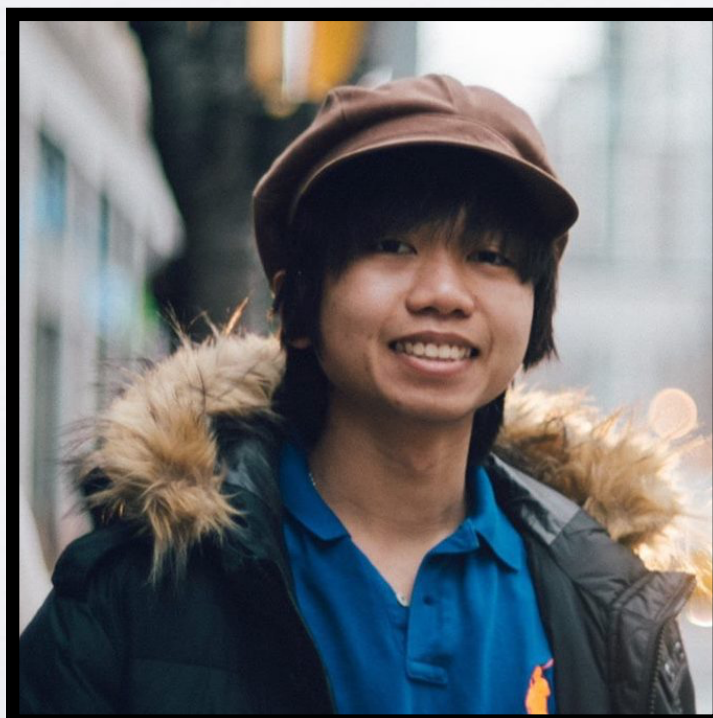


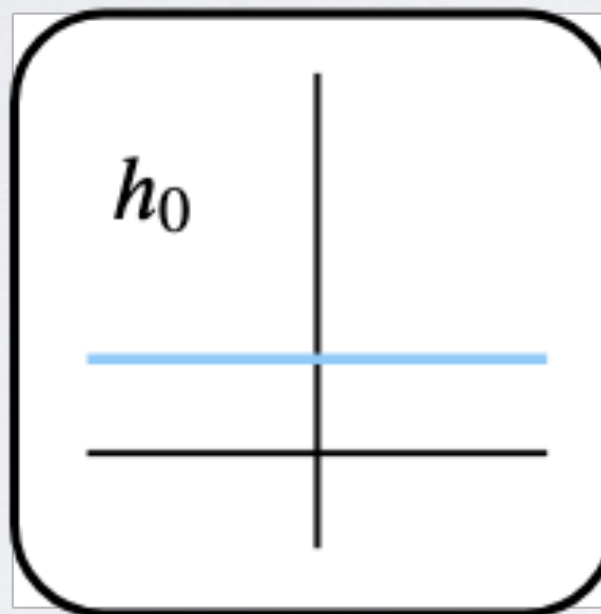
GENERATING ACCURATE **PSEUDO-LABELS** IN SEMI-SUPERVISED LEARNING AND AVOIDING OVERCONFIDENT PREDICTIONS VIA **HERMITE POLYNOMIAL ACTIVATIONS**





