

Prediction: Week 9

“NASA: Supercomputing the Climate” (intro)

Where are we? (logistics)

“Models:” Mental, **STATISTICAL**, **SIMULATION**, and Physical

How are models used to make Modern Predictions?

[see revised plan below]



Weather/Climate
simulating spatial
processes

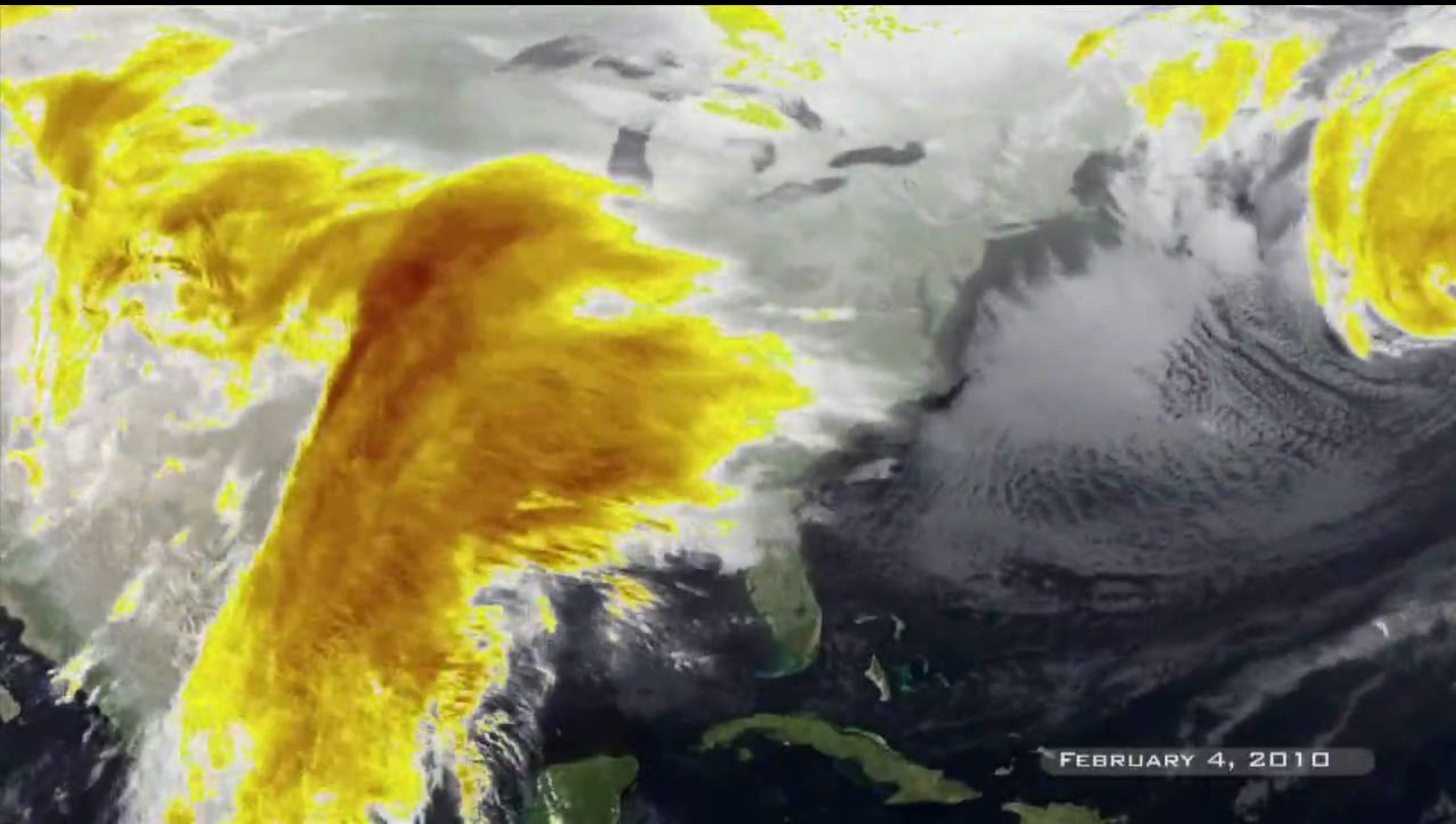
Systems Biology
simulating non-spatial
processes

Genomics
statistical predictions
of physical traits

Mobile Health
statistical predictions
of behavior

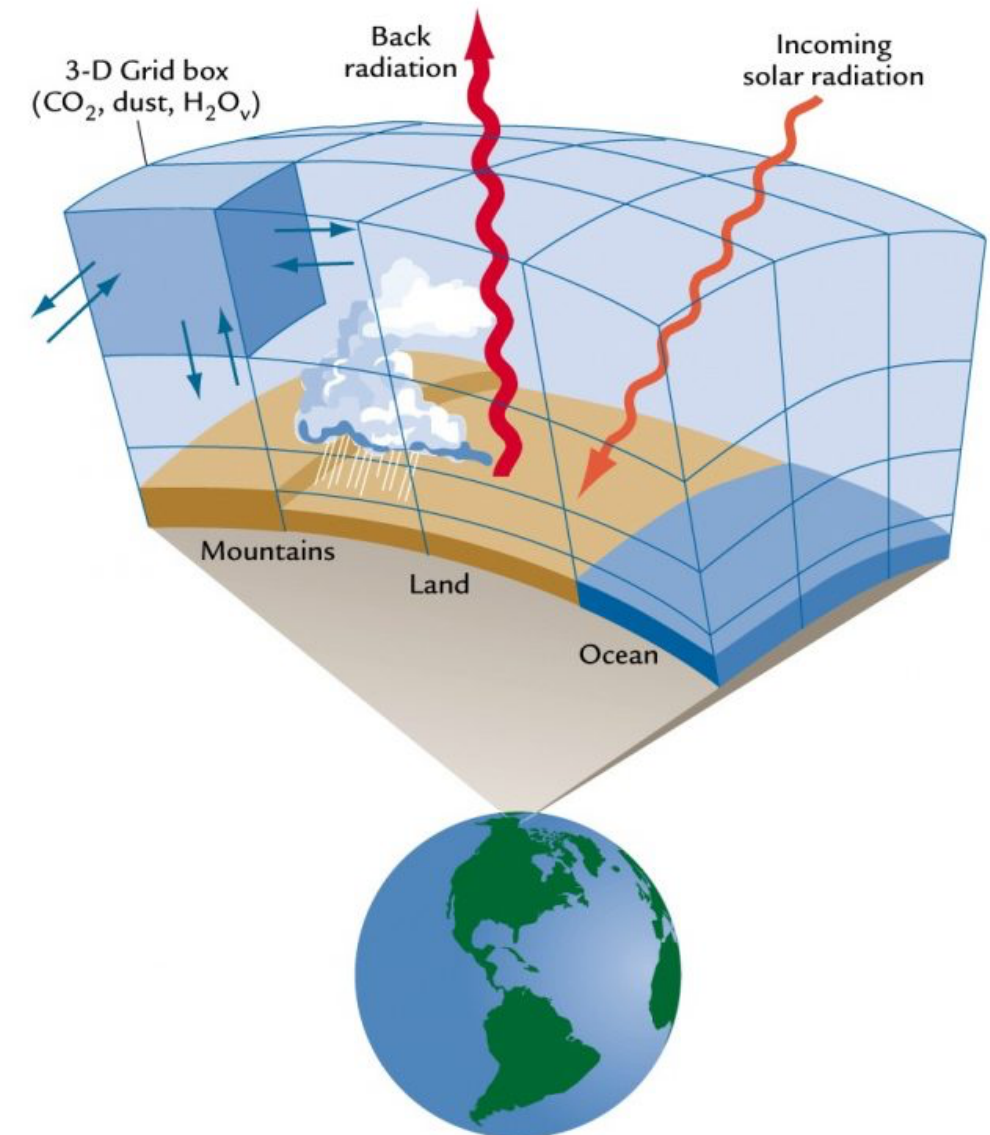
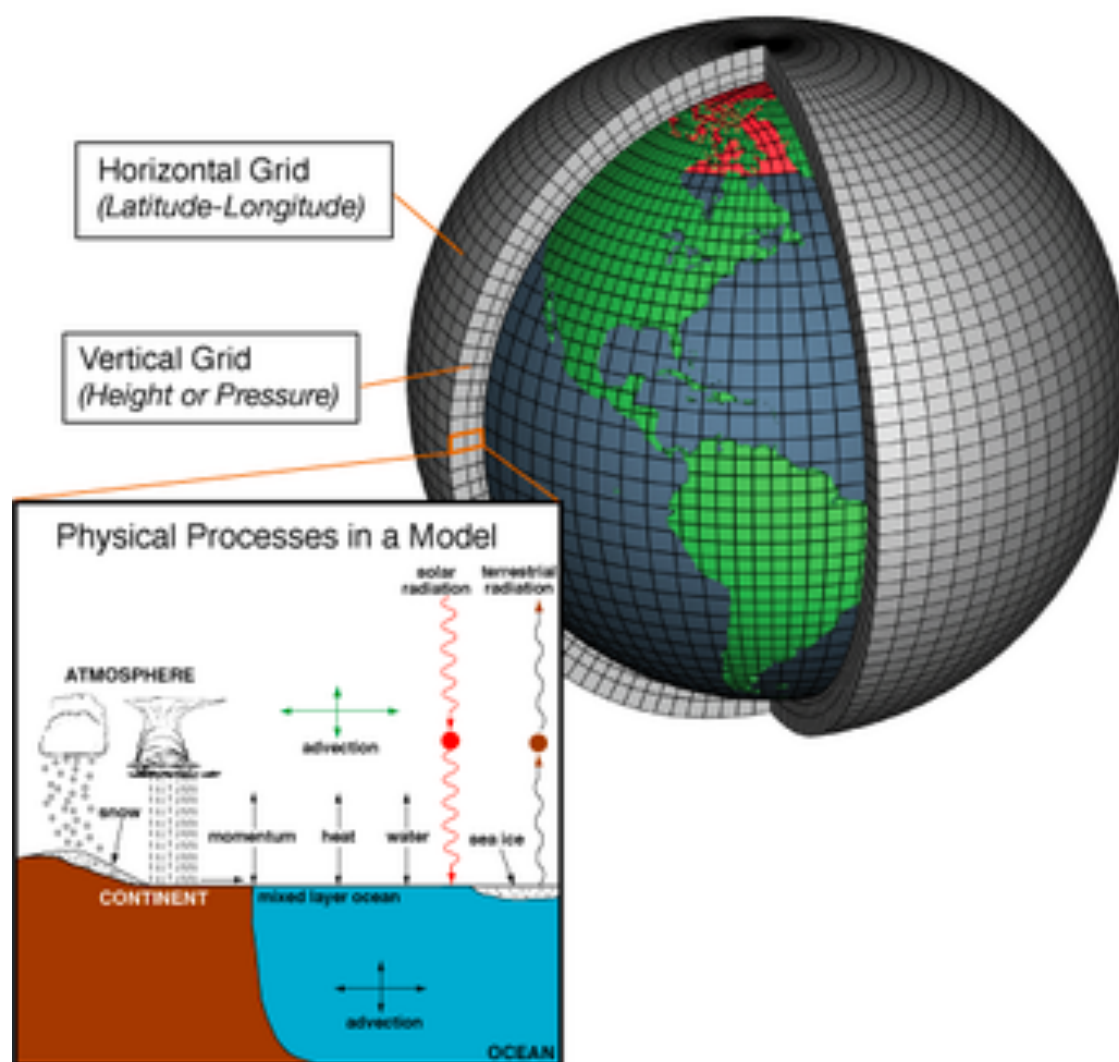
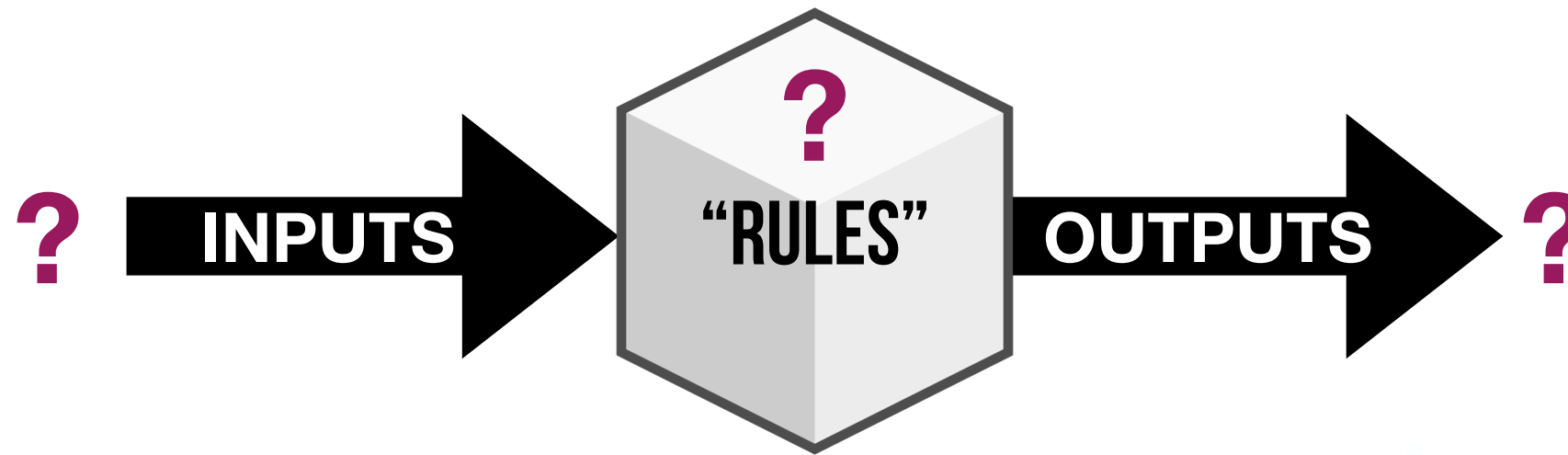


“Supercomputing the Climate”



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jj0WsQYtT7M>



What measured inputs are important to numerical simulations of weather?

