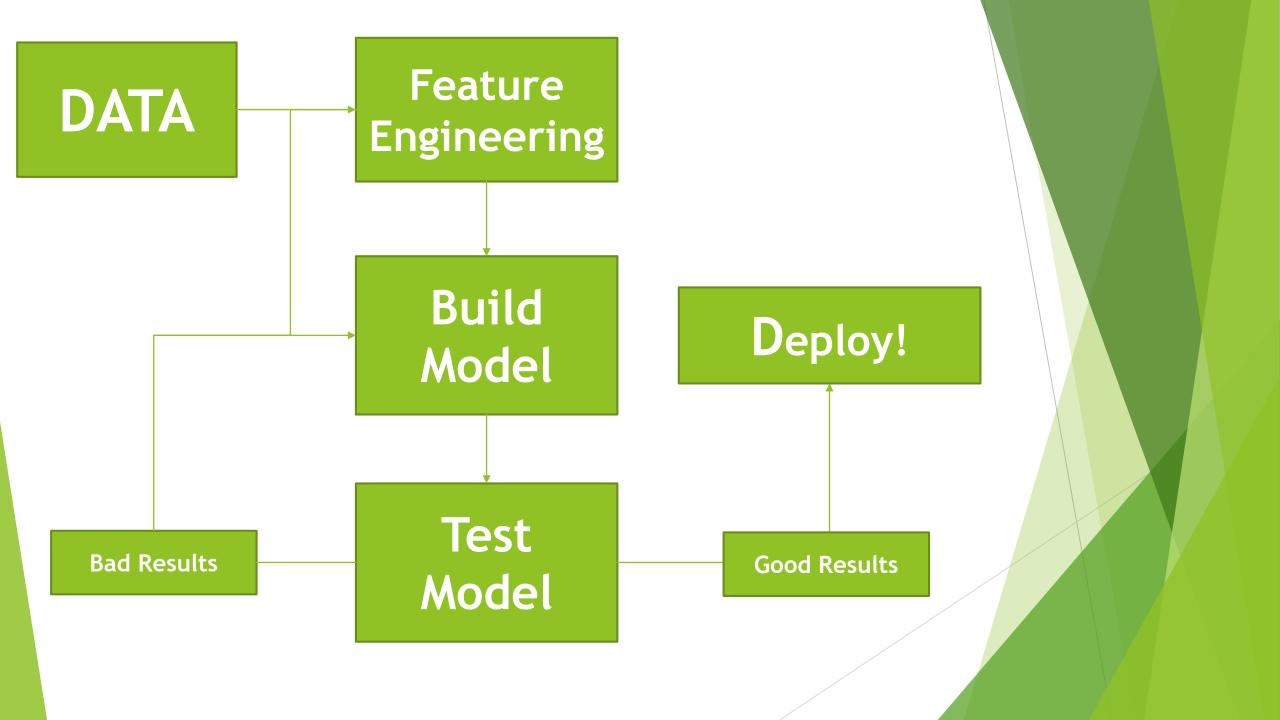
# Linear Regression Modeling King's County Housing



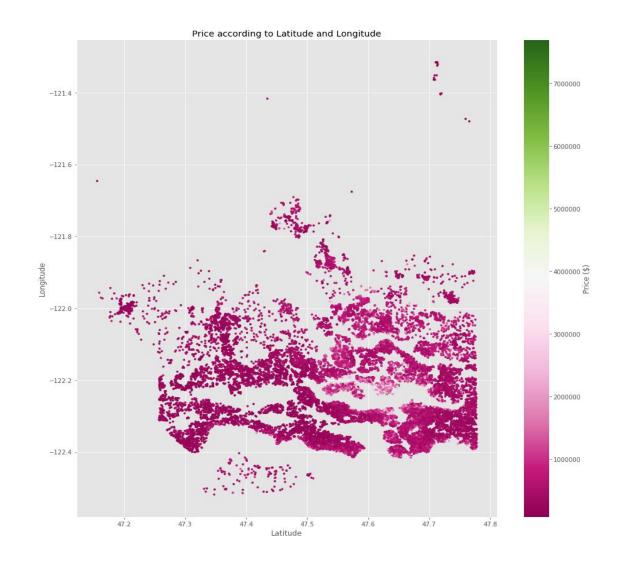
### The Data

- ► Target:
  - ► Goal is to predict: House Price
- Predictor Variables:
  - ▶ Number of Bedrooms, Bathrooms, and Floors
  - ▶ Sq. footage Internal and Lot
  - ► Overall Condition (1-5)
  - ► Geographical Location (Based on Clustering)
  - Waterfront (yes / no)
  - ► Year Built
  - Renovated (yes / no)



