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Bringing Powerful Artificial Intelligence Tools to Developers



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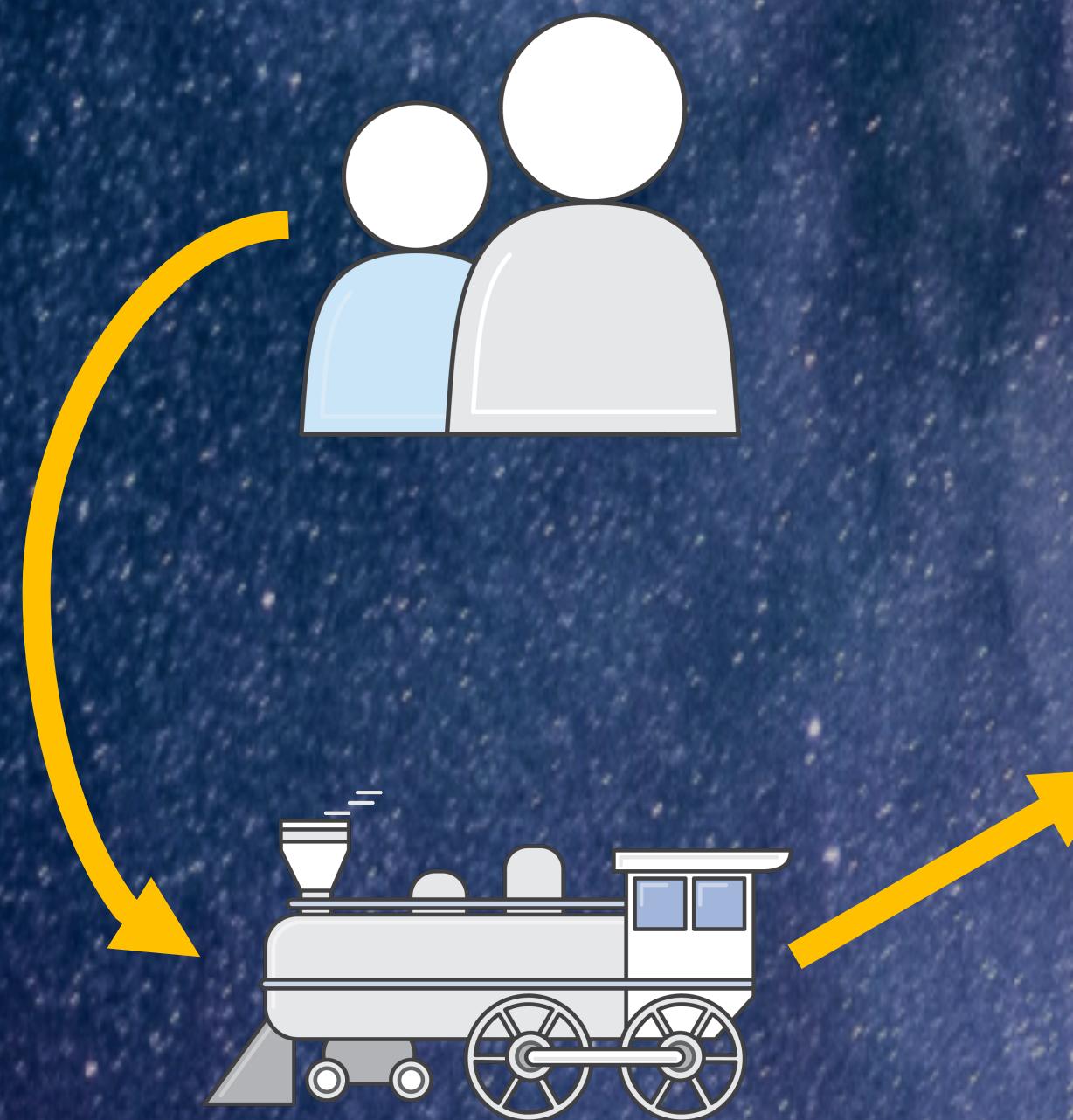
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1939 London Underground



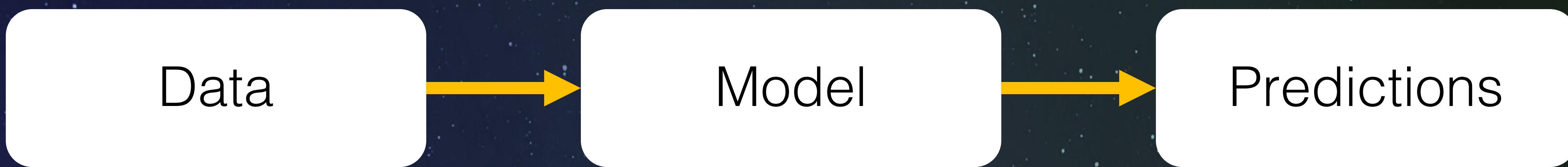
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Data

Predictions





Model

1959 Arthur Samuel





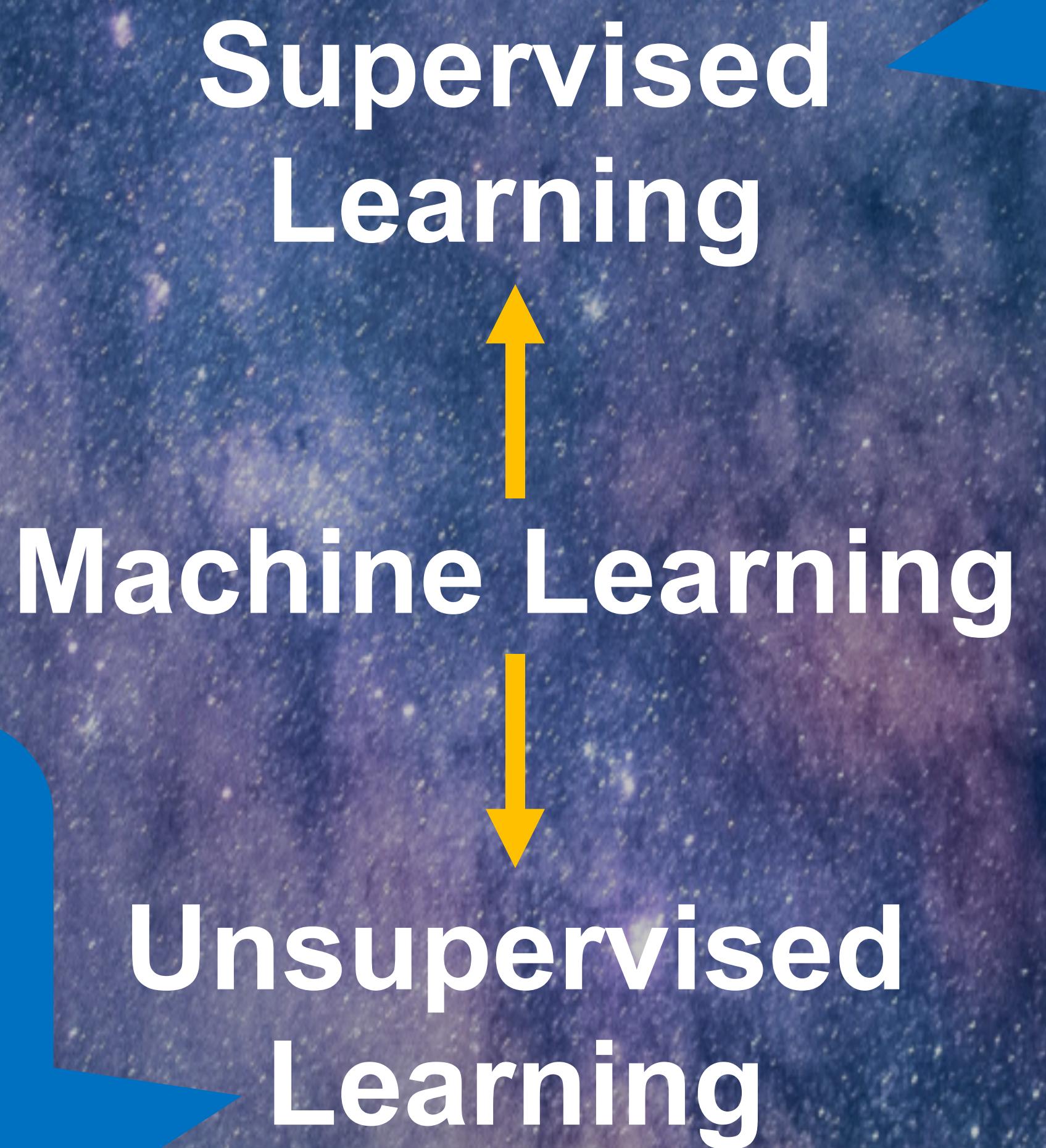
Machine Learning

Supervised Learning

Machine Learning



Inferring a model
from **labeled**
training data



Inferring a model
to describe hidden
structure from
unlabeled data

Inferring a model
from **labeled**
training data

Reinforcement Learning



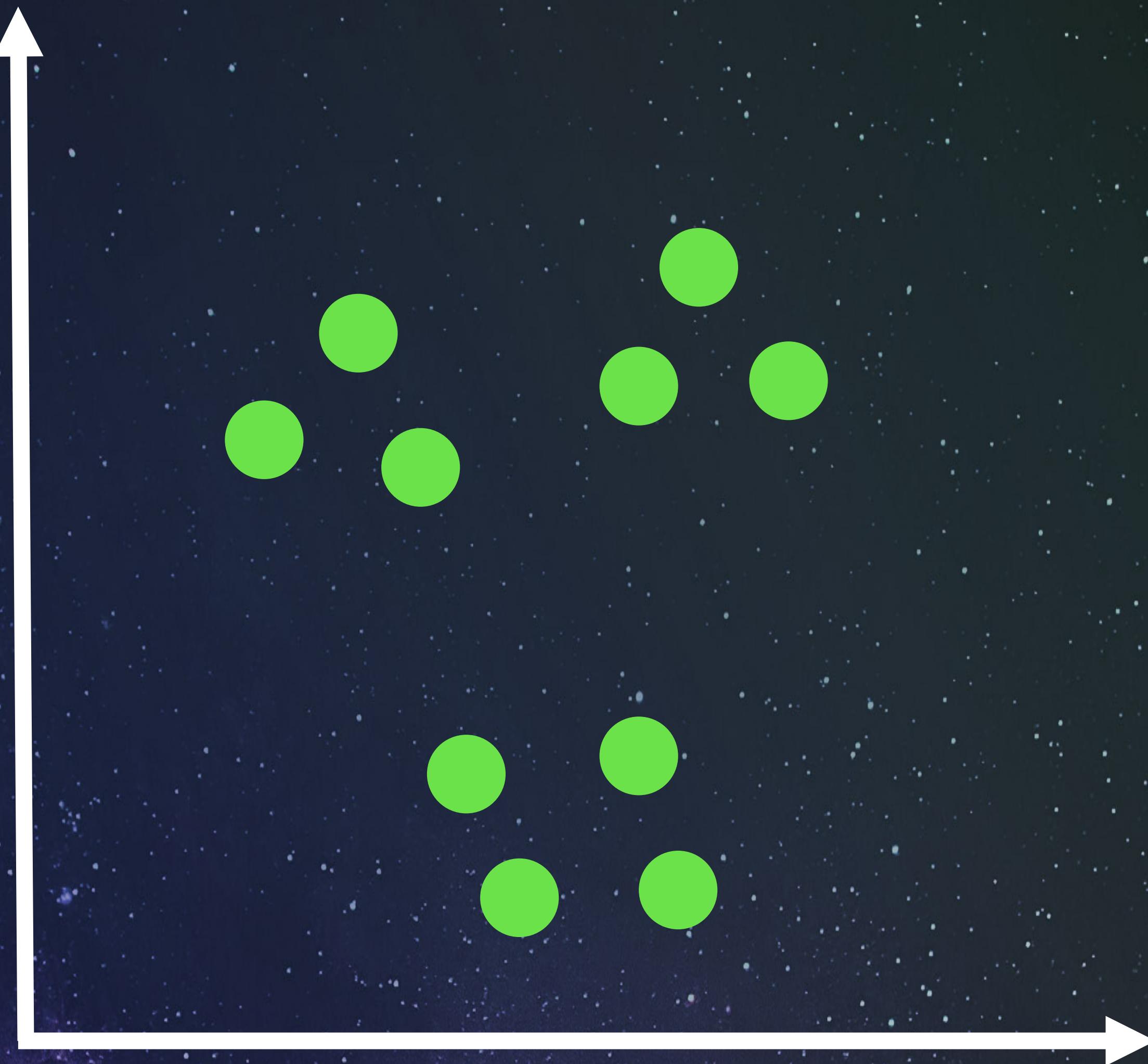
Perform a certain
goal in a
dynamic
environment

Driving a vehicle

Playing a game
against an opponent

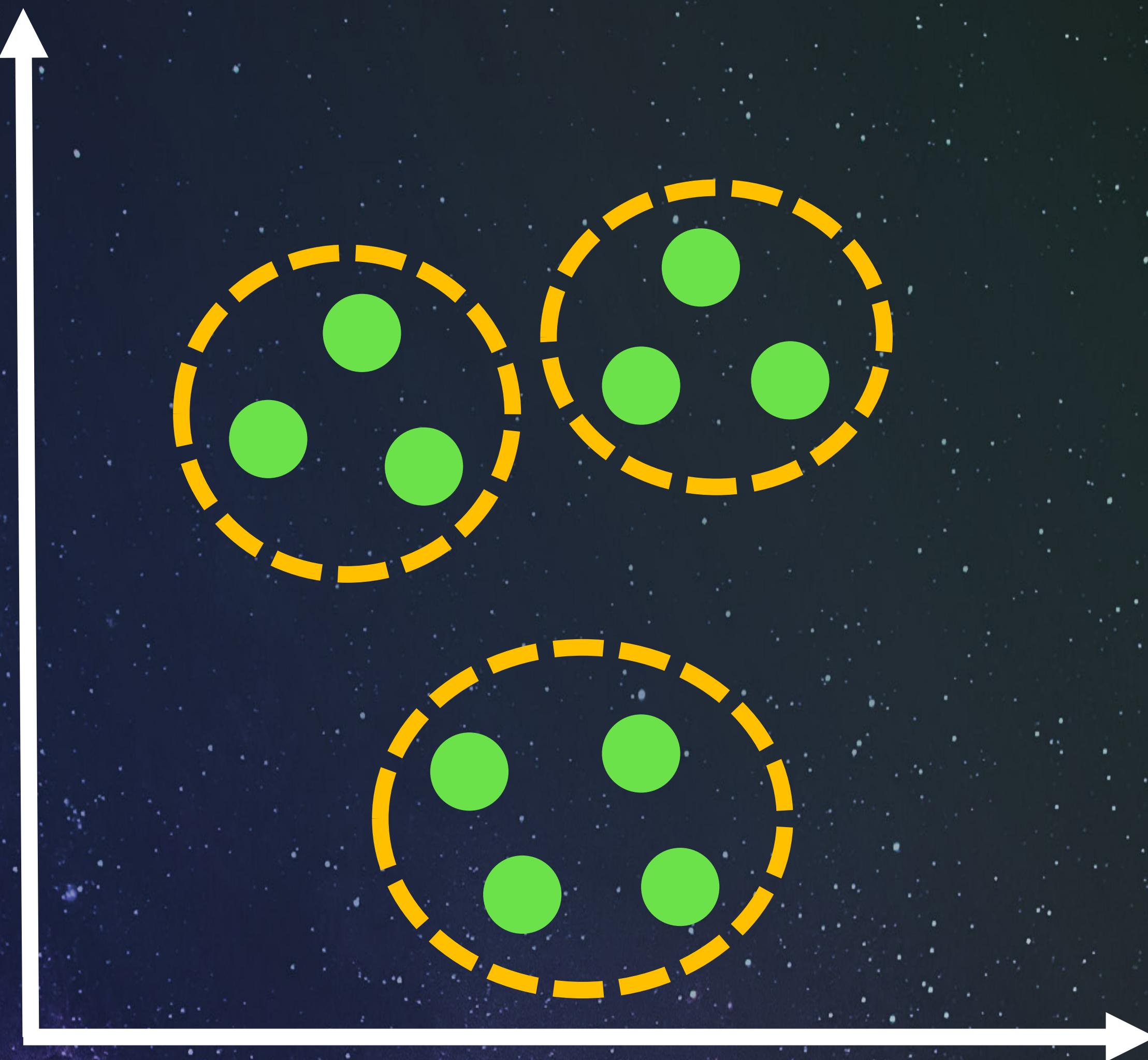
Unsupervised Learning

Clustering



Unsupervised Learning

Clustering



Regression

“How many bikes will be rented tomorrow?”

1, 0, 100K

Binary Classification

“Is this email spam?”

Yes / No
True / False
%

Multi-Class Classification

“What is the sentiment of this tweet, or of this social media comment?”

Happy, Sad, Angry,
Confused, Disgusted,
Surprised, Calm,
Unknown

Validation

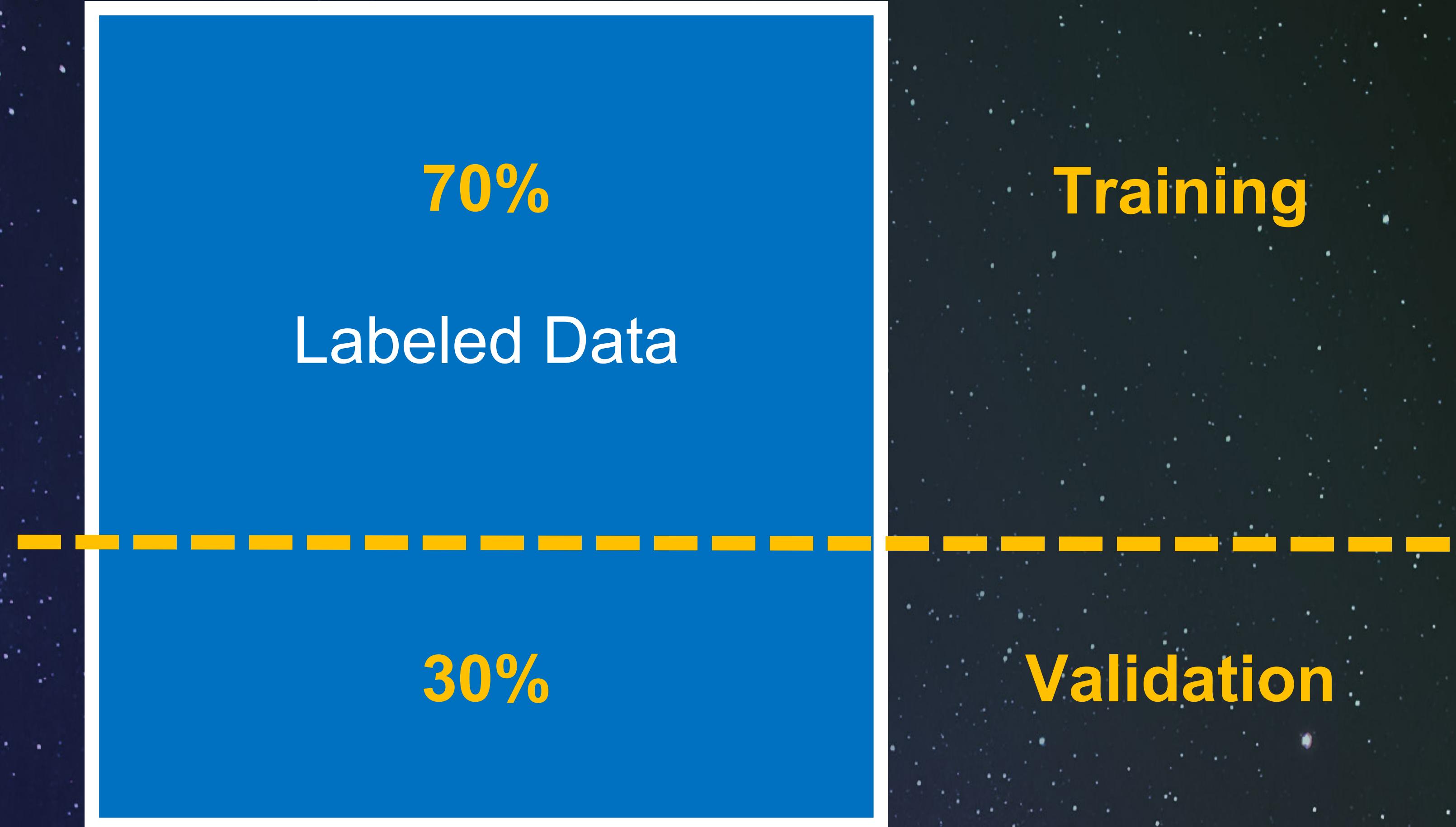


How well will this model work on new data?

