

# Computing Methods for Experimental Physics and Data Analysis

Data Analysis in Medical Physics

Lecture 10: Machine learning and deep learning

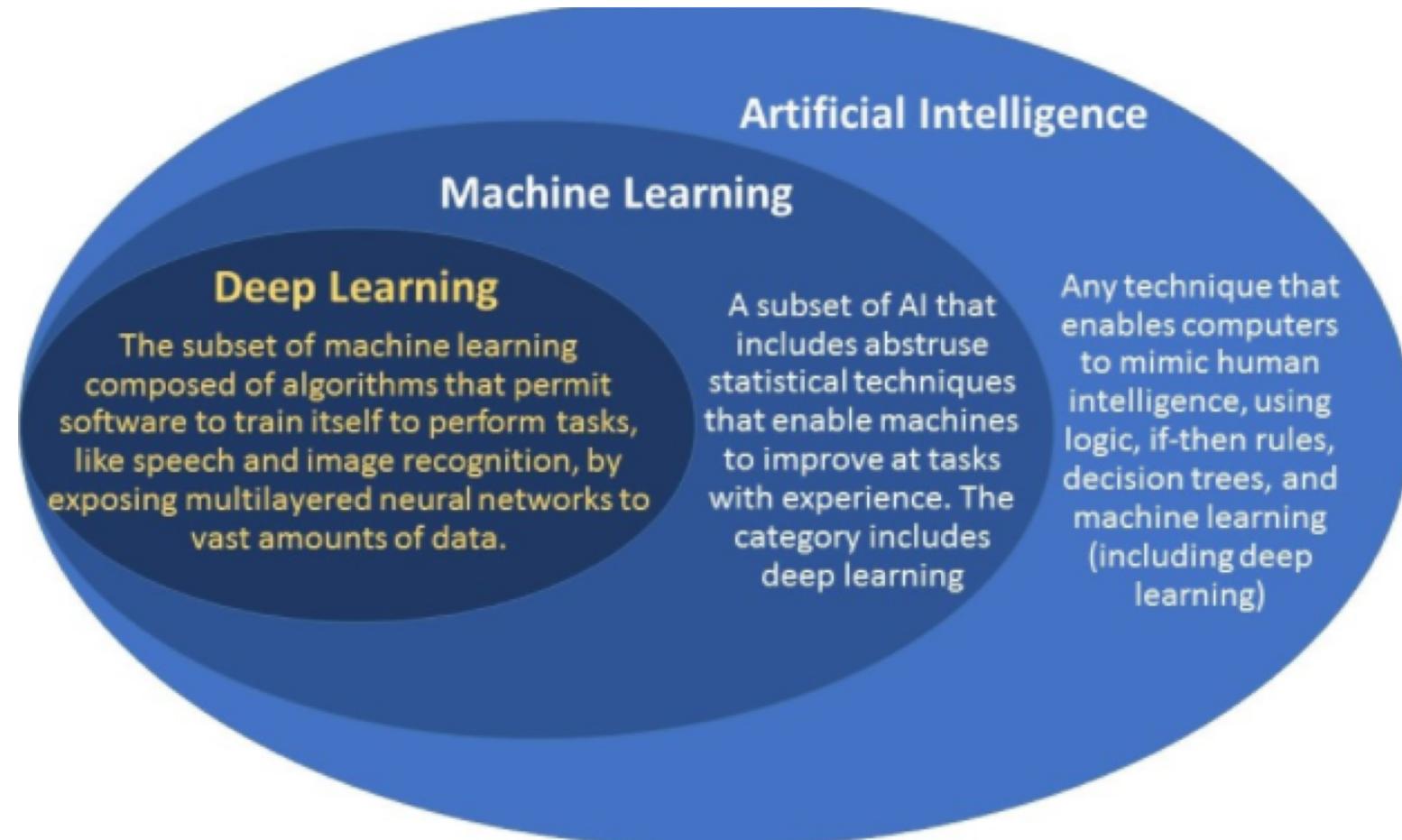
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# Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Deep Learning

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<https://www.deeplearningitalia.com/una-panoramica-introattiva-su-deep-learning-e-machine-learning/>

