



# Convolutional neuronal networks

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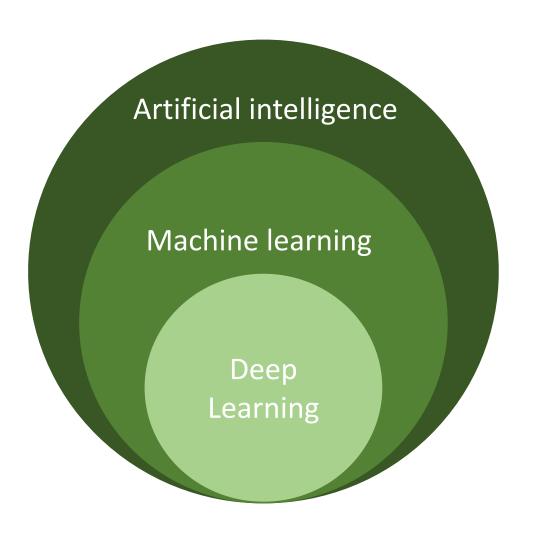
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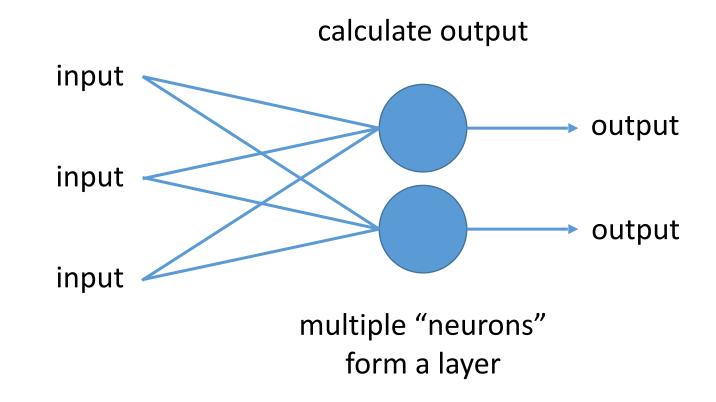


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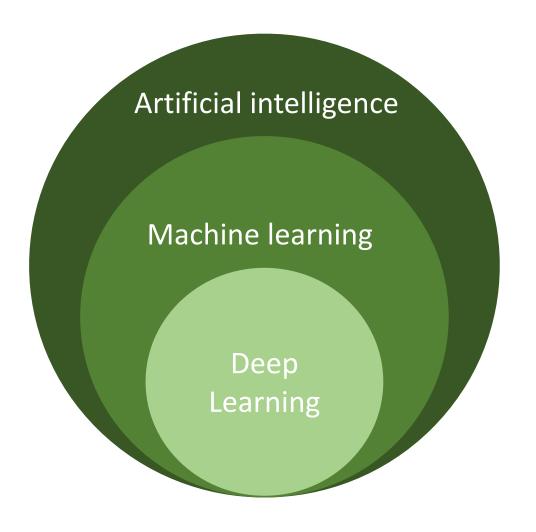
Neural networks are composed of individual artificial "neurons"



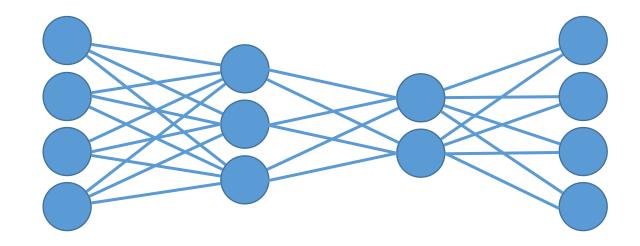


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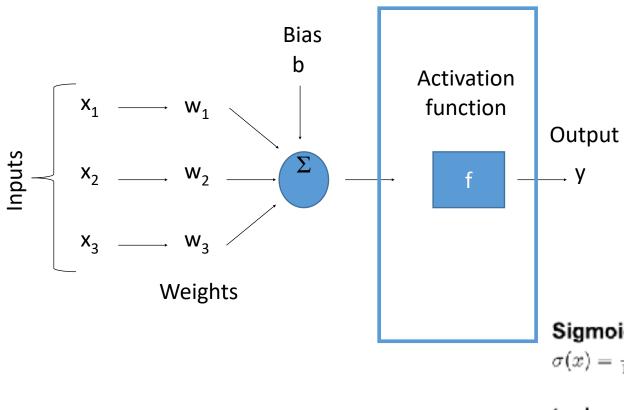


