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## Welcome



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## Hyperparameter tuning

# Neural Architecture Search

- Neural architecture search (NAS) is a technique for automating the design of artificial neural networks
- It helps finding the optimal architecture
- This is a search over a huge space
- AutoML is an algorithm to automate this search

# Types of parameters in ML Models

- Trainable parameters:
  - Learned by the algorithm during training
  - e.g. weights of a neural network
- Hyperparameters:
  - set before launching the learning process
  - not updated in each training step
  - e.g: learning rate or the number of units in a dense layer

# Manual hyperparameter tuning is not scalable

- Hyperparameters can be numerous even for small models
- e.g shallow DNN:
  - Architecture choices
  - activation functions
  - Weight initialization strategy
  - Optimization hyperparameters such as learning rate, stop condition
- Tuning them manually can be a real brain teaser
- Tuning helps with model performance

# Automating hyperparameter tuning with Keras Tuner

- Automation is key: open source resources to the rescue
- Keras Tuner:
  - Hyperparameter tuning with Tensorflow 2.0.
  - Many methods available



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## Keras Autotuner Demo



# Setting up libraries and dataset

```
import tensorflow as tf
from tensorflow import keras
mnist = tf.keras.datasets.mnist

(x_train, y_train), (x_test, y_test) = mnist.load_data()
x_train, x_test = x_train / 255.0, x_test / 255.0
```

# Deep learning “Hello world!”

```
model = tf.keras.models.Sequential([
    tf.keras.layers.Flatten(input_shape=(28, 28)),
    tf.keras.layers.Dense(512, activation='relu'),
    tf.keras.layers.Dropout(0.2),
    tf.keras.layers.Dense(10, activation='softmax')
])

model.compile(optimizer='adam',
              loss='sparse_categorical_crossentropy',
              metrics=['accuracy'])

model.fit(x_train, y_train, epochs=5)
model.evaluate(x_test, y_test)
```

# Model performance

Epoch 1/5

1875/1875 - 10s 5ms/step - loss: 0.3603 - accuracy: 0.8939

Epoch 2/5

1875/1875 - 10s 5ms/step - loss: 0.1001 - accuracy: 0.9695

Epoch 3/5

1875/1875 - 10s 5ms/step - loss: 0.0717 - accuracy: 0.9781

Epoch 4/5

1875/1875 - 10s 5ms/step - loss: 0.0515 - accuracy: 0.9841

Epoch 5/5

1875/1875 - 10s 5ms/step - loss: 0.0432 - accuracy: 0.9866

# Parameters rational: if any

```
model = tf.keras.models.Sequential([
    tf.keras.layers.Flatten(input_shape=(28, 28)),
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# Is this architecture optimal?

- Do the model need more or less hidden units to perform well?
- How does model size affect the convergence speed?
- Is there any trade off between convergence speed, model size and accuracy?
- Search automation is the natural path to take
- Keras tuner built in search functionality.

# Automated search with Keras tuner

```
# First, install Keras Tuner
```

```
!pip install -q -U keras-tuner
```

```
# Import Keras Tuner after it has been installed
```

```
import kerastuner as kt
```

# Building model with iterative search

```
def model_builder(hp):  
    model = keras.Sequential()  
    model.add(keras.layers.Flatten(input_shape=(28, 28)))  
  
    hp_units = hp.Int('units', min_value=16, max_value=512, step=16)  
    model.add(keras.layers.Dense(units=hp_units, activation='relu'))  
    model.add(tf.keras.layers.Dropout(0.2))  
    model.add(keras.layers.Dense(10))  
  
    model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='sparse_categorical_crossentropy',  
                  metrics=['accuracy'])  
    return model
```

# Search strategy

```
tuner = kt.Hyperband(model_builder,  
                     objective='val_accuracy',  
                     max_epochs=10,  
                     factor=3,  
                     directory='my_dir',  
                     project_name='intro_to_kt')
```

Other flavors: RandomSearch // BayesianOptimization // Sklearn



# Callback configuration

```
stop_early =  
    tf.keras.callbacks.EarlyStopping(monitor='val_loss',  
                                     patience=5)
```

```
tuner.search(x_train,  
            y_train,  
            epochs=50,  
            validation_split=0.2,  
            callbacks=[stop_early])
```

# Search output

Trial 24 Complete [00h 00m 22s]

val\_accuracy: 0.3265833258628845

Best val\_accuracy So Far: 0.5167499780654907

Total elapsed time: 00h 05m 05s

Search: Running Trial #25

Hyperparameter	Value	Best Value So Far
units	192	48
tuner/epochs	10	2
tuner/initial_e...	4	0
tuner/bracket	1	2
tuner/round	1	0
tuner/trial_id	a2edc917bda476c...	None

# Back to your model

```
model = tf.keras.models.Sequential([  
    tf.keras.layers.Flatten(input_shape=(28, 28)),  
    tf.keras.layers.Dense(48, activation='relu'),  
    tf.keras.layers.Dropout(0.2),  
    tf.keras.layers.Dense(10, activation='softmax')  
])
```

# Training output

