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# Inside AlphaGo

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# Go in numbers



**3,000**  
Years Old



**40M**  
Players



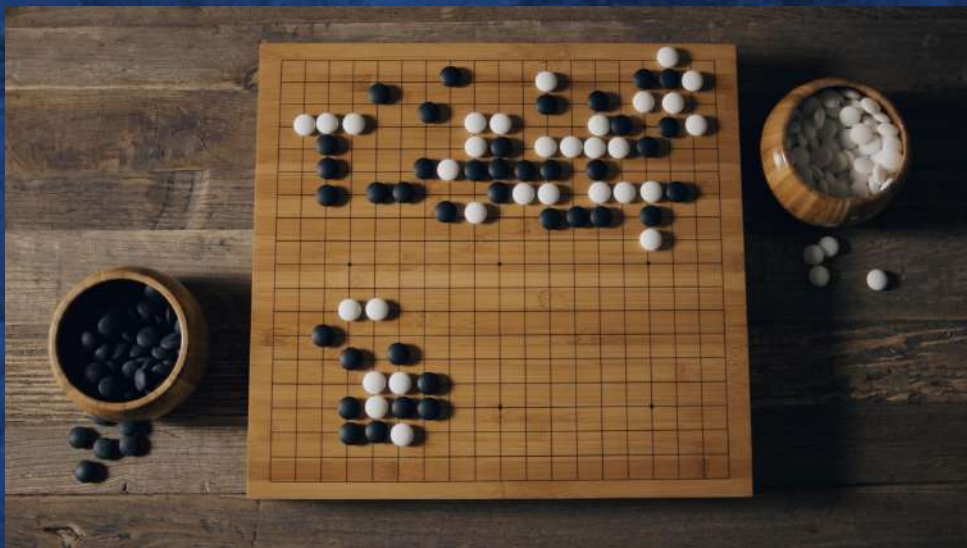
**$10^{170}$**   
Positions

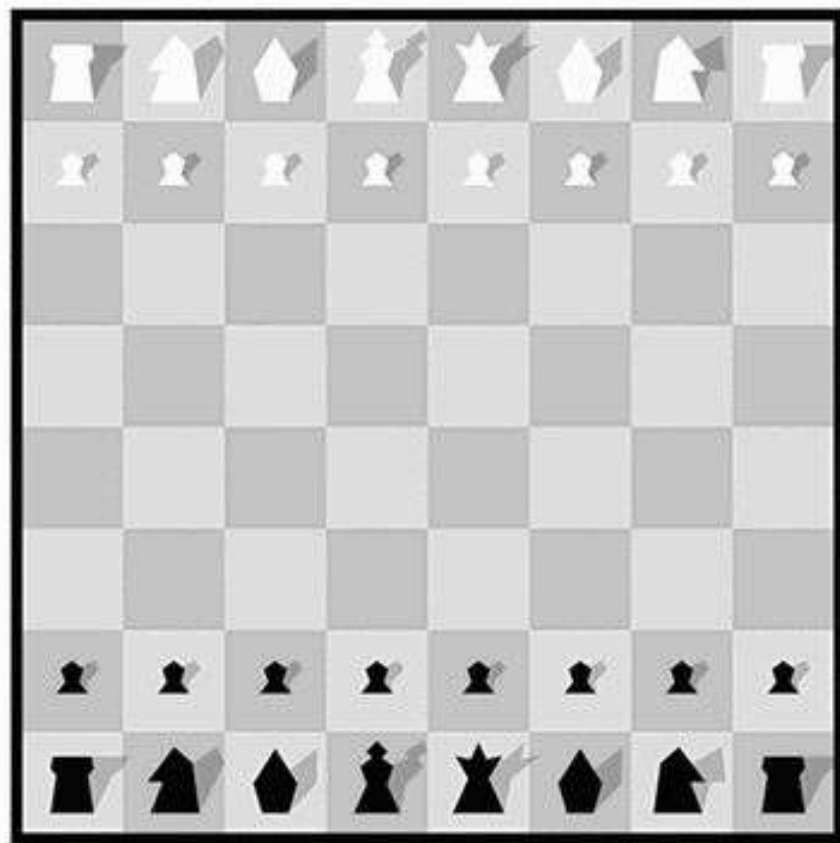
# Why is Go hard for computers to play?

Brute force search intractable:

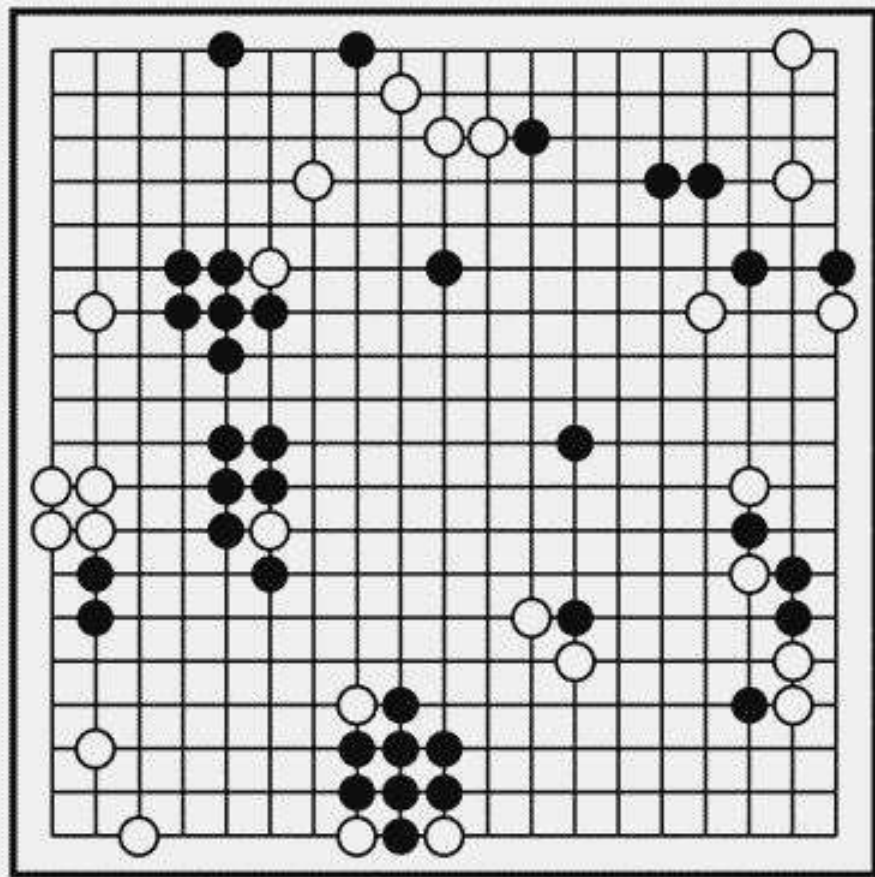
1. Search space is huge
2. “Impossible” for computers to evaluate who is winning

