



How good is AI at facial emotion recognition?

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Plan of the presentation

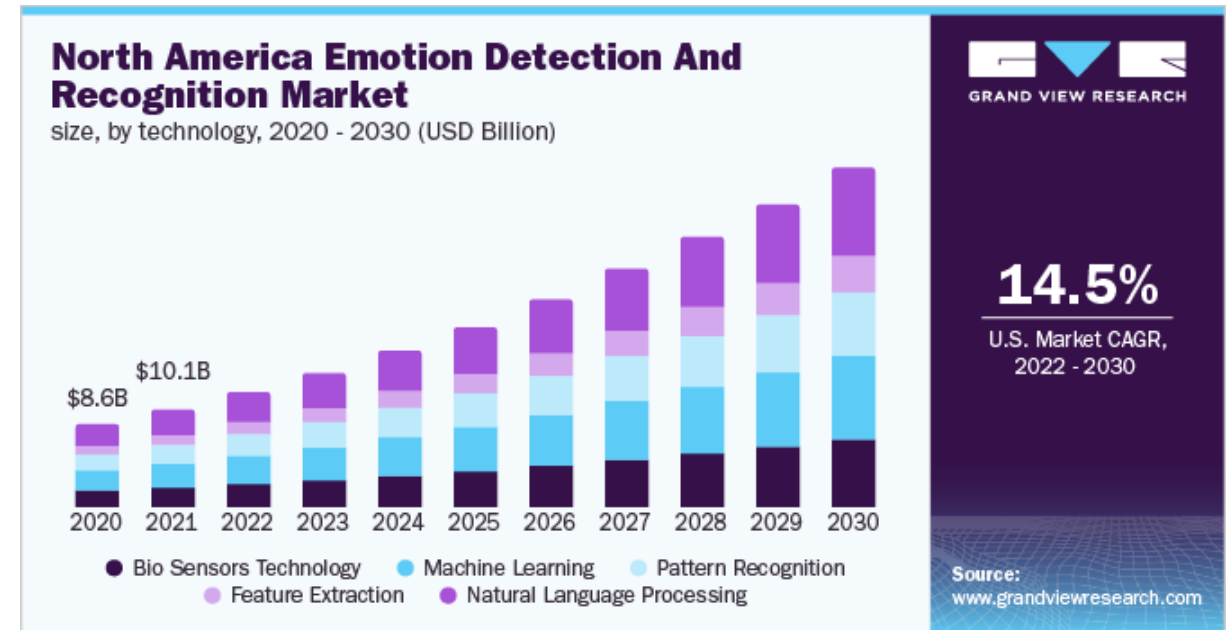
- **Introduction and goals of the project**
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Introduction

Emotions are what make us human.

Emotion recognition software uses artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning to interpret human emotions from text, voice, facial expressions, and other non-verbal cues.

The global Emotion AI market generated **\$1.8 billion in 2022** and is projected to reach **\$13.8 billion by 2032**.



Introduction

Facial Emotion recognition

Entertainment

- Face filters
- Virtual make up
- Emotion-aware Gaming

Healthcare

- Telemedicine
- Patient Monitoring
- Autism Spectrum Therapy

Automotive

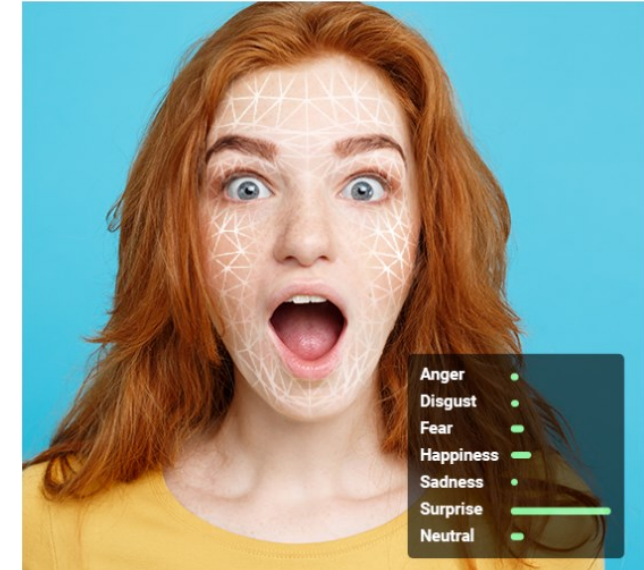
- Real-time driver monitoring
- In-car personalization

Marketing

- Test emotions in ads for targeted marketing
- Evaluate user experience with digital interfaces

On-line meetings

- Track people engagement
- Analyse emotions during hiring interviews





“ GOALS

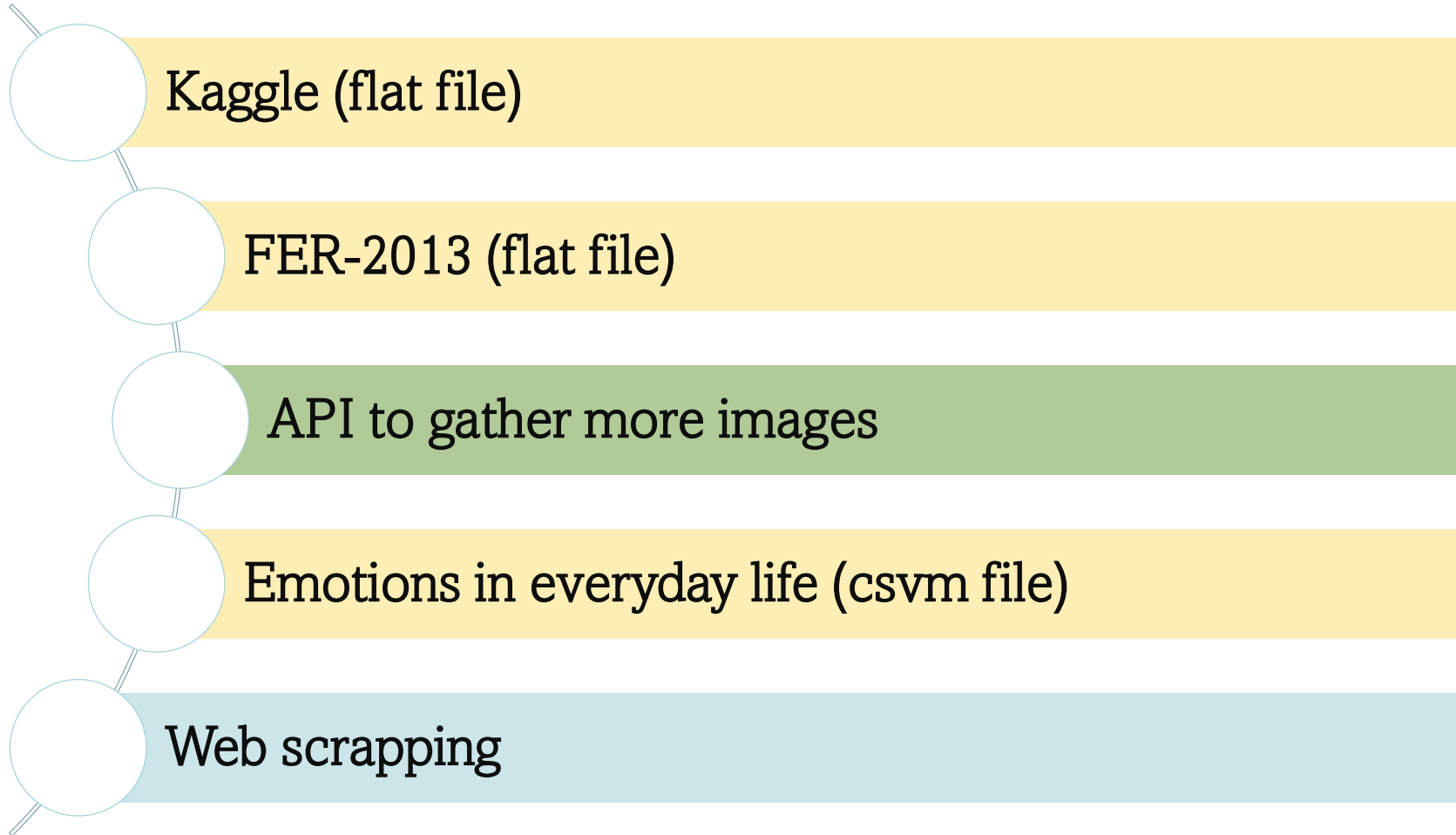
How good is AI facial emotion recognition?

What are used models? How do they work?

What factors affect the model? How does the quality and quantity of data impact the results?

What emotions can be detected?