```
Epoch 1/5
1875/1875 - 3s 1ms/step - loss: 0.6427 - accuracy: 0.8090
Epoch 2/5
1875/1875 - 3s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2330 - accuracy: 0.9324
Epoch 3/5
1875/1875 - 3s 1ms/step - loss: 0.1835 - accuracy: 0.9448
Epoch 4/5
1875/1875 - 3s 1ms/step - loss: 0.1565 - accuracy: 0.9515
Epoch 5/5
1875/1875 - 3s 1ms/step - loss: 0.1393 - accuracy: 0.9564
```



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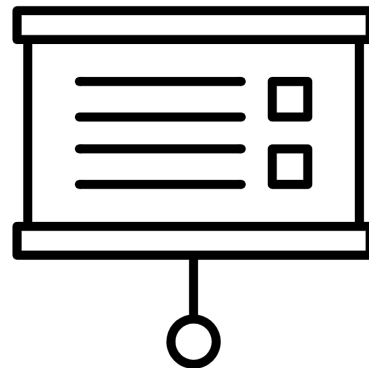
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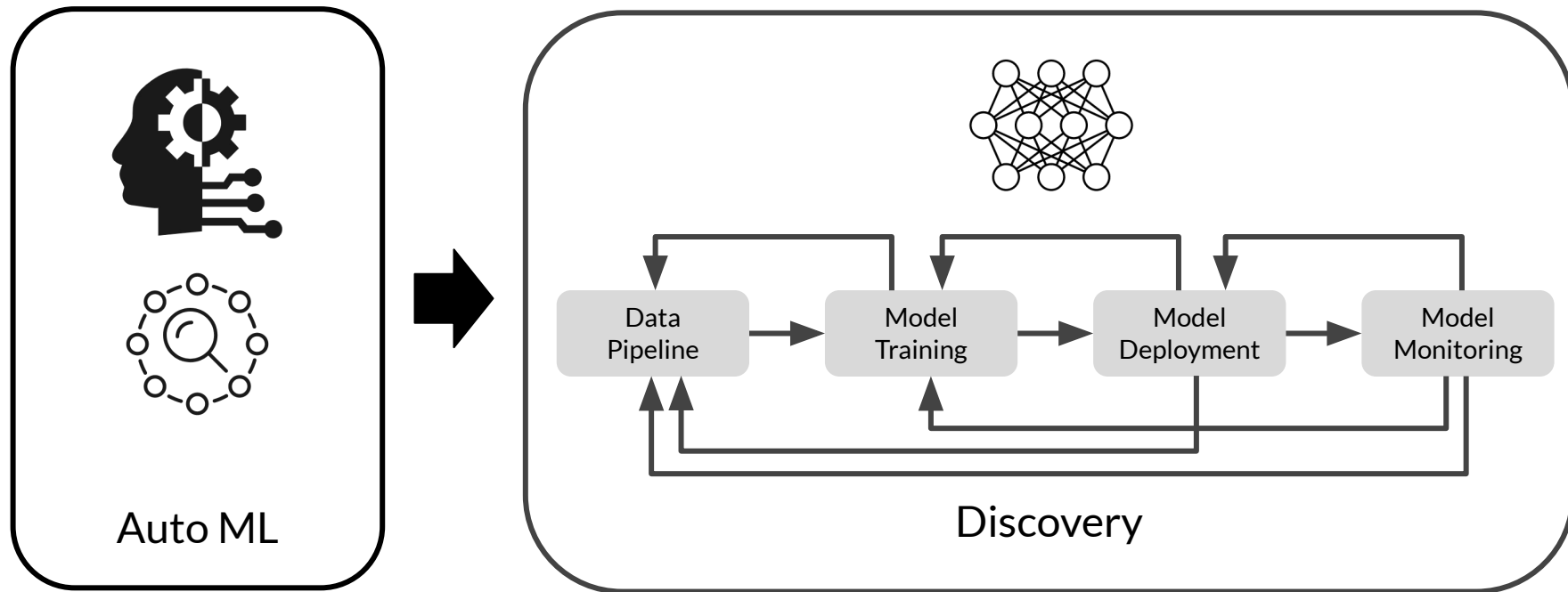
## Intro to AutoML

# Outline

- Introduction to AutoML
- Neural Architecture Search
- Search Space and Search Strategies
- Performance Estimation
- AutoML on the Cloud



# Automated Machine Learning (AutoML)

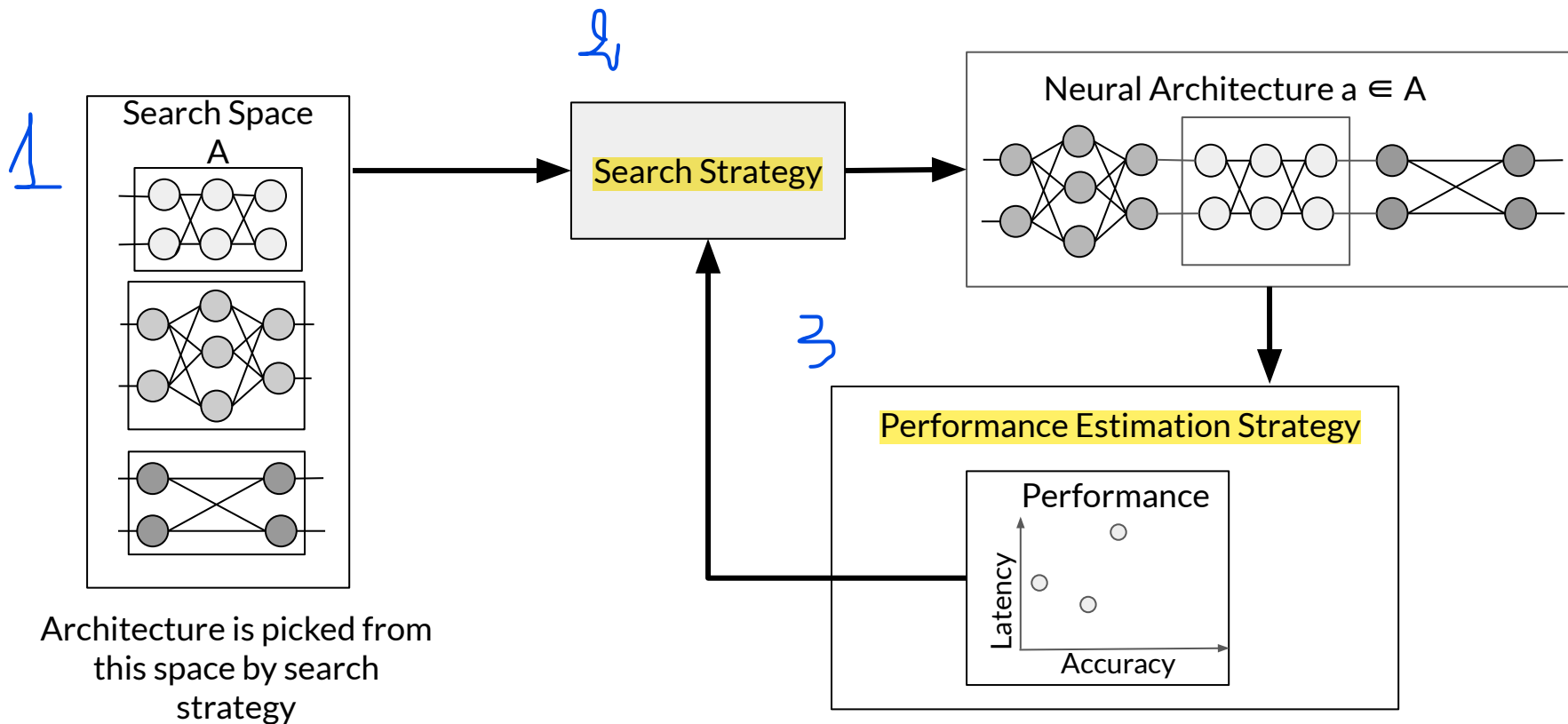


# AutoML automates the entire ML workflow



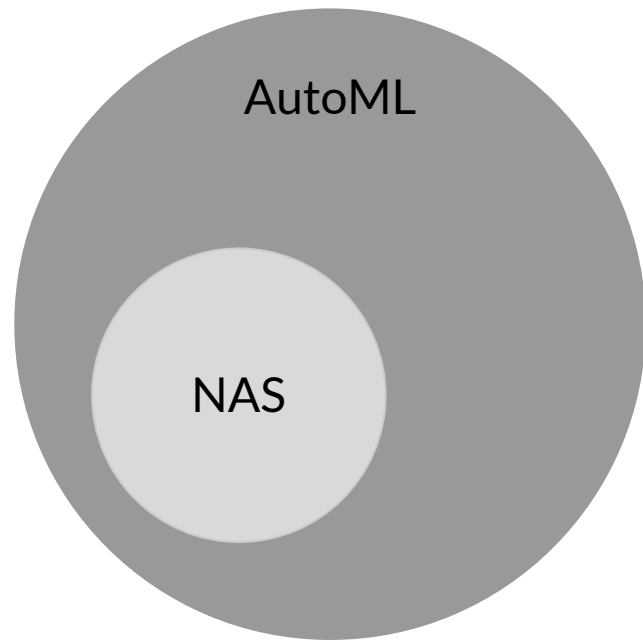


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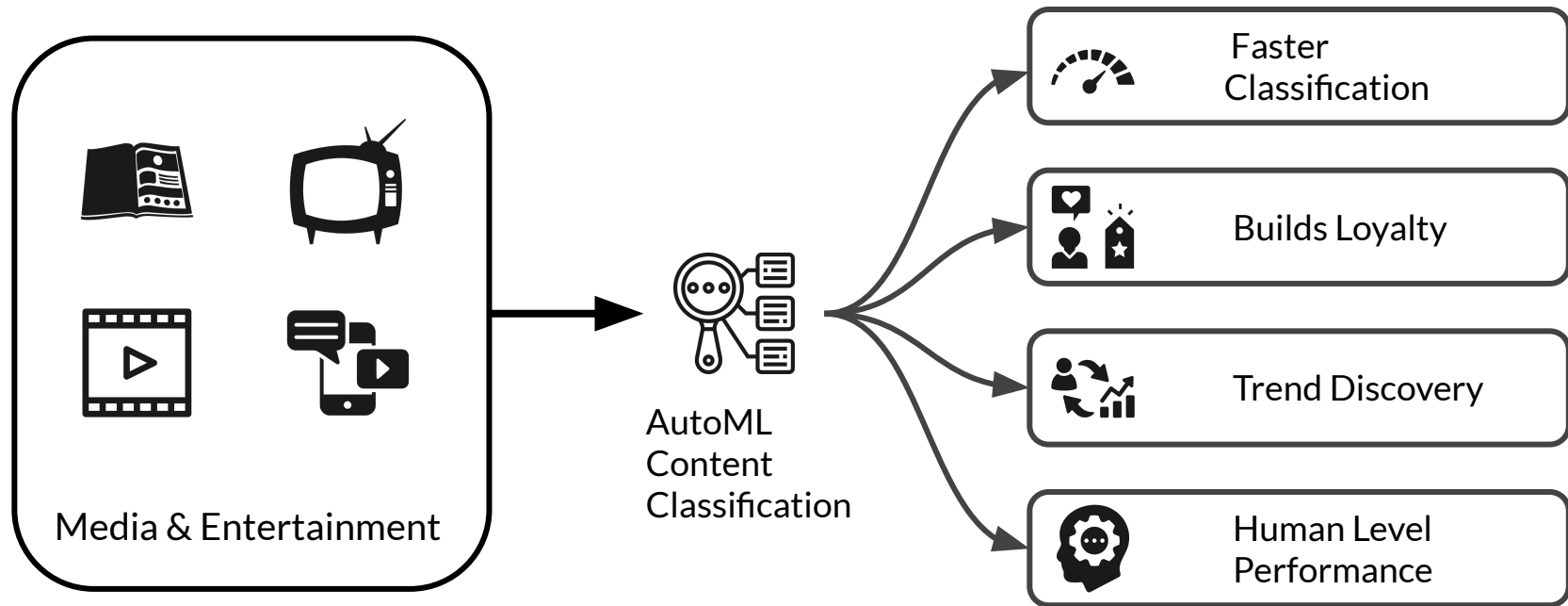


# Neural Architecture Search

- **AutoML** automates the development of ML models
