

Large-Scale Deep Learning with TensorFlow for Building Intelligent Systems

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In collaboration with **many** other people at Google

We can now store and perform computation on large datasets, using things like MapReduce, BigTable, Spanner, Flume, Pregel, or open-source variants like Hadoop, HBase, Cassandra, Giraph, ...

But what we really want is not just raw data,
but computer systems that **understand** this data



Where are we?

- Good handle on systems to store and manipulate data
- What we really care about now is **understanding**

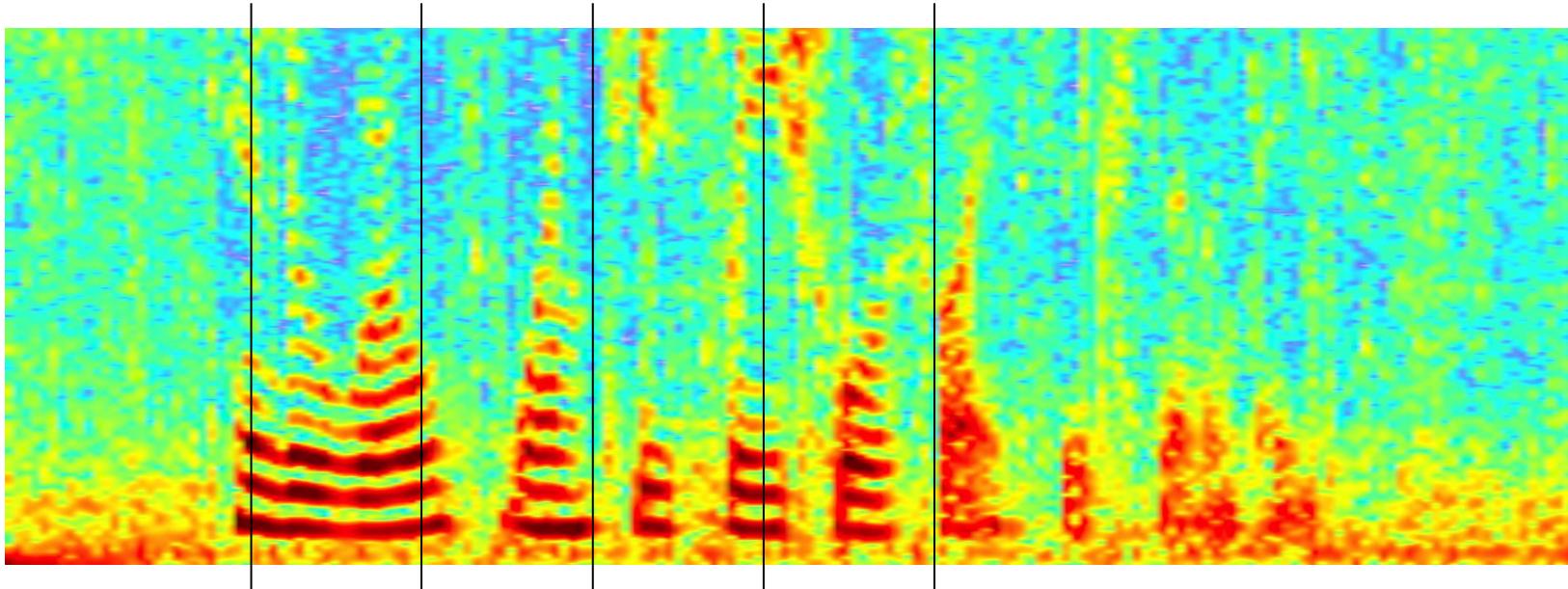
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Query

[car parts for sale]

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Document 1

... **car** parking available **for** a small fee.
... **parts** of our floor model inventory **for sale**.

Document 2

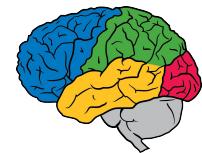
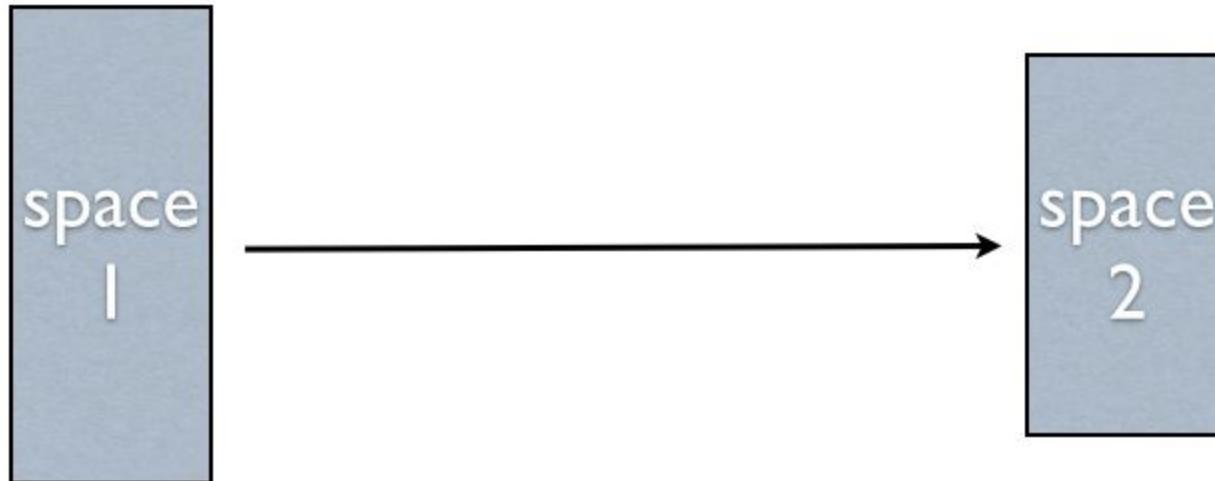
Selling all kinds of automobile and pickup truck **parts**, engines, and transmissions.

Example Queries of the Future

- *Which of these eye images shows symptoms of diabetic retinopathy?*
- *Find me all rooftops in North America*
- *Describe this video in Spanish*
- *Find me all documents relevant to reinforcement learning for robotics and summarize them in German*
- *Find a free time for everyone in the Smart Calendar project to meet and set up a videoconference*

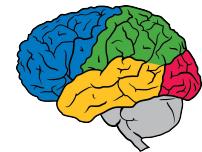
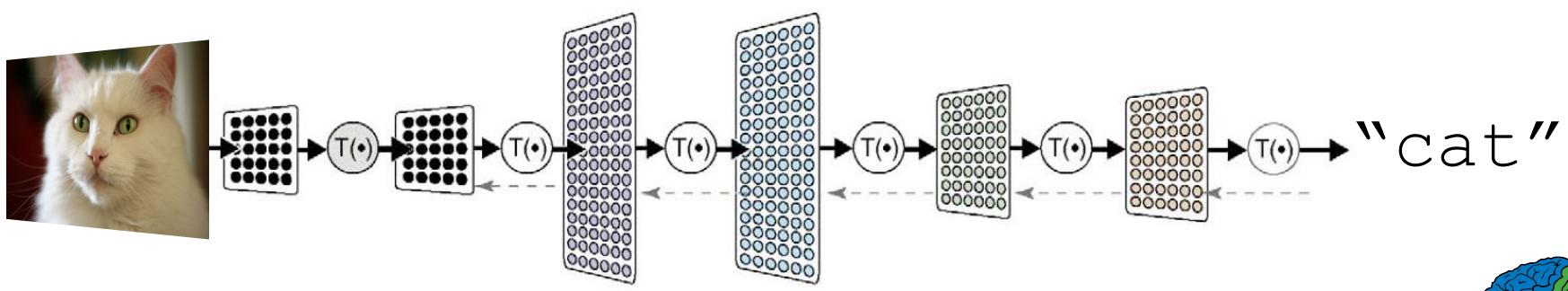
Neural Networks

- Learn a complicated function from data



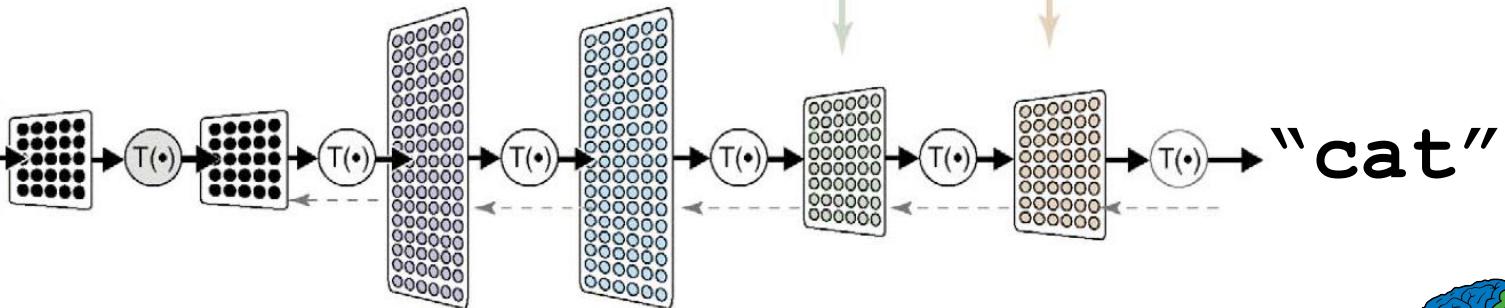
What is Deep Learning?

- A powerful class of machine learning model
- Modern reincarnation of artificial neural networks
- Collection of simple, trainable mathematical functions
- Compatible with many variants of machine learning



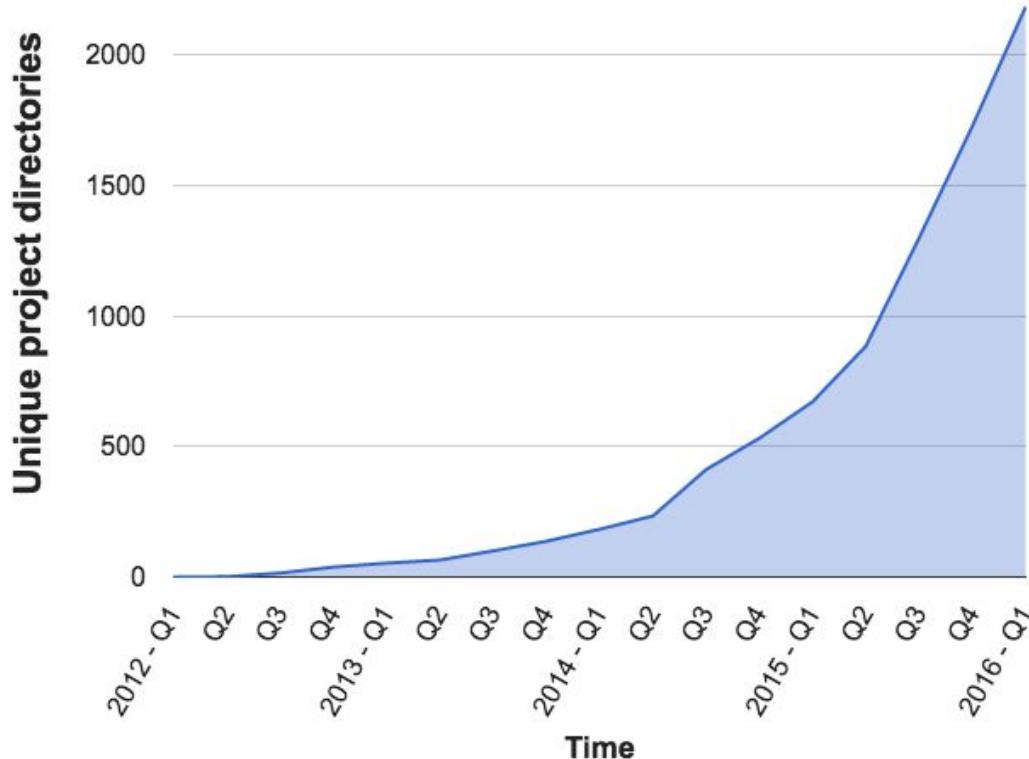
What is Deep Learning?

- Loosely based on (what little) we know about the brain



Growing Use of Deep Learning at Google

of directories containing model description files



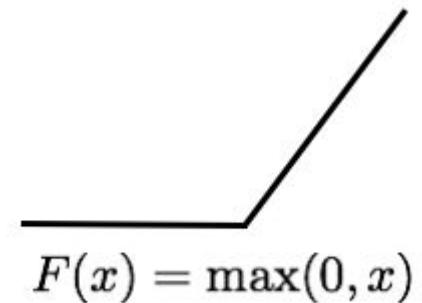
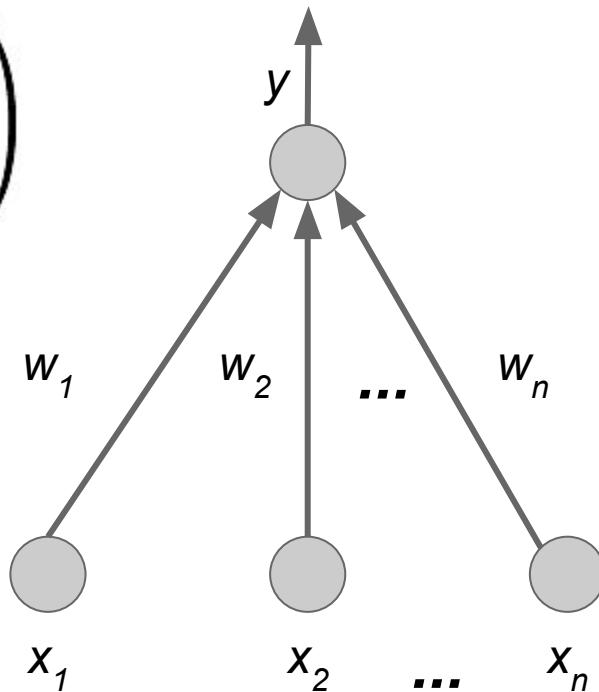
Across many products/areas:

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Apps
drug discovery
Gmail
Image understanding
Maps
Natural language understanding
Photos
Robotics research
Speech
Translation
YouTube
... many others ...



The Neuron

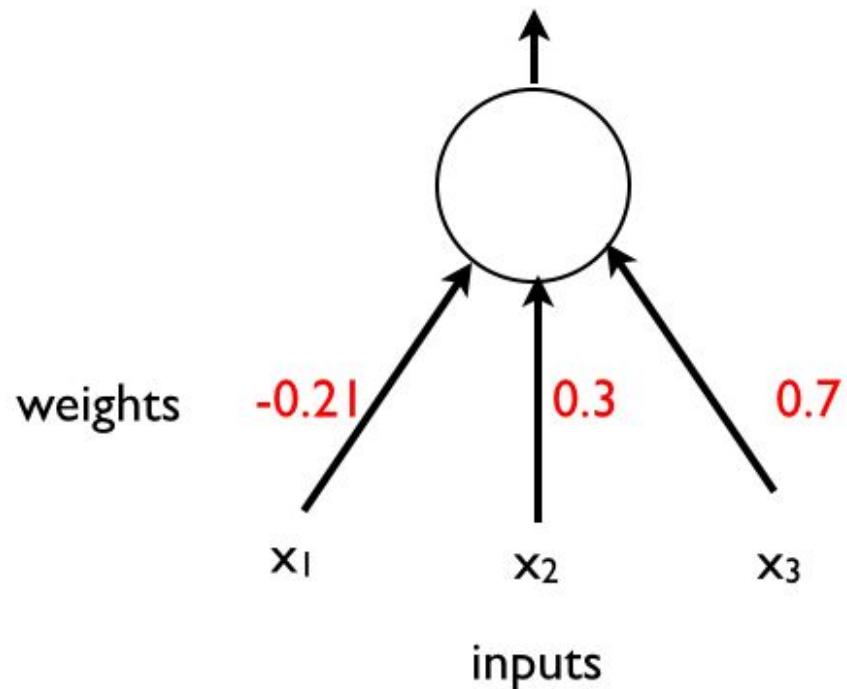
$$y = F \left(\sum_i w_i x_i \right)$$



F : a non-linear
differentiable
function



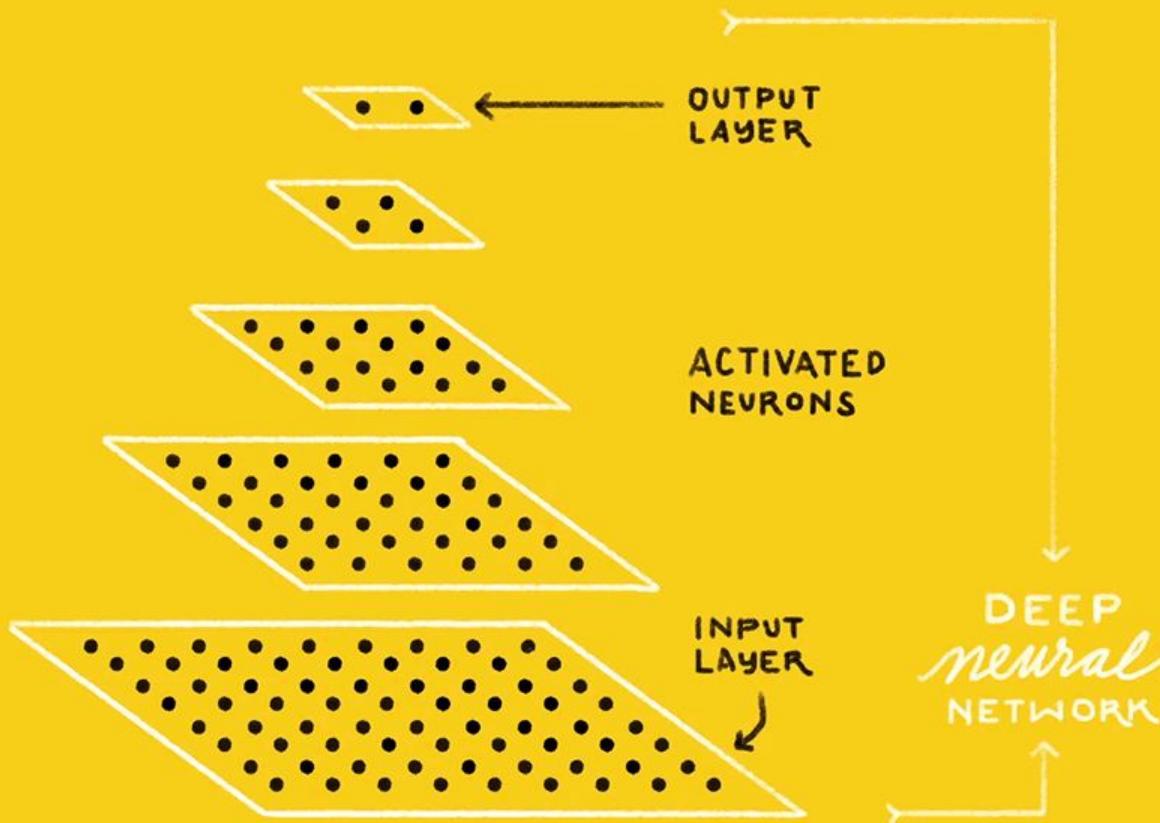
$$y = \max(0, -0.21*x_1 + 0.3*x_2 + 0.7*x_3)$$



IS THIS A
CAT or DOG?



CAT DOG



Learning algorithm

While not done:

- Pick a random training example “(input, output)”

- Run neural network on “input”

- Adjust weights on edges to make output closer to “output”

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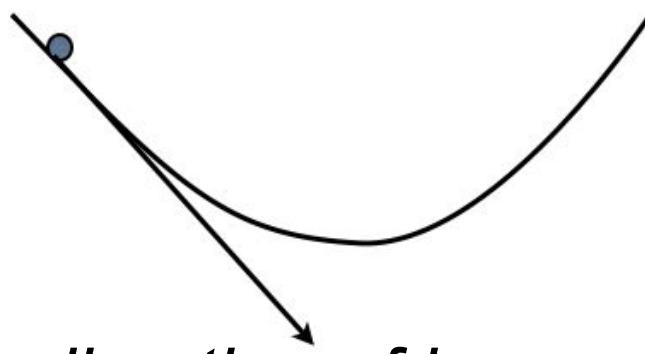
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Backpropagation

Use partial derivatives along the paths in the neural net

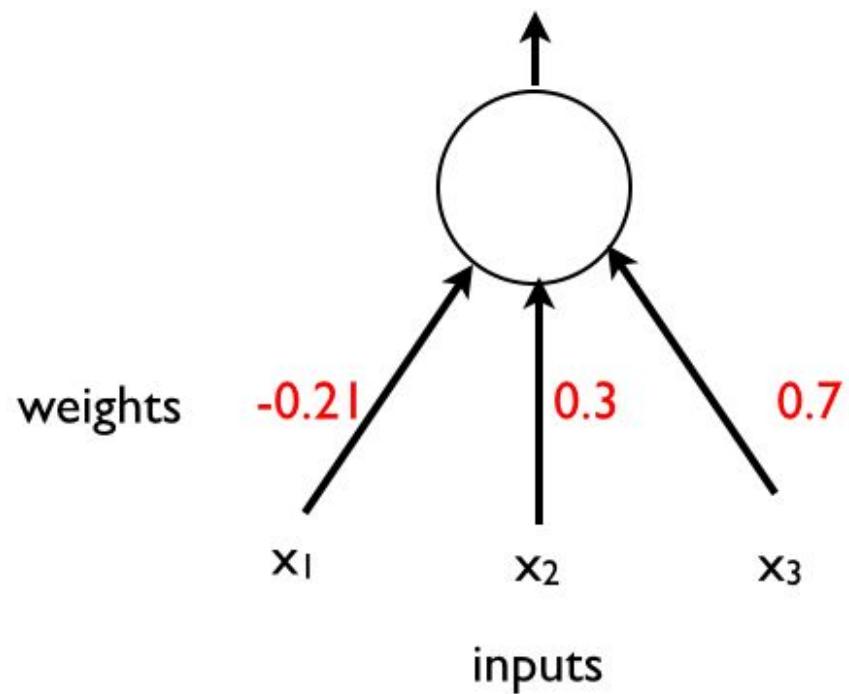
Follow the gradient of the error w.r.t. the connections



Gradient points in direction of improvement

Good description: “Calculus on Computational Graphs: Backpropagation”
<http://colah.github.io/posts/2015-08-Backprop/>

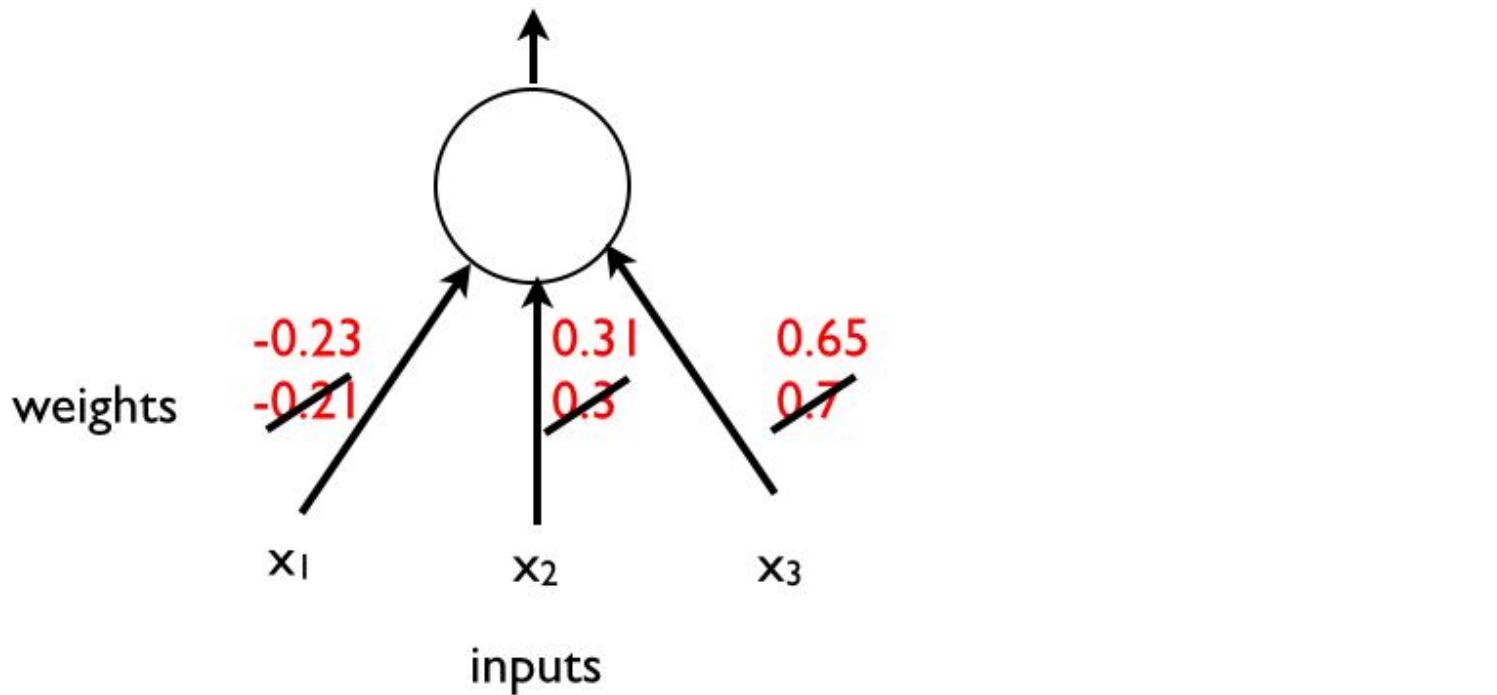
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next time:

$$\text{output} = \max(0, -0.23*x_1 + 0.31*x_2 + 0.65*x_3)$$

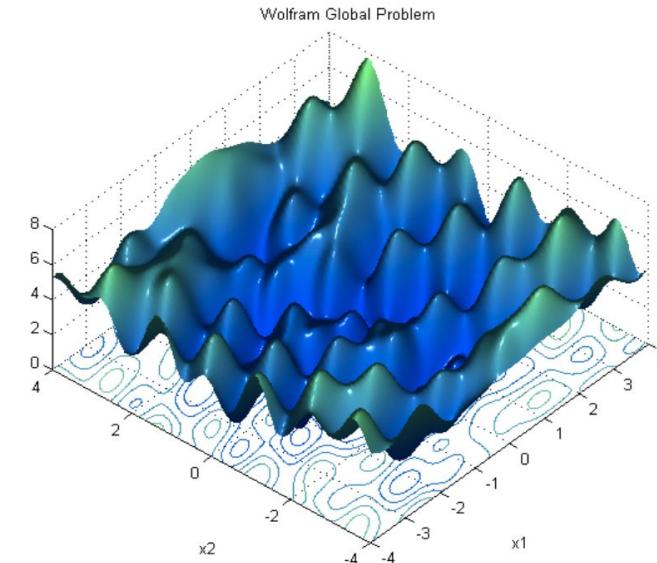
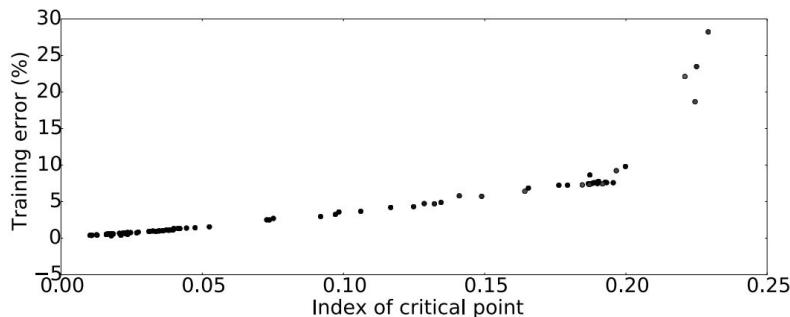
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Non-convexity

- Low-D => local minima
- High-D => saddle points

- Most local minima are close to the global minima

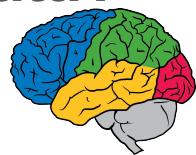


This shows a function of 2 variables: real neural nets are functions of hundreds of millions of variables!