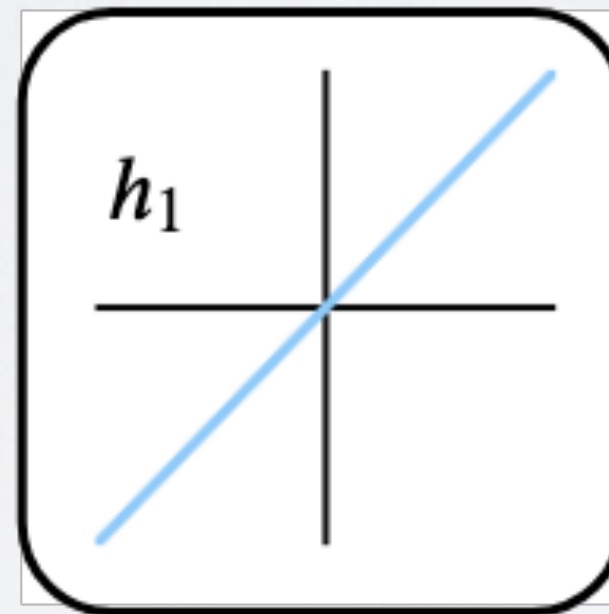
HERMITE POLYNOMIALS AS ACTIVATIONS

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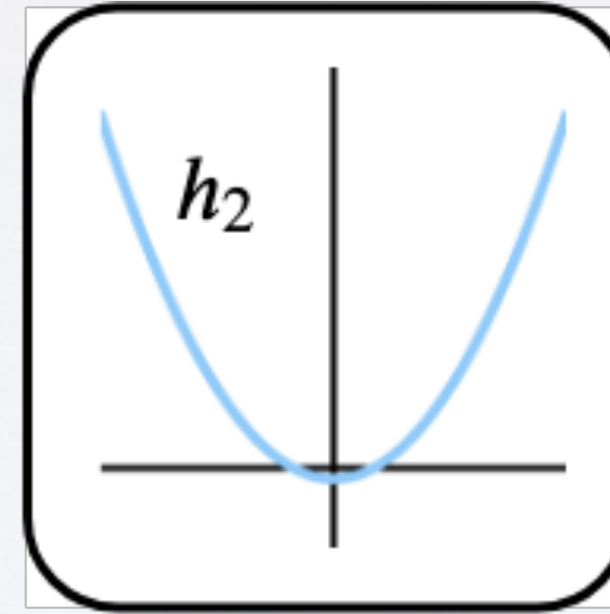
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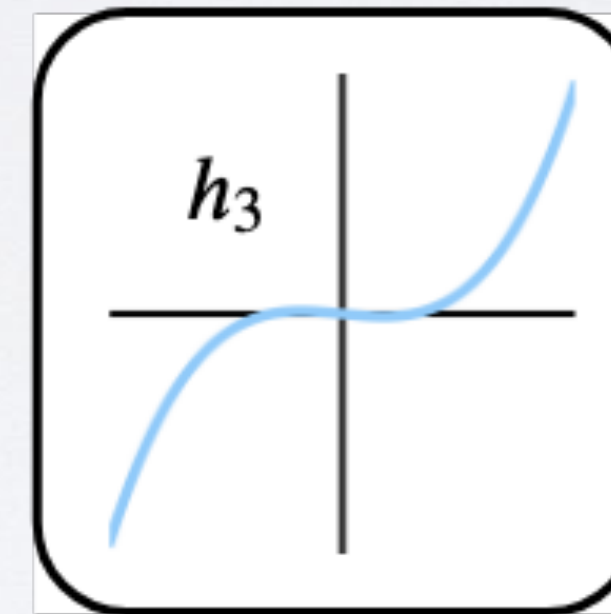
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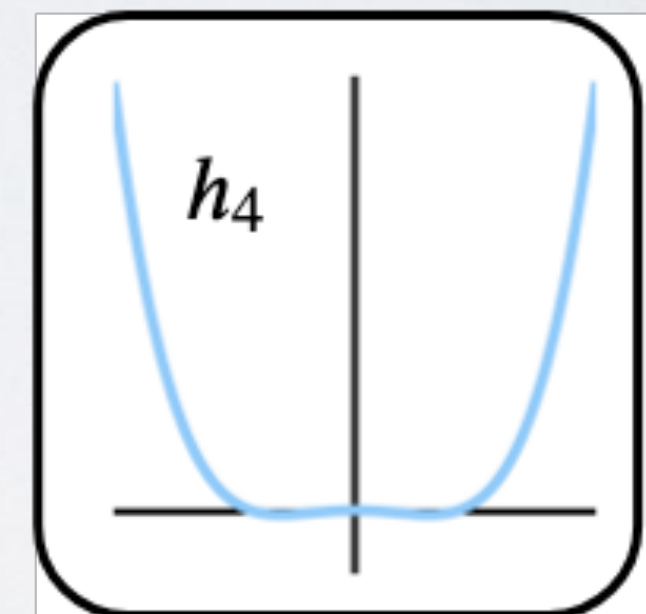
$\frac{x^2 - 1}{2!}$

