

# CS 2310 - Multimedia Software Engineering

## Deep Reinforcement Learning

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# Preface

- Machine Learning
- Reinforcement Learning
- Artificial Neural Network
- Deep Learning
- Deep Reinforcement Learning

# Machine Learning

- ML in a Nutshell
- Supervised Learning
  - Discrete space:
  - Continuous space
- **Reinforcement Learning**
- Unsupervised Learning
  - Discrete space:
  - Continuous space:

$$y = f(x)$$

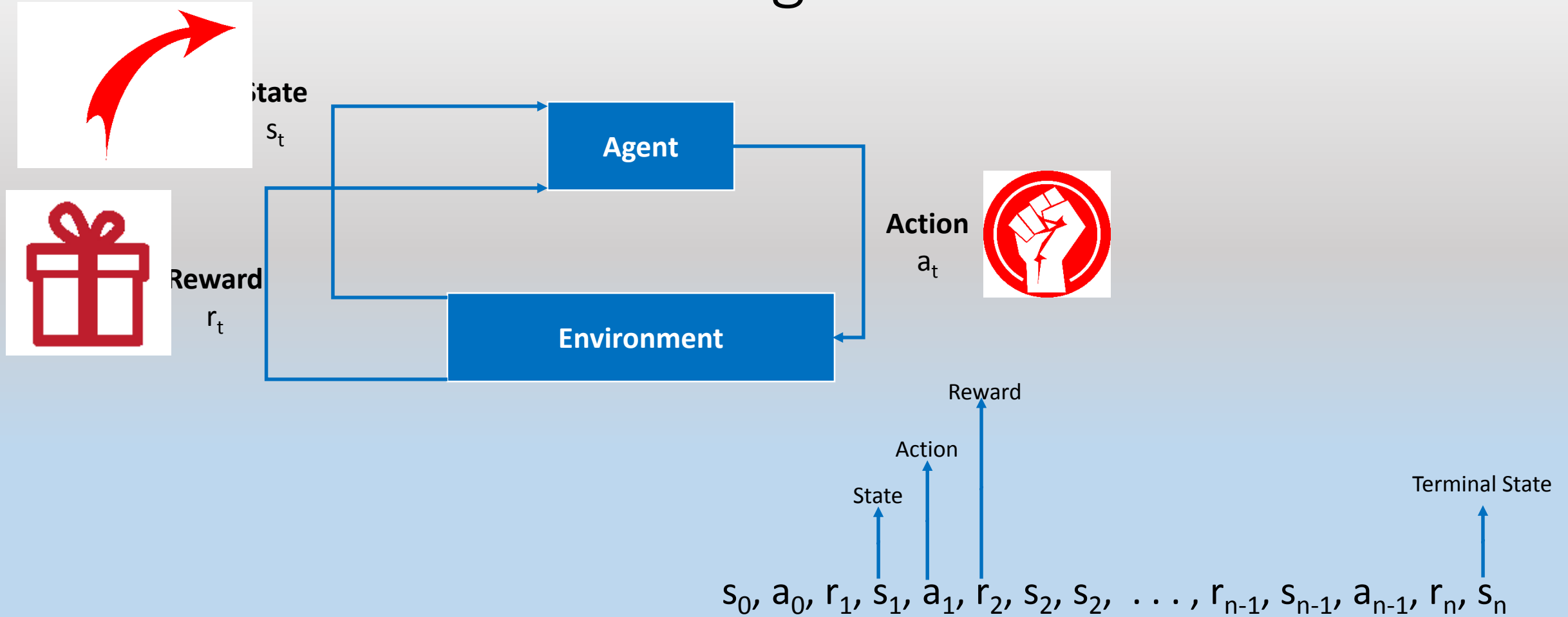
X (classification) Y

X (regression) Y

X (clustering) Y

X (dimensionality reduction) Y

# Reinforcement Learning



# Q – Learning

- Select an action
- Observe the reward
- Update the Q – table

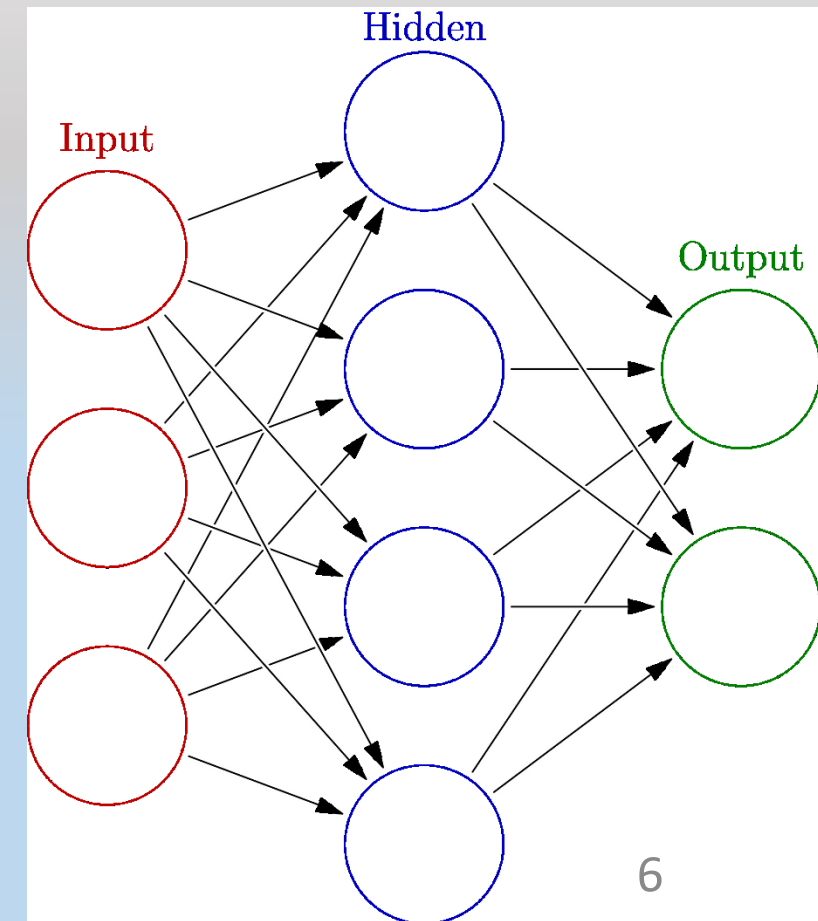
The diagram illustrates the Q-learning update equation with components labeled in boxes and connected to the equation by lines:

- Reward**: Points to  $r_{t+1}$
- Learned value**: Points to  $Q(s_t, a_t)$
- New state**: Points to  $s_{t+1}$
- Old state**: Points to  $s_t$  (appearing twice)
- Learning rate**: Points to  $\alpha$
- Discount factor**: Points to  $\gamma$
- Estimate of optimal new state**: Points to  $\max_{\alpha} Q(s_{t+1}, \alpha)$

$$Q(s_t, a_t) = Q(s_t, a_t) + \alpha \left( r_{t+1} \gamma \left( \max_{\alpha} Q(s_{t+1}, \alpha) \right) - Q(s_t, a_t) \right)$$

# Artificial Neural Network (ANN)

- A system of loosely coupled neural units modeling the brain neurons connected by axons.
- Mathematical model:  $f: X \rightarrow Y$
- Network structure:
  - $f$  is the Neuron's network function:  $f(x) = K(\sum_i w_i g_i(x))$
  - $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  is the input vector
  - $w = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n)$  is the weight vector
  - $g = (g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n)$  is the composition of other functions
  - $K$  is the activation function
- Learning: ANNs learn using a cost function
  - $C = E[(f(x) - y)^2]$  like mean squared error
  - $C' = 1/N \sum_i (f(x_i) - y_i)^2$  where  $N$  is the number of samples



# Deep Learning

- A class ANN which is a combination of **many layers** of **nonlinear** processing **units**
  - + Feature extraction
  - + Classification
  - + pattern recognition
- Combination of heterogeneous algorithms, mainly **unsupervised**
- Learn different levels of **representation**
- The **output** can be used as a feature vector for other classification schemes

