



My Journey so far





Mercedes-Benz

Bachelor Computer Science

- Cooperative study program with Mercedes Benz (Germany)
- Focus on autonomous driving



Master Artificial

Intelligence

Focus on NLP and generative ML



Qualcomm

PhD AI/ML

- Cooperation Qualcomm/UvA
- Causal ML

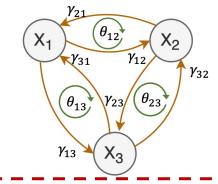
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2018

2020



2022

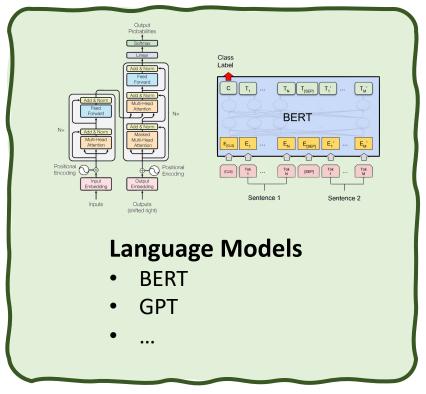
Al's Journey so far (simplified)

2020 2015 2018



ImageNet classification

- GoogleNet
- ResNet



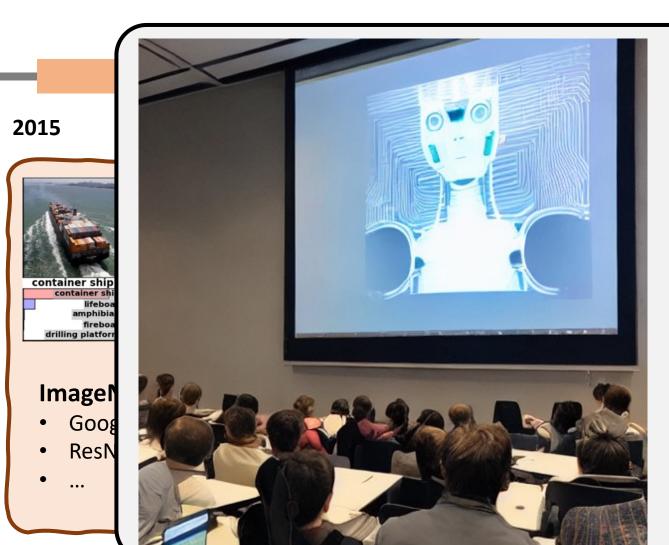


2022

Multimodal Generative Models

- Imagen
- DALL-E

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Prompt: An introduction lecture to Artificial Intelligence at the University of Amsterdam **Model**: StableDiffusion, v1.4

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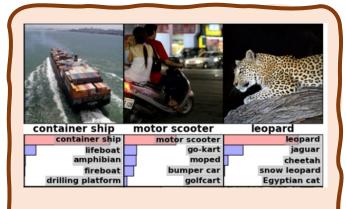


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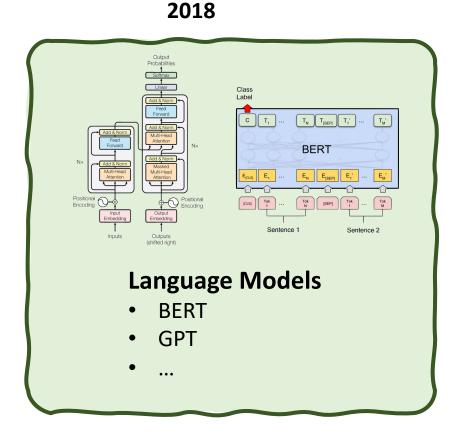


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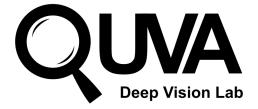














Taco S. Cohen

Max Welling



aimlab artificial intelligence for medical imaging lab

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Published as a conference paper at ICLR 2015

ADAM: A METHOD FOR STOCHASTIC OPTIMIZATION

University of Amsterdam, OpenAI dpkingma@openai.com

Jimmy Lei Ba* University of Toronto

Auto-Encoding Variational Bayes

Diederik P. Kingma Machine Learning Group Universiteit van Amsterdam

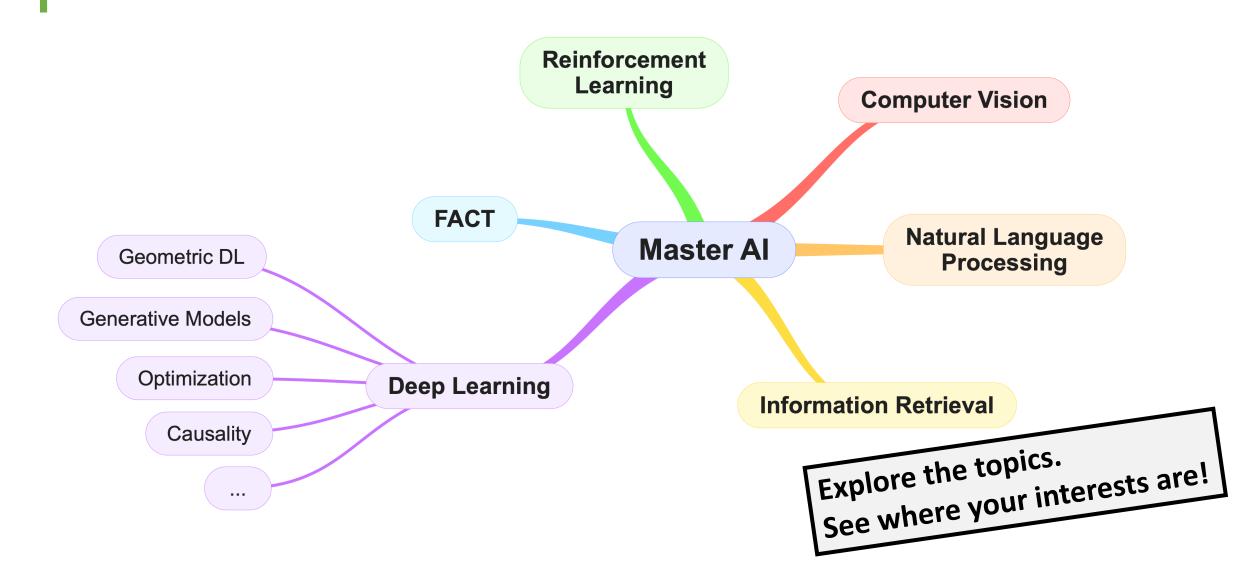
Max Welling Machine Learning Group Universiteit van Amsterdam Group Equivariant Convolutional Networks

