

Cold-Start Music Recommendation Using Multimodal Deep Architectures

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Now Playing My Stations

Create Station

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Porcupine Tree Radio

Viet Radio

Gramatis Radio

Chaos Chaos Radio

Steve Wilson Radio

[See All Stations](#)

The Grudge

Tool

Lyrics

Wear the grudge like a crown of negativity.
Calculate what we will or will not tolerate.

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200 8:35

This screenshot shows the Pandora mobile website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Now Playing' and 'My Stations'. Below it is a search bar and a 'Create Station' button. The main content area features a radio station card for 'Porcupine Tree Radio', which is currently playing 'The Grudge' by Tool. The song title and artist are displayed prominently. Below the song info is a lyrics box with the text: 'Wear the grudge like a crown of negativity. Calculate what we will or will not tolerate.' At the bottom of the screen are standard media control buttons for volume, play/pause, and track navigation.

Search 11:44 AM 100%

My Stations Browse

Browse Genres

Metown 6.6M listeners

Classic Metal 1.3M listeners

Disco 3.2M listeners

Smooth Jazz 10M listeners

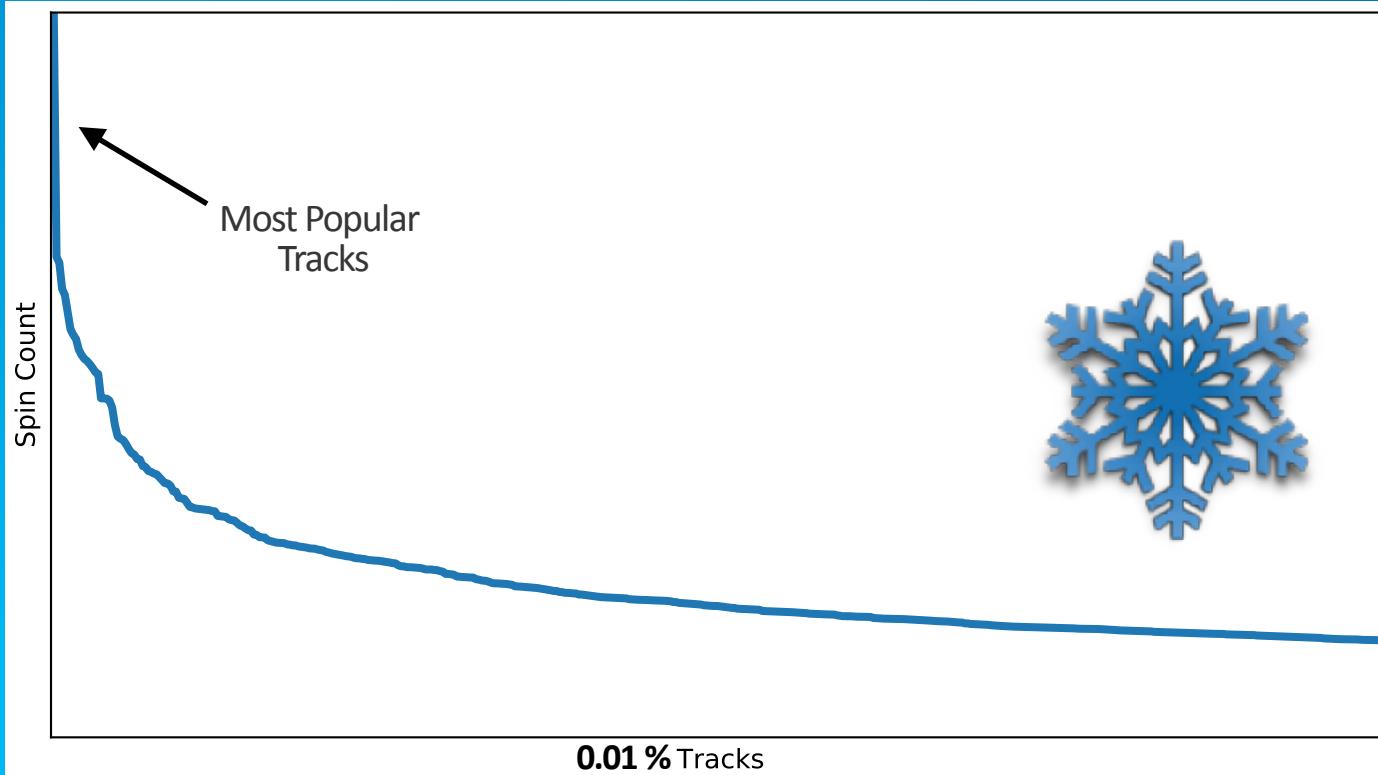
Selenium Forest Plus

This screenshot shows the 'Browse Genres' section of the Pandora mobile website. It features a grid of genre cards. Each card includes a thumbnail image, the genre name, and the number of listeners. The genres shown are Metown (6.6M listeners), Classic Metal (1.3M listeners), Disco (3.2M listeners), Smooth Jazz (10M listeners), and Selenium Forest (Plus). The interface includes a search bar at the top and a navigation bar with 'My Stations' and 'Browse' buttons.

