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# An introduction to Machine Learning for Astronomy

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# **PROGRAM FOR THE WEEK**

- INTRODUCTION TO SUPERVISED ML
- FOUNDATIONS TO NEURAL NETWORKS
- CONVOLUTIONAL NEURAL NETWORKS
- INTRODUCTION TO UNSUPERVISED ML

# PRACTICAL INFO

FULL ONLINE COURSE VIA ZOOM:

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MORNING ~[9h30-12h30]: THEORY / LECTURES

AFTERNOON ~[14H30-17H30]: TUTORIALS

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## SOME RULES DURING THE ZOOM MEETING:

Keep your Microphones Muted

If need to ask questions (which I recommend!) use the “raise hand” option

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## OTHER AVAILABLE RESSOURCES:

GITHUB REPO WITH SLIDES AND TUTORIALS:

[https://github.com/mhuertascompany/DL\\_ED127\\_2020](https://github.com/mhuertascompany/DL_ED127_2020)

Slack Channel for interactive discussions / questions:

[https://join.slack.com/t/iaed127/shared\\_invite/zt-f5sohajk-uP00KQtWdaPIC\\_Znw6H2EA](https://join.slack.com/t/iaed127/shared_invite/zt-f5sohajk-uP00KQtWdaPIC_Znw6H2EA)

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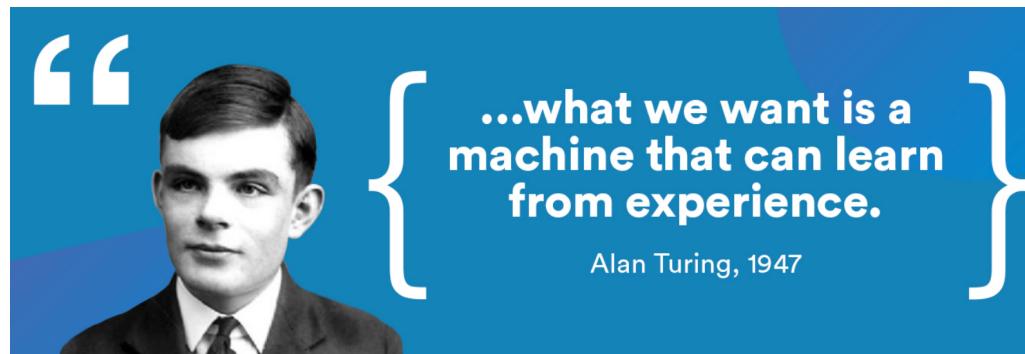
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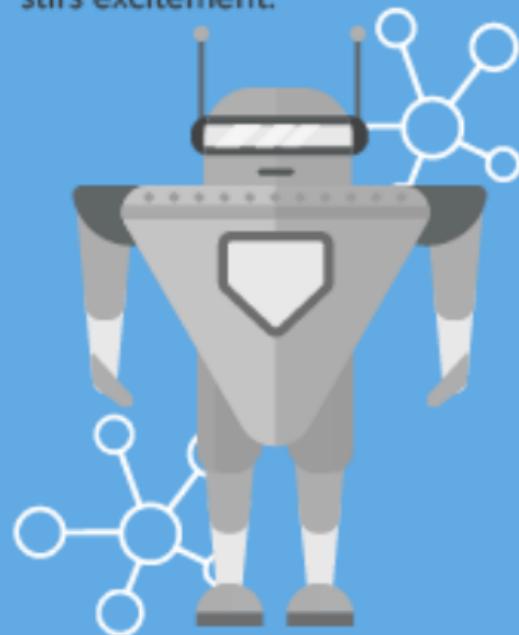
ONLY AN ASTRONOMER WHO HAS BEEN USING MACHINE  
LEARNING FOR THE LAST ~14 YEARS FOR MY RESEARCH

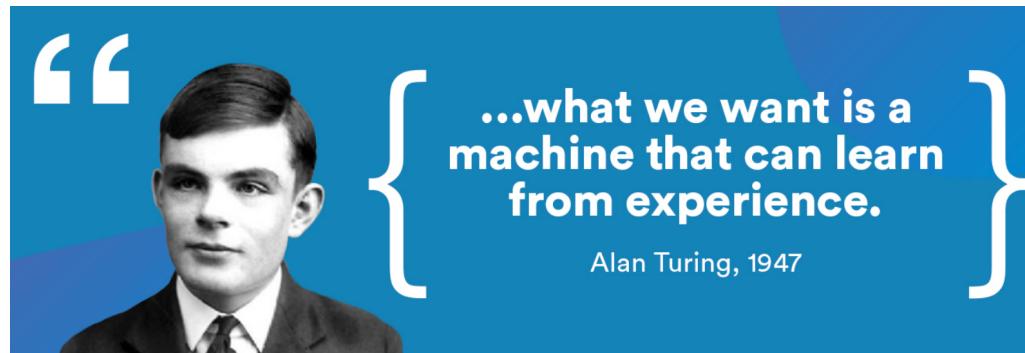
THESE LECTURES ARE INTENDED TO PROVIDE A **GLOBAL**  
UNDERSTANDING OF HOW AI TECHNIQUES WORK AND  
ESPECIALLY **HOW TO USE THEM FOR YOUR RESEARCH**