- Neural network: multiple layers of artificial "neurons"
- Deep neural network (DNN): neural network with more than one layer between input and output



### An artificial "neuron" is a mathematical function



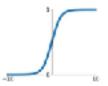


Single neuron output calculation

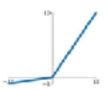
$$y = w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 + w_3 x_3 + b = w^T x + b$$

Sigmoid

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$



Leaky ReLU  $\max(0.1x, x)$ 

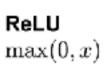


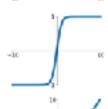
For image data, the values  $x_1, x_2,...$  would be

Pixel intensities

Pixel coordinates









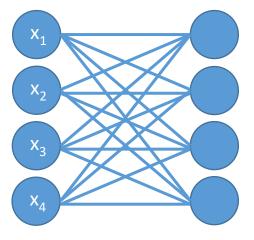
### Maxout

$$\max(w_1^T x + b_1, w_2^T x + b_2)$$

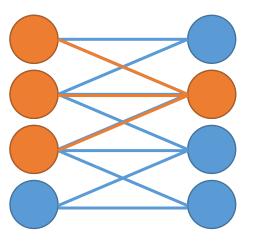


# Network layers can have different architectures

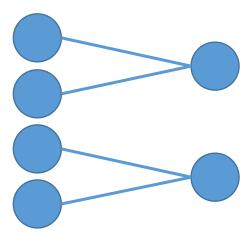




Fully connected layer



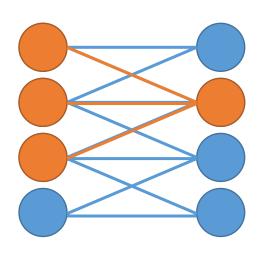
Convolutional layer



**Pooling layer** 

# Convolutional layers perform convolution with learned kernels





Convolutional layer

### **Previously**:

Defined filter kernels

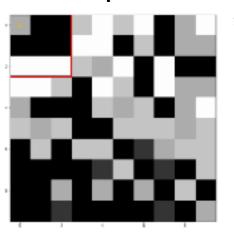
1/16	1/8	1/16	
1/8	1/4	1/8	
1/16	1/8	1/16	

### Now:

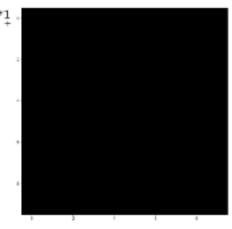
Learned filter kernels

<b>W</b> <sub>11</sub>	W <sub>12</sub>	W <sub>13</sub>
<b>W</b> <sub>21</sub>	W <sub>22</sub>	W <sub>23</sub>
W <sub>31</sub>	W <sub>32</sub>	W <sub>33</sub>

### Input



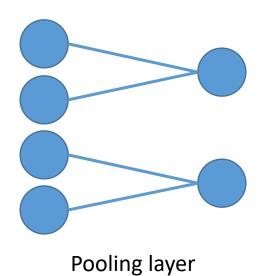






# Pooling layers reduce the layer size





 3
 15
 1
 13

 9
 7
 0
 10

 11
 5
 5
 3

 1
 8
 9
 6

### Maximal values

15	13	
11	9	

### Average values

8.5	6.0
6.3	5.8

# The network learns by minimizing a loss function



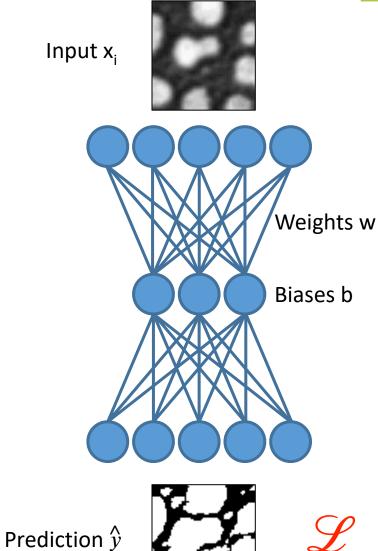




- Learning is an optimization problem
- Step 0: Initialize the network randomly
  - Weights
  - Bias
- Step 1: Forward pass the input through the network, get an initial prediction (Images 0...M)
- Step 2: Compare the output with the ground truth, computer the error (loss function)
  - The loss function can be freely defined.
  - Mean squared error:

$$\mathcal{L}(y, \hat{y}) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^{M} (\hat{y}_i - y_i)^2$$