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# Machine Learning

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- **Supervised learning:**

- Predicting values, **known** data labels
- The machine uses the label information to guess the right answer on new data

## Regression

Estimate continuous values  
(real-valued output)

## Classification

Identify a unique class  
(Boolean, discrete values, categories)

- **Unsupervised learning:**

- Search for structure in data; **unknown** data labels
- The machine find useful information hidden in data

## Cluster Analysis

Group data points into sets

## Dimensionality reduction

Select relevant variables

# Regression predictive models

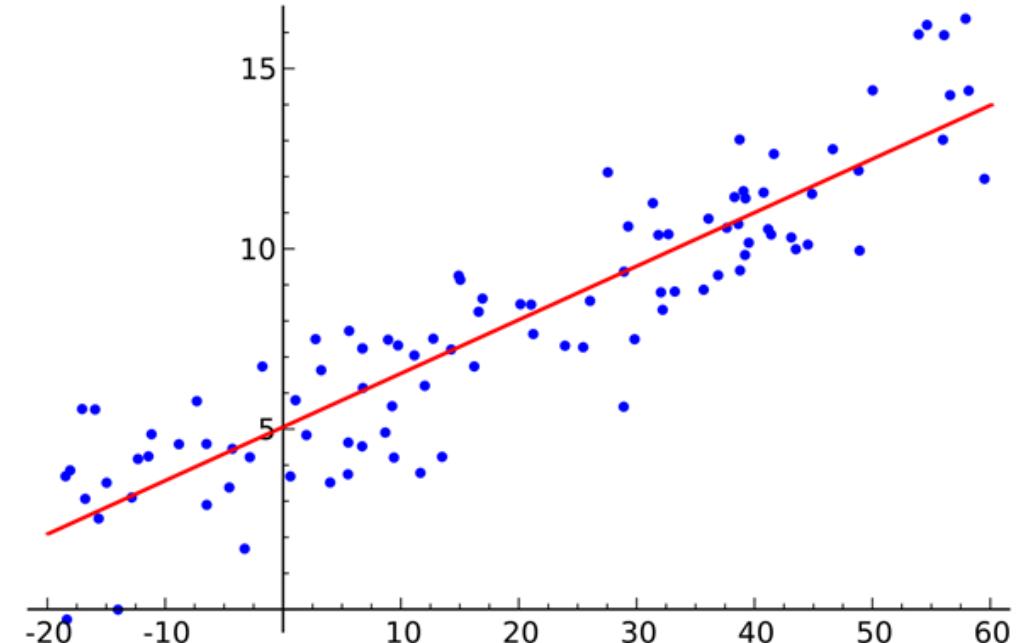
- Supervised learning: it aims to model the relationship between a certain number of features (multivariate regression problem) and a continuous target variable.

$$y = f(x)$$

- the most common figure of merit used to estimate the performance of a regression predictive model is the root mean squared error (RMSE)

$$RMSE = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(\hat{y}_i - y_i)^2}{n}}$$

Simple Regression →  $y = mx + b$



See demo code on  
[https://github.com/retico/cmepda\\_medphys  
L10\\_code/Lecture10\\_demo\\_regression.m](https://github.com/retico/cmepda_medphys_L10_code/Lecture10_demo_regression.m)

# Autoencoders

Unsupervised learning.

