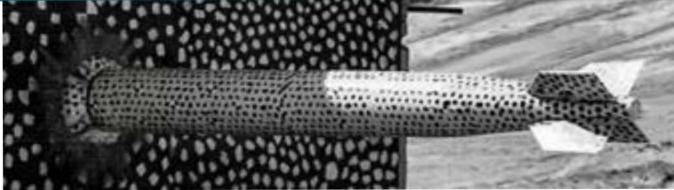




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# Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning: Overview



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# Introduction to Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning

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# Why is Artificial Intelligence a Hot Topic?

Examples of Successful Artificial Intelligence (AI) Applications:



Self-driving cars, lane departure detection, etc.



Credit card fraud detection



Personal assistants



Conversation optimization



Customer interaction optimization (travel, etc.)



Music recommendations



Existing client interactions - luxury travel concierge



Product recommendations



Product recommendations



Thermostat control



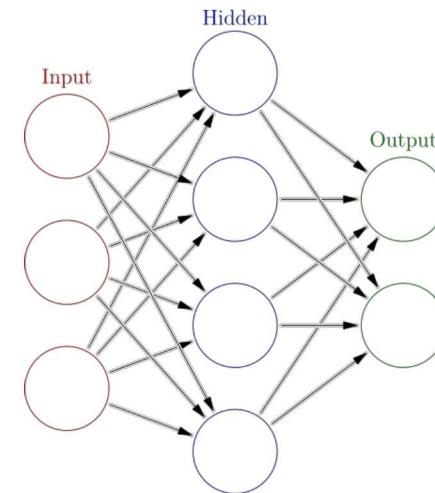
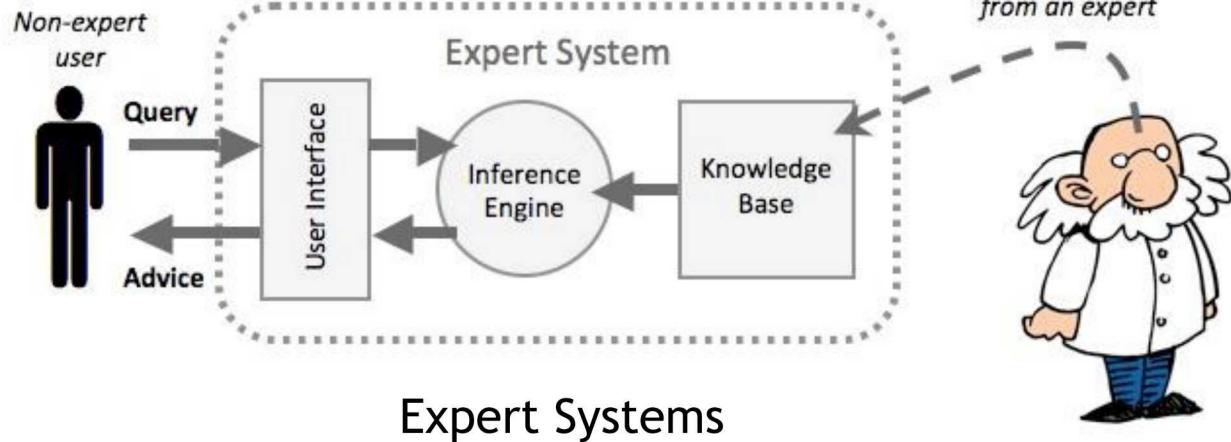
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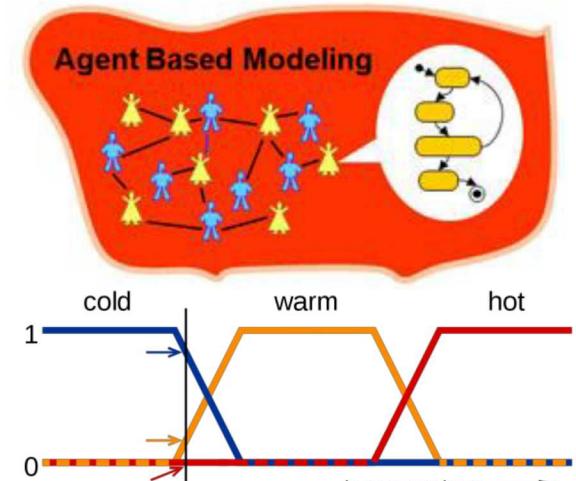
## Robotics



# Perceptive Systems



# Learning Systems



# Intelligent Software

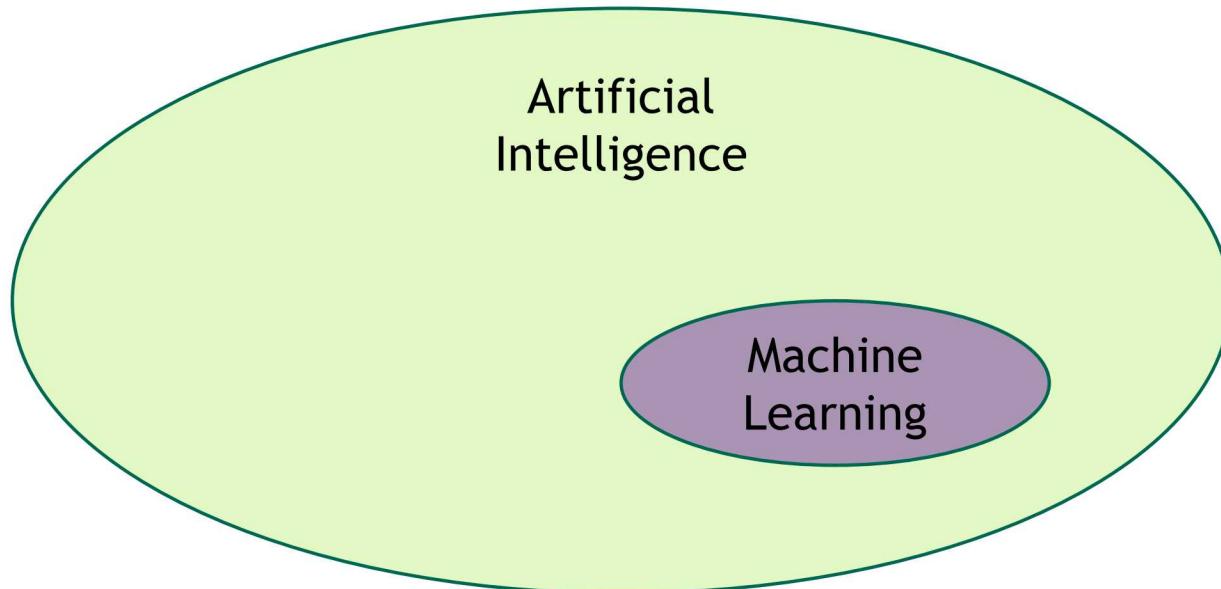
# AI versus Machine Learning



Machine learning is considered a subset of artificial intelligence

**Artificial Intelligence:** a branch of computer science which studies building machines capable of intelligent behavior

**Machine Learning:** a computer learns to perform a task, often without explicit instructions, by studying a training set of examples



K. Bakshi and K. Bakshi, "Considerations for artificial intelligence and machine learning: Approaches and use cases," *2018 IEEE Aerospace Conference*, Big Sky, MT, 2018, pp. 1-9.

P. Louridas and C. Ebert, "Machine Learning," in *IEEE Software*, vol. 33, no. 5, pp. 110-115, Sept.-Oct. 2016.

# Machine Learning is a Subset of AI



Tables making comparisons are often incorrect ... since machine learning is a subset of AI, every machine learning approach has some application to AI

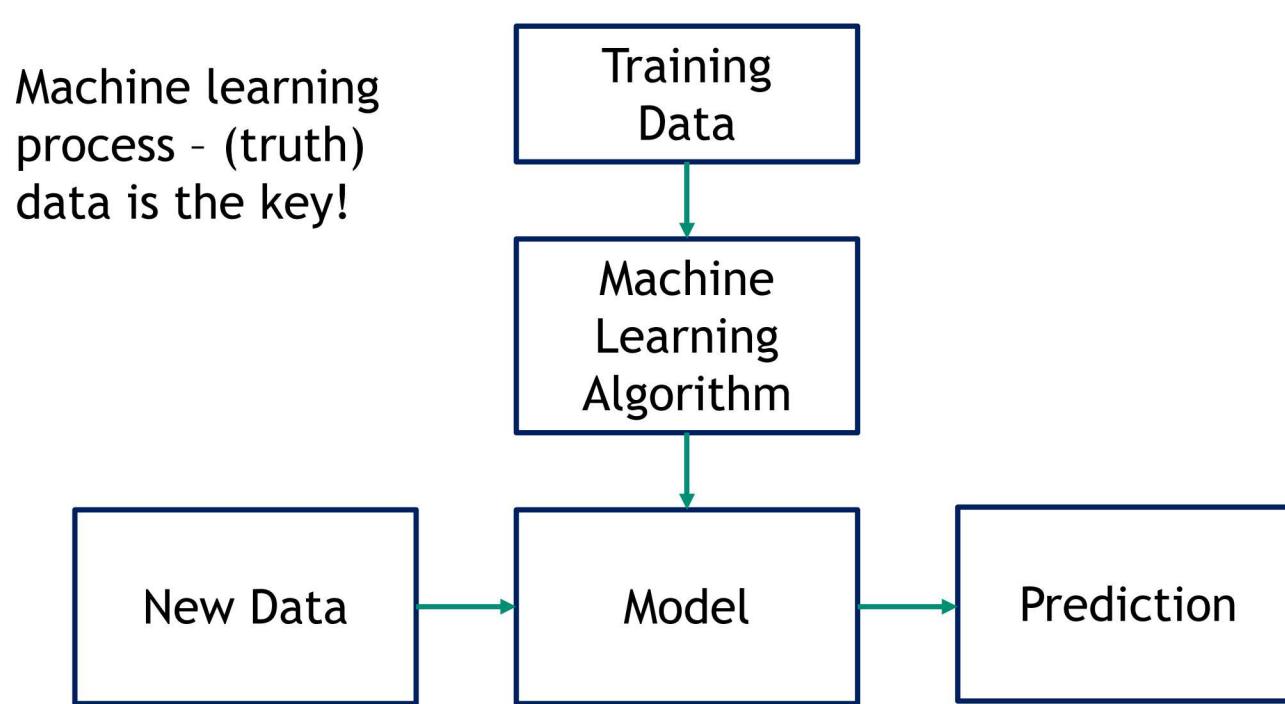
Machine Learning Example	AI application
Image segmentation and classification to visually identify manufacturing flaws	Image segmentation and classification is a key component in AI applications (e.g., humanoid robots, etc.)
Linear regression to predict future samples of a time series (e.g., GDP growth)	Numerous AI applications related to prediction (e.g., motion of images in a scene for autonomous navigation and obstacle avoidance)
Natural language (text and voice) processing for translation (e.g., Google translate) of business documents	Natural language processing is required for any AI application that involves language
Pattern recognition applied to credit card fraud detection	Pattern recognition applied to autonomous grasping (e.g., pick up the ball not like the others)
Product recommendations to improve customer experience and boost online sales	Product recommendations provided by an AI assistant

In addition, there are many fields of AI that are not application specific and machine learning is not the primary focus or methodology ... examples include research on planning and cognitive architectures

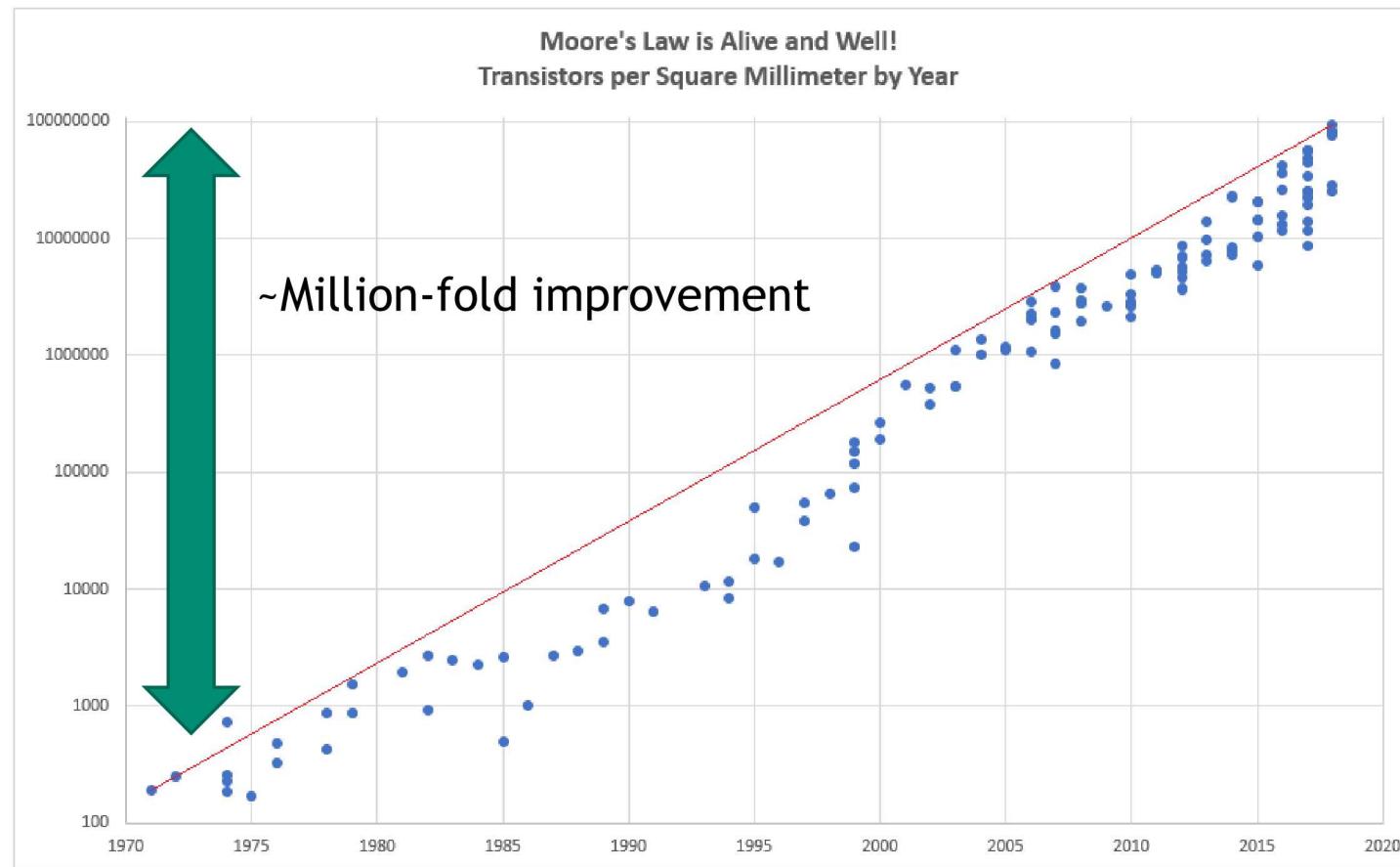
# Machine Learning



While there are many machine learning techniques, the basic process flow is the same for all approaches



# Enabling Technological Advances



Moore's Law: the number of transistors on an IC would double every few years.



~80 bytes/punch card  
133 bytes/sec



1951 - 7200 bytes/sec



1980 - 5MB, 0.625MB/sec  
1990 - 400MB, 0.7MB/sec  
2008 - 750GB, 64MB/sec



today - solid state drive  
4TB, 500MB/sec

# Enabling Technological Advances (continued)



Low cost, high performance sensors, platforms

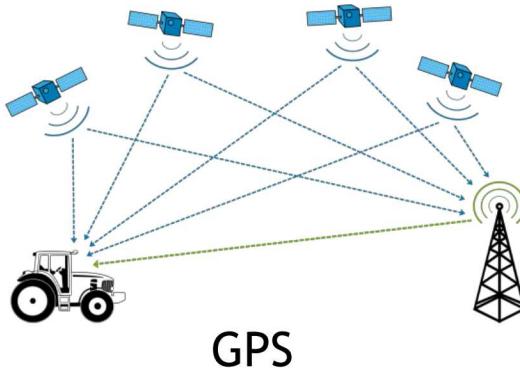
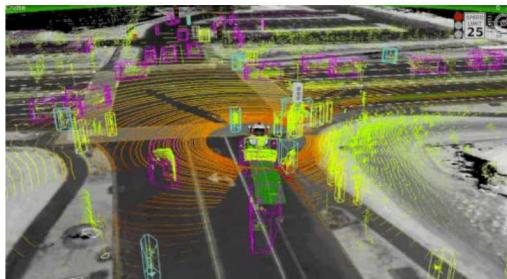


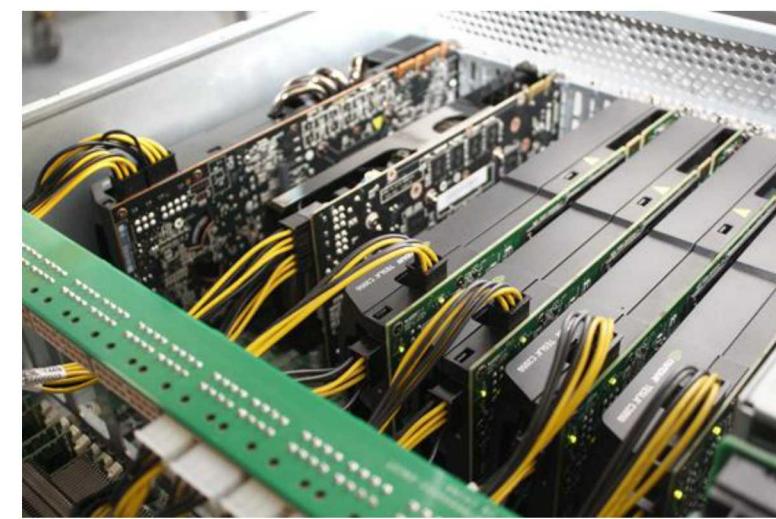
Image  
sensors



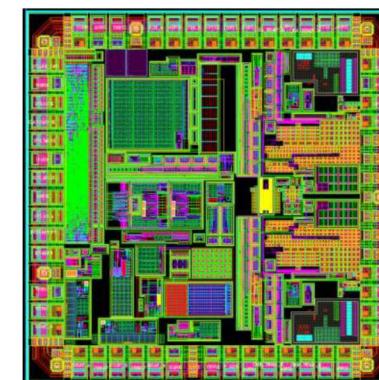
LIDAR (Light Detection  
and Ranging)



UAVs



Graphical Processing Units (GPUs)



Application Specific Integrated Circuits (ASICs)

## Enabling Technological Advances (continued)

Truth data for training/validation – there are a large number of datasets available for image processing, natural language processing, and audio/speech processing

A handwriting practice sheet featuring a 5x10 grid of boxes. Each box contains a large, bold, black outline of a digit from 0 to 9, intended for children to trace and practice writing.

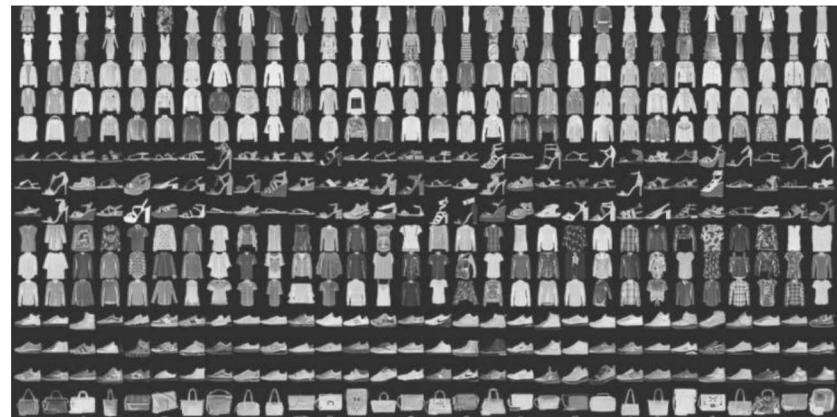
# MNIST - 70,000 handwritten digits



Open Images Dataset - 9 Million annotated images



# The Street View House Numbers (SVHN), 600,000 images



# Fashion-MNIST, 70,000 images

# A Brief History of AI – The Turing Test

Proposed by Alan Turing in 1950

Three players

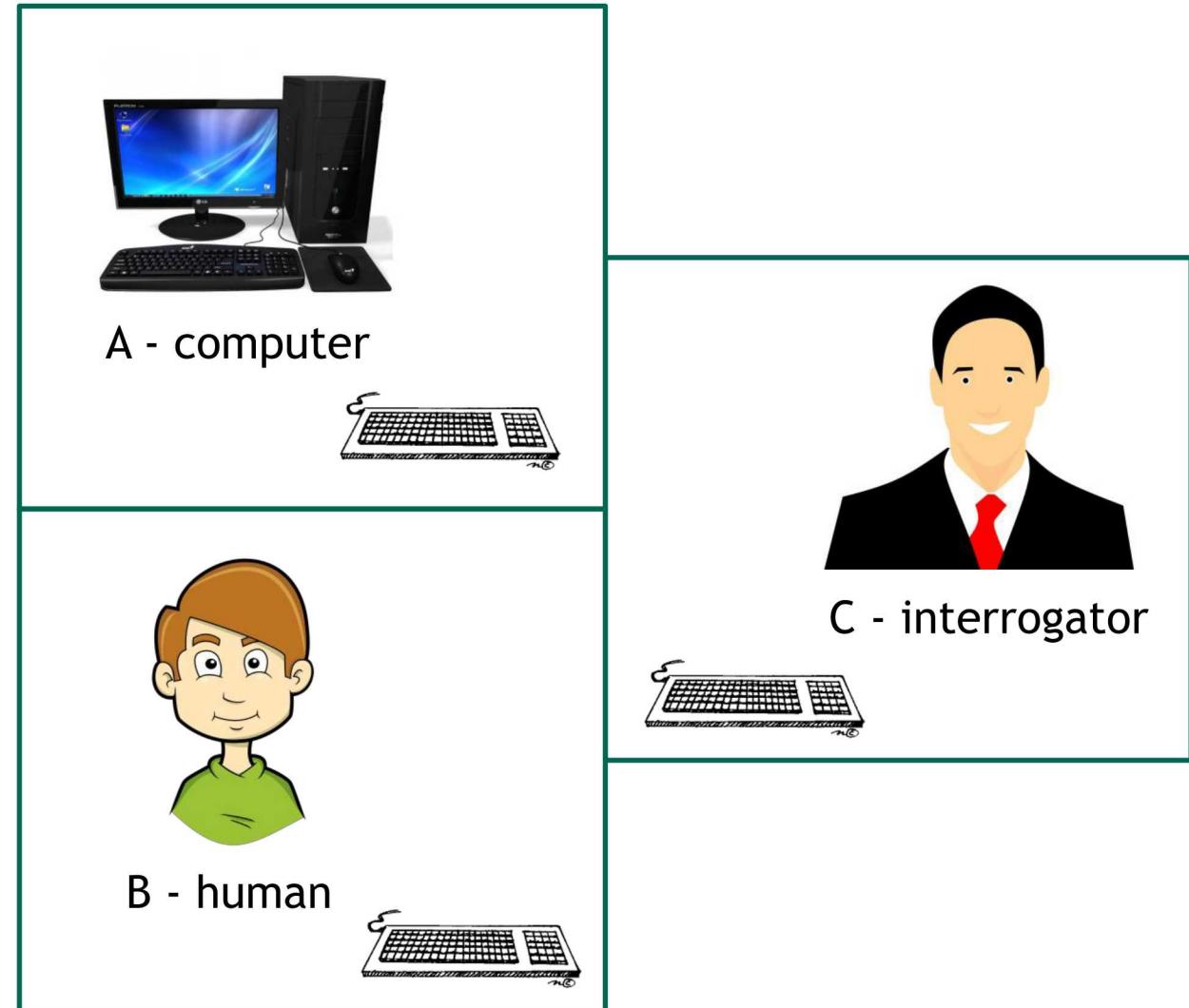
- A – computing machine
- B – human being
- C – interrogator

All communication is through a textual device  
(e.g., keyboard)

Can the interrogator identify the human and  
computer?

