

# Intro to machine learning

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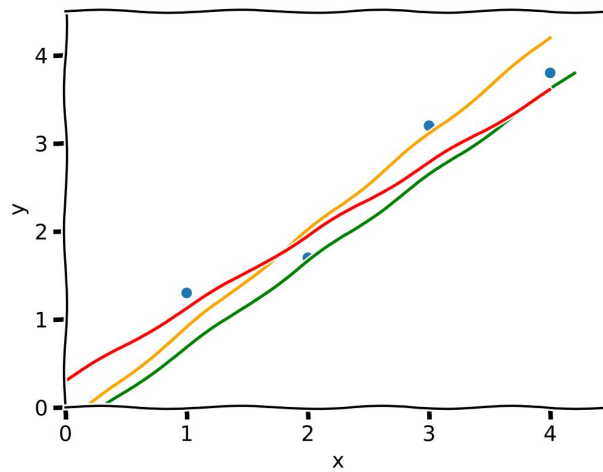
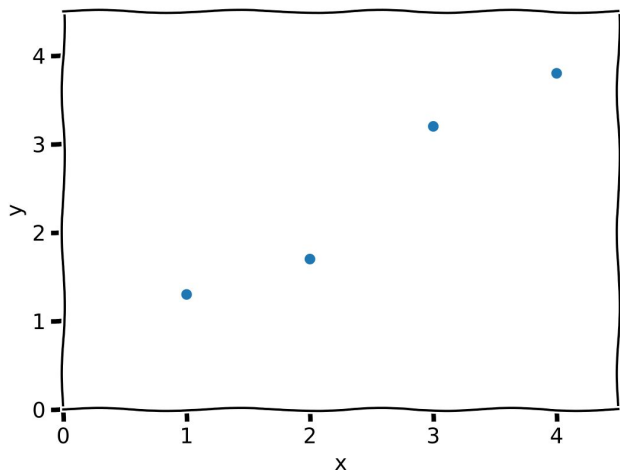
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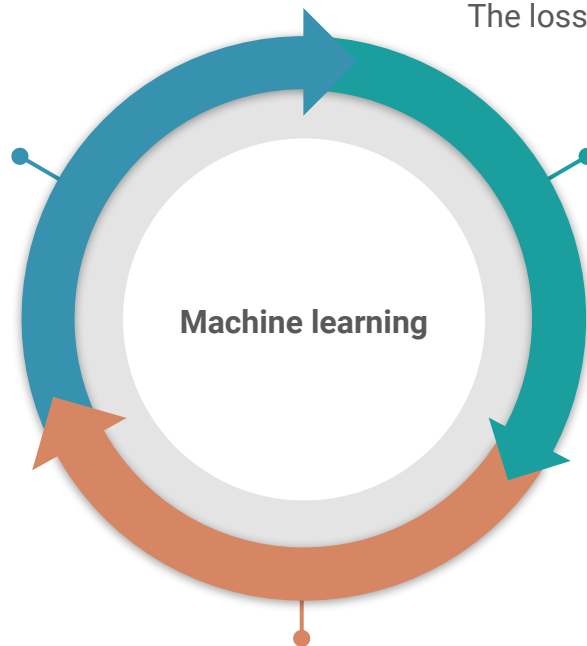
# Machine learning 101

Data is used to fit parameters such that a goal is reached,  
i.e. a loss function minimized



# Machine learning 101

**Prediction:**  
The model runs on data



**Feedback:**  
The loss function is evaluated on  
the prediction

**Adjustment:**  
The model parameters are adjusted  
using the gradient of the loss

data → parameter tuning → model

# Machine learning 102: The three forms of learning

Supervised learning

Unsupervised learning

Reinforcement learning

# Supervised learning

The data is **labeled**, i.e. contains the true value for each data point

The loss function expresses deviation of the prediction from the label

The **easiest** form, includes **regression** and **classification**



# Supervised learning

## Image data

*Data*



*Label (Y)*

*Cat*



*Dog*



*Bicycle*

## Tabular data

$X_1$	$X_2$	$X_2$	$Y$
12	15	0.1	5
15	23	0.5	6
13	45	0.3	8

## Loss functions

Mean squared error

Mean average error

Cross-entropy

Huber loss

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Always:

$f(Y, \text{prediction})$

# Unsupervised learning

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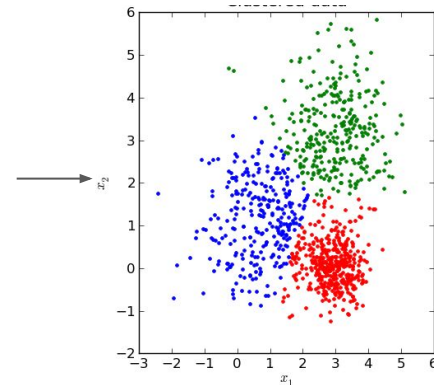
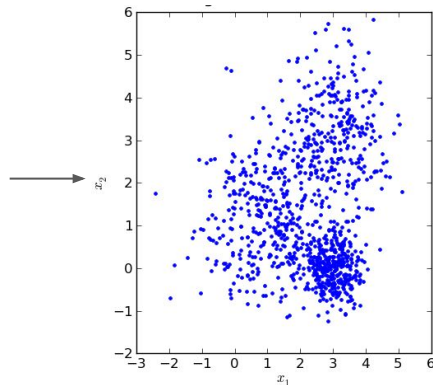
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# Unsupervised learning

Example:

Dimensionality reduction (e.g. **PCA**, **t-SNE**), followed by clustering (e.g. **k-means**)

$X_1$	$X_2$	$X_2$	$X_3$	...	$X_{N-1}$	$X_N$
12	15	0.1	500	...	1	5
15	23	0.5	200	...	3	6
13	45	0.3	600	...	2	8



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Unsupervised Clustering on Astrophysics Data:  
Asteroids Reflectance Spectra Surveys and  
Hyperspectral Images