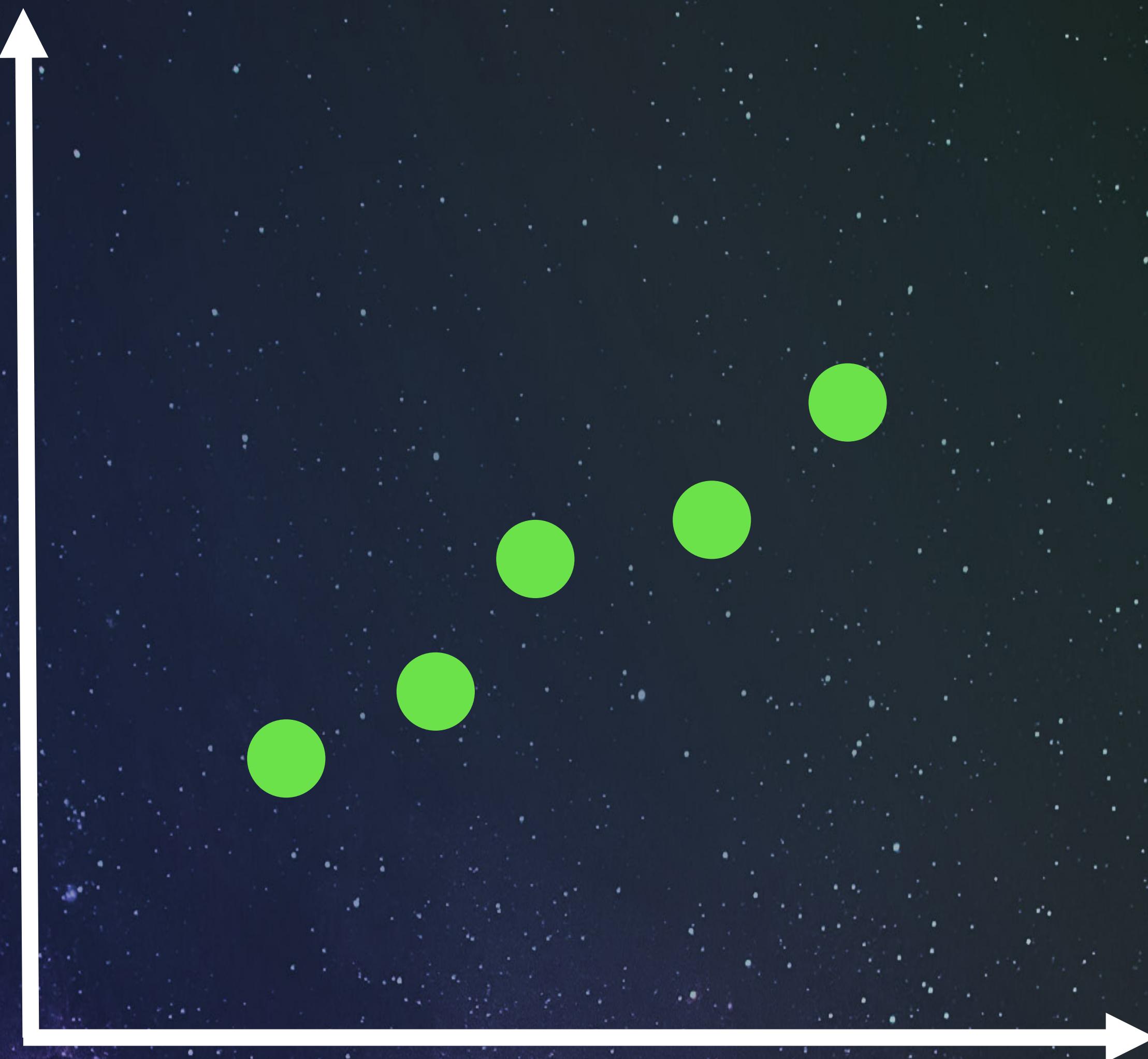
Supervised Learning

Labeled Data

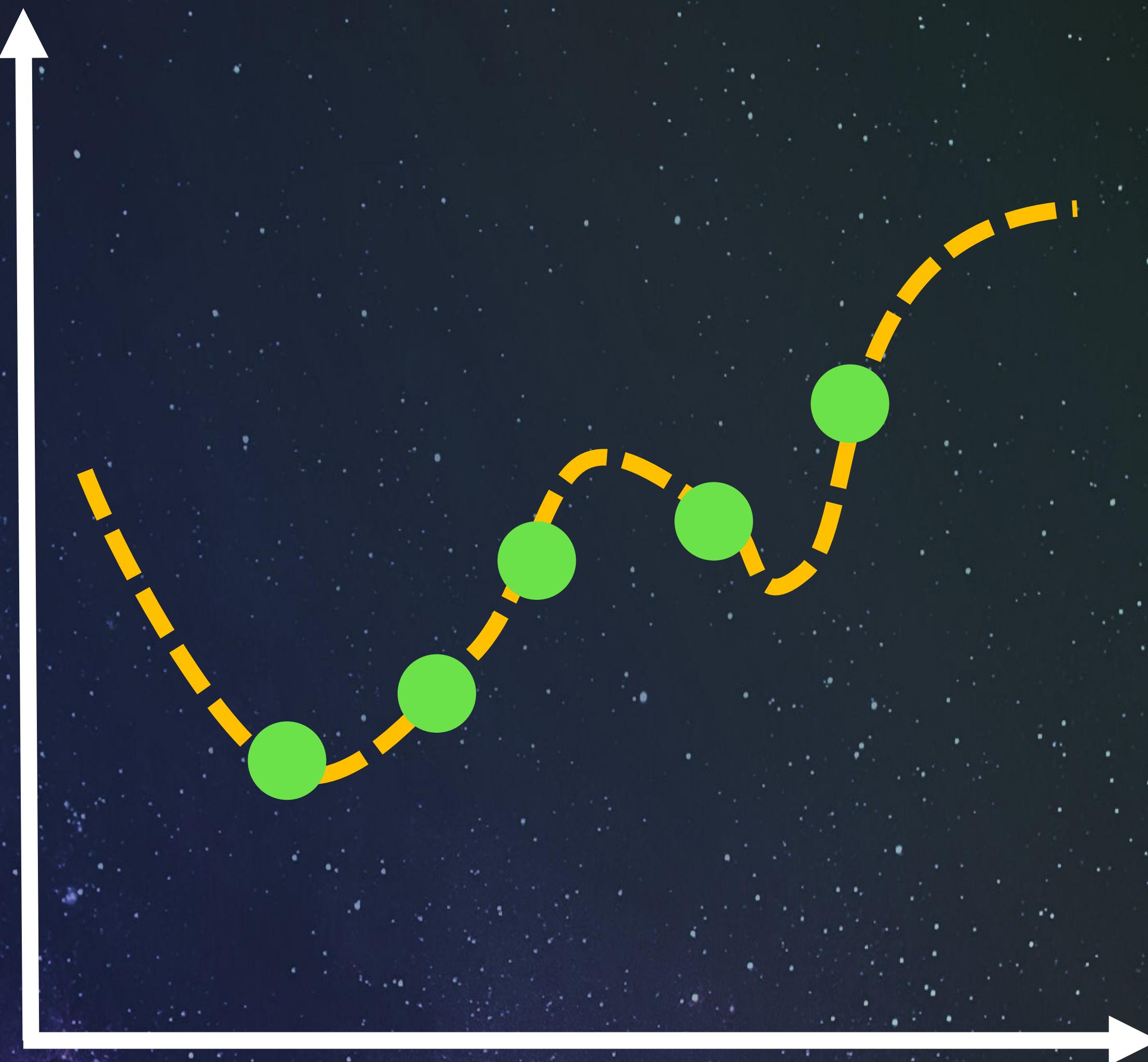
Supervised Learning



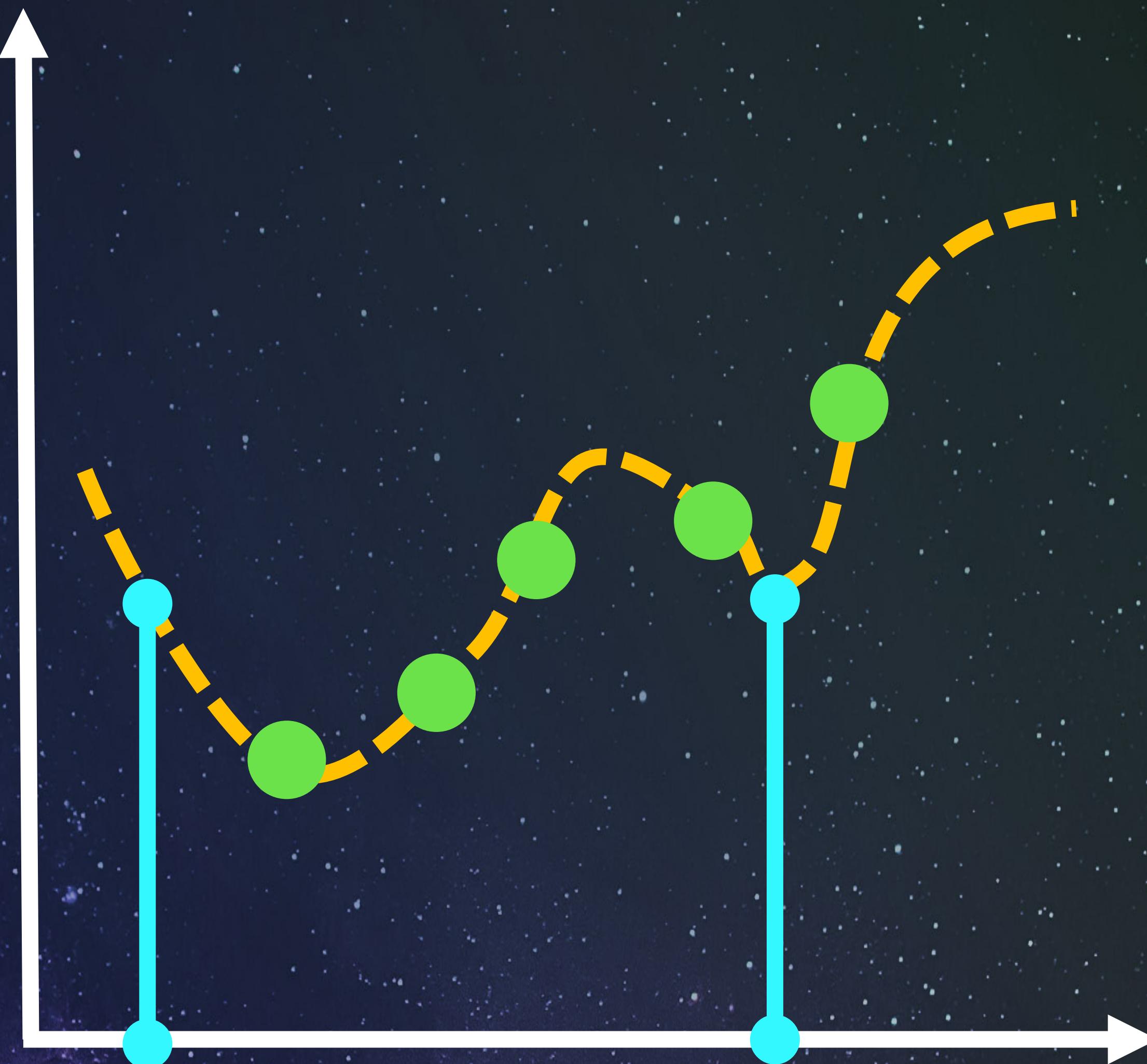
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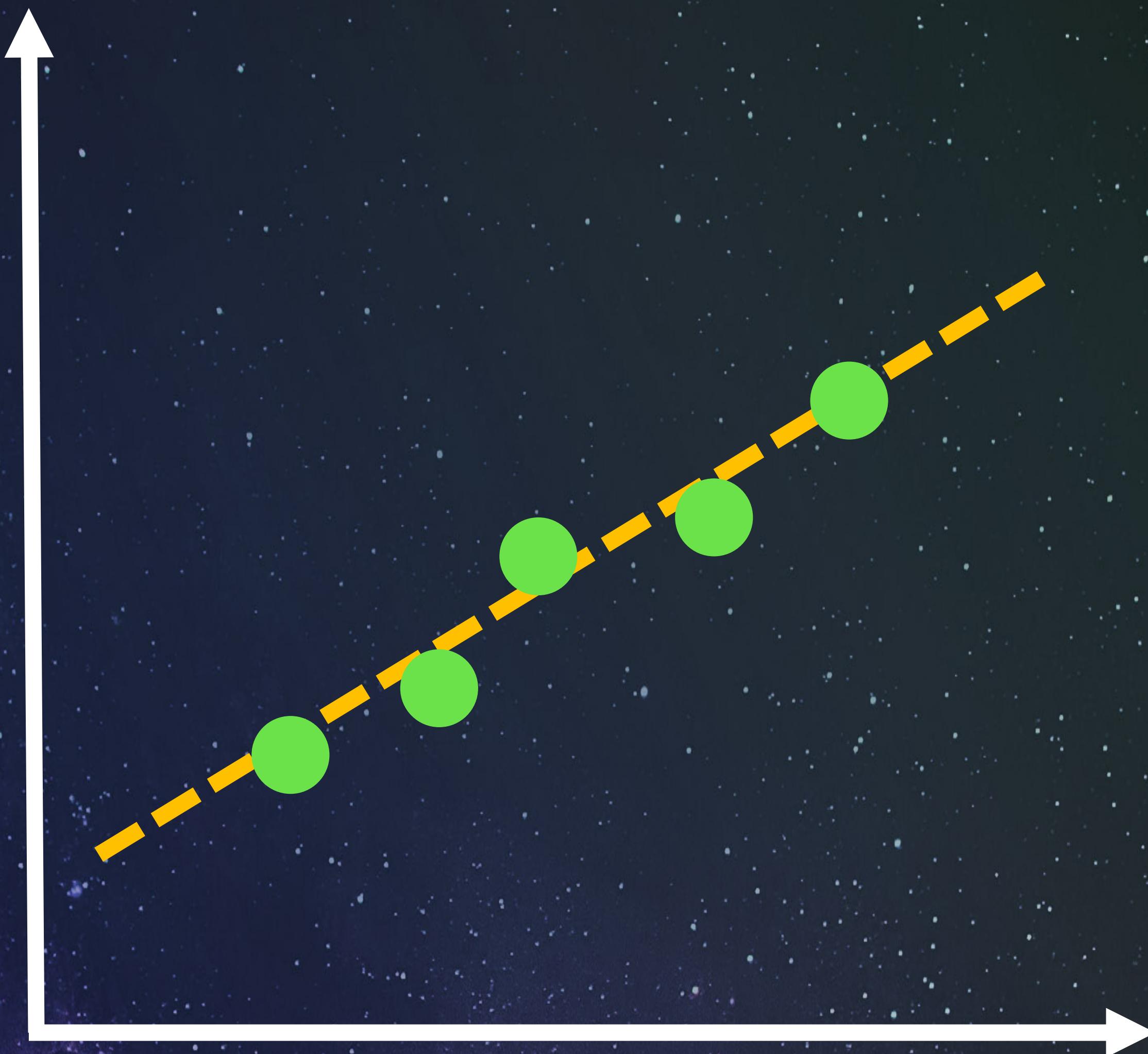


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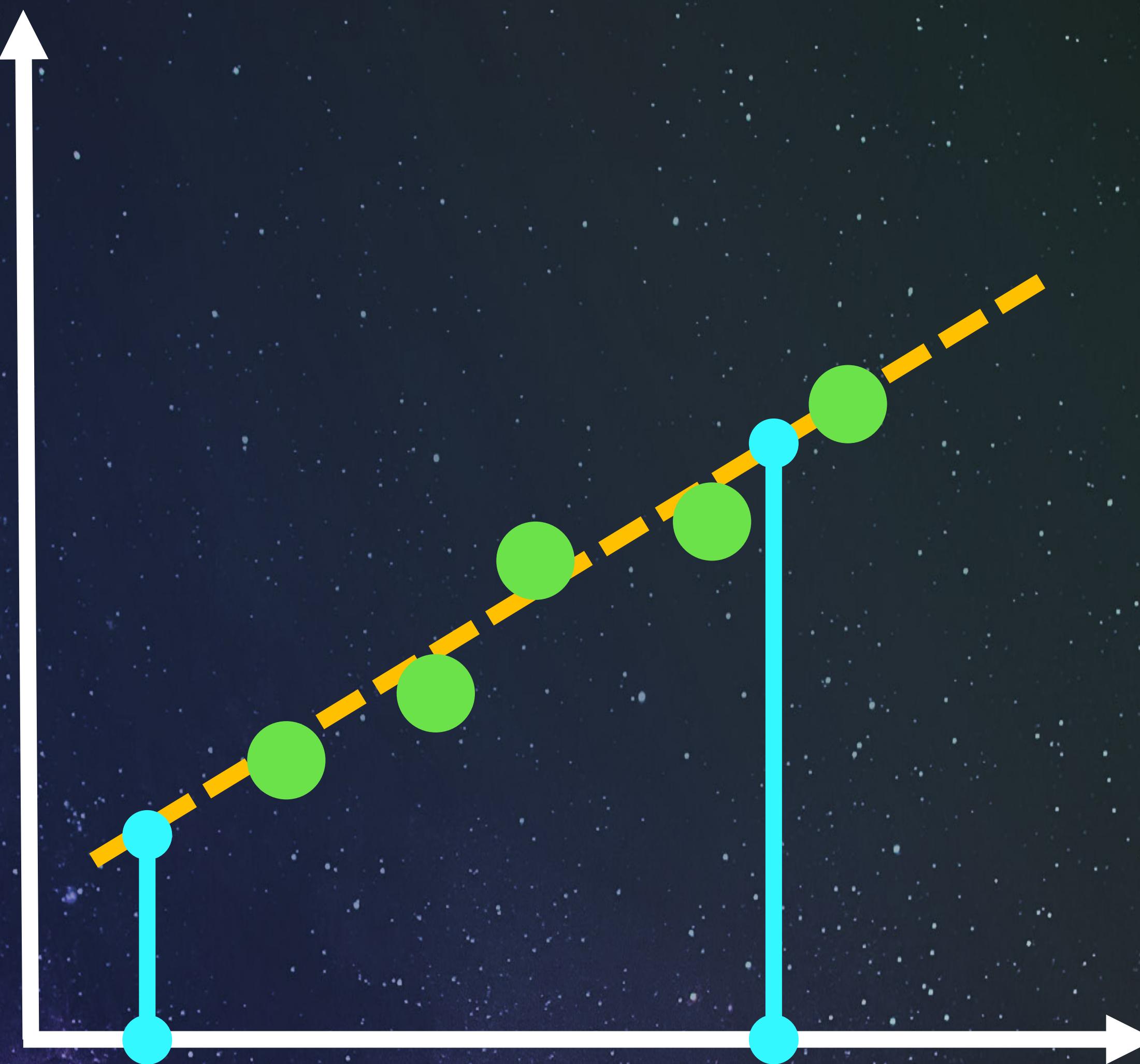
Supervised Learning