• Step 3: Update weights



Ground

truth *y* 

# Back-propagation: Minimize loss backwards from output 🚓







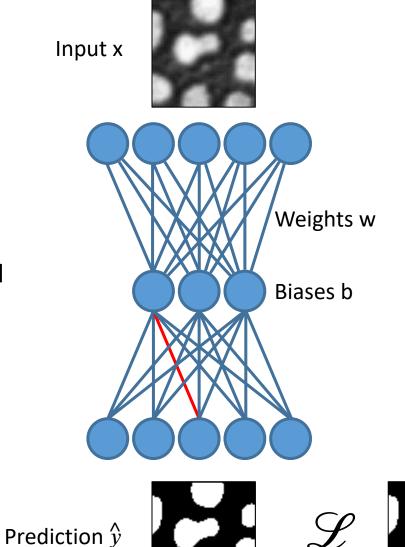
The loss function can be expanded from

$$\mathcal{L}(y, \hat{y}) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^{M} (\hat{y}_i - y_i)^2$$

as the prediction depends on inputs x weights w and bias b

We can calculate, derivatives with respect to  $w^2$  and b to find their optimal values

→ Derivatives tell us how to change w & b in order to improve the prediction (i.e. minimize the loss function Repeat this for each layer, update weights w





Ground

truth y

# What you need to train your own network



### **Popular frameworks:**

https://www.tensorflow.org/

https://www.pytorch.org/

**Hardware requirements:** Nvidia (CUDA-capable) graphics card (GPU)

**Memory:** The more GPU memory the better



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## Validation: Keep part of the data for testing and validation



### Before you start training:

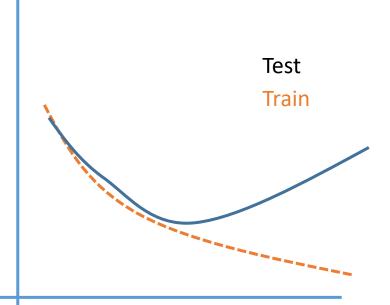
- Split data into three groups:
  - Training set
  - Testing set
  - Validation set

### **During training:**

- Apply network to training set:
  - Measure performance ("loss") of network, update weights
- Apply network to testing set:
  - Measure performance of updated network, keep weights unchanged
- Improve network architecture (optimize "hyperparameters")

### **During validation:**

• Measure performance in unseen validation dataset



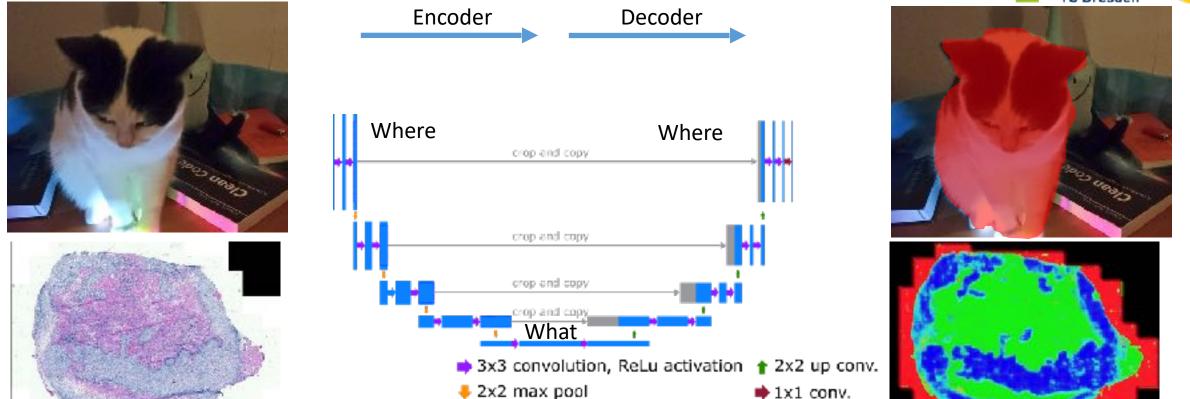
### **Overfitting**:

- → Network is learning things "by heart"
- → Hint at this happening: Updated weights from training fail to perform well in test



# U-net: Image segmentation





- The **U-net** is the most used network architecture in biological image processing using CNNs.
  - Encoder: Increase the "What", decrease the "Where"
  - Decoder: Use the "What", to identify the "Where"

