

# AI & Law – a technical perspective



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# What is (the state of the art in) AI?

- Types of (Artificial) Intelligence
- (Deep) Neural Networks
- Some examples:
  - Question Answering
  - Surveillance, face recognition (mood, sexual orientation)
  - Diagnosis based on images
  - Image Creation
  - Text Creation
  - Deep Fakes

What is Intelligence?

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- A very general mental capability that, among other things, involves the ability to **reason, plan, solve problems**, think **abstractly, comprehend** complex ideas, learn quickly and **learn from experience**. It is not merely book learning, a narrow academic skill, or test-taking smarts. Rather, it reflects a broader and deeper capability for comprehending our surroundings — "catching on," "**making sense**" of things, or "**figuring out**" **what to do** - Wall Street Journal, 1994

- Intelligence ...

Involves Increasingly  
complex tasks

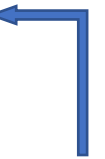


- Perception (sound, images...)
- Abstraction (Language understanding, Vision: situation, object detection)
- Decision Making
- Problem solving
- Planning
- Creativity
- Emotional knowledge
- Self-awareness/Consciousness

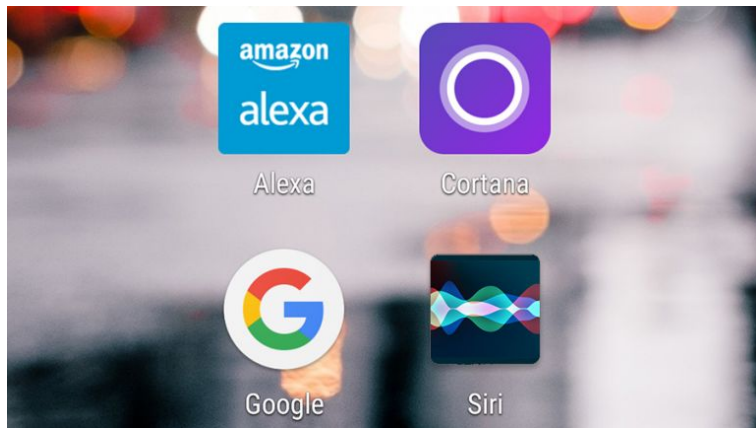
# What is (the state of the art in) AI?

## “Types” of AI:

- **Weak AI** refers to narrow embodiments of an AI – AI as a tool
- **Strong AI** refers to a machine with consciousness, sentience and mind
- **Artificial general intelligence (AGI)** (a machine with the ability to apply intelligence to any problem, rather than just one specific problem).



We are not yet there... and it will probably still take a while!



Have you ever tried having a reasonable conversation with Alexa?

# What is (the state of the art in) AI?

- Distinction between “AI main strands”
  - **Model-based vs. Function-Based AI**
- Boost of Machine Learning/Deep Learning:
  - **Data, Hardware, Algorithms**
    - Lots of data and the ability to store/process it
    - GPUs
    - New Neural network architectures Deep Neural Networks, LSTMs ...etc.
- *"What just happened is the successful employment of AI technology in some widespread applications, aided greatly by developments in related fields, and by new modes of operation that can tolerate lack of robustness or intelligence."*

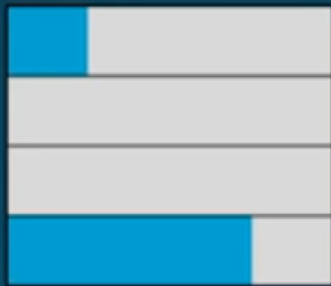


# Model-Based AI (or Rule-based AI)

- Up to large-scale real-world applications:



Perceiving  
Learning  
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Reasoning