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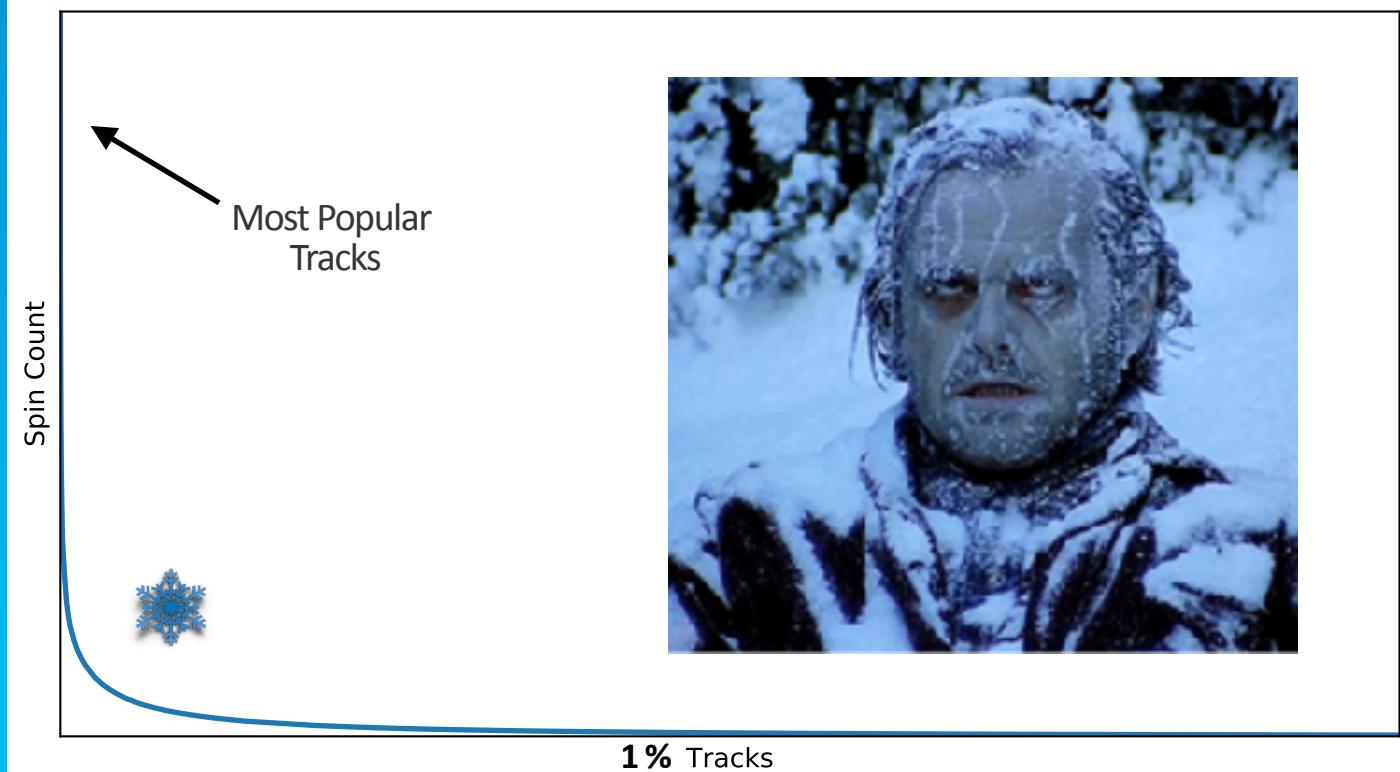
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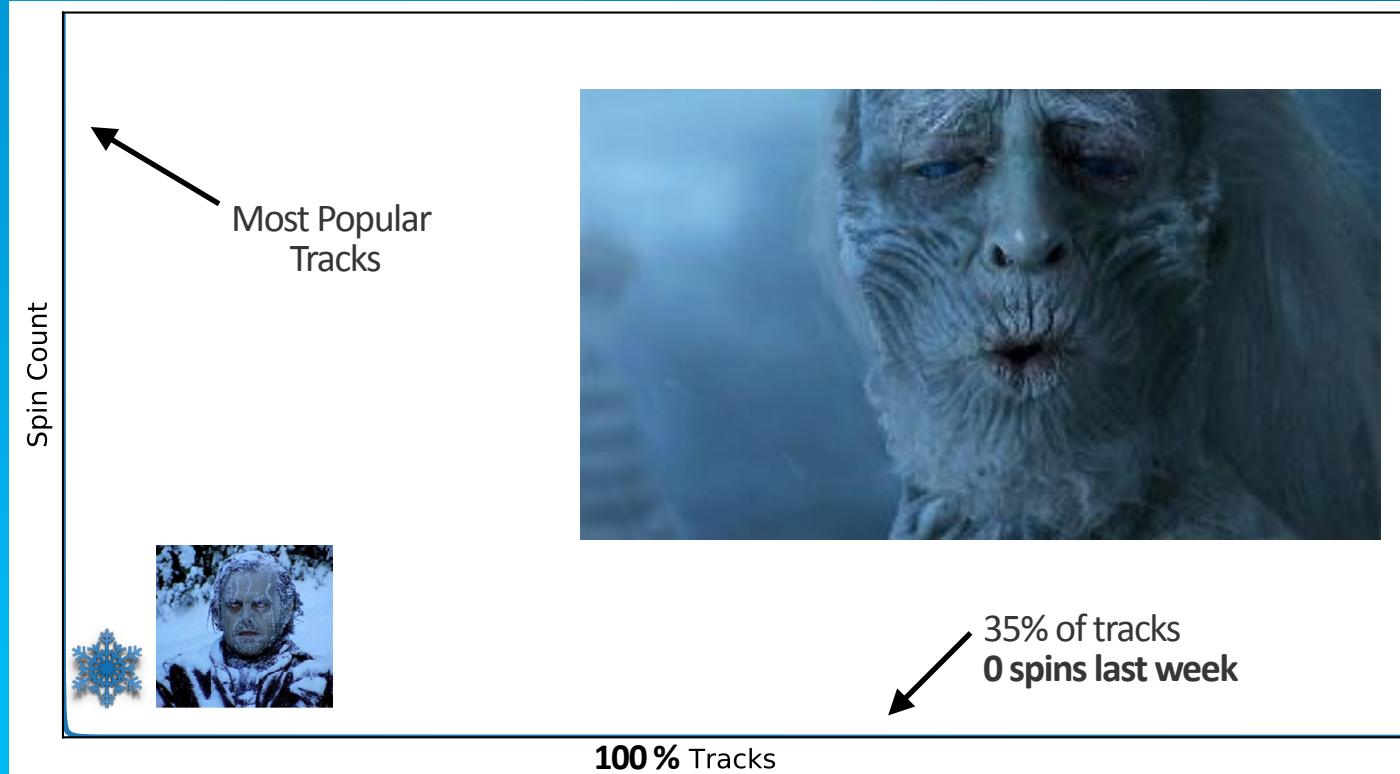
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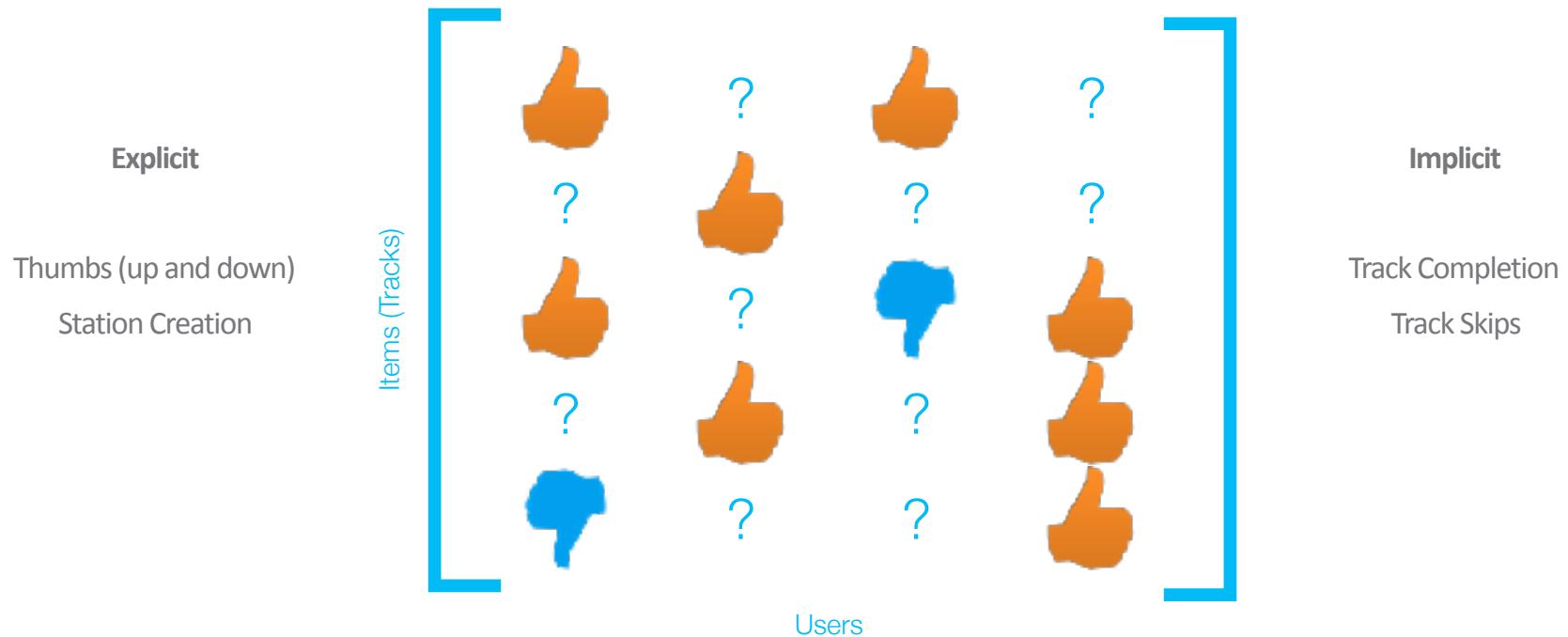


