

Deep Learning 101

Cognitive Robotics

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Machine Learning, Signal Processing

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Tentative Outline of the course

- Deep Learning introduction
- Optimization background
- Convolutional Neural Networks
- Recurrent Neural Networks
- Training Tricks
- Applications and very (very) brief TensorFlow tutorial [very optimistic]

Let's start!

Deep Learning breakthrough

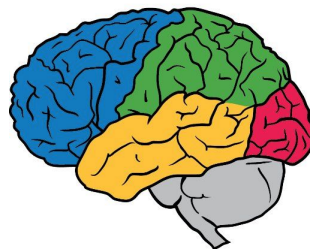
“With massive amounts of computational power, machines can now recognize objects and translate speech in real time. Artificial intelligence is finally getting smart.”

<https://www.technologyreview.com/s/513696/deep-learning/>

“One of the 10 breakthrough technologies 2013”

[MIT Technology Review](#)

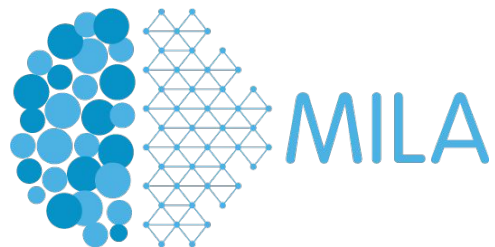
Companies



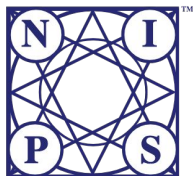
UBER AI Labs



Big players in Academy



Main conferences



ICLR

ICML

Deep Learning is growing faster also in other conferences...

CVPR

ICCV

ICASSP

ICRA

IROS

Natural Language Understanding

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 Steve Ballmer to join him on stage. Ballmer, the former Microsoft corporate vice president of sales, [demonstrated for the first time publicly](#) the Skype Translator app, with Ballmer conversing in English with German-speaking Microsoft employee Diana Schrader.

View milestones on the path to Skype Translator
#speech2speech



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.



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 let Kirk and Spock talk to aliens?

Speech and Music Generation

WaveNet (DeepMind)



<https://deepmind.com/blog/wavenet-generative-model-raw-audio/>

Magenta Team (Google Brain)

<https://magenta.tensorflow.org/2016/12/16/nips-demo>

<https://magenta.tensorflow.org/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vM5NaGoynjE>



Neural Style Transfer

Code to have fun

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

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

https://ml4a.github.io/ml4a/style_transfer/



Deep Photo Style Transfer



Input

Style

Output

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

Neural Vaporwave Style Transfer



Neural Vaporwave

provided by Spooky

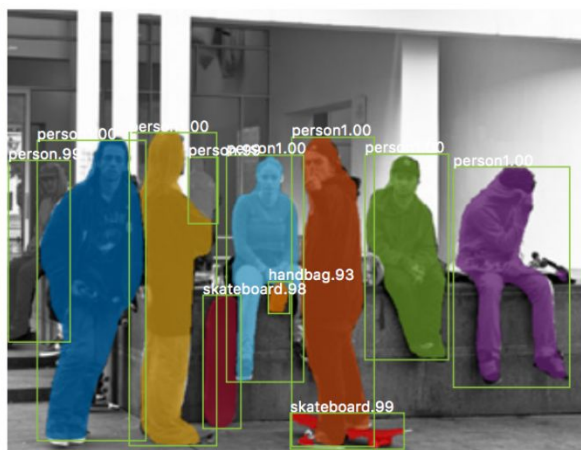
Mask R-CNN on Image Instance Segmentation

[Mask R-CNN, He et Al](#)

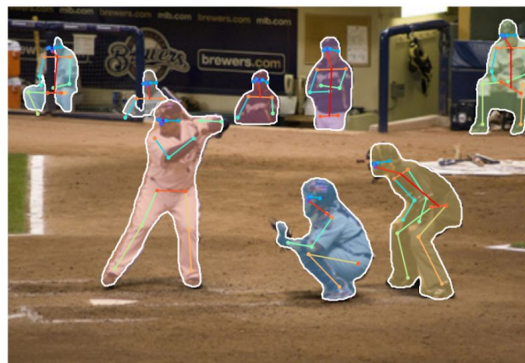
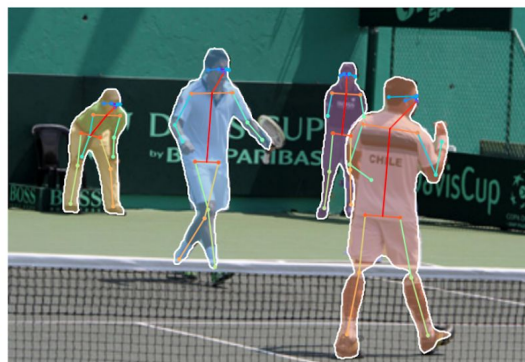
Facebook Research