Turing predicted that a computer could convince  
~33% of the judges after 5 minutes of  
questioning by the year 2000

June 2014, A chatbot called Eugene Goostman,  
which simulates a 13-year-old Ukrainian boy,  
convinced 30% of the judges





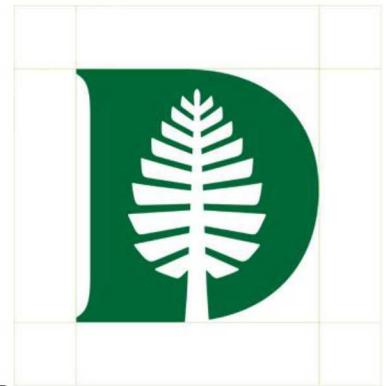
# A Brief History of AI – the Dartmouth Workshop

The term “artificial intelligence” was first coined by John McCarthy, Marvin Minsky, Nathaniel Rochester, and Claude Shannon in 1956

They proposed a summer workshop on artificial intelligence at Dartmouth College

Topics included:

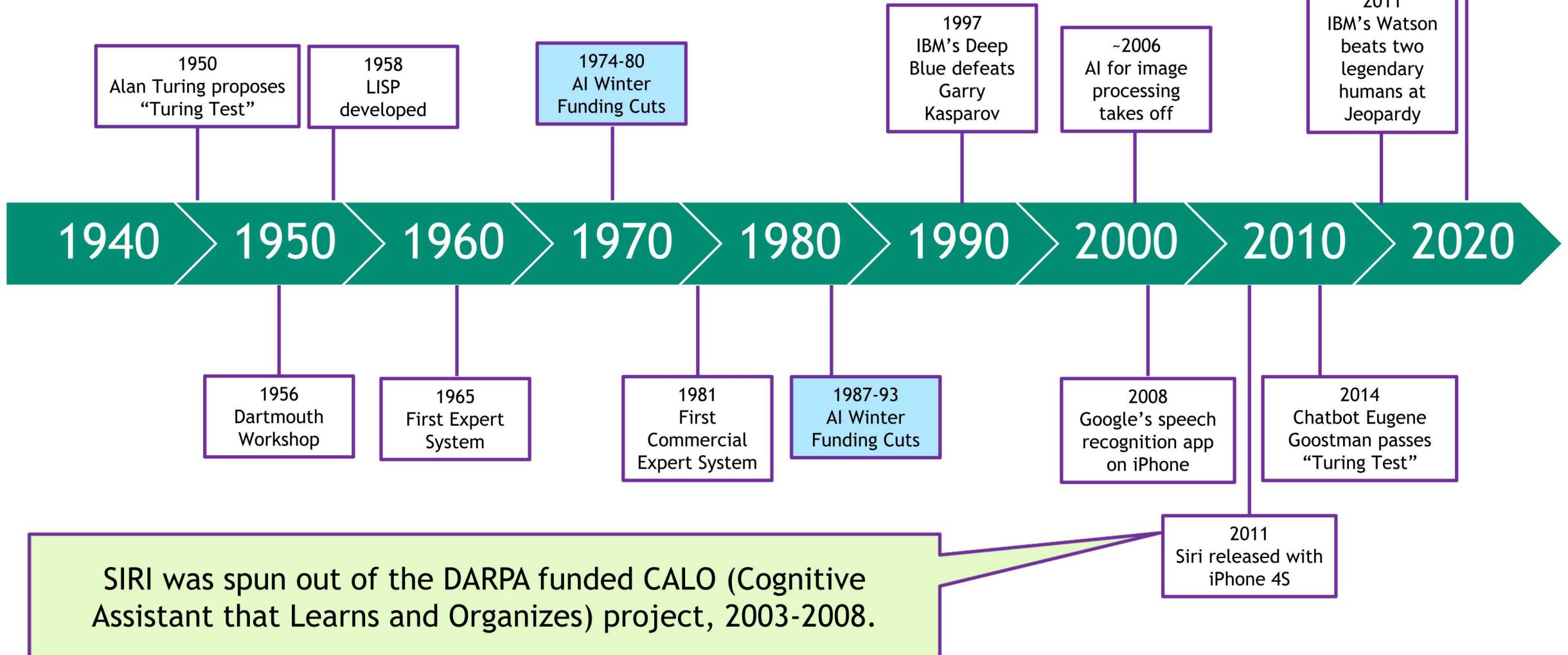
- **Automatic Computers** – “If a machine can do a job, then an automatic calculator can be programmed to simulate the machine. The speeds and memory capacities of present computers may be sufficient to simulate many of the higher functions of the human brain, but the major obstacle is not the lack of machine capacity, but our inability to write programs taking full advantage of what we have.”
- **How Can a Computer be Programmed to Use a Language** – “It may be speculated that a large part of human thought consists of manipulating words according to rules of reasoning and rules of conjecture. From this point of view, forming a generalization consists of admitting a new word and some rules whereby sentences containing it imply and are implied by others. This idea has never been very precisely formulated nor have examples been worked out.”
- **Neuron Nets** – “How can a set of (hypothetical) neurons be arranged so as to form concepts. Considerable theoretical and experimental work has been done on this problem ...”
- **Theory of the Size of Calculation** – you have to understand the size of the calculation to measure the efficiency of an algorithm
- **Self Improvement** – a truly intelligent machine will carry out self-improvement
- **Abstractions** – machine methods of forming abstractions from sensory and other data
- **Randomness and Creativity** – conjectured that creative thinking involves some randomness





# A Brief History of AI - Timeline

AI Winter: period of significantly reduced research funding. One cause was outlandish claims that were impossible to meet.



# Research in Machine Learning Applied to Energy Systems

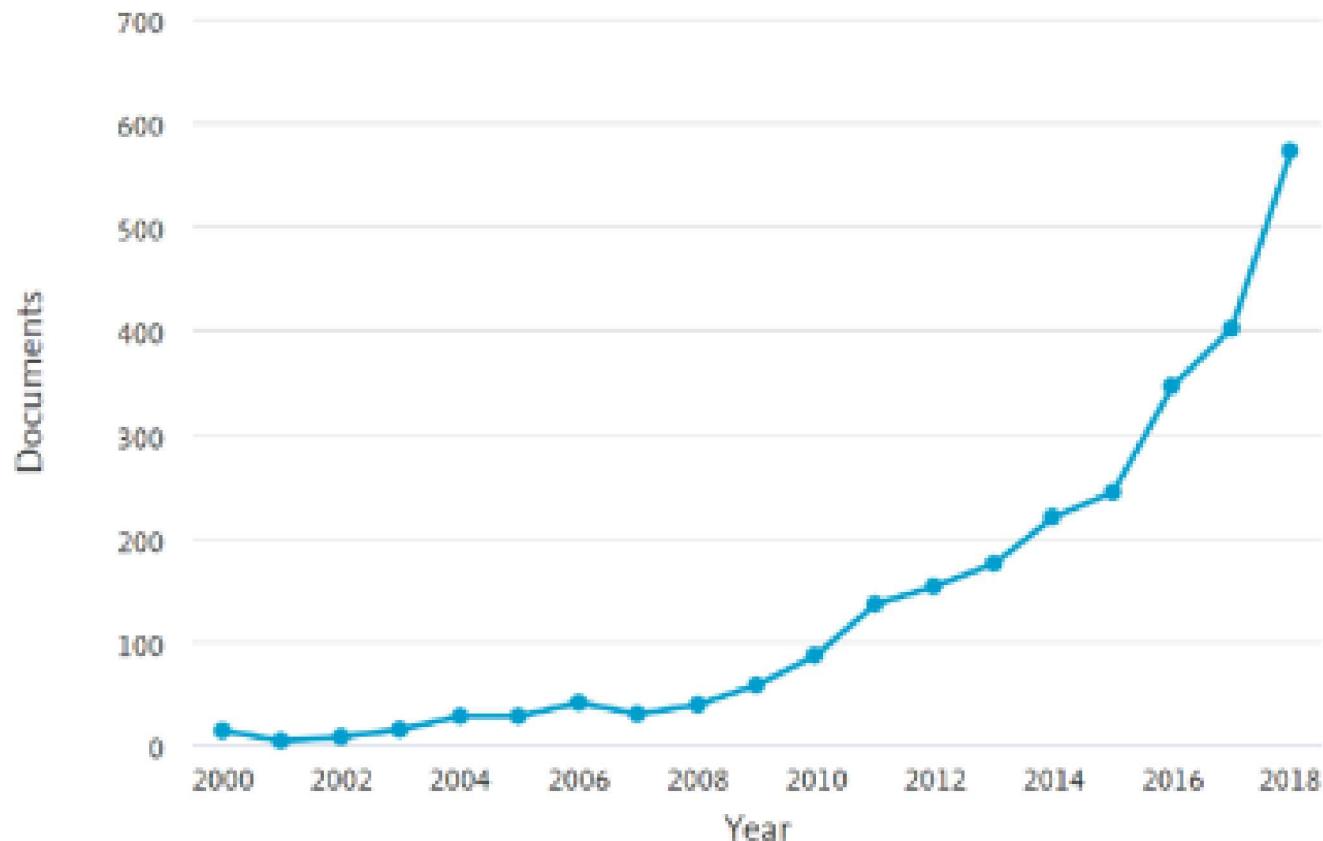


Figure 2. The growth in the number of articles during the past two decades.

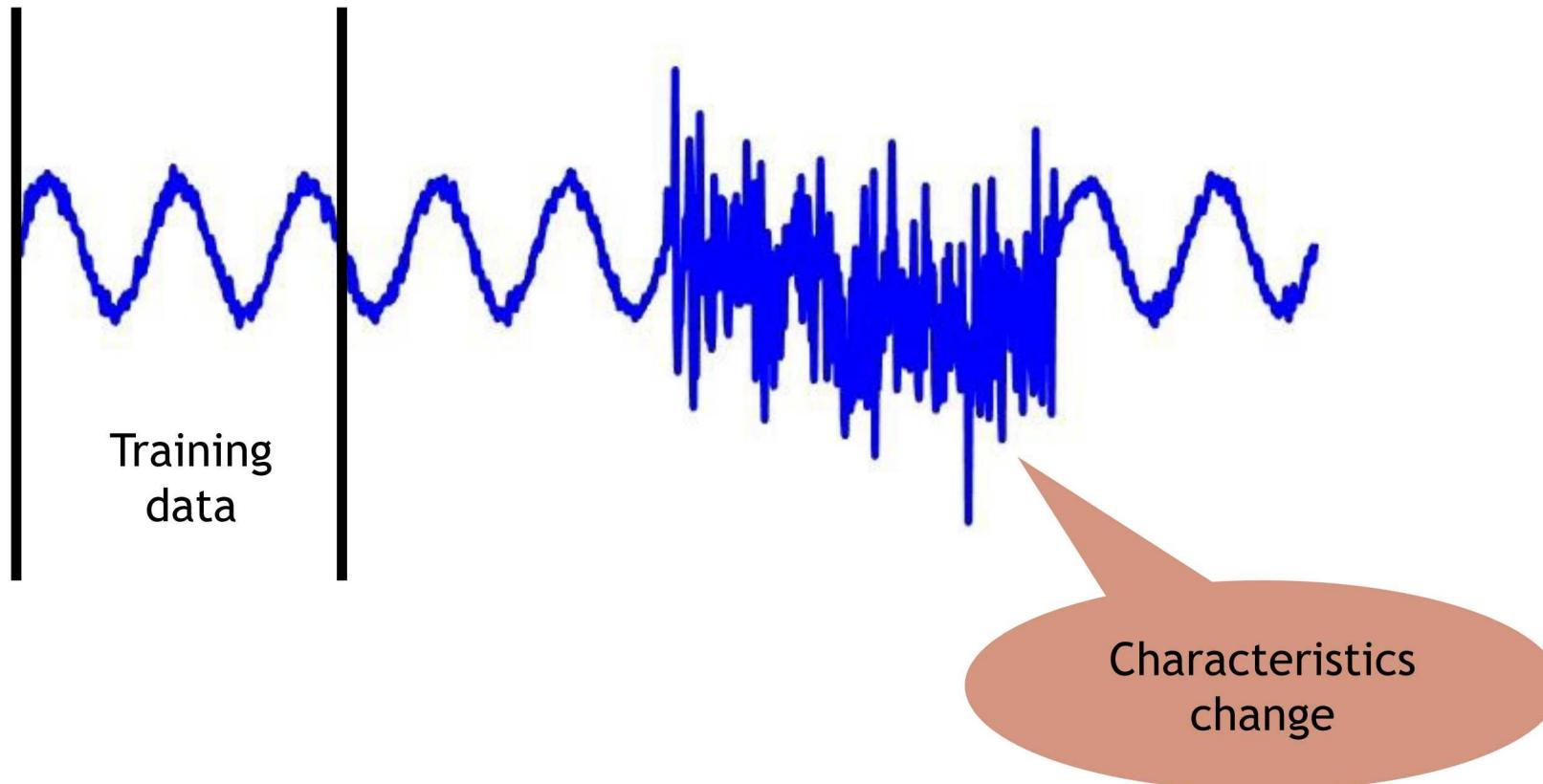
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# Limitations of Machine Learning



Performance of a ML algorithm can be very good if the characteristics of the training data match the observed data

If the characteristics of the data change over time, and this is not captured in the training data, the performance of the ML algorithm can vary widely

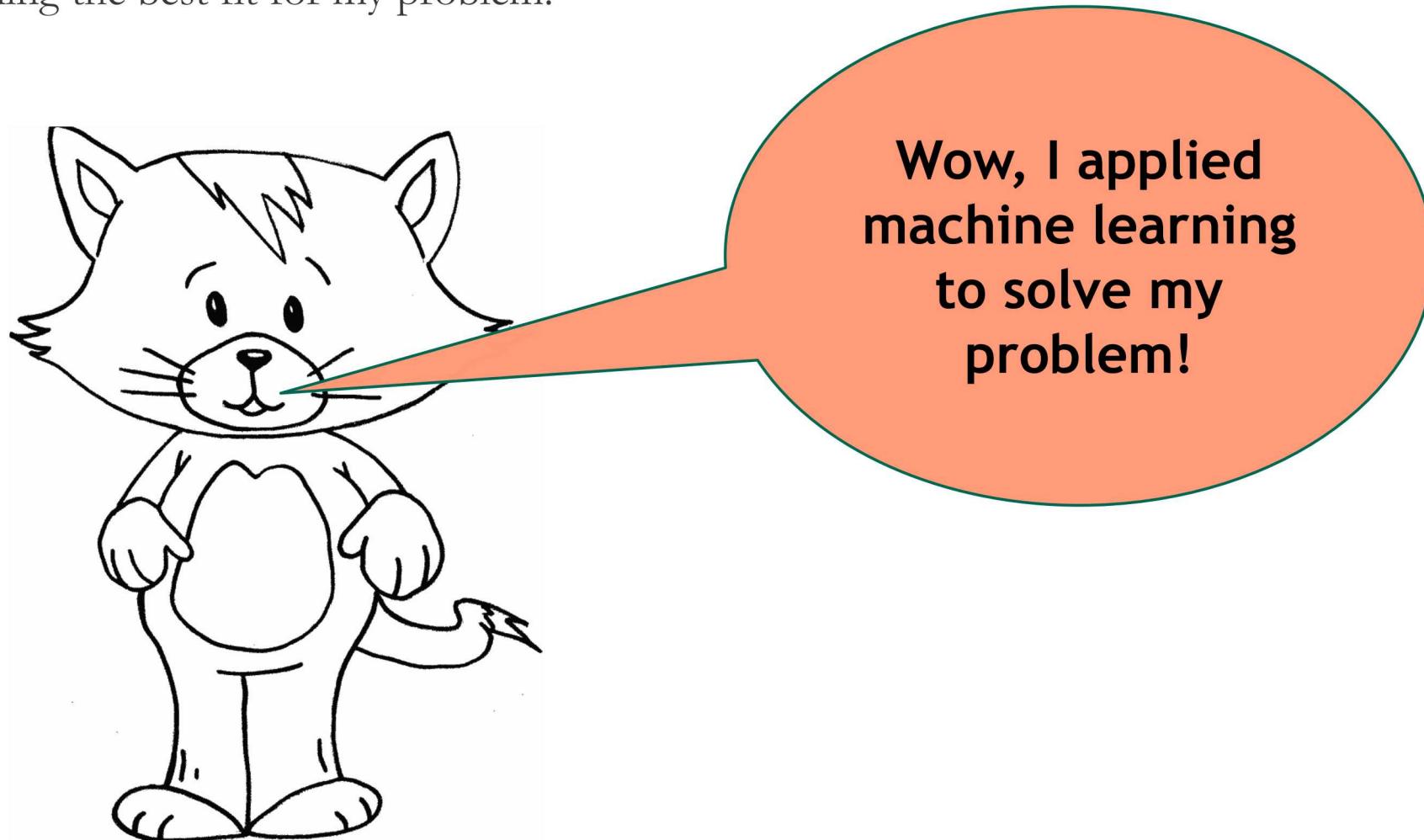


# Limitations of Machine Learning



For some problems, there is a known non-machine learning solution that is efficient, elegant, and robust

Is machine learning the best fit for my problem?



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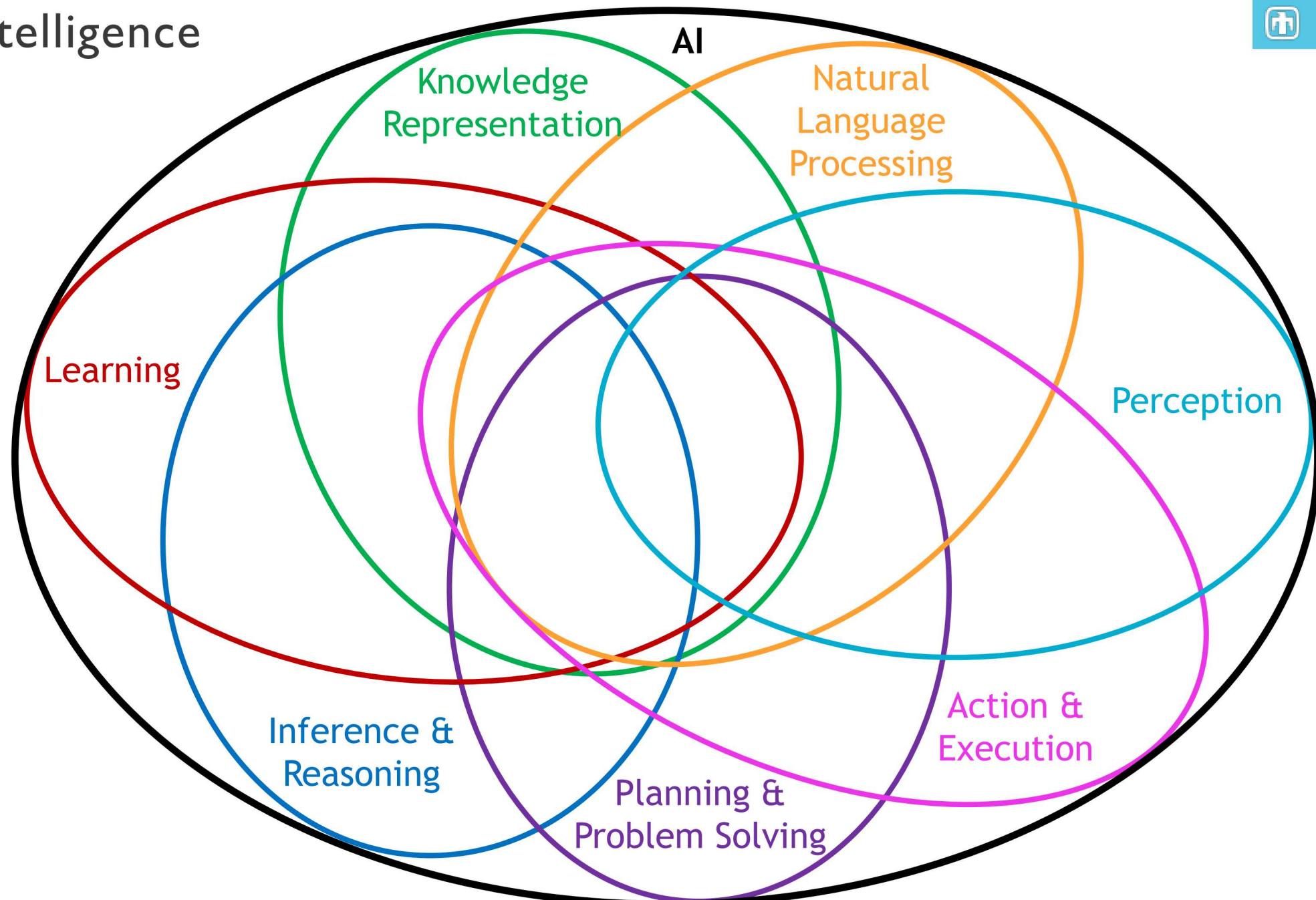
# 20 Artificial Intelligence



*“The automation of activities that we associate with human thinking ...”*  
(Bellman, 1978)

*“The art of creating machines that perform functions that require intelligence when performed by people.”*  
(Kurzweil, 1990)

*“The study of the computations that make it possible to perceive, reason, and act.”*  
(Winston, 1992)



# What is Machine Learning?



*Machine Learning* coined in 1959 by Arthur Samuel while trying to use data to improve performance of a checkers playing program.



IBM, 1956

Samuel, A.L. (1959). Some studies in machine learning using the game of checkers. *IBM Journal of Research and Development*.



