

MACHINE LEARNING: PROJECT APPROACH

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Introduction

Goal



AI and ML ?

To situate the question: Two different aims of AI:

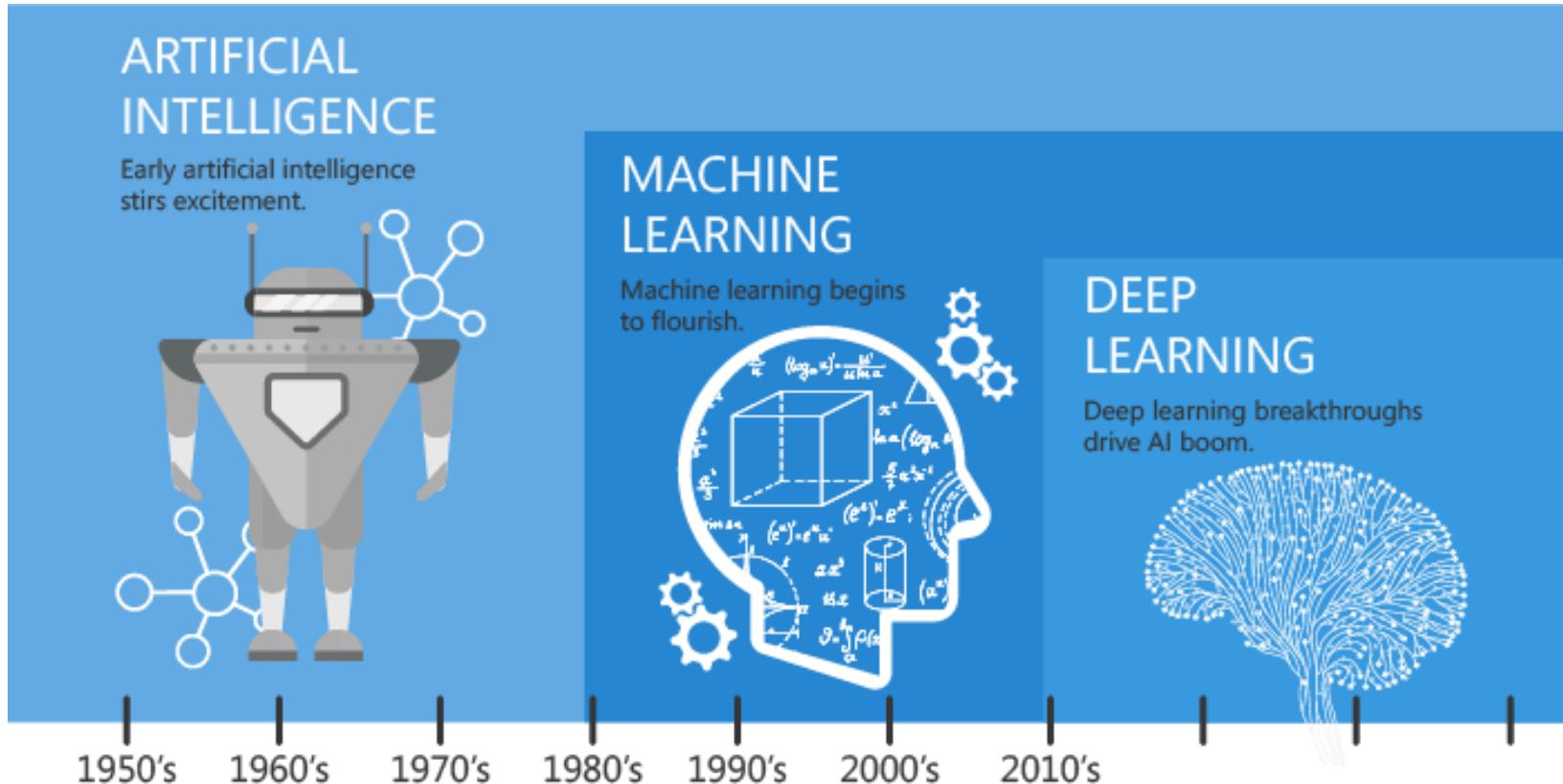
◎ Long term aim:

- develop systems that achieve a level of 'intelligence' similar / comparable / better? than that of humans.
- ◆ not achievable in the next 20 to 30 years

◎ Short term aim:

- on specific tasks that seem to require intelligence: develop systems that achieve a level of 'intelligence' similar / comparable / better? than that of humans.
- ◆ achieved for very many tasks already

AI and ML ?



Since an early flush of optimism in the 1950's, smaller subsets of artificial intelligence - first machine learning, then deep learning, a subset of machine learning - have created ever larger disruptions.

AI and ML ?

ML

- Unstructured data → structured data
- Learn from data
- Pattern recognition/detection
- ...

AI

- Reasoning systems
- Planning, searching, ...
- Expert systems
- Understanding ?
- ...

Why now

Biggest drivers

1. Data availability
2. Computational performance.



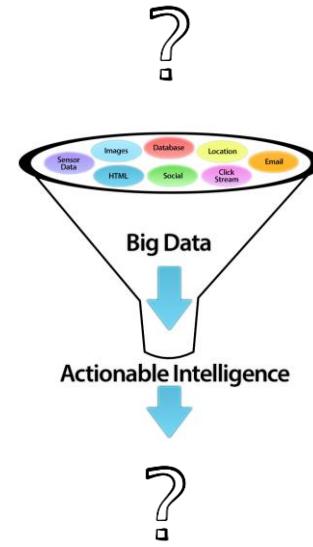
Framing the A.I. roadmap

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“Let's collect as much data as possible and apply A.I. later”

“We have a bunch of data laying around ... ”

“A.I. as a solution to everything...”



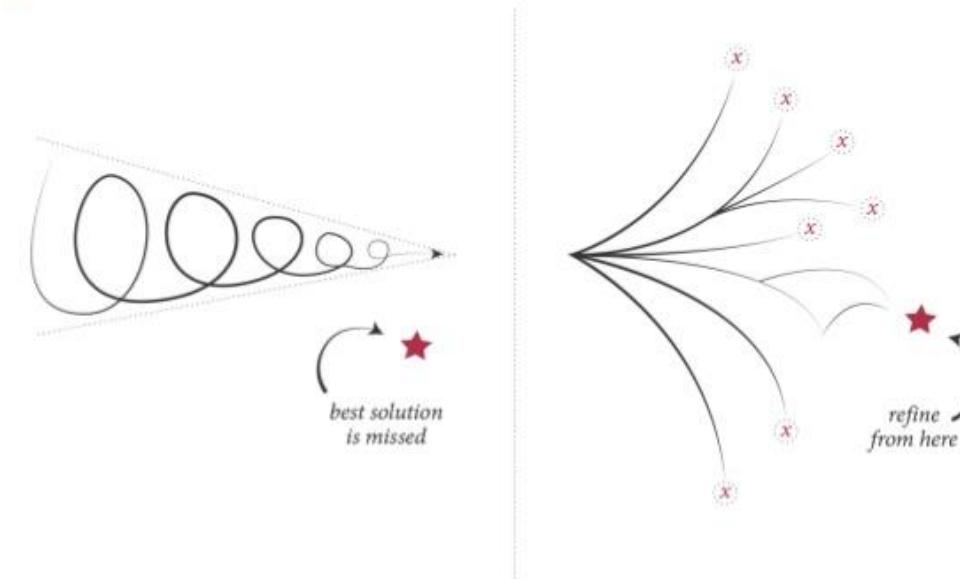
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“Goal oriented”

Vs

“Explorative”

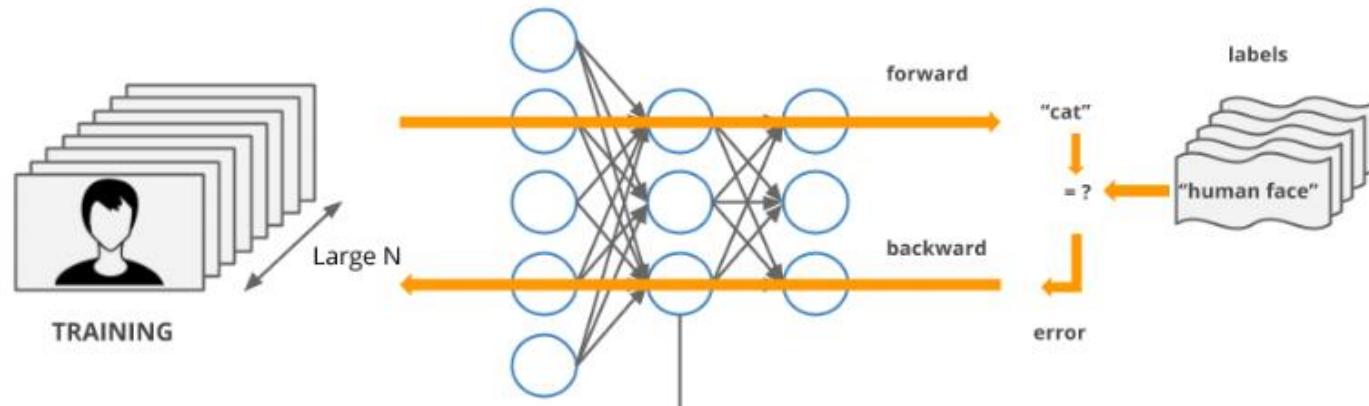
EXPLOITATION & EXPLORATION



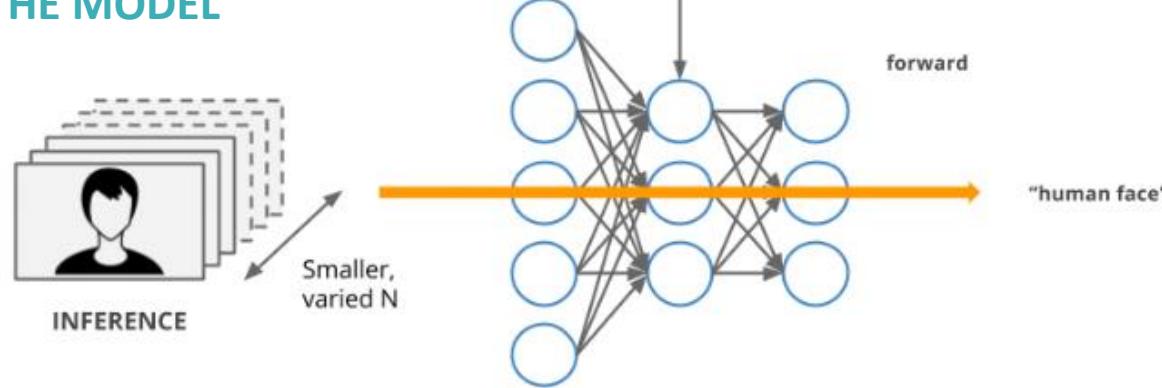
ML, where do we begin ?

