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# Supervised, unsupervised, semi-supervised and transfer learning

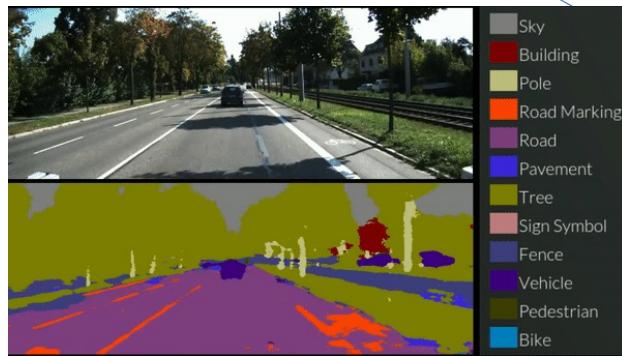
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ELE 680 Deep learning

And much more..



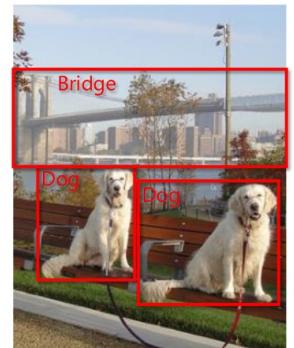
Segmentation



“Paint” this image with the style of another image

What is in the image?

Classification, easy these days



Where in the image is it?

Find a specific shape in the image

Is there a face in this image?

Face detection



Landmark detection



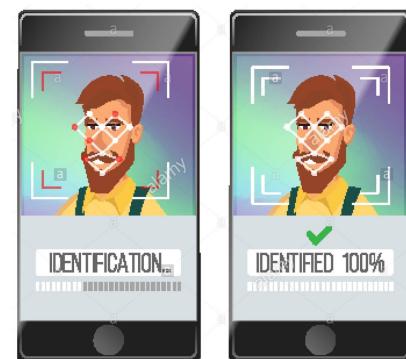
What am I seeing?

Convolutional  
Neural Networks

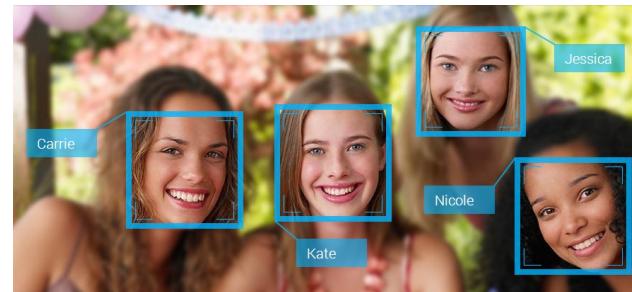
Is this person bob?

Who is in this image?

Face verification (1:1 matching)

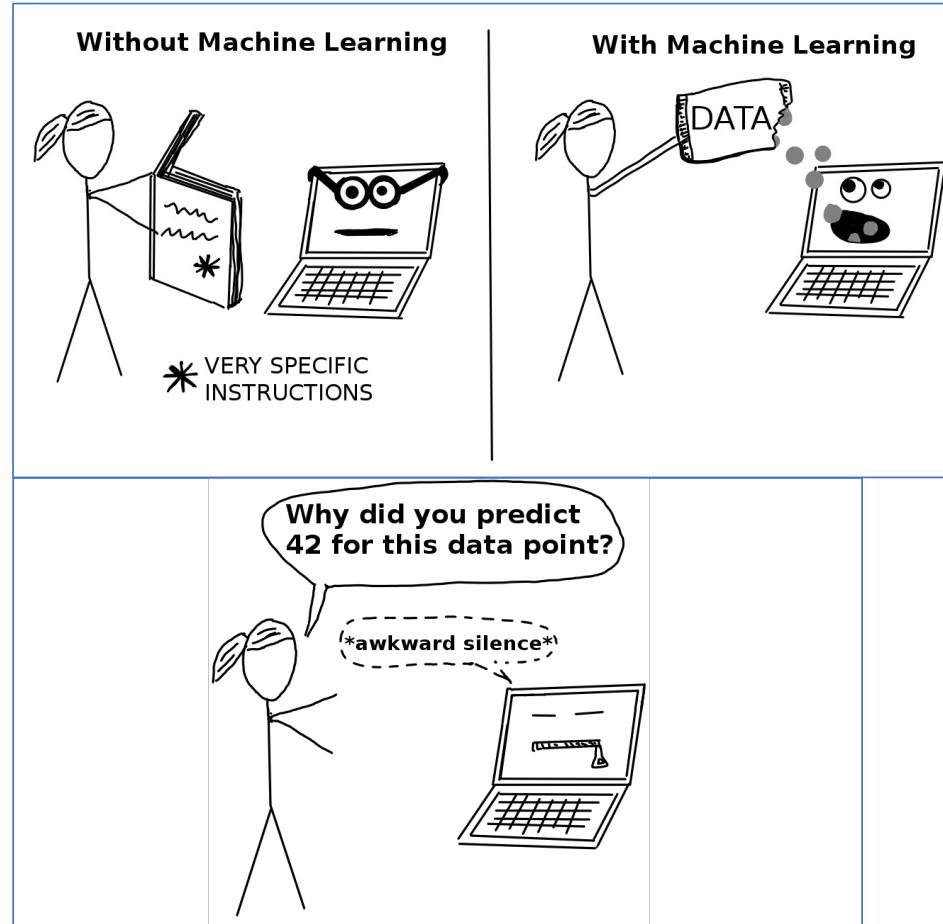


Face recognition (1:N matching)



# What did we do before Machine Learning?

- We had to have/develop **good models and theories** on what we wanted to do with our input.
- We **made algorithms** for the computer to go through
- With Machine learning we let **the computer learn many of the connections** itself.
- Disadvantage: It is harder to **interpret** the results.