Top

What "rules" (e.g. physical and/or chemical principles) are used in numerical simulations of weather?

Top

What are the key outputs of weather prediction?

Top

Modern Prediction: Where are we?



Week	Topic	Date		Date	Assignments
8	Intro to Modern Simulation		Where does	Weather & Climate:	Cline, McCarthy, Den Keunen, Rebecca
9	Modeling				us <u>one of</u> : church, er Kraft
10	The Future of Wealth & Health				(by 4/6)
11	The Future of the Universe				4/13)
12	Artificial Intelligence, Bayesian Thinking				urphy (by 4/20)
12a	The Future of the Future	4-27	Final Discussions + featured student videos		Stuart Firestein, Agustin Rayo (optional) (by 4/27)

“Models:” Mental, STATISTICAL, SIMULATION, and Physical

concerning
cognition,
psychology

INPUTS

**PREDICTIVE
SYSTEM**

OUTPUTS

building a real
object, in the
real world

Abstract Model

Complex Reality



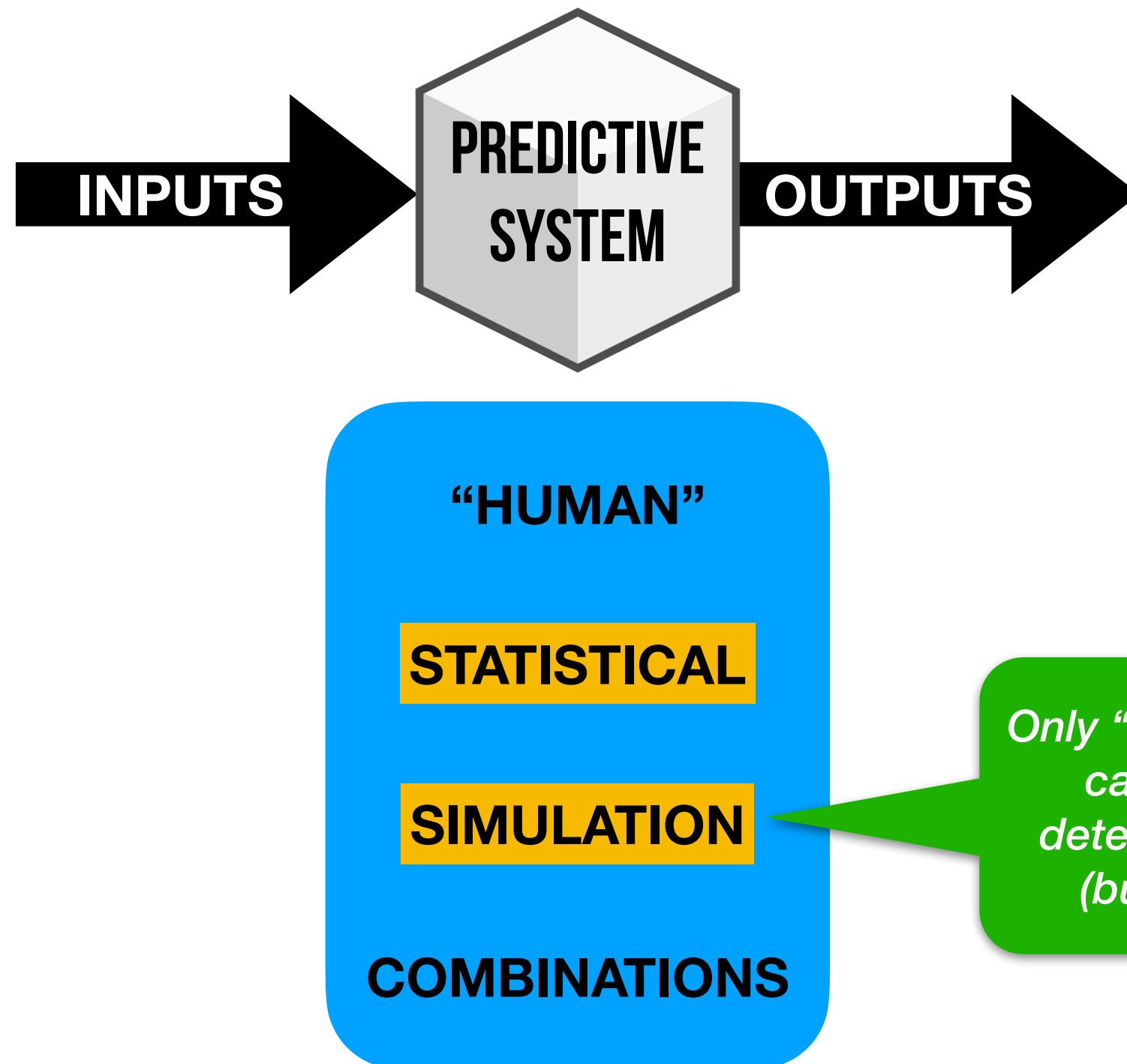
“HUMAN”

STATISTICAL

SIMULATION

COMBINATIONS

“Models:” Mental, STATISTICAL, SIMULATION , and Physical



Remember to always ask...

“Simulation” or “Numerical Experiment”?

- Simulation: goal is reality
- Numerical Experiment: A “what if” question, about one parameter or idea.

What to do about critical inputs you can't have?

- e.g. underground activity in earthquake forecasting, true # of COVID-19 infections, aspects of human behavior?

Is a more complicated system always better?

- recall Marianna Linz' simple global temperature model...
- SimCity 2000 vs. The Sims...



Fine points & questions for future discussions

Prediction X: Modern Simulations--THEMES/TAGS

#simulation_or_model (c.f. list)

#theoretical_empirical (c.f. Rainbow diagram)

#framework_model_inputs (c.f. document)

#framework_testing (c.f. document)

#biases (c.f. document)

#uncertainty (c.f. document, puck simulation (link), Take a Sweater)

#approximation (c.f. Ten questions) #Heuristic

#public_reaction (c.f. document)

#predictability

(predictability, determinism, randomness and uncertainty--use sand on shuffleboard analogy, includes #convergence,

#divergence, #feedback #chaos)

#unkown_unknowns

#bayes_theorem

#deterministic_vs_probabilistic (probabilistic vs. deterministic prediction...when is uncertainty small enough to call it “deterministic”?)

#machine_learning (c.f. list)

#artificial_intelligence(c.f. list, Derek’s Day)

#prediction_vs_decision

#explanation_vs_prediction (c.f. rainbow diagram)

#technology_theoretical_computation_and_math (c.f. list)

#technology_observational_experimental_devices_and_sensors (c.f. PtN)

#future_of_the_future

#personal_or_societal

#samplesize

#resolution

#rainbow_diagram

*These “tags” will all make sense to you
by the end of our course...
(see annotations in LabXchange videos)*

This “week,” let’s try for...

#technology_theoretical_computation_and_math

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#resolution

#samplesize

#uncertainty

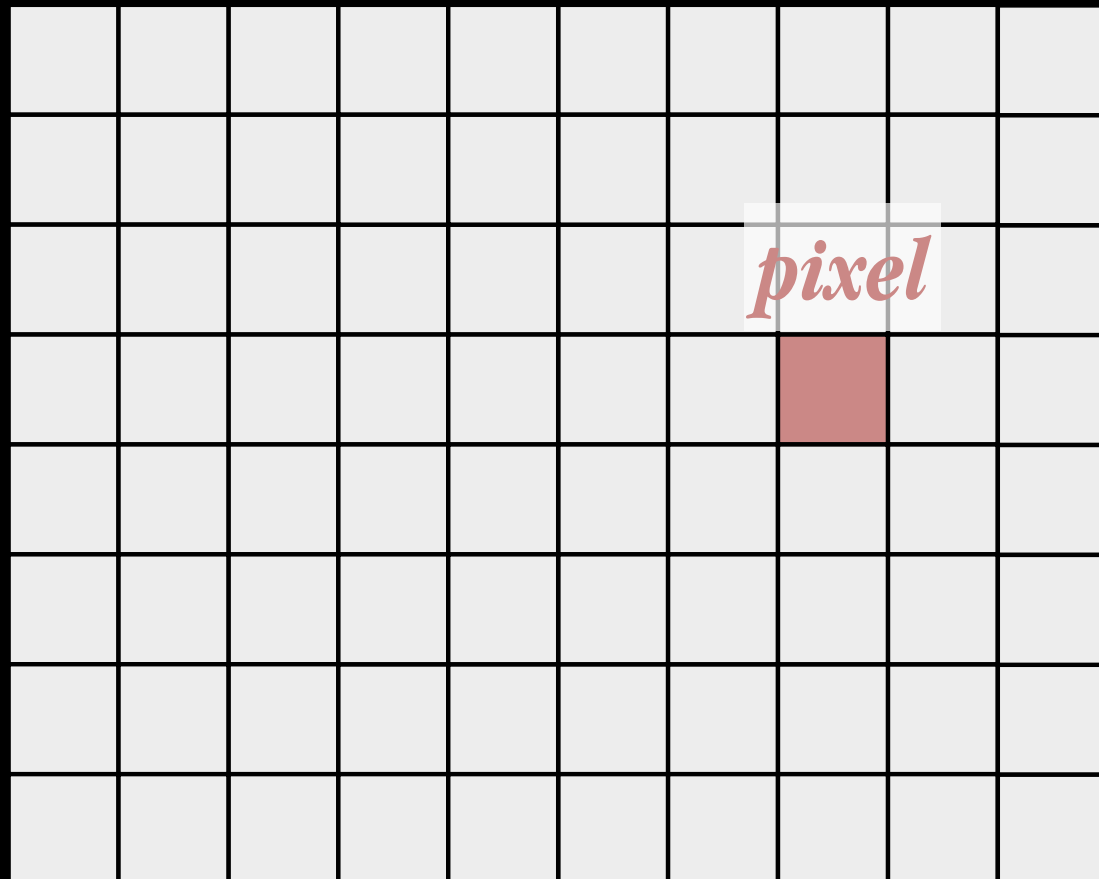
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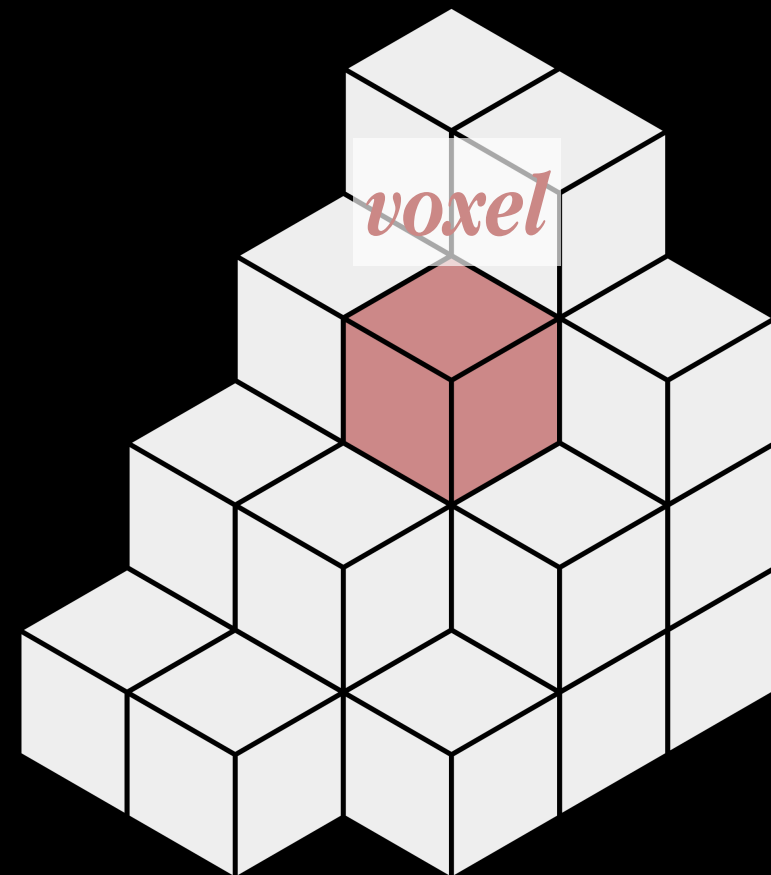
#deterministic_vs_probabilistic