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$\frac{x^3 - 3x}{3!}$

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$\frac{x^4 - 6x^2 + 3}{4!}$

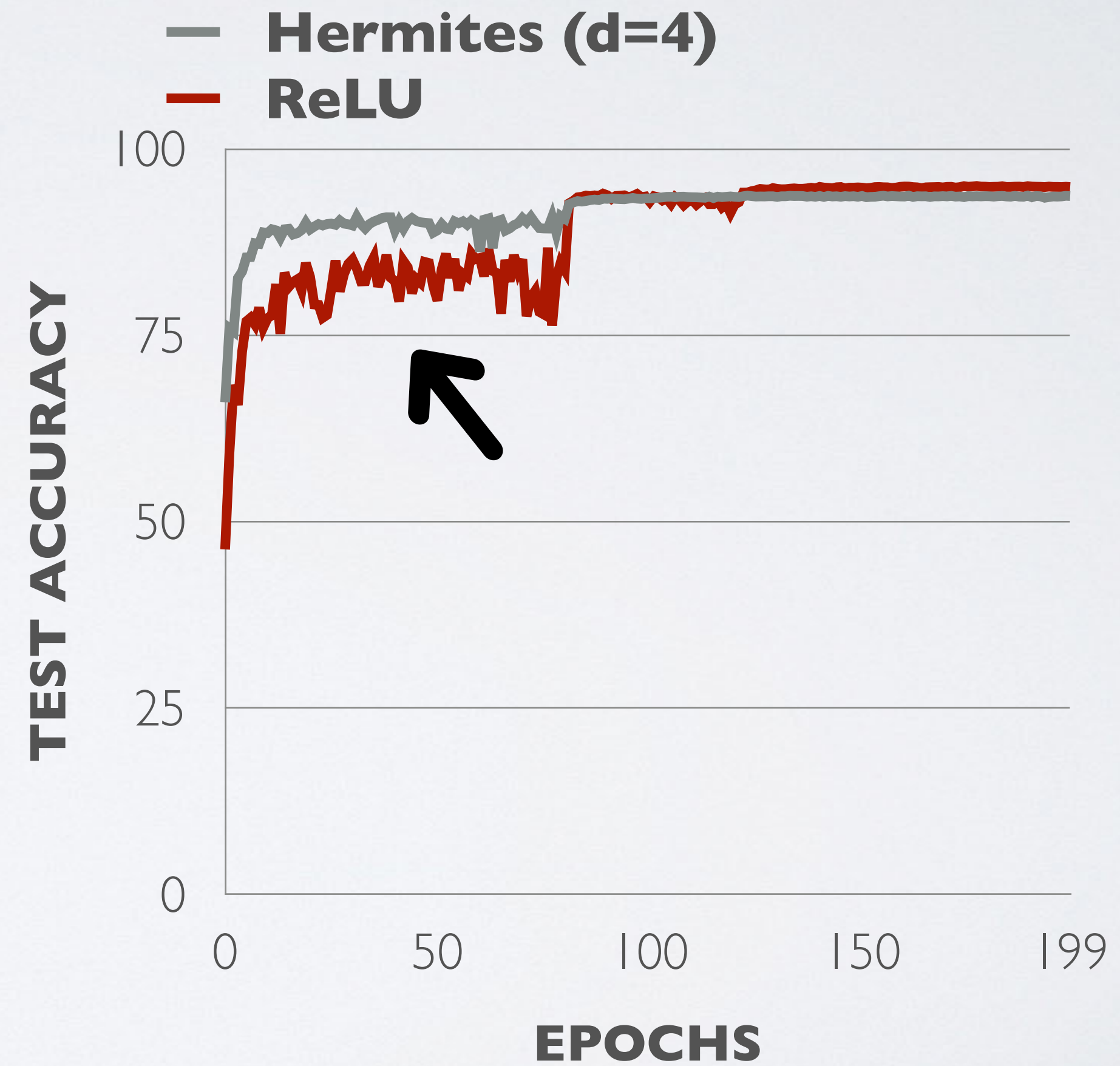
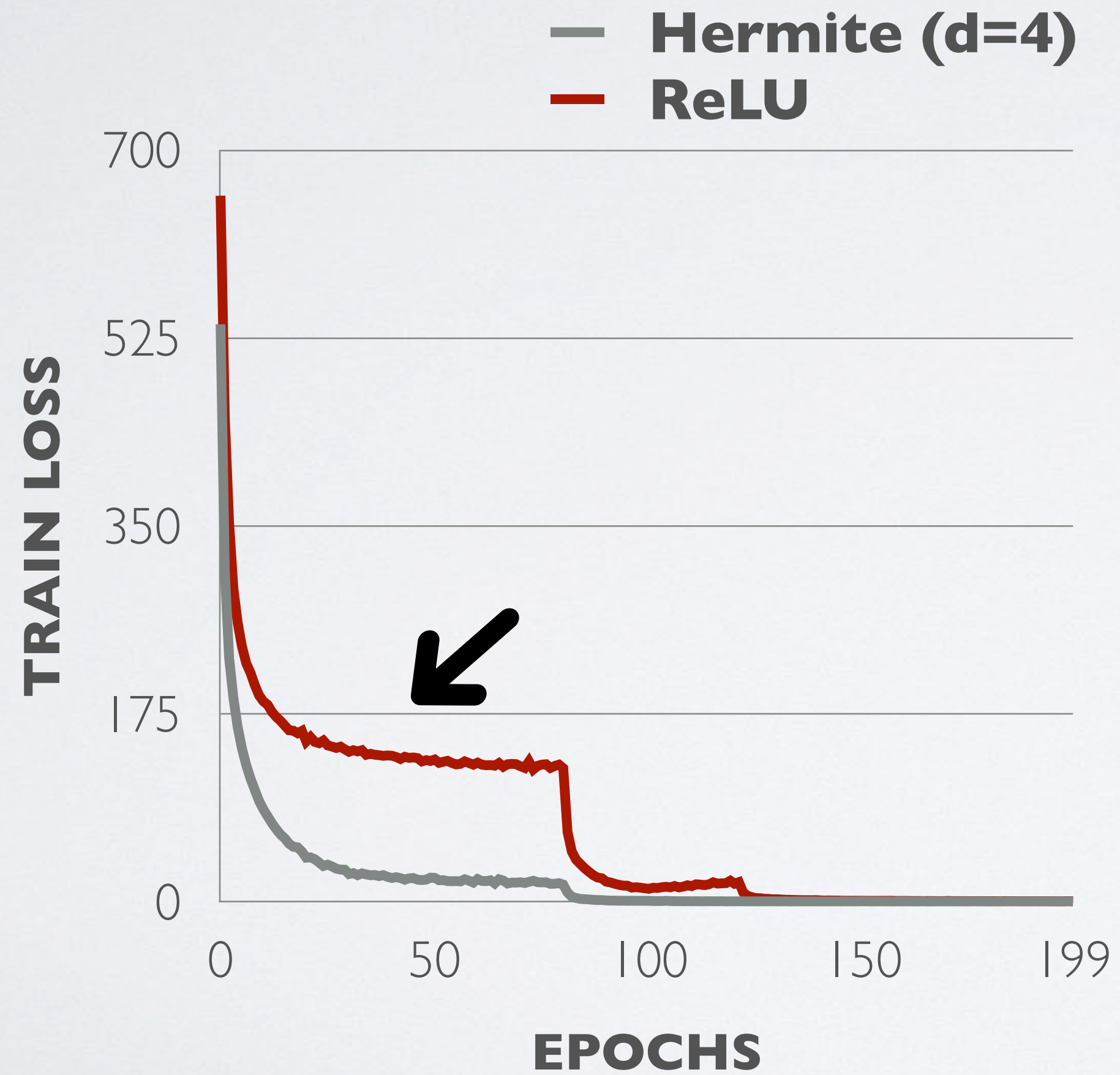
NON-SMOOTH RELUS TO POLYNOMIAL ACTIVATIONS