Machine learning process

TRAINING THE MODEL



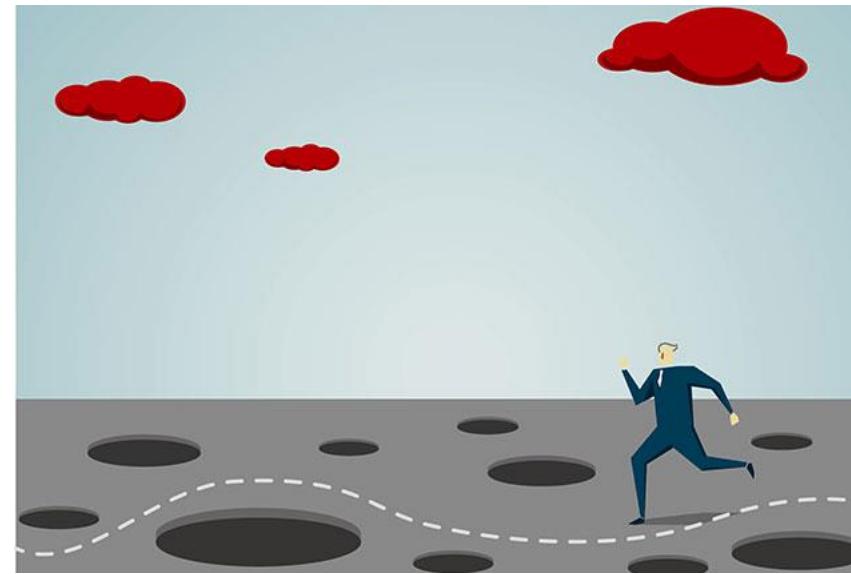
USING THE MODEL



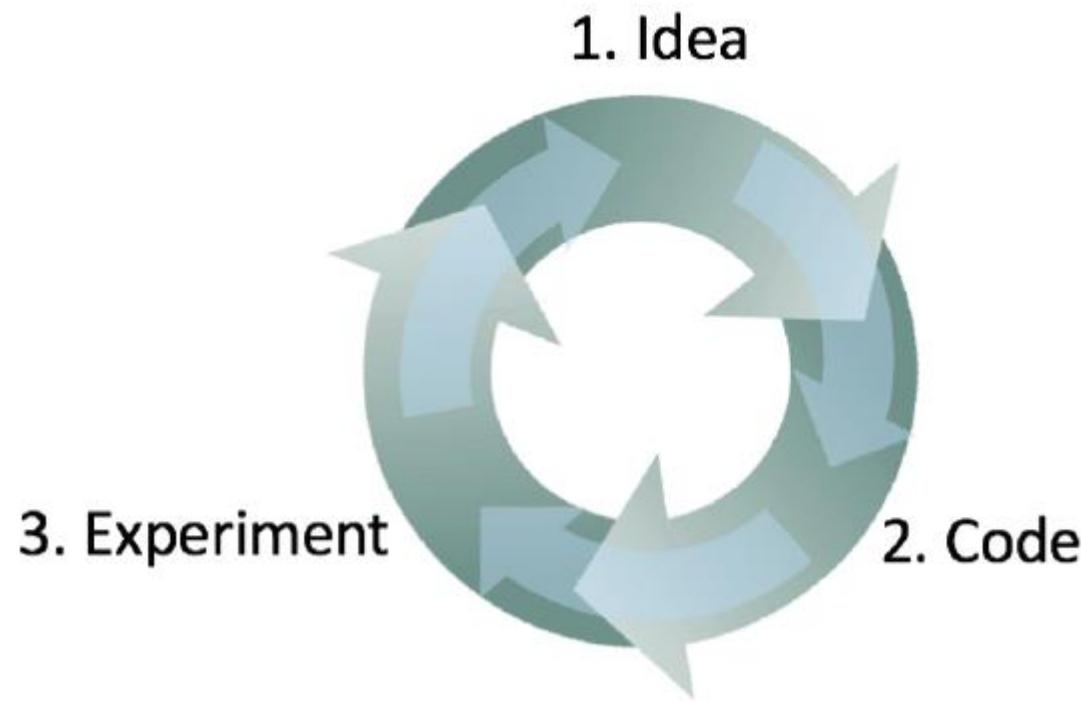
Machine learning – The new kid on the block

Unfamiliar technology

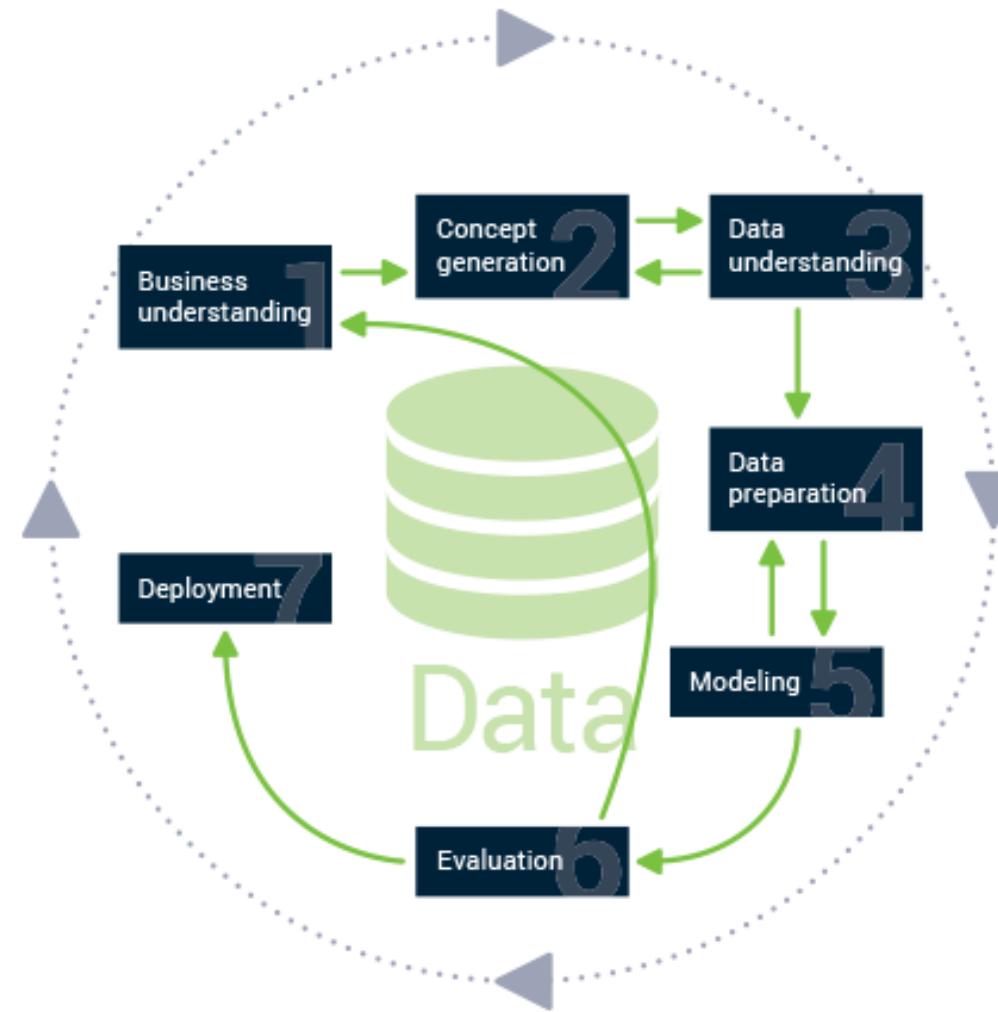
- Risk project failure
- Having the right team with the right skills
- Careful execution



Development cycle

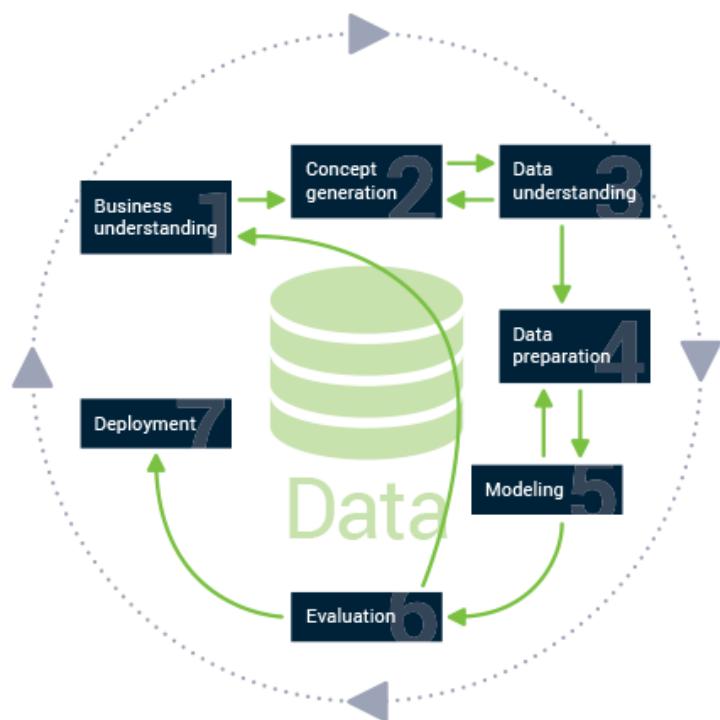


Machine learning project steps



Verhaert project flow:
based on CRISP-DM

1. Business understanding



Business understanding

- “Tech driven” vs “business driven”
- Analyse the opportunity first before investing resources and infrastructure.



Rules of ML

Terminology

Overview

Before Machine Learning

Rule #1: Don't be afraid to launch a product without machine learning.

Rule #2: Make metrics design and implementation a priority.

Rule #3: Choose machine learning over a complex heuristic.

ML Phase I: Your First Pipeline

Rule #4: Keep the first model simple and get the infrastructure right.

Rule #5: Test the infrastructure independently from the machine learning.

Rule #6: Be careful about dropped data when copying pipelines.

Rule #7: Turn heuristics into features, or handle them externally.

Monitoring

Rule #8: Know the freshness requirements of your system.

Rule #9: Detect problems before exporting models.

Rule #10: Watch for silent failures.

Rule #11: Give feature sets owners and documentation.

Your First Objective

Rule #12: Don't overthink which objective you choose to directly optimize.

Rule #13: Choose a simple, observable and attributable metric for your first objective.

Rule #14: Starting with an interpretable model makes debugging easier.

Rule #15: Separate Spam Filtering and Quality Ranking in a Policy Layer.

ML Phase II: Feature Engineering

Rule #16: Plan to launch and iterate.

Rule #17: Start with directly observed and reported features as opposed to learned features.