Game tree complexity =  $b^d$







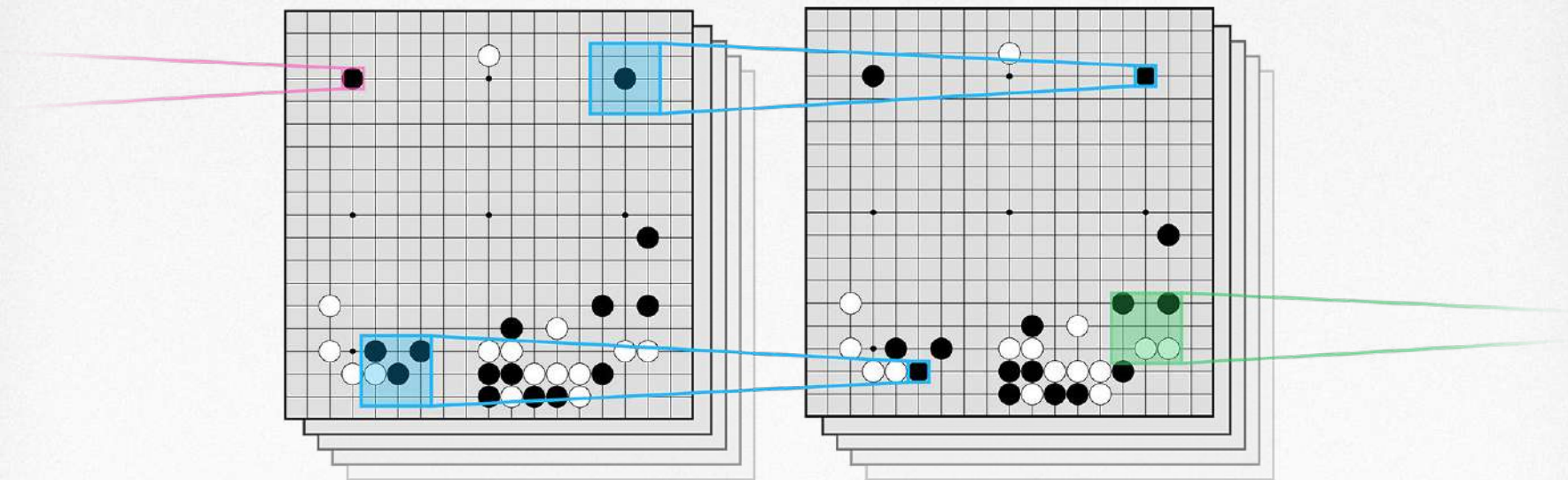




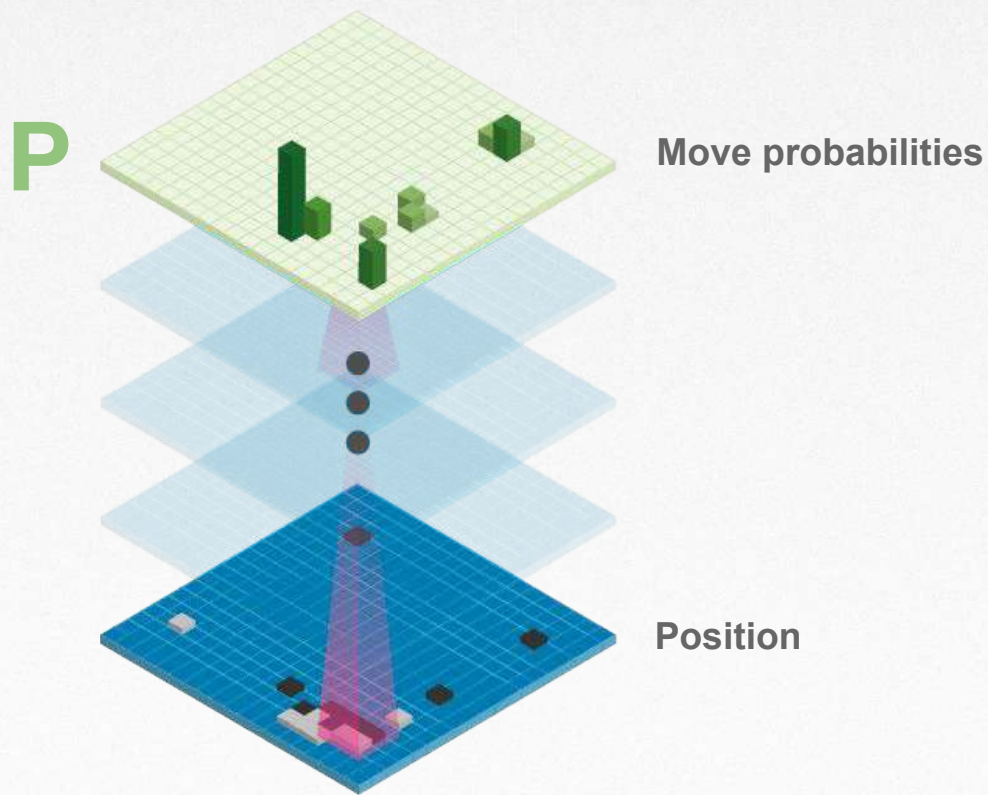
First computer program to  
defeat a world champion



