

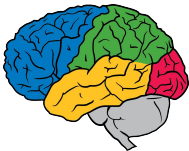
# Large-Scale Deep Learning with TensorFlow for Building Intelligent Systems

Jeff Dean  
Google Brain Team  
[g.co/brain](https://g.co/brain)

In collaboration with **many** other people at Google

We can now store and perform computation on large datasets, using things like MapReduce, BigTable, Spanner, Flume, Pregel, or open-source variants like Hadoop, HBase, Cassandra, Giraph, ...

But what we really want is not just raw data,  
but computer systems that **understand** this data



# Where are we?

- Good handle on systems to store and manipulate data
- What we really care about now is **understanding**

# What do I mean by understanding?

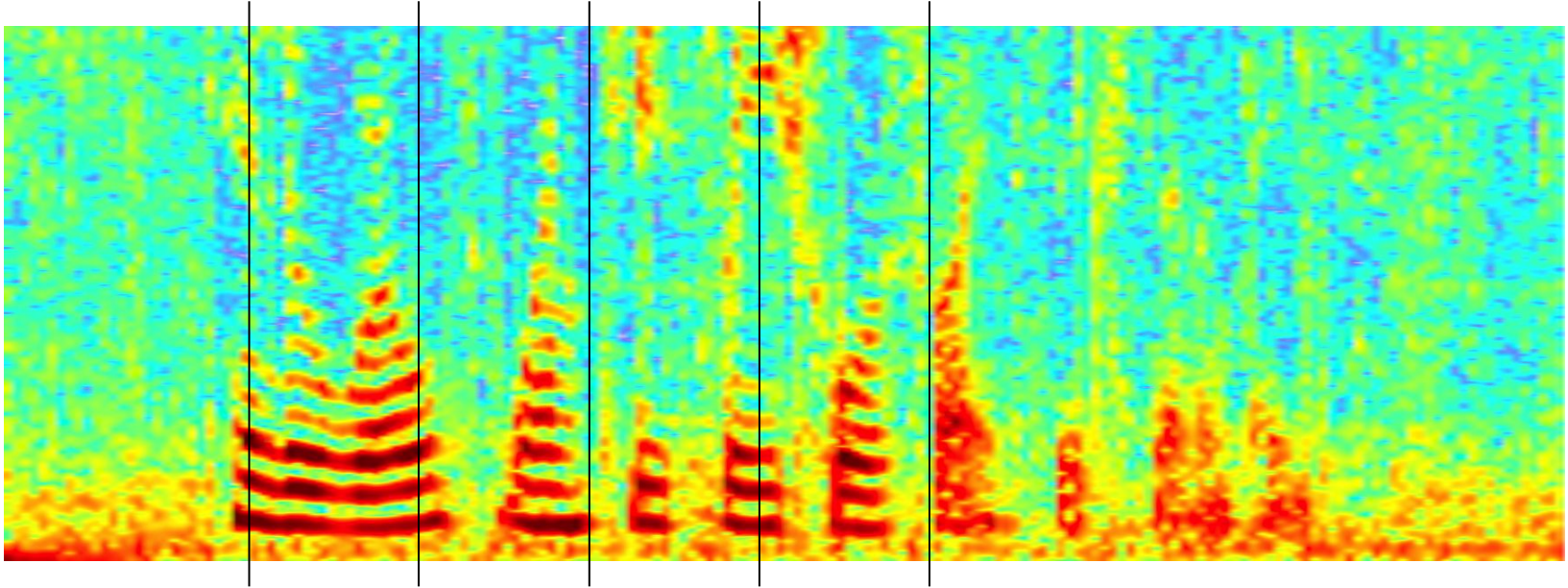


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Document 1

... car parking available for a small fee.  
... parts of our floor model inventory for sale.

Document 2

Selling all kinds of automobile and pickup truck parts, engines, and transmissions.



# Example Queries of the Future

- *Which of these eye images shows symptoms of diabetic retinopathy?*

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- *Find me all rooftops in North America*

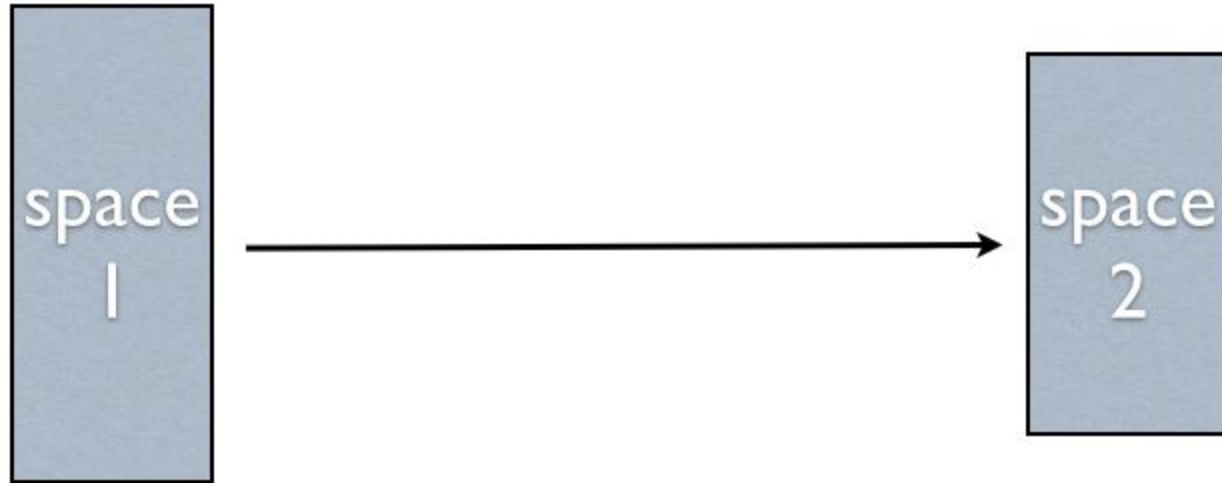
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- *Describe this video in Spanish*

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- *Find me all documents relevant to reinforcement learning for robotics and summarize them in German*

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- *Find a free time for everyone in the Smart Calendar project to meet and set up a videoconference*

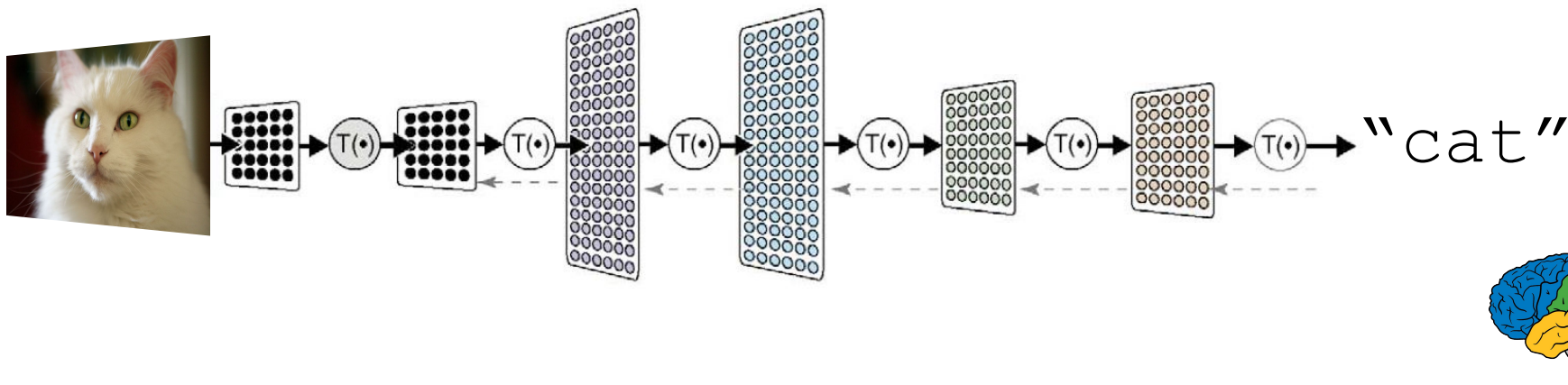
# Neural Networks

- Learn a complicated function from data



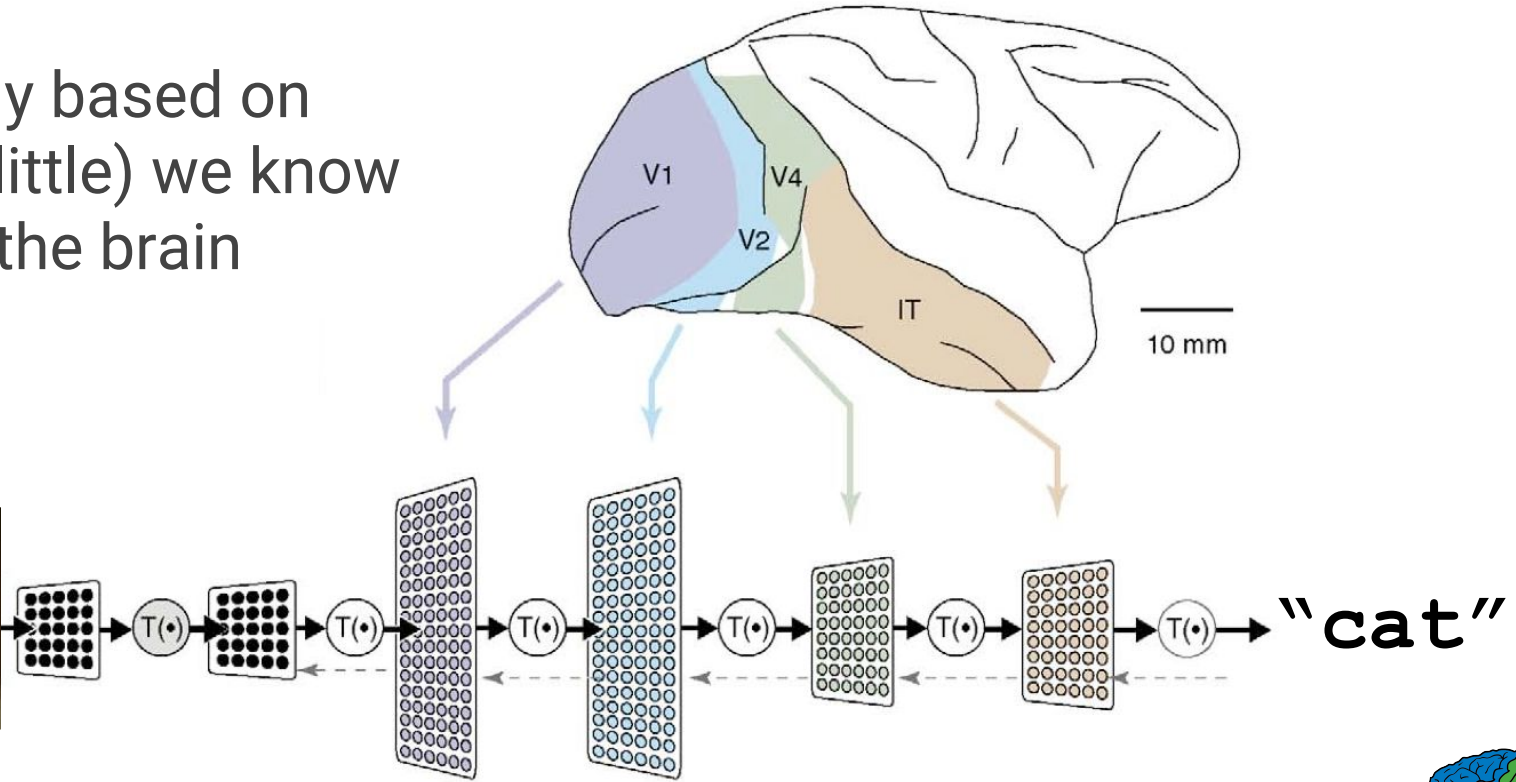
# What is Deep Learning?

- A powerful class of machine learning model
- Modern reincarnation of artificial neural networks
- Collection of simple, trainable mathematical functions
- Compatible with many variants of machine learning



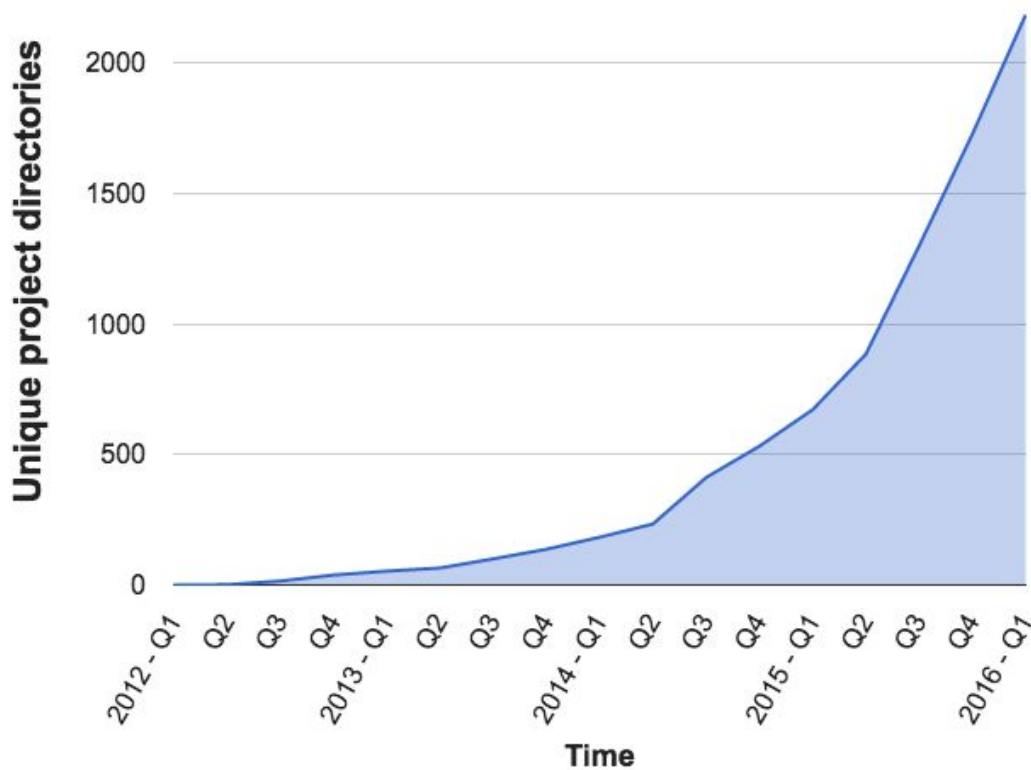
# What is Deep Learning?

- Loosely based on (what little) we know about the brain



# Growing Use of Deep Learning at Google

# of directories containing model description files



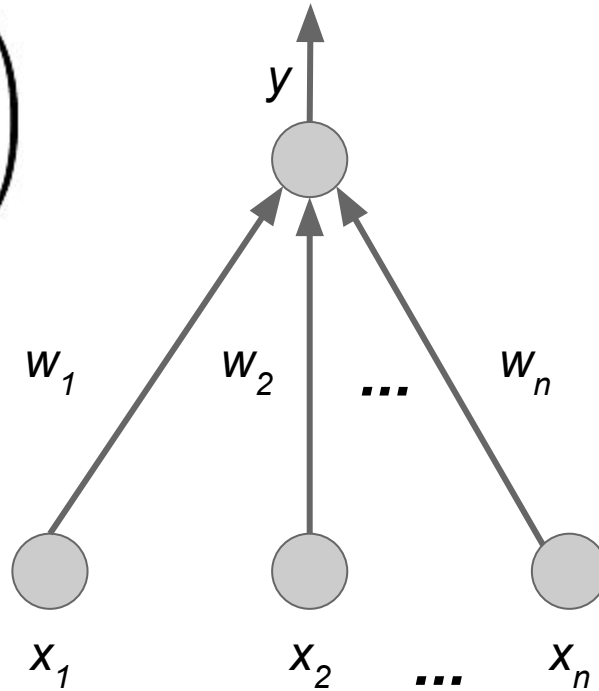
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Android  
Apps  
drug discovery  
Gmail  
Image understanding  
Maps  
Natural language understanding  
Photos  
Robotics research  
Speech  
Translation  
YouTube  
... many others ...



# The Neuron

$$y = F \left( \sum_i w_i x_i \right)$$



A graph of the ReLU activation function. The function is zero for all negative values and increases linearly for all positive values. The equation  $F(x) = \max(0, x)$  is written below the graph.

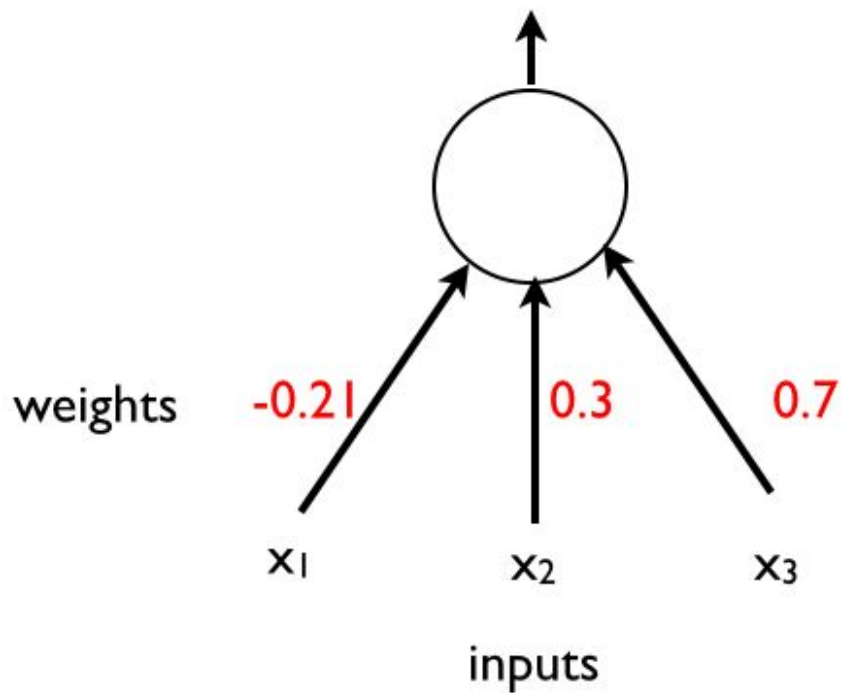
$$F(x) = \max(0, x)$$

$F$ : a non-linear  
differentiable  
function





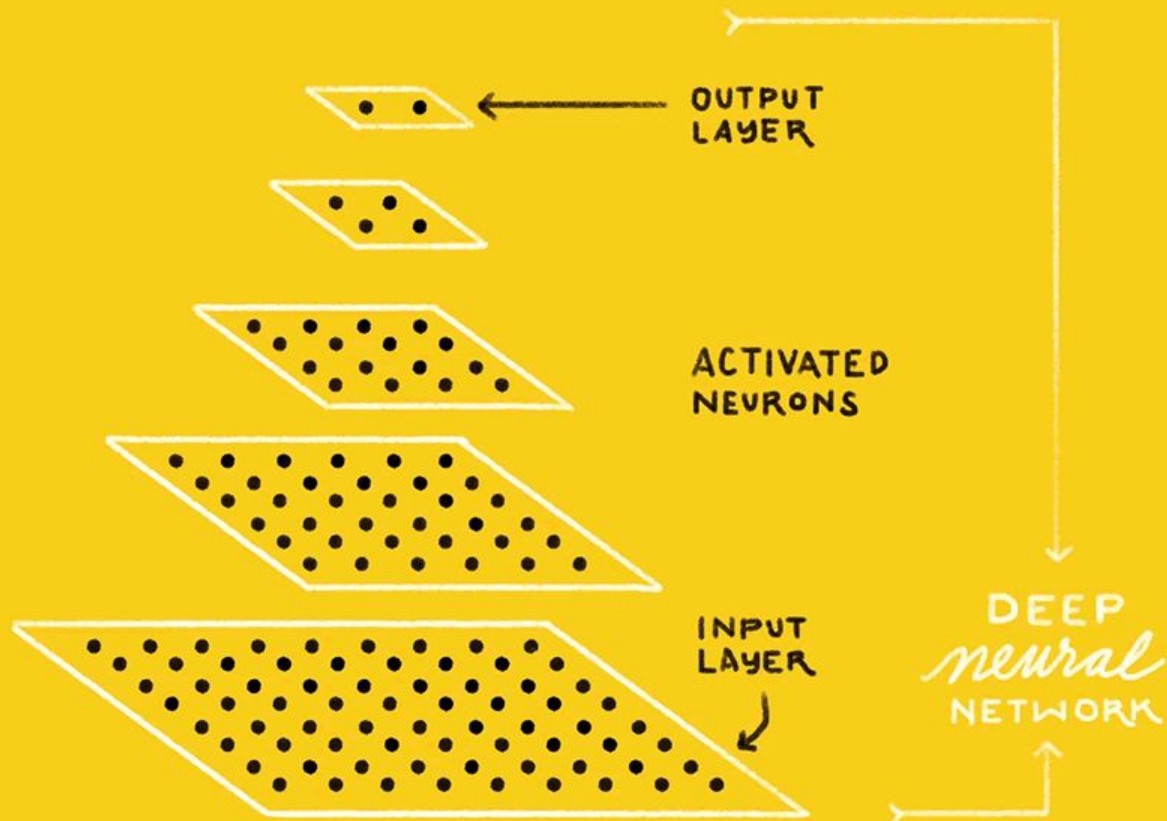
$$y = \max(0, -0.21x_1 + 0.3x_2 + 0.7x_3)$$



IS THIS A  
**CAT or DOG?**



**CAT DOG**



# Learning algorithm

While not done:

- Pick a random training example “(input, output)”

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- Adjust weights on edges to make output closer to “output”

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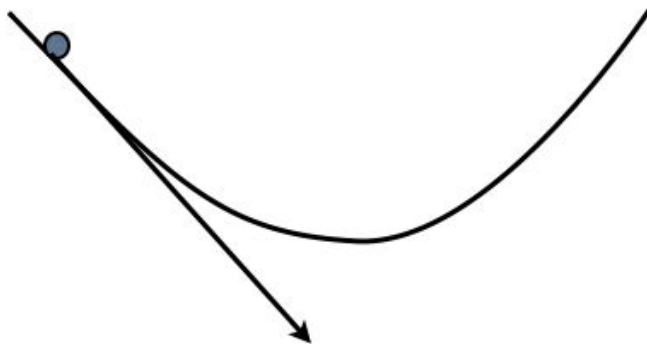
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# Backpropagation

Use partial derivatives along the paths in the neural net

Follow the gradient of the error w.r.t. the connections

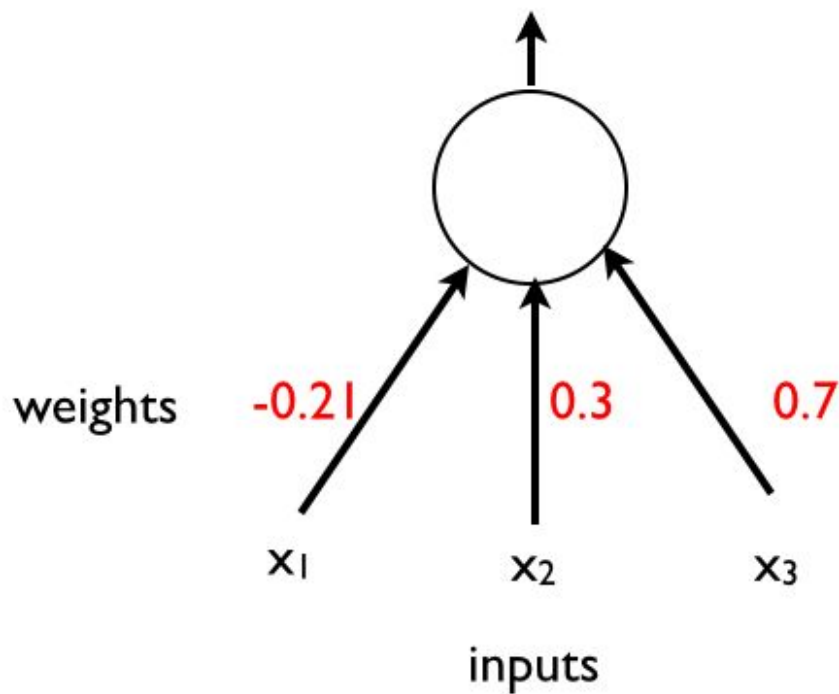


*Gradient points in direction of improvement*

Good description: **"Calculus on Computational Graphs: Backpropagation"**

<http://colah.github.io/posts/2015-08-Backprop/>

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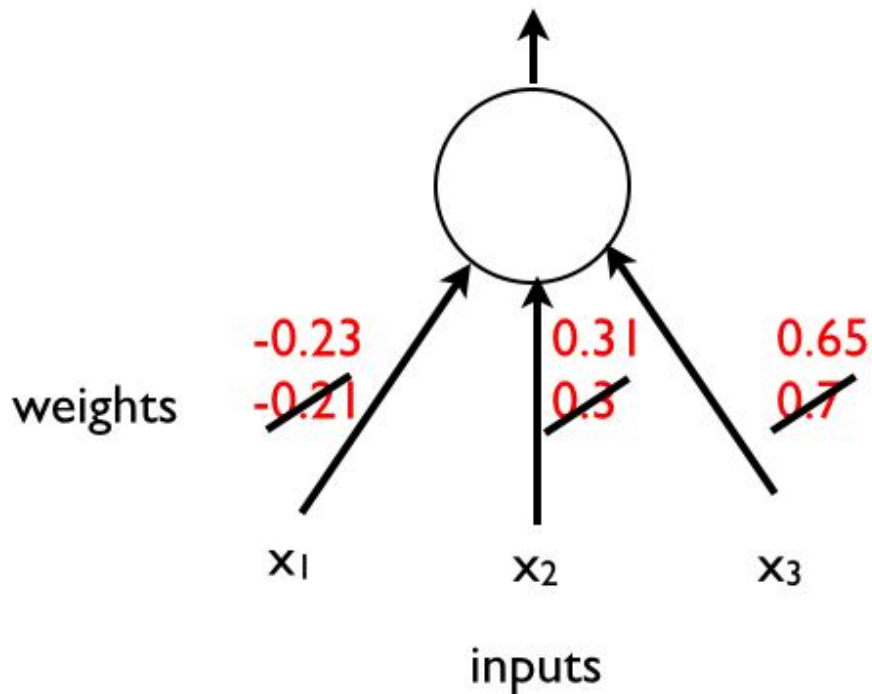




next time:

$$\text{output} = \max(0, -0.23 * x_1 + 0.31 * x_2 + 0.65 * x_3)$$

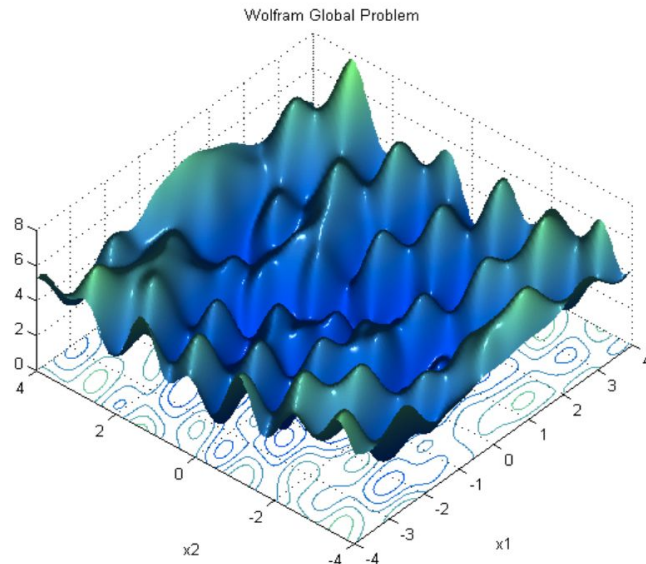
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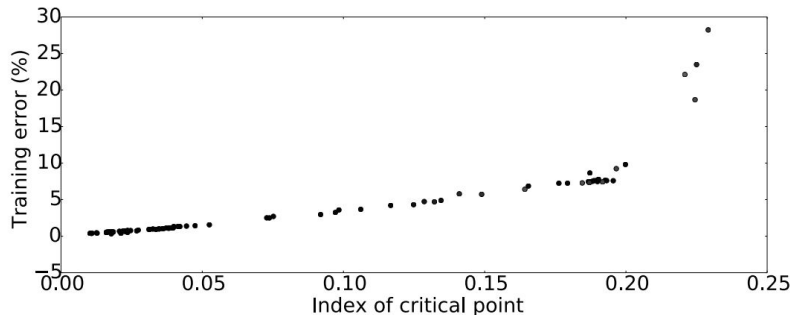
# Non-convexity

- Low-D  $\Rightarrow$  local minima
- High-D  $\Rightarrow$  saddle points

-Most local minima are close to the global minima



*This shows a function of 2 variables: real neural nets are functions of hundreds of millions of variables!*



# Plenty of raw data

- **Text:** trillions of words of English + other languages
- **Visual data:** billions of images and videos
- **Audio:** tens of thousands of hours of speech per day
- **User activity:** queries, marking messages spam, etc.
- **Knowledge graph:** billions of labelled relation triples
- ...

