

# AutoBayes: Automated Machine Learning with Bayesian Graph Exploration for Nuisance-Robust Inference

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## **AUTOMATED MACHINE LEARNING (AUTOML):**

Breakthrough Technology  
to Accelerate Machine  
Learning Outcomes



# Outline

- Part I: Trends of machine learning
- Part II: **Adversarial learning** for nuisance-robust data analysis
- Part III: **Meta learning**: Automated machine learning (AutoML)
  - Automated architecture and hyperparameter tuning
- **Part IV: AutoBayes**
  - Bayesian inference graph modeling
  - Bayes Ball algorithm
- Part V: **Ensemble learning**
- Summary



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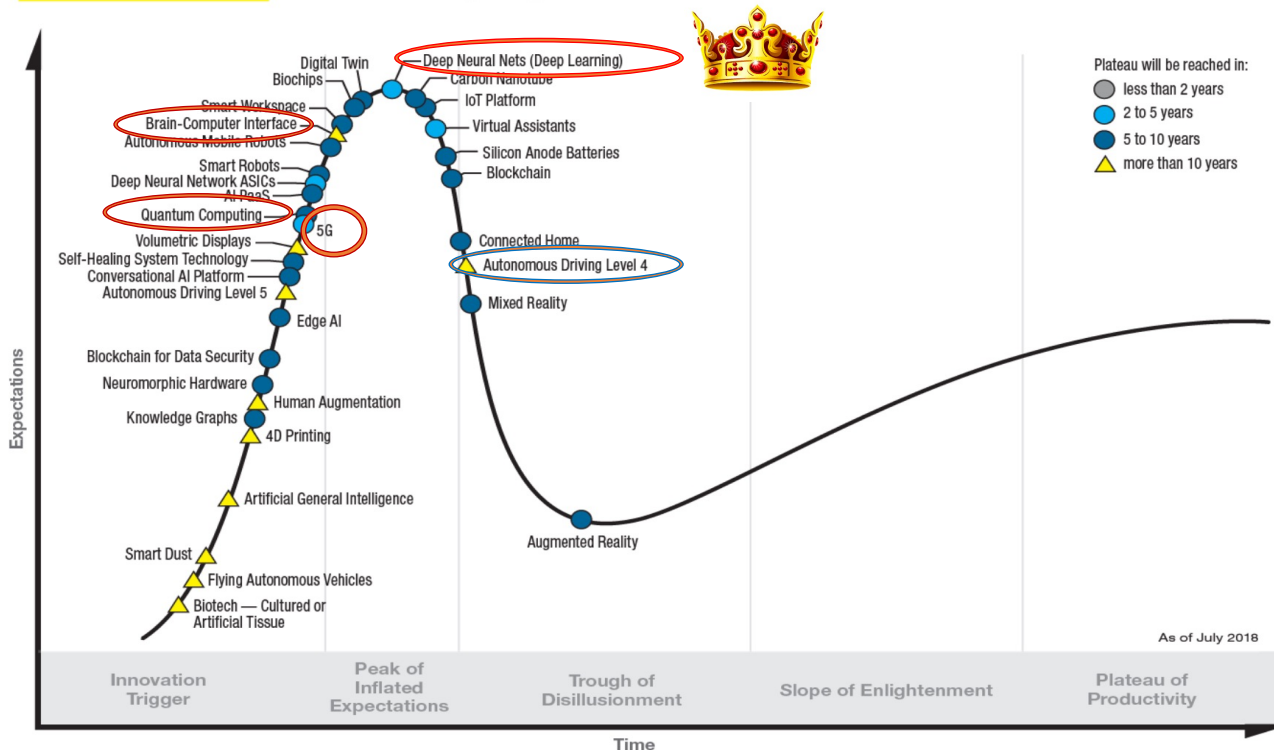
What is best DNN architecture?



# Emerging Technologies 2018

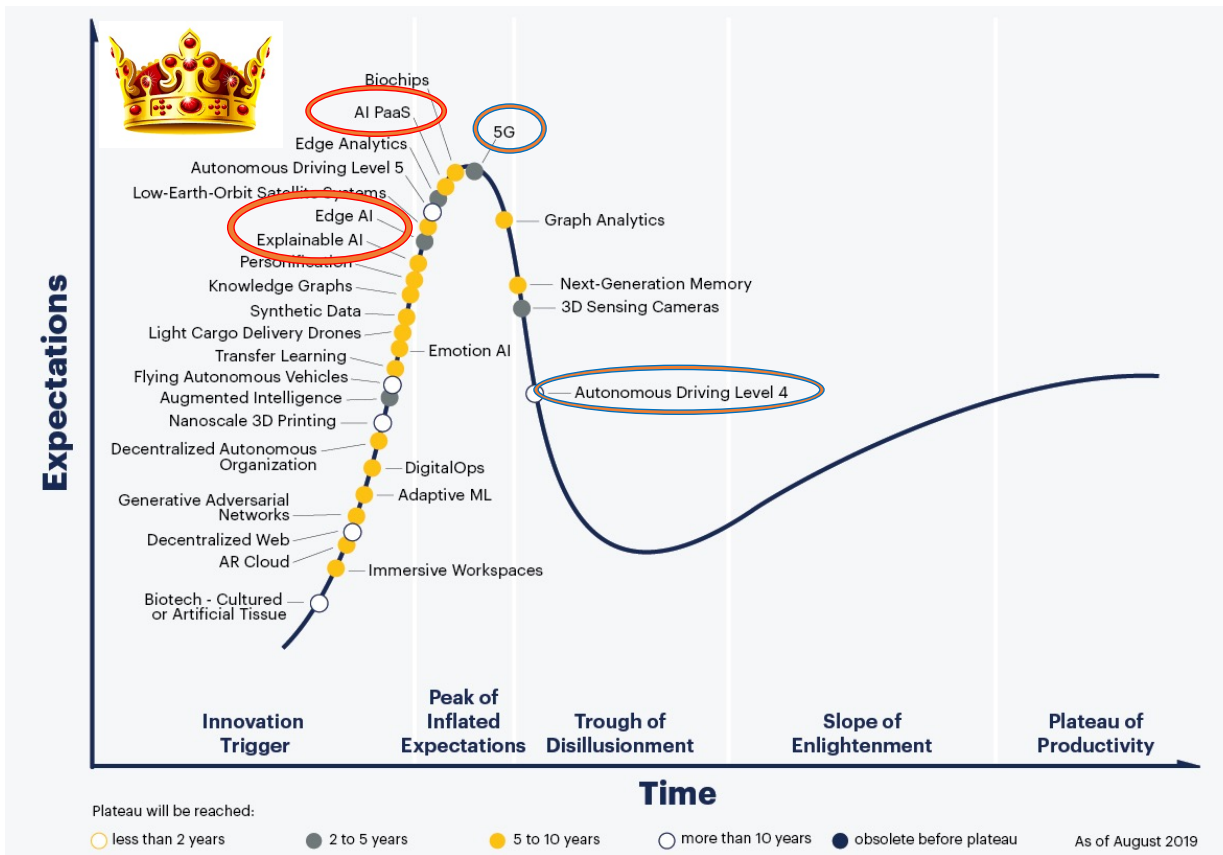
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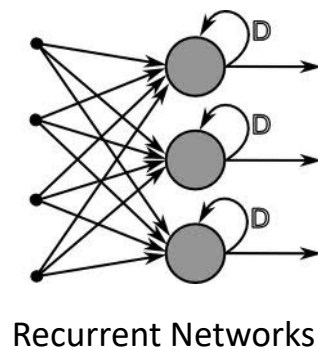
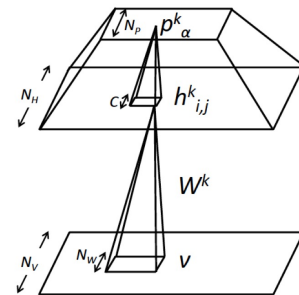
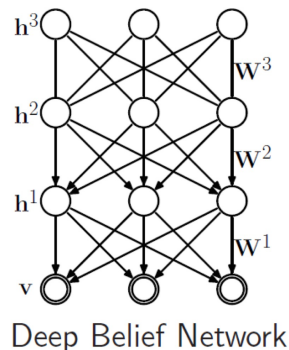
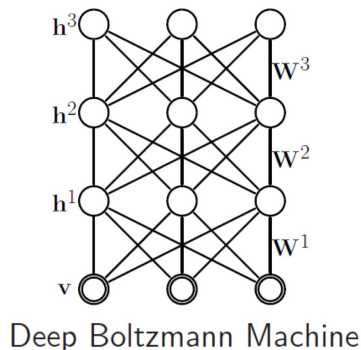
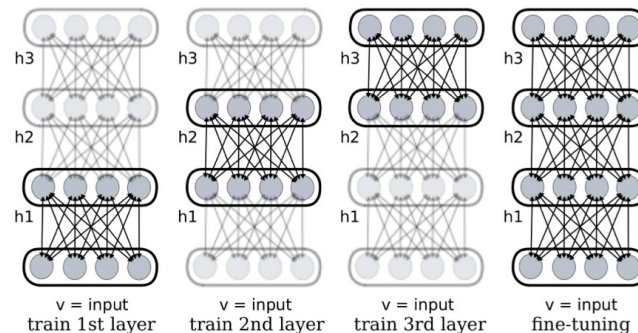
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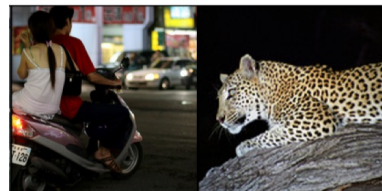
# Deep Learning (DL) for Artificial Intelligence (AI)

- Deep learning = fancy name of multi-layer perceptron neural networks.
  - 2006 Hinton: Many layers, layer-wise pre-training, massive data sets
- Massively parallel computation
  - Driver: graphic processor units, tensor processor units ...
- Variants:
  - Deep belief networks
  - Deep convolutional networks
  - Deep recurrent networks
  - Deep Boltzmann machines
  - Deep autoencoder

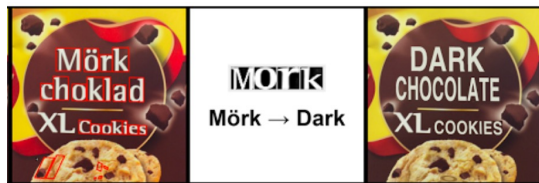
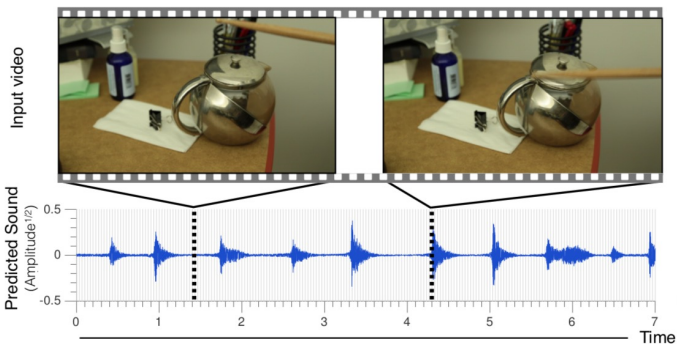


# Deep Learning for Media Signal Processing

- Audio & Visual Applications



motor scooter	leopard
motor scooter	leopard
go-kart	jaguar
moped	cheetah
bumper car	snow leopard
golfcart	Egyptian cat



"man in black shirt is playing guitar."

# AI Surpassing Human-Level Performance

May 11th, 1997  
**Computer won world champion of chess**  
 (Deep Blue) (Garry Kasparov)

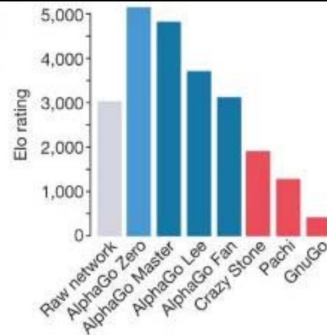
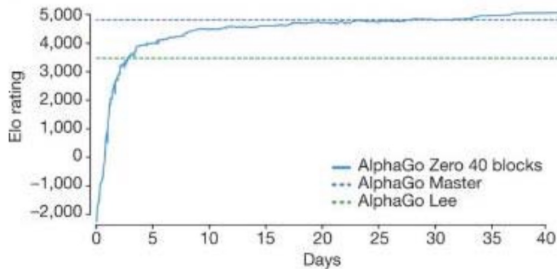
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## DARPA Grand Challenge

### Autonomous Vehicle Races

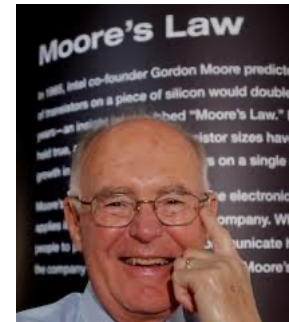
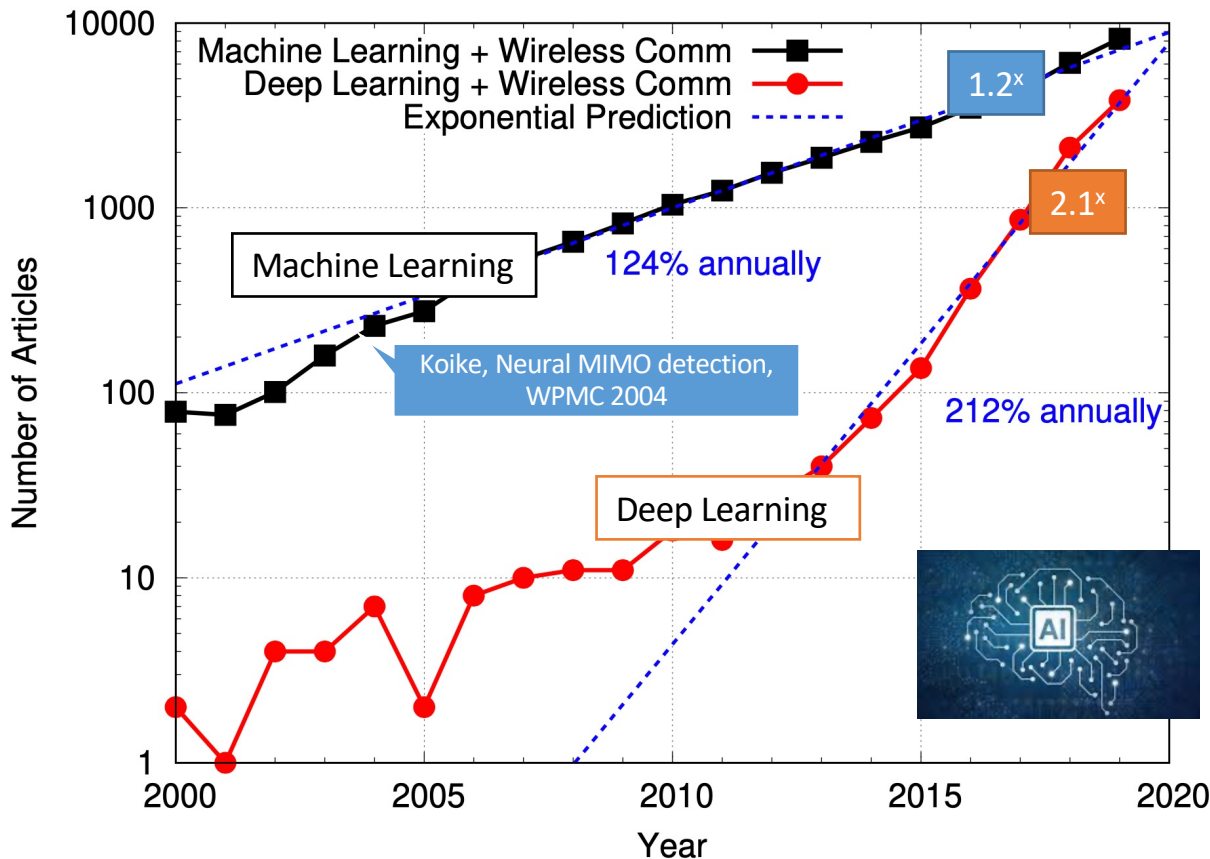
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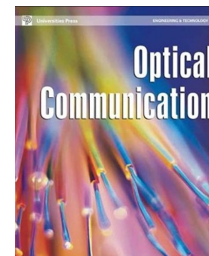
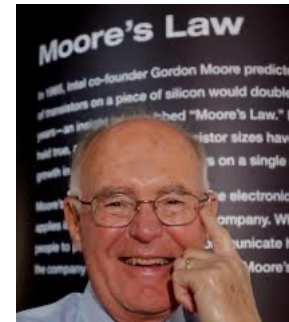
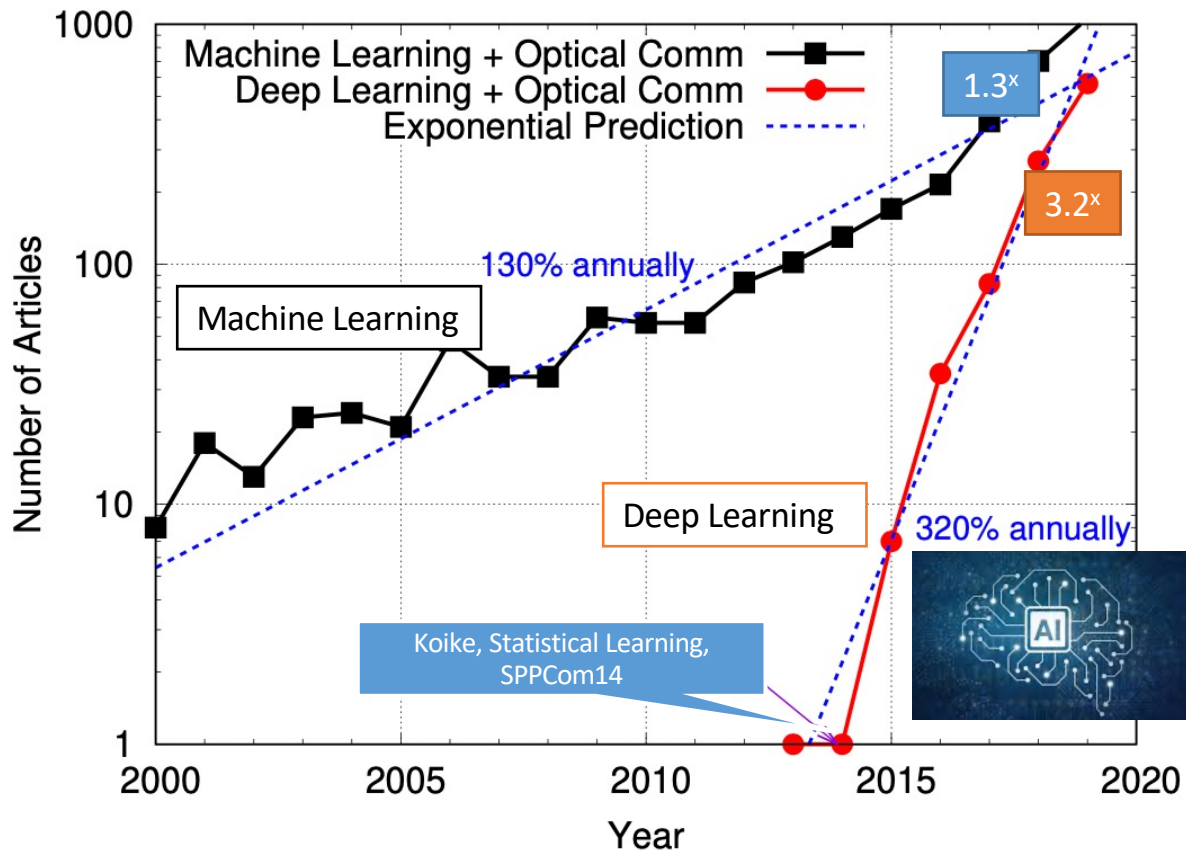
# Moore's Law: Exponential Growth in Applications

