



# Machine Learning

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# Announcements

- Welcome Fermilab/LPC participants!
- So far
  - Course Introduction/Syllabus
  - Python Primer
    - course github
  - Please join Slack

# Outline

- What is Machine Learning?
  - In Theory
  - In Practice

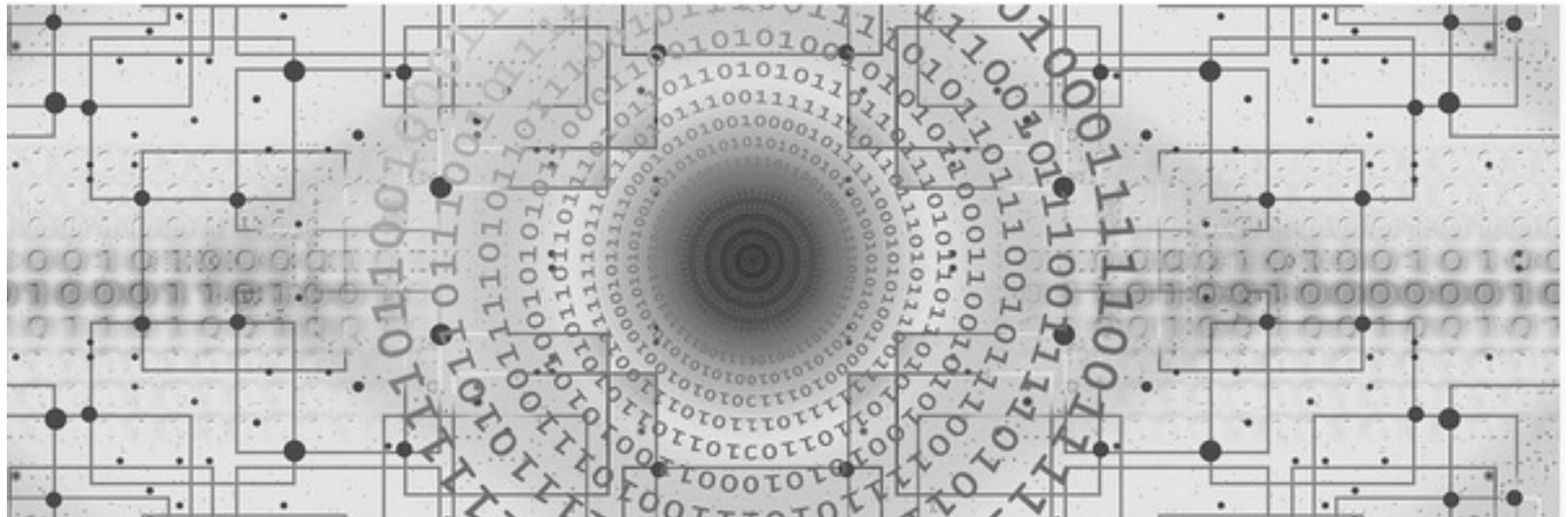


# Machine Learning Introduction

# Machine Learning

**“Learning is any process by which a system improves performance from experience.”**

**- Herbert Simon**



# Machine Learning

## What is Machine Learning?

- Study of algorithms that improve their performance **P** for a given task **T** with more experience **E**

**Sample tasks: identifying faces, dark matter**

# Machine Learning

Is particularly useful when:

- Humans cannot explain their expertise or no good solution exists
- Models require significant fine-tuning
- There is a fluctuating environment
- Software is too complex to write by hand

# Machine Learning

## Excellent Tasks for Machine Learning:

- Recognizing patterns (Pattern Recognition)
- Generating patterns (Generative Modeling)
- Identifying anomalies (Anomaly detection)
- Making Predictions (Forecasting)

# In Computer Science

**Already the preferred approach to:**

- Speech recognition, natural language processing
- Computer vision, Robot control
- Medical outcomes analysis



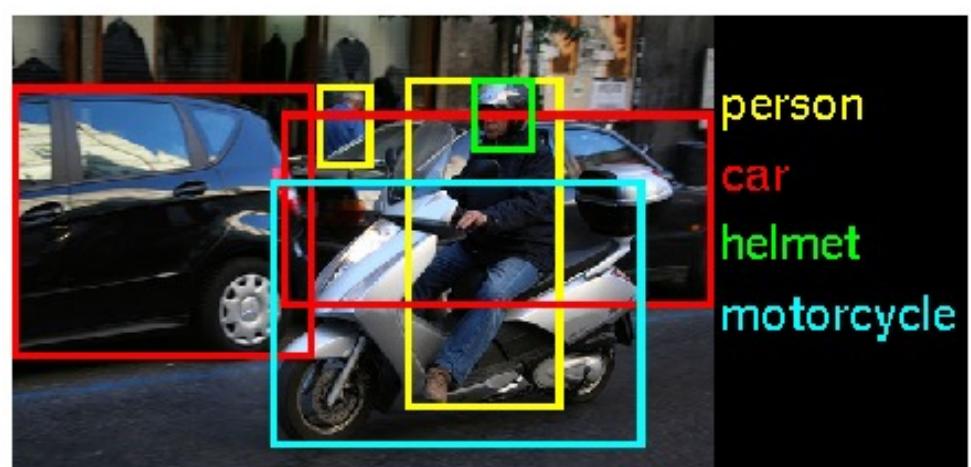
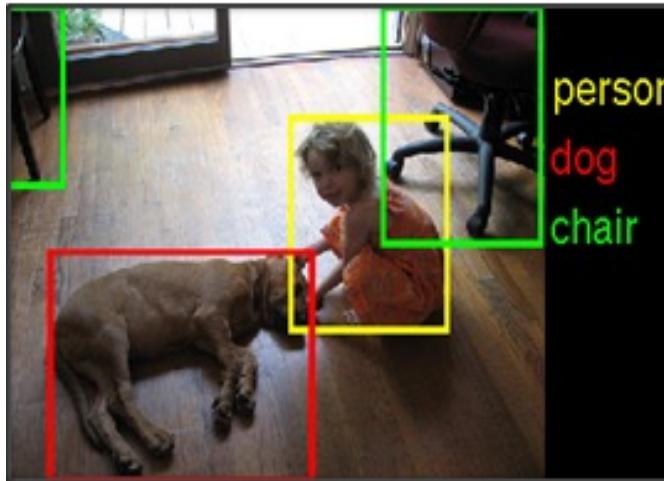
**Growing fast**

