

# Deep Learning: Theory, Techniques & Applications

## - Introduction to Deep Learning -

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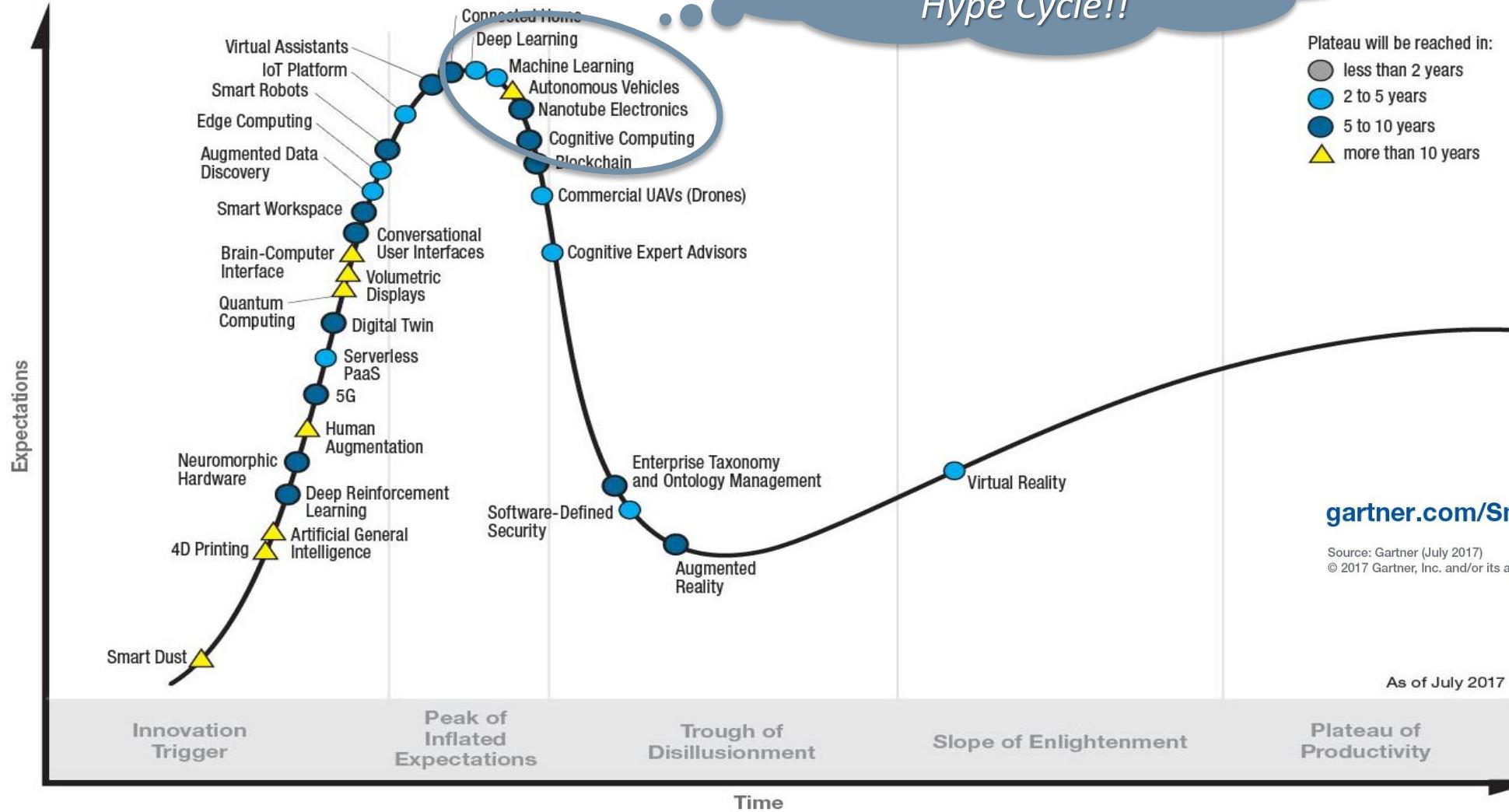
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# About Deep Learning

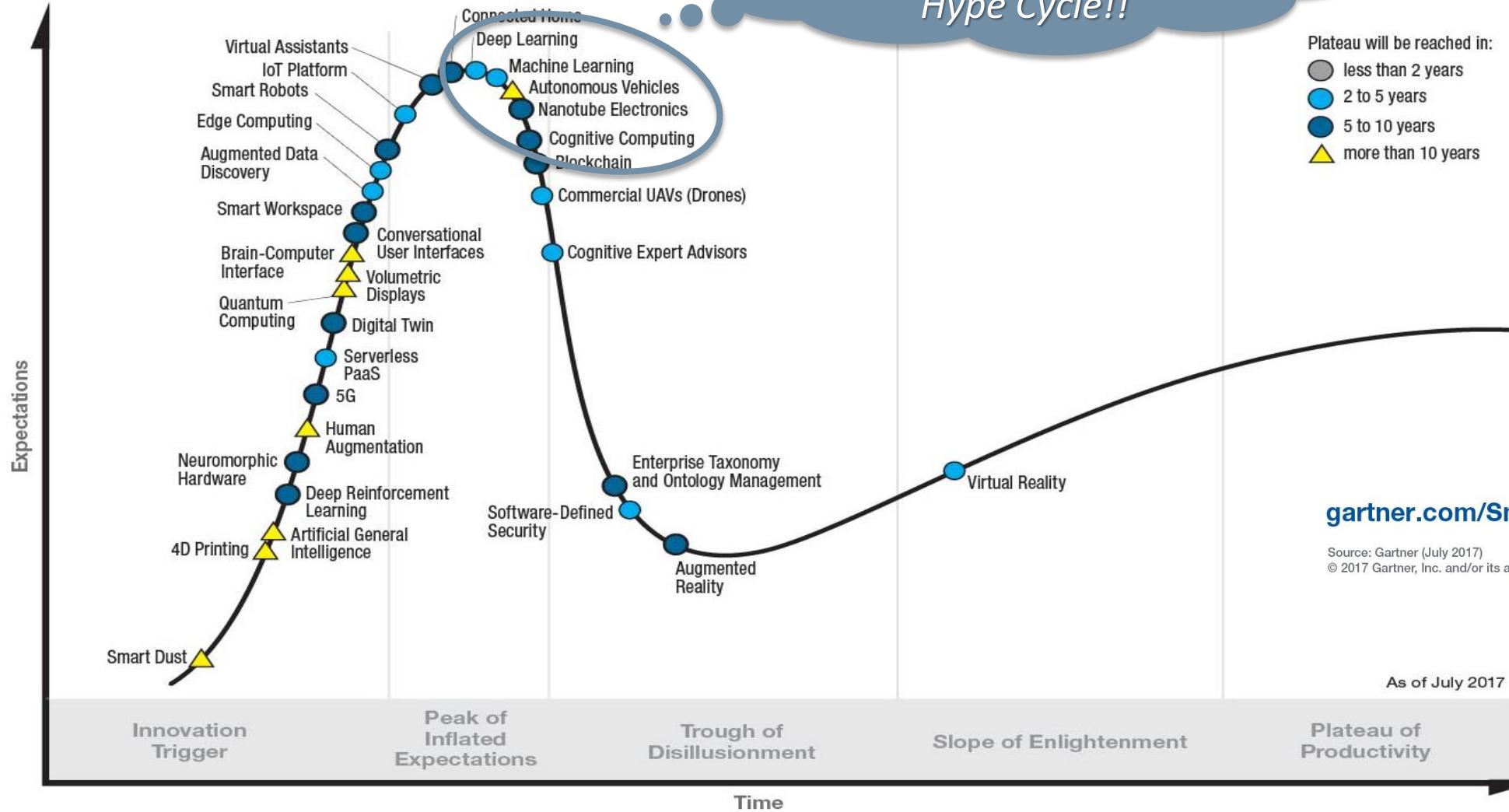
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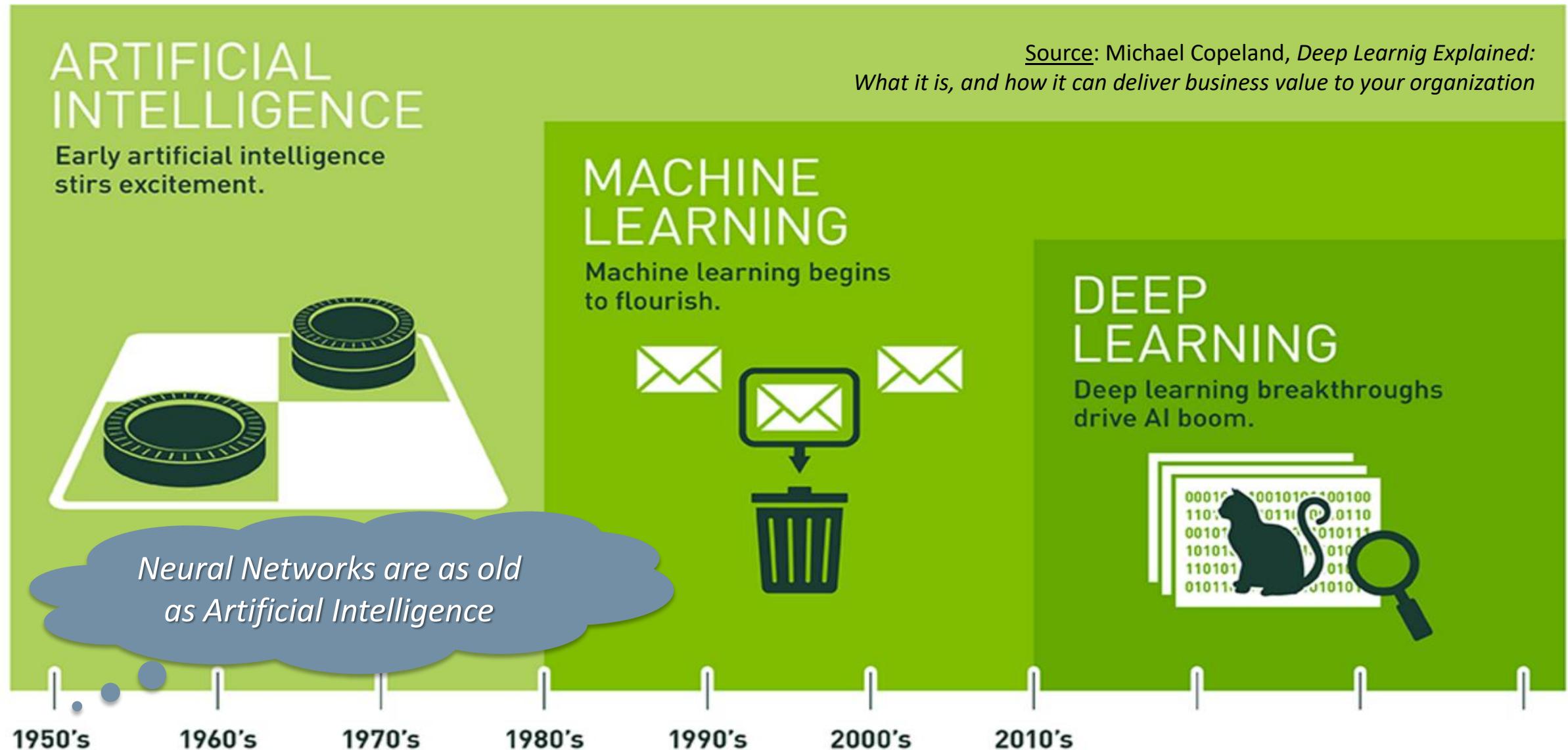