Plenty of raw data

- **Text:** trillions of words of English + other languages
- **Visual data:** billions of images and videos
- **Audio:** tens of thousands of hours of speech per day
- **User activity:** queries, marking messages spam, etc.
- **Knowledge graph:** billions of labelled relation triples
- ...

How can we build systems that truly understand this data?



Important Property of Neural Networks

Results get better with

**more data +
bigger models +
more computation**

(Better algorithms, new insights and improved
techniques always help, too!)



Aside

Many of the techniques that are successful now were developed 20-30 years ago

What changed? We now have:

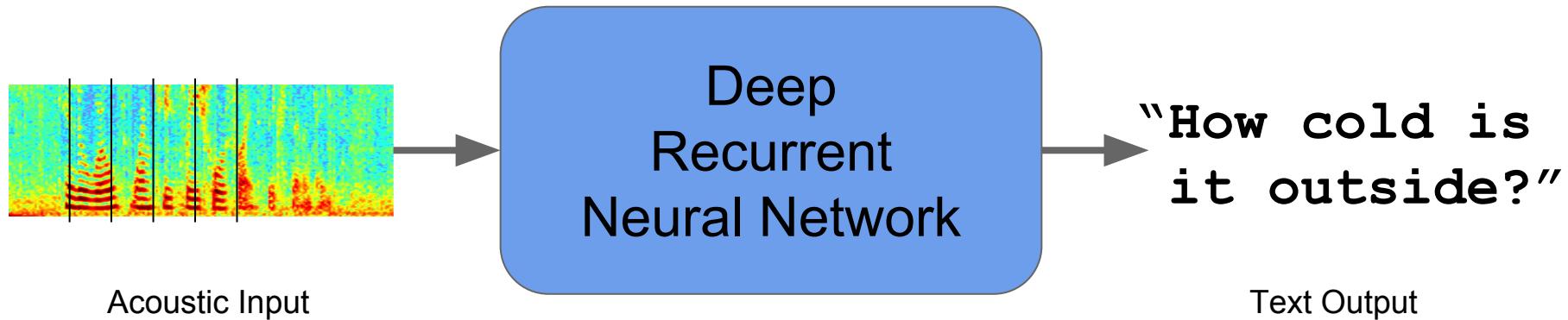
**sufficient computational resources
large enough interesting datasets**

Use of large-scale parallelism lets us look ahead many generations of hardware improvements, as well

What are some ways that
deep learning is having
a significant impact at Google?



Speech Recognition



Reduced word errors by more than 30%

Google Research Blog - August 2012, August 2015

ImageNet Challenge

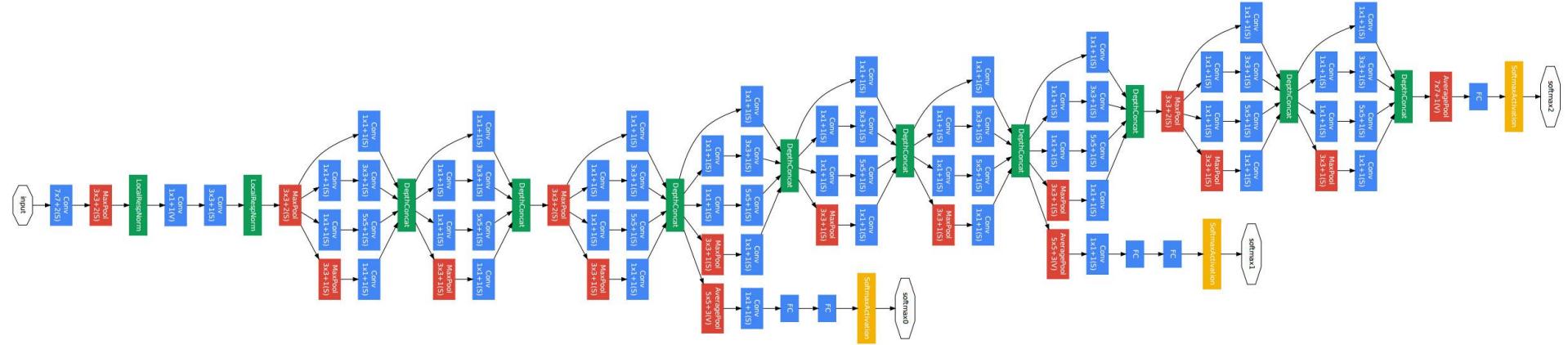
Given an image,
predict one of 1000
different classes

Image credit:

www.cs.toronto.edu/~fritz/absps/imagenet.pdf

mite mite black widow cockroach tick starfish	container ship container ship lifeboat amphibian fireboat drilling platform	motor scooter go-kart moped bumper car golfcart	leopard leopard jaguar cheetah snow leopard Egyptian cat
grille convertible grille pickup beach wagon fire engine	mushroom agaric mushroom jelly fungus gill fungus dead-man's-fingers	cherry dalmatian grape elderberry ffordshire bullterrier currant	Madagascar cat squirrel monkey spider monkey titi indri howler monkey

The Inception Architecture (GoogLeNet, 2014)



Going Deeper with Convolutions

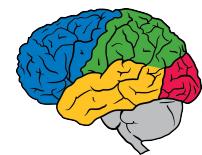
Christian Szegedy, Wei Liu, Yangqing Jia, Pierre Sermanet, Scott Reed, Dragomir Anguelov,
Dumitru Erhan, Vincent Vanhoucke, Andrew Rabinovich



Neural Nets: Rapid Progress in Image Recognition

Team	Year	Place	Error (top-5)
XRCE (pre-neural-net explosion)	2011	1st	25.8%
Supervision (AlexNet)	2012	1st	16.4%
Clarifai	2013	1st	11.7%
GoogLeNet (Inception)	2014	1st	6.66%
Andrej Karpathy (human)	2014	N/A	5.1%
BN-Inception (Arxiv)	2015	N/A	4.9%
Inception-v3 (Arxiv)	2015	N/A	3.46%

ImageNet
challenge
classification
task



Good Fine-Grained Classification



“hibiscus”



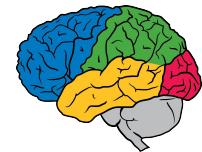
“dahlia”



Good Generalization



Both recognized as “meal”



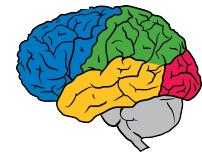
Sensible Errors



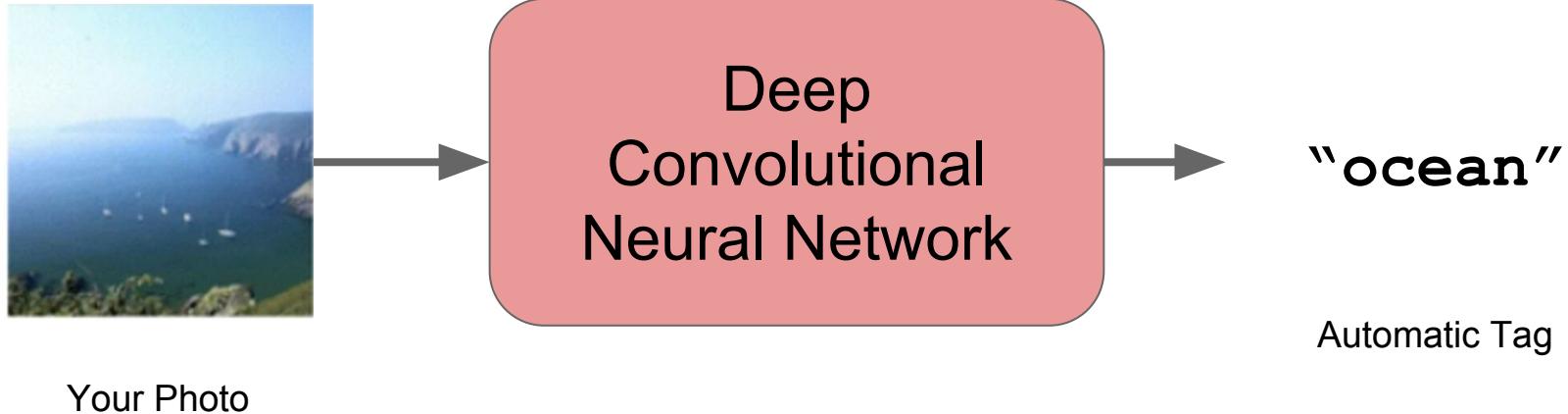
“snake”



“dog”



Google Photos Search

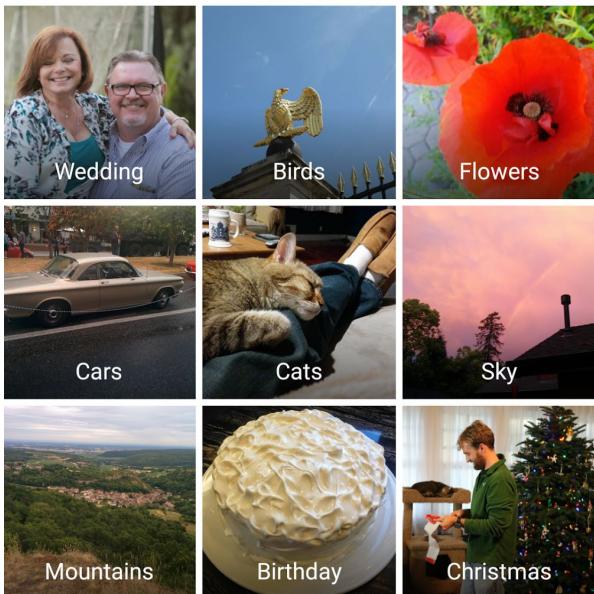


Search personal photos without tags.

Google Research Blog - June 2013

Google Photos Search

Things



Google my photos of siamese cats

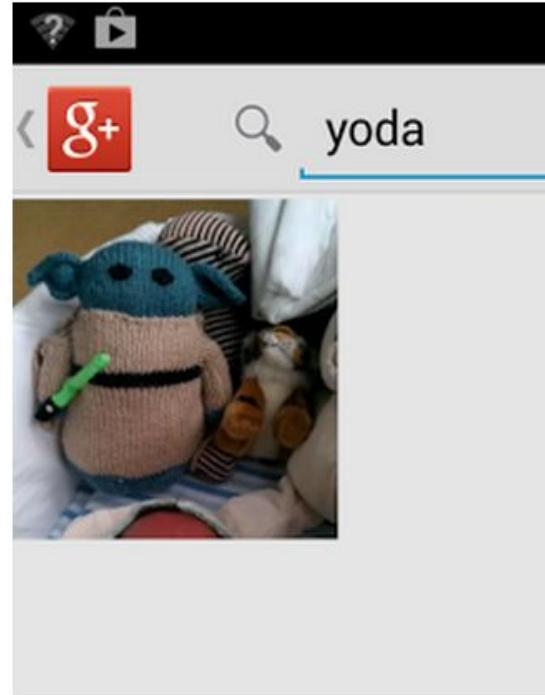
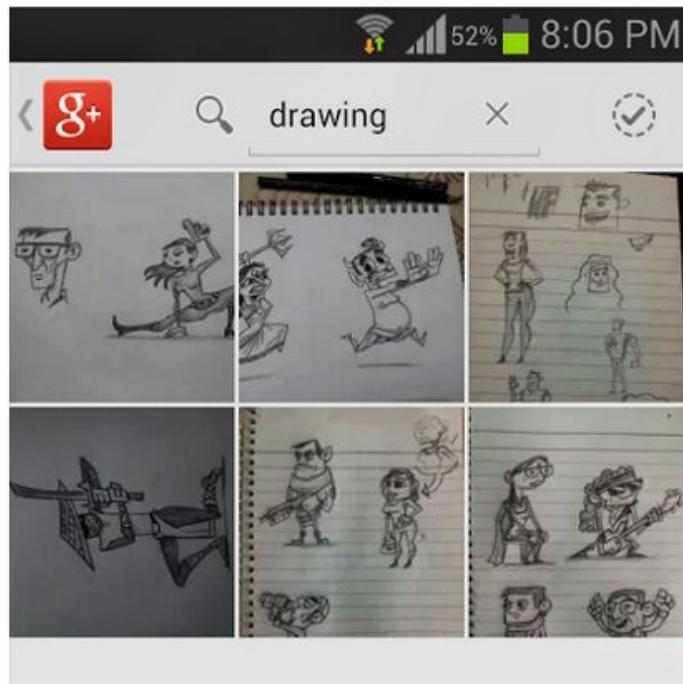
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Your photos
Only you can see these results

A Google search results page showing a grid of 12 photos of Siamese cats. The search query "my photos of siamese cats" is entered in the search bar. The results are filtered to show only the user's own photos.

Google Photos Search

Google Plus photo search is awesome. Searched with keyword
'Drawing' to find all my scribbles at once :D



“Seeing” Go

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Technology

Google achieves AI 'breakthrough' at Go

An artificial intelligence program developed by Google beats Europe's top player at the ancient Chinese game of Go, about a decade earlier than expected.

27 January 2016 | Technology

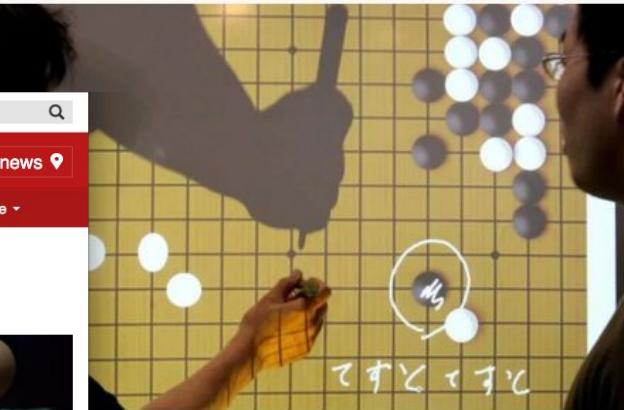
How did they do it? What is the game Go?

Facebook trains AI to beat humans at Go



Google's AI just cracked the game that supposedly no computer could beat

By Mike Murphy | January 27, 2016



Reuters/Kiyoshi Ota)

ave slowly started to encroach on activities we previously thought were uniquely human. In 1997, a supercomputer beat Grand Master Garry Kasparov at chess, and in 2011 IBM's Watson beat former human winners at the game *Jeopardy*. But the ancient board game Go has long been considered one of the major goals of artificial intelligence research. It's understood to be one of the most difficult games for computers to handle due to the sheer number of possible moves a player can make at any given point. Until now, that is.

Mastering the Game of Go with Deep Neural Networks and Tree Search,
Silver et al., Nature, vol. 529 (2016), pp. 484-503



Reuse same model for completely different problems

Same basic model structure
(e.g. given image, predict interesting parts of image)
trained on different data,
useful in **completely different contexts**



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Google Project Sunroof

1234 Bryant St, Palo Alto, CA 94301, USA



Analysis complete. Your roof has:



1,658 hours of usable sunlight per year

Based on day-to-day analysis of weather patterns



708 sq feet available for solar panels

Based on 3D modeling of your roof and nearby trees

If your electric bill is at least \$175/month, leasing solar panels could reduce it.

[FINE-TUNE ESTIMATE](#)

[SEE SOLAR PROVIDERS](#)

Wrong roof? Drag the marker to the right one.



MEDICAL IMAGING

Very good results using similar model for
detecting diabetic retinopathy in retinal images

Language Understanding

Query

[car parts for sale]

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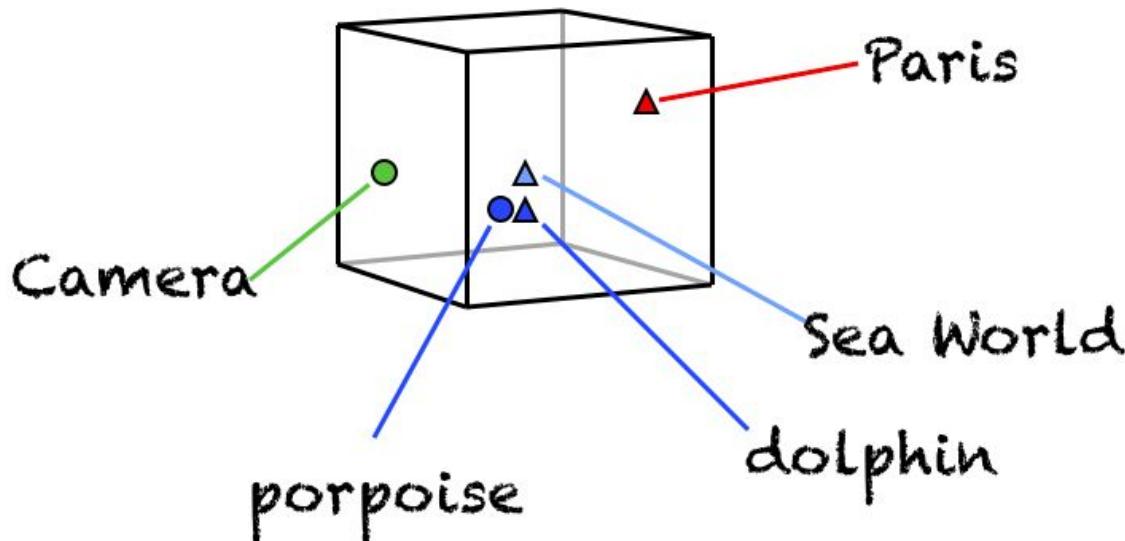
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Selling all kinds of automobile and pickup truck **parts**, engines, and transmissions.

How to deal with Sparse Data?

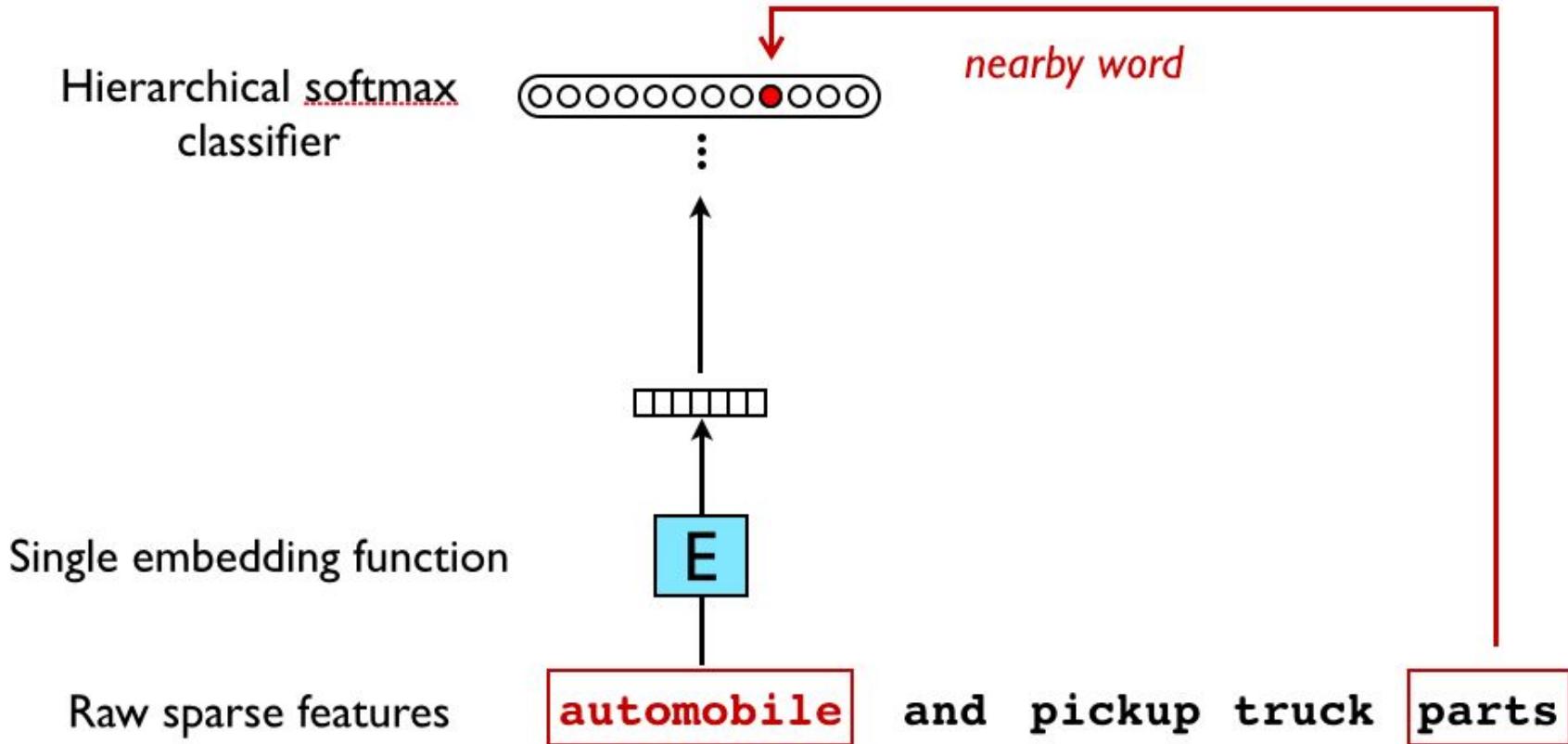
3-D embedding space



Embedding Function: A look-up-table that maps sparse features into dense floating point vectors.

Usually use many more than 3 dimensions (e.g. 100D, 1000D)

Embeddings Can be Trained With Backpropagation



Mikolov, Sutskever, Chen, Corrado and Dean. *Distributed Representations of Words and Phrases and Their Compositionality*, NIPS 2013.

Nearest Neighbors are Closely Related Semantically

Trained language model on Wikipedia

tiger shark

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shark
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sandbar shark
dusky shark
blue shark
requiem shark
great white shark
lemon shark

car

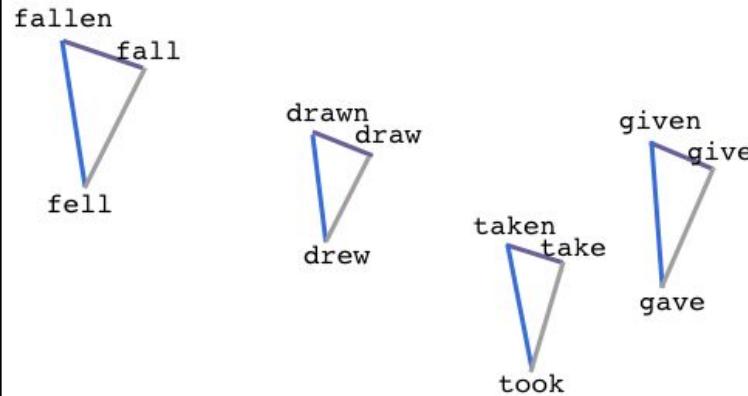
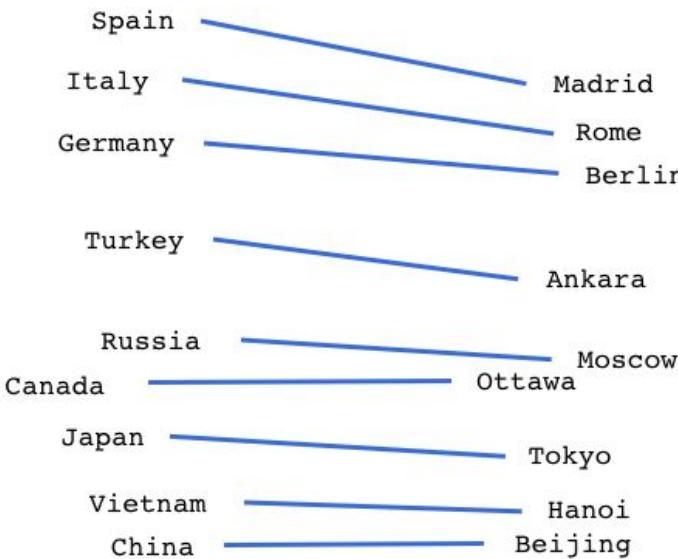
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long island
syracuse
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* 5.7M docs, 5.4B terms, 155K unique terms, 500-D embeddings

Directions are Meaningful

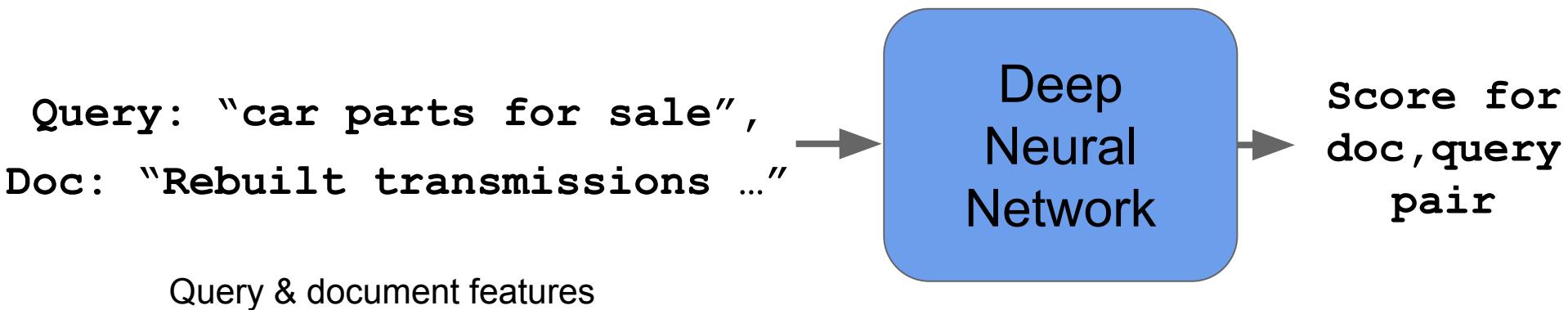


Solve analogies with vector arithmetic!