*A computer program is said to **learn** from experience  $E$  with respect to some class of tasks  $T$  and performance measure  $P$  if its performance at tasks in  $T$ , as measured by  $P$ , improves with experience  $E$ .*

– Tom Mitchell, *Machine Learning*, 1997

# Many Types of Tasks and Methods



Tasks:

- Supervised vs Unsupervised
- Classification
- Clustering
- Regression
- Anomaly Detection
- Time Series Analysis
- Policy Learning
- Transfer Learning

Methods:

- Decision Trees
- Rule-Based Methods
- Neural Networks
- Inductive Logic
- Support Vector Machines
- Bayesian Methods
- Genetic Algorithms
- Statistical Algorithms
- Ensembles

# Example Problem: Handwriting Recognition



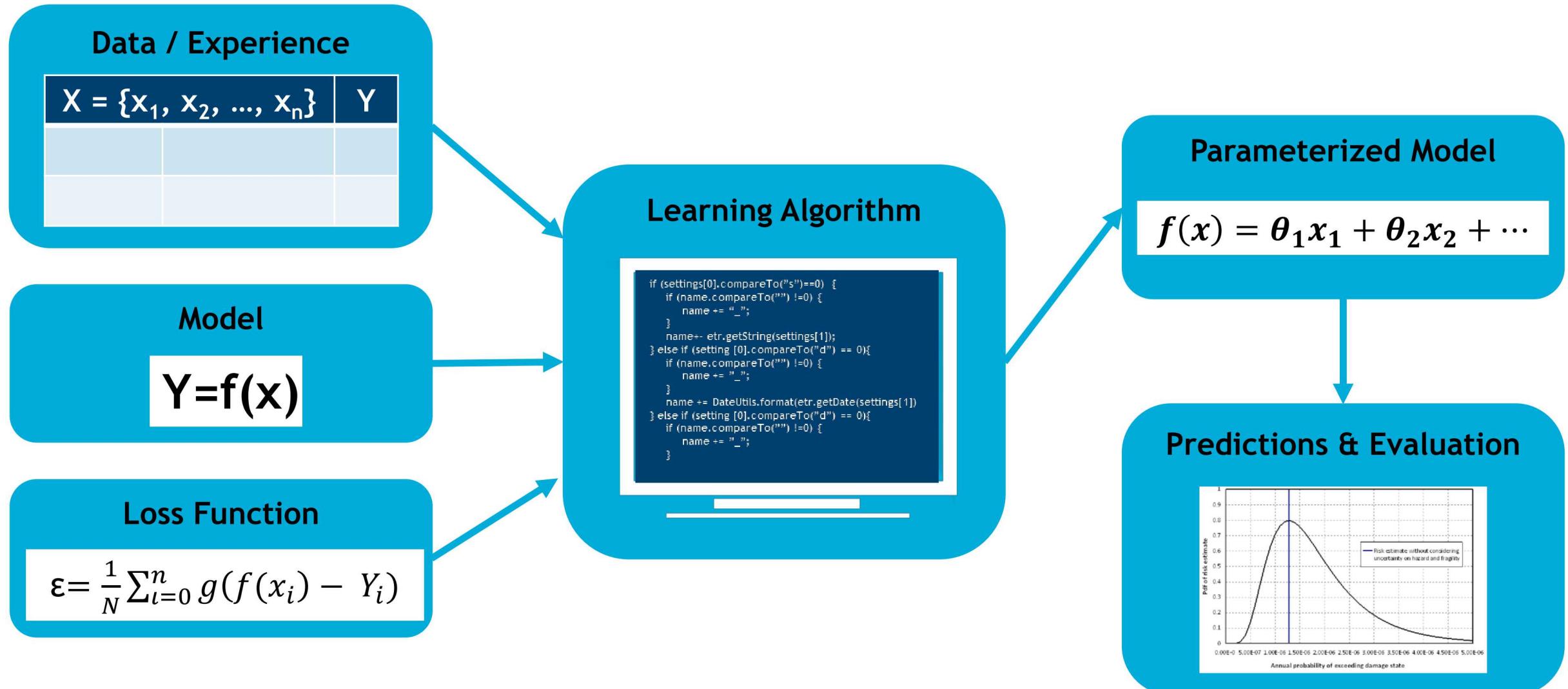
**Task (T):** Recognizing and classifying handwritten numbers within images

**Performance measure (P):** Percent of numbers correctly classified

**Experience (E):** Database of handwritten numbers with given classifications



# How Does Machine Learning Work?



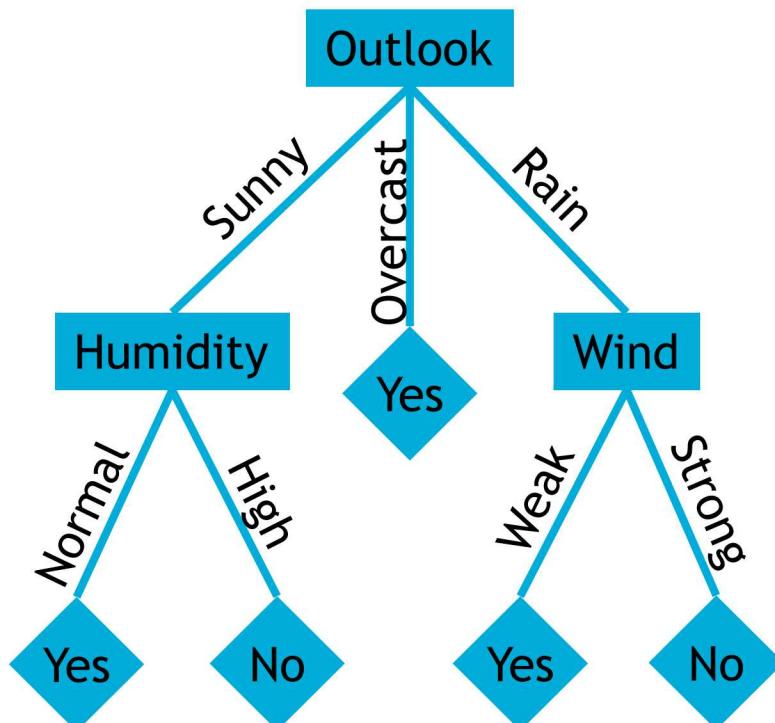
# Learning Example : Decision Trees



**Task:** Determine if Bill will play tennis given weather observations

**Performance Metric:** Prediction accuracy

**Experience:** Past observations



Day	Outlook	Temperature	Humidity	Wind	Play Tennis?
D1	Sunny	Hot	High	Weak	No
D2	Sunny	Hot	High	Strong	No
D3	Overcast	Hot	High	Weak	Yes
D4	Rain	Mild	High	Weak	Yes
D5	Rain	Cool	Normal	Weak	Yes
D6	Rain	Cool	Normal	Strong	No
D7	Overcast	Cool	Normal	Strong	Yes
D8	Sunny	Mild	High	Weak	No
D9	Sunny	Cool	Normal	Weak	Yes
D10	Rain	Mild	Normal	Weak	Yes
D11	Sunny	Mild	Normal	Strong	Yes
D12	Overcast	Mild	High	Strong	Yes
D13	Overcast	Hot	Normal	Weak	Yes
D14	Rain	Mild	High	Strong	No

# Learning Example: Data Preprocessing and Feature Engineering



- Many learning algorithms take a set or sequence of *vectors* as input
  - Raw data needs to be encoded in this format
  - For many data types, there are existing encoding conventions
- **Feature engineering** uses domain knowledge to create these encodings
  - Highly manual and time consuming
  - Quality of learned model often dependent on feature encodings

Example: Play Tennis?

Outlook: {sunny, overcast, rain} or  
{sunny, partly cloudy, mostly cloudy, cloudy, drizzle, rain, downpour} or  
RGB image from TennisCam

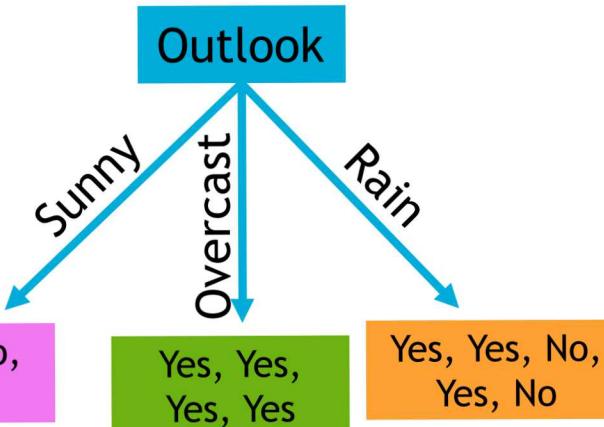
Temperature: {hot, mild, cool} or  
{hot, warm, mild, cool, cold} or  
{-20F, -19F, ... , 114F, 115F} or  
continuous

# Learning Example: Decision Trees

General Approach:

- Split the data based on information theory (entropy)
- Entropy measures the distribution of positive and negative examples in each block
- Greedy search through attribute (feature) space

$$\text{Gain} = \frac{\text{Entropy of all data} - \text{Sum of Entropies after split}}{\text{Entropy of all data}}$$



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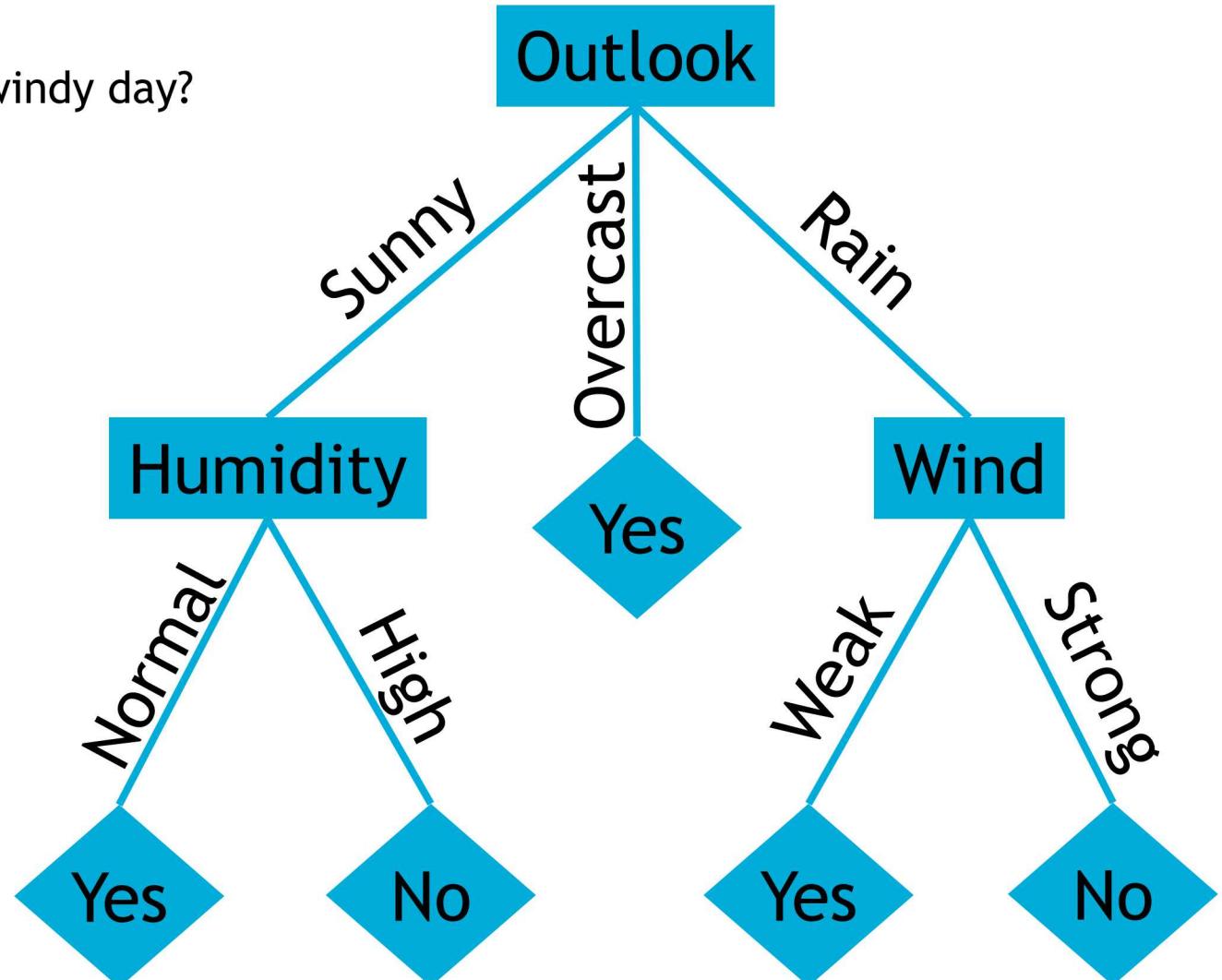
G=0.247      G=0.029      G=0.152      G=0.048



(Day 15) What will happen on a sunny, cool, humid, windy day?

Many design decisions affect performance:

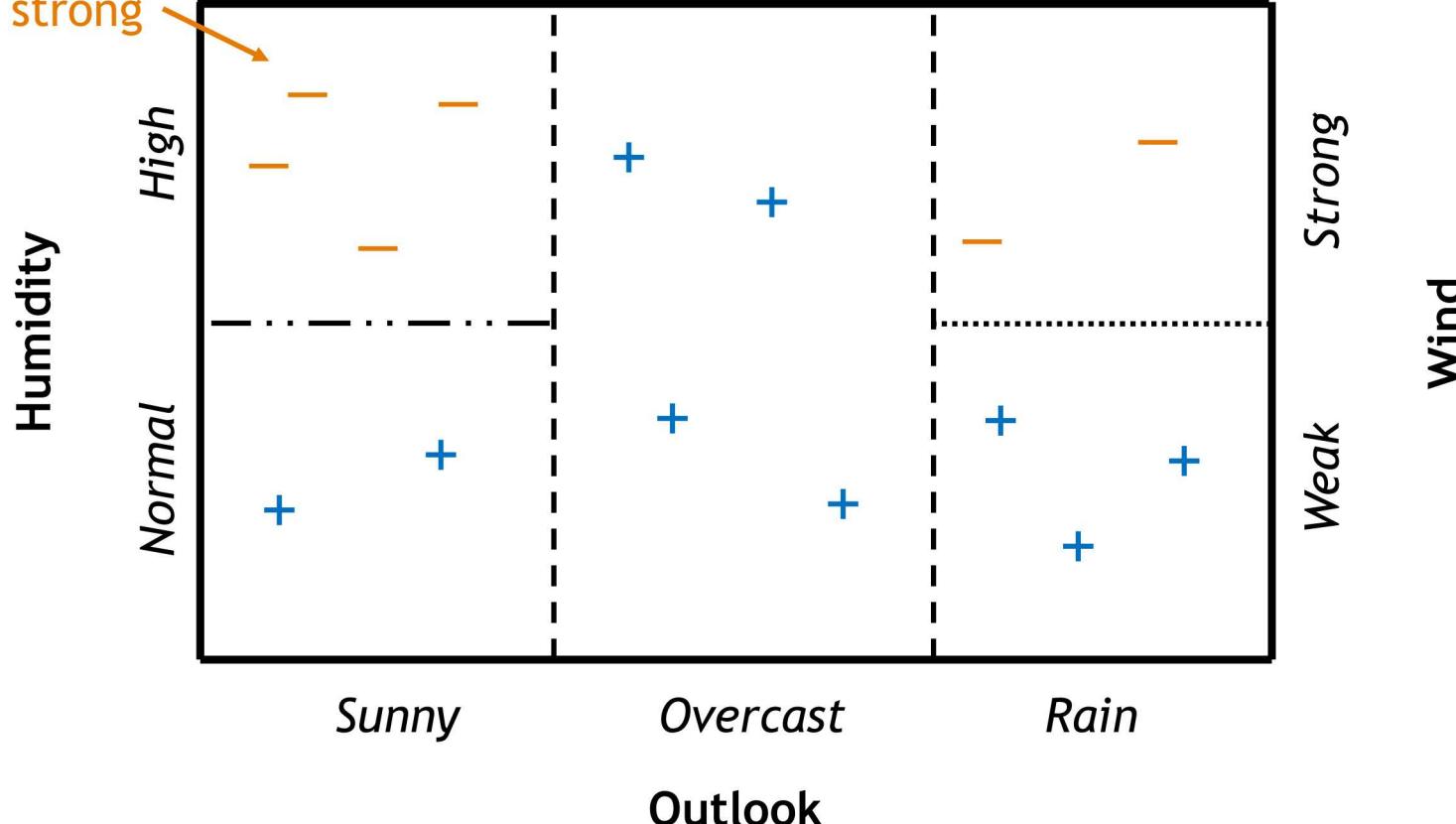
- Training data  
(number and quality of examples)
- Which variables describe the data
- Splitting criterion
- Binary versus multivariate splits
- What to do with numeric variables
- Stopping criterion



# Decision Tree Hypothesis Space



sunny, cool, high, strong



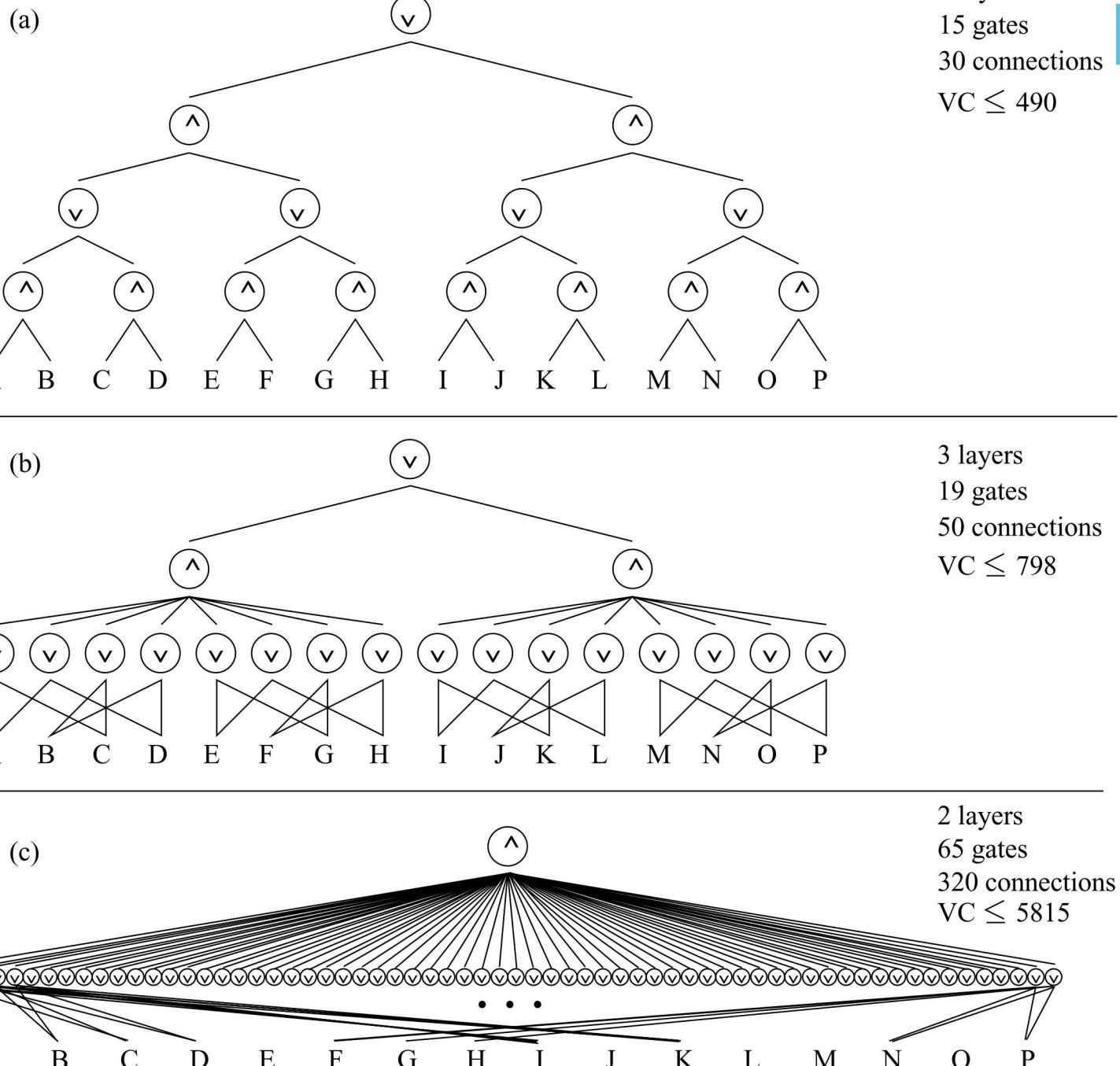
Note: Original data was in 5 dimensions. Only showing 3 here compressed into 2.

# Bias-Variance Trade-Off

Always choose the simplest model that can fit the data.

- Circuits (a), (b), (c) represent same logical function
- Can view gates and connections as learnable parameters
- All things equal, (a) is a much easier learning problem and most likely to generalize well.

Many theoretical constructs attempt to explicitly manipulate this trade, yet it remains a vexing problem.



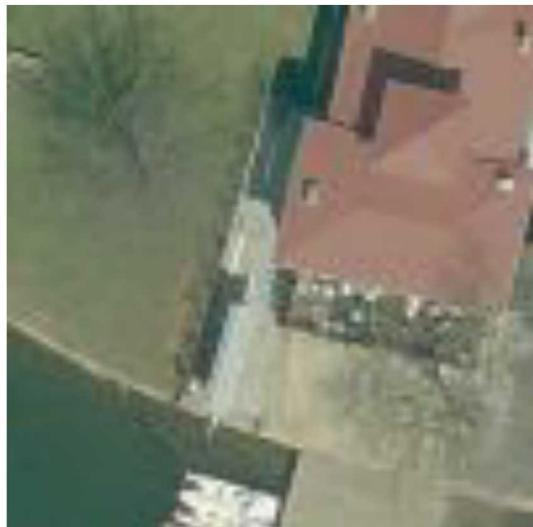
# Learning Example: Image Analysis



**Task:** Classify pixels as tree, grass, roof, water, concrete, or boat

**Performance Metric:** Accuracy

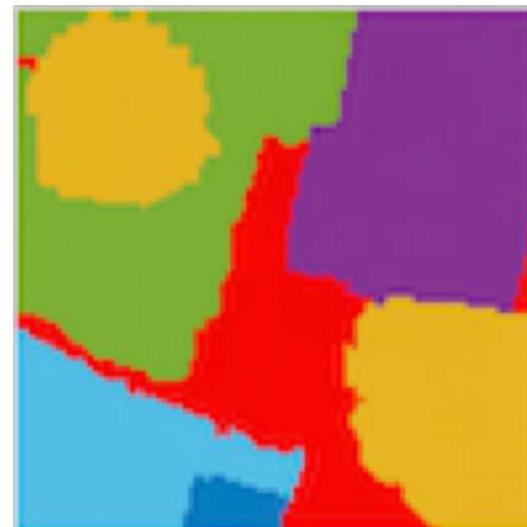
**Experience:** Labeled pixels



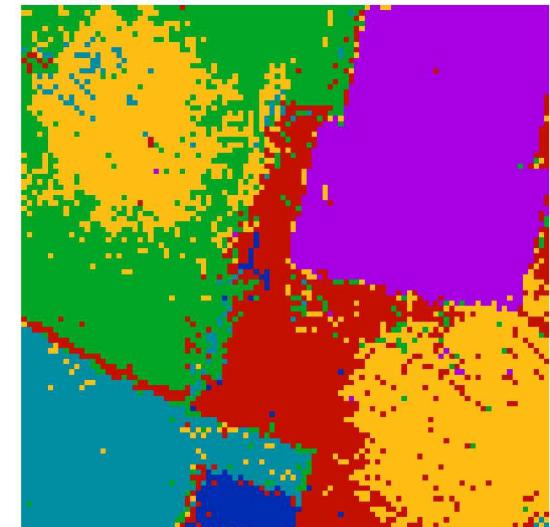
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Labels



Predictions

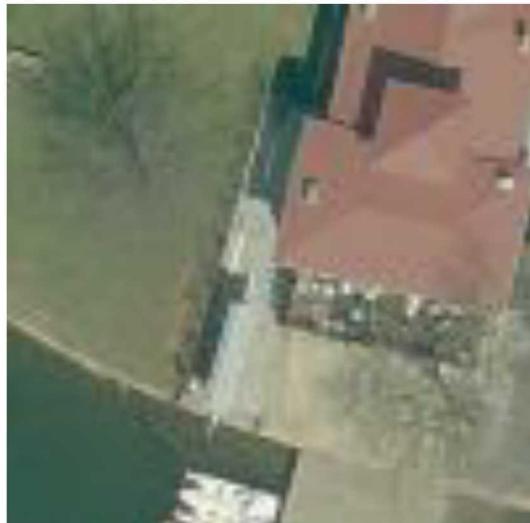
# Learning Example: Image Analysis



As we develop an application, we need to ask:

- How else might we formulate the problem?
- What input variables might provide the most information?
- How good are my labels?