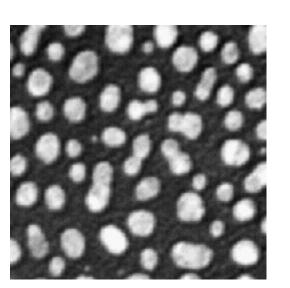


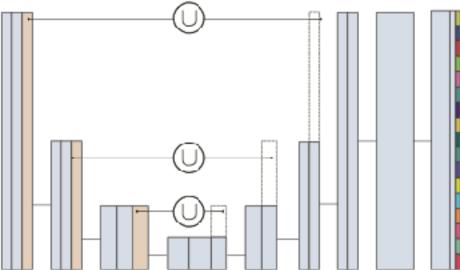
# Stardist: Nucleus segmentation

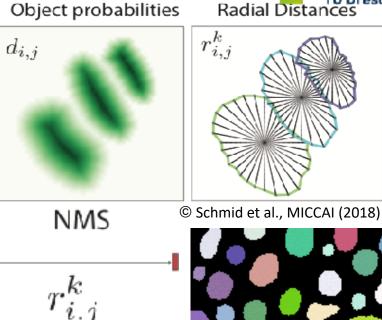
# Pol Physics of Life TU Dresden Radial Distances

### **Strategy:**

- → Add additional information to prediction
- → Member pixels of objects (nuclei) can be reached via a straight line from the center









Dense Polygon Prediction (e.g. U-Net, ResNet)

Polygon Selection (Non-Maximum Suppression NMS)



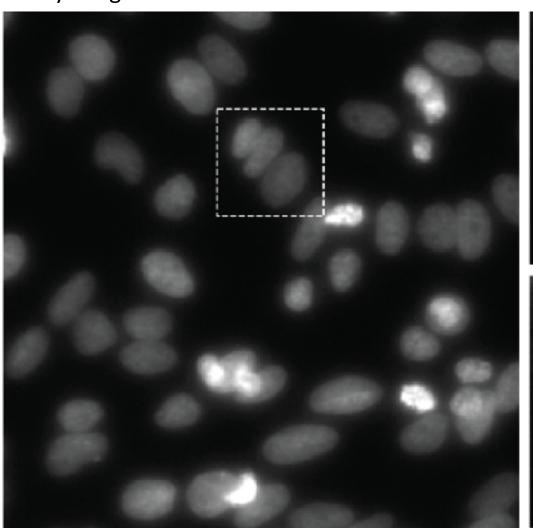
# Other algorithms have problems with overlapping nuclei **d**

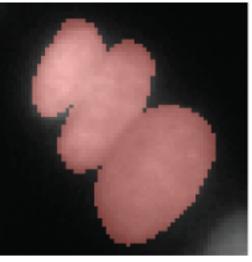




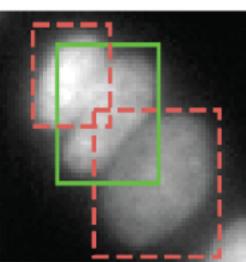


### Noisy images + Crowded cells = Common source of segmentation errors





**Dense Segmentation** (e.g. U-Net)



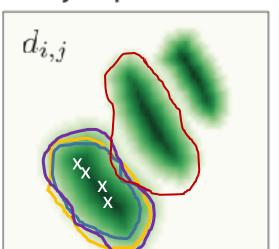
Bounding box based methods (e.g. Mask-RCNN)



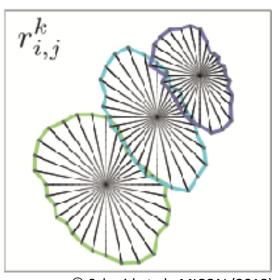
# Stardist: Non-maximum-suppression resolves overlaps



### Object probabilities



### Radial Distances



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### Non-maximum-suppression (NMS):

- → Object probabilities: Probability that pixel belongs to class "nucleus"
- → Multiple maxima lead to multiple possible polygons for the same nucleus

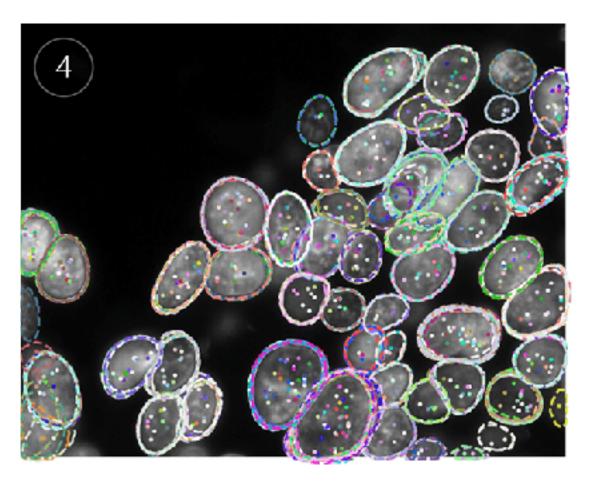
### Algorithm:

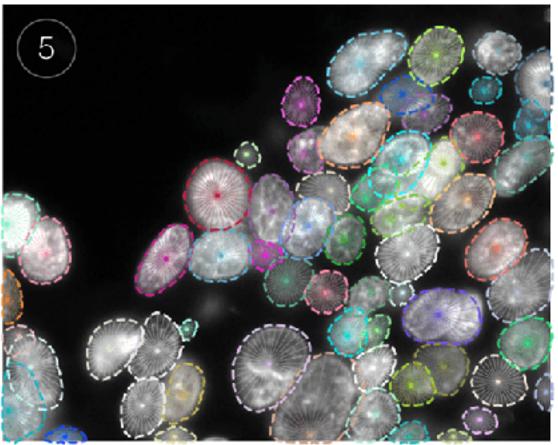
- → Select polygon with highest object probability inside: \
- $\rightarrow$  Look at other polygons: Is the overlap of  $\bigcirc$  with  $\bigcirc$  larger than threshold  $\tau$ ?
  - $\rightarrow$  Yes:  $\bigcirc$  and  $\bigcirc$  are actually the same object, drop  $\bigcirc$
  - → No: and are separate nuclei
- $\rightarrow$  Setting  $\tau$  very high leads to many false positives!





### Non-maximum suppression





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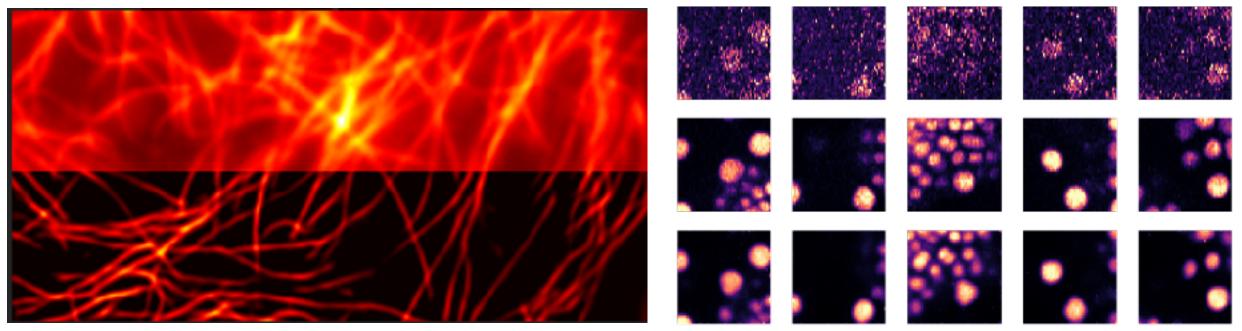


# CARE: Improving resolution and denoising



- CARE: content-aware restoration
- Image acquisition of pairs of images: A high-quality and a low-quality image.
- Caveats:
  - Reconstructs shot noise present in high quality training images
  - Trained model only applicable to image data of the same conditions (biological sample, microscope, etc)

5 example validation patches top row: input (source), middle row: target (ground truth), bottom row: predicted from source

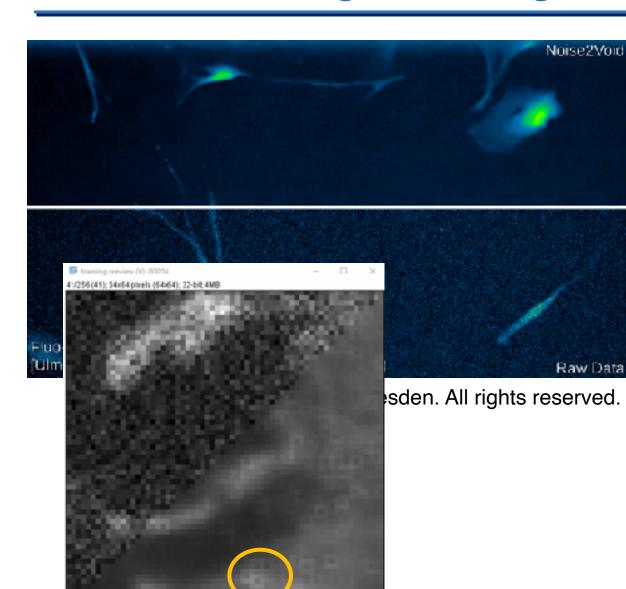


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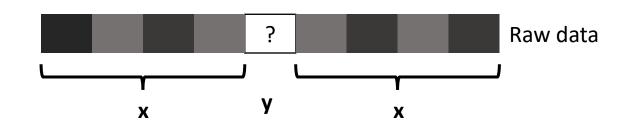
# Noise to void: Image denoising





