

# Artificial Intelligence An Introduction

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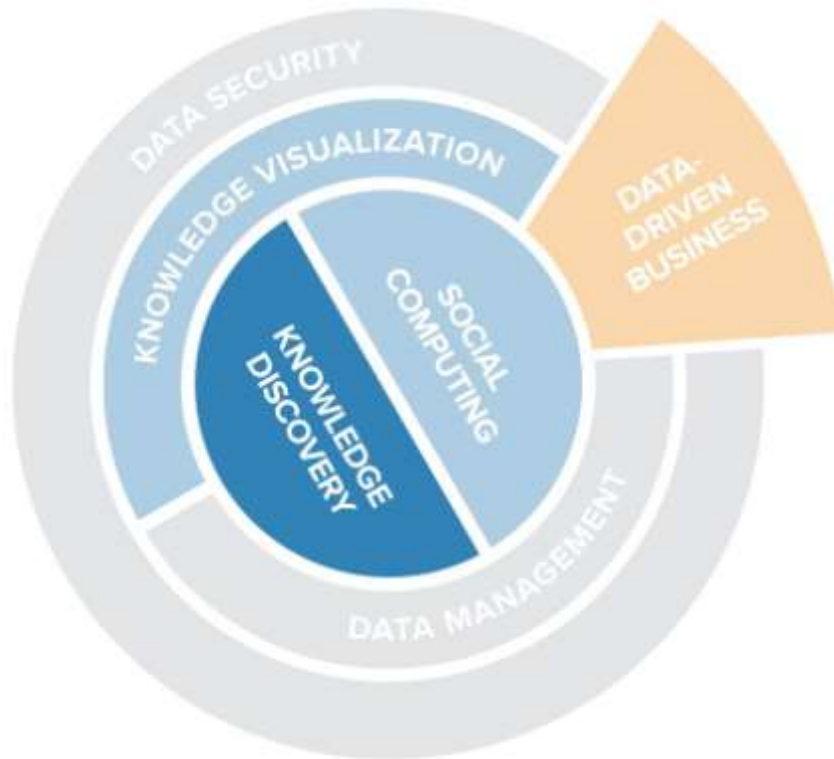
- > 90 Researches
- > 600 COMET\* & industrial projects
- > 30 international EU projects

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Founded in 2001

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## RESEARCH AREAS



## Knowledge Discovery

20+ data scientists,  
researchers and  
developers



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(Big) Data → The new **oil**

Artificial Intelligence → The new **electricity**

Data Science → The new **Latin**

# DEFINITIONS



# BIG DATA

## DEFINITIONS OF BIG DATA

### 1. Common: **The 3 Vs**

- Volume, Variety, Velocity

### 2. Data too big for a **RDBMS** to handle

### 3. Given enough data, **new hypothesis** will emerge out of the data

### 4. To **connect/align data sources**, which have been traditionally been separate

### 5. „Big Data“ **is just like** „Small Data“, just bigger

### 6. Create new **business opportunities** through data

- The 4th V → Value (Veracity, ...)



Data too big  
for MS Excel

## Results of Big Data Analytics

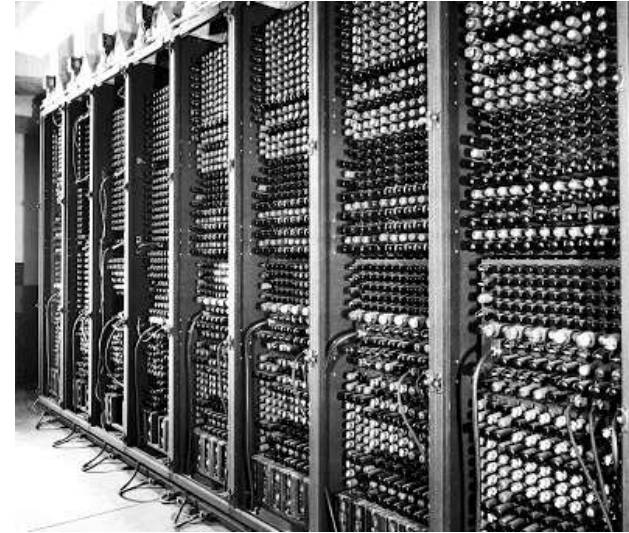
- **Correlations**
  - E.g. one event often precedes another event
  - Does not mean, that the one event causes the other event
- **Probabilities**
  - E.g. for a certain constellation of parameters there is a 80% likelihood of a certain outcome
  - Does not mean, that in all cases this will happen

## Security Aspects of Big Data Analytics

- **The data itself might be sensitive**
  - Processes and technologies to ensure access to data
  - Is the cloud a safe place for my data?
- **The results of the analytics might be sensitive**
  - Number of ethical issues

