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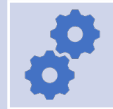
- Medical/Industrial image analysis
- Computer Vision/Graphics
- Machine/Deep Learning
- Signal/Image processing

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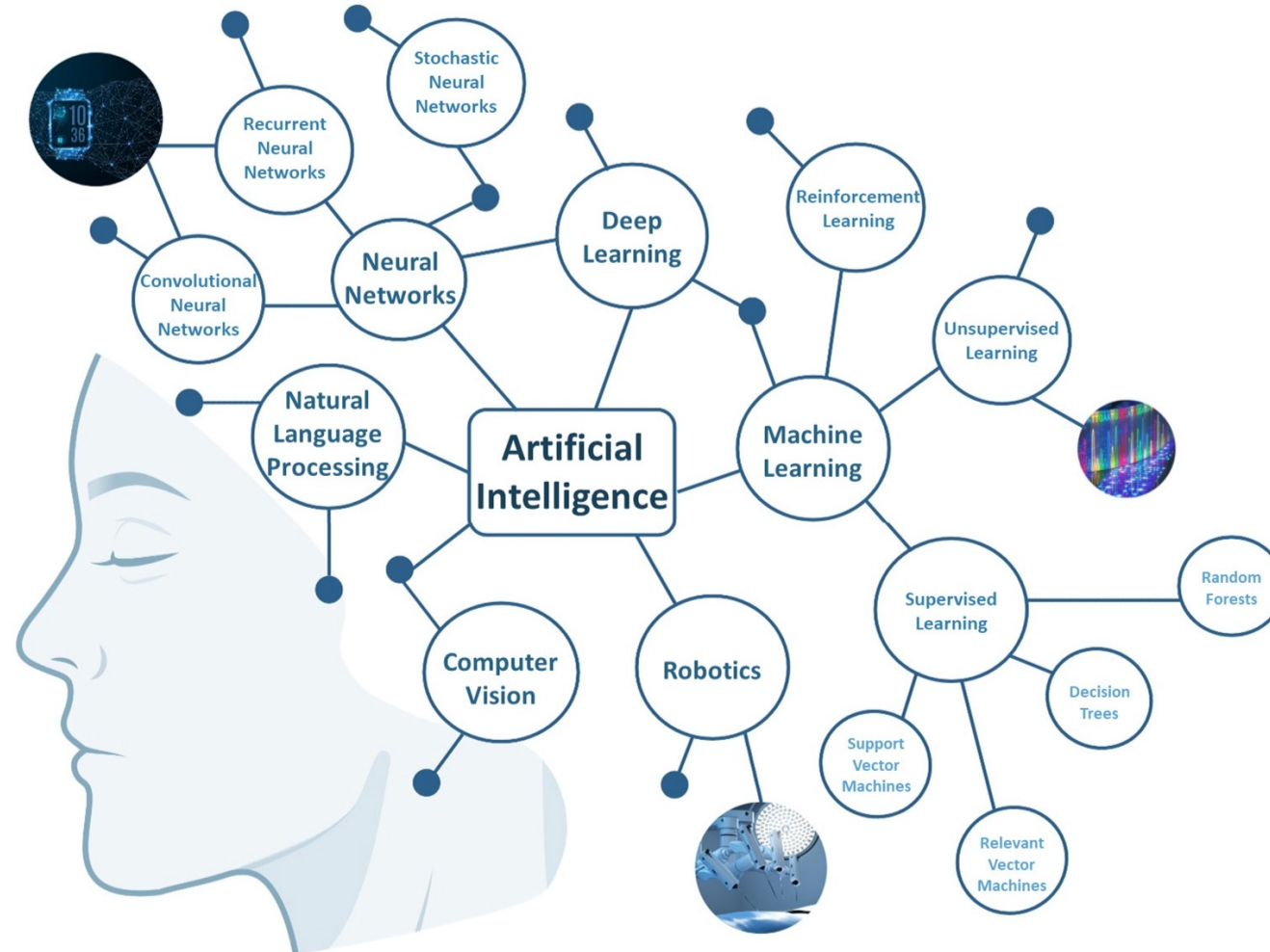


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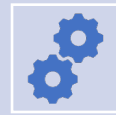
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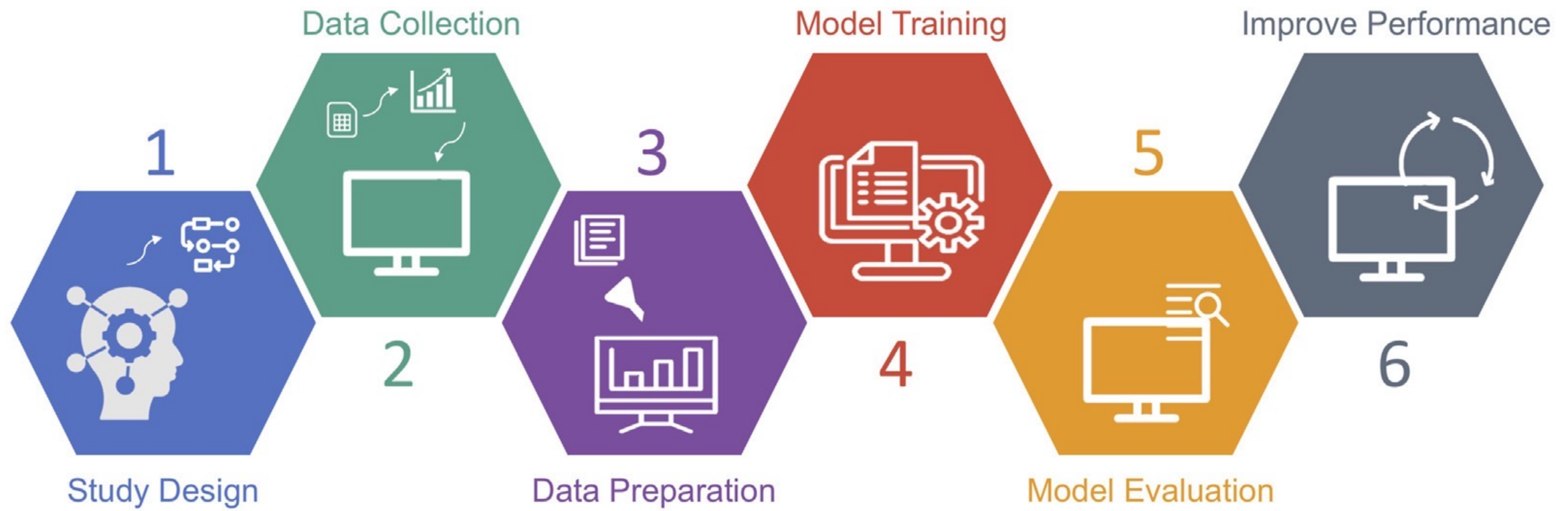
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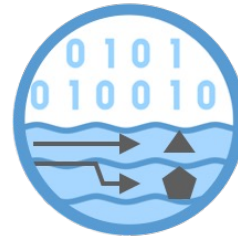
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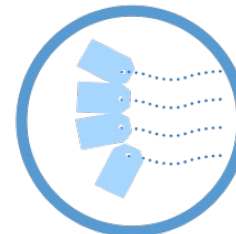
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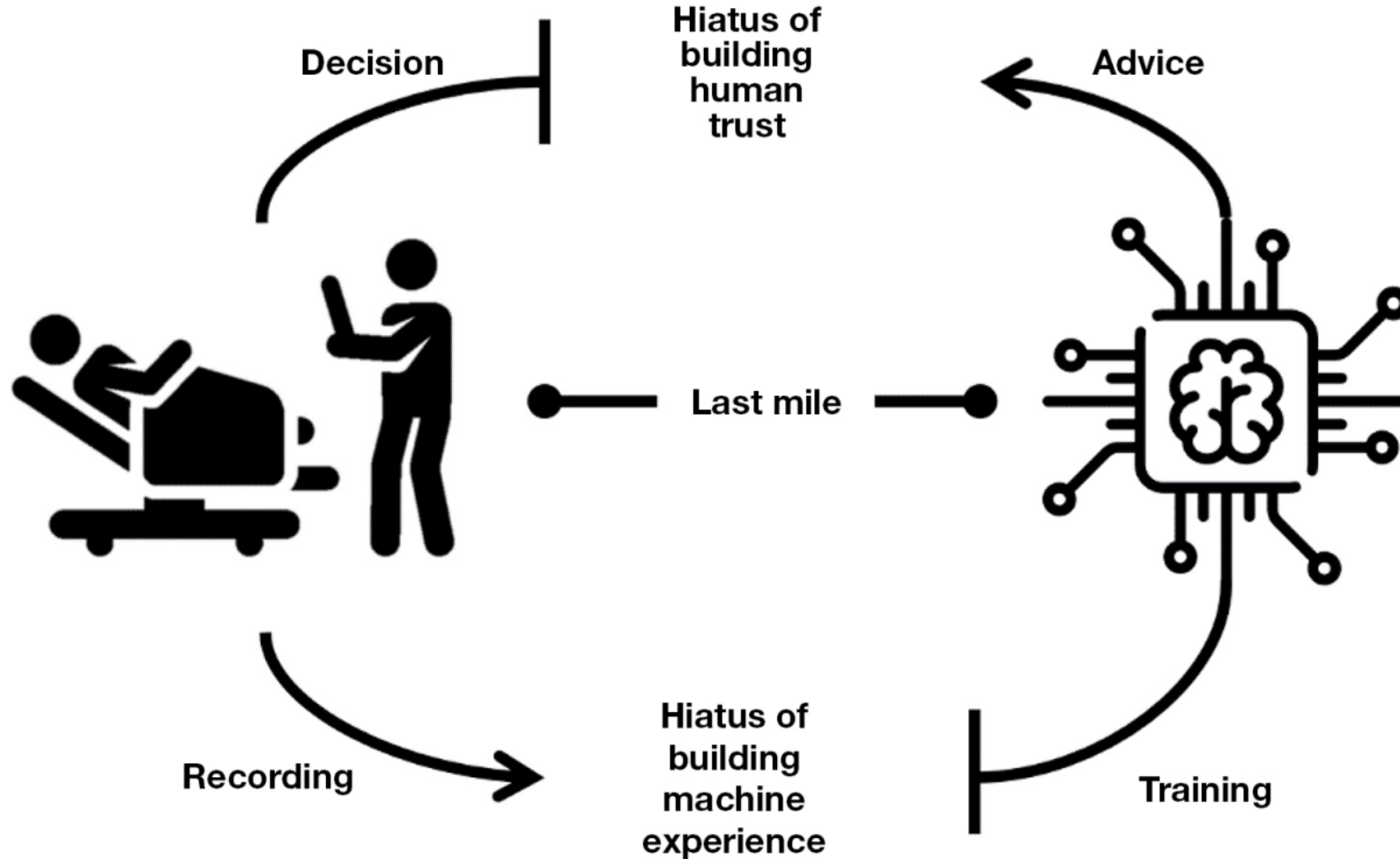
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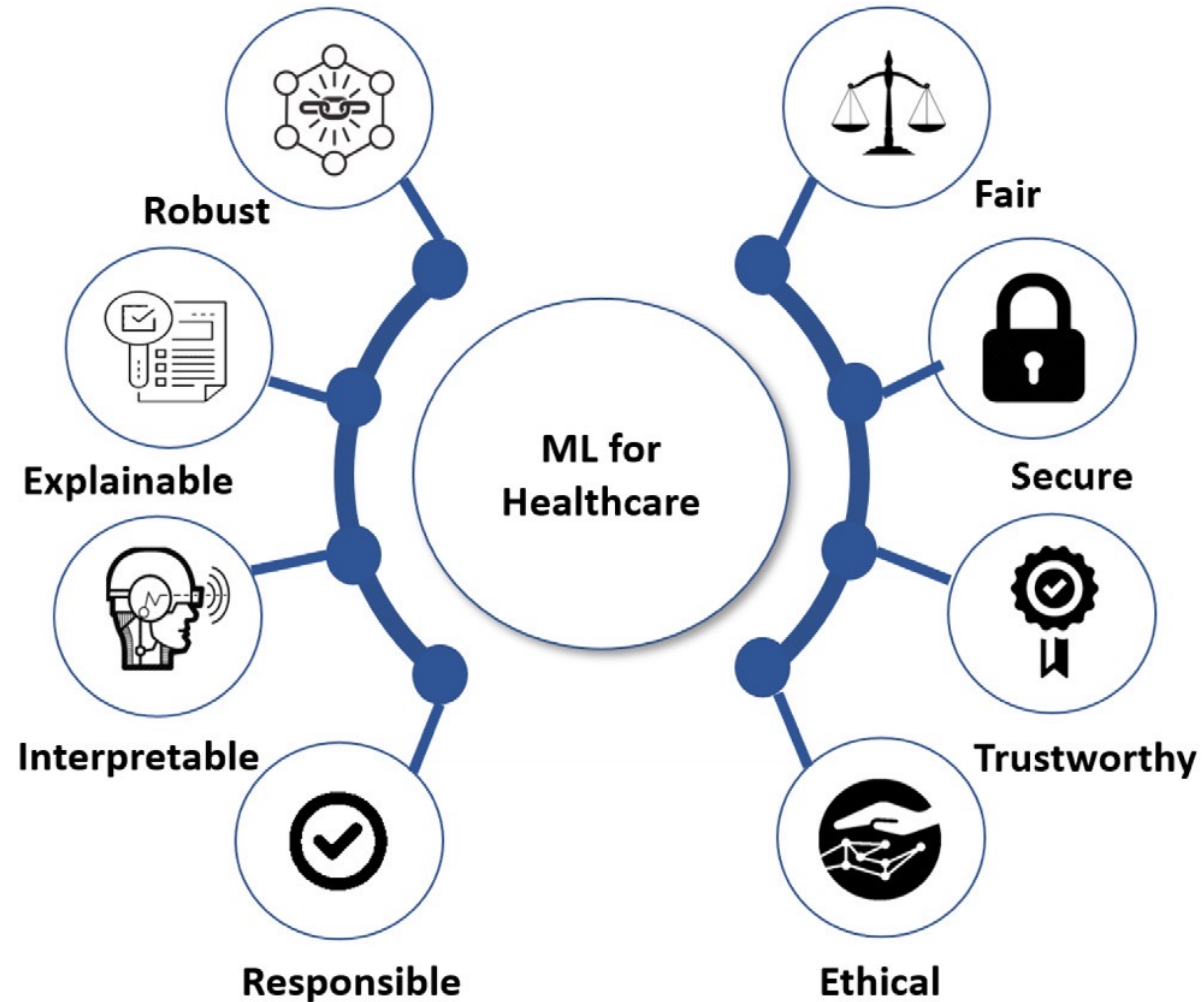
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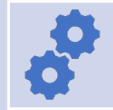
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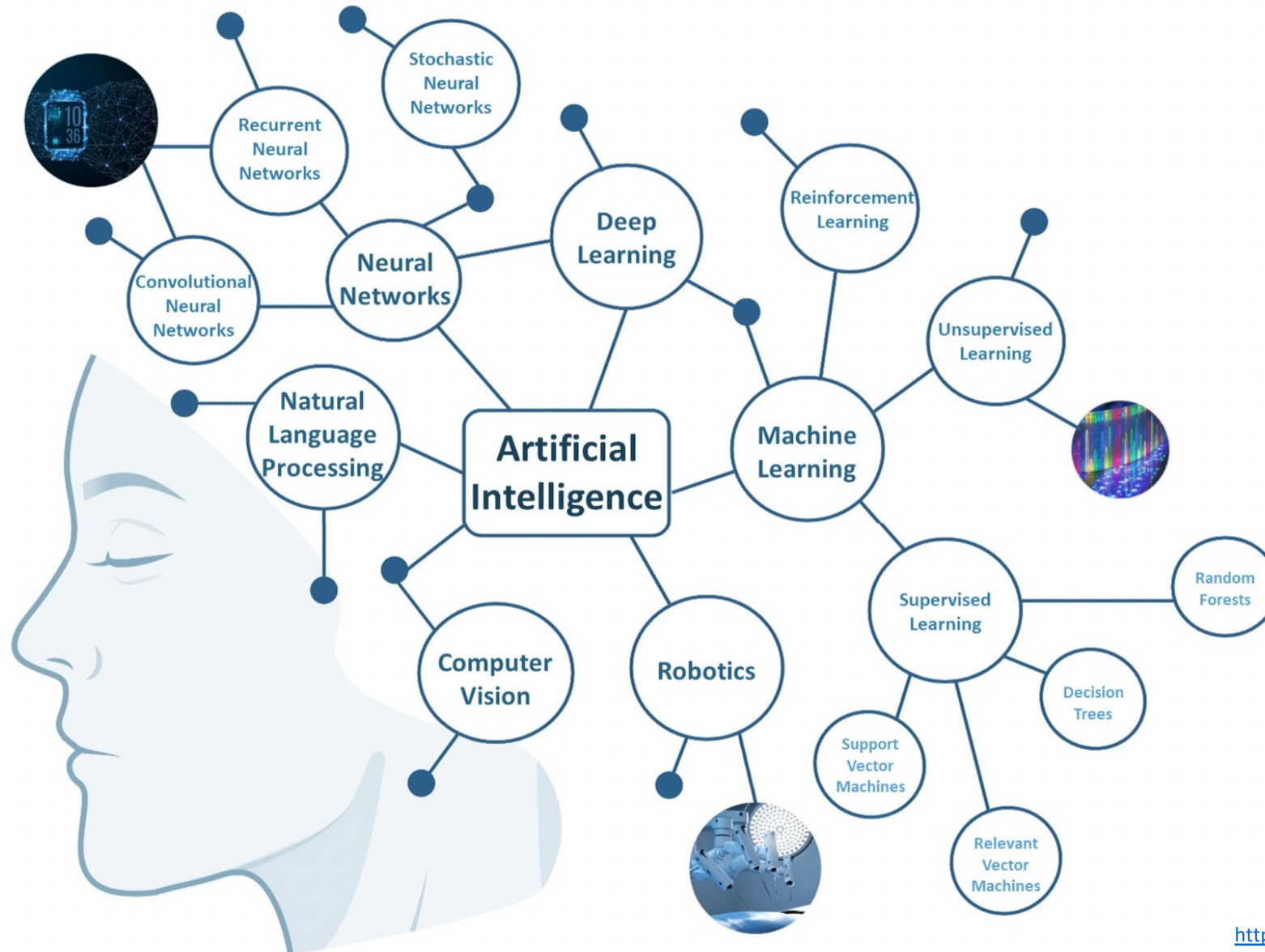


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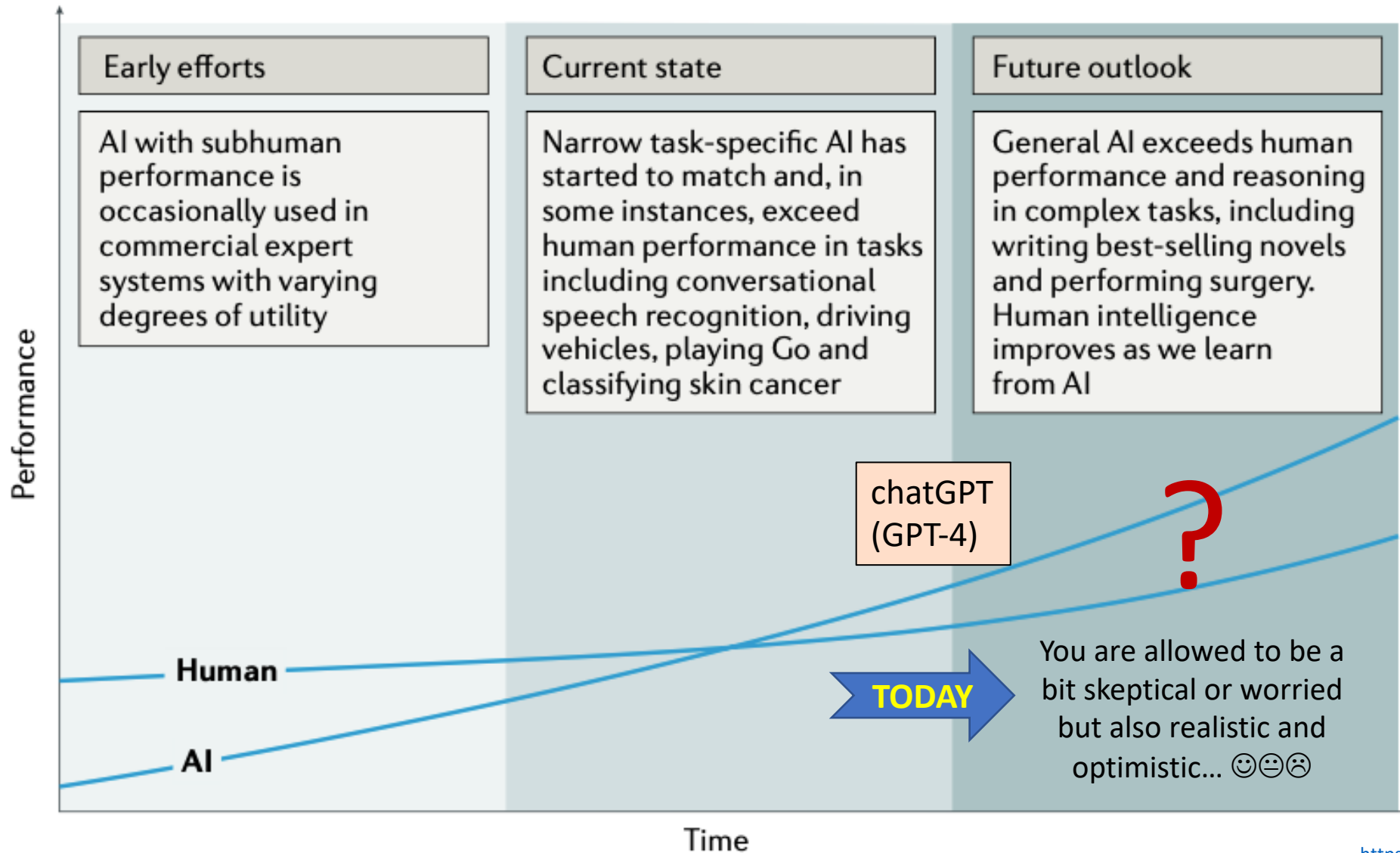


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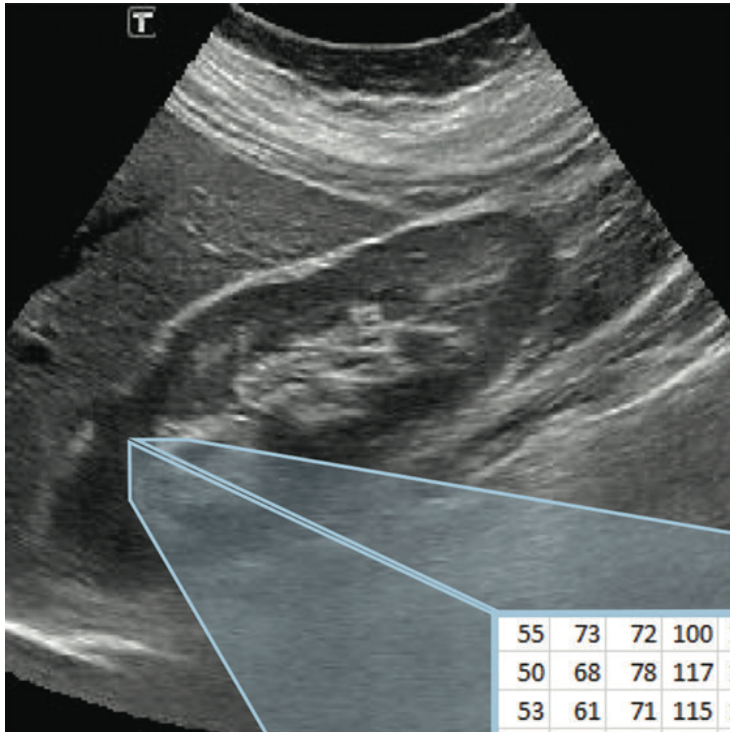
First: we need a shared language



Artificial Intelligence vs Human intelligence



Computer Vision vs Human Vision



Humans
do not see numbers

A human expert easily classifies this image as an image of the right kidney.

Why is (**or was**) this task difficult for a computer?

Instead of shades of gray, a computer “sees” a matrix of numbers representing pixel brightness.

