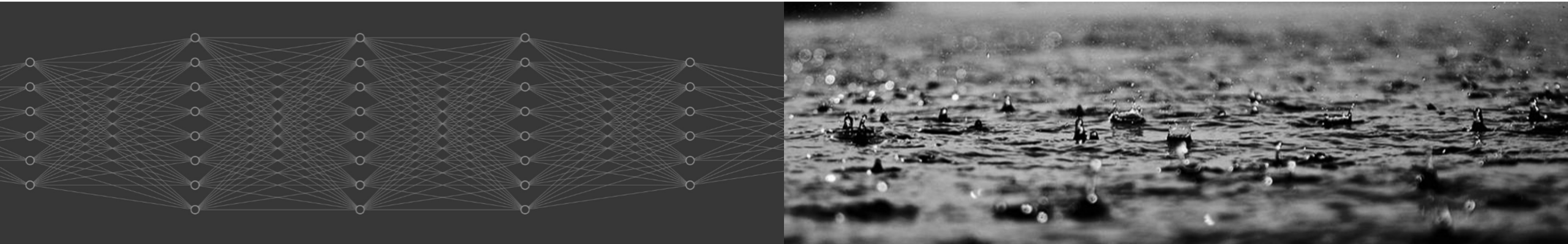


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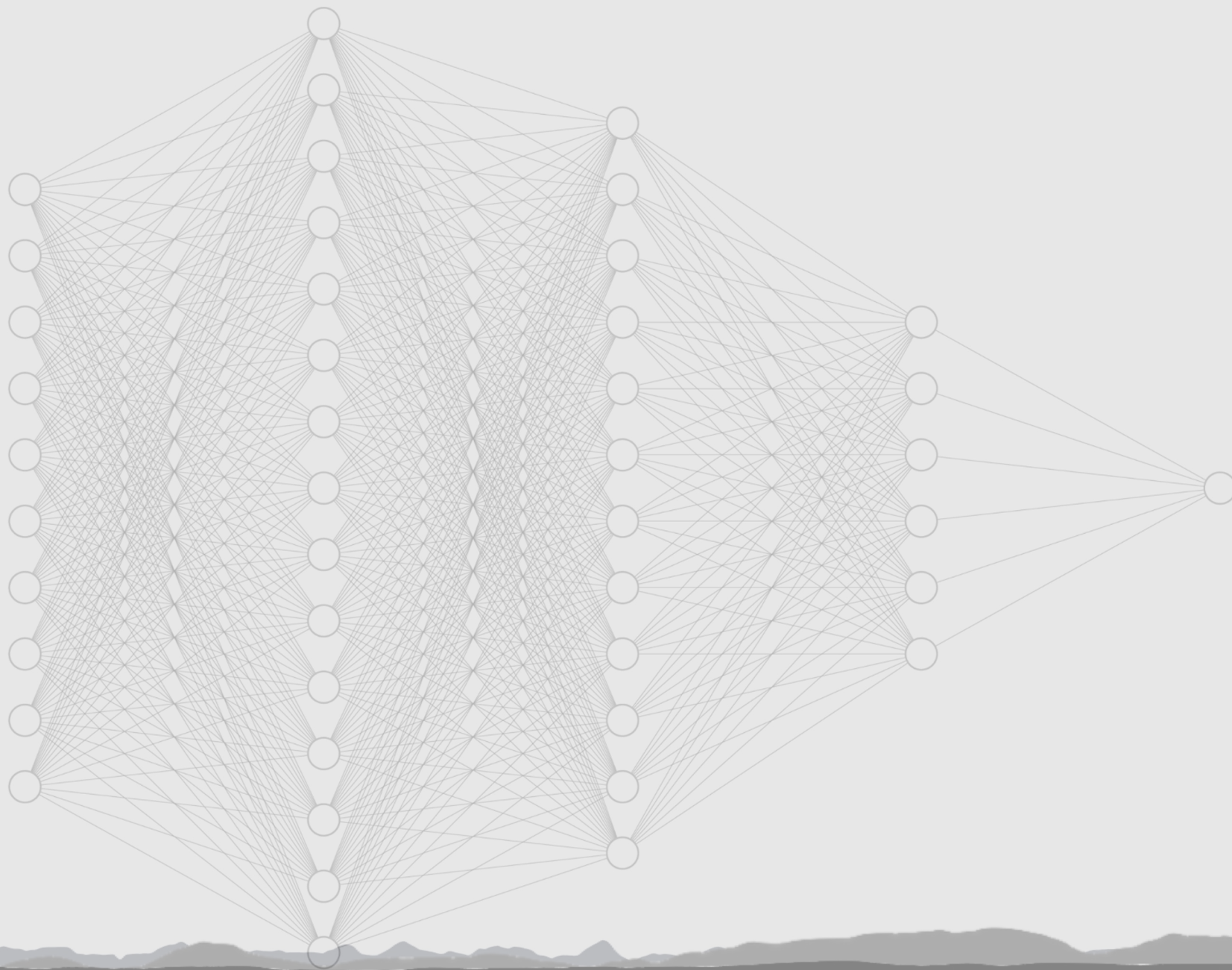
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1959, ML defined

1986,
Backpropagation

Since 1990s,
GPUs
ImageNet
DL advances



Computer Science

Artificial Intelligence

Machine Learning

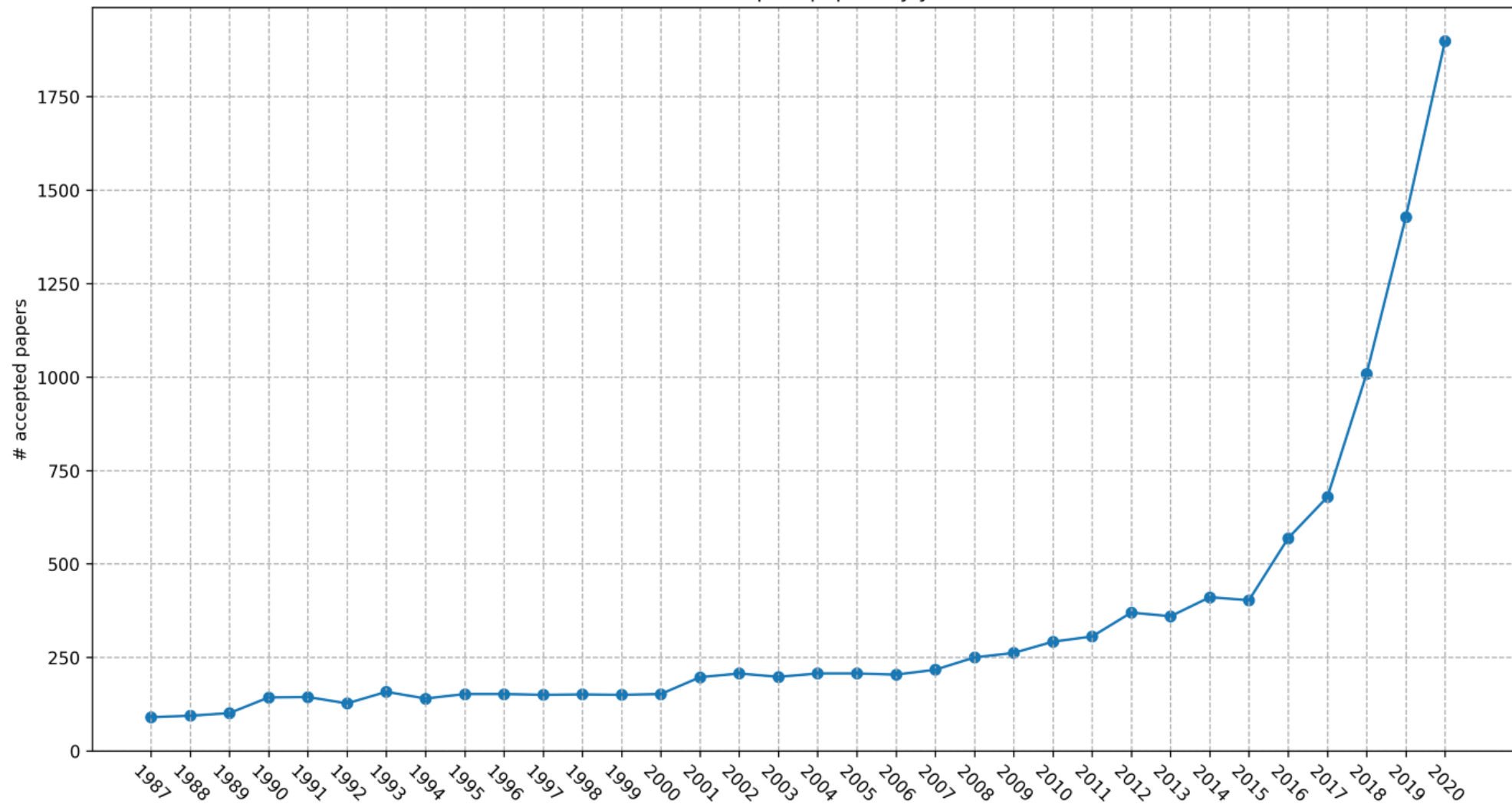
Deep Learning

“Field of study that gives computers the ability to learn without being explicitly programmed.”