<https://christophm.github.io/interpretable-ml-book/terminology.html>

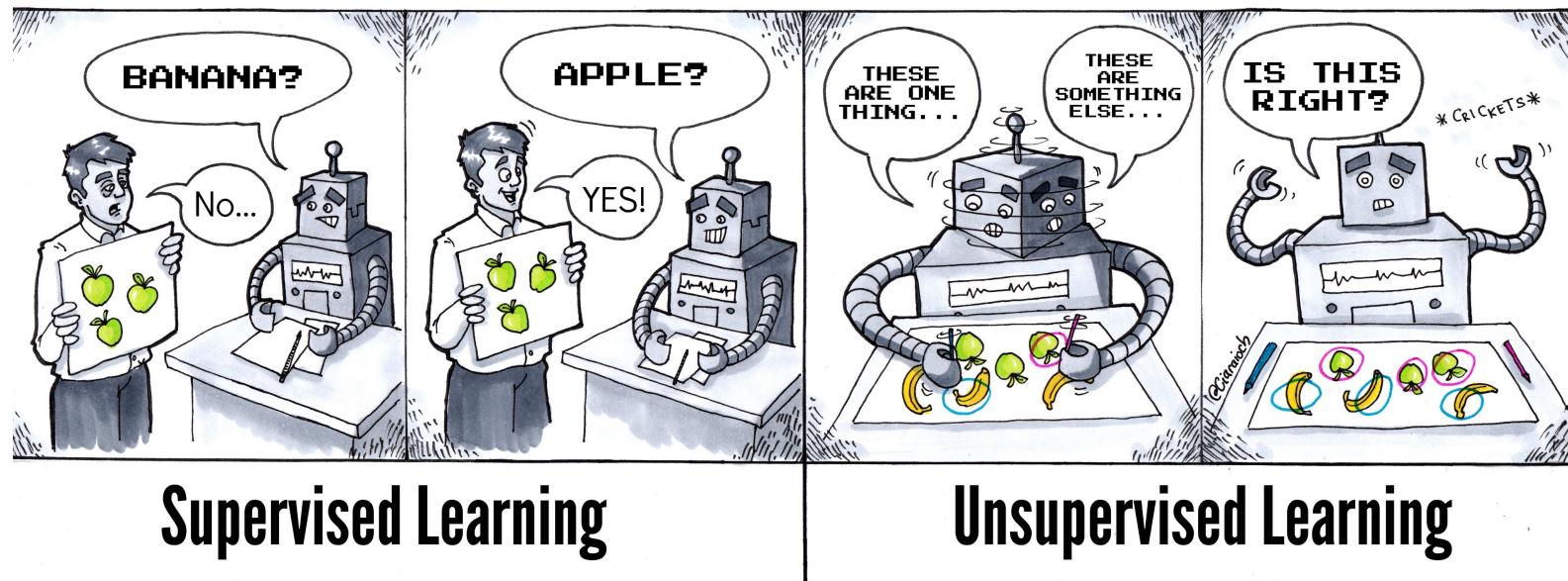
# How to learn from data?



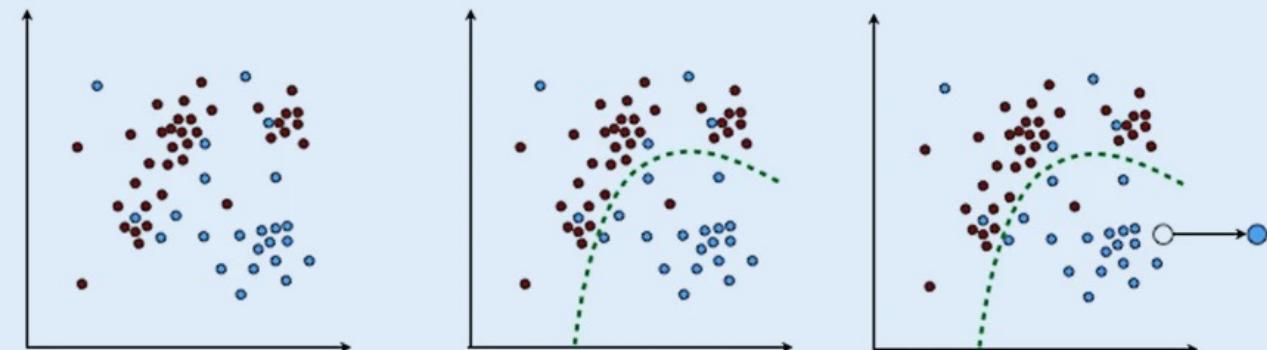
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# Supervised, unsupervised and semi-supervised

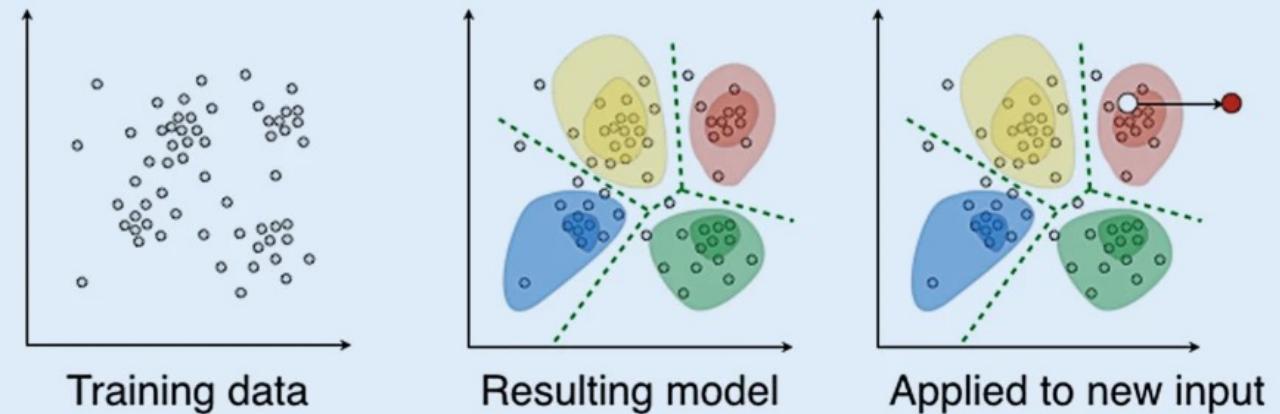
- **Supervised:** algorithm learns on a labeled dataset, providing an answer that the algorithm can use to evaluate its accuracy on training data and further improve the model..
- **Unsupervised:** The algorithm receives unlabeled data and tries to make sense by extracting features, patterns and groups on its own.
- **Semi-supervised learning:** It uses a small amount of labeled data and a larger set of unlabeled data.



**Supervised learning:** each training example has a ground truth label. The model learns a decision boundary and replicates the labeling on new data.