# Deep Reinforcement Learning



# DeepMind

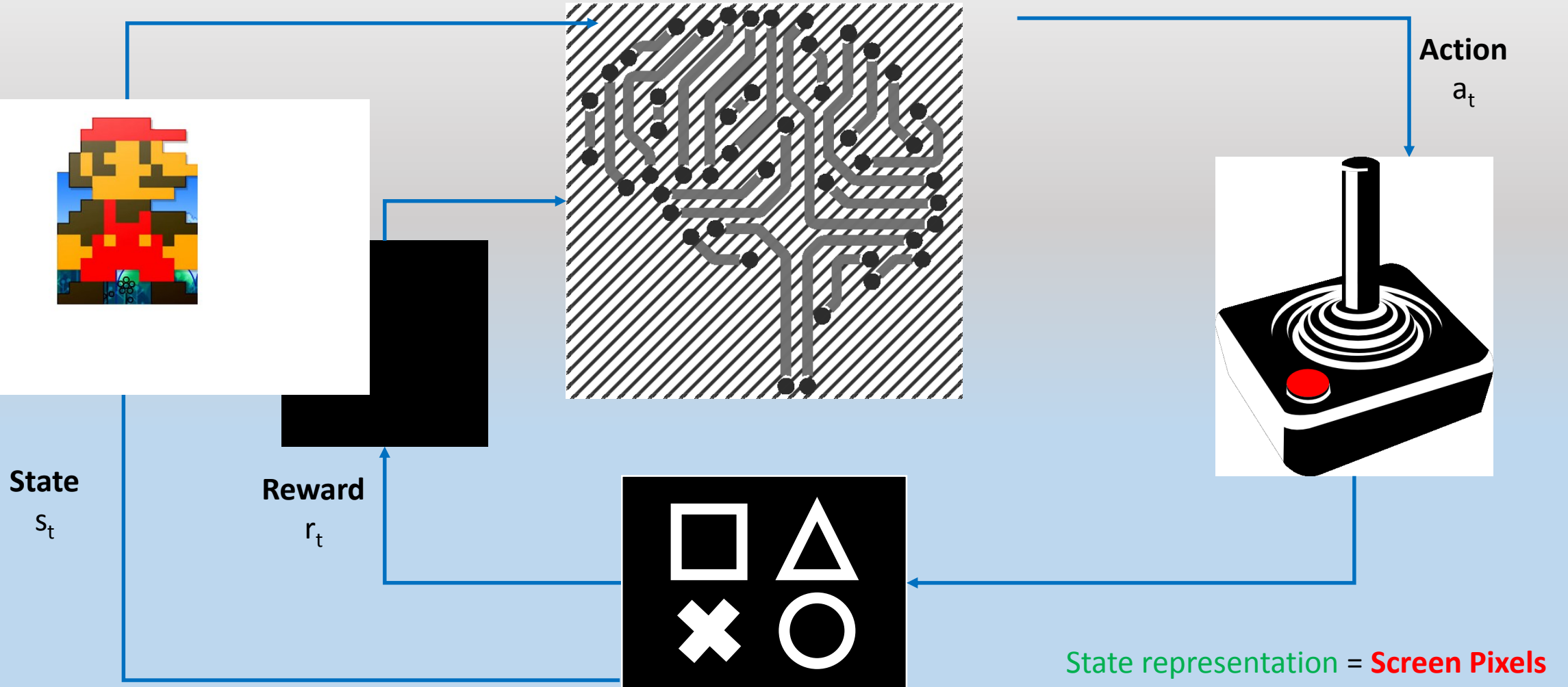
- British-based AI Company founded in 2010
- Acquired by Google in 2014
- A Neural Network that learns how to play video games
- Neural Turing Machine
- Healthcare
  - Searching for early signs of diseases leading to blindness.
  - Differentiate between healthy and cancerous tissues in head and neck area.
- AlphaGo

# Selected Article

- Title: **Human-level control through deep reinforcement learning**
- Authors: Volodymyr Mnih et al.
- Affiliation: Google DeepMind
- Journal: **Nature** – International Weekly Journal of Science
- Volume: 518
- Issue: 7540
- Date: 2015
- Pages: 529 – 533
- Journal Impact Factor: **38.138**
