

# Learning from one continuous stream

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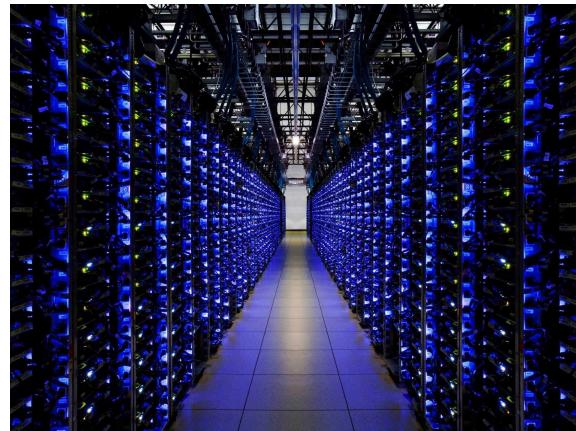


# Human learning... just happens



# Contrast to powerful modern AI systems

GPUs



Data – the Internet



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# Big difference between regimes



From: *This Hand Is My Hand: A Probabilistic Approach to Hand Disambiguation in Egocentric Video*, Lee et al

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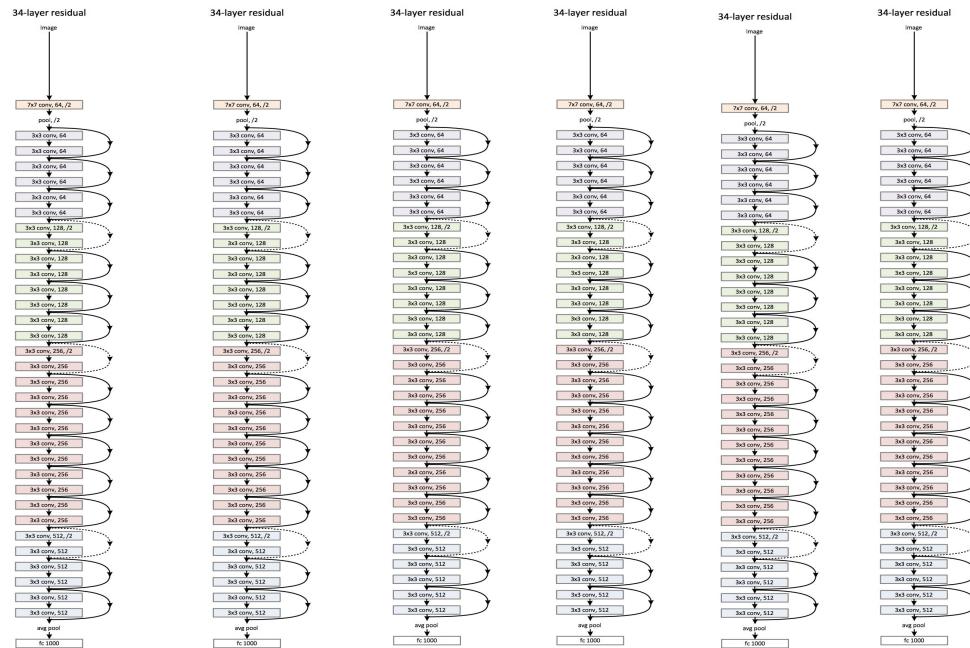
# Problem #1 – how to use modern highly parallel hardware ?

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Efficient use of computational resources + batch size 1 ?

## Deep models at 25fps

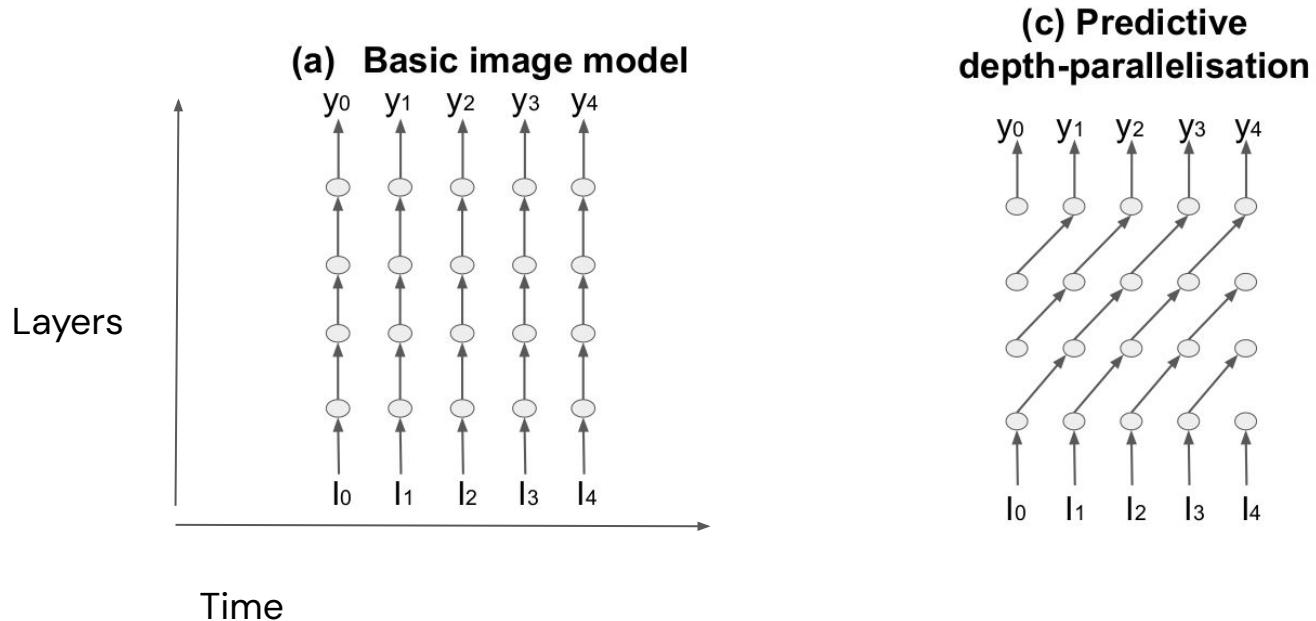


## Frame 1

Frame 2

Frame k

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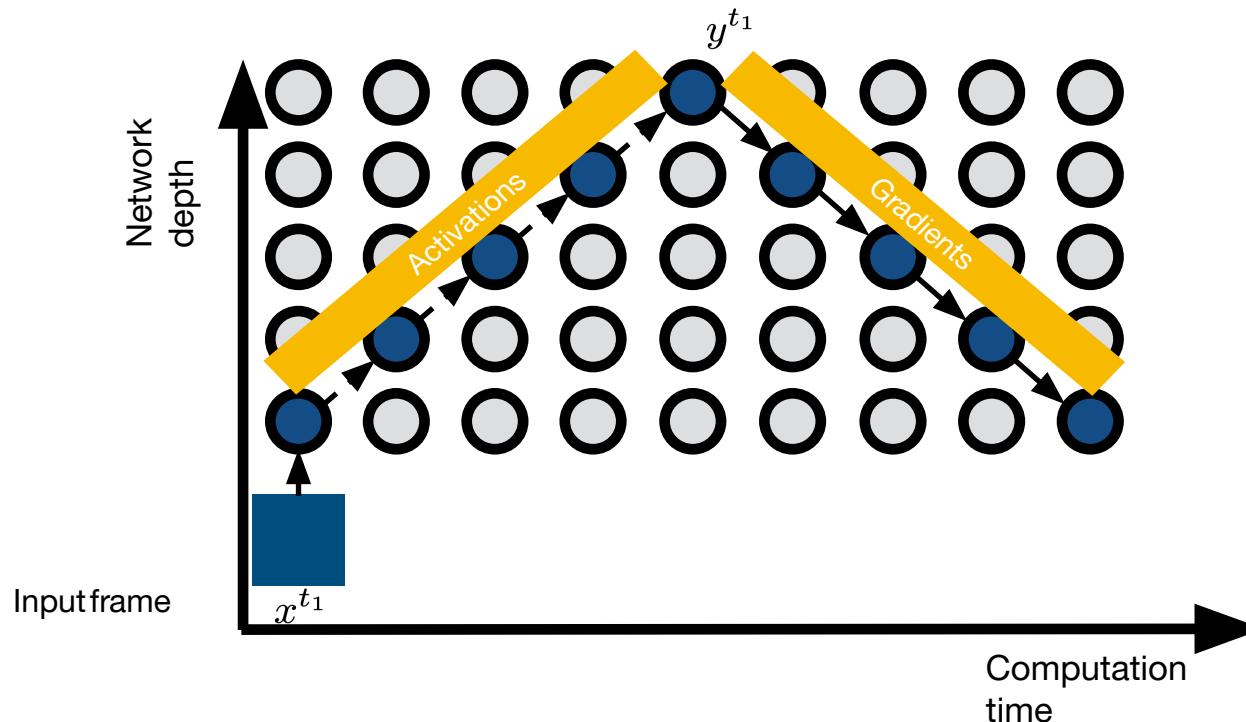
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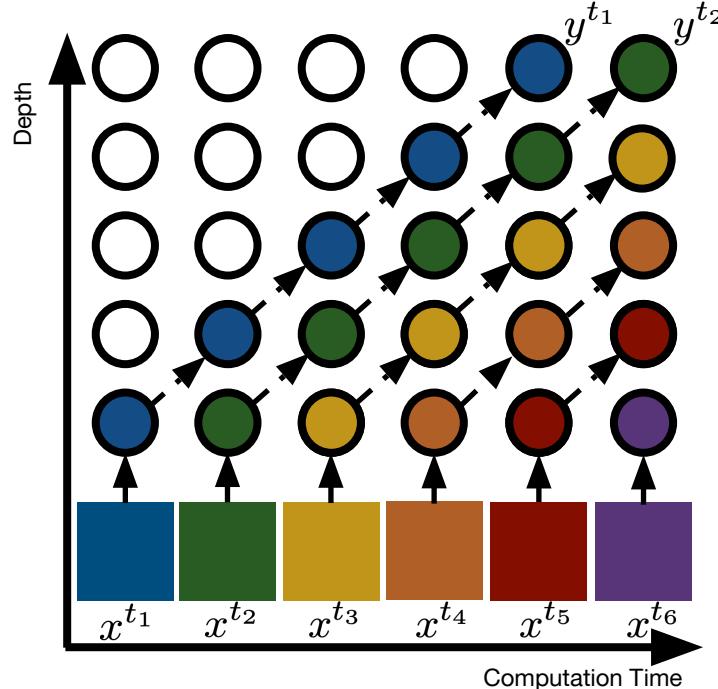
- Expanding idea from inference to both inference+training



