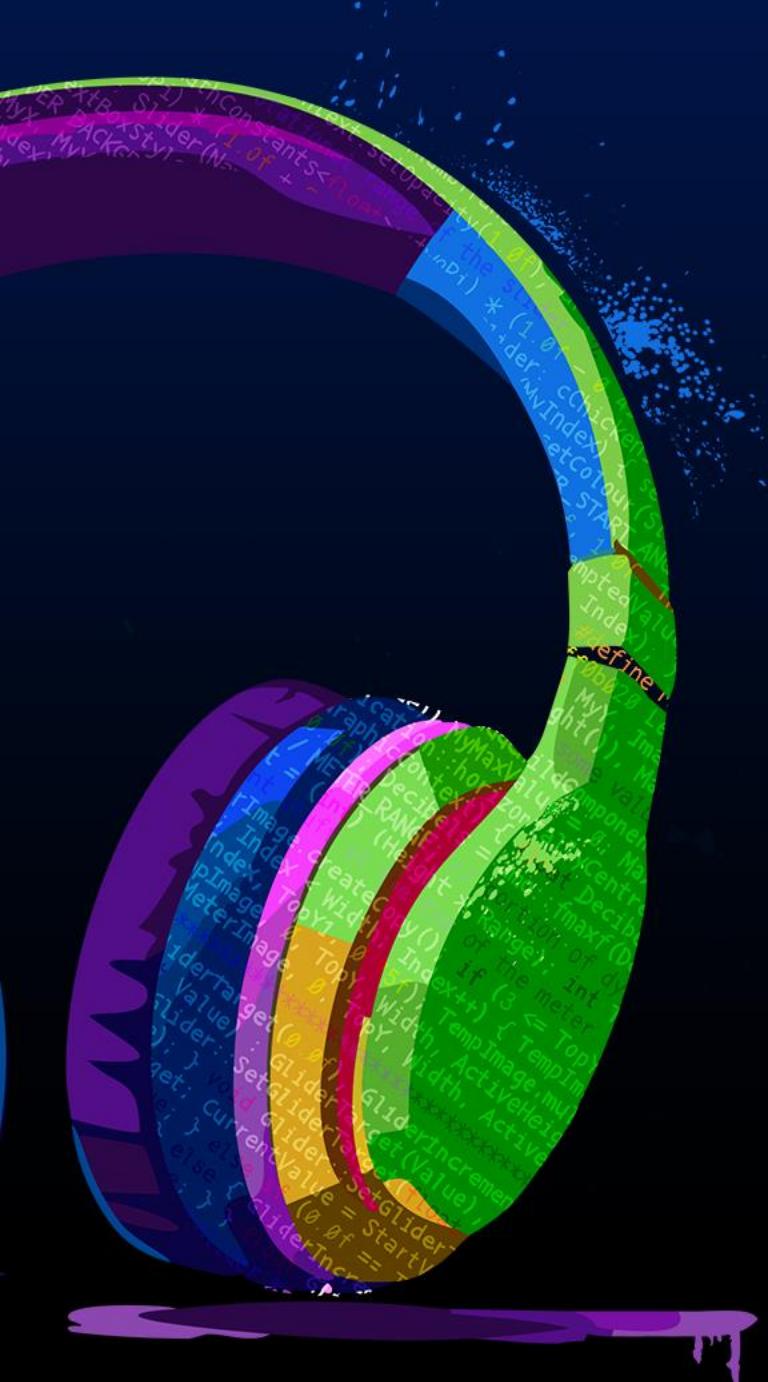


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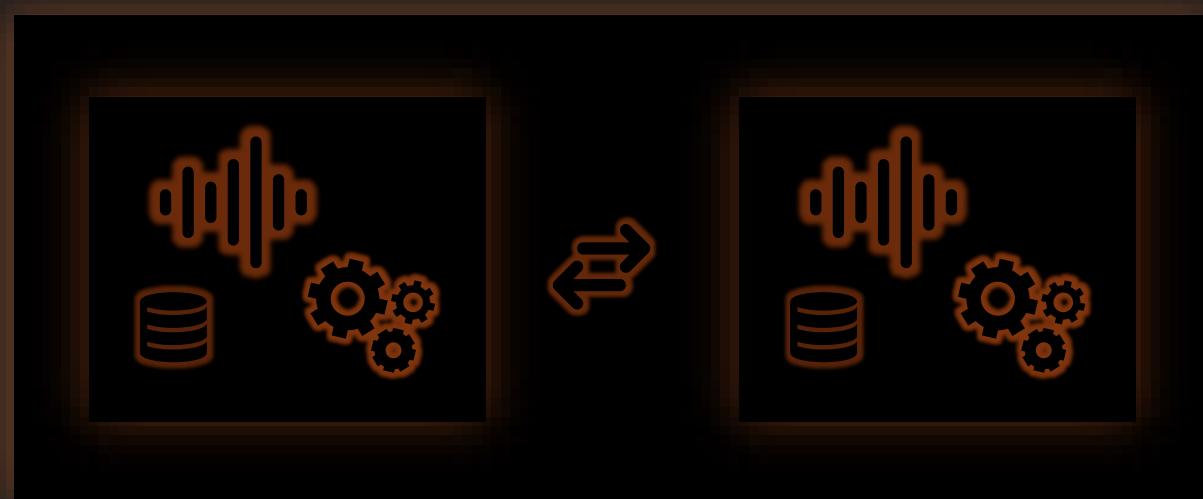


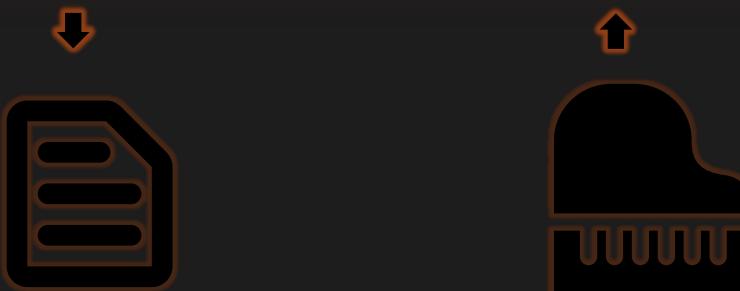
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- what processes are taking place?
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- how do we interact with systems or tools?
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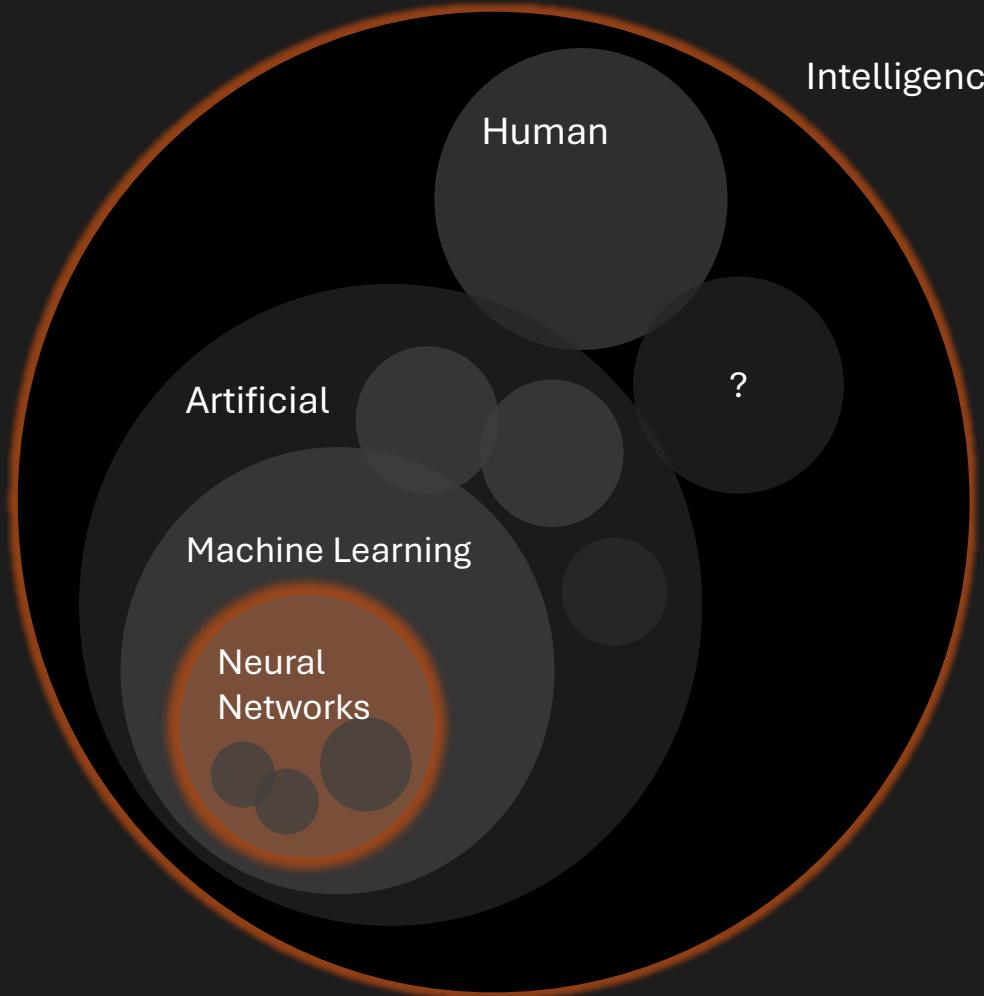