- Citation: **542**



# Reinforcement Learning in Atari



# Deep Q – Learning (DQL)

- Deep Learning + Reinforcement Learning?
- Bellman Equation with Value Function  $Q(s, a)$ 
$$Q(s_t, a_t) = r + \gamma \left( \max_a Q(s_{t+1}, a) \right)$$
- Where Value Iteration Algorithm can recursively find the optimal value
- Represent the Deep Q – Network's Value Function by the with weights  $W$

$$Q(s_t, a, w) \approx Q(s_t, a)$$

# Deep Q – Learning (DQL)

- Define a new Objective Function by **Mean-Squared Error (MSE)** in Q-values

$$L = E[(r + \gamma(\max_{\alpha} Q(s_{t+1}, \alpha, w)) - Q(st, at))^2]$$

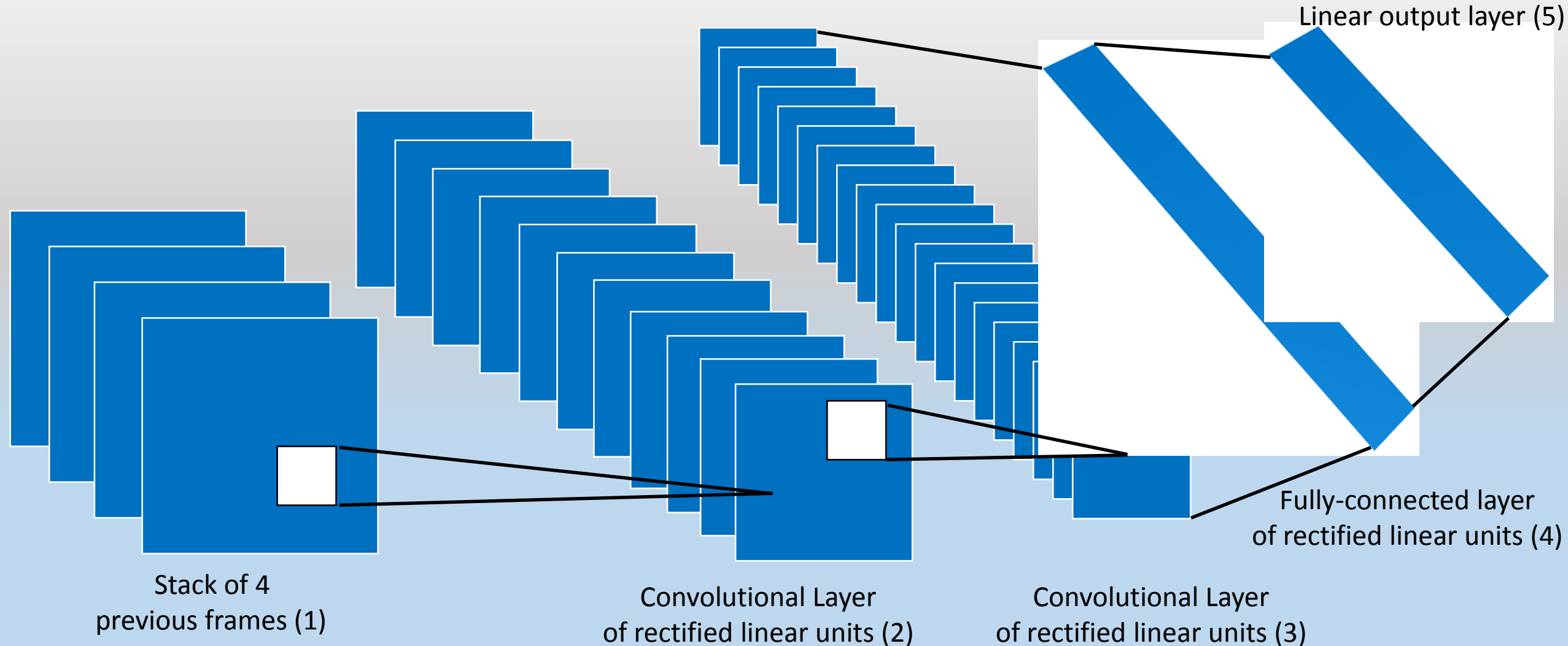
- Leading to the following **Q – learning Gradient**

