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Models-schmodels: why you should care about Data-Centric AI

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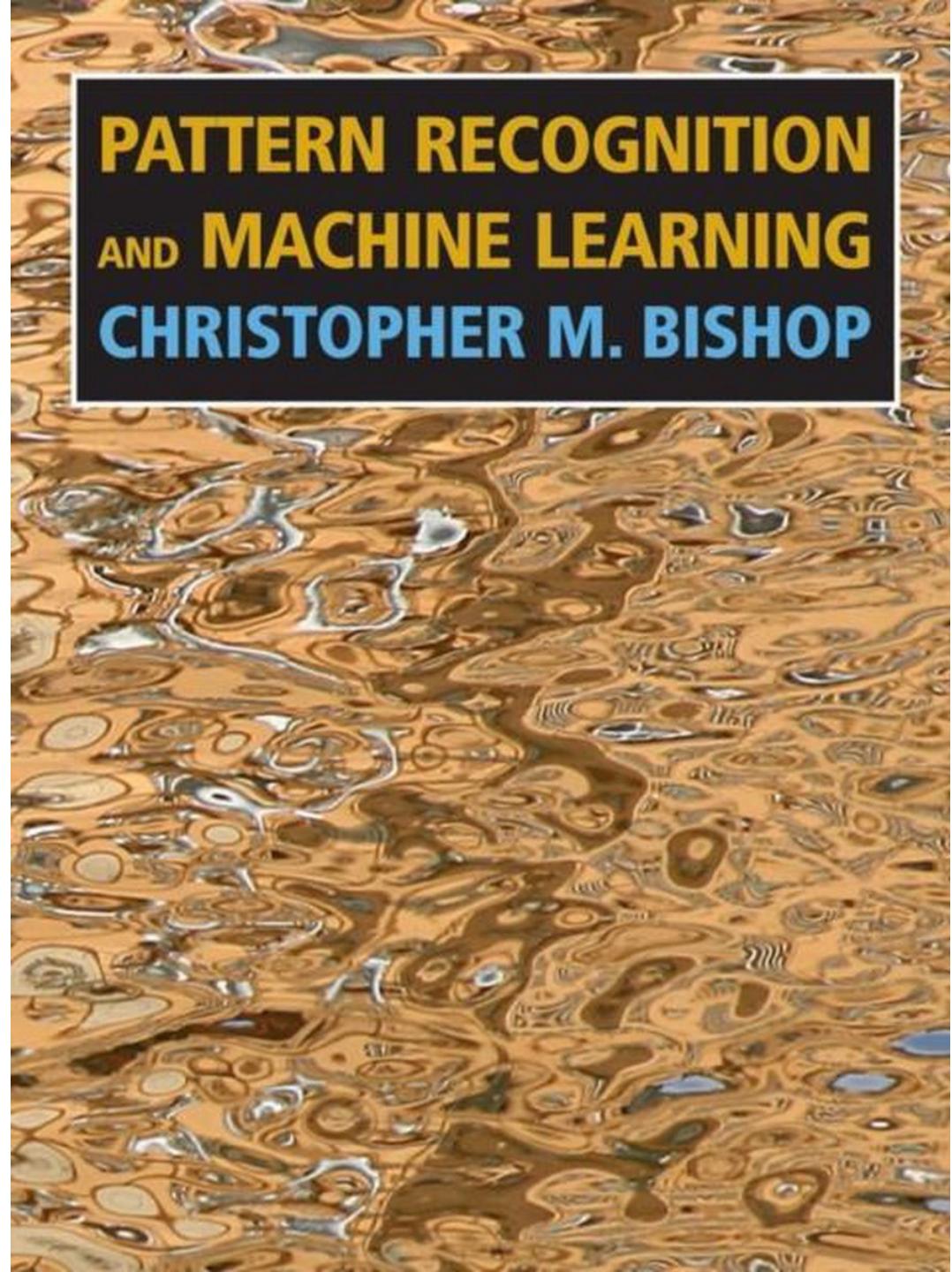


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- 🎓 Study the algorithms

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```
def sigmoid(x):
    return 1 / (1 + np.exp(-x))

def sigmoid_derivative(x):
    return x * (1 - x)

# define layers
n_input = 2
n_hidden = 6
n_output = 1

# weight initialization
hidden_weights = np.random.uniform(size=(n_input, n_hidden))
output_weights = np.random.uniform(size=(n_hidden, n_output))

epochs = 10000
for _ in range(epochs):
    # Forward pass.
    hidden_layer = X @ hidden_weights
    hidden_activated = sigmoid(hidden_layer)

    output_layer = hidden_activated @ output_weights
    output_activated = sigmoid(output_layer)
    y_hat = output_activated

    # Backpropagation / error calculation
    error_output = y - y_hat
    delta_output = error_output * sigmoid_derivative(output_activated)

    error_hidden = delta_output @ output_weights.T
    delta_hidden = error_hidden * sigmoid_derivative(hidden_activated)