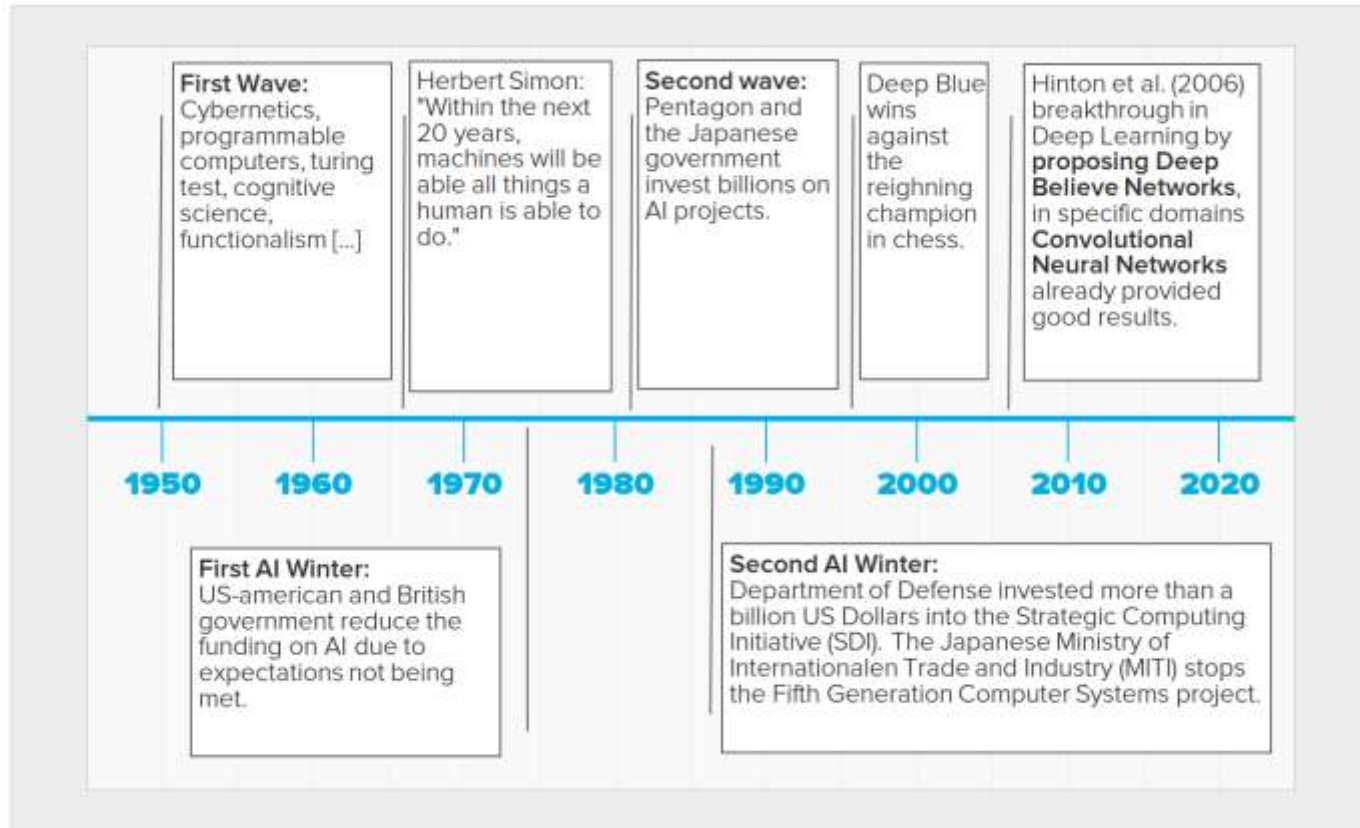
# DEFINITION ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

- Term “**Artificial Intelligence**” coined in the 50ies
  - “The science and engineering of making intelligent machines.”
    - John McCarthy (1956)
      - Dartmouth Summer Research Project on Artificial Intelligence (DSRPAI)
- Learning has been researched even before
  - Hebbian Learning (1949)
    - Strengthen correlating connections





# ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE HISTORY



# TYPES OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

- Strong AI (full AI, artificial general intelligence)
  - Machines act as if they were able to reason
- **Weak AI** (narrow AI, applied AI)
  - Pattern-based AI, data-driven AI
    - „Capability of machines to imitate intelligent human behaviour”
  - Machines support humans in relatively simple tasks
- Artificial super intelligence



## Top-down approach

- Study cognition using symbols
- Symbolists

## Bottom-up approach

- Study natural intelligence (brain) and try to replicate
- Connectivists

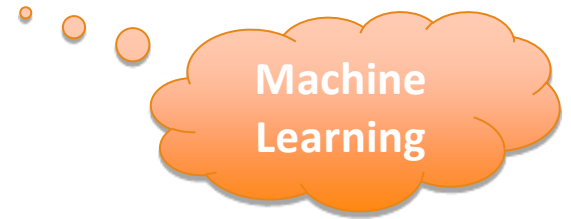
## Logic-Based AI

- Rules formulated by human experts
- Knowledge represented in a formalised way
- Decisions can be explained
- Allows to automate processes
  - E.g. Workflow processes




## Pattern-Based AI (Data-Driven AI)

- Machine identifies patterns within data
- Based on mathematical/statistical models
  - And assumptions
- Decisions are often hard to explain
- Also profits from expert knowledge (hybrid models)



# CURRENT STATE-OF-THE-ART IN AI

- If a typical person can do a mental task with **less than one second** of thought, we can probably automate it using AI either now or in the near future.
  - Andrew Ng



Decision  
making support

# CURRENT STATE-OF-THE-ART IN AI

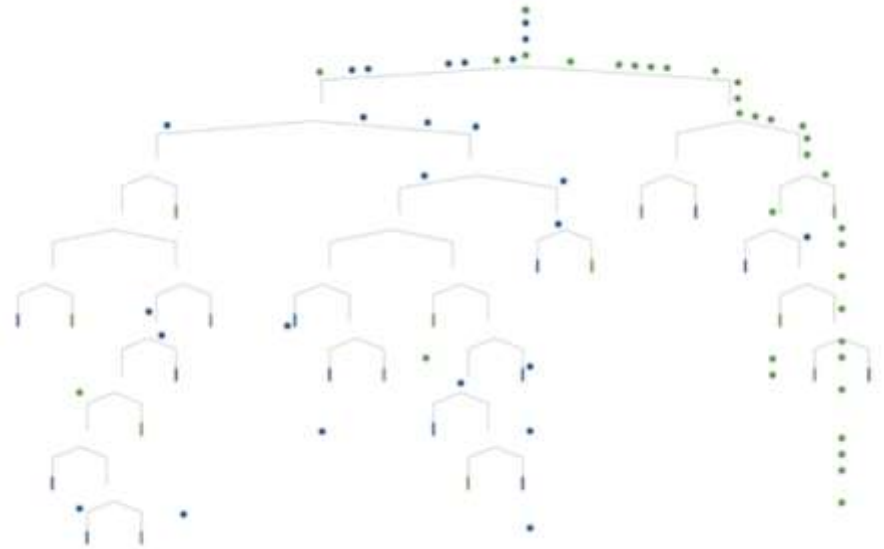
- For most of the tasks the **human is still superior**
  - Only for some tasks the machine currently reaches super-human performance
- Be **suspicious** if claimed
  - ... works better than humans
  - ... achieves 100% performance



Testing  
Procedure?

# DEFINITION - MACHINE LEARNING

- **Machine learning**
  - “Machine programs itself”
    - Arthur Samuel, 1959
      - No explicit instructions
  - Typically, making use of (large) amounts of data



<https://www.techemergence.com/what-is-machine-learning/>

“A computer program is said to learn from experience **E** with respect to some class of tasks **T** and performance measure **P** if its performance at tasks in **T**, as measured by **P**, improves with experience **E**.” – Tom Mitchell, 1997



# CHALLENGES OF MACHINE LEARNING

- Requires large amounts of data
  - Typically clean, unambiguous data
- Interpretable models
  - Understand why the machine made a decision
- Skills
  - Select appropriate approaches
  - Put results in context
- Limited generalisation



Greedy!



