



Introduction to
Artificial Intelligence

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Course Outline

- Emergence
- From Turing to LLMs
- The Evolution of AI
- Isn't AI just another program?
- Symbolic vs. Connectionist AI
- The AI Project Lifecycle
- Learning Paradigms
- Ethics & Bias
- Challenges
- Current Trends

A large radio telescope dish is silhouetted against a dark night sky filled with stars. The Milky Way galaxy is visible as a bright, hazy band of light stretching across the sky. The telescope is mounted on a tall, dark structure. In the foreground, a dark, flat landscape is visible, with a few other smaller telescope dishes in the distance. The overall scene is a mix of natural beauty and technological achievement.

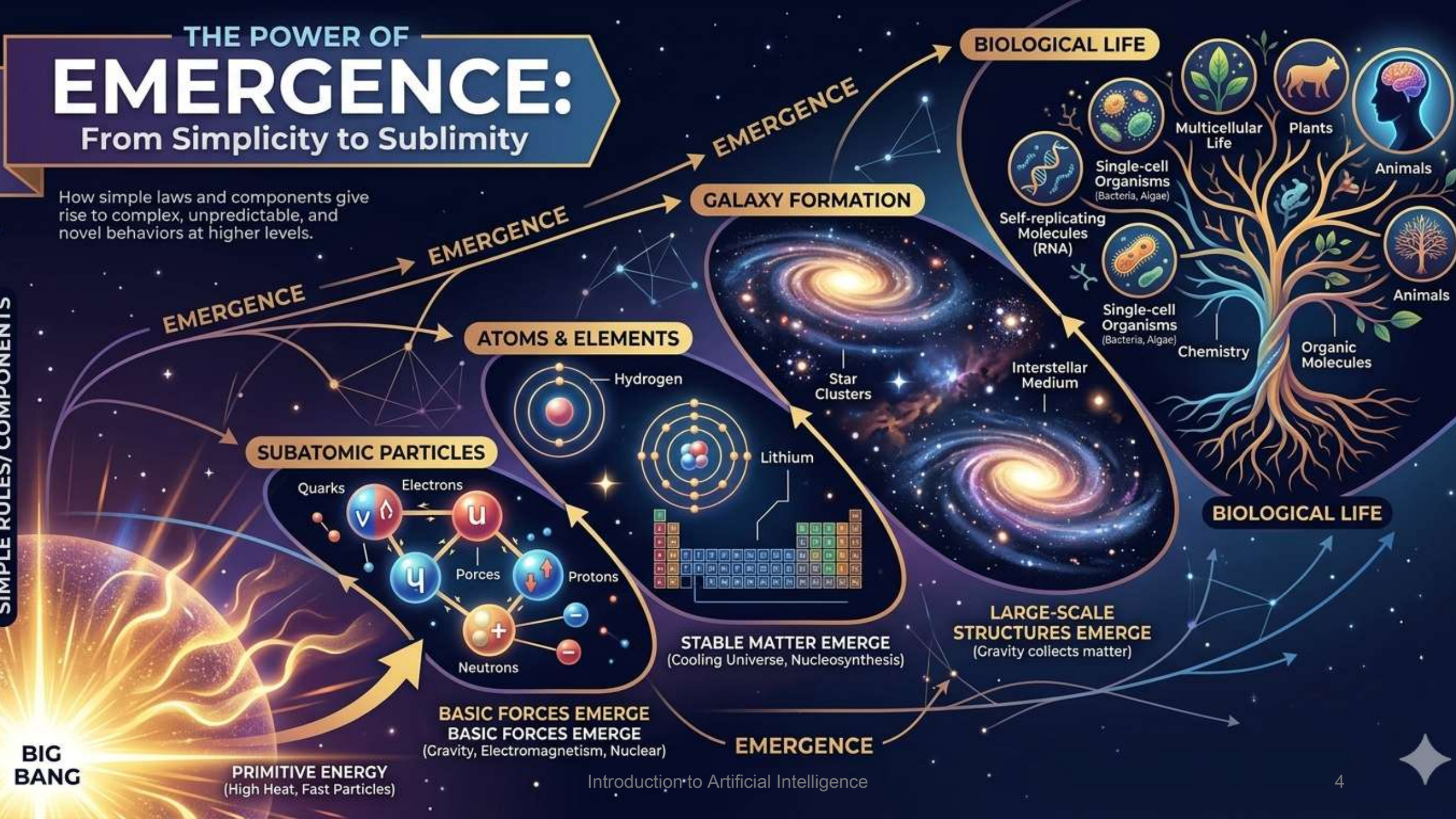
Emergence

THE POWER OF EMERGENCE:

From Simplicity to Sublimity

How simple laws and components give rise to complex, unpredictable, and novel behaviors at higher levels.

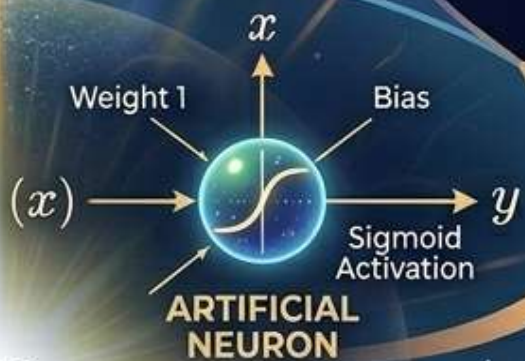
SIMPLE RULES/COMPONENTS



AI AND NEURAL NETWORK EMERGENCE: From Components to Cognition

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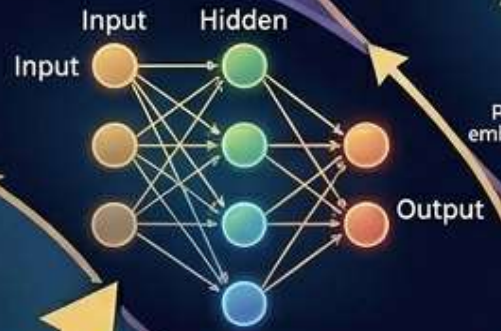
SIMPLE COMPONENTS (Neural Unit)



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EMERGENCE

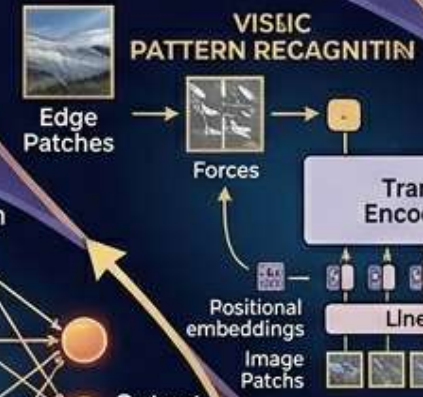
SIMPLE NEURAL NETWORK



BASIC PATTERN RECOGNITION (Universal Approximators)