December 2008

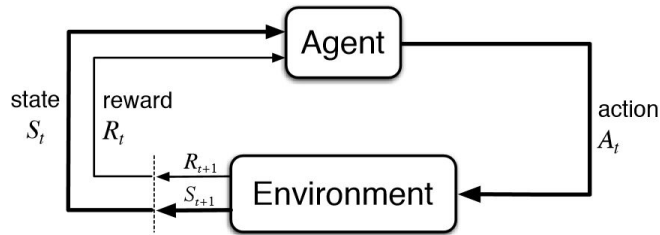
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# Reinforcement learning

The model acts in an environment, i.e. collects its own data



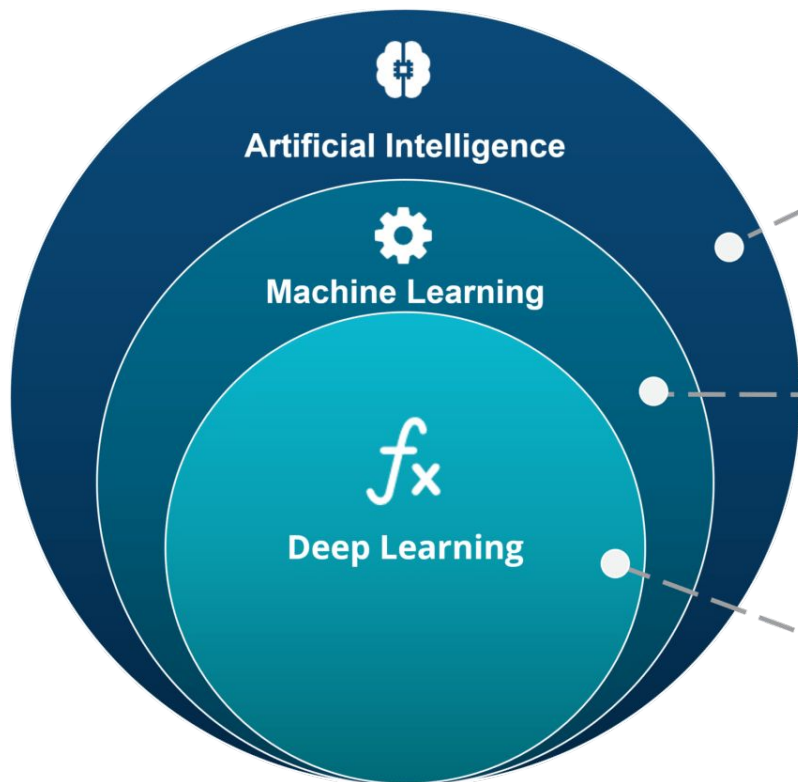
Very difficult, many unsolved challenges, such as