How can we build systems that truly understand this data?



# Important Property of Neural Networks

Results get better with

**more data +  
bigger models +  
more computation**

(Better algorithms, new insights and improved techniques always help, too!)



## Aside

Many of the techniques that are successful now were developed 20-30 years ago

What changed? We now have:

**sufficient computational resources**

**large enough interesting datasets**

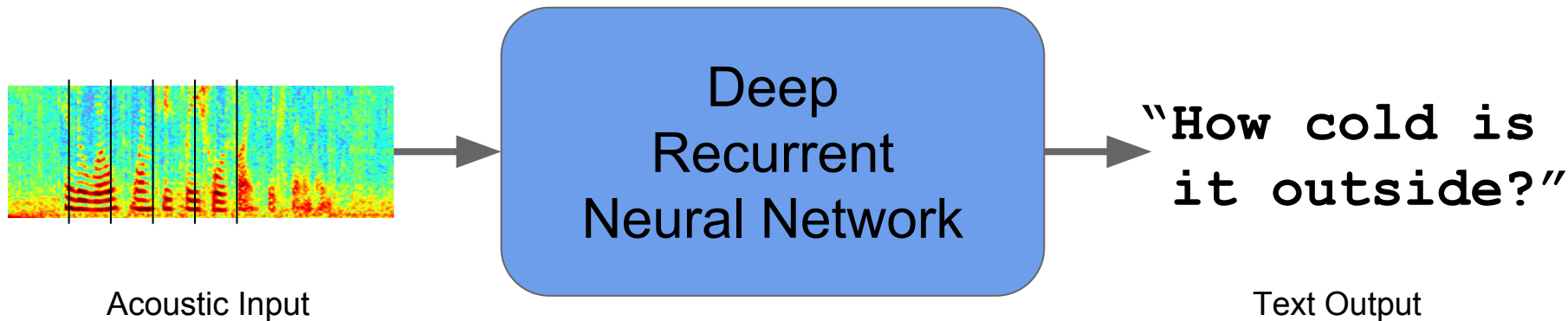
**Use of large-scale parallelism lets us look ahead many generations of hardware improvements, as well**

What are some ways that  
deep learning is having  
a significant impact at Google?





# Speech Recognition



Reduced word errors by more than 30%

Google Research Blog - August 2012, August 2015



Research at Google

# ImageNet Challenge

Given an image,  
predict one of 1000  
different classes

Image credit:  
[www.cs.toronto.edu/~fritz/absps/imagenet.pdf](http://www.cs.toronto.edu/~fritz/absps/imagenet.pdf)



**mite**

**container ship**

**motor scooter**

**leopard**

	mite
	black widow
	cockroach
	tick
	starfish

	container ship
	lifeboat
	amphibian
	fireboat
	drilling platform

	motor scooter
	go-kart
	moped
	bumper car
	golfcart

	leopard
	jaguar
	cheetah
	snow leopard
	Egyptian cat



**grille**

**mushroom**

**cherry**

**Madagascar cat**

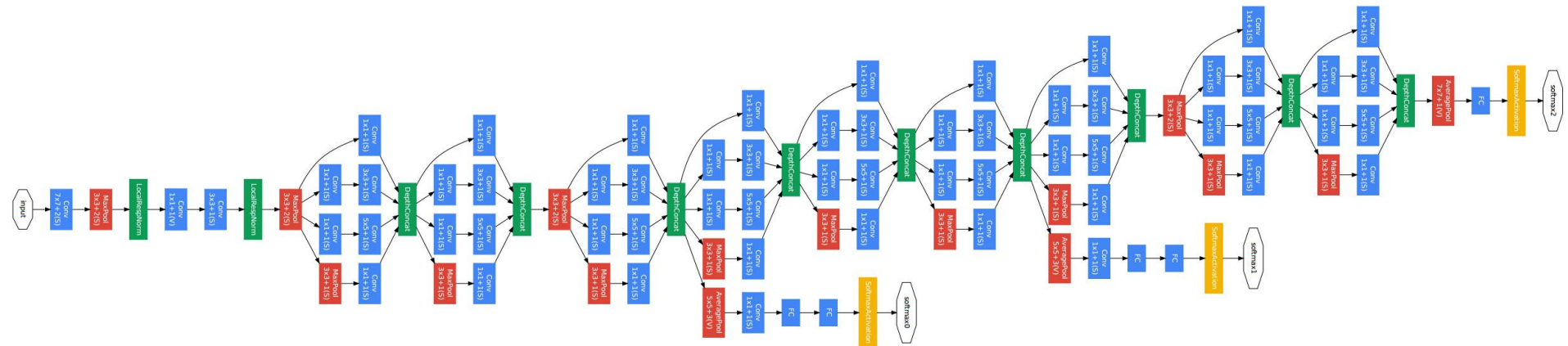
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	grape
	elderberry
	ffordshire bullterrier
	currant

	squirrel monkey
	spider monkey
	titi
	indri
	howler monkey

# The Inception Architecture (GoogLeNet, 2014)



## Going Deeper with Convolutions

Christian Szegedy, Wei Liu, Yangqing Jia, Pierre Sermanet, Scott Reed, Dragomir Anguelov, Dumitru Erhan, Vincent Vanhoucke, Andrew Rabinovich

ArXiv 2014, CVPR 2015



# Neural Nets: Rapid Progress in Image Recognition

ImageNet  
challenge  
classification  
task

Team	Year	Place	Error (top-5)
XRCE (pre-neural-net explosion)	2011	1st	25.8%
Supervision (AlexNet)	2012	1st	16.4%
Clarifai	2013	1st	11.7%
GoogLeNet (Inception)	2014	1st	6.66%
Andrej Karpathy (human)	2014	N/A	<b>5.1%</b>
BN-Inception (Arxiv)	2015	N/A	4.9%
Inception-v3 (Arxiv)	2015	N/A	3.46%



# Good Fine-Grained Classification



“hibiscus”



“dahlia”





# Good Generalization



Both recognized as “meal”





# Sensible Errors



“snake”



“dog”



# Google Photos Search



Your Photo

Deep  
Convolutional  
Neural Network

**"ocean"**

Automatic Tag

Search personal photos without tags.

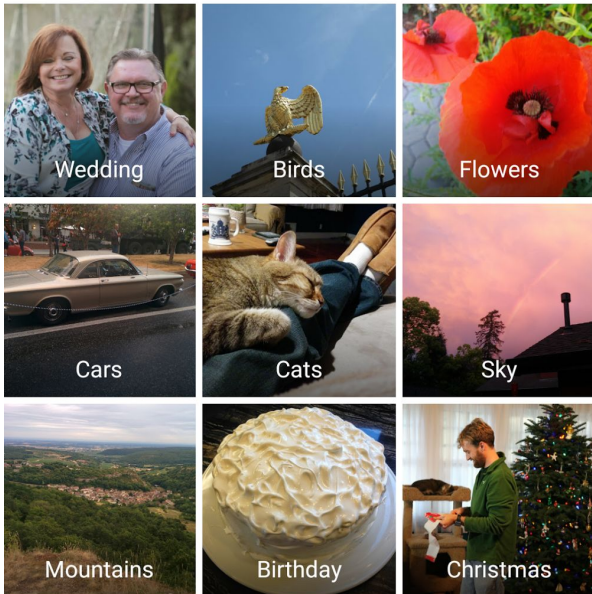
Google Research Blog - June 2013



Research at Google

# Google Photos Search

Things



Google

my photos of siamese cats



Web

Images

Shopping

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Your photos

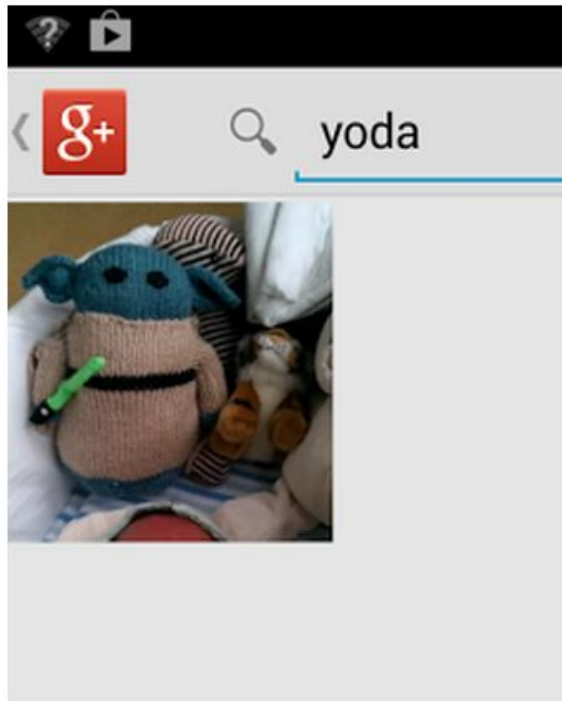
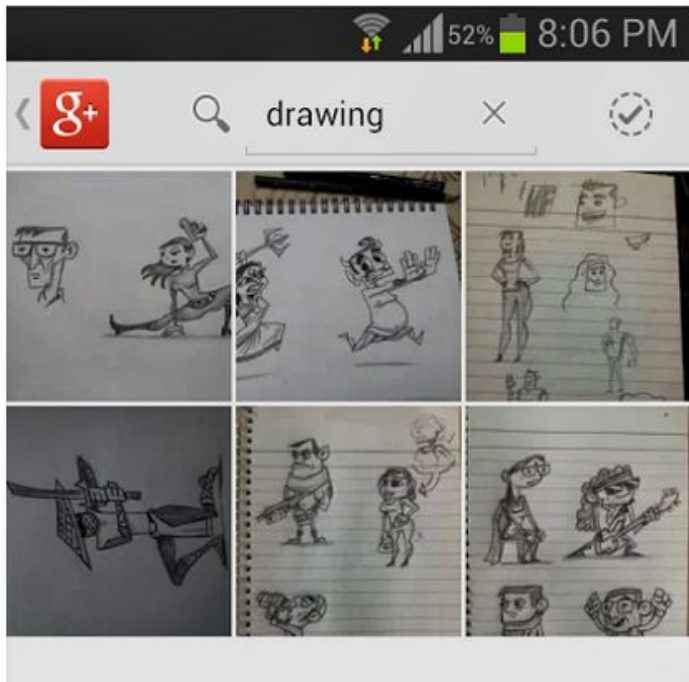
Only you can see these results



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# Google Photos Search

Google Plus photo search is awesome. Searched with keyword 'Drawing' to find all my scribbles at once :D





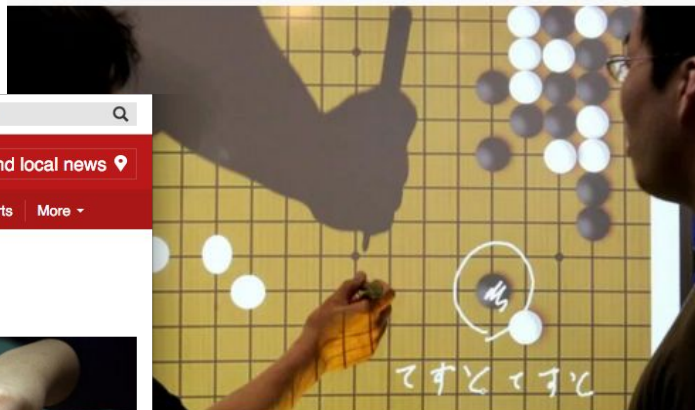
# “Seeing” Go

## Google's AI just cracked the game that supposedly no computer could beat

By Mike Murphy | January 27, 2016



The screenshot shows the BBC News website interface. At the top is the BBC logo and navigation links for News, Sport, Weather, iPlayer, TV, Radio, and More. Below this is a red banner with the word 'NEWS' and a search bar. Underneath the banner are category links: Home, UK, World, Business, Politics, Tech, Science, Health, Education, Entertainment & Arts, and More. The 'Tech' category is selected, and the article title 'Google achieves AI 'breakthrough' at Go' is displayed. A sub-headline reads: 'An artificial intelligence program developed by Google beats Europe's top player at the ancient Chinese game of Go, about a decade earlier than expected.' The date '27 January 2016' and the category 'Technology' are shown. A list of related links includes 'How did they do it?', 'What is the game Go?', and 'Facebook trains AI to beat humans at Go'. An image of a Go board with black and white stones is visible on the right side of the article preview.



Reuters/Kiyoshi Ota)

have slowly started to encroach on activities we previously thought only the brilliantly sophisticated human brain could handle. In 1997, a Blue supercomputer beat Grand Master Garry Kasparov at chess, and in 2011 IBM's Watson beat former human winners at the game *Jeopardy*. But the ancient board game Go has long been one of the major goals of artificial intelligence research. It's understood to be one of the most difficult games for computers to handle due to the sheer number of possible moves a player can make at any given point. Until now, that is.

*Mastering the Game of Go with Deep Neural Networks and Tree Search, Silver et al., Nature, vol. 529 (2016), pp. 484-503*



# Reuse same model for completely different problems

**Same basic model structure**

(e.g. given image, predict interesting parts of image)

**trained on different data,**

useful in **completely different contexts**



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# Google Project Sunroof

1234 Bryant St, Palo Alto, CA 94301, USA



Analysis complete. Your roof has:



**1,658 hours of usable sunlight per year**

Based on day-to-day analysis of weather patterns



**708 sq feet available for solar panels**

Based on 3D modeling of your roof and nearby trees

If your electric bill is at least \$175/month, leasing solar panels could reduce it.

[FINE-TUNE ESTIMATE](#)

[SEE SOLAR PROVIDERS](#)

Wrong roof? Drag the marker to the right one.

Shade

Sun

A retinal fundus image showing the vascular network of the retina. Several areas are highlighted with semi-transparent segmentation masks in shades of purple and blue, indicating regions of interest or pathology. A bright yellowish-orange area is visible on the right side, possibly representing the optic disc or a large vessel. The background is a warm, brownish-orange color.

# MEDICAL IMAGING

Very good results using similar model for detecting diabetic retinopathy in retinal images

# Language Understanding

## Query

[ car parts for sale ]

## Document 1

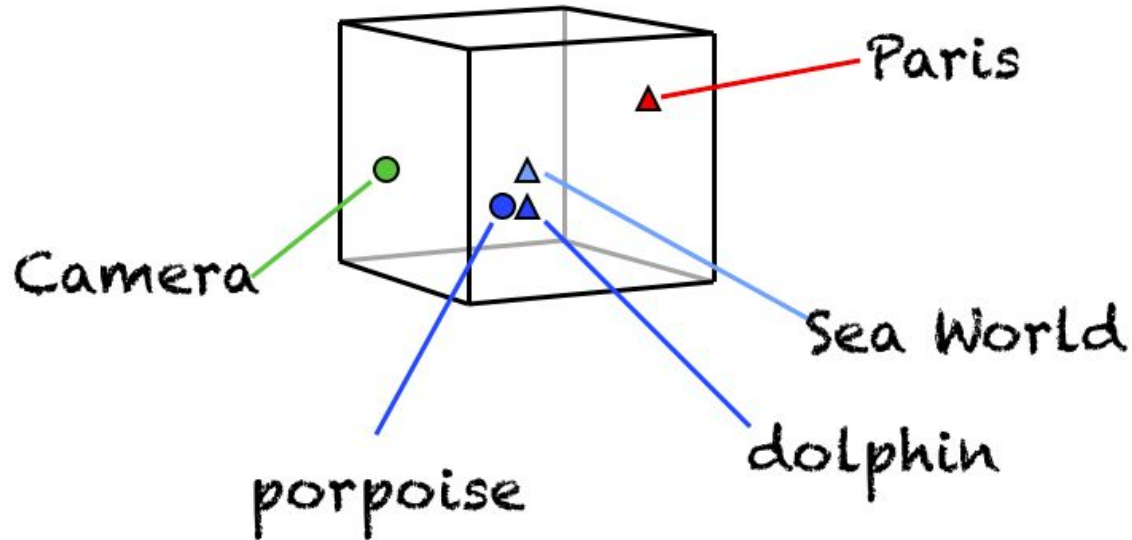
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... parts of our floor model inventory for sale.

## Document 2

Selling all kinds of automobile and pickup truck parts, engines, and transmissions.

# How to deal with Sparse Data?

3-D embedding space

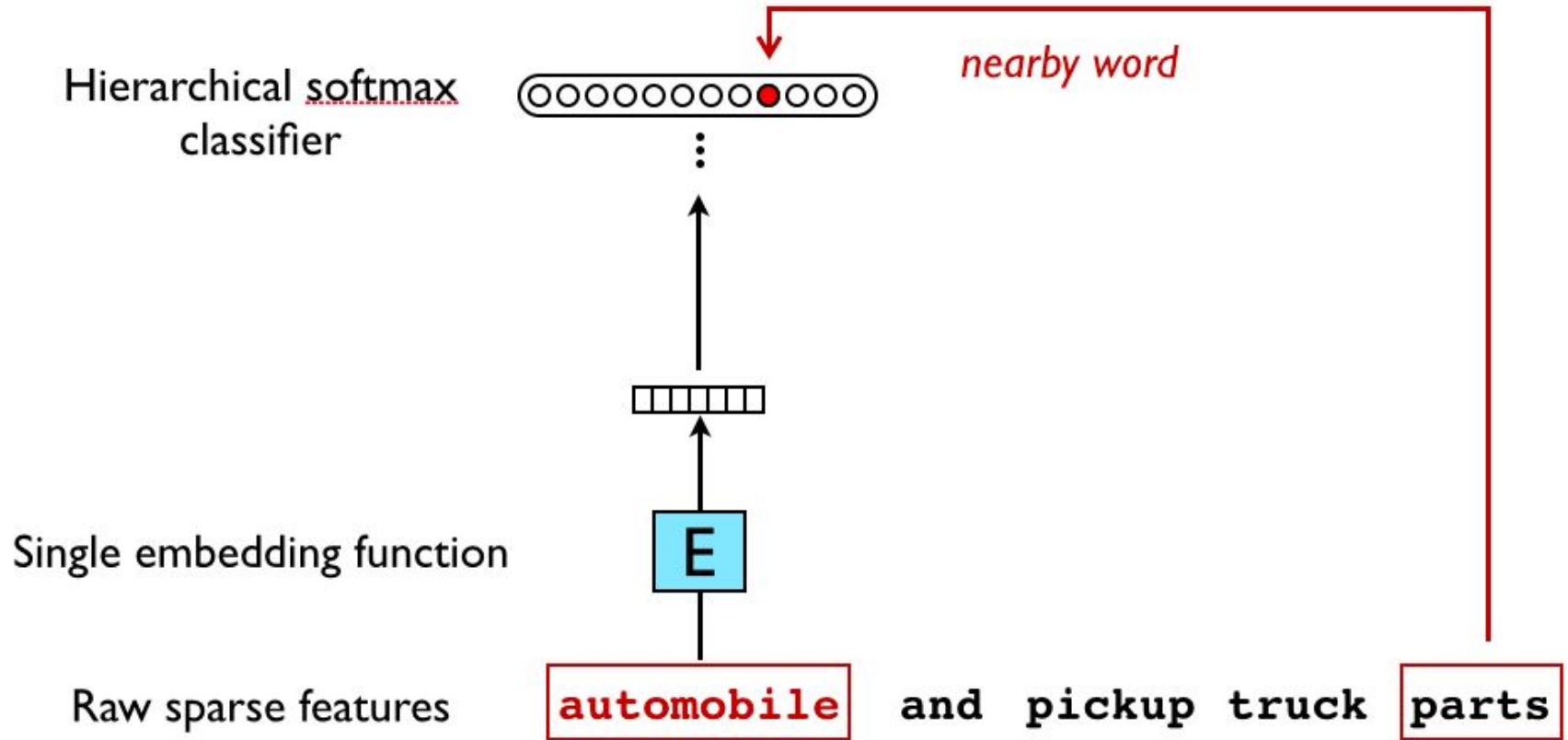


Embedding Function: A look-up-table that maps sparse features into dense floating point vectors.

Usually use many more than 3 dimensions (e.g. 100D, 1000D)



# Embeddings Can be Trained With Backpropagation



Mikolov, Sutskever, Chen, Corrado and Dean. *Distributed Representations of Words and Phrases and Their Compositionality*, NIPS 2013.

# Nearest Neighbors are Closely Related Semantically

Trained language model on Wikipedia

## **tiger shark**

bull shark  
blacktip shark  
shark  
oceanic whitetip shark  
sandbar shark  
dusky shark  
blue shark  
requiem shark  
great white shark  
lemon shark

## **car**

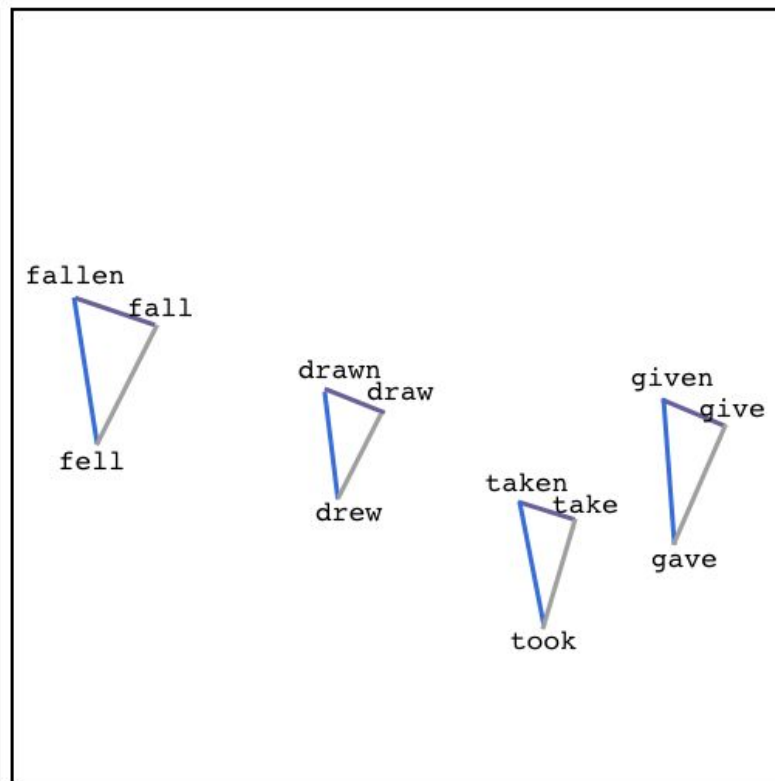
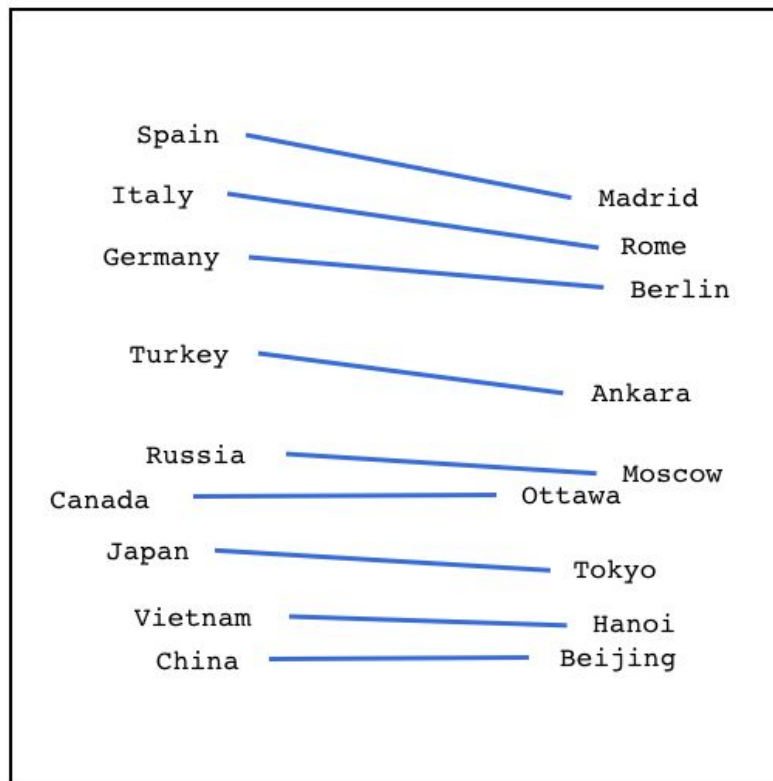
cars  
muscle car  
sports car  
compact car  
autocar  
automobile  
pickup truck  
racing car  
passenger car  
dealership

## **new york**

new york city  
brooklyn  
long island  
syracuse  
manhattan  
washington  
bronx  
yonkers  
poughkeepsie  
new york state

\* 5.7M docs, 5.4B terms, 155K unique terms, 500-D embeddings

# Directions are Meaningful

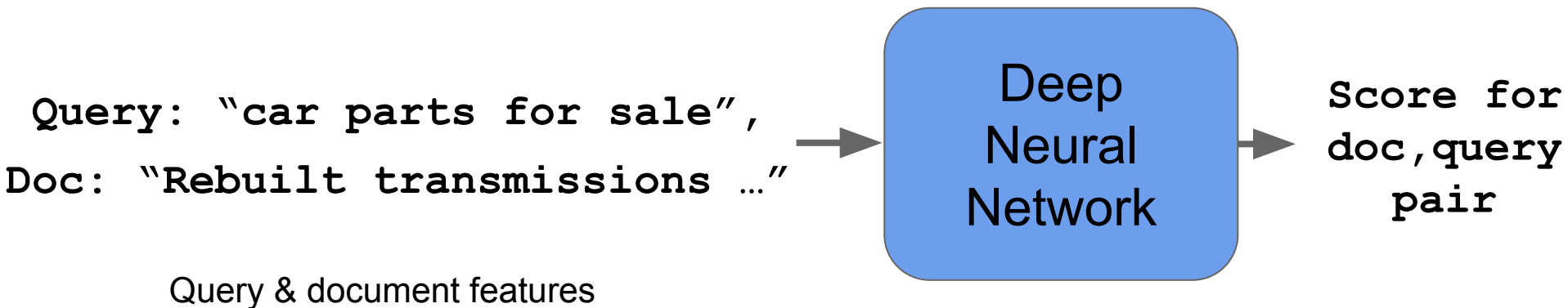


Solve analogies with vector arithmetic!