Computer vision typically involves

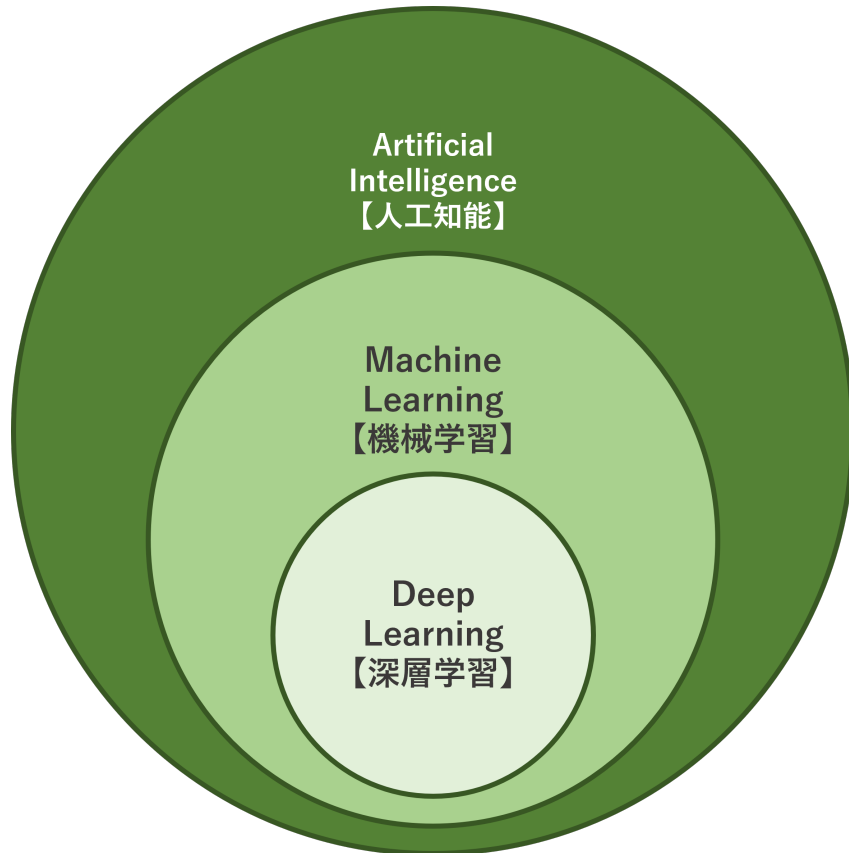
- 1) computing the presence of **numerical patterns** (called *features*) in this matrix,
- 2) applying **model-based** or **machine learning** algorithms to analyze images (local or global understanding) on the basis of these features.

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Computers
only see numbers

What is AI?

main definitions



Artificial Intelligence (AI) *computer systems perform tasks that ordinarily require human intelligence.*

Machine Learning (ML) *subfield of AI where algorithms can learn patterns from data, through predetermined data **features***

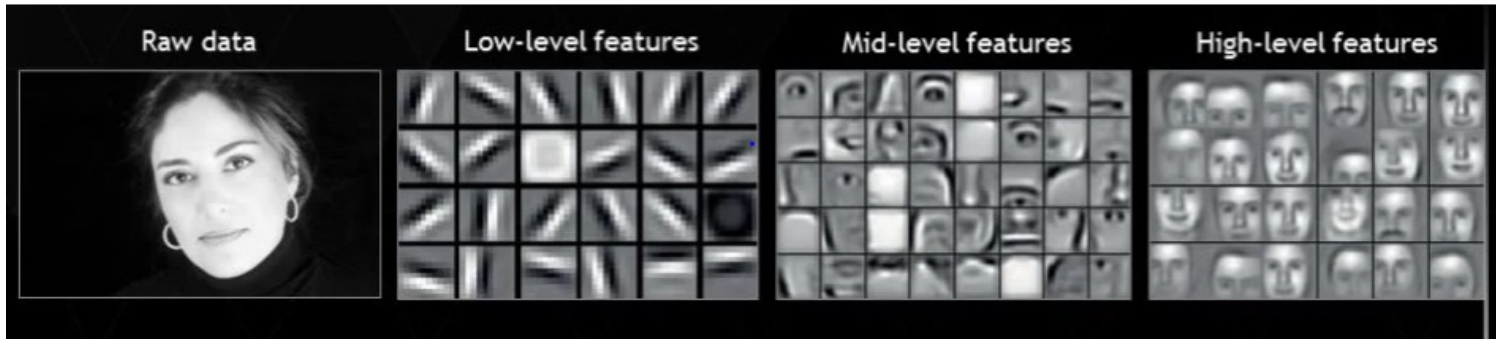
Representation Learning (RL) *a type of ML in which no feature engineering is used, but the algorithm learns on its own the best features to interpret data*

Deep Learning (DL) *a type of RL in which the algorithm learns a composition of features that reflect a hierarchy in the data interpretation structure.*

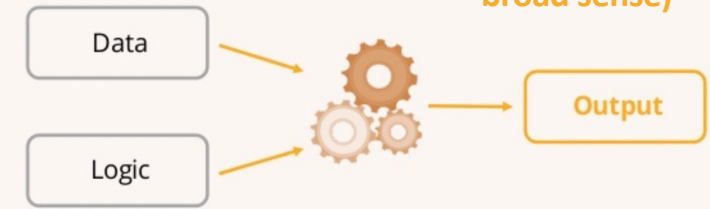
Foundation Models (FM) *large scale DL models trained on vast amount of data to serve as a base (foundation) of multiple applications*

Main definitions:

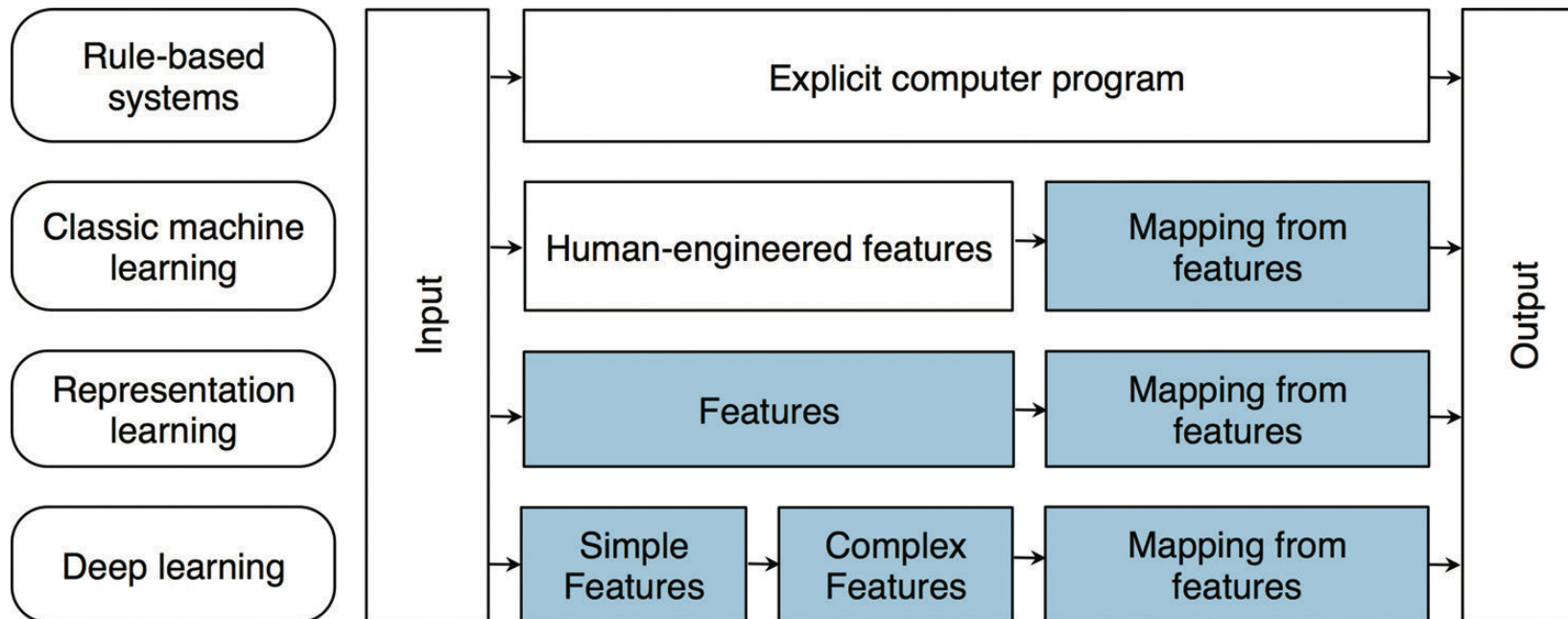
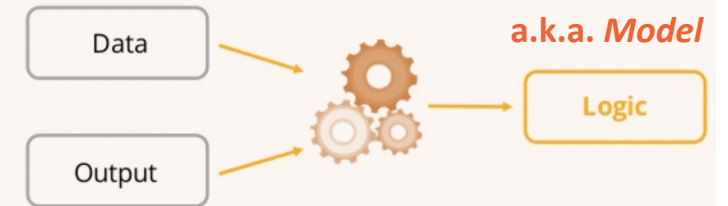
The role of data and features in AI



Traditional AI techniques (also statistics in a broad sense)

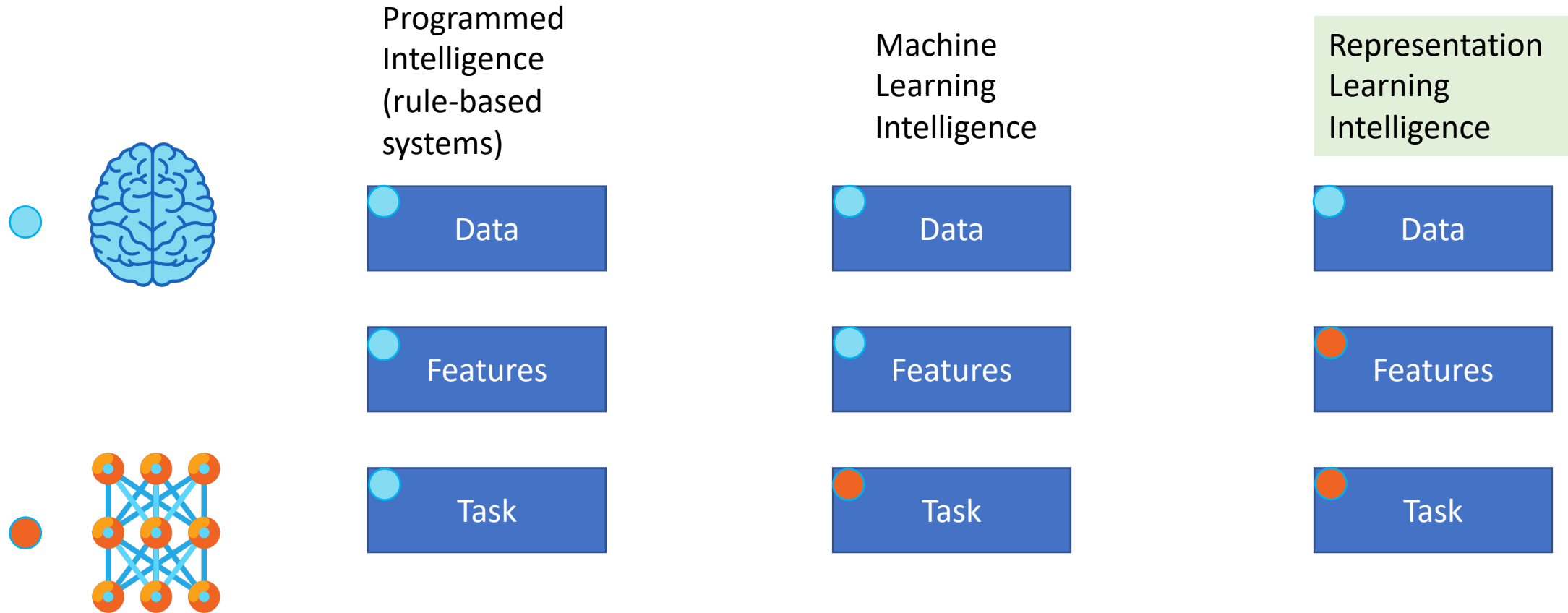


Machine Learning

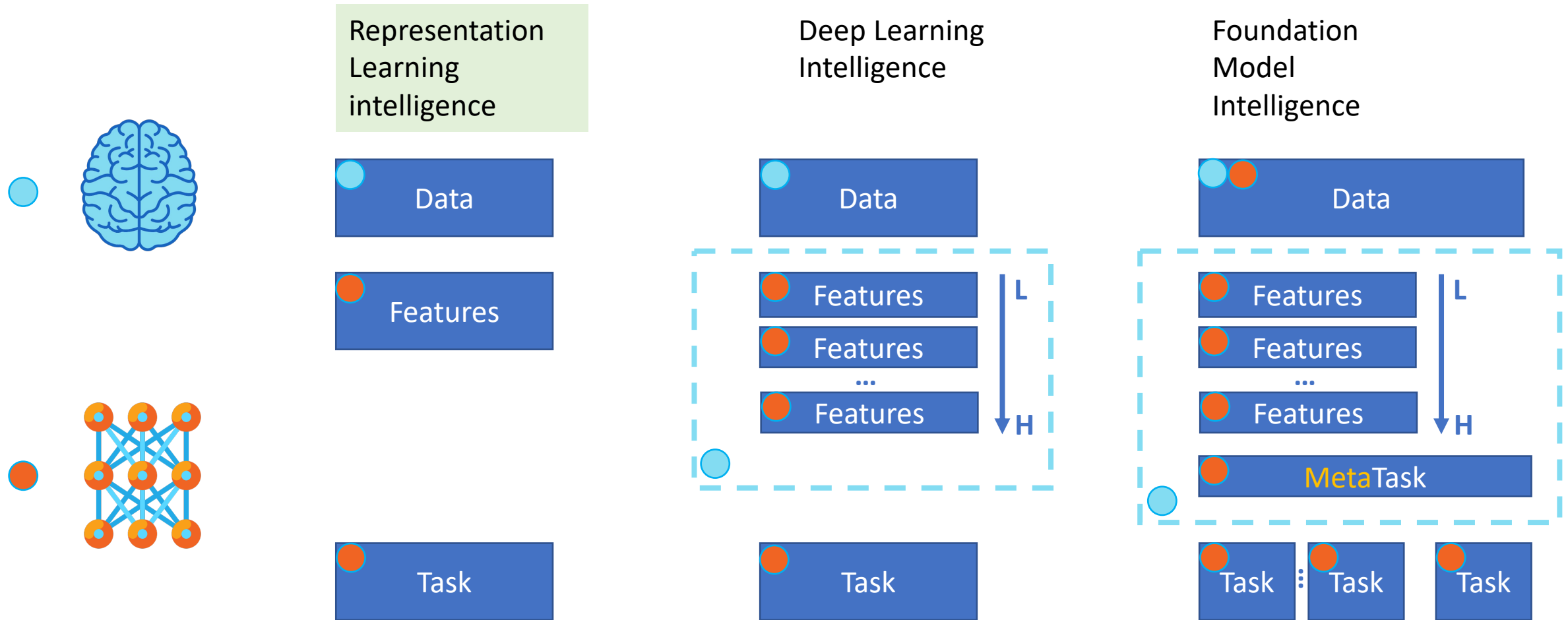


- **Classic ML** depends on carefully designed features, requiring human expertise and complicated task-specific optimization.
- **DL systems** propose an end-to-end approach by learning simple features (such as signal intensity, edges, and textures) as components of more complex features such as shapes, lesions, or organs, therefore leveraging the compositional nature of images

From rule-based to representation learning intelligence

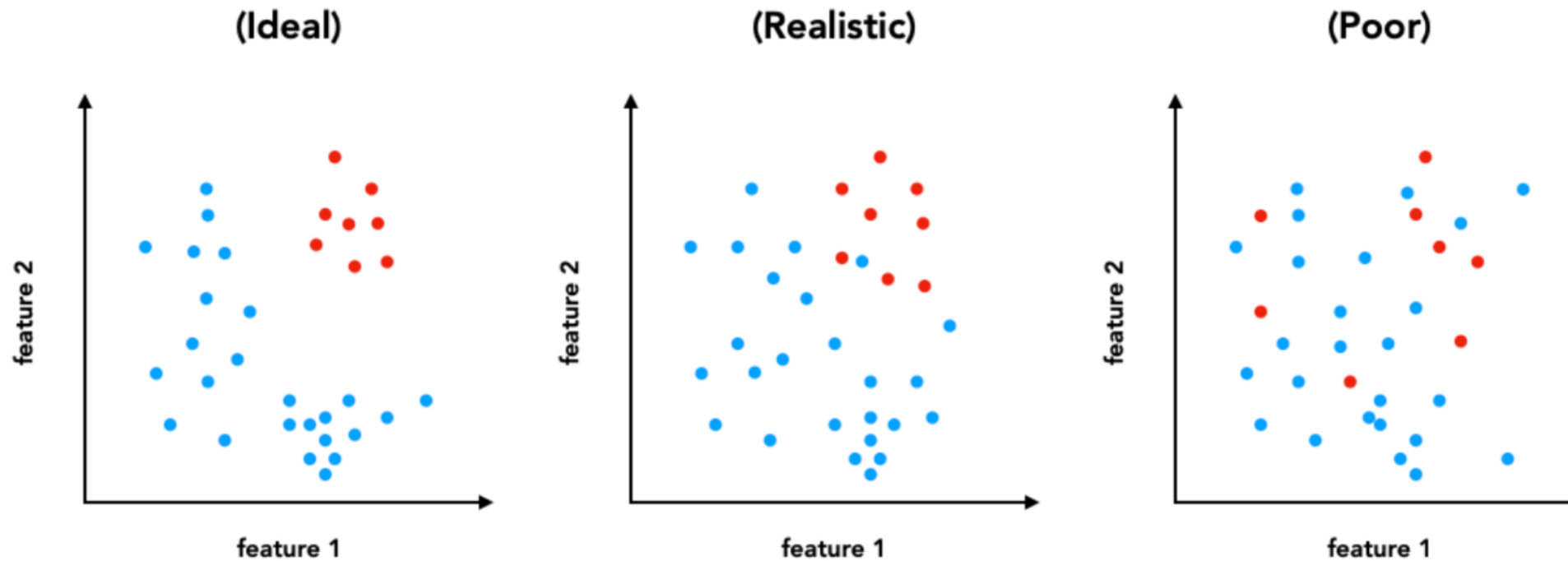


From representation learning to foundation models



Pattern (or feature) space

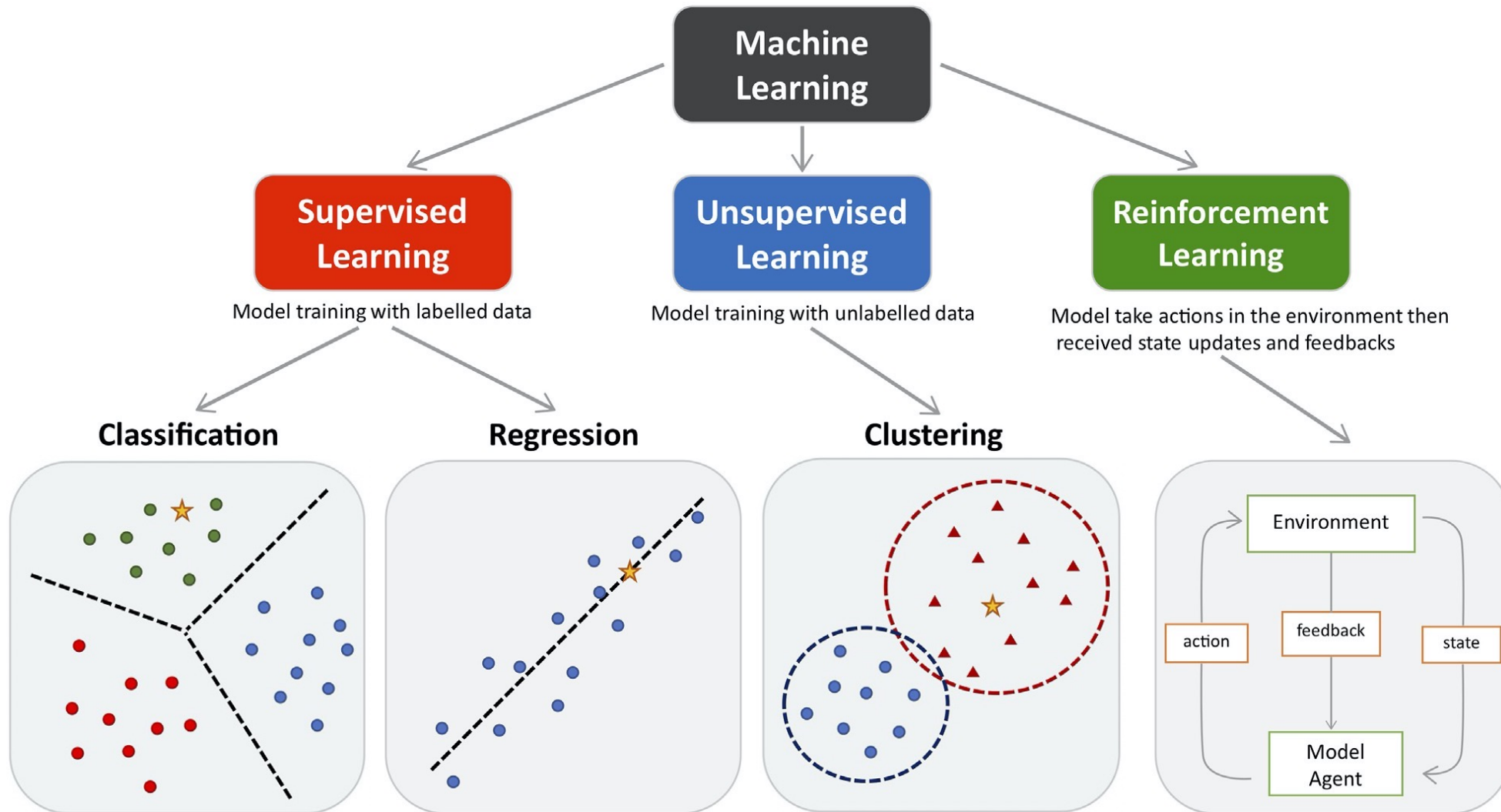
The pattern space dimensions are data channels/components or features extracted from data.
Which features?