- Hit count of articles per year in GoogleScholar; *Wireless Communication* applications



# Moore's Law: Exponential Growth in Applications II

- Hit count of articles per year in GoogleScholar; *Optical Communication* applications



# AI for ???



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# Applied Deep Learning

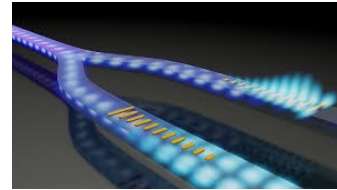
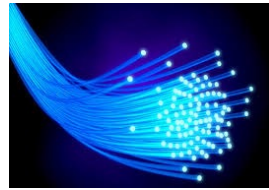
- AI has been applied to various fields

AI: Essential Component for R&D



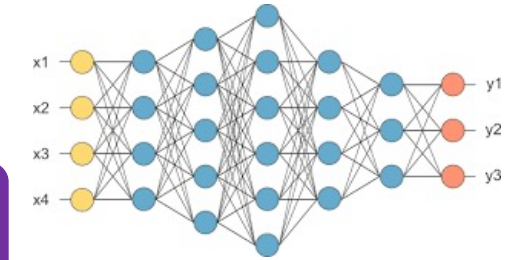
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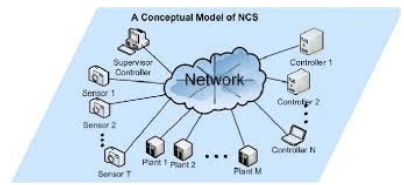


Device / Integrated Circuit

Bio-Sensing Human Interface



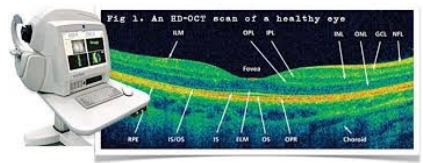
Networked Control



Localization Navigation



Tomography Imaging

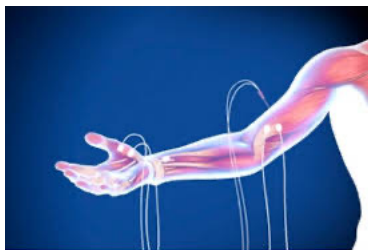


# Biosignal Processing and Mind Sensing

- Joint work with Prof. Deniz Erdogmus (Northeastern Univ.)
- 2015 Ruhi Mahajan
  - Authentication (EMBC)
- 2016 Fernando Quivira
  - Probabilistic GMM+LSTM (BHI)
- 2017 Chun-Shu Wei
  - Few-shot learning (NER)
- 2018 Ozan Ozdenizci
  - Adversarial VAE (NER, SPL, Access)
- 2019 Mo Han
  - Complementary adversarial (EMBC, SPL)
  - Rateless soft disentangling (JBHI)
- 2020 Andac Demir
  - AutoBayes (Access)
  - Graph EEG net (EMBC)

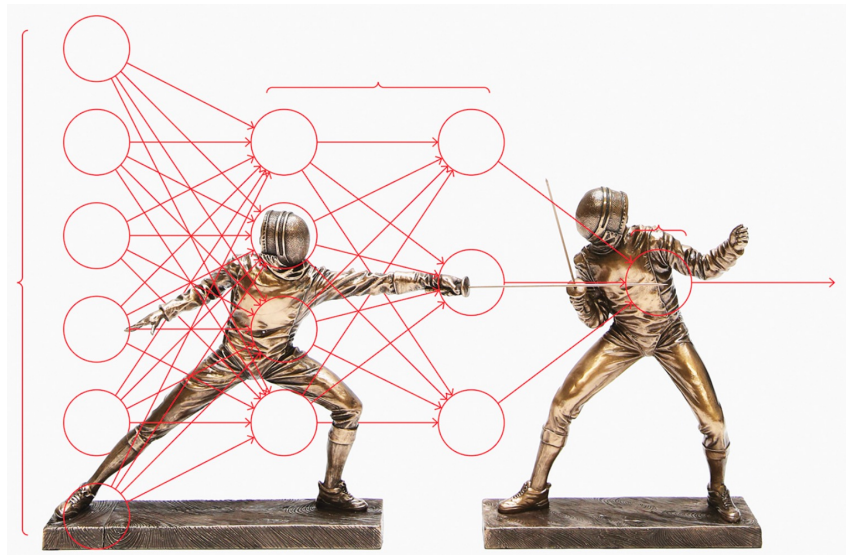


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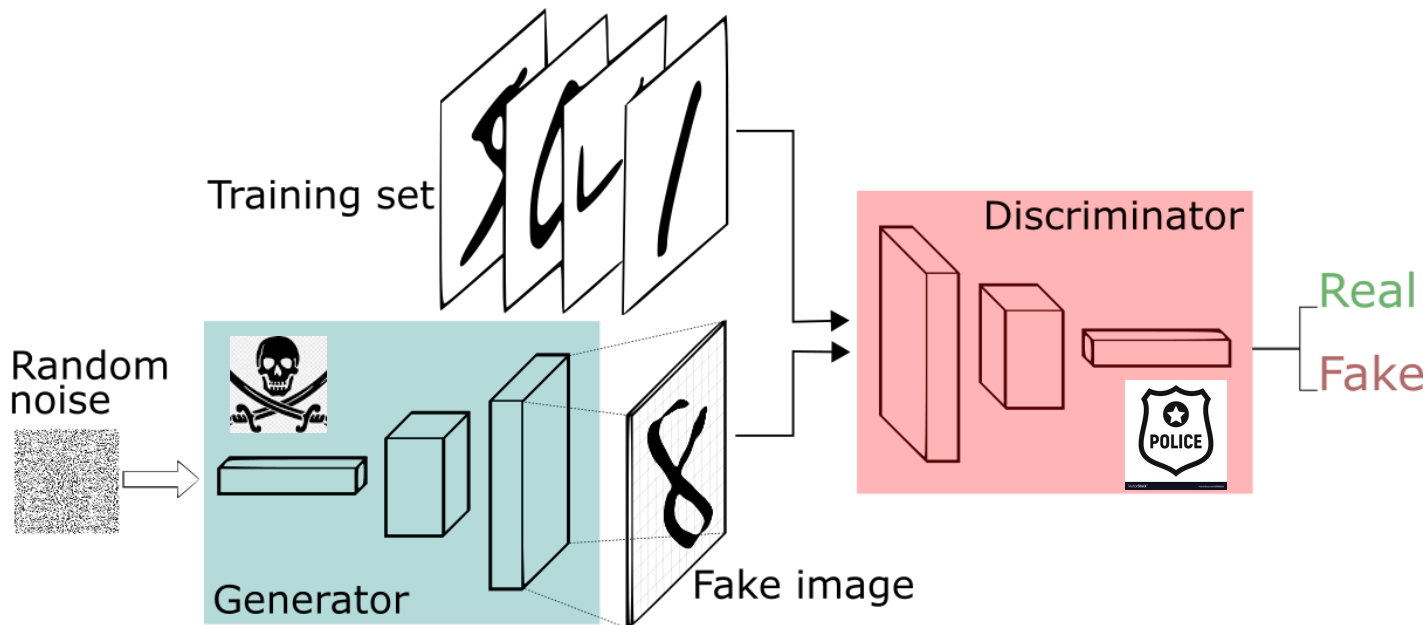
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## Adversarial Learning



# Adversarial Networks

- Generative Adversarial Networks (GAN) [Goodfellow et al, 2014]
  - Train two **competing** neural networks
  - Generator learns to fake images by trying to fool Discriminator



- Competition between counterfeiters and police  $\Rightarrow$  better fake money



# GAN for Synthetic Faces

- Nvidia GAN Results [Karras et al, 2018]

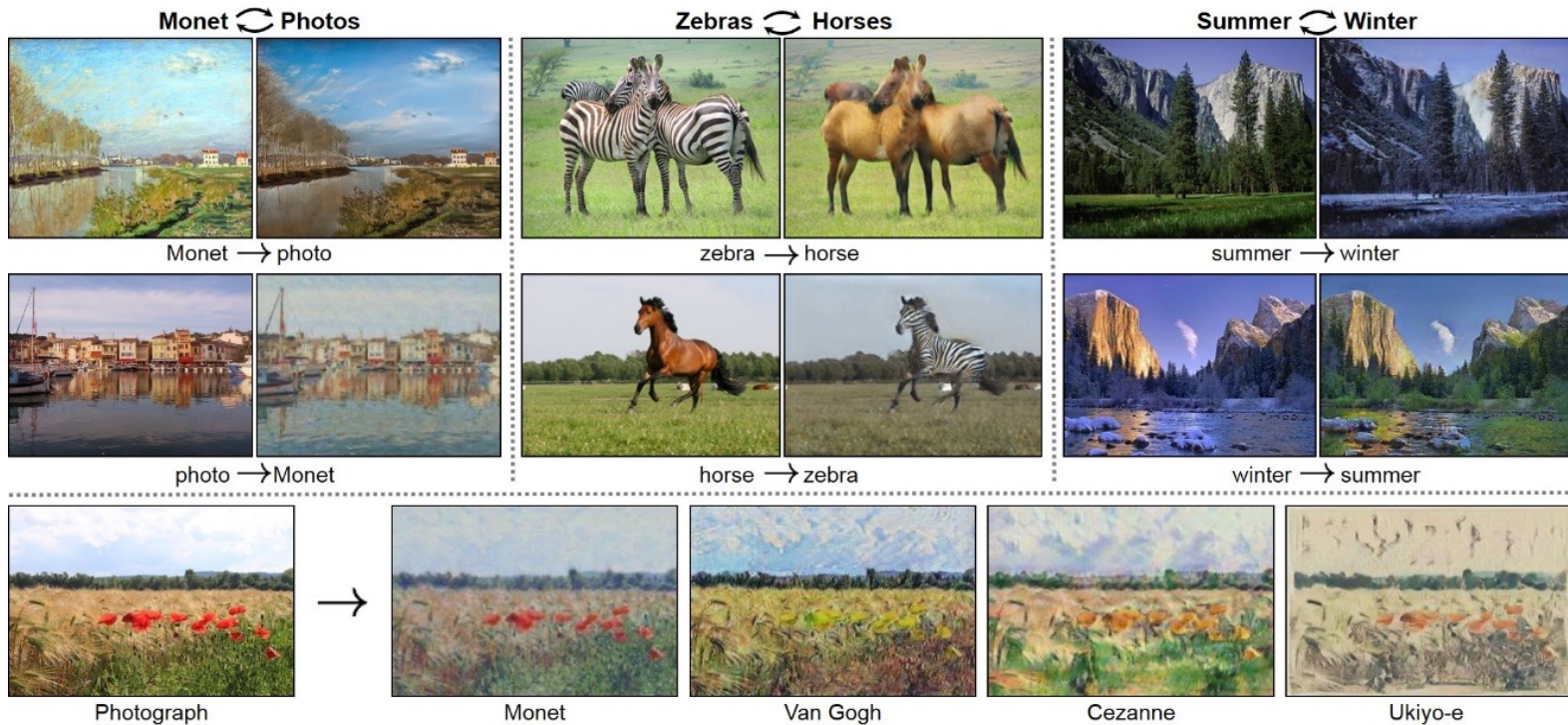
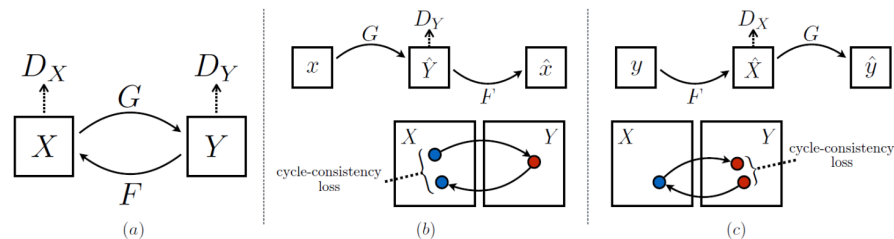


Realistic Fake Faces  
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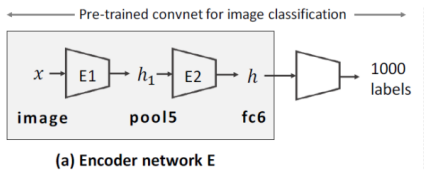
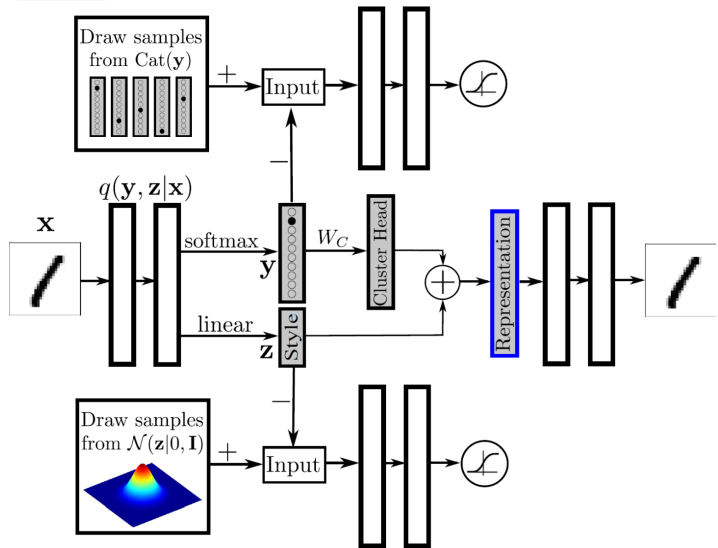
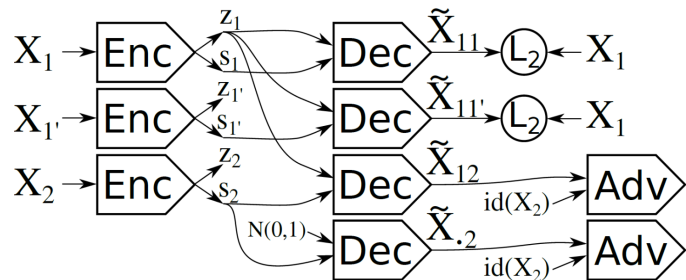
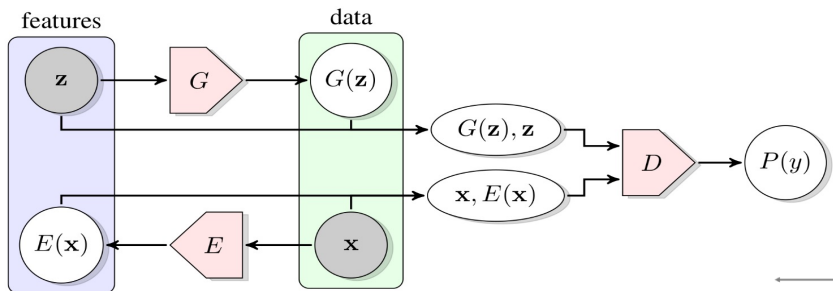
# CycleGAN for Image Translation

- CycleGAN [Zhu et al, 2017]

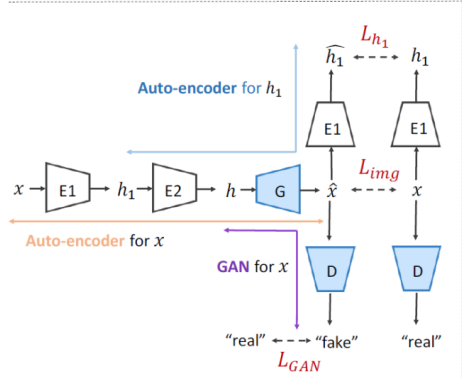


# GAN Zoo – Lots of Adversarial Networks

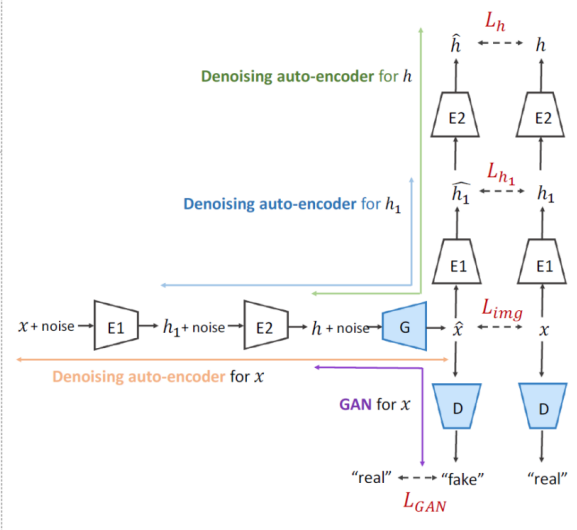
- Many different ways to adversarially combine networks