Black Boxes!

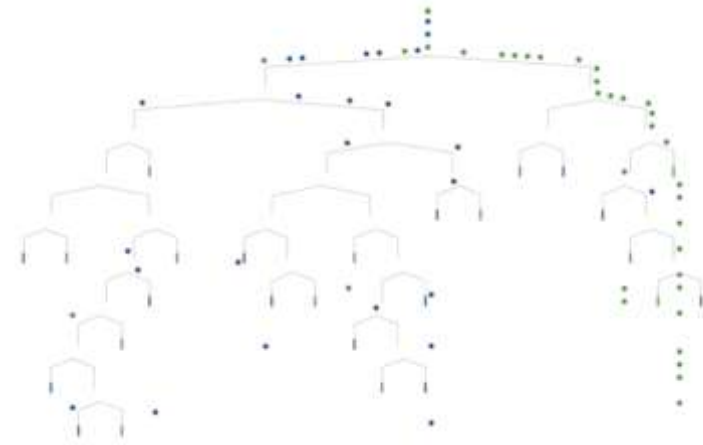


Scarce!

“Machine learning can’t get something from nothing...what it does is get more from less.” – Pedro Domingo.

# TYPES OF MACHINE LEARNING

- Supervised learning
  - Response for a given input
    - $A \rightarrow B$
- Unsupervised learning
  - Find pattern in data
- Reinforcement learning
  - Learn via interaction with environment

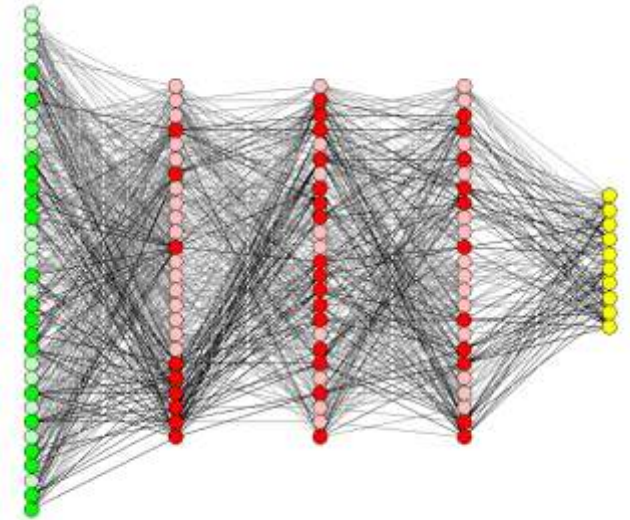


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“We are drowning in information and starving for knowledge” -- John Naisbitt.

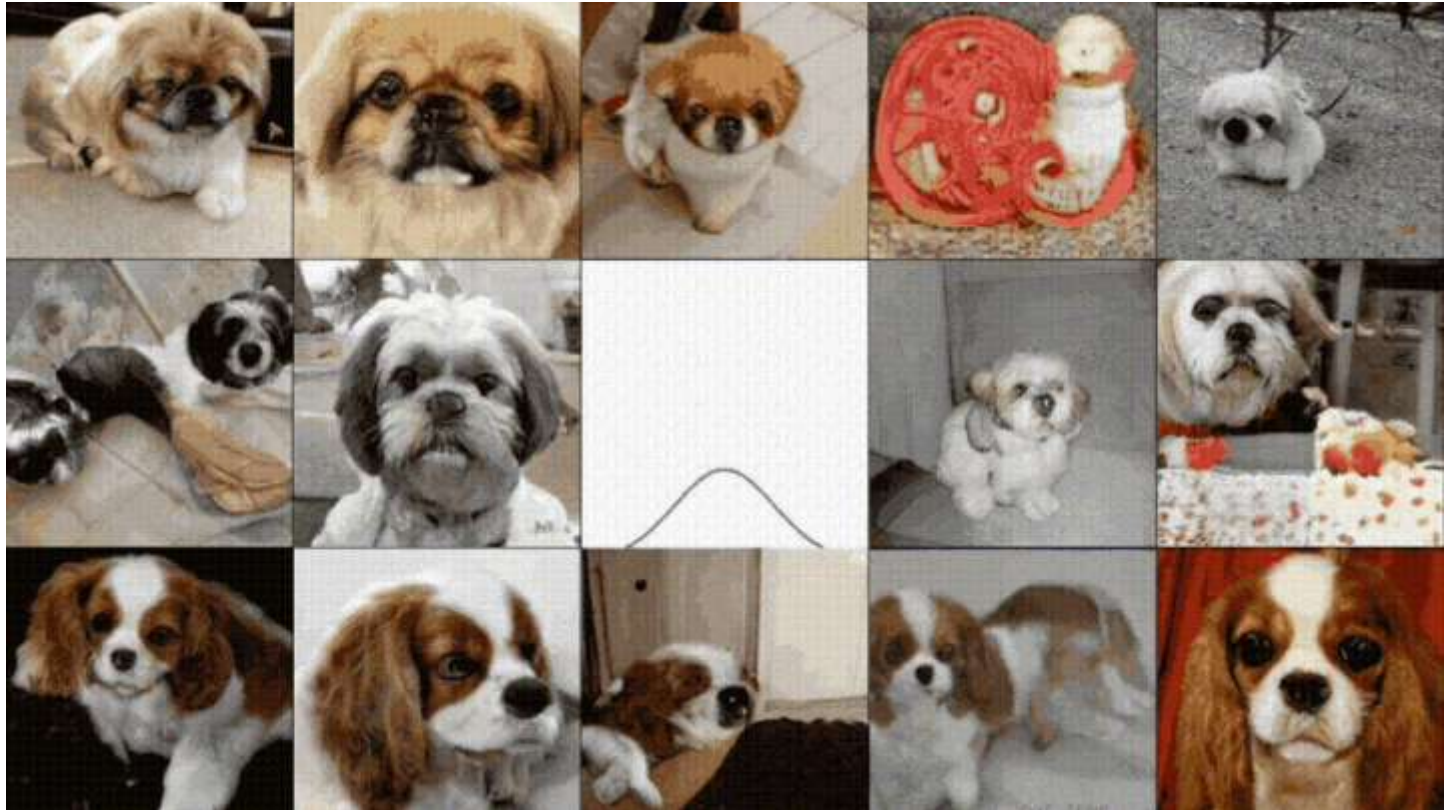
# DEFINITION - MACHINE LEARNING

- **Deep learning**
  - Synonymous with AI
    - Typically neural networks
  - Expensive to compute
    - Amount of data
    - Amount of computational resources
  - Impressive results



