

From Statistical Relational to Neurosymbolic AI

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(joint work with **Luc De Raedt** and many other people, ack at the end)

The **neurosymbolic** integration quest

Subsymbolic Approaches

associative

data

learning

noisy input

Symbolic Approaches

logic

knowledge

reasoning

precise input

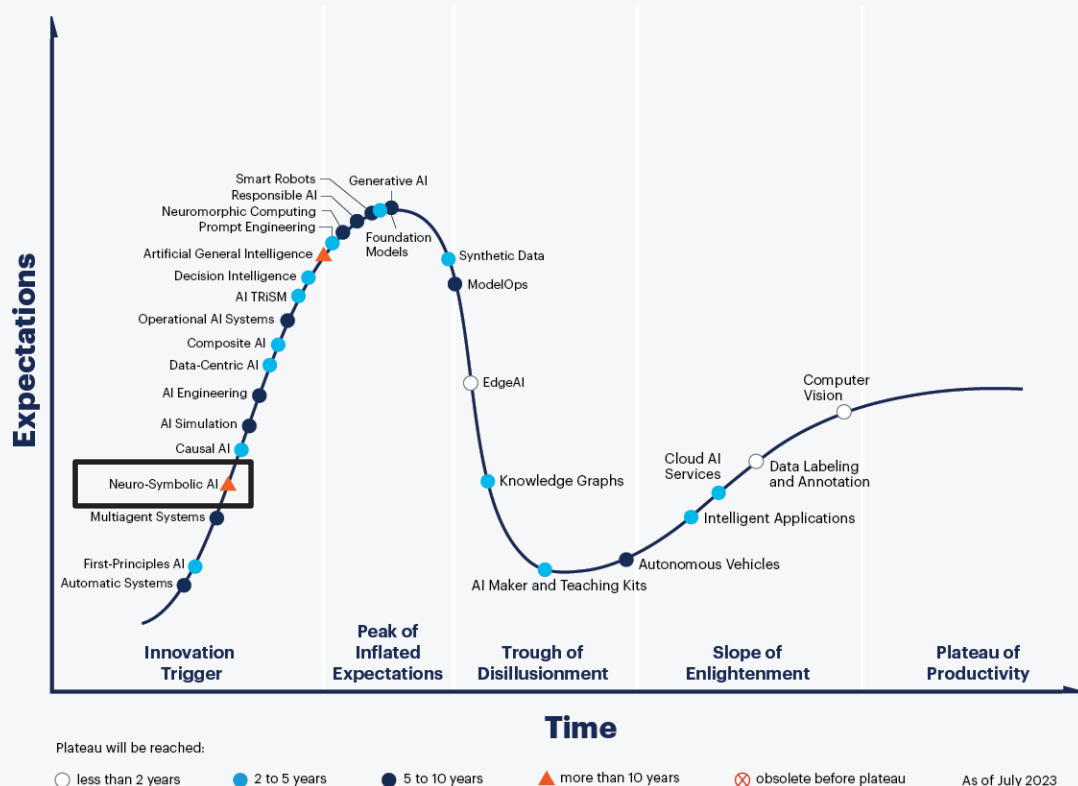
“We need System 2 Deep Learning ” by Y. Bengio - *NeurIPS 2019*

“We need to bring together the neural and symbolic traditions ” by H. Kautz - *AAAI 2020*

“The most promising approach to a broad AI is a neuro-symbolic AI, that is, a bilateral AI that combines methods from symbolic and sub-symbolic AI.” by Sepp Hochreiter
Communications of the ACM, April 2022

“AlphaGeometry is a neuro-symbolic system made up of a neural language model and a symbolic deduction engine” by deepmind.google, January 2024

Hype Cycle for Artificial Intelligence, 2023

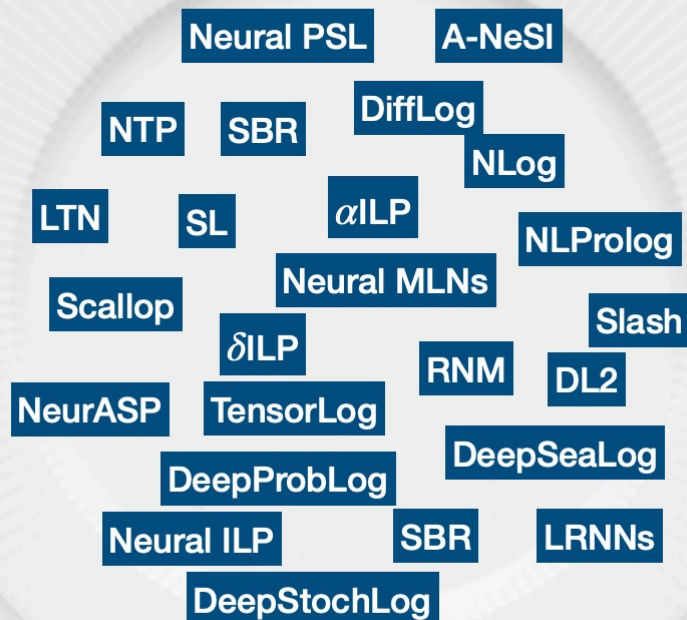


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The NeuroSymbolic alphabet-soup



From Statistical Relational to Neurosymbolic AI

- Another paradigm for learning and reasoning

StarAI = Logic + PGMs

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StarAI = Logic + PGMs

- Can we use insights from this area?