    # Update weights.
    output_weights += hidden_activated.T @ delta_output
    hidden_weights += X.T @ delta_hidden
```

The way I learned data science

- 🎓 Study the [algorithms](#)
- 🛠 Implement the [algorithms](#)
- 💪 Practice on [toy](#) datasets

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The way *many people* learn data science

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hyperparameter tuning

Inductive Transfer

If machine learning is *20% modelling*
and *80% data prep...*

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.... why is *data prep* not taught?

Data scientists treat datasets as **static**

 What they learn in courses

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- 🛠️ It's what most tools are being built for

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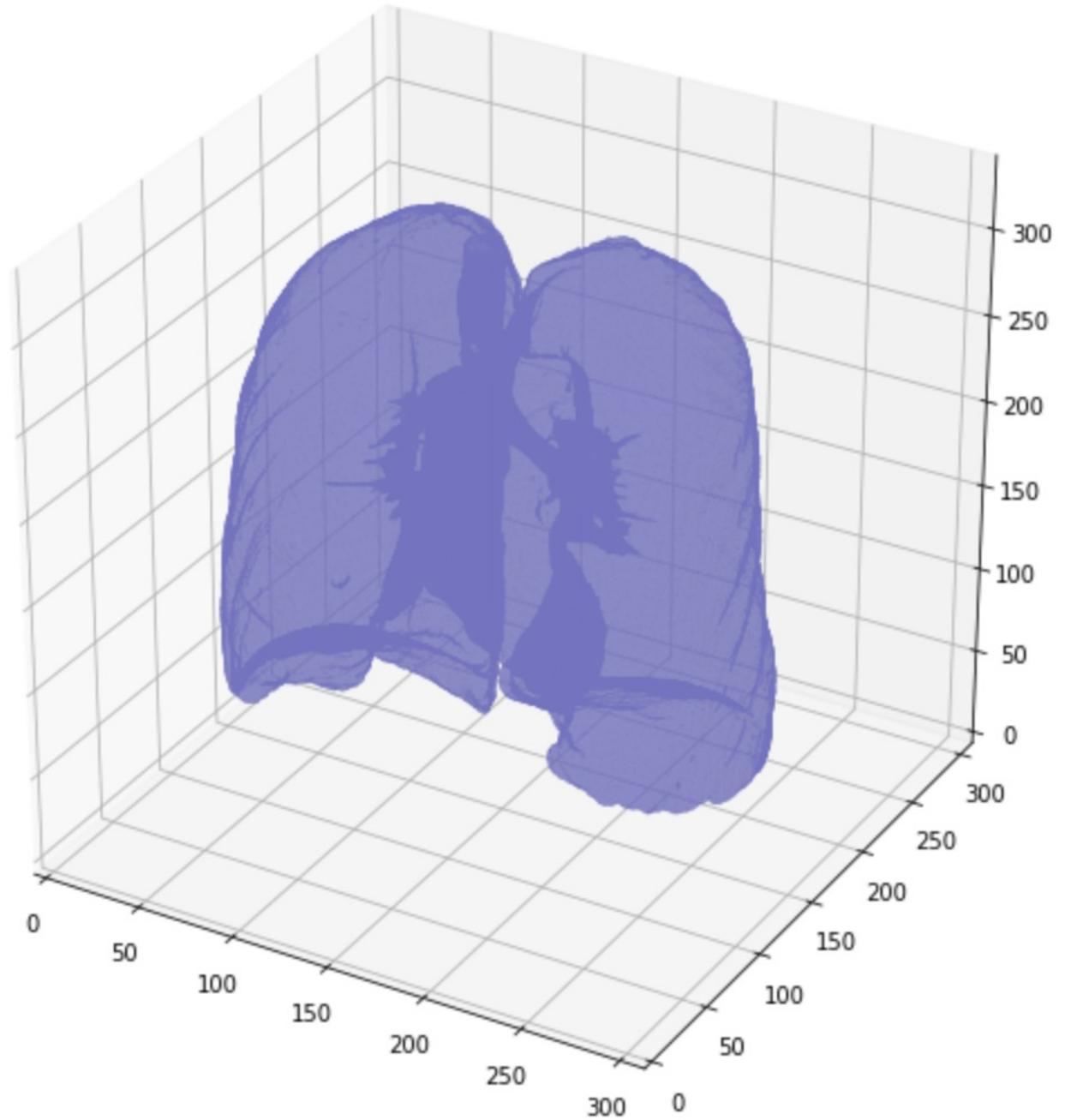
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But **datasets** should not be *static*

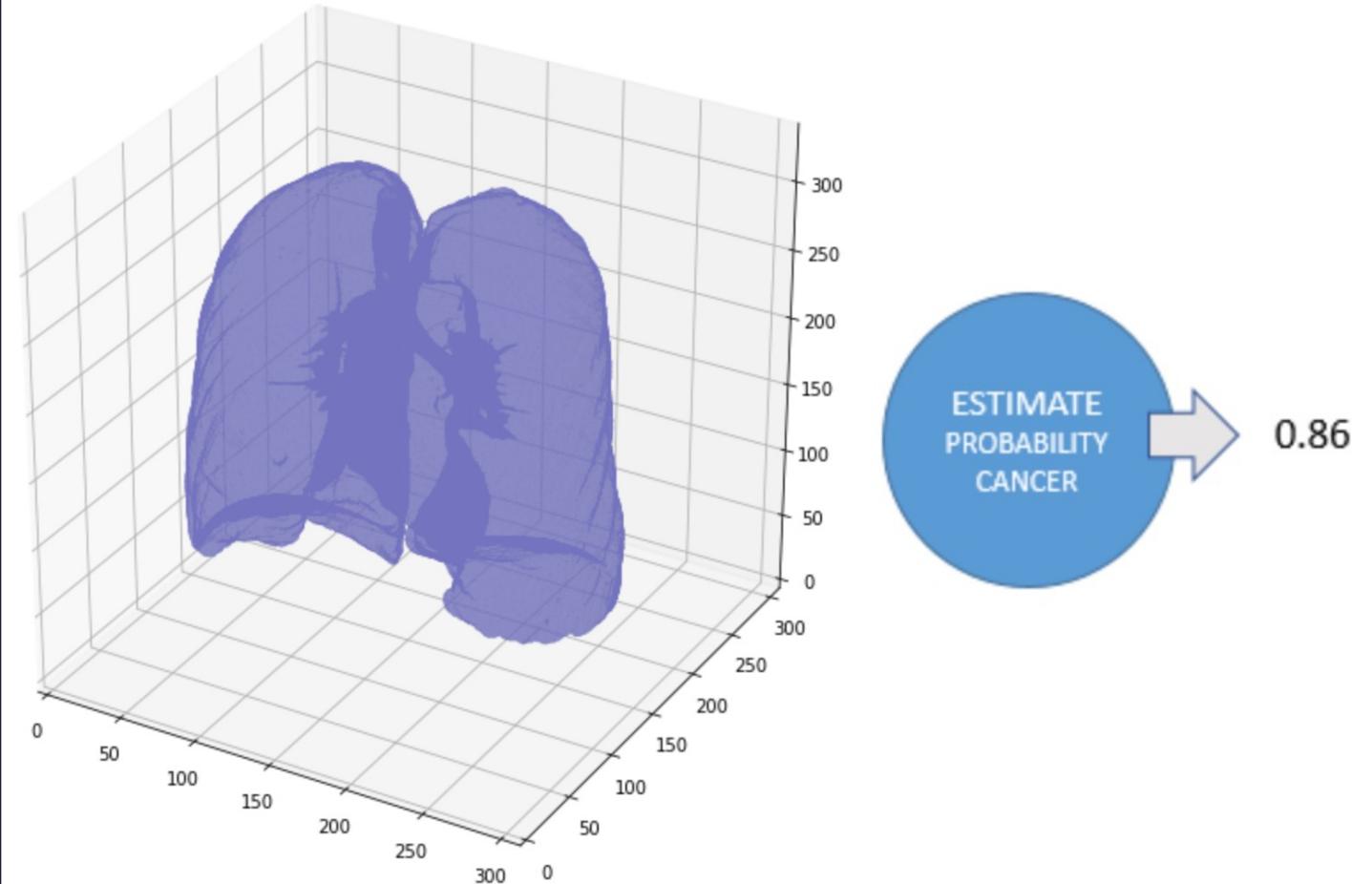
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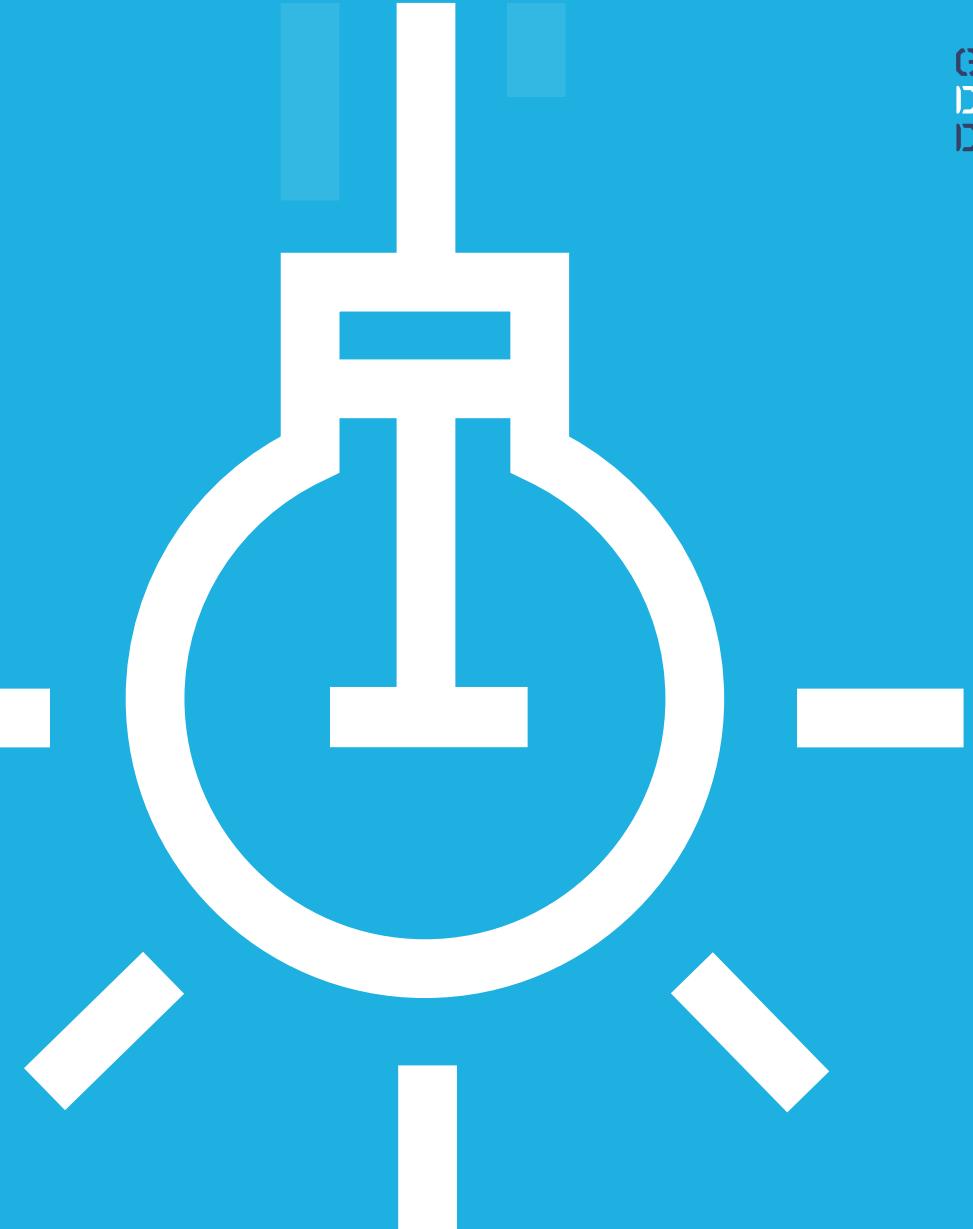
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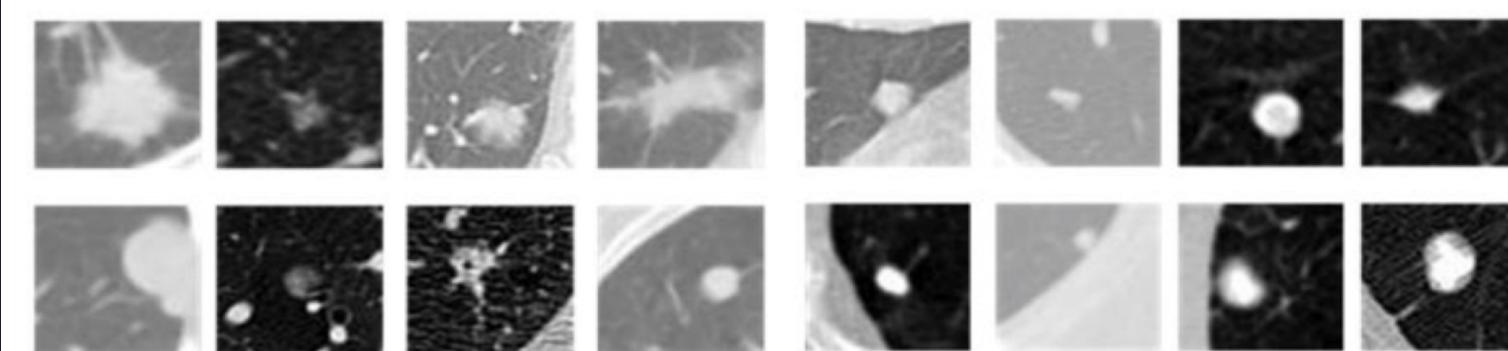
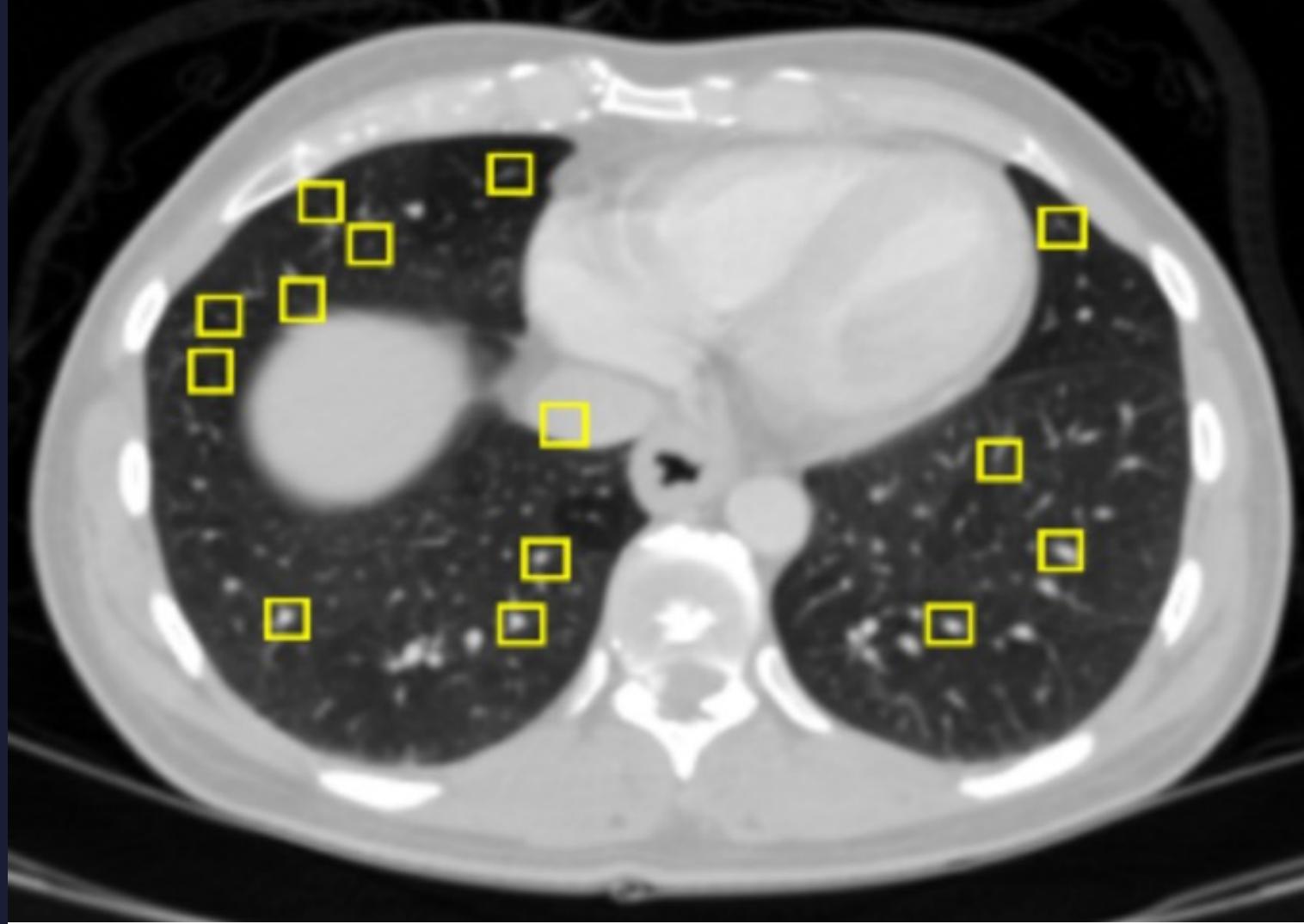


“For this solution, engineering the train set was an essential – if not the most essential – part.”

- Julian de Wit, 2nd place

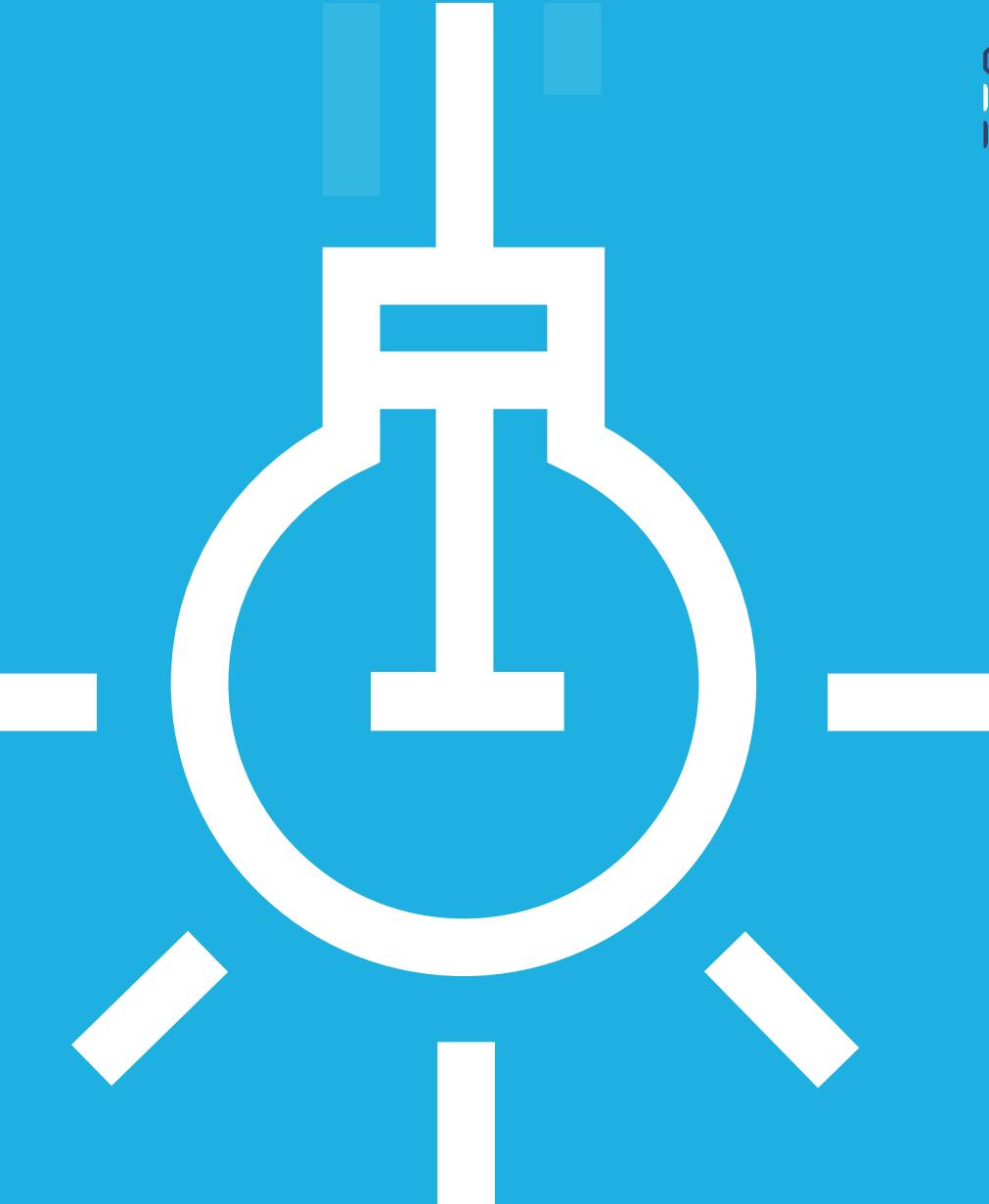


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Data-Centric AI competition



*Data-centric AI is the discipline of
systematically engineering the data used
to build an AI system.*

