

# Hyperparameter Optimization

Foundations, Algorithms,  
Best Practices and Open Challenges

# Modern Machine Learning in R



R-packages:

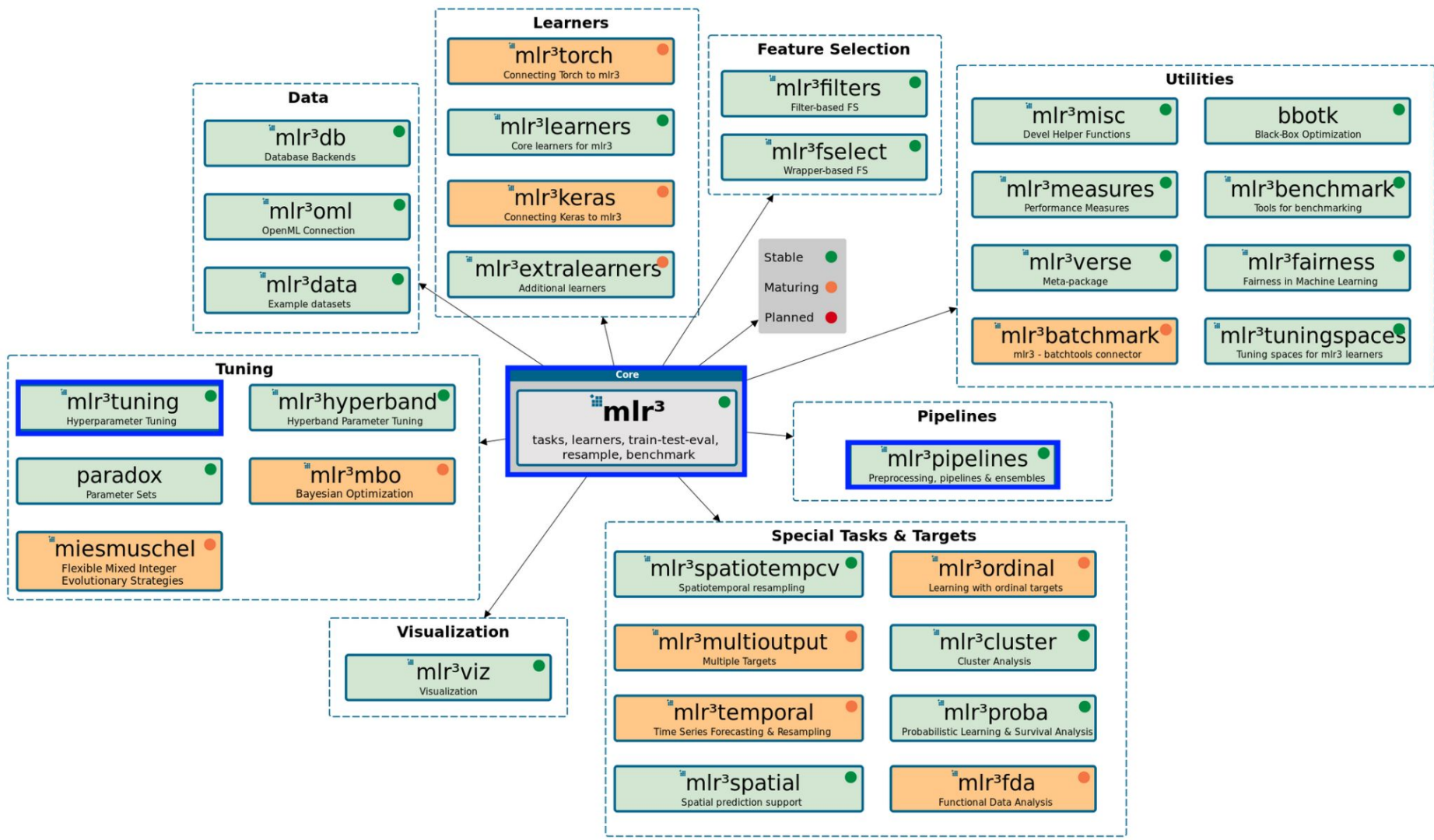
- **mlr3**
- **mlr3tuning**
- **mlr3pipelines**

(and others)

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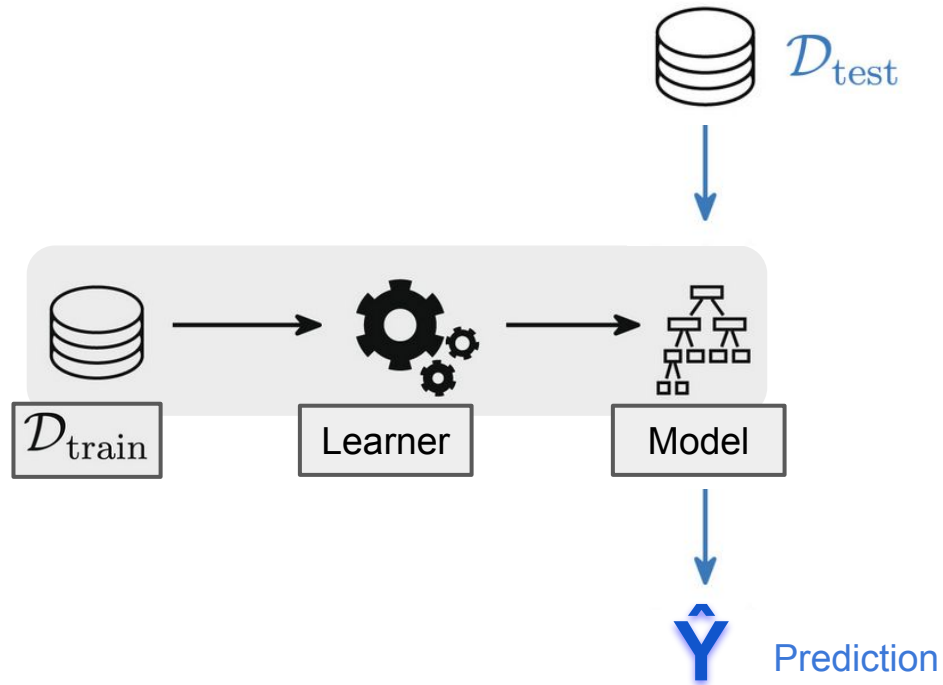
## Principles of `m1r3`:

- Object oriented (R6)
  - algorithms are objects
  - ... with unified interfaces
  - ... that can be combined in a modular way
- Focus on AutoML
  - Hyperparameter-optimization
  - Machine-learning pipelines

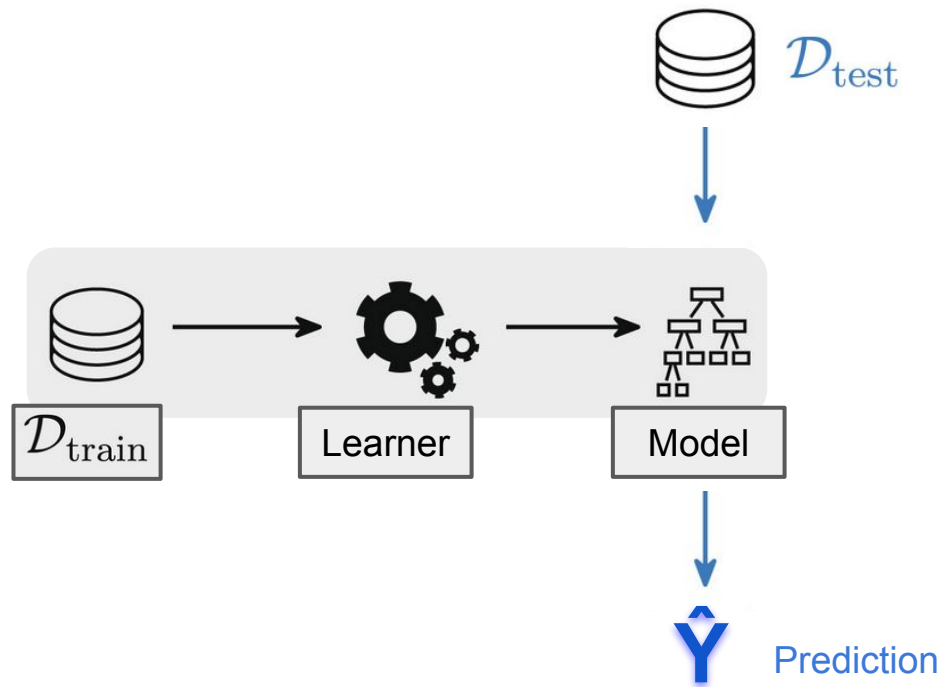


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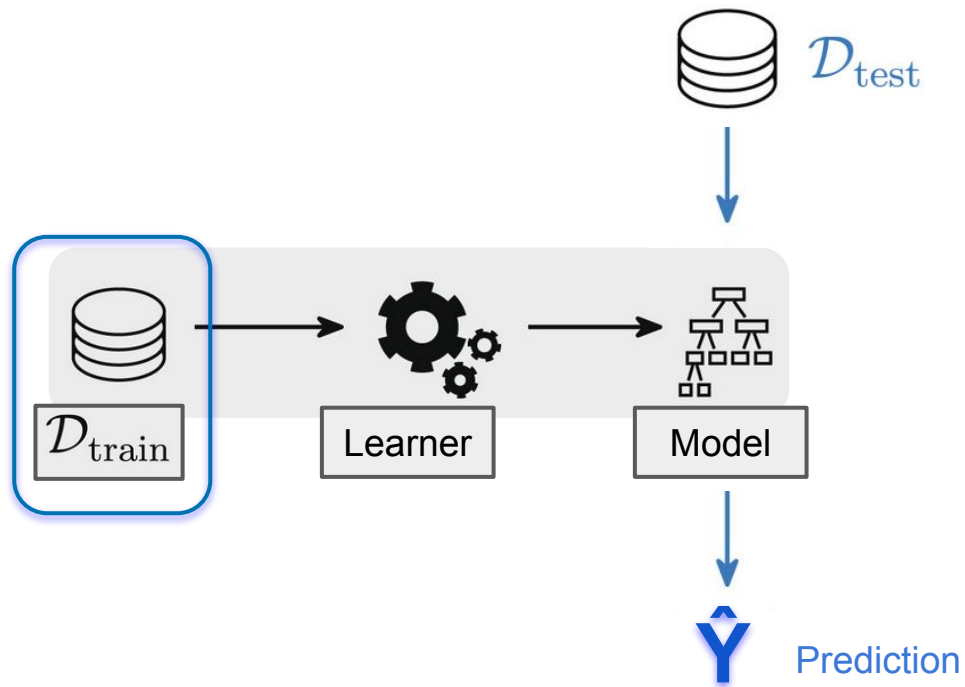


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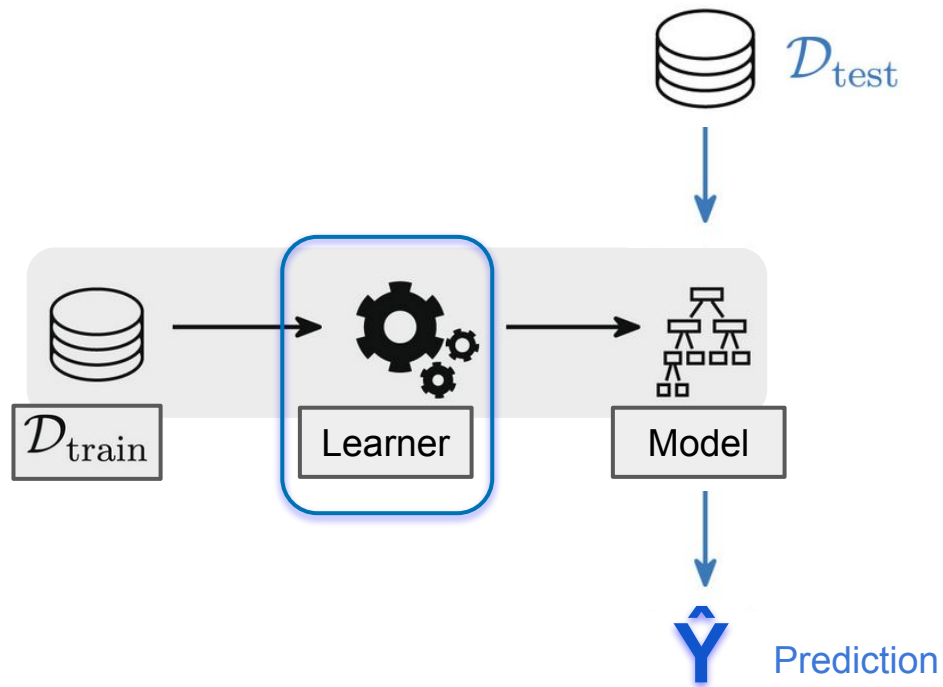
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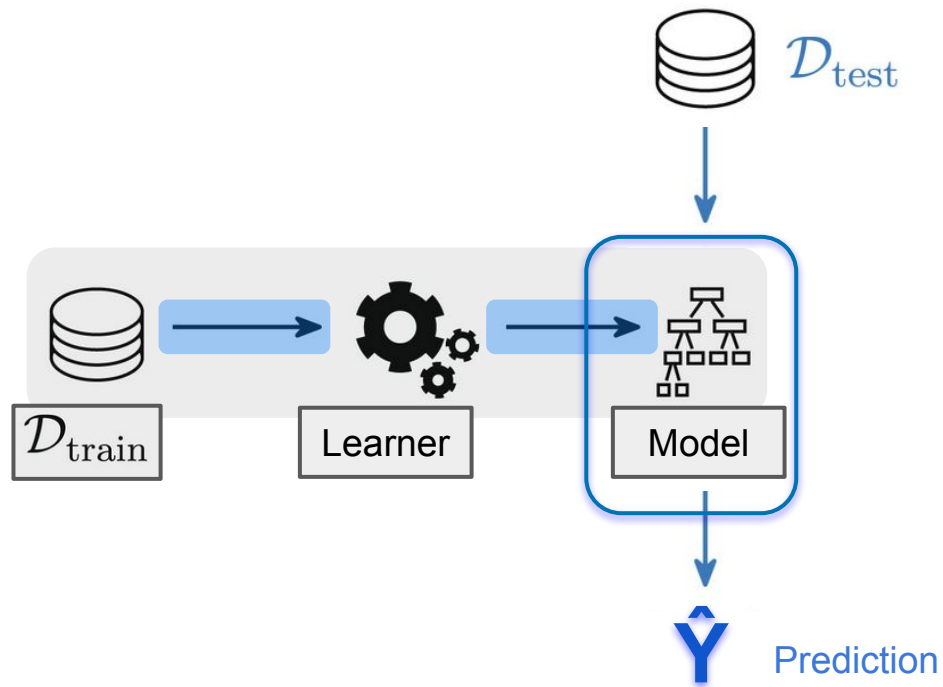