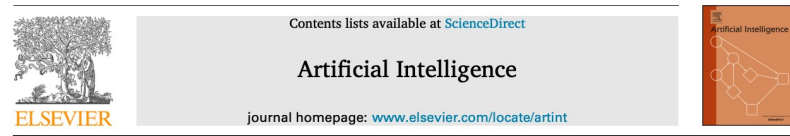
NeSy = Logic + PGMs + Neural Networks

From Statistical Relational to Neurosymbolic AI

7 dimensions:

- Proof vs Models
- Logic Syntax
- Logic Semantics
- Structure vs Parameter Learning
- Representations (symbolic vs subsymbolic)
- Recovery of original paradigms
- Tasks

Marra et al, 2024 AIJ
De Raedt et al, 2020, IJCAI



From statistical relational to neurosymbolic artificial intelligence:
A survey

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Frameworks	Inference	Syntax	Semantics	Learning	Representations	Paradigms	Tasks
	(P)roof (M)odel	(P)ropositional (R)elational (FOL)	(M)inimal (S)table (C)lassical (F)uzzy (P)robability	(P)arameters (S)tructure	(S)ymbolic (Sub)symbolic	Logic (L/l) Probability (P/p) Neural(N/n)	(D)istant (S)upervision (S)emi (S)upervised (KGC)ompletion (G)enerative (K)nowledge (I)nduction
α ILP [111]	P+M	FOL	S + P	P + S	S	Ln	KI
∂ ILP [39]	P	R	M + F	P + S	S	Ln	DS + KI
DeepProbLog [72]	P+M	FOL	M + P	P+S	S+Sub	LpN	DS + KI
DeepStochLog [132]	P	FOL	M + P	P	S	LpN	DS + SS
DiffLog [112]	P	R	M + F	P+S	S	Ln	KI
DL2 [40]	M	P	C + F	P	S+Sub	lN	DS + SS
DLM [77]	M	FOL	C + F + P	P	S	lPN	SS + KGC
LRNN [116]	P	R	M + F	P + S	S + Sub	LN	KGC + KI
LTN [5]	M	FOL	C + F	P	S + Sub	lN	DS + SS
NeuralLP [137]	P	R	M + F	P	S	Ln	KGC + KI
NeurASP [138]	P+M	FOL	S + P	P	S	LpN	DS
NLM [35]	P	R	M + F	P + S	S	Ln	KGC + KI
NLog [121]	P	R	M + P	P	S	LpN	DS
NLProlog [131]	P	R	M + P	P + S	S + Sub	LpN	KGC + KI
NMLN [78]	M	FOL	C + P	P + S	S + Sub	lPN	KGC + G
NTP [102]	P	R	M + F	P + S	S + Sub	Ln	KGC + KI
RNM [76]	M	FOL	C + P	P	S	lPN	SS
SBR [33]	M	FOL	C + F	P	S+Sub	lN	DS + SS
Scallop [58]	P	FOL	M + P	P	S	LpN	DS
SL [133]	M	P	C + P	P	S	LpN	SS
Slash [113]	P+M	FOL	S + P	P	S	lPN	DS + SS

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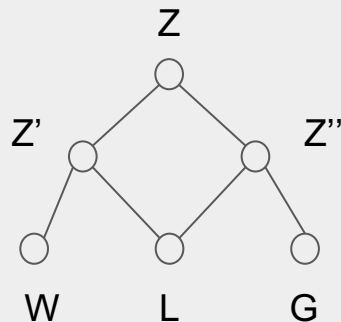
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Logic

Logic rules as
computational rules
(logic programs)

```
Lion,Wall -> Zoo  
Lion,Gate -> Zoo.
```



proof-based

Logic rules as
constraints
(SAT)

```
Lion -> Zoo XOR Savanna
```

```
L=?, Z=?, S=?
```

```
L=T, Z=T, S=F
```

model-based

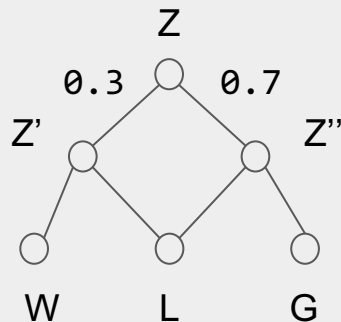
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StarAI = Logic + Probabilities

Stochastic Logic Programs

(directed graphical models)

```
0.3::Lion,Wall -> Zoo  
0.7::Lion,Gate -> Zoo.
```



proof-based

Markov Logic

(undirected graphical models)

```
2.75:: L -> Z XOR S
```

$p(L=T, Z=T, S=F) = ?$

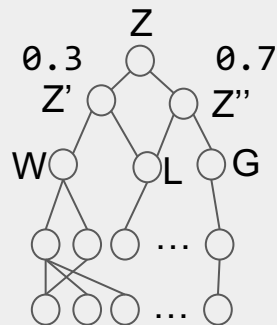
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NeSy = Logic + Probabilities + Neural

Logic Programs as
layers/architectures

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```



proof-based

Logic-based
Loss Functions /
Energy Function

```
2.75:: L -> Z XOR S
```

Energy = 2.75 * Satisfaction

e.g.