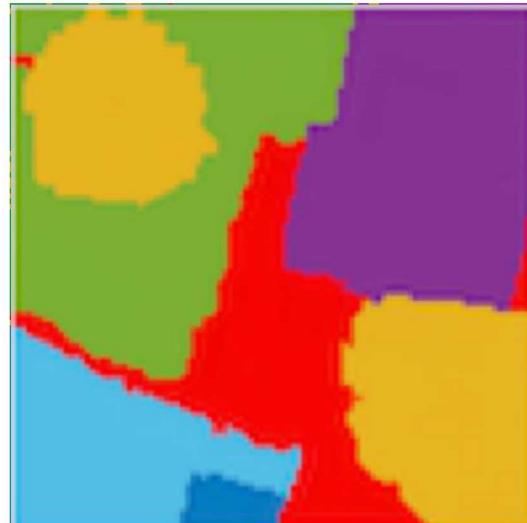
- What is the most appropriate knowledge representation?
- What is the most appropriate performance metric?
- Given the task and the data, what learning algorithms are likely to perform well?



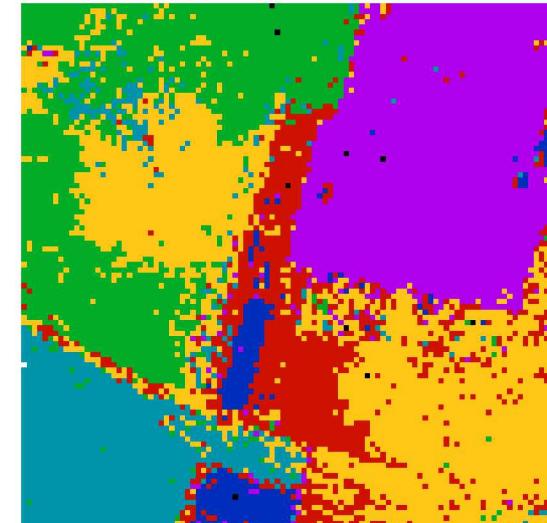
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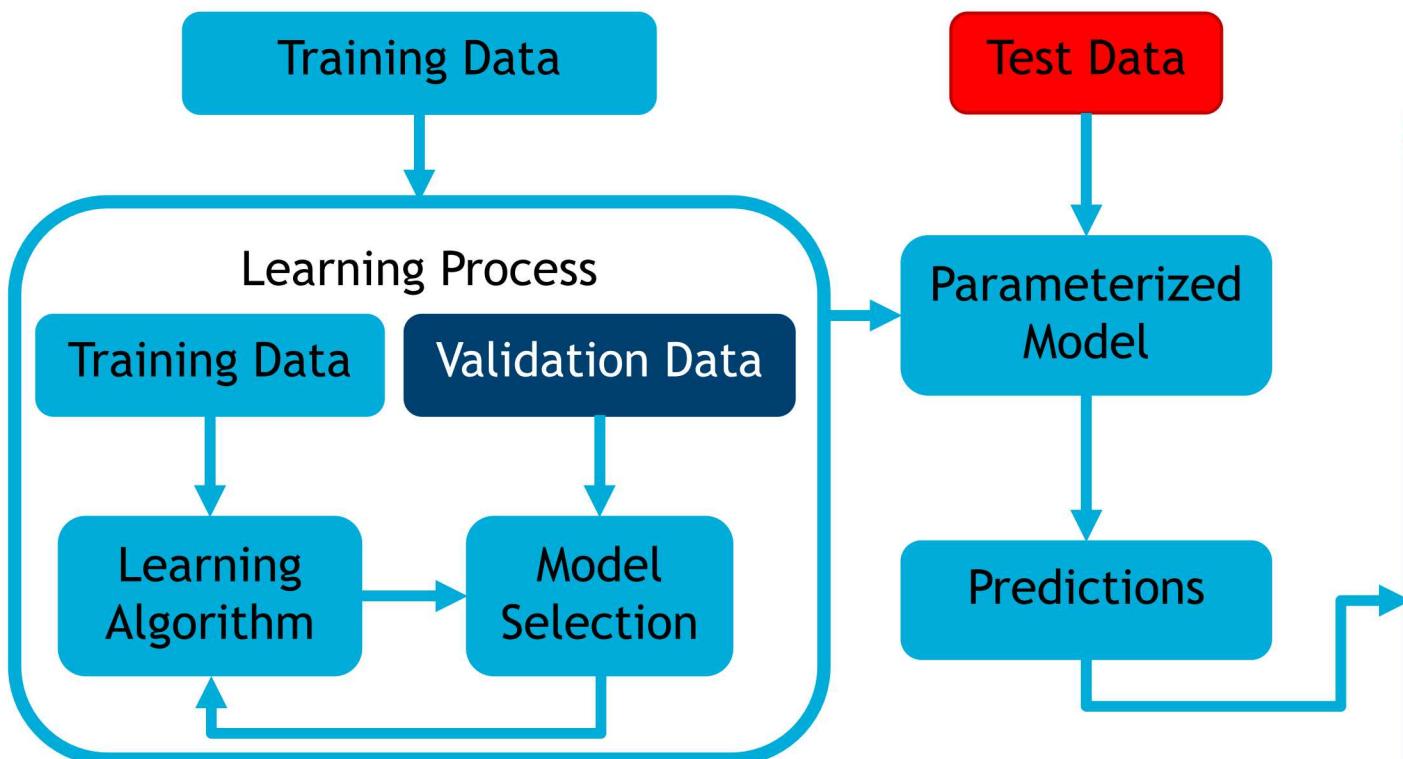


Labels



Predictions with Color Only (78%)

# Evaluation



What makes evaluation hard?

- Many ways to formulate error and performance metrics
- Highly dependent on the data, task, and goals
- Extrapolation ability is difficult to evaluate
- Hard to determine if/when we are extrapolating

## Performance (Loss) Metrics

- Accuracy =  $(TP + TN)/n$
- Precision =  $TP / (TP+FP)$
- Recall (Sensitivity) =  $TP / (TP+FN)$
- F-score =  $(P*R) / (P+R)$
- Confusion Matrices
- Log Loss =  $-\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^M y_{ij} \times \log(p_{ij})$
- ROC Curves: calibrate classification thresholds
- P-R Curves: similar to ROC; lots of negatives
- Regression metrics:
  - Root Mean Squared Error
  - Mean Absolute Error
  - $R^2$  – variance explanation

All of these can be applied with cross validation, random resampling, and stratification

# Learning Example: Time Series Application



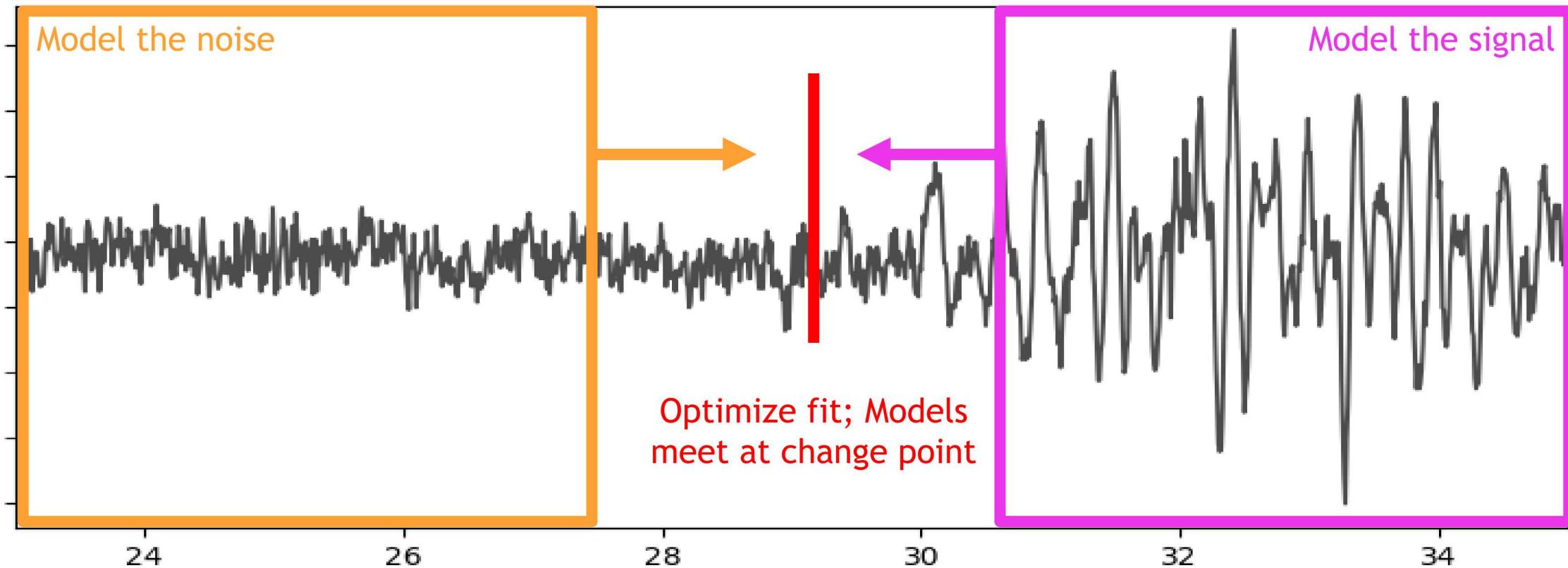
**Task:** Change detection

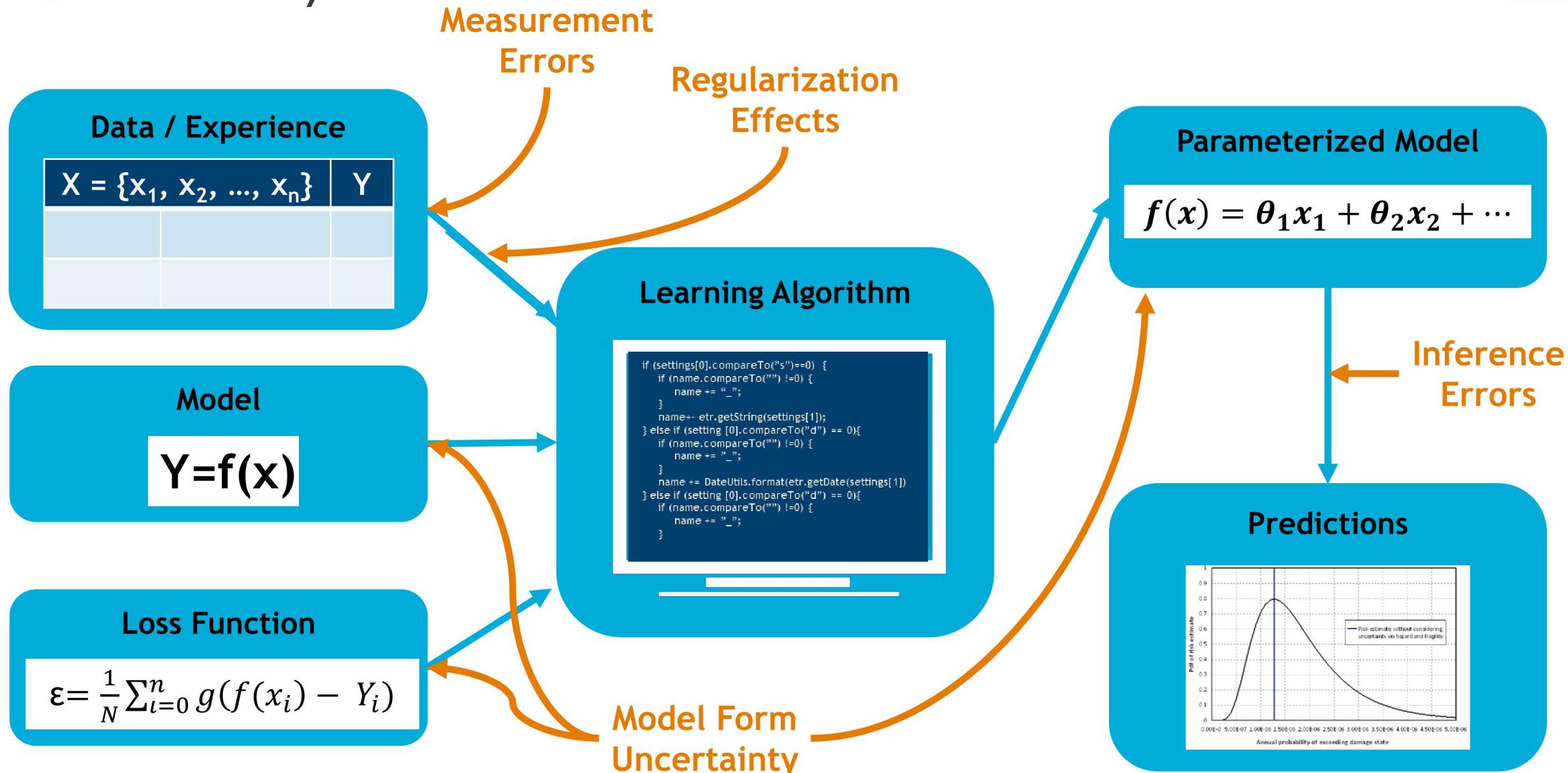
Want to know, as precisely as possible,  
when the signal first arrived