Data Sources



Data cleaning

CSV file

Emotions in Everyday Life, D. Trampe, J. Quoidbach, M. Taguet,

10.1371/journal.pone.0145450

id	Hours	Day	Pride	Love	Hope	Gratitude	Joy	Satisfaction	Awe	...	Alertness	Anxiety	Disdain	Offense	Guilt	Disgust	Fear	Embarassment	Sadness	Anger
1	1.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1	14.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1	14.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1	14.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
1	15.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
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- Change data types to numeric
- Remove rows with missing values (1233 rows)

Shape

(69544, 21) → (68311, 21)

Number of unique values for „id”

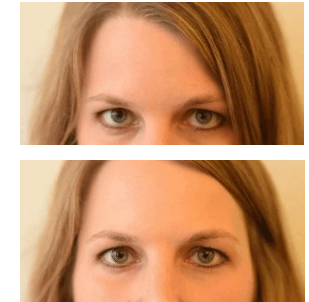
12211 → 12108

Data cleaning

Web scrapping

facs_single_units

Action Unit	Description	Facial Muscle	Example
1	Inner Brow Raiser	Frontalis, pars medialis	https://imotions.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/1...
2	Outer Brow Raiser (unilateral, right side)	Frontalis, pars lateralis	https://imotions.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/1...
4	Brow Lowerer	Depressor Glabellae, Depressor Supercilli, Cur...	https://imotions.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/1...
5	Upper Lid Raiser	Levator palpebrae superioris	https://imotions.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/1...



facs_emotions_units

Emotion	Action Units	Description
Happiness / Joy	6 + 12	Cheek Raiser, Lip Corner Puller
Sadness	1 + 4 + 15	Inner Brow Raiser, Brow Lowerer, Lip Corner De...
Surprise	1 + 2 + 5 + 26	Inner Brow Raiser, Outer Brow Raiser, Upper Li...
Fear	1 + 2 + 4 + 5 + 7 + 20 + 26	Inner Brow Raiser, Outer Brow Raiser, Brow Low...
Anger	4 + 5 + 7 + 23	Brow Lowerer, Upper Lid Raiser, Lid Tightener,...
Disgust	9 + 15 + 16	Nose Wrinkler, Lip Corner Depressor, Lower Lip...
Contempt	12 + 14 (on one side of the face)	Lip Corner Puller, Dimpler

- Cleaning values in column *Action Units*
- Exploding the table with *emotion units* to connect with table containing *single units*

Data cleaning

API images

Removing some pictures, or moving them to different categories

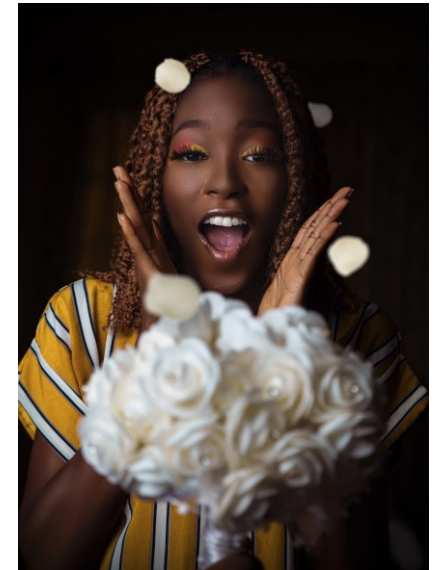
„Anger”

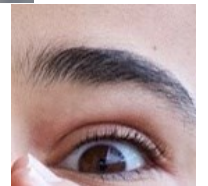
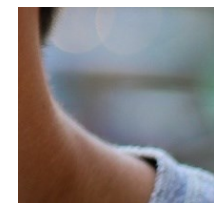
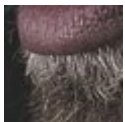
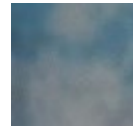
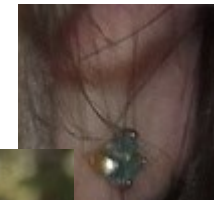
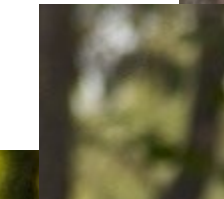
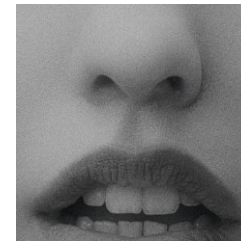
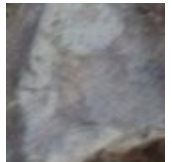
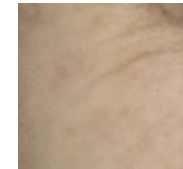
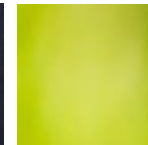
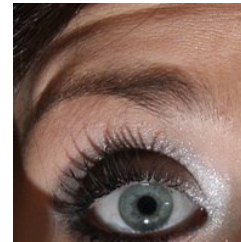
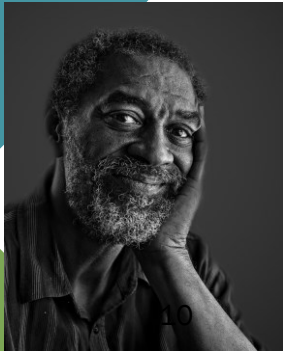


„Fear”



Angry -> surprised





Data cleaning

API images

PixaBay	Anger	Disgust	Fear	Happiness	Neutral	Sadness	Surprise	Total
Initial	47	7	56	50	50	50	51	311
First selection	26	5	7	36	33	17	23	147
Face detection	18	3	4	26	25	15	18	109

DuckDuckGo	Anger	Disgust	Fear	Happiness	Neutral	Sadness	Surprise	Total
Initial	84	99	95	97	92	93	94	654
First selection	73	71	70	89	59	71	88	521
Face detection	62	63	55	79	58	51	80	448

Data cleaning

Images from flat files(data base)

	Anger	Disgust	Fear	Happiness	Neutral	Sadness	Surprise	Total
Kaggle	890	439	570	1406	524	746	775	5350
FER-2013	3995	436	4097	7215	4965	4830	3171	28709

- Not balanced data, Disgusted' face is in minority
- Fer-2013 almost 6 time larger than Kaggle data set
- Randomly picked 200 images from each category

Data cleaning

Images into Data Frames

```
emotions = ['Anger', 'Disgust', 'Fear', 'Happiness', 'Neutral', 'Sadness', 'Surprise']
```

```
pixabay_path = '1_pixabay_images/1_Face_Extraction/'
```

```
pixabay = images_to_tables(pixabay_path, categories=emotions, source=1)
```

pixabay

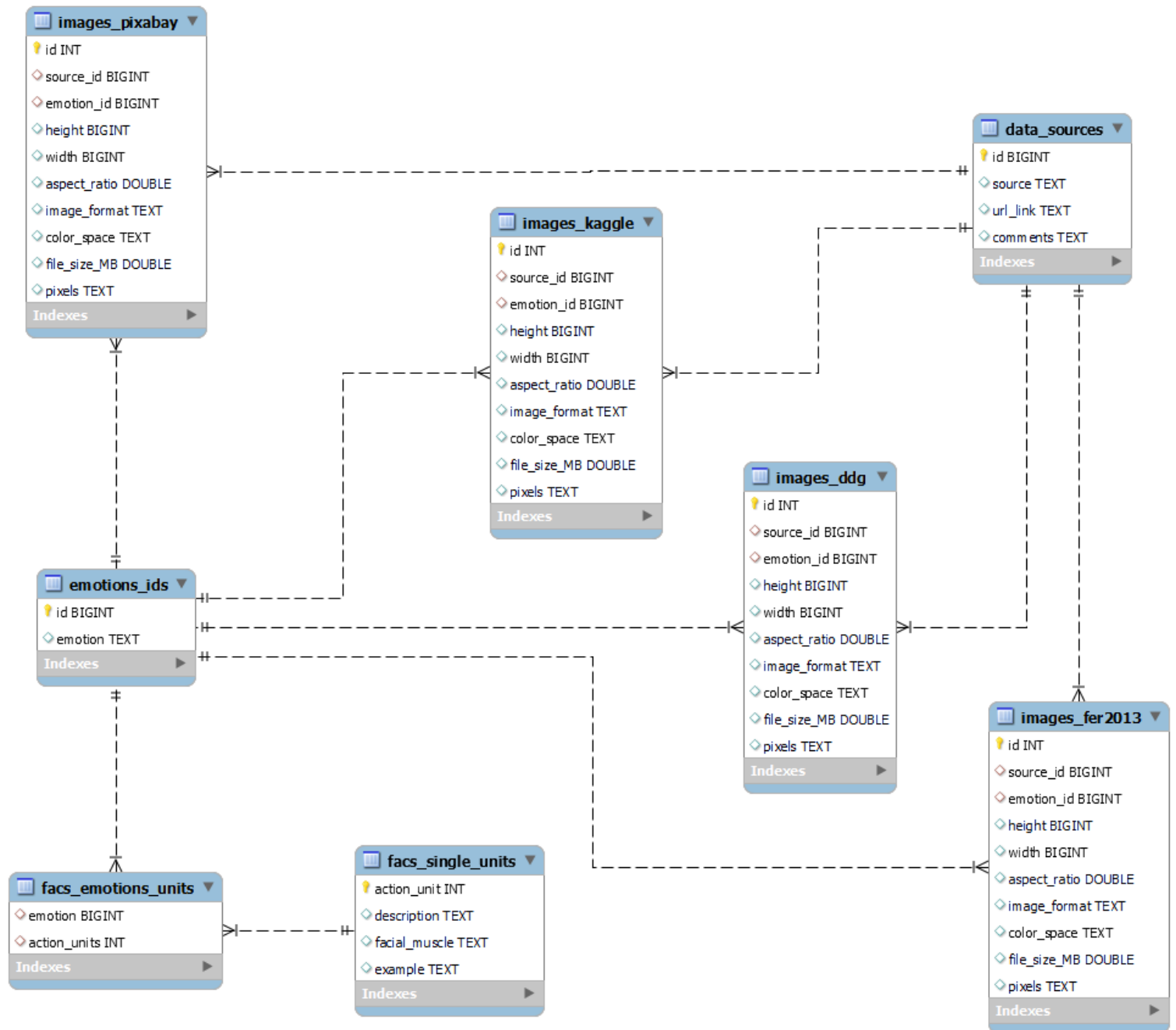
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4	1	0	320	320	1.000000	JPG	RGB	0.078756	[[[255, 255, 255], [126, 126, 126], [79, 79, 7...
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SQL DATABASE