- Ge et al showed that we can avoid spurious local minima using Hermites
- Idea: use the lower order terms in the Hermite polynomial series **Expansion of ReLU** as **Activation Functions**



THE EARLY RISER PROPERTY IN HERMITES



HERMITES MAKE CONSCIOUS CLASSIFICATIONS



	Train Similar to Test	Train Different From Test	
	<div>Train</div> <div>Test</div>	<div>Train</div> <div>Test</div>	
ReLU	High Confidence Predictions	High Confidence Predictions	😞
Hermite	High Confidence Predictions	Low Confidence Predictions	😄

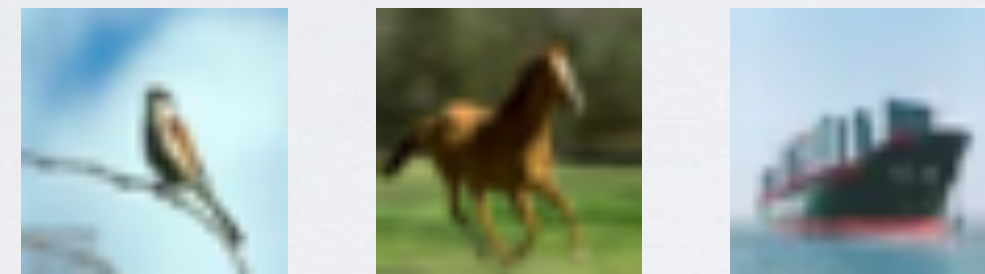
When the test data is different from the training data, Hermite networks consciously make **(approximately) random** predictions unlike ReLU networks

THE SAAS CONCEPT

PSEUDO-LABELS GENERATION VIA THE **BANDERSNATCH** PHENOMENON

Good Labels → Least Training Time

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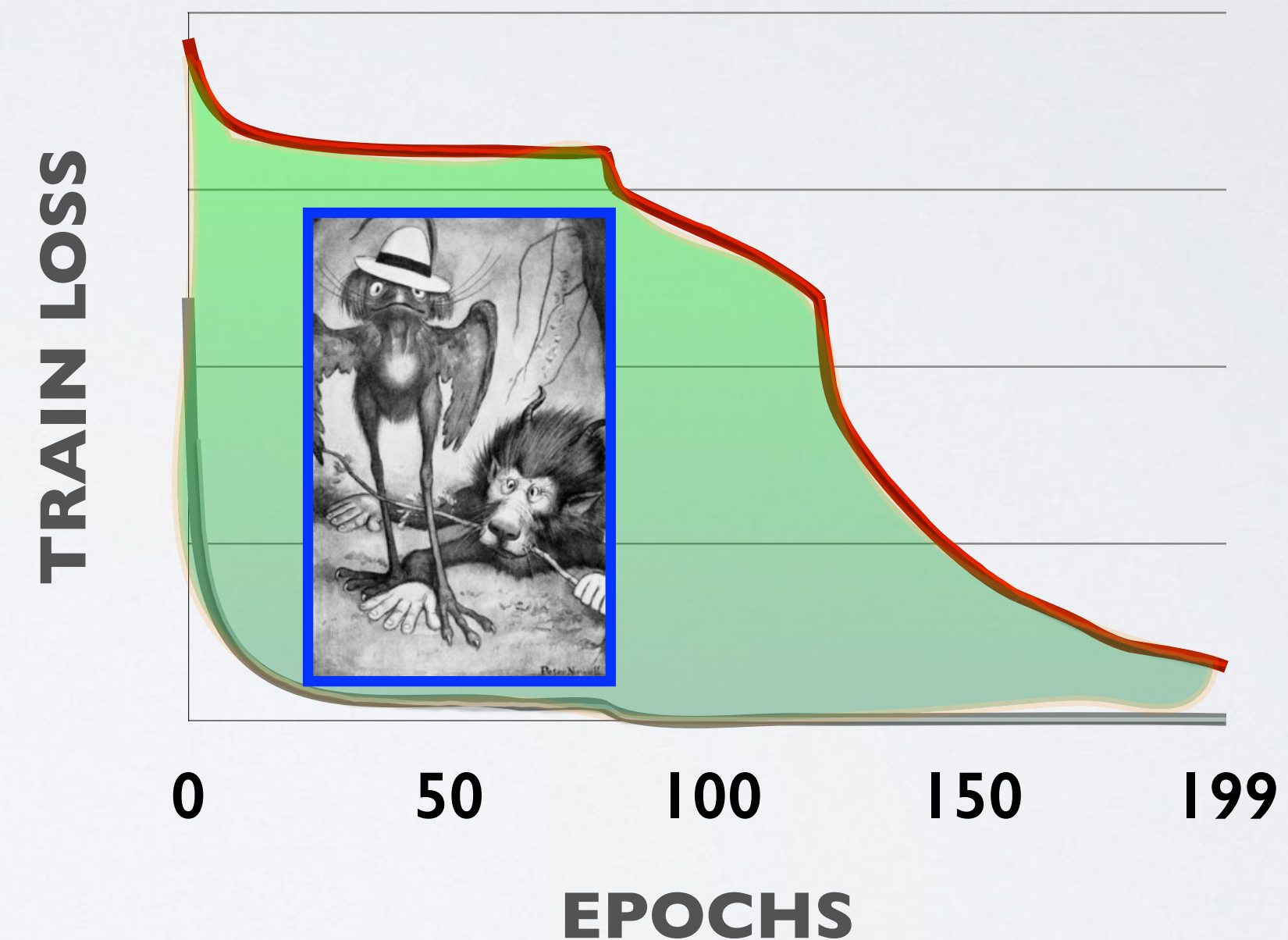