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# Example: BigGAN



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# CHALLENGES OF MACHINE LEARNING / AI

- Requires **large amounts of data**

- Typically clean, unambiguous data

- **Interpretable models**

- Understand why the machine made a decision

- **Skills**

- Select appropriate approaches
- Put results in context

- **Limited generalisation**

- Works in the lab, not in practice

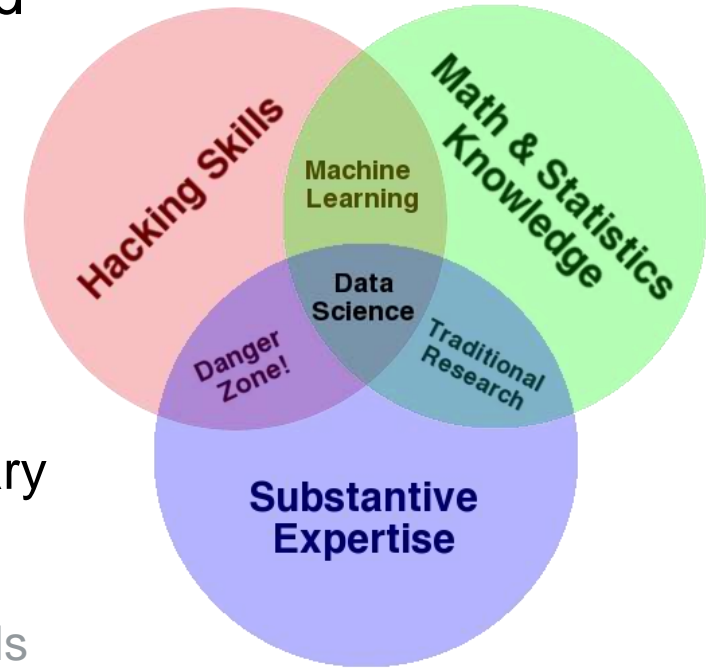
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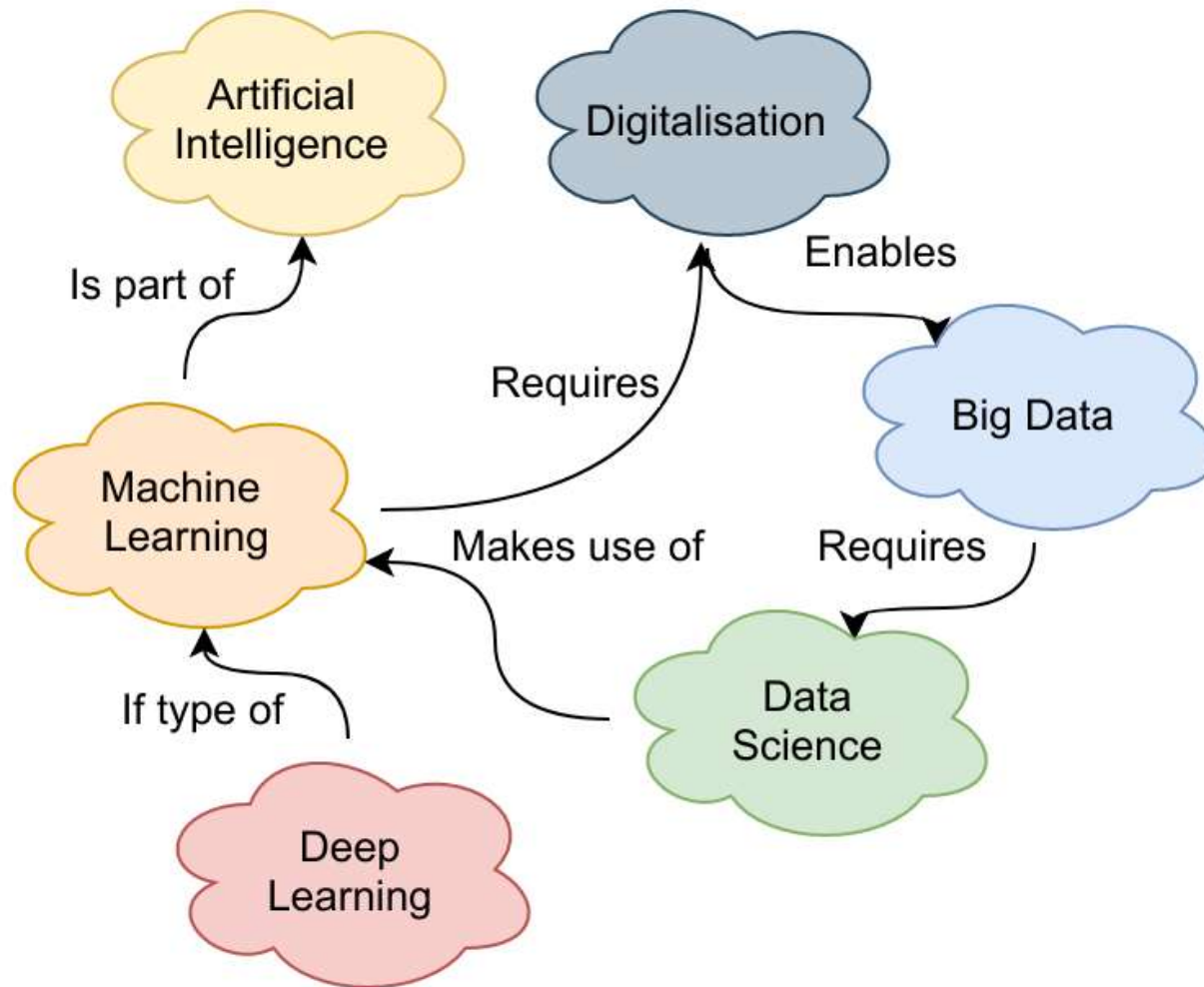
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# DEFINITION - DATA SCIENCE

- Term “**Data Science**” first appeared
  - Book “Concise Survey of Computer Methods”
    - Peter Naur (1974)
- The **new generation of statistics**
  - Consolidation of several interdisciplinary fields
    - Characterised by a combination of skills



<http://drewconway.com/zia/2013/3/26/the-data-science-venn-diagram>



Customer involvement & feedback

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ETL (Extract, Transform, Load)