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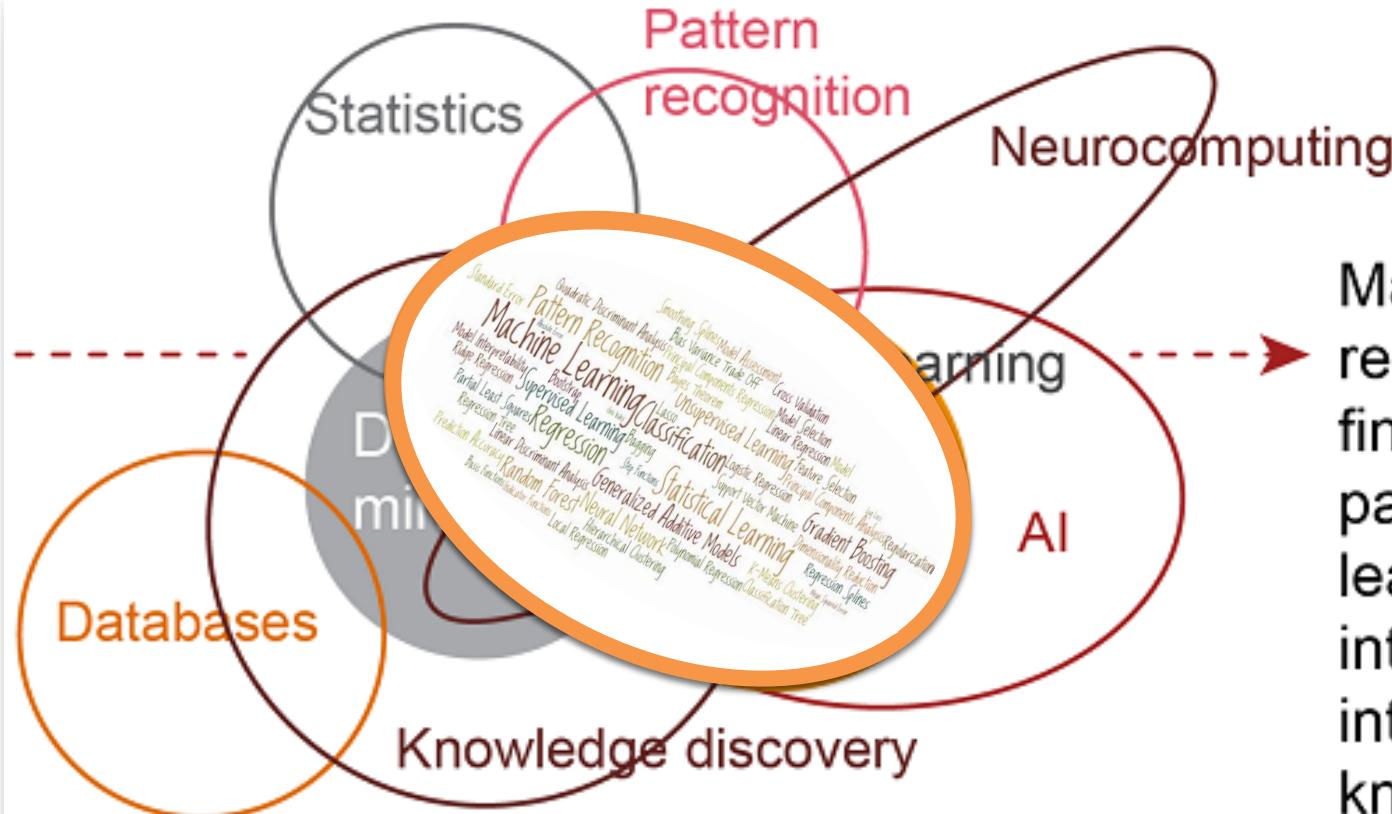
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# «Deep Learning is not AI, nor Machine Learning»



# 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*





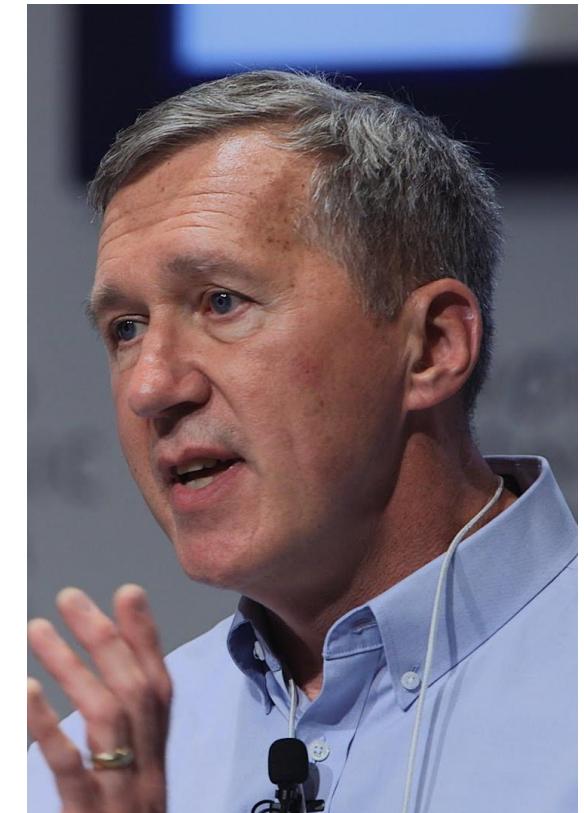
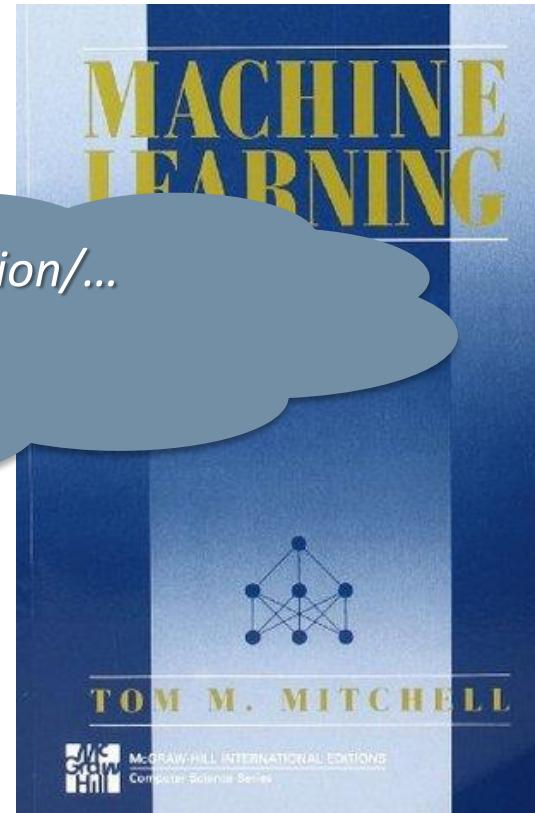
# Machine Learning (Tom Mitchell – 1997)

$T$  = 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 ...*



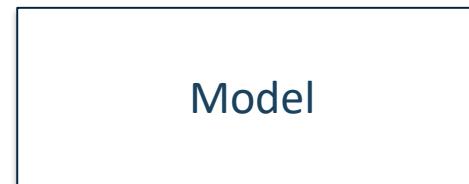
**Motorcycle**

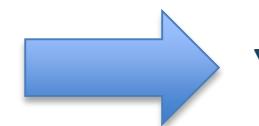


# Terminology in Classification

- Input
- Features
- Observations
- Independent Variables

$x$  



  $y$

- Output
- Class
- Dependent Variable

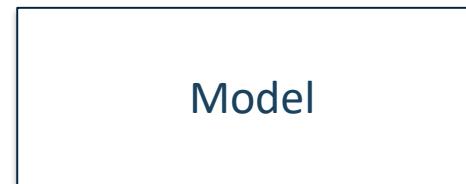
- Classifier
- Inductive Hypothesis
- Learning Machine
- ...



# 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

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

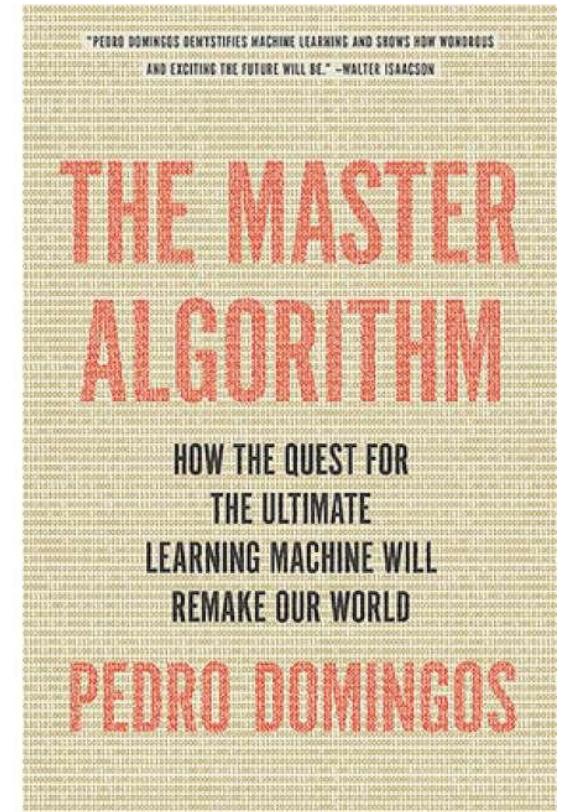
In both cases the task is to produce the correct output on new input

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

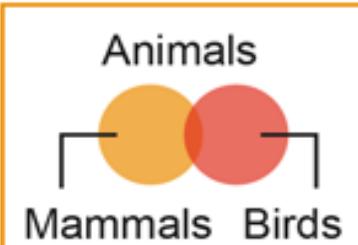
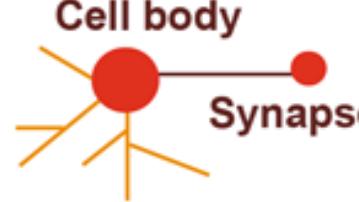
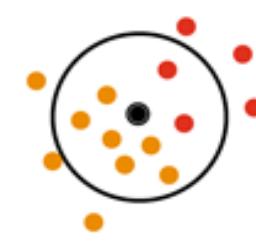


# The Master Algorithm (Pedro Domingos, 2015)

*“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	Bayesians	Connectionists	Evolutionaries	Analogizers
 <p>Animals Mammals Birds</p>	 <p>Likelihood Prior Posterior Margin</p>	 <p>Cell body Synapse</p>		
Use symbols, rules, and logic to represent knowledge and draw logical inference	Assess the likelihood of occurrence for probabilistic inference	Recognize and generalize patterns dynamically with matrices of probabilistic, weighted neurons	Generate variations and then assess the fitness of each for a given purpose	Optimize a function in light of constraints ("going as high as you can while staying on the road")
<b>7</b> Favored algorithm Rules and decision trees	<b>8</b> Favored algorithm Naive Bayes or Markov	<b>9</b> Favored algorithm Neural networks	<b>10</b> Favored algorithm Genetic programs	<b>11</b> Favored algorithm Support vectors
Source: Pedro Domingos, <i>The Master Algorithm</i> , 2015				



# Is Deep Learning the Master Algorithm?

Introduction The 10 Technologies Past Years

facebook

Microsoft

YAHOO!

Google



IBM

NVIDIA

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In Every Image

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OpenAI

MetaMind

DEEPMIND

AlchemyAPI<sup>TM</sup>  
An IBM Company

wit.ai DNNresearch

Acquired



## 10 BREAKTHROUGH TECHNOLOGIES 2013

### Deep Learning

With massive amounts of computational power, machines can now recognize objects and translate speech in real time. Artificial intelligence is finally getting smart.

### Temporary Social Media

Messages that quickly self-destruct could enhance the privacy of online communications and make people freer to be spontaneous.

### Prenatal DNA Sequencing

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?

### Additive Manufacturing

Skeptical about 3-D printing? GE, the world's largest manufacturer, is on the verge of using the technology to make jet parts.

### Baxter: The Blue-Collar Robot

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.

### Memory Implants

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.

### Smart Watches

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.

### Ultra-Efficient Solar Power

Doubling the efficiency of a solar cell would completely change the economics of renewable energy. Nanotechnology just might make it possible.

### Big Data from Cheap Phones

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.

### Supergrids

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

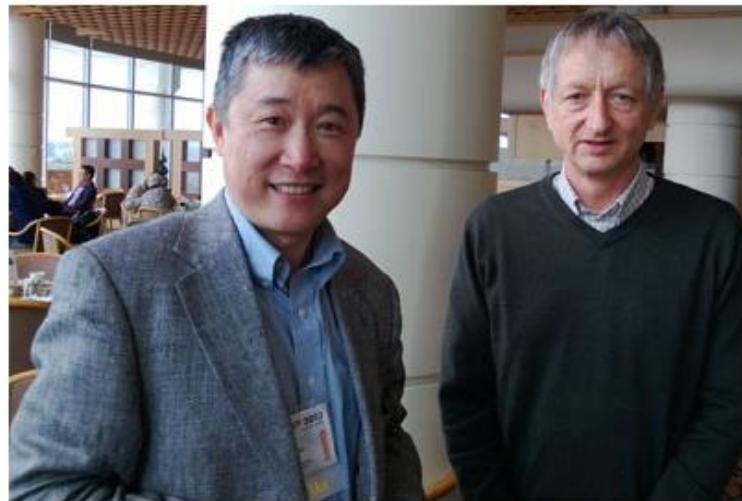
The success of the team's progress to date was on display May 27, in a talk by Microsoft CEO [Satya Nadella](#) in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., during the [Code Conference](#). During Nadella's conversation with Kara Swisher and Walt Mossberg of Re/code tech website relating to a new era of personal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



## 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 translates to aliens?



Li Deng (left) and Geoff Hinton.

