



# Deep Generative Models

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# Introduction

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- Generative Models vs. Computer Graphics
- Discriminative vs. Generative
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# What and Why



Speech



# What and Why

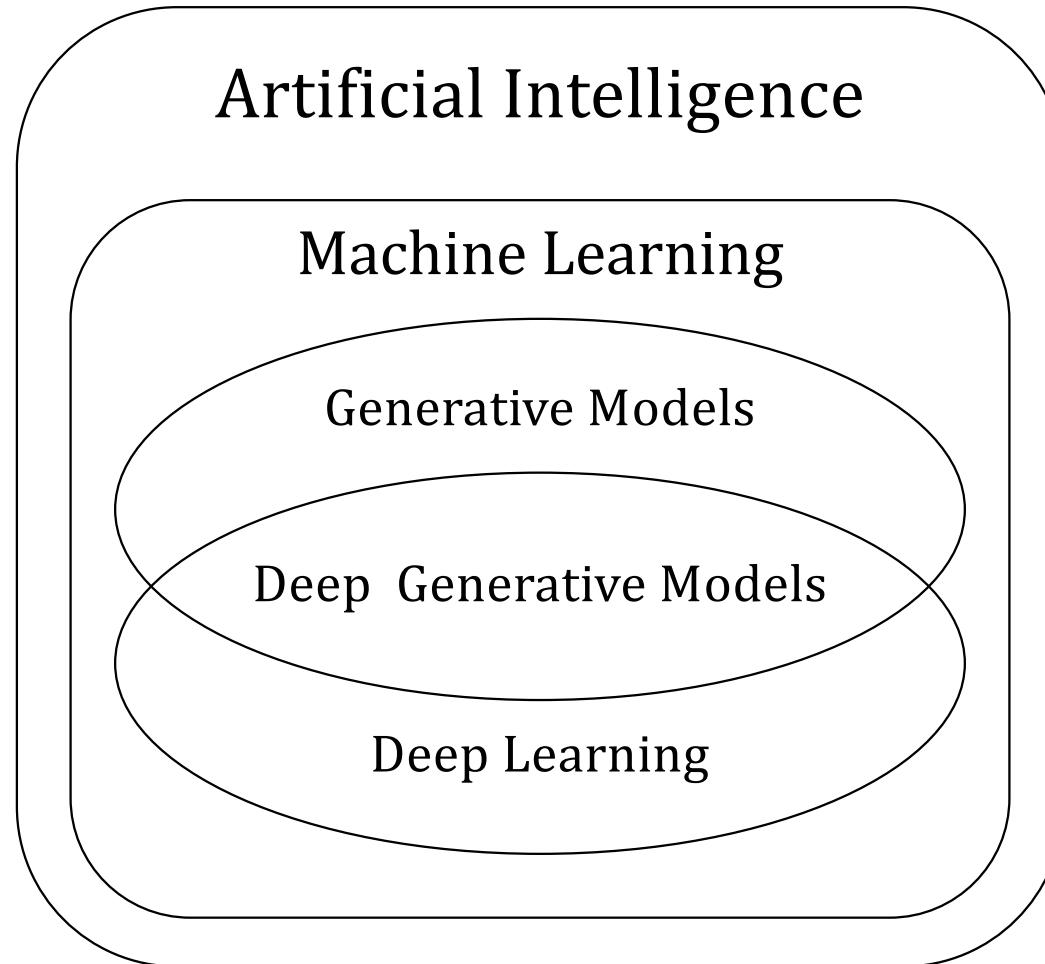


*“What I cannot create, I do not understand”*

--- Richard Feynman

Understand the complex and unstructured data

(image, text, speech, video ...)

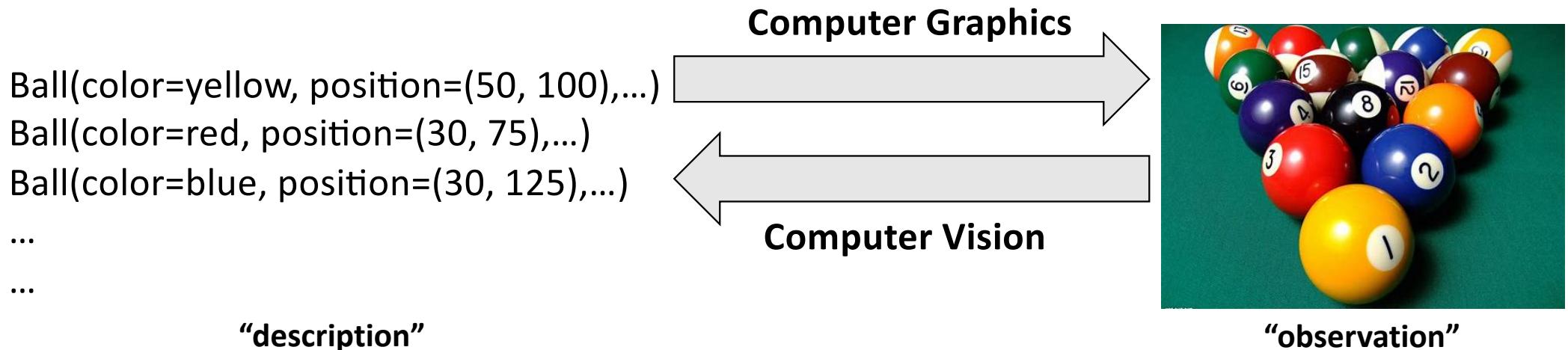




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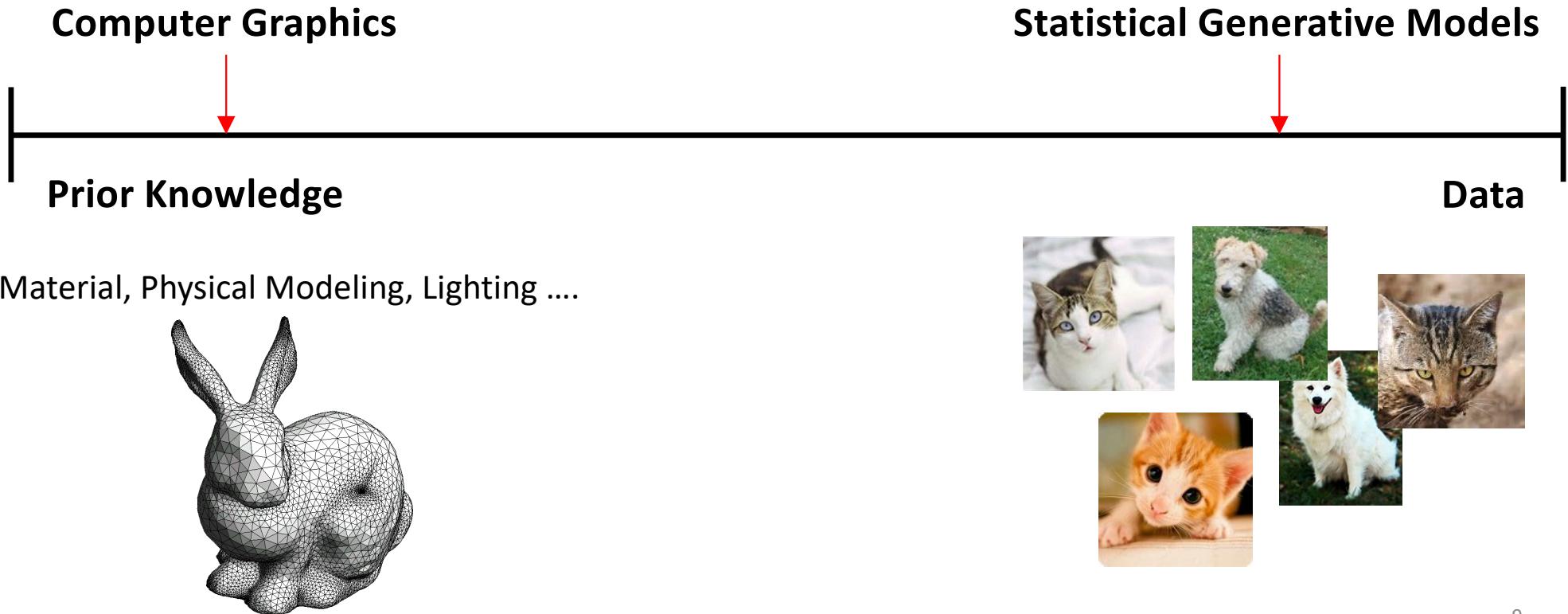
# Generative Models vs. Computer Graphics

