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# Deep Learning: Theory, Techniques & Applications

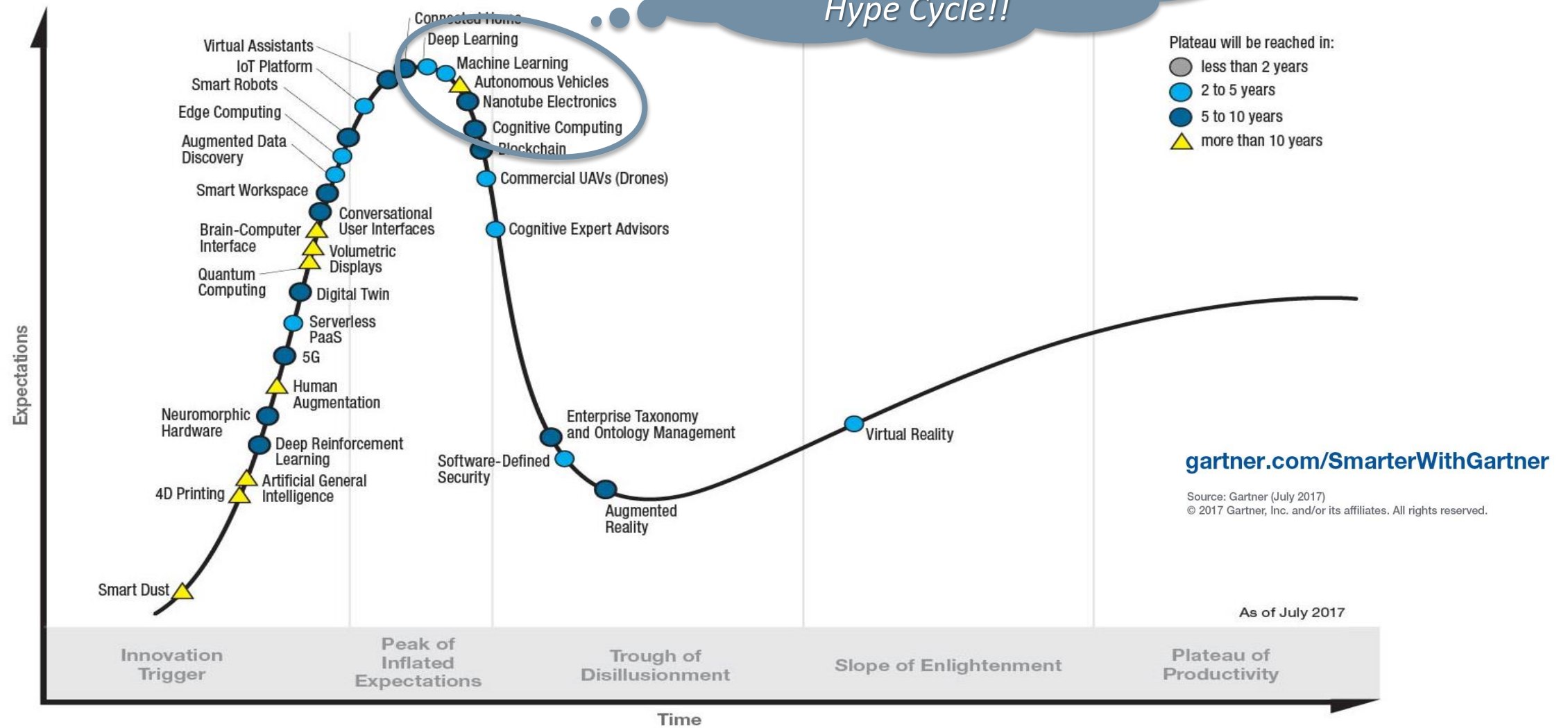
- Introduction to Deep Learning -

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# About Deep Learning

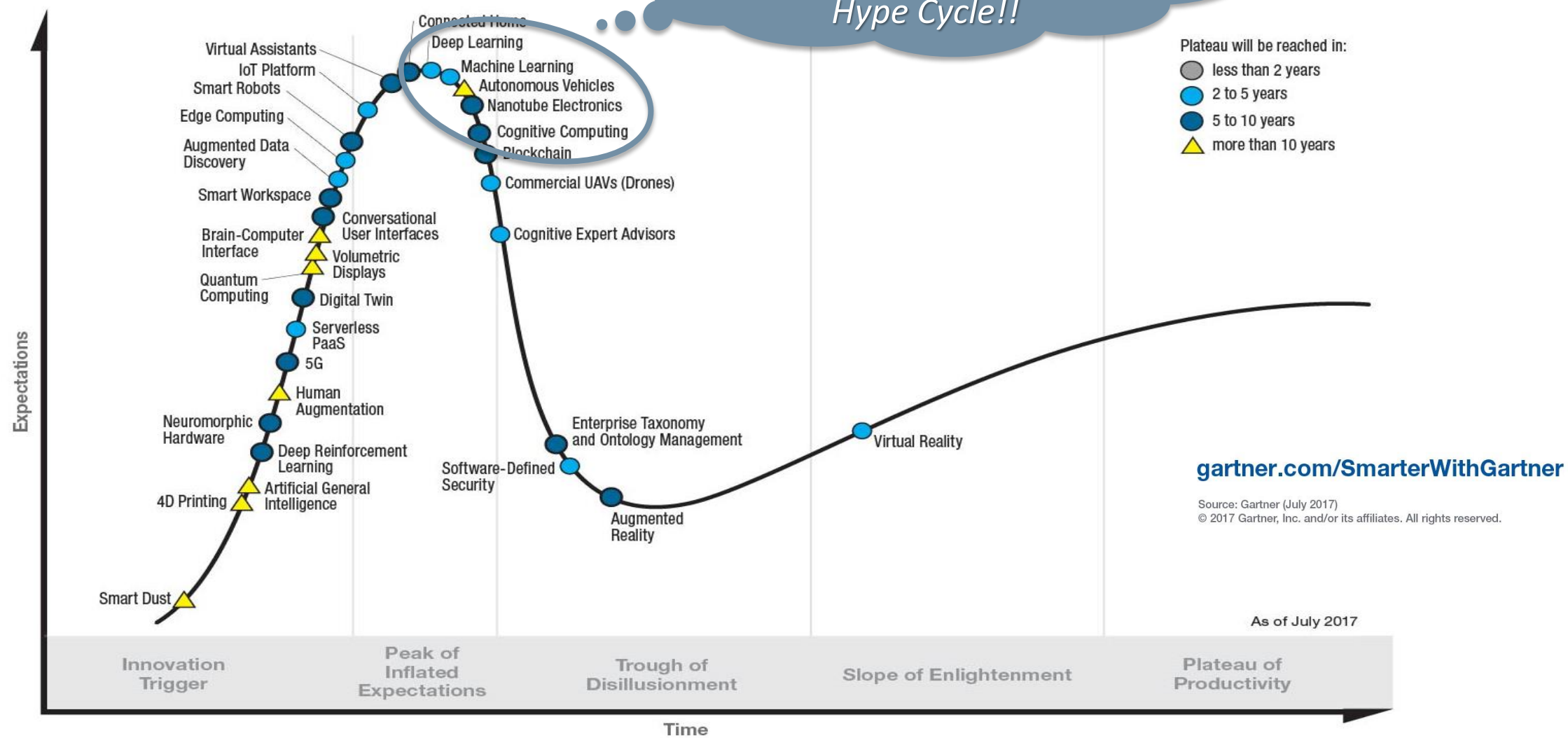




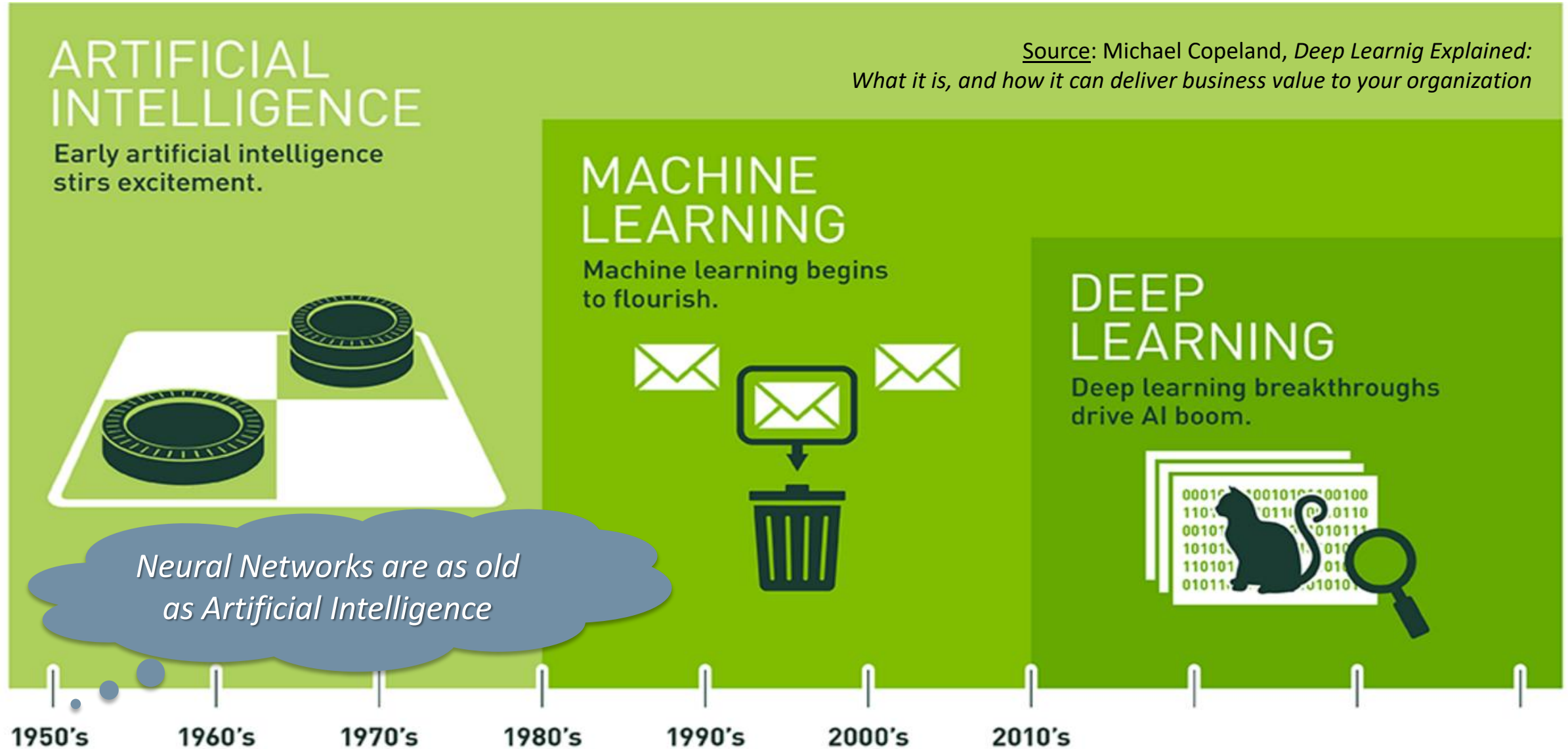




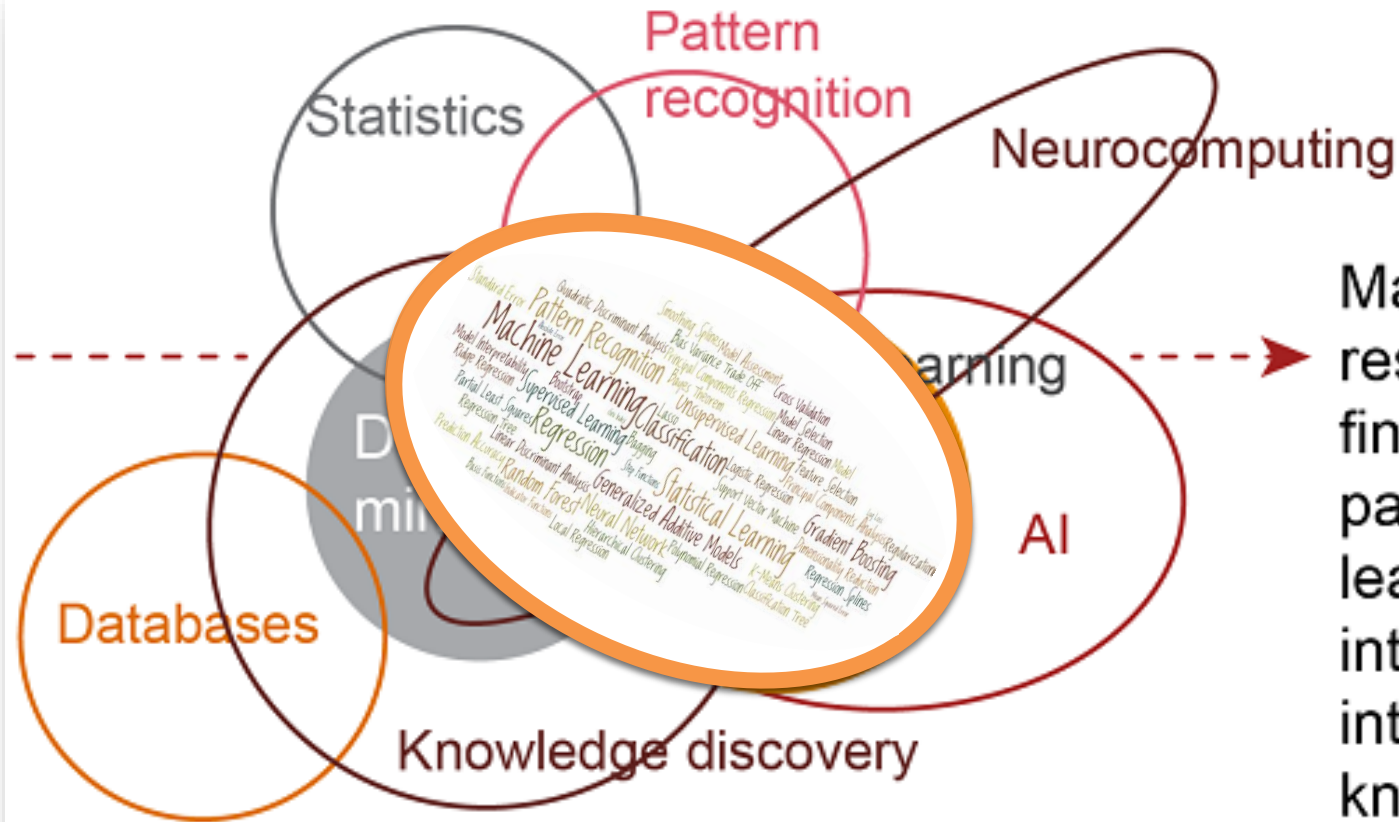
# About Deep Learning



# «Deep Learning is not AI, nor Machine Learning»



# Machine Learning



Machine learning is a category of research and algorithms focused on finding patterns in data and using those patterns to make predictions. Machine learning falls within the artificial intelligence (AI) umbrella, which in turn intersects with the broader field of knowledge discovery and data mining.

Source: SAS, 2014 and PwC, 2016 *and myself, 2017*





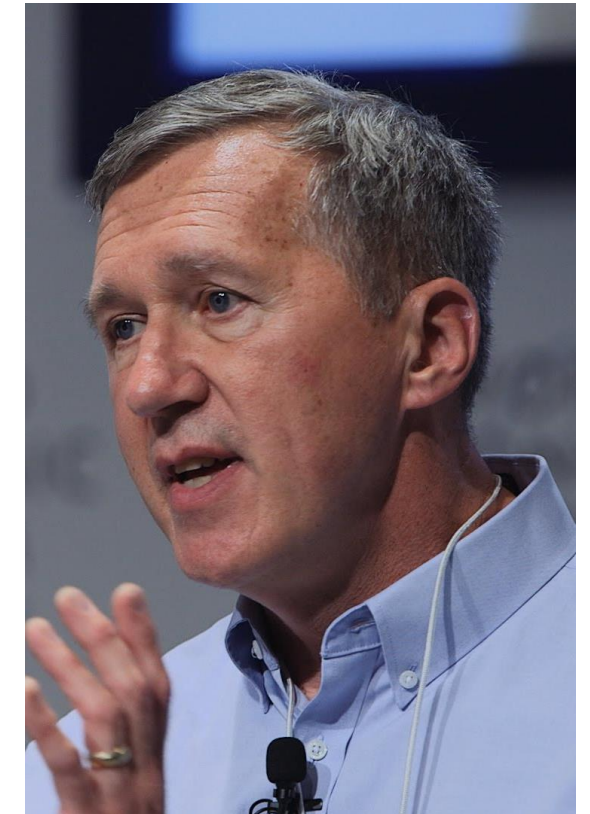
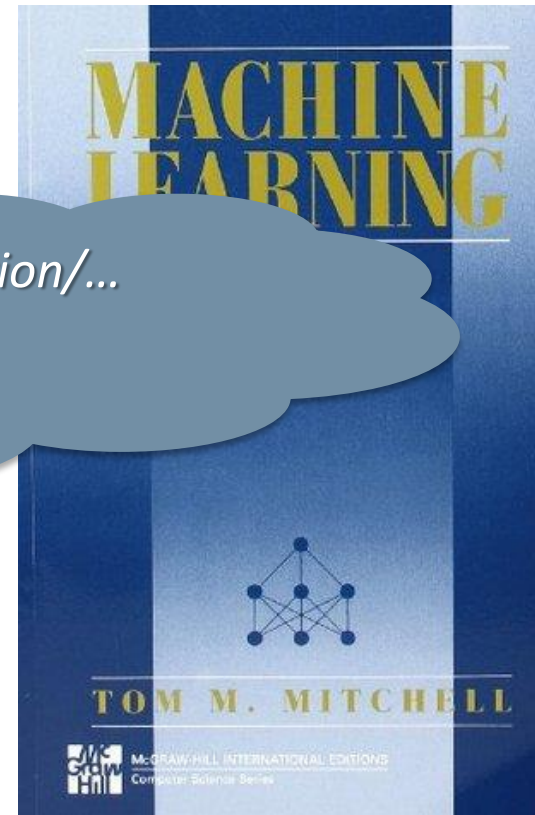
# Machine Learning (Tom Mitchell – 1997)

*T = Regression/Classification/...*

*E = Data*

*P = Errors/Loss*

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



# Machine Learning Paradigms

Imagine you have a certain experience  $E$ , i.e., a dataset, and let's name it

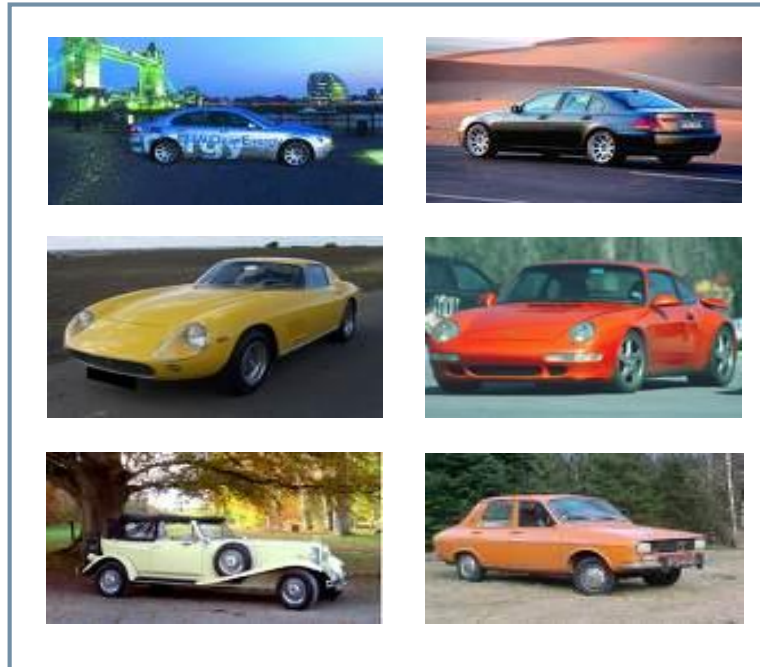
$$D = x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_N$$