2D computational zones are called “pixels” or “grid cells”



#resolution

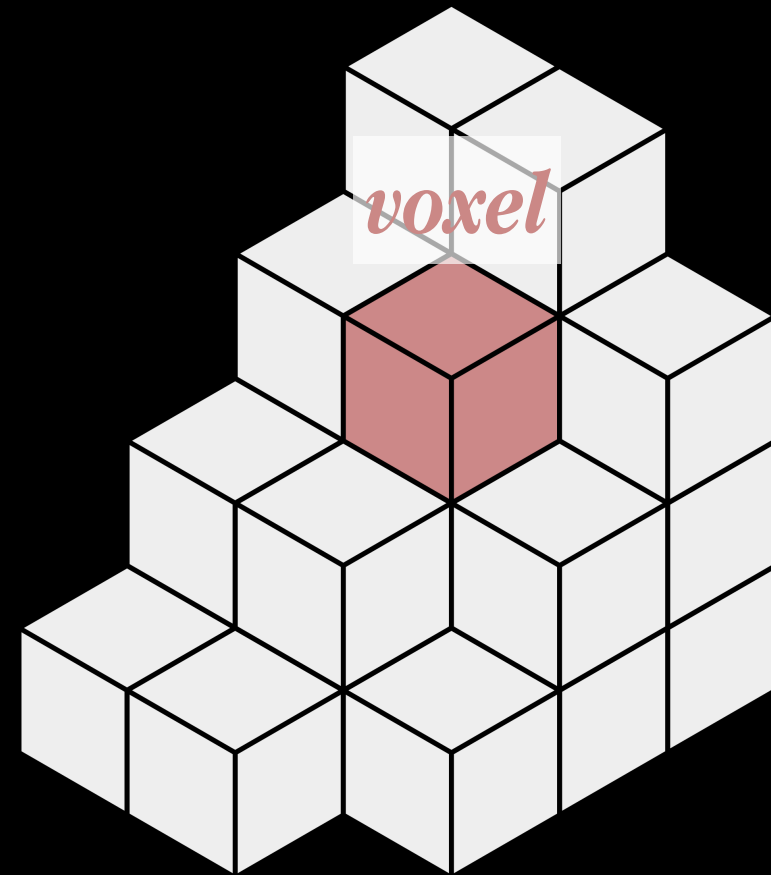
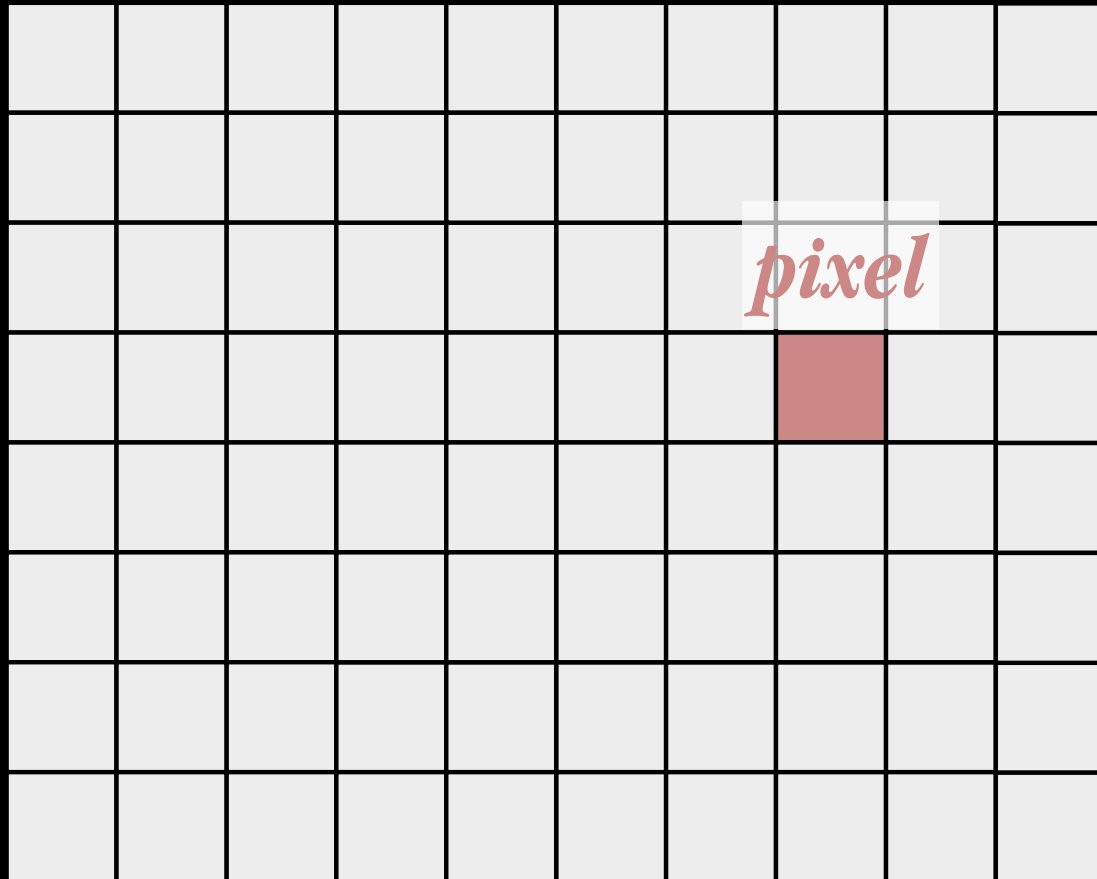
3D computational zones are called “voxels” or “grid cells”



#simulation_or_model

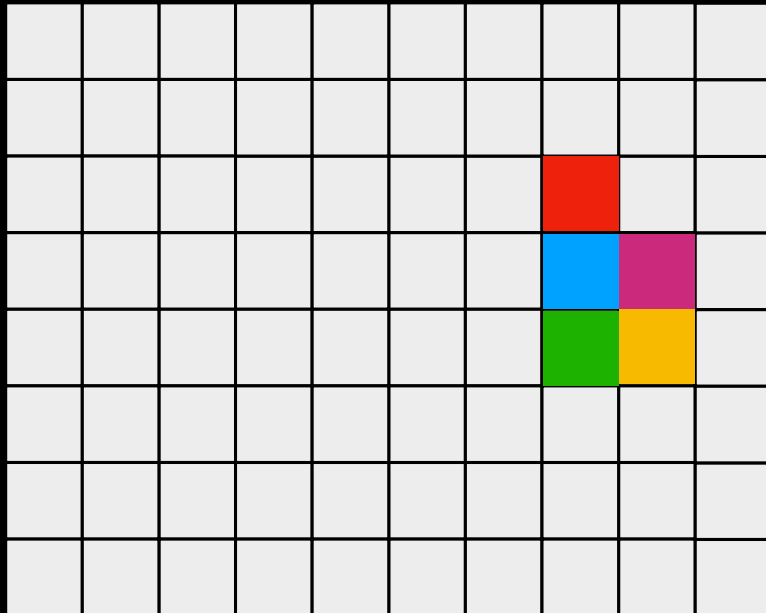
#technology_theoretical_computation_and_math

The rules applied in a simulation give an “update” for what happens in each “pixel” or “voxel” depending on what happens in neighboring cells.

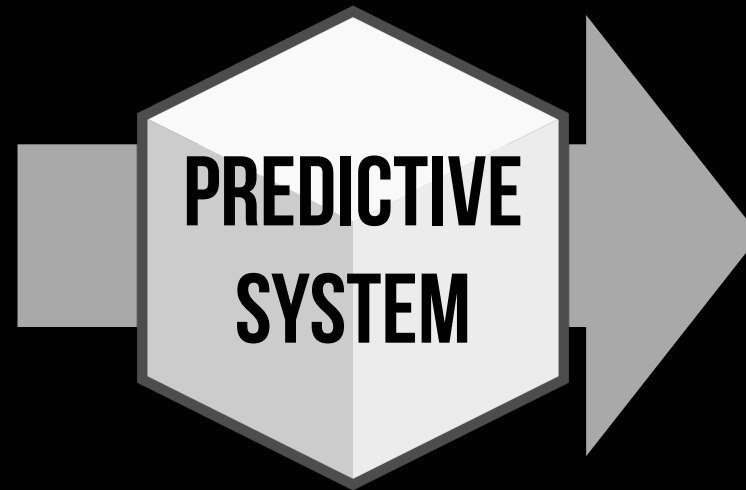


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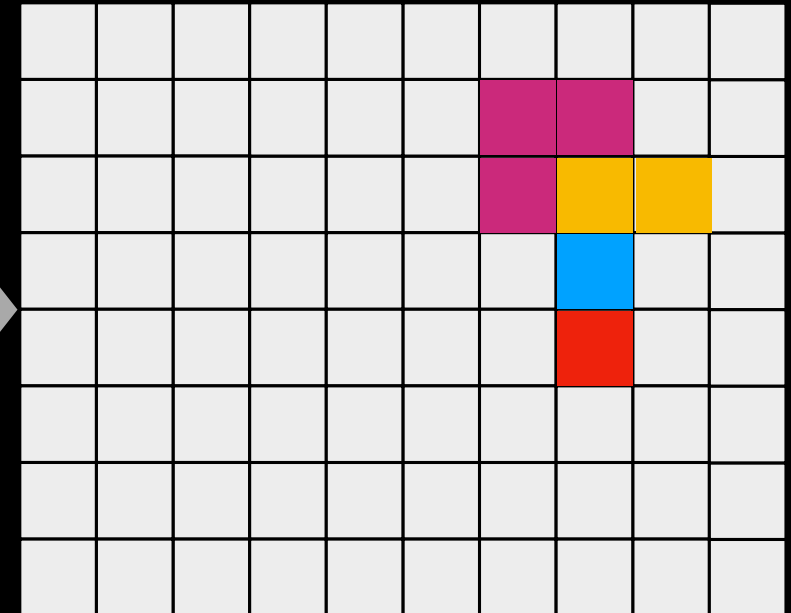
“Time Step n”



System is in some “state”
shown by the arrangement
of colors in the pixels

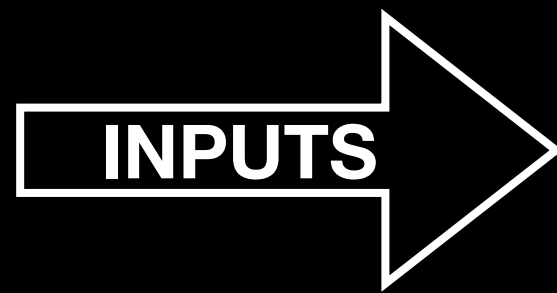


“Time Step n+1”