**TRUE
LABELS**

Bird Horse Ship

**RANDOM
LABELS**

Cat Truck Dog



SaaS: Find labels with least training time

*bandersnatch ~ a fast and intelligent fictional creature <https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bandersnatch>

COMPUTATIONAL BENEFITS





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HERMITE-SAAS **TRAINS FASTER** THAN RELU-SAAS

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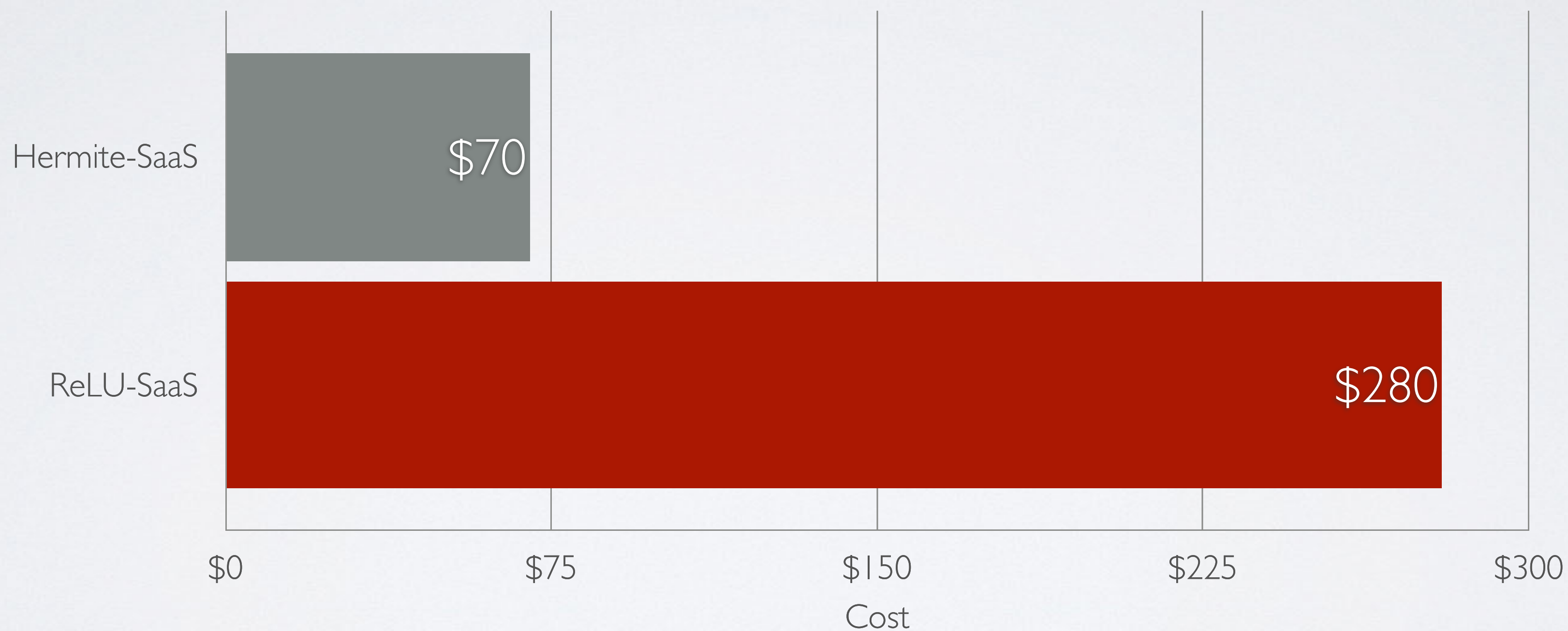