- Generate data (e.g., image) in computer



# Generative Models vs. Computer Graphics

- Statistical Generative Models are **data-driven** methods

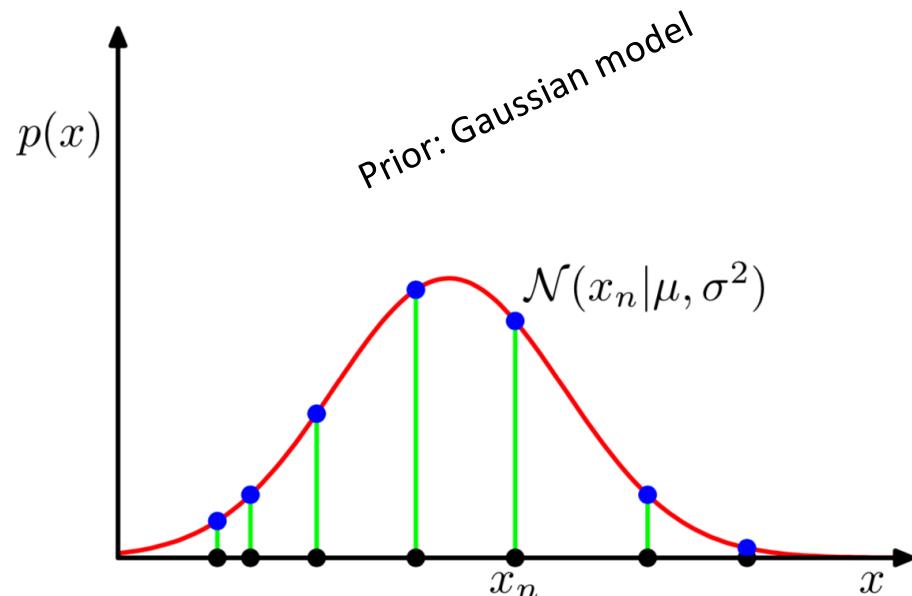


# Generative Models vs. Computer Graphics

- **Computer Graphics**
  - Purely based on prior knowledge
  - Difficult to scale and generalize
  - Development is time-consuming
- **Machine Learning/Deep Learning**
  - Reduce the need of prior knowledge
  - Learn from data
- **Statistical/Deep Generative Models** still need some prior knowledge ...
  - loss function, learning method, architecture, prior distribution (e.g., Gaussian)

# Generative Models vs. Computer Graphics

- **Statistical/Deep Generative Models**



- Given data samples
  - Learn the probability distribution  $p(x)$
- So that
- It is generative because new data samples can be sampled from  $p(x)$

$$x_{new} \sim p_x$$

# Generative Models vs. Computer Graphics

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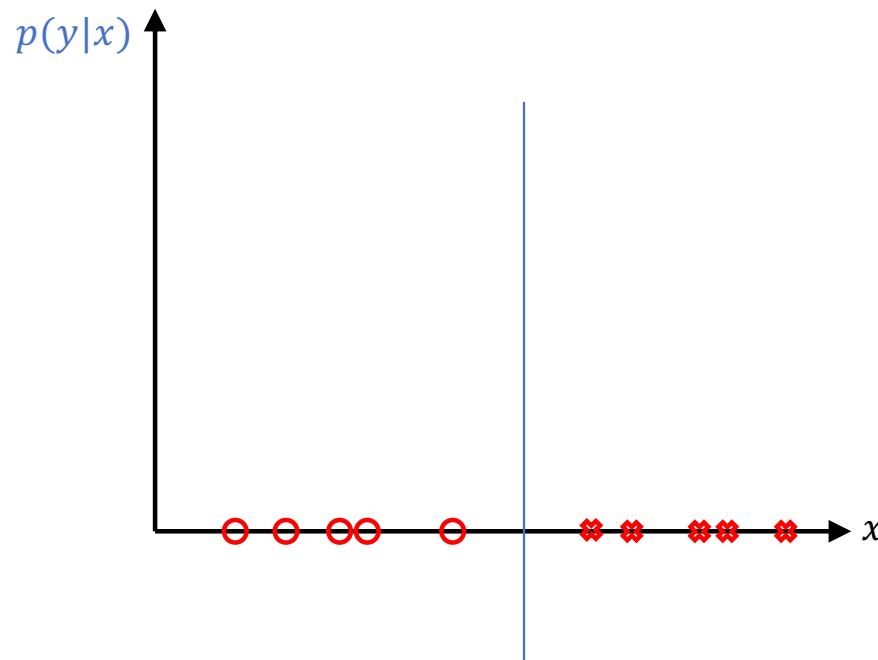
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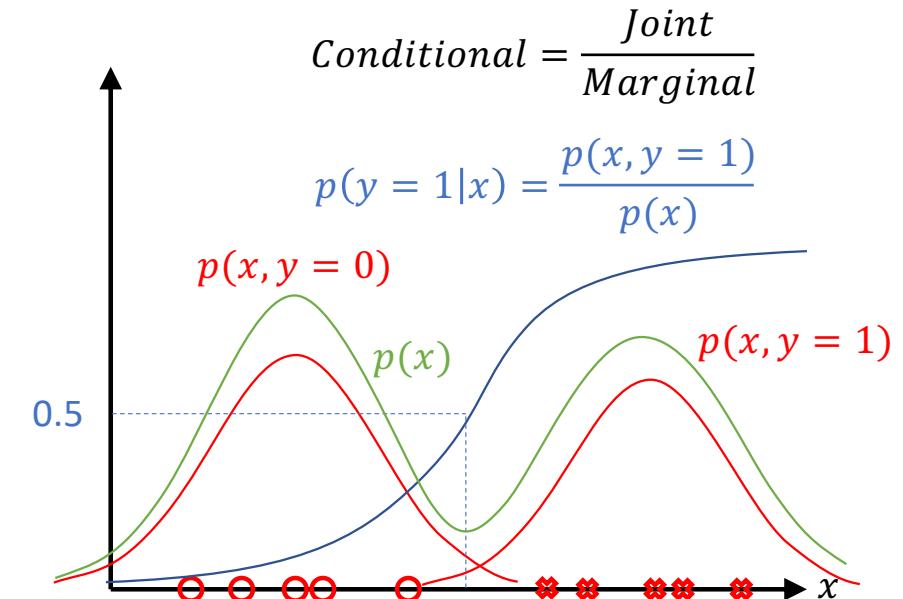
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# Discriminative vs. Generative

**Discriminative models:** classify data  
finding the **decision boundary**  $P(Y|X)$



**Generative models:** generate data  
finding **joint distribution**  $P(Y, X)$



Note: Generative models can perform both generative and discriminative tasks

# Discriminative vs. Generative

**Discriminative models:** classify data

finding **conditional distribution**  $P(Y|X)$

$$P(Y = \text{Cat} | X = \text{ }) = 0.99$$



Decision boundary

**Generative models:** generate data

finding **joint distribution**  $P(Y, X)$

$$Y = \text{Cat}, X = \text{ }$$



$$Y = \text{Dog}, X = \text{ }$$



The data distribution can be high-dimensional, like images

## Discriminative vs. Generative

- Discriminative models do not model/learn the probability distribution of data  $p(x)$  and find the decision boundary directly to form  $p(y|x)$
- Generative models need to
  - first model/learn the probability distribution of data  $p(x)$
  - and the joint probability distribution  $p(x, y)$
  - and the estimated the conditional probability  $p(y|x) = \frac{p(x,y)}{p(x)}$

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## Selected Generative Applications

We usually study generative models with:

image

text

speech

...

or their combinations

# Selected Generative Applications

## Discriminative models

$$P(Y = \text{Cat} | X = \text{ })$$


**“Unconditional” generative models:** generate data from a prior distribution

$$P(X, Z) = P(X|Z)P(Z)$$

$$P(X =$$



$$|Z = N(0,1))$$

# Selected Generative Applications

“Class” conditional generative models

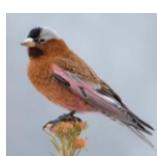
$$P(X = \text{cat} | Y = \text{Cat})$$


“Text” conditional generative models

$$P(X = \text{flower} | Y = \text{"a flower with white petals and yellow stamen"})$$


“Text-image” conditional generative models

$$P(X = \text{bird} | Y_1 = \text{yellow bird}, Y_2 = \text{"a yellow bird with grey wings"})$$