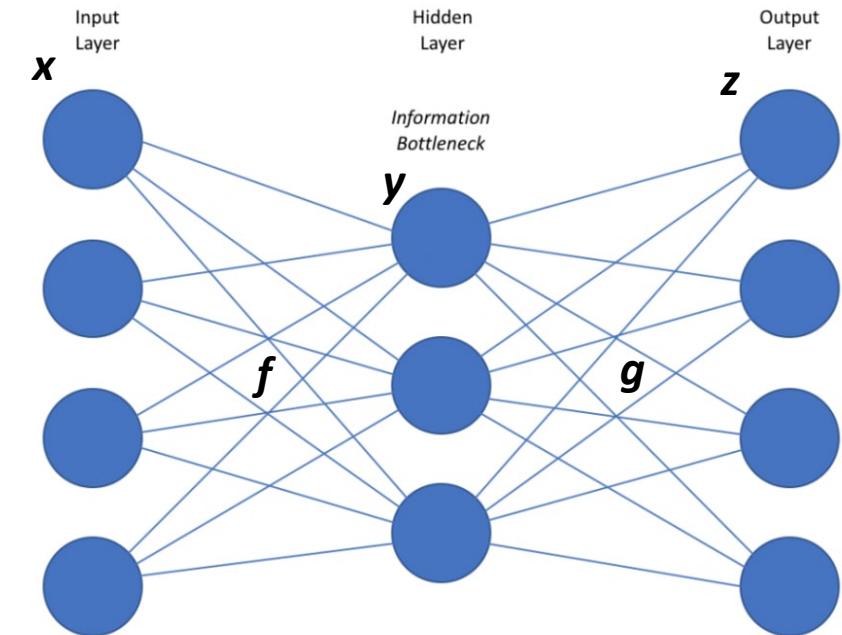
Artificial Neural Network able to compress (encode) information automatically.

An *encoder* is a deterministic mapping  $f$  that transforms an input vector  $x$  into hidden representation  $y$

A *decoder* maps back via  $g$  the hidden representation  $y$  to the reconstructed input  $z$ .

An **autoencoder** compares the reconstructed input  $z$  to the original input  $x$  and try to minimize the reconstruction *error*.

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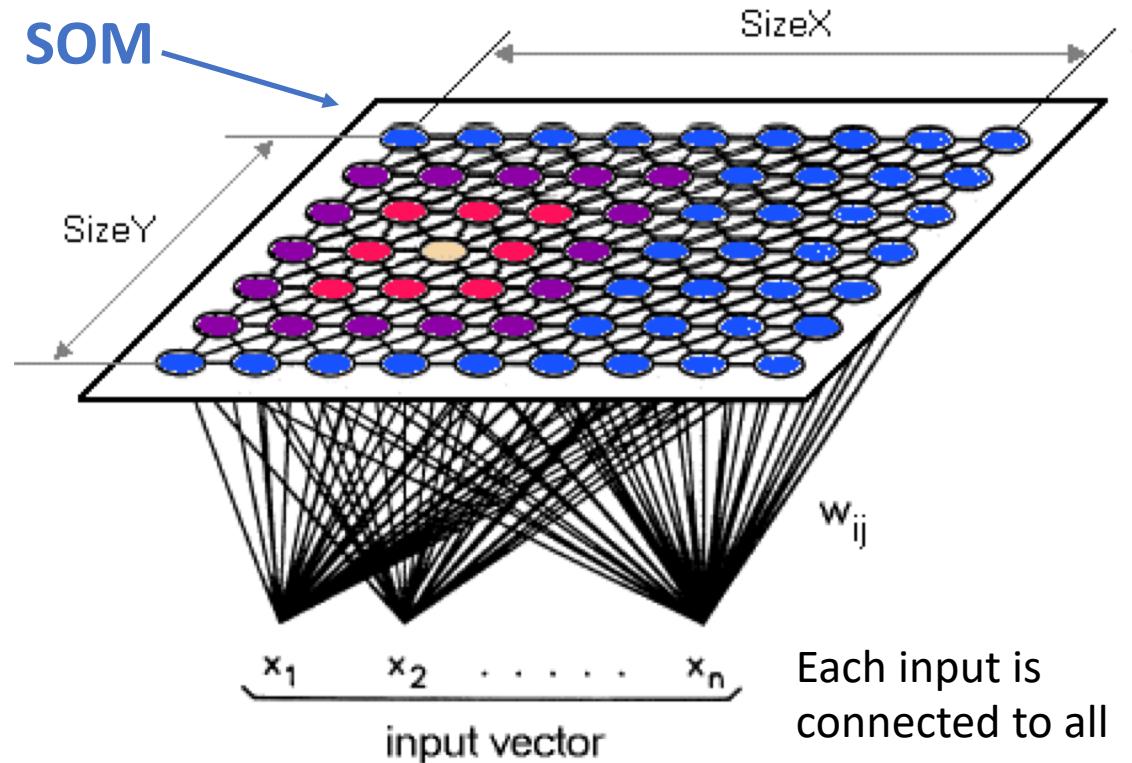


Autoencoders can be used:

- to compress the information (using the higher level representations  $y$ ).
- to denoise images, as  $y$  are relatively stable and robust to input corruption.

