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# MỘT SỐ VẤN ĐỀ CỦA LÝ THUYẾT HỌC SÂU

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# Nội dung

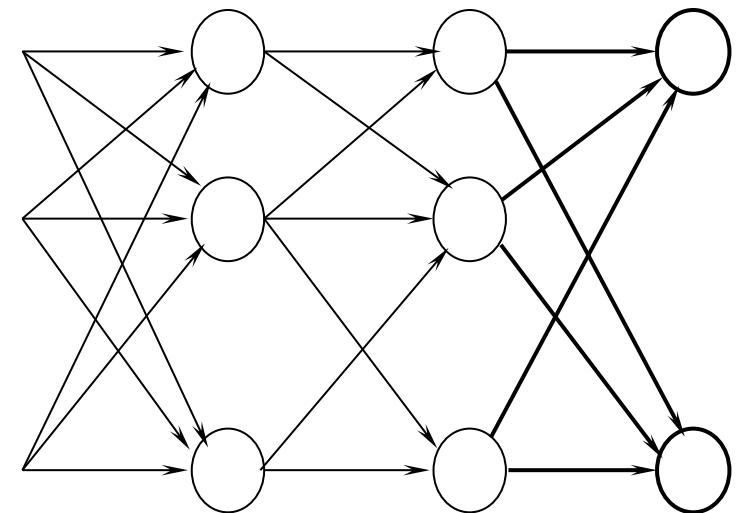
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- Mở đầu
- **Một số vấn đề của Học sâu**
- Một số kiến trúc mạng nơron
- Mô hình sinh sâu
- Đánh giá chất lượng
- Học tăng cường

# Theoretical results for deep neural networks

A short summary

- Artificial neural networks (ANN):
  - Biologically inspired by human brain
  - A rich family to represent complex functions
- An ANN:
  - Consists of many neurons, organized in a layer-wise manner
  - Each *neuron* computes a simple function
  - A neuron can have few *connections* to other neurons
- Each configuration about #neurons, #layers, #connections, ... → an **architecture**
- **Shallow vs. Deep NNs:**
  - One hidden layer >< many hidden layers

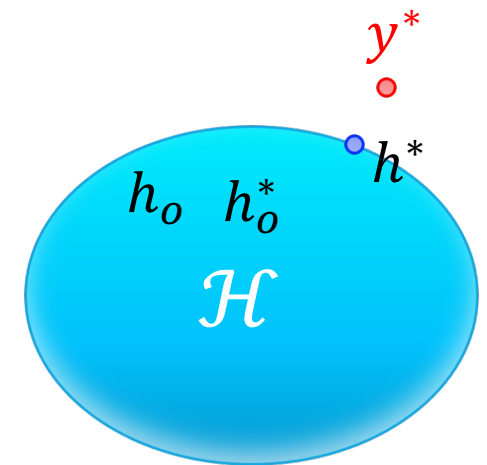


# Mathematical description

$$h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{W}) = g_K(\mathbf{W}_K h_{K-1}), \quad \text{where } h_i = g_i(\mathbf{W}_i h_{i-1}), \quad h_0 = \mathbf{x}$$

- An NN with K layers
- $\mathbf{W}_i$  is the weight matrix at layer i
- $h_i$  is the output of layer i
- $g_i$  is the activation function at layer i
- A NN maps an input  $\mathbf{x}$  to an output  $\mathbf{y} = h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{W})$
- *Training*: often find weights  $\mathbf{W}$ , by minimizing a loss  $F(\mathbf{D}, h)$

(feedforward network)

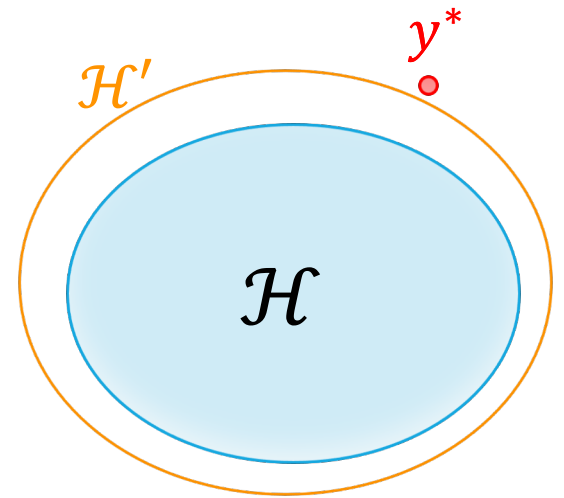


$$Error(h_o) \approx \text{Optimization error} + \text{Generalization error} + \text{Approximation error}$$