Loss = CrossEntropy + Energy

model-based

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Can we start from one (StarAI) and build the other (NeSy)?

... a StarAI **recipe** for NeSy ...

The use of logic: Model

Semantic Based Regularization

L -> Z XOR S

G	L	S	Z	W
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The use of logic: Model Semantic Based Regularization

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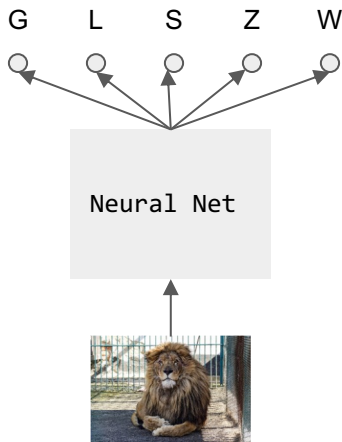
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Marra et al., ECML 2019



The use of logic: Model

Semantic Based Regularization

The net uses subsymbolic information to find a model.

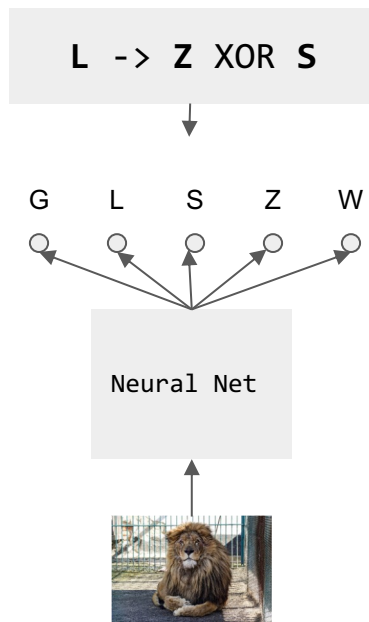


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The use of logic: Model Semantic Based Regularization

Logic rule is defined on the output variables
of the network

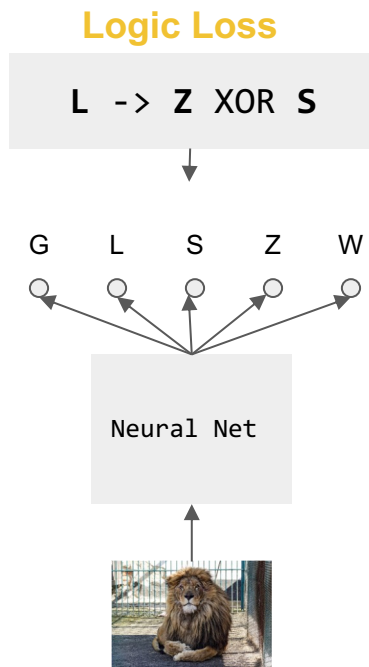


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The use of logic: Model

Semantic Based Regularization



(Fuzzy) Logic is used as regularization.

$$\text{TotalLoss} = \text{SupervisedLoss} + \text{LogicLoss}$$

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The use of logic: Model

Markov Logic Networks

$$p(G, L, S, Z, W) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp(\beta_1 \phi_1(G, L, S, Z, W) + \beta_2 \phi_2(G, L, S, Z, W) + \dots)$$

Probability of a model

weighted satisfaction of logical rules

(e.g. 2.75 :: L -> Z XOR S)

The use of logic: Model Markov Logic Networks

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The use of logic: Model Relational Neural Machines

Add neural-unary factors to MLN

conditioning
on subsymbols

$$p(G, L, S, Z, W \mid \text{subsymbols}) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp(\beta_1 \phi_1(G, L, S, Z, W) + \beta_2 \phi_2(G, L, S, Z, W) + \dots \\ + NN_G(\text{subsymbols}) + NN_L(\text{subsymbols}) + \dots)$$

neural unary factors

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The use of logic: Model Relational Neural Machines

conditioning
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$$p(G, L, S, Z, W \mid \begin{smallmatrix} \text{G} & \text{L} & \text{S} & \text{Z} & \text{W} \\ \text{H} & \text{I} & \text{J} & \text{K} & \text{L} \end{smallmatrix}) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp(\beta_1 \phi_1(G, L, S, Z, W) + \beta_2 \phi_2(G, L, S, Z, W) + \dots \\ + \textcolor{brown}{NN}_G(\begin{smallmatrix} \text{G} & \text{L} & \text{S} & \text{Z} & \text{W} \\ \text{H} & \text{I} & \text{J} & \text{K} & \text{L} \end{smallmatrix}) + NN_L(\begin{smallmatrix} \text{G} & \text{L} & \text{S} & \text{Z} & \text{W} \\ \text{H} & \text{I} & \text{J} & \text{K} & \text{L} \end{smallmatrix}) + \dots)$$

neural unary factors

- Can deal with perception
- Approximate inference is helped by NN

The use of logic: Model

Relational Neural Machines

$$p(G, L, S, Z, W \mid \text{context}) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp(\beta_1 \phi_1(G, L, S, Z, W) + \beta_2 \phi_2(G, L, S, Z, W) + \dots \\ + \mathbf{NN}_G(\text{context}) + \mathbf{NN}_L(\text{context}) + \dots)$$

Neural only unary!