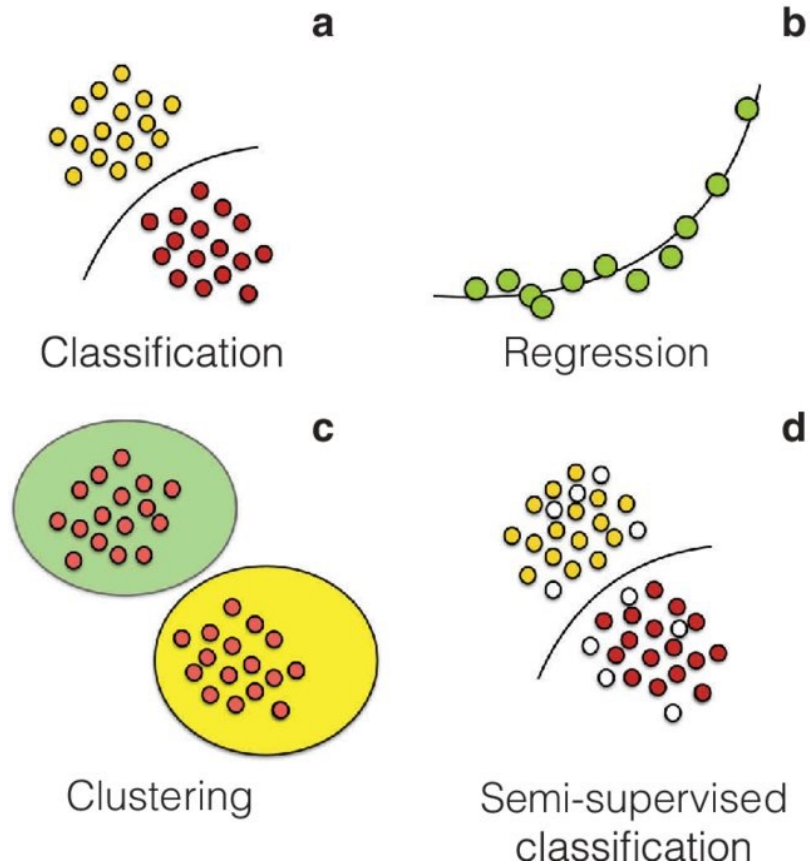
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With **representation learning** the expectations is to learn good discriminative features for a given task in order to guarantee easy and accurate enough discriminations

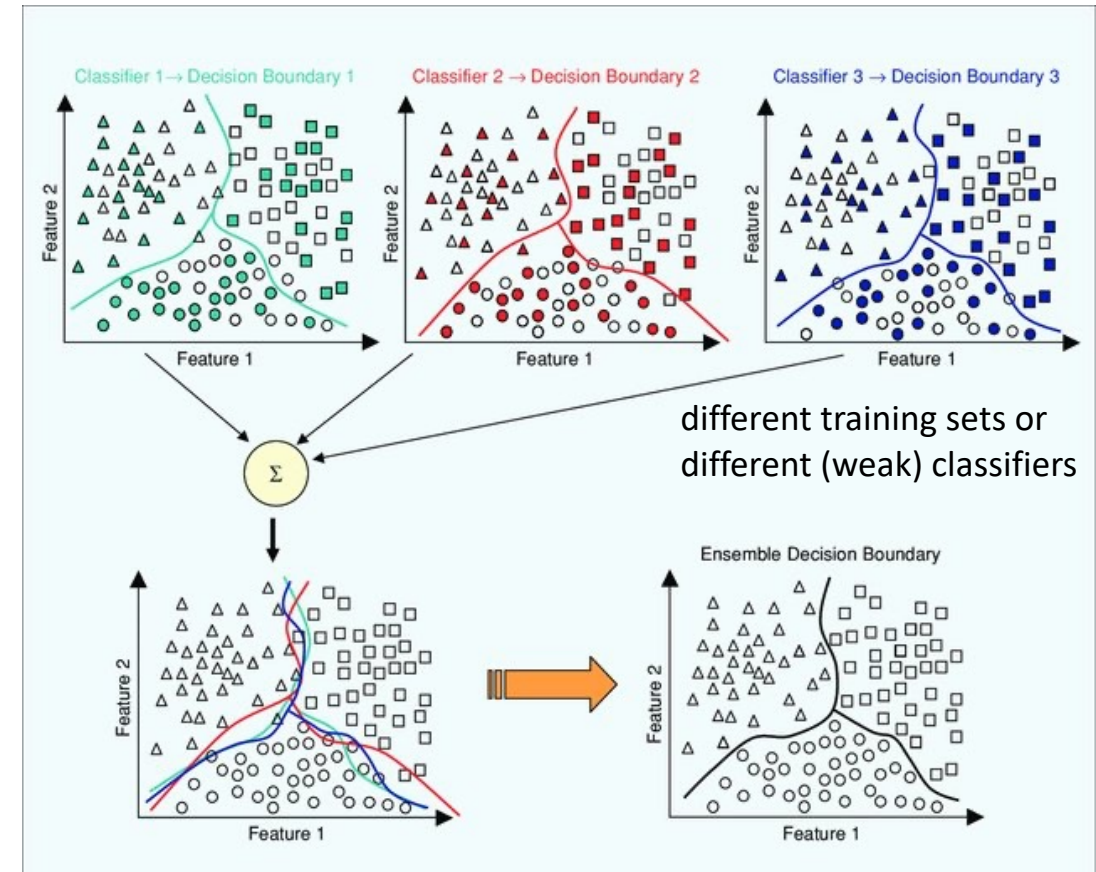
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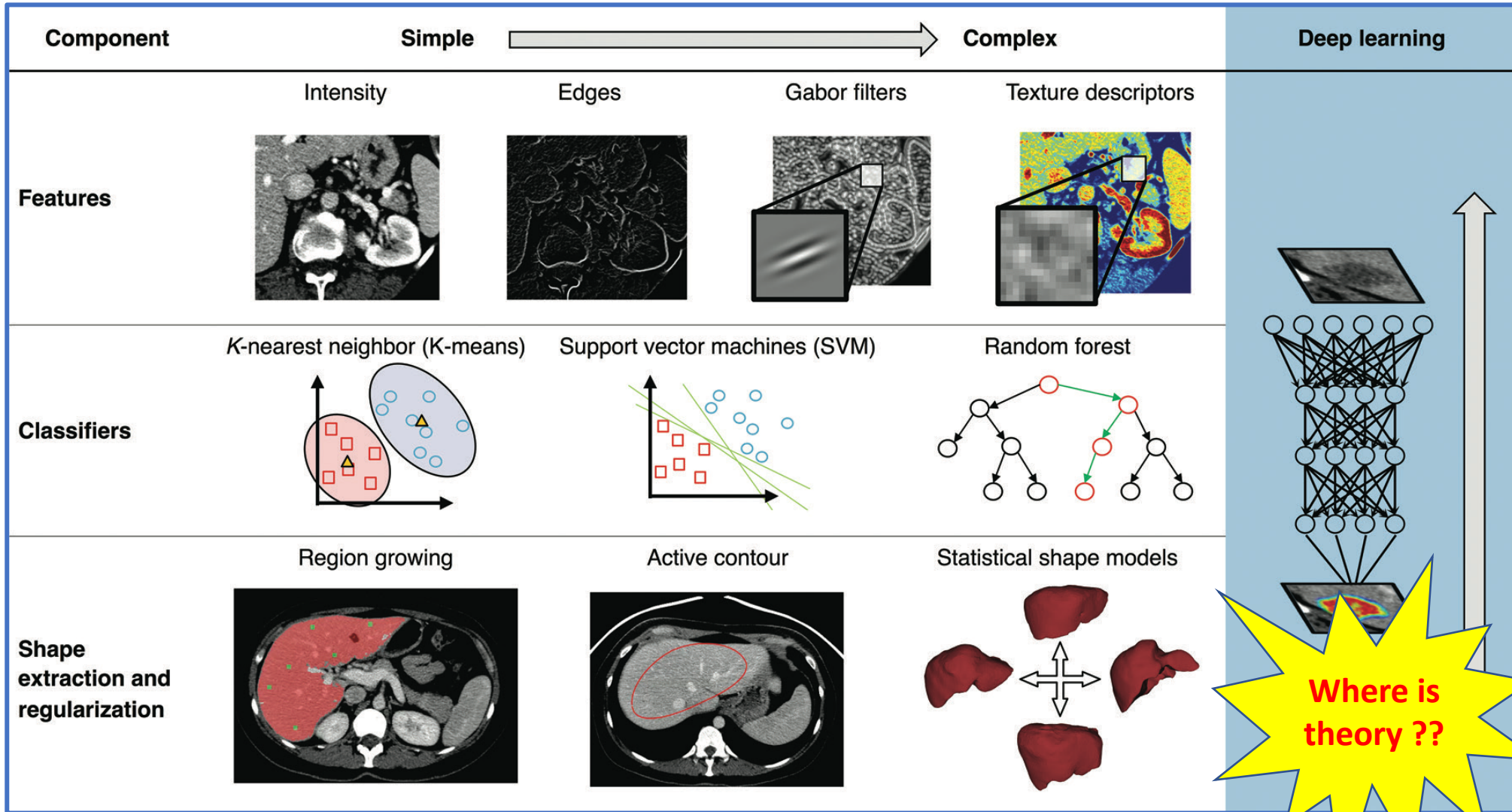


Fitting data according to the kind of data/knowledge



Ensemble learning

Machine learning: methodological notes



Features describe the appearance of organs and points of interest in medical images.

Classifiers integrate features to output a decision (eg. pixel-wise).

Shape extraction and regularization recover a consistent shape despite classification noise.


Deep Learning proposes an end-to-end approach where features are learned to maximize the classifier's performance.

Shape extraction can become implicit (regularized pixel-wise info easy to obtain).

Where is theory??


ML (learning from data to interpret new ones) vs Statistics (fitting to models to explain given data)

VS




Machine learning

- 1 Machine learning is a subset of artificial intelligence.
- 2 Predicting accurate outcomes is the strength of machine learning algorithms.
- 3 The models in machine learning are designed to conclude the most accurate predictions possible.
- 4 Machine learning is all about outcomes.



Statistics

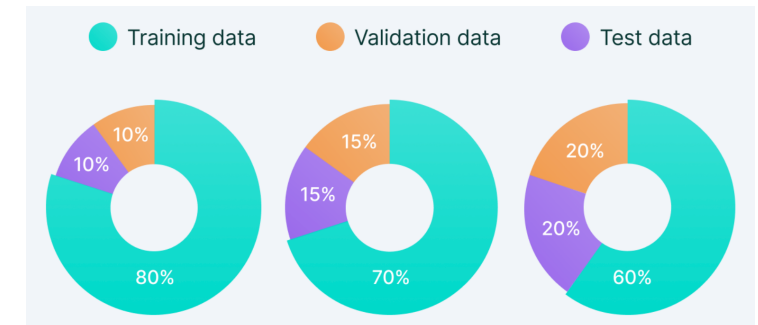
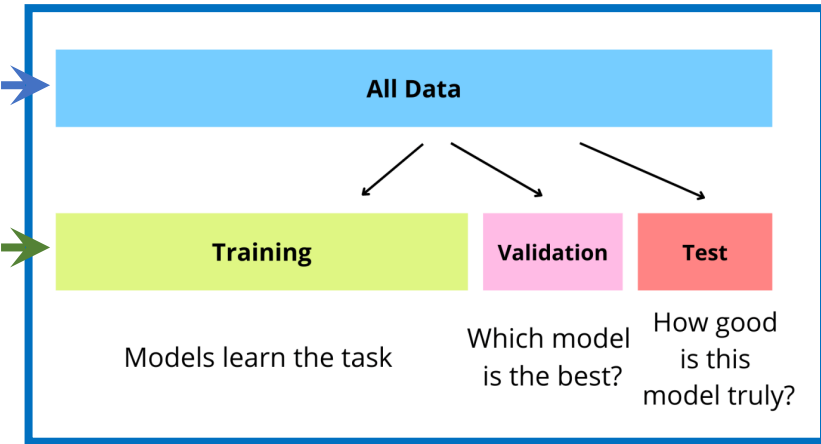
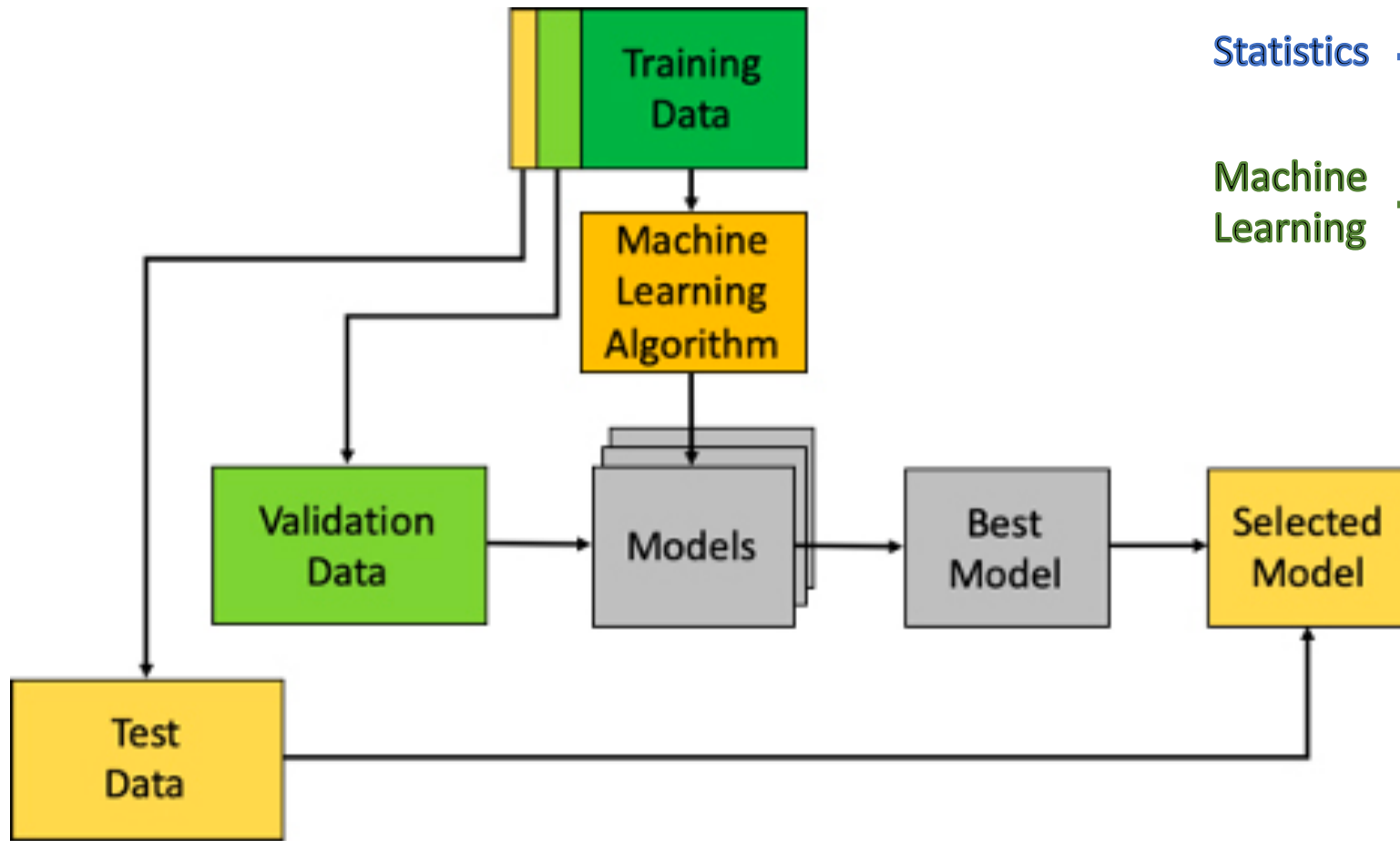
- 1 Statistics is a field of mathematics that studies data through various techniques.
- 2 The statistical models are intended for inference about the connections between the variables.
- 3 Many statistical models make predictions, but they are not accurate enough.
- 4 Statistics is all about finding relationships between variables and their significance.



	MACHINE LEARNERS	STATISTICIANS
Network/Graphs vs. Models	Network/Graphs to train and test data	Models to create predictive power
Weights vs. Parameters	Weights used to maximize accuracy scoring and hand tuning	Parameters used to interpret real-world phenomena - stress on magnitude
Confidence Interval	There is no notion of uncertainty	Capturing the variability and uncertainty of parameters
Assumptions	No prior assumption (we learn from the data)	Explicit a-priori assumptions
Distribution	Unknown a priori	A-priori well-defined distribution
Fit	Best fit to learning models (generalization)	Fit to the distribution

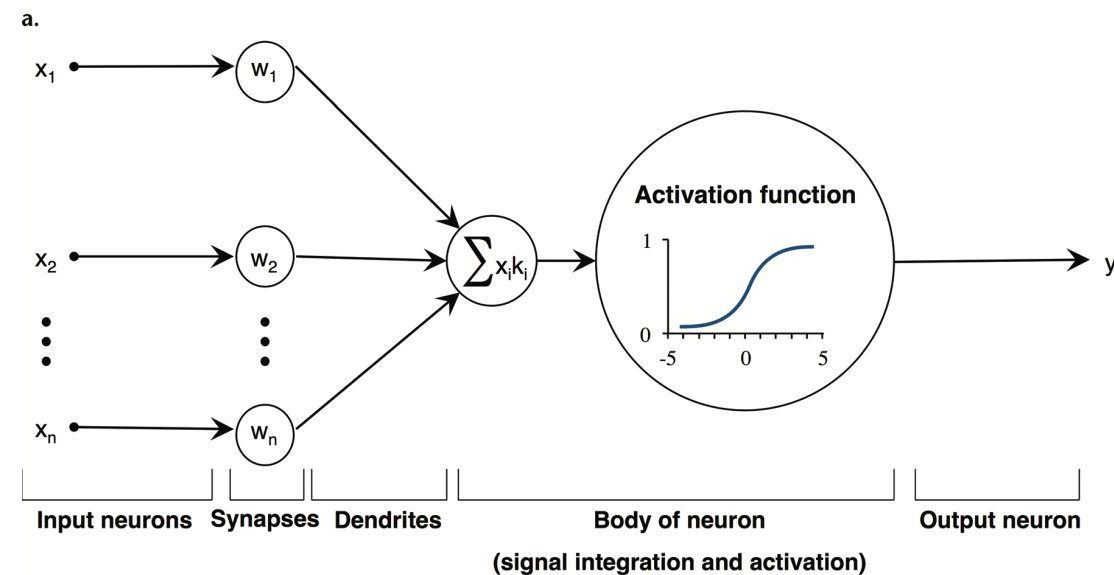
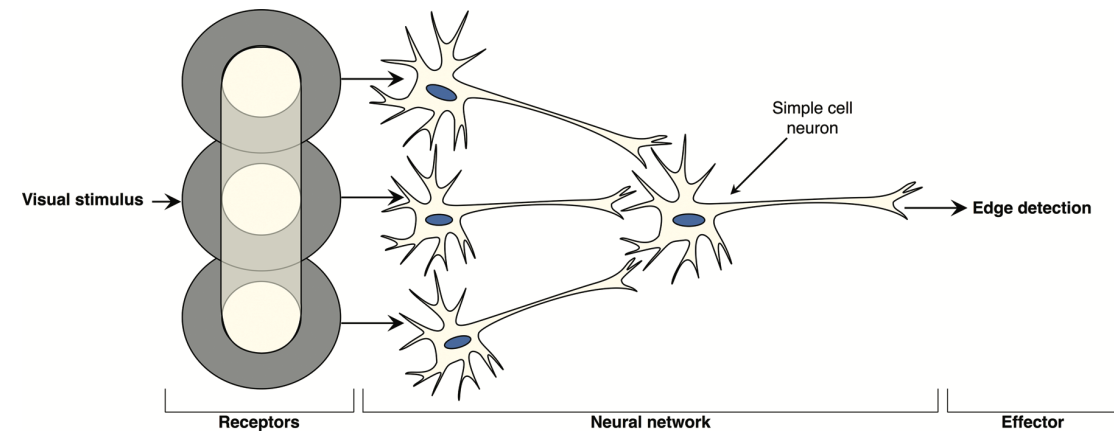
NB Good statistics knowledge is highly beneficial for ML (not the vice versa). For more insights [read at this link](#) and [this other one](#)

The *supervised* Machine Learning paradigm

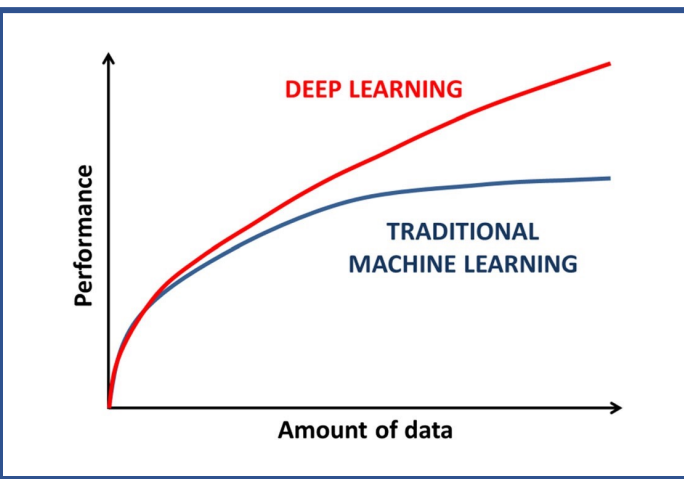
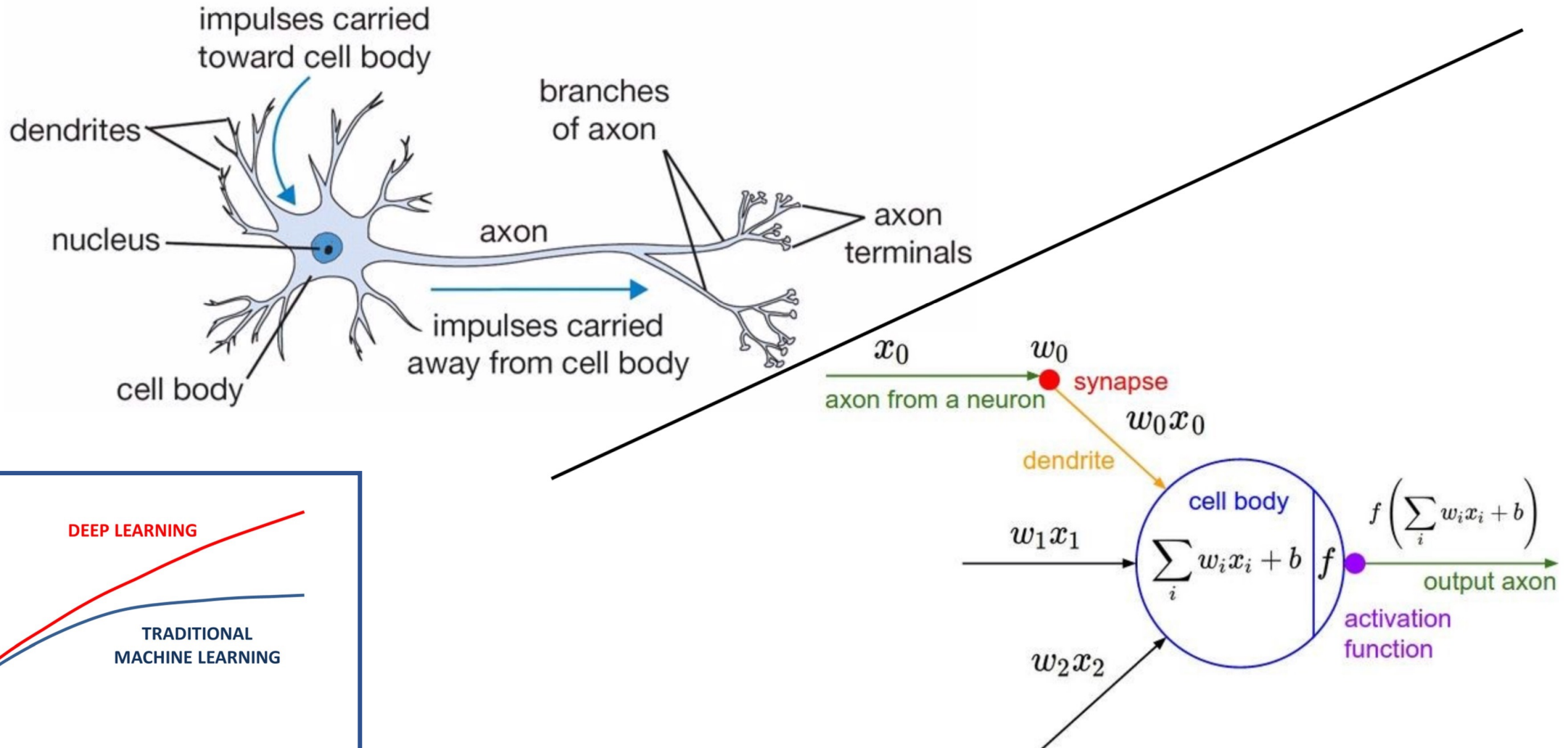


(Deep) Learning through artificial Neural Networks

- Although neural networks were known and used for decades, in recent years three **key factors** have enabled the training of large neural networks:
 - the **possible** availability of large quantities of labeled data,
 - cost-effective** ~~inexpensive~~ and powerful parallel computing hardware,
 - improvements in training techniques and architectures.
- Artificial neural networks are **inspired by biologic neuron activation** process and from what we know about the structure of the **visual cortex** (a).
- The artificial neuron (b) takes as an input a set of values representing features, each multiplied by a corresponding weight. The **weighted features are summed and passed through a non-linear activation function**. In this way, an artificial neuron can be viewed as producing an **activation decision** by weighing a set of evidence.