$$\frac{\partial L(w)}{\partial L} = E \left[ (r + \gamma(\max_{\alpha} Q(s_{t+1}, \alpha, w)) - Q(st, at, w)) \frac{\partial Q(st, at, w)}{\partial w} \right]$$

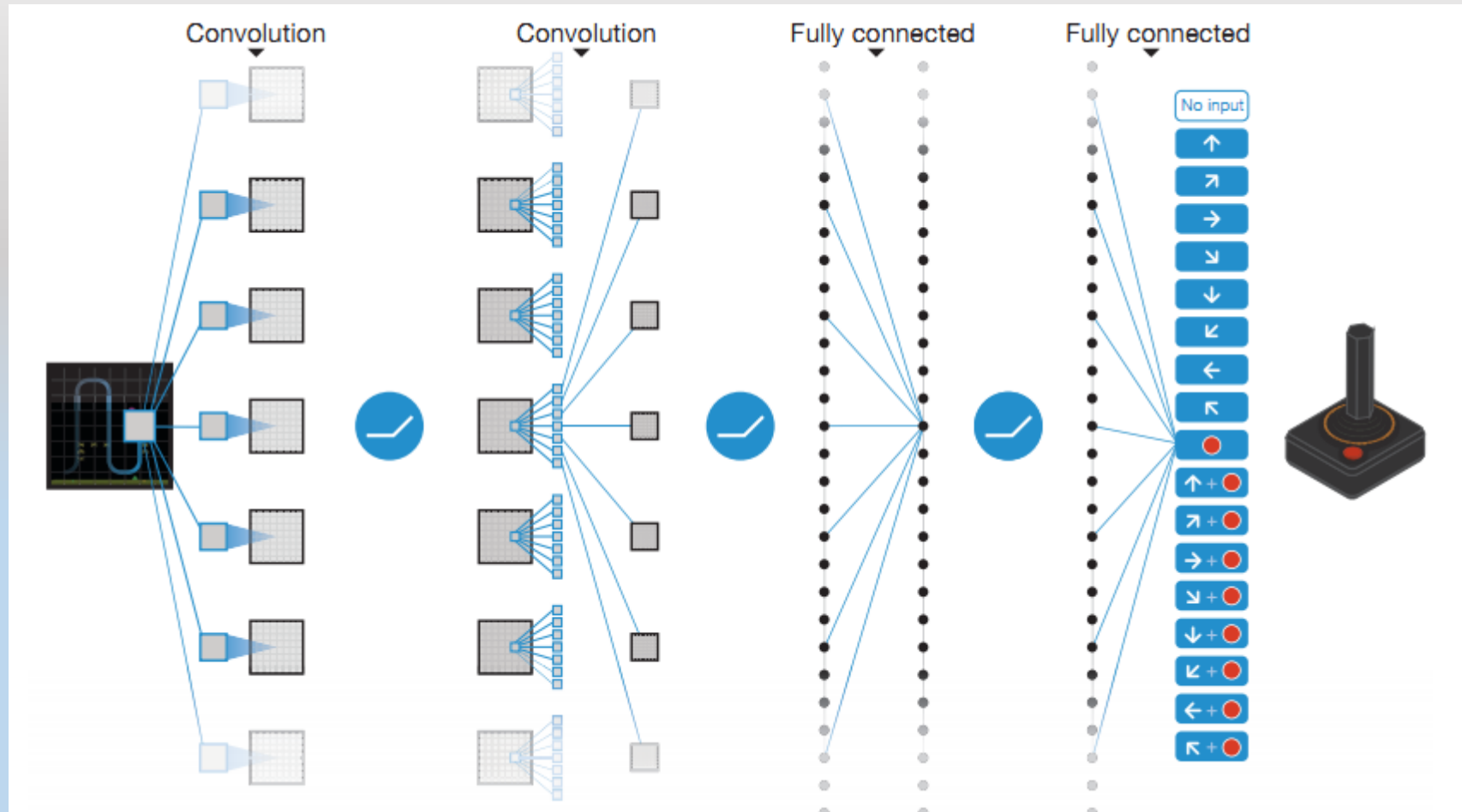
- Optimize objective function by **Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)**  
using