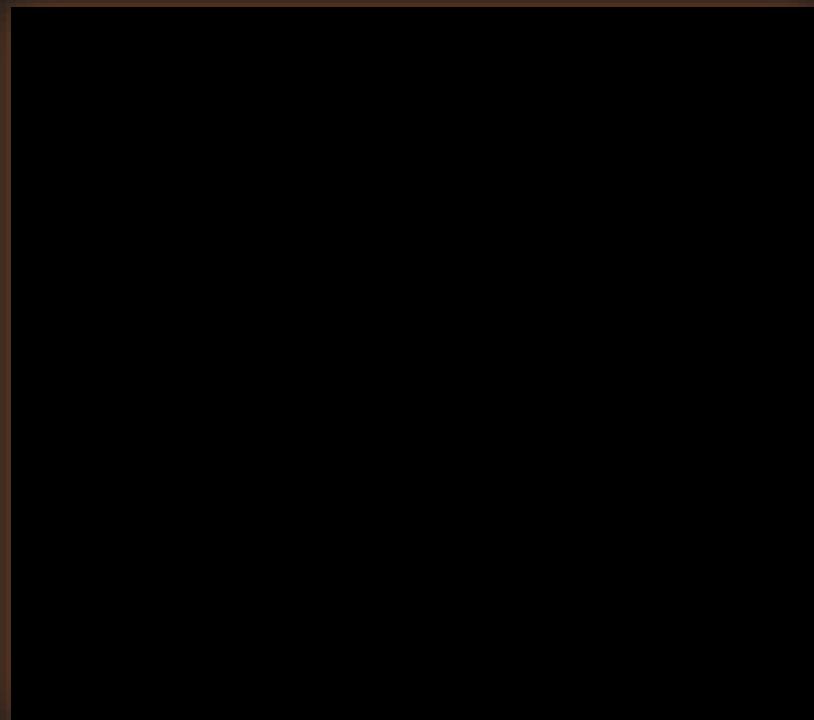


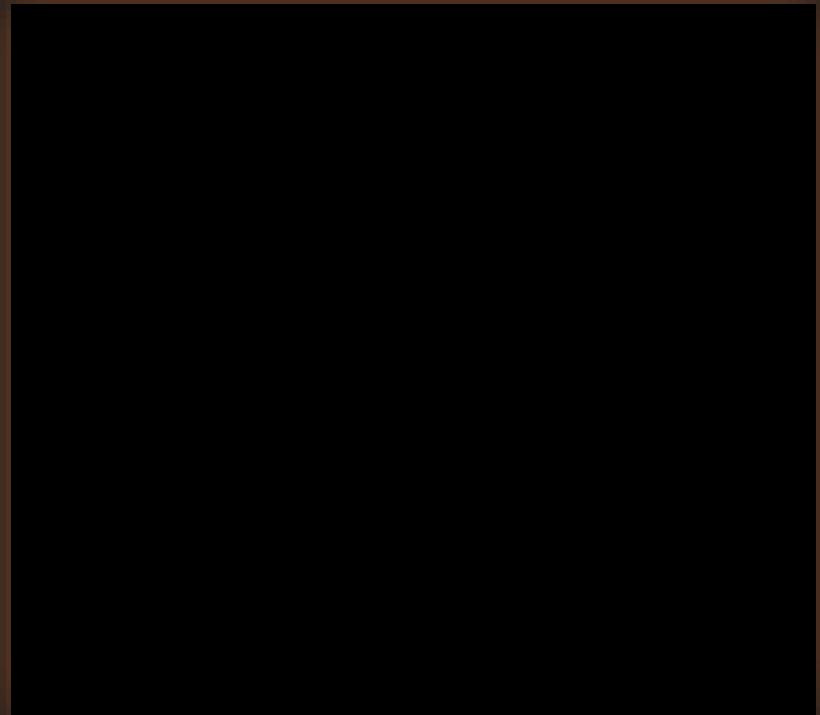






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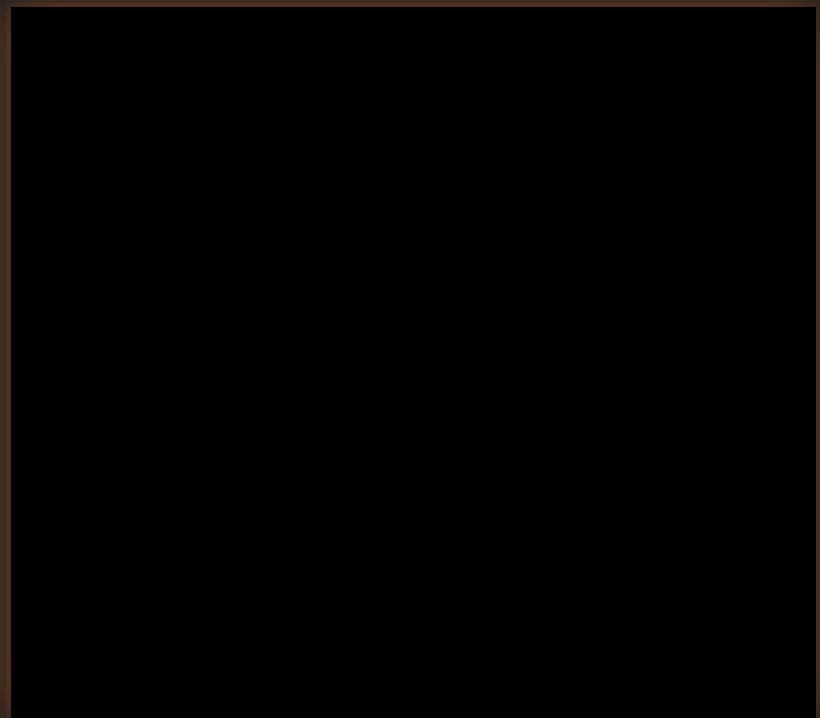


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The most popular version states that feedforward networks with non-polynomial activation functions are dense in the space of continuous functions between two Euclidean spaces, with respect to the **compact convergence topology**.

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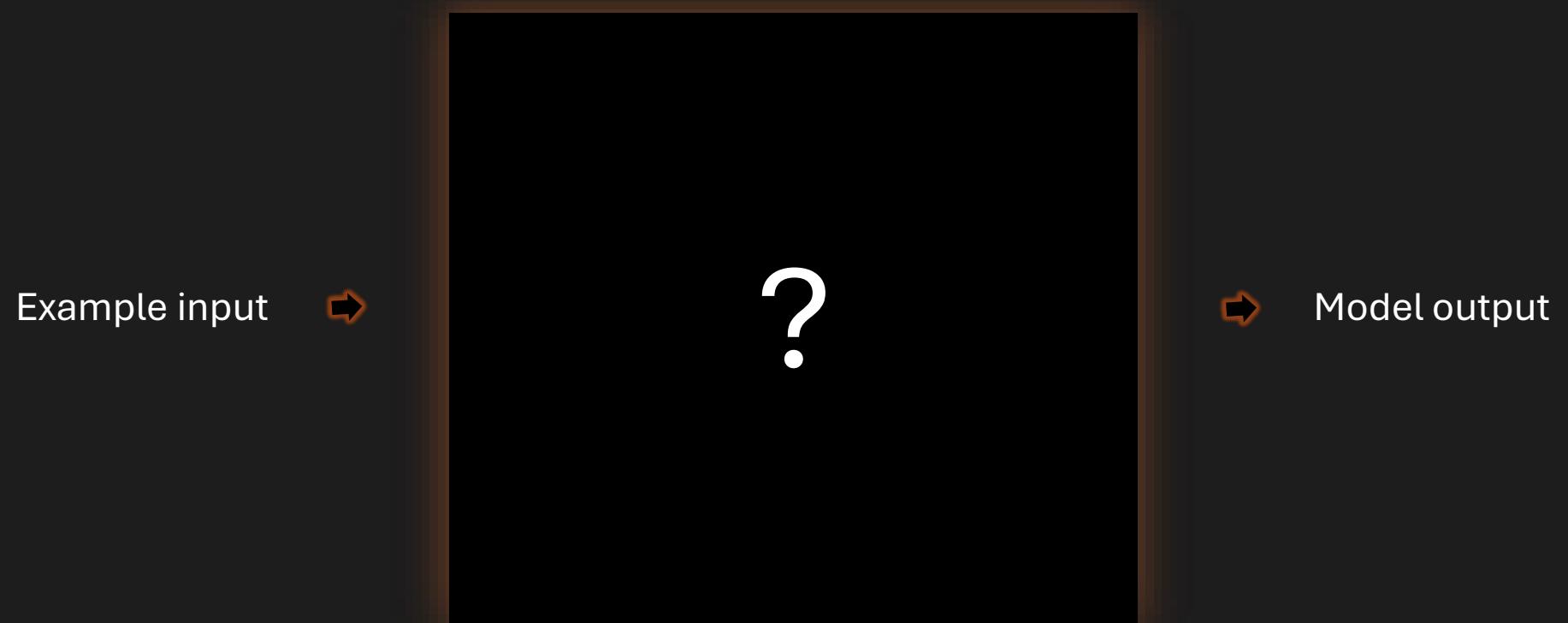
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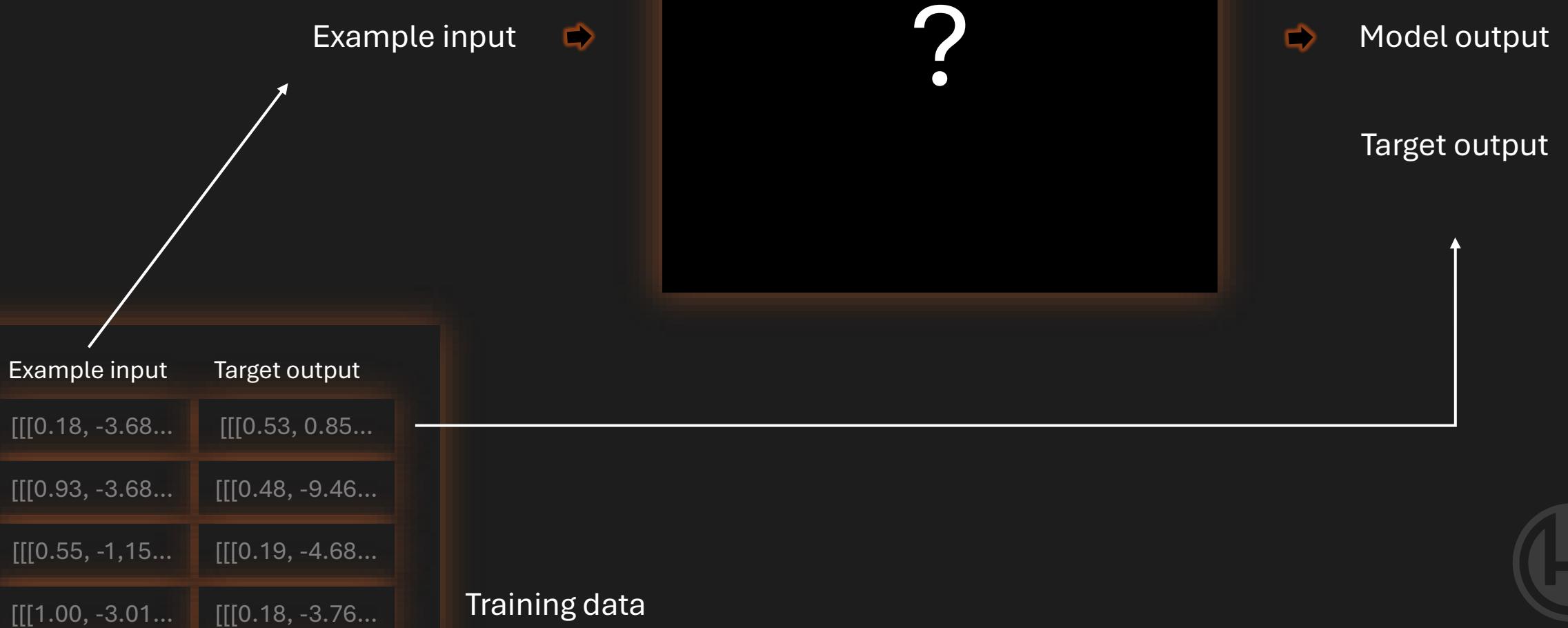
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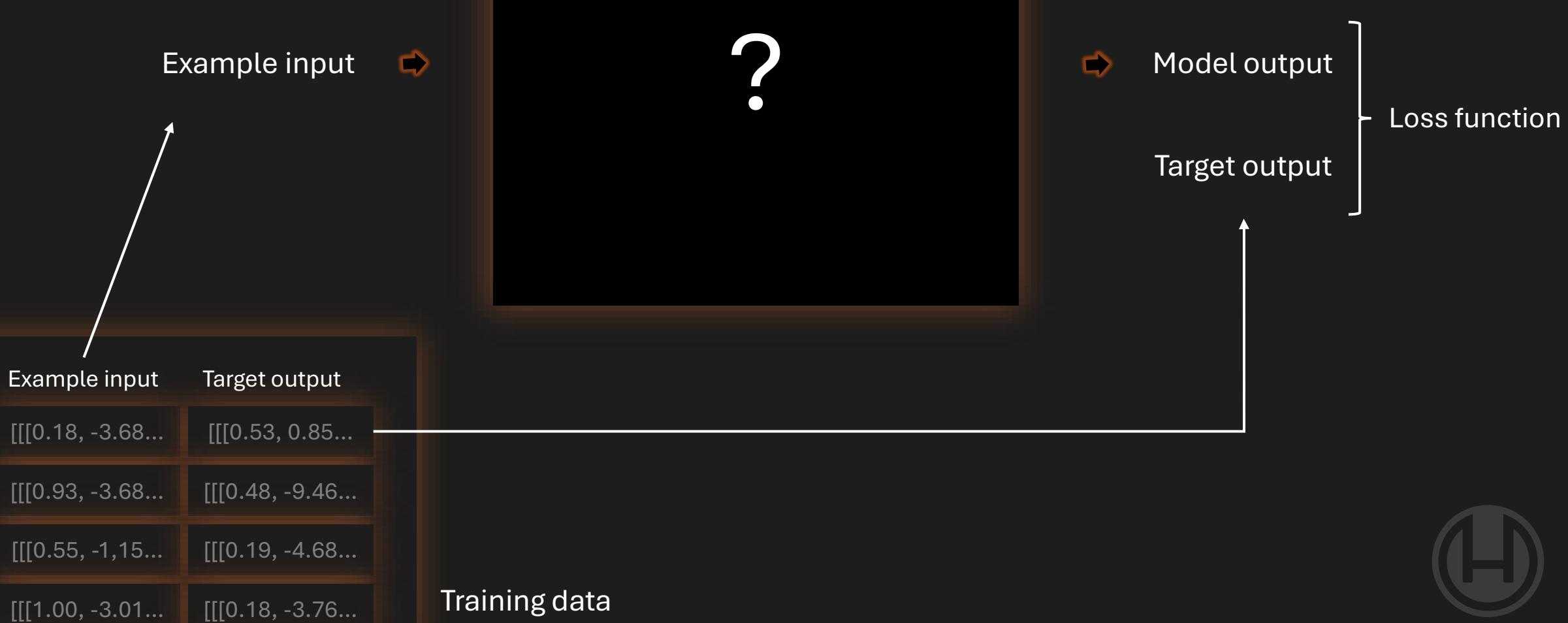
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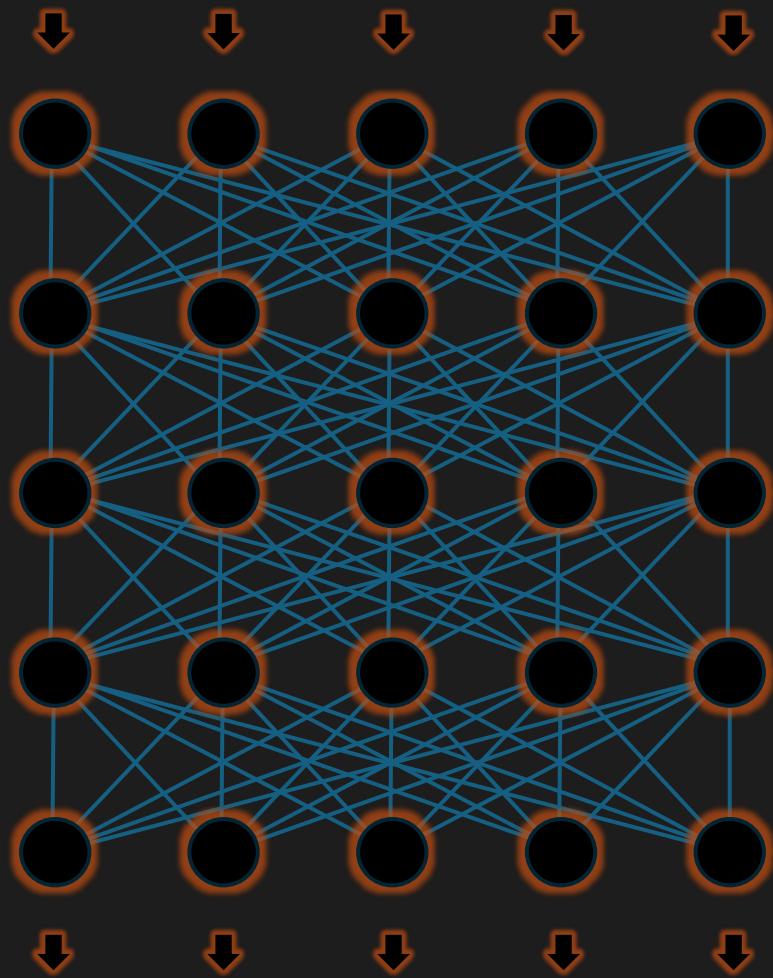