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Data-Centric AI competition

- Model is **fixed** (ResNet50)

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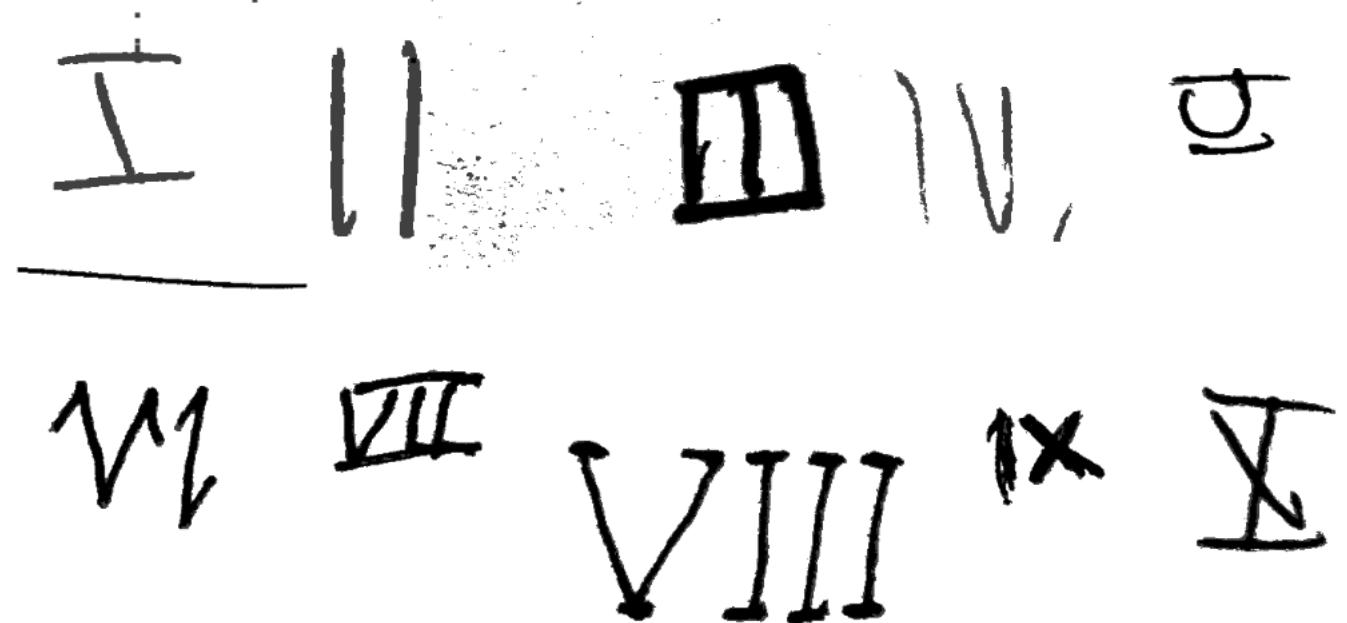
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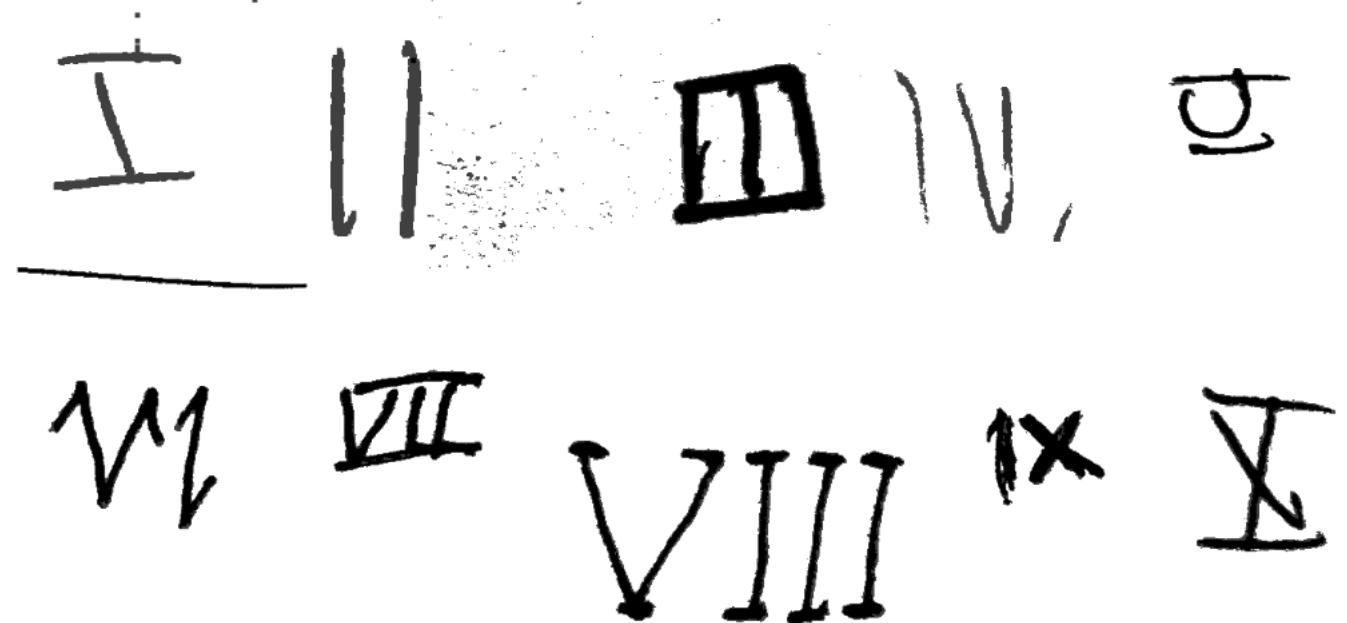
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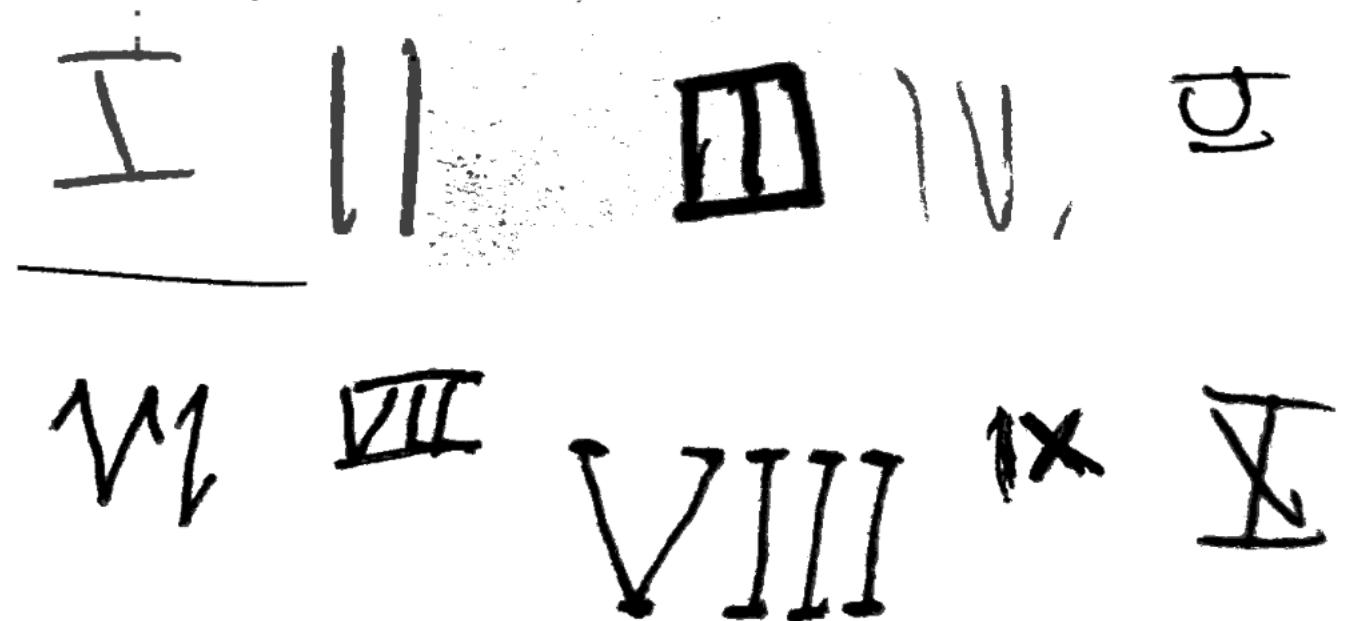
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TASK

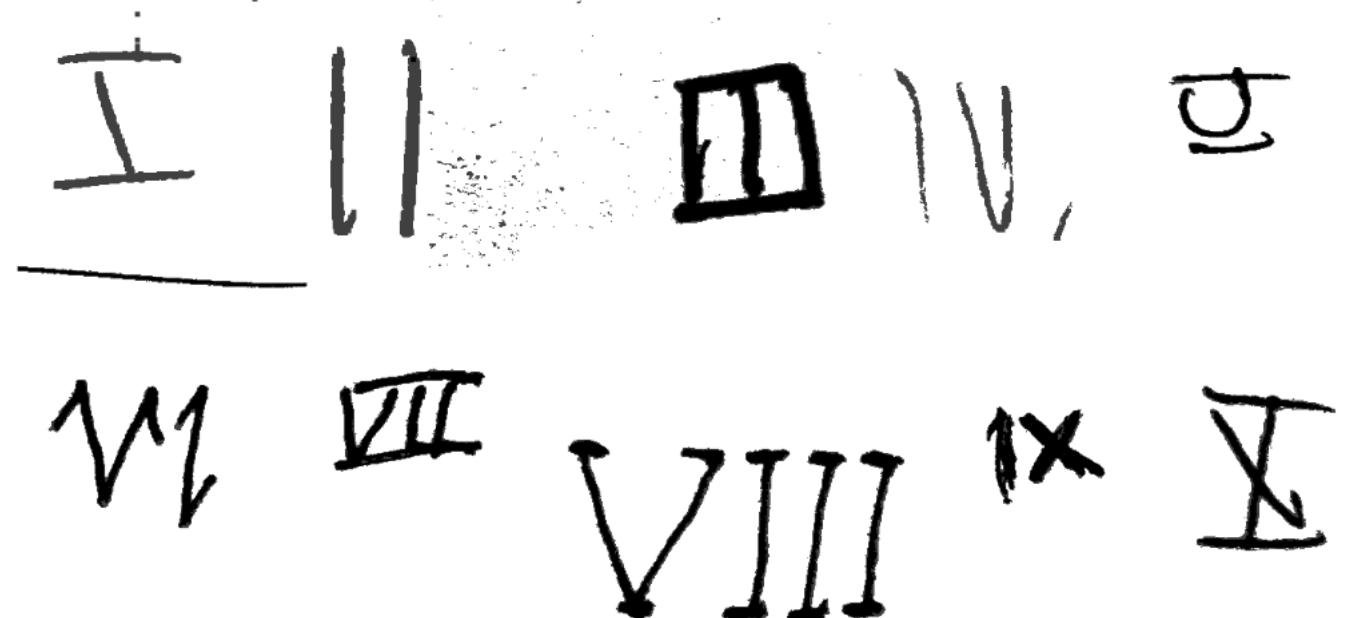
Enhance the dataset to a maximum of **10K images** that maximizes the model accuracy on a **hidden** test set

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OUR SOLUTION

Use low-tech tools to get started
together



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Improve label quality

1. Get predictions from [baseline model](#)

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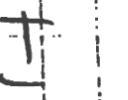
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2. Focus on discrepancies between the model and the ground truth

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Improve label quality

1. Get predictions from **baseline model**
2. Focus on **discrepancies** between the model and the ground truth
3. Individually annotate and create annotator **consensus**

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LESSON ONE

The labeling **IS** the learning

Lessons learnt

- ✗ Some data points simply needed to be removed



Lessons learnt

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Lessons learnt

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- ✍ Different styles of writing
