

Evolving Highly-Adapted AI with Supercomputers

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Deep Learning is Pervasive in Commercial Applications



- **Computer Vision**
Object Recognition
Object Detection
Semantic Segmentation
Face Detection
Facial Recognition
- **Natural Language Processing**
Text translation
Text generation (e.g. chat bots)
Speech recognition

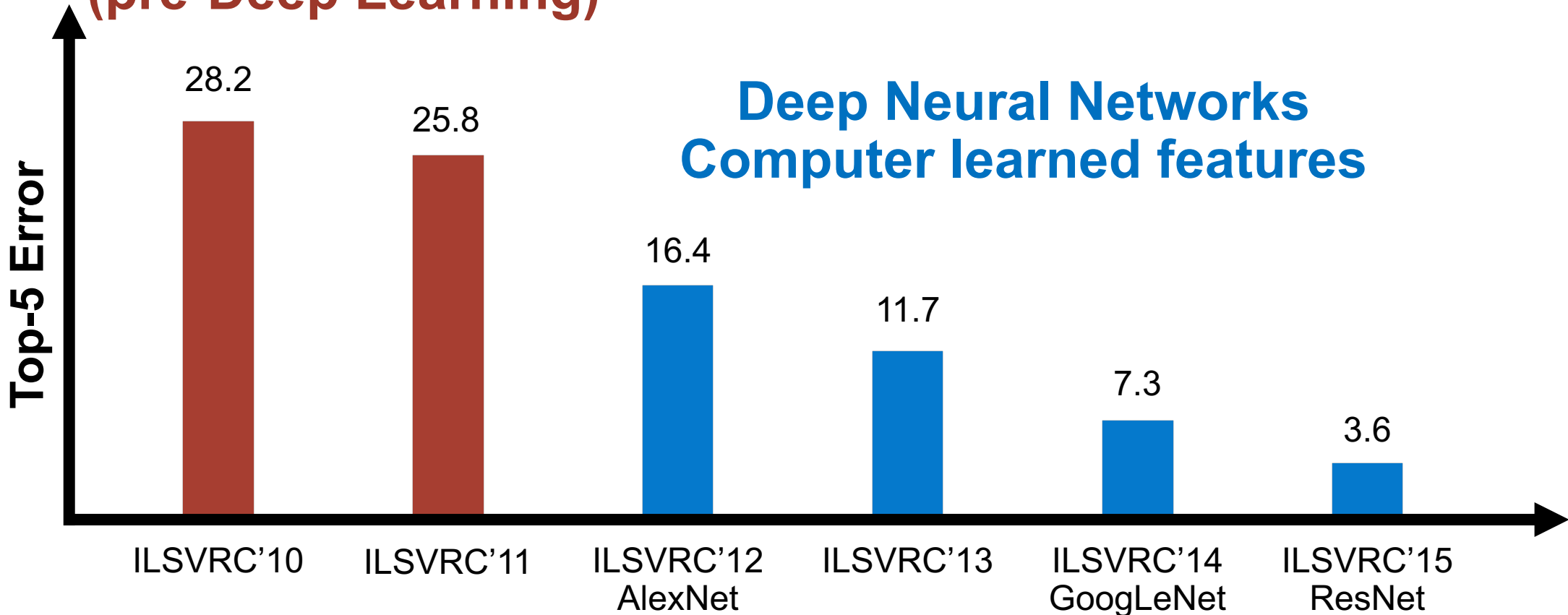
And many others...

<https://cs.stanford.edu/people/karpathy/cnnembed/>

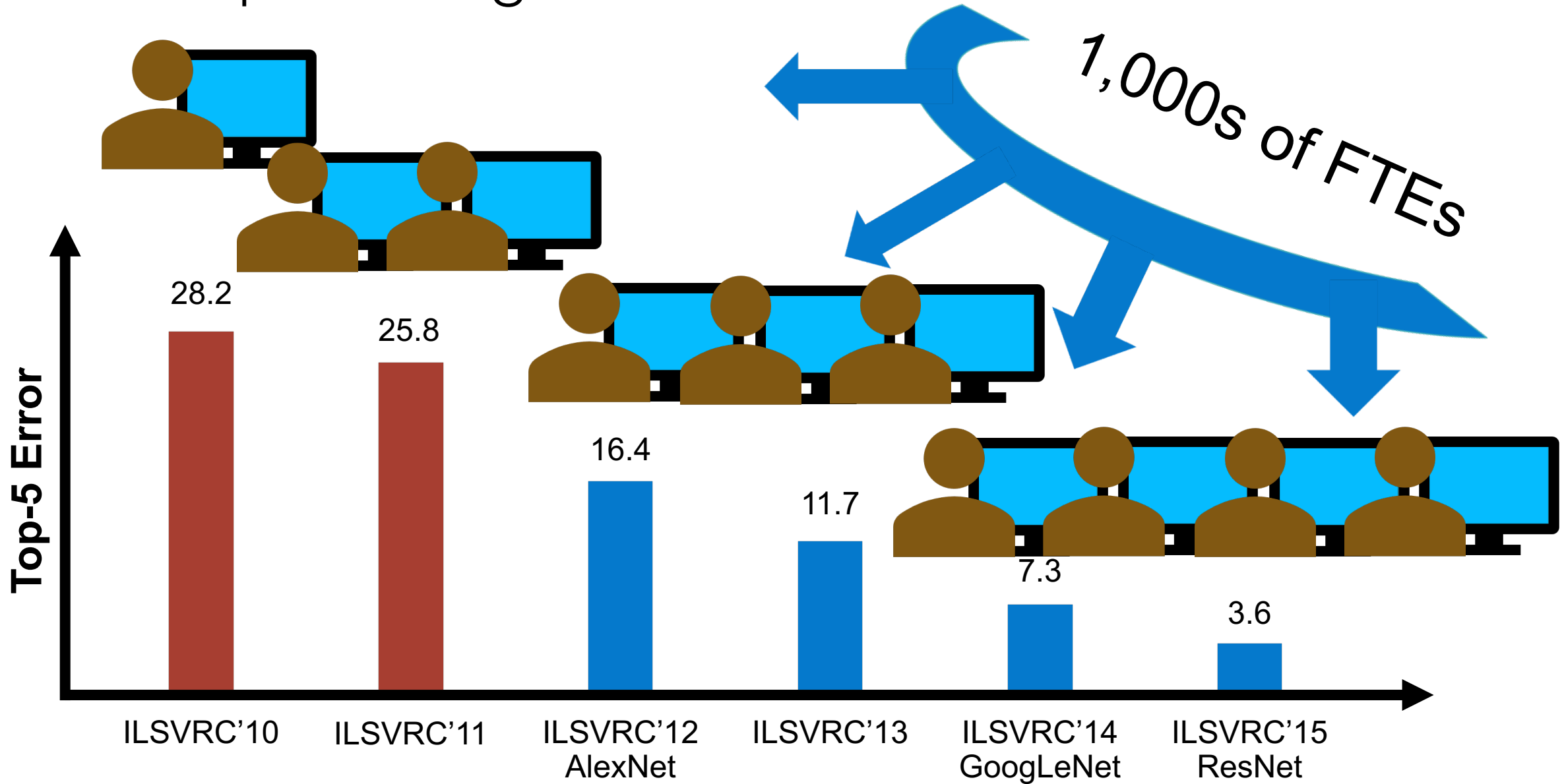
How Deep Learning Became State-of-the-Art

**Hand-engineered features
(pre-Deep Learning)**

**Deep Neural Networks
Computer learned features**

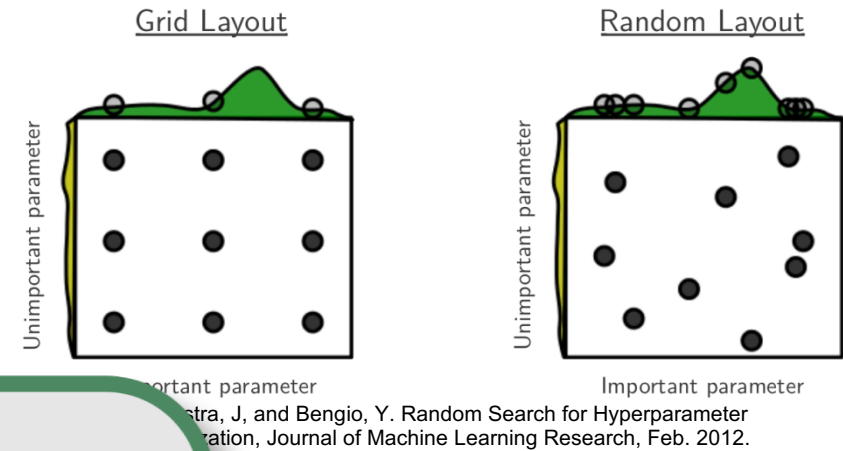


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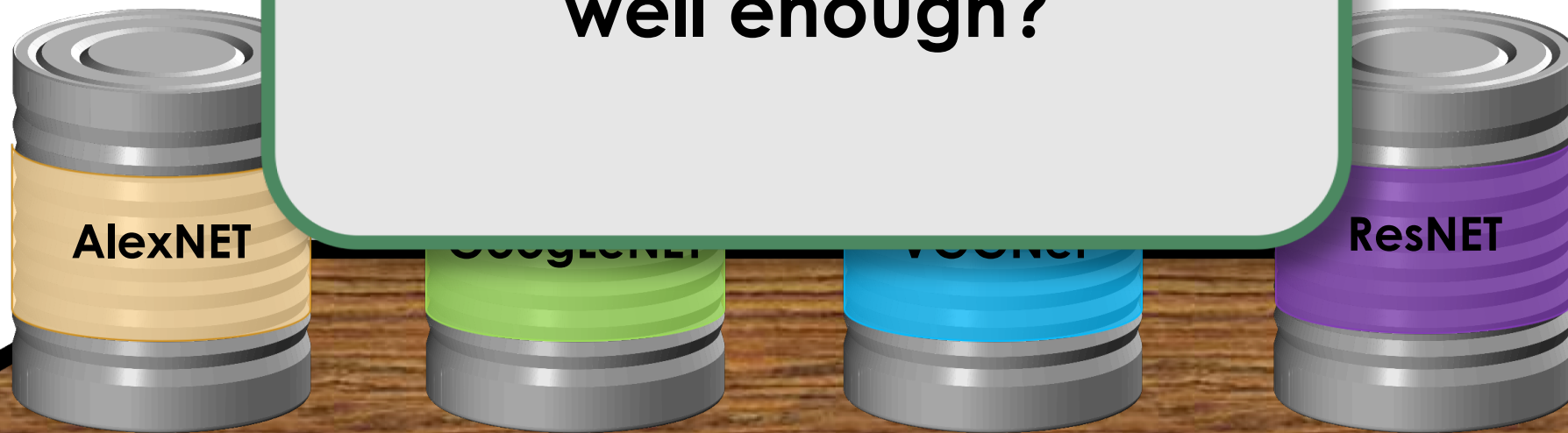
What Can Scientists Do?

