



# Solving Pong with DeepProblog

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**NeuroSymbolic AI**  
**New DeepProblog Application**

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# Motivation

## Modelling of Complex Systems

- ProB : create models of increasing complexity
- How can we use DeepProbLog to minimize the effort needed to adapt an agent to a harder version of the same problem?

## Pong

- Because games are fun...
- Pong is a simple game
- Difficulty increase comes from agent and ball speed variations





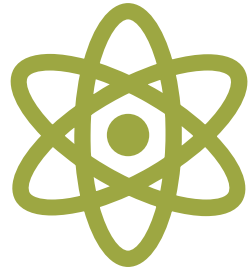
## Experiments

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# DeepProblog vs PyTorch

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## Goal

Compare effectiveness and  
data efficiency of each method



## Measurements

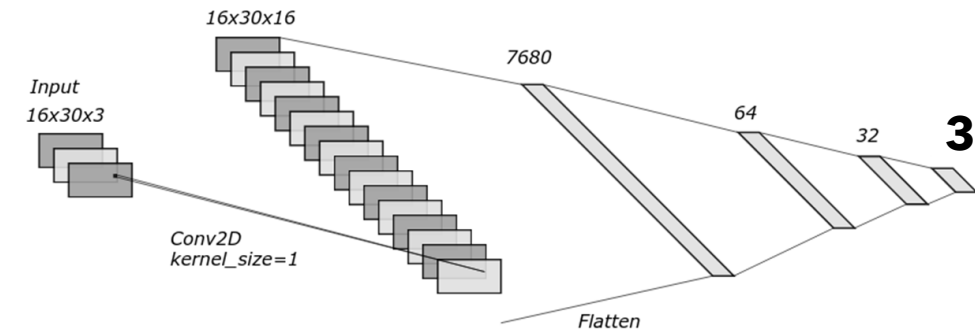
Training Loss over iterations  
Testing Accuracy over iterations  
Multiple dataset sizes