1959, Arthur Lee Samuel defined ML

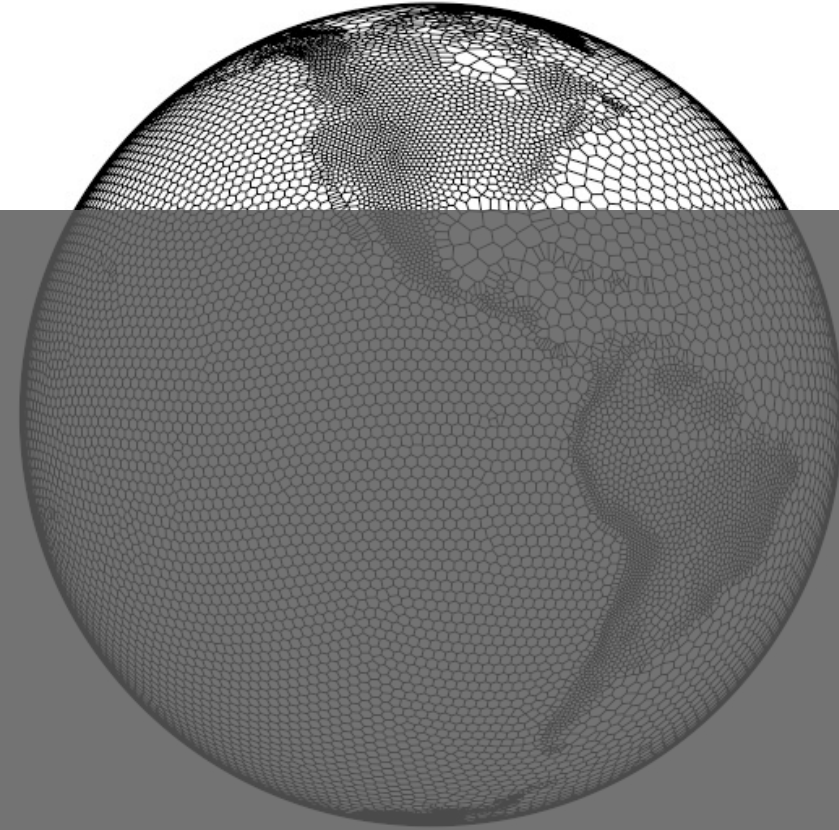
NeurIPS Conference Papers, 1987-2020

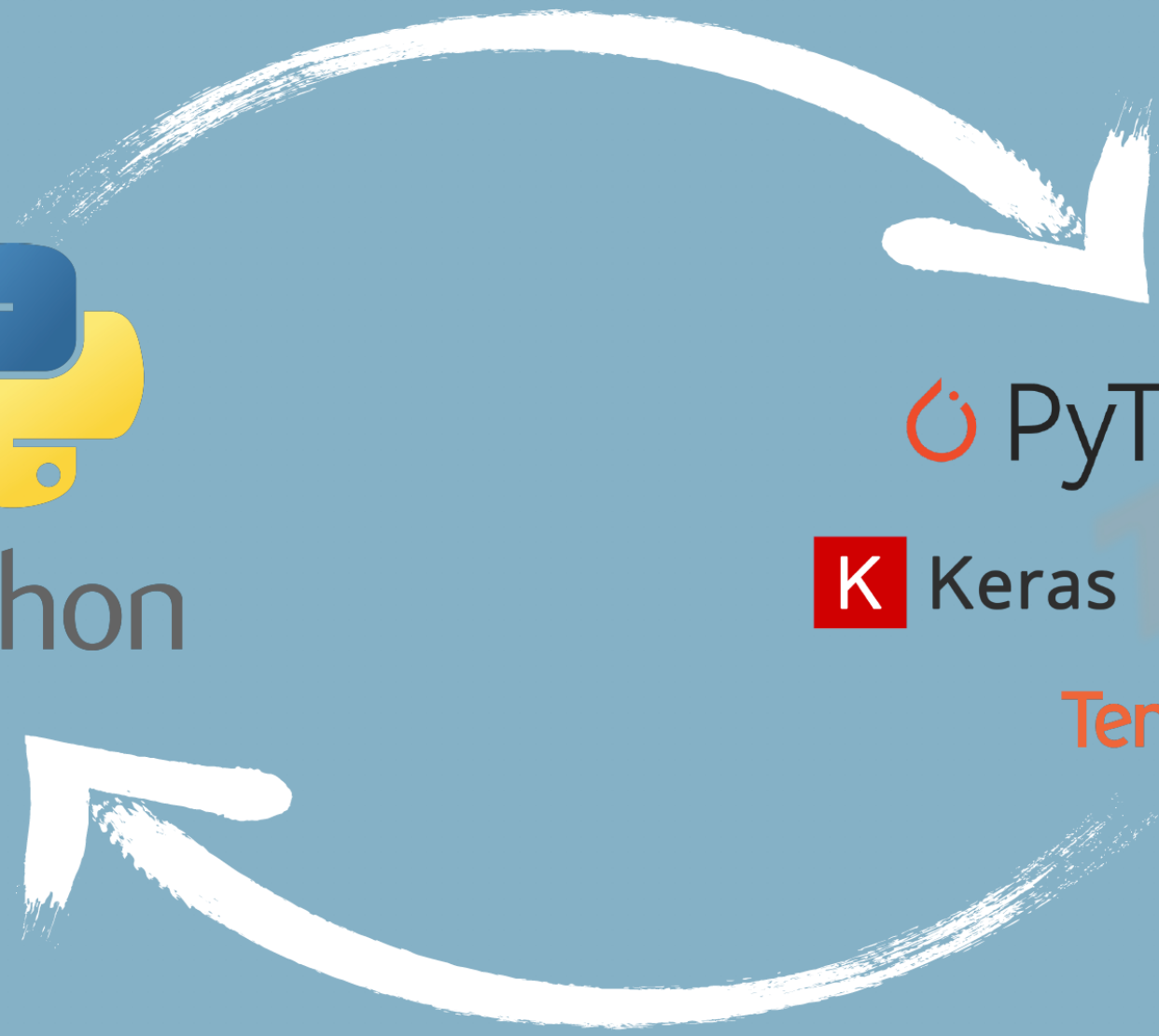
Total accepted papers by year



ML for Earth system modeling should incorporate:

- Physics and Domain Knowledge
- Robustness
- Interpretable ML and Explainable AI