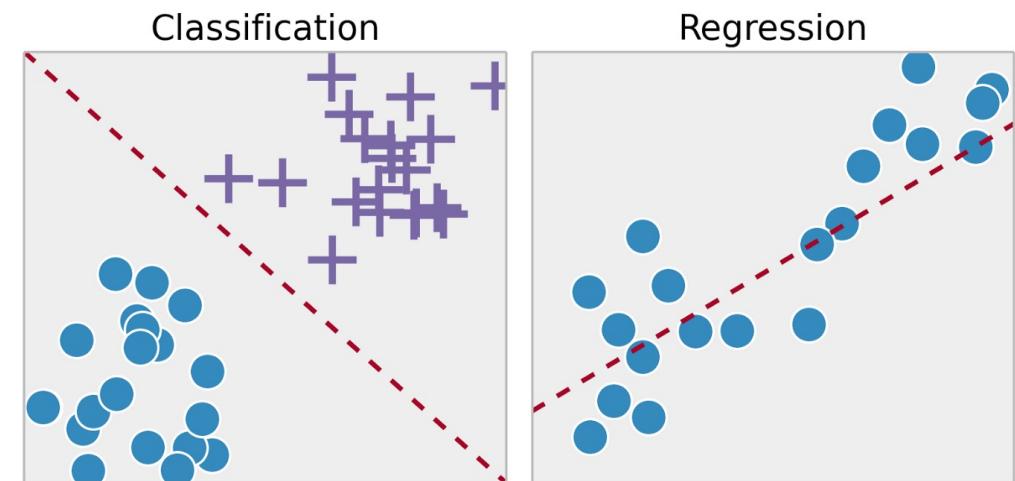


**Unsupervised learning:** training examples do not have ground truth labels. The model identifies structure such as clusters. New data can be assigned to clusters.



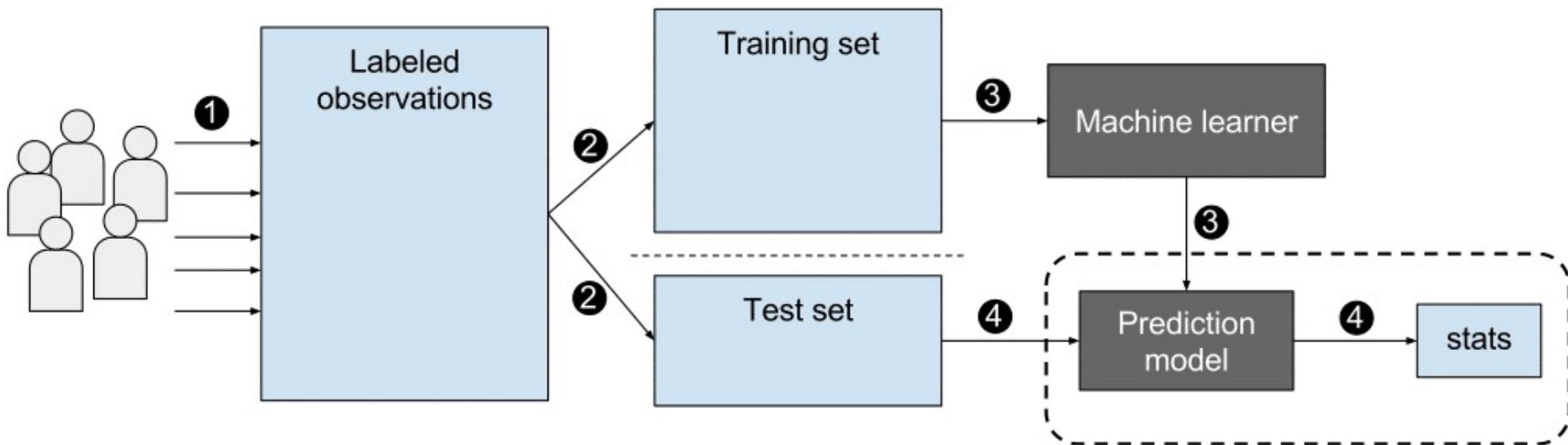
# Supervised Learning

- Have access to a training set and a test set. Both have ground truth labels associated with each instance (data-point/image/sample )
- Classification (discrete) or regression (continuous)
- Binary (two classes, two labels)
- Multiclass ( $>2$  classes)
- Multilabel ( $>1$  label pr. instance)



# Supervised learning

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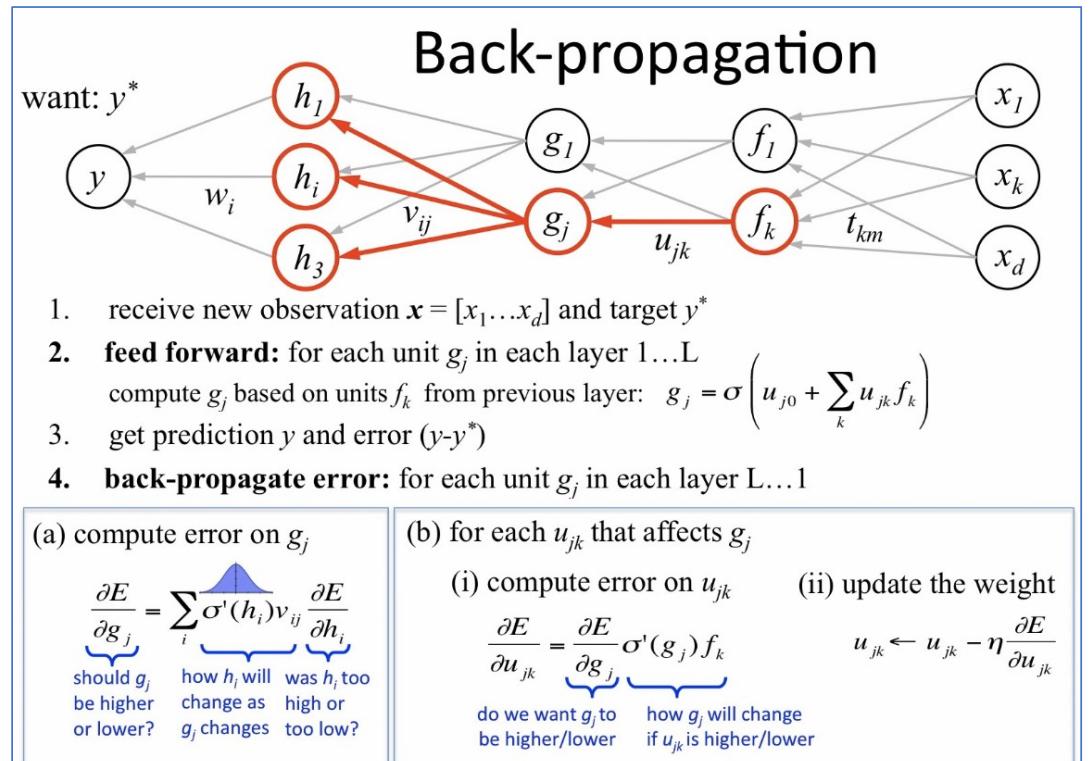
Supervised learning in a nutshell,

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# Supervised learning – how?