# Self Organizing Maps (SOM)

- Unsupervised learning.
- Unsupervised Artificial Neural Networks that maps multidimensional data onto a 2 dimensional grid
- SOM are known also as Kohonen feature maps, as they were introduced by T. Kohonen in 1982
- SOM combine a **competitive learning** principle with a topological structuring of neurons such that adjacent neurons tend to have similar weight vectors.
- SOM can be used for detecting similarity and degrees of similarity
- Underlying neurobiological hypothesis:
  - Structure **self-organises** based on learning rules and system interaction.
  - Axons physically maintain **neighborhood relationships** as they grow.



Each input is connected to all output neurons

Teuvo Kohonen. Self-Organization of very large document collections: State of the art (1998)

# Self Organizing Maps (SOM)

**Define the SOM size:** choose the size of the SOM (e.g. NxN neurons)

**Initialization:** choose random small values for weights such that  
 $w_j(0)$  is different for all neurons  $j$ .

**Sampling:** get a sample example  $x$  from the input space.

**Similarity matching:** find the best matching (Euclidean dist.) winning neuron  $i(x)$  at step  $n$ :

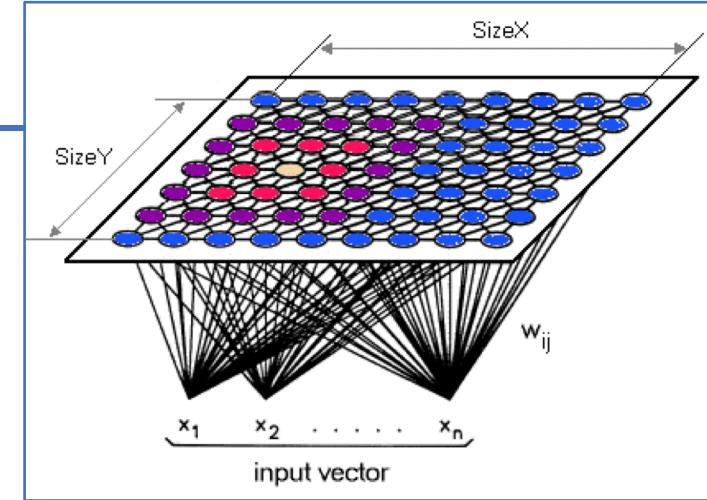
$$i(x) = \arg \min_j \| x(n) - w_j \| \quad j \in [1, 2, \dots, N \times N] \quad \rightarrow i \text{ is the winner neuron}$$

**Updating:** adjust synaptic weight vectors of winning neuron  $i$  and its neighbors

$$w_j(n+1) = w_j(n) + \eta(n) h(j, i, n) (x - w_j(n))$$

where  $\eta(t)$  is a leaning coefficient (decreasing with increasing  $n$ ) and  $h(j, i, n)$  defines the neuron neighboring condition, which has its max for  $j=i$  (it can be Gaussian shaped) and its extent can decrease with increasing  $n$ .