- Improved algorithms
- Increased data capture

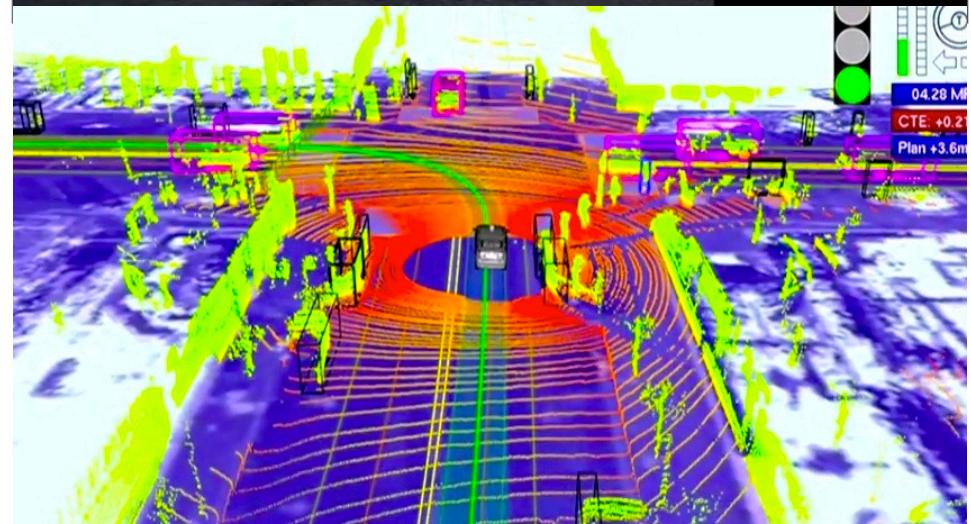
# Sample Applications

- Spam detection
- Engineering
- Science
- Robotics
- Social Networks
- Finance
- Genetics
- Games
- Add Your Favorite Application