- **Supervised Learning**: given the desired outputs  $t_1, t_2, t_3, \dots, t_N$  learn to produce the correct output given a new set of input
- **Unsupervised learning**: exploit regularities in  $D$  to build a representation to be used for reasoning or prediction
- **Reinforcement learning**: producing actions  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_N$  which affect the environment, and receiving rewards  $r_1, r_2, r_3, \dots, r_N$  learn to act in order to maximize rewards in the long term

This course focuses mainly on Supervised and Unsupervised Learning ...



# Supervised learning



Cars



Motorcy

*Learning is about modeling ...*



Hand-crafted  
Features



Learned  
Classifier



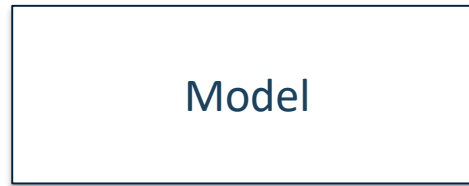
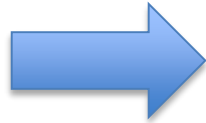
**Motorcycle**



# Terminology in Classification

- Input
- Features
- Observations
- Independent Variables

$x$



$y$

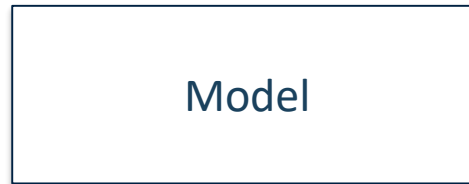
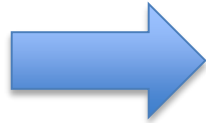
- Output
- Class
- Dependent Variable

- Classifier
- Inductive Hypothesis
- Learning Machine
- ...

# Terminology in Regression

- Input
- Predictor
- Observations
- Independent Variable

$x$

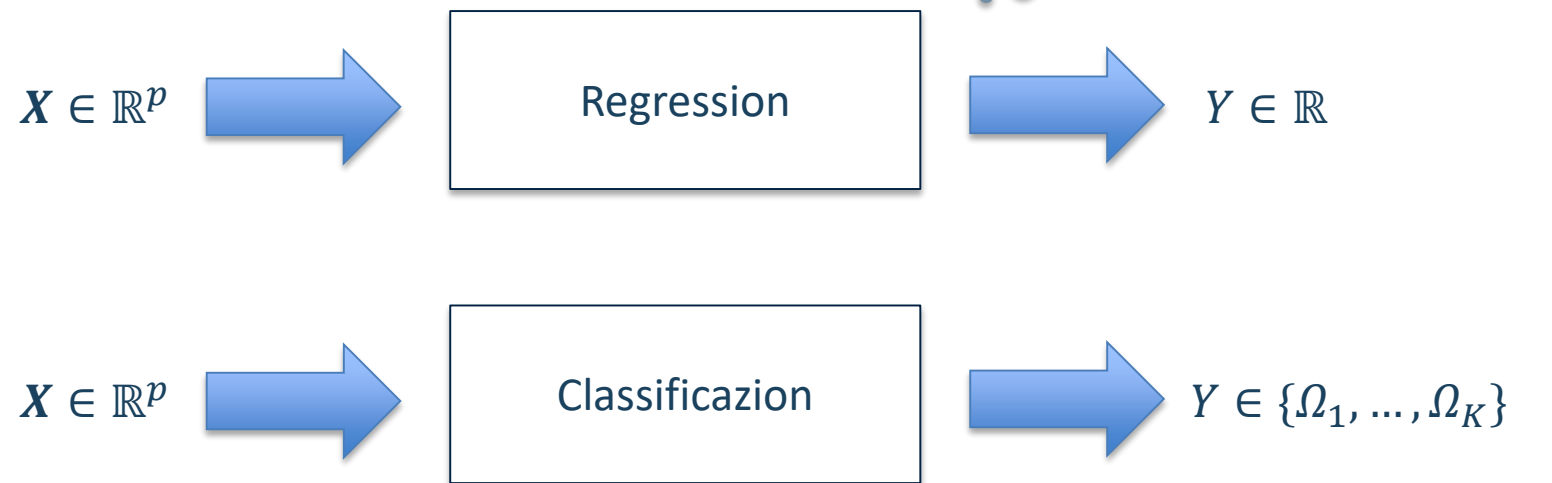


$y$

- Output
- Prediction
- Response
- Dependent Variable

- Model
- Function
- Inductive Hypothesis
- Learning Machine
- ...

