



# CS 540 Introduction to Artificial Intelligence Course Overview

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Fall 2023



# Today's outline

- What's in CS540
- Course logistics
- Software

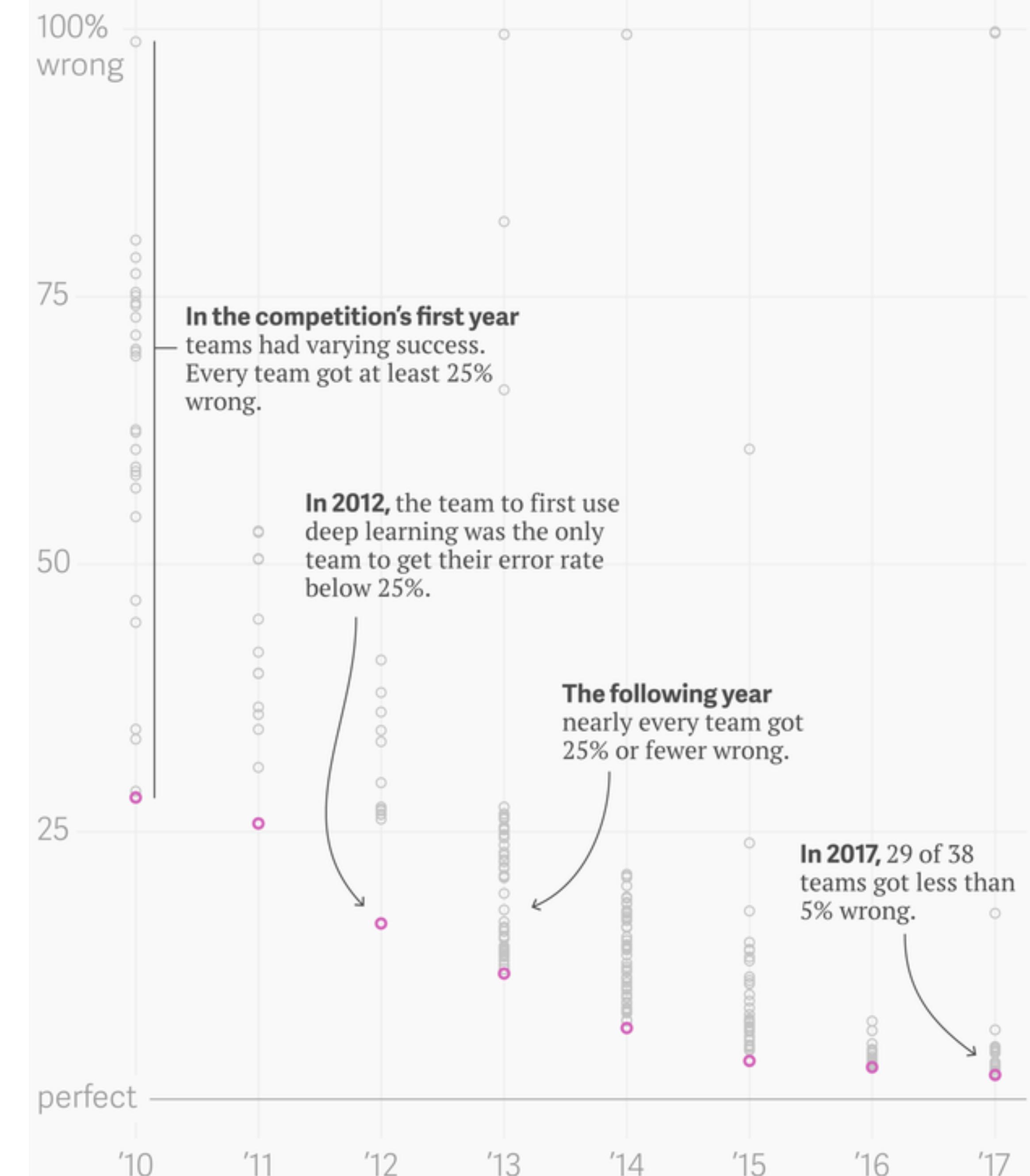


# Part I: Course overview

# Classify Images



ImageNet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge results



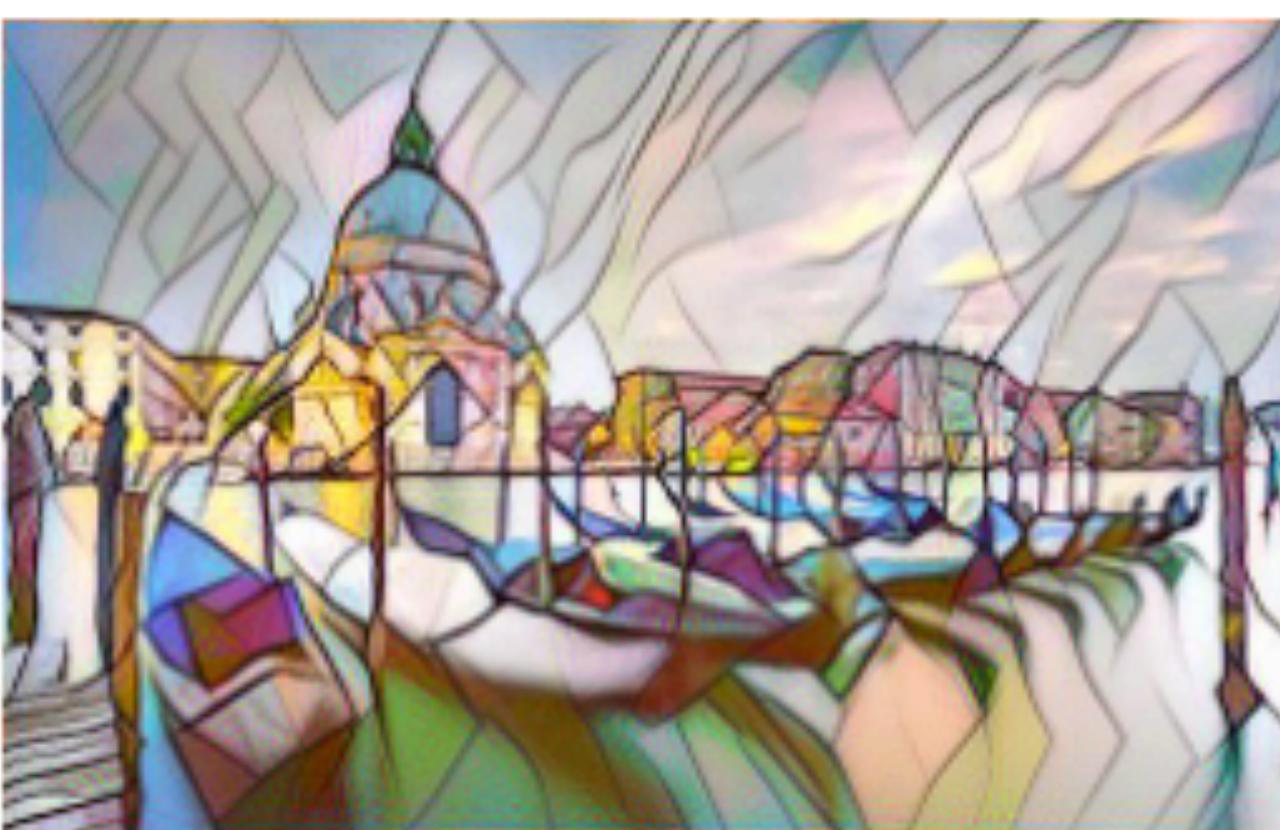
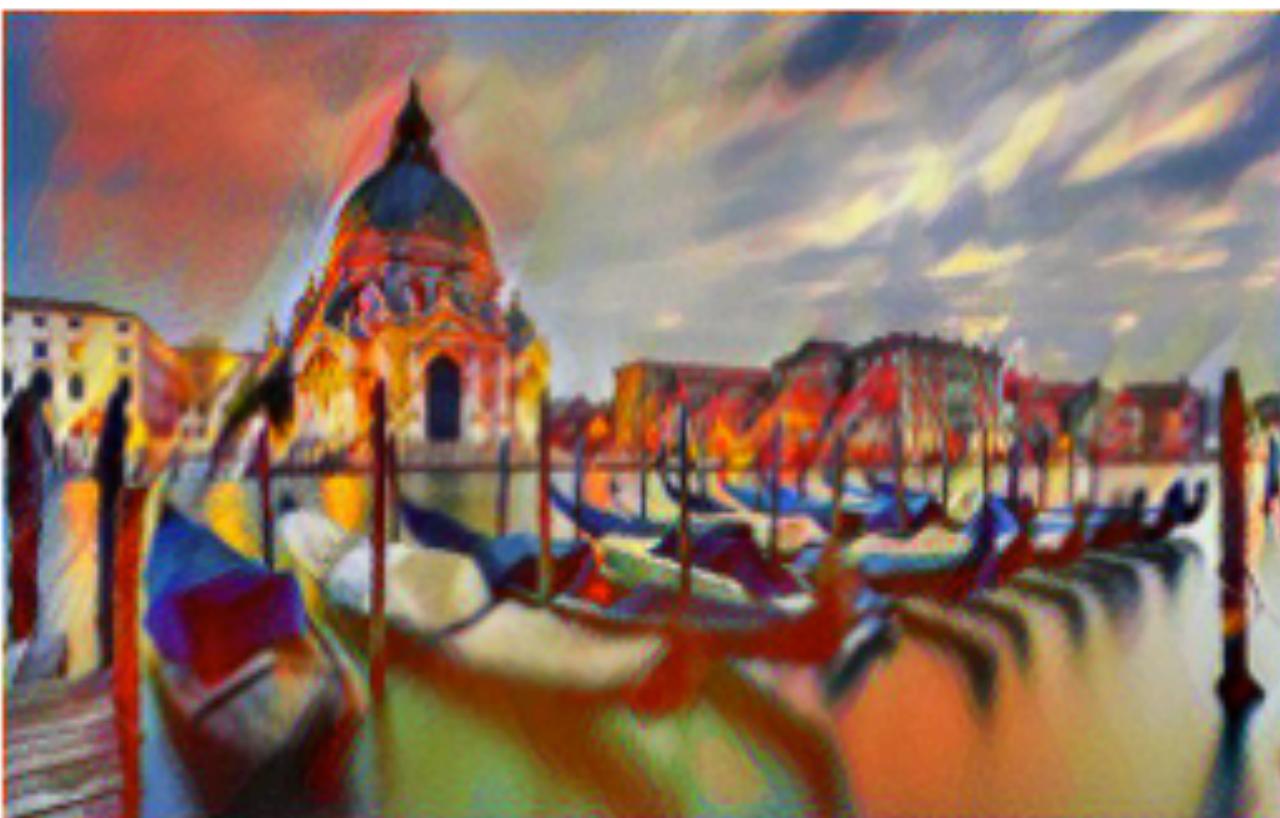
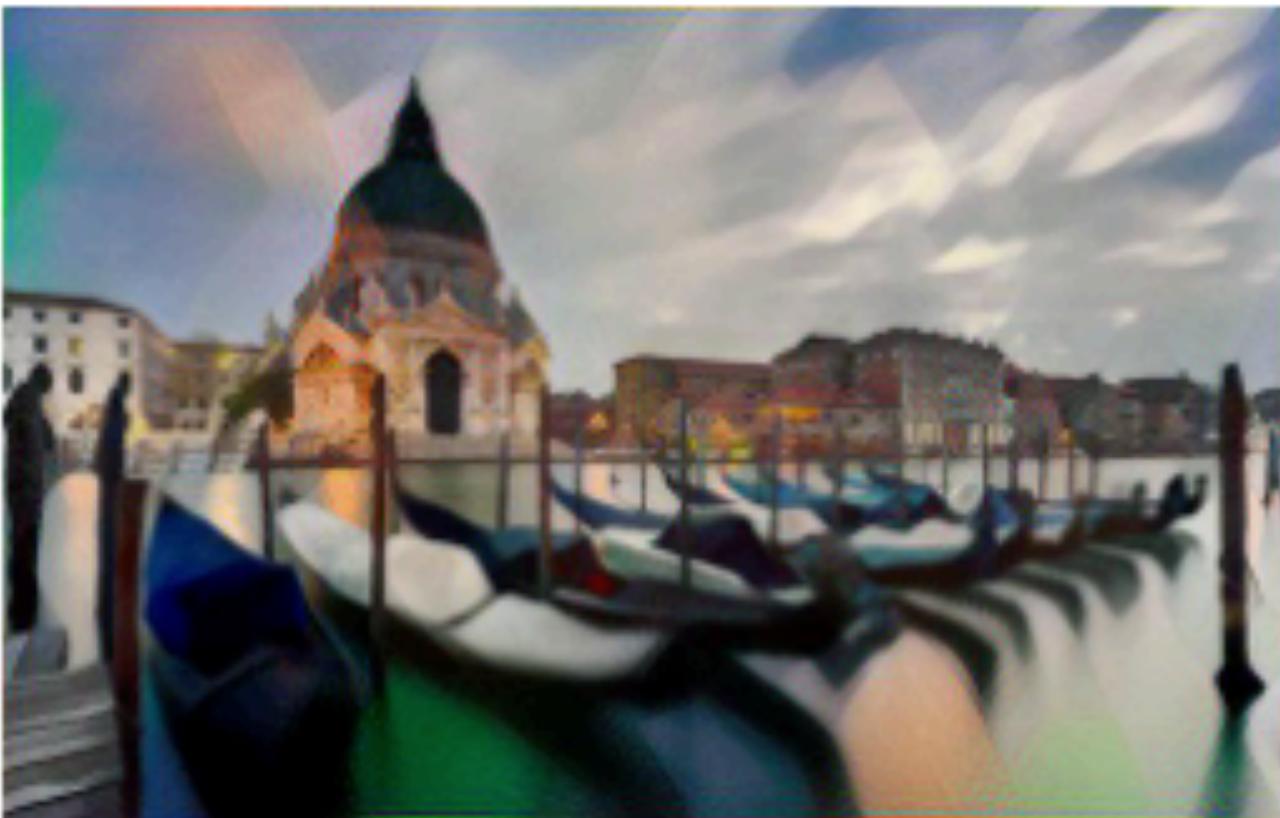
# Detect and Segment Objects



