

GEOMETRIC DEEP LEARNING (L65)

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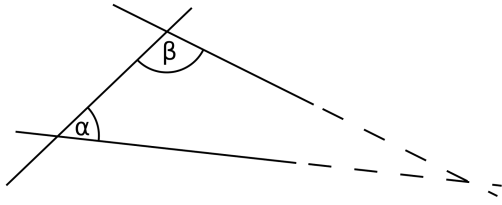
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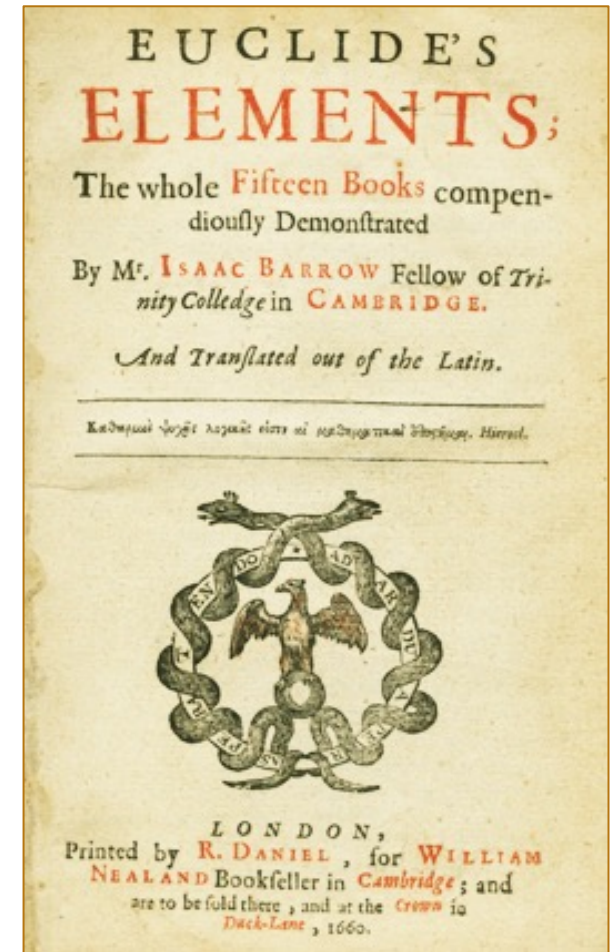
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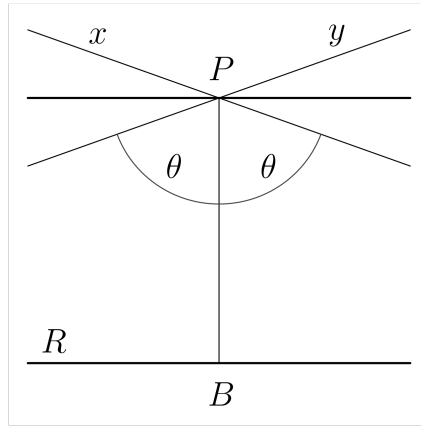
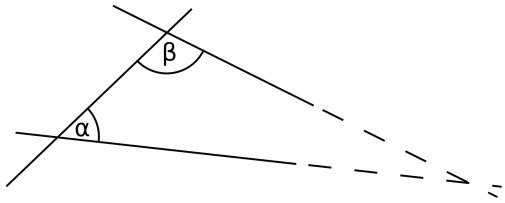


Euclid
~300 B.C.



“In a plane, given a line and a point not on it, at most one line parallel to the given line can be drawn through the point”

Going back in time...



“I have discovered such wonderful things that I was amazed...out of nothing I have created a strange new universe.” —János Bolyai, to his father



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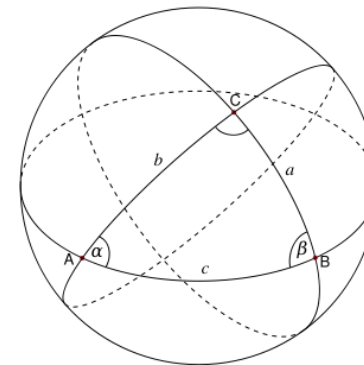
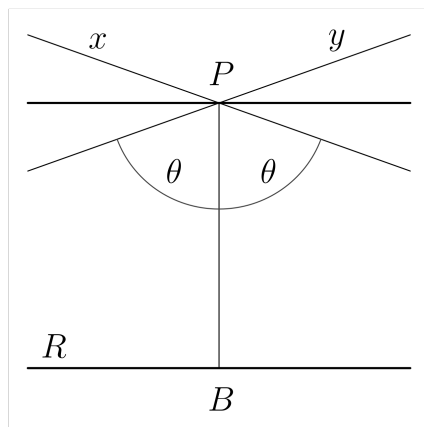
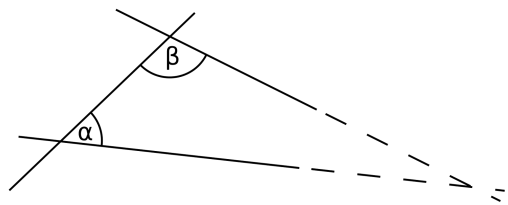


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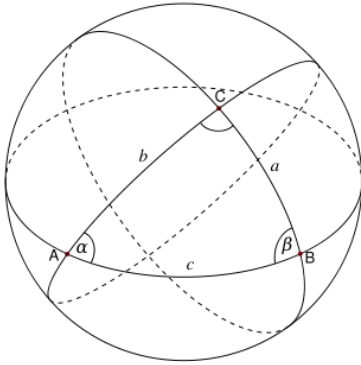
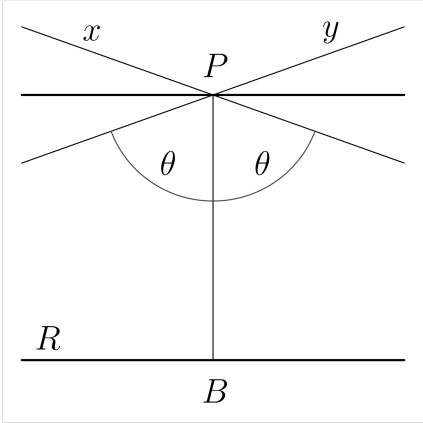
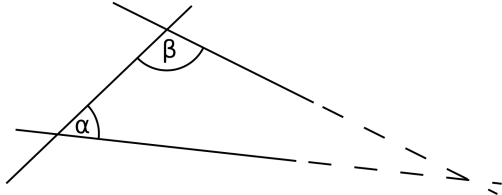