Domain Understanding

Data Acquisition

Data Understanding

Data Cleaning & Preparation

Platform & Data Loading

Statistical Analysis

Data Mining & Modelling

Evaluation

Contracts, NDA, Project plan, Project setup, Team setup

Data sources, Unstructured, Structured, Obfuscating, Anonymisation, Data transport

Physical Units, Meta-Data, Data-Schema, Frequencies

Outliers, Missing Values, Spelling, Dimensionality Reduction, Feature Selection, Frequent Pattern & Sequence Mining

Single Machine, Big Data Computing, Map/Reduce, Spark

Descriptive statistics, e.g. Counts, Std. Deviation, Mean

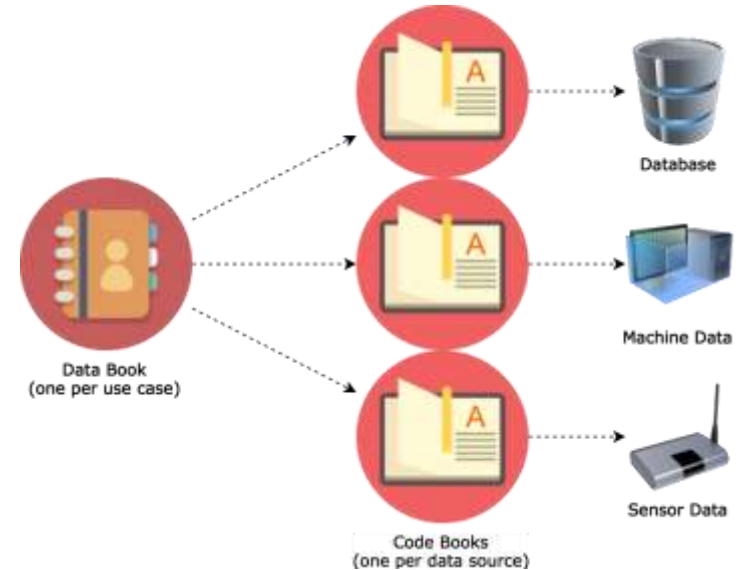
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 • *Classification*  
 • *Regression*  
 Descriptive  
 • *Clustering*  
 Patterns, Rules  
 • *Association*  
 • *Temporal*  
 Deviation  
 • *Drifts*

x-fold cross-validation & others

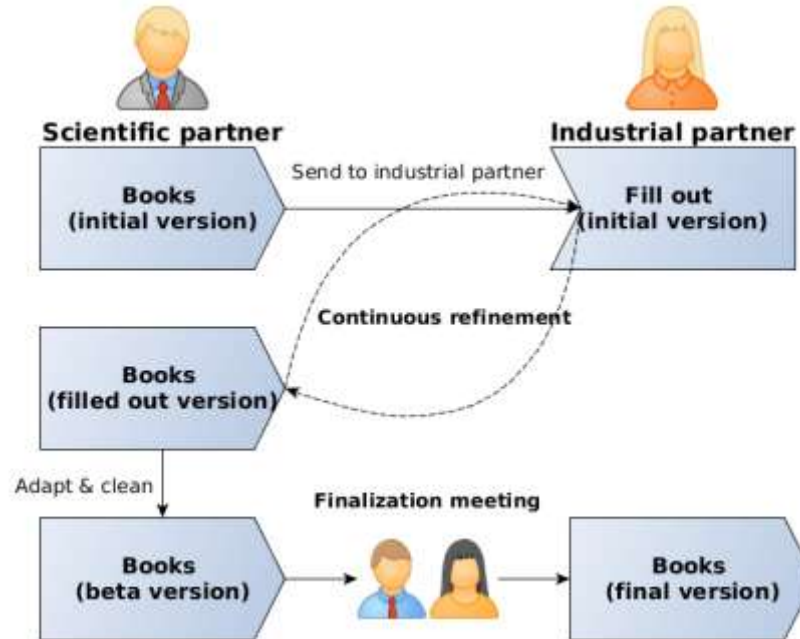


- Types of data science projects
  - **Hypothesis-driven**
    - E.g. Is there a quality impairment, if parameter X is changed?
    - E.g. Can the quality be approximated by process measurements
  - **Data-driven**
    - What insights can be generated from the data?
    - Do the data contain critical changes?
  - **Simulation-driven**
    - Can Machine Learning being utilised to simulate (and then optimise) a process?

- **Data quality** is essential for successful project
  - Often optimistic starting point
- Apply techniques to **document the available data** sources
  - Combined with an iterative process
  - Final result is tidy data set



# CODE & DATA BOOK PROCESS



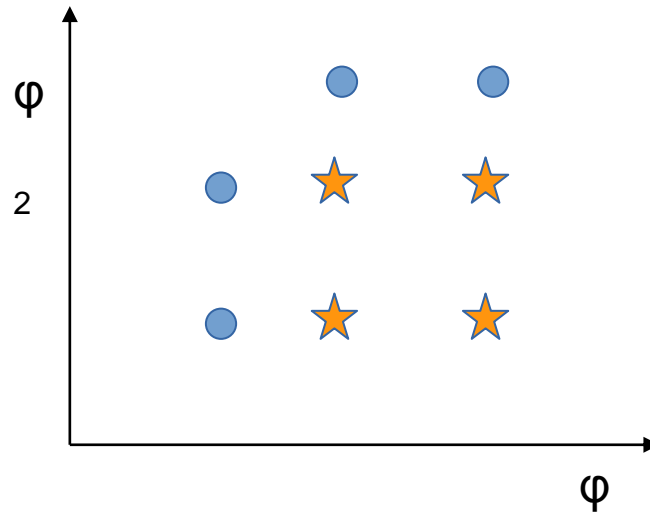
# LOGISTIC REGRESSION



Regression for  
binary dependent  
variables

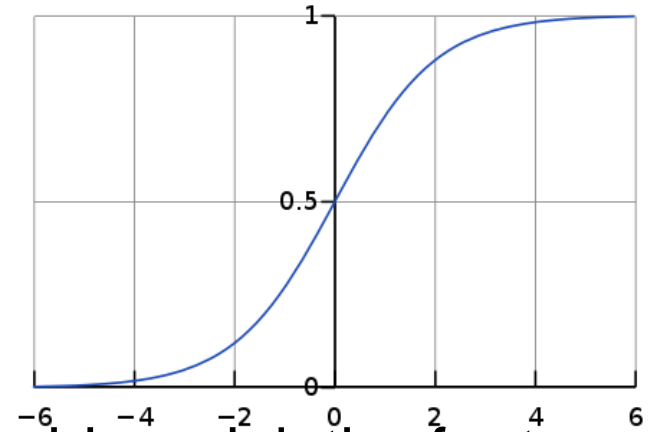
# BINARY CLASSIFICATION EXAMPLE

- Example dataset consisting of
  - 8 instances (N), 2 features (M) and 2 classes