# Examples



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# Examples

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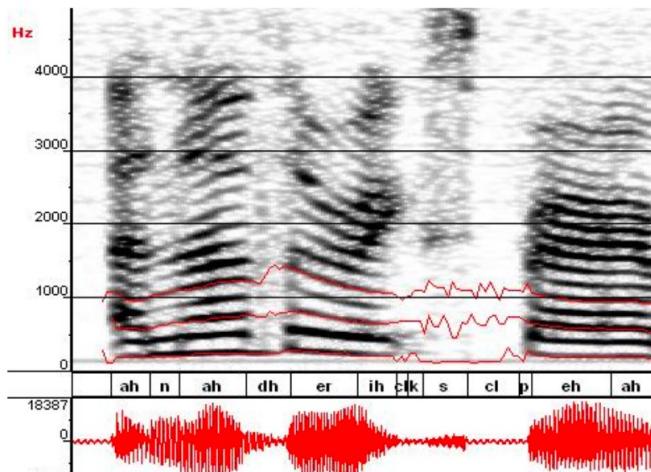
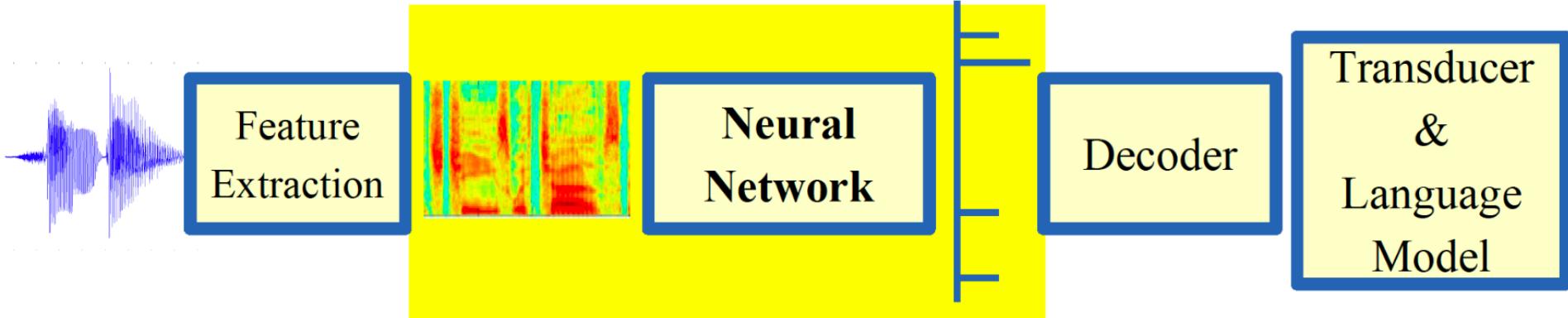
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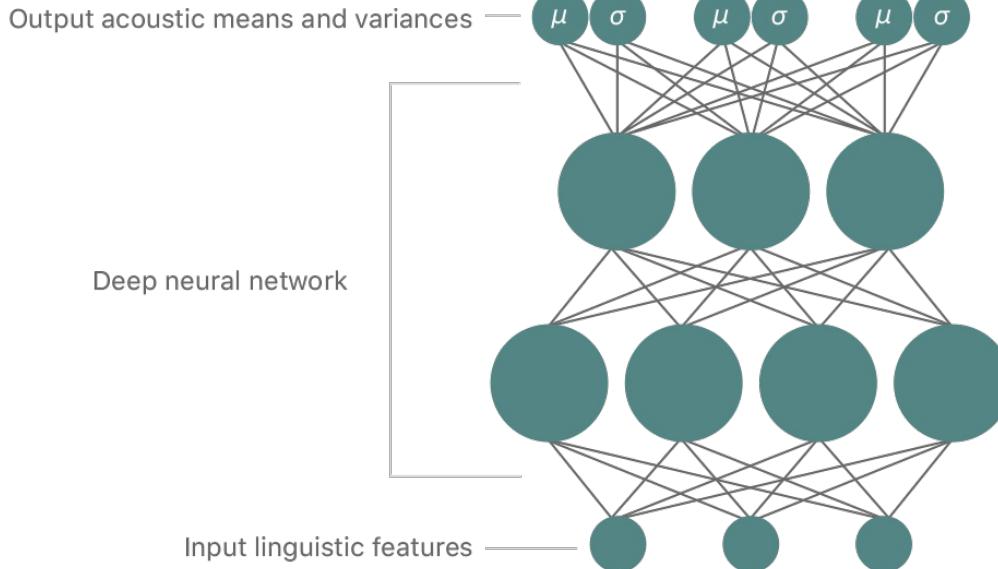