$$V(\text{queen}) - V(\text{king}) \approx V(\text{woman}) - V(\text{man})$$

$$V(\text{queen}) \approx V(\text{king}) + (V(\text{woman}) - V(\text{man}))$$

RankBrain in Google Search Ranking

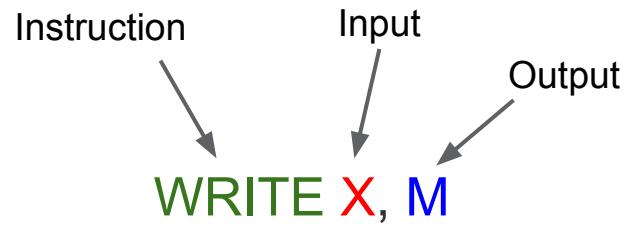


Launched in 2015

Third most important search ranking signal (of 100s)

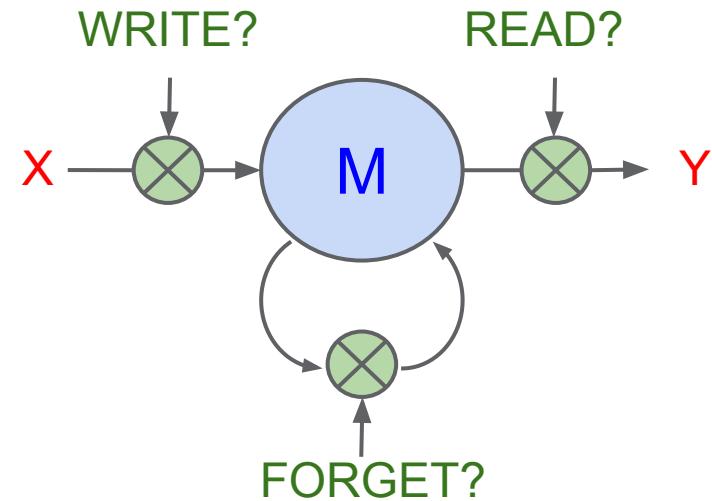
Bloomberg, Oct 2015: “Google Turning Its Lucrative Web Search Over to AI Machines”

A Simple Model of Memory



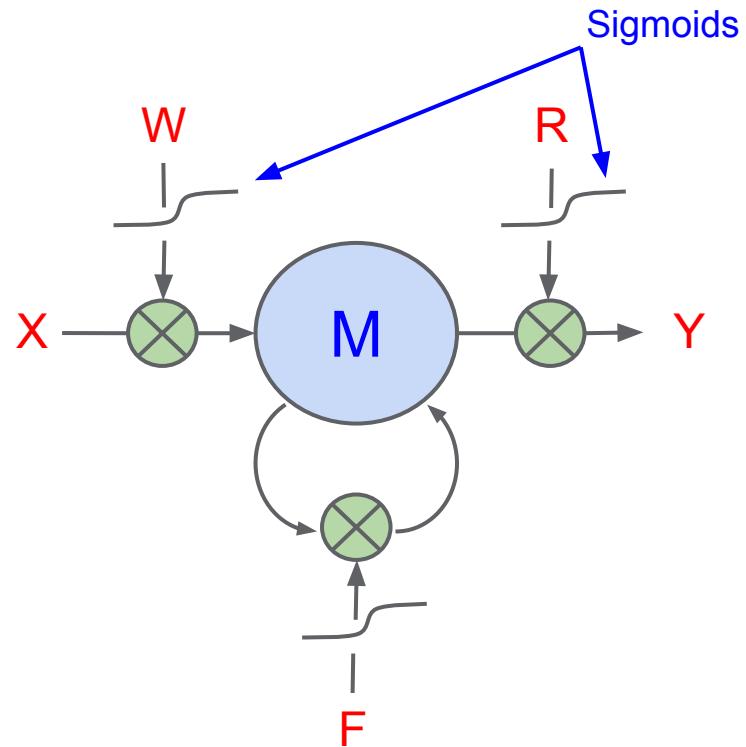
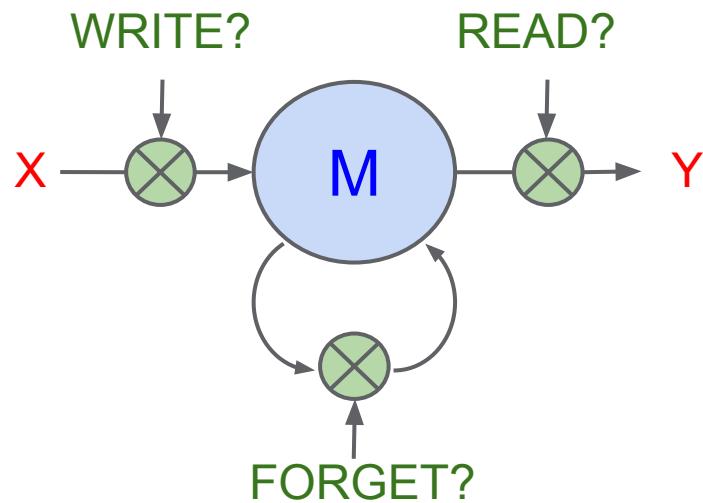
READ M, Y

FORGET M



Long Short-Term Memory (LSTMs): Make Your Memory Cells Differentiable

[Hochreiter & Schmidhuber, 1997]



Example: LSTM [Hochreiter et al, 1997][Gers et al, 1999]

$$\begin{aligned} i_t &= W_{ix}x_t + W_{ih}h_{t-1} + b_i \\ j_t &= W_{jx}x_t + W_{jh}h_{t-1} + b_j \\ f_t &= W_{fx}x_t + W_{fh}h_{t-1} + b_f \\ o_t &= W_{ox}x_t + W_{oh}h_{t-1} + b_o \\ c_t &= \sigma(f_t) \odot c_{t-1} + \sigma(i_t) \odot \tanh(j_t) \\ h_t &= \sigma(o_t) \odot \tanh(c_t) \end{aligned}$$