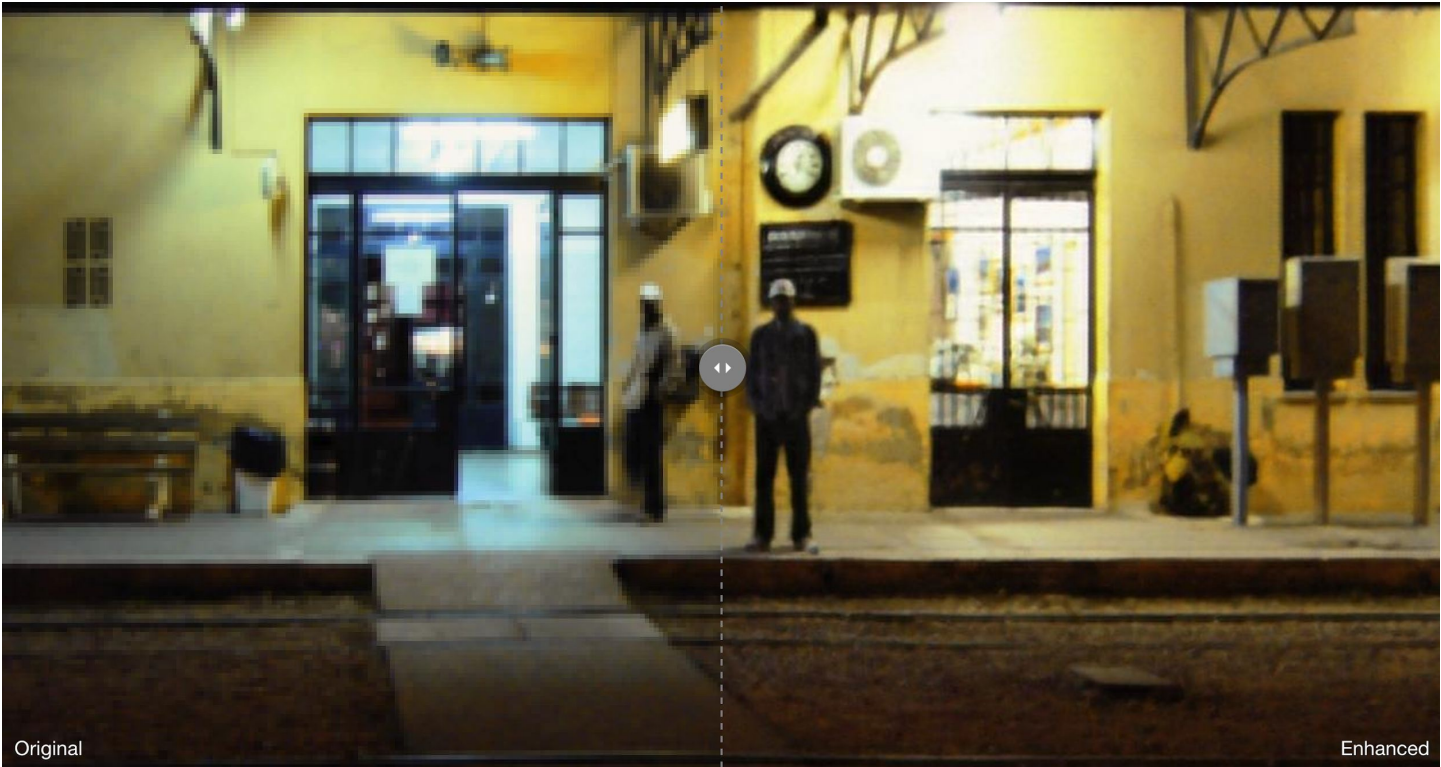
Mask R-CNN on Detection and Segmentation



Mask R-CNN on Keypoint detection



Super Resolution










[Live Demo](#)

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

Generative Adversarial Network (GAN)

Text-to-Photo Realistic Image Synthesis

| 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 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Generative Adversarial Network (GAN)

Text-to-Photo Realistic Image Synthesis

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

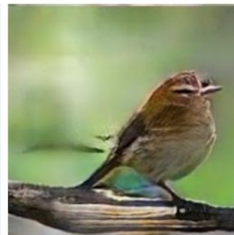
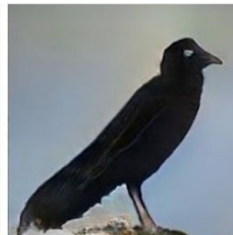
This small
black bird has
a short, slightly
curved bill and
long legs

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



Recommender Systems



<https://research.google.com/pubs/pub45530.html>



<http://benanne.github.io/2014/08/05/spotify-cnns.html>

Deep Reinforcement Learning

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

—DEMIS HASSABIS, DEEPMIND

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

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

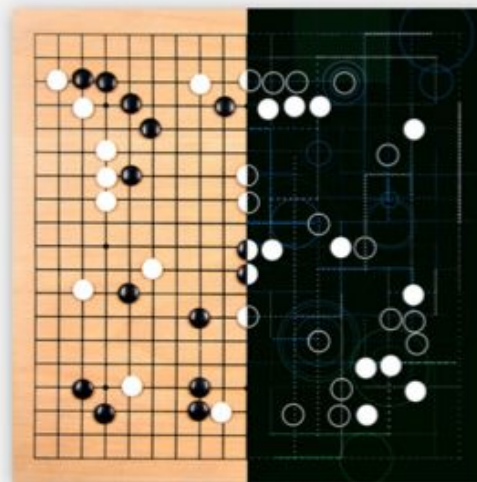
It's incredibly difficult to build a machine that duplicates the kind of intuition that makes the top human players so good at

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

8 - 15 IBM machine, Watson, topped the best '90s 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, IBM's Jean-François Coulom predicted that another ten years or so, 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