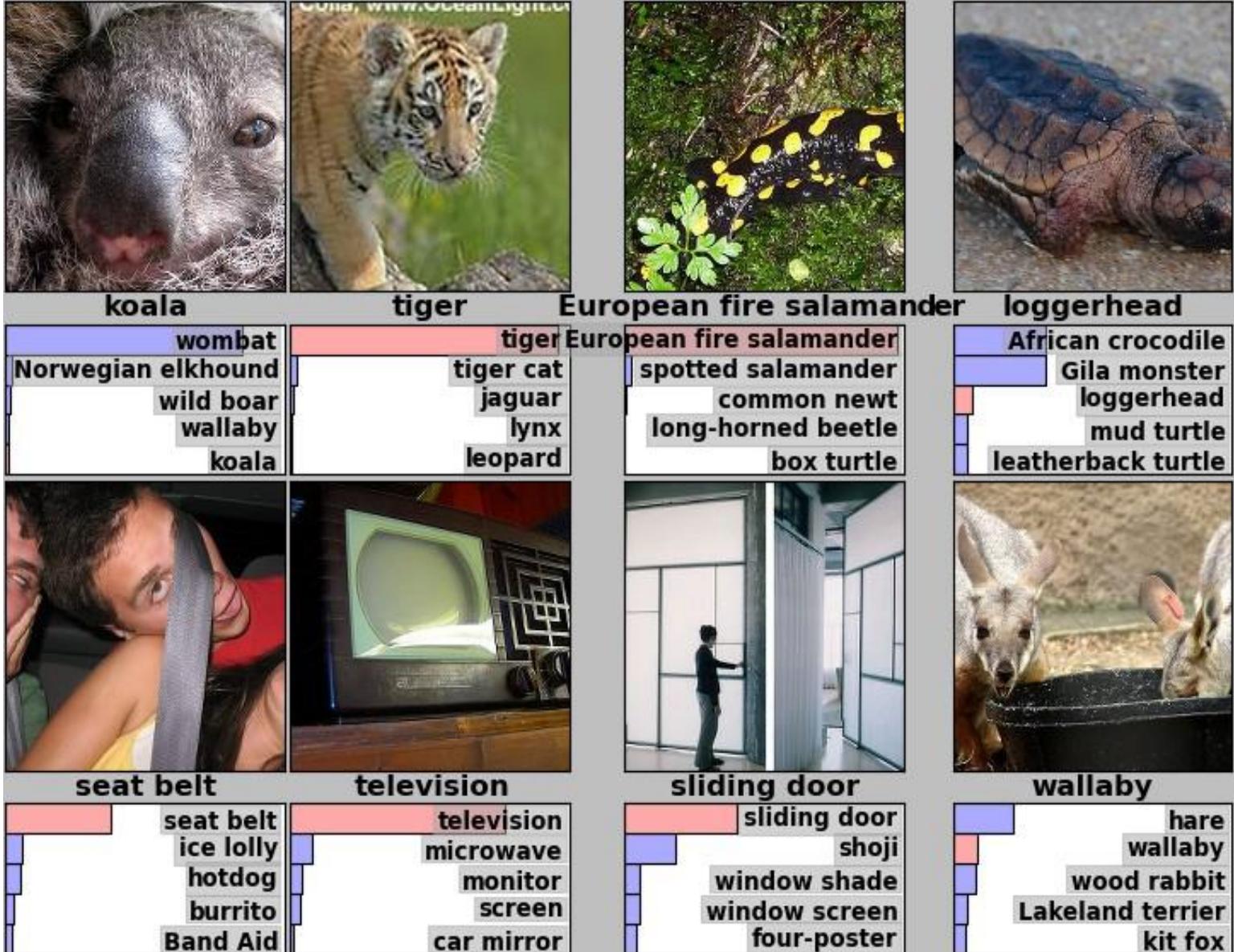
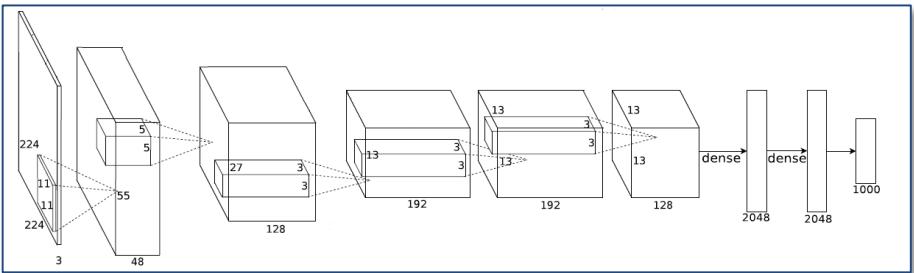
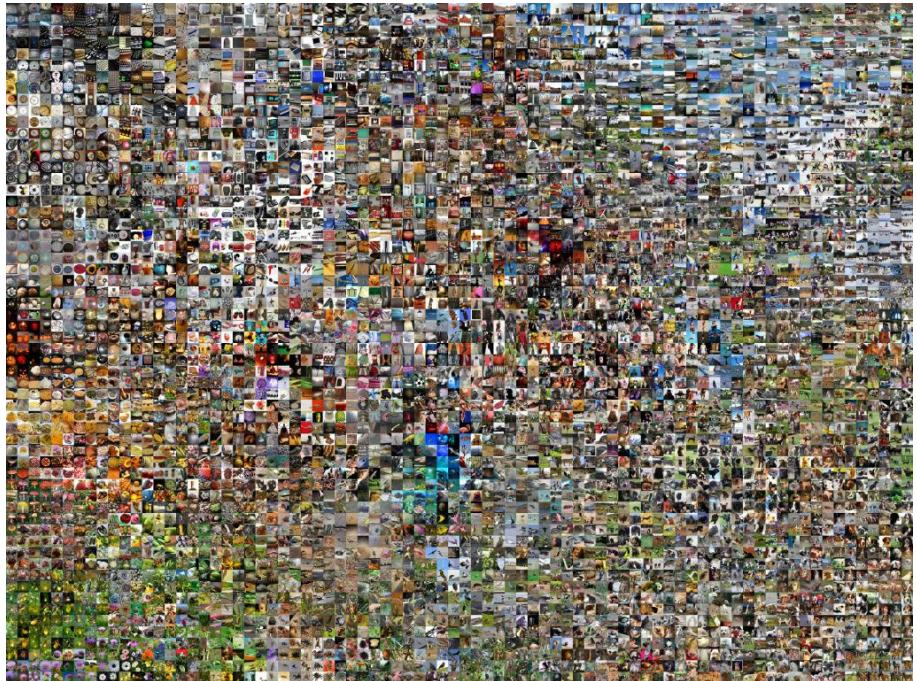
View milestones on the path to Skype Translator  
#speech2speech

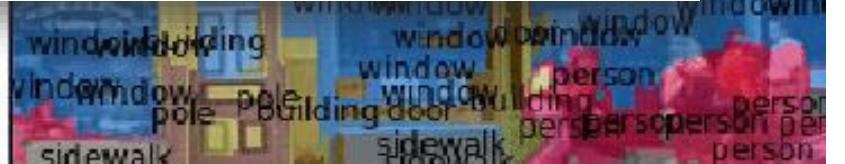
A core development that enables Skype translation came from Redmond researcher Li Deng. He invited Geoff Hinton, a professor at the University of Toronto, to visit Redmond in 2009 to work on new neural-network learning methods, based on a couple of seminal papers from Hinton and his collaborators in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

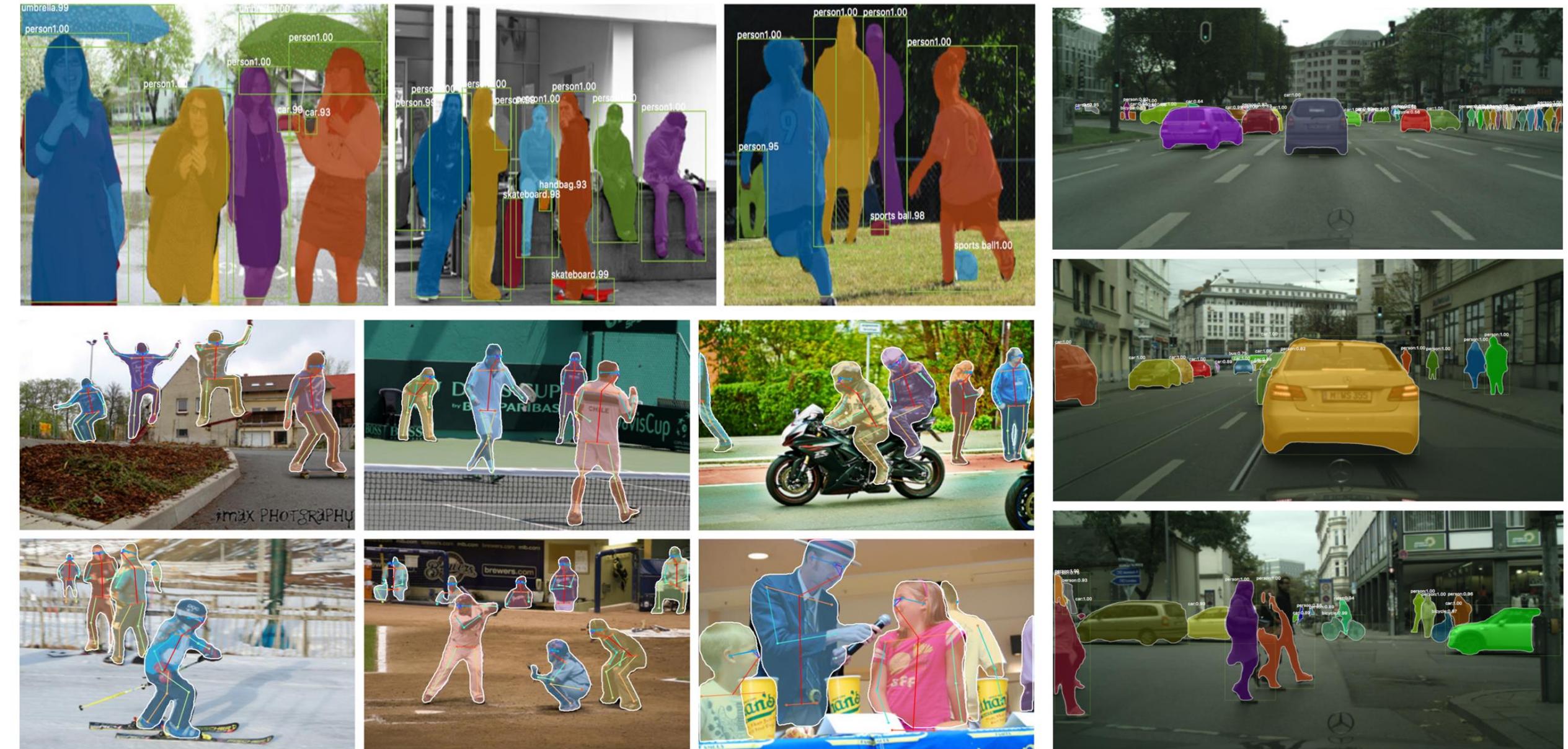


The path to the Skype Translator gained momentum with an encounter in the autumn of 2010. Seide and colleague Kit Thambiratnam had developed a system they called The Translating! Telephone for live speech-to-text and speech-to-speech translation of phone calls.