**Performance Metric:** No Ground Truth!!

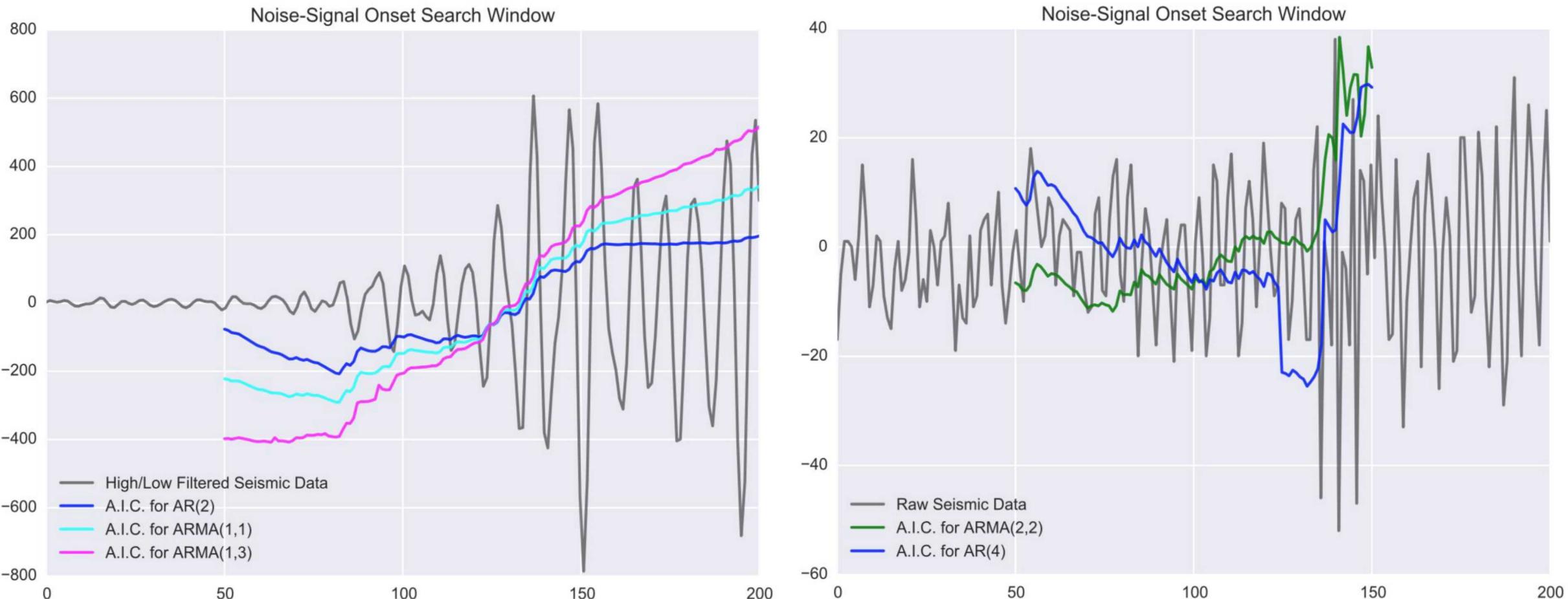
Internal distance metrics only

**Experience:** Waveform data,  
containing both signal and noise

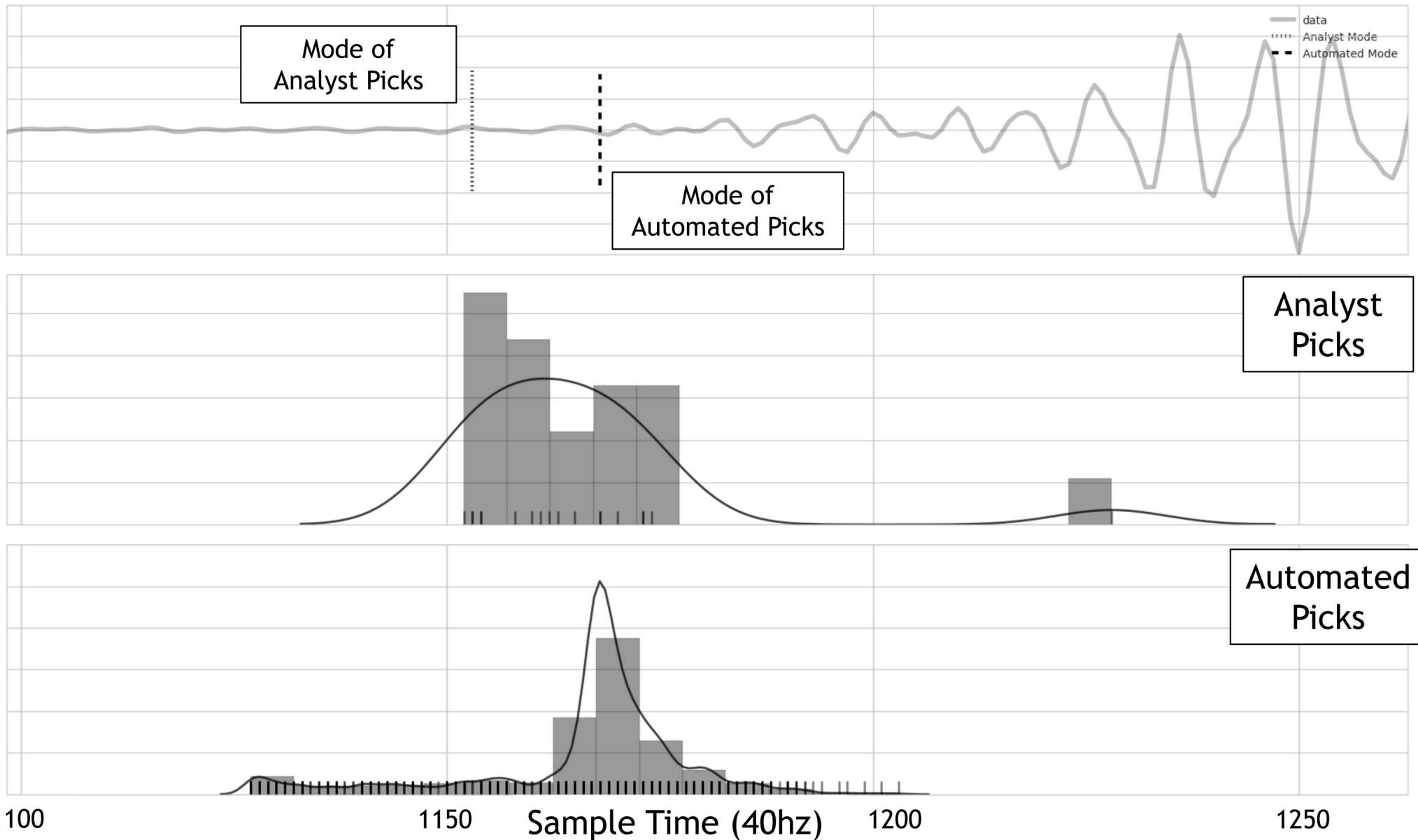




# Uncertainty Example: Seismic Onset Detection



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# 39 Domain Knowledge



- Variable selection
- Representative data

Data / Experience

$X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$	$Y$

Structural knowledge

Learning Algorithm

```
if (settings[0].compareTo("s") == 0) {  
    if (name.compareTo("") != 0) {  
        name += "_";  
    }  
    name += etr.getString(settings[1]);  
} else if (setting[0].compareTo("d") == 0){  
    if (name.compareTo("") != 0) {  
        name += "_";  
    }  
    name += DateUtils.format(etr.getDate(settings[1]));  
} else if (setting[0].compareTo("id") == 0){  
    if (name.compareTo("") != 0) {  
        name += "_";  
    }  
}
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Model

$$Y = f(x)$$

Loss Function

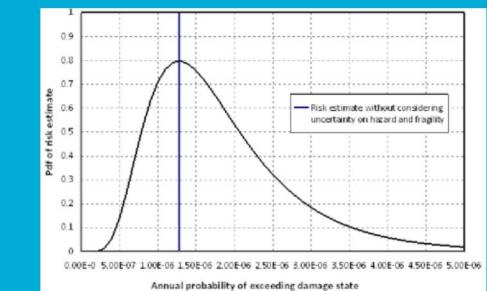
$$\varepsilon = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^n g(f(x_i) - Y_i)$$

Domain constraints

Parameterized Model

$$f(x) = \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \dots$$

Predictions

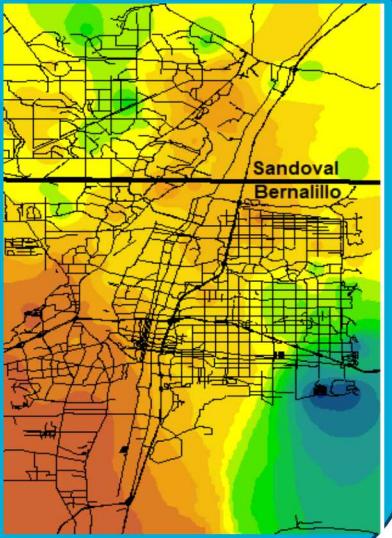




### *Sparse measurements*

Example: Given sparse network of rainfall sensors and doppler radar, compute rainfall distribution map for entire region.

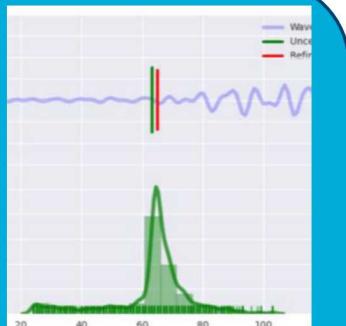
Becomes input to hydrology simulations.



### *Event detection*

Example: Given seismograph network, identify all onset times and estimate relative detection quality.

Becomes input to slowness inversion.



### **Predictive Model Induction**

Example: Given URL format rules and known examples of benign and malicious links, learn to distinguish between the two.

<https://www.facebook.com/help/cookies/?ref=sitefooter>

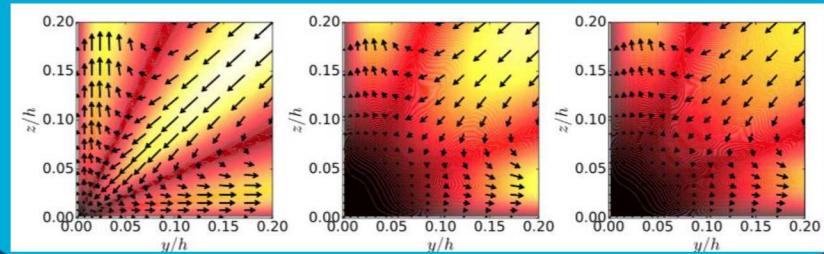
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Path

Parameters

### *Error correction*

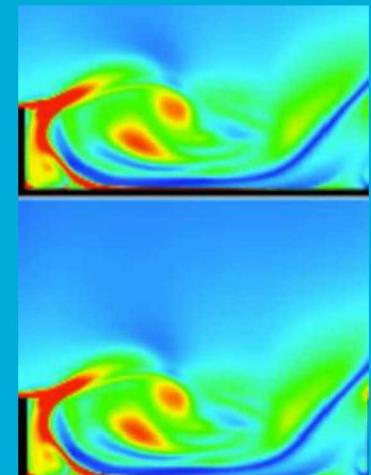
Example: Compare mod/sim results to observations, learn an error term for the simulation model. Error term may use observables not included in the model.



### *Surrogate models*

Example: Given high-fidelity model and simulations, predict physical model outputs for given conditions.

Use learned model as inexpensive proxy for the high-fidelity model.





## Textbooks on AI & ML

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# Machine Learning Approaches and Data Considerations

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# Outline



- Factors in deciding upon a machine learning approach
- Classes of Machine Learning
  - Supervised Learning
  - Unsupervised Learning
  - Semi-Supervised Learning
  - Reinforcement Learning
- Information Representation

# Deciding Upon a Machine Learning Approach



## What problem are you trying to solve?

- Predict a category
- Predict a value
- Group data
- Find anomalies
- Find correlations
- Optimize parameters

## What data is available?

- Numerical
- Categorical
- Images/Audio/Video
- Text
- ...



## Tasks

- Regression (continuous response)
- Classification (discrete response)
  - Binary (2 classes)
  - Multiclass (>2 classes)

## Experience (data)

- Regression: input-output pairs
- Classification: feature-label pairs

## Performance measures

- Many different methods

Iris Data (subset)

Sepal length	Sepal width	Petal length	Petal width	Species
5.1	3.5	1.4	0.2	setosa
4.9	3	1.4	0.2	setosa
4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2	setosa
4.6	3.1	1.5	0.2	setosa
5	3.6	1.4	0.2	setosa
7	3.2	4.7	1.4	versicolor
6.4	3.2	4.5	1.5	versicolor
6.9	3.1	4.9	1.5	versicolor
5.5	2.3	4	1.3	versicolor
6.5	2.8	4.6	1.5	versicolor
6.3	3.3	6	2.5	virginica
5.8	2.7	5.1	1.9	virginica
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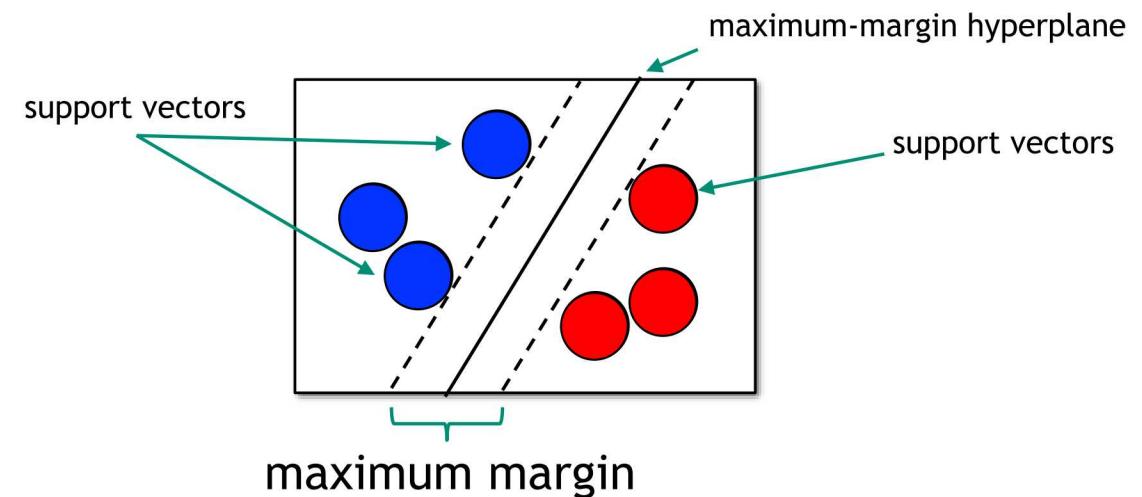
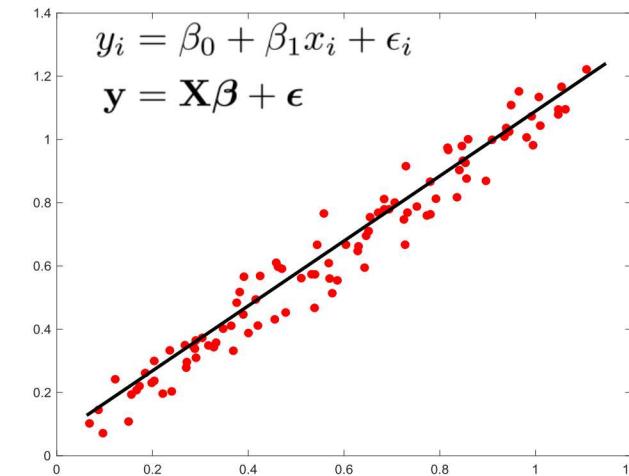
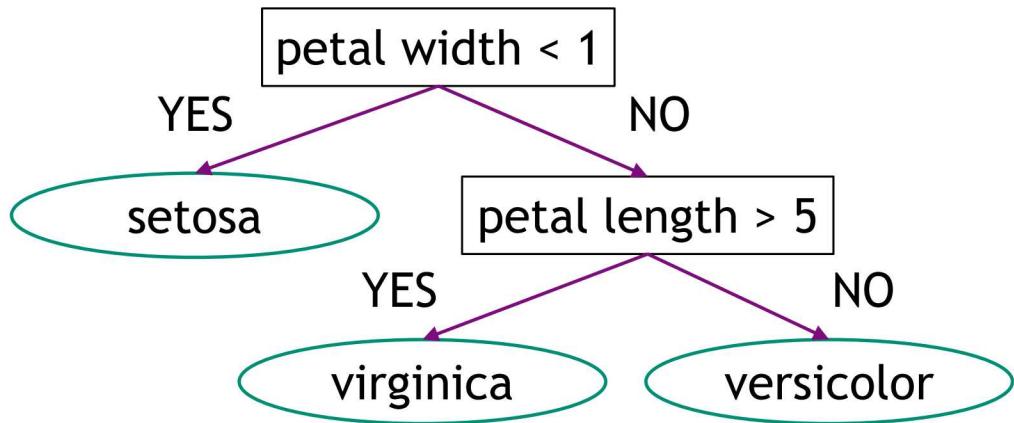
Features

Label

# Examples of Supervised Learning



- Linear Regression
- Support Vector Machines
- Naïve Bayes
- Decision Trees / Random Forests
- Neural Networks
- k-Nearest Neighbor



# Neural Networks

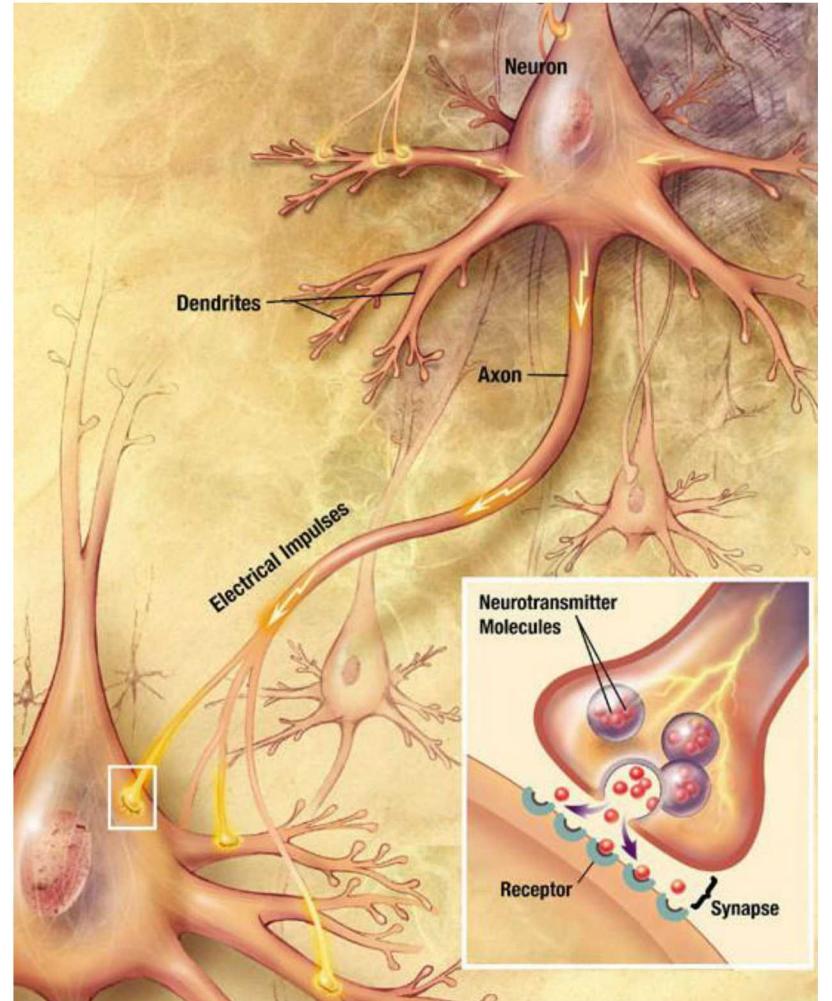


Brain has neurons that communicate with other neurons through electrical impulses.

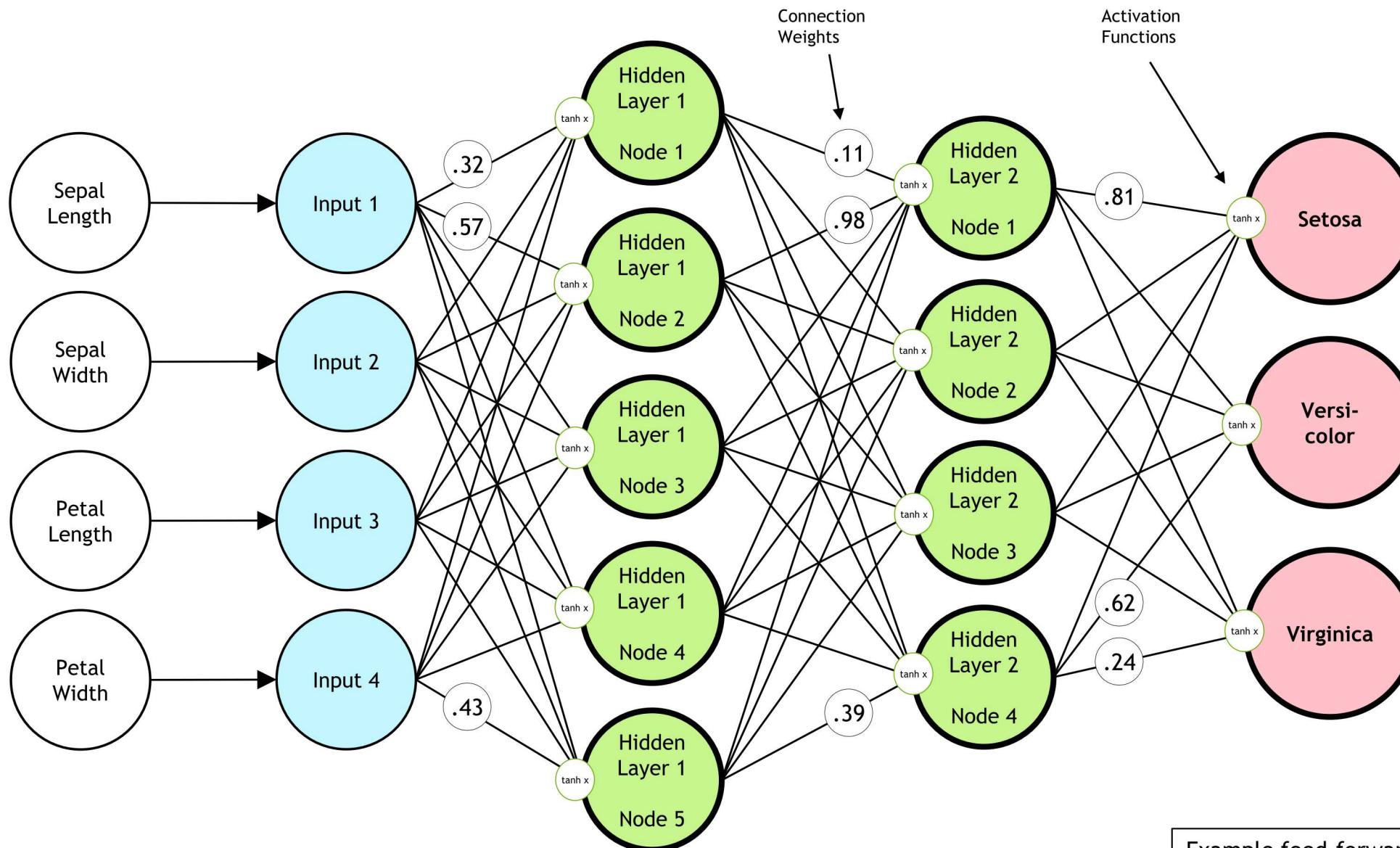
- Approximately 100 billion in human brain

Connections strengthen with experience

Neural networks are mathematical models inspired by the connectionist model of the brain



# Artificial Neural Networks



Example feed-forward neural network



## Convolutional/Deep Networks

- Convolutional networks take advantage of local dependencies
- Deep networks capitalize on the power of deeper networks to encode/represent higher level, latent features
- Deep convolutional networks revolutionized the processing of images, sounds, and video
- Applicable to other modalities

## Recurrent Neural Networks

- Takes data of varying length
- Useful for temporal and sequential data (e.g., text, signal processing)

## Autoencoders/Generative Adversarial Networks

- Autoencoders create compressed representations of the original data
  - Useful in anomaly detection, compression, domain feedback
- Variational autoencoders can generate new data
- Generative Adversarial Networks pit two models (usually neural networks) against each other
  - Generator creates new samples
  - Discriminator learns to tell original samples from generated samples
  - Generator and Discriminator co-evolve
  - "Battle-tested" generator produces high quality new samples

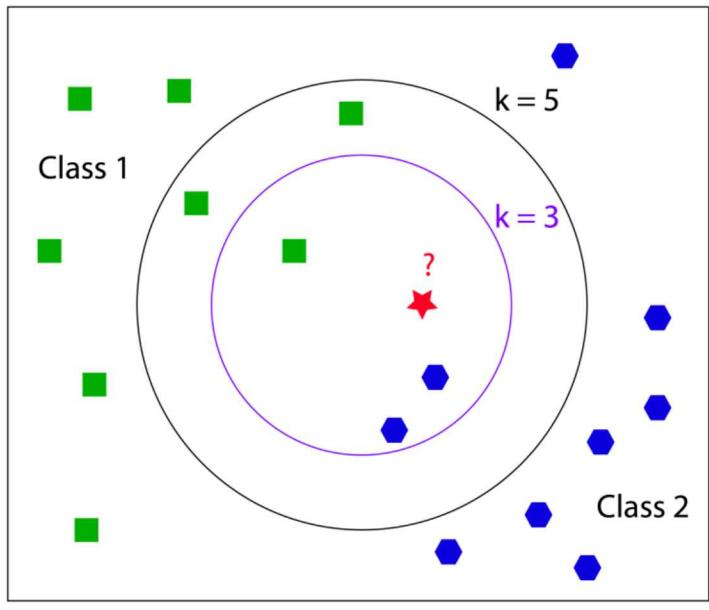
# k-Nearest Neighbor



**Input:**  $k$  closest instances (nearest neighbors) in feature space

**Output**

- Regression: average values of  $k$  nearest neighbors
- Classification: majority class of  $k$  nearest neighbors



kNN: example of **instance-based learning**

- Function only approximated locally
- Computation deferred until prediction

# Unsupervised Learning



## Tasks

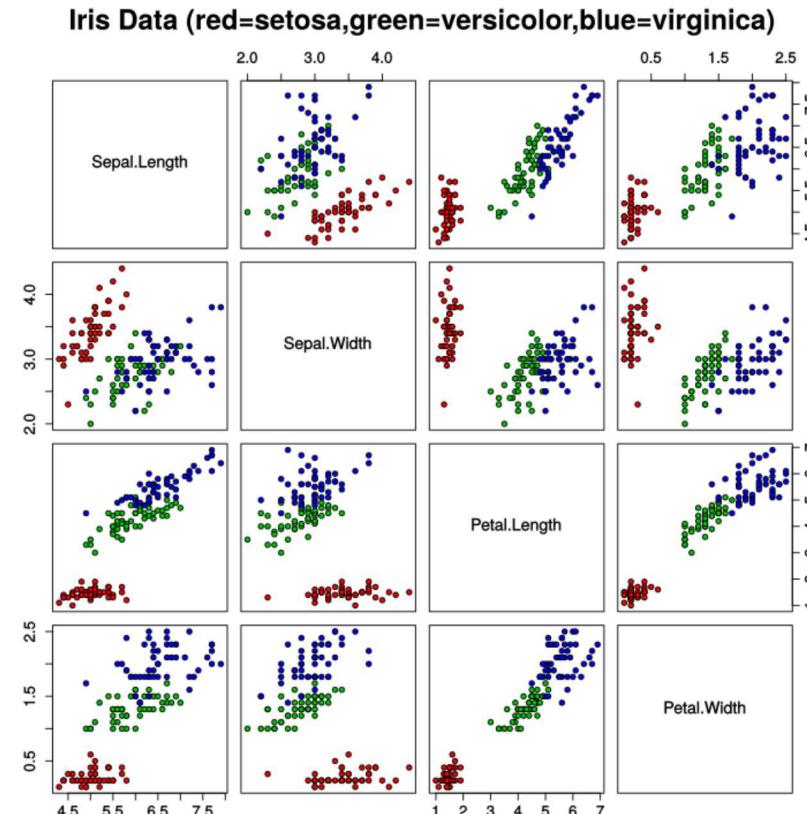
- Clustering (grouping)
- Dimensionality reduction
- Anomaly detection
- Association
- Generative modeling

## Experience (data)

- Instances are unlabeled

## Performance measures

- Challenging due to lack of labels/known solutions
- Validation often leverages labeled data sets (labels only used in testing)



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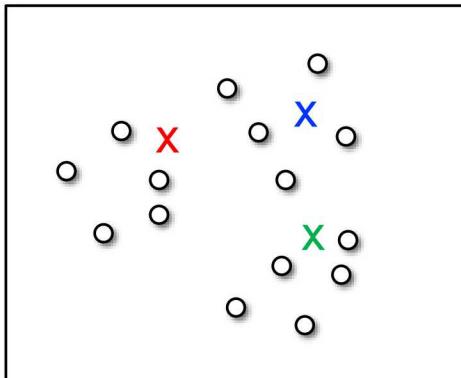
## Task

- Group data instances by distance into  $K$  groups
- Data instances are points in a multidimensional feature vector space

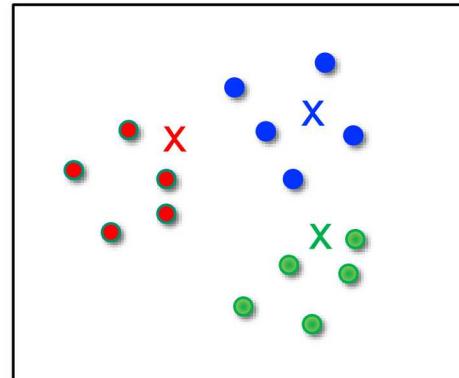
## Standard Algorithm

1. Initialize cluster centroids randomly
2. Iterate until convergence
  - a) **Assign** each instance to the cluster whose centroid is “closest”
  - b) **Update** the centroids given the current cluster assignments