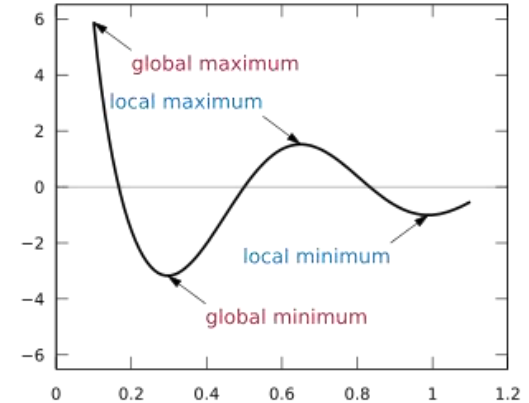
# LOGISTIC REGRESSION BASICS

- General intuition
  - Separate two classes ( $C_1, C_2$ )
  - $p(C_1|\phi) = y(\phi) = \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \phi)$
  - With  $\sigma(\cdot)$  being the logistic sigmoid, and  $\phi$  the feature vector
- Task
  - Given the data, find the most probable  $\mathbf{w}$



# LOGISTIC REGRESSION SOLUTION #1

- Solution idea
  - Define a loss
    - i.e., how good/bad is the solution
  - Find the weights with minimal loss
- General optimisation idea
  - Find the minimum via the derivative of the function
  - Find the point where it is zero



# LOGISTIC REGRESSION SOLUTION #1

- For logistic regression with  $N$  instances

- The likelihood function: 
$$p(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{w}) = \prod_{n=1}^N y_n^{t_n} \{1 - y_n\}^{1-t_n}$$

- With  $t$  being the true class  $\{0, 1\}$ , and  $y$  the output  $[0, 1]$

- Take the negative logarithm

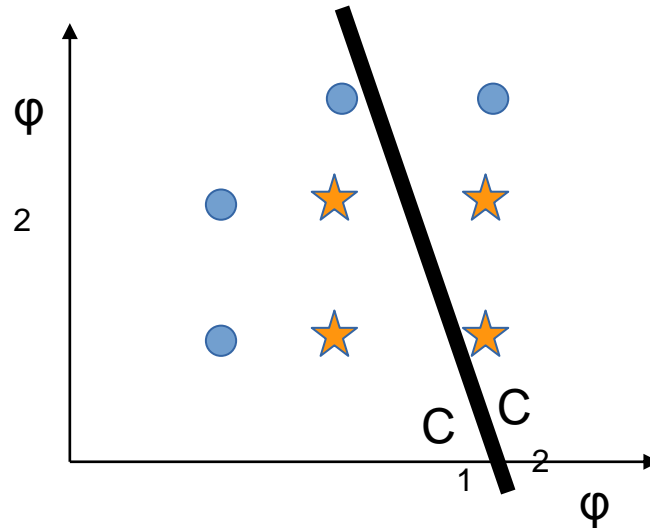
- $$E(\mathbf{w}) = -\ln p(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{w}) = -\sum_{n=1}^N \{t_n \ln y_n + (1 - t_n) \ln(1 - y_n)\}$$

- Also known as the cross-entropy error function



- Find derivative
  - With  $y$  being the output of the logistic sigmoid  $\sigma$ 
    - The<sup>n</sup> derivative is:  $\sigma(1-\sigma)$
  - Thus the gradient of the error function is
  - $$\nabla E(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{n=1}^N (y_n - t_n) \phi_n$$

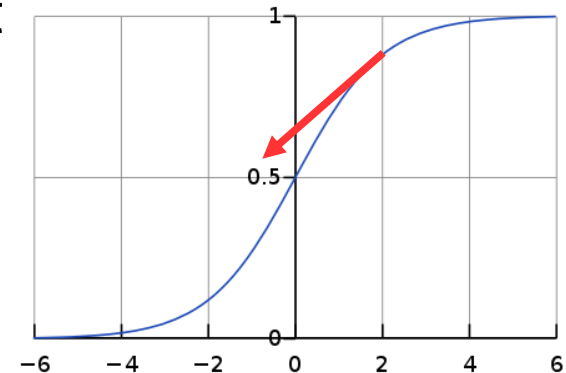
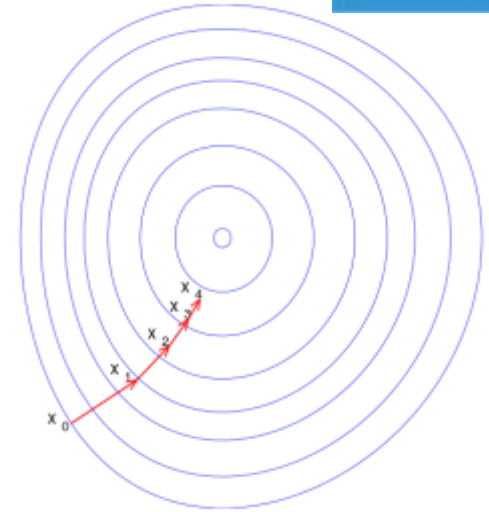
- Alternative idea
  - Start with a random initialisation and iteratively improve



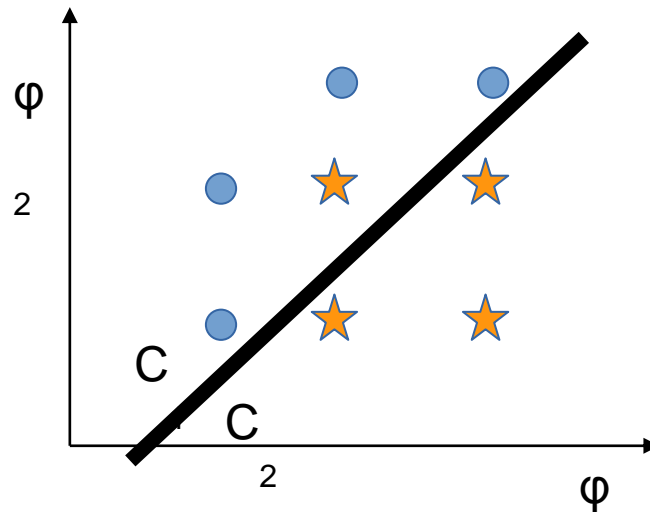
- Given the initial weights
  - Iteratively refine the weights
  - To reduce a target objective
    - Loss function
  - Open question
    - In which direction and by how much to change the weights?