Playing Atari with Deep Reinforcement Learning



AlphaGo



Nice article:

<https://medium.com/@karpathy/alphago-in-context-c47718cb95a5>

Autonomous Driving



[Check other NVIDIA automotive partners](#)

NVIDIA self-driving car demo





Text Reading



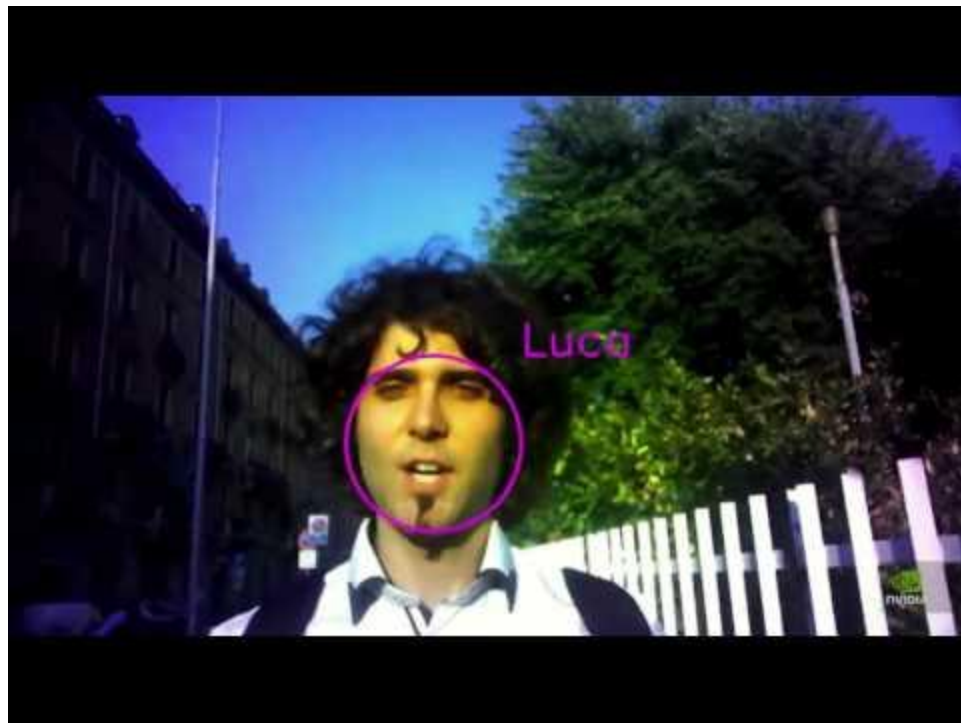
Face Recognition



Object Recognition

Wearable device for blind people

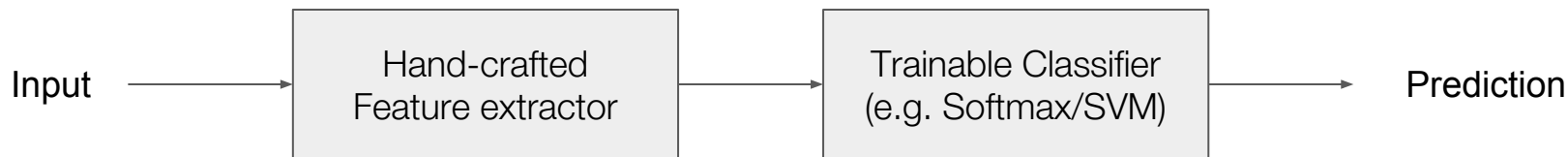




Ok, many funny applications but how
does this black magic work?

It's all about extracting good features!

In the beginning were the hand engineered features



Descriptors are based on fixed heuristics

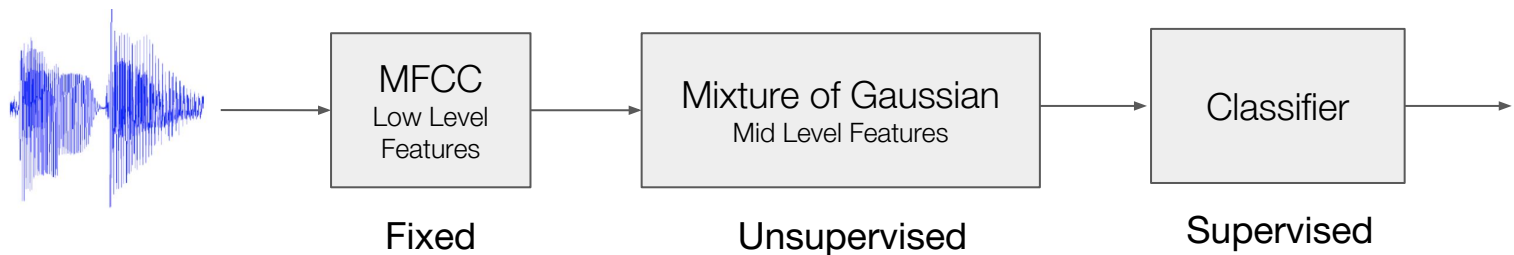
- SIFT, HoG, BRIEF (...) for visual tasks
- MCCF for speech recognition

Bad:

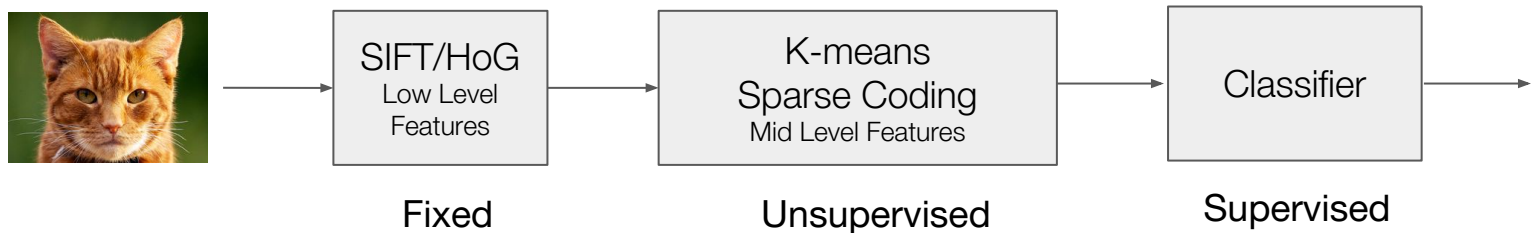
- They need to be carefully designed depending on the task
- Time consuming
- Fixed and cannot deal with data variability

Traditional Pattern Recognition pipelines

Speech Recognition (early 90s - 2011)



Object Recognition (2006 - 2012)



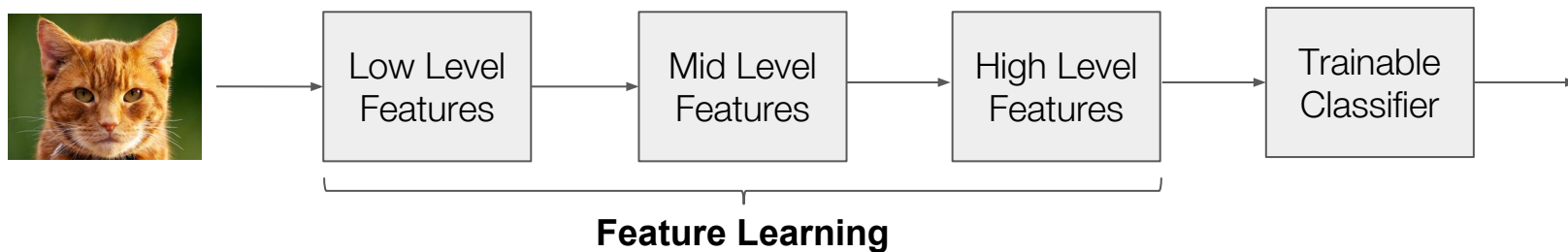
Hand-engineered features still work
very well for task that involves feature
matching!

But Deep Learning is coming...