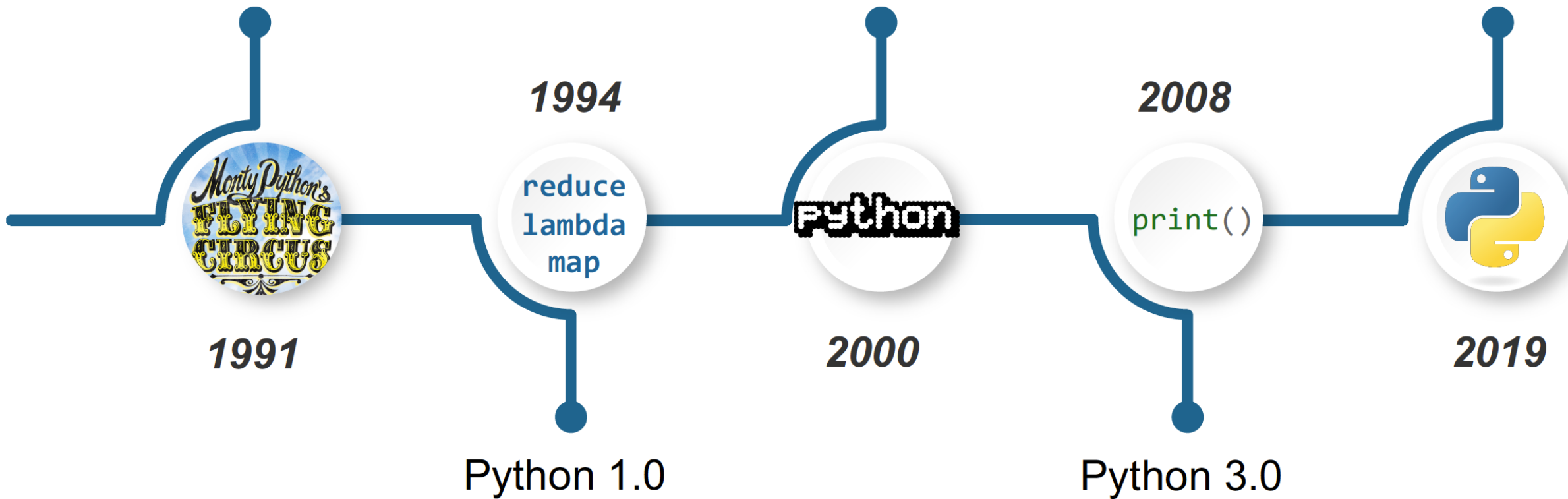


TensorFlow

Python first released.

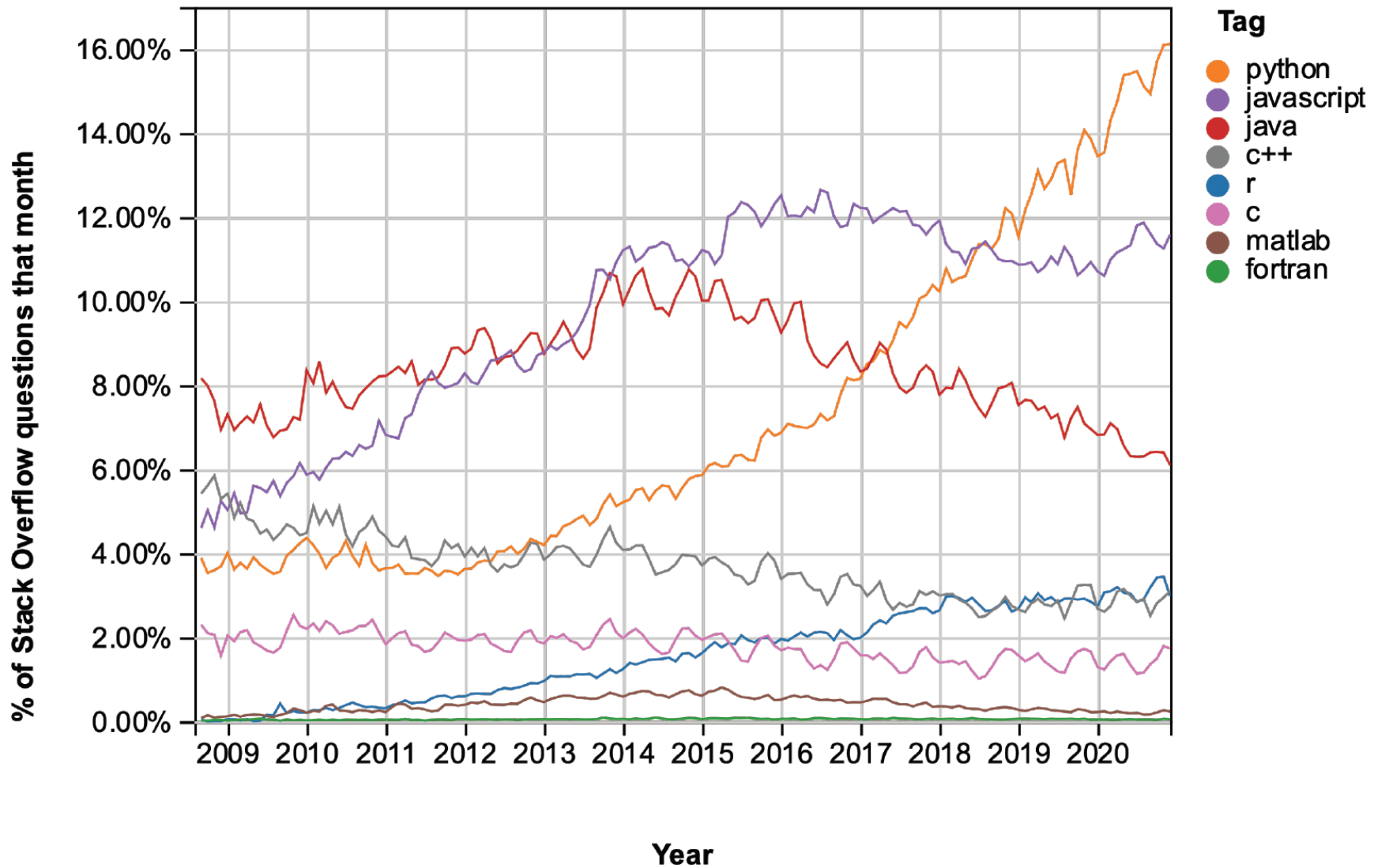
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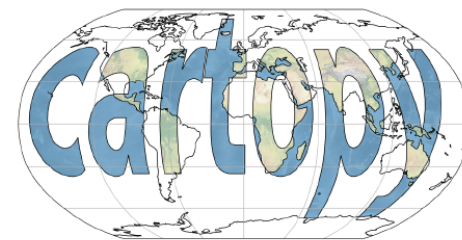


