

# Mastering Model Building

How to design (and debug) your ML model

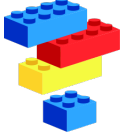
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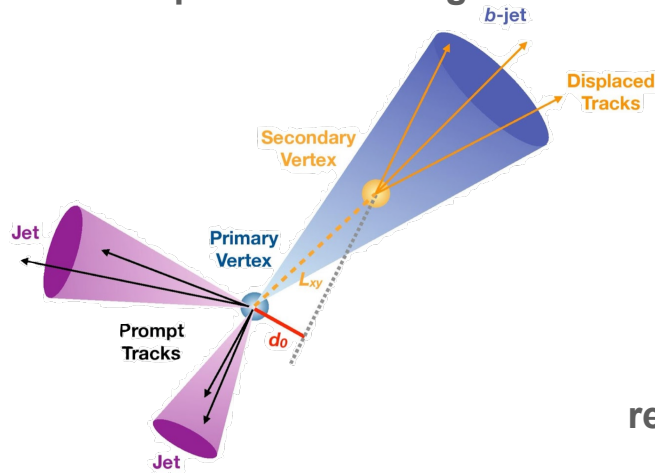
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# Who am I?

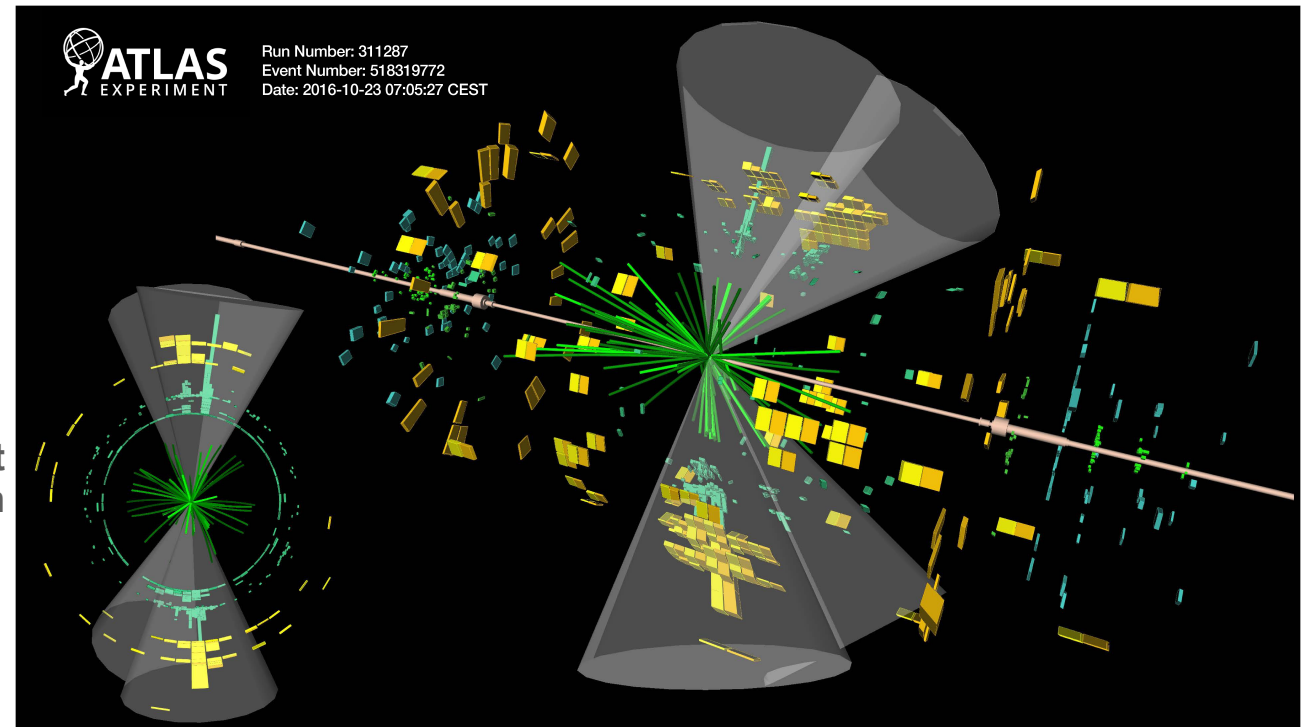
- ORIGINS Data Science Lab post-doc
- Particle physicist 
- Big data -> big opportunities!!

## Set and sequence modeling



## Generative models / Density Ratio Estimation

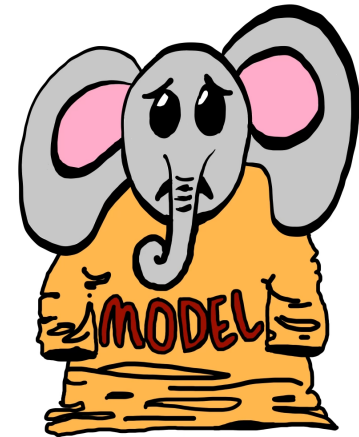
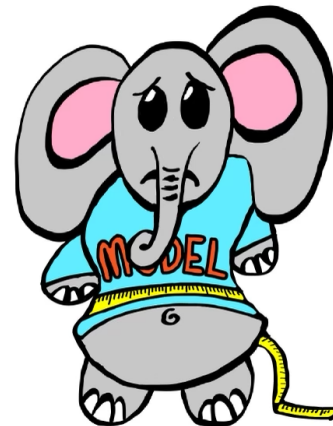
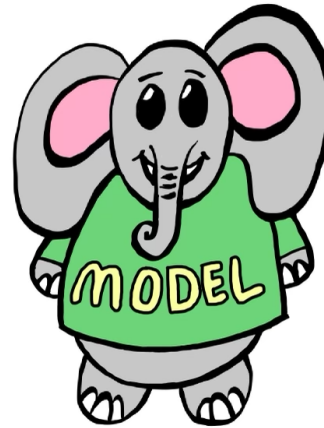
Event  
reconstruction





In the context of science, the well-known adage “a picture is worth a thousand words” might well be “a model is worth a thousand datasets”

This talk: How to  
choose this model



# What we'll cover today



# Starting off...

Open question

Feature choices

Going deeper

Training techniques

Statistical learning theory

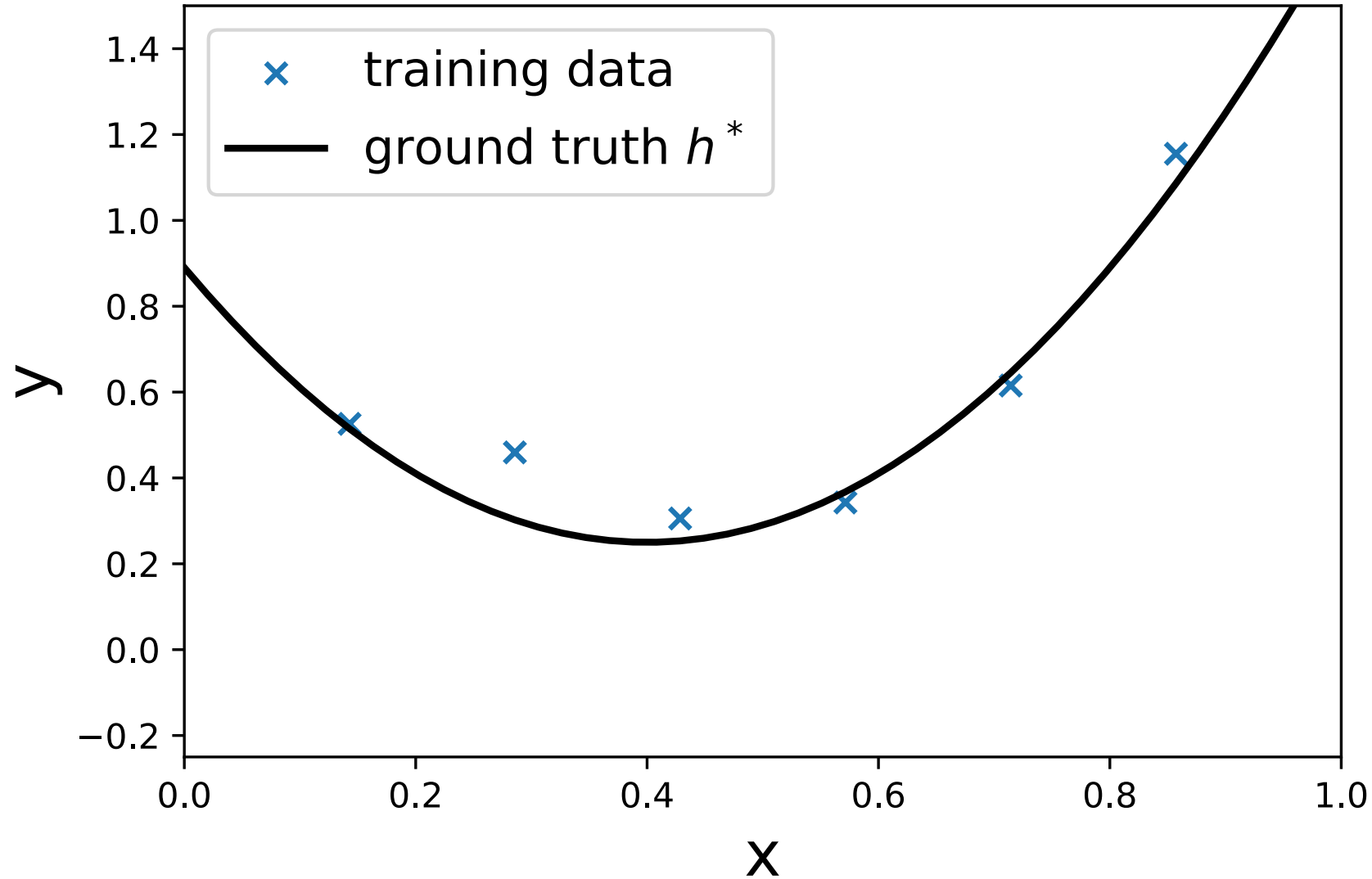
Bias / variance trade-off

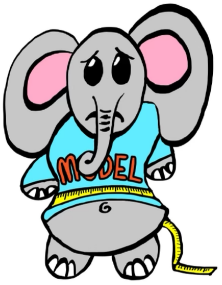


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# Working example

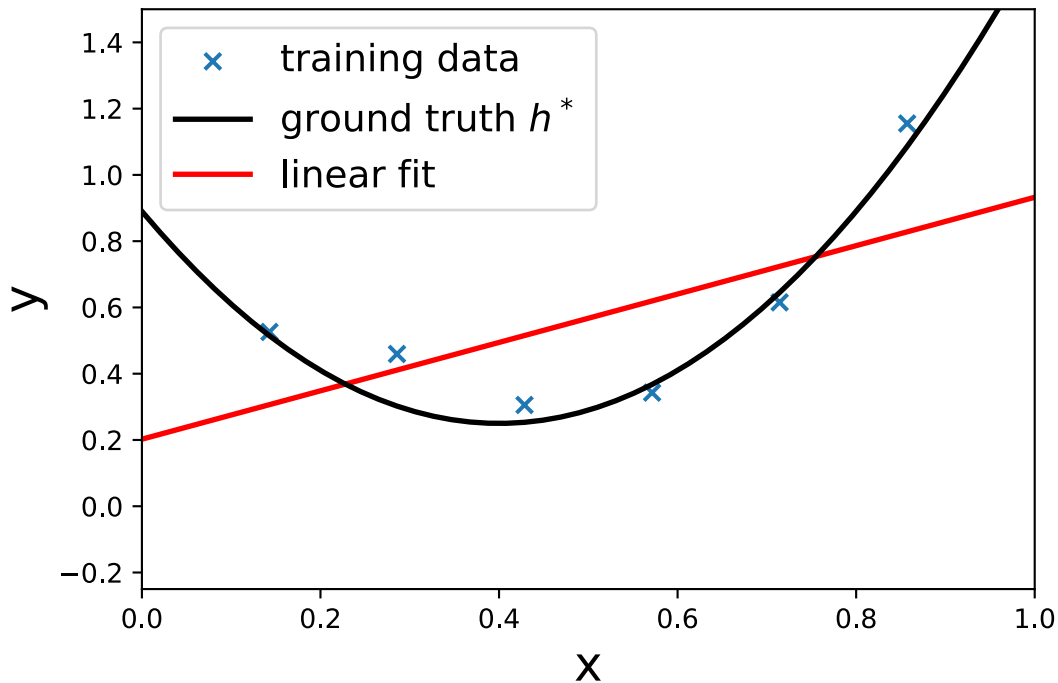




# Underfitting

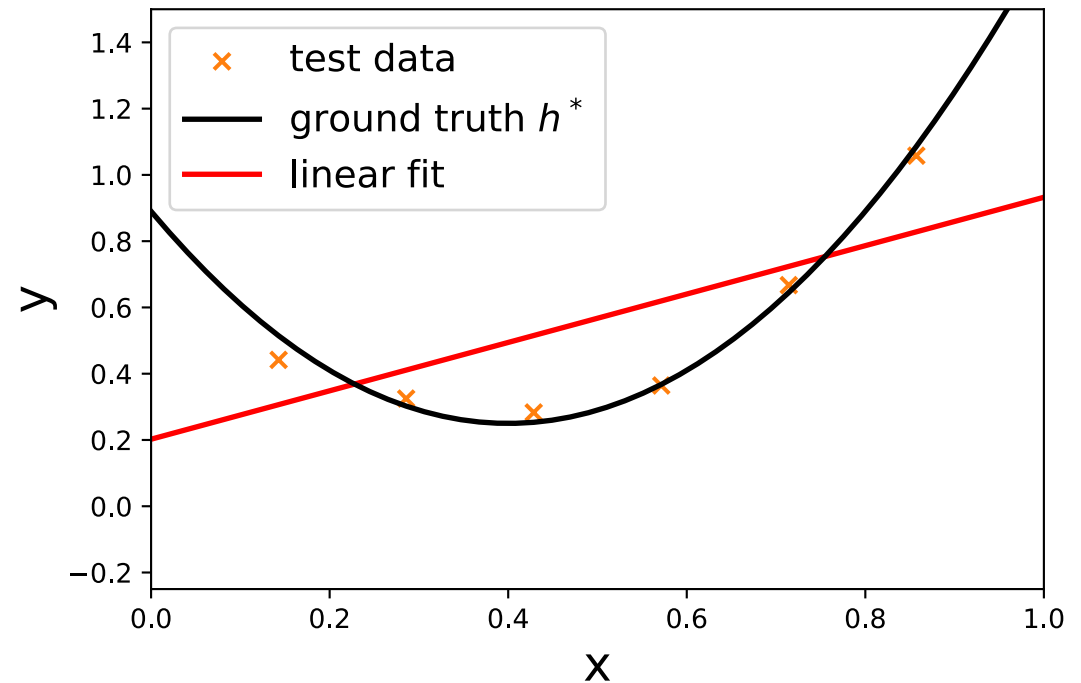
Model is not expressive enough

## Training data

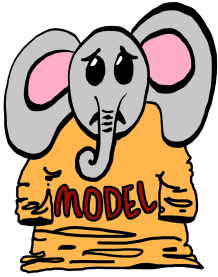


High training error

## Test data



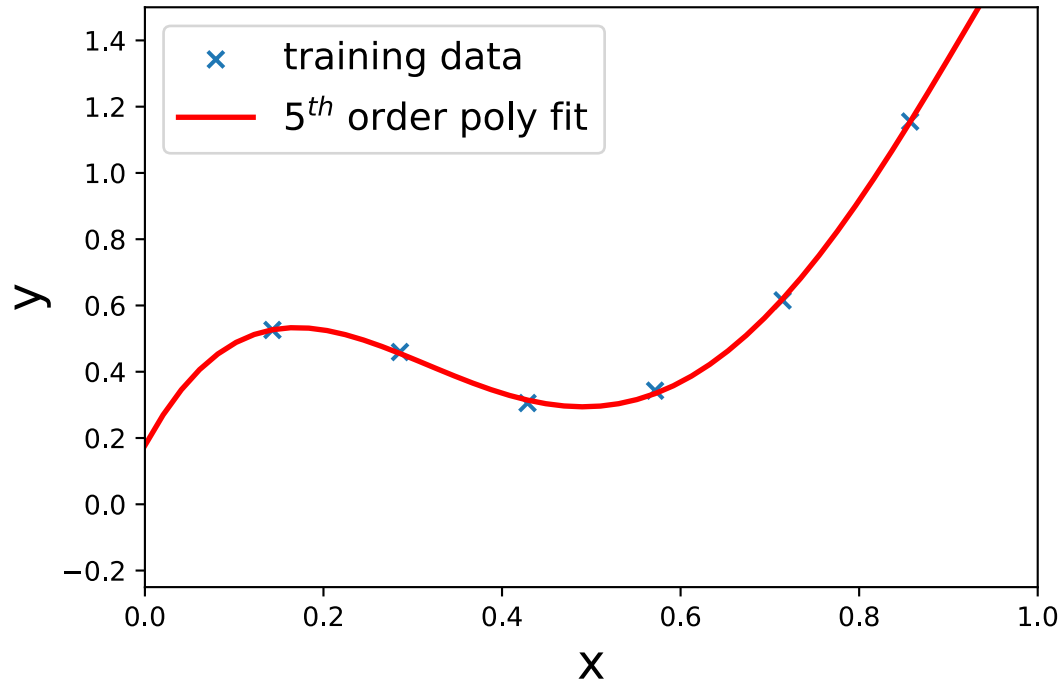
Also high test error



# Overfitting

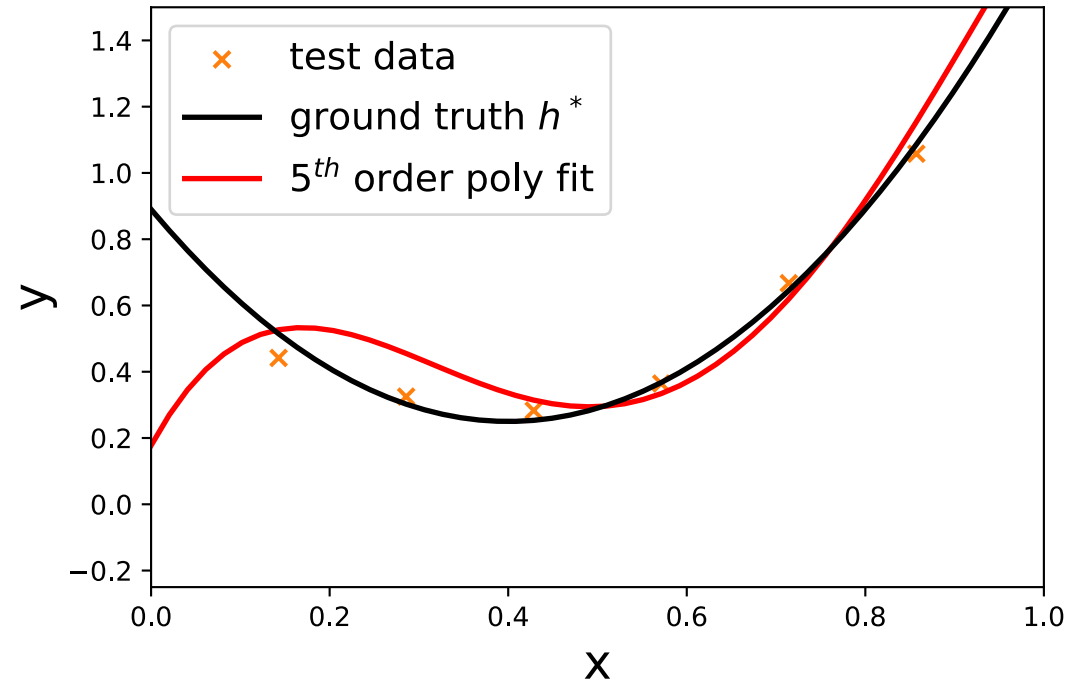
Model too expressive to generalize to unseen dataset

Training data

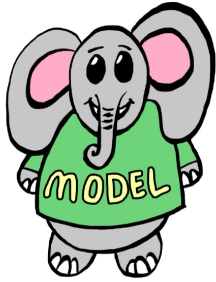


Small (zero) training error

Test data



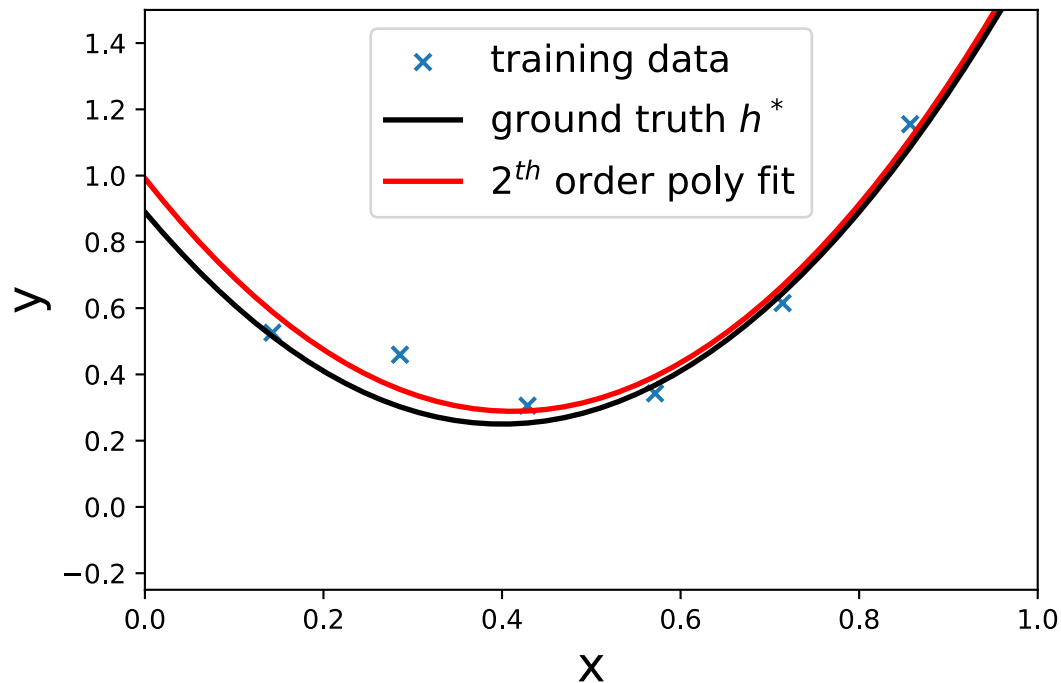
High test error



# Optimal model complexity

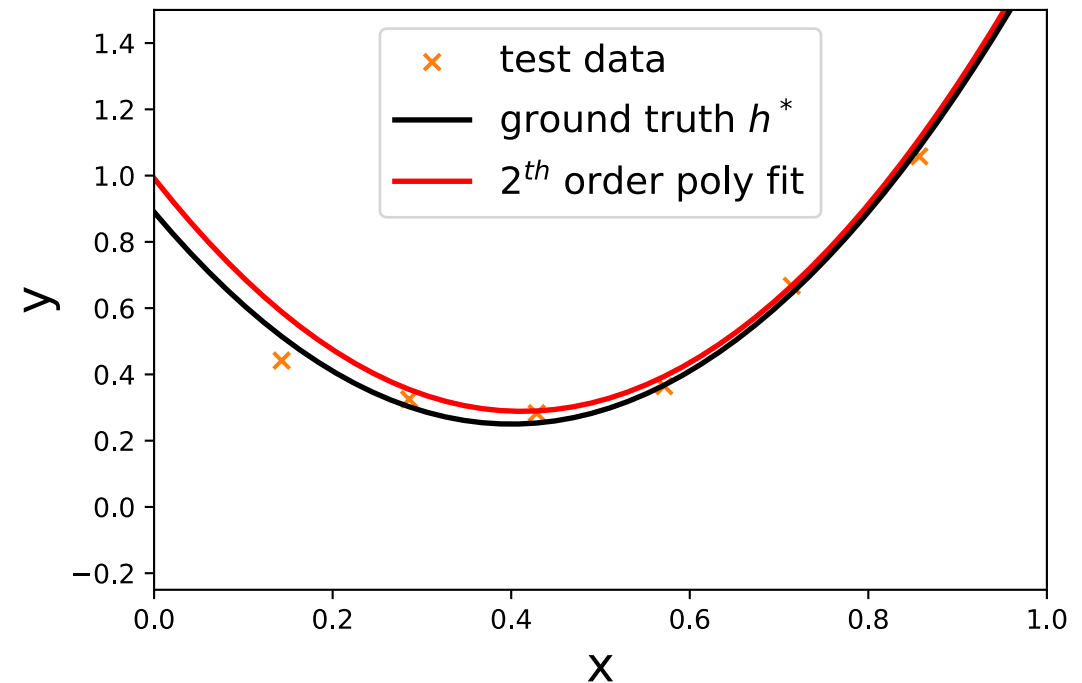
Fit 2nd order polynomial to quadratic distribution

Training data



Small training error

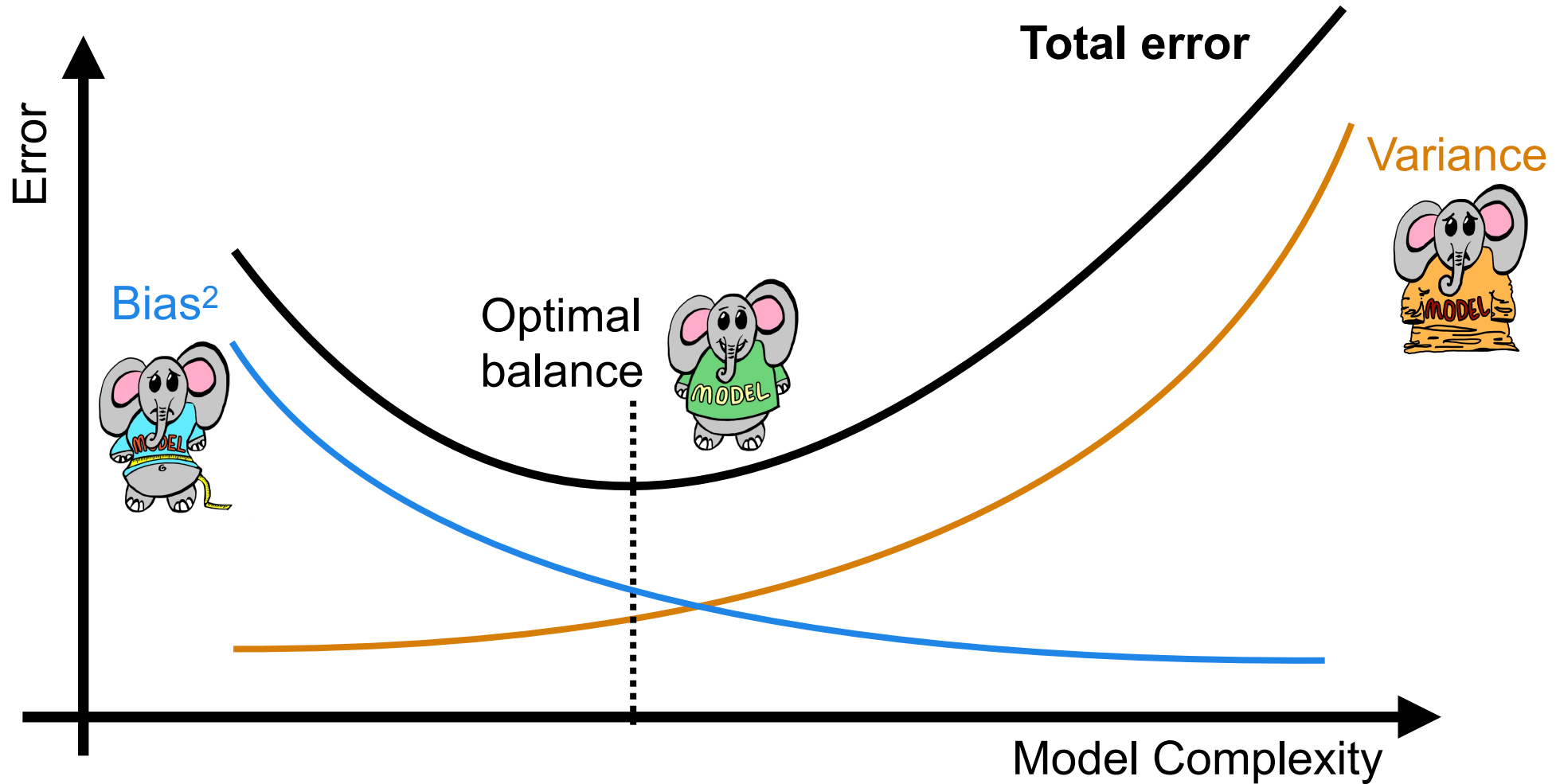
Test data



Also small test error



# Bias / variance tradeoff



# Bias / variance tradeoff: maths 1

- Training dataset  $S = \{x^{(i)}, y^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^n$ 
  - Truth labels  $y = h^*(x) + \xi$ 
    - $h^*$  : ground truth function
    - $\xi^{(i)} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$
- Train model  $\hat{h}_S$  on dataset S
- Consider test point  $(x, y)$  and quantify the *expected test error*:

$$\begin{aligned}
 MSE(x) &= \mathbb{E}_{S, \xi} [(y - h_S(x))^2] \stackrel{\text{Defn of } y}{=} \mathbb{E} [(h^*(x) + \xi - h_S(x))^2] \\
 &= \mathbb{E} [\xi^2] + 2 \cancel{\mathbb{E}[\xi]}^0 \cdot \mathbb{E}[h^*(x) - h_S(x)] + \mathbb{E} [(h^*(x) - h_S(x))^2] \\
 &= \sigma^2 + \mathbb{E} [(h^*(x) - h_S(x))^2]
 \end{aligned}$$

## Bias / variance tradeoff: maths 2

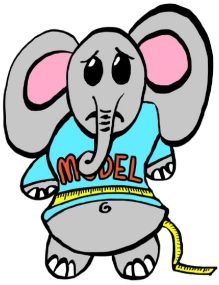
- Let  $h_{avg}(x) = \mathbb{E}_S [h_S(x)]$  — the performance of the model trained on infinitely many datasets
- Substitute this back into the MSE expression

$$\begin{aligned}
 MSE(x) &= \sigma^2 + \mathbb{E} [(h^*(x) - h_S(x))^2] \\
 &= \sigma^2 + \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( h^*(x) - h_{avg}(x) + h_{avg}(x) - h_S(x) \right)^2 \right] \\
 &= \sigma^2 + \underbrace{(h^*(x) - h_{avg}(x))^2}_{\text{Bias}^2} + \underbrace{\mathbb{E} [(h_{avg}(x) - h_S(x))^2]}_{\text{Variance}}
 \end{aligned}$$

No cross-term because  
 $\mathbb{E} [h_{avg}(x) - h_S(x)] = 0$

Error on this class of models

How does this instantiation compare  
with the other possible ones?



# High bias: diagnostics

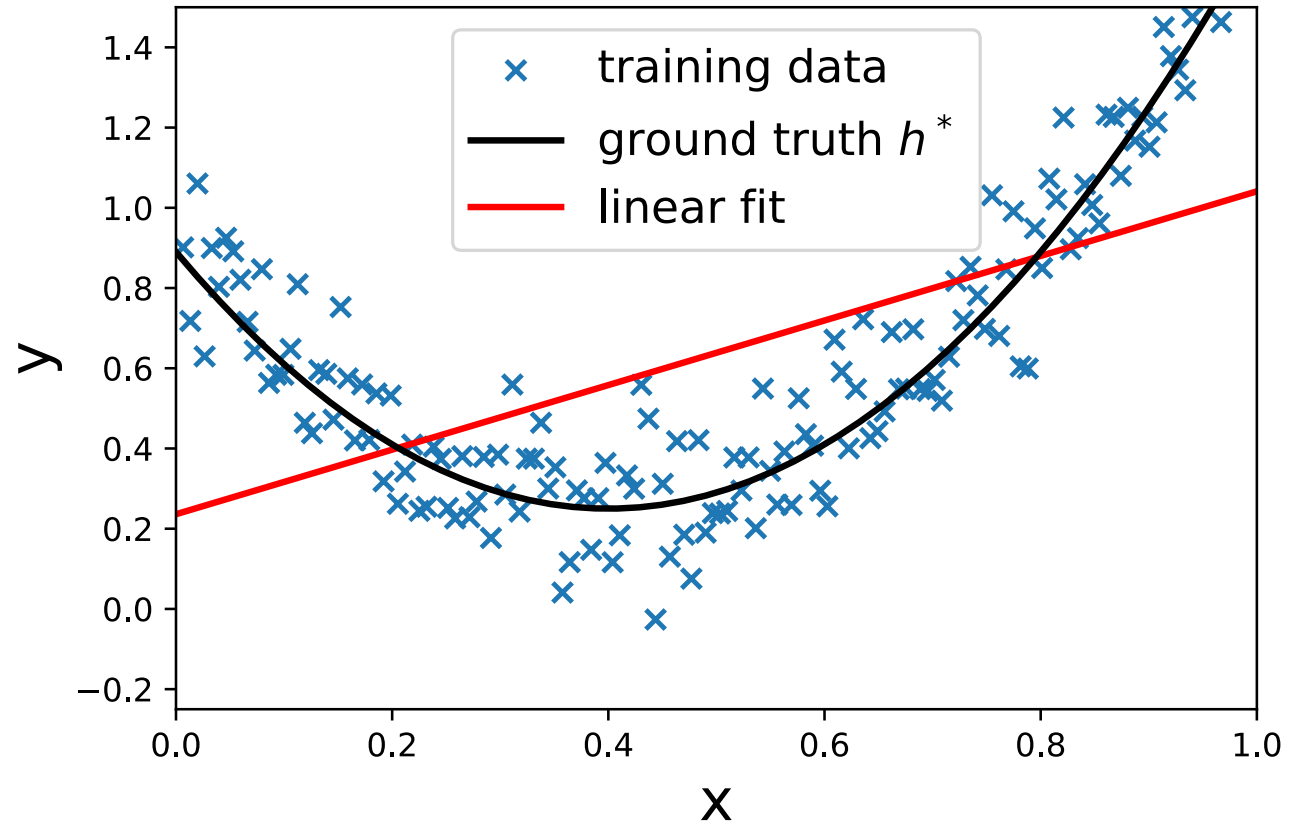
$$MSE(x) = \underbrace{(h^*(x) - h_{avg}(x))^2}_{\text{Bias}^2} + \mathbb{E} \left[ (h_{avg}(x) - h_S(x))^2 \right]$$

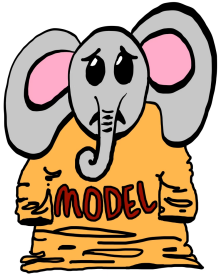
## Linear fit

$$h_S(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x$$

The training error high,  
even if we increase the  
training data.