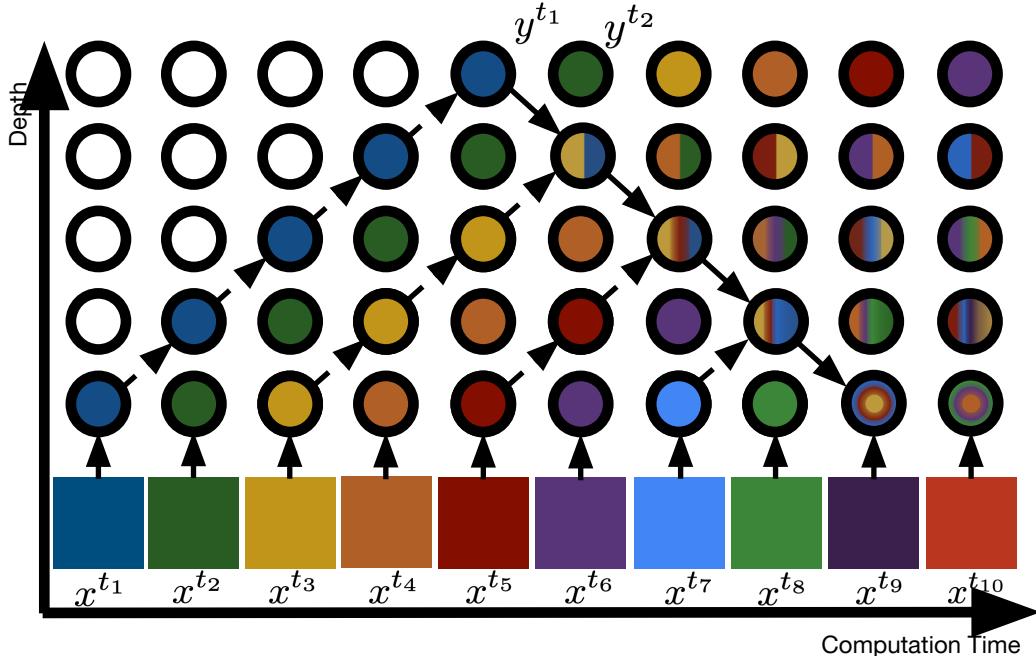
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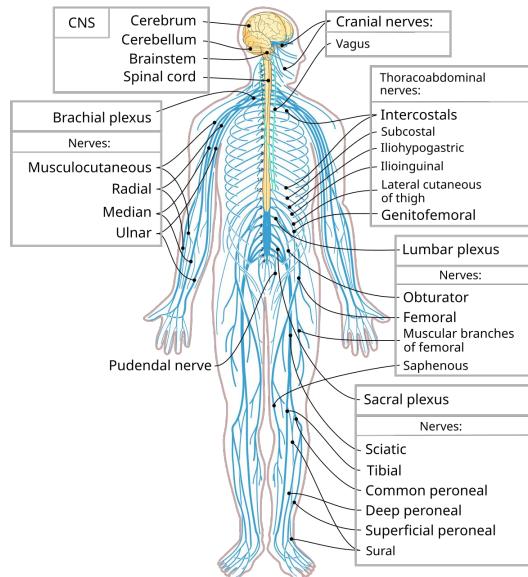
Massively Parallel Video Models  
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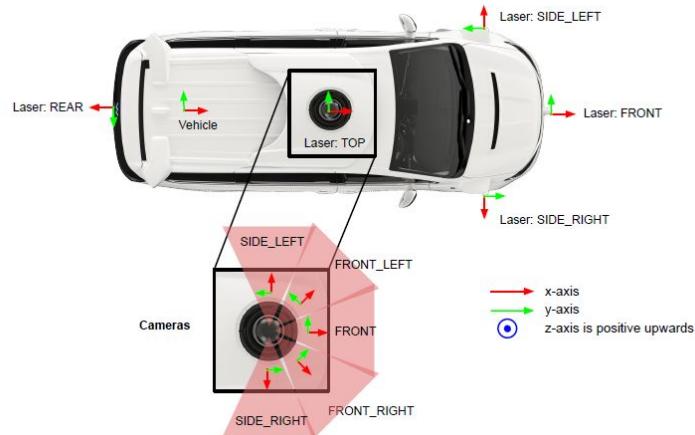
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# Problem #2 – integrating information from many modalities + time

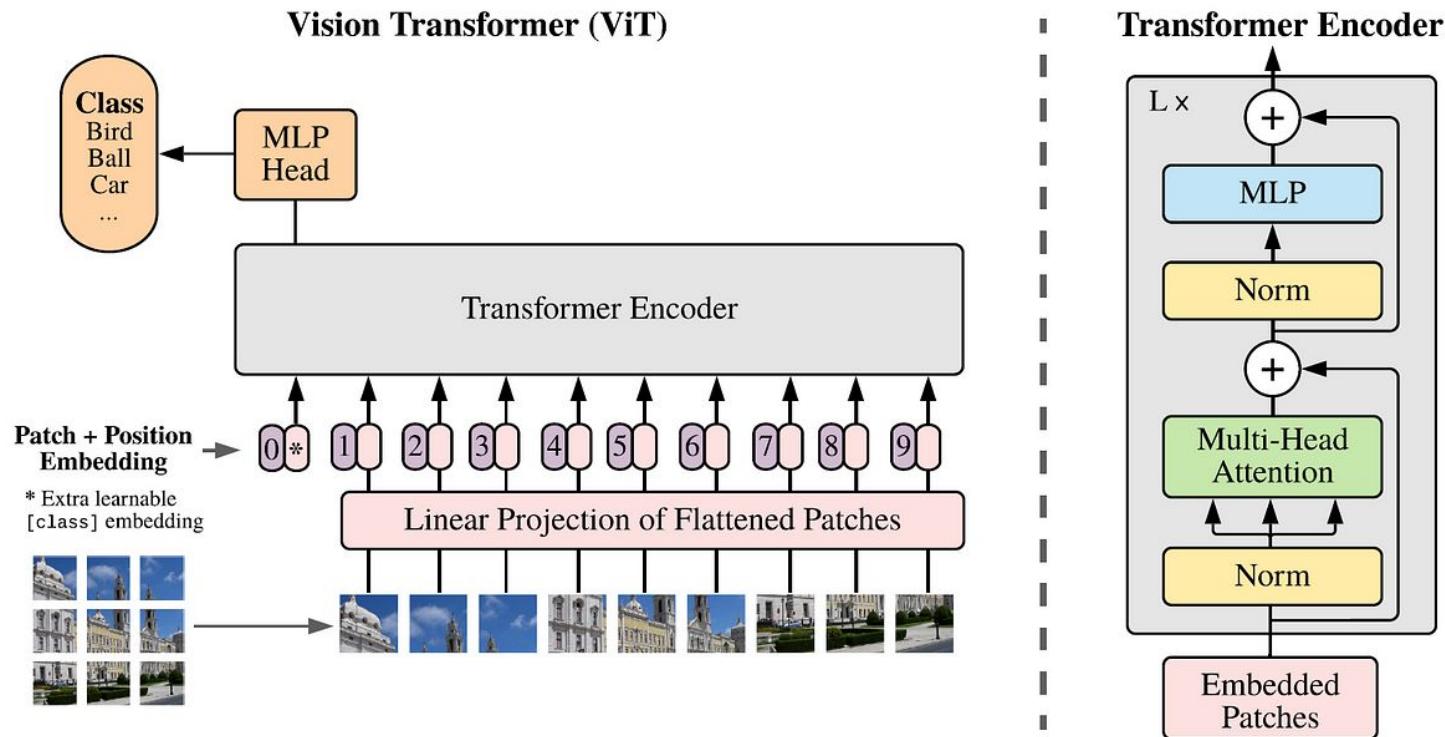
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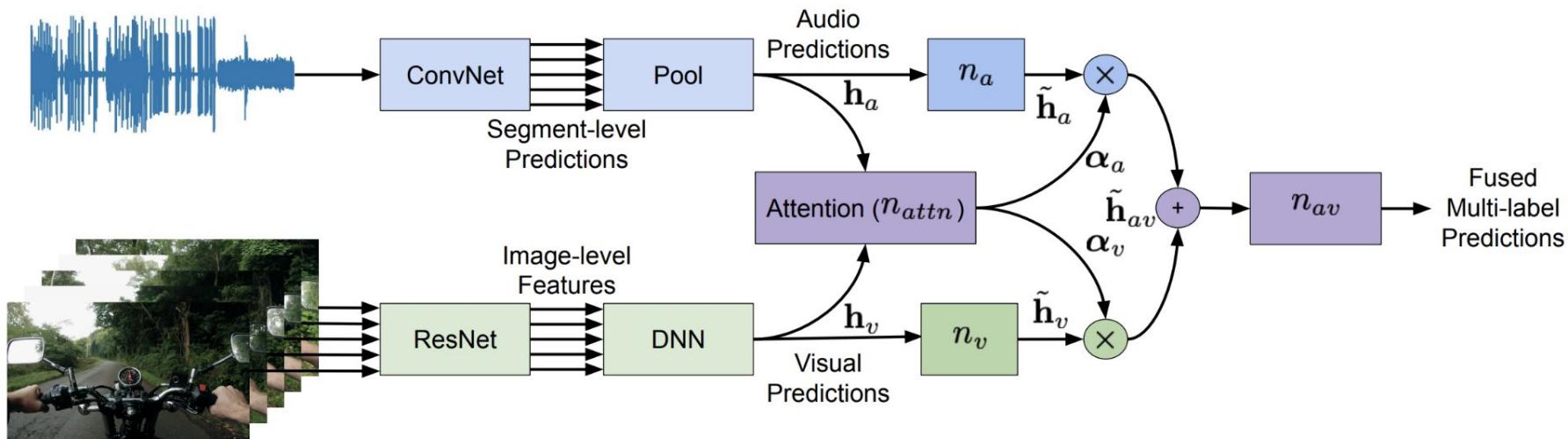
Self-driving cars' streams also have lots of sensors