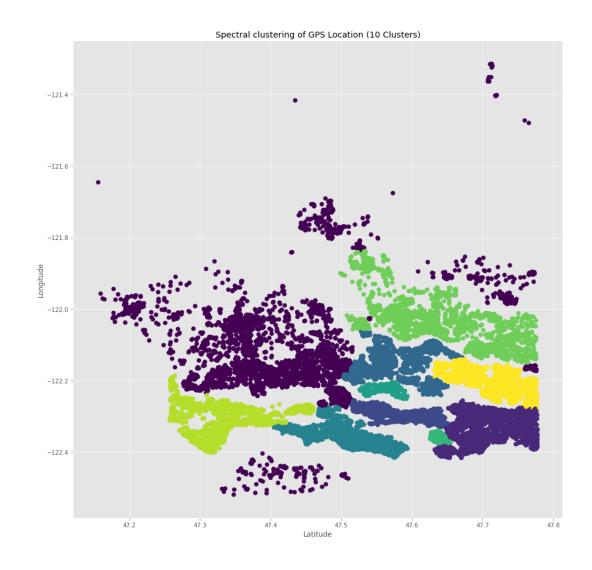
## Problem: Dealing with Location Data

- Price depends on exact location
- Difficult to use latitude, longitude, zip code in linear model
- Still want to capture affect of location in model



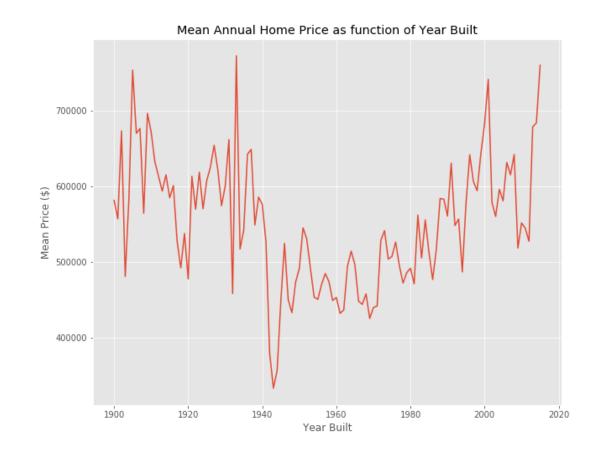
# **Solution:** Spectral Clustering

- Finds patterns in data and separates into groups
  - Works well with complicated patterns
  - Gives good way to distinguish geographical affect of price
- Works well in linear model
  - Extracts meaning from location data



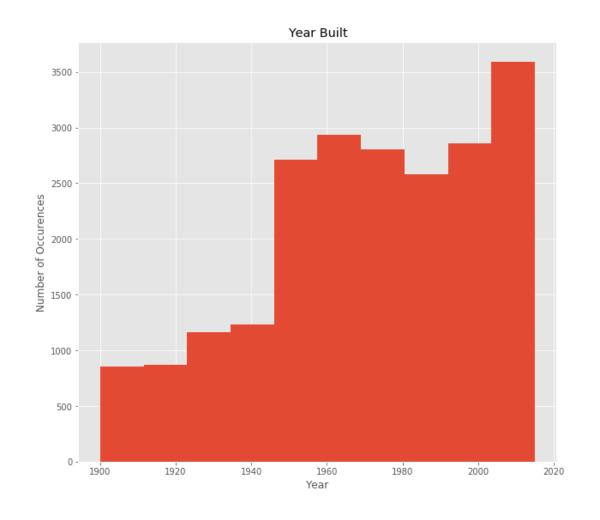
### **Problem:** Dealing with time series data

- Year built has clear affect on price
- Won't work well in linear model
- Still want to capture affects in linear model



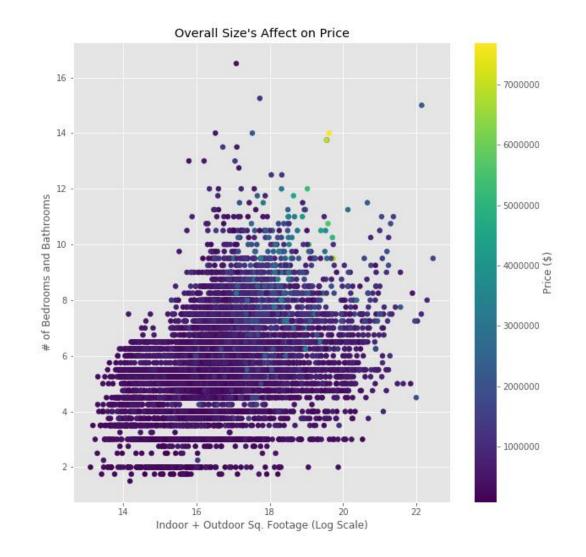
### Solution: Binning

- Reduce complexity: Keep only which decade house belongs to
- Create new features representing each bin
- Linear model captures time affect - Performs better



#### The Model

- Best Features:
  - Number of Total Rooms & Floors
  - ► Indoor Sq. Footage
  - Overall Condition
  - Location
  - Year Built
- Achieved R^2 Score of
  - ► ~0.76 on Test Set
  - ► ~0.77 on Training Set
- Results:
  - Housing prices are volatile, so these results are good for a linear model
  - (See how spread out visual is)



### Main Takeaways

- Feature engineering + Log scaling:
  - Achieved higher R2: ~17% improvement over raw data model
  - ▶ All features statistically significant will perform well on unseen data
- Recommendation:
  - Keep recording data in same way
  - Model depends highly on clustering try many different clusters
  - Use provided techniques to transform data
  - Retrain model with more data, specifically with more expensive homes
- ► Things to watch for:
  - ▶ As houses get more expensive, price becomes harder to predict