$$V(\text{queen}) - V(\text{king}) \approx V(\text{woman}) - V(\text{man})$$

$$V(\text{queen}) \approx V(\text{king}) + (V(\text{woman}) - V(\text{man}))$$

# RankBrain in Google Search Ranking



Launched in 2015

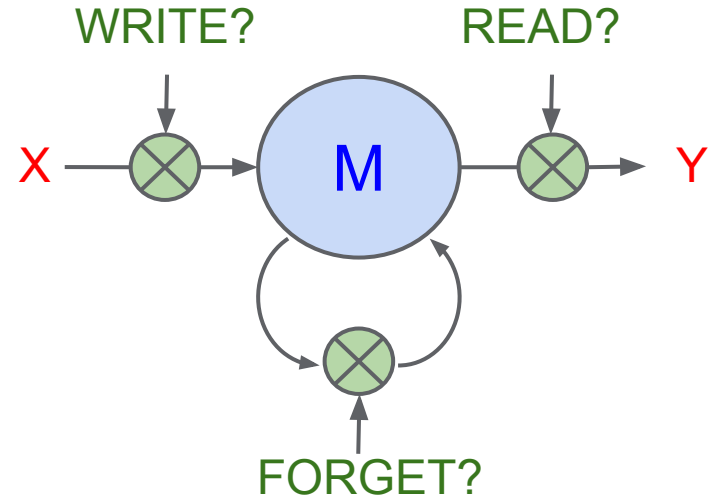
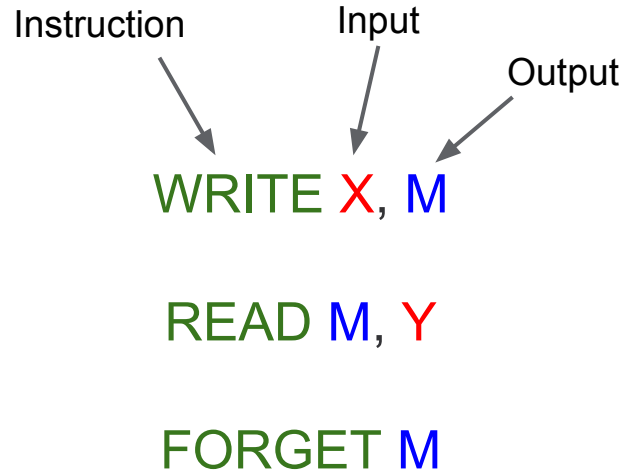
Third most important search ranking signal (of 100s)

Bloomberg, Oct 2015: *"Google Turning Its Lucrative Web Search Over to AI Machines"*



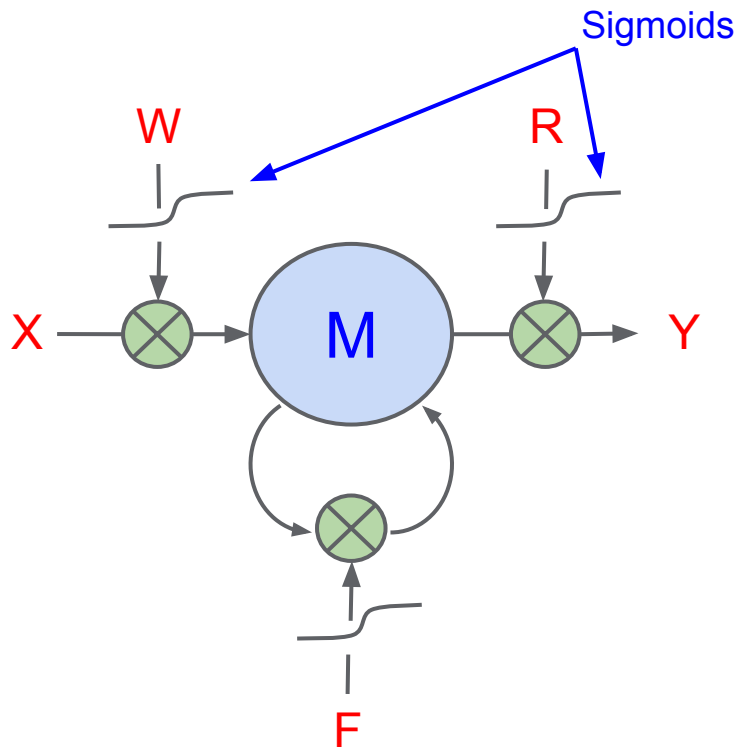
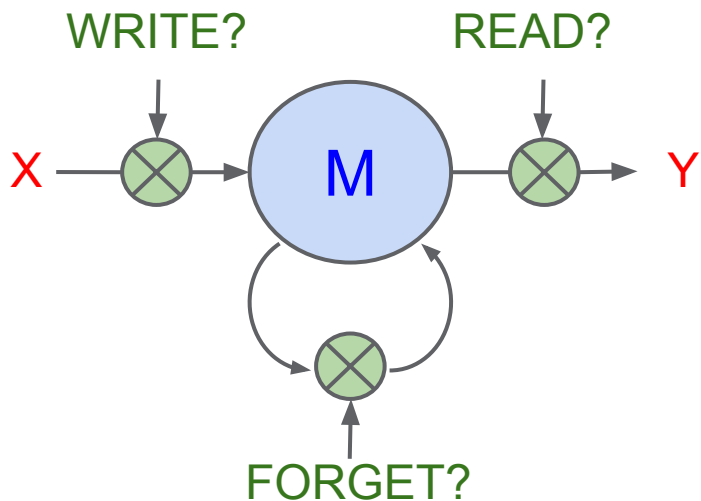


# A Simple Model of Memory



# Long Short-Term Memory (LSTMs): Make Your Memory Cells Differentiable

[Hochreiter & Schmidhuber, 1997]



# Example: LSTM [Hochreiter et al, 1997][Gers et al, 1999]



$$\begin{aligned}i_t &= W_{ix}x_t + W_{ih}h_{t-1} + b_i \\j_t &= W_{jx}x_t + W_{jh}h_{t-1} + b_j \\f_t &= W_{fx}x_t + W_{fh}h_{t-1} + b_f \\o_t &= W_{ox}x_t + W_{oh}h_{t-1} + b_o \\c_t &= \sigma(f_t) \odot c_{t-1} + \sigma(i_t) \odot \tanh(j_t) \\h_t &= \sigma(o_t) \odot \tanh(c_t)\end{aligned}$$