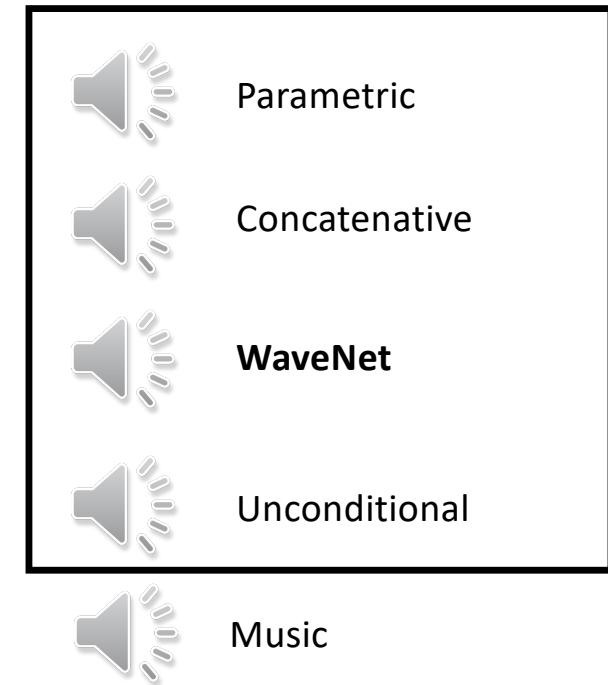
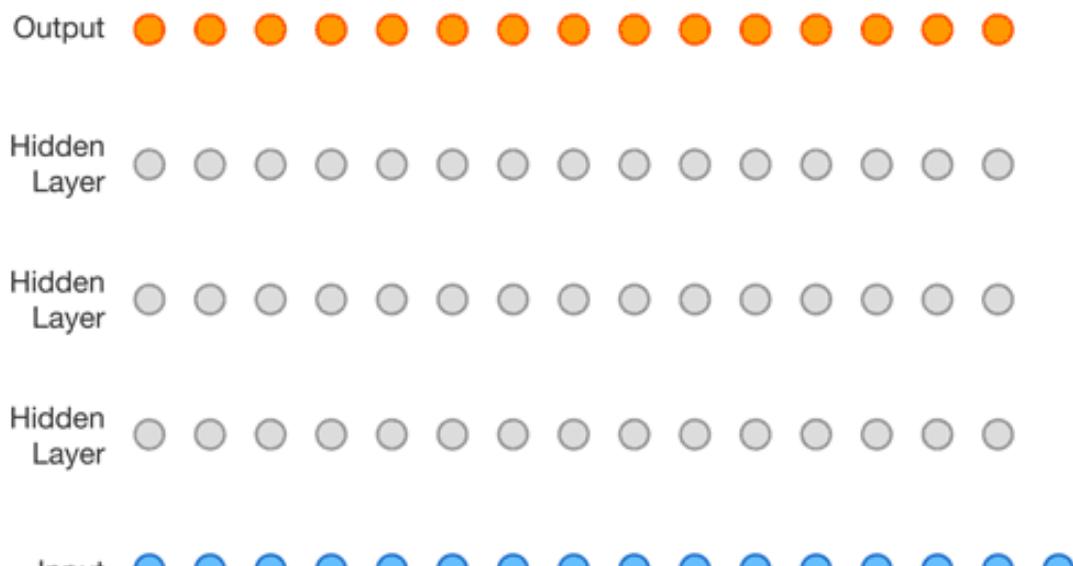


Joint distribution

# Selected Generative Applications

## Wavenet: Text to Speech

$$P(X = \text{speech} | Y = \text{sentence})$$



# Selected Generative Applications

## Image Super Resolution

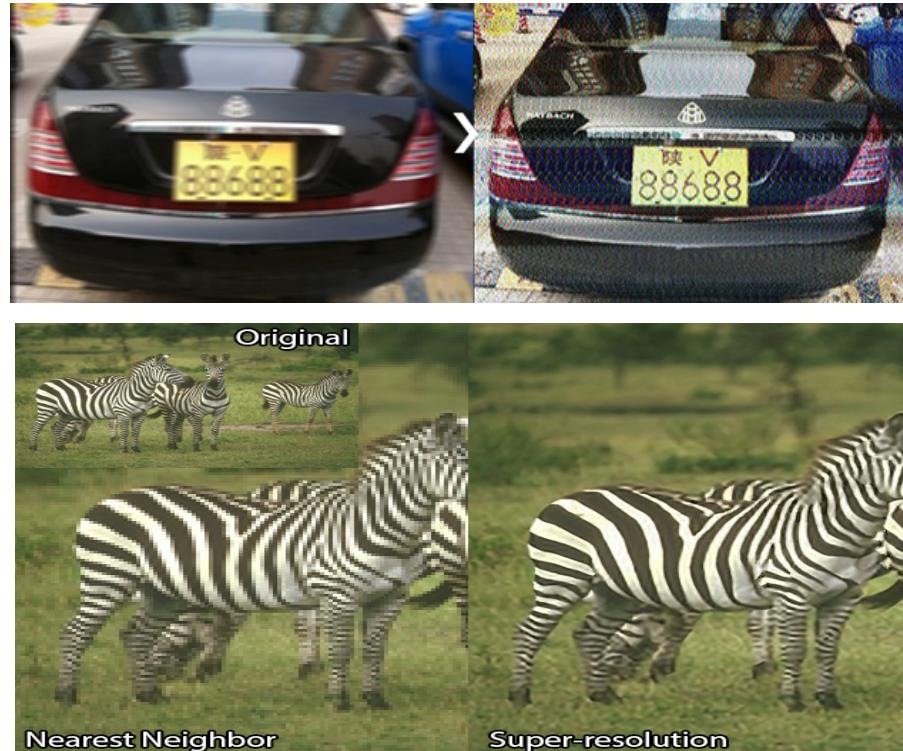
$$P(\text{High resolution image} \mid \text{Low resolution image})$$