# Approximation error: classical

$$\|y^* - h\| \leq \epsilon_a$$

- Increase capacity → approximate better
  - Larger family  $\mathcal{H}'$
  - More complex NNs → stronger representational power
  - E.g., wider or deeper NNs
- Any binary function can be learnt (approximately well) by a **feedforward network** using one hidden layer, when the **width goes to infinity**  
(bất kỳ hàm nhị phân nào đều có thể học được bởi một mạng lan truyền tiến với một tầng ẩn, khi số lượng nơon ở tầng nào đó tiến ra vô hạn)
- Any bounded **continuous function** can be learnt (approximately) by a *feedforward network* using one hidden layer [Cybenko, 1989; Hornik, 1991]



# Approximation error: modern

- Any **continuous function** can be approximated arbitrarily well by **Convolutional neural network**, when the depth is large [Zhou, 2020]
- Any **Lebesgue-integrable function** can be approximated arbitrarily well by a **ResNet** with c
- **Deep NNs** avoid the curse of dimensionality for **Lipschitz functions** [Poggio, 2017]
  - Shallow NNs cannot
  - To approximate a Lipschitz function (mapping  $[0,1]^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ ) with error  $O(N^{-\sqrt{L}})$ , **width  $\max\{n, 5N + 13\}$  and depth  $64nL + 3$  are sufficient**

## Universal approximators

Lin, H., & Jegelka, S. (2018). ResNet with one-neuron hidden layers is a universal approximator. *NeurIPS*.

Lu, J., Shen, Z., Yang, H., & Zhang, S. (2021). Deep network approximation for smooth functions. *SIAM Journal on Mathematical Analysis*.

Poggio, T., Mhaskar, H., Rosasco, L., Miranda, B., & Liao, Q. (2017). Why and when can deep-but not shallow-networks avoid the curse of dimensionality: a review. *International Journal of Automation and Computing*.

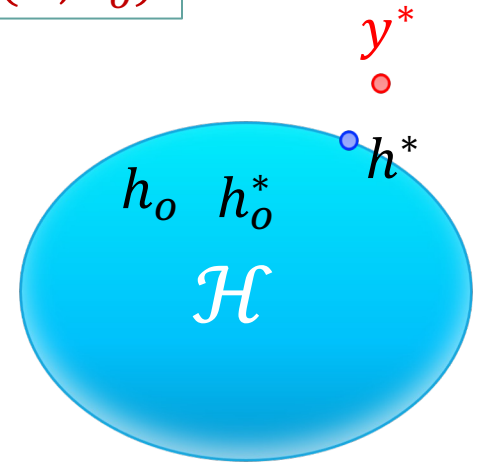
Zhou, D. X. (2020). Universality of deep convolutional neural networks. *Applied and Computational Harmonic Analysis*.

**Unclear  
how to find such DNNs,  
based on a training set**



- Training is often by minimizing a loss  $F(\mathbf{D}, h)$
- The training loss is *highly non-convex*
- **Theory:**
  - Exponentially large number of iterations may be needed
  - Intractable in the worst case [Nesterov, 2018]
- **Practice:**
  - Often have zero training error → global solution  $h_o^*$ ?
  - Easily perfectly fit random labelling of data [Zhang et al. 2021] (training seems to be easy!)
- **Contradiction?** What's missing?