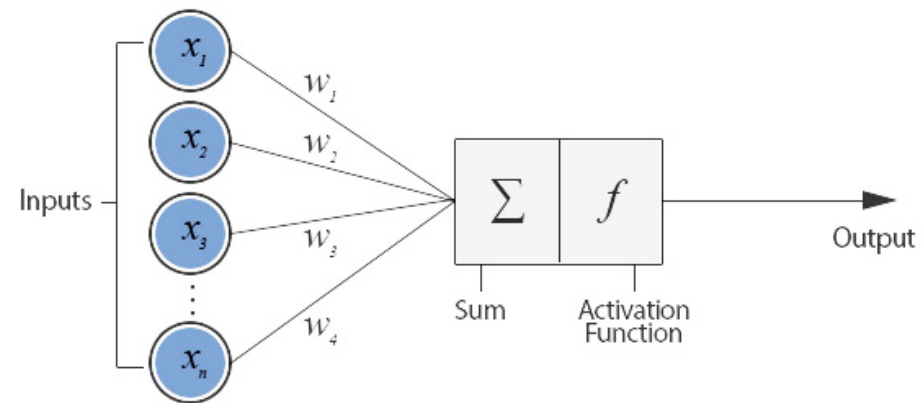
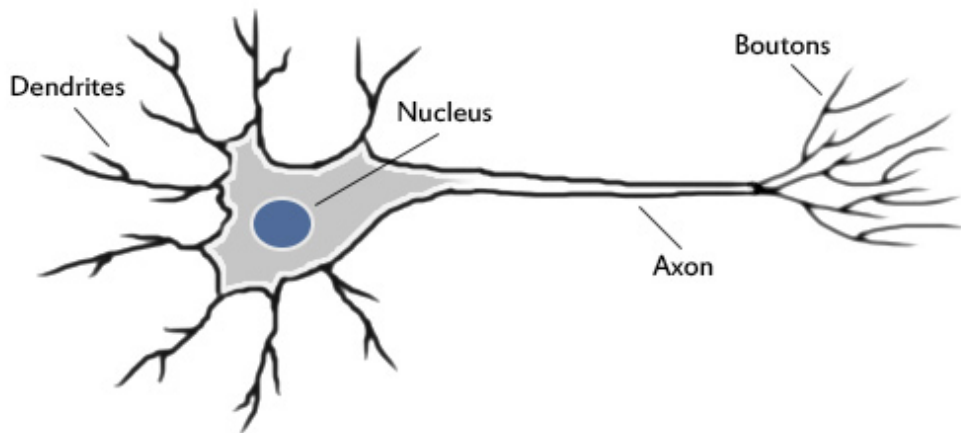


Works very well in structured, regulated domains:

- Automated Verification of chips
- Scheduling and logistics,
- Production planning in automated plants
- Playing games with a finite, discrete search space and finite rules (Chess, but not Go – why?)
- Tax declarations
- → **big advantage:** Declarative Rules and constraints are “explainable by design”.

# Function-Based AI (or (Deep) Learning)

The original ideas are not so new, starting around the 1950s, around the idea of the **perceptron** (a simplified mathematical model of a neuron):

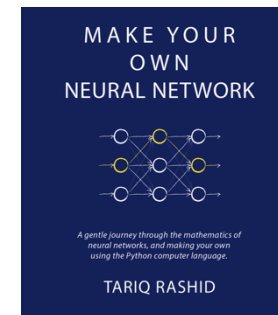
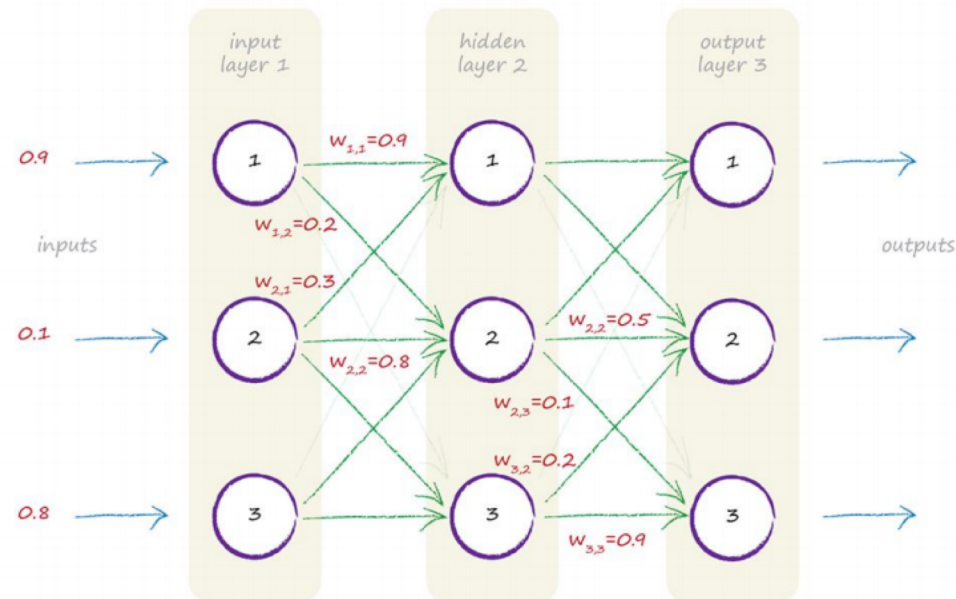