- ❗ Difference in train/validation..??

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Sample from training set



Sample from validation set

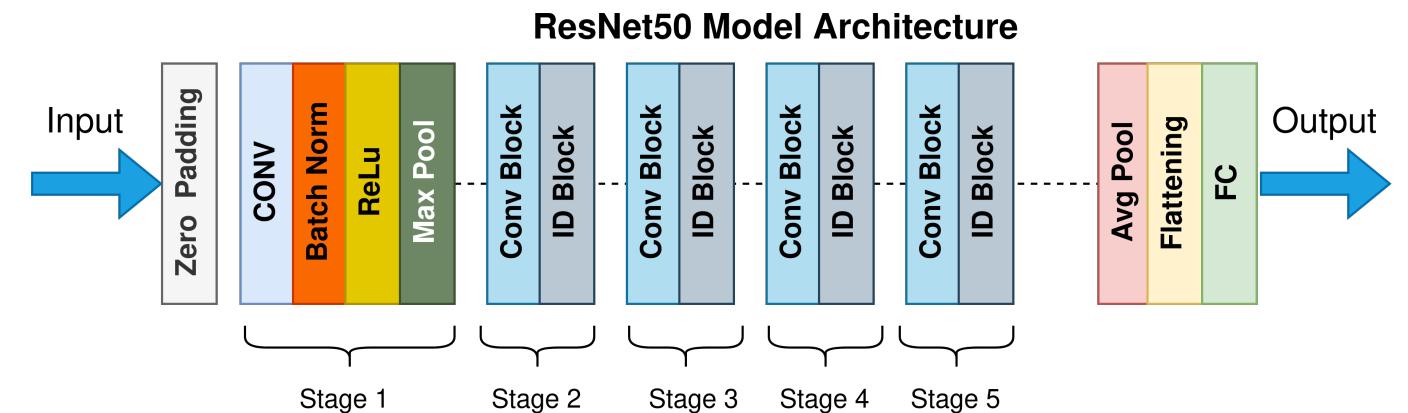


OUR SOLUTION

Use **embeddings** to get a sense
of typicality and style

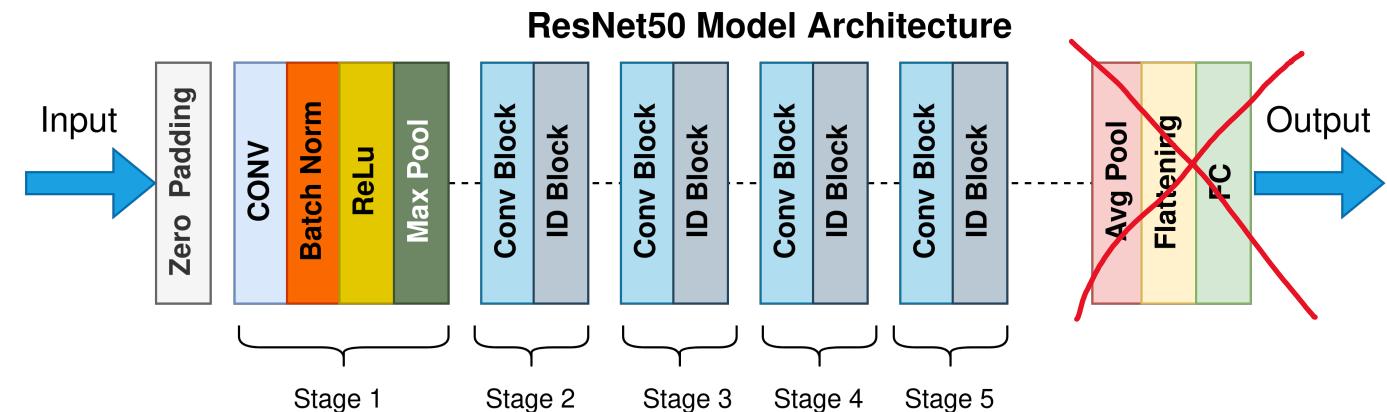
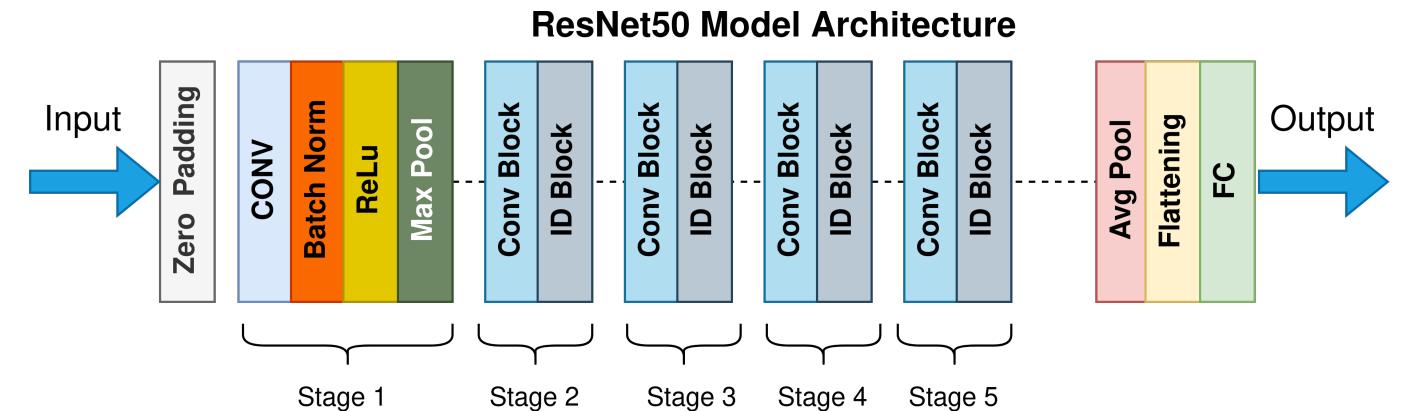
Visualize the data

1. Pass all the data through the network to obtain the embeddings



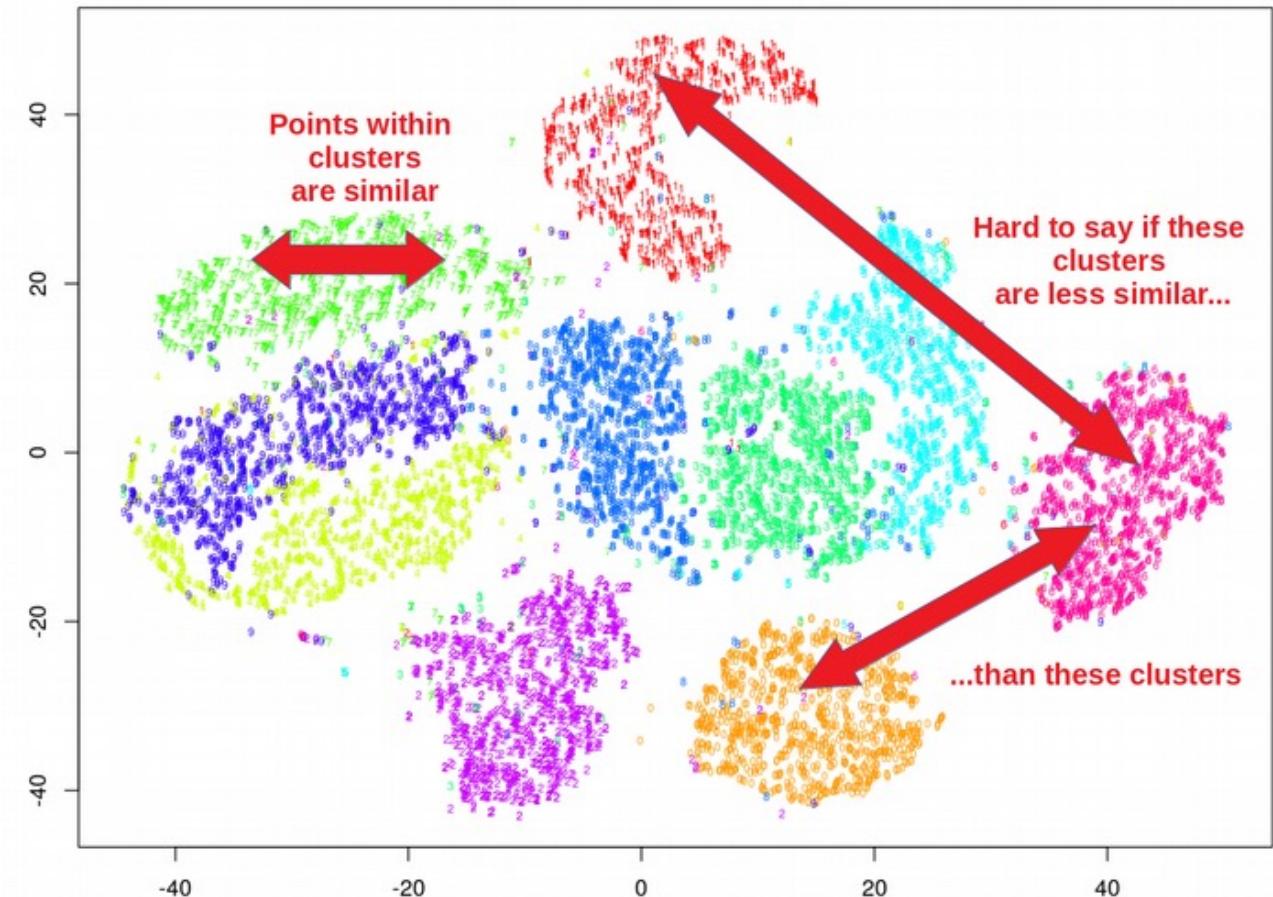
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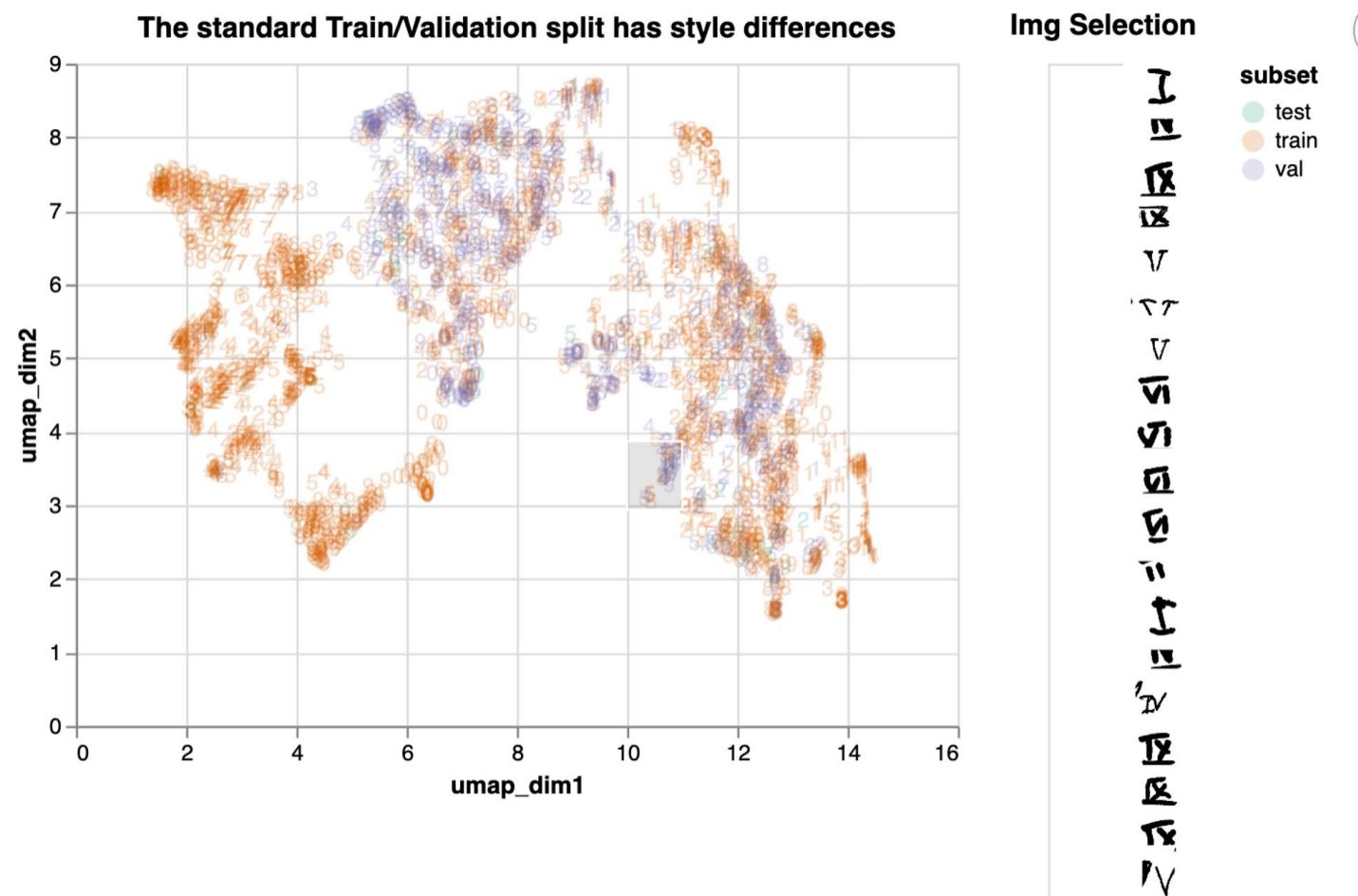
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2. Perform UMAP



Visualize the data

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2. Perform UMAP
3. Visualize using interactive library

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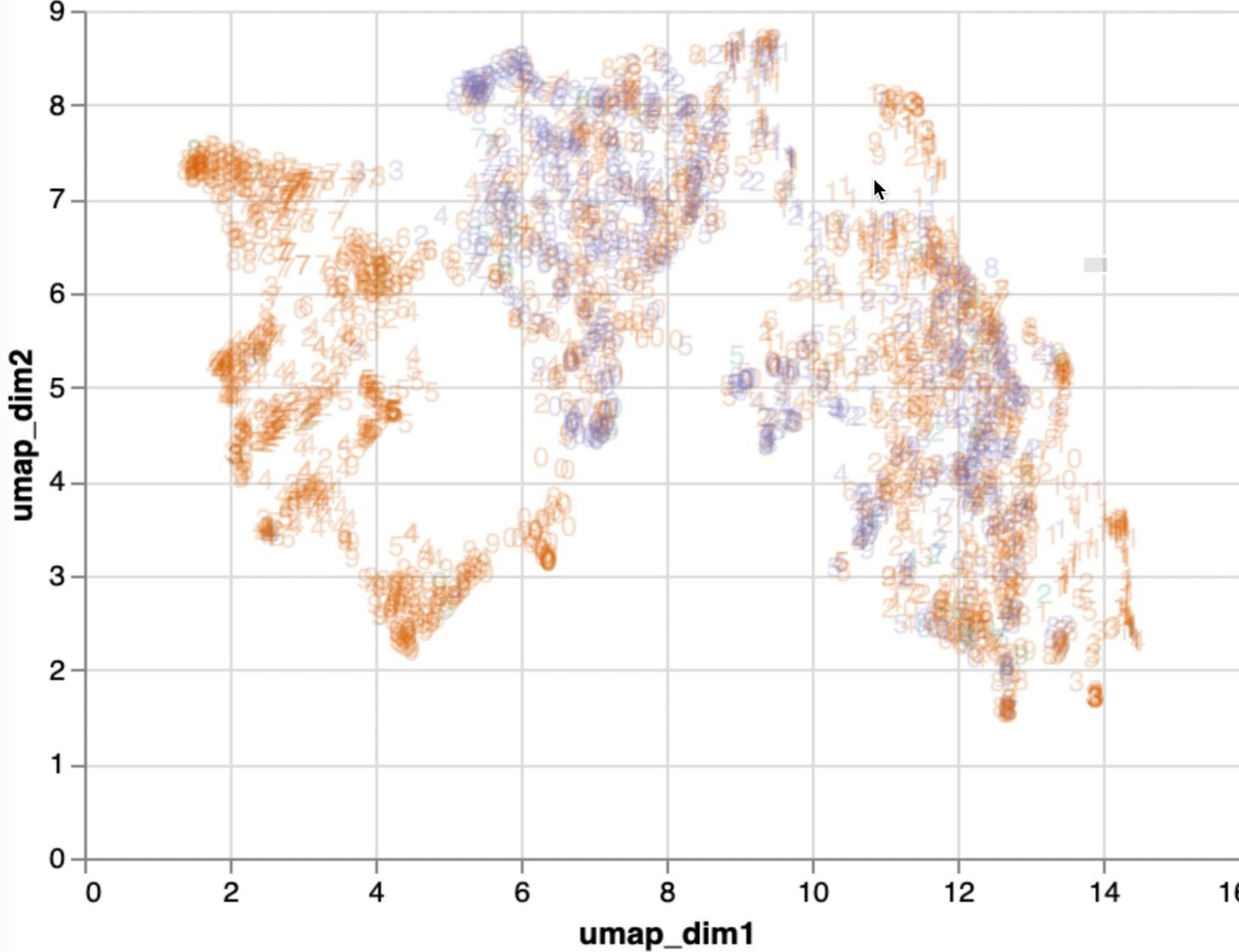
The standard Train/Validation split has style differences

Img Selection

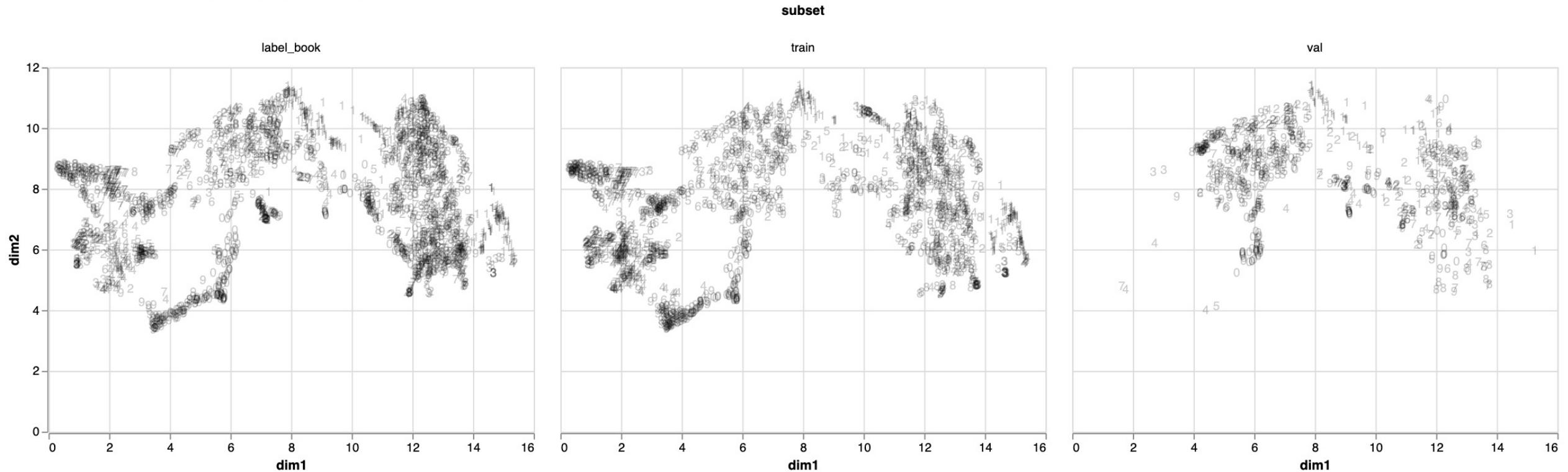
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subset

- test
- train
- val



Label book / Train / Validation / style differences.



LESSON TWO

Don't be afraid to rebalance the
train/test split

OUR SOLUTION

Use **data augmentation** to
enrich your dataset

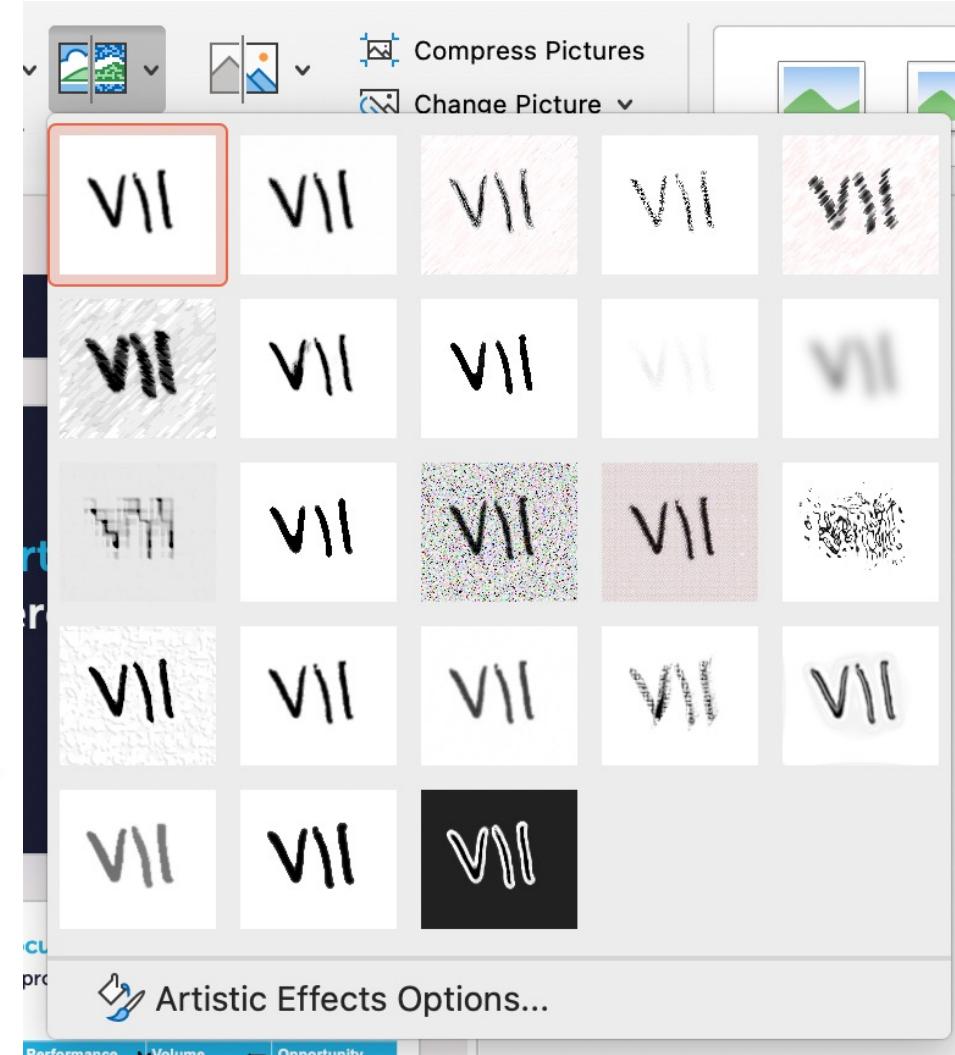
Augment your dataset



Transform existing data points to create augmented versions

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Transform existing data points to create augmented versions



Create counterfactuals

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Augment your dataset