$$F(\mathbf{D}, h_o) - F(\mathbf{D}, h_o^*)$$



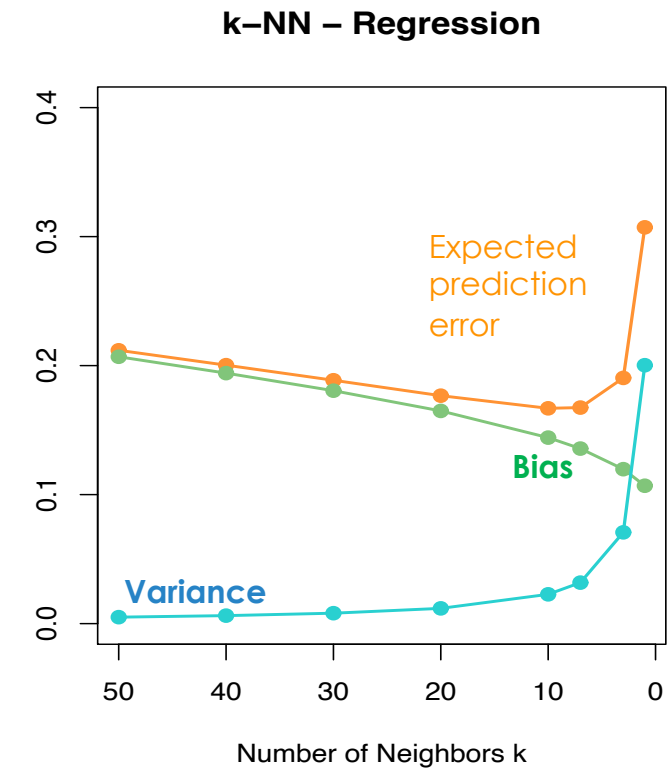
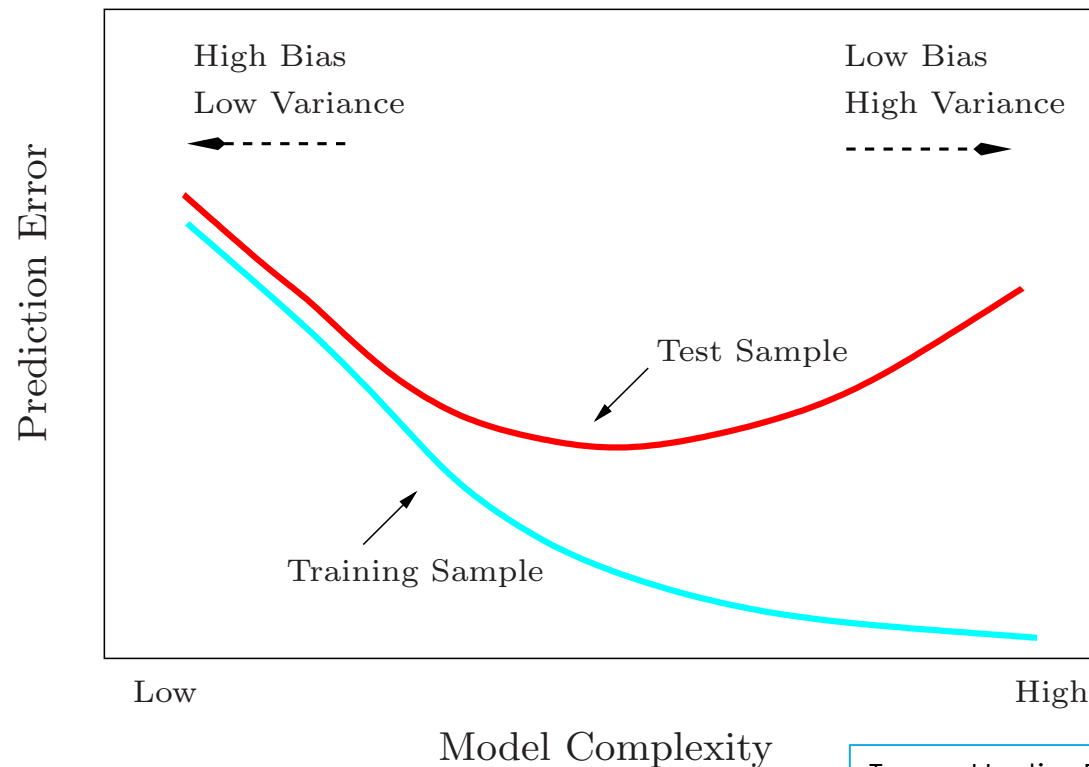
# Optimization: theoretically easy

- Gradient descent (GD) achieves **zero training loss** in polynomial time for a deep over-parameterized ResNet [Du et al. 2019]
  - Over-parameterization:  $\#parameters \gg \text{training size}$
- GD can find a global optimum when the width of the last hidden layer of an MLP exceeds the number of training samples [Nguyen, 2021]
- Stochastic gradient descent (SGD) can find **global minima** on the training objective of DNNs in polynomial time [Allen-Zhu et al. 2019]
  - Architecture: MLP, CNN, ResNet

However  
global optimality  
of the training problem  
**does not imply**  
good predictive ability

# Bias-Variance tradeoff: classical view

- The more complex the model is, the more data points it can capture, and the lower the bias can be
- However, higher complexity will make the model "move" more to capture the data points, and hence its variance will be larger.