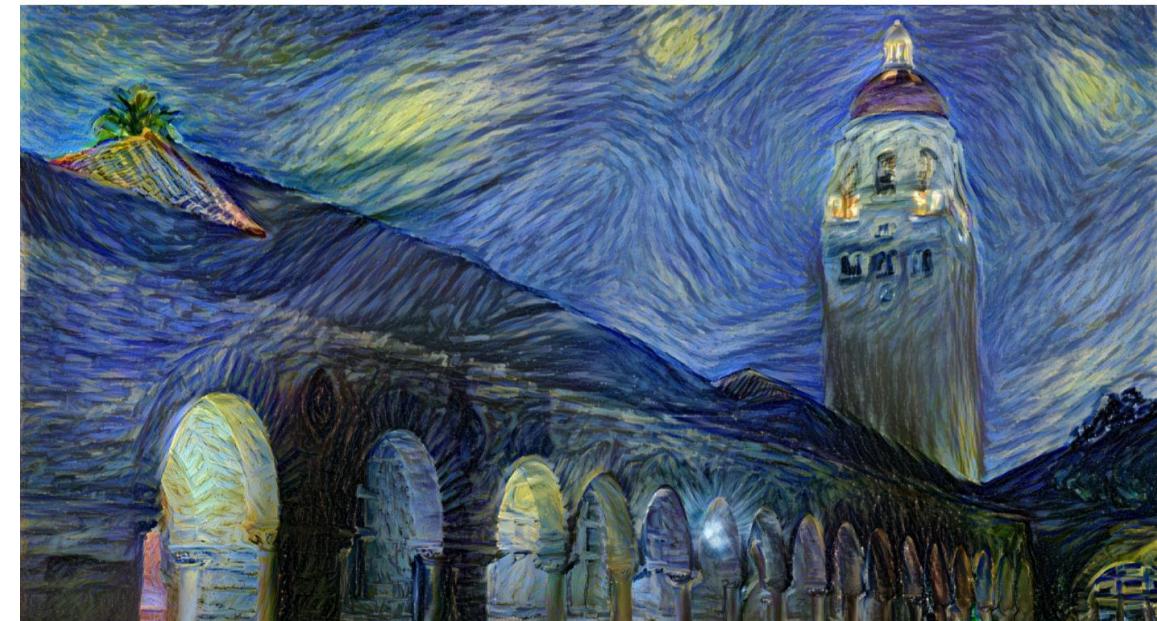


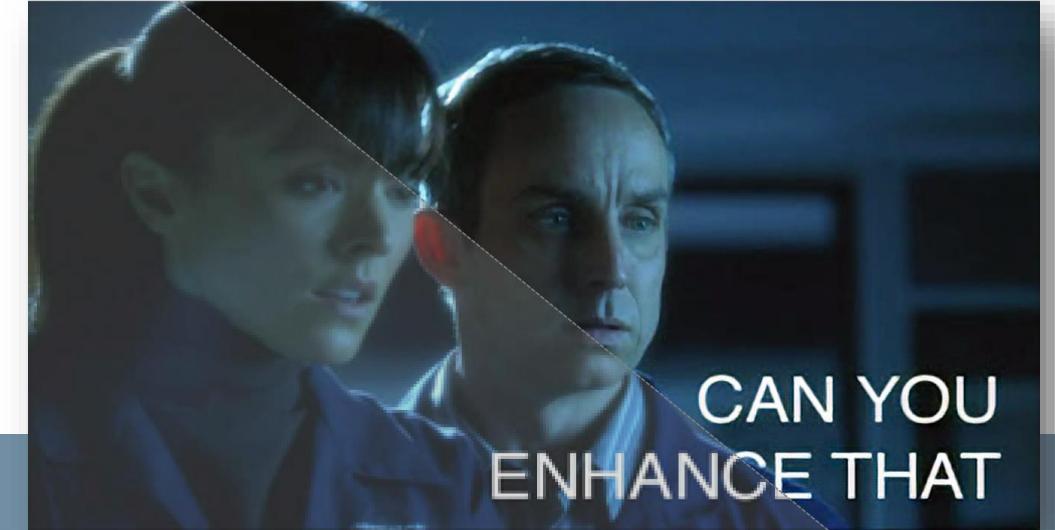
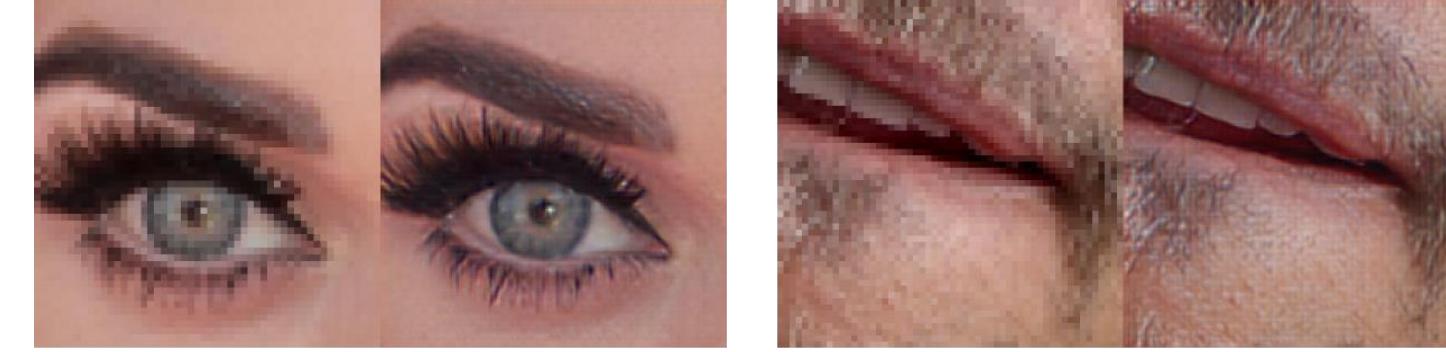
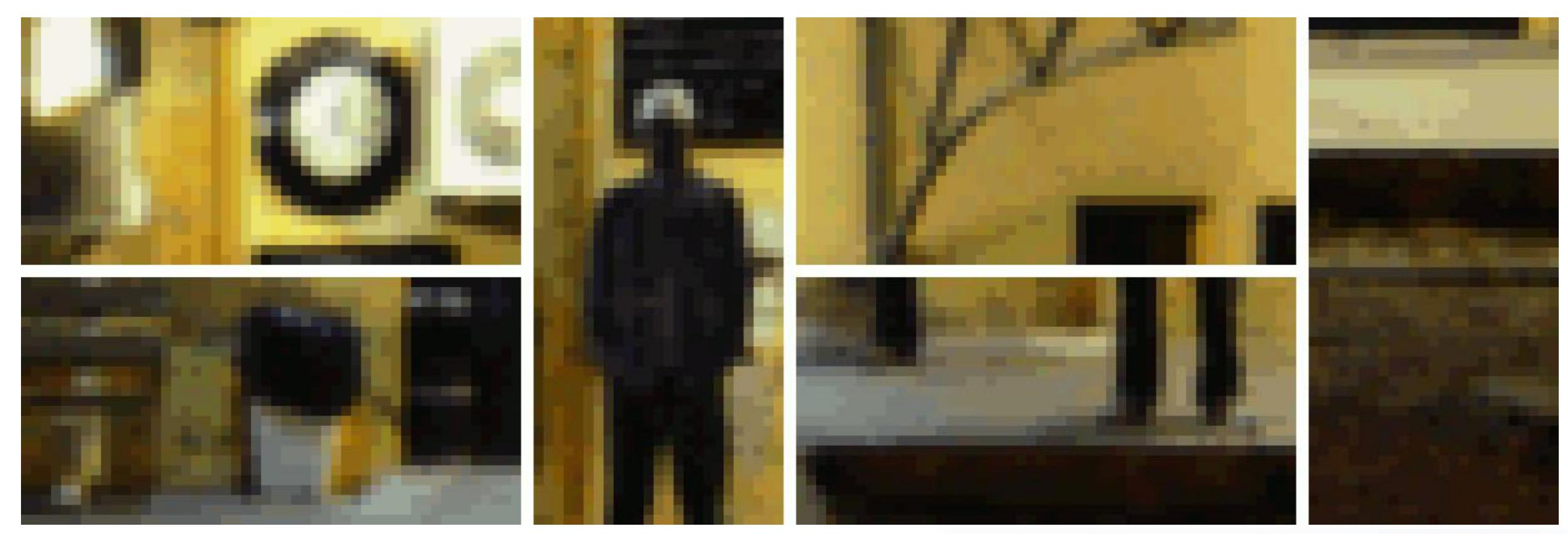
<https://github.com/luanfujun/deep-photo-styletransfer>

<https://github.com/jcjohnson/neural-style>

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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

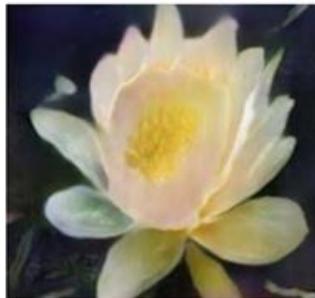
This flower has long thin yellow petals and a lot of yellow anthers in the center

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



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



**'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, computers can point the way to a future in which 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**

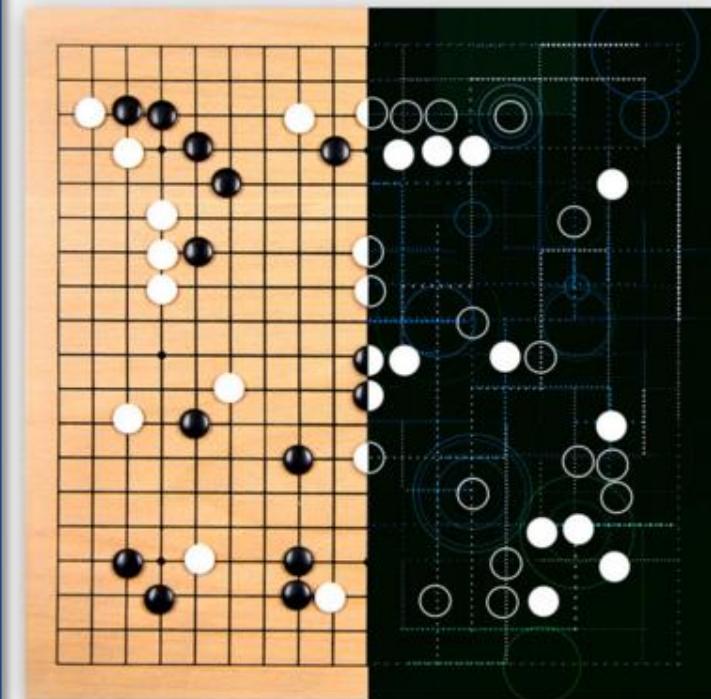


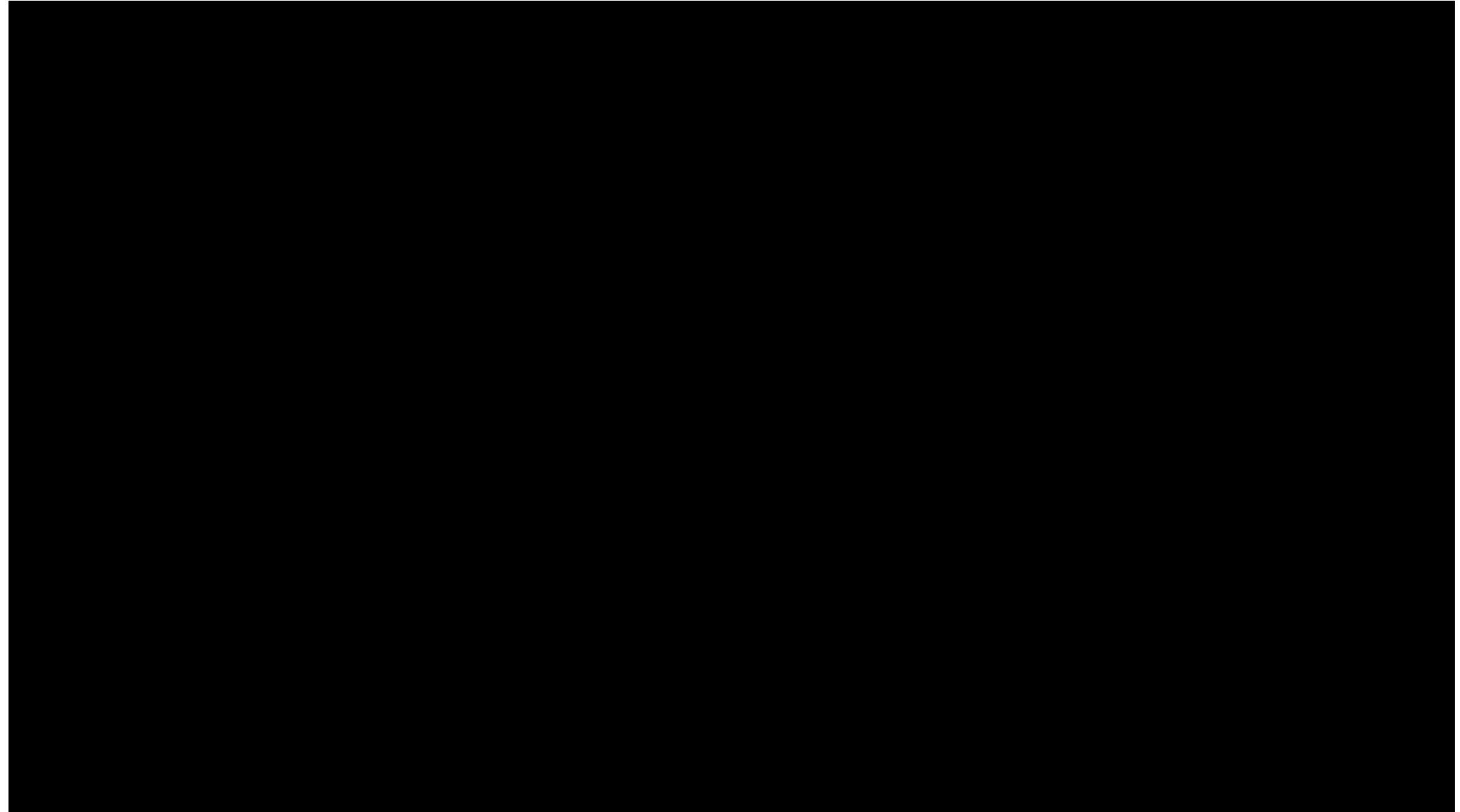
IBM machine, Watson, topped the best TV game show, Jeopardy!, the venerable TV trivia game. Watson also mastered Othello, Scrabble, and poker. But in the wake of Crazy Stone's victory, Coulom predicted that another ten years would be enough for a machine to beat a grandmaster at Go.