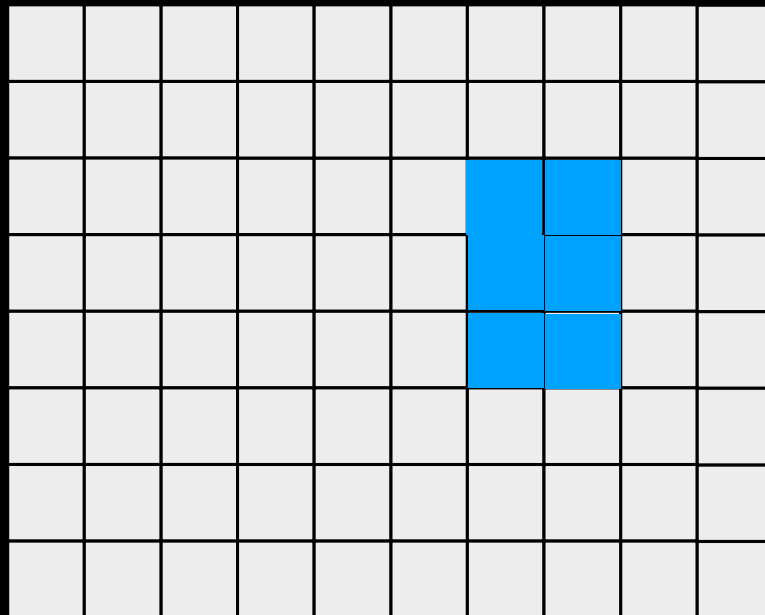


System is in new “state” shown
by the new arrangement of
colors in the pixels

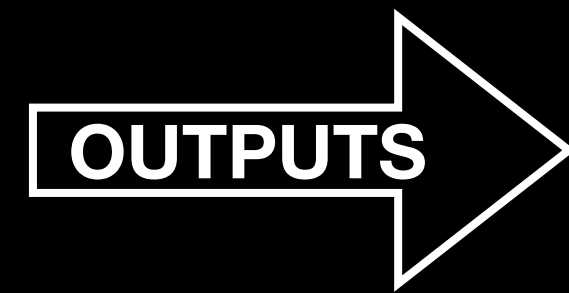
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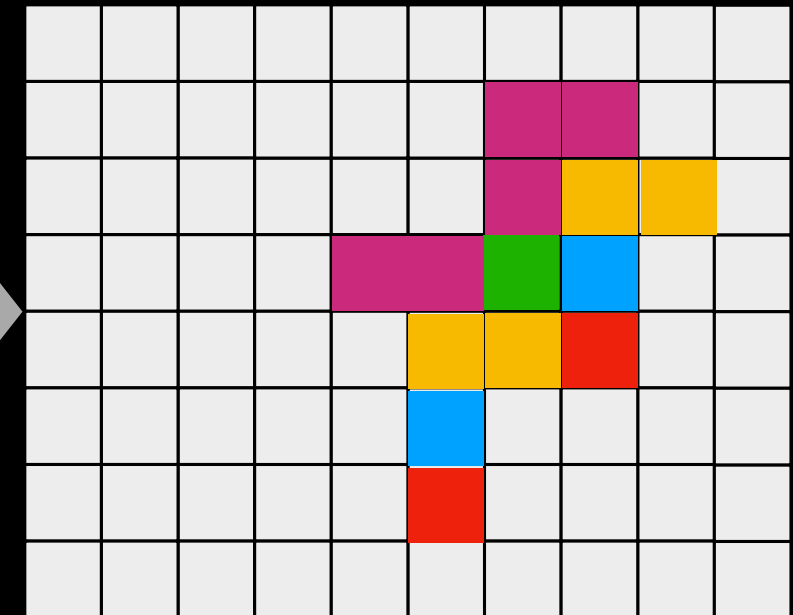
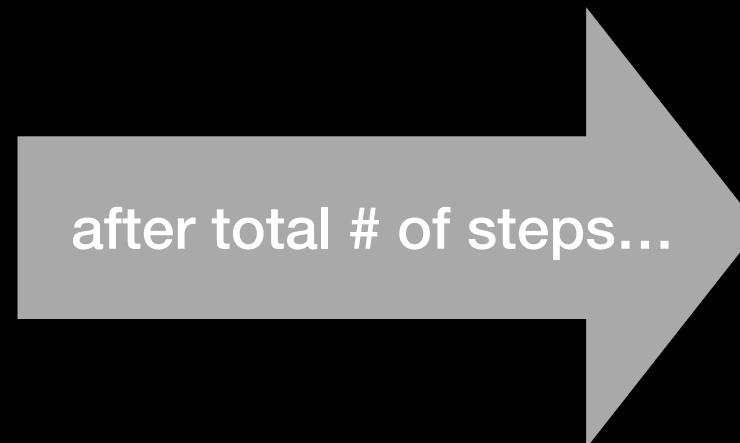
Initial Conditions



This starting state is determined by **INPUTS** to the predictive system.



Final Conditions

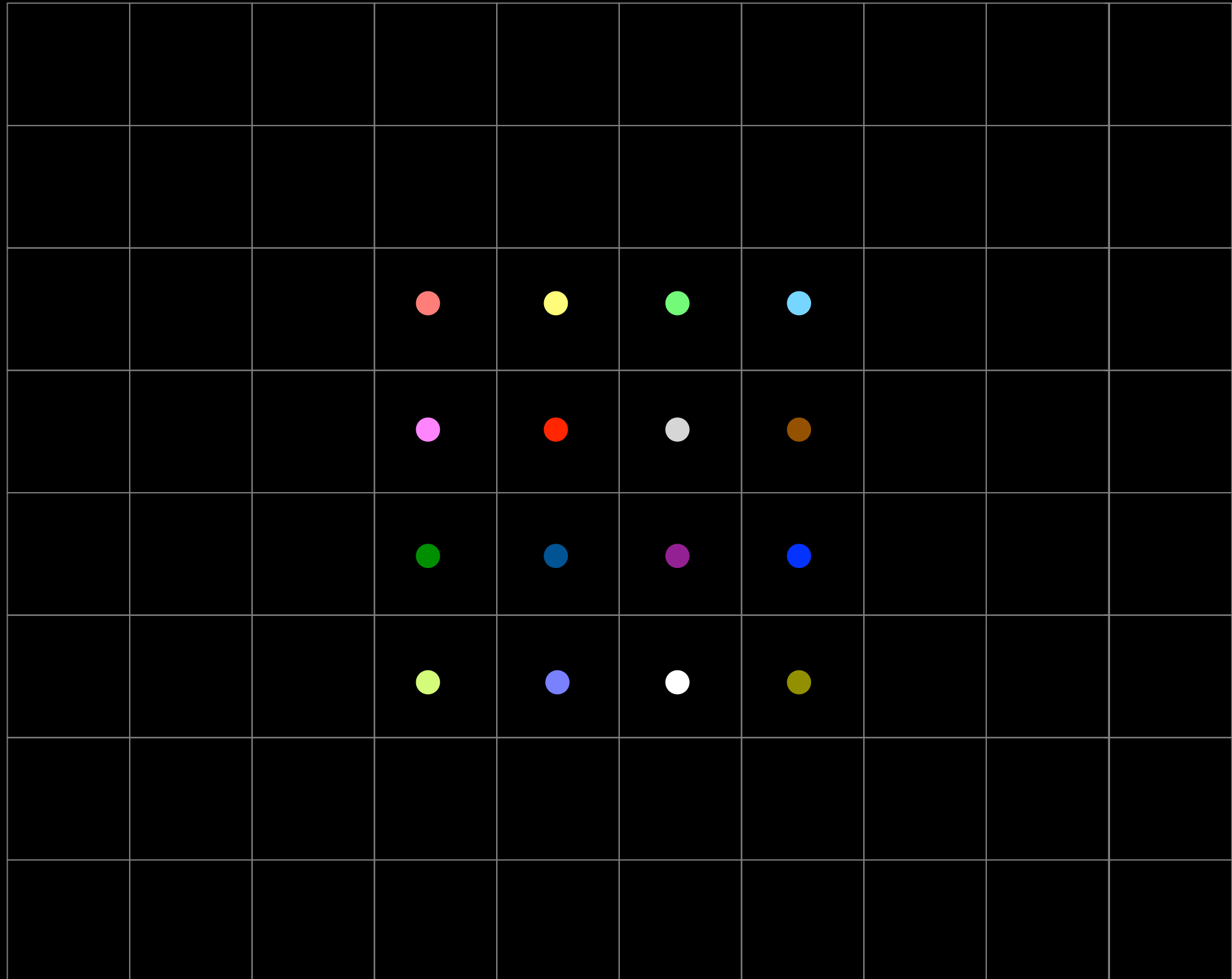


At the last time step, the state of the simulation is the **OUTPUT**.

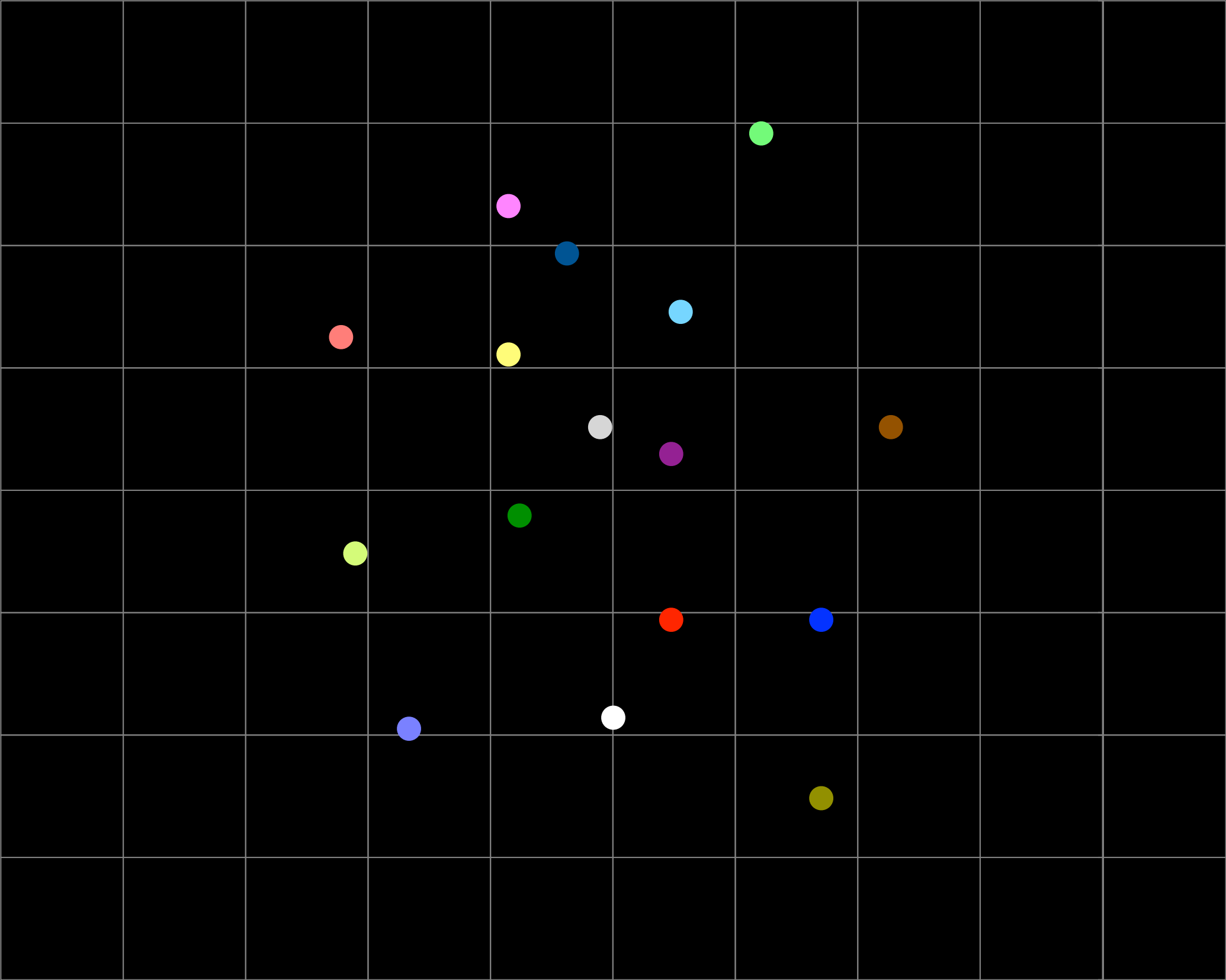
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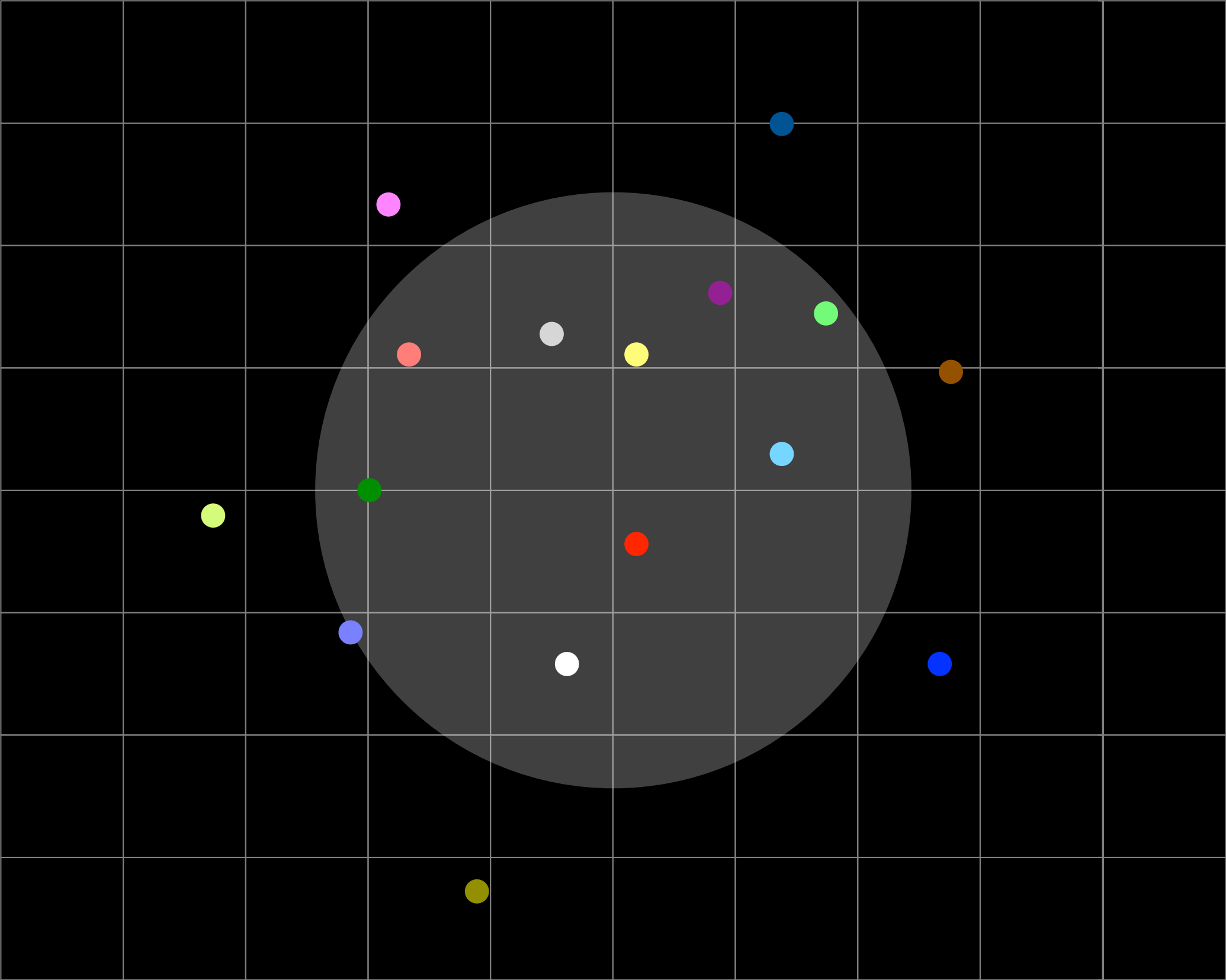
Simulation of “Random” Particle Motions