# Convolutional neural network

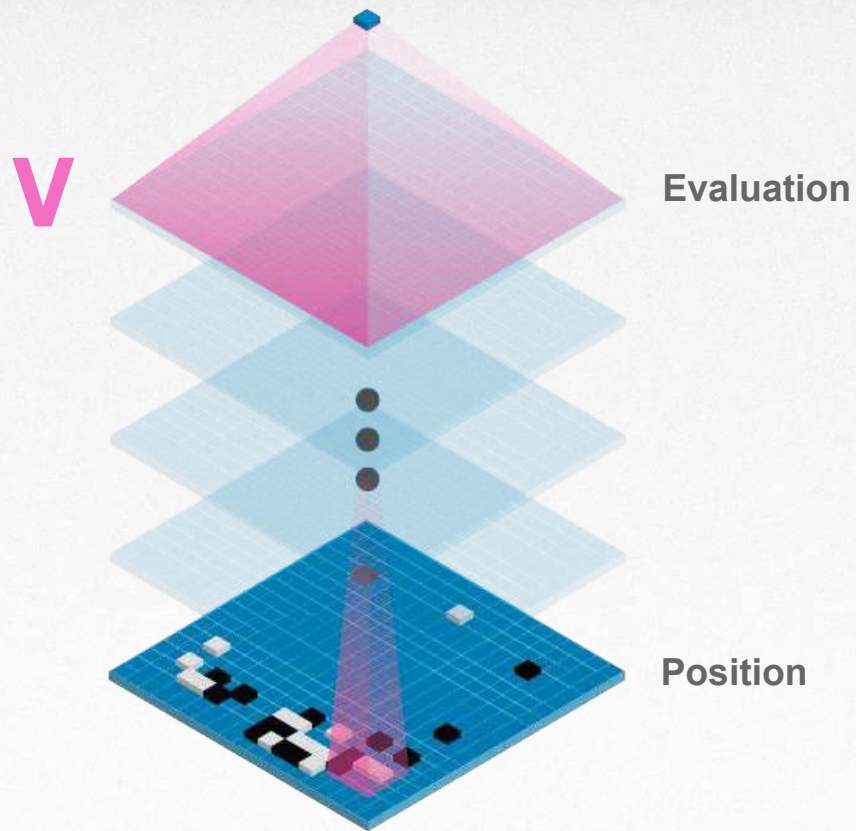


# Policy network

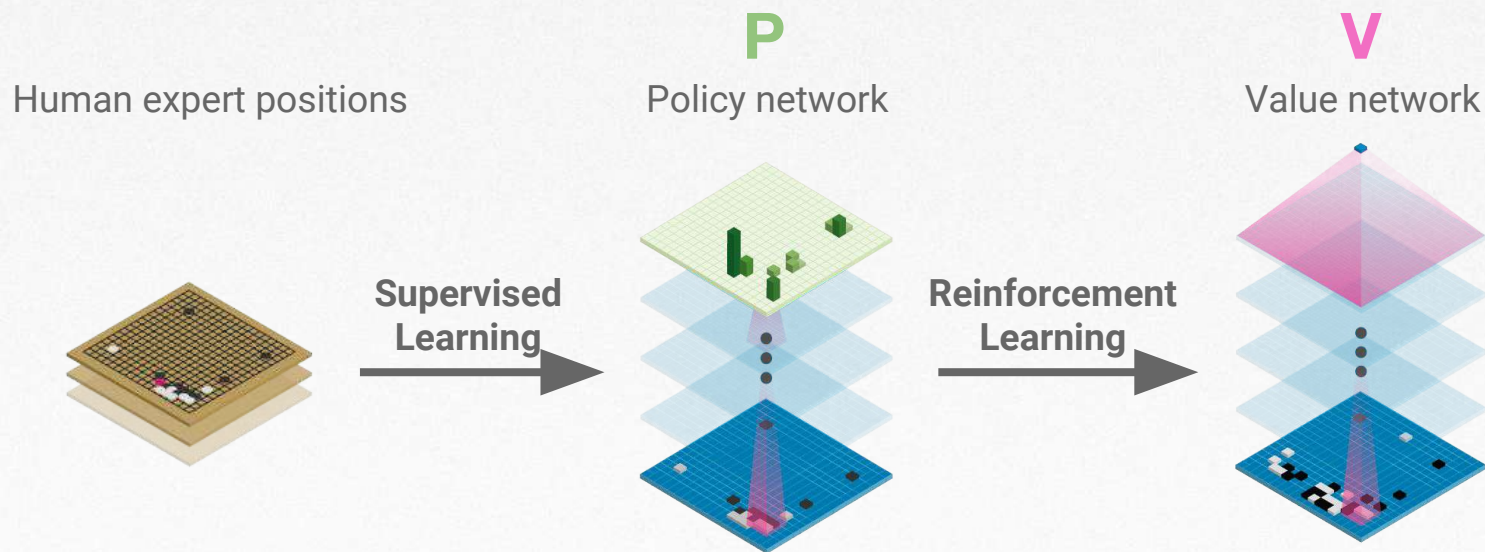




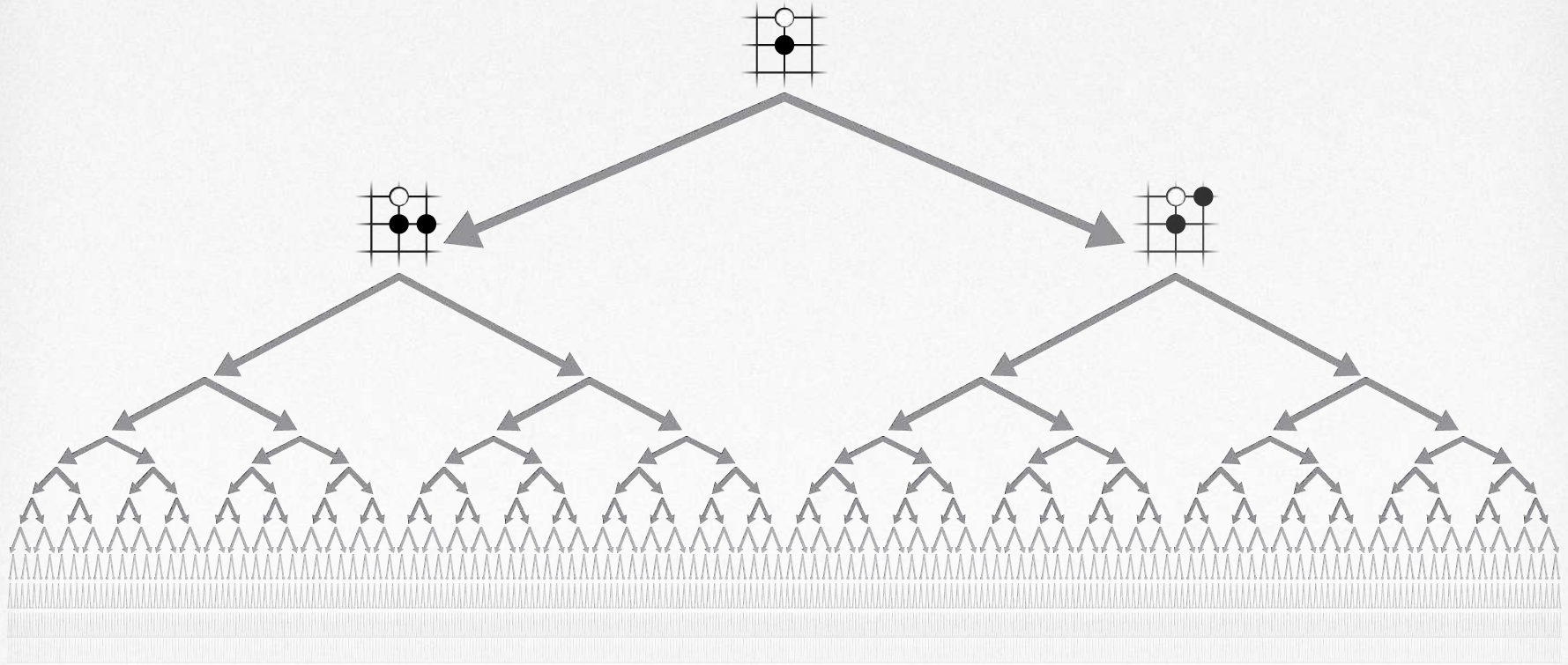
# Value network



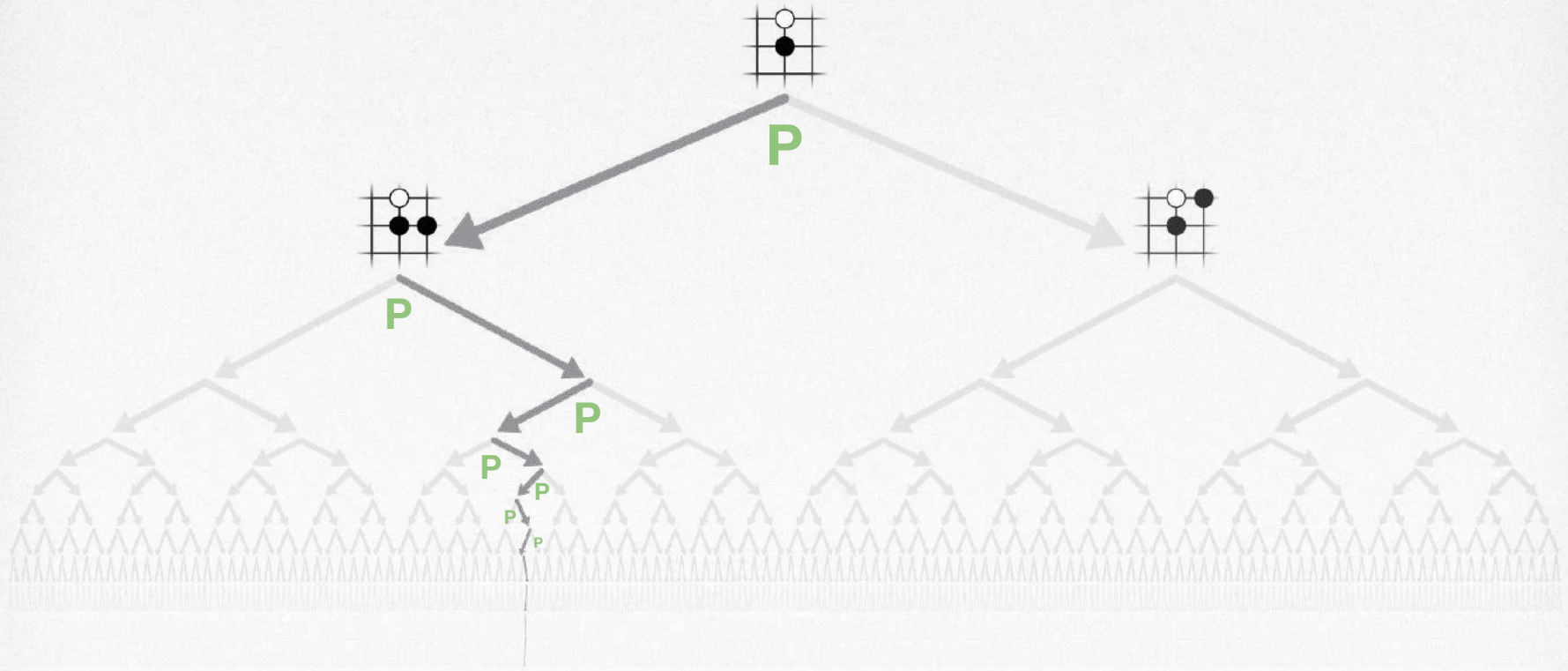
# Training AlphaGo



# Exhaustive search

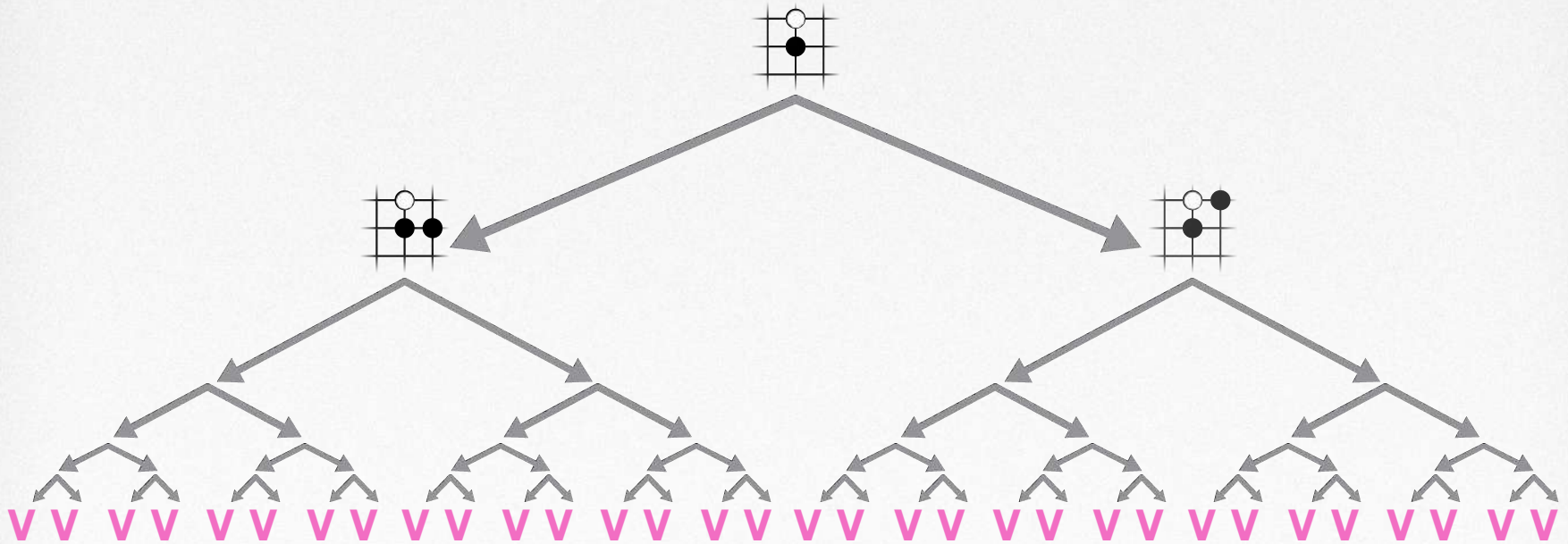


# Reducing breadth with policy network

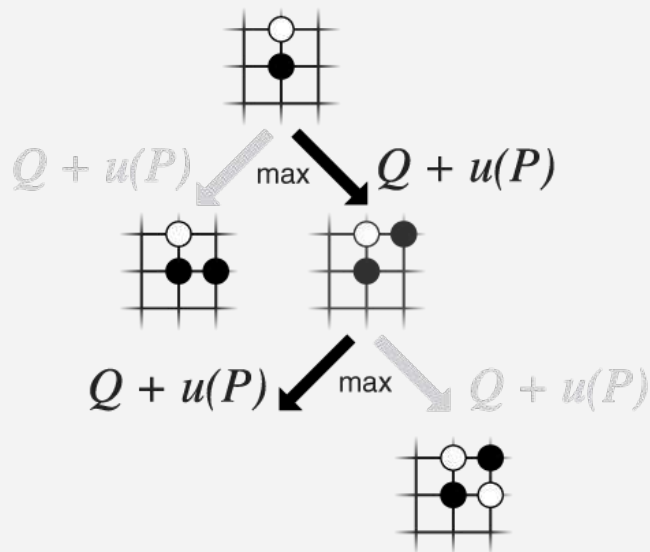




# Reducing depth with value network



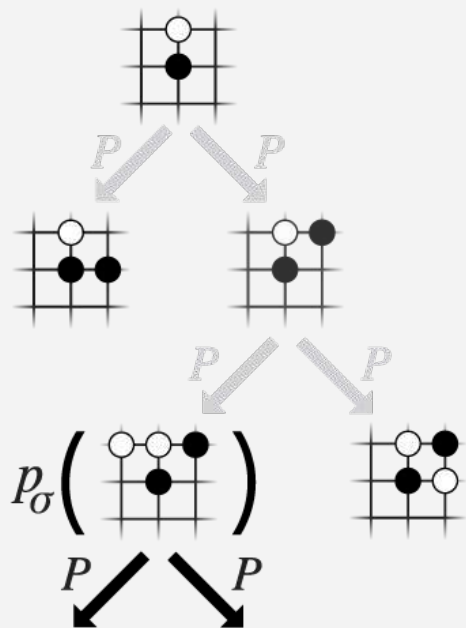
# Monte-Carlo tree search in AlphaGo: **selection**



$P$  prior probability  
 $Q$  action value