Enables
long term
dependencies
to flow



```
def __call__(self, inputs, state, scope=None):
    """Long short-term memory cell (LSTM)."""
    with vs.variable_scope(scope or type(self).__name__): # "BasicLSTMCell"
        # Parameters of gates are concatenated into one multiply for efficiency.
        c, h = array_ops.split(1, 2, state)
        concat = linear([inputs, h], 4 * self._num_units, True)

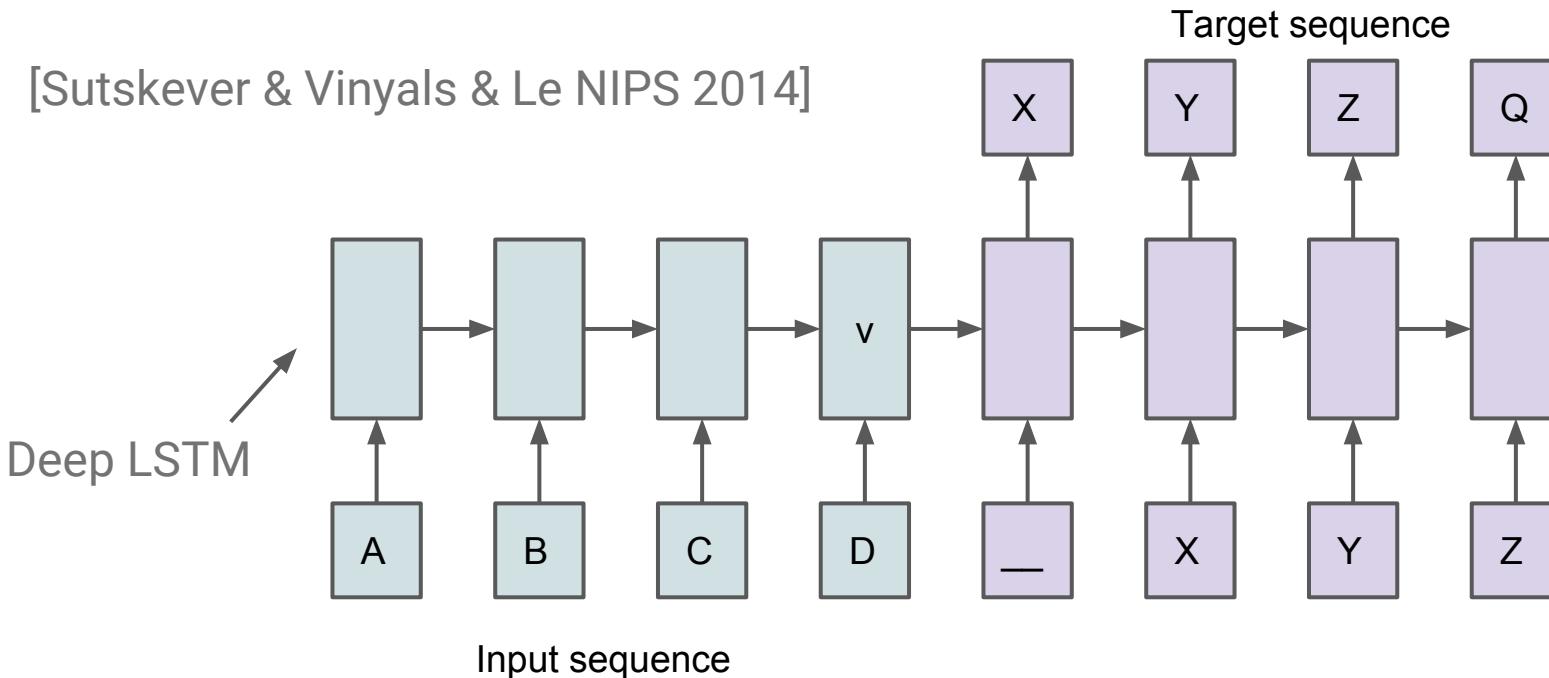
        # i = input_gate, j = new_input, f = forget_gate, o = output_gate
        i, j, f, o = array_ops.split(1, 4, concat)

        new_c = c * sigmoid(f + self._forget_bias) + sigmoid(i) * tanh(j)
        new_h = tanh(new_c) * sigmoid(o)

    return new_h, array_ops.concat(1, [new_c, new_h])
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Sequence-to-Sequence Model

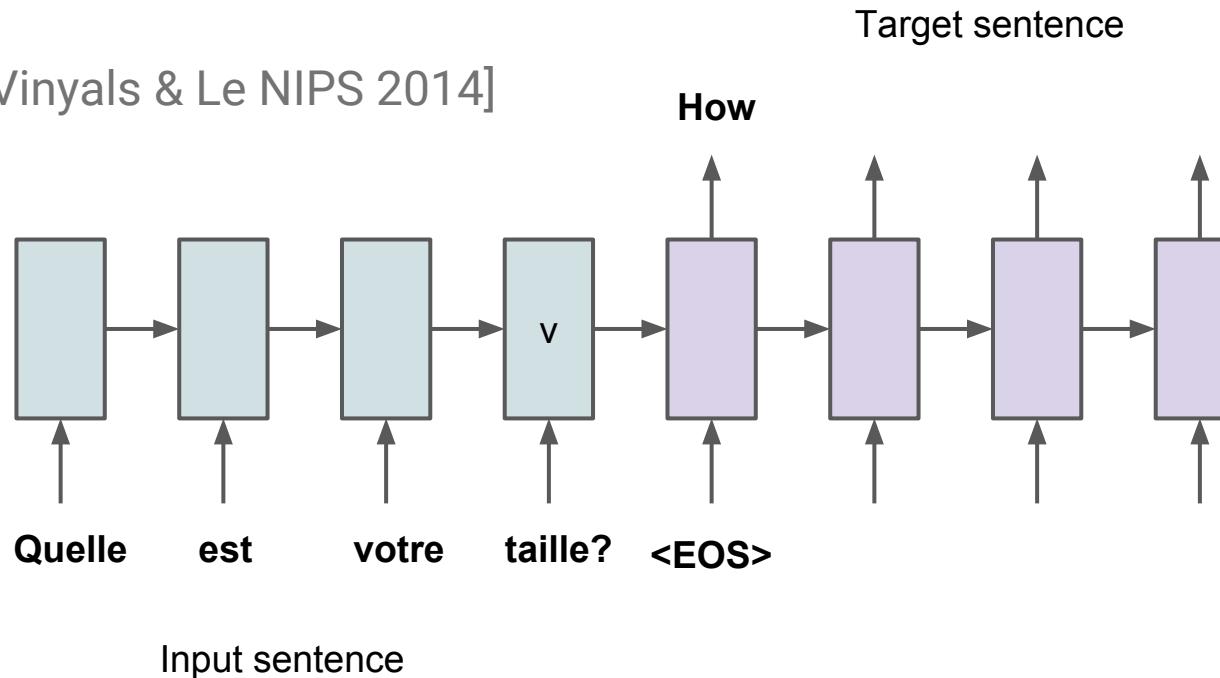
[Sutskever & Vinyals & Le NIPS 2014]



$$P(y_1, \dots, y_{T'} | x_1, \dots, x_T) = \prod_{t=1}^{T'} p(y_t | v, y_1, \dots, y_{t-1})$$

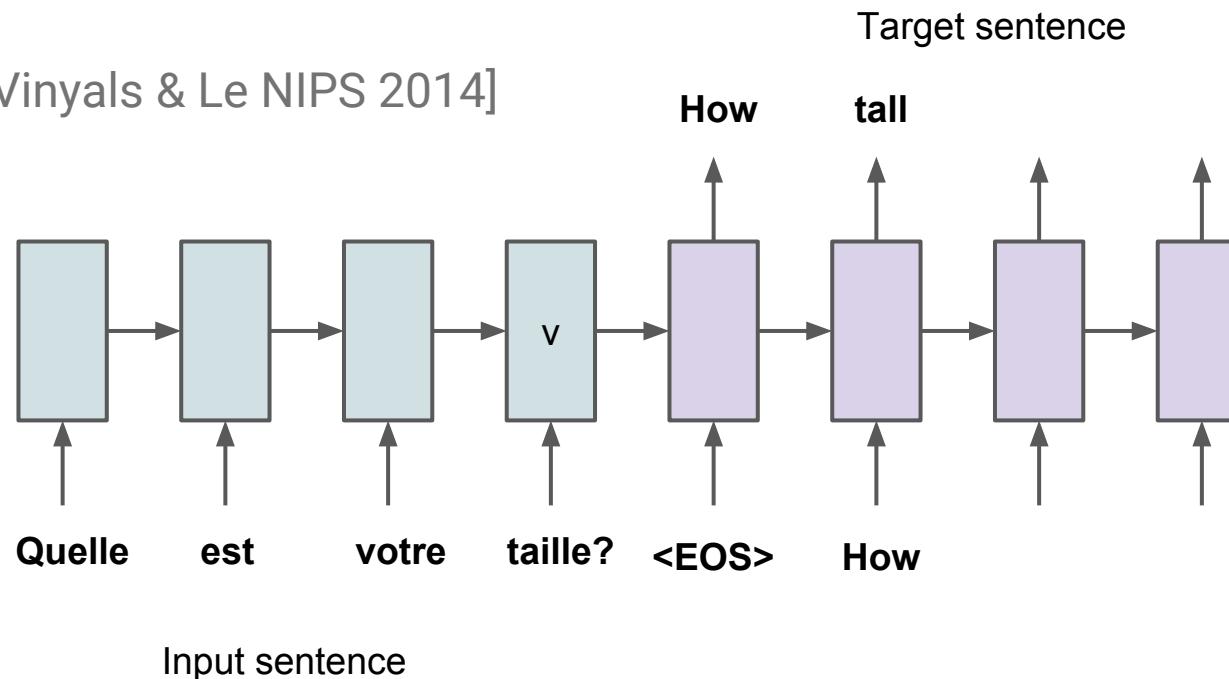
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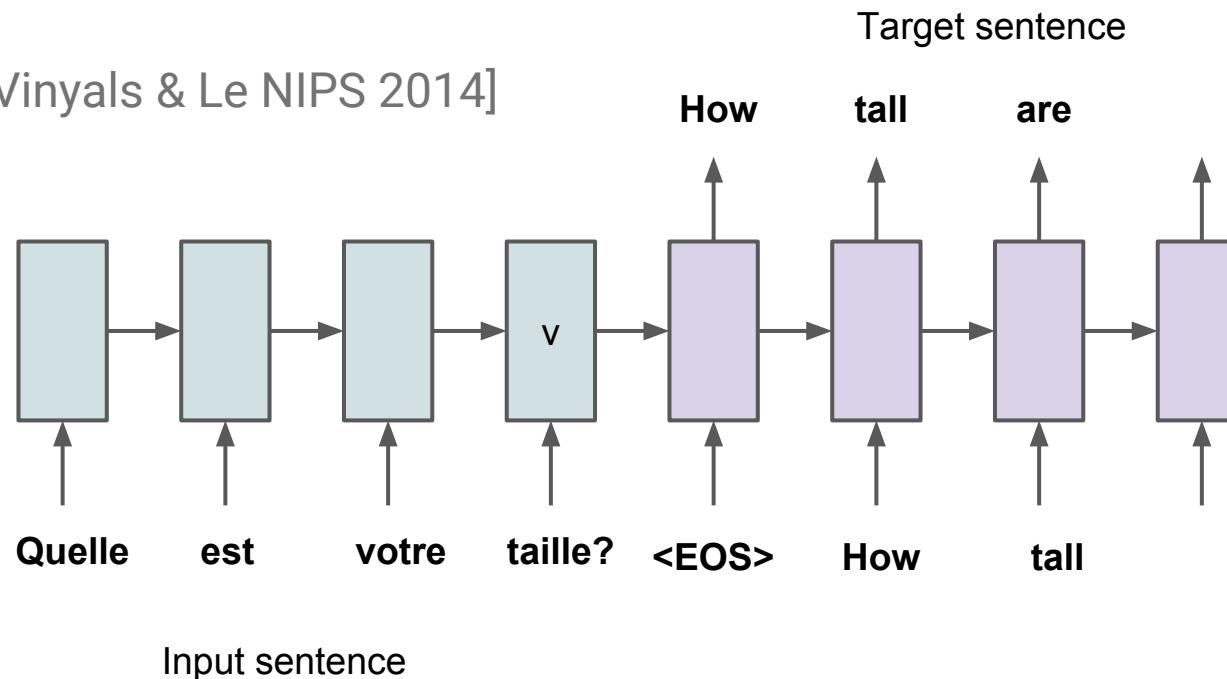
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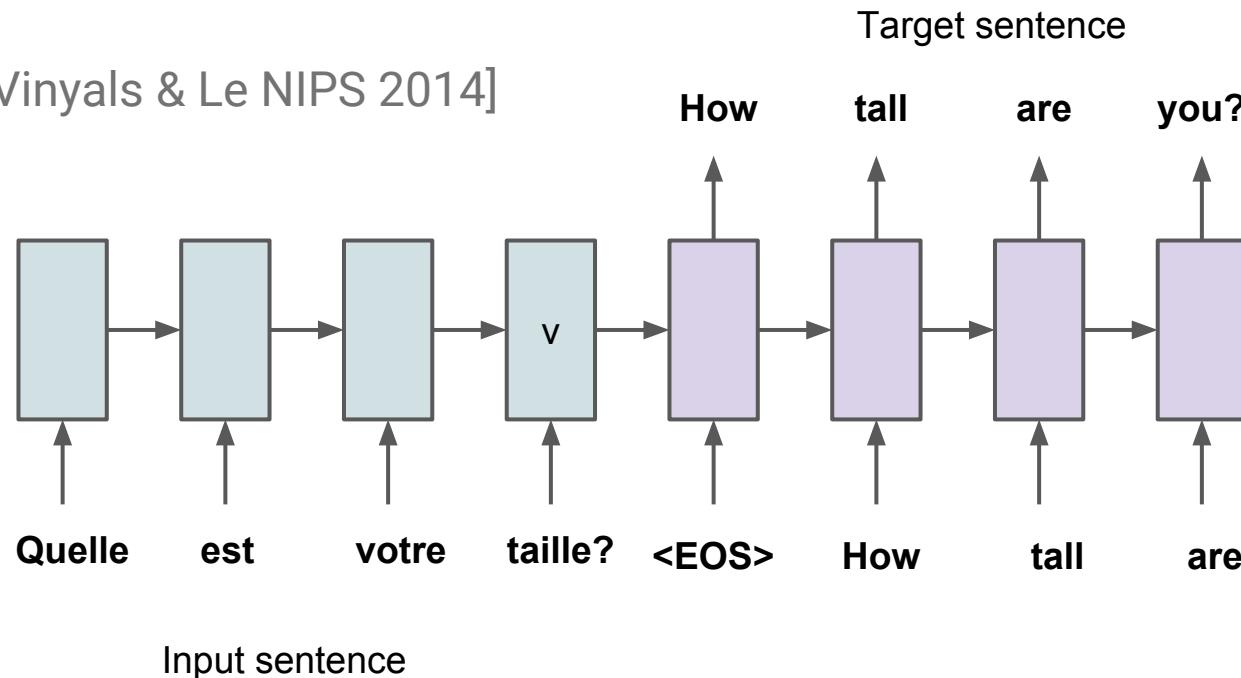
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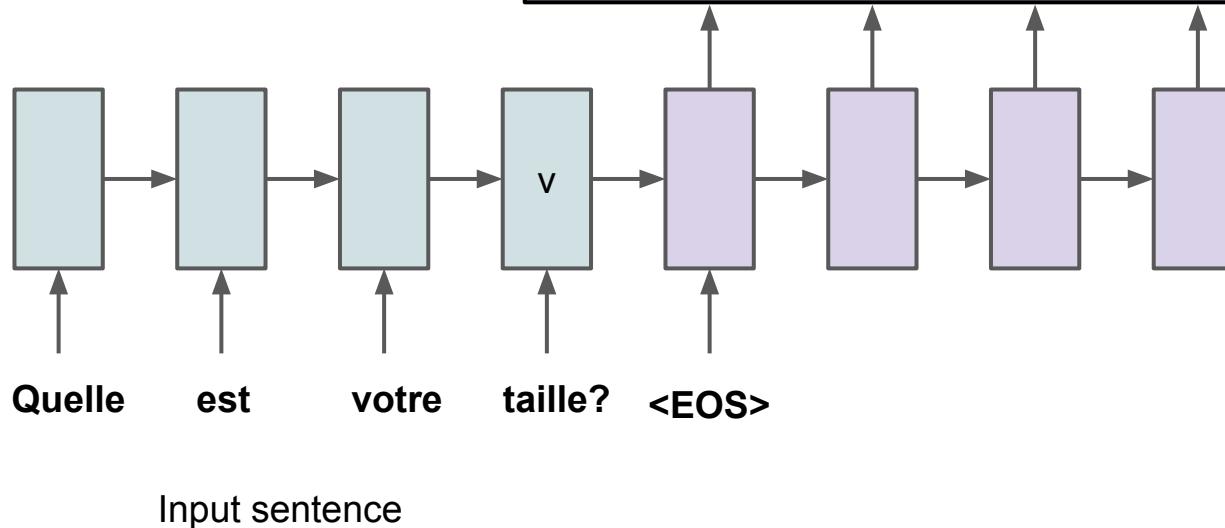
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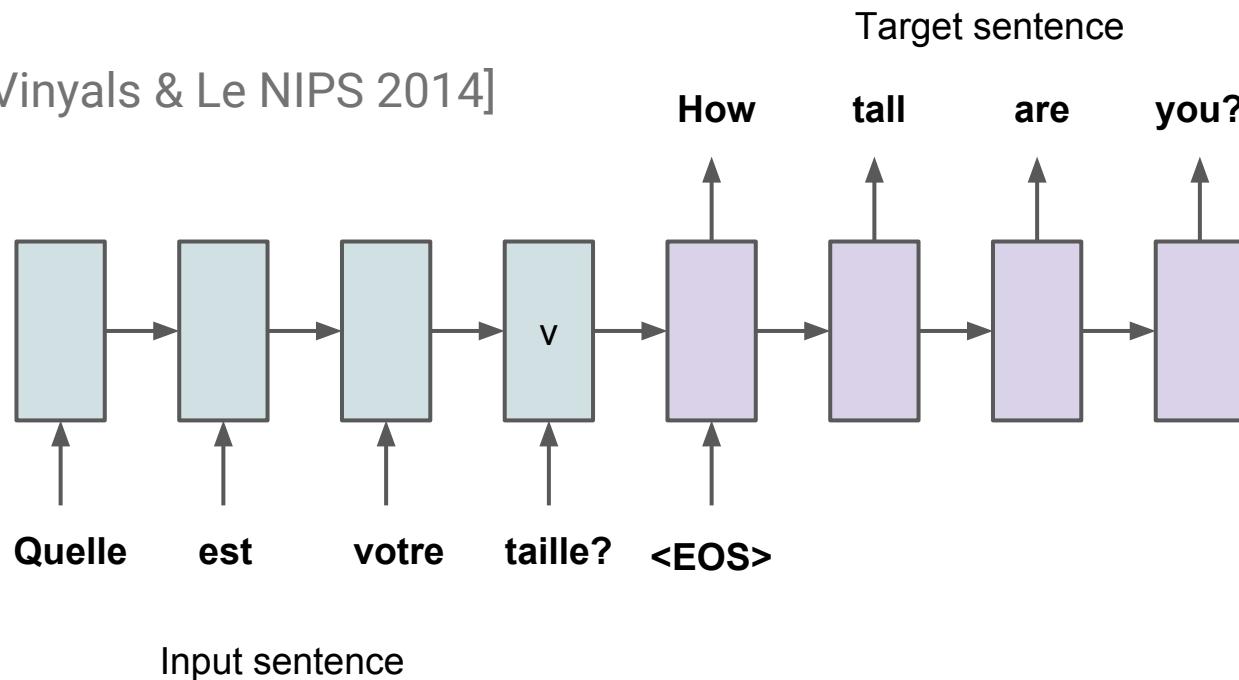
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**At inference time:
Beam search to choose most probable
over possible output sequences**



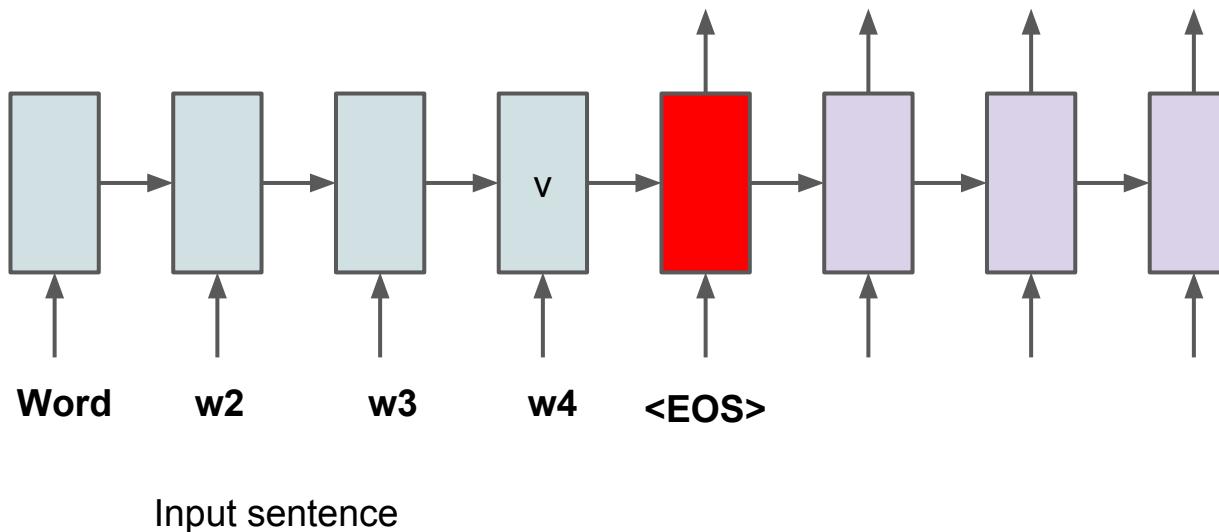
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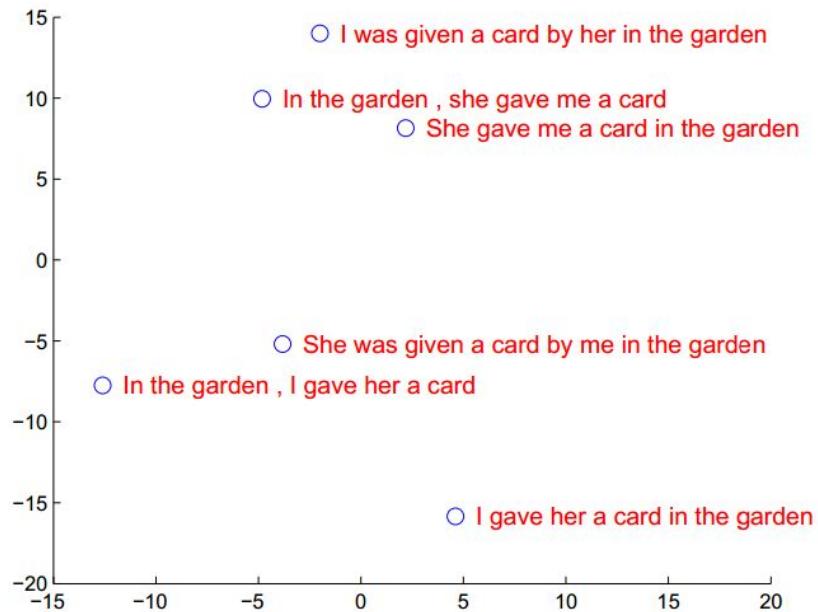


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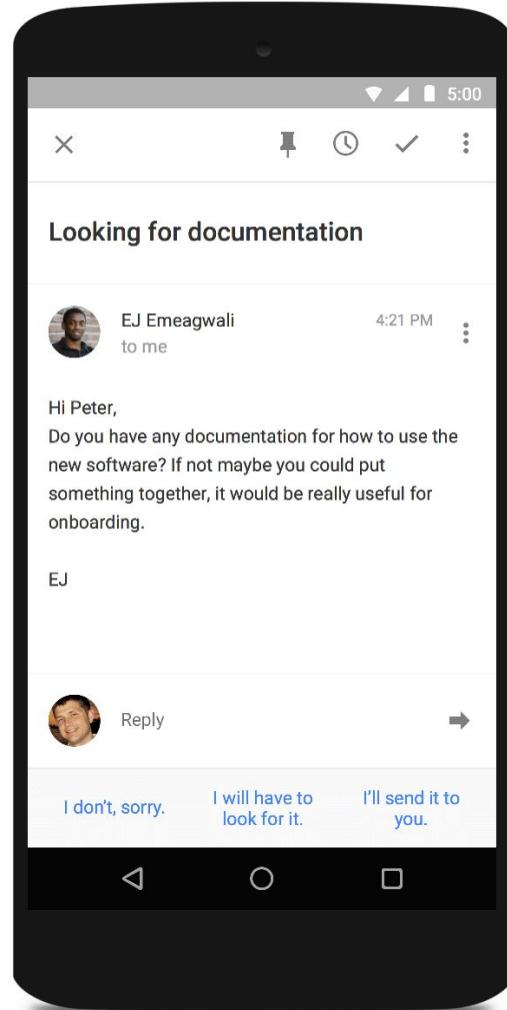


Smart Reply

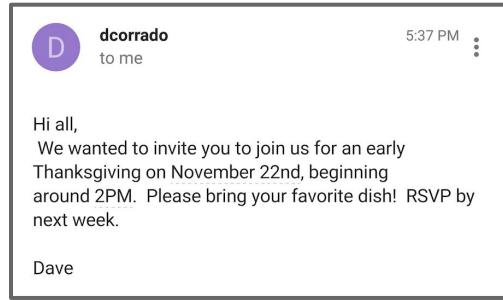
April 1, 2009: April Fool's Day joke

Nov 5, 2015: Launched Real Product

Feb 1, 2016: >10% of mobile Inbox replies



Incoming Email



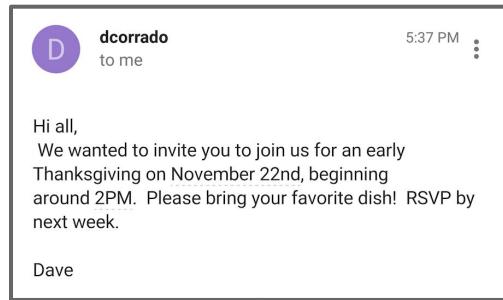
Small Feed-Forward Neural Network

Activate
Smart Reply?
yes/no

Smart Reply

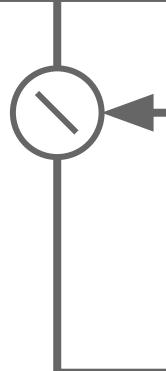
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Incoming Email



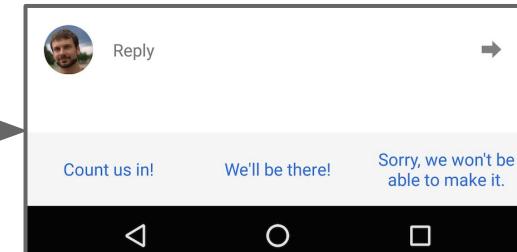
Small Feed-Forward Neural Network

Activate Smart Reply?
yes/no



Deep Recurrent Neural Network

Generated Replies



Research at Google

Sequence-to-Sequence

- **Translation:** [Kalchbrenner *et al.*, EMNLP 2013][Cho *et al.*, EMLP 2014][Sutskever & Vinyals & Le, NIPS 2014][Luong *et al.*, ACL 2015][Bahdanau *et al.*, ICLR 2015]
- **Image captions:** [Mao *et al.*, ICLR 2015][Vinyals *et al.*, CVPR 2015][Donahue *et al.*, CVPR 2015][Xu *et al.*, ICML 2015]
- **Speech:** [Chorowsky *et al.*, NIPS DL 2014][Chan *et al.*, arxiv 2015]
- **Language Understanding:** [Vinyals & Kaiser *et al.*, NIPS 2015][Kiros *et al.*, NIPS 2015]
- **Dialogue:** [Shang *et al.*, ACL 2015][Sordoni *et al.*, NAACL 2015][Vinyals & Le, ICML DL 2015]