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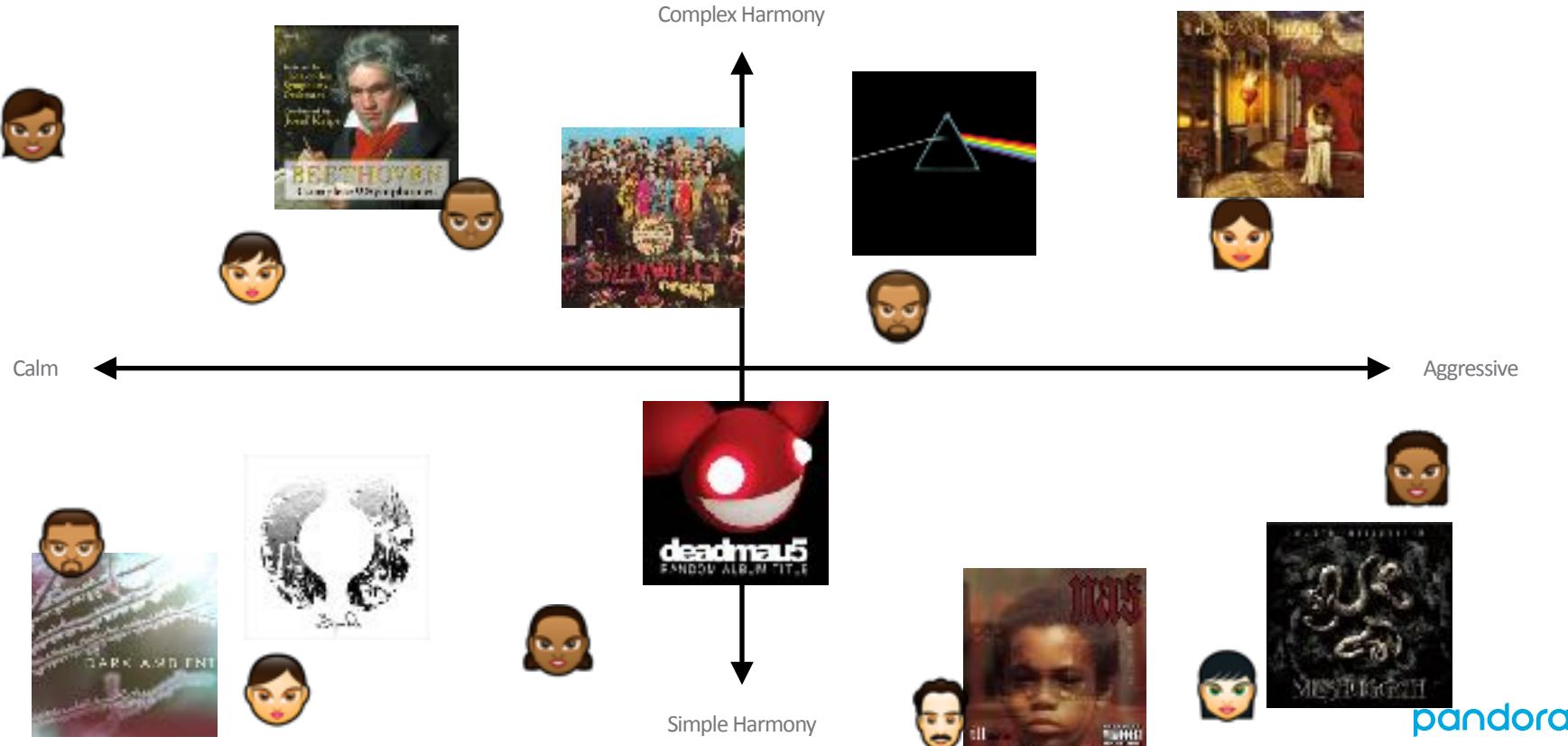
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PROBLEM OVERVIEW



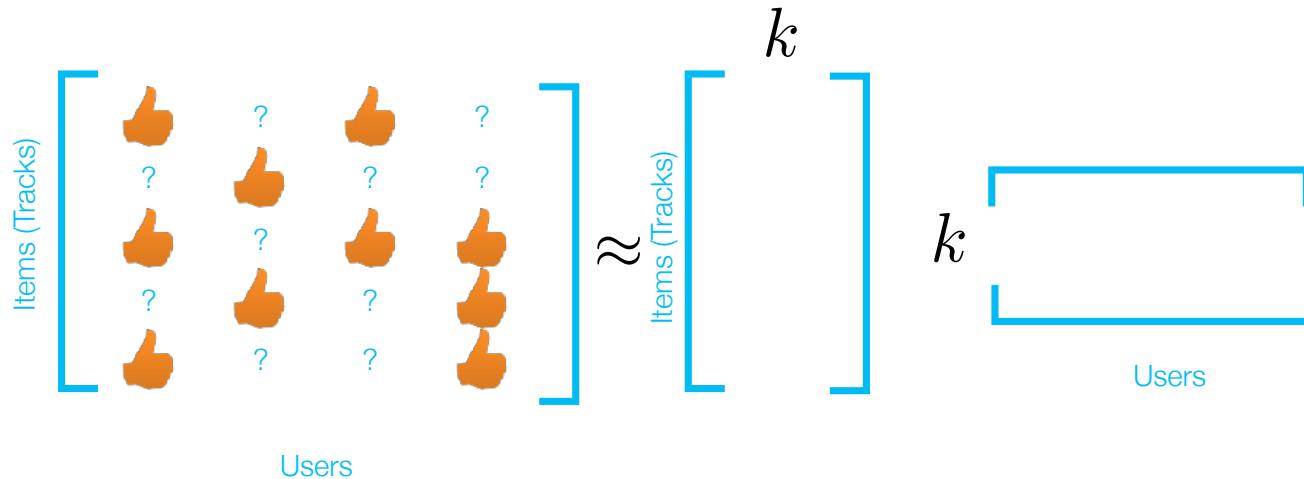
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LATENT FACTORS



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MATRIX FACTORIZATION



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PROBLEM FORMULATION

Given Item i and User u :

Rating: r_{iu}

Item Latent Factor: $q_i \in \mathbb{R}^k$

User Latent Factor: $p_u \in \mathbb{R}^k$

Rating Approximation: $\hat{r}_{iu} = q_i^T p_u$

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{q*, p*} \sum_{u, i \in \mathcal{S}} (r_{ui} - q_i^T p_u)^2 + \lambda(||q_i||^2 + ||p_u||^2)$$

Koren, Y., Bell, R., & Volinsky, C. (2009). Matrix Factorization Techniques for Recommender Systems. Computer, 42(8), 42–49.

Collaborative Filtering

EXAMPLE

	Artist	Title
Query Track	The Beatles	While My Guitar Gently Weeps
Ranked 1	The Beatles	A Day In The Life
Ranked 2	The Beatles	A Day In The Life (Love Version)
Ranked 3	The Beatles	Across The Universe

Collaborative Filtering

EXAMPLE

	Artist	Title
Query Track	The Beatles	While My Guitar Gently Weeps
Ranked 35	George Harrison	While My Guitar Gently Weeps (Live)
Ranked 82	George Harrison	My Sweet Lord (Live)
Ranked 91	Paul McCartney & Eric Clapton	Something (Live)
Ranked 158	Led Zeppelin	Tangerine

