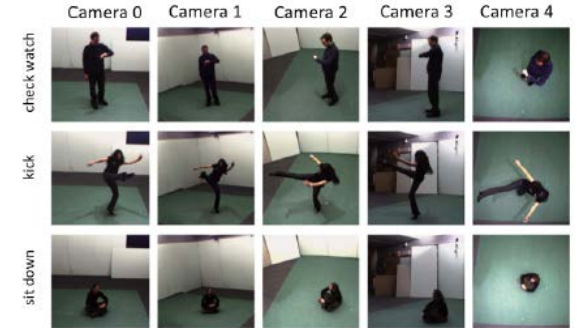
Li et al., The CASIA NIR-VIS 2.0 Face Database, PBVS, 2013

# Popular Solutions to Supervised DA

- Canonical correlation analysis (CCA)

$$\max_{\mathbf{u}^s, \mathbf{u}^t} \rho = \frac{\mathbf{u}^{s\top} \Sigma_{st} \mathbf{u}^t}{\sqrt{\mathbf{u}^{s\top} \Sigma_{ss} \mathbf{u}^s} \sqrt{\mathbf{u}^{t\top} \Sigma_{tt} \mathbf{u}^t}},$$

where  $\Sigma_{st} = \mathbf{X}^s \mathbf{X}^{t\top}$ ,  $\Sigma_{ss} = \mathbf{X}^s \mathbf{X}^{s\top}$ ,  $\Sigma_{tt} = \mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X}^{t\top}$ , and  $\rho \in [0, 1]$ .



# Popular Solutions to Supervised DA (cont'd)

- Robust PCA or Low-Rank Matrix Decomposition



$$\min_{\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{E}_\Omega} \|\mathbf{A}\|_* + \lambda \|\mathbf{E}_\Omega\|_1 \quad s.t. \quad \mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}_\Omega + \mathbf{E}_\Omega$$

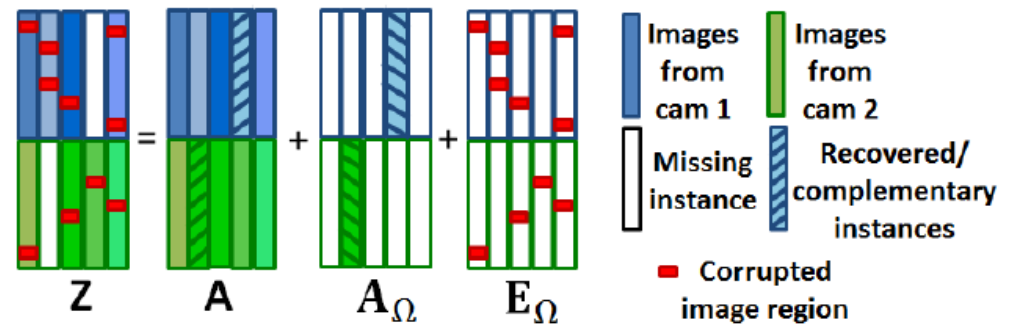
$\mathbf{Z}=[\mathbf{X}; \mathbf{Y}]$ : Observed cross-view image data

$\Omega$ : Set of observed data

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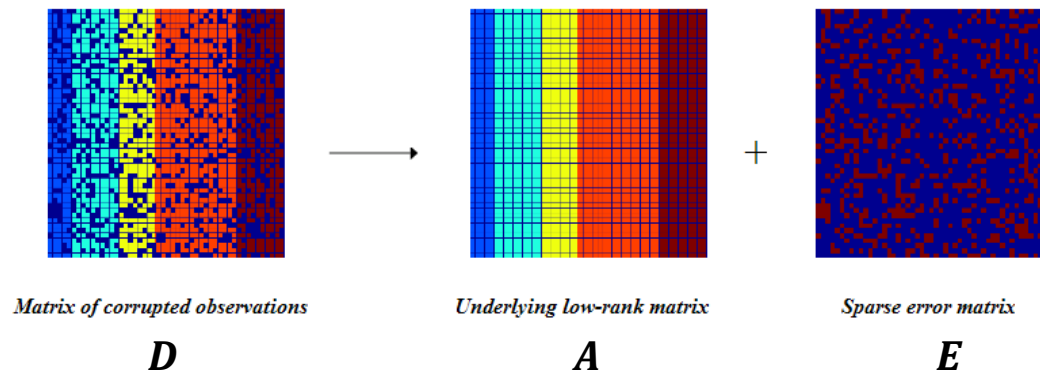
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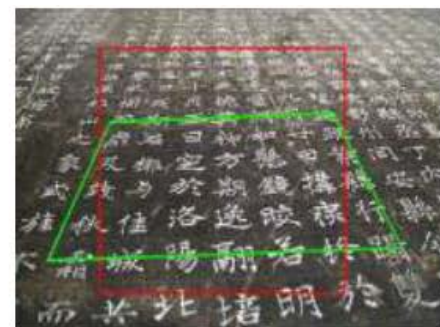
- Popular Solutions to Supervised DA:
  - Robust PCA or Low-Rank Matrix Decomposition
- Formulation
  - Given the observed data matrix  $\mathbf{D}$  as a  $m \times n$  matrix, recover a *low-rank* matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , which satisfies  $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{E}$  while  $\mathbf{E}$  is a sparse matrix.
  - Also known as Robust PCA
  - Objective function:

$$\min \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) + \gamma \|\mathbf{E}\|_0, \text{subject to } \mathbf{D} = \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{E}$$



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(a) Original images  $\mathbf{D}$



(b) Low-rank and approximated images  $\mathbf{A}$  of (a)



(c) Sparse error images  $\mathbf{E}$  of (a)



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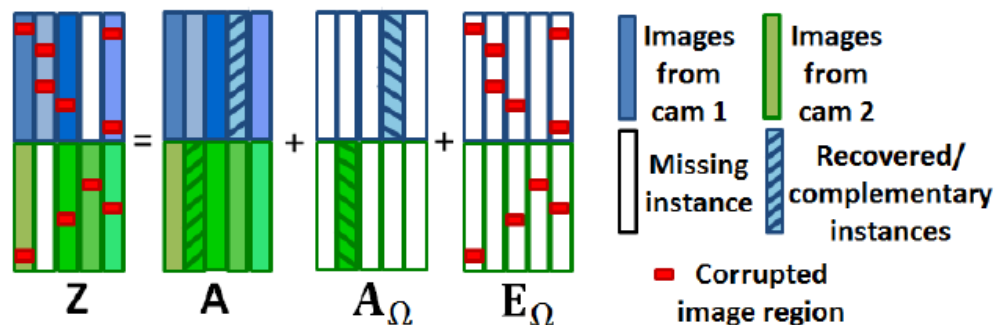
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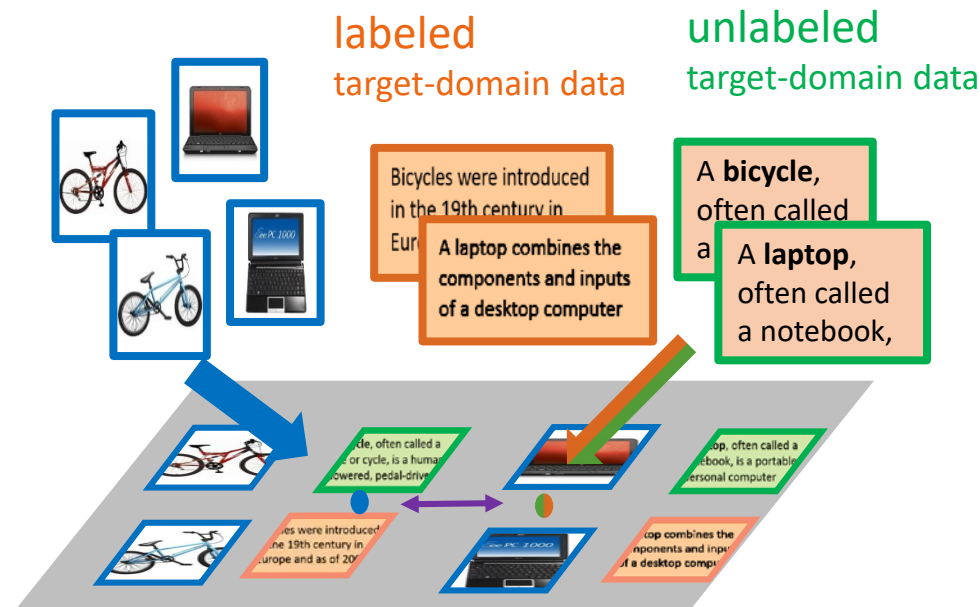
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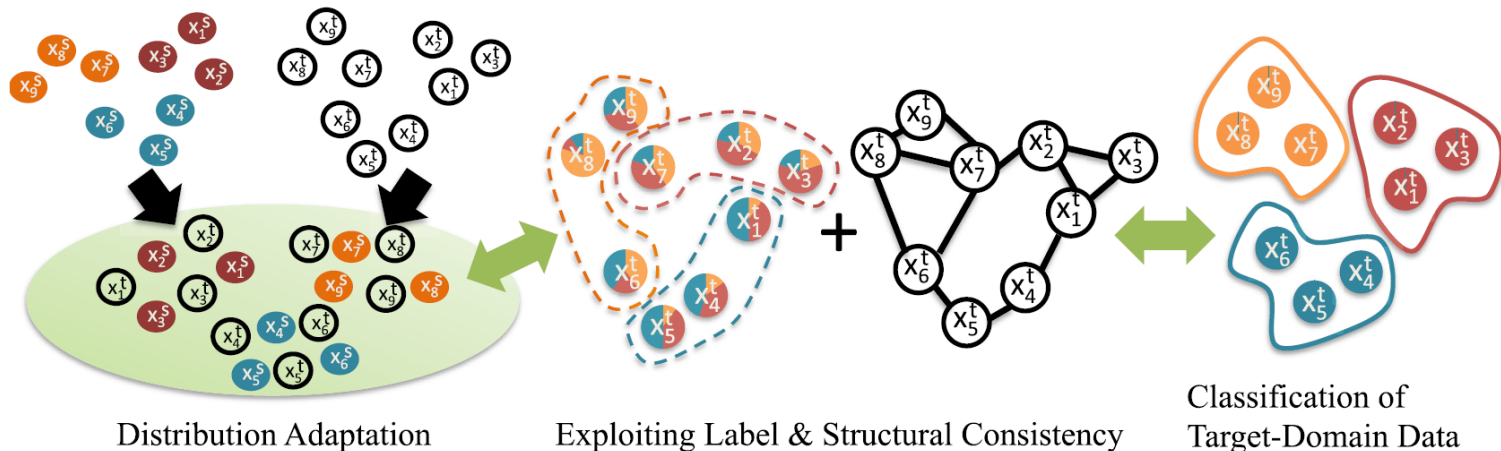
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- Settings for Training DA Models:  
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- **Semi-Supervised DA:**
  - Source-domain data are fully labeled.
  - Only a small amount of target-domain data are with label info.
  - More practical, and typically seen in real-world applications.
- Examples