# Modality specific operations (e.g. convolutions)



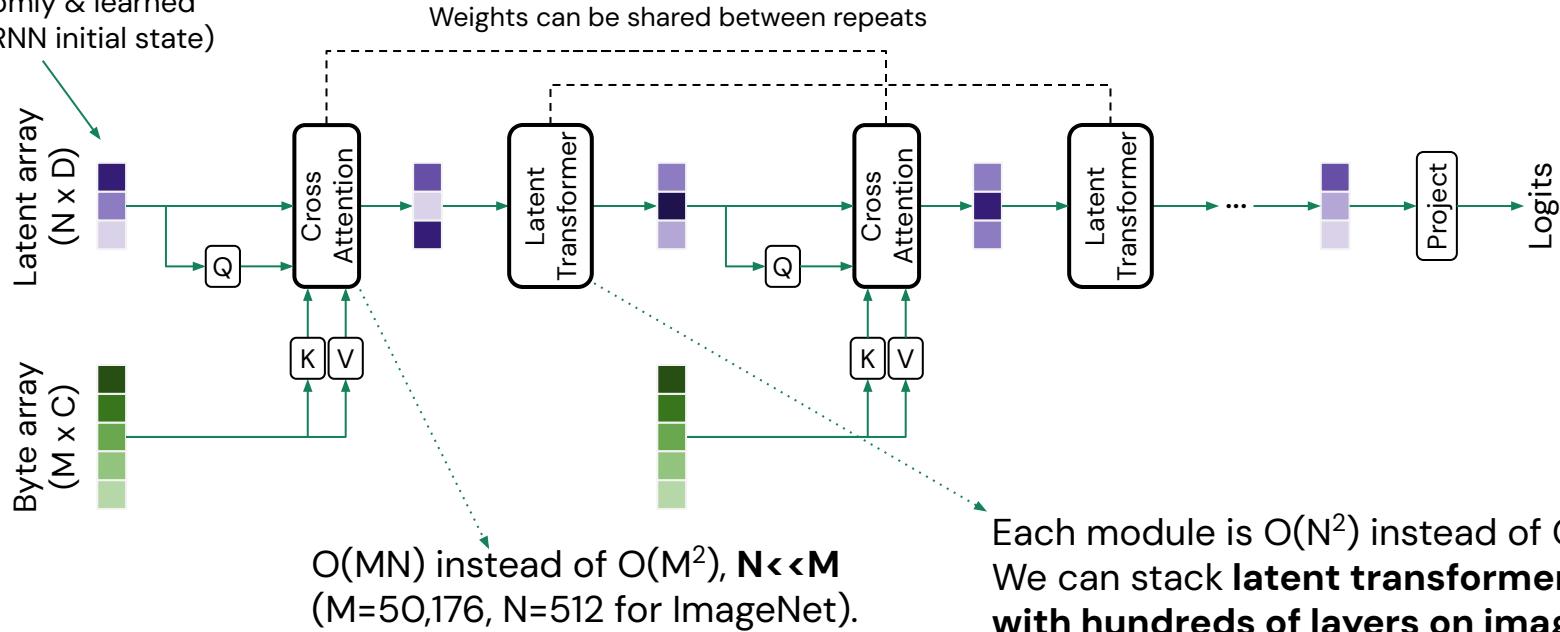
# Multimodal fusion



# Large Scale Audiovisual Learning of Sounds with Weakly Labeled Data

## The Perceiver

Initialized randomly & learned  
(like a learned RNN initial state)



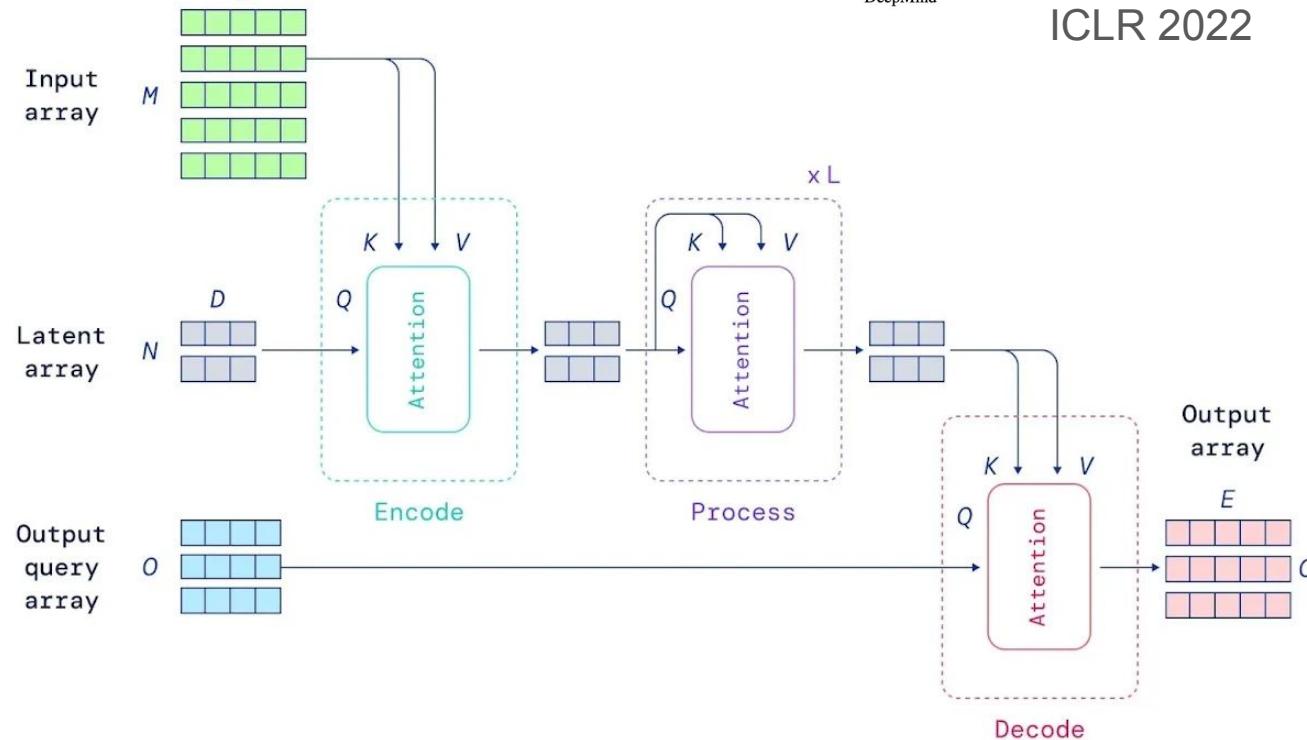
Each module is  $O(N^2)$  instead of  $O(M^2)$ .  
We can stack **latent transformers** with hundreds of layers on images.

