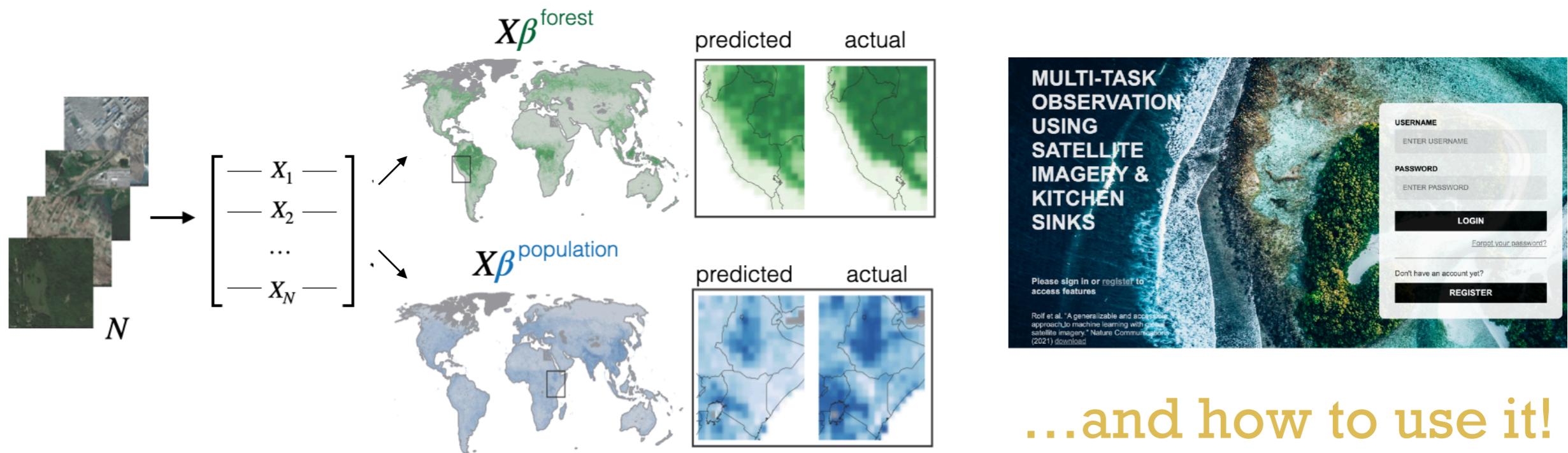


MOSAIKS:

A generalizable and accessible approach to machine learning with global satellite imagery