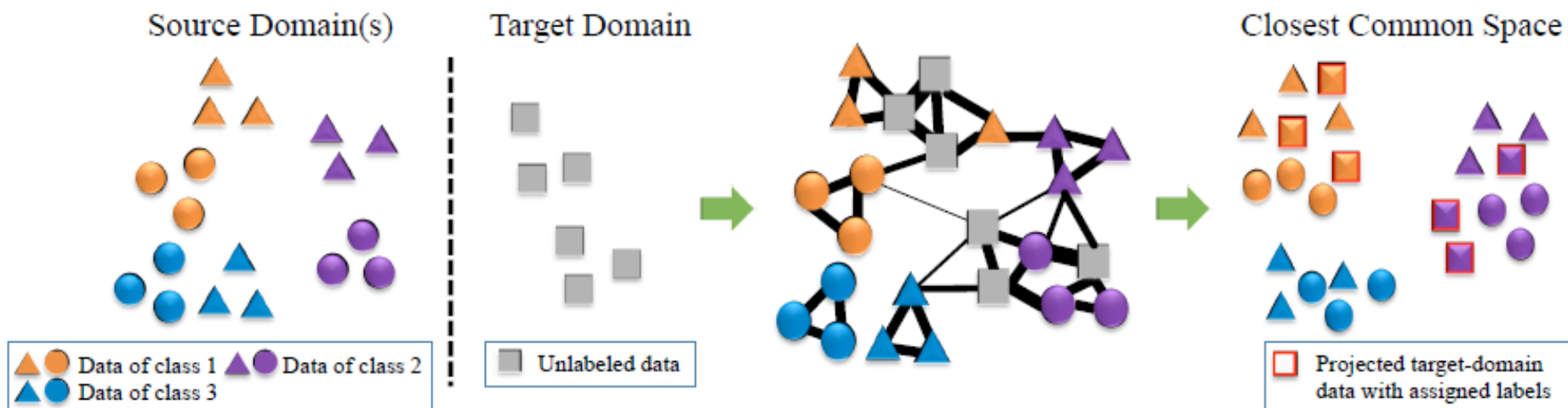
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- Settings for Training DA Models:  
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- Unsupervised DA:
  - Source-domain data are fully labeled.
  - No label information** is available in target domain.
  - Also practical, and might benefit a large number of real-world applications.
- Examples