# LOGISTIC REGRESSION SOLUTION #2

- General idea for iterative optimisation:
  - For each data point
  - Take the steepest gradient to minimise loss
    - Move according to the gradient (derivative at the current point)
  - Only take small steps
    - Learning rate  $\eta$



- Stochastic gradient descent
  - Locally optimal solution to separate  $C_1$  and  $C_2$



- Applications for logistic regression
  - Model and estimate the probabilities
    - e.g. of an event occurring
  - Prediction of an binary outcome
    - based on continuous and binary variables
  - Binary classification
    - by estimating the probability of class membership

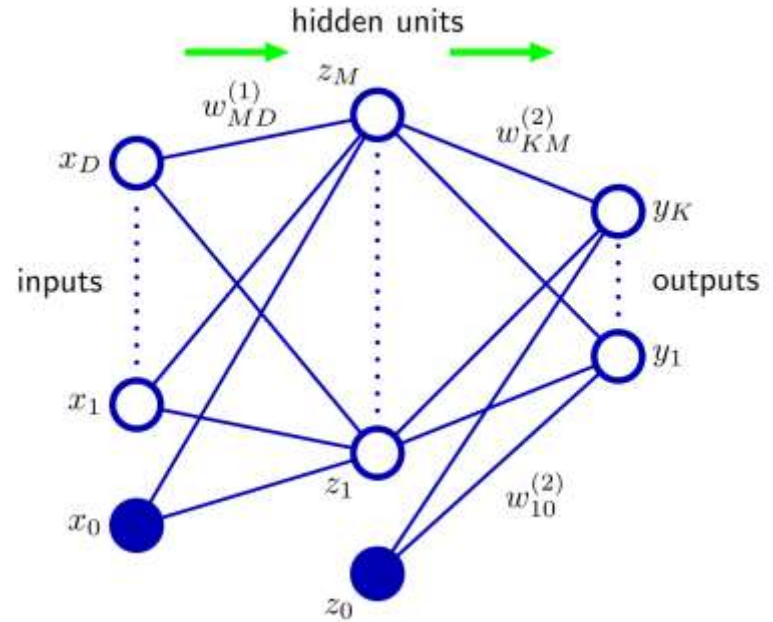
- Demand forecast
  - Demand from certain customers will raise or fall?
    - Given historical training data
      - Data sources: OECD, Eurostat, News, Web, Social Media
    - Compute a model to predict
      - ... for each customer raise/fall
    - Additional feature selection is necessary
      - ... based on the input of domain experts

# ARTIFICIAL NEURAL NETWORKS



# ARTIFICIAL (DEEP) NEURAL NETWORKS

- Artificial neural networks (ANN)
  - Layers of artificial neurons
    - e.g perceptrons
- Deep learning
  - Learning of multiple layers
    - Not limited to ANNs



- Key elements of learning of (deep) neural networks
  - Activation function
    - e.g. logistic function, softmax
  - Cost function
    - e.g. cross entropy
  - Optimisation/learning algorithm
    - e.g. stochastic gradient descent
  - Update rule for hidden layers
    - e.g. backpropagation

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Forward  
pass

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Backward  
pass

# BACKPROPAGATION

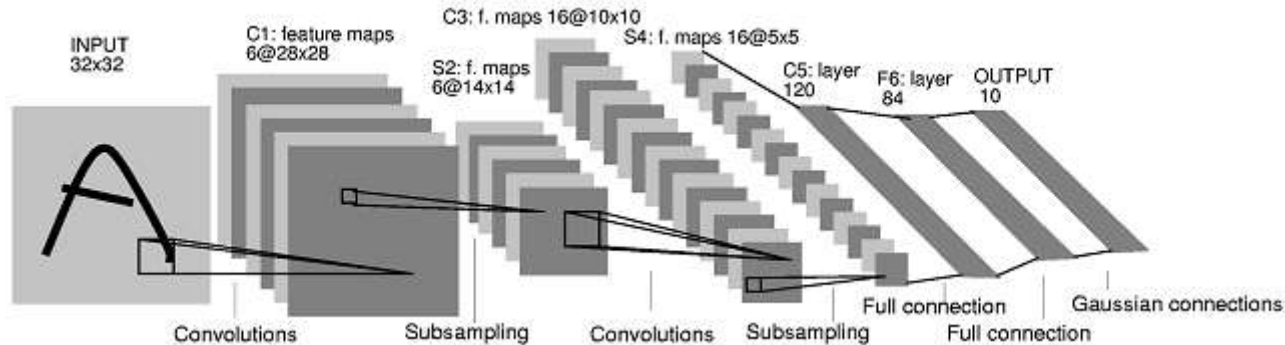
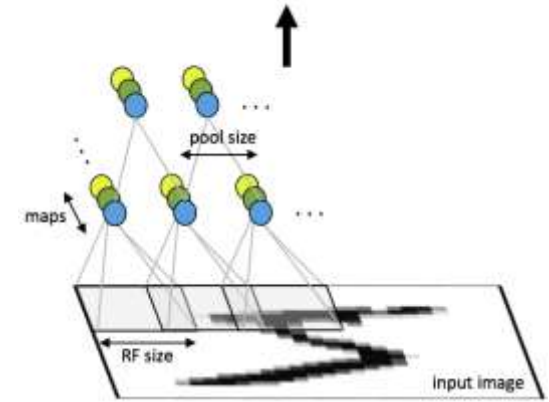
- Start with the output layer
  - Loss can be computed at the output layer
    - i.e. difference between expected and computed output
    - Compute the gradient from the loss
- Step backwards in direction of input layer
  - Need to update the inner layers
    - Chain of gradients
      - Multiply the local gradient with the outer gradient
      - Local gradient is the gradient at the point of the input

# BACKPROPAGATION

- Intuition
  - The loss is how much we have to change our output
  - The (output) gradient tells us in which direction to move
    - ... to achieve the reduction in loss
  - The chain rule computes the contribution of each input
    - ... how much has each input to change
  - ... so the gradients flows through the network