(a) Encoder network E

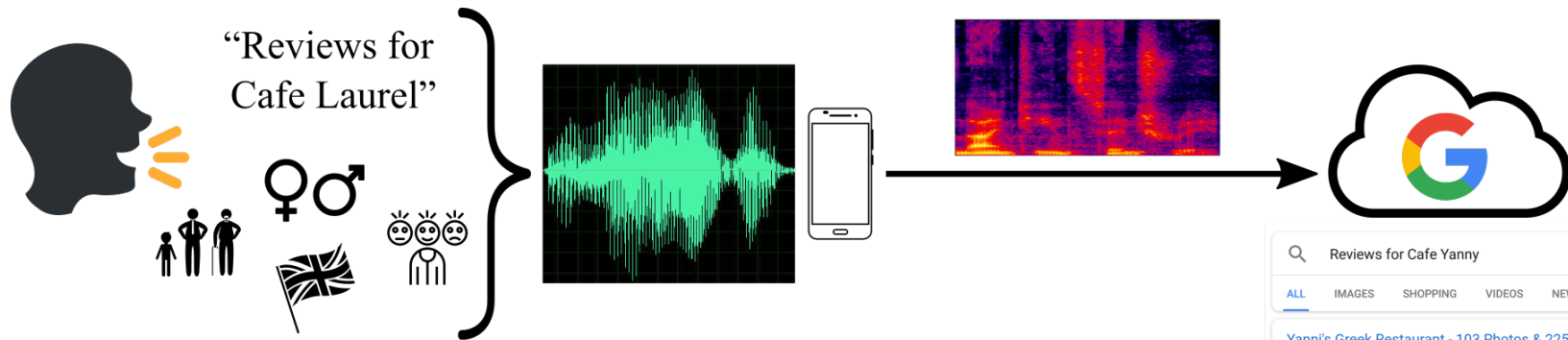


(b) Noiseless joint PPGN-h



(c) Joint PPGN-h

# Learning Nuisance-Invariant Data Representations

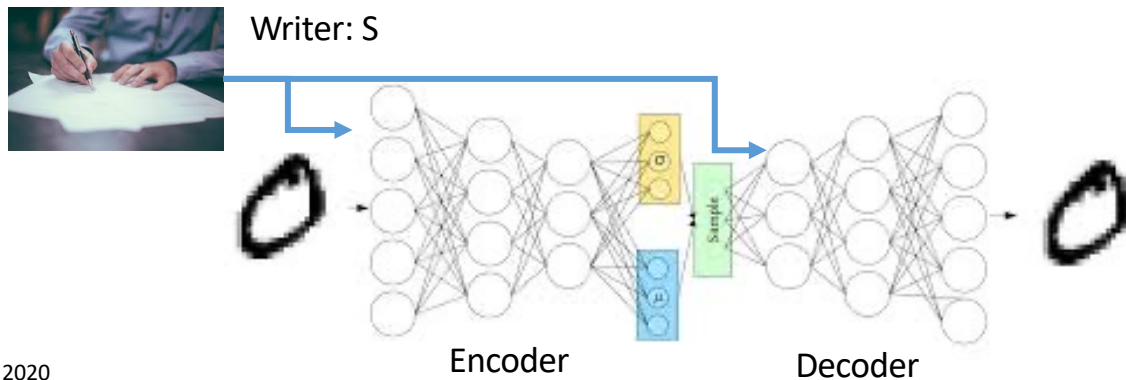


- Objective: extract invariant representations (features)
  - Remove nuisance variations, sensitive attributes
  - Motivation: transferability, generalizability, robustness, privacy, fairness
- Autoencoder model: data  $\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \text{Enc} \rightarrow \text{latent } \mathbf{z} \rightarrow \text{Dec} \rightarrow \hat{\mathbf{x}}$ 
  - General purpose data representations  $\mathbf{z}$
  - Can also support translation, feature/style transfer

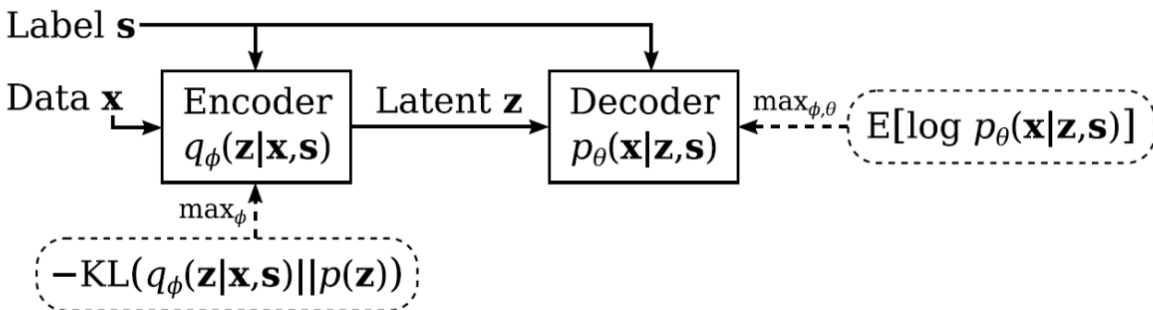


# Variational AutoEncoders (VAE)

- VAE introduced by [Kingma & Welling, 2014] with conditional extension [Sohn et al, 2015]
- Learn CVAE model:  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{z}) \sim p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{s})p(\mathbf{s})p(\mathbf{z})$ 
  - $\mathbf{x}$  raw data features
  - $\mathbf{s}$  nuisance variations (conditioning variable)
  - $\mathbf{z}$  latent (unobserved) representation
  - **Invariance:** model explicitly specifies independence between  $\mathbf{s}$  and  $\mathbf{z}$
  - Generative model  $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{s})$  from appropriate parametric family
  - Convenient latent model  $p(\mathbf{z}) = N(\mathbf{0}; \mathbf{I})$
  - Nuisance model  $p(\mathbf{s})$  arbitrary (not used for training)



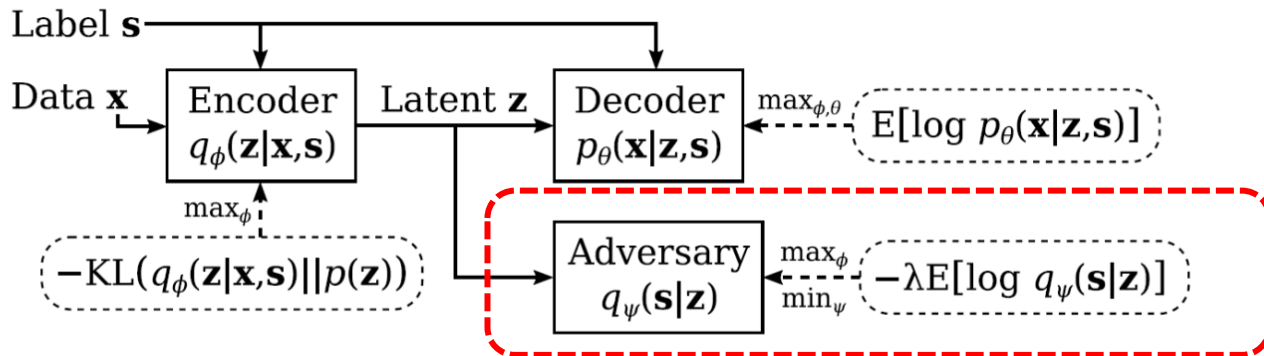
# VAE Training



- Decoder: generative model  $p_\theta(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{s})$
- Encoder: variational posterior  $q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{s})$ 
  - In principle,  $q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{s}) \rightarrow p_\theta(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{s})$  and hence  $\mathbf{z} \perp\!\!\!\perp \mathbf{s}$
- However, in practice, invariance ( $I(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{z}) = 0$ ) needs to be enforced

$$\max_{\theta, \phi} \mathcal{L}(\theta, \phi) - \lambda I(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{z})$$

# VAE Training with Adversarial Censoring



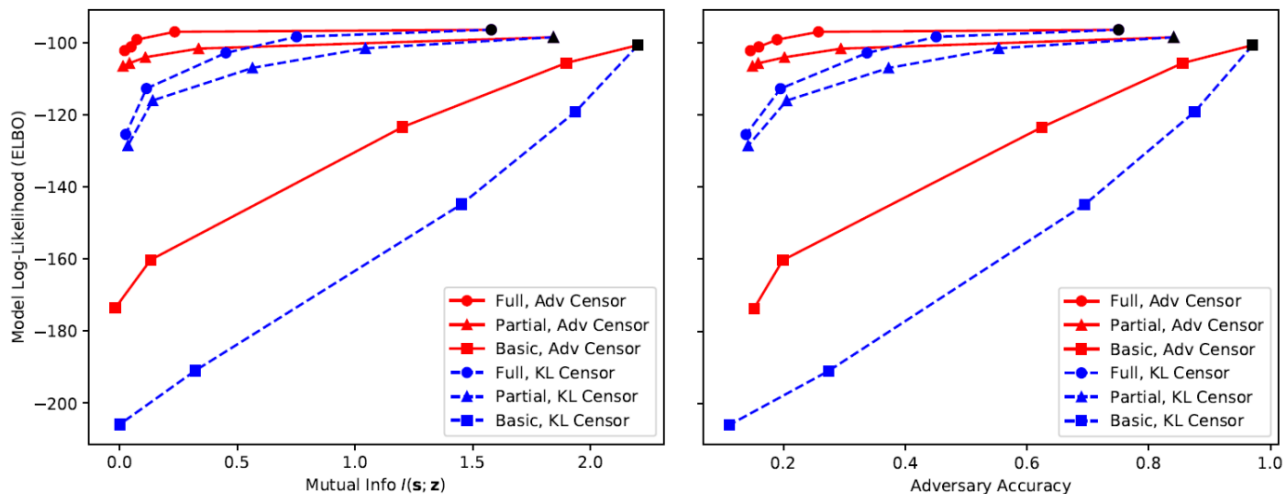
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$$\max_{\theta, \phi} \mathcal{L}(\theta, \phi) - \lambda I(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{z}) \Rightarrow \max_{\theta, \phi} \min_{\psi} \mathcal{L}(\theta, \phi) - \underbrace{\lambda \mathbb{E}[\log q_\psi(\mathbf{s}|\mathbf{z})]}_{\geq -\lambda(I(\mathbf{z}; \mathbf{s}) - h(\mathbf{s}))}$$

- Adversary  $q_\psi(\mathbf{s}|\mathbf{z})$  attempts to recover  $\mathbf{s}$ , approximates  $I(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{z})$

# A-CVAE Benefit for MNIST Dataset

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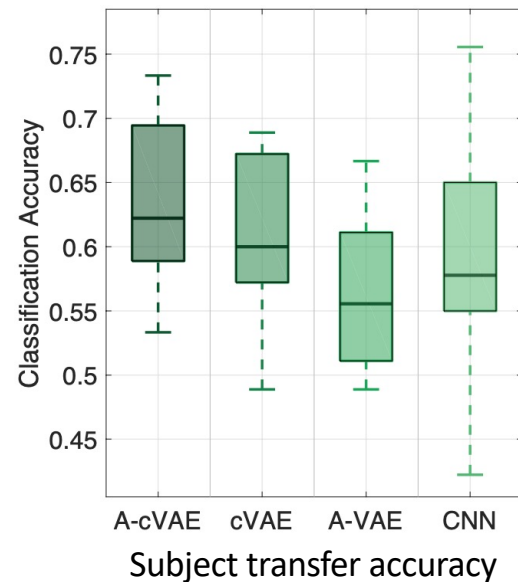
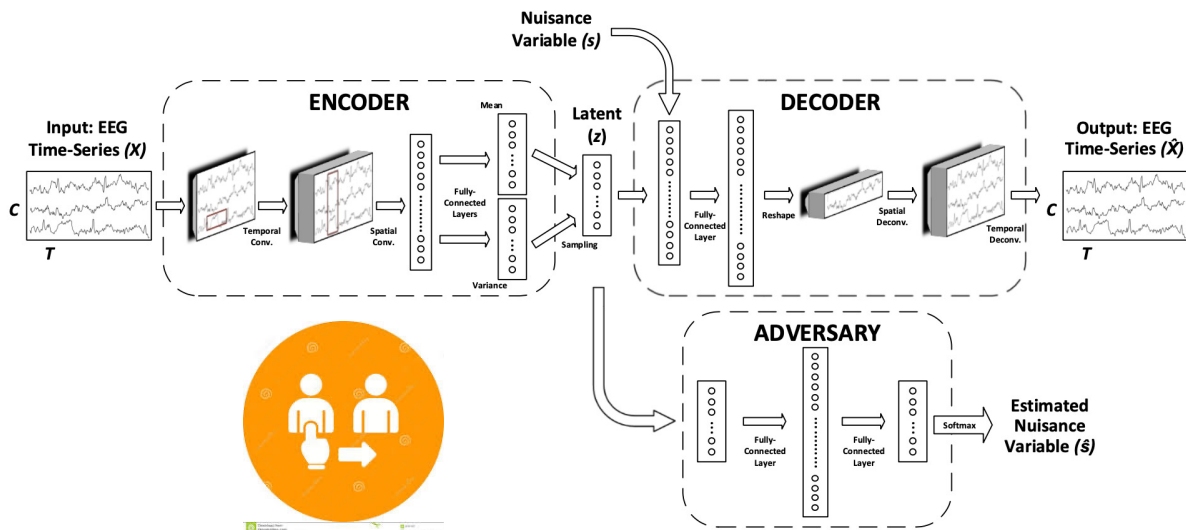


- Full (●): full VAE conditioned on  $s$ , i.e.  $E(\mathbf{x}, s)$ ,  $D(\mathbf{z}, s)$
- Partial (▲): only decoder conditioned on  $s$ , i.e.  $E(\mathbf{x})$ ,  $D(\mathbf{z}, s)$
- Basic (■): no conditioning on  $s$ , i.e.  $E(\mathbf{x})$ ,  $D(\mathbf{z})$
- KL censoring [alternative](#): use  $-\gamma \text{KL}(q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}, s) \| p(\mathbf{z}))$ , with  $\gamma > 1$

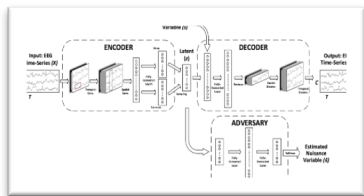
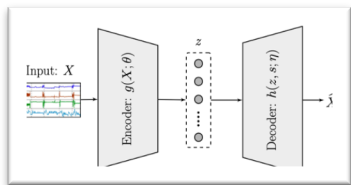


# A-CVAE for Nuisance-Robust Transfer Learning: Zero-Shot Learning

- Cross-subject transfer learning for BCI [Ozdenizci et al, NER'19]
  - Task: motor-imagery decoding from EEG measurements
  - Subject variability is the nuisance variation suppressed
- Cross-session EEG-based biometrics [Ozdenizci et al, SPL'19]
  - Task: subject identification from EEG measurements
  - Session variability is the nuisance variation suppressed



# Evolution Map: Nuisance-Invariant Feature Extraction



Rateless soft disentangling  
Complementary disentangling



**AutoBayes**

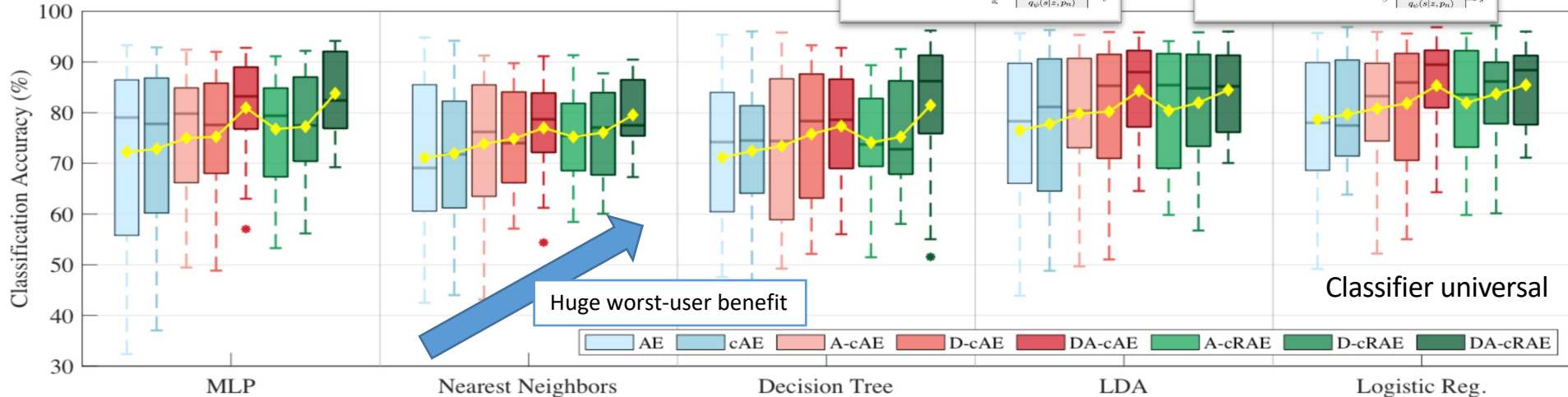
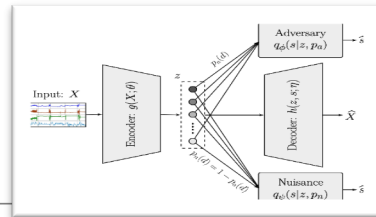
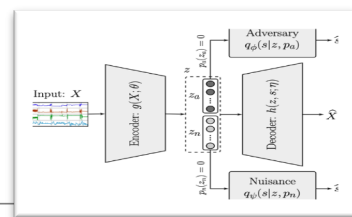
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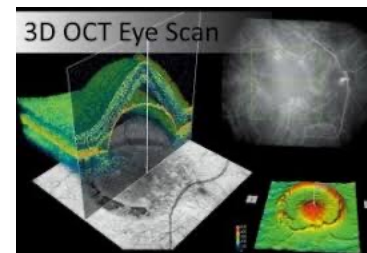
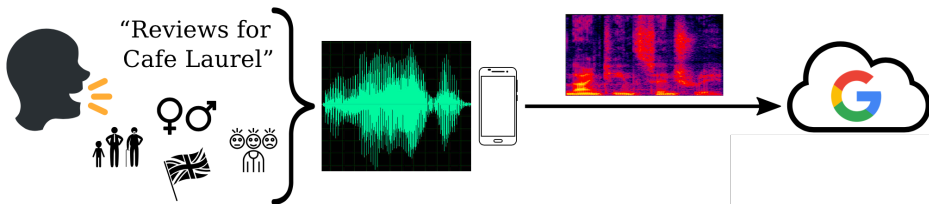
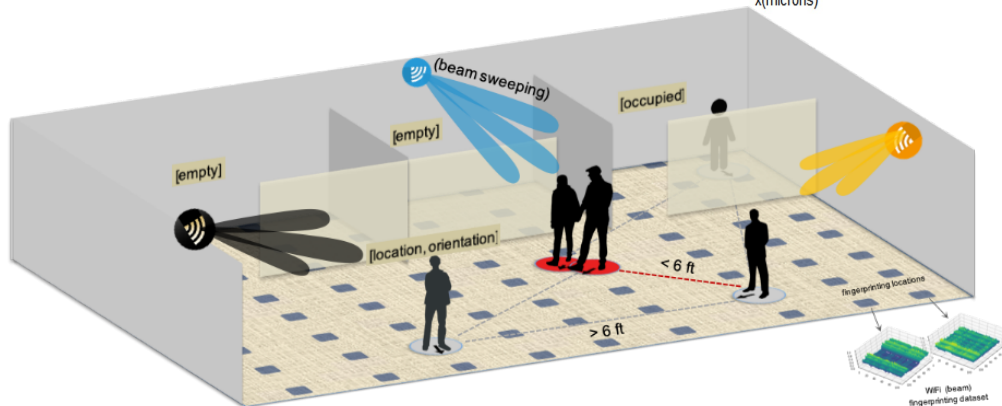
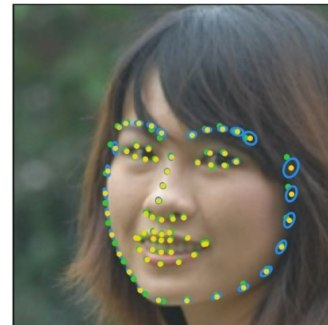
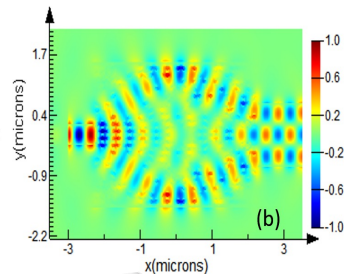
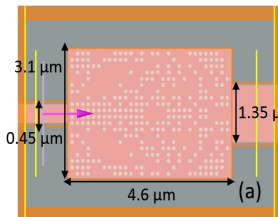
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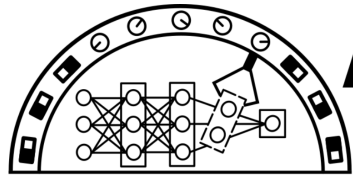
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# Nuisance-Robust Analysis: Not Only for Biosignal Applications

- Nano-photonic device design
- Privacy preserving
- Localization
- Image sensing
- Speech recognition
- Face recognition
- ...