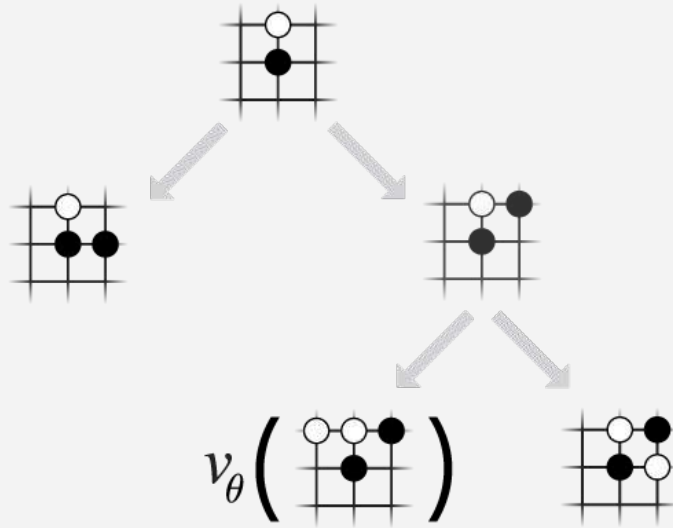
$$u(P) \propto P/N$$

# Monte-Carlo tree search in AlphaGo: **expansion**



$p_\sigma$  Policy network  
 $P$  prior probability

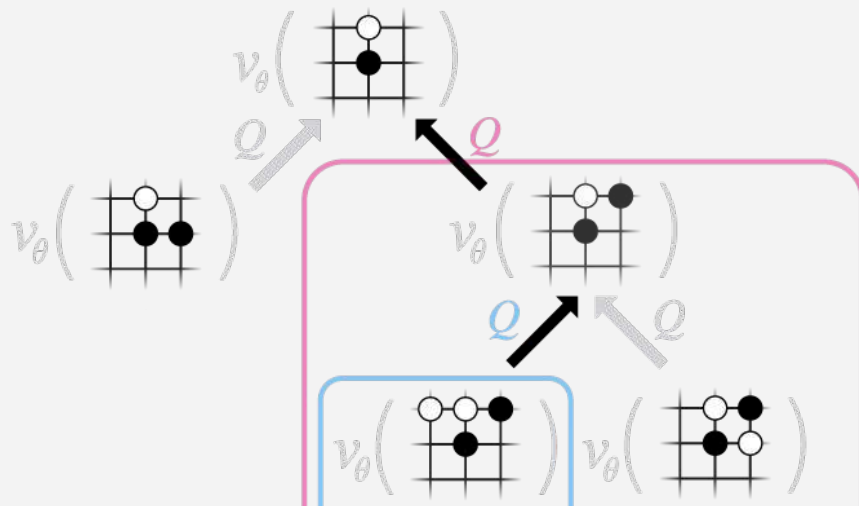
# Monte-Carlo tree search in AlphaGo: **evaluation**



$v_{\theta}$  Value network



# Monte-Carlo tree search in AlphaGo: **backup**



$Q$  Action value  
 $v_\theta$  Value network

# AlphaGo

- Plays on 50 TPUs on Google Cloud
- Searches ~50 moves deep
- ~100,000 positions per second



# AlphaGo vs Lee Sedol

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**Lee Sedol** (9p): winner of 18 world titles