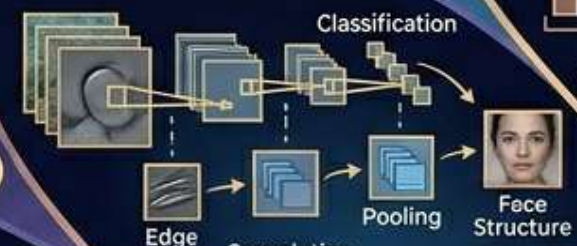
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BASIC NEURAL NETWORK



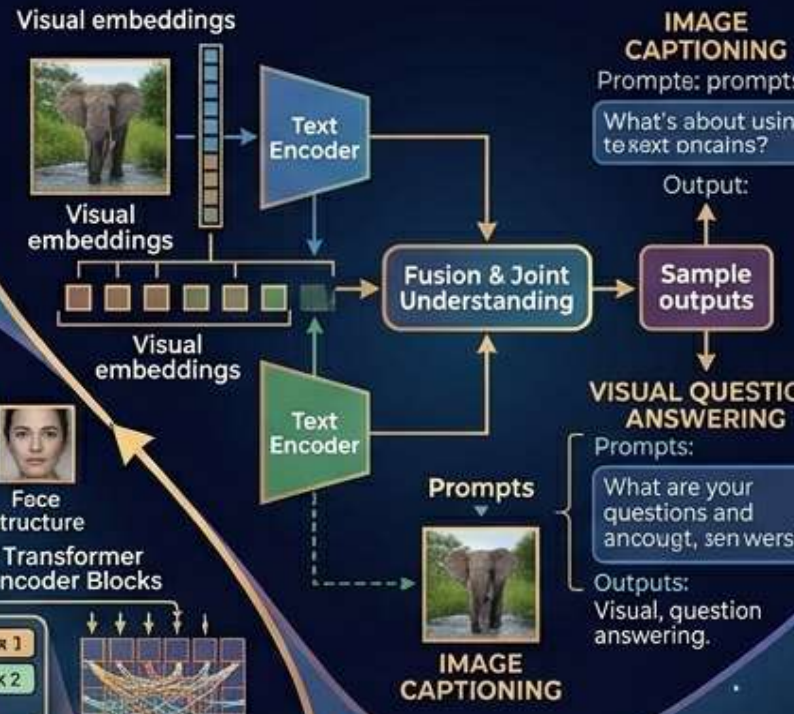
VISION TRANSFORMERS (Spatial Pattern Experts)

CONVOLUTIONAL NEURAL NETWORKS (CNNs)



EMERGENCE

VISION-LANGUAGE MODELS (VLMs)



SCALABLE GLOBAL CONTEXT (Attention-based Vision)

VISION-LANGUAGE MODELS (VLMs)

SCALING OF MODEL & DATA SIZE

BIG BANG

Intelligence – Fundamental Principles

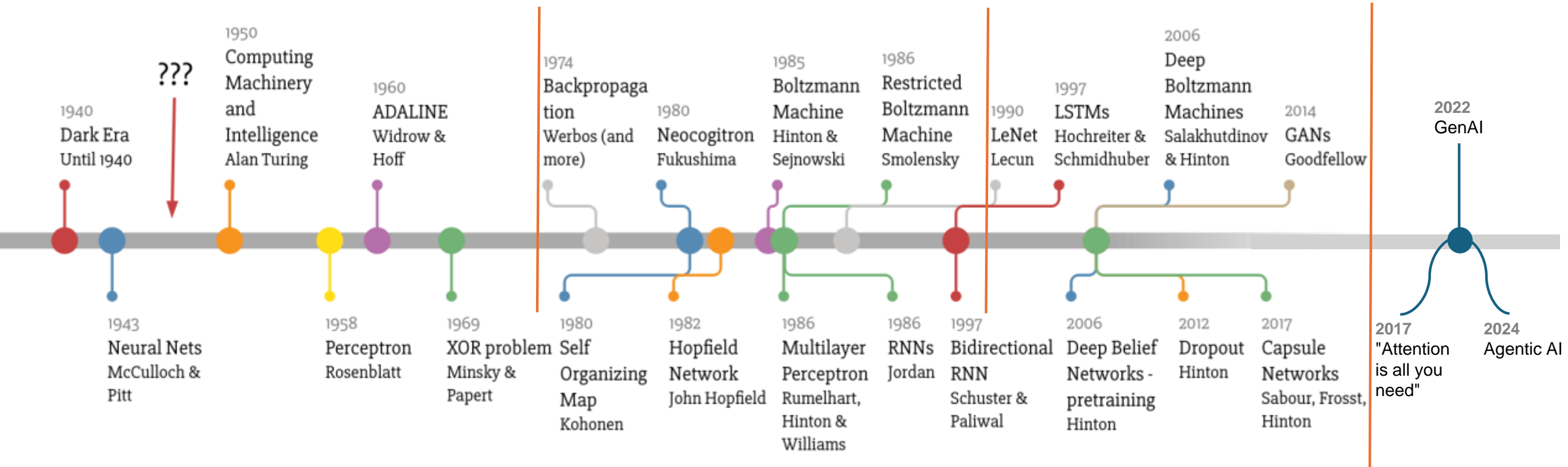
An intelligent system is a **self-maintaining** system that **adaptively** regulates its interaction with the environment through a **plastic** perception-action loop, guided by intrinsic norms.

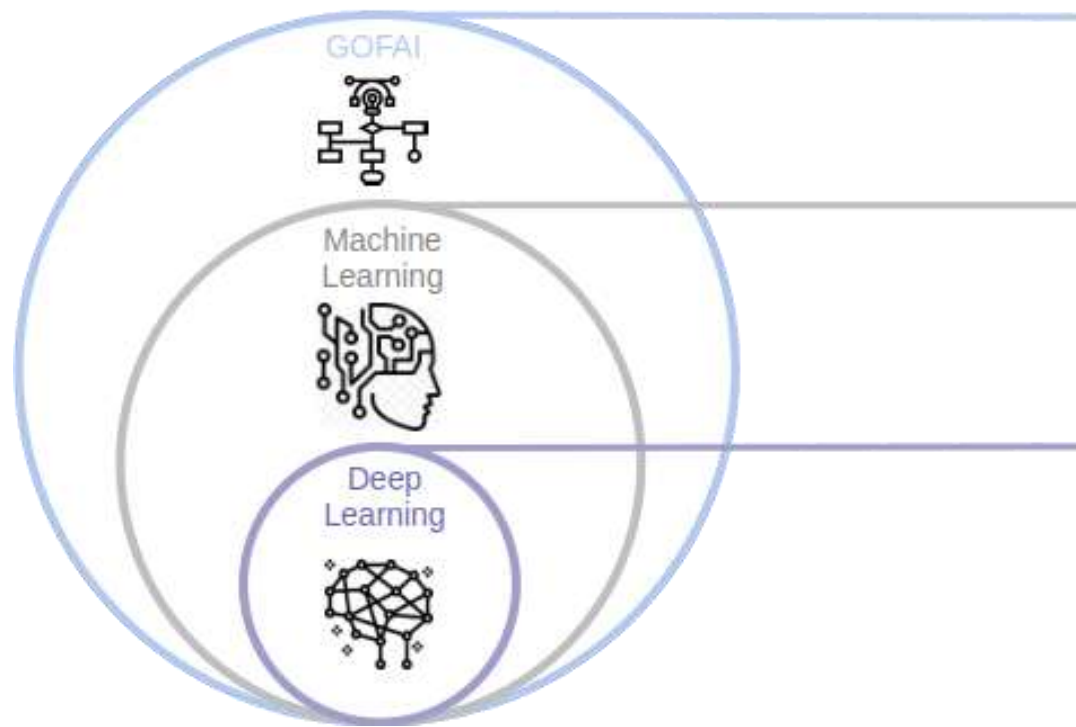
1. Self-organization
Learning

2. Adaptation

3.