Better Fitting

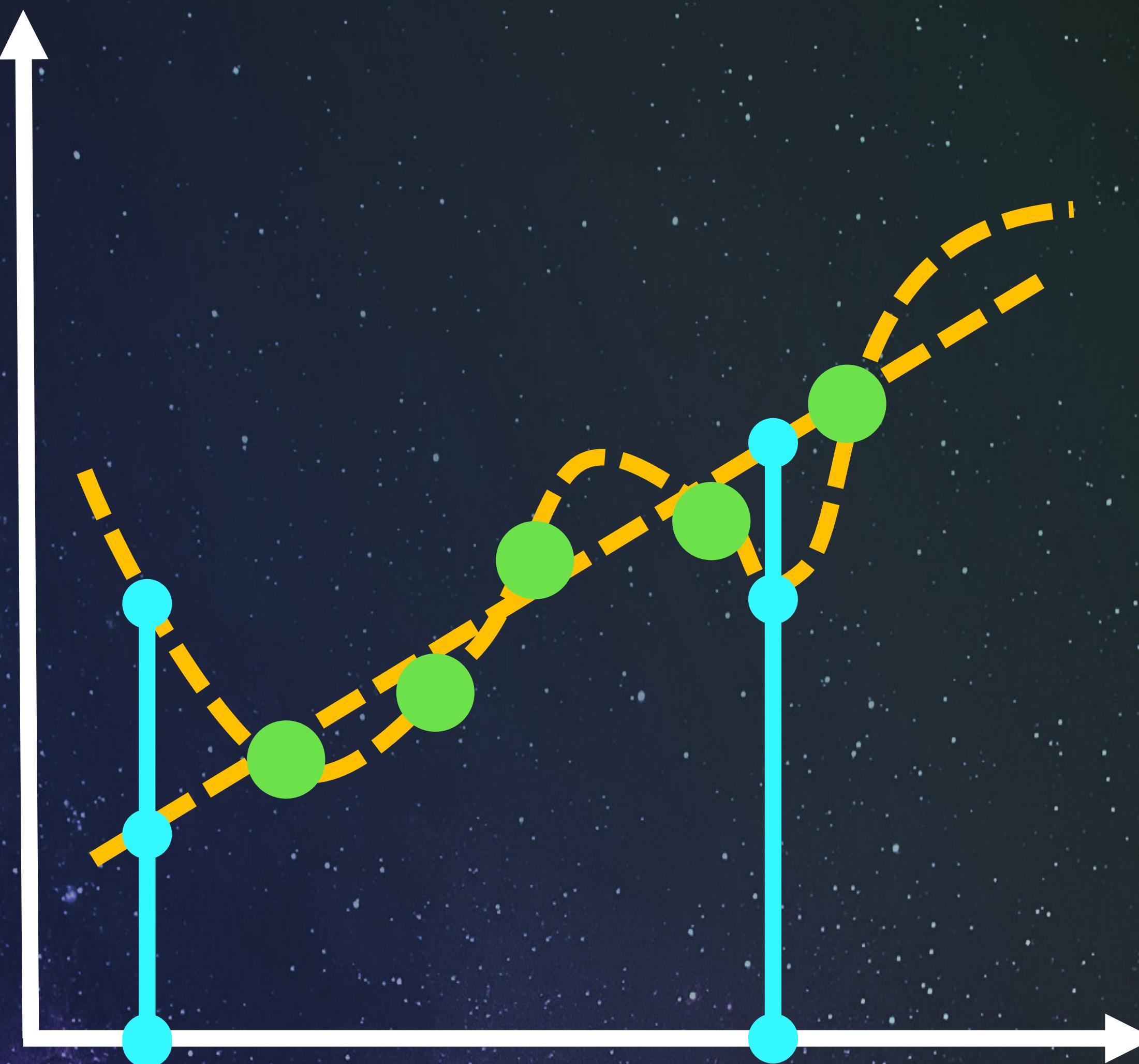


Supervised Learning

Better Fitting



Different Models \Rightarrow Different Predictions



Neural Networks

1943 Warren McCulloch, Walter Pitts

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A LOGICAL CALCULUS OF THE IDEAS IMMANENT IN NERVOUS ACTIVITY*

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Because of the “all-or-none” character of nervous activity, neural events and the relations among them can be treated by means of propositional logic. It is found that the behavior of every net can be described in these terms, with the addition of more complicated logical means for nets containing circles; and that for any logical expression satisfying certain conditions, one can find a net behaving in the fashion it describes. It is shown that many particular choices among possible neurophysiological assumptions are equivalent, in the sense that for every net behaving under one assumption, there exists another net which behaves under the other and gives the same results, although perhaps not in the same time. Various applications of the calculus are discussed.

1. Introduction. Theoretical neurophysiology rests on certain cardinal assumptions. The nervous system is a net of neurons, each having a soma and an axon. Their adjunctions, or synapses, are always between the axon of one neuron and the soma of another. At any instant a neuron has some threshold, which excitation must exceed to initiate an impulse. This, except for the fact and the time of its occurrence, is determined by the neuron, not by the excitation. From the point of excitation the impulse is propagated to all parts of the neuron. The velocity along the axon varies directly with its diameter, from $<1 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ in thin axons, which are usually short, to $>150 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ in thick axons, which are usually long. The time for axonal conduction is consequently of little importance in determining the time of arrival of impulses at points unequally remote from the same source. Excitation across synapses occurs predominantly from axonal terminations to somata. It is still a moot point whether this depends upon irreversibility of individual synapses or merely upon prevalent anatomical configurations. To suppose the latter requires no hypothesis *ad hoc* and explains known exceptions, but any assumption as to cause is compatible with the calculus to come. No case is known in which excitation through a single synapse has elicited a nervous impulse in any neuron, whereas any neuron may be excited by impulses arriving at a sufficient number of neighboring synapses within the period of latent addition, which lasts $<0.25 \text{ ms}$. Observed temporal summation of impulses at greater intervals

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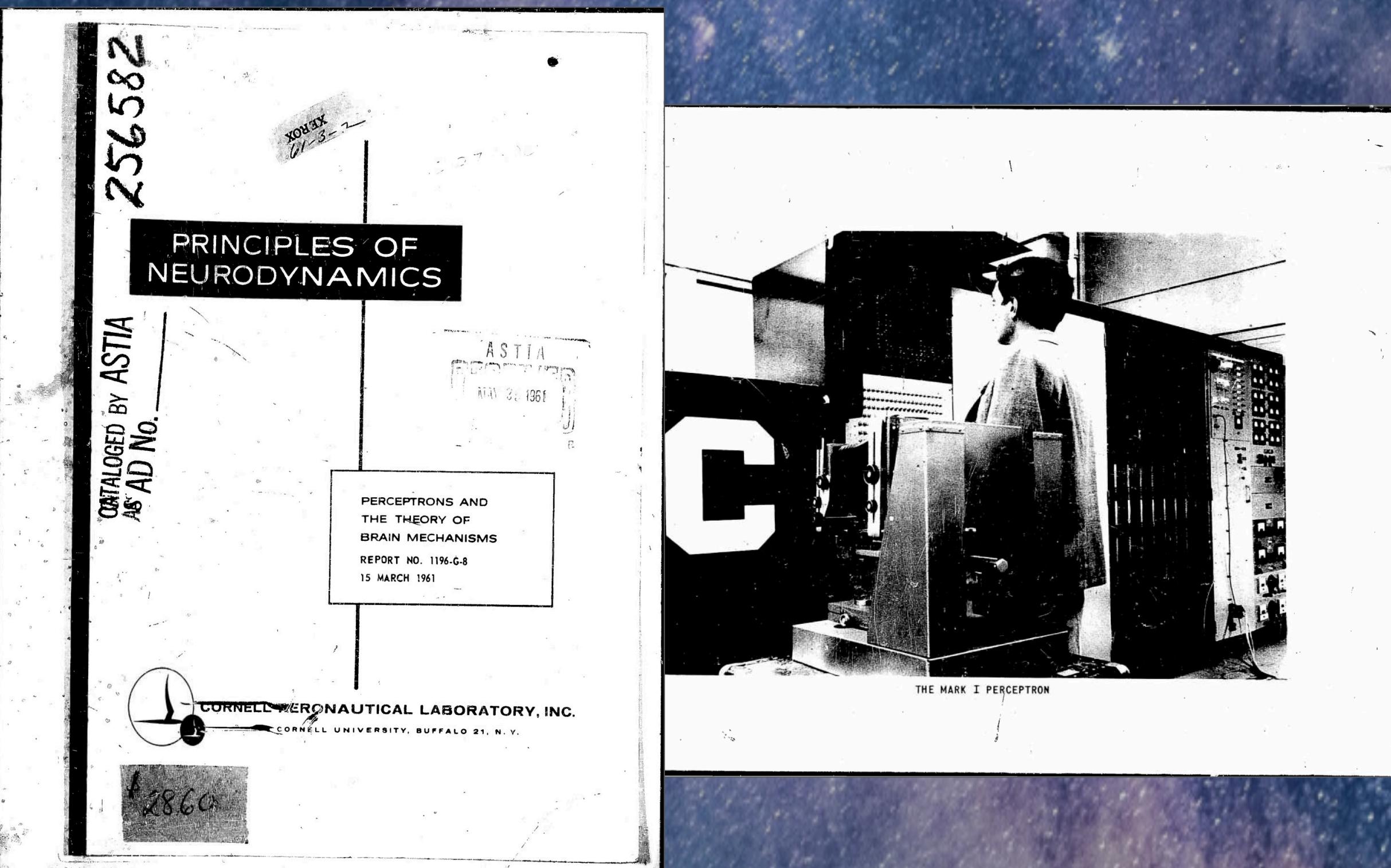
LOGICAL CALCULUS FOR NERVOUS ACTIVITY 105

Figure 1. The neuron c_i is always marked with the numeral i upon the body of the cell, and the corresponding action is denoted by “ N ” with i subscript, as in the text:

- (a) $N_2(t) \equiv N_1(t-1)$;
- (b) $N_3(t) \equiv N_1(t-1) \vee N_2(t-1)$;
- (c) $N_3(t) \equiv N_1(t-1) \cdot N_2(t-1)$;
- (d) $N_3(t) \equiv N_1(t-1) \cdot \sim N_2(t-1)$;
- (e) $N_3(t) \equiv N_1(t-1) \cdot \vee N_2(t-3) \cdot \sim N_2(t-2)$;
- (f) $N_4(t) \equiv N_2(t-2) \cdot N_3(t-1)$;
- (g) $N_4(t) \equiv \sim N_1(t-1) \cdot N_2(t-1) \vee N_3(t-1) \cdot \vee N_1(t-1)$
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- (h) $N_3(t) \equiv N_2(t-2) \cdot \sim N_1(t-3)$;
- (i) $N_3(t) \equiv N_2(t-1) \cdot \vee N_1(t-1) \cdot (Ex)t-1 \cdot N_1(x) \cdot N_2(x)$.

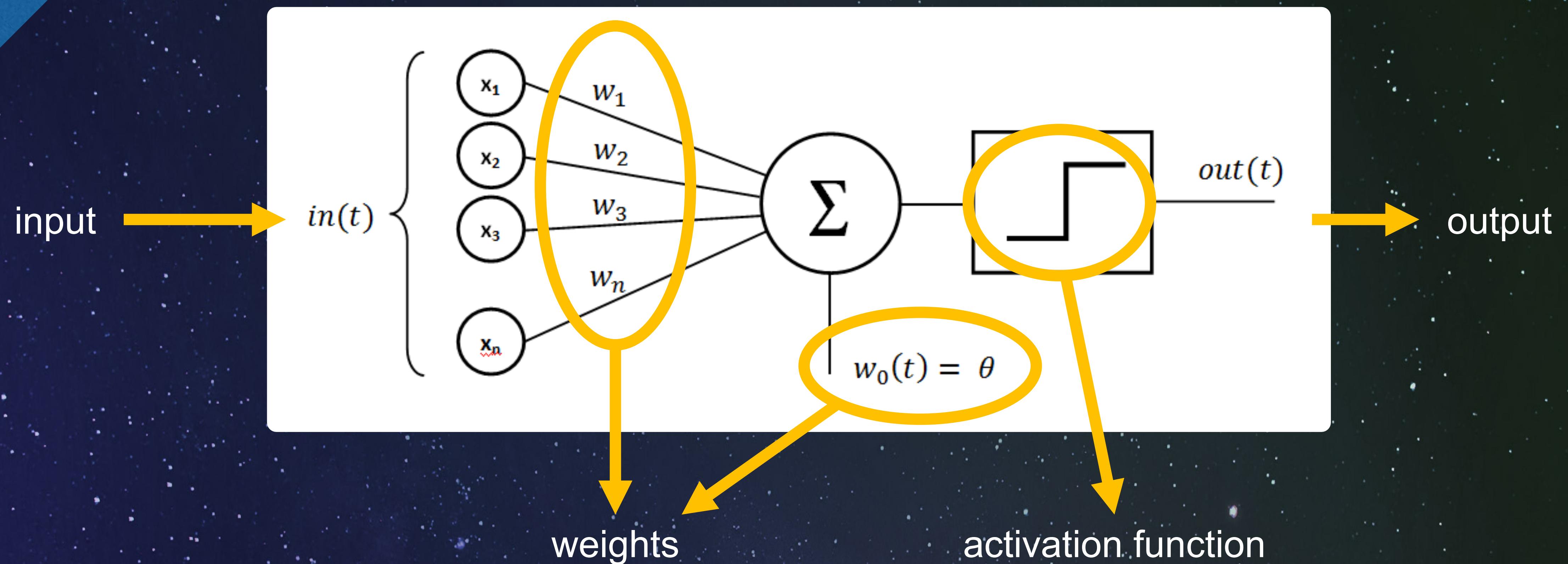
Threshold Logic Units

1962 Frank Rosenblatt

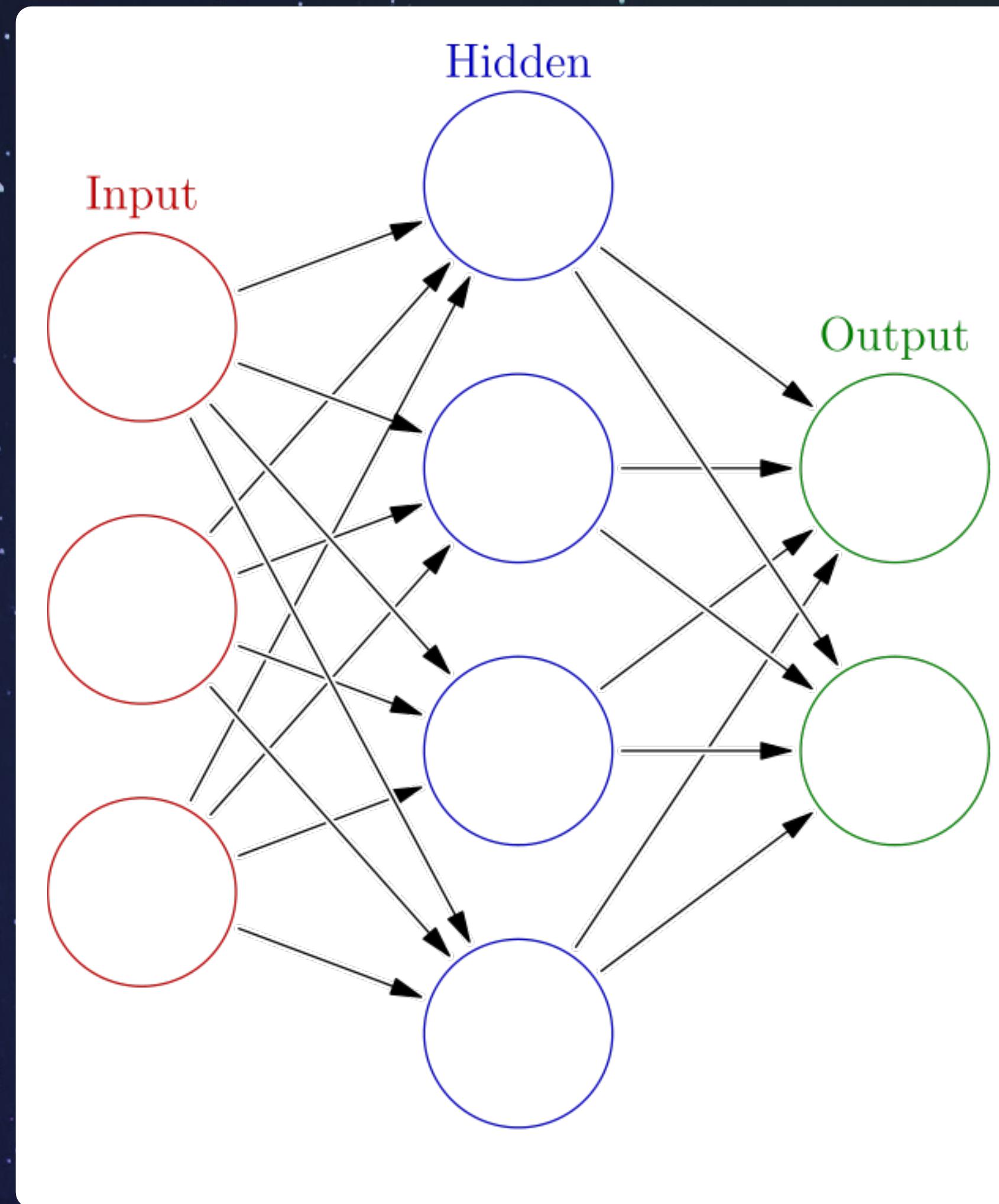


Perceptron

Perceptron



Neural Network



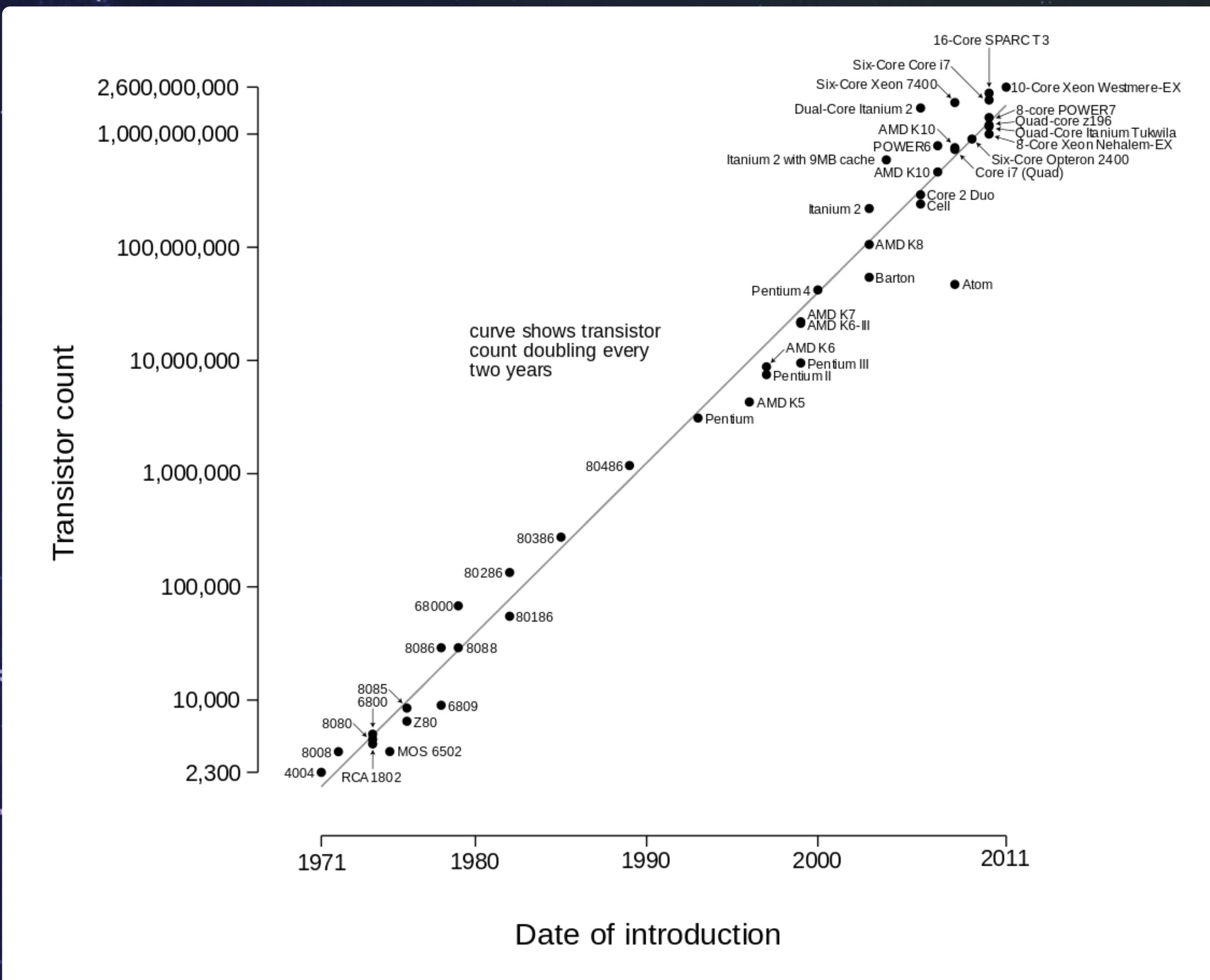
Multiple Layers



Backpropagation

Moore's Law

Microprocessor Transistor Counts 1971-2011



Intel E7 CPU
4-24 cores

NVIDIA K80 GPU
2,496 cores

Deep Learning

Advances in Research 1998-2009

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Gradient-Based Learning Applied to Document Recognition

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Abstract— Multilayer Neural Networks trained with the backpropagation algorithm constitute the best example of a successful Gradient-Based Learning technique. Given an appropriate network architecture, Gradient-Based Learning algorithms can be used to synthesize a complex decision surface that can classify high-dimensional patterns such as handwritten characters, with minimal preprocessing. This paper reviews various methods applied to handwritten character recognition and compares them to standard methods for digit recognition tasks. Convolutional Neural Networks, that are specifically designed to deal with the variability of 2D shapes, are shown to outperform all other techniques.