LIFT: DL-based descriptor

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1603.09114>

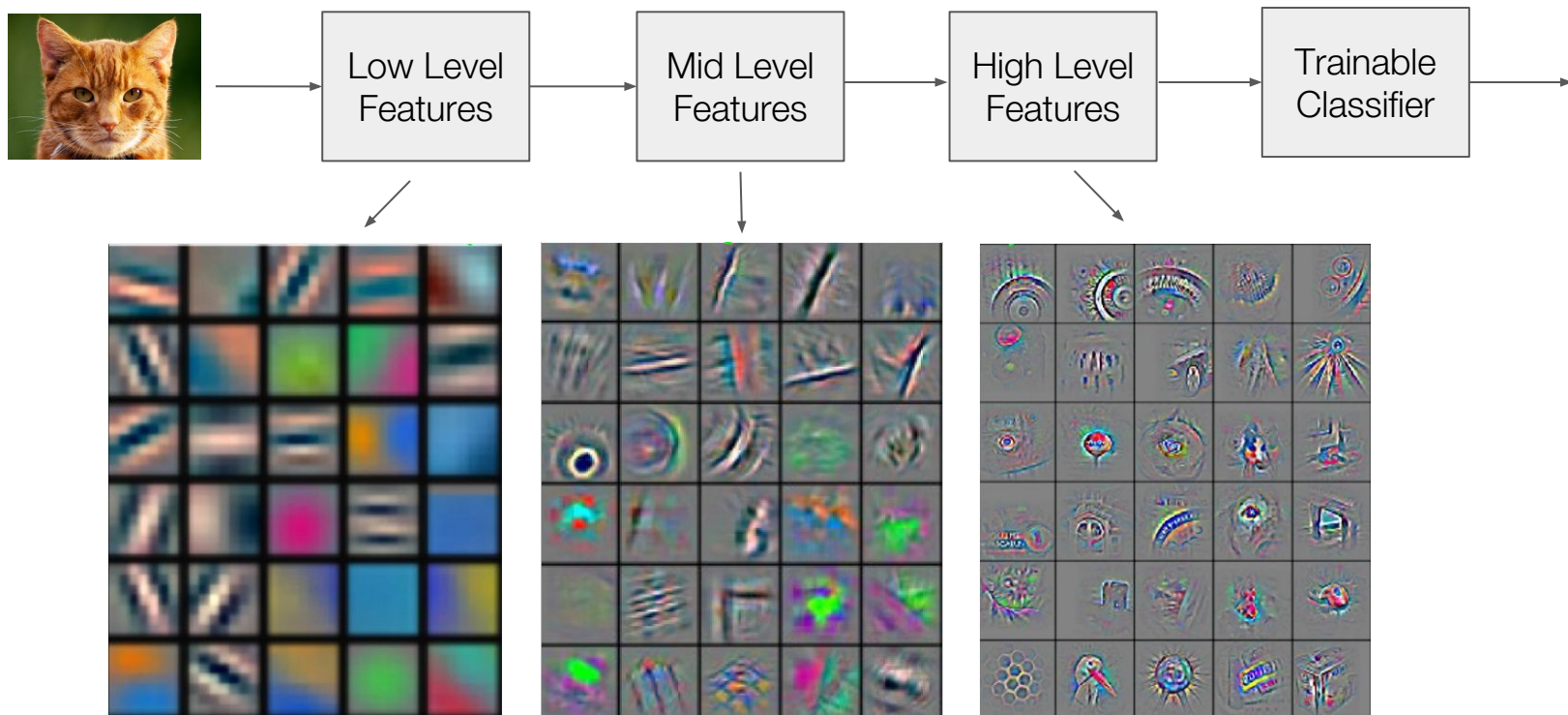
Deep Learning pipeline



Representation Learning address the problem of learning a general and hierarchical feature representation that can be exploited for different tasks.

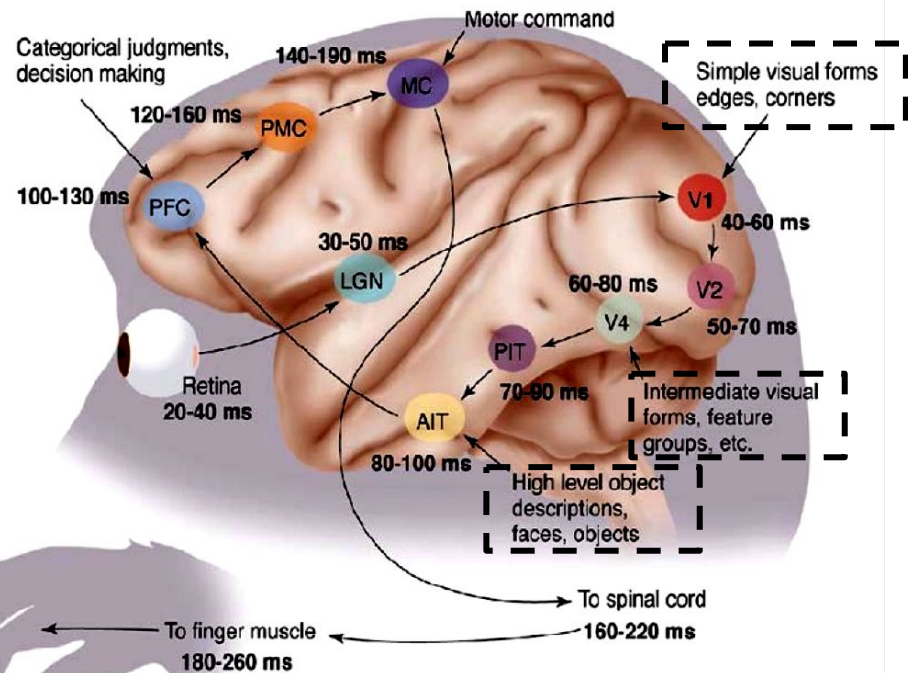
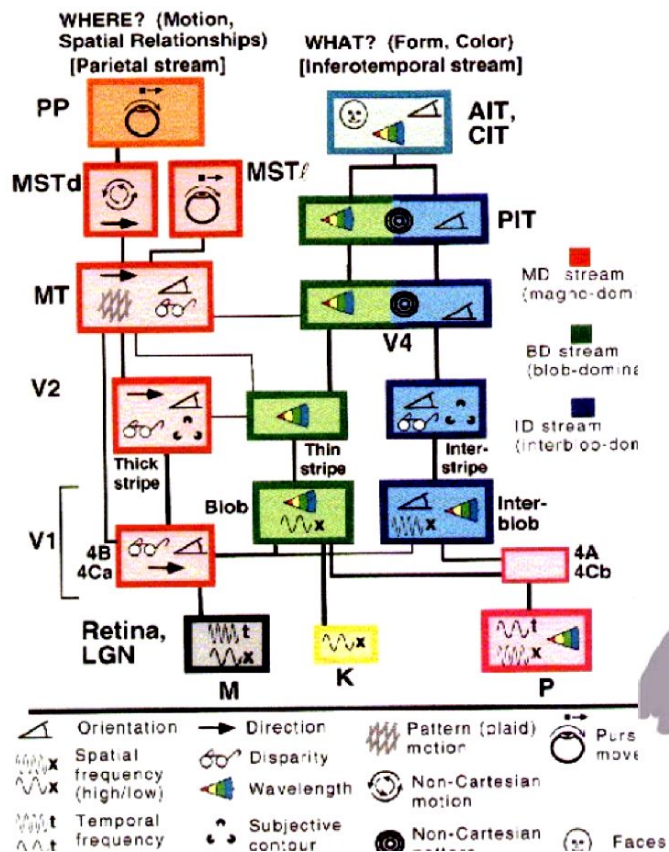
Deep Learning puts together **Representation Learning + Trainable Classifier** in a single end-to-end training procedure stacking multiple layers of nonlinear transformation.