The use of logic: Model

Neural Markov Logic Networks

Add neural relational factors to MLN

$$p(G, L, S, Z, W) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp(\beta_1 \mathbf{NN}_1(G, L, S, Z, W) + \beta_2 \mathbf{NN}_2(G, L, S, Z, W) + \dots)$$

neural factors also among symbols

Marra et al, UAI 2021
Jung et al, IJAR, 2024

The use of logic: Model

Neural Markov Logic Networks

Can deal with partial or no knowledge
(related to structure learning)

$$p(G, L, S, Z, W) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp(\beta_1 \mathbf{NN}_1(G, L, S, Z, W) + \beta_2 \mathbf{NN}_2(G, L, S, Z, W) + \dots)$$

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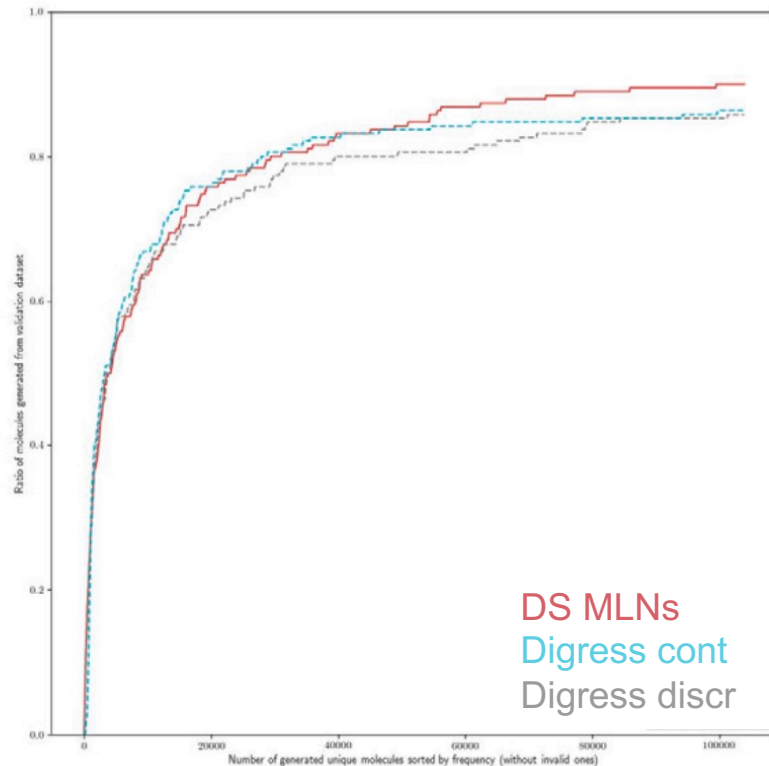
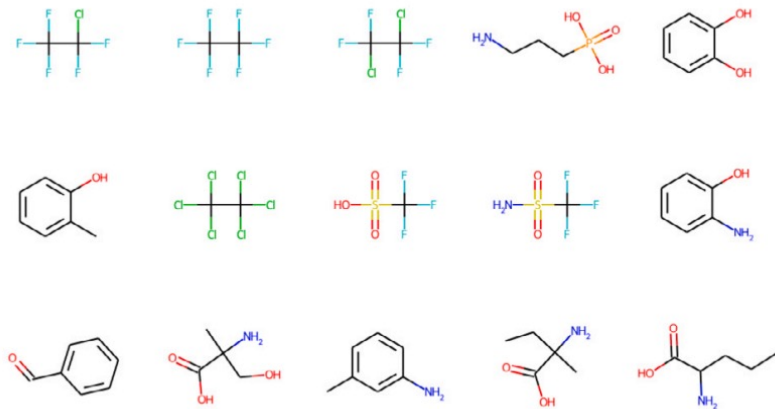
Quantified NMLNs

$$p(w) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp(\beta_1 \sum_{\gamma \in \omega} NN_1(\gamma) + \beta_2 \sum_{\gamma \in \omega} NN_2(\gamma) + \dots)$$

$$p(w) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp(\beta_1 \mathbf{A}_\gamma NN_1(\gamma) + \beta_2 \mathbf{A}_\gamma NN_2(\gamma) \dots)$$

$$p(w) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp(\beta_1 \mathbf{DS}(NN_1(\gamma)) + \beta_2 \mathbf{DS}(NN_2(\gamma)) \dots)$$

The use of logic: Model Quantified NMLNs



The use of logic: Model

MinMax Entropy Models

All the previous models are solutions of the same optimization problem

min max Entropy of $p(G, L, S, Z, W \mid \text{🦍})$
s.t.

- Satisfaction of Logical **Constraints** w.r.t. data
- Satisfaction **Neural Constraints** w.r.t data
 - unary (RNM)
 - relational (NMLN)