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

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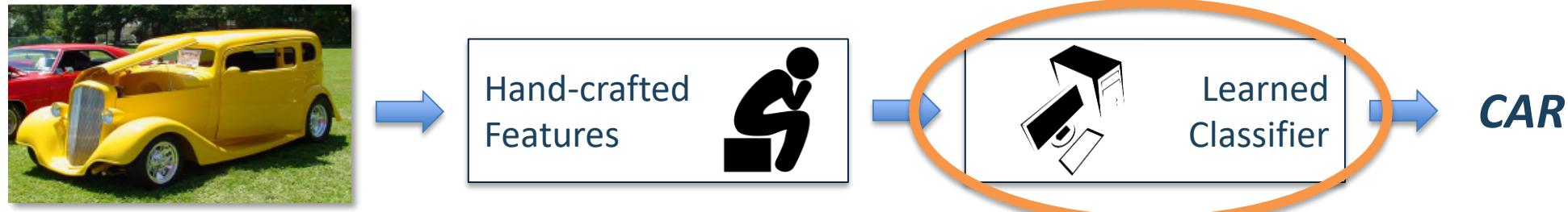
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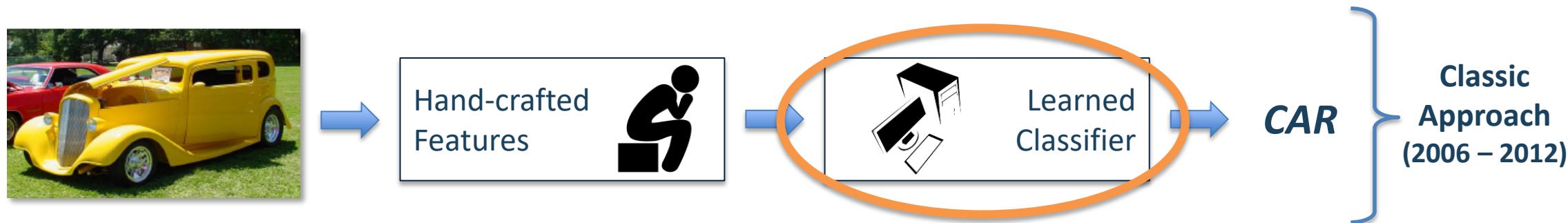
Cars



Motorcycles



# 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

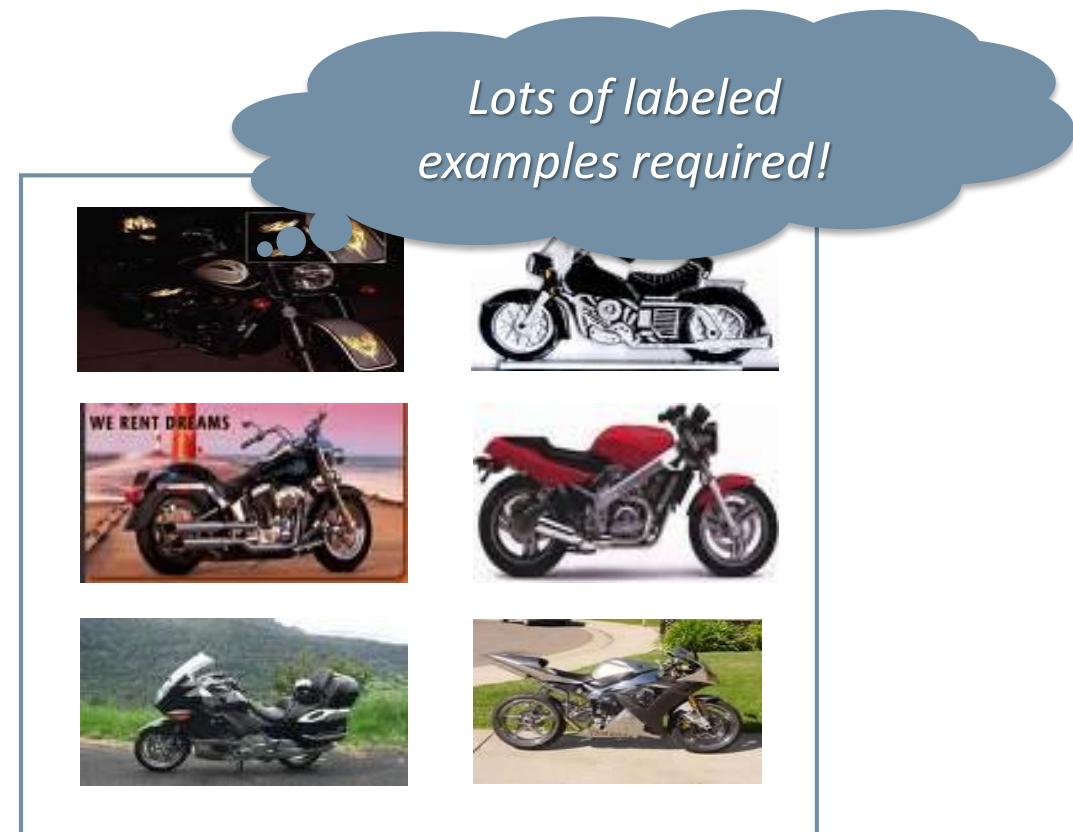
However ...

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

# Beyond Supervised Learning



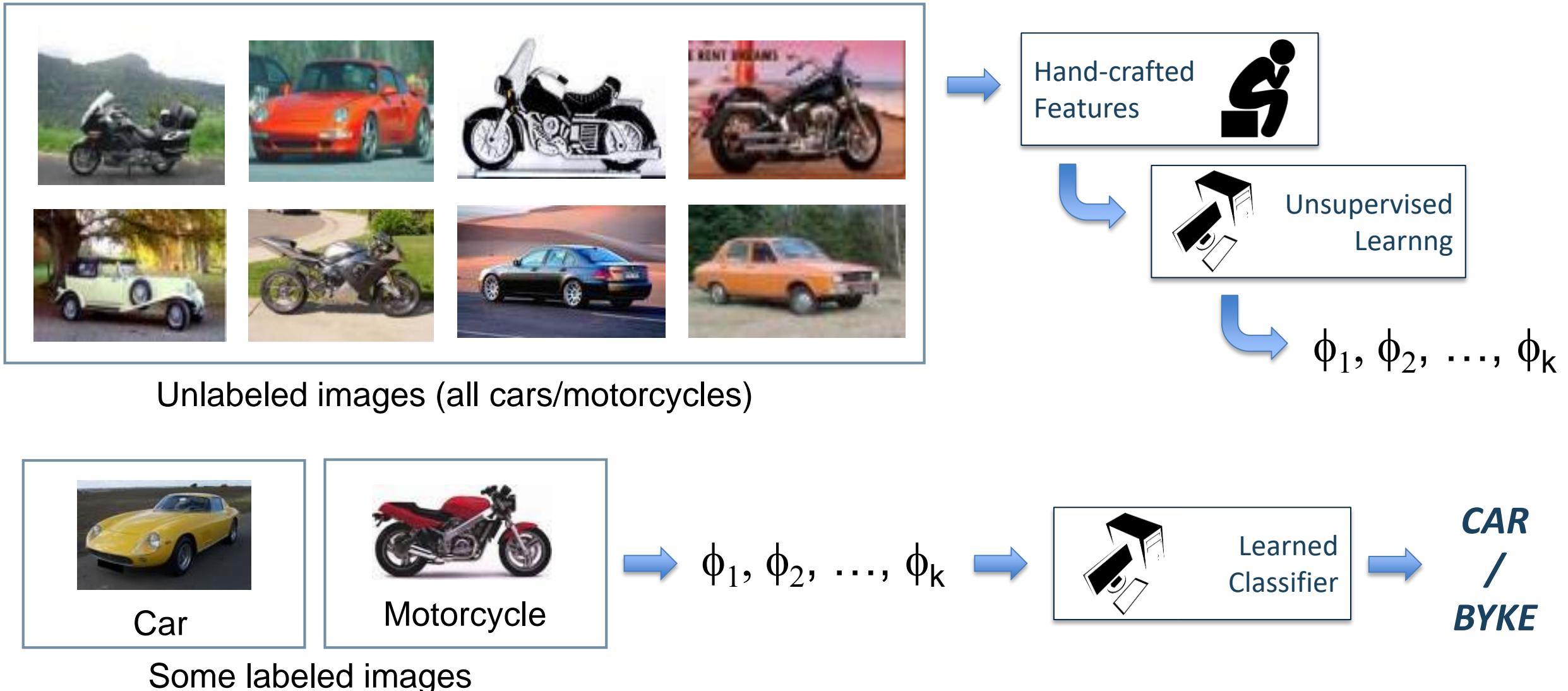
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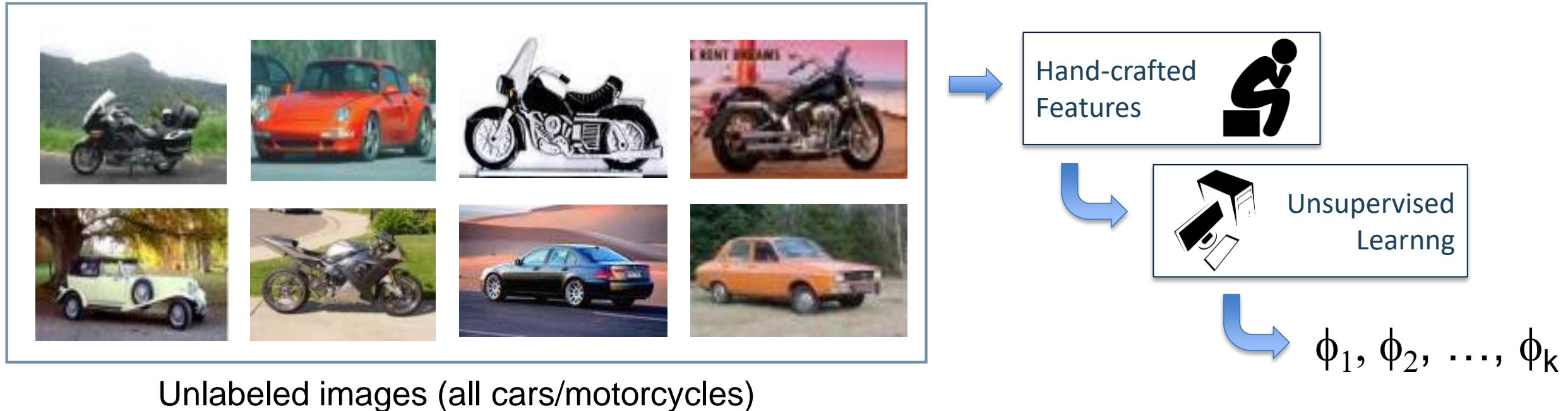
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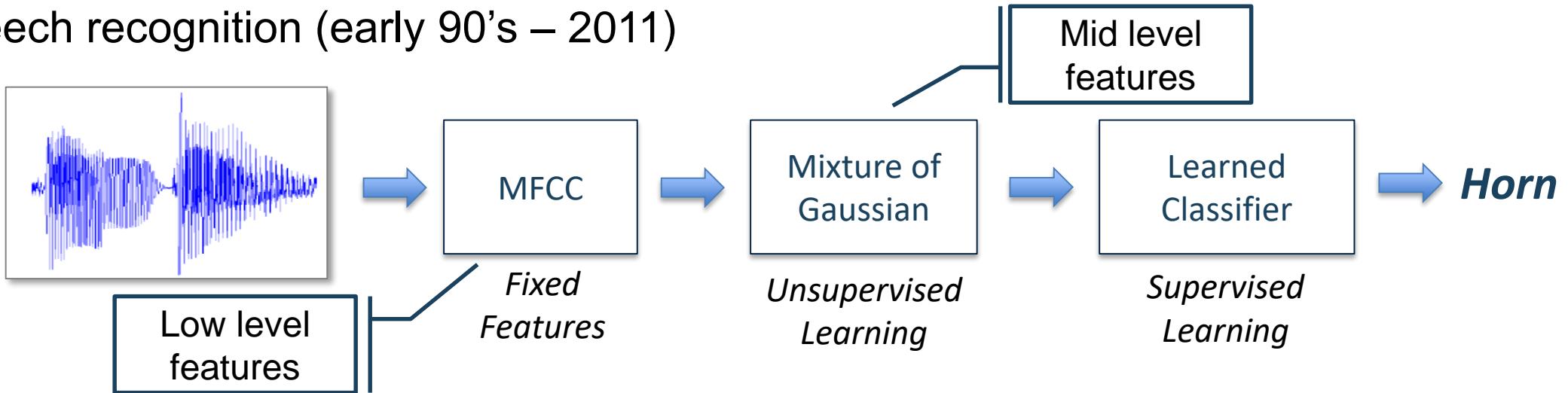
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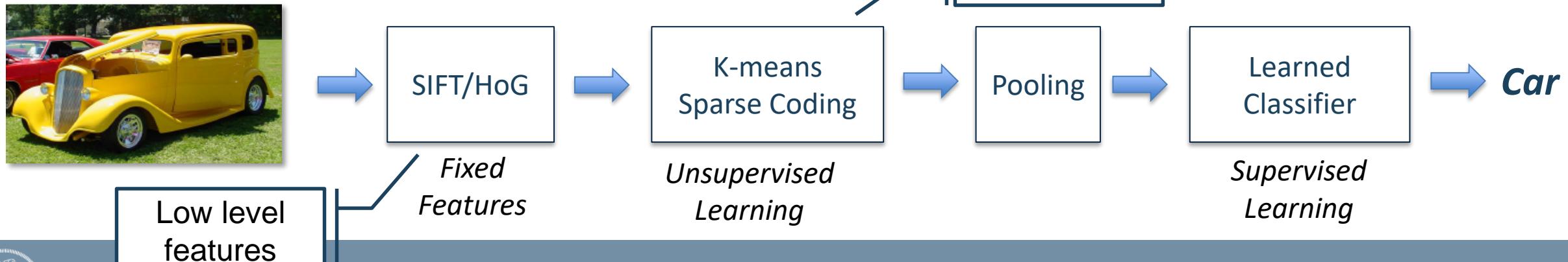
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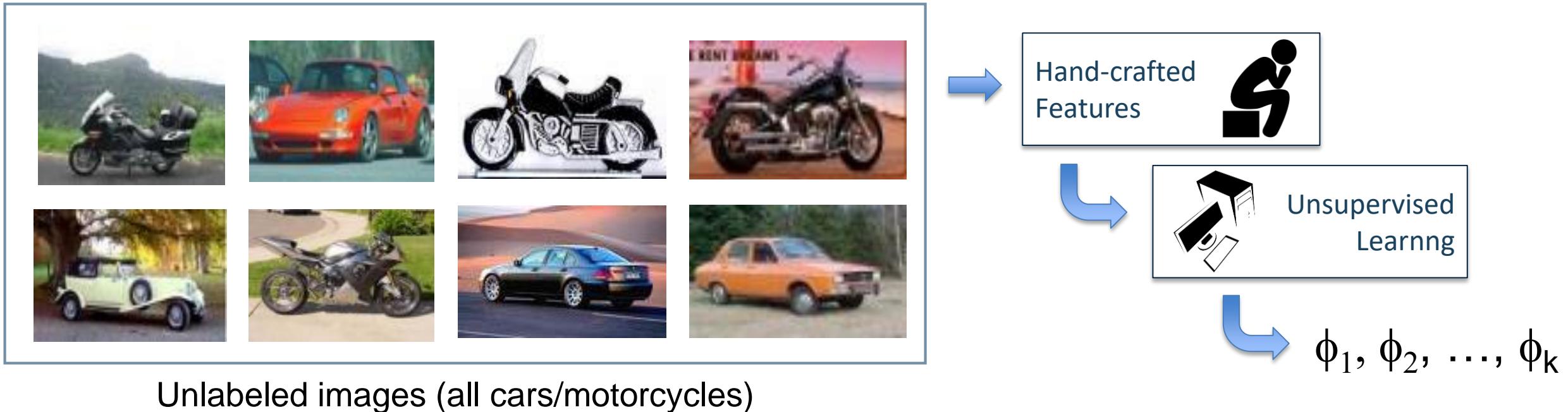
## Speech recognition (early 90's – 2011)