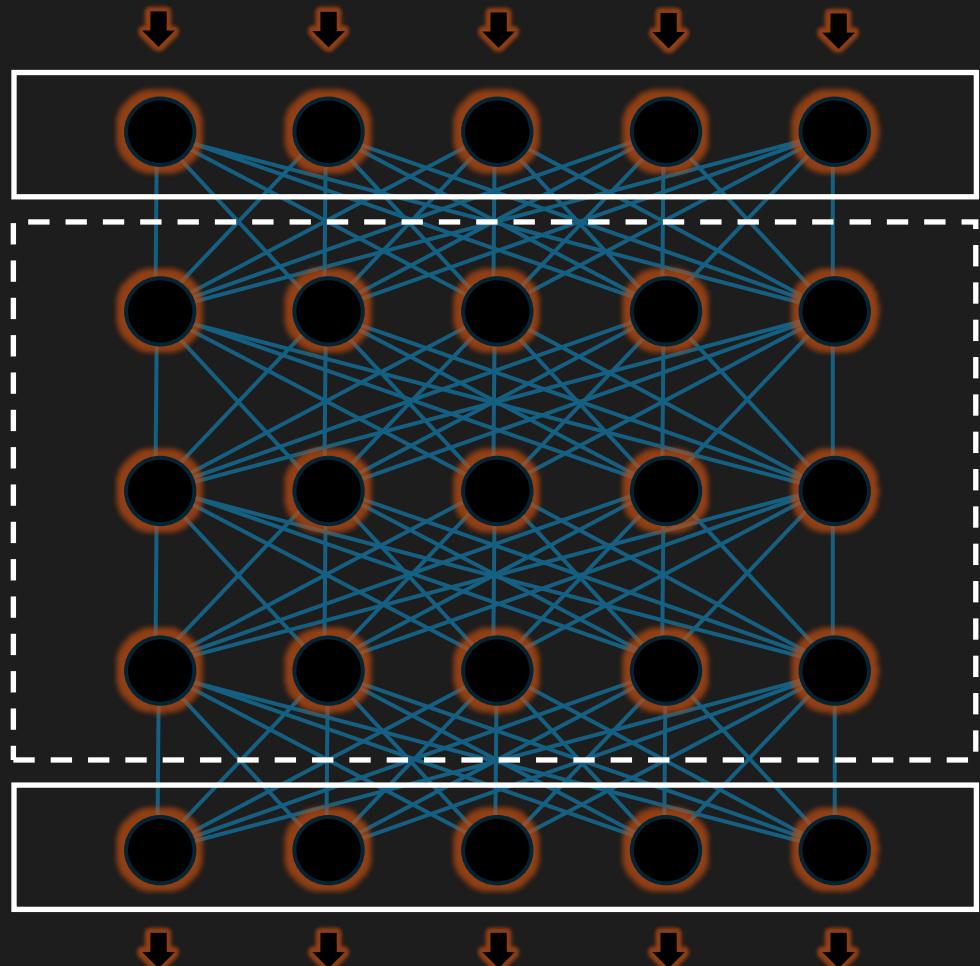
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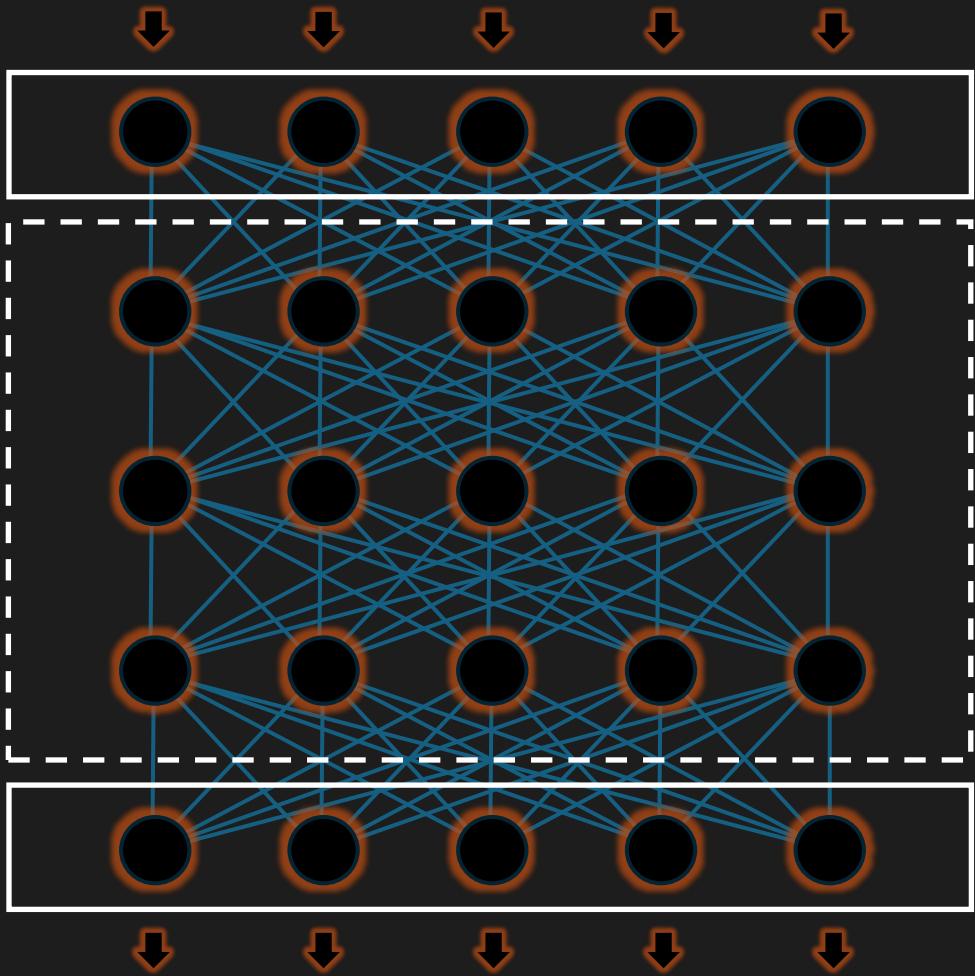


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Hidden layers

Output layer

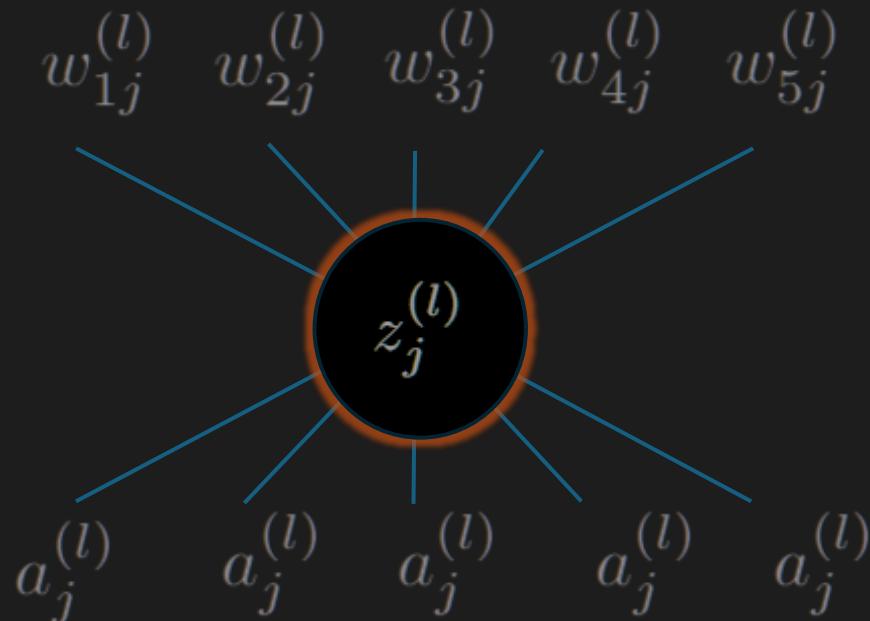




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$$z_j^{(l)} = \sum_i w_{ij}^{(l)} a_i^{(l-1)} + b_j^{(l)}$$

$$a_j^{(l)} = \text{activation}(z_j^{(l)})$$



## Loss functions

- Depends on the task and the type and shape of the data
- Determines what we want to optimize for
- Controls the optimization process
- Classification
  - Cross-Entropy loss
  - Activation: Softmax ( + argmax)
- Regression
  - L1, L2 loss



## Activation function

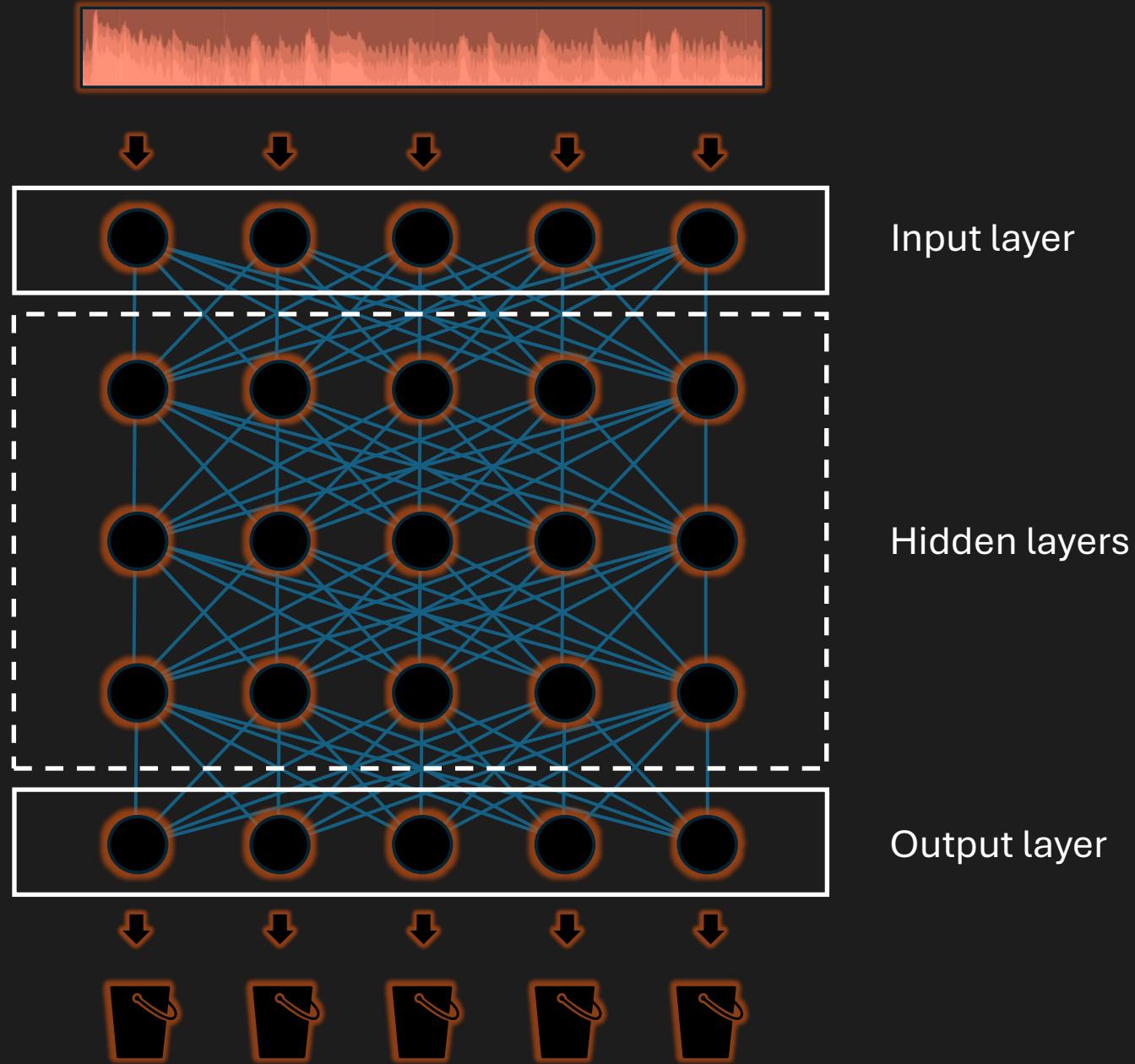
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- Sigmoid