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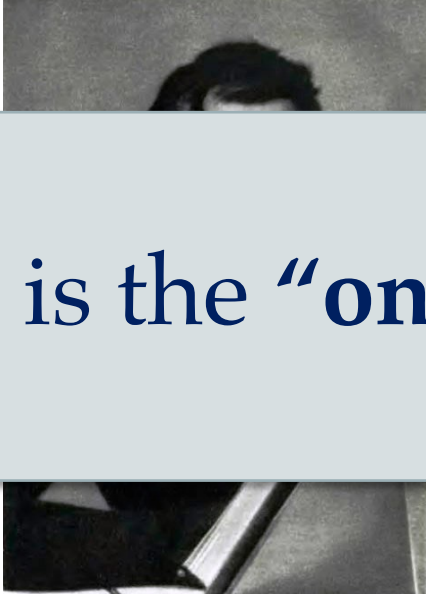


Riemann
1856

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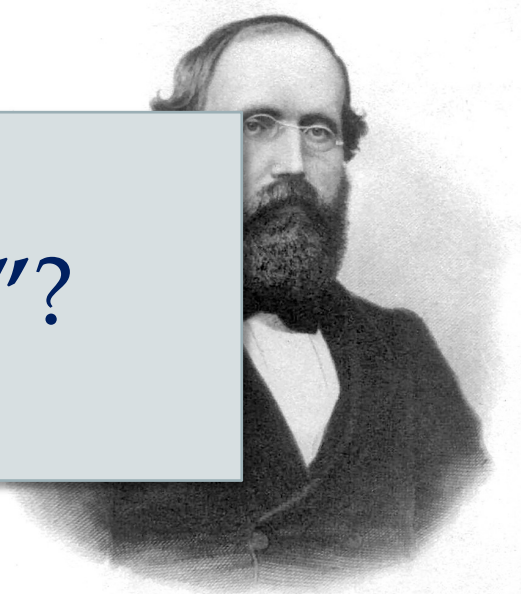
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What is the “one true geometry”?

Felix Klein and the “Erlangen Program” (1872)



Vergleichende Betrachtungen
über
neuere geometrische Forschungen
von
Dr. Felix Klein,
o. ö. Professor der Mathematik an der Universität Erlangen.

Programm
zum Eintritt in die philosophische Facultät und den Senat
der k. Friedrich-Alexanders-Universität
zu Erlangen.

Erlangen.
Verlag von Andreas Deichert.
1872.

Blueprint for
unifying geometries

Using **invariance**
and **symmetry**

Formalised using
group theory

The impact of the Erlangen Program is hard to overstate!

Unified all
geometries



Cartan
1920s

LES GROUPES D'HOLONOMIE DES ESPACES GÉNÉRALISÉS.

PAR

E. CARTAN

à PARIS.

Introduction.

1. J'ai développé, dans ces dernières années, une théorie générale des espaces englobant la théorie classique des espaces de RIEMANN et celle plus récente des espaces de WEYL¹. Je me suis rencontré sur certains points avec différents auteurs, particulièrement M. J. A. SCHOUTEN, qui poursuivaient des généralisations analogues, mais mon idée directrice était cependant nettement différente des leurs. Au lieu de généraliser d'une manière plus ou moins naturelle les lois du transport par parallélisme des vecteurs, j'ai cherché à étendre le principe si fécond de KLEIN, d'après lequel toute Géométrie est l'étude des propriétés d'un groupe de transformations G : le *continuum* dans lequel sont localisées les figures dont s'occupe cette Géométrie, et dont les seules propriétés jugées essentielles sont celles qui se conservent par une transformation arbitraire de G , s'appelle un *espace*² à *groupe fondamental* G .

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Unified all geometries



Cartan
1920s

Conservation laws from symmetry
+ Standard model!



Noether
1918

Invariante Variationsprobleme.
(F. Klein zum fünfzigjährigen Doktorjubiläum.)
Von
Emmy Noether in Göttingen.
Vorgelegt von F. Klein in der Sitzung vom 26. Juli 1918¹⁾.

Es handelt sich um Variationsprobleme, die eine kontinuierliche Gruppe (im Lieschen Sinne) gestatten; die daraus sich ergebenden Folgerungen für die zugehörigen Differentialgleichungen finden ihren allgemeinsten Ausdruck in den in § 1 formulierten, in den folgenden Paragraphen bewiesenen Sätzen. Über diese aus Variationsproblemen entspringenden Differentialgleichungen lassen sich viel präzisere Aussagen machen als über beliebige, eine Gruppe gestattende Differentialgleichungen, die den Gegenstand der Lieschen Untersuchungen bilden. Das folgende beruht also auf einer Verbindung der Methoden der formalen Variationsrechnung mit denen der Lieschen Gruppentheorie. Für spezielle Gruppen und Variationsprobleme ist diese Verbindung der Methoden nicht neu; ich erwähne Hamel und Herglotz für spezielle endliche, Lorentz und seine Schüler (z. B. Fokker), Weyl und Klein für spezielle unendliche Gruppen²⁾. Insbesondere sind die zweite Kleinsche Note und die vorliegenden Ausführungen gegenseitig durch einander beein-

1) Die endgiltige Fassung des Manuskriptes wurde erst Ende September eingereicht.
2) Hamel: Math. Ann. Bd. 59 und Zeitschrift f. Math. u. Phys. Bd. 50. Herglotz: Ann. d. Phys. (4) Bd. 36, bes. § 9, S. 511. Fokker, Verslag d. Amsterdamer Akad., 27./1. 1917. Für die weitere Litteratur vergl. die zweite Note von Klein: Göttinger Nachrichten 19. Juli 1918.
In einer eben erschienenen Arbeit von Kneser (Math. Zeitschrift Bd. 2) handelt es sich um Aufstellung von Invarianten nach ähnlicher Methode.
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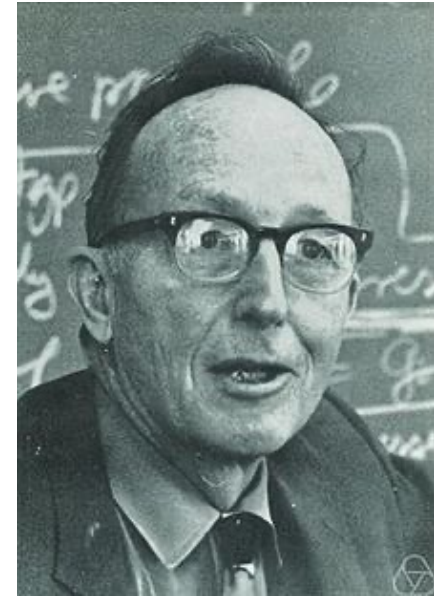
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Category Theory