- Goal hacking
- Exploration / exploitation tradeoff



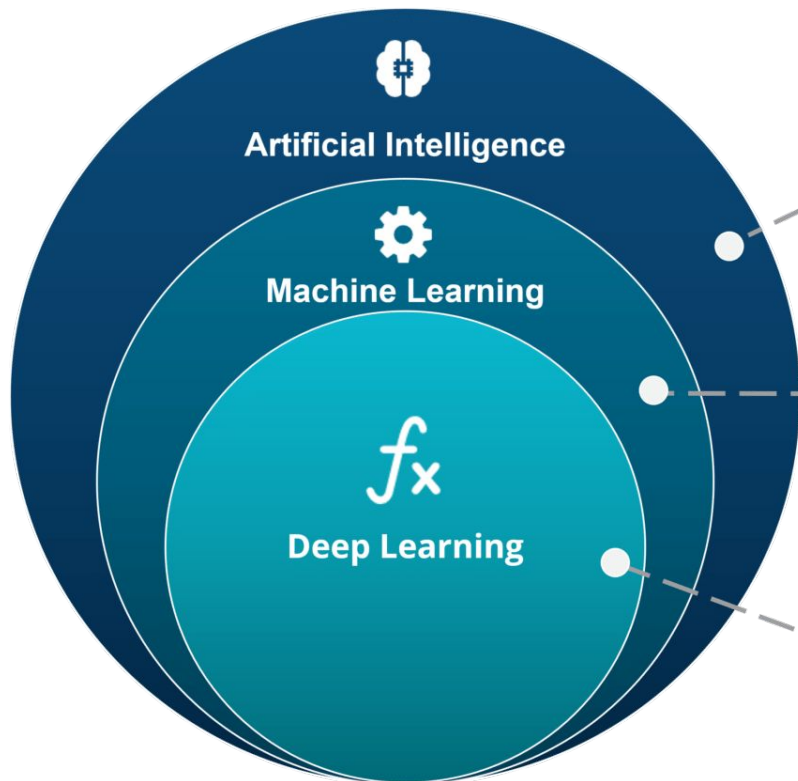
# Multi-Agent Hide and Seek

# Artificial intelligence



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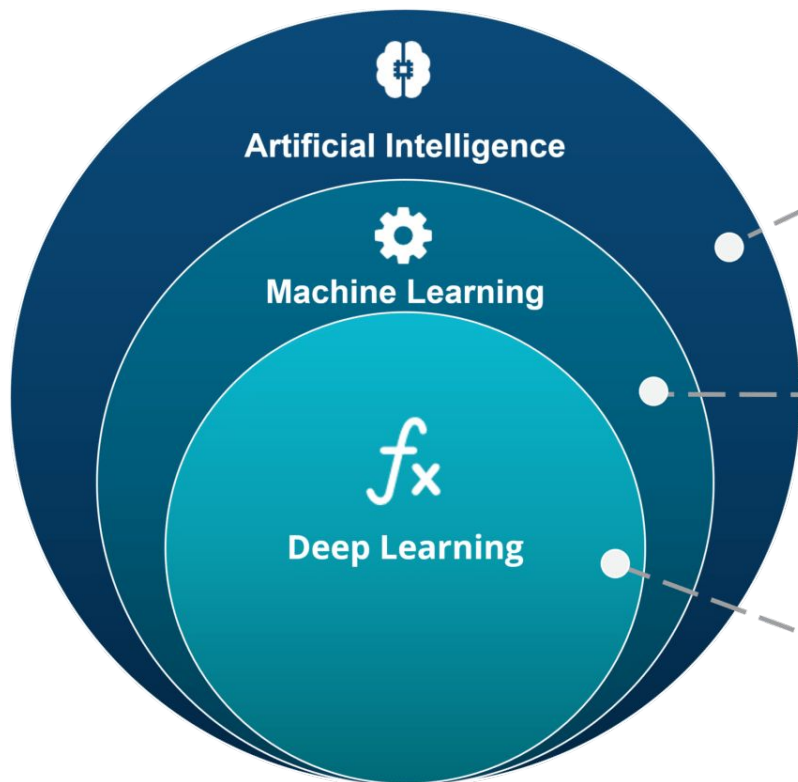


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Branch of machine learning

# Deep learning 101

Still: data  $\rightarrow$  parameters  $\rightarrow$  model that makes predictions

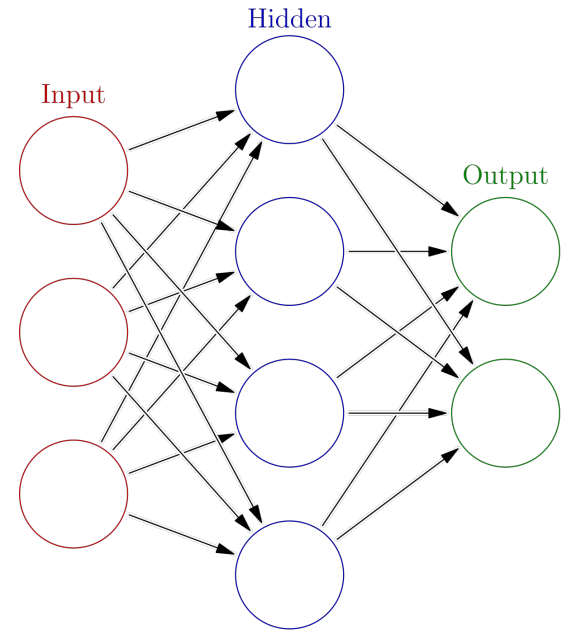
Nodes organised in layers

Input layer: Data goes in. #nodes == #features

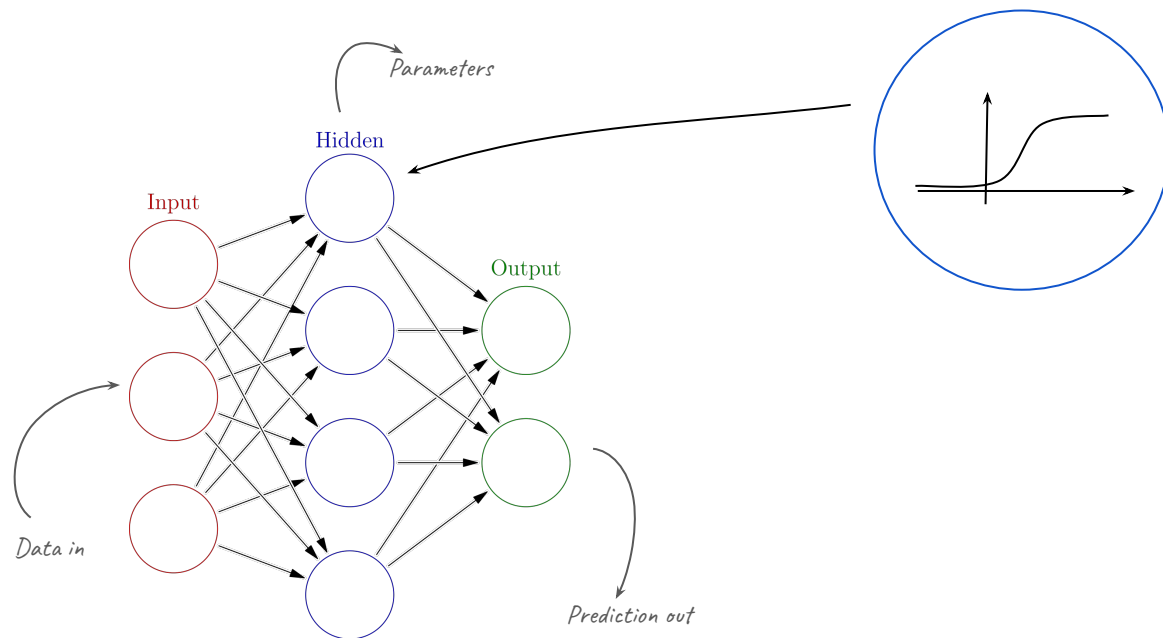
Output layer: Prediction.

Hidden layers: Adjustable parameters.