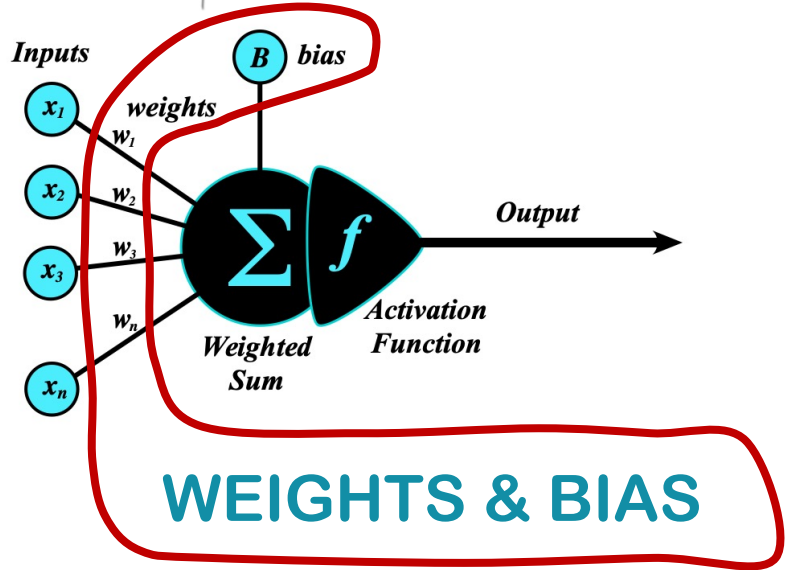
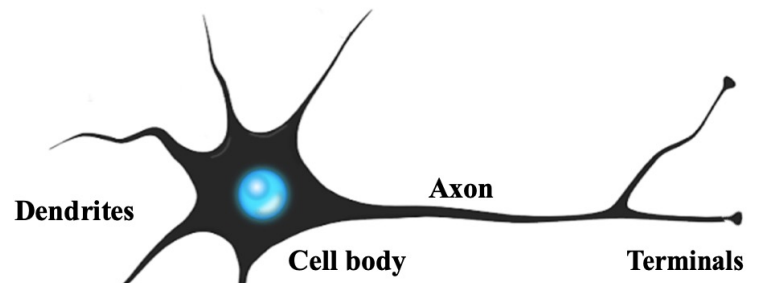
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Artificial Neural Network

Structure (layers \rightarrow deep)
Number of parameters

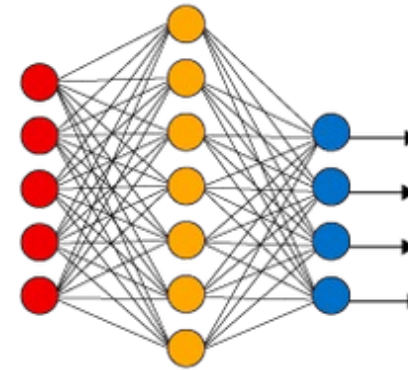


parameters to be estimated for every neuron

(Deep) Learning through artificial Neural Networks

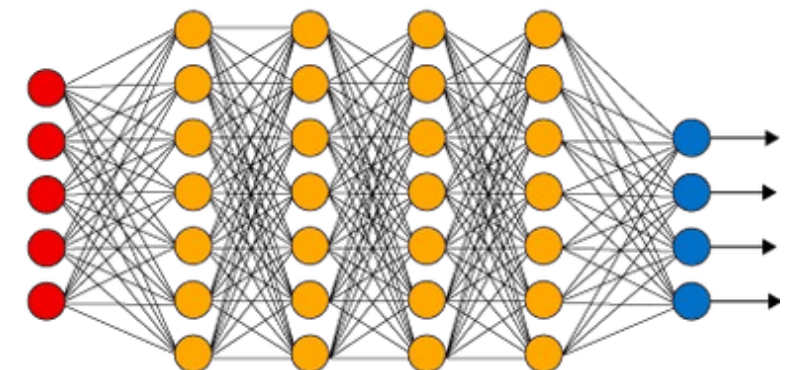
- Although an individual artificial neuron is simple, neural network architectures called **multilayer perceptrons** (MLP) that consist of thousands of neurons can represent very complex nonlinear functions.
- These multilayer perceptrons are typically constructed by assembling multiple neurons to form **layers** and by stacking these layers connecting the output of one layer to the input of the following layer. This produces a **hierarchy of features** that are an increasingly complex composition of low-level input features, thereby modeling higher levels of abstractions in the data.
- **MLPs perform poorly on images** in which the object of interest tends to vary in shape, orientation, and position because they must encode redundant representations for the many feature arrangements that this results in.

Simple Neural Network



● Input Layer

Deep Learning Neural Network

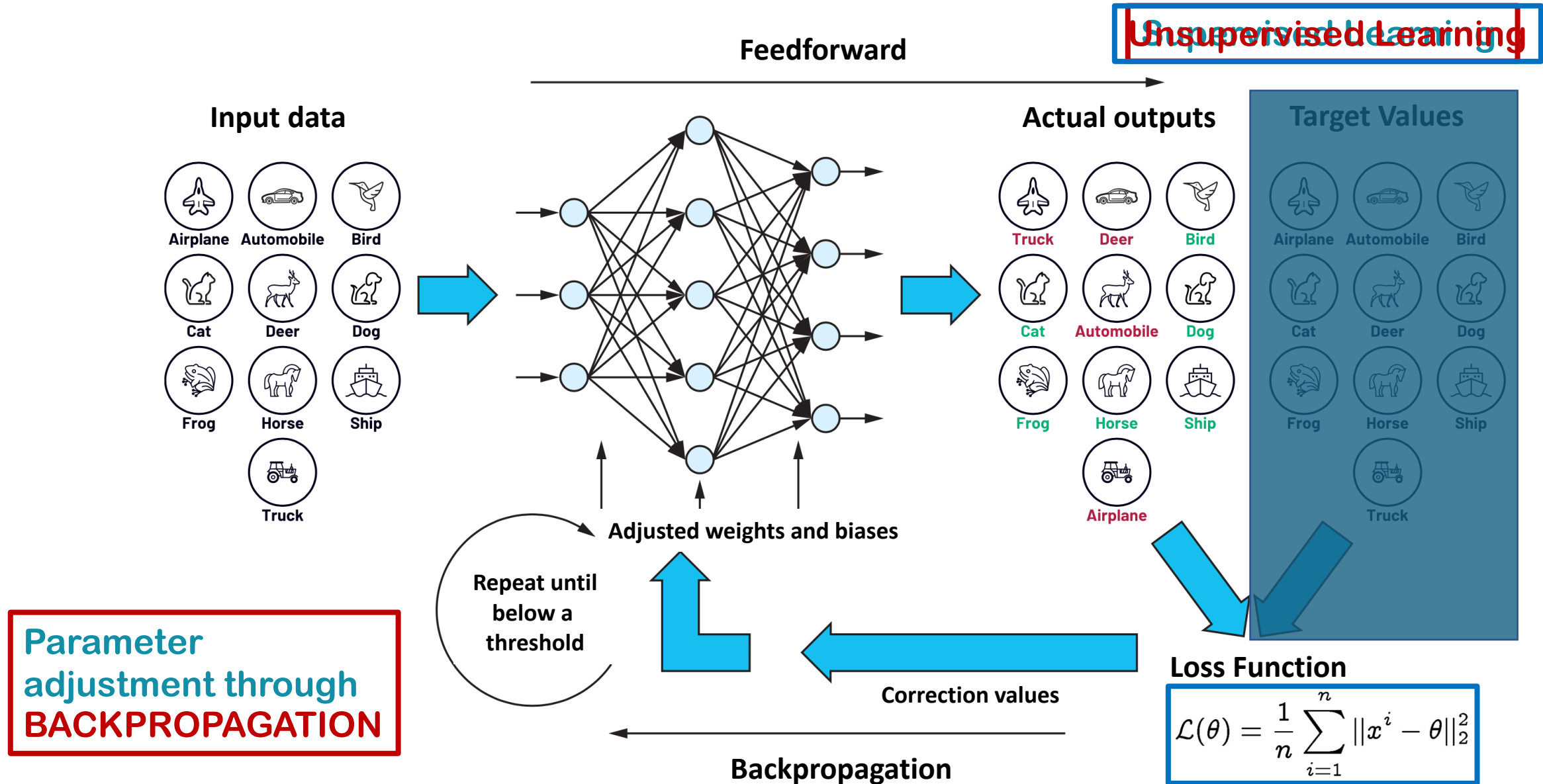


● Hidden Layer

● Output Layer

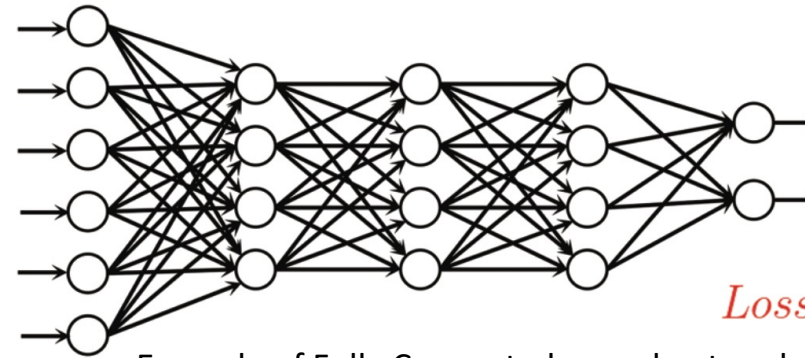
- A neural network is **trained** by adjusting the parameters, which consist of the weights of each node. Modern neural networks contain millions of such parameters.
- Starting from a random initial configuration, the parameters are adjusted via an optimization algorithm called **gradient descent**, which attempts to find a set of parameters that performs well on a **training dataset**.

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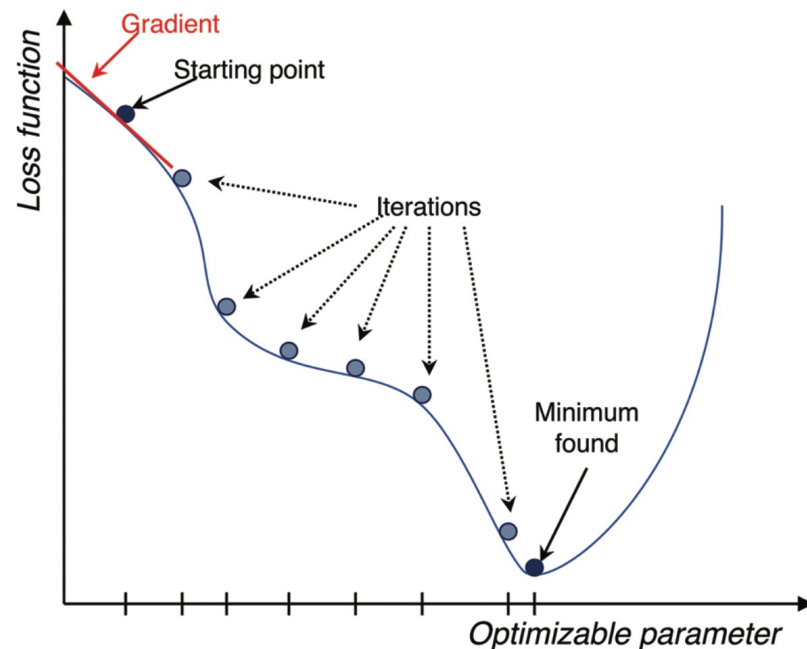
Learning process. Weights used by artificial neurons can be billions within a deep neural network. These parameters, are randomly initialized, are progressively adjusted via an optimization algorithm called **gradient descent**. When presenting a series of training samples to the network, a **loss function** measures quantitatively how far the prediction is to the target class or regression value. All parameters are then slightly updated in the direction that will favor minimization of the loss function.



Prediction q	Target p
0.89	1.0
0.11	0.0

$$Loss(p, q) = - \sum_x p(x) \log(q(x))$$

Example of Fully Connected neural network with 3 hidden layers: each connection carries a weight. and each neuron an additional one.

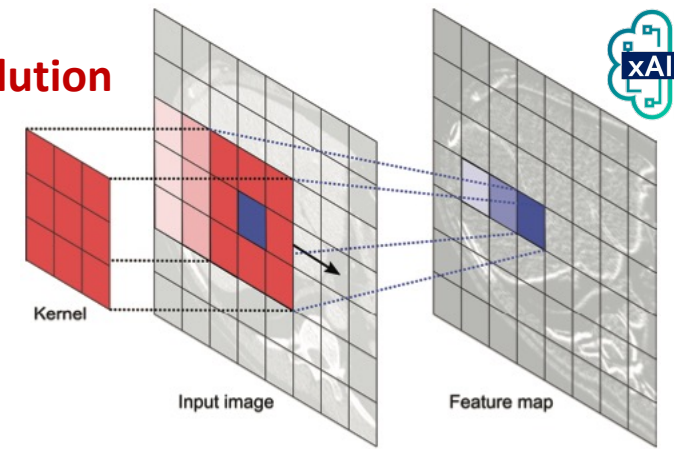


Learning algorithm

1. Present a batch of training samples to the network to evaluate a prediction based on its current configuration.
2. Evaluate the loss function by comparing the output prediction with the target values or classes.
3. Compute the gradient of the loss function with respect to every parameter of the model.
4. Update the weights of the model.
5. Repeat steps 1 to 4 until the loss function reaches a minimum.

Convolutional Neural Networks

Convolution



3 ₁	0 ₀	1 ₋₁	2	7	4
1 ₁	5 ₀	8 ₋₁	9	3	1
2 ₁	7 ₀	2 ₋₁	5	1	3
0	1	3	1	7	8
4	2	1	6	2	8
2	4	5	2	3	9

6 × 6

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1	0	-1
1	0	-1
1	0	-1

3 × 3

=

-5			

4 × 4

$$3 \times 1 + 1 \times 1 + 2 \times 1 + 0 \times 0 + 5 \times 0 + 7 \times 0 + 1 \times -1 + 8 \times -1 + 2 \times -1 = -5$$

Image Filtering Using Convolution in OpenCV

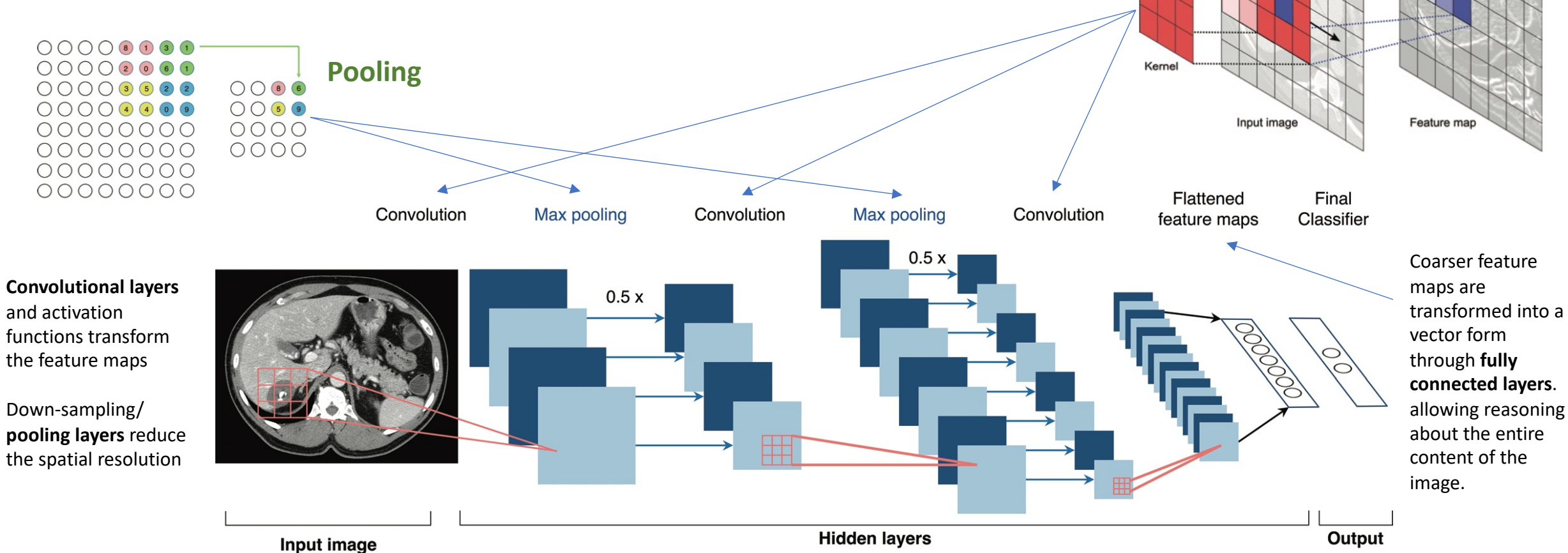


Original



Bilateral Blur

Convolutional Neural Networks



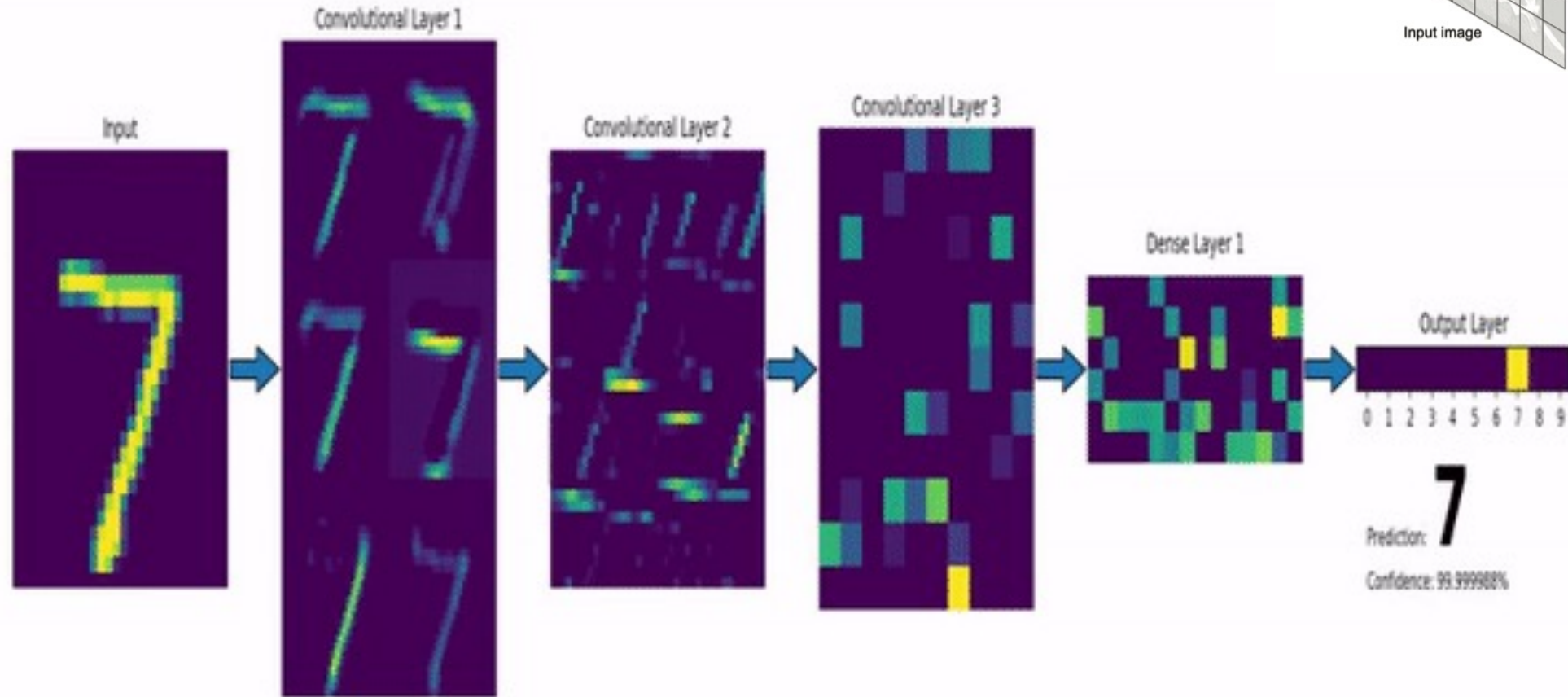
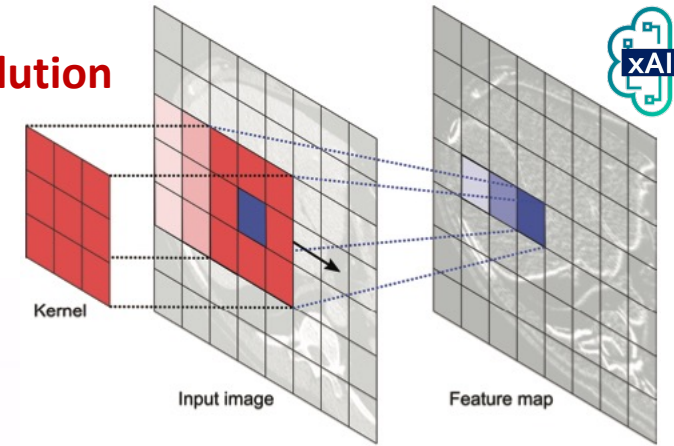
Convolutional layers and activation functions transform the feature maps

Down-sampling/
pooling layers reduce the spatial resolution

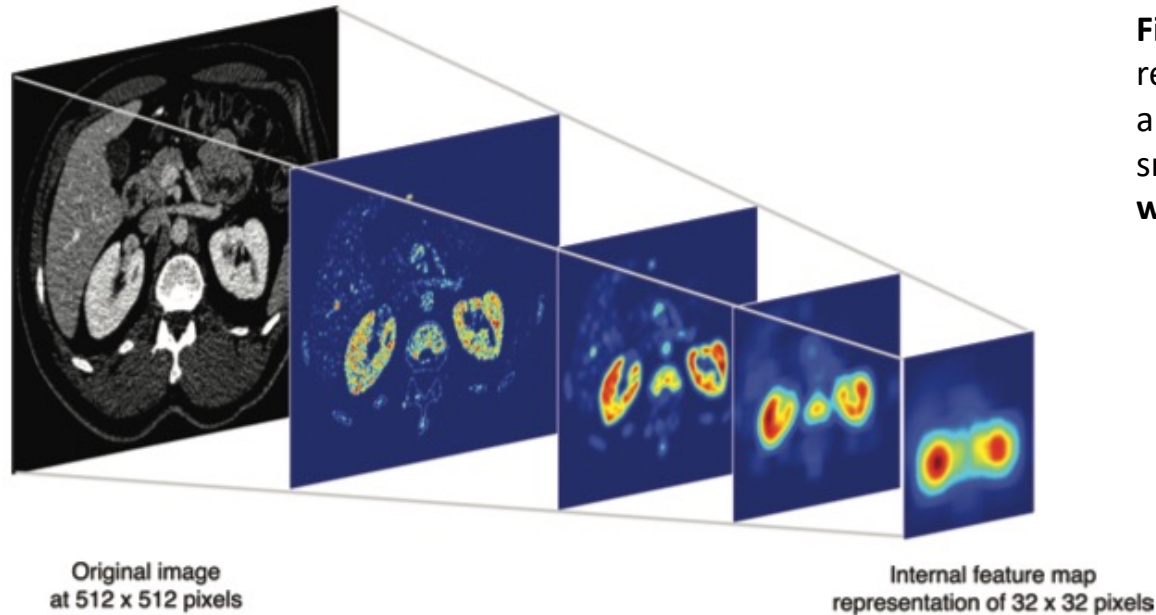
- For processing images, a deep learning architecture known as the **convolutional neural network** (CNN) has become dominant (from 2012 CNNs of increasing complexity kept winning popular image classification competitions even exceeding human performance).
- **CNNs introduces some robustness to image variations** by passing each feature detector over every part of the image in a **convolution operation**. Each feature detector is limited to detecting local features in its immediate input, which is acceptable for natural images.
- Since a feature may occur anywhere in the image, the filters' weights are shared across all the image positions. Thus, image features can be modeled with fewer parameters (shared kernel weights for all spatial positions), increasing model efficiency.

Convolutional Neural Networks

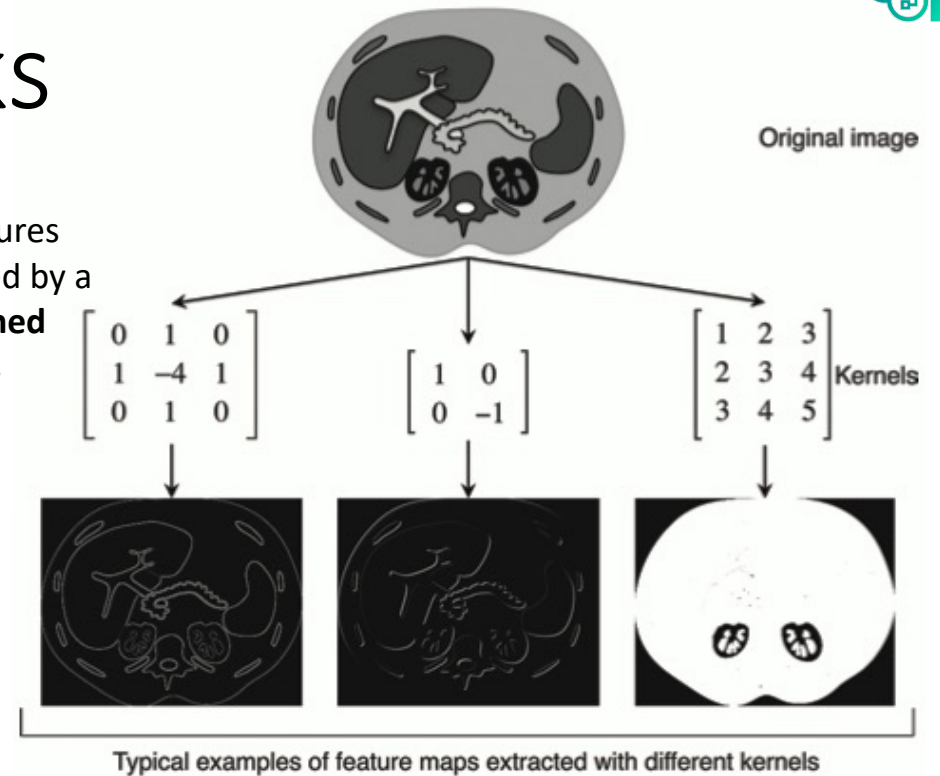
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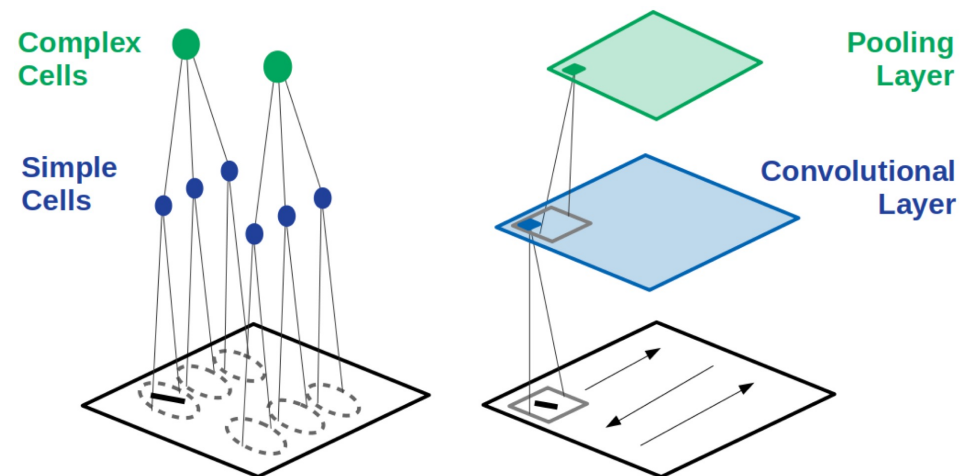
Convolutional Neural Networks



Filter kernels representing features are usually defined by a small grid of **learned weights** (eg, 3x3).