## ■ Modern phenomenon:

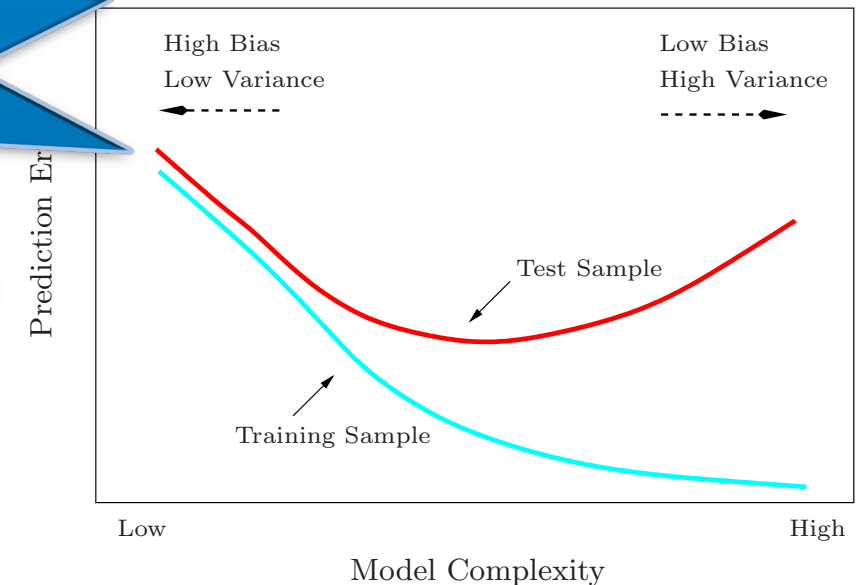
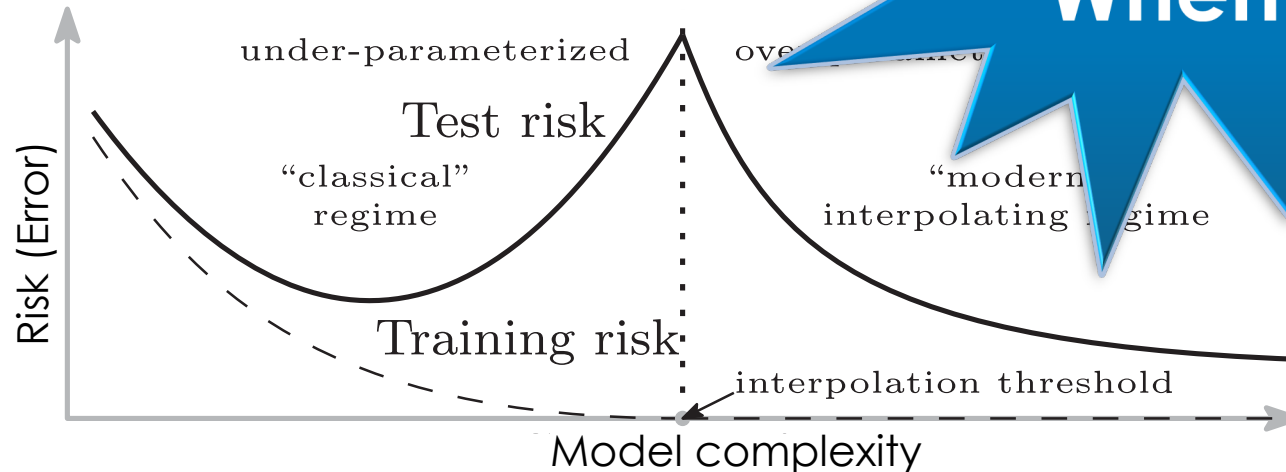
*Very rich models such as DNNs are trained to **exactly fit** the data, but often obtain **high accuracy** on test data* [Belkin et al., 2019]

- $\text{Bias} \cong 0$
- GPT-4, ResNets, StyleGAN, ...

## ■ Classical view:

- more complex model
- Lower bias, higher variance

Why?  
When?



