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# Applications of Machine Learning to ARM/ASR Science

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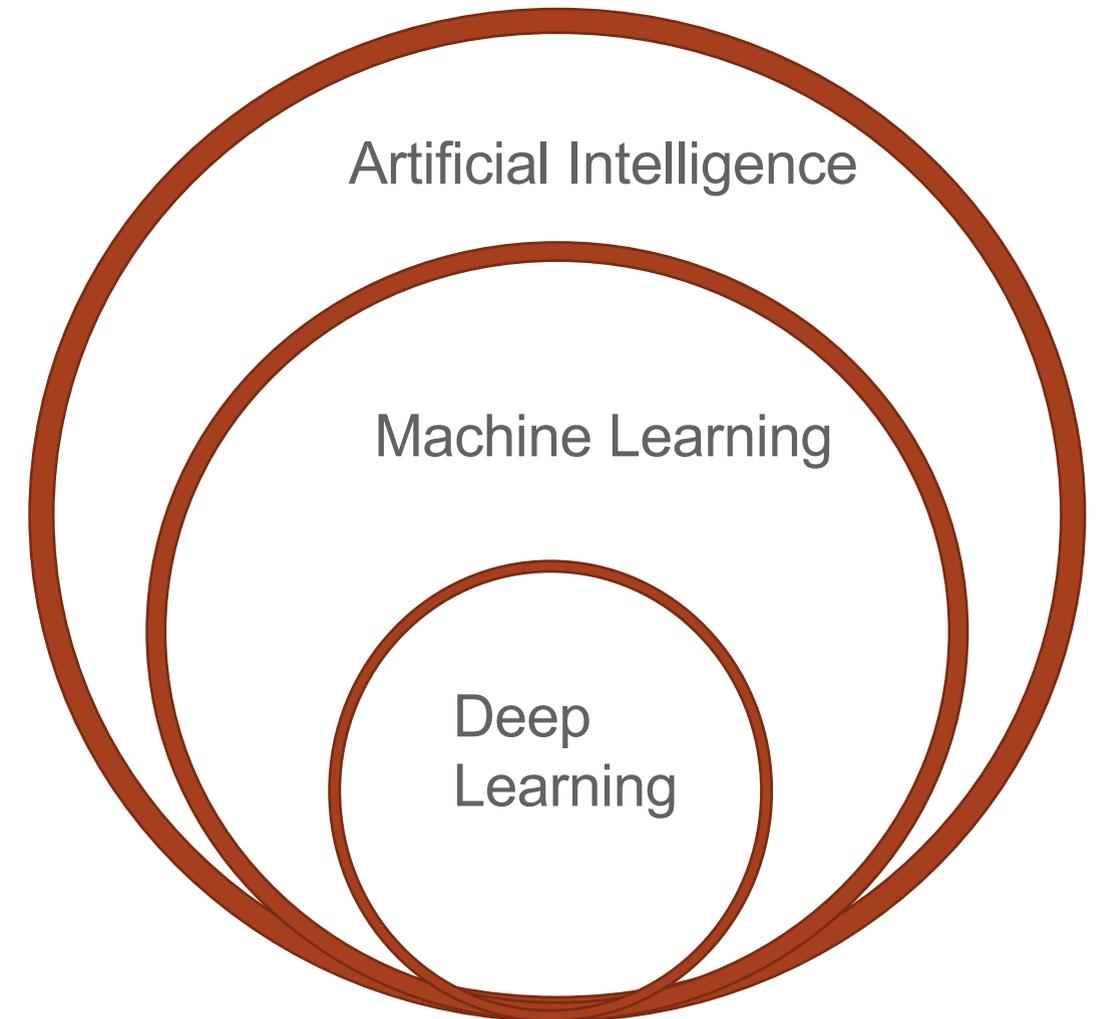
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# Machine Learning

- Machine learning is a subfield of artificial intelligence that focuses on designing systems that can “learn” from data to solve problems without requiring explicit programming of those solutions.
- Utilizes techniques from electrical engineering, computer science, mathematics, and statistics to solve a variety of problems in every field.
- Has great potential to revolutionize science by uncovering previously hidden correlations and predictors.
- Used in everything from climate models to self driving cars.