# AutoML

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# Various DNN Architectures

- Forward, recursive, convolutional
- LSTM, GRU, Transformer
- Bottleneck, U-net, HR-net
- ResNet, loopy, clique
- Inception, bilinear

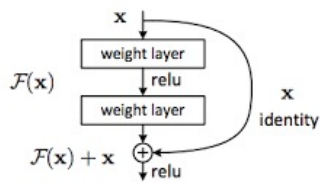
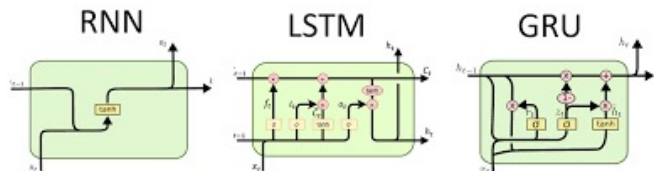


Figure 2. Residual learning: a building block.

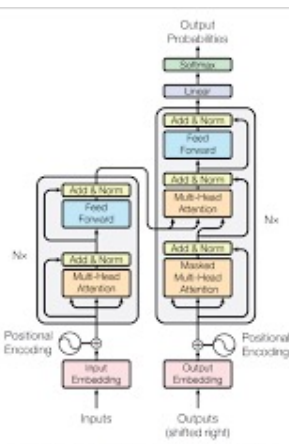
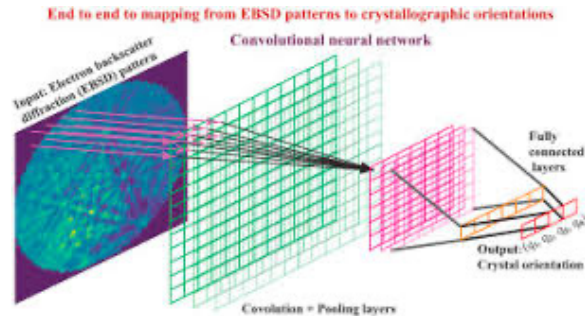
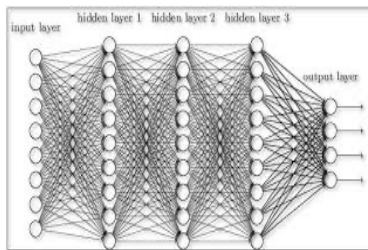
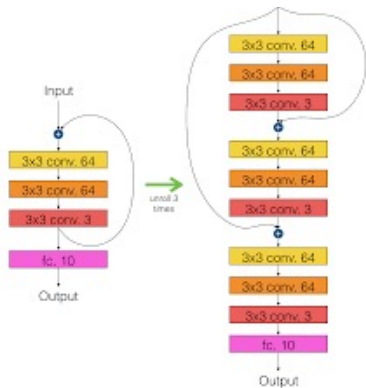


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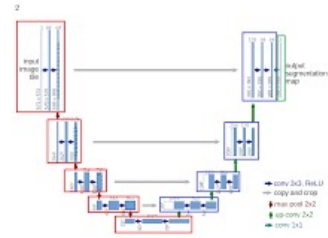
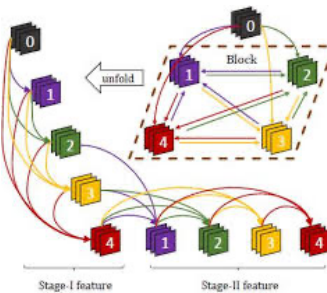
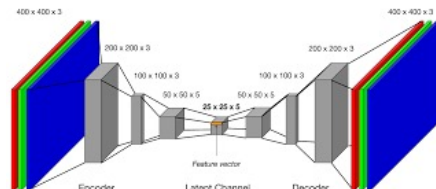
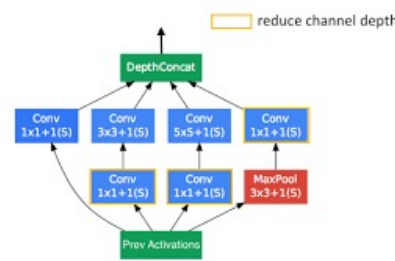
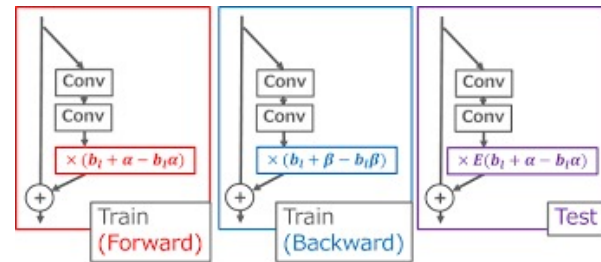
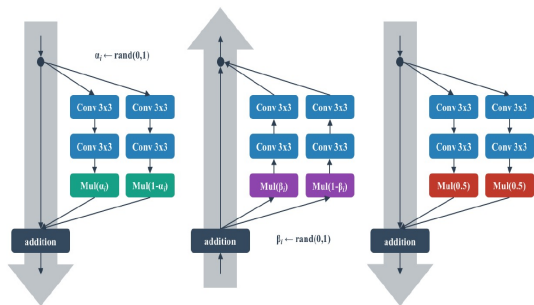
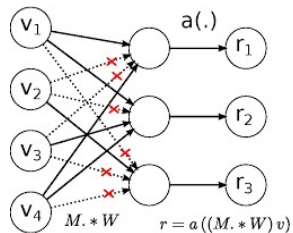
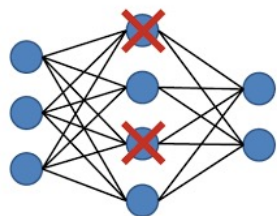
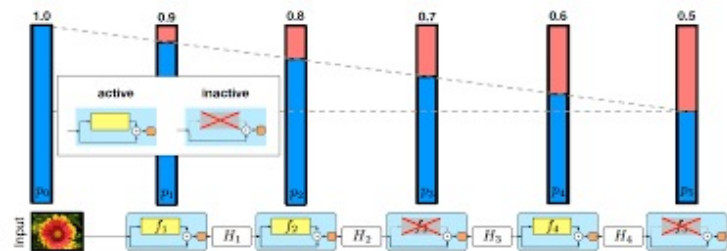
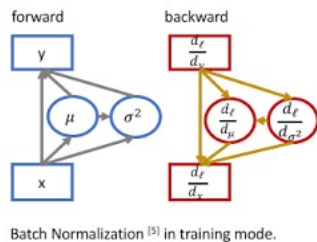


Fig. 1. U-net architecture (example for 32x32 pixels in the lowest resolution). Each blue box corresponds to a convolutional feature map. The number of channels is denoted on top of the box. The  $\times$ -size is provided at the lower left edge of the box. White boxes represent copied feature maps. The yellow boxes denote the skip connections.

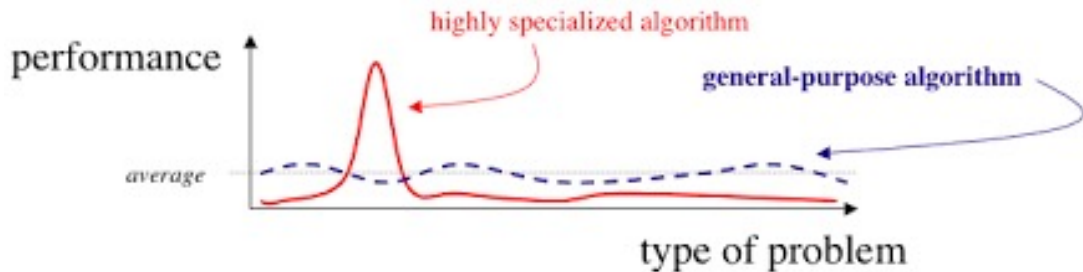


- Loss functions: CrossEntropy, MSE, MAE, hinge, L1, ...
- Updaters: SGD, Adam, AdaDelta, AdaGrad, AdaMax, LBFGS, RMSprop, ...
- Learning rate schedulers: CosineAnnealing, Cyclic, Exponential, MultiStep, OnPlateau, ...
- Regularizations: Dropout, Batch Norm, Spectral Norm, DropConnect, StochasticDepth, ShakeDrop, Shake-Shake, ...
- Activations: ReLU, sigmoid, tanh, ...
- Augmentation, depth, width
- Quantization, initialization
- Pooling, unpooling, padding, ...



# No Free Lunch Theorem

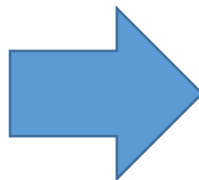
- Wolpert 1996: *What Does Dinner Cost?*, NASA Ames Research Center
- There is no one model that works **best for every problem**
- We thus shall **try multiple models** and find one that works **best for a particular problem**



# Automated Machine Learning: AutoML-Zero

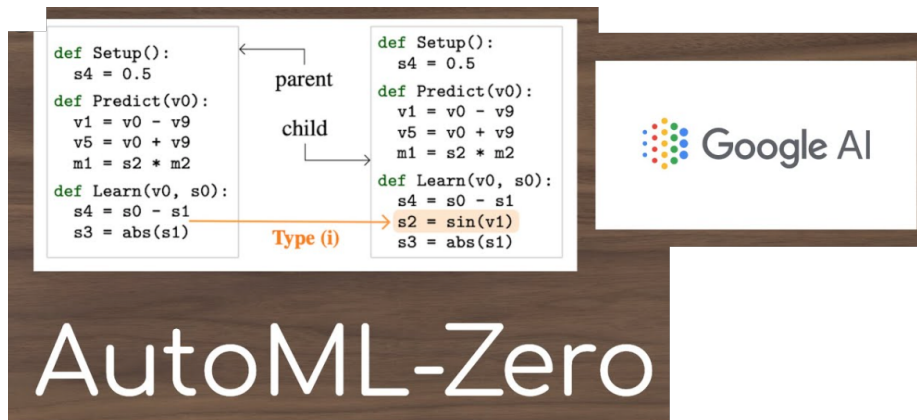


Human Experts  
Programming



AI Experts  
Evolutionary Programming

```
model = nn.Sequential(
    nn.Conv2d(1,20,5),
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    nn.ReLU()
)
```





# AutoML, Learning to Learn (L2L), Meta Learning

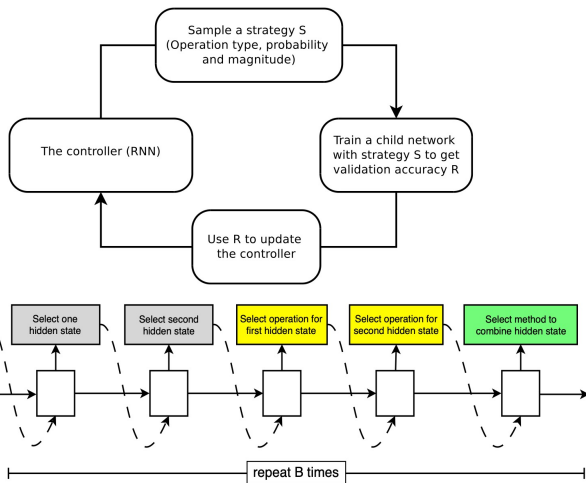
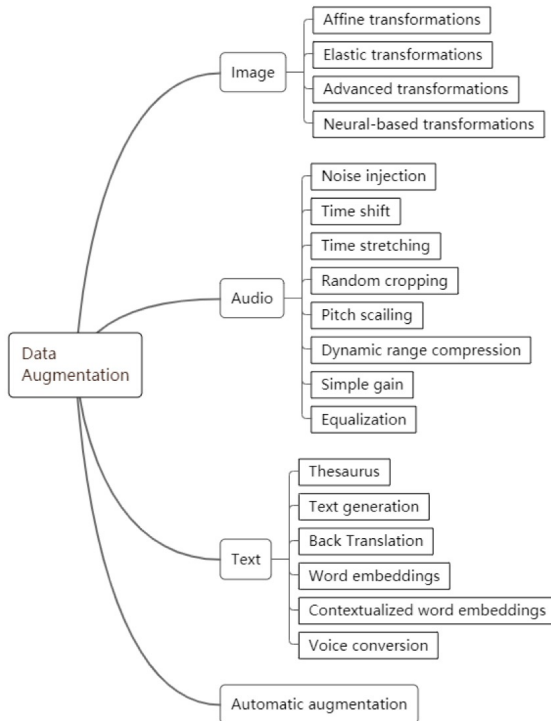
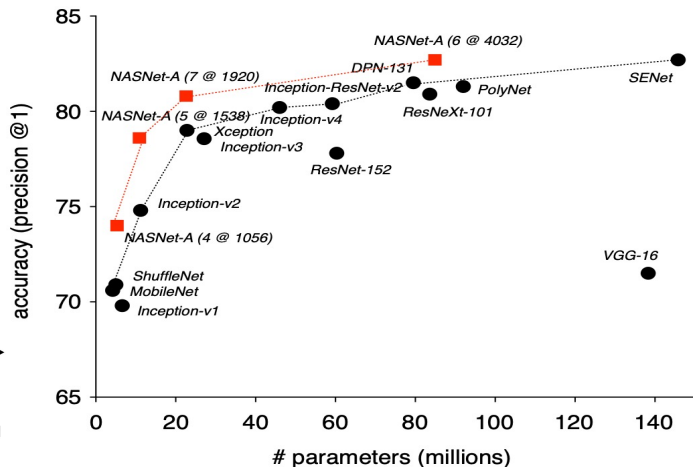
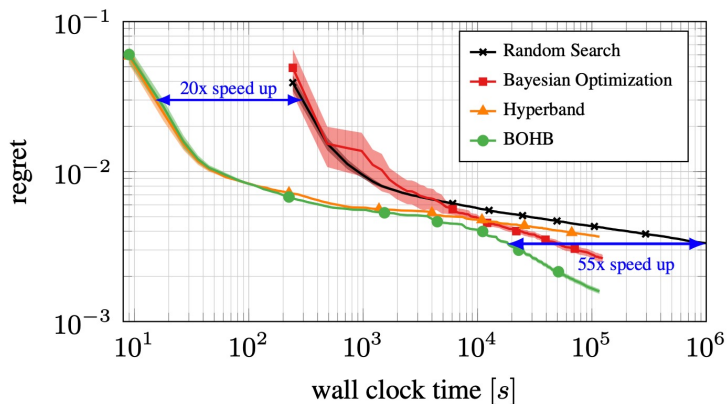
- Hyperparameter exploration: Auto-Pytorch, ...

- Bayesian optimization
- Evolutionary optimizer

- Architecture exploration

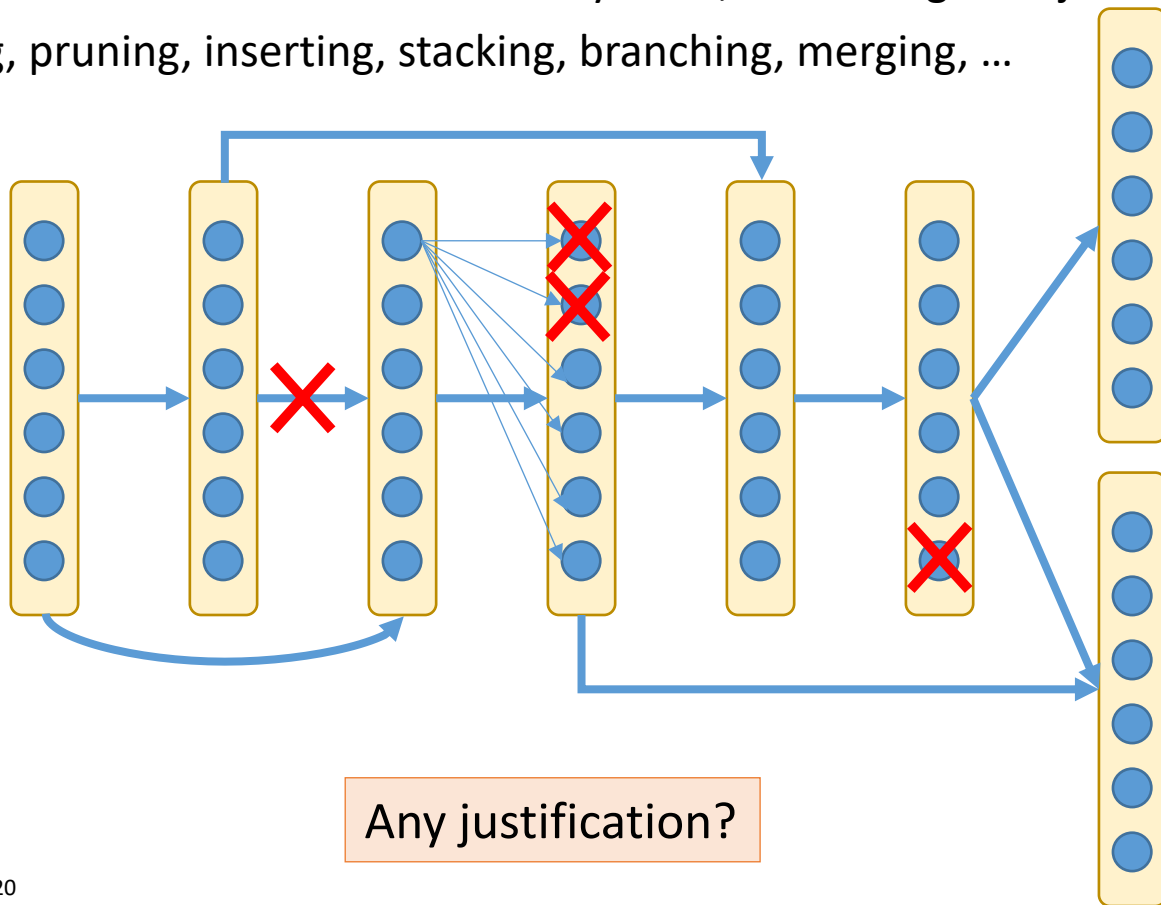
- Reinforcement learning
- Cell-based building

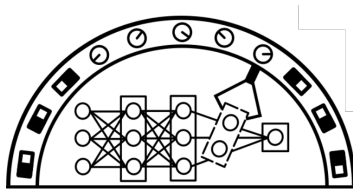
- Augmentation exploration



# Linking/Unlinking DNN Cells

- Automated neural architecture search may work, but having little justification
- Why linking, pruning, inserting, stacking, branching, merging, ...