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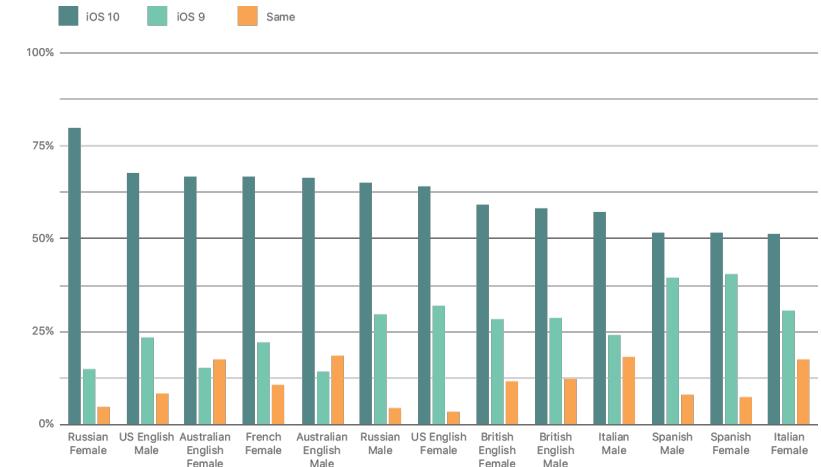
## Typical Speech Recognition System

# Hidden Layers	1	2	4	8	10	12
Word Error Rate %	16.0	12.8	11.4	10.9	11.0	11.1

# Examples



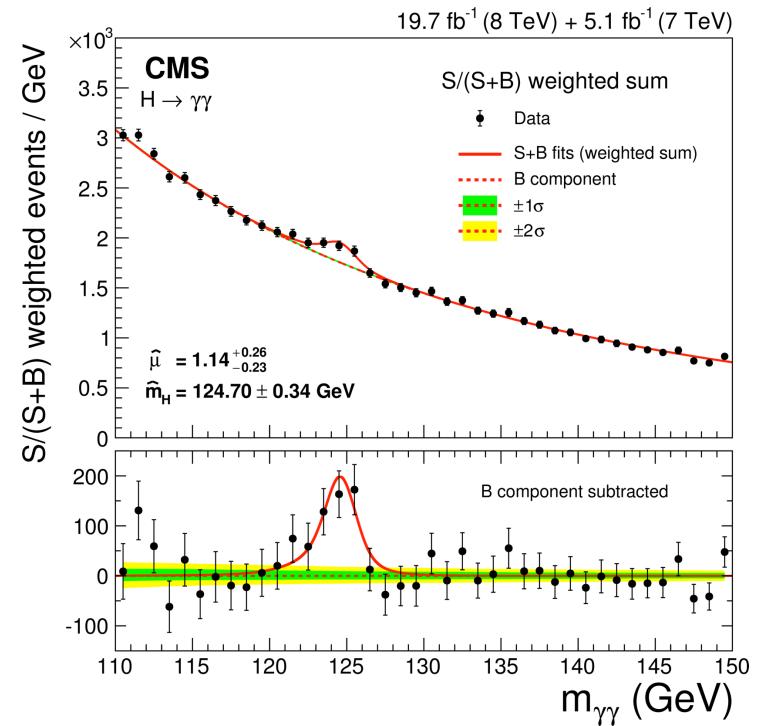
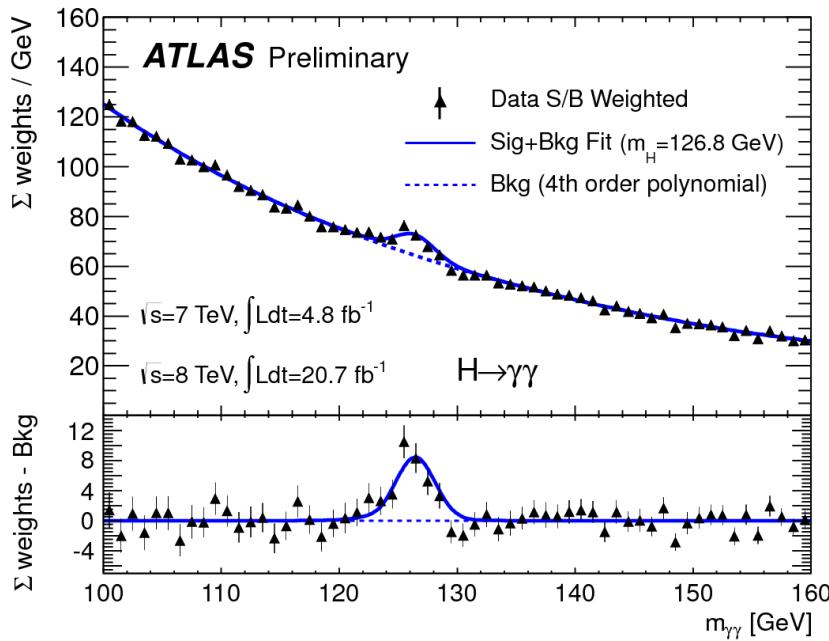
Deep Learning  
Siri's voice