Enables  
long term  
dependencies  
to flow

```
def __call__(self, inputs, state, scope=None):
    """Long short-term memory cell (LSTM)."""
    with vs.variable_scope(scope or type(self).__name__): # "BasicLSTMCell"
        # Parameters of gates are concatenated into one multiply for efficiency.
        c, h = array_ops.split(1, 2, state)
        concat = linear([inputs, h], 4 * self._num_units, True)

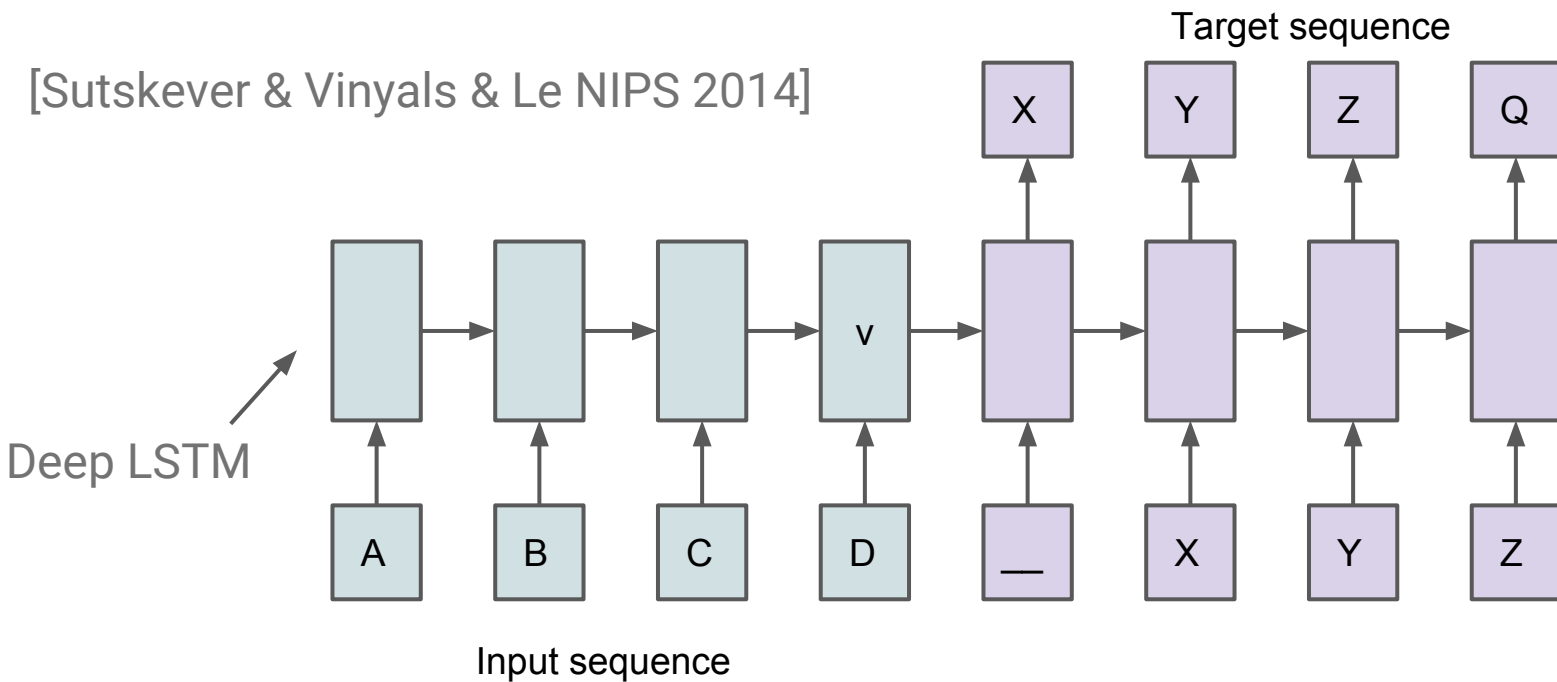
        # i = input_gate, j = new_input, f = forget_gate, o = output_gate
        i, j, f, o = array_ops.split(1, 4, concat)

        new_c = c * sigmoid(f + self._forget_bias) + sigmoid(i) * tanh(j)
        new_h = tanh(new_c) * sigmoid(o)

    return new_h, array_ops.concat(1, [new_c, new_h])
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# Sequence-to-Sequence Model

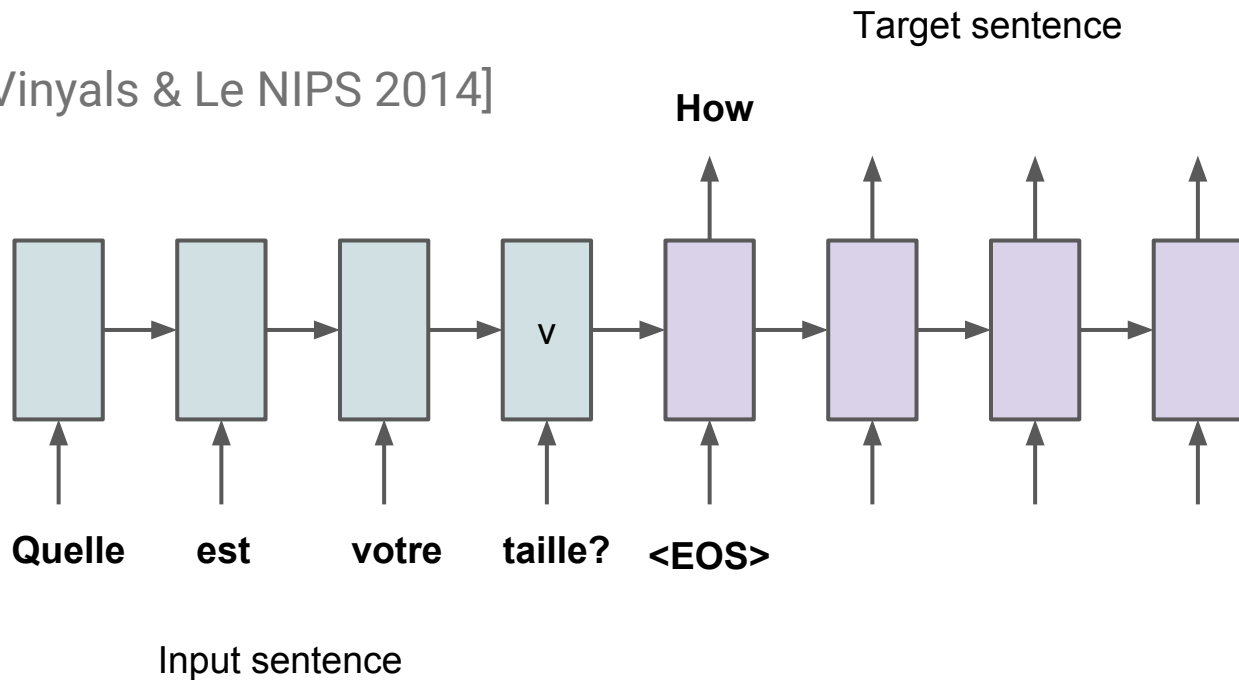
[Sutskever & Vinyals & Le NIPS 2014]



$$P(y_1, \dots, y_{T'} | x_1, \dots, x_T) = \prod_{t=1}^{T'} p(y_t | v, y_1, \dots, y_{t-1})$$

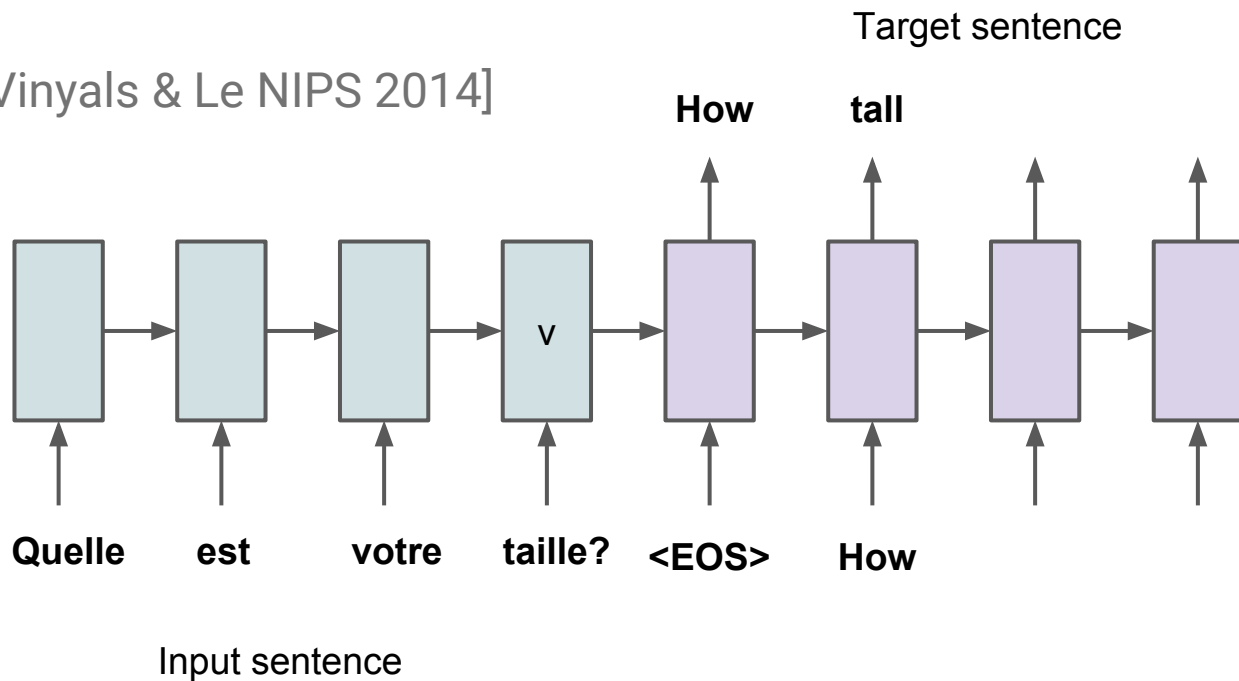
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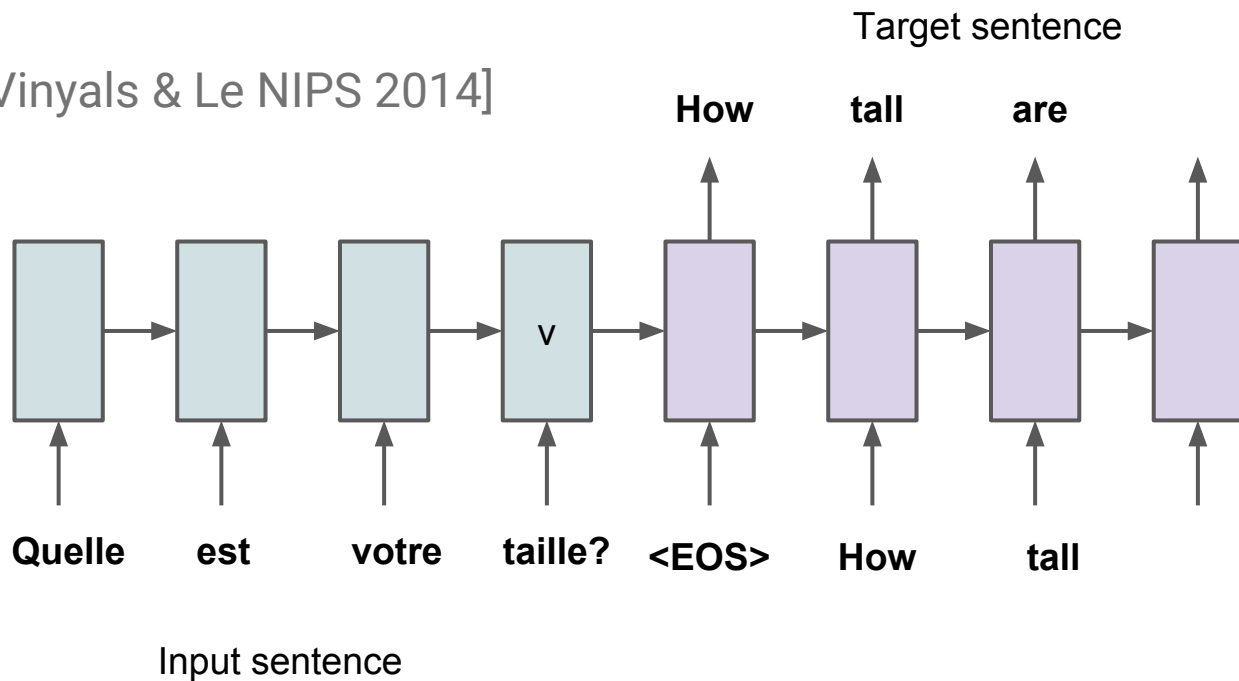
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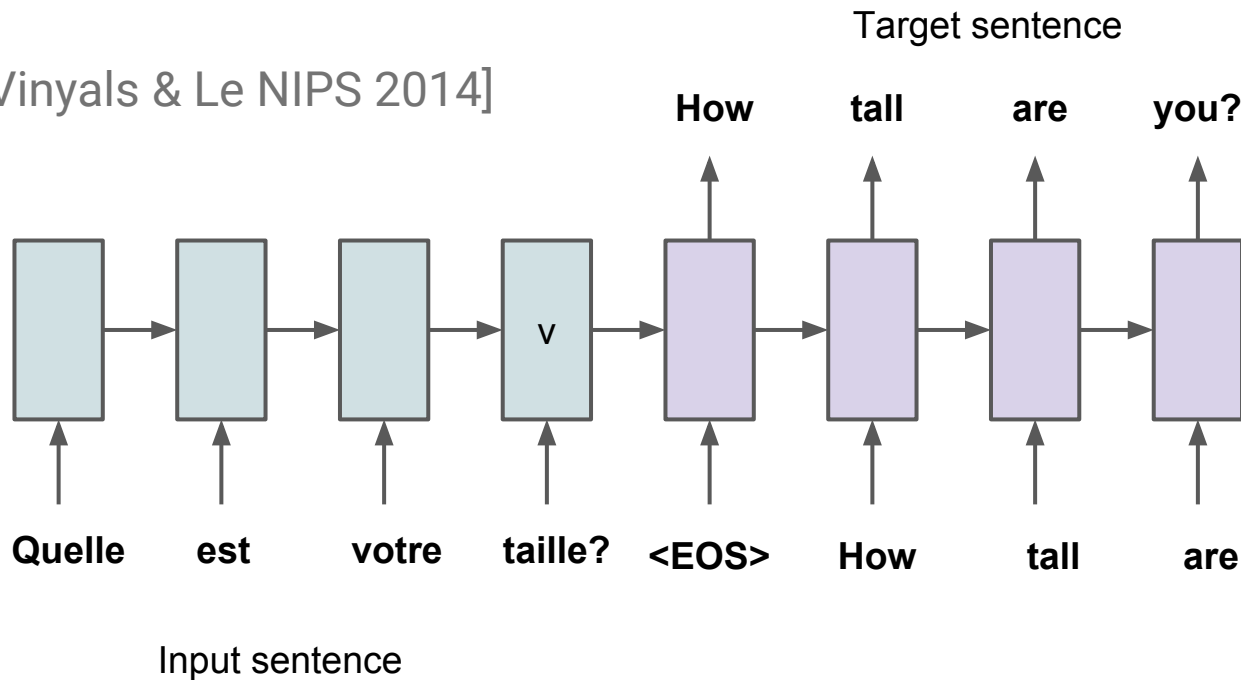
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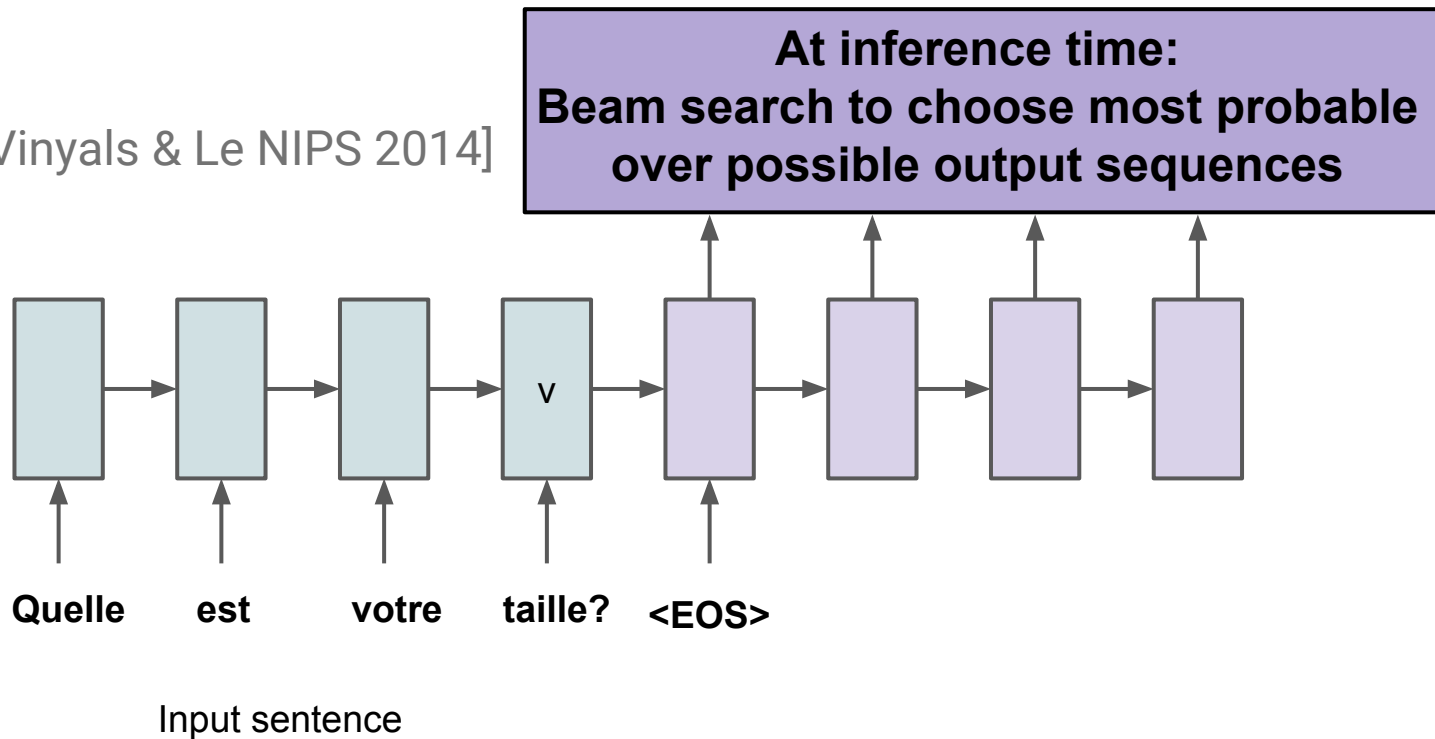
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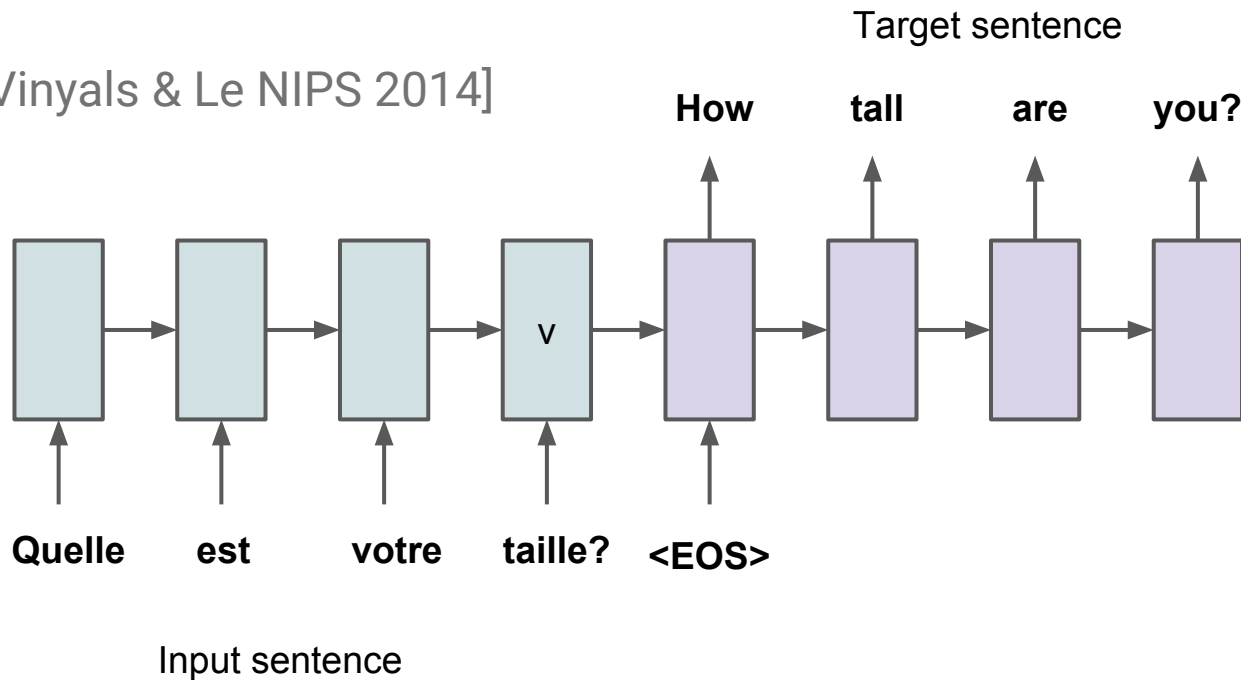
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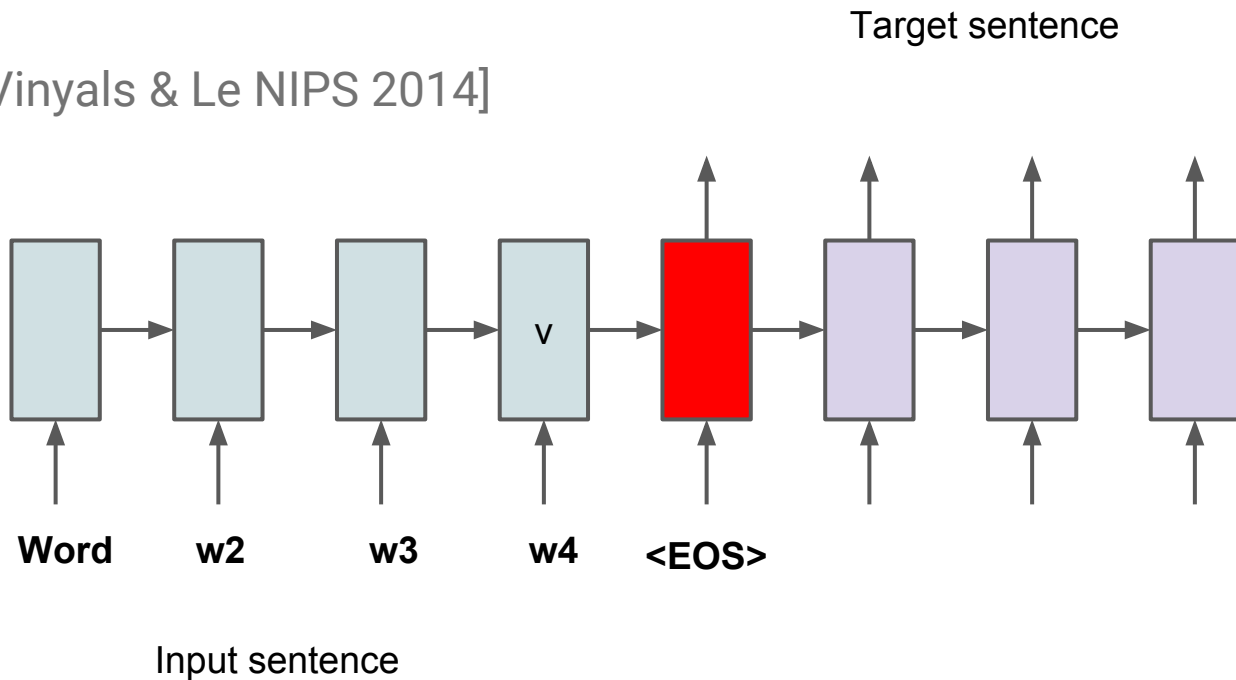
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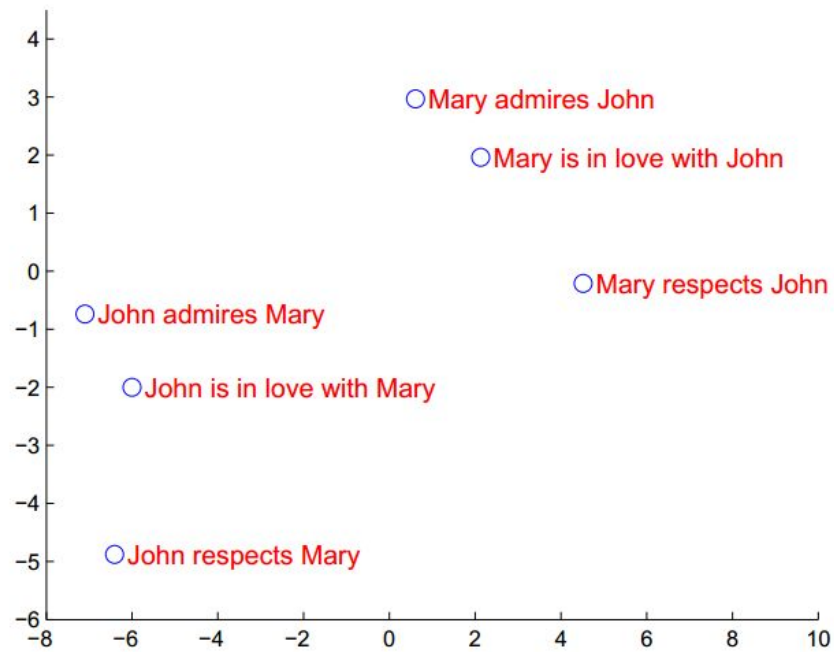
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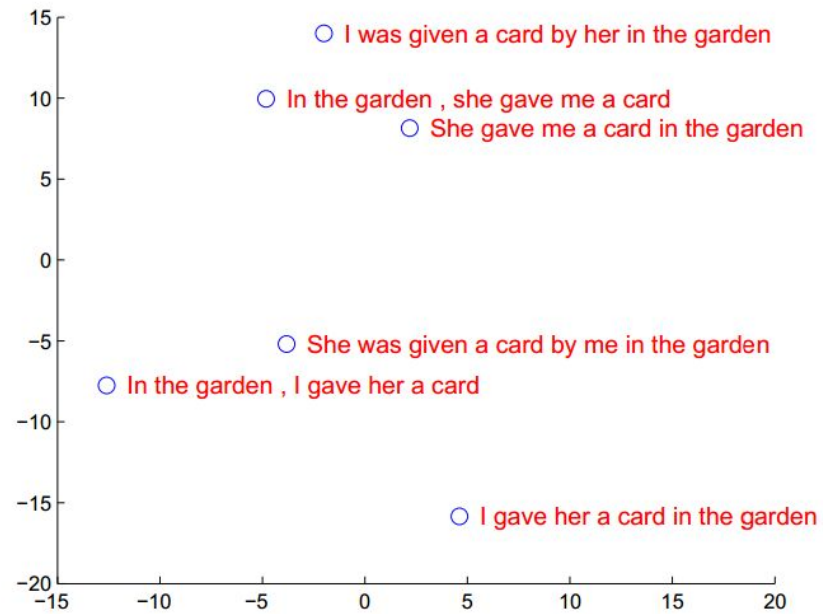


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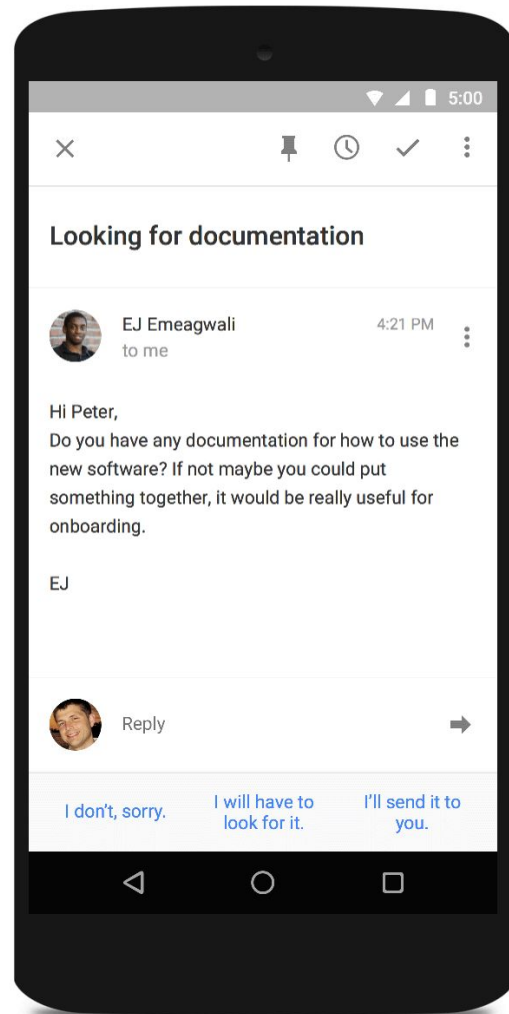


# Smart Reply

*April 1, 2009: April Fool's Day joke*

*Nov 5, 2015: Launched Real Product*

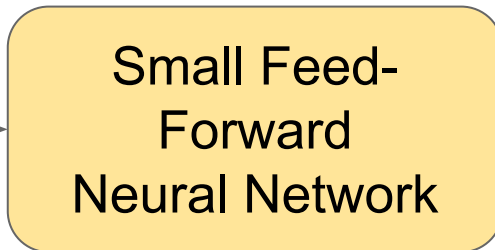
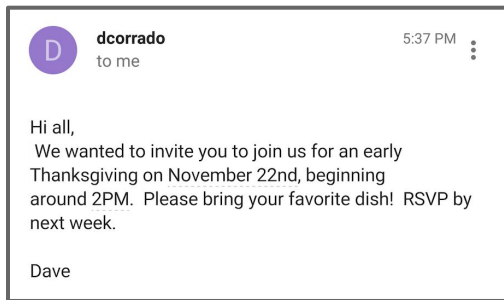
*Feb 1, 2016: >10% of mobile Inbox replies*



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Incoming Email



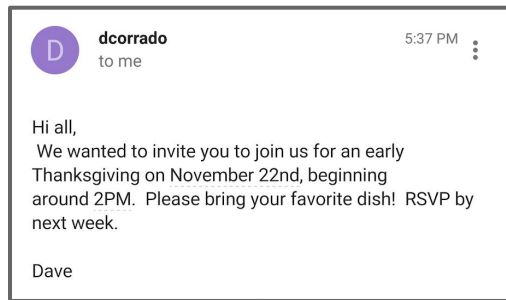
Activate  
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**yes/no**

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Incoming Email



Small Feed-Forward  
Neural Network

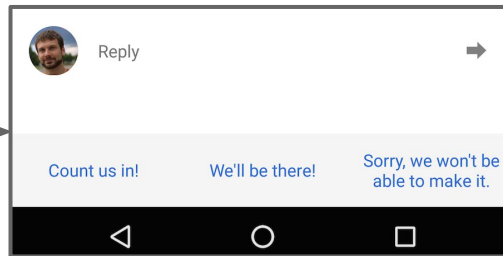
Activate  
Smart Reply?

**yes/no**



Deep Recurrent  
Neural Network

Generated Replies



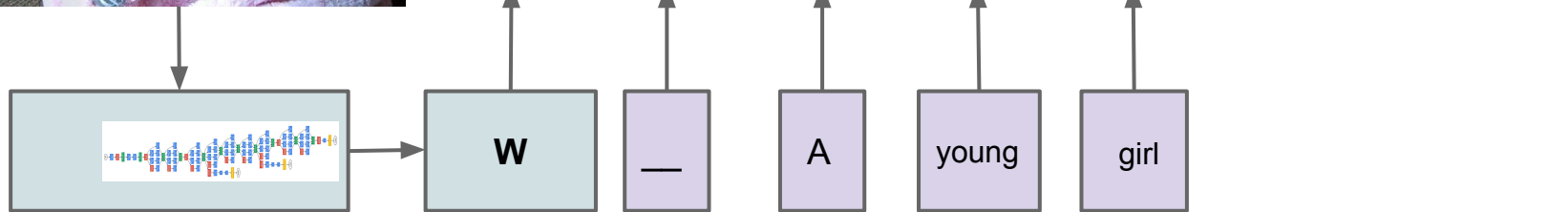
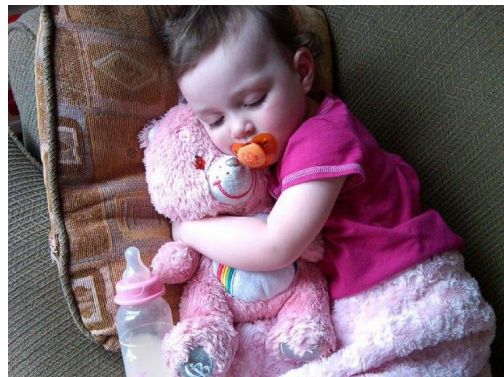


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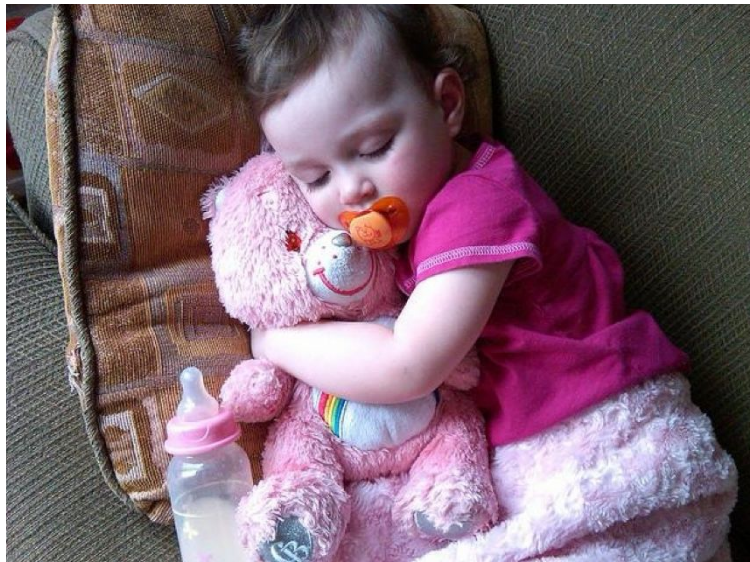
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- **Image captions**: [Mao *et al.*, ICLR 2015][Vinyals *et al.*, CVPR 2015][Donahue *et al.*, CVPR 2015][Xu *et al.*, ICML 2015]
- **Speech**: [Chorowsky *et al.*, NIPS DL 2014][Chan *et al.*, arxiv 2015]
- **Language Understanding**: [Vinyals & Kaiser *et al.*, NIPS 2015][Kiros *et al.*, NIPS 2015]