Match was played in Seoul, March 2016

AlphaGo won the match 4-1





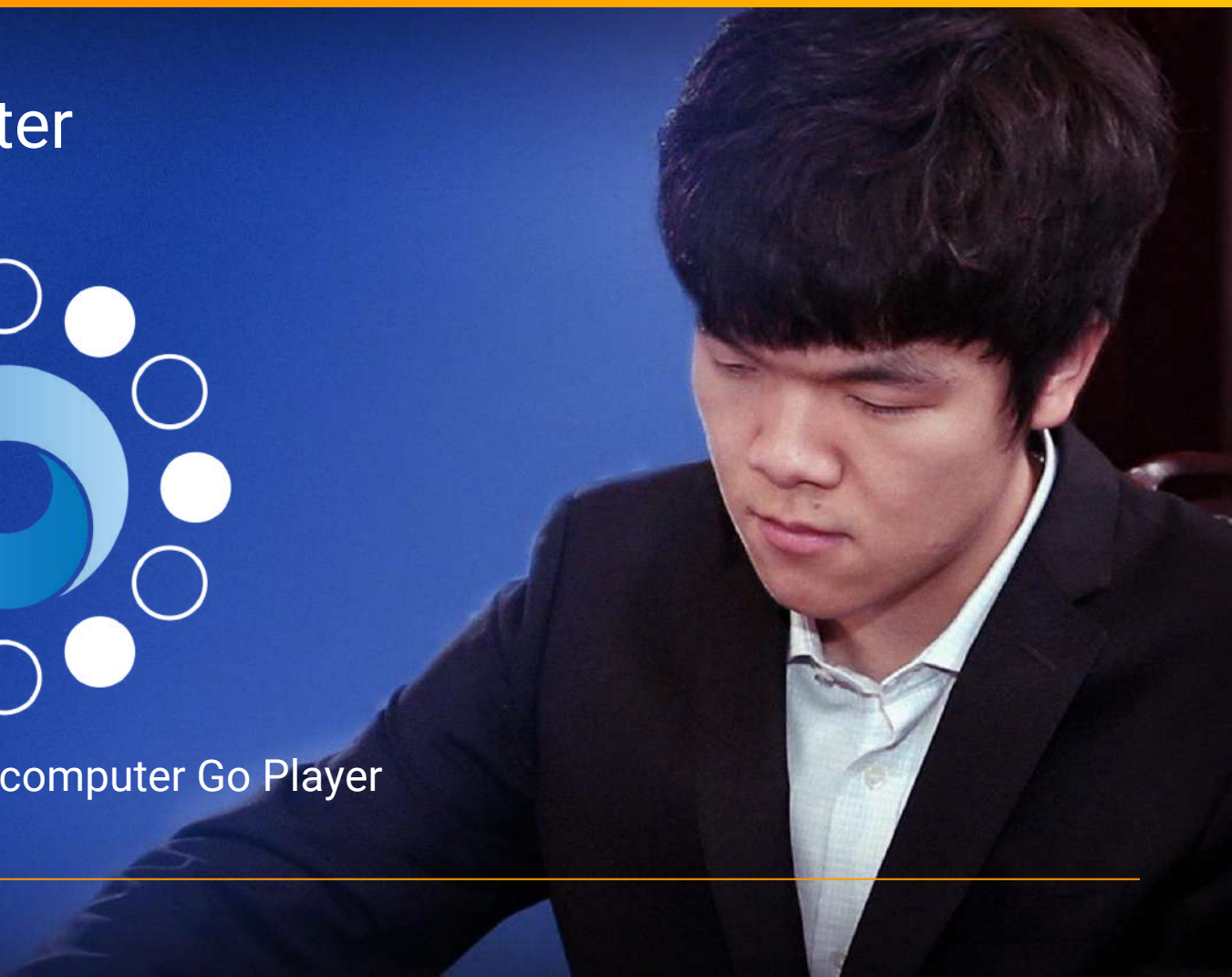


# AlphaGo Master



The world's strongest computer Go Player

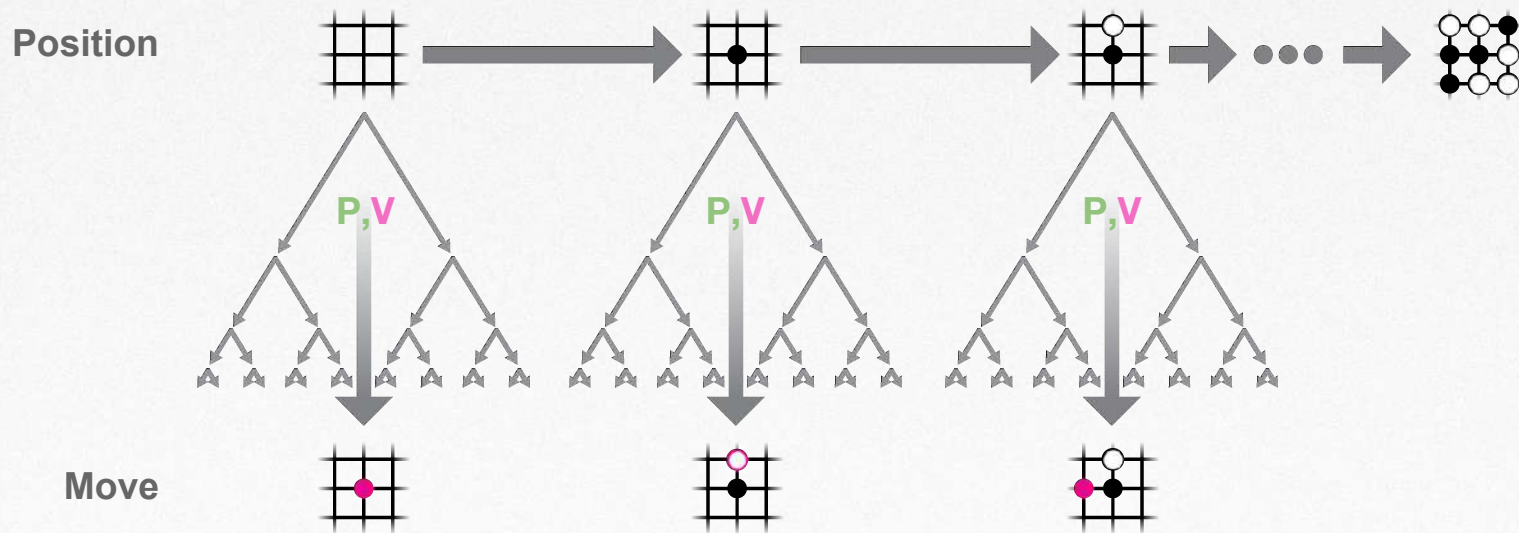
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# Search-Based Policy Iteration

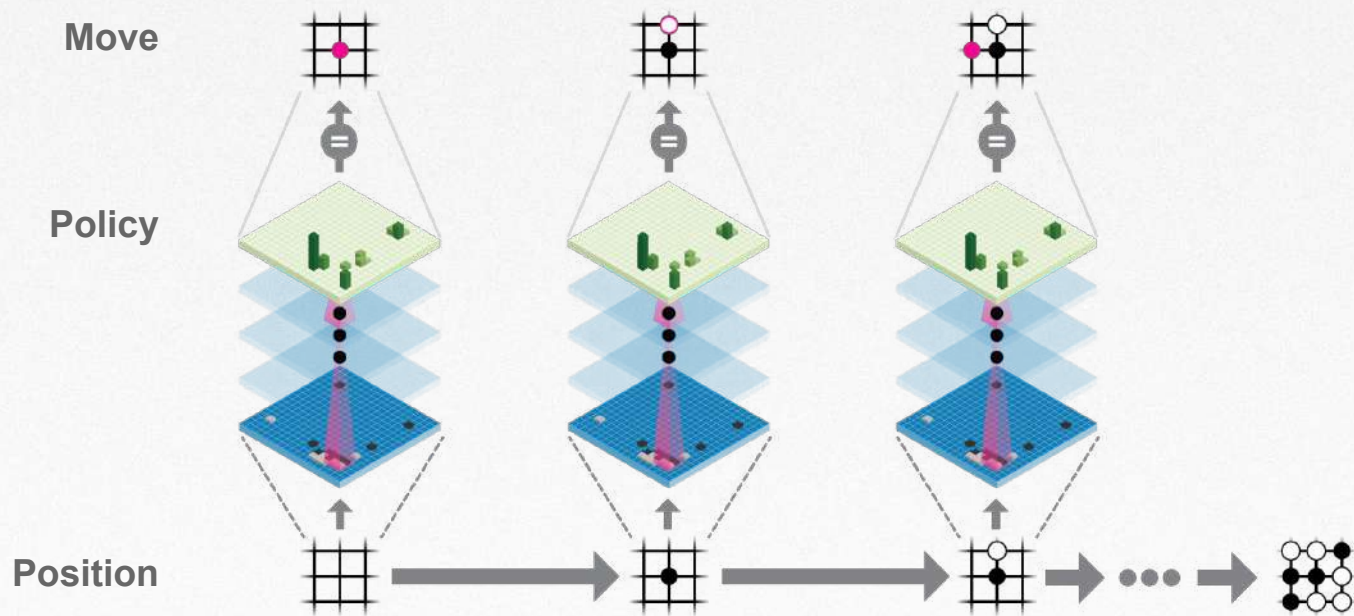
- **AlphaGo becomes its own teacher**  
It learns from its own searches
- Policy is **improved** by AlphaGo search
- Policy is **evaluated** according to outcome of AlphaGo vs AlphaGo games