## Notation in Brief



In both cases our training dataset is given by a set of <input,output> pairs

$$D = \langle x_1, t_1 \rangle \langle x_2, t_2 \rangle \langle x_3, t_3 \rangle \langle \dots \rangle \langle x_N, t_N \rangle$$

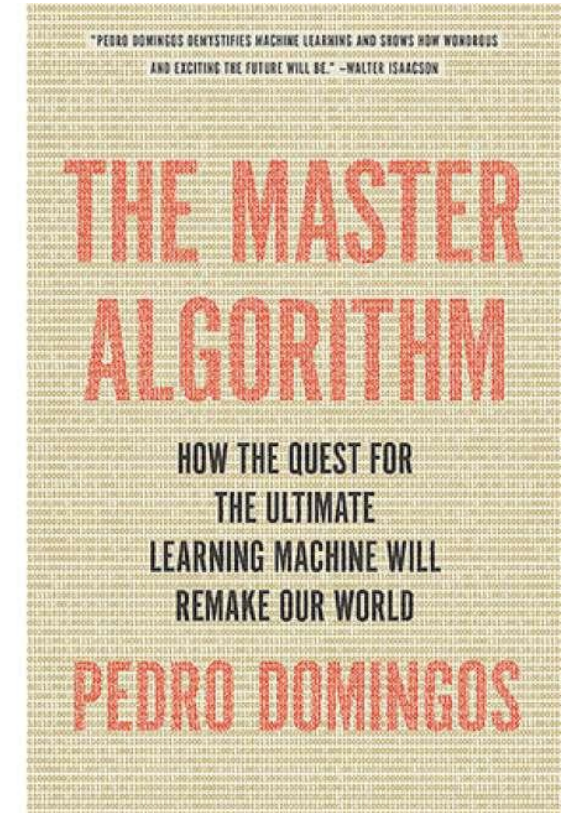
In both cases the task is to produce the correct output on new input

$$y(x_n | \theta) \sim t_n$$



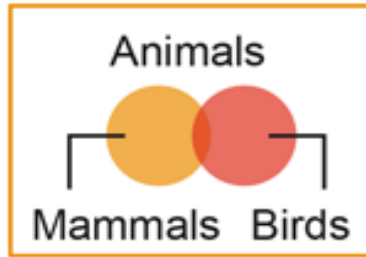
# The Master Algorithm (Pedro Domingos, 2015)

*“The master algorithm is the ultimate learning algorithm. It's an algorithm that can learn anything from data and it's the holy grail of machine learning ...”*



# The Master Algorithm (Pedro Domingos, 2015)

## Symbolists



Use symbols, rules, and logic to represent knowledge and draw logical inference

**Favored algorithm**

**Rules and decision trees**

## Bayesians

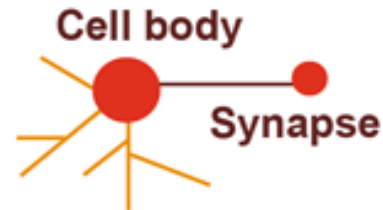


Assess the likelihood of occurrence for probabilistic inference

**Favored algorithm**

**Naive Bayes or Markov**

## Connectionists



Recognize and generalize patterns dynamically with matrices of probabilistic, weighted neurons

**Favored algorithm**

**Neural networks**

## Evolutionaries



Generate variations and then assess the fitness of each for a given purpose

**Favored algorithm**

**Genetic programs**

## Analogizers



Optimize a function in light of constraints ("going as high as you can while staying on the road")

**Favored algorithm**

**Support vectors**

Source: Pedro Domingos, *The Master Algorithm*, 2015

# Is Deep Learning the Master Algorithm?

facebook

Microsoft

YAHOO!

Google



IBM



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vicarious

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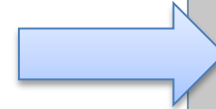


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An IBM Company

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10 BREAKTHROUGH TECHNOLOGIES 2013

[Introduction](#) [The 10 Technologies](#) [Past Years](#)

<b>Deep Learning</b>  With massive amounts of computational power, machines can now recognize objects and translate speech in real time. Artificial intelligence is finally getting smart. →	<b>Temporary Social Media</b>  Messages that quickly self-destruct could enhance the privacy of online communications and make people freer to be spontaneous. →	<b>Prenatal DNA Sequencing</b>  Reading the DNA of fetuses will be the next frontier of the genomic revolution. But do you really want to know about the genetic problems or musical aptitude of your unborn child? →	<b>Additive Manufacturing</b>  Skeptical about 3-D printing? GE, the world's largest manufacturer, is on the verge of using the technology to make jet parts. →	<b>Baxter: The Blue-Collar Robot</b>  Rodney Brooks's newest creation is easy to interact with, but the complex innovations behind the robot show just how hard it is to get along with people. →
<b>Memory Implants</b>  A maverick neuroscientist believes he has deciphered the code by which the brain forms long-term memories. Next: testing a prosthetic implant for people suffering from long-term memory loss. →	<b>Smart Watches</b>  The designers of the Pebble watch realized that a mobile phone is more useful if you don't have to take it out of your pocket. →	<b>Ultra-Efficient Solar Power</b>  Doubling the efficiency of a solar cell would completely change the economics of renewable energy. Nanotechnology just might make it possible. →	<b>Big Data from Cheap Phones</b>  Collecting and analyzing information from simple cell phones can provide surprising insights into how people move about and behave – and even help us understand the spread of diseases. →	<b>Supergrids</b>  A new high-power circuit breaker could finally make highly efficient DC power grids practical. →





# Enabling Cross-Lingual Conversations in Real Time

Microsoft Research  
May 27, 2014 5:58 PM PT

The success of the team's progress to date was on display May 27, in a talk by Microsoft CEO [Satya Nadella](#) in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., during the [Code Conference](#). During Nadella's conversation with Kara Swisher and Walt Mossberg of Re/code tech website relating to a new of personal computing, he asked deep Pall to join him on stage. Pall, the Microsoft corporate vice president of [Speech](#), [demonstrated for the first time](#) publicly the Skype Translator app, with Pall conversing in English with German-

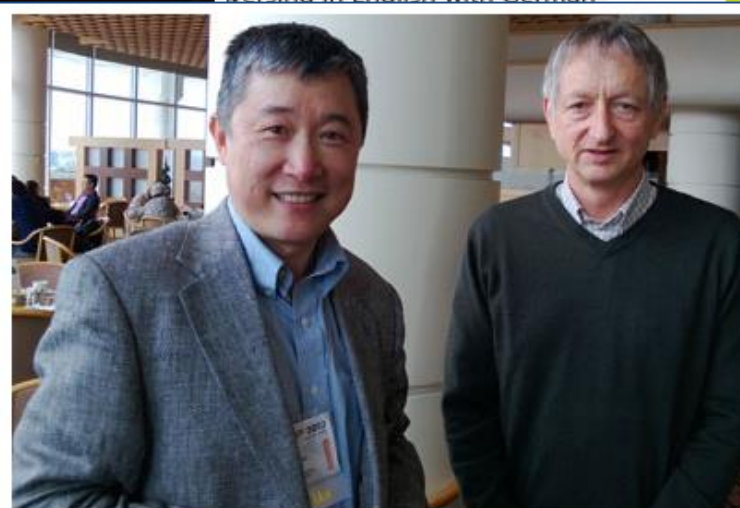
View milestones  
on the path to  
Skype Translator  
#speech2speech



## Microsoft's Skype "Star Trek" Language Translator Takes on Tower of Babel

May 27, 2014, 5:48 PM PDT

Remember the universal translator on Star Trek? The gadget that translated alien languages to English?



Li Deng (left) and Geoff Hinton.

A core development that enables Skype translation came from Redmond researcher Li Deng. He invited Geoff Hinton, a professor at the University of Toronto, to visit Redmond in 2009 to work on new neural-network learning methods, based on a couple of seminal papers from Hinton and his collaborators in 2006 that had brought new

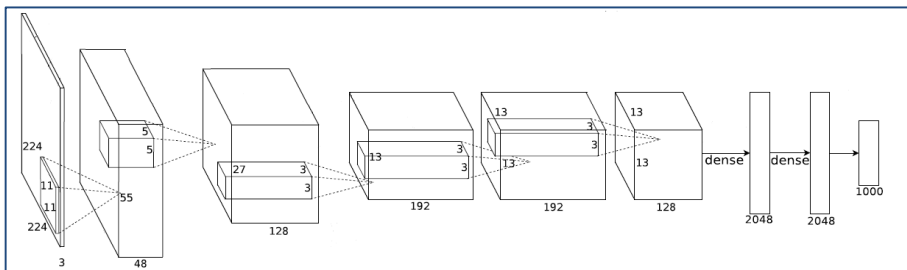
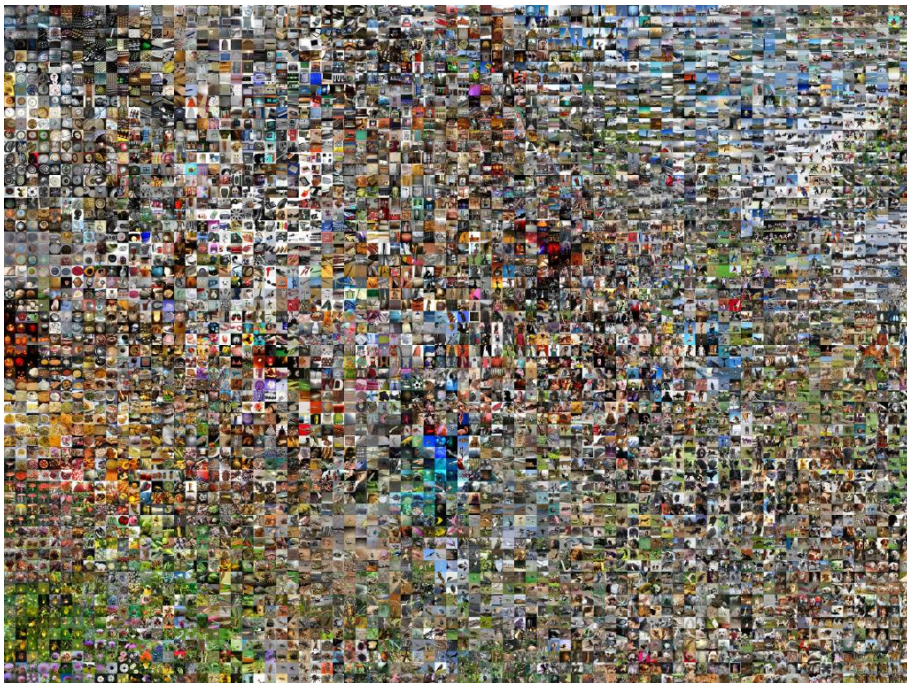


The path to the Skype Translator gained momentum with an encounter in the autumn of 2010. Seide and colleague Kit Thambiratnam had developed a system they called The Translating! Telephone for live speech-to-text and speech-to-speech translation of phone calls.





# IMAGENET



koala

wombat
Norwegian elkhound
wild boar
wallaby
koala



tiger

tiger
tiger cat
jaguar
lynx
leopard



European fire salamander

European fire salamander
spotted salamander
common newt
long-horned beetle
box turtle



loggerhead

African crocodile
Gila monster
loggerhead
mud turtle
leatherback turtle



seat belt

seat belt
ice lolly
hotdog
burrito
Band Aid



television

television
microwave
monitor
screen
car mirror



sliding door

sliding door
shoji
window shade
window screen
four-poster



wallaby

hare
wallaby
wood rabbit
Lakeland terrier
kit fox















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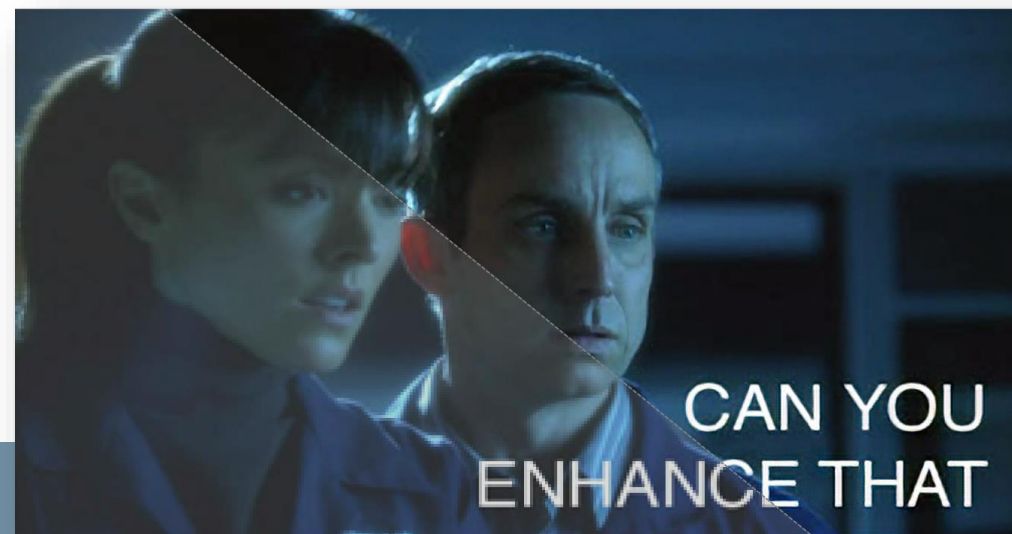
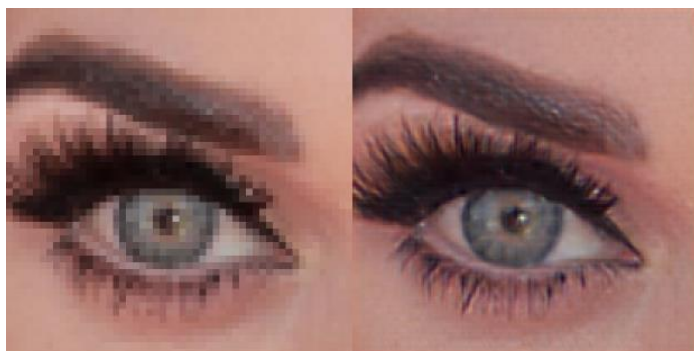
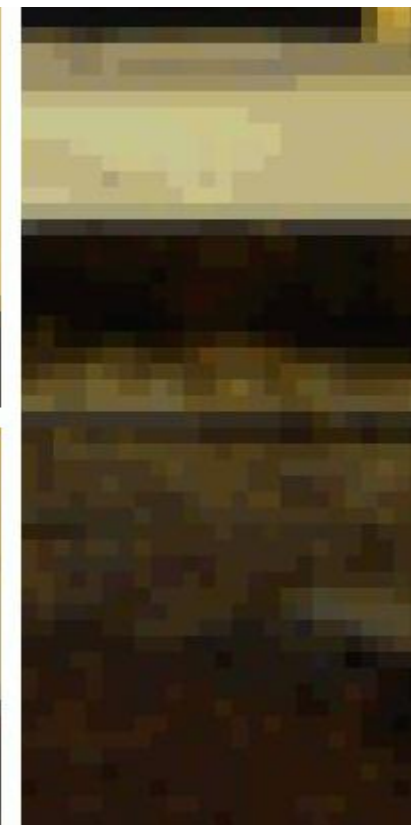
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<https://github.com/alexjc/neural-enhance>



