

Volcano-Independent Seismic Recognition (VI.VSR): detecting and classifying events of a given volcano using data from others

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0. Aims & Proposals

➤ Volcano-Seismic Recognition (VSR) at Volcano Observatories (VOs)

- ✓ Volcano-Seismic (VS) *activity* is the **most used indicator to evaluate volcanic hazard and forecast eruptions**⁽¹⁾
- ✗ VOs require **expert staff** to **manually label** VS events: *detect* (time delimitation) + *classify* (assign them to their physical type or *VS class*)
- ✗ Manual VSR is **slow** and **not** always **reliable**
- ✗ Currently, **automatic VSR** is only deployed in few VOs

➤ Aims: automatic Volcano-Independent Volcano-Seismic Recognition (VI.VSR)

- automatic Volcano-Seismic Recognition (VSR)**: statistical *modelling of previously labelled VS classes* to achieve:
 - ✓ **Real-time VSR** to detect and classify events *on continuous data streams*
 - ✓ **easy VO integration** into most popular data acquisition systems (Earthworm & WebObs)
- Volcano-Independent VSR** aims to *recognise events from any volcano* without any prior knowledge of its VS classes by means of *universal VSR*, allowing:
 - ✓ **Fast VSR deploy for awakening volcanoes** and for *new appearing classes* in active volcanoes

➤ Proposal: portable & universal VSR systems

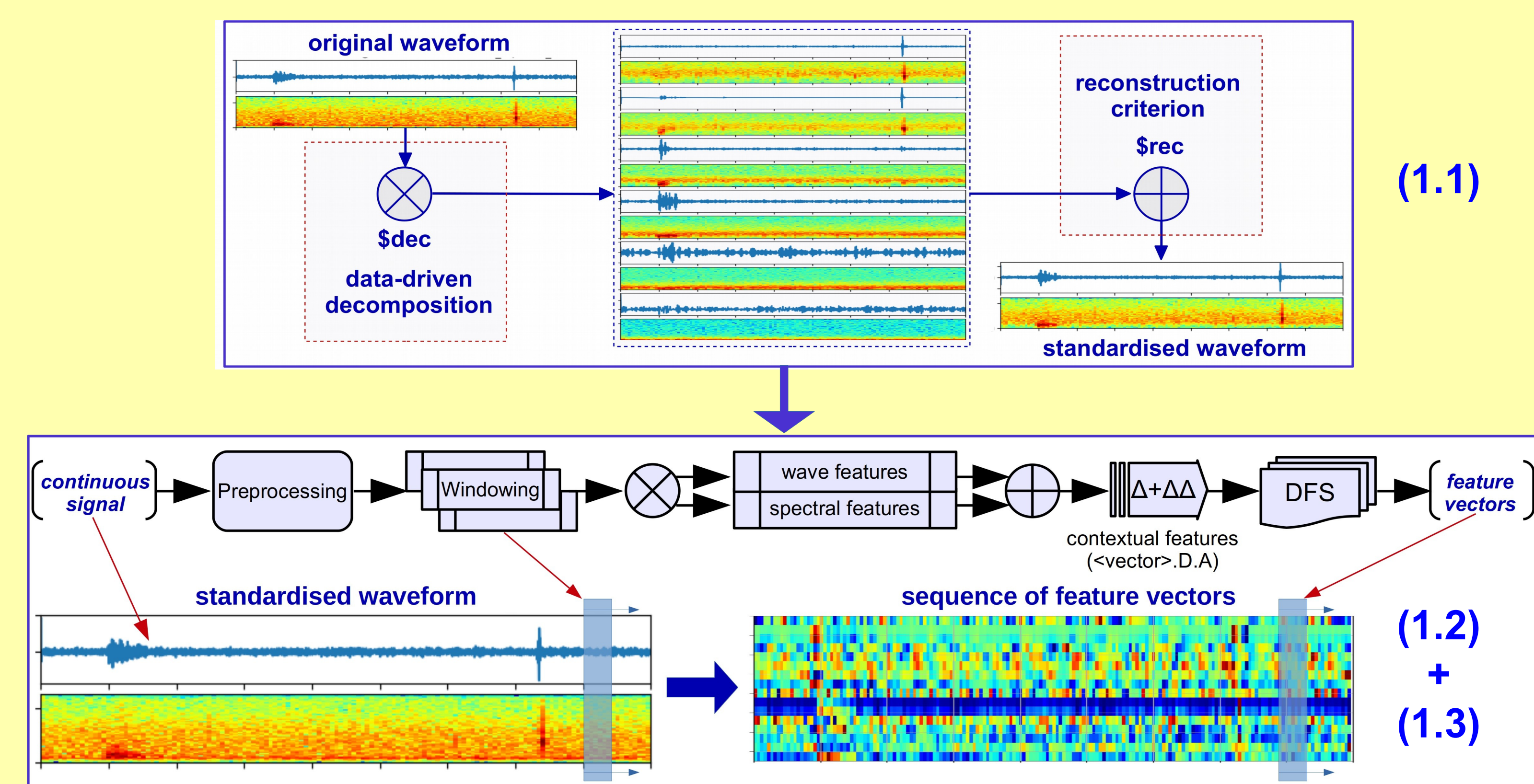
- portable VSR solutions**, relying on:
 - ✓ **Easy-to-use** (Python-based) *user interfaces* to facilitate the VSR integration at VOs
 - ✓ Structured *Hidden Markov models* (HMMs) to perform real-time, continuous VSR⁽²⁾
- universal VSR**, based on **VULCAN.ears** project⁽³⁾ approaches:
 - ✓ **Universal DBs** collected from more than **15 volcanoes** to build *universal VSR models*
 - ✓ **Efficient waveform description** will enhance the volcano-independence of models
 - ✓ **Parallel VSR channels** focused on each VS class, increasing reliability and precision