Eilenberg & Mac Lane
1945

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Deep Learning, circa 2020

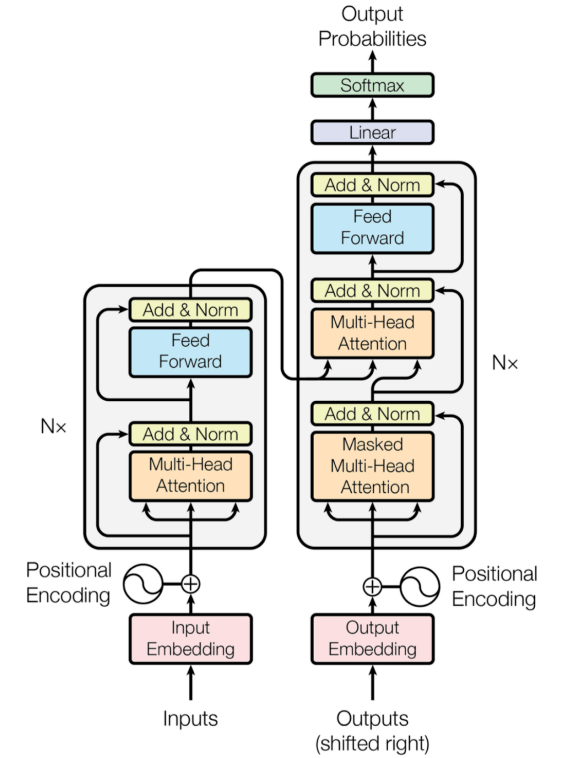
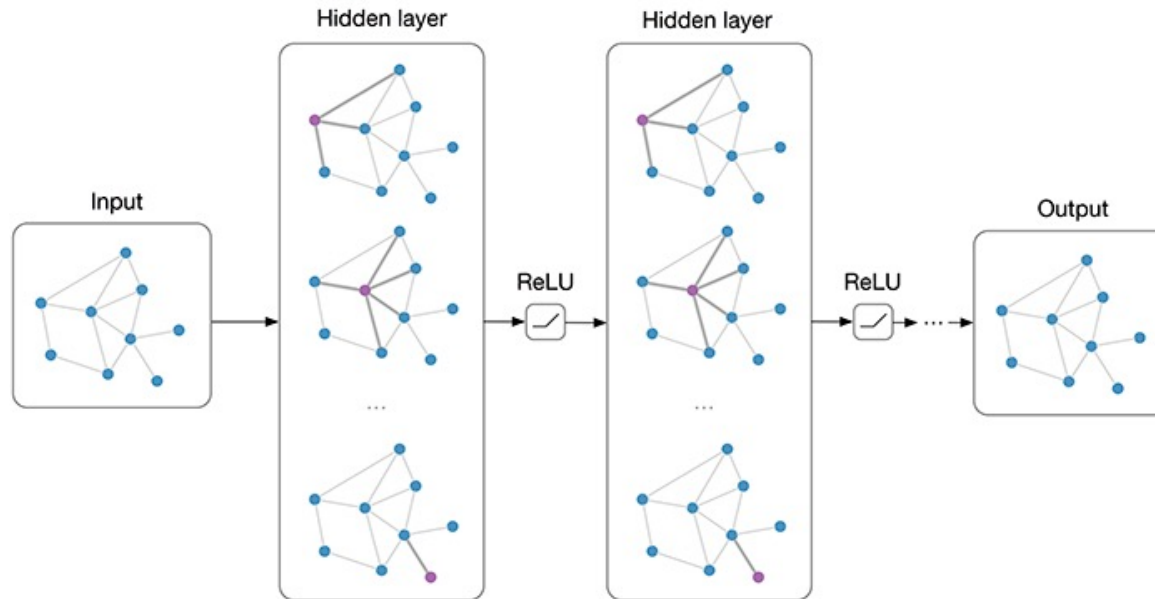
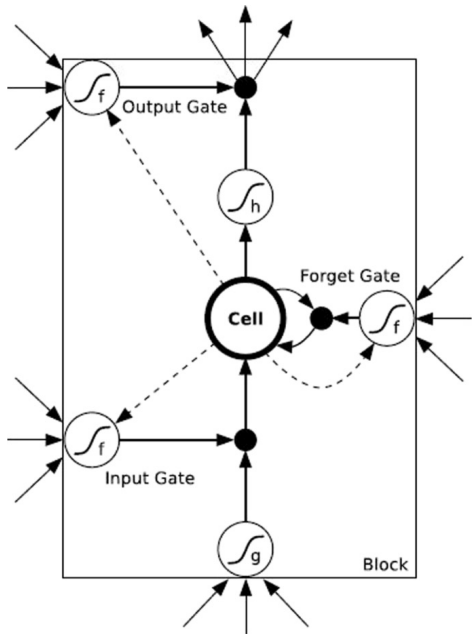
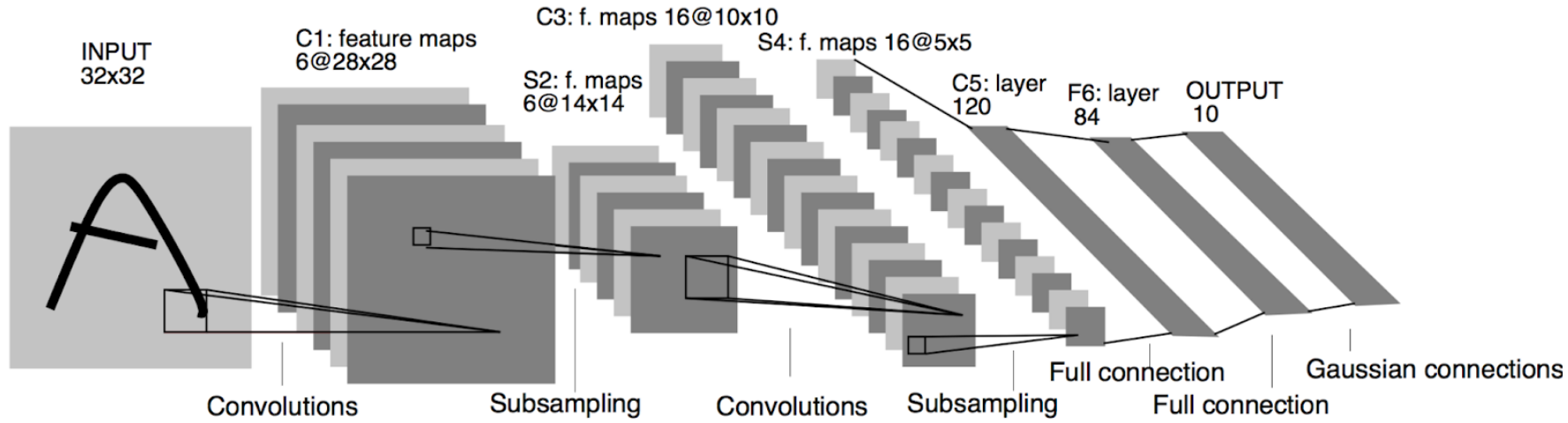
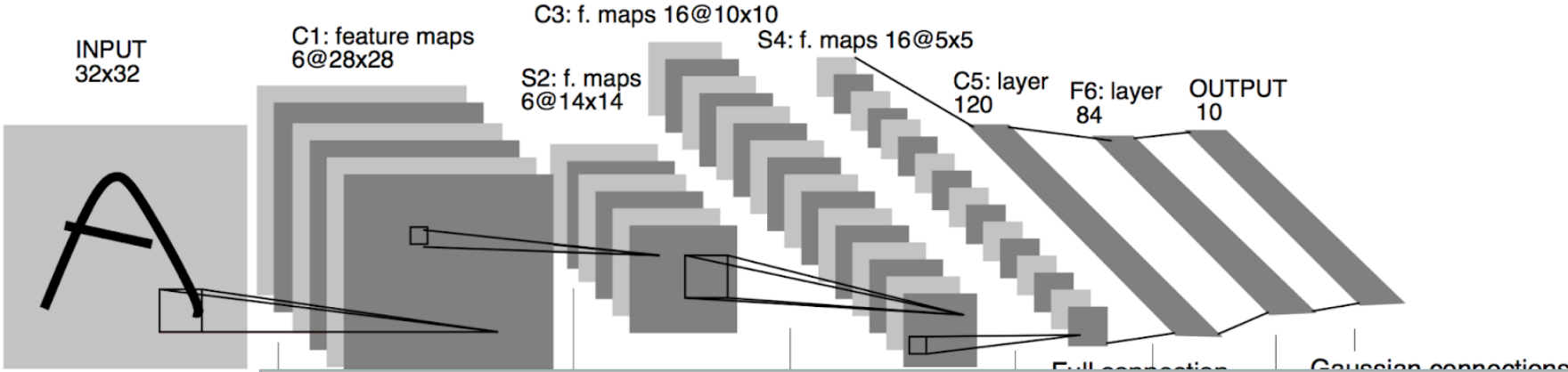