- **Video Generation:** [Srivastava *et al.*, ICML 2015]
- **Algorithms:** [Zaremba & Sutskever, arxiv 2014][Vinyals & Fortunato & Jaitly, NIPS 2015][Kaiser & Sutskever, arxiv 2015][Zaremba *et al.*, arxiv 2015]

Image Captioning

[Vinyals et al., CVPR 2015]

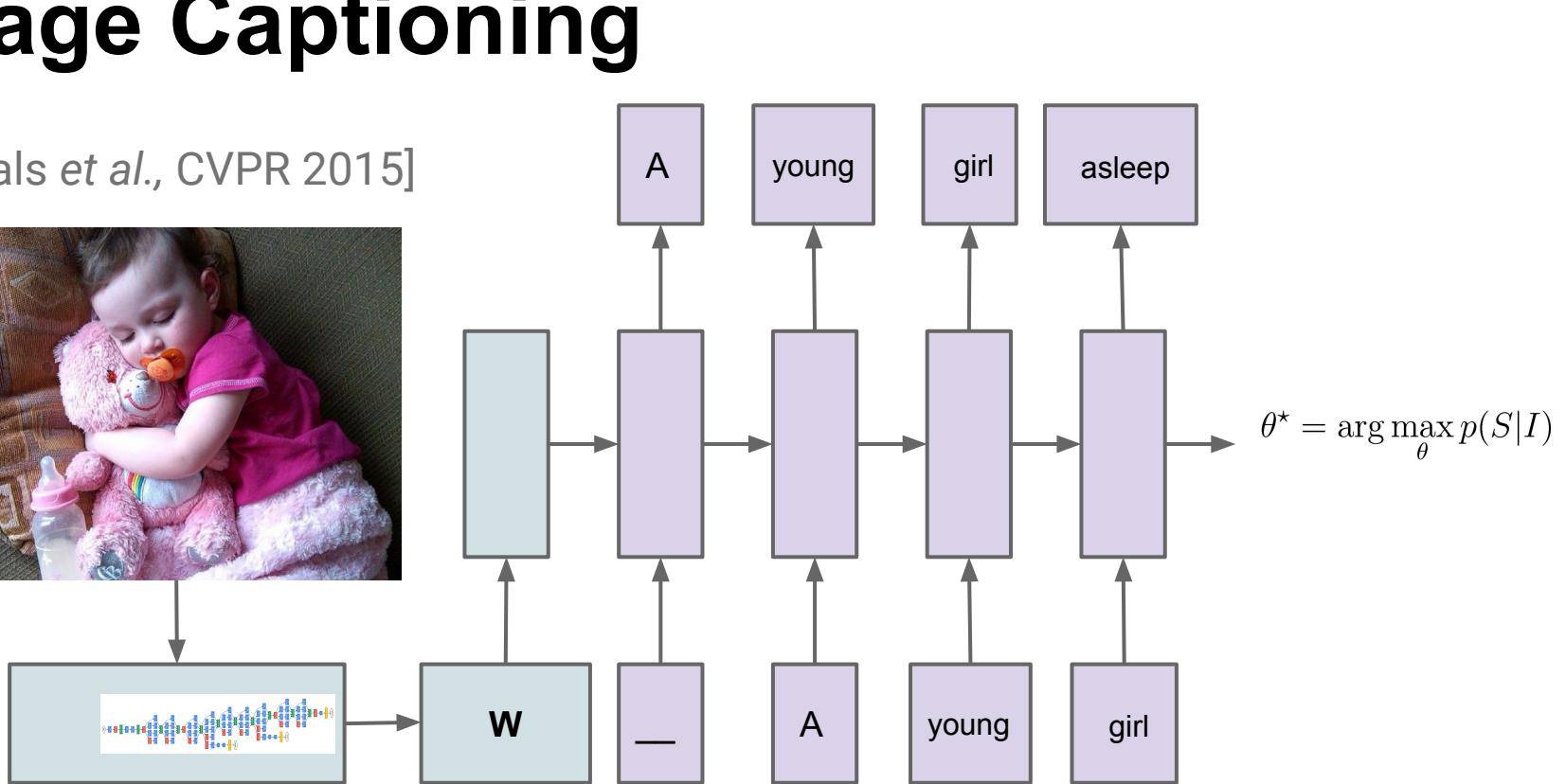


Image Captioning



Human: A young girl asleep on the sofa cuddling a stuffed bear.

Model: A close up of a child holding a stuffed animal.

Model: A baby is asleep next to a teddy bear.





A man holding a tennis racquet
on a tennis court.



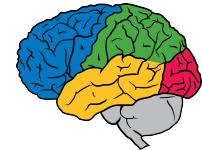
A group of young people
playing a game of Frisbee



Two pizzas sitting on top
of a stove top oven



A man flying through the air
while riding a snowboard

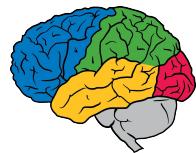


Combined Vision + Translation



Turnaround Time and Effect on Research

- Minutes, Hours:
 - **Interactive research! Instant gratification!**
- 1-4 days
 - Tolerable
 - Interactivity replaced by running many experiments in parallel
- 1-4 weeks:
 - High value experiments only
 - Progress stalls
- >1 month
 - Don't even try



Train in a day what would take a single GPU card 6 weeks

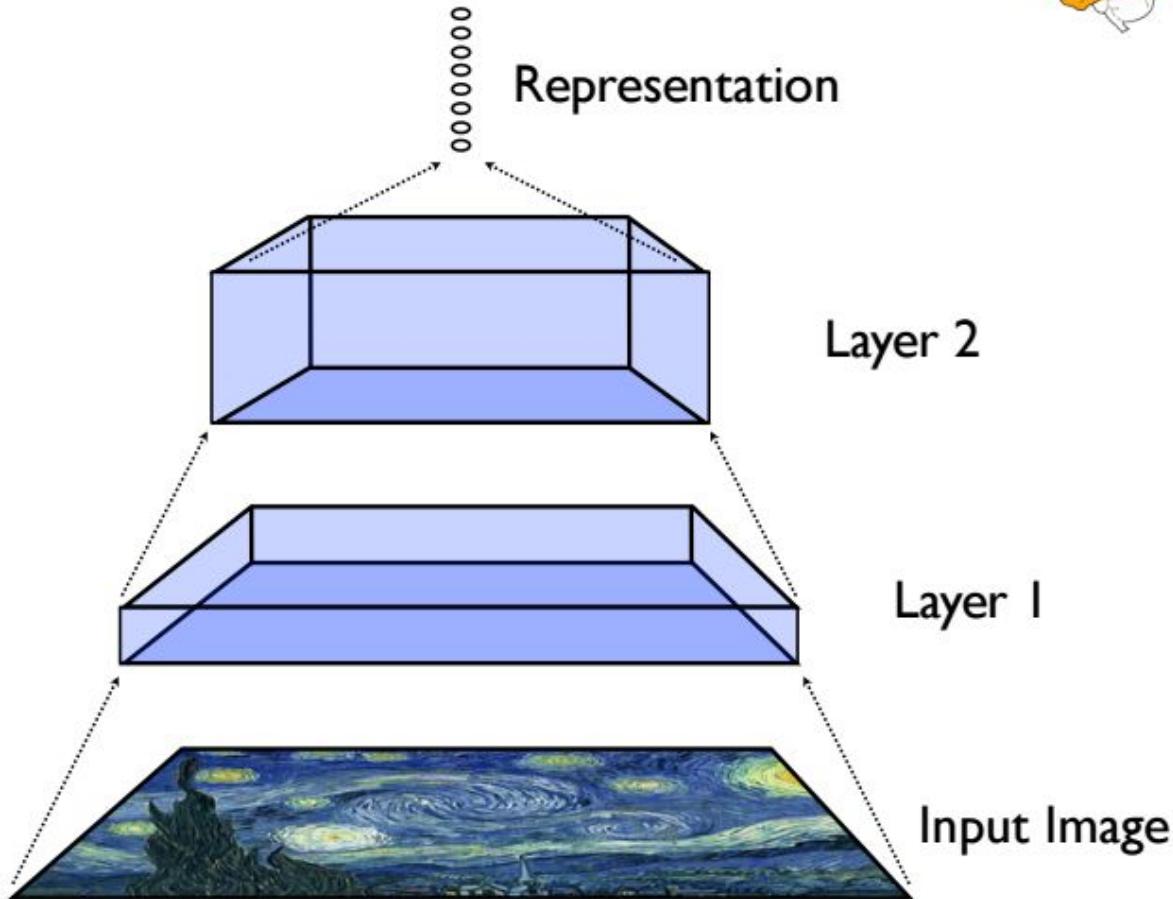


How Can We Train Large, Powerful Models Quickly?

- Exploit many kinds of parallelism
 - Model parallelism
 - Data parallelism

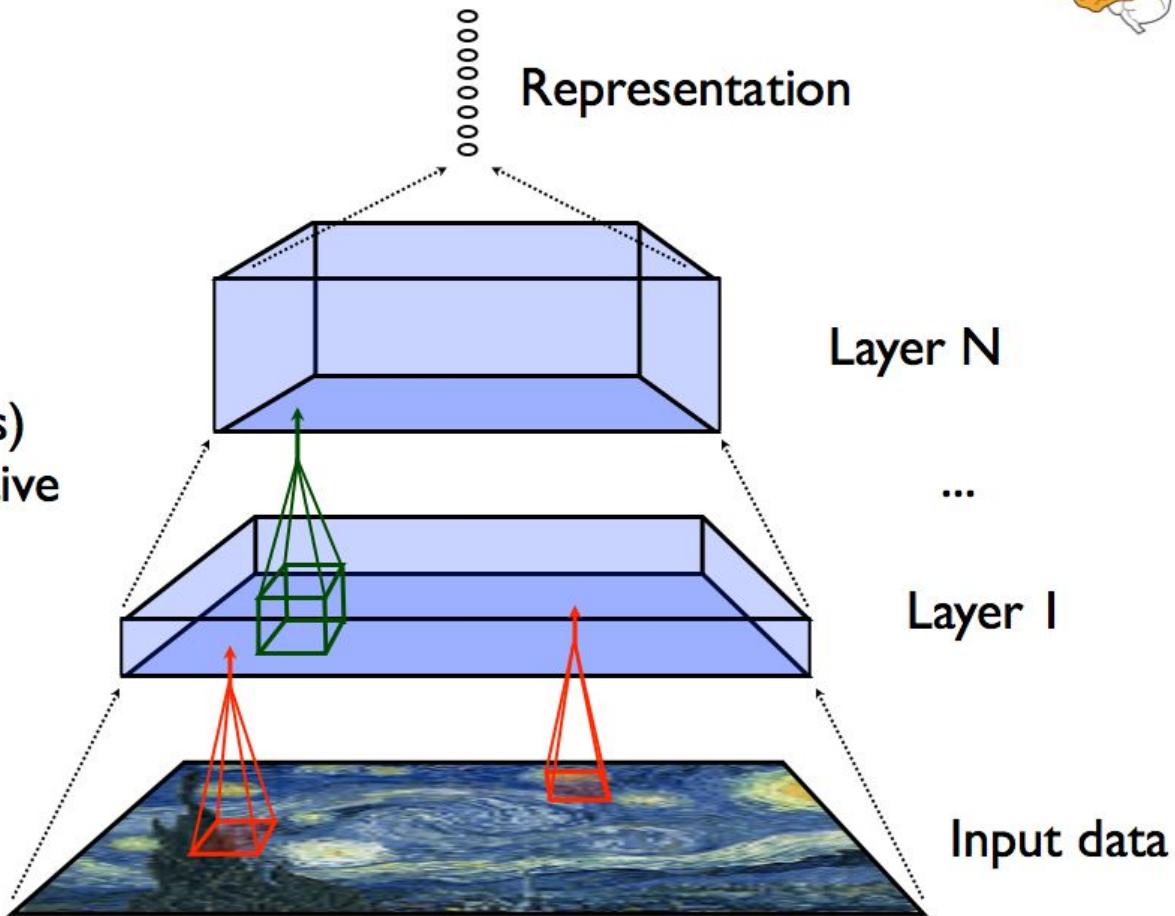


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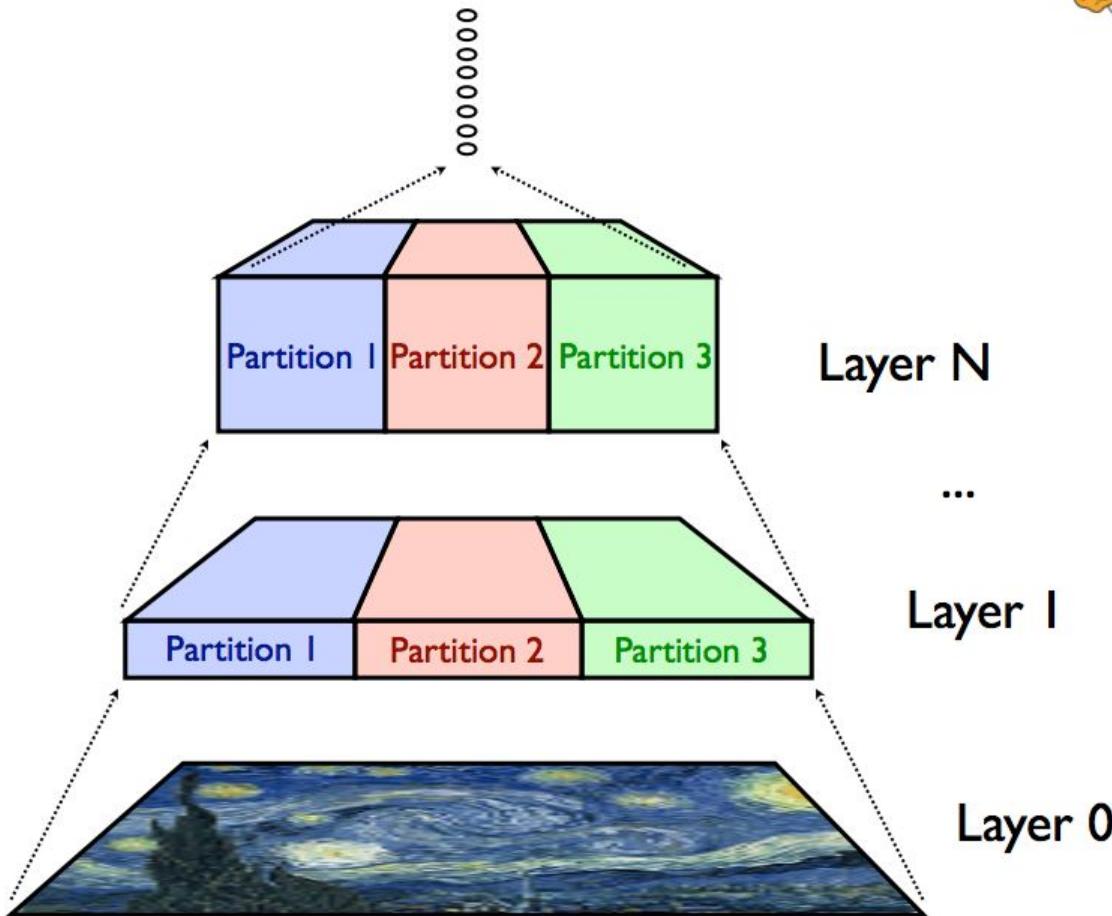
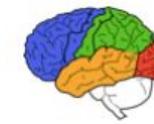




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Local Receptive
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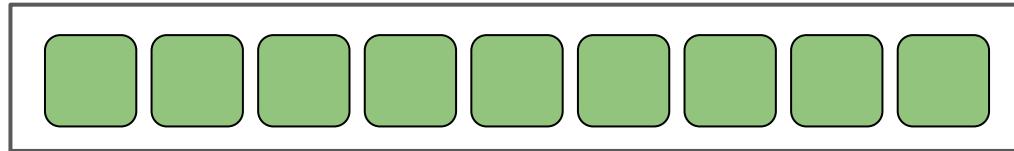


Model Parallelism: Partition model across machines

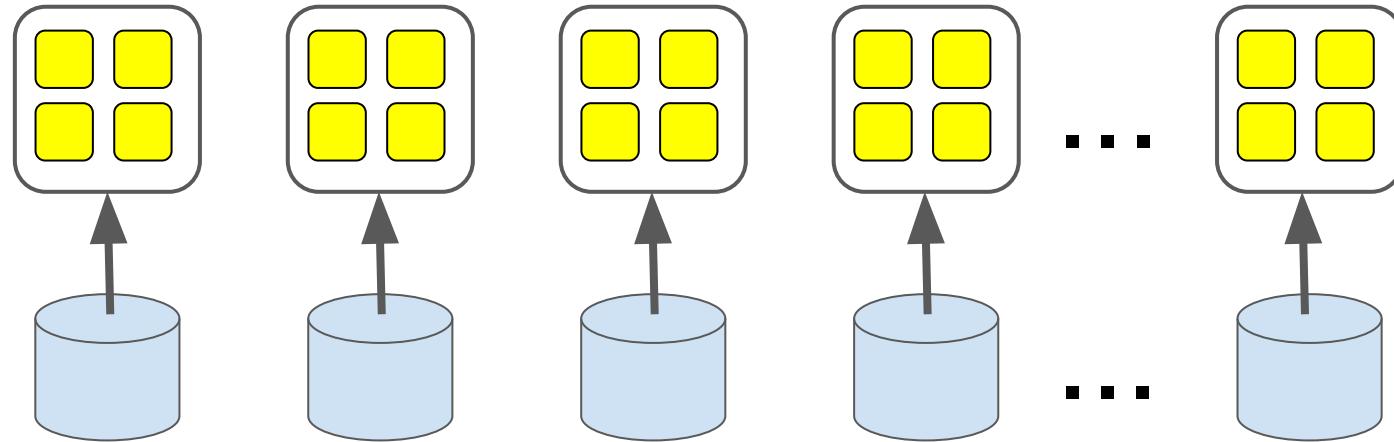


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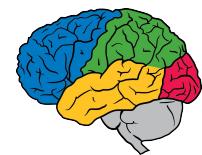
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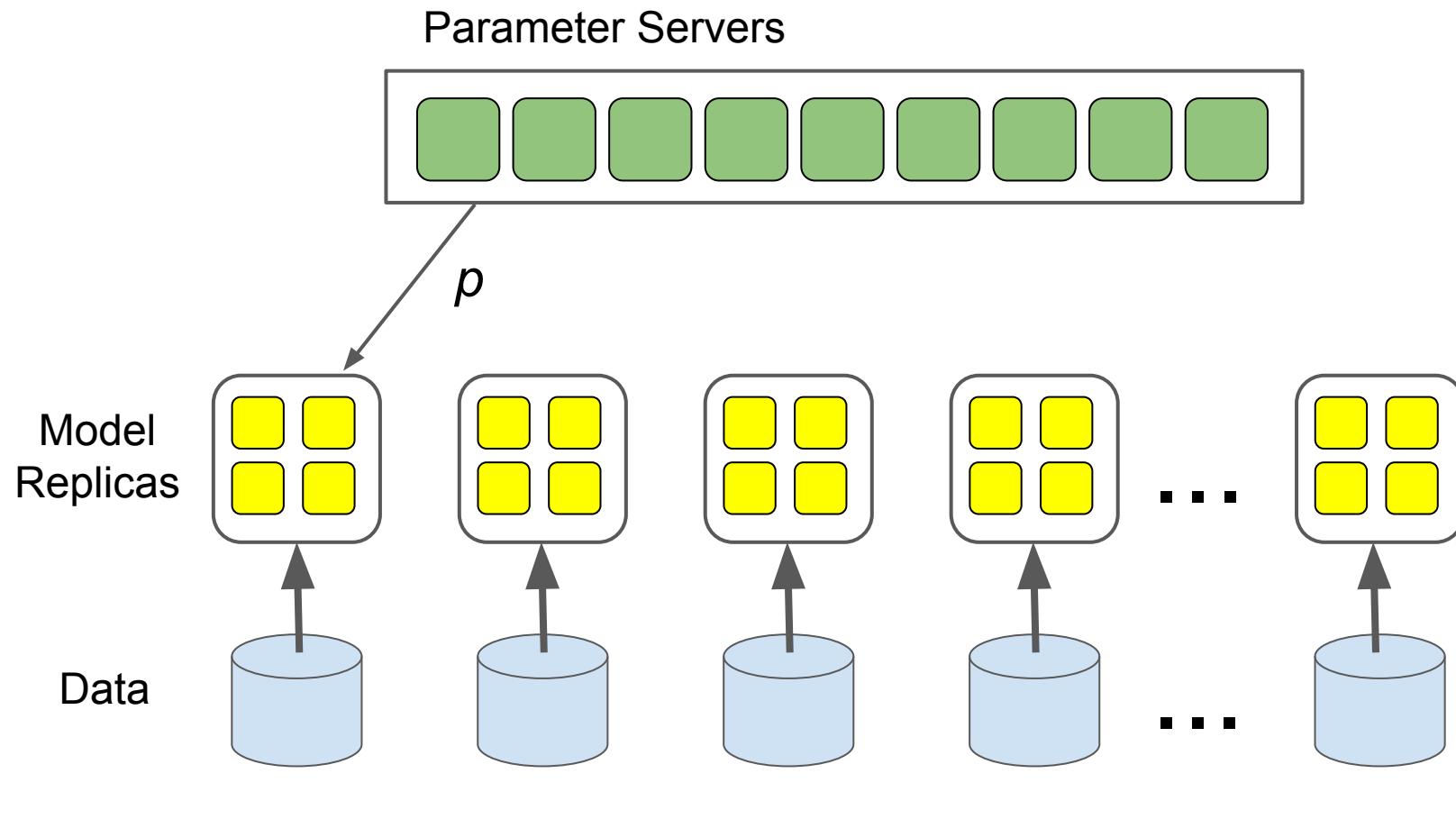
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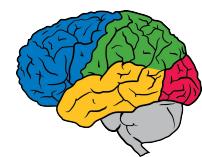
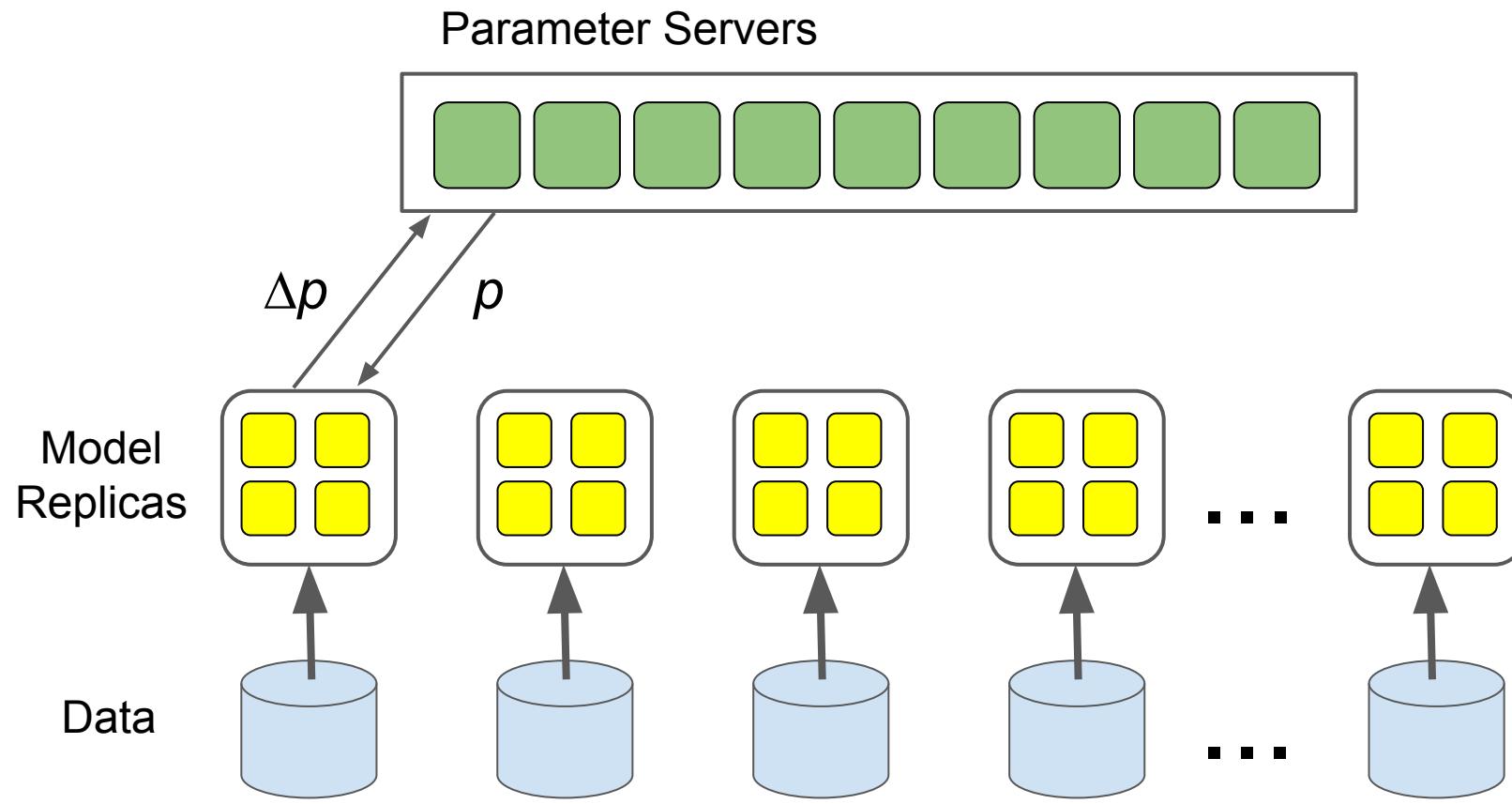
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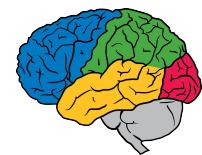
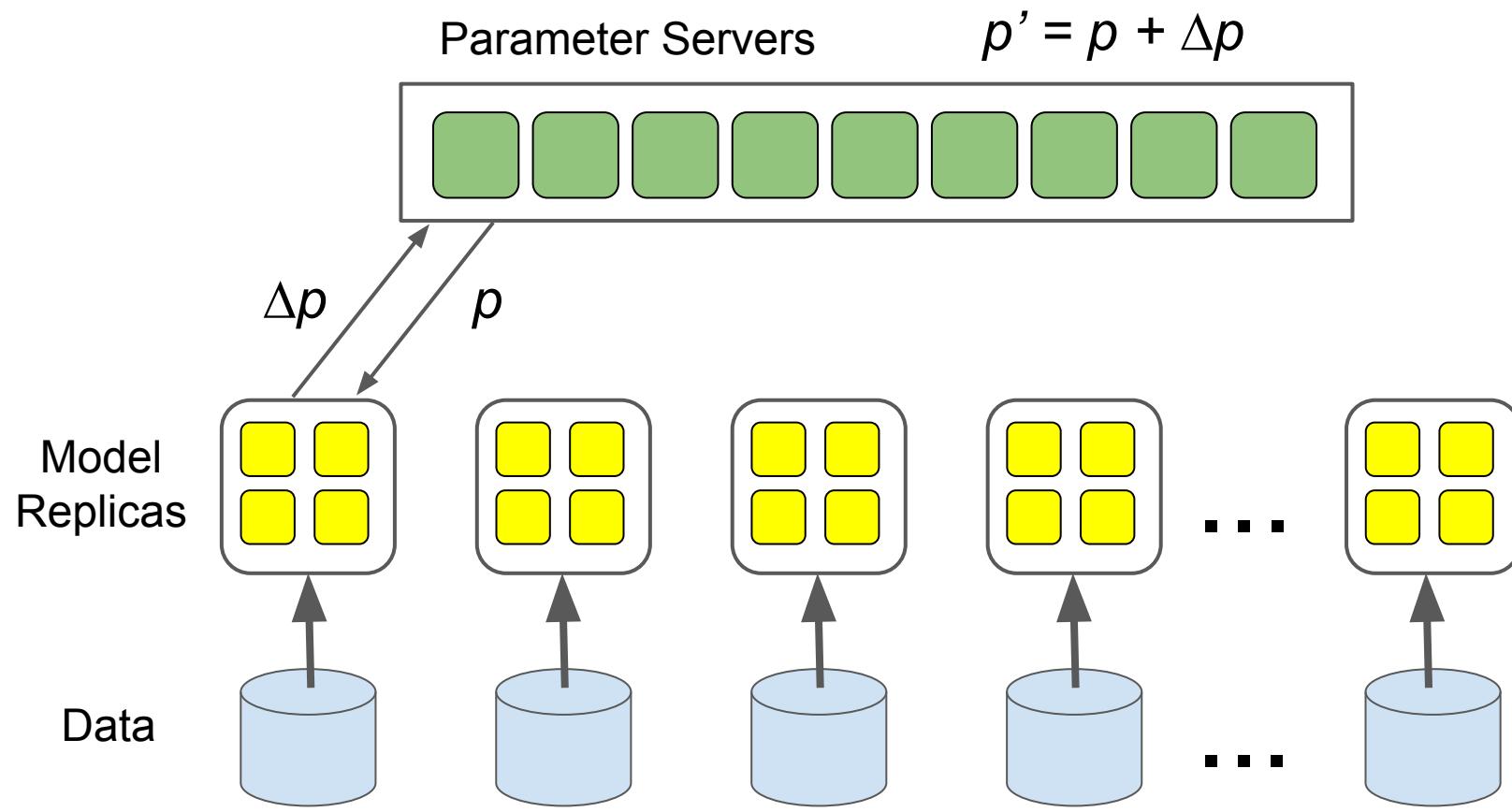
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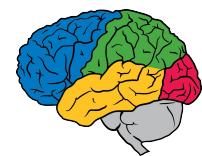
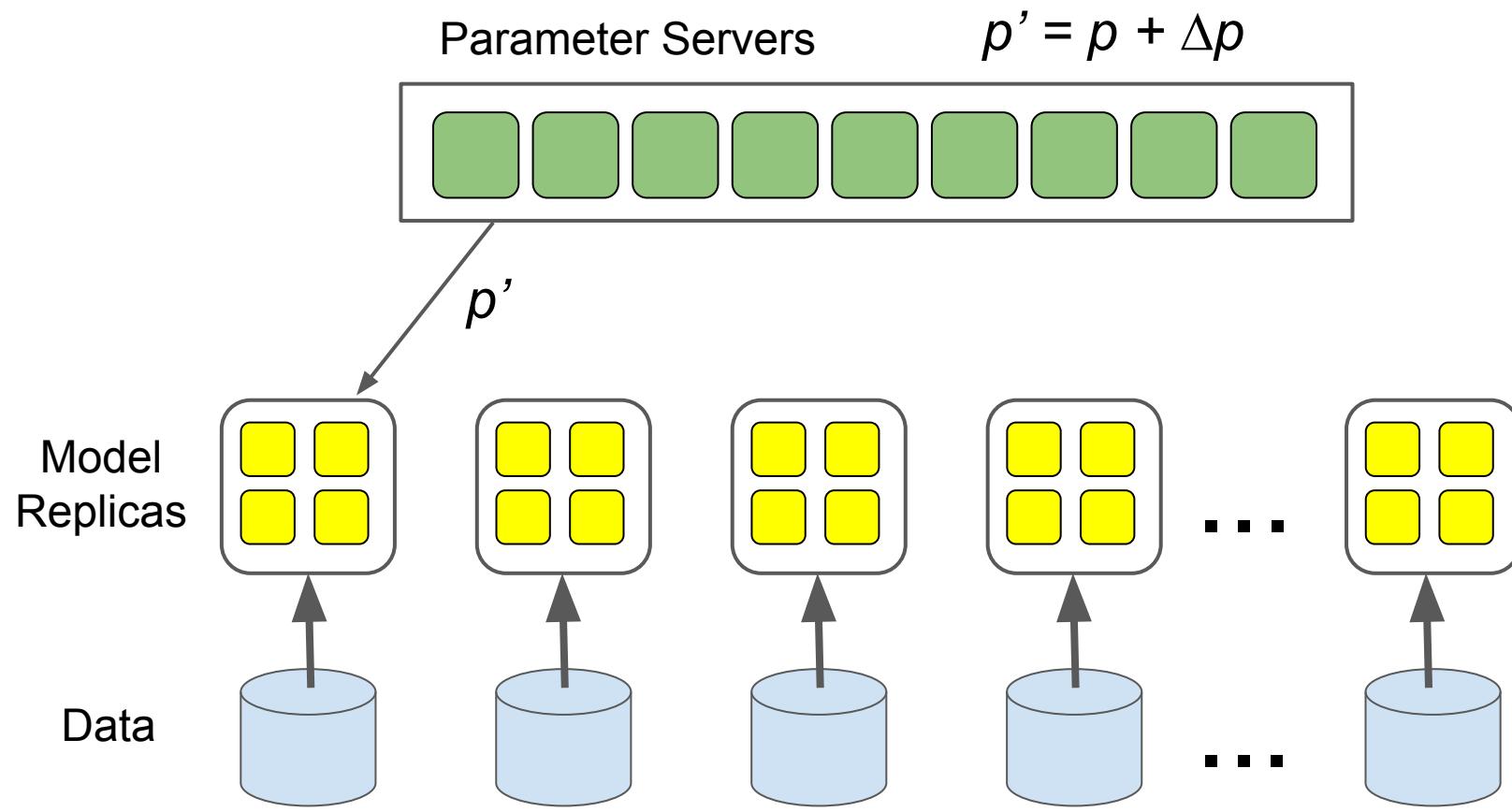
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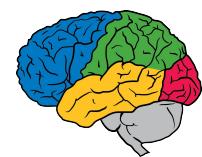
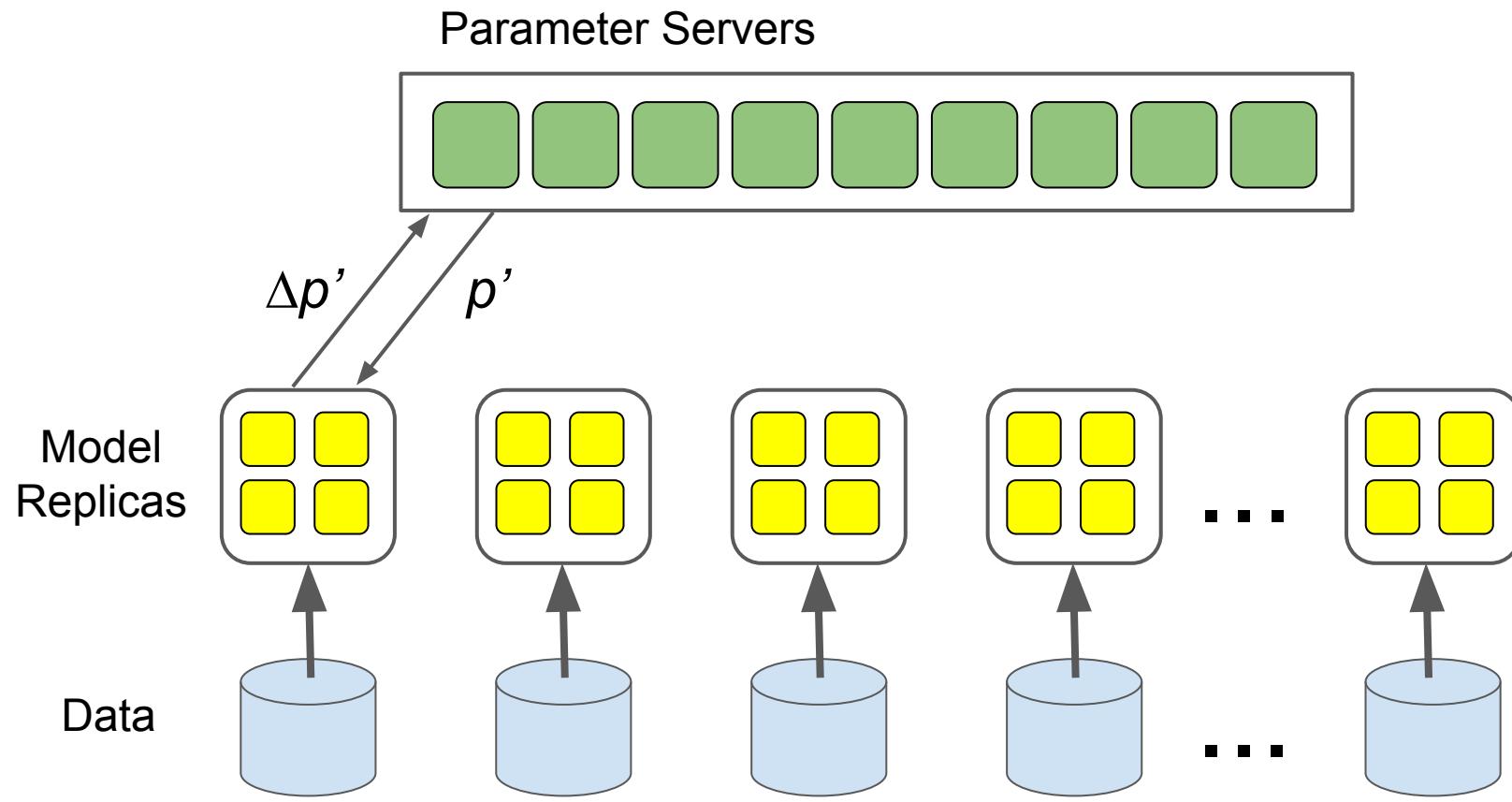
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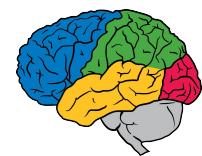
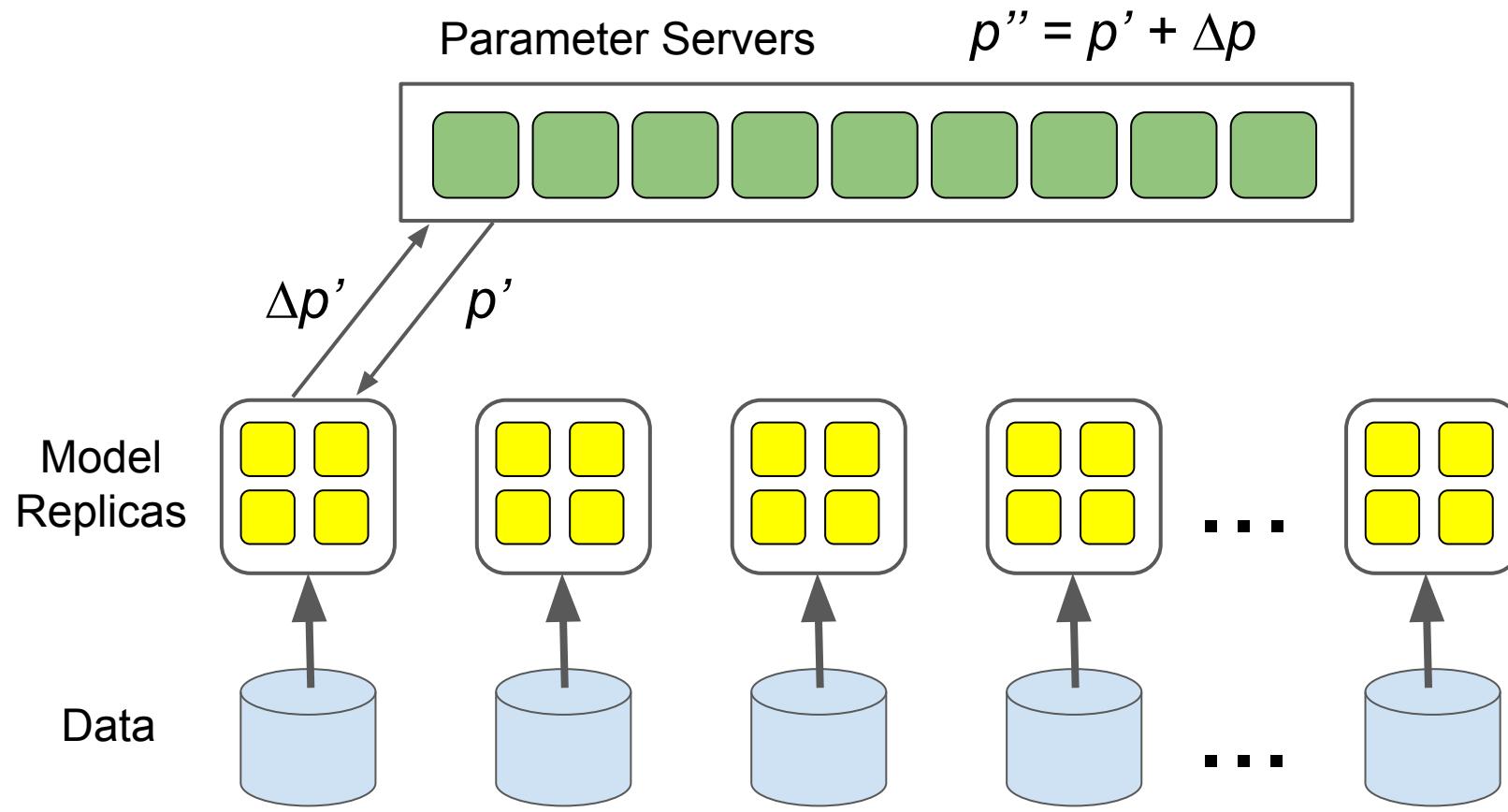
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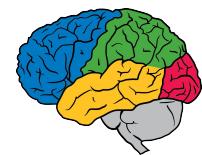
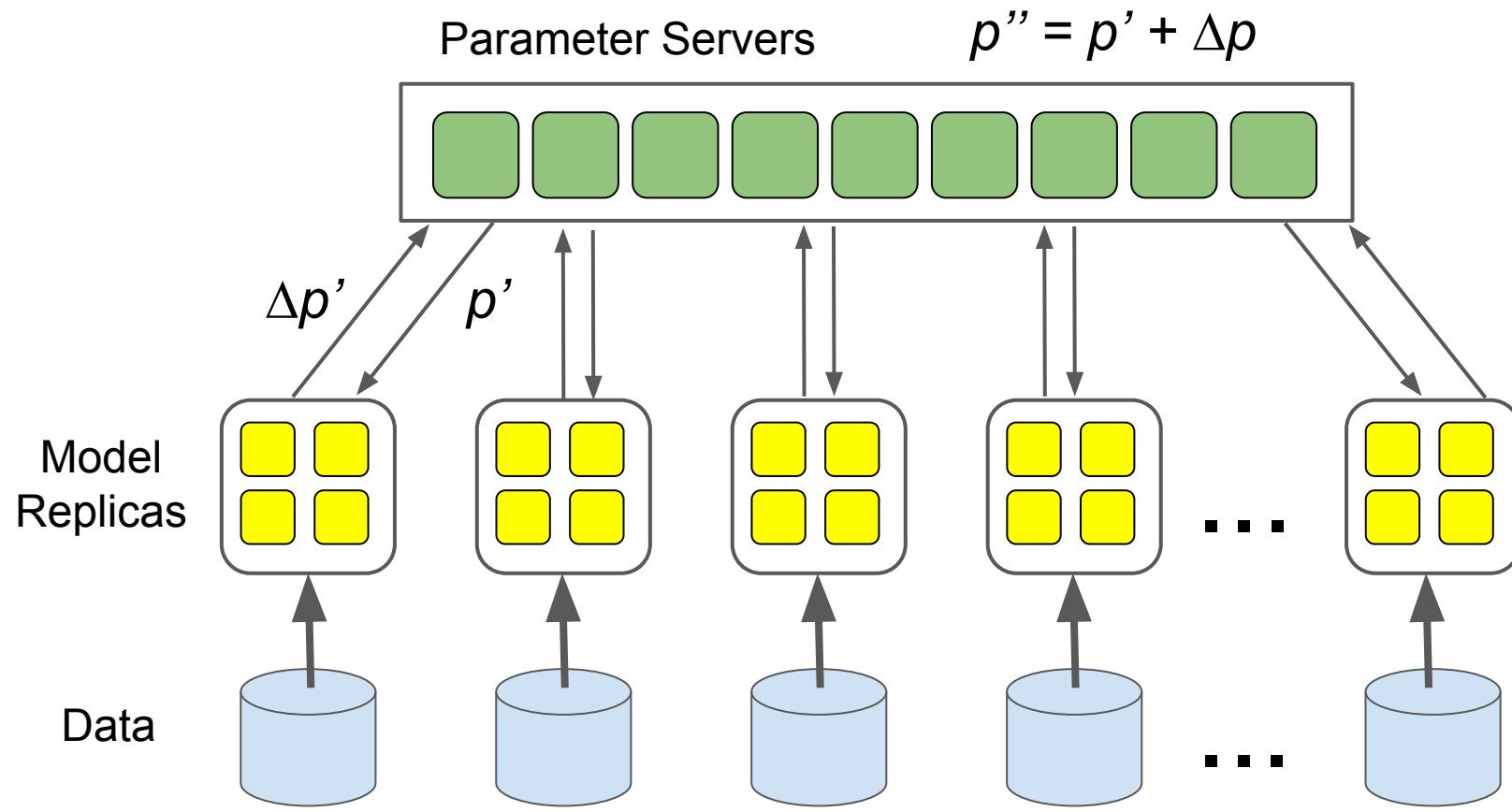
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Data Parallelism Choices

Can do this **synchronously**:

- **N replicas** equivalent to an **N times larger batch size**
- Pro: No noise