From Turing to LLMs





Rule-Based AI :

- propositional & predicate logic
- Rules + Knowledge base = Intelligence

Human & Machine collaboration:

- Manual feature extraction
- Step-by-step analysis
- Automatic ML classification

Biology Inspire:

- 100% data driven
- End-to-End
- Fully-automated analysis
- Millions of parameters

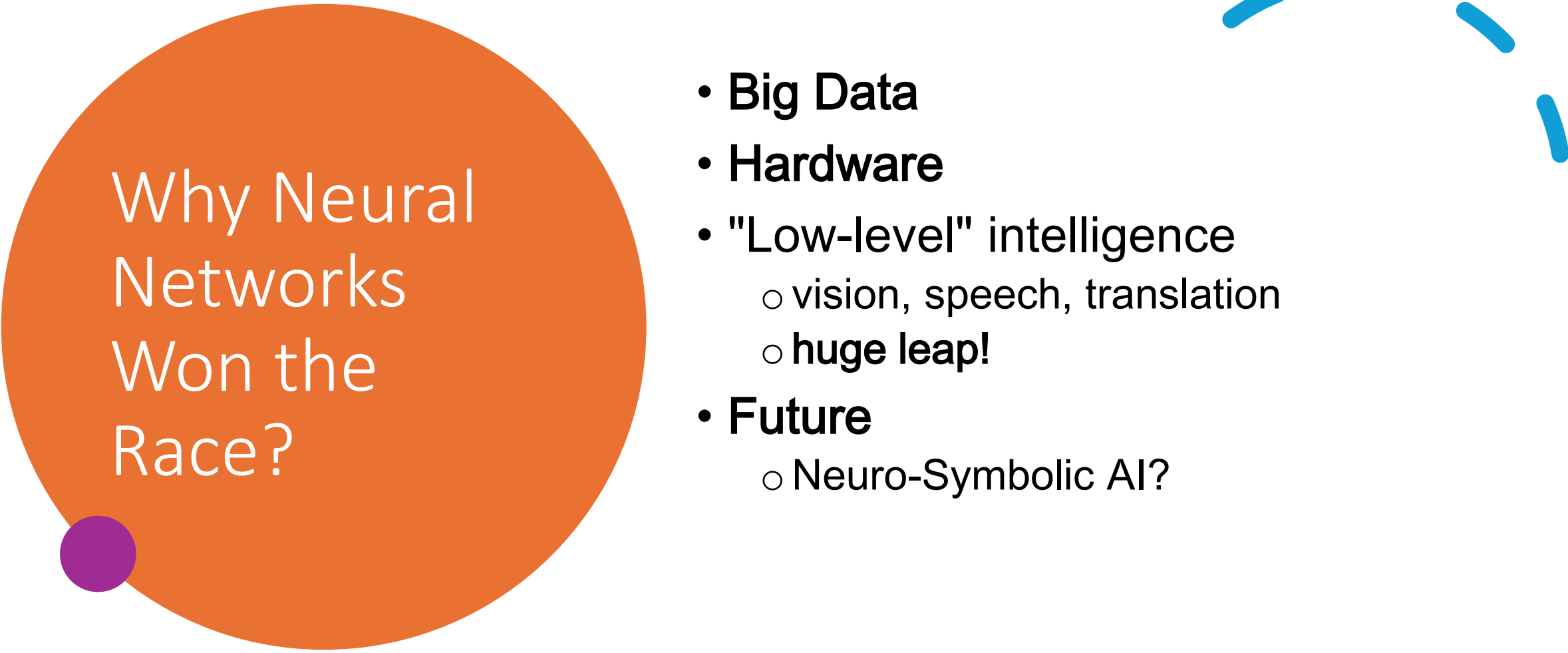
The Evolution of Artificial Intelligence

Isn't AI just another program?

Feature	Traditional Programming	Artificial Intelligence (ML)
Logic	Hand-coded rules	Learned patterns from data
Flexibility	<u>Rigid</u> , only does what it's told	<u>Adaptive</u> , generalize on new data
Outcome	Predictable and repeatable	Probabilistic and prognostic
Best For	Browsing, accounting, basic processing	Image analysis , recognition, generation, image to text

Symbolic AI vs. Artificial Neural Network

	Symbolic AI	Artificial Neural Network
Logic	If $A=B$ and $B=C$, then $A=C$	Adaptive weights
Structure	Data + Rules = GOFAI	Layers of densely connected neurons
Strength	Explainable	Partial information, noise, complexity
Weakness	Rule for every scenario	"Black Box"



Why Neural Networks Won the Race?

- **Big Data**
- **Hardware**
- **"Low-level" intelligence**
 - vision, speech, translation
 - **huge leap!**
- **Future**
 - Neuro-Symbolic AI?

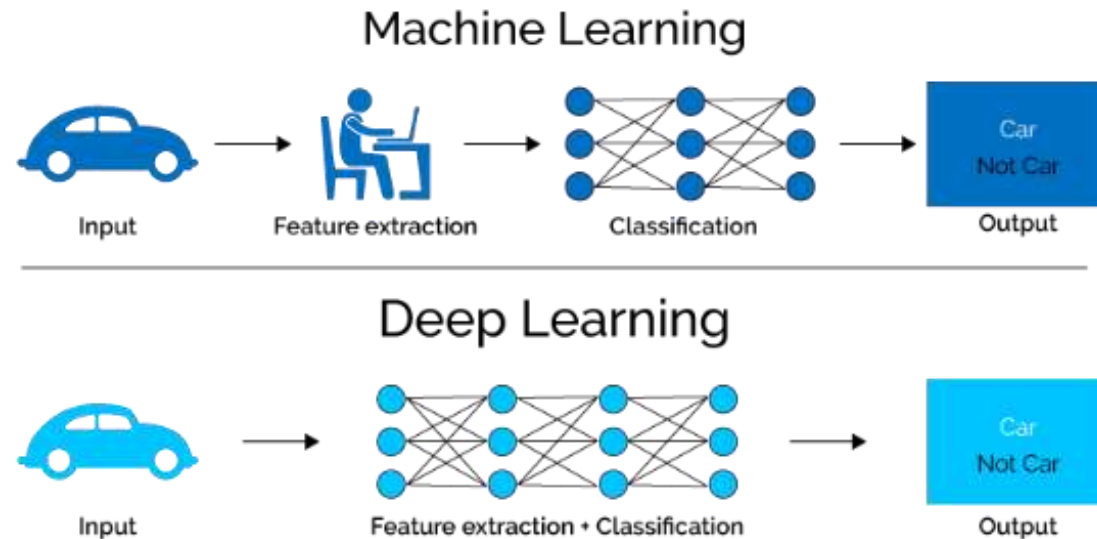
Data: The Engine of AI

Traditional Analysis

- Custom step-by-step process
- **Many** independent algorithms
- Analysis explicitly **coded by human**
- Works with fewer data