Fit linear model on large dataset





# High variance: diagnostics

$$MSE(x) = (h^*(x) - h_{avg}(x))^2 + \underbrace{\mathbb{E} \left[ (h_{avg}(x) - h_S(x))^2 \right]}_{\text{Variance}}$$

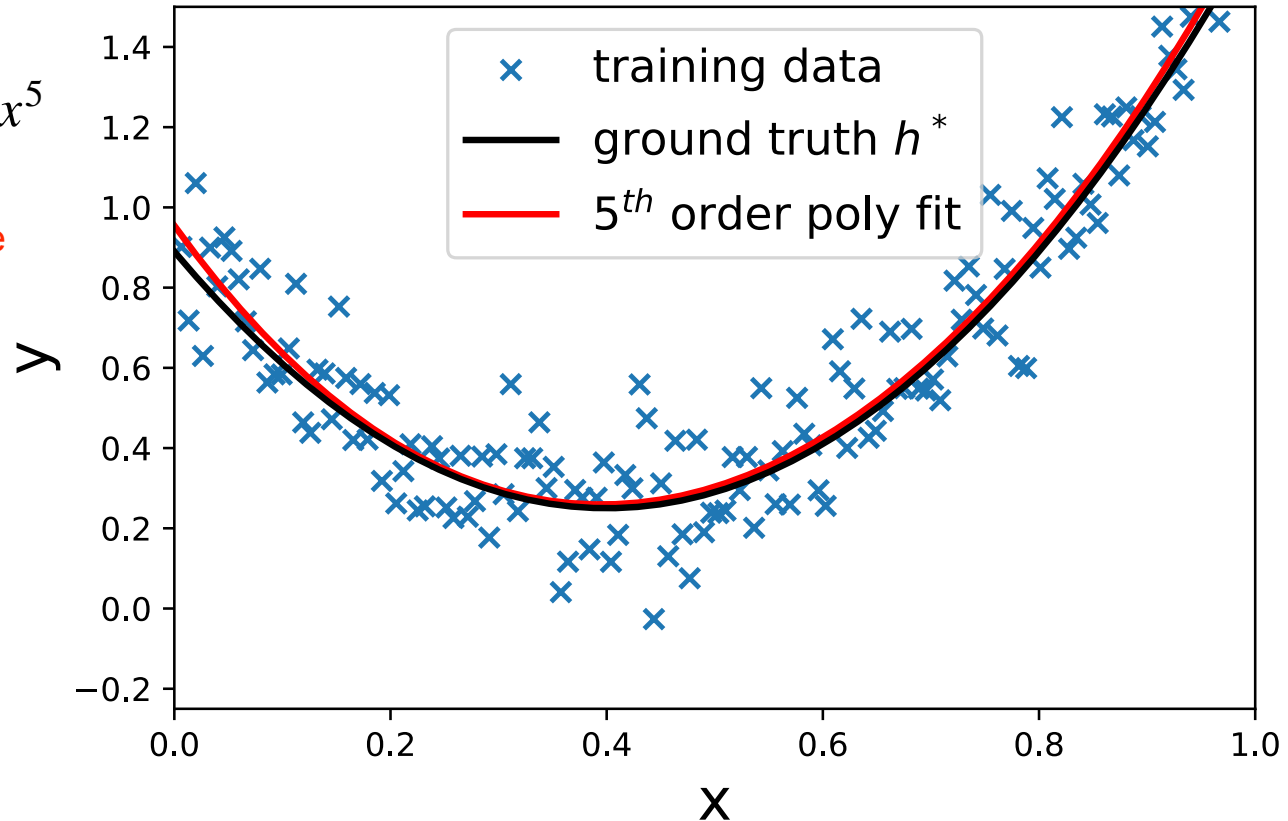
## 5th order polynomial fit

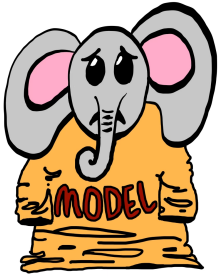
$$h_S(x) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x + \theta_2 x^2 + \theta_3 x^3 + \theta_4 x^4 + \theta_5 x^5$$

Can learn to set these  
coefficients to 0

The training error decreases as we increase the training data.

## Fit 5<sup>th</sup> order polynomial on large dataset

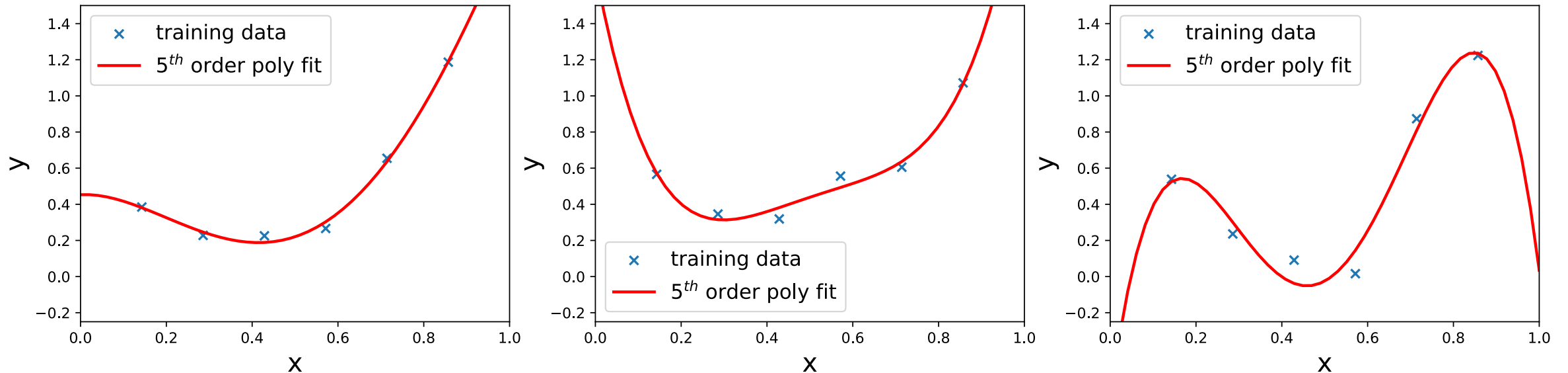




# High variance: intuition

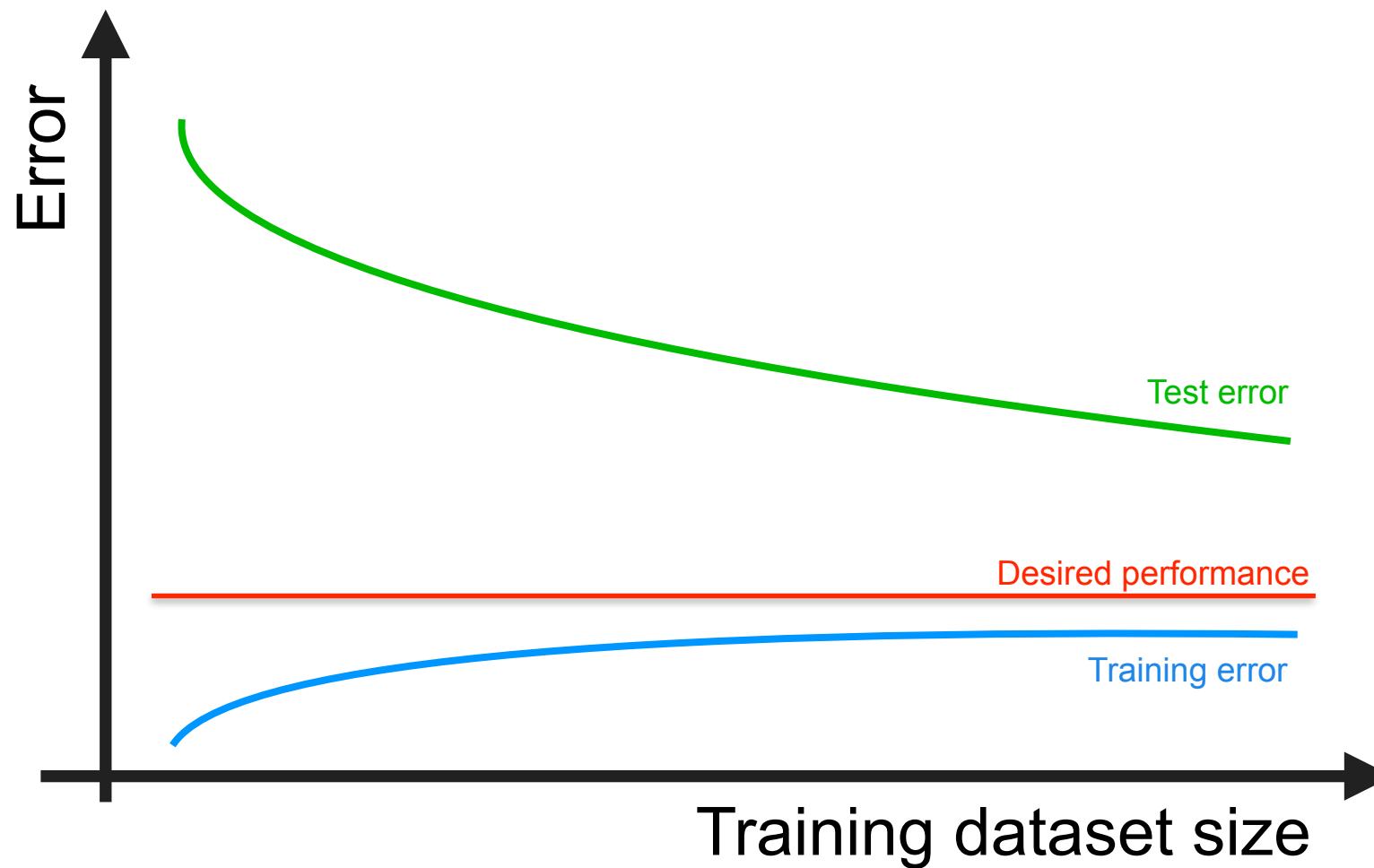
$$MSE(x) = (h^*(x) - h_{avg}(x))^2 + \underbrace{\mathbb{E} \left[ (h_{avg}(x) - h_S(x))^2 \right]}_{\text{Variance}}$$

fitting 5<sup>th</sup> degree polynomial on different datasets



Lots of possibilities for the fitted function depending on the random realization of training data.

# What's the culprit?

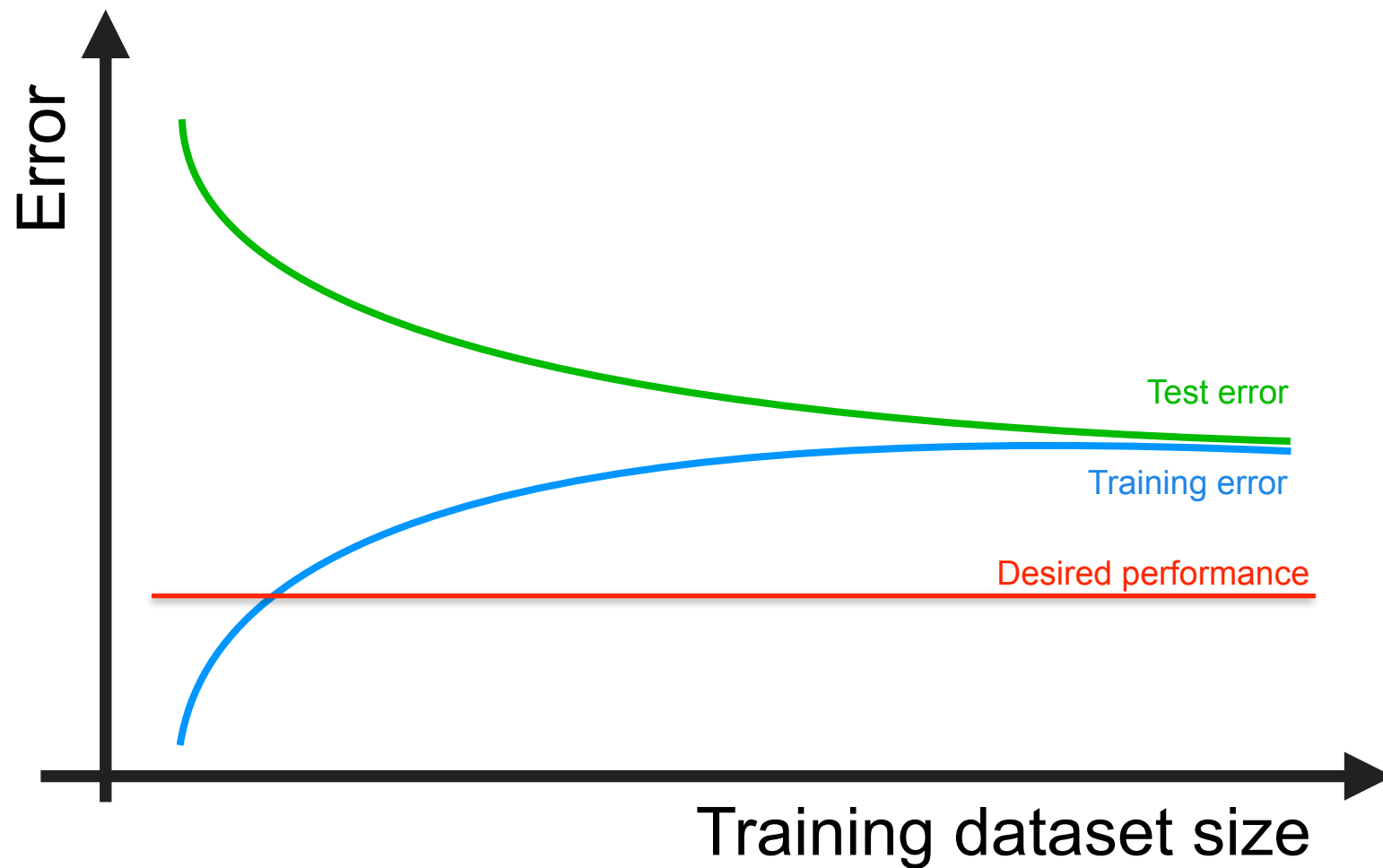


High bias?

High Variance?



# What's the culprit?



High bias?

High Variance?

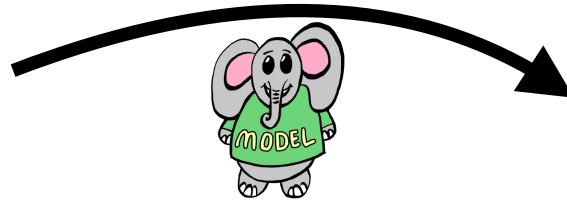
# Starting off...



# How to train?

Minimize  $\mathcal{L}$  by SGD

$$w = w - \alpha \nabla_w \mathcal{L}$$



**Issue:** Don't want to look at the test set while optimizing!!



Train

Val

Test

Start with: 60 / 20 / 20

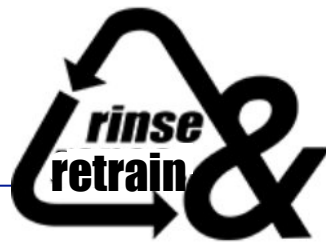
Want a *large* training dataset to minimize  $\mathcal{L}$ .

Want a *large enough* validation set for statistically significant generalization metric.



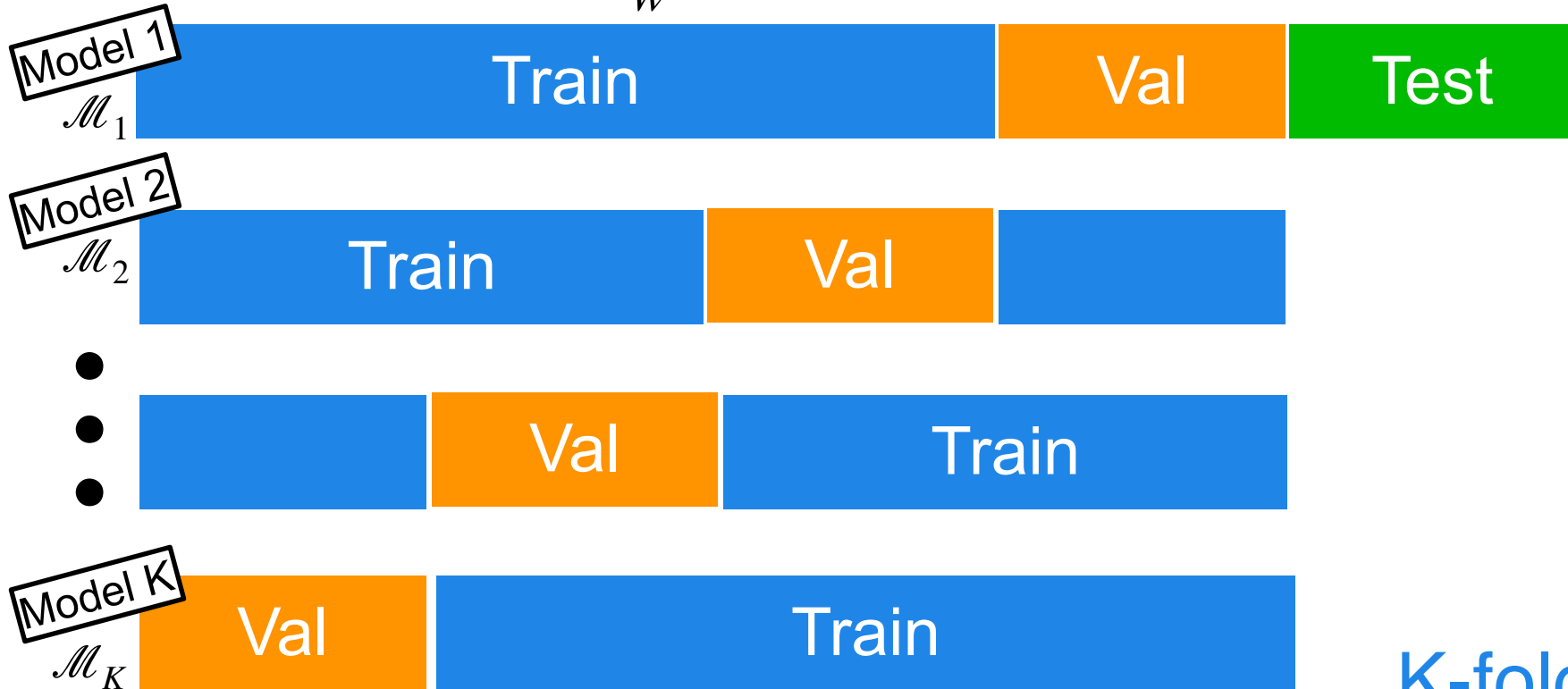
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# How to maximize statistics?



Minimize  $\mathcal{L}$  by SGD on  $K$  splits for the dataset

$$w = w - \alpha \nabla_w \mathcal{L}$$



At **test time**, average the predictions from the models

$$\mathcal{M} = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{i=1}^K \mathcal{M}_i$$



Ensembling helps performance!

- ✓ Couple percent gain in accuracy
- ✓ Used in Kaggle competitions!

## K-fold cross validation

# Learning rate

Minimize  $\mathcal{L}$  by SGD

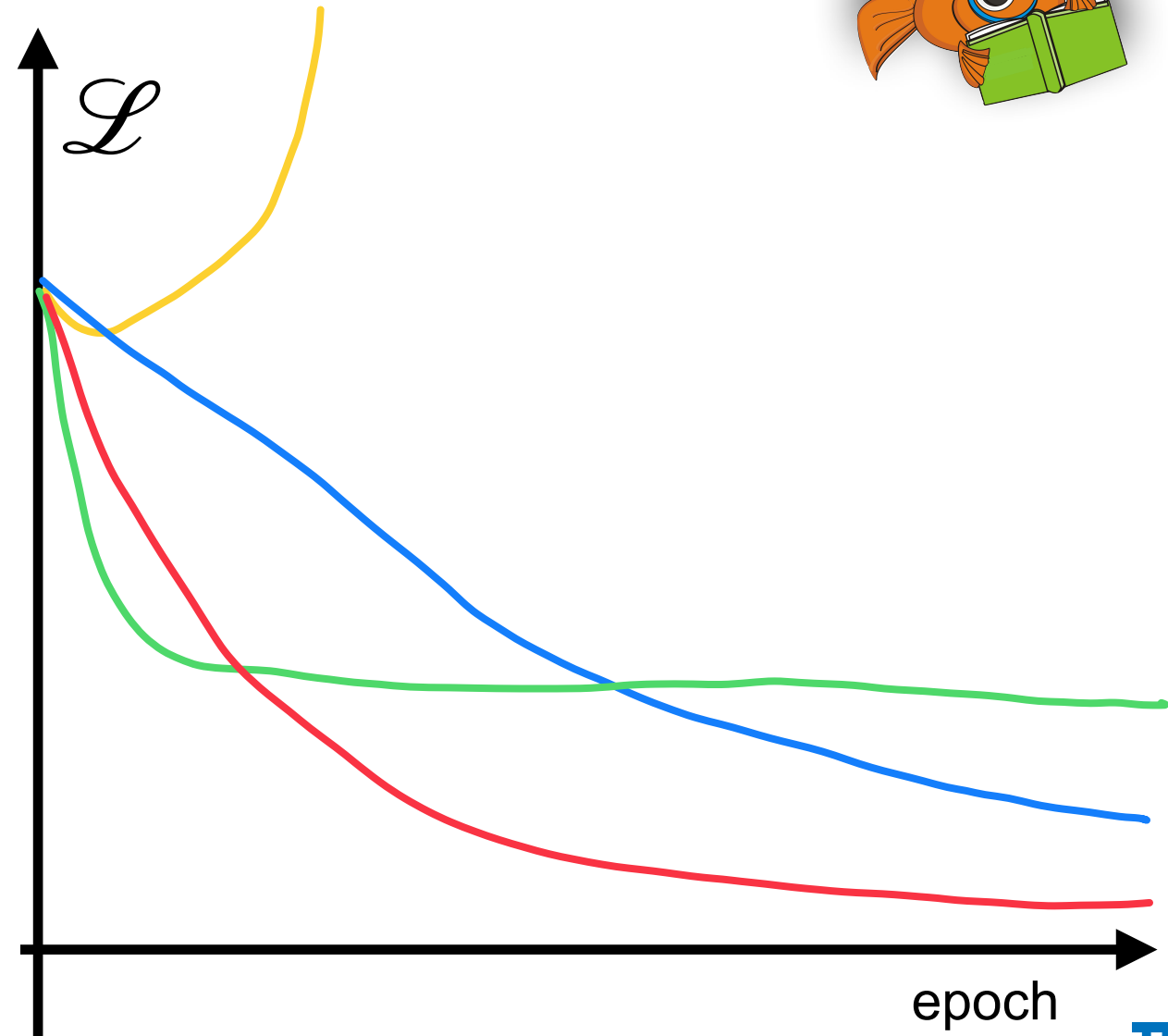
$$w = w - \alpha \nabla_w \mathcal{L}$$

How to choose  $\alpha$ ?



Label the loss curves!

very high learning rate  
high learning rate  
good learning rate  
low learning rate



$\alpha < ?$

# Batch size

Minimize  $\mathcal{L}$  by SGD

$$w = w - \alpha \underbrace{\nabla_w \mathcal{L}}_{\text{Make a MC estimate}} \approx w - \alpha \sum_{i=1}^m \nabla_w \mathcal{L}(x_i, y_i)$$

m: mini-batch size



Bigger batches reduces the error on the MC estimate

- As large as possible to still fit on the GPU.
- Powers of 2 for memory efficiency

E.g, 256, 512, 1024



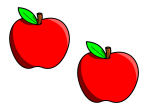
Andrej Karpathy ✓ [post](#)  
@karpathy

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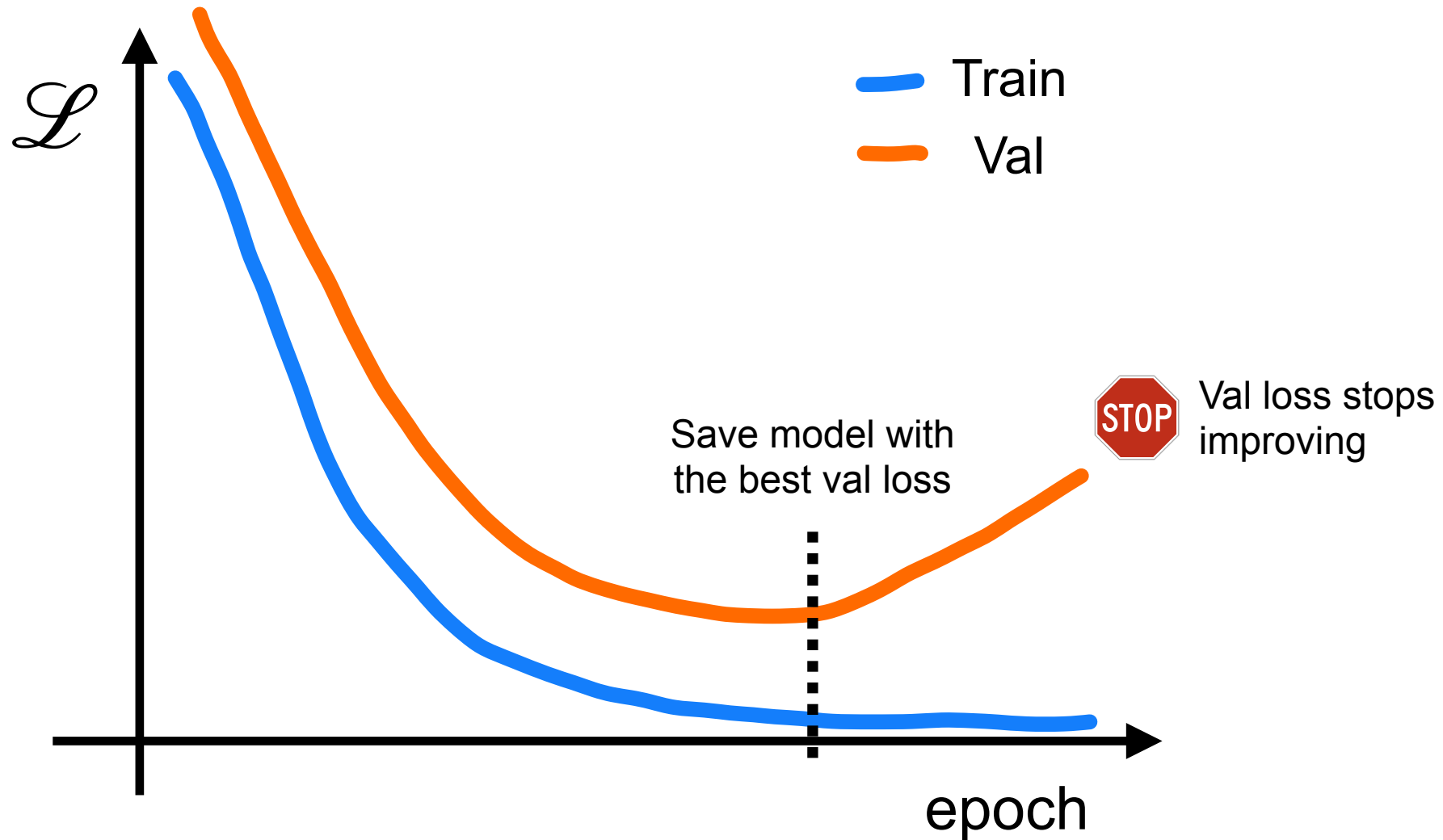
The most dramatic optimization to nanoGPT so far (~25% speedup) is to simply increase vocab size from 50257 to 50304 (nearest multiple of 64). This calculates added useless dimensions but goes down a different kernel path with much higher occupancy. Careful with your Powers of 2.

Intimately tied to learning rate!

If you increase the batch size by a factor of 2, scale  $\alpha$  by  $\frac{1}{2}$  for a fair comparison



# Early stopping

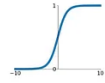


# Hyperparameter search

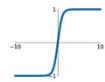
Already many options...

## 1 Activations

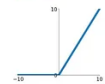
**Sigmoid**  
 $\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$



**tanh**  
 $\tanh(x)$



**ReLU**  
 $\max(0, x)$

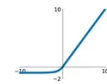


Medium [article](#)

**Leaky ReLU**  
 $\max(0.1x, x)$

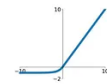


**Maxout**  
 $\max(w_1^T x + b_1, w_2^T x + b_2)$



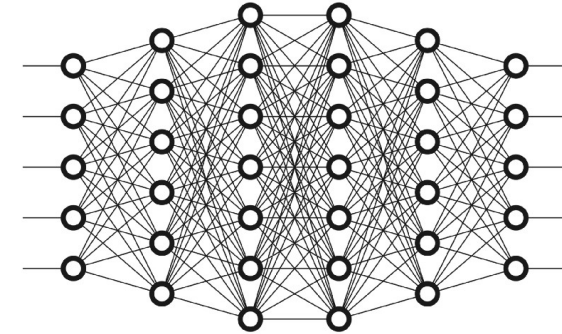
**ELU**

$\begin{cases} x & x \geq 0 \\ \alpha(e^x - 1) & x < 0 \end{cases}$



## 2

Number of layers

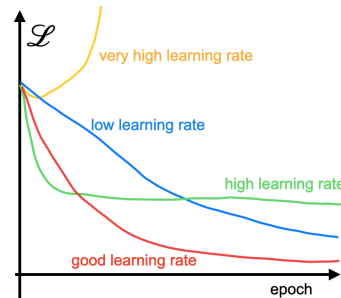


## 3

Nodes / layer

## 4

Learning rate



+ many more!

in this talk and others!

Coarse scan:

3 activations {sigmoid, ReLU, ELU}

x 3 layers {5, 10, 20}

x 4 nodes {10, 50, 250, 200}

x 4 learning rates {1e-2, 3e-3, 1e-3, 3e-4}

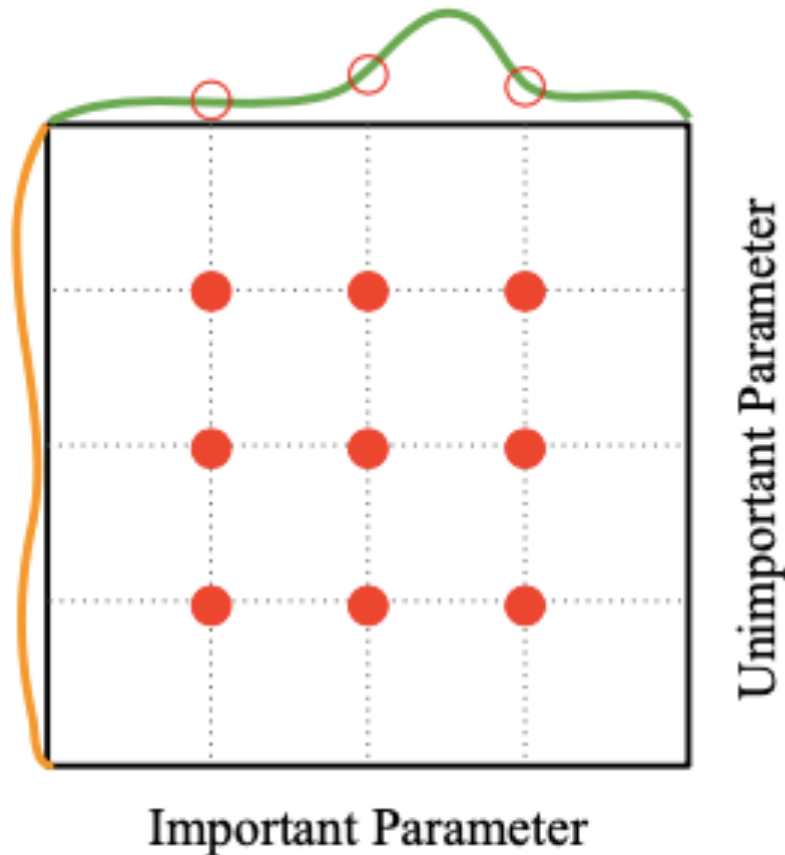
x 2 {with and w/o scheduler}

= 384 trainings !!!

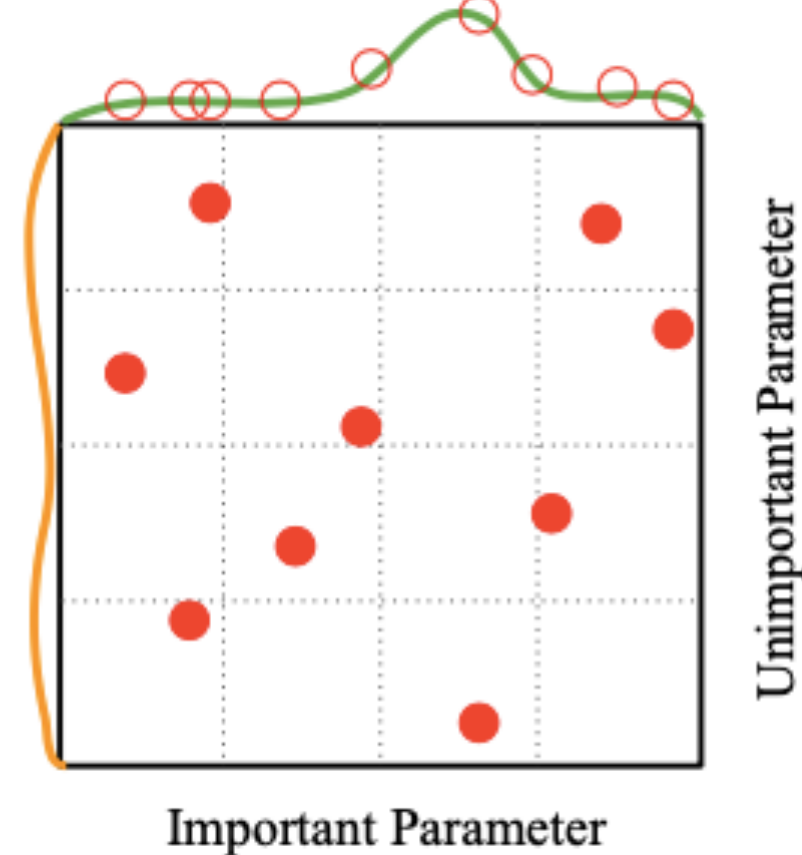


# Hyper-parameter search

## Grid Search



## Random Search



Not all hyper-parameters are equal!