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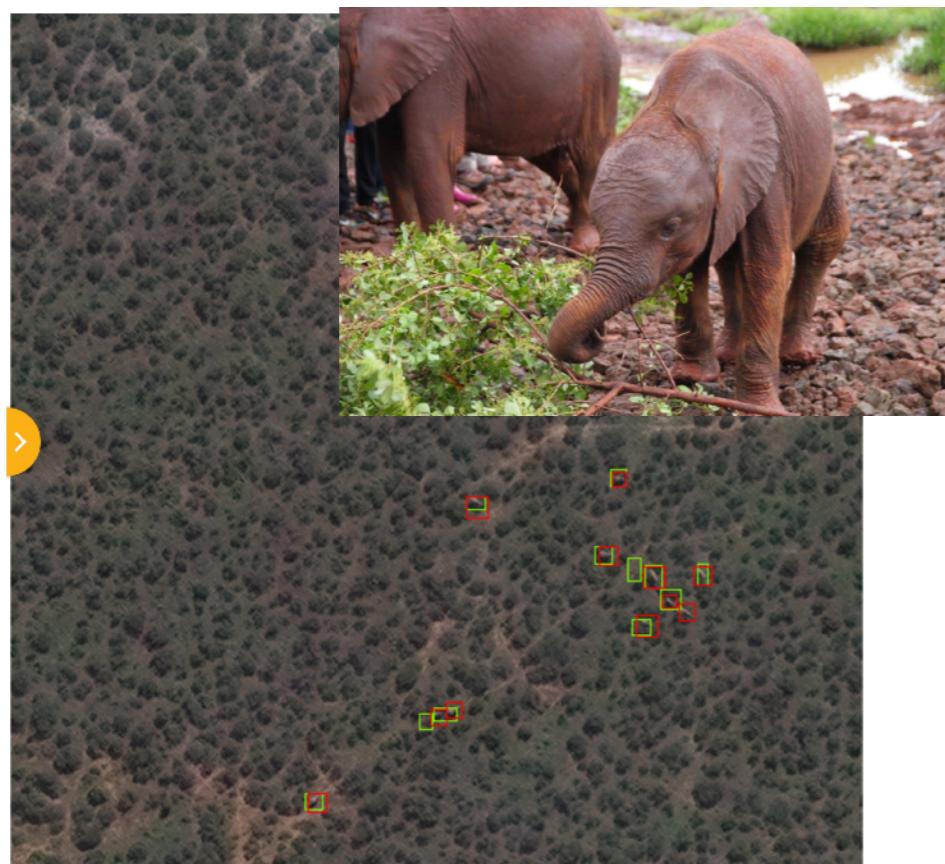
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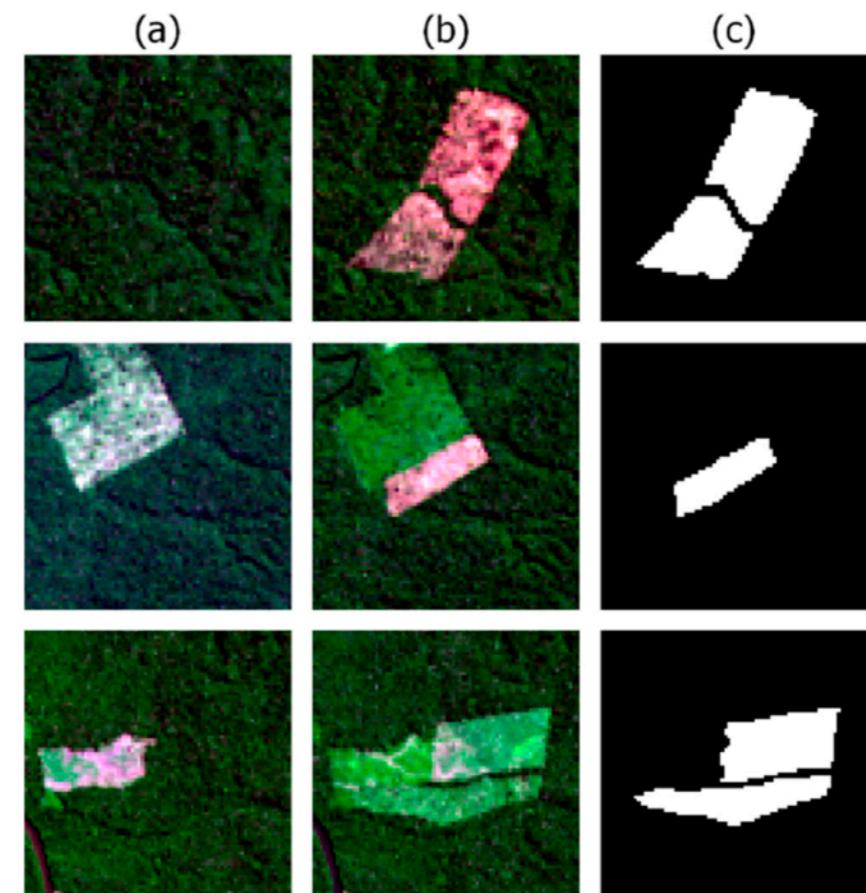
Combining satellite imagery and machine learning (SIML) has **the potential** help monitor our world across multiple domains:

Wildlife



Duporge et al 2020

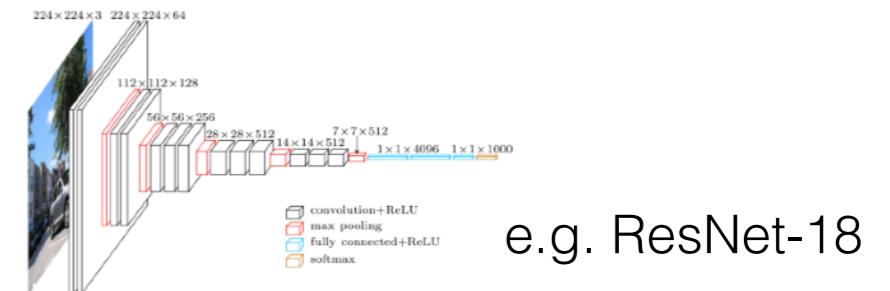
Deforestation



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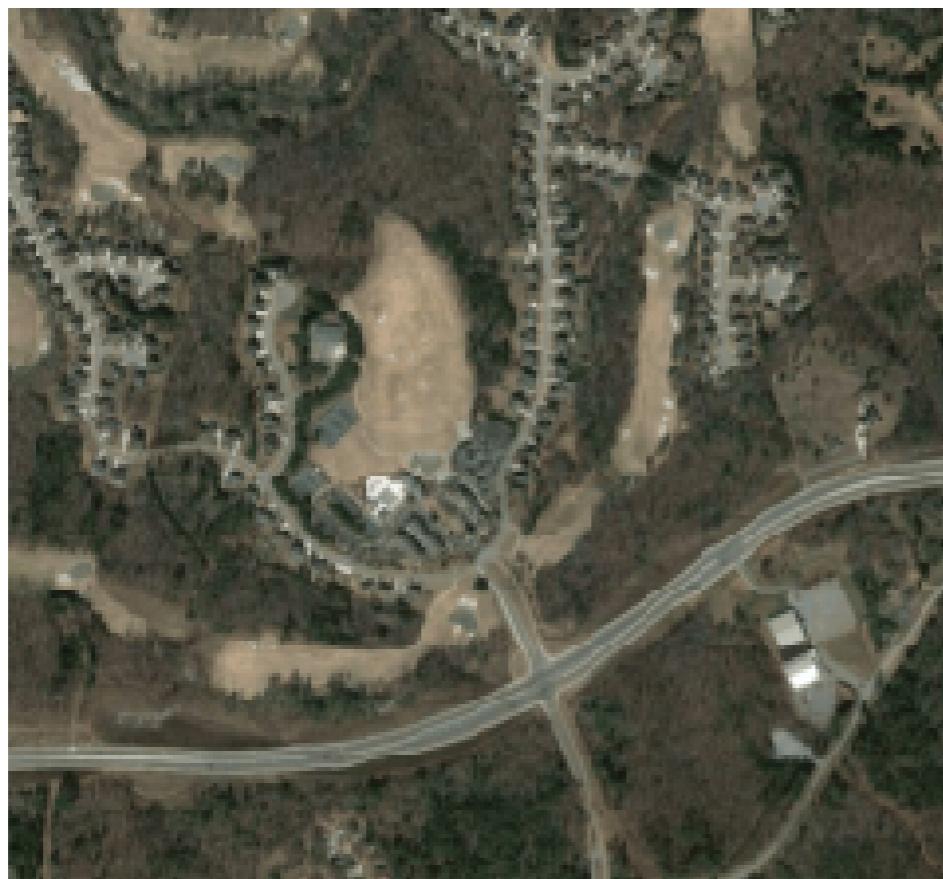
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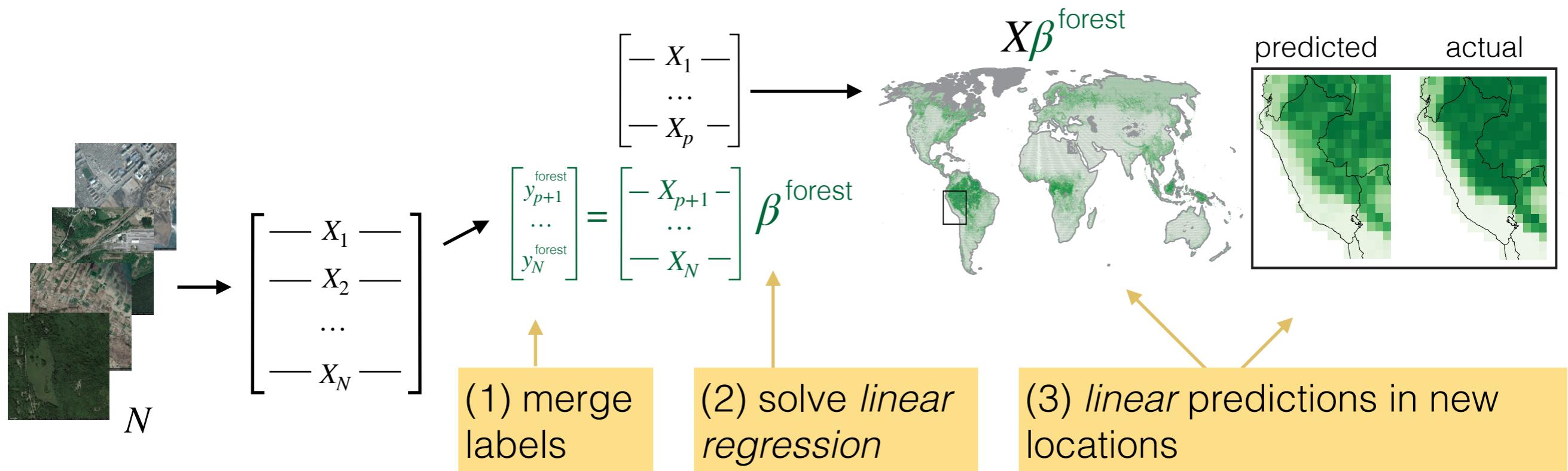
However, in SIML problems, the same images summarize multiple outcomes:



- tree cover : 10%
- population : 264 people
- avg. income : \$67,000
- road length : 2.7km