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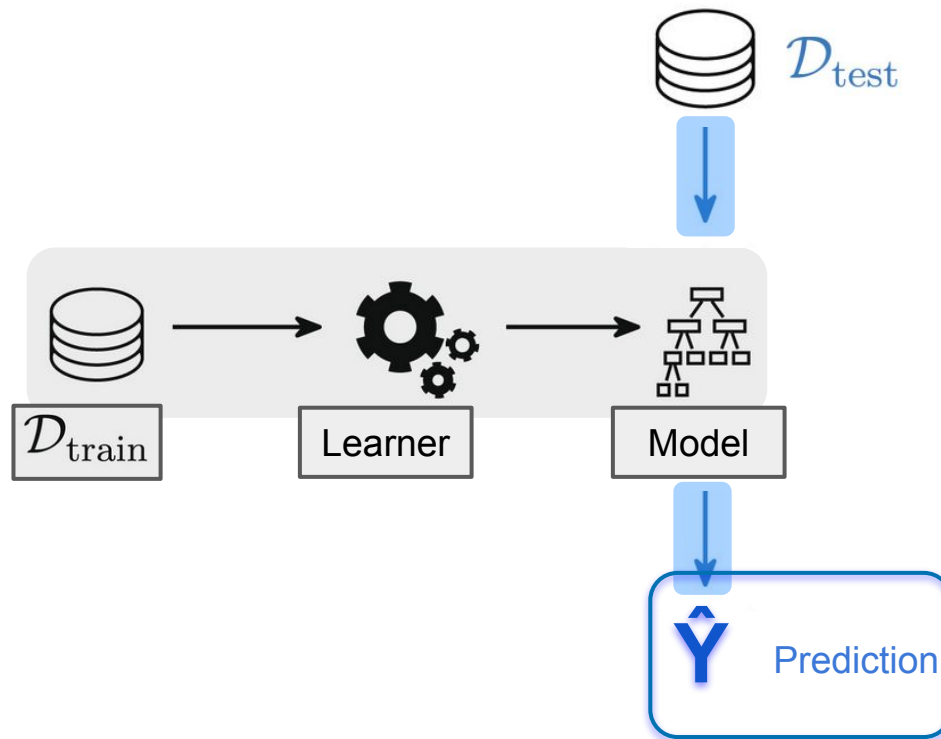
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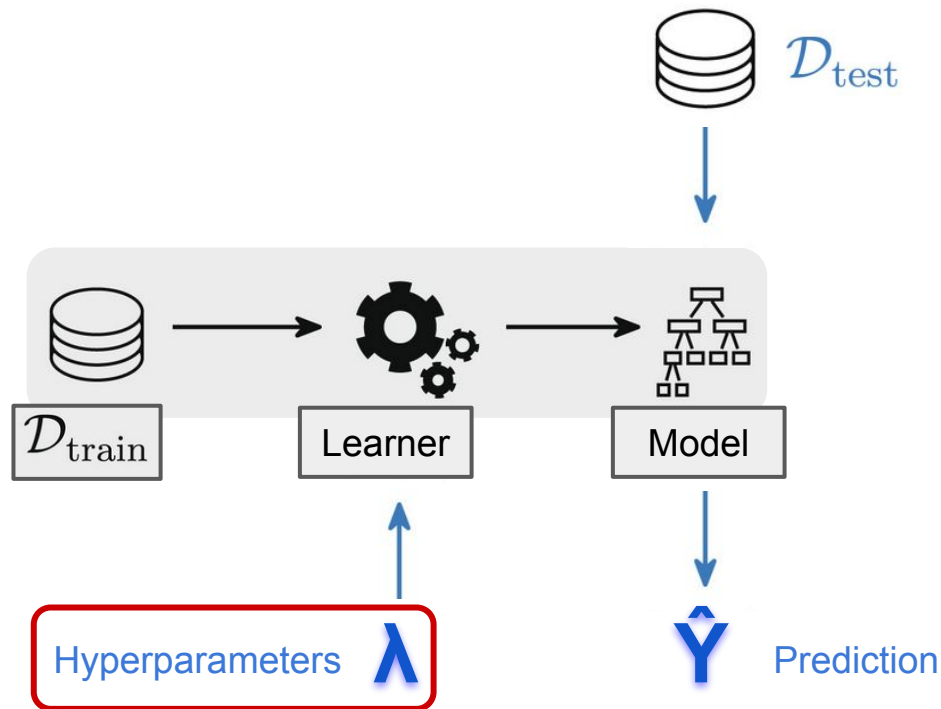
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# Machine Learning: It's Not That Easy

- Hyperparameters
- Preprocessing

# Machine Learning -- Not That Easy (I)



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k = ?  
other Methods?

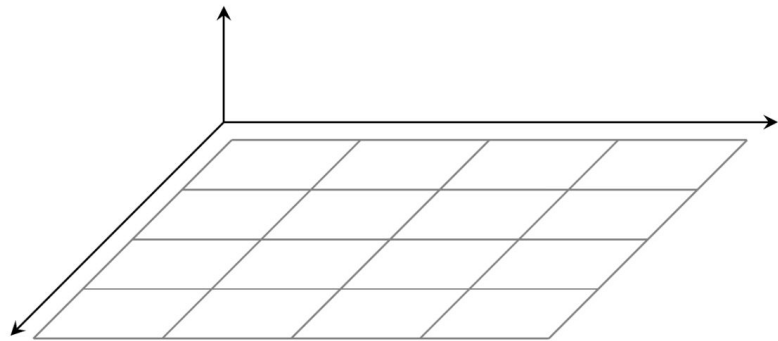
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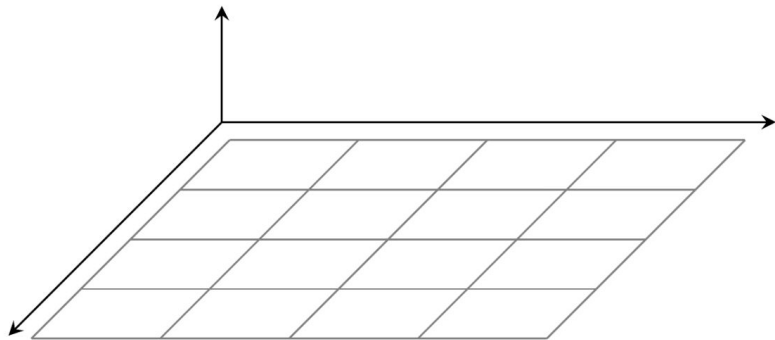
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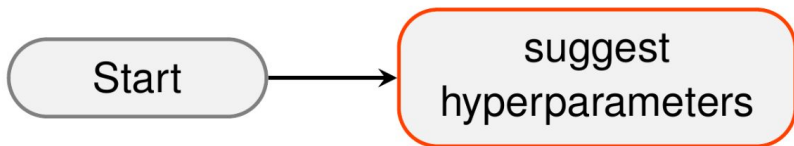
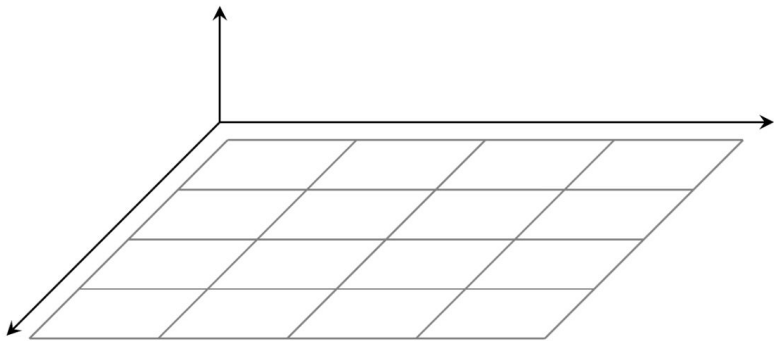
"Try out different values,  
see what works best"

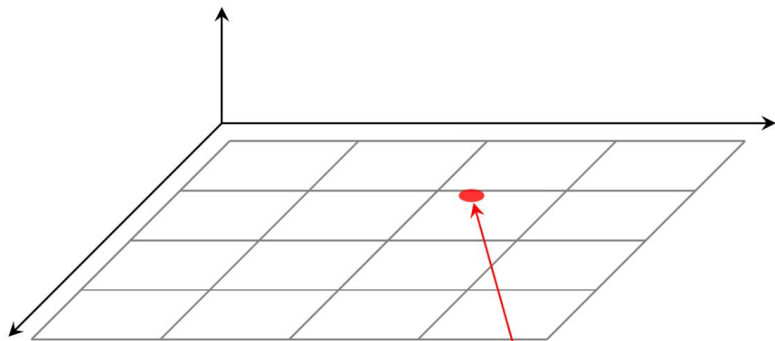




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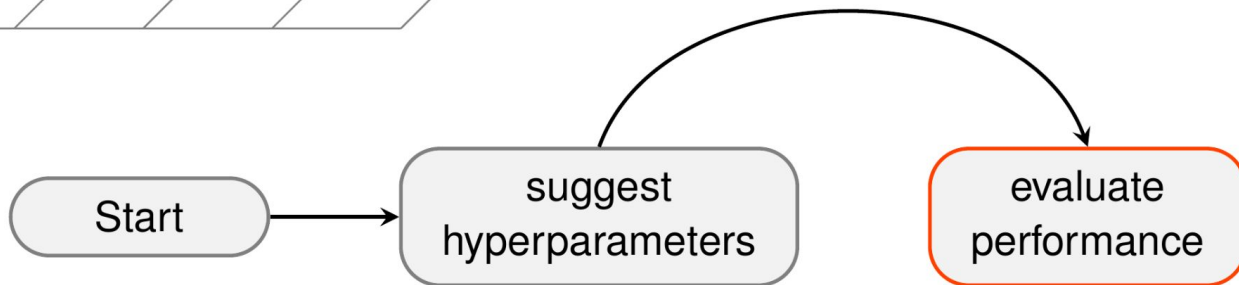
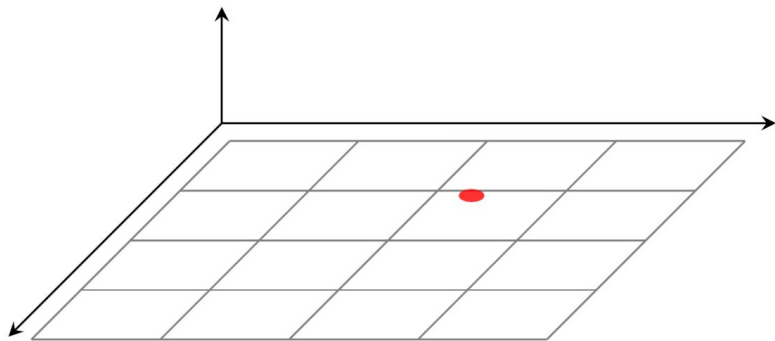


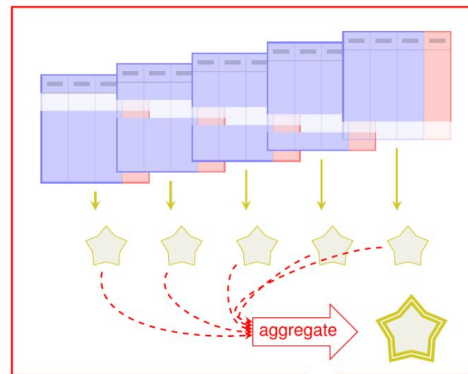
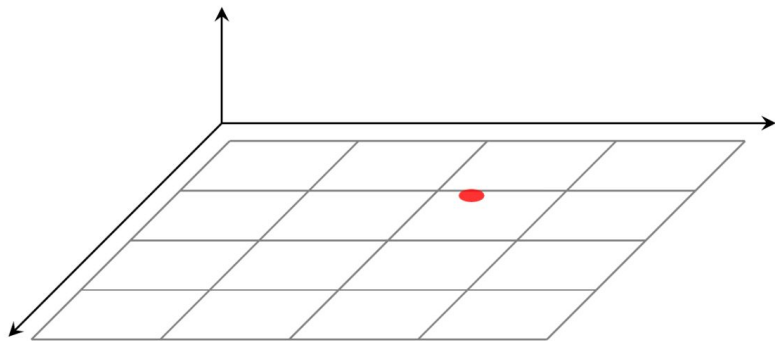