# DeepProblog vs PyTorch

## Model comparison

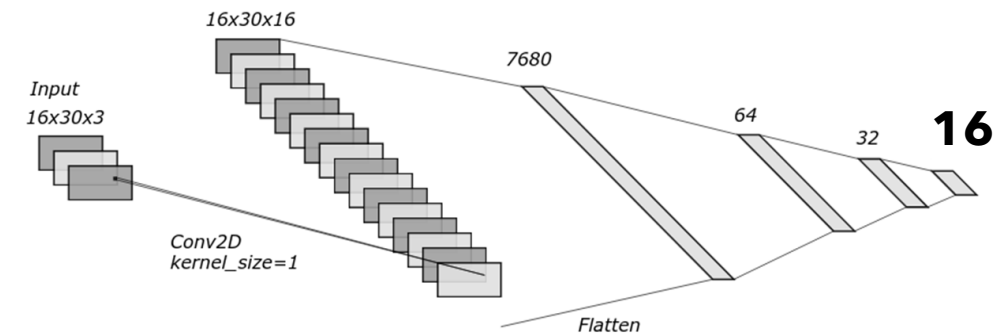
### □ PyTorch CNN

frame  $\Rightarrow$  action  
16x30x3  $\Rightarrow$  down, up, noop

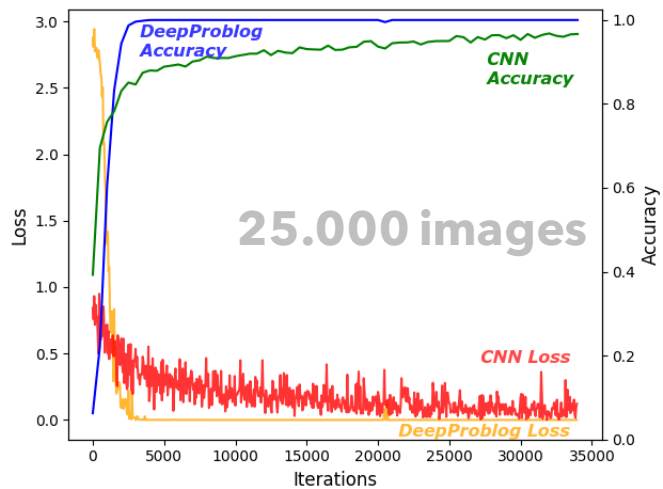
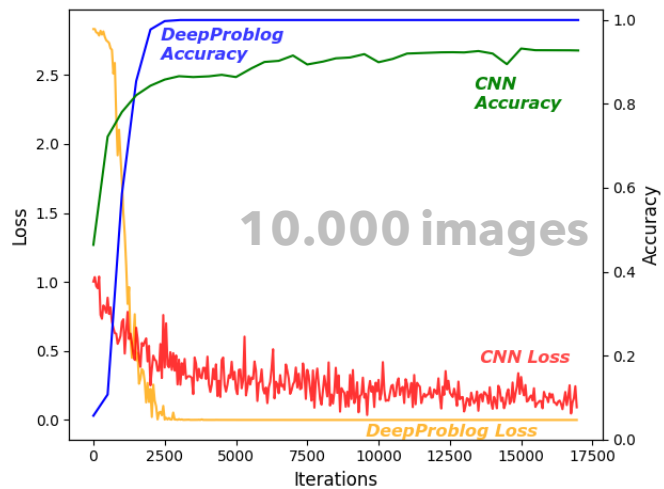
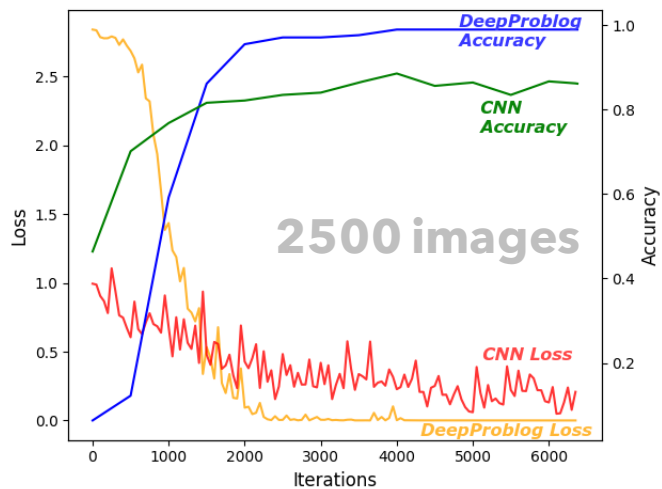
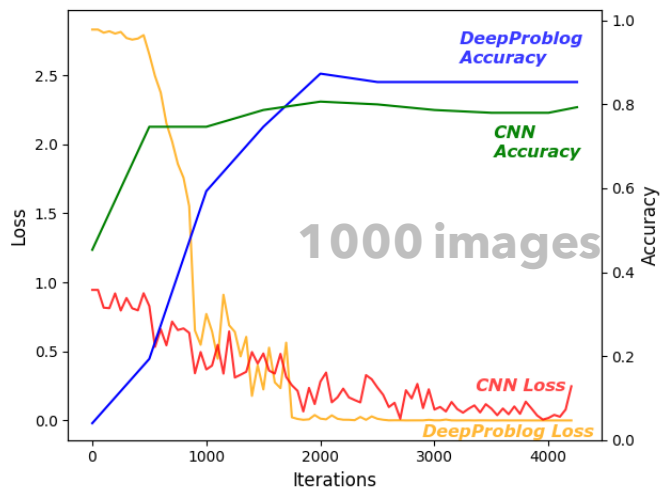