- Loss function
- Feed forward to compute loss
- Backpropagation of the error
- Update weights to reduce error
- Repeated many epochs

(Lectures by Vinay Setty)



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=An5z8IR8asY> 6 min. video

# Works great – what's the problem?

Supervised learning is suited to problems where there is a set of available reference points or a ground truth with which to train the algorithm.

Not always the case for different reasons.

- Manual labels are hard to get – expensive work
- There are no way of defining a ground truth that we can label up front

# Unsupervised learning

- Access to data, but not to truth-labels. Still much to learn from the data!
- **Tasks:** Clustering, representation learning, density estimation ..
- **Use cases:**
  - exploratory analysis – identify structures in data,
  - dimensionality reduction – represent data using less columns/features.  
Represent our data using latent features (far fewer) interrelating our original features.
- Difficult to compare model performance in many unsupervised learning methods



# Unsupervised learning

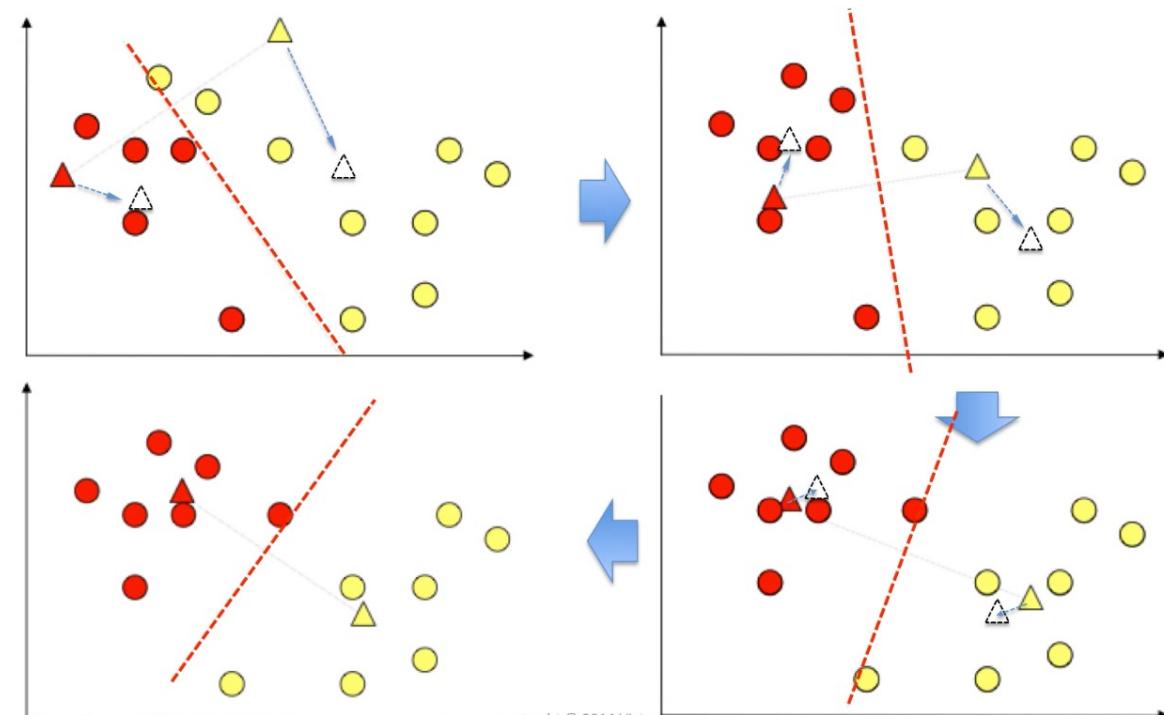
- Depending on the problem at hand (task), the unsupervised learning model can **organize the data** in different ways.
  1. **Clustering** – find natural groups
  2. **Anomaly detection** – flag outliers
  3. **Association** – by looking at key attributes, predict other attributes with which they are commonly associated (marketing; “*the customer who bought this item also bought..*”)
  4. **feature learning (dimensionality reduction)**– by compression and reconstructing -> autoencoder (For example, learn with both noisy and clean version of an image can use to improve picture quality. )  
( Autoencoder is a later topic: Ketil Oppedal)

# Unsupervised learning – how?

- Clustering algorithms, for example k-means clustering
- Dimensionality reduction with Principle component analysis (PCA)
- Learning latent feature vectors with Autoencoders ( Deep NN, later topic with Ketil Oppedal)
- Deep Belief Networks and Resctricted Boltzman Machine (later topic Kjersti Engan)