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HERMITE-SAAS **COSTS LESS** THAN RELU-SAAS

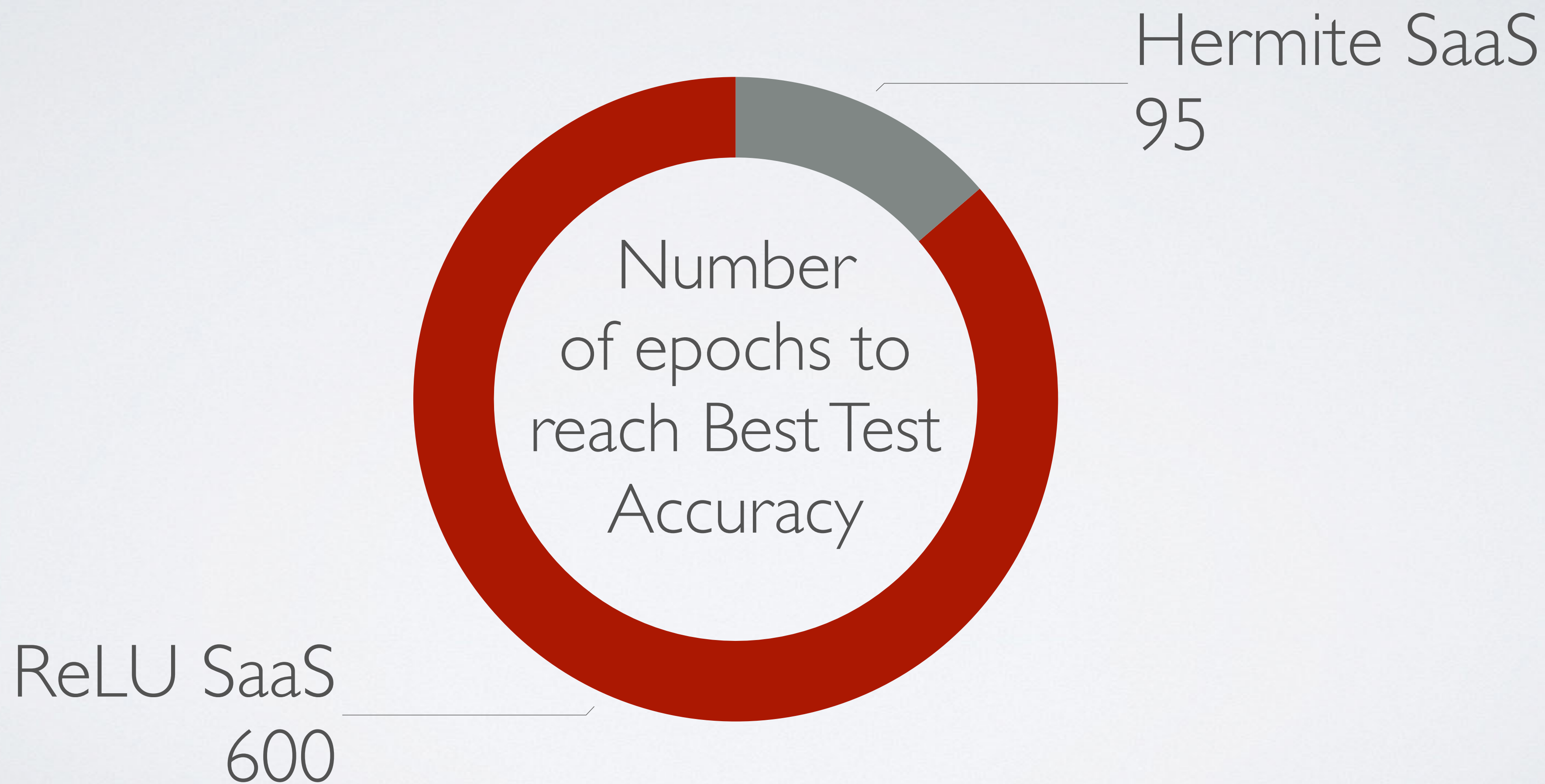
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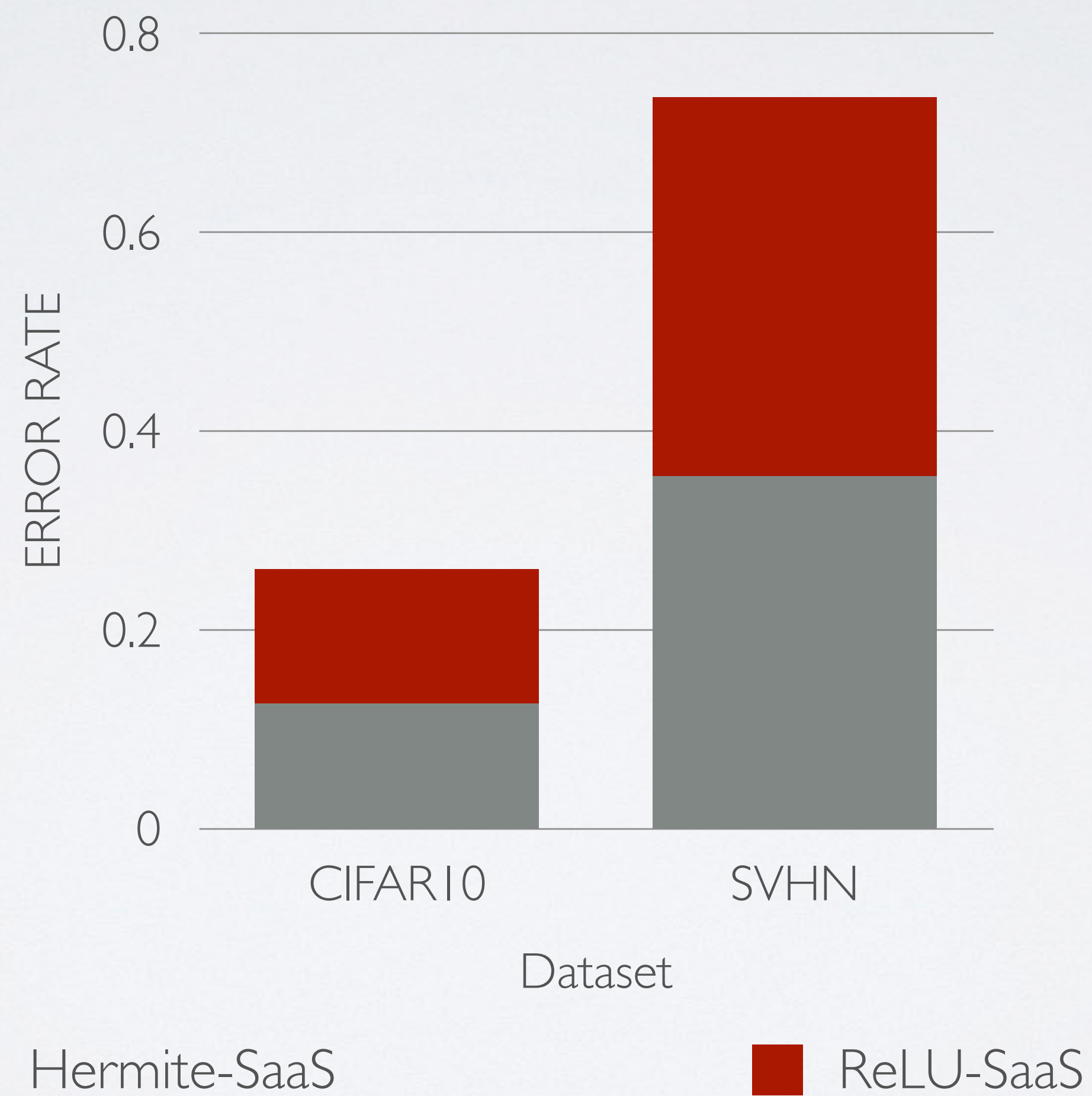
Adding 30% uniform
noise to labelled data

HERMITE-SAAS **MORE RESILIENT TO NOISE** THAN RELU-SAAS





HERMITE-SAAS **GENERALIZES BETTER** THAN RELU-SAAS





Hermite polynomials
are nice