Figure 1: The Transformer - model architecture.

Deep Learning, circa 2020



What is the “one true architecture”?

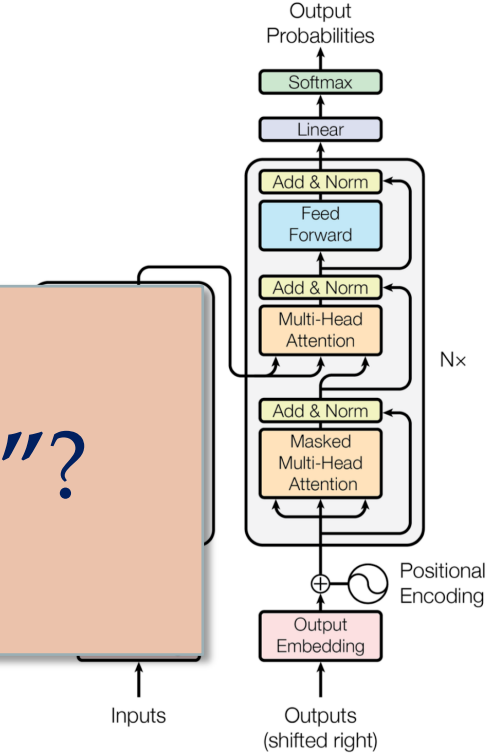
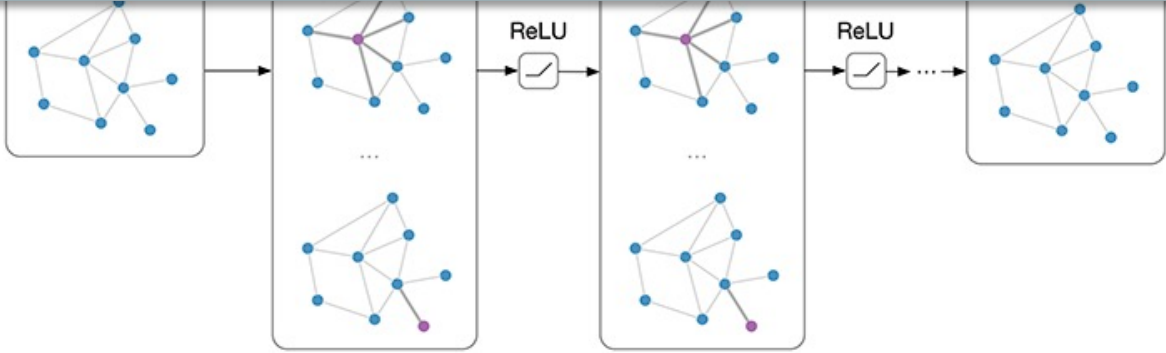
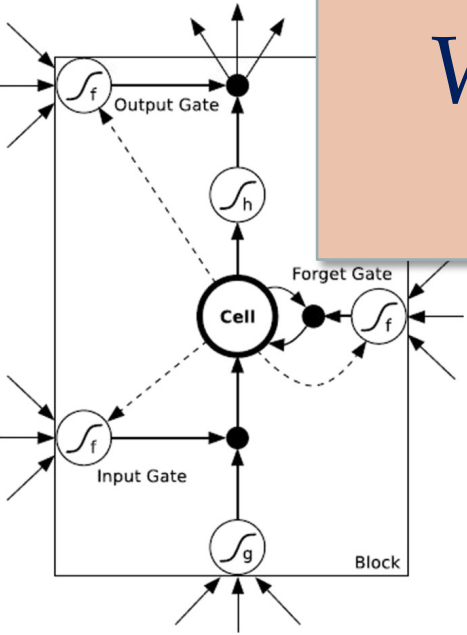