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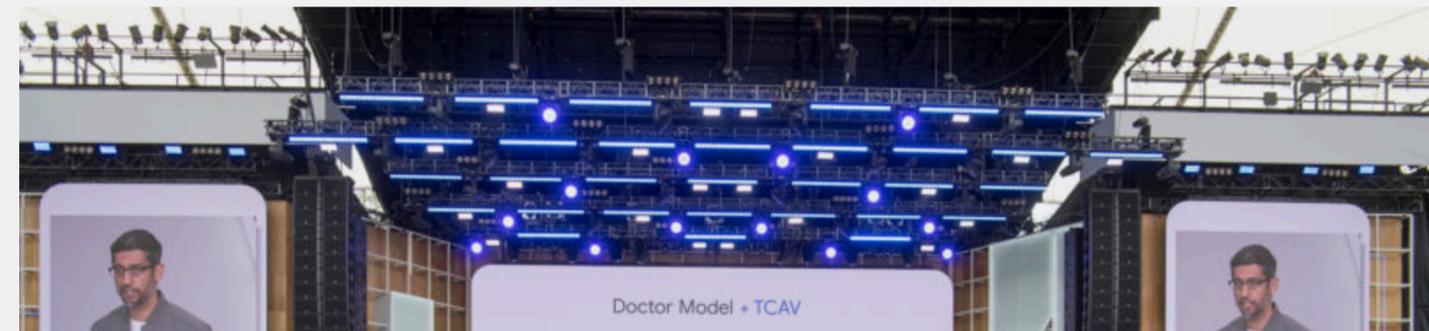
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AI FOR EVERYONE —

# Why Google believes machine learning is its future

We heard so much about machine learning at Google I/O this year.

TIMOTHY B. LEE - 5/10/2019, 12:15 PM



# Machine learning in ARM and ASR

- ARM and ASR have funded several machine learning projects.
  - We'll hear from some exciting projects today.
- Machine learning is already making an impact however from proxy models to data quality pushes.
- We felt it was important to get practitioners of machine learning in ARM/ASR together to discuss approaches and limitations and build a community.
- Discuss resources and opportunities that currently exist, and where we feel challenges are moving forward.

# ARM/ASR Machine Learning Resources

- Data
  - ARM is one of the largest sources of atmospheric science data in the world.
  - Covers a wide variety of instruments, regimes, times, and campaigns.
- Stratus and Cumulus
  - Two institutional HPC clusters used by ARM and ASR.
  - Provides large
- Expertise
  - There are many people around ARM and ASR with expertise in machine learning
  - I encourage you to e-mail the presenters and conveners of this session and we can put you in contact with those that can help.

- Stratus is a
  - 1080-core 30-node Cray cluster
  - 7.68 GB DDR4 memory **per core**
  - Each node consist of two 18 core processors.
  - 57.6 TB fast SSD
  - 100 TB Lustre storage.
  - InfiniBand network
  - Two systems with NVIDIA Kepler3 K80 (GK210) GB GPUs
- **Data adjacent**
  - Easily stage large quantities of ARM data to the system.
- Can be accessed as part of an ASR grant, or as part of ARM infrastructure
- Contact Giri or Jitu for more information on access and Stratus.

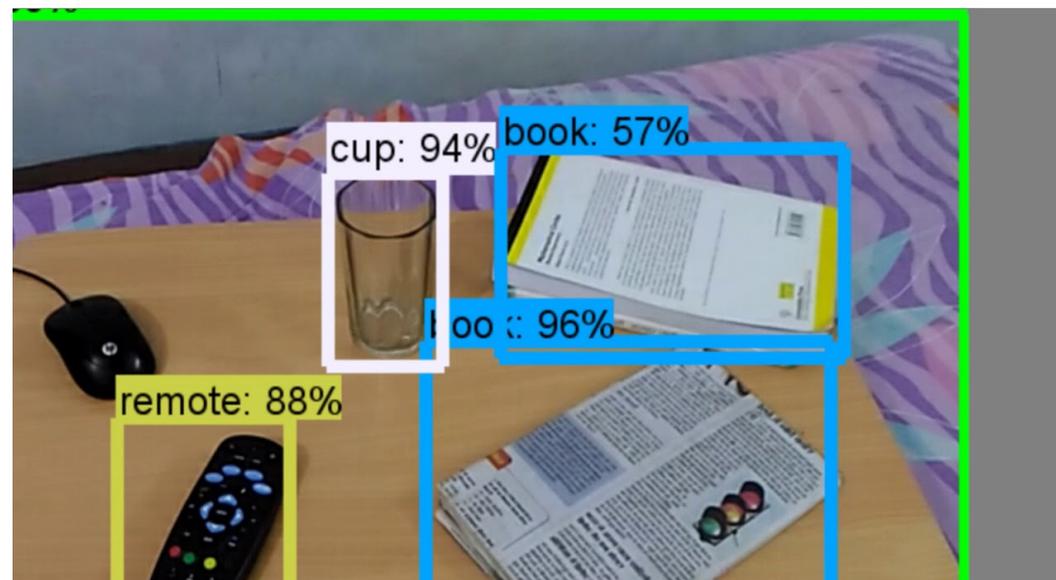
# Types of machine learning overview

- Machine learning can be broadly classified into several different families.
  - If we think about ML as fitting a function  $Y=f(X)$  then the families are split by which parts we have  $(Y,X,f)$ .
- This division has large implications for which types of problems can be tackled by each family