# K-means clustering

What to cluster? features

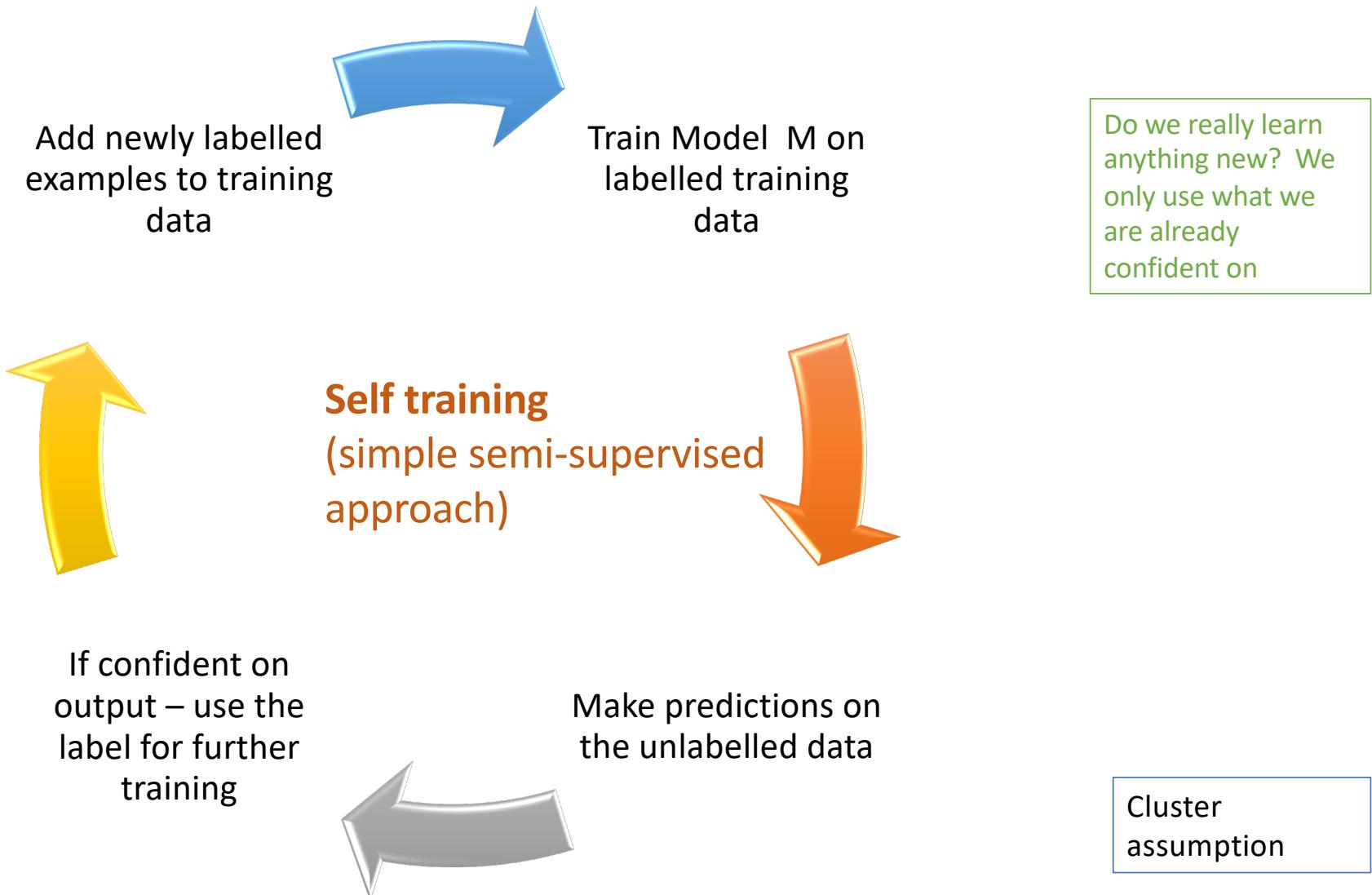


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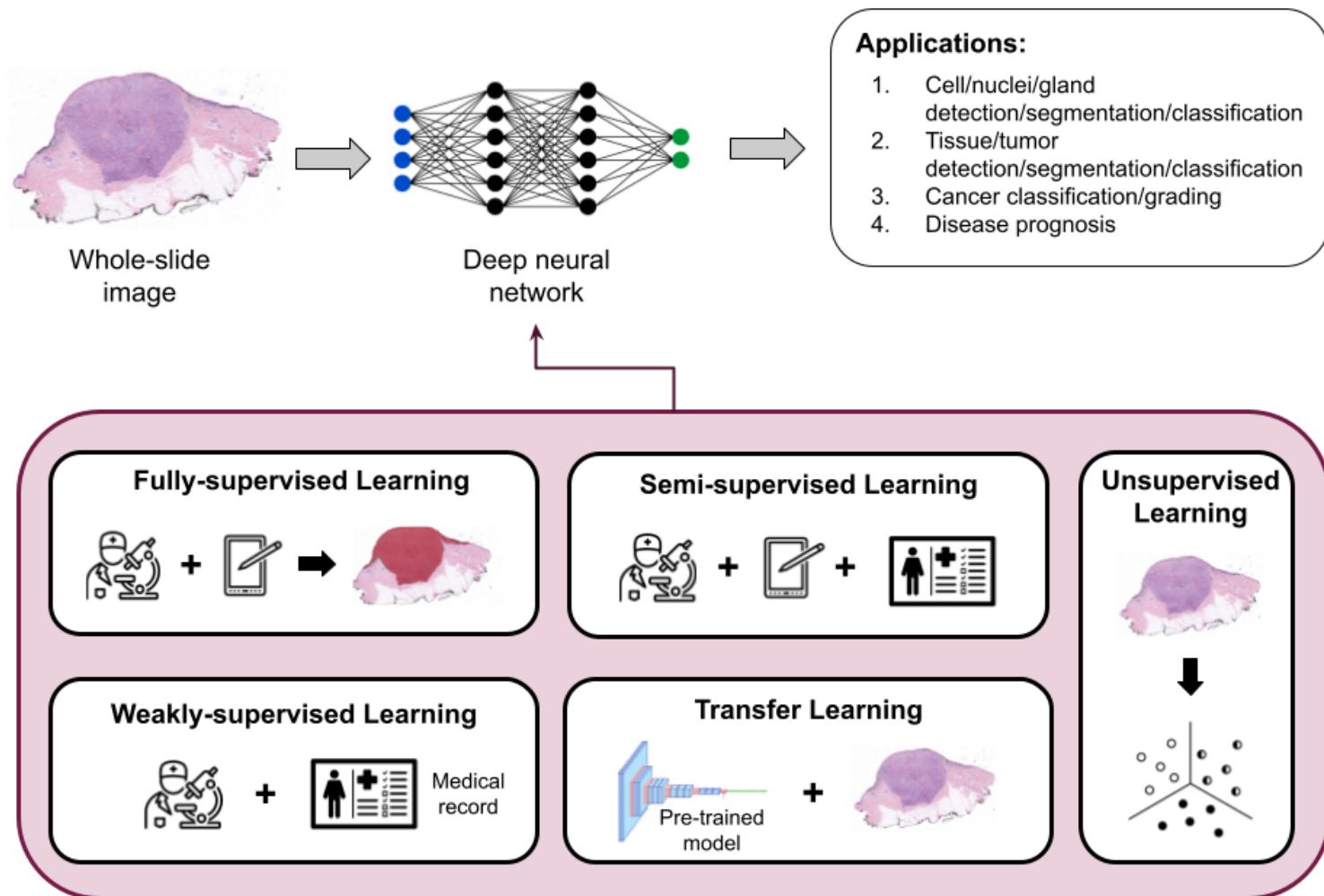
	<b>Supervised Learning</b>	<b>Unsupervised Learning</b>
<b>Discrete</b>	Classification or categorization	Clustering
<b>Continuous</b>	Regression	Dimensionality reduction
<b>Goals</b>	Predict outcomes for new data. You know up front what type of results to expect	Get insight from large volumes of (new) data
<b>Drawbacks</b>	Time-consuming to train. Time consuming or problematic to get access to good labels	Inaccurate results Can be very computationally complex