>1 hidden layer  $\Rightarrow$  “deep”



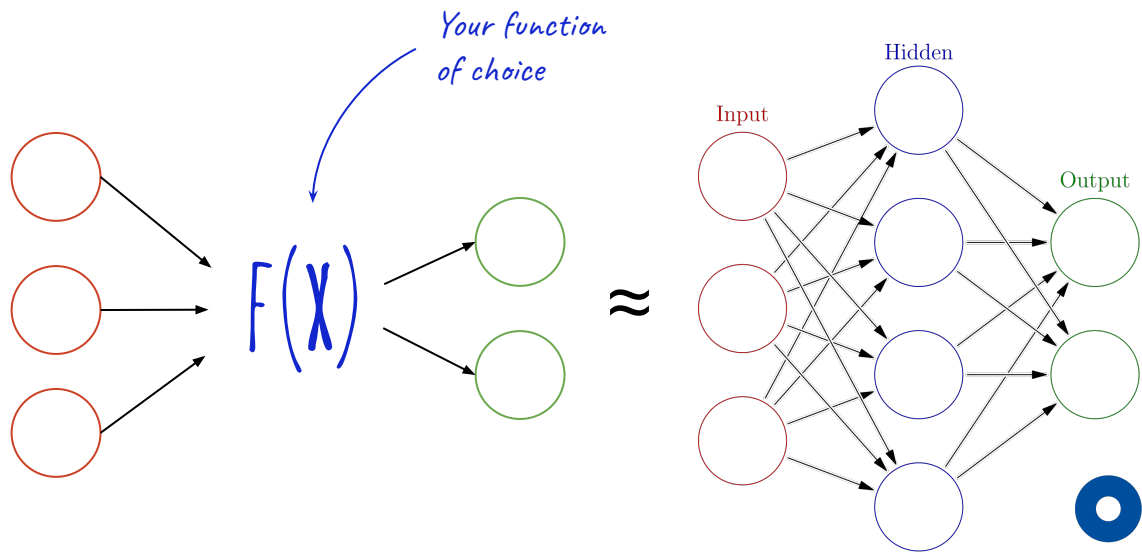
# Deep learning 101



Non linear function in each node  
*activation function*

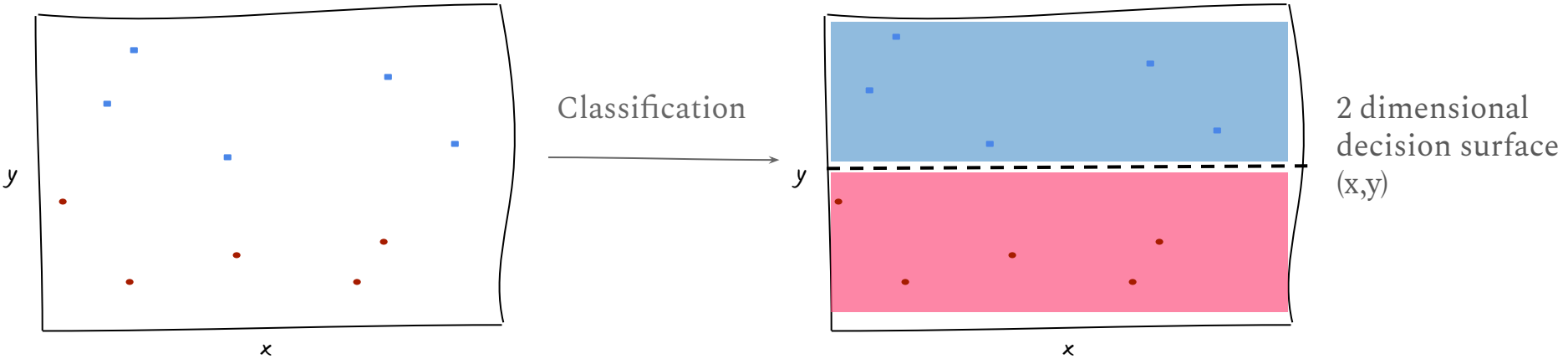
# Universal approximation theorems

A feed forward network with one hidden layer consisting of a finite number of nodes can approximate continuous functions on compact subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ , under certain (weak) assumptions about the activation function

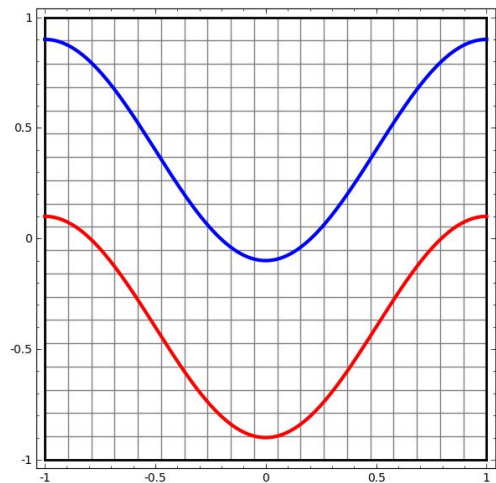


There always exists a neural network that can approximate your  $f$

# Geometric intuition



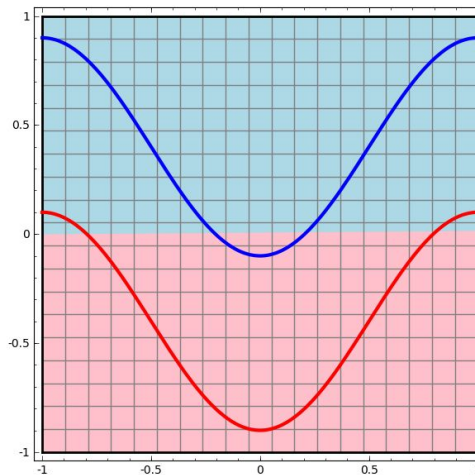
# Neural network with no hidden layers or linear activation function



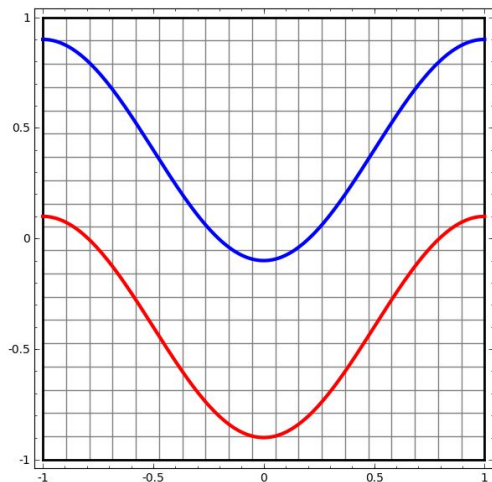
Classification?