- Con: Less fault tolerant (requires some recovery if any single machine fails)

Can do this **asynchronously**:

- Con: Noise in gradients
- Pro: Relatively fault tolerant (failure in model replica doesn't block other replicas)

(Or **hybrid**: M asynchronous groups of N synchronous replicas)



Image Model Training Time

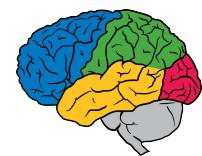
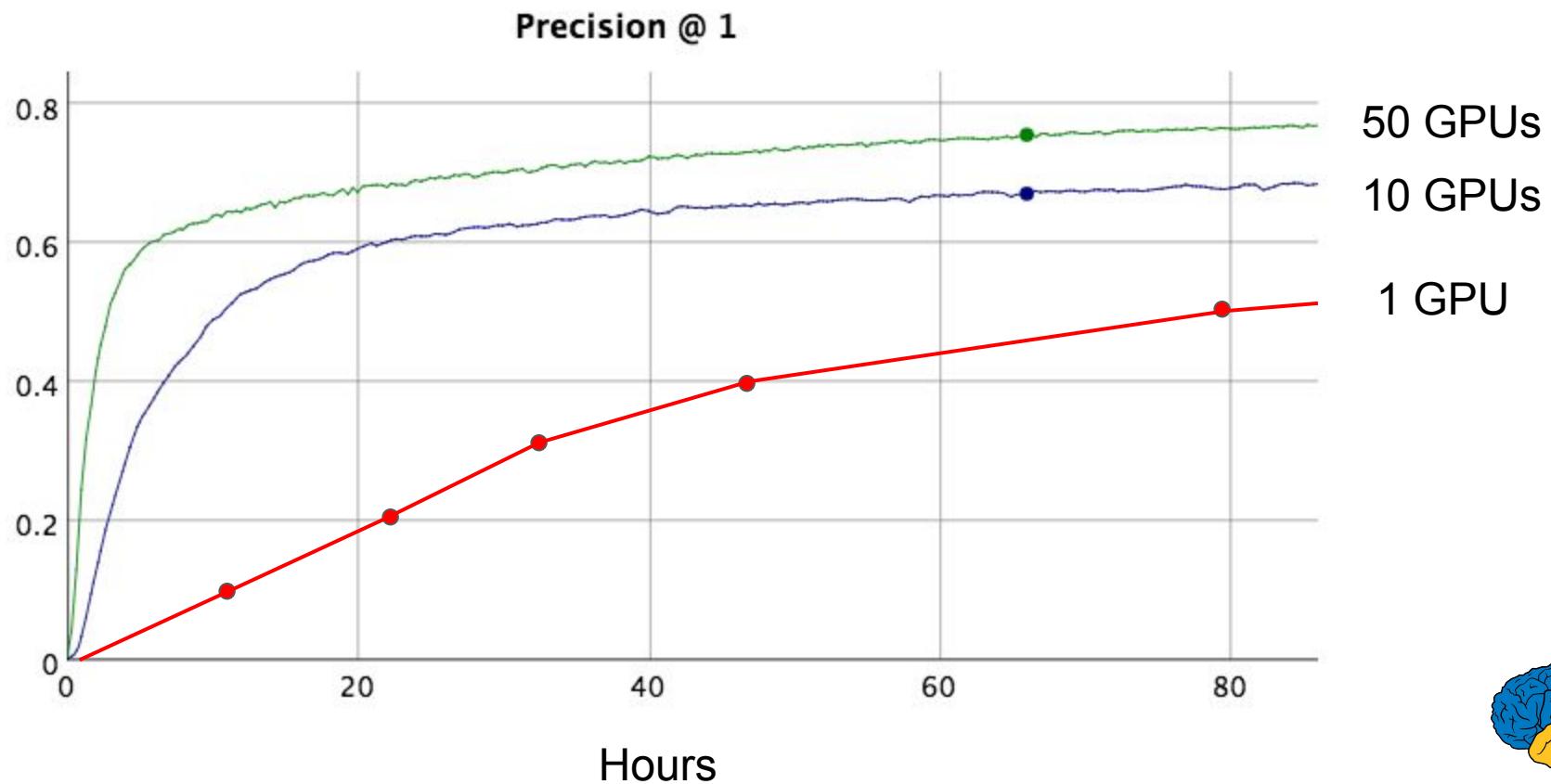
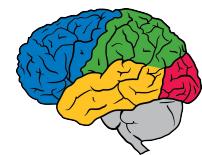
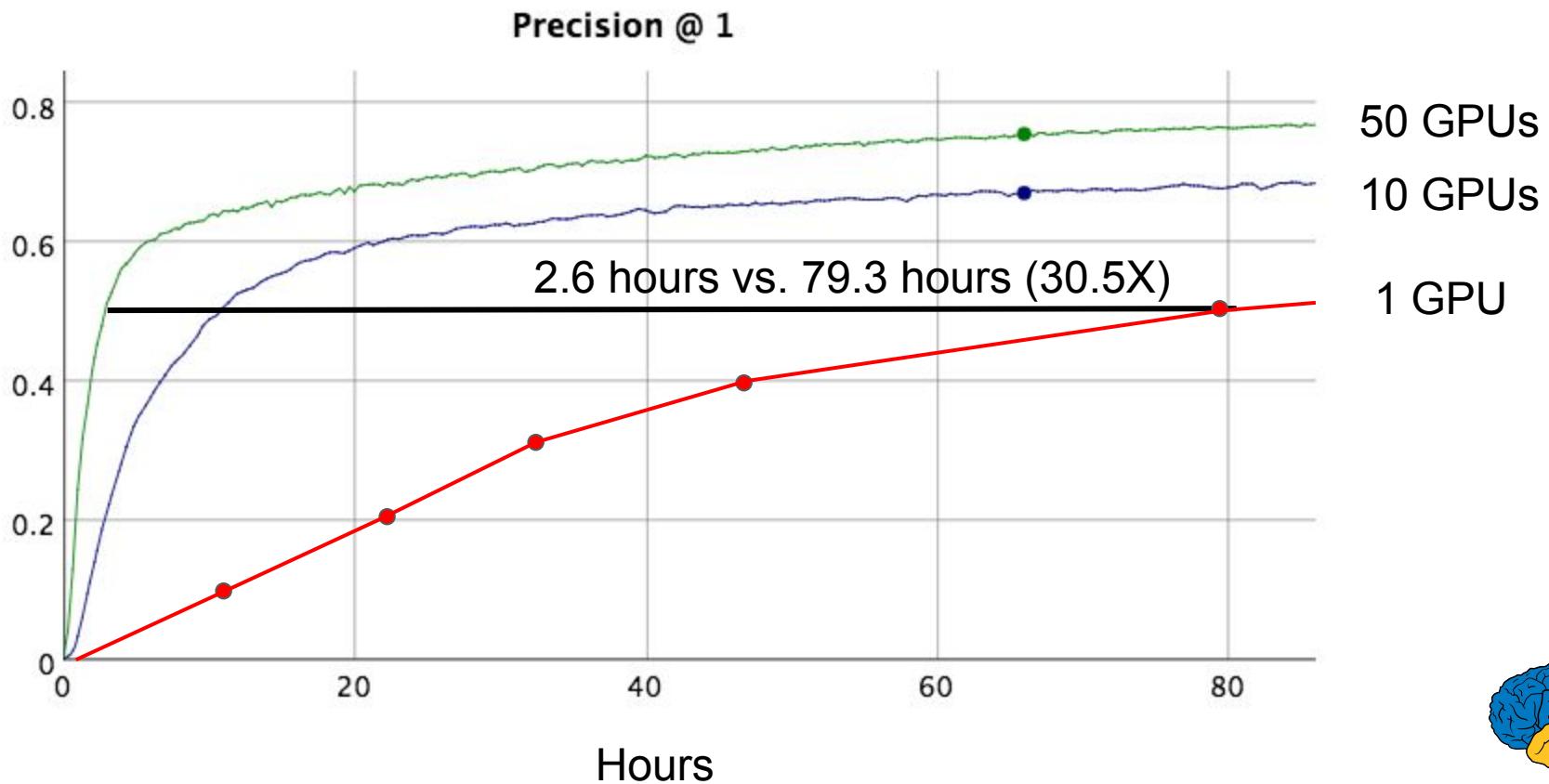
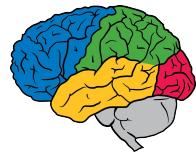


Image Model Training Time



What do you want in a machine learning system?

- **Ease of expression:** for lots of crazy ML ideas/algorithms
- **Scalability:** can run experiments quickly
- **Portability:** can run on wide variety of platforms
- **Reproducibility:** easy to share and reproduce research
- **Production readiness:** go from research to real products





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TensorFlow:

Large-Scale Machine Learning on Heterogeneous Distributed Systems

(Preliminary White Paper, November 9, 2015)

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Abstract

TensorFlow [1] is an interface for expressing machine learning algorithms, and an implementation for executing such algorithms. A computation expressed using TensorFlow can be executed with little or no change on a wide variety of heterogeneous systems, ranging from mobile devices such as phones

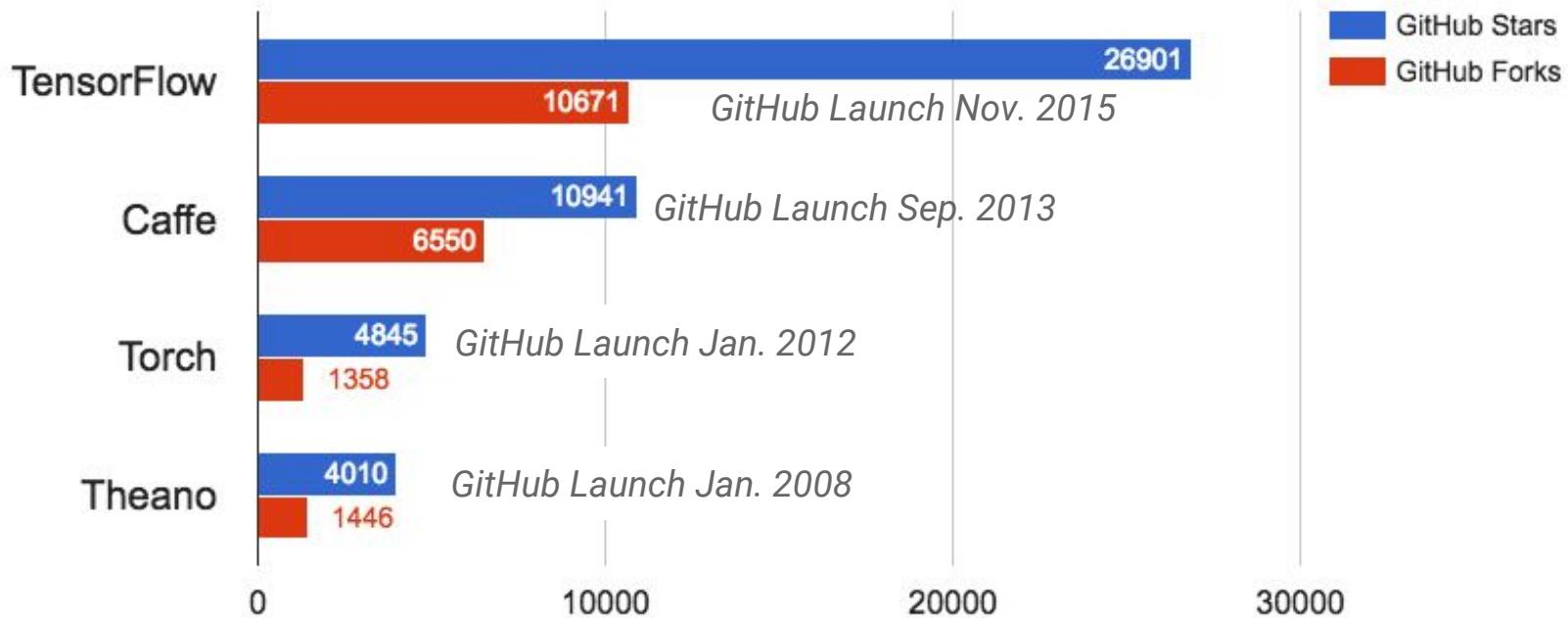
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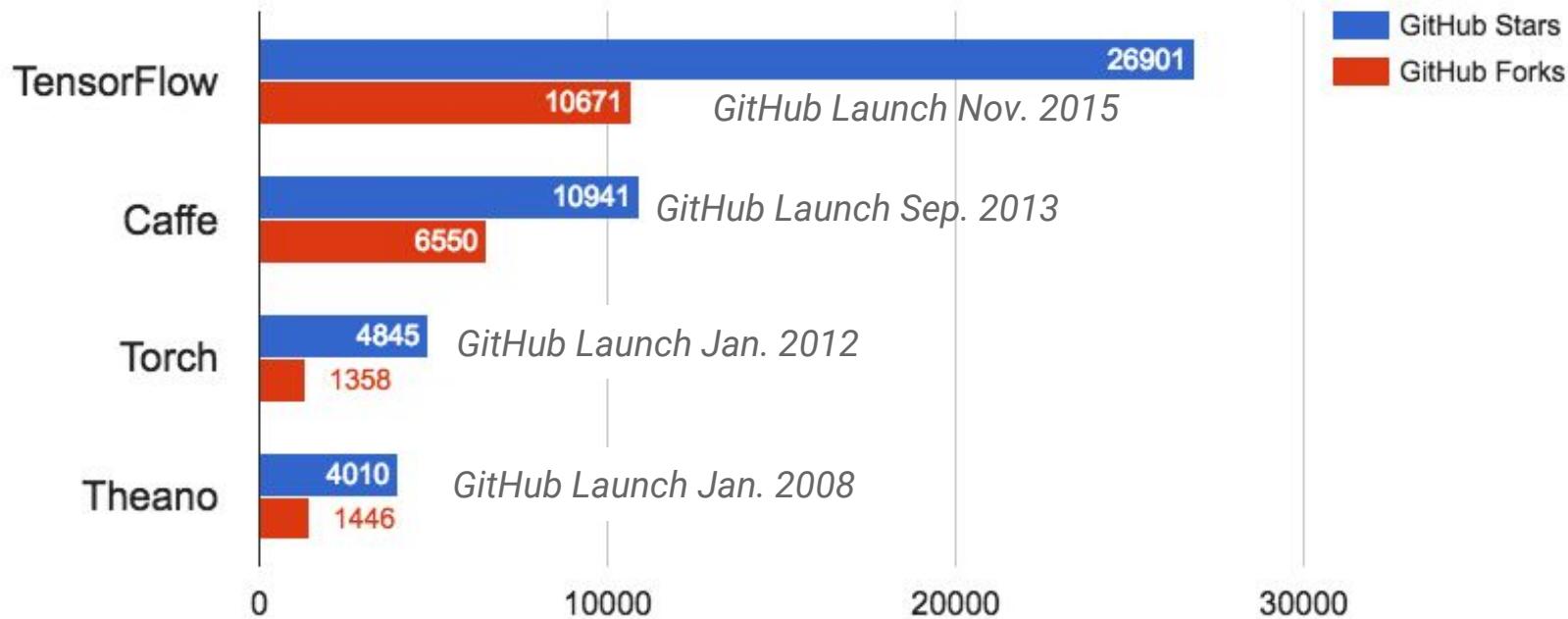


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Version: master

MNIST For ML Beginners

- The MNIST Data
- Softmax Regressions
- Implementing the Regression
- Training
- Evaluating Our Model

Deep MNIST for Experts

- Setup
- Load MNIST Data
- Start TensorFlow InteractiveSession
- Build a Softmax Regression Model
 - Placeholders
 - Variables
 - Predicted Class and Cost Function
- Train the Model
 - Evaluate the Model

- Build a Multilayer Convolutional Network
 - Weight Initialization
 - Convolution and Pooling
 - First Convolutional Layer
 - Second Convolutional Layer
 - Densely Connected Layer
 - Readout Layer
 - Train and Evaluate the Model

TensorFlow Mechanics 101

- Tutorial Files
- Prepare the Data

TensorFlow Mechanics 101

This is a technical tutorial, where we walk you through the details of using TensorFlow infrastructure to train models at scale. We use again MNIST as the example.

[View Tutorial](#)

Convolutional Neural Networks

An introduction to convolutional neural networks using the CIFAR-10 data set. Convolutional neural nets are particularly tailored to images, since they exploit translation invariance to yield more compact and effective representations of visual content.

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Vector Representations of Words