Collaborative Filtering

THE GOOD AND THE BAD

Rich preference-driven similarity space

Powerful at matching the right song
with the right listener



Latent space is generally not interpretable

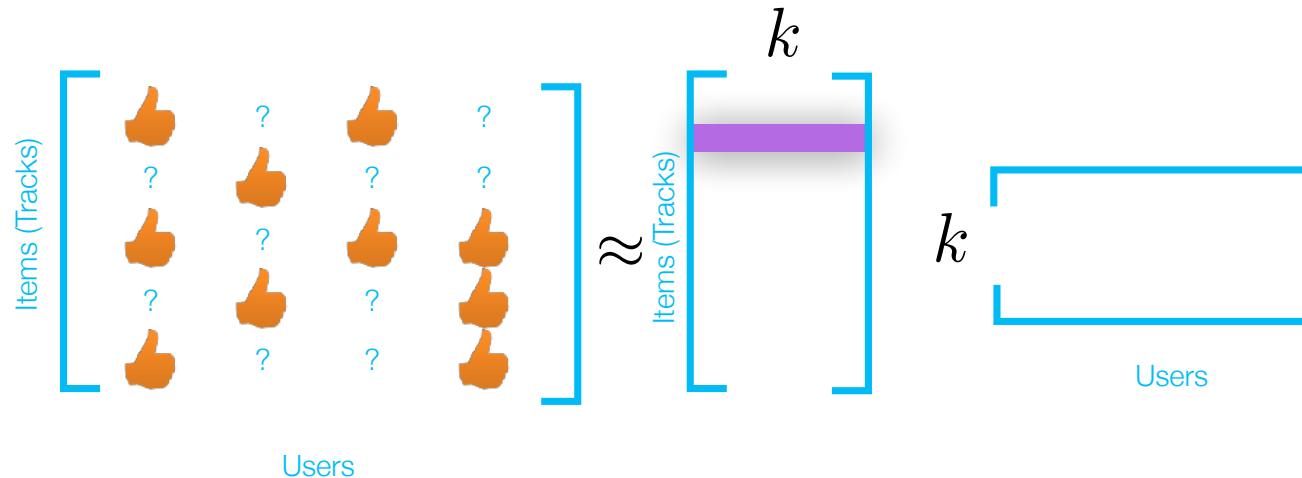
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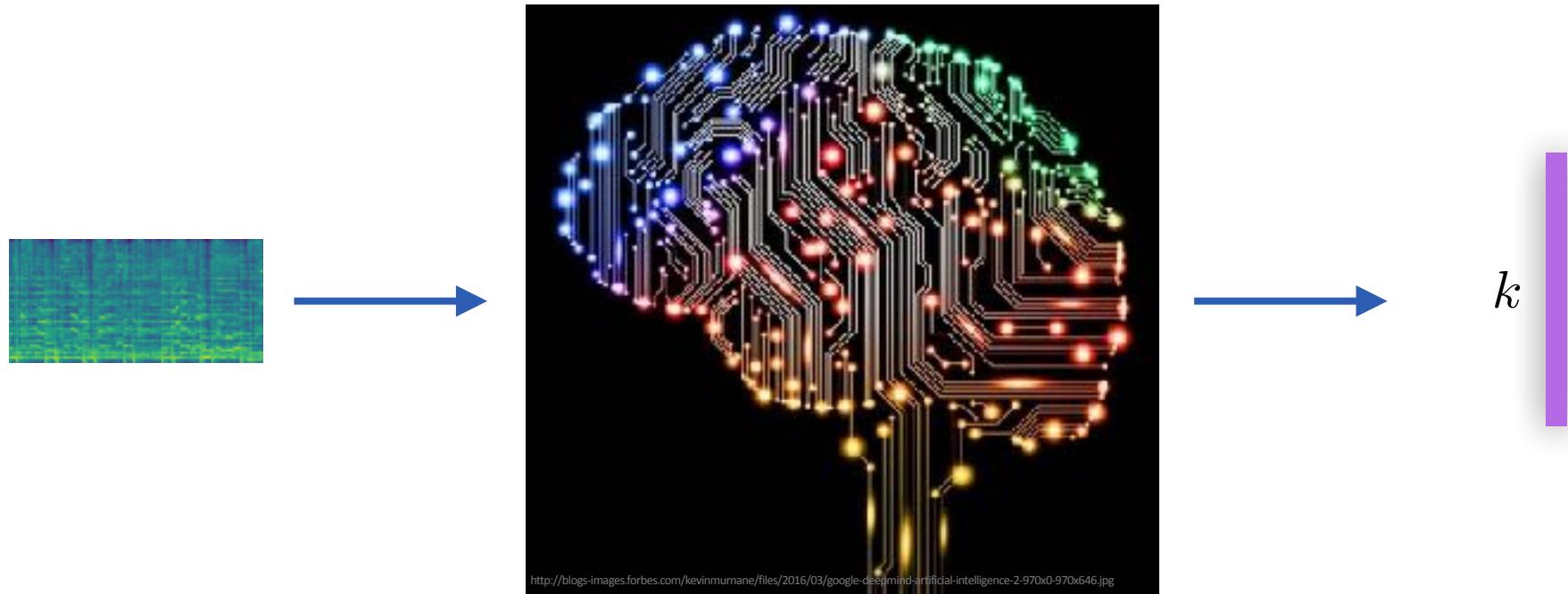
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Estimate Collaborative Factors



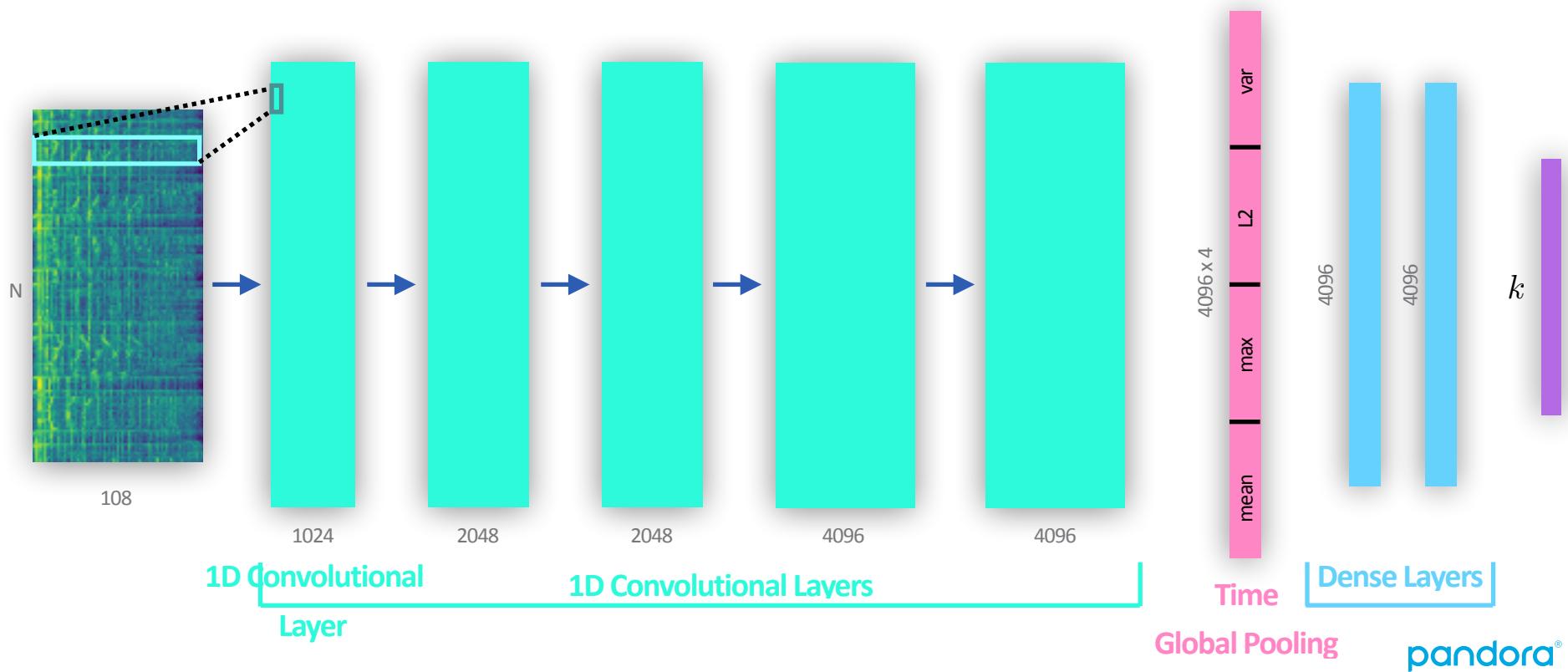
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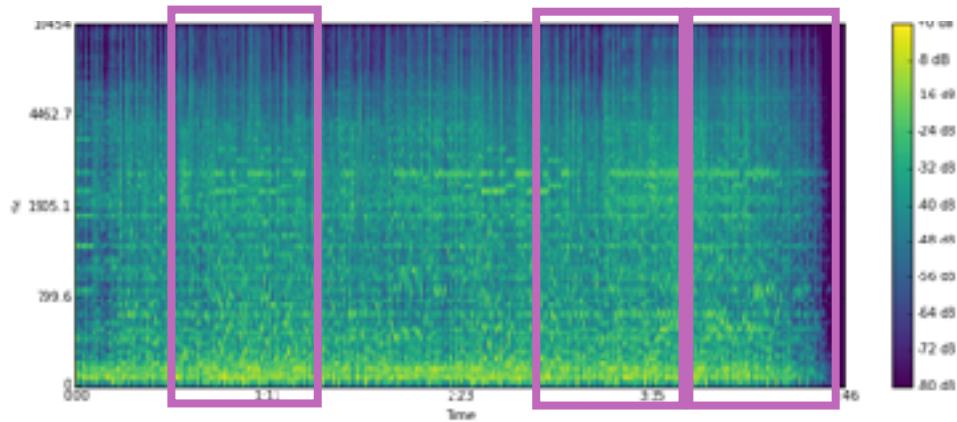
Approximating Factors using Audio WITH DEEP LEARNING