Concept on product level & Model level

Algorithms don't live in a box

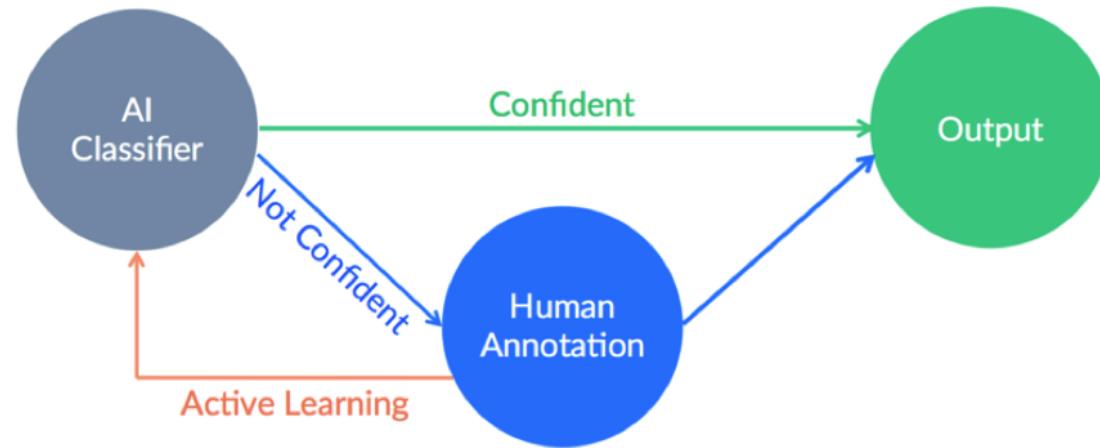


A.I. failure and human interaction

“Sometimes A.I. isn’t up for the job”

- *Problem too complex*
- *Never seen something like this before*

Human in the loop (HITL)



HITL + Active (incremental) Learning

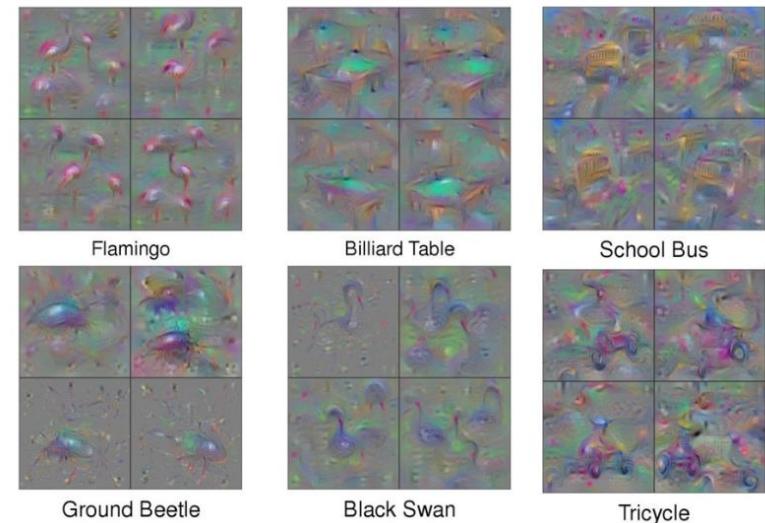
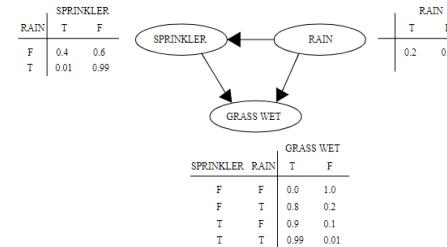
Human interaction

| Level | Name | Narrative Definition | Execution of Steering and Acceleration/Deceleration | Monitoring of Driving Environment | Fallback Performance of Dynamic Driving Task | System Capability (Driving Modes) |
|---|------------------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Human driver monitors the driving environment | | | | | | |
| 0 | No Automation | the full-time performance by the <i>human driver</i> of all aspects of the <i>dynamic driving task</i> , even when enhanced by warning or intervention systems | Human driver | Human driver | Human driver | n/a |
| 1 | Driver Assistance | the <i>driving mode-specific</i> execution by a driver assistance system of either steering or acceleration/deceleration using information about the driving environment and with the expectation that the <i>human driver</i> perform all remaining aspects of the <i>dynamic driving task</i> | Human driver and system | Human driver | Human driver | Some driving modes |
| 2 | Partial Automation | the <i>driving mode-specific</i> execution by one or more driver assistance systems of both steering and acceleration/deceleration using information about the driving environment and with the expectation that the <i>human driver</i> perform all remaining aspects of the <i>dynamic driving task</i> | System | Human driver | Human driver | Some driving modes |
| Automated driving system ("system") monitors the driving environment | | | | | | |
| 3 | Conditional Automation | the <i>driving mode-specific</i> performance by an <i>automated driving system</i> of all aspects of the <i>dynamic driving task</i> with the expectation that the <i>human driver</i> will respond appropriately to a <i>request to intervene</i> | System | System | Human driver | Some driving modes |
| 4 | High Automation | the <i>driving mode-specific</i> performance by an <i>automated driving system</i> of all aspects of the <i>dynamic driving task</i> , even if a <i>human driver</i> does not respond appropriately to a <i>request to intervene</i> | System | System | System | Some driving modes |
| 5 | Full Automation | the full-time performance by an <i>automated driving system</i> of all aspects of the <i>dynamic driving task</i> under all roadway and environmental conditions that can be managed by a <i>human driver</i> | System | System | System | All driving modes |

Lack of transparency

Explainable AI (XAI)

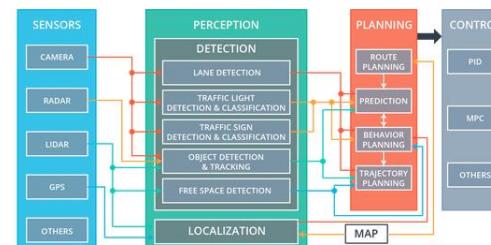
- Decision trees
- Bayesian reasoning systems
- Expert systems



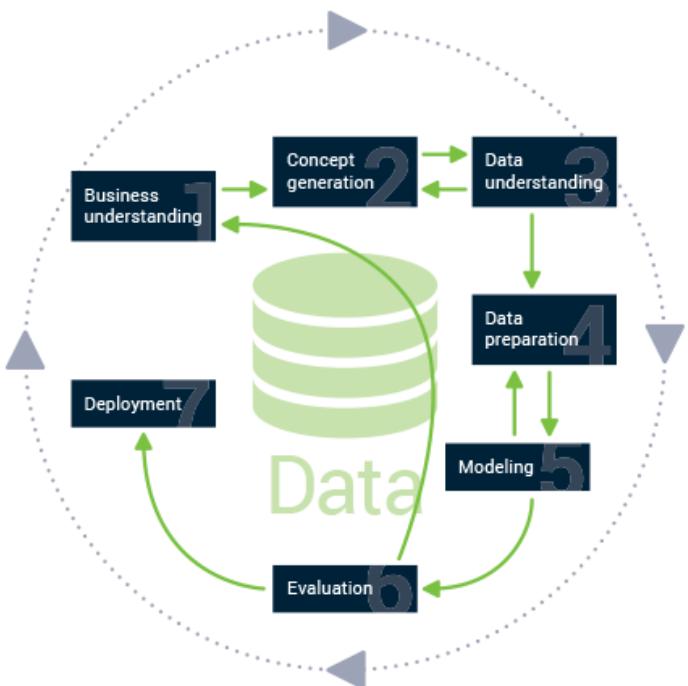
Reverse engineering

- Internal state reflection
- Parameter variation

Divide and conquer



2. Concept generation



Explore the problem

Before understanding → explore the problem

Automated car:

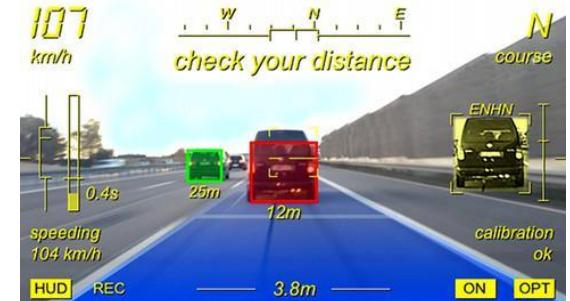
Traffic sign detection, Free Road detection, Traffic lights, object recognition, Traffic rules, Distance,

Input data:

Visual, Lidar, HD maps, traffic rules, gps, ...

Output data: steering, breaking and driving, ...

→ Understanding of the problem



Concept generation

Deep reinforcement learning framework for autonomous driving

AEL Sallab, M Abdou, E Perot... - Electronic ..., 2017 - ingentaconnect.com

... This can lead to potential extension of the framework to real driving scenarios ... He has over 10 years of experience in computer vision and machine learning including 8 years of ... IS&T International Symposium on Electronic Imaging 2017 Autonomous Vehicles and Machines 2017

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Graphical models for driver behavior recognition in a smartcar

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Deepdriving: Learning affordance for direct perception in autonomous driving

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... When all these scenarios exist in the training data, a machine learning model will have difficulty ... is built upon the state-of-the-art deep Convolutional Neural Network (ConvNet) framework to automate ... We choose an initial learning rate of 0.01, and each mini-batch consists of 64 ...