- **AutoML** is not specific to a particular type of model.
- Neural Architecture Search (**NAS**) is a subfield of AutoML
- NAS is a technique for automating the design of artificial neural networks (ANN).



# Real-World example: Meredith Digital





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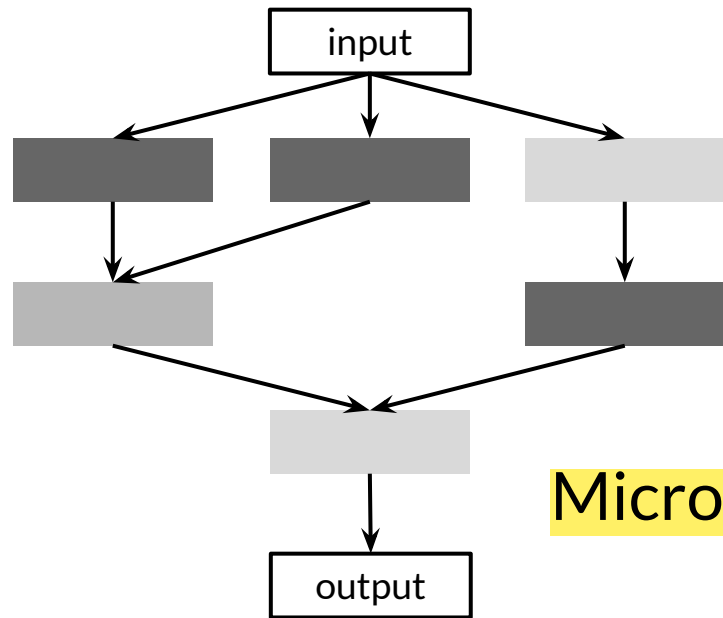
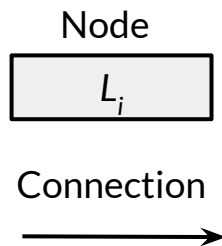
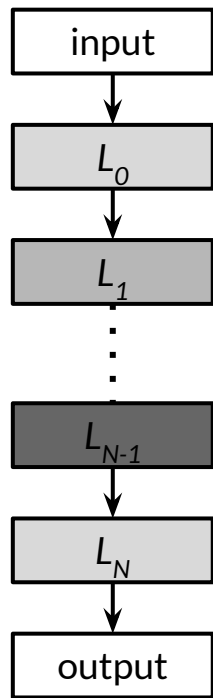
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## Understanding Search Spaces

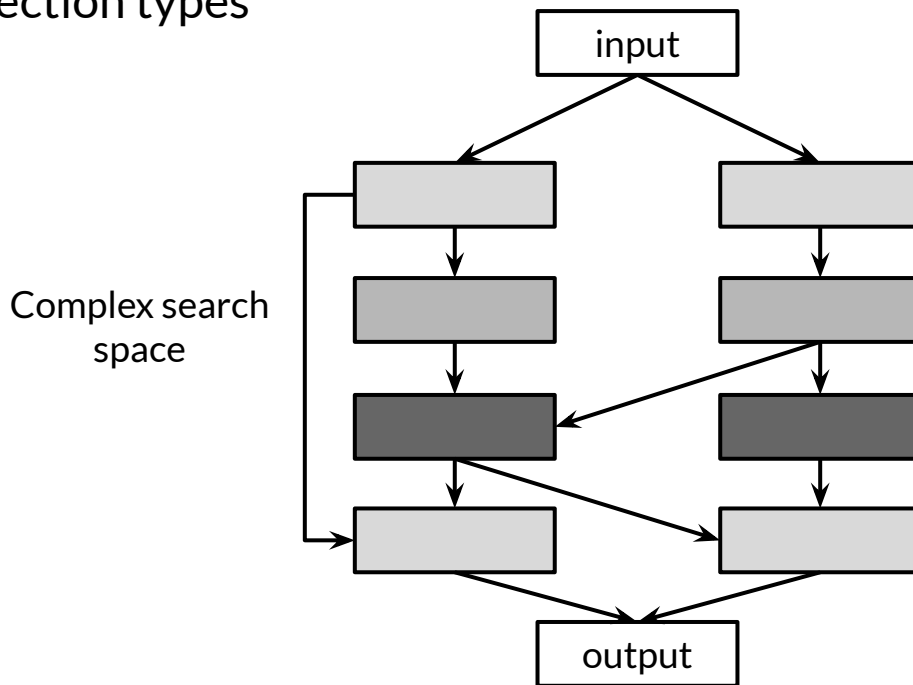
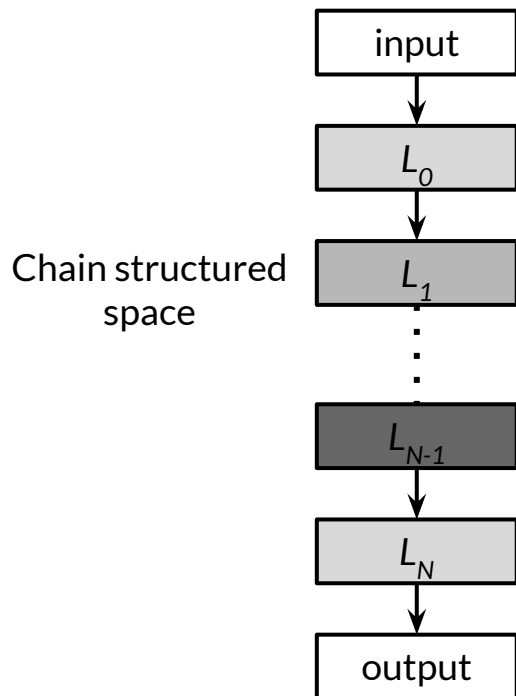
# Types of Search Spaces

Macro

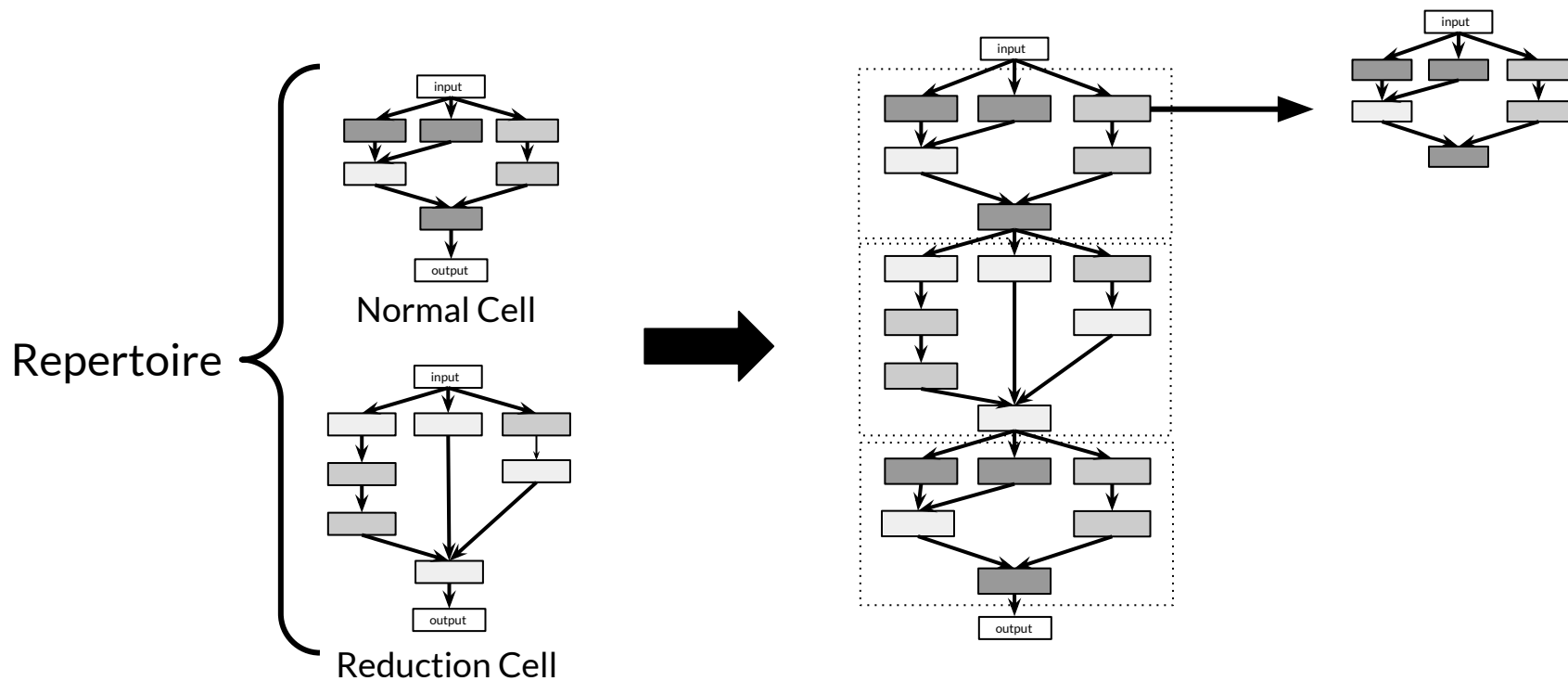


# Macro Architecture Search Space

Contains individual layers and connection types



# Micro Architecture Search Space





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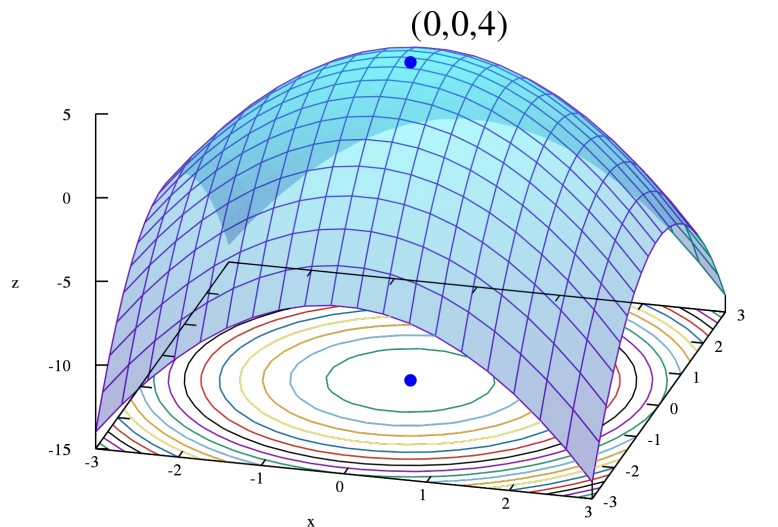
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## Search Strategies



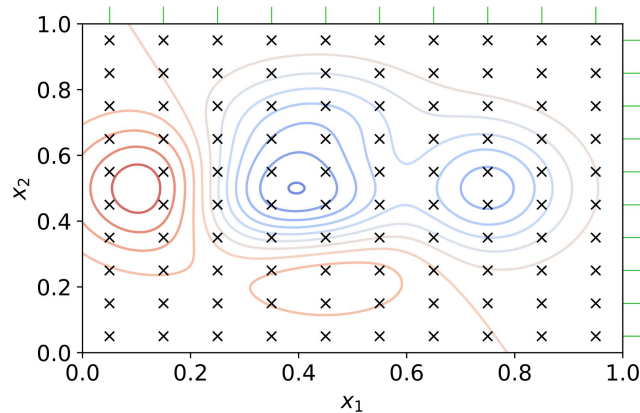
# A Few Search Strategies

1. Grid Search