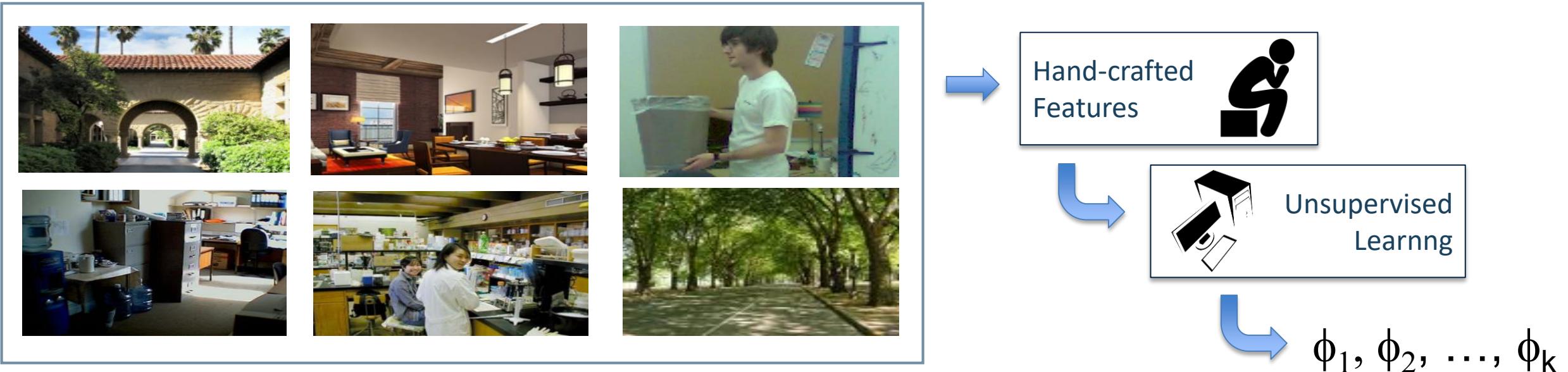
## Object recognition (2006 – 2012)



# Transfer Learning



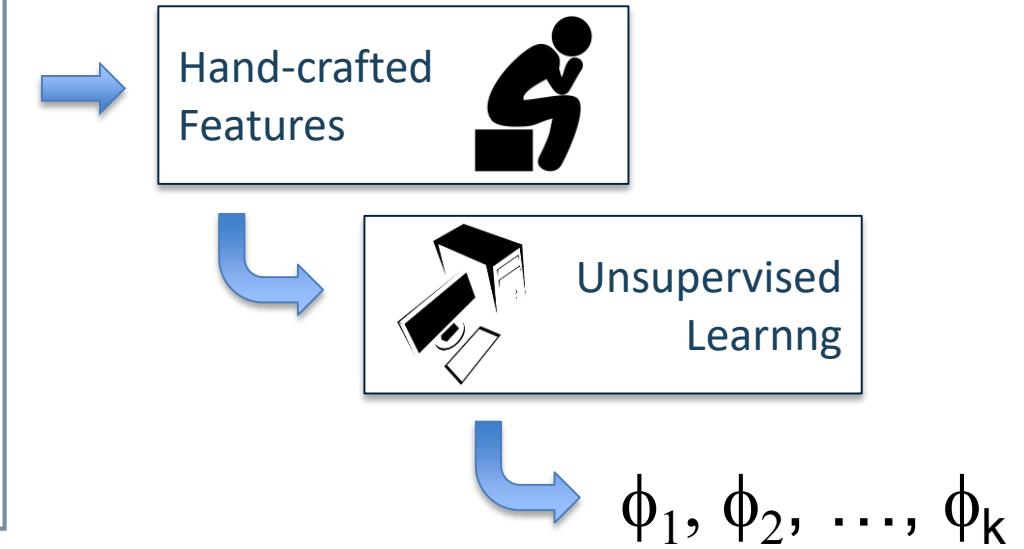
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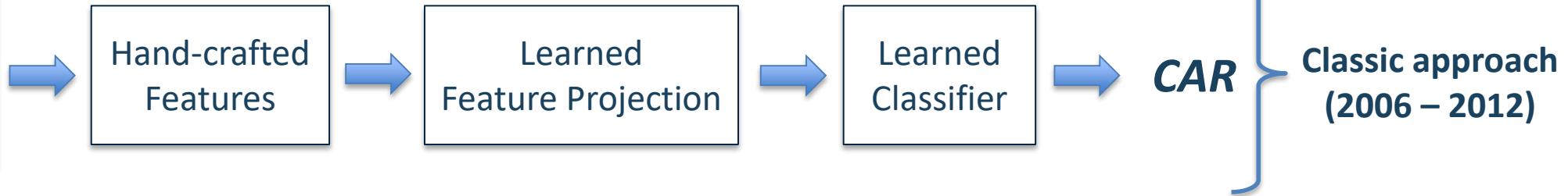
Unlabeled images (random images from the web)