List of tables

- all_images
- data_sources
- emotions_ids
- facs_emotions_units
- facs_single_units
- images_ddg
- images_fer2013
- images_kaggle
- images_pixabay

Total nr of images
3357



Exposing data with API

Welcome to the facial emotion recognition database

The available data was collected for facial emotion recognition project and includes images that capture different facial expressions. There are 3357 images in total and they originate from diverse data sources. For those downloaded via API, faces were initially detected and extracted from images. Images from Kaggle and FER-2013 already possess the appropriate format.

The available options for exploration are below. Please enter the selected option in the explore window.

To adjust the number of results per page, modify the associated **page** and **page_size** parameters:

http://127.0.0.1:8080/images/?page=1&page_size=50

[To see list of all collected images use this link:](#)

[List of all images](#)

To access a single image, go to `/images/{img_id}` and replace `{img_id}` with the image number (1-3357).

[Explore Images based on the source:](#)

1 : data from PixaBay API

2 : data from DuckDuckGo API

3 : data from Kaggle

4 : data from FER-2013

Source ID:

[Explore Images based on color:](#)

0 : Grayscale

1 : RGB

Color:

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Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

Emotions in every day life

Year of data collection (February 2013 to April 2014)

id	Hours	Day	Pride	Love	Hope	Gratitude	Joy	Satisfaction	Awe	...
1	1.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	...
1	14.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	...

- completed a total number of 65,721 emotion reports over an average of 35 days
- smartphone application monitored real-time emotions of an exceptionally large (N = 11,000+) and heterogeneous participants sample.

75% Female 25% Male

Age: 14-74 years

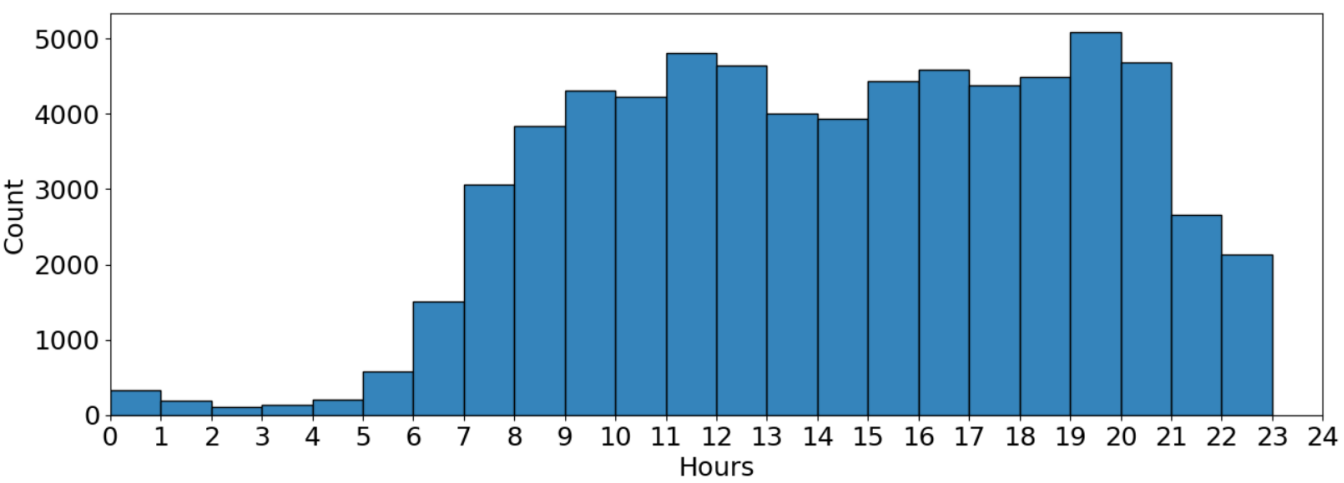
Nr of responses : 1 - 263 per person

93% French, rest Swiss Belgian or other

- how often do people experience emotions in general?
- which emotions do people specifically experience?

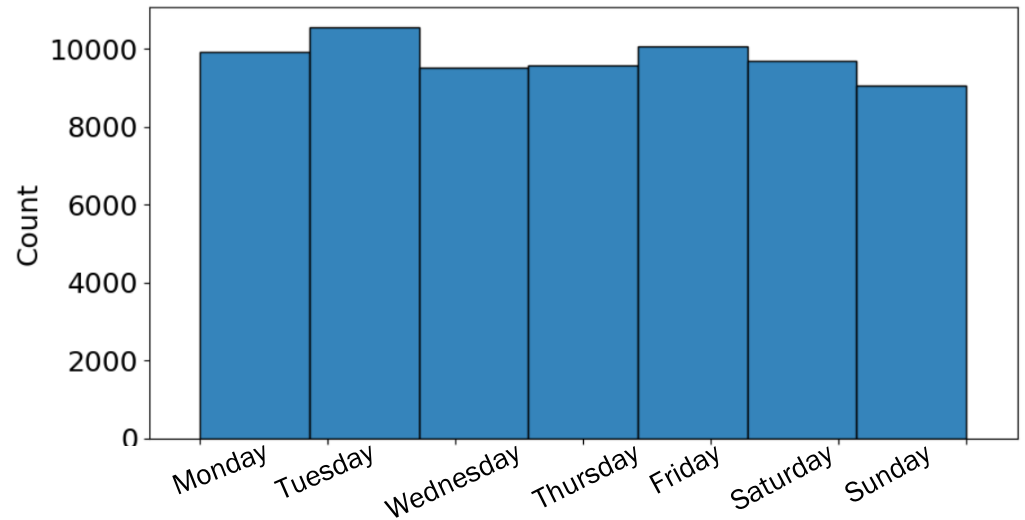
Emotions in everyday life

Number of questioners completed during different days of the week and times of the day