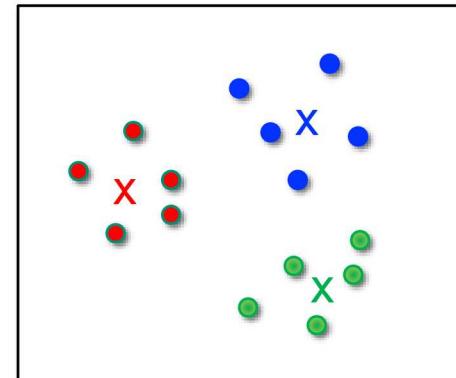
cluster centroid =  
arithmetic mean of  
the points in the  
cluster



Centroids (x) and cluster assignments (color) at **start of iteration**



**Assignment** of instances to cluster with closest centroid



**Update** centroids based on new cluster assignments



## Task

- Group data instances by distance into  $K$  groups
- Data instances are points in a multidimensional feature vector space

## Challenges

- What value to use for  $K$ ?
  - Most often chosen by the user/analyst/subject matter expert
- How to initialize the centroids?
  - Random instances as centroids vs. random cluster assignments
- How to compute distances?
  - Euclidean distance often used
  - Often data- and problem-dependent
- When to stop iterating?
  - Assignment stagnation often used
  - $K$ -means clustering is equivalent to local minimization



## ***K*-medoids**

- *K*-means like algorithm using medoids (median values of cluster points) instead of means for assignments

## **Fuzzy K-means**

- Fuzzy set membership for observations

## **DBSCAN**

- density-based clustering with outlier detection and no predetermined number of clusters

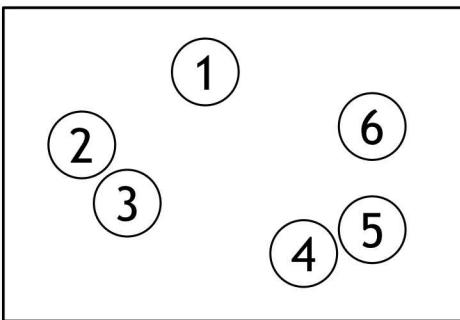
## **Gaussian Mixture Models**

- *K*-means like algorithm with Gaussian distribution assumptions & probabilistic assignment

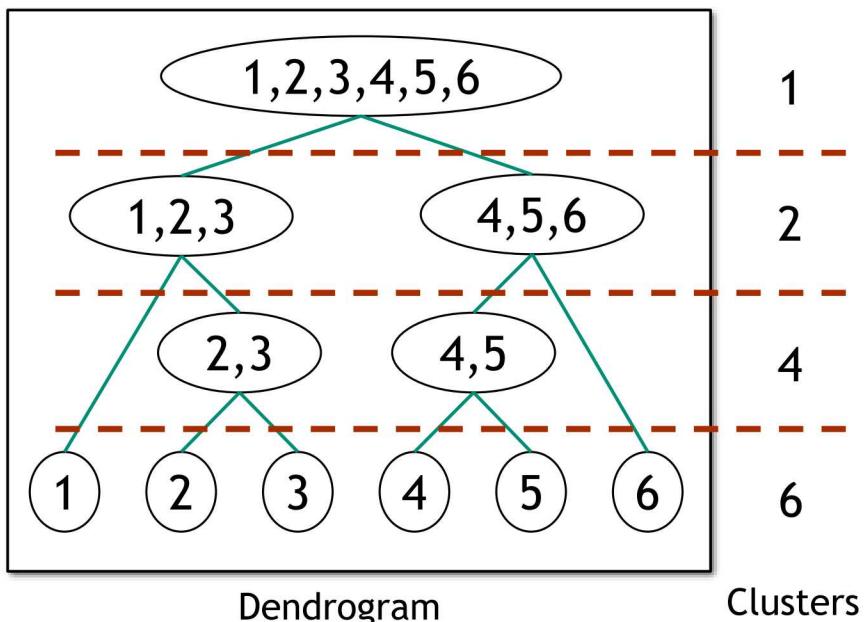
## **Spectral Clustering**

- Useful for exploiting affinities (e.g., connections, similarities), in data points, regardless of Cartesian proximity

# Hierarchical Clustering



Data in 2D Feature Space



## Clustering Approaches

- Agglomerative
  - Merging from bottom to top
- Divisive
  - Splitting from top to bottom

## Metric

- Distance between data points

## Linkage Criteria

- Distance between sets
  - Single: minimum
  - Complete: maximum
  - Average

## Number of clusters

- Choose a level to cut dendrogram



## Tasks

- Supervised Learning Tasks

## Experience (data)

- Small amount of labeled data
- Mostly unlabeled data

## Performance measures

- Supervised Learning measures

## Training model

- Train a model using labeled data
- Use model to predict labels for unlabeled data
- Add (some) unlabeled data and predicted labels to labeled data
- Repeat

## Co-training

- Multiple classifiers working in tandem
- Requires independence between classifiers



## Tasks

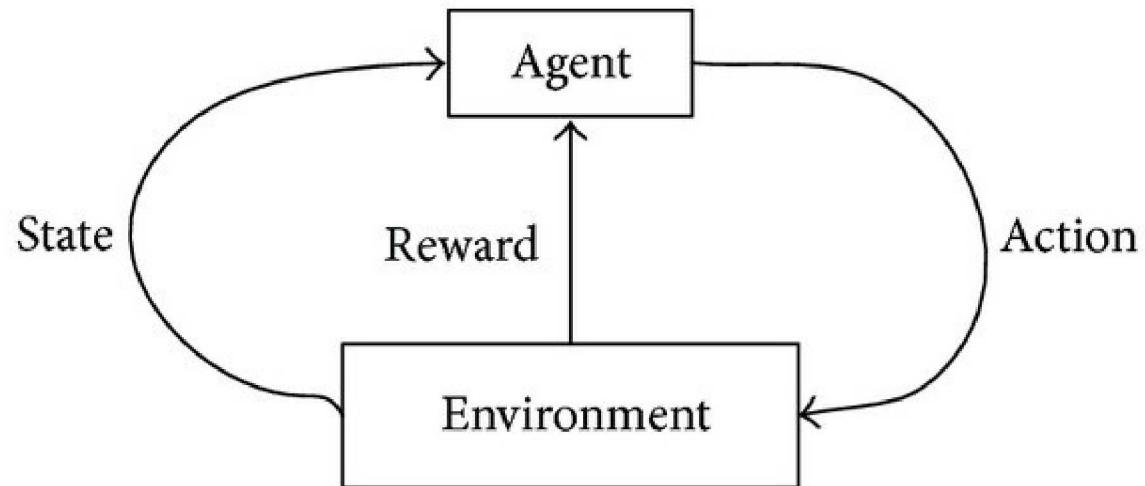
- Take the best action based on current state (i.e., information available)

## Experience (data)

- Interactions with the environment/system
- State of environment/system

## Performance measures

- Maximize reward
- Minimize risk



# Information Representation is Key to Machine Learning Success

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**Aforementioned examples assume that the data is already in the correct form to solve the problem**

## Knowledge Elicitation

- Gaining knowledge from Subject Matter Experts

## Feature engineering / Data wrangling

- Getting the data in a form useful for answering the pertinent questions
- Often an iterative process

## Feature selection

- Some features may be irrelevant
- Many algorithms are robust to this, but irrelevant features can degrade performance or cause machine learning methods to take longer than desired

## Data properties

- Are the relevant features included?
- Is there enough of the data?
- Is the data drawn from the correct distribution?



## Tools

- **Scikit-learn**
  - <https://scikit-learn.org/>
- **PyTorch**
  - <https://pytorch.org>
- **Tensorflow**
  - <https://www.tensorflow.org>

## Data

- **UCI Machine Learning Repository:**
  - <https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/index.php>
- **Kaggle:**
  - <https://www.kaggle.com/datasets>



# Optimization with Application to Machine Learning and Power Systems

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# What Do We Mean By “Optimization”?



Linear programming (LP)

$$\arg \min_x c^T x$$

$$s.t. \quad Ax \leq b$$

$$x \in Q^n$$

“Standard” form:

$$\arg \min_x c^T x$$

$$s.t. \quad Ax = b$$

$$x \geq 0$$

$$x \in Q^n$$

Classic example: Linear Assignment Problem (LAP)

$$\arg \min_x \sum_{j \in N} \sum_{i \in N} c_{ij} x_{ij}$$

$$s.t. \quad \sum_{i \in N} x_{ij} = 1 \quad \forall j \in N$$

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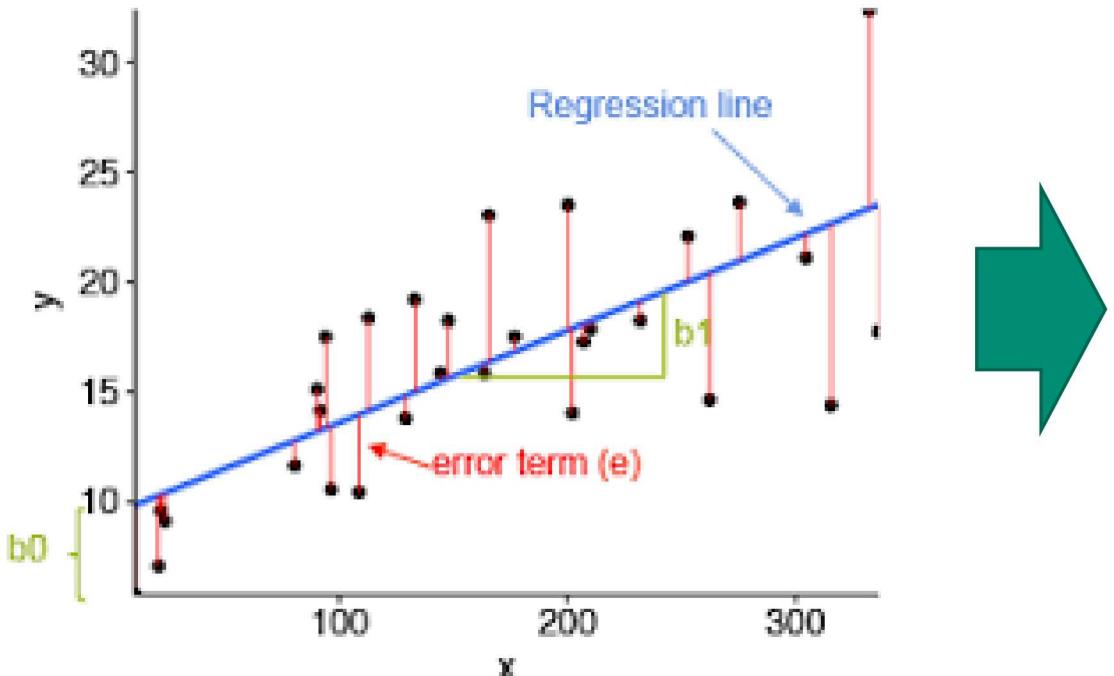
$$x_{ij} \geq 0 \quad \forall i \in N, j \in N$$

We generally assume that an algebraic description of the underlying problem is available

Popular extensions:

- Mixed-integer programming
- Non-linear programming
- Stochastic programming
- Robust optimization

# Machine Learning and Optimization (I)

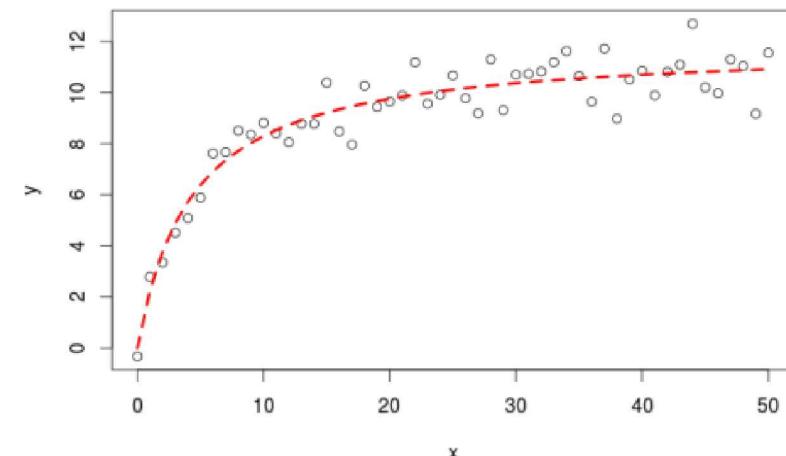


Linear regression is an optimization problem

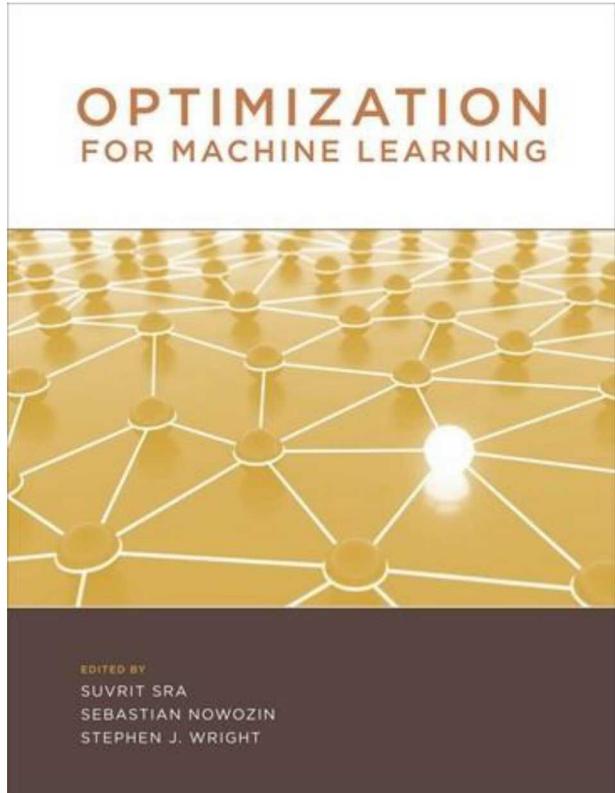
Find  $\min_{\alpha, \beta} Q(\alpha, \beta)$ , for  $Q(\alpha, \beta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\varepsilon}_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \alpha - \beta x_i)^2$

Slope-intercept  
parameters of a line

Non-linear regression is still an optimization problem - you just shift from linear programming to non-linear programming models and methods



# Machine Learning and Optimization (2)

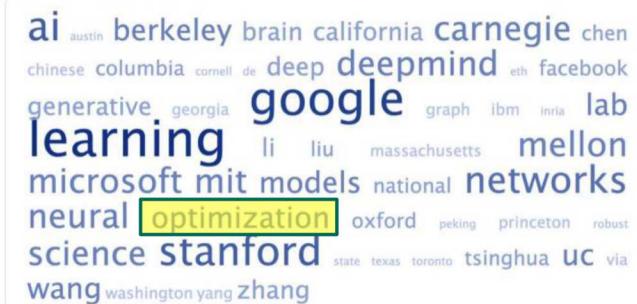


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*“The interplay between optimization and machine learning is one of the most important developments in modern computational science. Optimization formulations and methods are proving to be vital in designing algorithms to extract essential knowledge from huge volumes of data.”*

A word doodle of accepted papers at [@NeurIPSConf](#) -- Learning is more than deep.



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Many talk sessions at major machine learning conferences would be at home at optimization conferences

# Machine Learning and Optimization (3)



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This is even before the deep learning revolution...

## The Interplay of Optimization and Machine Learning Research

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### Abstract

The fields of machine learning and mathematical programming are increasingly intertwined. Optimization problems lie at the heart of most machine learning approaches. The Special Topic on Machine Learning and Large Scale Optimization examines this interplay. Machine learning researchers have embraced the advances in mathematical programming allowing new types of models to be pursued. The special topic includes models using quadratic, linear, second-order cone, semi-definite, and semi-infinite programs. We observe that the qualities of good optimization algorithms from the machine learning and optimization perspectives can be quite different. Mathematical programming puts a premium on accuracy, speed, and robustness. Since generalization is the bottom line in machine learning and training is normally done off-line, accuracy and small speed improvements are of little concern in machine learning. Machine learning prefers simpler algorithms that work in reasonable computational time for specific classes of problems. Reducing machine learning problems to well-explored mathematical programming classes with robust general purpose optimization codes allows machine learning researchers to rapidly develop new techniques. In turn, machine learning presents new challenges to mathematical programming. The special issue include papers from two primary themes: novel machine learning models and novel optimization approaches for existing models. Many papers blend both themes, making small changes in the underlying core mathematical program that enable the develop of effective new algorithms.