### □ DeepProblog

frame  $\Rightarrow$  ball y-position  
16x30x3  $\Rightarrow$  0,1,...,14,15

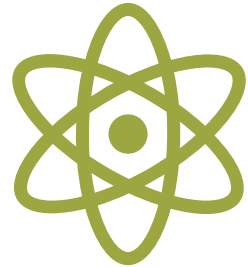


# DeepProblog vs PyTorch



# Increasing Agent Complexity

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## Goal

Creating a more complex agent  
for harder game variations

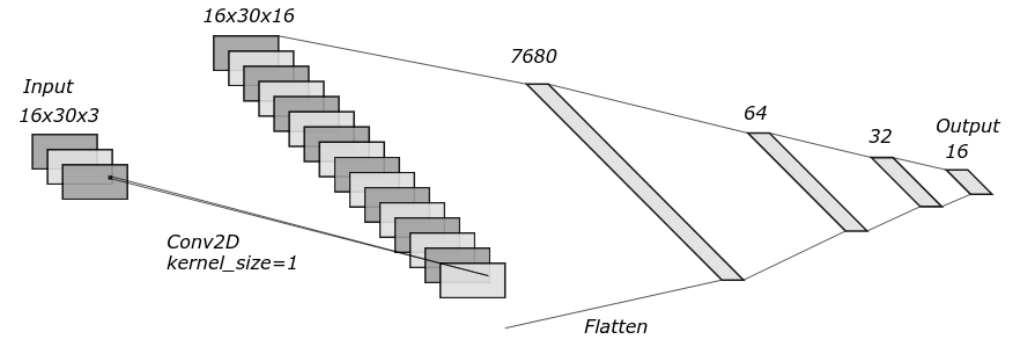
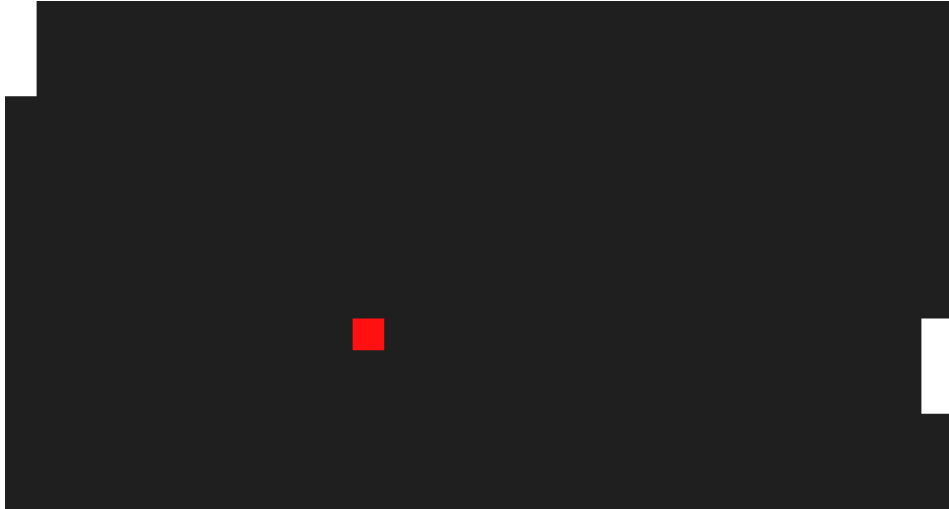