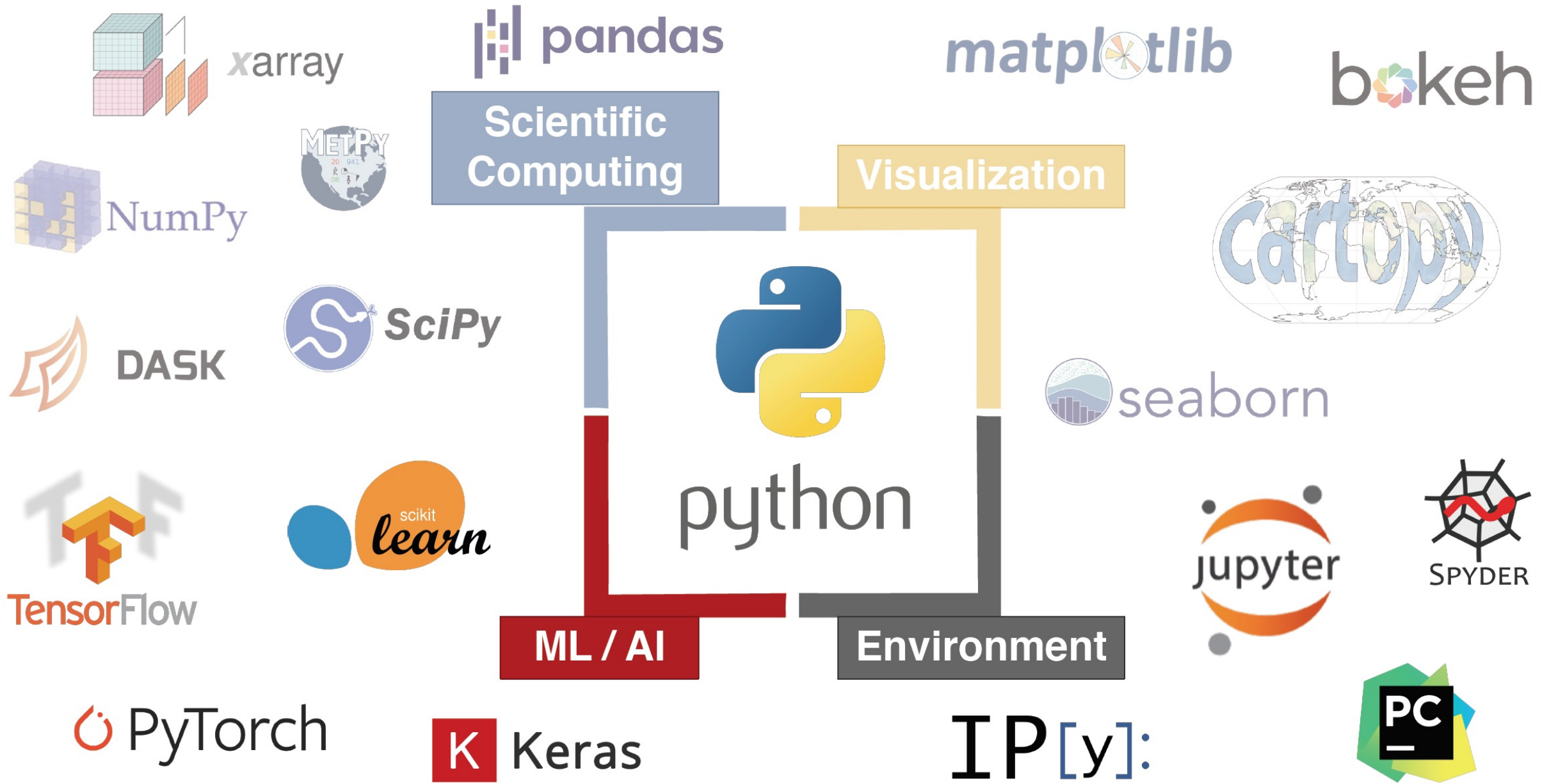
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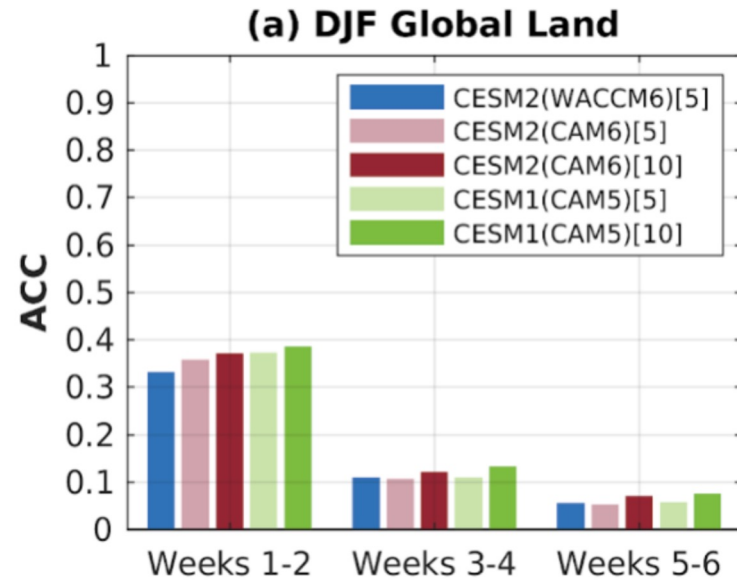
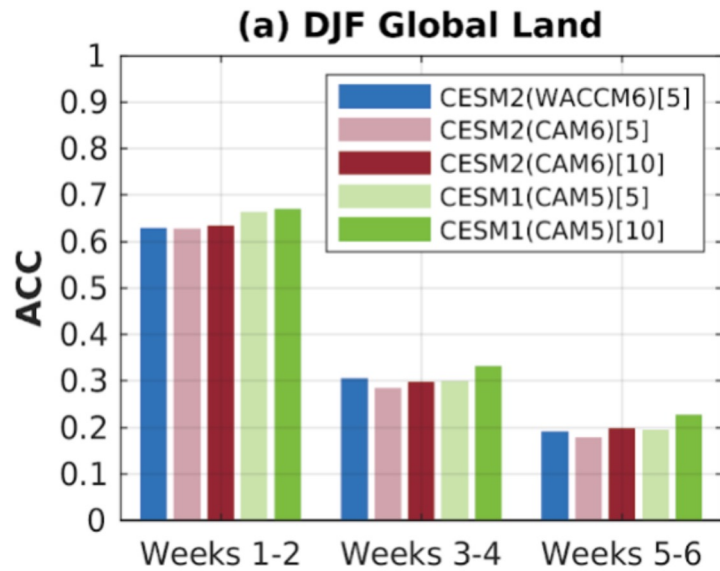
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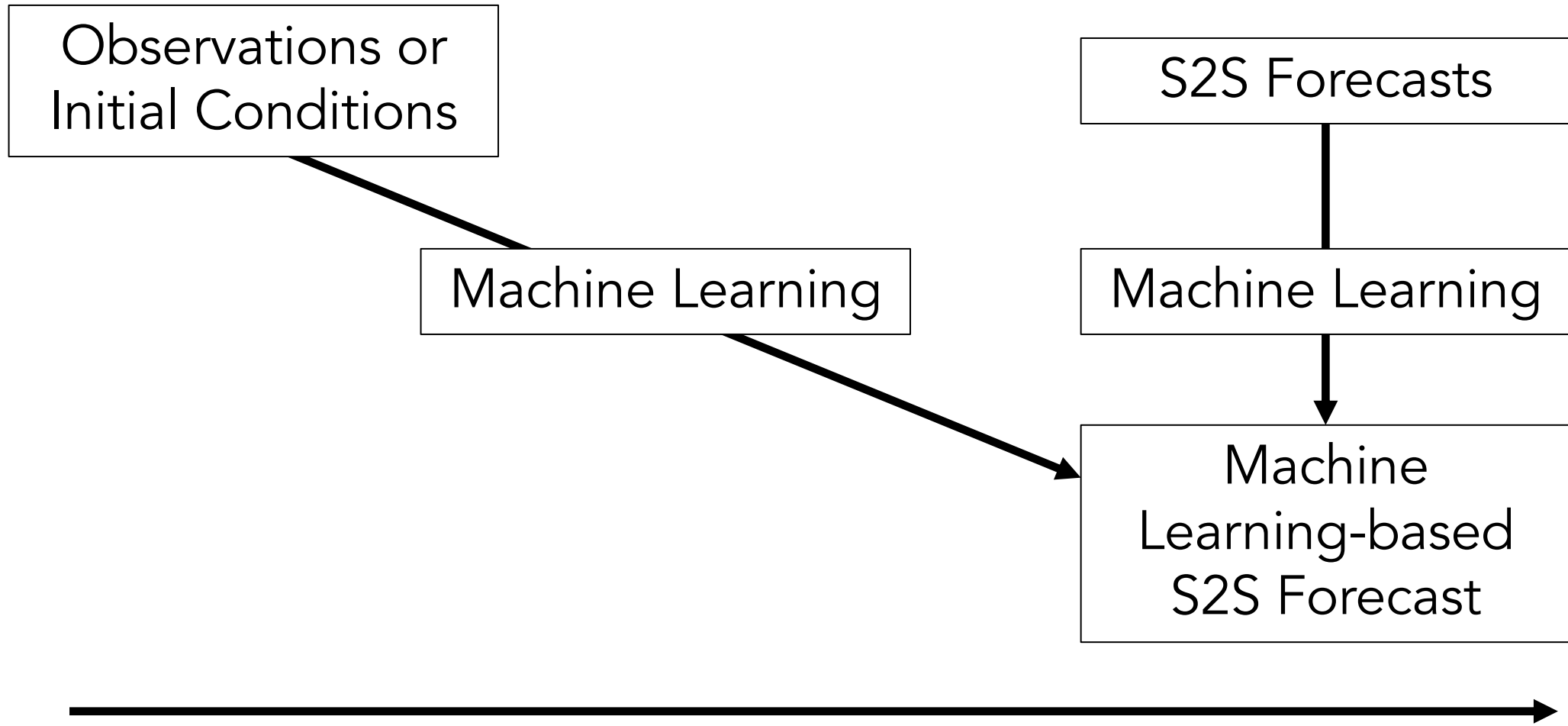