The use of logic: Proof

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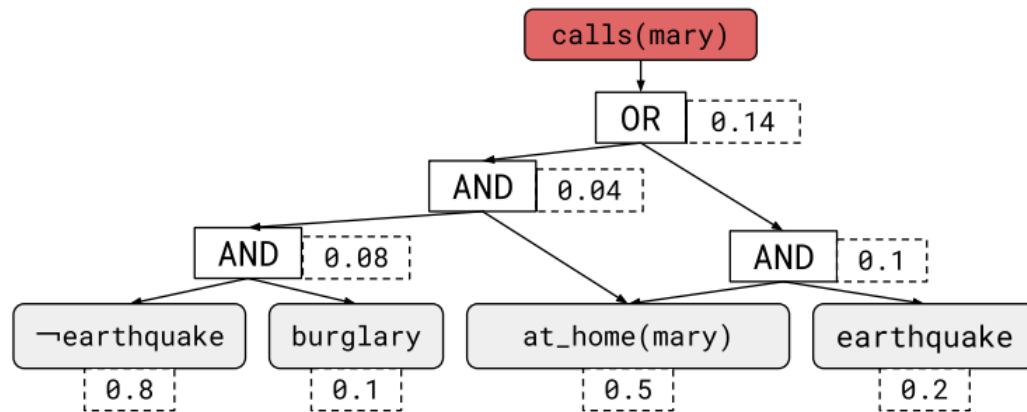
ProbLog

```
0.2::earthquake.  
0.1::burglary.  
0.5::at_home(mary).  
0.4::at_home(john).  
alarm :- earthquake.  
alarm :- burglary.  
calls(X) :- alarm, at_home(X).
```

The use of logic: Proof

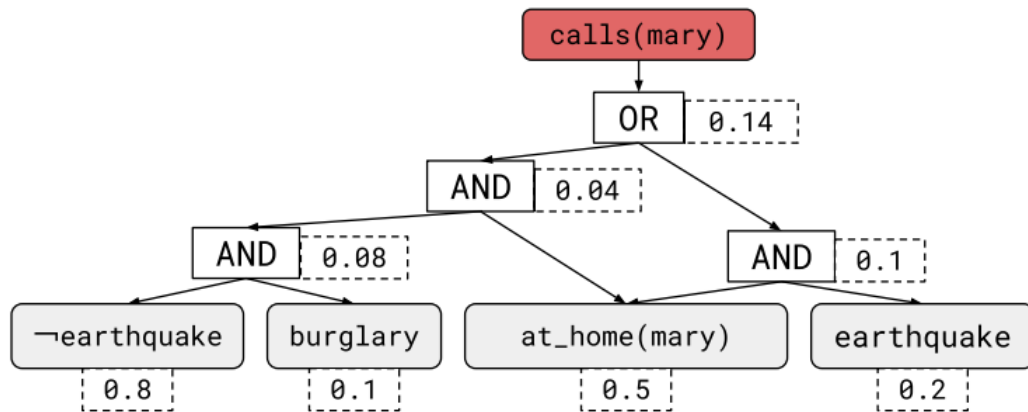
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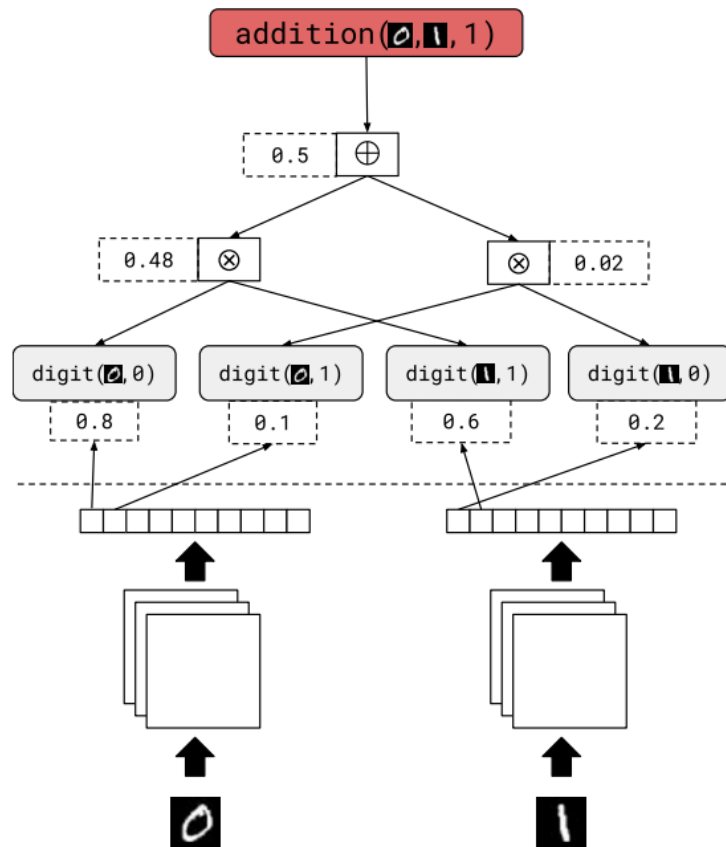
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$$p(\text{calls(mary)}) = \sum_{\omega} p(\text{earthquake}_{\omega}) \cdot p(\text{burglary}_{\omega}) \dots$$

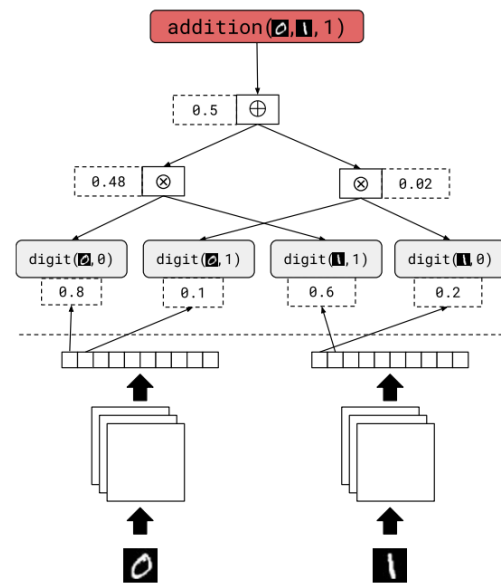
The use of logic: Proof DeepProbLog

```
nn(m_digit, [X], Y, [0...9]) :: digit(X,Y).  
addition(X,Y,Z) :- digit(X,N1), digit(Y,N2), Z is N1+N2.
```