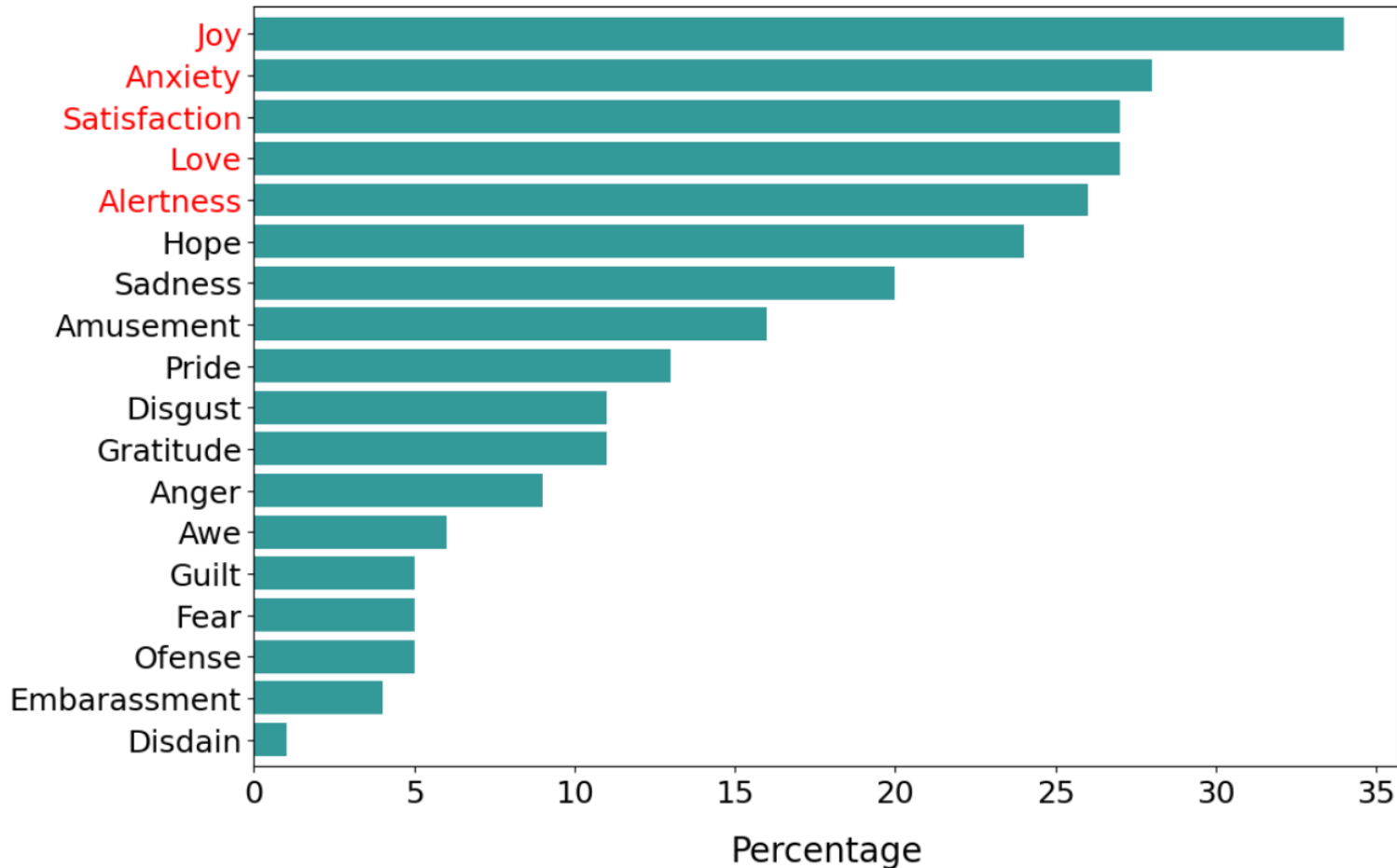
1614 only between 23-5

Excluded from further analysis



Evenly distributed across the week

Emotions in everyday life

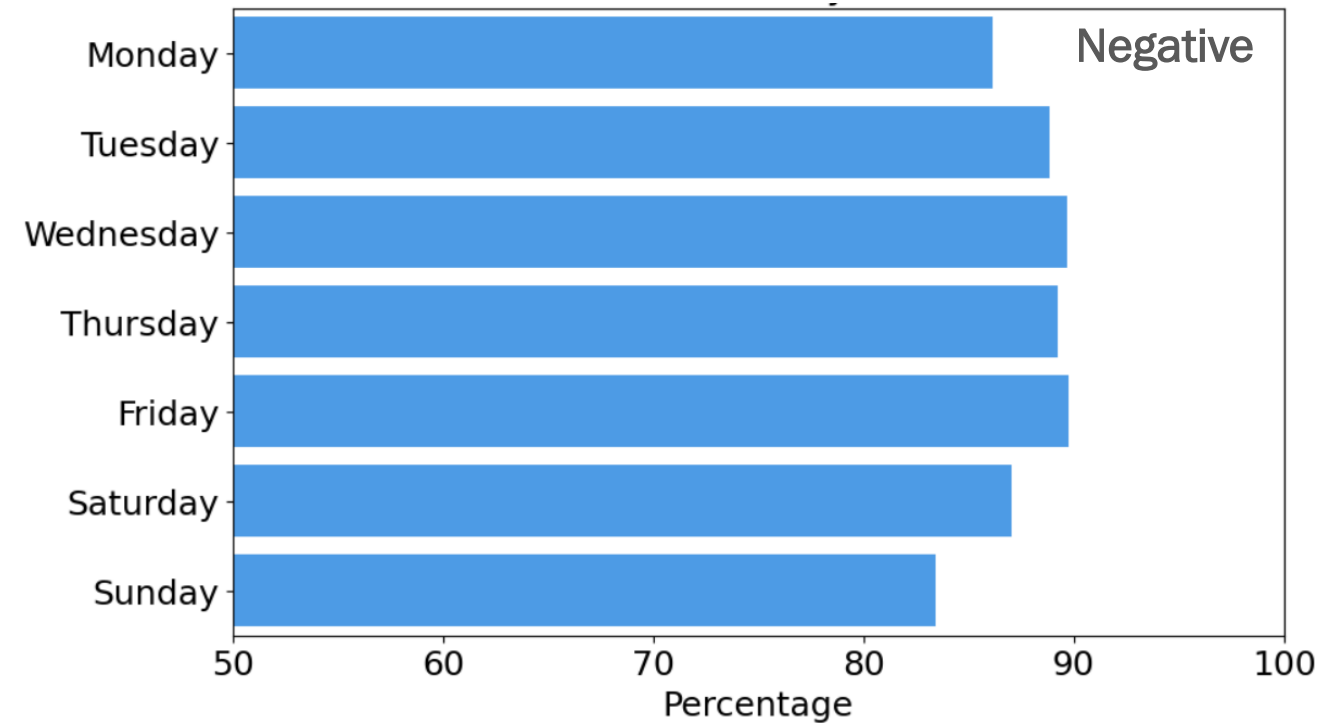


Positive	Negative
Joy	Anxiety
Satisfaction	Sadness
Love	Disgust
Alertness	Anger
Hope	Guilt
Amusement	Fear
Pride	Offense
Gratitude	Embarrassment
Awe	Disdain

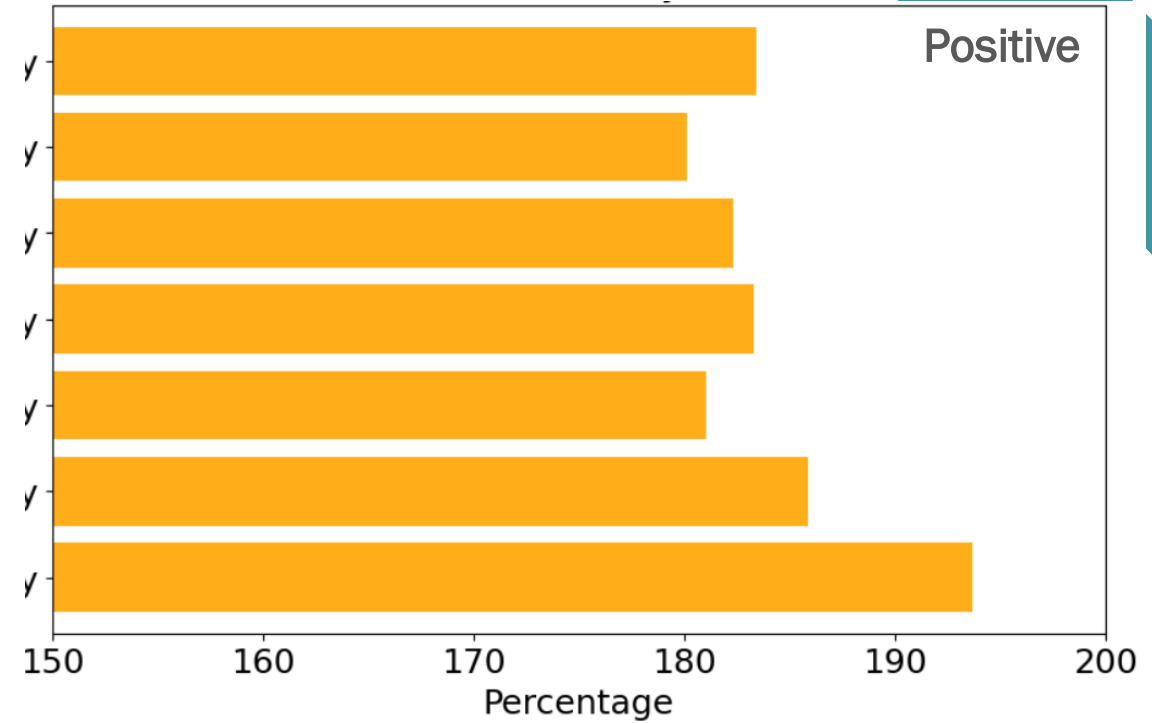
- Participants experienced **at least one emotion 90% of the time**.
- People experienced **positive emotions 2.5 times more often** than negative emotions.

Emotions in everyday life

How do emotions change throughout the week?