# Generalization ability: long-standing open

- **Main goal:** small expected loss  $F(P, h_o)$ 
  - Practice: training loss  $F(\mathbf{D}, h_o) \cong 0$  for overparameterized NNs
- **Why can a trained DNN generalize well?**  
(Generalization: ability to well perform on unseen data)
- We want to assure, for  $\delta > 0$ ,

$$\Pr(|F(P, h_o) - F(\mathbf{D}, h_o)| \leq \epsilon) \geq 1 - \delta$$

- Generalization gap should be small with a high probability over the random choice of  $\mathbf{D}$
- How fast does  $F(\mathbf{D}, h_o)$  converge to  $F(P, h_o)$ ?  
(as the training size  $m$  increases)

$Error(h_o) :=$   
Approximation error  
+ Optimization error  
+ Generalization error

**A long-  
standing  
challenge**  
in DL theory

# Generalization: VC dimension

- Vapnik–Chervonenkis (VC) dimension:
  - Measure of the capacity (complexity, expressive power, richness) of a set of functions
  - The cardinality of the largest set of points that the learning algorithm can shatter
  - A higher VC dim  $\rightarrow$  richer model family  $\mathcal{H}$
- Example: in  $n$ -dimensional space
  - Linear models:  $VC(\mathcal{H}) = n + 1$
  - ReLU networks with  $W$  weights:  $VC(\mathcal{H}) = \Omega(W \log W)$
- Classical bound: for any  $\delta > 0$ , with probability at least  $1 - \delta$

Bartlett, P. L., Harvey, N., Liaw, C., & Mehrabian, A. (2019). Nearly-tight VC-dimension and pseudodimension bounds for piecewise linear neural networks. *The Journal of Machine Learning Research*.

$$F(P, h) - F(\mathbf{D}, h) \leq \sqrt{\frac{2}{m} VC(\mathcal{H}) \log \frac{2e \cdot m}{VC(\mathcal{H})} + \frac{1}{m} \log \frac{2}{\delta}}$$

- **Vacuous/meaningless** for modern DNNs, due to  $W \gg m$  (training size)

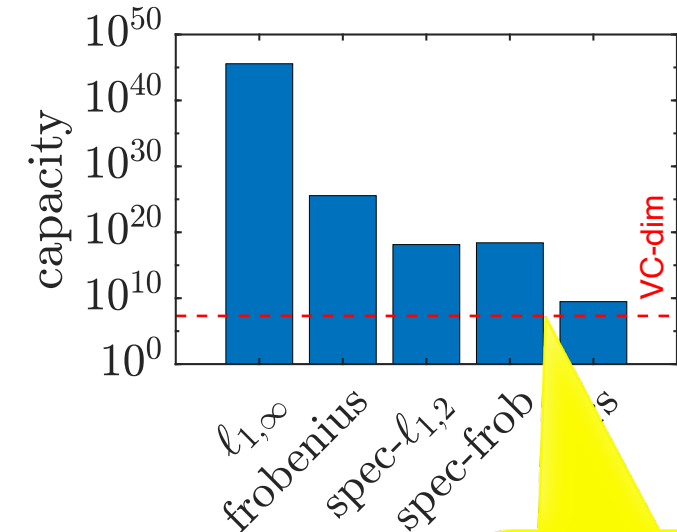
# Generalization: Weight norm

- DNN:  $h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{W}) = g_K(\mathbf{W}_K h_{K-1})$
- Bartlett: **#params** is not important
  - Size of weights may be more important
- Neyshabur et al.; Golowich et al.:

$$F(P, h) - F(\mathbf{D}, h) \leq O(\|\mathbf{W}_1\|_F \cdots \|\mathbf{W}_K\|_F) / \sqrt{m}$$

- Bartlett et al.:

$$F(P, h) - F(\mathbf{D}, h) \leq O(\|\mathbf{W}_1\|_2 \cdots \|\mathbf{W}_K\|_2) / \sqrt{m}$$



**Uninformative**  
for modern  
DNNs

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Bartlett, P. (1998). The sample complexity of pattern classification with neural networks: the size of the weights is more important than the size of the network. *IEEE Transactions on Information Theory*.

Bartlett, P. L., Foster, D. J., & Telgarsky, M. J. (2017). Spectrally-normalized margin bounds for neural networks. *Neural Information Processing Systems*.

Golowich, N., Rakhlin, A., & Shamir, O. (2020). Size-independent sample complexity of neural networks. *Information and Inference: A Journal of the IMA*.