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Text  
description

This flower has  
petals that are  
white and has  
pink shading

This flower has  
a lot of small  
purple petals in  
a dome-like  
configuration

This flower has  
long thin  
yellow petals  
and a lot of  
yellow anthers  
in the center

This flower is  
pink, white,  
and yellow in  
color, and has  
petals that are  
striped

This flower is  
white and  
yellow in color,  
with petals that  
are wavy and  
smooth

This flower has  
upturned petals  
which are thin  
and orange  
with rounded  
edges

This flower has  
petals that are  
dark pink with  
white edges  
and pink  
stamen



256x256  
StackGAN

Text  
description

This bird is red  
and brown in  
color, with a  
stubby beak

The bird is  
short and  
stubby with  
yellow on its  
body

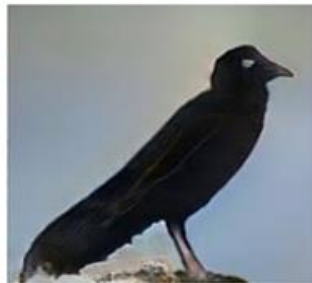
A bird with a  
medium orange  
bill white body  
gray wings and  
webbed feet

This small  
black bird has  
a short, slightly  
curved bill and  
long legs

A small bird  
with varying  
shades of  
brown with  
white under the  
eyes

A small yellow  
bird with a  
black crown  
and a short  
black pointed  
beak

This small bird  
has a white  
breast, light  
grey head, and  
black wings  
and tail



256x256  
StackGAN





'Go is implicit. It's all pattern matching. But that's what deep learning does very well.'

—DEMIS HASSABIS, DEEPMIND

with a technology called reinforcement learning, point the way to a future where machines can learn to perform physical tasks in a complex environment. "It's a natural fit for

The win is more than a novelty. Online services like Google, Facebook, and Microsoft, already use deep learning to identify images, recognize spoken words, and understand natural

**It's incredibly difficult to build a machine that duplicates the kind of intuition that makes the top human players so good at**

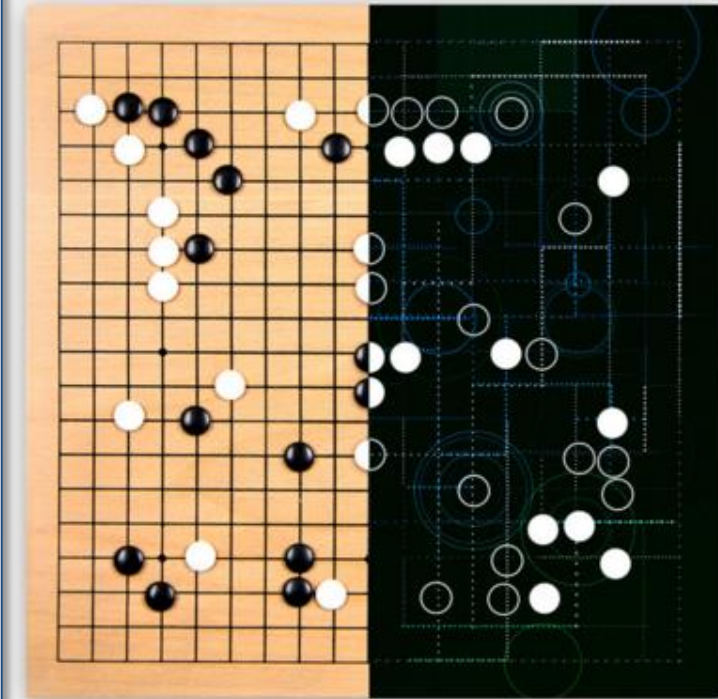
In the mid-'90s, a computer program called Chinook beat the world's top player at the game of checkers. A few years later, IBM's Deep Blue supercomputer shocked the chess world when it wiped the proverbial floor with world champion Gary Kasparov. And more

IBM machine, Watson, topped the best of the best in 2011. In 2012, the venerable TV trivia game Jeopardy! was mastered by Watson. Watson also mastered Othello, Scrabble, and Texas Hold'em poker. But in the wake of Crazy Stone's victory, the Frenchman Jean-Louis Coulom predicted that another ten years would pass before a machine could beat a grandmaster at Go.

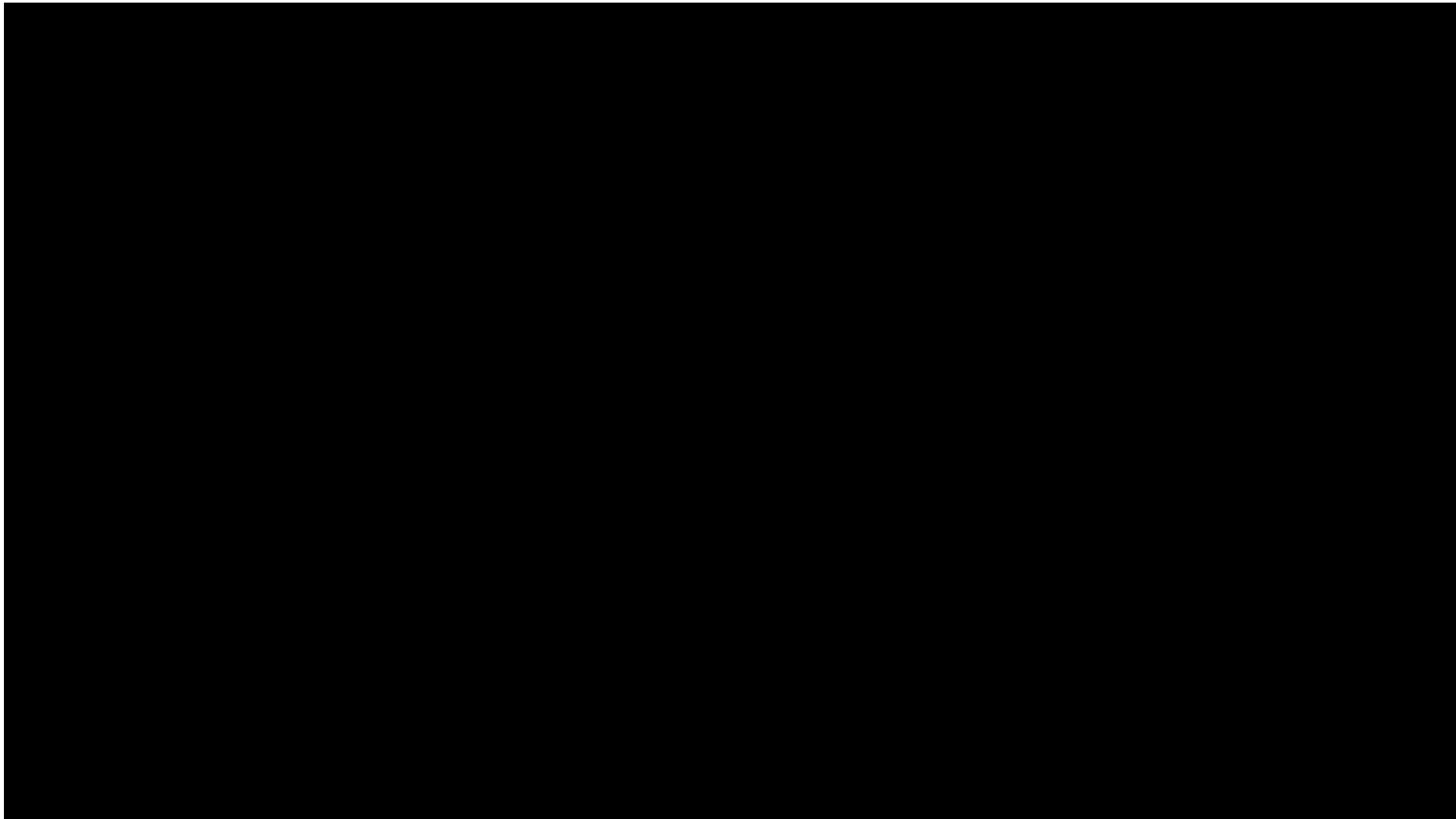


# IN A HUGE BREAKTHROUGH, GOOGLE'S AI BEATS A TOP PLAYER AT THE GAME OF GO

WIRED





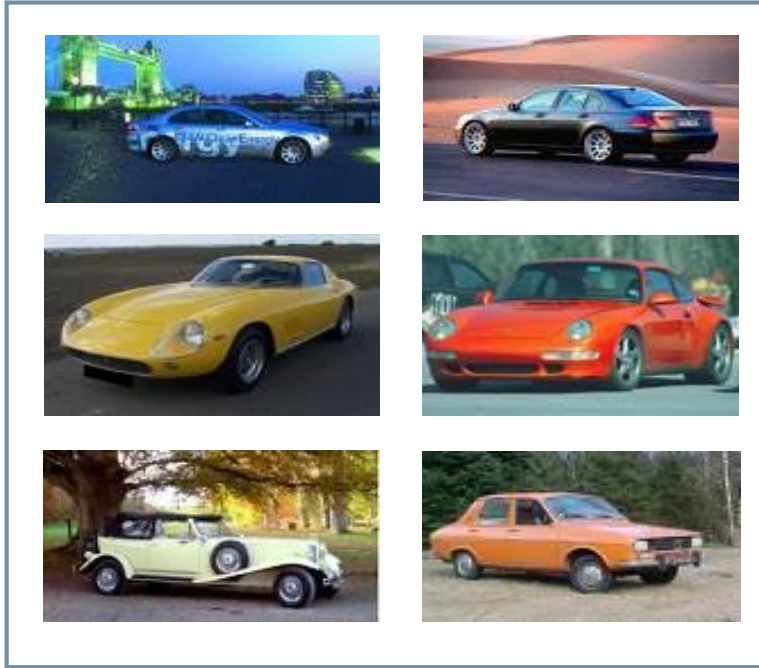




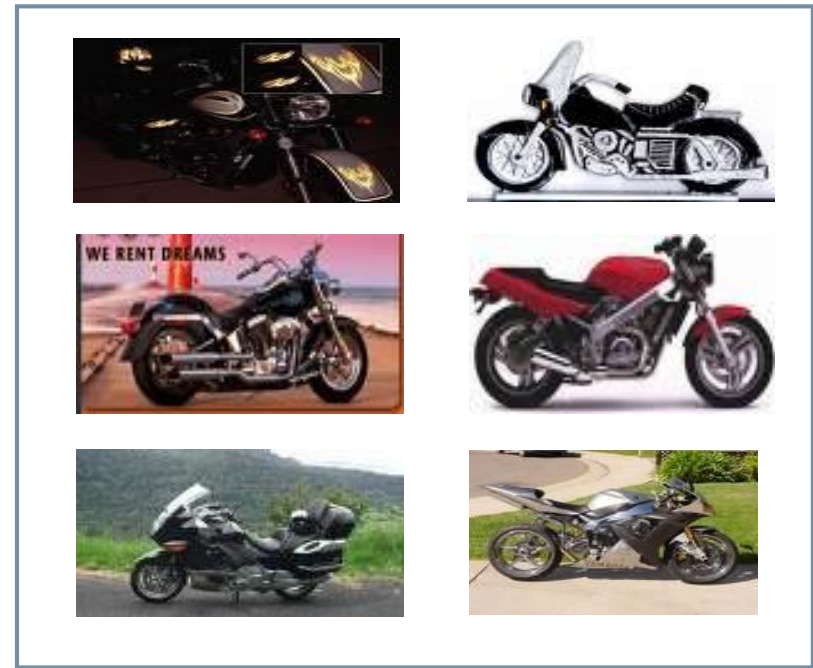




# Recall about Supervised Learning



Cars



Motorcycles



Hand-crafted  
Features



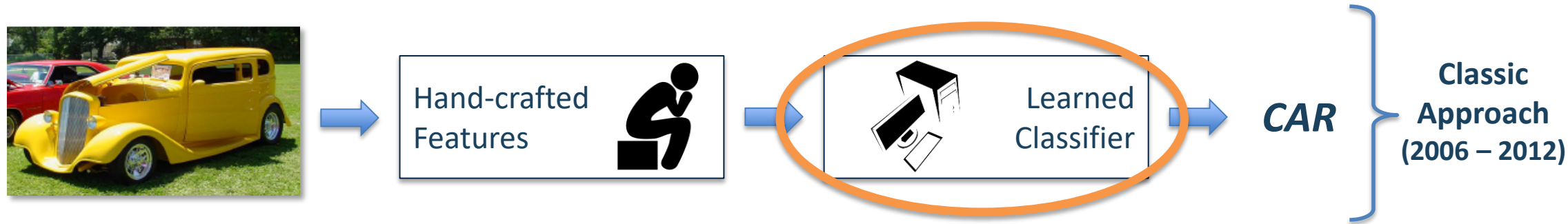
Learned  
Classifier



**CAR**



# Recall about Supervised Learning



Features are based on domain knowledge or heuristics:

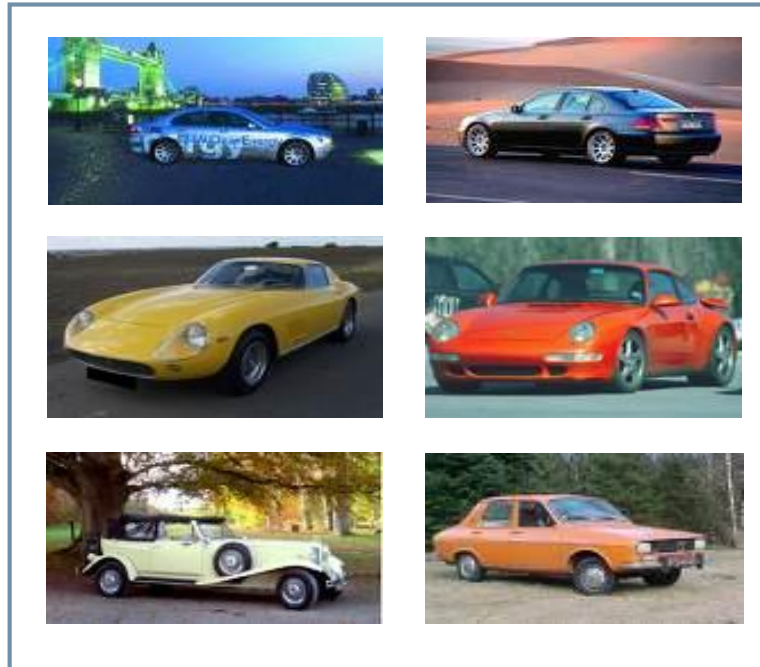
- Words in a Dictionary for text classification
- MFCC for Speech Recognition
- SIFT, HoG, BRIEF in Visual Tasks

However ...

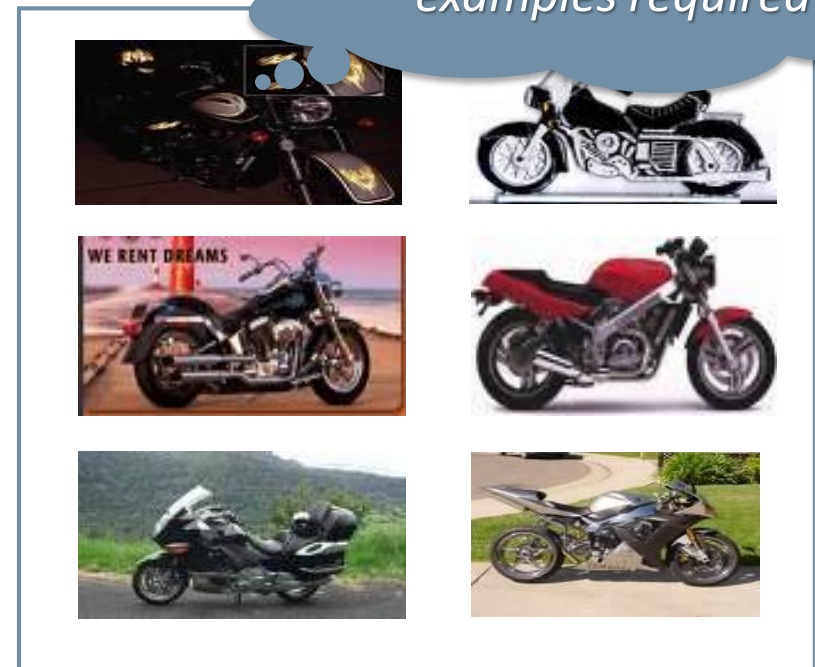
- They need to be carefully designed depending on the task
- They are fixed and sometimes they do not generalize between datasets

*How Machine Learning  
can help with this?*

# Beyond Supervised Learning



Cars



*Lots of labeled  
examples required!*

Motorcycles



Hand-crafted  
Features

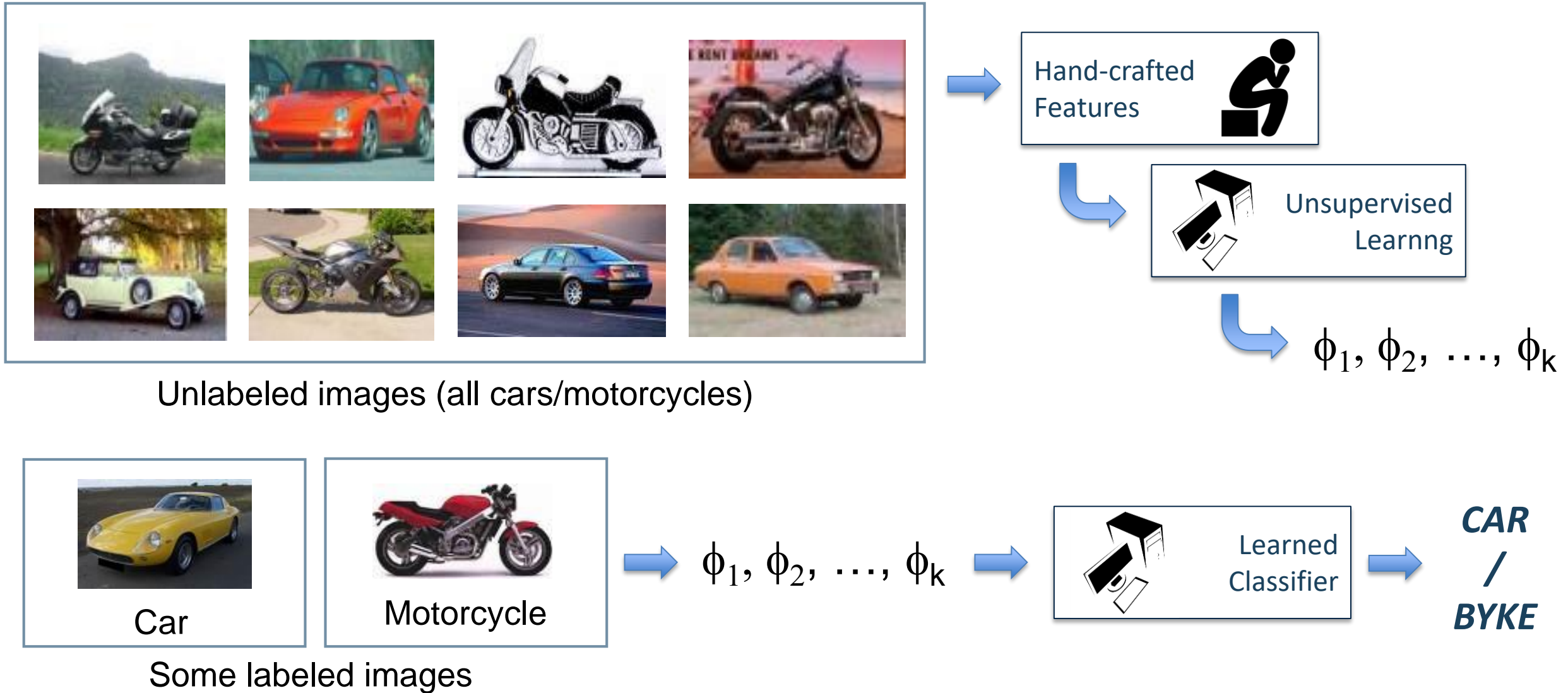


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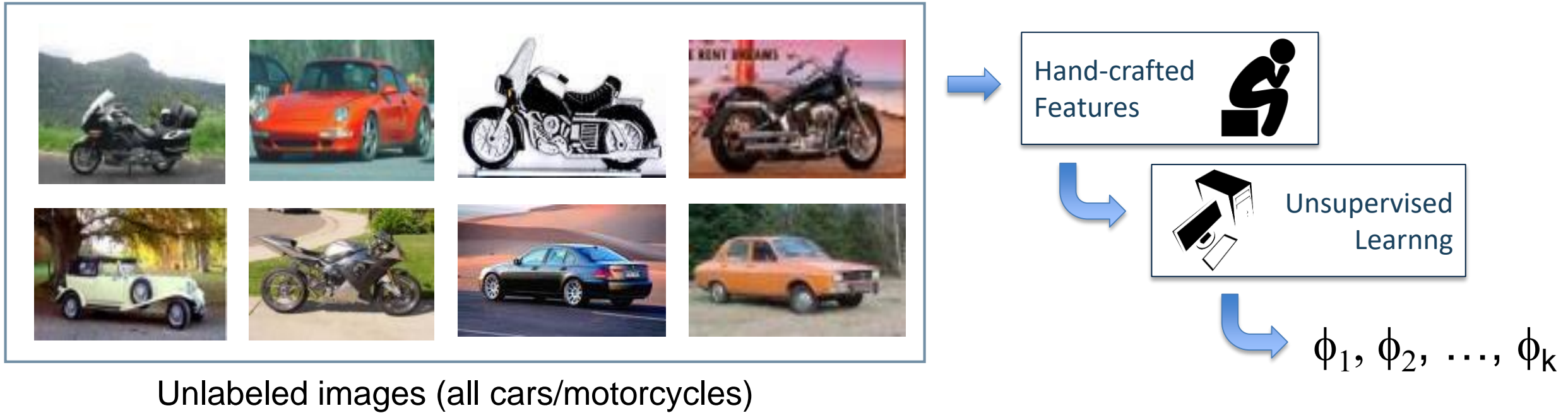