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LESSON THREE

Make it easy to quickly iterate over
datasets

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WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT

MOST INNOVATIVE

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Winner Announcement

BEST PERFORMANCE

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Divakar
Roy



Shashank
Deshpande



Chris
Anderson



Rob
Walsh

MOST INNOVATIVE



Mohammad
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Johnson
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Synaptic-AnN



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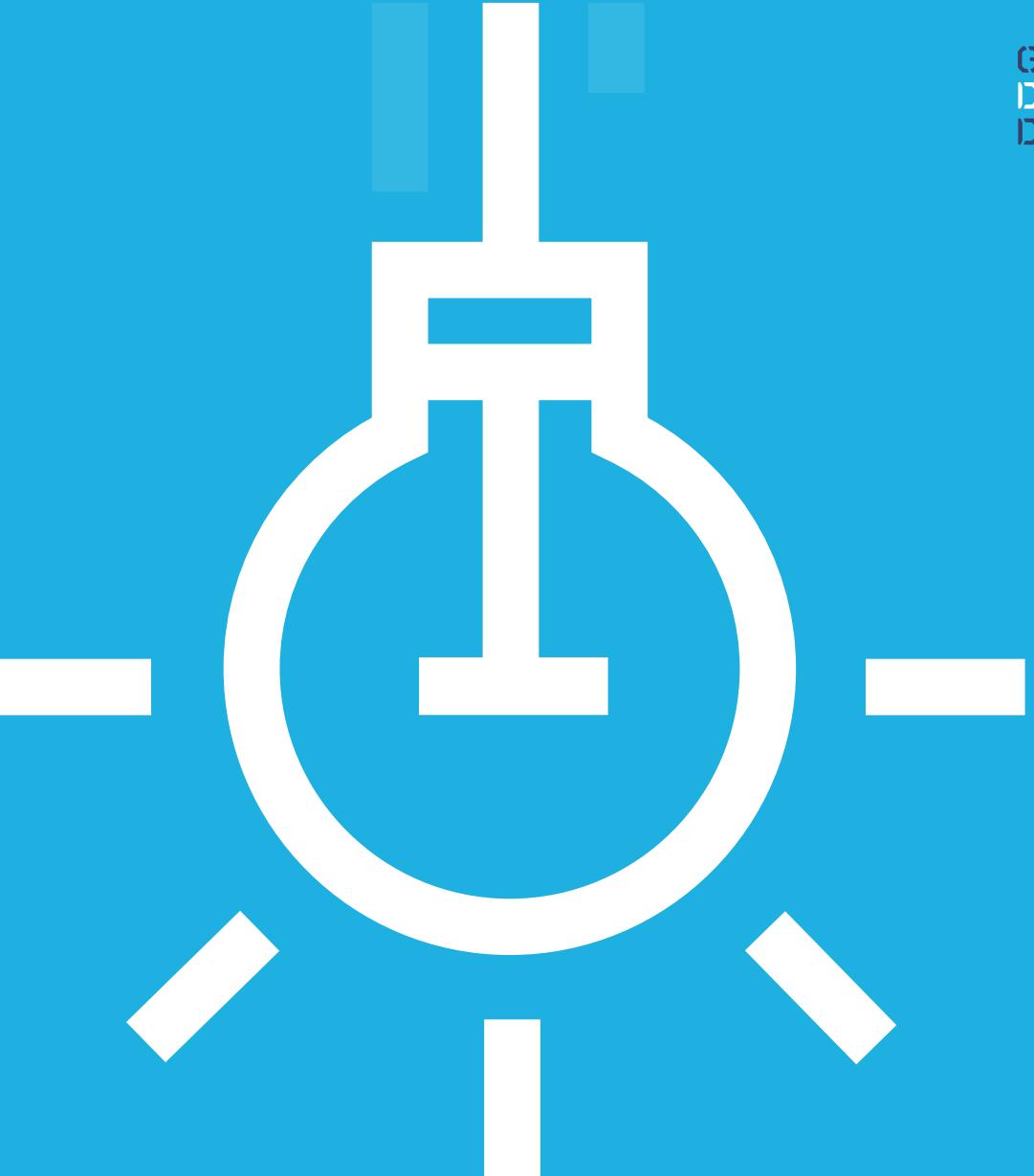
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What did others do?



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Best performance

1. Manual data cleaning
2. Manual data generation
3. Auto data generation
4. Distribution and style replication
5. Filtering by vote

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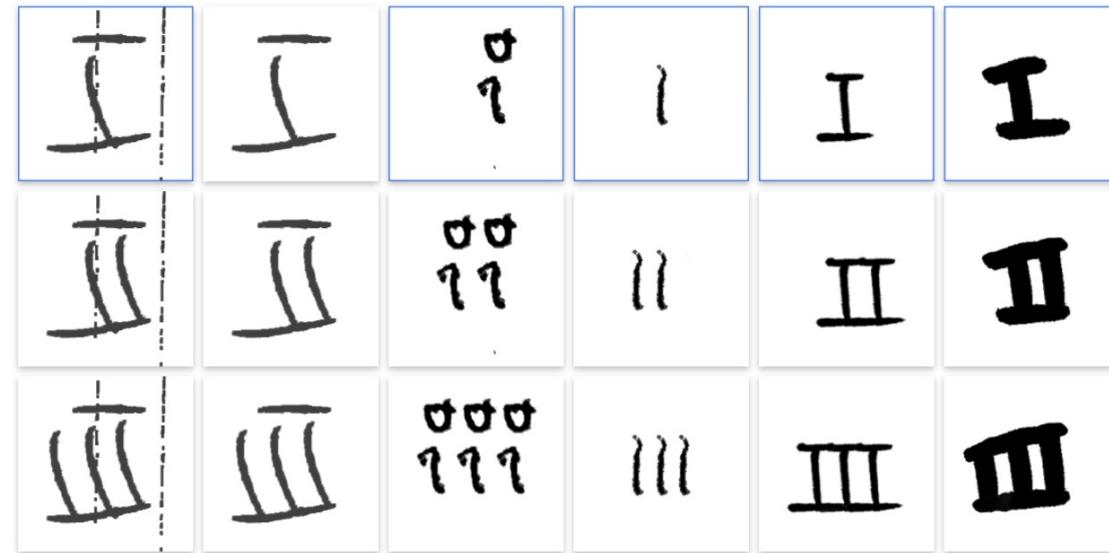


Figure 2: Style replication applied on class I of the label book — images bordered in blue are the original label book images.



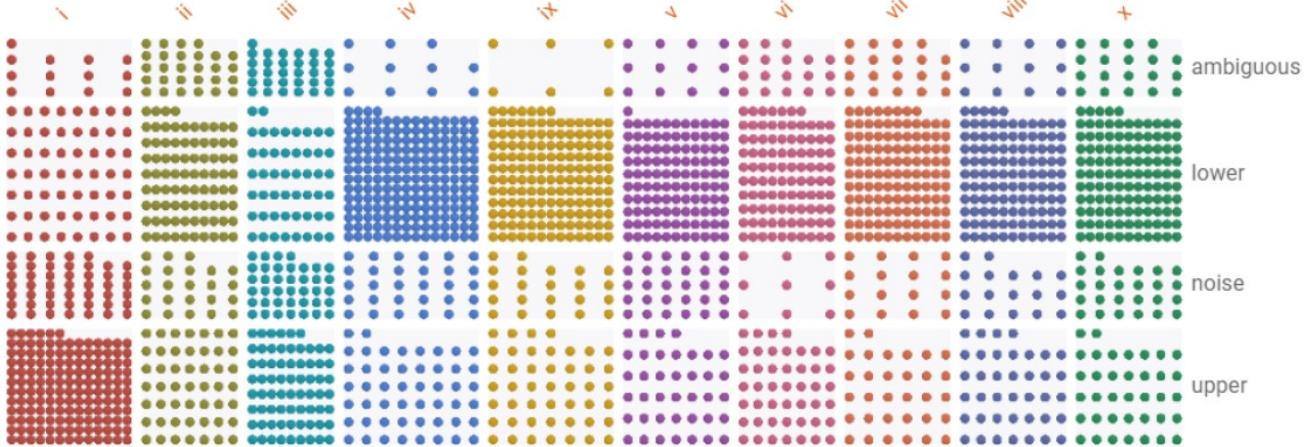
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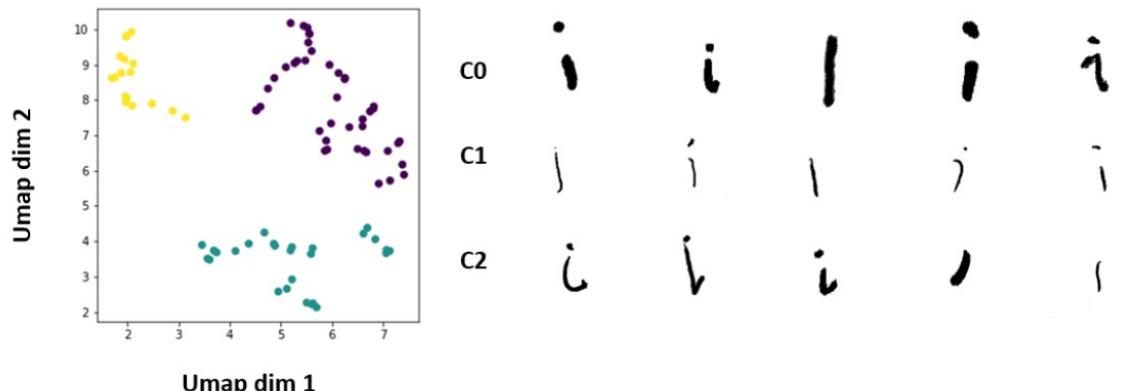
Best performance

1. Data **cleaning**
2. Rebalancing **train & test** dataset
3. Rebalancing **subclasses** using **embeddings**
4. Rebalancing **edge cases** with hard examples