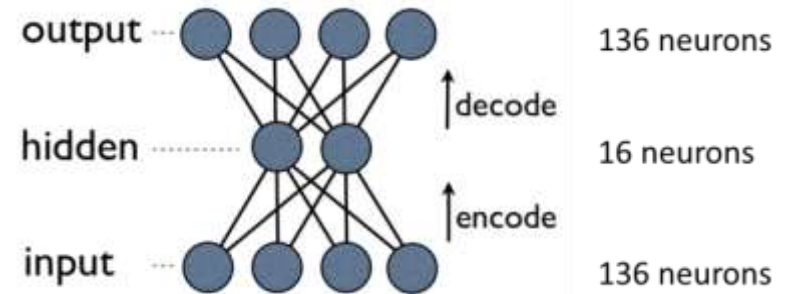
# CONVOLUTIONAL NEURAL NETWORKS

- Special type of feed forward network
  - To limit the amount of necessary weights
  - Convolutions
    - Instead of taking the full image, only look at a small field (receptive field)



- Special type of feed forward network

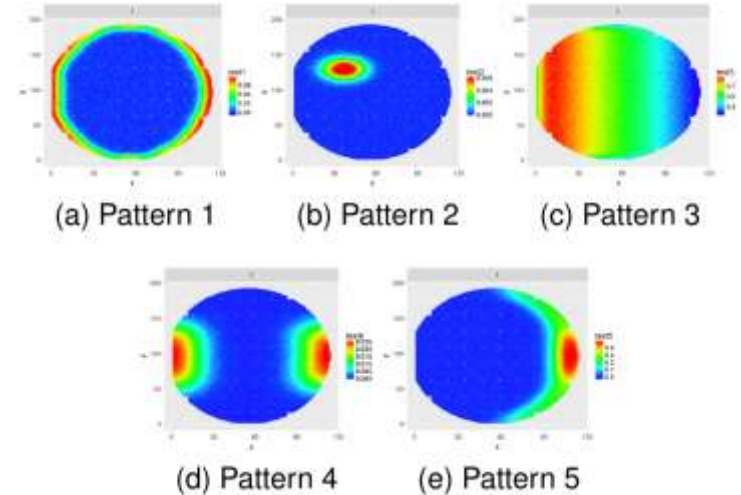
- As many outputs as inputs
  - 1+ hidden layers
  - $\text{decoder}(\text{encoder}(x))$
  - compressed representation
- Networks is trained to reproduce the input



- Can be used for: dimensionality reduction, clustering, outlier detection, denoising of images

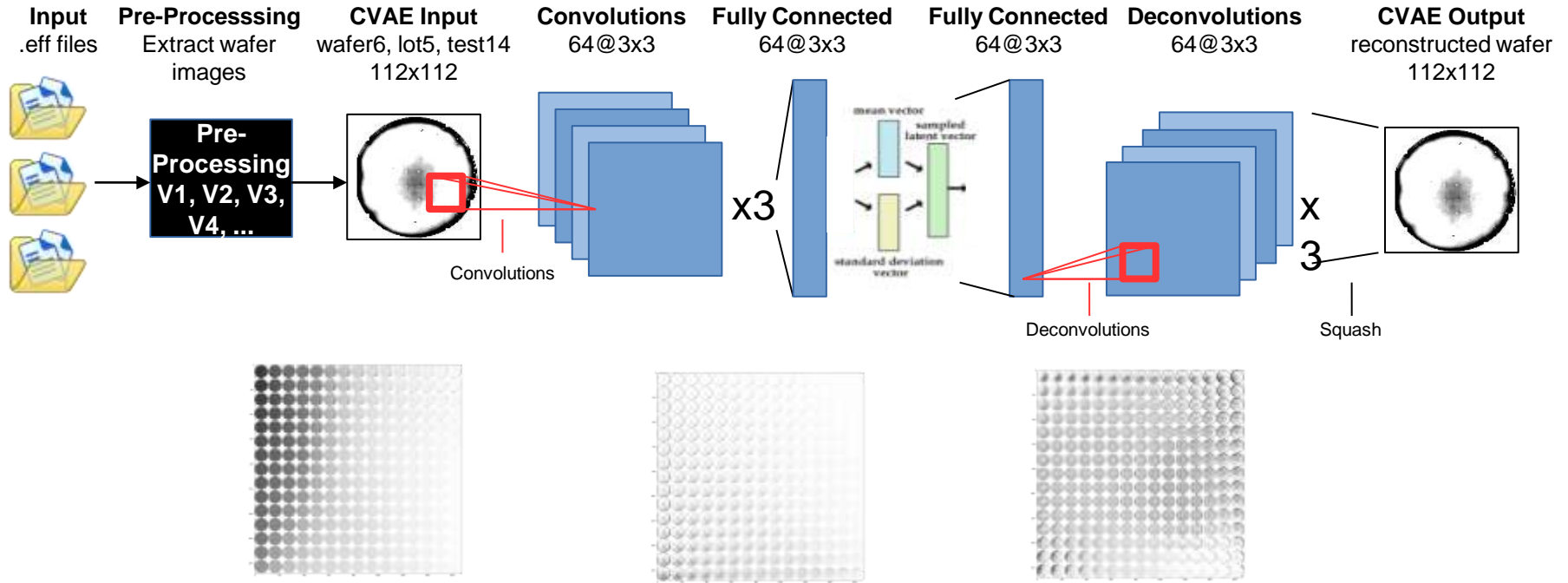
- Special type of auto encoder
  - The networks learns the parameters of a distribution, e.g.  $\mu$ ,  $\sigma$ 
    - ... instead of single values
    - Generative model
      - e.g. can produce realistically looking images
    - Backpropagation through a distribution not possible
- Training requires the so-called reparameterisation trick
  - Treat  $\mu$ ,  $\sigma$  as deterministic variables with an auxiliary noise (regularisation), i.e. should be as close to  $\mathcal{N}(0,1)$  as possible

- Goal: find pattern in analog wafer end test data
  - Algorithmic solution
    - Convolutional Variational Auto Encoder (CVAE)
  - Trained with real-world examples
    - Pre-processing needed
    - Finds groups and can be used to generate new „images“





# DEEP LEARNING APPLICATION EXAMPLE




# CONCLUSIONS



- **Data acquisition**

- High quality data (complete, up-to-date, documented ...)
  - Labelled data preferred
- Often requires dedicated storage techniques

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Data quality check!

- **Data analysis & modelling**

- Cooperation b/w ML expert and domain experts

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Skills & trust!

- **Successful projects**

- Start with a small, focused topic (e.g. hypothesis)
  - Expectation management, e.g. rare events hardly be modelled
- Iteratively refine and improve

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Success stories!



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