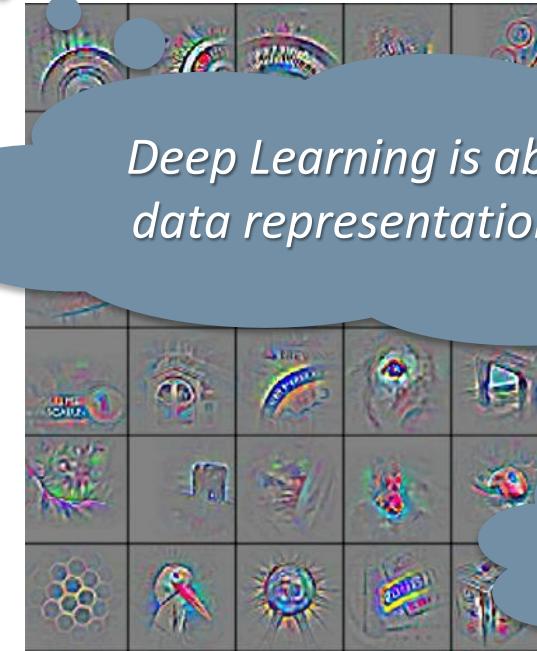
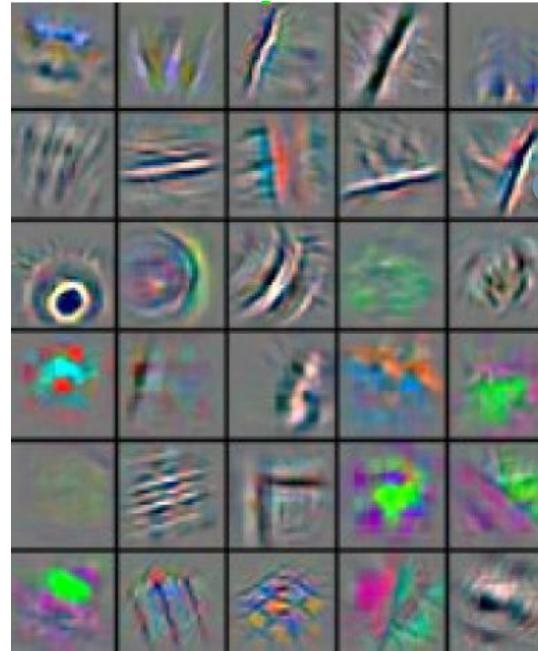
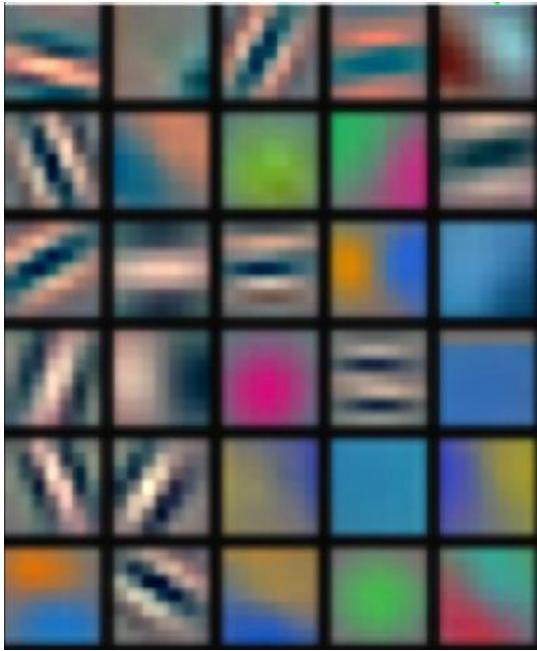
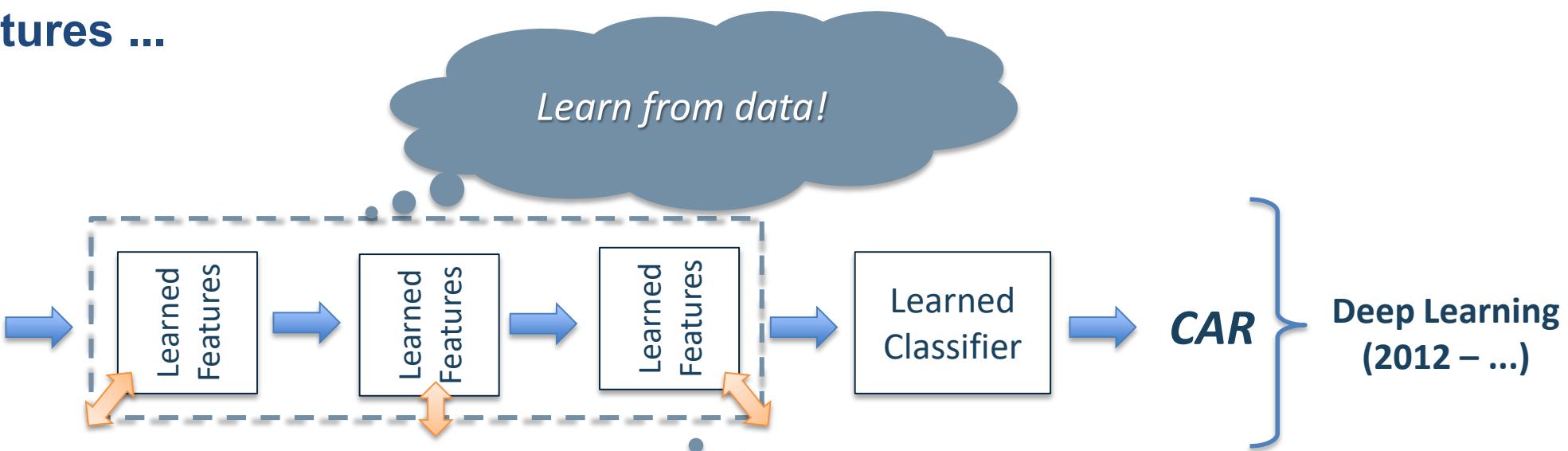
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*What if we do not get  
these right?*



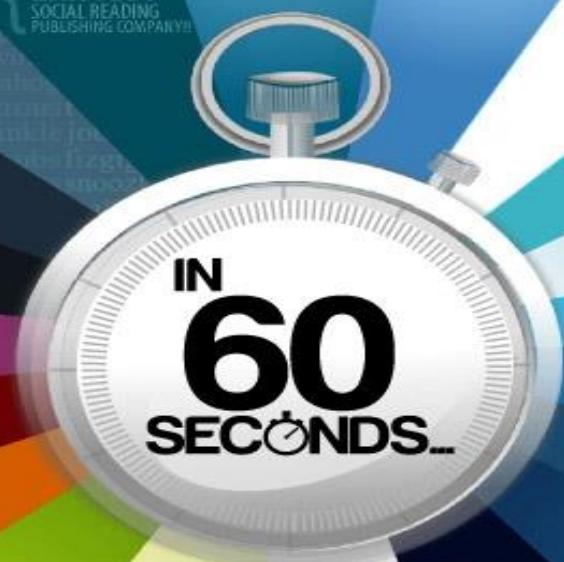
# It's all about features ...



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

*But which data?*





# IN 60 SECONDS...

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**NEW  
DEFINITION  
IS ADDED ON  
URBAN**

1,600+  
**READS ON  
Scribd.**

13,000+ HOURS  
**MUSIC  
STREAMING ON  
PANDORA**

12,000+  
**NEW ADS  
POSTED ON  
craigslist**

370,000+ MINUTES  
**VOICE CALLS ON  
skype**

98,000+  
**TWEETS**



20,000+  
**NEW  
POSTS ON  
tumblr.**

13,000+  
**iPhone  
APPLICATIONS  
DOWNLOADED**

100+  
**QUESTIONS  
ASKED ON THE  
INTERNET...**

600+  
**NEW  
VIDEOS**

25+ HOURS  
**TOTAL  
DURATION**

70+  
**DOMAINS  
REGISTERED**

60+  
**NEW  
BLOGS**

168 MILLION  
**EMAILS  
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694,445  
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Google

Google Search



Some people call it «Science Fiction»



## Some people call it the «Fourth Paradigm»

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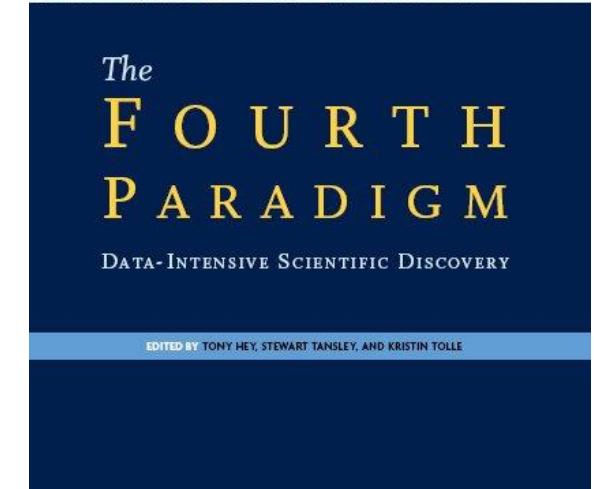
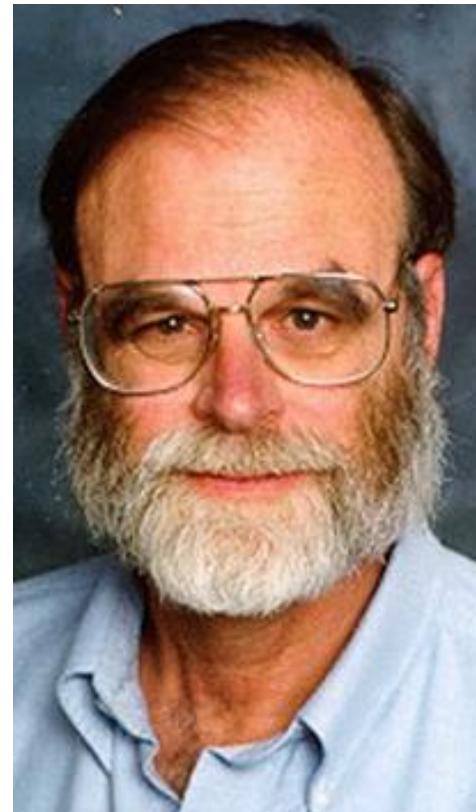
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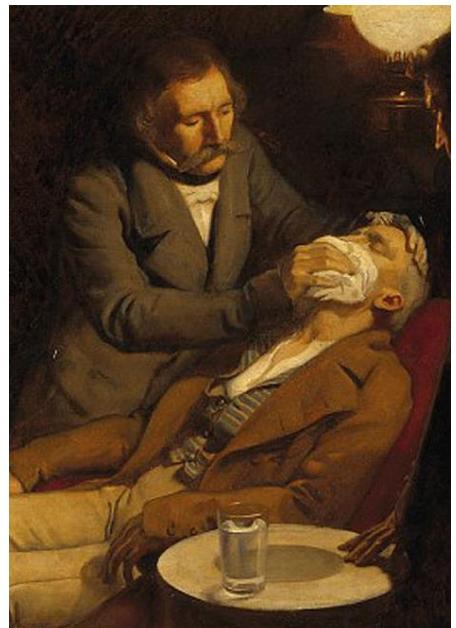
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# The Fourth Paradigm explained

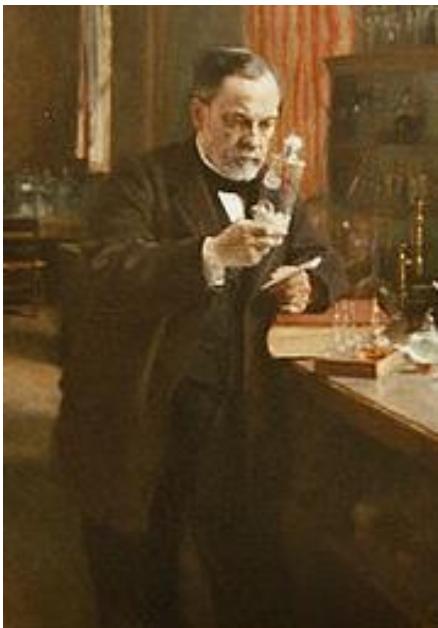
*Deep Learning, i.e., representation learning from data, is the fourth paradigm for AI!*