Temperature skill

Precipitation skill



(Richter et al. 2022)



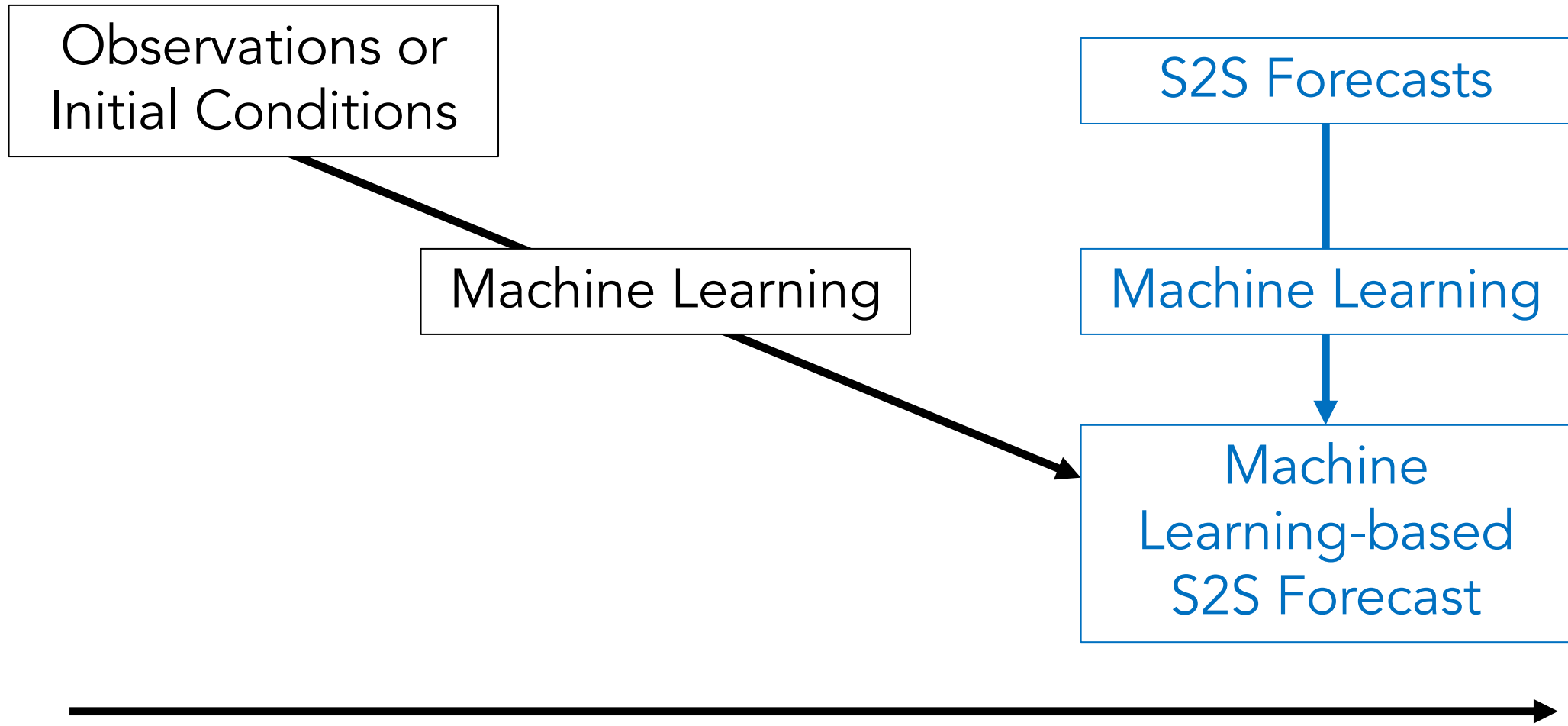
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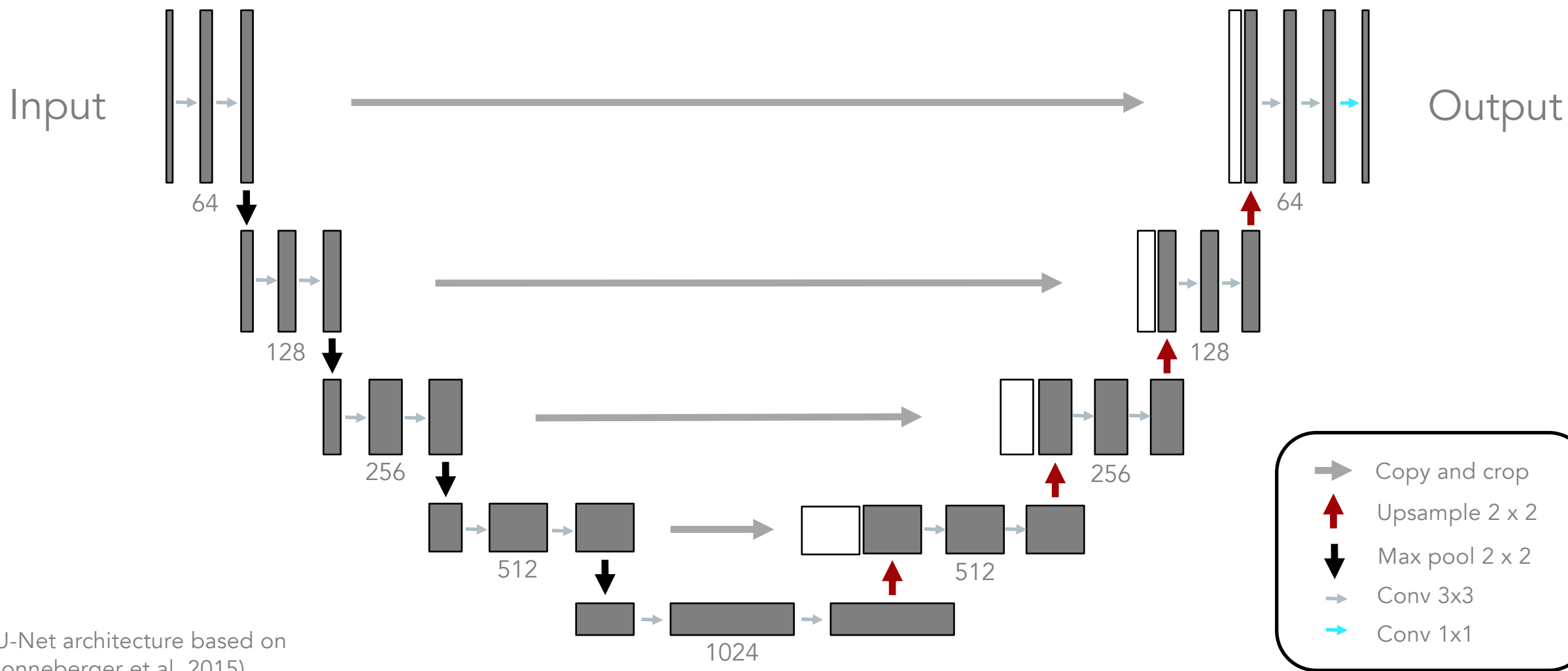
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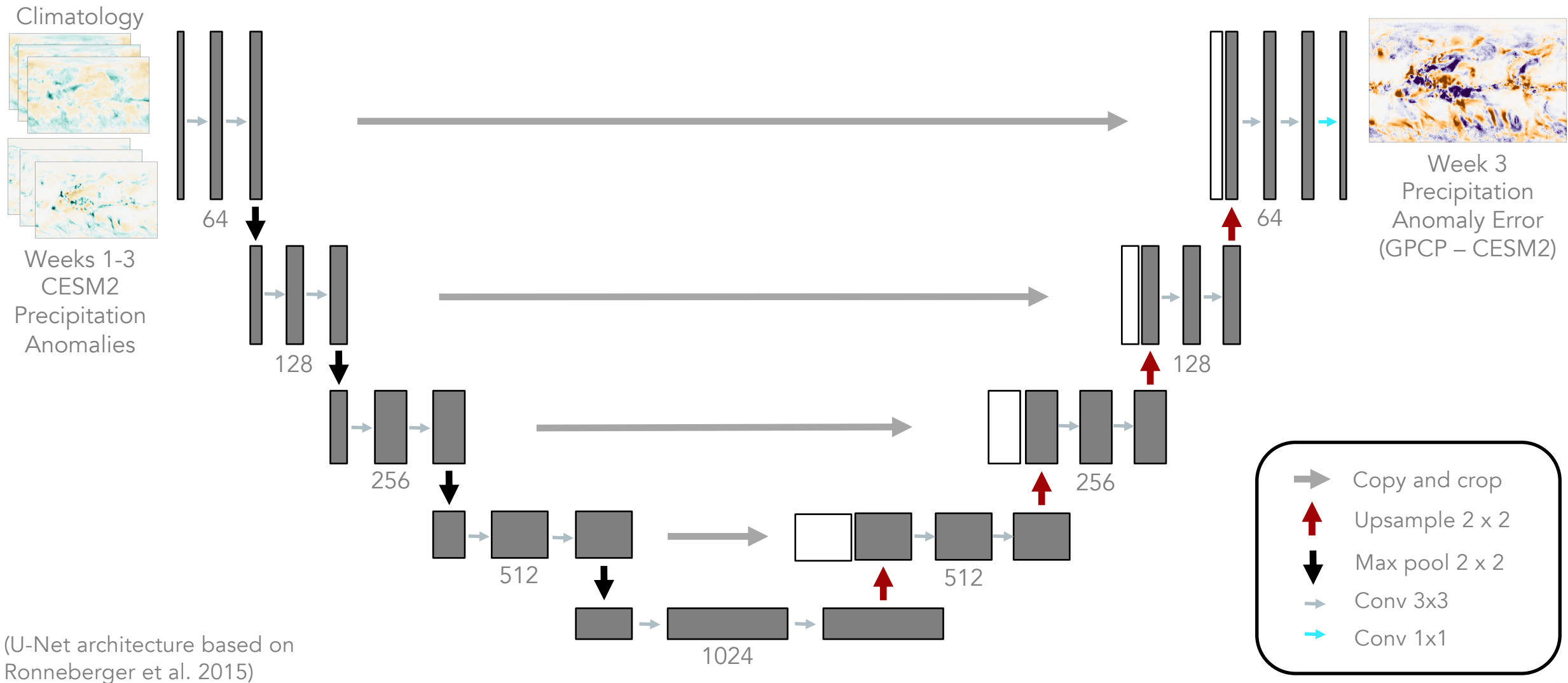