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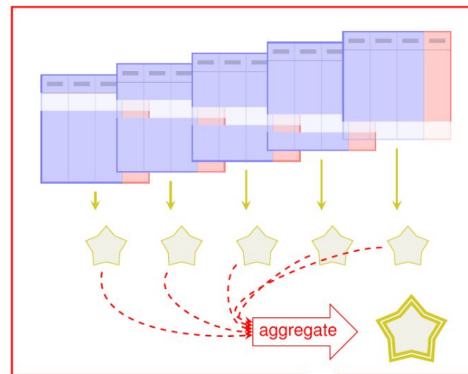
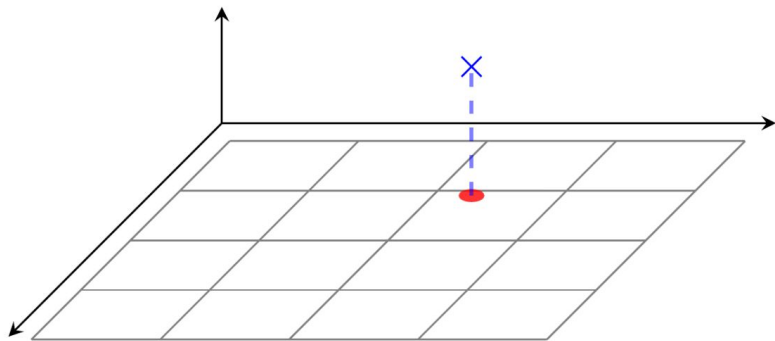




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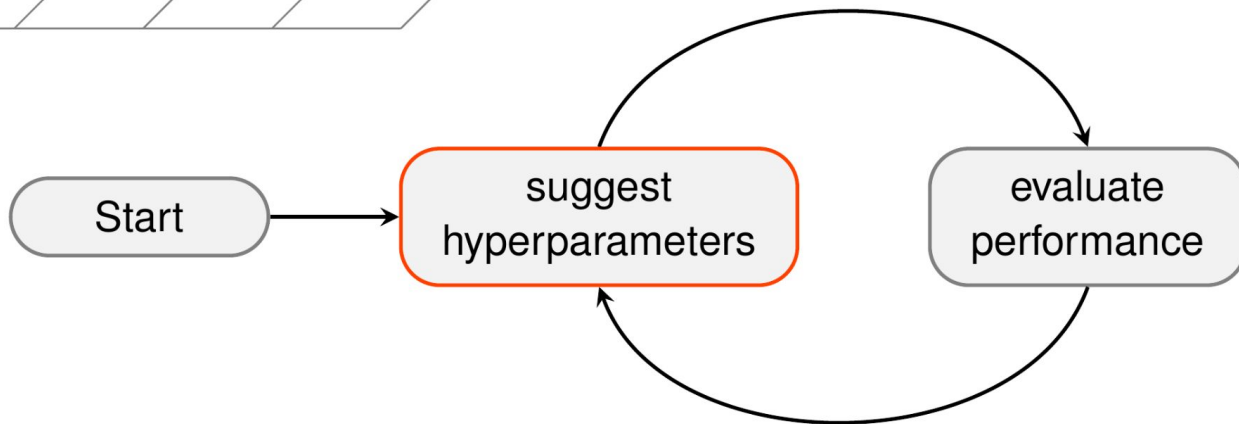
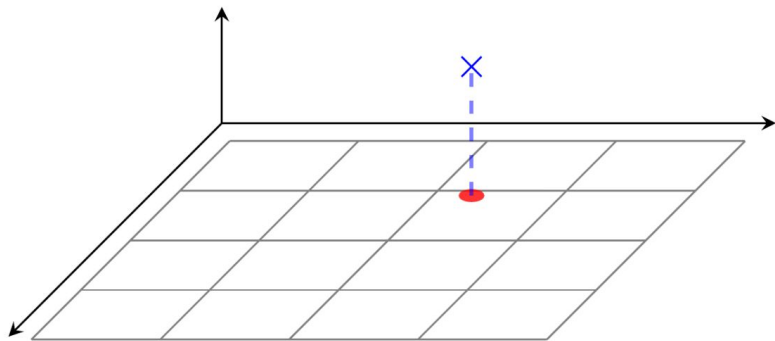
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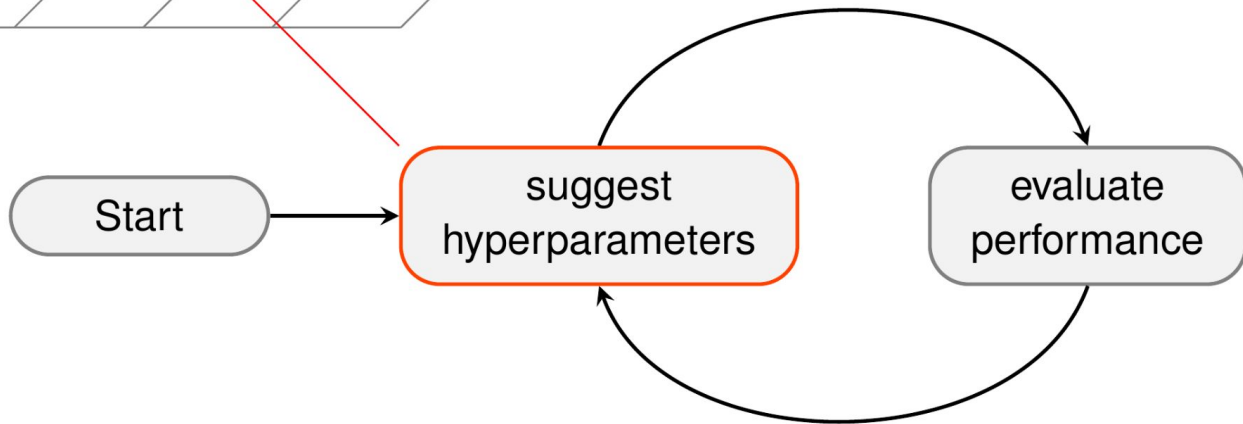
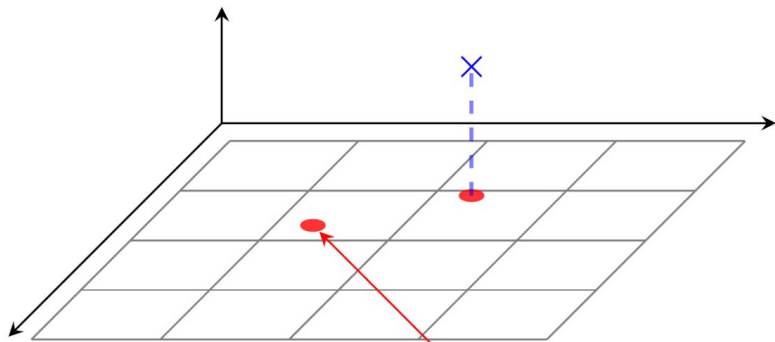


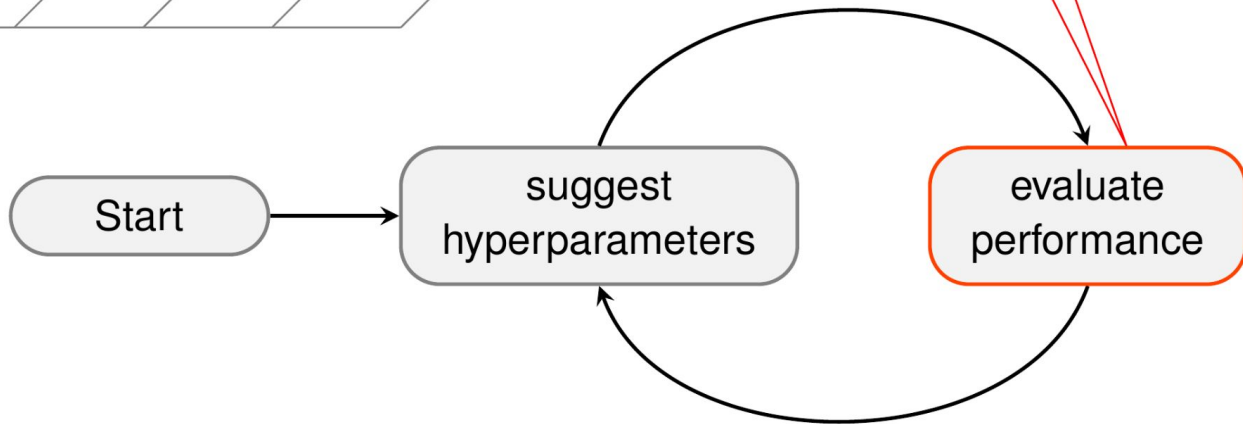
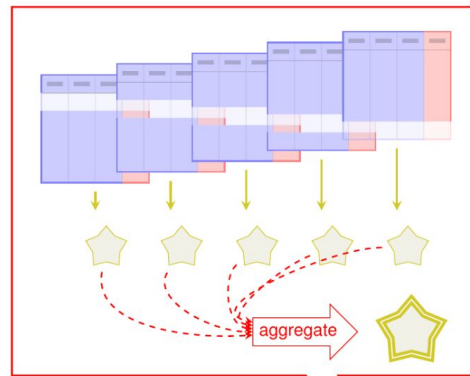
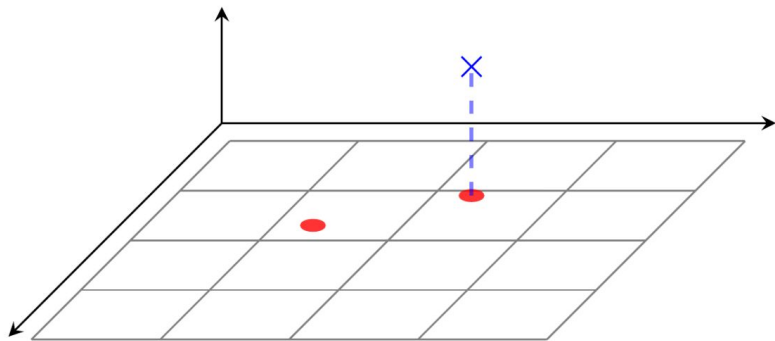
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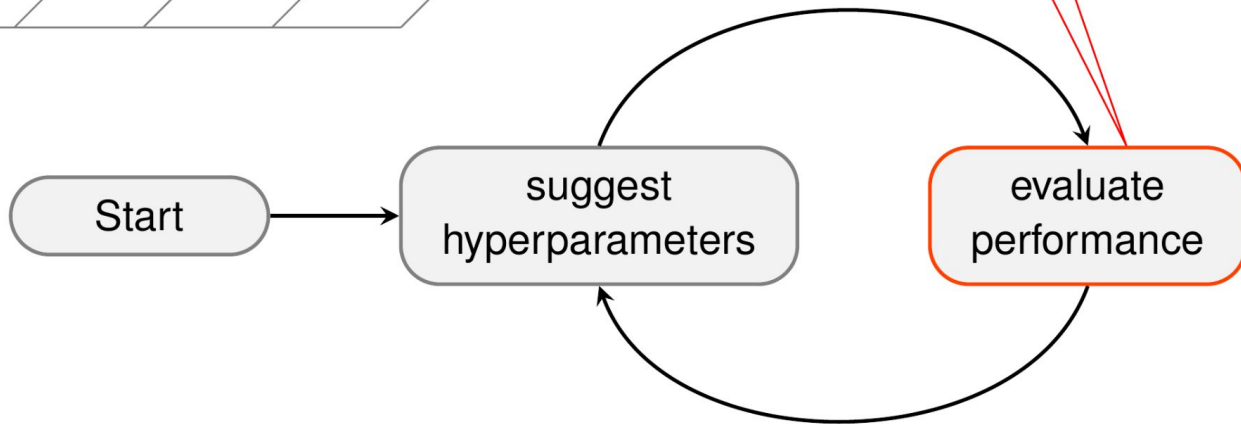
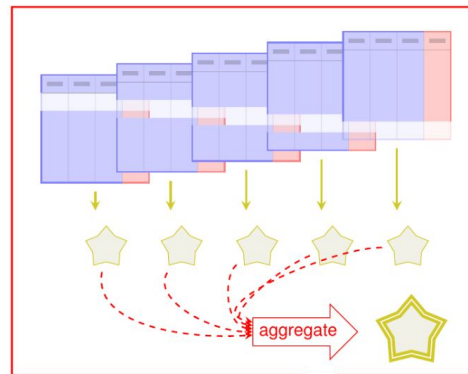
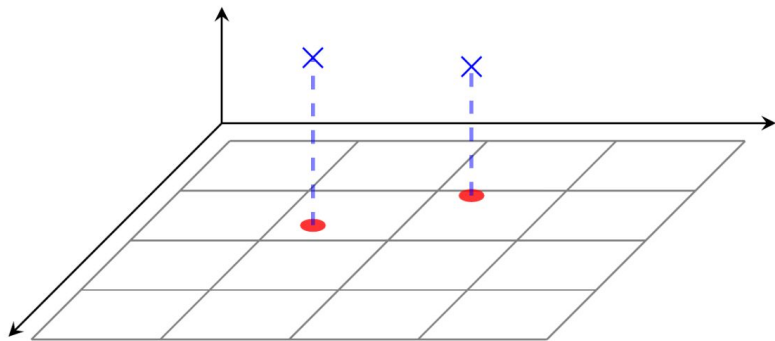
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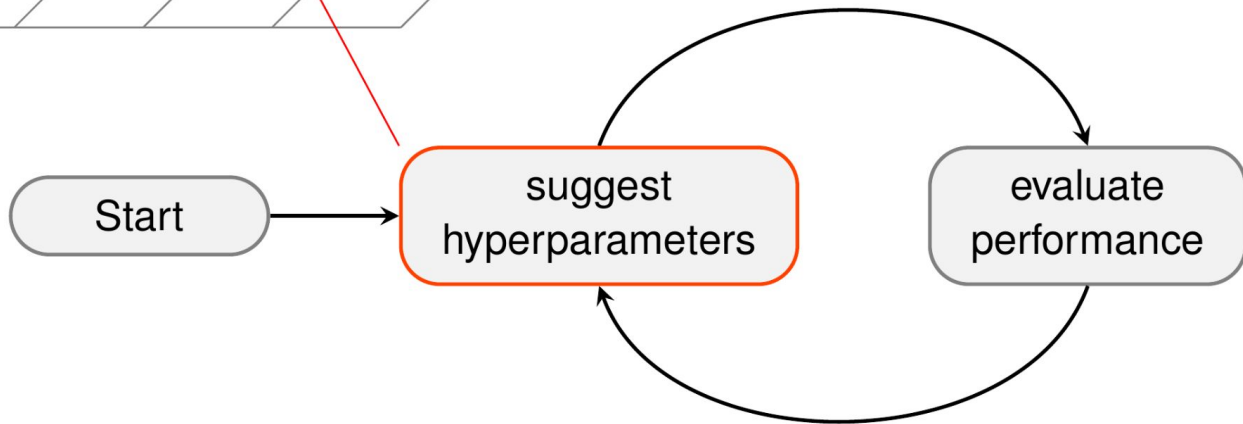
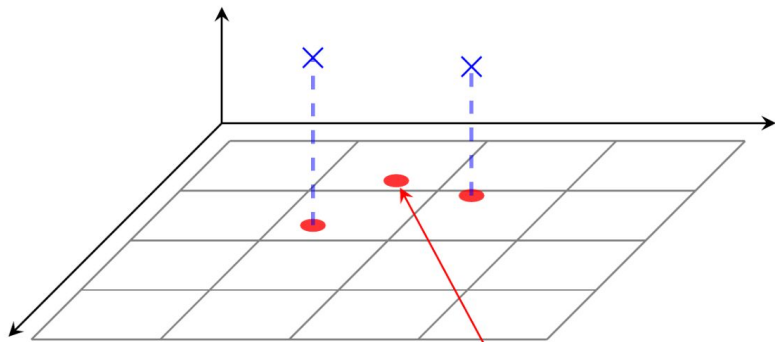