Real-life document recognition systems are composed of multiple modules including field extraction, segmentation, reading language, and so on. Graph Transformer Networks, called Graph Transformer Networks (GTN), allows such multi-module systems to be trained globally using Gradient-Based methods so as to minimize an overall performance measure.

Two systems for online handwriting recognition are described. Experiments demonstrate the advantages of graphical training and the flexibility of Graph Transformer Networks.

A Graph Transformer Network for reading book check is also described. It uses Convolutional Neural Network character recognizers combined with global training techniques to provide record accuracy on business and personal checks. It is deployed commercially and reads several million checks per day.

Keywords— Neural Networks, OCR, Document Recognition, Machine Learning, Gradient-Based Learning, Convolutional Neural Networks, Graph Transformer Networks, Finite State Transducers.

NOMENCLATURE

- GT Graph transformer.
- GTN Graph transformer network.
- HMM Hidden Markov model.
- HOS Heuristic oversegmentation.
- K-NN K-nearest neighbor.
- NN Neural network.
- OCR Optical character recognition.
- PCA Principal component analysis.
- RBF Radial basis function.
- RS-SVM Reduced-set support vector method.
- SDNN Space displacement neural network.
- SVM Support vector method.
- TDNN Time delay neural network.
- V-SVM Virtual support vector method.

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A Fast Learning Algorithm for Deep Belief Nets

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We show how to use “complementary priors” to eliminate the explaining-away effects that make inference difficult in densely connected belief nets that have many hidden layers. Using complementary priors, we derive a fast, greedy algorithm that can learn deep, directed belief networks one layer at a time, provided the top two layers form an undirected associative memory. The fast, greedy algorithm is used to initialize a slower learning procedure that fine-tunes the weights using a contrastive version of the wake-sleep algorithm. After fine-tuning, a network with three hidden layers forms a very good generative model of the joint distribution of handwritten digit images and their labels. This generative model gives better digit classification than the best discriminative learning algorithms. The low-dimensional manifolds on which the digits lie are modeled by long ravines in the free-energy landscape of the top-level associative memory, and it is easy to explore these ravines by using the directed connections to display what the associative memory has in mind.

1 Introduction

Learning is difficult in densely connected, directed belief nets that have many hidden layers because it is difficult to infer the conditional distribution of the hidden activities when given a data vector. Variational methods use simple approximations to the true conditional distribution, but the approximations may be poor, especially at the deepest hidden layer, where the prior assumes independence. Also, variational learning still requires all of the parameters to be learned together and this makes the learning time scale poorly as the number of parameters increases.

We describe a model in which the top two hidden layers form an undirected associative memory (see Figure 1) and the remaining hidden layers

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Hinton, A Fast Learning Algorithm for Deep Belief Nets, 2006

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Learning Deep Architectures for AI

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Abstract

Theoretical results strongly suggest that in order to learn the kind of complicated functions that can represent high-level abstractions (e.g. in vision, language, and other AI-level tasks), one needs *deep architectures*. Deep architectures are composed of multiple levels of non-linear operations, such as in neural nets with many hidden layers or in complicated propositional formulae re-using many sub-formulae. Searching the parameter space of deep architectures is a difficult optimization task, but learning algorithms such as those for Deep Belief Networks have recently been proposed to tackle this problem with notable success, beating the state-of-the-art in certain areas. This paper discusses the motivations and principles regarding learning algorithms for deep architectures, in particular those exploiting as building blocks unsupervised learning of single-layer models such as Restricted Boltzmann Machines, used to construct deeper models such as Deep Belief Networks.

1 Introduction

Allowing computers to model our world well enough to exhibit what we call intelligence has been the focus of more than half a century of research. To achieve this, it is clear that a large quantity of information about our world should somehow be stored, explicitly or implicitly, in the computer. Because it seems daunting to formalize manually all that information in a form that computers can use to answer questions and generalize to new contexts, many researchers have turned to *learning algorithms* to capture a large fraction of that information. Much progress has been made to understand and improve learning algorithms, but the challenge of artificial intelligence (AI) remains. Do we have algorithms that can understand scenes and describe them in natural language? Not really, except in very limited settings. Do we have algorithms that can infer enough semantic concepts to be able to interact with most humans using these concepts? No. If we consider image understanding, one of the best specified of the AI tasks, we realize that we do not yet have learning algorithms that can discover the many visual and semantic concepts that would seem to be necessary to interpret most images. The situation is similar for other AI tasks.

We assume that the computational machinery necessary to express complex behaviors (which one might label “intelligent”) requires highly varying mathematical functions, i.e. mathematical functions that are highly non-linear in terms of raw sensory inputs. Consider for example the task of interpreting an input image such as the one in Figure 1. When humans try to solve a particular task in AI (such as machine vision or natural language processing), they often exploit their intuition about how to decompose the problem into sub-problems and multiple levels of representation. A plausible and common way to extract useful information from a natural image involves transforming the raw pixel representation into gradually more abstract representations, e.g., starting from the presence of edges, the detection of more complex but local shapes, up to the identification of abstract categories associated with sub-objects and objects which are parts

Bengio, Learning Deep Architectures for AI, 2009

Deep
Learning

Image
Processing

Convolution Matrix



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Convolution Matrix



Convolution Matrix

Identity



0	0	0
0	1	0
0	0	0



Convolution Matrix

Left Edges



1	0	-1
2	0	-2
1	0	-1



Convolution Matrix

Right Edges



-1	0	1
-2	0	2
-1	0	1

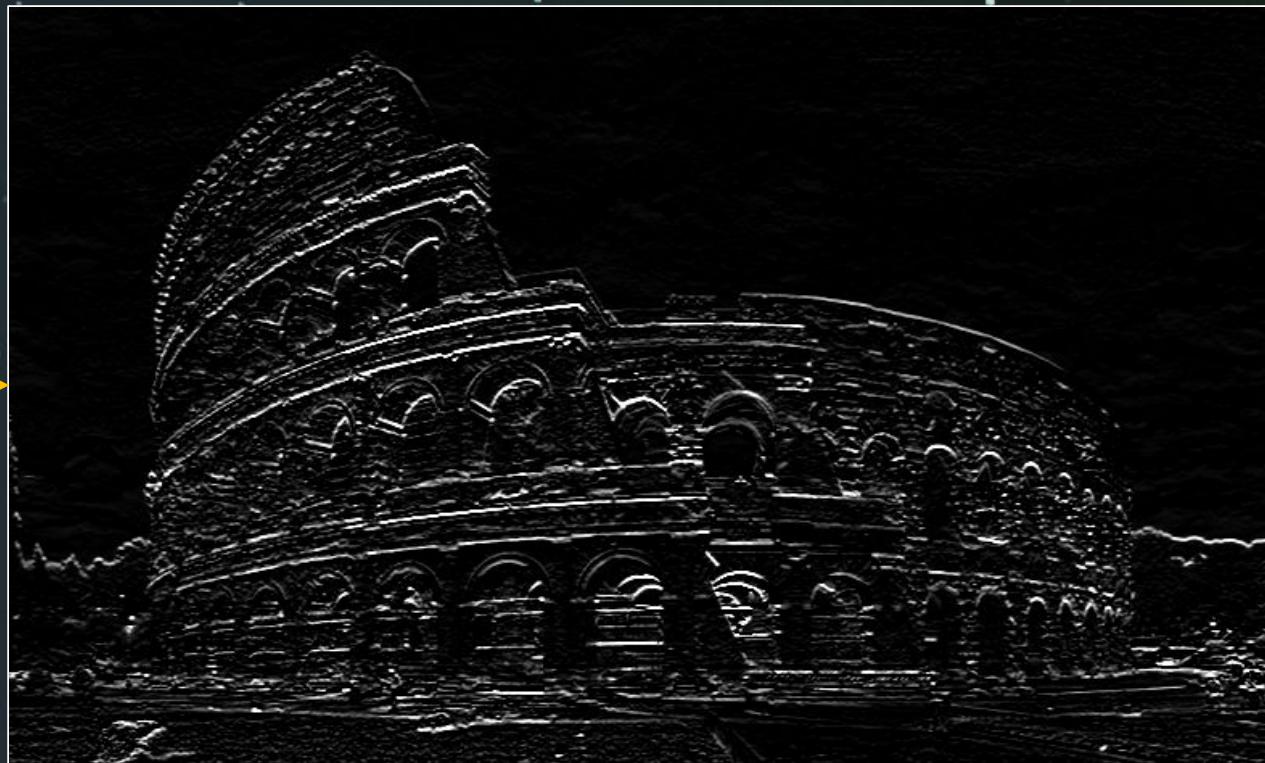


Convolution Matrix

Top Edges



1	2	1
0	0	0
-1	-2	-1



Convolution Matrix

Bottom Edges



-1	-2	-1
0	0	0
1	2	1



Convolution Matrix

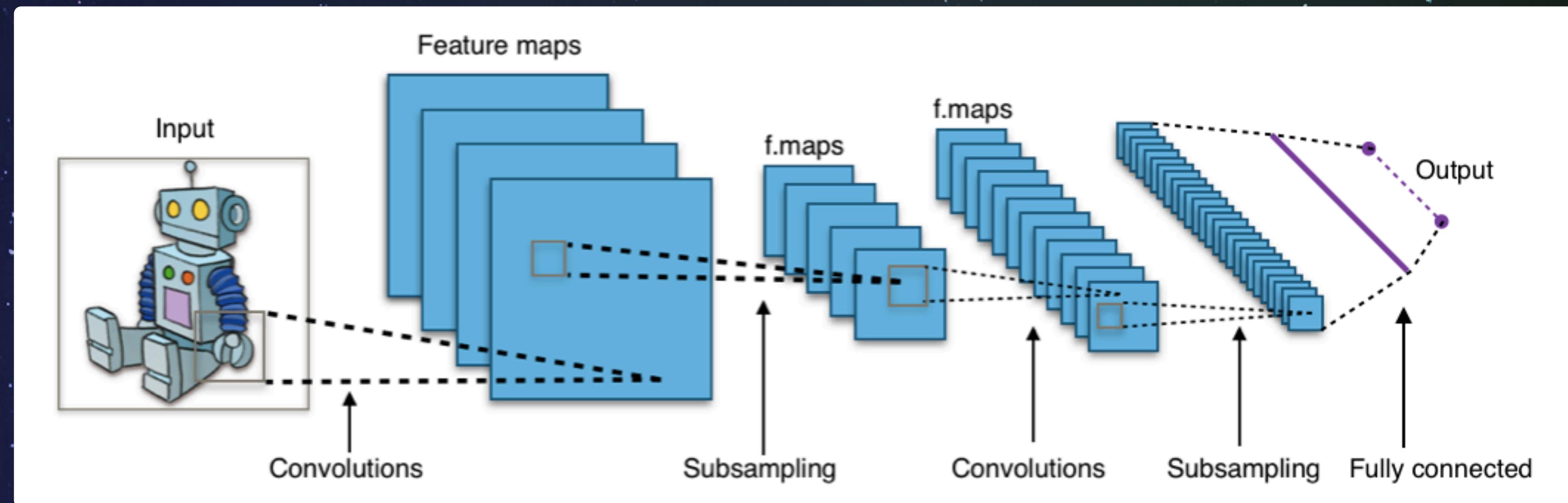
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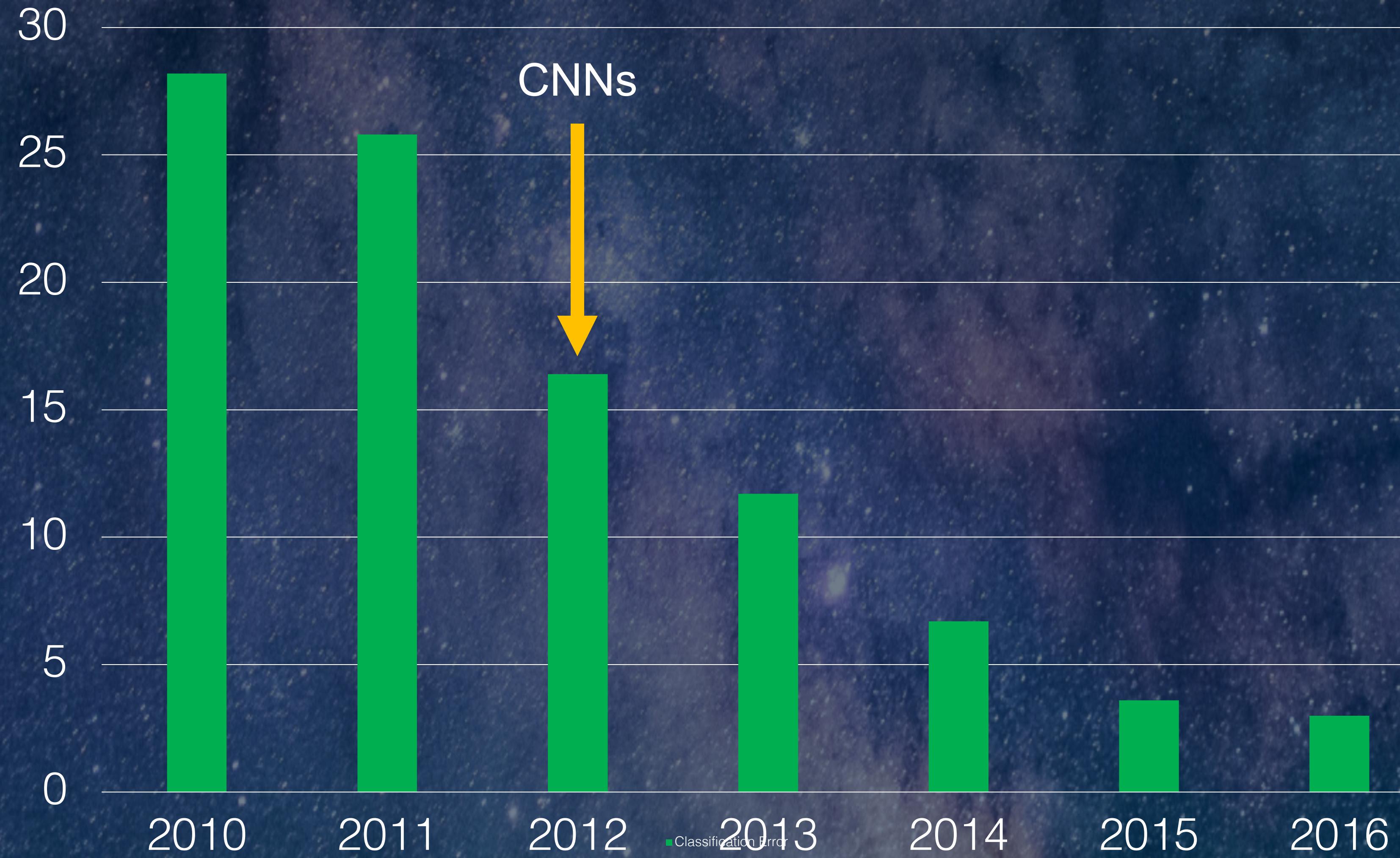
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-1.4	1.2	-1.6
0.8	-1.4	1.6



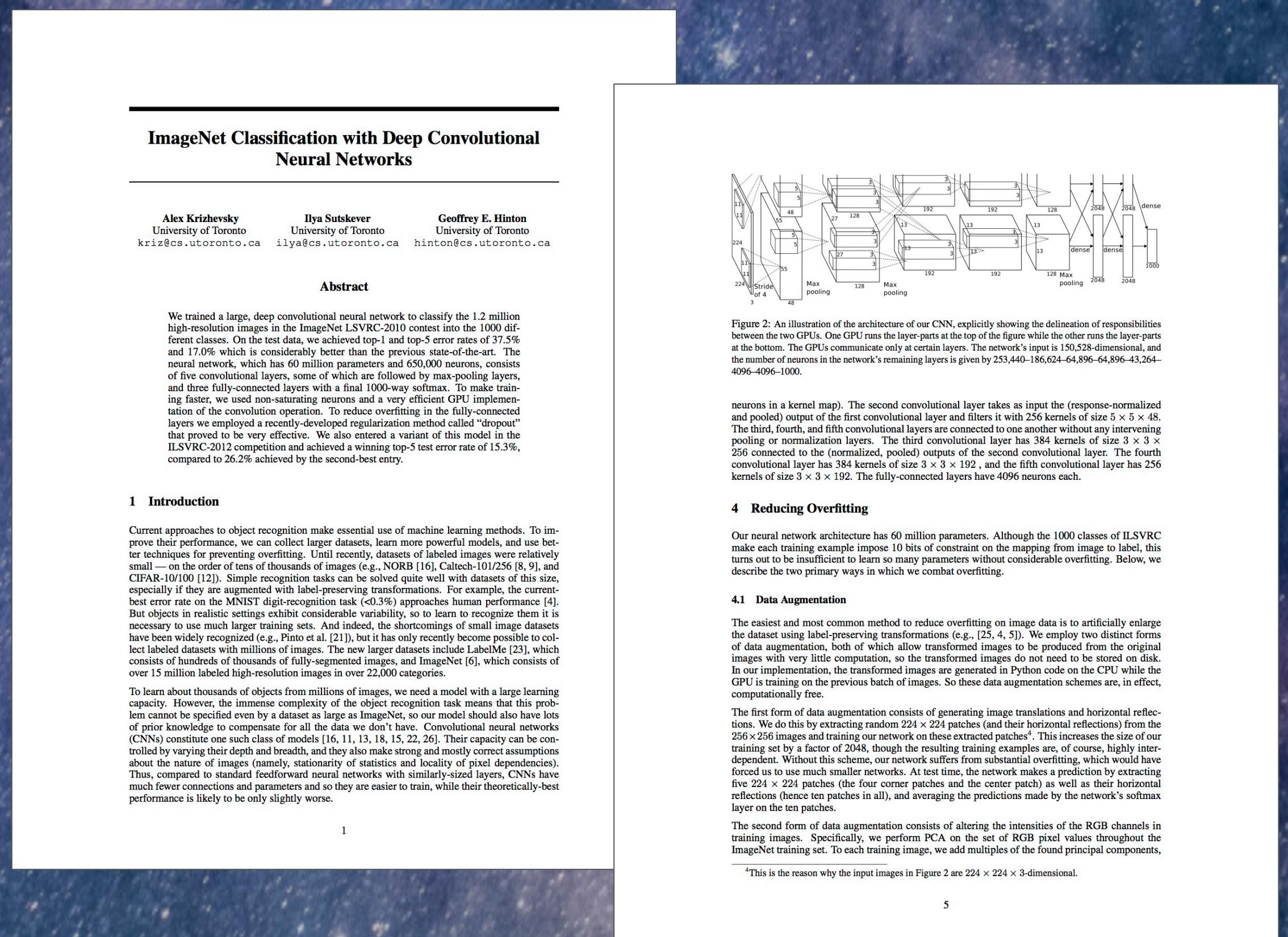
Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)