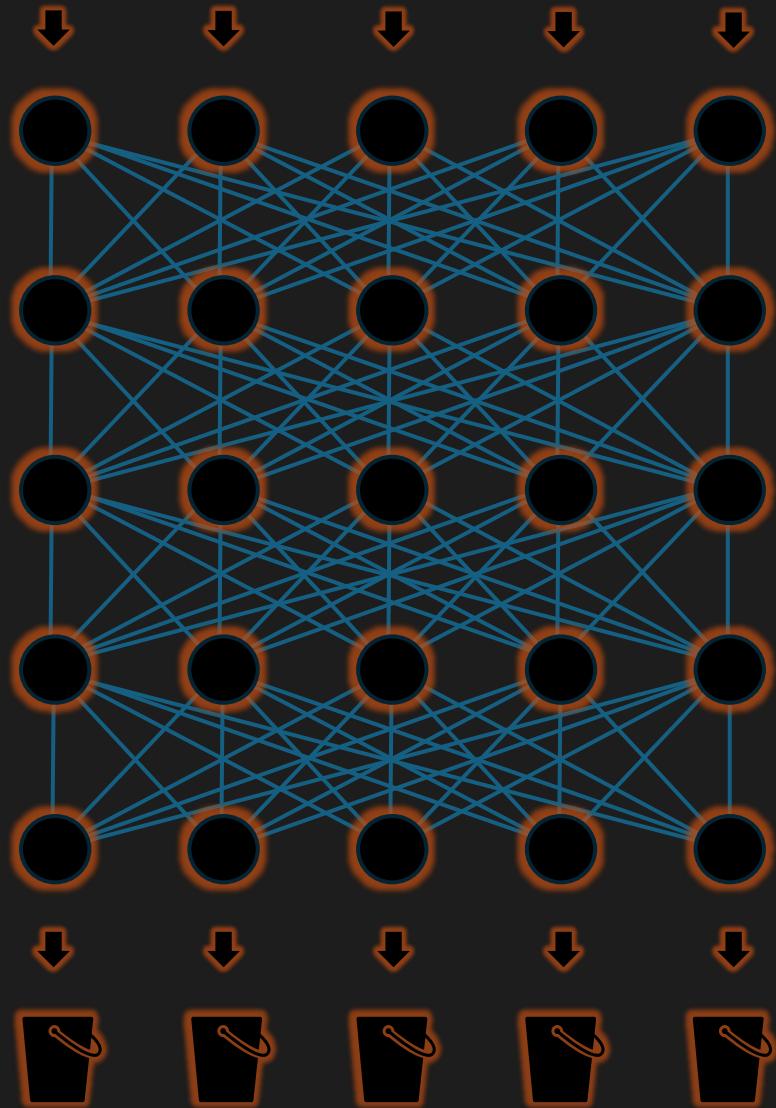


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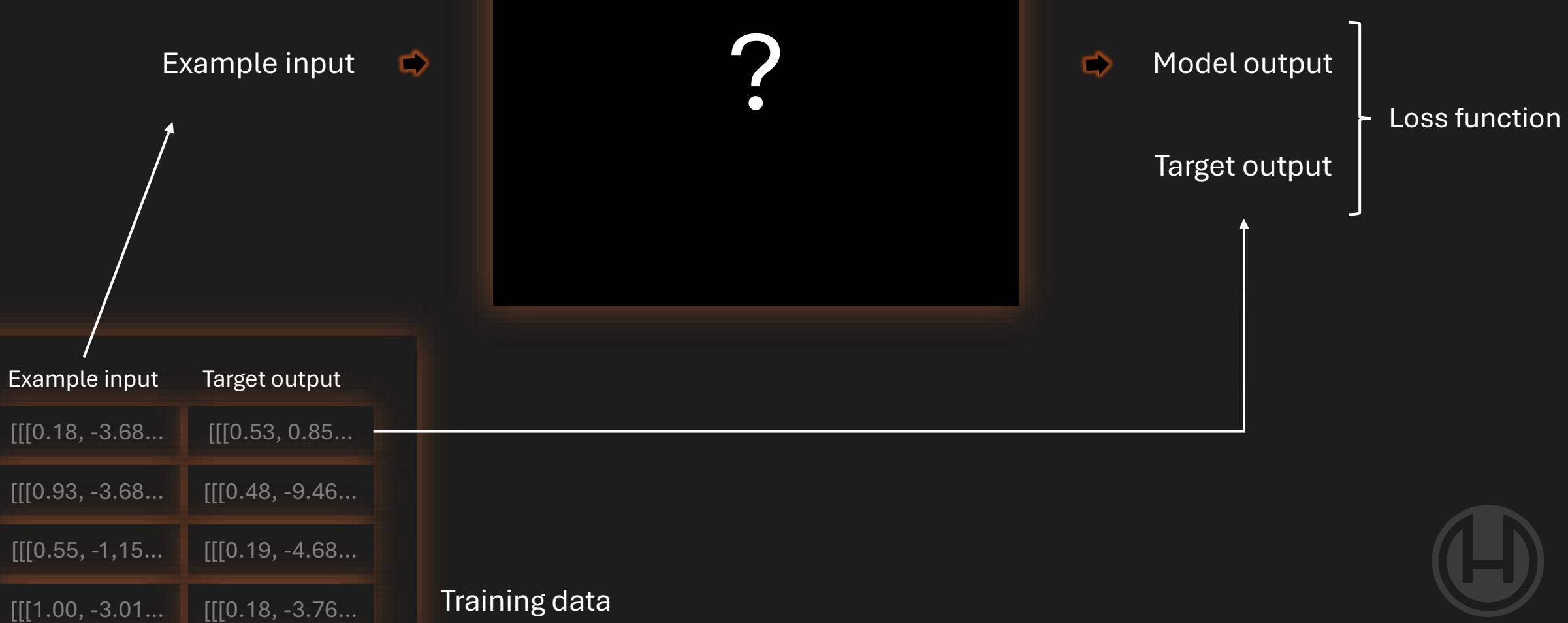
- SGD
- Adam

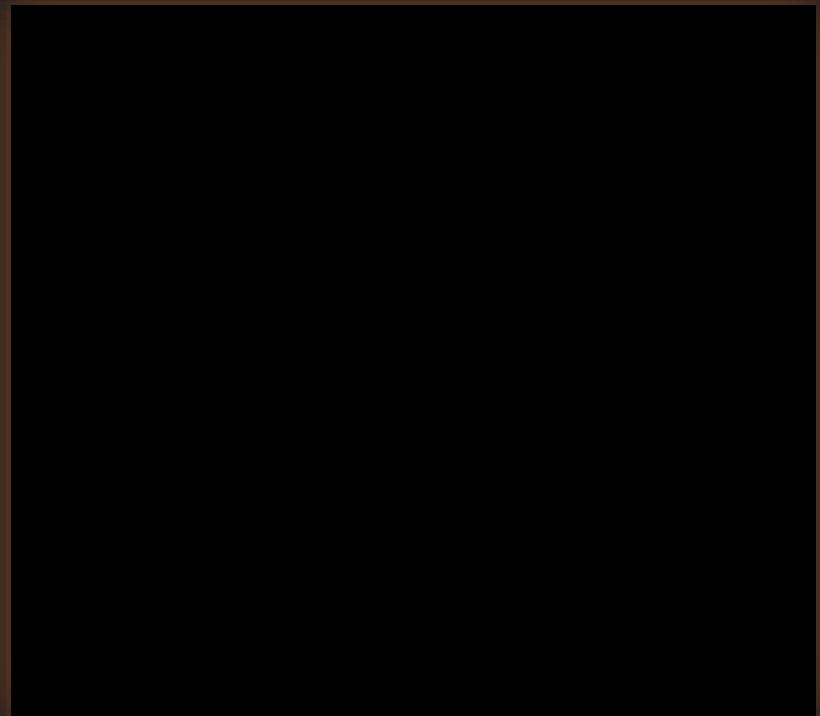






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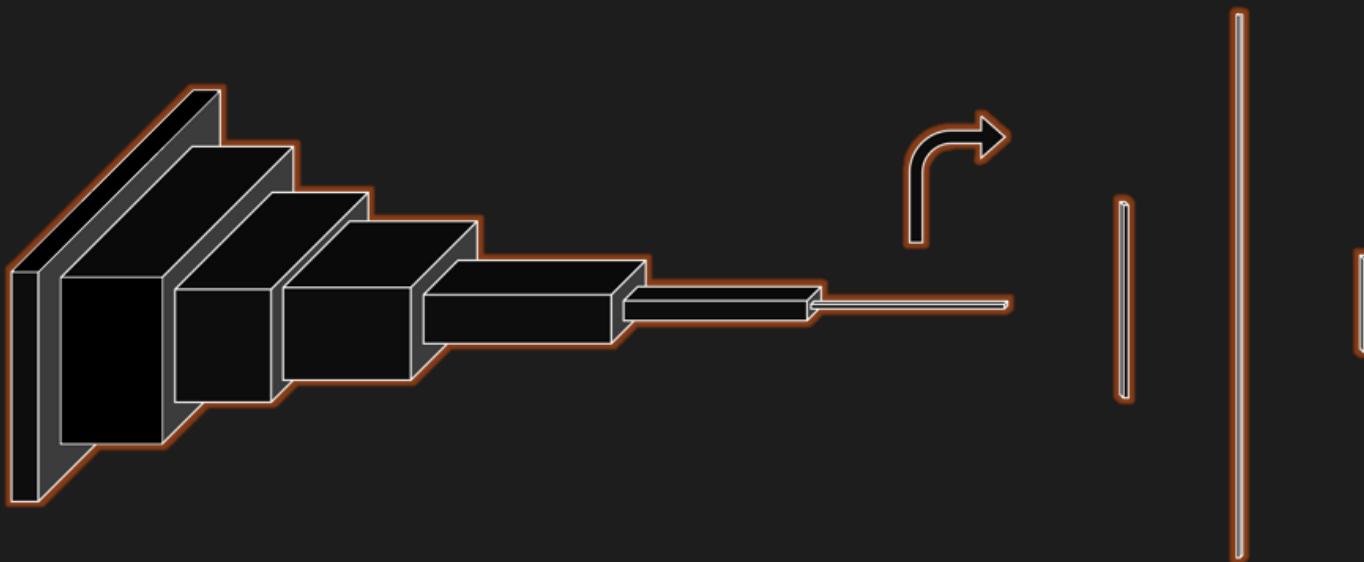
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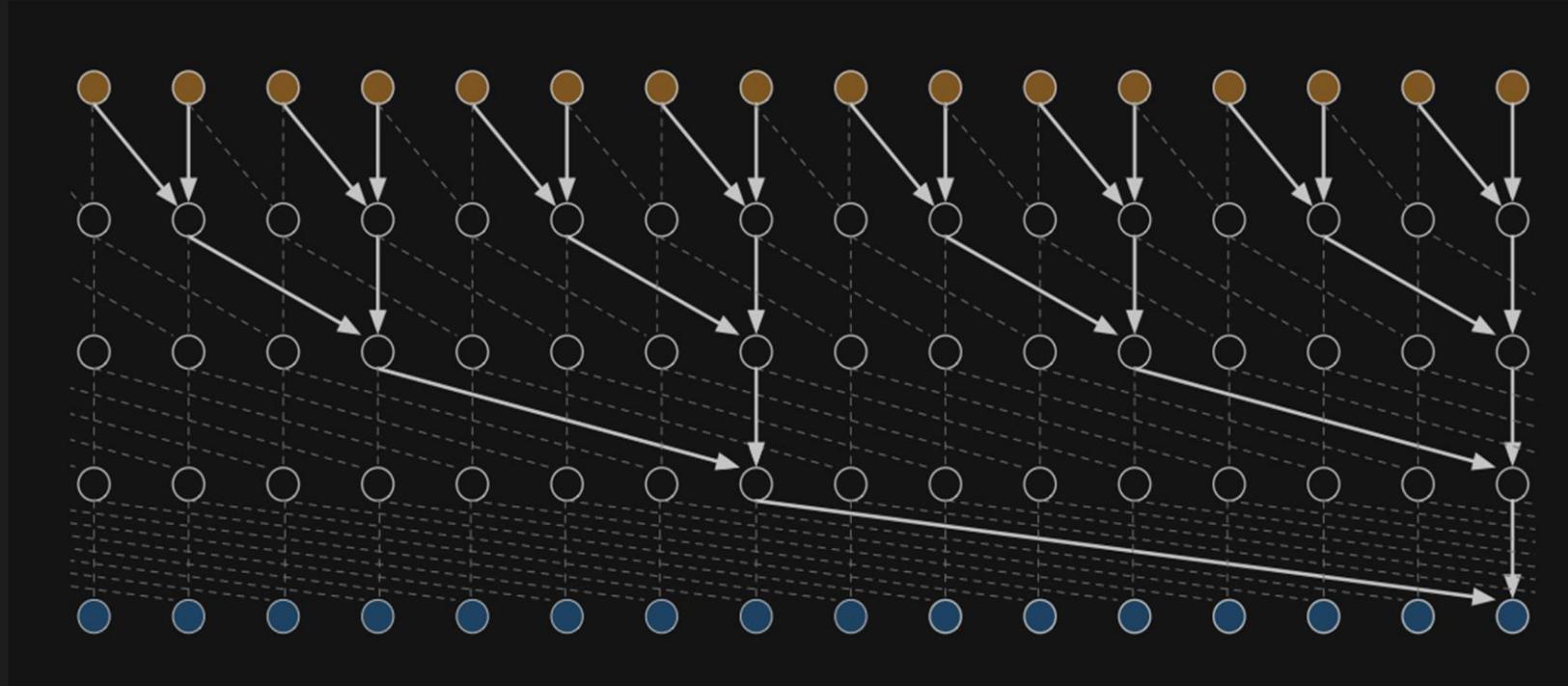