- Minimal assumptions about spatial structure (no patches/grids): **not just an image model.**
- Byte array features for images: [RGB + Fourier feature position encoding]

# Perceiver: General Perception with Iterative Attention

ICML  
2021

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PERCEIVER IO: A GENERAL ARCHITECTURE  
FOR STRUCTURED INPUTS & OUTPUTS

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# Optical flow



# Multimodal auto-encoding

Original audio+video

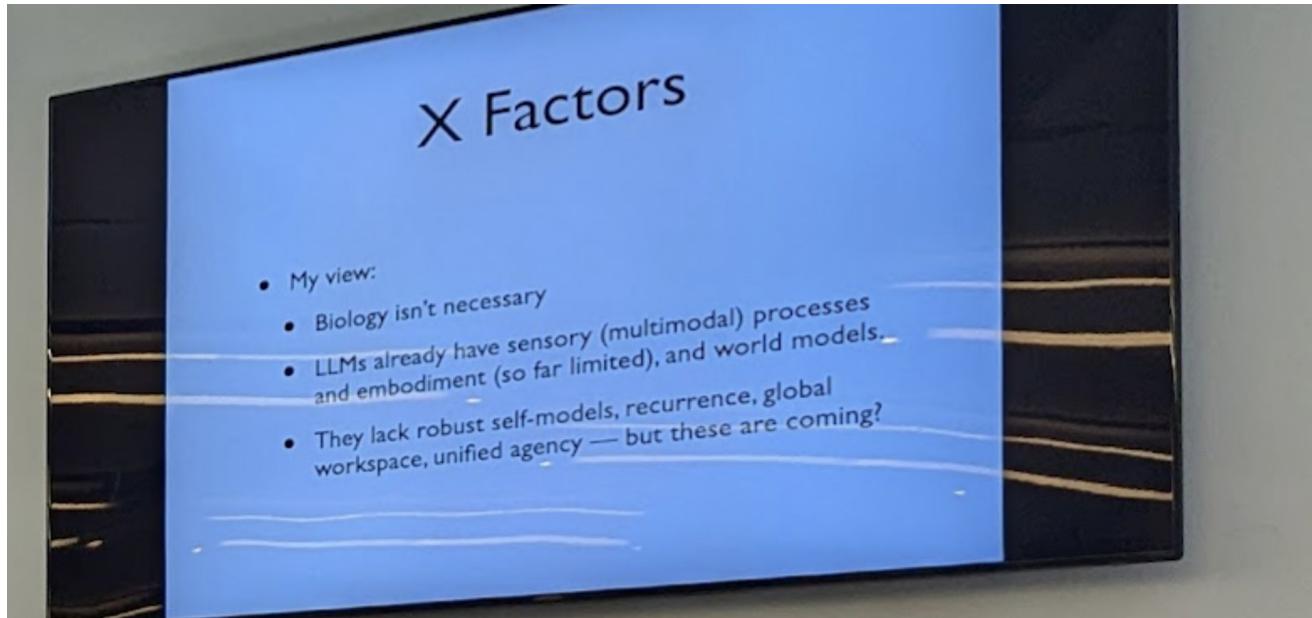


Reconstruction



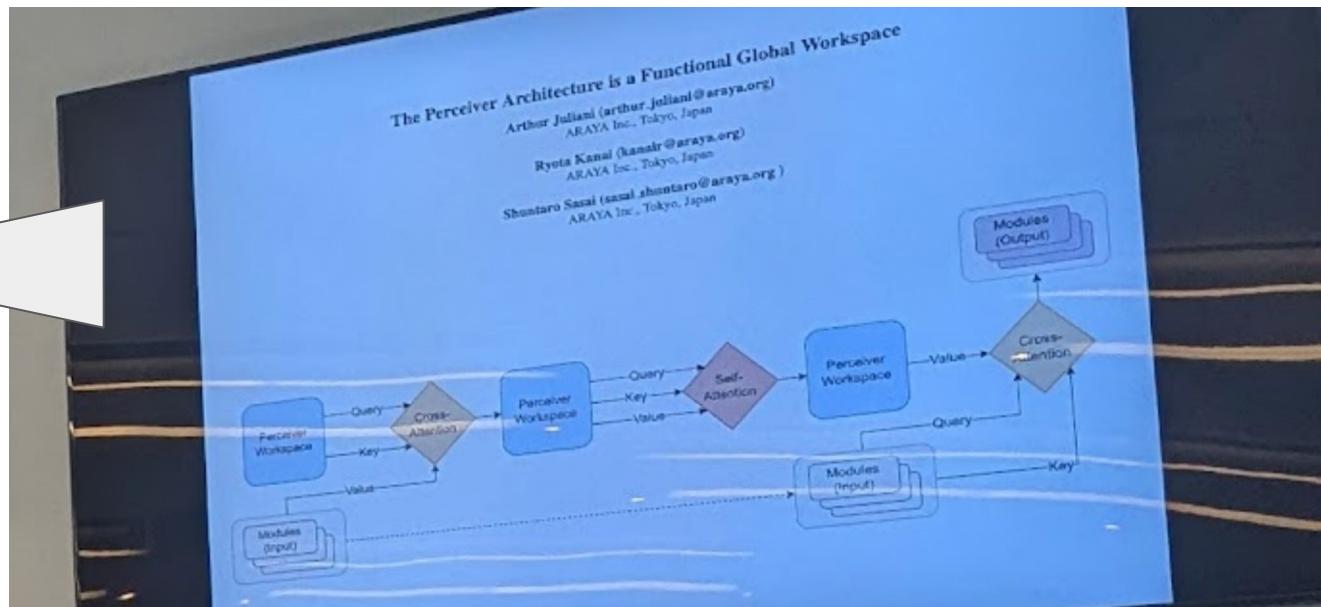
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## MooG - Moving Off the Grid – New!