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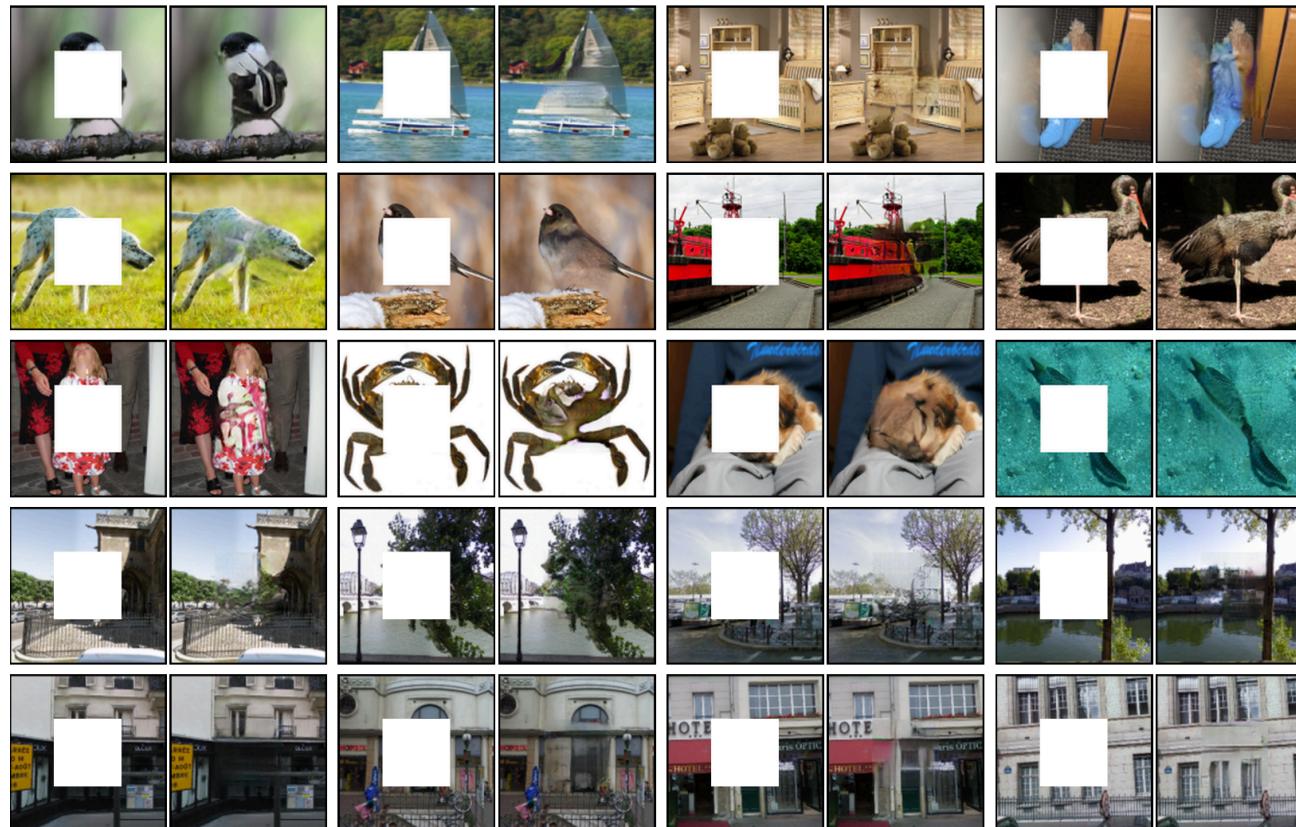
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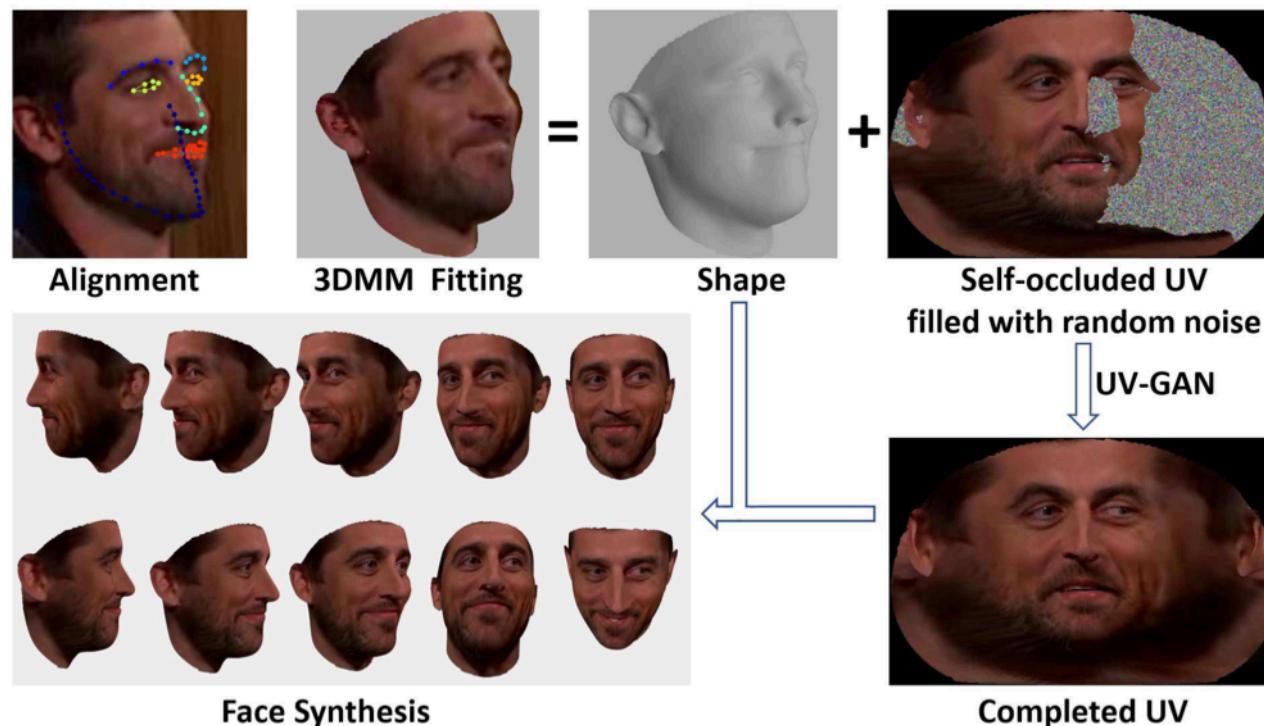
- **Image inpainting**



Context Encoders: Feature Learning by Inpainting. *D. Pathak, J. Donahue. CVPR. 2017*

## Selected Generative Applications

- **2D→3D via Image Inpainting**

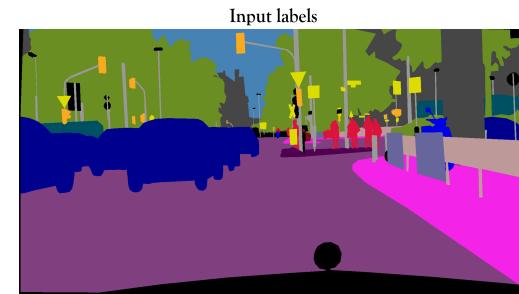
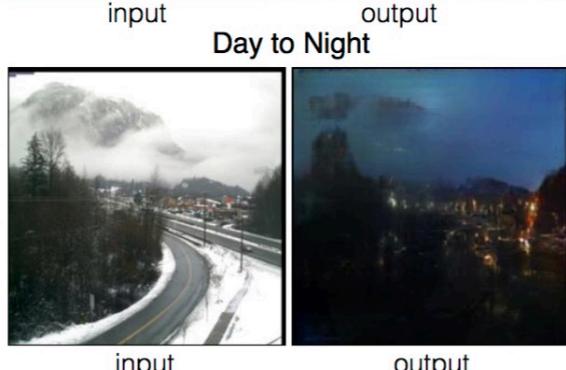
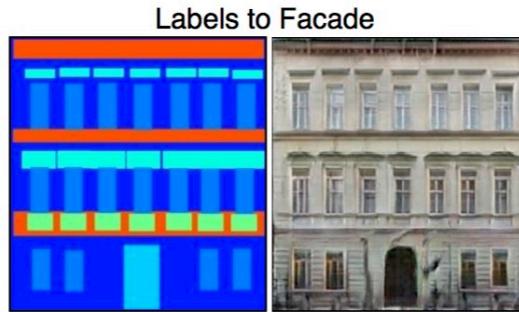


UV-GAN: Adversarial Facial UV Map Completion for Pose-invariant Face Recognition.  
*J. Deng, S. Cheng et al. CVPR. 2018.*

# Selected Generative Applications

## Image-to-Image Translation

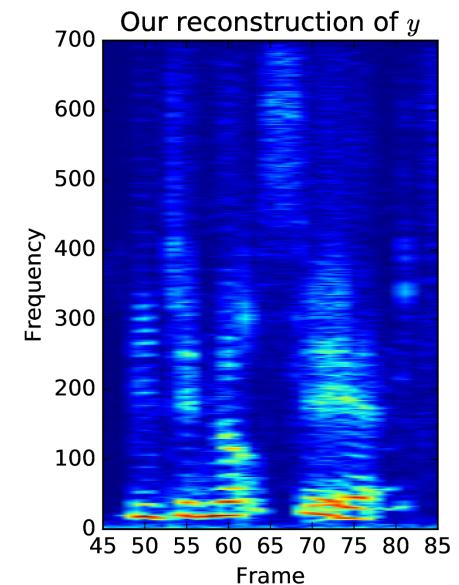
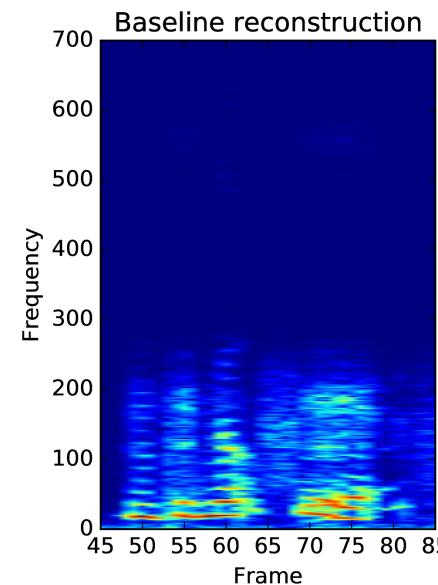
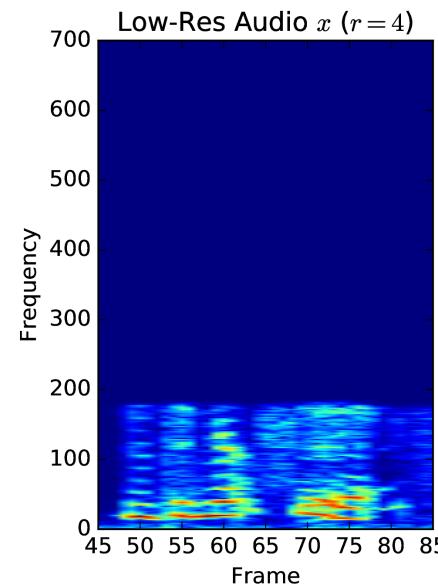
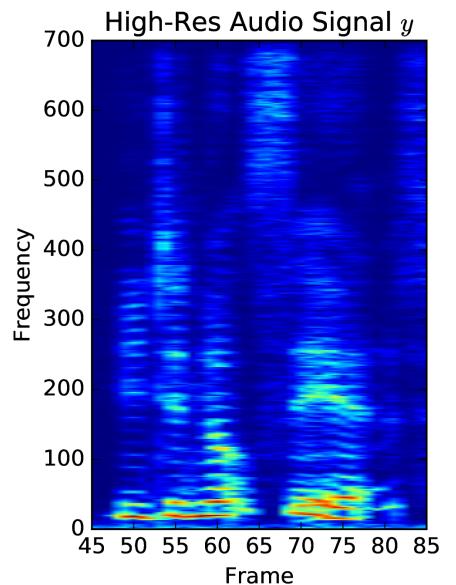
$$P(\text{image from domain } B \mid \text{image from domain } A)$$