- Tune an out-of-the-box network
 - **Hyper-parameter sweeps**
Assumes independence of hyper-parameters
 - **Grid search**
Requires training
 - **Random search**
Significant improvement during training.



What if none of this works well enough?

of information learned

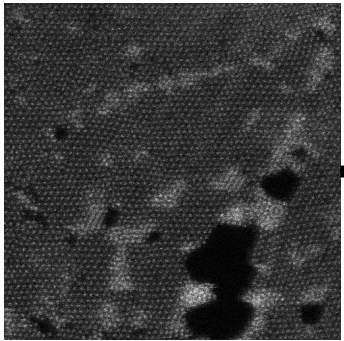


Why Do Scientific Applications of Deep Learning Trail Commercial Applications?

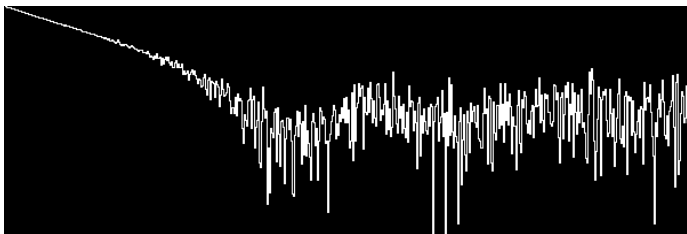


A cat sitting on a bench

A fabric surface



A picture containing an animal



A Christmas tree
Close-up of a logo

True Fact:

Scientific imagery or data

True Fact:

Fewer people can access

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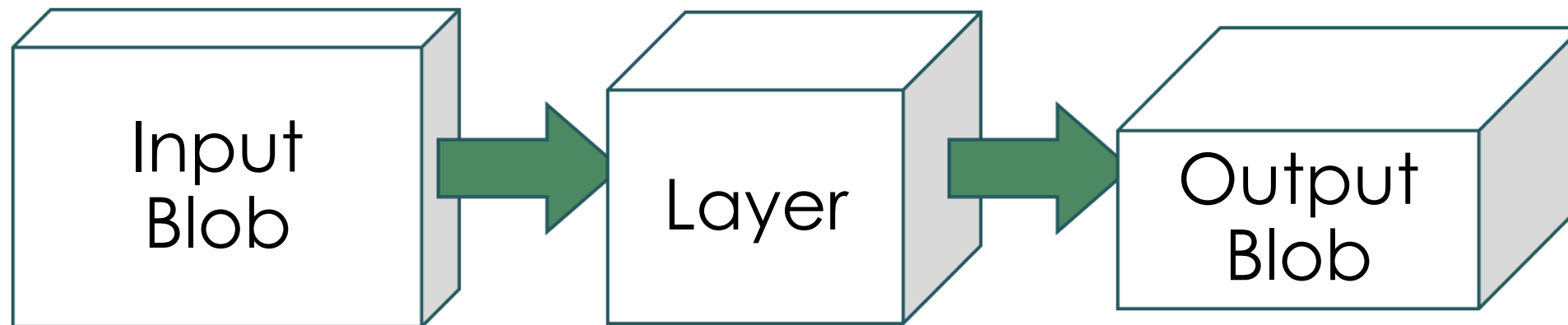
Fewer people are qualified

True Fact:

Commercial applications (typically) provide much greater financial incentive.

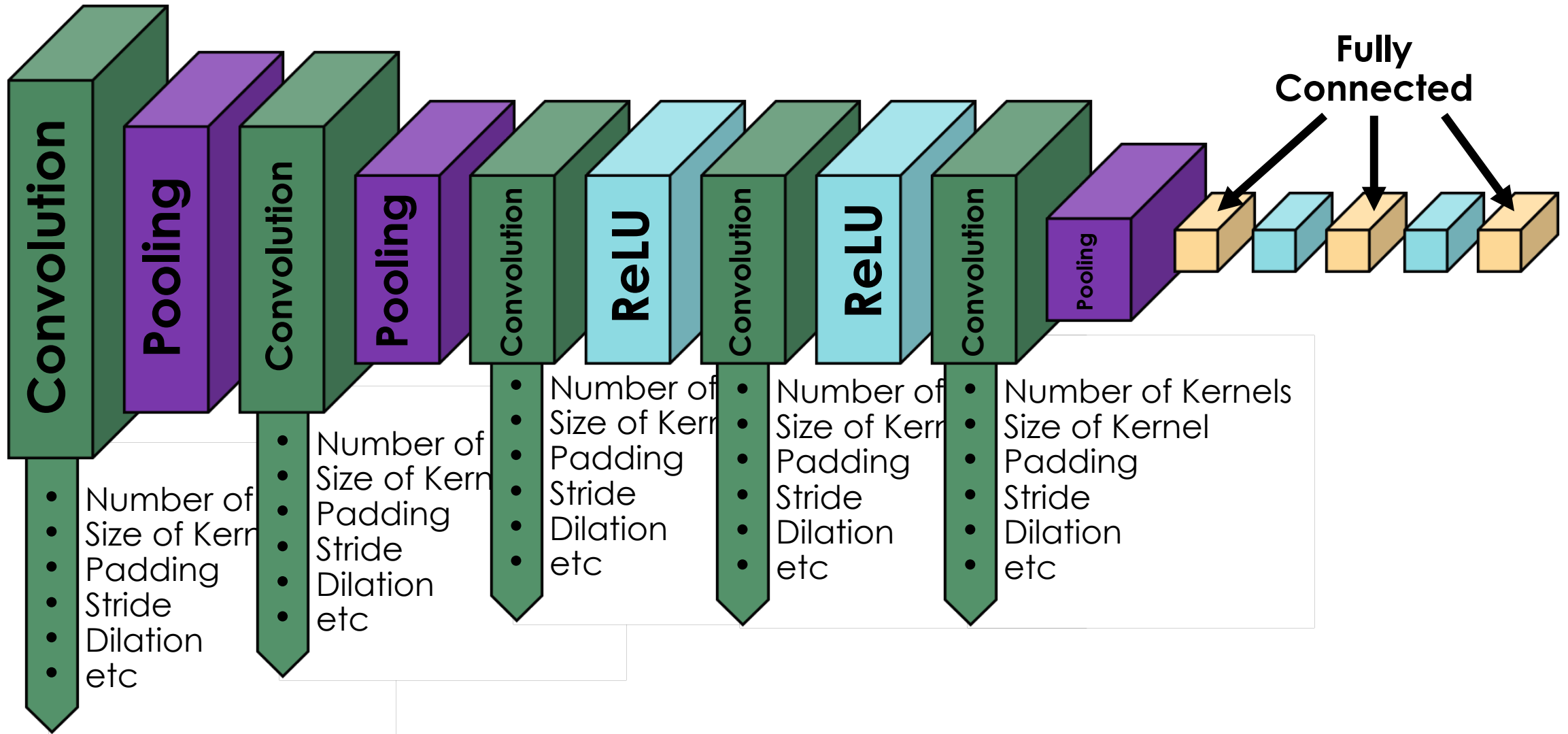


Designing a Neural Network (from scratch)



Convolution	Pooling	Inner Product, or Fully Connected
Number of Kernels		Number of Neurons
Size of Kernel	Size of Kernel	
Stride	Stride	
Pad	Pad	
Dilation	Type: MAX, AVG, etc	

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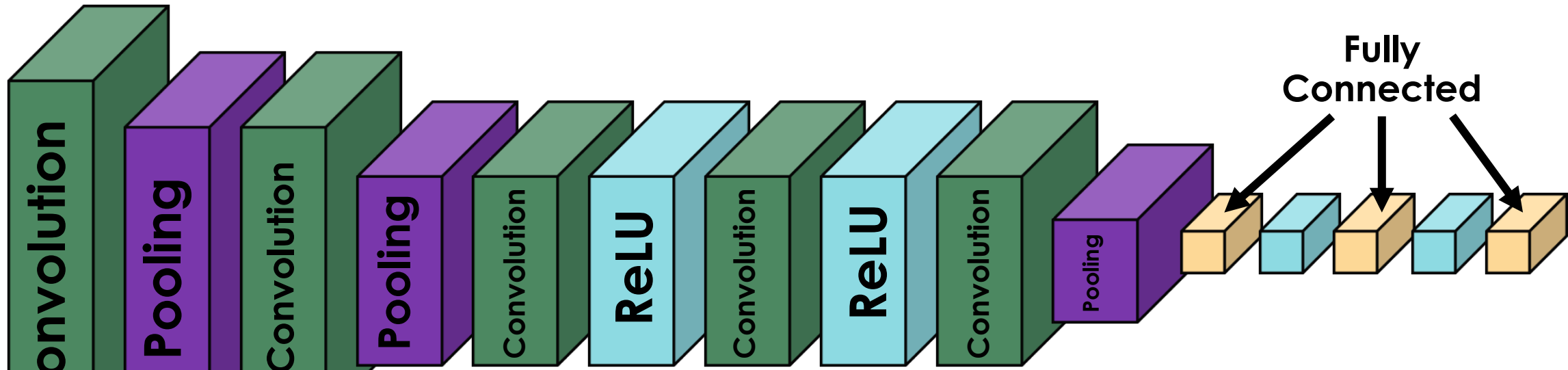