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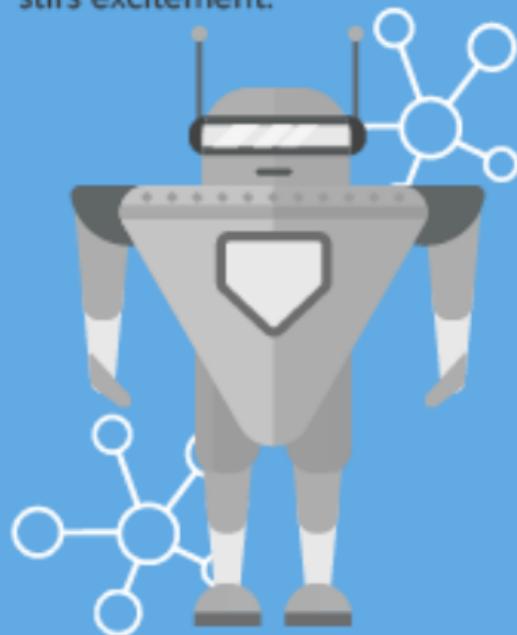
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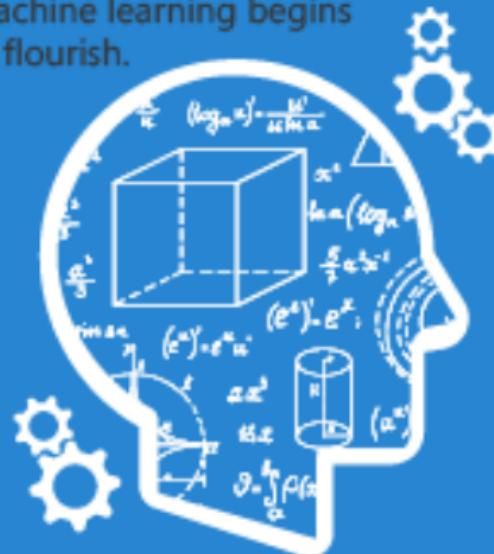
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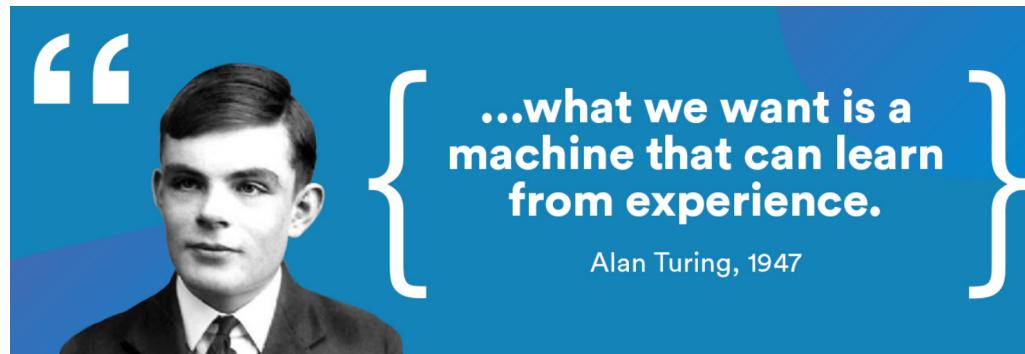
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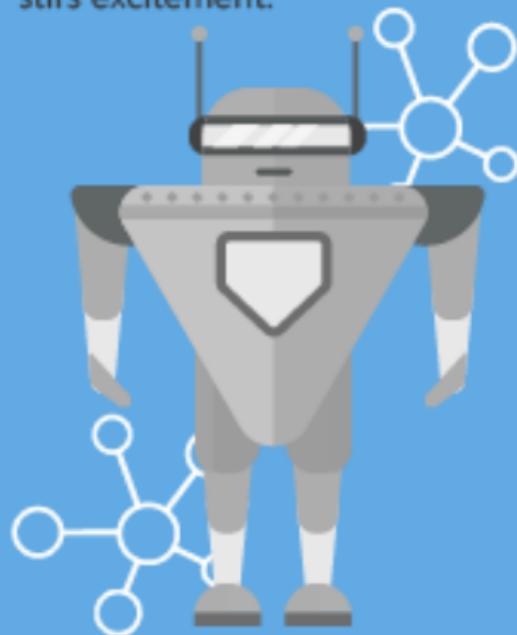
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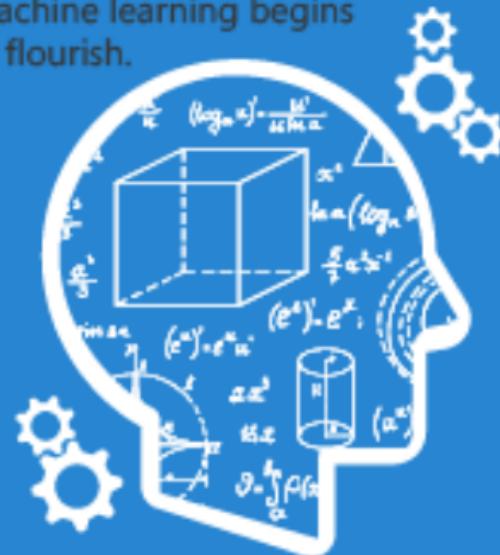
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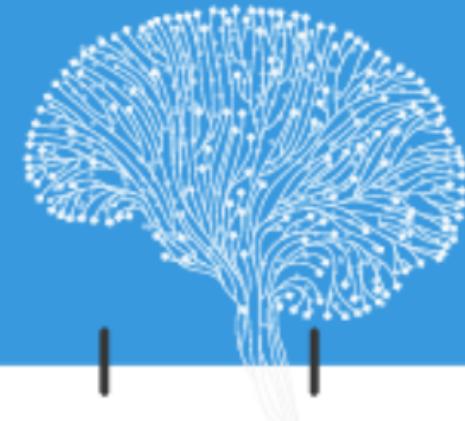
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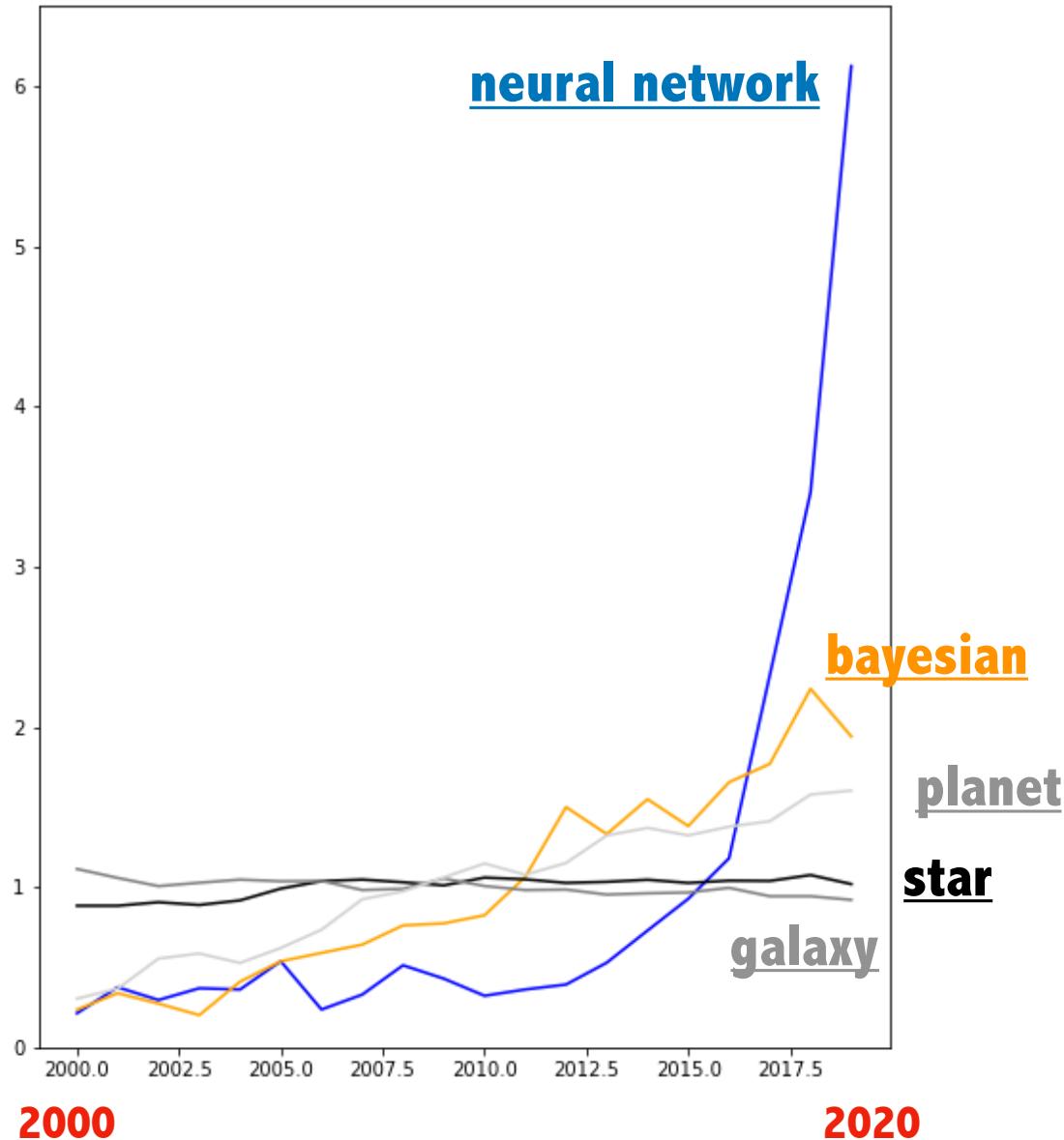


