

Overarching Themes in this Area

Recent Successes (last 3 years)

Major Obstacles Impeding More Rapid Progress

Areas of Neglect

Strategic Priorities & Investments That Will Advance Innovation

RAW NOTES BELOW

LargeScale Inference & Learning Breakout Session 4/20/16

SESSION 1:

What is large scale inference & learning?

- lots of data
- distributed learning
- large = scientist has trouble doing it
 - don't have the resources to do the inference for a certain amount of data
- given the resources you have, can you do it?
- runtime, not space?
- geoscience questions, and environmental research
 - NASA has started to create a platform for sharing data and resources
- this will impede progress if not implemented
- big data, small labels
 - even if you design something for big data, you might not have a large input or a large

number of labels.

- data is largely unlabeled

- academic datasets vary, nobody has large enough datasets to show that their algorithms are working. those datasets would be easier to get from an industrial context

- industry either does not want to or cannot release their datasets because of privacy concerns

- funding issue in academics. cannot fund large scale repositories that can be used for machine learning

- if you want an exabyte of data for research in academics, where do you go? nowhere

- HBC, if you want to do research on huge amounts of data, there are centers for that. not for Machine learning.

- only small amounts of data are going on the amazon cloud

- should push for more and more to be placed there

- Berkeley spent months perfecting computation so that the computing wasn't the bottleneck

- what is the point of wanting to use huge data for tests if you can test on smaller datasets and show that it will work on bigger datasets?

- cancer research needs large datasets

- genomic data is giant. you need to be able to do machine learning on huge datasets to do genomics