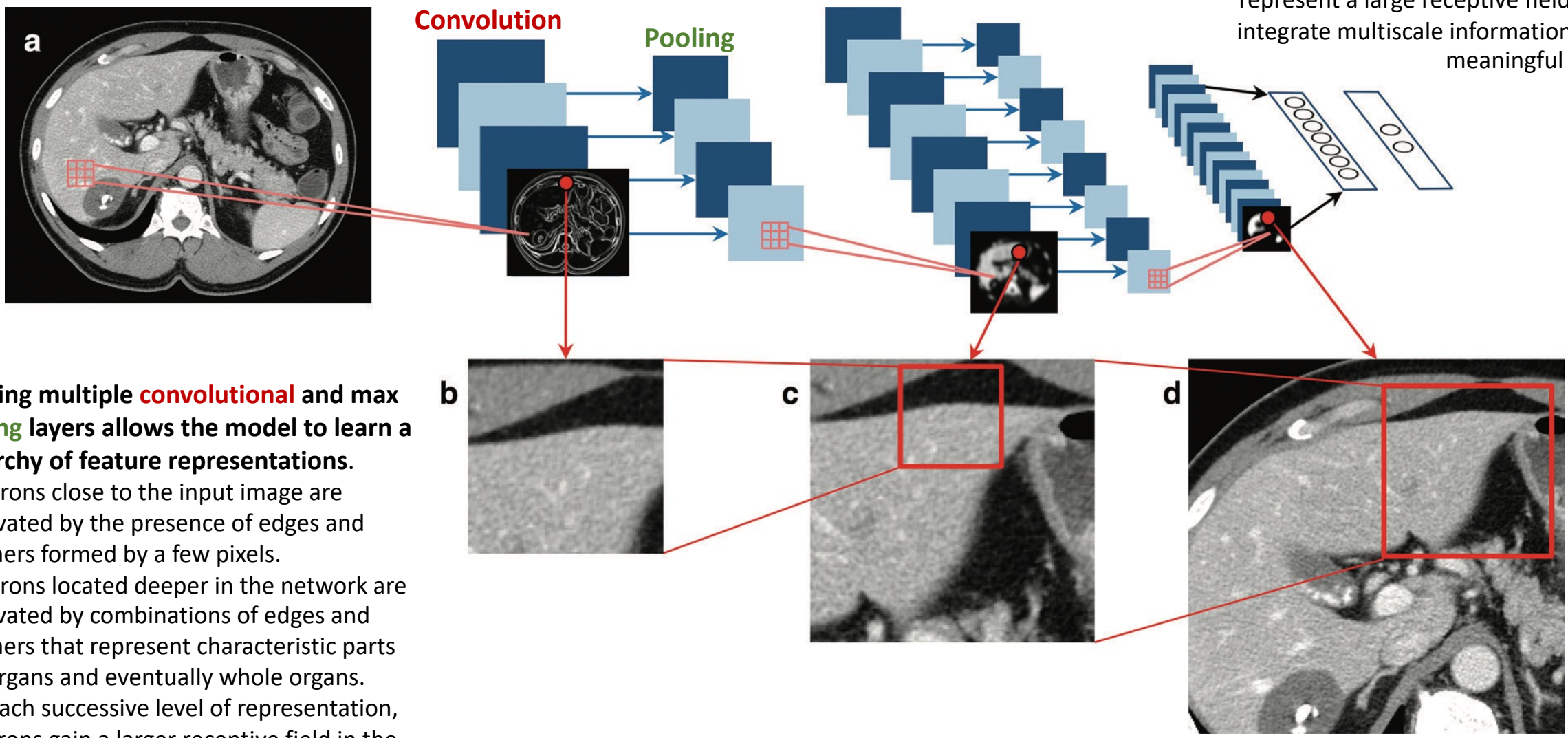


- CNNs were inspired by **early findings on biological vision** by Hubel & Wiesel in 1962 and from an early artificial NN called Neocognitron by Fukushima in 1979.
- In CNNs, **multiple different convolutional filters are learned for each layer**, yielding many different feature maps, each highlighting where different characteristics of the input image or of the previous hidden layer have been detected.
- In a CNN, the deeper the layer of representation, the coarser the characterization of the feature's spatial position (due to downsampling/pooling); thus, kernels in these deeper layers consider features over increasingly larger spatial scales.



Convolutional Neural Networks

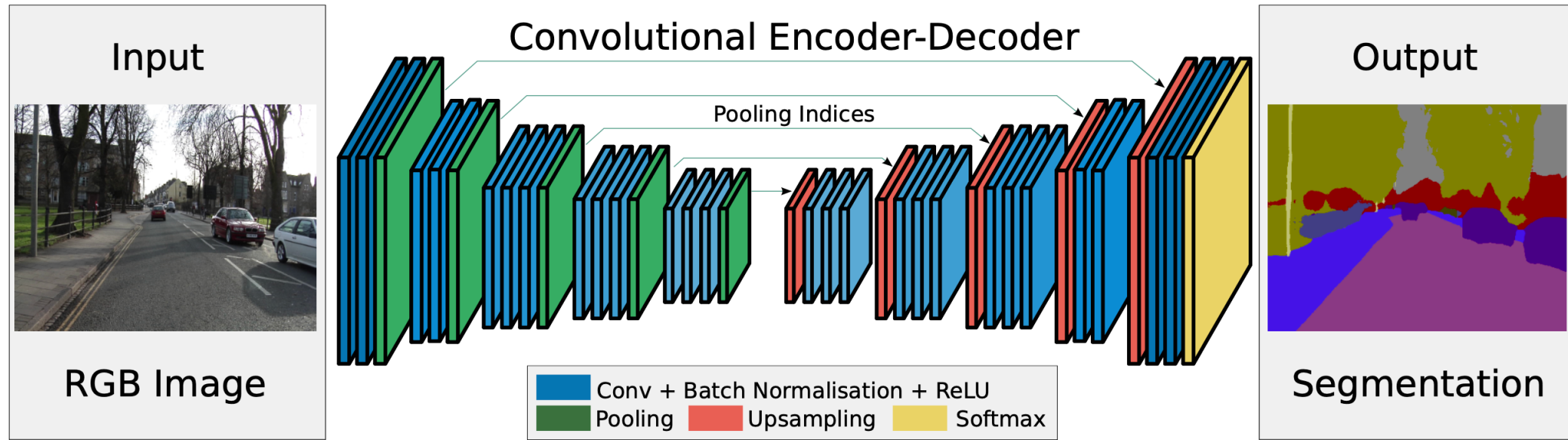
The **final classification** task relies on a rich set of hidden features that represent a large receptive field and integrate multiscale information in a meaningful way.



Stacking multiple **convolutional** and max **pooling** layers allows the model to learn a **hierarchy of feature representations**.

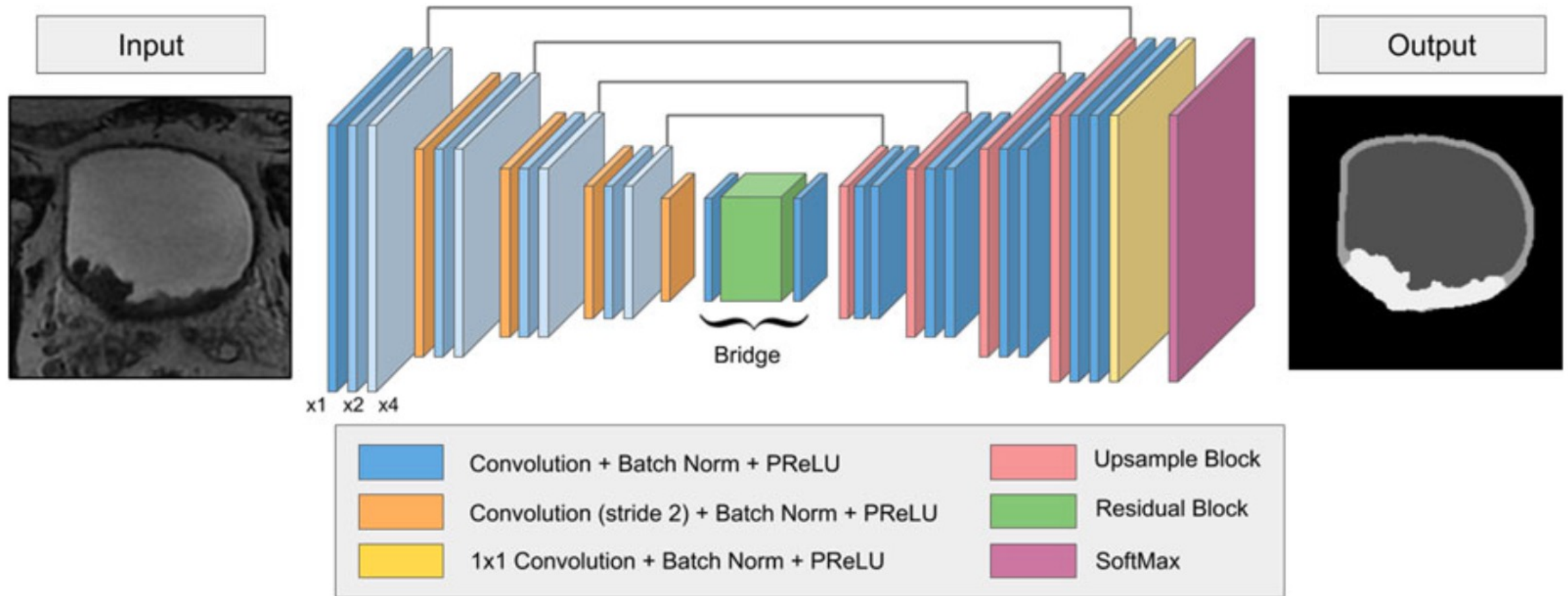
- Neurons close to the input image are activated by the presence of edges and corners formed by a few pixels.
- Neurons located deeper in the network are activated by combinations of edges and corners that represent characteristic parts of organs and eventually whole organs.
- At each successive level of representation, neurons gain a larger receptive field in the input image.

CNNs for segmentation (coding+decoding)



- If **pixel-level outputs** are desired, we have to **upsample** the features again
 - e.g. to obtain semantic level maps, typically pixel-wise semantic classification (or segmentation, or contouring)
- Why we need downsampling (coding) first and then upsampling (decoding)?
 - Downsampling provides strong features with large receptive field (quick information aggregation with limited number of network parameters)
 - Upsampling yields output at the same resolution as input
 - Usually skip connections are used, like in ResNet, but longer, as we will see in U-Nets
 - Skip connections allow maintaining high level of accuracy related e.g. to object boundaries

CNNs for segmentation (coding+decoding)



Multiregion segmentation of bladder cancer structures in MRI with progressive dilated convolutional networks, J.Dolz et al., Medical Physics, 2018

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The AI “epochs” categorization



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Three Epochs of Artificial Intelligence in Health Care

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Approximate beginning year	1950s	2011	2018-2022
	AI 1.0 Symbolic AI and probabilistic models	AI 2.0 Deep learning	AI 3.0 Foundation models
Core functionality and key features	Follows directly encoded rules (if-then rules or decision trees)	Predicts and/or classifies information Task-specific (1 task at a time); requires new data and retraining to perform new tasks	Generates new content (text, sound, images) Performs different types of tasks without new data or retraining; prompt creates new model behaviors
Training method	Rules based on expert knowledge are hand-encoded in traditional programming	Learning patterns based on examples labeled as ground truth	Self-supervised learning from large datasets to predict the next word or sentence in a sequence
Good for	Follow rules or decision paths	Classify/detect based on training	Interpret and respond/assist
Issues and risks	Underfit real-world complexity, Errors in the model/rules	Unrepresentative/uncomplete data Bias in the training data	Hallucinations (plausible but incorrect) Bias in the training data
Healthcare applications	Rule-based clinical decision supporting systems	Diabetic retinopathy detection, lung cancer screening, skin condition classification, predictions based on electronic health records	Medically tuned large language models improve patient/clinician communication NB Foundation Models not only LLM! (<i>ndr</i>)

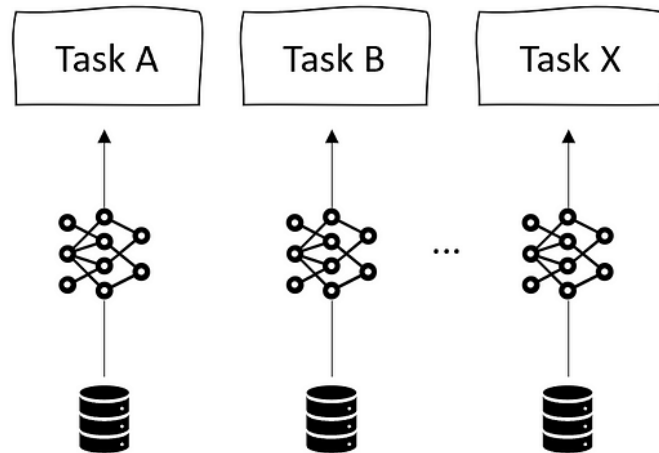
Single task VS Foundation (generative) AI

Single Task DL Models

Typical technology

Convolutional Neural Networks

(are a kind of Deep Neural Network)

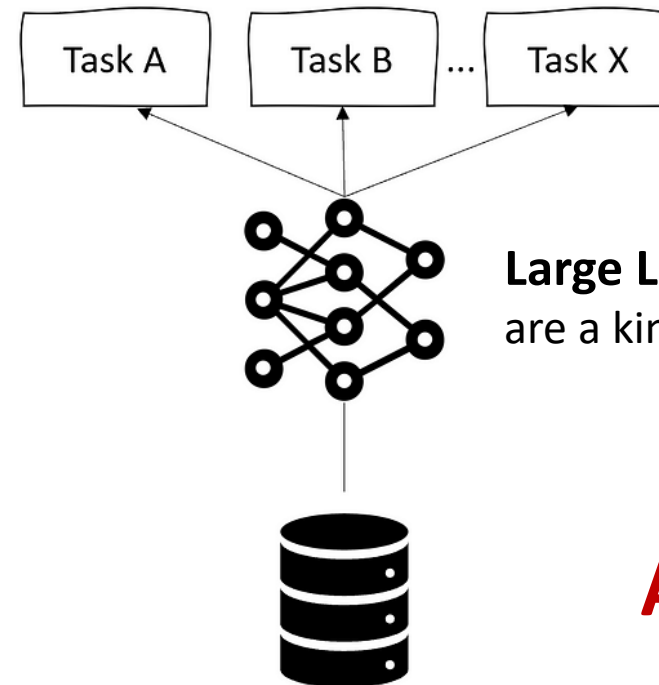


AI 2.0

Foundation Models

Typical technology

Transformers (are a kind of Deep Neural Network)



Large Language Models
are a kind of Foundation Models

AI 3.0

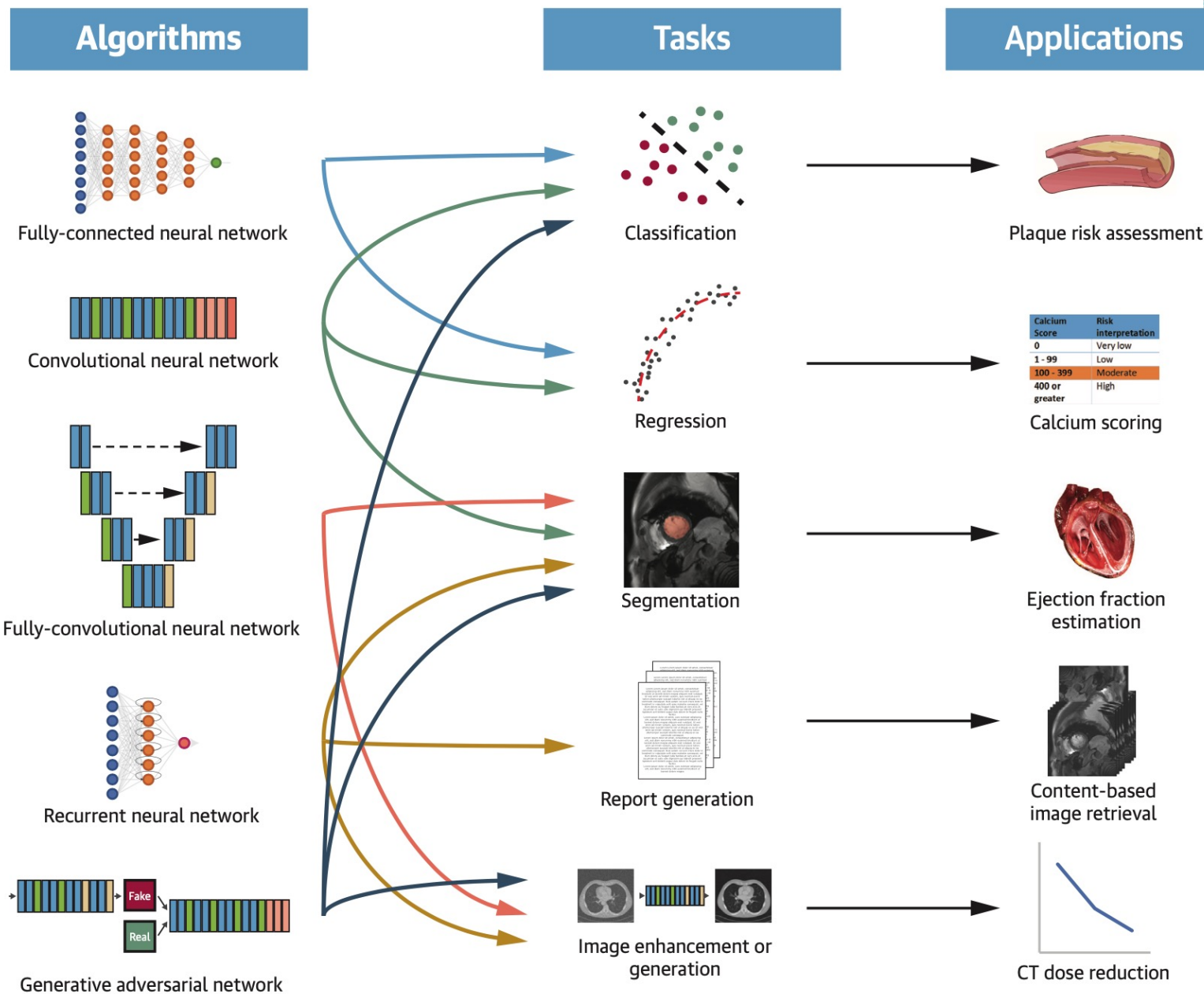
The “big-mix” of AI 2.0 AI in medicine

Countless combinations among

- Algorithms
- Tasks
- Applications

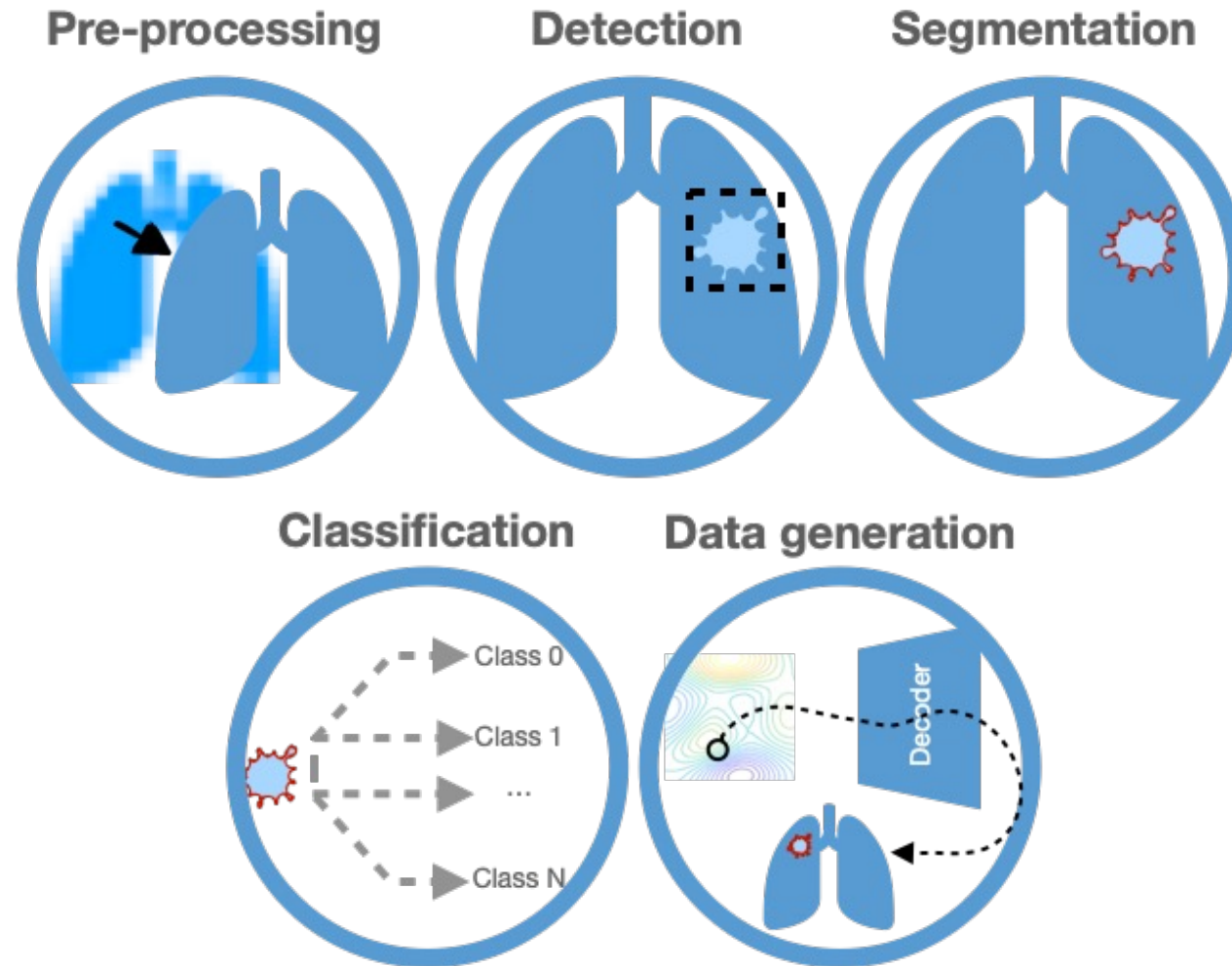
are possible.

The need of a sound partnership between **technical** (computer scientists, information engineers, data scientists) and **clinical** specialties (physicians, medical technologists, biologists, physicists,...) is evident.