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Are we ready for autonomous driving? the kitti vision benchmark suite

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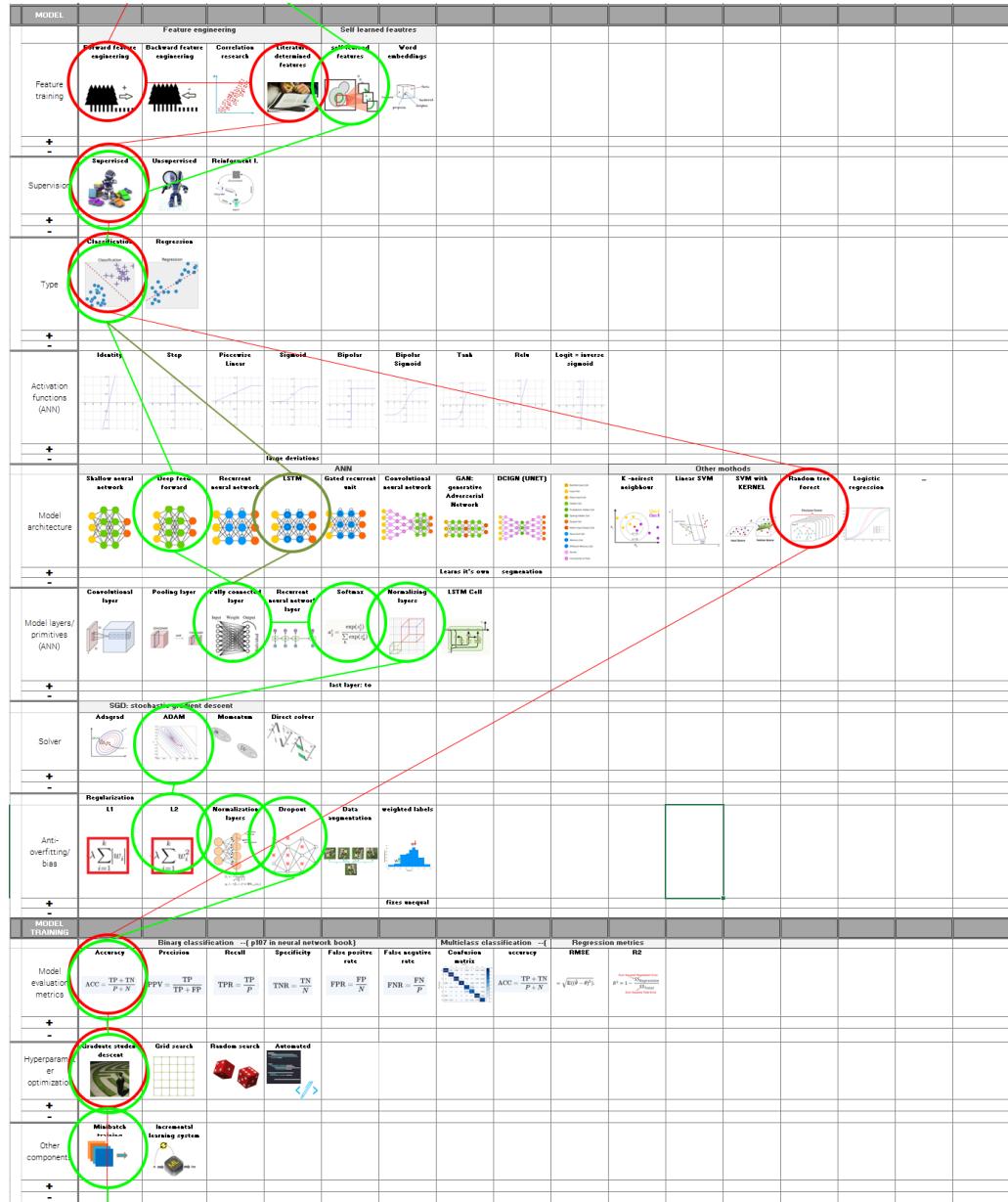
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Safe, multi-agent, reinforcement learning for autonomous driving

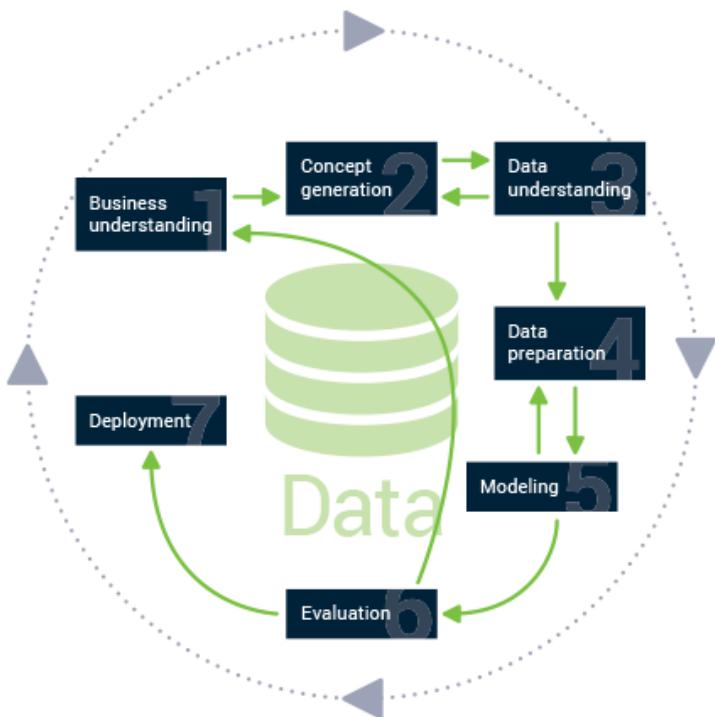
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... we will introduce a specific discrete action space for selecting "desires" tailored to the domain of autonomous driving ... section is to give a sense of how a challenging negotiation scenario is handled by our framework ... The Journal of Machine Learning Research, 3:213–231, 2003 ...

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3. Data understanding



Explore the problem

Before understanding → explore the problem

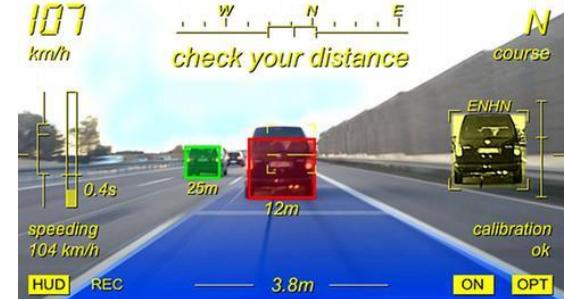
Automated car:

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Traffic sign detection:

Lighting, surroundings, color, angle, image sharpness ,

→ Understanding of the problem AND data

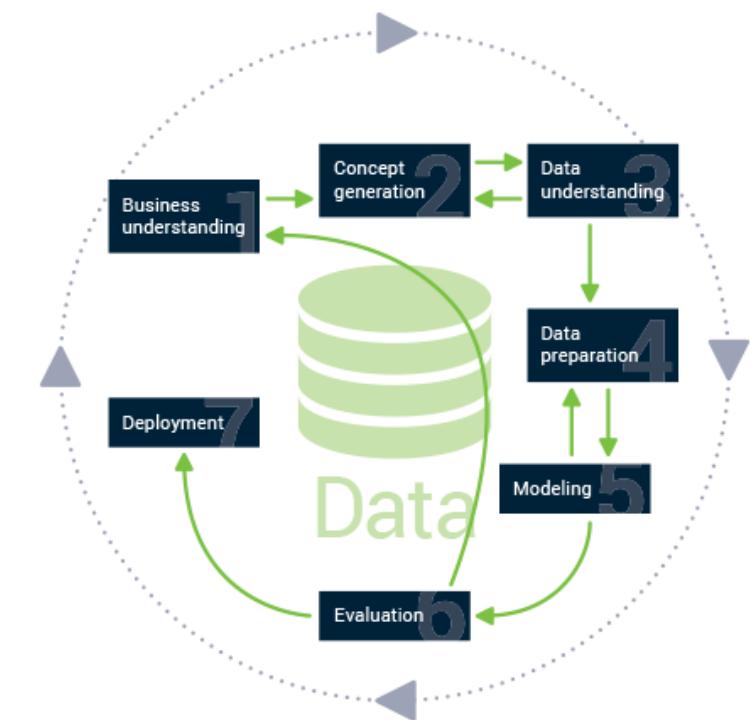


Data Gathering – First Runs

Creating data = expensive

→Gathering low cost data & learn

- Create toy datasets
- Use existing (online) databases
- Augment limited databases



Learn as much as you can this way.

- What's missing in the database ?
- Which are the hard cases ?

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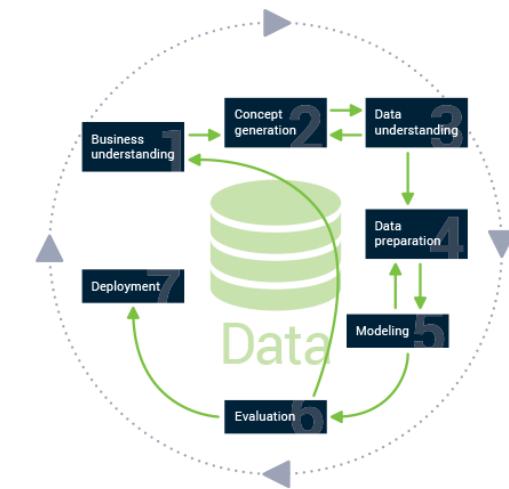
Data gathering – AI engineering

So you need more data...

Questions:

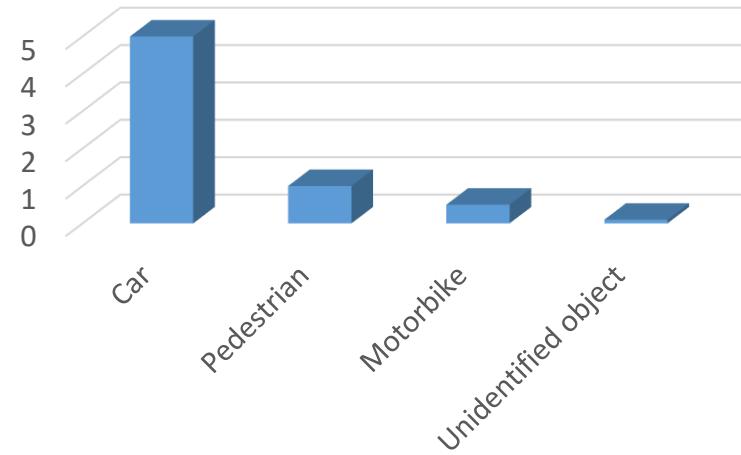
- Is the **needed information present** in the data provided ?
- What data input could provide this information

- Recruit expert knowledge.
- This requires engineering/system/physics insight.



Training data balance

Traffic agent identification



“Learning from a dataset that is skewed will predict skewed”

Fixes:

- Over sampling
- Under sampling
- Create new data
- Weighting techniques
- ...