## DEEP LEARNING

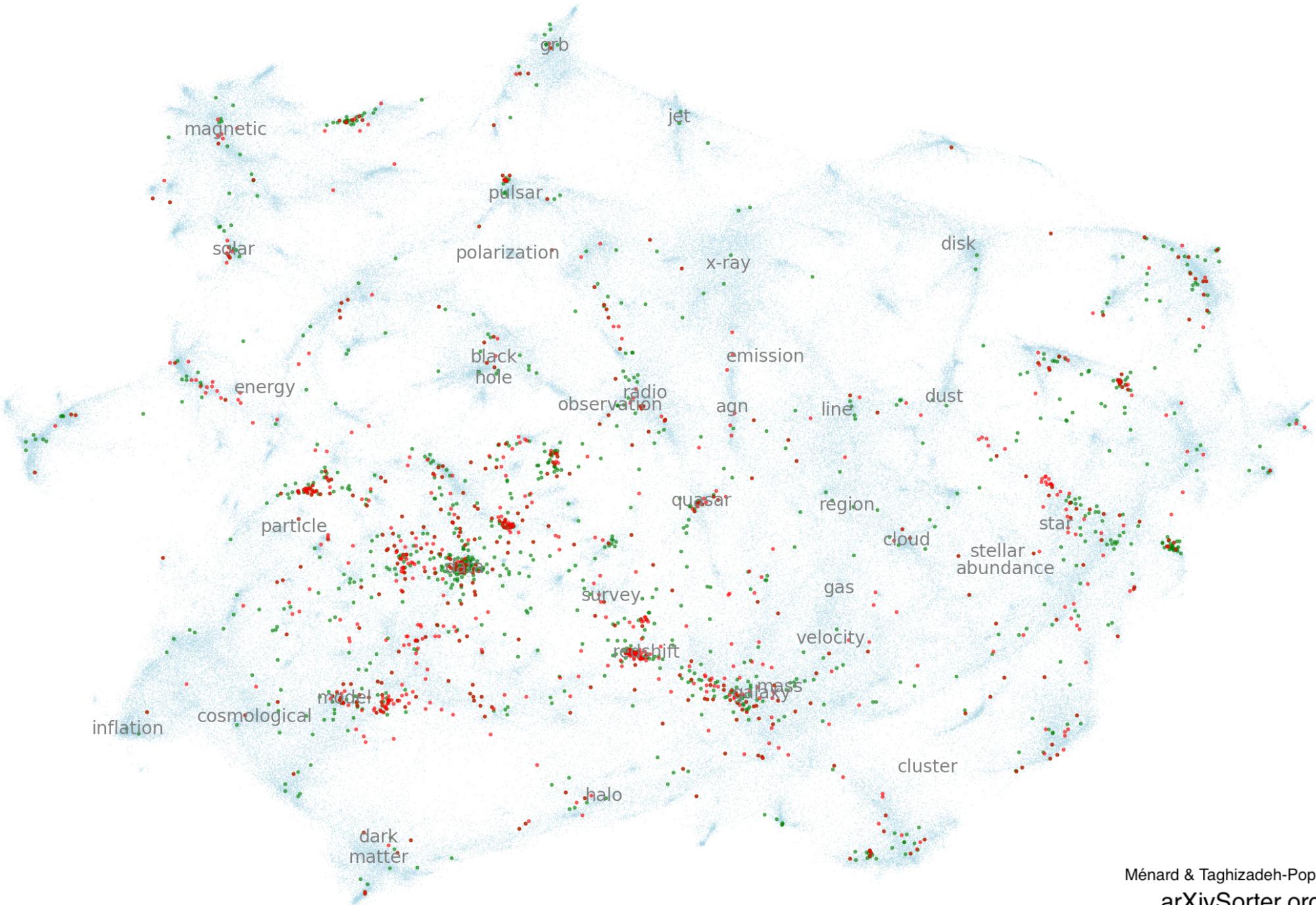
Deep learning breakthroughs drive AI boom.