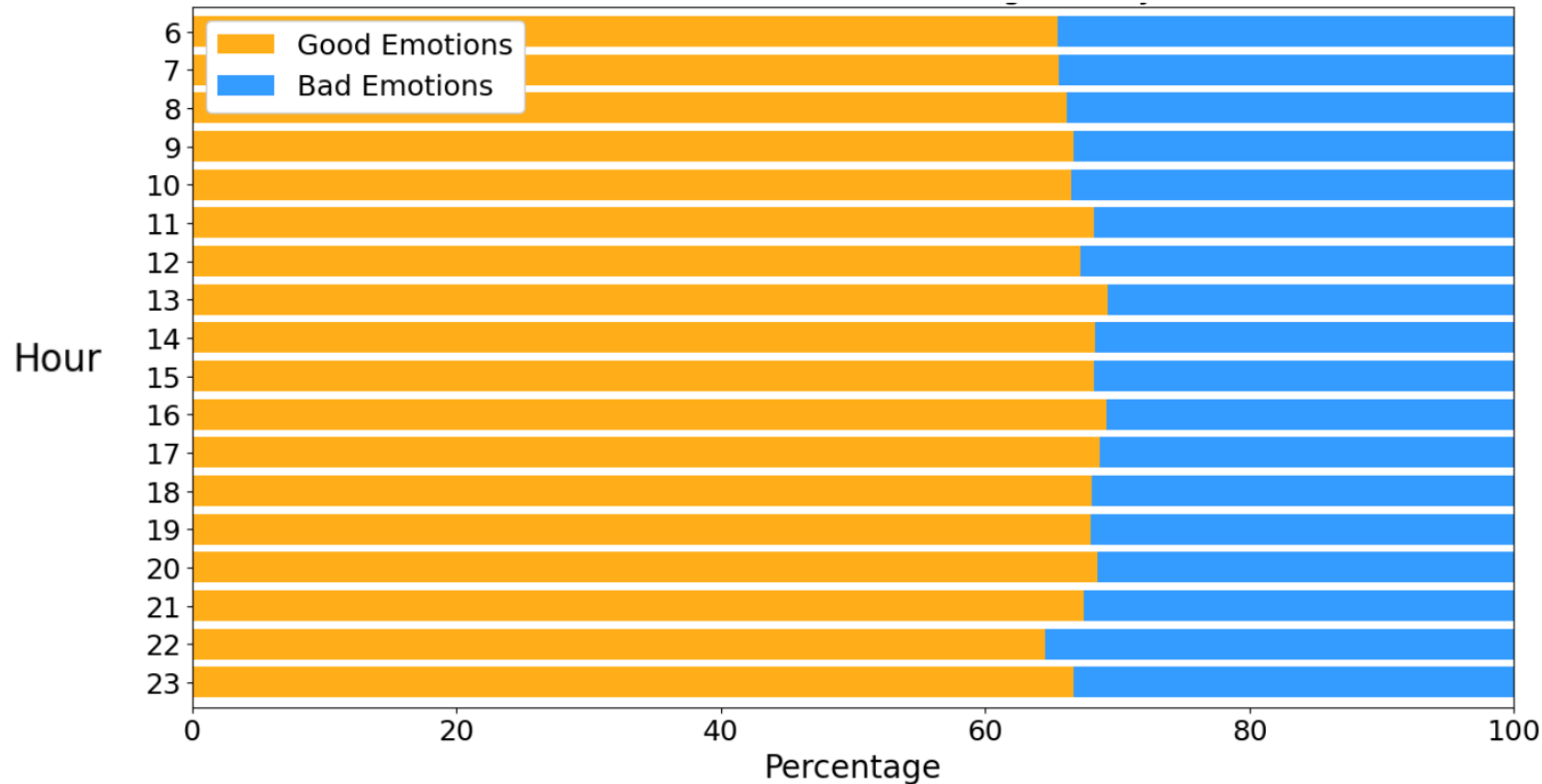
☹ We feel worse in the middle of the week



☺ We feel better during the weekend

Emotions in everyday life

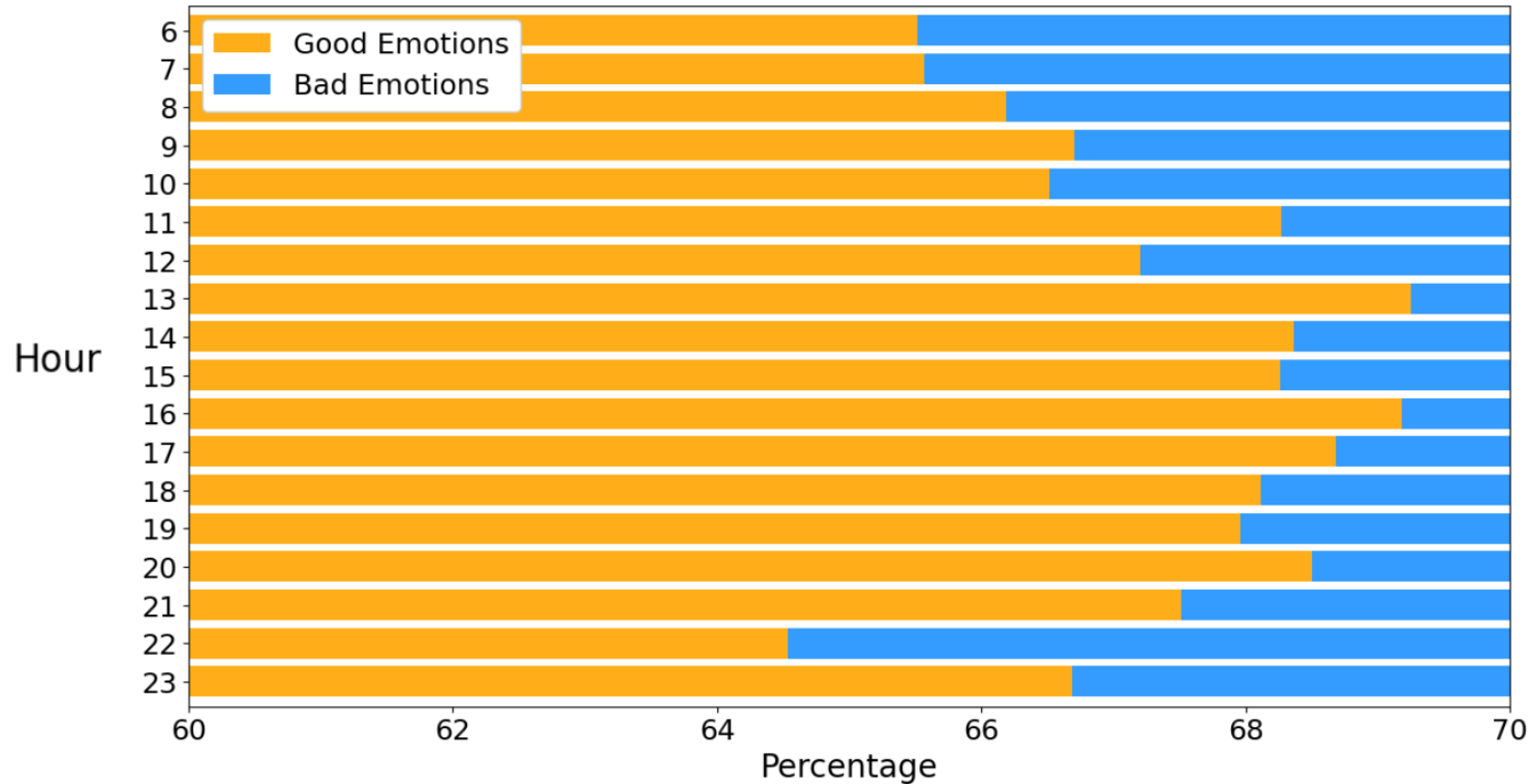
How do emotions change throughout the day?



- **Positive emotions dominate** – over 60% of time
- It seems that proportion of positive and negative emotions is not changing much during the day ...

Emotions in everyday life

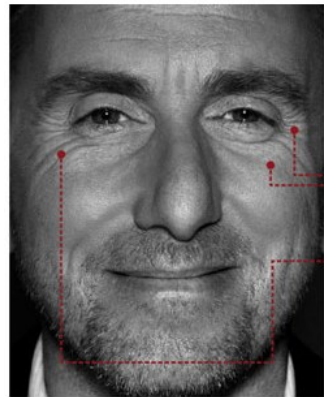
How do emotions change throughout the day?



... but if we zoom in we can see fluctuations during the day

What emotions can be detected?