## Measurements

Win rate against random agent  
@ varying ball and player speed



# Agent v1

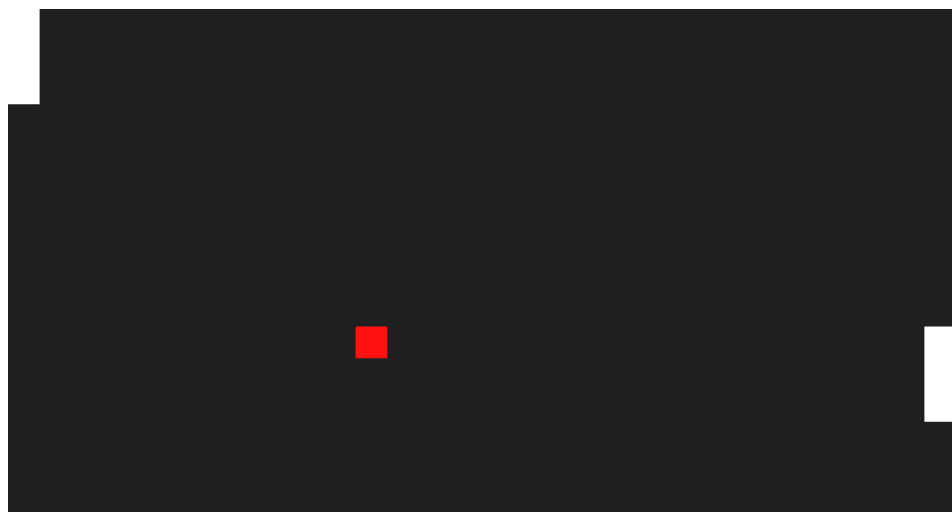


**Follow** ball y-position

- Perception: CNN
- Decision: FOL

```
nn(pong_net_y,[Img],Bally,[0,...,15]) :: y_coord(Img,Bally).  
  
distance_y(Img, AIY, D):- y_coord(Img, Bally), D is AIY - Bally.  
  
choose_action(Img, AIY, noop) :- distance_y(Img, AIY, D), D = 0.  
choose_action(Img, AIY, up) :- distance_y(Img, AIY, D), D > 0.  
choose_action(Img, AIY, down) :- distance_y(Img, AIY, D), D < 0.
```

# Agent v1



Player = Ball = 1

➤ 100% winrate

❖ Fails at higher speeds



Player	Ball	win rate	Player	Ball	win rate
1	1	100%	1	2	46.6%
2	2	63.5%	1	3	48.5%
3	3	62.3%	2	3	47.2%
4	4	55.5%	2	4	56.4%
			3	4	51.6%