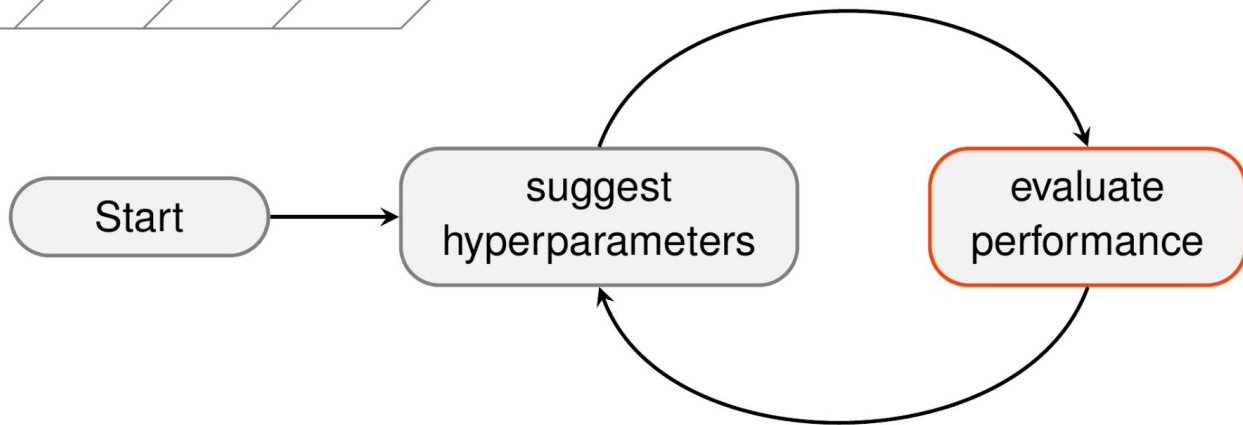
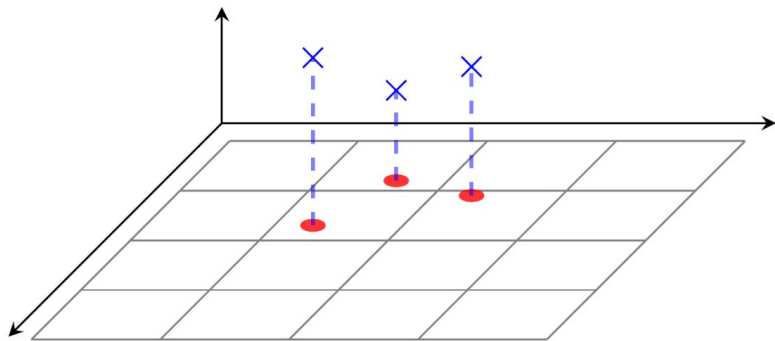


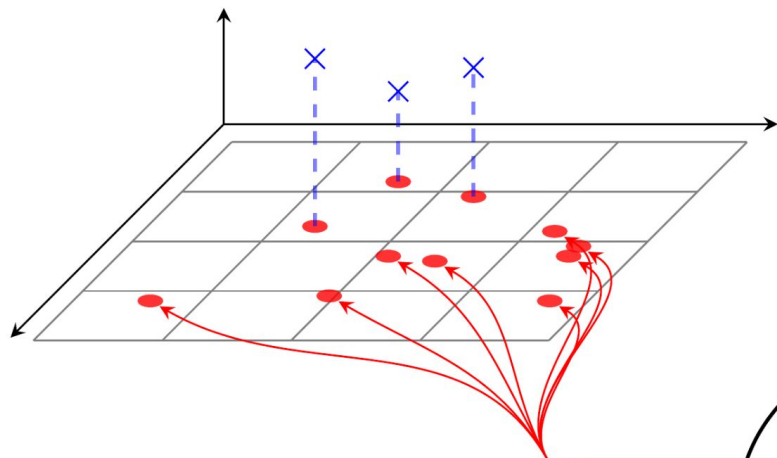




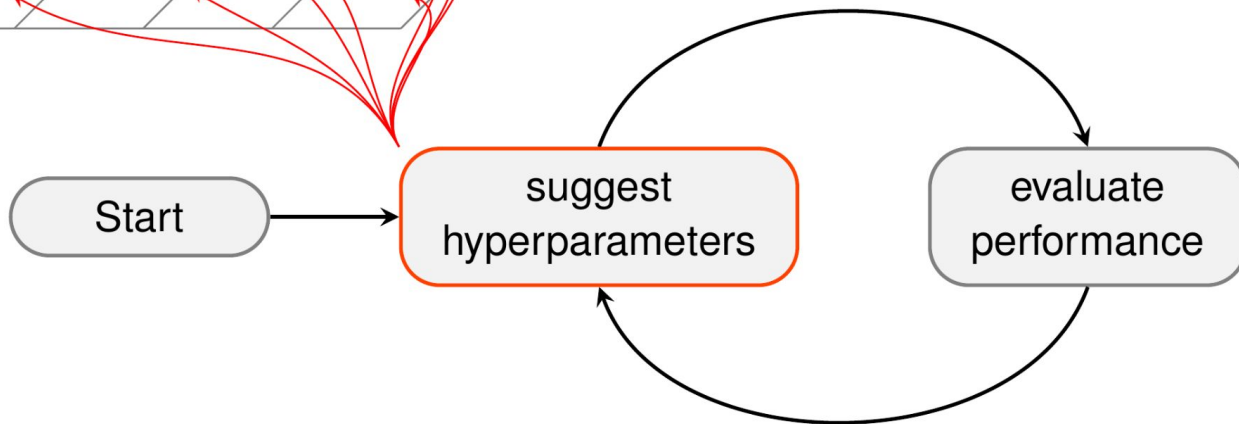


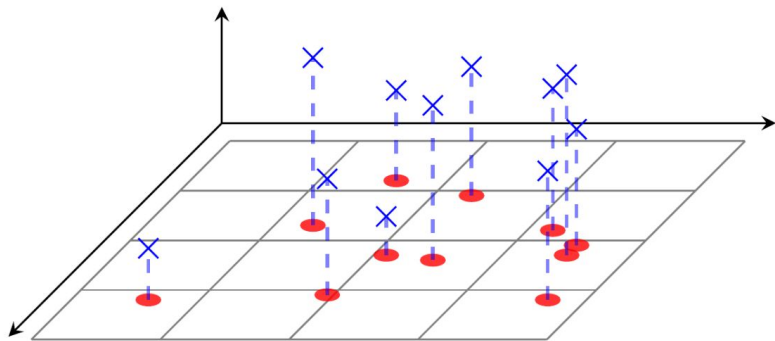




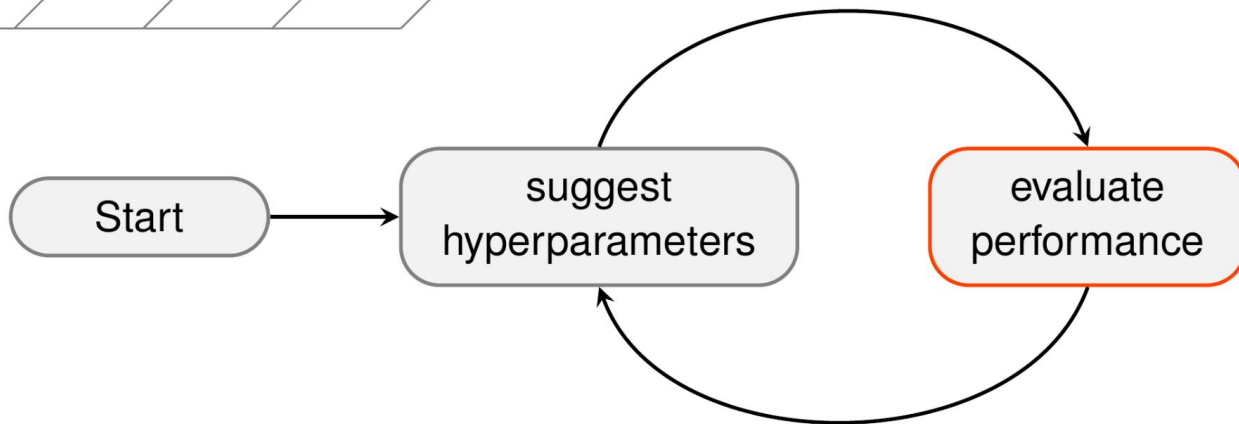


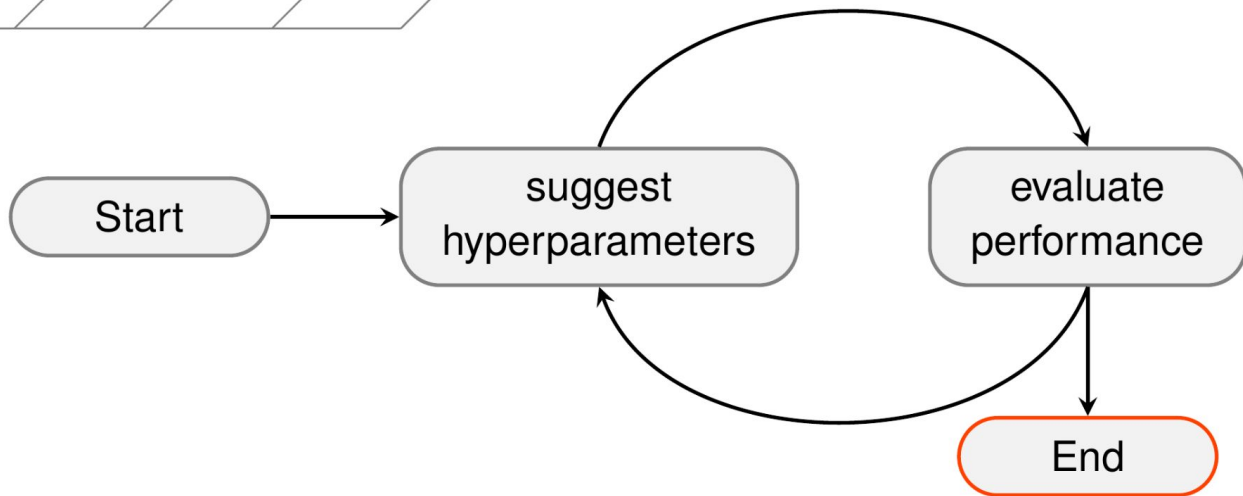
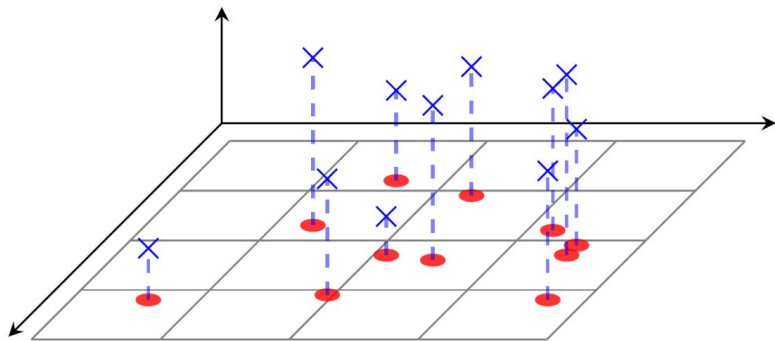
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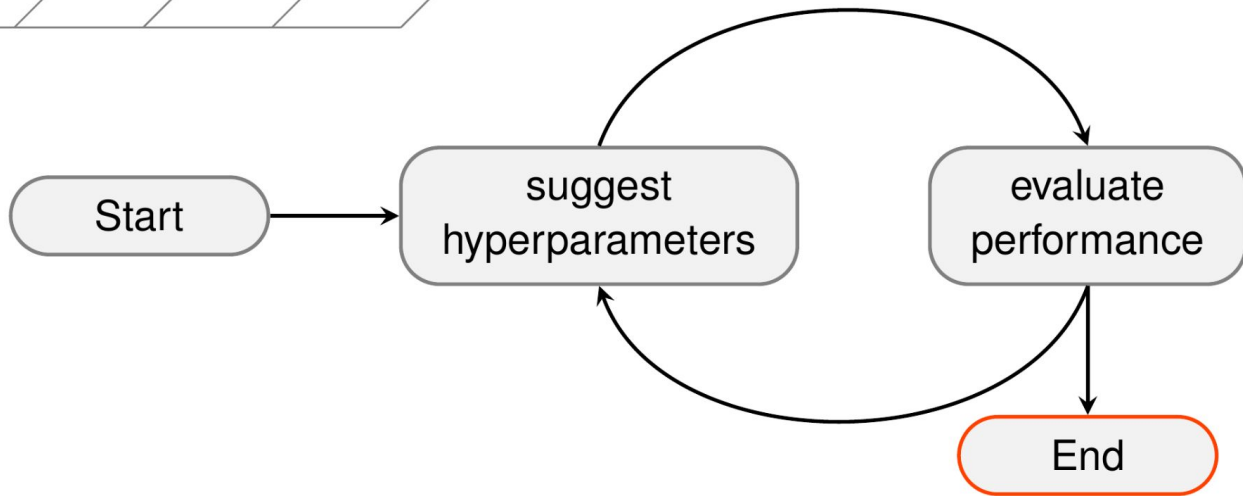
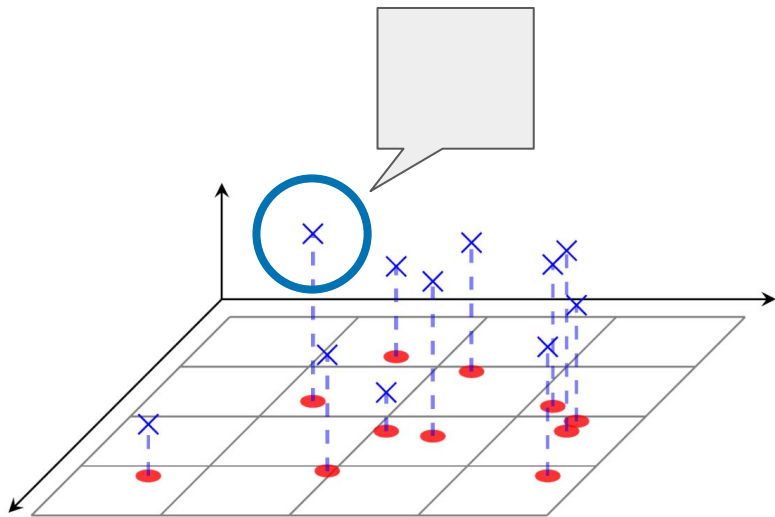