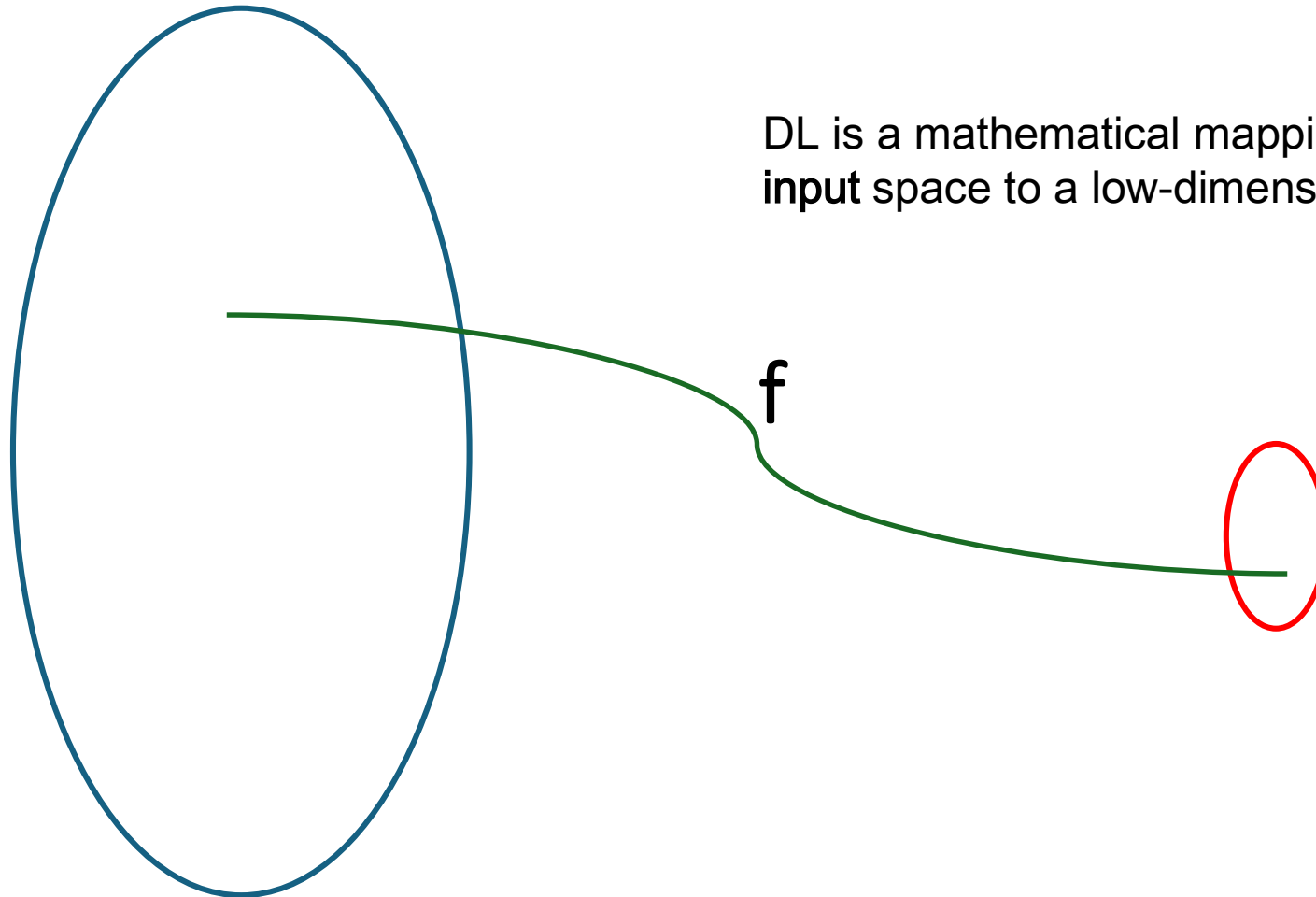
Latest AI Analysis

- End-to-end process
- Fully-automated analysis
- Data **shape** the process
- Error **adapts** the model
- Requires a large amount of data



$$f(x) = y$$

DL is a mathematical mapping from a high-dimensional input space to a low-dimensional **semantic output**