# Higgs Boson Discovery



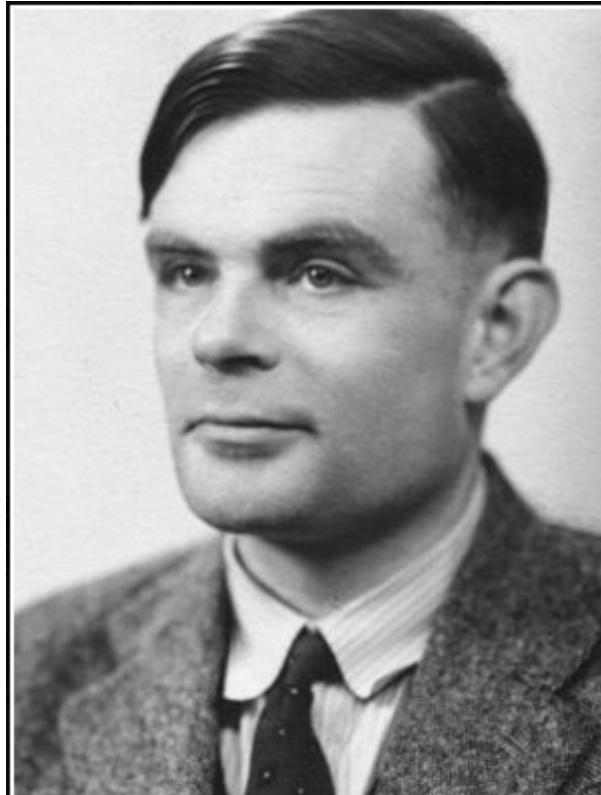
# Higgs to di-photons



**ATLAS**

# History

**Human Computers - people who perform calculations - first mentioned in 1613**



The idea behind digital computers may be explained by saying that these machines are intended to carry out any operations which could be done by a human computer.

— *Alan Turing* —

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# History

## “Human Computers”



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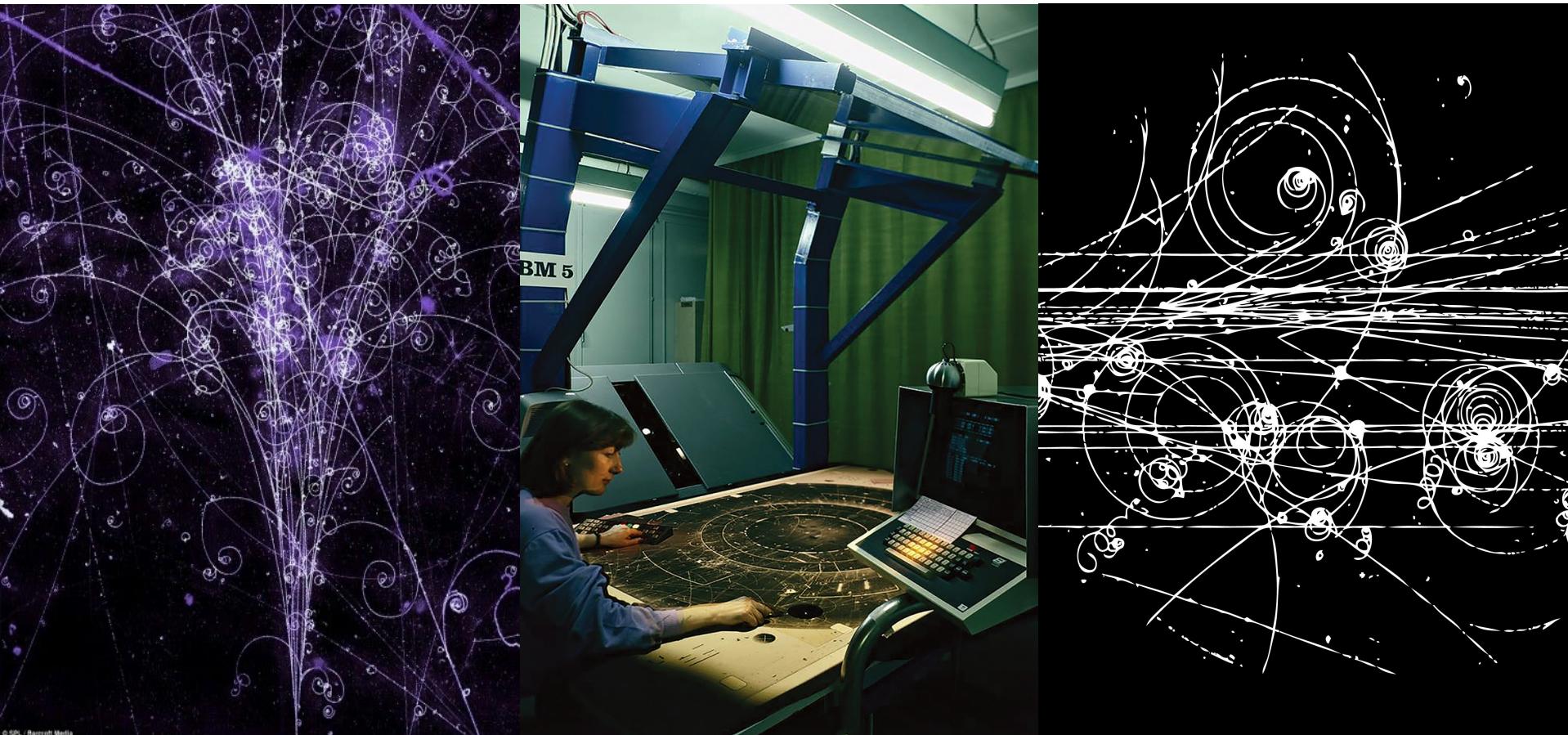
Human Computers: The  
Women of NASA