I. Methodology:

Efficient waveform description to build universal, Volcano-Independent VSR systems

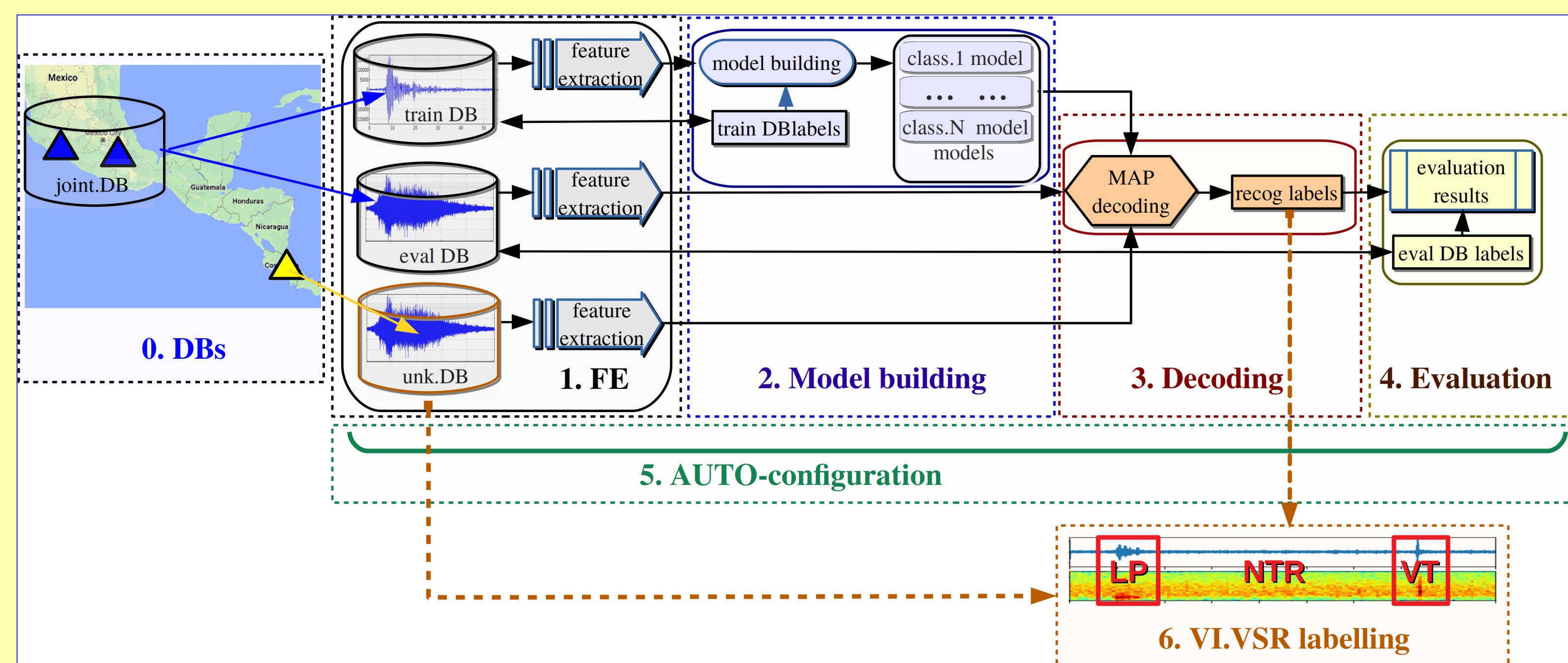
1. Efficient waveform description as a sequence of feature vectors