**Continuation:** go to Sampling step until no noticeable changes in the feature map are observed.



# SOM interpretation

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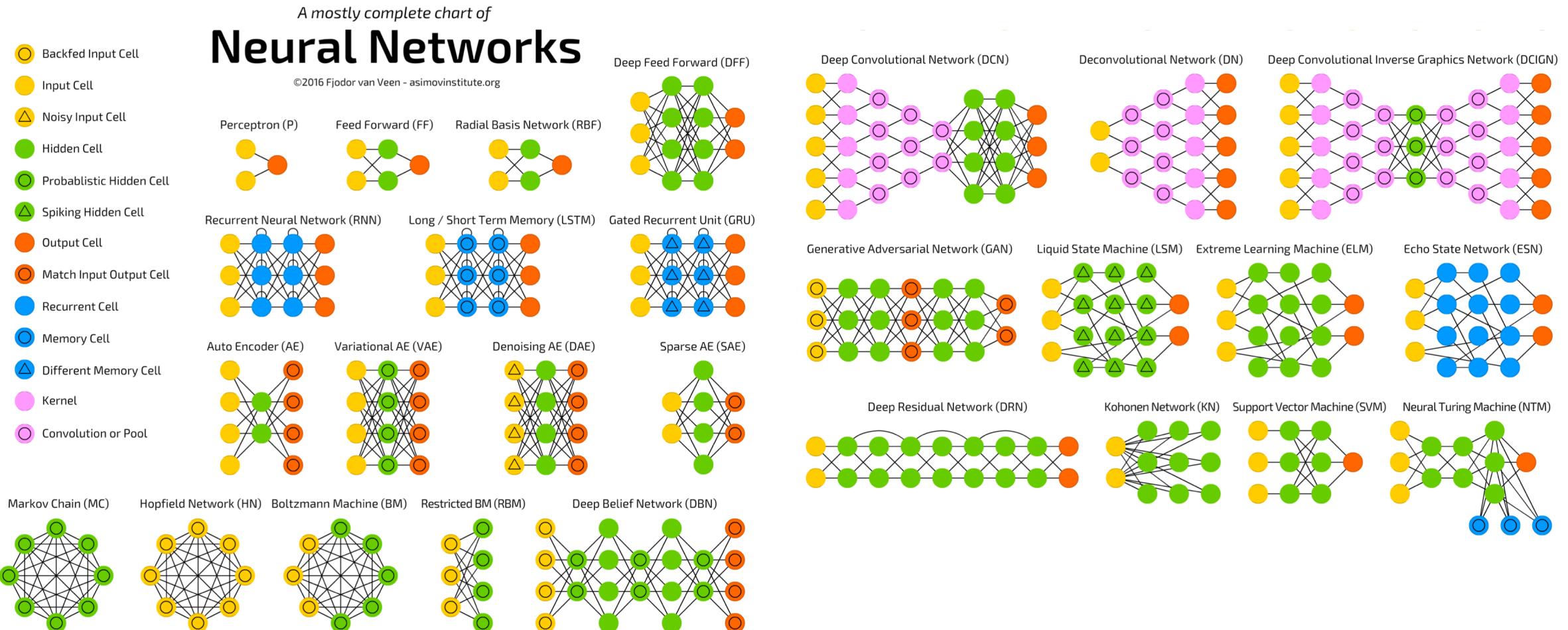
- There are two ways to interpret a SOM.
  - Because in the training phase weights of the whole neighborhood are moved in the same direction, similar items tend to excite adjacent neurons. Therefore, SOM forms a semantic map where similar samples are mapped close together and dissimilar ones apart.
  - The other way is to think of neuronal weights as pointers to the input space. They form a discrete approximation of the distribution of training samples. More neurons point to regions with high training sample concentration and fewer where the samples are scarce.

Data-mining applications: discovering similarities in data.

Large SOMs display emergent properties. In maps consisting of thousands of nodes, it is possible to perform cluster operations on the map itself.

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L10\_code/Lecture10\_demo\_SOM.m