Approximating Item Factors using Audio

TRAINING DATA

- (Small) Data set $\{\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{Y}\}$:
 - 83k tracks
 - 3 patches of 35 seconds per track (251k patches = M)
 - (Patches only for training!)
 - Splits:
 - Train: 80%
 - Validation: 10%
 - Test: 10%

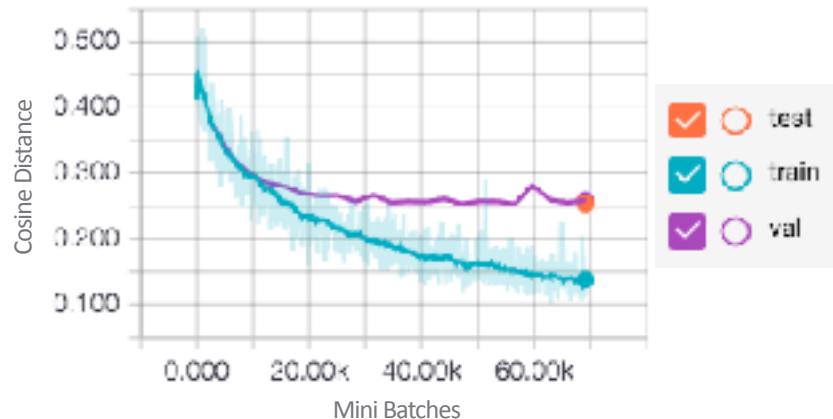


Approximating Item Factors

TRAINING

- Loss function:
 - Cosine Distance
- Optimization:
 - Adam (default params)
 - 50% Dropout on Dense Layers
 - Early Stopping
 - Mini-batches of 64 examples

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = 1 - \frac{1}{M} \sum_{X \in \mathbb{X}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{Y}} \frac{f(X; \theta)^T \mathbf{y}}{\|f(X; \theta)\|_2 \|\mathbf{y}\|_2}$$



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The Music Genome Project™



Attribute Examples

Breathy Voice

Nasal Voice

Odd Meter

Has Banjo

Joyful Lyrics

...

>1.5 Million tracks manually analyzed

~400 attributes per track

Recommending Music using the MGP™

EXAMPLE

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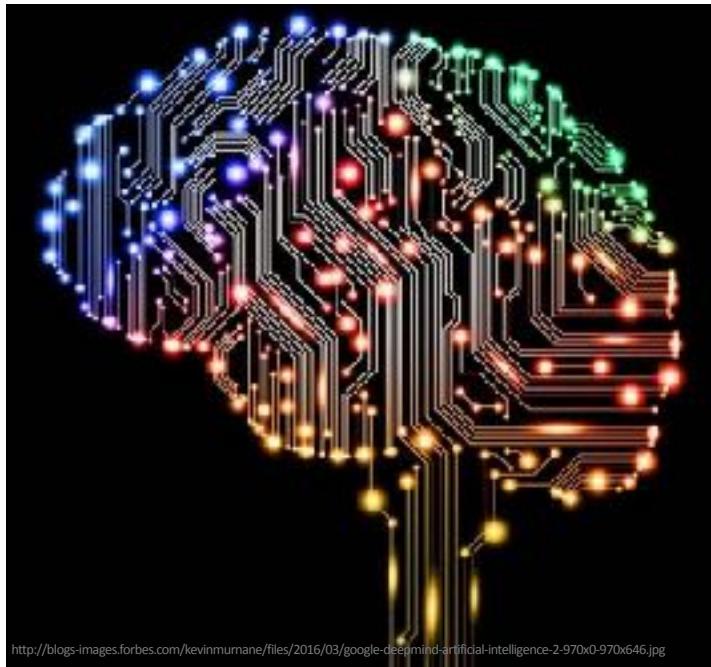
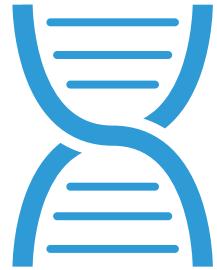
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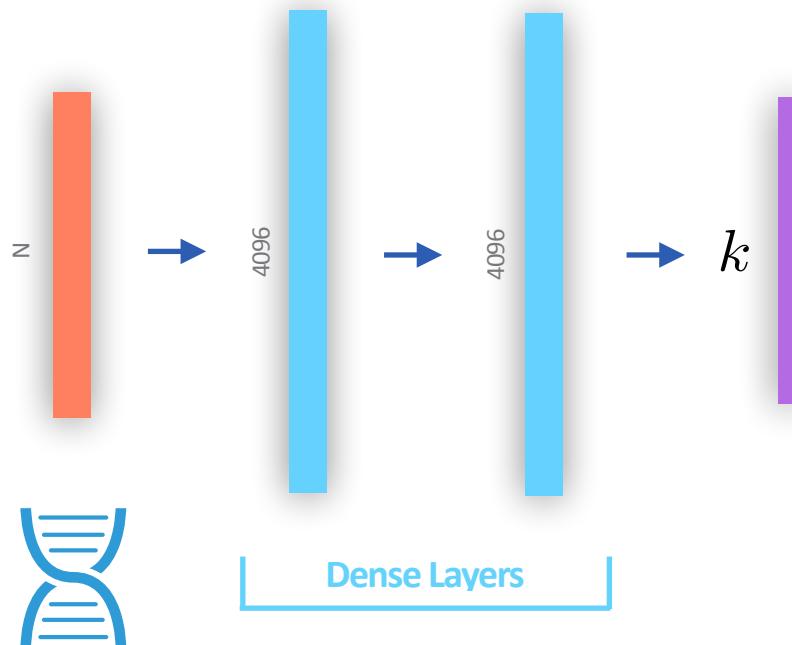


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Approximate Factors using the MGP

DEEP ARCHITECTURE



Approximating Item Factors using the MGP™

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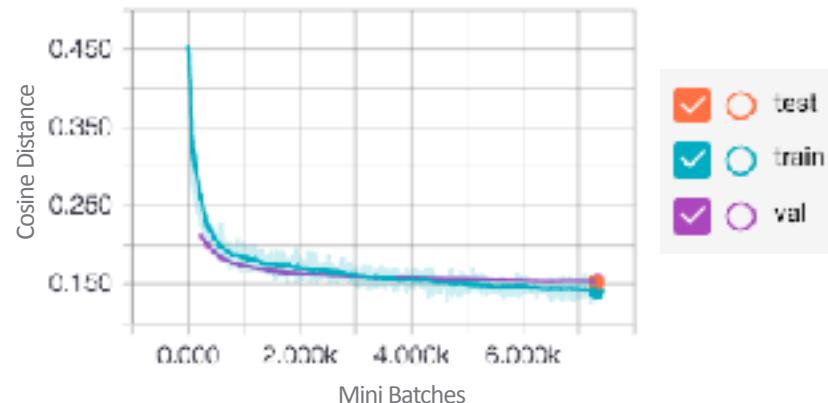
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Beyond the MGP™