# Human Computers



Dorothy Vaughan (left), Lessie Hunter (center)

# Human Computers

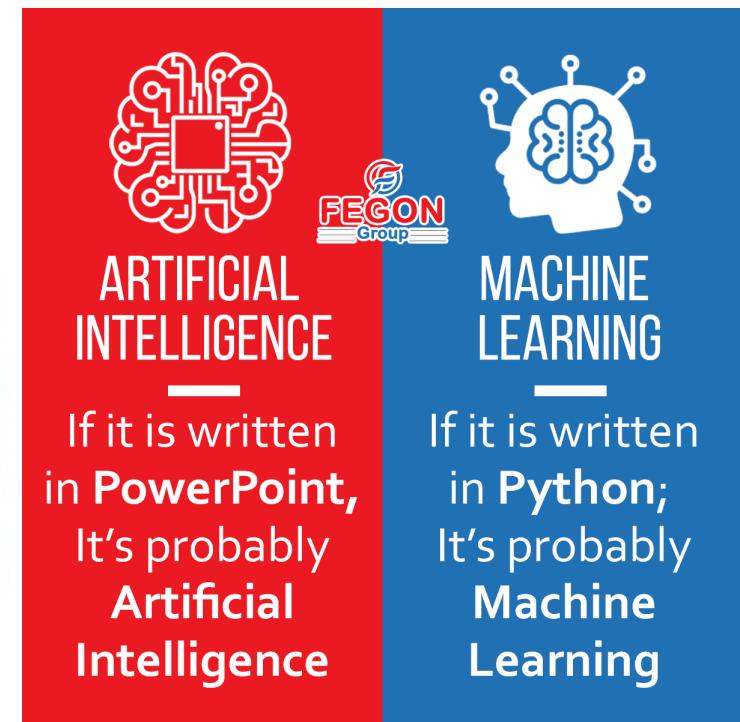
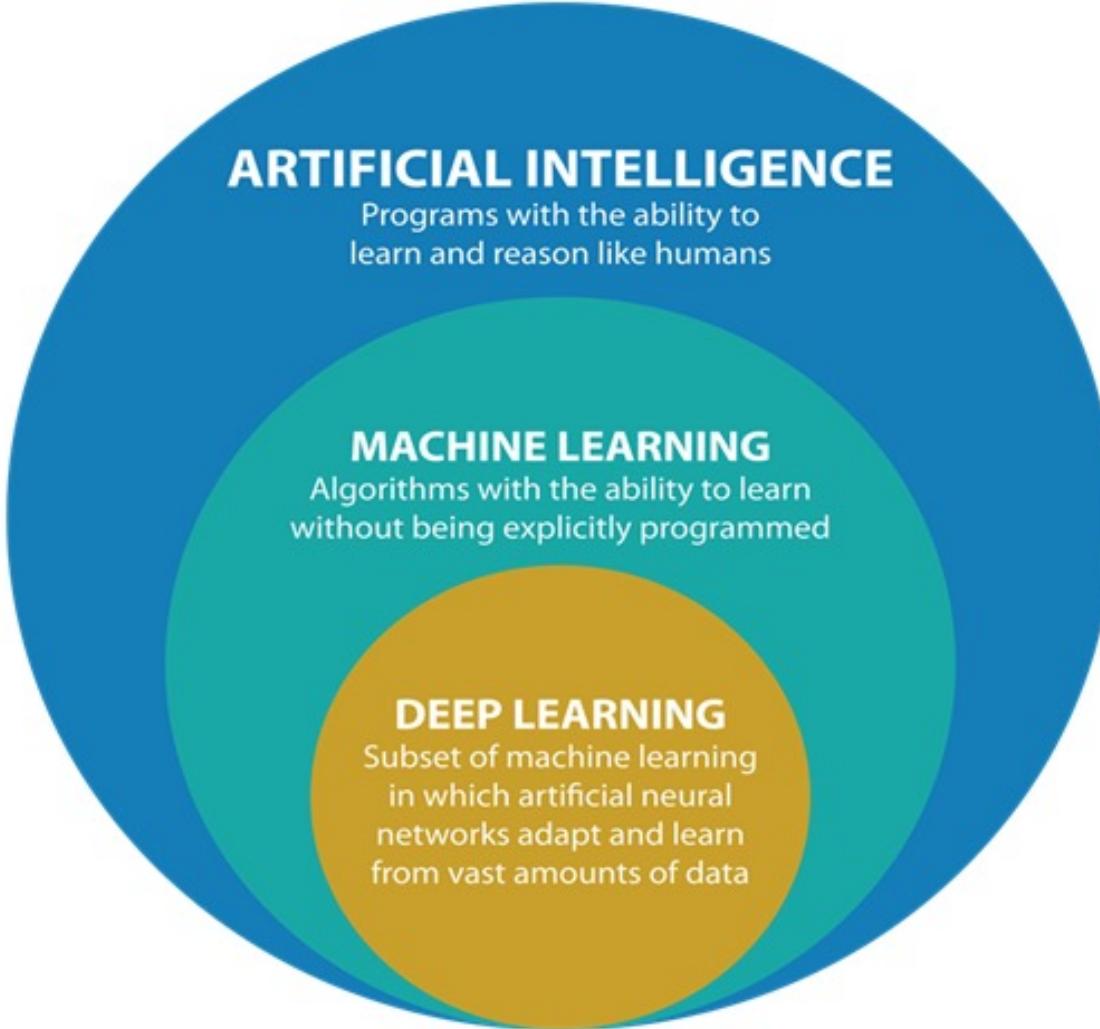