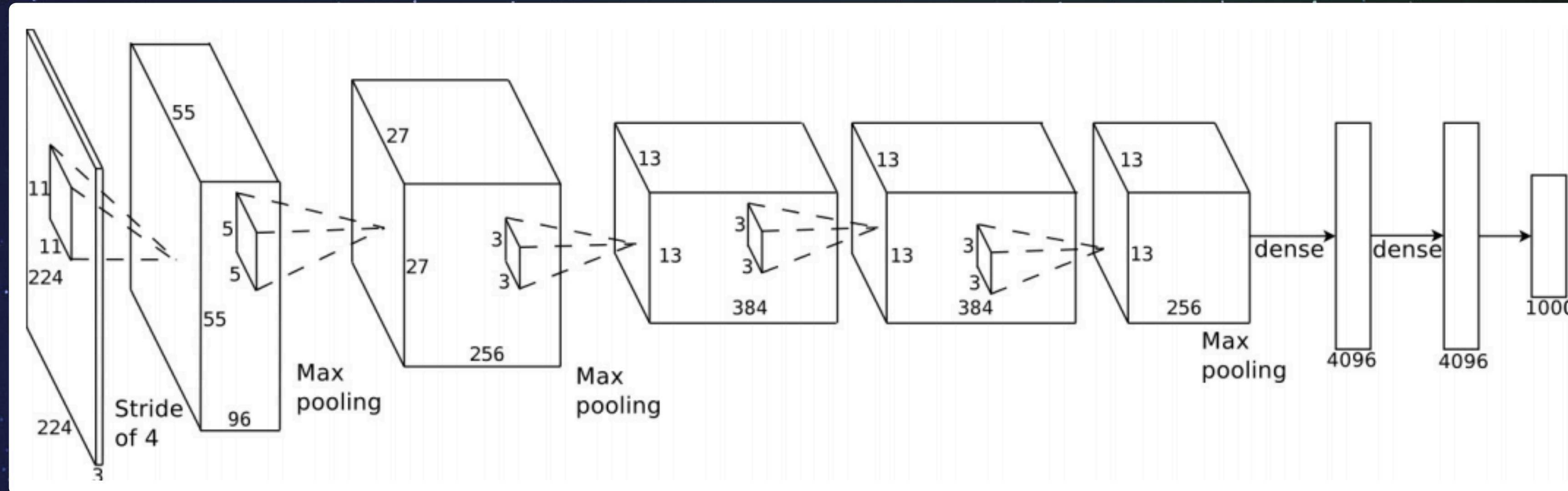
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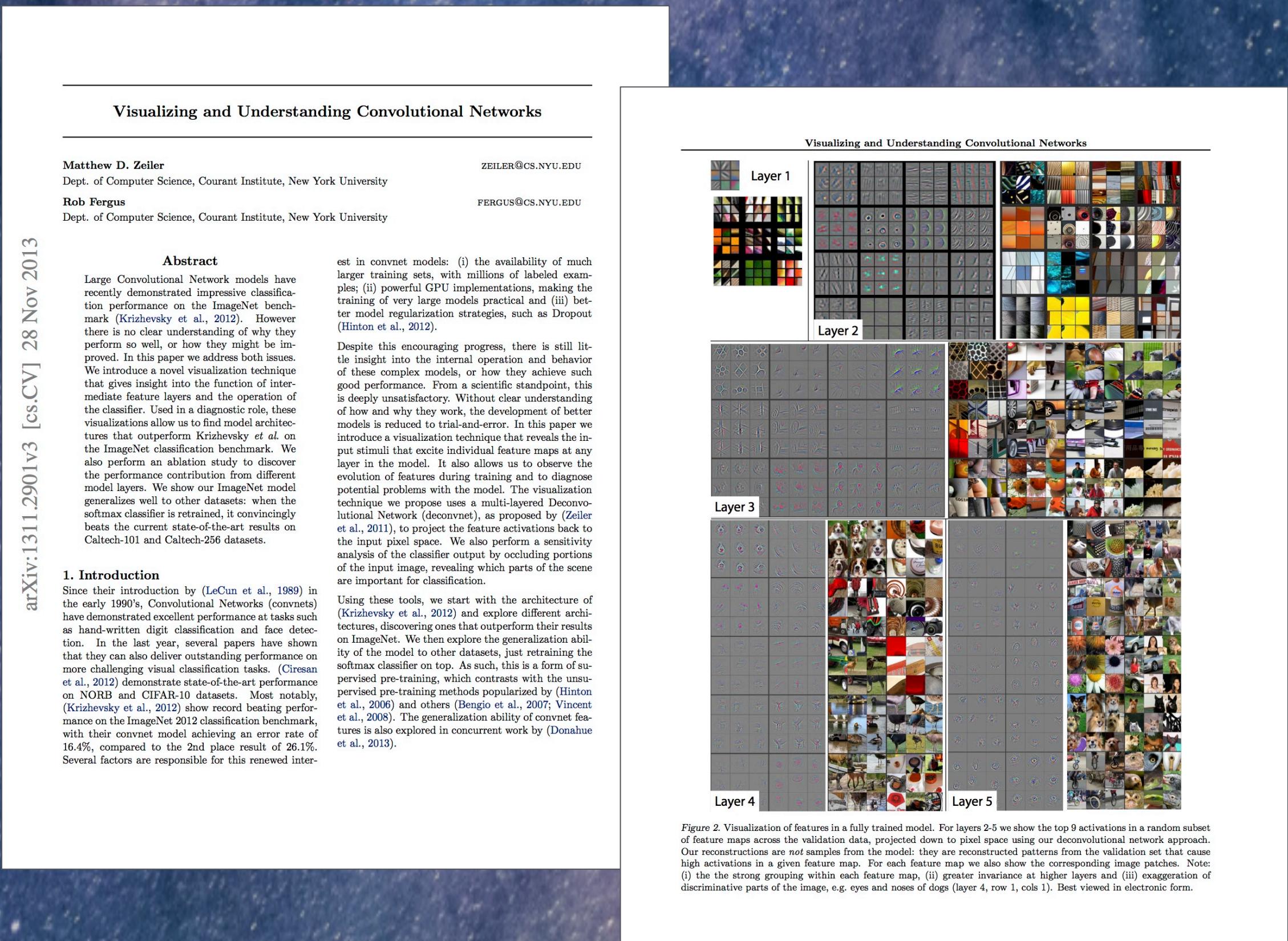
2012 ImageNet Classification with Deep Convolutional Neural Networks



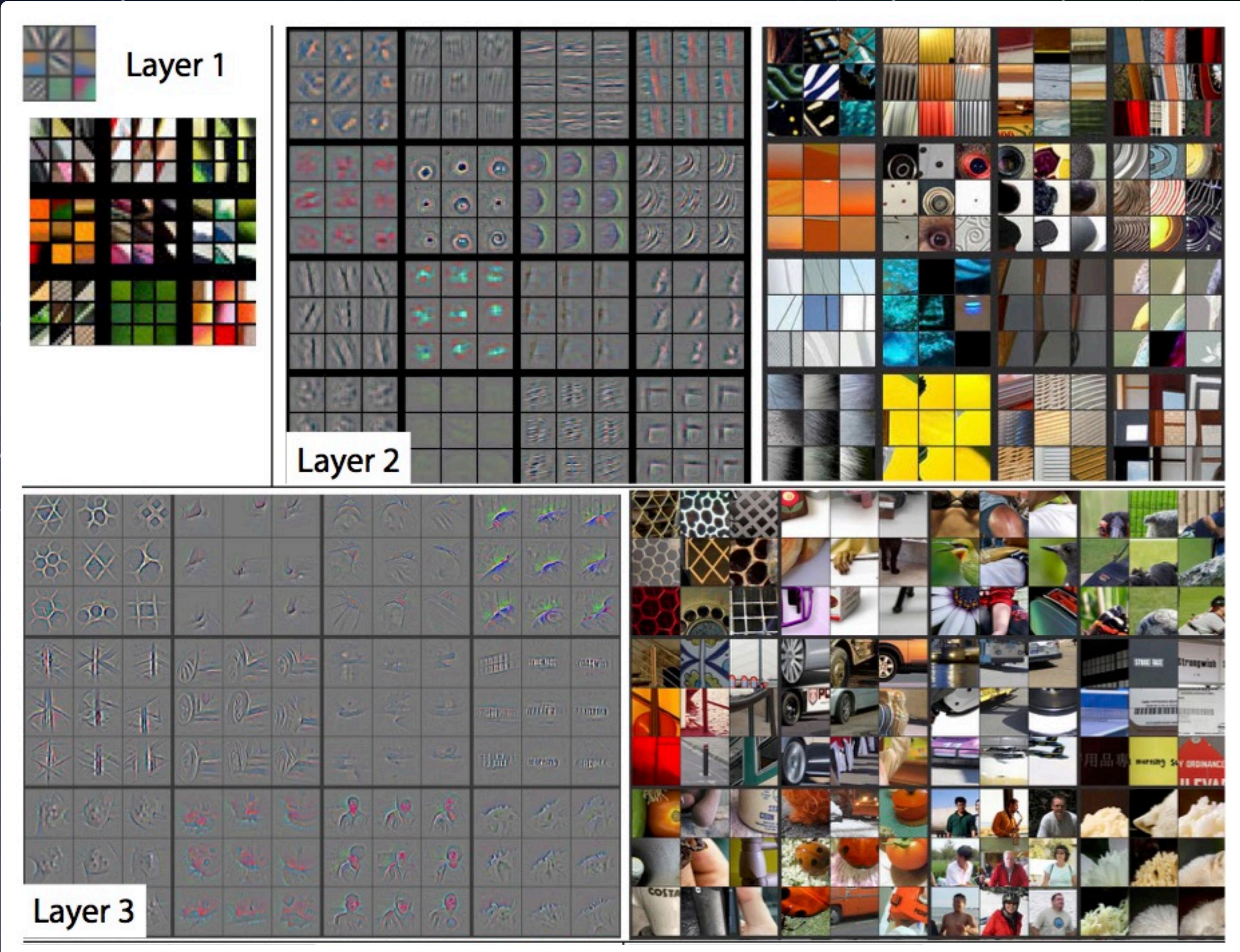
SuperVision: 8 layers, 60M parameters



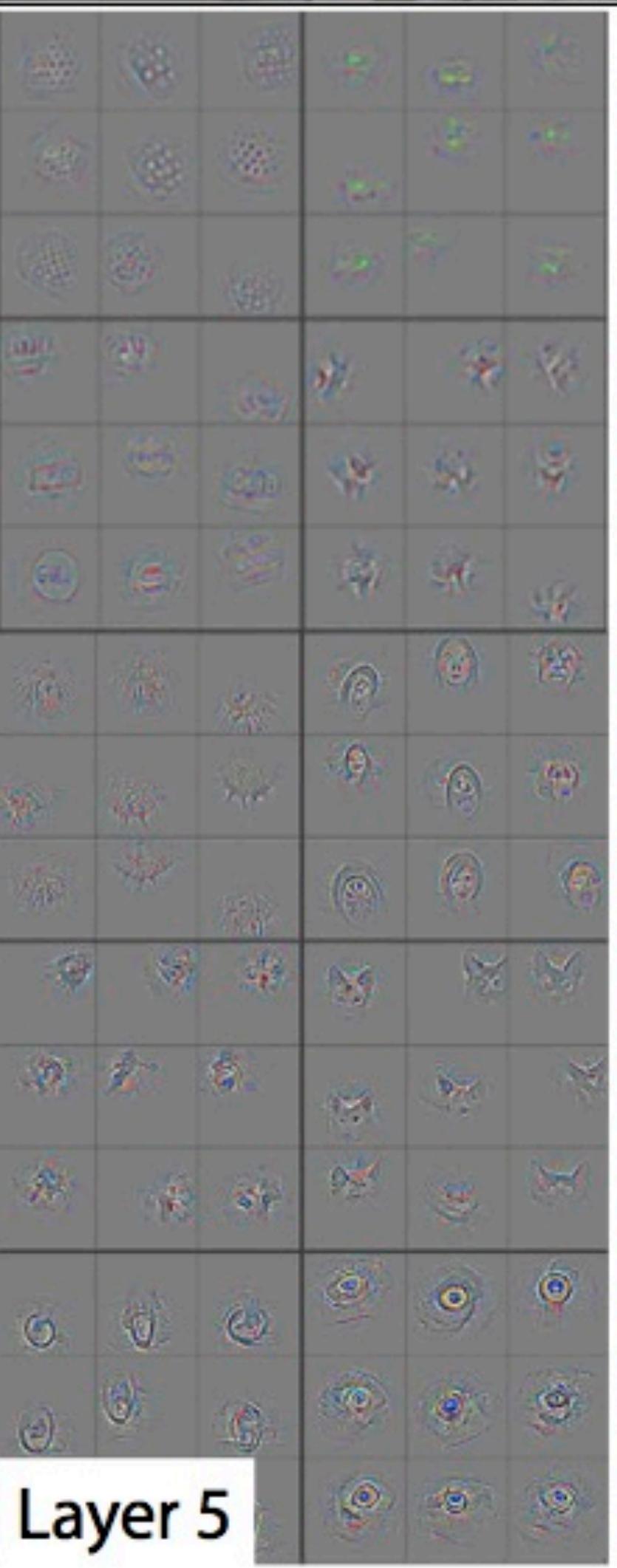
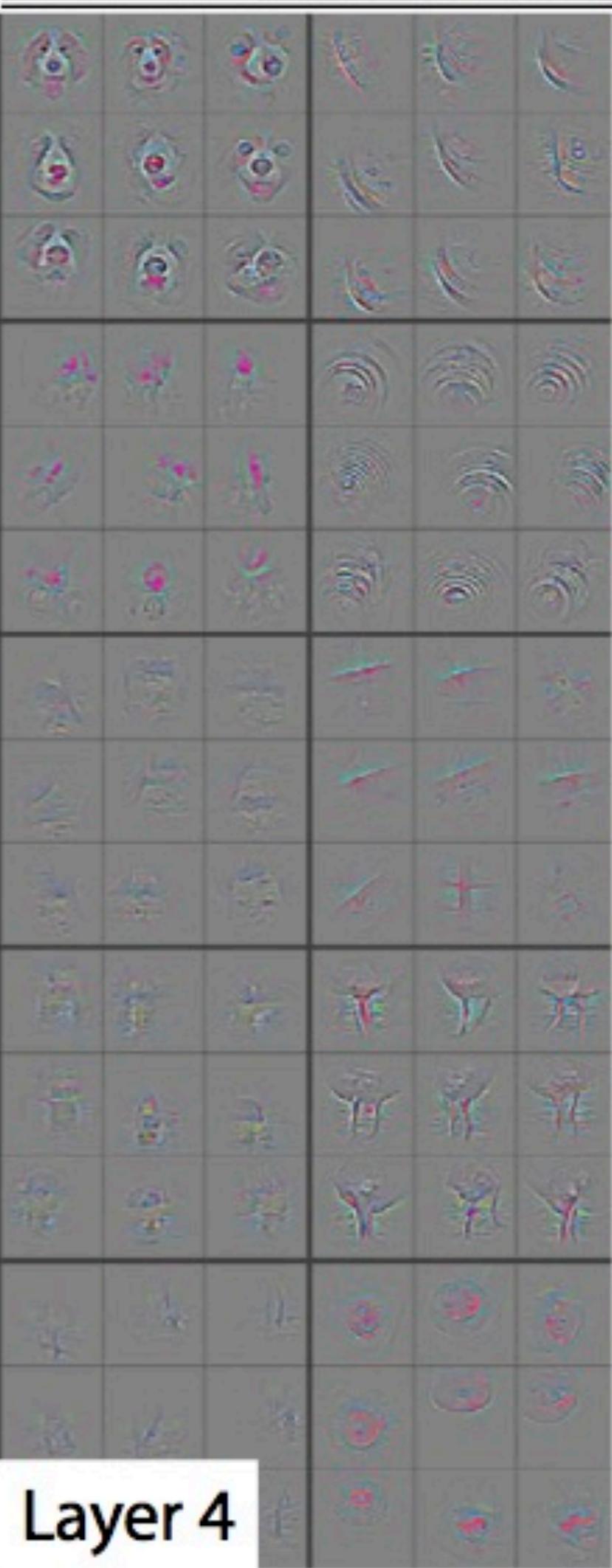
2013 Visualizing and Understanding Convolutional Networks



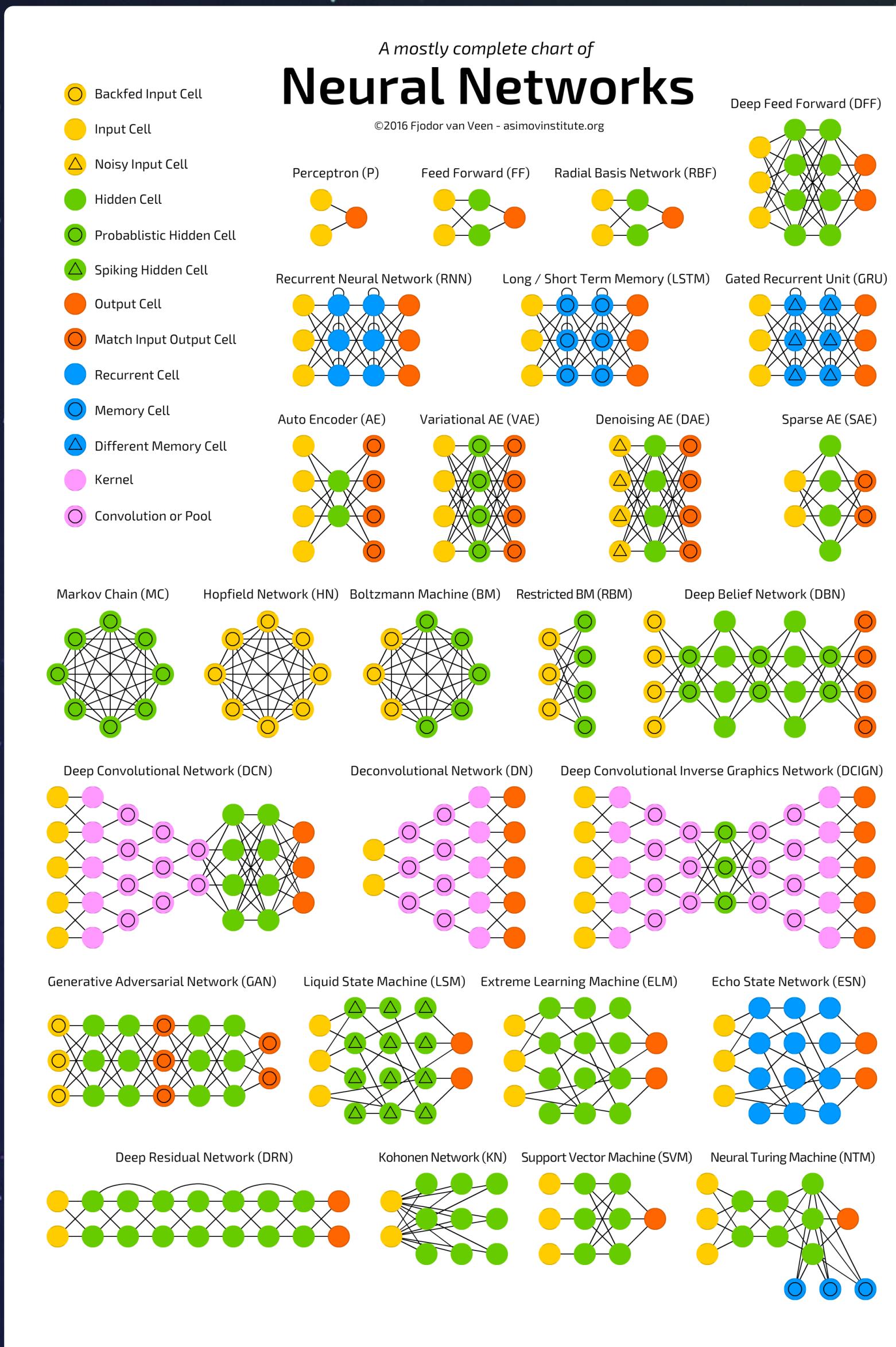
CNNs



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Neural Network Architectures