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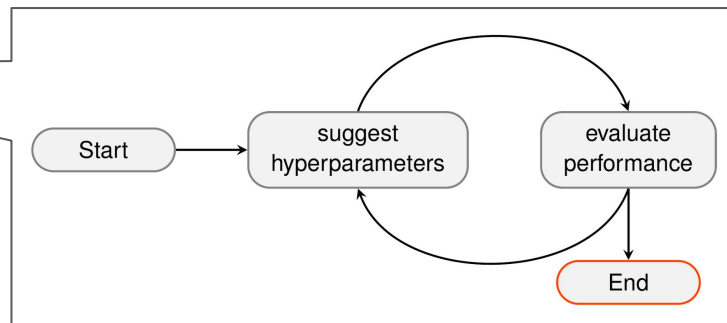
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learner$param_set$values$k <- to_tune(2, 100, logscale = TRUE)
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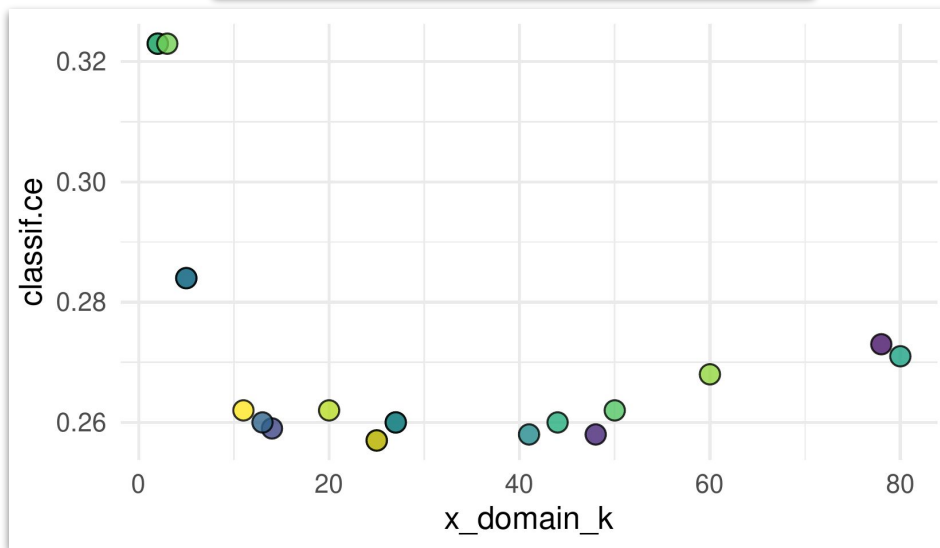
```
ti <- tune(  
  tuner = tnr("random_search"),  
  task = task,  
  learner = learner,  
  resampling = rsmp("cv", folds = 10),  
  measures = msr("classif.ce"),  
  term_evals = 20  
)
```



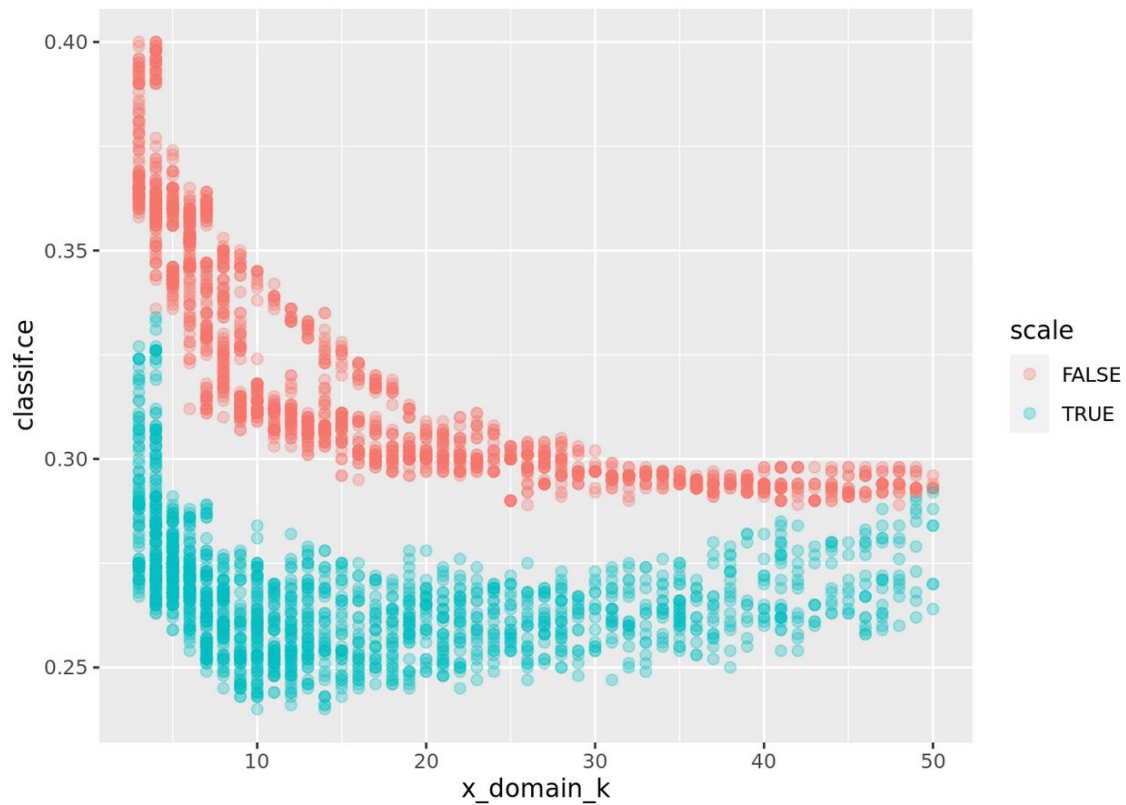
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```
#> <TuningInstanceSingleCrit>
#> * State: Optimized
#> * Objective: <ObjectiveTuning:classif.kknn_on_german>
#> * Search Space:
#>   id      class      lower      upper nlevels
#> 1:  k ParamDbl 0.6931472 4.615121      Inf
#> * Terminator: <TerminatorEvals>
#> * Result:
#>           k classif.ce
#> 1: 3.252434      0.257
#> * Archive:
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#> 2: 4.363433      0.273
#> 3: 3.888727      0.258
```