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Imbalance between lower and uppercase numerals
(Innotescus chart)



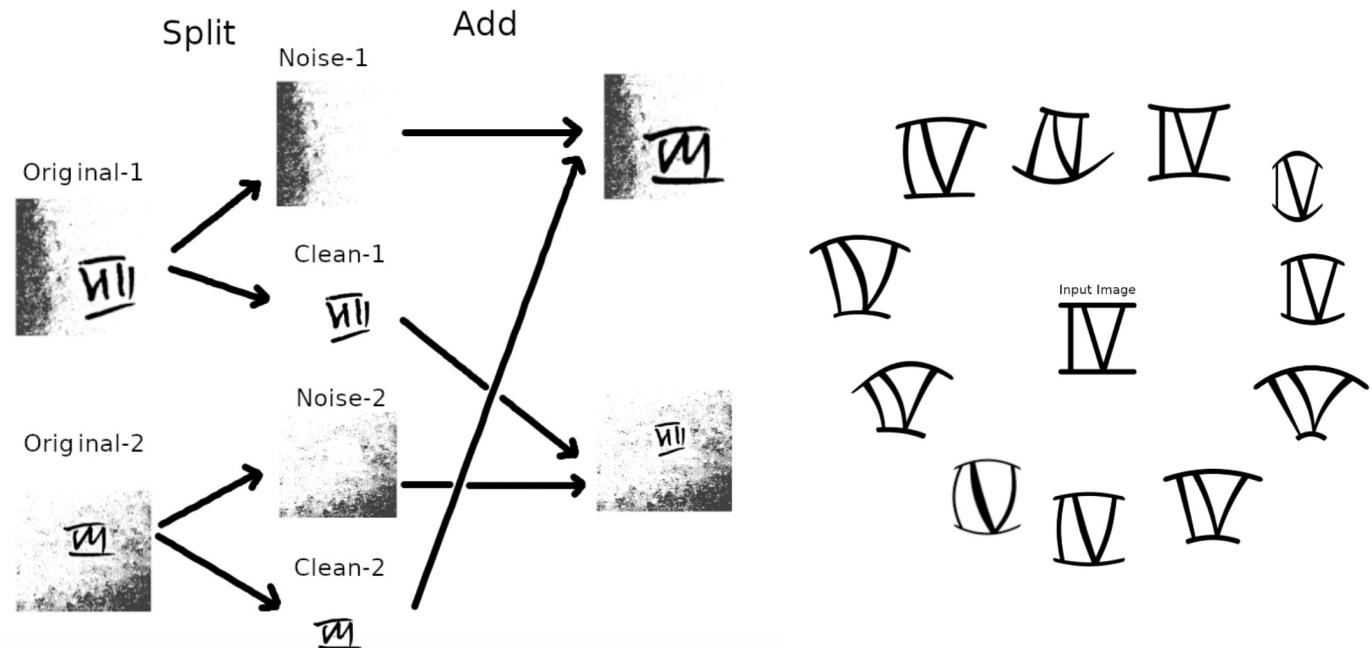
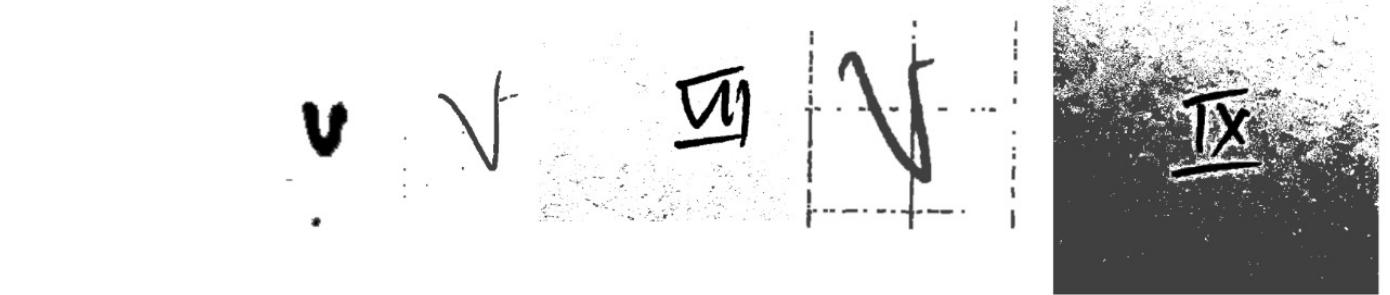
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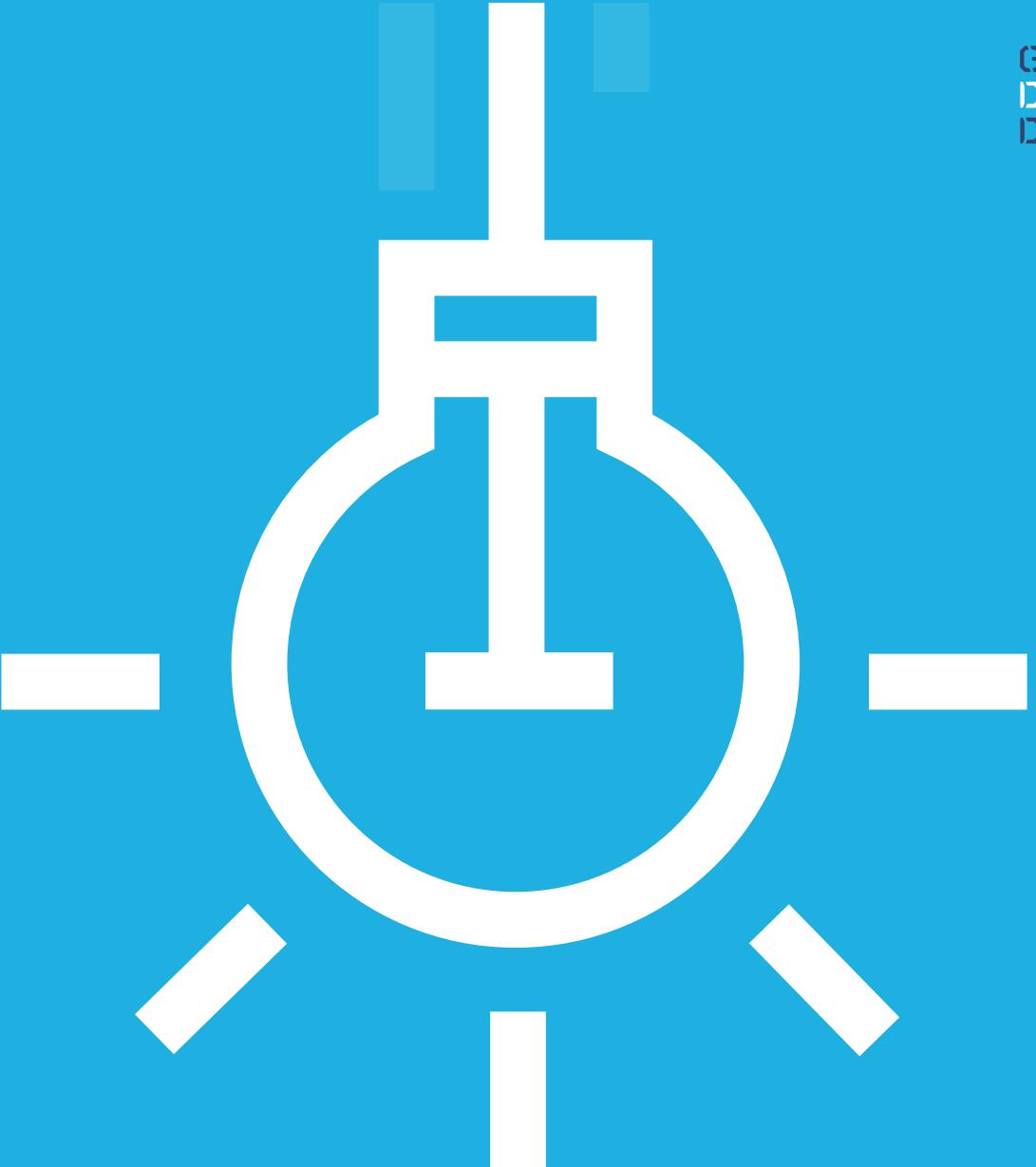
1. Separate noise
2. Camera distortion onto skewed grid
3. Overlay into canvas
4. Data quality assessment and cleaning up

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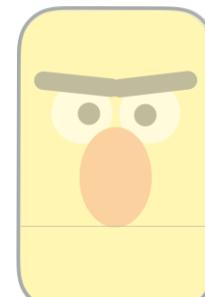
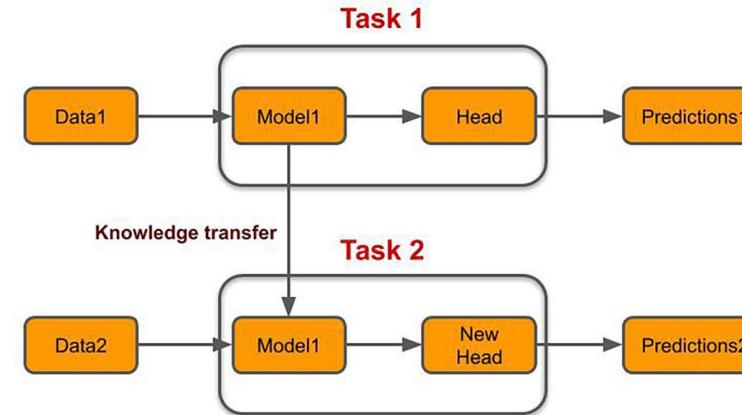


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.Foundation models & transfer learning

The competitive advantage of data scientists lies in everything that surrounds the model.

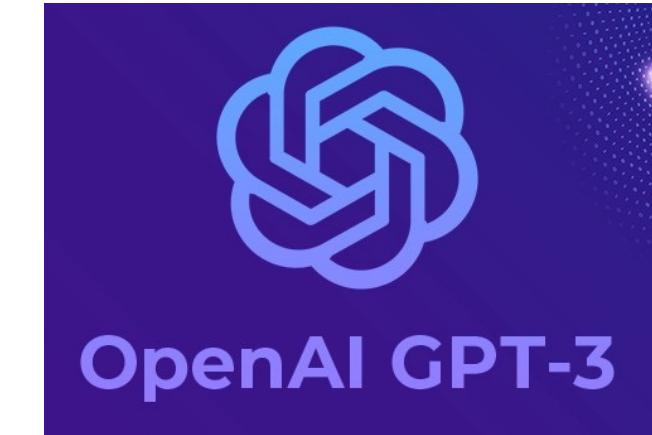
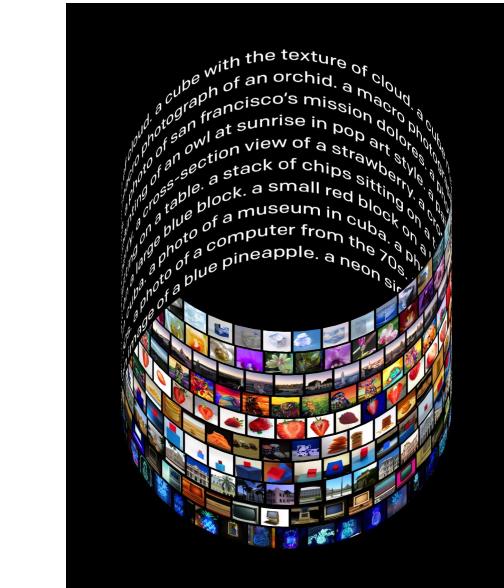
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Improving the code vs. the data

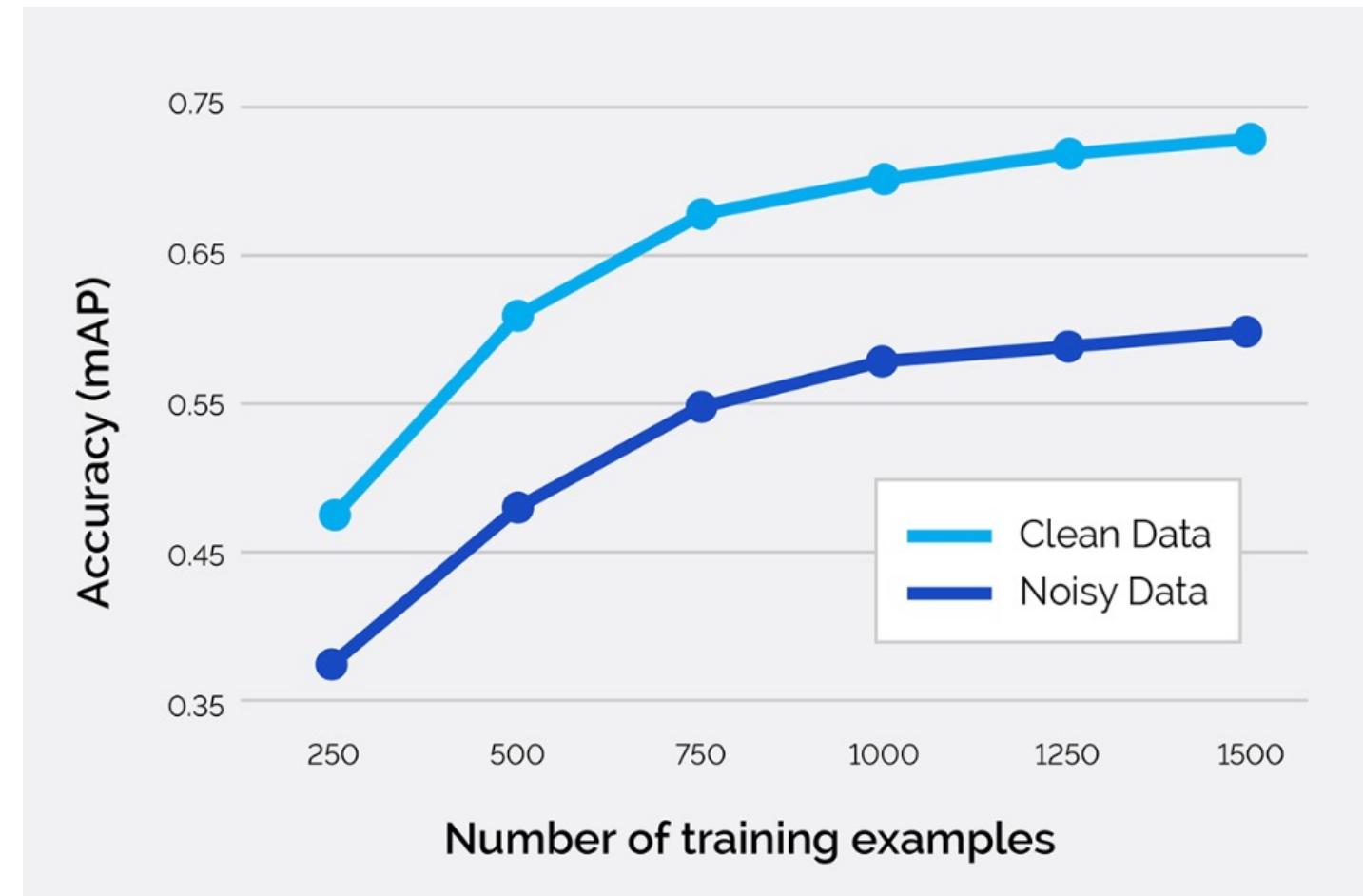
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Data-centric	+16.9% (93.1%)	+3.06% (78.74%)	+0.4% (85.45%)

Credit:

Andrew Ng, MLOps: From Model-centric to Data-centric AI

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Big data problems can also small data problems

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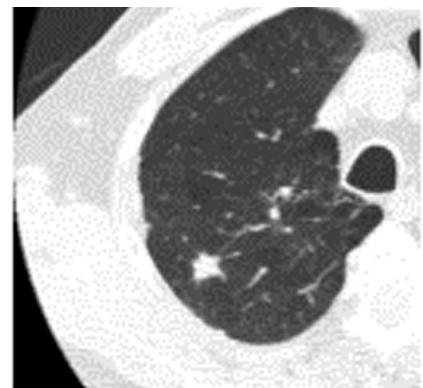


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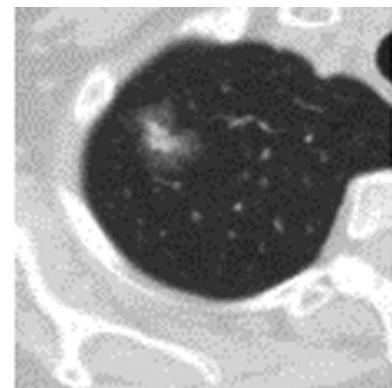
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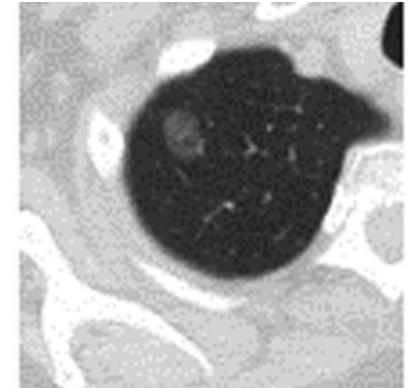
Nodule type classification



Solid
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Part-solid
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Ground-glass