# Hyperparameter strategies



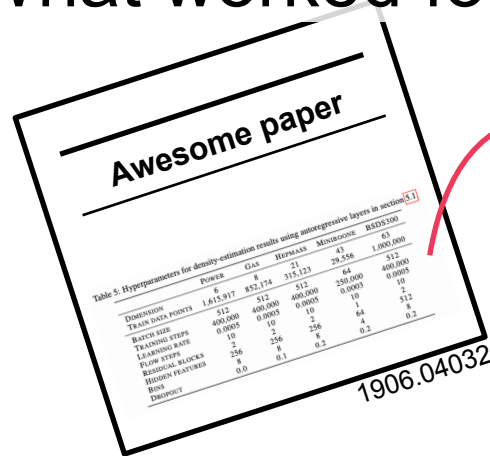
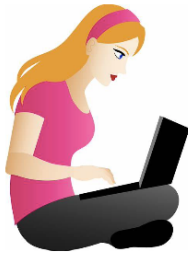
## Fast prototyping

1. Start with a subset of the training dataset
2. Find parameters for a model that overfits
3. Start the random search around this point

Can automate!



## What worked for others?



Starting point random search



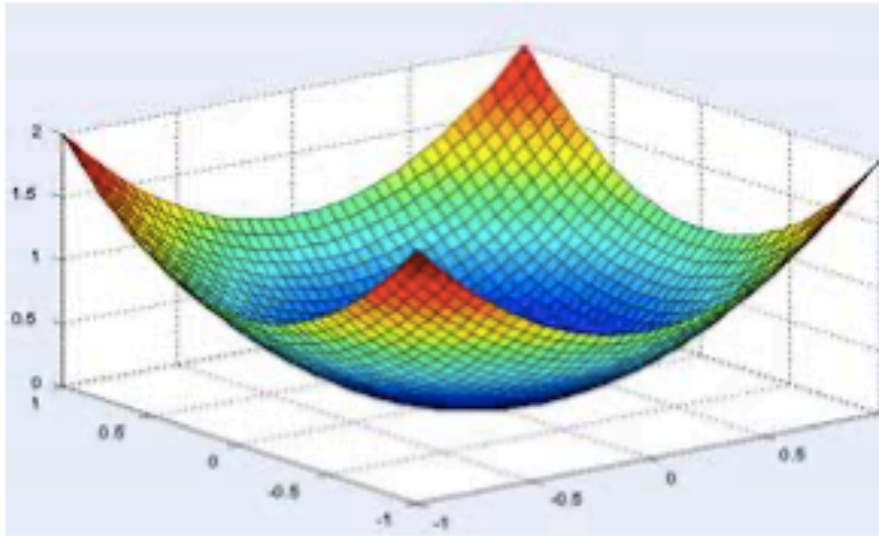
Scan in log space

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 x 2 {with and w/o scheduler}  
 x 10 K-fold cross validation (K=10)  
 = 3840 trainings !!!

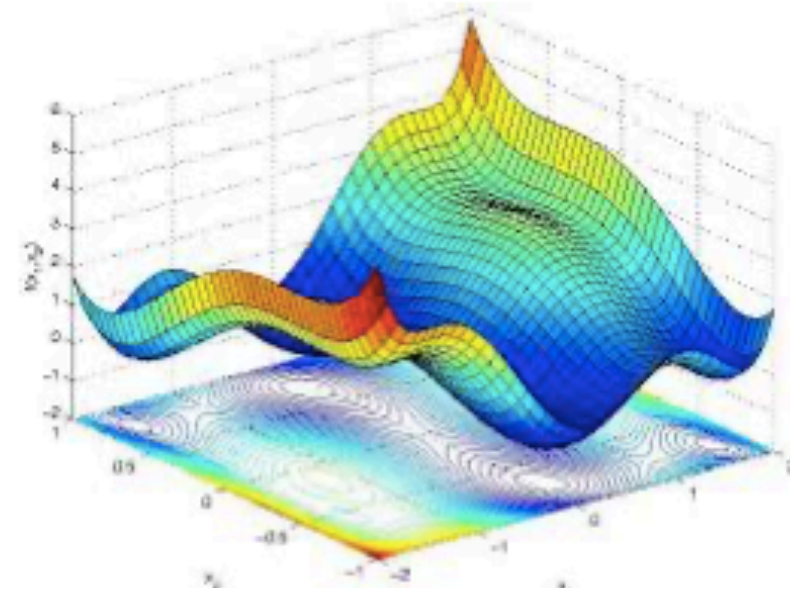
# Loss landscape

Linear functions



(convex loss)

Neural networks



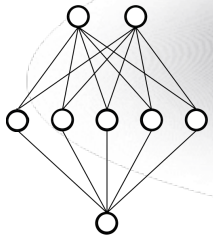
(non-convex)

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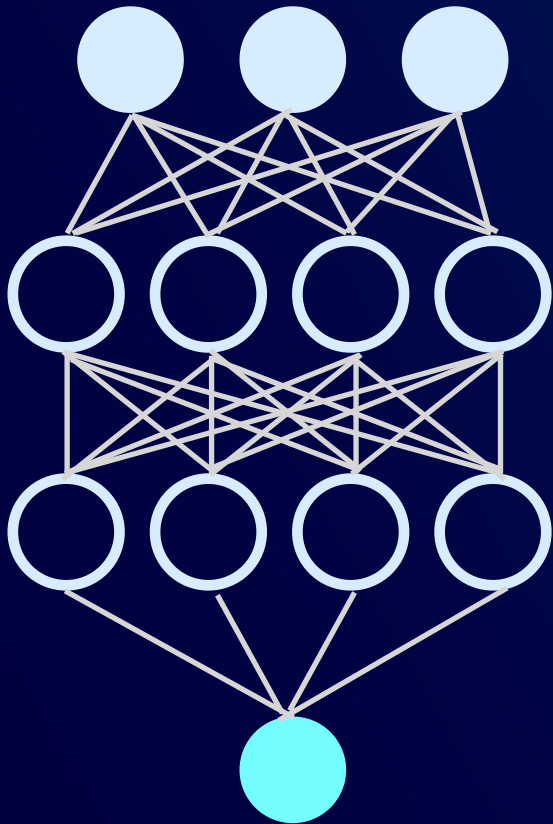
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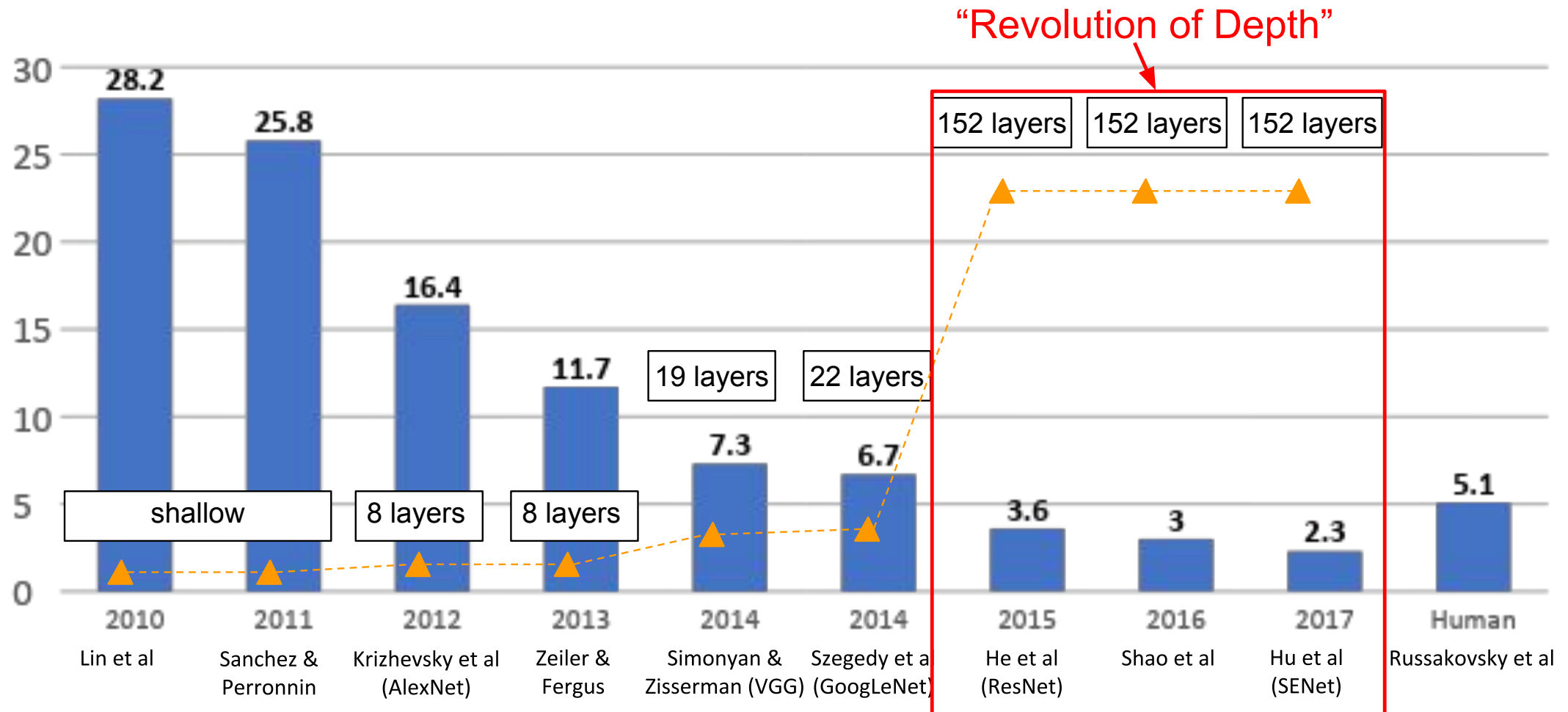
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# Models in the Deep Learning Era



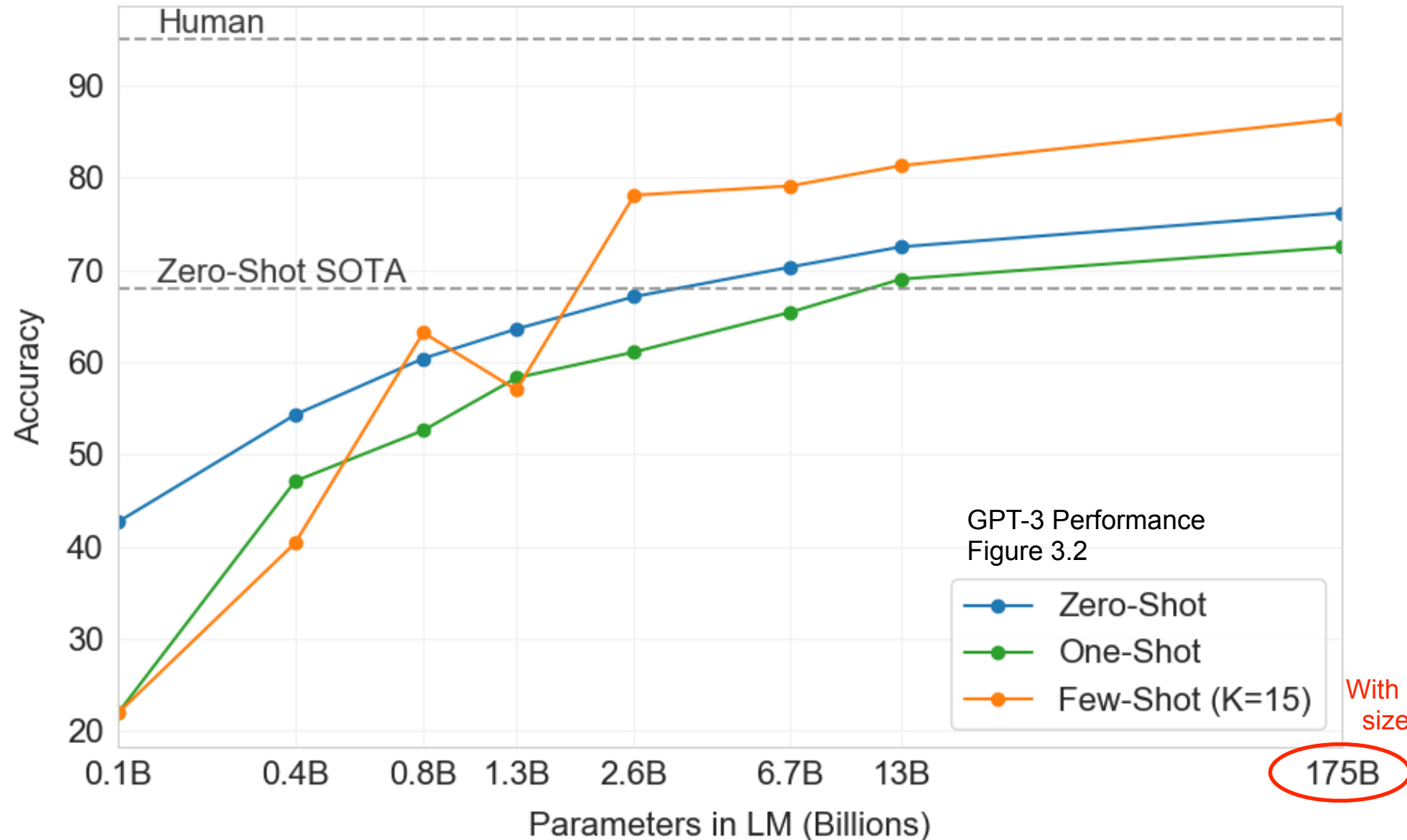
# The Deep Learning Revolution

ImageNet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge (ILSVRC) winners

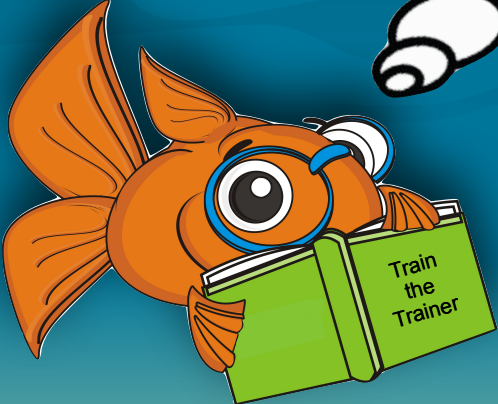




# Natural Language Processing



With a training dataset size of 500B words.



What about our  
model complexity  
discussion?

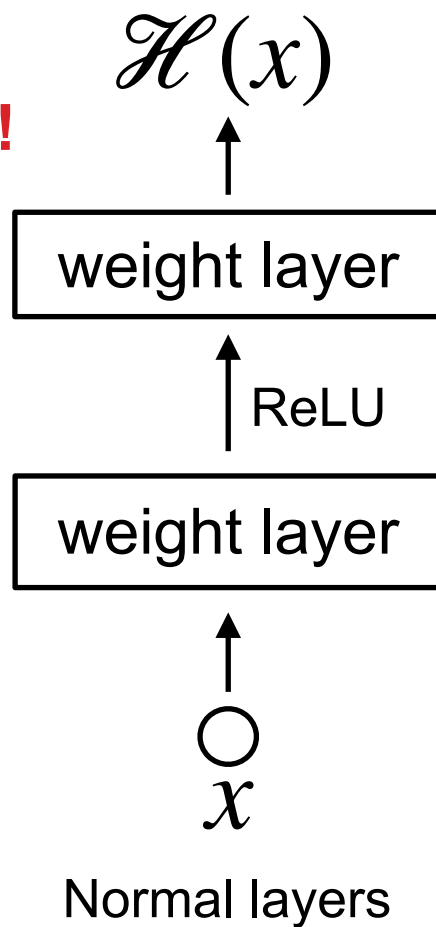
Deep Learning philosophy...  
Bigger = better



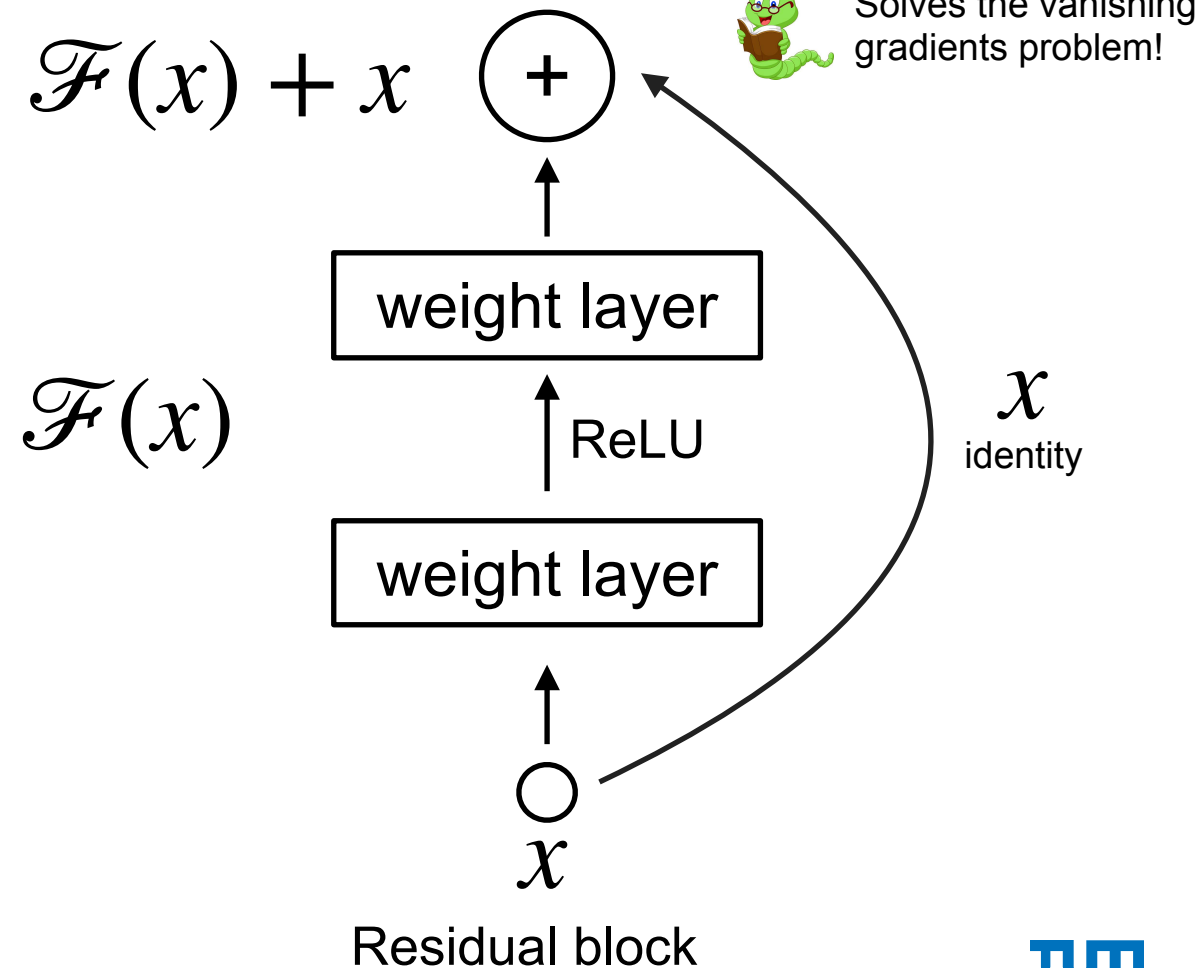
# ResNet building block

! If layer isn't needed,  
need to learn the identity.

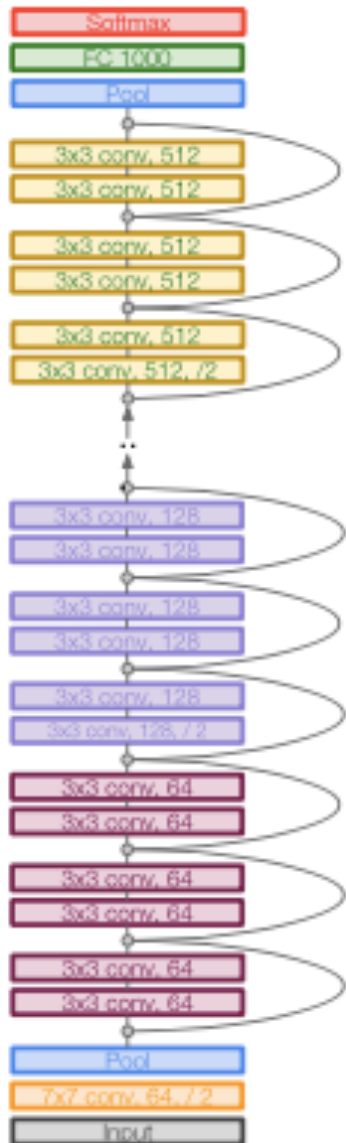
Degrades  
performance!



Learn the correction factor

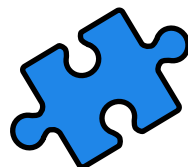
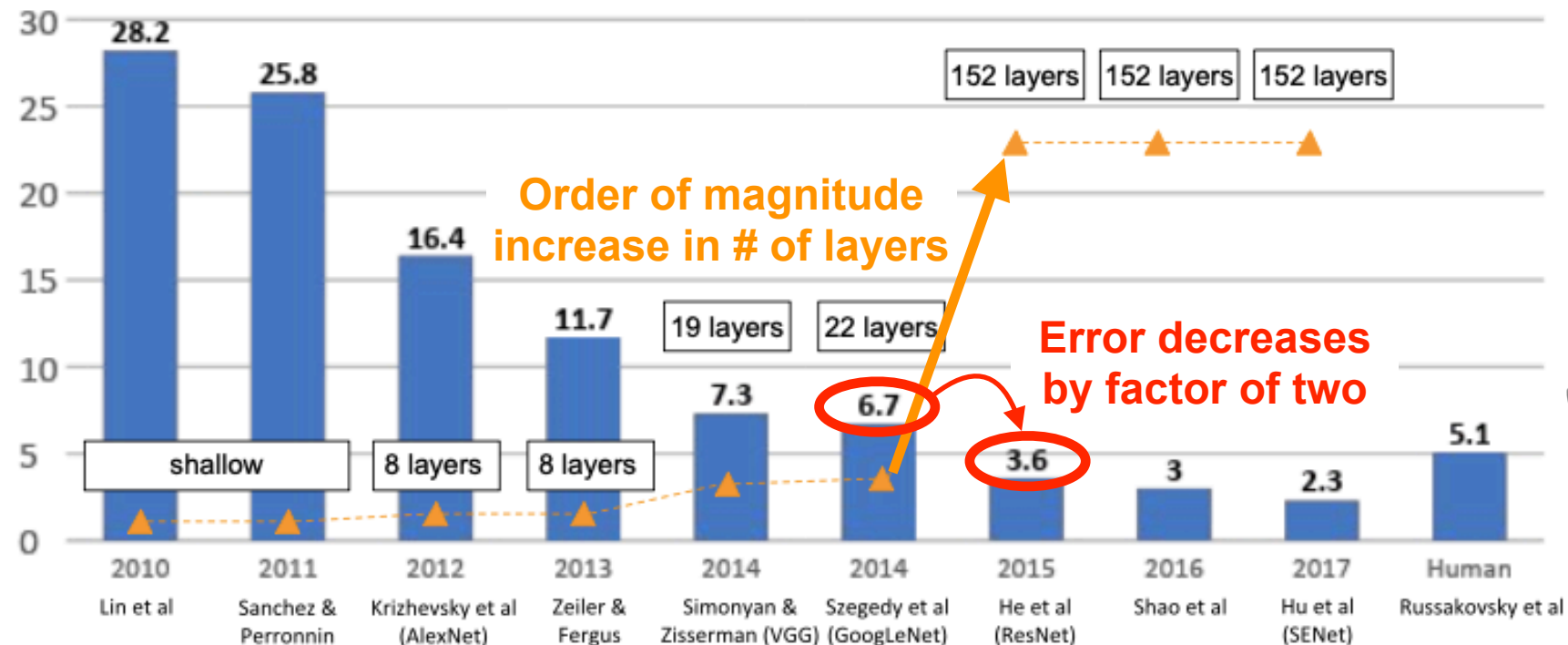


# ResNet: performance



Learn the correction factor

*What do we gain???*



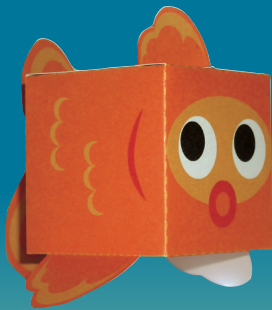
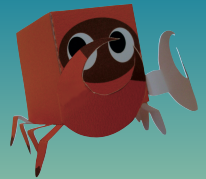
Crucial for almost every modern architecture from natural language (1706.03762) to generative models (1906.04032).





# Regularization Techniques

How to restrict the optimization problem to help the NN generalize better.



# Regularization

$$\mathcal{L}_{\beta}(w) = \mathcal{L}(w) + \beta \mathcal{R}(w)$$

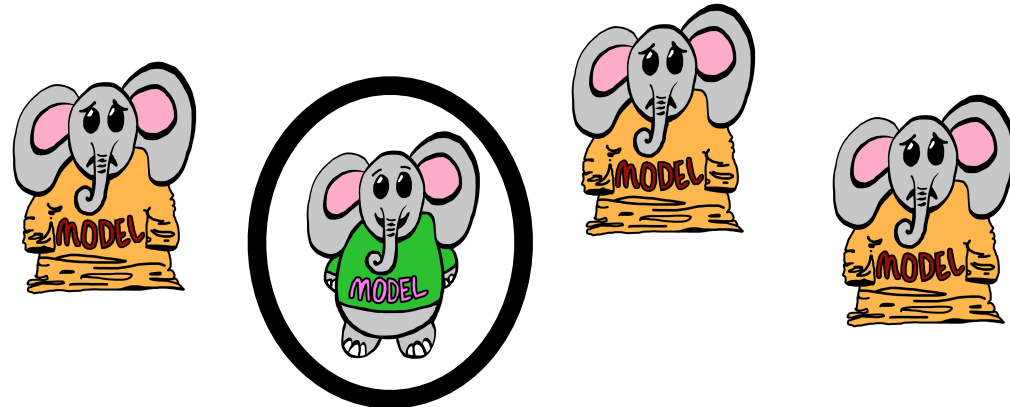
Fit the training data

Penalize complicated models

Hyperparameter governing tradeoff of the two objectives.

## Occam's razor for ML

When multiple models describe the training data... choose the simplest one!



## L2 Regularization (most common for NNs)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\beta}(w) = \mathcal{L}(w) + \beta |w|^2$$

Encourages weights to be *small*

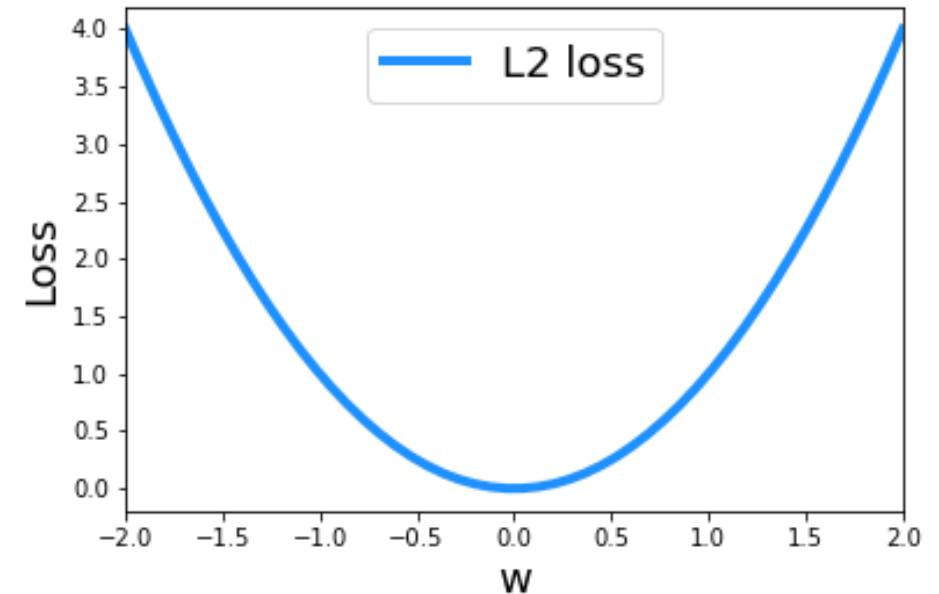
"Weight decay"

$$\begin{aligned} w &= w - \alpha \nabla_w \mathcal{L}_{\lambda} \\ &= w - \alpha \nabla_w (\mathcal{L} + \beta w^2) \\ &= \underbrace{(1 - 2\beta)}_{\text{Decay}} w - \alpha \nabla_w \mathcal{L} \end{aligned}$$



Include in random search

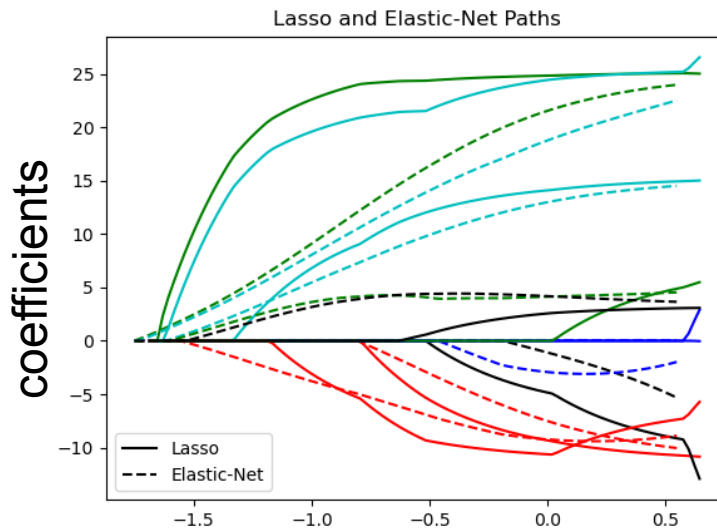
(Log scale, e.g,  $\beta = 0, 1e-6, 1e-4$ )



# L1 regularization (inducing sparsity)

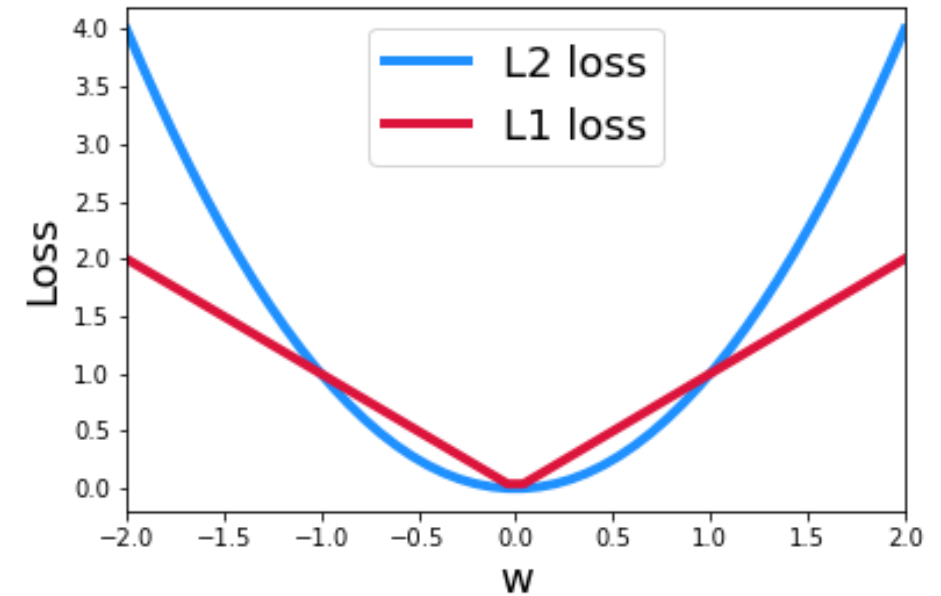
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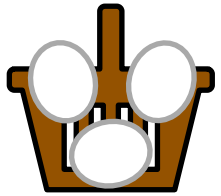
$-\log \beta$

← Increasing regularization



## Dropout: intro

**Issue:** Don't want the NN to rely heavily on individual features



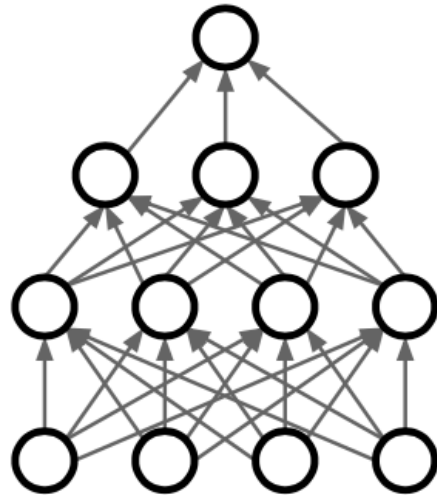
ML version of not  
putting all your eggs  
in one basket



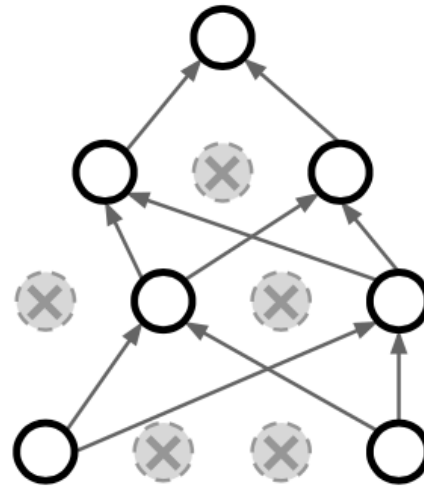
# Dropout: idea

**Issue:** Don't want the NN to rely heavily on individual features

Original Network



With dropout



At **training time**, zero out some neurons with dropout fraction  $p$

*Hyperparameter we need to optimize!*



Encourages learning robust features



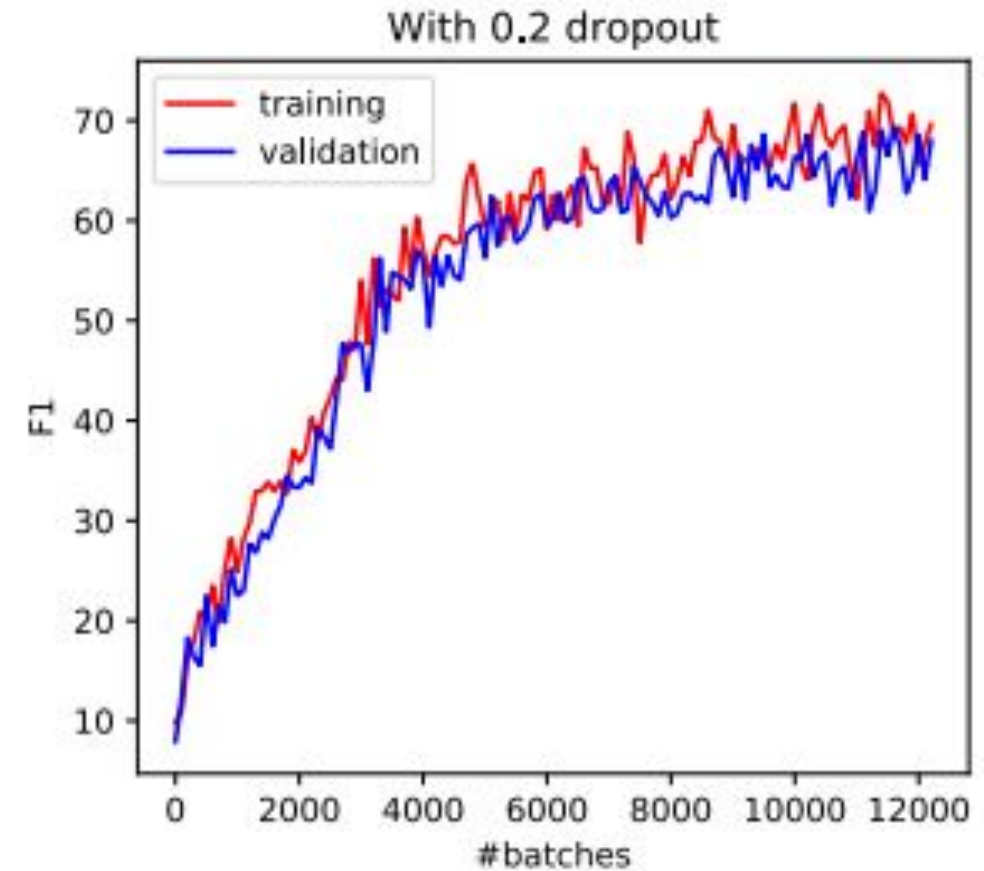
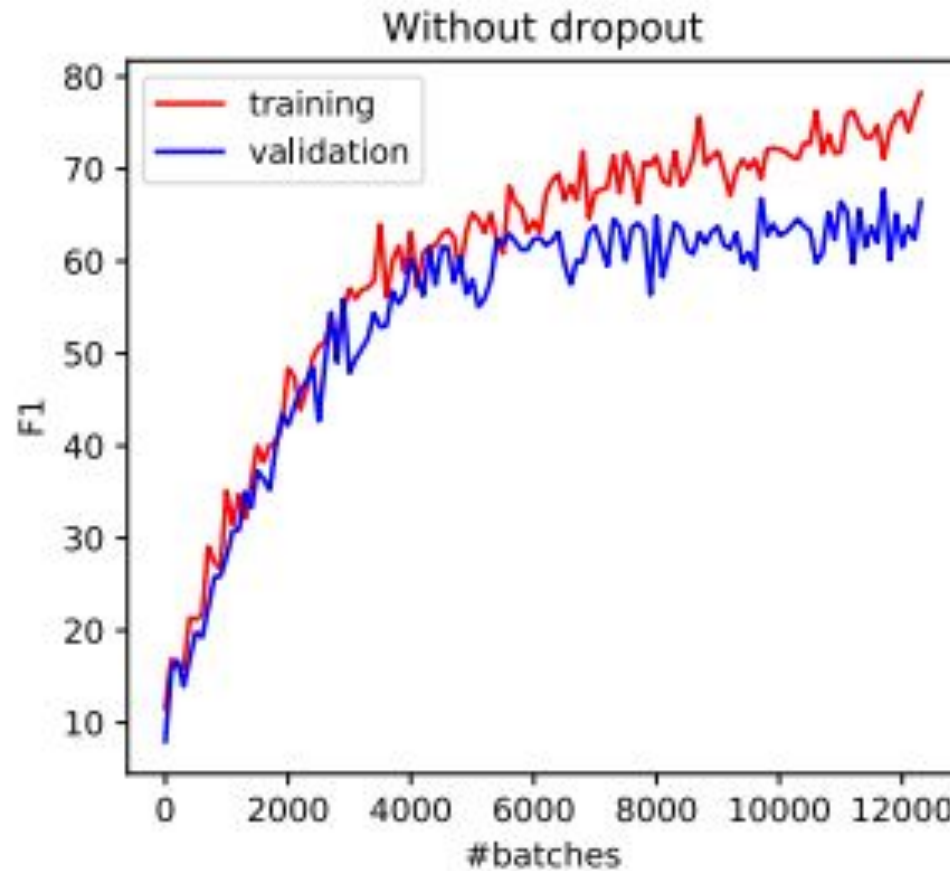
At **test time**, use all the neurons for prediction!!