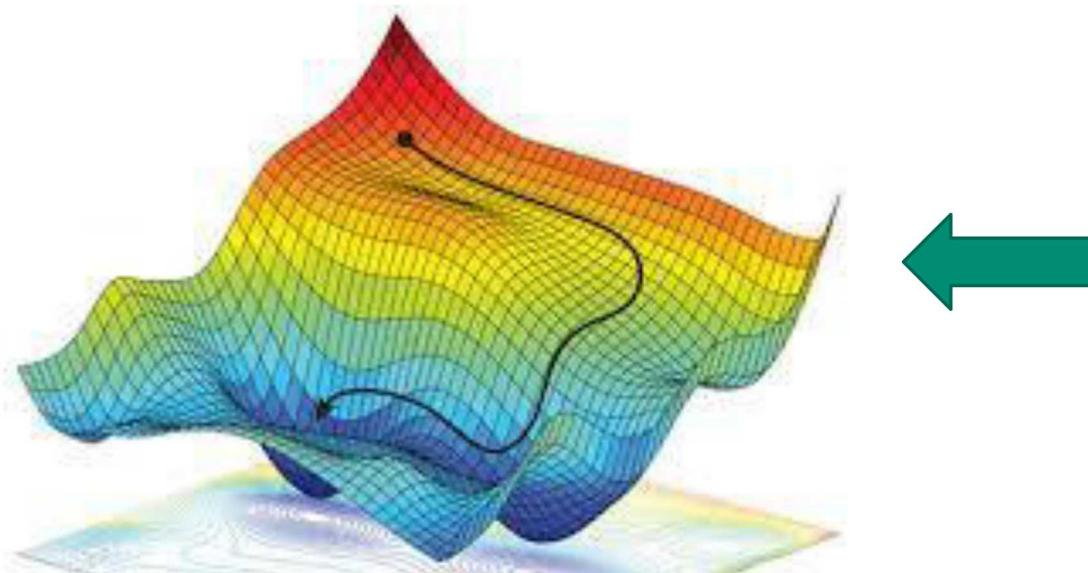


”Optimization problems lie at the heart of most machine learning problems”

# Machine Learning and Optimization (4)



Stochastic gradient descent (SGD) - a now standard optimization method - is at the center of the deep learning revolution



Training of deep (autoencoder) neural networks is a non-linear optimization problem to minimize reconstruction errors

There is still much more that optimization can do for machine learning, e.g.,

- Rigorous proofs of global optimality
- Basis for adversarial machine learning
- From neural net training to architecture design

But: SGD is a *local* method for solving a non-linear optimization model

- A heuristic - not a rigorous, complete solution method
- Absolutely no guarantee of optimality
- Nor any indication of how far you are from a global optimum

# Most of Power Systems Operations and Planning is Optimization...

Decision making in power systems looks at processes ranging from very large time constants to near real-time:

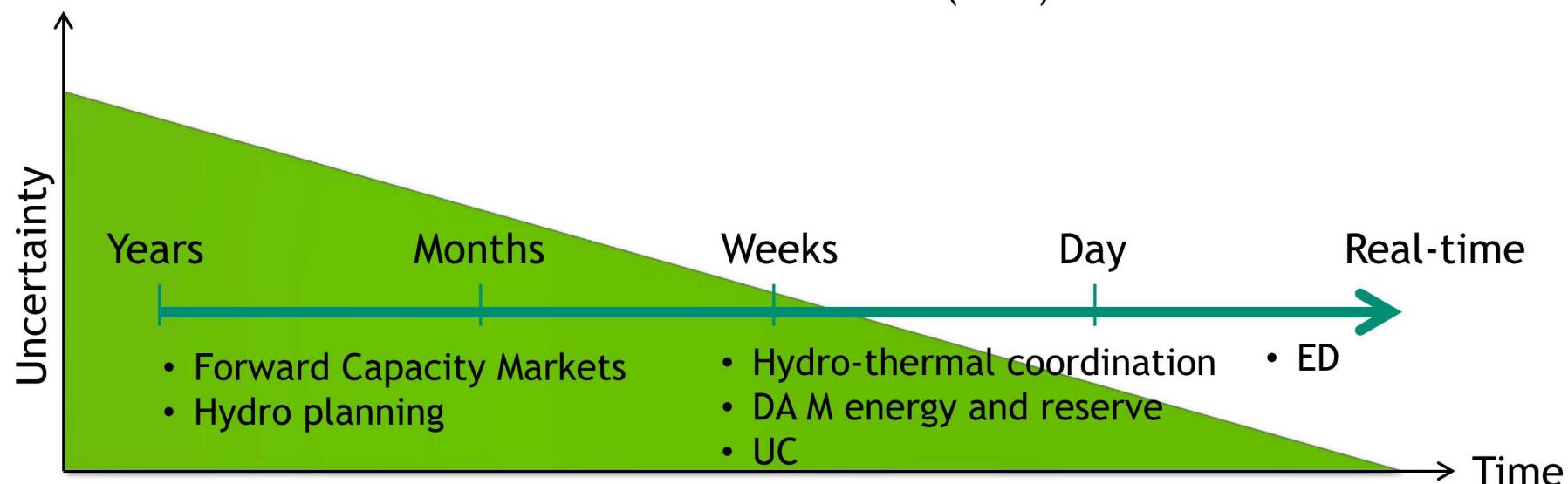
**Years, Seasons, Months, Weeks:** Resource adequacy, transmission and hydro resource planning

**Days:** Hydro-thermal coordination, day-ahead UC of energy and reserves, intra-day UC

**Hours:** intra-day look-ahead processes, dynamic economic dispatch

**Minutes:** Economic Dispatch (ED)

**Seconds:** Automatic Generation Control (AGC)



**Every problem at the five minute and larger time scales is formulated and solved as an optimization problem**



The time required to solve operations problems such as commitment and dispatch can be significantly lowered by up to 80% via “warm starting” - use historical data to fit a ML model that predicts what are likely to be high-quality solutions for a given



# Learning to Solve Large-Scale Security-Constrained Unit Commitment Problems

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**Abstract.** Security-Constrained Unit Commitment (SCUC) is a fundamental problem in power systems and electricity markets. In practical settings, SCUC is repeatedly solved via Mixed-Integer Linear Programming, sometimes multiple times per day, with only minor changes in input data. In this work, we propose a number of machine learning (ML) techniques to effectively extract information from previously solved instances in order to significantly improve the computational performance of MIP solvers when solving similar instances in the future. Based on statistical data, we predict redundant constraints in the formulation, good initial feasible solutions and affine subspaces where the optimal solution is likely to lie, leading to significant reduction in problem size. Computational results on a diverse set of realistic and large-scale instances show that, using the proposed techniques, SCUC can

## A Distributed Framework for Solving and Benchmarking Security Constrained Unit Commitment with Warm Start

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## Abstract

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This paper discusses several methods to improve commercial optimization solver performance on day ahead security constrained unit commitment through warm start and lazy constraint settings. Data analytics is performed to greatly improve the quality of the initial commitment solution and lazy constraint setting. A distributed optimization framework is proposed to take advantage of the diversity from prevalent solvers (GUROBI and CPLEX) and different warm start strategies. A systematic distribution profile based benchmarking method is also proposed.

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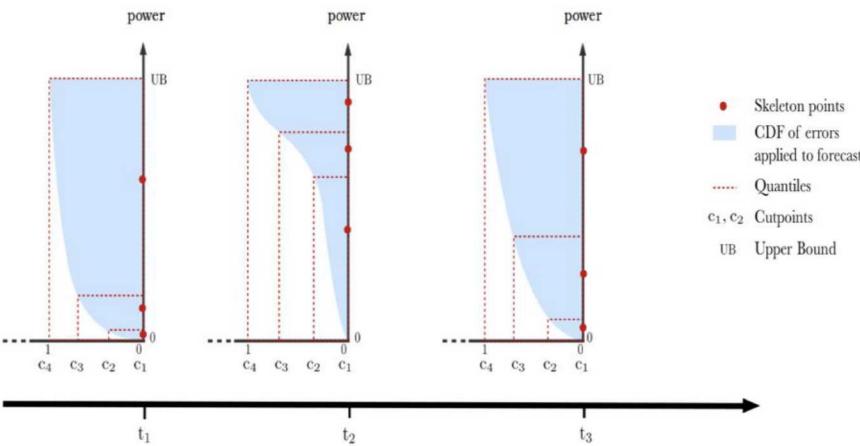
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Related techniques hold even more promise in the context of stochastic power systems operations problems, which are significantly more difficult in practice

# ML for Power Systems Optimization: Scenario Construction



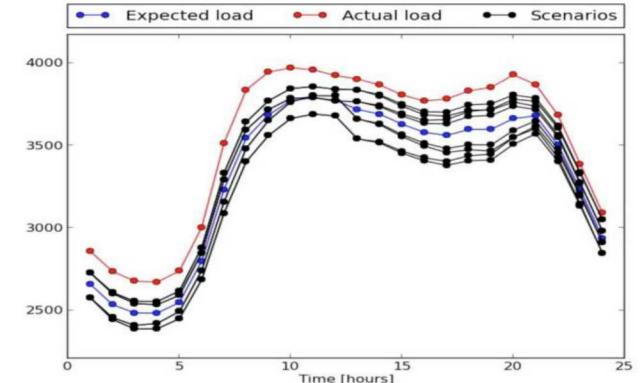
Historical forecasts and corresponding actuals are fed into ML algorithms to characterize error distributions...



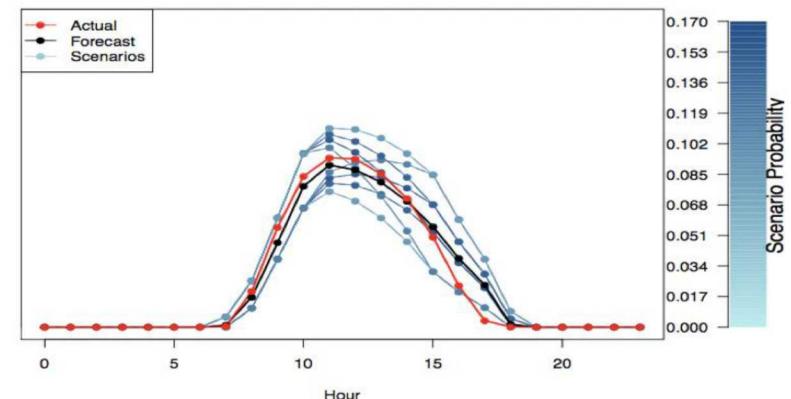
.. which are then used to construct probabilistic scenarios for operations



Day-Ahead Scenarios for Bulk Load



Day-Ahead Scenarios for Bulk Solar



*Probabilistic scenarios form the basis for stochastic power systems operations and planning problems - and they are provided by ML*



# (Examples of) Machine Learning for the North American Energy Resilience Model (NAERM)

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# Resilience Quantification: Stochastic Models are Critical

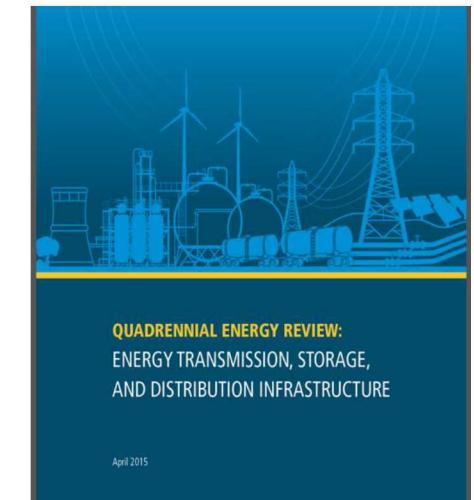
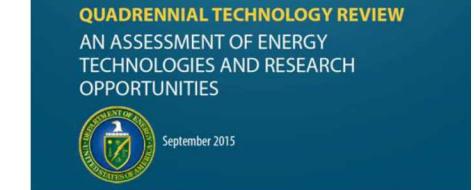
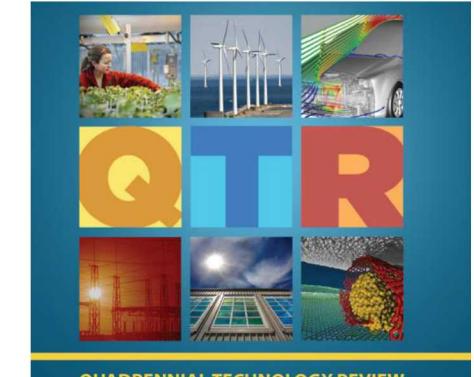
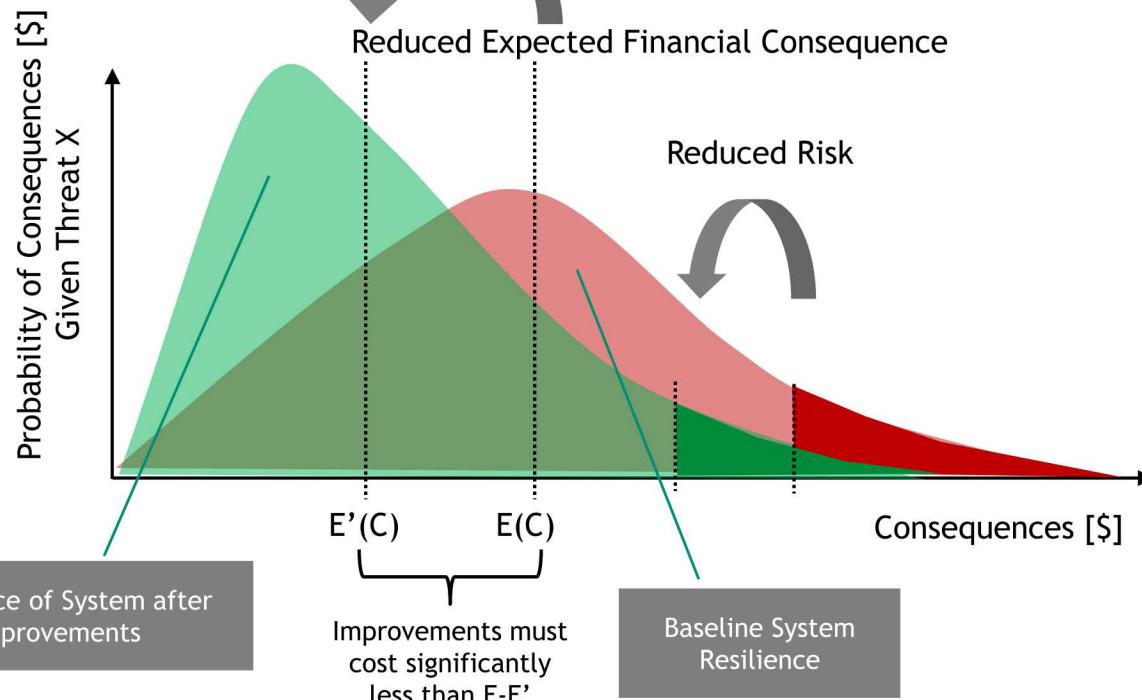


ML is central to developing probabilistic models of threats - which are critical inputs to resilience analysis



Reduced Expected Financial Consequence

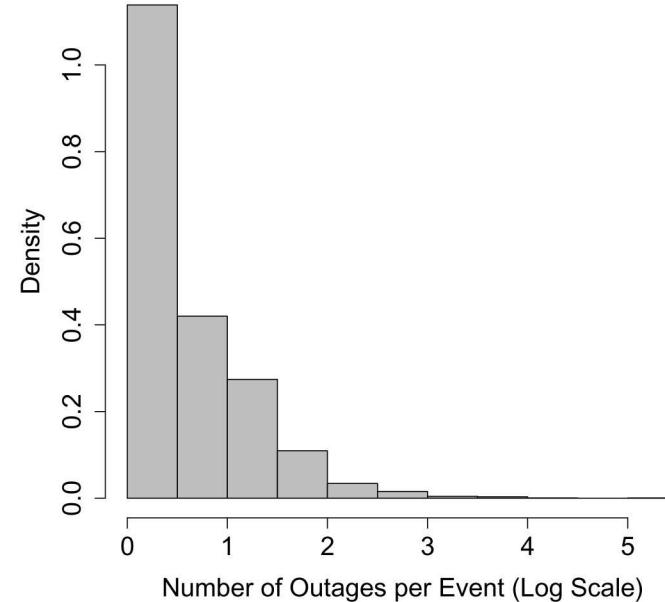
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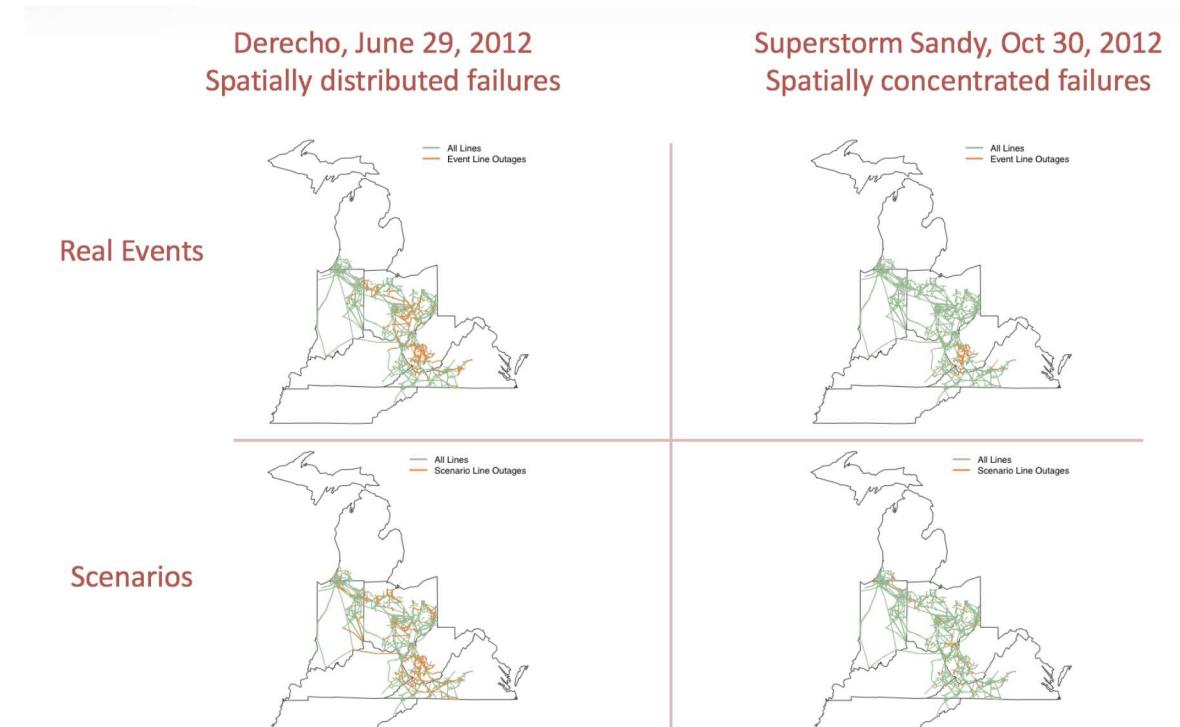
# Resilience Analysis: Probabilistic Outage Scenarios



Historical transmission outage data associated with extreme weather events



Probabilistic ML models calibrated using historical outage data



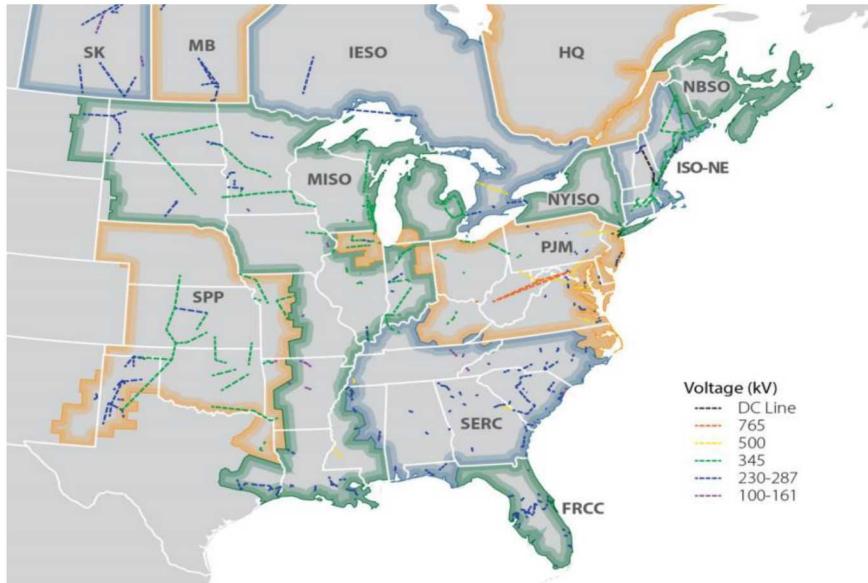
Probabilistic outage scenarios are a pre-requisite for proactive resilience operations and investment strategies..

... and are equally applicable in planning and real-time contexts

# ML for Accelerating National-Scale Grid Computation



## Future EI Case (ERGIS, from NREL)



~11K generators in entire system

- Includes two very large ISOs
  - Difficult to solve in isolation, let alone in a coordinated manner
- Major challenges for solving core operations simulations such as commitment and dispatch

Significant technology development efforts required to execute ERGIS cases in tractable run times



### Time Domain Partitioning of Electricity Production Cost Simulations

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ML methods for accelerating commitment and dispatch optimization model solves can potentially yield order-of-magnitude reductions in run times