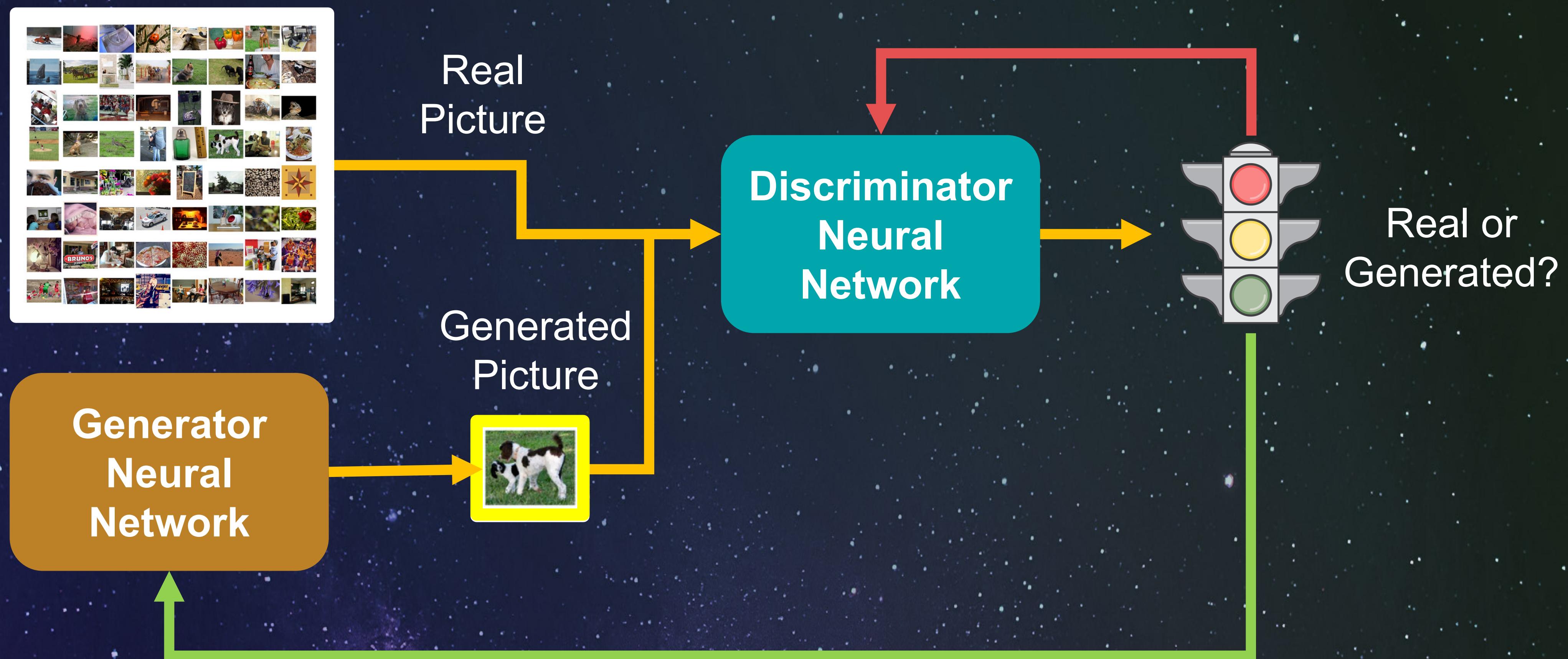


Lots of Parameters

Network Architectures
defined by Hyperparameters

Dropout Layers
for Regularization

Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)

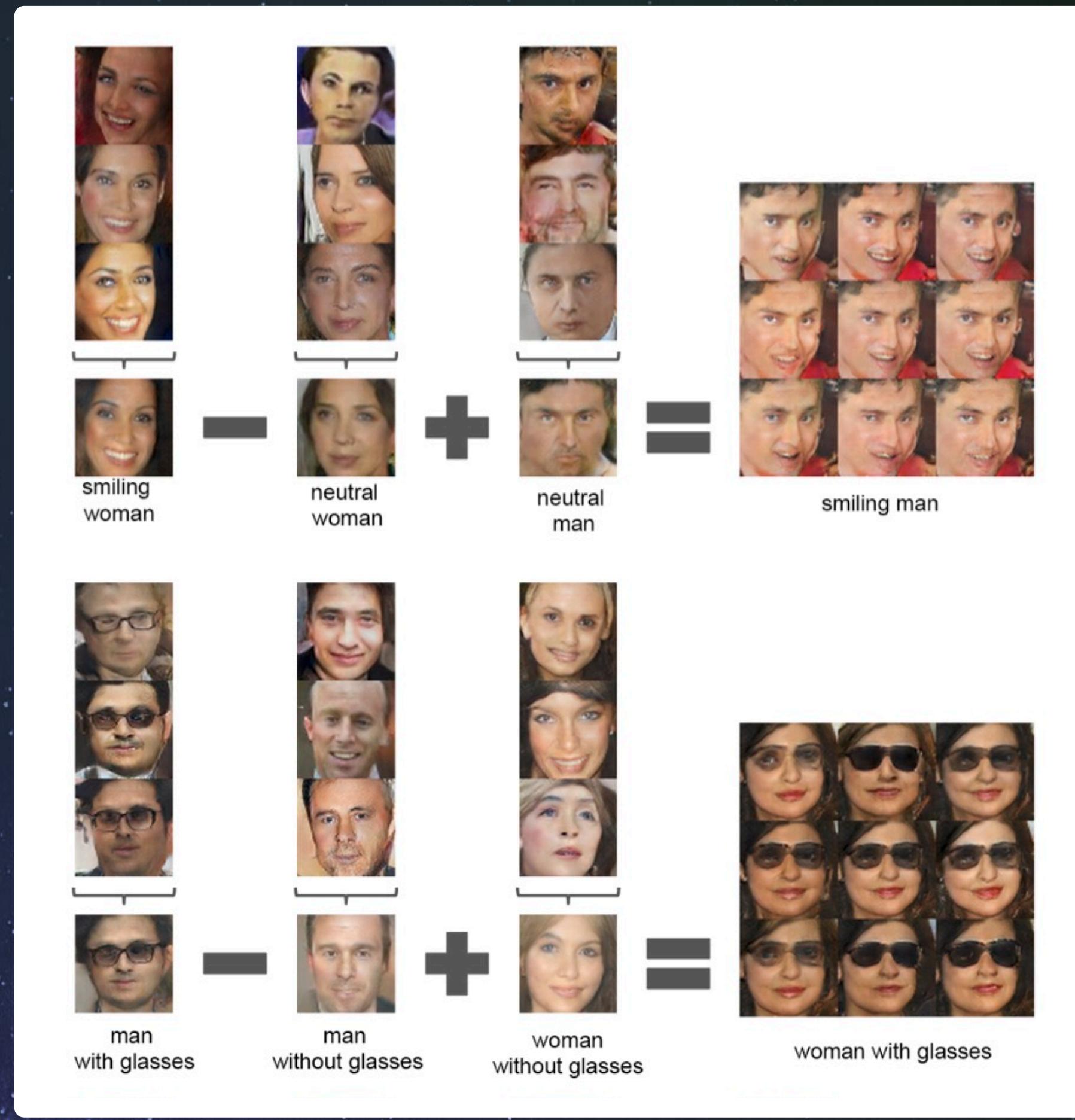


Unsupervised Learning

Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)



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Artificial Intelligence & Deep Learning At Amazon

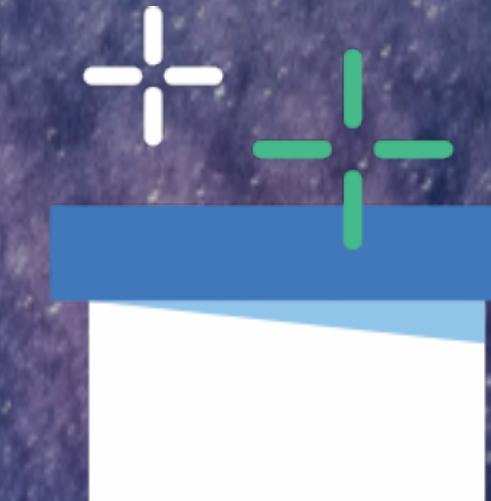
Thousands Of Employees Across The Company Focused on AI



Discovery &
Search



Fulfilment &
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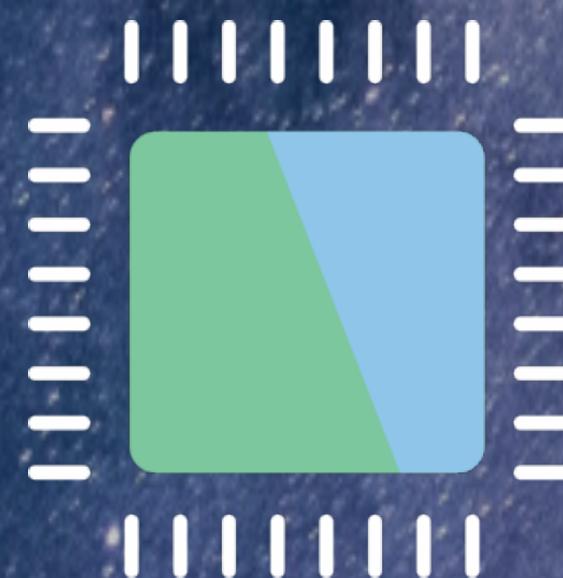


Add ML-powered
features to existing products



Echo &
Alexa

Artificial Intelligence on AWS



P2, F1 &
Elastic GPUs



Deep Learning
AMI and template



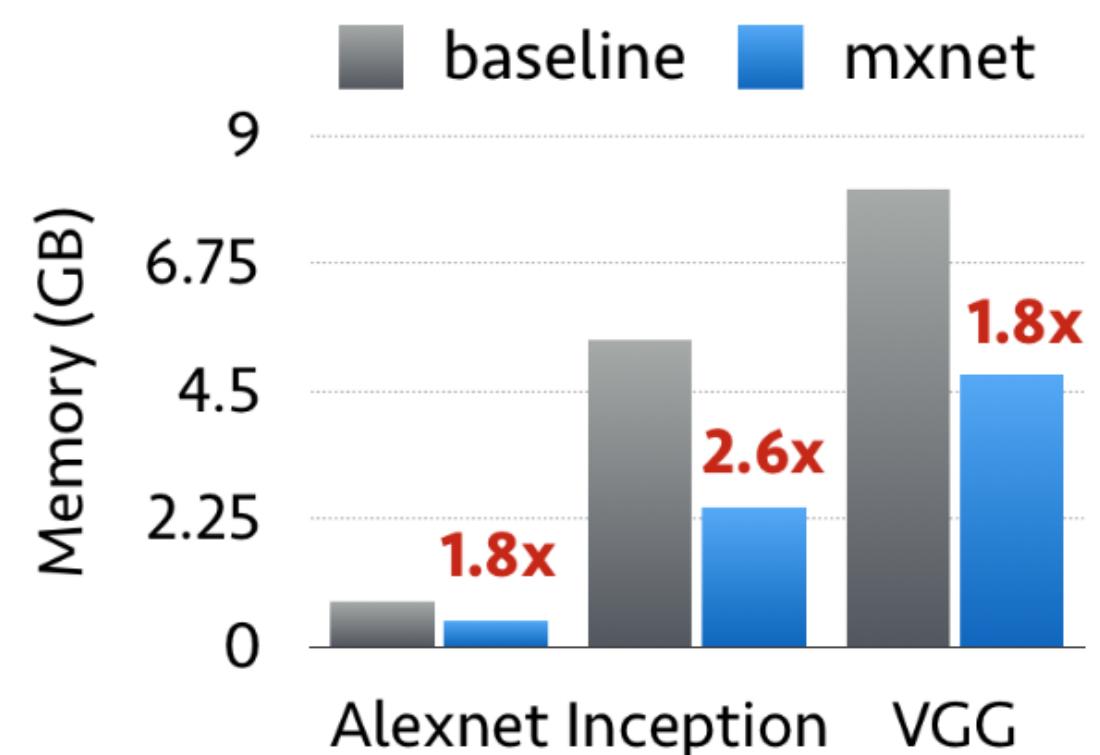
Investment in
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Apache MXNet

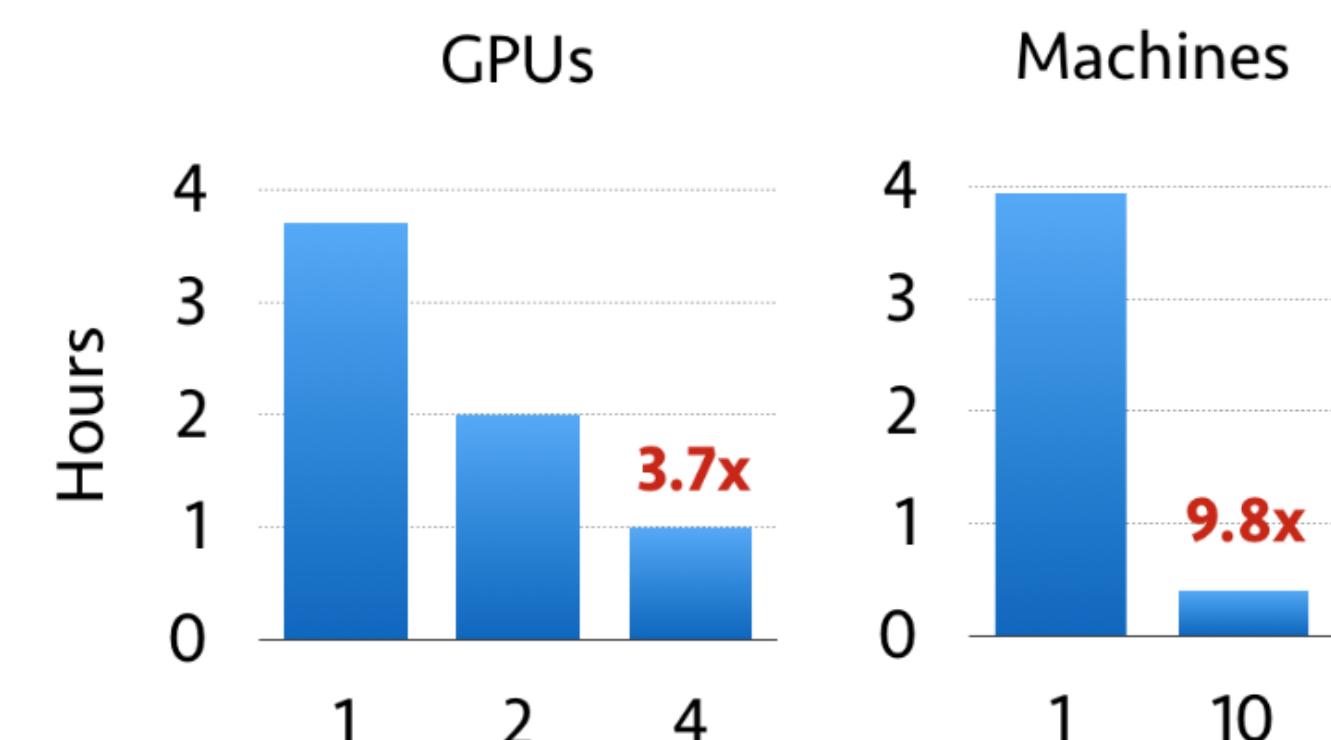
Portable



Efficient



Scalable



Deep Learning AMI

The screenshot shows the AWS Marketplace product page for the Deep Learning AMI Amazon Linux Version. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for 'aws.amazon.com', 'Hello, Danilo Poccia', and 'Help'. Below the navigation, there's a search bar and a 'Continue' button. The main content area features a large image of the Amazon logo, followed by the product title 'Deep Learning AMI Amazon Linux Version' and a brief description. To the left, there's a sidebar with various product details like 'Customer Rating', 'Latest Version', 'Operating System', 'Delivery Method', 'Support', 'AWS Services Required', and 'Highlights'. The 'Highlights' section lists several key features, including support for MXNet built with MKL, six pre-installed deep learning frameworks, and pre-installed productivity components. At the bottom, there's a 'Product Description' section.

Deep Learning Frameworks

MXNet, Caffe, Tensorflow,
Theano, Torch, CNTK and Keras

Pre-installed components to
speed productivity, such as
Nvidia drivers, CUDA, cuDNN,
Intel MKL-DNN with MXNet,
Anaconda, Python 2 and 3

AWS Integration



Amazon AI

Bringing Powerful Artificial Intelligence To All Developers



1 **Amazon Rekognition**
Image Recognition And Analysis
Powered By Deep Learning

Amazon Rekognition

Deep learning-based image recognition service
Search, verify, and organize millions of images