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# Semi-supervised learning



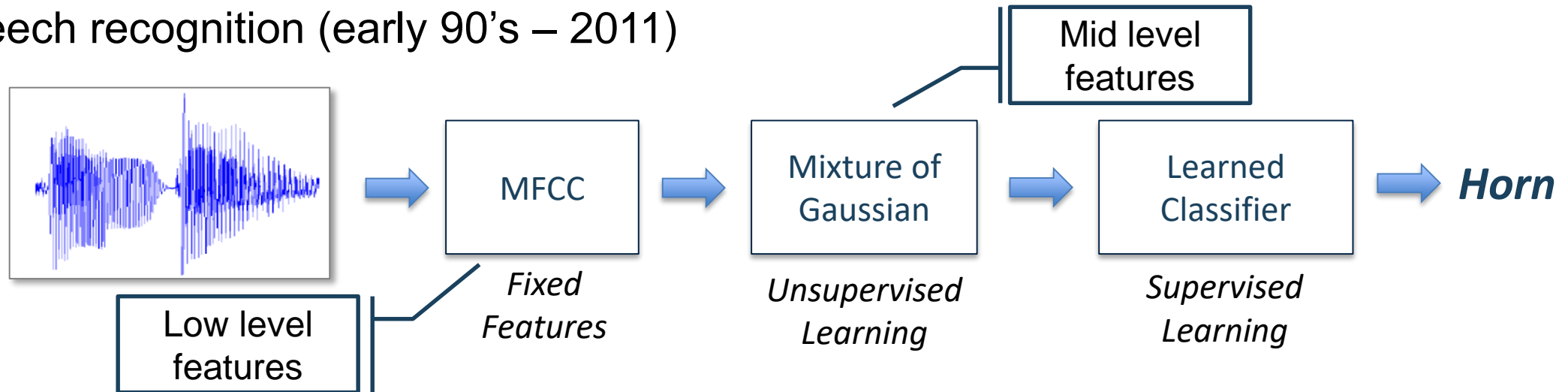
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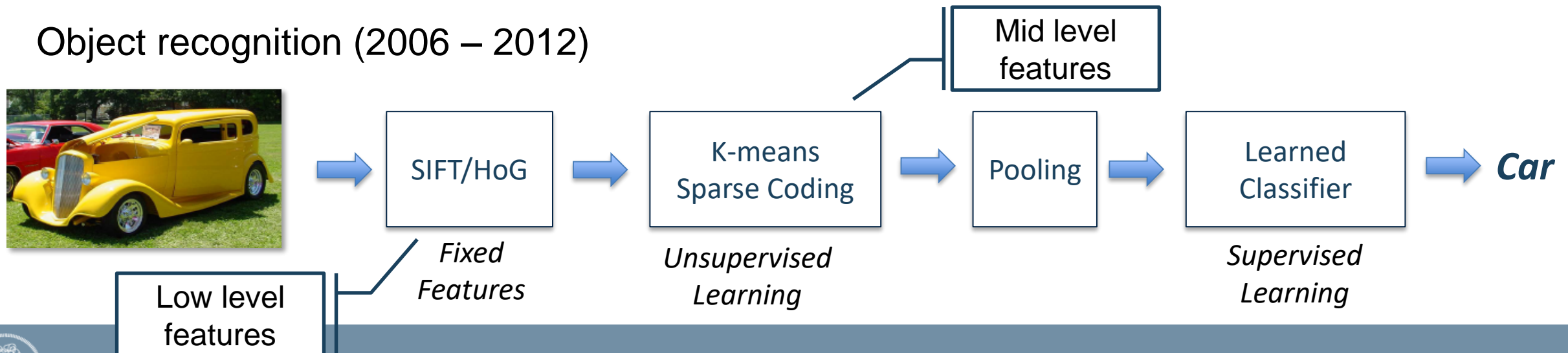


# Modern Pattern Recognition

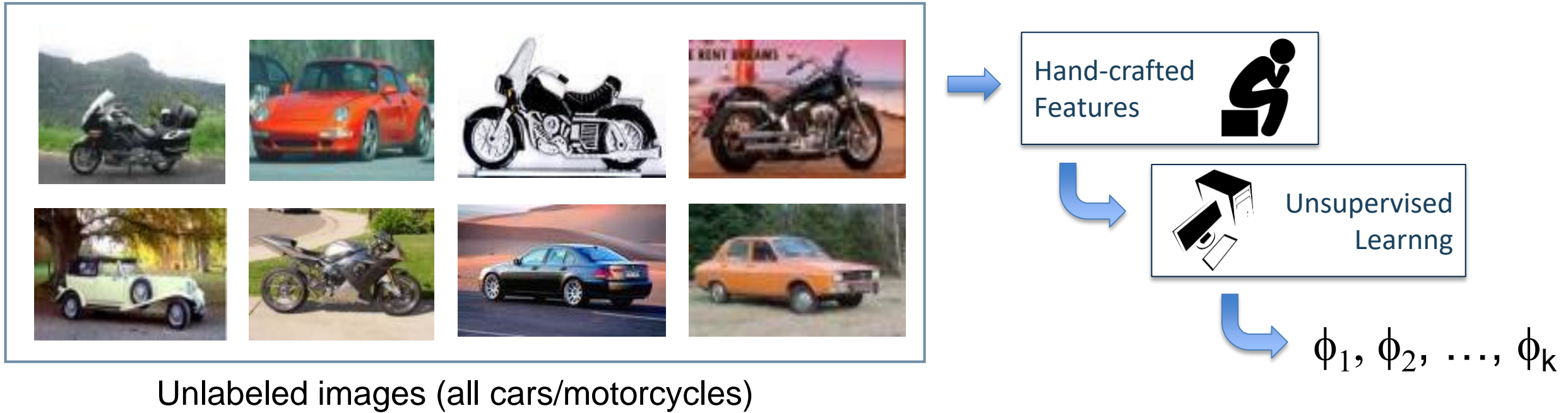
## Speech recognition (early 90's – 2011)



## Object recognition (2006 – 2012)

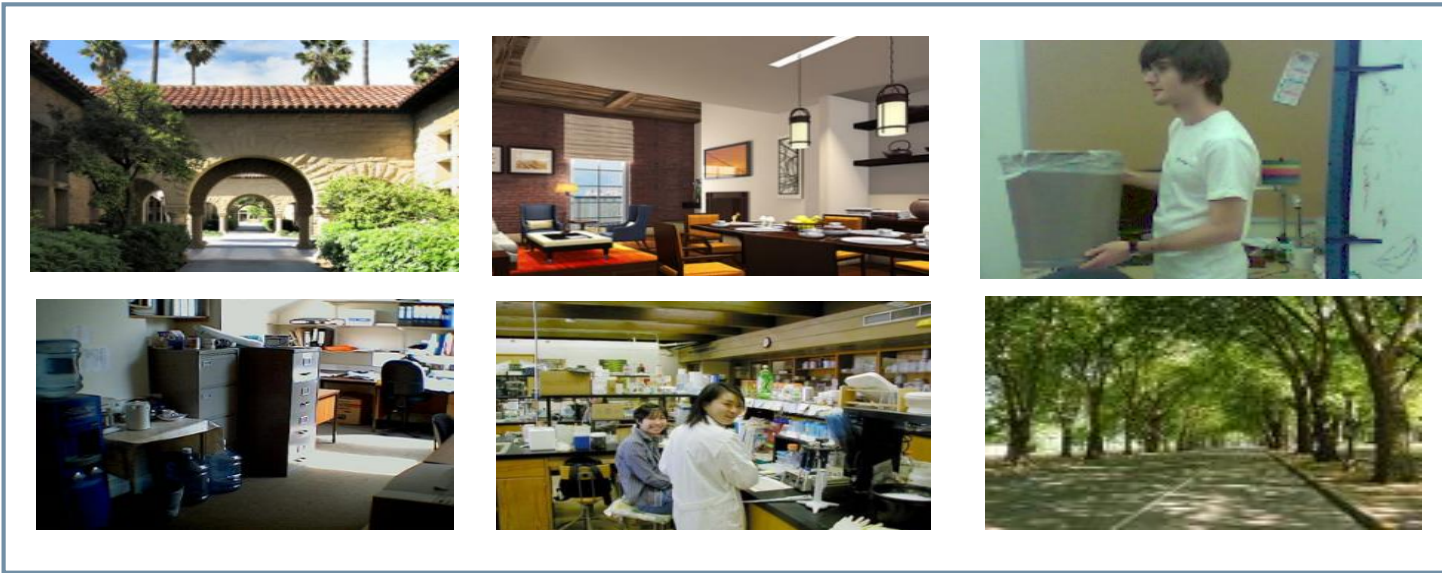


# Transfer Learning

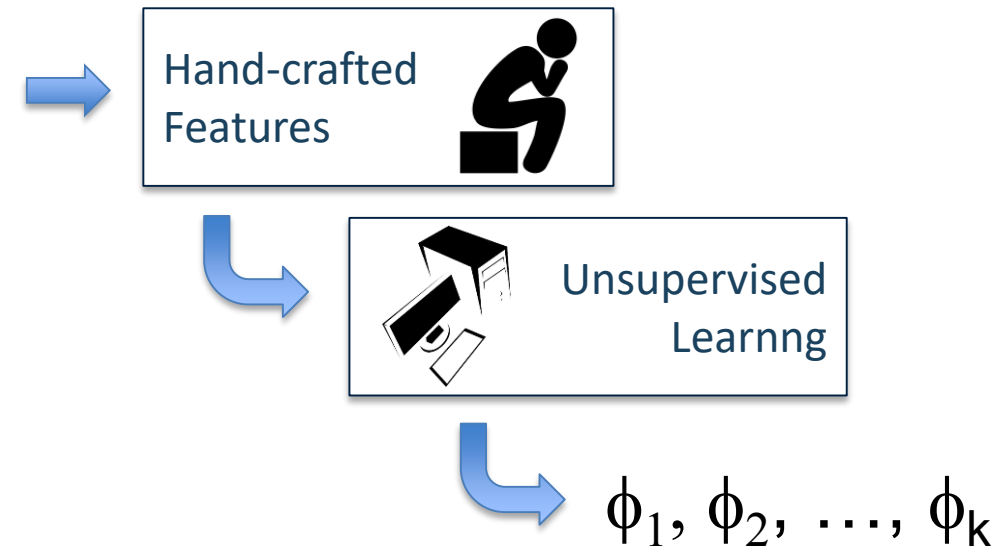




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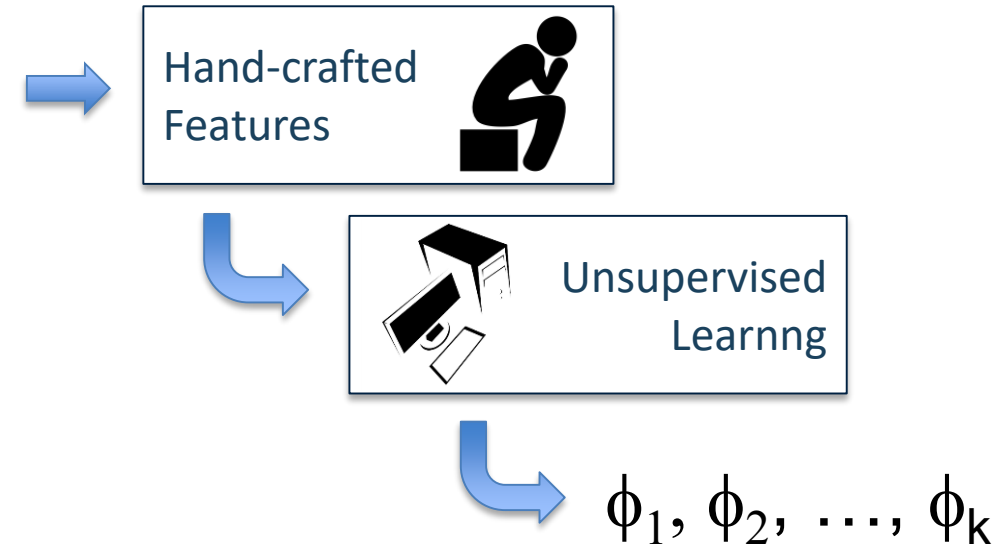
Unlabeled images (random images from the web)



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## It's all about features ...