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### **Strategy:**

- → Try to predict intensity of pixel y from surrounding pixels x
- → CNN fails to predict noise component → N2V can only reproduce signal from the surroundings of y

#### **Beware:**

→ Only **random** noise can be removed, otherwise artifacts occur

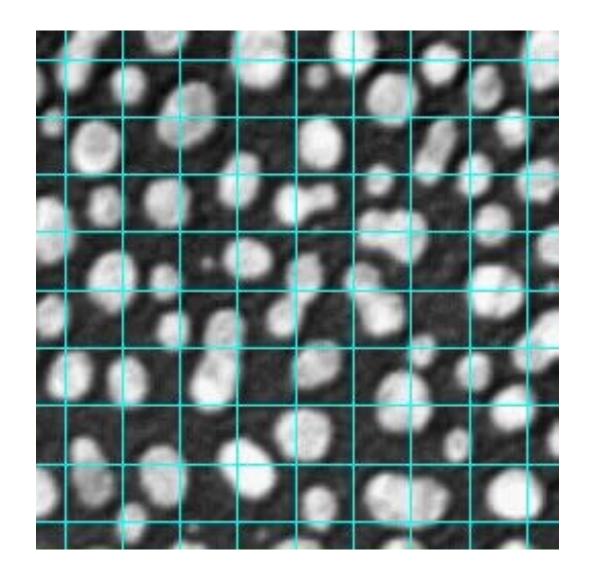
# Caveats: GPU memory limits image size



- → Images are tiled
- →limited "receptive field of the network"

### **Receptive field:**

→Objects must be smaller than receptive field to be detectable



# Unbalanced training data leads to biased results



### **Unbalanced training data:**

- →Some labels appear more often in training data than others
- →Rare events will not be learned because missing them doesn't harm accuracy much
- → Weighted data sampling
- → Biased results!!

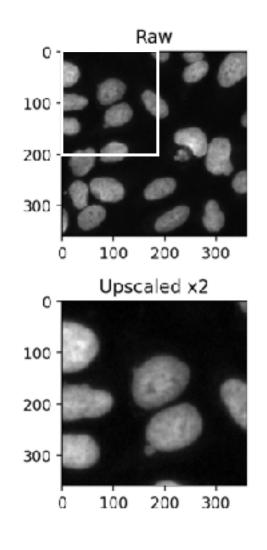
# Is the iPhone racist? Chinese users claim iPhoneX face recognition can't tell them apart

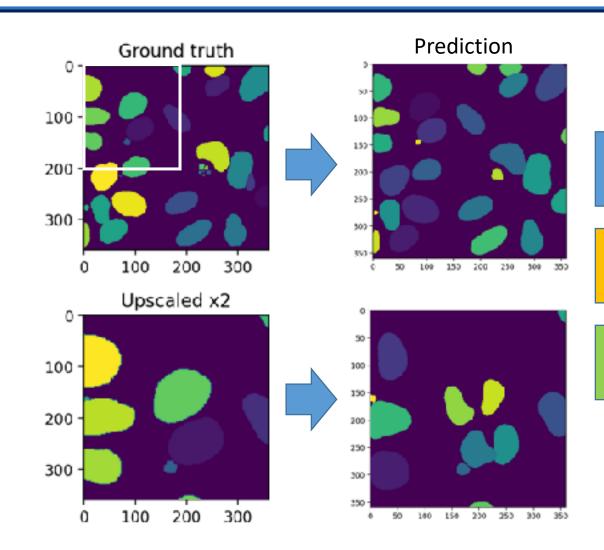
APPLE has come under fire following numerous complaints from Chinese users who claim the IPhone X face recognition can't tell them apart.

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# When the input data does not fit to the training data







What happened here?

Receptive field too small

I used a different resolution than during training

Overfitting

# Takeaways



- With great power comes great responsibility: Validate your models well!
- Better data more important than better model
- Often performs fantastic but you don't know why
- Generative neural networks (like CARE) can dream up data to a hammer everything looks like a nail!