Object and Scene
Detection



Facial
Analysis

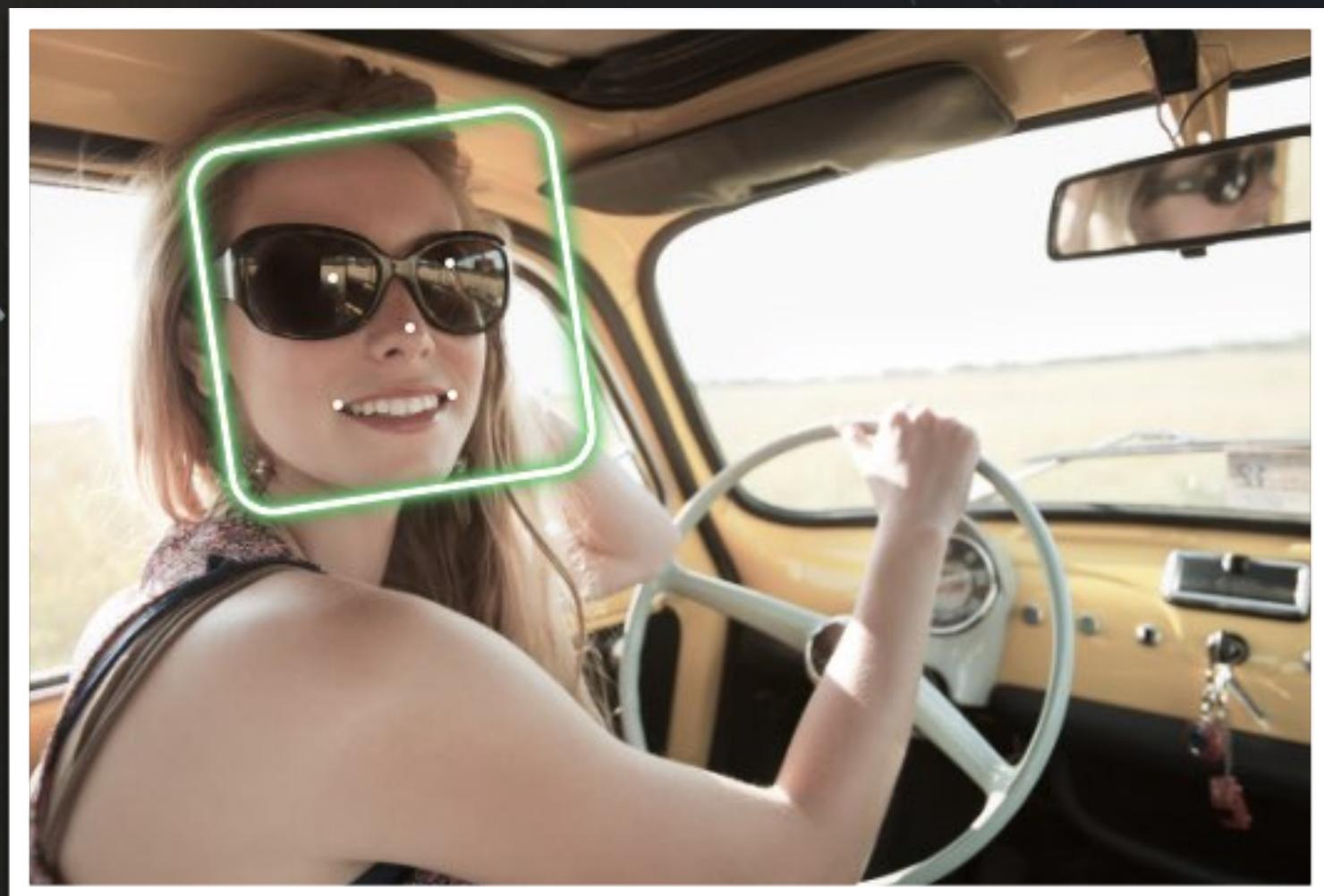


Face
Comparison



Facial
Recognition

Amazon Rekognition: Images In, Categories and Facial Analysis Out



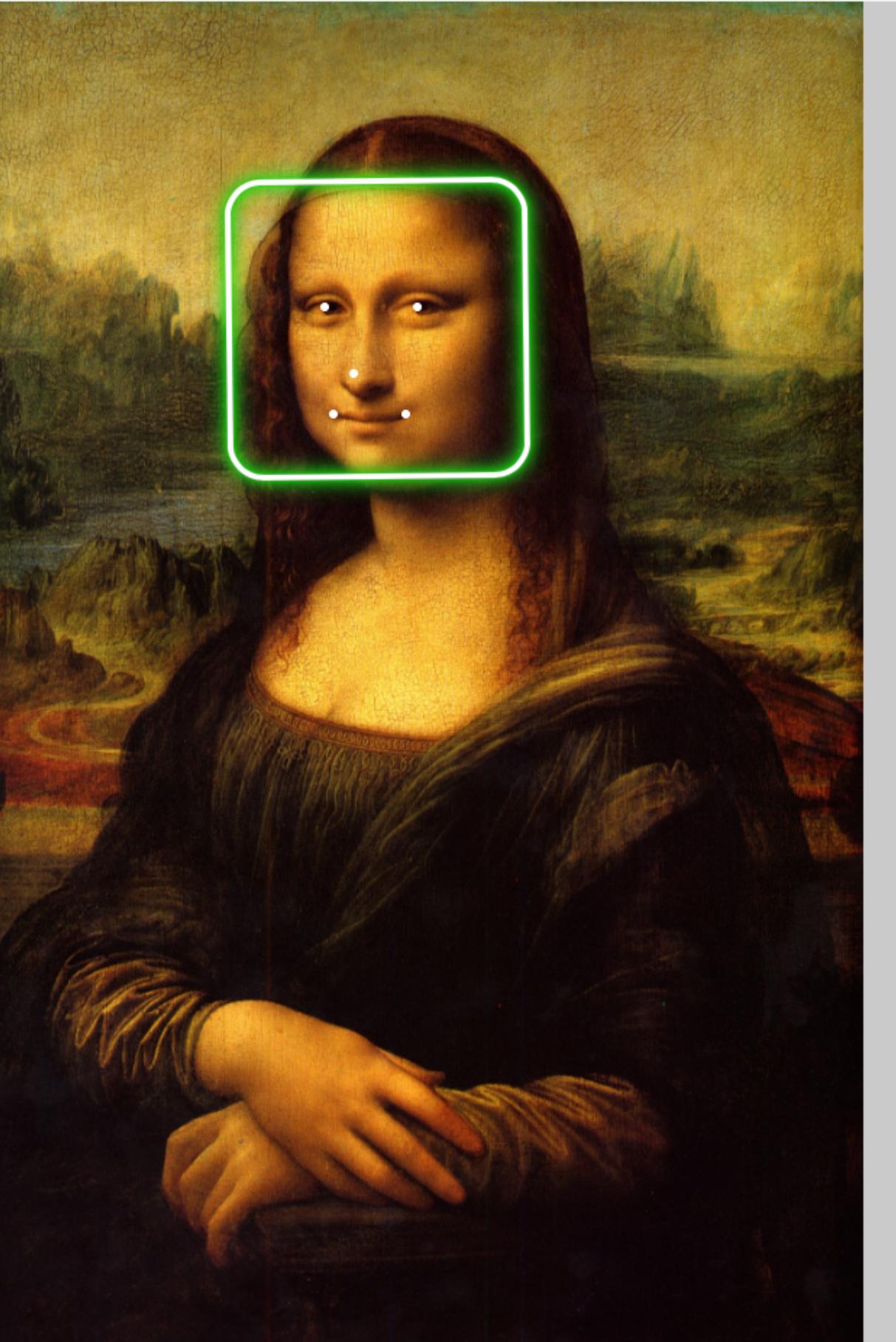
Amazon
Rekognition

Objects & Scenes	Faces
Car	
Outside	
Daytime	
Driving	
	Female
	Smiling
	Sunglasses

Amazon Rekognition Facial Analysis

Facial analysis

Get a complete analysis of facial attributes, including confidence scores. (Your images aren't stored.)



Choose a sample Image



Use your own image

Upload

or

Type or paste image URL

Go

Done with the demo?

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▼ Results



looks like a face 99.9%

appears to be female 100%

age range 26 - 43 years old

not smiling 99.8%

appears to be happy 72%

not wearing eyeglasses 99.6%

not wearing sunglasses 99.7%

eyes are open 97.9%

mouth is closed 99.9%

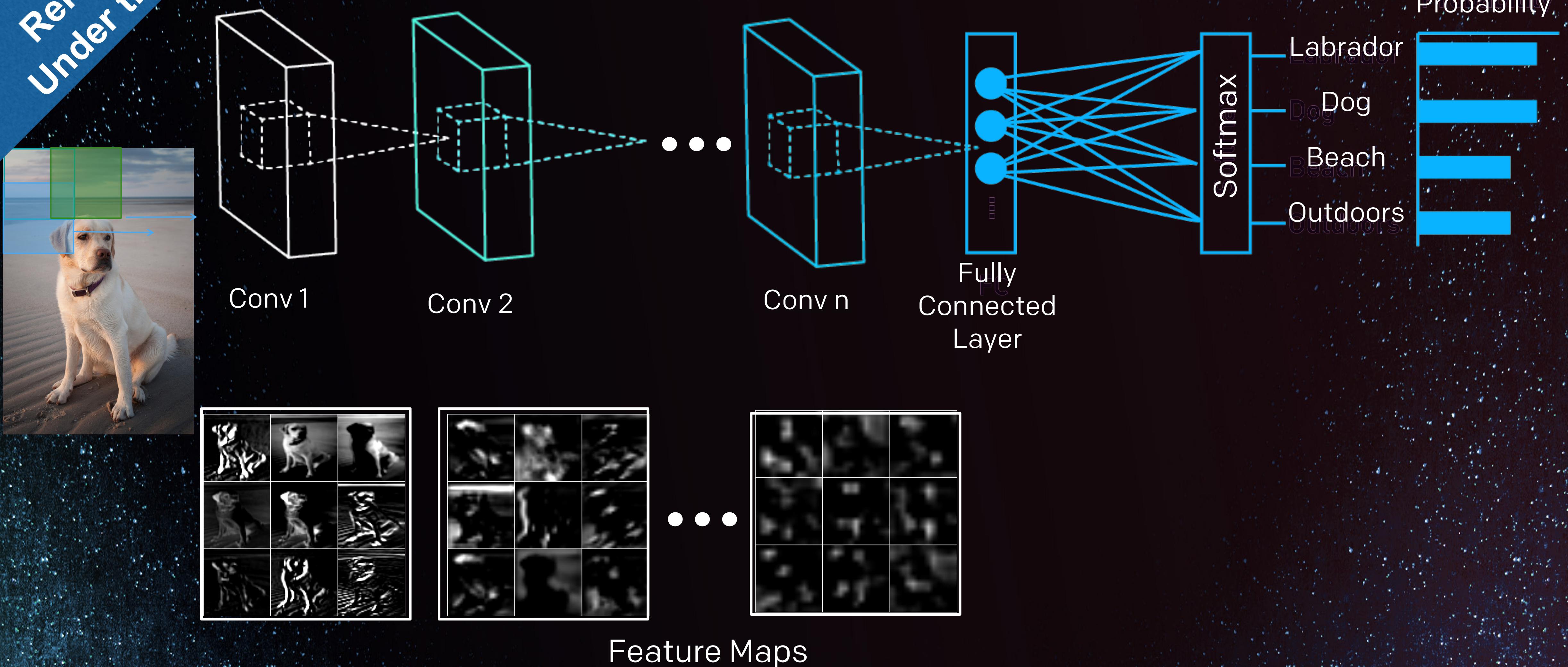
does not have a mustache 99.6%

does not have a beard 99.3%

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Amazon Rekognition Under the Hood

Deep Learning Process



With Rekognition, Bynder revolutionizes marketing admin tasks with AI capabilities

“

With our new AI capabilities, Bynder's software... now allows users to save hours of admin labor when uploading and organizing their files, adding exponentially more value.



Chris Hall
CEO, Bynder

”

Bynder allows you to easily create, find and use content for branding automation and marketing solutions.





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Amazon Polly

Text To Speech Powered By Deep Learning

Amazon Polly: Text In, Life-like Speech Out



TEXT TO SPEECH

Market grew by > 20%.

Market

grew

by

more
than

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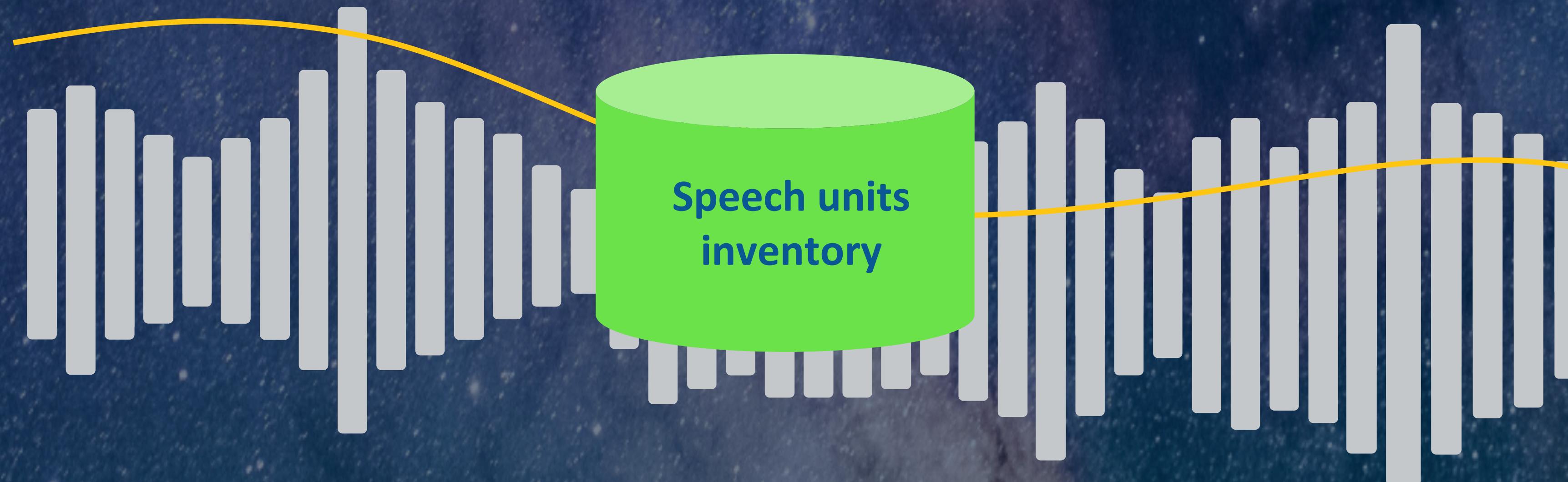
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UNIT PRODUCTION INVENTORY



Amazon Polly AWS CLI

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aws polly synthesize-speech
--text "It was nice to live such a wonderful live show."
--output-format mp3
--voice-id Joanna
--text-type text joanna.mp3)
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*“Nel mezzo del cammin di nostra vita
mi ritrovai per una selva oscura
ché la diritta via era smarrita.”*



Duolingo voices its language learning service Using Polly

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With Amazon Polly our users benefit from the most lifelike Text-to-Speech voices available on the market.

Severin Hacker
CTO, Duolingo

duolingo

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- Spoken language crucial for language learning
- Accurate pronunciation matters
- Faster iteration thanks to TTS
- As good as natural human speech

Duolingo is a free language learning service where users help translate the web and rate translations.

With Polly, GoAnimate gives voice to the characters in their animations

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Amazon Polly gives GoAnimate users the ability to immediately give voice to the characters they animate using our platform.

Alvin Hung
CEO, GoAnimate

GoAnimate

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- Multi-language communication
 - Training or HR professionals who have to create content in many languages
- Video preproduction
 - Video makers who need to iterate and fine-tune before the text-to-speech is eventually replaced by a professional voiceover
- K-12 education
 - Students who make videos and don't have access to professional voices or time for or knowledge of voiceover

GoAnimate is a cloud-based, animated video creation platform.

RNIB provides the largest library in the UK for people with sight loss

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Amazon Polly delivers
incredibly lifelike voices which
captivate and engage our
readers.

John Worsfold

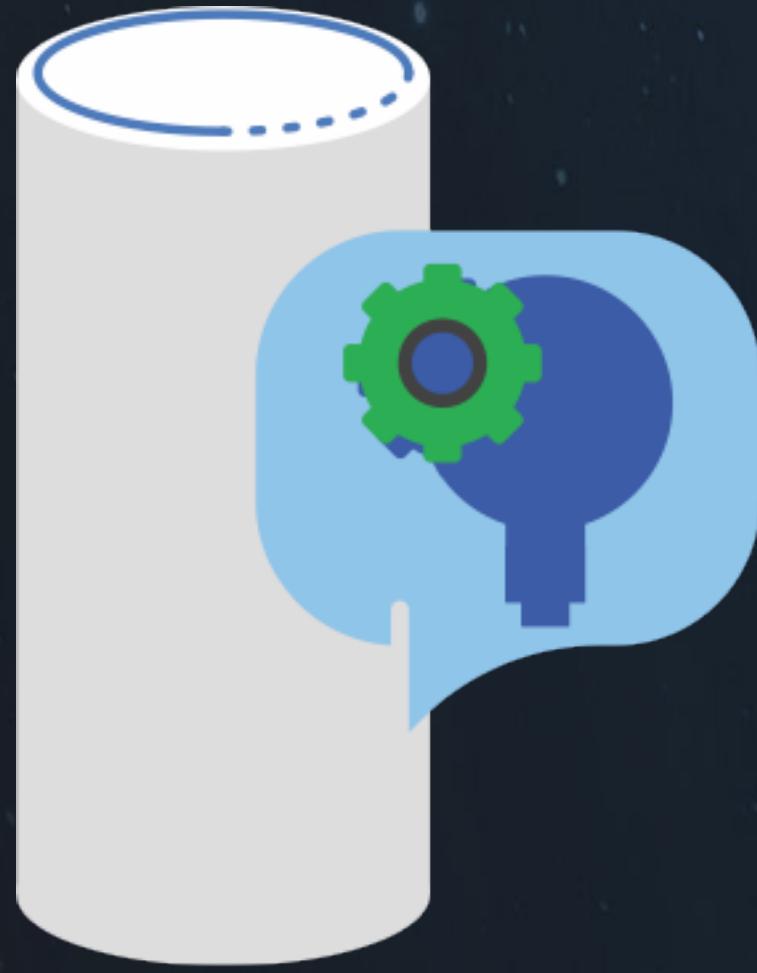
Solutions Implementation Manager, RNIB



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- RNIB delivers largest library of audiobooks in the UK for nearly 2 million people with sight loss
- Naturalness of generated speech is critical to captivate and engage readers
- No restrictions on speech redistributions enables RNIB to create and distribute accessible information in a form of synthesized content

Royal National Institute of Blind People creates and distributes accessible information in the form of synthesized content



③ Amazon ALEXA

(It's what's inside Alexa)

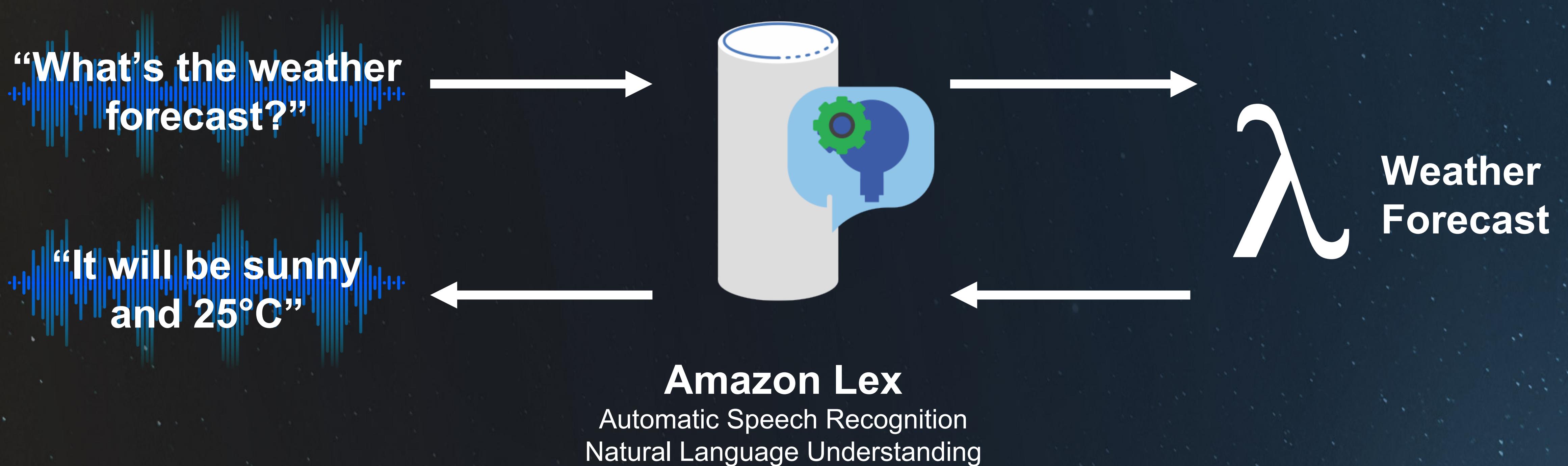
Natural Language Understanding (NLU) &
Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR) Powered By Deep Learning

Amazon Lex: Speech Recognition & Natural Language Understanding

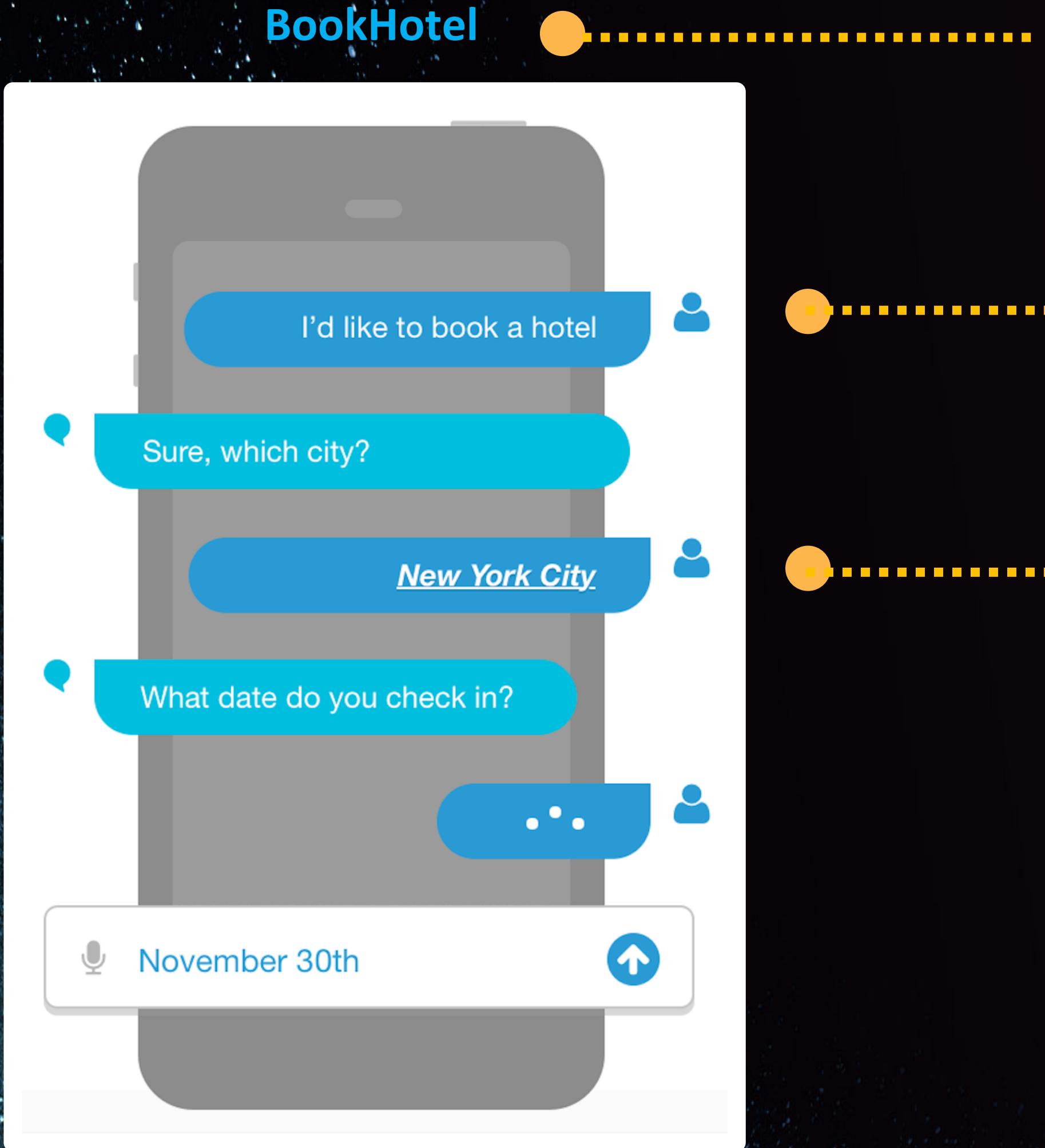


Amazon Lex
Automatic Speech Recognition
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Lex Bot Structure