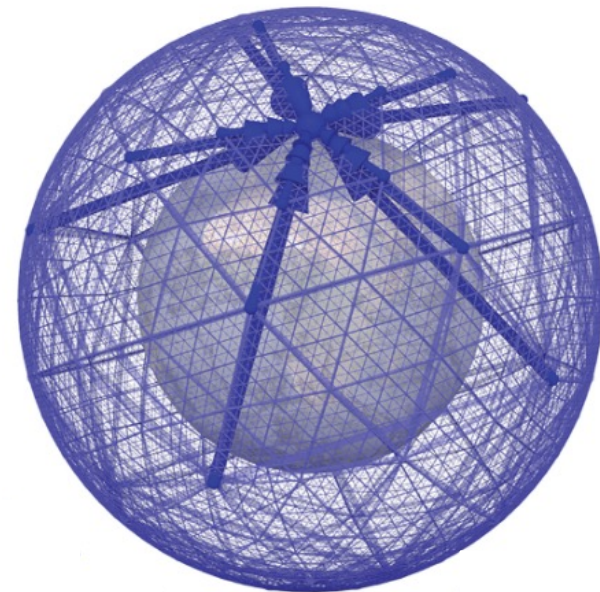
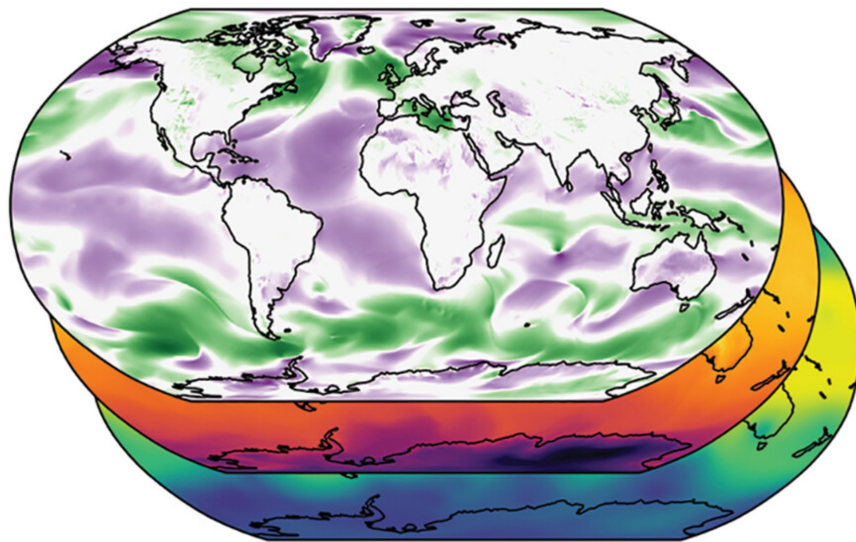
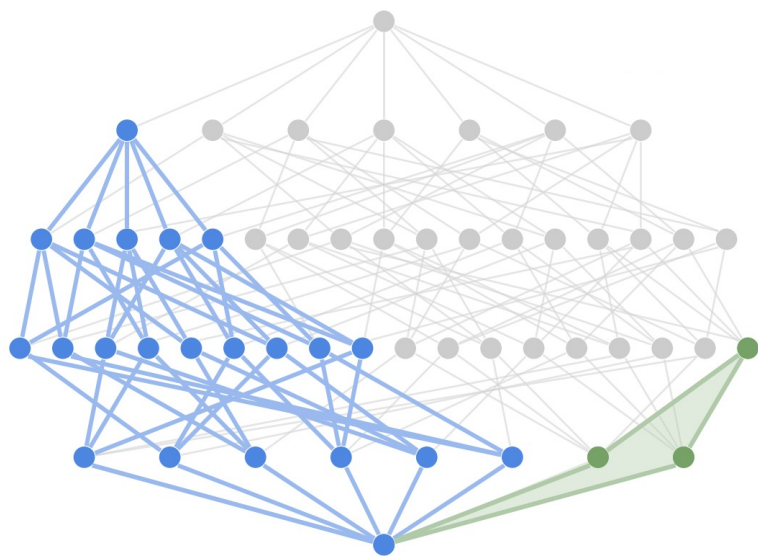
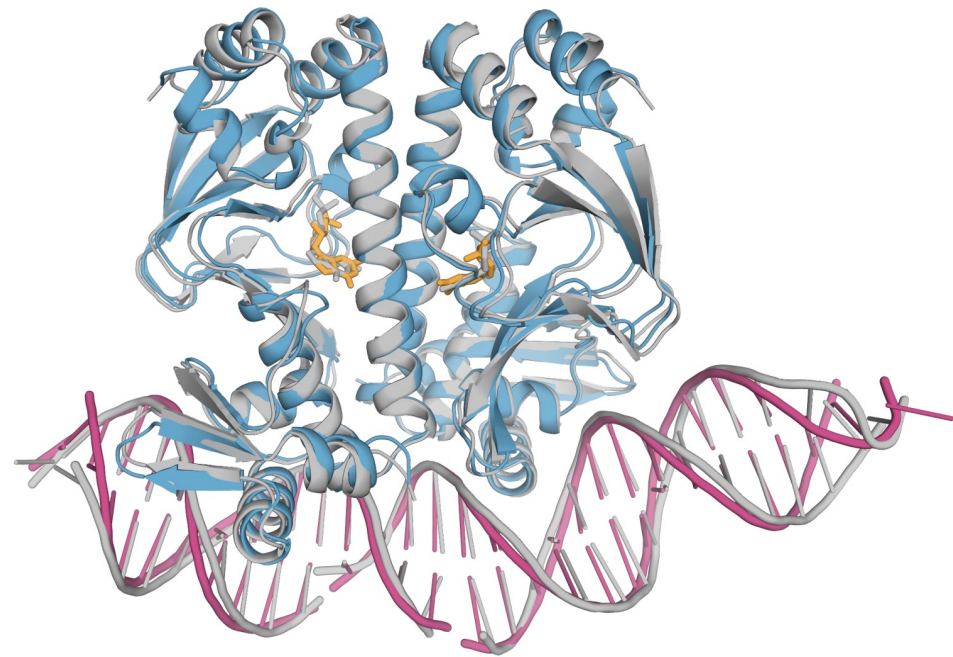
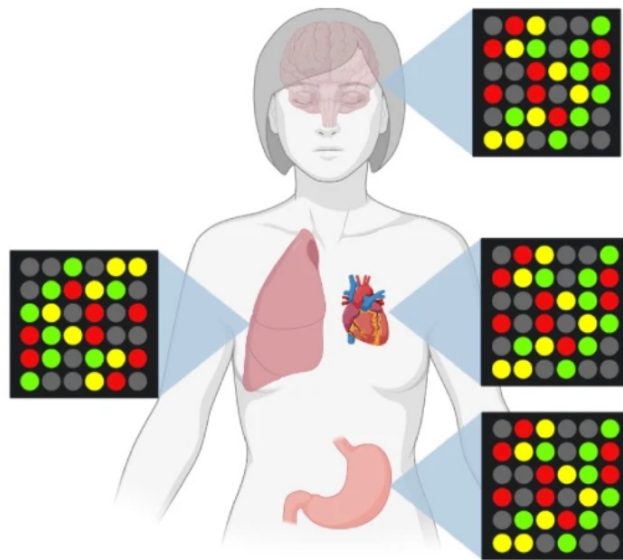
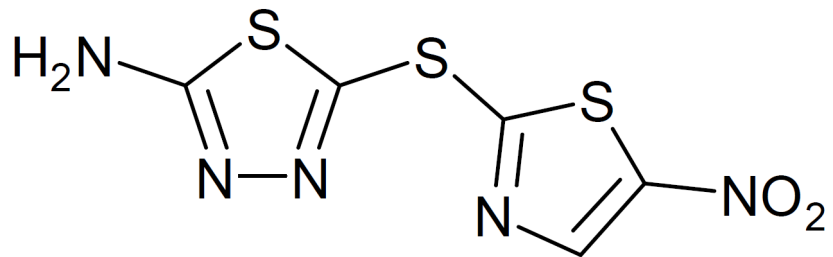