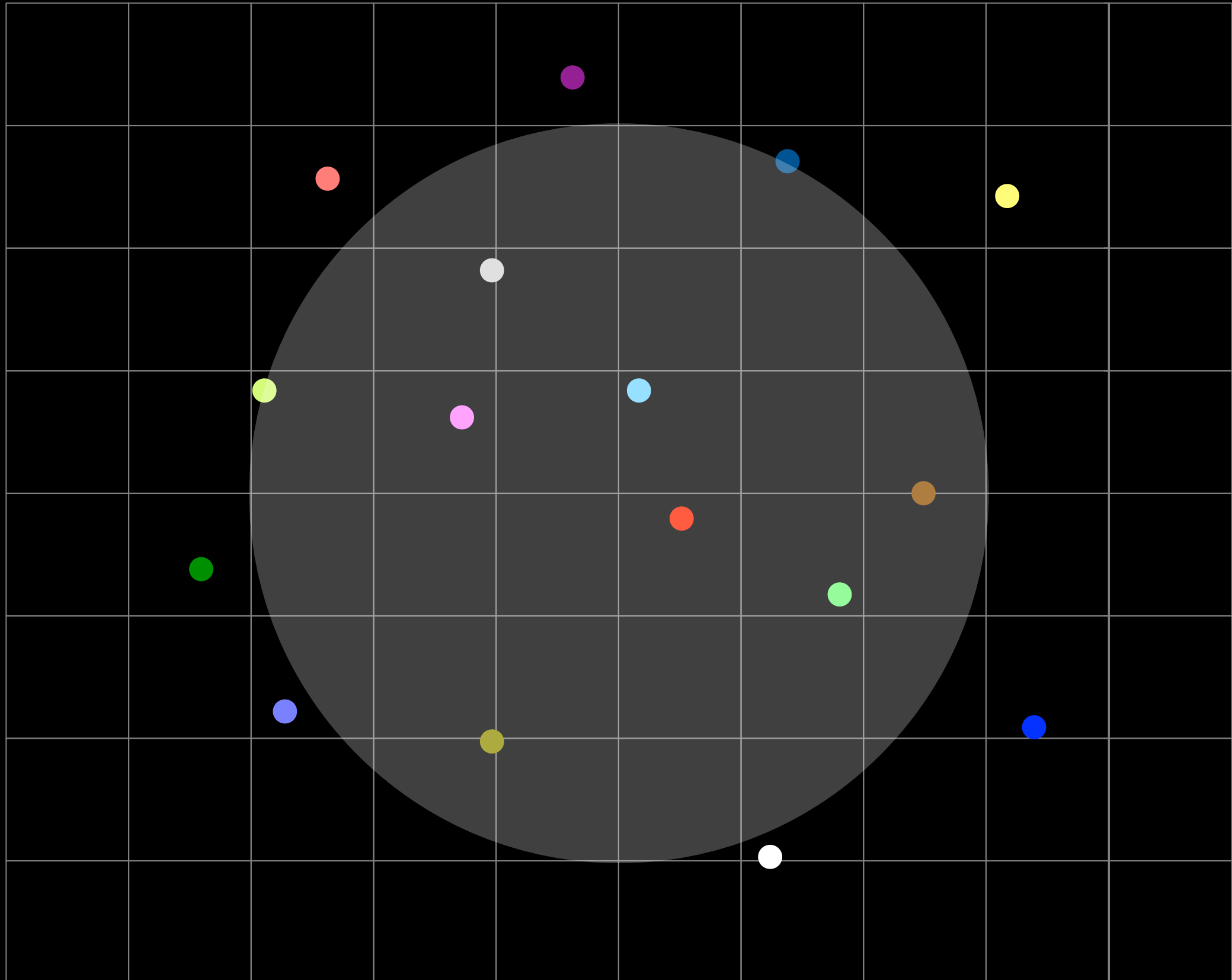
Each particle moves within a range of speeds, in a random direction, at each time step.



With these rules, we can predict the “expected” area of the particles’ distribution.



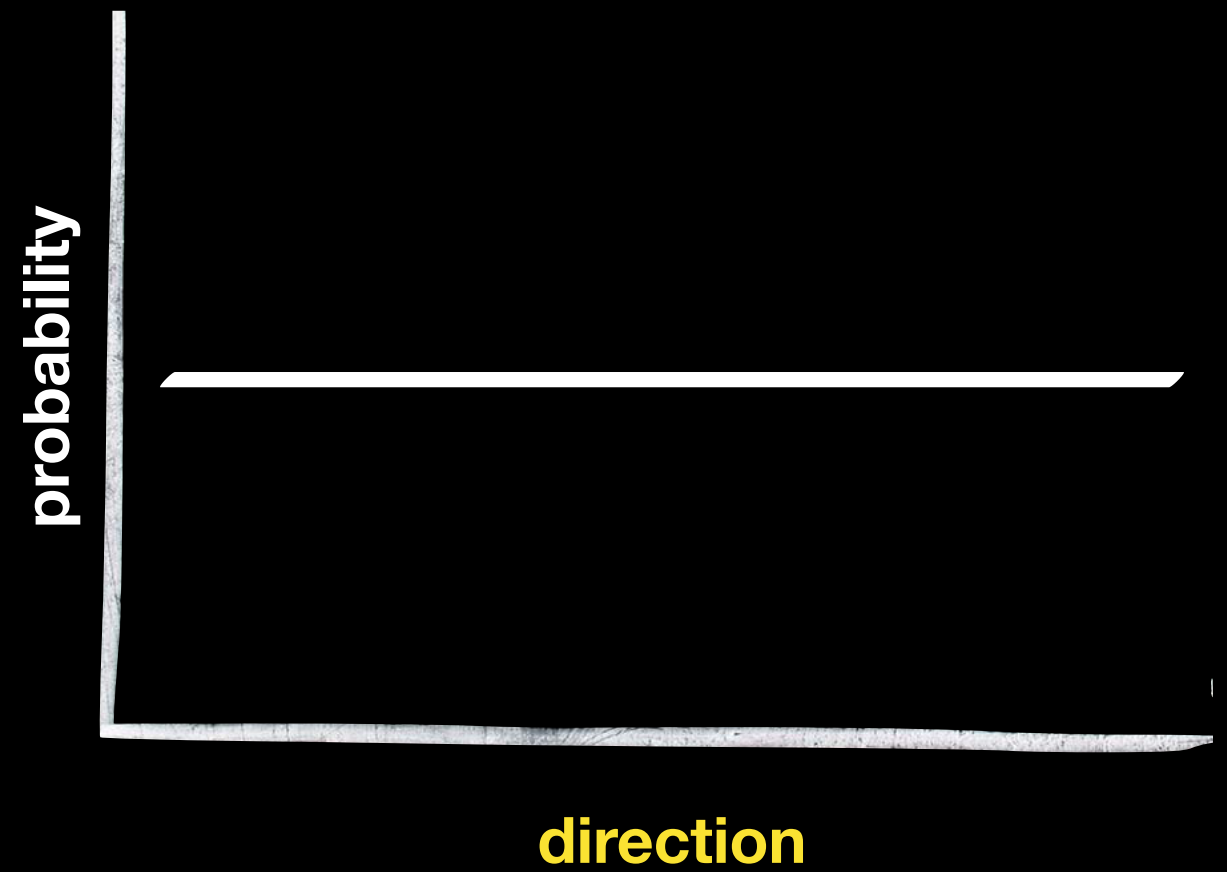
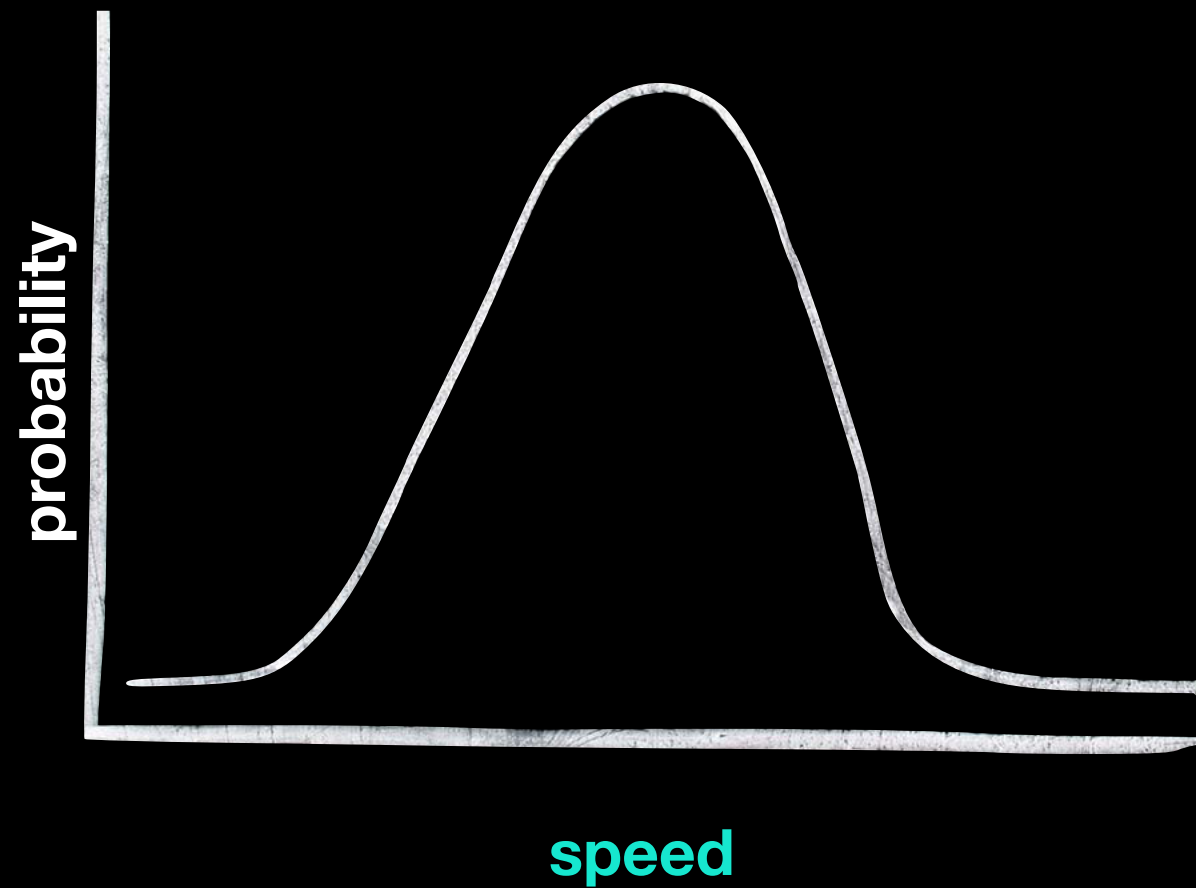
...and how it should grow with time