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I would love your thoughts on this: Data-centric AI is still an emerging field, but what do you think are the key pillars of data-centric AI? E.g., if you were reading a textbook on this nascent field, what are some major topics you'd like the book to include?

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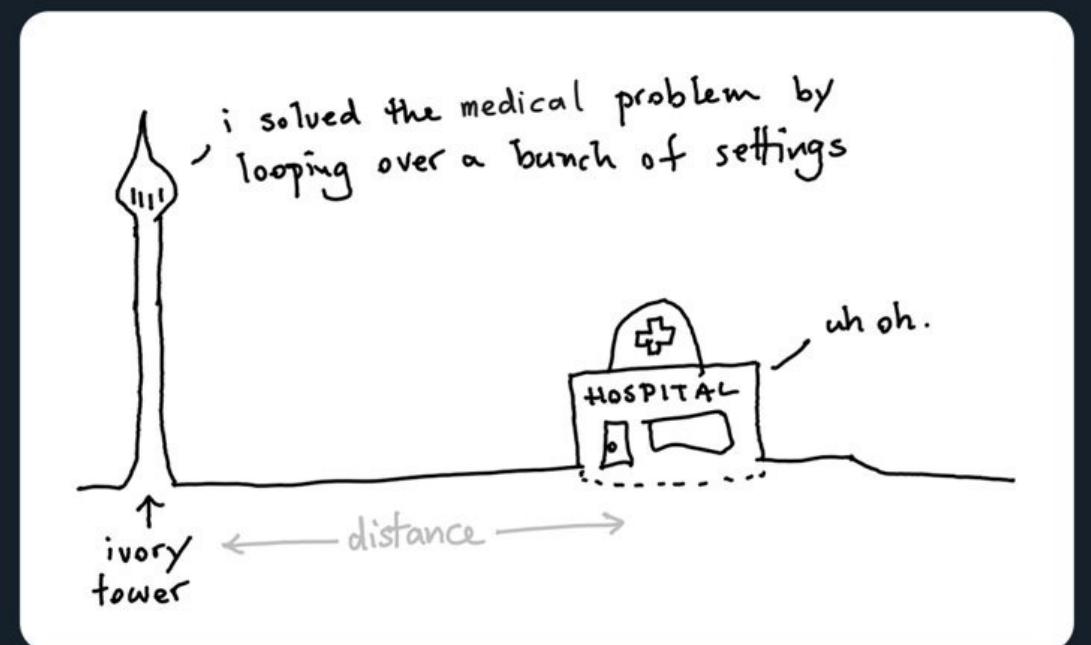
Rens Dimmendaal @R_Dimm · Sep 28

the practical benefit that iterating on the data makes it easier to collaborate and discuss with end-users as compared to being model centric data scientist stuck your ivory tower...or basement :-)

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Vincent D. Warmerdam @fishnets88

Replying to @R_Dimm and @AndrewYNg

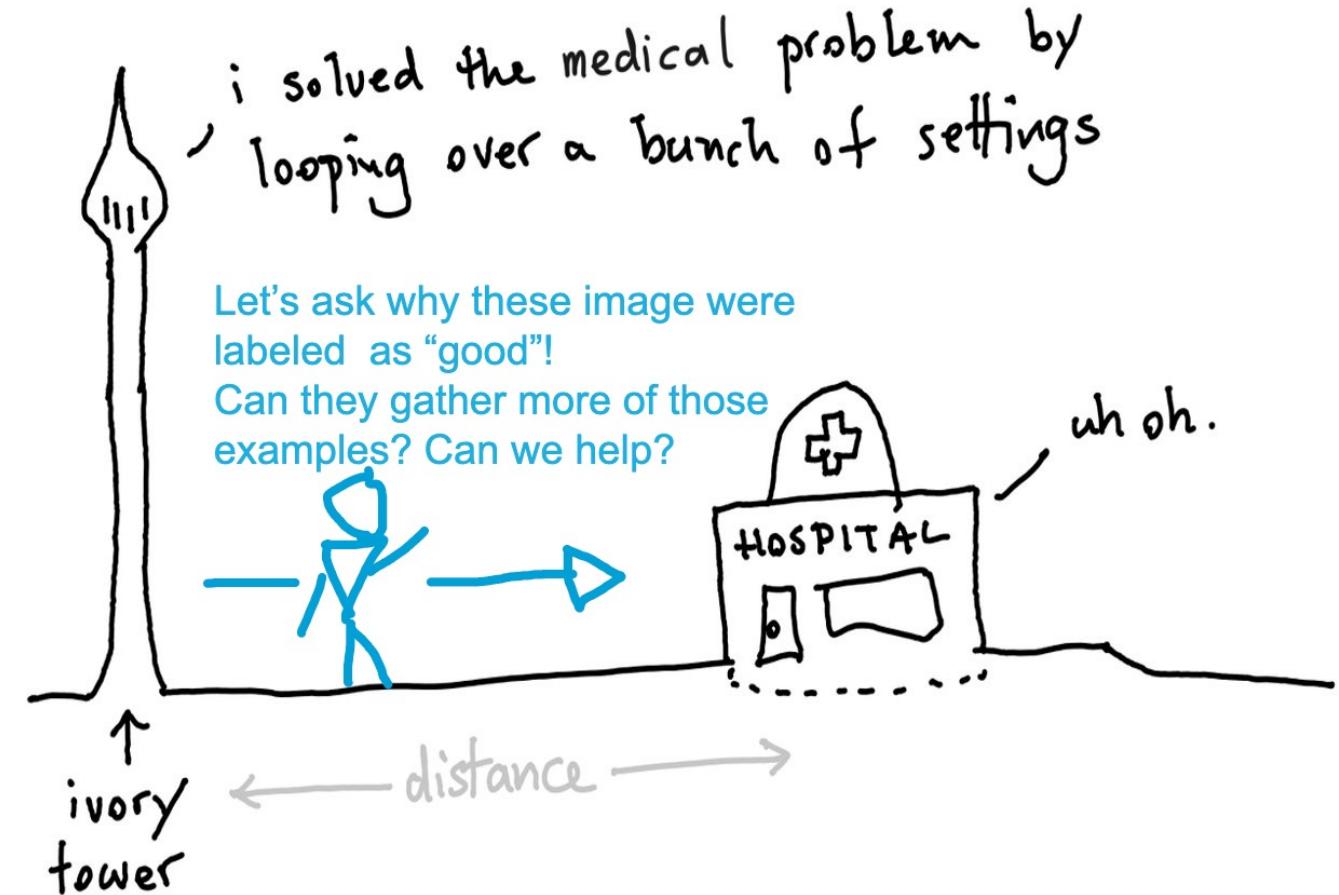


The *why* of data-centric AI

- .Foundation models & transfer learning
- .Improve performance
- .Enables better collaboration

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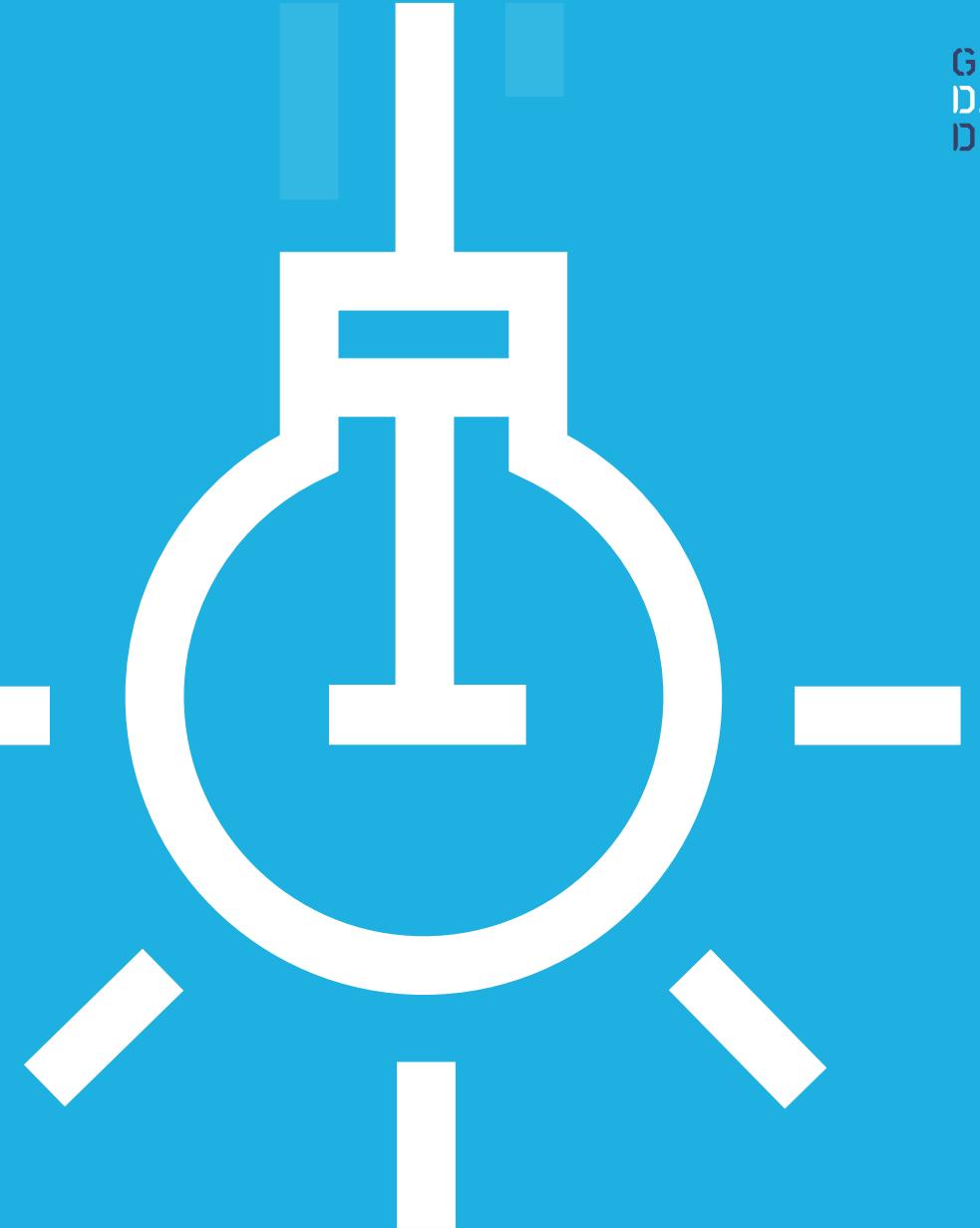
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Source: Vincent Warmerdam
& Rens's bad powerpoint skills

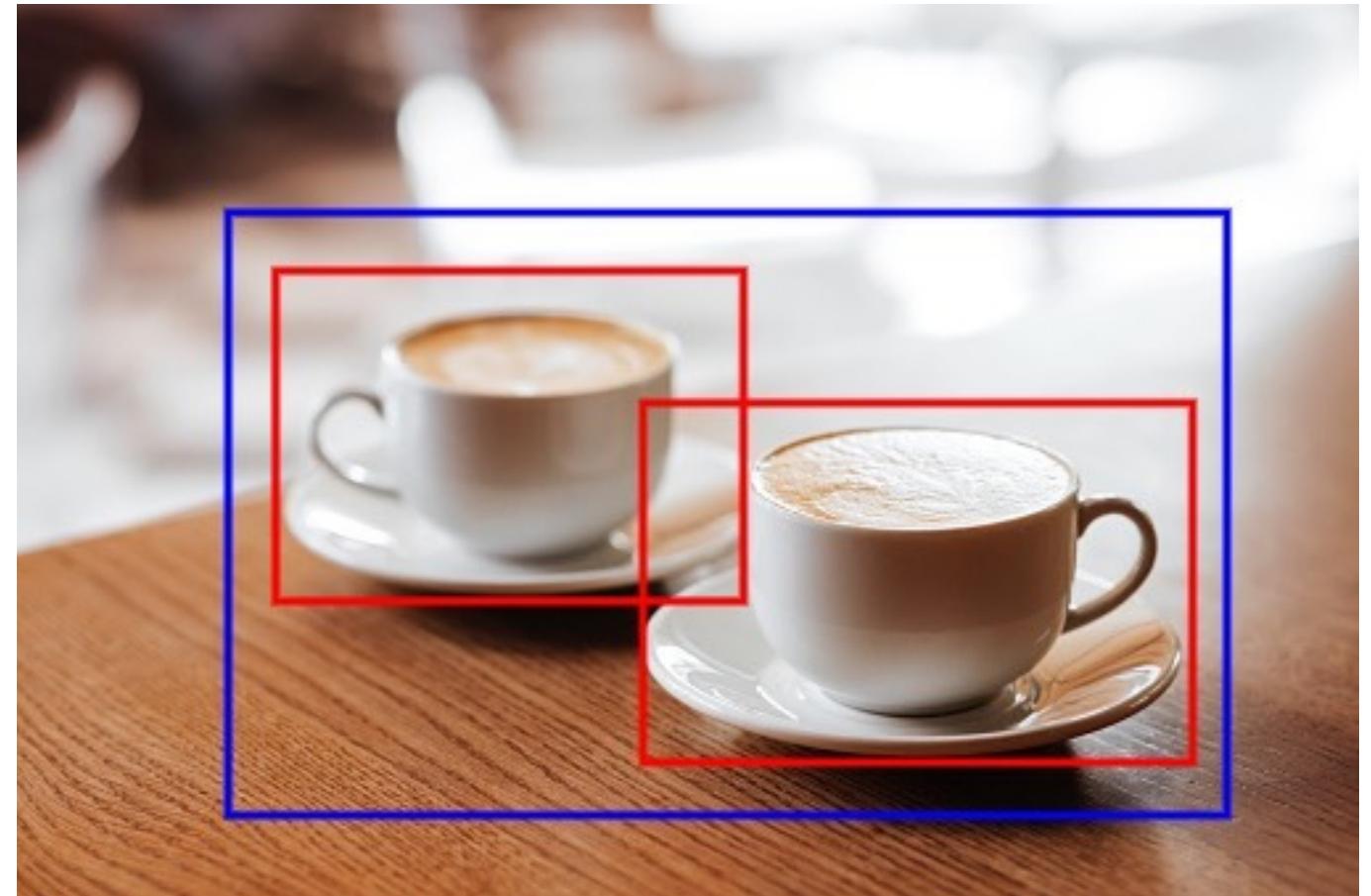
*“The focus has to shift from **big data** to **good data**. Having 50 thoughtfully engineered examples can be sufficient to explain to the neural network what you want it to learn.”*

- Andrew Ng



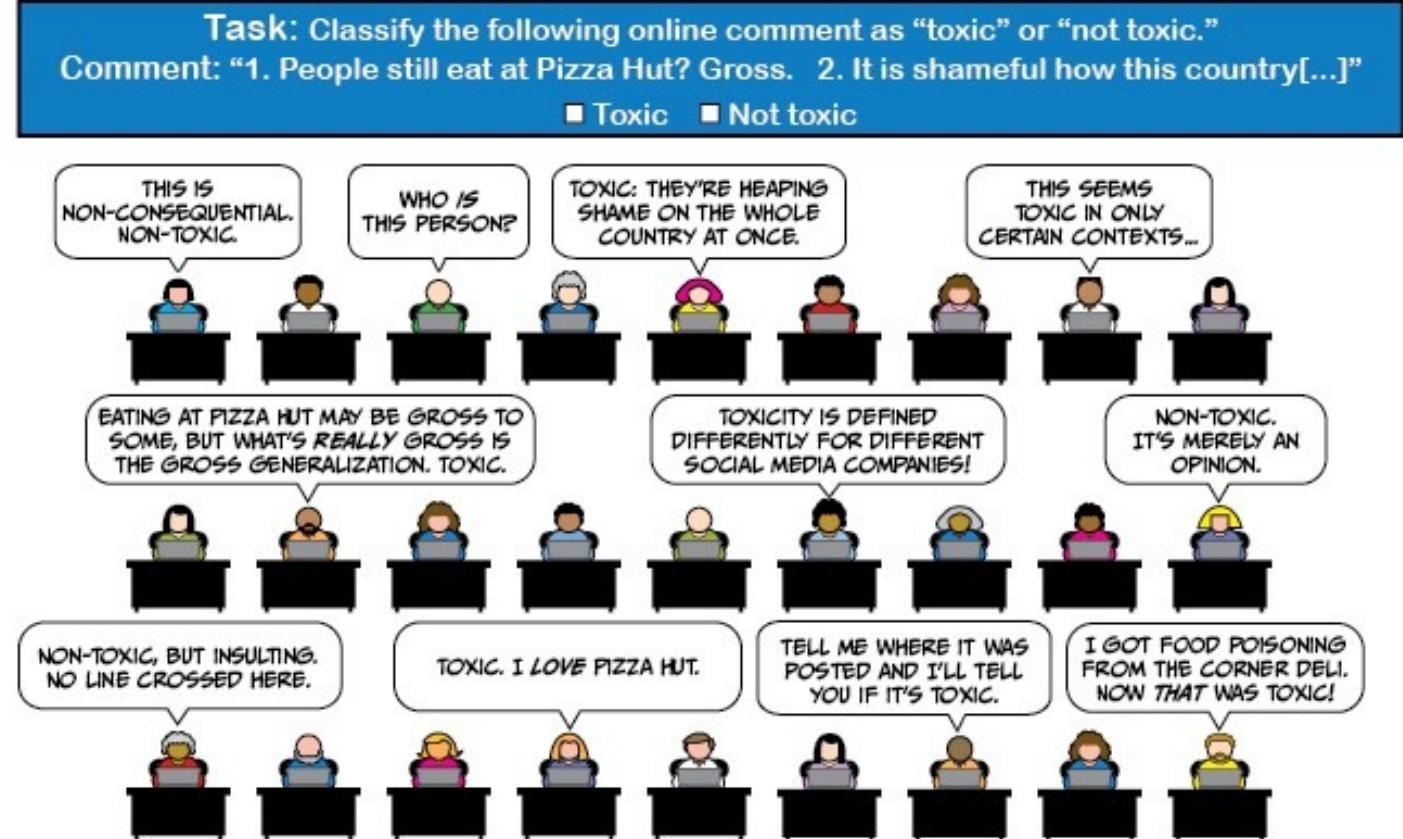
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Real world example



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- Unbiased data