Like training an ensemble of the NNs without being as €€€





# Dropout: performance

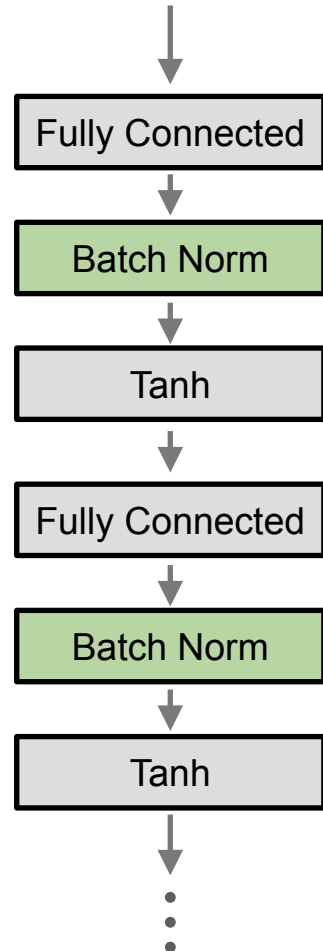


Overfit first — then try to close the gap!!

# Batch Normalization

## What about the features in the hidden layers?

“You want zero mean and unit variance operations? Just make them so!”



At **training time**, normalize over the activations of the minibatch

Additional learnable parameters for the scale and shift:  $\gamma$  and  $\beta$ .

Original paper: inserted after Fully Connected layers, and before nonlinearity.

Some debate, e.g., 1912.04259 suggests other placements better in some cases.

$$\hat{x}^{(k)} = \frac{x^{(k)} - \mathbb{E}[x^{(k)}]}{\sqrt{\text{Var}[x^{(k)}]}}$$

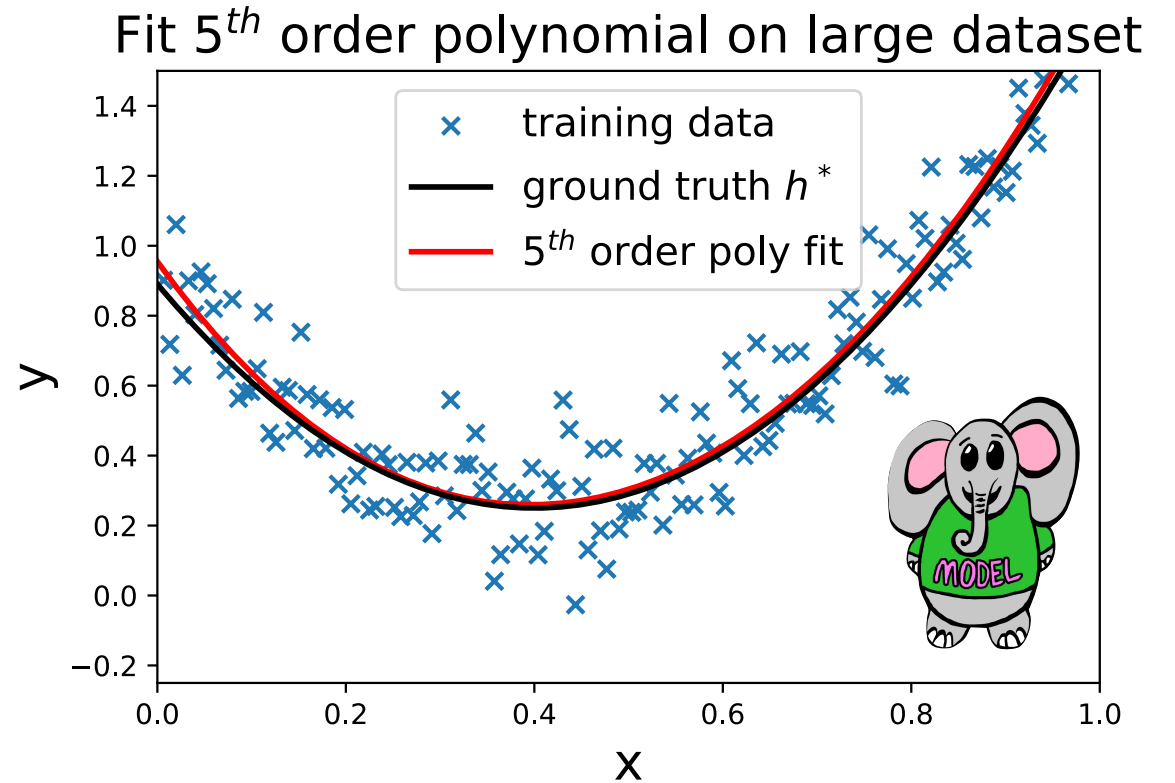
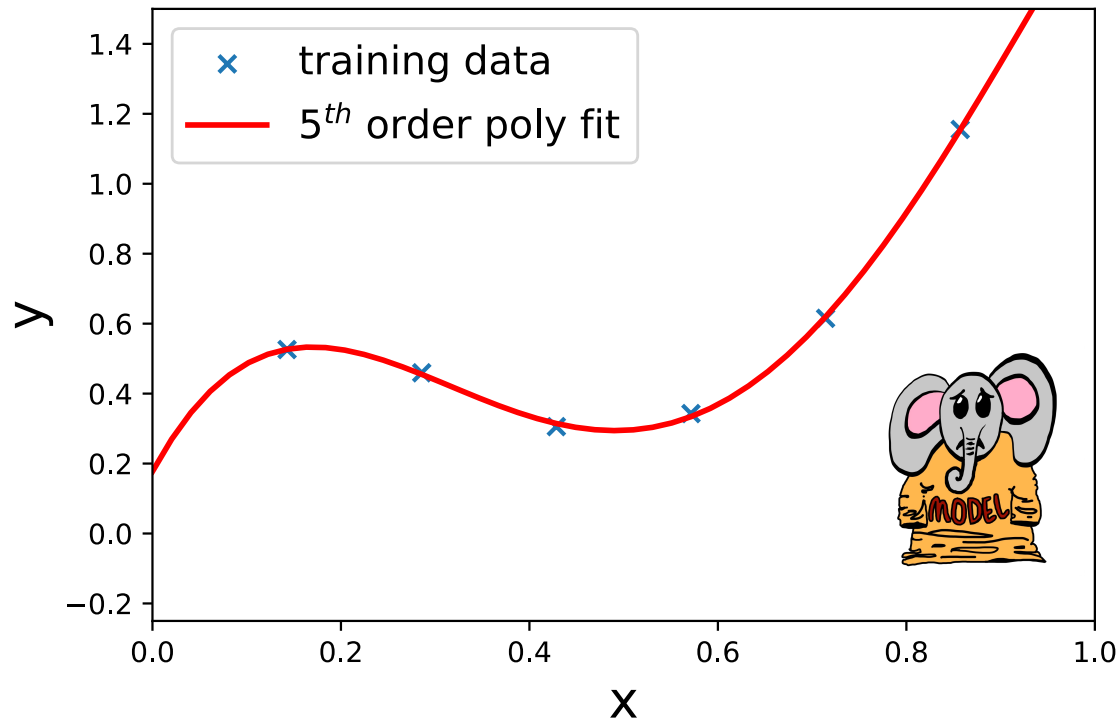
$$y_{i,j} = \gamma_j \hat{x}_{i,j} + \beta_j$$



For set / sequence based data (Nikolai's talk) [LayerNorm](#) also useful

# Data augmentation : motivation

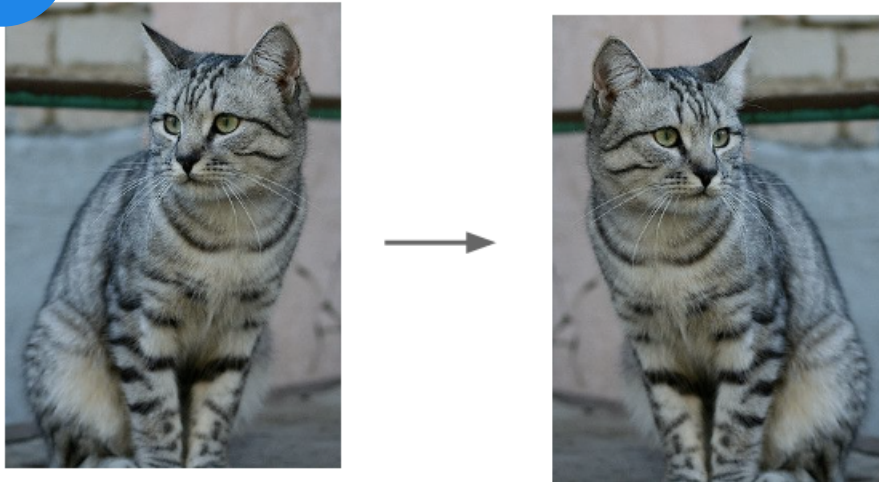
**Recall:** More training data reduces variance.



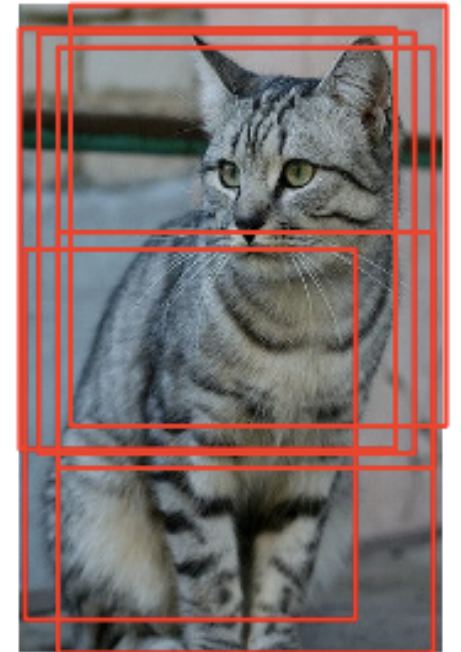
**Q:** How can you modify your training data to artificially increase your dataset size?

# Data augmentation : examples

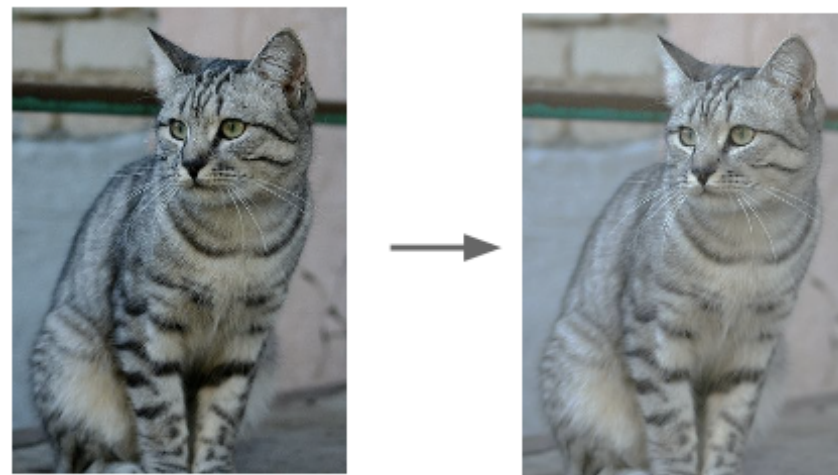
## 1 Horizontal flips



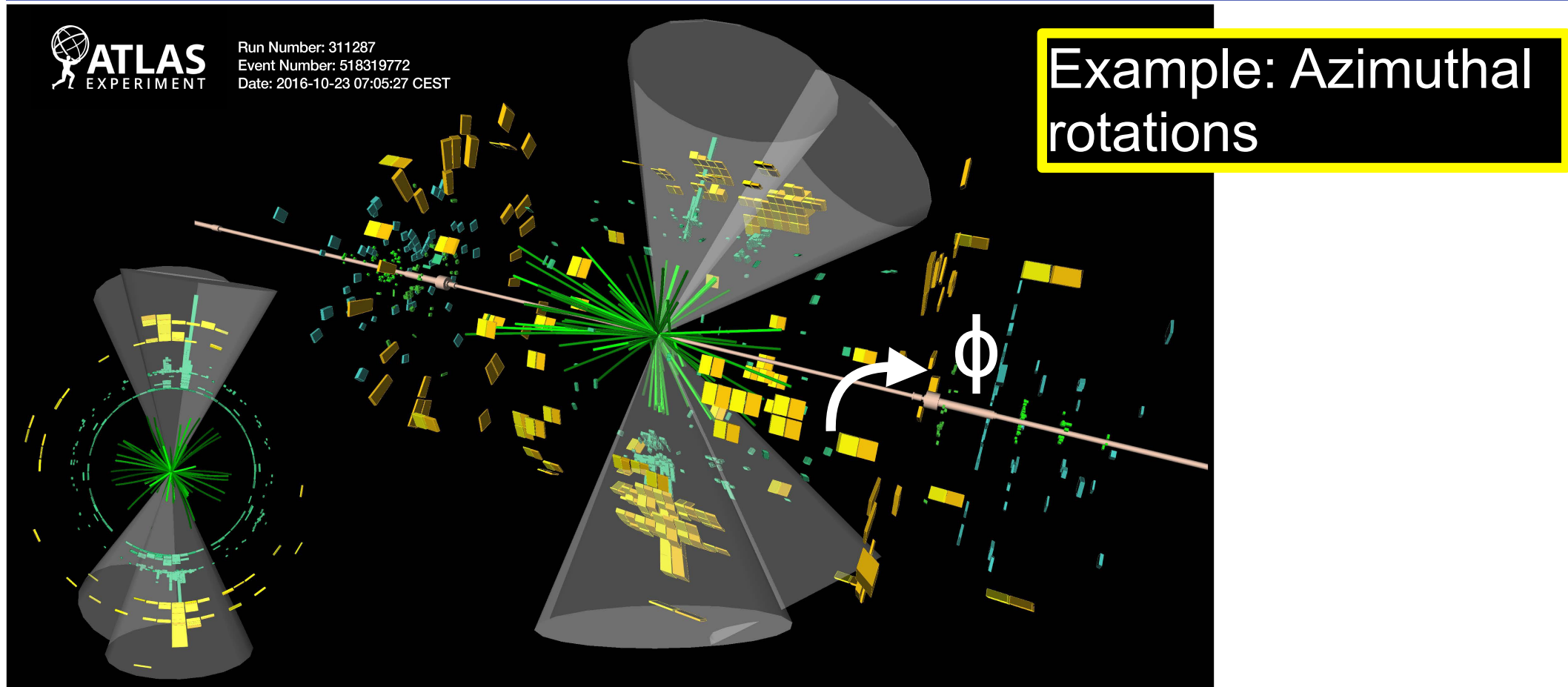
## 2 Random crops and scales



## 3 Adjust contrast and brightness



# Data augmentation — physics



Less used in practice...

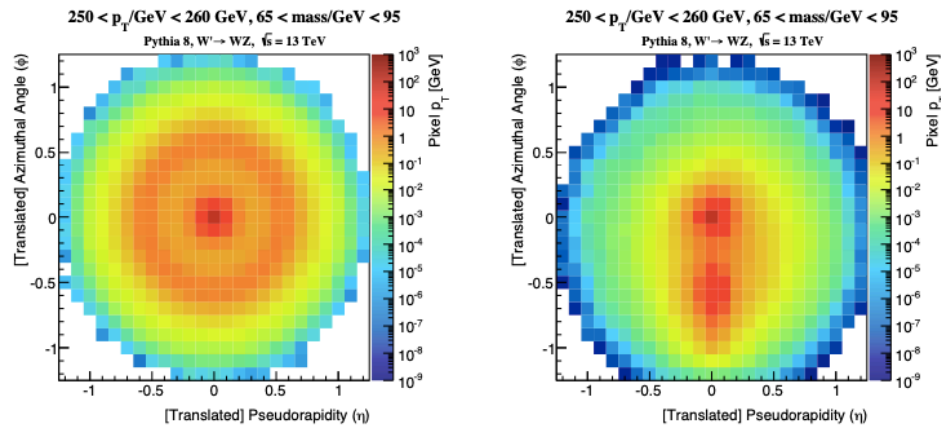
With a simulator and we can often get as many training examples as we want

# Data augmentation — alternatives

**Issue:** Larger models with more data take longer to train

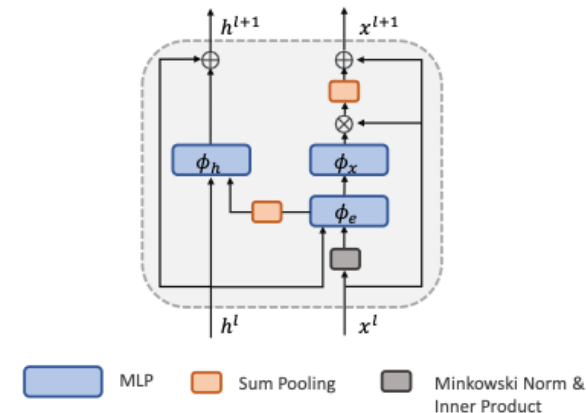
➔ Remove the variation to train faster.

## 1 Preprocess for uniformity



Jet Images — Deep Learning Edition 1511.05190

## 2 Architecture design to preserve invariants



Lorentz Group Equivariant Block (LGEb)

LorentzInvariance: Lorentz Net and ParT 2202.03772

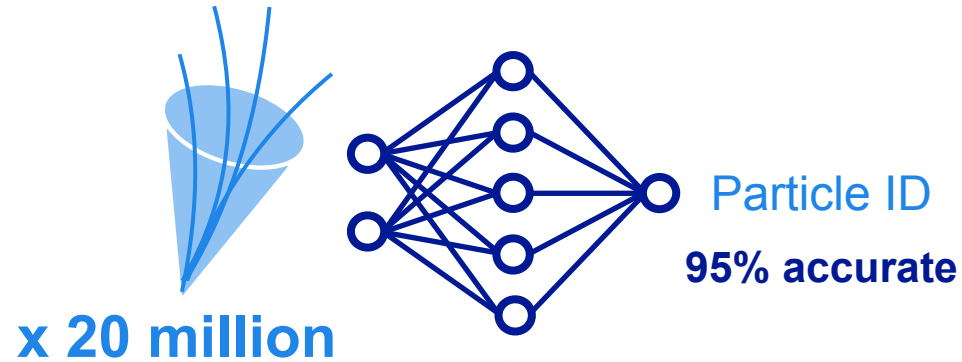
Azimuthal Symmetry: 2107.02908

+ many others

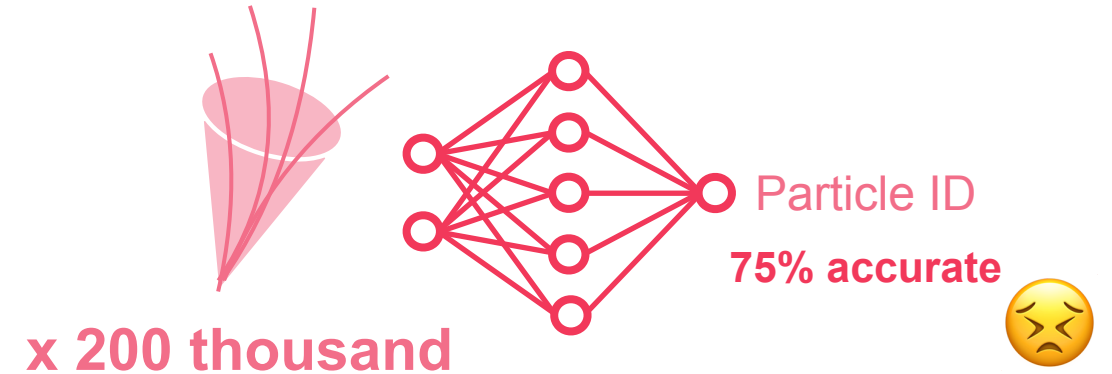


# Fine-tuning / transfer learning

## Original Task

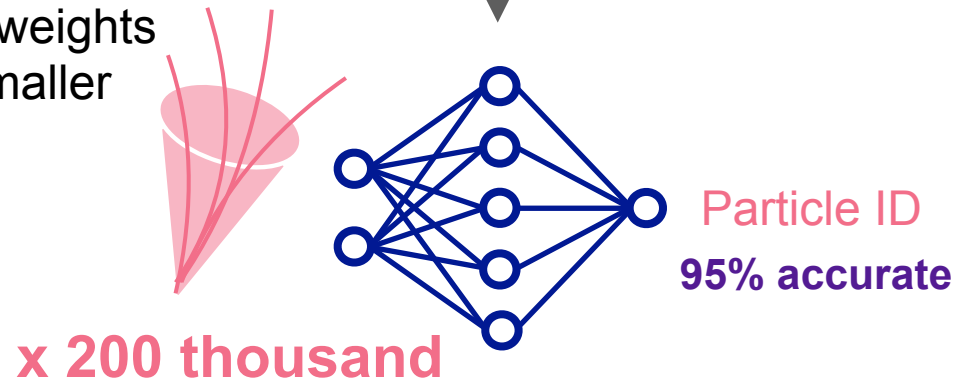


## Modified task



## Fine-tuning

(2) Adjust weights with the smaller dataset.



(1) Start with weights optimized with the larger dataset.



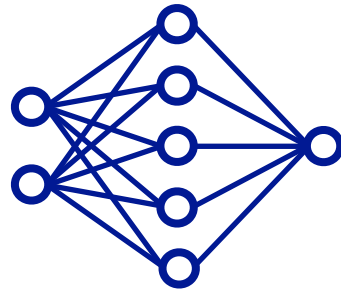
(3) Enjoy increase in performance!

# Fine-tuning / Transfer learning: chatGPT

## Original Task

**GPT-3**

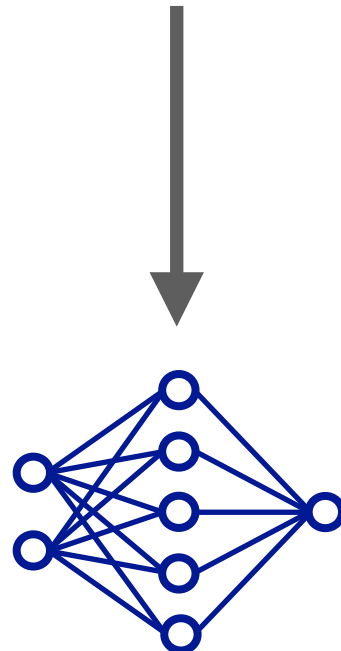
Train on the corpus  
of the whole internet



## Fine-tuning

**chatGPT**

Fine-tune weights  
on the chatbot  
conversations



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julia> VERSION
v"1.7.0"
```

**O**

cholesky([2.0 0.5; 0.5 1.2])



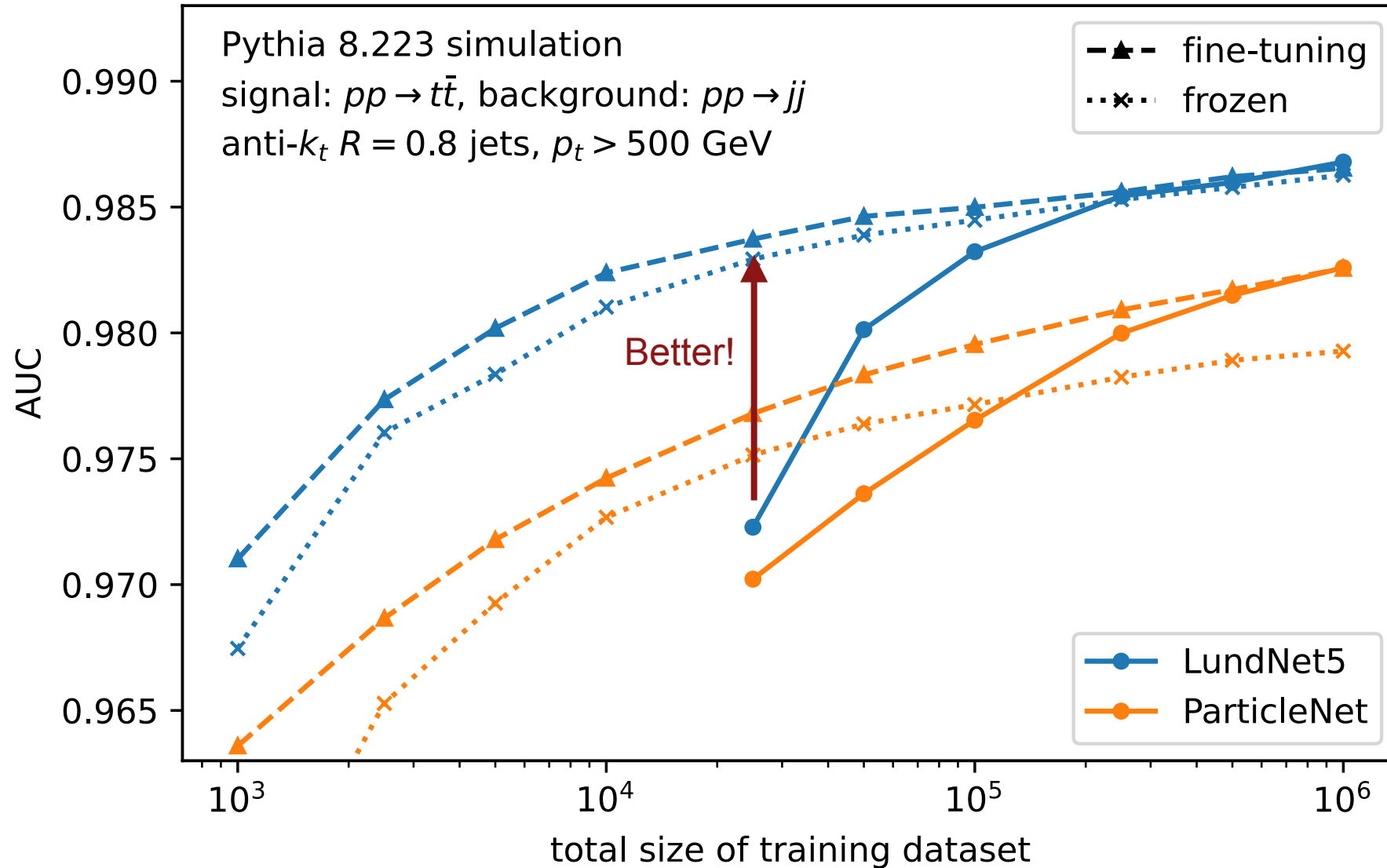
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julia> cholesky([2.0 0.5; 0.5 1.2])
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 [0.447  0.785]
```

Apparently... chatGPT has learned math and **julia** syntax



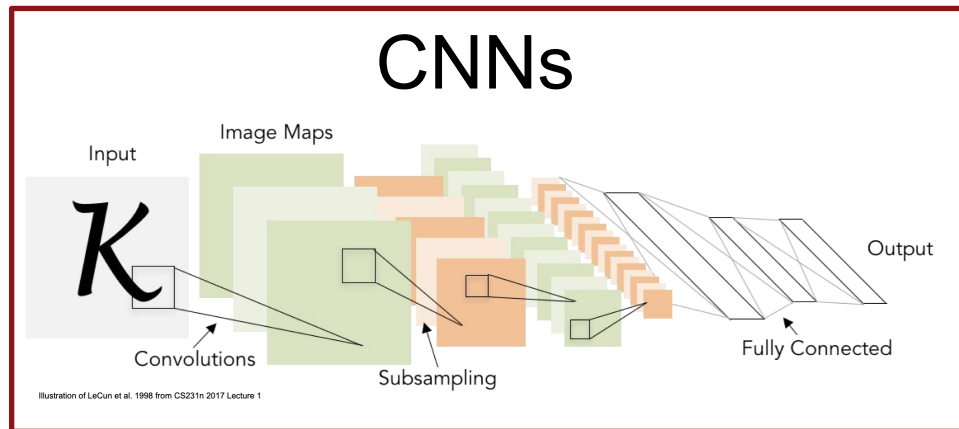
# Fine-tuning / Transfer learning



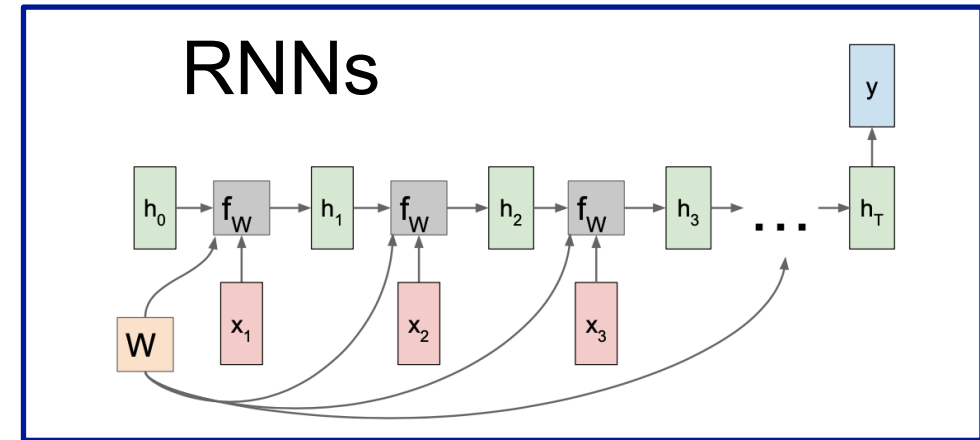
# Weight sharing

Alternative architectures designed to *reuse weights* as suited for the input data.

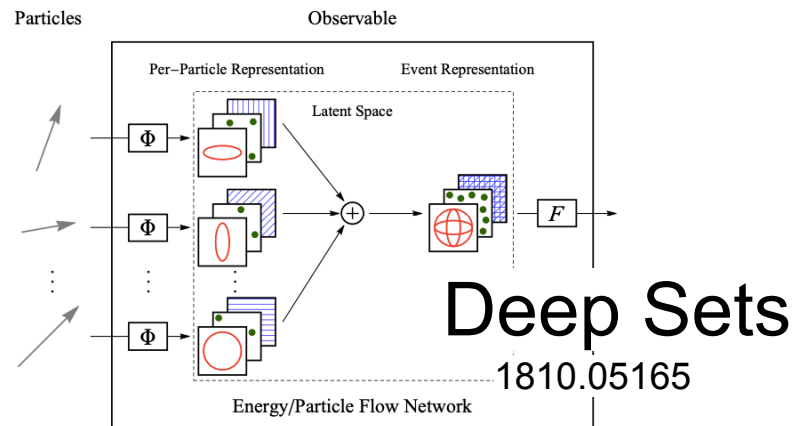
“Don’t relearn what you don’t need”



See next talk by Judith!