Intents

An Intent performs an action in response to natural language user input

Utterances

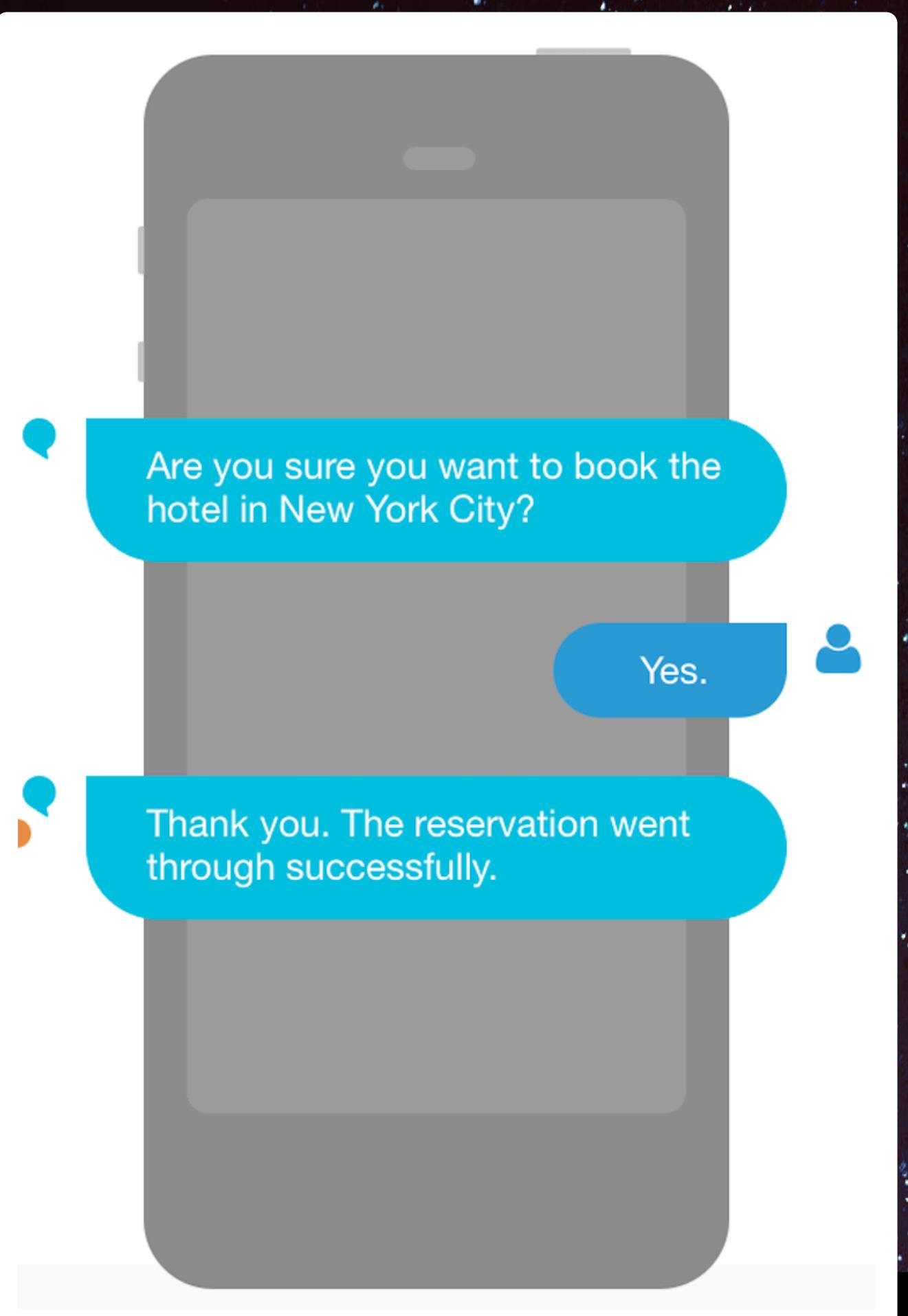
Spoken or typed phrases that invoke your intent

Slots

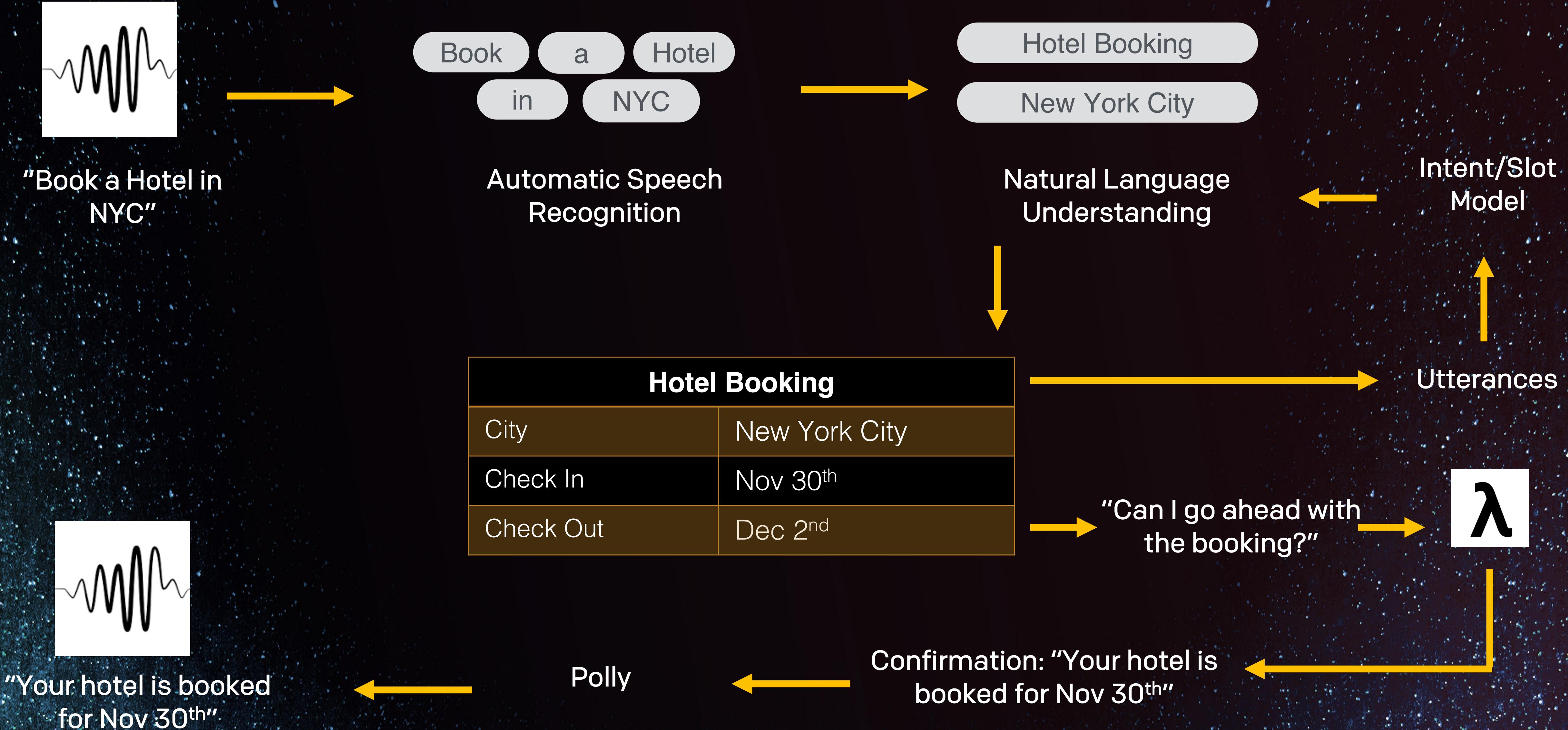
Slots are input data required to fulfill the intent

Fulfillment

Fulfillment mechanism for your intent



“Book a Hotel”



Motorola Solutions is using Amazon AI to help finding missing persons

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Finding missing persons:
~100,000 active missing

persons cases in the U.S.

at any given time

~60% are adults,

~40% are children



MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS

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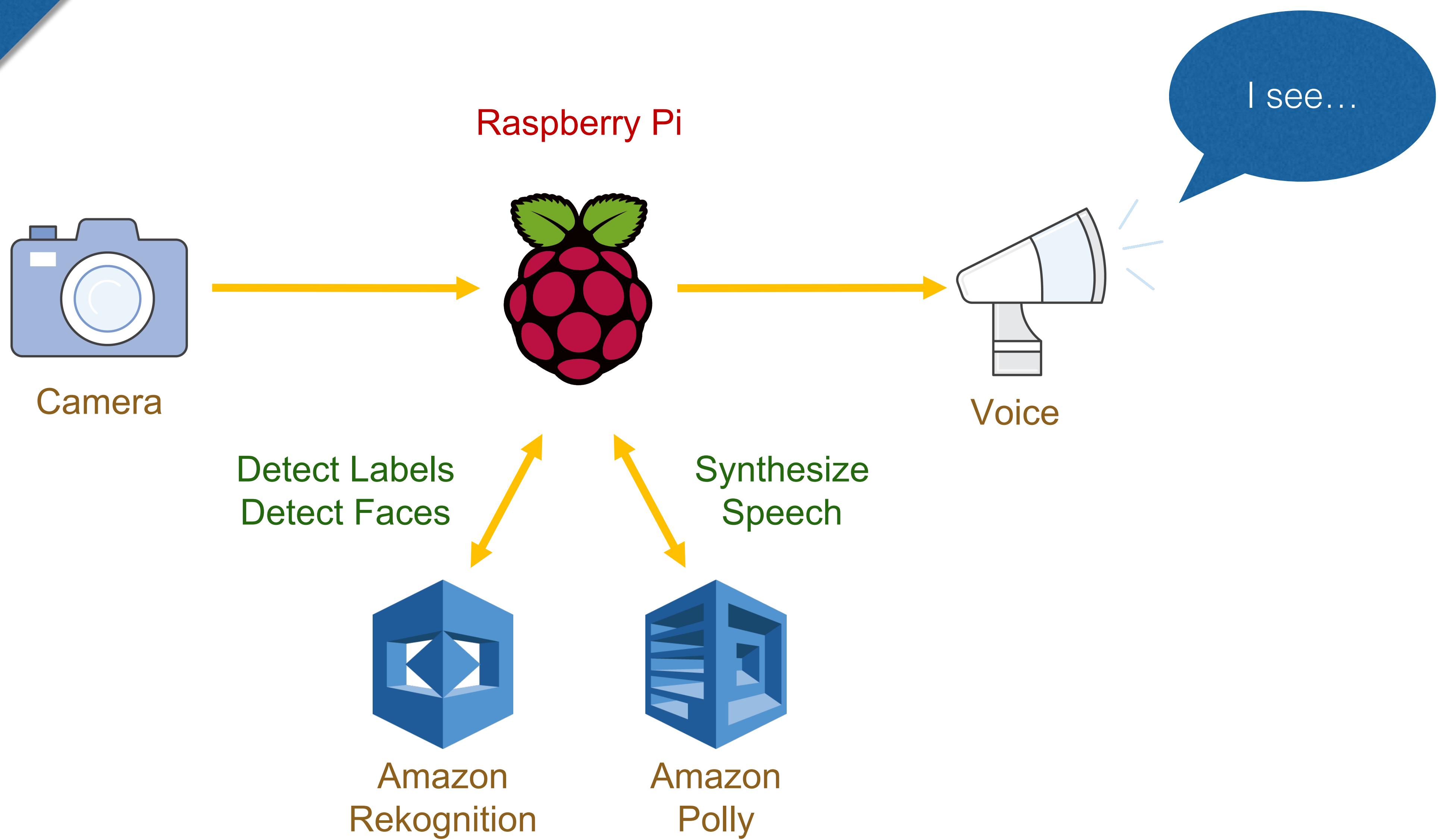
- Motorola Solutions applies Amazon Rekognition, Amazon Polly and Amazon Lex
- Image analytics and facial recognition can continually monitor for missing persons
- Tools that understand natural language can enable officers to keep eyes up and hands free

Motorola Solutions keeps utility workers connected and visible to each other with real-time voice and data communication across the smart grid.



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I See
</demo>

I See Demo



Amazon
Rekognition

Amazon
Polly

Amazon
Lex

AI Services

Amazon
Machine Learning

Amazon
EMR

Spark &
Spark ML

AI Platforms

Apache
MXNet

TensorFlow

Caffe

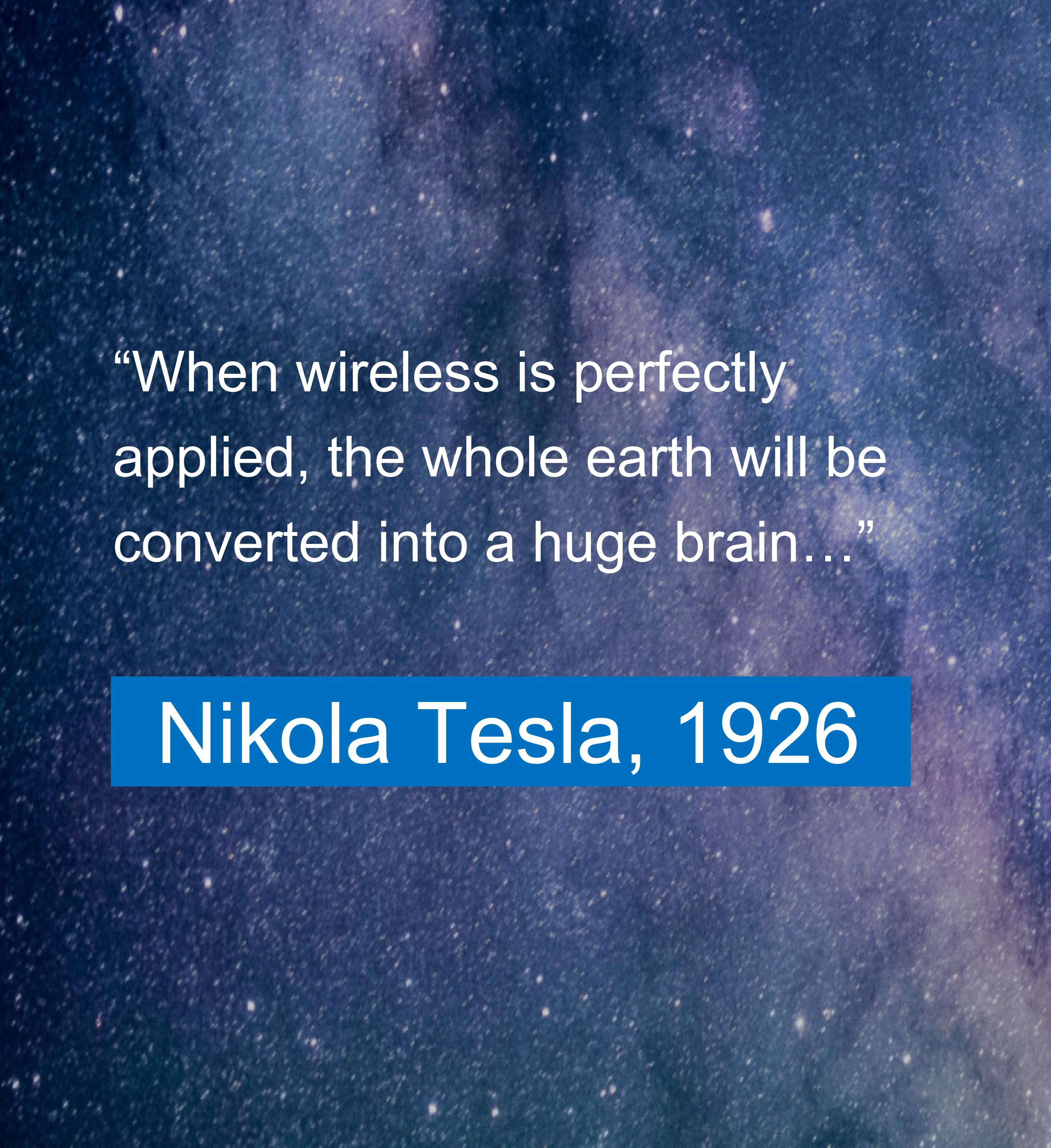
Torch

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CNTK

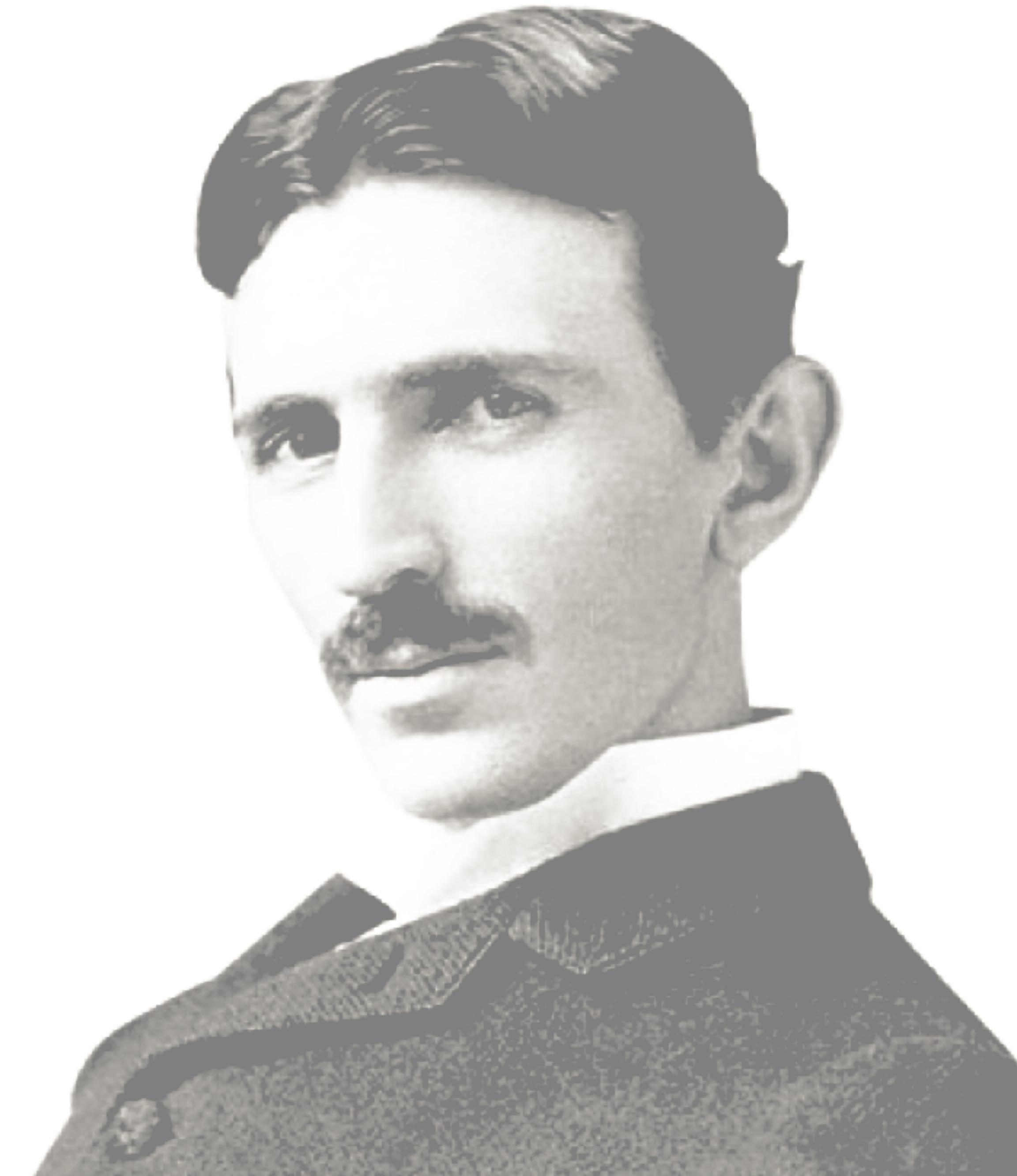
Keras

AI Engines



“When wireless is perfectly applied, the whole earth will be converted into a huge brain...”

Nikola Tesla, 1926



Machines Are Learning

Bringing Powerful Artificial Intelligence Tools to Developers



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