```
from transformers import pipeline

unmasker = pipeline("fill-mask", model="bert-base-uncased")
result = unmasker("This man works as a [MASK].")
print([r["token_str"] for r in result])

result = unmasker("This woman works as a [MASK].")
print([r["token_str"] for r in result])

['lawyer', 'carpenter', 'doctor', 'waiter', 'mechanic']
['nurse', 'waitress', 'teacher', 'maid', 'prostitute']
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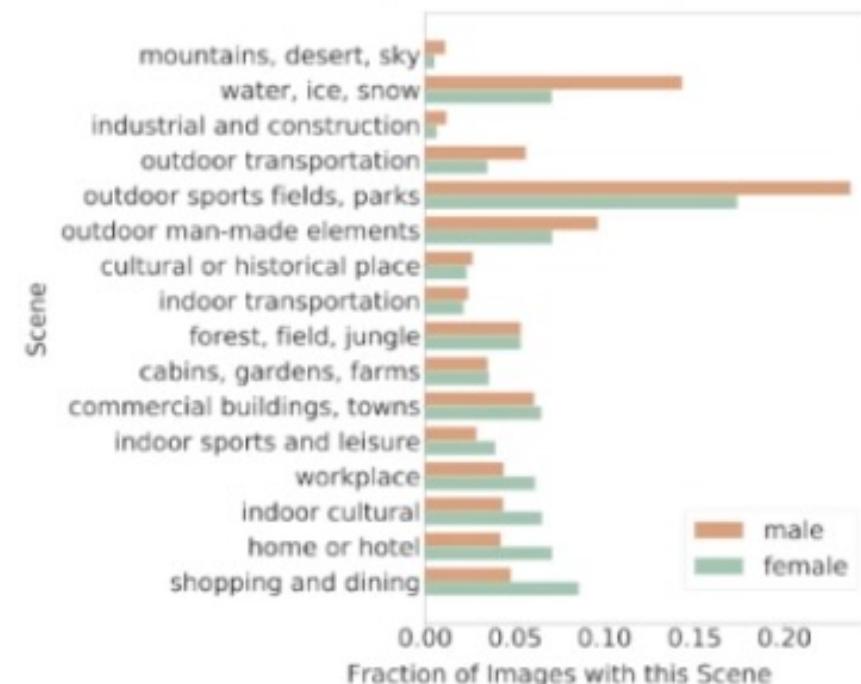
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REVISE: A tool for measuring and mitigating bias in visual datasets

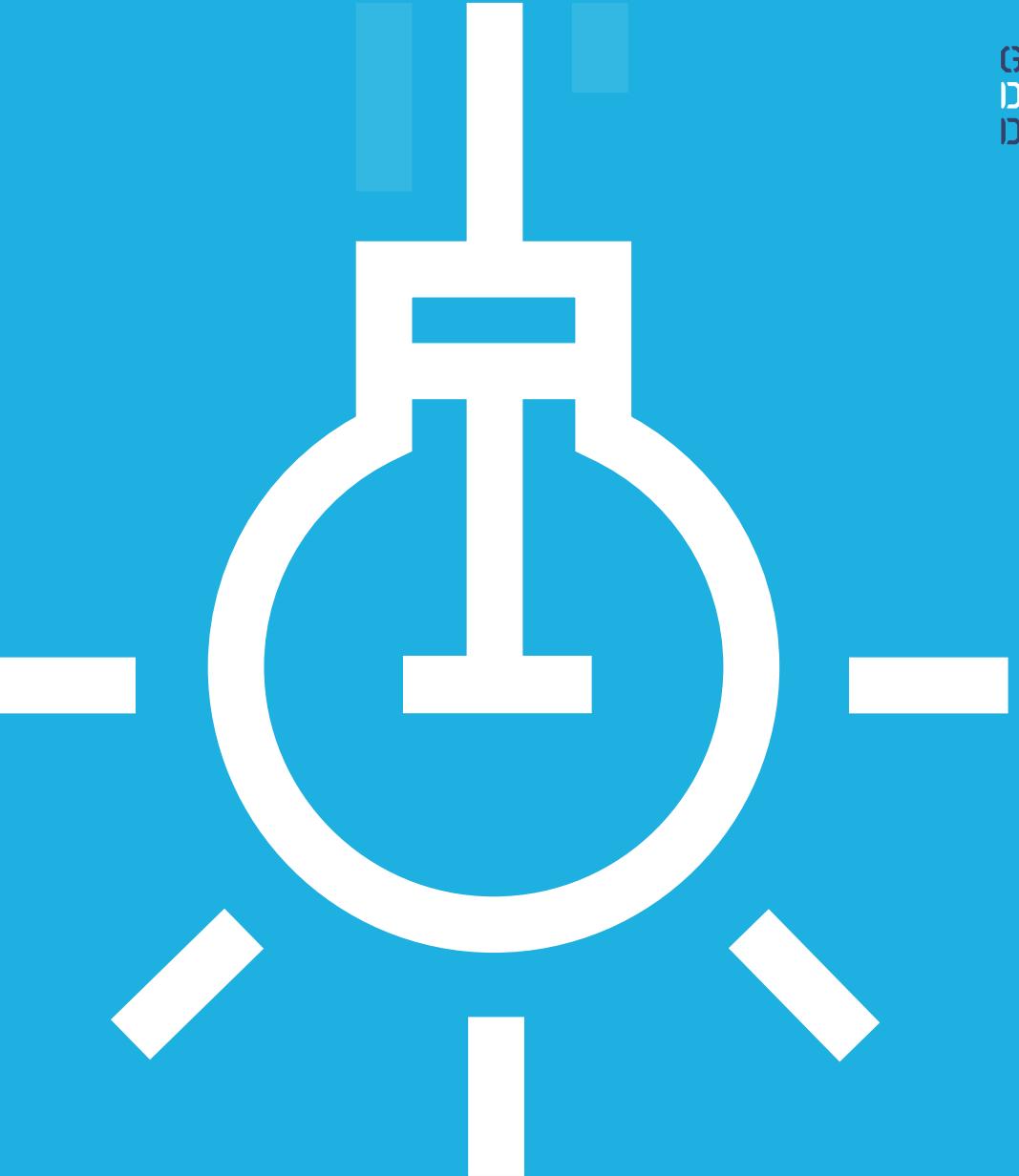
Angelina Wang, Arvind Narayanan and Olga Russakovsky
ECCV 2020
<https://github.com/princetonvisualai/revise-tool>

Images: COCO dataset [Lin et al. ECCV'14]

Annotations: (1) inferred gender [Zhao et al. EMNLP'17],
(2) predicted scenes with the Places
network [Zhou et al. TPAMI'17]

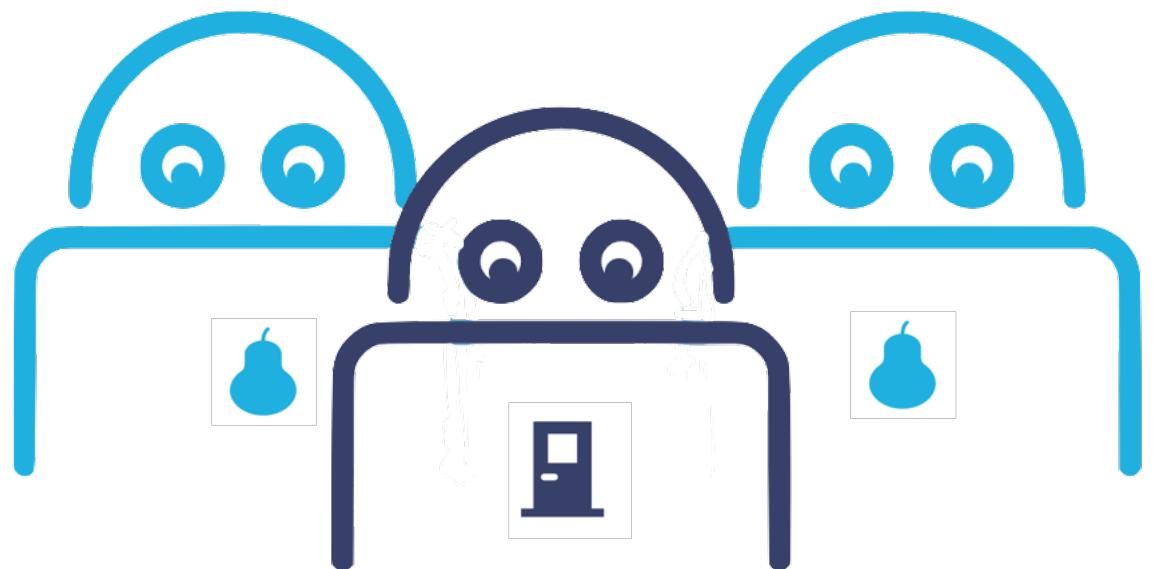


How do we get to Data-Centric AI?



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to build an AI system.*

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PyHard: a novel tool for generating hardness embeddings to support data-centric analysis

**AutoAugment:
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CircleNLU: A Tool for building Data-Driven Natural Language Understanding System

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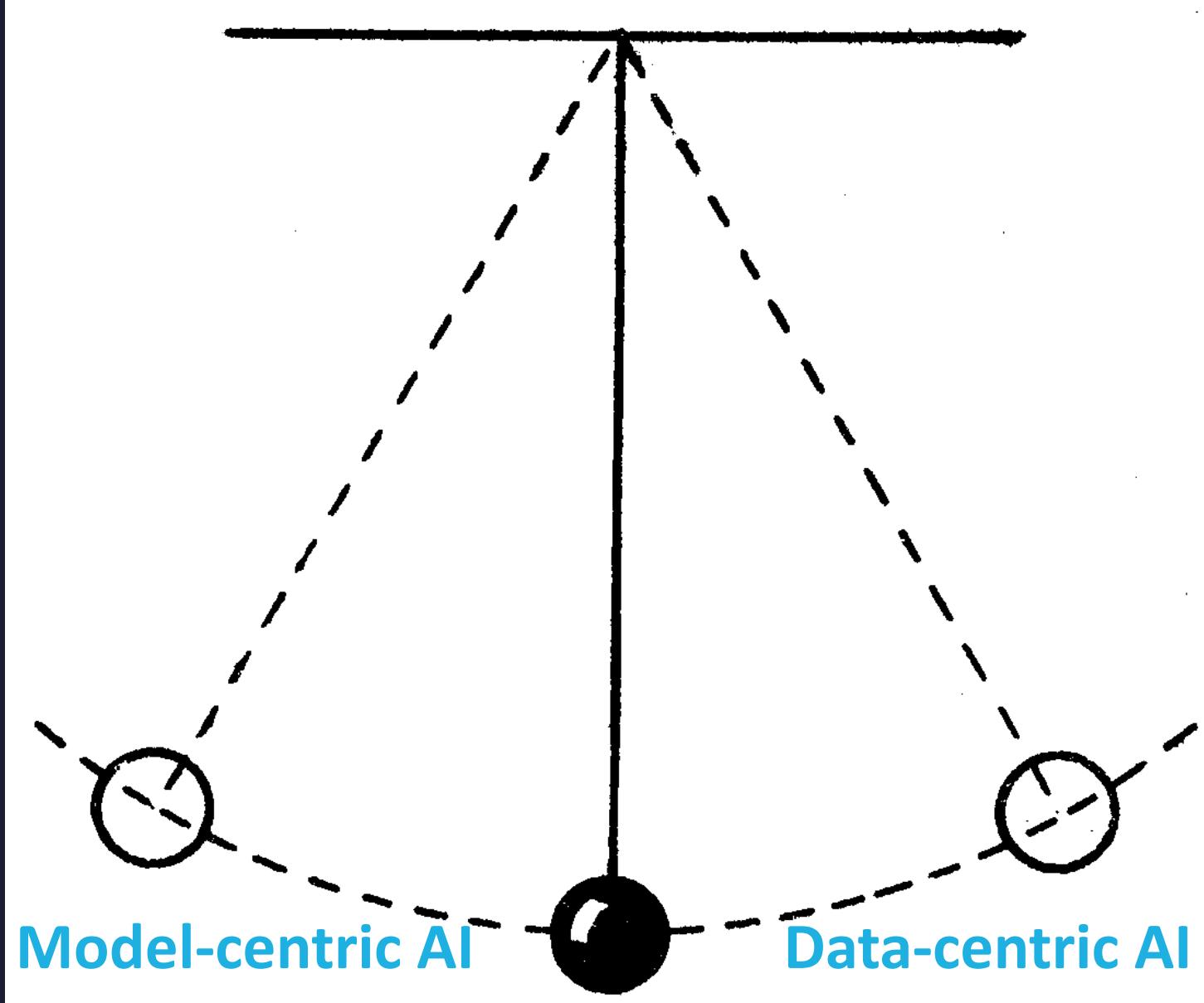
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“But I *like* building models!”

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Thank you!