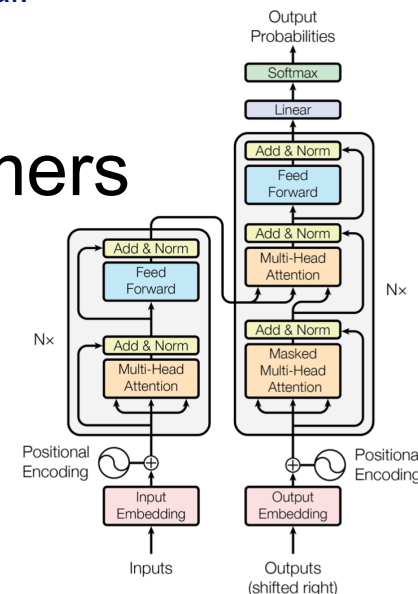


See tomorrow by Nikolai!



## Transformers

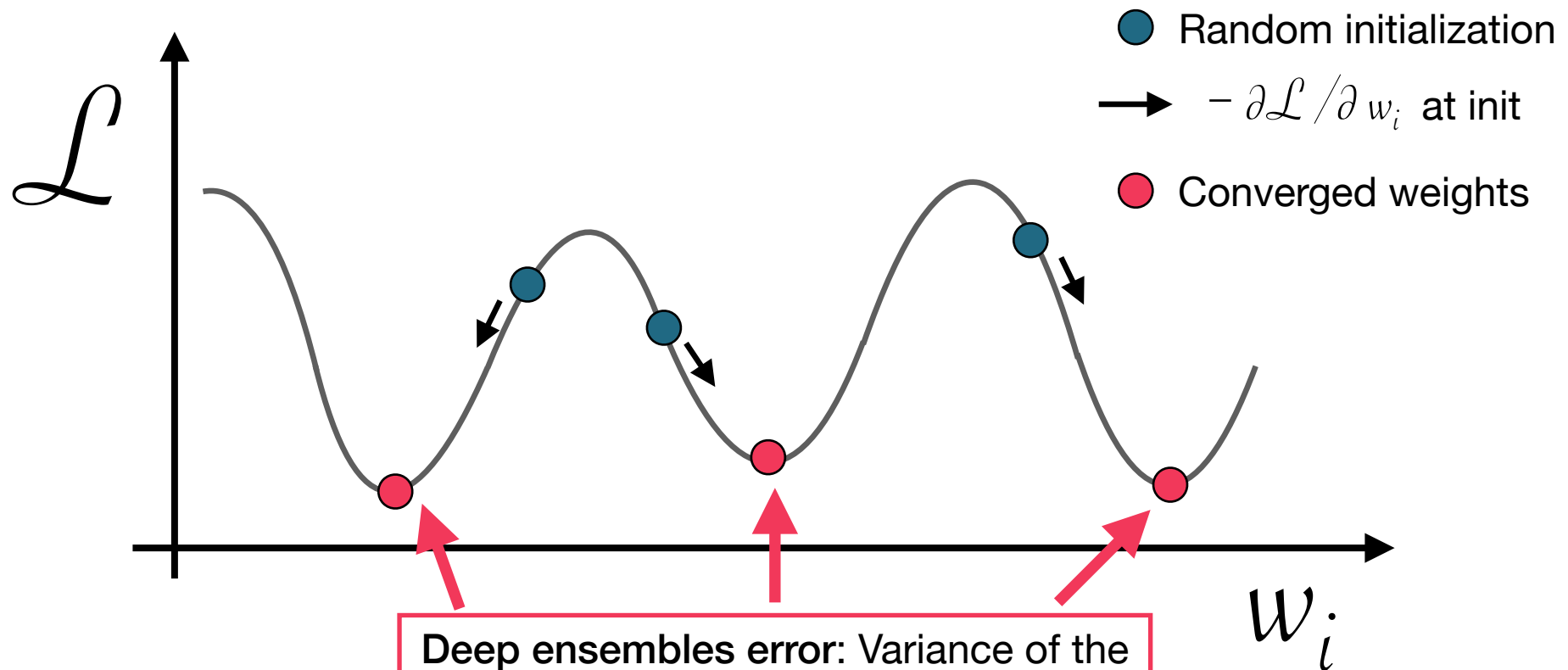
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# Ensembles

$$MSE(x) \approx (h^*(x) - h_{avg}(x))^2 + \mathbb{E} \left[ (h_{avg}(x) - h_S(x))^2 \right]$$

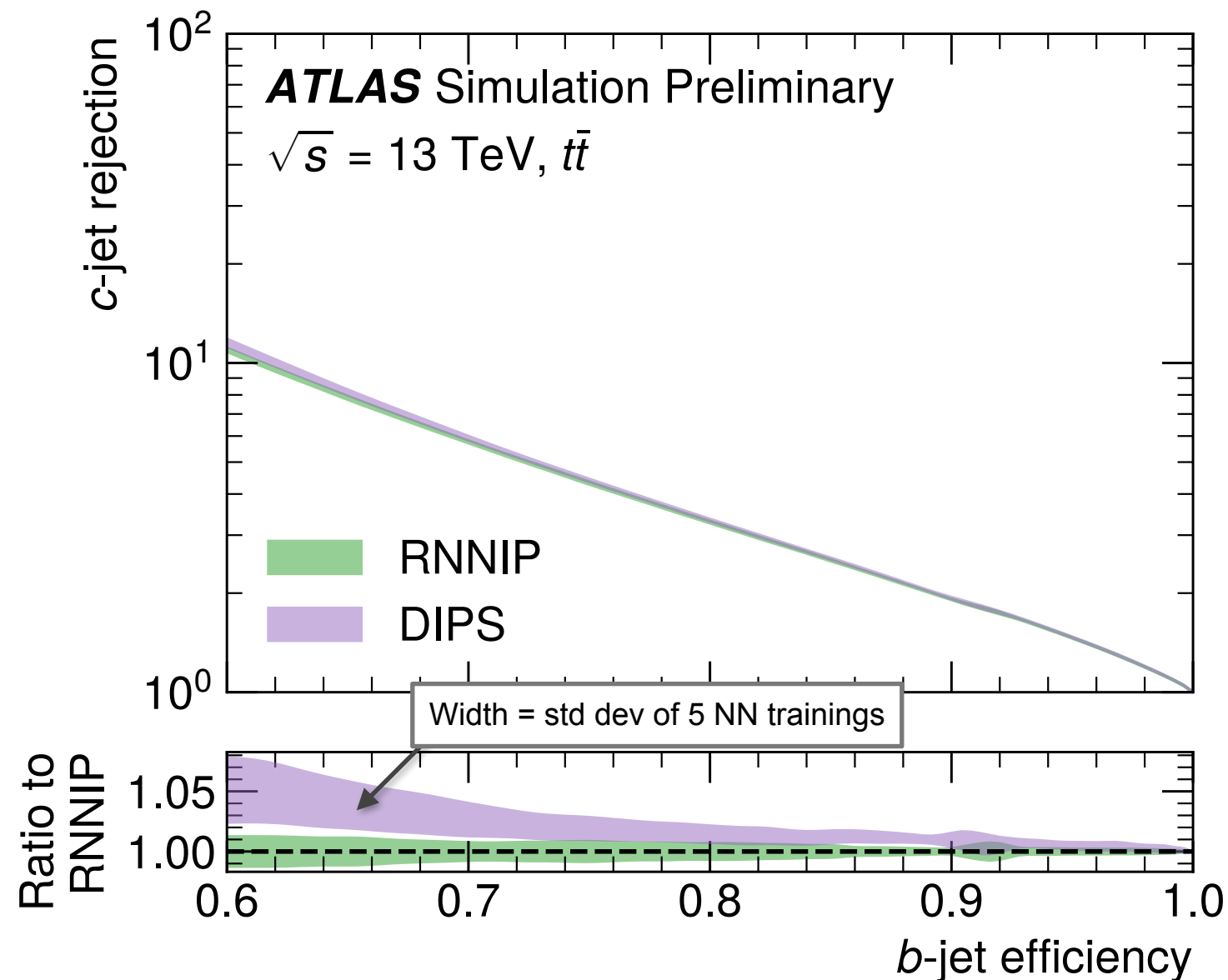
Variance



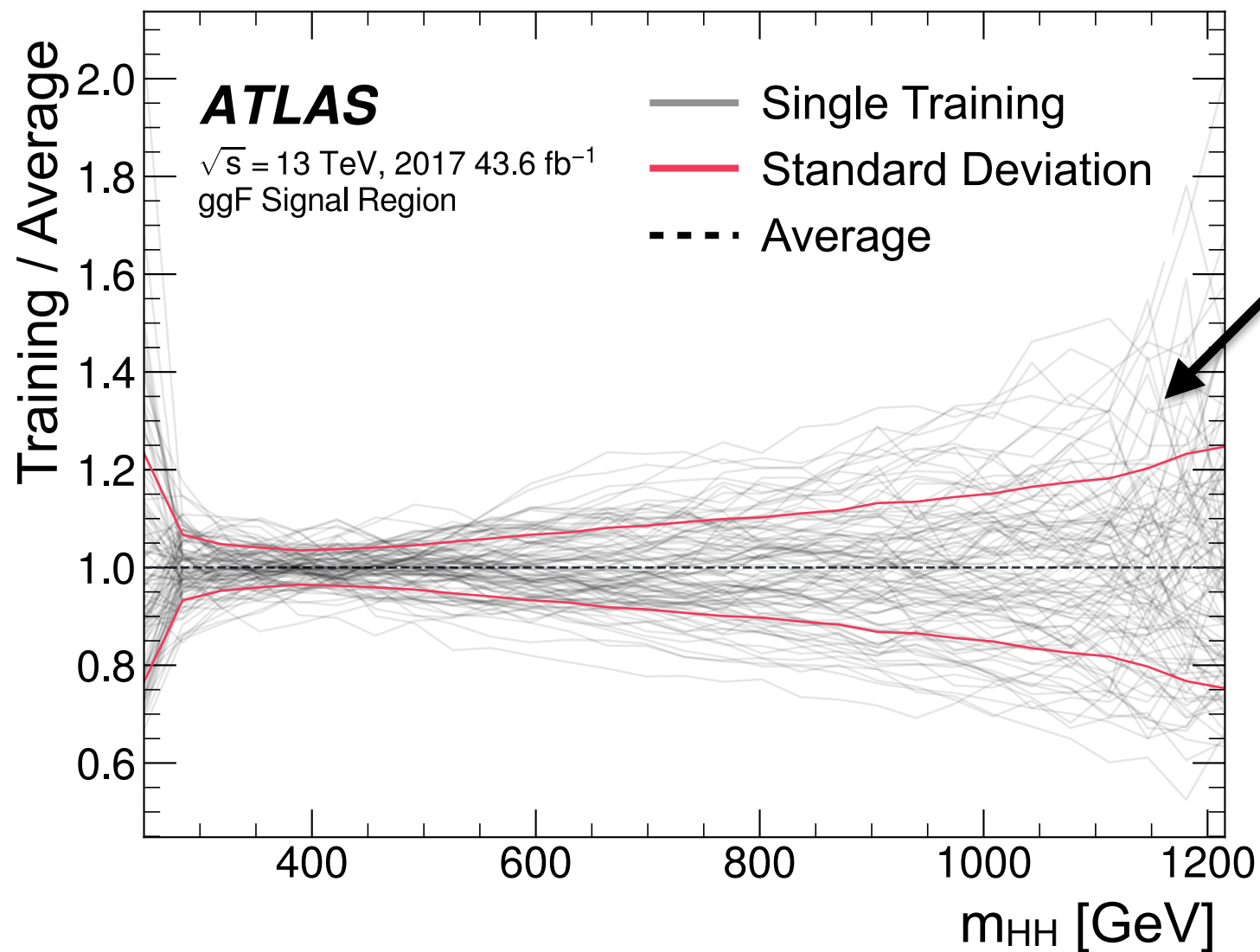
Deep ensembles error: Variance of the predictions from different local minima

# Ensembles: Application

Probe whether the result of an experiment is meaningful or a random fluctuation.



# Ensembles: Application



Use the **variation of trainings** as a nuisance parameter

# Starting off...

Open question

Going deeper

Statistical learning theory  
Bias / variance trade-off



Training techniques

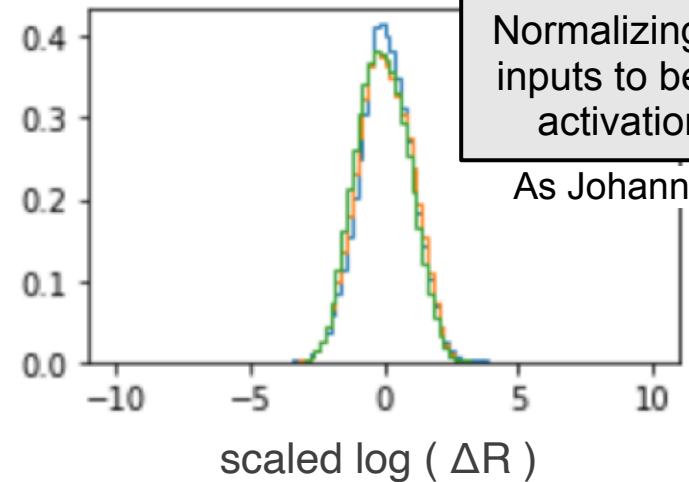
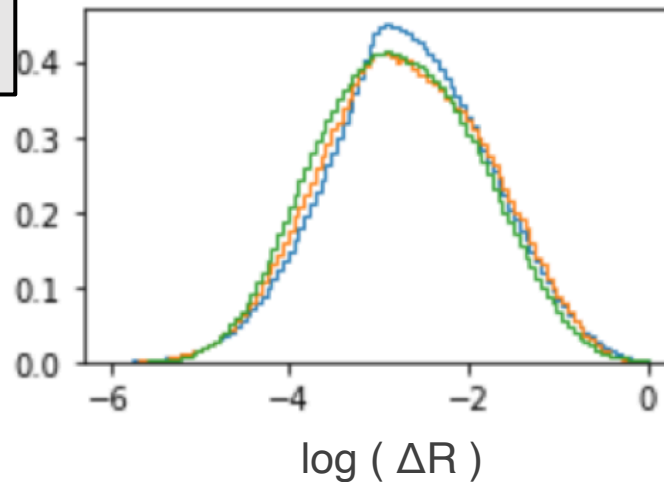
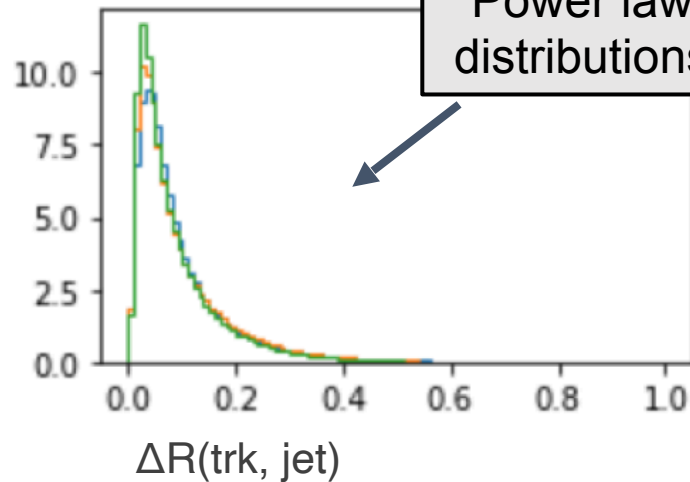
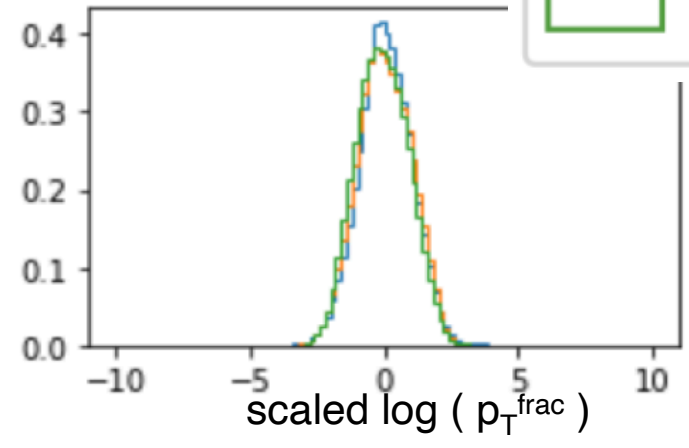
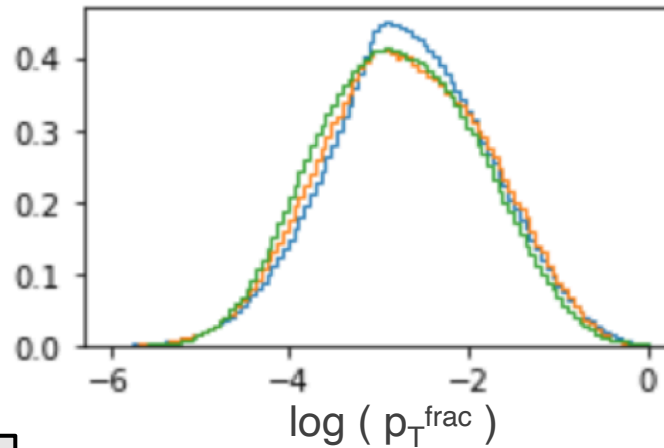
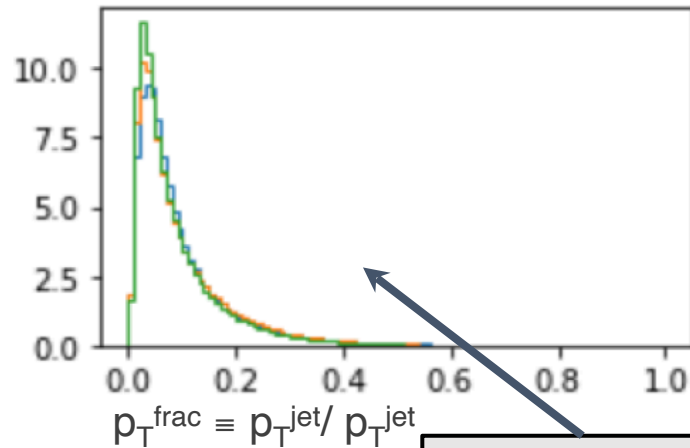
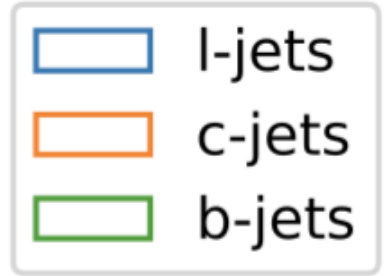


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# Log transform: motivation

Ex: b-tagging input features

🤔 Somewhat HEP specific  
which often have features  
with these falling spectra

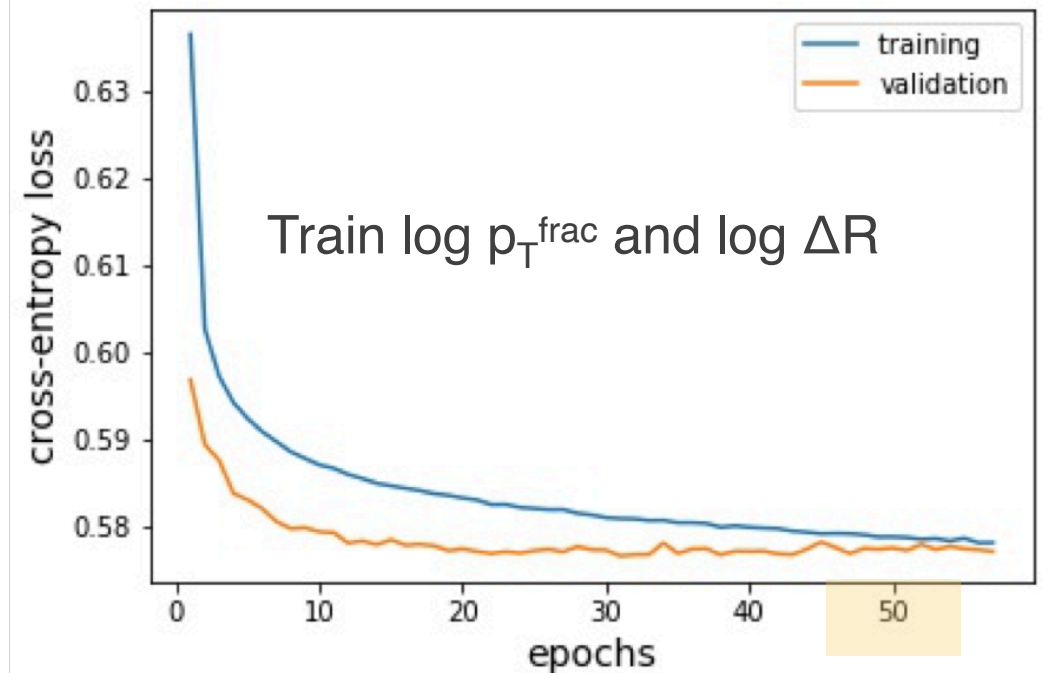
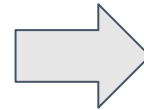
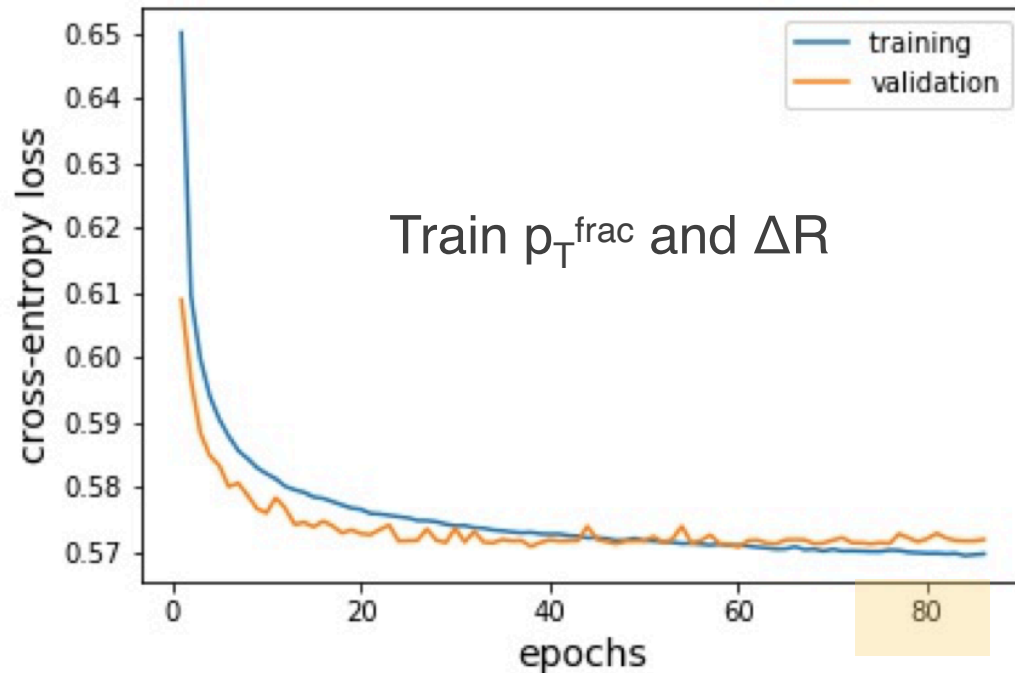


Power law  
distributions

Normalizing encourages  
inputs to be close to the  
activation functions  
As Johannes explained

With the log, become bell-shape

# Log transform: motivation

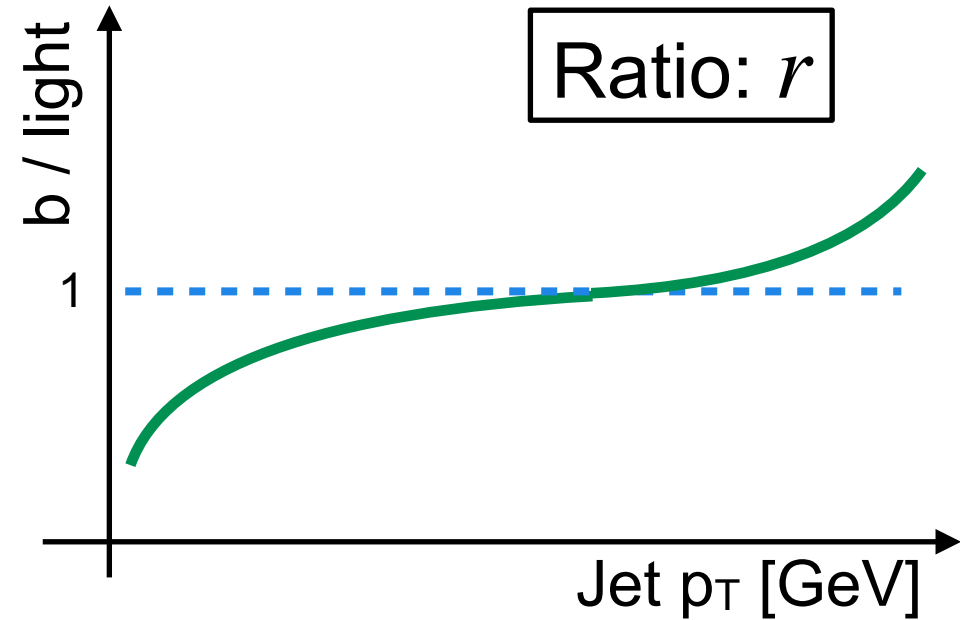
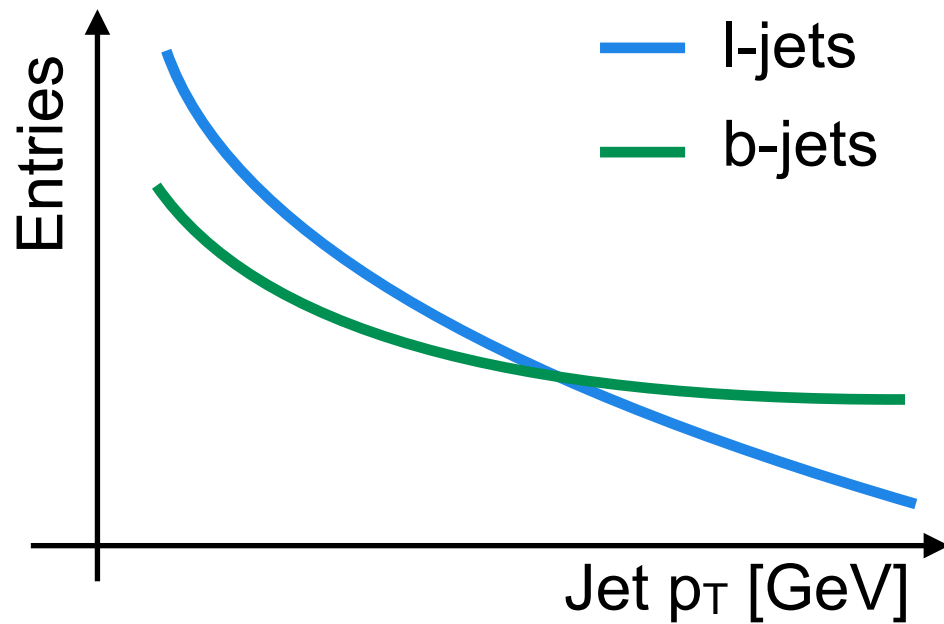


How does this help? **20% speed up** in training time!



# Sample dependence

**Issue:** Want a classifier that is performant over a range of energies



$$w_i = w_i - \alpha \sum_{j=1}^M \underbrace{\frac{1}{r(p_T^{(j)})}}_{\text{sample weight}} \nabla_w \mathcal{L}_j$$

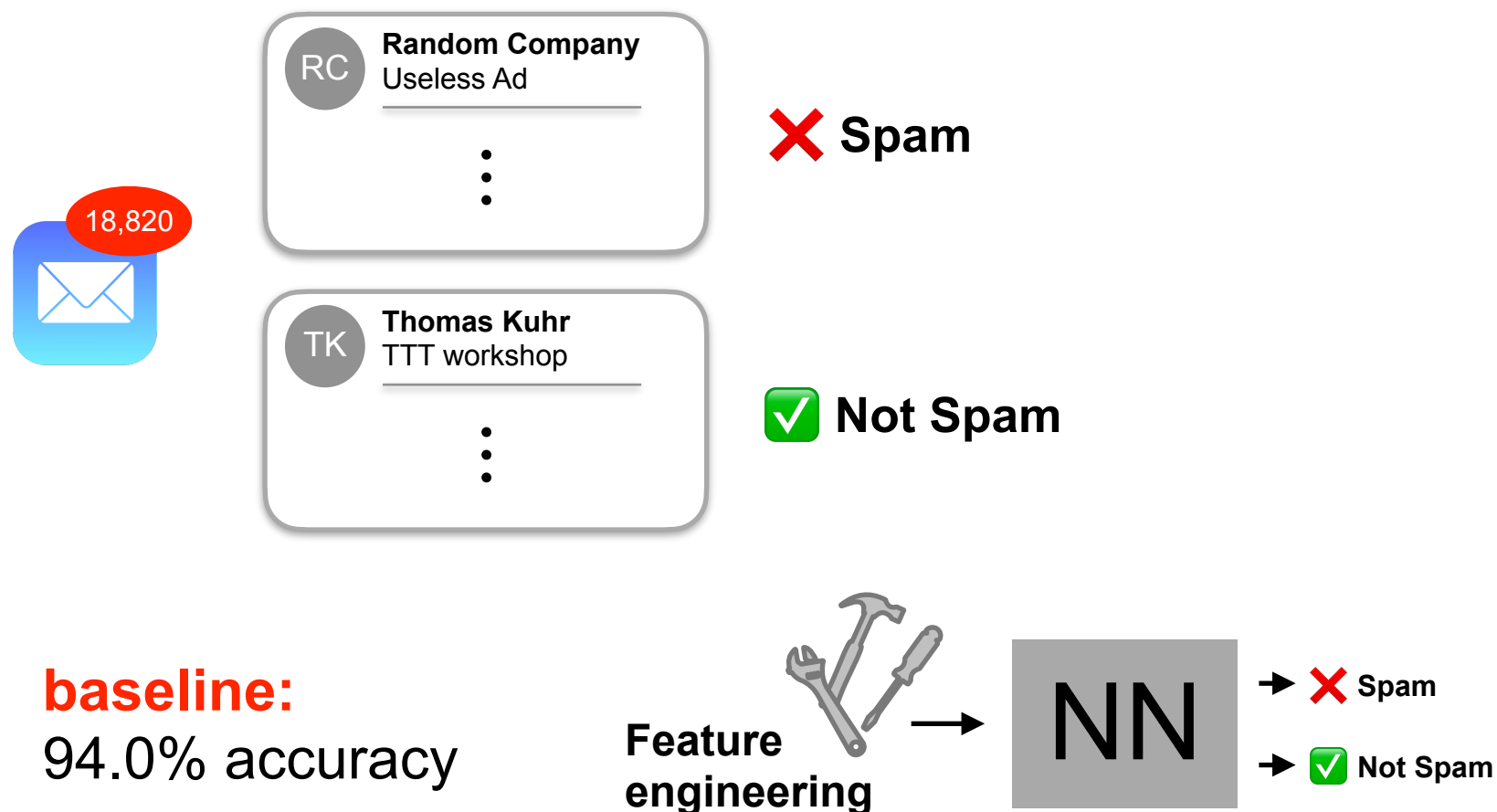
$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{l-jets: } r = 1 \\ \text{b-jets: } r = \text{b/l ratio} \end{array} \right.$



Can also use **class weights** for imbalanced classes.

# Ablation studies: What has the model learned?

## Example — spam classification

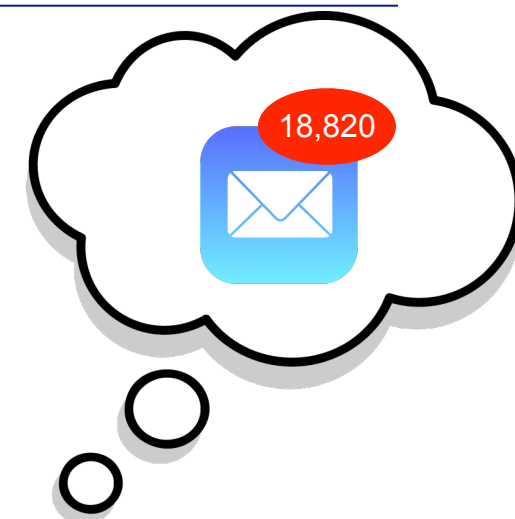


# Ablation studies



Remove features from the model...  
and see what breaks it!

| Component                  | Accuracy |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Overall system             | 99.9%    |
| Spelling correction        | 99.0     |
| Sender host features       | 98.9%    |
| Email header features      | 98.9%    |
| Email text parser features | 95%      |
| Javascript parser          | 94.5%    |
| Features from images       | 94.0%    |



Email text parser: most  
important feature!

[baseline]

# Saliency maps

- NN: **nonlinear** function
- Approximate as a linear classifier by using a *Taylor expansion*.

$$S_c(I) \approx \theta^T I + b$$

$$\theta = \frac{\partial S_c}{\partial I} \bigg|_{I_0}$$

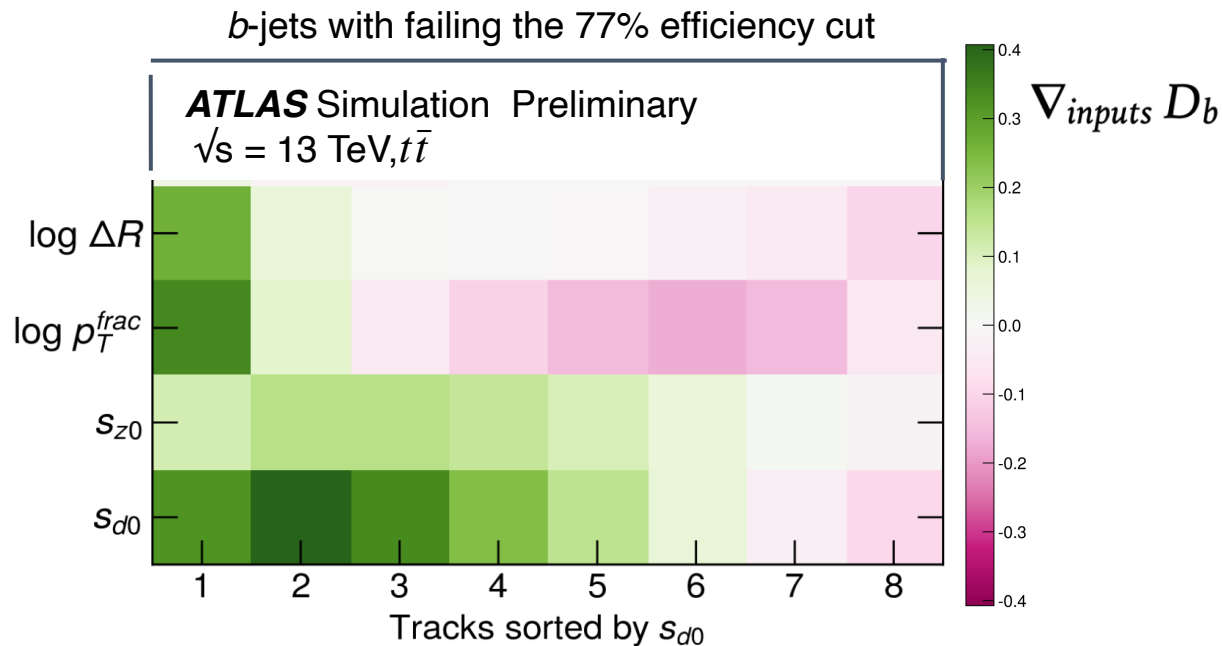
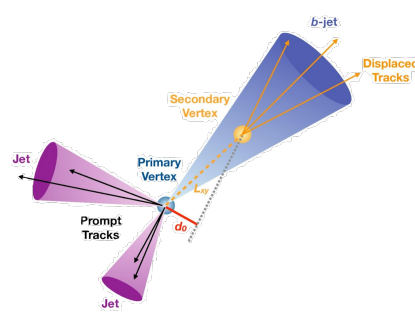
**Saliency map:** Plot the  $|\theta|$  for each of these inputs



# Saliency maps

## Physics

Understand what the model has learned about this particle ID task.