2. Random Search
3. Bayesian Optimization
4. Evolutionary Algorithms
5. Reinforcement Learning



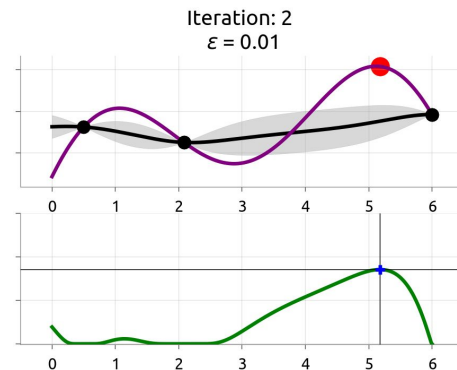
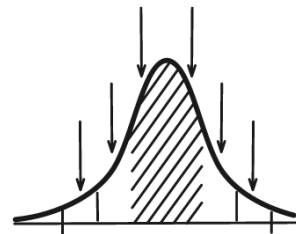
# Grid Search and Random Search

- **Grid Search**
  - Exhaustive search approach on fixed grid values
- Random Search
- Both suited for **smaller search spaces**.
- **Both quickly fail with growing size of search space.**

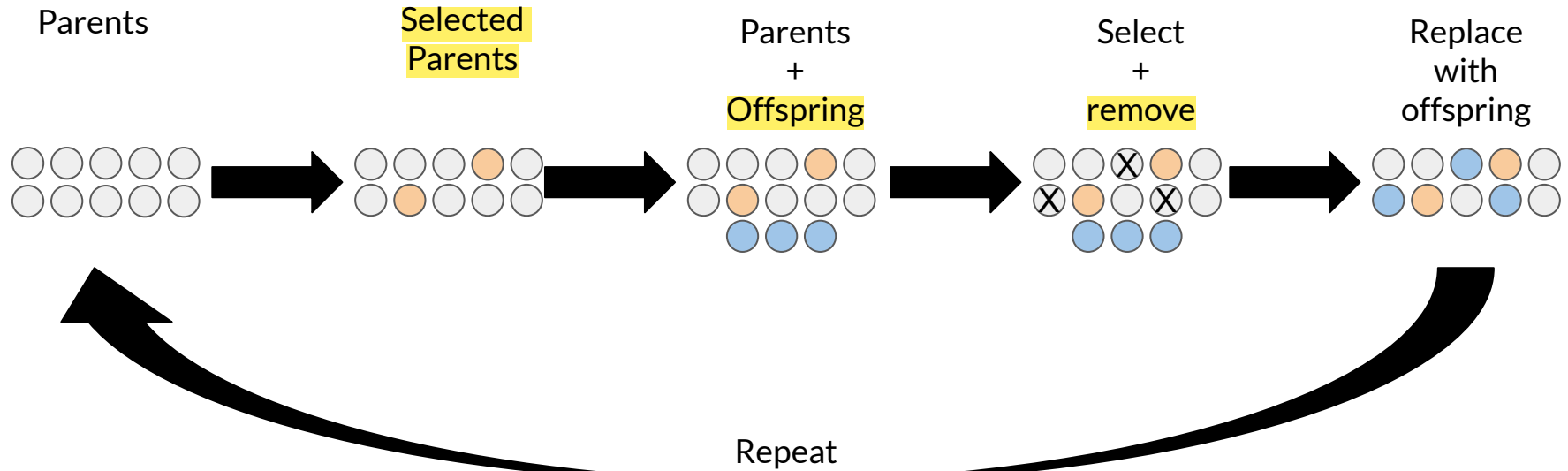


# Bayesian Optimization

- Assumes that a *specific probability distribution*, is underlying the performance.
- Tested architectures constrain the probability distribution and guide the selection of the next option.
- In this way, promising architectures can be stochastically determined and tested.

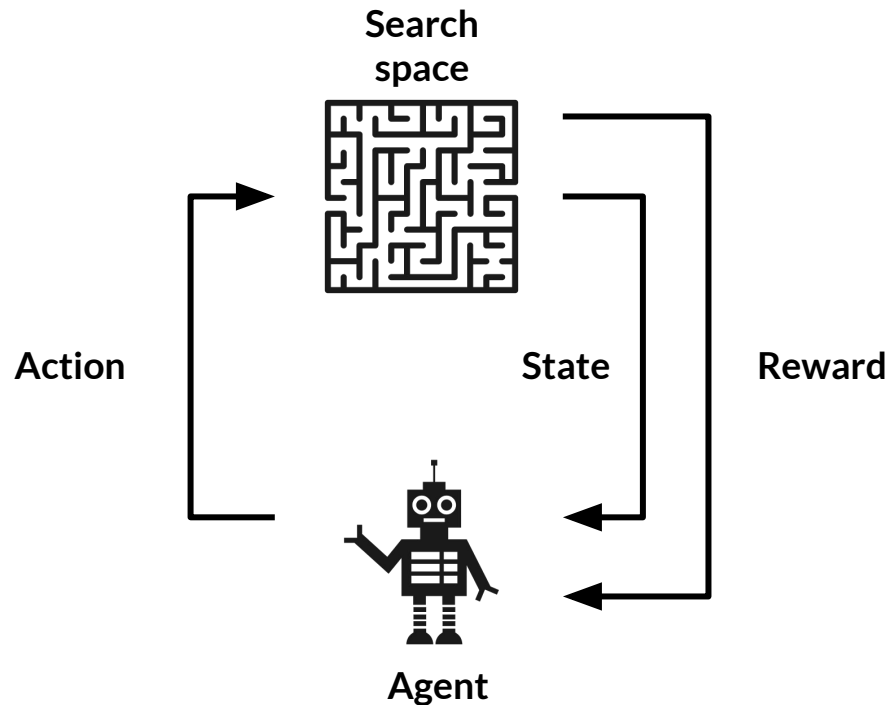


# Evolutionary Methods

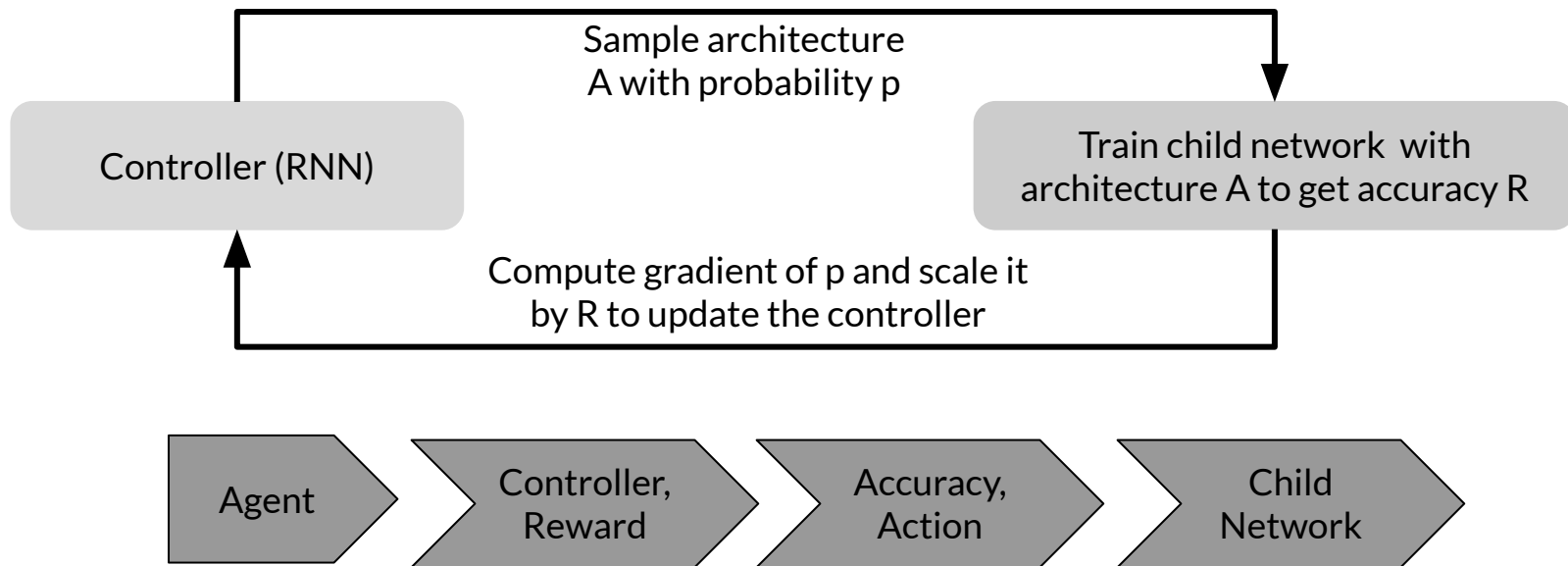


# Reinforcement Learning

- Agents goal is to maximize a reward
- The available options are selected from the search space
- The performance estimation strategy determines the reward