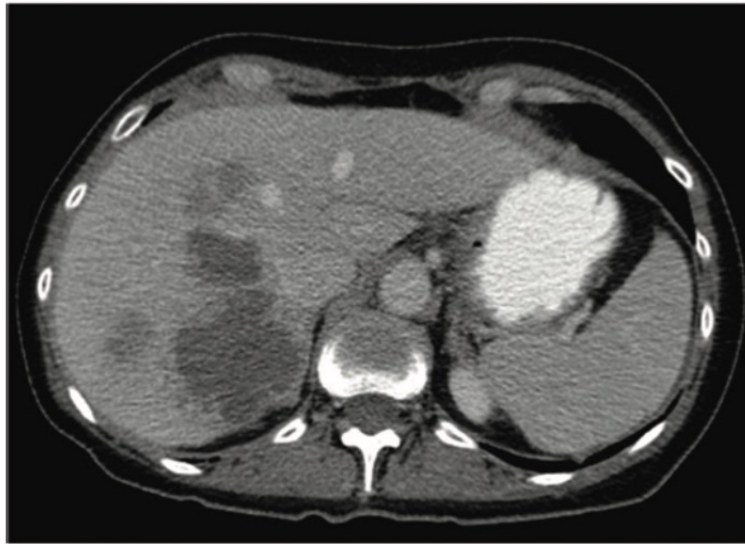


Calcium Score	Risk interpretation
0	Very low
1 - 99	Low
100 - 399	Moderate
400 or greater	High

Interpretation tasks

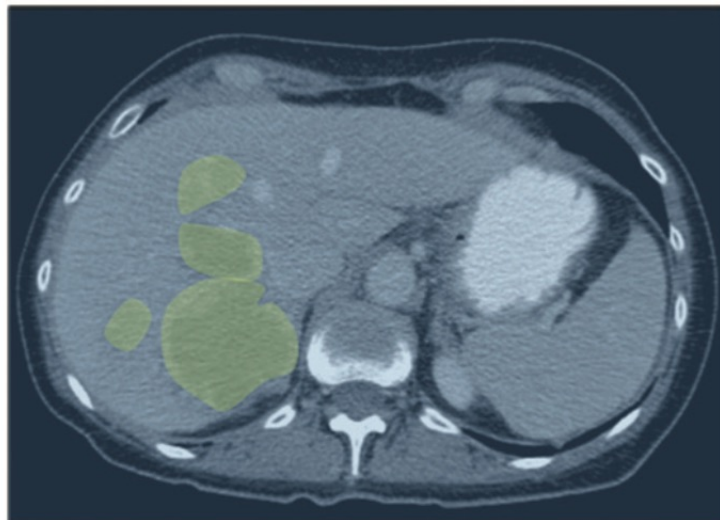


Classification: **liver metastases**



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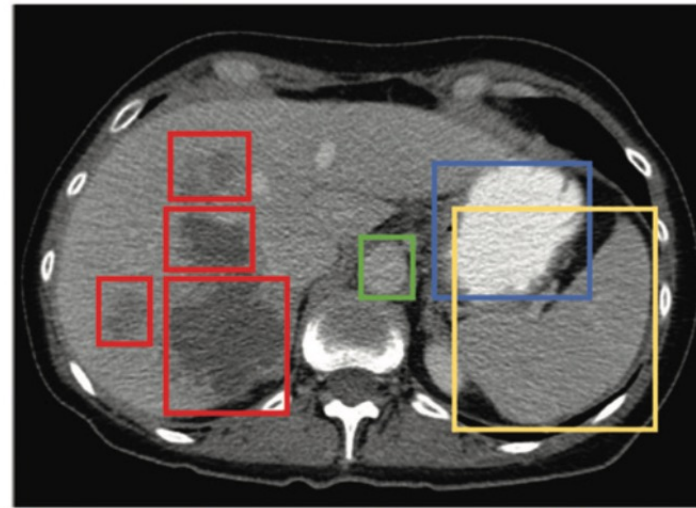
Semantic segmentation



■ Liver metastases
 ■ No metastasis

c.

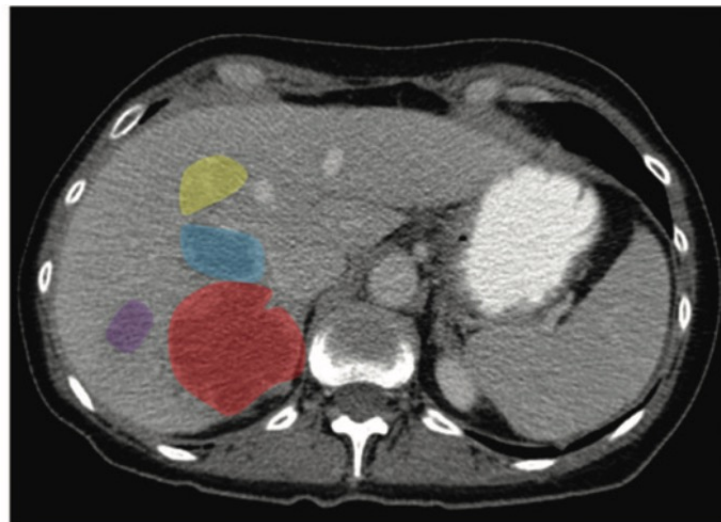
Object detection



■ Metastases
 ■ Aorta
 ■ Stomach
 ■ Spleen

b.

Instance segmentation



■ Metastasis 1
 ■ Metastasis 2
 ■ Metastasis 3
 ■ Metastasis 4

d.

Interpretation tasks: diagnostic imaging

- **Classification**

allows to associate a “class” (output) to a given data (input). If the choice is among 2 classes we say *binary* classification, otherwise we say *multiclass*

- **Detection**

allows to localize a given object or a plurality of them by means of bounding boxes and to associate a class label to each of them.

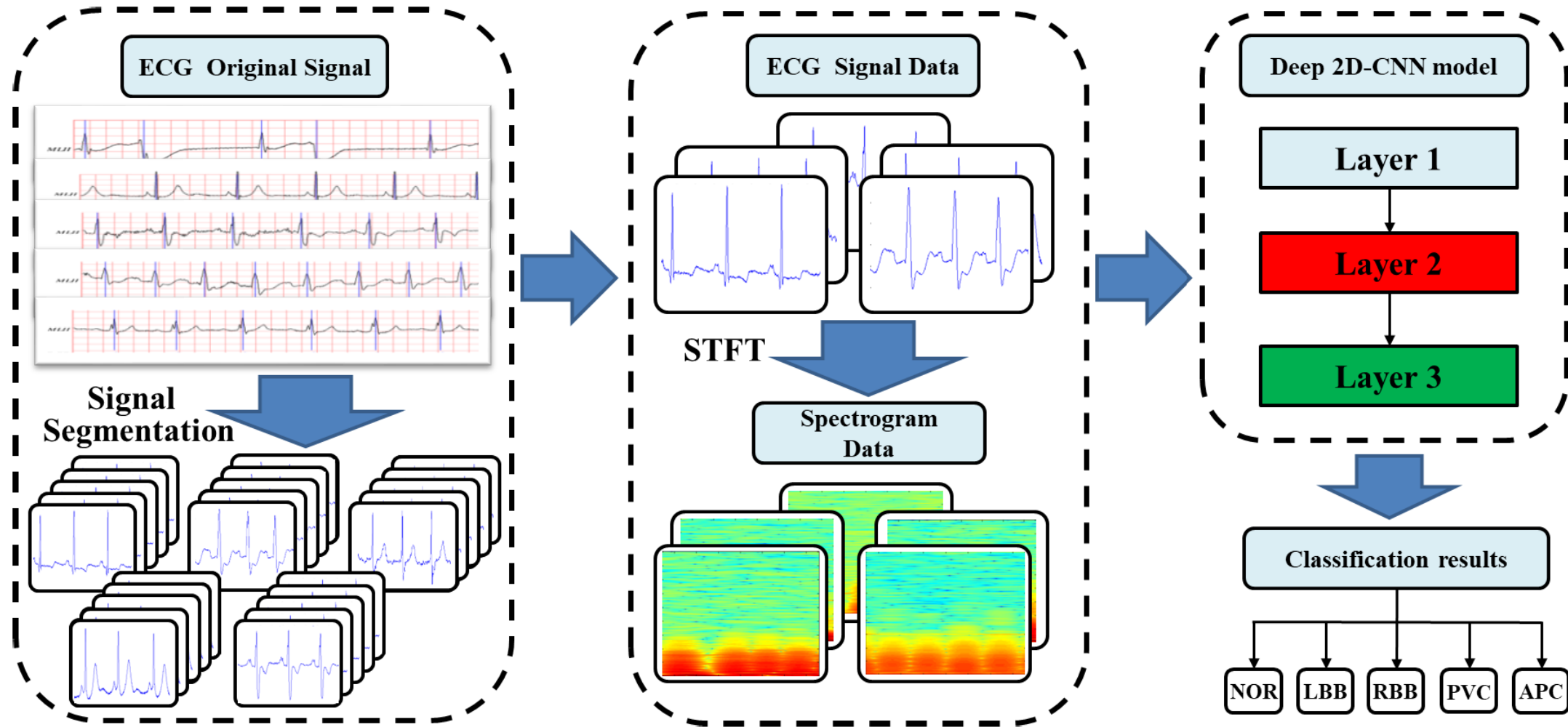
- **Segmentation (semantic)**

allows to label every pixel in an image as to belonging to one of the available classes. Is a pixel-wise classification. Semantic segmentation can also be contour-aware (in this case we can say *contouring*)

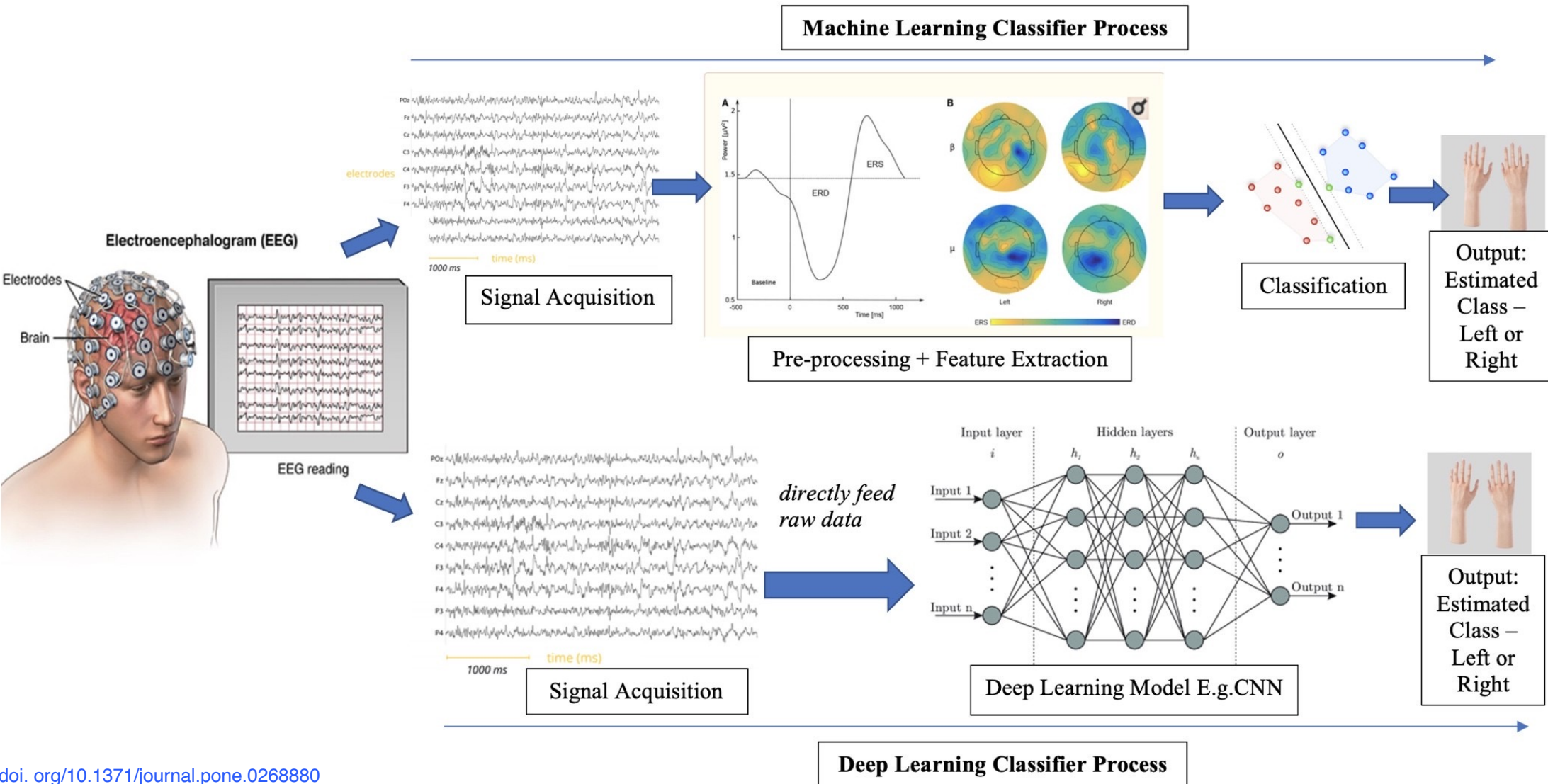
- **Segmentation (instance)**

like semantic segmentation with the possibility to differentiate different instances of the same object (in this case it is necessarily contour-aware).

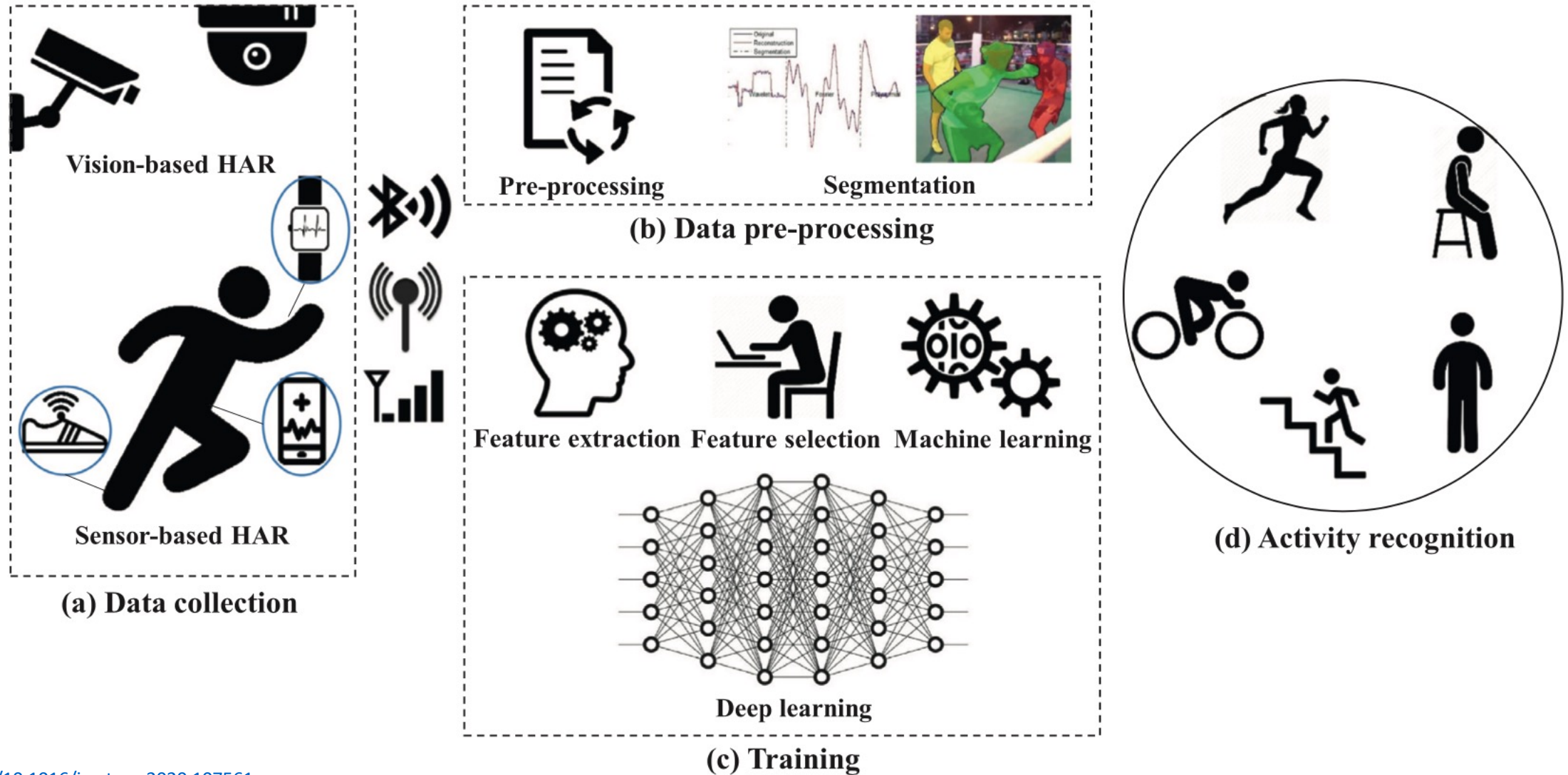
Interpretation tasks: non-image data sources



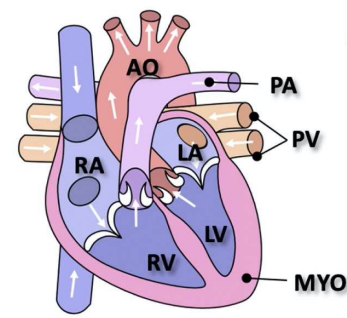
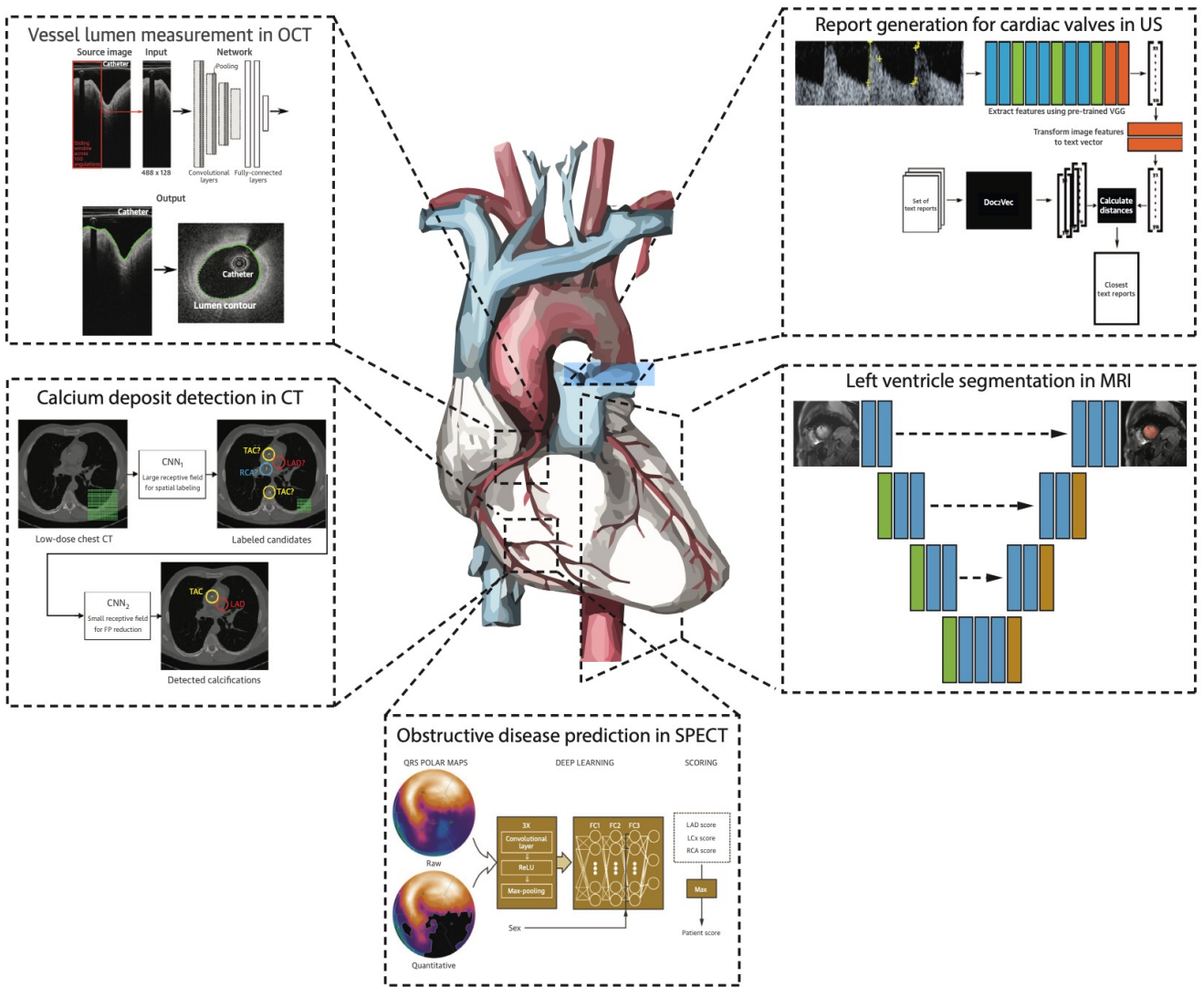
Interpretation tasks: non-image data sources



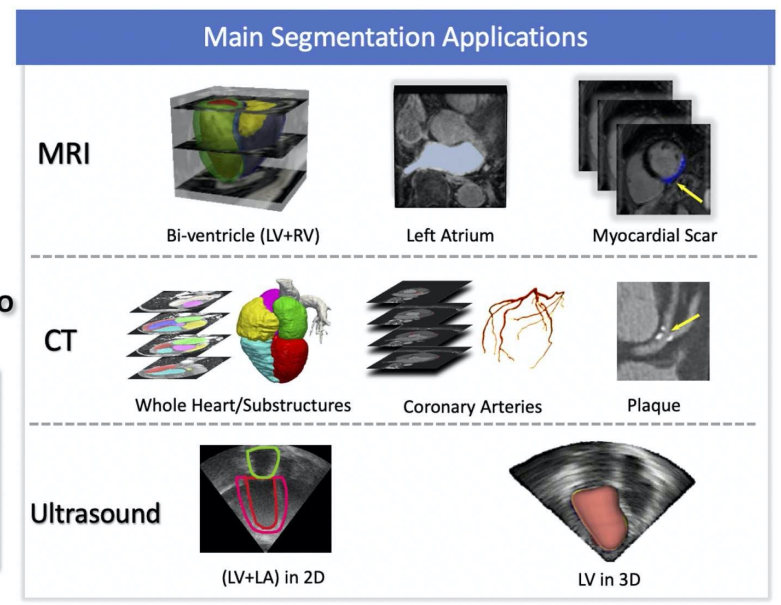
Interpretation tasks: non-image data sources



Organ-based/pathology-driven tasks



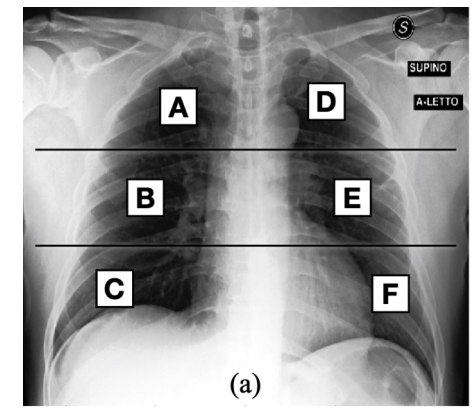
- AO: Aorta
- PA: Pulmonary Arteries
- PV: Pulmonary Veins
- RA: Right Atrium
- RV: Right Ventricle
- LA: Left Atrium
- LV: Left Ventricle
- MYO: Myocardium