$$\frac{\partial L(w)}{\partial L}$$

# The Convolutional Neural Network in Atari



# Schematic illustration of Deep Q – Network



# Deep Q – Network characteristics

Layer	Input	Filter size	Stride	# Filters	Activation Function	Output
Convolution 1	84 x 84 x 4	8 x 8	4	32	ReLU	20 x 20 x 32
Convolution 2	20 x 20 x 32	4 x 4	2	64	ReLU	9 x 9 x 64
Convolution 3	9 x 9 x 64	3 x 3	1	64	ReLU	7 x 7 x 64
Fully connected 4	7 x 7 x 64			512	ReLU	512
Fully connected 5	512			18	Linear	18

\*Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU)

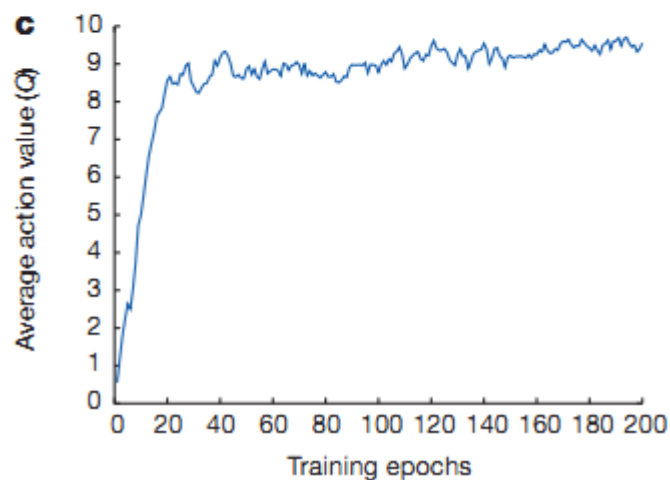
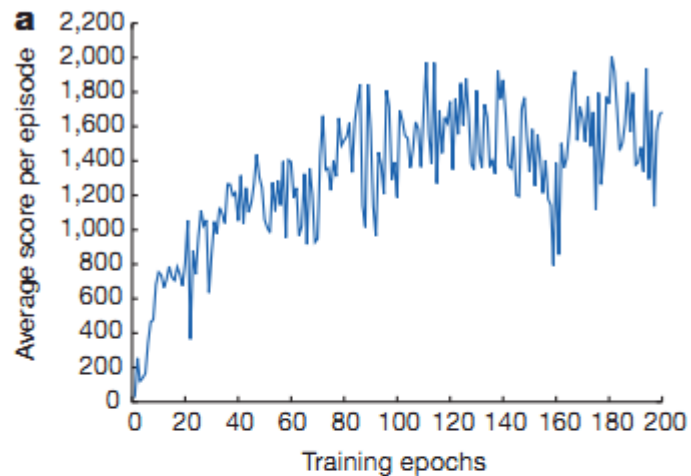


# Results

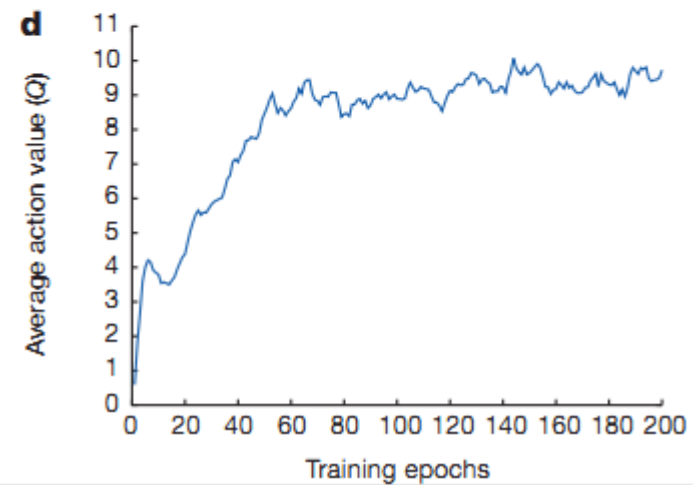
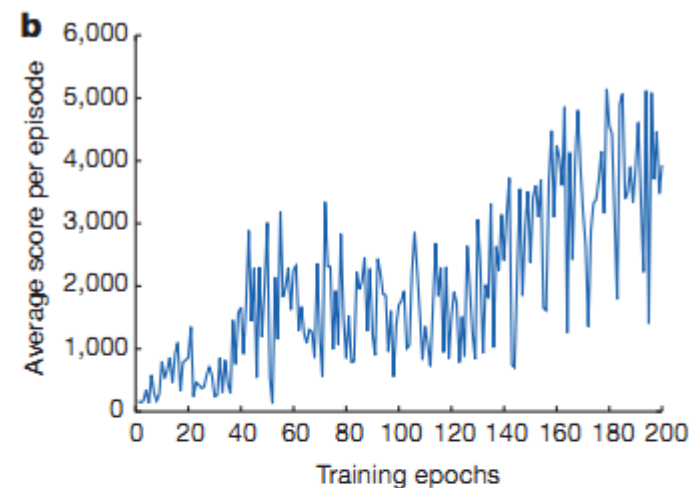
# Training Curve