[https://github.com/matterport/Mask\\_RCNN](https://github.com/matterport/Mask_RCNN)

# Style Transfer

<https://github.com/StacyYang/MXNet-Gluon-Style-Transfer>



# Generative Modeling

4.5 years of face generation



2014



2015



2016



2017



2018

# Machine Translation

<https://www.pcmag.com/news/google-expands-neural-networks-for-language-translation>

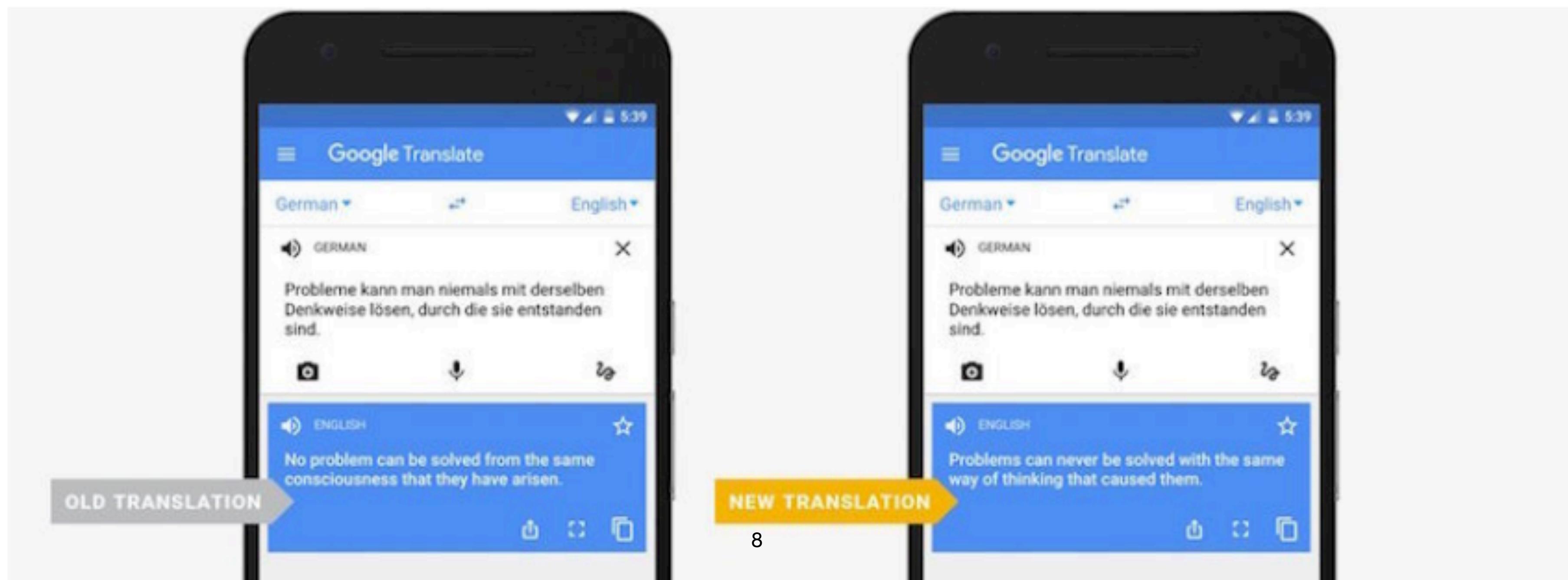
## *Google Expands Neural Networks for Language Translation*

The new system can translate whole sentences at a time, rather than just phrases.



By [Tom Brant](#) November 15, 2016

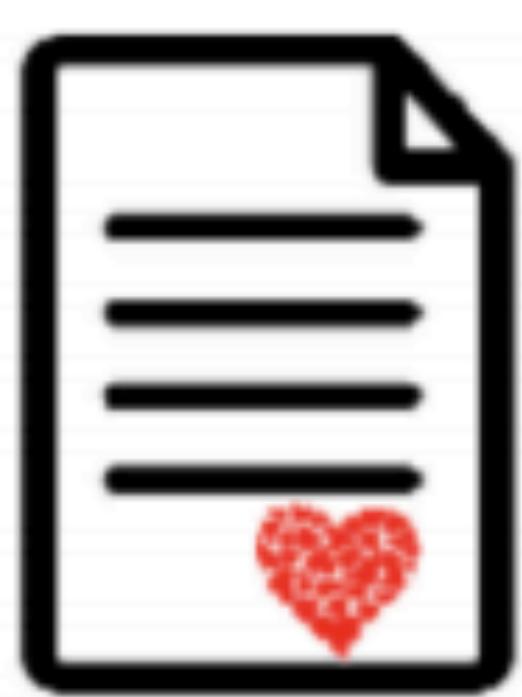
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# Text Synthesis

**Content:** Two dogs play by a tree.

**Style:** **happily, love**



Two dogs **in love** play **happily** by a tree.



Li et al, NACCL, 2018

# OpenAI ChatGPT (in 2022):

**me:** why is carbon dioxide highly sought after?

**ChatGPT:** In recent years, CO<sub>2</sub> has also become highly sought after as a potential source of renewable energy. When burned, CO<sub>2</sub> releases a large amount of heat, which can be harnessed to generate electricity. It can also be used to power fuel cells, which are a type of clean energy technology that converts chemical energy into electricity.

# OpenAI ChatGPT (in 2022):

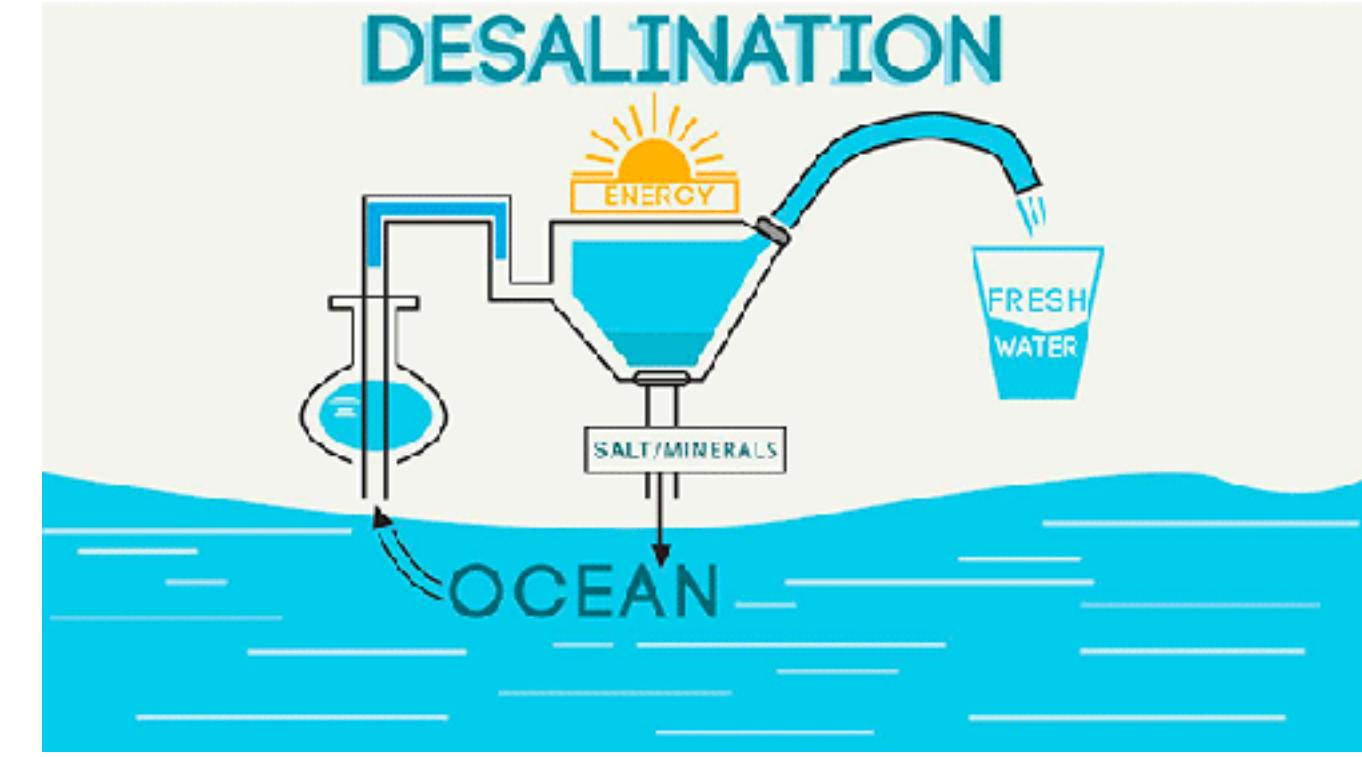
me: which molecules are produced when burning CO<sub>2</sub>?

**ChatGPT:** When carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) is burned, it reacts with oxygen in the air to produce carbon monoxide (CO) and water (H<sub>2</sub>O). The chemical reaction for this process can be written as:  
CO<sub>2</sub> + O<sub>2</sub> → CO + H<sub>2</sub>O

The exact products of the combustion of CO<sub>2</sub> depend on the conditions under which it is burned, such as the temperature, oxygen concentration, and presence of other chemicals. However, in general, CO and H<sub>2</sub>O are the primary products of the burning of CO<sub>2</sub>.

# OpenAI ChatGPT (in 2022):

me: why is salt highly sought after in the desalination process?



**ChatGPT:** Salt, or sodium chloride, is highly sought after in the desalination process because it is a readily available and relatively inexpensive compound that can be used to remove dissolved salts from seawater. Desalination is a process that is used to produce fresh water from seawater, and it is often necessary in areas where there is a shortage of fresh water.

Salt is used in the desalination process because it has a unique chemical property that allows it to readily dissolve in water. When seawater is mixed with salt, the salt ions will dissolve and become evenly distributed throughout the water. This creates a solution that has a higher concentration of salt ions than the seawater.

The higher concentration of salt ions in the solution makes it possible to use a process called reverse osmosis to remove the dissolved salts from the seawater. In reverse osmosis, the salty solution is forced through a membrane that only allows water molecules to pass through, effectively separating the salt from the water. The resulting water is fresh and drinkable, and the salt can be recovered and used again in the desalination process.

Overall, salt is highly sought after in the desalination process because it is a key component in the reverse osmosis process, which is the most commonly used method for removing dissolved salts from seawater.