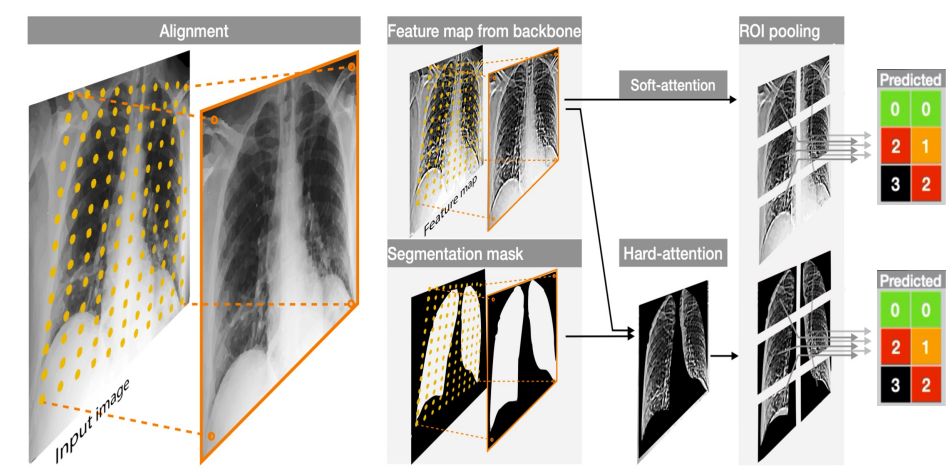
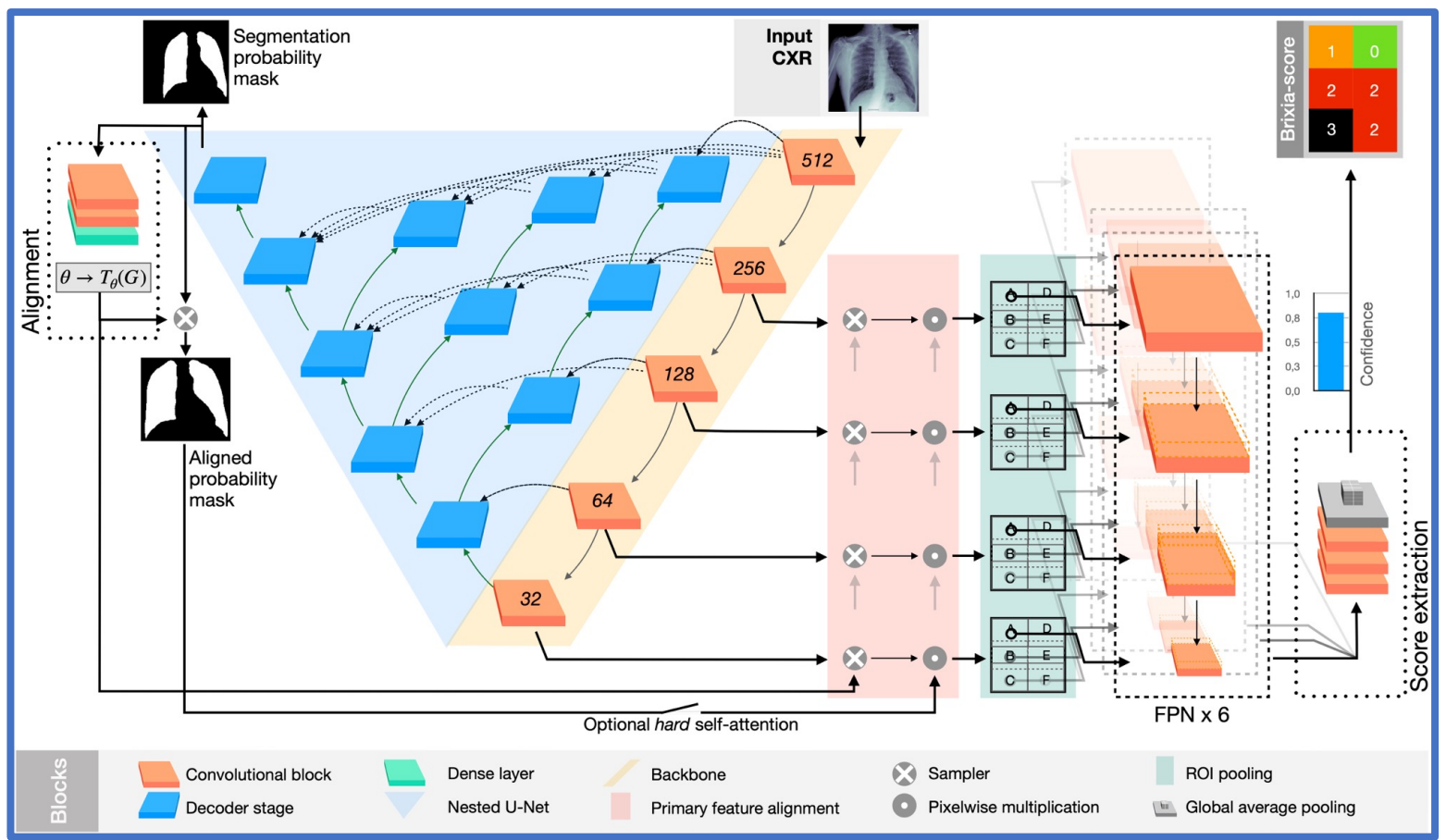
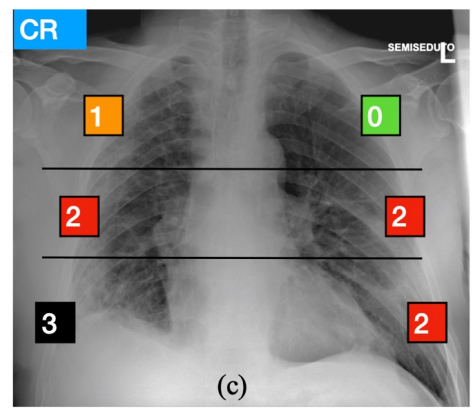
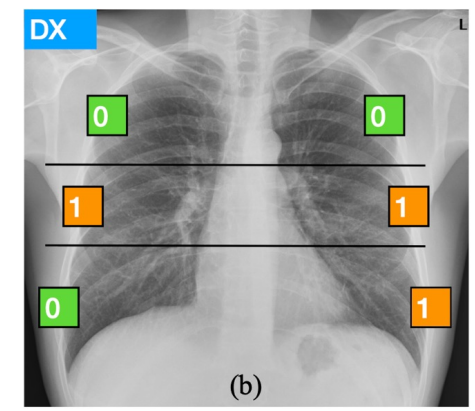
Composite interpretation tasks: multi-network approach



- **Score 0:** no lung abnormalities
- **Score 1:** interstitial infiltrates
- **Score 2:** interstitial and alveolar infiltrates (interstitial predominance)
- **Score 3:** interstitial and alveolar infiltrates (alveolar predominance)



AI-driven evaluation of the «Brixia score» for COVID-19 pneumonia severity assessment
<https://brixia.github.io>



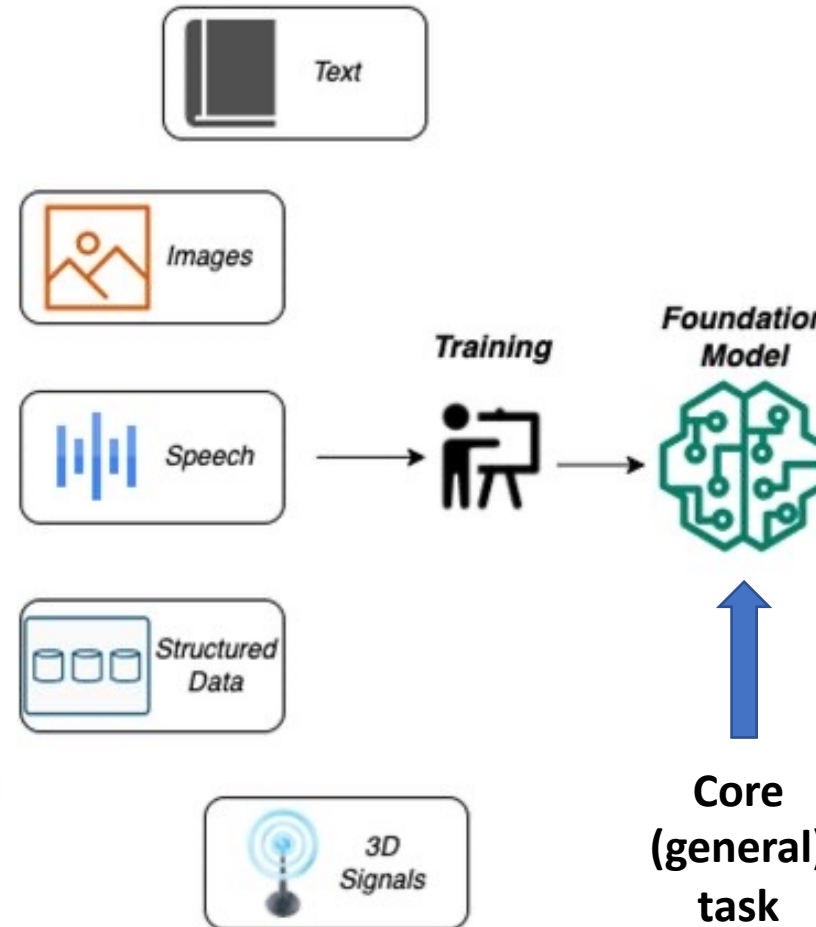
Foundation Models (FM)

AI 3.0

Foundation Models

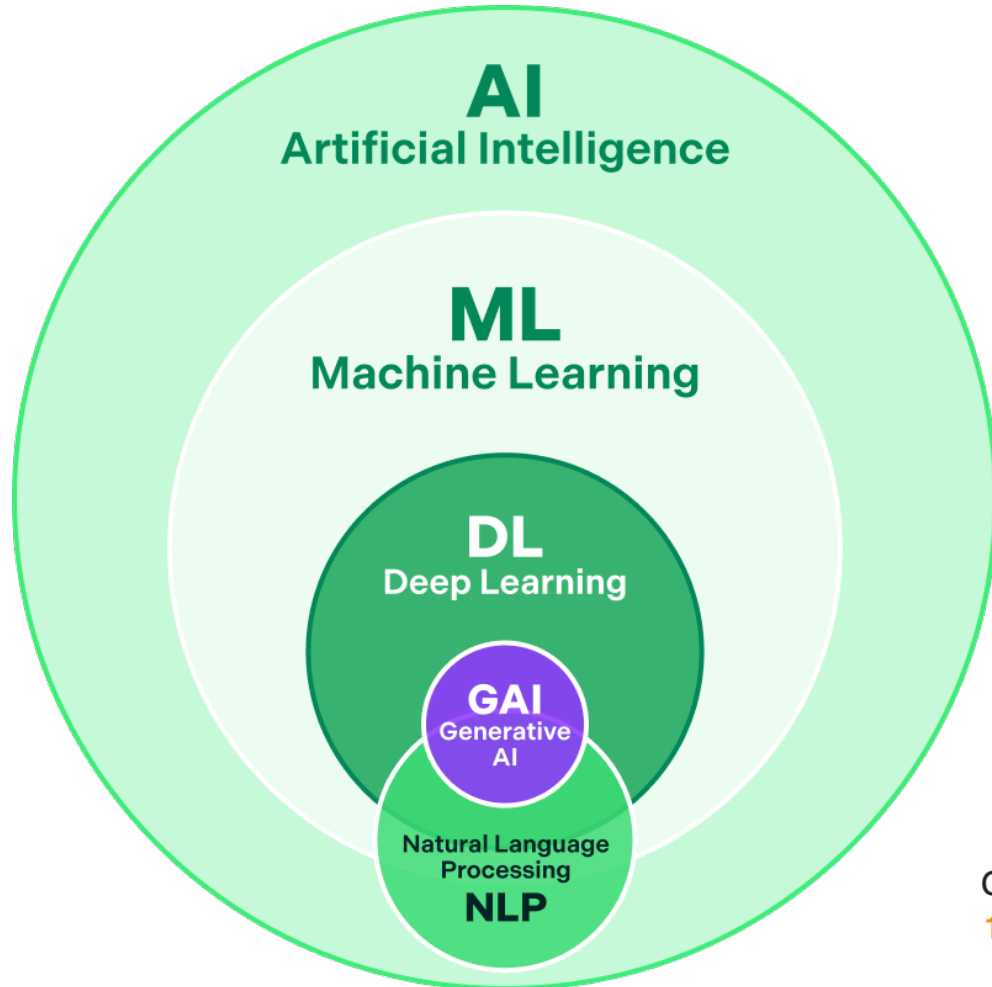


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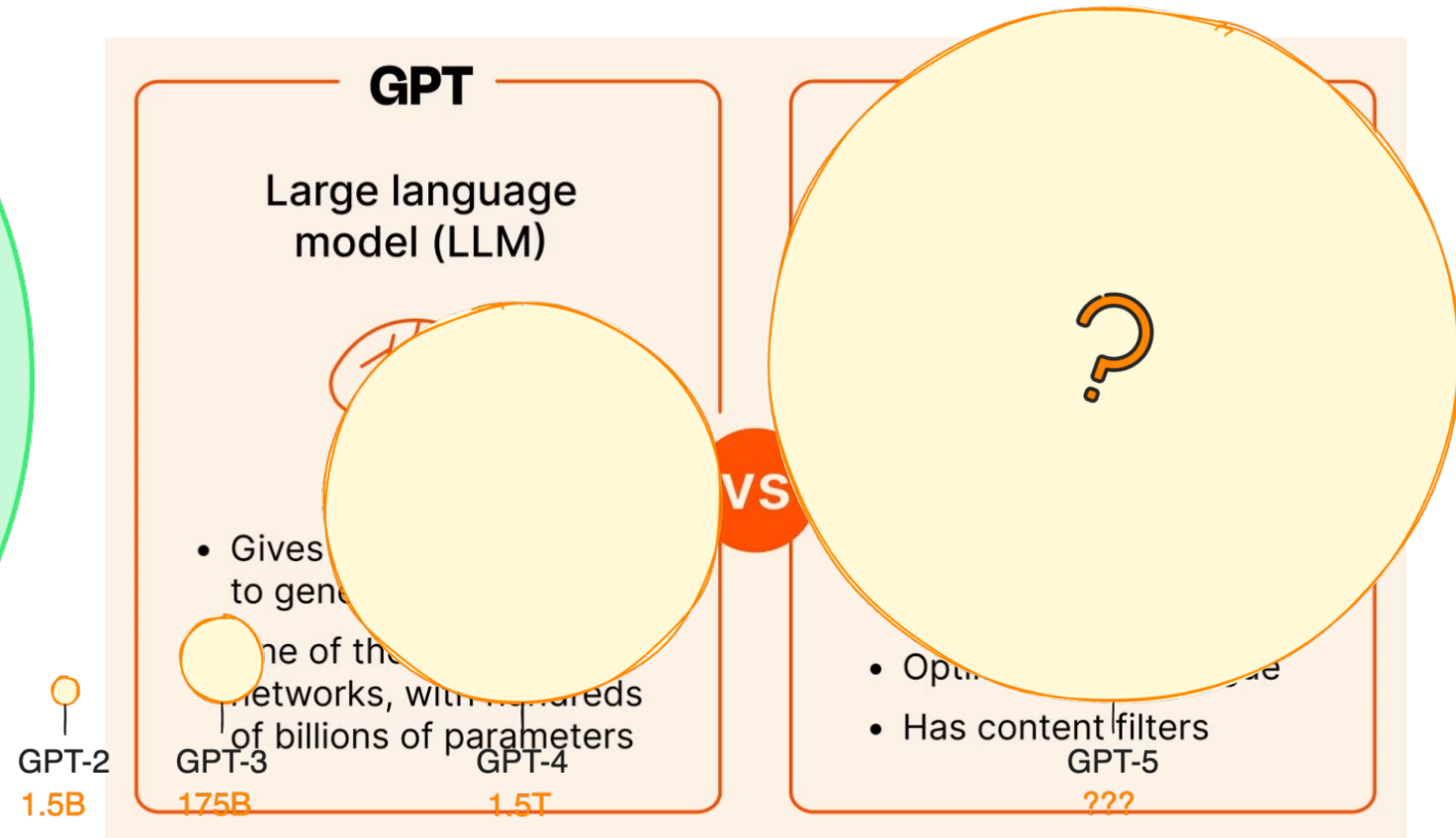


Application driven tasks
(not defined in advance)

FM: Large Language Models



GPT Generative Pre-trained Transformer



Generalist/Generative tasks in medicine

Perspective

Foundation models for generalist medical artificial intelligence

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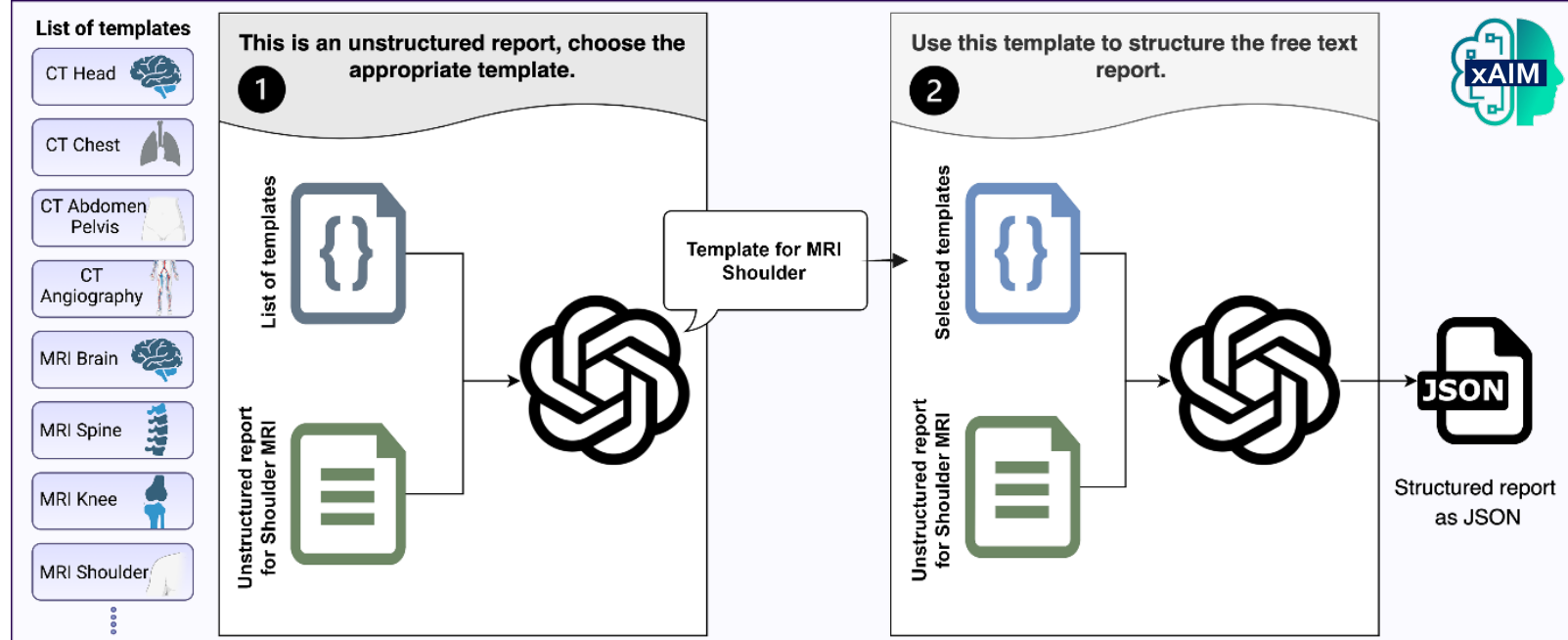
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The exceptionally rapid development of highly flexible, reusable artificial intelligence (AI) models is likely to usher in newfound capabilities in medicine. We propose a new paradigm for medical AI, which we refer to as generalist medical AI (GMAI). GMAI models will be capable of carrying out a diverse set of tasks using very little or no task-specific labelled data. Built through self-supervision on large, diverse datasets, GMAI will flexibly interpret different combinations of medical modalities, including data from imaging, electronic health records, laboratory results, genomics, graphs or medical text. Models will in turn produce expressive outputs such as free-text explanations, spoken recommendations or image annotations that demonstrate advanced medical reasoning abilities. Here we identify a set of high-impact potential applications for GMAI and lay out specific technical capabilities and training datasets necessary to enable them. We expect that GMAI-enabled applications will challenge current strategies for regulating and validating AI devices for medicine and will shift practices associated with the collection of large medical datasets.

Generalist/Generative tasks: based on LLMs



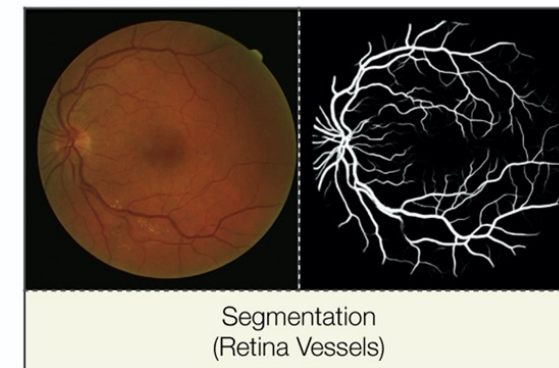
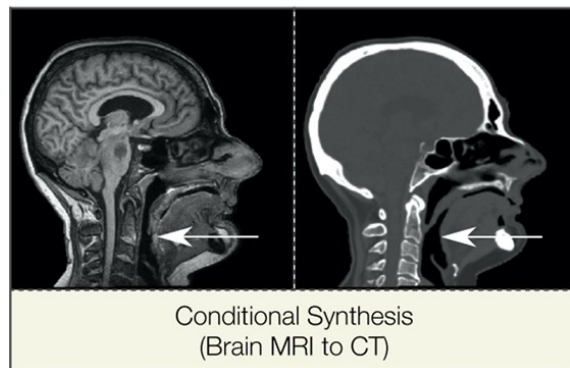
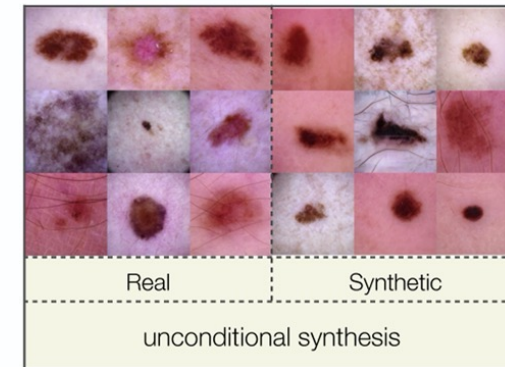
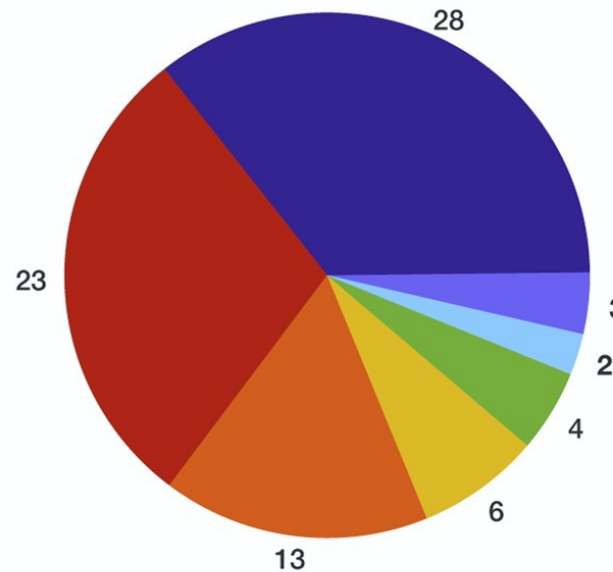
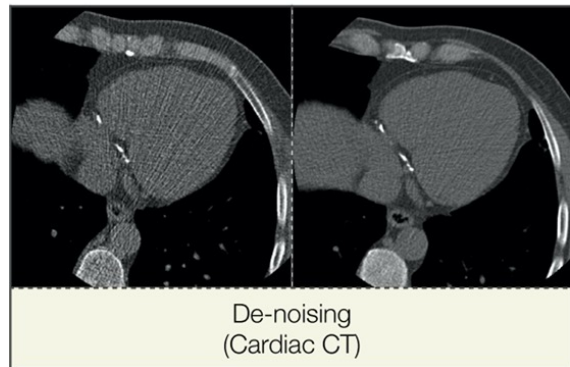
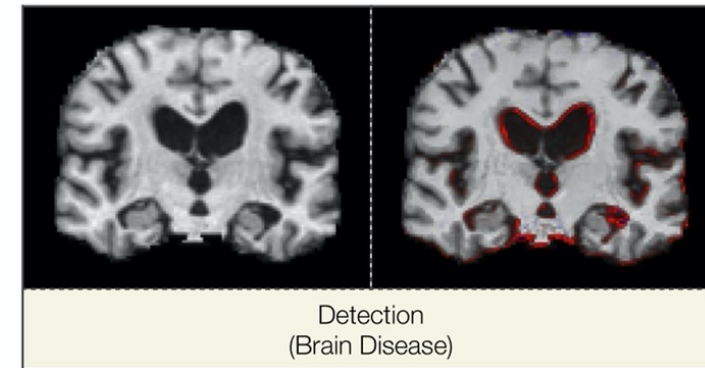
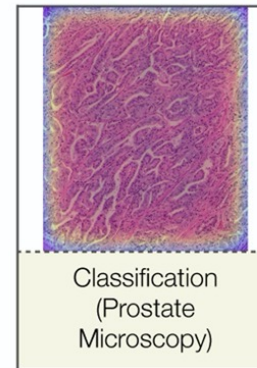
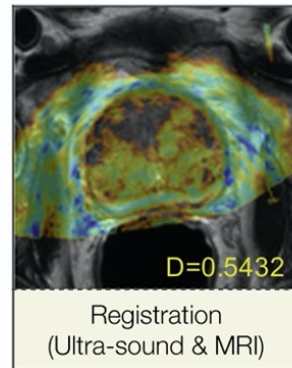
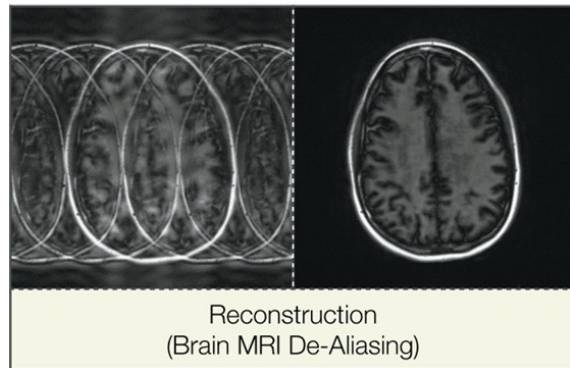
1 Free Text

HISTORY: A 42-year-old female presents with shoulder pain. **COMPARISON:** None available. **TECHNIQUE:** A 3T MRI of the right shoulder was conducted, using a variety of sequences, including axial proton density with fat saturation, axial GRE, coronal proton density with fat saturation, coronal T1, sagittal T2 with fat saturation, and sagittal T1. **FINDINGS:** The MRI reveals preserved articular cartilage and hematopoietic bone marrow. The acromioclavicular joint displays mild to moderate degenerative changes, with inferior joint capsule hypertrophy and enthesophytes causing mass effect on the underlying supraspinatus tendon. The coracoacromial ligament appears mildly thickened. Bone marrow edema is present within the clavicle, likely due to osteoarthritis, but may also be indicative of early distal clavicular osteolysis. A small amount of fluid and edema can be seen within the subacromial/subdeltoid bursa, which may suggest bursitis. No glenohumeral joint effusion is observed. Mild tendinopathy is present in the supraspinatus, infraspinatus, and subscapularis tendons. The supraspinatus tendon also exhibits mild bursal-sided fraying. The teres minor tendon appears normal. The biceps tendon and anchor are intact. Evaluation of the labrum is limited due to lack of joint fluid. A tear of the superior labrum, posterosuperiorly, is identified. Incidentally noted are breast implants. **IMPRESSION:** Posterosuperior superior labral tear. Bone marrow edema in the clavicle, likely secondary to osteoarthritis but possibly due to early changes of distal clavicular osteolysis. Mild tendinopathy in the supraspinatus, infraspinatus, and subscapularis tendons. Mild to moderate degenerative changes in the acromioclavicular joint.