This tutorial motivates why it is useful to learn to represent words as vectors (called word embeddings). It introduces the word2vec model as an efficient method for learning embeddings. It also covers the high-level details behind noise-contrastive training methods (the biggest recent advance in training embeddings).

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Recurrent Neural Networks

An introduction to RNNs, wherein we train an LSTM network to predict the next word in an English sentence. (A task sometimes called language modeling.)

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Sequence-to-Sequence Models

A follow on to the RNN tutorial, where we assemble a sequence-to-sequence model for machine translation. You will learn to build your own English-to-French translator, entirely machine learned, end-to-end.

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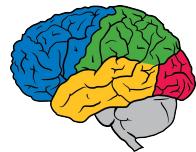
Models built with [TensorFlow](#)

Motivations

DistBelief (1st system) was great for scalability, and production training of basic kinds of models

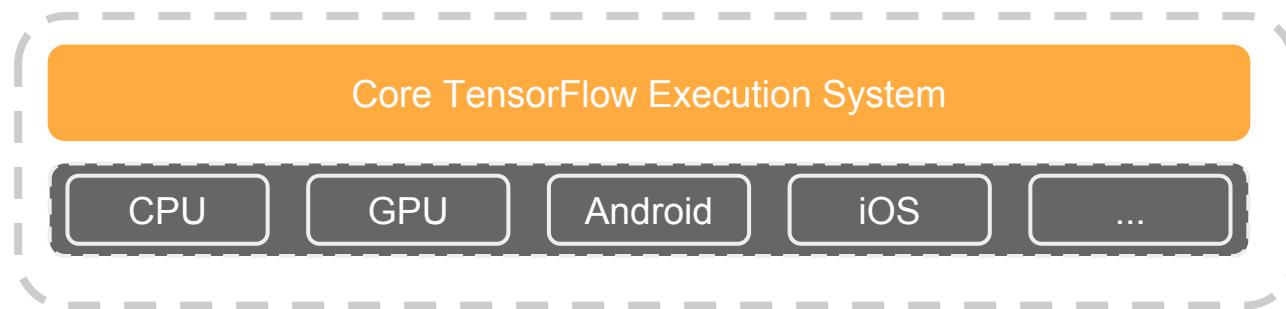
Not as flexible as we wanted for research purposes

Better understanding of problem space allowed us to make some dramatic simplifications



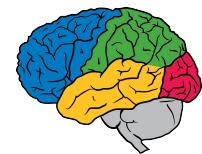
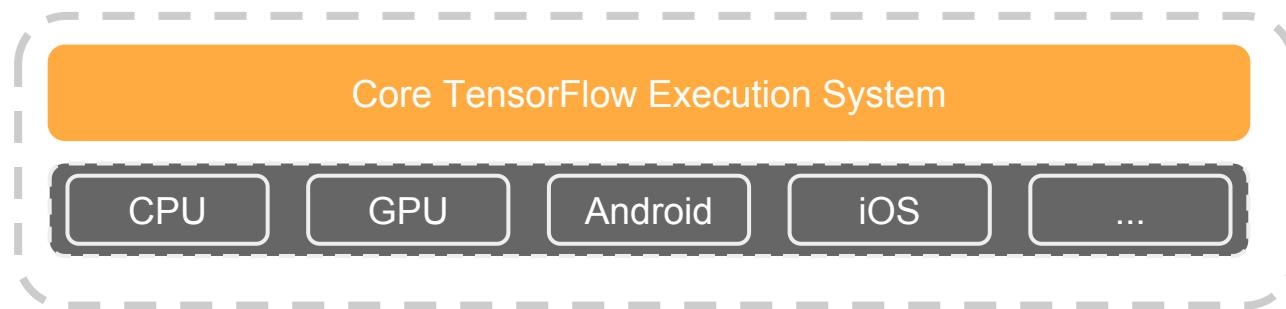
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- Core in C++
 - Very low overhead



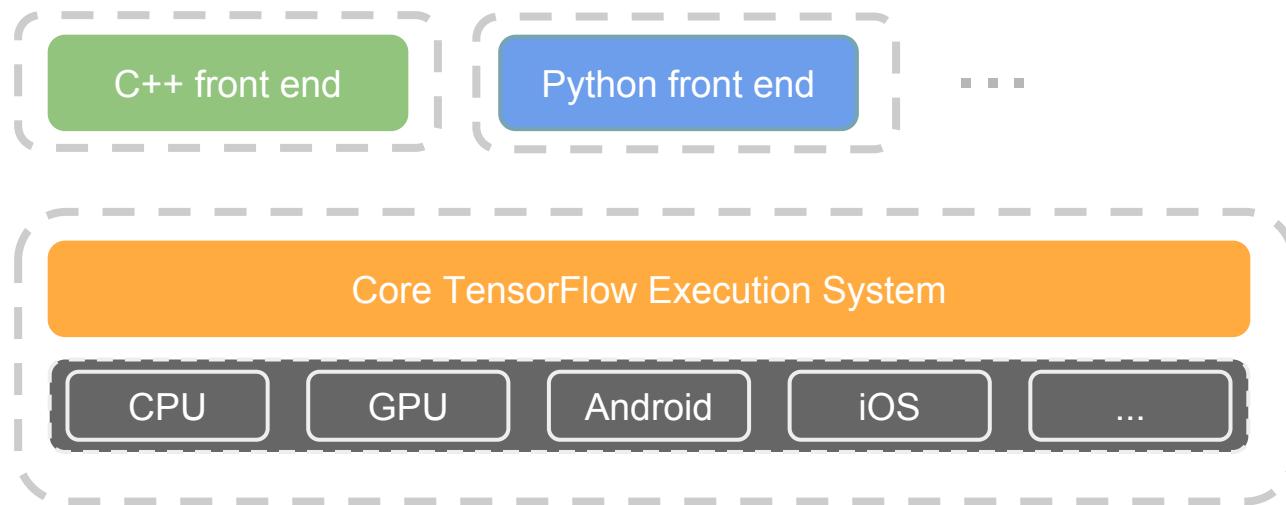
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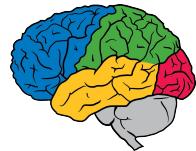
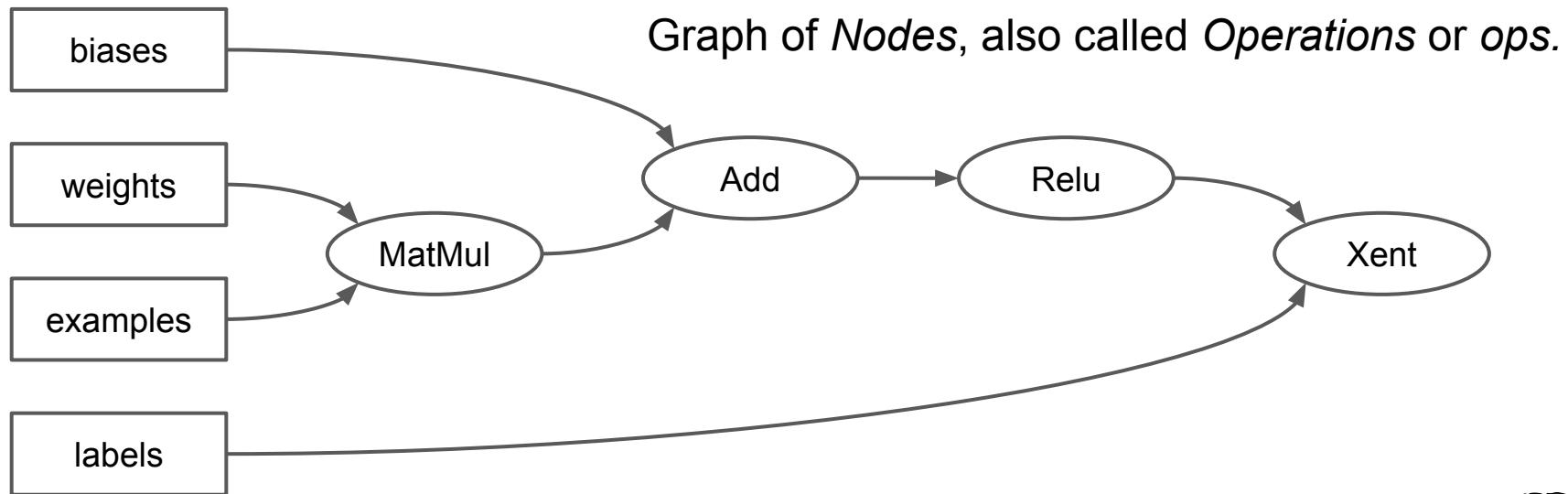


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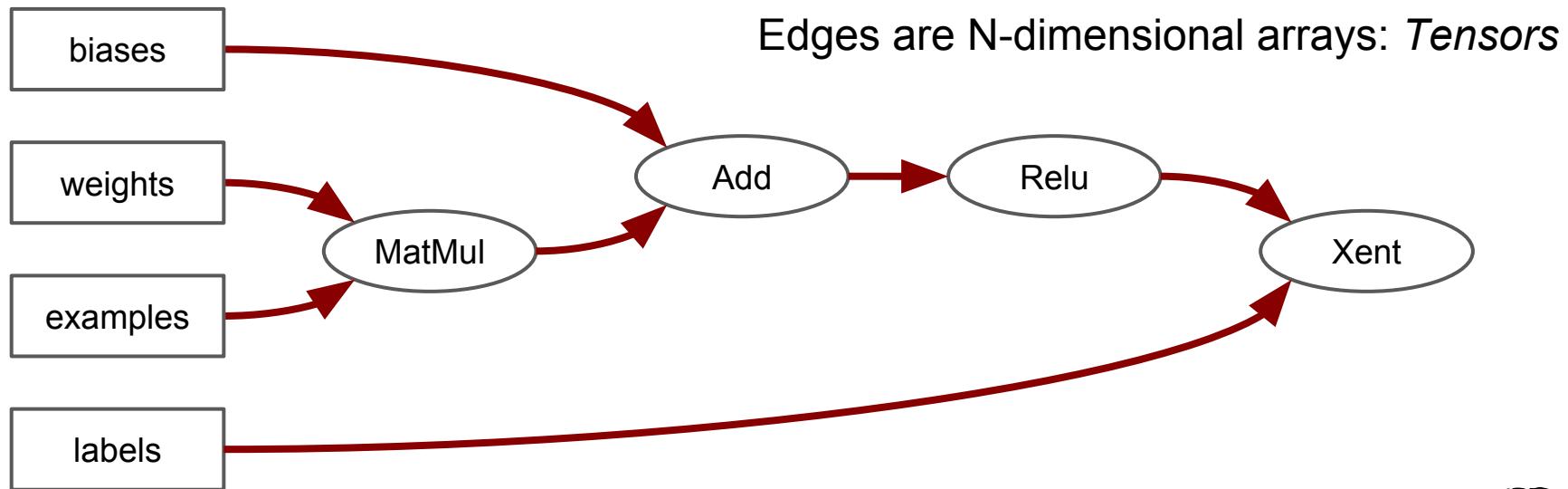


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Computation is a dataflow graph

with tensors



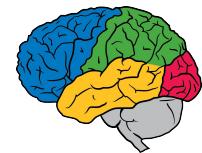
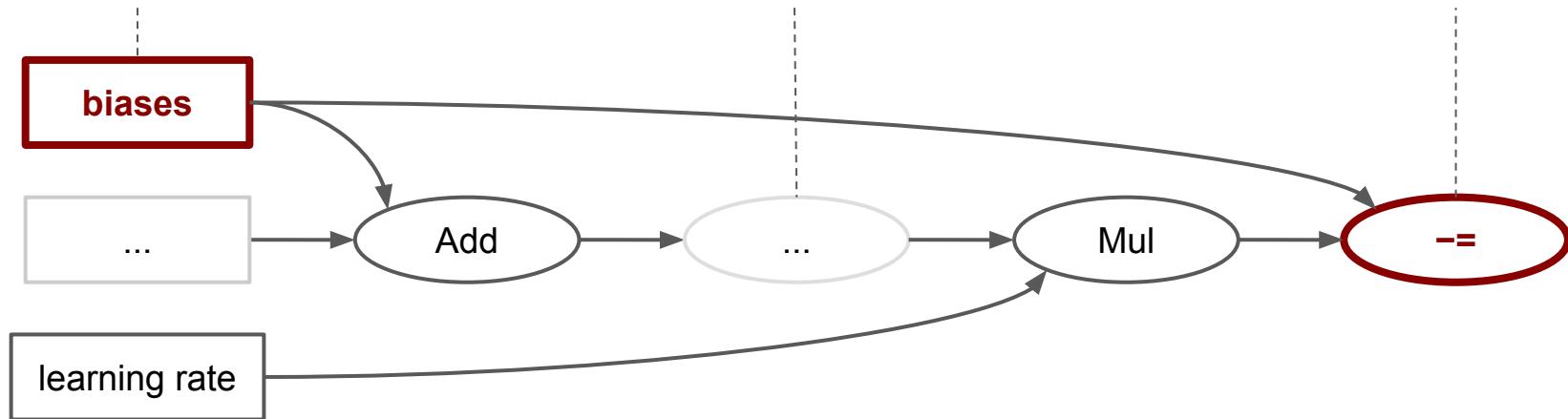
Computation is a dataflow graph

with state

'Biases' is a variable

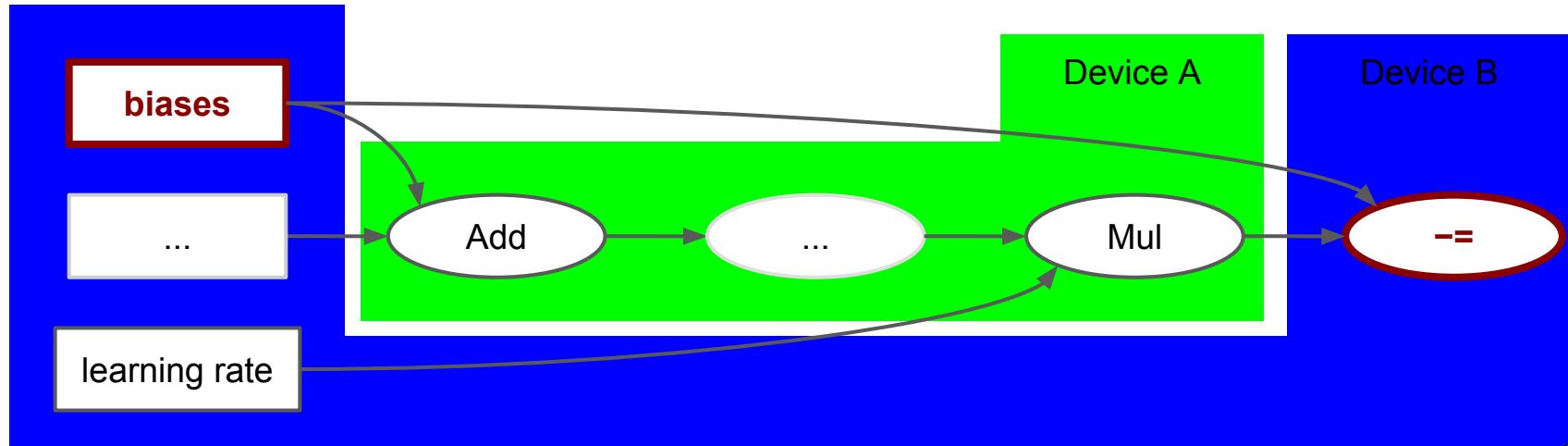
Some ops compute gradients

`-=` updates biases

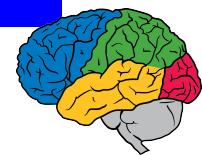


Computation is a dataflow graph

distributed



Devices: Processes, Machines, GPUs, etc



TensorFlow: Expressing High-Level ML Computations

Automatically runs models on range of platforms:

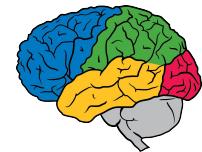
from **phones** ...



to **single machines** (CPU and/or GPUs) ...



to **distributed systems** of many 100s of GPU cards



Trend: Much More Heterogeneous hardware

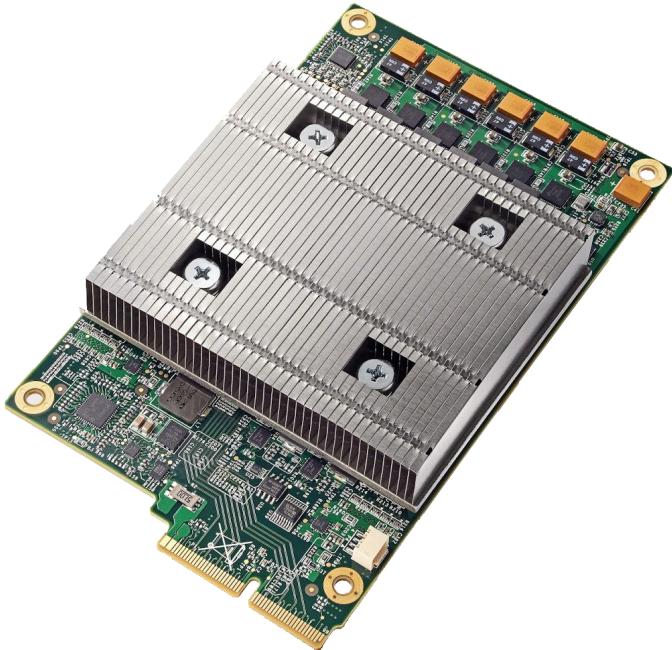
General purpose CPU performance scaling has slowed significantly

Specialization of hardware for certain workloads will be more important



Tensor Processing Unit

Custom machine learning ASIC

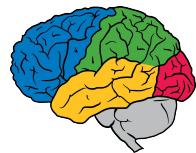


In production use for >14 months: used on every search query, used for AlphaGo match, ...

Using TensorFlow for Parallelism

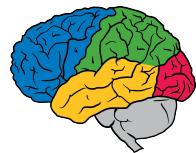
Trivial to express both model parallelism as well as data parallelism

- Very minimal changes to single device model code



Example: LSTM