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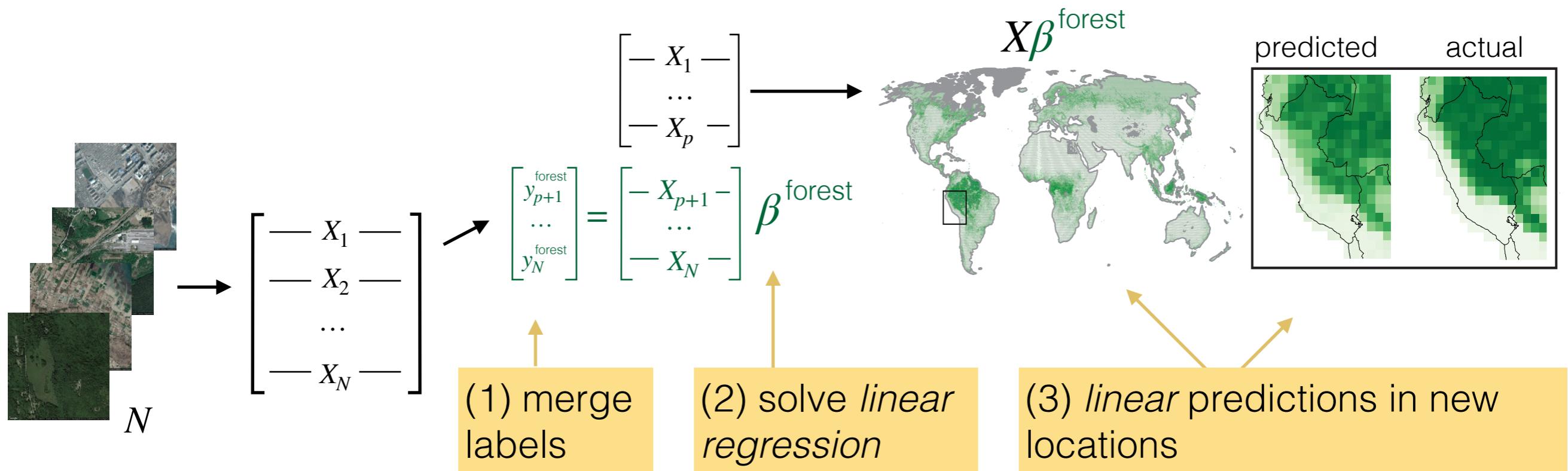
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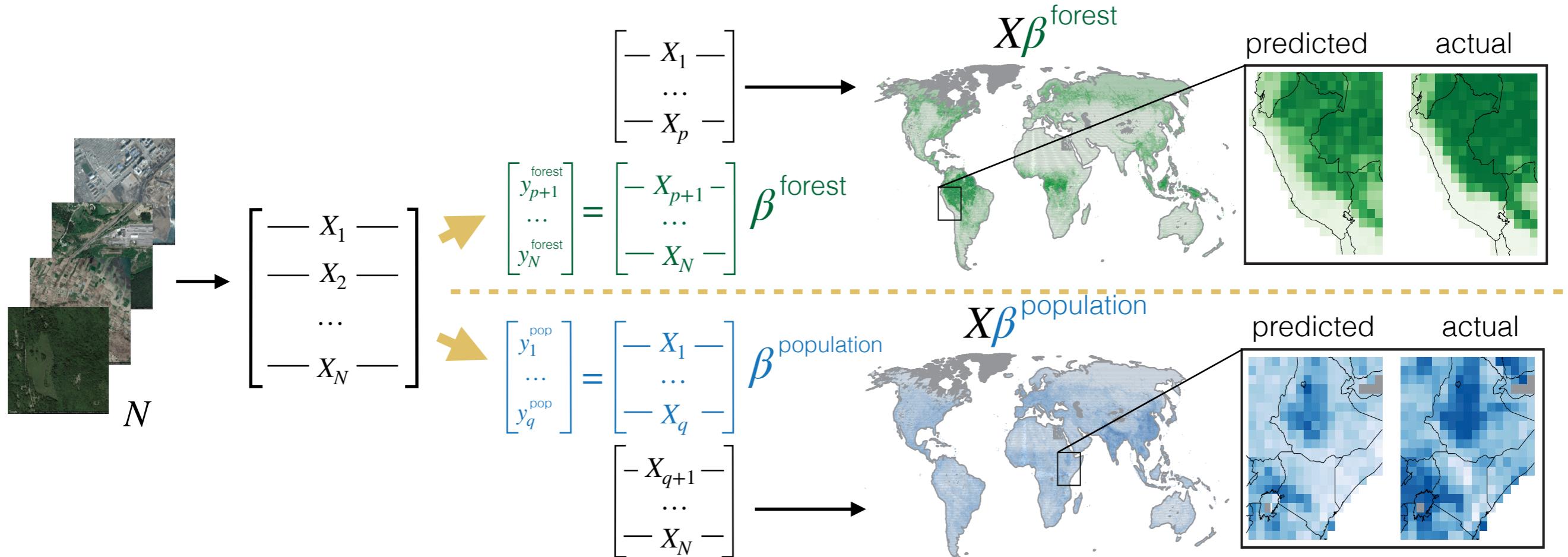
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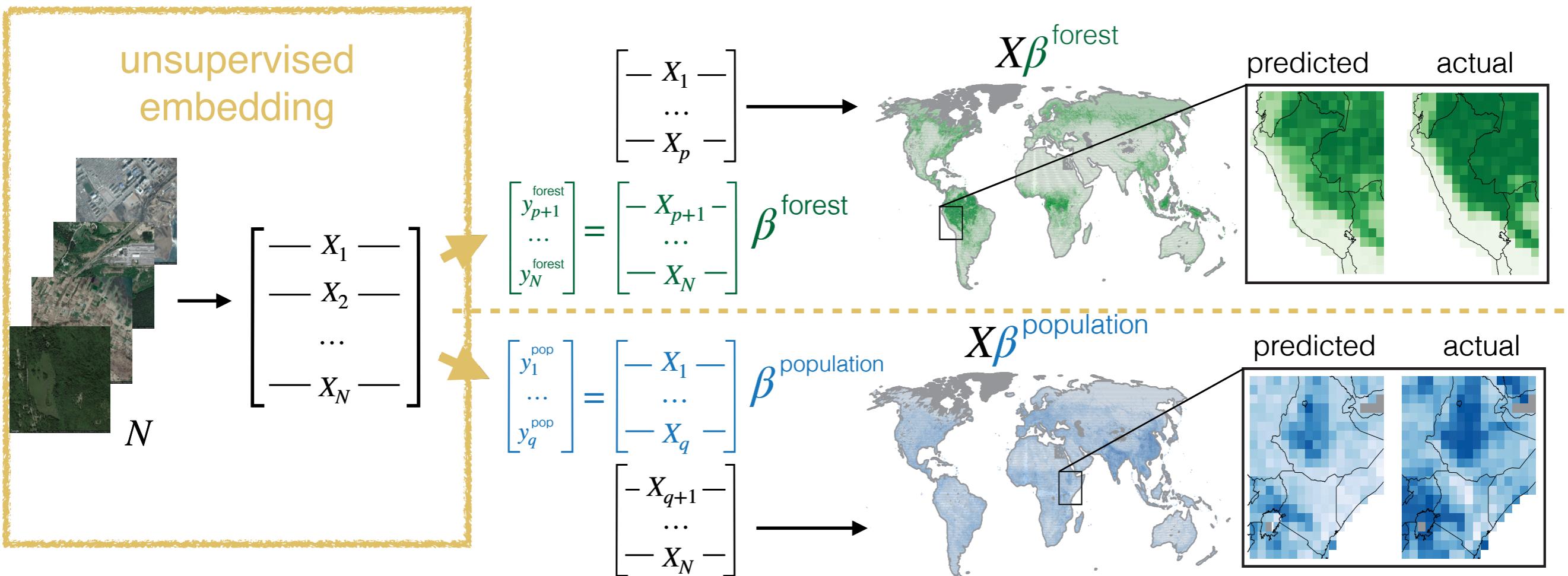