# Supervised Learning

$$Y = f(X)$$

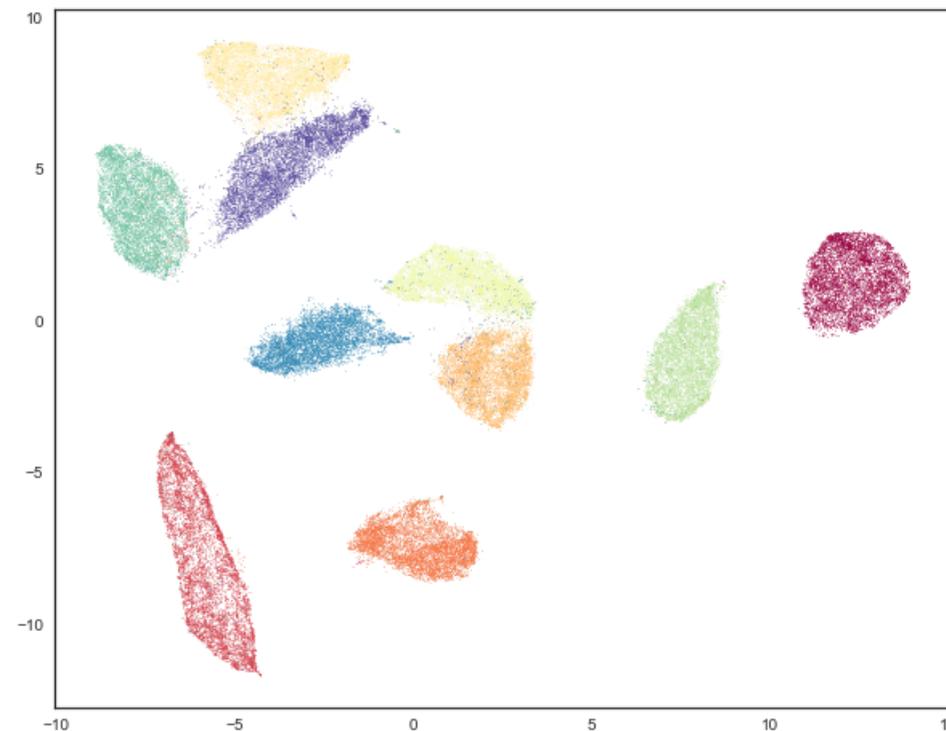
- Given a set of data points, and their corresponding output, find an  $f()$  capable of capturing the relation.
- Main difficulty is in labeling of data and finding representative features.
- Research focuses around better models and training methods.



# Unsupervised Learning

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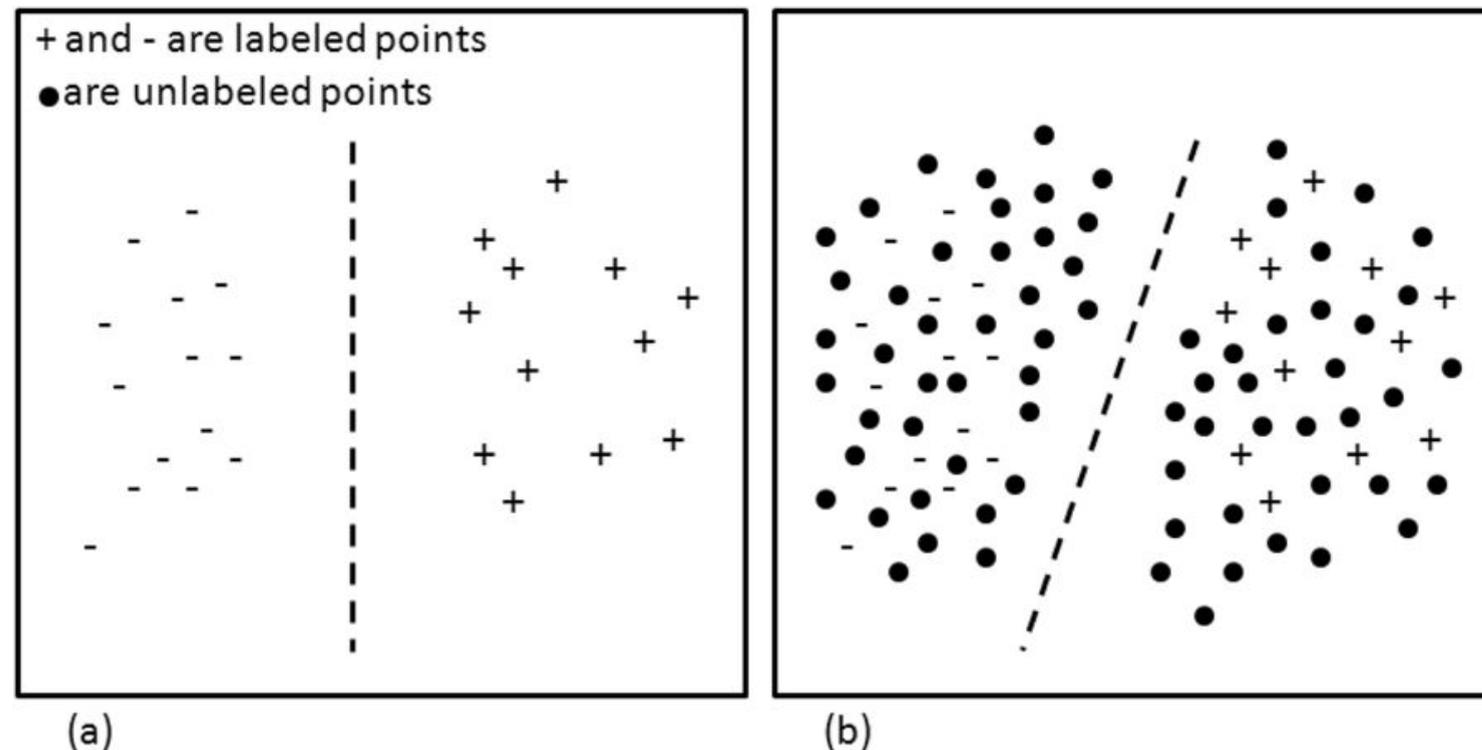
- When data is available, but without labels (Y), then training is “unsupervised”.
- Typical uses involve clustering, dimensionality reduction, and anomaly detection.
- Utilize statistics of data points to find a relation  $f$  that separate the data into:
  - Lower dimensional surface
  - Set of clusters