```
for i in range(20):  
    m, c = LSTMCell(x[i], mprev, cprev)  
    mprev = m  
    cprev = c
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Example: Deep LSTM

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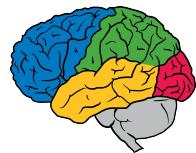
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    for d in range(4): # d is depth
```

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        input = x[i] if d is 0 else m[d-1]
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        m[d], c[d] = LSTMCell(input, mprev[d], cprev[d])
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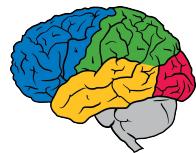
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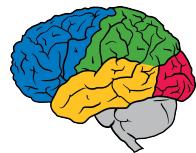
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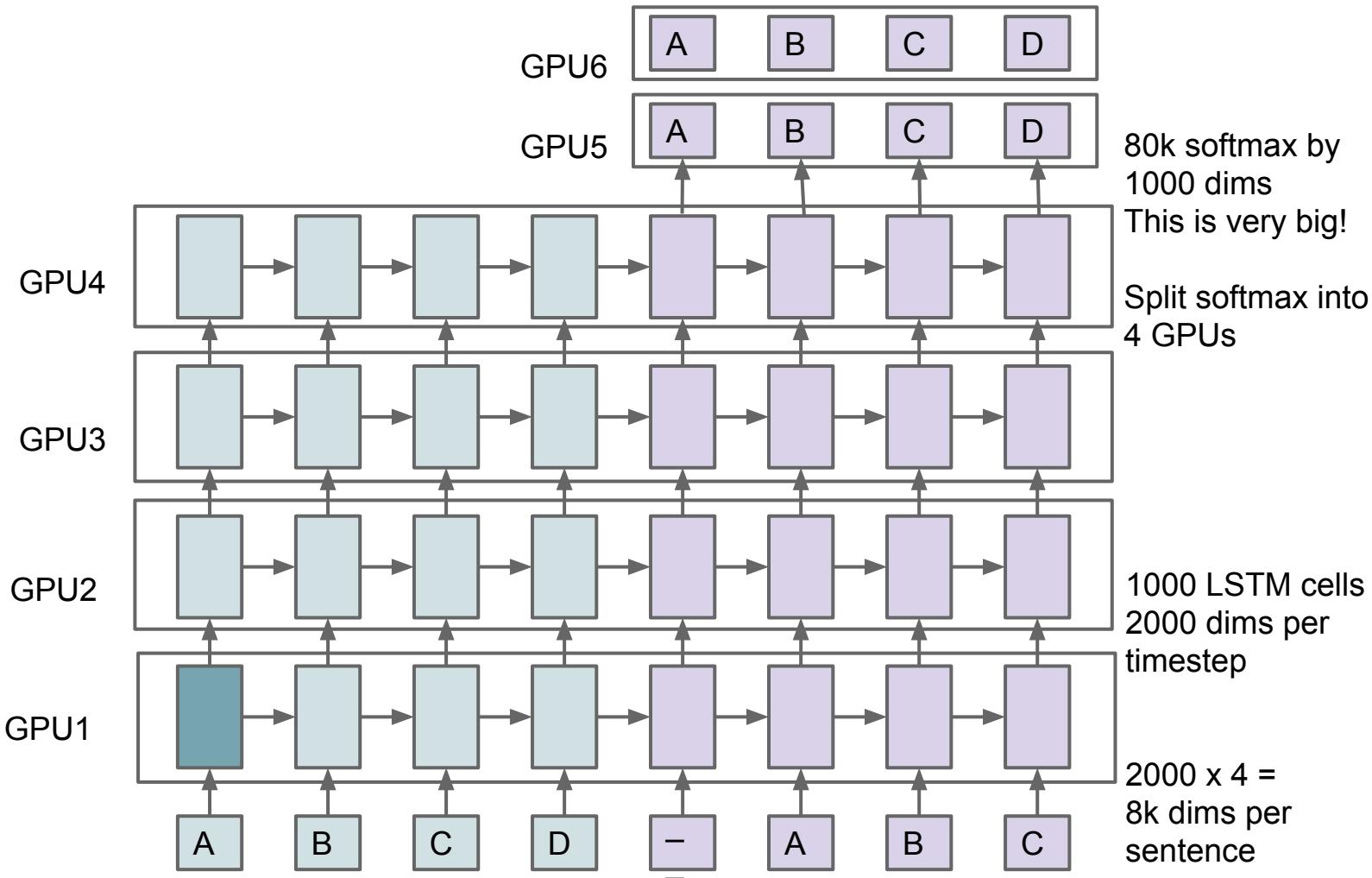
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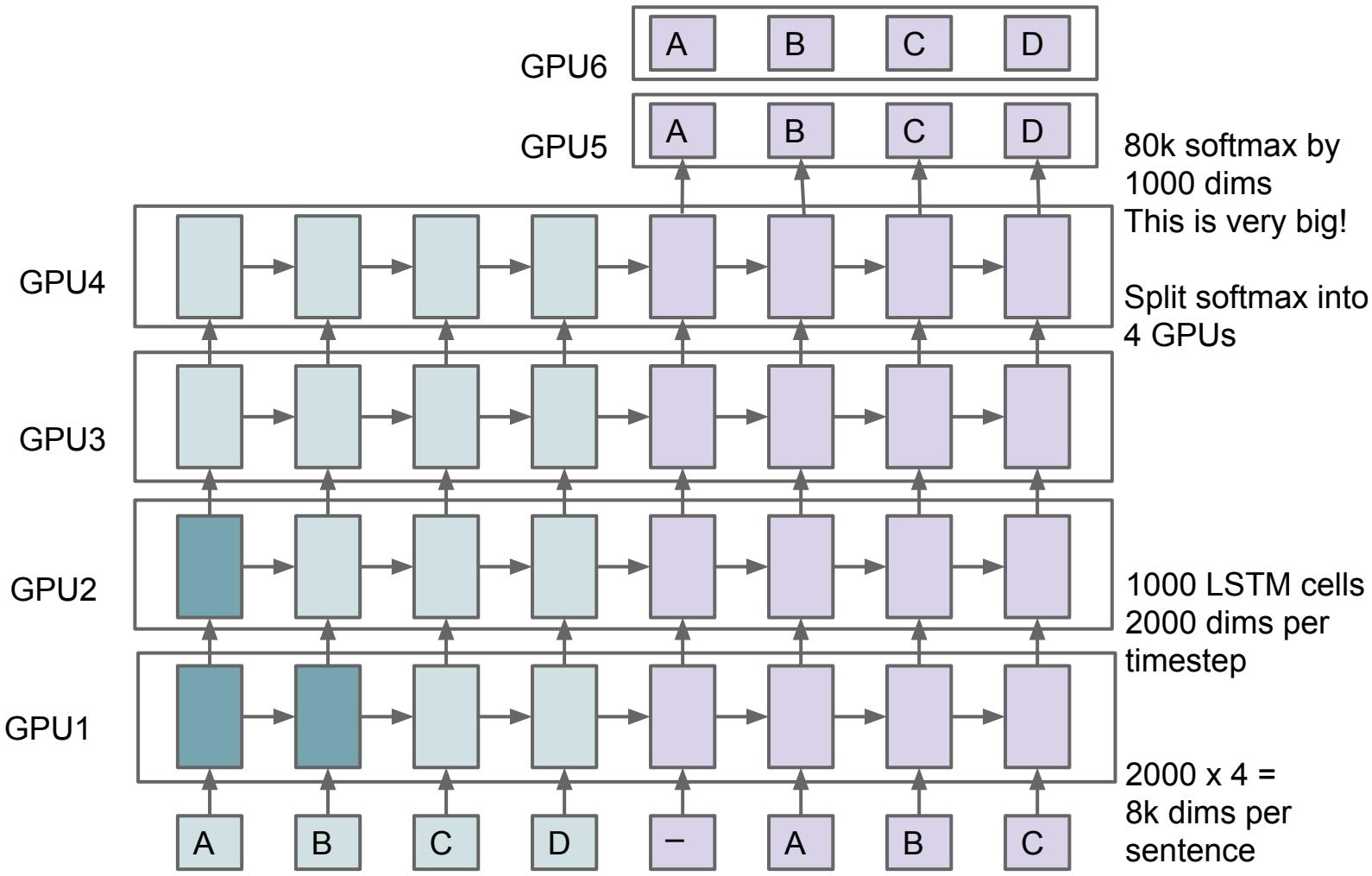


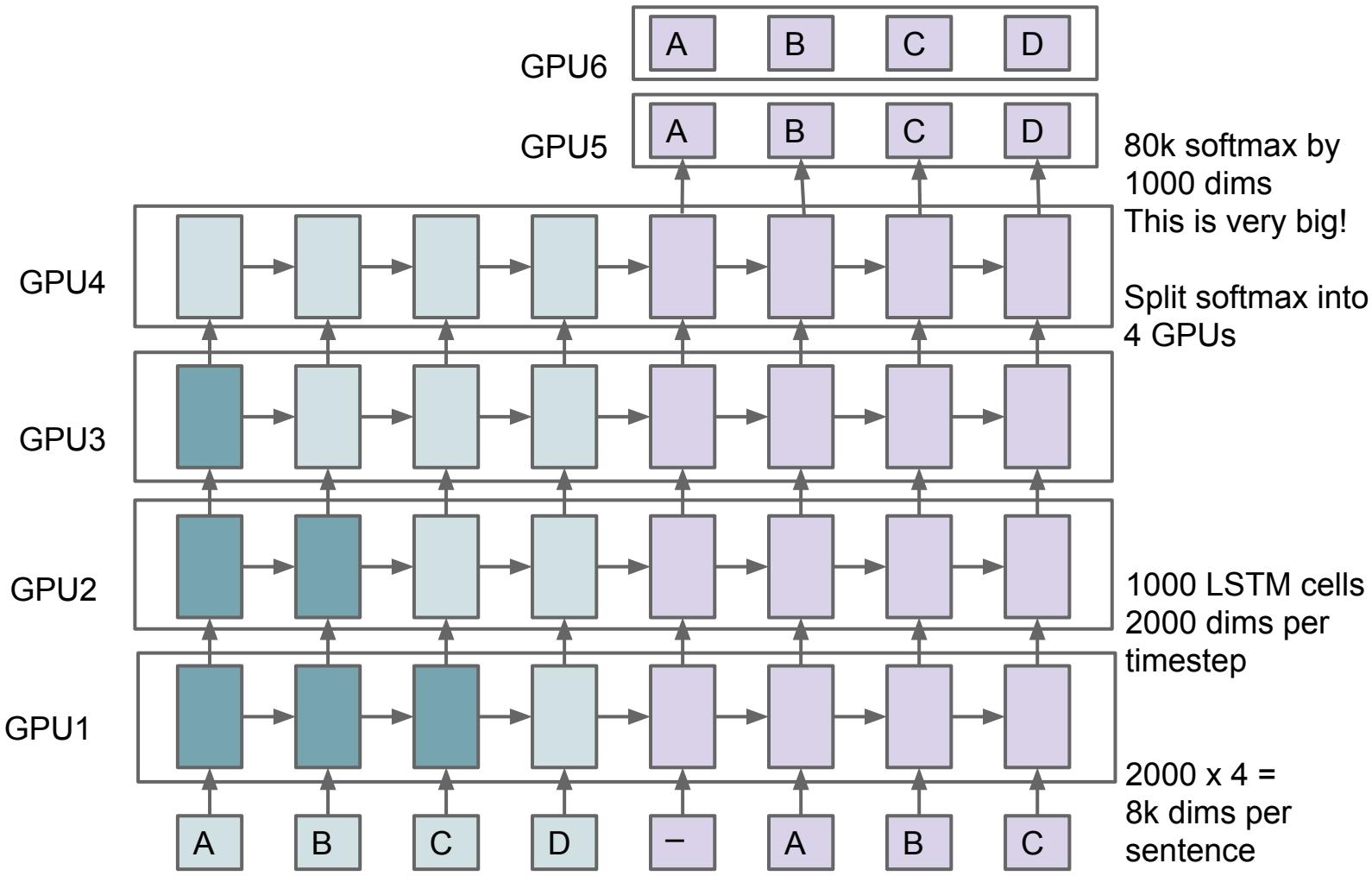
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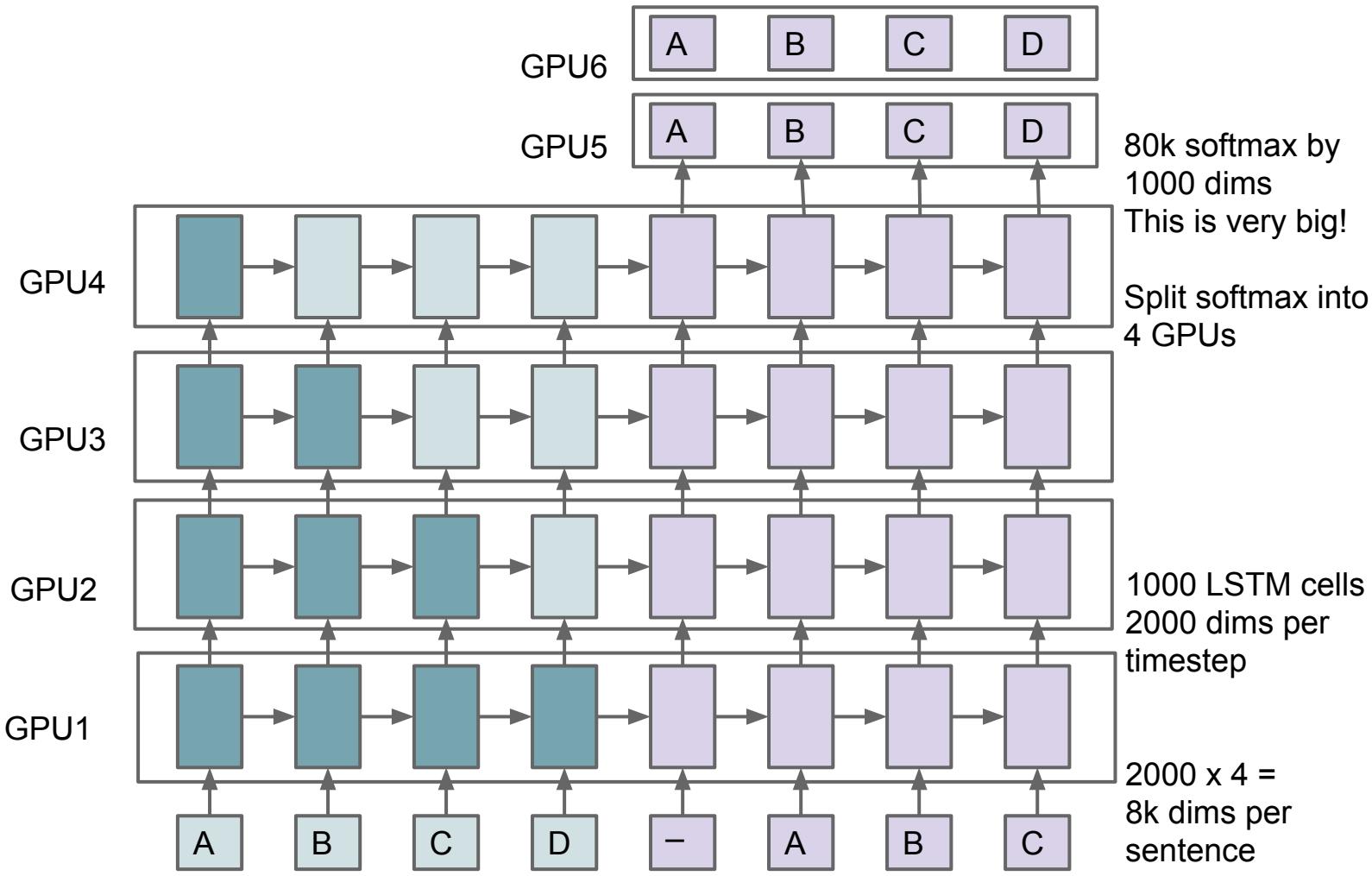
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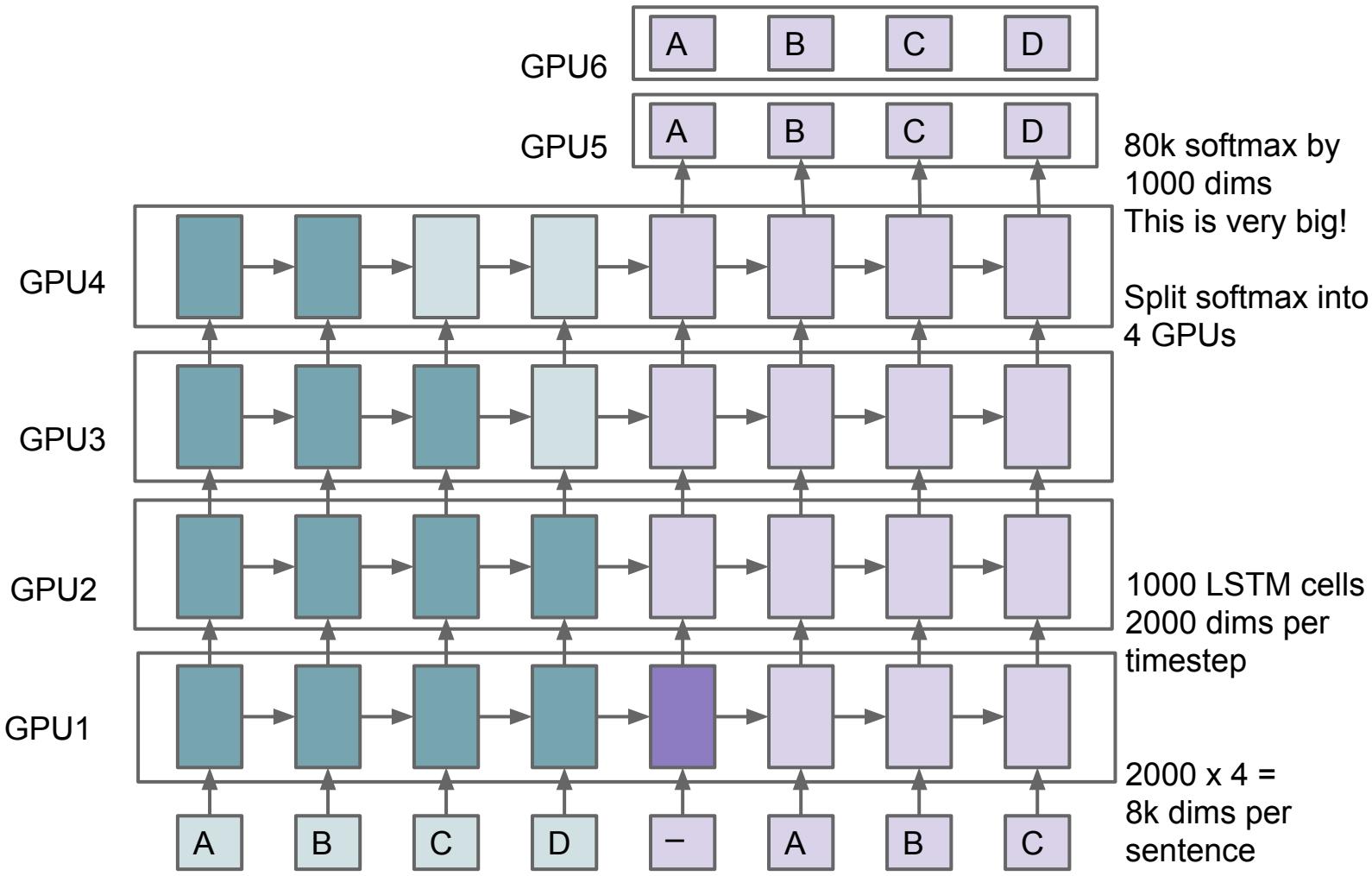


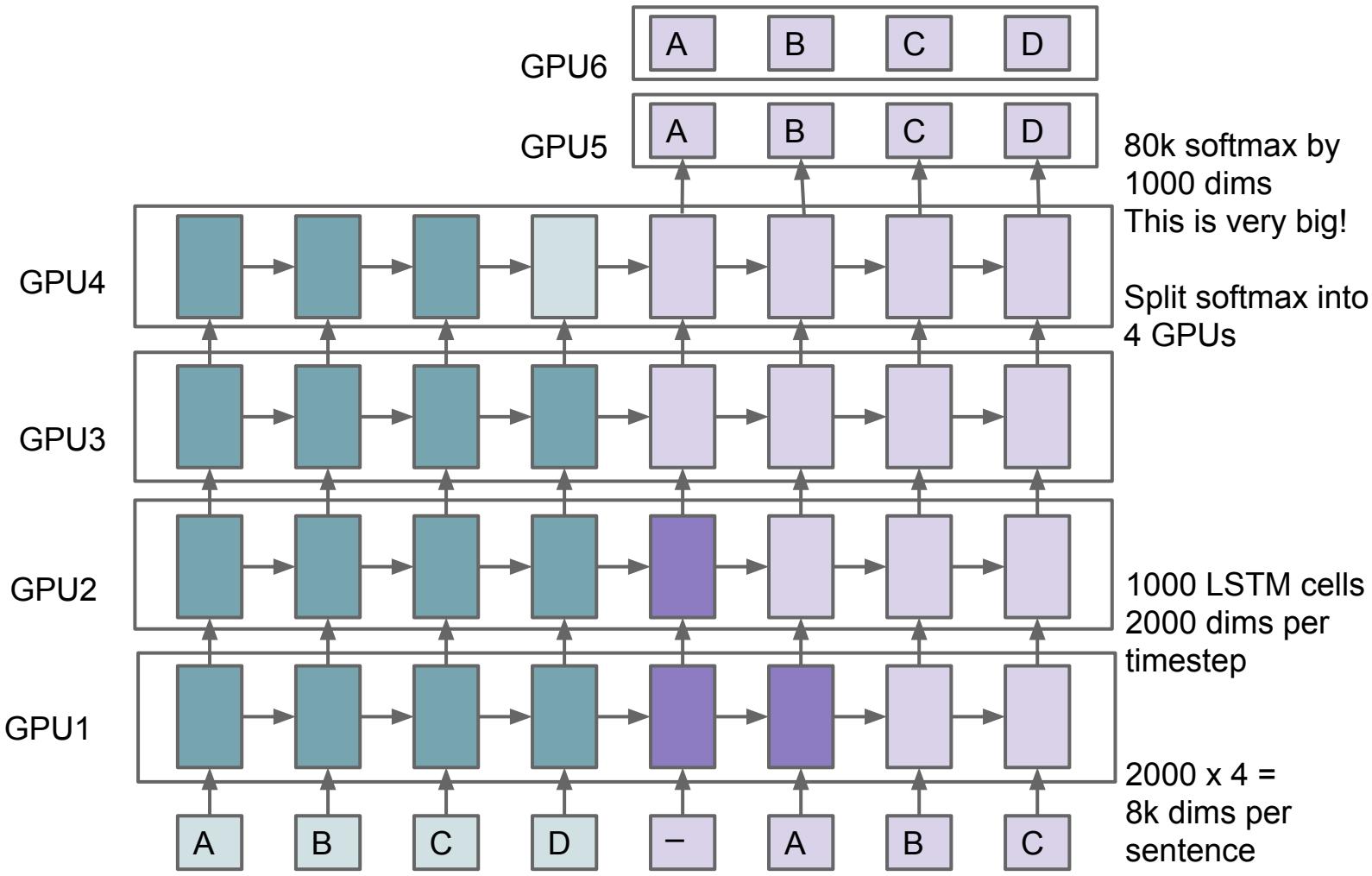


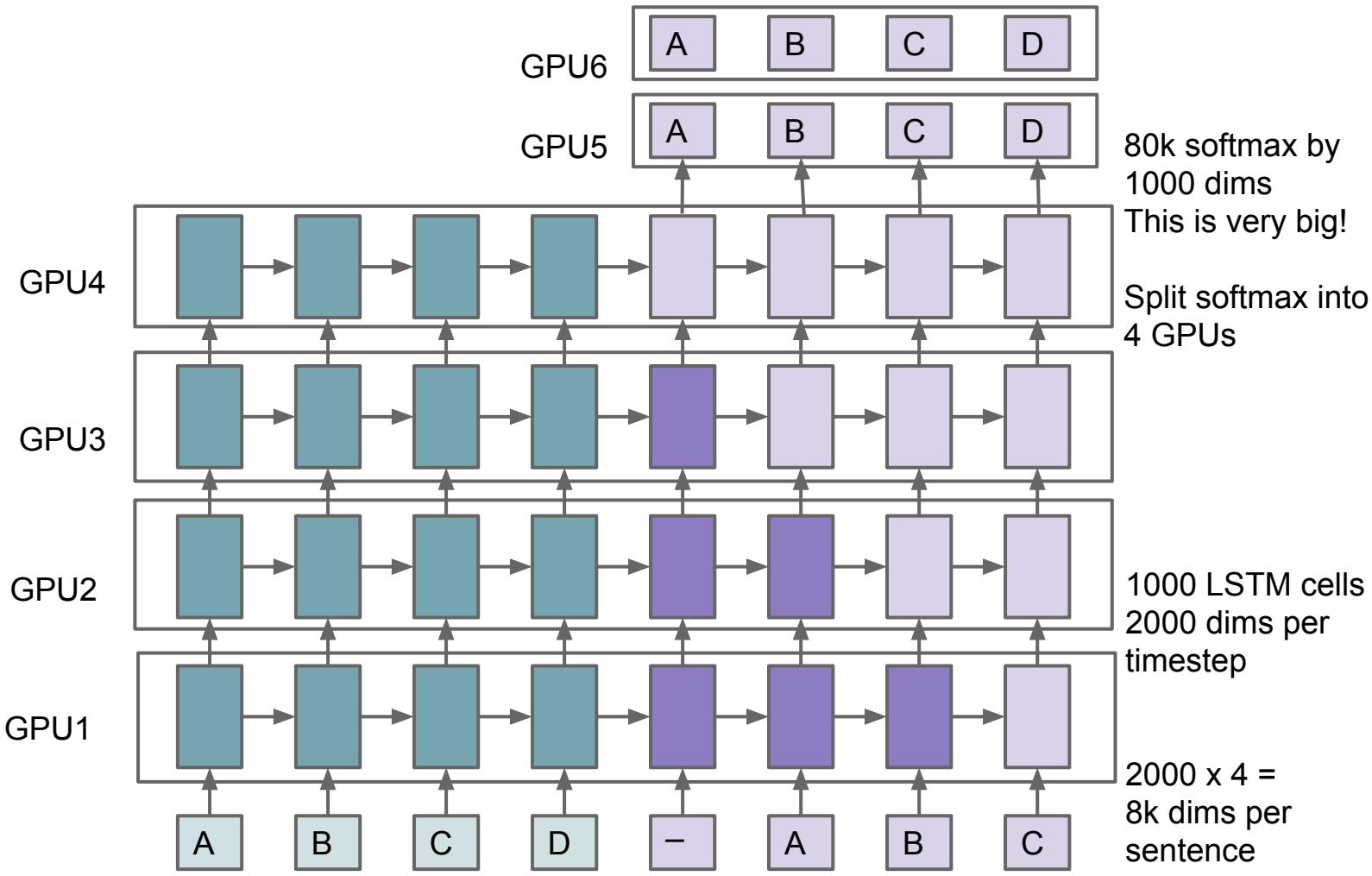


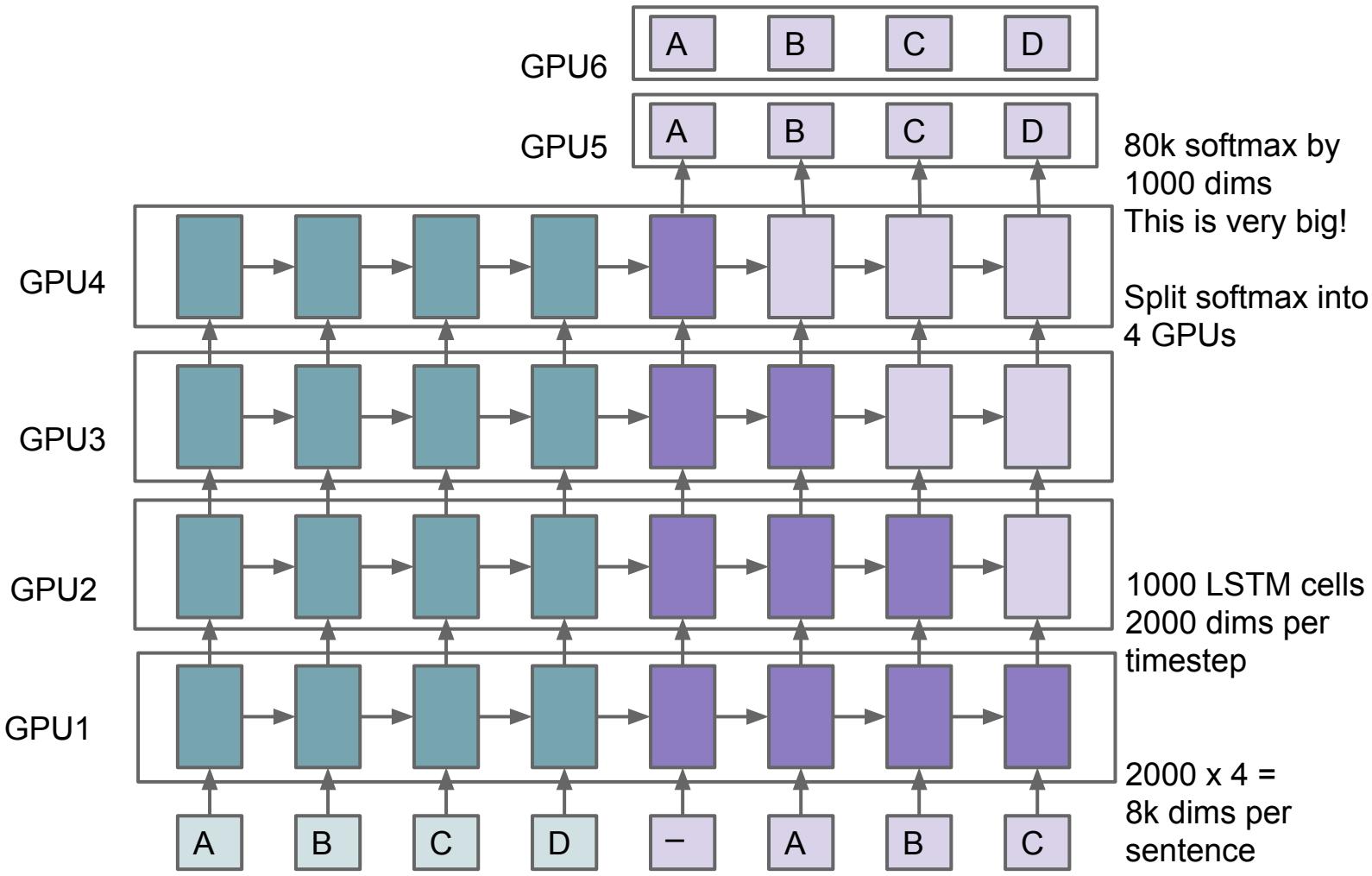


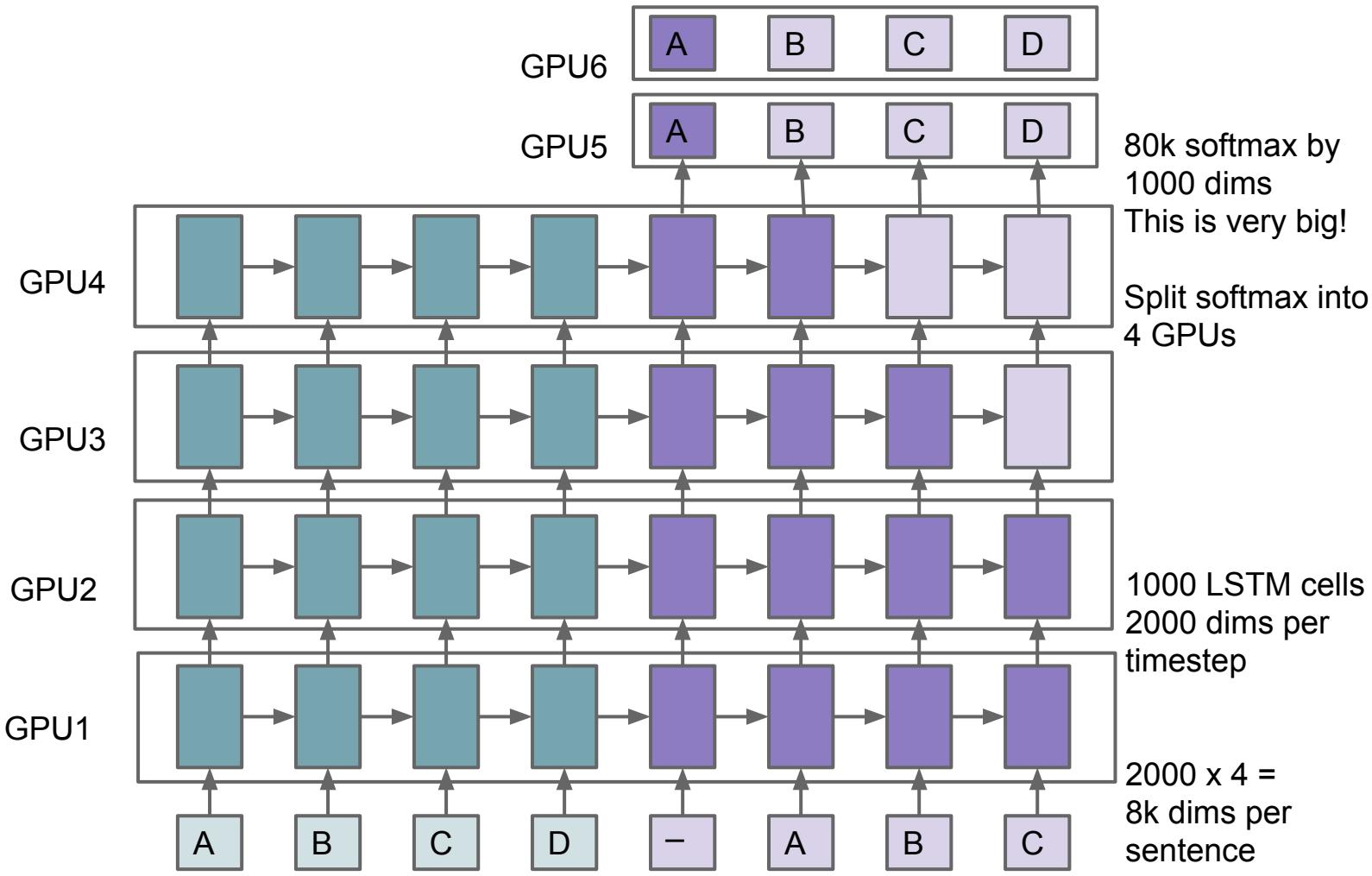


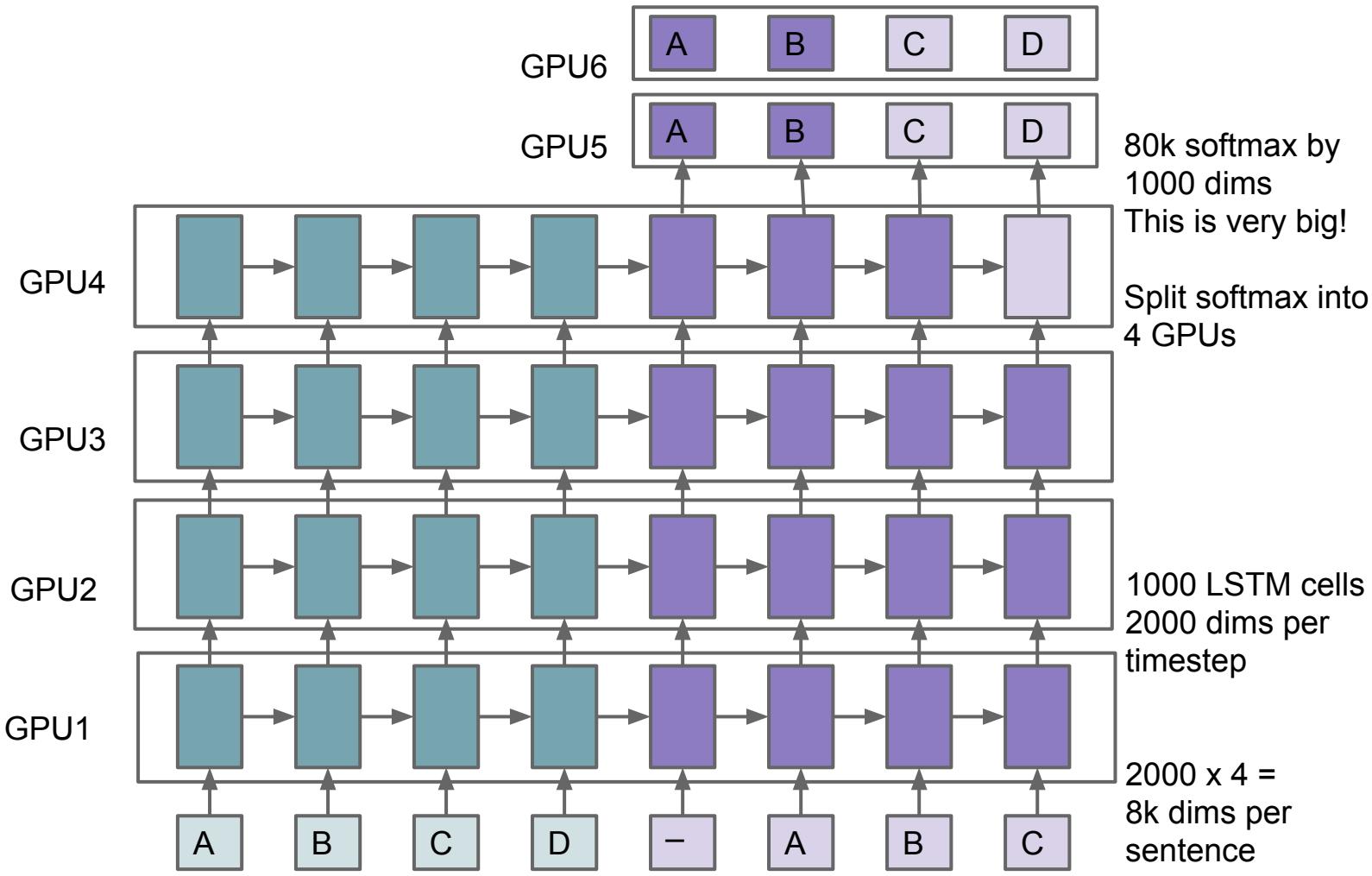


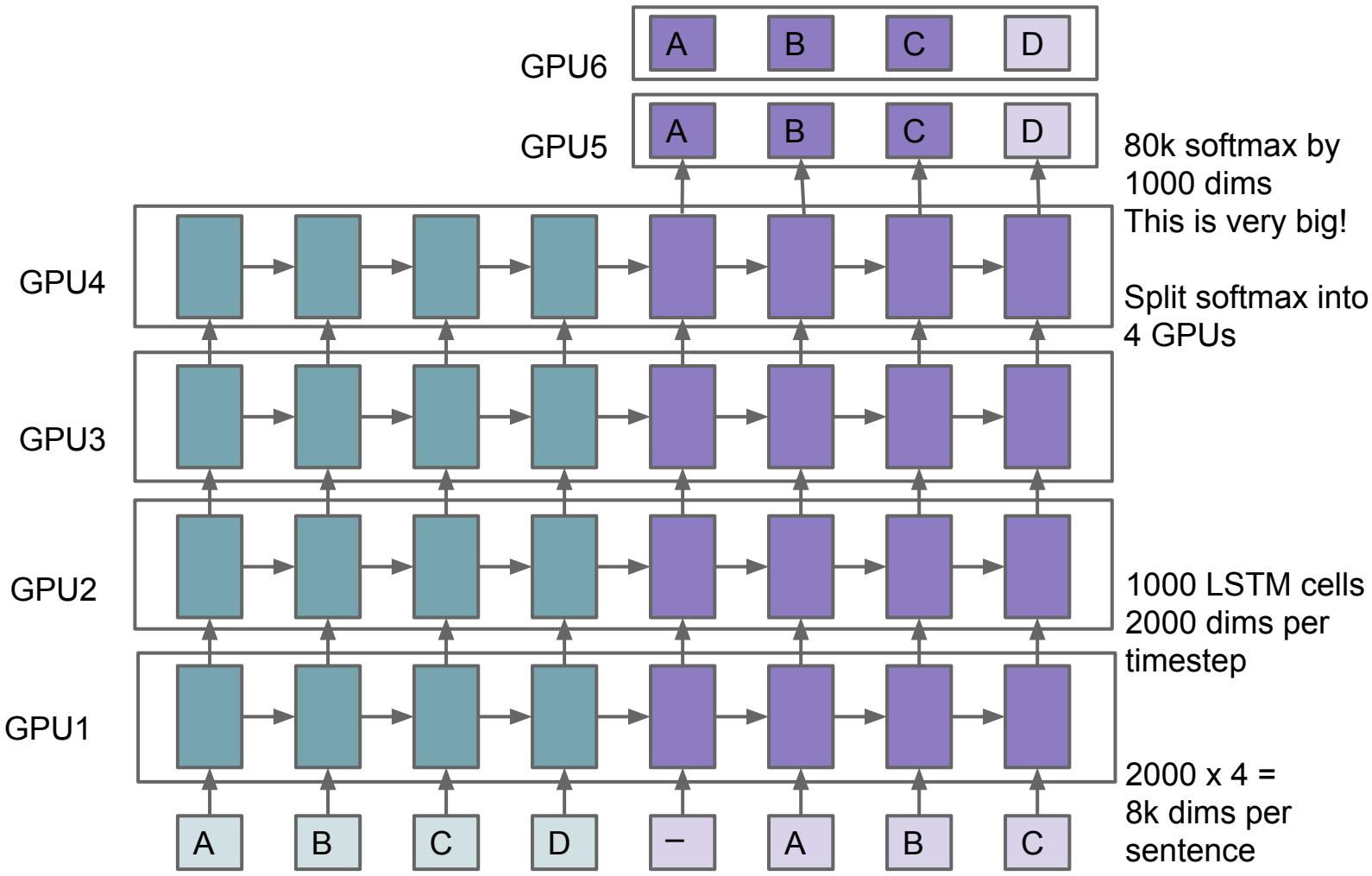


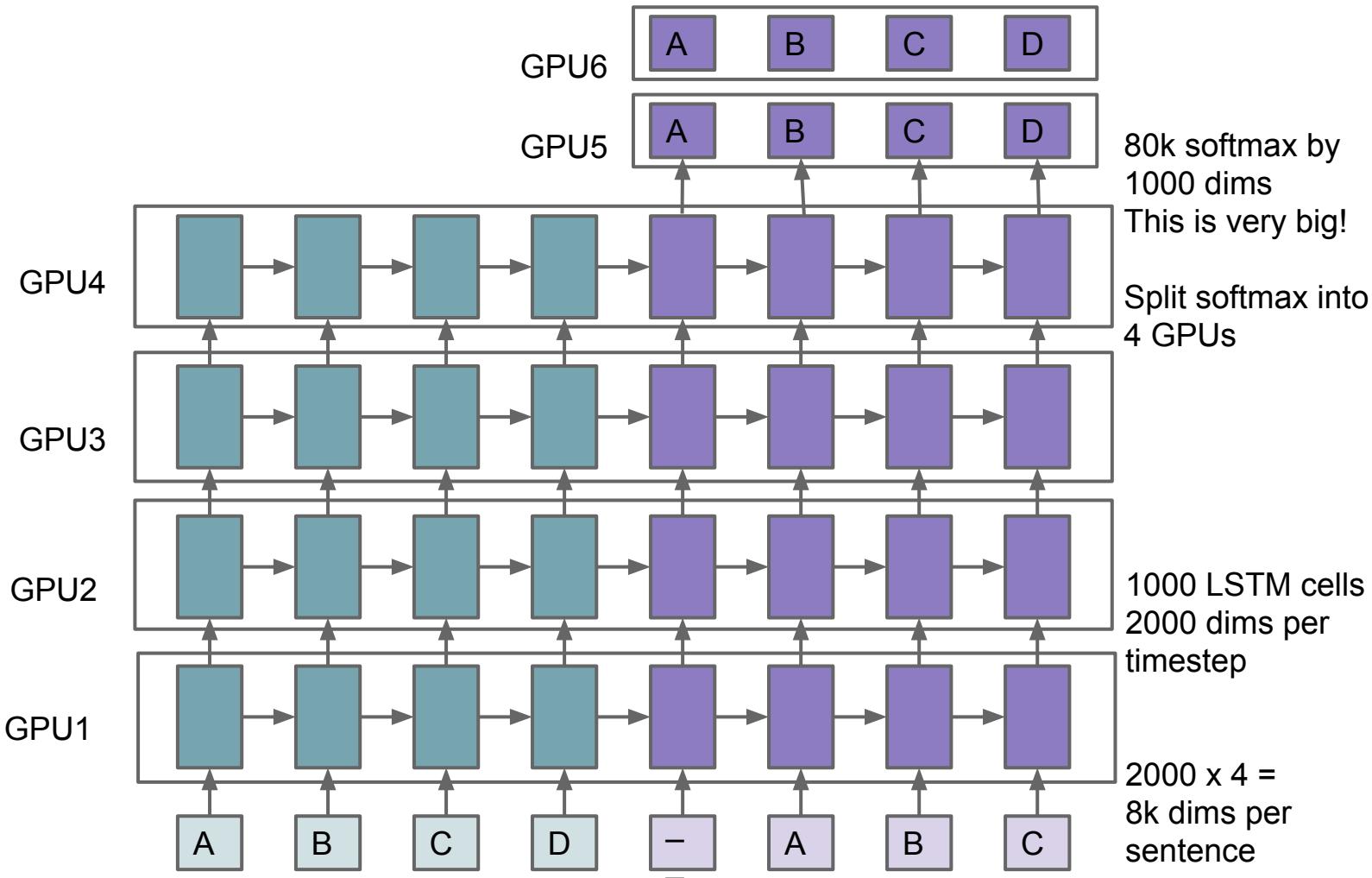












Interesting Open Problems

ML:

unsupervised learning

reinforcement learning

highly multi-task and transfer learning

automatic learning of model structures

privacy preserving techniques in ML

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Interesting Open Problems

Systems:

Use high level descriptions of ML computations and map these efficiently onto wide variety of different hardware

Integration of ML into more traditional data processing systems

Automated splitting of computations across mobile devices and datacenters

Use learning in lieu of traditional heuristics in systems

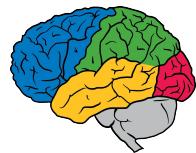
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What Does the Future Hold?

Deep learning usage will continue to grow and accelerate:

- Across more and more fields and problems:
 - robotics, self-driving vehicles, ...
 - health care
 - video understanding
 - dialogue systems
 - personal assistance
 - ...

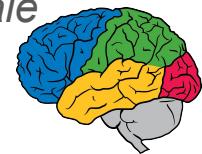


Combining Vision with Robotics

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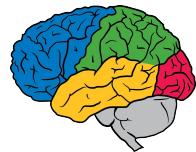
Conclusions

**Deep neural networks are making significant strides in understanding:
In speech, vision, language, search, ...**

If you're not considering how to apply deep neural nets to your data, **you almost certainly should be**

TensorFlow makes it easy for everyone to experiment with these techniques

- Highly scalable design allows faster experiments, accelerates research
- Easy to share models and to publish code to give reproducible results
- Ability to go from research to production within same system



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