# Selected Generative Applications

## Audio Super Resolution

$$P(\text{High resolution signal} \mid \text{Low resolution signal})$$



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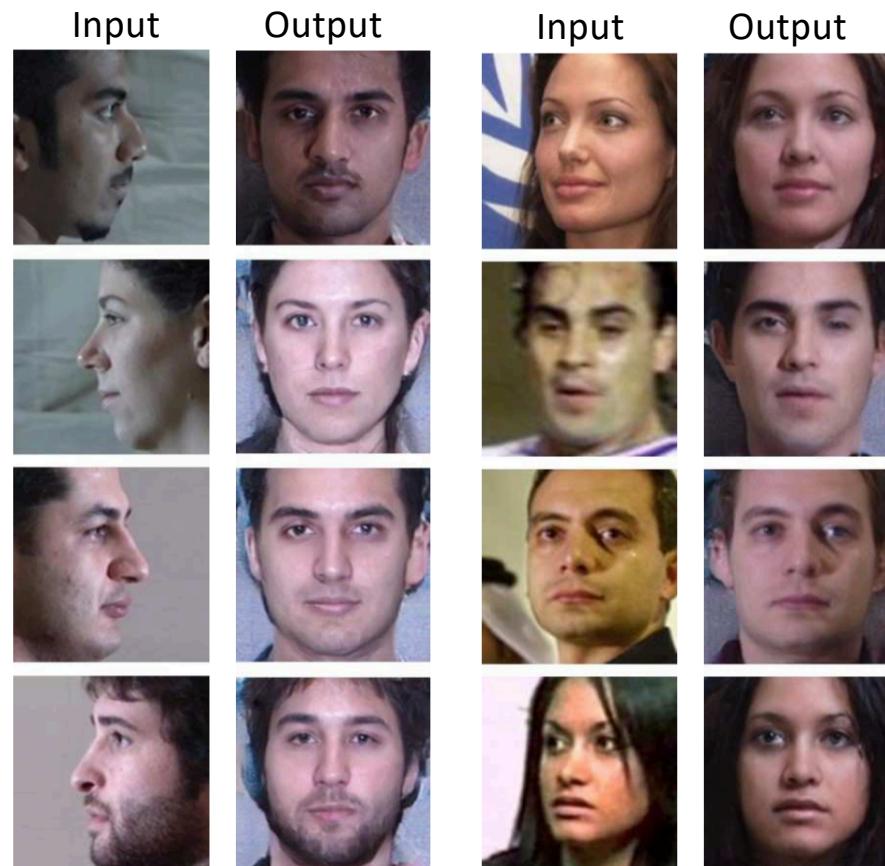
DeepFake