# Neural network Zoo

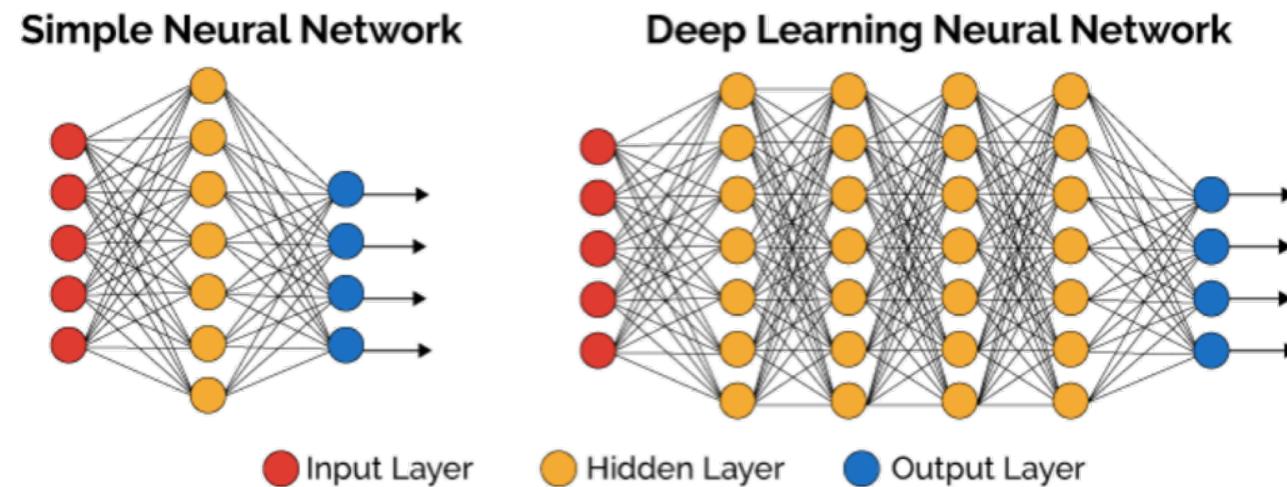


<http://www.asimovinstitute.org/neural-network-zoo/>

# Deep Neural Networks

Deep Learning (DL) means using a neural network with several layers of nodes between input and output

DL models are a family of parametric models which learn non-linear hierarchical representations



$$a_L(\mathbf{x}; \Theta) = h_L(h_{L-1}(\dots(h_1(\mathbf{x}, \theta_1), \theta_{L-1}), \theta_L)$$

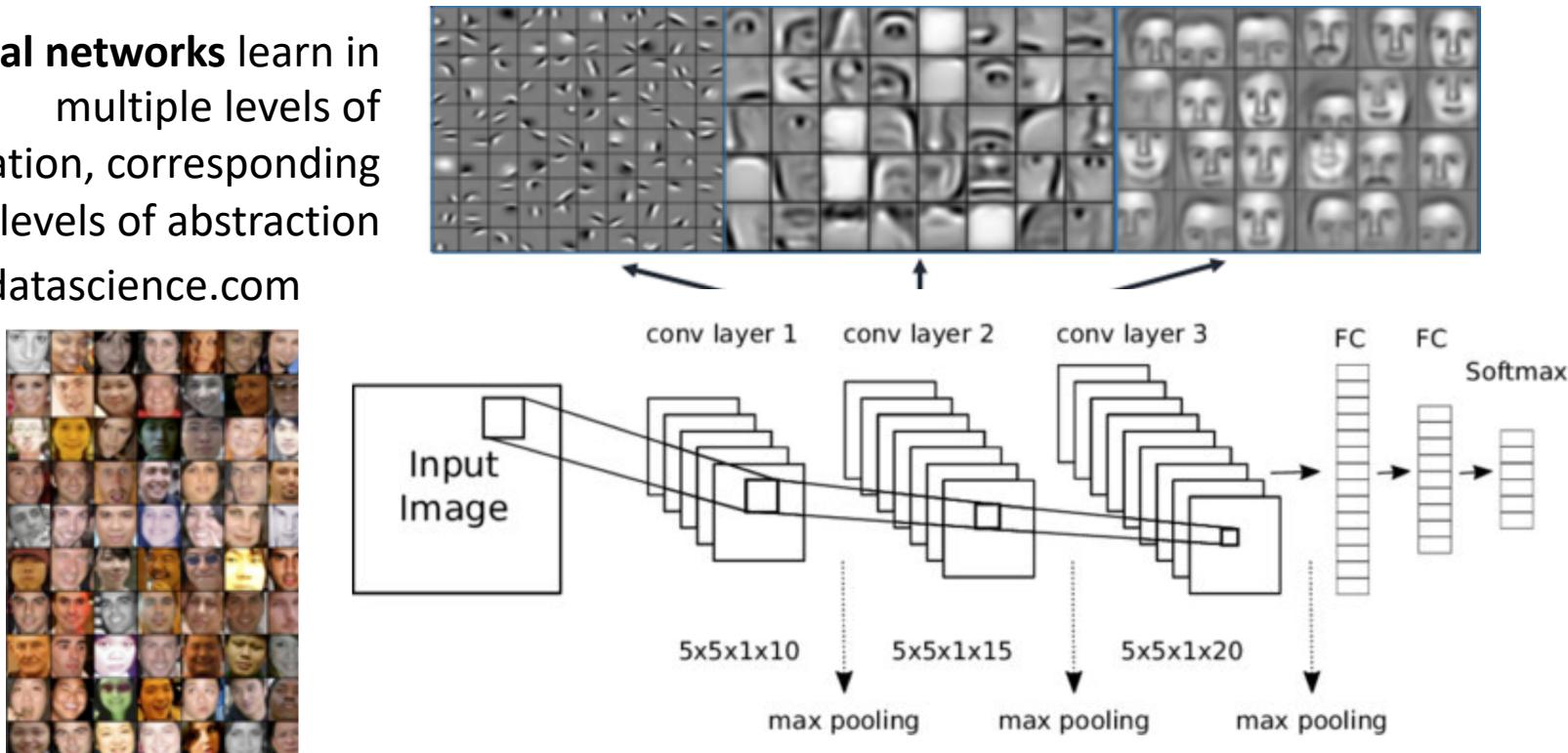
input      parameters of the network      non-linear activation function      parameters of layer  $L$