# Semi-Supervised learning

- Semi-supervised learning is often used when we have a training dataset with both labeled and unlabeled data.
- Semi-supervised learning algorithms are based on one or more of these assumptions:
  - **Smoothness assumption** - *Points that are close to each other are more likely to share a label.*
  - **Cluster assumption** - *The data tend to form discrete clusters, and points in the same cluster are more likely to share a label*
  - **Manifold assumption** - *The data lie approximately on a manifold of much lower dimension than the input space.*

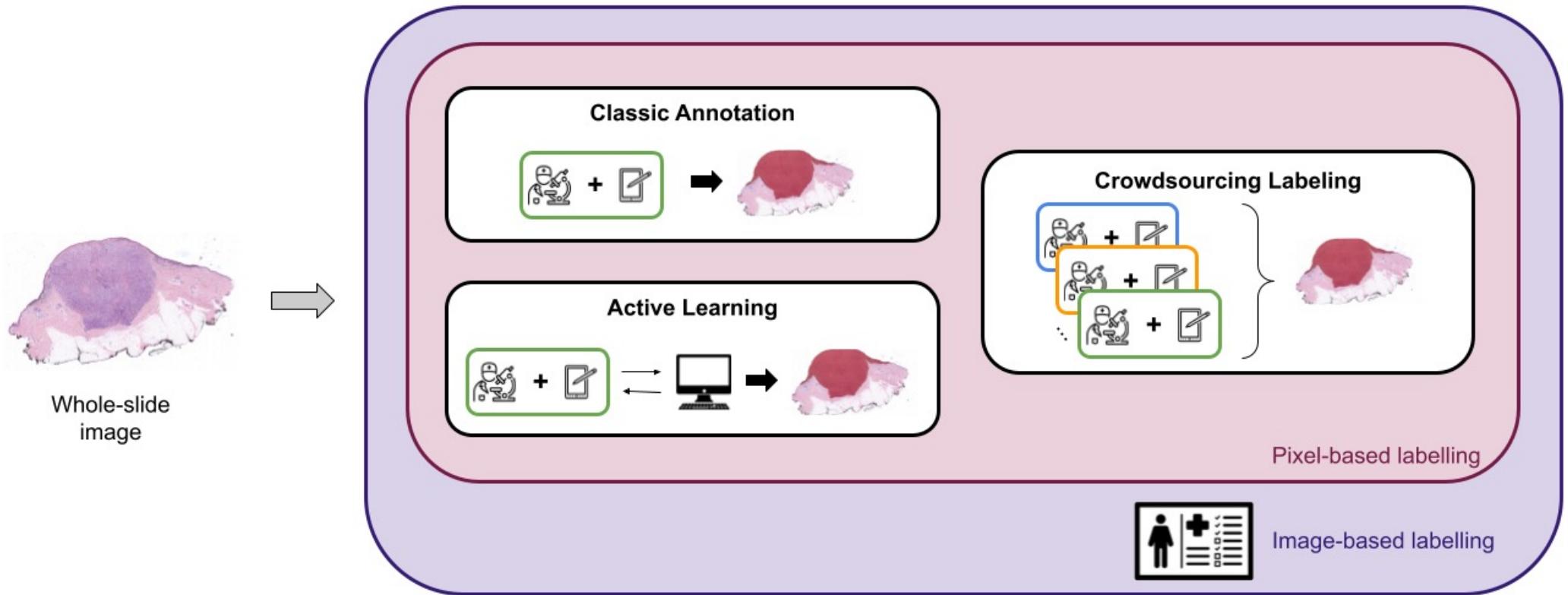


- When assumptions do not hold ? We might perform worse after updates.
- other approach: link estimated parameters (mean, variance etc.) of labeled samples to those of all available samples.