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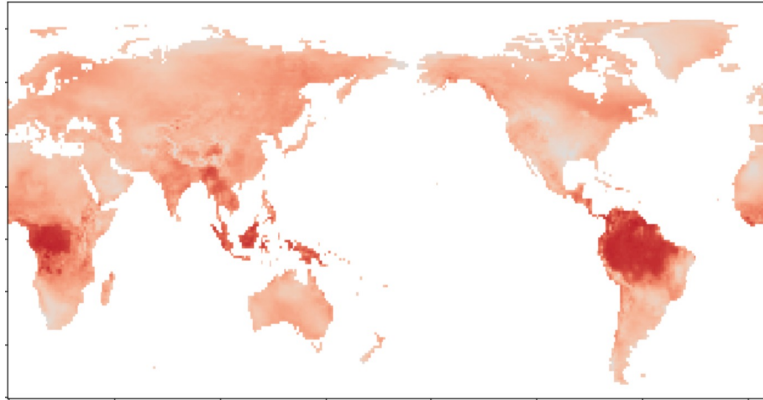
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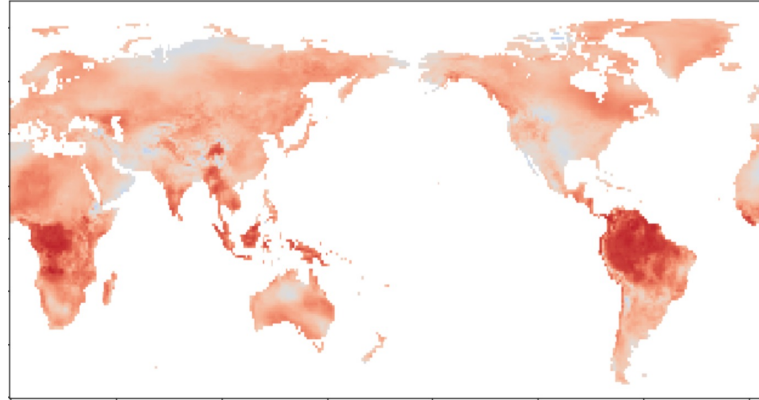


Skill of Week 3 Temperature Error Prediction (2016-2019)

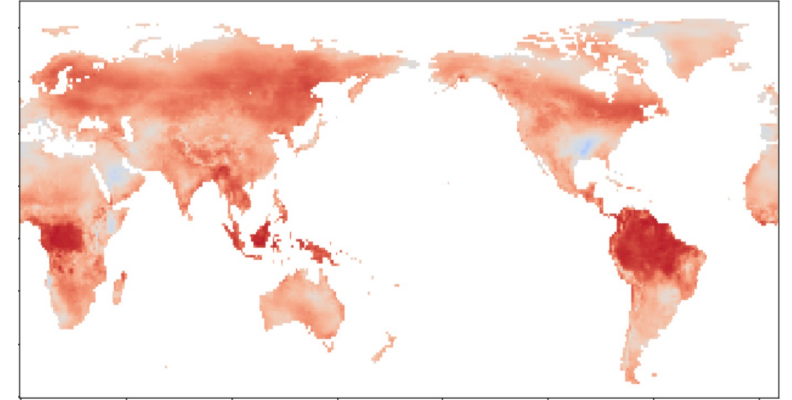
All Seasons (0.41)



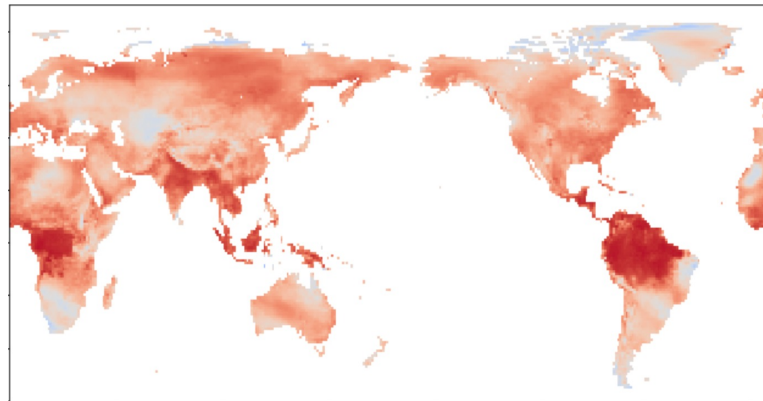
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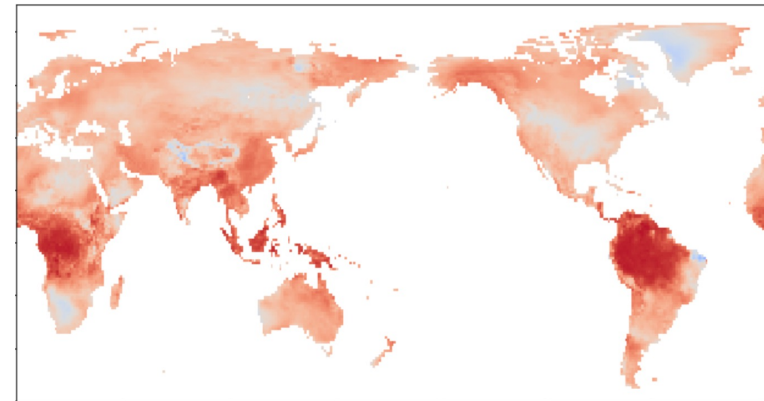
MAM (0.44)