Space Invaders

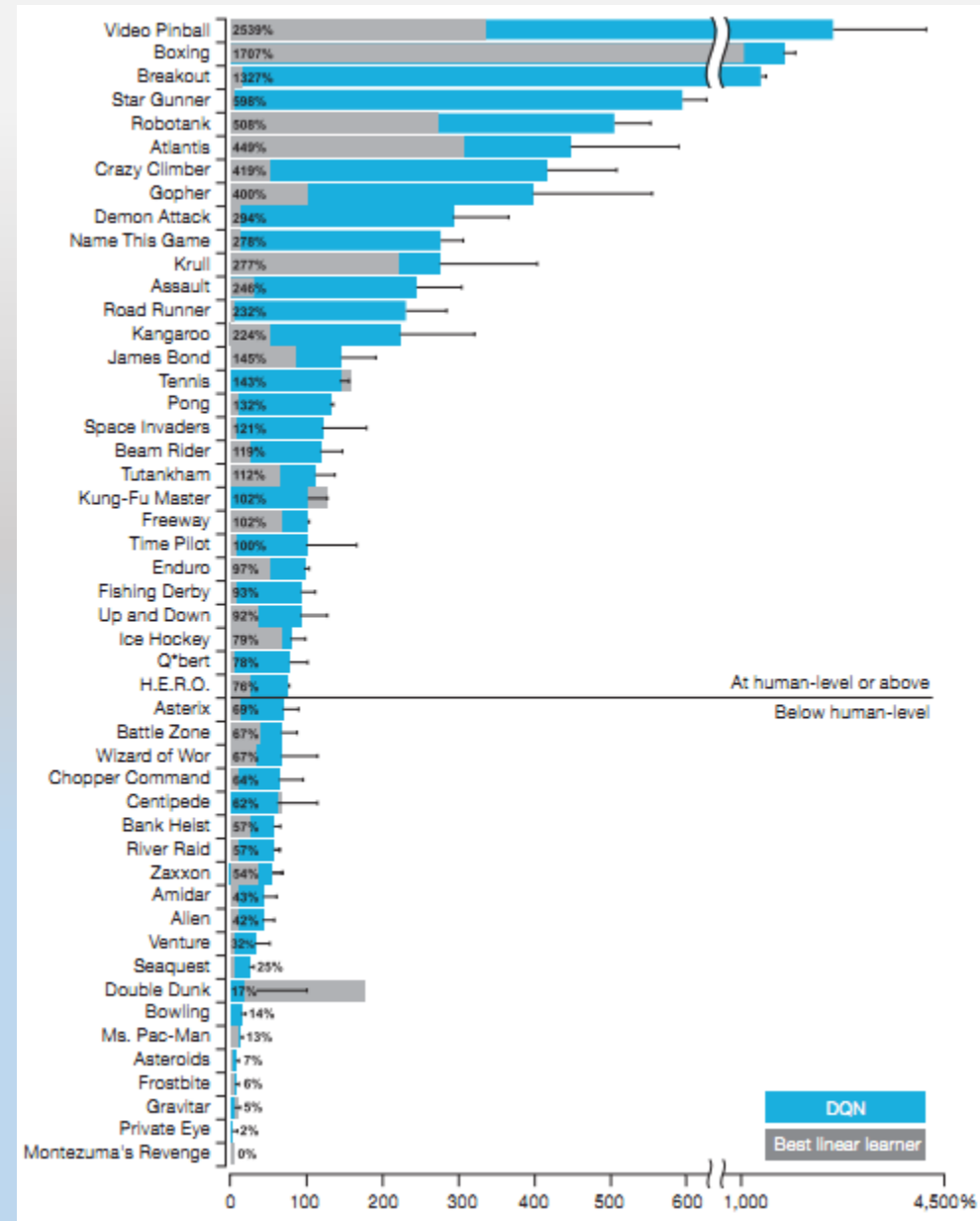


Seaquest



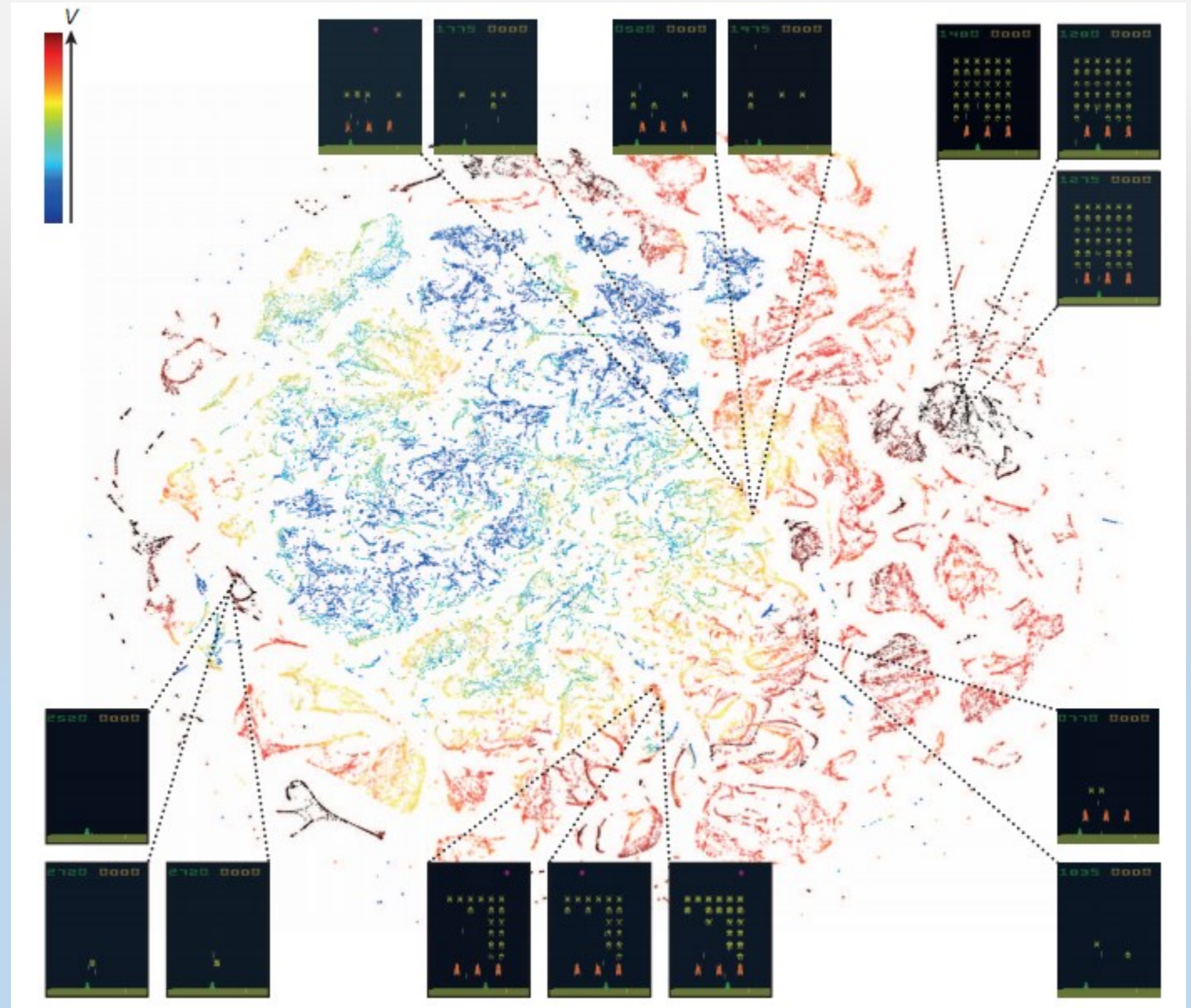
# Comparing DQN performance

- Audio was disabled
- 30 iterations
- Normalized results

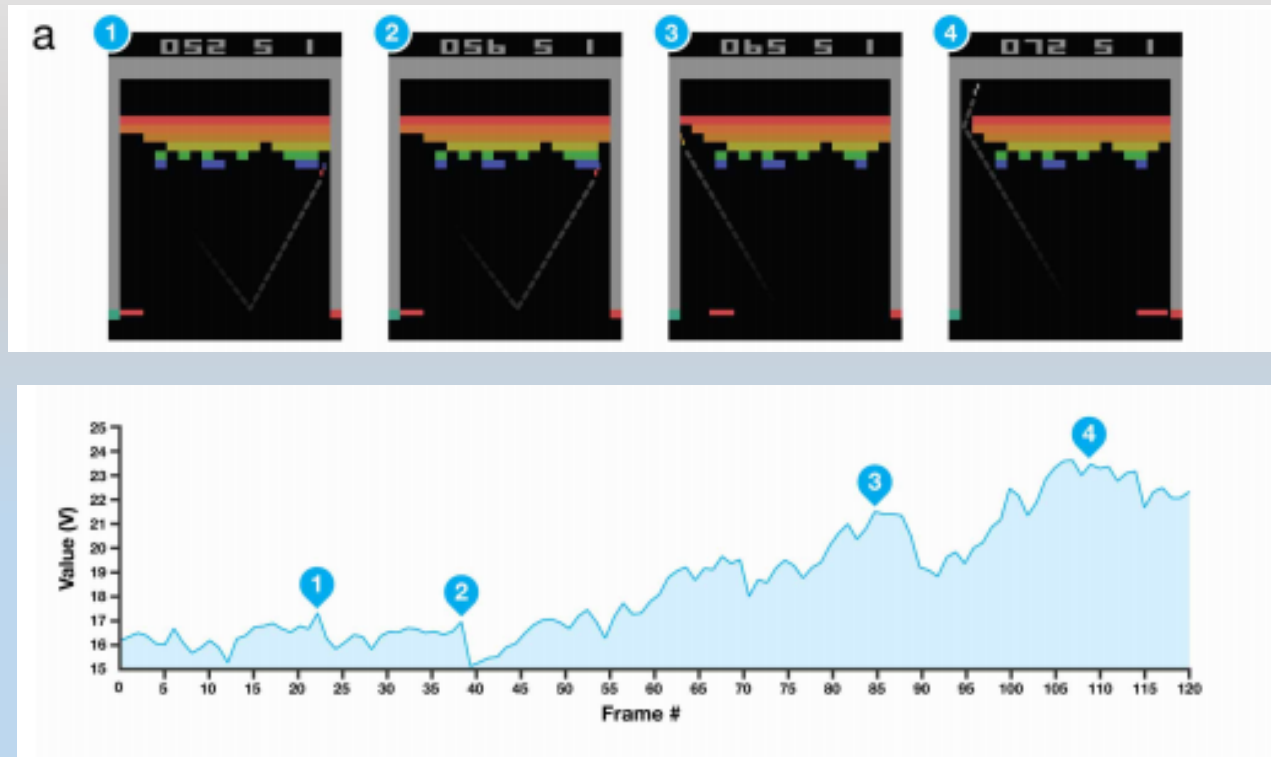


# Last hidden layer representation

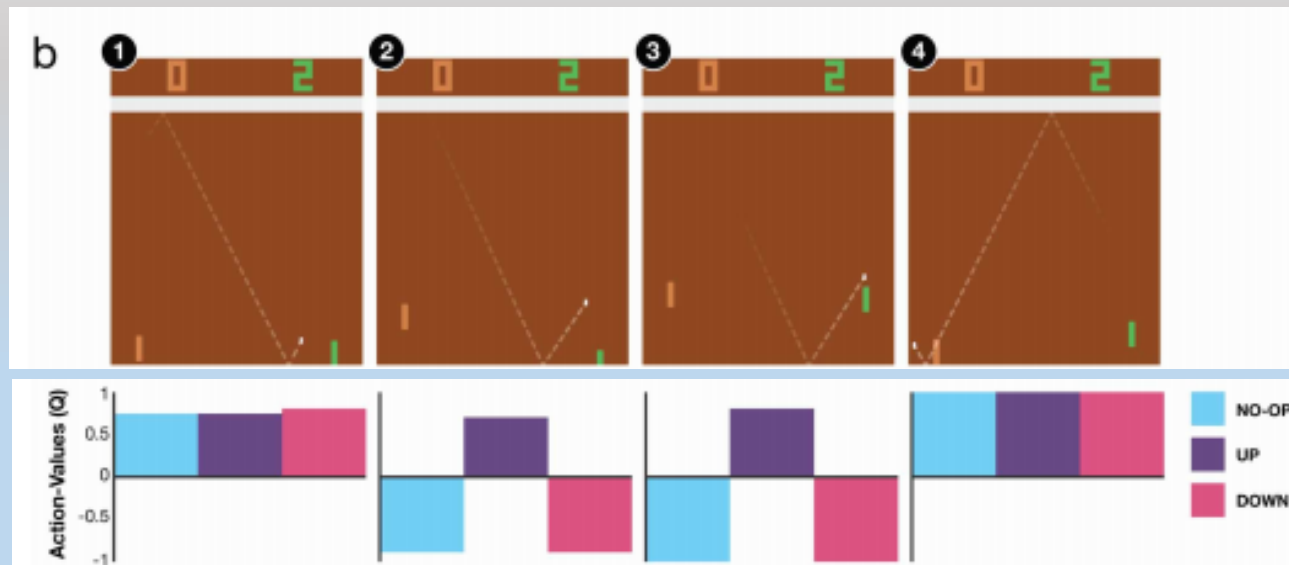
- tSNE representation of game states



# Visualization of the learned value Function **Breakout** game



# Visualization of the learned value Function **Pong** game



# Conclusion

- Deep nets are most suitable while dealing with **unlimited high dimensional training data**
- DQN
  - Reinforcement Learning acts as the function approximator
  - Extract high level features from high dimensional raw sensory data
- Final Quote:

“Reinforcement learning + **deep learning** = AI”

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