Neyshabur, B., Bhojanapalli, S., & Srebro, N. (2018). A PAC-Bayesian Approach to Spectrally-Normalized Margin Bounds for Neural Networks. In *ICLR*.



# Generalization: PAC-Bayes

- Consider  $\mathbb{E}_{h \sim \rho}[F(P, h) - F(\mathbf{D}, h)]$ 
  - Generalization error **on average** over  $\mathcal{H}$
  - $\rho$  is the **posterior distribution** of  $h$

- McAllester: with probability at least  $1 - \delta$

$$\mathbb{E}_{h \sim \rho}[F(P, h) - F(\mathbf{D}, h)] \leq \sqrt{\frac{KL(\rho || \mu) + \log(m/\delta)}{2m - 1}}$$

- $\mu$  is the prior distribution of  $h$
- KL is the Kullback-Leibler divergence

- The “distance” between **posterior**  $\rho$  and prior  $\mu$ :
  - Plays important role
  - Depends on the *bias* of a learning algorithm
- Unclear how fast can  $\rho$  approach  $\mu$ ?
- Do not directly consider the complexity of family  $\mathcal{H}$

**Meaningful bounds appeared**

# Generalization: non-vacuous bounds

- We can optimize the PAC-Bayes bound
  - Find the posterior  $\rho^*$  that minimizes  $KL(\rho||\mu)$
- Dziugaite & Roy: non-vacuous bounds
  - MLP with 3 layers, SGD algorithm, MNIST dataset
- Zhou et al.: compressibility → **Stochastic DNNs**
  - Use SOTA compression algorithm to find nonvacuous bound for ImageNet, LeNet-5, etc.
- Lotfi et al., 2022:
  - Propose compression alg. to find nonvacuous bounds for LeNet-5, ResNet-18, MobileViT

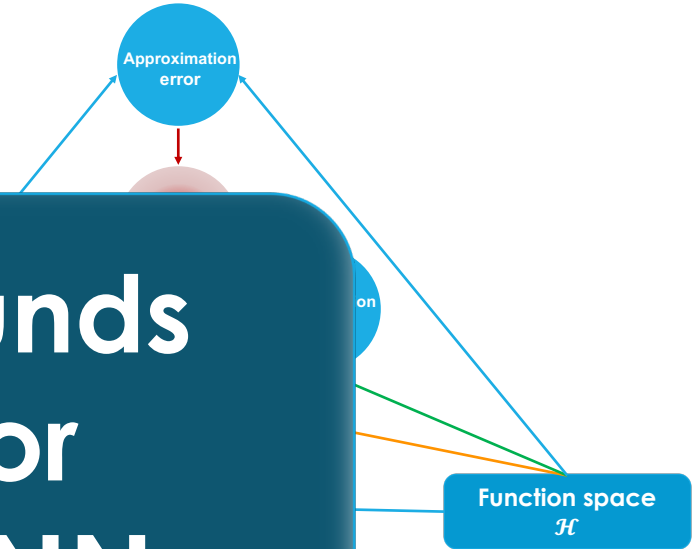
Dataset	Data-independent priors	
	Err. Bound (%)	SOTA (%)
MNIST	<b>11.6</b>	21.7 [59]
+ SVHN Transfer	<b>9.0</b>	16.1 <sup>†</sup>
FashionMNIST	<b>32.8</b>	46.5 <sup>†</sup>
+ CIFAR-10 Transfer	<b>28.2</b>	30.1 <sup>†</sup>
CIFAR-10	<b>58.2</b>	89.9 <sup>†</sup>
+ ImageNet Transfer	<b>35.1</b>	54.2 <sup>†</sup>
CIFAR-100	<b>94.6</b>	100 <sup>†</sup>
+ ImageNet Transfer	<b>81.3</b>	98.1 <sup>†</sup>
ImageNet	<b>93.5</b>	96.5 [73]

Biggs & Guedj, 2022:

- Non-vacuous bounds for a (special) **deterministic networks**
- MNIST and Fashion-MNIST datasets

- Some other approaches:
  - Neural tangent kernel Mean field
  - Algorithm

Current meaningful bounds  
however are mostly for  
stochastic or shallow NNs



Unclear about  
**Big pretrained models,**  
**Deep NNs** in practice

Unclear about  
**Why many tricks in DL**  
**improve performance**