# ML-Based Grid Situational Awareness and Control



Significant emerging efforts in the realm of ML for proactive power grid operations via deep ML

## From Grid Eye to Grid Mind

-A Data-driven Autonomous Grid Dispatch Robot Based on PMU Measurements

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## L2RPN Challenge

- Learning to Run a Power Network throu

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Research Areas

Graph Computing & Grid Modernization	AI & System Analytics
Advanced Computing & Data Intelligence	Smart Chips

Key question is whether such methods can be extended from reliability to resilience contexts, and beyond minute-scale look-ahead



# Highlights of Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning in Power Systems

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# Power System Applications of Artificial Intelligence

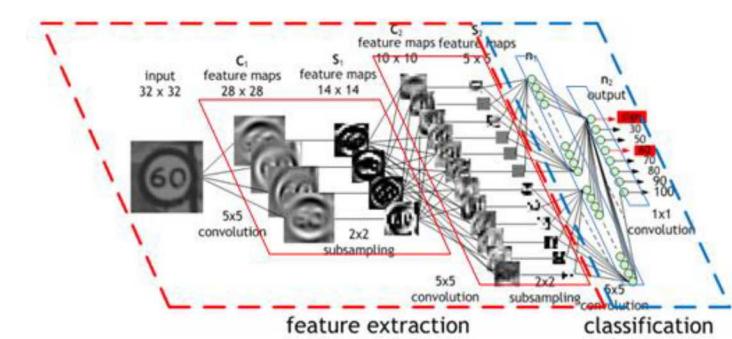


Power Systems is an ideal field for applications of Artificial Intelligence due to the complex systems and large amounts of data.

AI/ML algorithms were recently made possible due to:

- Advances in computing power for real-time learning and decision making
  - Massive computing power even at the grid edge in advanced inverters and Real-Time Automation Controllers (RTAC)
- Additions of new sensing equipment such as smart meters and PMU
  - 2000 PMU and 70 million smart meters in the U.S.
  - Synchronized and real-time communication
- New Artificial Intelligence algorithms to handle large datasets, the advent of transferable learning, and physics-based algorithms

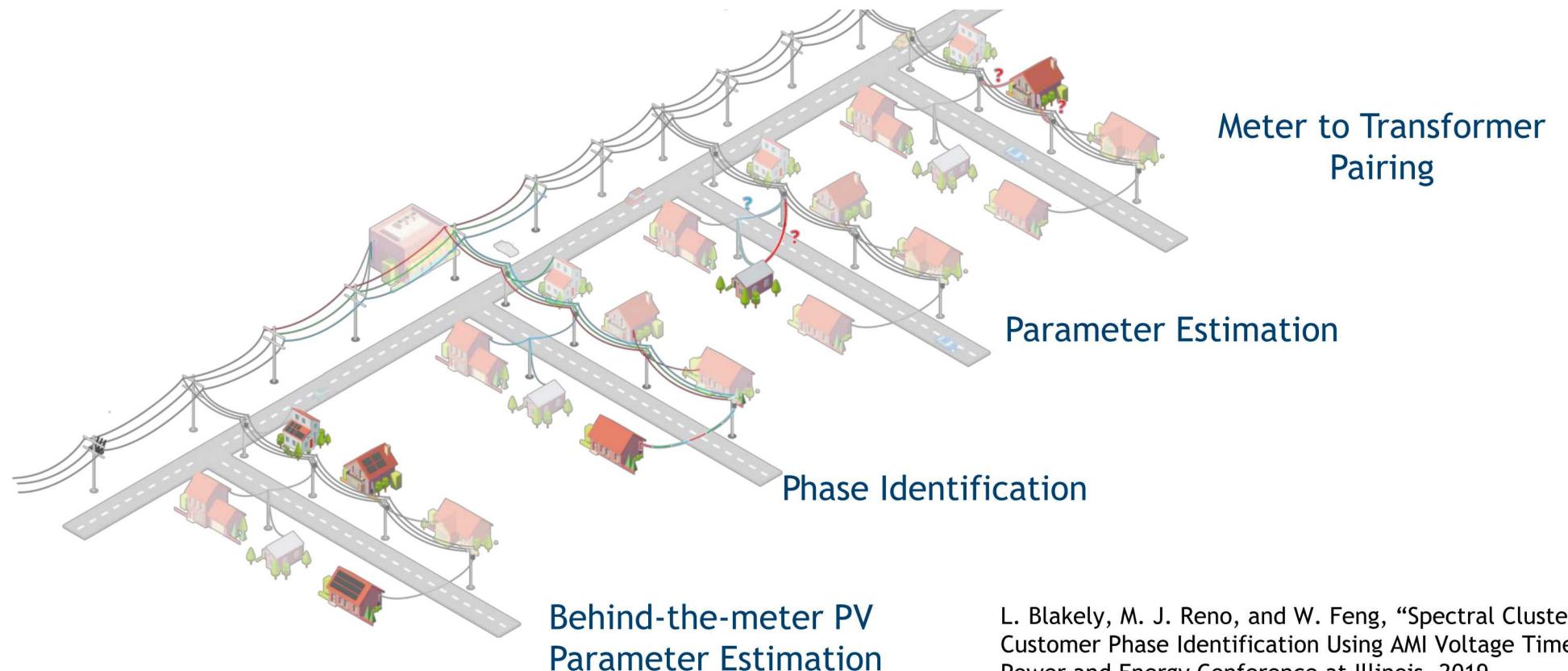
These slides include several examples of AI successes in Power Systems and future research directions.





## Use measured data to estimate distribution system parameters and state

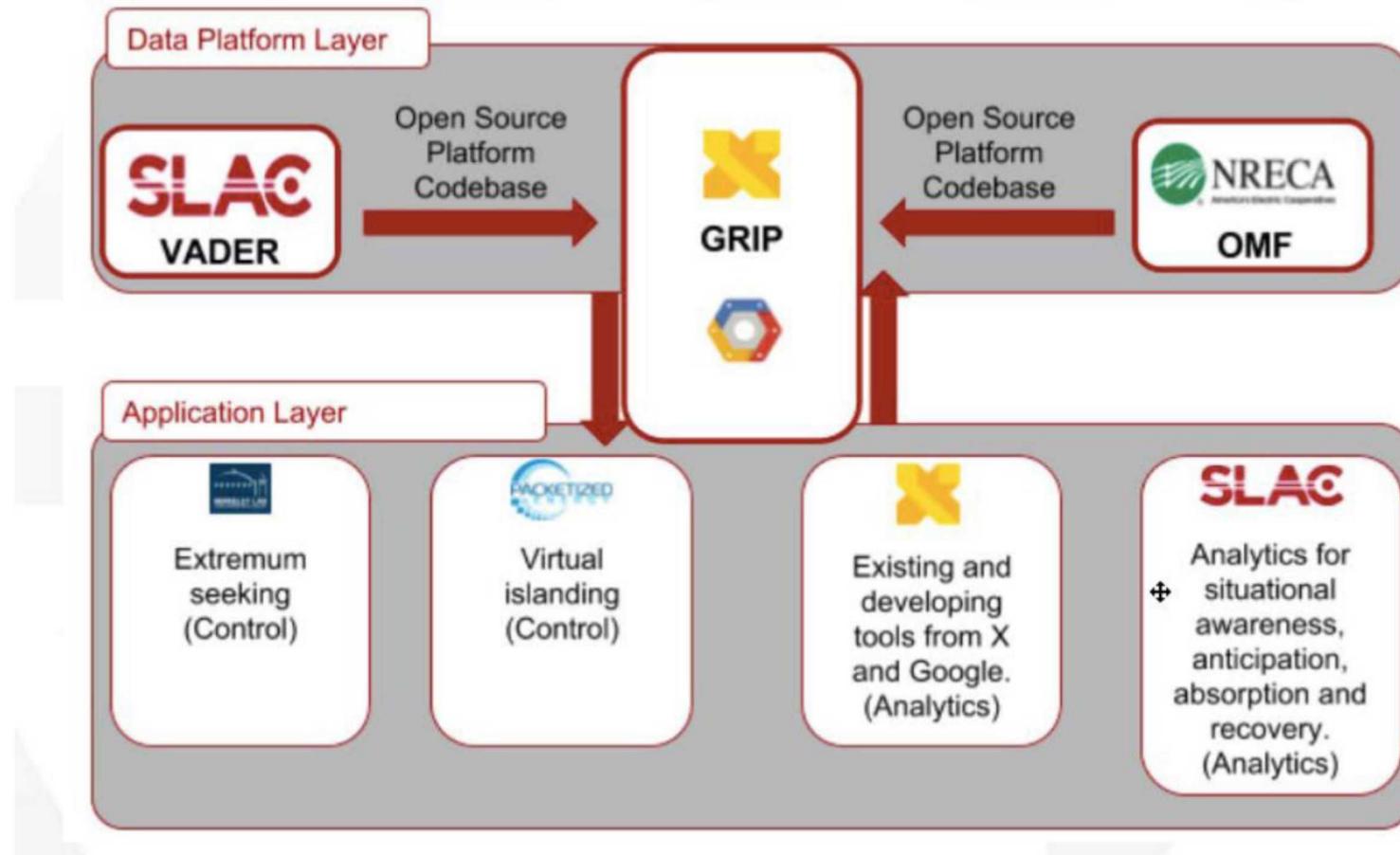
- AI algorithms can provide insight into distribution systems and distributed energy resources by leveraging and integrating high-fidelity sensors and multiple data sources
- Ingest data from AMI, SCADA,  $\mu$ PMU, etc. and use data analytics and machine learning methods to estimate system parameters (phase, meter-transformer pairing, line lengths, etc.) and do state estimation



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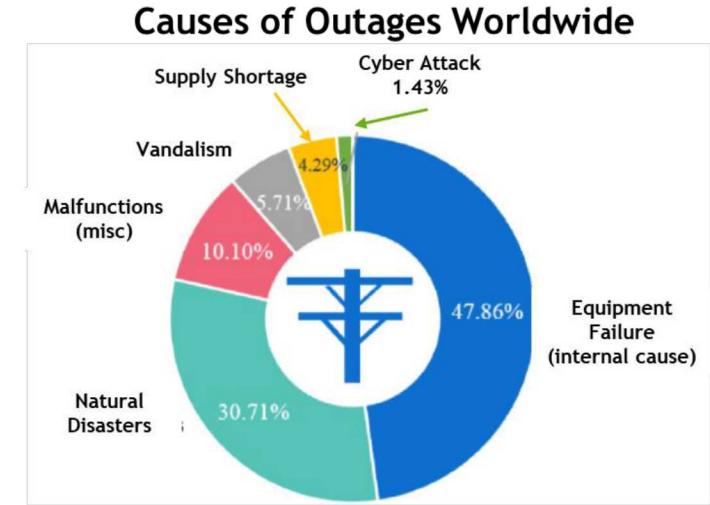
Grid Resilience and Intelligence Platform (GRIP) aggregates data, anticipates disruptions, validates control options, and reduces recovery time from extreme events



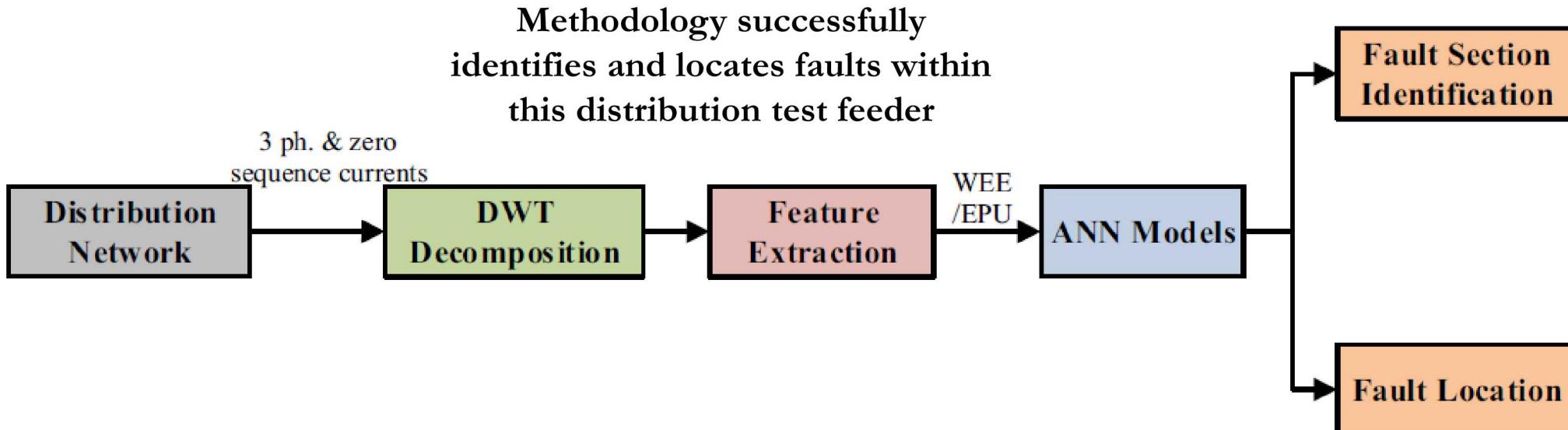


## Neural Networks for Fault Identification and Fault Location

- AI and Machine Learning can improve resilience by aiding grid operators during fault events
- Using AI for relay-less protection schemes



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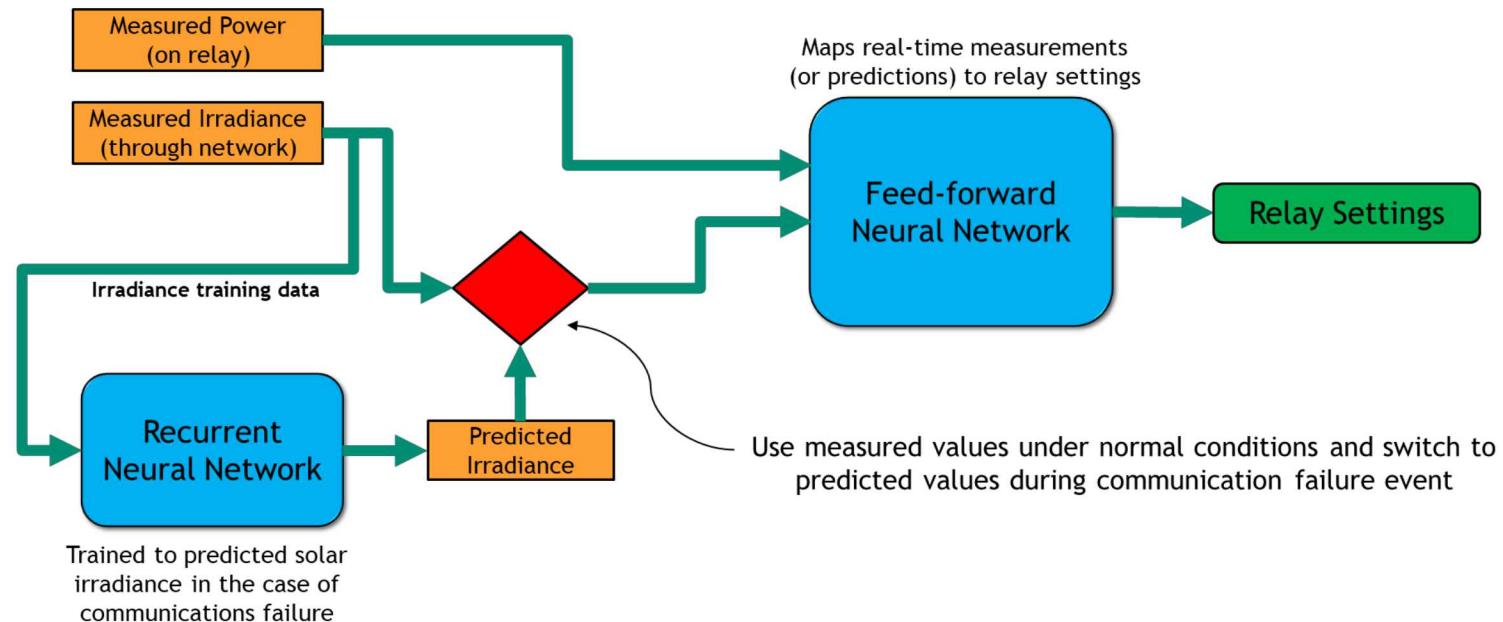


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## Adaptive Model Driven Protective Relay with AI/Machine Learning

- AI can provide grid resilience with adaptive, smart relays using multiple data streams and autonomous model-based analysis
- Integrate ML into relays for resilience to loss of communication or cyber attacks
- Identify bad settings or miscoordination between devices
- Learn appropriate settings, reclose patterns, system events, and backup protection

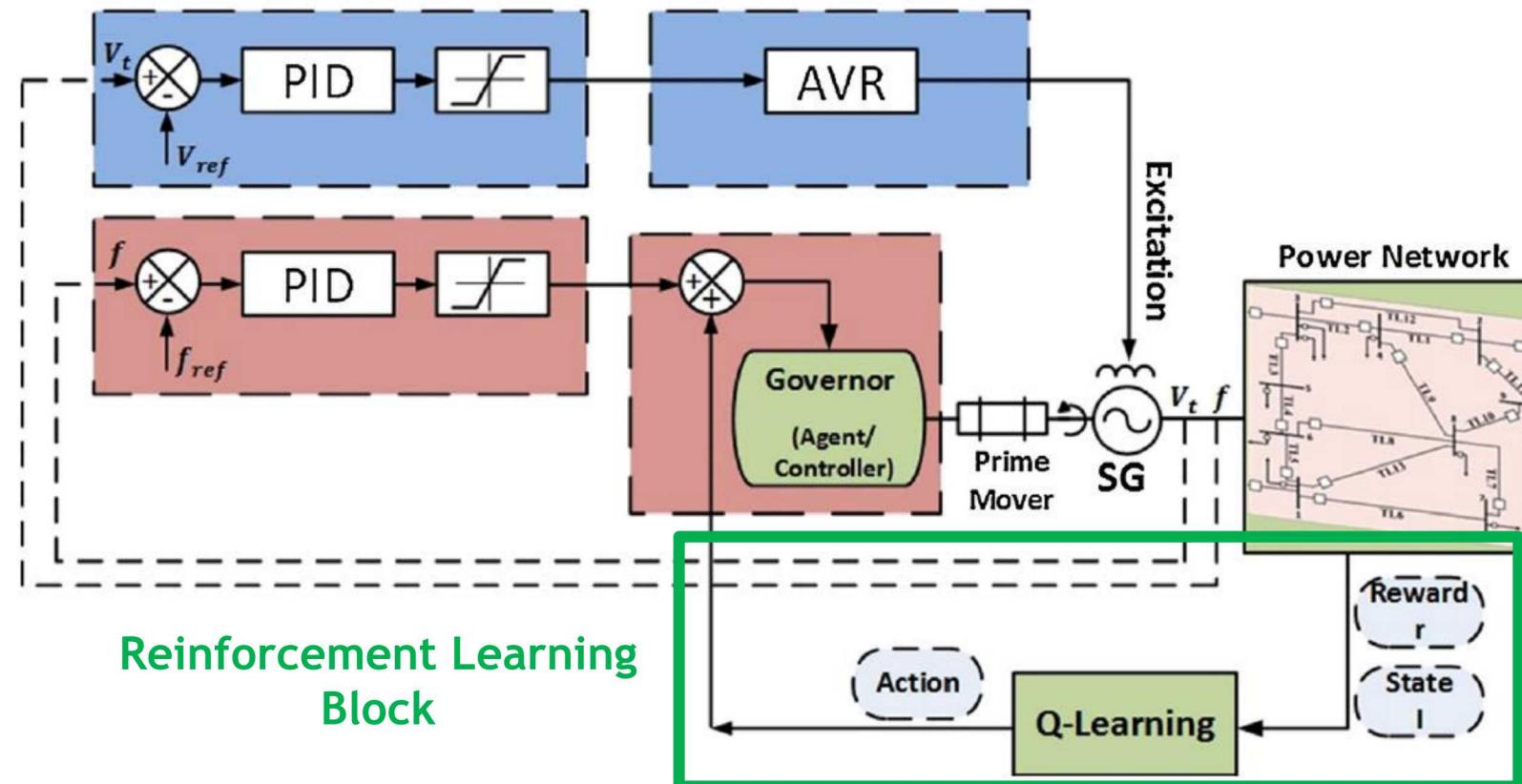


# AI for Controls Applications



Reinforcement learning can operate in real-time using rewards to develop new controls applications

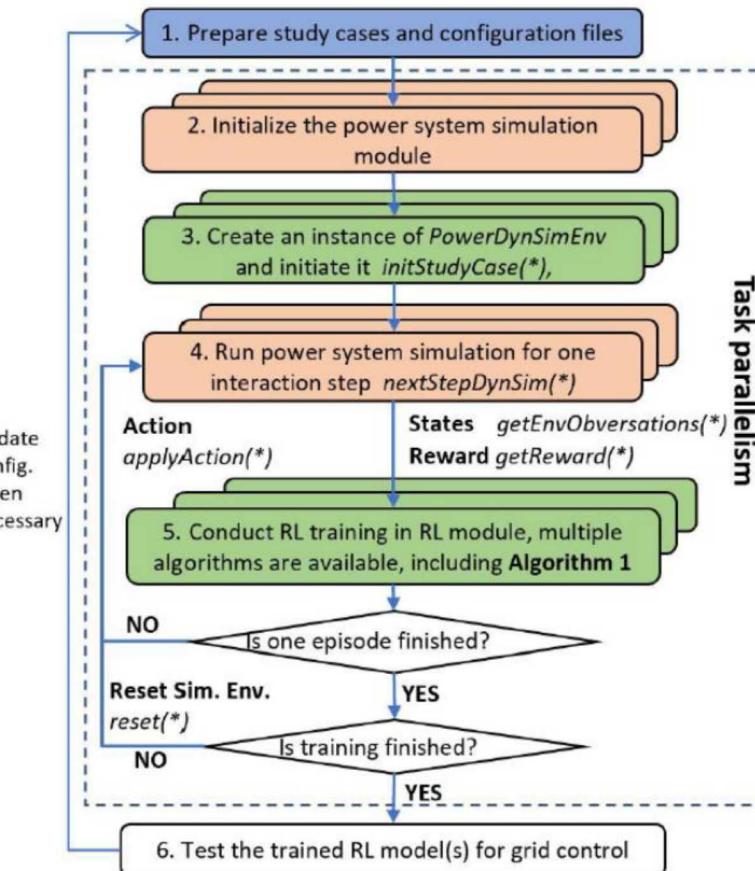
- Control of devices, such as Megawatt Scale Grid Storage for frequency regulation
- Grid control for Resilience - avoid instability, respond to failures, and prevent cascading outages



# Deep Reinforcement Learning for Emergency Scenarios

- AI can improve grid resiliency during extreme events by providing rapid controls such as dynamic generator brake and under-voltage load shedding

Deep Reinforcement learning algorithm successfully learns the dynamic generator brake task as well as the under-voltage load shedding task, outperforming conventional methods



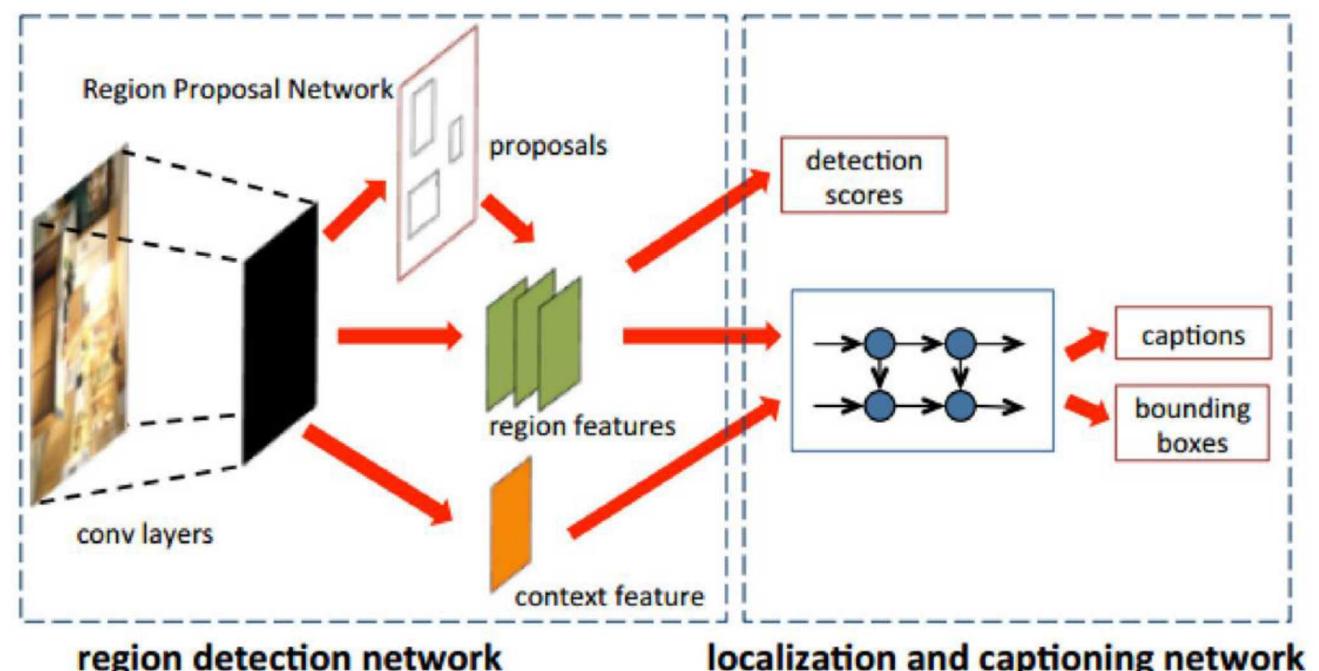
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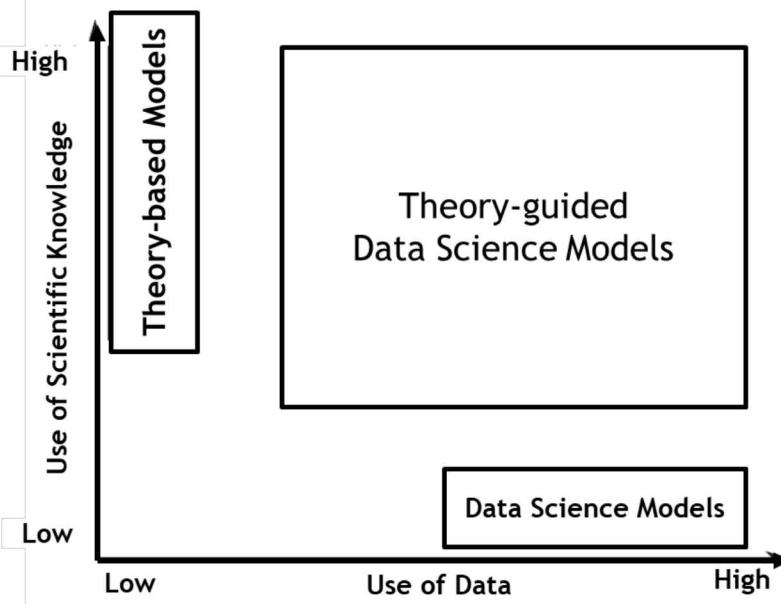
Many innovations in AI and machine learning have not yet been applied to the power systems domain

- As improvements and breakthroughs happen in other domains, those concepts can be adjusted and applied to solve power systems problems
- Similarly, lessons learned from other domains can be used to avoid similar situations

- Image Processing
  - Recognition
  - Captioning
  - Generation
  - Style Transfer
- Natural Language Processing
  - Translation
  - Summarization
  - Generation
- Autonomous Vehicles
- Game Theory



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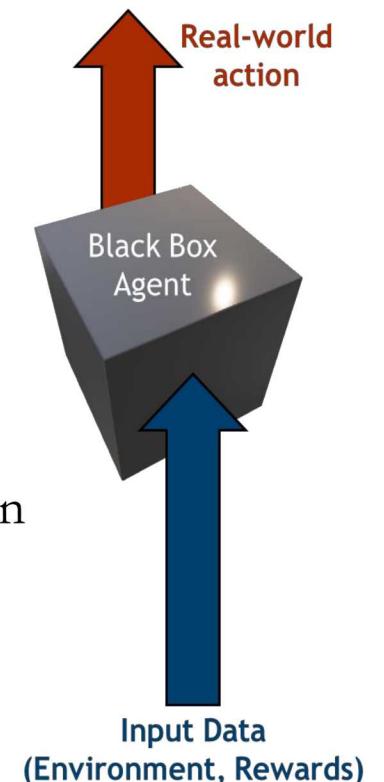
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## Integration of Physics-based Constraints into AI

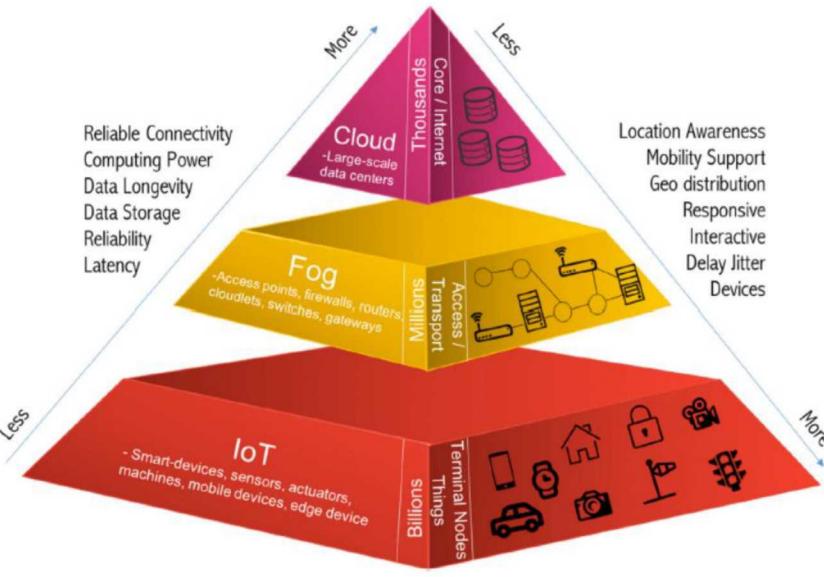
- Leverage existing knowledge (physical laws, power flow, etc) in AI-based algorithms
- Achieve more accurate results and faster training
- *SNL LDRD – ‘Integrating Physics Knowledge in Multi-Sensor Machine Learning Models’*

## Explainable AI and Uncertainty Quantification

- Understand why a particular prediction/decision was given
- Understand the error bounds on predictions/decisions
- *SNL LDRD on ‘Opening the Black Box’: An Experimentally-Validated Explainable Machine Learning Framework’*



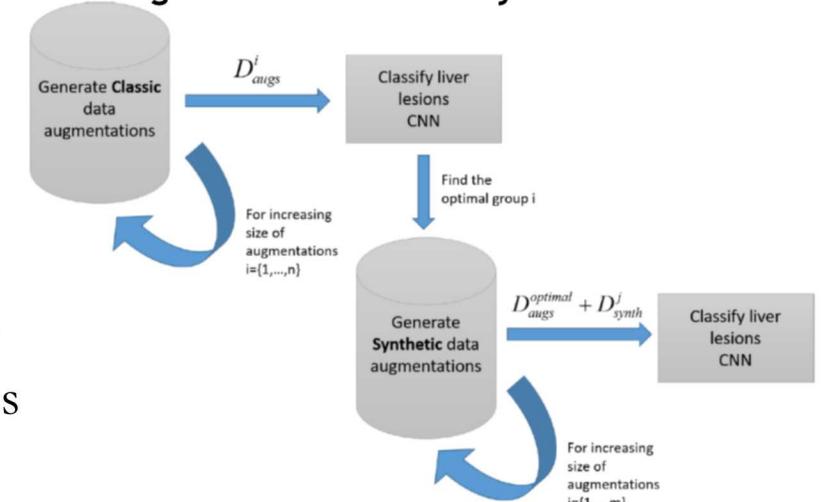
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## Distributed, AI-based Controls using Fog Computing

- Create resilient systems in the event of communication loss
- Accelerate systems with low latency because processing happens physically close to sensors
- *SNL LDRD – ‘HEDGES: High-Security Edge Computing for Smart Sensor Systems’*

## Generative Adversarial Networks (GAN) for Data Augmentation to Classify Liver Lesions



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## Semi-Supervised, Few-Shot Learning, or Synthetically-Generated Training Data

- Learn with few or no examples of critical events
- Generate realistic new data from existing samples
- *SNL LDRD – ‘Semi-Supervised Bayesian Low-Shot Learning for Explosive Device Characterization’*



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There are many promising applications of AI/ML in power systems.

- It is an exciting time to be at this intersection – new algorithms, large datasets, computing power

There are many challenging problems yet to be solved with some fascinating future research directions in ML:

- Integration of Physics-based Constraints into AI
- Explainable AI and Uncertainty Quantification
- Distributed AI-based Controls using Fog Computing
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Best results require integration between ML experts and power system experts

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