Deep Learning pipeline



[Feature visualization of convolutional net trained on ImageNet from \[Zeiler & Fergus 2013\]](#)

Mammalian visual cortex is hierarchical



[picture from Simon Thorpe]

[Gallant & Van Essen]

Hierarchical Feature Learning

In Deep learning layers are *nonlinear trainable* *feature transforms* that learn a hierarchy of descriptors with increasing abstraction, i.e.,

Image recognition

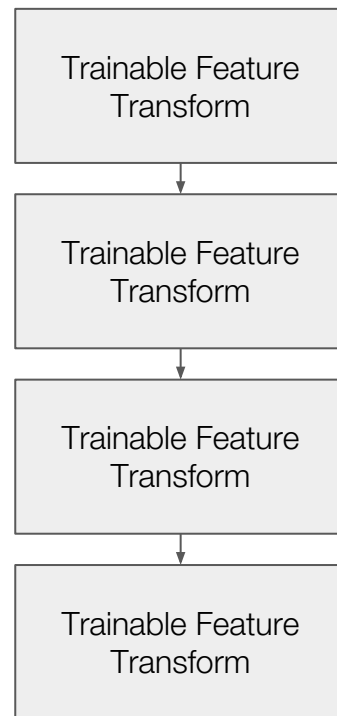
Pixel → edge → texton → motif → part → object

Text analysis

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

Speech recognition

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



Representation Learning

Learning the representation is a challenging problem that can have several interpretations

Cognitive perspective

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

Neuroscience

- Does the cortex «run» a single, general learning algorithm? Or multiple simpler ones?

ML/AI Perspective

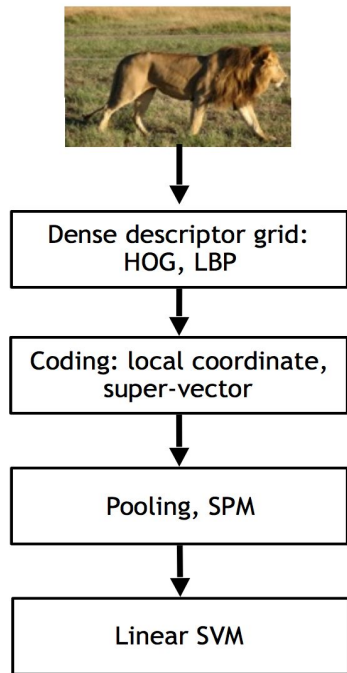
- What is the fundamental principle?
- What is the learning algorithm?
- What is the architecture?

DL addresses the problem of learning hierarchical representations with a single algorithm

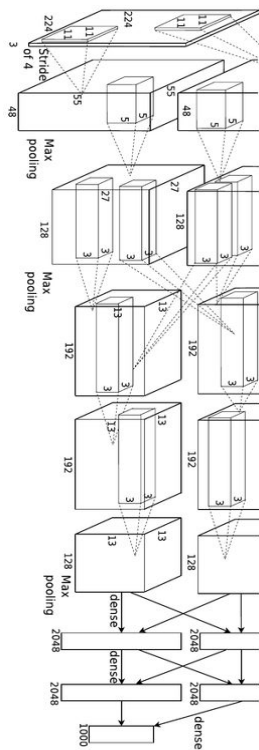
It all started from Image Classification

Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge (ILSVRC)

[2010] NEC-UIUC

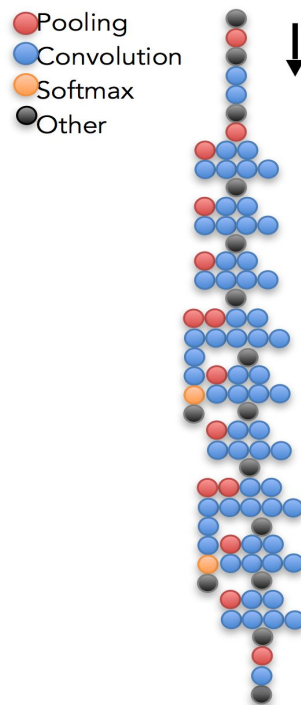


[2012] AlexNet



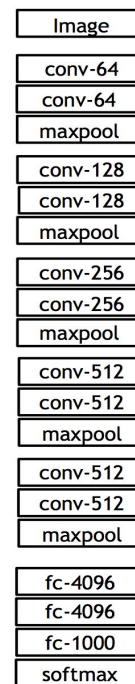
[Krizhevsky et Al.](#)

[2014] GoogleNet



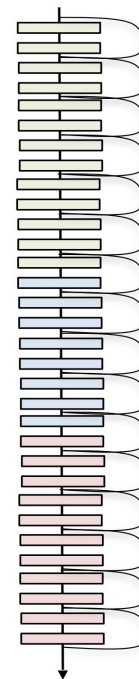
[Szegedy et Al.](#)