$$P(me \mid you)$$



## Selected Generative Applications

- Face Rotation

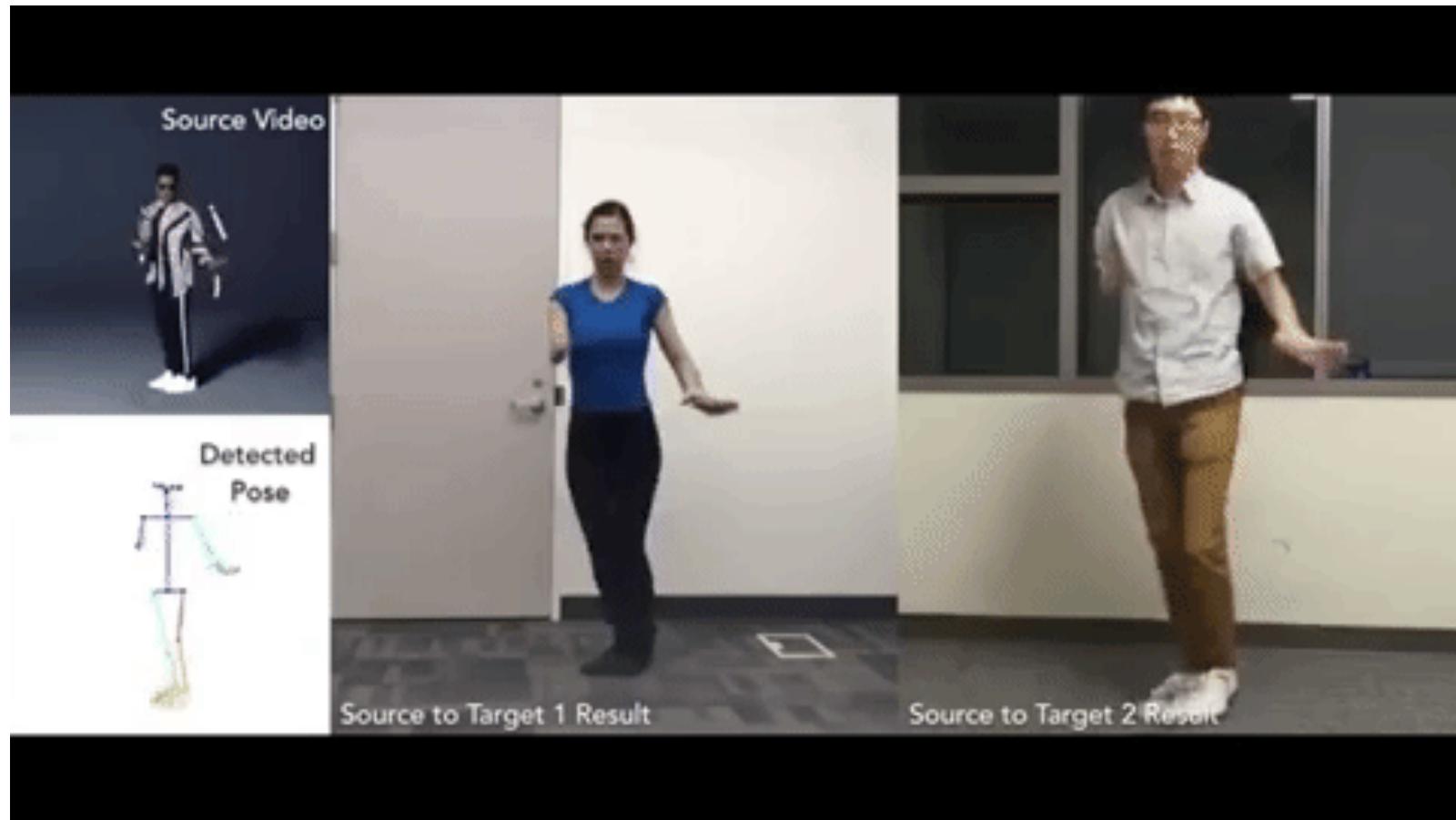


Pose-Guided Photorealistic Face Rotation. Y. Hu, X. Wu et al. CVPR. 2018

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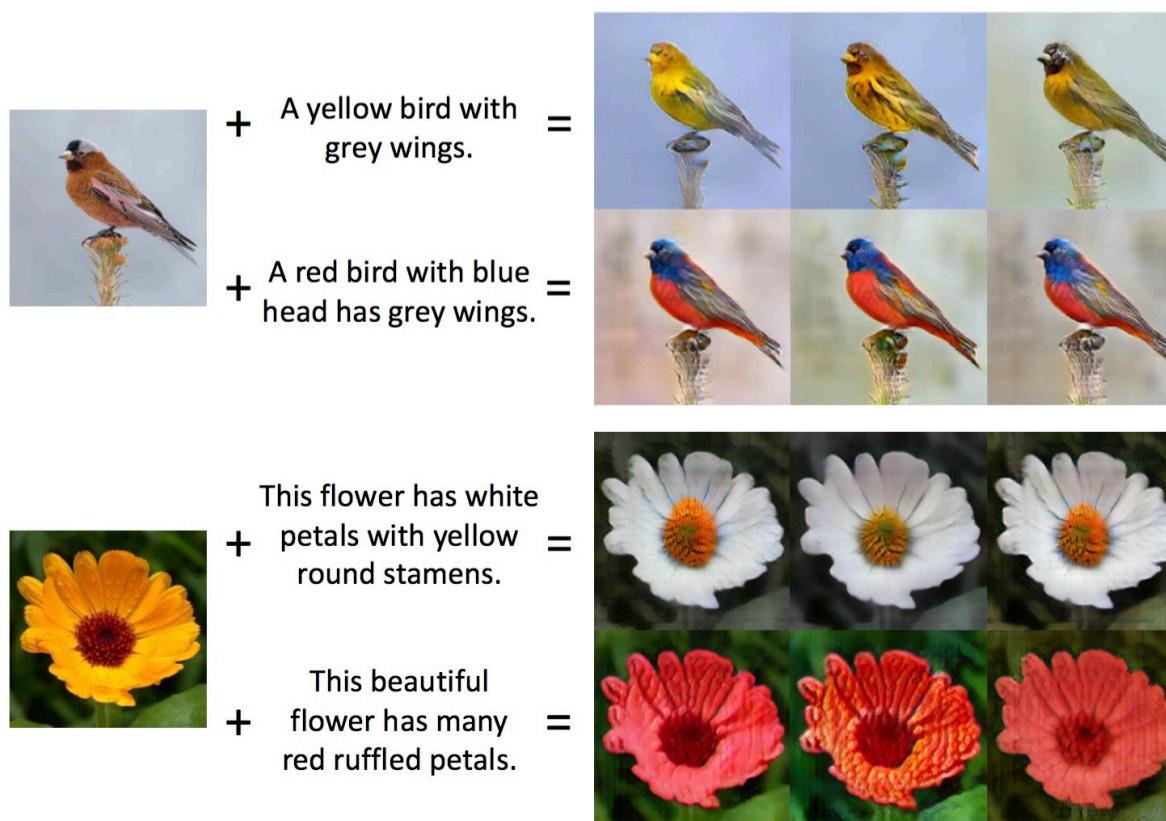
## Everybody Dance Now

$P(\text{my dance} \mid \text{your dance})$



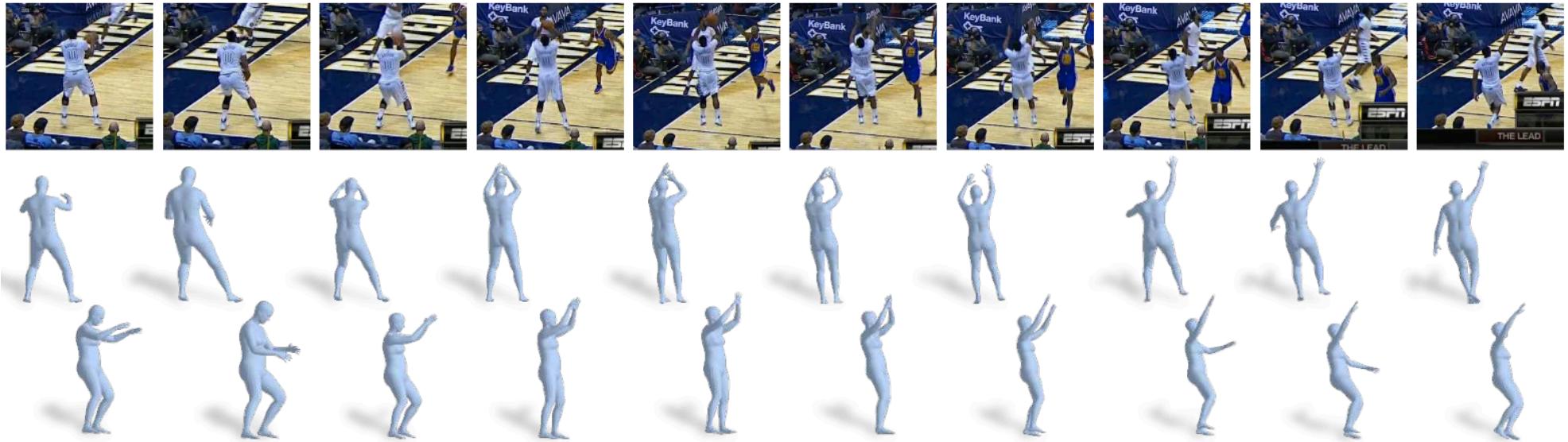
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## Combine Image and Sentence: Two Conditions



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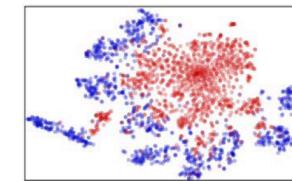
- 2D Video to 3D shape



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# Selected Advanced Topics

## Domain Adaptation: Model the distribution



$$S(\mathbf{f}) = \{G_f(\mathbf{x}; \theta_f) \mid \mathbf{x} \sim S(\mathbf{x})\}$$

$$T(\mathbf{f}) = \{G_f(\mathbf{x}; \theta_f) \mid \mathbf{x} \sim T(\mathbf{x})\}$$

Domain shift among  
sources and target

Domain adaptation  
needed!

# Selected Advanced Topics

## Adversarial Attack



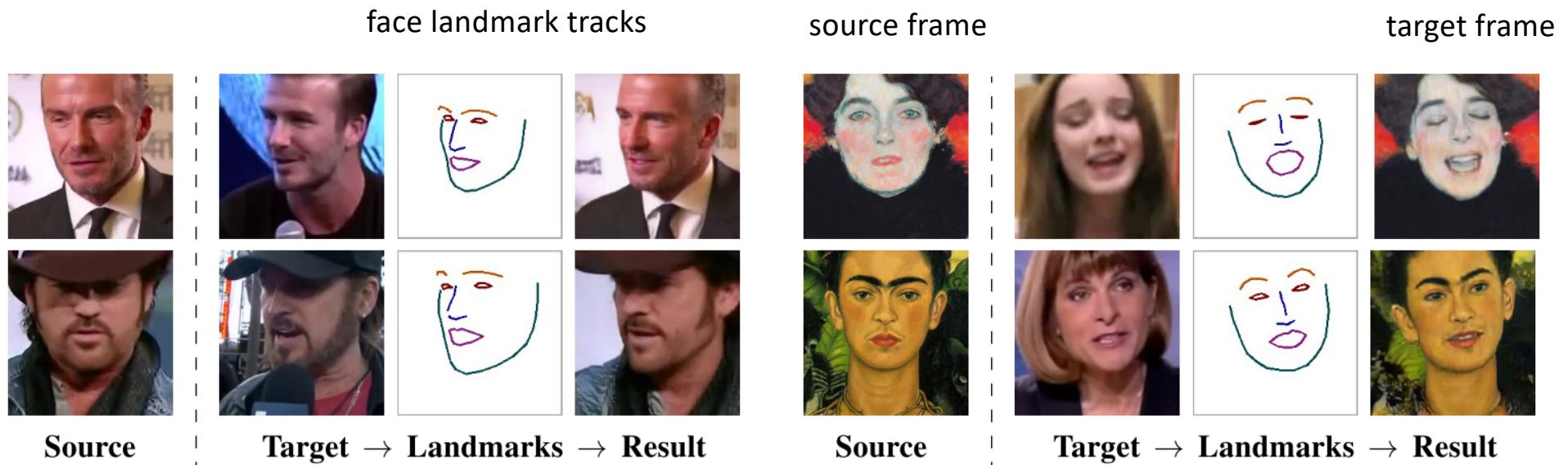
Fig. 4: An example of digital dodging. Left: An image of actor Owen Wilson, correctly classified by VGG143 with probability 1.00. Right: Dodging against VGG143 using AGN's output (probability assigned to the correct class: < 0.01).



Fig. 9: An illustrations of attacks generated via AGNs. Left: A random sample of digits from MNIST. Middle: Digits generated by the pretrained generator. Right: Digits generated via AGNs that are misclassified by the digit-recognition DNN.

# Selected Advanced Topics

## Meta Learning



extracted face landmark tracks from a different video sequence of the same person

The results are conditioned on the landmarks taken from the target frame, while the source frame is an example from the training set.