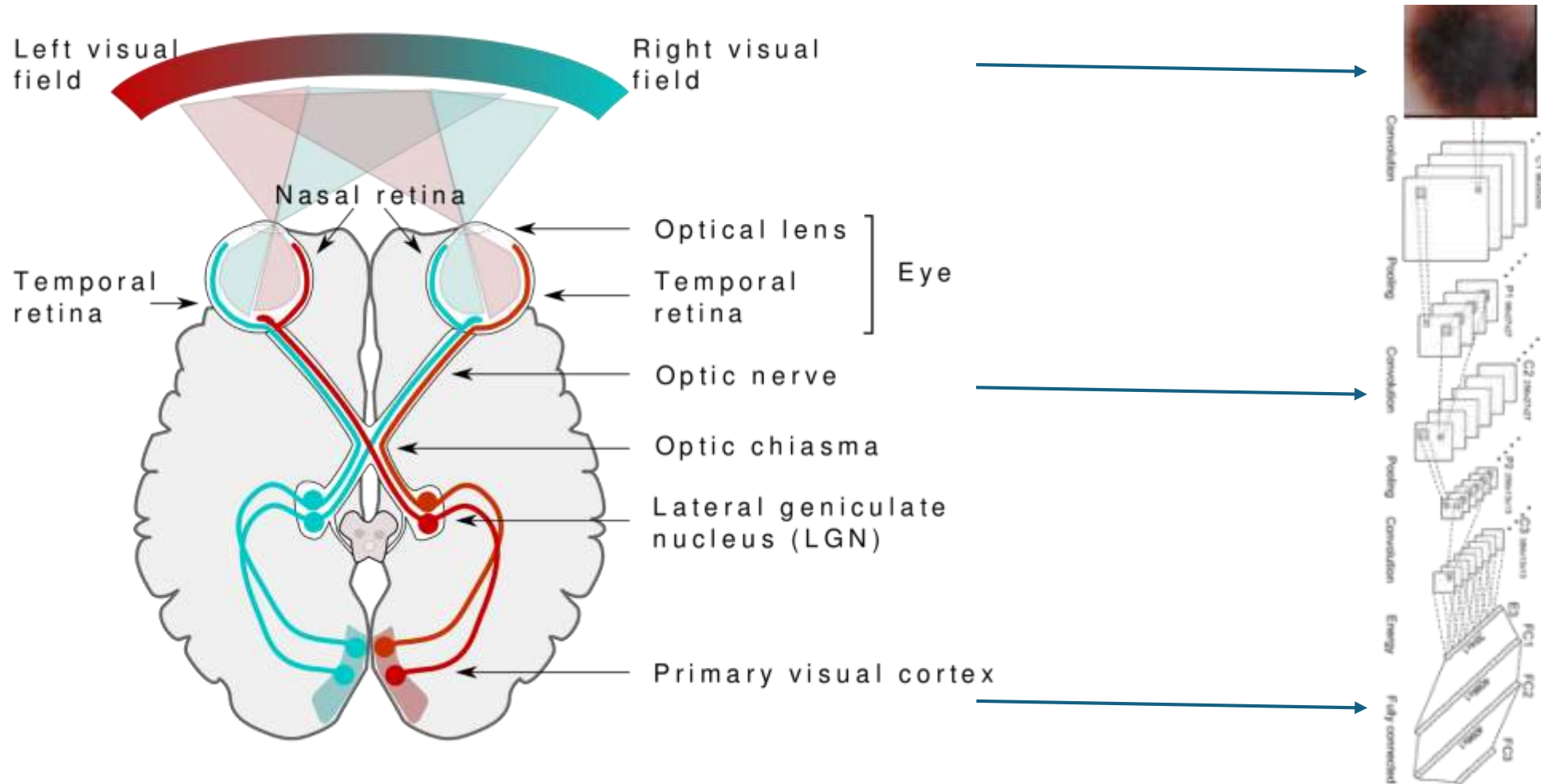


*Oversimplification ;)

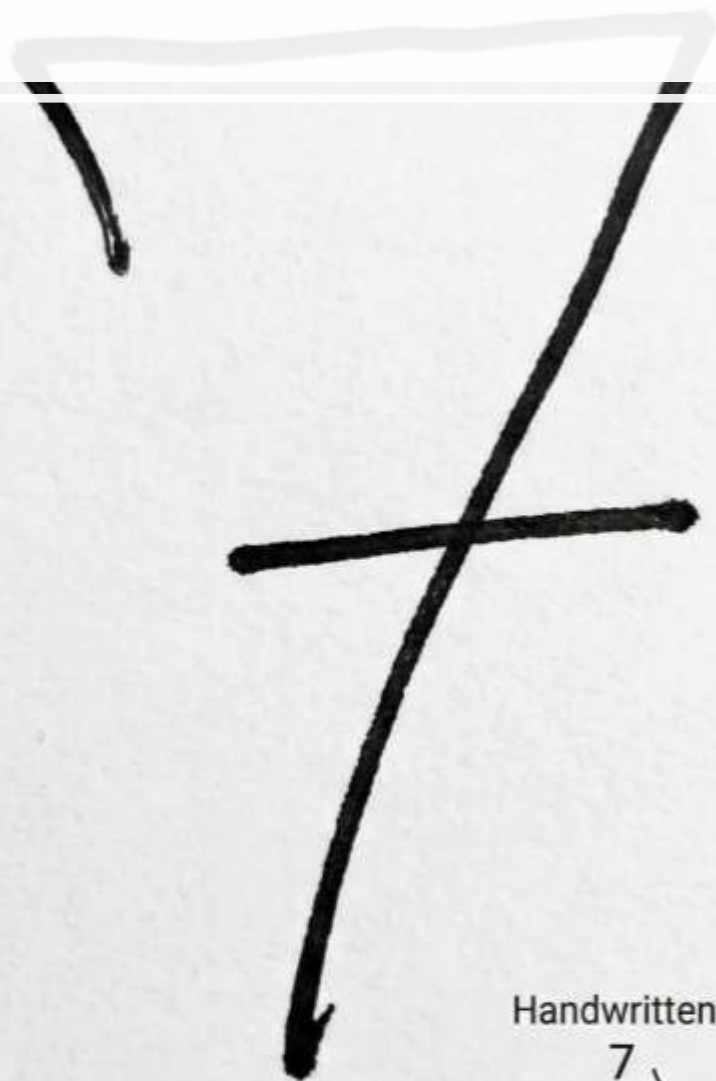
Deep into Convolutional Neural Networks

What makes them tick?