VGG



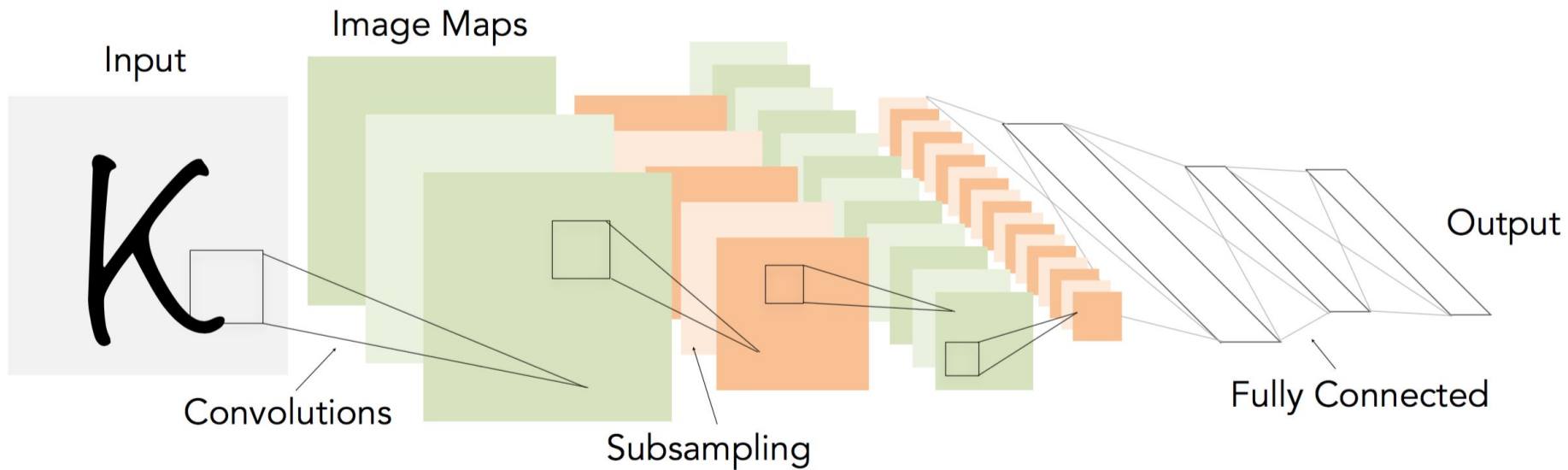
[Symonian & Zisserman](#)

[2015] ResNet



[He et Al.](#)

CNNs are not a new idea!



[1998] LeNet-5

[\[LeCun et al., 1998\]](#)
[Y. LeCun, L. Bottou, Y. Bengio, and P. Haffner.](#)
[Gradient-based learning applied to document recognition.](#)

But, why Deep Learning didn't work until
now?

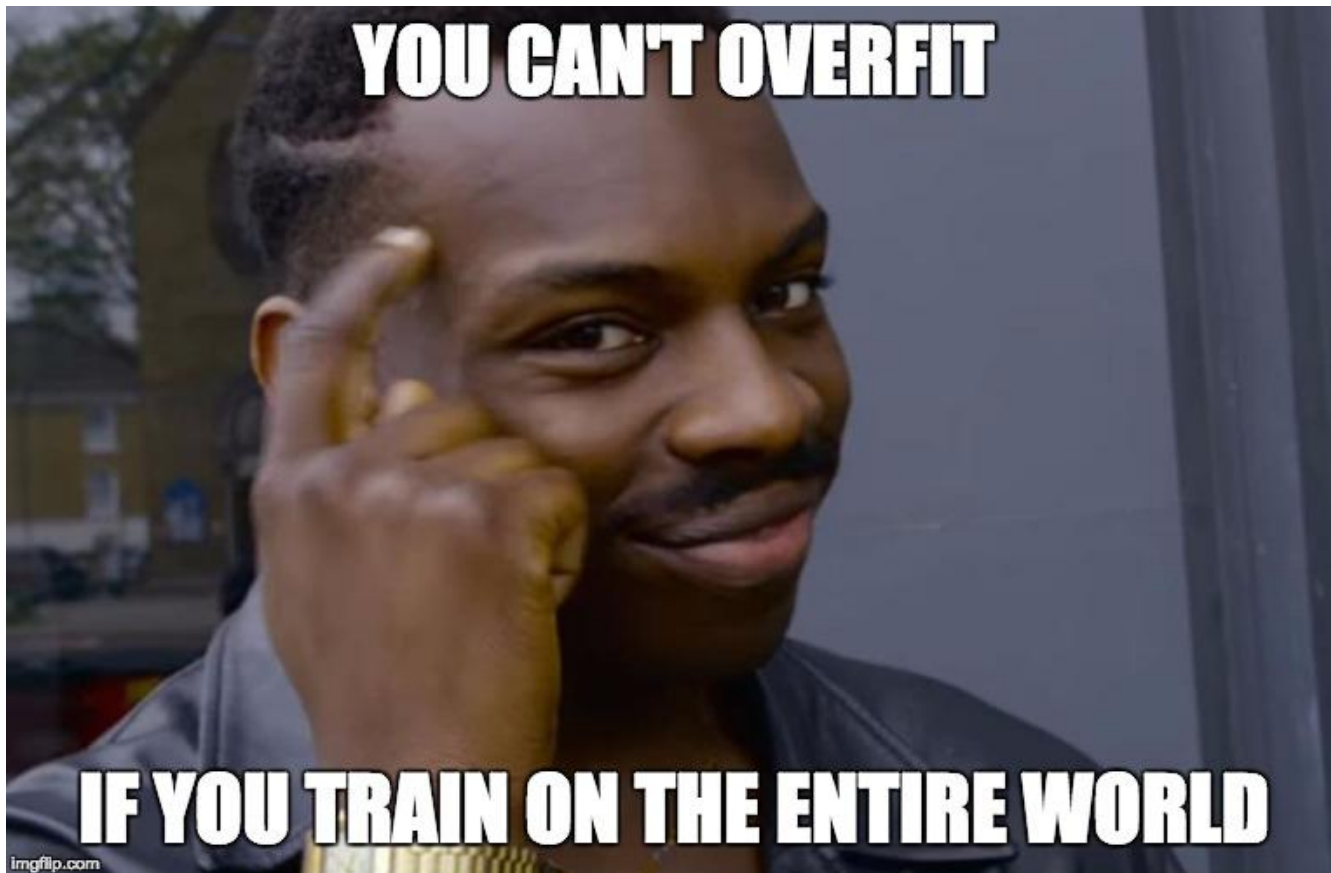
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- **Our labeled datasets were thousands of times too small.**
- Our computers were millions of times too slow.
- We initialized the weights in a stupid way.
- We didn't know the Loss surface we were optimizing.
- We used the wrong type of nonlinearity.