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- **Video Generation**: [Srivastava *et al.*, ICML 2015]
- **Algorithms**: [Zaremba & Sutskever, arxiv 2014][Vinyals & Fortunato & Jaitly, NIPS 2015][Kaiser & Sutskever, arxiv 2015][Zaremba *et al.*, arxiv 2015]

# Image Captioning

[Vinyals et al., CVPR 2015]



# Image Captioning



*Human:* A young girl asleep on the sofa cuddling a stuffed bear.

*Model:* A close up of a child holding a stuffed animal.

*Model:* A baby is asleep next to a teddy bear.





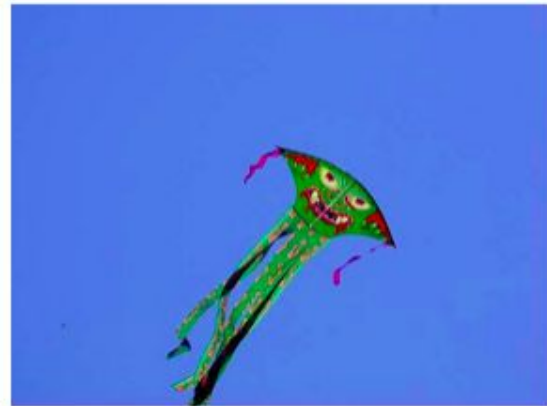
A man holding a tennis racquet  
on a tennis court.



Two pizzas sitting on top  
of a stove top oven



A group of young people  
playing a game of Frisbee



A man flying through the air  
while riding a snowboard



# Combined Vision + Translation

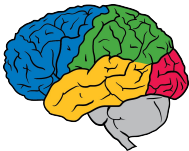


# Turnaround Time and Effect on Research

- Minutes, Hours:
  - **Interactive research! Instant gratification!**
- 1-4 days
  - Tolerable
  - Interactivity replaced by running many experiments in parallel
- 1-4 weeks:
  - High value experiments only
  - Progress stalls
- >1 month
  - Don't even try



Train in a day what would take a single GPU card 6 weeks



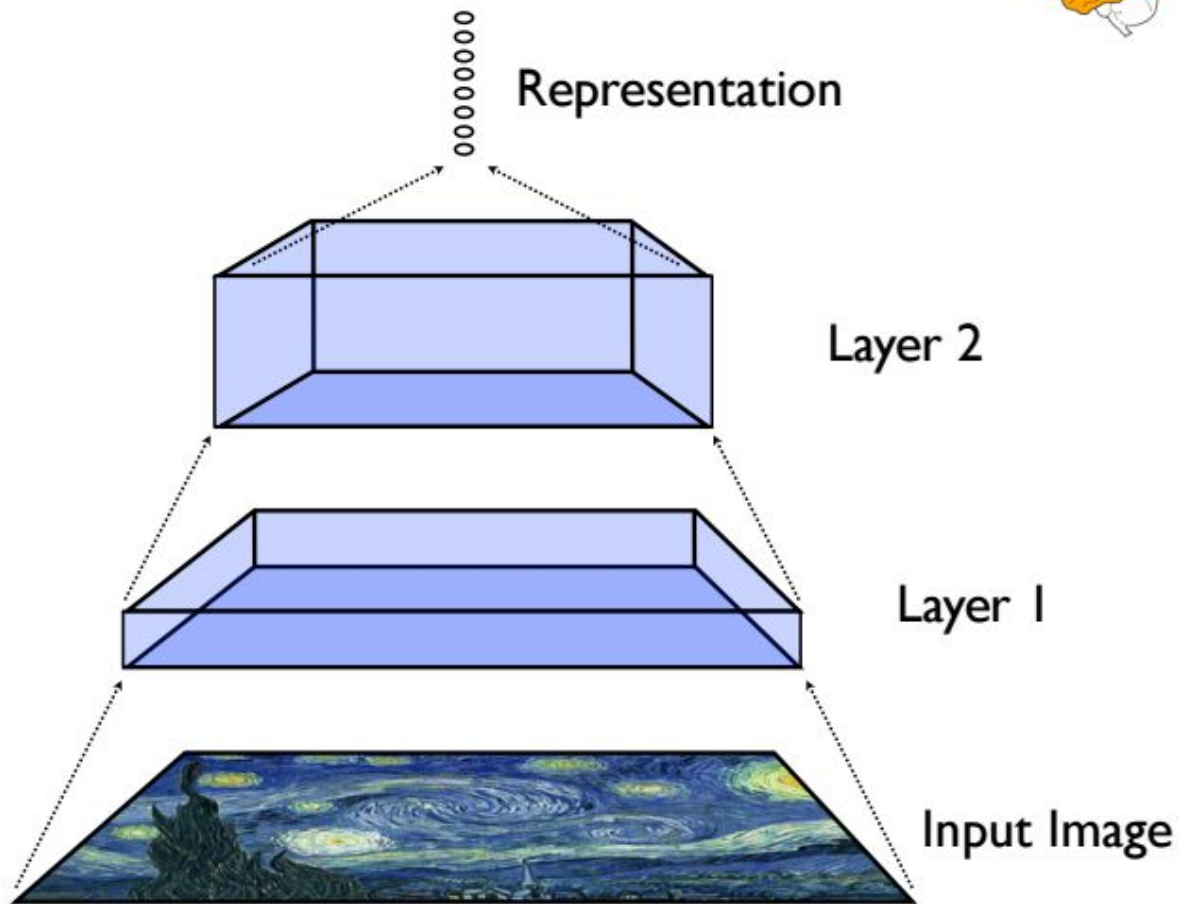
# How Can We Train Large, Powerful Models Quickly?

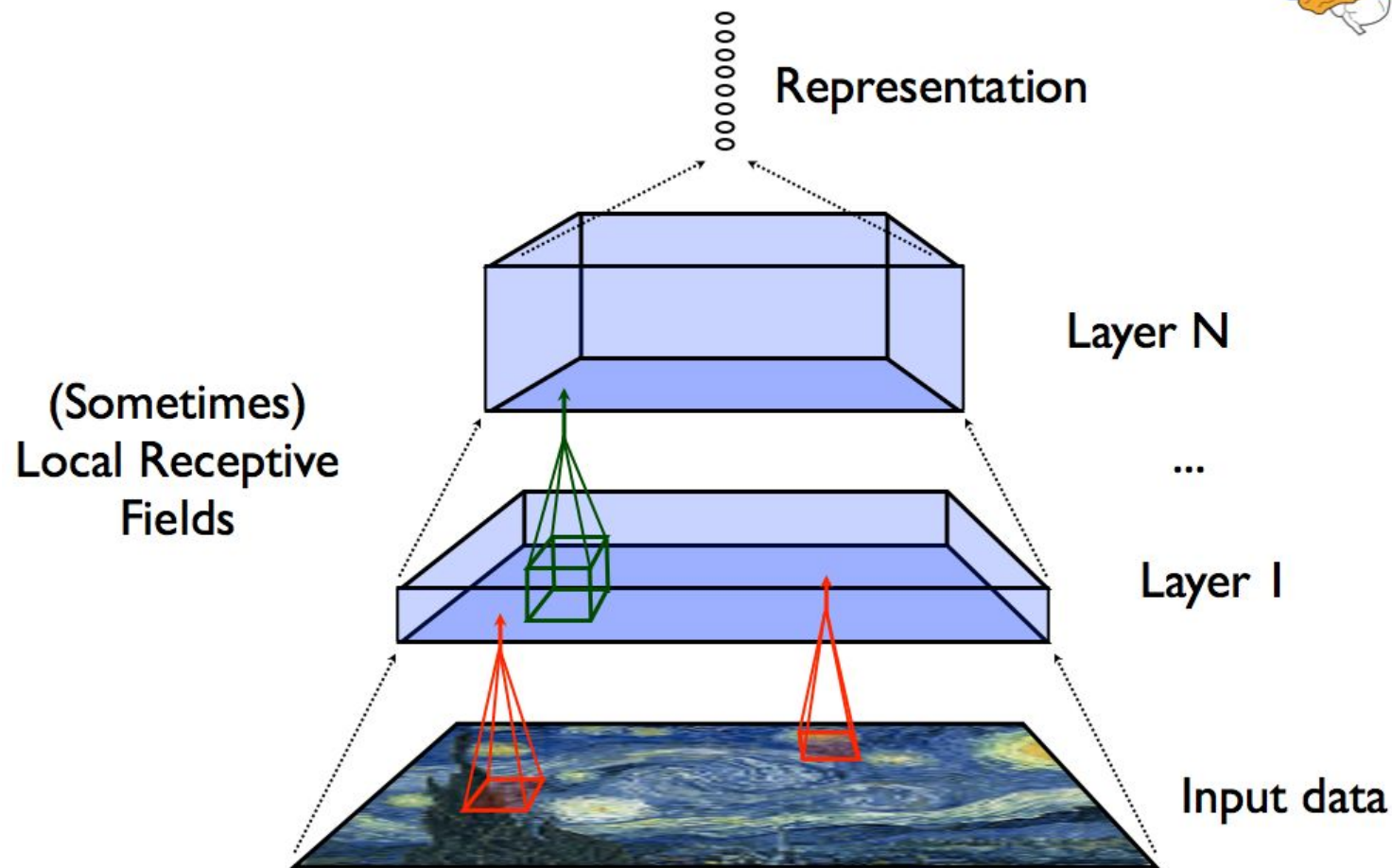
- Exploit many kinds of parallelism
  - Model parallelism
  - Data parallelism



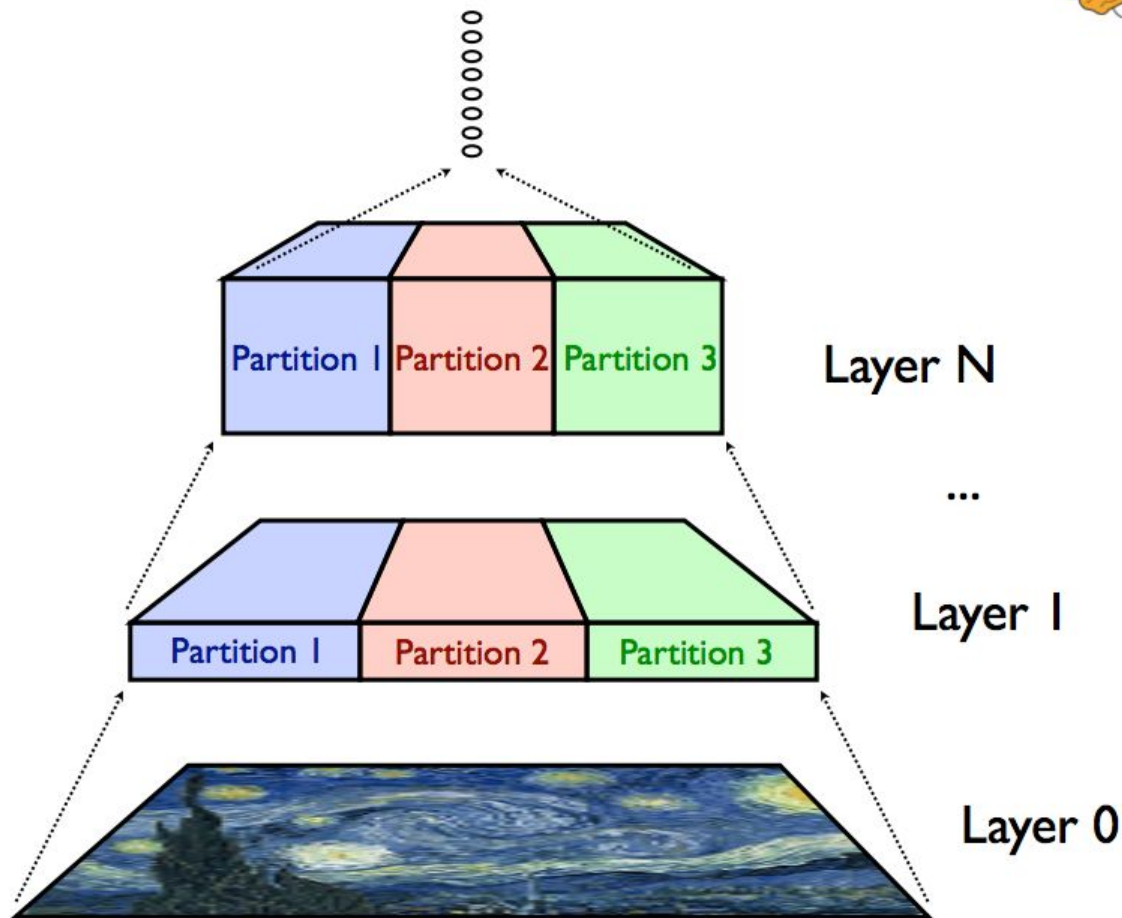


# Model Parallelism



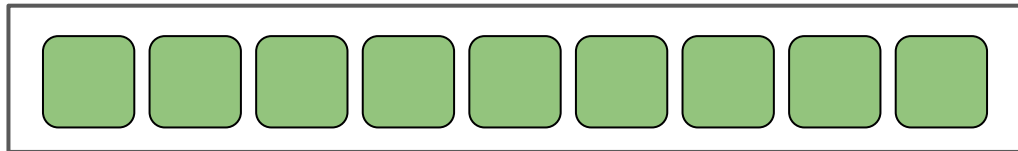


# Model Parallelism: Partition model across machines

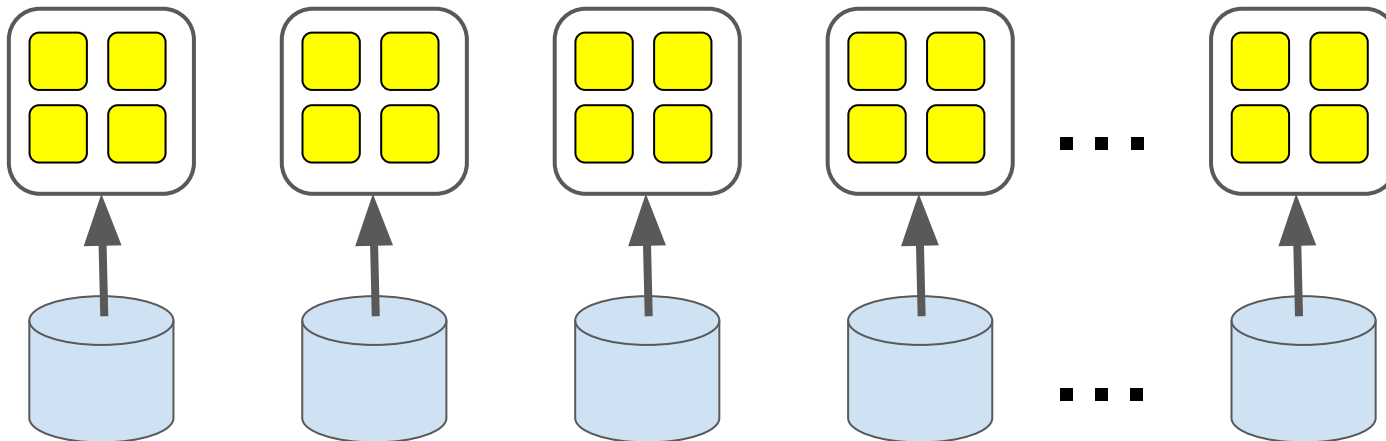


# Data Parallelism

Parameter Servers



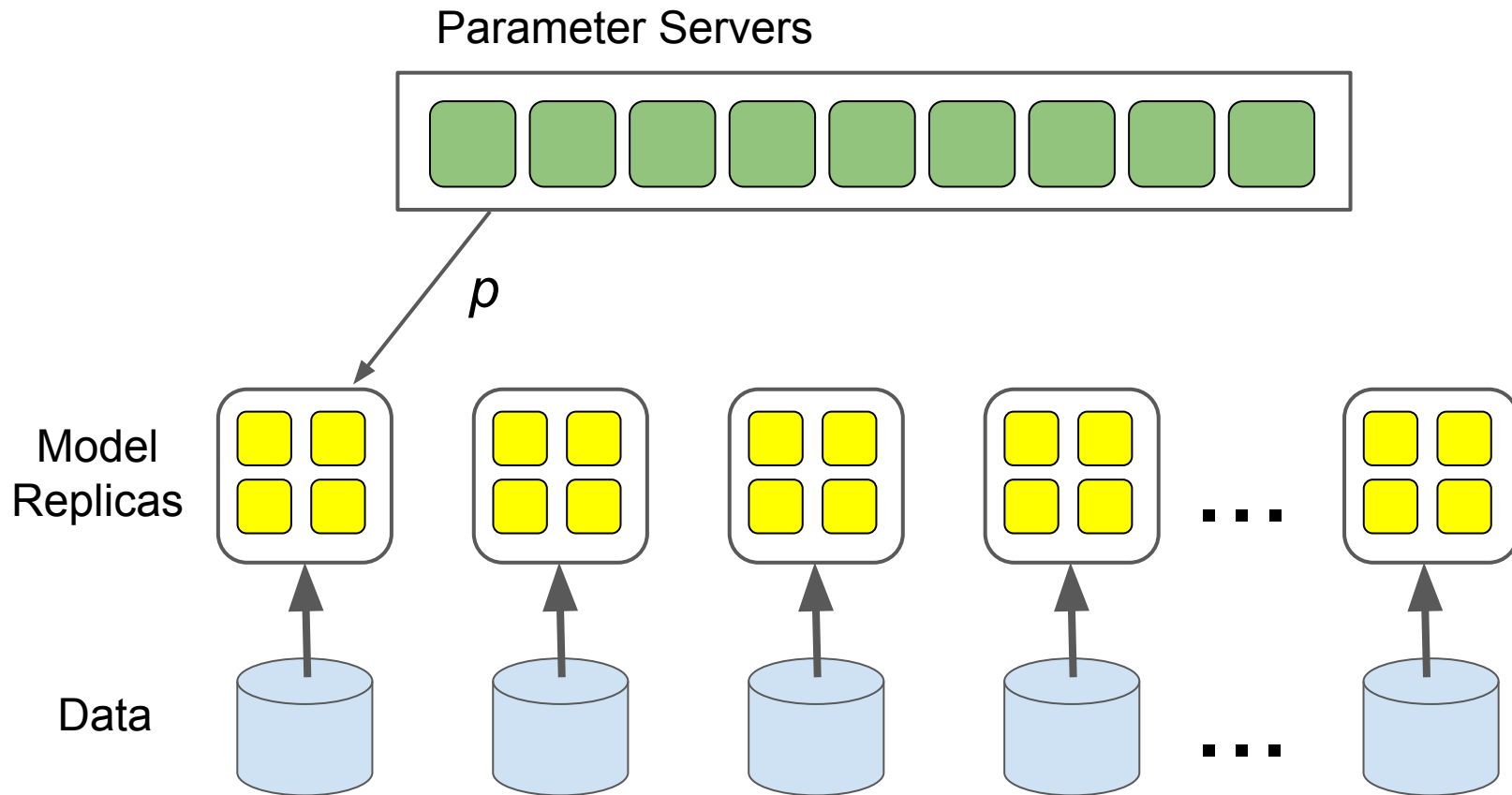
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Replicas



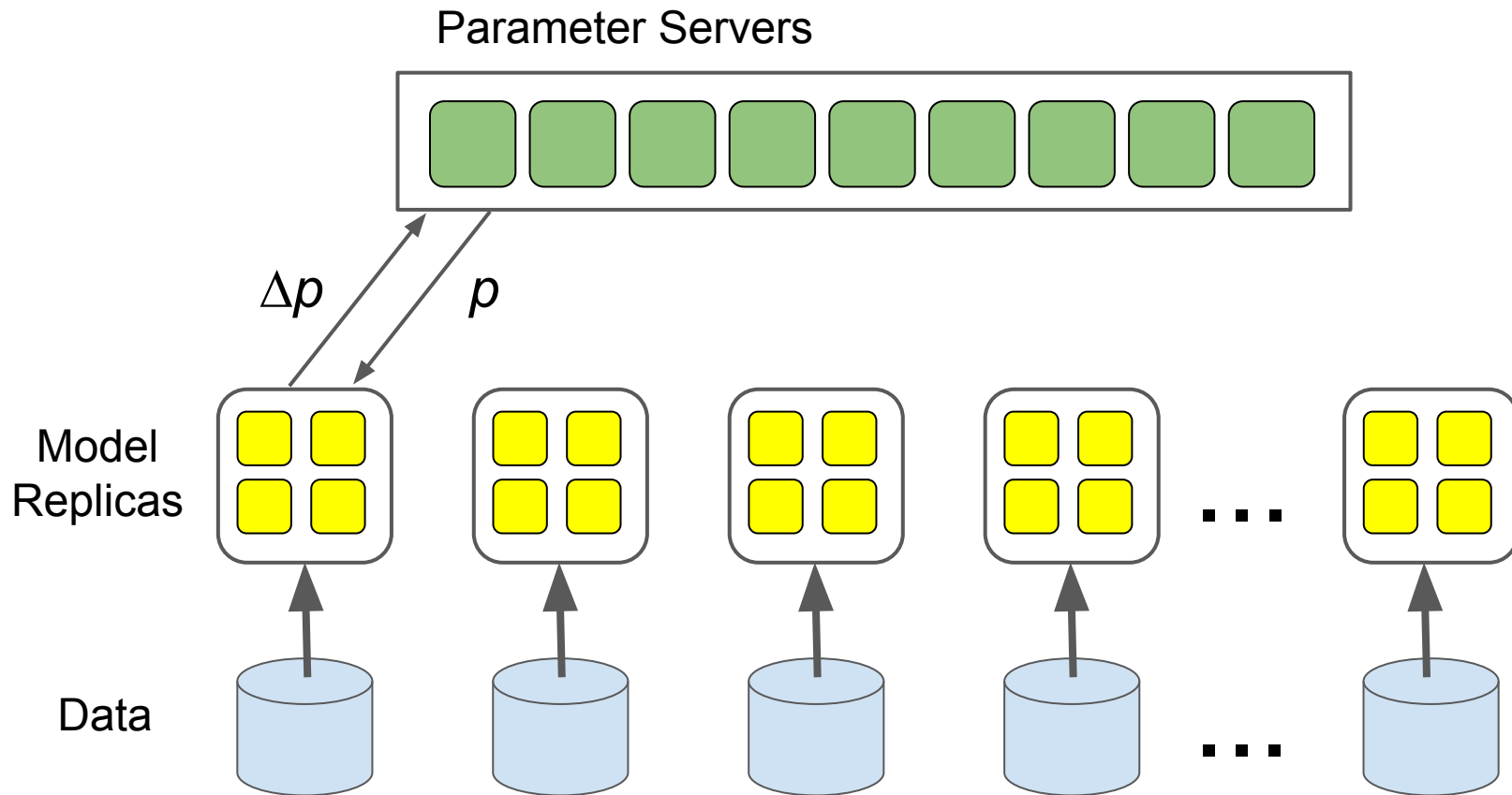
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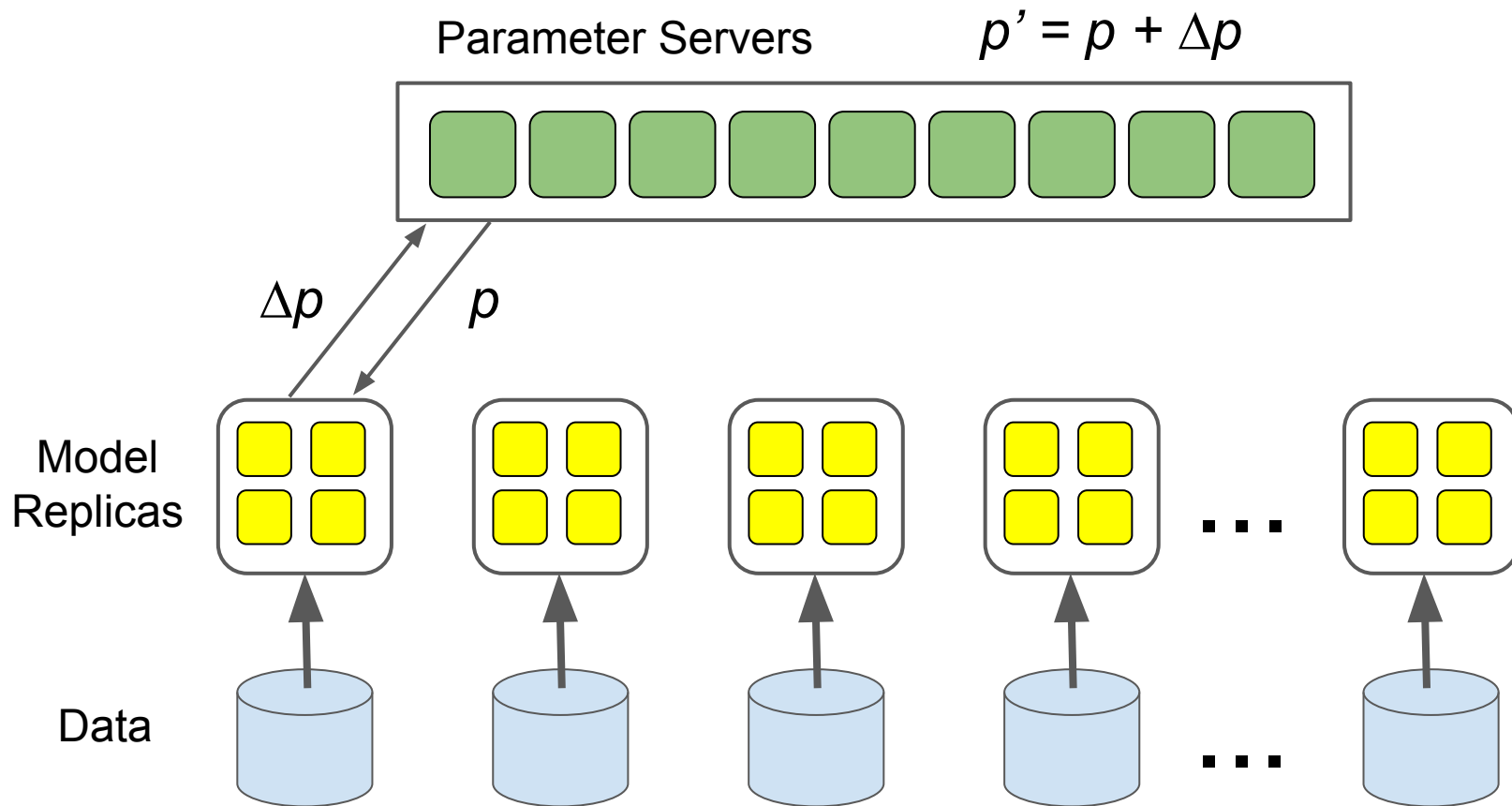
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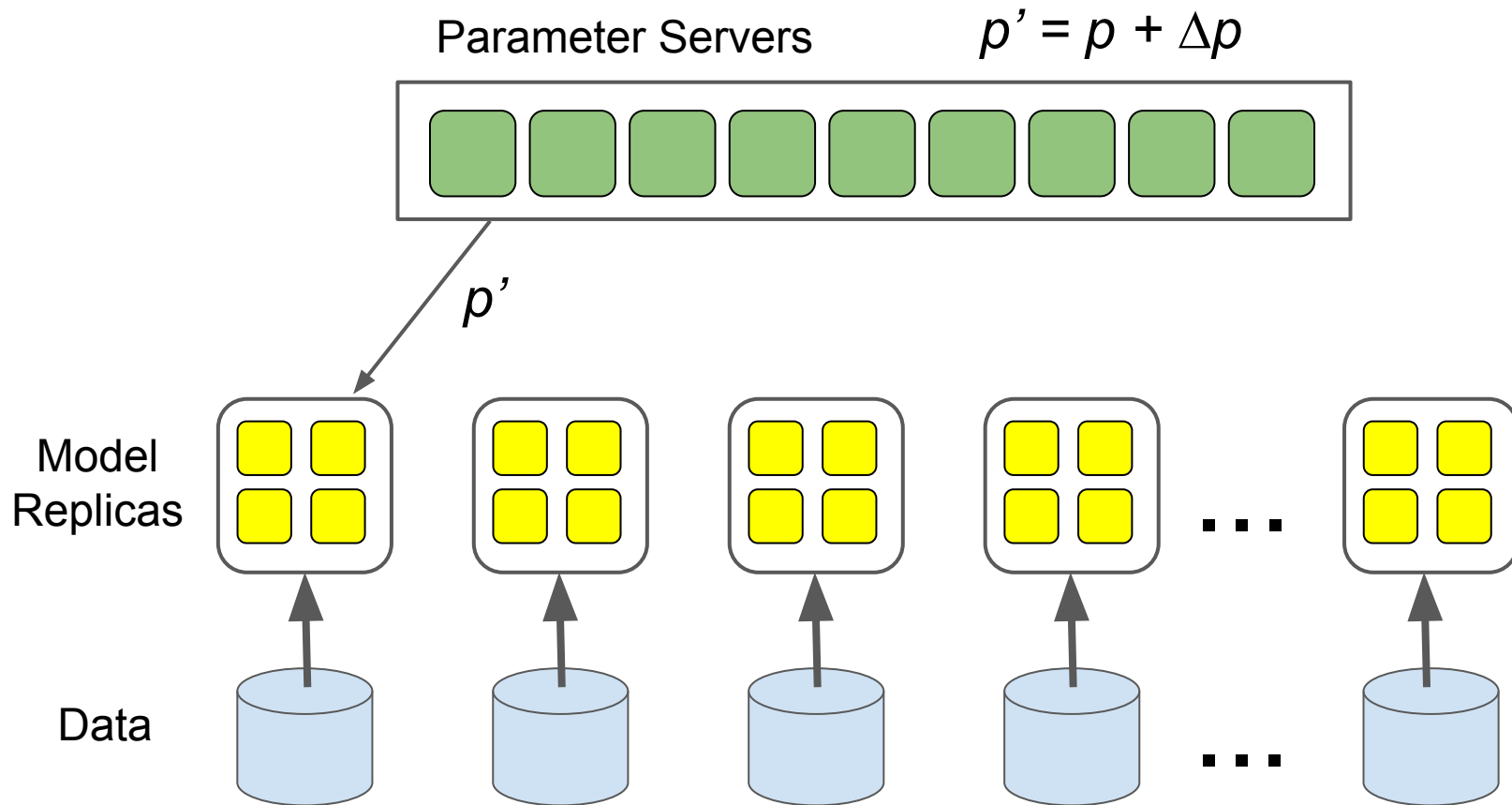
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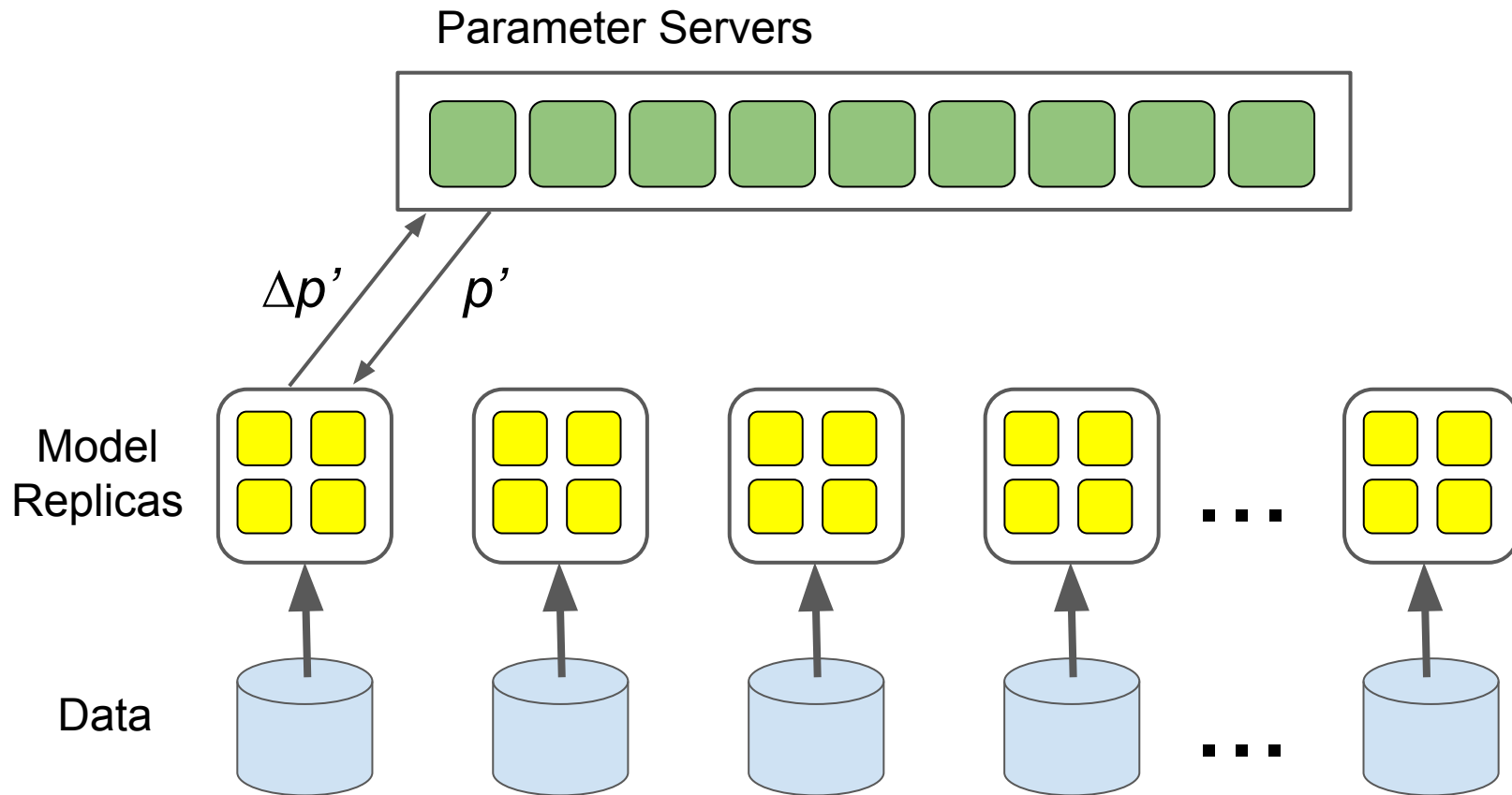


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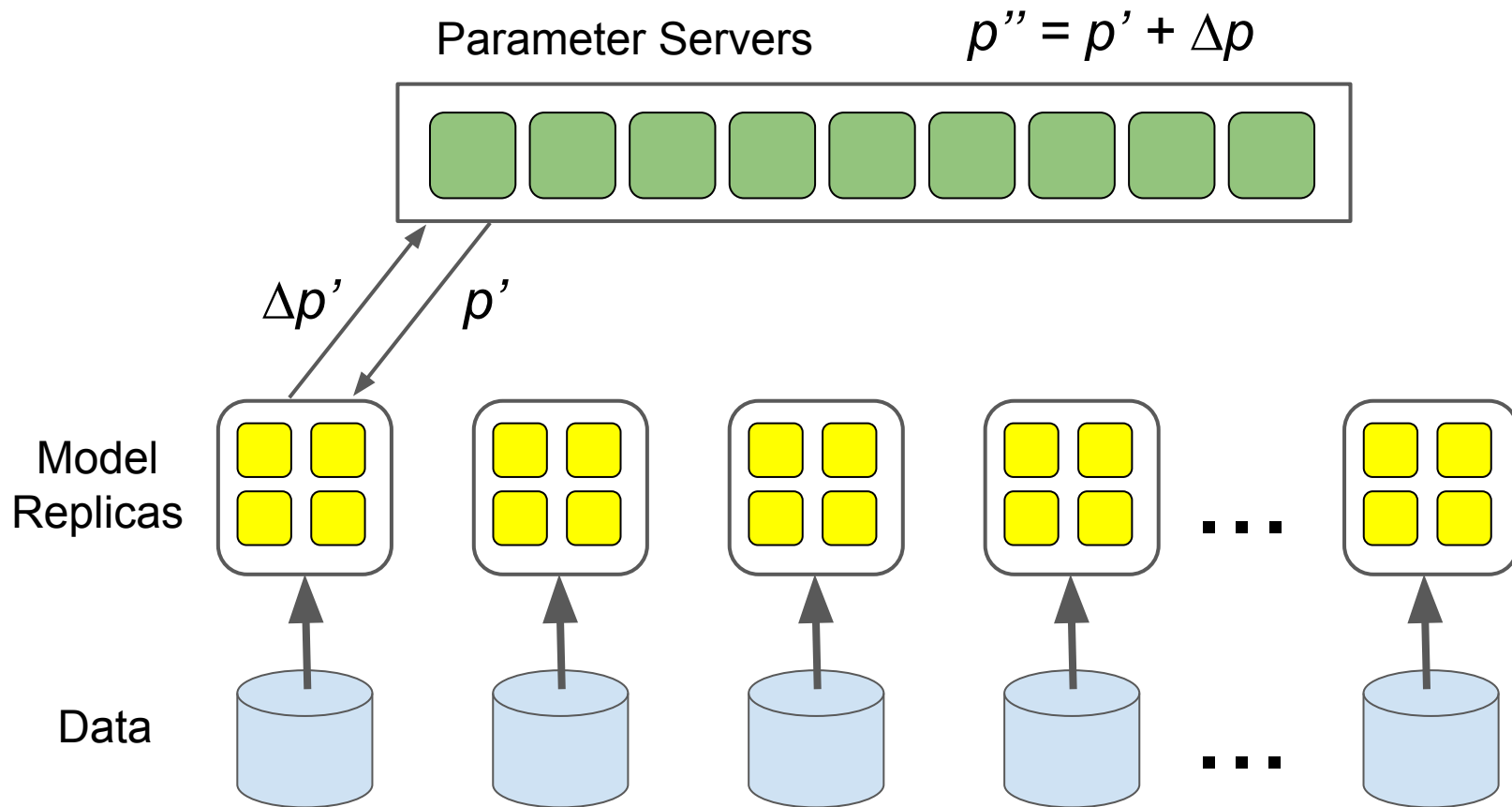




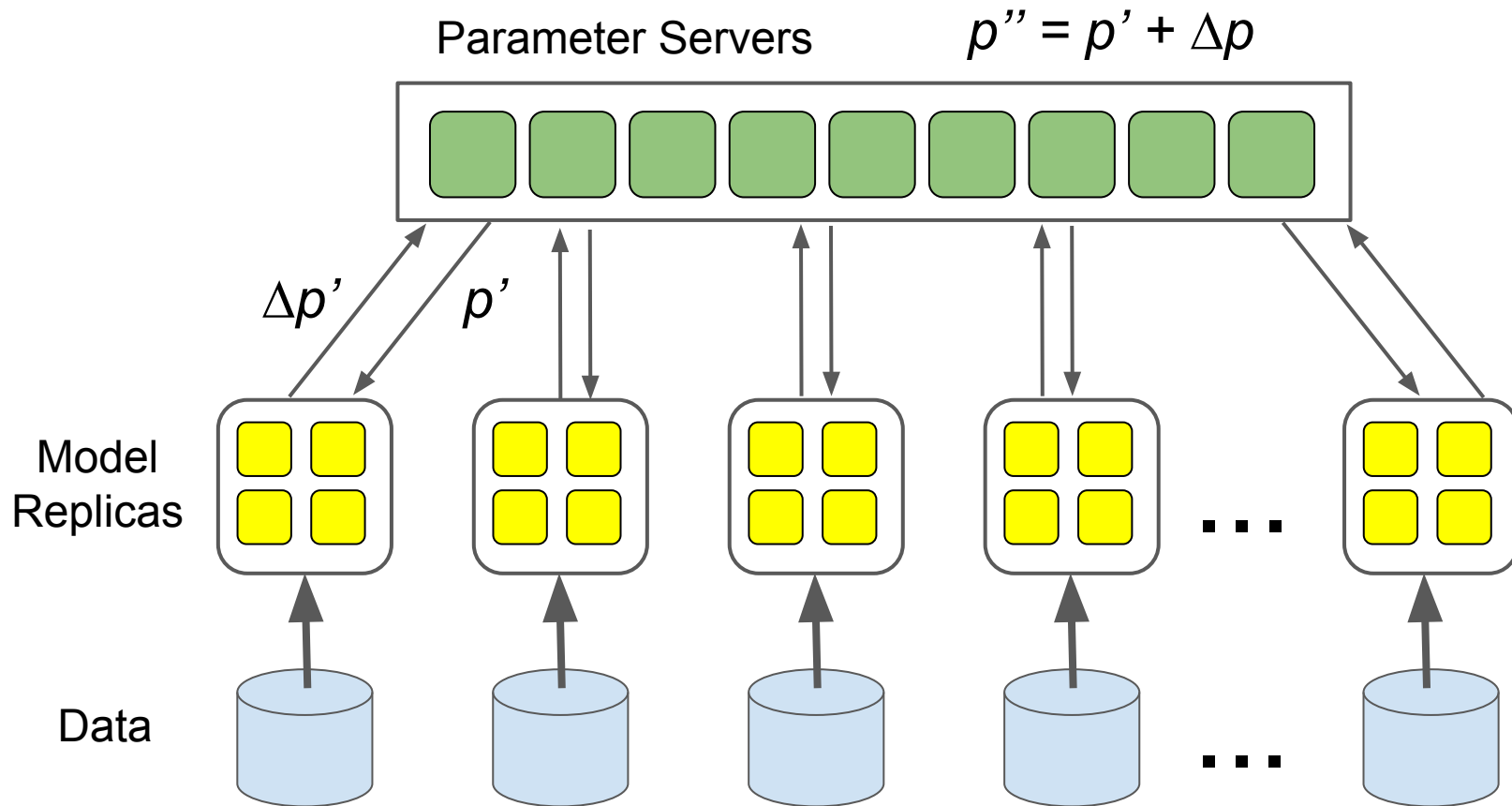
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# Data Parallelism Choices

Can do this **synchronously**:

- **N replicas** equivalent to an **N times larger batch size**
- Pro: No noise
- Con: Less fault tolerant (requires some recovery if any single machine fails)

Can do this **asynchronously**:

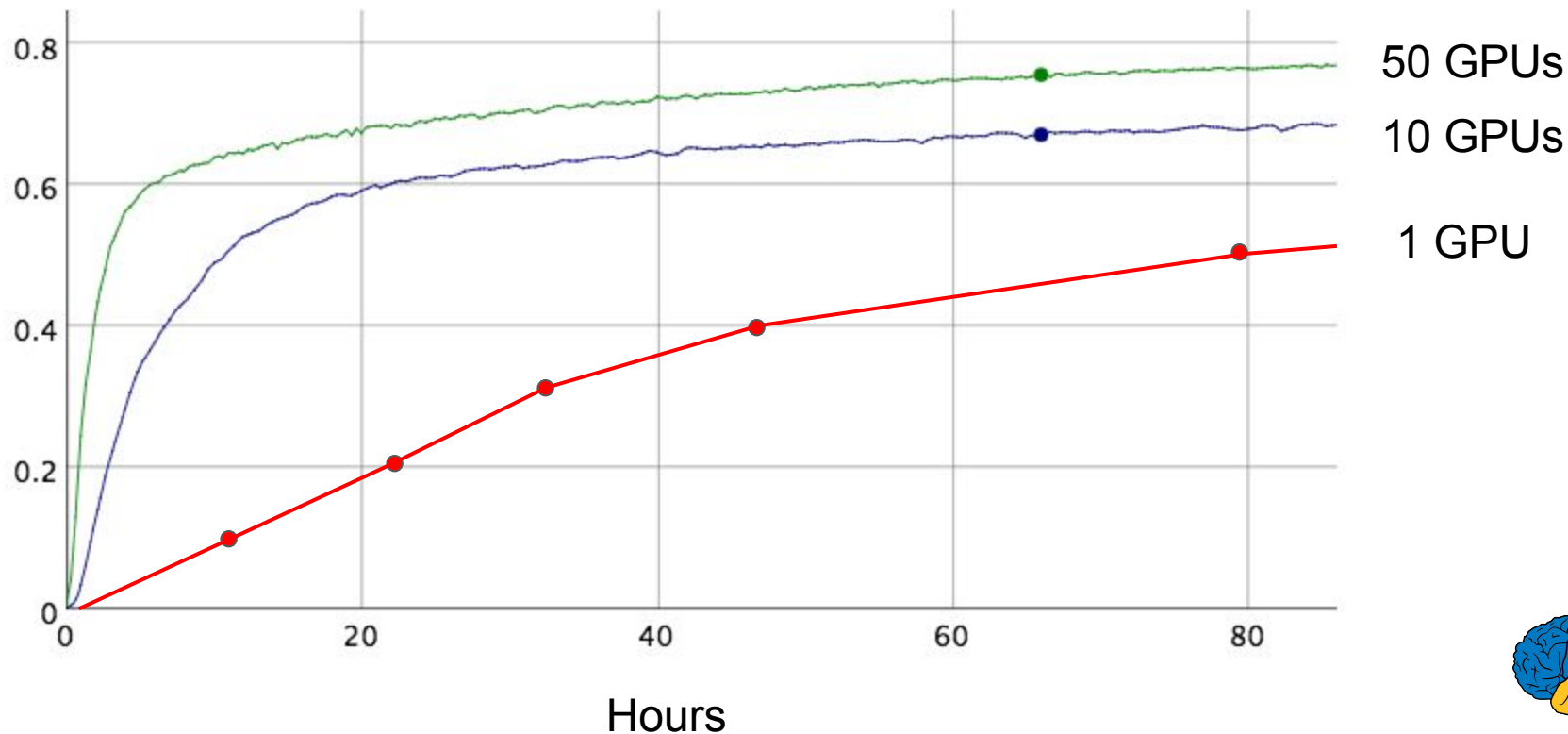
- Con: Noise in gradients
- Pro: Relatively fault tolerant (failure in model replica doesn't block other replicas)

(Or **hybrid**: M asynchronous groups of N synchronous replicas)



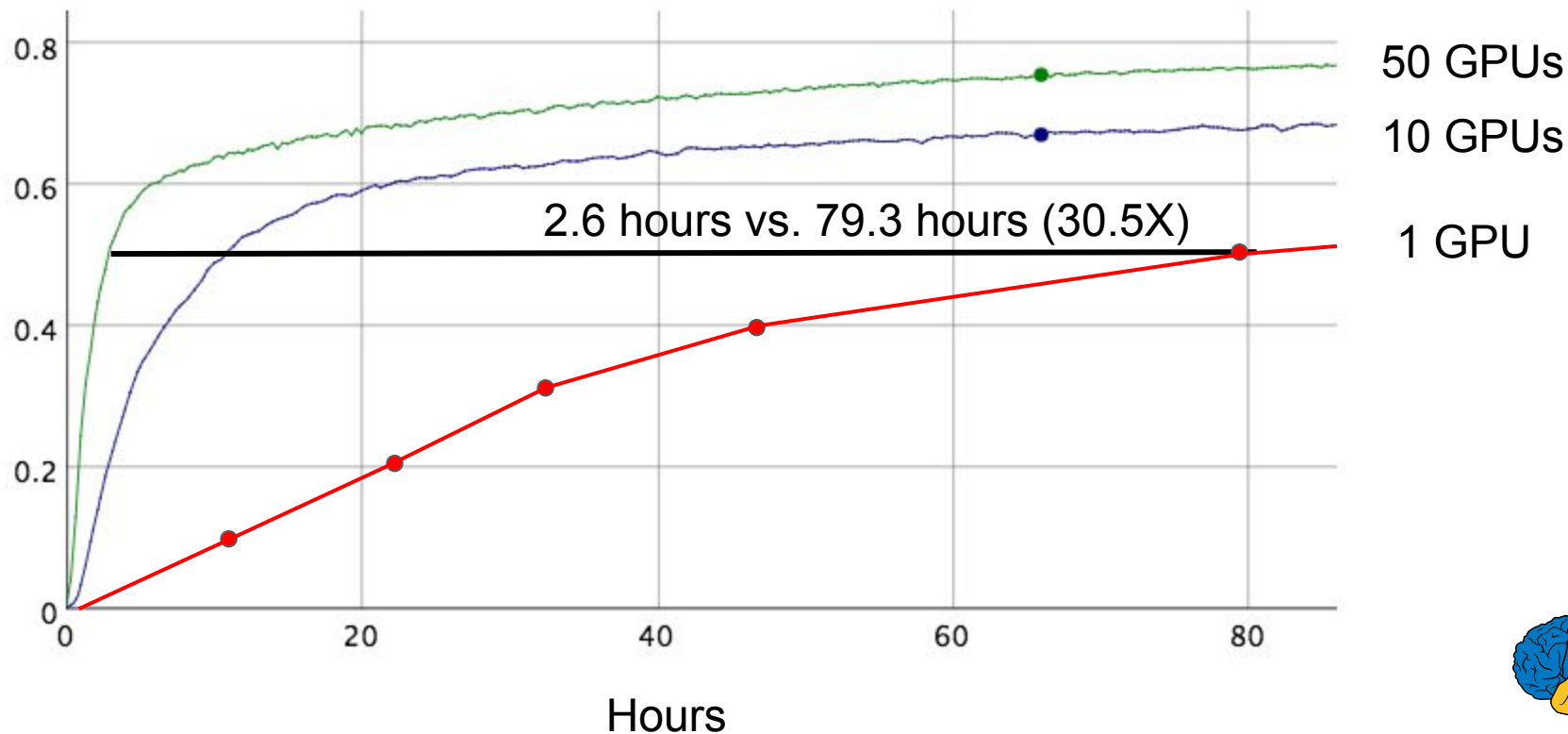
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Precision @ 1



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# What do you want in a machine learning system?