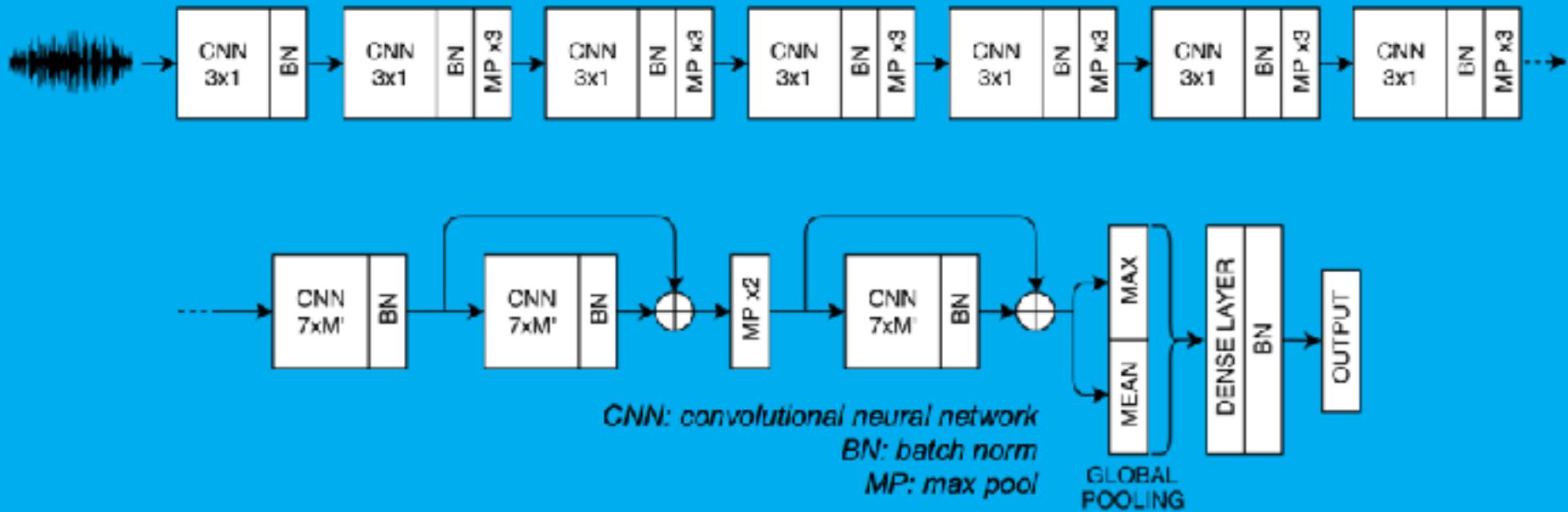
MACHINE LISTENING GENES

APPROXIMATE MGP WITH MACHINE LISTENING

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(Coming soon: MGP™ Estimation with Waveforms!)

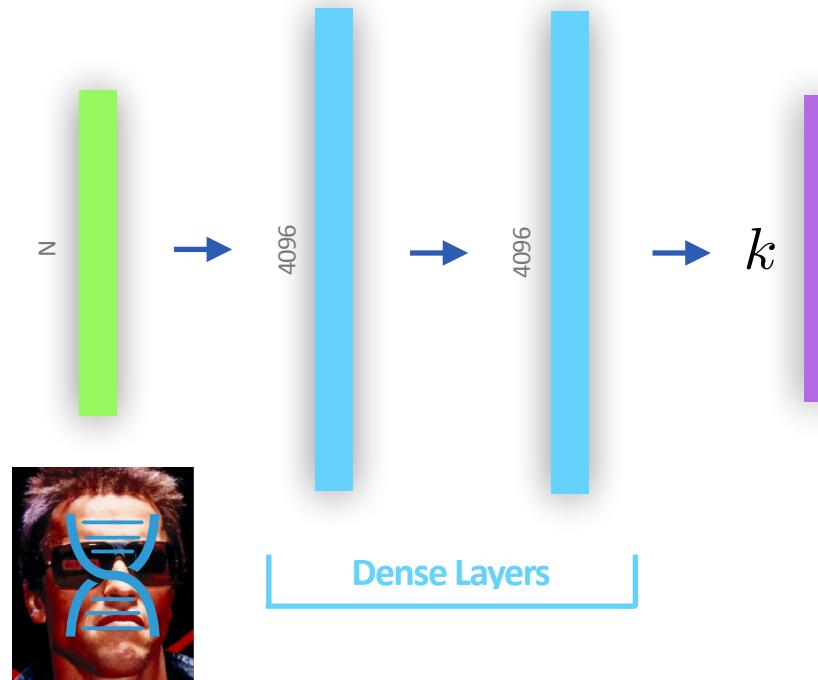
(Lee et al., 2017)



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Approximate Factors using MLG