# Challenge #3.5 in Domain Adaptation

- Imbalanced & Unsupervised Domain Adaptation
  - Source-domain data are fully labeled.
  - Possibly **more than one source domain** is available.
  - **No label information** is available in target domain.
  - **Imbalanced class numbers** across domains.
  - Practical and very challenging!



# Highlight on Recent Approaches for DA

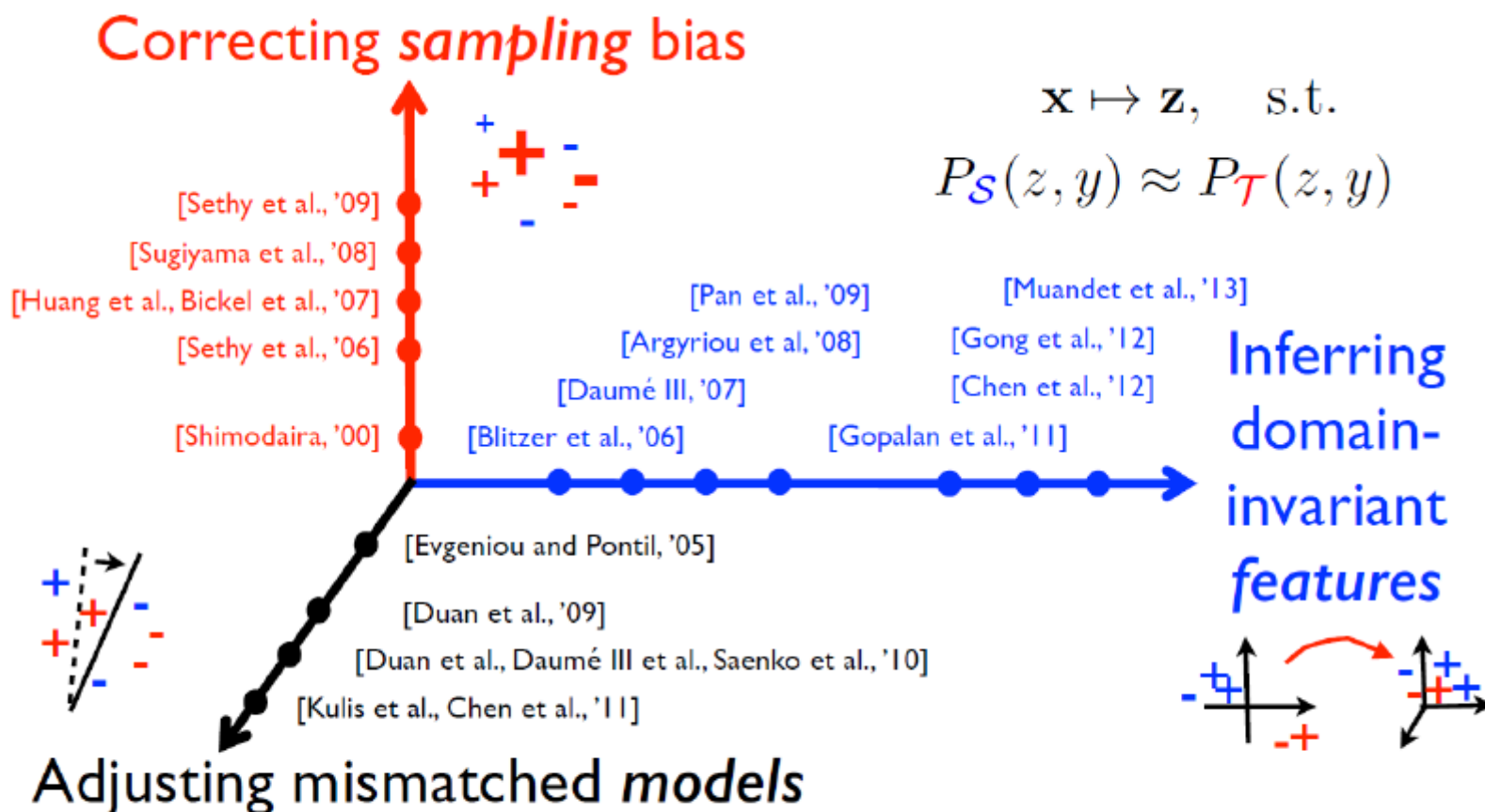
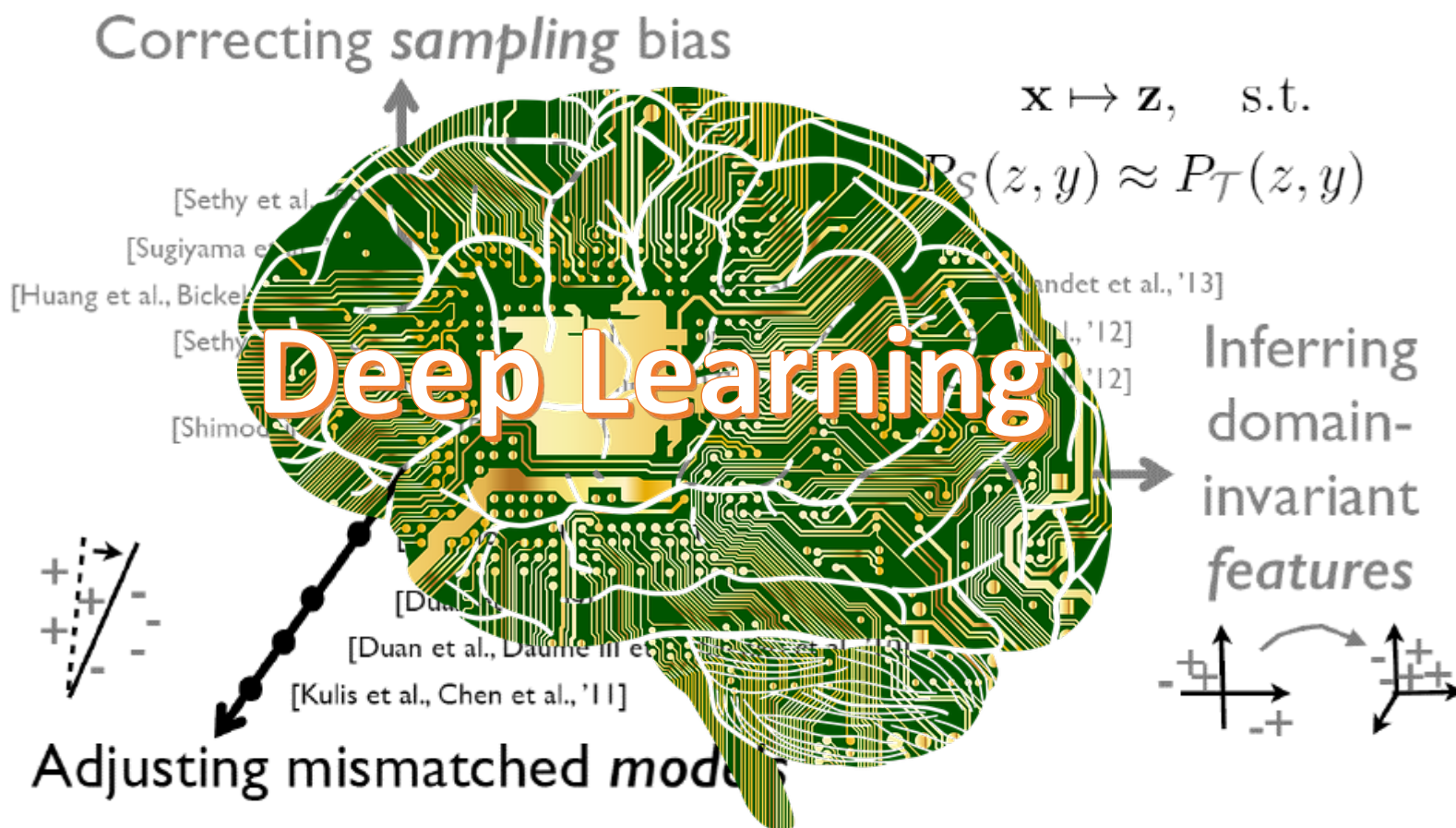


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# Let's Take a Lunch Break...

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