- **Ease of expression:** for lots of crazy ML ideas/algorithms
- **Scalability:** can run experiments quickly
- **Portability:** can run on wide variety of platforms
- **Reproducibility:** easy to share and reproduce research
- **Production readiness:** go from research to real products





<http://tensorflow.org/>

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# **TensorFlow:**

## **Large-Scale Machine Learning on Heterogeneous Distributed Systems**

(Preliminary White Paper, November 9, 2015)

Martín Abadi, Ashish Agarwal, Paul Barham, Eugene Brevdo, Zhifeng Chen, Craig Citro, Greg S. Corrado, Andy Davis, Jeffrey Dean, Matthieu Devin, Sanjay Ghemawat, Ian Goodfellow, Andrew Harp, Geoffrey Irving, Michael Isard, Yangqing Jia, Rafal Jozefowicz, Lukasz Kaiser, Manjunath Kudlur, Josh Levenberg, Dan Mané, Rajat Monga, Sherry Moore, Derek Murray, Chris Olah, Mike Schuster, Jonathon Shlens, Benoit Steiner, Ilya Sutskever, Kunal Talwar, Paul Tucker, Vincent Vanhoucke, Vijay Vasudevan, Fernanda Viégas, Oriol Vinyals, Pete Warden, Martin Wattenberg, Martin Wicke, Yuan Yu, and Xiaoqiang Zheng  
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### **Abstract**

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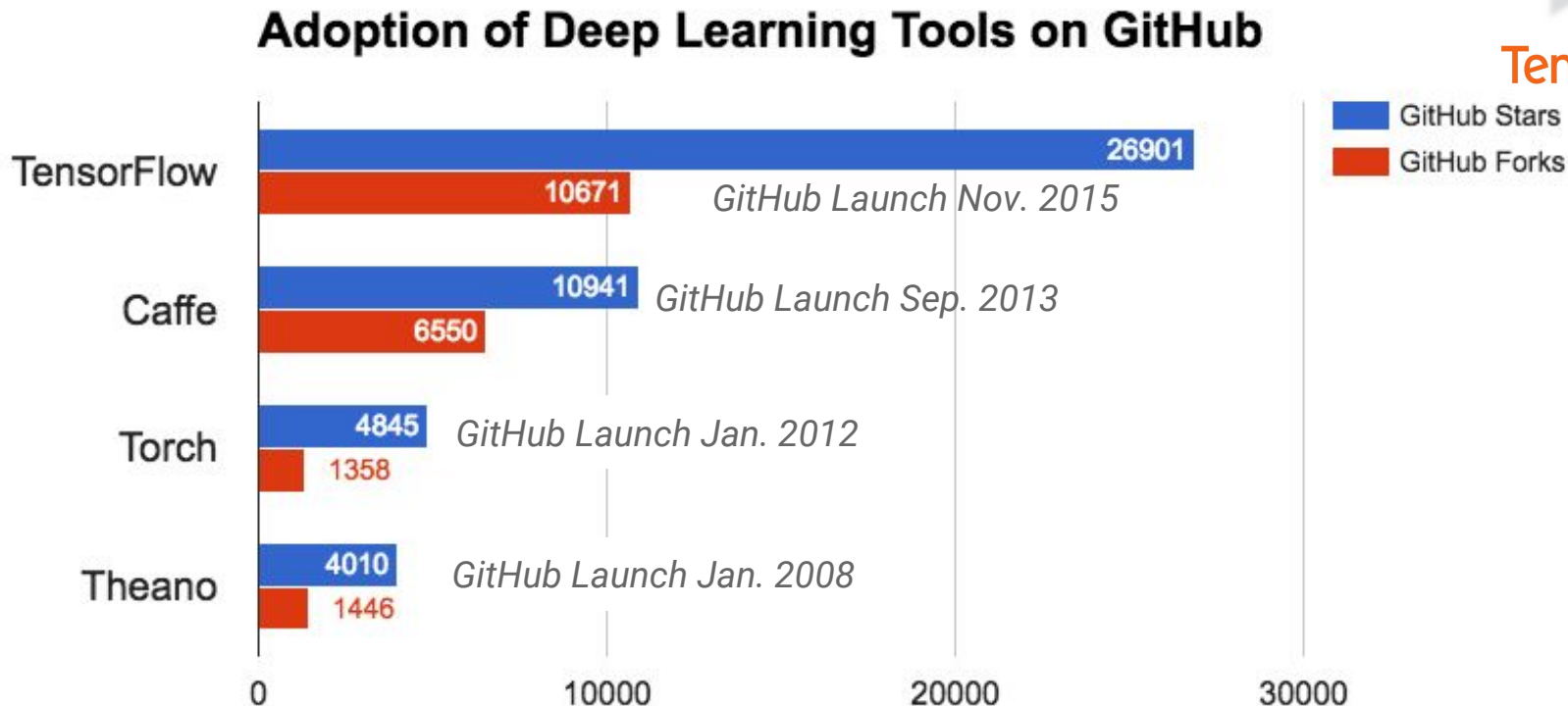
sequence prediction [47], move selection for Go [34], pedestrian detection [2], reinforcement learning [38], and other areas [17, 5]. In addition, often in close collaboration with the Google Brain team, more than 50 teams at Google and other Alphabet companies have deployed deep neural networks using DistBelief in a wide variety

<http://tensorflow.org/whitepaper2015.pdf>

# Strong External Adoption



TensorFlow

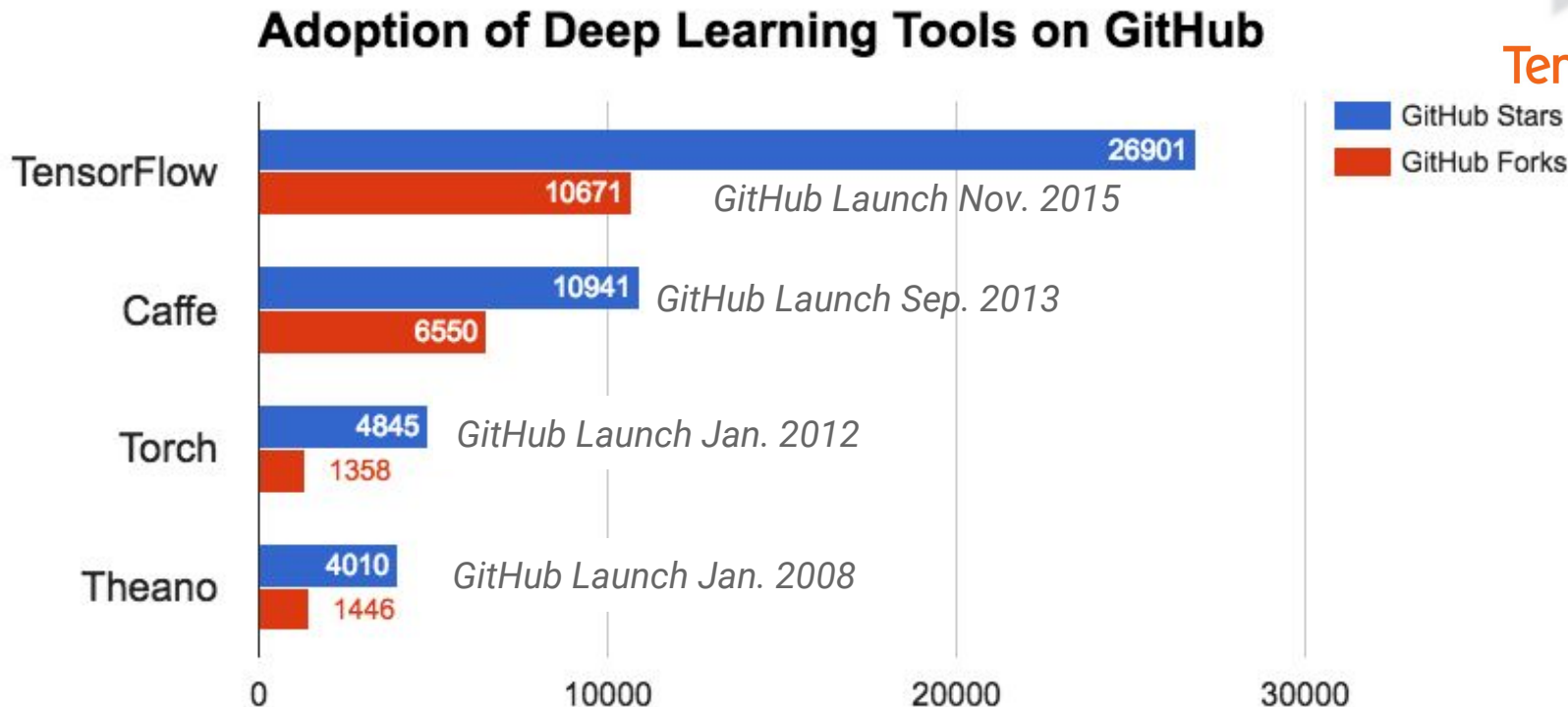


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**Most forked repository on GitHub in 2015 (despite only being available in Nov, '15)**

Version: master**MNIST For ML Beginners**

The MNIST Data  
Softmax Regressions  
Implementing the Regression  
Training  
Evaluating Our Model

**Deep MNIST for Experts**

Setup  
Load MNIST Data  
Start TensorFlow InteractiveSession  
Build a Softmax Regression Model  
Placeholders  
Variables  
Predicted Class and Cost Function  
Train the Model  
Evaluate the Model  
Build a Multilayer Convolutional Network  
Weight Initialization  
Convolution and Pooling  
First Convolutional Layer  
Second Convolutional Layer  
Densely Connected Layer  
Readout Layer  
Train and Evaluate the Model

**TensorFlow Mechanics 101**

Tutorial Files  
Prepare the Data

## TensorFlow Mechanics 101

This is a technical tutorial, where we walk you through the details of using TensorFlow infrastructure to train models at scale. We use again MNIST as the example.

[View Tutorial](#)

## Convolutional Neural Networks

An introduction to convolutional neural networks using the CIFAR-10 data set. Convolutional neural nets are particularly tailored to images, since they exploit translation invariance to yield more compact and effective representations of visual content.