Rosenblatt, Frank (1957), The **Perceptron** - a perceiving and recognizing automaton. Report 85-460-1, Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory.



# Function-Based AI (or (Deep) Learning)

- (Deep) Neural Networks Learning:



Source:

<http://makeyourownneuralnetwork.blogspot.com/>

- Pro:
  - Given enough example data, a neural network can “learn” any function [1]
  - Works great for: predictions from large amounts of training data, can even re-create new data itself!
- Con: Can’t **explain** what it does, not easy to “train” constraints, works *only* with enough training data

1. Kurt Hornik, Maxwell B. Stinchcombe, Halbert White: Multilayer feedforward networks are universal approximators. Neural Networks 2(5): 359-366 (1989)

# What is (the state of the art in) AI?

- Use of (function-based) AI got a lot easier (many new software tools, easy access to cloud infrastructure)



Andrej Karpathy

@karpathy

Follow

You can now understand state of the art AI with before high school math. You forward a neural net and repeat guess&check. works well enough.

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↑ values from next layer

↑ values from previous layer

- <https://twitter.com/karpathy/status/841739127796125696?lang=en>

# Why (now) Neural Networks?

## Data, Hardware, Algorithms!

- Some Milestones (non-chronological):
- Multi-Layer (feedforward) networks with one hidden layer have been proven to be able to approximate essentially **any** functions:
  - Kurt Hornik, Maxwell B. Stinchcombe, Halbert White: Multilayer feedforward networks are universal approximators. *Neural Networks* 2(5): 359-366 (**1989**)



Specialized architectures with multiple layers - inspired by nature:

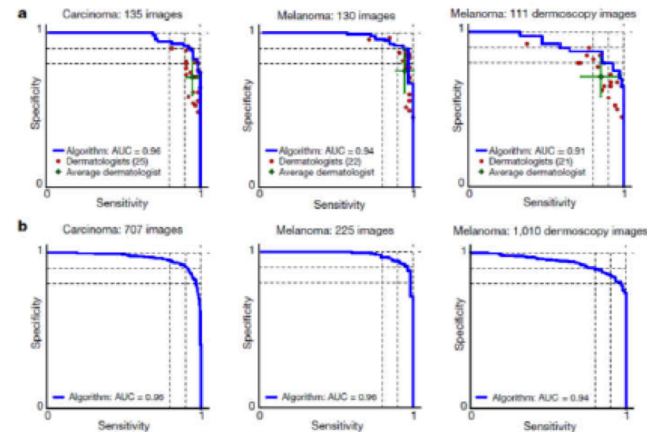
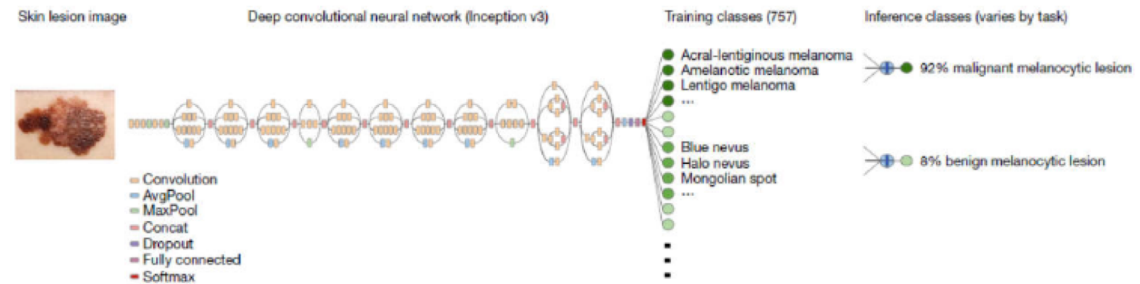
- **Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) (nowadays often used for image recognition)**
  - Hubel, David H., and Torsten N. Wiesel. "Receptive fields of single neurones in the cat's striate cortex." *The Journal of physiology* 148.3 (**1959**): 574-591.
  - Fukushima, Kunihiko. "Neocognitron: A self-organizing neural network model for a mechanism of pattern recognition unaffected by shift in position." *Biological cybernetics* 36.4 (1980): 193-202.
- **Long-Short-Term Memory Networks (LSTM) (nowadays often used for sequential data (speech, text))**
  - Hochreiter, Sepp, and Jürgen Schmidhuber. "Long short-term memory." *Neural computation* 9.8 (**1997**): 1735-1780.
- **Generative Adversarial Networks (GAN):**
  - Goodfellow, Ian, Jean Pouget-Abadie, Mehdi Mirza, Bing Xu, David Warde-Farley, Sherjil Ozair, Aaron Courville, and Yoshua Bengio. "Generative adversarial nets." In *Advances in neural information processing systems*, pp. 2672-2680. 2014.

# Function-Based AI: Example

## Medical Example 1: Diagnostics in Dermatology

Thanks to Prof. Georg Dorffner (MedUni Wien)

**Image recognition** in diagnosis. Typical example use of Convolutional NNs

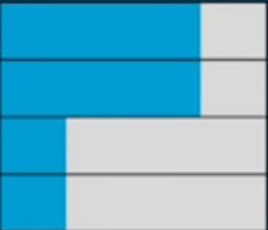
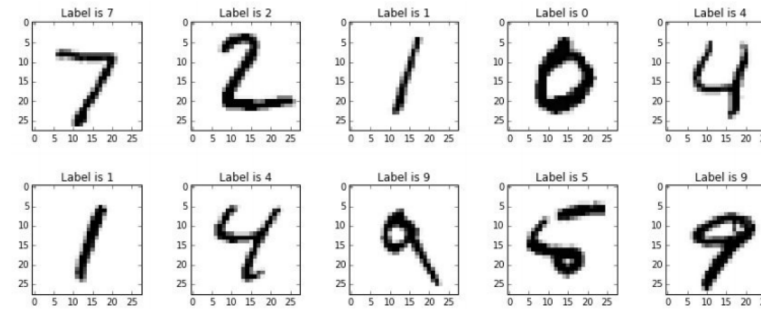


*Esteva et al.  
Nature, 2017*

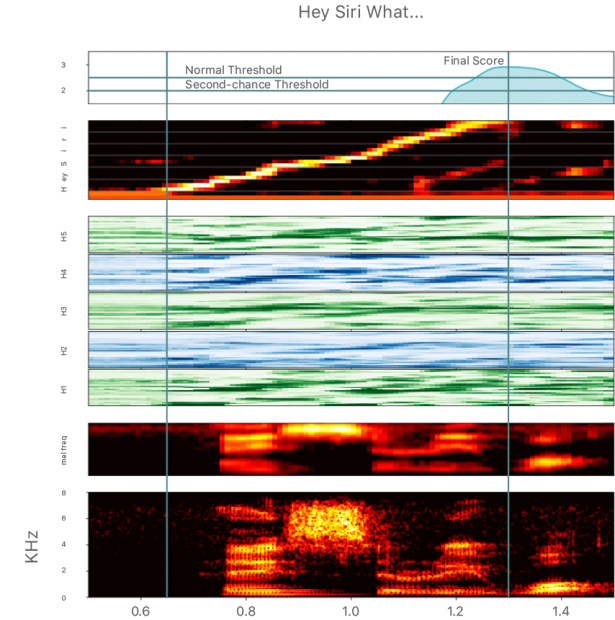
- *Achieves (better than) human-level performance in recognizing melanoma*