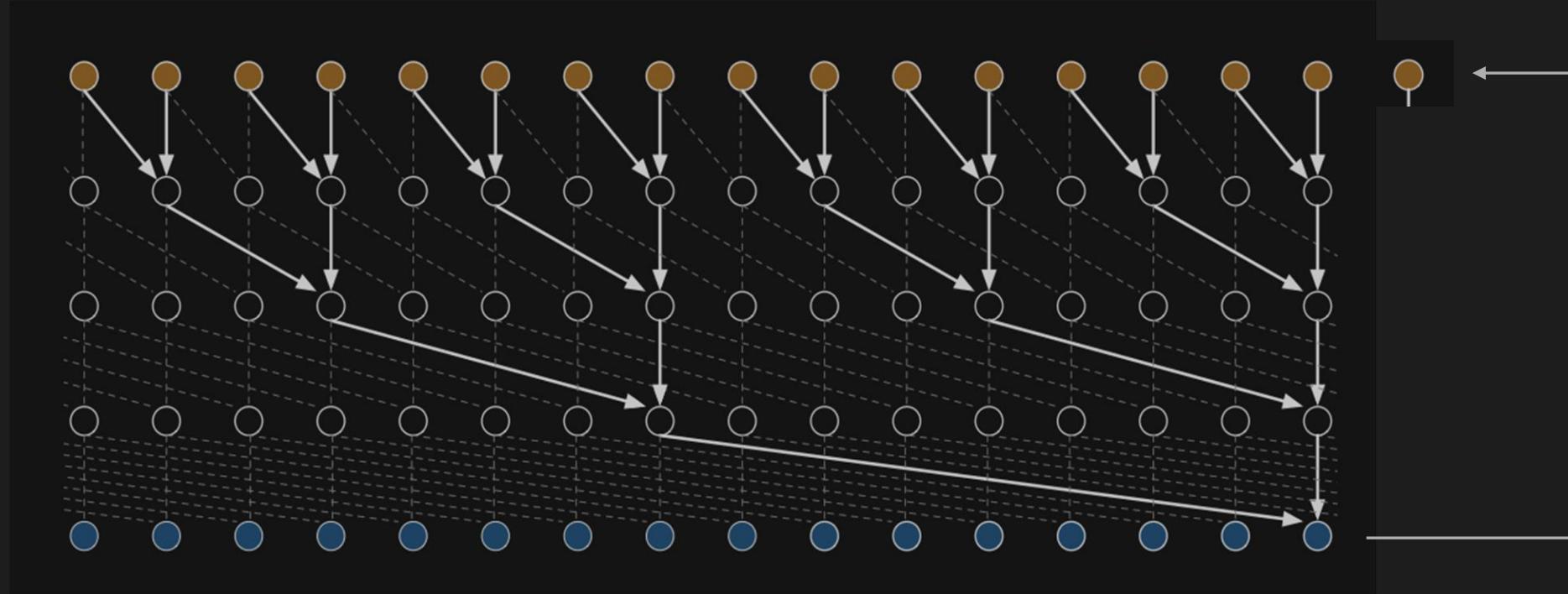


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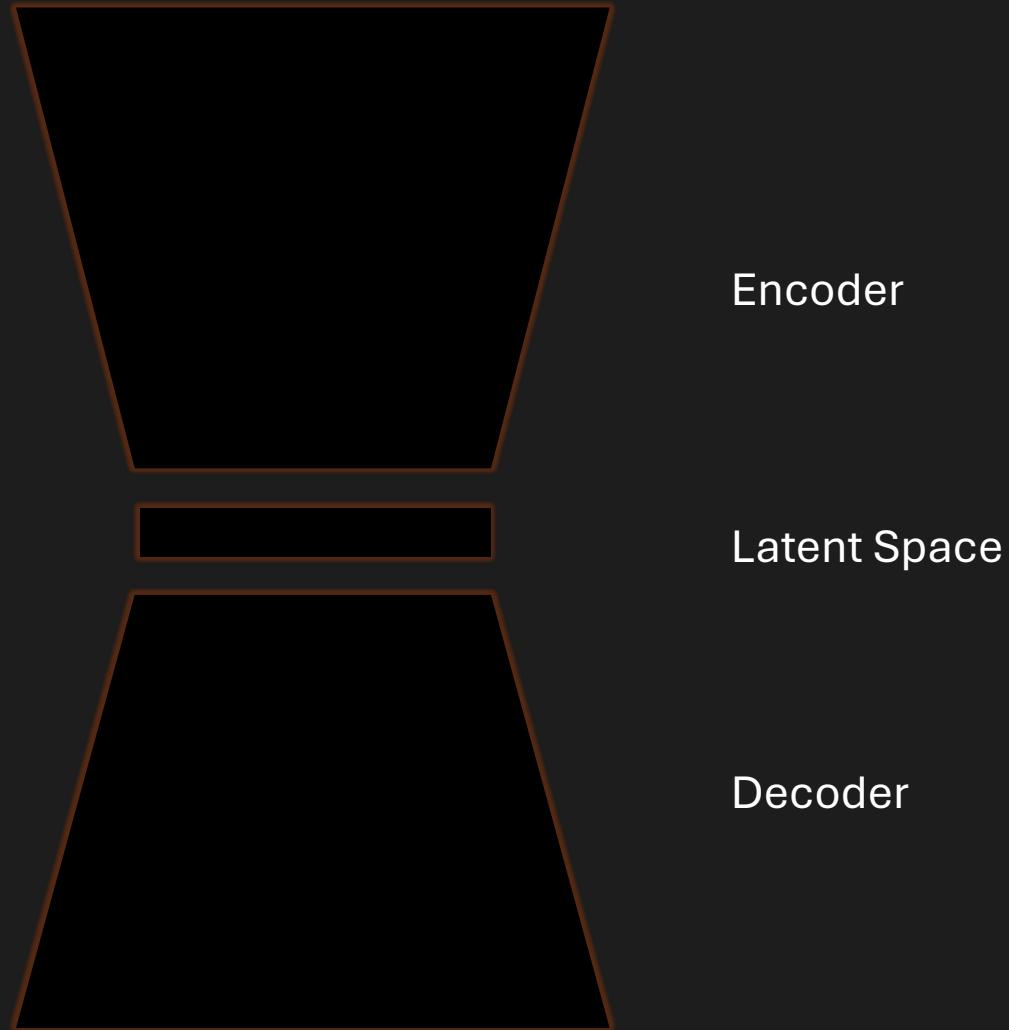








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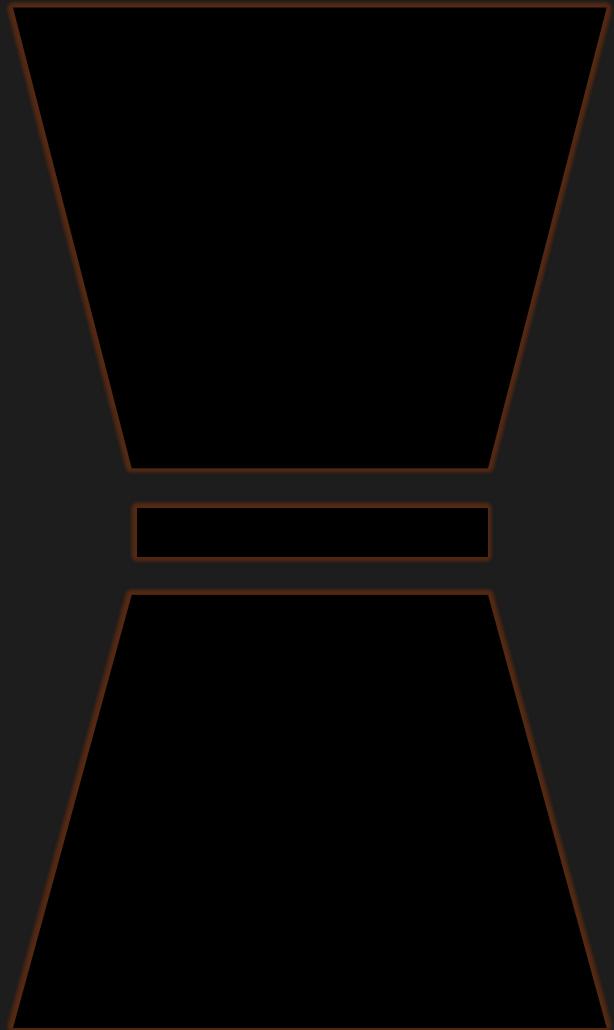
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# Variational Auto-Encoder (VAE)