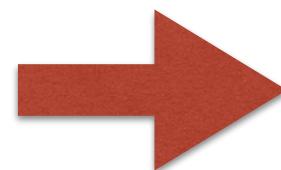
# Relative change of the number of papers on arXiv/astro-ph



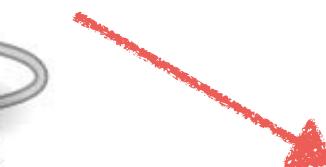




# BEFORE 2012....



CAT?

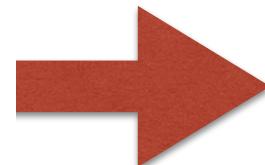


DOG?



**TRIVIAL HUMAN TASKS REMAINED  
CHALLENGING FOR COMPUTERS**

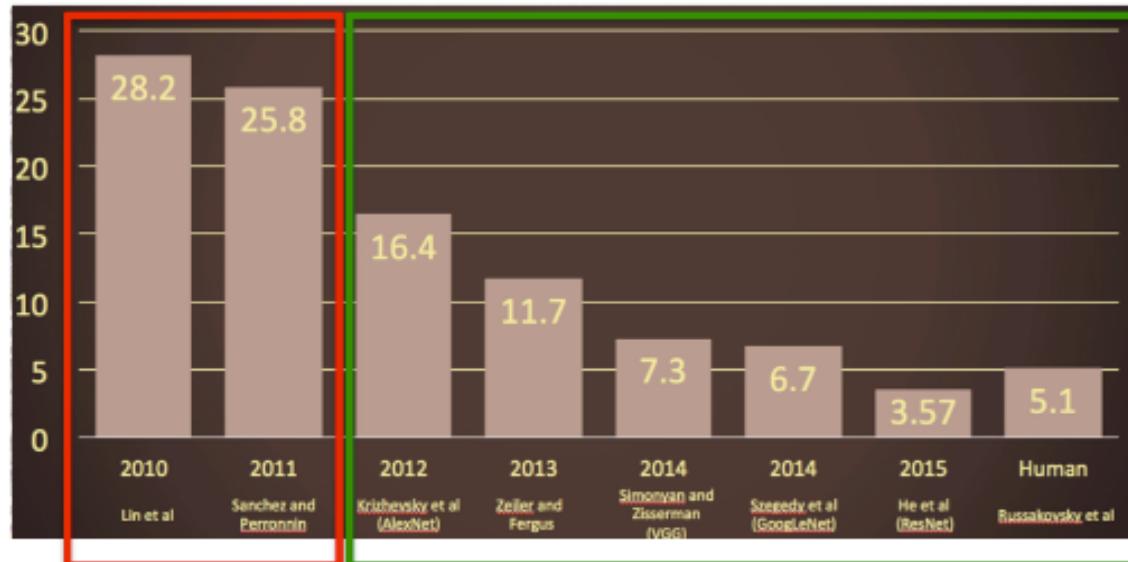
# AFTER 2012



IT HAS BECOME TRIVIAL....

# THIS IS A CHANGE OF PARADIGM!

Fisher Vectors



CNNs

*ImageNet  
top-5 error (%)*



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LARGE DATASETS TO LEARN



COMBINED WITH THE TECHNOLOGY TO  
PROCESS ALL THIS DATA



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HOWEVER THERE HAS NOT BEEN A MAJOR  
REVOLUTIONARY IDEA



# WHAT IS THESE SERIES OF LECTURES

## ABOUT?

BASICS OF CLASSICAL MACHINE LEARNING

BASICS OF DEEP LEARNING  
(BOTH SUPERVISED AND UNSUPERVISED)