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## Maths

Use saliency maps to postulate **new** conjectures which could then become new math theorems!

### Article

## Advancing mathematics by guiding human intuition with AI

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The practice of mathematics involves discovering patterns and using these to formulate and prove conjectures, resulting in theorems. Since the 1960s, mathematicians have used computers to assist in the discovery of patterns and formulation of conjectures<sup>1</sup>, most famously in the Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture<sup>2</sup>, a Millennium Prize Problem<sup>3</sup>. Here we provide examples of new fundamental results in pure mathematics that have been discovered with the assistance of machine learning—demonstrating a method by which machine learning can aid mathematicians in discovering new conjectures and theorems. We propose a process of using machine learning to discover potential patterns and relations between mathematical objects, understanding them with attribution techniques and using these observations to guide intuition and propose conjectures. We outline this machine-learning-guided framework and demonstrate its successful application to current research questions in distinct areas of pure mathematics, in each case showing how it led to meaningful mathematical contributions on important open problems: a new connection between the algebraic and geometric structure of knots, and a candidate algorithm predicted by the combinatorial invariance conjecture for symmetric groups<sup>4</sup>. Our work may serve as a model for collaboration between the fields of mathematics and artificial intelligence (AI) that can achieve surprising results by leveraging the respective strengths of mathematicians and machine learning.

[Nature 600, 70–74 \(2021\)](#)

# Debugging exercise

[ If 🕒 permits ]





# Loss curves — what are the problems?

## Hypotheses

Slow start: initialization  
learning rate too small

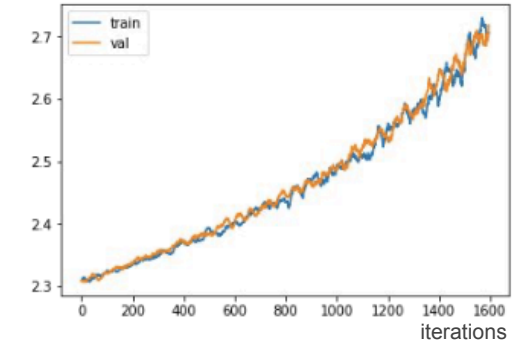
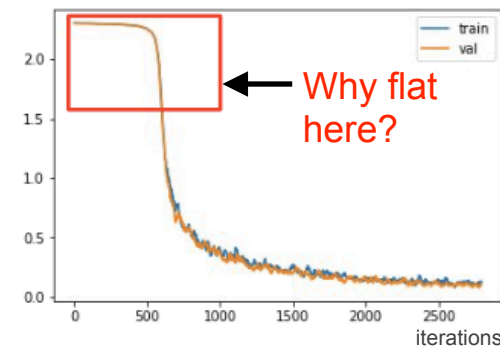
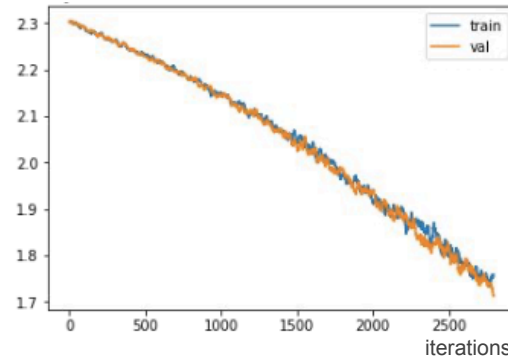
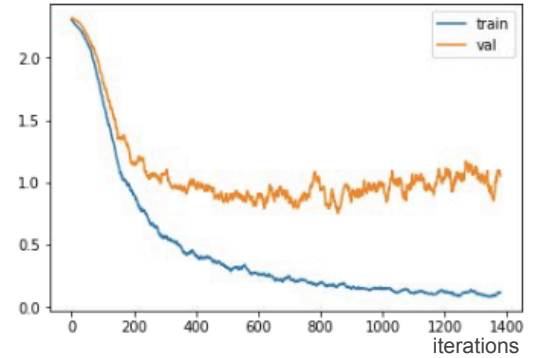
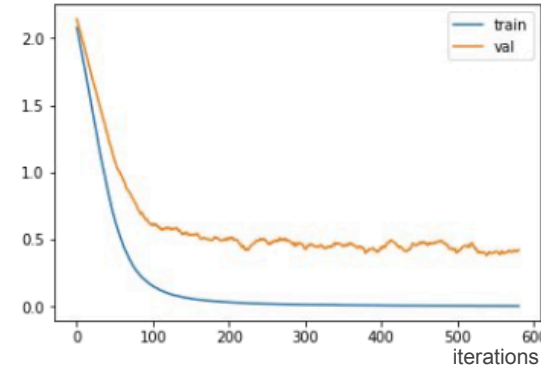
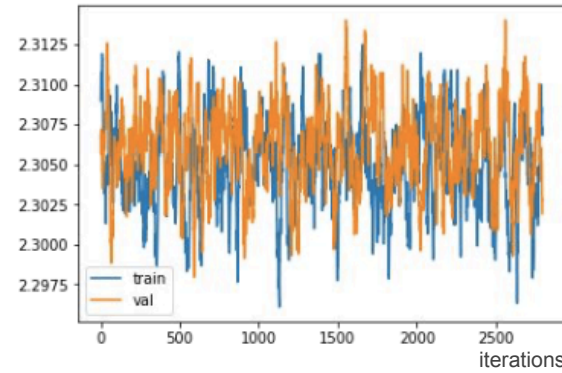
Applied the negative of  
the gradients

Not converged yet: need  
longer training

Not learning: gradients not  
applied to the weights

Overfit: model too large /  
dataset too small

## Loss curves



# Starting off...



Open question

Feature choices

Going deeper

Statistical learning theory  
Bias / variance trade-off

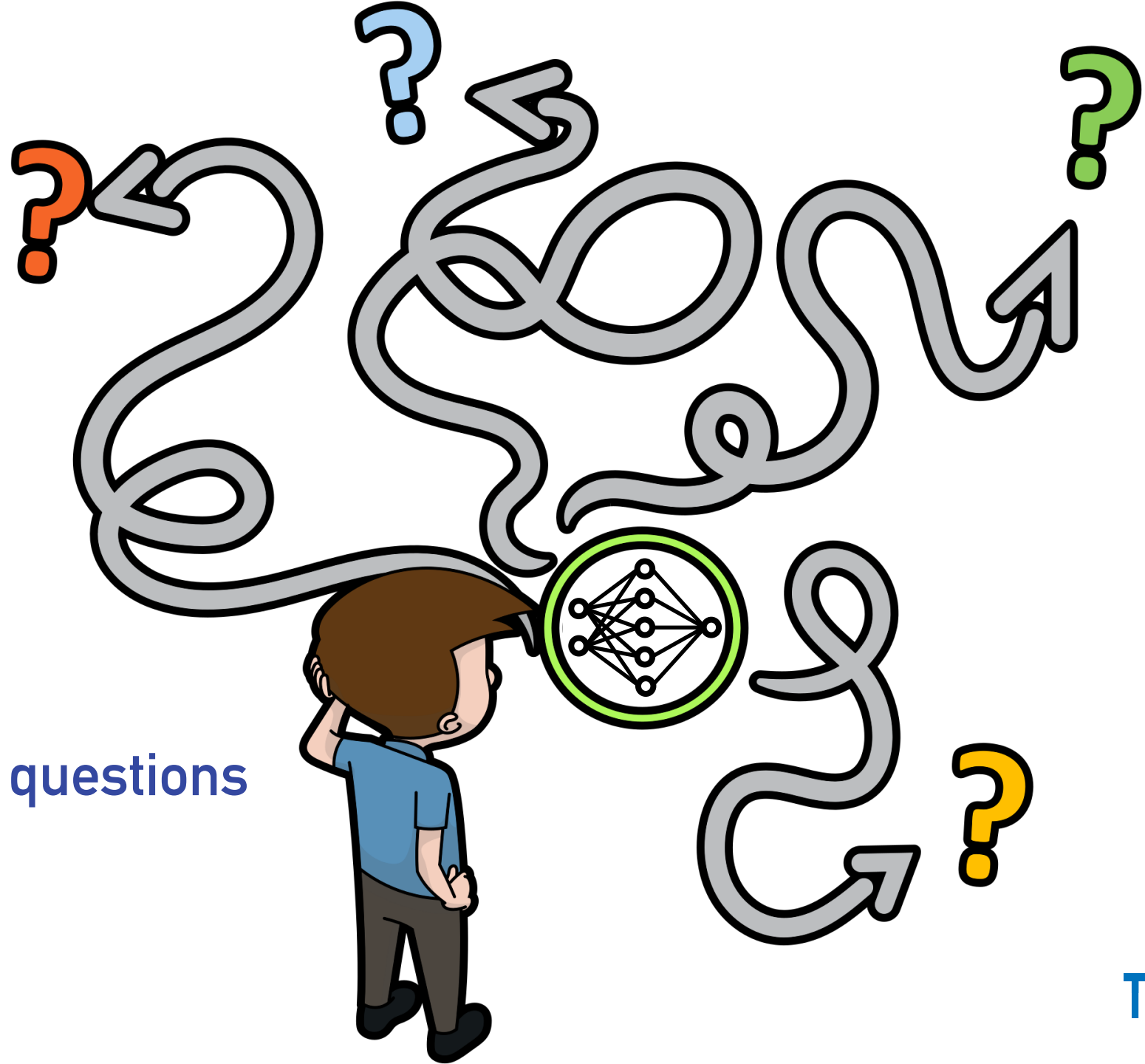
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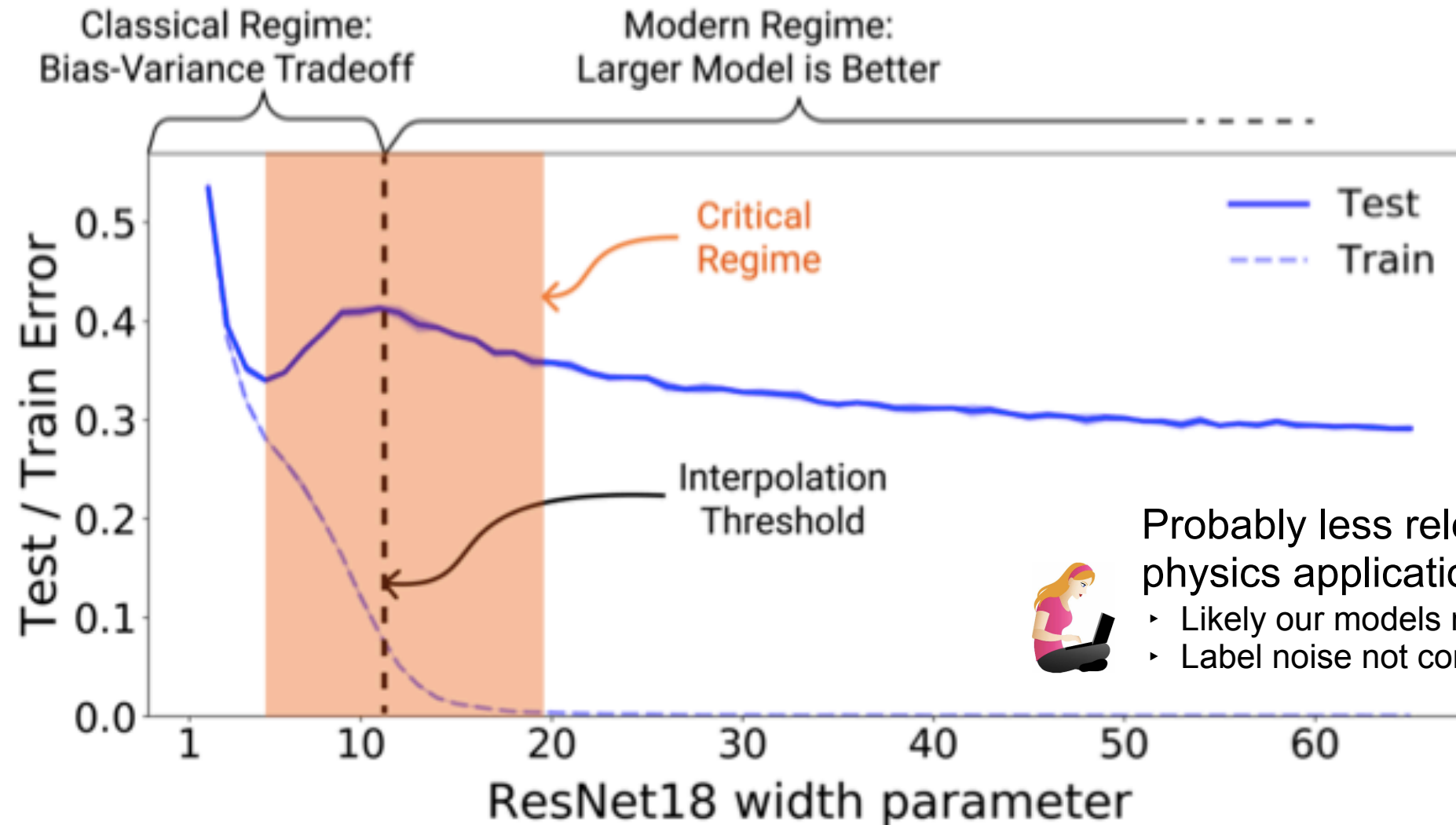


[ One of the ]  
Outstanding deep questions  
in deep learning.





# Double Descent



Probably less relevant for physics applications

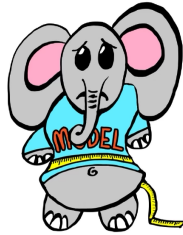
- Likely our models not big enough
- Label noise not common



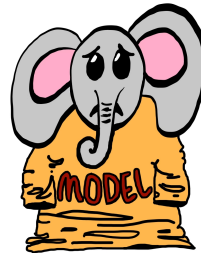
# What did we learn today about choosing the right model?

Total error =  $\text{Bias}^2$  + Variance

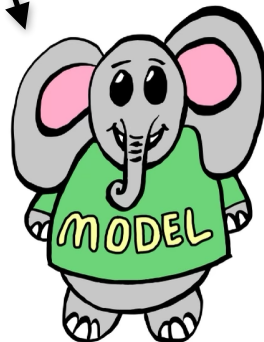
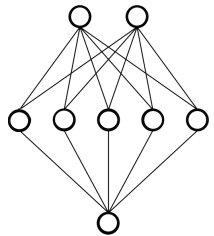
**Underfitting**



**Overfitting**

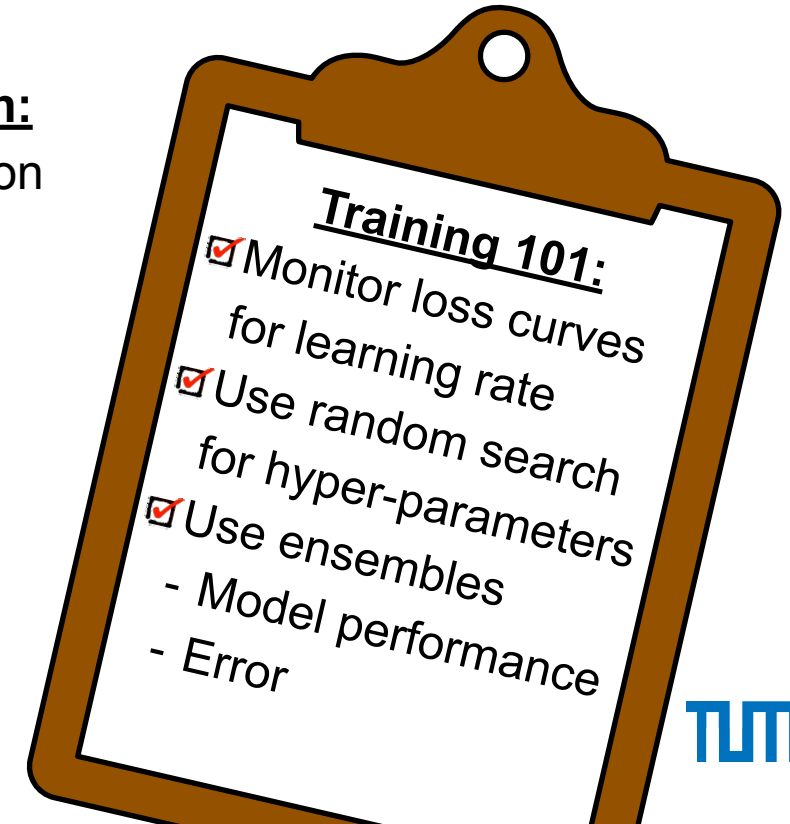
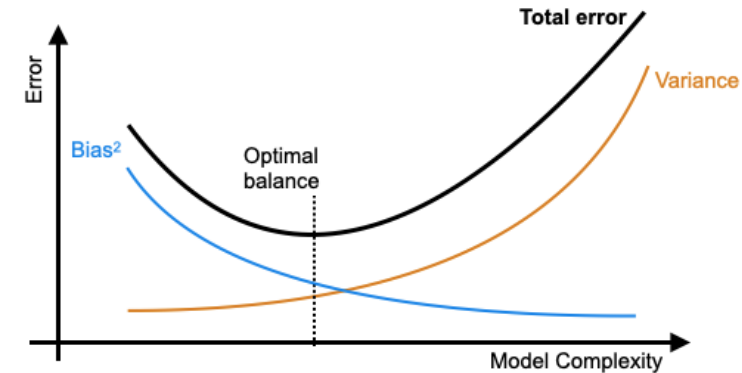


Deep learning gains:  
increasing complexity



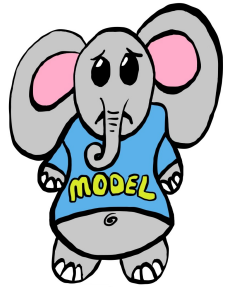
**Regularization:**

- ✓ L2 regularization
- ✓ Dropout
- ✓ Batch Norm
- ✓ Fine-tuning



# Backup



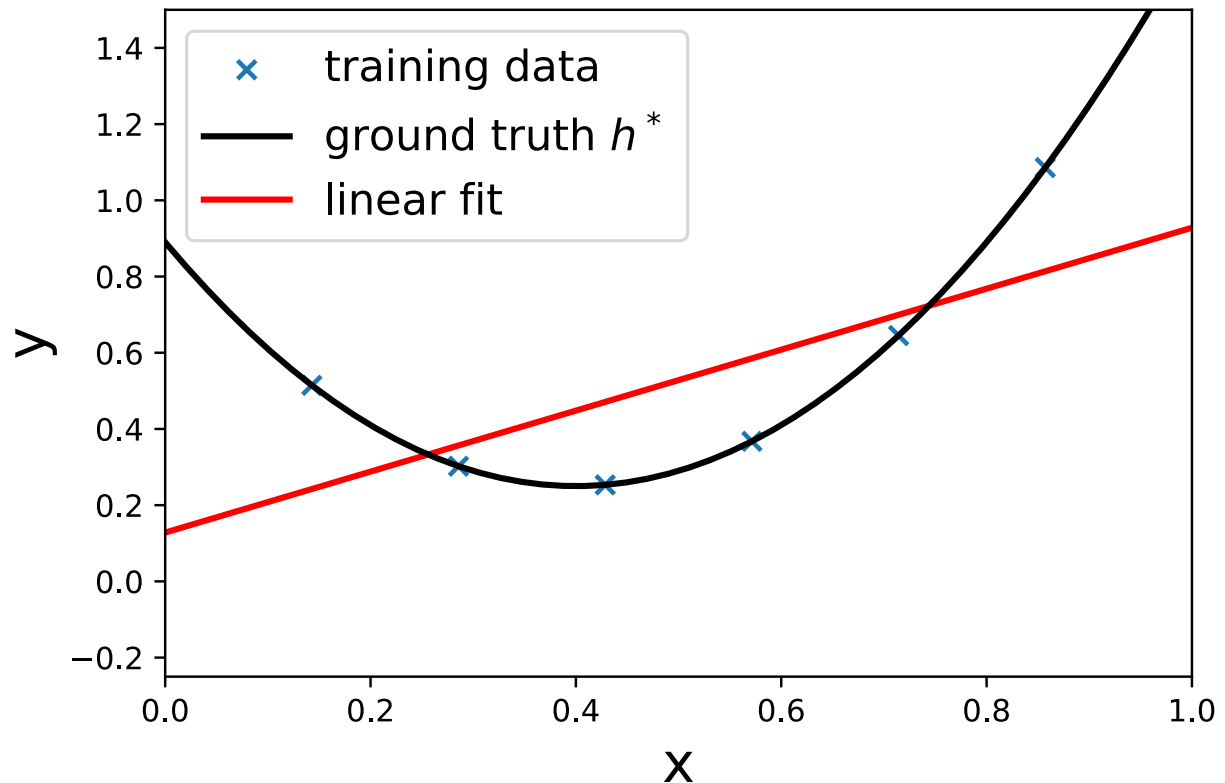


## High bias: diagnostics

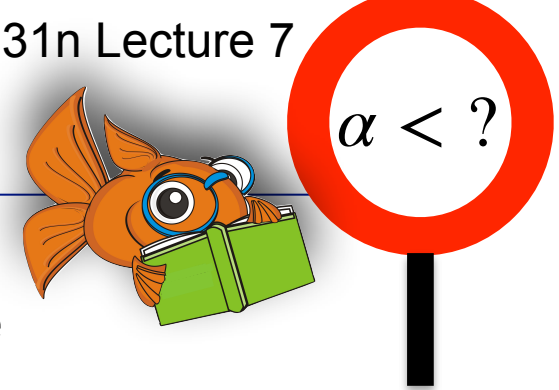
$$MSE(x) = \cancel{\sigma^2}^0 + (h^*(x) - h_{avg}(x))^2 + \mathbb{E} \left[ (h_{avg}(x) - h_S(x))^2 \right]$$

The training error on the linear model still large, even when there is *no noise* on the training data.

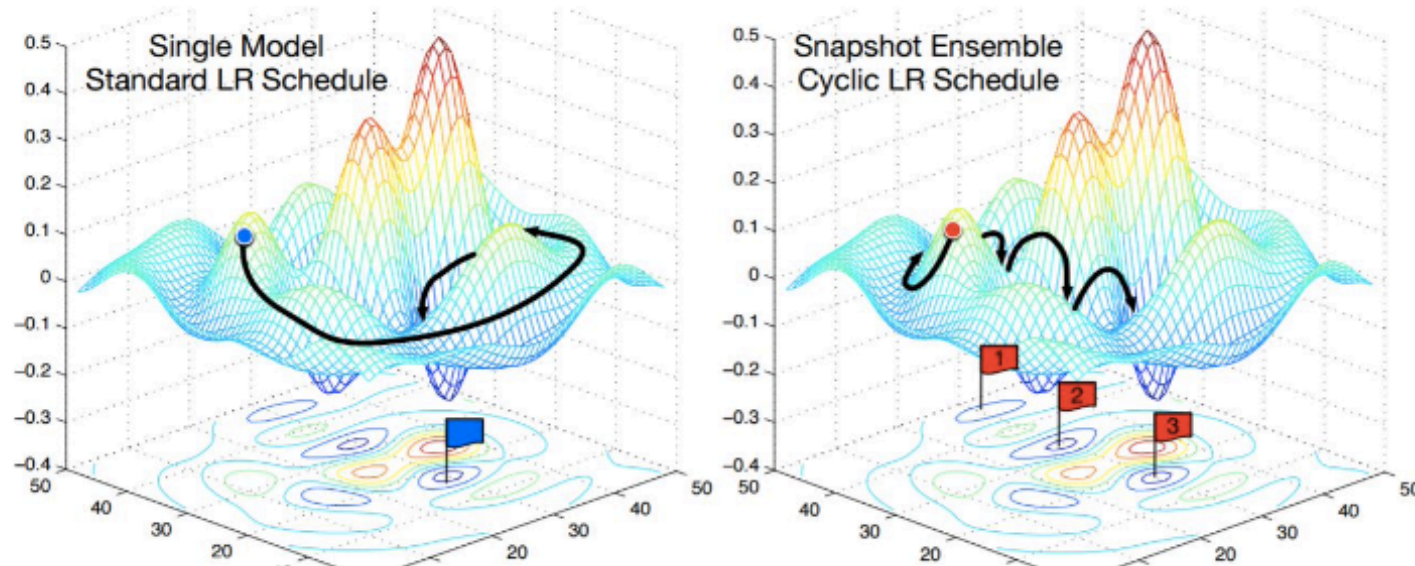
Fit linear model on noiseless dataset



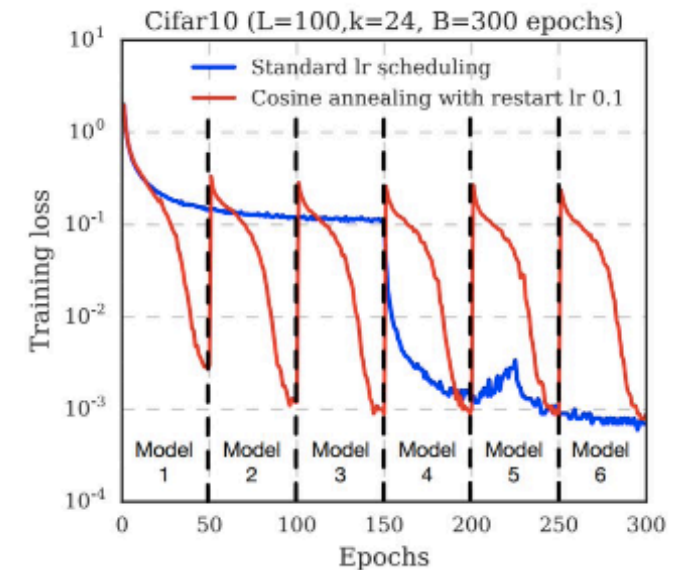
# Learning rate schedule



Instead of training independent models, use multiple snapshots of a single model during training!

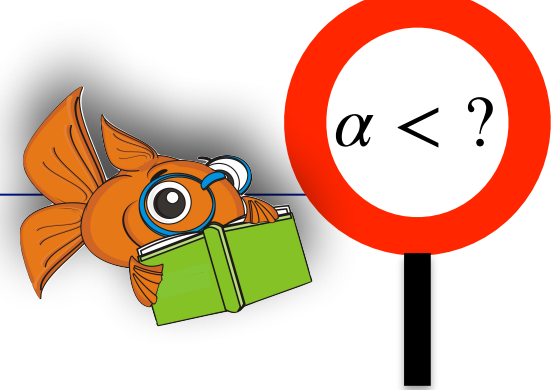


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Huang et al, "Snapshot ensembles: train 1, get M for free", ICLR 2017  
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Cyclic learning rate schedules can make this work even better!

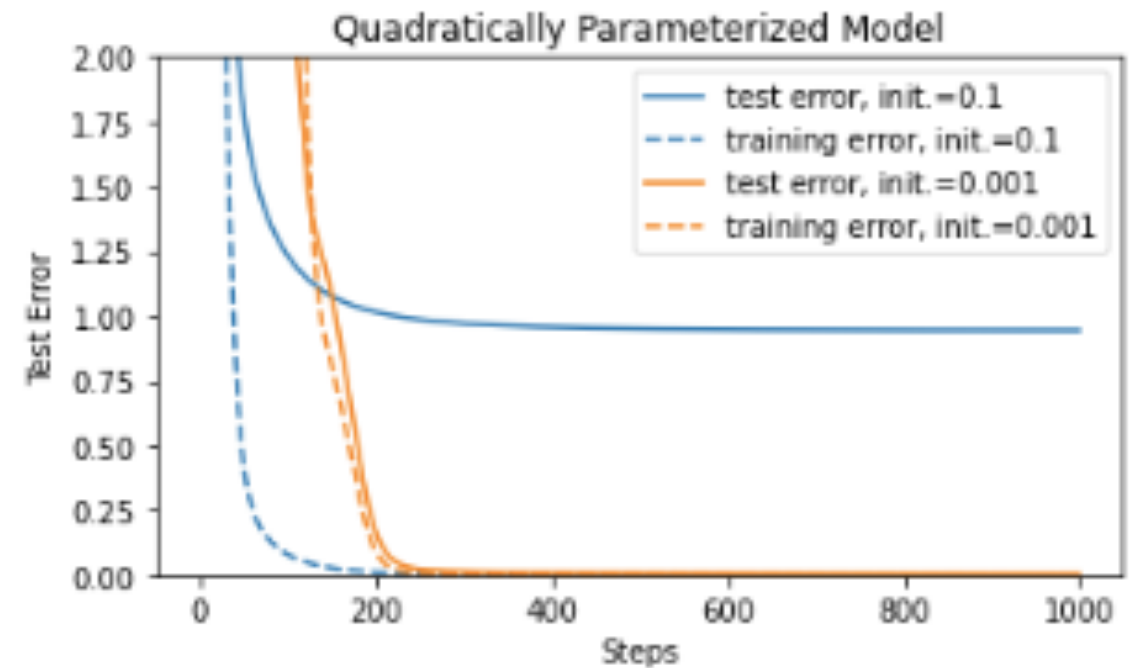
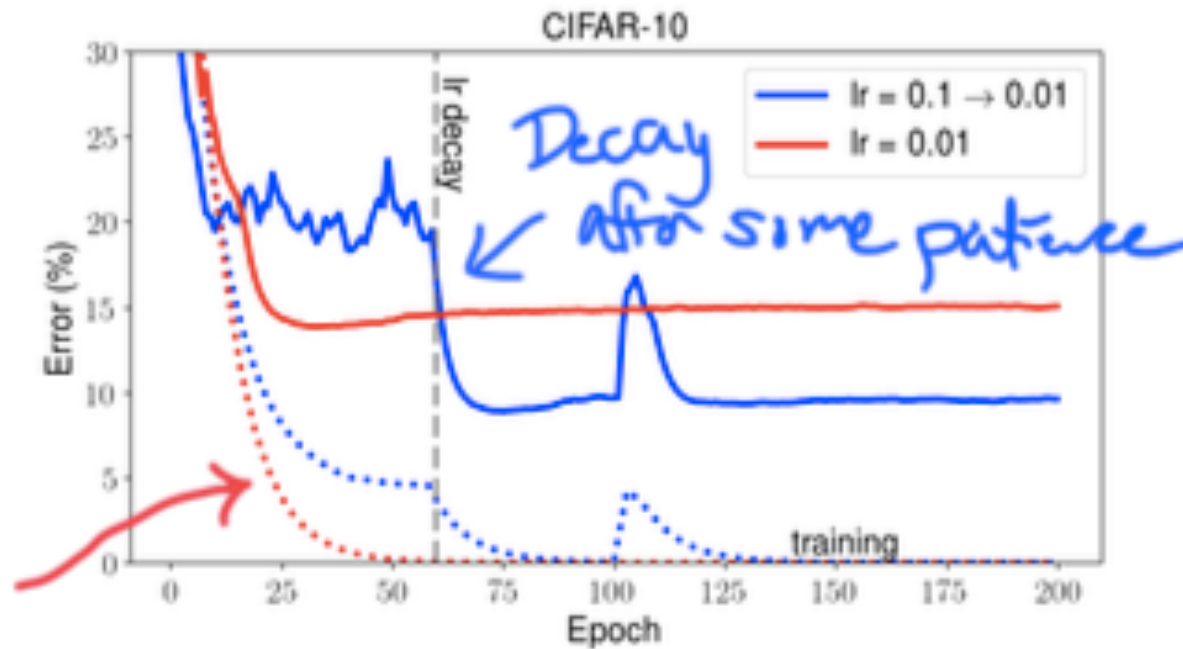




# learning rate schedules

Minimize  $\mathcal{L}$  by SGD

$$w = w - \alpha \nabla_w \mathcal{L}$$



## Batch size — caveat

Minimize  $\mathcal{L}$  by SGD

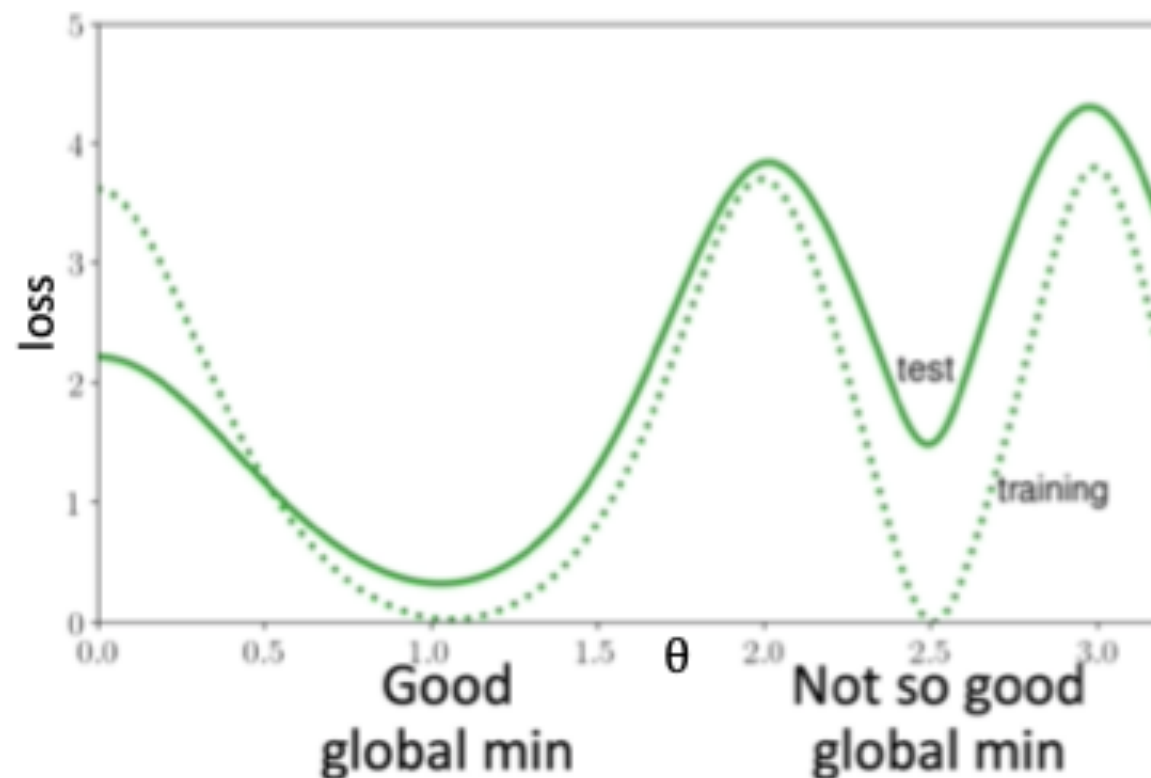
$$w = w - \alpha \nabla_w \mathcal{L} \approx w - \alpha \sum_{i=1}^m \nabla_w \mathcal{L}(x_i, y_i)$$

Make a MC estimate

m: mini-batch size

Alternative philosophy...