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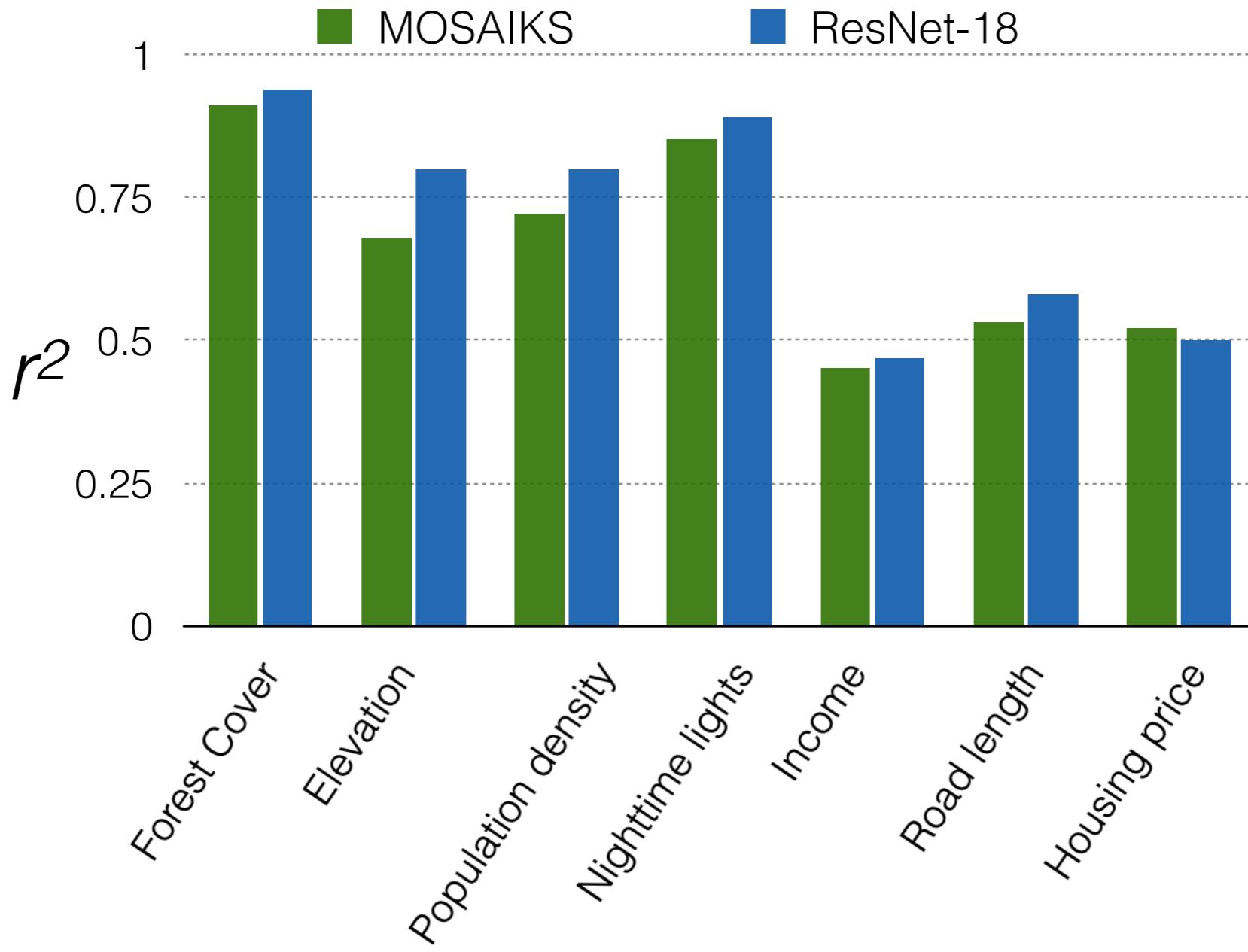
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The **algorithms** behind the prediction system should be as simple as possible.