# Selected Advanced Topics

## Imitation Learning

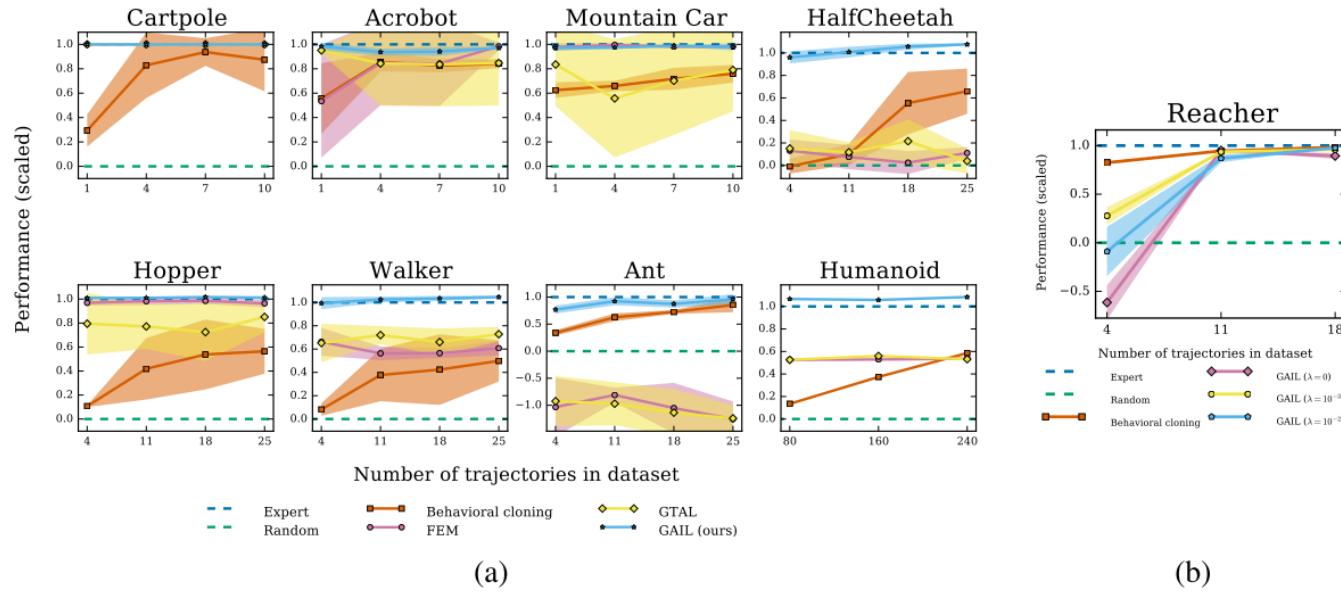
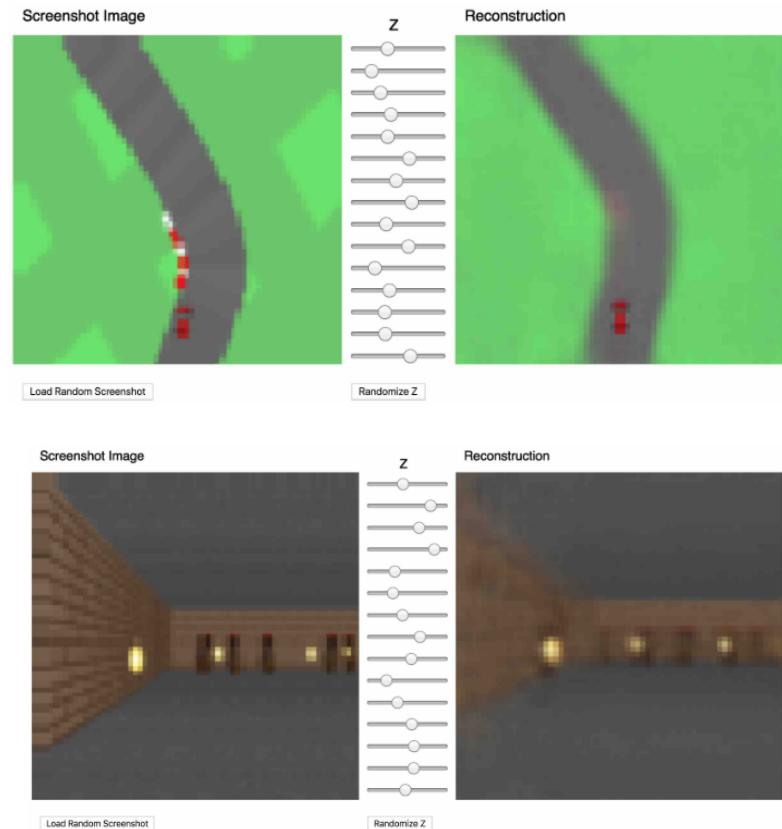
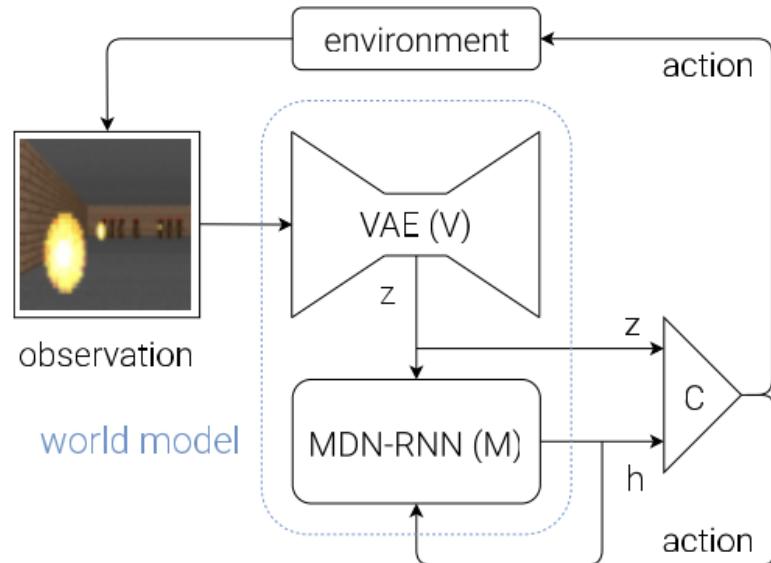


Figure 1: (a) Performance of learned policies. The  $y$ -axis is negative cost, scaled so that the expert achieves 1 and a random policy achieves 0. (b) Causal entropy regularization  $\lambda$  on Reacher. Except for Humanoid, shading indicates standard deviation over 5-7 reruns.

# Selected Advanced Topics

## Reinforcement Learning



Ha D, Schmidhuber J. World models[J]. arXiv preprint arXiv:1803.10122, 2018.



## Selected Advanced Topics

Deep Generative Models relate to all of the following topics:

- Unsupervised Learning
- Semi-supervised Learning
- Weakly-supervised Learning
- Dual Learning
- Self-supervised Learning
- Self-augmented Learning
- ...
- ...
- ...



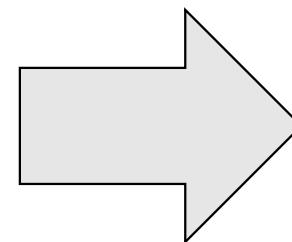
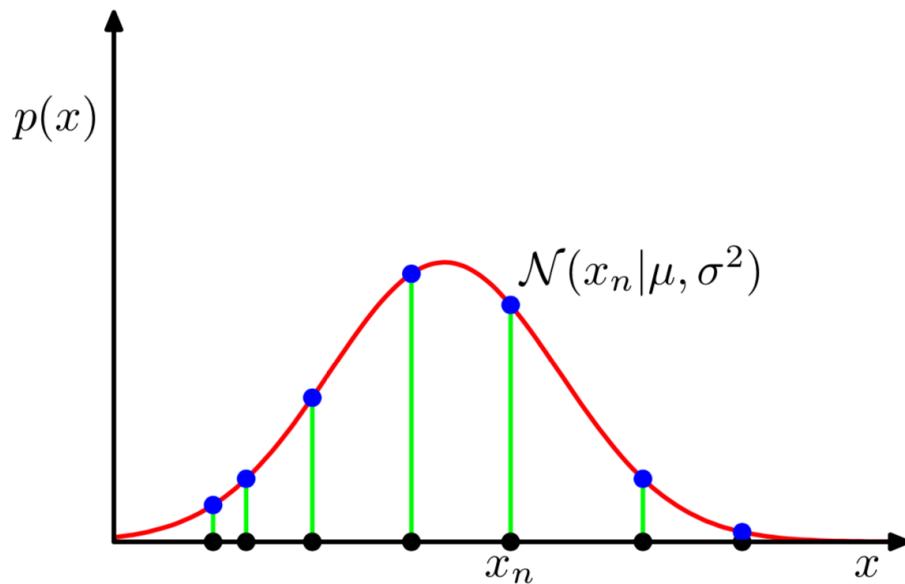
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# Challenges

- **Representation ability**

For 1-D data  $x$ , the probability distribution  $p(x)$  is simple, e.g., Gaussian?