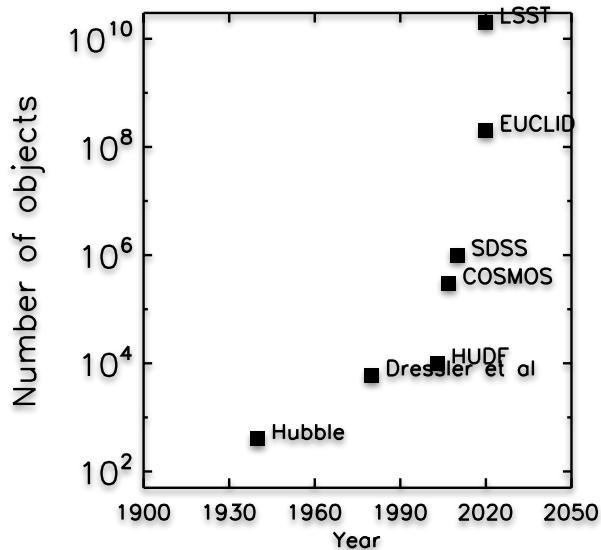
HOPING THAT THIS WOULD BE USEFUL FOR YOUR  
RESEARCH!

(Apologies in advance for biases on Extra-Galactic Science +  
imaging)

# WHY DO WE NEED THESE TOOLS IN ASTRONOMY?

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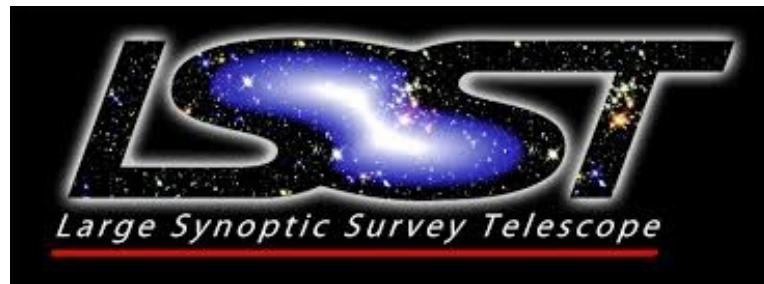
**AS IN MANY OTHER DISCIPLINES THE BIG-DATA REVOLUTION HAS ARRIVED TO ASTRONOMY TOO**