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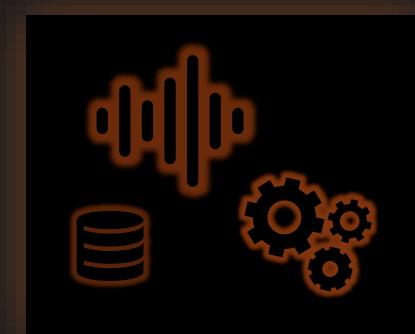
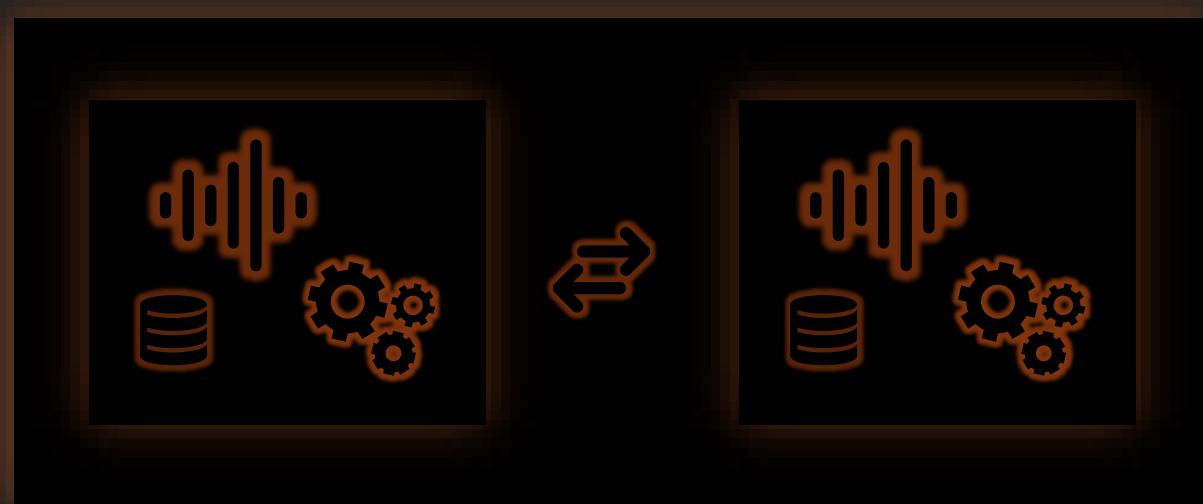
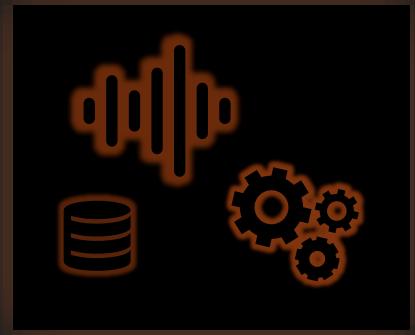
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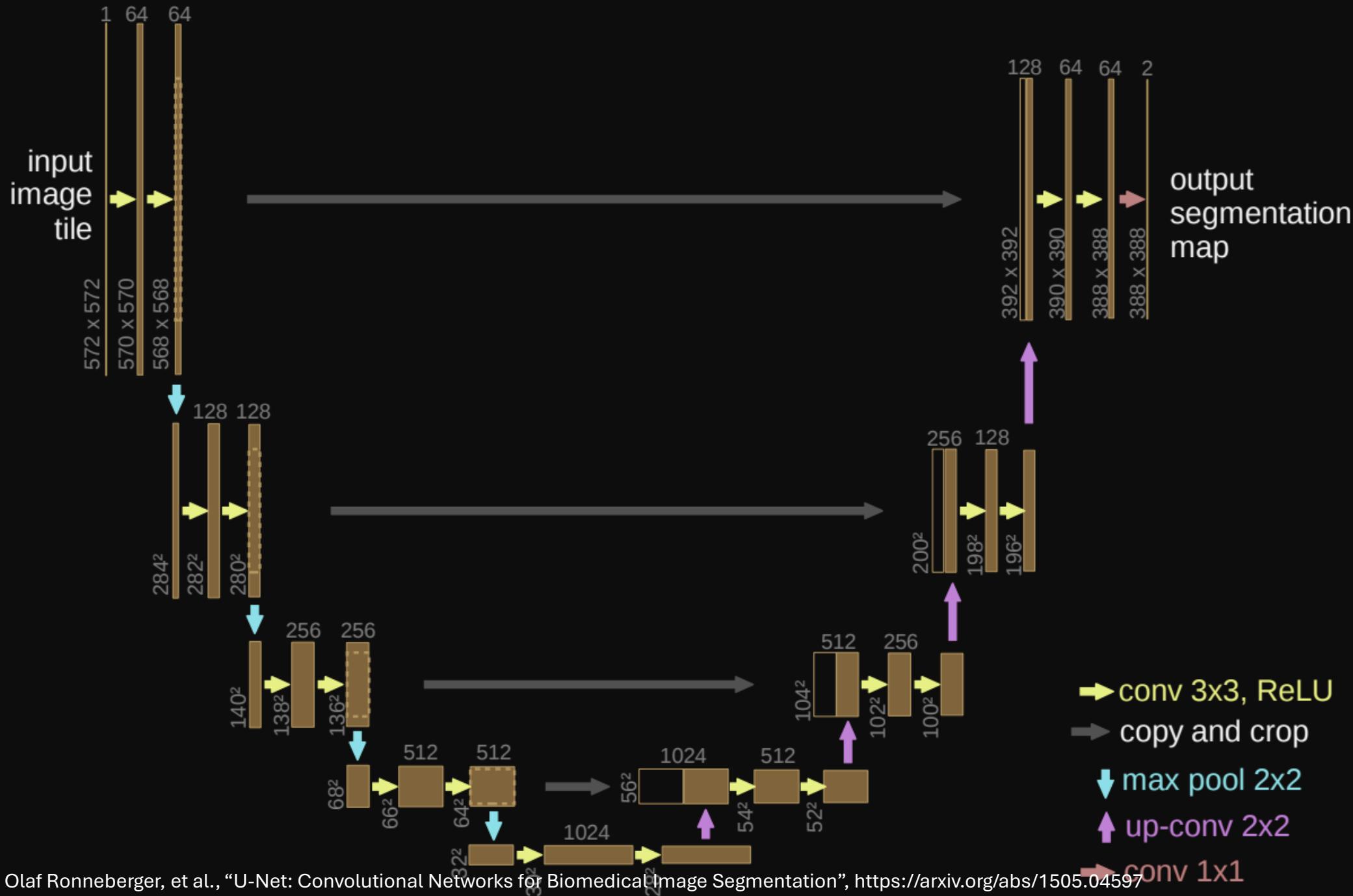


# Generative Adversarial Network (GAN)





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# Frequency-Domain models

- Spectrograms or raw transform-domain data (stft)
- Other transforms
- 2D-CNNs
- Phase-coherence

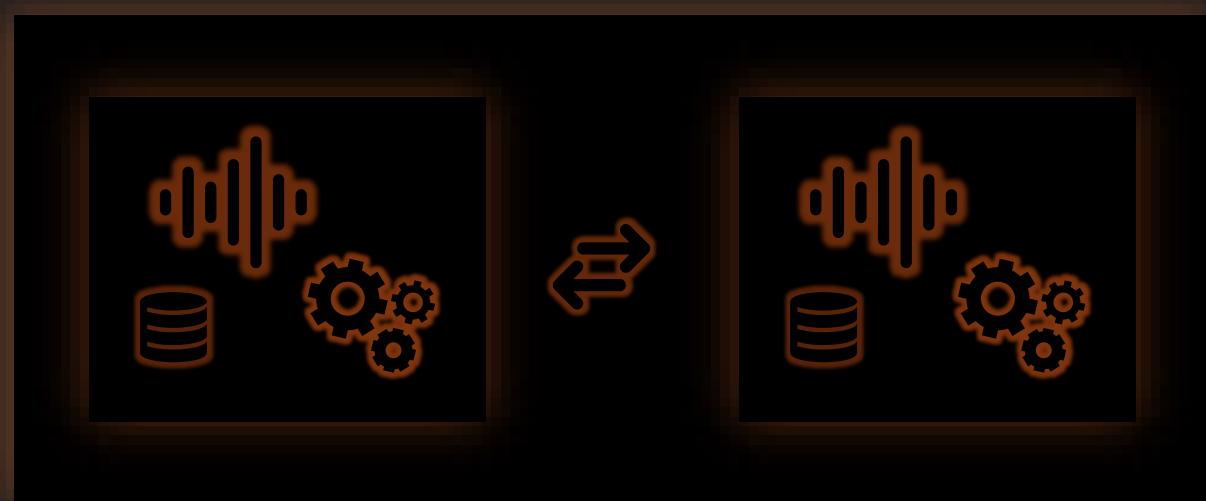


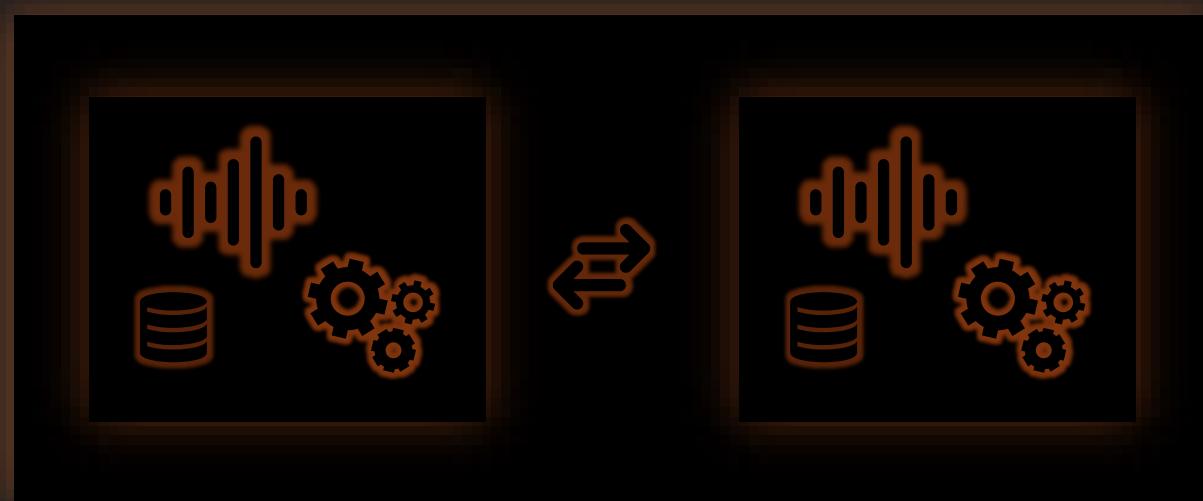
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- Stable Diffusion