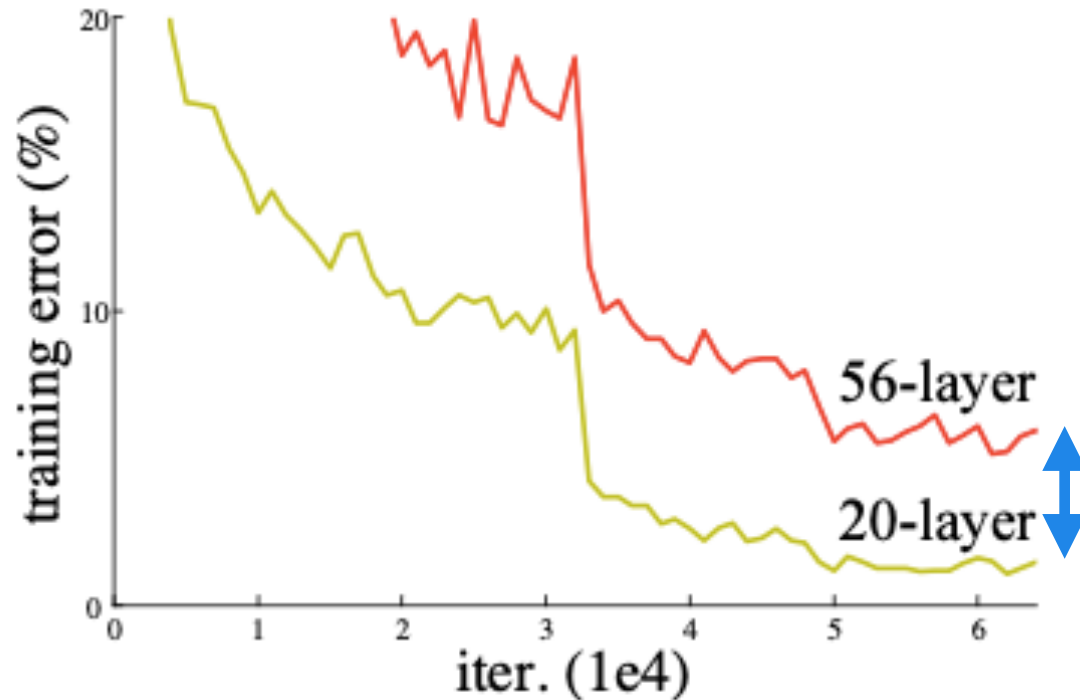
Smaller mini-batches  
encourage stochasticity and  
converge to flatter minima  
which generalize better.



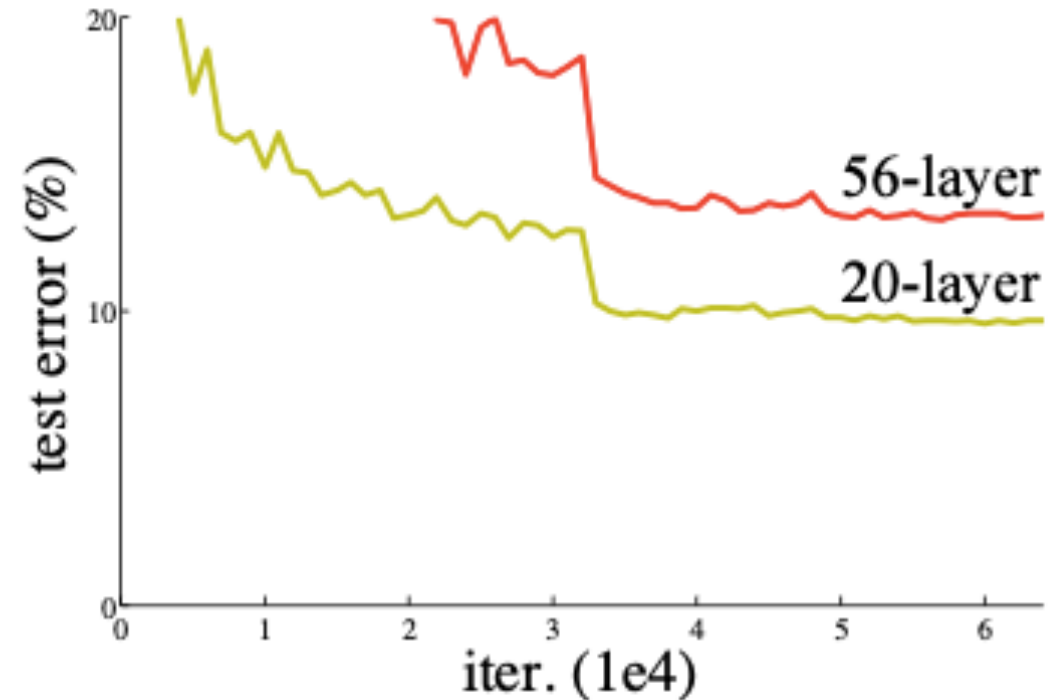


# ResNets: Motivation

## Training Error



## Testing Error

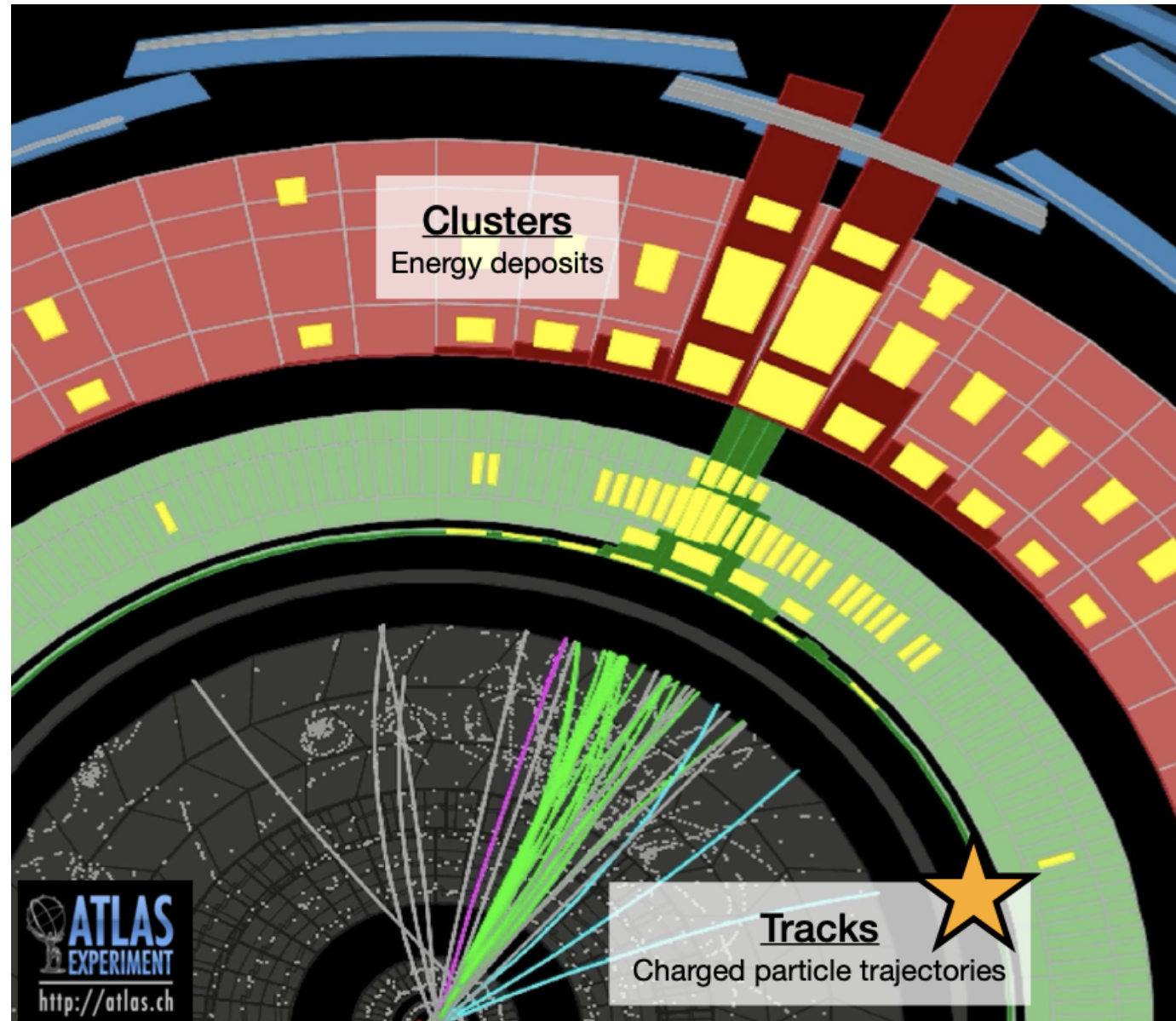


Complex model doing *worse* than the simple one on the training dataset!

Doesn't make sense from the bias / variance picture we built up earlier!

Implies an *optimization problem*.

# Input representation



Collection of tracks:

$$X_i : i = \{ 1 , \dots , n \}$$

Each track has features:

$$X_i \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

Jet has labels  $Y$

- Quark / gluon tagging:  $Y \in \{q, g\}$
- Higgs tagging:  $Y \in \{H, \text{top}, \text{QCD}\}$
- Top tagging:  $Y \in \{\text{top}, \text{QCD}\}$
- b-tagging:  $Y \in \{b, c, l\}$

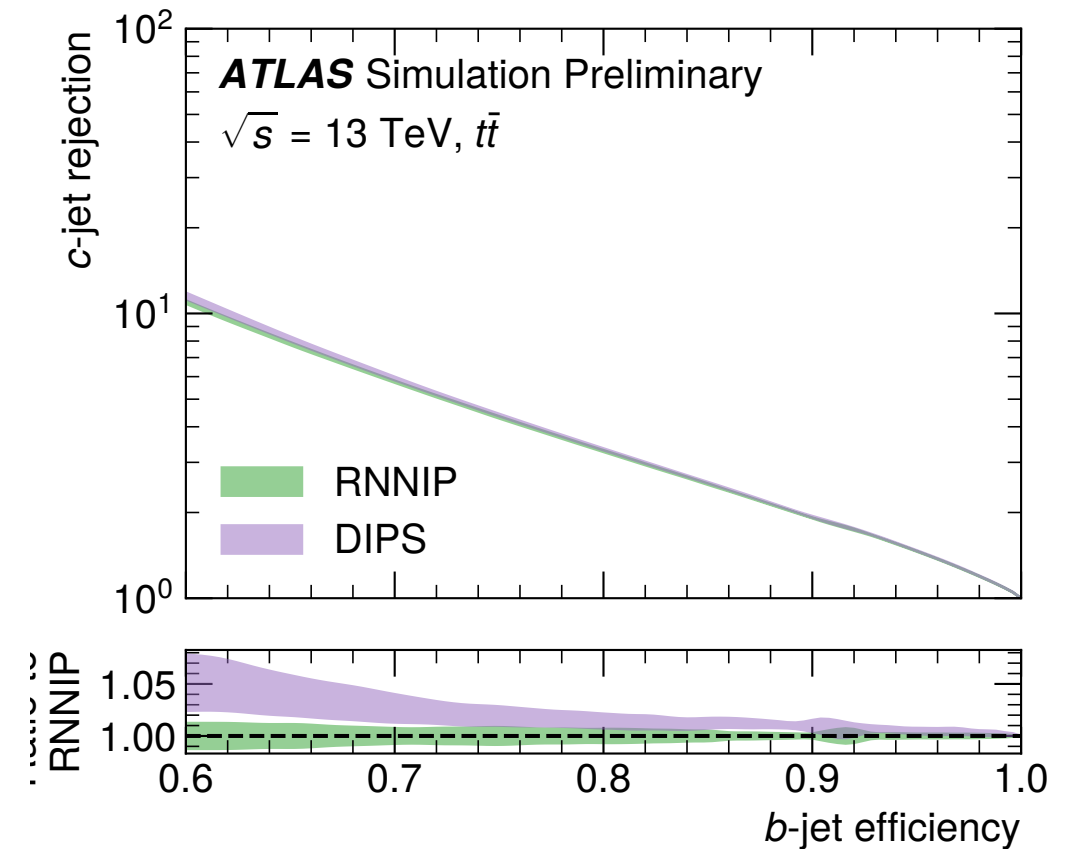
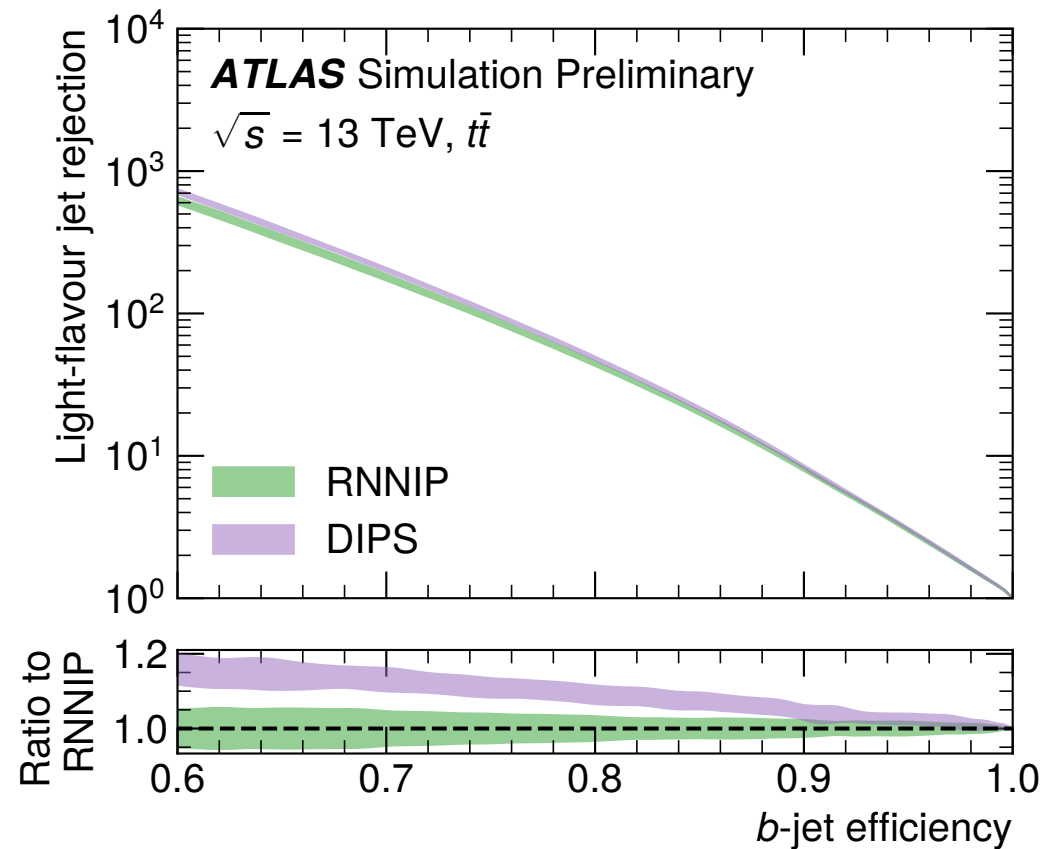
Want:  $p(Y | X_1, \dots, X_n)$



High dimensional problem  
 $n * m \sim O(100)$

# Ensembles

Good way to interpret models!! Let's us *probe* whether experiments are independent of each other



## Debugging learning algorithms

Motivating example:

- Anti-spam. You carefully choose a small set of 100 words to use as features. (Instead of using all 50000+ words in English.)
- Bayesian logistic regression, implemented with gradient descent, gets 20% test error, which is unacceptably high.

$$\max_{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^m \log p(y^{(i)} | x^{(i)}, \theta) - \lambda ||\theta||^2$$

- What to do next?

## Fixing the learning algorithm

- Bayesian logistic regression:

$$\max_{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^m \log p(y^{(i)} | x^{(i)}, \theta) - \lambda \|\theta\|^2$$

f.e, perhaps a jet classification ex?

- Common approach: Try improving the algorithm in different ways.
  - Try getting more training examples.
  - Try a smaller set of features.
  - Try a larger set of features.
  - Try changing the features: Email header vs. email body features.
  - Run gradient descent for more iterations.
  - Try Newton's method.
  - Use a different value for  $\lambda$ .
  - Try using an SVM.
- This approach might work, but it's very time-consuming, and largely a matter of luck whether you end up fixing what the problem really is.

# Diagnostic for bias vs. variance

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Better approach:

- Run diagnostics to figure out what the problem is.
- Fix whatever the problem is.

Bayesian logistic regression's test error is 20% (unacceptably high).

Suppose you suspect the problem is either:

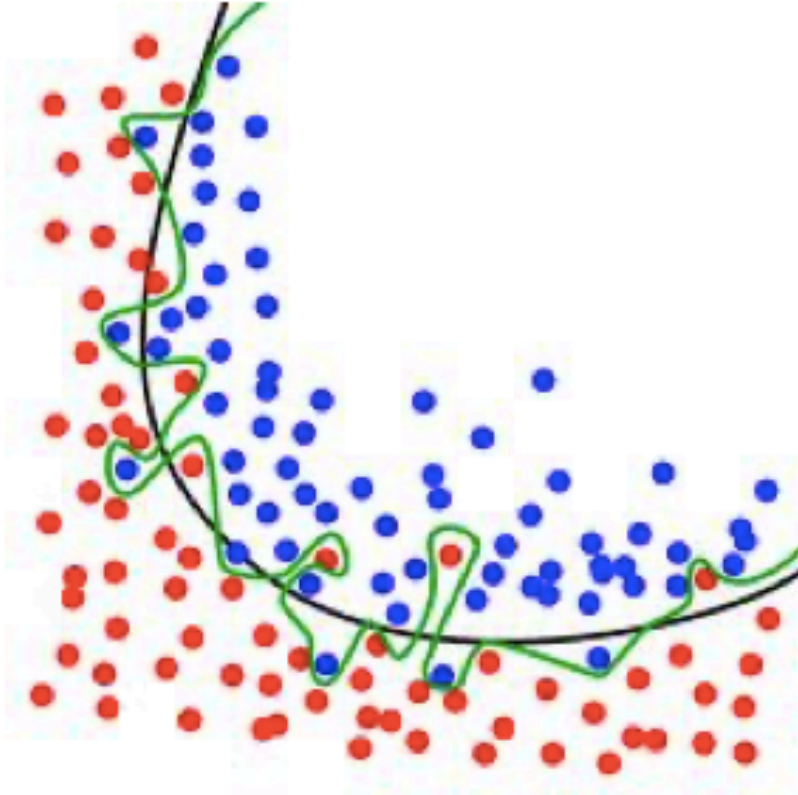
- Overfitting (high variance).
- Too few features to classify spam (high bias).

Diagnostic:

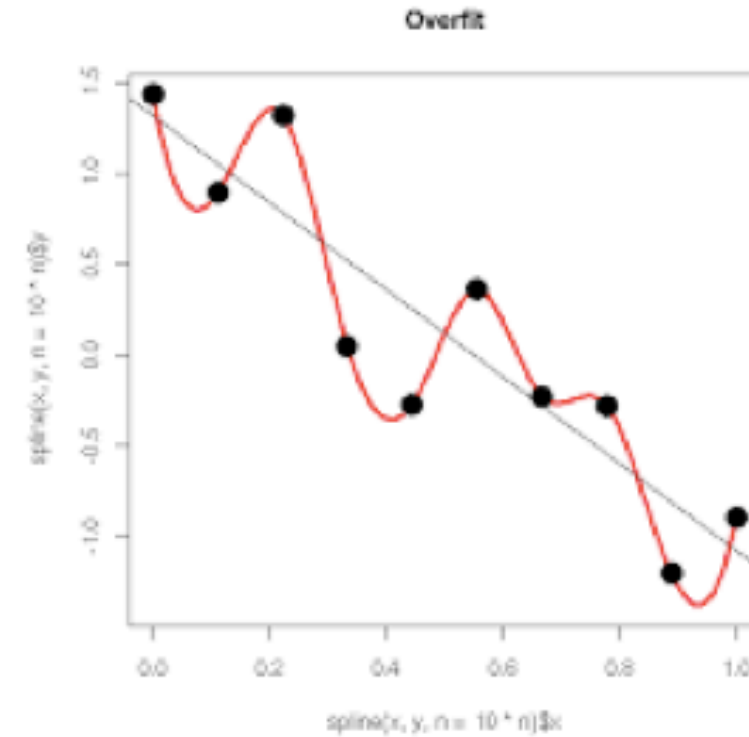
- Variance: Training error will be much lower than test error.
- Bias: Training error will also be high.



# Overfitting pictures

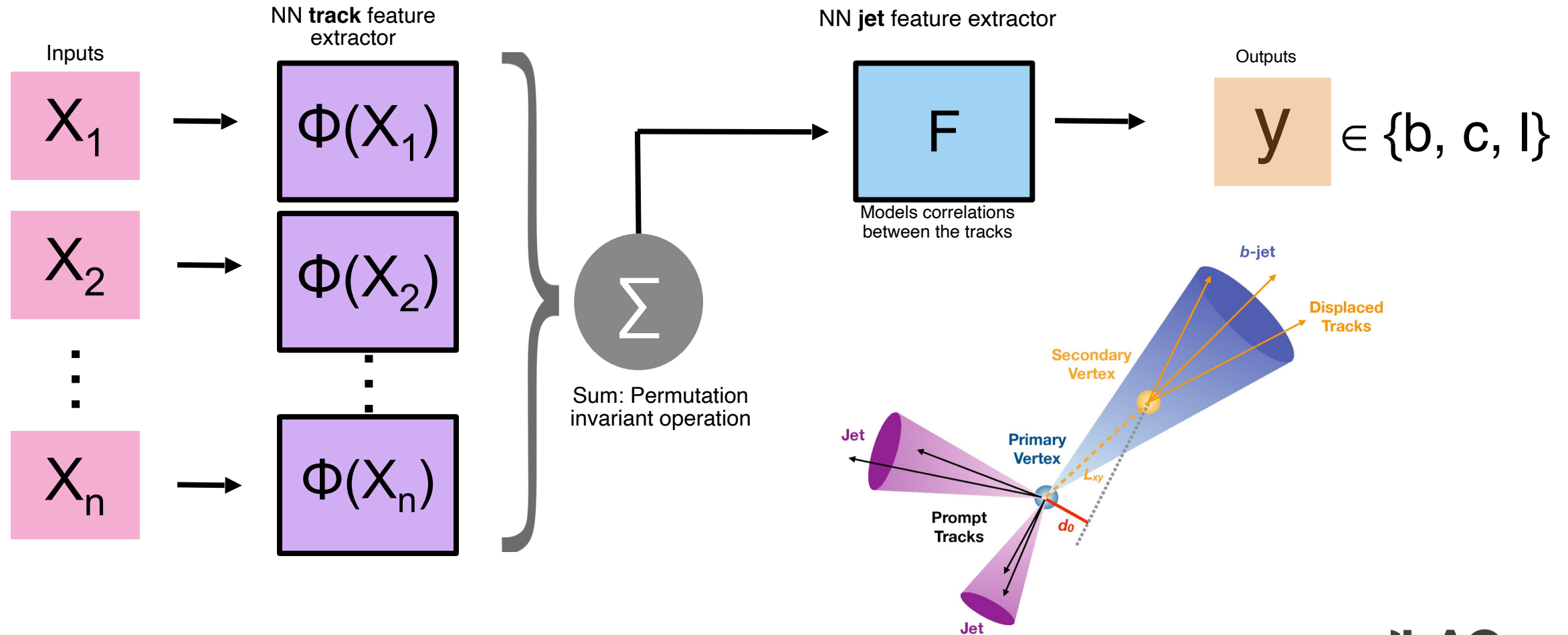


Classification



Regression

# Deep Sets: for b-tagging





# CNNs

## Translational invariance

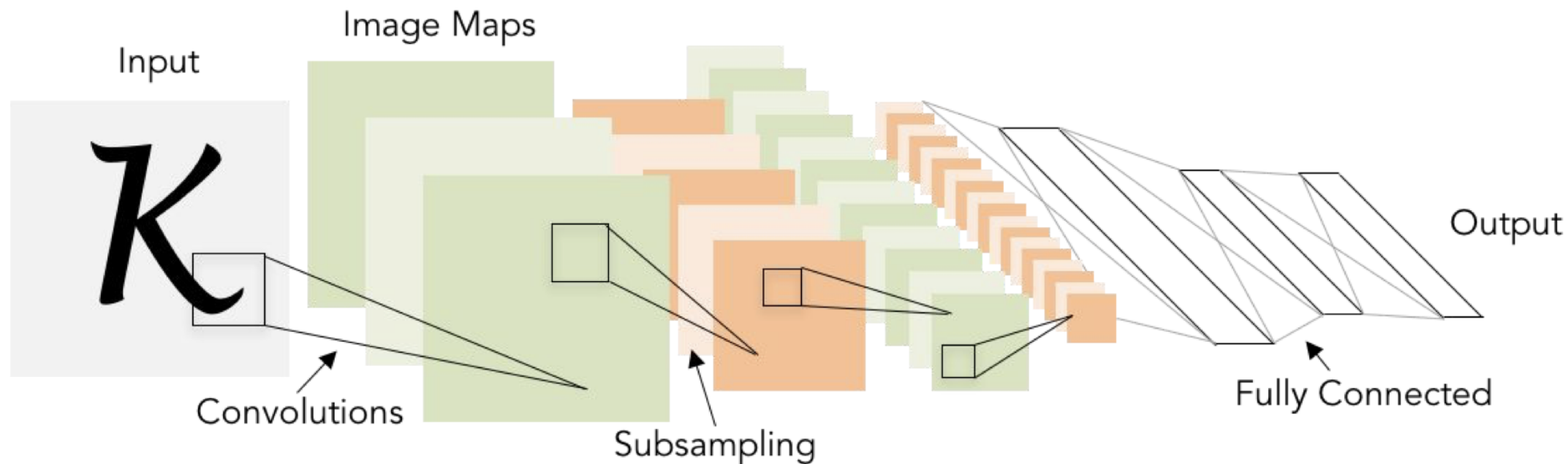


Illustration of LeCun et al. 1998 from CS231n 2017 Lecture 1

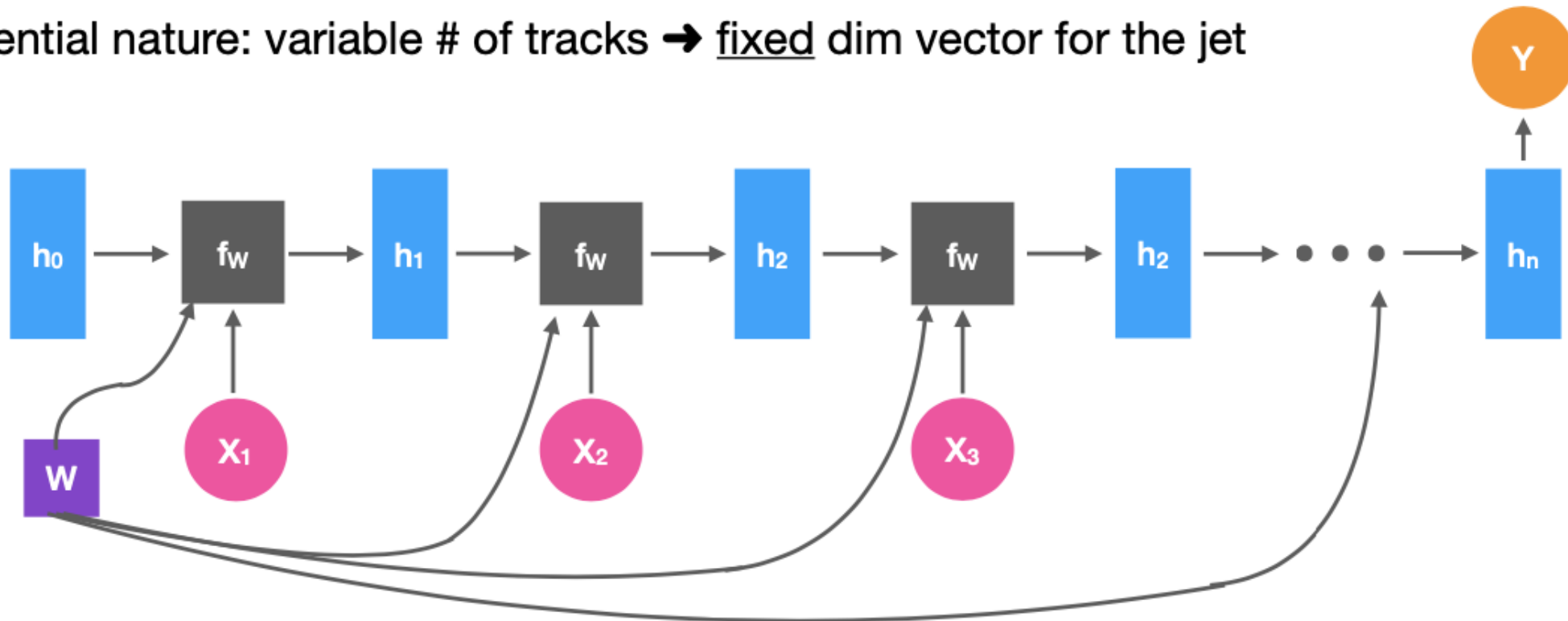
Strong **inductive bias**: or domain knowledge we inject to efficiently converge to a solution.

# Recurrent neural networks



## Model the jet as a sequence

- Efficient representation: same transformation at every time step
- Sequential nature: variable # of tracks  $\rightarrow$  fixed dim vector for the jet



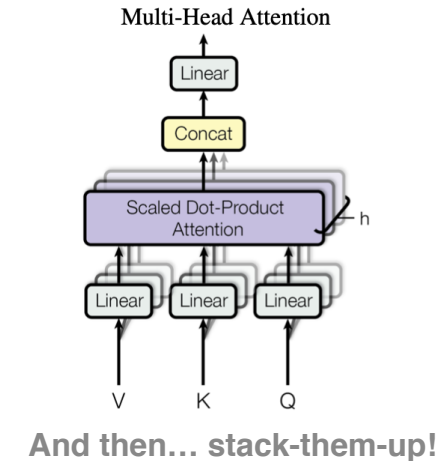
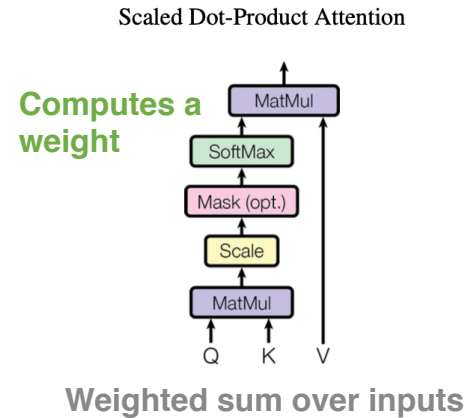
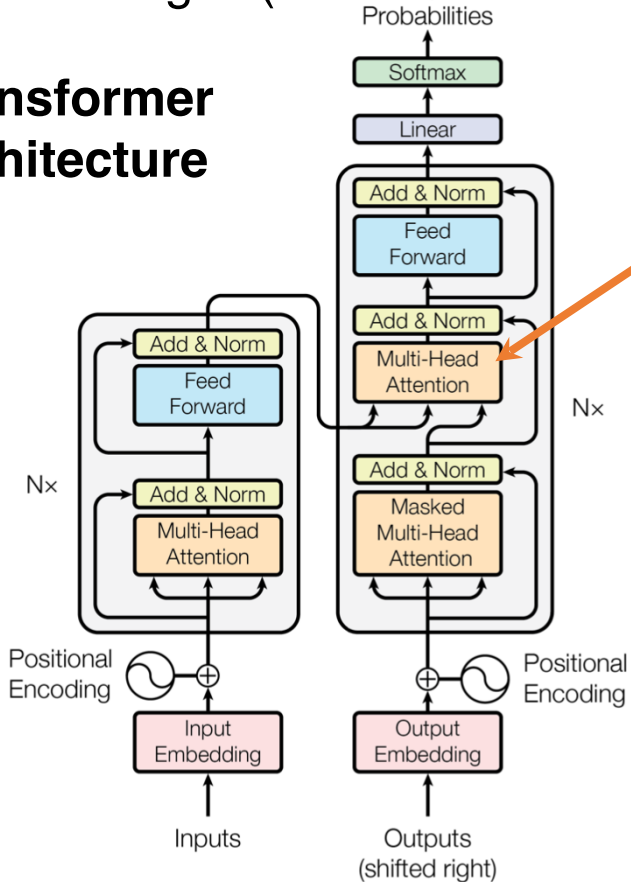
# Transformers

“Any time you have a deep set you can substitute in a transformer as it’s always more expressive.”