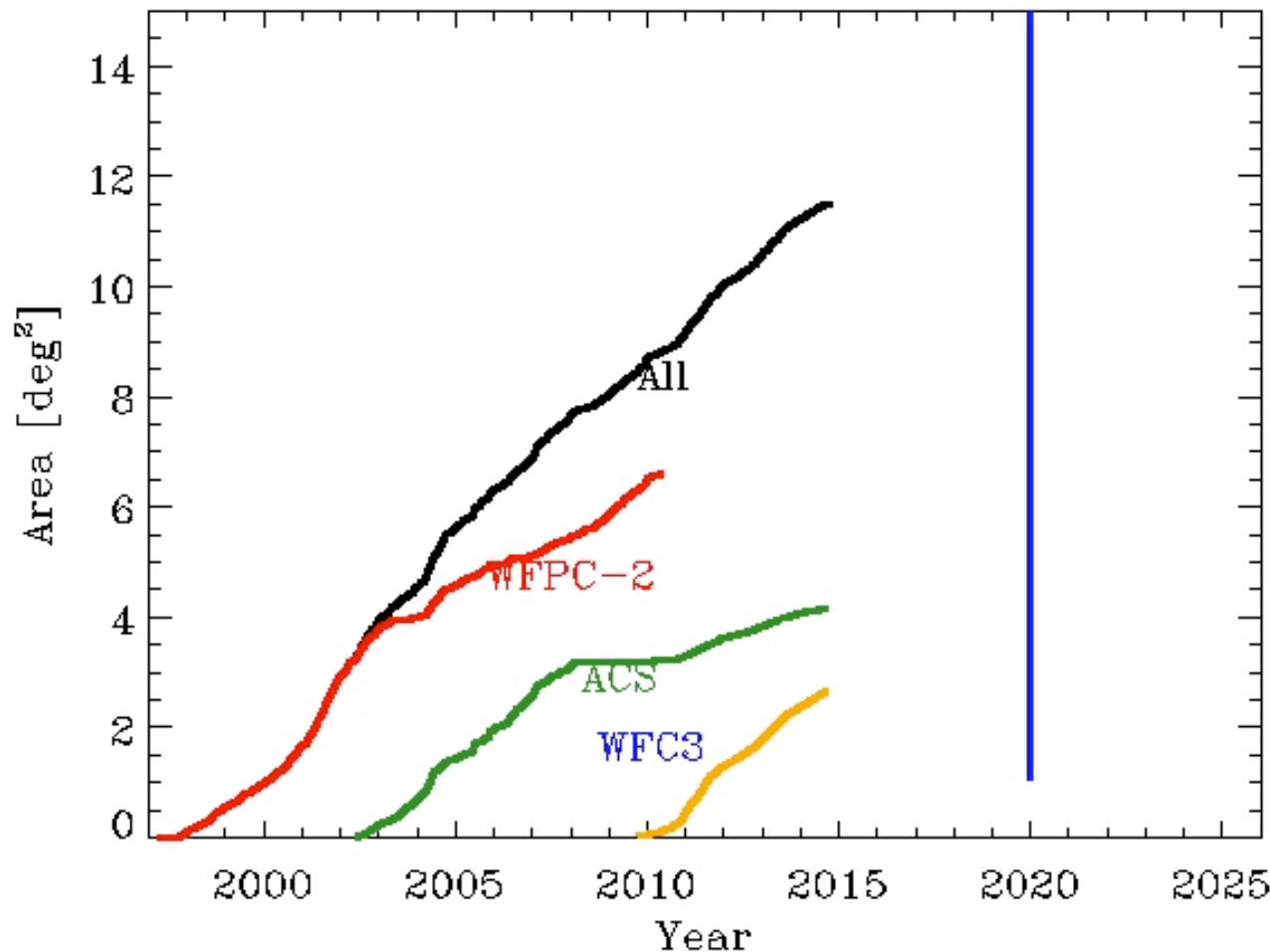
BIG-DATA  
REVOLUTION

← we are here

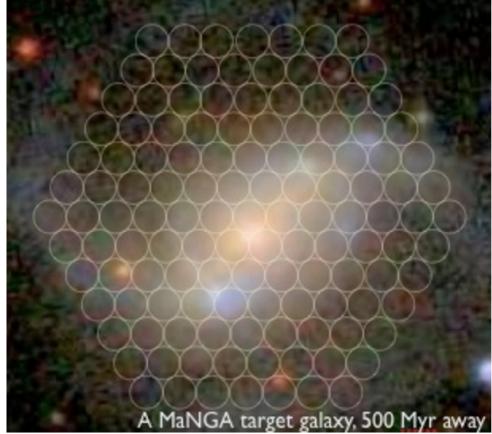
**EXTREMELY LARGE IMAGING  
SURVEYS DELIVERING BILLIONS  
OF OBJECTS IN 2-5 YEARS**



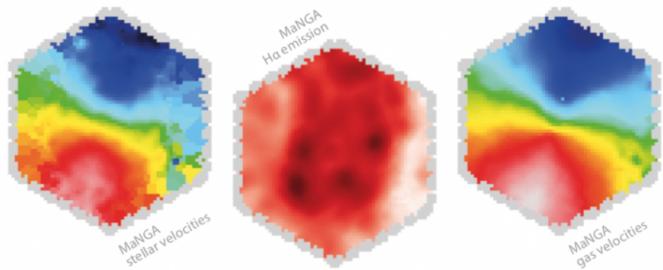
LSST simulation



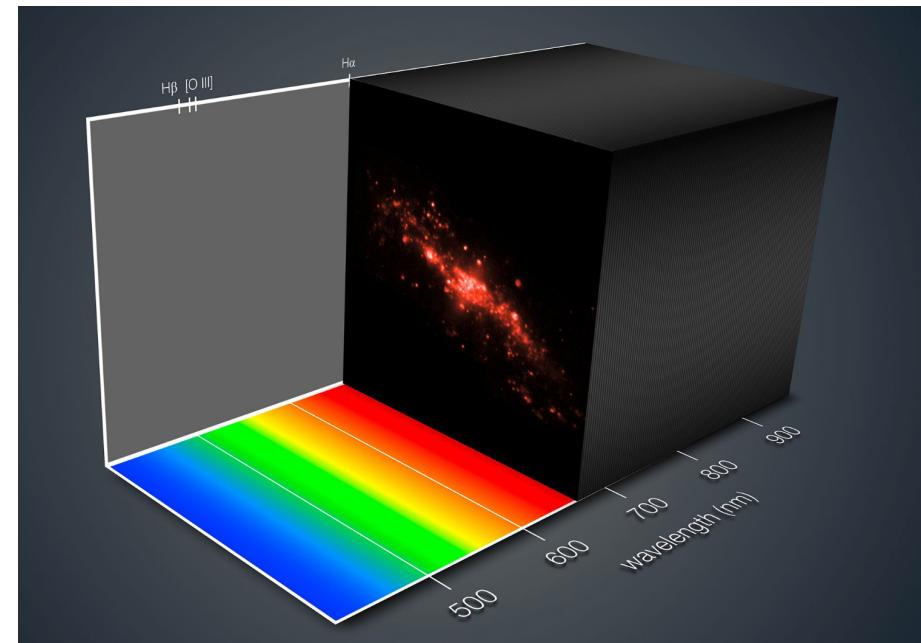
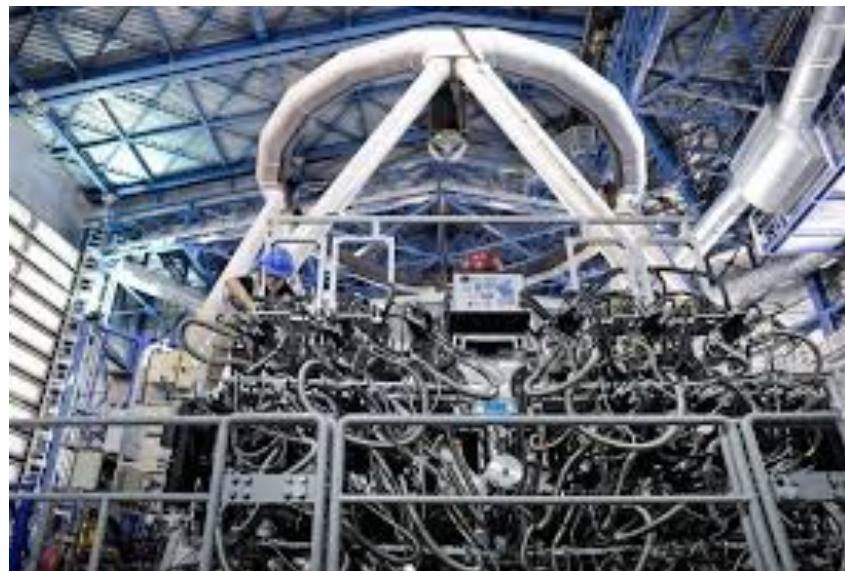
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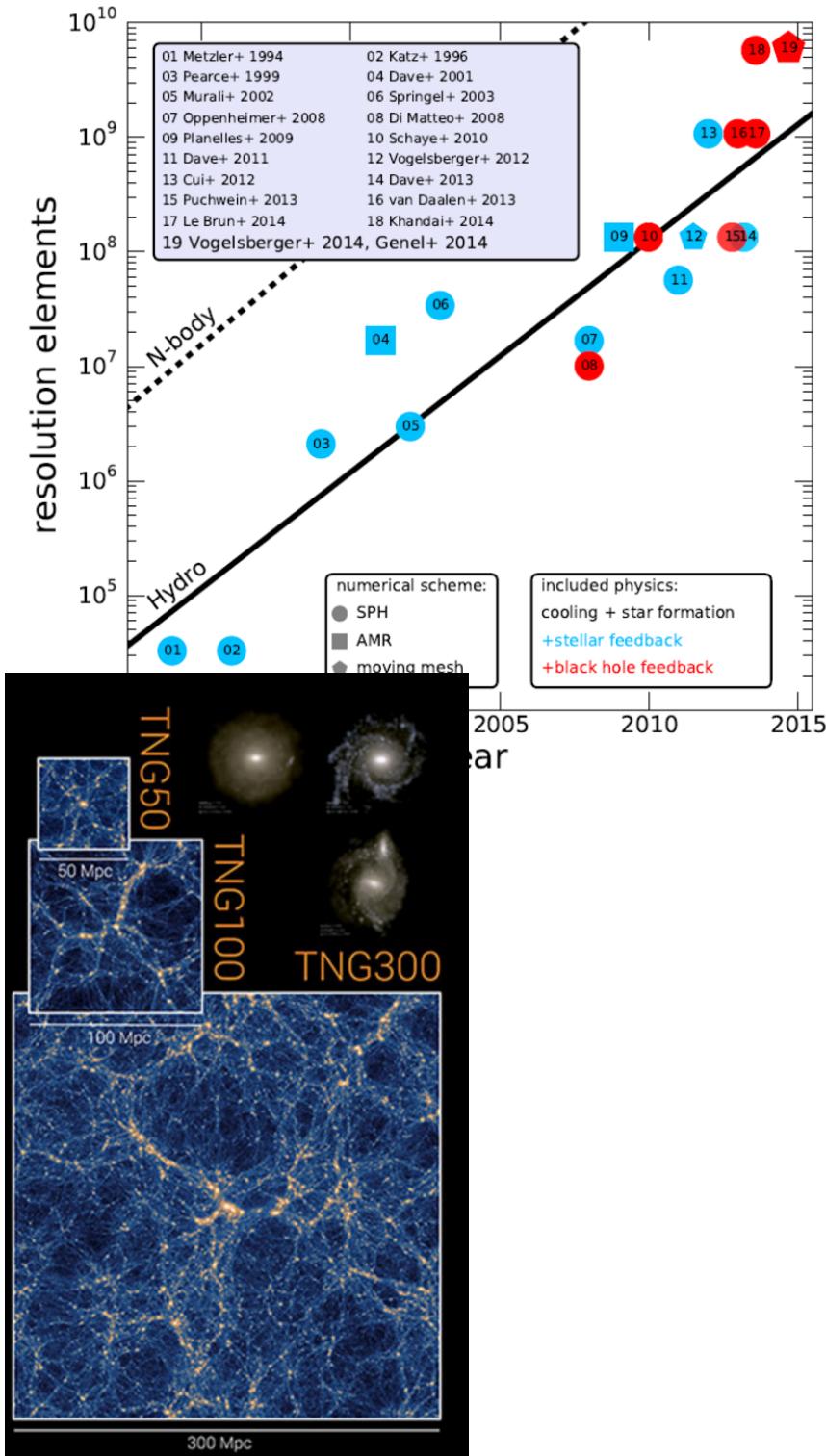
**NOT ONLY VOLUME: AN  
INCREASING COMPLEXITY OF  
DATA**