Inspiration of Convolutional Neural Networks



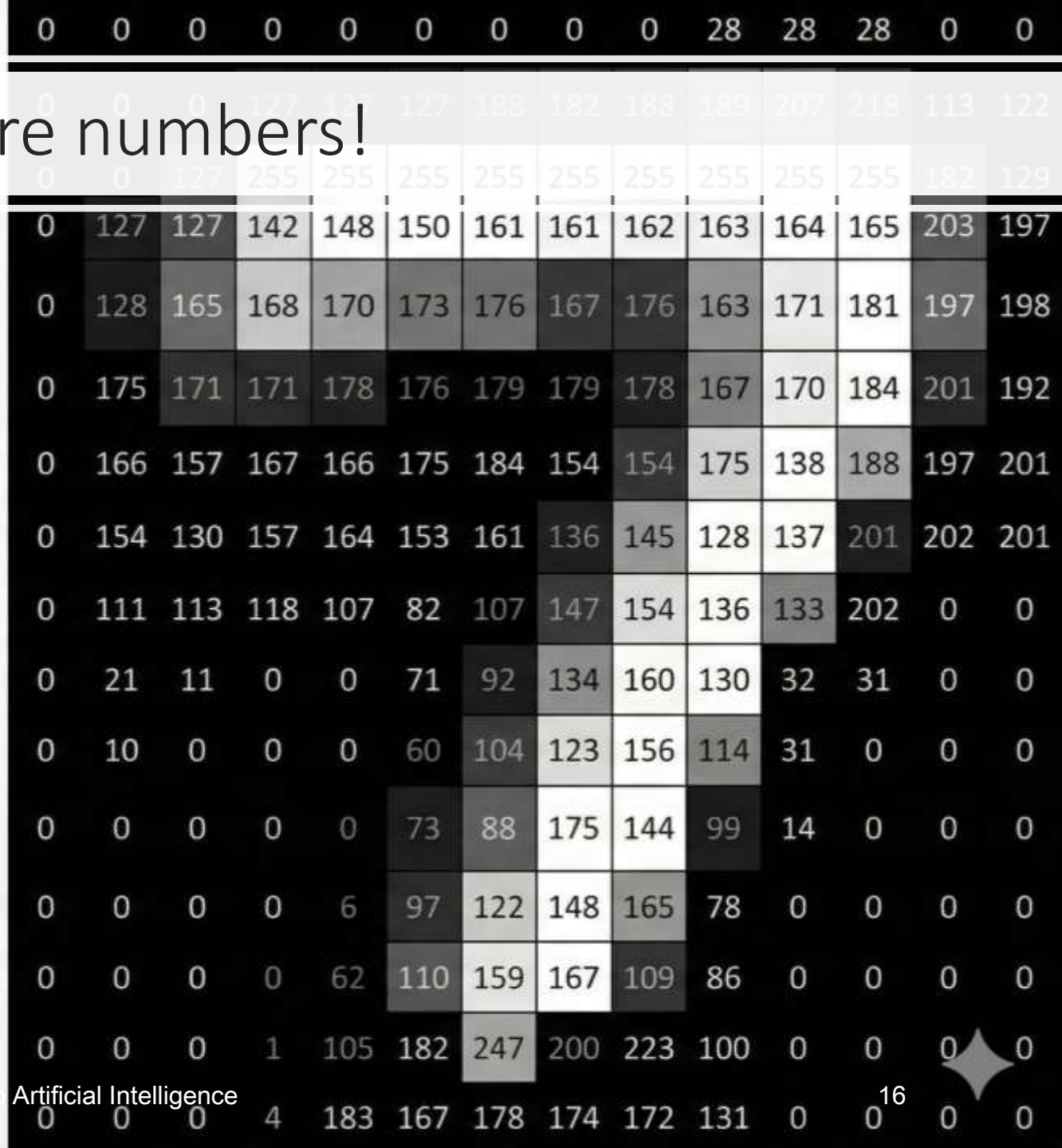
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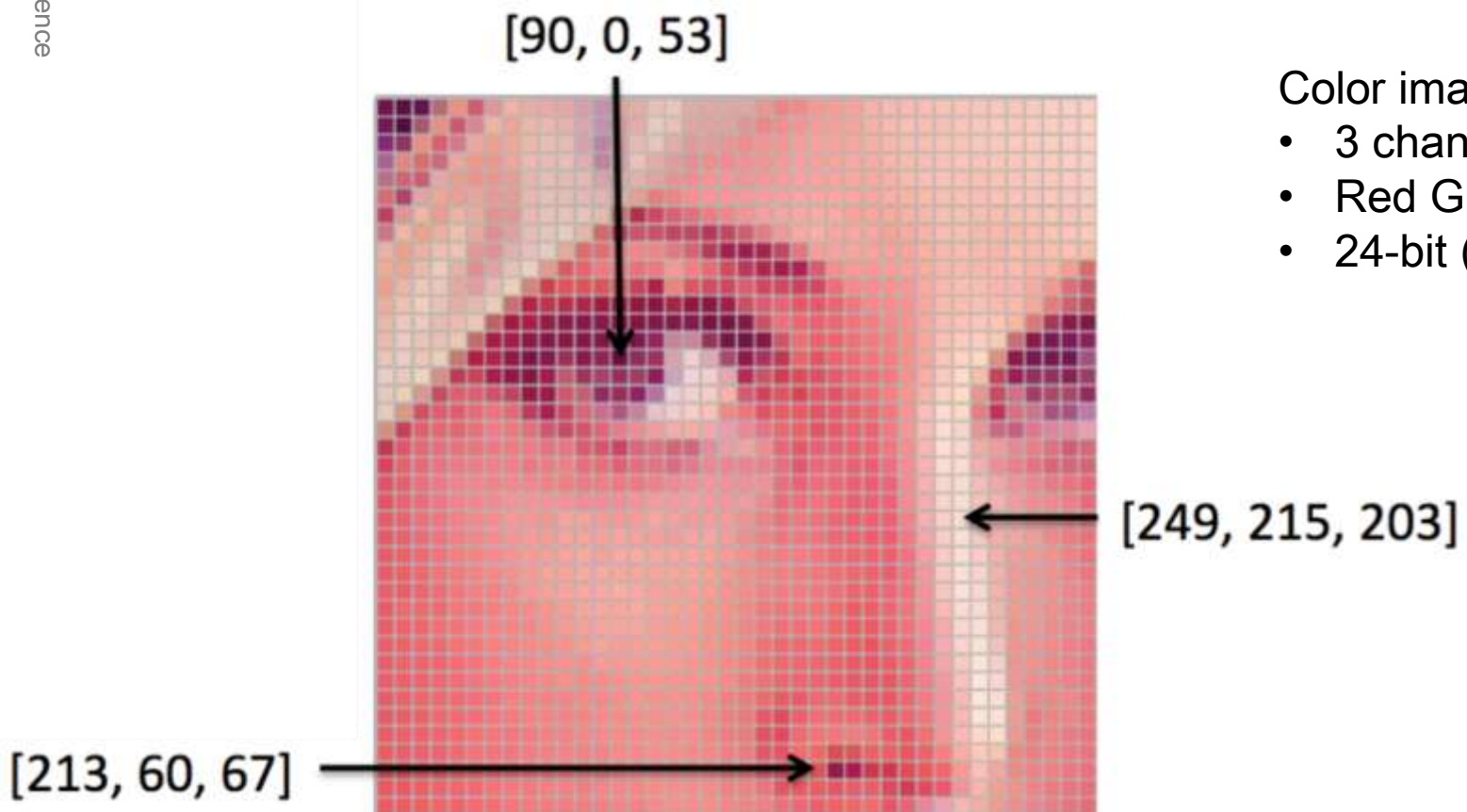
Grayscale Matrix
(0-255)



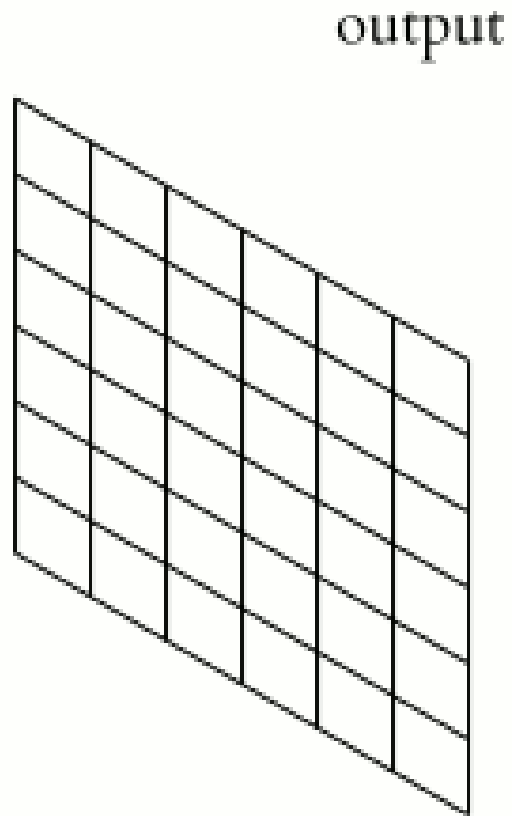
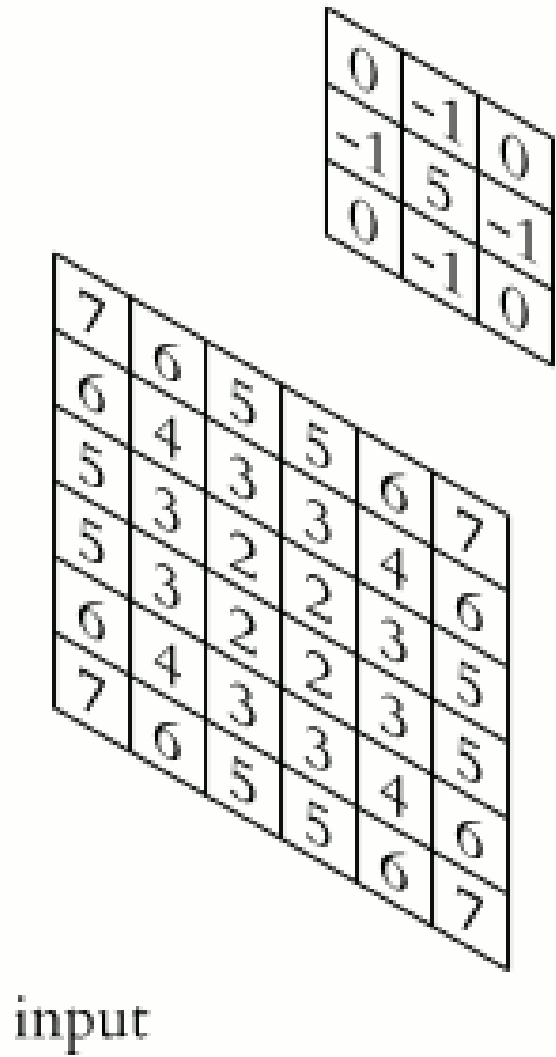
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Color images