~ Peter Battaglia (or what I remembered of the quote)

Replace the Deep Sets Sum operation with a **weighted sum** (can still be permutation invariant)

## Transformer architecture



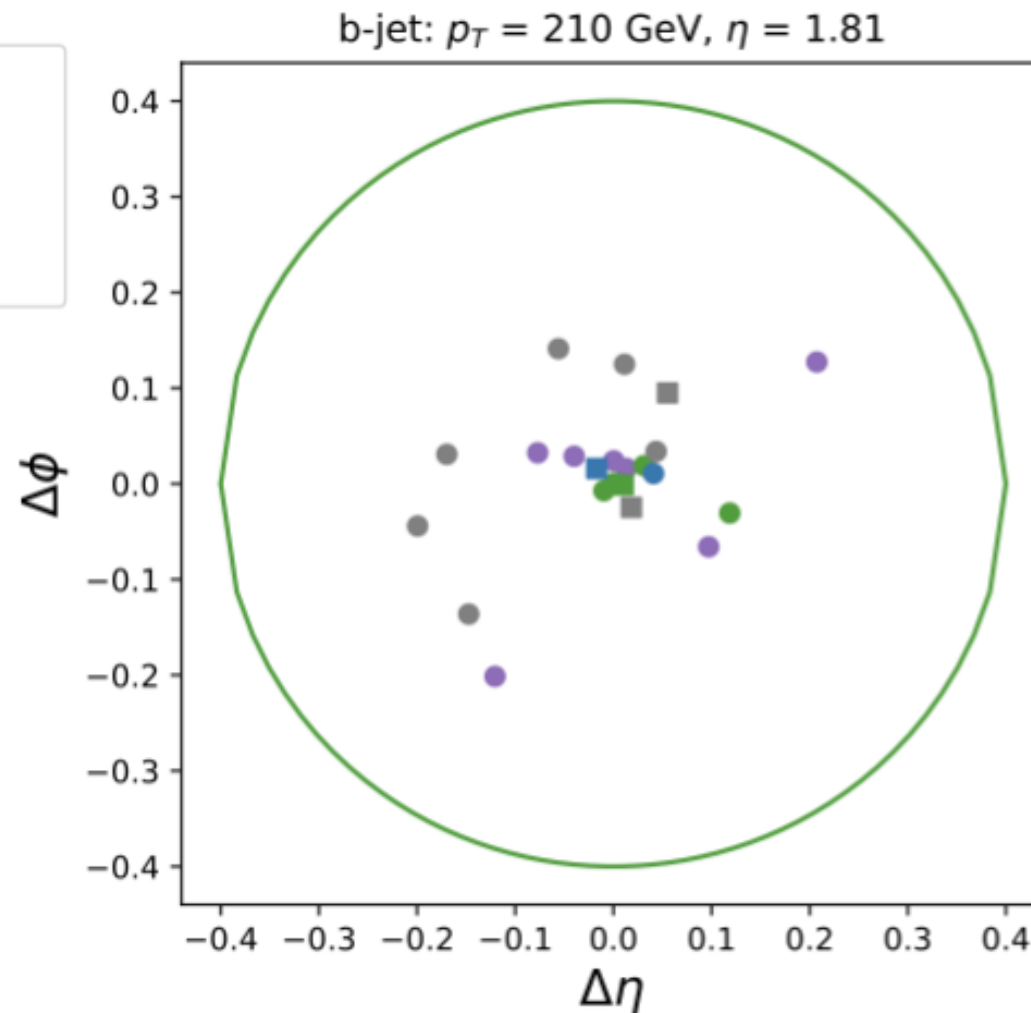
Standard architecture for Natural Language Processing (replacing RNNs): faster training -> better optimization.

# Input processing: $\Delta R$

Ex: b-tagging input features

$$X_i = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} s_{d0} \\ s_{z0} \\ p_T^{frac} \\ \Delta R \\ \text{IBL hits} \\ \text{PIX1 hits} \\ \text{shared IBL hits} \\ \text{split IBL hits} \\ \text{nPixHits} \\ \text{shared pixel hits} \\ \text{split pixel hits} \\ \text{nSCTHits} \\ \text{shared SCT hits} \\ d_0 \\ z_0 \sin \theta \end{array} \right\}$$

- HF
- fragmentation
- PU
- GEANT
- tracks failing IP cuts



Training with  $\Delta R(\text{trk}, \text{jet})$  encodes a symmetry in the input representation - and makes learning features easier.

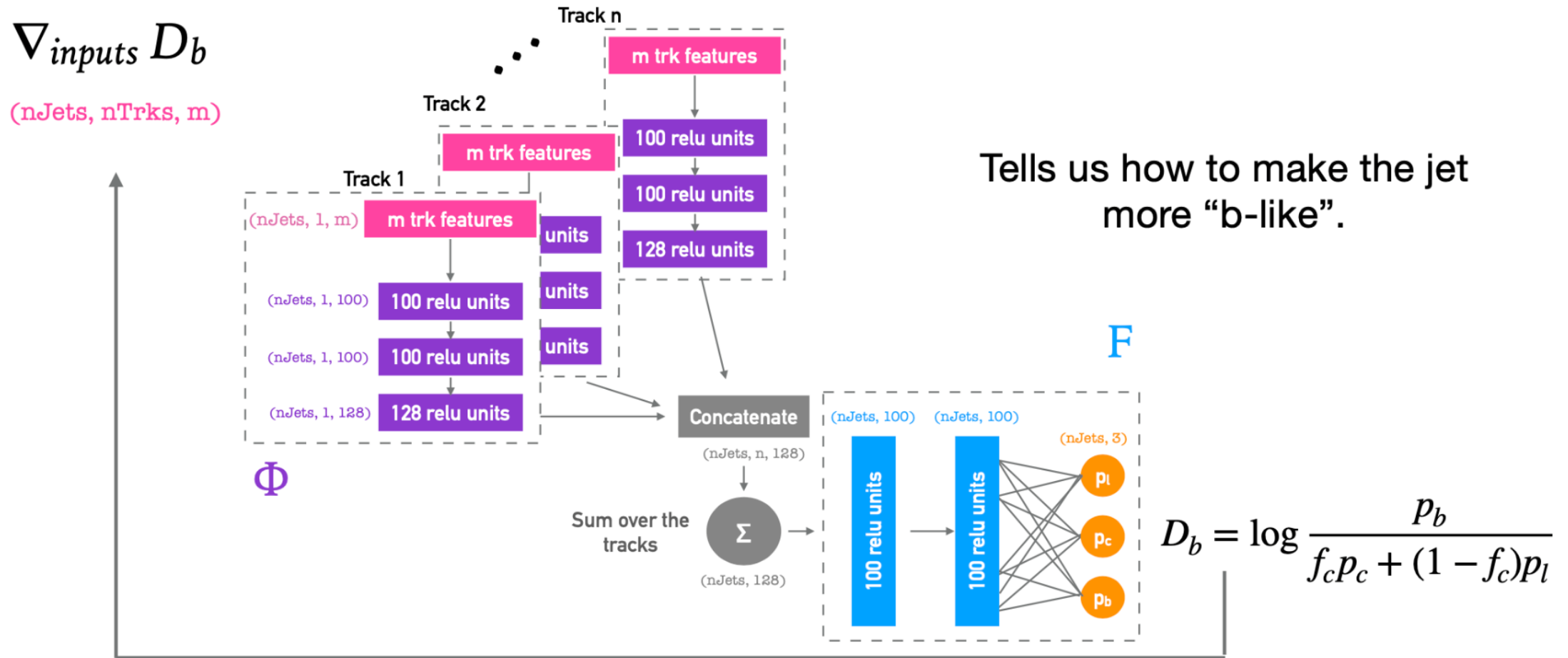
# Saliency Maps

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Model diagnostic

# Saliency maps

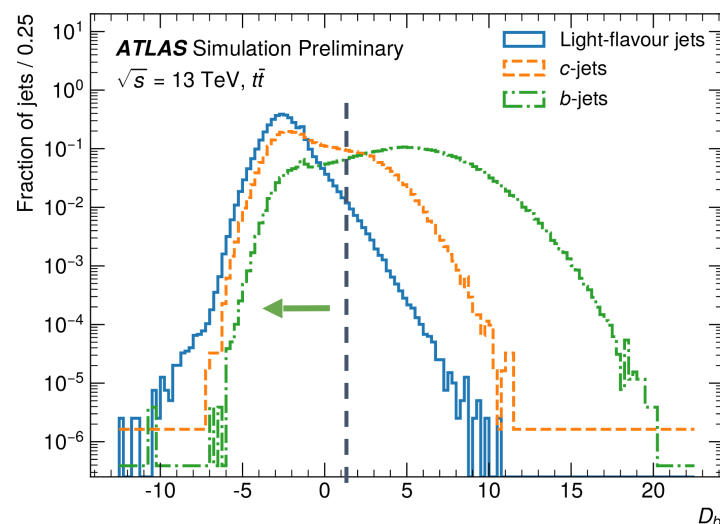
What has DIPS learned about b-jets?



# Saliency definition

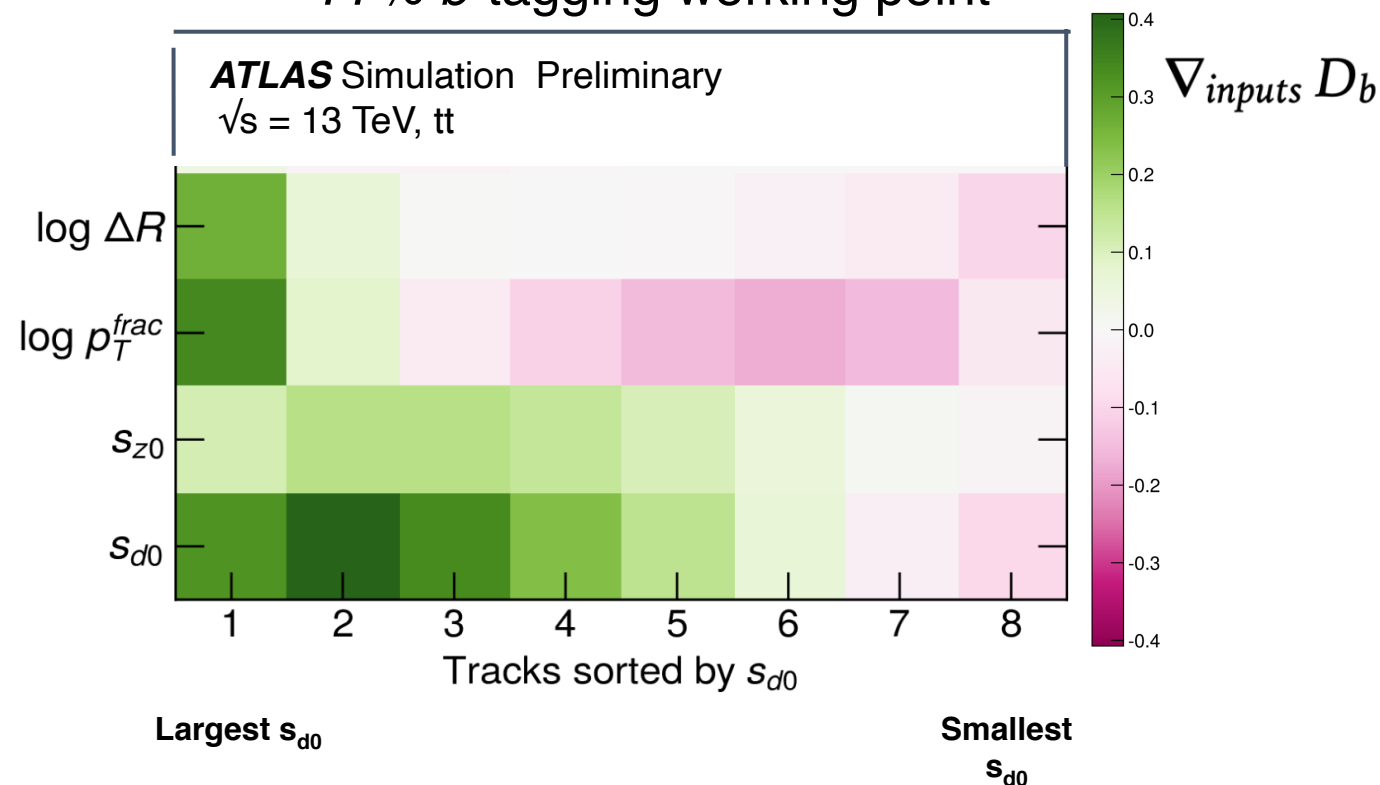
## What has DIPS learned about b-jets?

- Consider **b-jets** failing the 77% WP



- Average over jets with 8 tracks
- Sort the tracks by  $s_{d0}$  for the average

*b*-jets with 8 tracks failing the 77% *b*-tagging working point

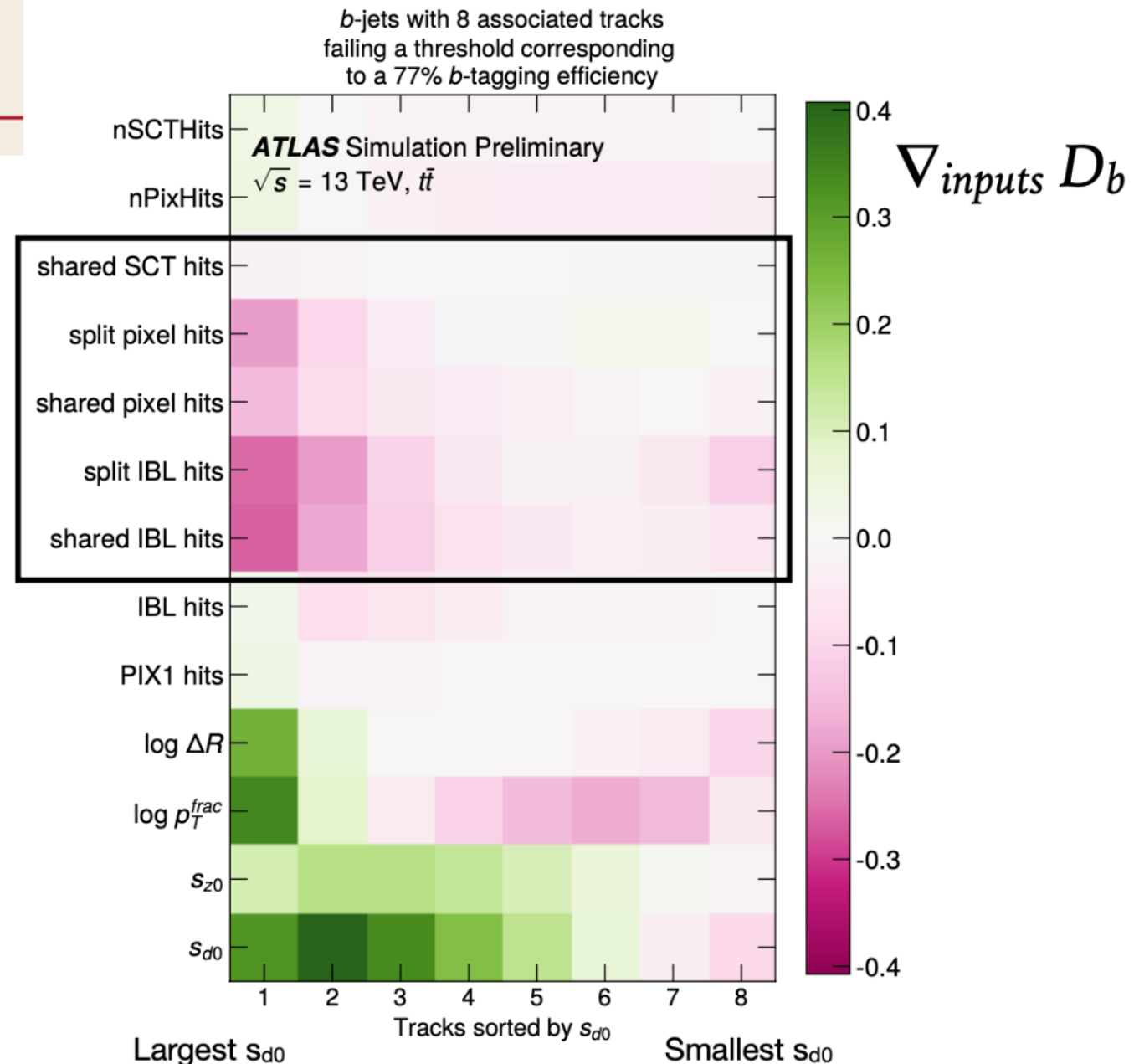


# Saliency for DIPS

## What has DIPS learned about b-jets?

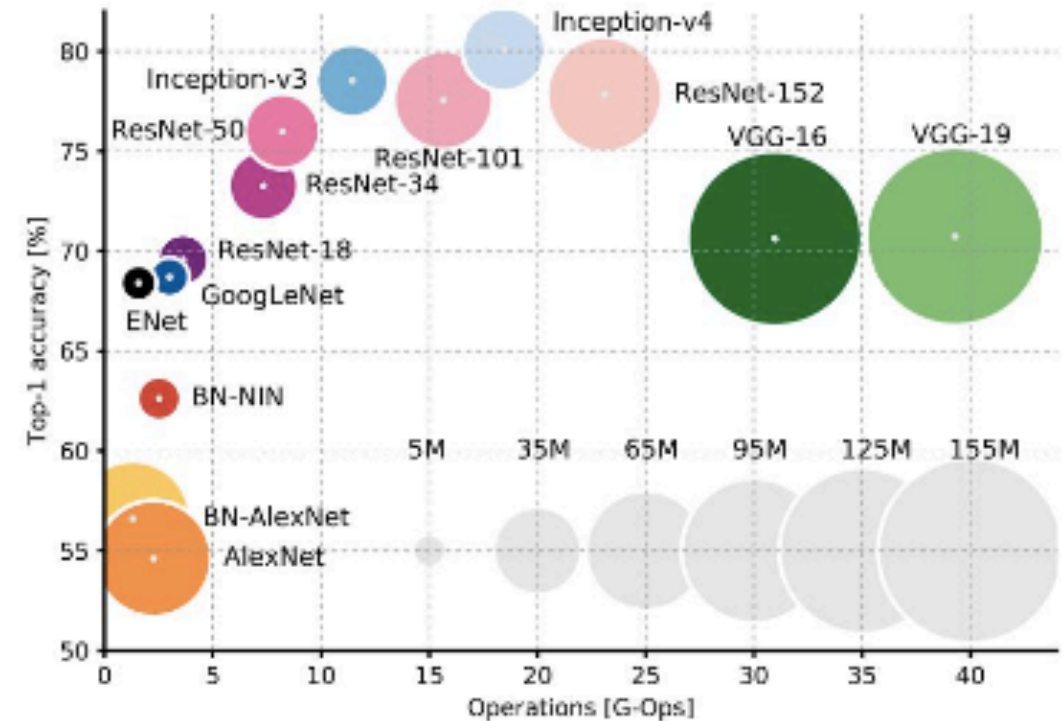
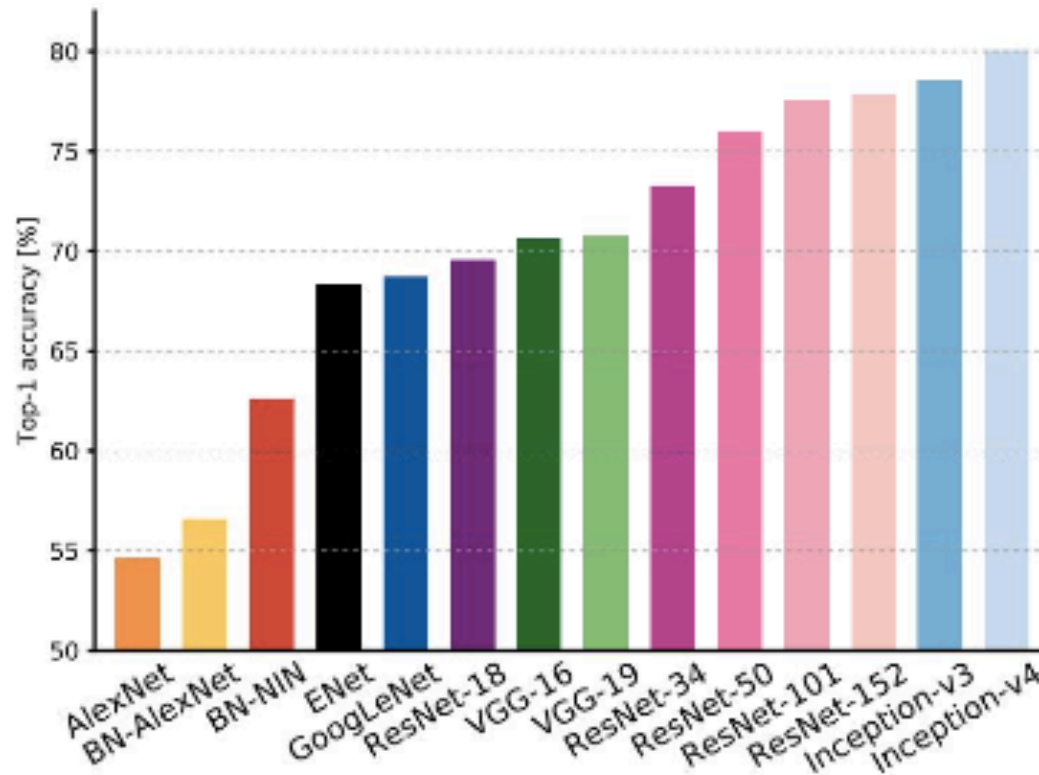
- ✓ Want at least 5 high impact parameter tracks
- ✓ Wants harder leading track - as expected from b-decay
- ✓ Larger opening angle corresponding to geometrical constraint from more displaced tracks
- ✓ Want good quality for displaced tracks

Hit visualization





# The Deep Learning Revolution

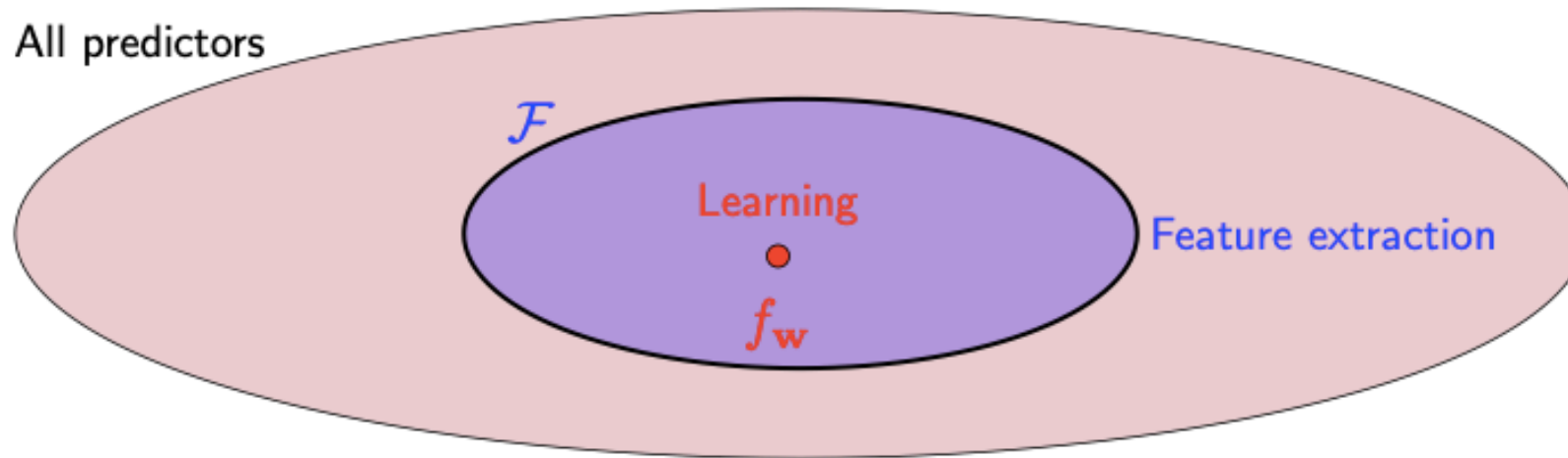


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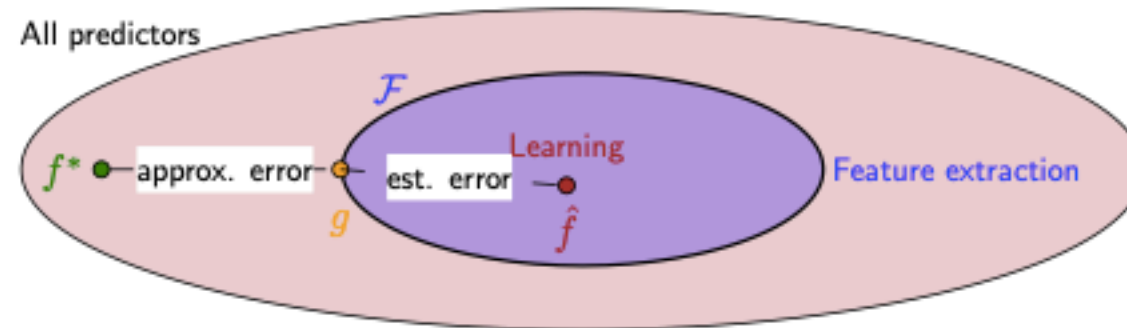
# Choosing the right features

## Feature extraction + learning



- **Feature extraction:** set  $\mathcal{F}$  based on domain knowledge
- **Learning:** set  $f_w \in \mathcal{F}$  based on data

# Effect of hypothesis class size



As the hypothesis class size increases...

Approximation error decreases because:

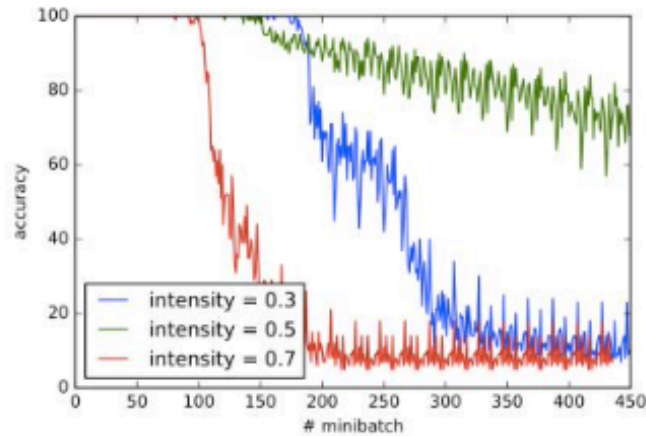
taking min over larger set

Estimation error increases because:

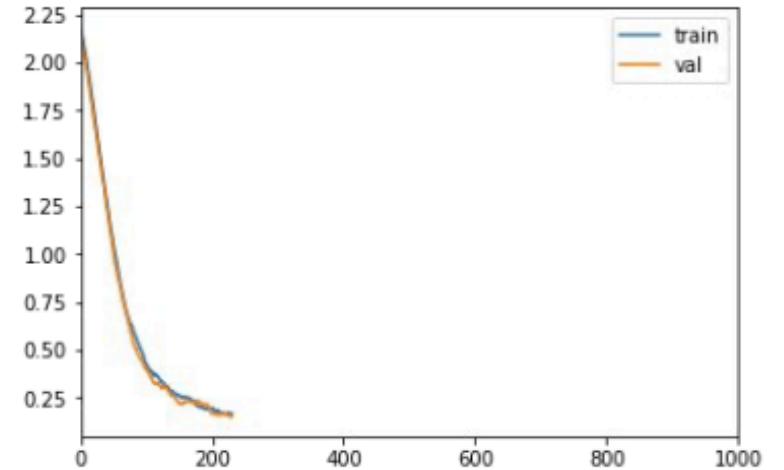
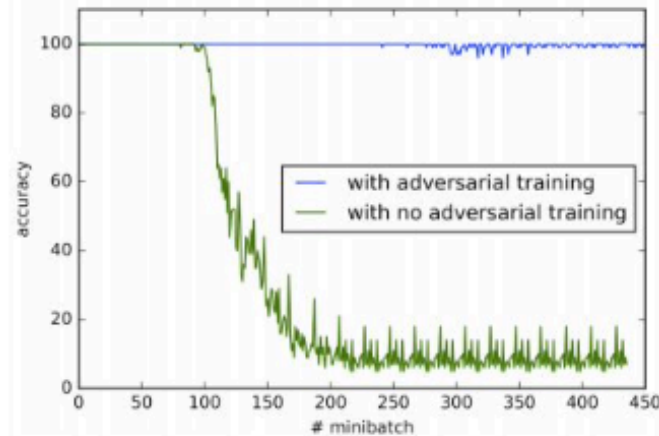
harder to estimate something more complex

**How do we control the hypothesis class size?**

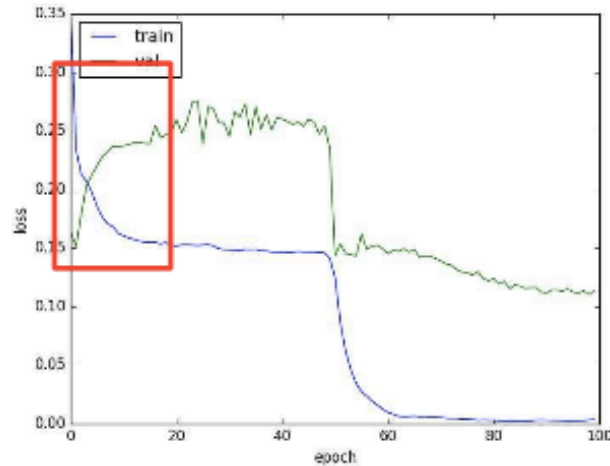
# Loss curves — what are the problems?



Problem: Not shuffling data, periodical patterns in loss curve



Get nans in the loss after a number of iterations: caused by numerical instability in models



Problem: val set too small, statistics not meaningful

# Batch Normalization

## Alternative Placements

OG paper

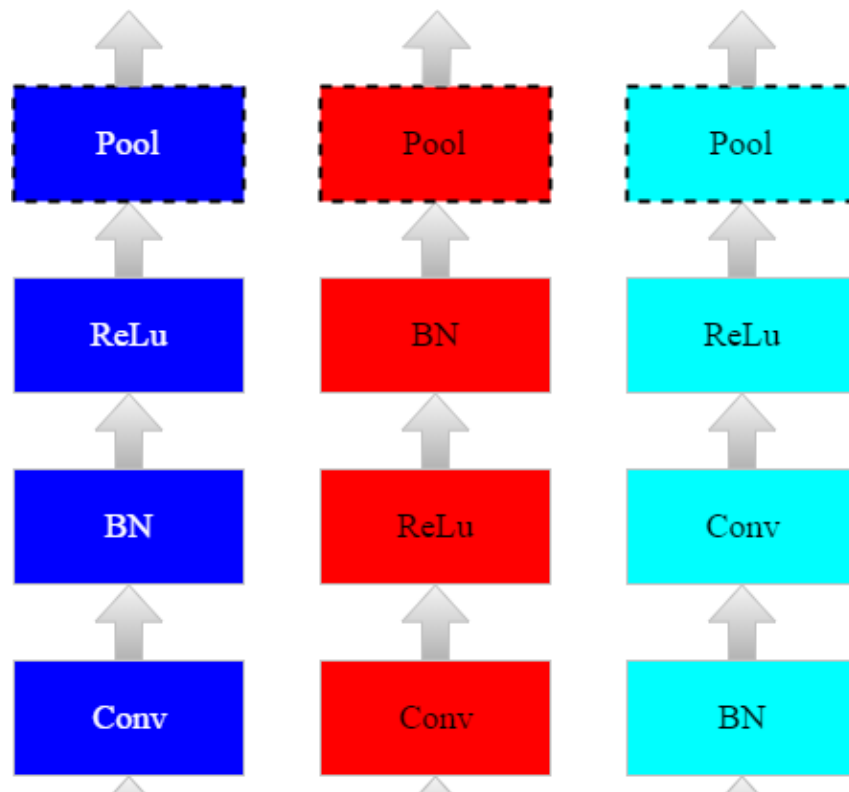
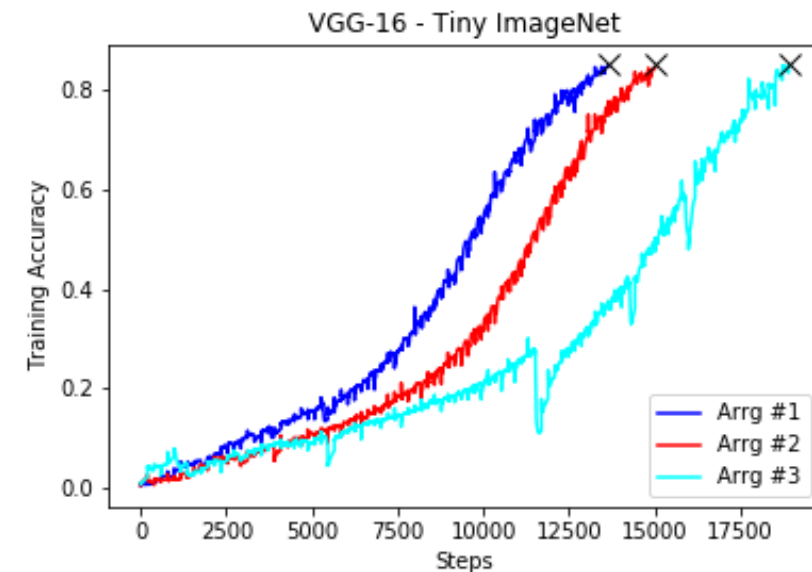
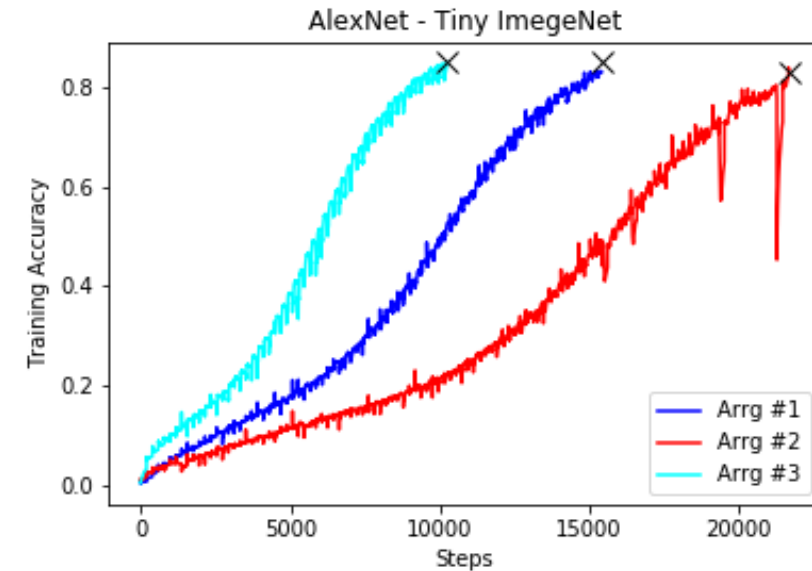


Fig. 1. Different arrangements of layers used in this study. (a) arrangement 1, (b) arrangement 2 and (c) arrangement 3. (The Pooling layer is dashed because it might not always be present after the third layer in these arrangements.)



# Double Descent