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# Semi-Supervised learning

- When you have a large set of data but only some samples are labeled training is “semi-supervised”
- Useful when labeling can be done, but the cost is large
- Can run training, and then get more label more data based on performance.
- Often used for data augmentation, directed attention, and other similar tasks



# Reinforcement Learning

- Reinforcement-Learning
  - No a-priori data but you have a system that can make data
  - Used in game and simulation systems
- Behind recent outbreak of computers wining at various video games.
- Need a way of scoring performance of an algorithm for a task, and then you point it at a data source (simulator, video game, etc) and it iteratively improves.



# Some applications of machine learning

- Proxy Models
- Parameterizations
- Data Fusion
- Super Resolution
- Identification and Tracking
- Climate Forecasting
- Replacing entire models

# Challenges with machine learning

- Labeling
  - Generating labeled data can be immensely time consuming
  - Bias in labeling remains an issue
- Interpretability( Black Box effect)
  - Even when ML works, we don't necessarily learn anything.
  - Danger of finding capable tools but not understanding how they work.
  - Often models are not testable
- Data quality
  - Bad data in = Bad Results out
- Worst Practices
  - Lack of validation sets, blind approaches, overfitting, etc.



## Discussion Points

- As you hear presentations and during the discussion I'd like you to think about several points
  - What is the place of ML techniques for learning from modelling and observational datasets to improve model parameterizations.
  - Addressing ways in which ARM and ASR can improve their accessibility to ML solutions.
  - Are there techniques from the field that could help ARM/ASR address uncertainty quantification.
  - Are there any immediate needs the ARM/ASR community has that could benefit from machine learning?
  - Is there anything we as a community could better do to reach out to the broader ML community?

# Agenda

4:00-4:20	Joseph Hardin	Introduction & Overview of ARM ML Resources and plans
4:20-4:30	Jiali Wang	Fast domain aware neural network emulation of a planetary boundary layer parameterization in a numerical weather forecast model
4:30-4:40	Yangang Liu	Machine Learning for Cloud Microphysics Parameterization
4:40-4:50	Shuaiqi Tang	A Machine Learning Framework for ARM Data Quality Analysis: MWR Rain Contamination Detection
4:50-5:00	Ed Luke	Scanning radar sea-clutter mitigation using deep neural networks
5:00-5:10	Vanessa Przybylo	Ice Particle and Aggregate Simulator
5:10-5:20	Jitendra Kumar	Deep Convolutional Neural Networks for Hydrometeor Classification Using Dual Polarization Doppler Radars
5:20-5:30	V. Chandrasekar	AI and machine learning with weather radars
5:30-6:00		Discussion and Wrap-up



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- How do you feel the format of the session was? Right timing or fewer longer talks?

- Questions, concerns, follow up?
- Email [joseph.hardin@pnnl.gov](mailto:joseph.hardin@pnnl.gov) and I'd be happy to help or put you in contact with someone that can.