Linear :(



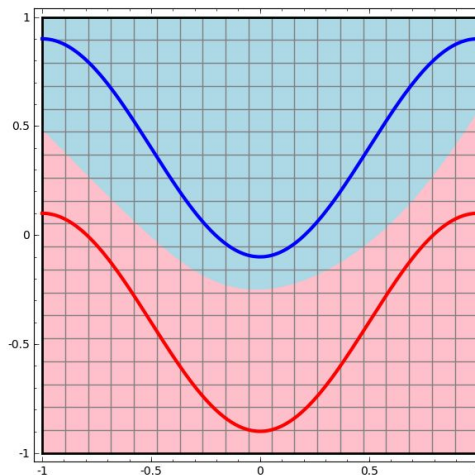
# Neural network with at least one hidden layer and non-linear activation function



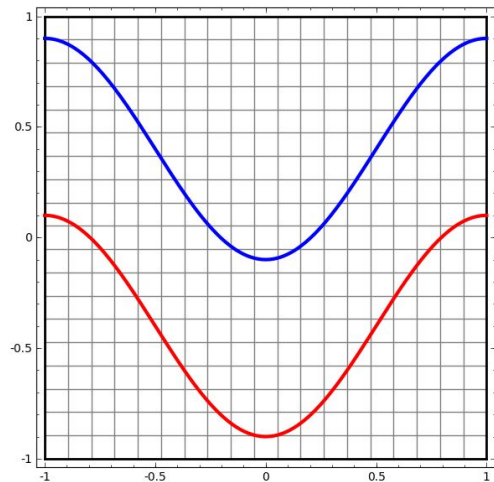
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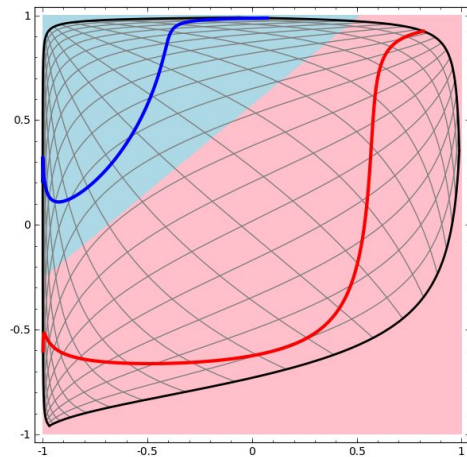
Non-linear!



# New representation of the data in the hidden layer



Linear separation in  
the space of the  
hidden layers



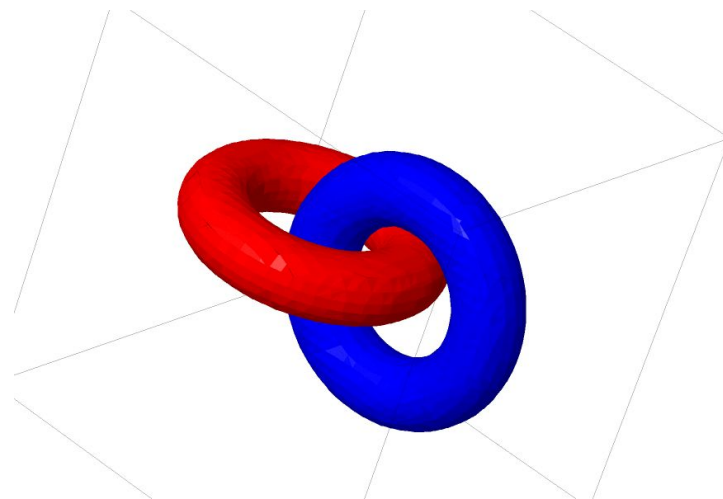
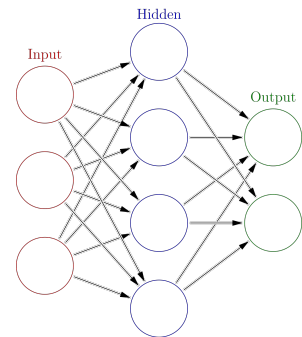


# Geometric intuition

Separating the red from the blue regions requires a hidden layer with four nodes

Or: A four-dimensional representation of the data is necessary to create a decision surface

Neural networks do not change the **topology**; only the representation



# Part 2: Example from particle physics

# The Higgs: The one and only <3

- In the Standard Model, we have one scalar SU(2) doublet  $\Phi$ , and the Higgs potential

$$V_H = \mu^2 \Phi^\dagger \Phi + \lambda (\Phi^\dagger \Phi)^2$$

with

- 3 d.o.f. to be absorbed by  $W^\pm$  and  $Z^0$

$$\Phi \sim \begin{pmatrix} \eta_1(x) + i\eta_2(x) \\ v + \sigma(x) + i\eta_3(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

- 1 Higgs boson  $h$  and VEV  $v$

## The Higgs: The one and only <3

- Add an SU(2) doublet, call it a Higgs, and we have  $\Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_2$  and a much larger  $V_H$ .

$$\Phi = \Phi_1 + \Phi_2 \sim \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{11}(x) + i\phi_{12}(x) \\ \phi_{13}(x) + i\phi_{14}(x) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{21}(x) + i\phi_{22}(x) \\ \phi_{23}(x) + i\phi_{24}(x) \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

The universe has one Higgs, or five (or more, but not an arbitrary number. And not two.)