```
library("mlr3viz")
autoplot(ti, trafo = TRUE)
```



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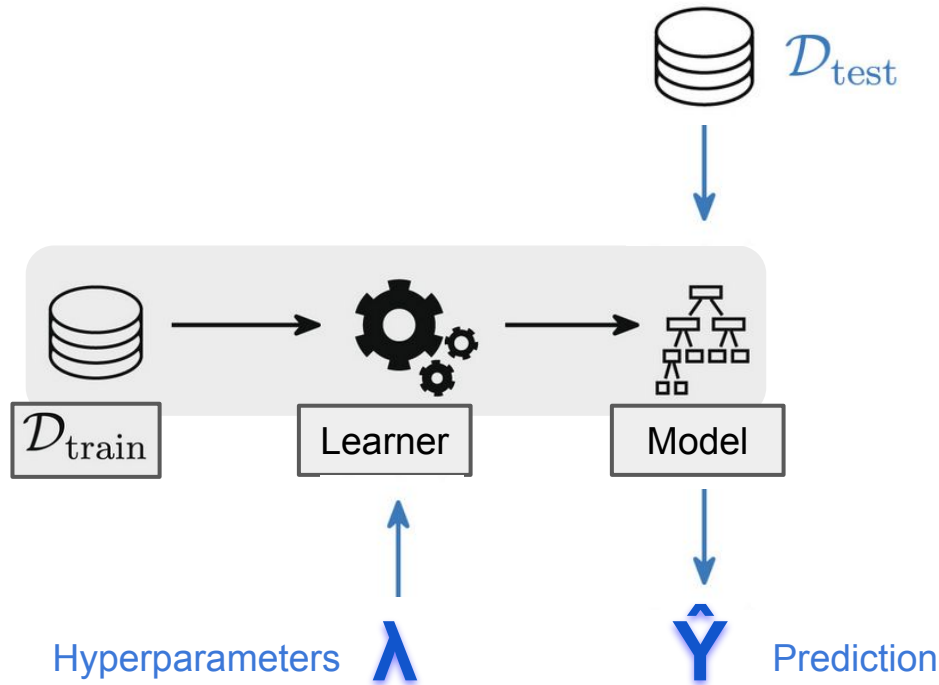


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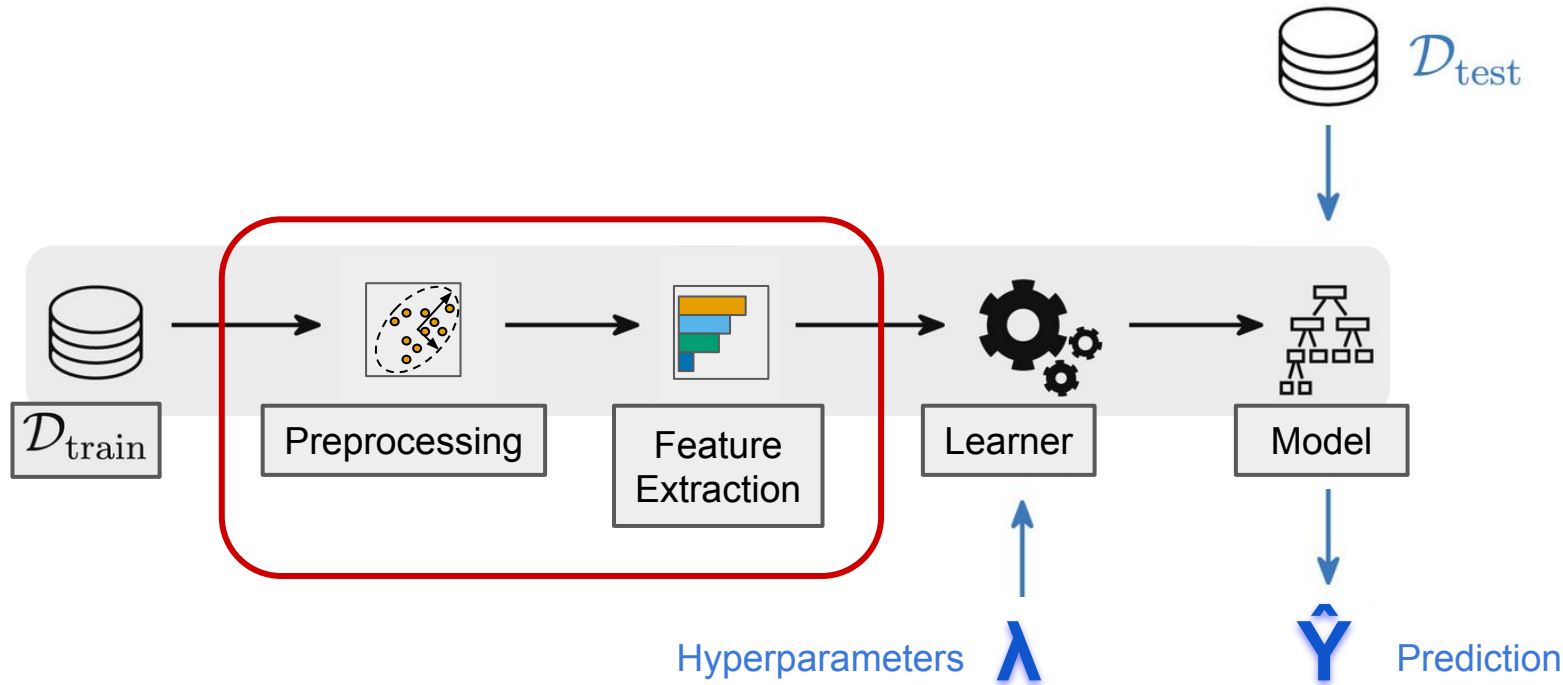
- Optimization algorithms are just objects, accessed through `tnr()`
- Common search spaces in the `mlr3tuningspaces` package
- Nested resampling for unbiased performance evaluation using the **AutoTuner**
- Transparent parallelization using the `future` package

# Machine Learning: It's Not That Easy

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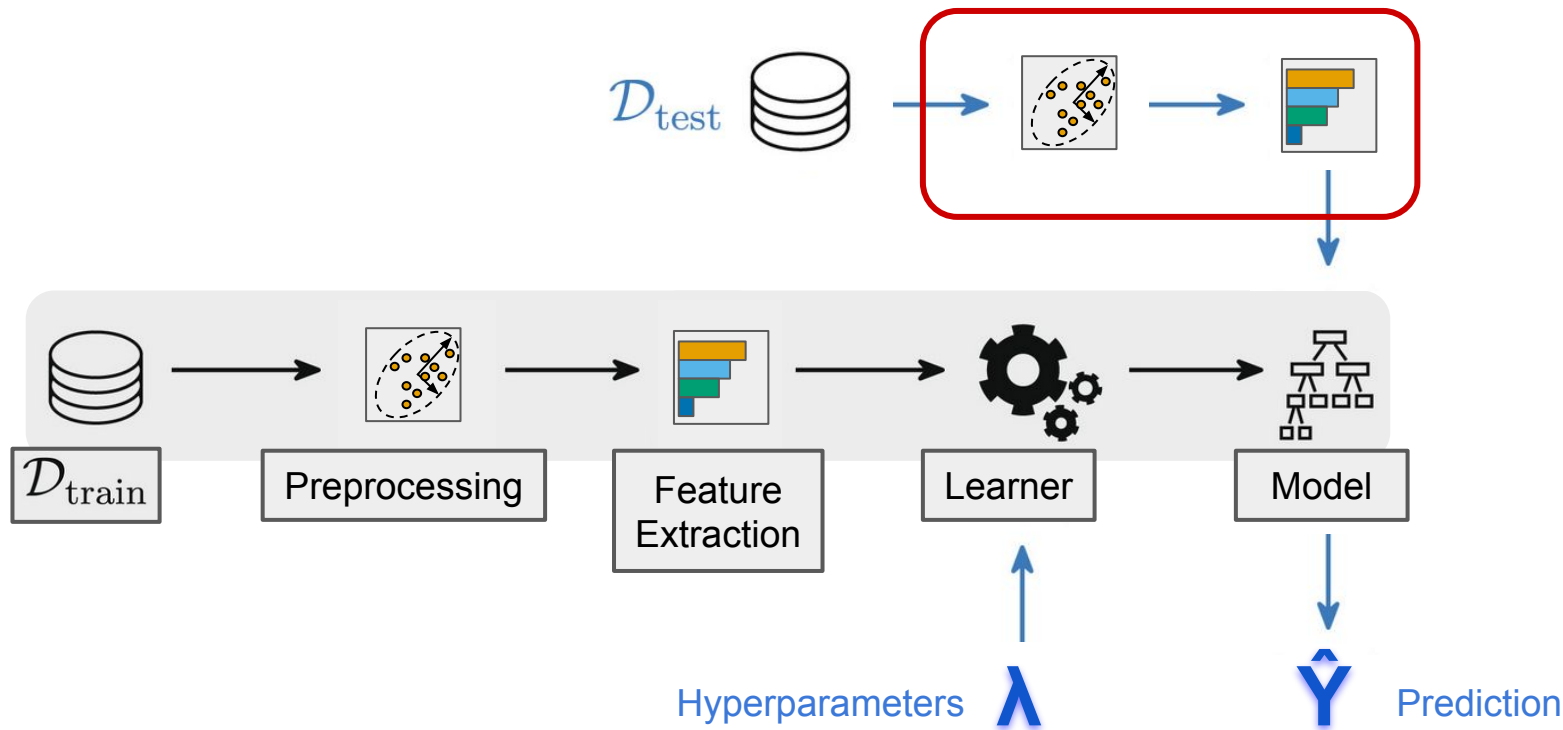


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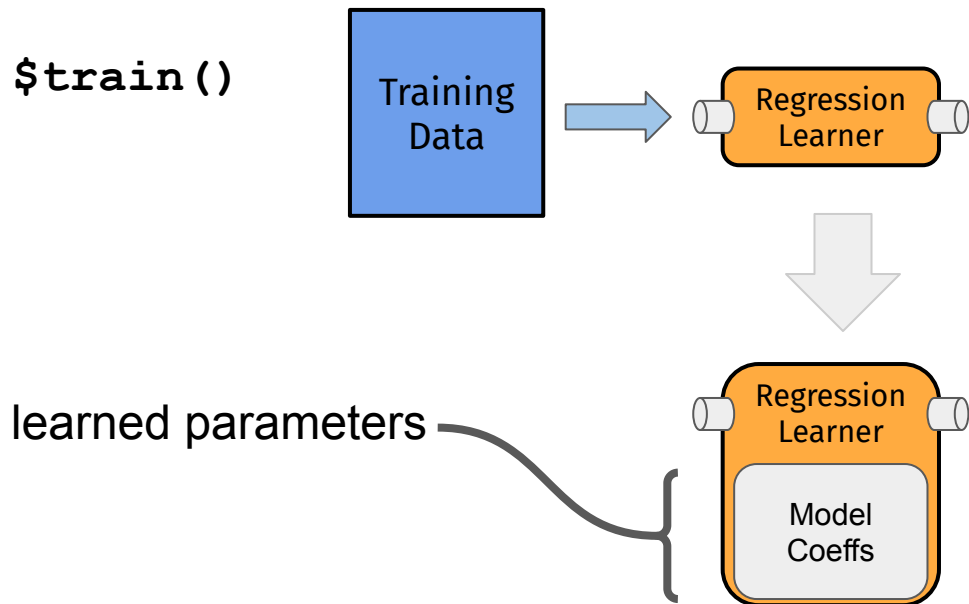




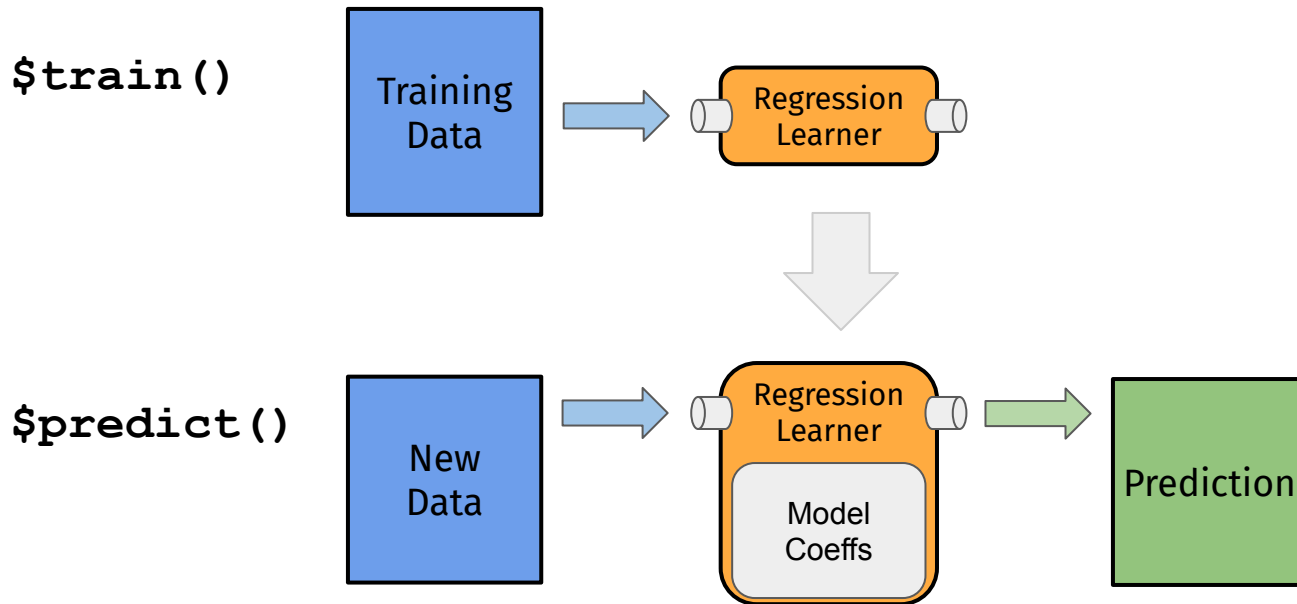
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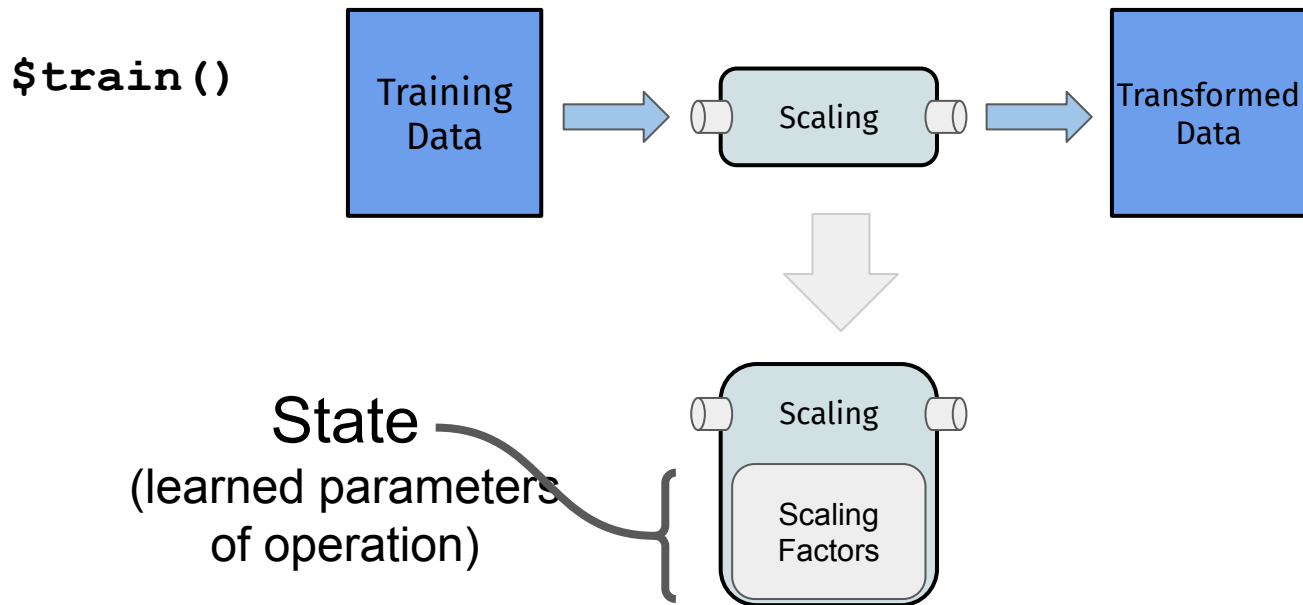
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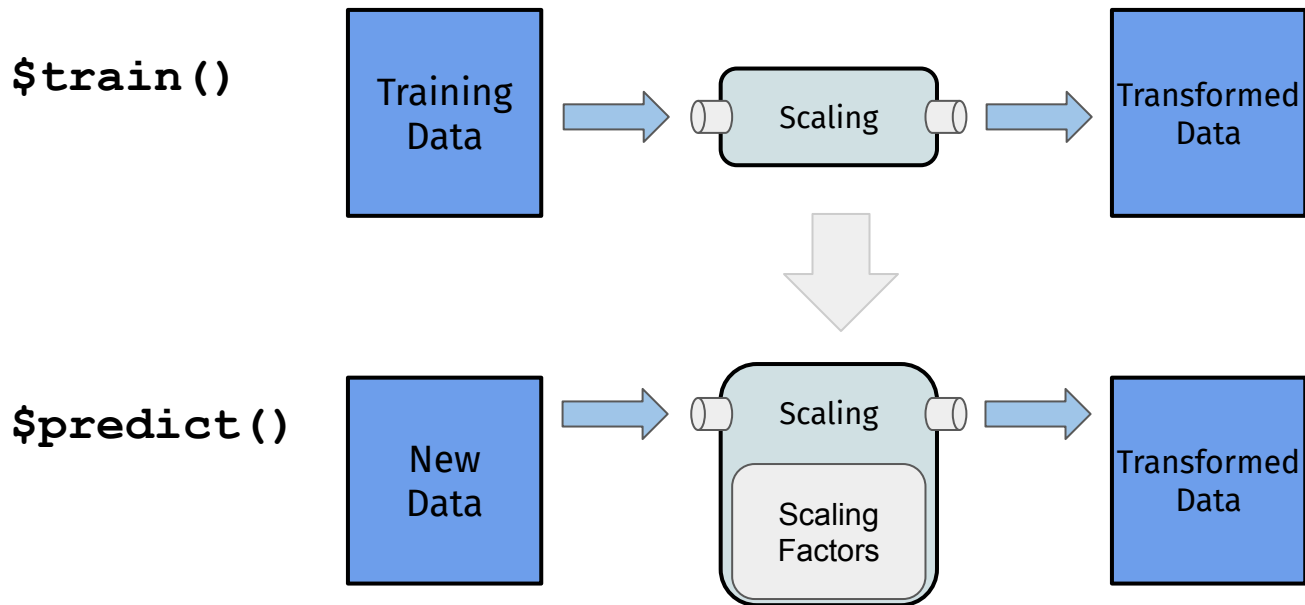