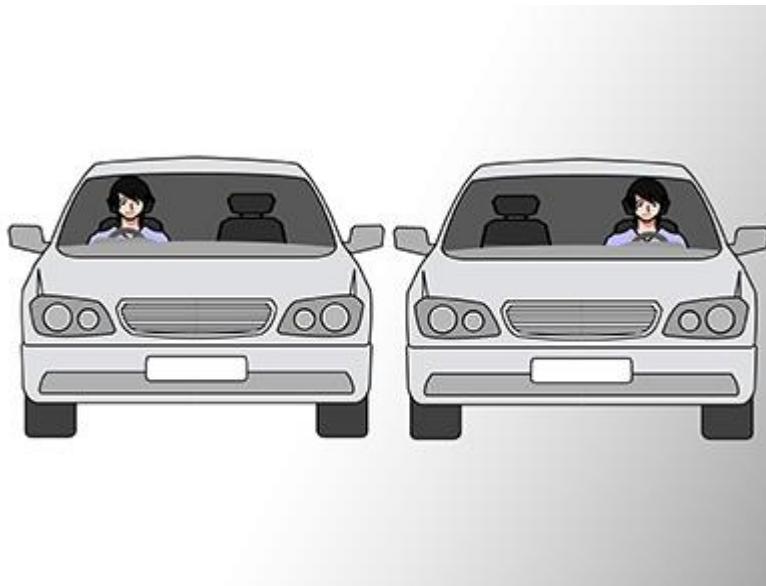
Data understanding

Data Veracity = Accuracy

Data fidelity

- Quality in context
- Unintended Bias

Quality in the context it's being used



Unintended Bias



Explaining overtraining

Learning by heart vs. learning general features

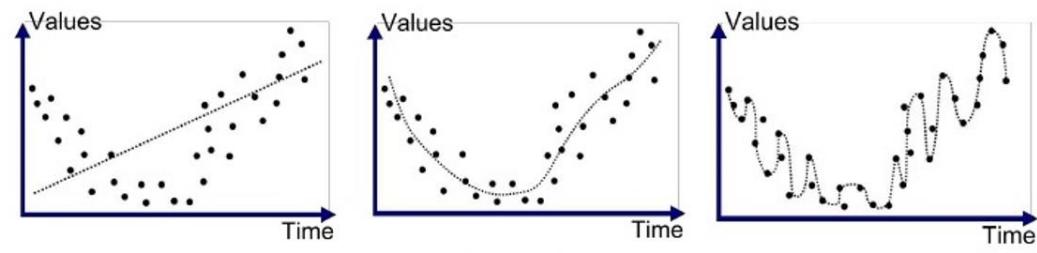


Algorithm should have learned general features :

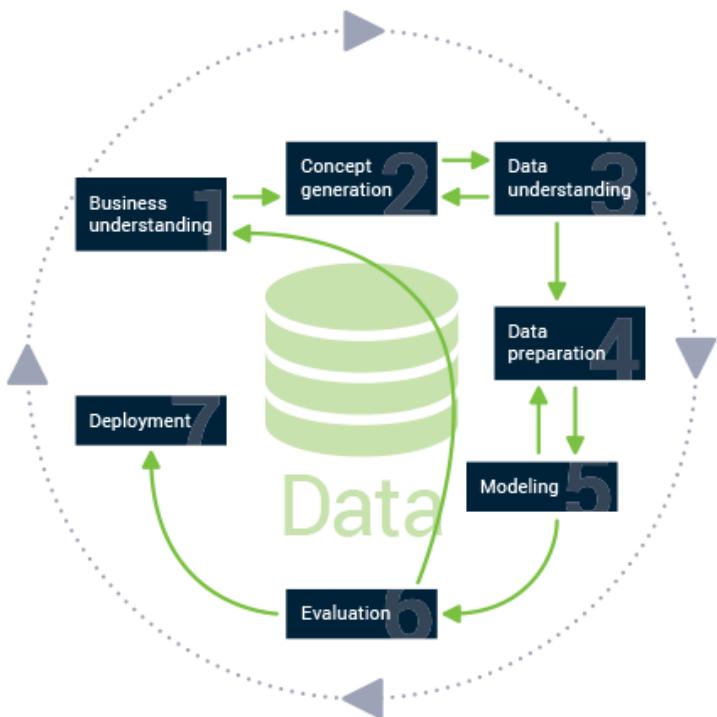
- Recognizing 4 wheels vs 2 wheels
- Shape of person
- size vs environment

Instead it learned:

- Red/blue = car
- Tree in the background



4. Data Preparation



Machine Learning



Input



Feature extraction



Classification

CAR
NOT CAR

Output

Deep Learning



Input



Feature extraction + Classification

CAR
NOT CAR

Output

Machine Learning

- ⊕ Good results with small data sets
- ⊕ Quick to train a model
- ⊖ Need to try different features and classifiers to achieve best results
- ⊖ Accuracy plateaus

Deep Learning

- ⊖ Requires very large data sets
- ⊖ Computationally intensive
- ⊕ Learns features and classifiers automatically
- ⊕ Accuracy is unlimited

Data labeling

Labeling is expensive!



Crowd sourcing: HUMAN INTELLIGENCE

Amazon Mechanical Turk

Find an interesting task

Work

Earn Money

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Data preparation

4 C = Clean, Correct, Consistent, Complete

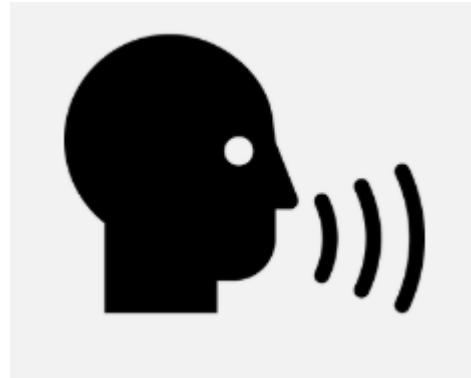
1. Data formatting
2. Data cleaning (usually 90% of the job),
3. **Data anonymization** (i.e. when working with healthcare and banking data)
4. Data augmentation
5. Feature engineering
6. ...



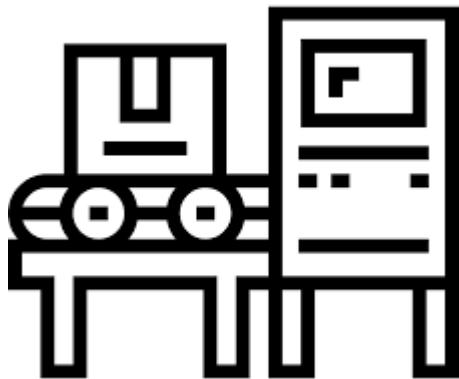
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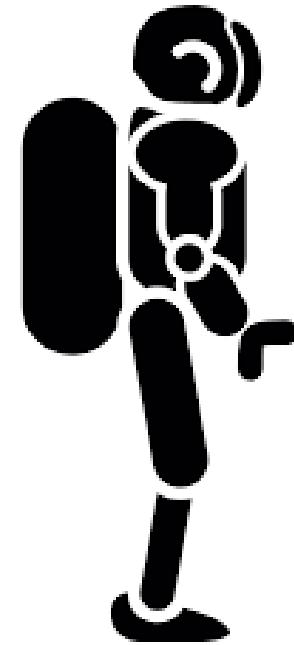
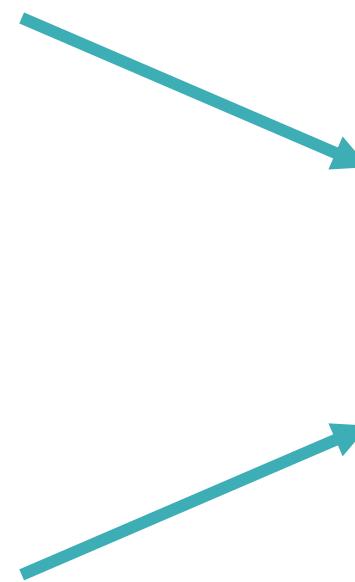
Artificial data synthesis



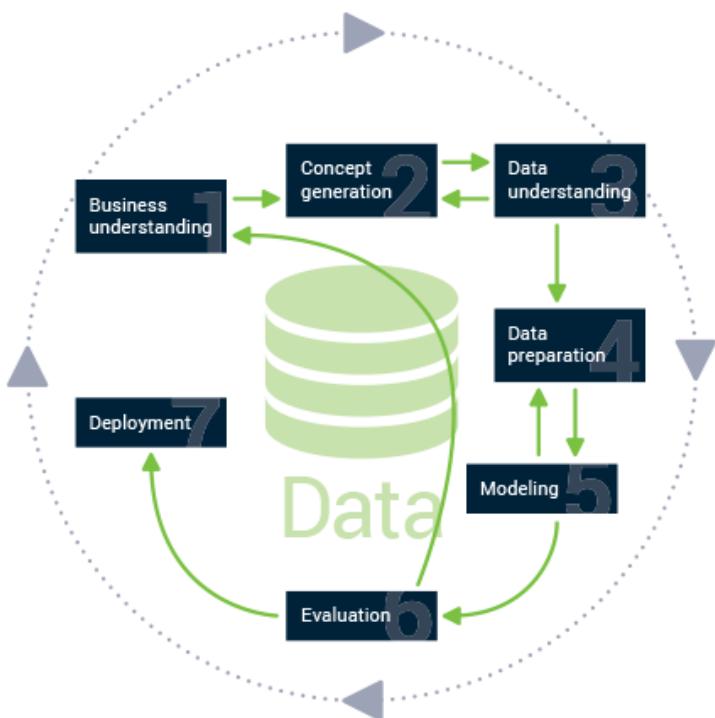
"Pick up box A "



Factory noise



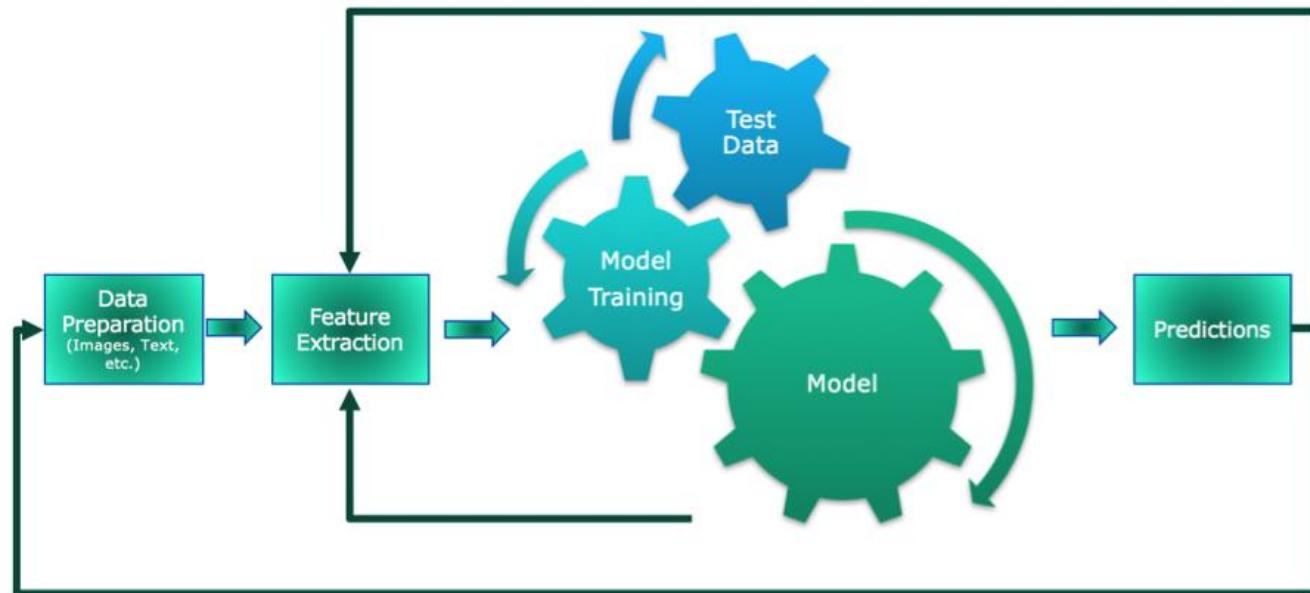
5. Modeling



Build a simple model

1. Determine ML algorithm performance metrics
2. Create a Data pipeline
3. Build a simple model first
4. Compare models

A Standard Machine Learning Pipeline

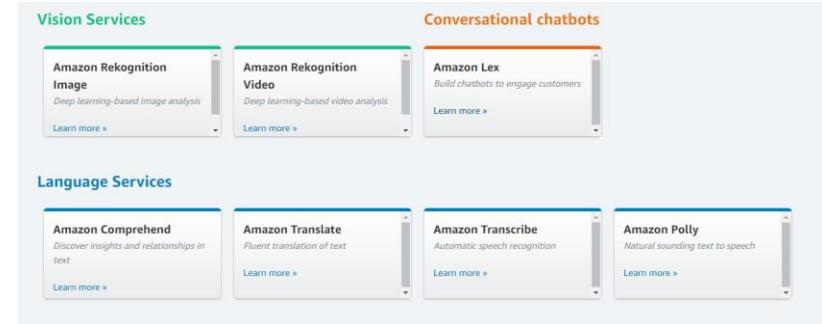


BUILD vs. BUY vs. PLATFORM



Off the shelf A.I. software

- From open source to pay-per-use
- Vendor support
- Clean and supply data
- Capabilities match
- Beware: Ideas with a website