MENNDL:

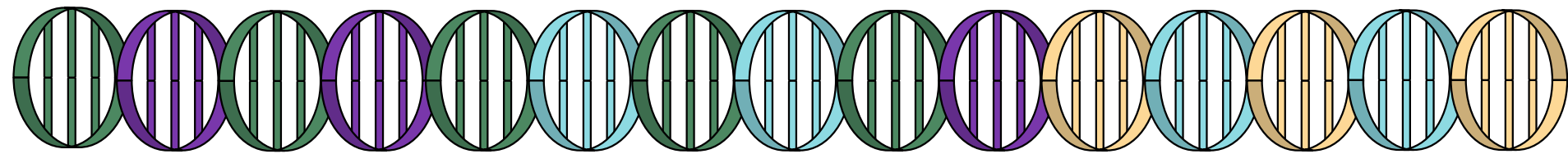
Multi-node Evolution of Neural Networks for Deep Learning

- Asynchronous, evolutionary algorithm used to explore and search hyper-parameter space for deep learning
 - Evolve *only* the network topology
 - Evaluate individual topologies through training process (e.g. SGD)
 - *Scalable* and *adaptability* for many data sets and compute platforms
- Leverage many GPUs
 - ~~Titan (18,688 K20 GPUs) evaluates about 5-900,000 networks per day~~
 - **Summit (about 27,600 Volta V100 GPUs)
easily evaluating millions of networks per day**

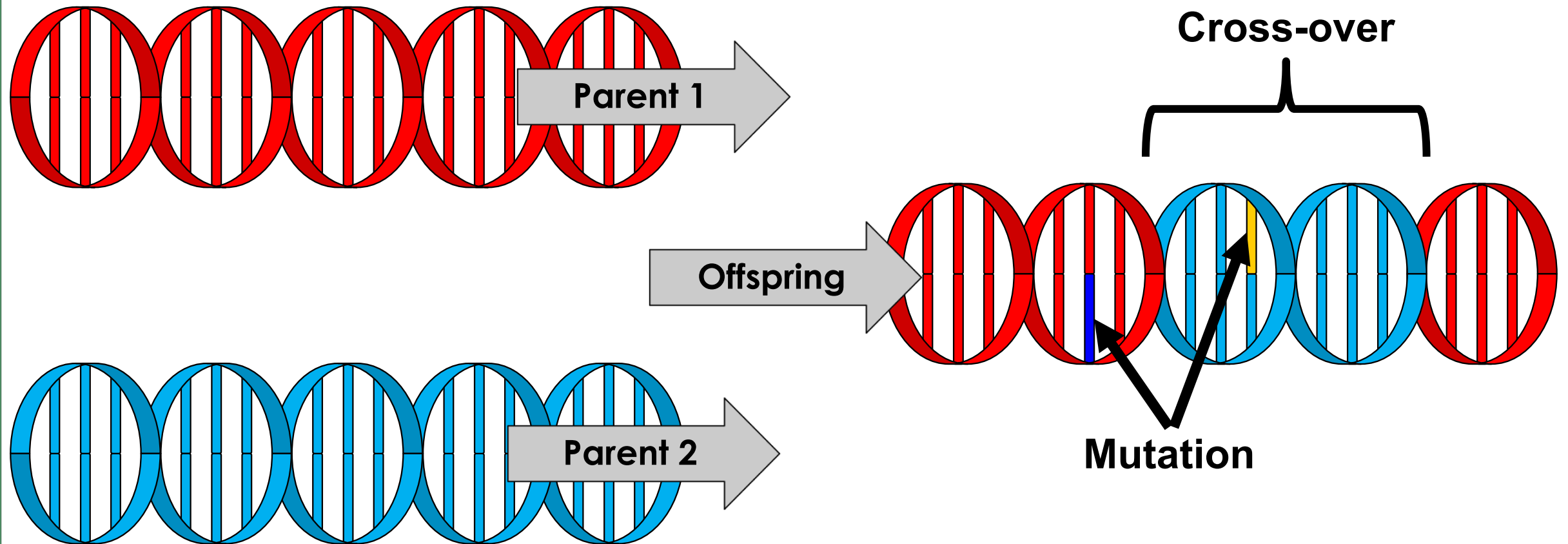
MENNDL: Multi-node Evolution of Neural Networks for Deep Learning



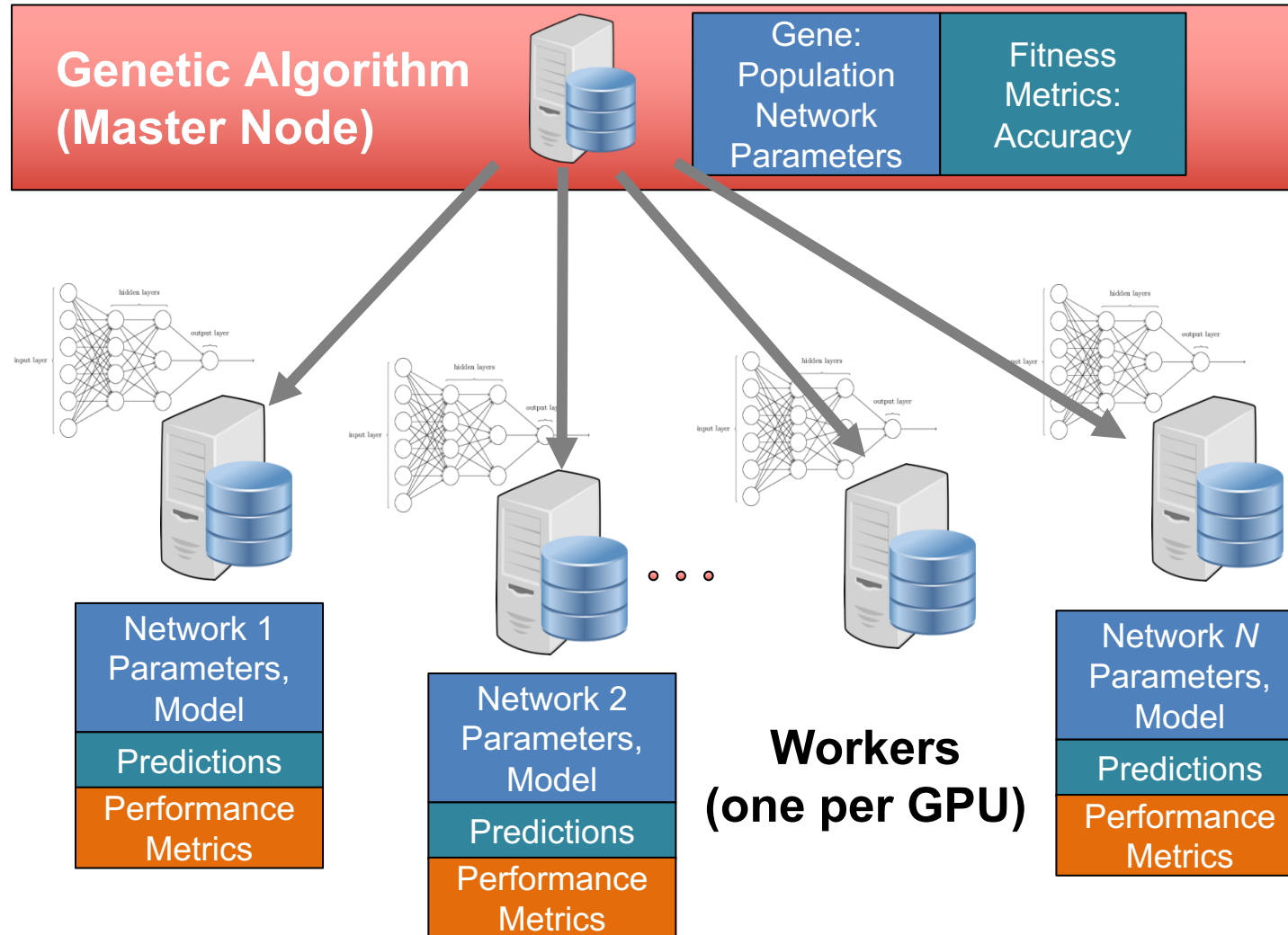
Bi-directional map between neural network topologies and a genetic encoding (build instructions)