*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

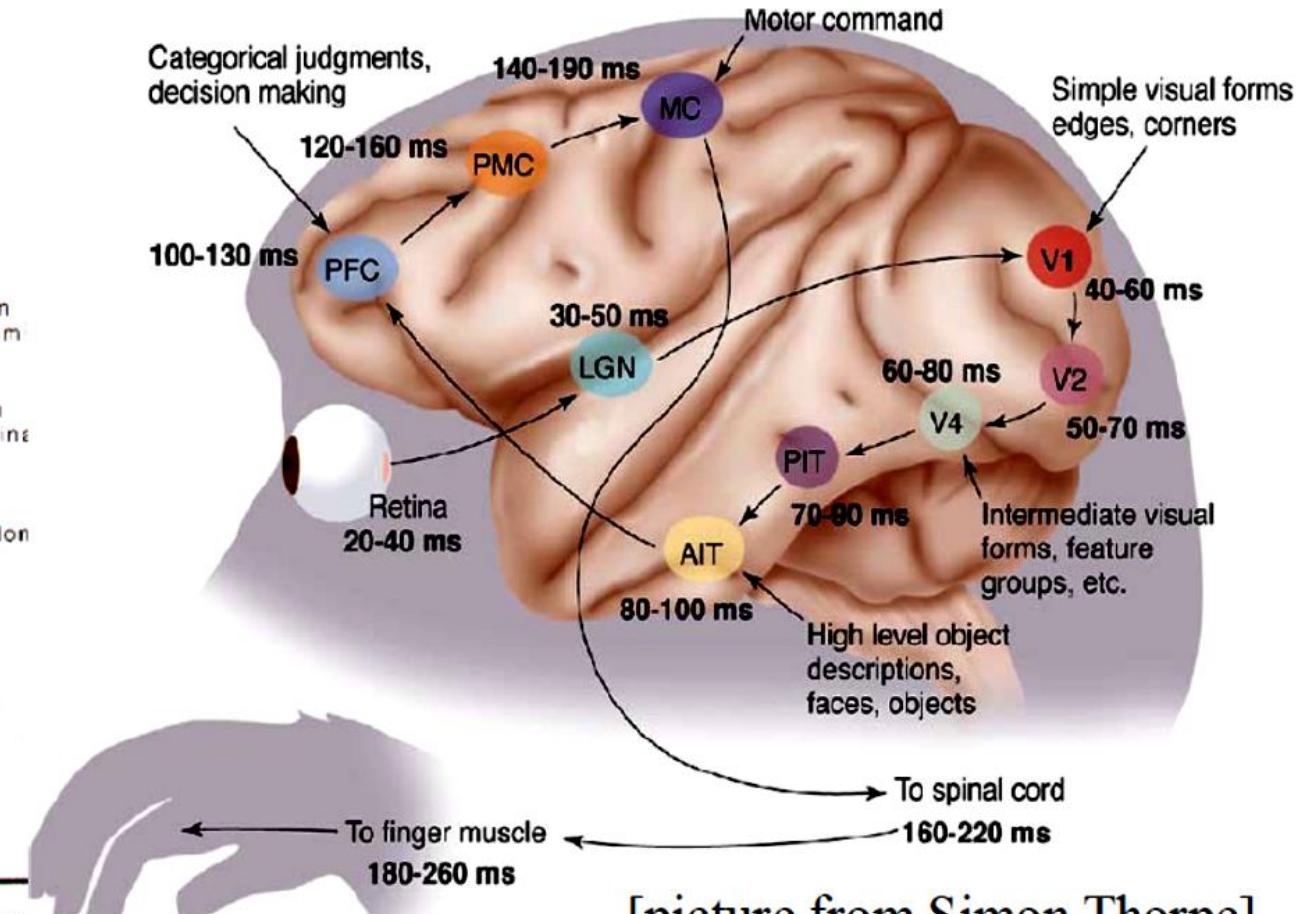
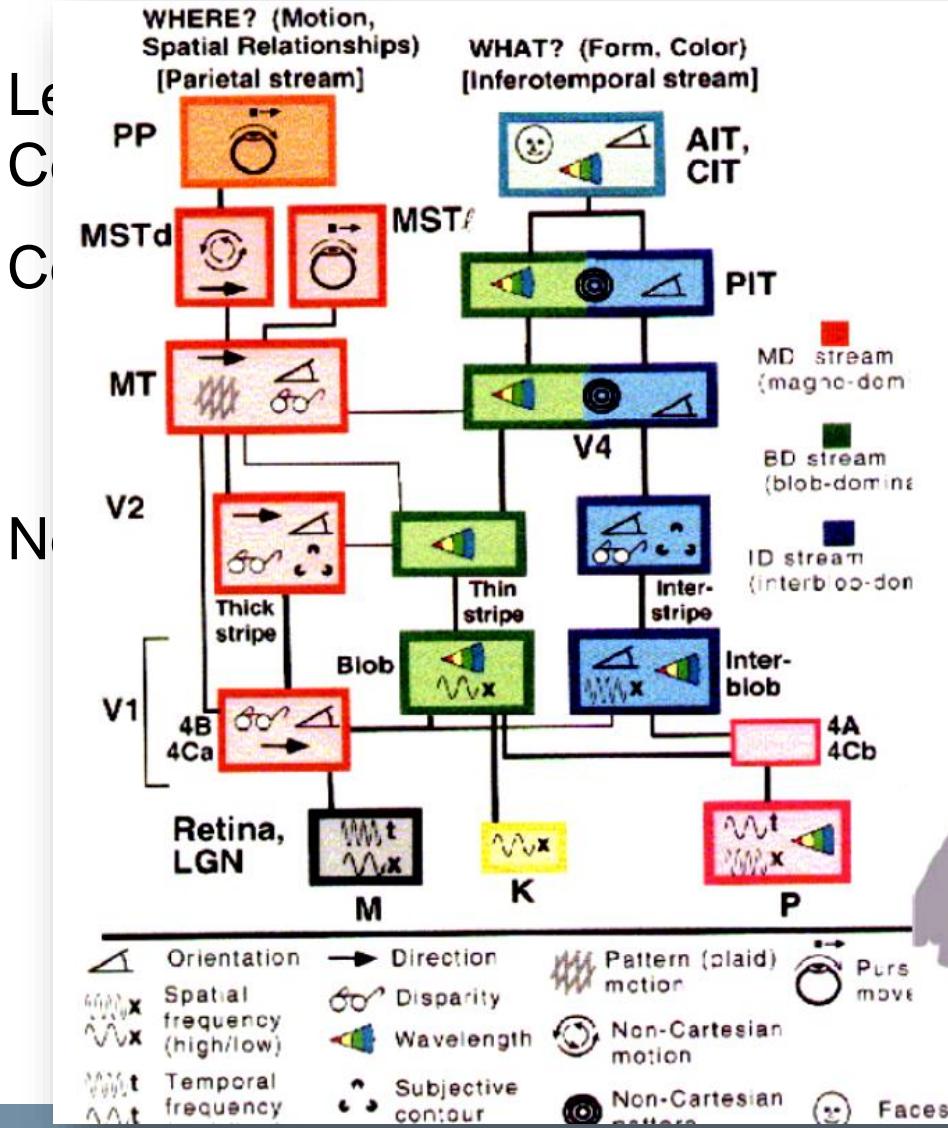
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- How much prior structure is necessary?

Neuroscience perspective

- Does the cortex «run» a single, general learning algorithm?



# Representation Learning in Context



[picture from Simon Thorpe]

Gallant & Van Essen



# Representation Learning in Context

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

Cognitive perspective

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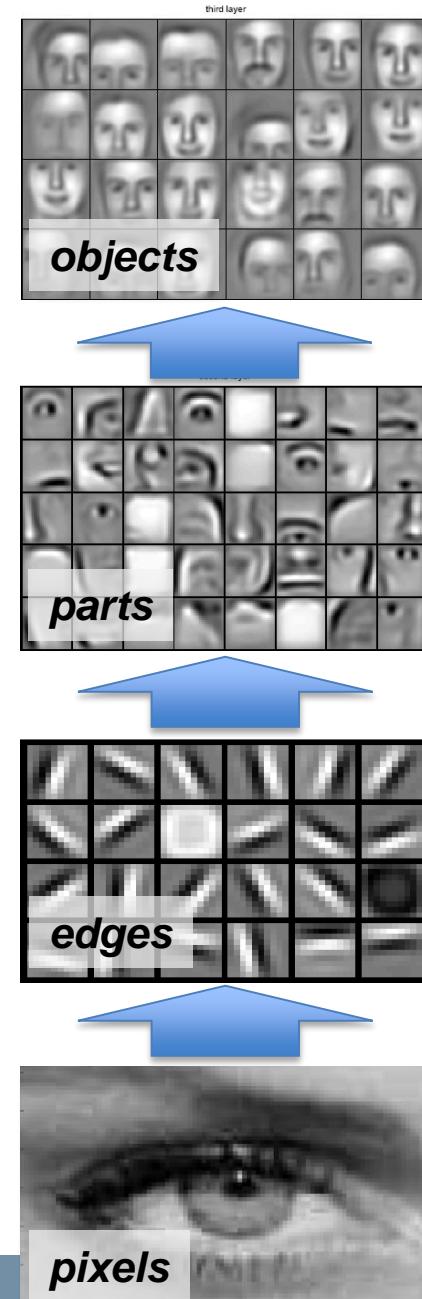
Neuroscience perspective

- Does the cortex «run» a single, general learning algorithm?

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

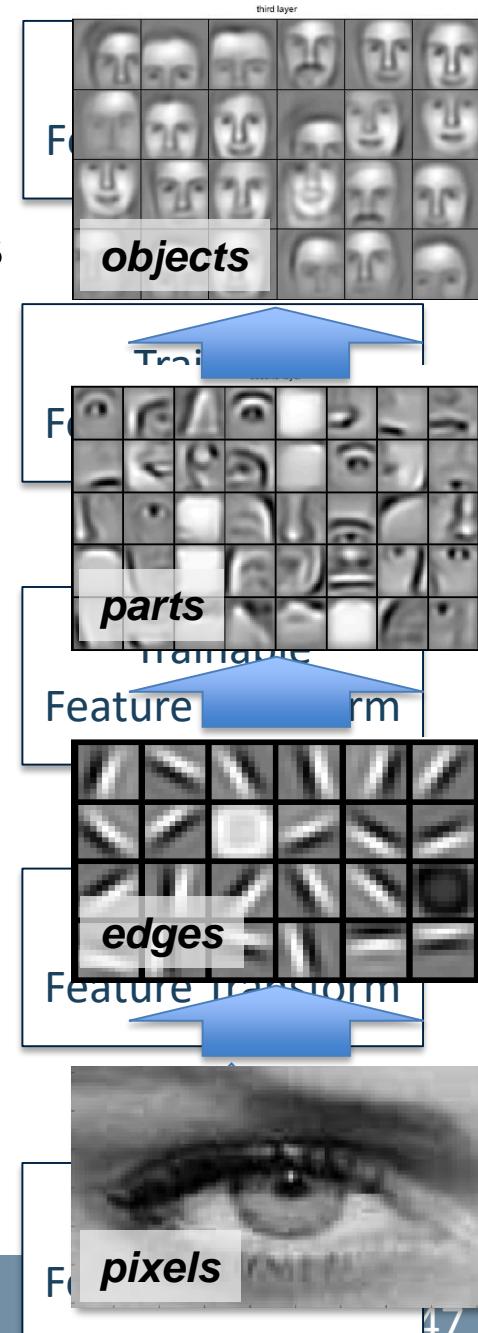
- Pixel → edge → texton → motif → part → object

In text analysis

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

In speech recognition

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



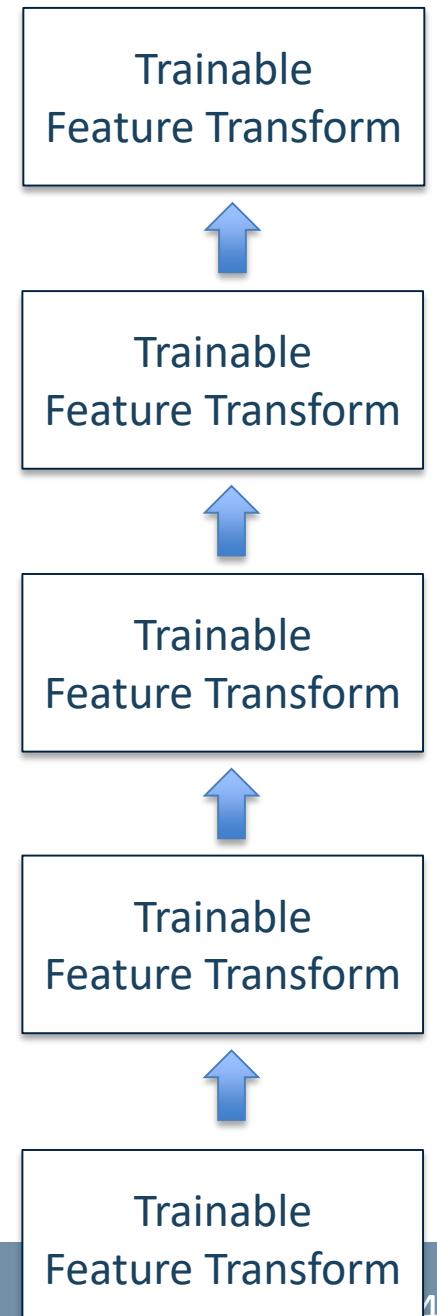
# Architectures and Algorithms

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 + ...
- ...

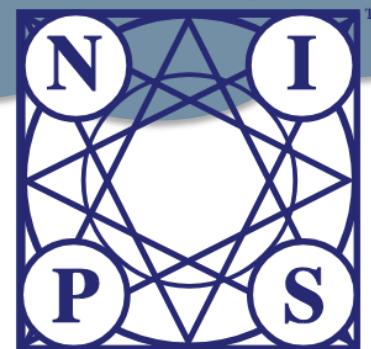


## «... and the winner is ...»

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 workshop on  
Deep Learning*



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

Trainable  
Feature Transform



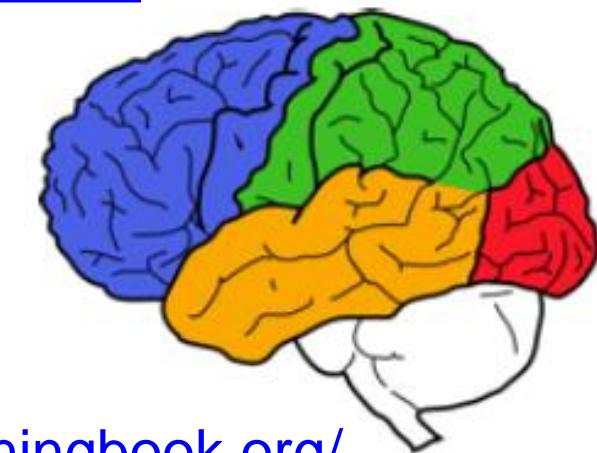
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# Deep Learning: Theory, Techniques & Applications

## - Introduction to Deep Learning -

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