# Deep Neural Networks

- Deep neural networks are generally better than other ML methods on images
- The series of layers between input and output compute relevant features automatically in a series of stages, just as our brains seem to.

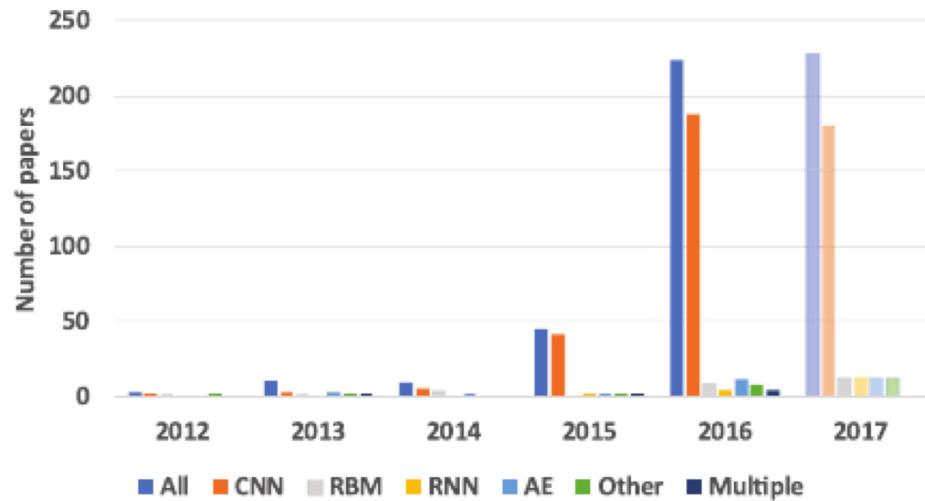
**Deep neural networks** learn in multiple levels of representation, corresponding to different levels of abstraction