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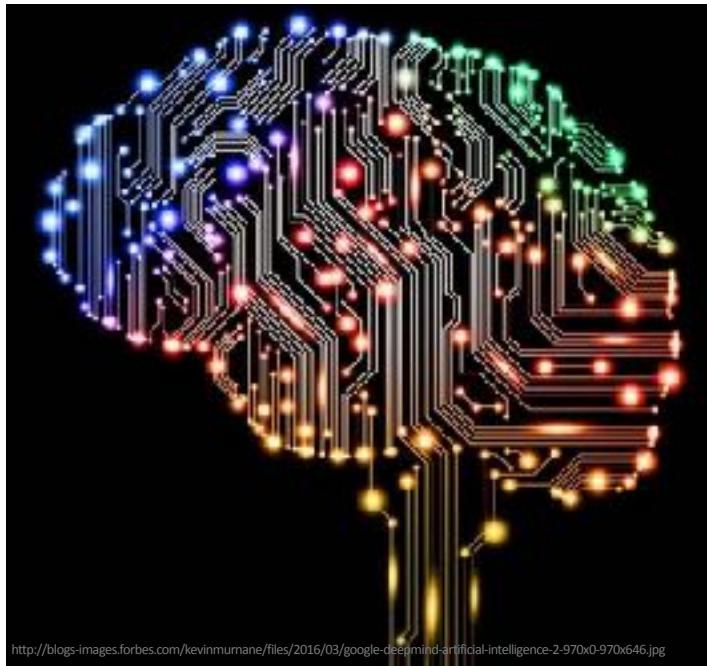
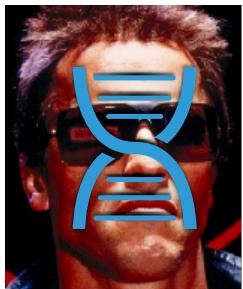
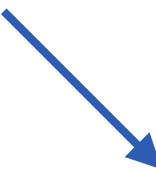
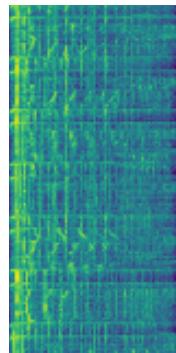
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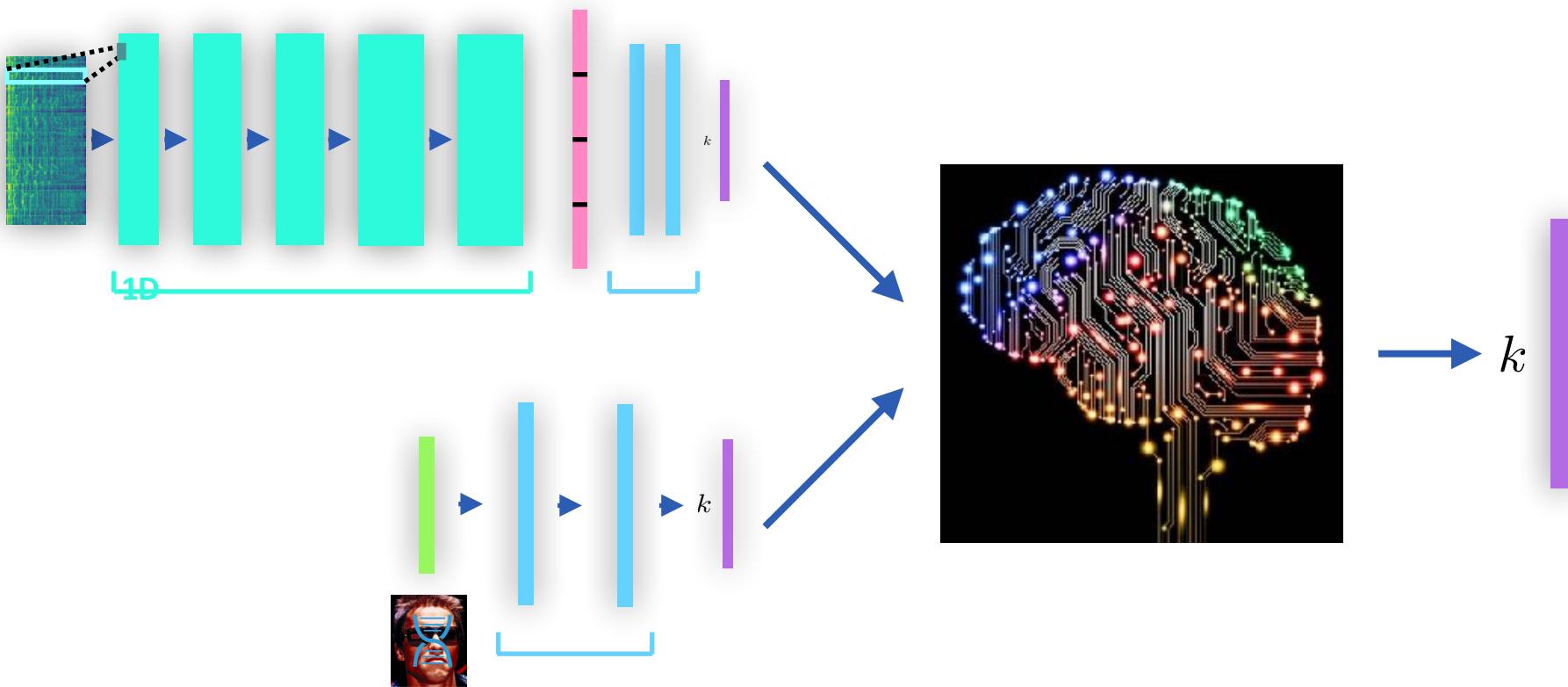
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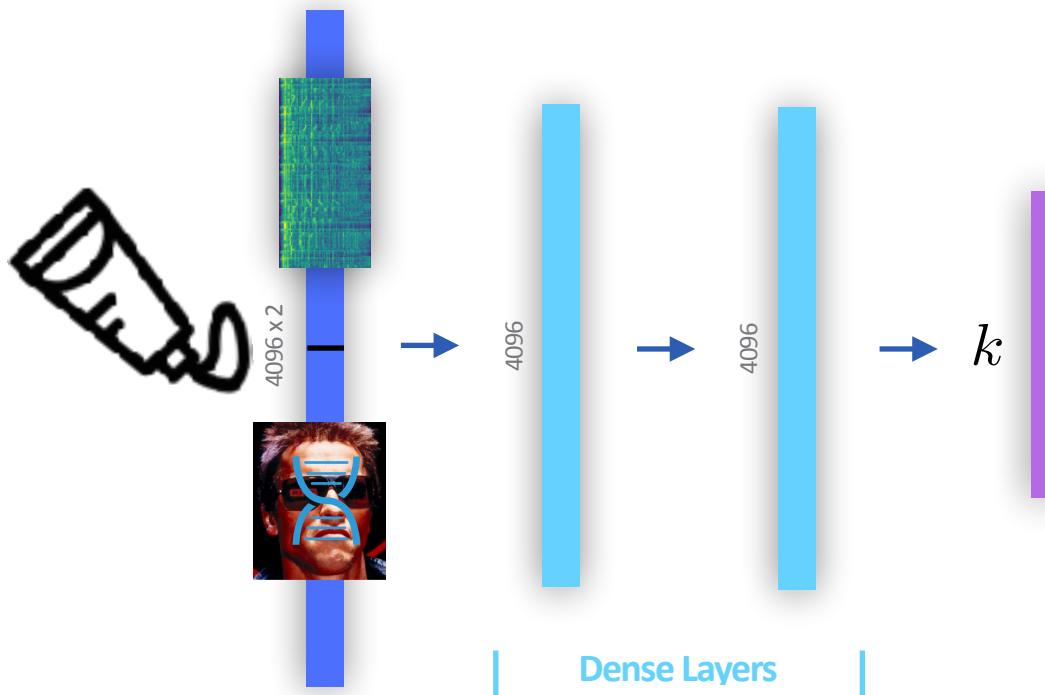


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LATE-FUSION DEEP ARCHITECTURE

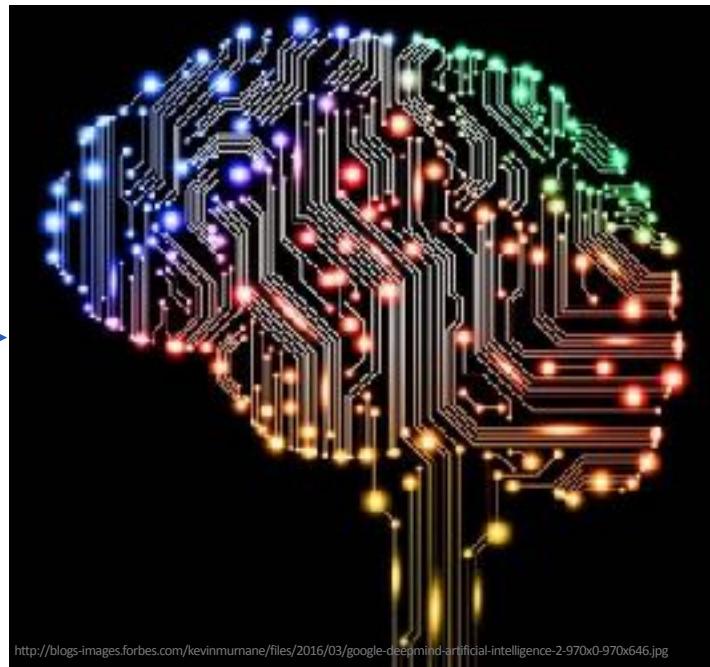
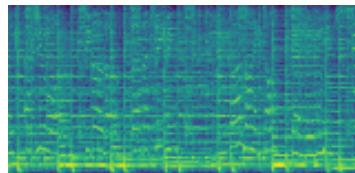


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MLG	0.22	37	7s
Audio + MLG	0.19	37	7s

Further Multimodality to Approximate Factors

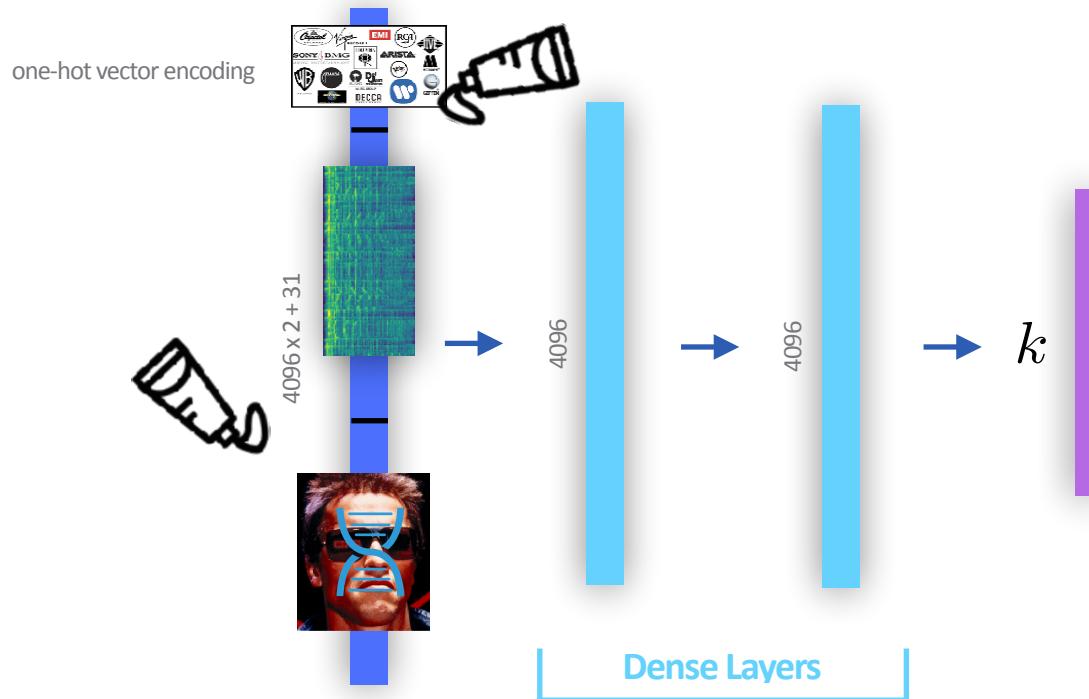


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Audio + MLG	0.19	37	7s
Audio + MLG + genres	0.16	37	7s