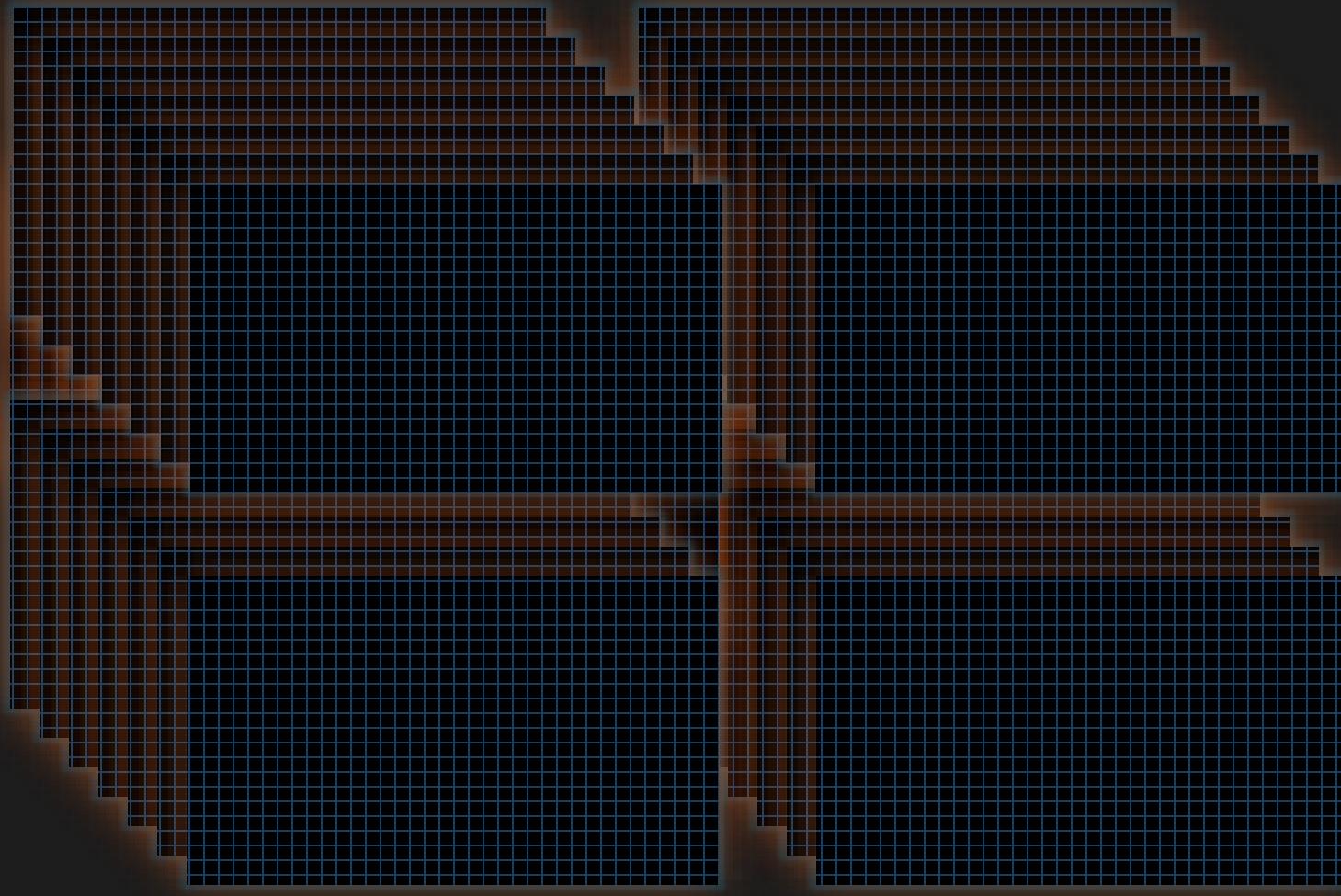






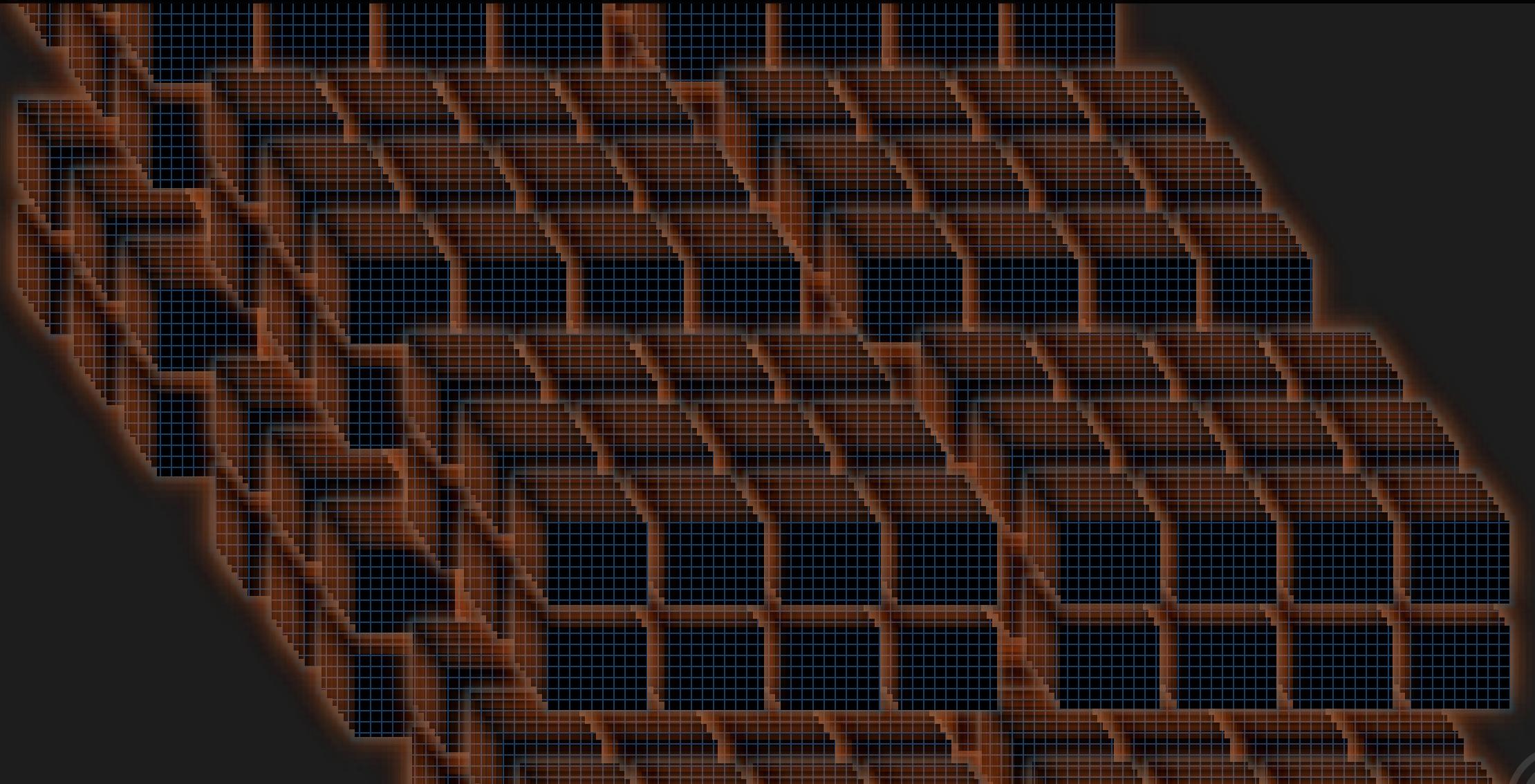
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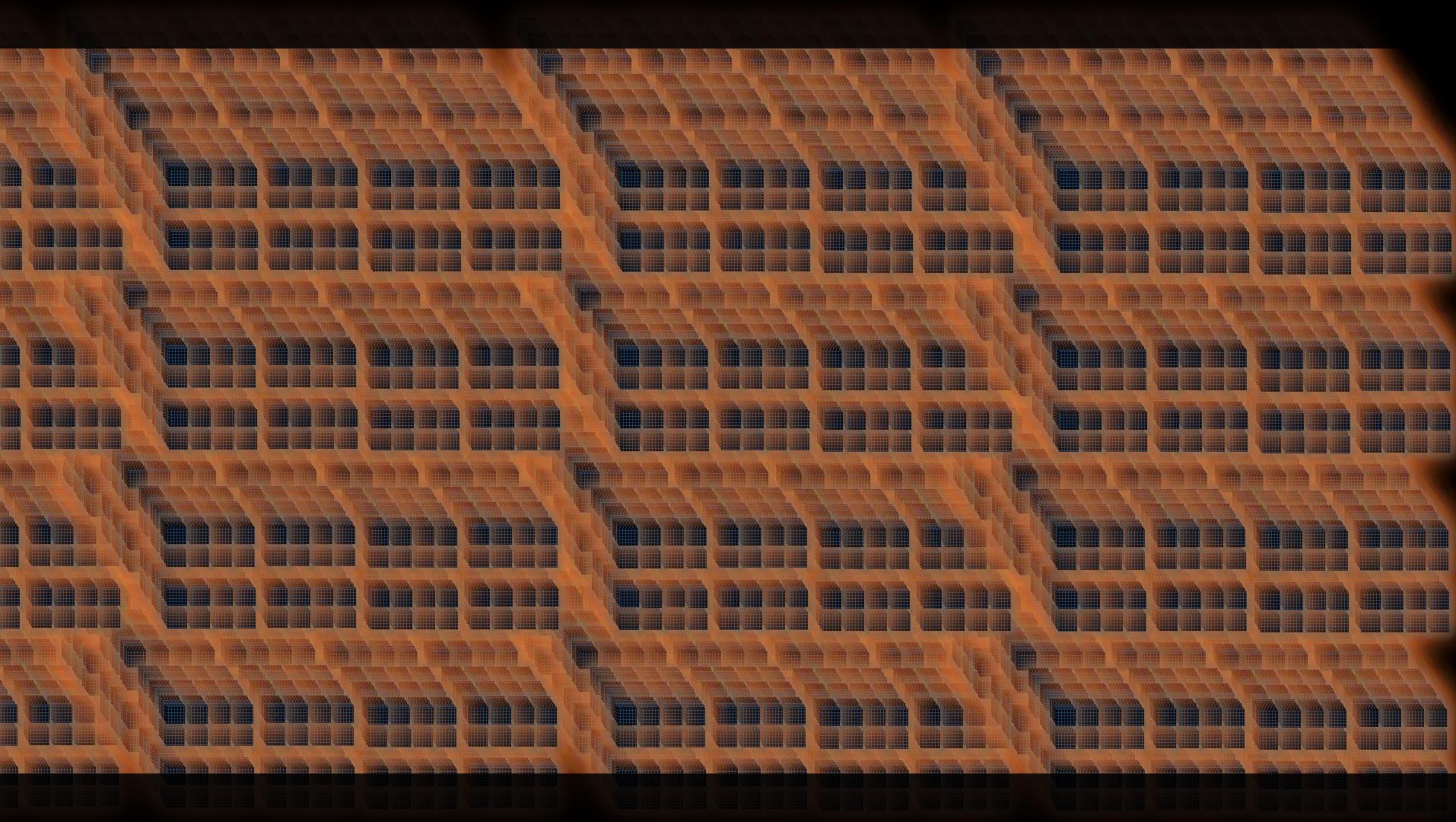




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## Local computer

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- Azure
- AWS
- Google Cloud

- Gets you started quickly
- Supports all workflows
- Ease of use
- Good for light to moderate training
- Not efficient for large-scale training

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- Lambda Labs
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# Data

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class ConvModelSimple(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, num_classes=4, kernel_sizes=[33, 5, 5, 3], strides=[16, 8, 4, 2]):
        super(ConvModelSimple, self).__init__()
        self.conv1 = nn.Conv1d(in_channels=1, out_channels=16, kernel_size=kernel_sizes[0], stride=strides[0], dilation=4)
        self.conv2 = nn.Conv1d(in_channels=16, out_channels=32, kernel_size=kernel_sizes[1], stride=strides[1])
        self.conv3 = nn.Conv1d(in_channels=32, out_channels=64, kernel_size=kernel_sizes[2], stride=strides[2], dilation=2)
        self.conv4 = nn.Conv1d(in_channels=64, out_channels=128, kernel_size=kernel_sizes[3], stride=strides[3])
        self.pool = nn.AdaptiveAvgPool1d(1)
        self.fc = nn.Linear(128, num_classes)

    def forward(self, x):
        x = F.relu(self.conv1(x))
        x = F.relu(self.conv2(x))
        x = F.relu(self.conv3(x))
        x = F.relu(self.conv4(x))
        x = self.pool(x)
        x = torch.flatten(x, 1)
        x = self.fc(x)
        return x
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```
for x_batch, target_batch in data_loader:  
    optimizer.zero_grad()  
    output = model(x_batch)  
    loss = torch.nn.functional.cross_entropy(output, target_batch)  
    loss.backward()  
    optimizer.step()
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# High-Level Frameworks

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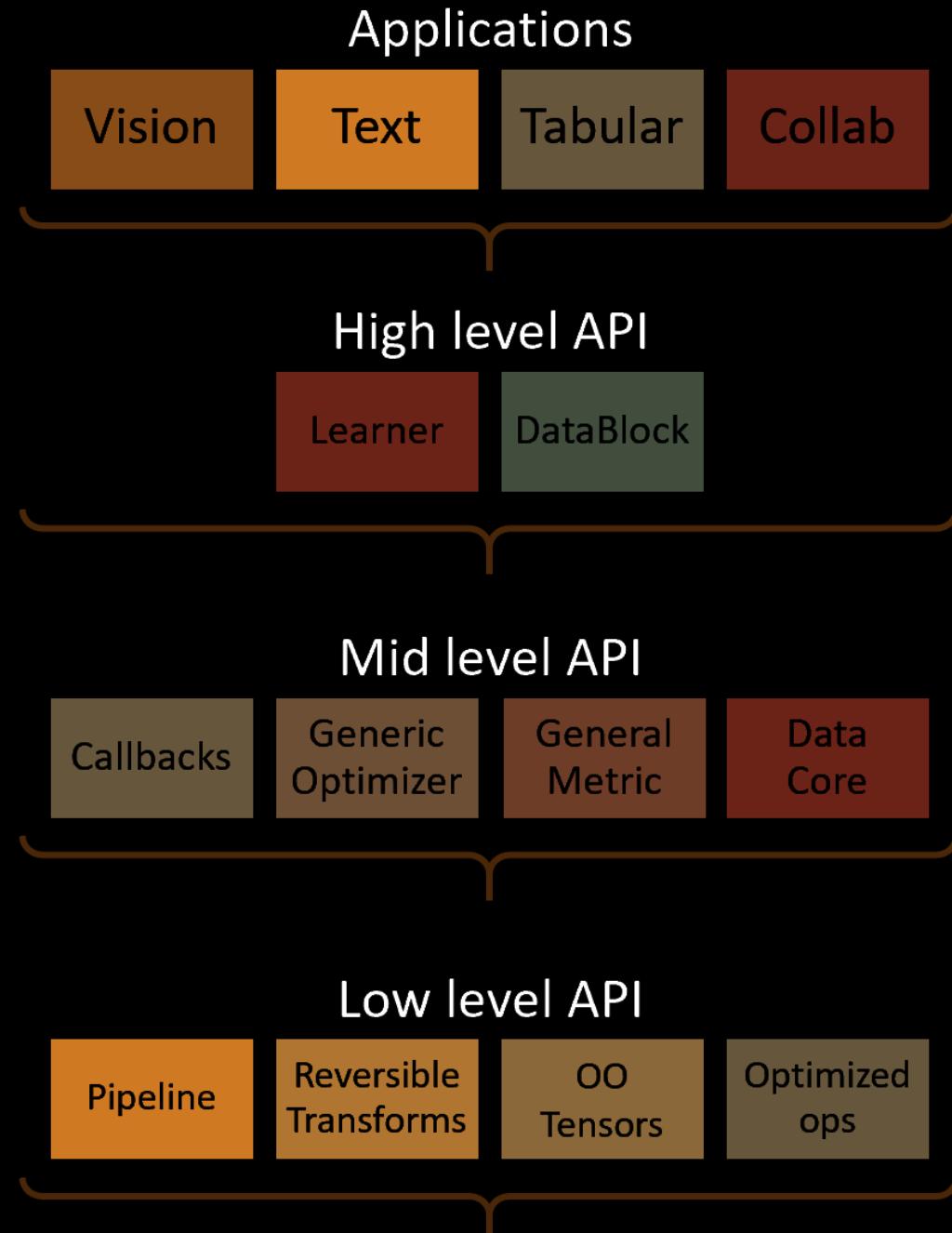
- Fastai
- PyTorch Lightning

Other:

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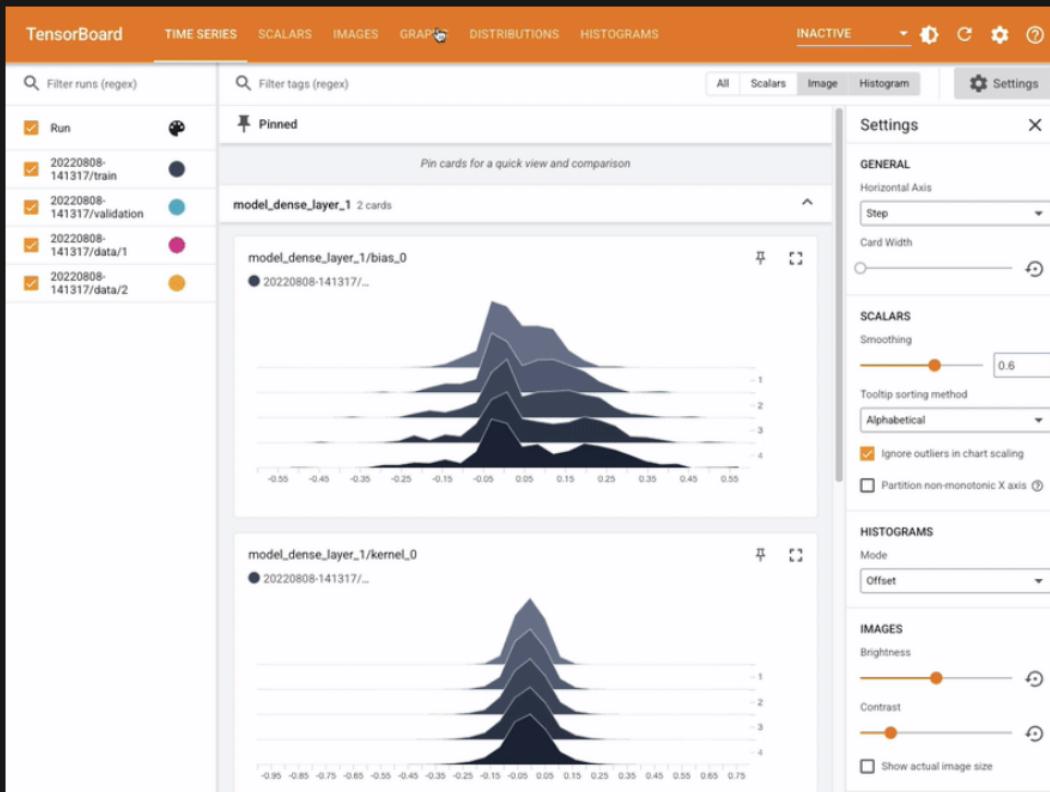
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## TensorBoard: TensorFlow's visualization toolkit