MANGA Survey

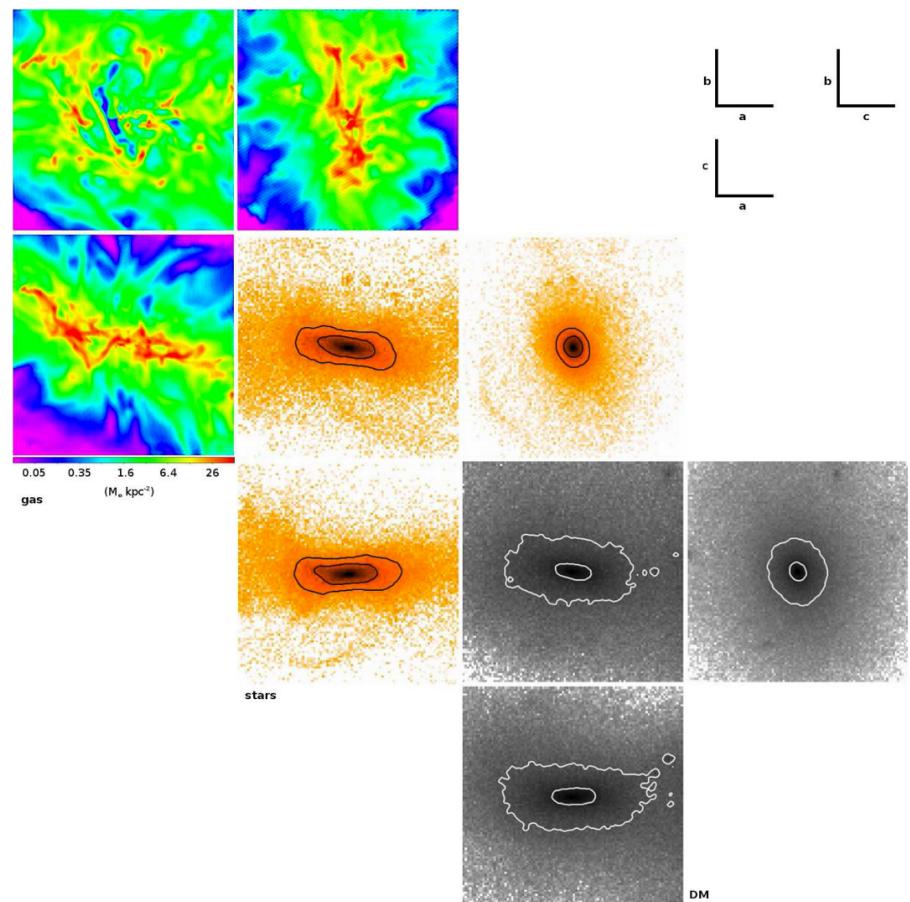


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Genel+14

AND ALSO  
SIMULATIONS!