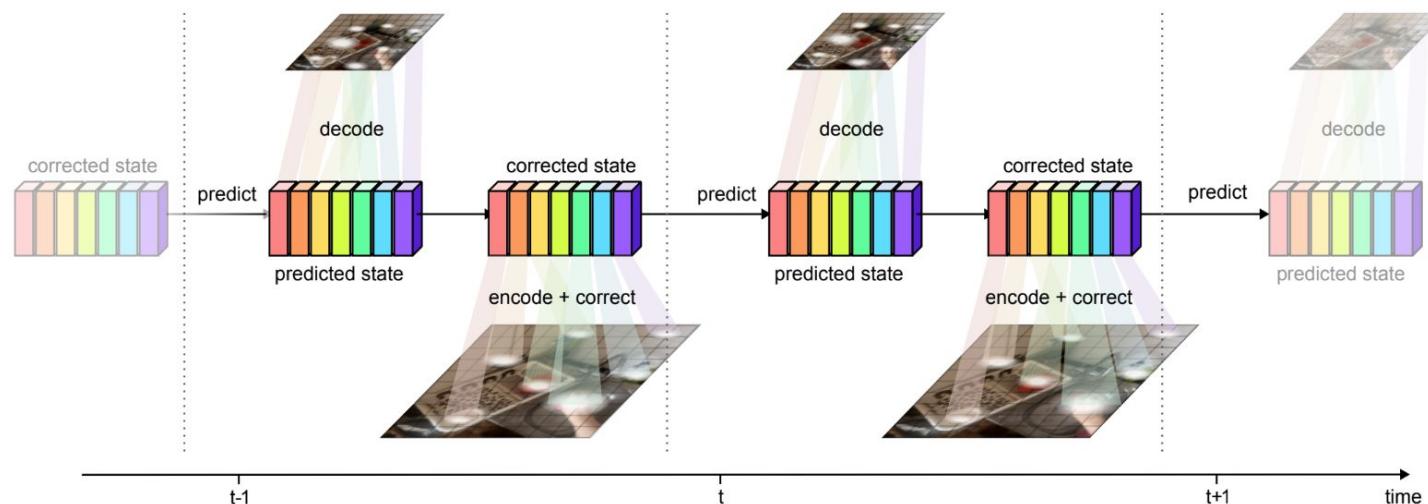
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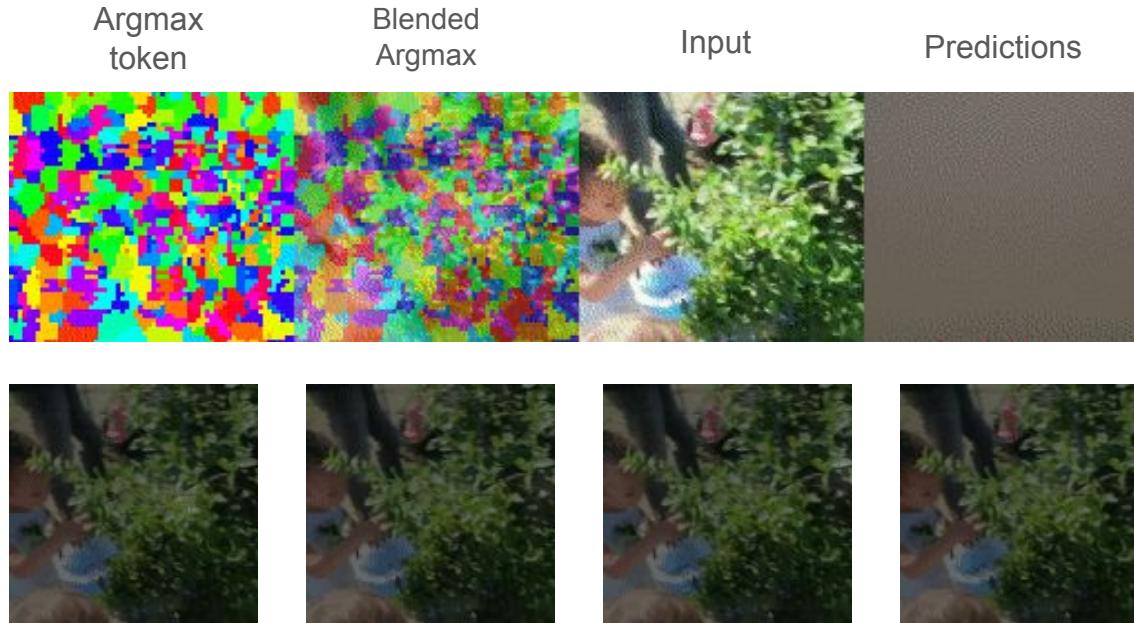
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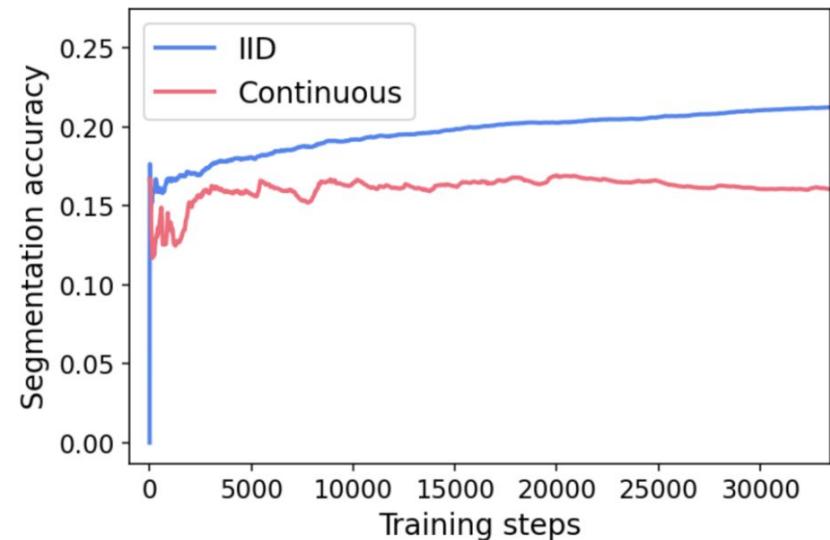
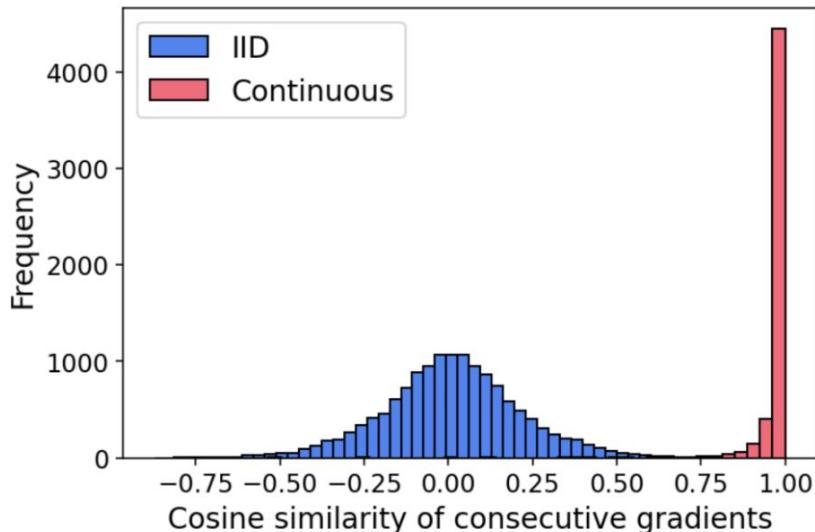
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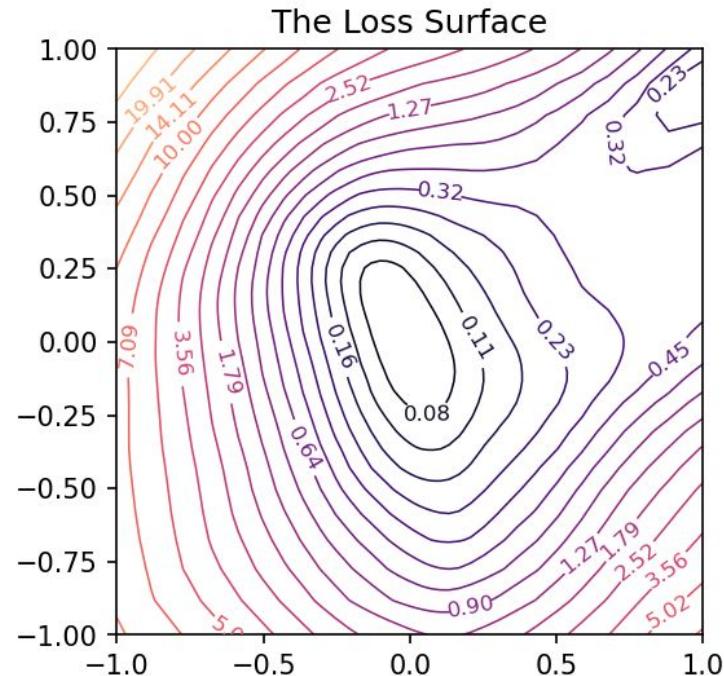
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# SGD + IID (independent and identically distributed data)

- Engine of deep learning
- Main empirical result: can find good enough local minima of loss function by approximating global gradient (over full dataset) by sequence of **random** local gradients (based on single example)



# SGD + IID (Independent and identically distributed data)

- Original SGD = batch size 1 — this works fine



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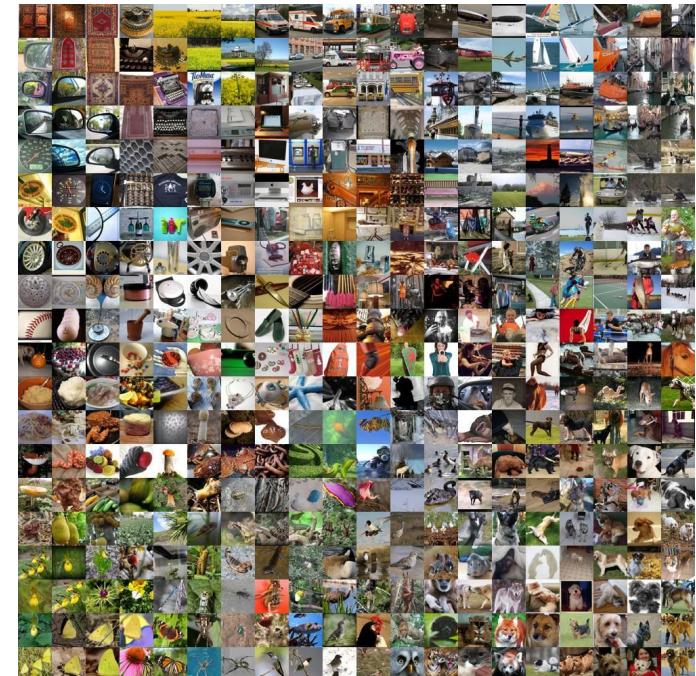
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More importantly, it's bad for your test error.  
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<https://sites.google.com/view/one-stream-video>



# Continuous streams

Stream name	# videos train	# frames train	# videos val	# frames val	Max. length	Median length
Ego4D-stream	21,704	294M (3,265h)	2302	31M (348h)	1.95h	8.8 minutes
ScanNet-stream	1,199	1.8M (20h)	312	0.5M (5.7h)	5.5 minutes	1 minute