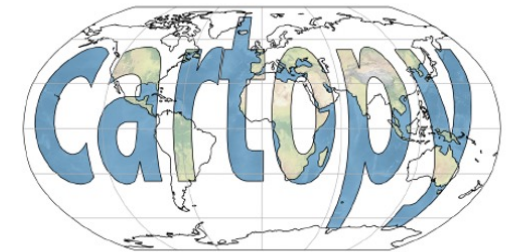
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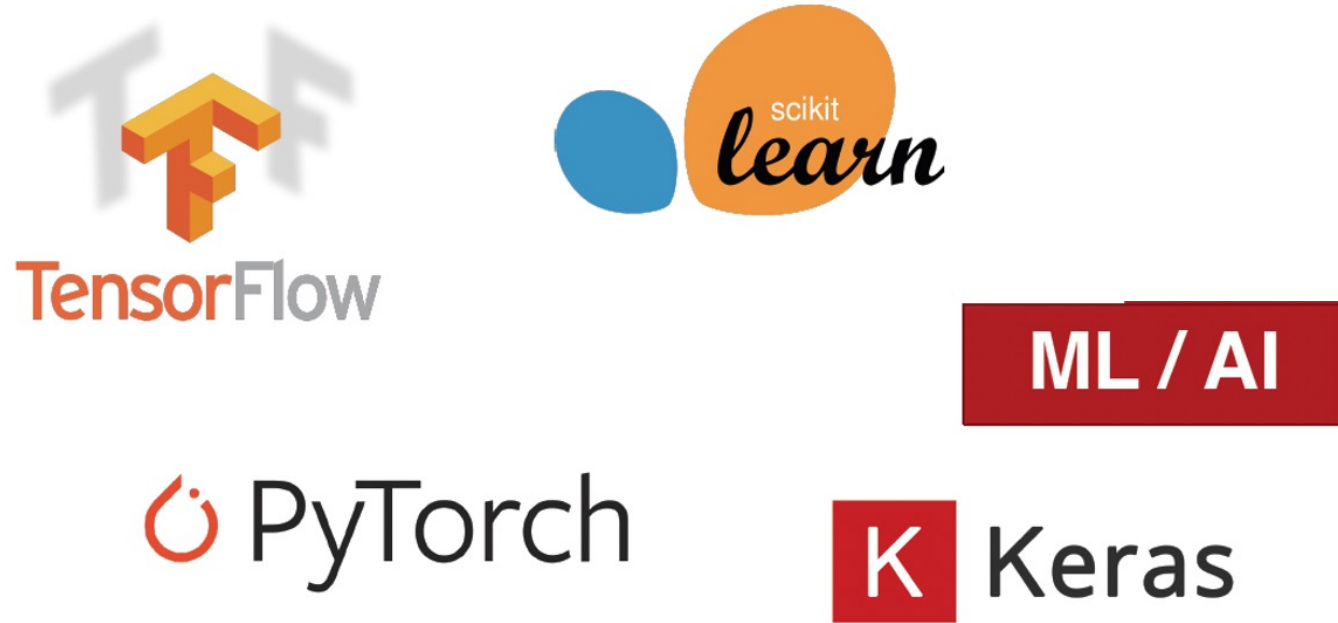
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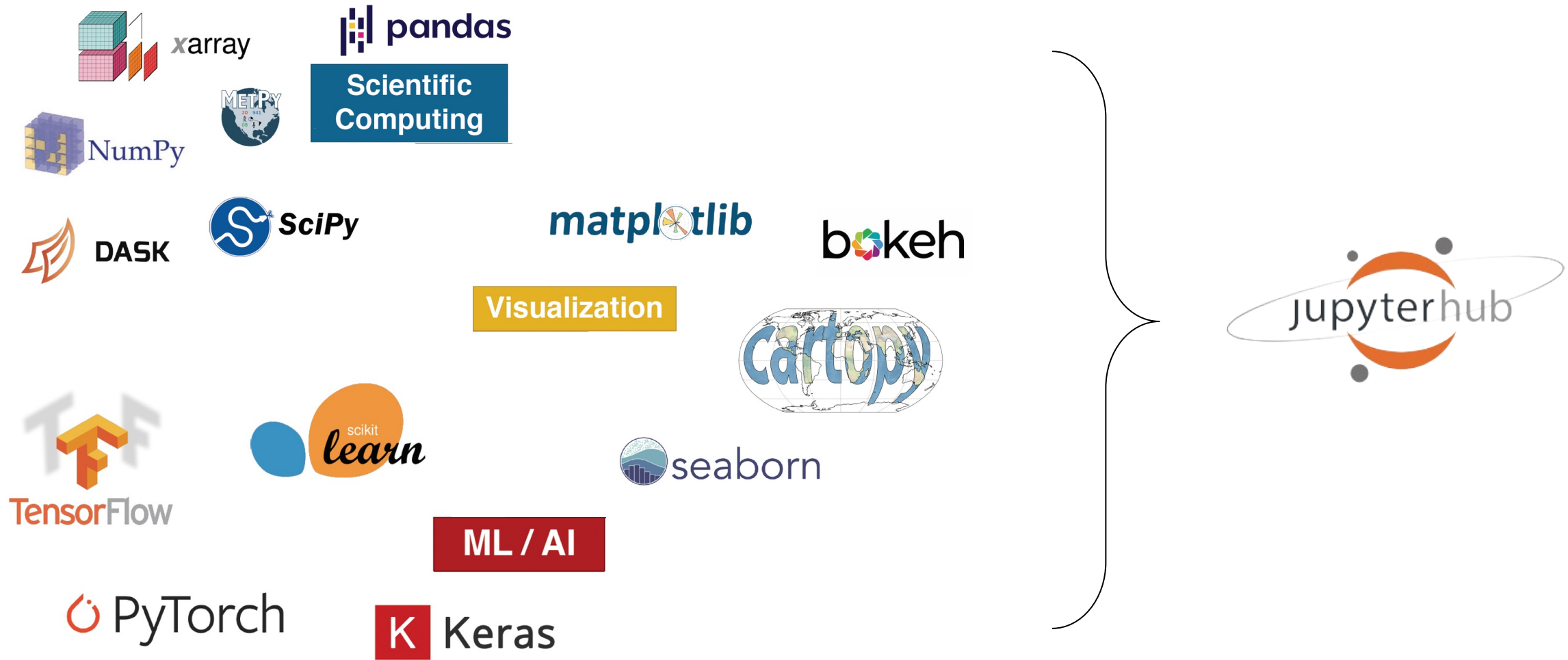
Typical Workflow: (1) Data Preprocessing



Typical Workflow: (2) Machine Learning



Typical Workflow: (3) ML Evaluation



Available NCAR Resources

Production

Development / Nightly

jupyterhub

▾ Subseasonal prediction of global temperature

Import packages

```
[1]: import numpy as np
import xarray as xr
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from pylab import *
import xskillscore as xs
from IPython.display import Image, display

import torch
import torch.nn.functional as F
from torch.utils.data import DataLoader
import torch.nn as nn
import torch.optim as optim

import torch_funcs
import models
import torch_customdataset
import data_load
import models_unet
import models_unet2
```

network set up and training

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[6]: net = models_unet.UNet(6,1)
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[7]: LEARNING_RATE = 1e-4