# Agent v2



## Predict ball y-position

- Perception + x-pos
- Decision: simulation

```
nn(pong_net_y,[Img],BallY,[0,...,15]) :: y_coord(Img,BallY).
nn(pong_net_x,[Img],BallX,[1,...,28]) :: x_coord(Img,BallX).

%used to train the pong_net_x network
distance_x(Img, D) :- x_coord(Img, X), D is 29 - X.
coordinates(Img, X, Y):- x_coord(Img,X), y_coord(Img, Y).

choose_action(Img0, Img1, AIY, Action):-
    coordinates(Img0, X0, Y0),
    coordinates(Img1, X1, Y1),
    choose_action(AIY, X0, Y0, X1, Y1, Action).

%going away from agent
choose_action(AIY, X0, _, X1, _, noop):-
    direction_x(BallPrevX, BallCurX, -1),
    AIY = 8.
choose_action(AIY, X0, _, X1, _, up):-
    direction_x(BallPrevX, BallCurX, -1),
    AIY > 8.
choose_action(AIY, X0, _, X1, _, down):-
    direction_x(BallPrevX, BallCurX, -1),
    AIY < 8.

%going towards agent
choose_action(AIY, X0, Y0, X1, Y1, noop):-
    direction_x(X0, X1, 1),
    intersect_y(X0, Y0, X1, Y1, YFuture),
    AIY = YFuture.
choose_action(AIY, X0, Y0, X1, Y1, up):-
    direction_x(X0, X1, 1),
    intersect_y(X0, Y0, X1, Y1, YFuture),
    AIY > YFuture.
choose_action(AIY, X0, Y0, X1, Y1, down):-
    direction_x(X0, X1, 1),
    intersect_y(X0, Y0, X1, Y1, YFuture),
    AIY < YFuture.

%to be safe: if x doesn't change (wrong perception)
% => assume towards agent
direction_x(X0, X1, 1):- PrevX <= CurX.
direction_x(X0, X1, -1):- PrevX > CurX.

speed(Prev, Cur, Speed):-
    (Cur > Prev; Cur < Prev),
    Speed is Cur - Prev.

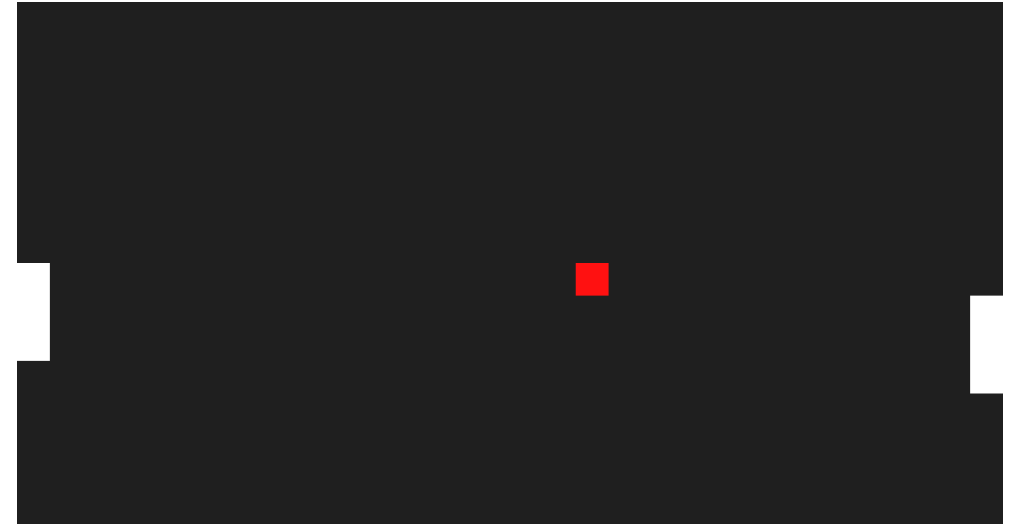
intersect_y(X0, Y0, X1, Y1, YFuture):-
    speed(X0, X1, SpeedX),
    speed(Y0, Y1, SpeedY),
    DistX is 29 - X1,
    FramesLeft is DistX / SpeedX,
    intersect_y_iter(SpeedY, FramesLeft, Y1, YFuture).

intersect_y_iter(_, FramesLeft, Y, Y):-
    FramesLeft <= 0.
intersect_y_iter(SpeedY, FramesLeft, TempY, Y):-
    FramesLeft > 0,
    NewFramesLeft is FramesLeft - 1,
    bounded_y_calc(TempY, SpeedY, NewTempY, NewSpeedY),
    intersect_y_iter(NewSpeedY, NewFramesLeft, NewTempY, Y).

%calculates the next y position and updates yspeed if there was a bounce
bounded_y_calc(CurY, SpeedY, NewY, NewSpeedY):-
    Steps is abs(SpeedY),
    DirY is sign(SpeedY),
    bounded_y_calc_iter(CurY, DirY, NewY, NewDirY, Steps),