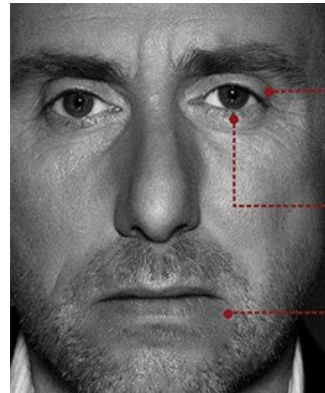
Universal facial expressions that we all use, even across cultural divides (research by Dr. Paul Ekman)



happiness

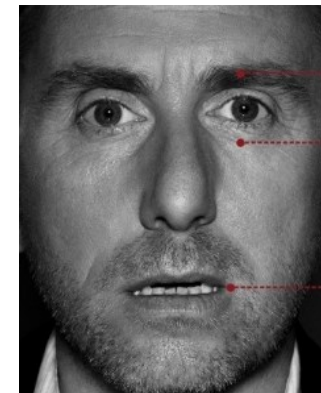
A real smile always includes:

- ① crow's feet wrinkles
- ② pushed up cheeks
- ③ movement from muscle that orbits the eye



sadness

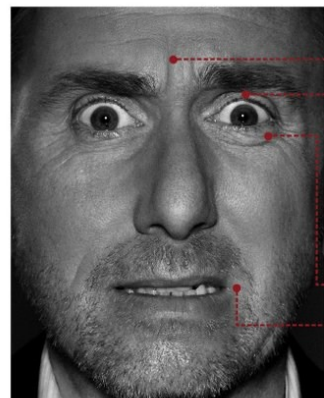
- ① drooping upper eyelids
- ② losing focus in eyes
- ③ slight pulling down of lip corners



surprise

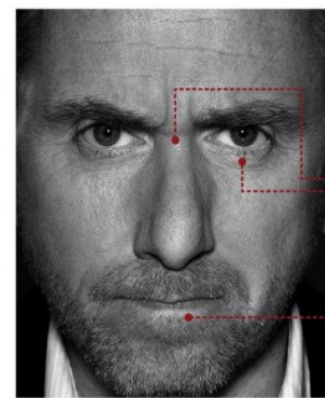
Lasts for only one second:

- ① eyebrows raised
- ② eyes widened
- ③ mouth open



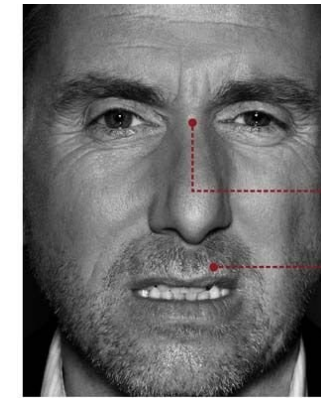
fear

- ① eyebrows raised and pulled together
- ② raised upper eyelids
- ③ tensed lower eyelids
- ④ lips slightly stretched horizontally back to ears



anger

- ① eyebrows down and together
- ② eyes glare
- ③ narrowing of the lips

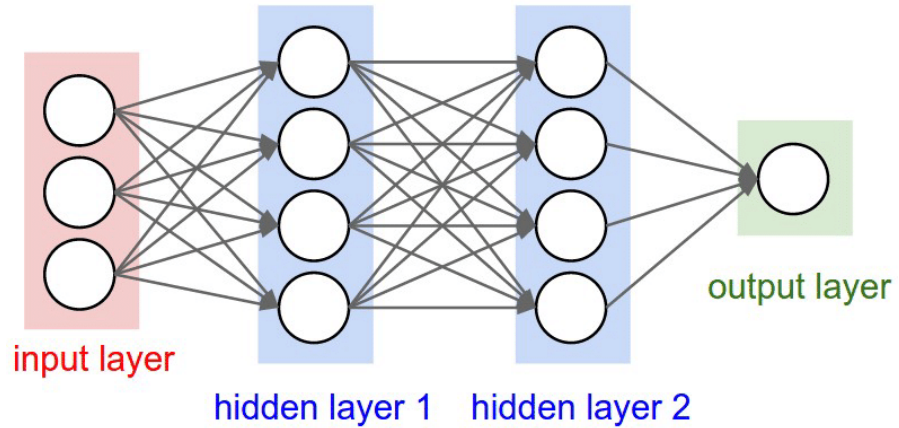


disgust

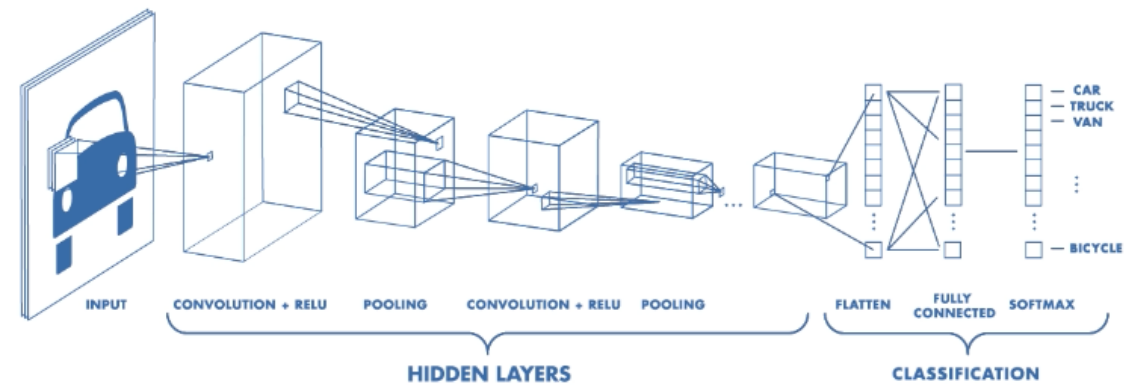
- ① nose wrinkling
- ② upper lip raised

How?

Deep Learning

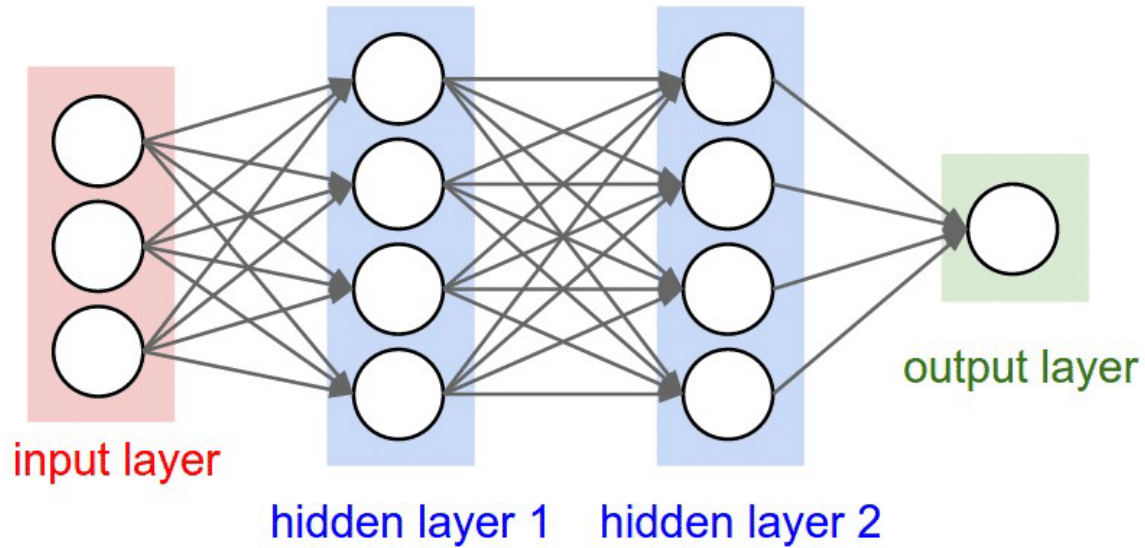


Convolutional Neural Networks



Pre-trained CNN model

Deep Learning



- Change all images to gray scale, put the same size
- Flatten the image before modeling
- Normalize values of pixels to be in range 0-1
- Split data into train and test set

```
model = Sequential([
    Dense(2048, activation='relu', input_shape=(img_size*img_size,)),
    Dense(1024, activation='relu'),
    Dense(512, activation='relu'),
    Dense(256, activation='relu'),
    Dense(128, activation='relu'),
    Dense(7, activation='softmax'),
])

model.compile(
    optimizer=Adam(learning_rate=0.001),
    loss='categorical_crossentropy',
    metrics=['accuracy'],
)

history = model.fit(
    X_train,
    to_categorical(y_train),
    epochs=20,
    batch_size=60,
)
```