TensorBoard provides the visualization and tooling needed for machine learning experimentation:

- Tracking and visualizing metrics such as loss and accuracy
- Visualizing the model graph (ops and layers)
- Viewing histograms of weights, biases, or other tensors as they change over time
- Projecting embeddings to a lower dimensional space
- Displaying images, text, and audio data
- Profiling TensorFlow programs
- And much more

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The screenshot shows the TensorBoard interface with several histogram plots. The top navigation bar includes 'TensorBoard', 'TIME SERIES', 'SCALARS', 'IMAGES', 'GRAPHS', 'DISTRIBUTIONS', 'HISTOGRAMS', and a dropdown for 'INACTIVE'. On the left, a sidebar lists runs: 'Run' (selected), '20220808-141317/train', '20220808-141317/validation', '20220808-141317/data/1', and '20220808-141317/data/2'. The main area displays four stacked histograms for 'model\_dense\_layer\_1/bias\_0' with values 1, 2, 3, and 4. Below this is another histogram for 'model\_dense\_layer\_1/kernel\_0' with values 1, 2, 3, and 4. A settings panel on the right allows for filtering by 'Scalars' or 'Histogram', adjusting 'Horizontal Axis' (Step), 'Card Width', 'Smoothing' (0.6), 'Tooltip sorting method' (Alphabetical), and other histogram-specific options like 'Ignore outliers in chart scaling' and 'Partition non-monotonic X axis'.

# Learning and Inspiration

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# RAVE: A variational autoencoder for fast and high-quality neural audio synthesis

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## Abstract

Deep generative models applied to audio have improved by a large margin the state-of-the-art in many speech and music related tasks. However, as raw waveform modelling remains an inherently difficult task, audio generative models are either computationally intensive, rely on low sampling rates, are complicated to control or restrict the nature of possible signals. Among those models, Variational AutoEncoders (VAE) give control over the generation by exposing latent variables, although they usually suffer from low synthesis quality. In this paper, we introduce a Realtime Audio Variational autoEncoder (RAVE) allowing both fast and high-quality audio waveform synthesis. We introduce a novel two-stage training procedure, namely *representation learning* and *adversarial fine-tuning*. We show that using a post-training analysis of the latent space allows a direct control between the reconstruction fidelity and the representation compactness. By leveraging a multi-band decomposition of the raw waveform, we show that our model is the first able to generate 48kHz audio signals, while simultaneously running 20 times faster than real-time on a standard laptop CPU. We evaluate synthesis quality using both quantitative and qualitative subjective experiments and show the superiority of our approach compared to existing models. Finally, we present applications of our model for *timbre transfer* and *signal compression*. All of our source code and audio examples are publicly available.

## 1 Introduction

Deep learning applied to audio signals proposes exciting new ways to perform speech generation, musical composition and sound design. Recent works in deep audio modelling have allowed novel types of interaction such as unconditional generation (Chung et al., 2015; Fraccaro et al., 2016; Oord et al., 2016; Vasquez & Lewis, 2019; Dhariwal et al., 2020) or timbre transfer between instruments (Mor et al., 2018). However, these approaches remain computationally intensive, as modeling audio raw waveforms requires dealing with extremely large temporal dimensionality. To cope with this issue, previous approaches usually rely on very low sampling rates (16 to 24kHz), which can be

### 3 Method

#### 3.1 Two-stage training procedure

Ideally, the representation learned by a variational autoencoder should contain *high-level* attributes of the dataset. However, two perceptually similar audio signals may contain subtle phase variations that produce dramatically different waveforms. Hence, estimating the reconstruction term in equation (2) using the raw waveform penalizes the model if those subtle variations are not included in the learned representation. This might both hamper the learning process and include in the latent space those *low-level* variations about audio signal that are not relevant perceptually. To address this problem, we split the training process in two stages, namely *representation learning* and *adversarial fine-tuning*.

##### 3.1.1 Stage 1: Representation learning

The first stage of our procedure aims to perform *representation learning*. We leverage the multiscale spectral distance  $S(\cdot, \cdot)$  proposed by Engel et al. (2019) in order to estimate the distance between real and synthesized waveforms, defined as

$$S(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{n \in \mathcal{N}} \left[ \frac{\|\text{STFT}_n(\mathbf{x}) - \text{STFT}_n(\mathbf{y})\|_F}{\|\text{STFT}_n(\mathbf{x})\|_F} + \log (\|\text{STFT}_n(\mathbf{x}) - \text{STFT}_n(\mathbf{y})\|_1) \right], \quad (5)$$

where  $\mathcal{N}$  is a set of scales,  $\text{STFT}_n$  is the amplitude of the Short-Term Fourier Transform with window size  $n$  and hop size  $n/4$ , and  $\|\cdot\|_F$ ,  $\|\cdot\|_1$  are respectively the Frobenius norm and  $L_1$  norm. Using an amplitude spectrum-based distance does not penalize the model for inaccurately reconstructed phase, but encompasses important perceptual features about the signal. We train the *encoder* and *decoder* with the following loss derived from the ELBO

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{vae}}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{x}} \sim p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})}[S(\mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{x}})] + \beta \times \mathcal{D}_{\text{KL}}[q_{\phi}(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})||p(\mathbf{z})], \quad (6)$$

We start by training the model solely with  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{vae}}$ , and once this loss converges, we switch to the next training phase.

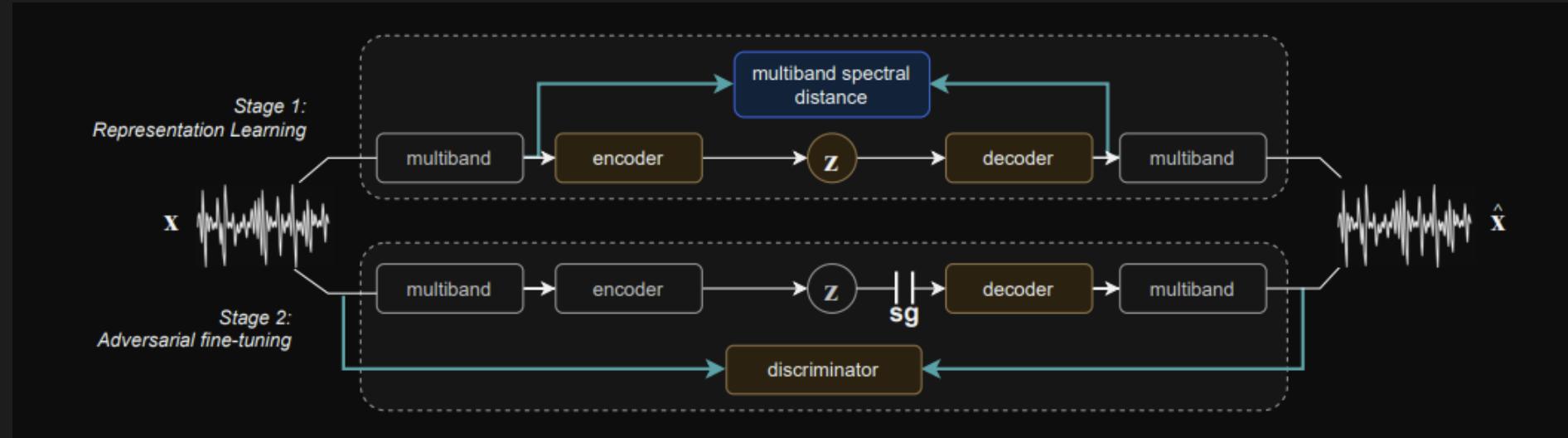
##### 3.1.2 Stage 2: Adversarial fine-tuning

The second training stage aims at improving the synthesized audio quality and naturalness. As we consider that the learned representation has reached a satisfactory state at this point, we freeze the encoder and only train the decoder using an adversarial objective.

GANs are *implicit* generative models allowing to sample from a complex distribution by transforming a simpler one, called the *base distribution*. Here, we use the learned latent space in the first stage as the base distribution, and train the decoder to produce synthesized signals similar to the real ones by relying on a *discriminator*  $D$ . We use the hinge loss version of the GAN objective, defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{dis}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) &= \max(0, 1 - D(\mathbf{x})) + \mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{x}} \sim p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})}[\max(0, 1 + D(\hat{\mathbf{x}}))], \\ \mathcal{L}_{\text{gen}}(\mathbf{z}) &= -\mathbb{E}_{\hat{\mathbf{x}} \sim p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})}[D(\hat{\mathbf{x}})]. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

In order to ensure that the synthesized signal  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  does not diverge too much from the ground truth  $\mathbf{x}$ , we keep minimizing the spectral distance defined in equation (5), but also add the feature matching



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As digital music production has become mainstream, the selection of appropriate virtual instruments plays a crucial role in determining the quality of music. To search the musical instrument samples or virtual instruments that make one's desired sound, music producers use their ears to listen and compare each instrument sample in their collection, which is time-consuming and inefficient. In this paper, we call this task as Musical Instrument Retrieval and propose a method for retrieving desired musical instruments using reference music mixture as a query. The proposed model consists of the Single-Instrument Encoder and the Multi-Instrument Encoder, both based on convolutional neural networks. The Single-Instrument Encoder is trained to classify the instruments used in single-track audio, and we take its penultimate layer's activation as the instrument embedding. The Multi-Instrument Encoder is trained to estimate multiple instrument embeddings using the instrument embeddings computed by the Single-Instrument Encoder as a set of target embeddings. For more generalized training and realistic evaluation, we also propose a new dataset called Nlakh. Experimental results showed that the Single-Instrument Encoder was able to learn the mapping from the audio signal of unseen instruments to the instrument embedding space and the Multi-Instrument Encoder was able to extract multiple embeddings from the mixture of music and retrieve the desired instruments successfully. The code used for the experiment and audio samples are available at: [https://github.com/minju0821/musical\\_instrument\\_retrieval](https://github.com/minju0821/musical_instrument_retrieval)

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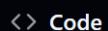
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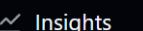
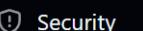




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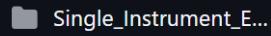
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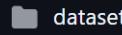
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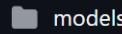
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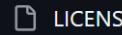
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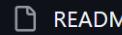
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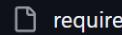
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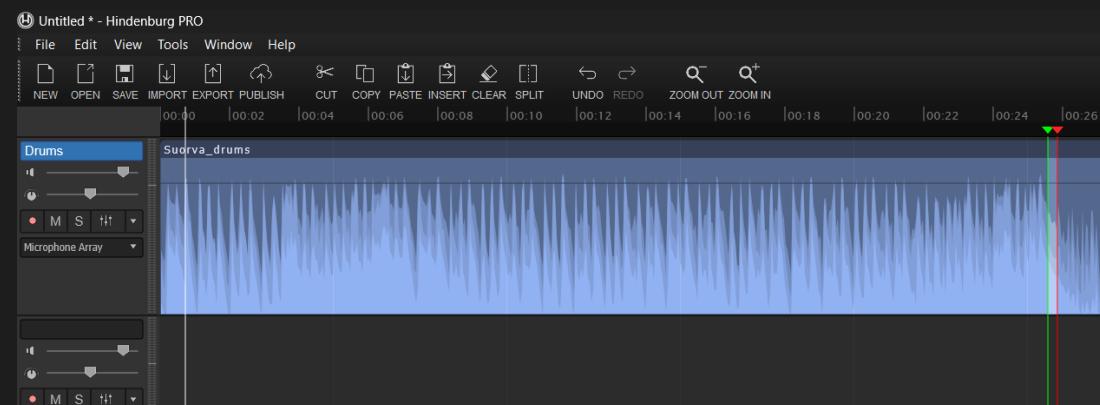
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