The use of logic: Proof DeepProbLog

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$$p(\text{addition}(0, 1, 1)) = \sum_{\omega} p(\text{digit}_{\omega}(X, 0) | 0) \cdot p(\text{digit}_{\omega}(X, 1) | 0) \dots$$

Neural Predicates

The use of logic: Proof

Stochastic Definite Clause Grammars

Parse Sequences: ["0", "+", "9", "+", "1"].

```
0.5 :: e(N) --> n(N).
0.5 :: e(N) --> e(N1), p, n(N2),
               {N is N1 + N2}.
1.0 :: p      --> ["+"].

0.1 :: n(0) --> ["0"].
0.1 :: n(1) --> ["1"].
...
0.1 :: n(9) --> ["9"].
```

The use of logic: Proof

DeepStochLog

```
0.5 :: e(N) --> n(N).  
0.5 :: e(N) --> e(N1), p, n(N2),  
           {N is N1 + N2}.  
nn(+,"+"): p --> [+].  
nn(0,0):: n(0) --> [0].  
nn(1,1):: n(1) --> [1].  
nn(9,9):: n(9) --> [9].
```

neural
rule



Winters,Marra,
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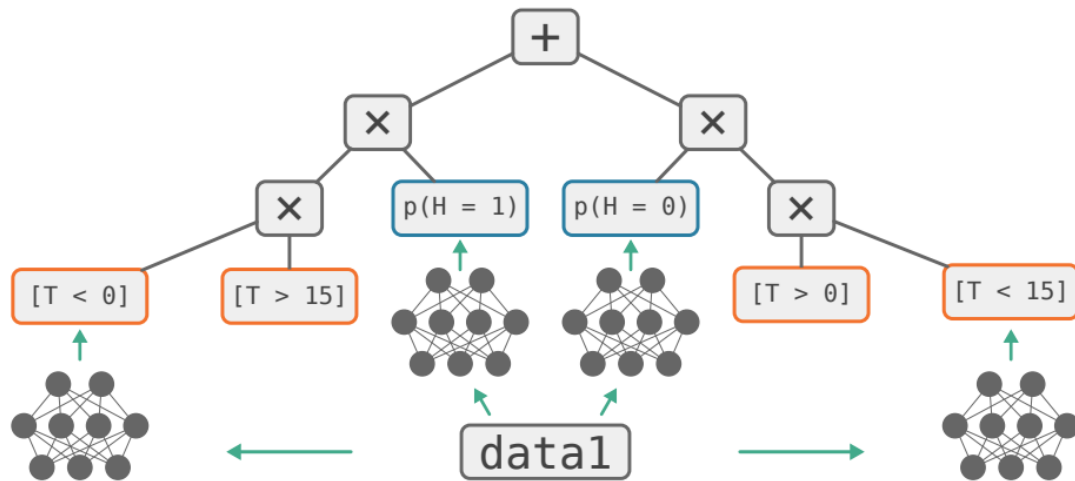
DeepSeaProbLog

```
humid(Data) ~  
    bernoulli(humid_detector(Data)).  
temp(Data, T) ~  
    normal(temperature_predictor(Data)).
```

```
good_weather(Data) :-  
    humid(Data) == 1, temp(Data) < 0.
```

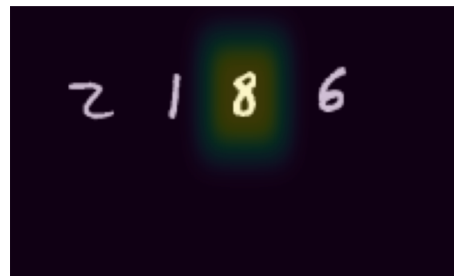
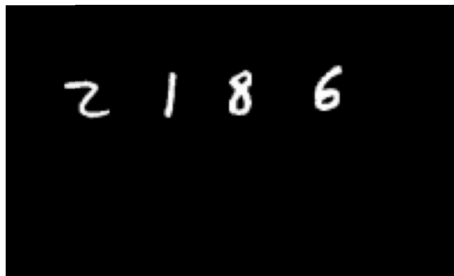
```
good_weather(Data) :-  
    humid(Data) == 0, temp(Data) > 15.
```

```
query(good_weather(🌍)).
```