MOSAIKS compared to fine-tuned ResNet-18 (within US)



Training times:

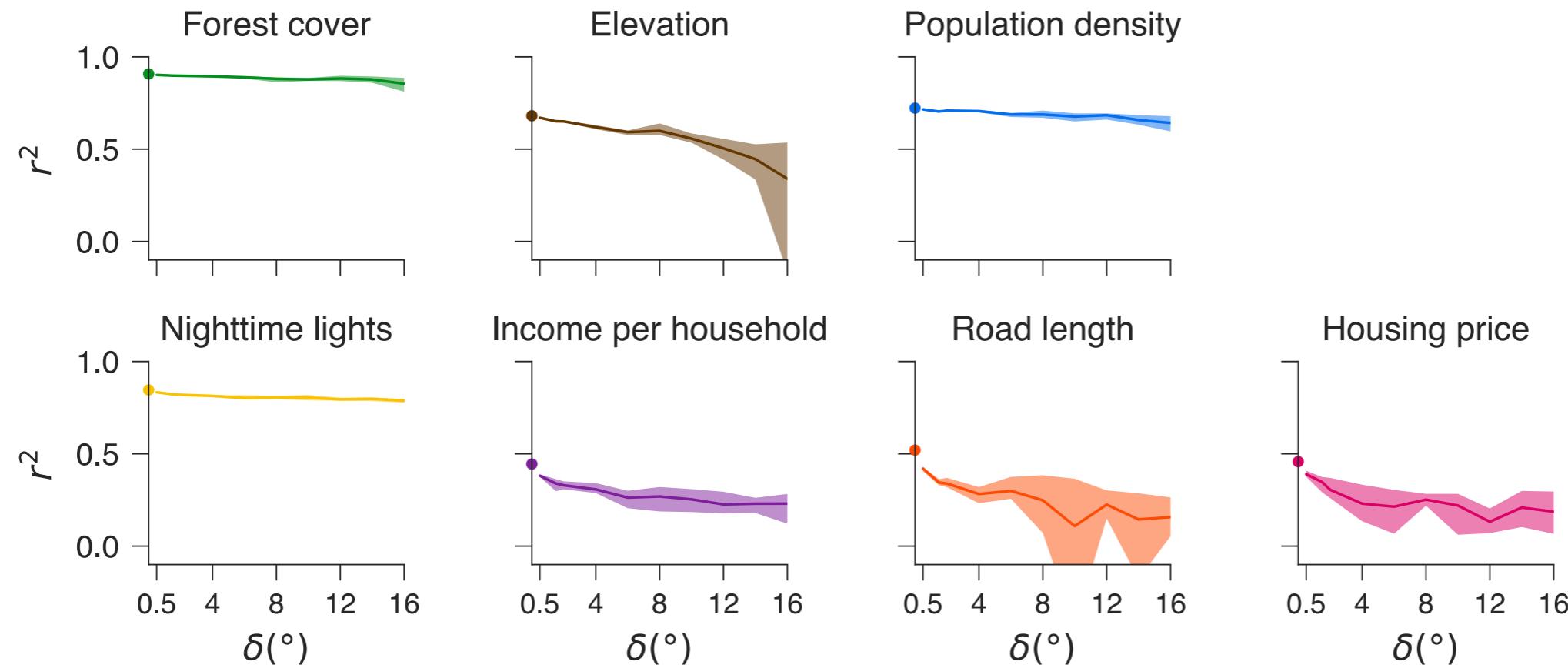
MOSAIKS: 2 minutes
(Laptop)