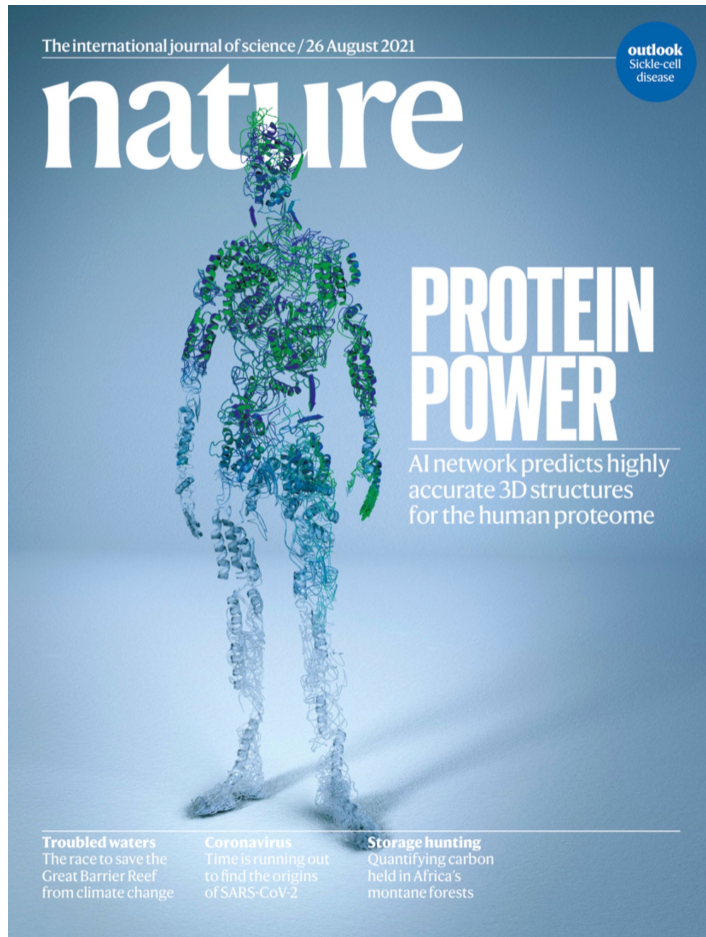
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...now it's our turn to study geometry 😊

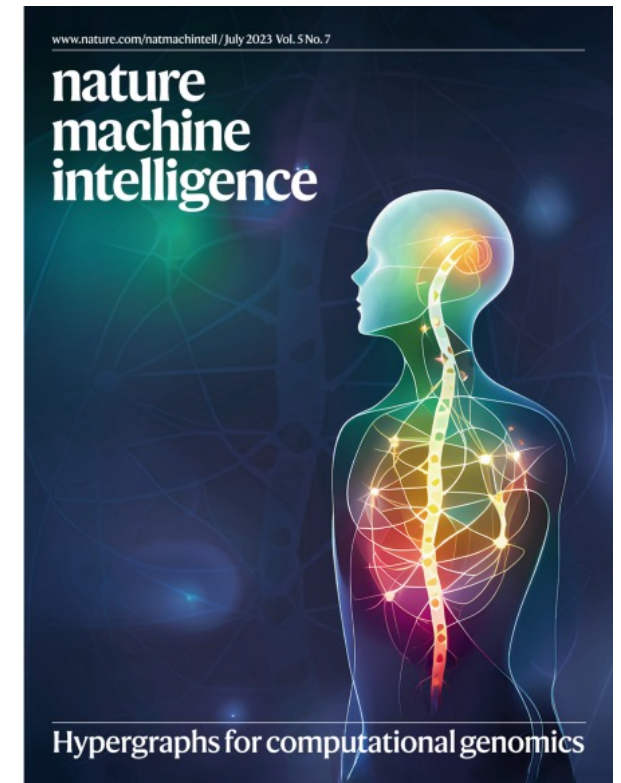
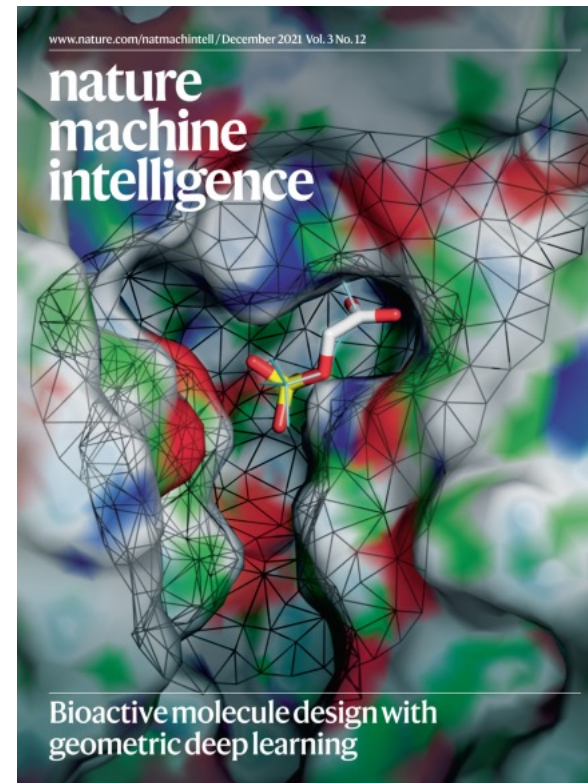
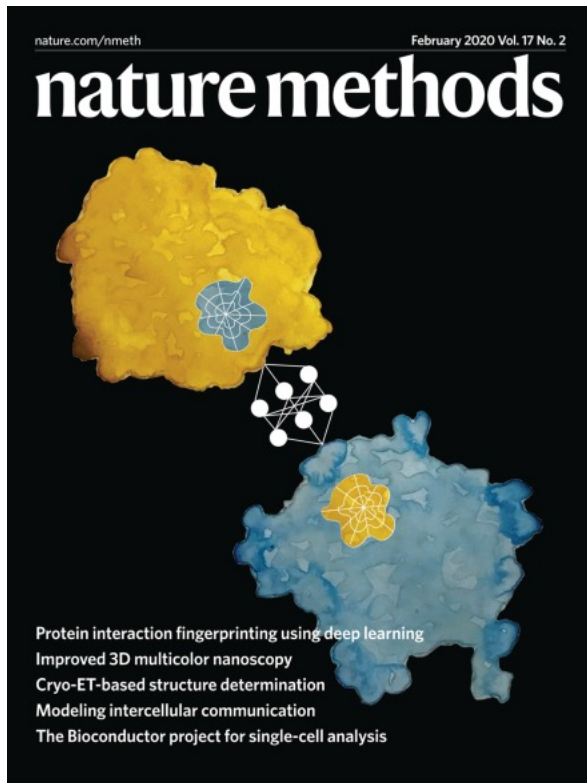
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Models of nature are often geometric