Deep Learning

Testing of different parameters

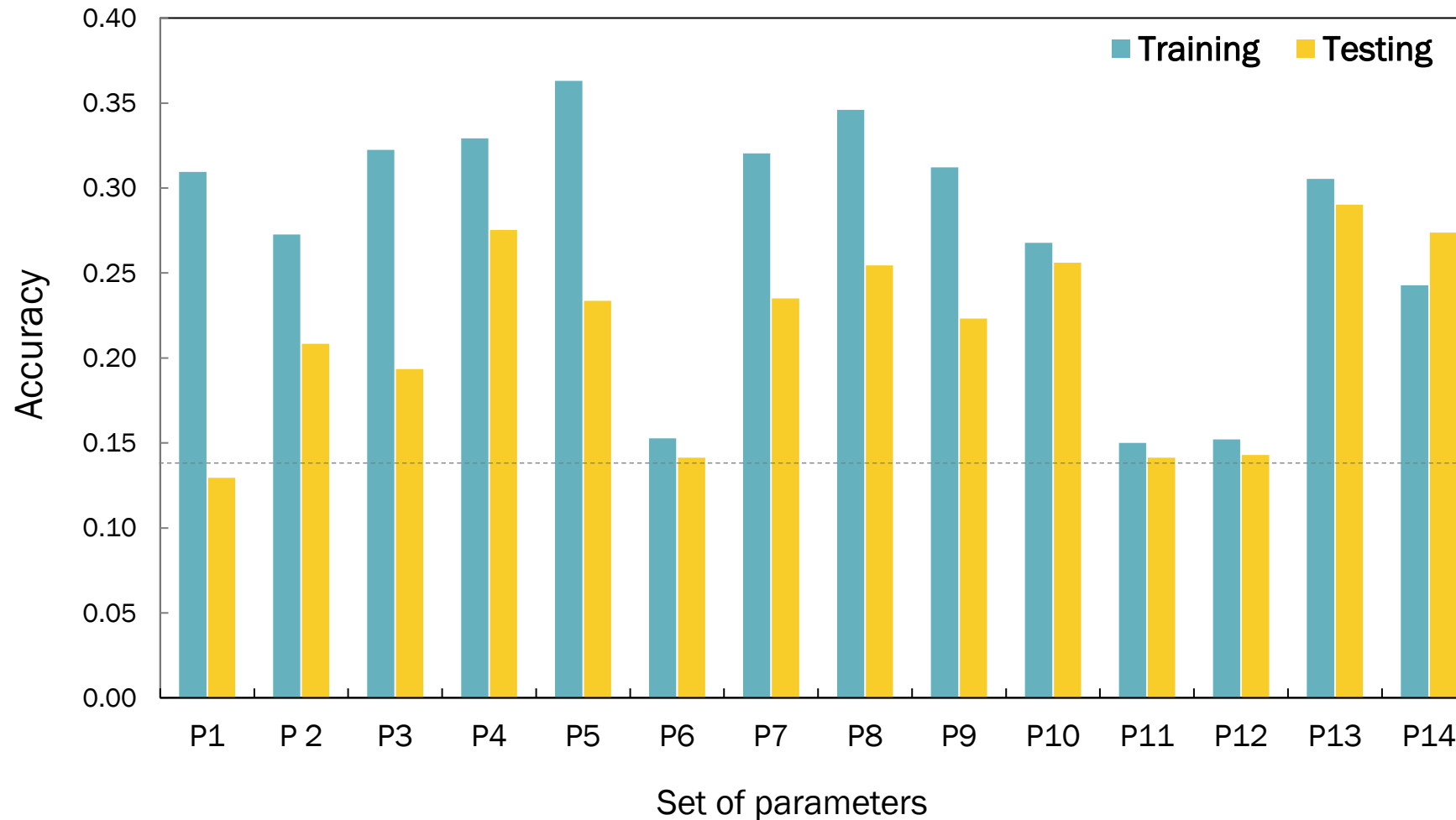
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P1	3	128/64/32	relu	0.001	10	50	1.79	0.31	6	1	1.95	0.13
P2	3	128/64/32	relu	0.001	10	60	1.86	0.27	5	1	2.21	0.21
P3	3	128/64/32	relu	0.001	15	60	1.76	0.32	5	1	2.09	0.19
P4	3	128/64/32	relu	0.001	20	60	1.74	0.33	5	2	1.89	0.28
P5	3	128/64/32	relu	0.001	30	60	1.68	0.36	5	3	1.95	0.23
P6	3	128/64/32	relu	0.01	20	60	1.95	0.15	5	2	1.95	0.14
P7	3	128/64/32	relu	0.0001	20	60	1.74	0.32	6	2	1.92	0.24
P8	3	256 / 64 / 32	relu	0.001	20	60	1.72	0.35	7	2	2.13	0.25
P9	4	256/128/64/32	relu	0.001	20	60	1.77	0.31	7	2	1.94	0.22
P10	5	256/128/64/32/16	relu	0.001	20	60	1.81	0.27	8	3	1.87	0.26
P11	6	512/128/64/32/16	relu	0.001	20	60	1.95	1.95	16	5	1.95	0.14
P12	6	512/128/64/32/16	sigmoid	0.001	20	60	1.95	0.15	14	5	1.95	0.14
P13	5	1024/512/256/128/64	relu	0.001	20	60	1.77	0.31	26	9	1.84	0.29
P14	5	2048/1024/512/256/128	relu	0.001	20	60	1.87	0.24	50	17	1.86	0.27

224x224 pixels

Deep Learning

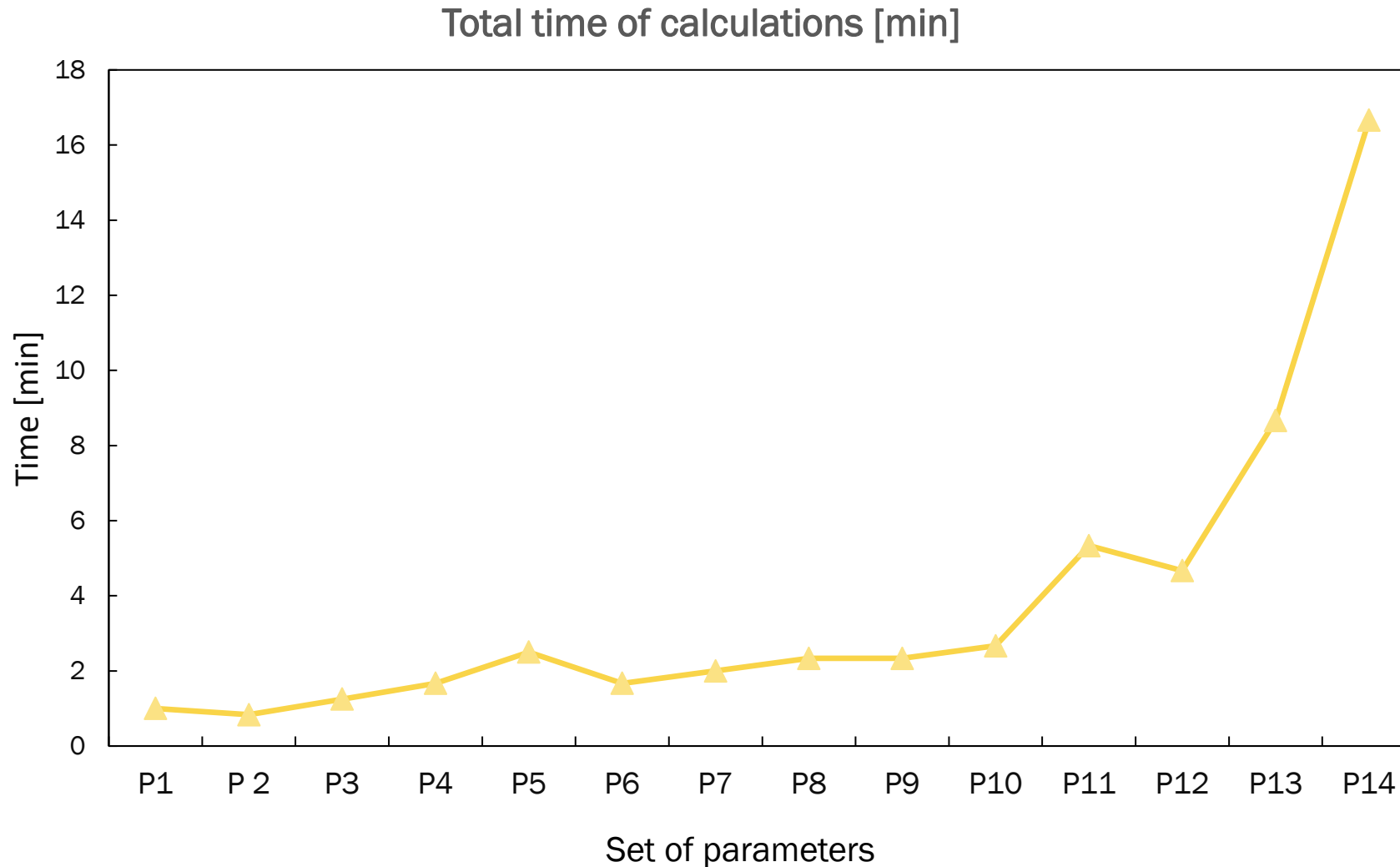
224x224 pixels

Accuracy of deep learning models with different parameters



Deep Learning

224x224 pixels



Deep Learning

Decrease the image size to speed up calculations?