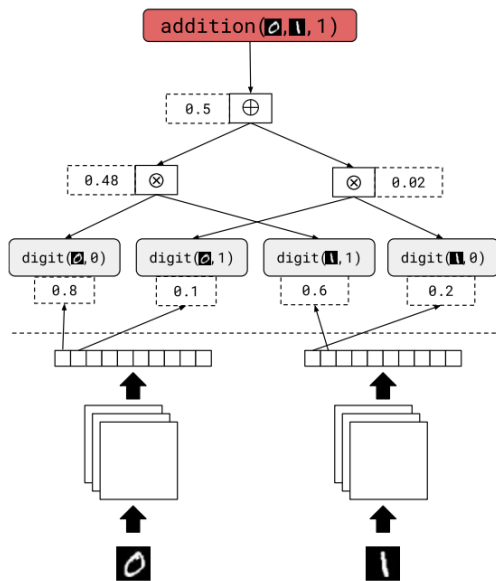


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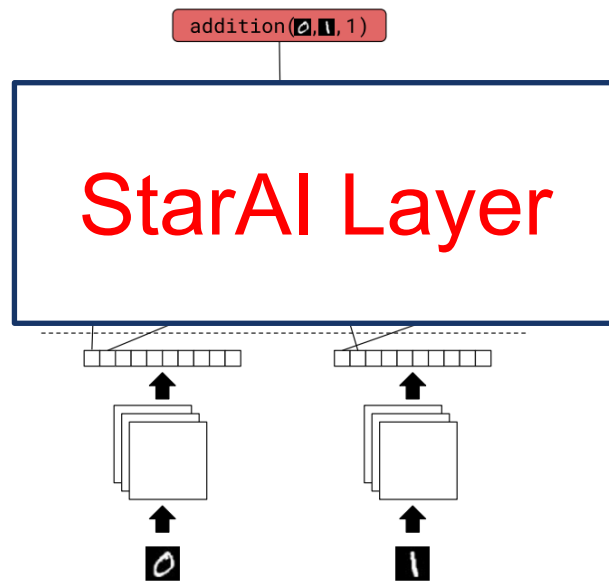
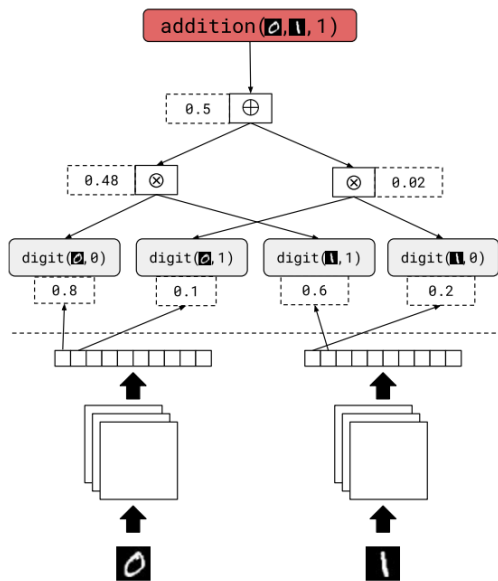


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Logic as a layer



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SQL Query

```
SELECT prof_id FROM Treatments
```

LLMs

Natural Language Sentence

Find the ids of professionals
who have ever treated dogs.

+ (poss.) schema

The use of logic: Proof

Logic as a layer

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StarAI Layer

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DeepStochLog

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Database Schema of dog_kennels

Dogs (dogs)	
dog_id	abandoned_yn

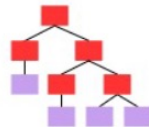
Professionals (professionals)	
prof_id	name

Treatments (treatments)	
treat_id	dog_id
prof_id	

SQL Query

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Prolog-based Deepstochlog⁺ Solver



Facts

```
database('dog_kennels', ['Dogs', 'Professionals', 'Treatments']).
table('dog_kennels', 'Dogs', ['dog_id', 'abandoned_yn']).
table('dog_kennels', 'Professionals', ['prof_id', 'name']).
table('dog_kennels', 'Treatments', ['treat_id', 'dog_id', 'prof_id']).
table_domain(DB, T) :- database(DB, Tables), member(T, Tables).
column_domain(DB, T, C) :- table(DB, T, Columns), member(C, Columns).
```

Rules

```
token(X) --> [X].
nn1m(table_lm, [NL], T, table_domain(DB, T), Prompt) :: table(NL, DB, T) --> [].
nn1m(column_lm, [NL], C, column_domain(DB, T, C), Prompt) :: column(NL, DB, T) --> token(C).
query(NL, DB) --> table(NL, DB, T), ['SELECT'], column(NL, DB, T), ['FROM'], token(T).
```

Query

```
?- query('Find the ids of professionals who have ever treated dogs.', 'dog_kennels', _).
```

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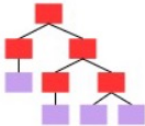
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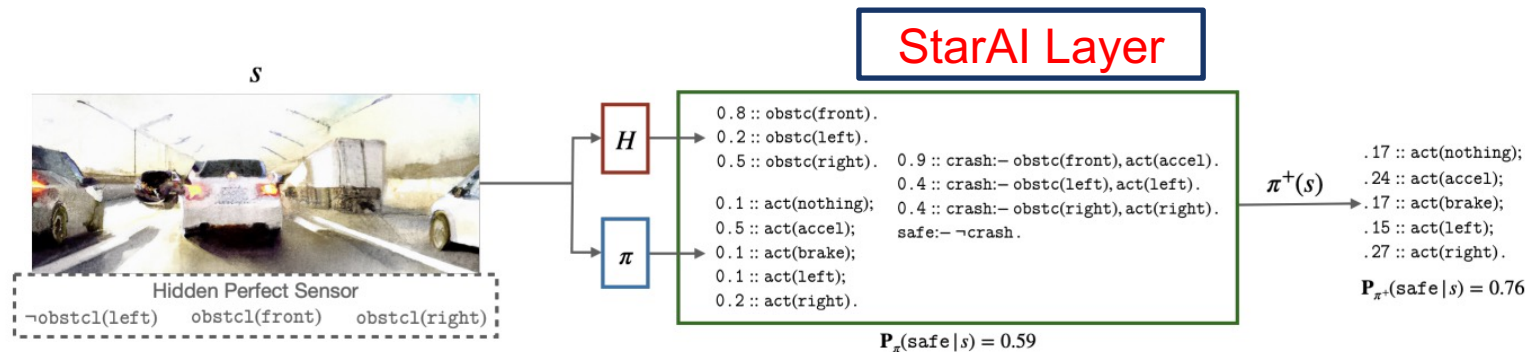