# Reinforcement Learning in AlphaGo Master



AlphaGo plays games against itself

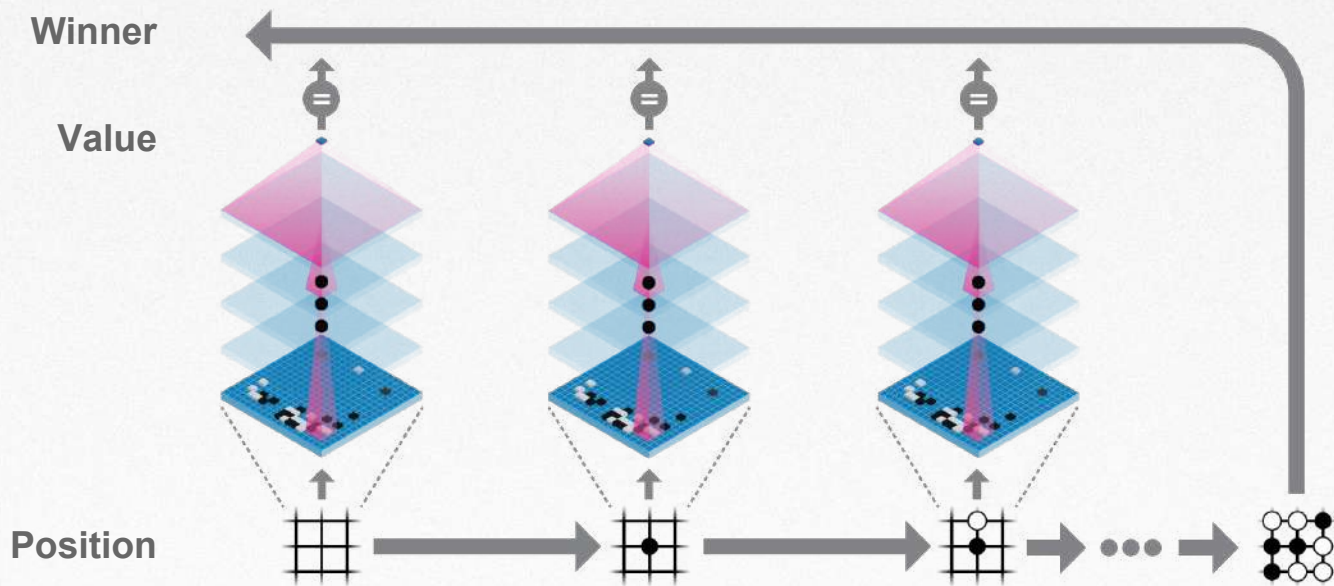
# Reinforcement Learning in AlphaGo Master



Policy network **P** is trained to predict AlphaGo's moves

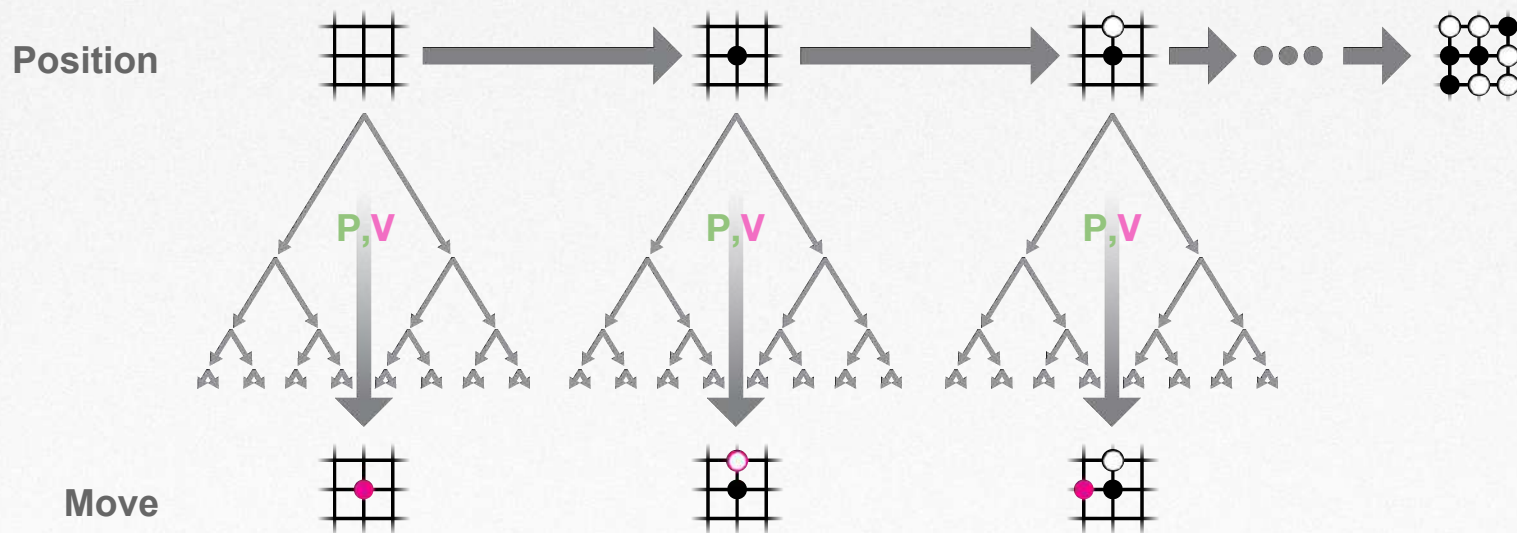


# Reinforcement Learning in AlphaGo Master



Value network **V** is trained to predict winner

# Reinforcement Learning in AlphaGo Master



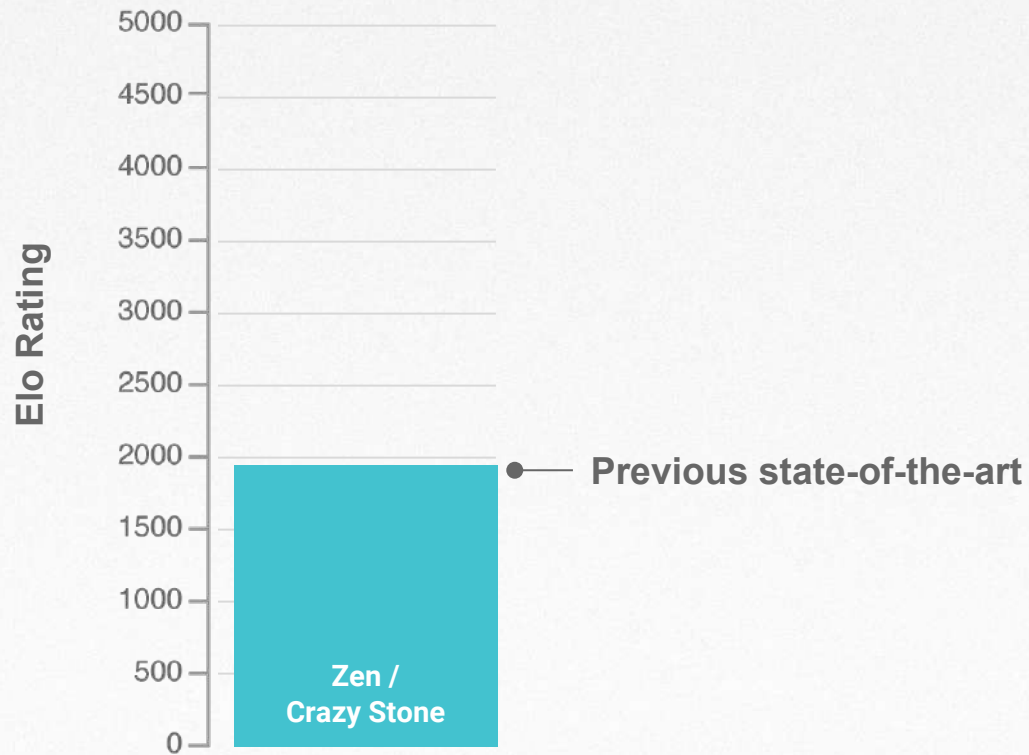
New policy and value network are used in next iteration of AlphaGo