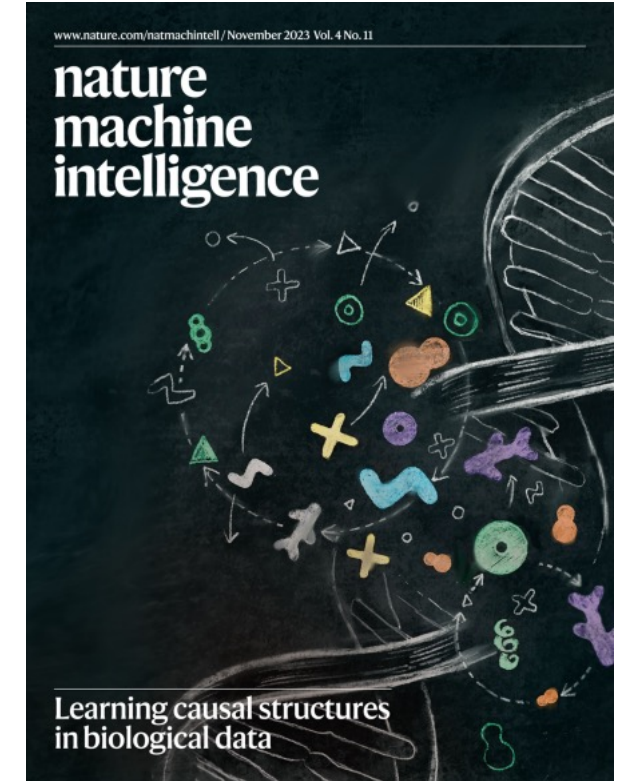
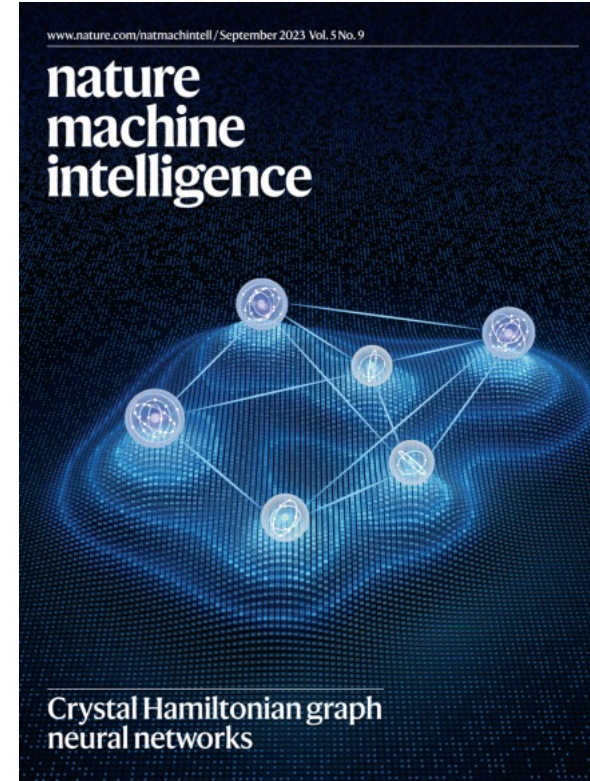
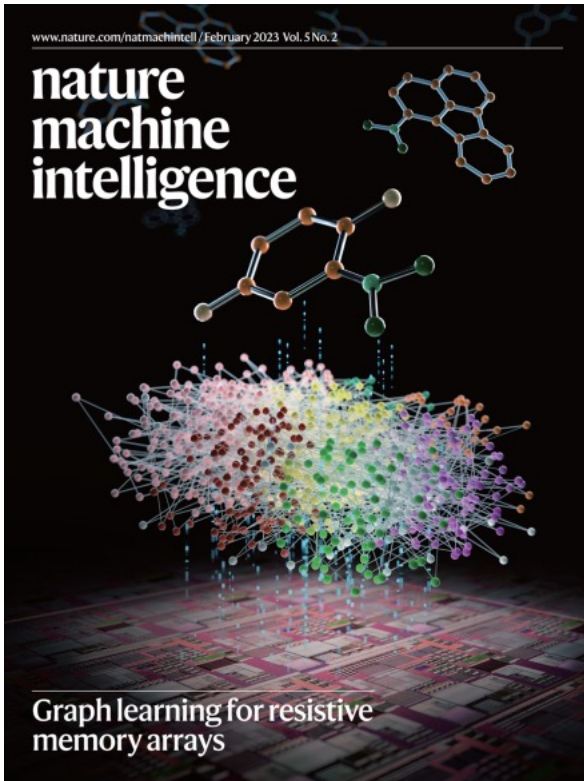


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...and these are just the covers!

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Even “non-geometric” models secretly have geometric constraints

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But “*geometry*” is not just about *spatial* arrangement!

It is about *constraints*: design model to “respect” regularity in data
Models like Transformers touted as “generic”, but *significantly constrained*

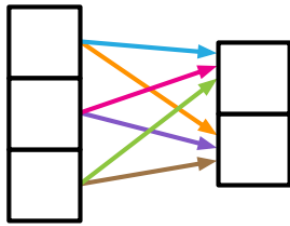
Generally, GDL offers us a *perspective* to categorise existing architectures
Based on which *data regularity constraints* they satisfy

This is a *useful perspective* even if you *never* encounter “geometric” data

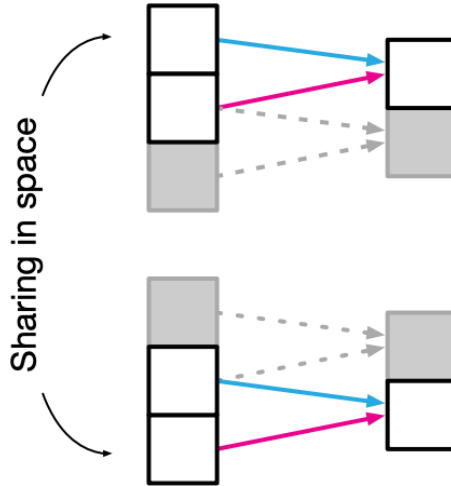
In the very least, it will allow you to reason about ‘frontier models’ of the
past, present *and* future, in a less handwavy and more principled way

Could graphs be the answer?