# Reinforcement Learning for NAS





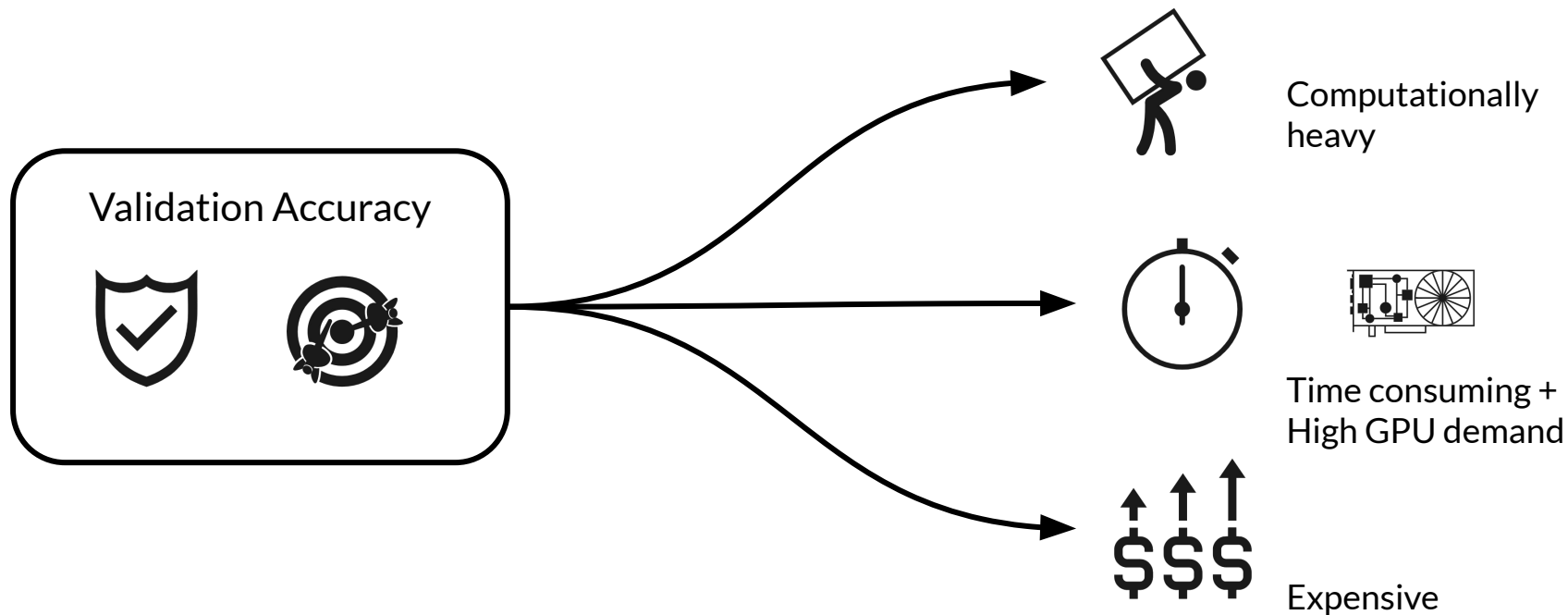
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## Measuring AutoML Efficacy

# Performance Estimation Strategy



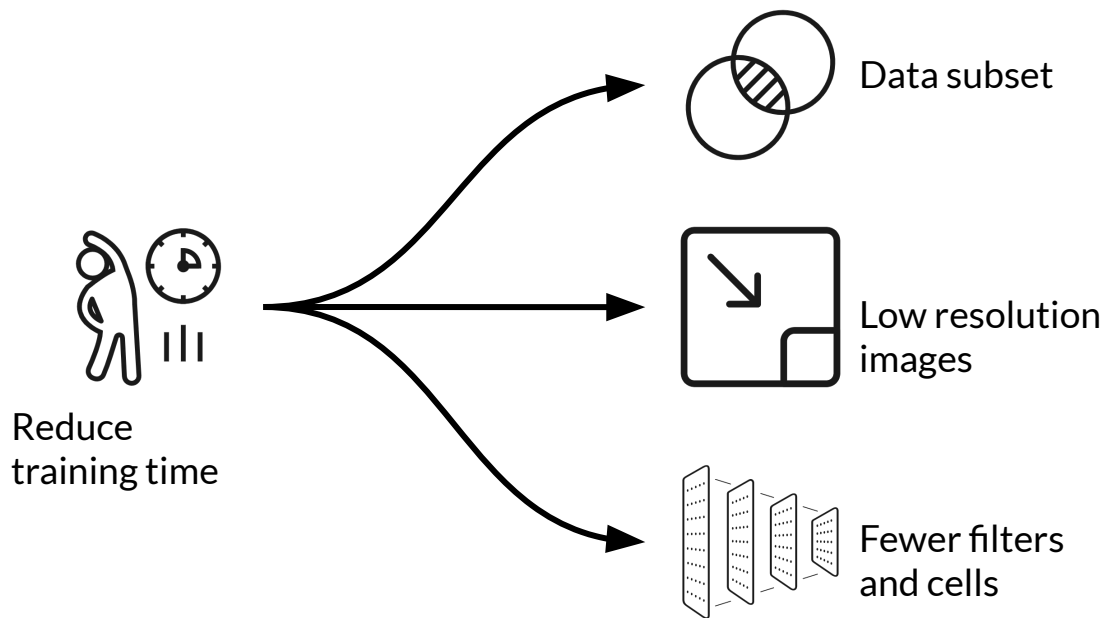


# Strategies to Reduce the Cost

1. Lower fidelity estimates
2. Learning Curve Extrapolation
3. Weight Inheritance/ Network Morphisms



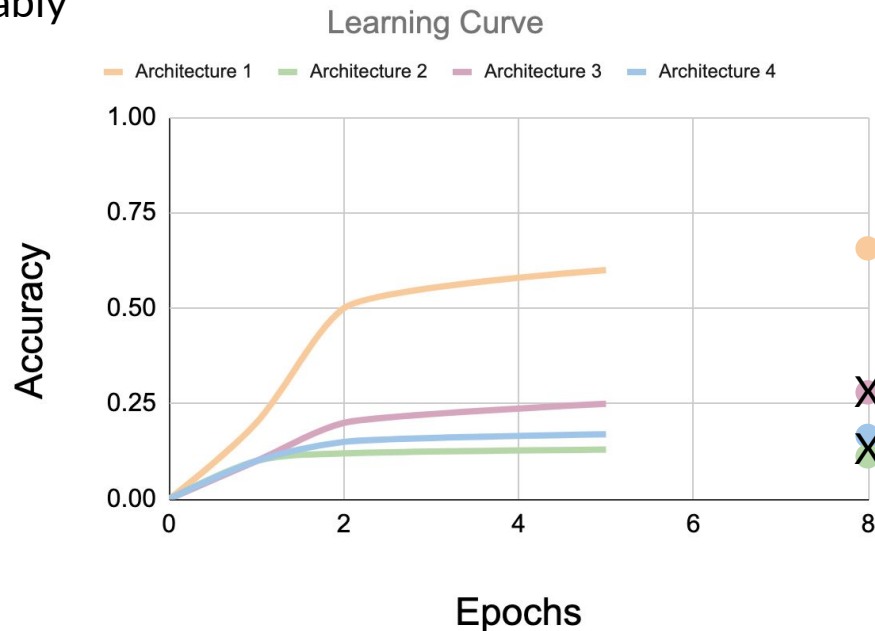
# Lower Fidelity Estimates



- Reduce cost but underestimates performance
- Works if **relative ranking** of architectures does not change due to lower fidelity estimates
- Recent research shows this is not the case

# Learning Curve Extrapolation

- Requires predicting the learning curve reliably
- Extrapolates based on initial learning.
- Removes poor performers



# Weight Inheritance/Network Morphisms

- Initialize weights of new architectures based on previously trained architectures
  - Similar to transfer learning
- Uses **Network Morphism**
- Underlying function unchanged
  - New network inherits knowledge from parent network.
  - Computational speed up: only a few days of GPU usage