<https://towardsdatascience.com>

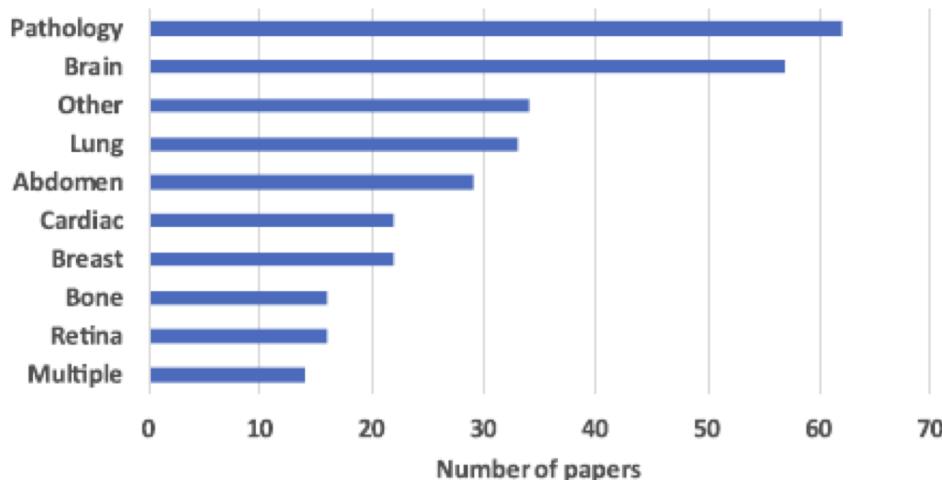
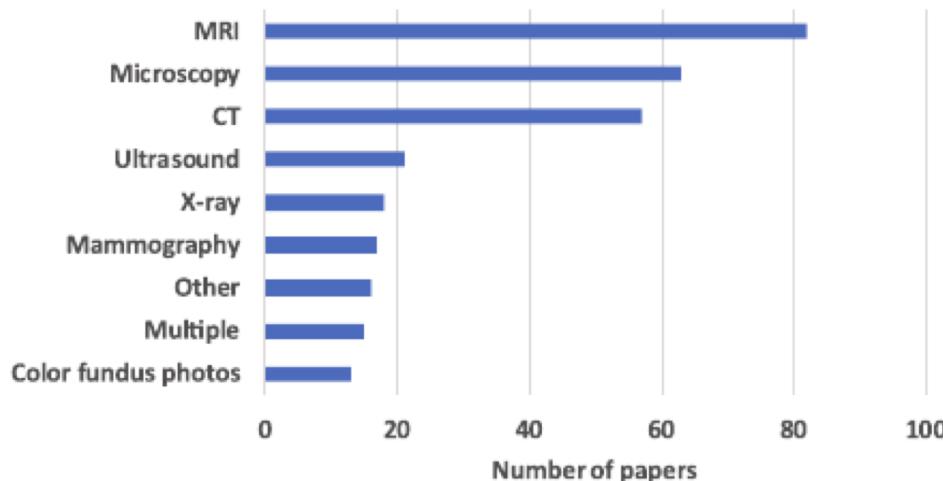
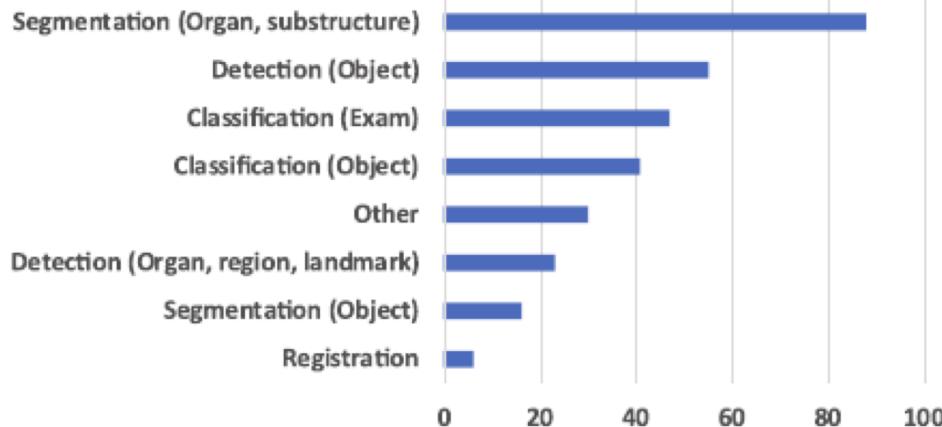


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# Deep Learning has become very popular in Medical Imaging



G. Litjens et al., A survey on deep learning medical image analysis, *Medical Image Analysis* 42 (2017) 60–88



Breakdown of scientific papers by publication year, task addressed, imaging modality, and application area

# DL vs. traditional ML approaches

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- Deep Neural Networks can replace traditional handcrafted feature extraction

→ *Data driven decision making*

- **Pros:**

- No prior selection of problem-related feature => no loss of information

- **Cons:**

- **Larger annotated** data samples are necessary
- Deep Neural Networks are **black boxes**: which image features are relevant for discrimination?



Data augmentation (flip, rotate, scale images to augment data sets)

Model interpretability, explainable AI

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