# AlphaGo Master

- Plays on single TPU machine
- Uses deeper and more powerful policy/value networks
- Trained by search-based policy iteration

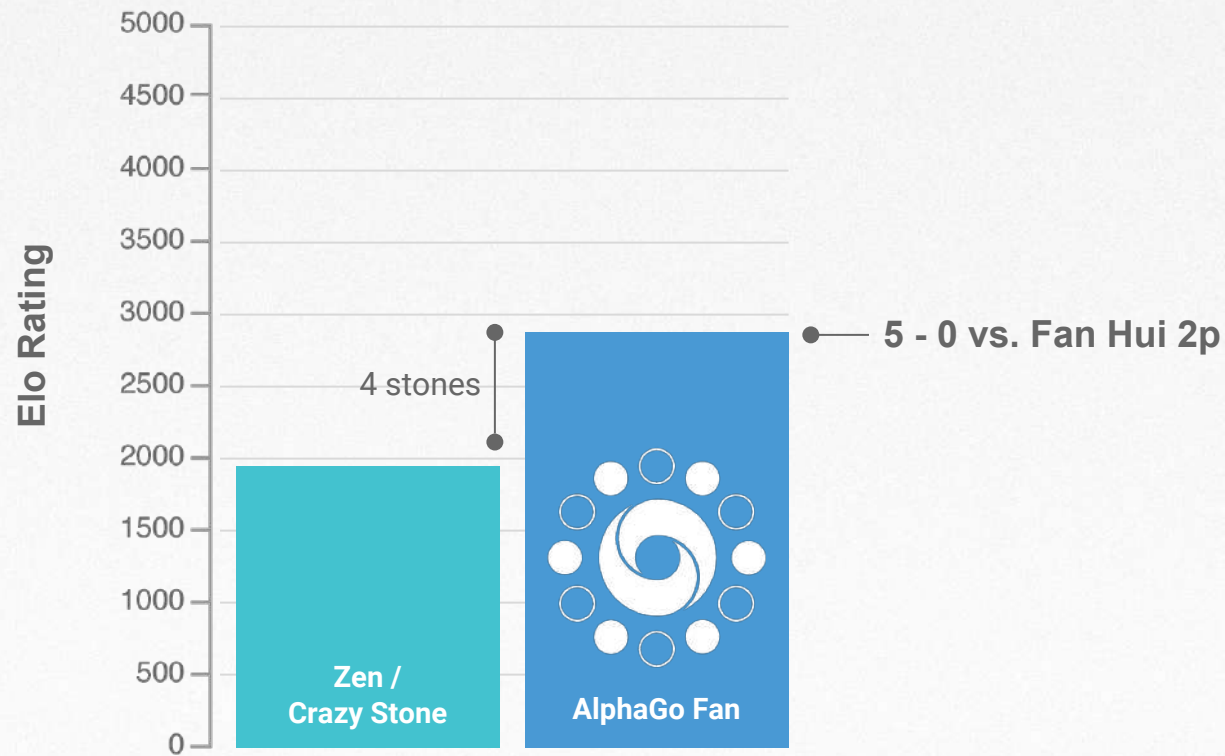


# Evaluation of AlphaGo



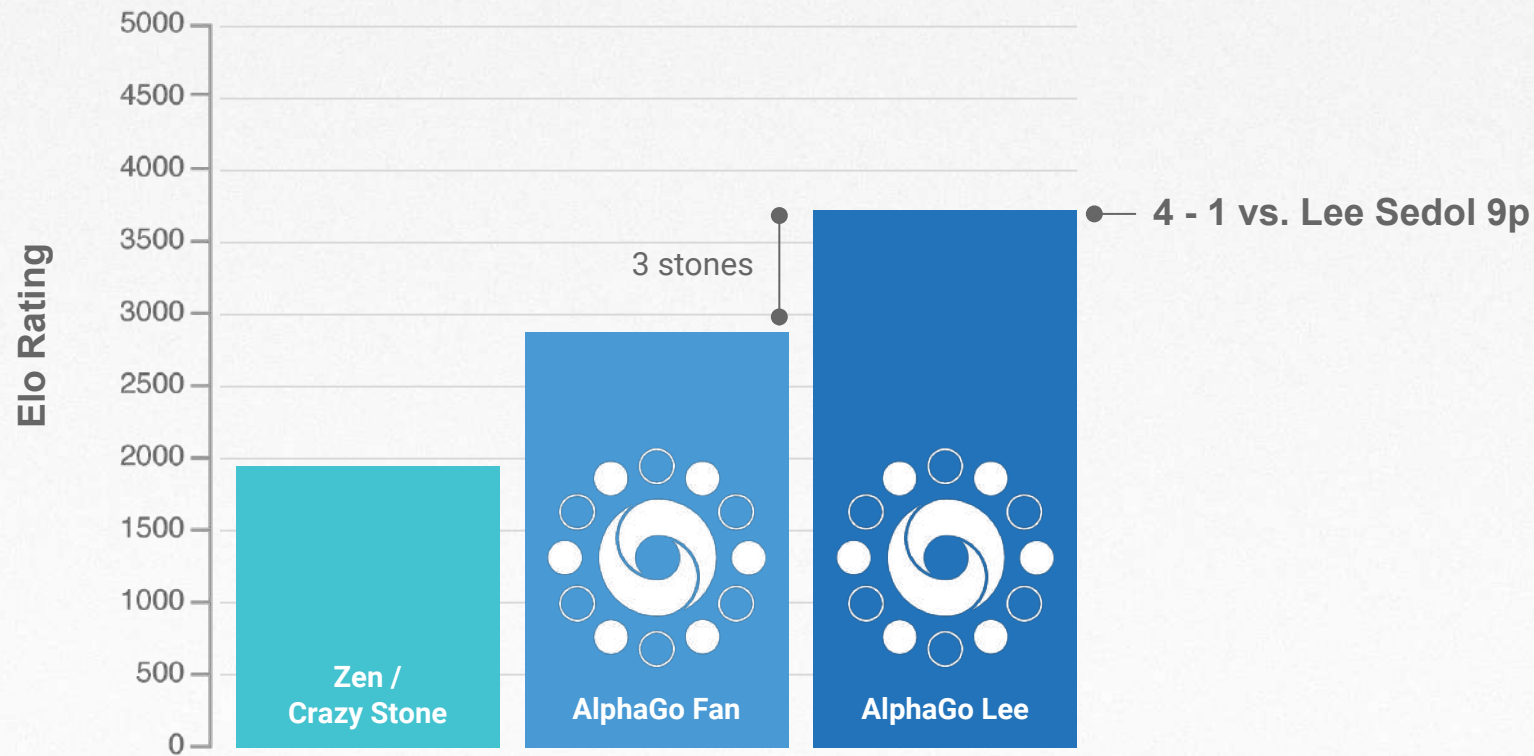


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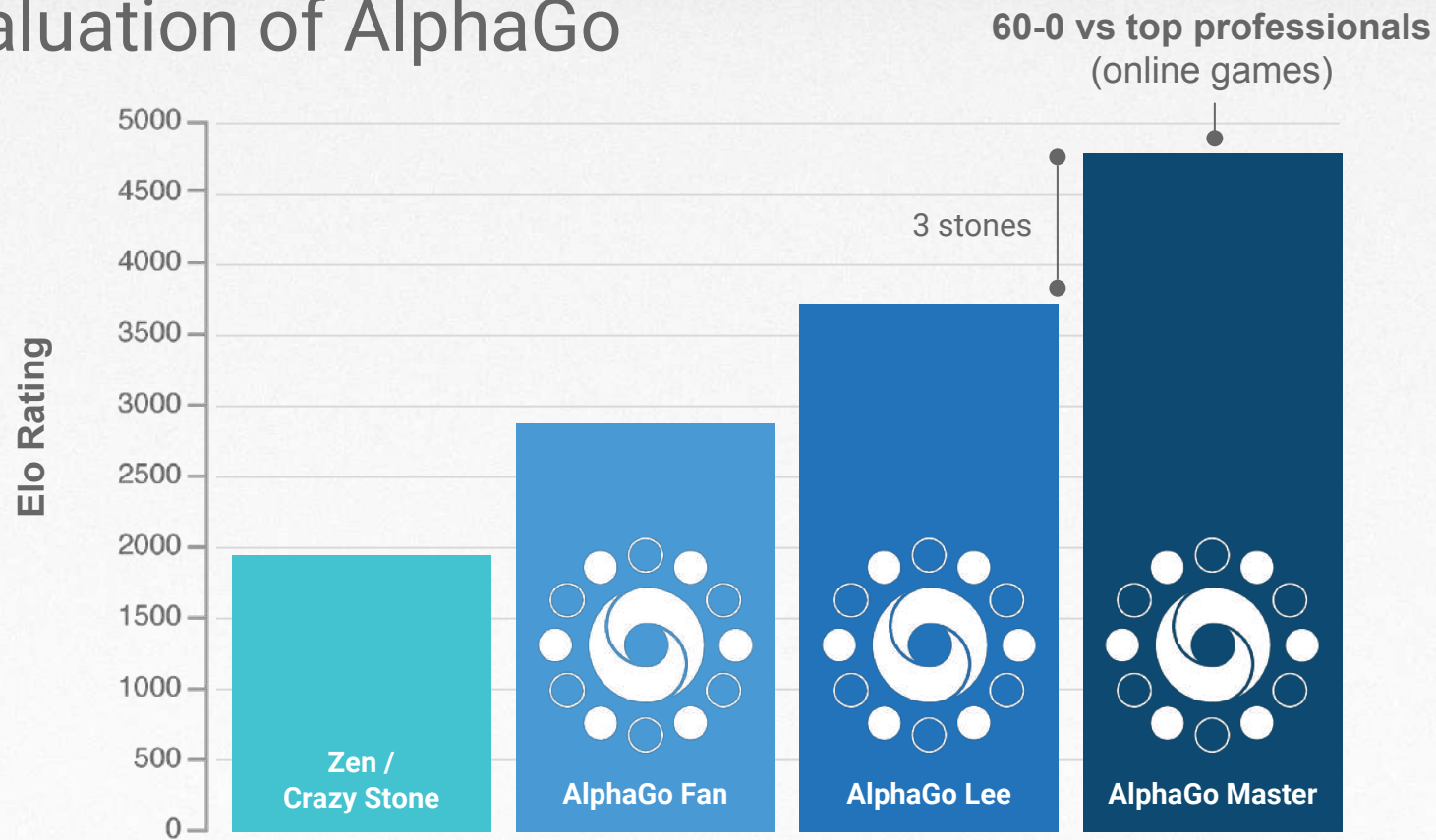