- 3 d.o.f. must still be absorbed by  $W^\pm$  and  $Z^0$
- 1 Higgs boson  $h$  and VEV  $v$
- 4 d.o.f. left!  $\Rightarrow$  4 new Higgs bosons  $H$ ,  $A$ ,  $H^+$  and  $H^-$ .

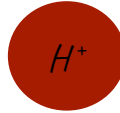
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Five Higgses;

the old one



two electrically charged ones



two electrically charged **opposite CP states**



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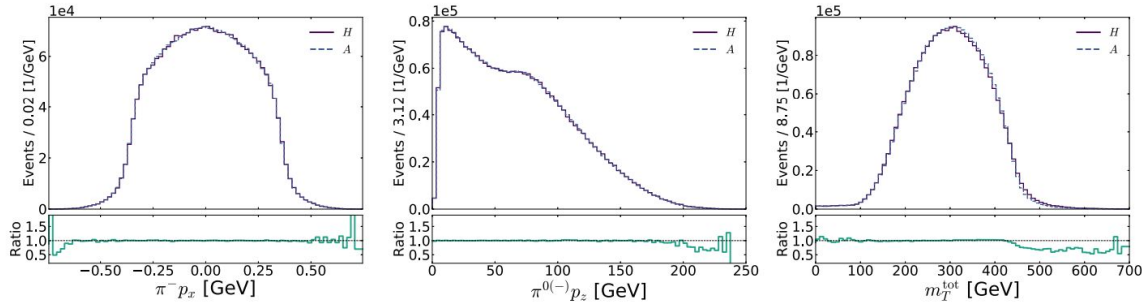
When doing data analysis: Look at distributions of observable quantities

We only have real data from the 125 GeV Higgs

⇒ decide on 2HDM model and generate decays with Pythia.

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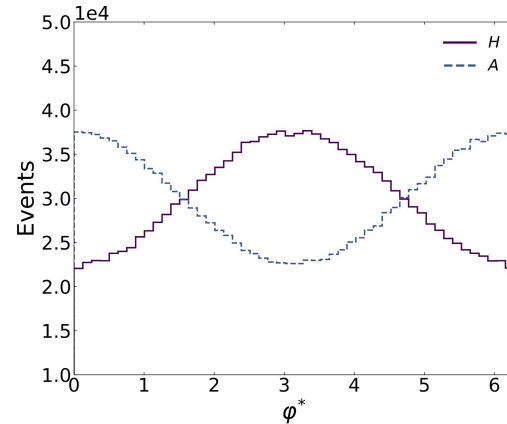
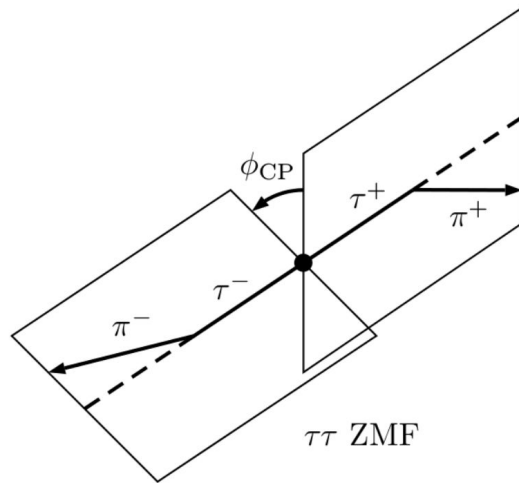


**This is what bad news looks like**

# The competition

We know that there is hope.

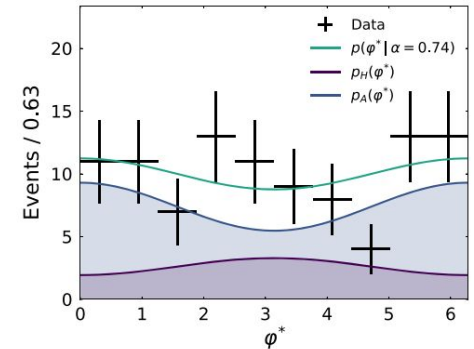
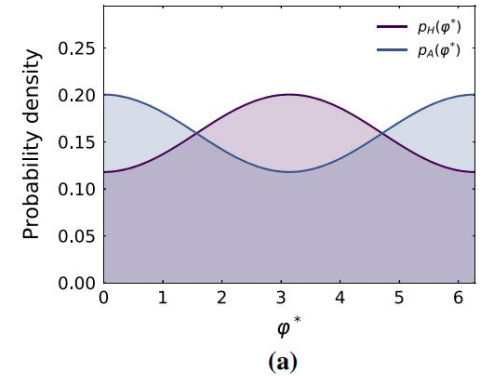
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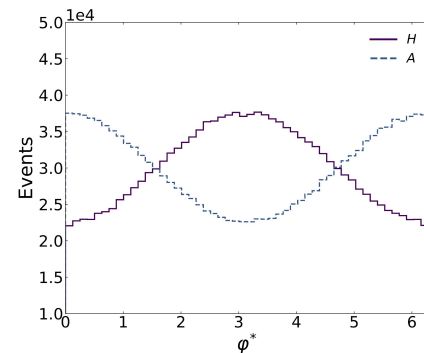
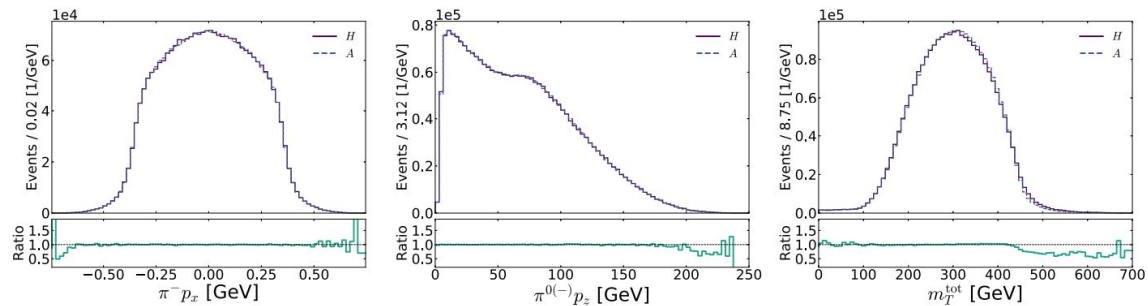
Template fit to the distribution of the  $\varphi^*$   
(the angle between the  $\tau$  decay planes)