    NewSpeedY is Steps * NewDirY.

bounded_y_calc_iter(CurY, DirY, CurY, DirY, 0).
bounded_y_calc_iter(CurY, DirY, FinalY, FinalDirY, Steps):-
    Steps > 0,
    (CurY = 0; CurY = 15), %if next step would hit top or bottom of screen
    NewDirY is -1*DirY,
    TargetY is CurY + NewDirY,
    NewSteps is Steps - 1,
    bounded_y_calc_iter(TargetY, NewDirY, FinalY, FinalDirY, NewSteps).
bounded_y_calc_iter(CurY, DirY, FinalY, FinalDirY, Steps):-
    Steps > 0,
    CurY > 0,
    CurY < 15,
    TargetY is CurY + DirY,
    NewSteps is Steps - 1,
    bounded_y_calc_iter(TargetY, DirY, FinalY, FinalDirY, NewSteps).
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# Agent v2



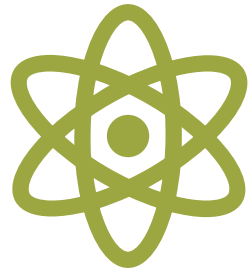
- Better performance at higher speeds
- ❖ Logic errors in speed calculation @ bounces

Player	Ball	win rate	Player	Ball	win rate
1	1	100%	1	3	95.9%
2	2	100%	1	4	73.7%
3	3	79.8%	2	3	79.8%
4	4	77.9%	2	4	69.7%
1	2	100%	3	4	65.6%



# Noise Robustness

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## Goal

Particle effects  $\approx$  noise  
How much is too much?



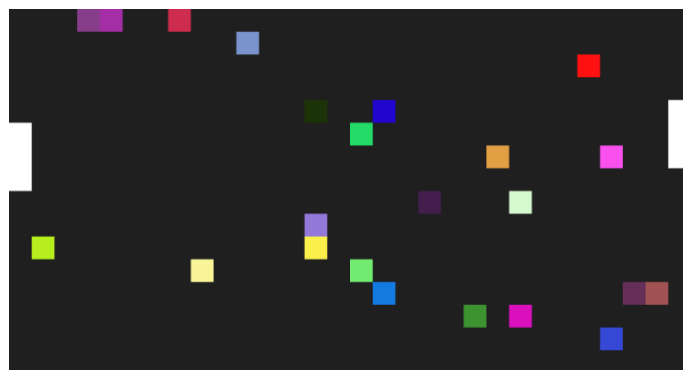
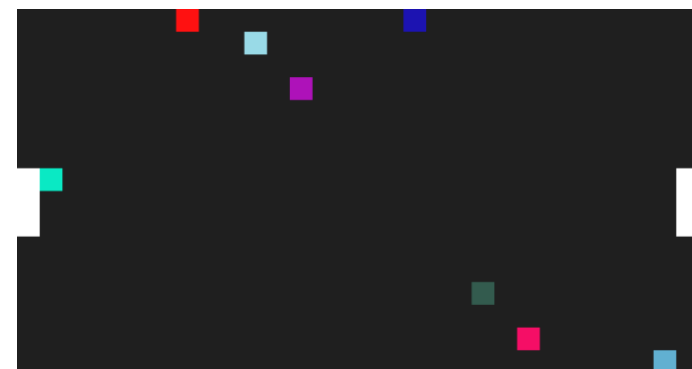
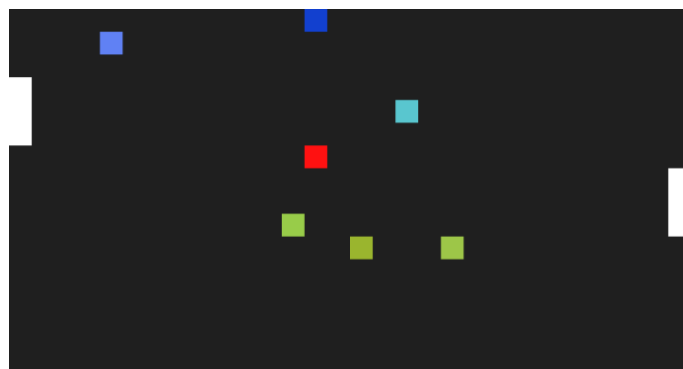
## Measurements

Win rate against random agent  
@ varying noise levels



# Noise Robustness

- Agent v2
- Player Speed = 1
- Ball Speed = 2



Noise	win rate
0%	100%
1%	89.2%
2.5%	85.2%
5%	62.5%



## Discussion

- Is DeepProblog data efficient and effective?
- Is DeepProblog useful to model levels of complexity?

# Is DeepProblog data efficient and effective?

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- + Less data is needed
- + Higher accuracy is reached
- + Accuracy is reached in less iterations
- + More intuitive outputs
- Training iterations are slower
- Comparison isn't entirely fair



# Is DeepProblog useful to model levels of complexity?

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- Increasing perception complexity
  - + Know what each network does
  - + Reusable building blocks
  - + Easy training FOL feedback clauses
- Increasing decision making complexity
  - + Understandable AI
  - ± Feature Engineering
  - Prone to Human Error (edge cases)



# Questions