ScanNet



Ego4D



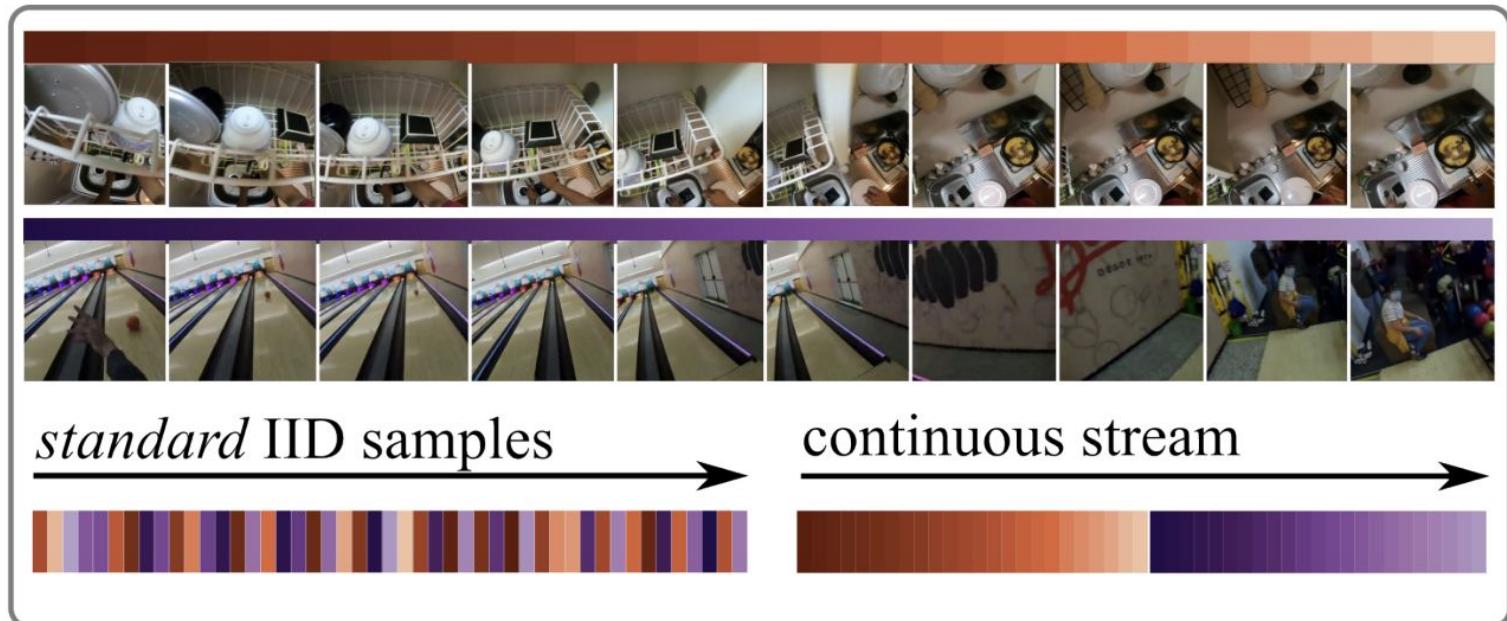
# Walking Tour Dataset – also a good dataset for this



10 x 4K videos from different cities, Avg duration – 1hr 38min, ~700 classes, License - CC-BY



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# Tasks

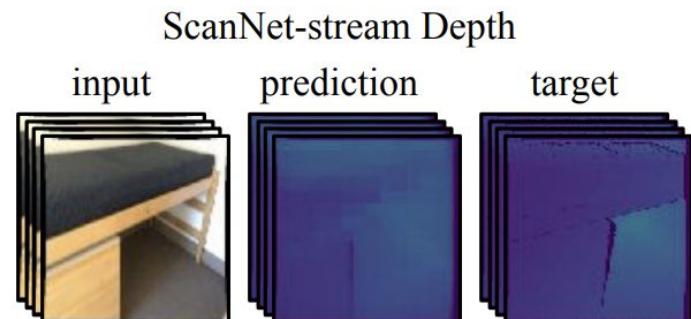
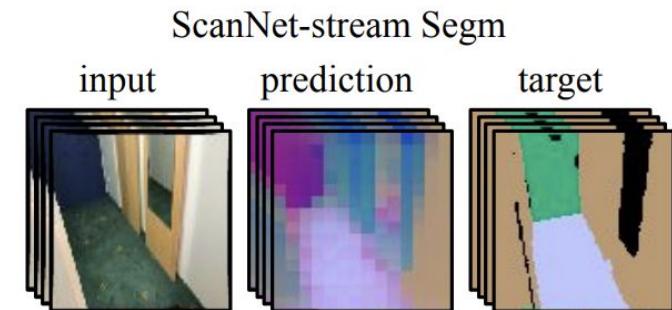
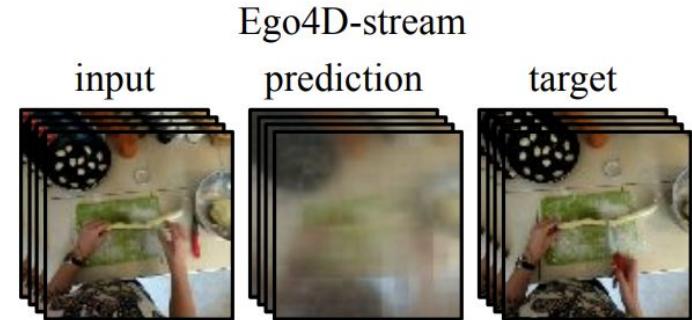
Future frame prediction:

- Pixel space
- Semantic segmentation
- Depth

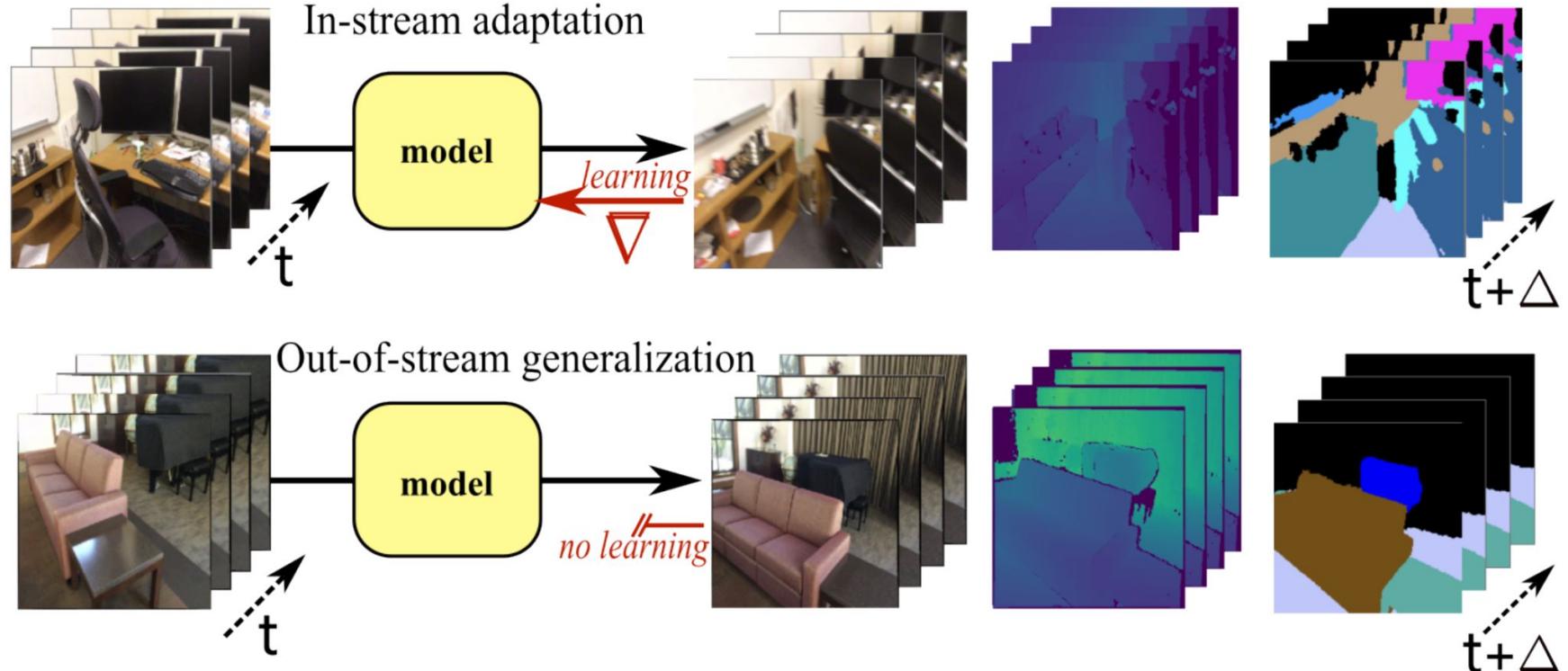
Displacement 0 (present), 4 and 16 frames

Models see a 24h-long stream

Note: could also evaluate via representation learning evals as in:

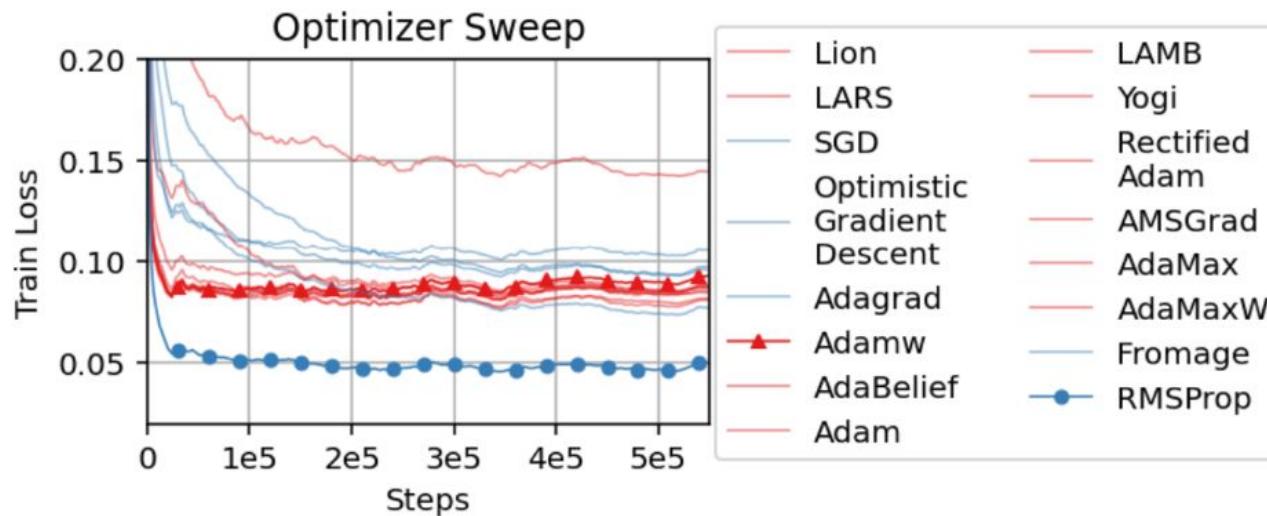


# Evaluation



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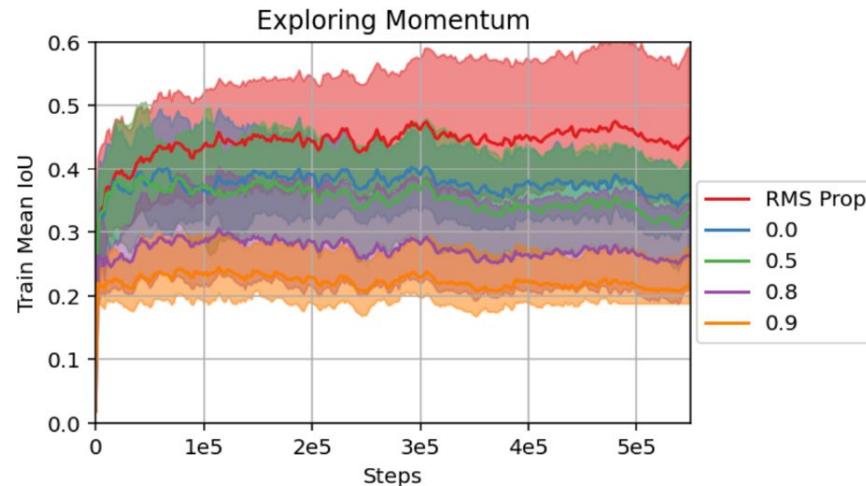


Figure 5. Reducing momentum with the AdamW optimizer helps to recover some of the performance of RMS Prop.

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→ updating weights less frequently helps generalization, hurts adaptation

Stream	dataset	model	n steps per update			
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In	Ego4D ( $\downarrow$ )	UNet	.036	.038	.037	.039
		ViT	.035	.037	.039	.047
	Segm ( $\uparrow$ )	UNet	.420	.292	.211	.195
		ViT	.457	.395	.302	.232

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		ViT	.076	.062	.046	<b>.044</b>
	Segm ( $\uparrow$ )	UNet	.176	.179	<b>.205</b>	.183
		ViT	.251	.272	<b>.280</b>	.274

# Out-of-stream outputs – visualization



aggregated steps

1



3h

4



16



64



input



target



3h20



3h40



4h

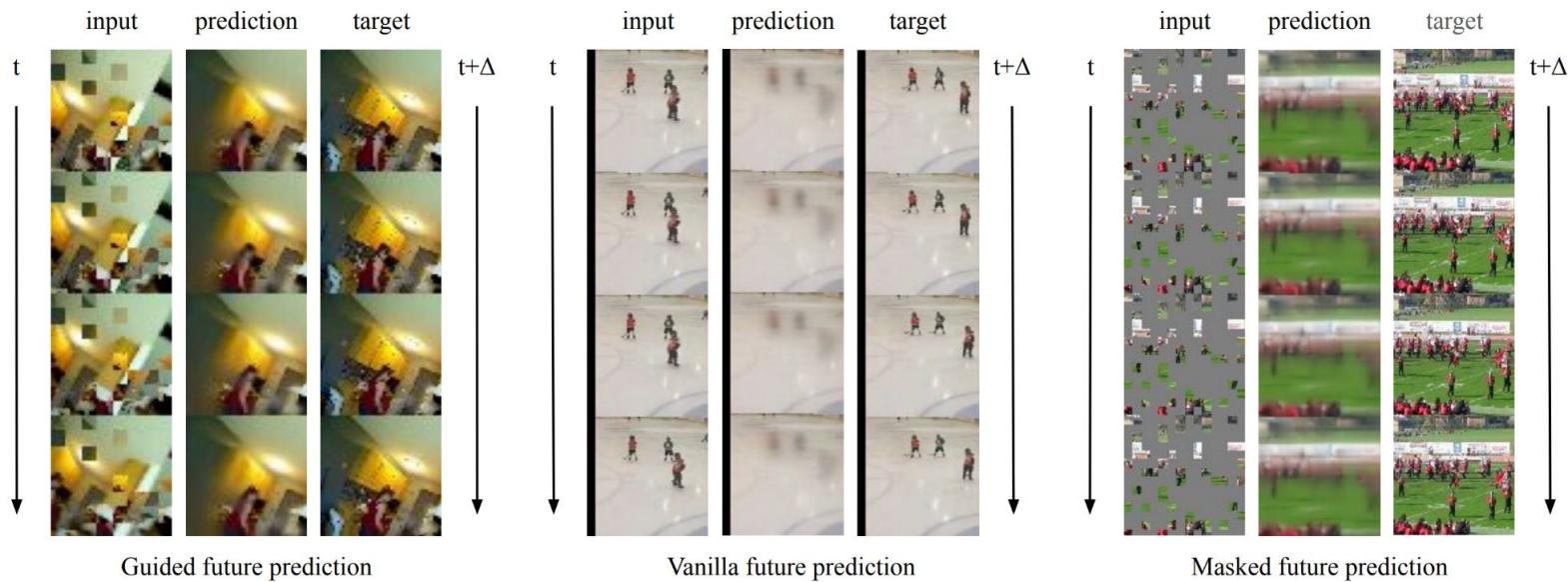


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# Pretraining – Kinetics

- No pretraining
- Imagenet-based pretraining (e.g. classification, MAE)
- Video-based pretraining



# Visualization: 3.84s displacement

Vanilla future pred



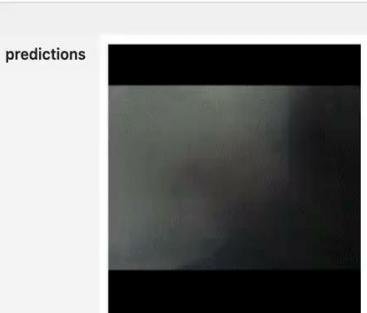
Guided future pred



Masked future pred



predictions



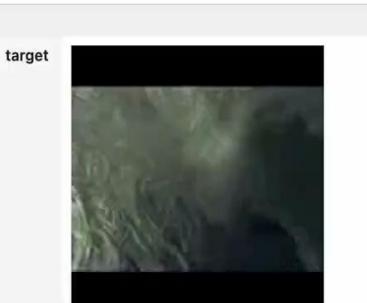
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Pretraining Checkpoint	Ego4D (↓)	ScanNet Depth (↓)	ScanNet Segm (↑)
None	.074 / .105	1.969 / 2.163	.177 / .188
ViT-L-I1K-CLS	.043 / .048	1.821 / 2.040	.288 / .234
ViT-L-I21K-CLS	.042 / .048	1.735 / 2.013	.244 / .192
ViT-L-I1K-MAE	.040 / .044	1.806 / 2.045	.360 / <b>.320</b>
Guided Future Prediction	<b>.036 / .043</b>	<b>1.622 / 1.990</b>	<b>.390 / .313</b>

# Comparison to IID training – ViT-L

STDL (standard deep learning, baseline):