### Learning schemes – example from computational pathology

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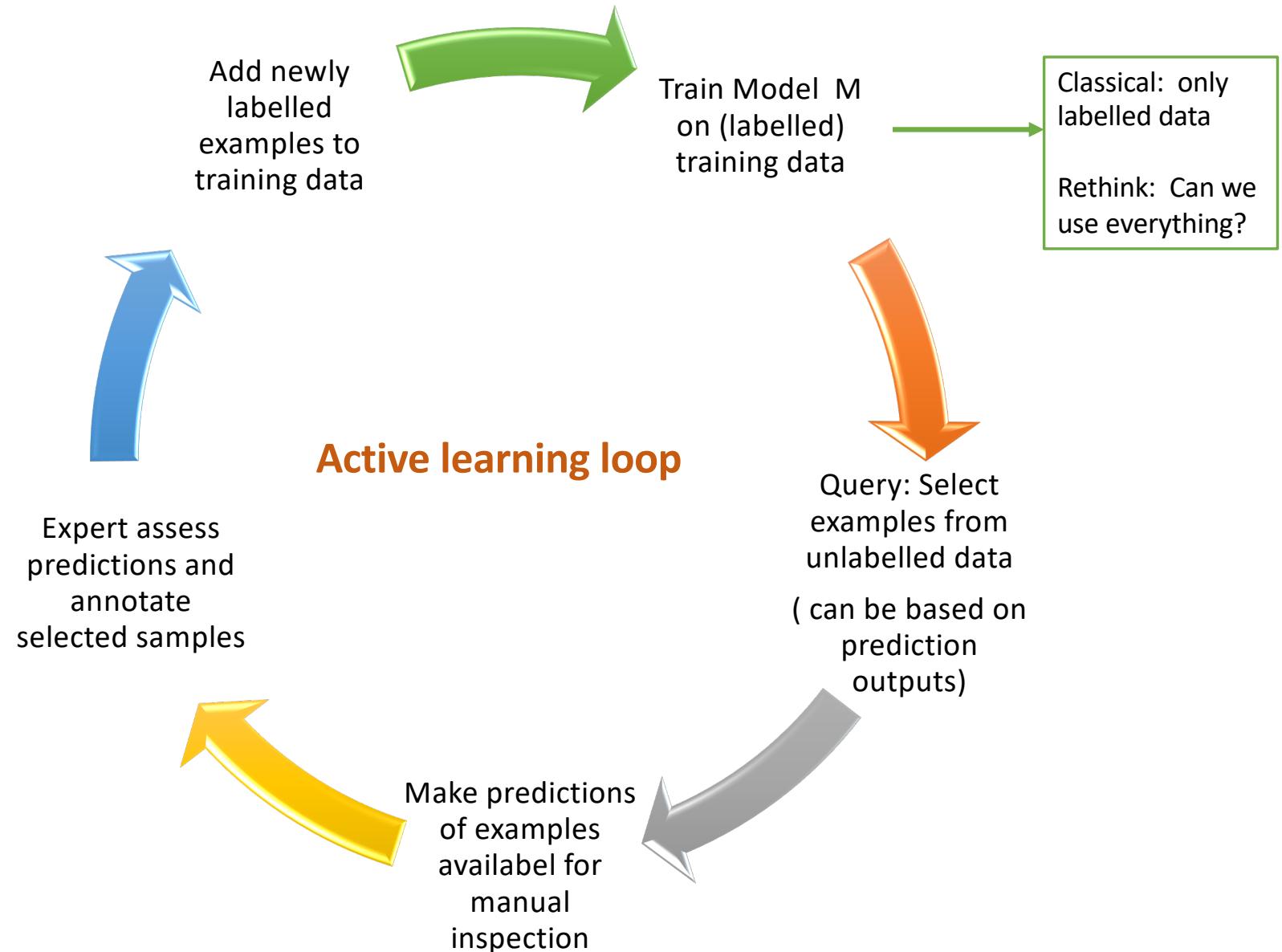


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# Active and assistant learning

- Active or assisted learning is also called “human-in-the-loop” learning.
- Main idea: We do not have enough resources to label all the data prior to learning. Lets start with a small set, and take advantage of the model as we go.
- Label a small set A
- Supervised learning with A -> produce model, M1
- M1 used to predict unlabelled set B. The outputs are manually assessed, and sorted ( right/wrong). The model is further learned on set B (and A).



# Transfer learning

Transfer Learning is a machine learning method where we apply a pre-trained model as a starting point for developing another model for a similar task.

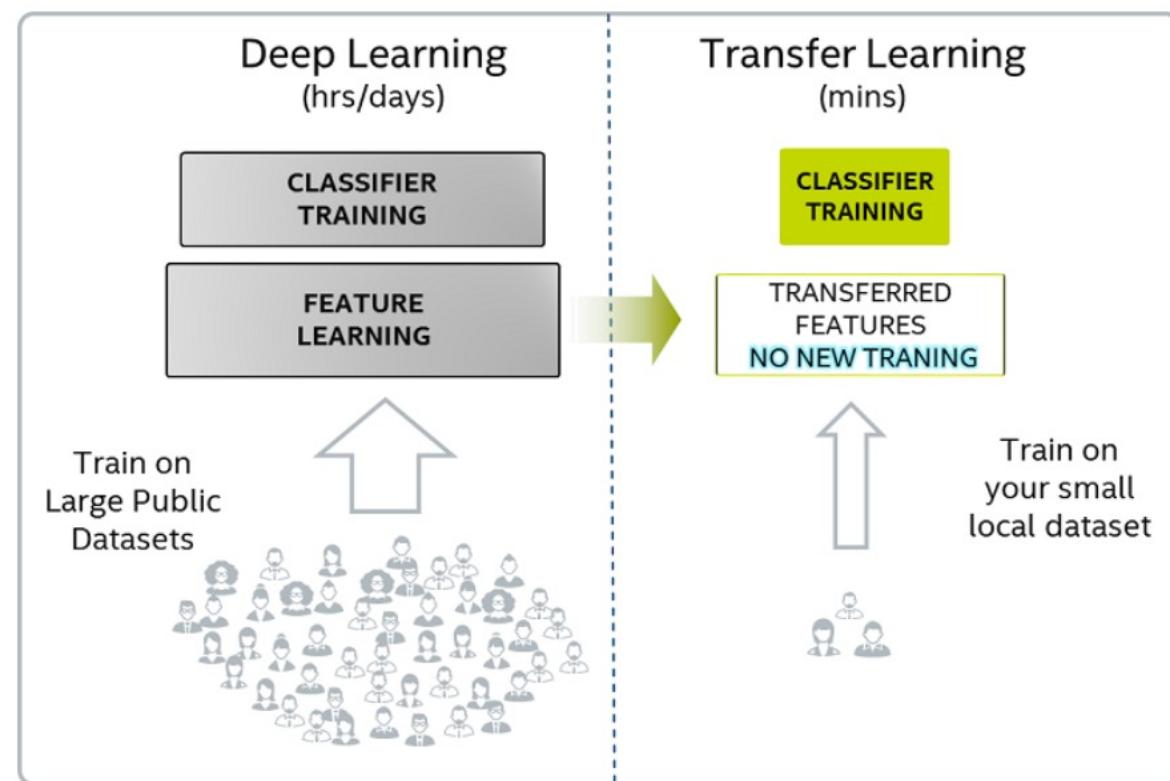


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# Transfer learning

*«This is typically understood in a supervised learning context, where the input is the same but the target may be of a different nature. For example, we may learn about one set of visual categories, such as cats and dogs, in the first setting, then learn about a different set of visual categories, such as ants and wasps, in the second setting.»*

— Page 536, Y.Bengio et.al. [Deep Learning](#), 2016.