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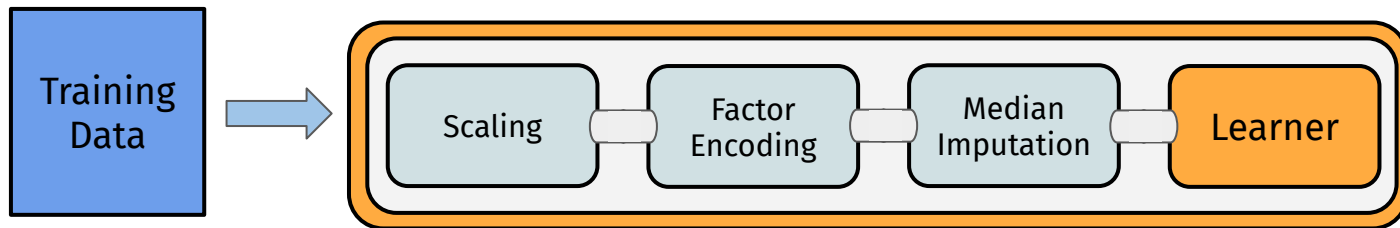
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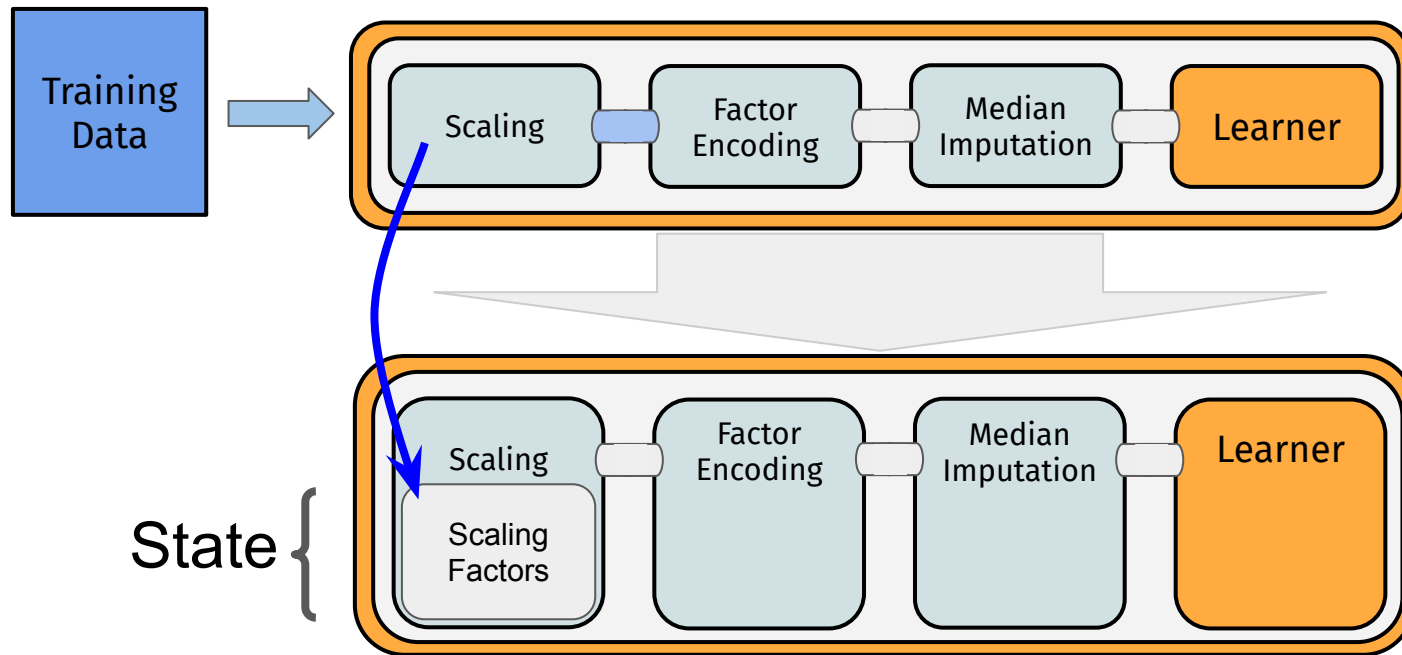
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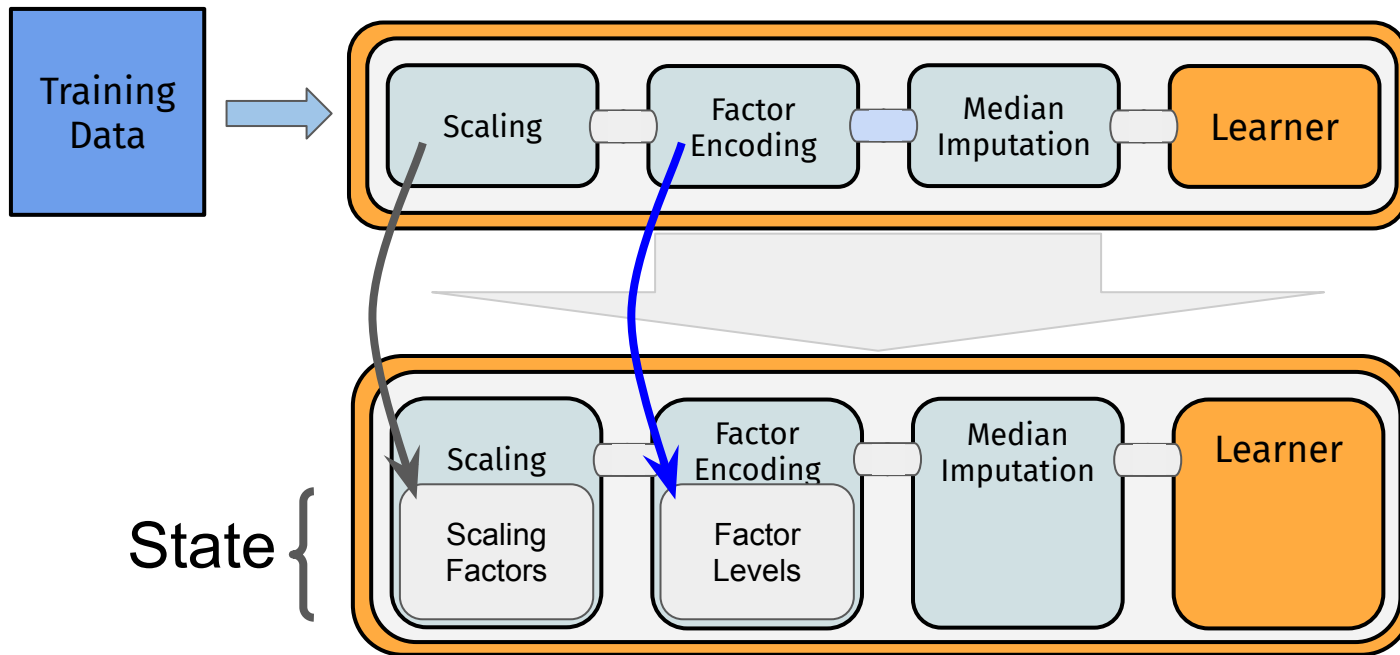
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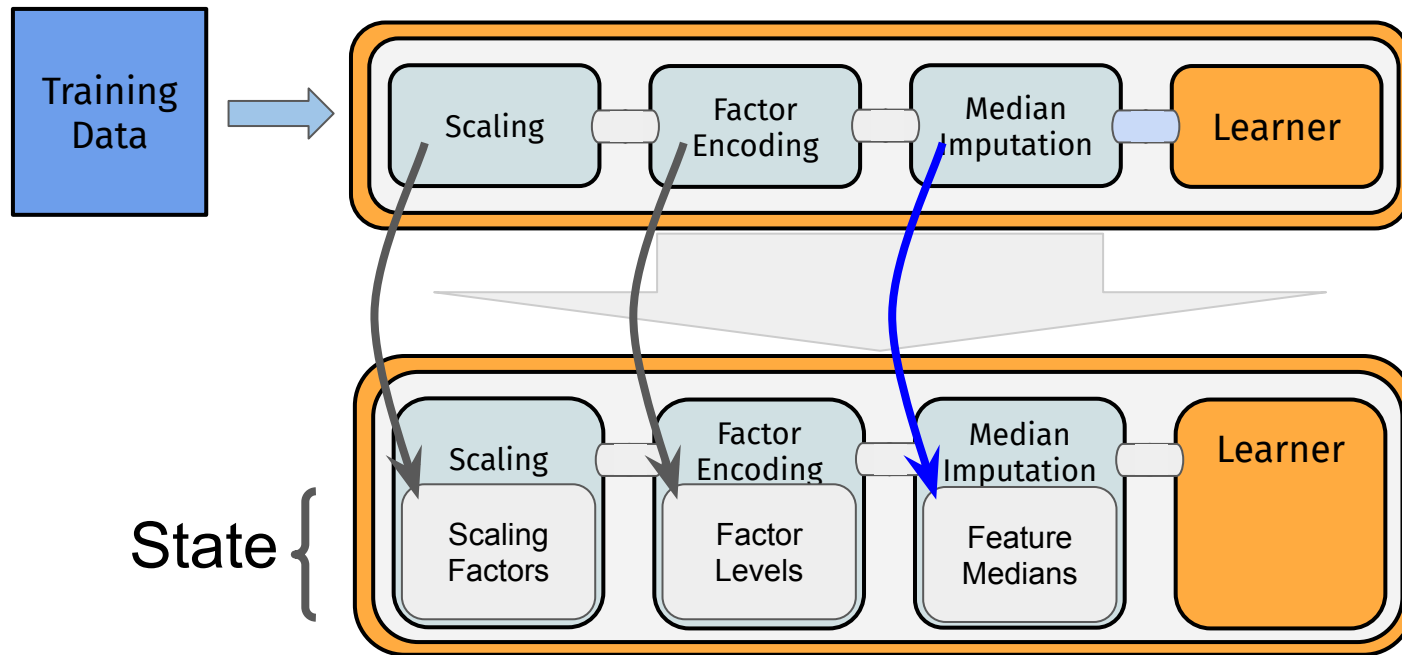


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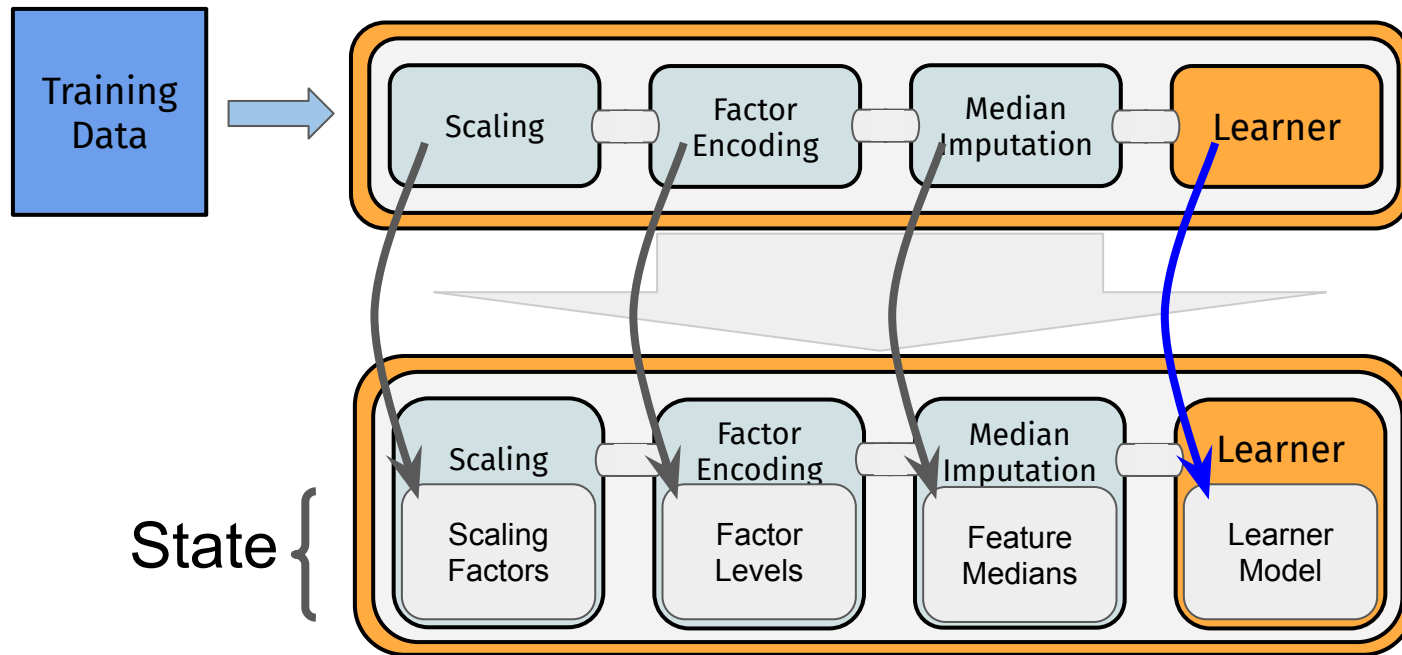




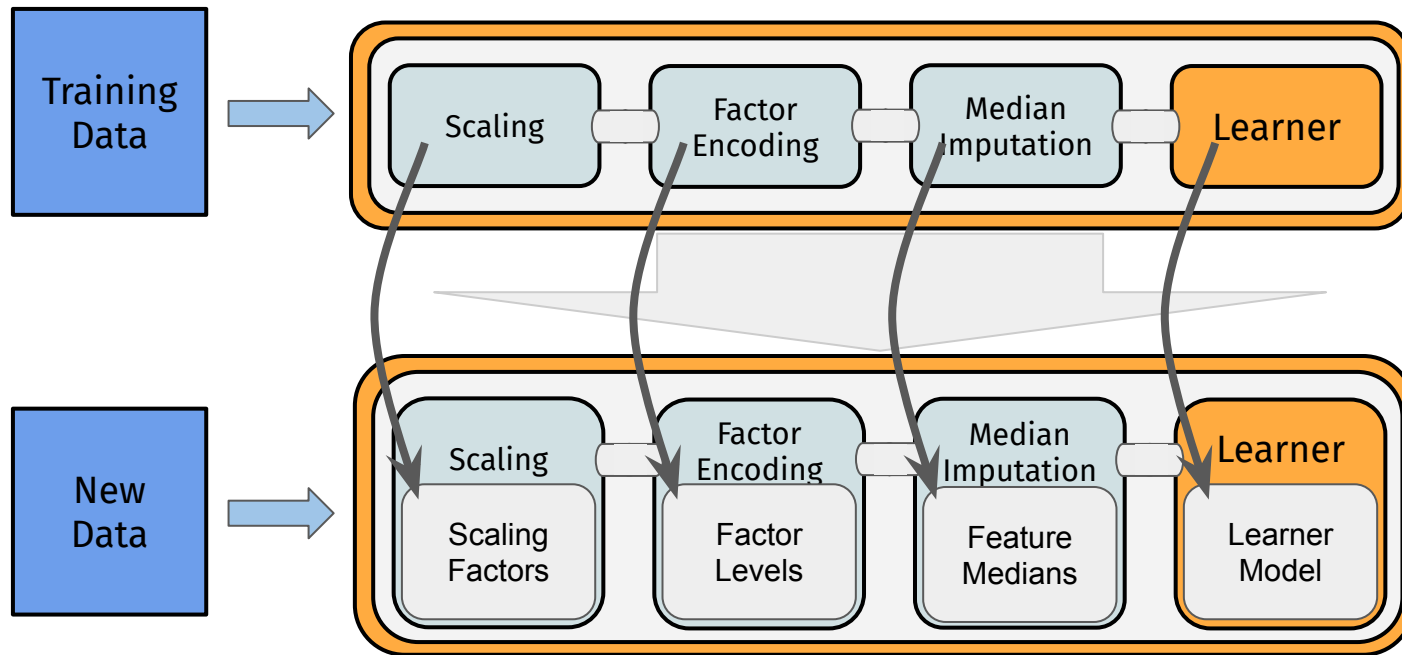
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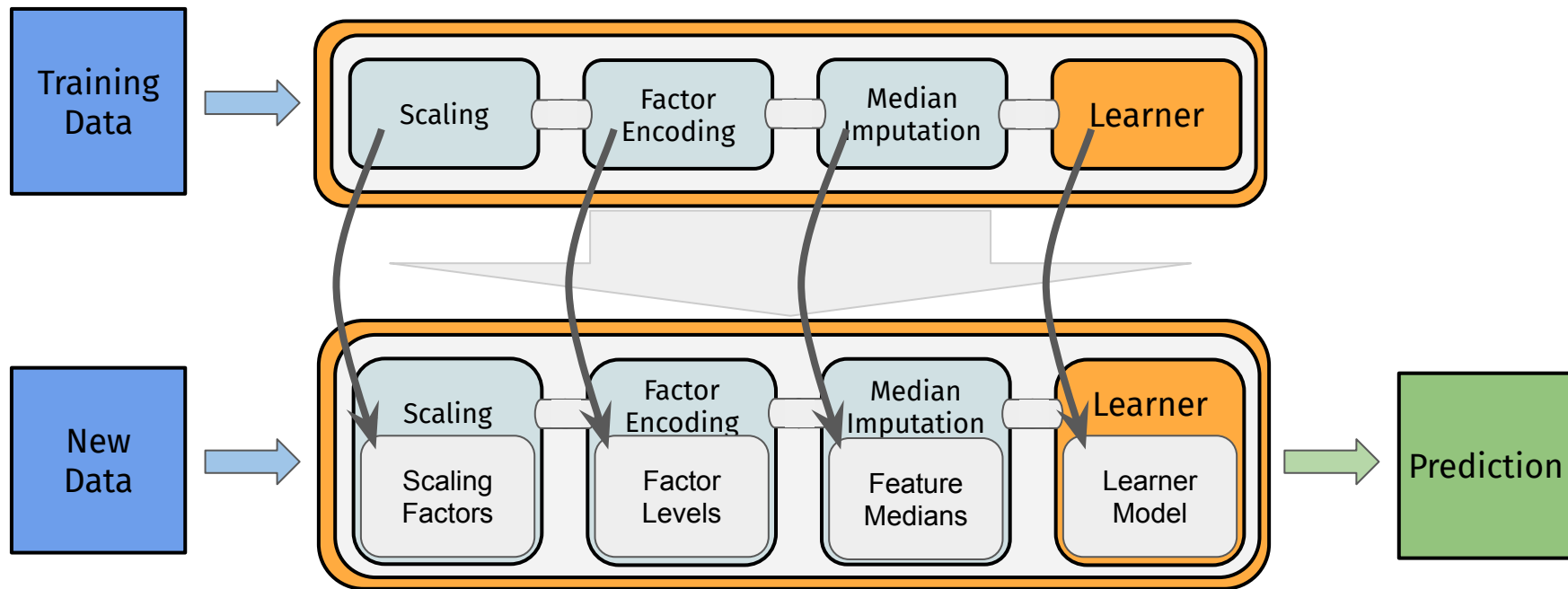
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pipeline$train(task)
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```
pipeline$base_learner()$model
```

```
#> Call: stats::glm(formula = task$formula(), family = "binomial", data = data,
#>     model = FALSE)
```