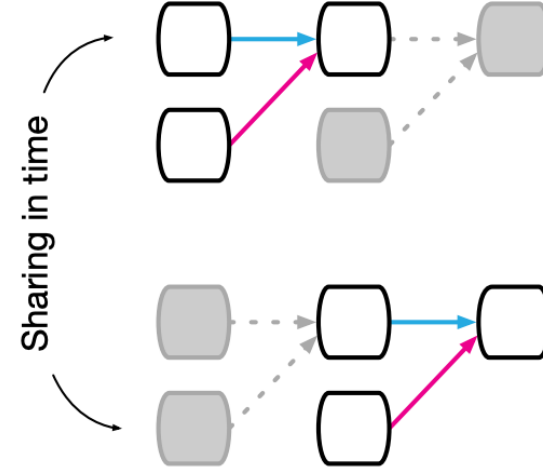
If we squint hard enough,
(m)any NNs can be seen as *passing data over a graph!*



(a) Fully connected



(b) Convolutional



(c) Recurrent

The *graph neural network* (**GNN**) may be the “one true architecture”!
Accordingly, this course’s approach to GDL will be very “*graphy*”

We come into *daily* contact with GNNs

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Designs that take humans months can be matched or beaten by AI in six hours

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GNN applications are still ripe in 2023!

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The machine-learning algorithm identified a compound that kills *Acinetobacter baumannii*, a bacterium that lurks in many hospital settings.

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Graph neural networks at the Large Hadron Collider

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Millions of new materials discovered with deep learning

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TacticAI: an AI assistant for football tactics

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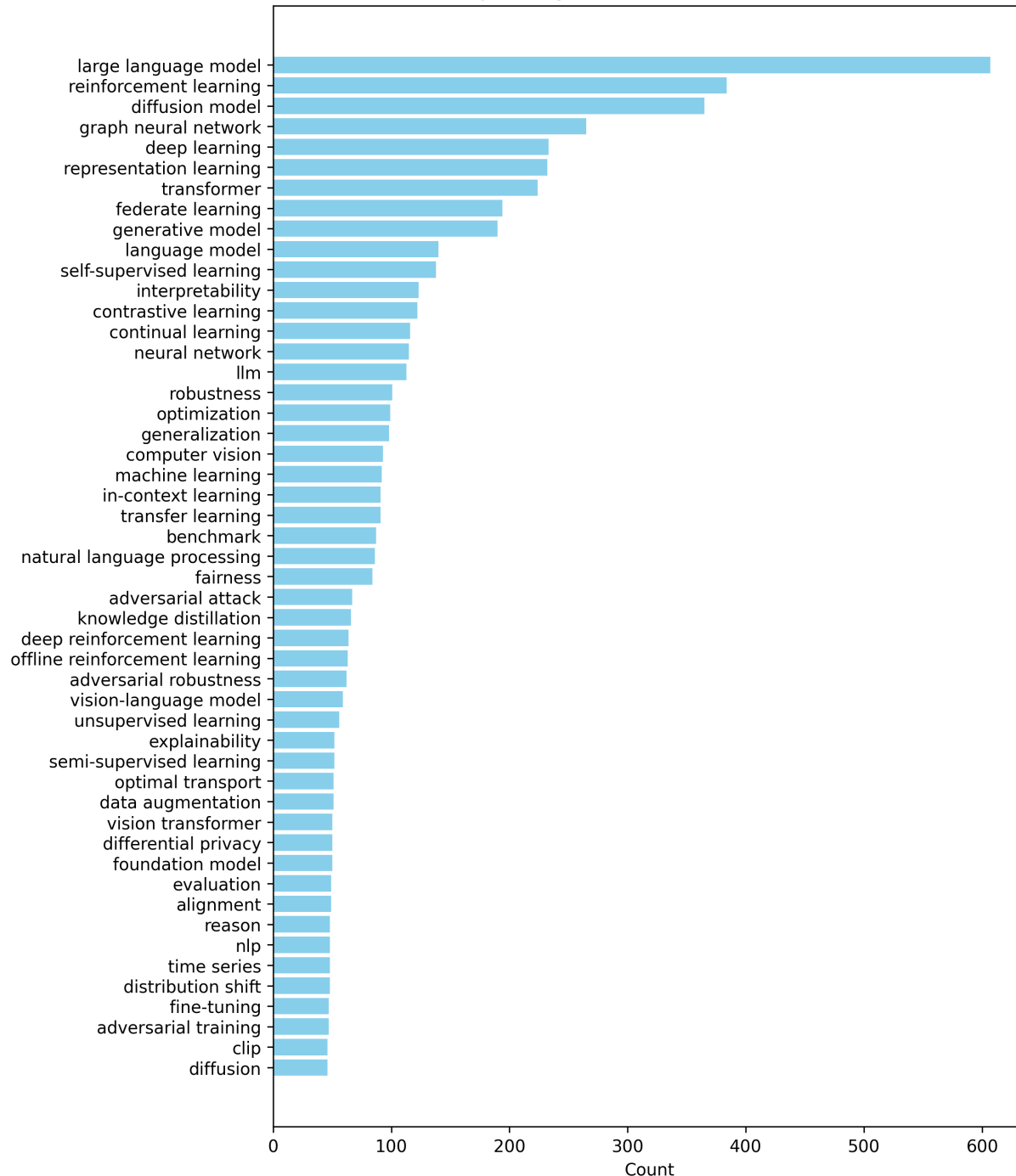
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Why are we here?

Geometric data --- especially *graphs* --- are *everywhere*!

Geometric deep learning (GDL) is here to stay, especially over *natural* data

Geometric understanding of deep learning is a very useful *perspective*

No matter what field you choose to specialise in, there is a good chance you will come into contact with GDL concepts

We want to make GDL easy to *navigate, leverage, and contribute to*

In a way that is **uniquely** suited to Cambridge's strongpoints

(Special focus on graphs!)

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Key concepts and skills

What do we want you to **take away** from the lectures?

- Why is it a good idea to study the geometry of data?
- **Foundational material on groups, representations and graphs**
- Theoretical principles of GDL & a way to navigate literature
- **Observing GDL through the lens of graph representation learning**
- The bigger picture: what lies beyond GDL?

The **assessments** (practical & mini-project) should **ground** these concepts with concrete implementations and **empower** you to derive key results

Recommended reading

GRAPH REPRESENTATION LEARNING

**Geometric Deep Learning
Grids, Groups, Graphs,
Geodesics, and Gauges**

Michael M. Bronstein¹, Joan Bruna², Taco Cohen³, Petar Veličković⁴

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