Fully trained ResNet-18: 7.9 hours
(AWS EC2 p3.xlarge, Tesla V100 GPU)

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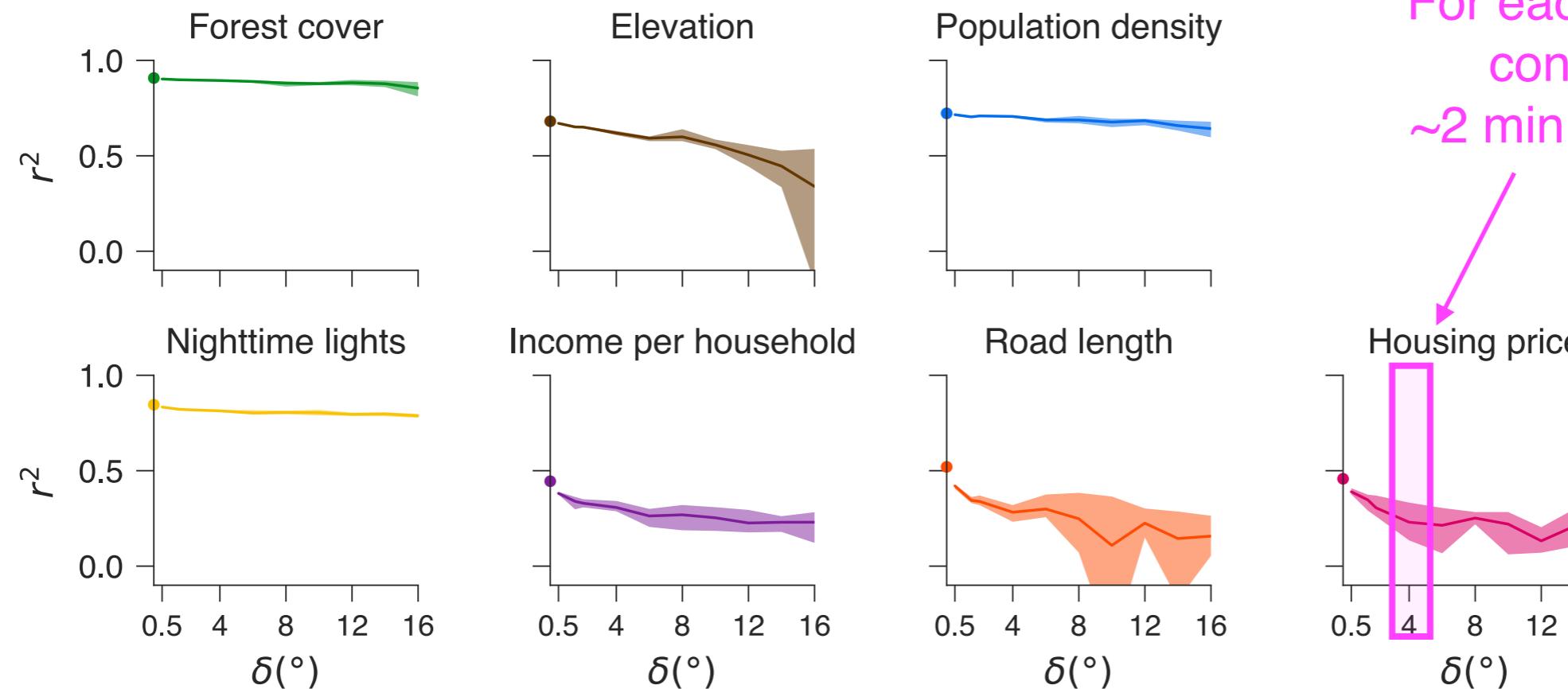
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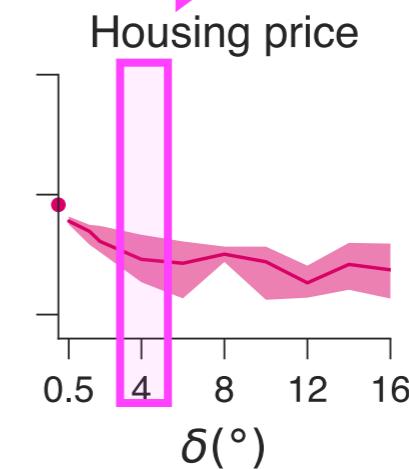
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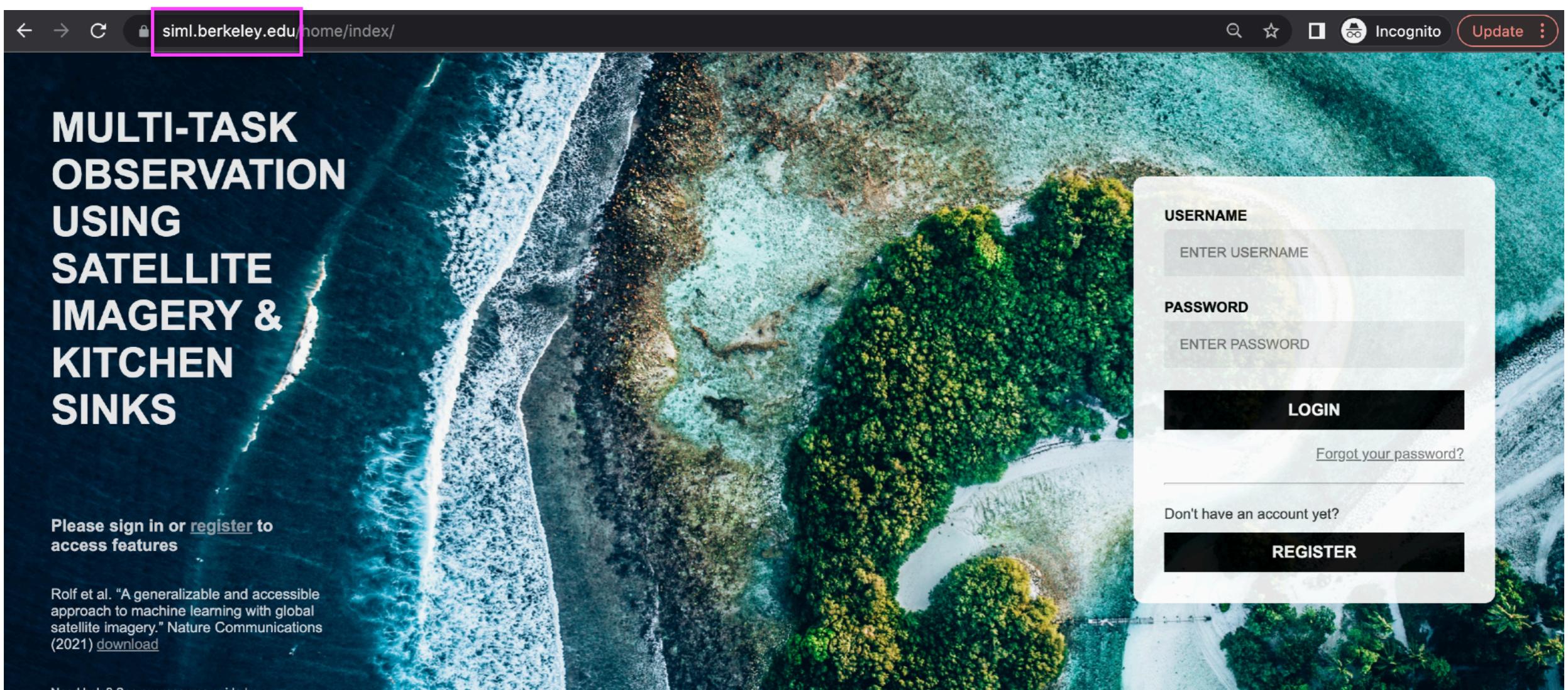
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For each training condition,
~2 min vs. hours



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Type	Lon	Lat	Population
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2	-116.995	32.595	86.18859100
3	-116.695	32.595	0.170260831
4	-116.595	32.595	0.390010148
5	-116.495	32.595	3.39810228
6	-114.795	32.595	0.411475688
7	-114.695	32.595	0.65670961
8	-114.595	32.595	79.9315490
9	-117.195	32.695	63.8588600
10	-117.095	32.695	4852.96533

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