# Machine learning

The task of the neural network is to find more of these kinds of relations

In ML speak: **extracted features**



# Traditional method vs machine learning

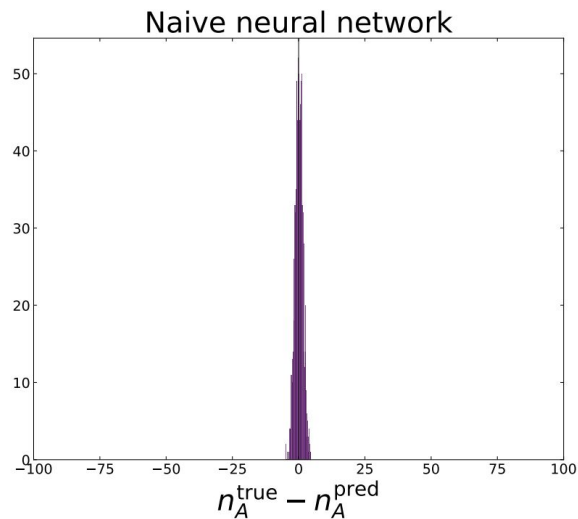
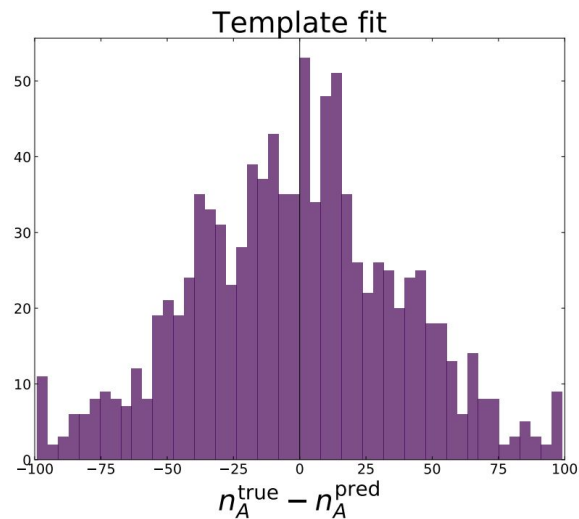
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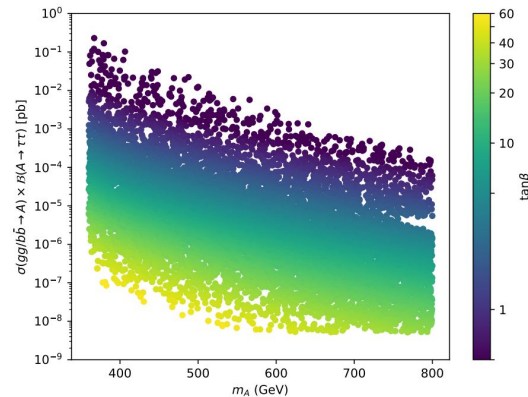
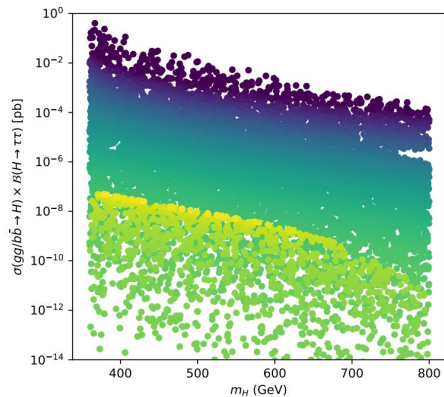
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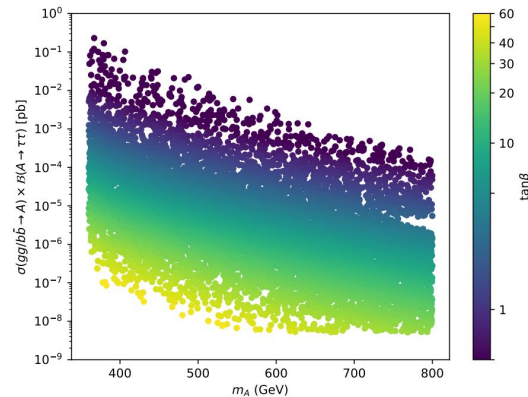
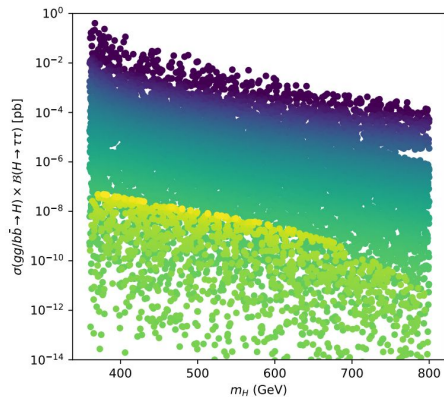
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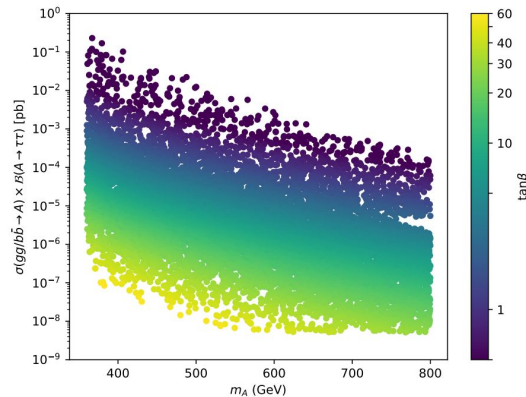
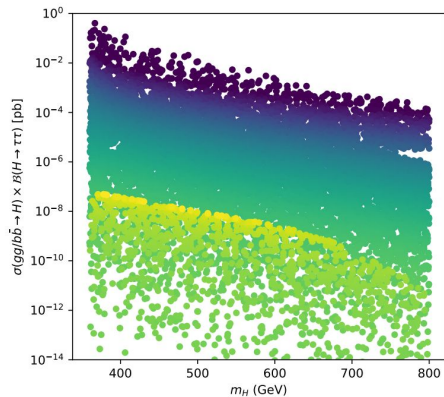
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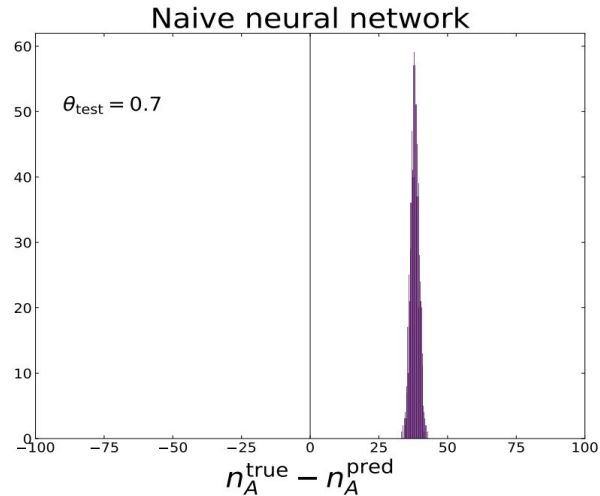
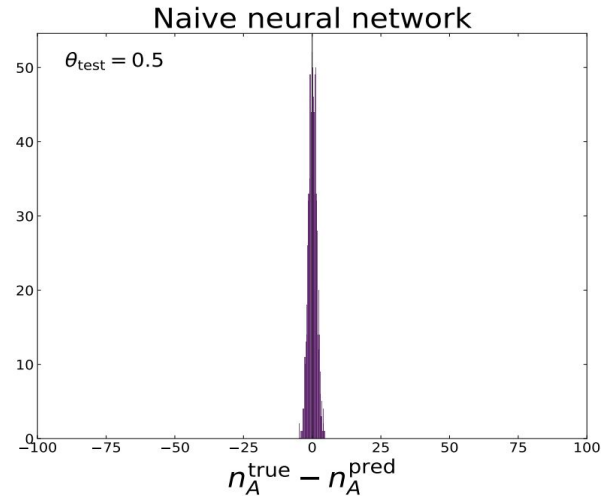