- 3 channels
- Red Green Blue (RGB)
- 24-bit (3x8-bit)

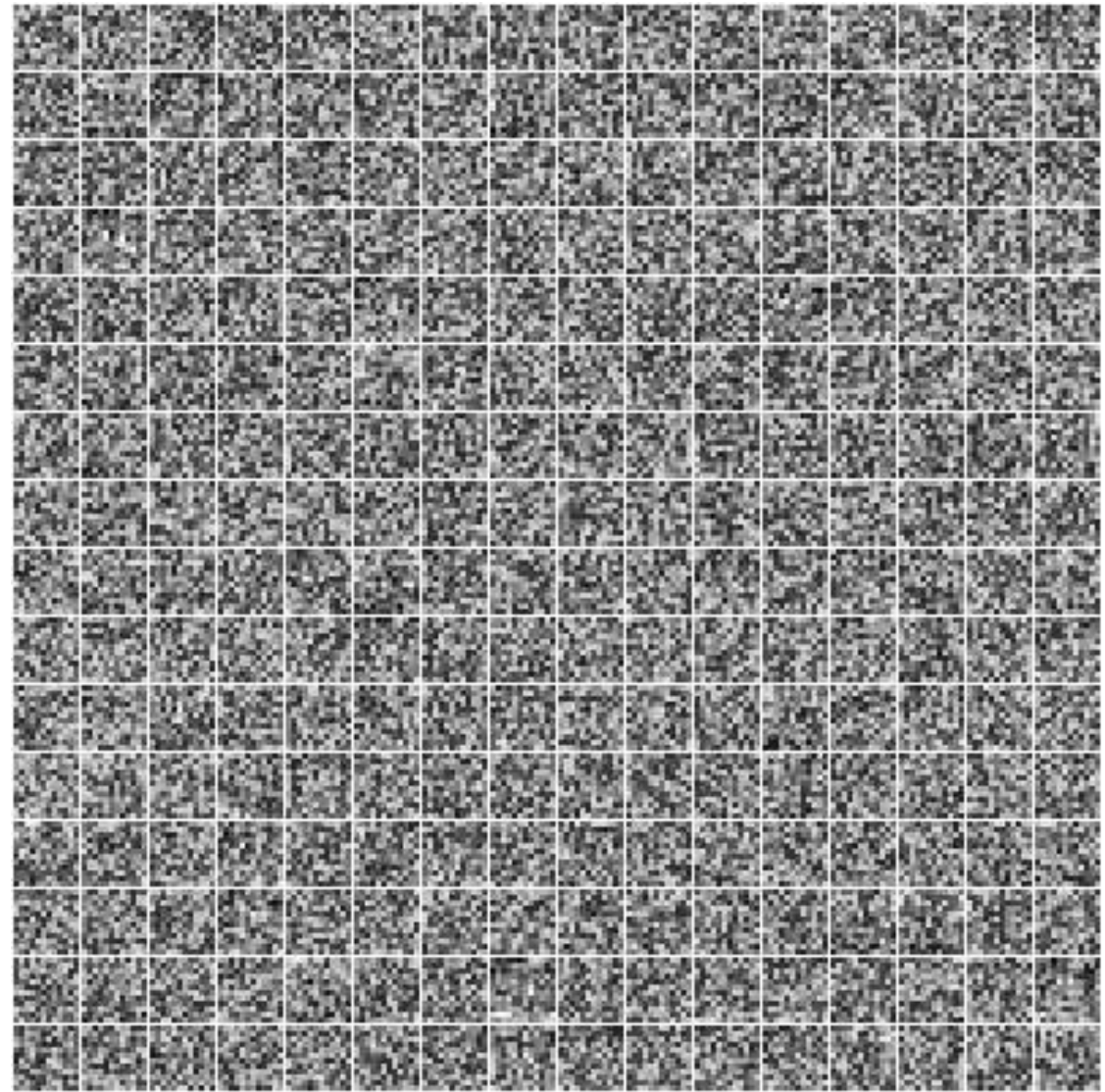


Convolution!



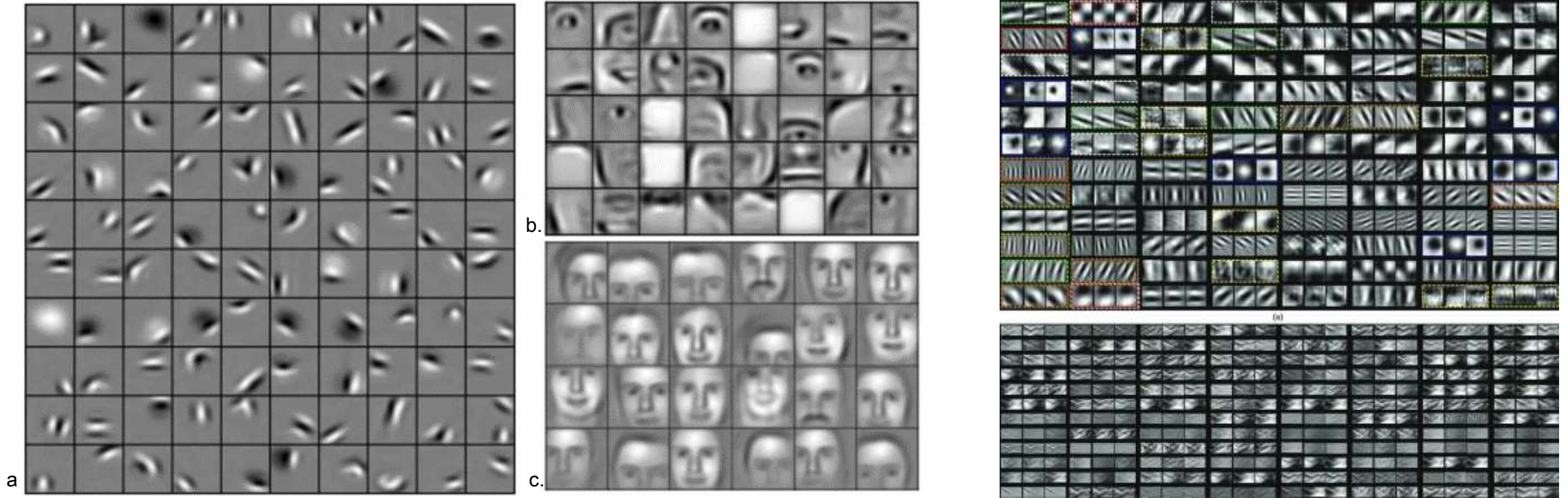
Learnable Filters: From He init to detectors!