## Bubble Chamber Photographs and Human Scanners

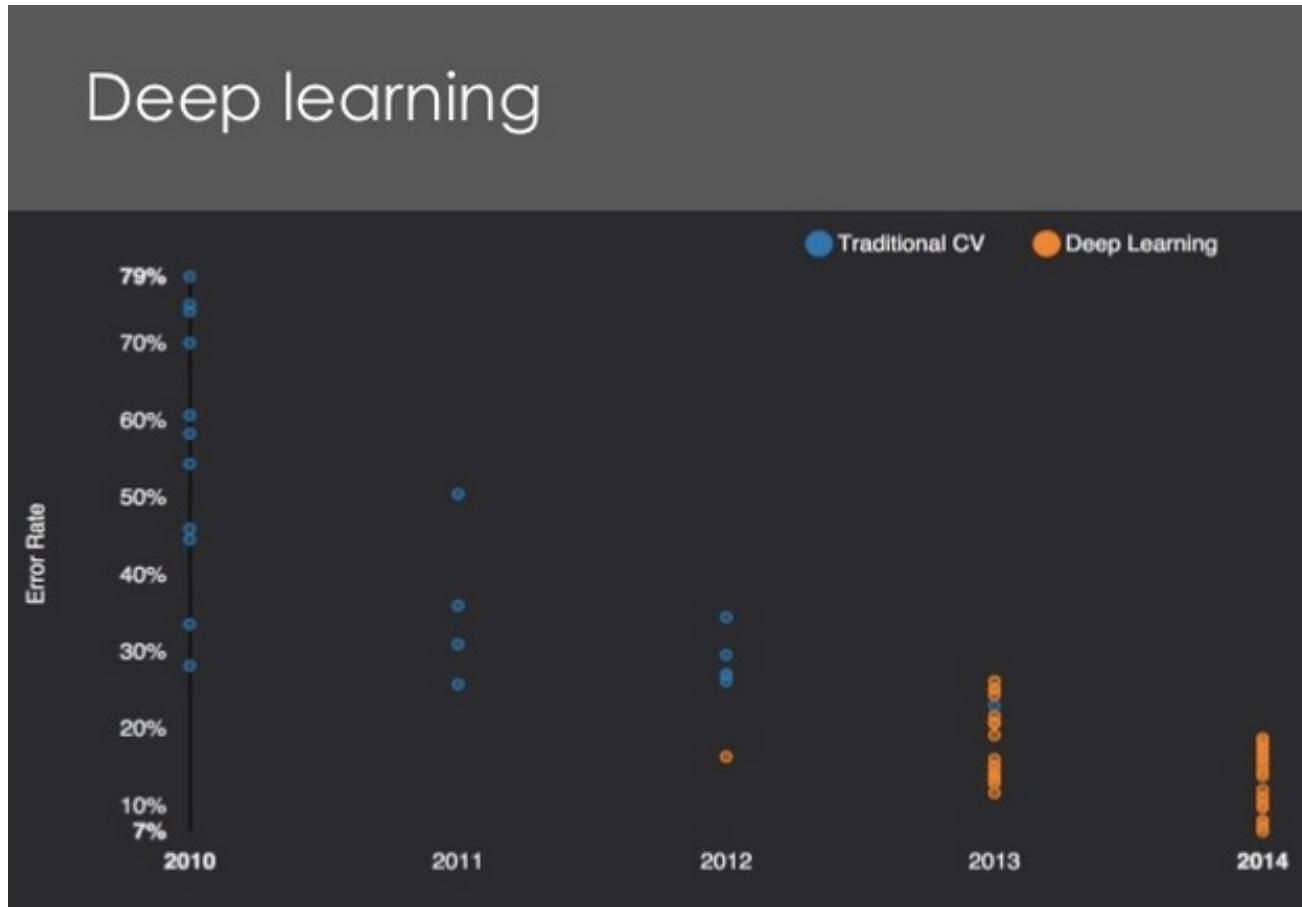
# Recent History

- 1950** Turing Test (Turing)
- 1950s:** First ML methods invented
- 1956** AI coined as a field (Minsky, Shannon et al.)
- 1958** Invention of Perceptron (Frank Rosenblatt)
- 1959** Machine Learning term first used (Arthur Samuel)
- 1960-80s:** Slow growth, focus on knowledge
- 1990s:** Growth of computing power, new learning methods, data-centric
- 2000-10s:** Wider use in research and industry
- 2010s:** Deep learning improvement, dedicated hardware
- 2020s:** Scaling, transformers, mainstream

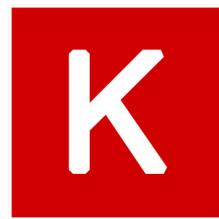
# “AI” Taxonomy



# Diving Deeper

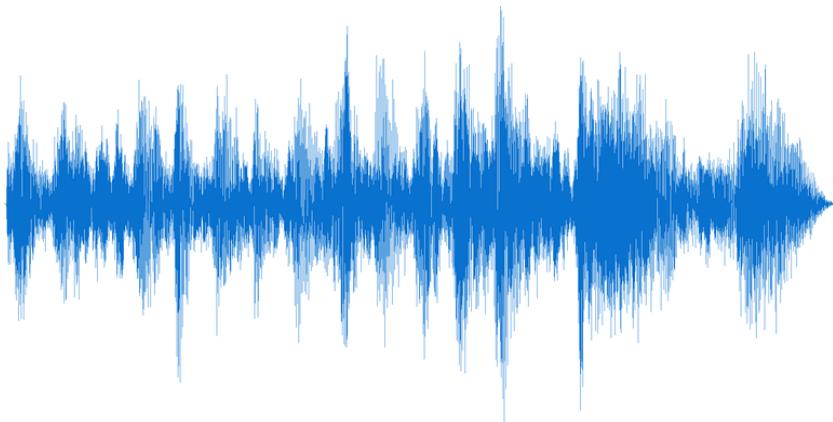


# ML Tools



# Data Types

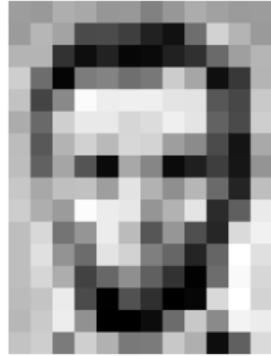
Audio:



$[x^1 \ x^2 \ x^3 \dots x^i]^T$   
waveform heights

# Data Types

Images:



197	153	174	168	150	152	129	151	172	161	155	166
155	182	163	74	76	62	93	17	110	210	180	154
180	180	50	14	54	6	10	33	48	106	159	181
206	109	6	124	131	111	120	204	166	15	56	180
194	68	137	28	237	239	230	228	227	87	71	201
172	106	207	233	233	214	220	239	228	98	74	206
188	88	179	269	185	215	211	158	199	76	20	169
189	97	165	84	10	168	134	11	31	62	22	148
199	168	191	191	158	227	178	143	182	106	36	190
205	174	155	262	236	231	149	178	228	43	95	234
190	216	116	149	236	187	85	150	79	38	218	241
190	233	147	198	227	210	127	103	36	101	255	224
190	214	173	56	103	143	95	50	2	109	249	216
187	196	235	75	1	81	47	0	6	217	295	211
183	202	237	143	0	0	12	108	200	138	243	236
195	206	123	207	177	121	123	200	175	13	36	218

$[x^{11} \ x^{12} \dots x^{1n} \ x^{21} \ x^{22} \dots]^T$   
pixel intensities

# Data Types

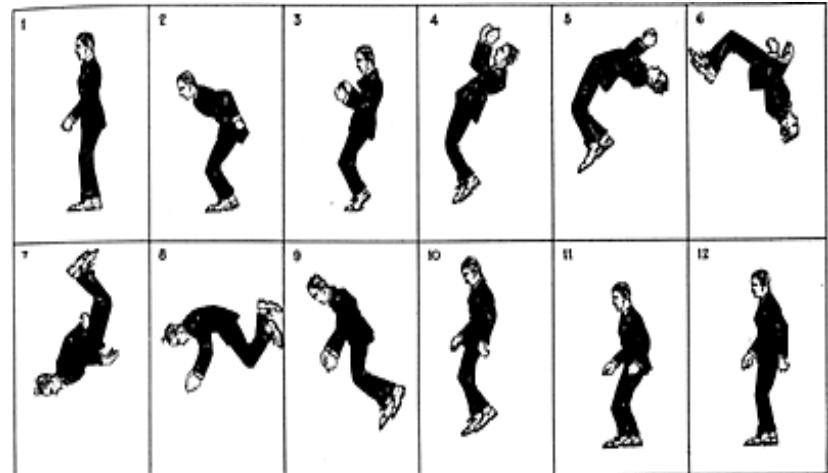
## Text:

URGENT Your grandson was arrested last night in Mexico. Need bail money immediately Western Union Wire \$9,500  
<http://goo.gl/ndf4g5>

Wells Fargo Bank: Your account is temporarily locked. Please log in at <http://goo.gl/2a234> to secure your account.