**Will AI kill me?**

# Improbable

- Sentient AI



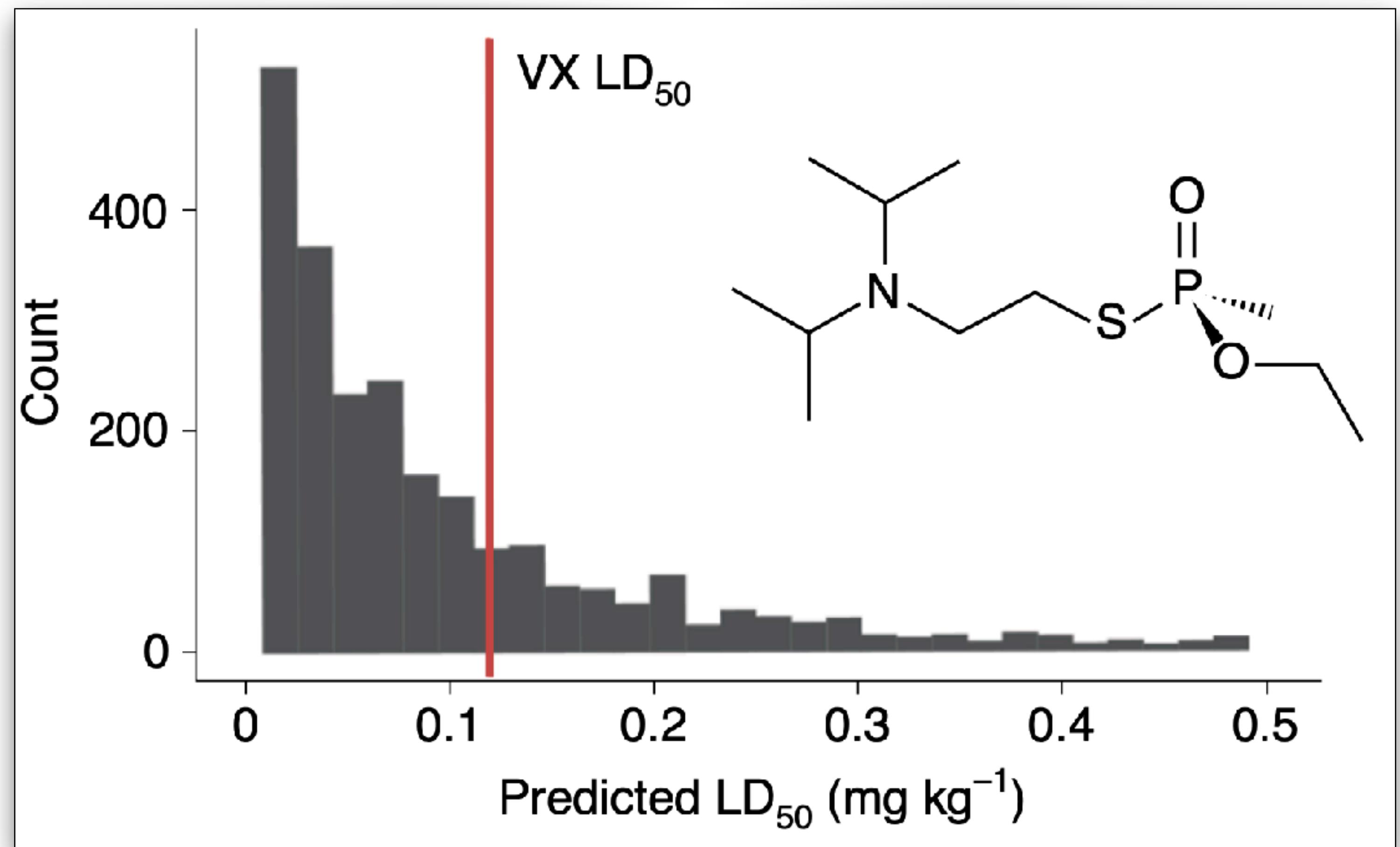
JE       $7+8=15$ . True or false?

 False. The sum of 7 and 8 is 15.

ChatGPT on July 12, 2023

# but...

- Sentient AI 
- Dual use 



[Dual use of artificial-intelligence-powered drug discovery. Urbina et al, 2022]

# Spearphishing powered by AI

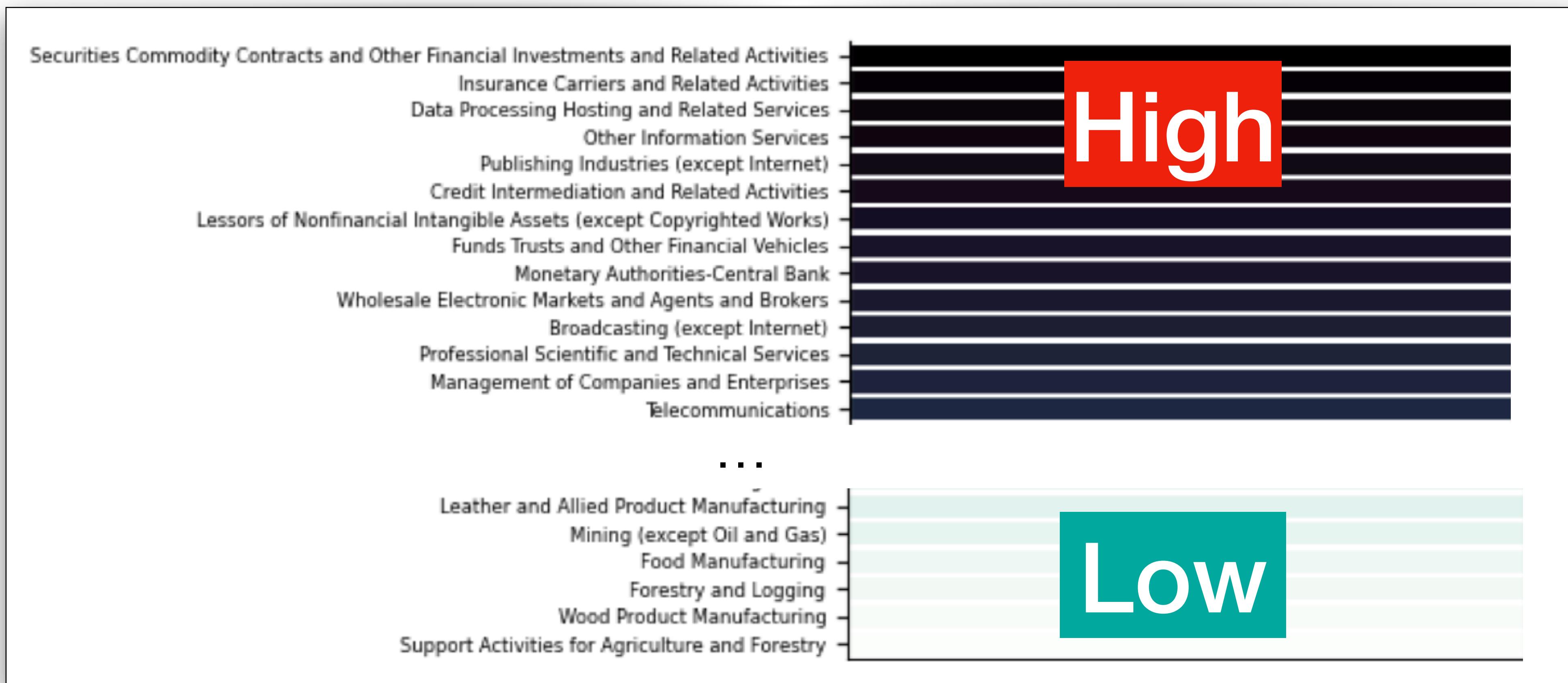


[Artificial Imposters—Cybercriminals Turn to AI Voice Cloning for a New Breed of Scam. Bunn, 2023]

**Will AI take my job?**

# Maybe

- The more AI helps your job, the higher the replacement risk



**Will AI help my job?**



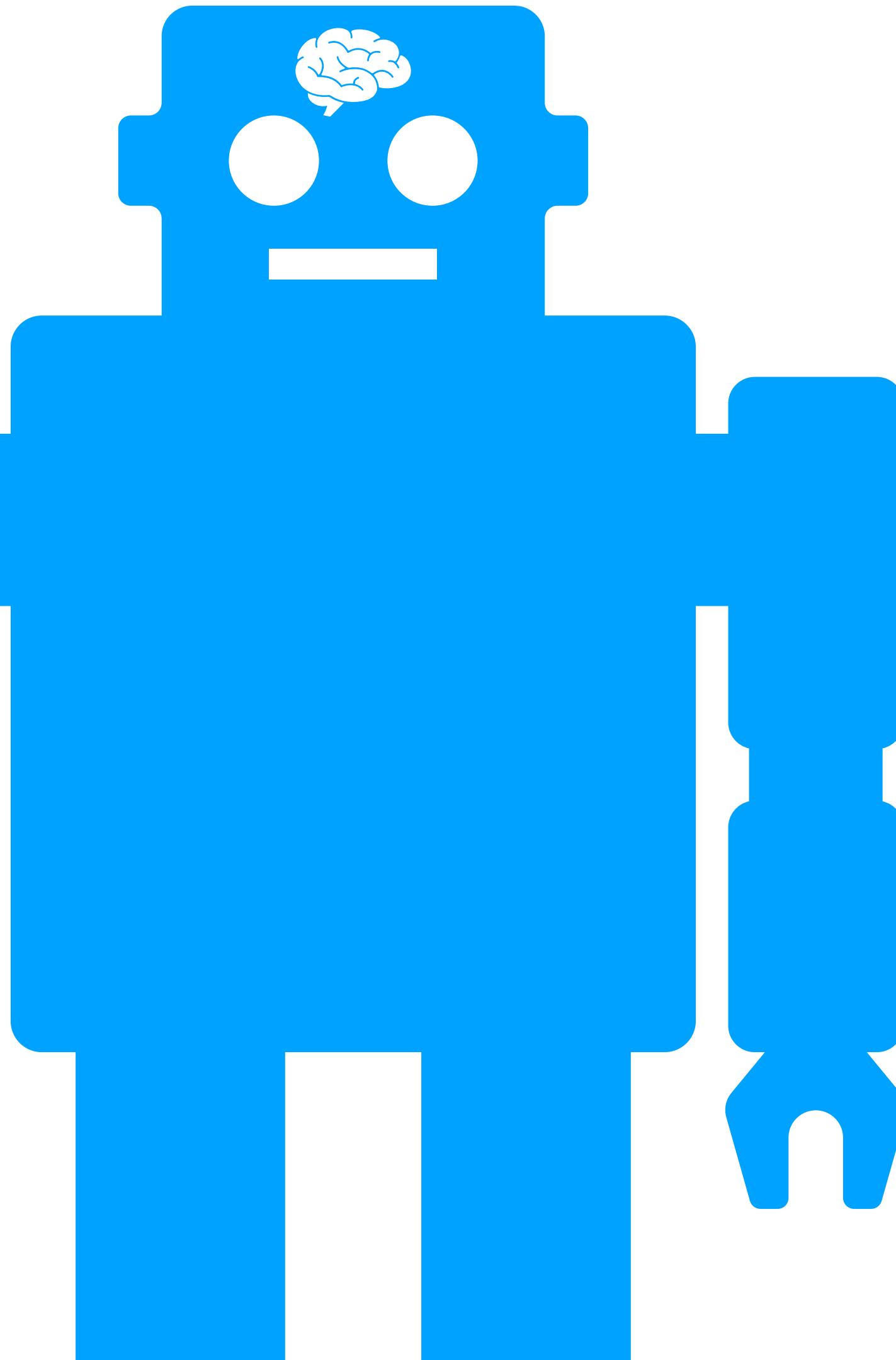
# Yes!

- Key UW-Madison AI courses (many more):
  - Computer Sciences 540 Introduction to Artificial Intelligence
  - Computer Sciences 760 Machine Learning

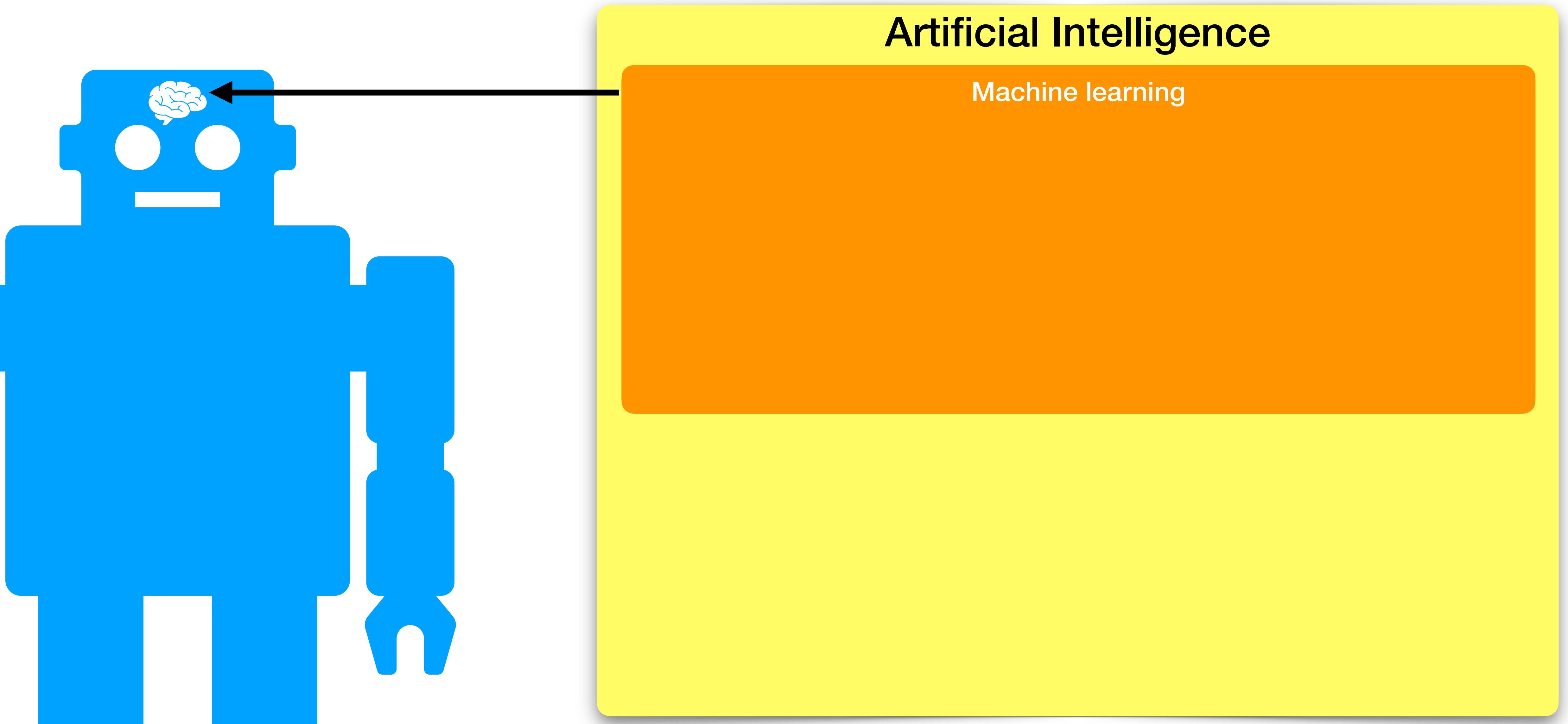
**GPT, large language model, generative AI, deep learning...  
Oh my!**