Hand-crafted  
Features



Learned  
Feature Projection



Learned  
Classifier

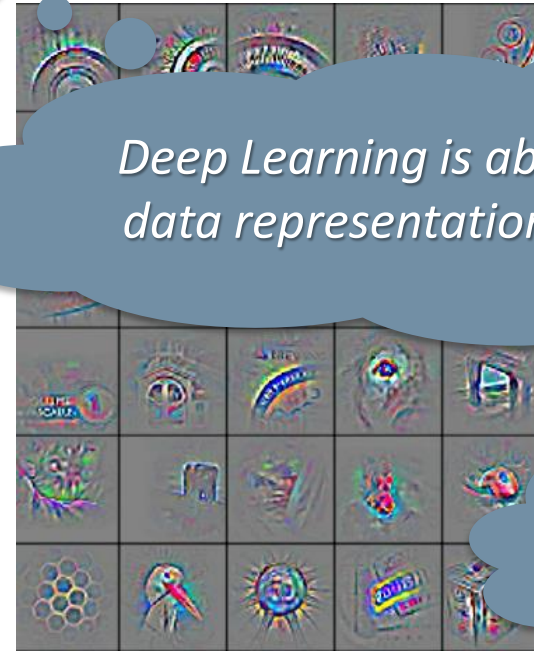
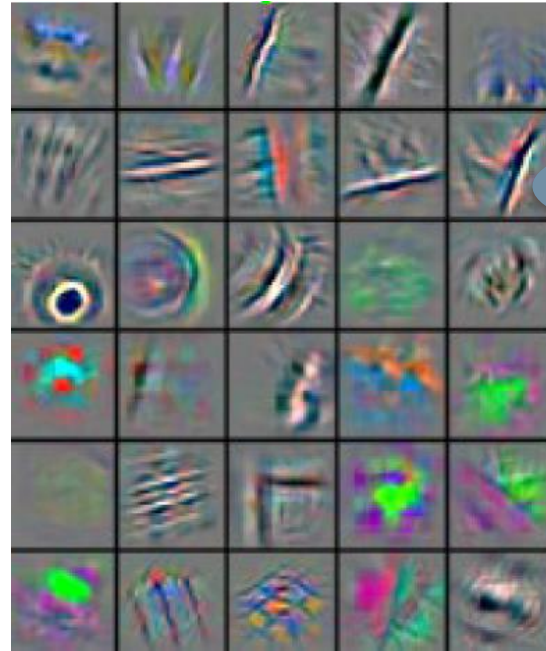
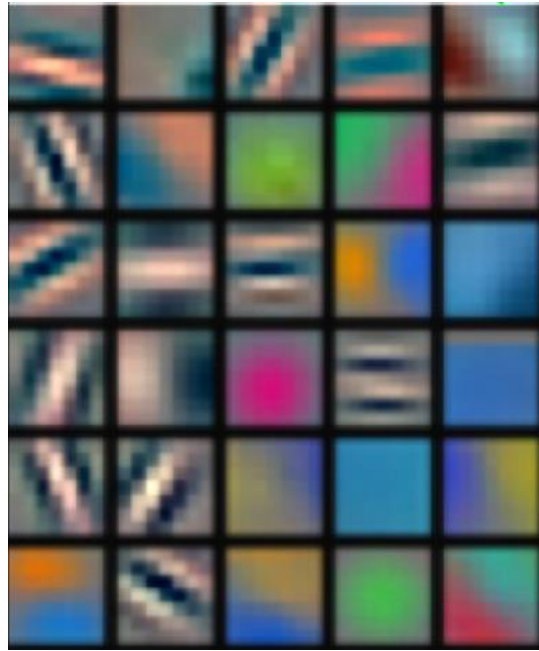
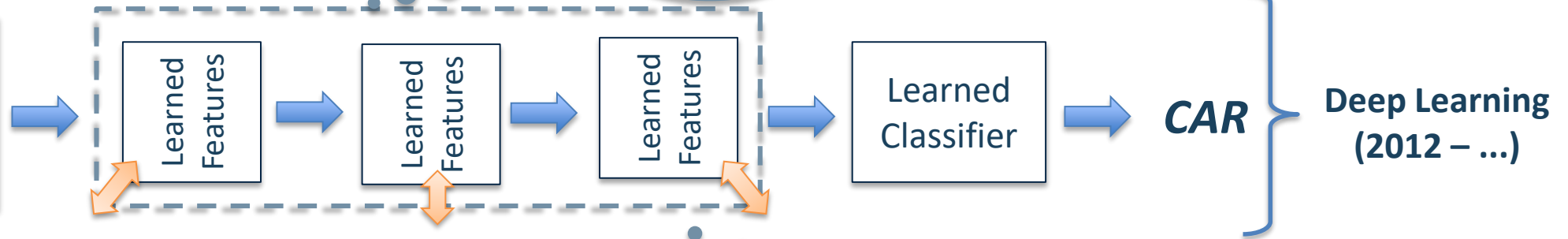


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Classic approach  
(2006 – 2012)

*What if we do not get  
these right?*

# It's all about features ...



*Deep Learning is about learning data representation from data!*

*But which data?*







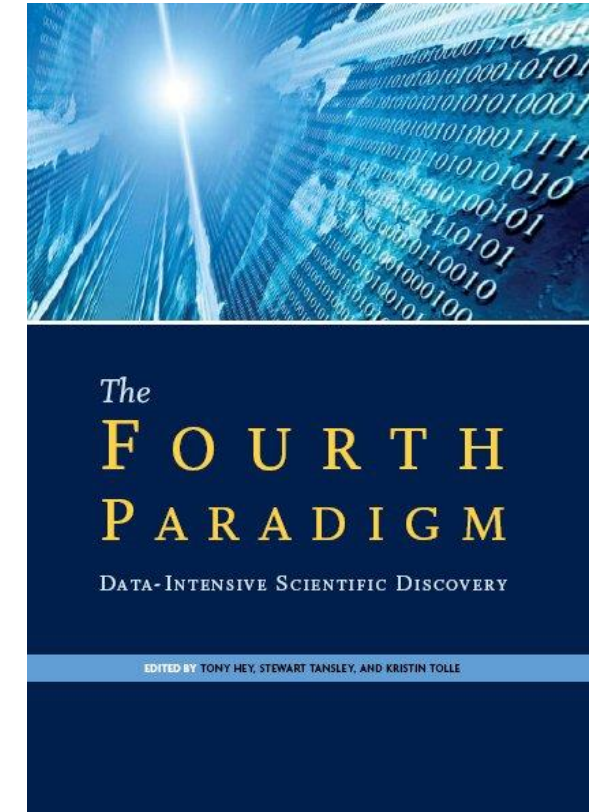
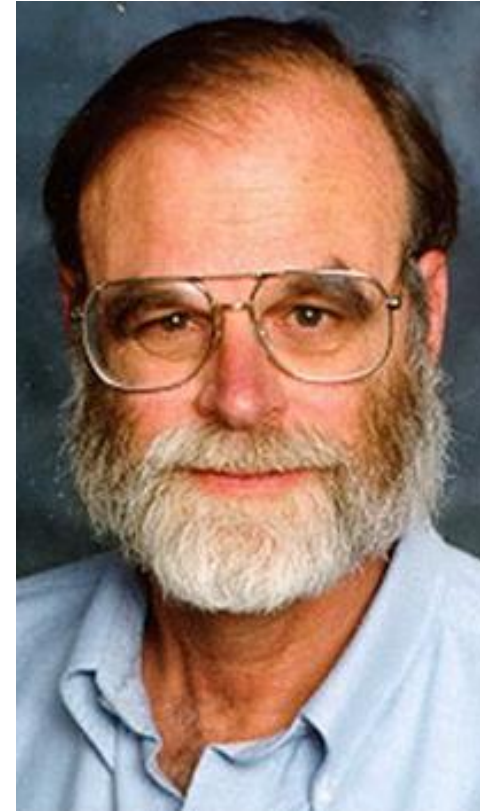
Some people call it «Science Fiction»





## Some people call it the «Fourth Paradigm»

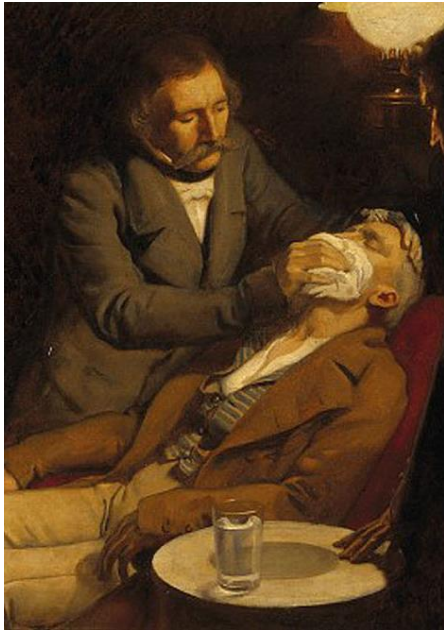
*“Scientific breakthroughs powered by advanced computing capabilities that help researcher manipulate and explore massive datasets”*



# The Fourth Paradigm explained

*Deep Learning, i.e., representation learning from data, is the fourth paradigm for AI!*

## *Empirical science*



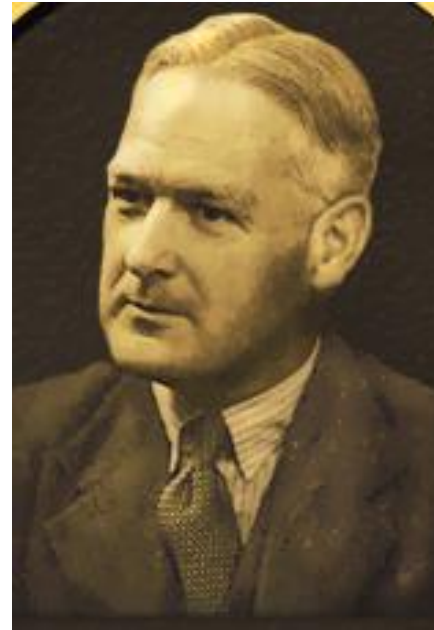
Morton – 1846  
(Anesthesia)

## *Theoretical science*



Pasteur – 1870  
(Germ Theory)

## *Computational science*



Bradford Hill – 1920  
(Randomised Trials)

## *Data-intensive science*



Next Generation Sequencing – 2000  
(Towards personalized medicine)

# Representation Learning in Context

Learning the representation is a challenging problem for Machine Learning, Computer Vision, Artificial Intelligence, Neuroscience, Cognitive Science, ...

## Cognitive perspective

- How can a perceptual system build itself looking at the external world?
- How much prior structure is necessary?

## Neuroscience perspective

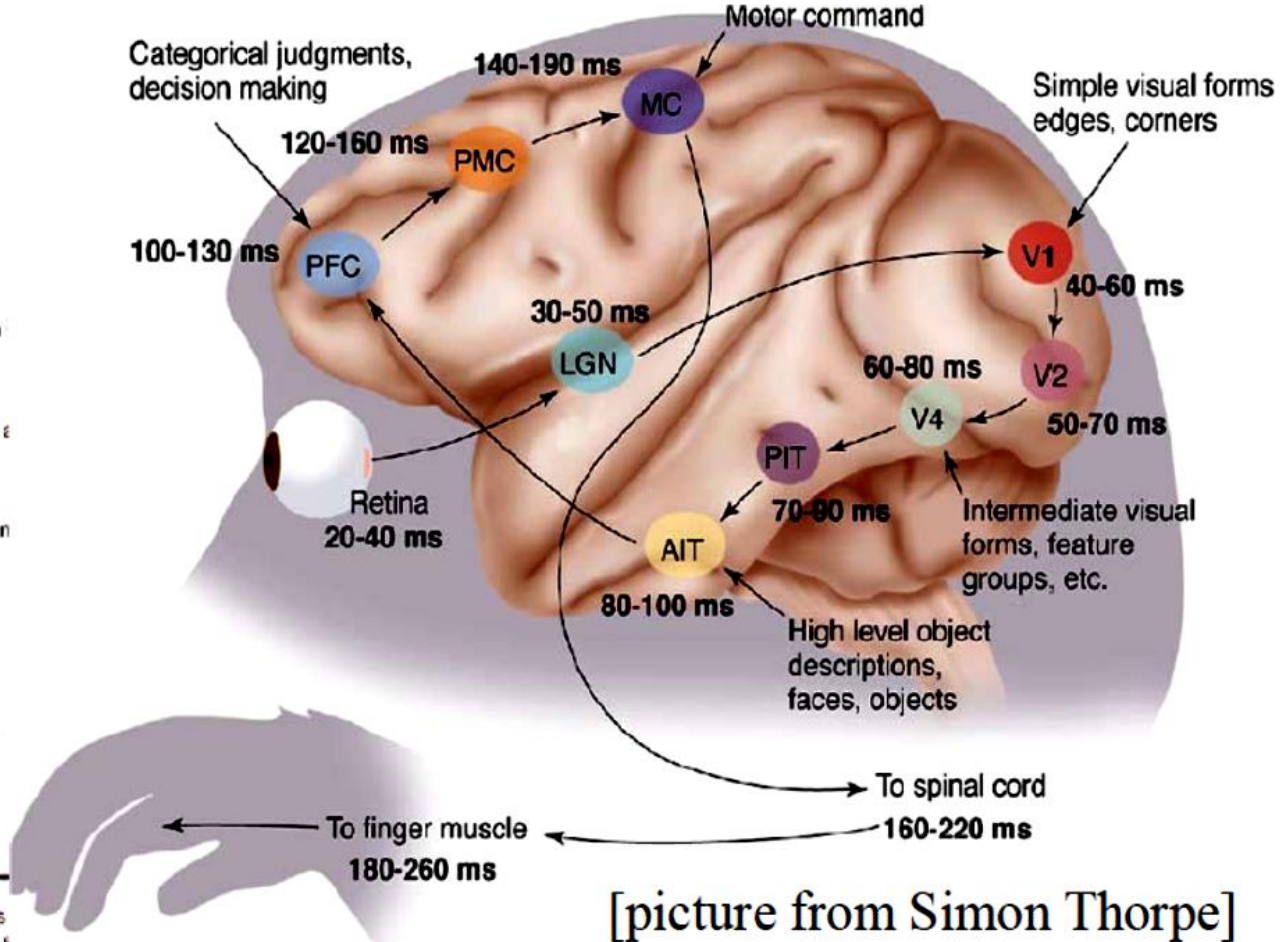
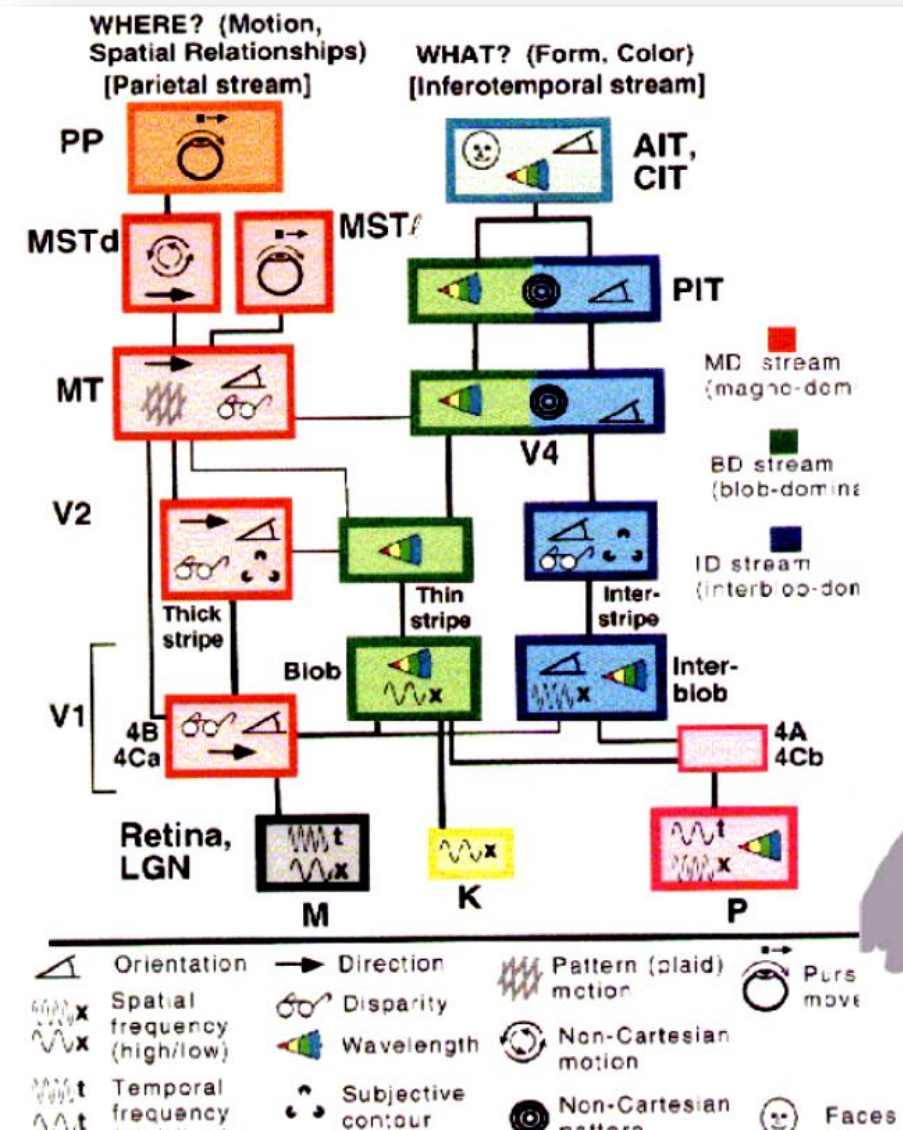
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# Representation Learning in Context