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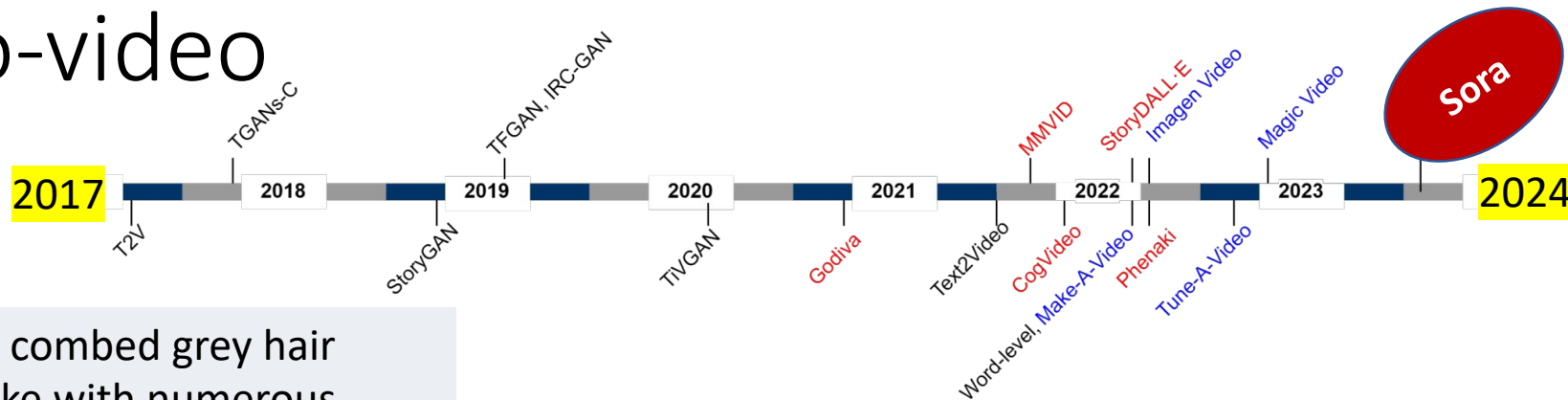
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	INFRASPINATUS	Mild tendinopathy.
	TERES MINOR	Normal.
	SUBSCAPULARIS	Mild tendinopathy.
	ROTATOR CUFF	Not mentioned.
	ACROMIO-CLAVICULAR JOINT	Mild to moderate degenerative changes, with inferior joint capsule hypertrophy and enthesophytes causing mass effect on the underlying supraspinatus tendon.
	BICEPS TENDON	Intact.
	GLENOID LABRUM	A tear of the superior labrum, posterosuperiorly.
	GLENOHUMERAL JOINT	No joint effusion.
	HYALINE CARTILAGE	Preserved.
BONE MARROW	Bone marrow edema is present within the clavicle, likely due to osteoarthritis, but may also be indicative of early distal clavicular osteolysis.	
SOFT TISSUES	The coracoacromial ligament appears mildly thickened. Small amount of fluid and edema within the subacromial/subdeltoid bursa suggestive of bursitis. Incidentally noted breast implants.	
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Generative tasks: imaging (both A2.0 and A3.0 approaches)



Current frontiers: generative text-to-video

Impressive... but still “statistics”
(no evidence of “meaning appropriation”)



Prompt: A grandmother with neatly combed grey hair stands behind a colorful birthday cake with numerous candles

at a wood dining room table, expression is one of pure joy and happiness, with a happy glow in her eye. She leans forward and blows out the candles with a gentle puff, the cake has pink frosting and sprinkles and the candles cease to flicker, the grandmother wears a light blue blouse adorned with floral patterns, several happy friends and family sitting at the table can be seen celebrating, out of focus. The scene is beautifully captured, cinematic, showing a 3/4 view of the grandmother and the dining room. Warm color tones and soft lighting enhance the mood.



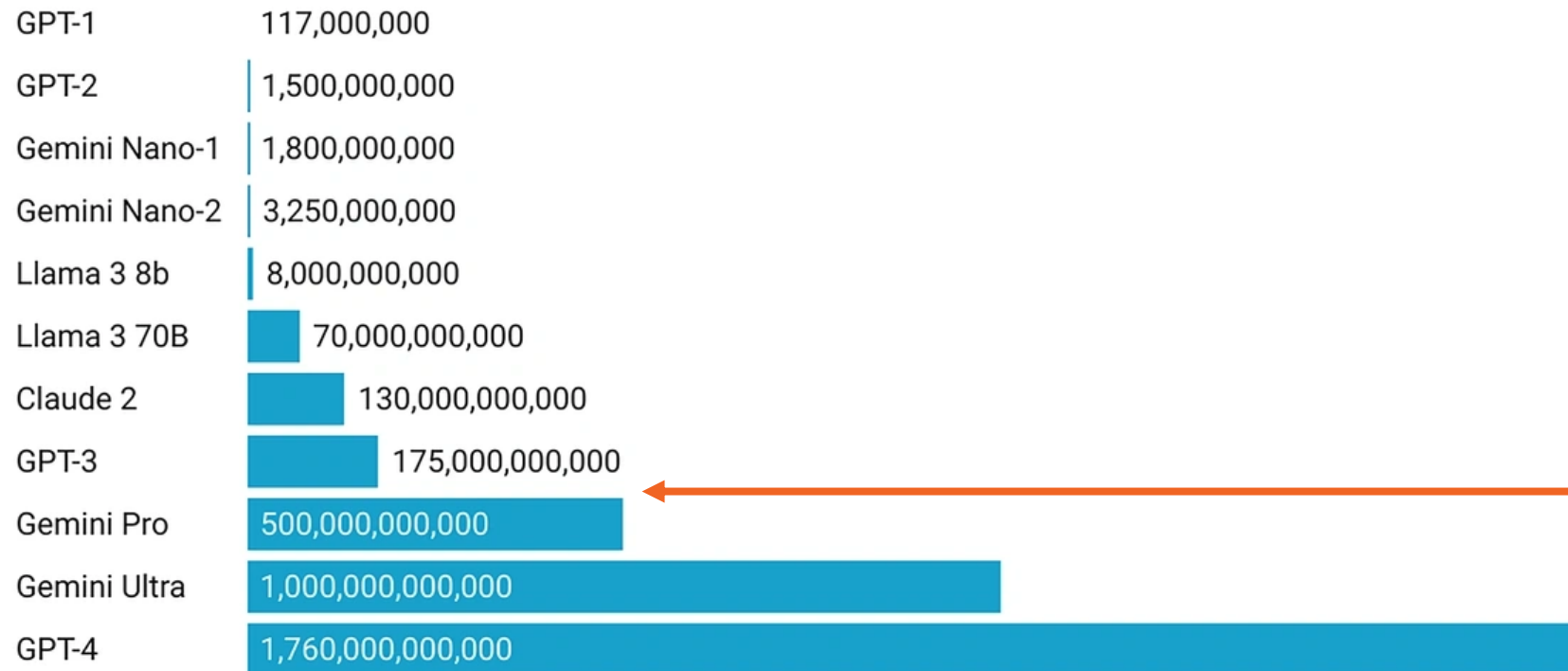
Prompt: Archeologists discover a generic plastic chair in the desert, excavating and dusting it with great care.



Parameters in foundation models

Parameters in Selected AI Models

Some of these figures are estimates. Newer models are many times larger than their predecessors.

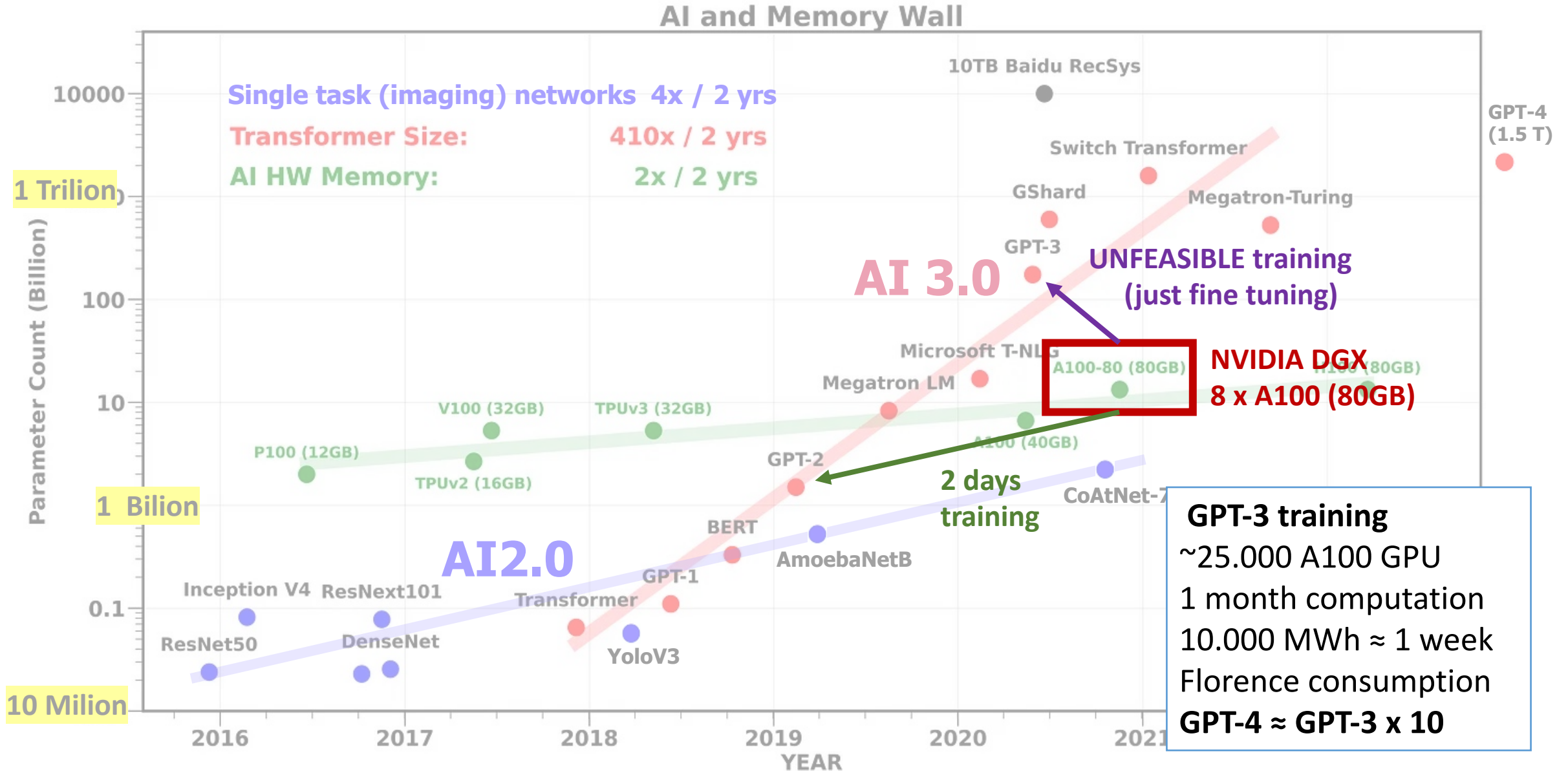


At this point in time, we seem to have reached a plateau.

Today models can use reasoning modules and divide up tasks (Mixture of Experts).

GPT-4o

Parameter trends



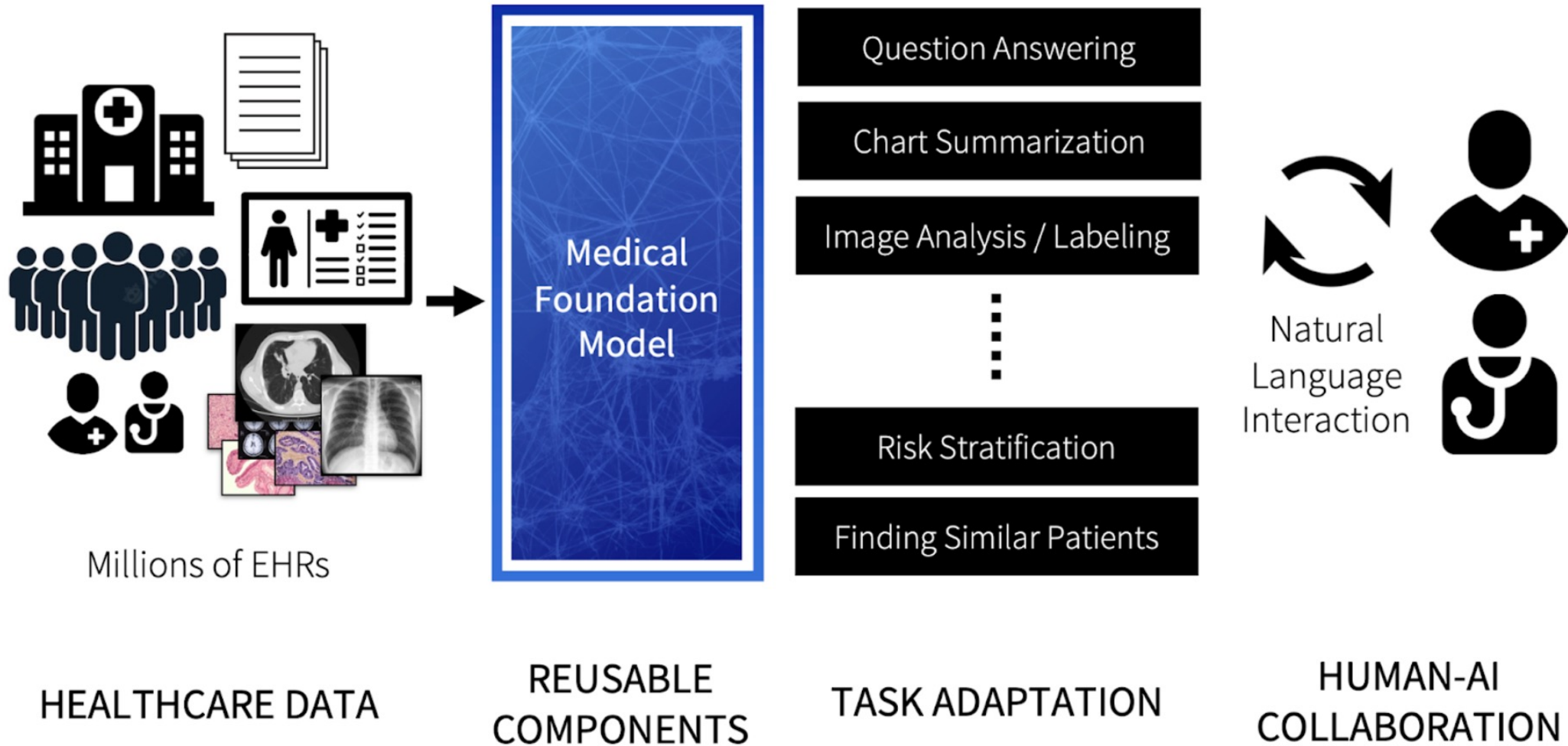
AI in medicine: current “directions”



Other higher complexity dimensions still to be fully explored, e.g.:

- **Multimodality** (what, where, when)
- **Preventive medicine** (patient timeline)
- **Affordable size Foundation Models**

Large language models and foundation models in medicine



A new cardiology foundation model



HuBERT-ECG: a self-supervised foundation model for broad and scalable cardiac applications

Edoardo Coppola¹, Mattia Savardi², Mauro Massussi^{2,3}, Marianna Adamo^{2,3}, Marco Metra^{2,3}, Alberto Signoroni²

- **9.1 million** unlabeled and labeled ECGs from multiple sources
- **Self-supervised pre-training** on unlabeled ECGs
- Facilitated fine-tuning on **many specific clinical tasks**: testing on many scenarios and **164 clinical conditions**

Pretrain

11 datasets
9.1M samples

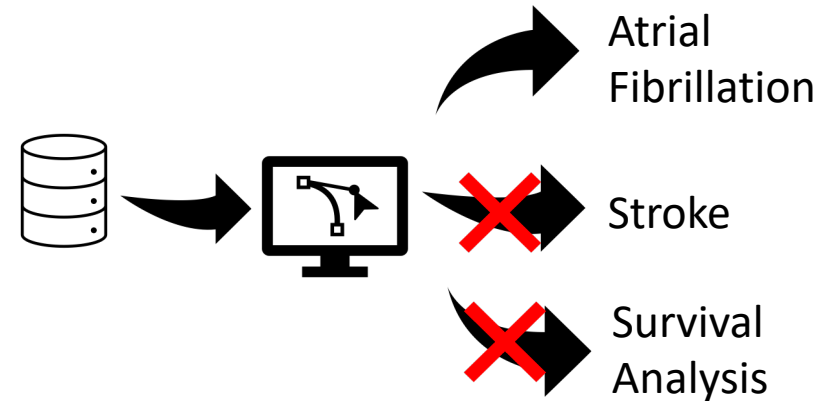
Finetuning

16+1 datasets
2.4M samples

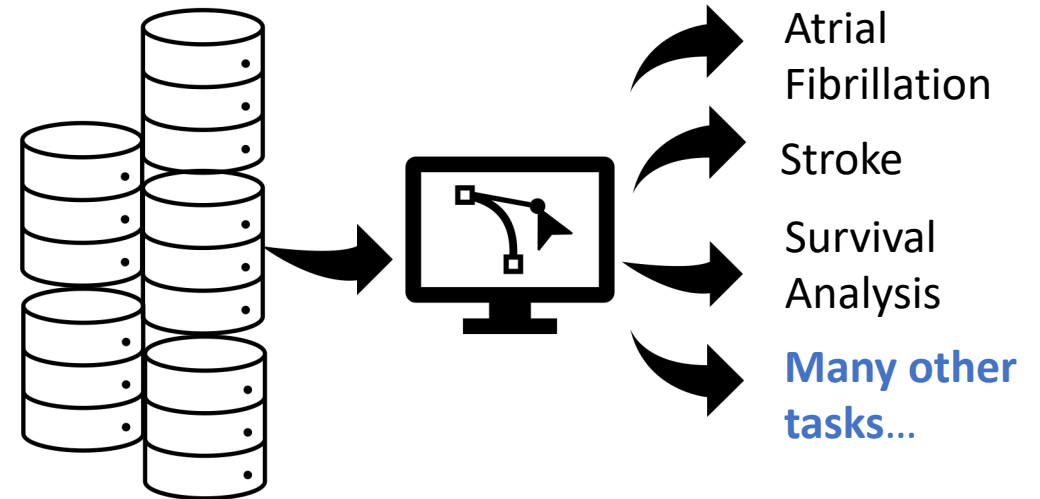
Test

16+1 datasets
164 heart related conditions

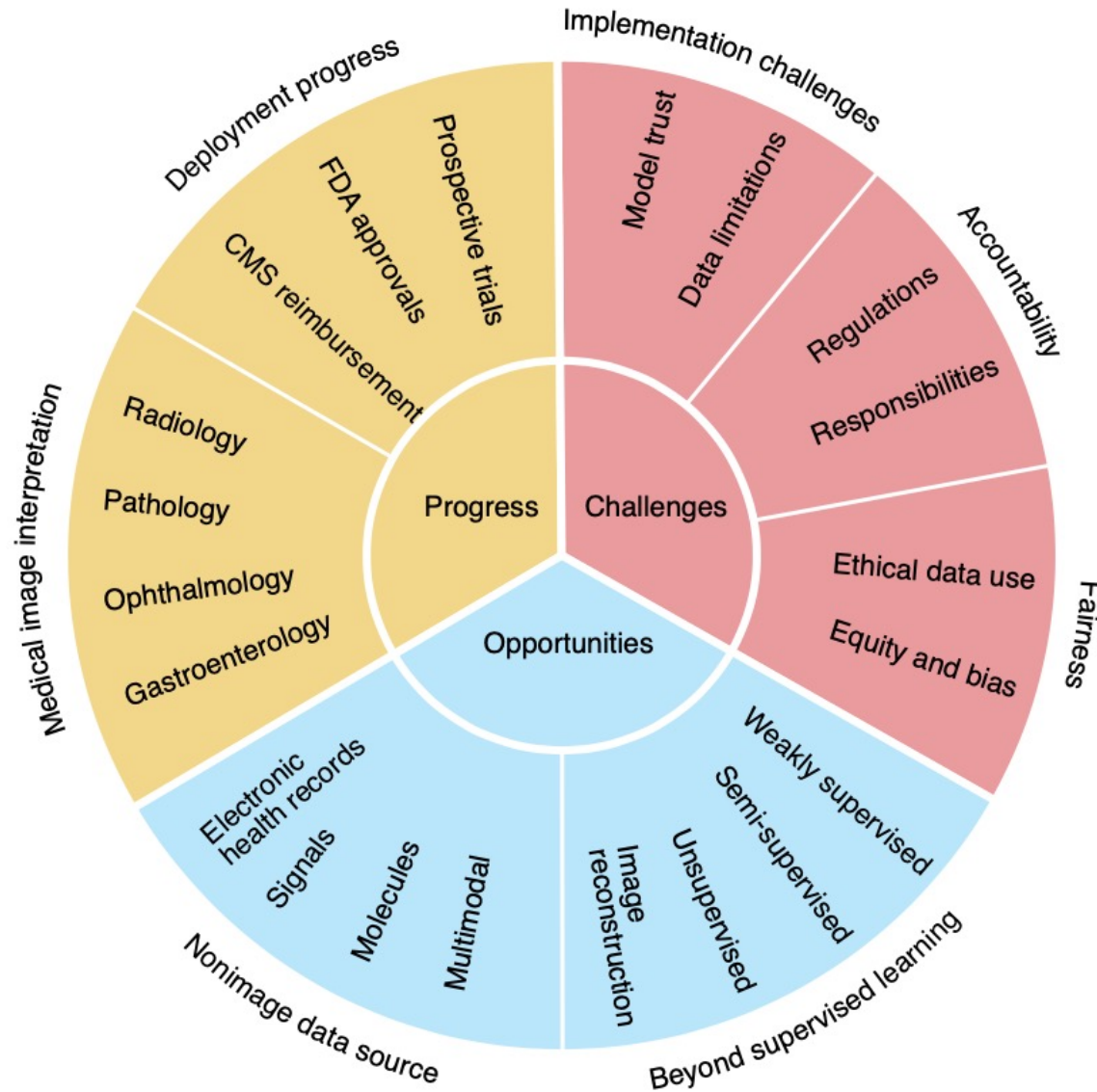
Task-specific ECG models



Foundation ECG model



Progress, challenges and opportunities for AI in health



- Progresses

- Almost all medical specialties have been impacted by AI: not only diagnosis but also risk prediction and treatment
- Not only experimental: growing market of deployed (FDA or CE certified) AI products

- Opportunities

- Multimodal data fusion (not only images)
- Not only supervised learning: many possible “learning” paradigms (full data labeling can be too expensive/time consuming)
- Not only human vs machine: collaborative approaches, human-in-the-loop

- Challenges

- Implementation: data/label acquisition costs, dataset dimensions, data biases
- Regulation: locked vs continual learning, accountability, explainability
- Ethics: fairness, privacy, equity, do not harm