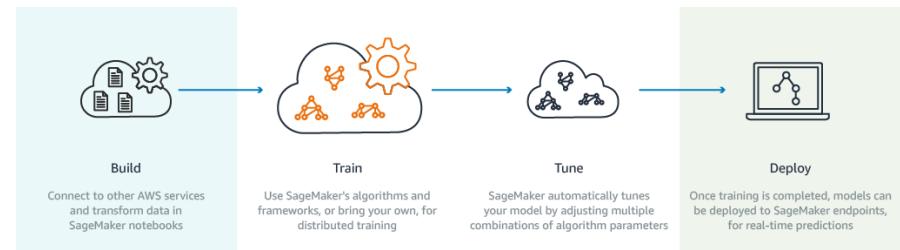


Vision Services

- Amazon Rekognition Image
Deep learning-based image analysis
- Amazon Rekognition Video
Deep learning-based video analysis

Language Services

- Amazon Comprehend
Discover insights and relationships in text
- Amazon Translate
Fluent translation of text
- Amazon Transcribe
Automatic speech recognition
- Amazon Polly
Natural sounding text to speech

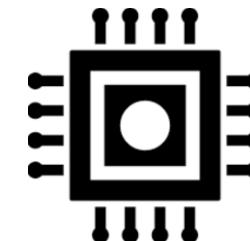
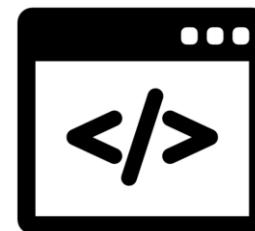


AI PLATFORMS

- IBM, Amazon, Google
- off the shelf → AI building tools for researchers.

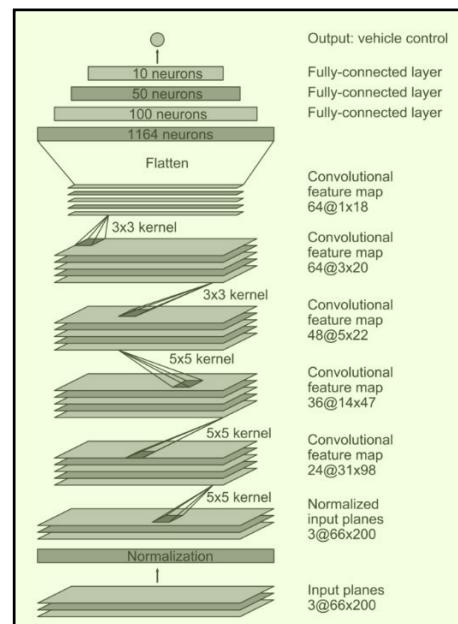
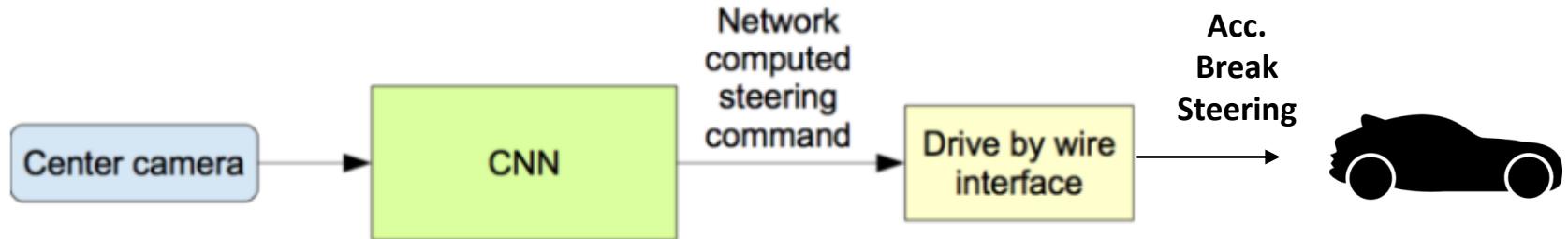
Custom build

- Only when needed
- Great flexibility



End-to-end vs Ensembling

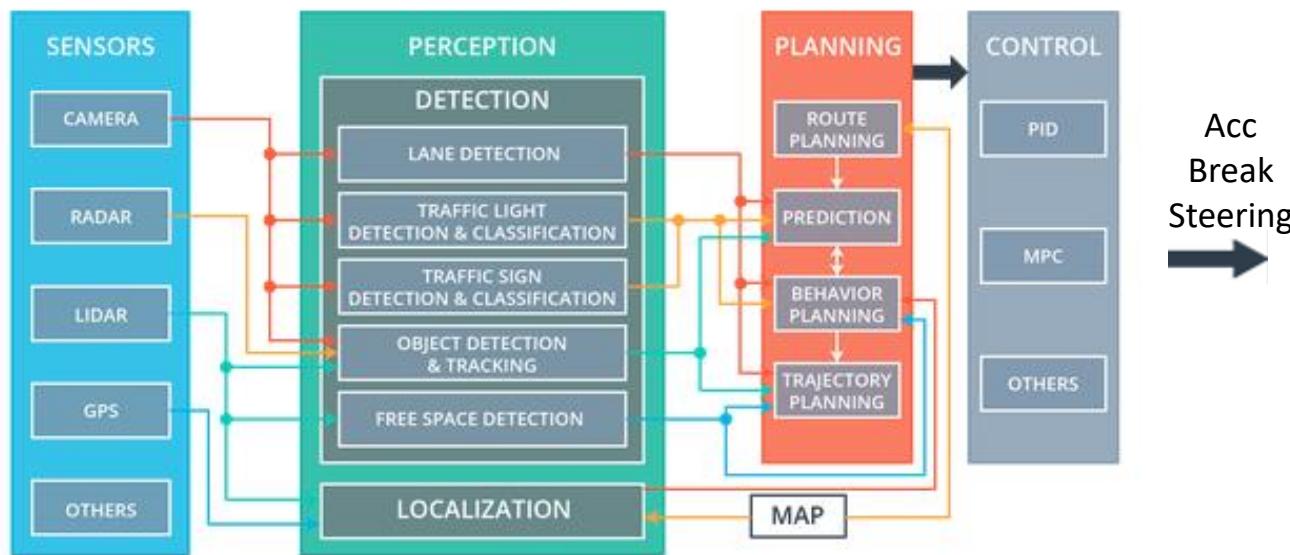
End-To-End vs Ensemble learning



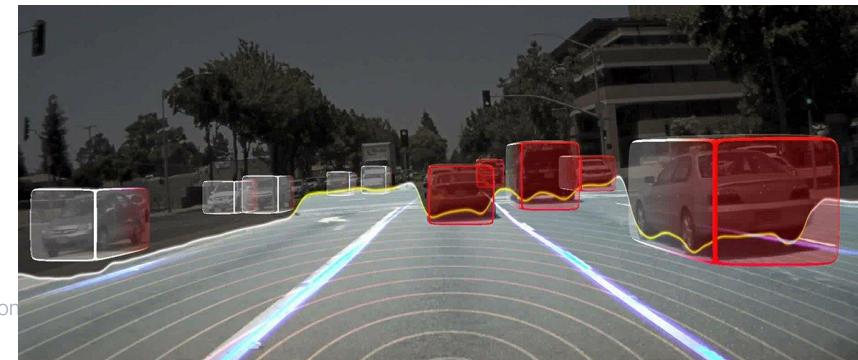
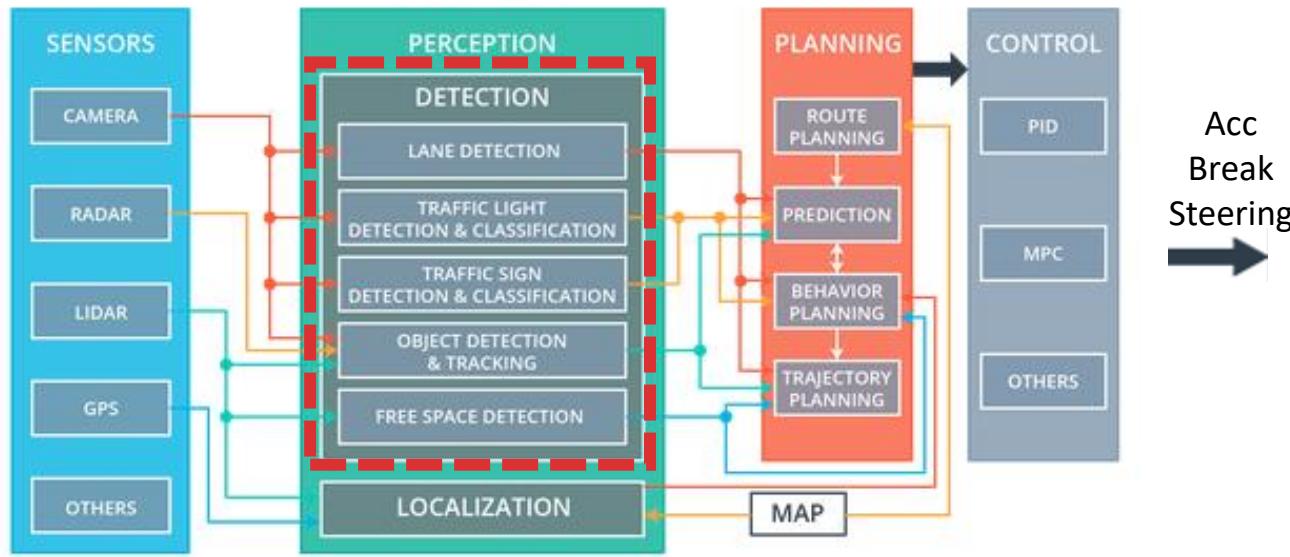
End-To-End vs Ensemble learning