*«... the objective is to take advantage of data from the first setting to extract information that may be useful when learning or even when directly making predictions in the second setting.»*

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**TABLE 2**  
**Different Settings of Transfer Learning**

Transfer Learning Settings	Related Areas	Source Domain Labels	Target Domain Labels	Tasks
<i>Inductive Transfer Learning</i>	Multi-task Learning	Available	Available	Regression, Classification
	Self-taught Learning	Unavailable	Available	Regression, Classification
<i>Transductive Transfer Learning</i>	Domain Adaptation, Sample Selection Bias, Co-variate Shift	Available	Unavailable	Regression, Classification
<i>Unsupervised Transfer Learning</i>		Unavailable	Unavailable	Clustering, Dimensionality Reduction

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# Transfer learning – when and why?

- **Higher start.** The initial performance is higher than it otherwise would be.
- **Higher slope.** The rate of improvement of the model during the training is steeper than it otherwise would be.
- **Higher asymptote.** The converged skill of the trained model is better than it otherwise would be.
- **Large dataset for a similar task.** We do not have enough data to learn our network from scratch

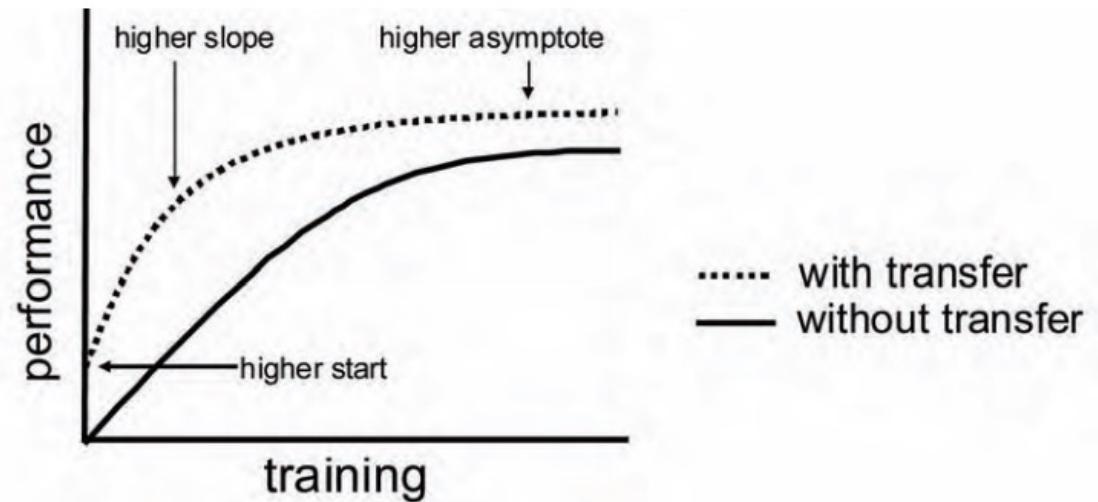
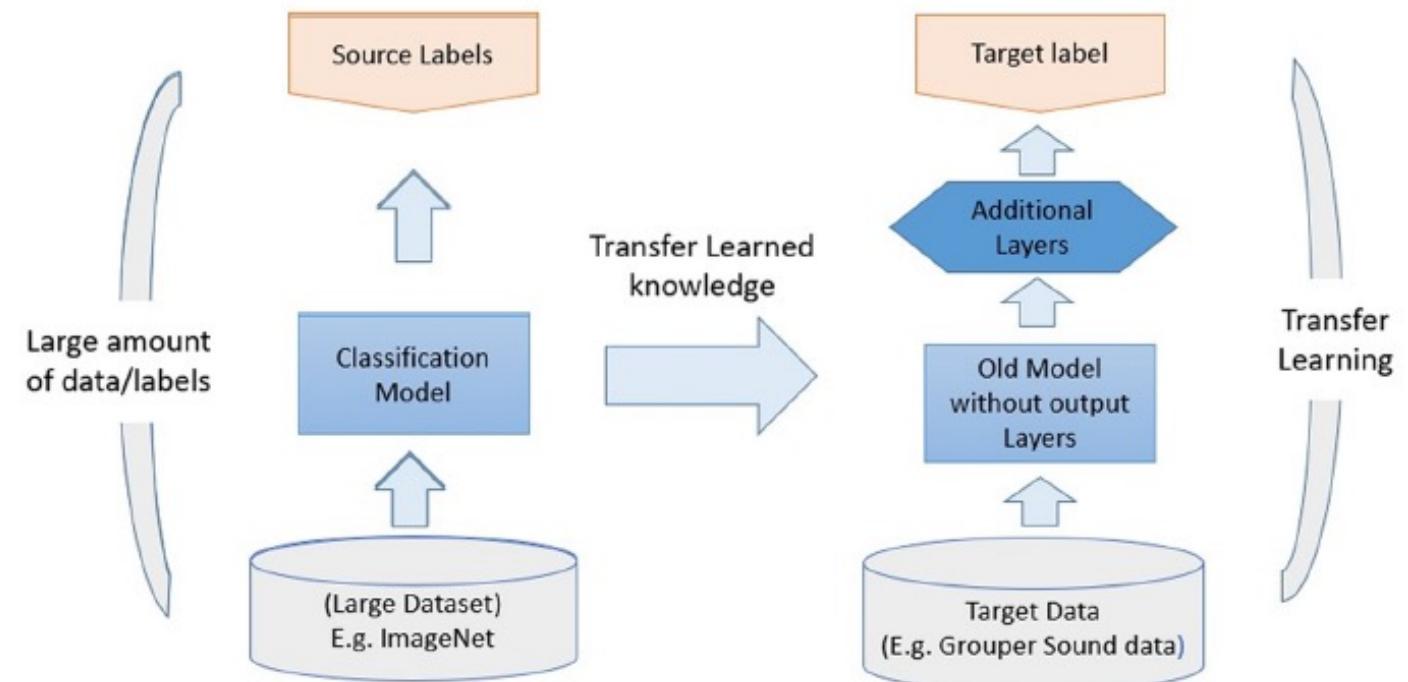


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Often used models learned on ImageNet for different image processing or computer vision tasks, ex. VGG16 /VGG19

Weights in pretrained network can be **frozen or unfrozen**, or partly unfrozen.



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# Upcoming and related topics in ELE 680

- A popular training method that starts with a fairly small set of labeled data is using General Adversarial Networks, or GAN (Separate lecture by Ketil Oppedal).
- Autoencoders (Ketil Oppedal)
- Strong and weak labels (K.Engan)

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