# Data Types

Video:



# Machine Learning

## General Approach:

Given **training** data  $T_D = \{y, x\} = (y, x)_1 \dots (y, x)_N$ ,

**function space**  $\{f\}$  and a  
**constraint** on these functions

Teach a machine to learn the **mapping**  $y = f(x)$

# Machine Learning

**Find hypothesis that minimizes the error**

Function Space  $\mathcal{F} = \{ f(x, w) \}$

possibly constrained

Loss Function  $L$

**Learn  $y = f(x)$**

- By minimizing empirical risk, computed from the loss function on a known set of training data
  - **How far are estimated values from true values?**

# Machine Learning

**Empirical because we can only access a subset of the domain (training data)**

“inductive learning”

- How well does the solution **generalize** to instances the model has not seen during training

# Machine Learning

## What type of function is $f$ ?

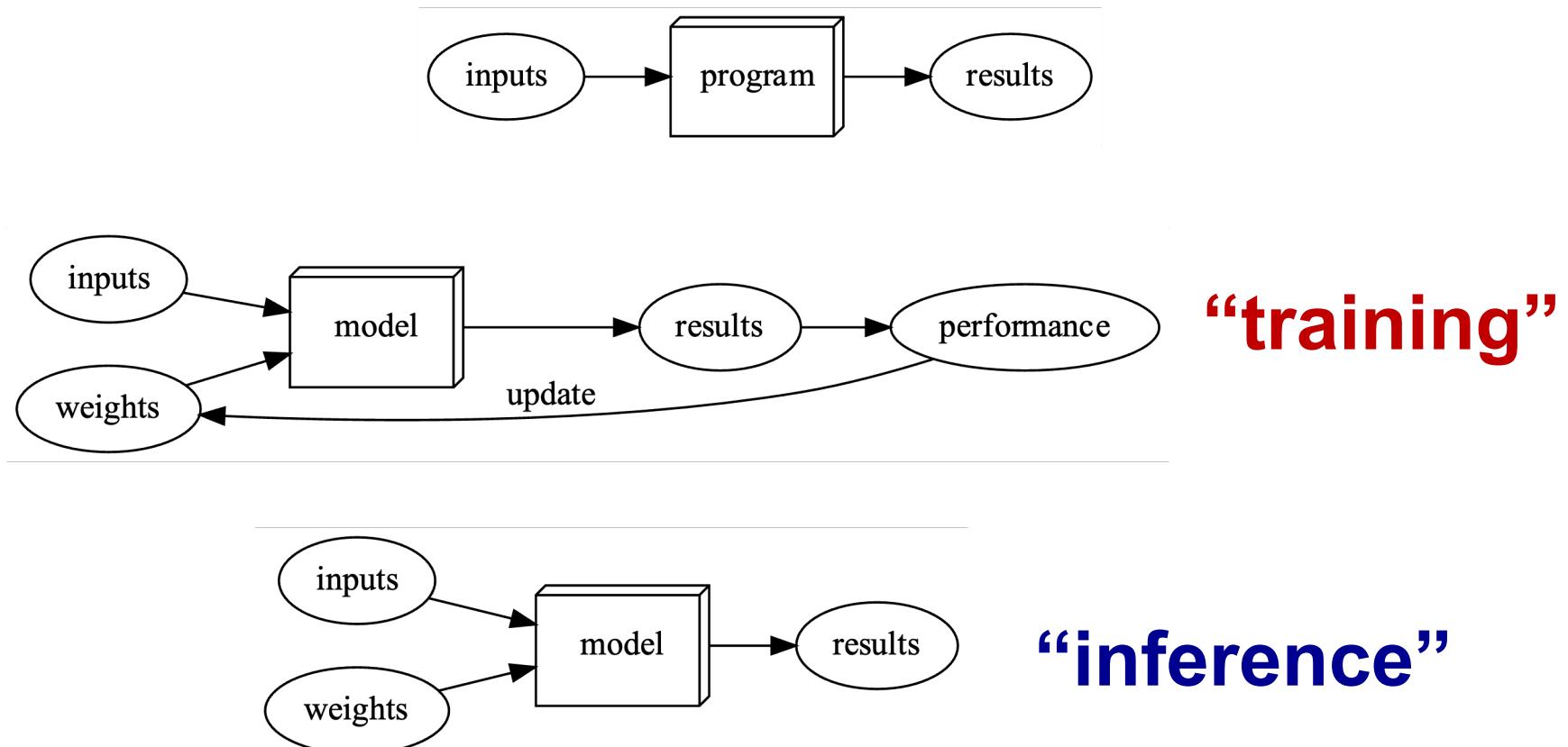
- Neural networks, decision trees, etc. are part of a set of possible functions (Hypothesis Class  $H$ )
- Every good machine learning algorithm has to make assumptions in order to generalize
  - No Free Lunch Theorem
  - No single ML algorithm works for every setting
    - can't always "run the football"

# Machine Learning

## Loss function is something you can choose

- Many machine learning algorithms use a particular type of loss function
  - i.e. quadratic loss  $[y - f(x, w)]^2$
  - absolute loss  $|y - f(x, w)|$
- Largely depends on what you are trying to accomplish
  - Classification, regression...
  - We will study types of **loss functions** in more detail next time

# Pictorially



# Today's plan

- Colab and Python Primer
- Hands-on exercise #0
  - Python basics
  - Due on Tue 01/22 at 1pm