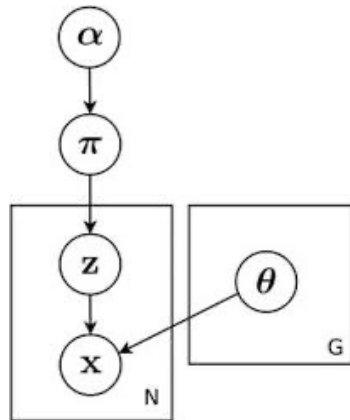
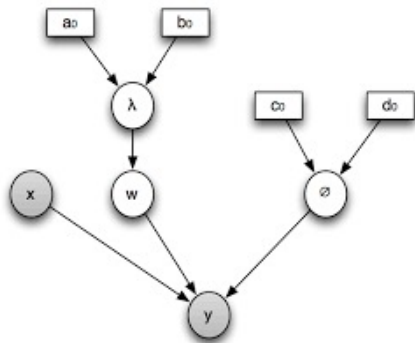
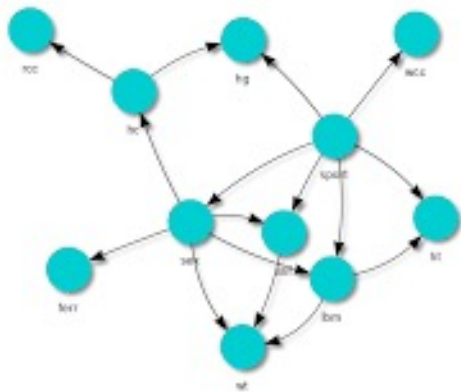


## AutoBayes

\* Different from NASA's *AutoBayes*...

# Bayesian Graphical Model

- **Directed graph** indicates marginal dependency

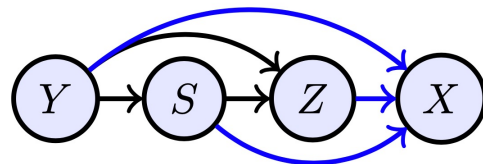


- Joint probability factorization:

$$p(y, s, z, x) = p(y)p(s|y)p(z|s, y)p(x|z, s, y)$$

- **X**: Measurement (Image, EEG, EMG, ...)
- **Y**: Label to classify (digit, mental state, ...)
- **Z**: Latent variables (reduced-dimension feature, ...)
- **S**: Nuisance variations (user, session, environment, ...)
- Nobody knows true data model...

(4! Possible factorization chains)



Data generative model

# Inference Strategy Justified by Bayesian Graph Model

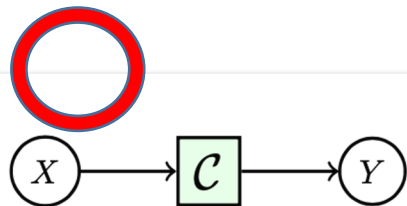
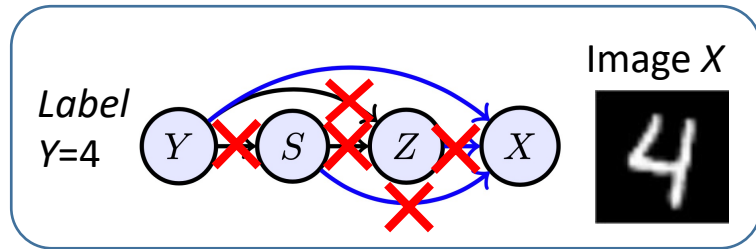
- If true data model follows Markov:  $X - Y$

$$p(y)p(s|y)p(z|\cancel{s}, y)p(x|\cancel{z}, \cancel{s}, y)$$

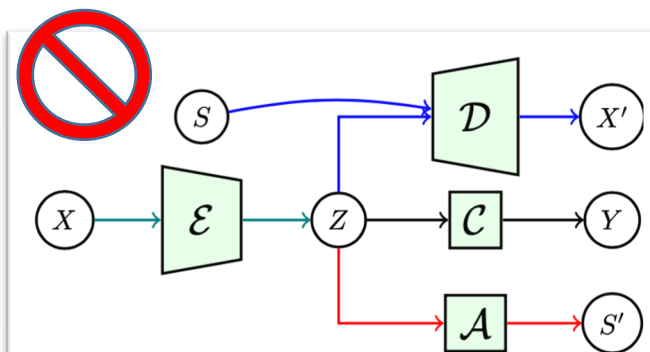
- Likelihood is independent of  $S$  and  $Z$

$$p(y, s, z|x) = p(z|x)p(s|\cancel{z}, \cancel{x})p(y|\cancel{s}, \cancel{z}, x)$$

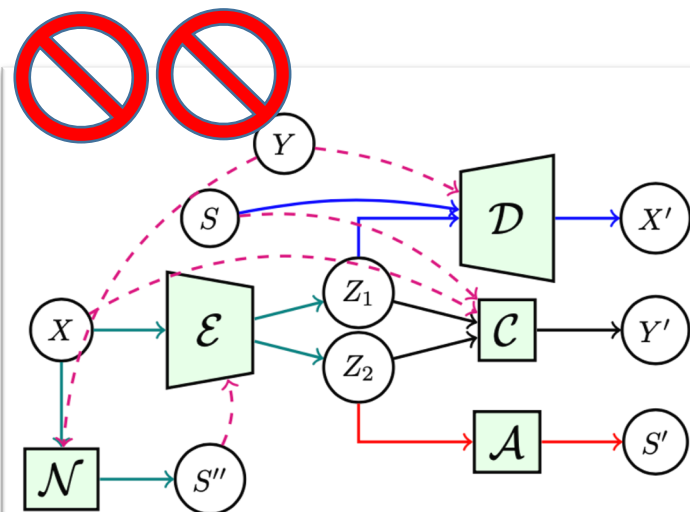
- Simplest classifier model  $p(y|x)$  is sufficient
  - A-CVAE? - No. Irrational to involve more functionality
  - I came up with cool complex model. - No, no, no way!



(a) Standard Classifier Net



(b) Adversarial CVAE-Based Classifier Net



(c) Potentially Extended Classifier Net

# Inference Strategy Justified by Bayesian Graph Model (II)

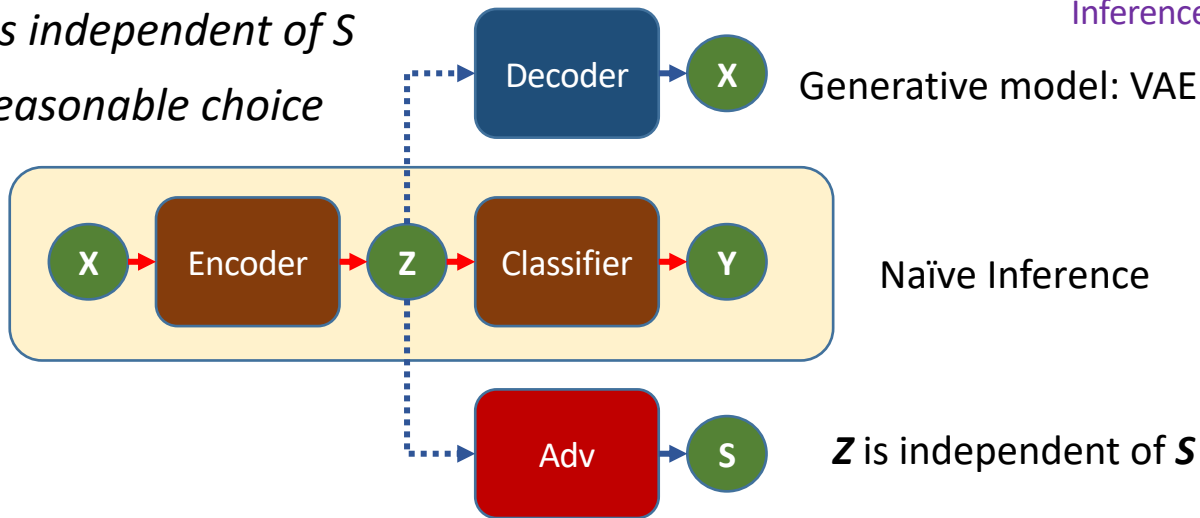
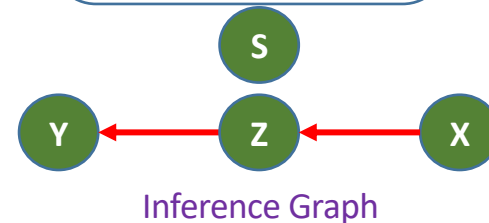
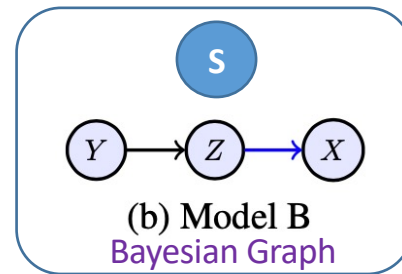
- Consider latent-involved Markov:  $X - Z - Y$

$$p(y)p(s|y)p(z|\cancel{s}, y)p(x|z, \cancel{s}, \cancel{y})$$

- Then, we have the likelihood

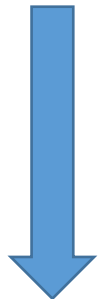
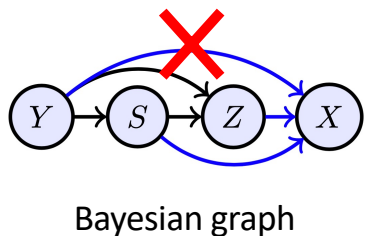
$$p(z|x)p(s|\cancel{z}, \cancel{x})p(y|\cancel{s}, \cancel{z}, \cancel{x}).$$

- I obtained X-Z-Y network. – No. Not enough*
- VAE: I added generative model from Bayesian graph. – Not yet*
- CVAE? – No, X is independent of S*
- A-VAE? – Yes, reasonable choice*

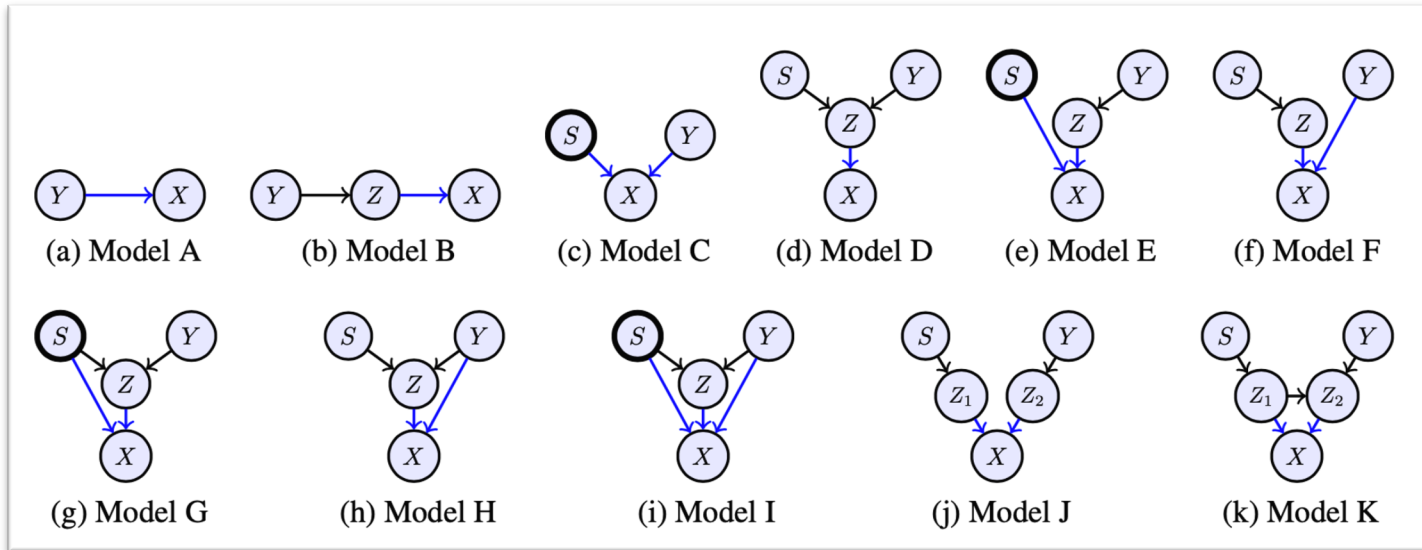


# Explore Bayesian Graphs to Derive Compact Inference Graphs

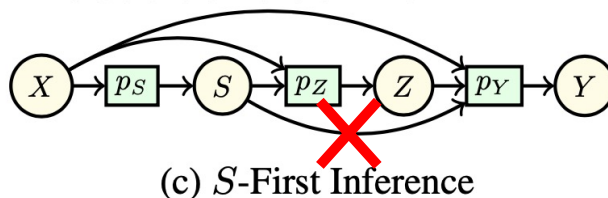
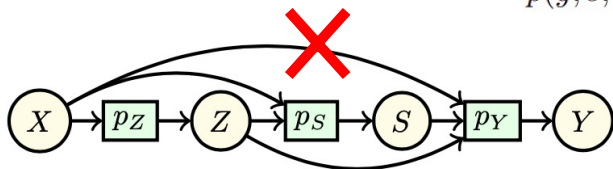
- Bayesian graph yields justified inference graphs



Inference graph



$$p(y, s, z|x) = \begin{cases} p(z|x)p(s|z, x)p(y|s, z, x), & \text{Z-first-inference} \\ p(s|x)p(z|s, x)p(y|z, s, x), & \text{S-first-inference} \end{cases}$$

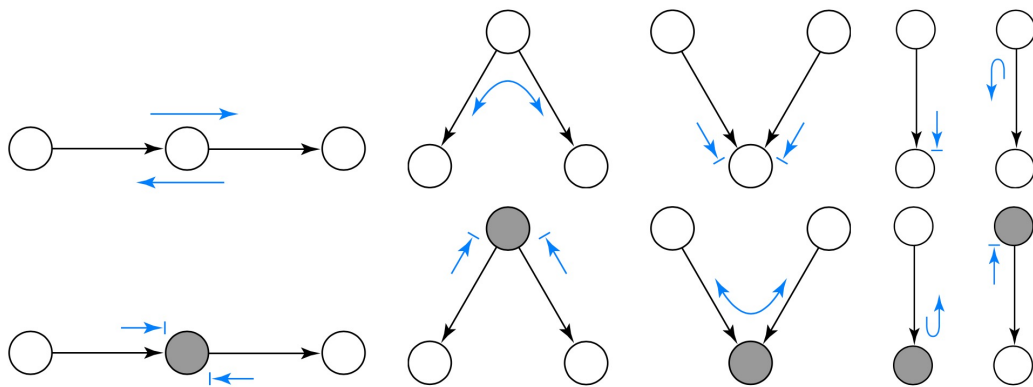


Redundant links can be identified

# Bayes Ball Algorithm

- Conditional independence can be justified systematically with simple **10 rules**

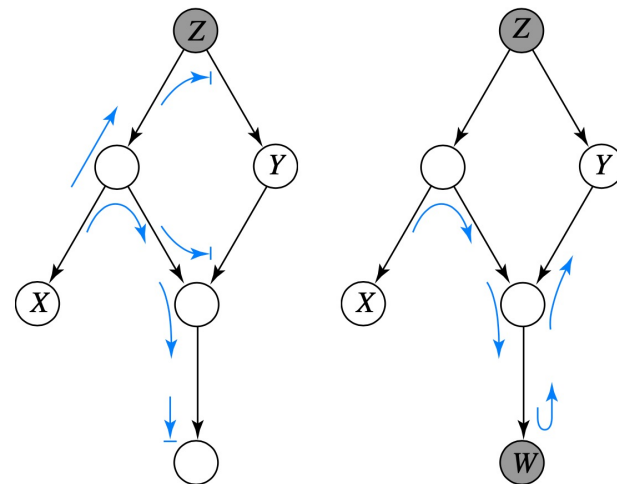
An undirected path is active if a Bayes ball travelling along it never encounters the “stop” symbol:  $\rightarrow \perp$



If there are no active paths from  $X$  to  $Y$  when  $\{Z_1, \dots, Z_k\}$  are shaded, then  $X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y \mid \{Z_1, \dots, Z_k\}$ .