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## Vector Representations of Words

This tutorial motivates why it is useful to learn to represent words as vectors (called word embeddings). It introduces the word2vec model as an efficient method for learning embeddings. It also covers the high-level details behind noise-contrastive training methods (the biggest recent advance in training embeddings).

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## Recurrent Neural Networks

An introduction to RNNs, wherein we train an LSTM network to predict the next word in an English sentence. (A task sometimes called language modeling.)

[View Tutorial](#)

## Sequence-to-Sequence Models





A follow on to the RNN tutorial, where we assemble a sequence-to-sequence model for machine translation. You will learn to build your own English-to-French translator, entirely machine learned, end-to-end.

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Models built with **TensorFlow**

# Motivations

DistBelief (1st system) was great for scalability, and production training of basic kinds of models

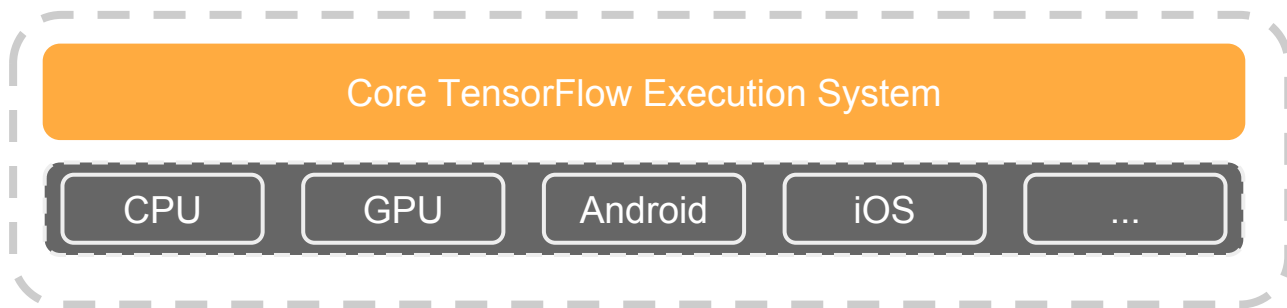
Not as flexible as we wanted for research purposes

Better understanding of problem space allowed us to make some dramatic simplifications



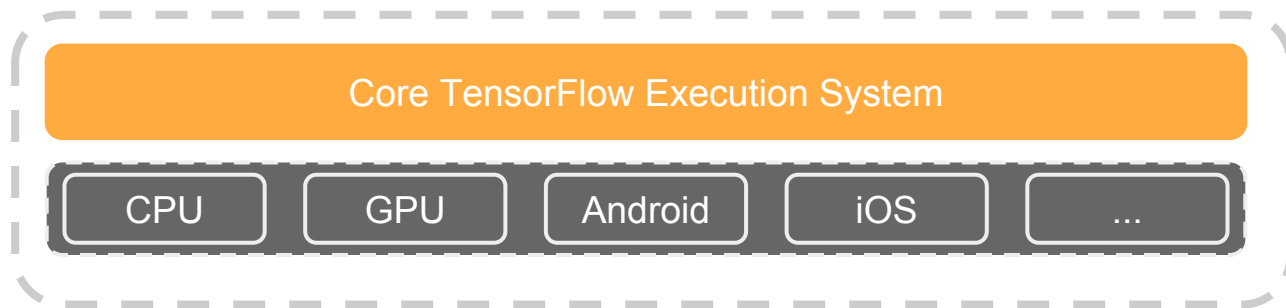
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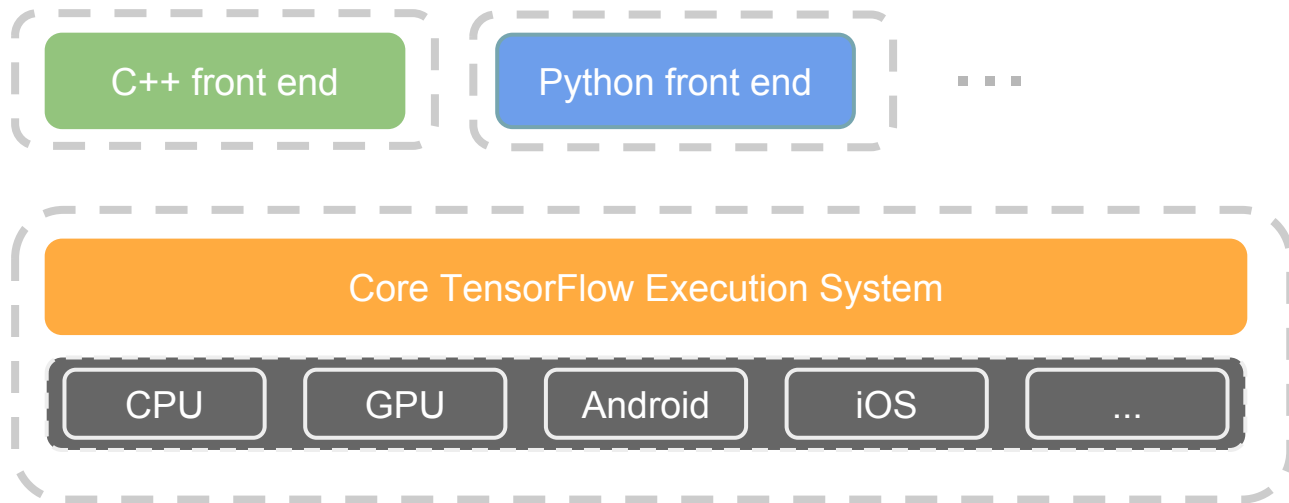
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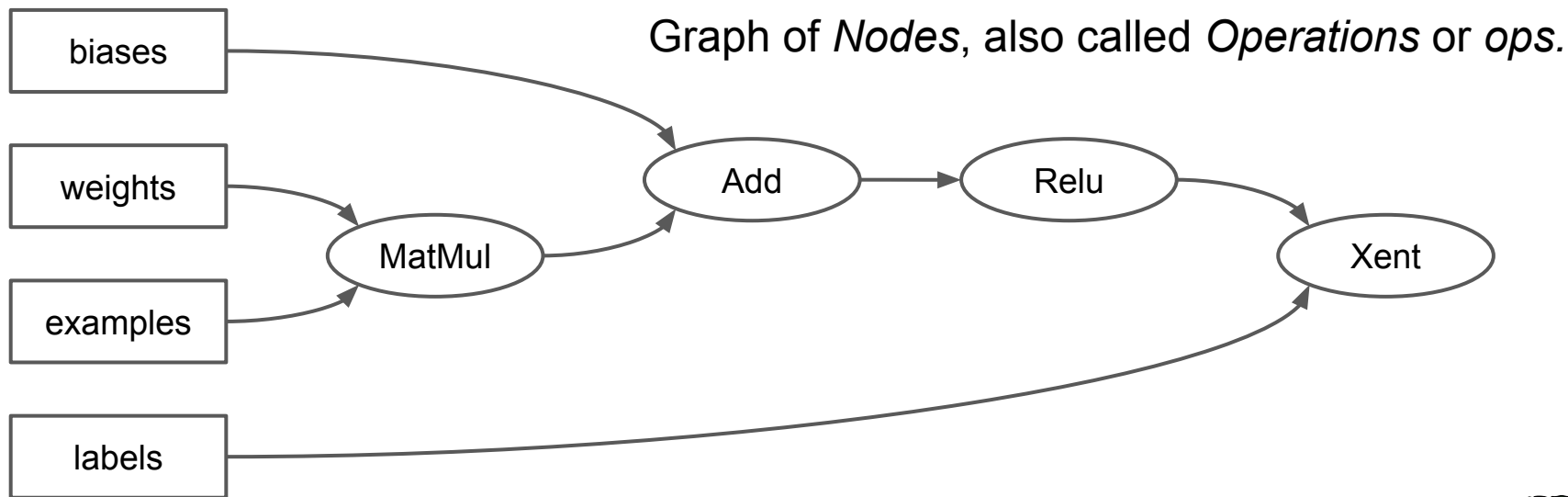


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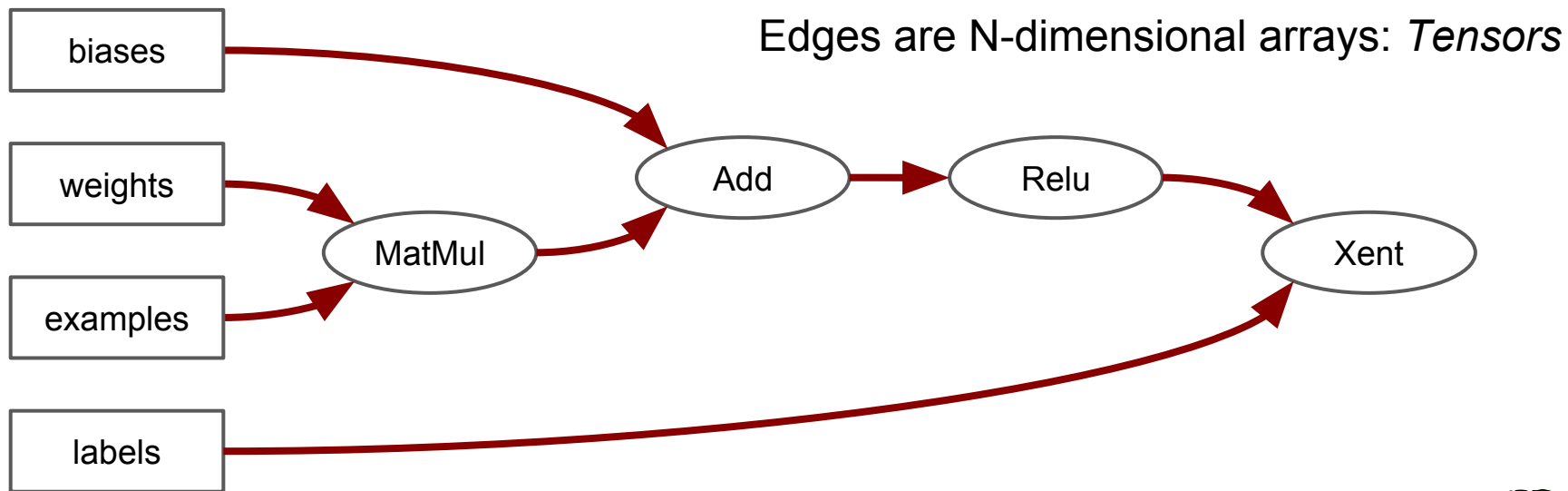


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**with tensors**



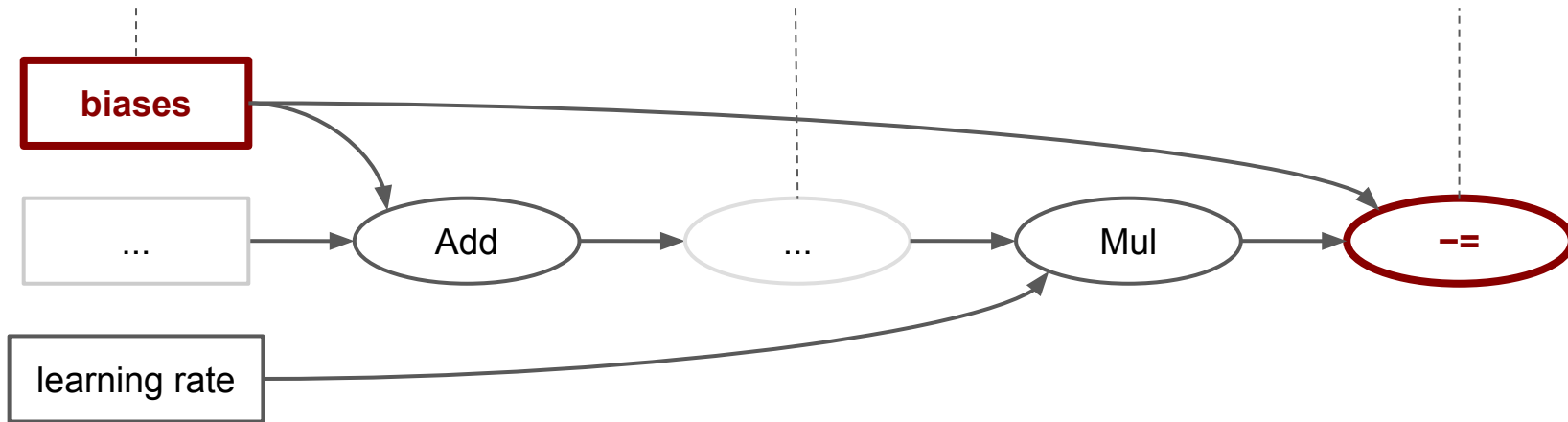
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**with state**

**'Biases' is a variable**

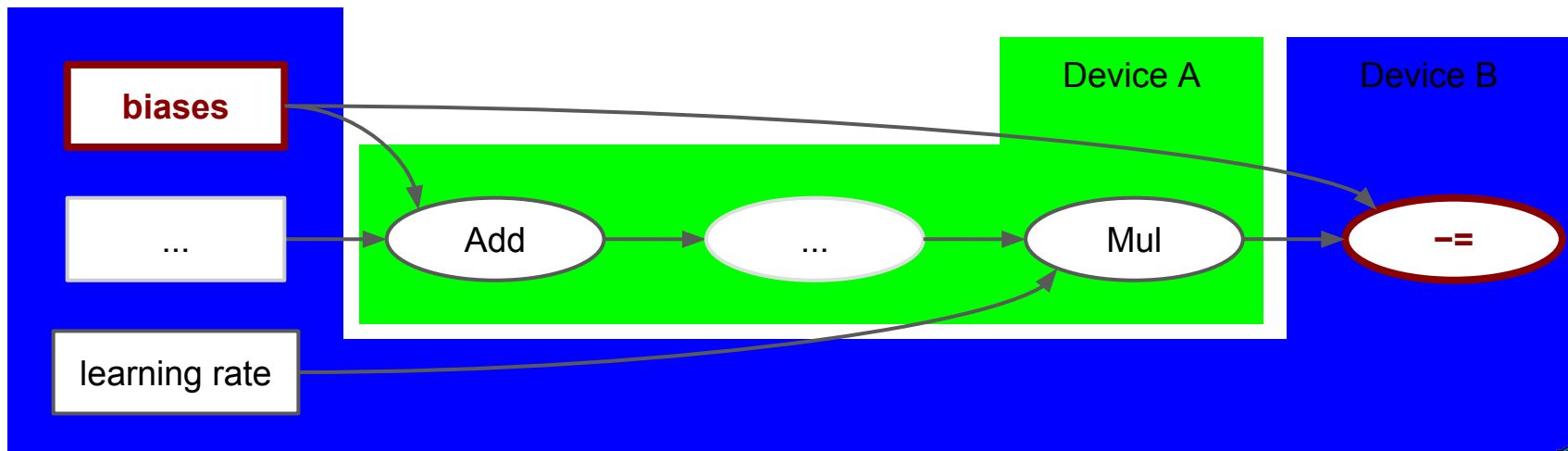
**Some ops compute gradients**

**-- updates biases**

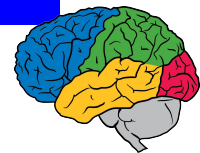


# Computation is a dataflow graph

**distributed**



Devices: Processes, Machines, GPUs, etc



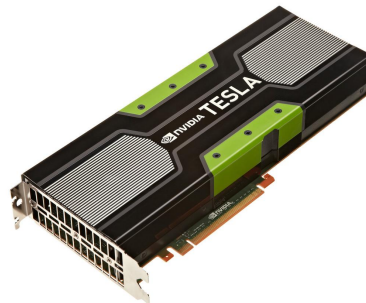
# TensorFlow: Expressing High-Level ML Computations

Automatically runs models on range of platforms:

from **phones** ...



to **single machines** (CPU and/or GPUs) ...



to **distributed systems** of many 100s of GPU cards



# Trend: Much More Heterogeneous hardware

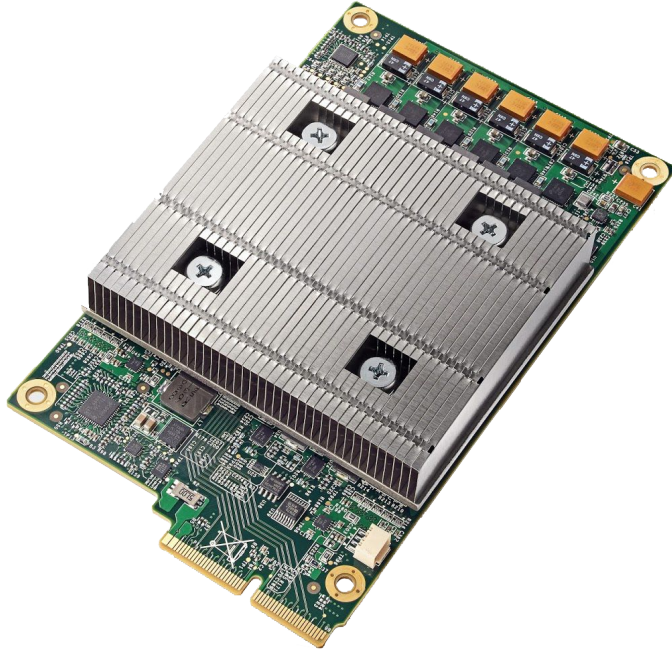
General purpose CPU performance scaling has slowed significantly

Specialization of hardware for certain workloads will be more important



# Tensor Processing Unit

Custom machine learning ASIC



In production use for >14 months: used on every search query, used for AlphaGo match, ...





# Using TensorFlow for Parallelism

Trivial to express both model parallelism as well as data parallelism

- Very minimal changes to single device model code



# Example: LSTM