Autonomous vehicles

Subdivide the problem in to many subcomponents

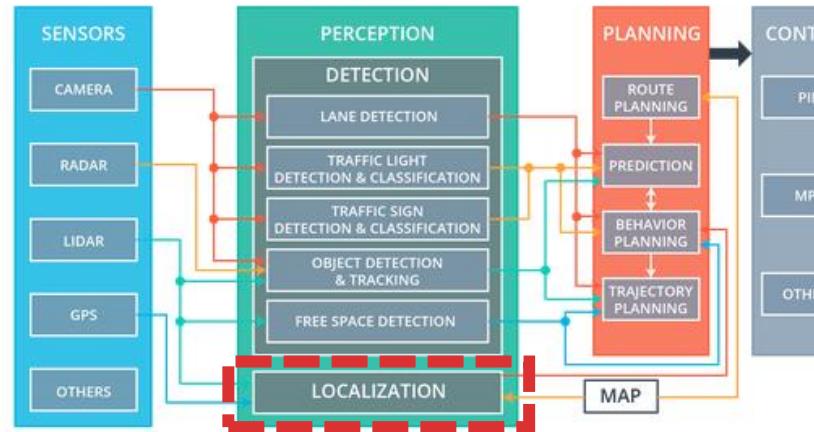


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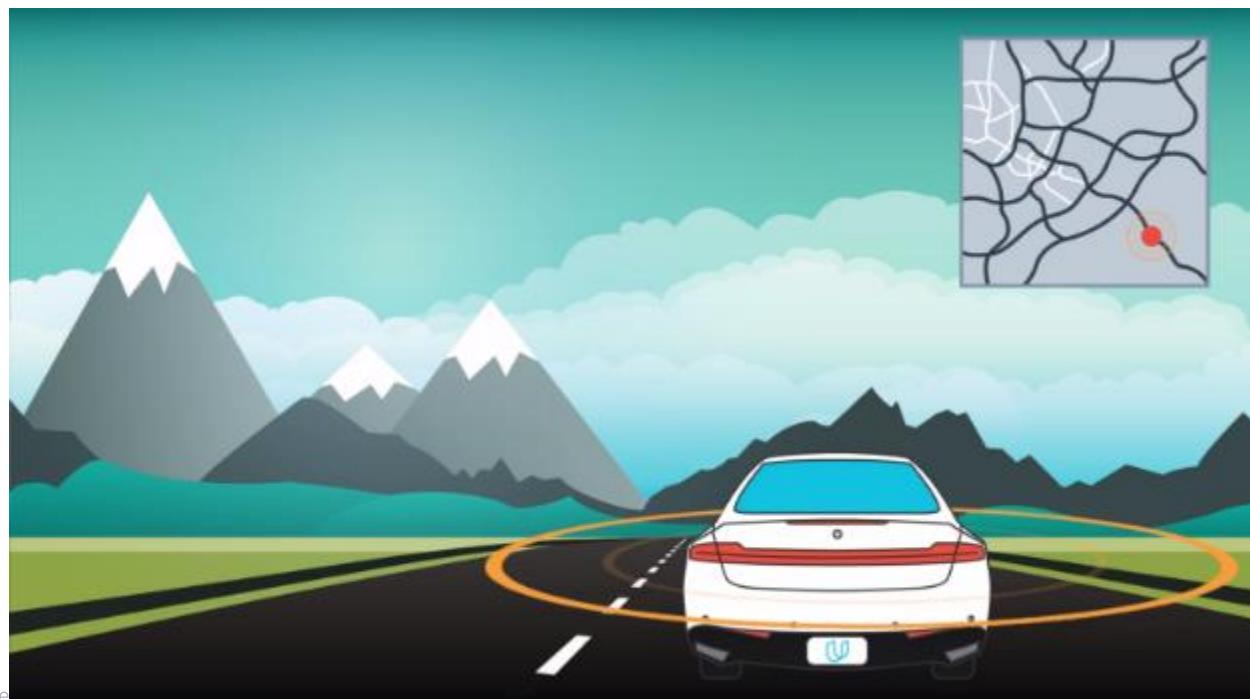


3.1 How to approach Machine Learning for innovation

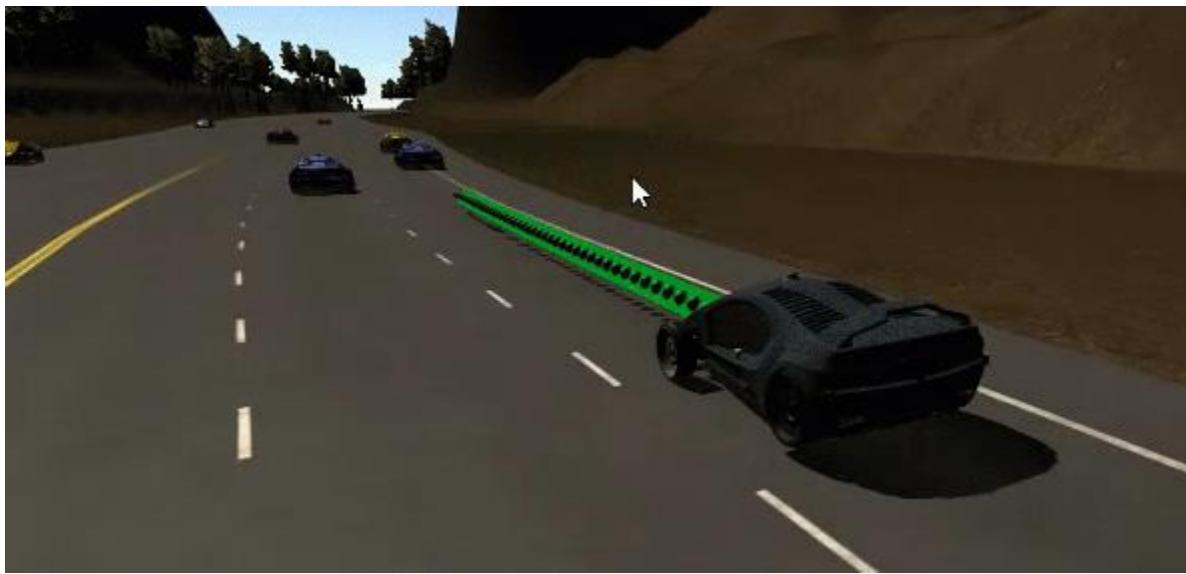
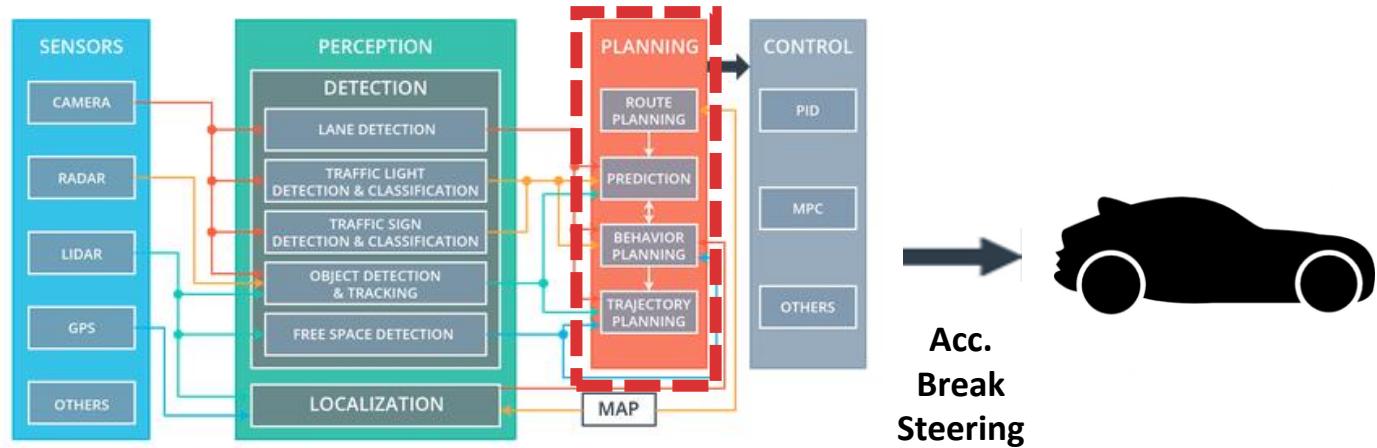
Localization



Acc.
Break
Steering



Planning



End-to-End vs Ensemble methods

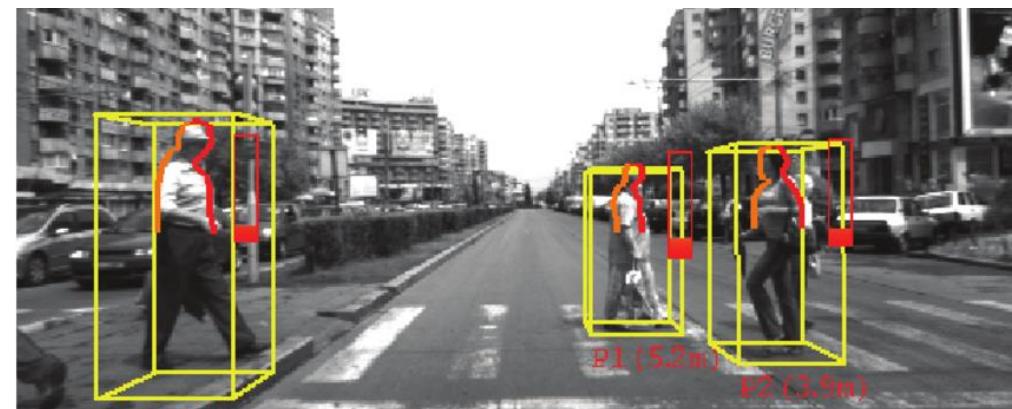
End-to-end

- Let the machine figure the problem out...
- More data needed
- Can improve performance