# AI Venn diagram

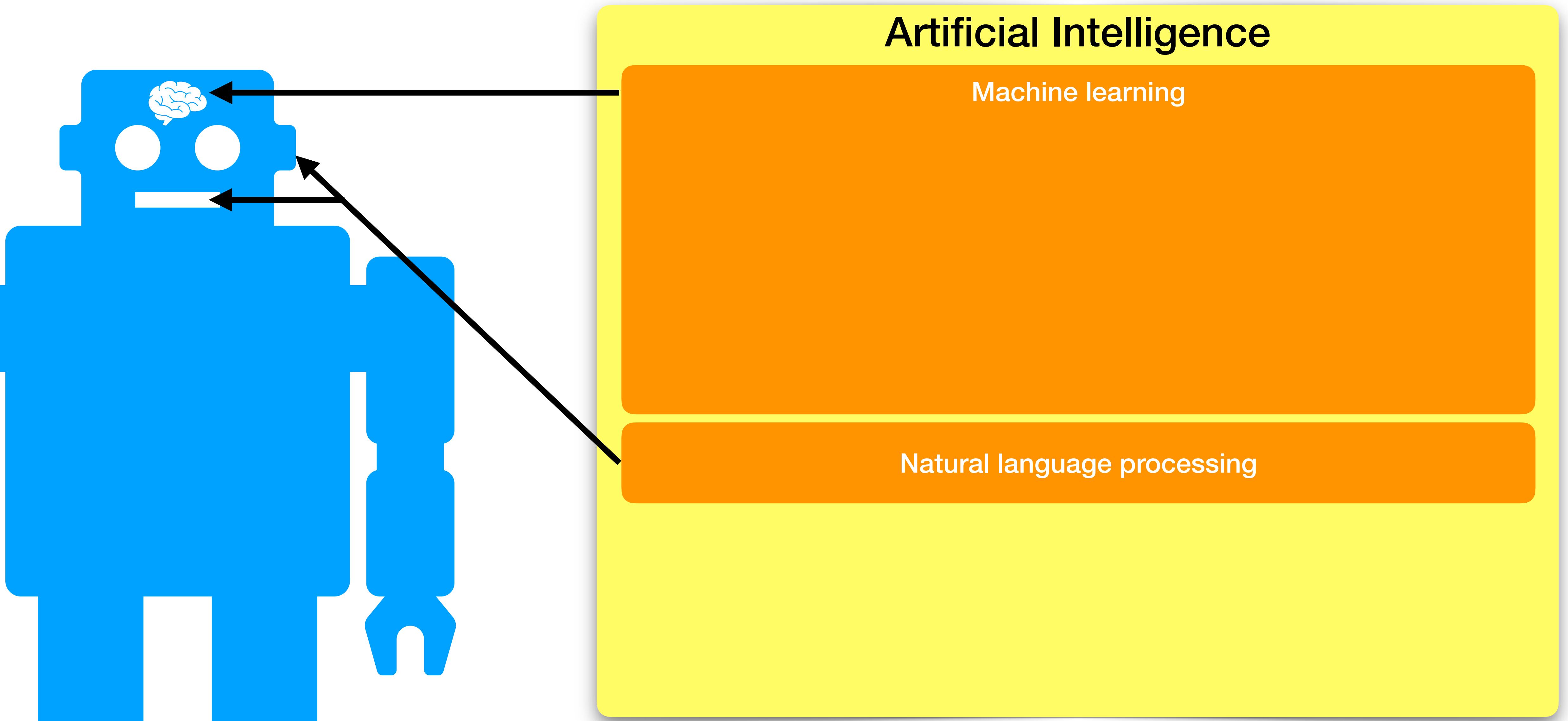
Artificial Intelligence



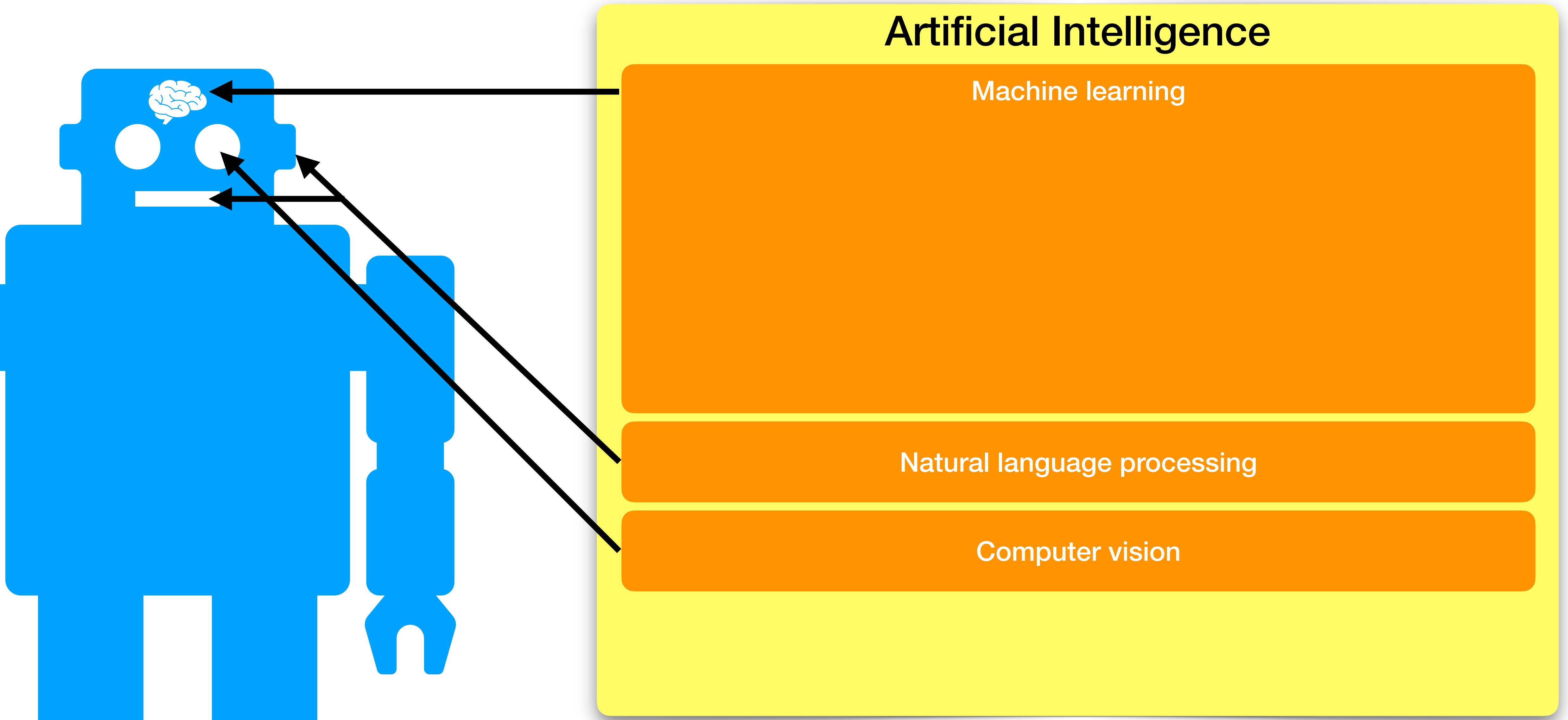
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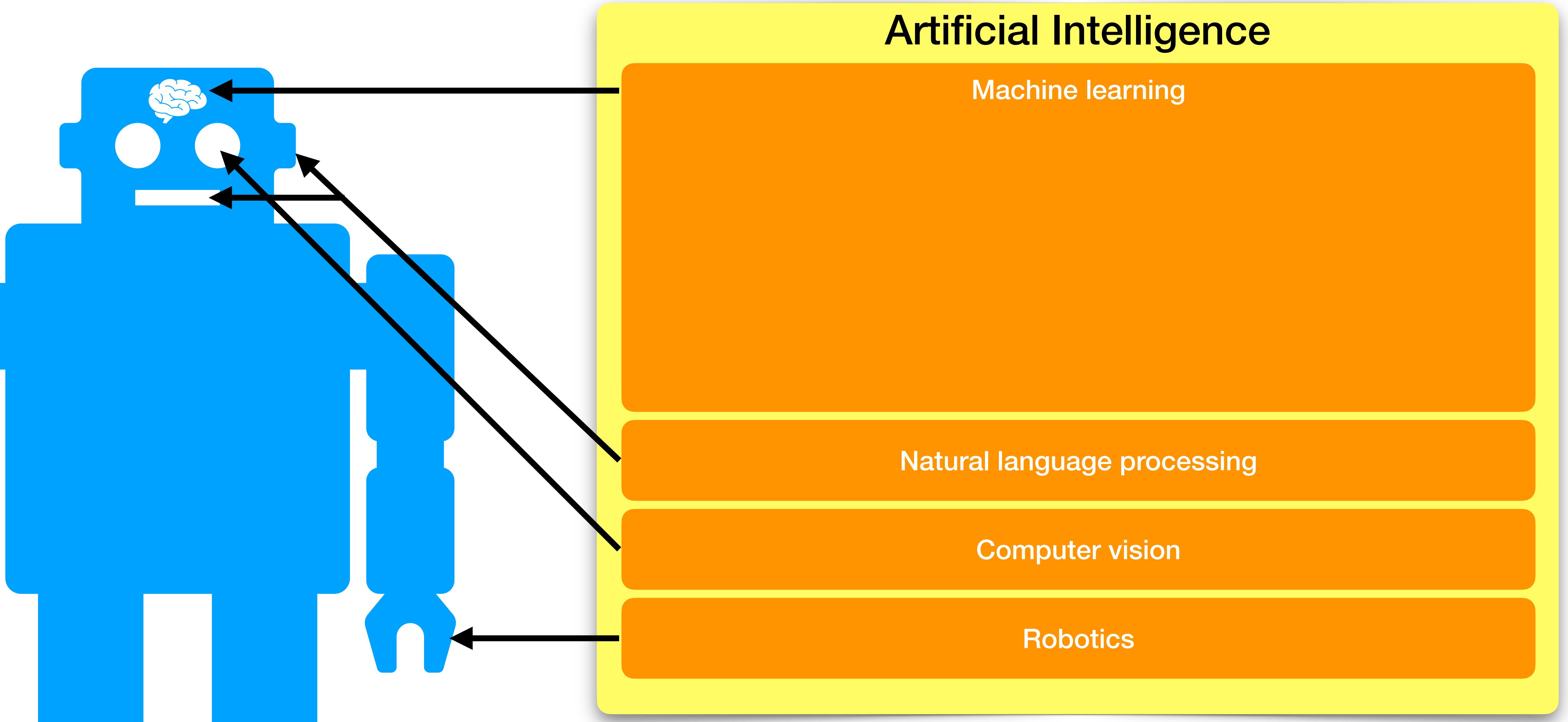
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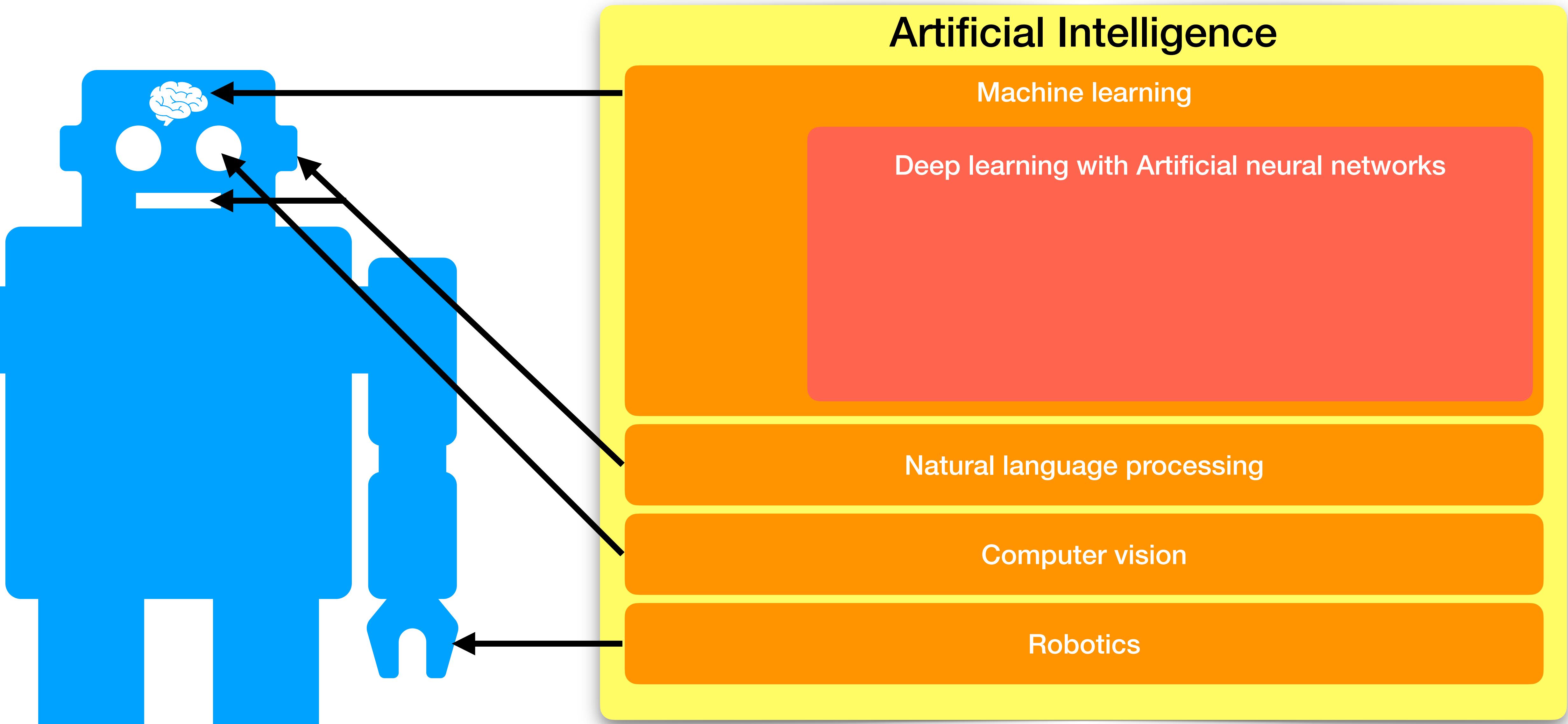
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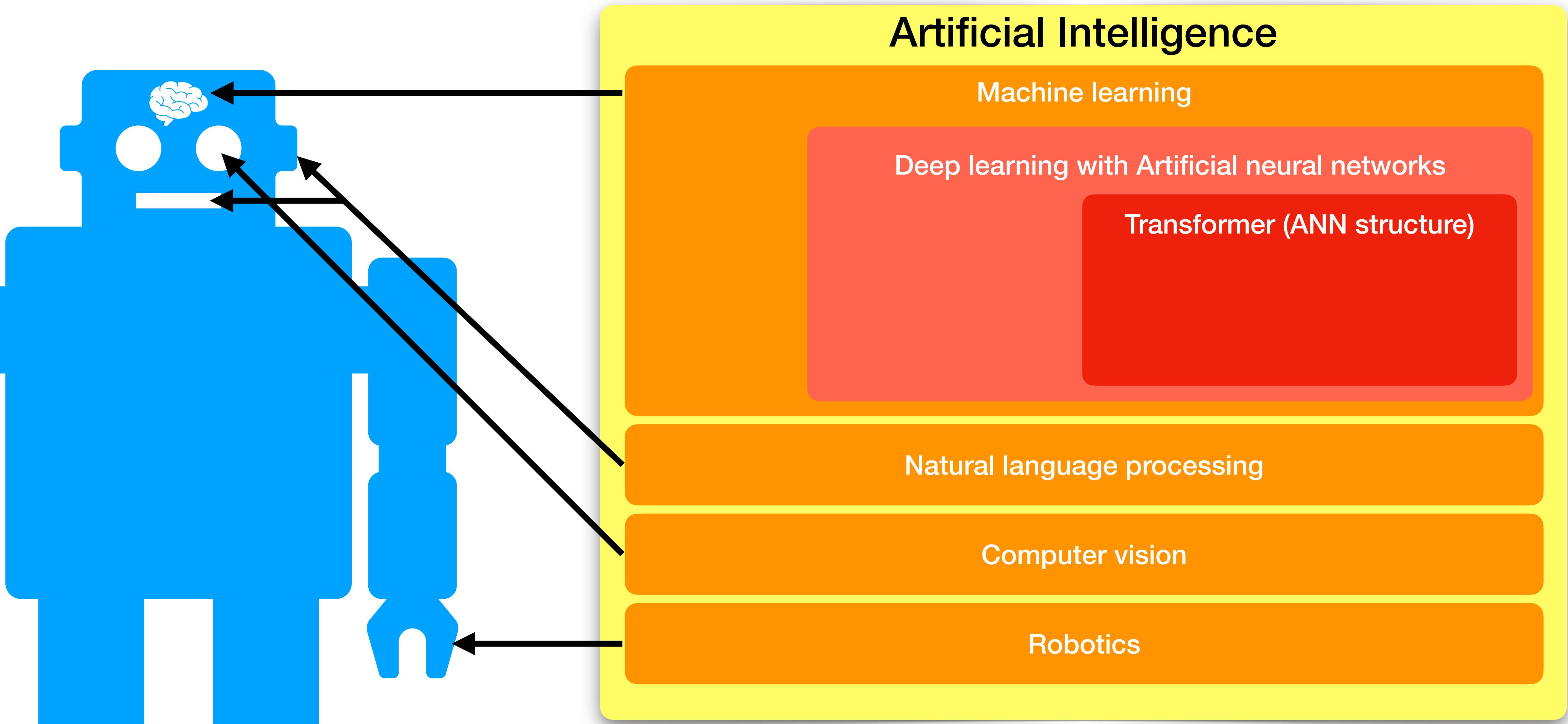