# Function-Based AI other examples:

- Many useful applications:

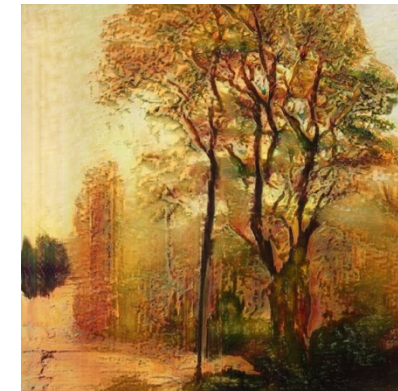
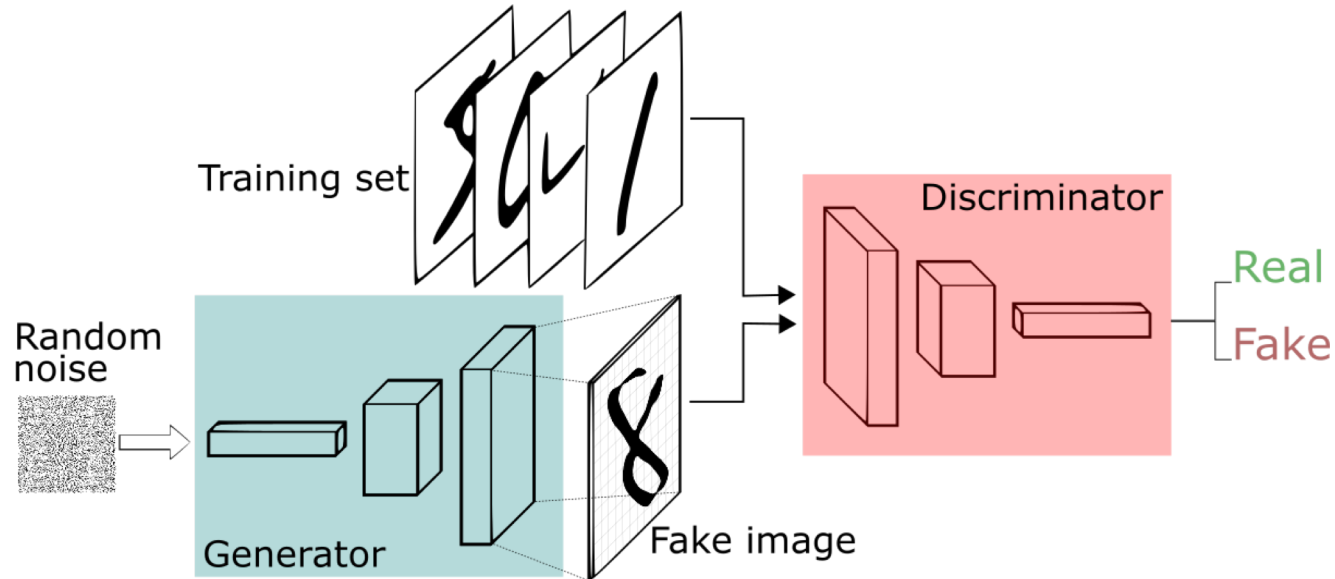


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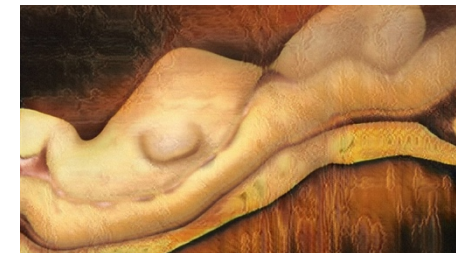


# Function-Based AI : “Creating” Data... Example:

- Examples from <https://twitter.com/drbeef> for usage of a Generative Adversarial Networks (GAN): **Image Generation**



Example - Landscape paintings



Example – Nude paintings

## Pro:

Not only learns patterns, but also re-creates (similar) new data itself!  
Works quite well already for texts!