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Define  $\theta = \frac{n_A}{n_A + n_H}$ ,  $\theta \in [0, 1]$ .

Evenly distributed train set has  $\theta_{\text{train}} = 0.5$



Very overlapping features  $\Rightarrow$  all points lie close to decision surface  $\Rightarrow$  very strong prior dependence.



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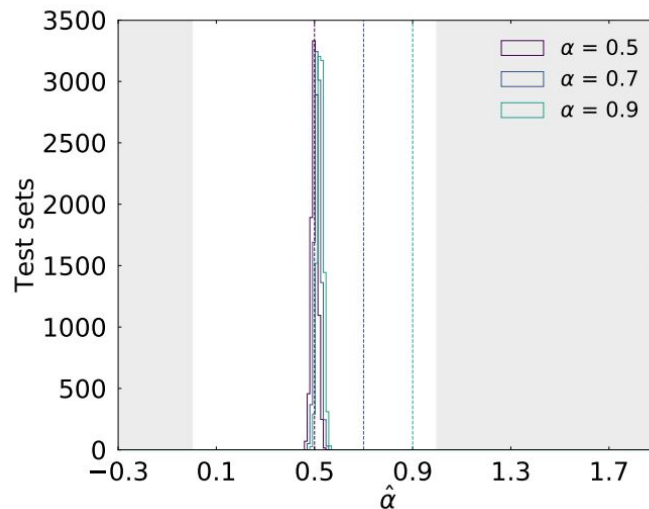
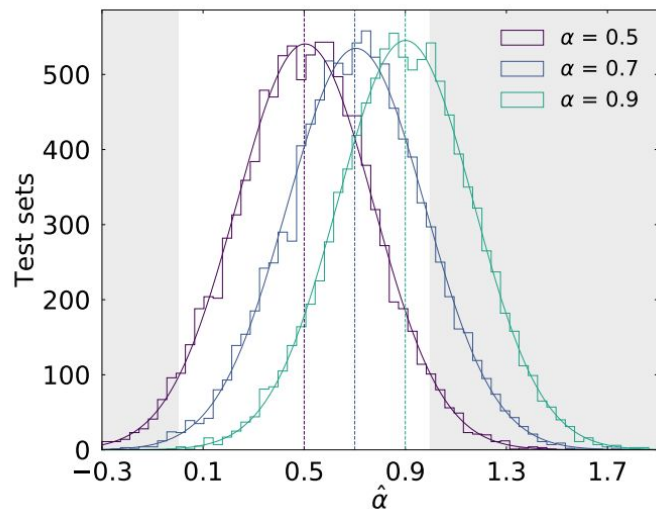
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SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) - Amazon.com Inc's [AMZN.O](#) machine-learning specialists uncovered a big problem: their new recruiting engine did not like women.

# Traditional method still wins.

Actually, the ML method is biased to the point of being completely useless



To be continued ...

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