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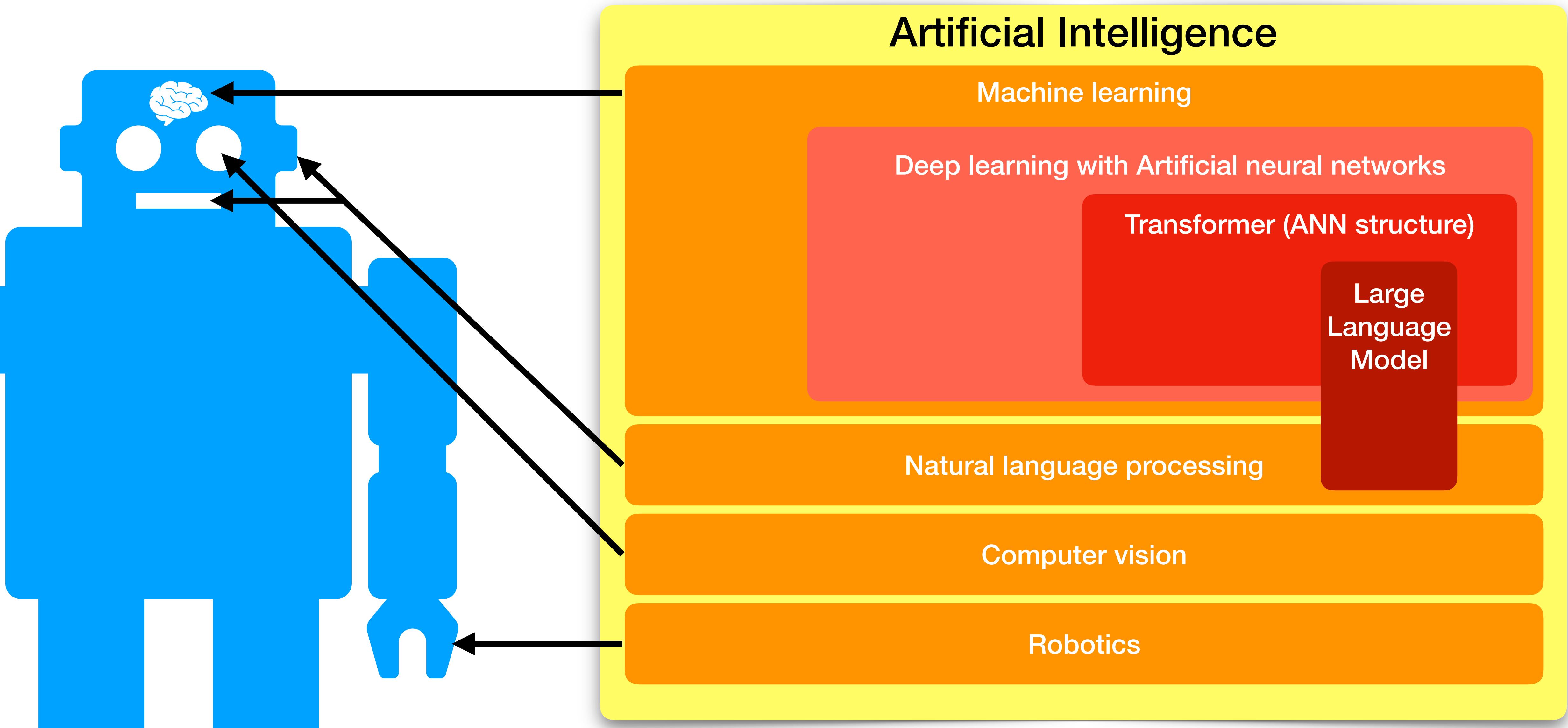
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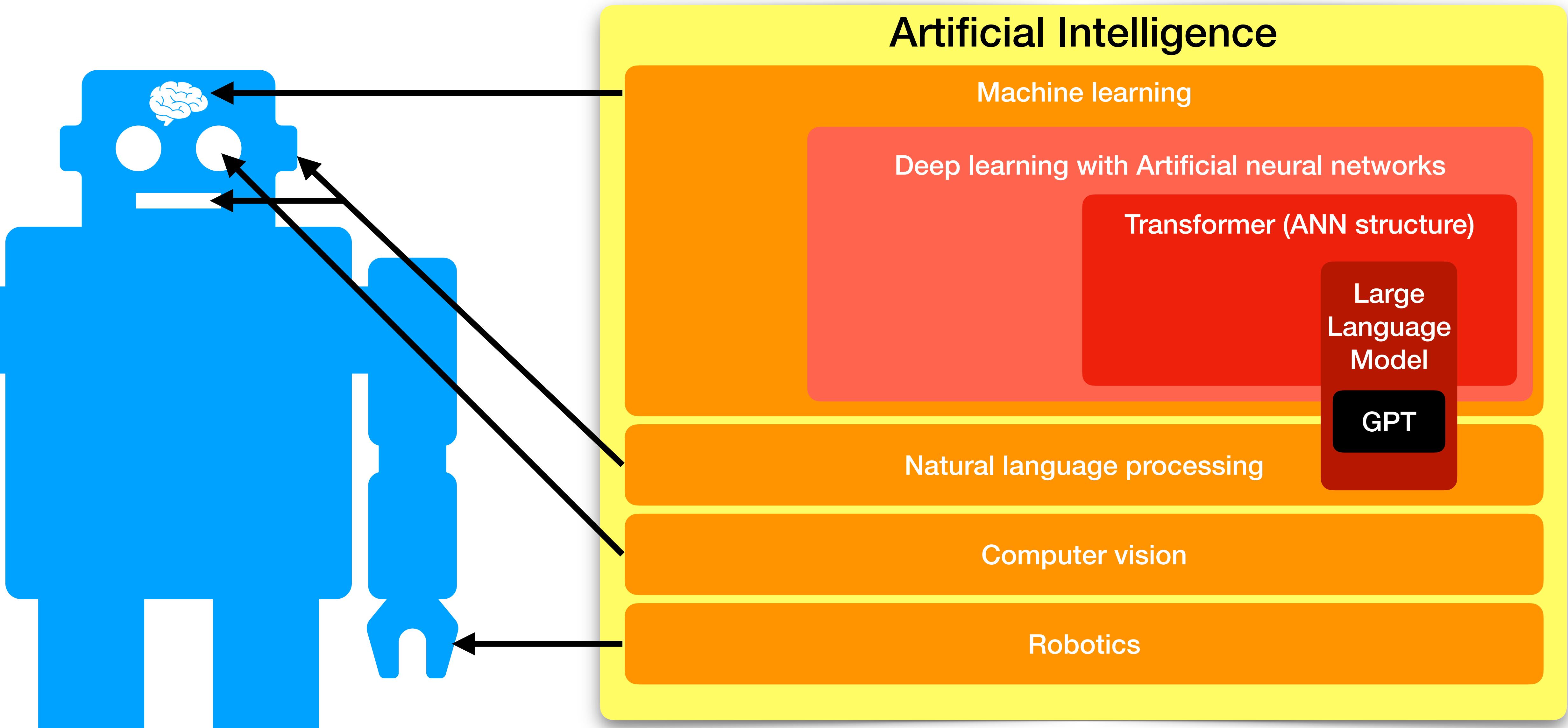
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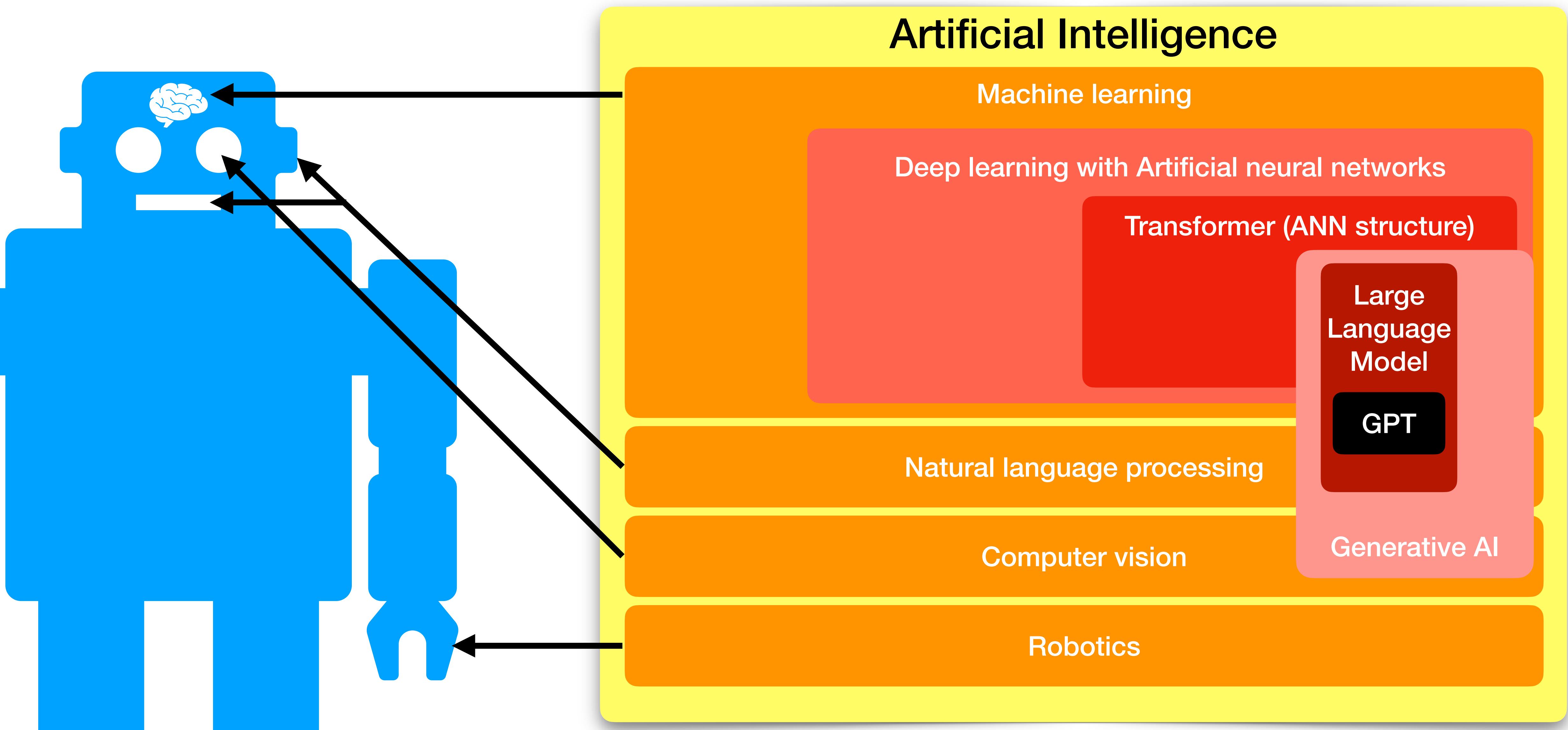
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# UW-Madison conducts world-class AI research\*