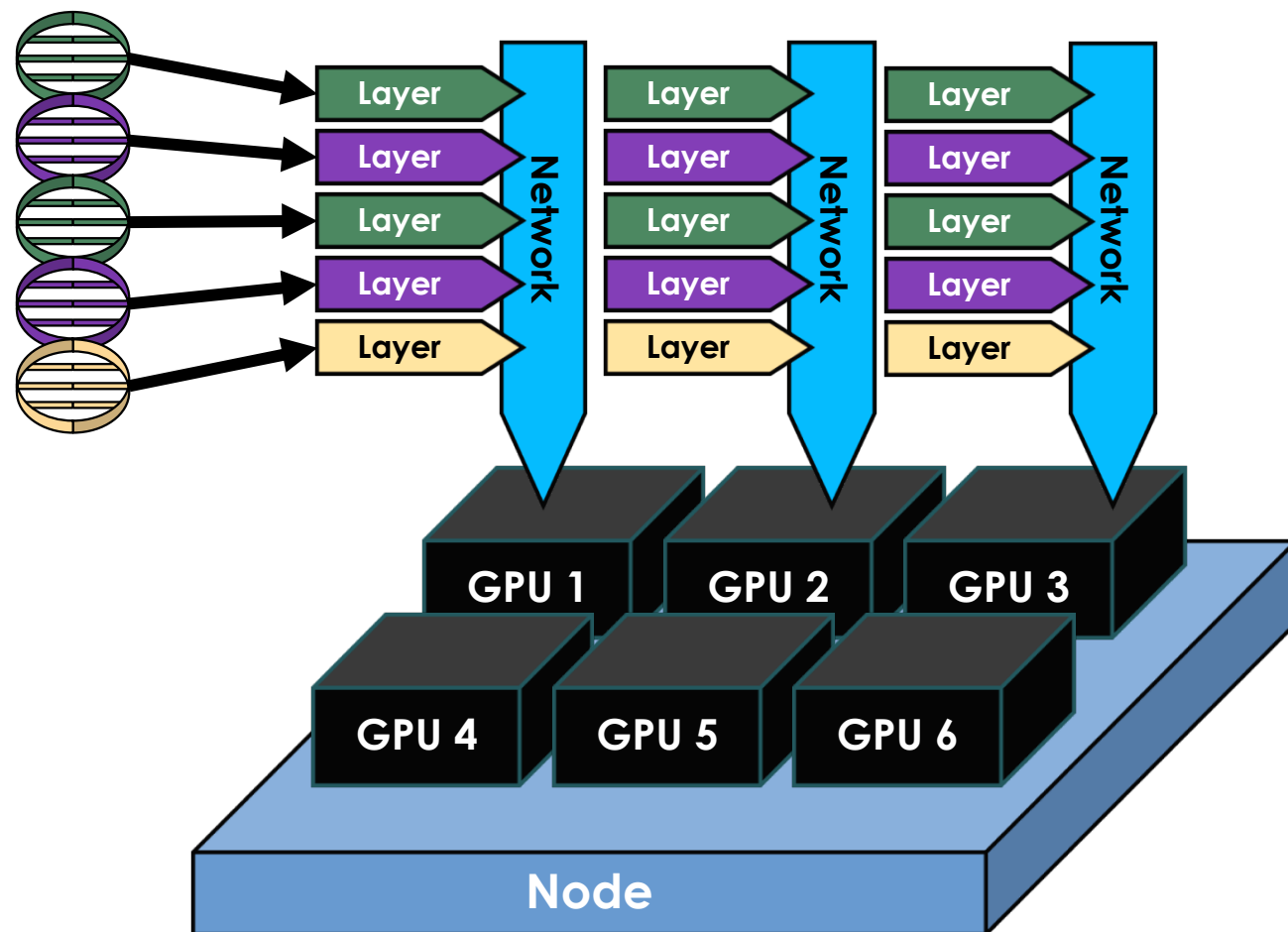
MENNDL: Evolution through Crossover and Mutation



MENNDL: Asynchronous Evaluation of Networks



Measuring the Performance of MENNDL



Measuring the Performance of MENNDL

Layer

Combinations of layer hyper-parameters affect:

- Computational cost (i.e. number of operations to transform data)
- What features *may* be learned

Network

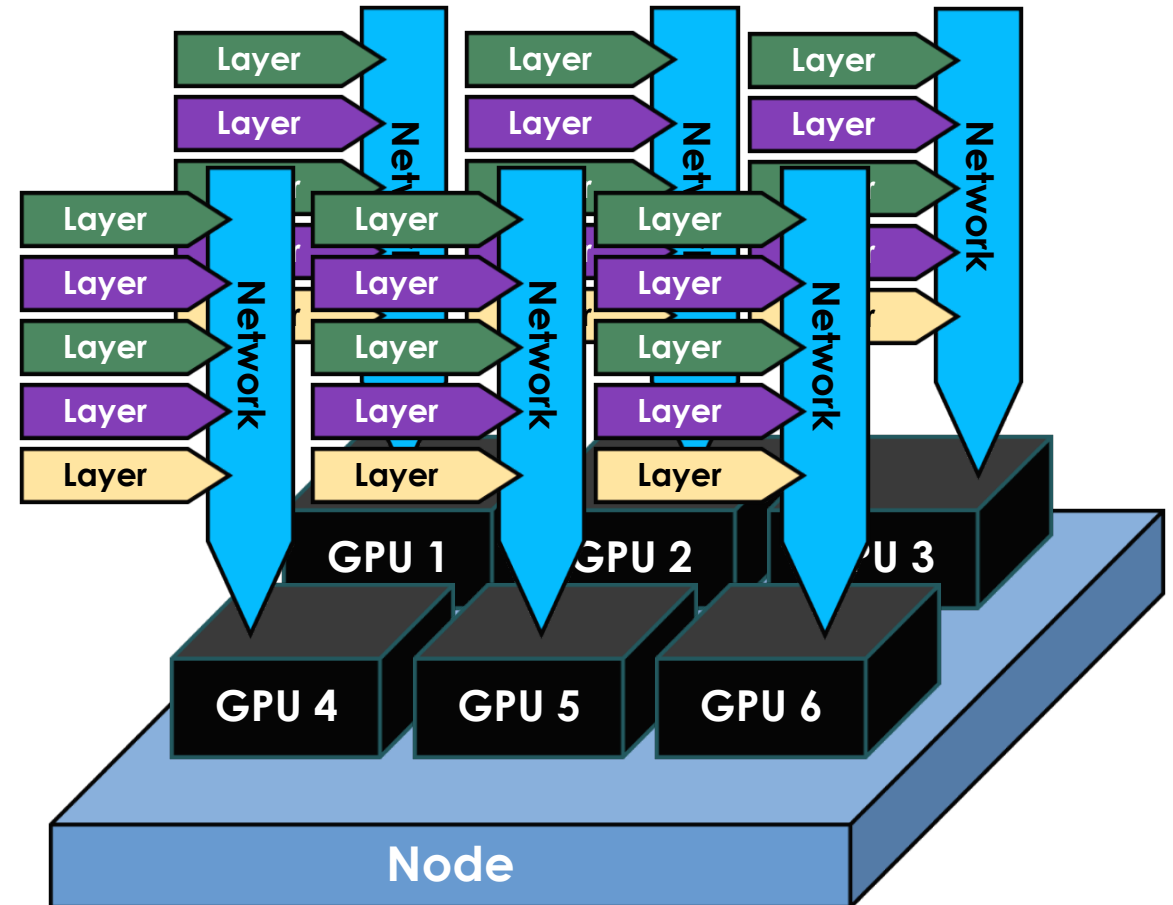
Combinations of layers affect:

- Single-GPU computational cost (**FLOPS**) (i.e. number of operations to transform data)
- How features are aggregated
- **Accuracy** of *single* network

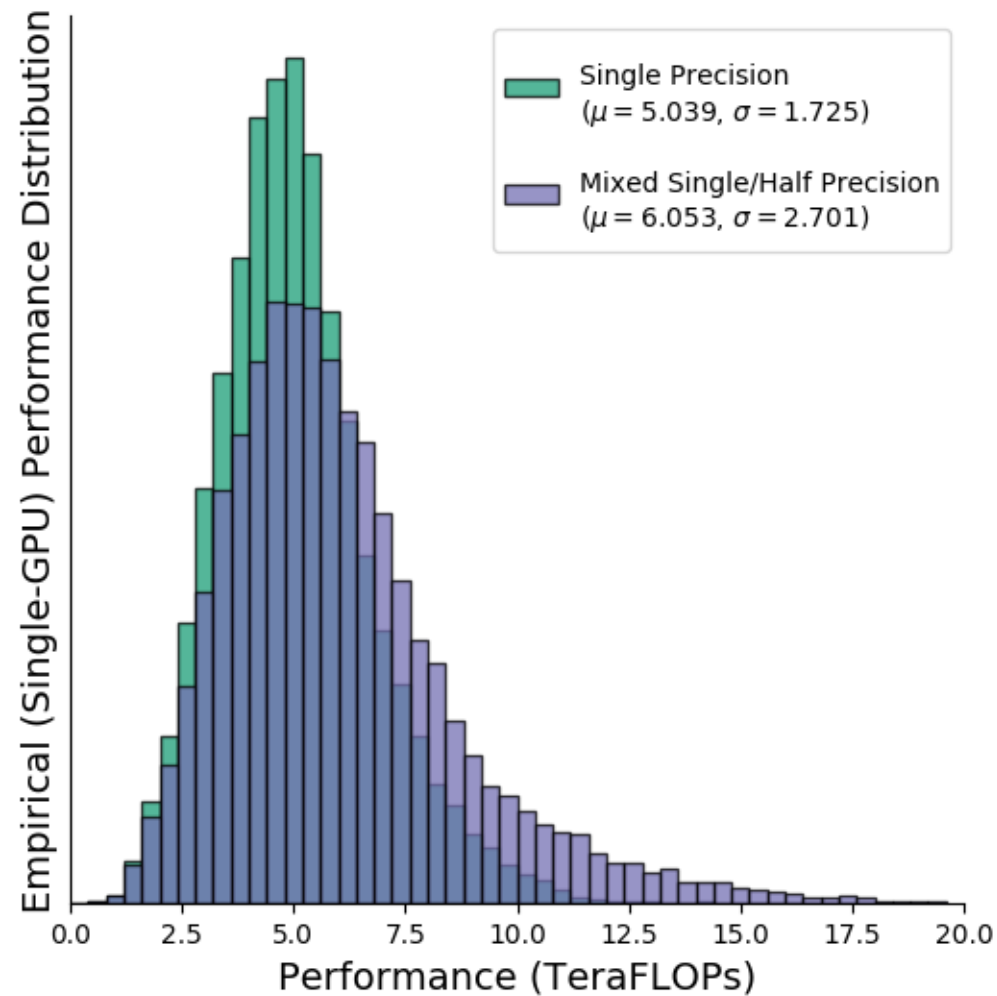
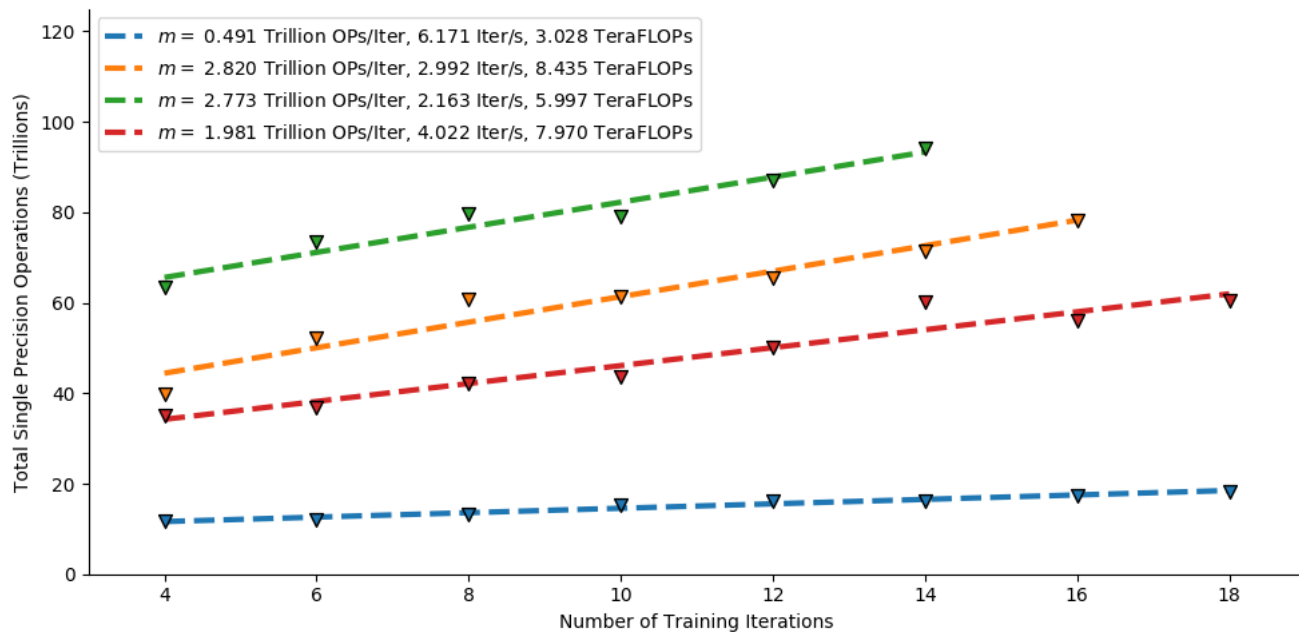
Whole System