Learning  
Context  
Network



[Gallant & Van Essen]

[picture from Simon Thorpe]



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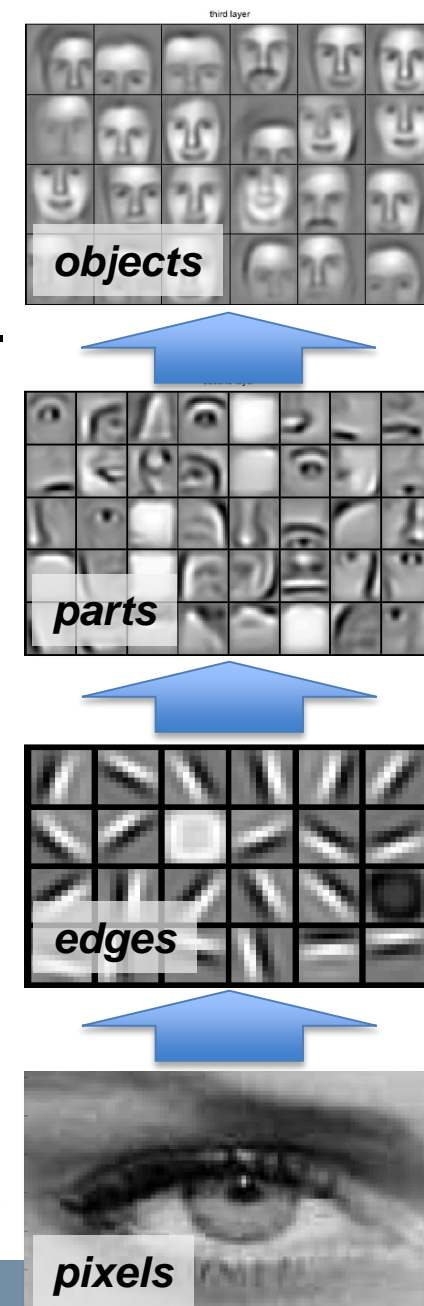
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## Artificial Intelligence Perspective

- What is the fundamental model for learning?
- How do we build abstraction?
- What is the architecture?

*Deep learning addresses the problem of learning hierarchical representations with a single algorithm.*



# Trainable Features Hierarchy

Deep learning assumes it is possible to «learn» a hierarchy of descriptors with increasing abstraction, i.e., layers are trainable feature transforms

In image recognition

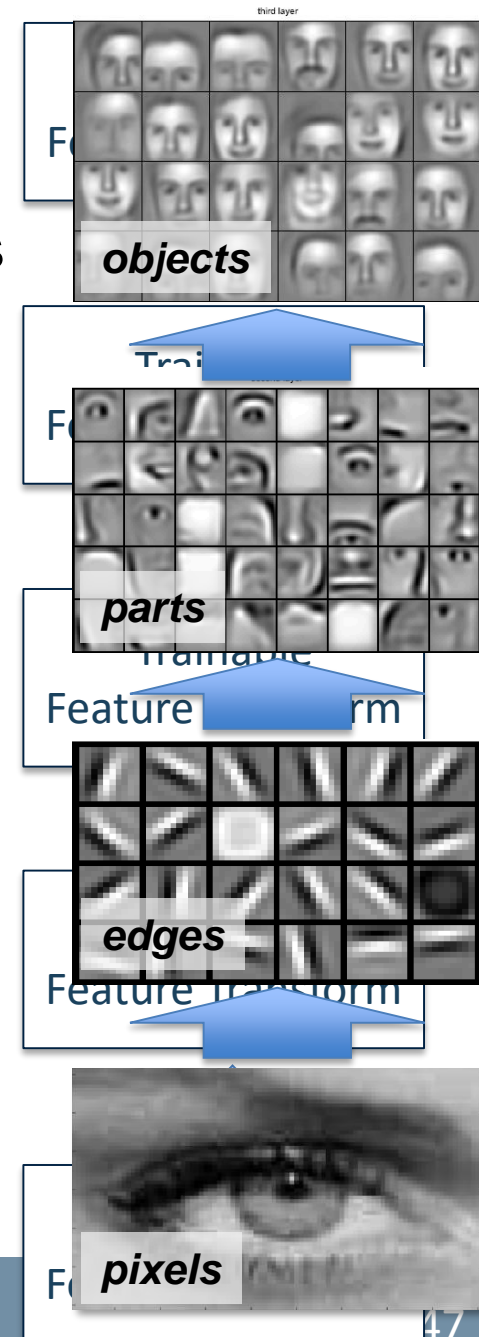
- Pixel → edge → texton → motif → part → object

In text analysis

- Character → word → word group → clause → sentence → story

In speech recognition

- Sample → spectral band → sound → phone → phoneme → word





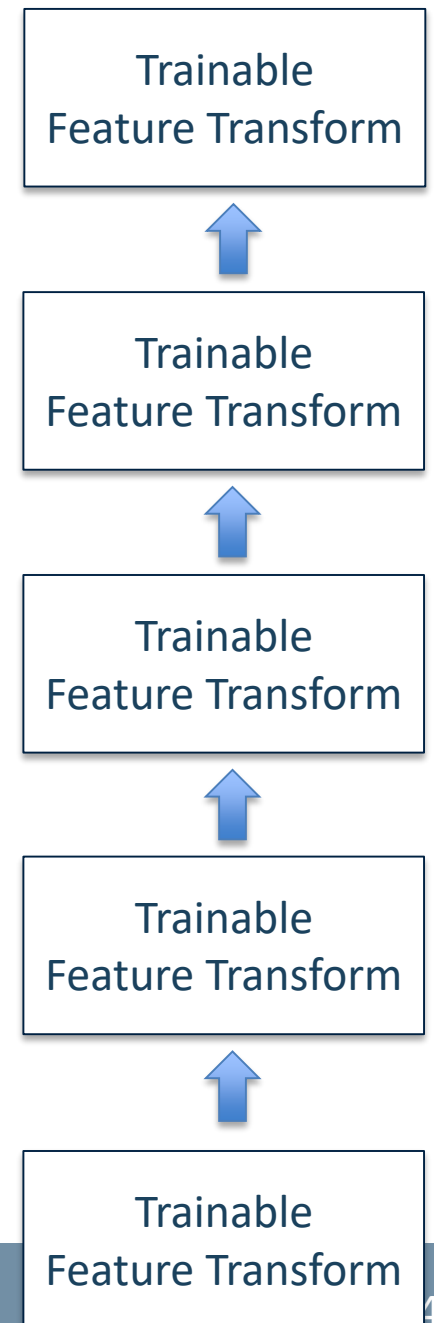
# Architectures and Algorithms

Depending on the direction of the information flow we can have different architectures for the hierarchy of features

- Feed forward (e.g., Multilayer Neural Nets, Convolutional Nets)
- Feed back (e.g., Stacked Sparse Coding, Deconvolutional Nets)
- Bi-directional (e.g, Deep Boltzmann Machines, Autoencoders)

We can have also different kind of learning protocols

- Purely supervised
- Unsupervised (layerwise) + supervised on top
- Unsupervised (layerwise) + global supervised
- Unsupervised pre-training through regularized auto-encoders + ...
- ...



## «... and the winner is ...»

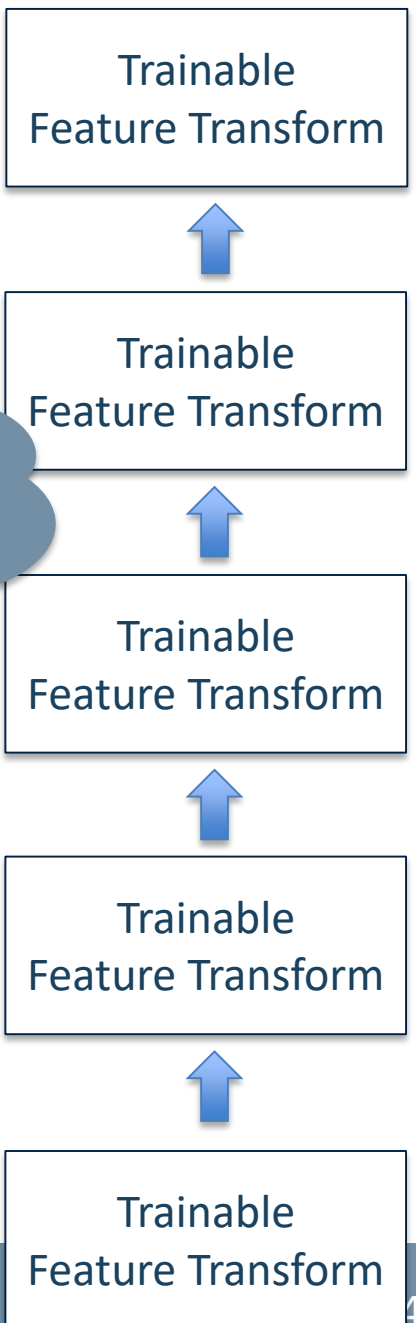
Nowadays the choice seems quite decided, i.e., use neural networks, but the history has shown that evidence can change people minds ...



*Introduction video of the  
2010 NIPS workwhop on  
Deep Learning*



*In this course we will look  
at neural networks and  
backpropagation ...*





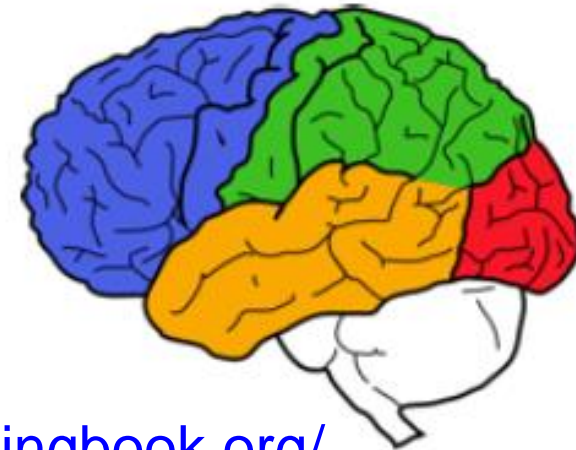
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