		Validity%	Exact Matching %
Smaller Models (Millions Params.)	T5-small	53.9	41.1
	T5-small+CFGs	88.8	67.1
	Ours (T5-small+DCGs)	100.0	75.6
Larger Models (B/Trillions Params.)	DAIL-SQL (GPT-4)	99.2	88.8
	DIN-SQL (GPT-4)	99.2	78.7
	Graphix-T5 (T5-3B+PICARD)	99.6	91.9

rule

The use of logic: Proof

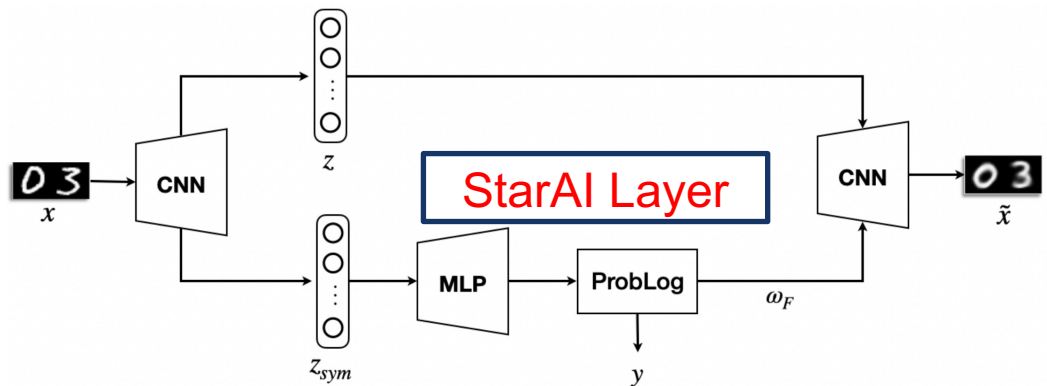
Logic layers in policy gradient



Probabilistic Logic Shields for Safe Reinforcement Learning

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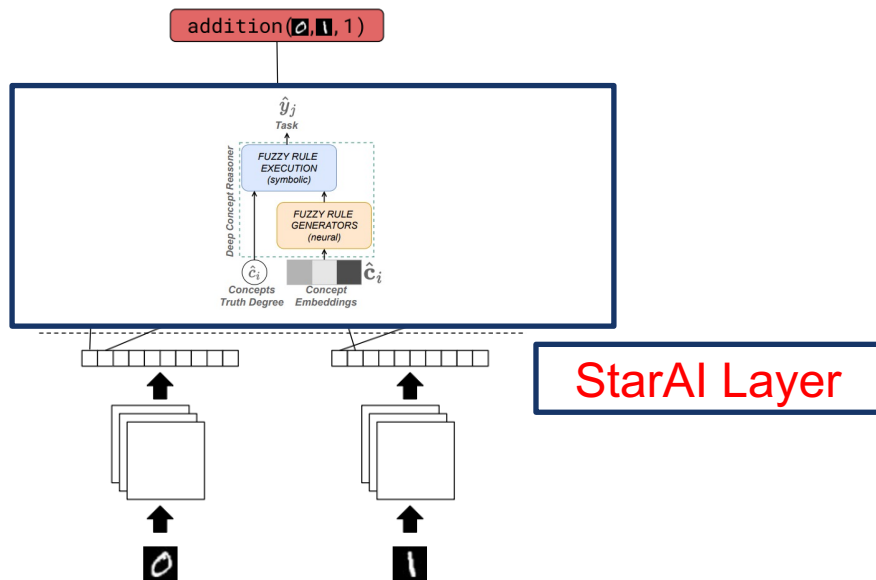
Logic layers to condition VAE



Zero shot generaliation
by programming VAEs

The use of logic: Proof

Deep Concept Reasoners



We can substitute the logic with (interpretable) neural networks

StarAI as a recipe for NeSy

- NeSy can bridge the neural and symbolic traditions
- NeSy is still a mess, hard to compare, lack of semantics
- StarAI has already studied sound semantics for learning and reasoning
- StarAI can be used as a starting point for NeSy

StarAI as a recipe for NeSy

StarAI

`p(symbols; params)`



NeSy

`p(symbols; neural nets)`

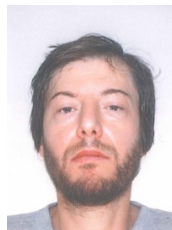
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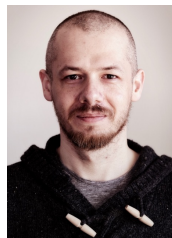
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