Population of networks affect:

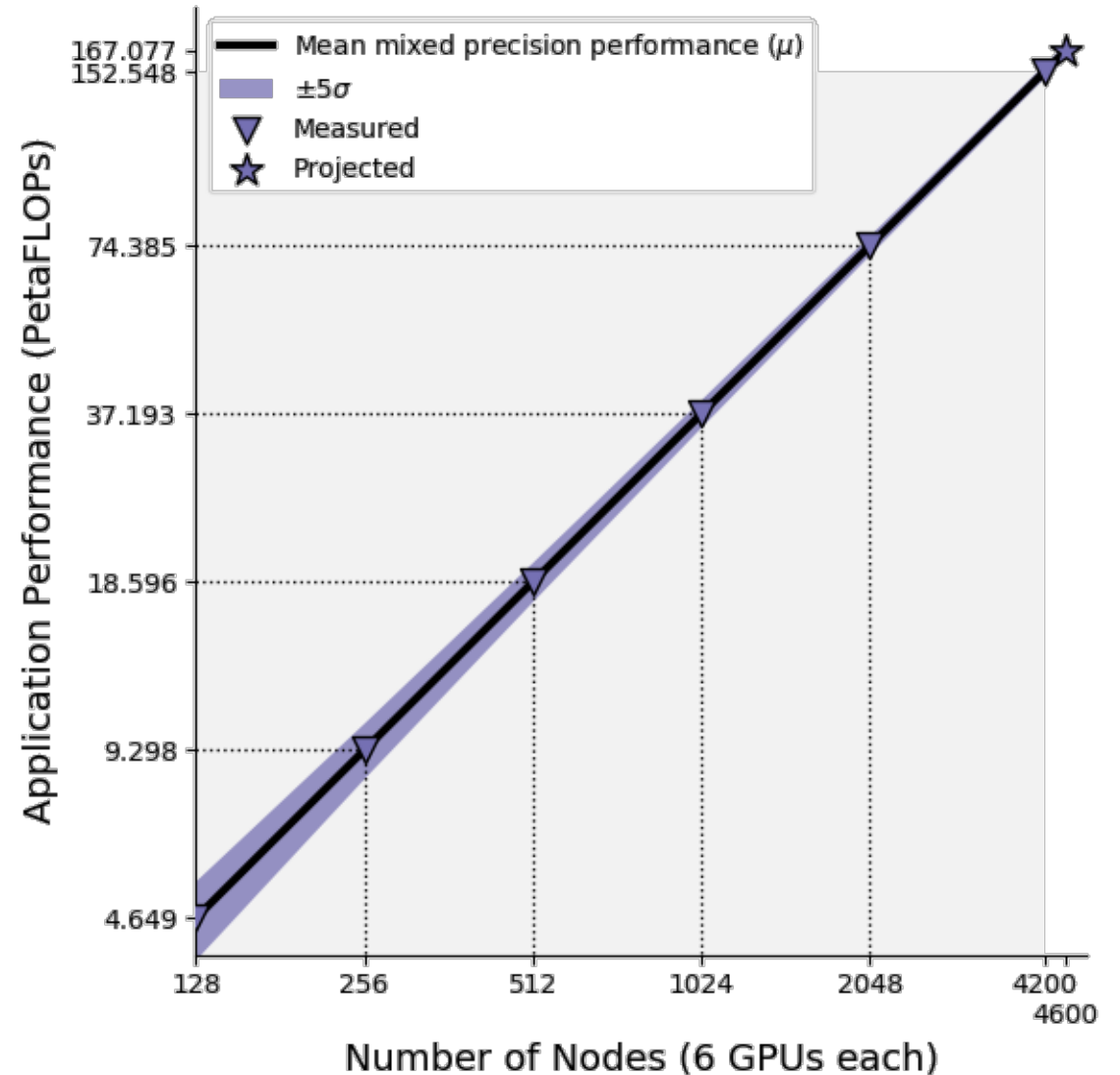
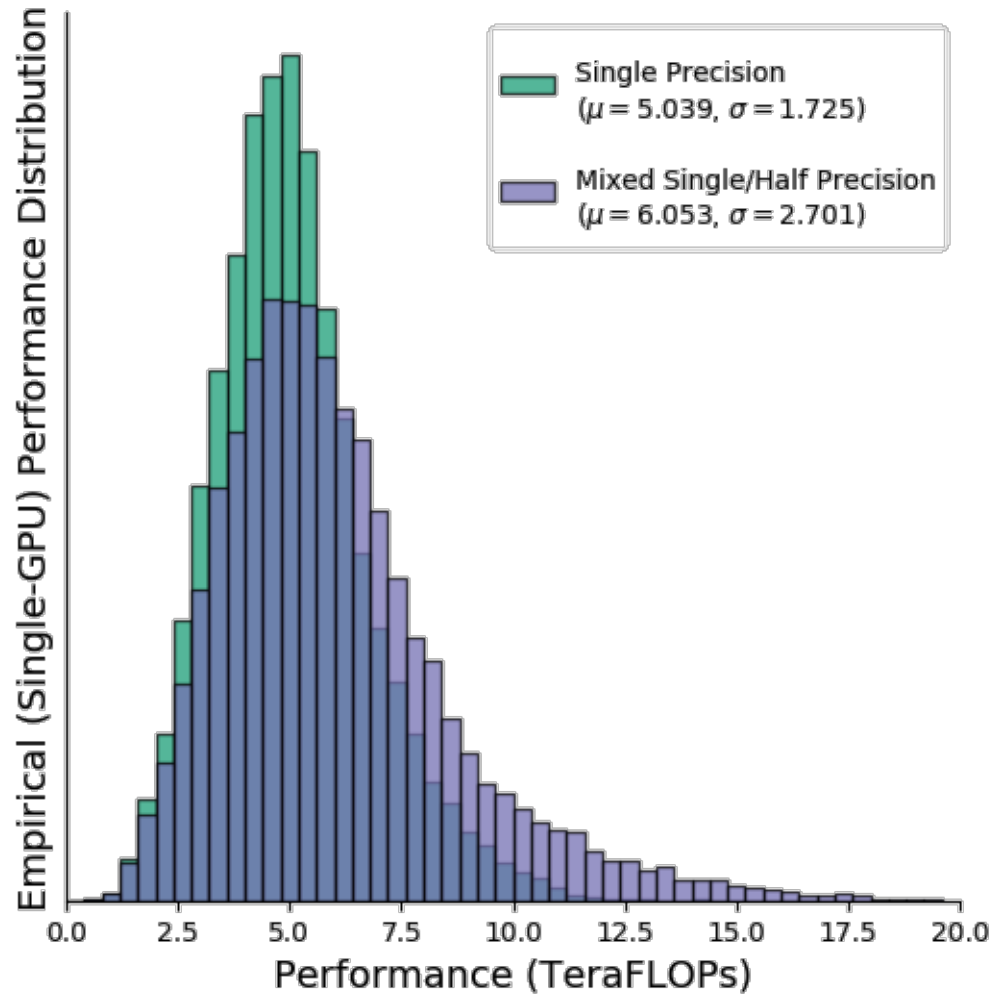
- Overall computational cost (**FLOPS**)
- **Overall Accuracy** (fittest individual, rate of convergence, etc)