More data

IS ALRIGHT

- LARGE Data set $\{\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{Y}\}$:
 - ~900k most popular tracks
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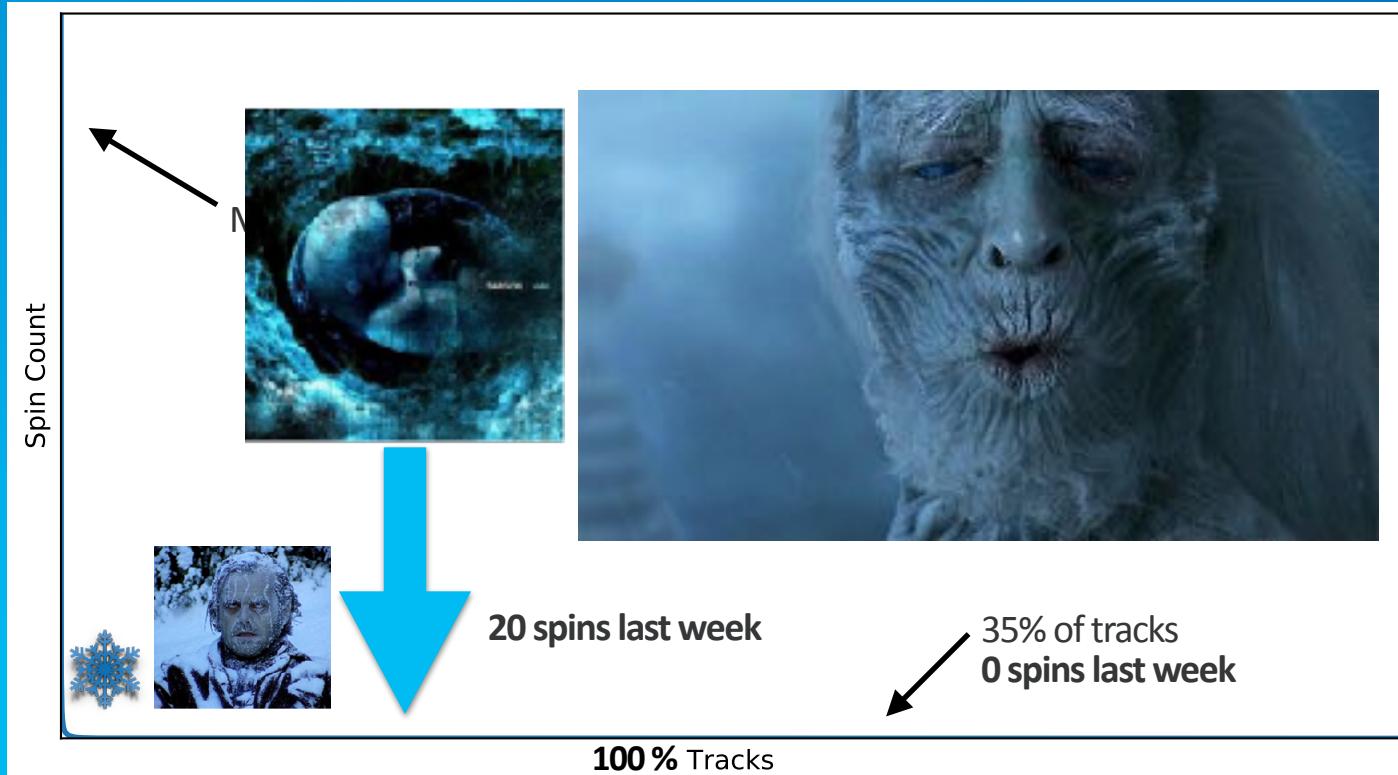
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Ranked 2	Neil Young	Heart Of Gold
Ranked 3	The Rolling Stones	Angie

Recommendation Examples

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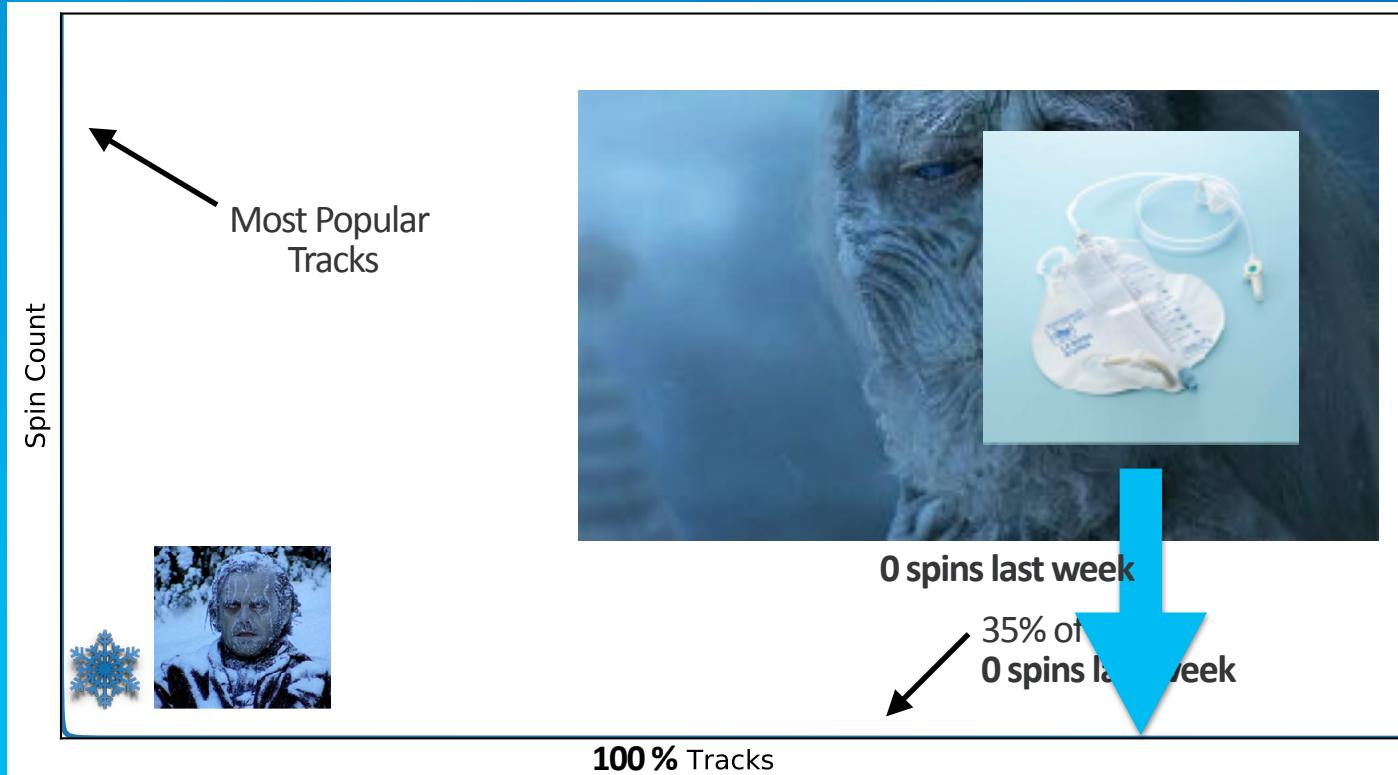
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**ENSEMBLE OF RECOMMENDERS MAY PRODUCE
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MAN vs MACHINE?



MAN + MACHINE



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