- Computer Sciences
- ECE
- Statistics
- ISyE
- Math
- iSchool
- Almost all other departments on AI applications
- Data Science Institute, Data Science Hub

\* [CSRankings.org](https://csrankings.org) #14 world-wide on machine learning, as of Sept 2023

# Artificial Intelligence is not Magic

They rely on **fundamental** techniques in:

- Algorithms
- Mathematics
- Logic
- Probability and Statistics
- Optimization

# What you can learn from CS540?

- Foundational tools in **Machine Learning** and **Artificial Intelligence**: Linear algebra, Probability, Logic, and elements of Statistics.
- Core techniques in **Natural Language Processing (NLP)**, including bag-of-words, tf-idf, n-Gram Models, and Smoothing.
- Basics of **Machine Learning**. supervised learning vs. unsupervised learning
- **Neural Networks and Deep Learning**: Network Architecture, Training, Backpropagation, Stochastic Gradient Descent.
- Fundamentals of **Game Theory**.
- **Search and Reinforcement Learning**
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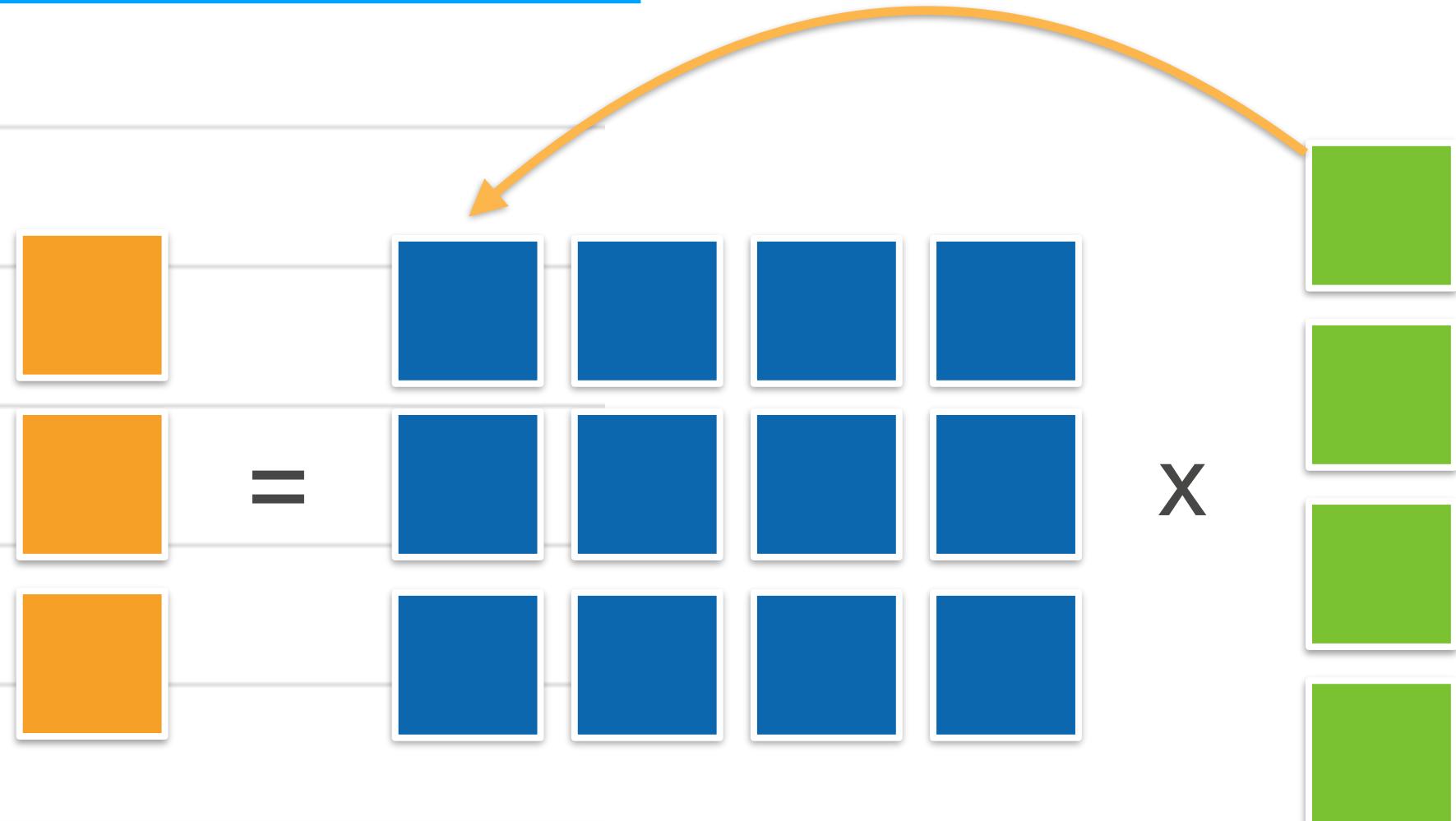
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- **TL;DR Lots of useful stuff, theory and practice in AI**
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<https://pages.cs.wisc.edu/~jerryzhu/cs540f23/schedule.html>

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**Foundations**



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**Machine learning**

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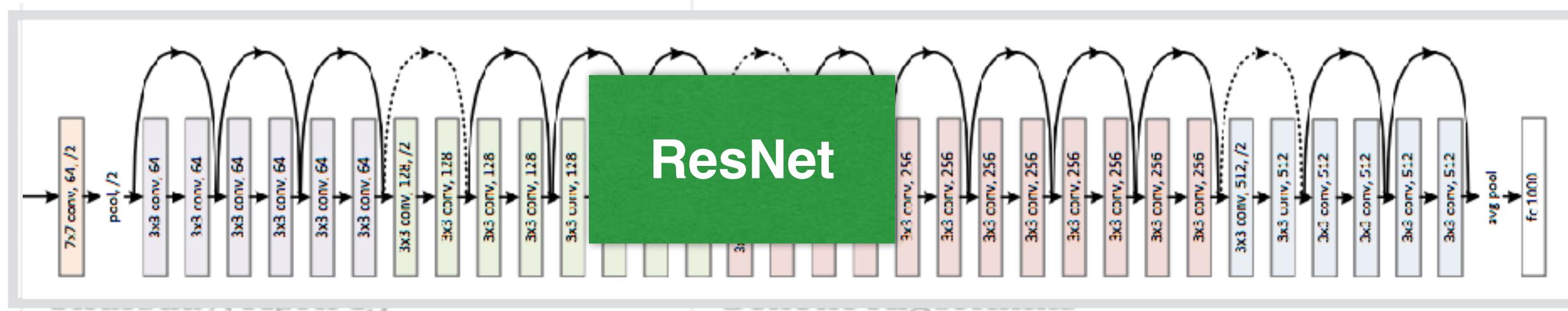
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Thursday, April 1

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Machine Learning: Neural Network I