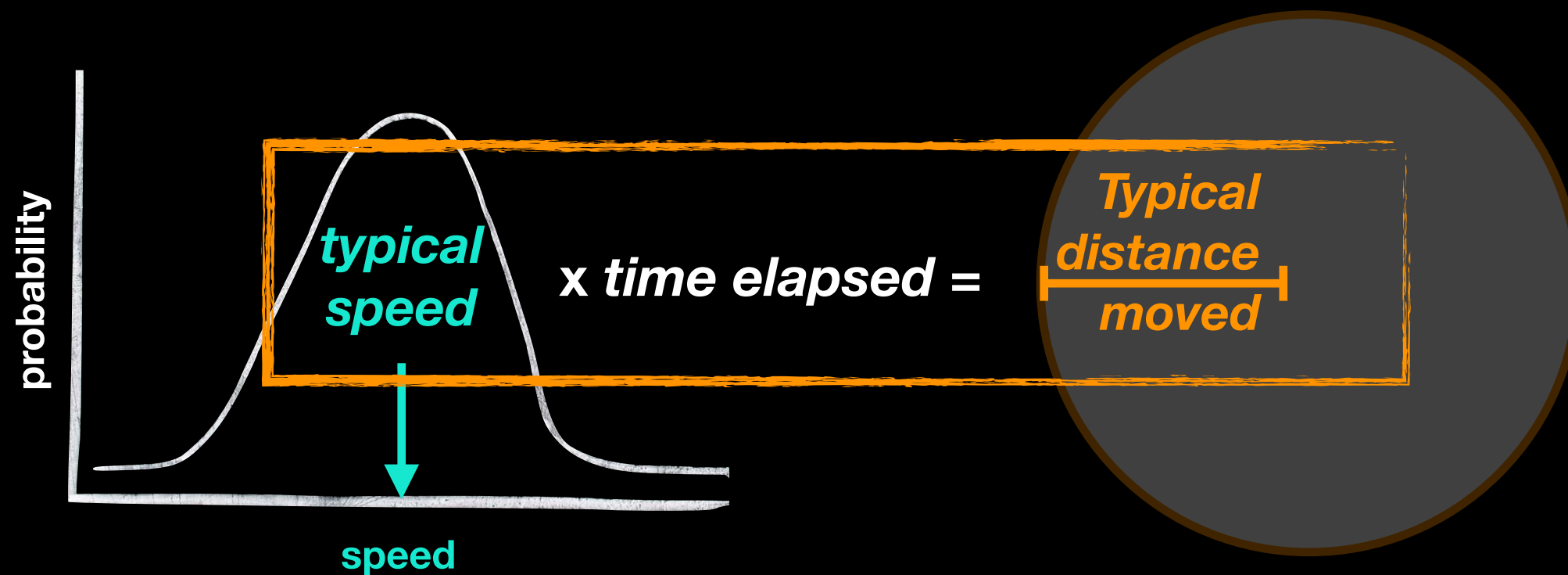


[THE RULES]

“Each particle moves within a range of **speeds**, in a random **direction**, at each time step.”

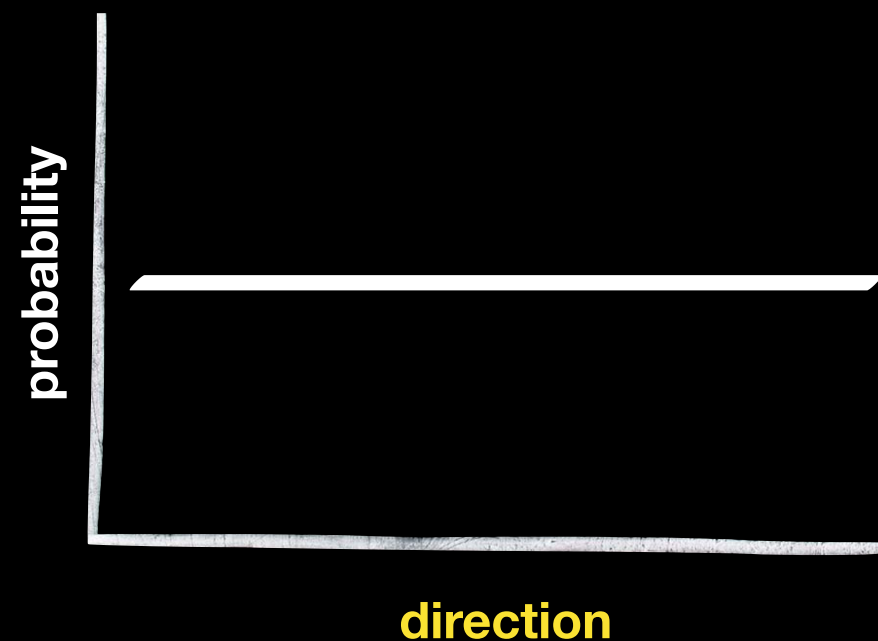


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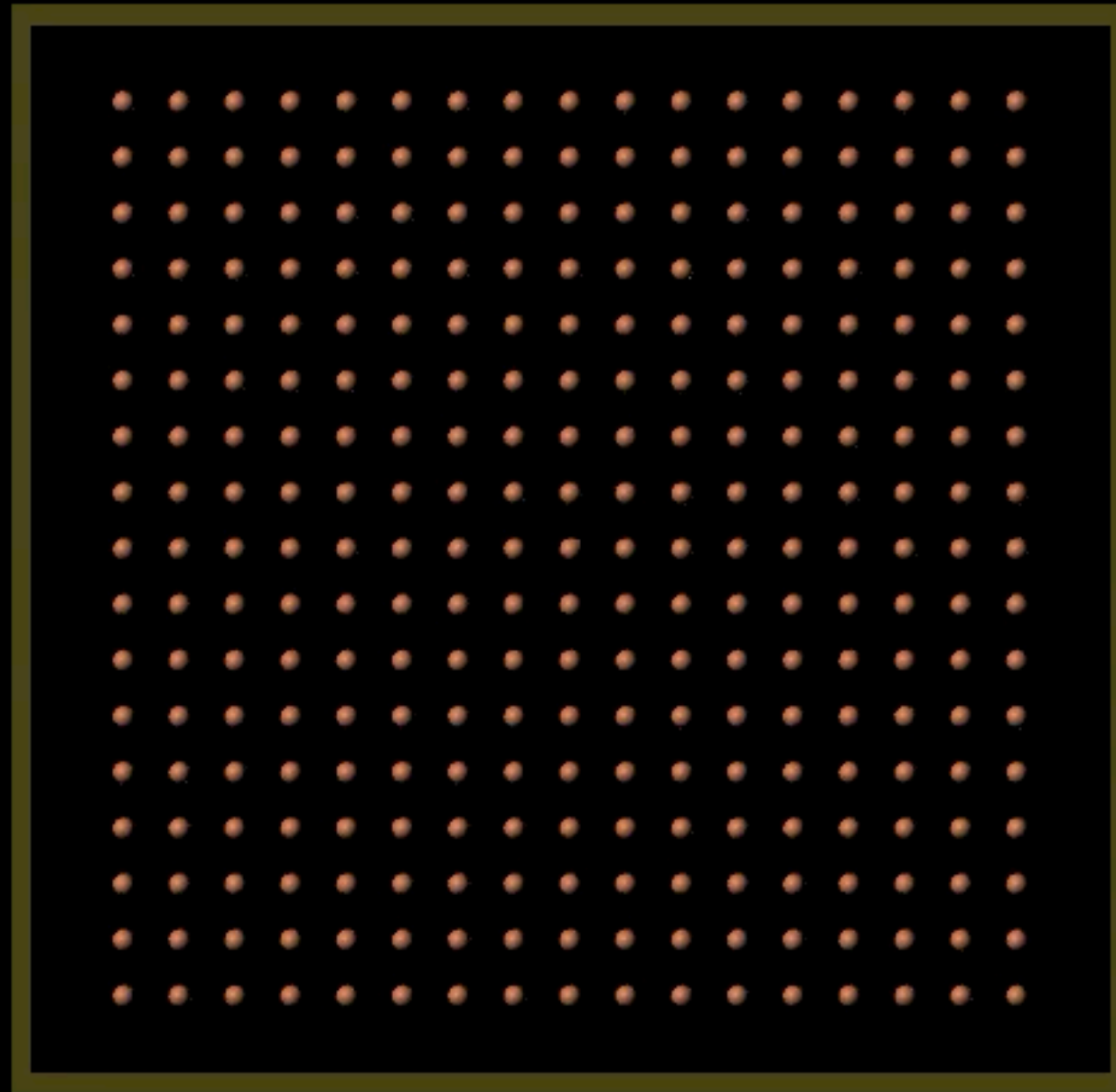


so expected distribution shape is a circle,
with radius given by the **orange** line

directions moved are random

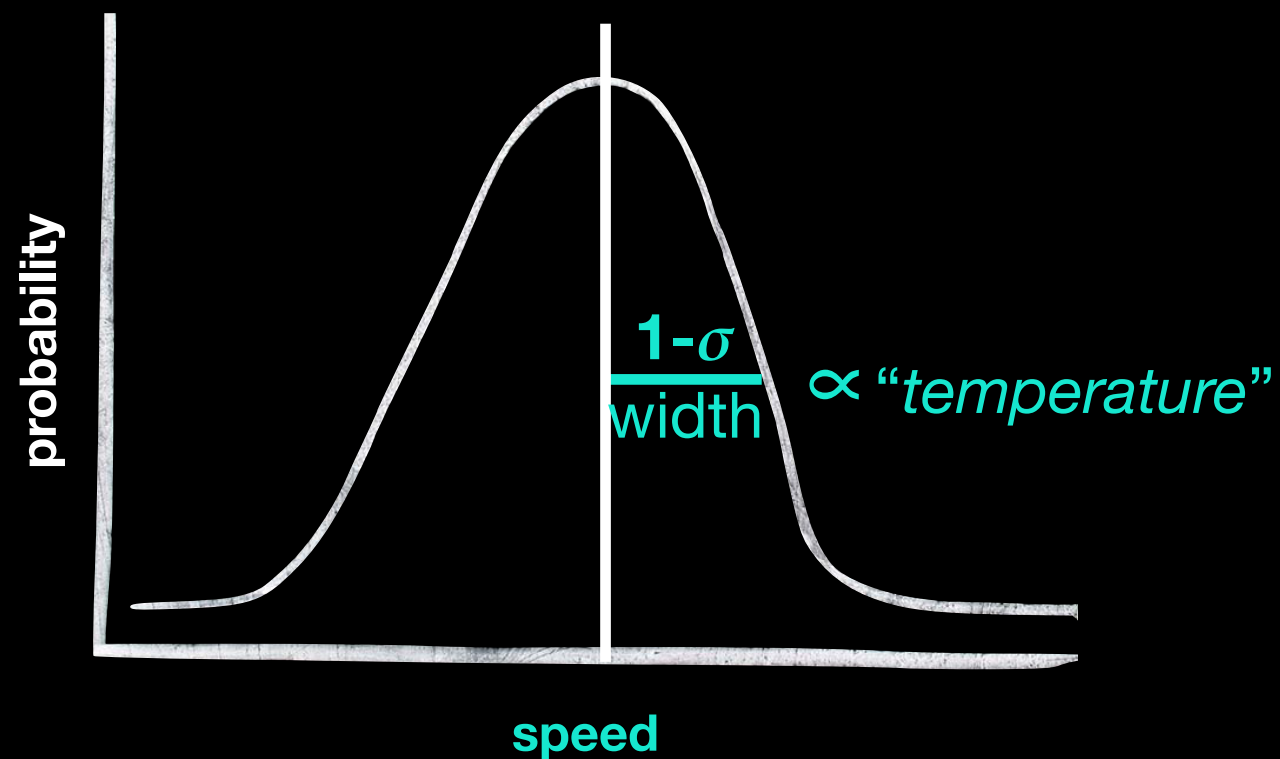


And, if we had many more particles, and allowed for the effects of collisions, here's what would happen.