## Bayes Ball 10 Rules

Example



no active paths

$X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y \mid Z$

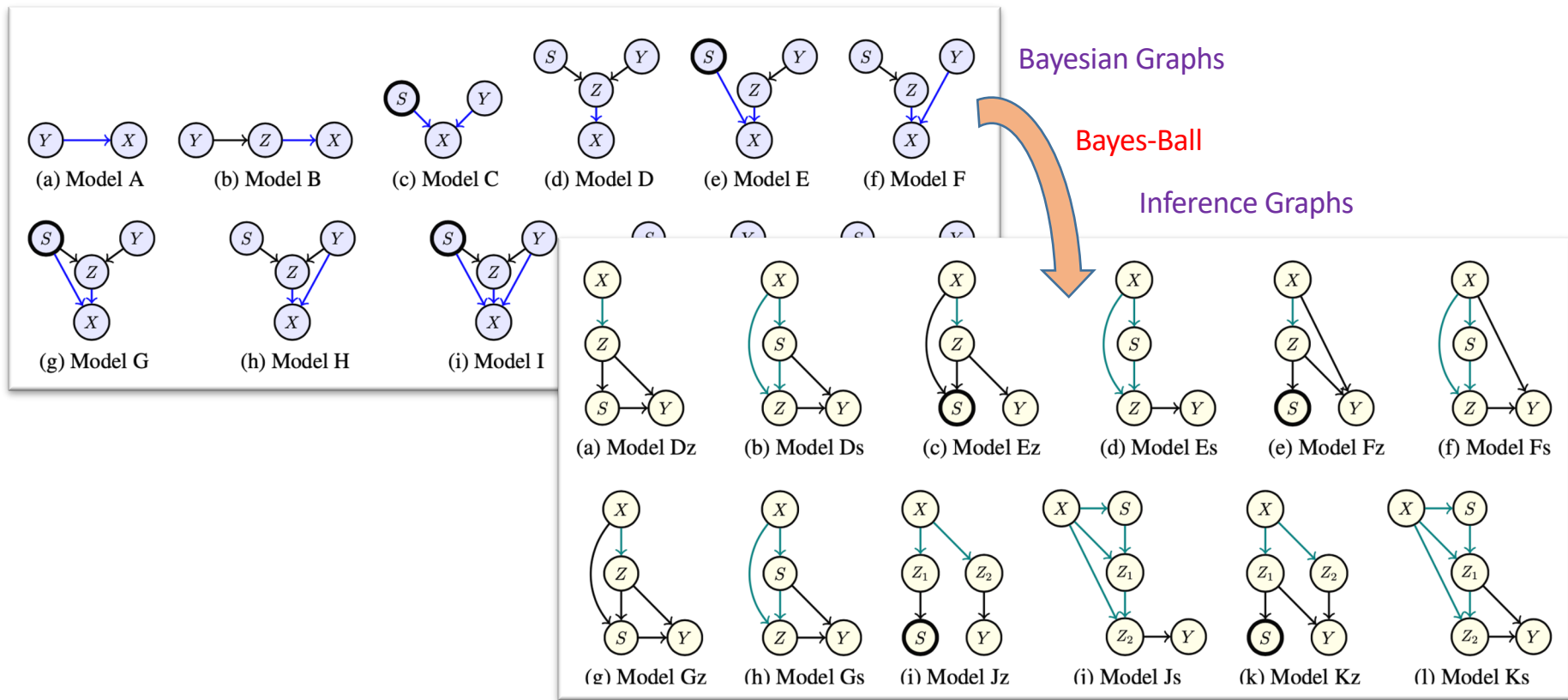
one active path

$X \not\perp\!\!\!\perp Y \mid \{W, Z\}$



# Bayes-Ball for Compact Inference Graph

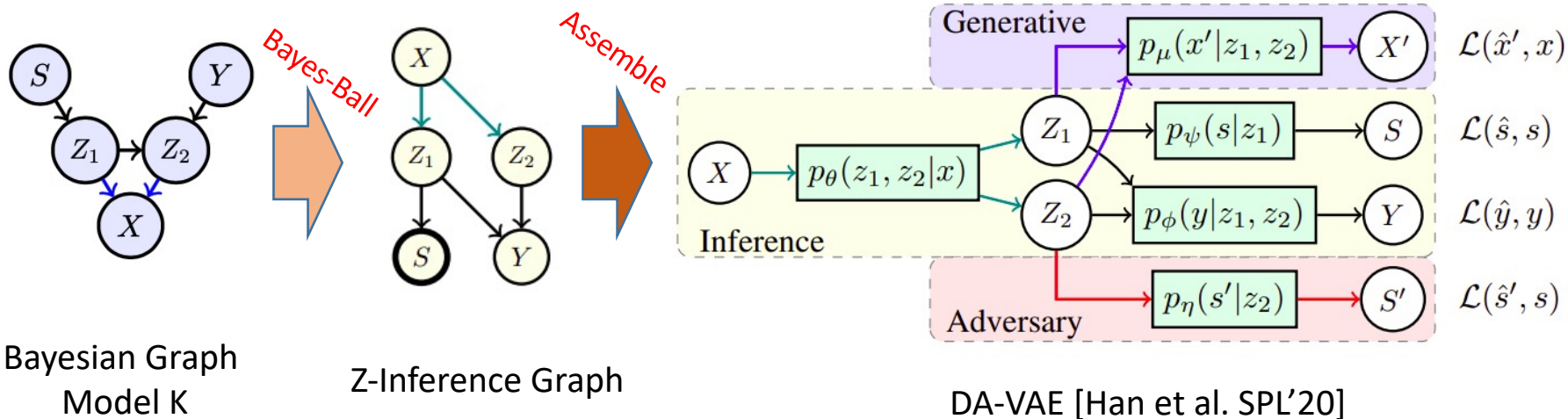
- Bayes-Ball finds redundant links for inference graphs



- Adversarial alternating updates

$$(\theta, \psi, \eta, \mu) = \arg \min_{\theta, \psi, \eta, \mu} \mathbb{E} [\mathcal{L}(\hat{y}, y) + \lambda_s \mathcal{L}(\hat{s}, s) + \lambda_x \mathcal{L}(\hat{x}', x) + \lambda_z \text{KL}(z_1, z_2) - \lambda_a \mathcal{L}(\hat{s}', s)],$$

$$(z_1, z_2) = p_\theta(x), \quad \hat{y} = p_\psi(z_1, z_2), \quad \hat{s} = p_\phi(z_1), \quad \hat{x}' = p_\mu(z_1), \quad \hat{s}' = p_\eta(z_1, z_2),$$



# Proposed AutoBayes Algorithm

- How to connect Encoder, Decoder, Classifier, Estimator, Adversary cells?

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## Algorithm 1 Pseudocode for AutoBayes Framework

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**Require:** Nodes set  $\mathcal{V} = [Y, X, S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n, Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_m]$ , where  $Y$  denotes task labels,  $X$  is a measurement data,  $S = [S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n]$  are (potentially multiple) semi-supervised nuisance variations, and  $\mathcal{Z} = [Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_m]$  are (potentially multiple) latent vectors

**Ensure:** Semi-supervised training/validation datasets

- 1: **for all** permutations of node factorization from  $Y$  to  $X$  **do**
- 2:   Let  $\mathcal{B}_0$  be the corresponding Bayesian graph for the permuted full-chain factorization  $p(y) \cdots p(z_1 | \cdots) \cdots p(x | \cdots)$
- 3:   **for all** combinations of link pruning on the full-chain Bayesian graph  $\mathcal{B}_0$  **do**
- 4:     Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be the corresponding pruned Bayesian graph
- 5:     Apply the Bayes-Ball algorithm on  $\mathcal{B}$  to build a conditional independency list  $\mathcal{I}$
- 6:     **for all** permutations of node factorization from  $X$  to  $Y$  **do**
- 7:       Let  $\mathcal{F}_0$  be the corresponding factor graph, representing a full-chain conditional probability  $p(\cdot | x) \cdots p(z_1 | \cdots) \cdots p(y | \cdots, x)$
- 8:       Prune all redundant links in  $\mathcal{F}_0$  based on conditional independency  $\mathcal{I}$
- 9:       Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the pruned factor graph
- 10:      Merge the pruned Bayesian graph  $\mathcal{B}$  into the pruned factor graph  $\mathcal{F}$
- 11:      Attach an adversary network  $\mathcal{A}$  to latent nodes  $\mathcal{Z}$  for  $Z_k \perp S \in \mathcal{I}$
- 12:      Assign an encoder network  $\mathcal{E}$  for  $p(\mathcal{Z} | \cdots)$  in the merged factor graph
- 13:      Assign a decoder network  $\mathcal{D}$  for  $p(x | \cdots)$  in the merged factor graph
- 14:      Assign a nuisance indicator network  $\mathcal{N}$  for  $p(S | \cdots)$  in the merged factor graph
- 15:      Assign a classifier network  $\mathcal{C}$  for  $p(y | \cdots)$  in the merged factor graph
- 16:      Adversary train the whole DNN structure with variational reparameterization to minimize a loss function in (11)
- 17:     **end for**
- 18:     **end for**
  - ▷ At most  $(|\mathcal{V}| - 2)!$  combinations
  - ▷ At most  $2^{|\mathcal{V}|(|\mathcal{V}|-1)/2}$  combinations
  - ▷ At most  $(|\mathcal{V}| - 2)!$  combinations
- 19: **end for**
- 20: **return** the best model having highest task accuracy in validation sets

Automatic exploration of Bayesian graphs

Bayes Ball to check independence

Inference model construction

Link Encoder, Decoder, Classifier, Estimator, and Adversary Nets

Return best architectures

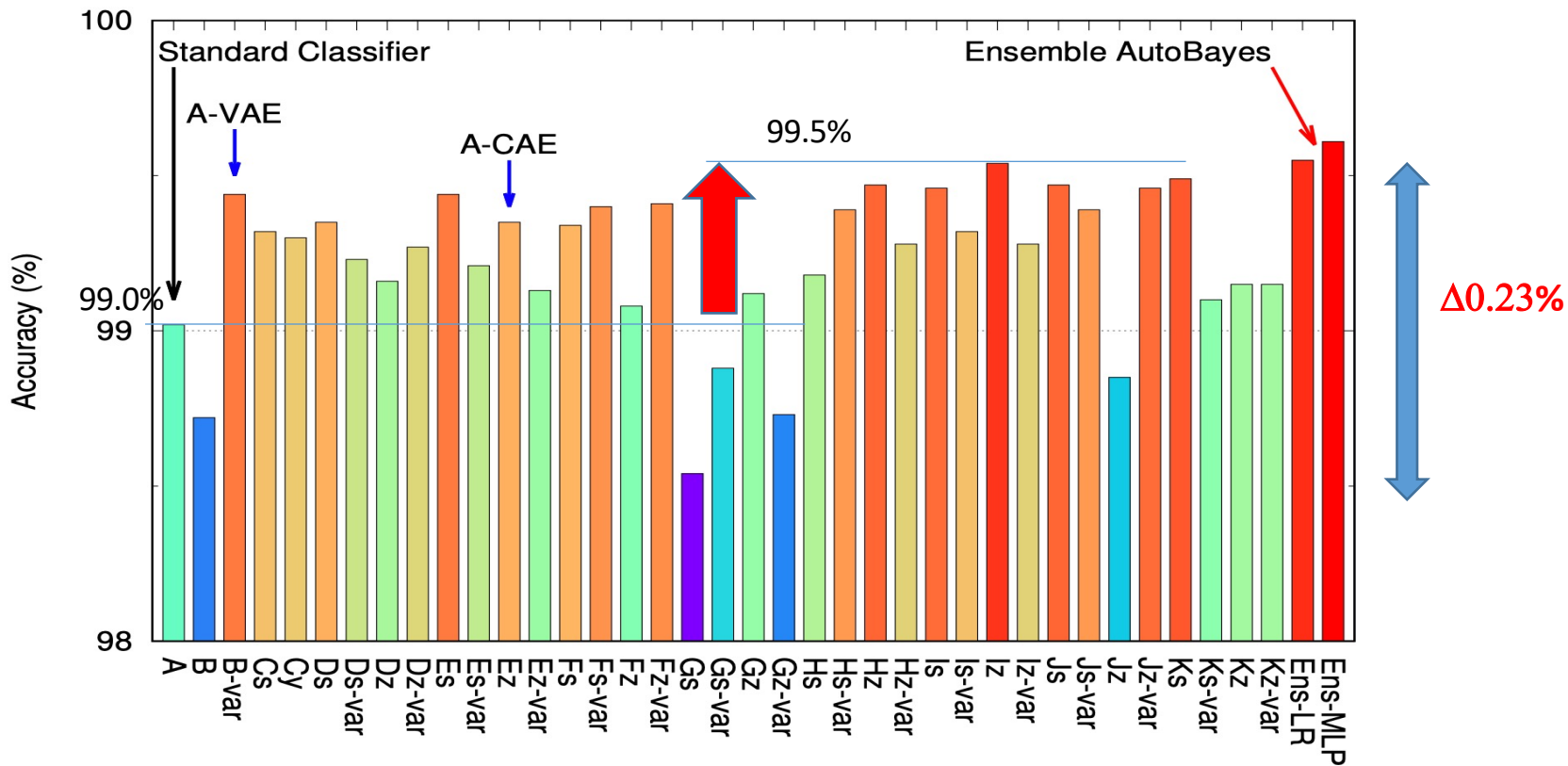
# MNIST (QMNIST)

- 28x28 gray-scale images
- 10-class hand-written digits
- 60,000 training data
- 10,000 test data
  
- Who wrote?
- QMNIST
  - <https://github.com/facebookresearch/qmnist>
    - Identical datasets of MNIST
    - Extended labels (writer ID etc.)
    - Training data were written by **539** NIST employees
    - Testing data were written by **400** high-schoolers
  
  - **Writer ID** is a nuisance: Hand-written digits may depend on the writer



# QMNIST Results

- Up to **0.5%** gain by nuisance-robust inference

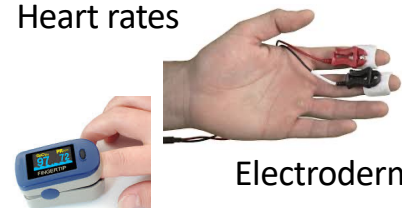


# Public Physiological Datasets

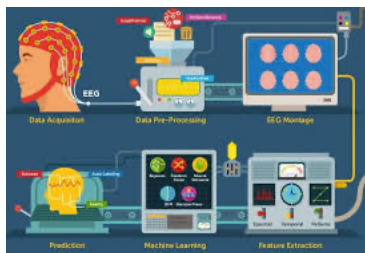
- Stress: temperature, **heart rate**, electrodermal activity, arterial oxygen level, etc. for 4-state stress level measurement
- RSVP: **EEG** for rapid serial visual presentation (RSVP) drowsiness test with 4 tasks
- MI: PhysioNet EEG Motor Imagery (MI) dataset with 4-class tasks
- ErrP: An error-related potential (ErrP) of EEG dataset in spelling task
- Faces: An implanted electrocorticography (**ECoG**) array dataset for visual stimulus.
- Ninapro: An electromyogram (**EMG**) dataset for fingers motion detection for prosthetic hands.



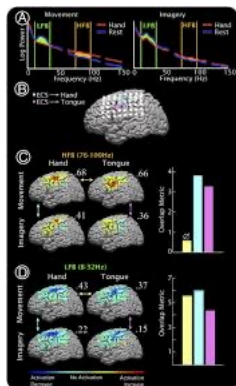
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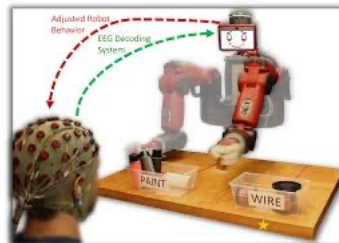
Electrodermal



RSVP EEG



MI EEG



ErrP EEG



ECoG



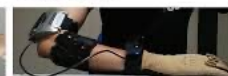
(a) Otto Bock 13 E200 setup



(b) Delsys Trigno setup



(c) Cometa + Dornis setup



(d) Double Myo setup

EMG

Oxygen

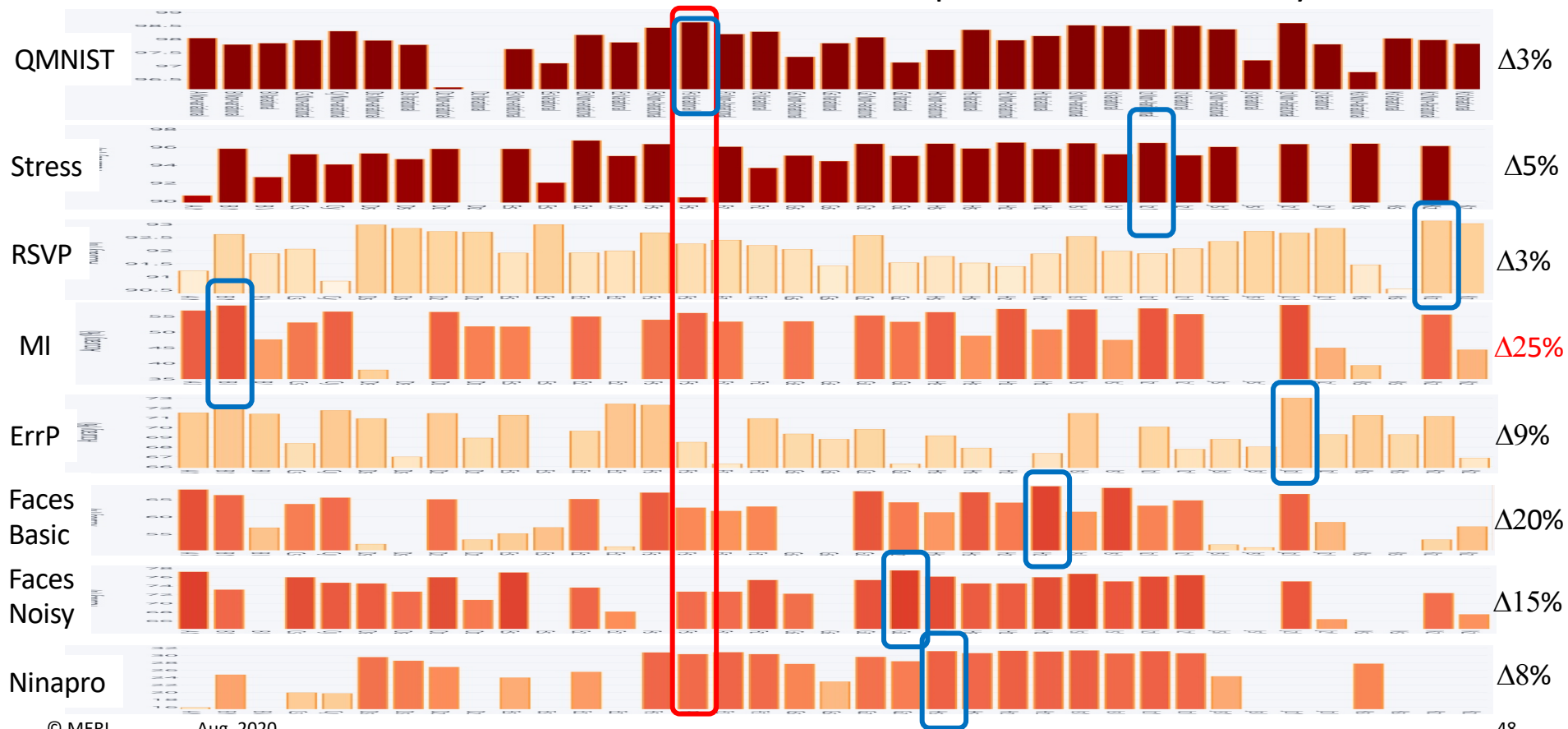
# Variety of Datasets

- Publicly available datasets
  - QMNIST: <https://github.com/facebookresearch/qmnist>
  - Stress: <https://physionet.org/content/noneeg/1.0.0/>
  - RSVP: <http://hdl.handle.net/2047/D20294523>
  - MI: <https://physionet.org/physiobank/database/eegmmidb/>
  - ErrP: <https://www.kaggle.com/c/inria-bci-challenge>
  - Faces: <https://exhibits.stanford.edu/data/catalog/zk881ps0522>
  - Ninapro: <https://zenodo.org/record/1000116#.XulppS2z3OR>

Datasets	Modality	Dimension	Nuisance ( $ S $ )	Labels ( $ Y $ )	Samples
QMNIST	Image	$28 \times 28$	539	10	60,000
Stress	Temperature etc.	7	20	4	24,000
RSVP	EEG	$16 \times 128$	10	4	41,400
MI	EEG	$64 \times 480$	106	4	9,540
ErrP	EEG	$56 \times 250$	27	2	9,180
Faces Basic	ECoG	$31 \times 400$	14	2	4,100
Faces Noisy	ECoG	$39 \times 400$	7	2	2,100
Ninapro	EMG	16	10	12	890,446

# AutoBayes Benefit: Explore Different Models for Different Problems

- *No Free Lunch Theorems*: There is no one model that performs best for every dataset