Machine Learning: Neural Network II

Machine Learning: Neural Network III

Machine Learning: Deep Learning I

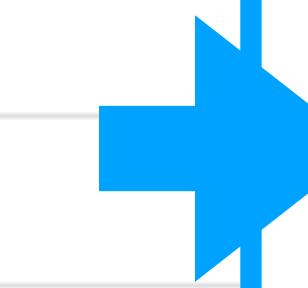
Machine Learning: Deep Learning II

Machine Learning: Deep Learning III

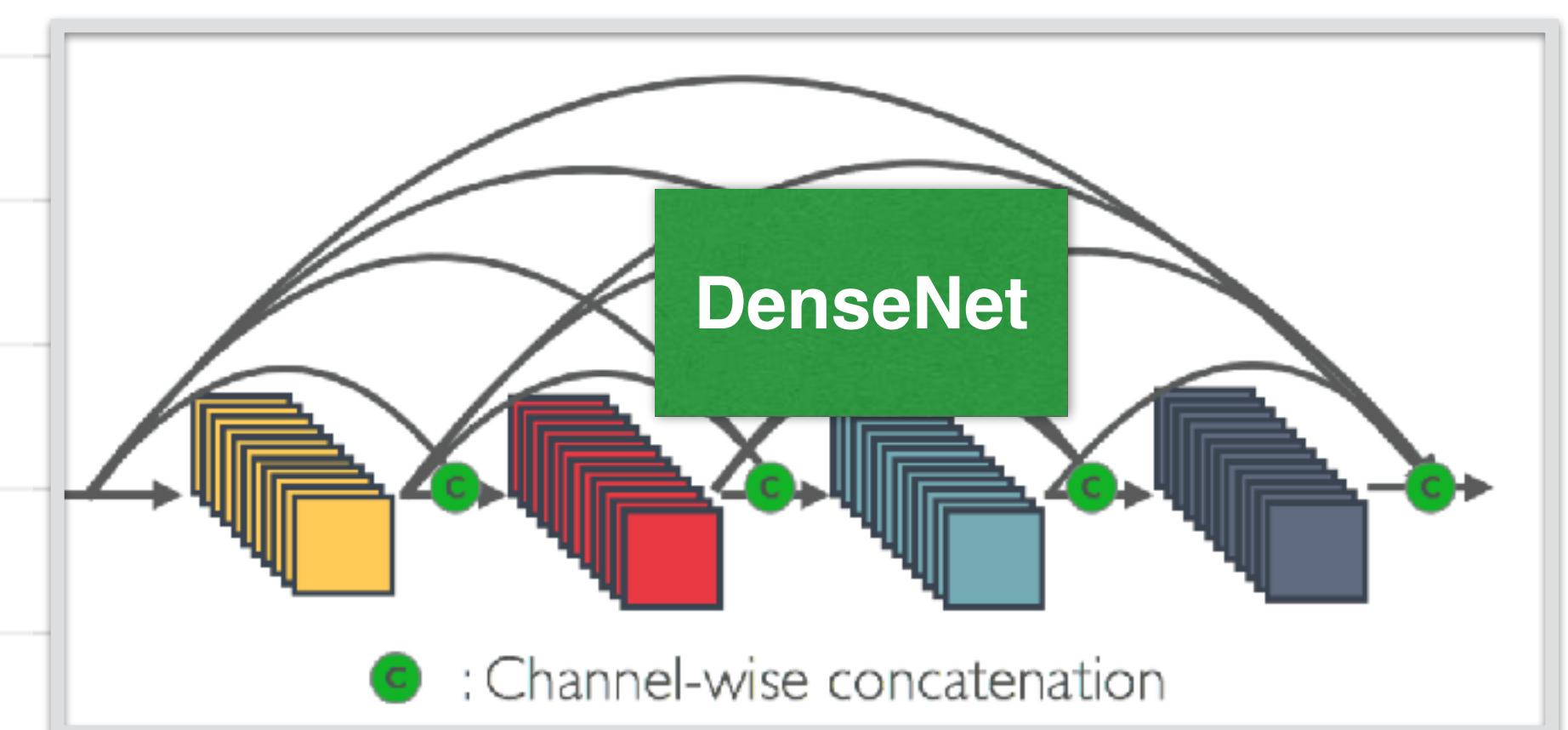
Machine Learning: Deep Learning and Neural Network's Summary

Tuesday, April 20

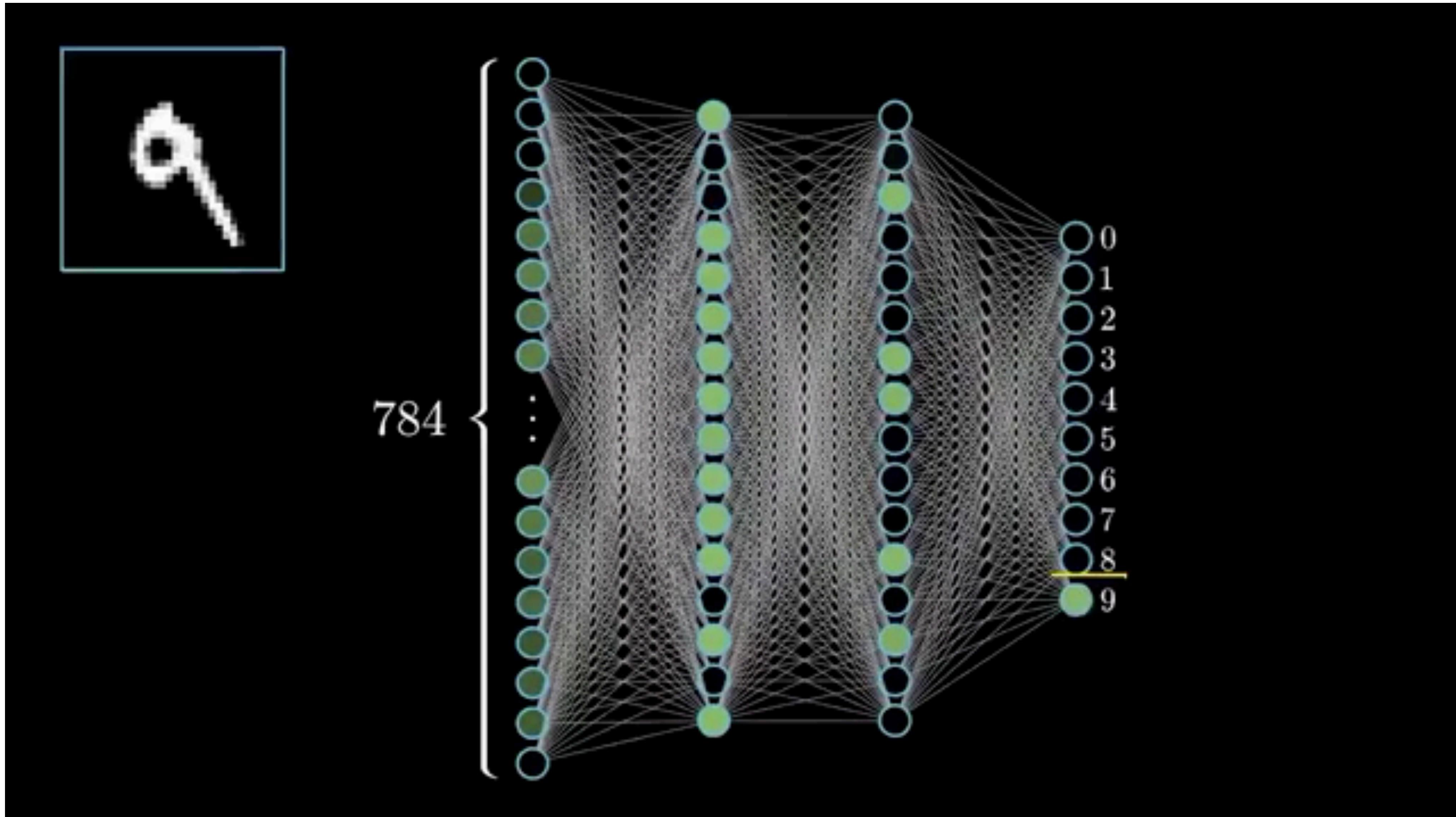
Introduction to Reinforcement Learning



**Deep  
Learning**

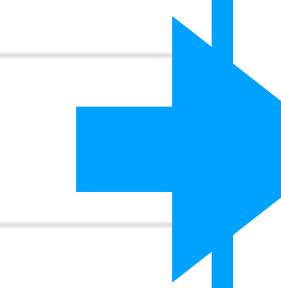


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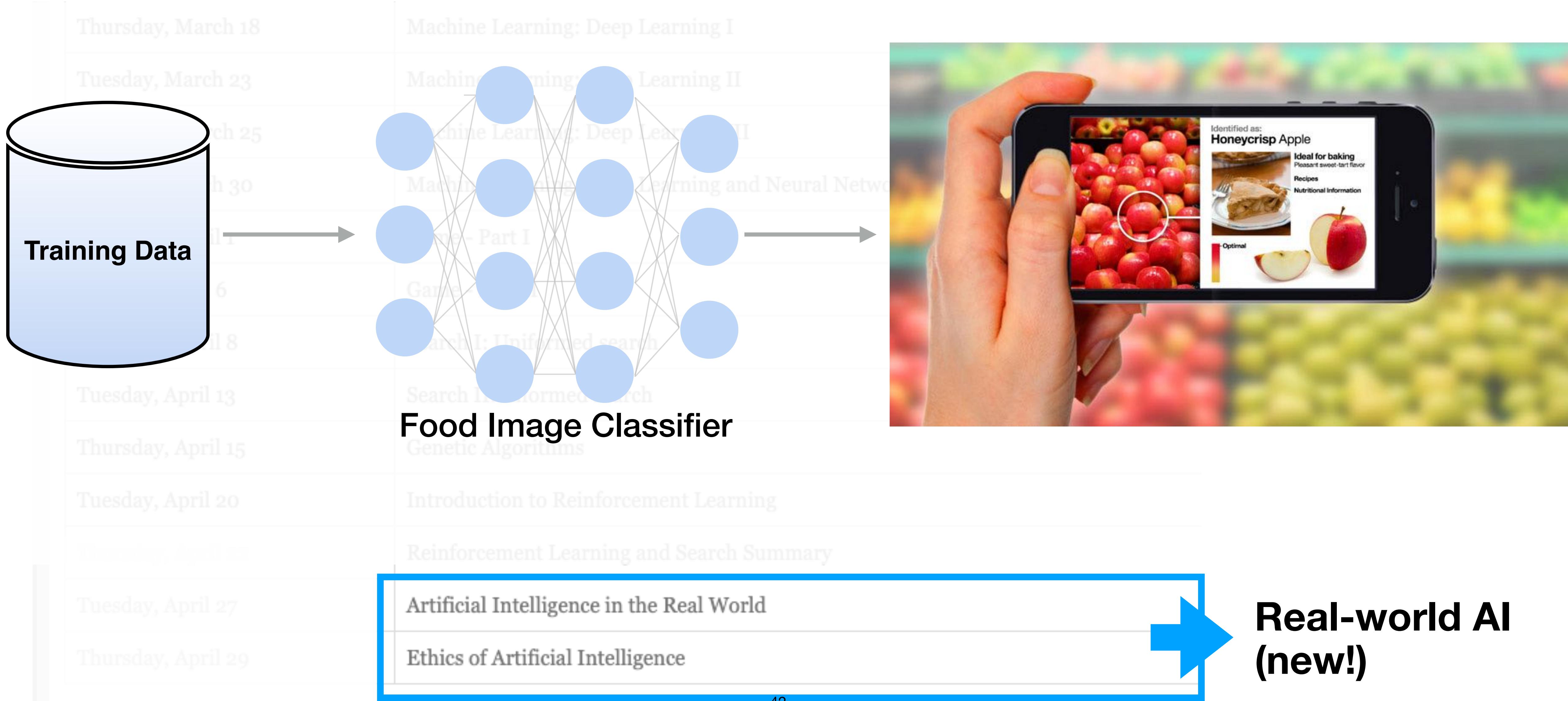
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Tuesday, April 6	Game - Part II
Thursday, April 8	Search I: Uniformed search
Tuesday, April 13	Search II: Informed search
Thursday, April 15	Genetic Algorithms
Tuesday, April 20	Introduction to Reinforcement Learning
Thursday, April 22	Reinforcement Learning and Search Summary
Tuesday, April 27	Artificial Intelligence in the Real World
Thursday, April 29	Ethics of Artificial Intelligence