- standardisation (STAND)**⁽⁴⁾ via *decomposition + reconstruction (\$dec:\$rec)*
- parameterisation (param.#feats)** of overlapped waveform segments as *feature vectors*
- feature selection (DFS)**⁽⁵⁾ in the given (param.#feats) parameterisation scheme



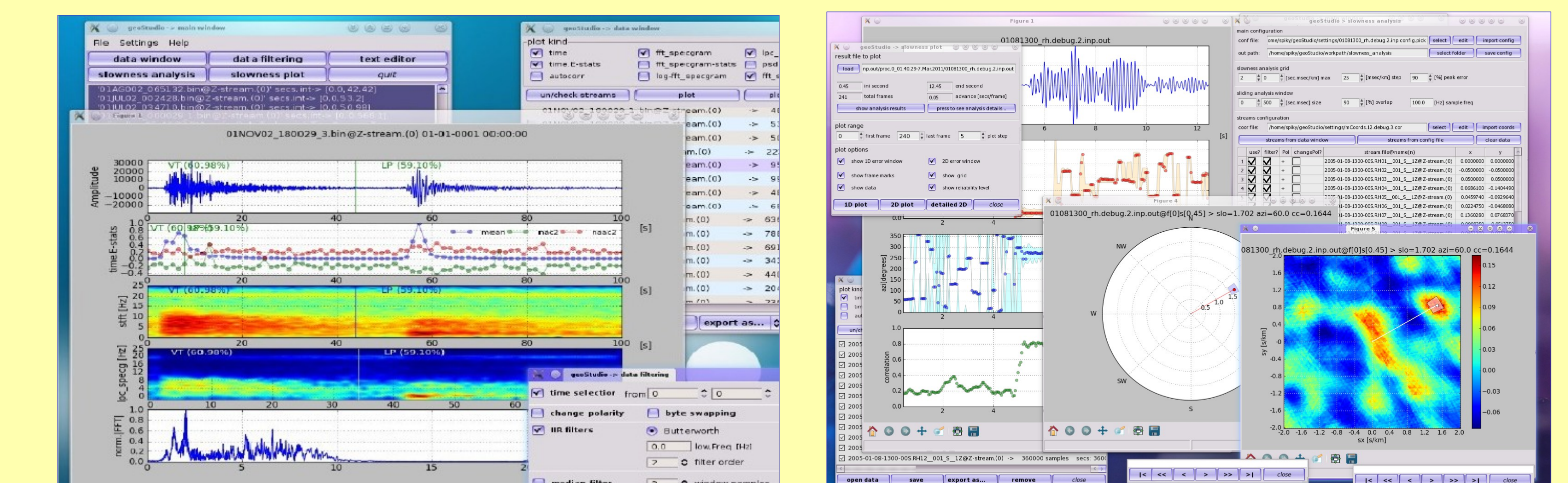
2. Universal-VI.VSR system setup & recognition of unknown data

- DBs**: a universal, *joint.DB* is used to build *universal VSR models*
- Feature Extraction (FE)**: *efficient waveform description by a stream of feature vectors*⁽⁶⁾
- Model building**: of each VS class in the *train DB* using its labels
- Decoding**: automatic detection & classification of *eval DB* events
- Evaluation** of results comparing *recog labels* vs. *eval DB labels* via VSR precision (*cPrec*)
- AUTO-configuration** by (re)evaluation (4) of the (1+2+3) stages
- Volcano-independent labelling** of VS events of an *unk.DB* acquired at *another volcano*