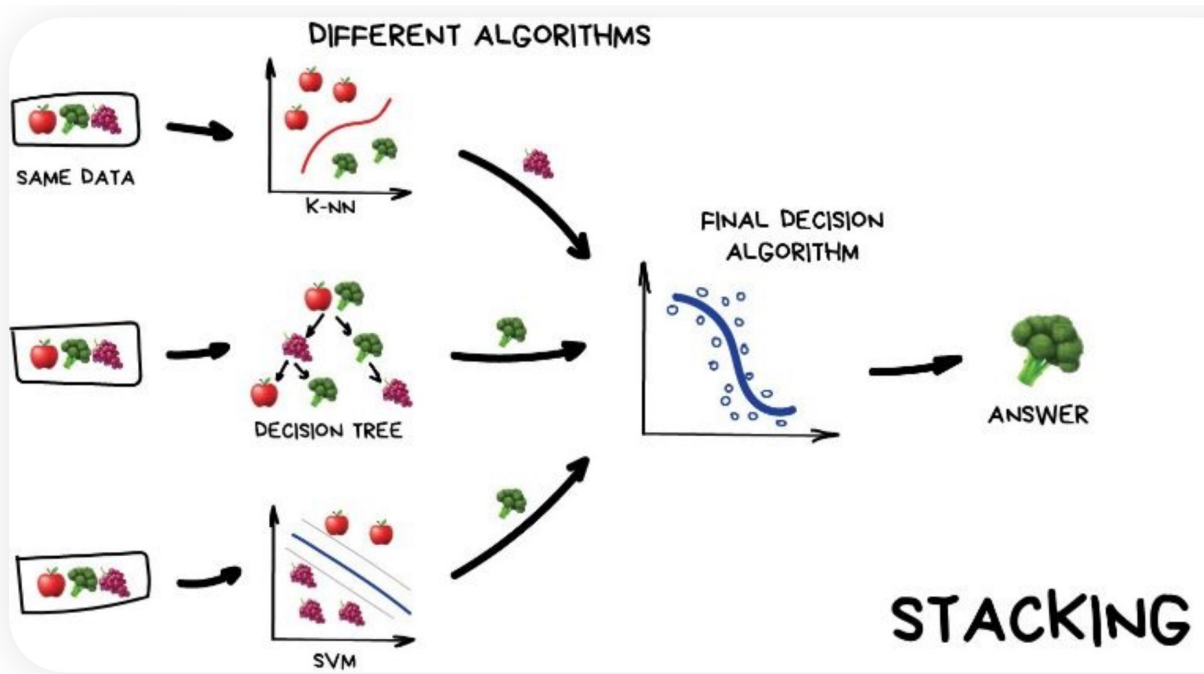






# Ensemble Learning

- Every single model may be weak
- **Combining multiple weak models** may beat one strong model



*Tiny* weak fishes

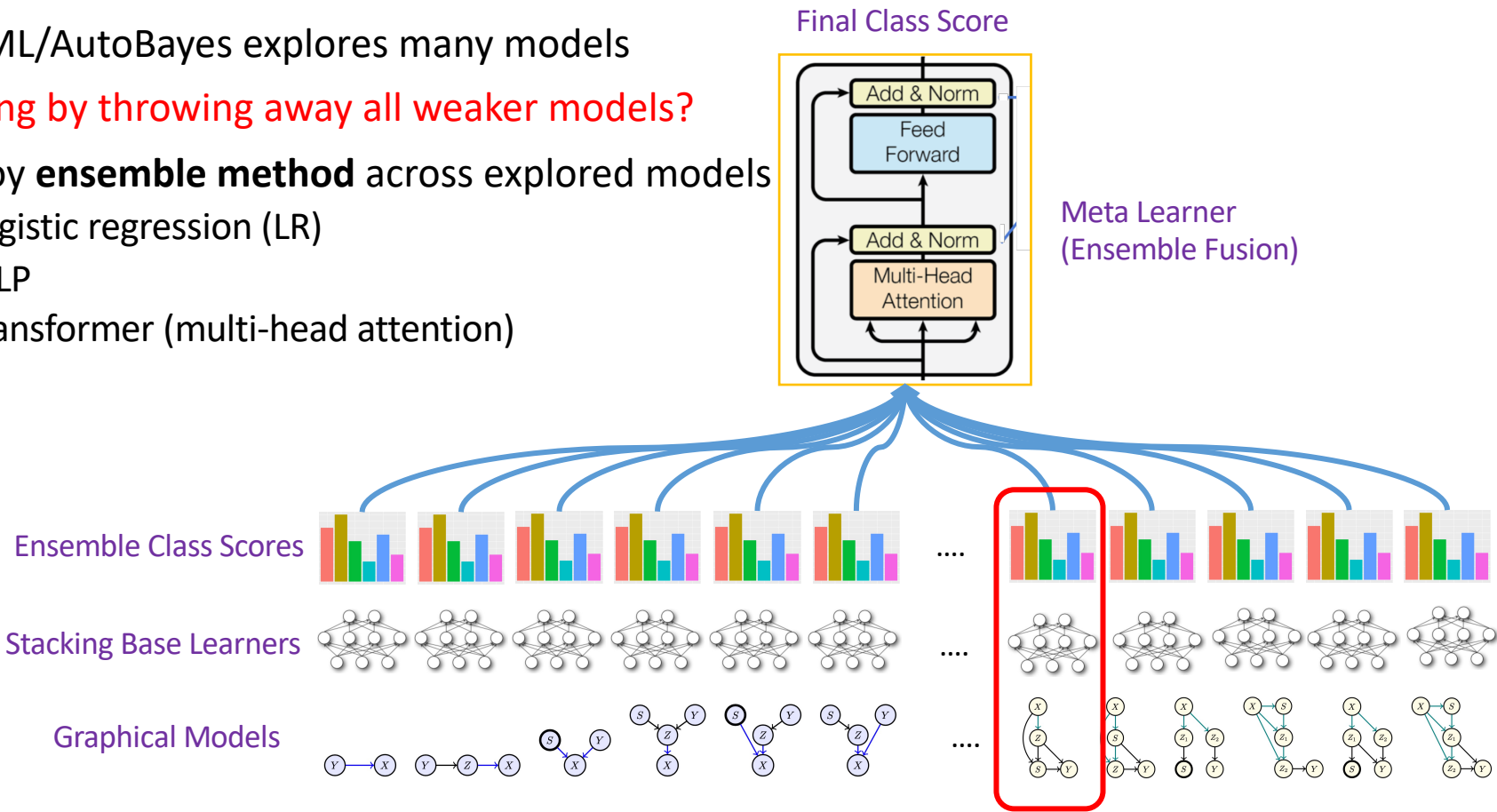


*Gigantic* strong fish



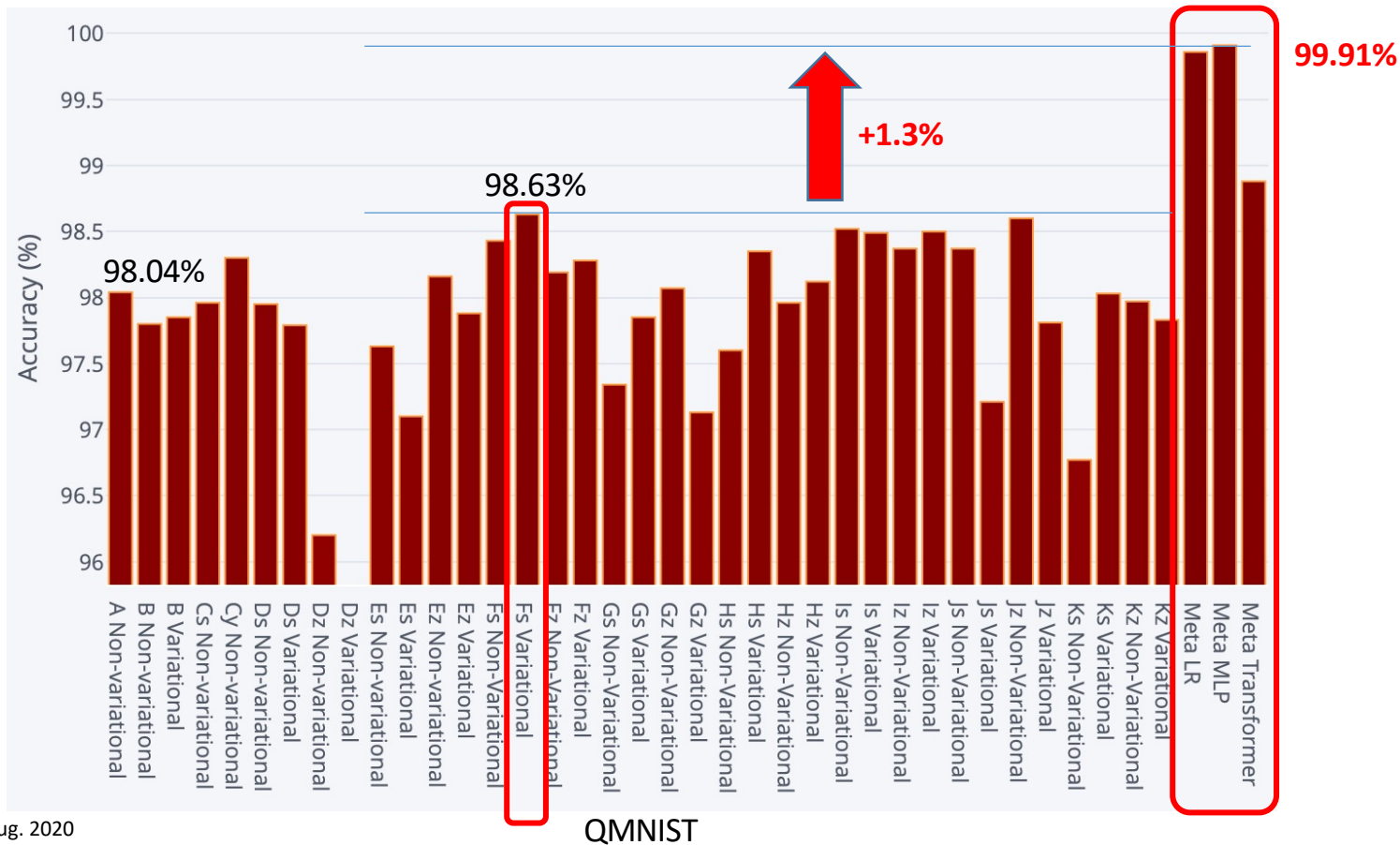
# Ensemble Aggregation

- AutoML/AutoBayes explores many models
- **Wasting by throwing away all weaker models?**
- Employ **ensemble method** across explored models
  - Logistic regression (LR)
  - MLP
  - Transformer (multi-head attention)
  - ...



# Ensemble Learning Gain in AutoBayes (QMNIIST)

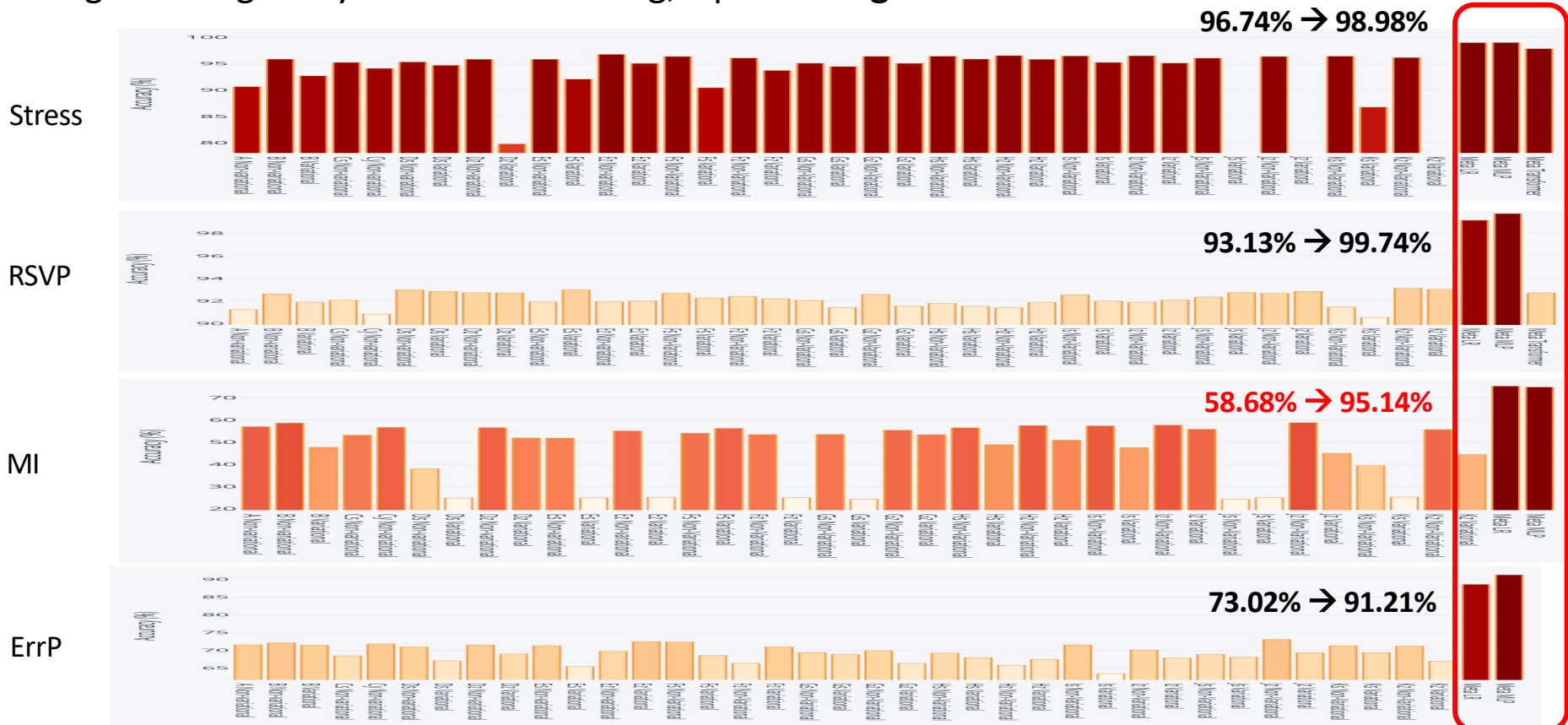
- Significant gain by ensemble learning; **1.3% gain**, state-of-the-art accuracy



# Ensemble Learning Gain in AutoBayes (heartrate, EEG)

- Significant gain by ensemble learning; Up-to **37% gain**

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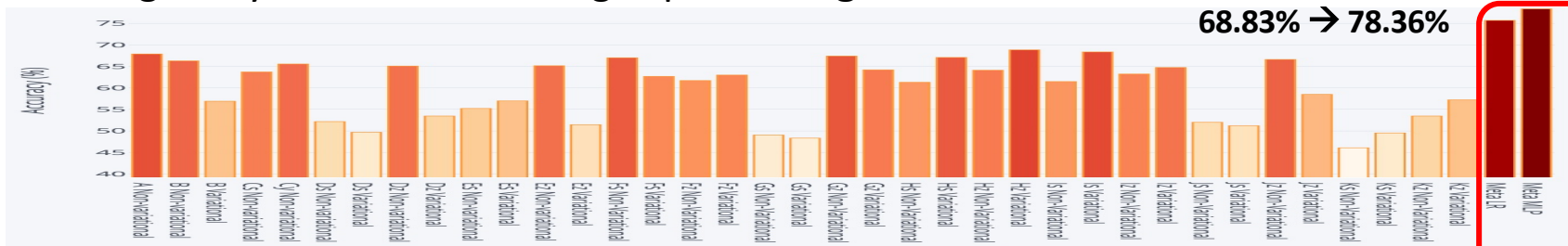


# Ensemble Learning Gain in AutoBayes (ECoG, EMG)

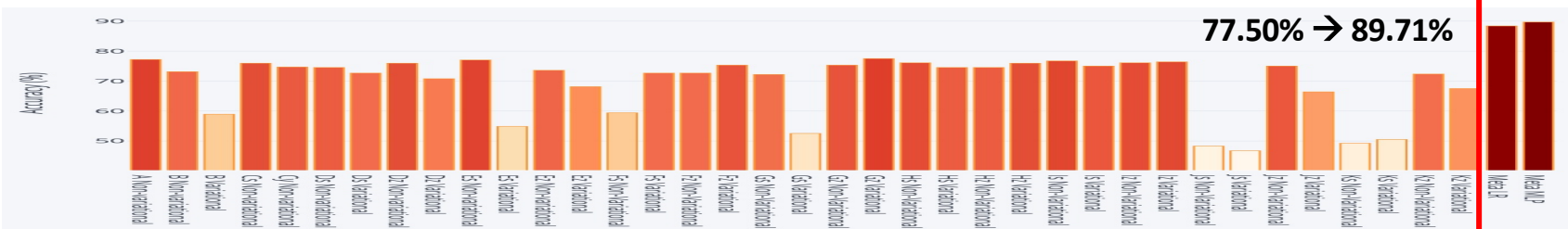
- Significant gain by ensemble learning; Up-to **12% gain**