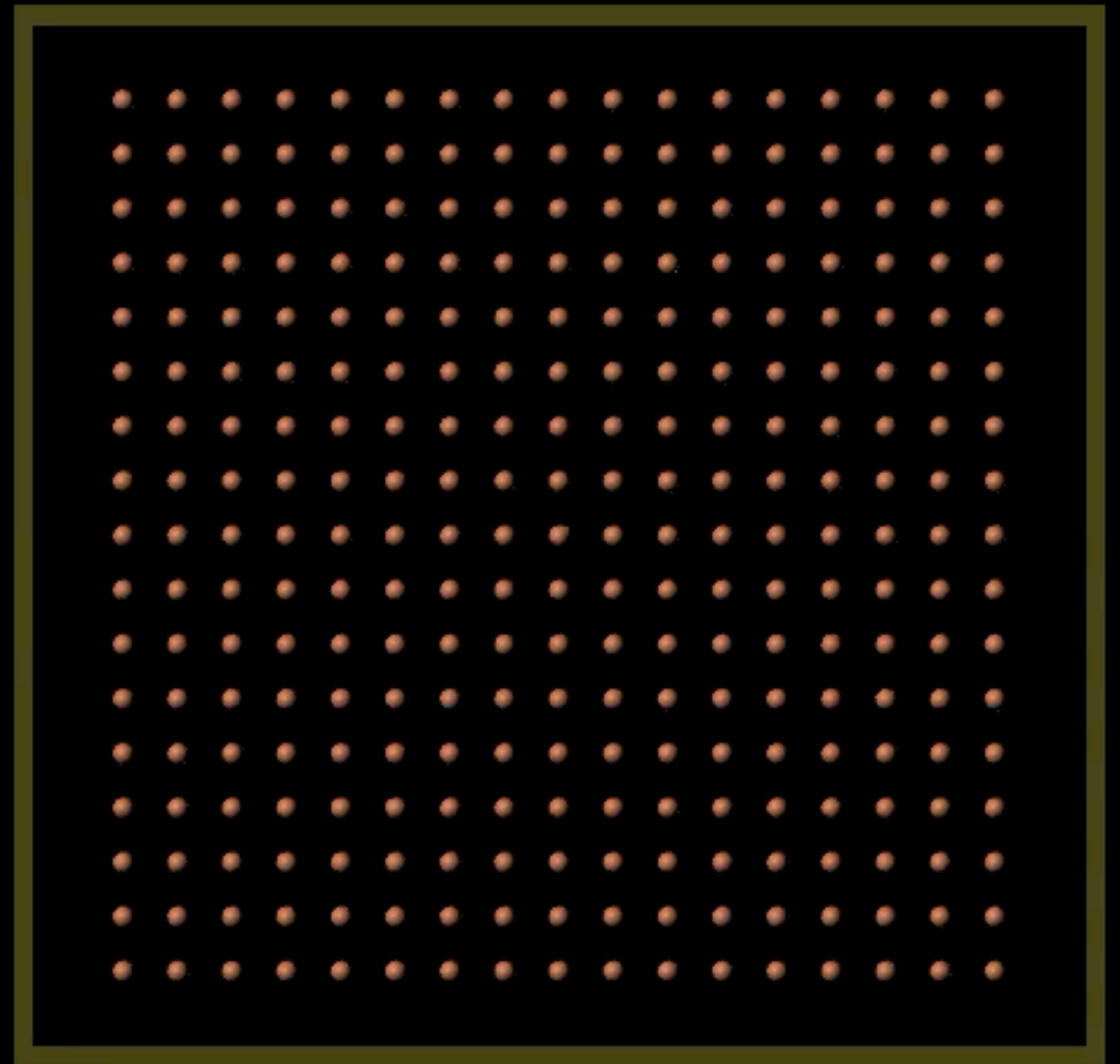


*The evolving **yellow path** shows the path of one particle, “diffusing” from the center.*

If there were **many, many, many more particles**, and the system reached “thermal **equilibrium**,” then the **spread in velocities** of particles in a similar 3D box would measure “**temperature**” of an ideal gas...



$$\frac{1}{2} m \overline{v^2} = \frac{3}{2} k T$$

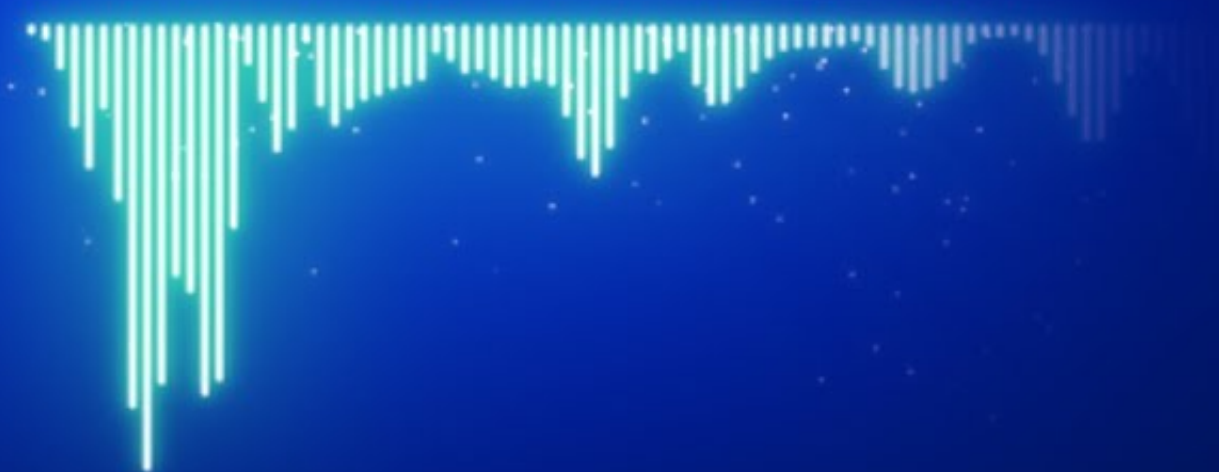


T =temperature m =particle mass k =Boltmann's constant v =velocity (*speed*)

*(now imagine you also had gravity...
we'll leave that “3-body” problem discussion—
of very non-deterministic physics, for “Space Week”!)*

Breakout groups: **where do simulation or statistical models come into your life?**
[contribute to the list at <https://tinyurl.com/gened1112models>]

I am AI



Prediction: Week 9*

to prepare for 4/1
“AI & Health”
event...
our agenda for
today & coming
weeks has been
revised

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Today's breakout room notes: tinyurl.com/GenEd1112-March30

Prediction: Week 10 (part 1)

Hi Everyone,



PLEASE note the three links you'll need for Thursday, below.

1--As I've mentioned in class, this week's Thursday "class" will be the Radcliffe AI & the Future of Health event for which you need to all register (if you've not already). The talks will begin at 1 PM. **The zoom link for the public event should be in the email you receive from Radcliffe upon registration.**

2--When the official public event ends, you, as a class, are to **please switch to this private zoom link: <https://harvard.zoom.us/j/95115699456?pwd=NGc3VTI3eDB1SGdnWlFPaUEzUGgwQT09>** If you have any trouble with that link during the event, please send a Canvas message to your TF.

3--*During* the event (preferably before our private session starts), please post your questions to **<https://tinyurl.com/Radcliffe-AI-Health>**. I may use some of your questions in the public discussion too--so thanks in advance for that!

Please these important links & use them on Thursday.

Thanks,
Alyssa

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A graphic for the event featuring a person's profile in silhouette, overlaid with various digital and scientific data visualizations including charts, graphs, and molecular structures.

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Modern Prediction: REVISED PLAN



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9	Modeling	3-25	Meaning of “Models” (Climate Change)	AI/Data Science/ Derek’s Day	3-30	<u>Ben Shneiderman</u> (by 4/1), plus <u>one of</u> : Megan Murray, George Church, Immaculata De Vivo + Peter Kraft	
10	The Future of Wealth & Health	4-1	Special AI & Health Event “at” Radcliffe	Human Behavior, Decisions, Predictions	4-6	<u>Dan Gilbert, David Laibson</u> (by 4/6) [“game” assignment will be due 4/13]	
11	The Future of the Universe	4-8	Resolution & Uncertainty, Games	Simulating the Universe	4-13	<u>Jill Tarter, Avi Loeb</u> (by 4/20)	
12	Artificial Intelligence & Bayesian Thinking	4-20	The Search for Life	Hypothesis-Free Prediction	4-22	<u>Brendan Meade + Susan Murphy</u> Ned Hall (optional) (by 4/20)	
12a	The Future of the Future	4-27	Final Discussions + featured student videos		4-29	<u>Stuart Firestein,</u> Agustin Rayo (optional) (by 4/27)	

Short Canvas assignment today will ask you to comment on each other's Forum posts.

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Earth

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Julie Alarifi

Something Surprising! - The Future of Energy and Earth with Dan Kammen

Discussion

During the interview , I found it surprising when Dan Kammen mentioned that despite the fact that we have more complex, evolved, less uncertain, and...

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Gavin Uberti
Harvard GenEd 2021

Kammen - Changing what Actually Matters

Discussion

For me, the most surprising thing from the three videos was Daniel Kammen explaining why we should "go green" in ways that don't make sense on paper....

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jordanlee

Kammen - Societal Impact on Environment

Discussion

Throughout the course of this interview , I feel like the relationship between the scientific studies on climate and what kinds of tangible actions individuals and...

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Today's goal: discuss tags most relevant to AI & Health event on Thursday

Prediction X: Modern Simulations--THEMES/TAGS

#simulation_or_model)

#theoretical_empirical (c.f. Padua Rainbow)

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THE "Padua" RainBOW

Phenomenon

Observation*

Data

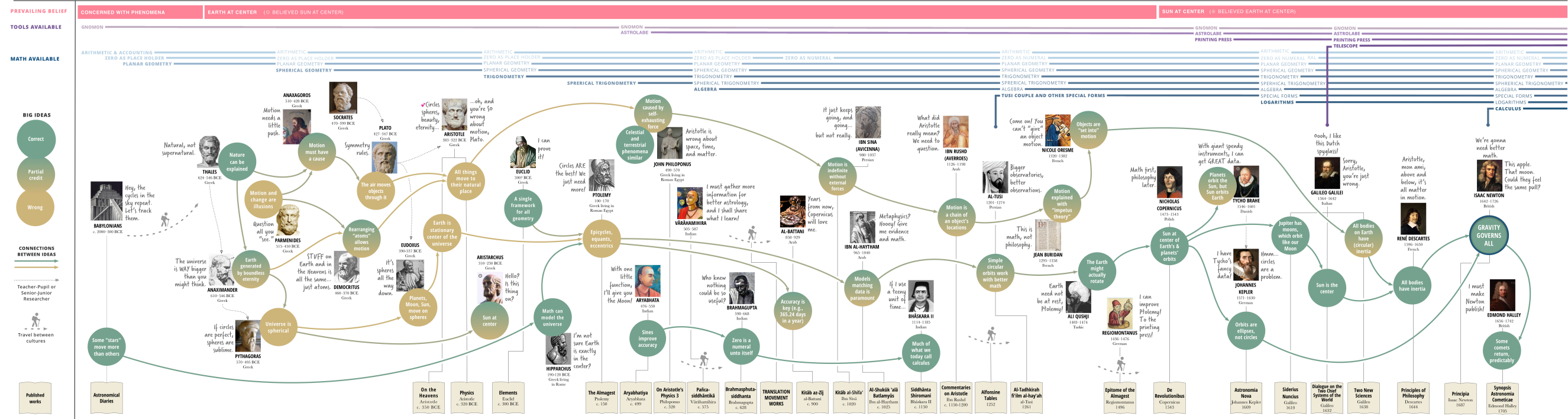
Rule

Theory

Explanation

Prediction

The Path to Newton



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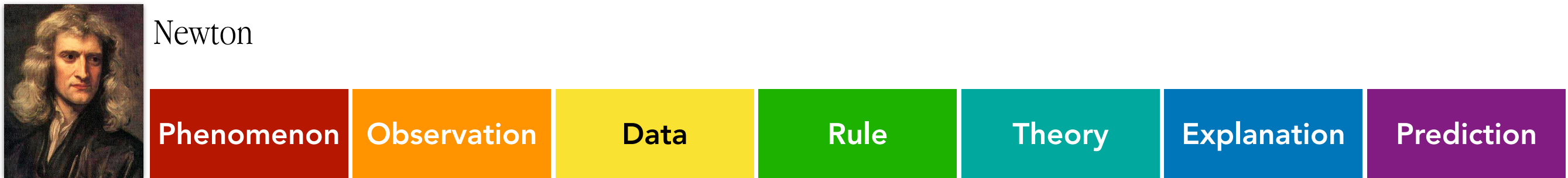
or, Experiment



BIOLOGY

#theoretical_empirical

PHYSICS





Mendel 1865



Darwin 1859



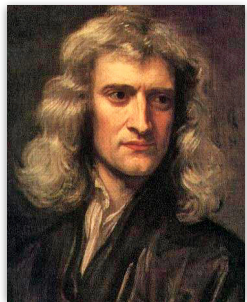
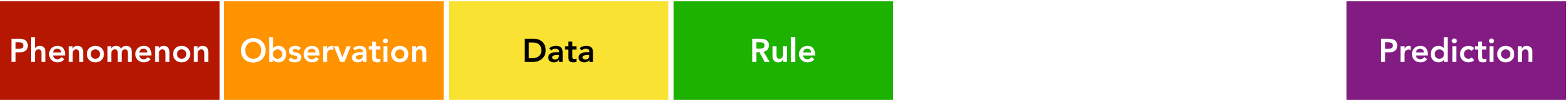
NO FULLY PREDICTIVE GENERAL THEORY