64x64 pixels

Nr. layers	Nuerons/layer	Activation	Learning rate	Epochs	Batch_size	Training loss	Training accuracy	Time/epoch [s]	Total time [min]	Test loss	Testing accuracy
5	2048/1024/512/256/128	relu	0.001	20	60	1.80	0.26	6	6	1.86	0.25
6	2048/1024/512/256/128/64					1.77	0.28	6	6	1.88	0.24
6	4096/2048/1024/512/256/128					1.95	0.15	15	15	1.95	0.14
7	4096/2048/1024/512/256/128/64					1.85	0.22	15	15	1.88	0.20
3+damping	512/d0.5/256/d0.5/128/d0.5					1.95	0.15	2	2	1.95	0.14

Deep Learning

Decrease the image size to speed up calculations?

64x64 pixels

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6	2048/1024/512/256/128/64					1.77	0.28	6	6	1.88	0.24
6	4096/2048/1024/512/256/128					1.95	0.15	15	15	1.95	0.14
7	4096/2048/1024/512/256/128/64					1.85	0.22	15	15	1.88	0.20
3+damping	512/d0.5/256/d0.5/128/d0.5					1.95	0.15	2	2	1.95	0.14
5	2048/1024/512/256/128	relu	0.001	20	60	1.87	0.24	50	17	1.86	0.27

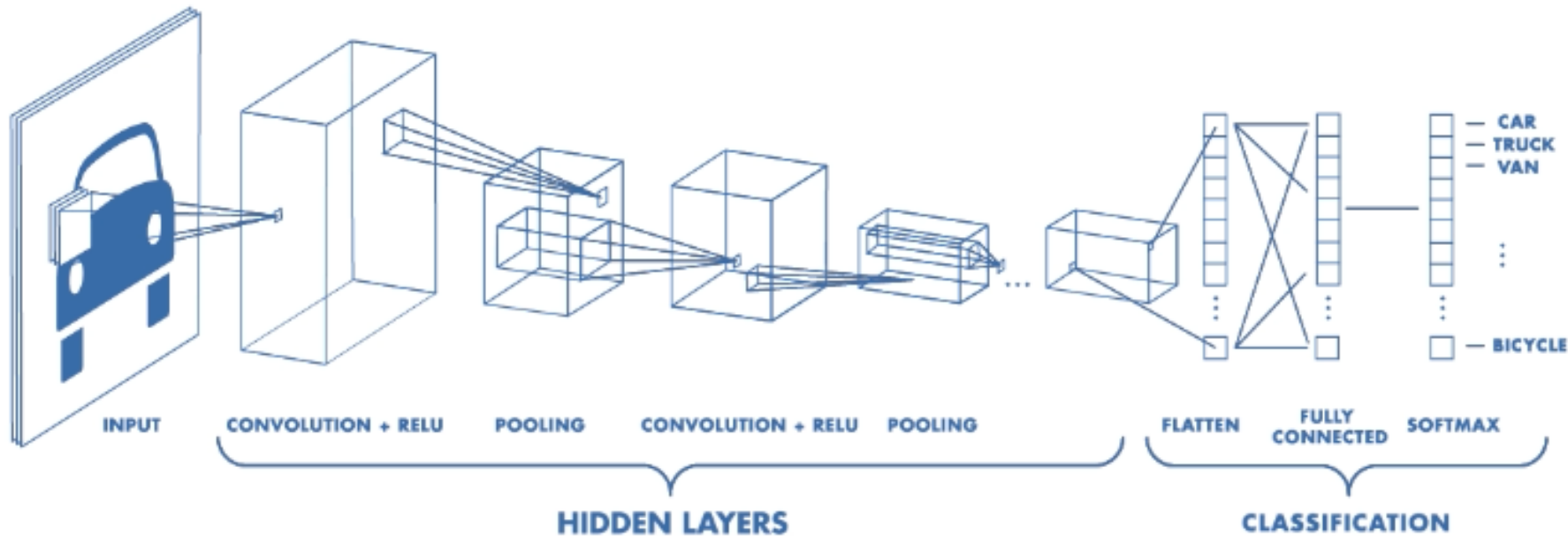
224x224 pixels

With smaller image size the **accuracy was similar**, and the **calculation were faster**

However, making the model more complex leads to a decrease in accuracy ...

Convolutional Neural Networks

Specially designed to work with images



CNNs can retain spatial information as they take the images in the original format.

Convolutional Neural Networks



- No need of flattening the images
- Change all images to gray scale, resize
- Normalize values of pixels to be in range 0-1
- Split data into train and test set

Convolutional Neural Networks

- Try different models

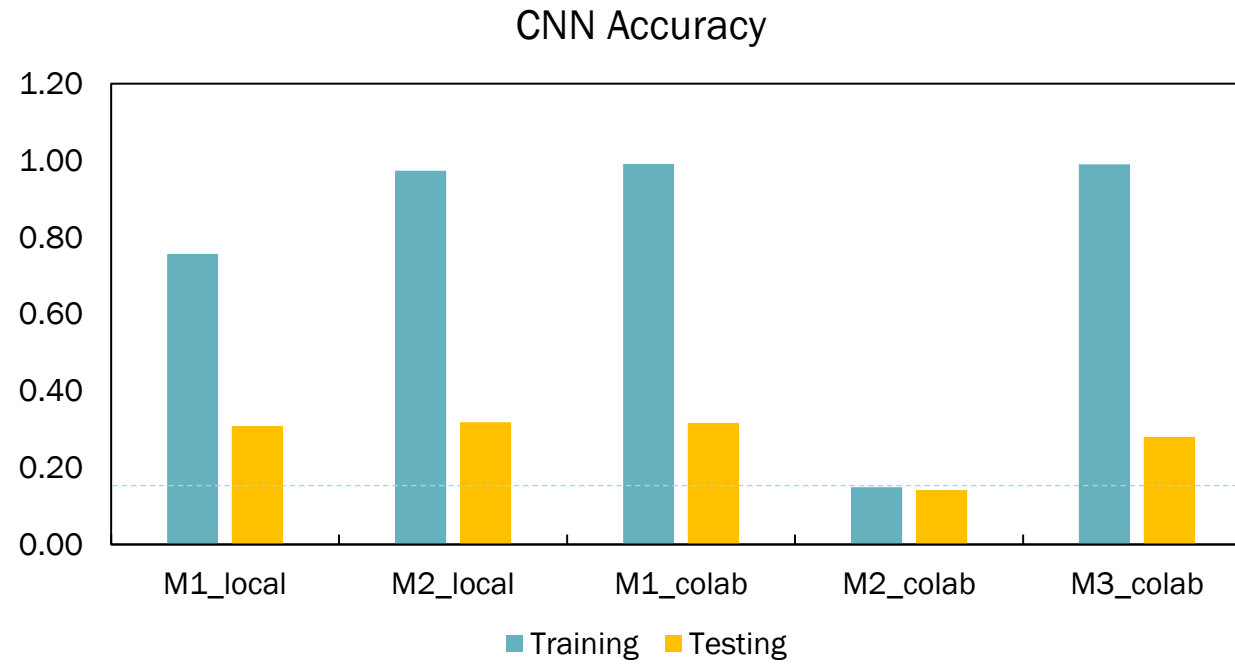
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Model 1	colab	relu	0.001	30	64	0.04	0.99	18.00	9.00	4.64	0.32
Model 2	colab	relu	0.001	50	64	1.95	0.15	16.00	13.33	1.95	0.14
Model 3	colab	relu	0.001	50	32	0.03	0.99	33.00	27.50	3.79	0.28
Model 4	batch normalization	stopped 22 out of 50 epoch memory issues		50	32	0.05	0.99	43.00	15.77	3.30	0.30
Model 5	with padding										
Model 6	data augmentation										

memory issues, end of free limit on colab...

Convolutional Neural Networks

- Overfitting?



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Pre-trained CNN model

Load pre-trained CNN model

```
base_model = MobileNetV2(weights='imagenet', include_top=False, input_shape=(224, 224, 3))
```

Take input layer, and one of the last output layers

```
base_input = base_model.layers[0].input  
base_output = base_model.layers[-3].output
```

Modify last layers to train on new data

```
final_output = GlobalAveragePooling2D()(base_output)  
final_output = layers.Dense(128, activation='relu')(final_output)  
final_output = layers.Dense(64, activation='relu')(final_output)  
final_output = layers.Dense(7, activation='softmax')(final_output)  
  
new_model = keras.Model(inputs=base_input, outputs=final_output)
```

- Pre-trained on color images, expected format (img_size, img_size, 3)
- Issues with image format....
- Not so good results:

accuracy: 0.265

time: 50 min

Summary

Models

- CNN little bit better than Deep Learning
- Pre-trained models did not help much
- The best accuracy up to 0.3
- Not so easy to tune parameters
- Problems with overfitting in CNN

What can be improved?

- Increase data set to avoid overfitting or
- Use in built methods for data augmentation
- For emotion recognition - include facial features and not just compare full image
- Go beyond basic emotions.

Is AI good in recognizing human emotions?

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