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# AlphaGo vs Ke Jie

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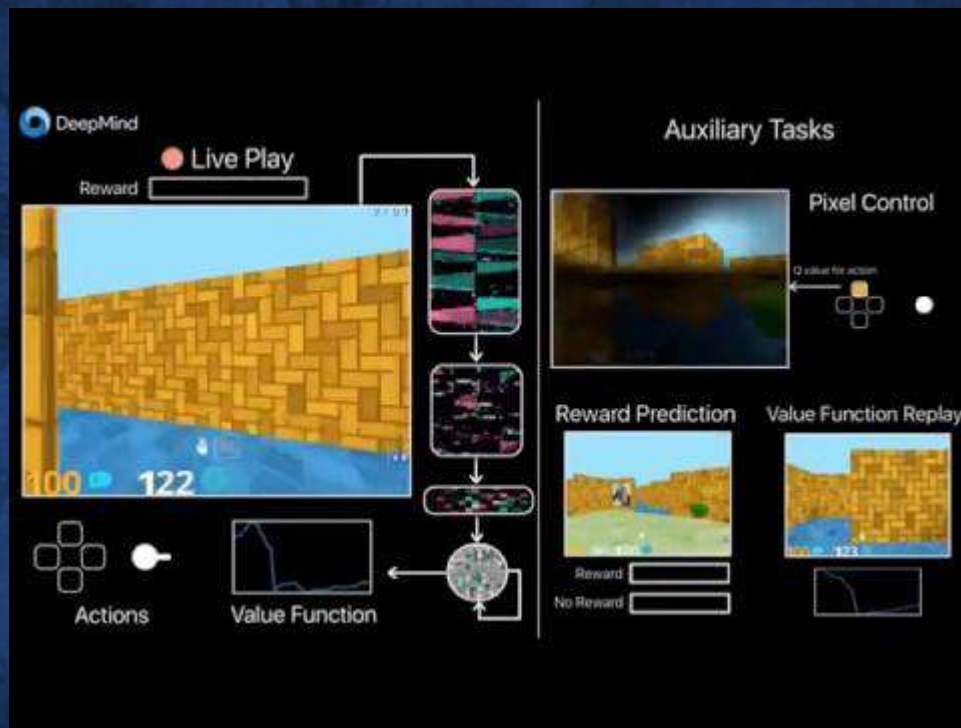
**Ke Jie** (9p): player ranked #1 in world

Match was played in China, May 2017

AlphaGo won the match 3-0

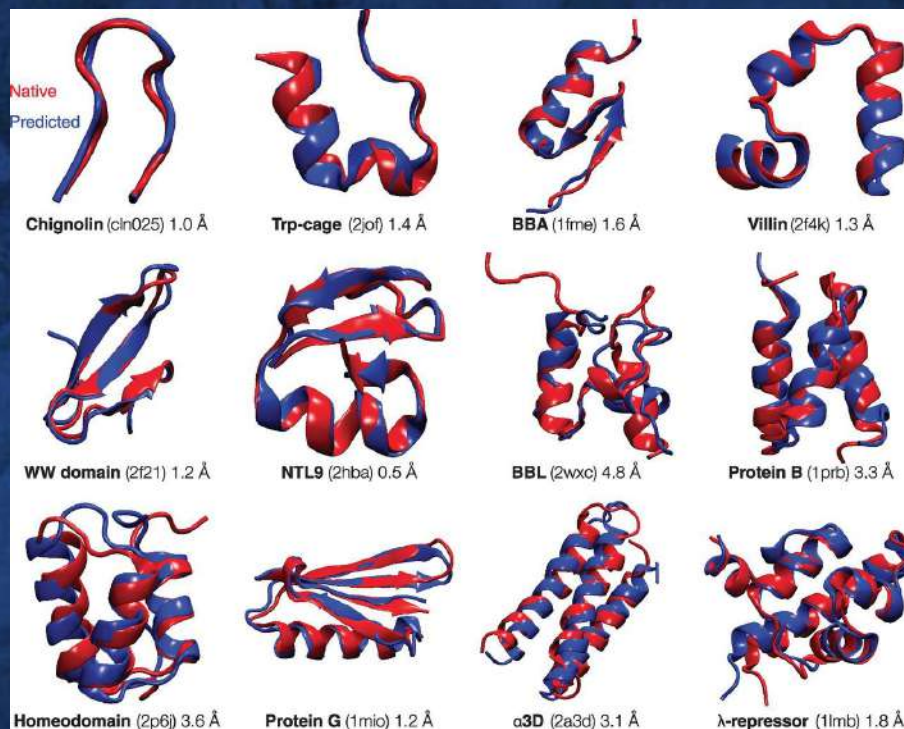


# Deep Reinforcement Learning: Beyond AlphaGo





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