## Con:

not easy to “train” constraints

Again, needs a lot of training data

# Function-Based AI other examples:

- Also problematic applications (fake manipulation of video content or generation of voice characteristics: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deepfake>)



# So, what is current AI?

- Learning **patterns** from massive data.
- Making **predictions** from learnt **patterns**.
- **Generating similar data** according to these patterns.
  
- What about making **decisions** from learnt patterns?
  - Machines make less error than humans vs.
  - Machines make different errors than humans vs.
  - Machines make errors because of humans (programmers or data)



# Where's the IP?

## *Traditional view:*

- Programming = Data + Algorithms

vs.

- AI = **Data** + (Deep) Neural Networks  
+ Data Preparation + Parameter Tuning

# Related Questions:

## Where we need better regulations...

- Data ownership:
  - Data Ownership and IP ... what about synthesized data?
  - Data Licenses
- Personal Data Protection and Bias:
  - GDPR is a good start, but (how) can we automate it?
    - Challenges: Consent, Trusted Computing, Sticky Policies
- Explainability and Responsibility
  - Knowledge Graphs & Hybrid AI

# Model-based AI for Data ownership & Licensing: **Machine-readable policies**

## Digital Rights Management

## A Data Licensing Perspective...



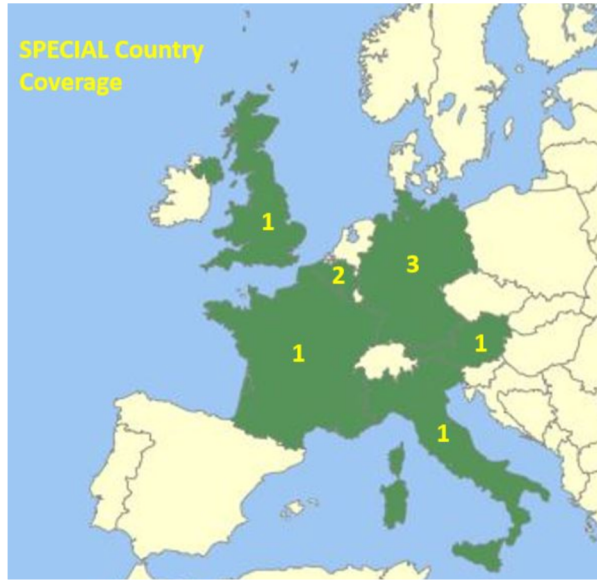
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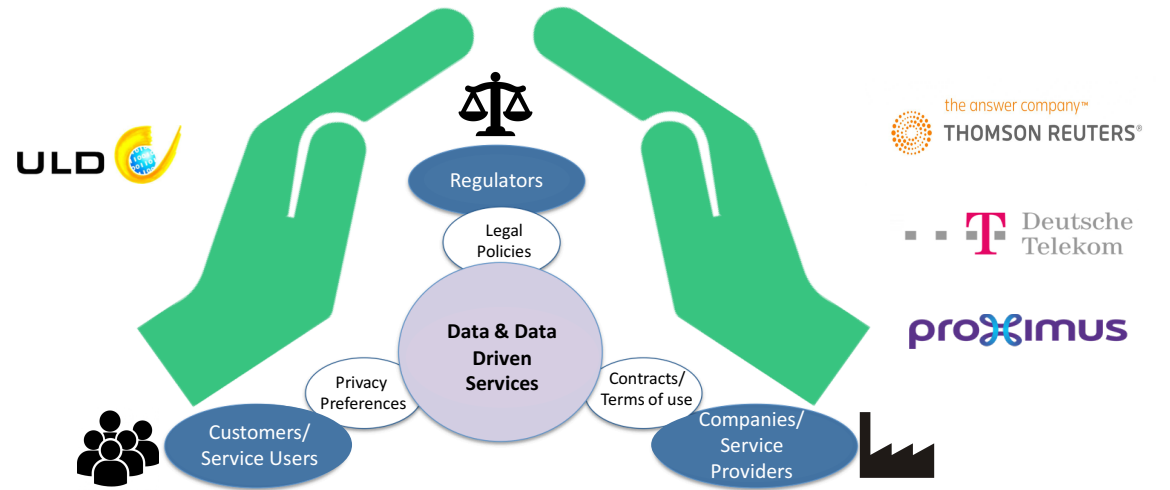
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# Model-based AI for Personal Data Protection: **Machine-readable policies**