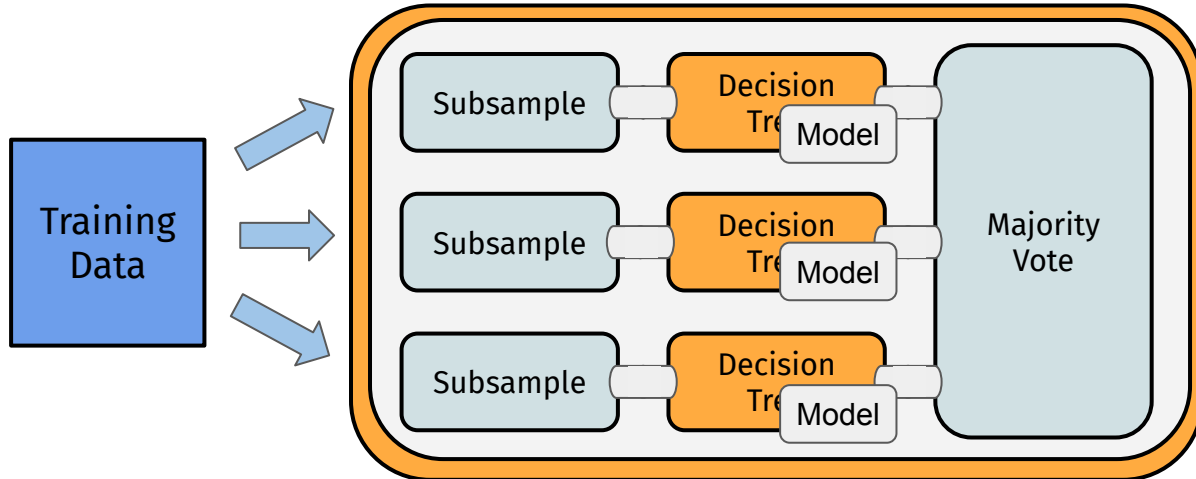
```
#> Coefficients:
```

```
#> (Intercept)
#> -8.237e-01
#> amount
#> 2.705e-05
#> duration
#> 3.342e-02
#> status... < 0 DM
#> -5.020e-01
#> status0<= ... < 200 DM
#> -1.100e+00
#> status... >= 200 DM / salary for at least 1 year
#> -2.025e+00
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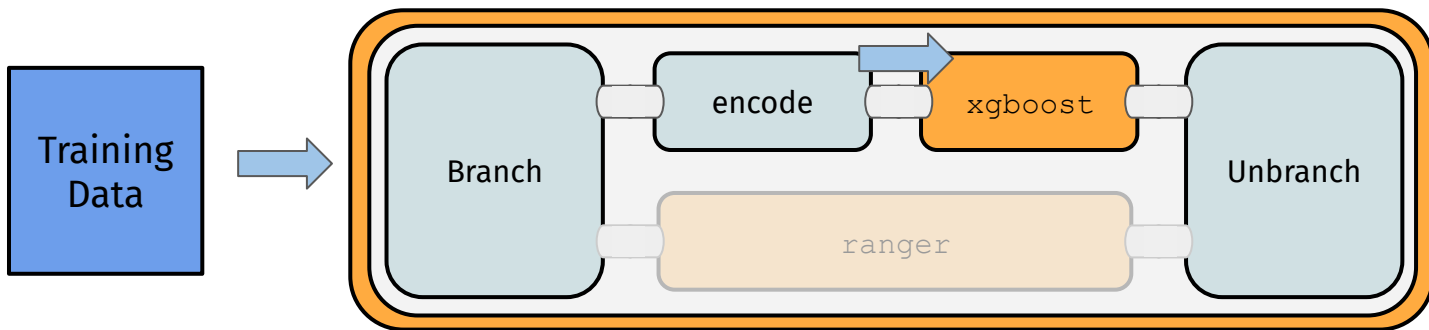
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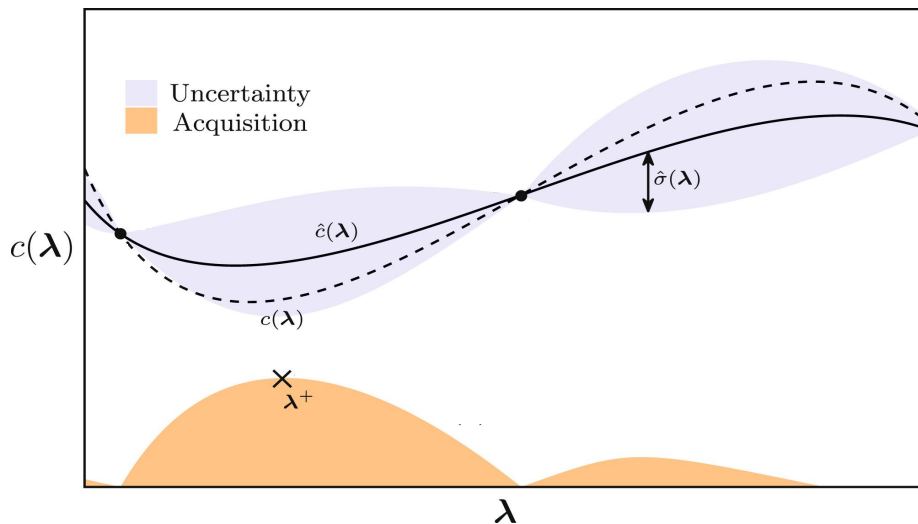
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- Advanced graph-structures: alternative path branching -- control (and optimize) data-flow through hyperparameters



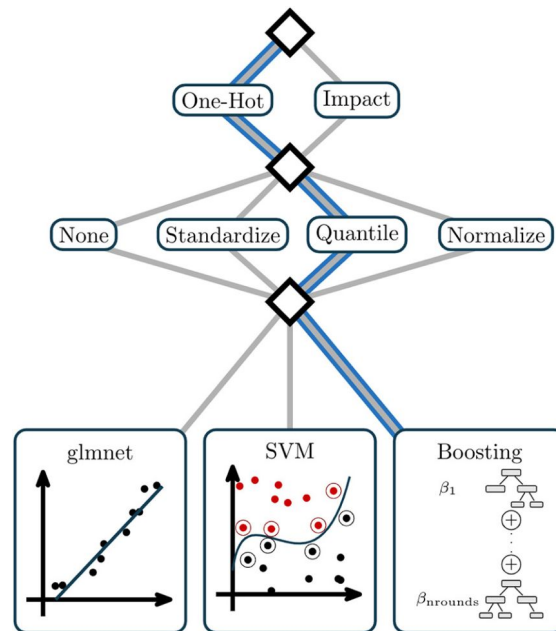
Next Steps

# Going Beyond

More sophisticated optimization methods:



Optimizing pipeline-configurations and hyperparameters simultaneously



# Learn More!

Free online `mlr3` book:

[mlr3book.mlr-org.com](https://mlr3book.mlr-org.com)

(physical copy is on the way)



- Examples from this talk:  
<https://tinyurl.com/mlr3germancredit>
- Slides:  
<https://tinyurl.com/mlr3vfs>