```
for i in range(20):  
    m, c = LSTMCell(x[i], mprev, cprev)  
    mprev = m  
    cprev = c
```



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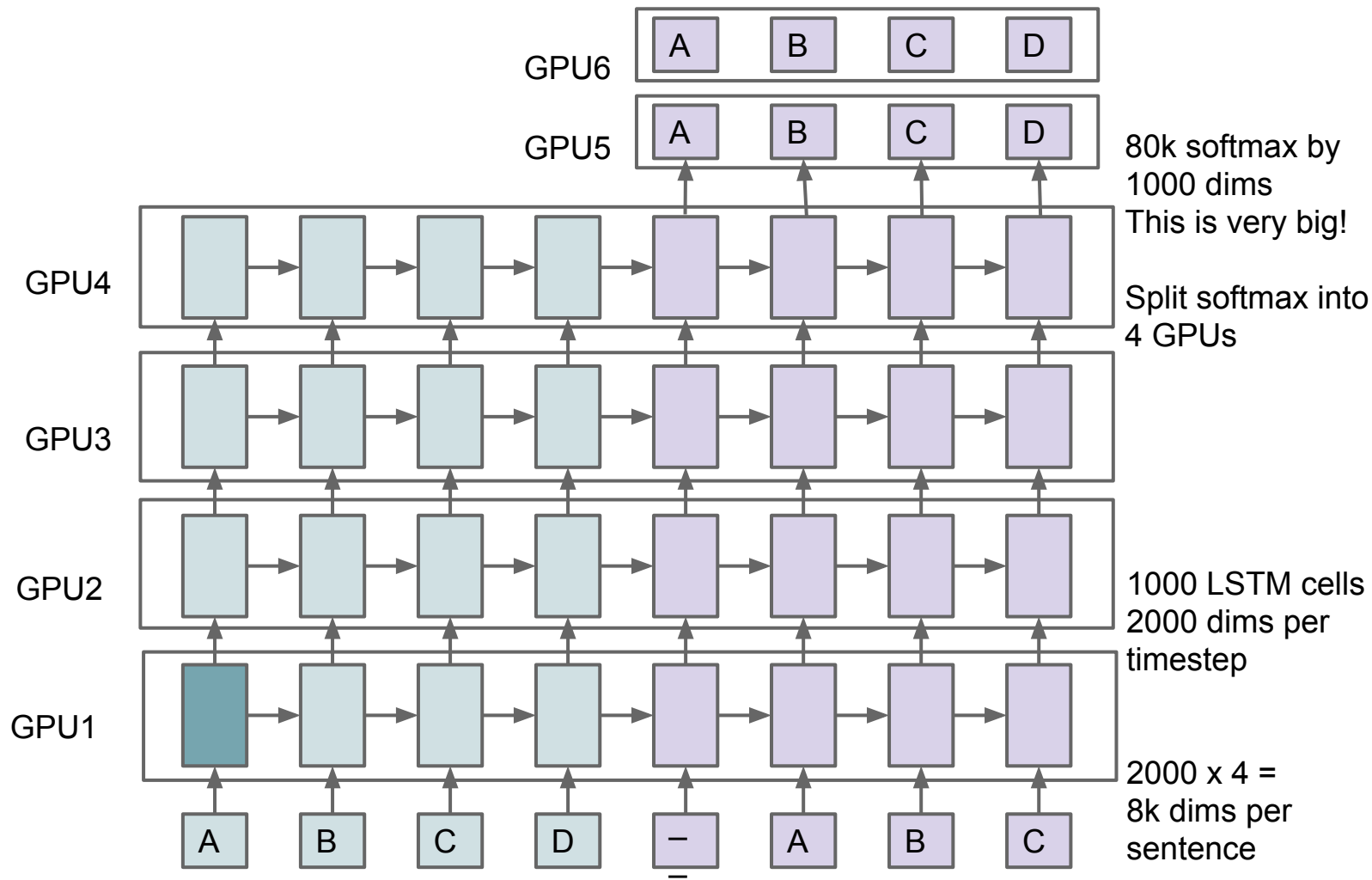
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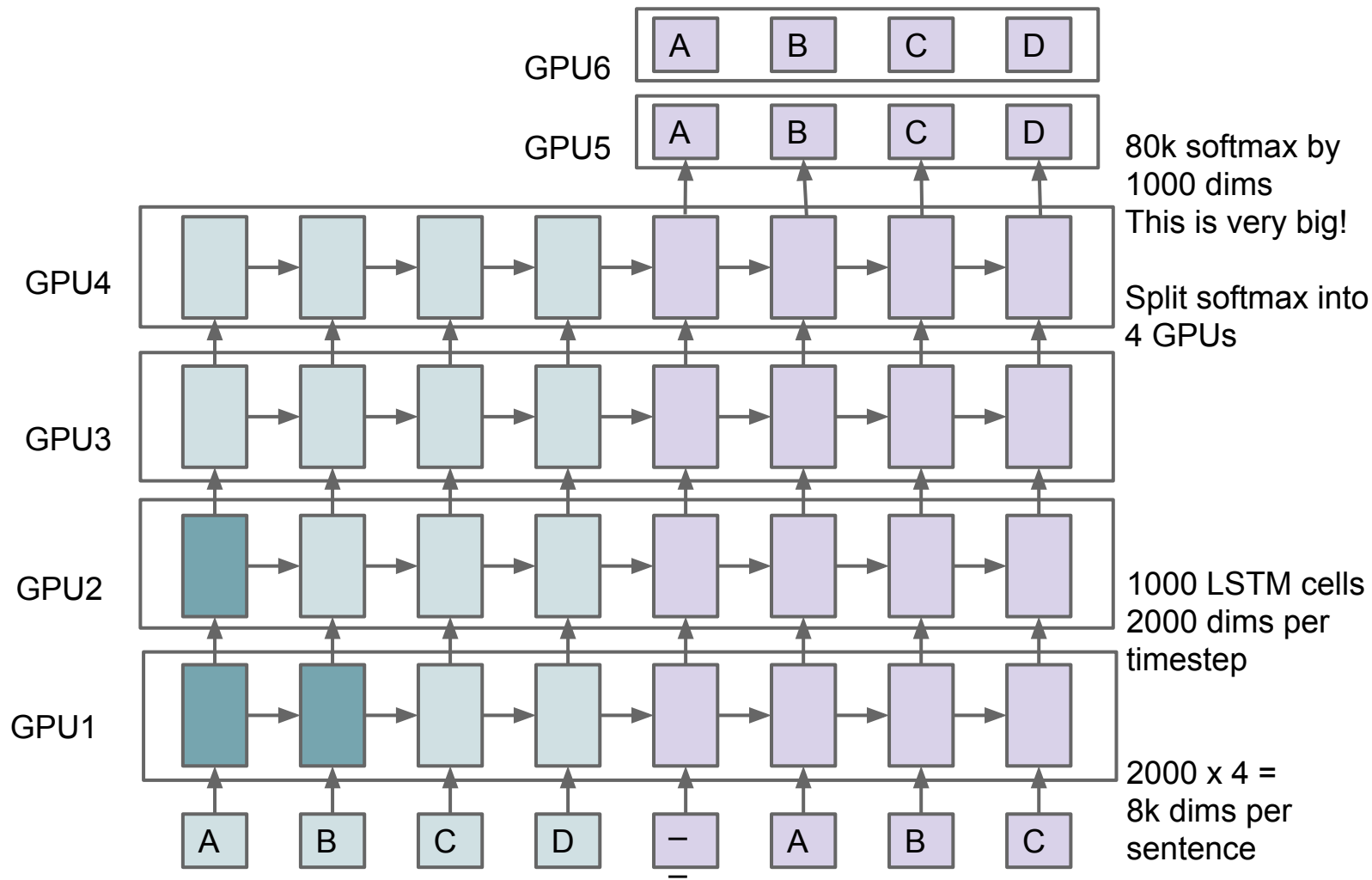


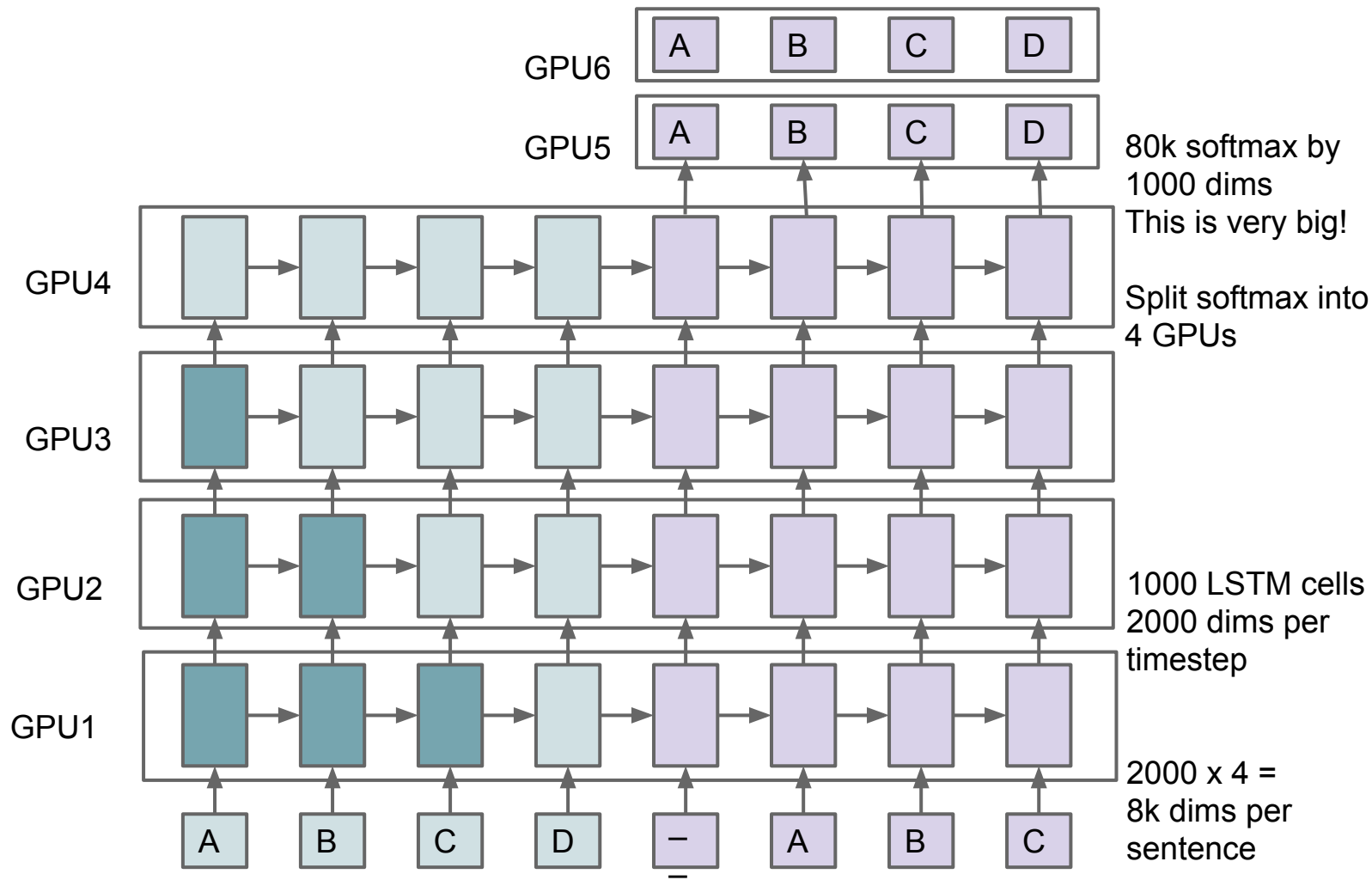
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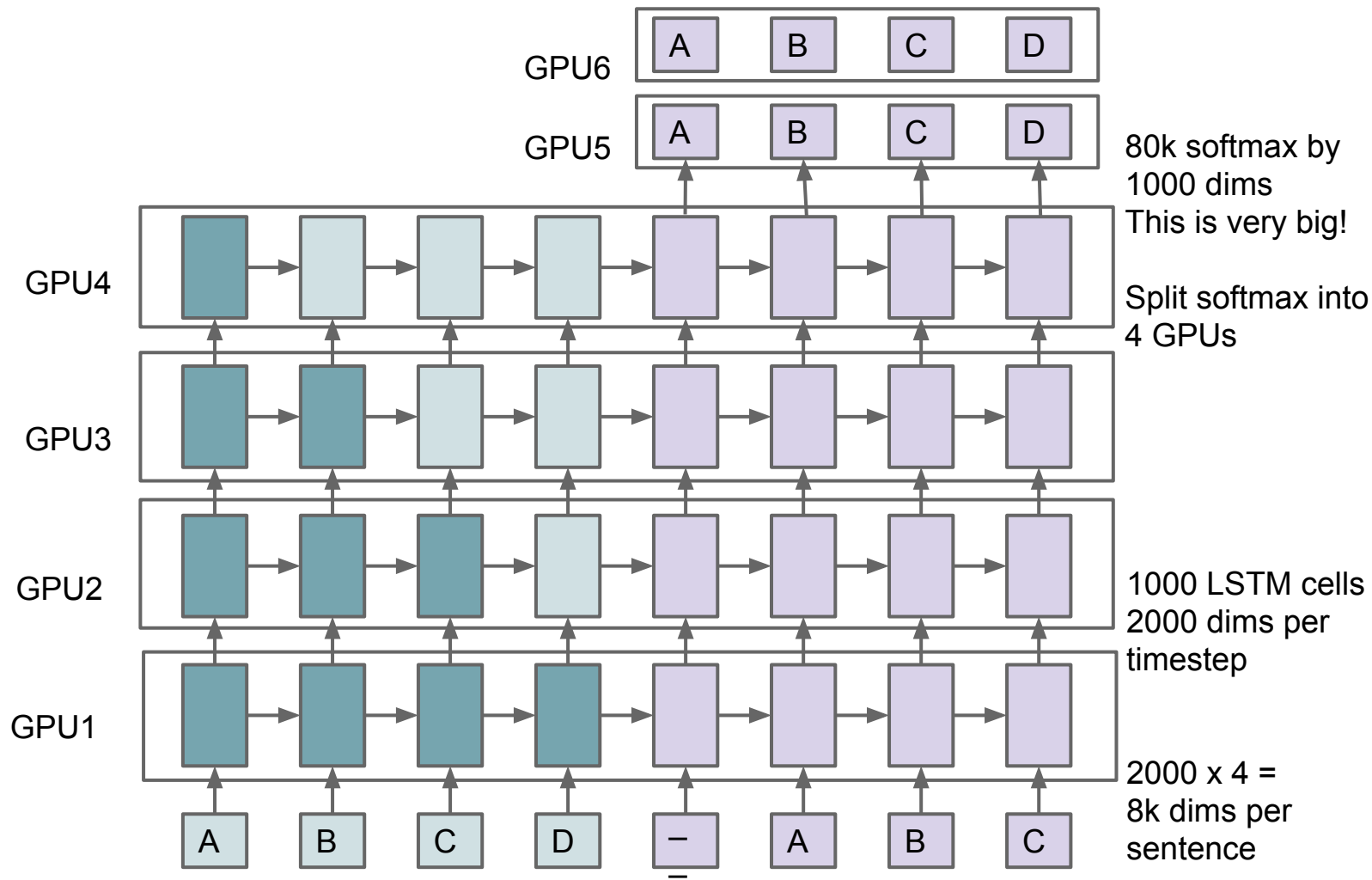


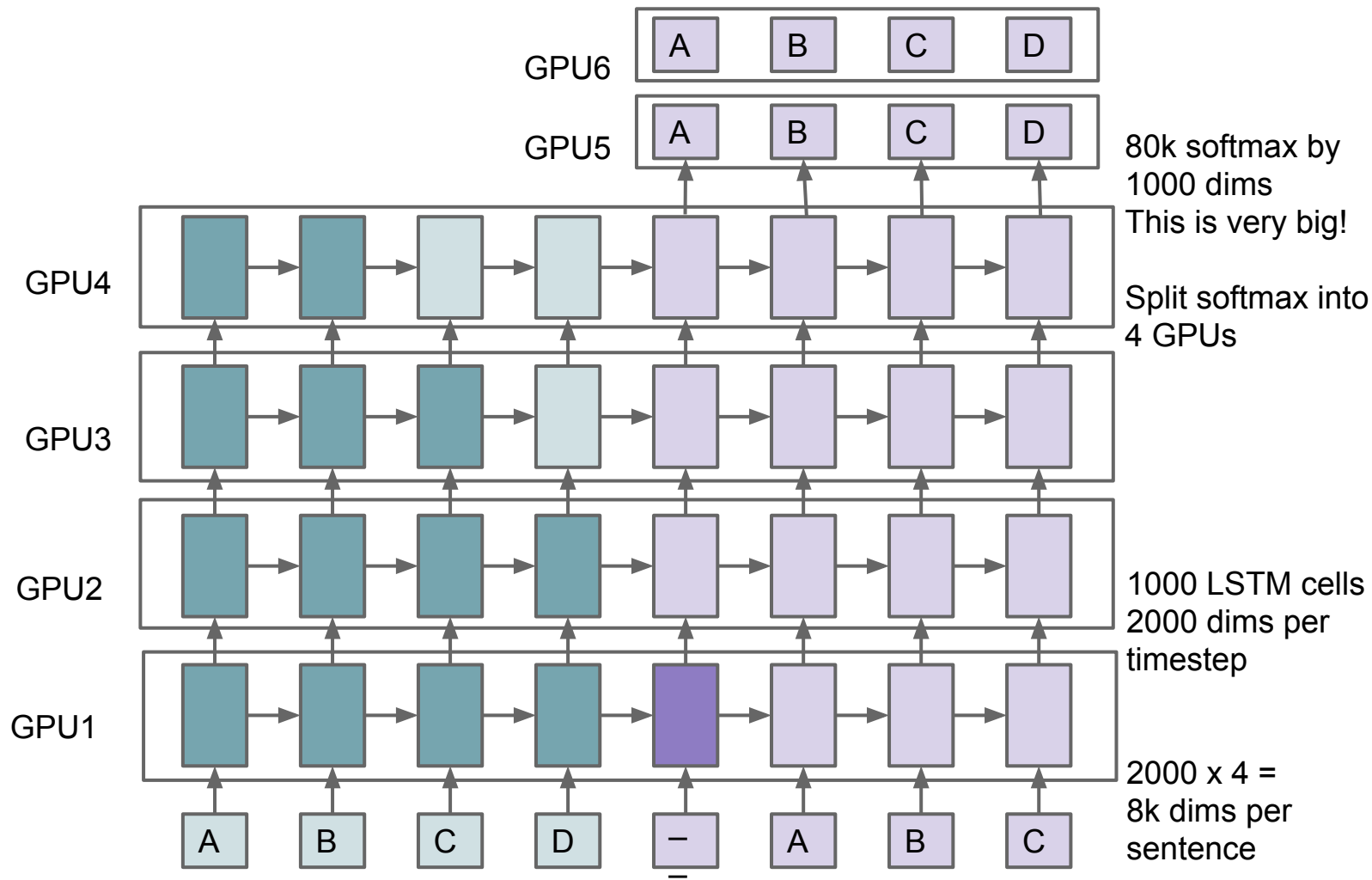


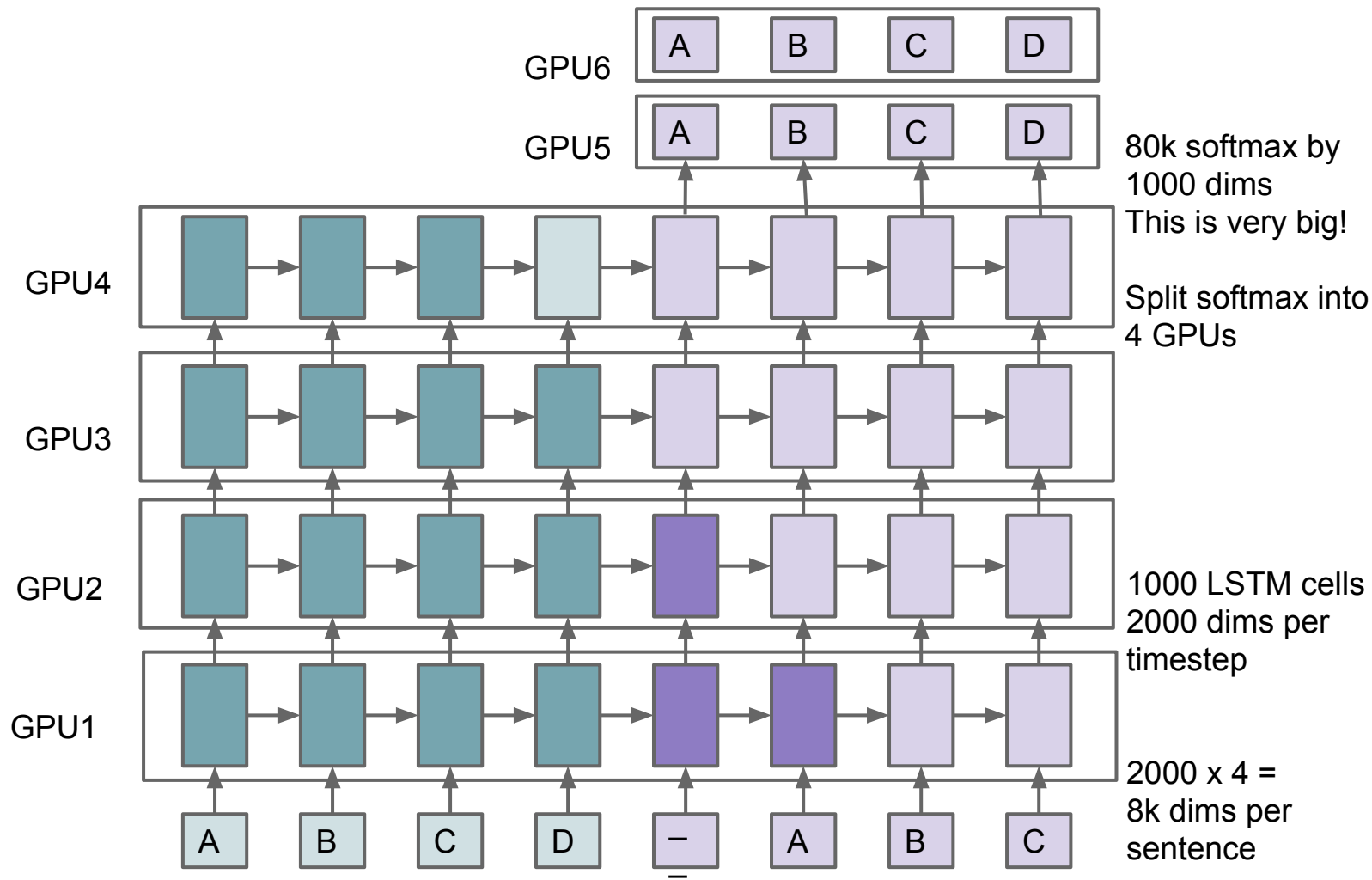


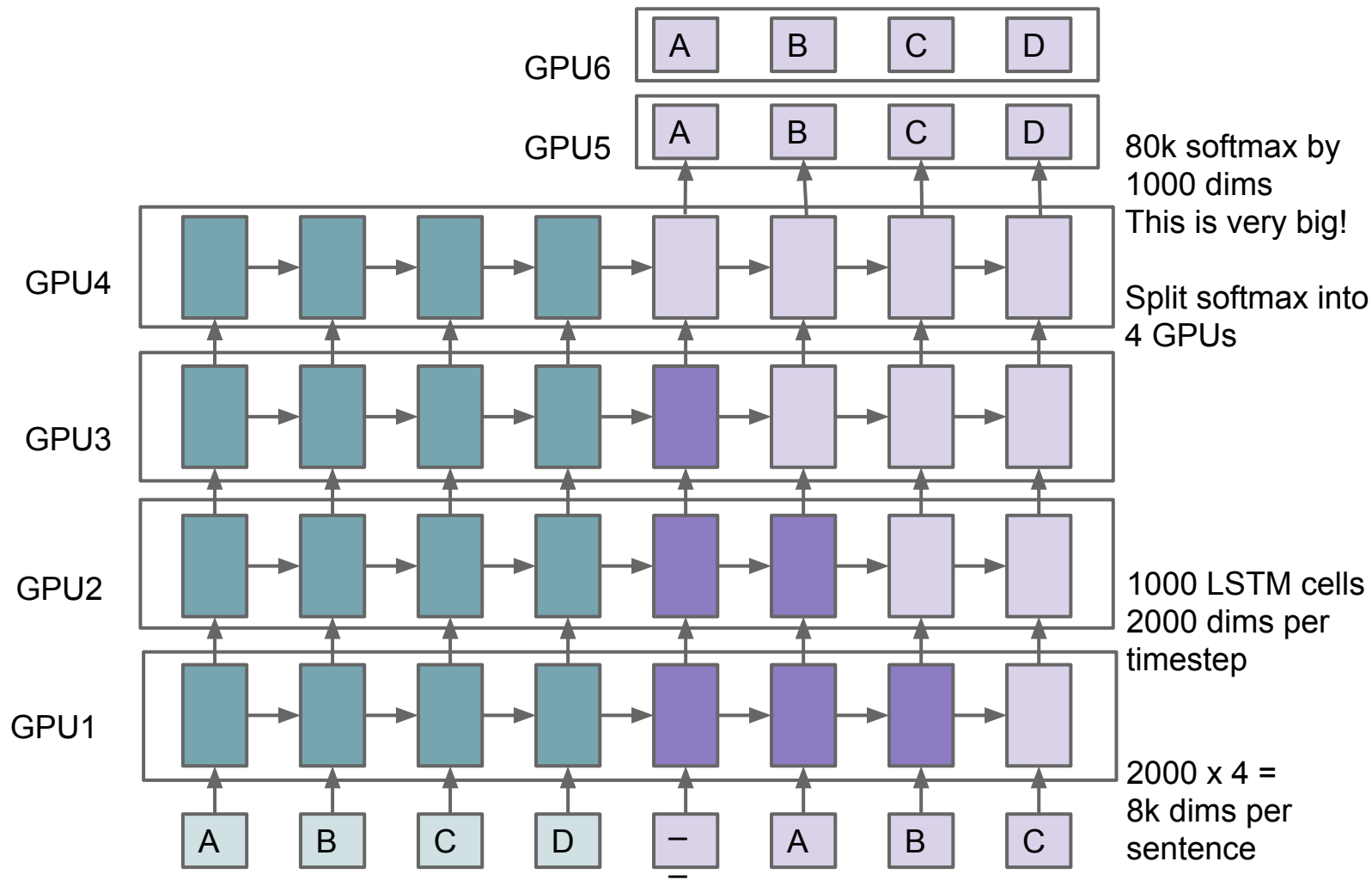


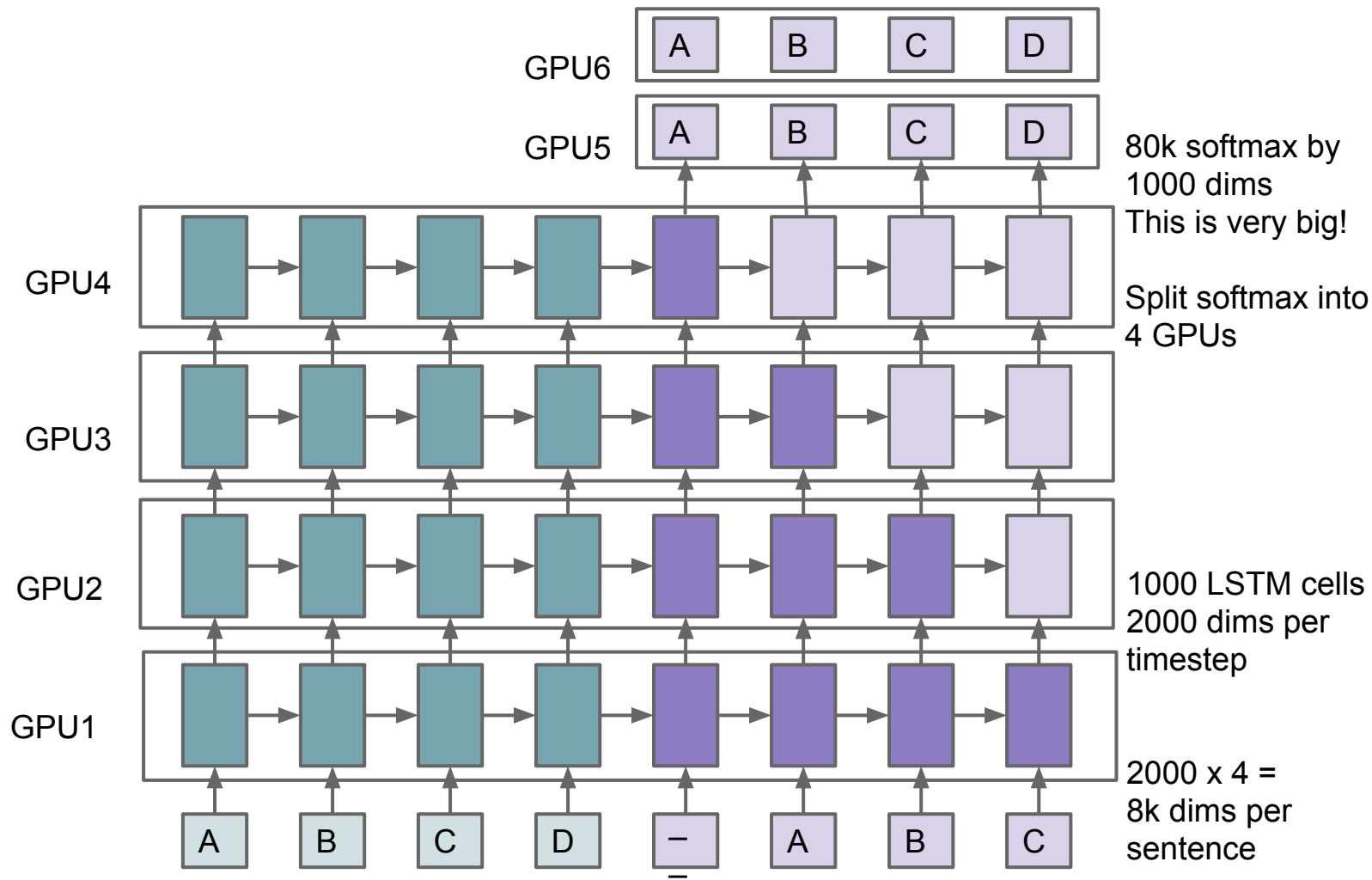


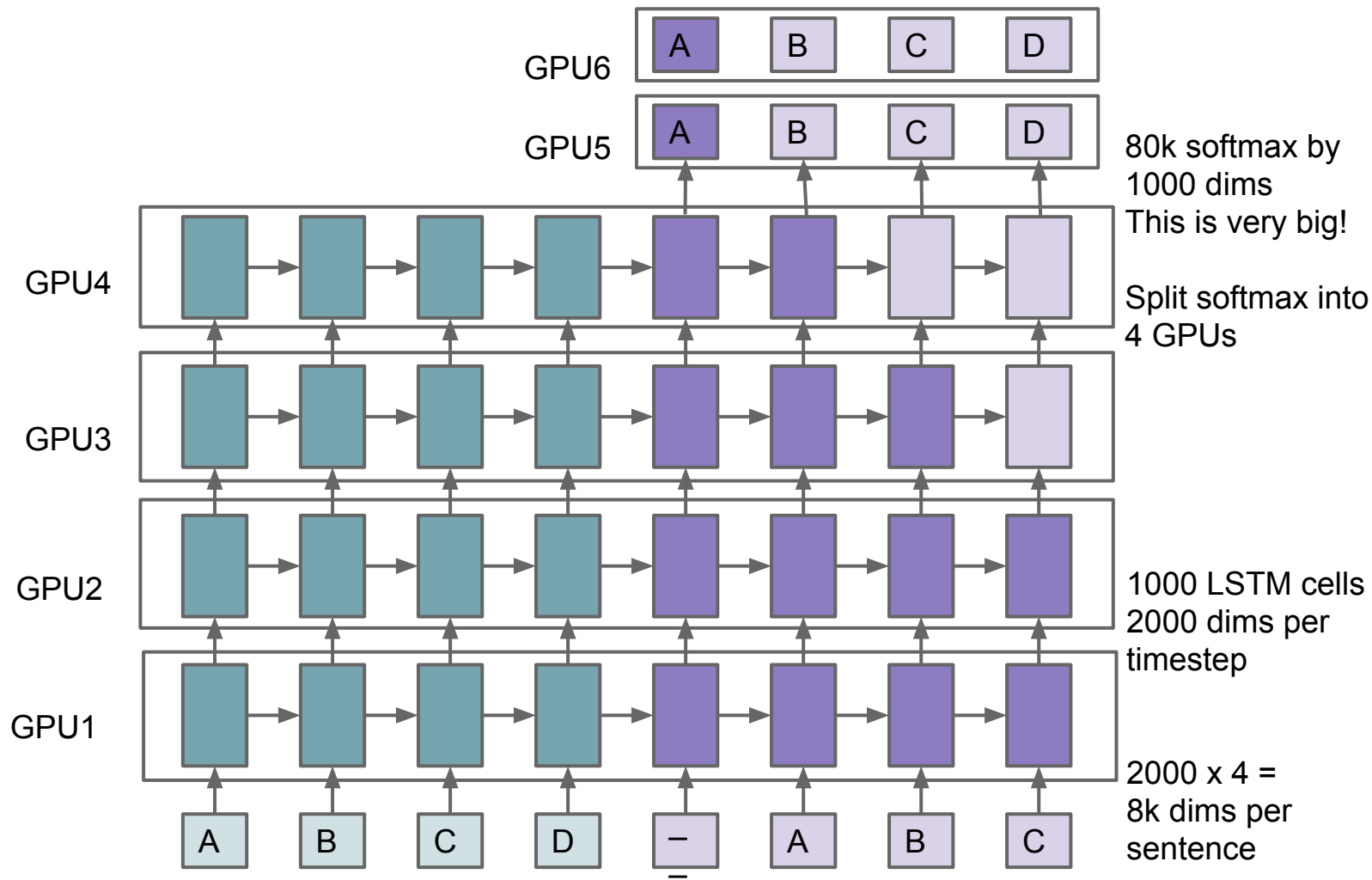


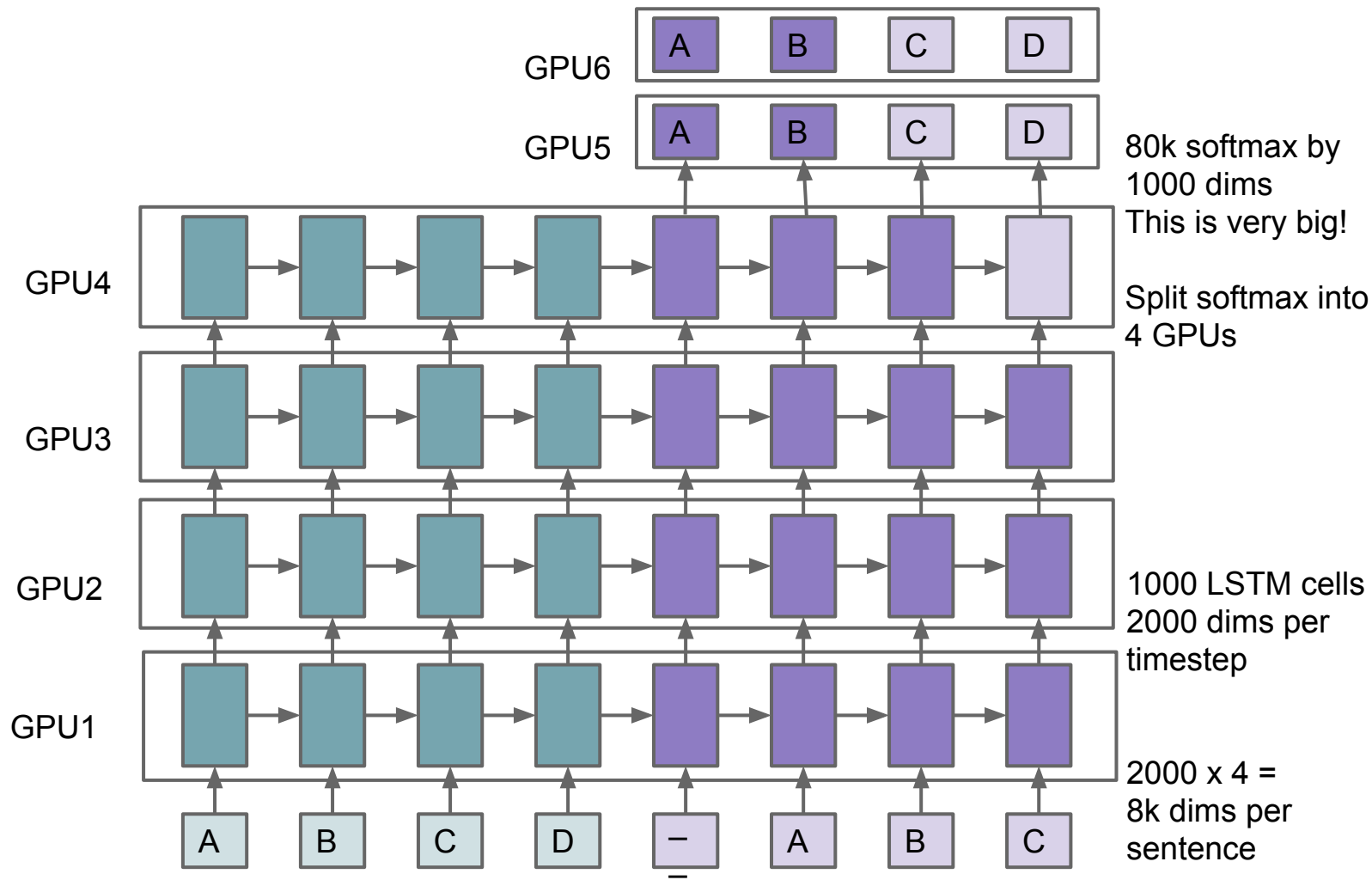


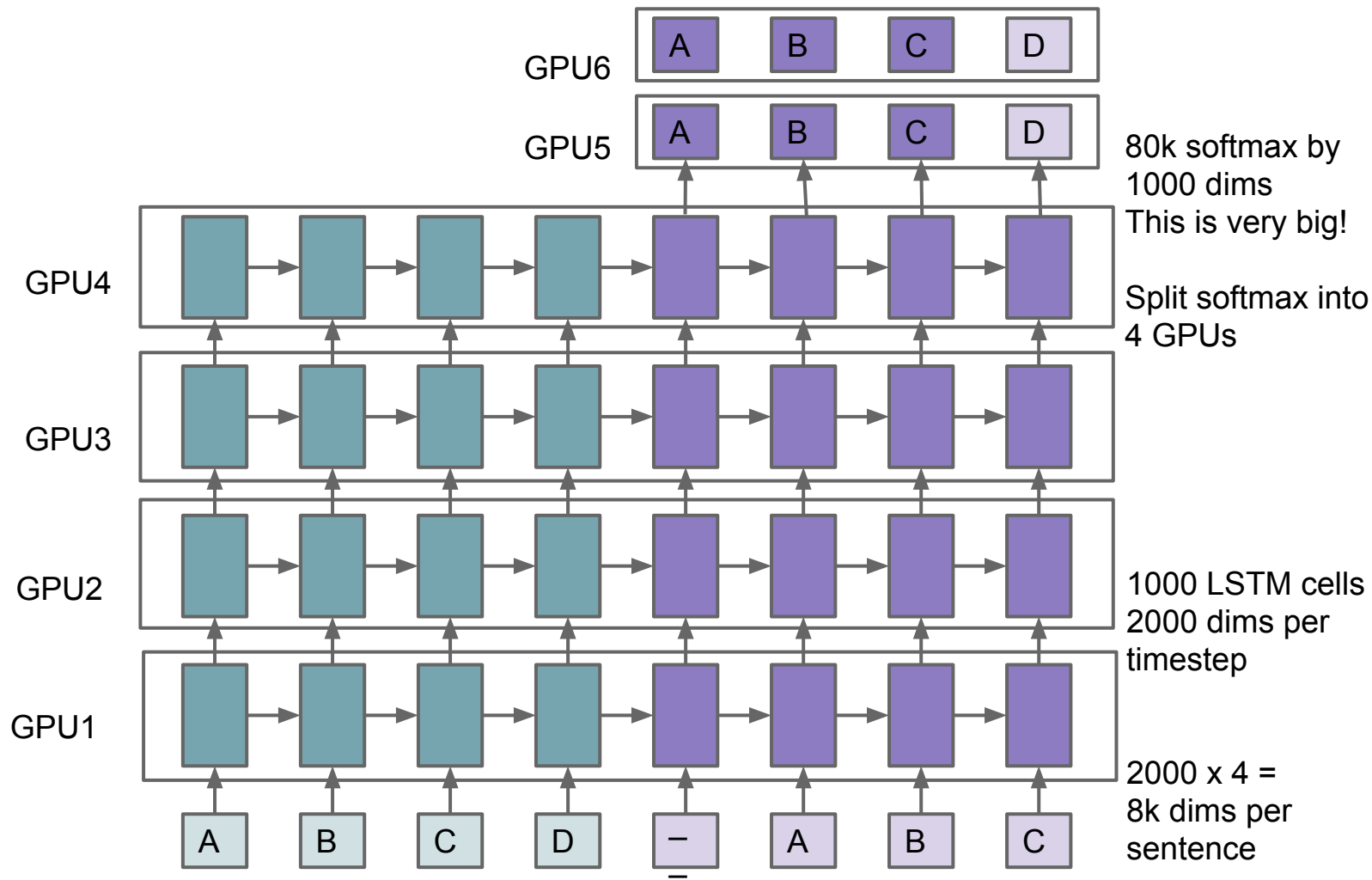




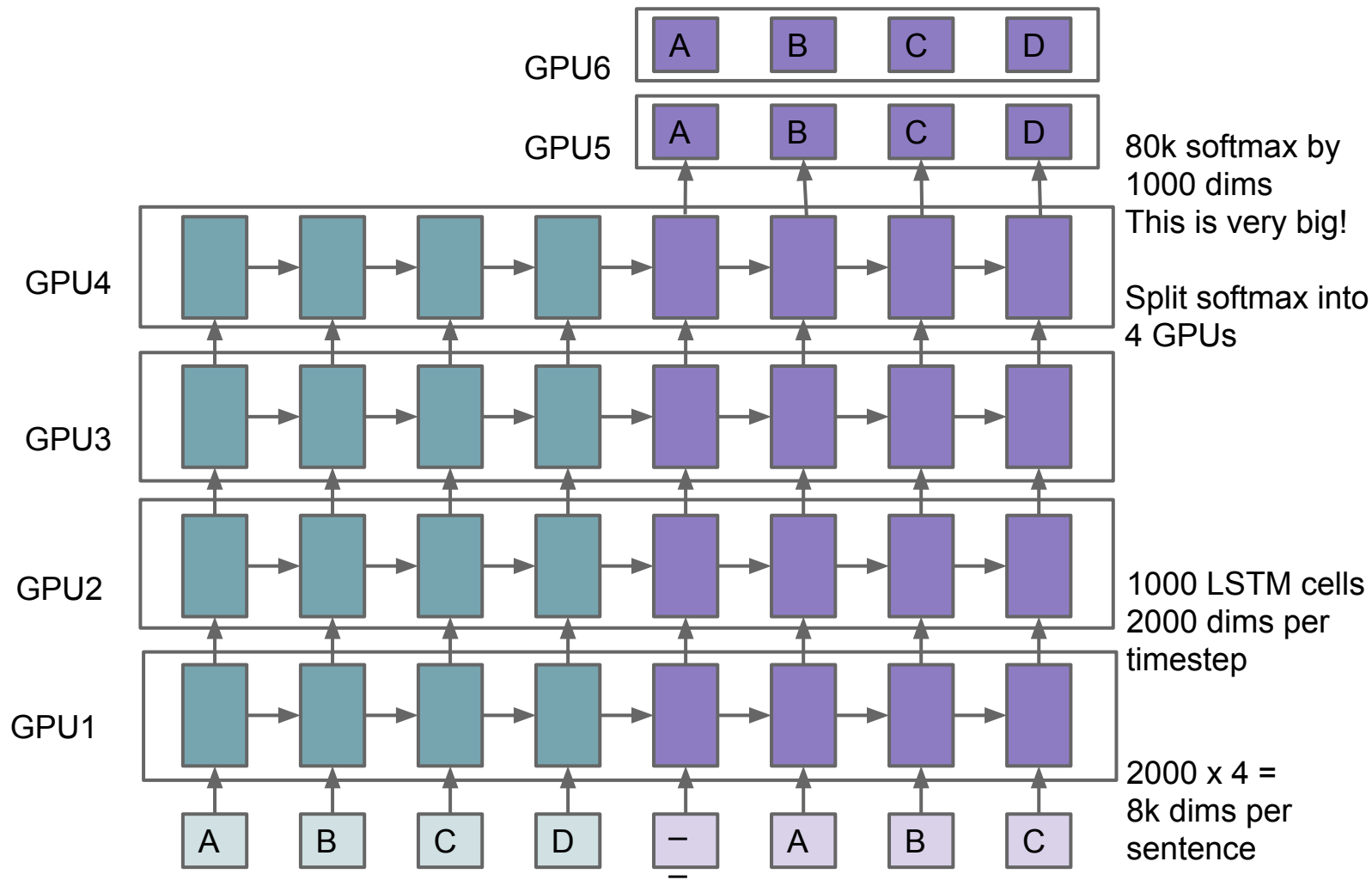












# Interesting Open Problems

## ML:

unsupervised learning

reinforcement learning

highly multi-task and transfer learning

automatic learning of model structures

privacy preserving techniques in ML

...



# Interesting Open Problems

## **Systems:**

Use high level descriptions of ML computations and map these efficiently onto wide variety of different hardware

Integration of ML into more traditional data processing systems

Automated splitting of computations across mobile devices and datacenters

Use learning in lieu of traditional heuristics in systems

...



# What Does the Future Hold?

Deep learning usage will continue to grow and accelerate:

- Across more and more fields and problems:
  - robotics, self-driving vehicles, ...
  - health care
  - video understanding
  - dialogue systems
  - personal assistance
  - ...



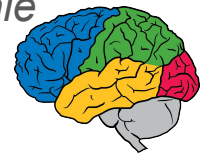
# Combining Vision with Robotics

*“Deep Learning for Robots:  
Learning from Large-Scale  
Interaction”,*

Google Research Blog,  
March, 2016



*“Learning Hand-Eye Coordination for Robotic Grasping with Deep Learning and Large-Scale Data Collection”,* Sergey Levine, Peter Pastor, Alex Krizhevsky, & Deirdre Quillen, [arxiv.org/abs/1603.02199](https://arxiv.org/abs/1603.02199)



# Conclusions

Deep neural networks are making significant strides in understanding:  
In speech, vision, language, search, ...

If you're not considering how to apply deep neural nets to your data, **you almost certainly should be**

TensorFlow makes it easy for everyone to experiment with these techniques

- Highly scalable design allows faster experiments, accelerates research
- Easy to share models and to publish code to give reproducible results
- Ability to go from research to production within same system



# Further Reading

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## Questions?