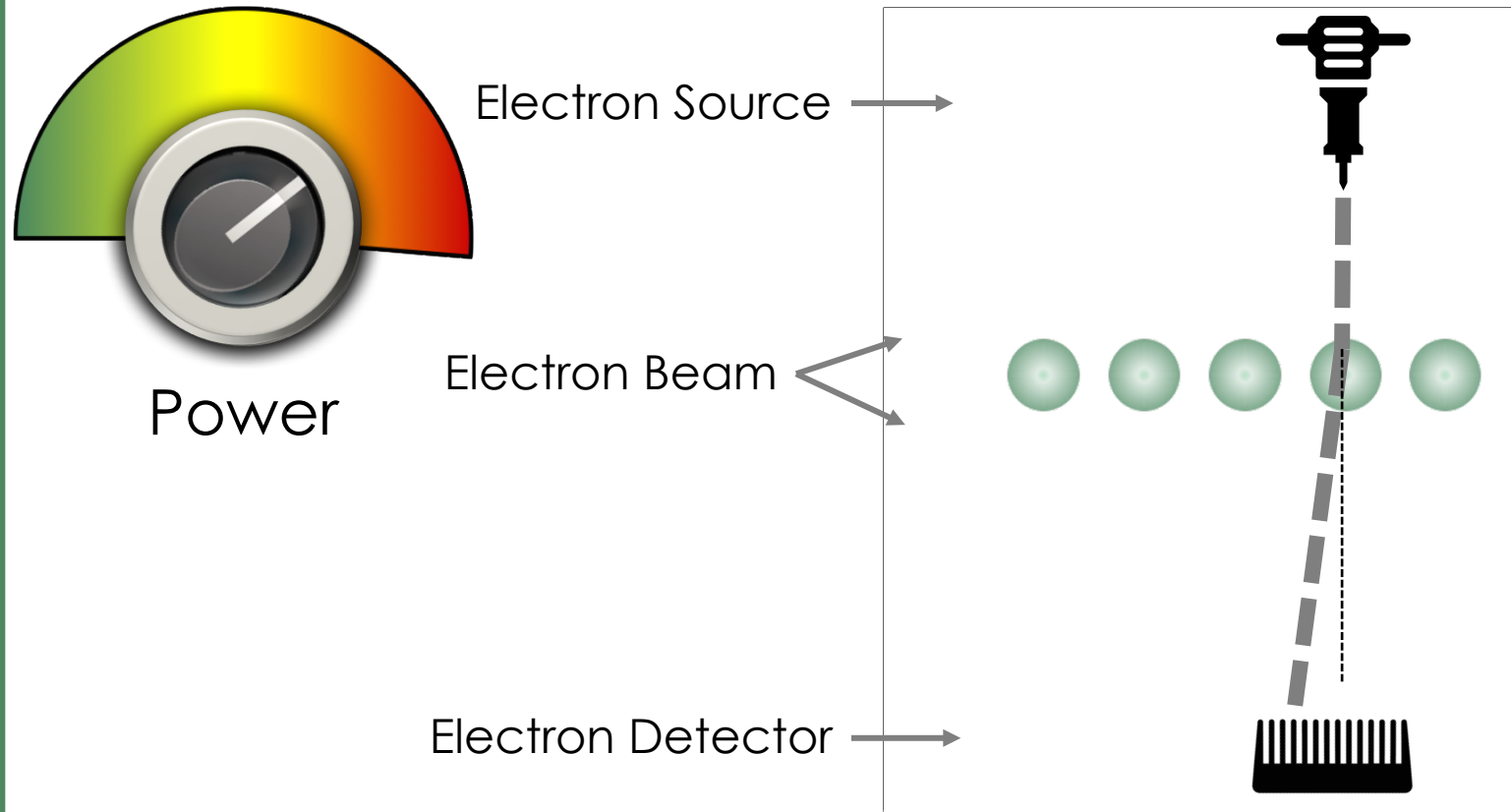
Node-Level Compute Performance (FLOPS)



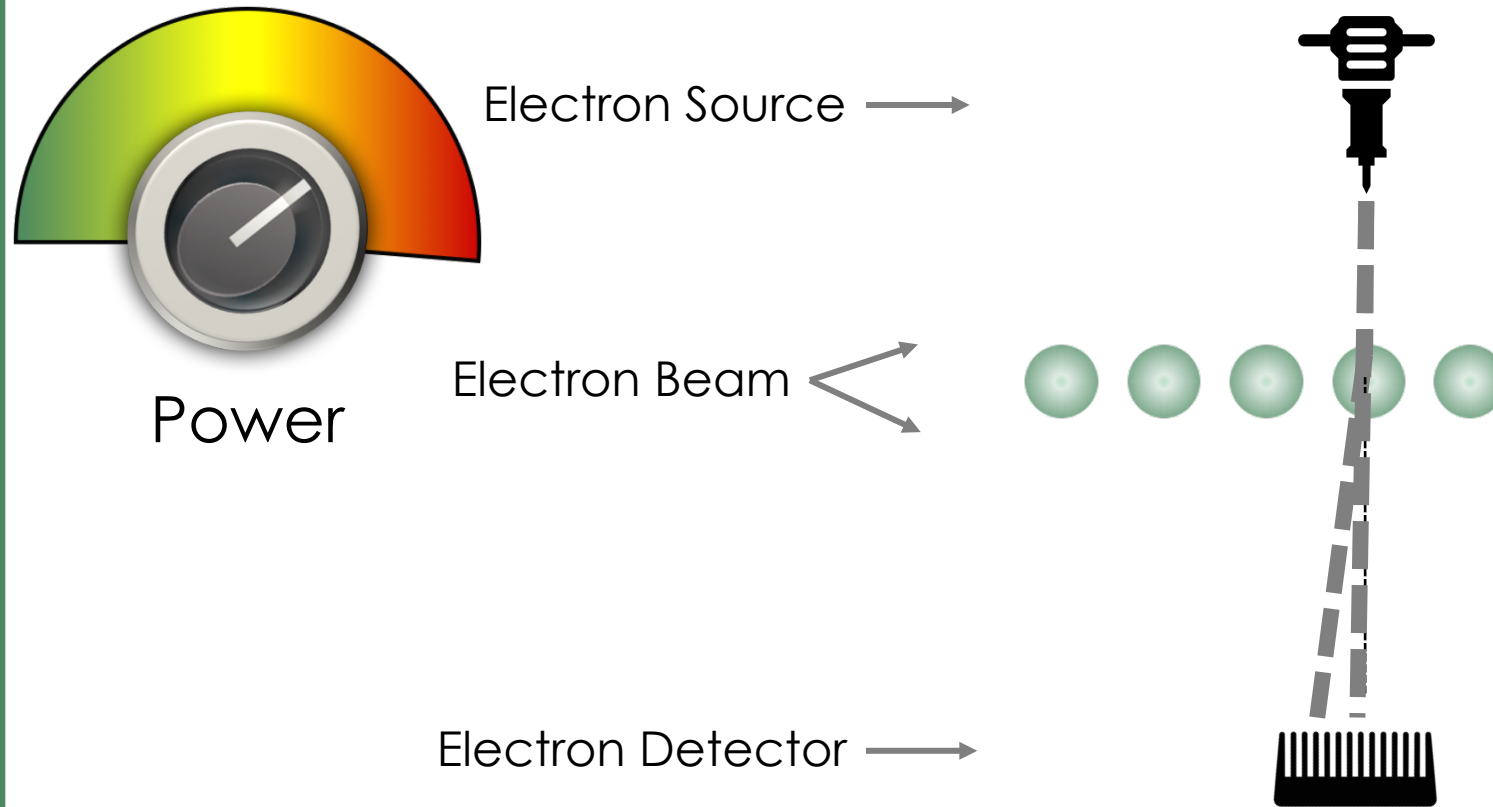
System-Level Performance (FLOPS) and Scaling



Scanning Transmission Electron Miscroscopy (STEM)

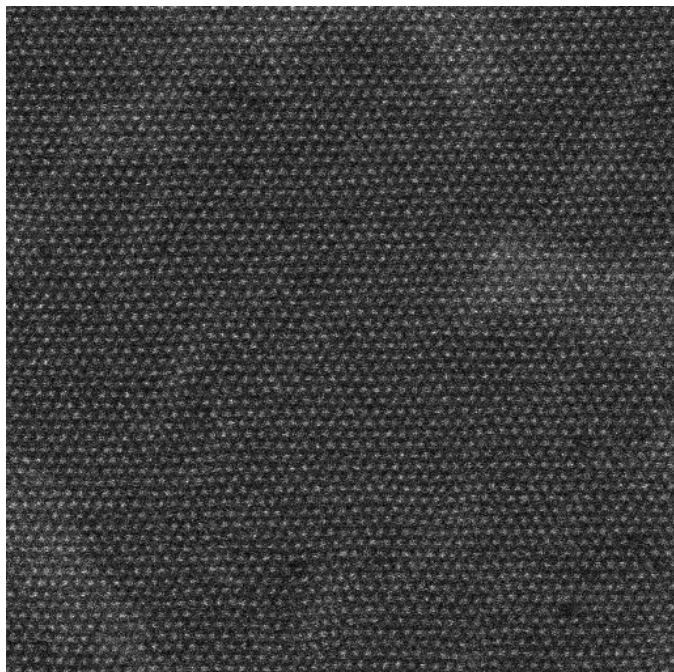


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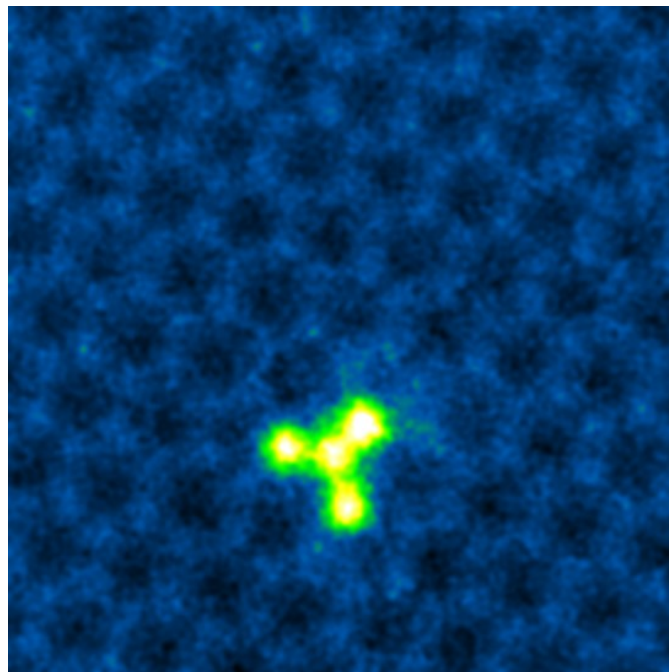