Filters



iteration no 0

Custom filters!



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Learnable Filters in Convolutional Layers (early to deep layers)

- Primitive Gabor-like filters identifying basic edges, orientations, and simple gradients
- Part-based detectors combining edges into textures and local structures
- High-level concept filters integrating complex, class-specific semantic representations

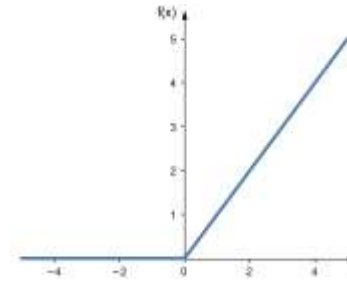


Input

Applying Learnable Features to Input Images

Feature Maps

Sparsity as an Accelerant of Generalization



Activation Function

- Non-linearity to remove negative neurons $[f(x)=\max(0,x)]$ while allowing positive signals to pass unchanged
- Mitigates the vanishing gradient problem

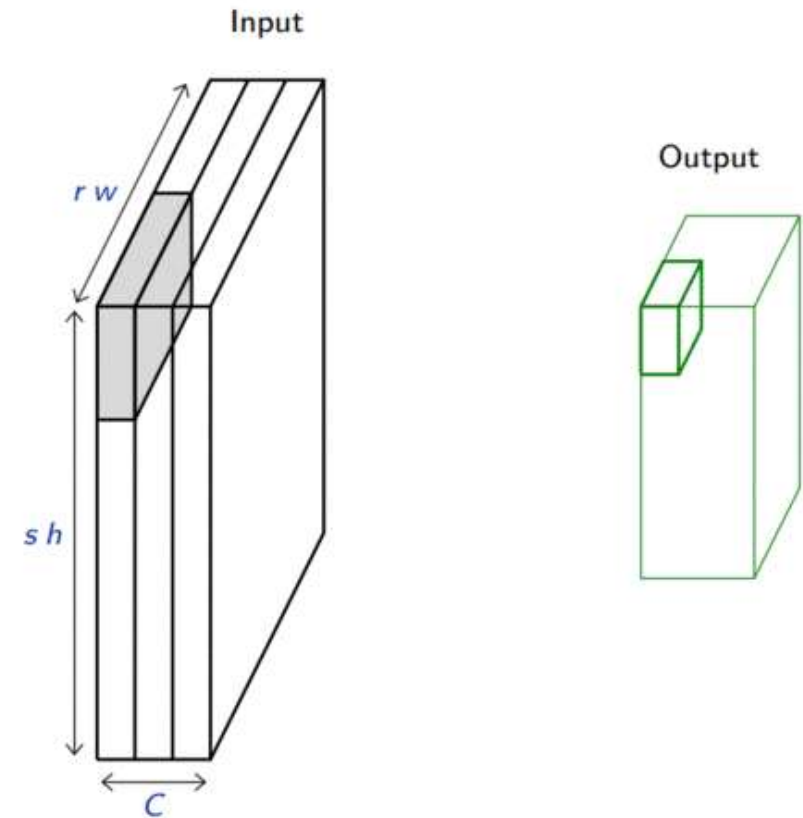
Rectified Linear Units (ReLUs)



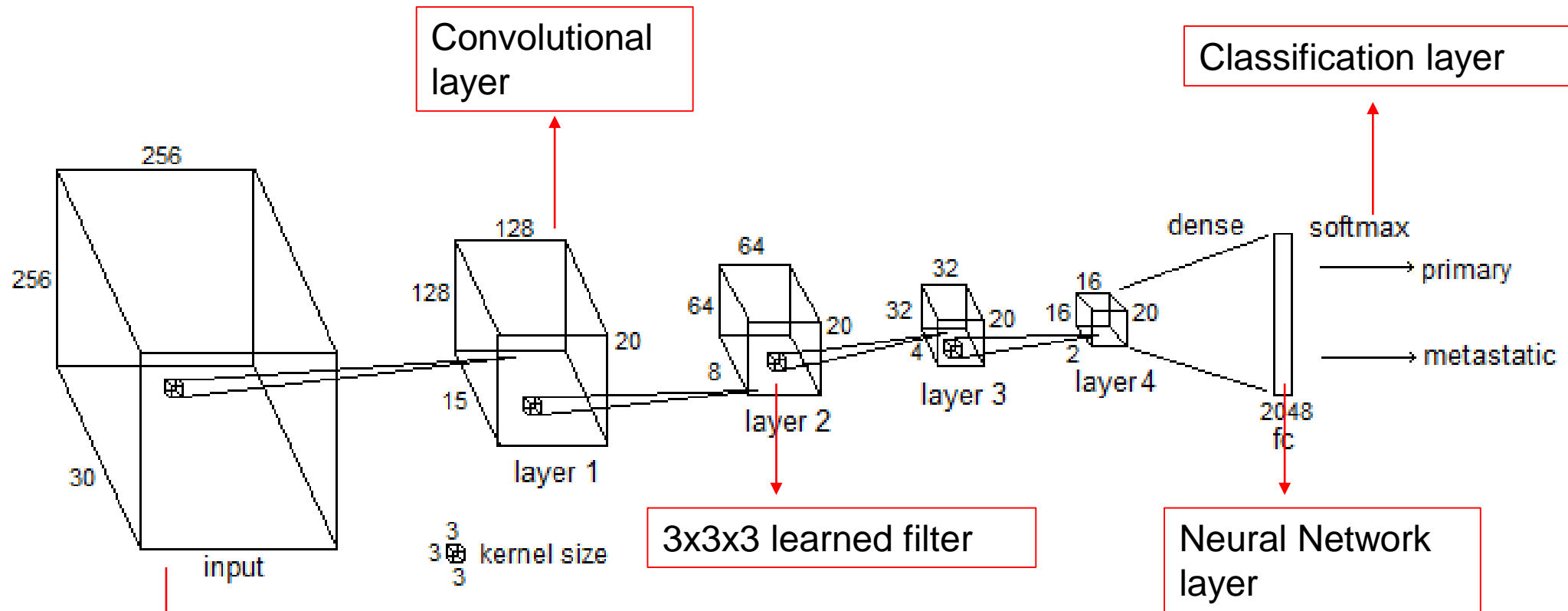
Dimensionality Reduction – Feature Distillation

Pooling layer

- Down-samples the **feature maps**
- Prevents the **memorization** of the dataset
- **Reduces** the parameters of the model



A TYPICAL CNN



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