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Breadth of topics in the master



Projects along my master



(Part-time) Research Assistant

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Artificial Intelligence for high-order automated theorem proving.



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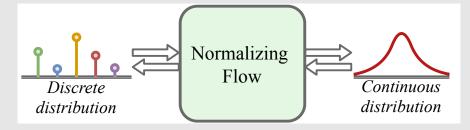
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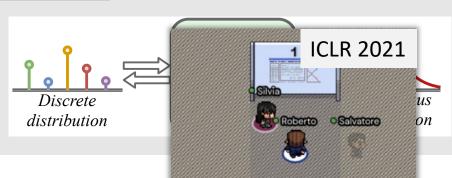
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CATEGORICAL NORMALIZING FLOWS VIA CONTINU-OUS TRANSFORMATIONS

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Teaching

- You can become a TA in the second year (e.g., DL, NLP1, FACT, ATCS, IR1)
- Help new students, see the education from the other perspective

Filled notebook: Repo View On Github

JAX+Flax version: RTD View On RTD

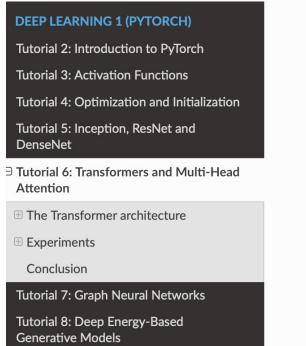
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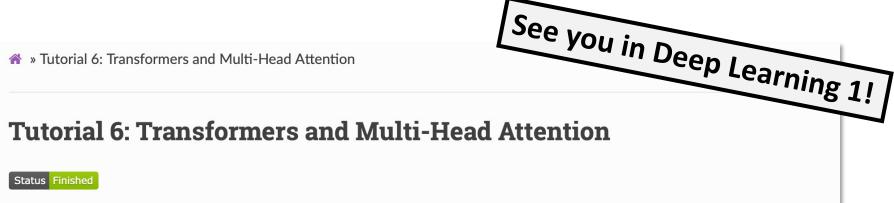
Pre-trained models: Repo View On Github

Recordings: ▶ YouTube Part 1 ▶ YouTube Part 2 ▶ YouTube Part 3

Note: Interested in JAX? Check out our JAX+Flax version of this tutorial!

Your voice can have an impact here!

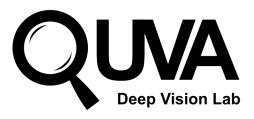




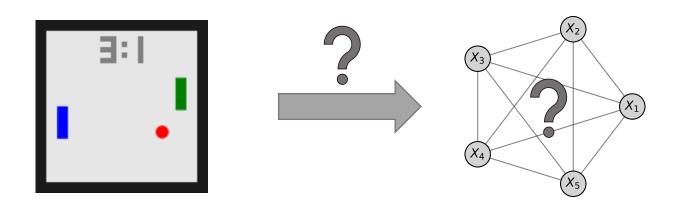
Open in Colab

GDrive Download





- QUVA lab (ELLIS), supervised by Efstratios Gavves and Taco Cohen
- Joined directly after Masters, 2 years in, 2 years to go
- Main topic: Intersection of Causality and ML/DL, Causal Representation Learning
- Great research environment, great opportunities





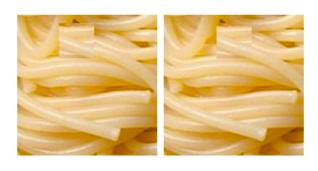
Master Thesis Supervision



Frank Brongers

Contrastive Object-Representation Learning from Temporal Data

- Identify and separate objects without supervision
- How can you exploit temporal data and contrastive learning?

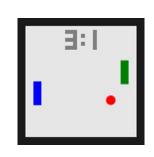




Mátyás Schubert

Towards Causal Credit Assignment

- Reinforcement Learning by trial-and-error: very noisy
- Reason about why something happens



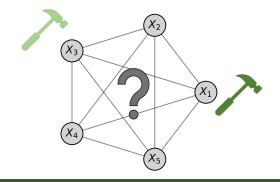




Nadja Rutsch

Joint outlier detection and causal discovery

- Identify invertentional data in large, mixed dataset
- Improving causal discovery, especially neural methods



Opportunities after the Master Al

- PhD at UvA or other universities internationally
- Several AI companies are in Amsterdam (but not limited to)
 - You do many projects in the Master AI, make sure to show them!
- Start-up village













General tips

View the Master as a collaboration, not a competition!

Stay up-to-date with newest Al trends (e.g. on Twitter)

Explore the topics, find your interests!

Have fun!

Make sure to be strong on coding, learn from others

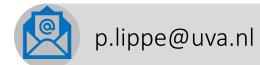
Make the most out of the opportunities!

Ask questions, TAs are there to *help* you, not just grade you!

Thanks!

Questions?

Feel free to reach out:





Slides