For high-dimensional data  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ , e.g.,  $n$  pixels  
 how do we learn the joint distribution  $p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ ?



## Challenges

- Learning method

If we can **represent** the  $p(x)$ , the next question:

how do we **measure** and **minimize** the distance  
between the estimated distribution  $p(x)$  and the real distribution  $p_{data}$ ?

If we use a parametric model (e.g., Gaussian) to represent  $p(x)$ ,  
it can be an optimization problem:

$$\min_{\theta \in \mathcal{M}} \mathcal{L}(p_{data}, p_{\theta}(x))$$

where the parameter  $\theta$  is from the model  $\mathcal{M}$

# Challenges

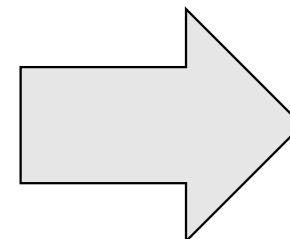
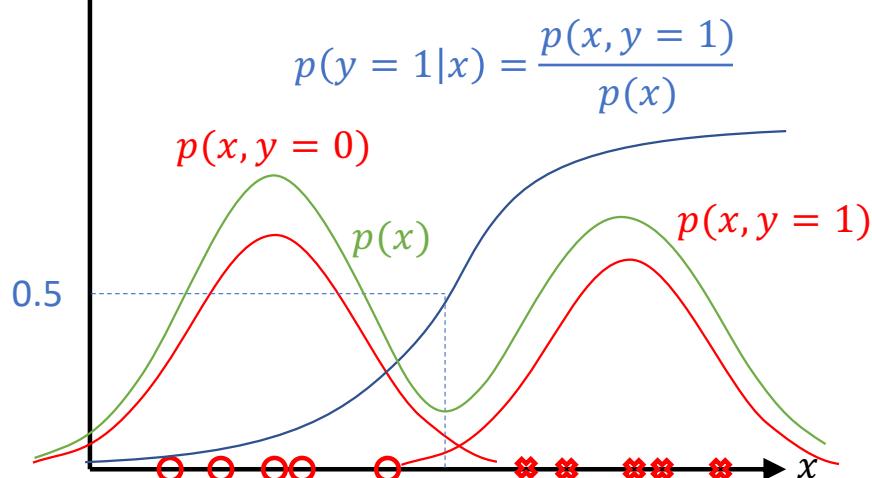
- **Inference**

If we can represent the  $p(x)$  and successfully learn it, we now can:

1. Generative task (sampling):  $\mathbf{x}_{new} \sim p(\mathbf{x})$
2. Density estimation:  $p(\mathbf{x})$  high if  $\mathbf{x}$  looks like a real data sample

the final question: how do we perform discriminative task?

i.e., invert the generative process





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## Syllabus

- Week 1: Introduction (**Today**)
- Week 2: Autoregressive Models
- Week 3: Variational Autoencoders
- Week 4: Normalizing Flow Models
- Week 5: Generative Adversarial Networks
- Week 6: Practice
- Week 7: Evaluation of Generative Models
- Week 8: Energy-based Models
- Week 9: Discreteness in Latent Variables
- Week 10: Challenges of Generative Models
- Week 11: Applications of Generative Models
- Week 12: Generative Model Variants
- Week 13-14: Paper Reading
- Week 15-16: Project Presentation

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Foundation

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Research

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Practice

Might changed later ...



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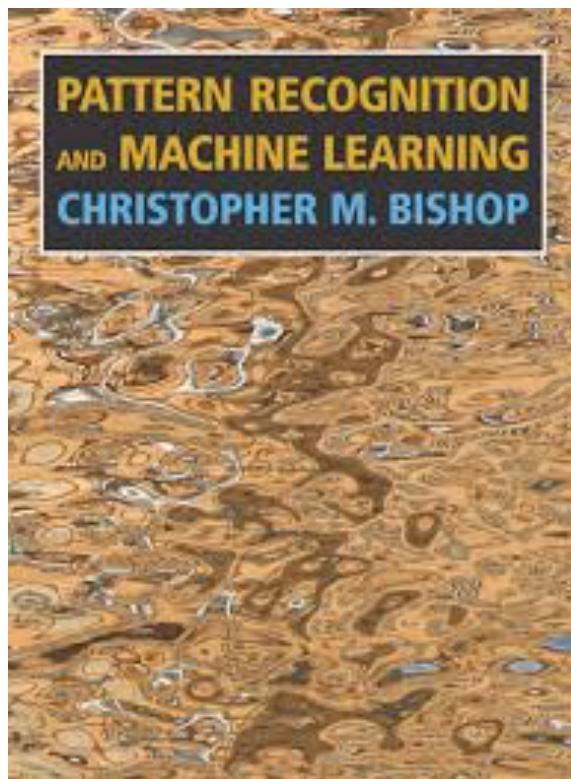
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- Basic knowledge of probabilities
  - Bayes rule, chain rule, probability distribution ...
- Basic knowledge of machine learning/deep learning
  - “Machine Learning”, “Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning”
  - “Computer Vision”, “Natural Language Processing” ...
- Basic programming language
  - Python

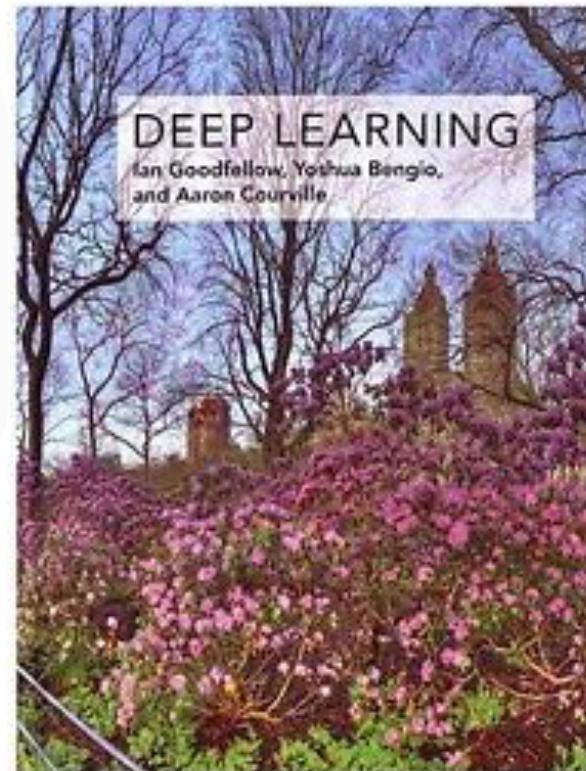


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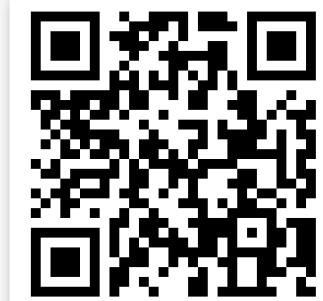


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# Logistics



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Stefano Ermon, Aditya Grover

<https://deepgenerativemodels.github.io>



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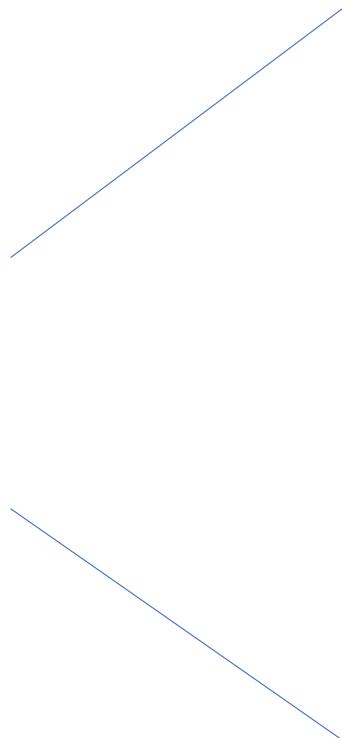
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    - Understanding (Q/A) 20%
    - Presentation 20%
  - **Course Project 50%**
    - Proposal 10%
    - Open source quality 15%
    - Report 15%
  - **Others 20%**
    - Discussion
    - Attendance
- 
- 1~2 students/group
  - Topic: application or theory
  - Open source: Github repository
  - 4 Pages Report
    - Motivation
    - Introduction
    - Related Work
    - Method
    - Evaluation
    - Conclusion



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