  - Network size not inherently bounded



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## AutoML on the Cloud

# Popular Cloud Offerings



Cloud-based AutoML

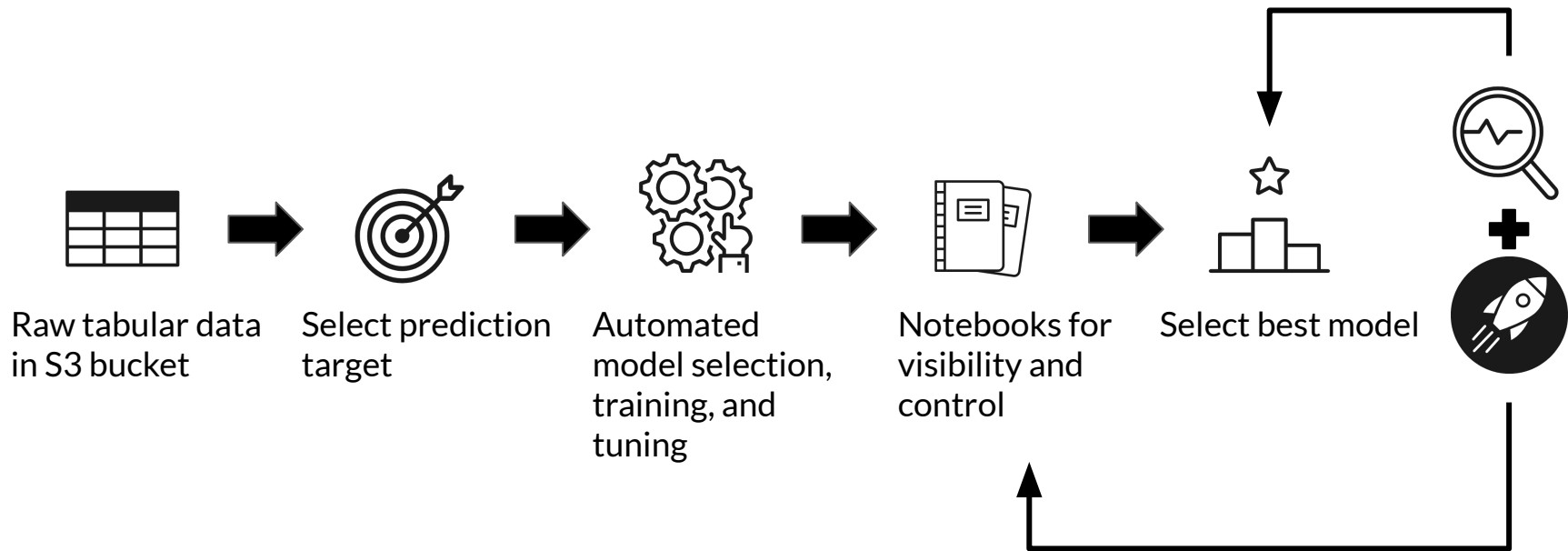
Amazon SageMaker Autopilot

Microsoft Azure Automated Machine Learning

Google Cloud AutoML

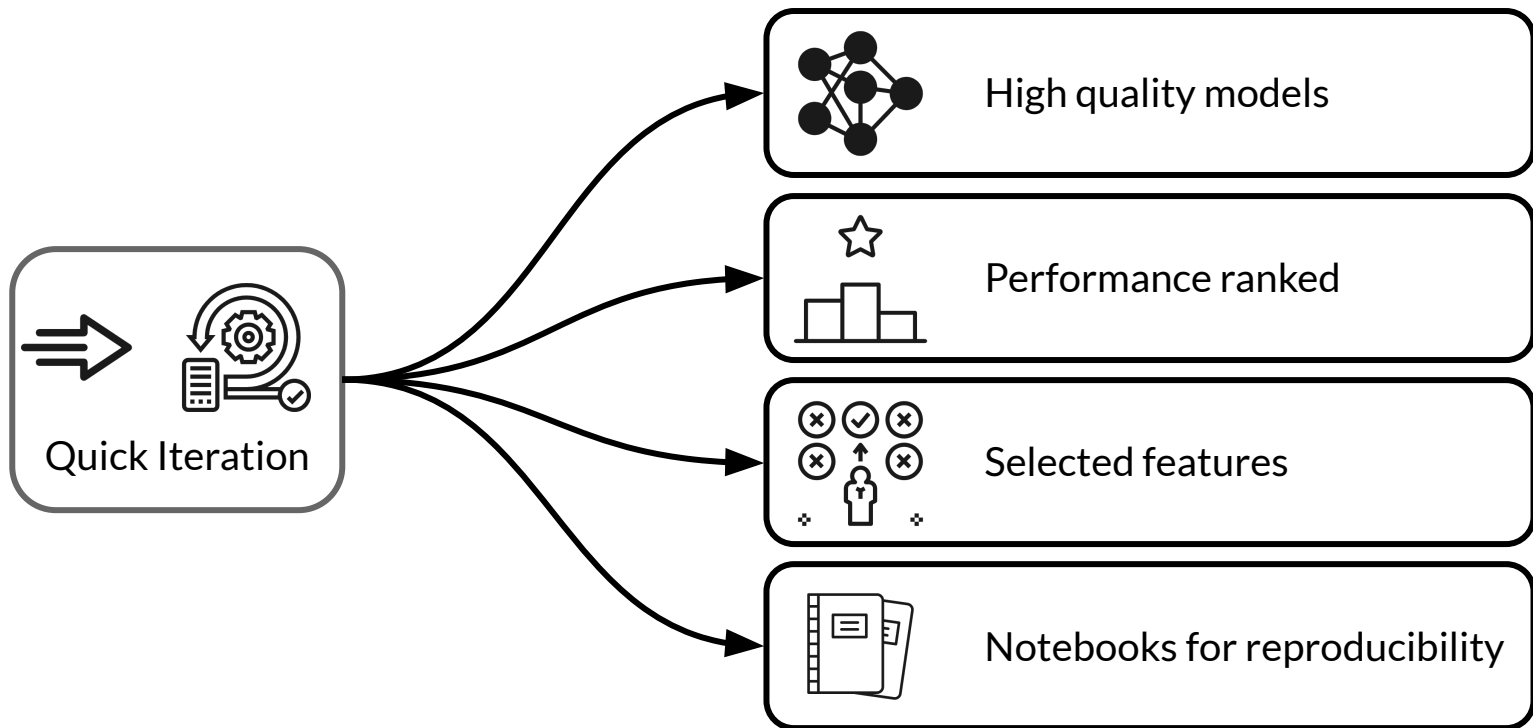
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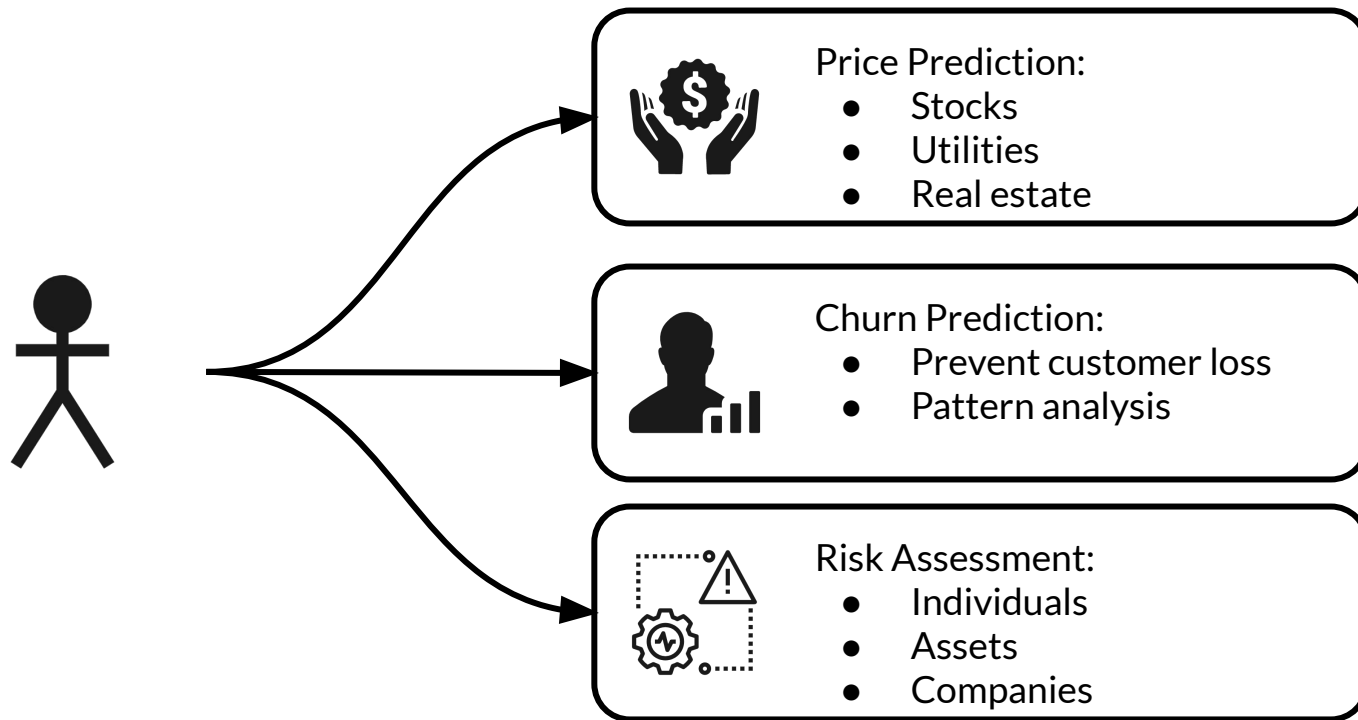




# Key features

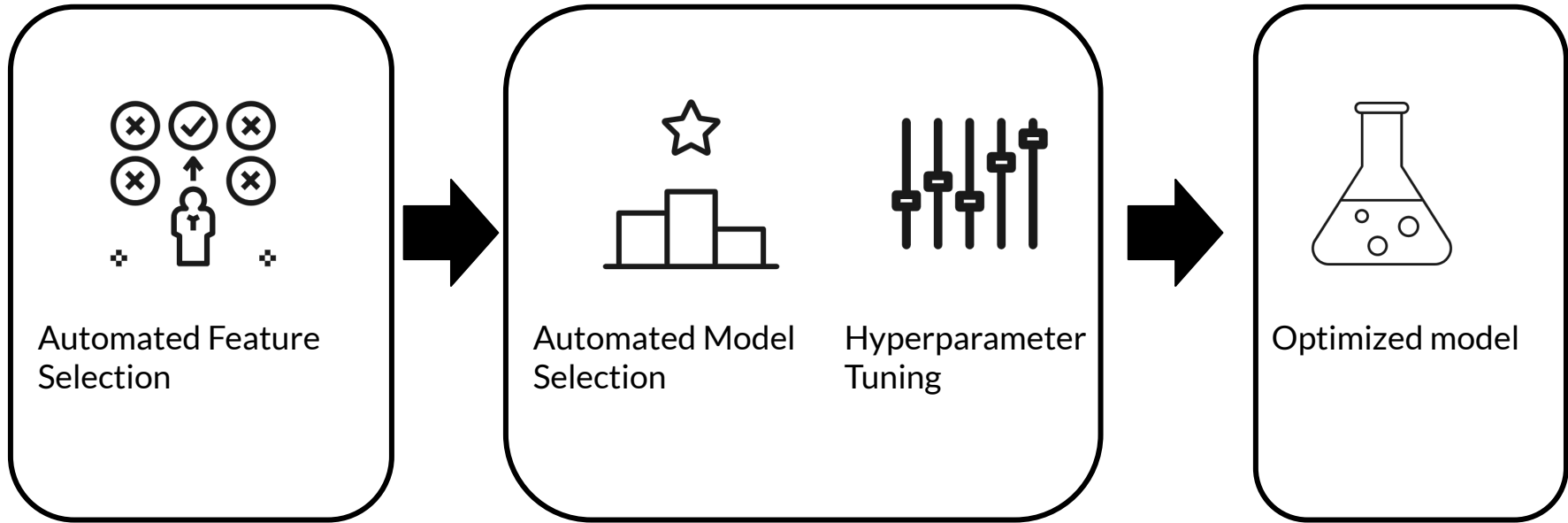


# Typical use cases



# Microsoft Azure Automated Machine Learning

# Microsoft Azure AutoML



# Key features



Quick customization:

- Model
- Control settings



Automated Feature Engineering



Data Visualization



Intelligent stopping

# Key features



- Experiment summaries
- Metric visualizations



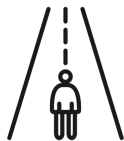
Model Interpretability



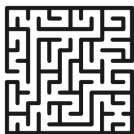
Pattern Discovery

# Google Cloud AutoML

# Google Cloud AutoML



- Accessible to beginners
- Train high-quality models