Vision: Use AI to Drive the Electron Microscope

Atomic Imaging of
Materials



Manual Atomic
Manipulation



<https://www.ornl.gov/news/scientists-forge-ahead-electron-microscopy-build-quantum-materials-atom-atom>
Ondrej Dyck, Sergei Kalinin, Stephen Jesse, Albina Borisevich

AI-Driven Atomic
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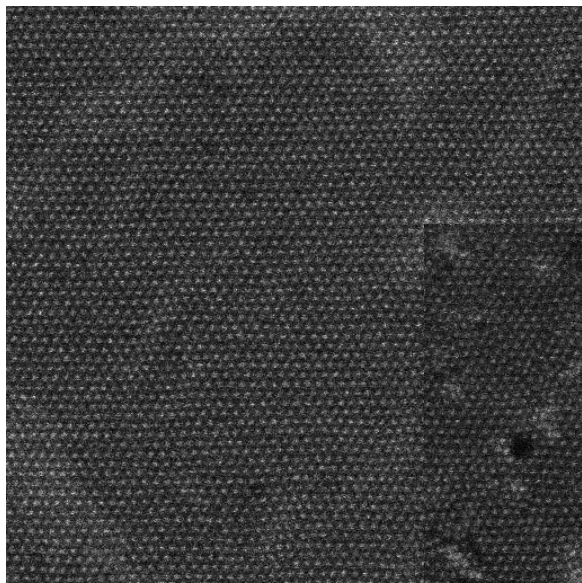
- Enable large scale production of materials customized at the atomic scale

Application: Electron Microscopy

1st step towards building a smart, self-driving microscope

Atomic Level Data

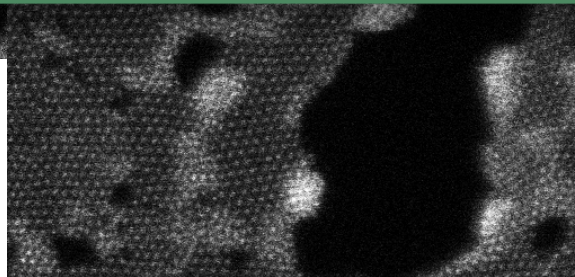
FFT-Generated Labels



Frame 1







Frame 88

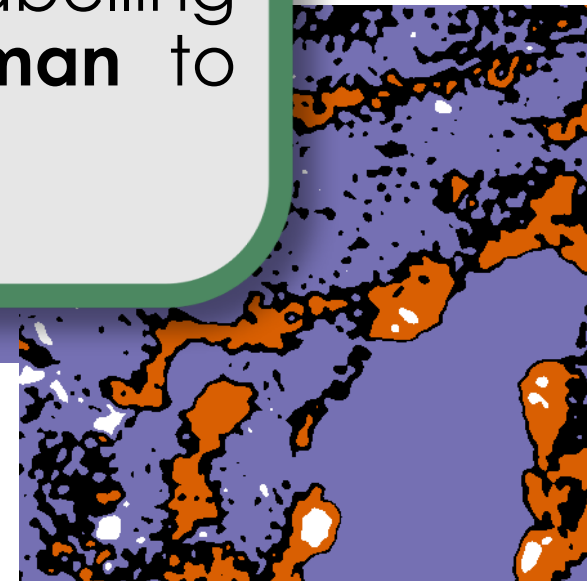


Frame 99

FFT-based labelling **only** works well **if the lattice is regular.**

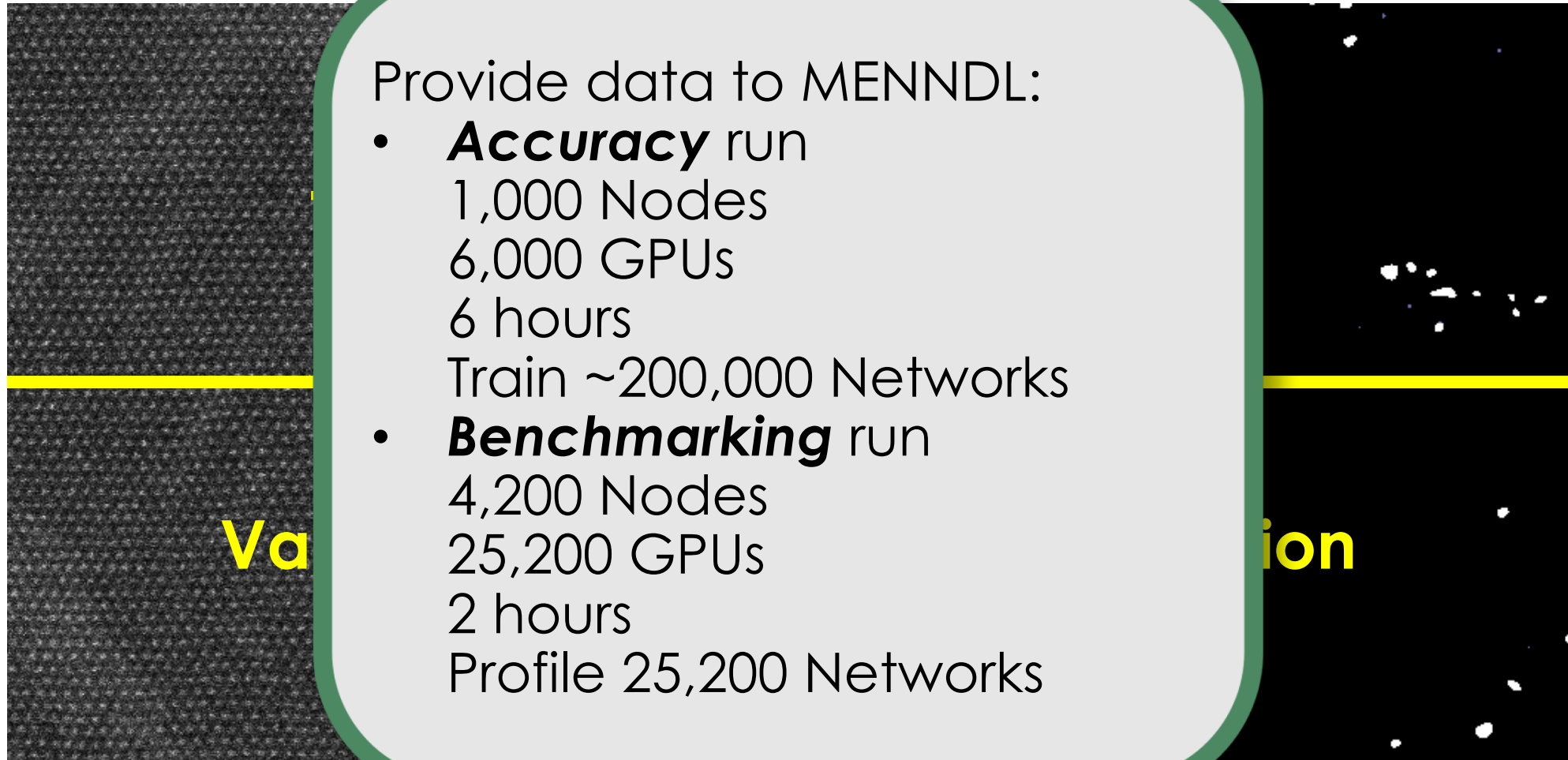
Even if FFT-based labelling works, **it requires a human** to hand-tune parameters

-  = Defect (positive)
-  = Not defect (negative)
-  = False positive (sort of bad)
-  = False Negative (really bad)



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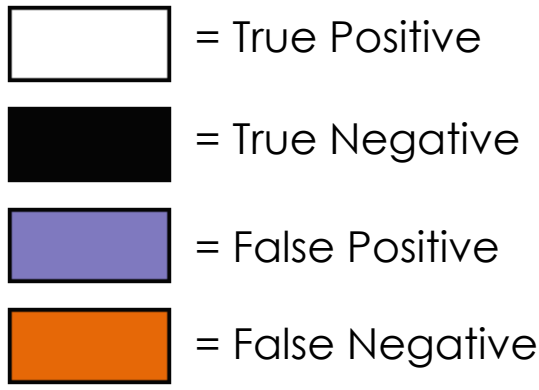
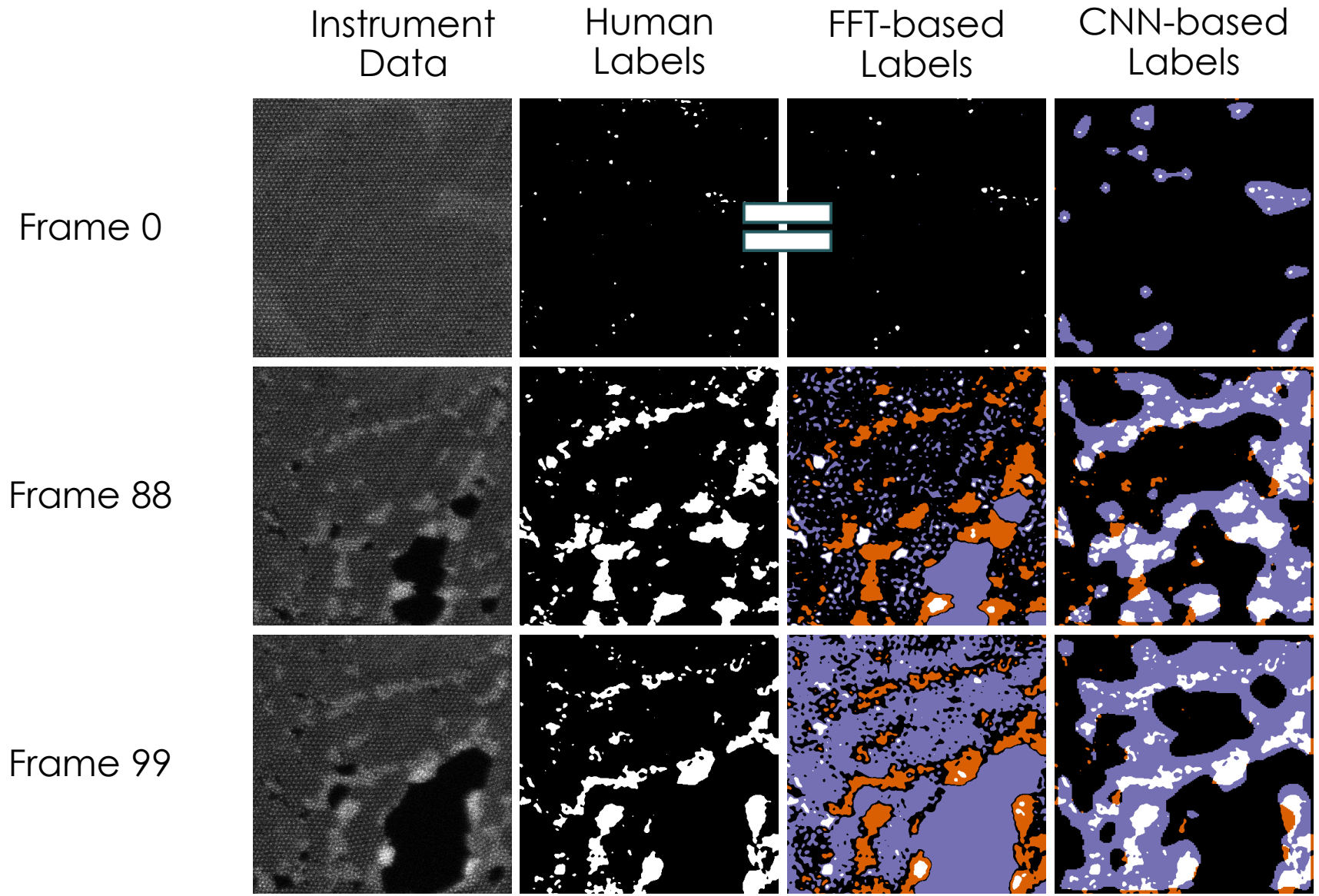
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Provide data to MENNDL:

- **Accuracy** run
 - 1,000 Nodes
 - 6,000 GPUs
 - 6 hours
 - Train ~200,000 Networks
- **Benchmarking** run
 - 4,200 Nodes
 - 25,200 GPUs
 - 2 hours
 - Profile 25,200 Networks

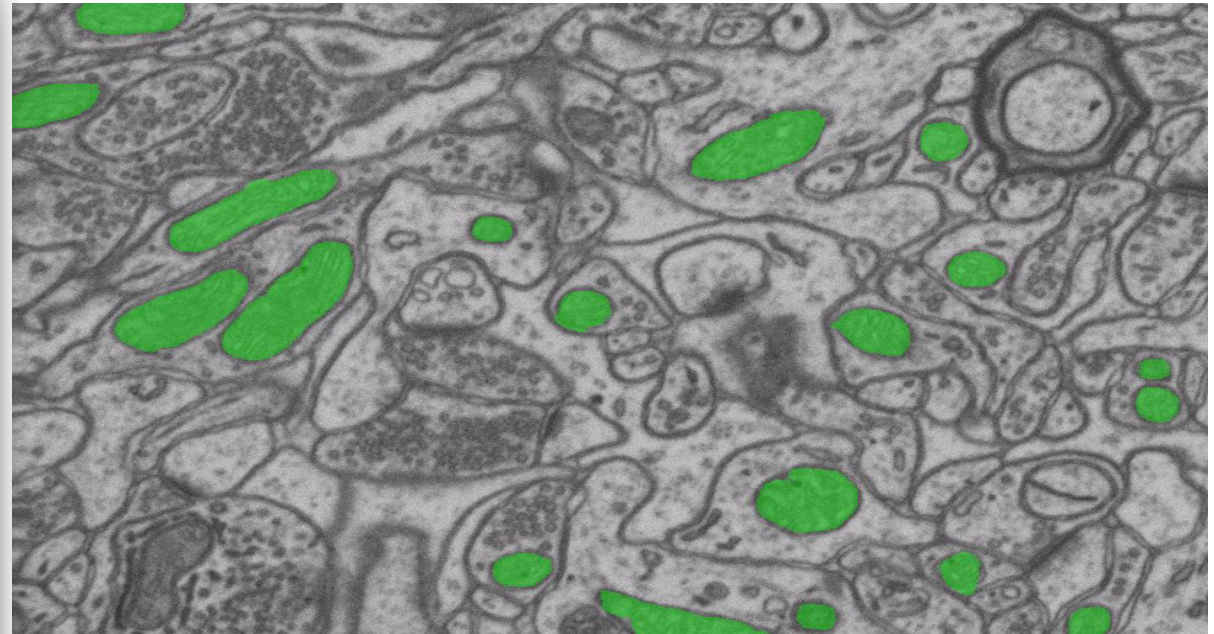
Results



Application: 3D Electron Microscopy

MENNDL:

- 24 hrs on Titan, 18,000 Nodes
 - Evaluated 900,000+ networks
 - 93.8% Accuracy
- Reduction in error of more than 30% over *standard* networks and human hand-crafted networks

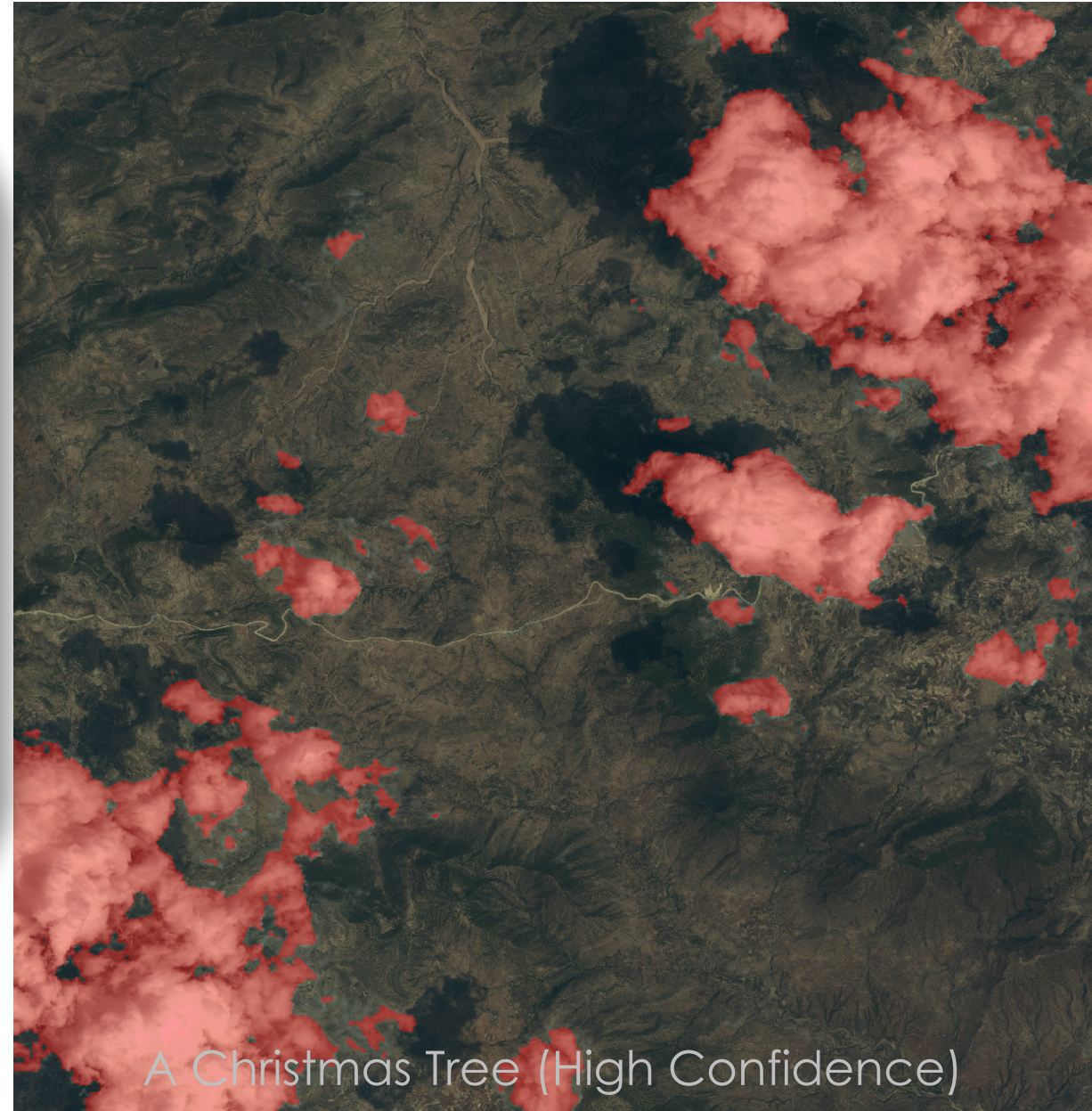


A fabric surface (High Confidence)

Application: Cloud Detection

MENNDL, smart mutation

- 5 hrs on Titan, 1,000 Nodes
- Evaluated 25,000 networks
- 97.5+% Accuracy
 - 200x faster inference
 - 1/10th memory
 - 40% reduction in error over GoogLeNET



A Christmas Tree (High Confidence)

Conclusion

- Deep Learning solutions for *commercial* data rarely transfer seamlessly to *scientific* data.
- MENNDL leverages a massively parallel, genetic, asynchronous algorithm on HPC systems to tailor make neural networks when *commercial* solutions fail.
 - Easily achieves performance over 167 Pflops on Summit
 - Evaluates around 2.5 Million neural networks per day
- MENNDL enables custom deep learning for science by removing the time-consuming hand-tuning process of creating custom neural networks.

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