**Game, search  
and  
Reinforcement  
Learning**

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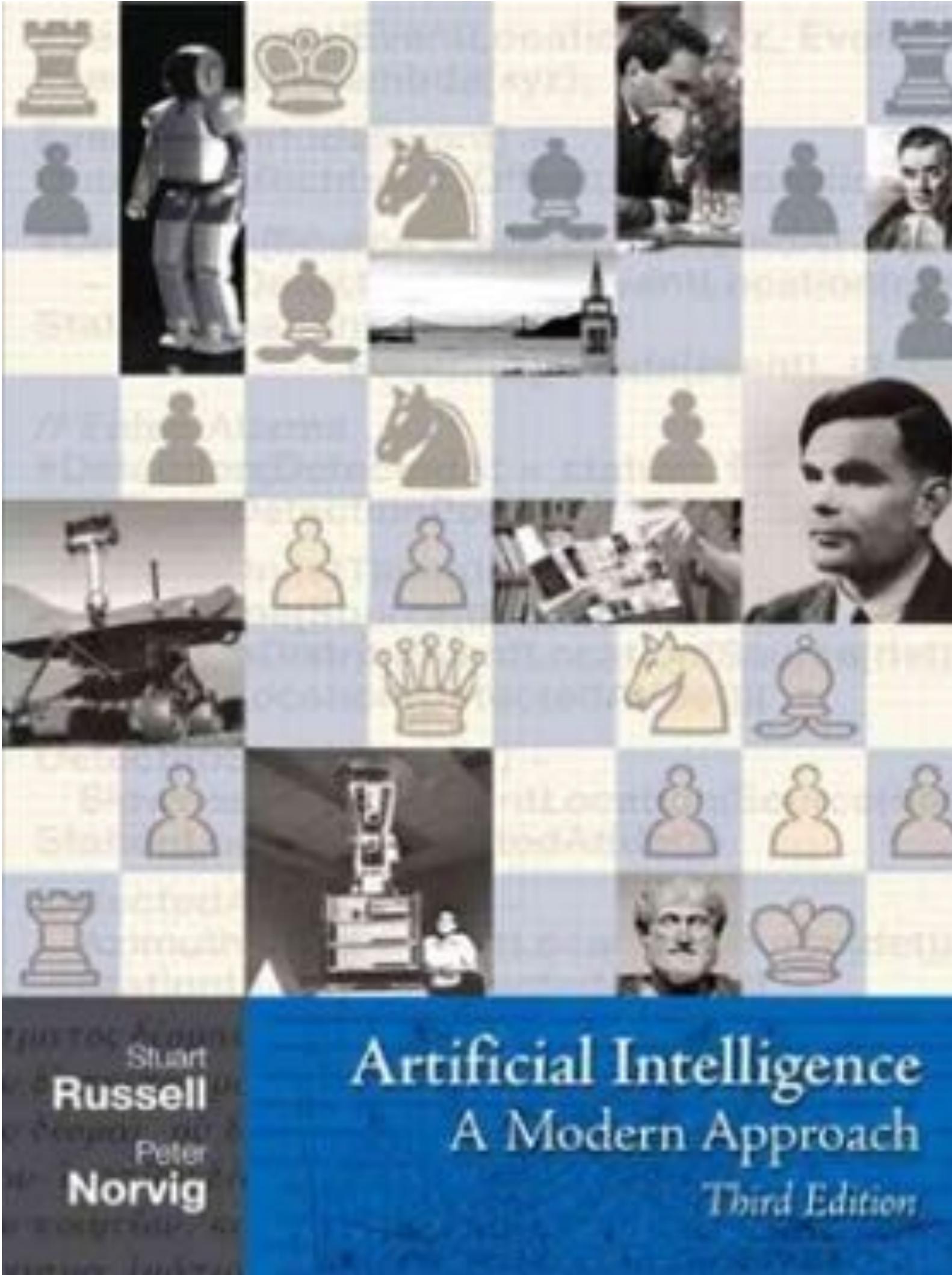
# Part II: Course Logistics

# Where to find everything?

- **Canvas** - *Pointer to everything*
  - grades, other private materials *that should not be shared*
- **Course website** - public materials
  - <https://pages.cs.wisc.edu/~jerryzhu/cs540f23/index.html>
  - Slides, schedule, policies
- **Piazza**
  - <https://piazza.com/wisc/fall2023/cs540>
  - Discussion, questions, announcements

# Textbook

Artificial Intelligence: A Modern Approach (4th edition). Stuart Russell and Peter Norvig. Pearson, 2020.  
ISBN 978-0134610993. (textbook is optional, but may be useful)



# **Instruction Team**

**(See course webpage)**

Merged across 3 sections:

- Teaching Assistants (TAs): hold office hours, grade your homework
- Peer Mentors: hold office hours

# Office Hours

- Available on the course website
- All office hours are **merged** across sections, you can go to anyone
- Use TA and Peer Mentor hours for detailed-level questions (e.g. coding related), and use professor office hours for conceptual level questions

# Grading scheme

- **Midterm Exam:** 15% (around Nov 1, evening)
- **Final Exam:** 15% (TBA)
- **Homework Assignments:** 70% (10 HWs)

**TWO** lowest homework scores are dropped from the final homework average calculation.  
This is for emergency, sickness, etc.

**Homework is always due 9am on the specified date.**  
(Late submissions will not be accepted.)

**More details to come (submission, grading, etc)**

# Integrity

Just don't cheat at all. You'll be caught. It's not worth it.

You are encouraged to discuss with your peers, the TA or the instructors ideas, approaches and techniques broadly. However, all examinations, programming assignments, and written homeworks must be written up individually. For example, code for programming assignments must not be developed in groups, nor should code be shared. Make sure you work through all problems yourself, and that your final write-up is your own. If you feel your peer discussions are too deep for comfort, declare it in the homework solution: "I discussed with X,Y,Z the following specific ideas: A, B, C; therefore our solutions may have similarities on D, E, F...".

You may use books or legit online resources to help solve homework problems, but you must always credit all such sources in your writeup and you must never copy material verbatim.

We are aware that certain websites host previous years' CS540 homework assignments and solutions against the wish of instructors. Do not be tempted to use them: the solutions may contain "poisonous berries" previous instructors planted intentionally to catch cheating. If we catch you copy such solutions, you automatically fail.

Do not bother to obfuscate plagiarism (e.g. change variable names, code style, etc.) One application of AI is to develop sophisticated plagiarism detection techniques!

Cheating and plagiarism will be dealt with in accordance with University procedures (see the [UW-Madison Academic Misconduct Rules and Procedures](#))

# Quiz

1. Where can I find all the 540 stuff, if I didn't write down the URL?
2. I feel sick, should I still show up to class?
3. I can't finish my homework because I was traveling, I was sick, my dog ate it, etc. Can I ask for an extension?
4. Can I do homework with a group?

# Answers

1. Where can I find all the 540 stuff, if I didn't write down the URL? Your Canvas has the main link.
2. I feel sick, should I still show up to class? No. Study materials online. After you have recovered, come to office hours to discuss the materials that you missed
3. I can't finish my homework because I was traveling, I was sick, my dog ate it, etc. Can I ask for an extension? No. But we discard 2 lowest hw scores.
4. Can I do homework with a group? Yes (and encouraged) for high level discussions. No for exact solutions.



## Part III: Software

# Tools



Keras



TensorFlow



PyTorch



- **Python**
  - Everyone is using it in machine learning & data science
  - Conda package manager (for simplicity)
- **Jupyter Notebook**
  - So much easier to keep track of your experiments
  - Obviously you should put longer code into modules

# Python for Java Pros (slides available on website)

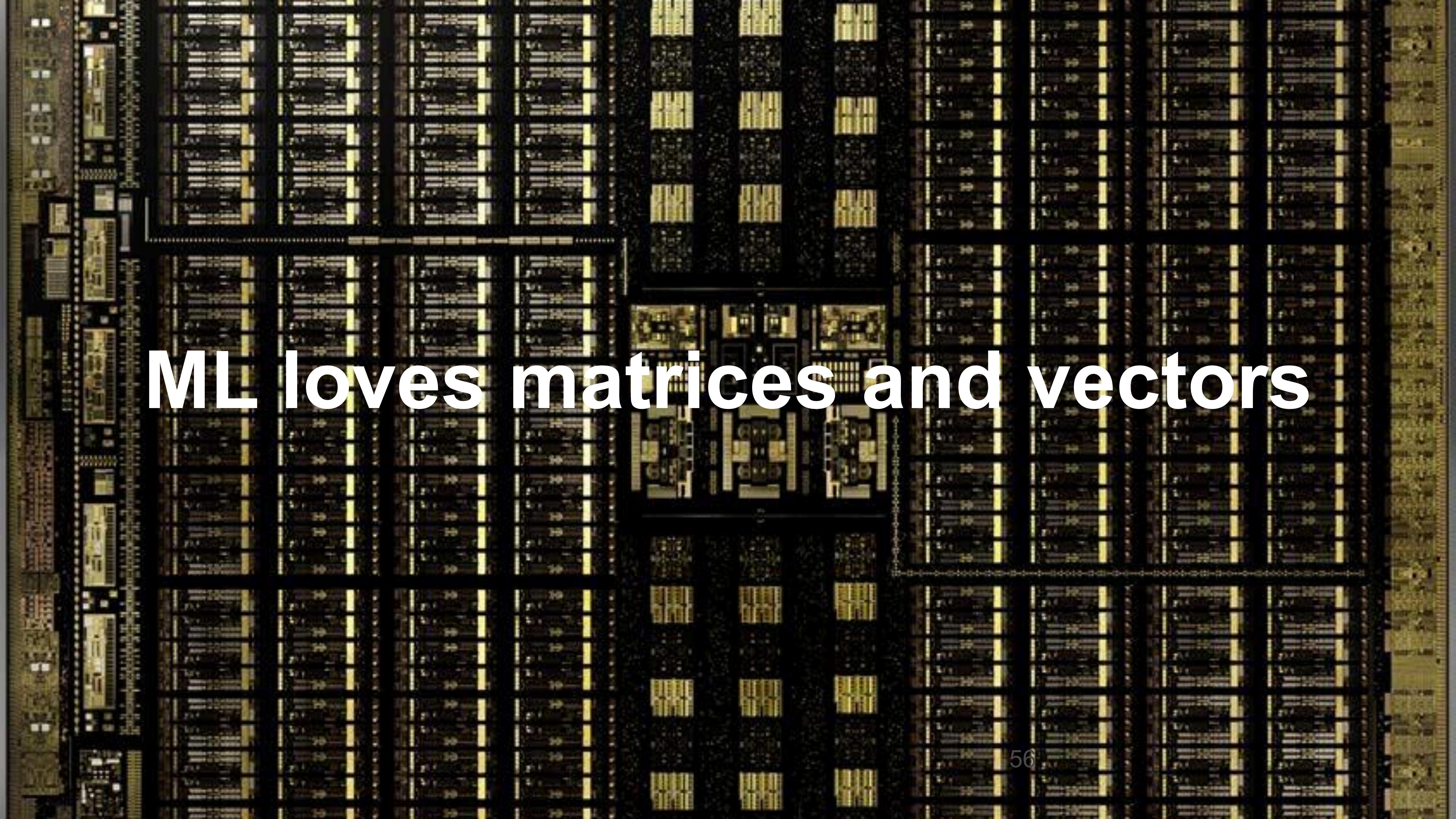
## A Crash Course in Python

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1. Why are we doing this in Python?
2. Where do I write Python code? How do I run it?
  - a. Online
  - b. Offline
3. What are the big differences between Java and Python

# Colab

- Go to [colab.research.google.com](https://colab.research.google.com)
- Activate the GPU supported runtime (this is a K80 or T4 GPU)



ML loves matrices and vectors

# Access Elements

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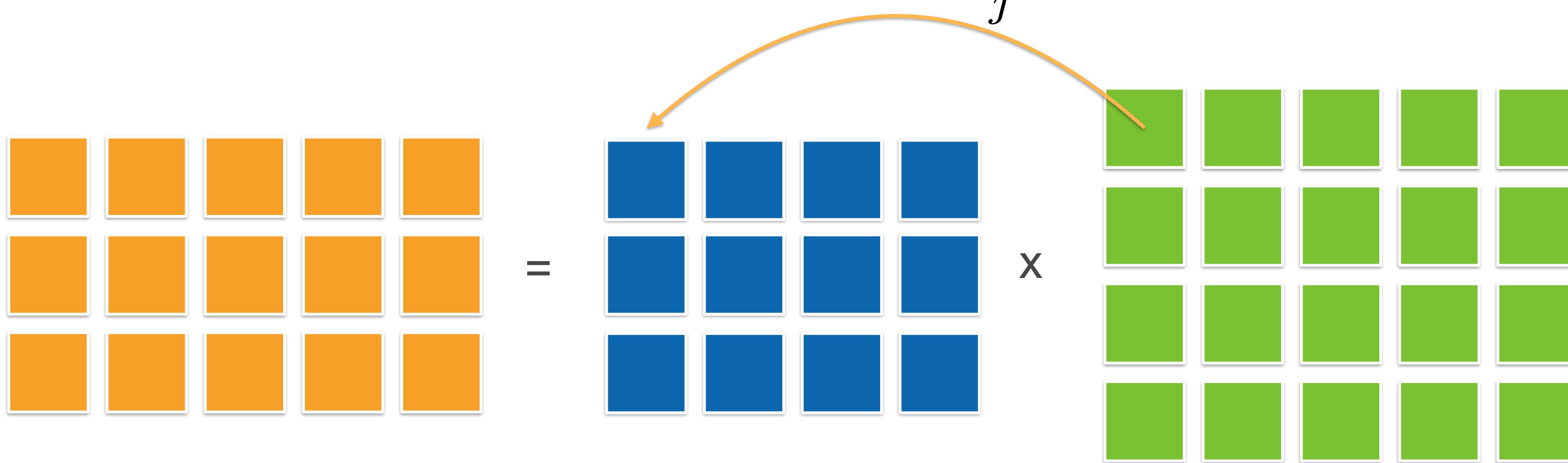
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# Coming up: Probability and Linear Algebra Review

$$C = AB \text{ where } C_{ik} = \sum_j A_{ij} B_{jk}$$





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**Thanks!**