- Neural Architecture Search
- Transfer Learning



- GUI Based
- Pipeline life-cycle



- Data labeling
- Data cleaning



# Cloud AutoML Products

Sight	<b>Auto ML Vision</b> Derive insights from images in the cloud or at the edge.	<b>Auto ML Video Intelligence</b> Enable powerful content discovery and engaging video experiences.
Language	<b>AutoML Natural Language</b> Reveal the structure and meaning of text through machine learning.	<b>Auto ML Translation</b> Dynamically detect and translate between languages.
Structured Data	<b>AutoML Tables</b> Automatically build and deploy state-of-the-art machine learning models on structured data.	

# AutoML Vision Products

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Auto ML Vision Classification

AutoML Vision Edge Image Classification

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AutoML Vision Object Detection

AutoML Vision Edge Object Detection

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# AutoML Video Intelligence Products

## AutoML Video Intelligence Classification

Enables you to train machine learning models, to classify shots and segments on your videos according to your own defined labels.

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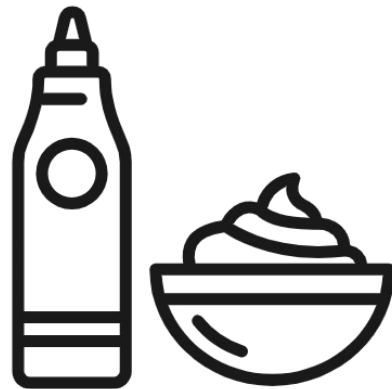
## AutoML Video Object detection

Enables you to train machine learning models to detect and track multiple objects, in shots and segments.

# So what's in the secret sauce?

How do these Cloud offerings perform AutoML?

- We don't know (or can't say) and they're not about to tell us
- The underlying algorithms will be similar to what we've learned
- The algorithms will evolve with the state of the art





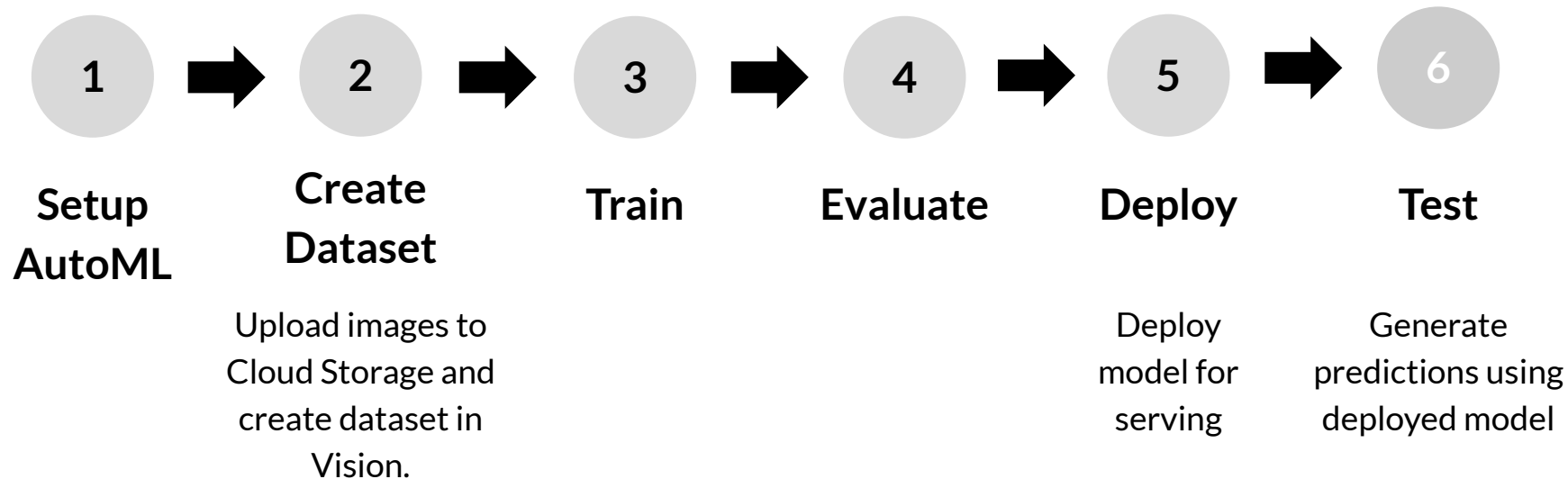
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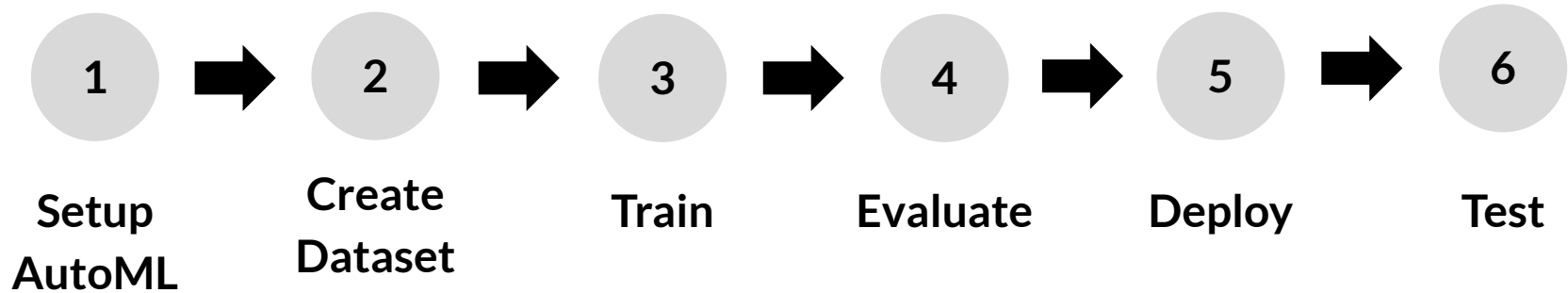
# AutoML

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## Assignment Setup

# Steps to Classify Images using AutoML Vision





- **Qwiklabs** provides real cloud environments that help developers and IT professionals learn cloud platforms and software.
- Check tutorial on **Qwiklabs** basics



It's your turn!