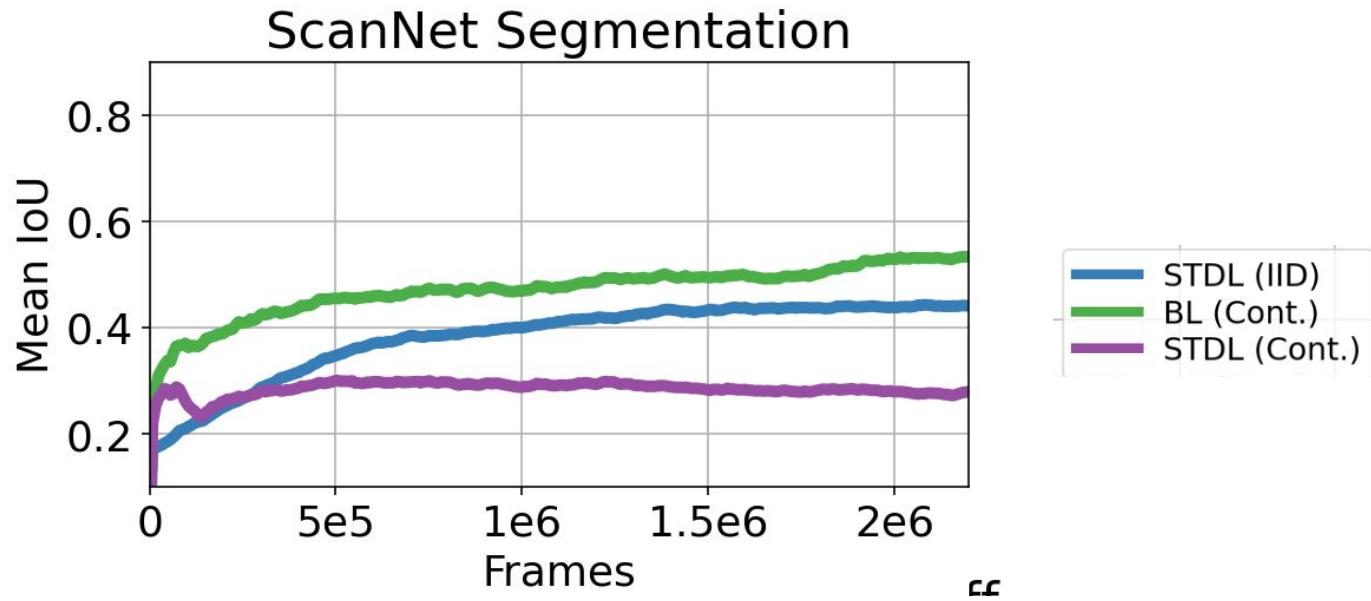
- ADAM
- Update weights after every video chunk
- ImageNet-MAE
- Batch size 1

BL (baby learning):

- RMSProp
- Update weights after 16 video chunks
- Kinetics guided future prediction
- Batch size 1

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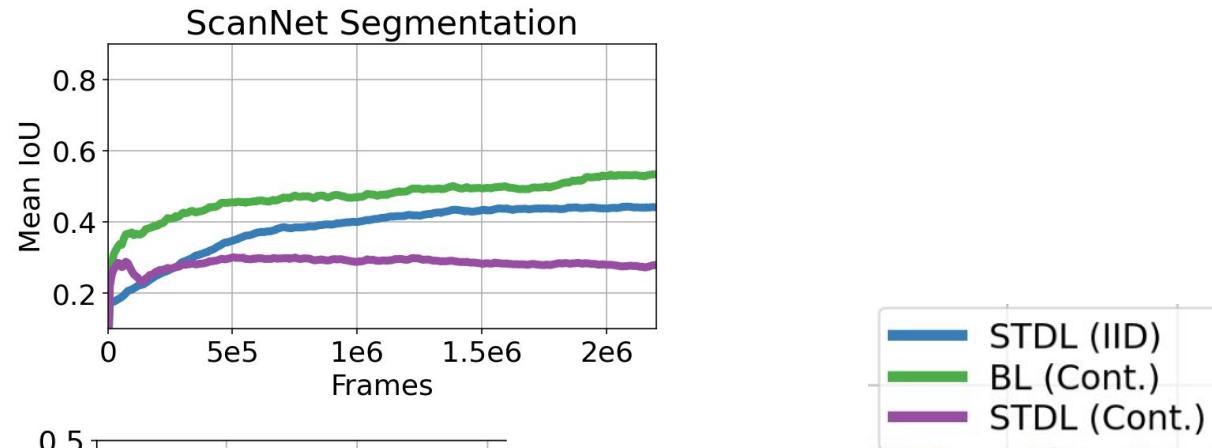
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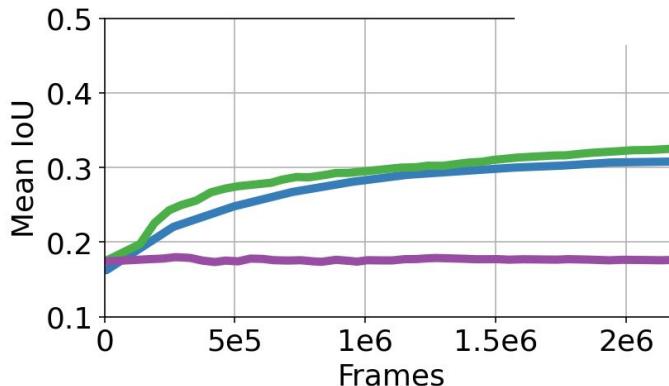
Temporal displacement 0 (no future prediction here)

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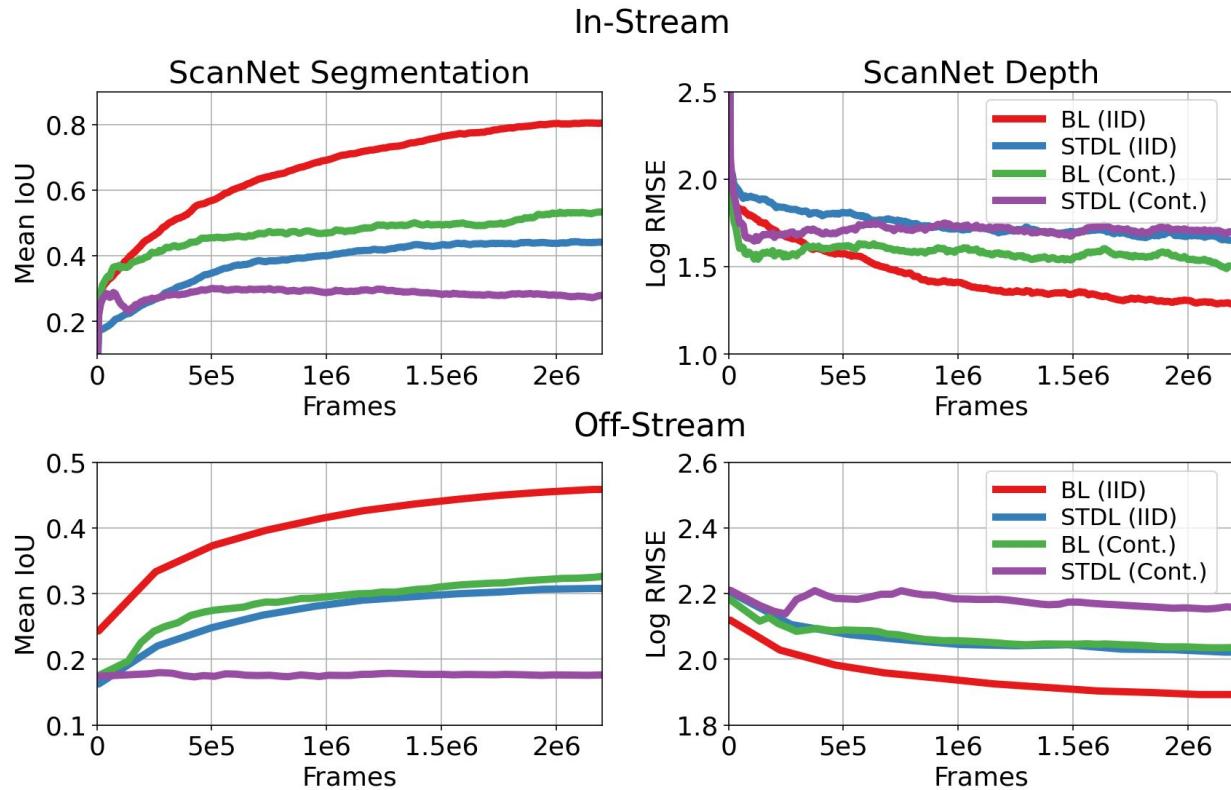


Out-of-stream



# Comparison to IID training – ViT-L

- Improved pretraining making a lot of difference!
- Much progress to be done bridging IID and continual



# Conclusion

- Just scratching the surface of single-stream learning, much (all) research to do
  - Cheap (no need for many GPUs)
  - Needs great ideas (shuffled learning should not work best!)
  - It's the future
  - Risky!
    - Great for academia

*Instead of trying to produce a programme to simulate the adult mind, why not rather try to produce one which simulates the child's? If this were then subjected to an appropriate course of education one would obtain the adult brain.*

Turing