# the optimizer
optimizer = optim.Adam(net.parameters(), lr=LEARNING_RATE, amsgrad=False)

# the loss function
criterion = nn.MSELoss(reduction='sum')
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[8]: device = torch_funcs.get_device()
print(device)
net.to(device)
```

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cuda:0
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[9]: NUM_EPOCHS = 30

train_loss = []
valid_loss = []

train_corr = []
valid_corr = []

for enum, epoch in enumerate(range(NUM_EPOCHS)):

    t_loss, t_corr = train(net, train_loader, weights = None)
    v_loss, v_corr = validate(net, val_loader, weights = None)

    train_loss.append(t_loss)
    valid_loss.append(v_loss)

    train_corr.append(t_corr)
    valid_corr.append(v_corr)

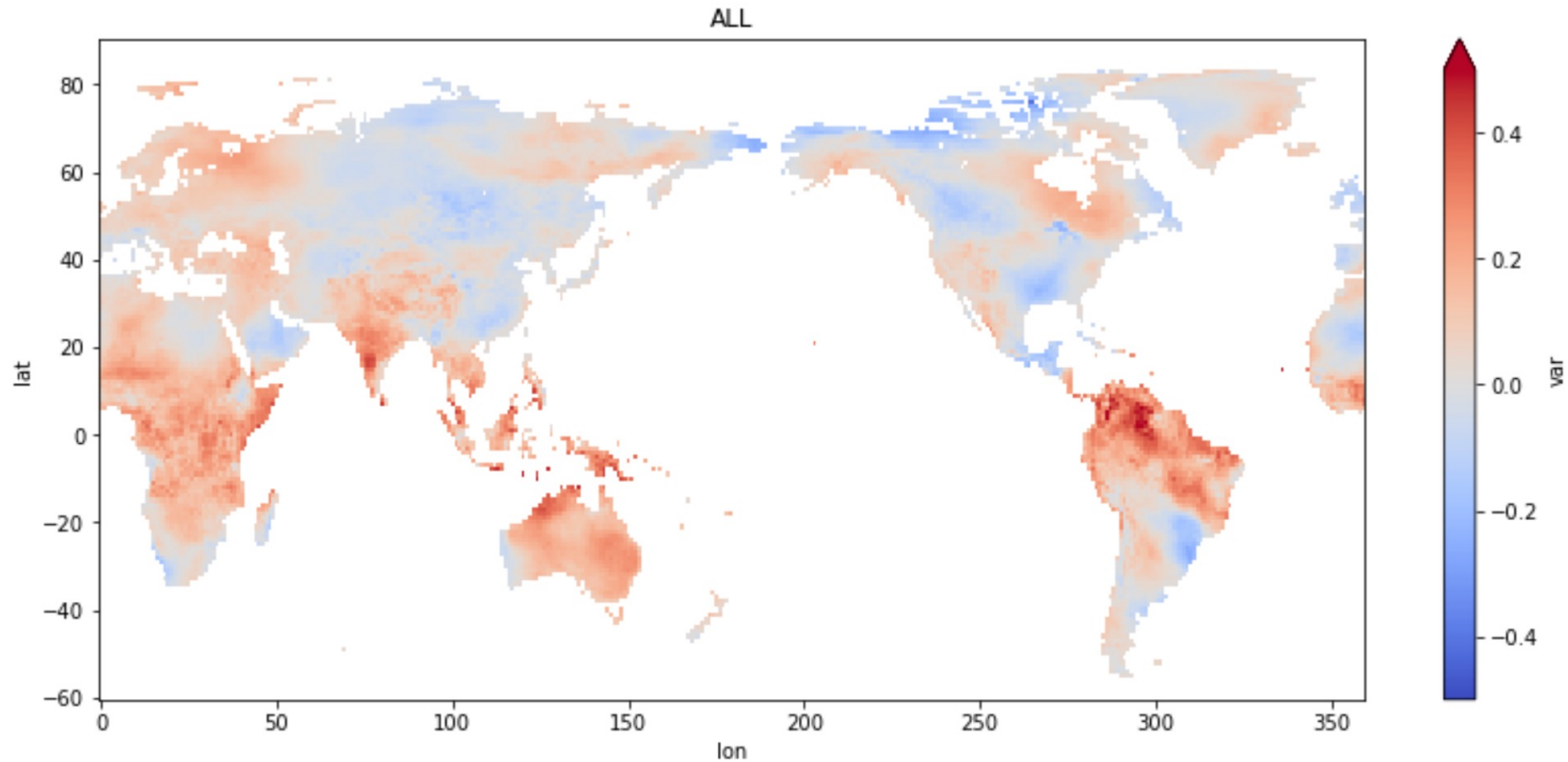
    print(f"Epoch {epoch + 1} of {NUM_EPOCHS}; Train Loss: {t_loss:.4f}, Corr: {t_corr:.4f}; Val Loss: {v_loss:.4f}, Corr: {v_corr:.4f}")
```

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Epoch 1 of 30; Train Loss: 7151747.6972, Corr: 0.4248; Val Loss: 6742937.4333, Corr: 0.4428
Epoch 2 of 30; Train Loss: 7000376.7007, Corr: 0.4453; Val Loss: 6677322.4333, Corr: 0.4528
Epoch 3 of 30; Train Loss: 6790247.8218, Corr: 0.4713; Val Loss: 6556439.9000, Corr: 0.4745
Epoch 4 of 30; Train Loss: 6334763.8287, Corr: 0.5236; Val Loss: 6141876.8000, Corr: 0.5247
Epoch 5 of 30; Train Loss: 5436897.0346, Corr: 0.6139; Val Loss: 5109534.9333, Corr: 0.6261
Epoch 6 of 30; Train Loss: 4380230.7569, Corr: 0.7057; Val Loss: 3985761.2167, Corr: 0.7235
Epoch 7 of 30; Train Loss: 3450515.8460, Corr: 0.7777; Val Loss: 3254654.8167, Corr: 0.7826
Epoch 8 of 30; Train Loss: 2764727.8564, Corr: 0.8270; Val Loss: 2717890.0833, Corr: 0.8229
Epoch 9 of 30; Train Loss: 2282221.7258, Corr: 0.8597; Val Loss: 2316539.0833, Corr: 0.8502
Epoch 10 of 30; Train Loss: 1842855.6155, Corr: 0.8820; Val Loss: 2022262.4500, Corr: 0.8704
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```
acc = xs.pearson_r((obs).groupby('time.season')['SON'],      # skill for dynamical model (cesm)
                  (inp).groupby('time.season')['SON'],
                  dim='time', skipna=True)

print('CESM overall acc:', acc.weighted(torch_funcs.compute_lat_weights(obs)).mean(("lat", "lon")).values)
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ML overall acc: 0.07293882090150633
CESM overall acc: 0.10426163822977165

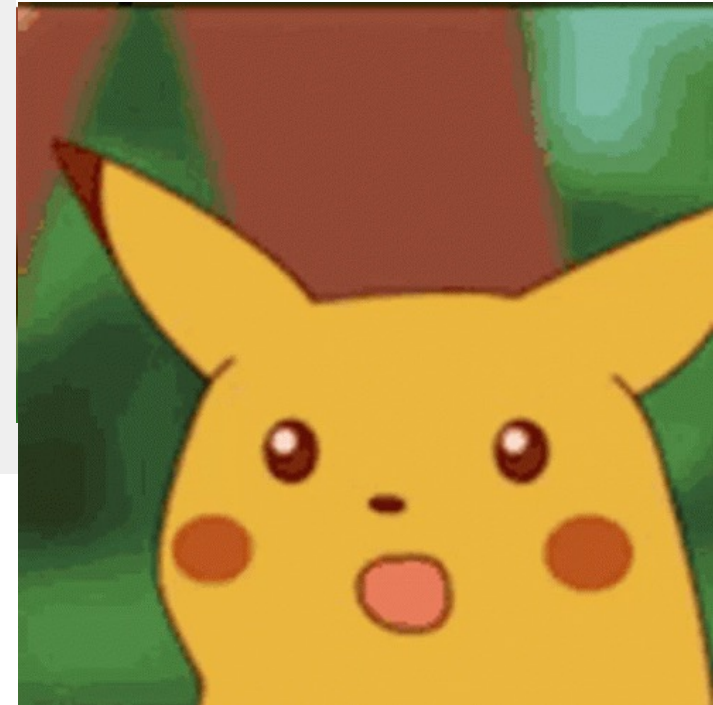
Key Software Needs



Me: *uses machine learning*

Machine: *learns*

Me:



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