Huge datasets

22K categories and 14M images

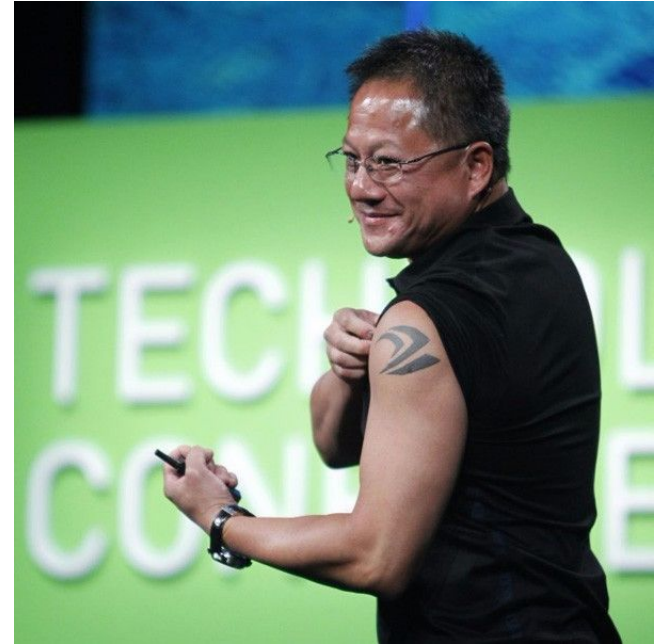




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GPU acceleration and scalable algorithms



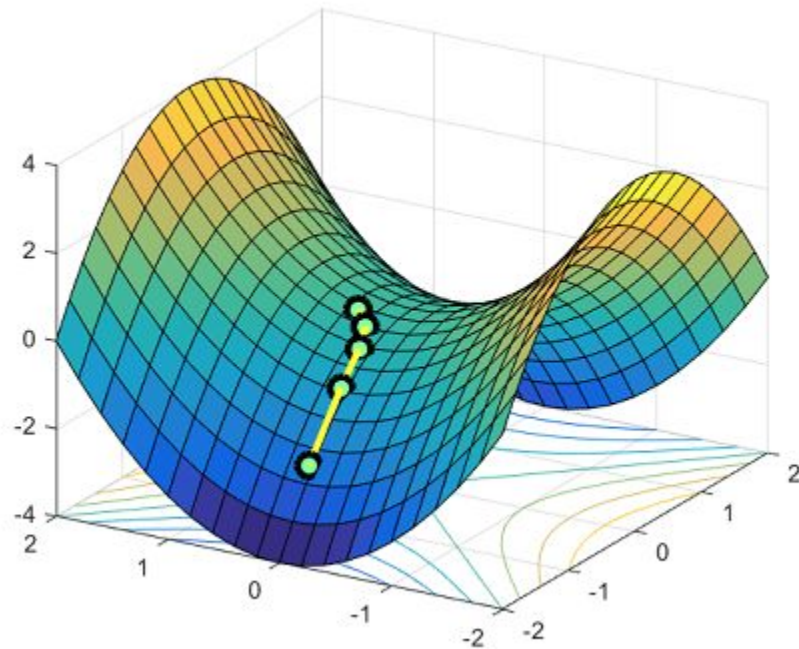
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- [Identifying and attacking the saddle point problem in high-dimensional non-convex optimization](#), YN Dauphin, R Pascanu, C Gulcehre, K Cho, S Ganguli, Y Bengio, NIPS 2014
- [Escaping from Saddle Points \(13-minutes read\)](#)

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What should I know before starting?

Pre-requisites

We will be formulating *cost functions*, taking derivatives and performing optimization with gradient descent so...

It's strictly recommended to have a strong background of:

- Calculus
- Linear Algebra, Matrix Calculus
- Probability Theory
- Machine Learning basic concepts (e.g. Supervised Training, Overfitting...)

I will give you a brief overview on Optimization theory and techniques.

Resources

- **Slides provided by me**, mainly based on other brilliant material such as:

Hugo Larochelle, slides and [videos](#)

Andrej Karpathy, [Stanford CS231n Course Notes](#)

Laurent Dinh, Introduction to DL with Theano

- **The Deep Learning Book** by Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville

Available online for free: <http://www.deeplearningbook.org/>