## Scalable Policy-awareE Linked Data arChitecture for prlvacy, trAnsparency and compLIance

Research and innovation Action  
9 partners from 6 countries  
January 2017 to December 2019  
3,991,389 €



Horizon 2020  
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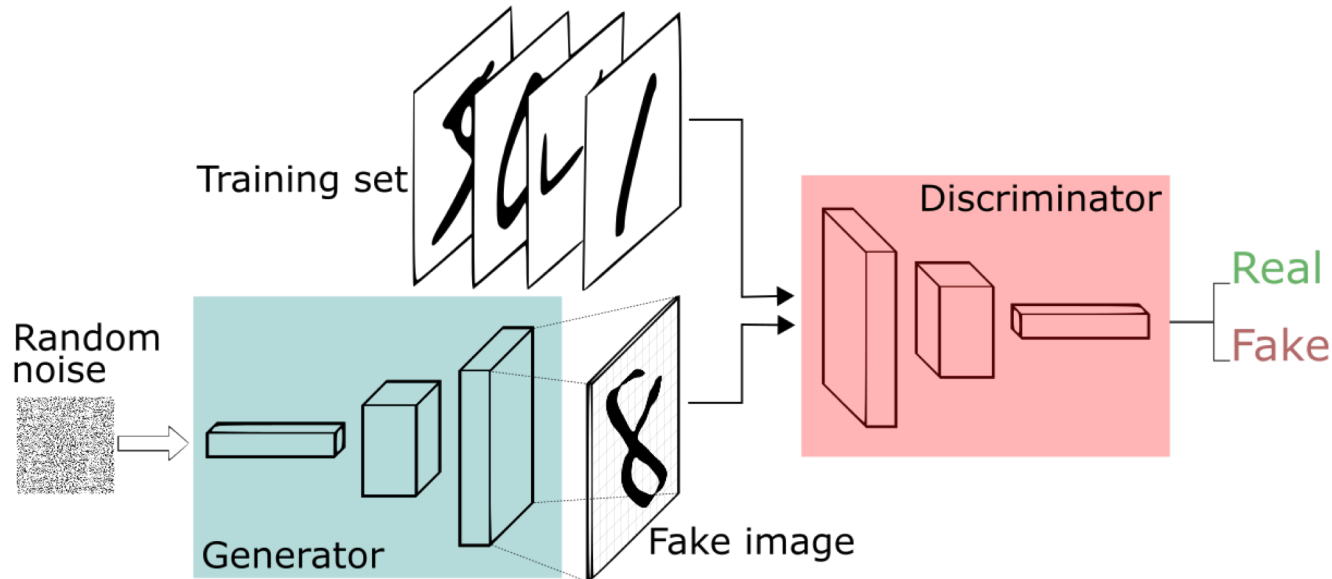
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<https://www.specialprivacy.eu/>

# Function-Based AI for Personal Data Protection:

Can GANs be used as a way to anonymize data?



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## Go Synthetic! for Big Data Privacy

Unlock your big data assets, while keeping individuals' privacy completely safe & secure.

# Last, but not least: Bias and Explainability

<https://www.propublica.org/article/machine-bias-risk-assessments-in-criminal-sentencing>

This article relates to a computer program that generates a score predicting the likelihood of criminals committing a future crime.

In 2014, then U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder warned that the risk scores might be injecting bias into the courts.

ProPublica did, as part of a larger examination of the powerful, largely hidden effect of algorithms in American life.

**Still largely unresolved – Subject of research:**

Solution? **Hybrid AI** – i.e., combining Model-based and function-based AI

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