Ceverino+15

# PROGRAM FOR THE WEEK

- PART I: A VERY QUICK INTRODUCTION TO  
‘CLASSICAL’ SUPERVISED MACHINE  
LEARNING (FOR CLASSIFICATION)
  - UNSUPERVISED / SUPERVISED
  - GENERAL STEPS TO “TEACH A MACHINE”
  - “CLASSICAL” CLASSIFIERS: RFs

# PROGRAM FOR THE WEEK

- PART II: FOUNDATIONS OF ‘SHALLOW’ NEURAL NETWORKS
  - PERCEPTRON, NEURON DEFINITION
  - LAYER OF NEURONS, HIDDEN LAYERS
  - ACTIVATION FUNCTIONS
  - OPTIMIZATION [GRADIENT DESCENT, LEARNING RATES]
  - BACKPROPAGATION
  - LOSS FUNCTIONS

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- PART III: CONVOLUTIONAL NEURAL NETWORKS
  - CONVOLUTIONS AS NEURONS
  - CNNs [POOLING, DROPOUT]
  - VANISHING GRADIENT / BATCH NORMALIZATION
  - CNN VISUALIZATION

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- **PART IV: BEYOND CLASSIFICATION WITH CNNs**
  - FCNNs (IMAGE2IMAGE NETWORKS)
  - OBJECT DETECTION
  - INSTANCE AND SEMANTIC SEGMENTATION
  - RECURSIVE NETWORKS

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- **PART V: INTRODUCTION TO UNSUPERVISED MACHINE (DEEP) LEARNING**
  - DIMENSIONALITY REDUCTION
  - CLUSTERING
  - DEEP GENERATIVE MODELS
  - DEEP PROBABILISTIC MODELS

# REFERENCES

SEVERAL SLIDES / INFOS SHOWN HERE ARE INSPIRED/  
TAKEN FROM OTHER WORKS / COURSES FOUND ONLINE

- Deep Learning Book [Goodfellow, Bengio, Courville]
- Deep Learning: Do-It-Yourself! [Bursuc, Krzakala, Lelarge]
- DEEPMIND.AI [COURSERA, Ng, Bensouda, Katanforoosh]
- MACHINE LEARNING LECTURES [Keck]
- EPFL DEEP LEARNING COURSE [Fleuret]
- DEEPMIND / UCL Lecture series [DeepMind]

**+ many others!**

**Thanks to all of them!**

# HANDS-ON SESSIONS

WE WILL TRY TO PRACTICALLY IMPLEMENT SOME OF THE  
NOTIONS LEARNED

TUTORIALS WILL USE **GOOGLE COLAB**. YOU WILL NEED A  
GOOGLE ACCOUNT AND SOME SPACE IN YOUR GDRIVE. WORKS  
ALSO BETTER ON CHROME.

NOTEBOOKS ARE GENERALLY SELF EXPLANATORY. YOU WILL  
BE ASKED TO FILL PIECES OF CODE AT DIFFERENT STAGES.  
SOLUTIONS ARE ALSO PROVIDED.

**LET'S TRY TO DISCUSS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE!**

# INTERACTION

AS MY COLLEAGUES, I WILL USE POLLING TOOLS

PLEASE GO TO [pollev.com/marchuertasc257](https://pollev.com/marchuertasc257)

ASK QUESTIONS ON SLACK

I WILL BE ON WONDER.ME  
AFTER THE LECTURES AS WELL

# How would you define Machine Learning?

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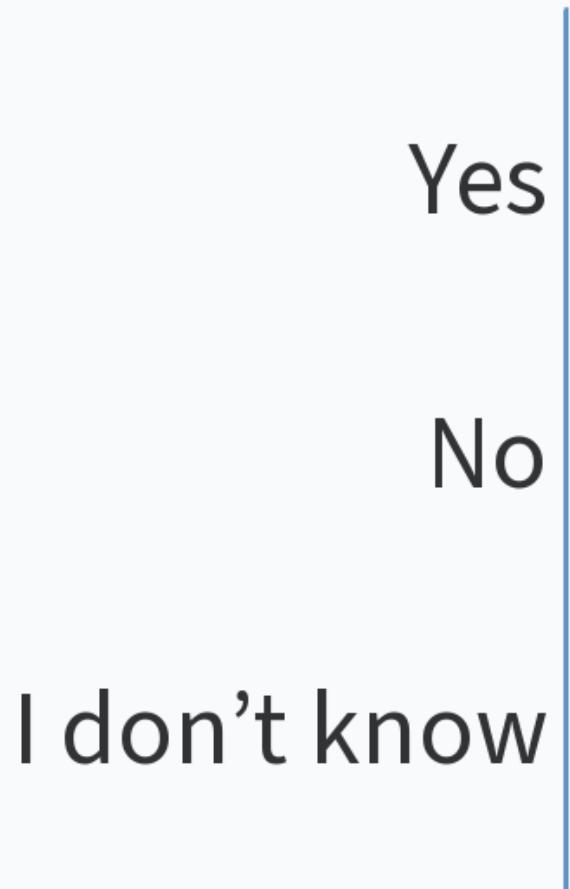
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# Have you ever used ML for your work?



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