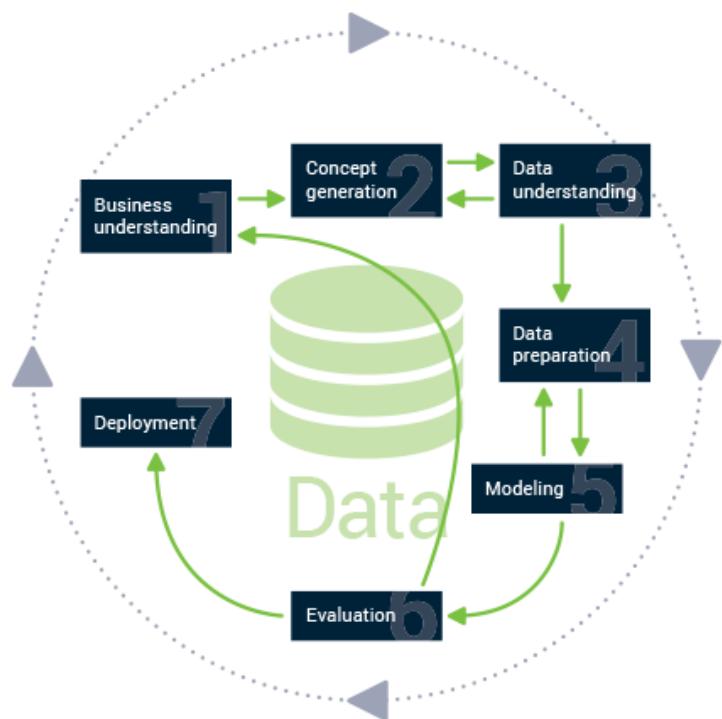
Ensemble methods

- Systems can be trained separately
- Less data needed
- Algorithm insight
- Levels of abstraction allow freedom:

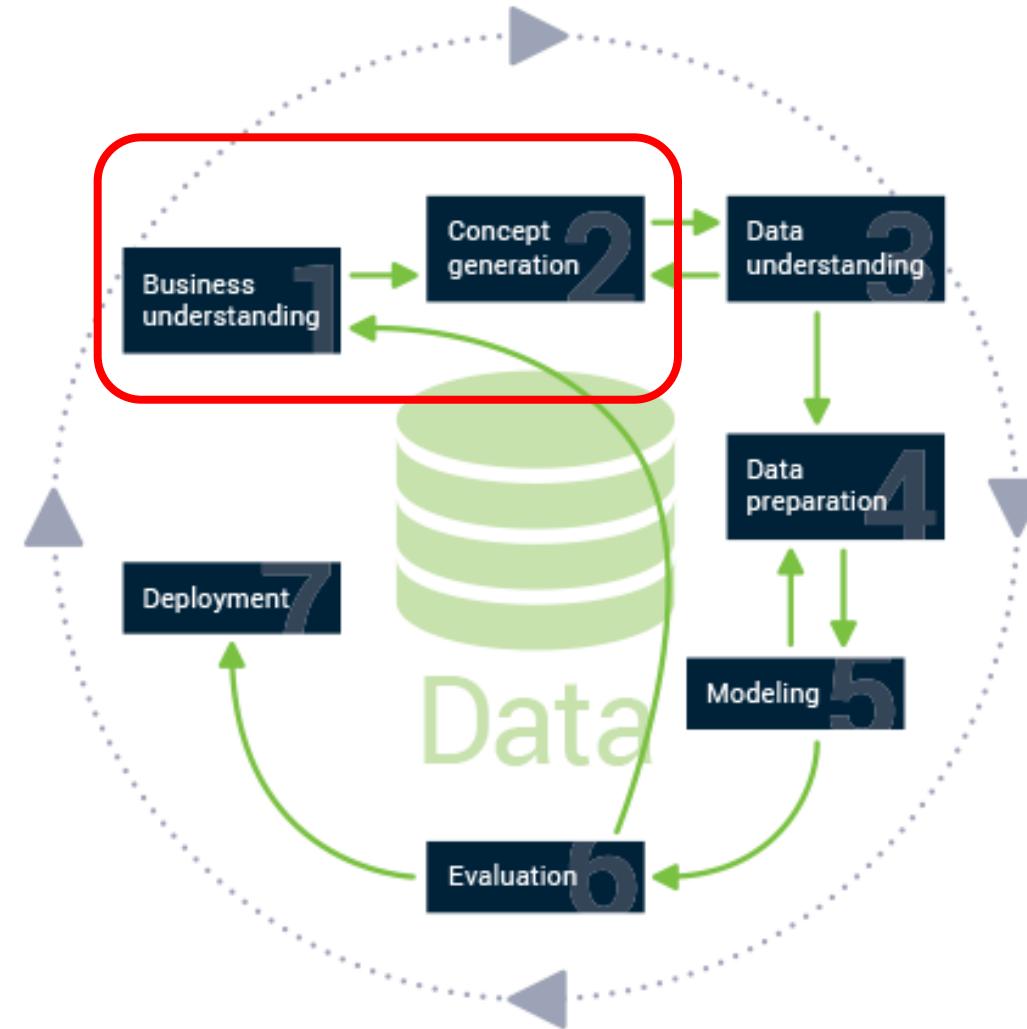
Person



5. Evaluation



Defining evaluation metrics



Success metrics

Define success metrics @ 2 levels



Business Level

→ i.e. Decrease # interventions of driver in assisted driving.

Model (ML) Level

→ Comparing models

→ i.e. Accuracy object detection, Accuracy lane detection

Guard relation between the two !

Model level success metric

Find a metric that represents your goal & easy to compare



Multiple metrics

| Classifier | Precision | Recall |
|------------|-----------|--------|
| A | 95% | 90% |
| B | 98% | 85% |

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{\text{True Positive}}{\text{True Positive} + \text{False Positive}}$$



Single metric: Accuracy = 50 %



Single metric combo

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{\text{True Positive}}{\text{True Positive} + \text{False Negative}}$$

$$2 \cdot \frac{\text{precision} \cdot \text{recall}}{\text{precision} + \text{recall}}.$$



| Classifier | Precision | Recall | F1 score |
|------------|-----------|--------|----------|
| A | 95% | 90% | 92.4% |
| B | 98% | 85% | 91.0% |

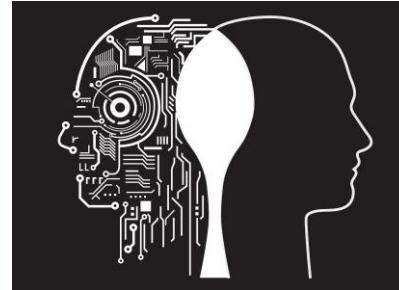
Comparing to human level performance

When ML automates things humans do well.

1. Humans are good labelers
2. Error analysis can draw on human intuition

“This recipe calls for a *pear* of apples”
mistaking “pair” for “pear.”

3. Use human-level performance is often a good first goal.



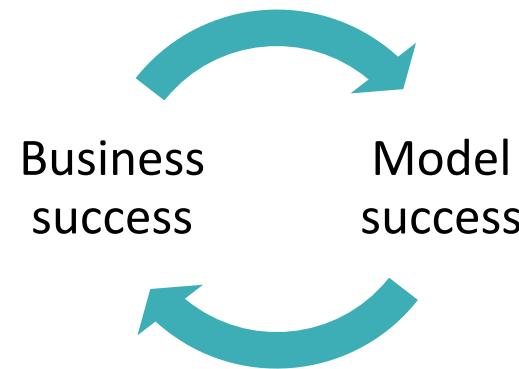
- Automating things humans don't do well don't have these advantages to draw from – Creativity needed !

Business Level

Acceptance level of a solution ?

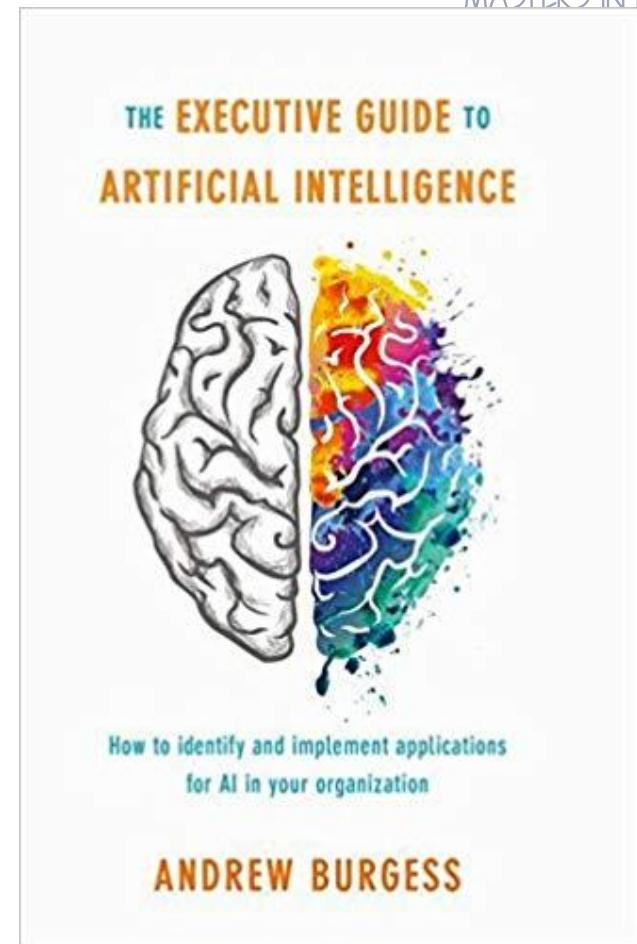
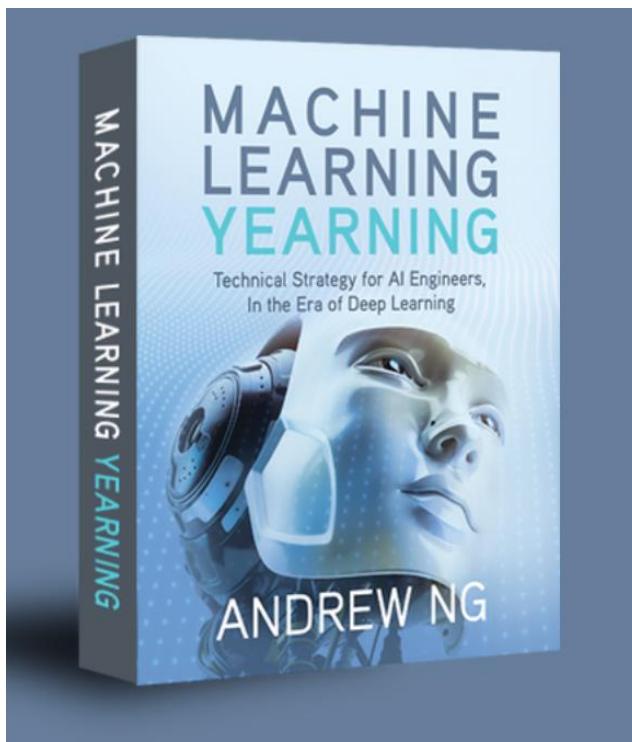


- Rational threshold ?
- Consumer acceptance threshold ?
- Legal context ?



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Recommendations



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Best Practices for ML Engineering**

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