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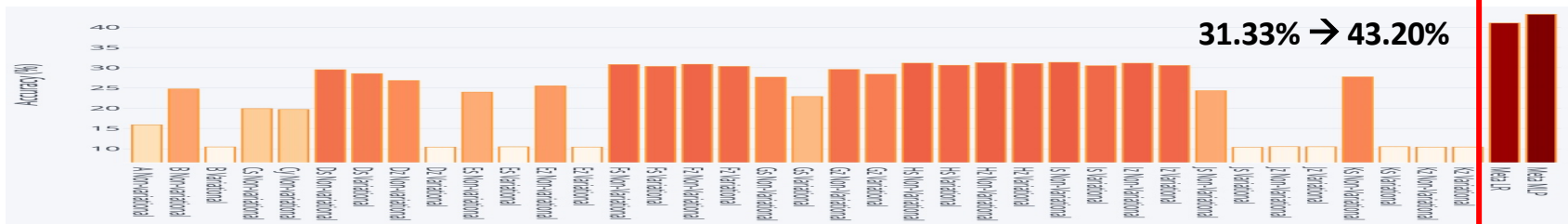
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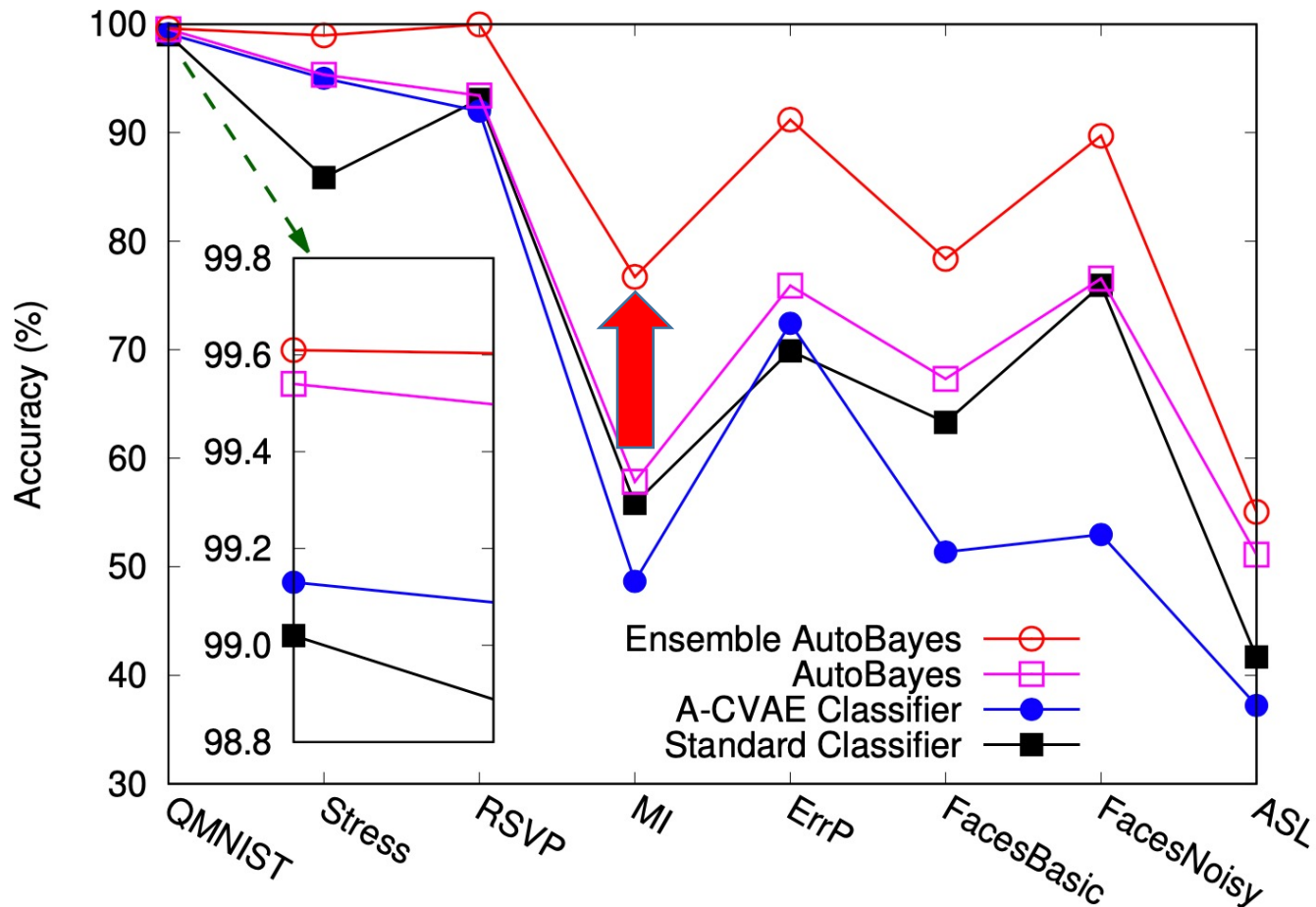
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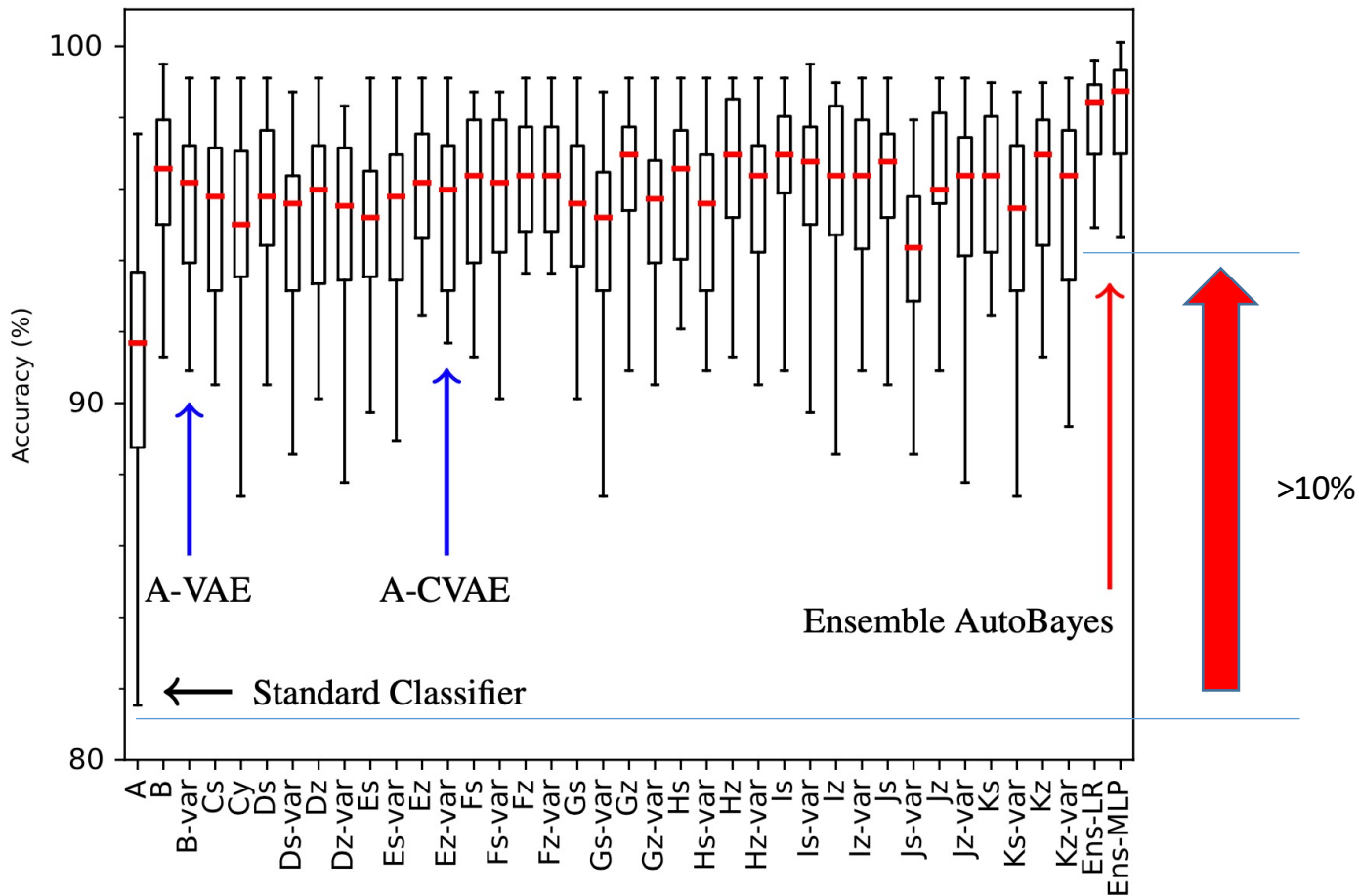
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# AutoBayes Ensemble Gain



# Subject Variation Robustness (Stress Dataset)



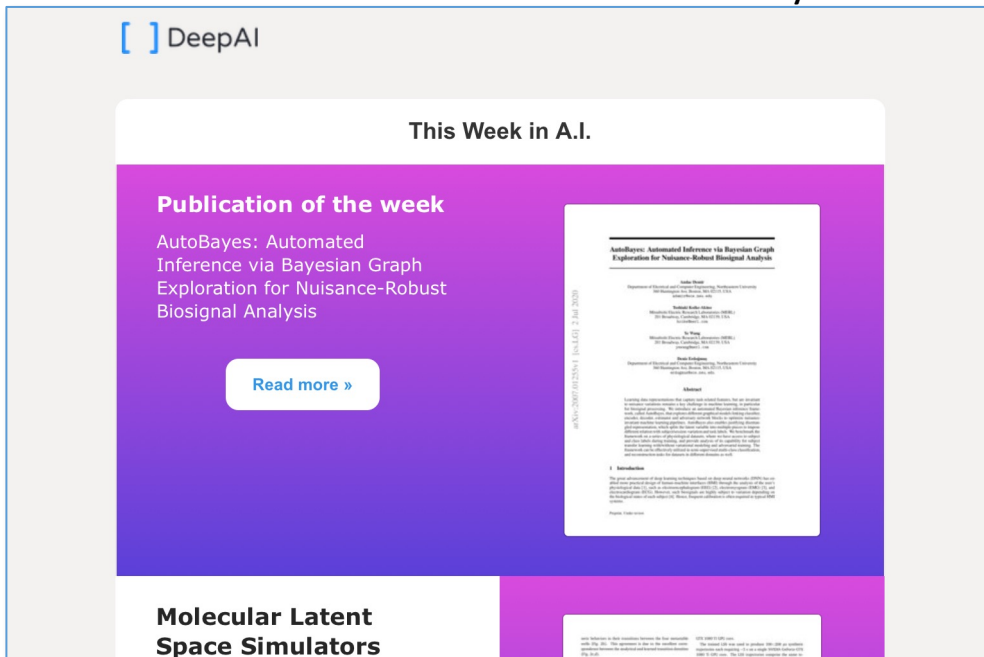


# Summary

- We introduced a new concept called **AutoBayes** for macro DNN architecture exploration
  - Different **Bayesian graphs** are explored systematically
  - **Bayes Ball** algorithm justifies pruning independent edges
  - Encoder, decoder, estimator, classifier, and adversary network blocks are rationally linked
- We also discussed **transfer learning, adversarial learning, ensemble learning**
  - Multiple architectures explored in AutoML are not wasted for final classification (as **base learners**)
  - Different **meta learners** (LR, MLP, Transformer) are evaluated to aggregate multiple models
- Demonstrated the benefit for various public physiological datasets
  - Various different modalities (**image, heartrate, EEG, ECoG, EMG**) and dimensionalities are considered
- Questions?
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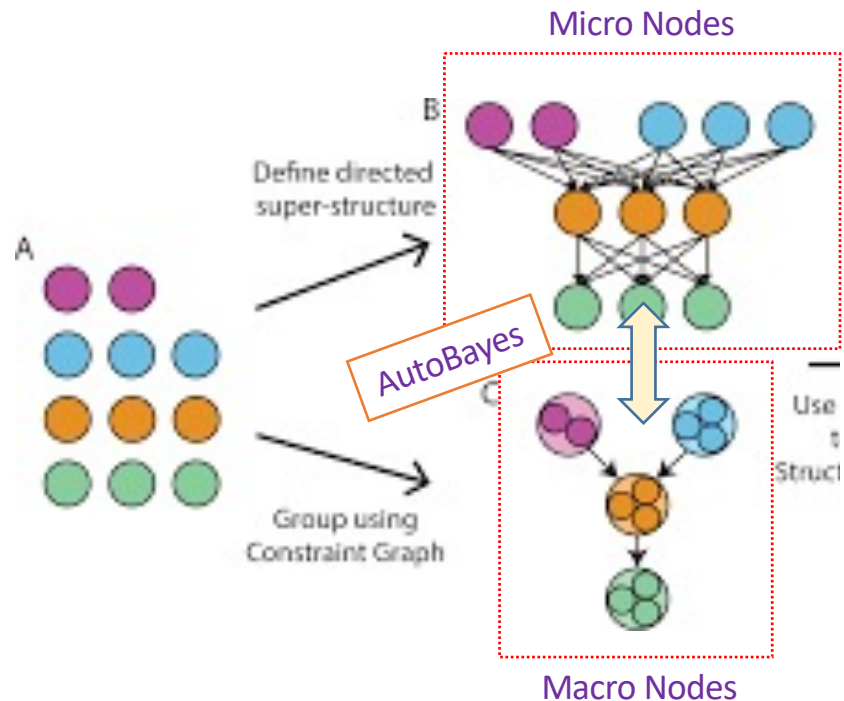
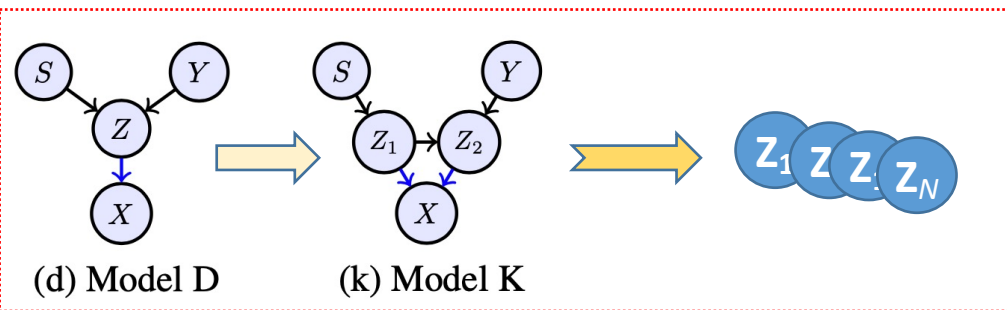
- <https://deepai.org/publication/autobayes-automated-inference-via-bayesian-graph-exploration-for-nuisance-robust-biosignal-analysis>
- When our arXiv was uploaded on July 2, it became *top trending paper*
  - Obtained **71 “likes”** in 4 days
  - It was highlighted in **“This Week in A.I.” Newsletter** on July 11



- AutoBayes explores potential graphical models inherent to the data, rather than exploring hyperparameters of DNN blocks.
- AutoBayes offers a solid reason of how to connect multiple DNN blocks to impose conditioning and adversary censoring for the task classifier, feature encoder, decoder, nuisance indicator and adversary networks, based on an explored Bayesian graph.
- It provides a systematic automation framework to explore different inference models through the use of the Bayes-Ball algorithm and ordered factorization.
- The framework is also extensible to multiple latent representations and multiple nuisance factors.
- Besides fully-supervised training, AutoBayes can automatically build some relevant graphical models suited for semi-supervised learning.
- Ensemble learning is introduced to improve performance while AutoBayes model exploration

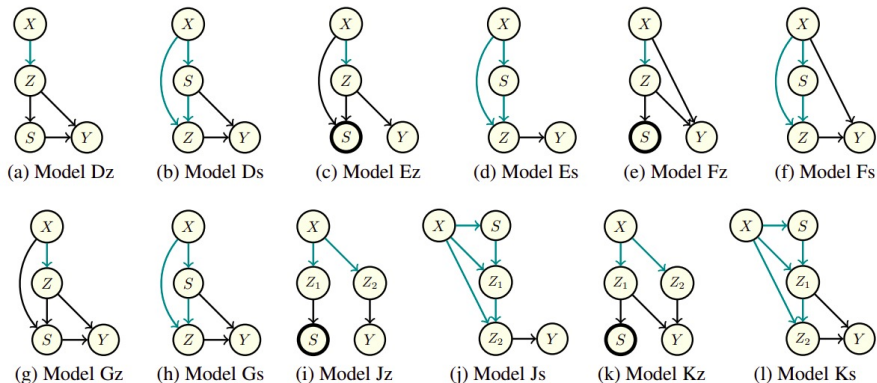
# AutoBayes as AutoML: Macro to Micro Exploration

- In principle, AutoBayes can be applied to arbitrary number of nodes
- Splitting  $X, Y, Z, S$  macro-nodes into scalar-valued micro-nodes, AutoBayes operates like AutoML architecture search but with more theoretical justification



# Methodology

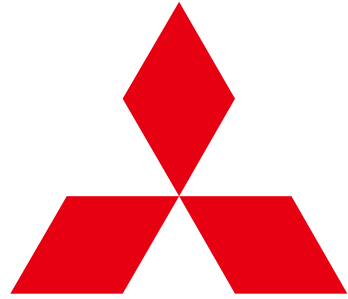
$$p(y, s, z, x) = \begin{cases} p(y)p(s|y)p(z|\cancel{s}, y)p(x|z, \cancel{s}, y), & \text{Model-A} \\ p(y)p(s|y)p(z|\cancel{s}, y)p(x|z, \cancel{s}, y), & \text{Model-B} \\ p(y)p(s|y)p(z|\cancel{s}, y)p(x|z, s, y), & \text{Model-C} \\ p(y)p(s|y)p(z|s, y)p(x|z, \cancel{s}, y), & \text{Model-D} \\ p(y)p(s|y)p(z|\cancel{s}, y)p(x|z, s, y), & \text{Model-E} \\ p(y)p(s|y)p(z|s, y)p(x|z, \cancel{s}, y), & \text{Model-F} \\ p(y)p(s|y)p(z|s, y)p(x|z, s, y), & \text{Model-G} \\ p(y)p(s|y)p(z|s, y)p(x|z, \cancel{s}, y), & \text{Model-H} \\ p(y)p(s|y)p(z|s, y)p(x|z, s, y), & \text{Model-I} \\ p(y)p(s|y)p(z_1|s, y)p(z_2|z_1, \cancel{s}, y)p(x|z_2, z_1, \cancel{s}, y), & \text{Model-J} \\ p(y)p(s|y)p(z_1|s, y)p(z_2|z_1, \cancel{s}, y)p(x|z_2, z_1, \cancel{s}, y), & \text{Model-K} \end{cases}$$



- Slash-cancelled factors from the full-chain case explicitly indicate independence.
- Conditional independence enables pruning links in the inference factor graphs.

$$p(y, z_1, z_2, s|x) = \begin{cases} p(z_1, z_2|x)p(y, s|z_1, z_2, \cancel{s}), & z/y/s \\ p(z_1, z_2|x)p(s|z_1, \cancel{z_2}, \cancel{s})p(y|\cancel{s}, \cancel{z_1}, z_2, \cancel{s}), & Z\text{-Inference} \\ p(z_1|x)p(z_2|z_1, x)p(s|z_1, \cancel{z_2}, \cancel{s})p(y|\cancel{s}, \cancel{z_1}, z_2, \cancel{s}), & z_2/z_1/s/y \\ p(z_2|x)p(z_1|z_2, x)p(s|z_1, \cancel{z_2}, \cancel{s})p(y|\cancel{s}, \cancel{z_1}, z_2, \cancel{s}), & z_1/z_2/s/y \\ p(z_1|x)p(s|z_1, x)p(z_2|s, z_1, x)p(y|\cancel{s}, \cancel{z_1}, z_2, \cancel{s}), & z_2/s/z_1/y \\ p(s|x)p(z_1|s, x)p(z_2|s, z_1, x)p(y|\cancel{s}, \cancel{z_1}, z_2, \cancel{s}), & s/z_2/z_1/y \\ p(z_1|x)p(s|z_1, \cancel{s})p(z_2|\cancel{s}, z_1, x)p(y|\cancel{s}, z_2, \cancel{z_1}, \cancel{s}), & z_1/s/z_2/y \\ p(s|x)p(z_1|s, x)p(z_2|\cancel{s}, z_1, x)p(y|\cancel{s}, z_2, \cancel{z_1}, \cancel{s}), & s/z_1/z_2/y \\ p(s|x)p(z_1, z_2|s, x)p(y|\cancel{s}, z_2, \cancel{z_1}, \cancel{s}), & S\text{-Inference} \\ \dots & \dots \end{cases}$$

Z-first and S-first inference graph models relevant for generative models D–G, J, and K



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