3. Easy VSR integration at VOs via *easy-to-use* interfaces linking VSR & VOs

- geoStudio**⁽³⁾ multi-platform, **graphical user interface** for seismic analysis:
 - ✓ **Built-in VSR models** of standalone & joint DBs *to perform VI.VSR*
 - ✓ **Slowness maps** by Zero-Lag correlation method
 - ✓ I/O by *ObsPy*® builtin libs. Filtering and **advancing plotting features**
- pyVSR** command-line interface as a Python wrapper for the VSR system:
 - ✓ Ready-to-use scripts to *build VSR models* given a labelled DB
 - ✓ Tools to run, **define and evaluate** whole *VSR-tests*
 - ✓ **Online VSR** of data received from *VO data servers*



II. Station & volcano-independent VSR results

1. Robust & station-independent VSR at Deception Island

- **Station-independent VSR under noisy conditions VSR @ Deception Volcano**⁽⁴⁾: recognizing VT and LP events overlapped on noise/tremor signals in 2009 by models built with data acquired in 1995 at another location:

system	recog type	train.DB = dec.1995	eval.DB = dec.2009	param.#feats	cPrec%
		events / classes @ duration	events / classes @ duration		
SSA-VSR	continuous	288 / 3 @ 1,8 [h]	707 / 3 @ 12,2 [h]	mix.D.16	66
				mix.D.16[STAND]	76

- ✓ **VSR precision increases 16% using waveform standardisation (STAND)**

- **Parallel (PSA) vs. serial (SSA) VSR @ Deception**⁽³⁾: class-focused PSA.VSR channels allow a more efficient AUTO configuration than SSA.

system	recog type	train.DB = dec.1995	eval.DB = dec.1998	param.#feats	cPrec%
		events / classes @ dur.	events / classes @ dur.		
SSA	continuous	288 / 3 @ 1,8 [h]	445 / 3 @ 4,2 [h]	AUTO(mix.D.30)	52
PSA.chans	continuous	288 / 3 @ 1,8 [h]	445 / 3 @ 4,2 [h]	AUTO(mix.D.30)	72
joint.PSA	continuous	288 / 3 @ 1,8 [h]	445 / 3 @ 4,2 [h]	AUTO(mix.D.30)	70

- ✓ **An improvement of 38% achieved by dedicated VSR channels (PSA.chans)**

2. VI.VSR: recognising Popocatepetl events using Colima models

- **continuous VI.VSR @ Popocatepetl by Colima**: waveform standardisation (STAND) + efficient feature selection (DFS⁽⁵⁾) + system auto.configuration (AUTO) empowers volcano-independent VSR:

system	recog type	train.DB = col.2004	eval.DB = pop.2002	param.#feats	cPrec%
		events / classes @ dur.	events / classes @ dur.		
SSA-VSR	continuous	345 / 6 @ 17 [h]	814 / 6 @ 37 [h]	MFCC.D.A.33	59
				AUTO(MFCC.D.A.33)	65

- ✓ **An enhancement of 10% via system AUTO-configuration**

3. VI.VSR: recognising Arenal events by Colima and Popocatepetl

- **VI.VSR models built by a joint.DB**: complex Arenal events can be successfully classified using *universal* models of a *universal* (joint) training DB

system	recog type	train.DB = col.2004+pop.2002	eval.DB = are.2007	param.#feats	cPrec%
		events / classes @ duration	events / classes @ duration		
SSA-VSR	isolated	813 / 7 @ 41 [h]	552 / 7 @ 14 [h]	mix.D.30	50
				AUTO(mix.D.30)	71

- ✓ **A 71% of precision classifying complex events thanks to universal DBs**

III. VI.VSR highlights

(!) Remarks:

- **Volcano-Independent VSR becomes operational!** thanks to state-of-the-art **VULCAN.ears** technologies
- **Complex volcanoes require joint.DBs in order to build efficient VI.VSR models** (as Arenal volcano with 7 classes and its 3 types of tremors)

(+) Pros:

- ✓ **Promising early results!**: good precision in both, isolated (>71%) and continuous VI.VSR (>65%)
- ✓ **geoStudio** and **pyVSR** interfaces allow a **fast & easy deployment** of VI.VSR systems

(-) Cons:

- ✗ **A universal waveform description doesn't yet exist**, as it still depends on the training DB
- ✗ **VSR precision highly depends on the manual labelling** of the training DBs

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