#deterministic_vs_probabilistic

FULLY PREDICTIVE GENERAL THOERY



Kepler 1609



Newton 1687

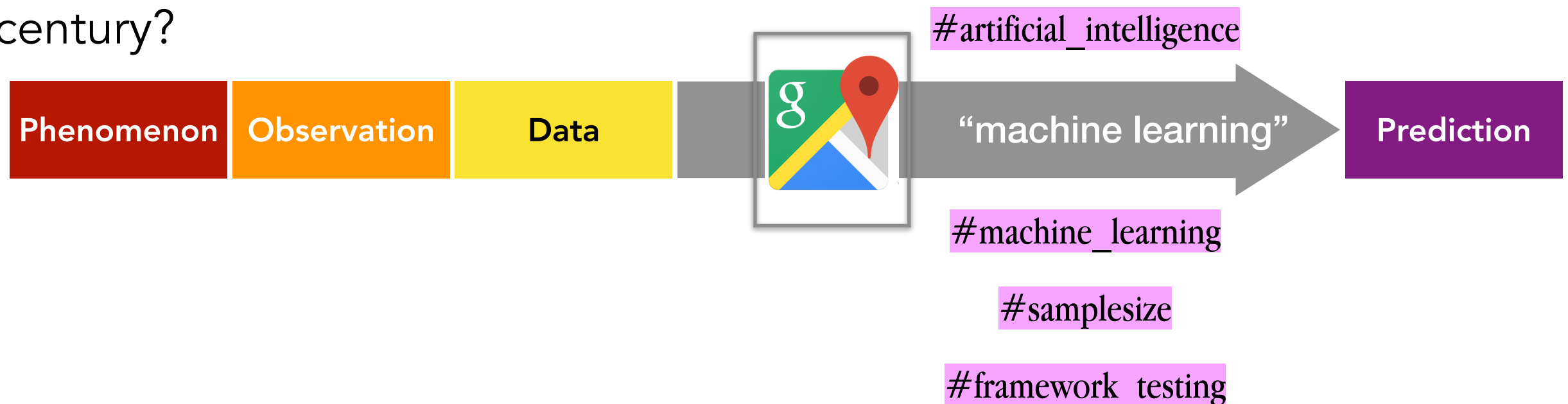


THE FUTURE OF THE FUTURE

20th century



21st century?

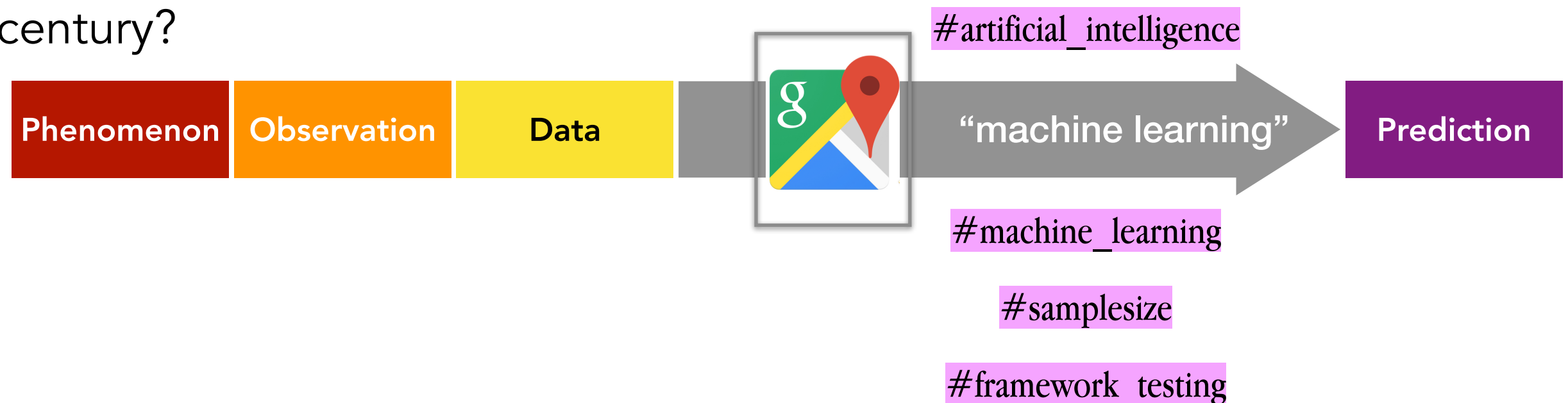


IMPORTANT: NOT ALL DATA SCIENCE IS AI

20th century



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Data-Driven Dilemmas posed by COVID-19

This commentary was submitted on April 21, 2020 as a proposed Op-Ed for the NYT, by Prof. Alyssa A. Goodman, Harvard University. It represents the personal views of the author, not an official position of Harvard University.

I teach "[Prediction](#)." At Harvard. But I cannot predict the outcome of the current pandemic. I am equipped, as a scientist, to understand, evaluate, and potentially act upon, the infection and death statistics we all now read every day. But as a person, I can also act out of fear. The constant dialogue in my mind between my rational self and my emotional self helps me appreciate the dilemma facing our leaders now, as they try quite literally, to save the world.

I am trained as a physicist and astronomer. I specialize in data science, and data visualization, and I teach some epidemiology in my Prediction class. While this background does not qualify me to expertly advise leaders on COVID-19 strategy, it does put me at 1 or 2 degrees of separation from many experts quoted in the press every day. And, it's very clear to me from this privileged vantage point that even true experts' predictions do not agree. Traditional [mathematical models of epidemics](#) use the now-infamous "R₀" reproduction number, lethality rates, understanding of infection mechanisms, analysis of co-morbidities, and other medical measures to estimate outcomes. [Bold data-science approaches](#) eschew understanding of infectious disease, and base predictions purely on "training data" that amounts to information about what has actually happened in countries farther along in their epidemic curves than others.

Both groups—epidemiologists using infectious disease expertise to model a pandemic's course and data scientists making predictions using algorithms trained only on real-world actions and outcomes, suffer at this point from a [severe lack of reliable data](#) to input to their forecasts. In the understand-to-predict disease spread approach, uncertainty is reduced as more is known about mechanisms of infection and recovery, about true numbers of people susceptible and immune to the disease, and about the properties of the virus and of the people upon whom it has a range of effects. In the least medically-oriented of the data-science approaches, what's needed is a wide variety of circumstances (e.g. ranges of policies on social distancing, travel restrictions, population density, population demographics), measured over long-enough time spans, to let algorithms base forecasts on what happened elsewhere in the past. We simply do not have enough data at this point for either of these approaches to work with high precision, but either is good enough to forecast extremes.

predictionx.org/data-driven-dilemmas

Mechanism v. “Data Science”

#theoretical_empirical

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#samplesize

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#public_reaction

#unknown_unknowns

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Breakout Rooms Round 1: Visit links on next slide, try the tool, discuss connections to above tags, make notes for your group in the google doc at <https://tinyurl.com/GenEd1112-March30>

Mechanism (v.) Data Science & Uncertainty

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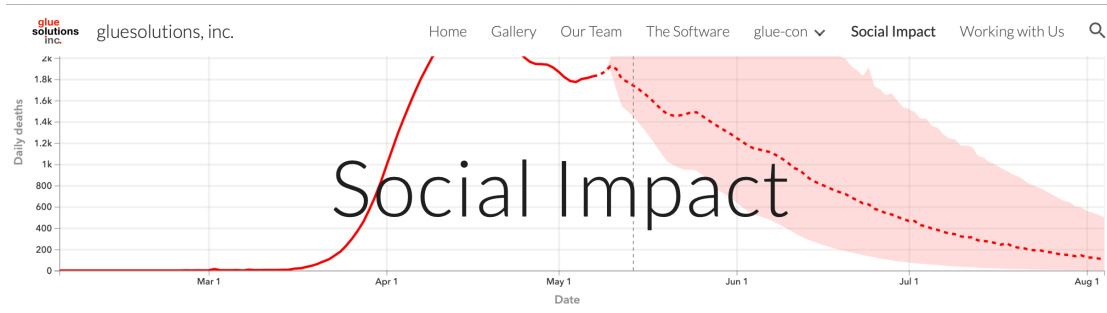
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Uncertainty about Uncertainty

by [Alyssa A. Goodman](#), May 18, 2020

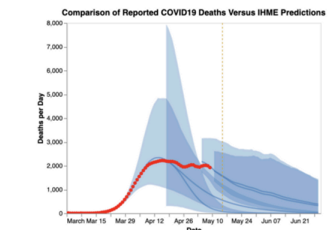
This essay accompanies the release of an online [tool for visualization of IHME COVID-19 forecasts'](#) evolution over time and a [community discussion](#) of visualizations created with the tool.

Uncertainty about the future has motivated predictions for millennia. Sometimes, we're just curious—but other times, we really need to know. As the present pandemic evolves, our urgent societal need to plan has motivated many scientists to predict the spread and effects of the novel coronavirus.

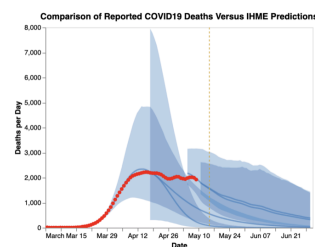
BACKGROUND: TWO BROAD CLASSES

ns being used by governments to assess: infectious disease models of how contagion spreads; and statistical models informed by outcomes. To the uninitiated, which rely on statistical models—but they are not.

take into account, with varying frequency, and importantly why, people are susceptible, infected, immune, or not at any given point in time and space. The mathematics of these models are called "Susceptible," "Exposed," "Infected," and "Removed," and so are at the philosophical other end of the modeling spectrum, what we call mechanistic models, which use information about cases, testing, hospital admissions, and other data to forecast what will happen under various combinations of conditions, or similar conditions in the past. Purely mechanism-agnostic models rely on medically-informed information about how an infectious disease spreads.



[Click here open the interactive site and explore the visualizations on your own.](#)



IHME Models over time, for the United States, for 4 representative dates, made with the interactive tools offered below.

IHME Model Uncertainty, Visualized over Time

The [Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation \(IHME\)](#) creates, maintains, updates, and publishes an open-source statistical model of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, based on open-data resources. As a public service, [glue solutions, inc.](#) here offers an online tool for visualizing the evolution of the IHME models over time.

The general public has seen many versions of the IHME "Daily Deaths" plots, including in several White House briefings. Our goal here is to offer a look at **how the models change**—appropriately, in response to new data and information—over time, and how that affects model updates. In a [companion essay online at the Prediction Project](#) site, we offer more context on why this evolution is so interesting.

(Banner above shows sample IHME "Daily Deaths" graphic, from 14 May 2020.)

What's this tool for? Using the interactive graphics below, you can re-create the display of deaths/day akin to what would have been visible at [IHME's site](#) on a range of modeling dates, for any region you select. In addition, you can show more than one model (date) at a time, to make comparisons.

How should I interpret what I see? In each of the panels below: red dots show reported *actual* deaths per day; solid blue lines show forecasts, and light blue regions show uncertainty bands. Those **uncertainty bands** indicate ranges of possible outcomes, as forecast on the date when the model was made. They should account for 95% of possible outcomes. As one can see by moving the time slider below each graph, the model and its associated uncertainty band change over time. As more and more models are added, regions where shading appears darkest are regions where models have been most consistent.

There are **four versions** of the IHME evolution visualization offered below. They are as follows (with source links in [brackets]):

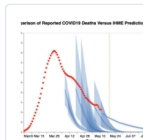
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2. For the United States, offering a wide range of model dates [\[source, GitHub\]](#)
3. For the World, showing only 4 representative model dates [\[source, GitHub\]](#) [\[mobile site\]](#)
4. For the World, offering a wide range of model dates [\[source, GitHub\]](#)

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How can I share interesting graphs I create? Join the discussion at the [10QViz.org IHME COVID-19 Model Uncertainty Visualization](#) page to upload your graphic and tell the world what it shows you. (You can download your graphic using the three dots at the top right of each panel below.)

At present, this site's visualization interactions work best on larger screens. We provide links to standalone views of the visualization showing 4 representative model dates that may work better on many mobile devices.

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Alyssa A. Goodman @AlyssaAGoodman
We think everyone needs to SEE how the @IHME_UW #Covid_19 models have changed, so we made a tool <https://www.gluesolutions.io/social-impact> to visualize the forecasts over TIME, and explained it here <https://predictionx.org/uncertainty-covid19> This is a preview. More to come... pic.twitter.com/41tQlk1qFa

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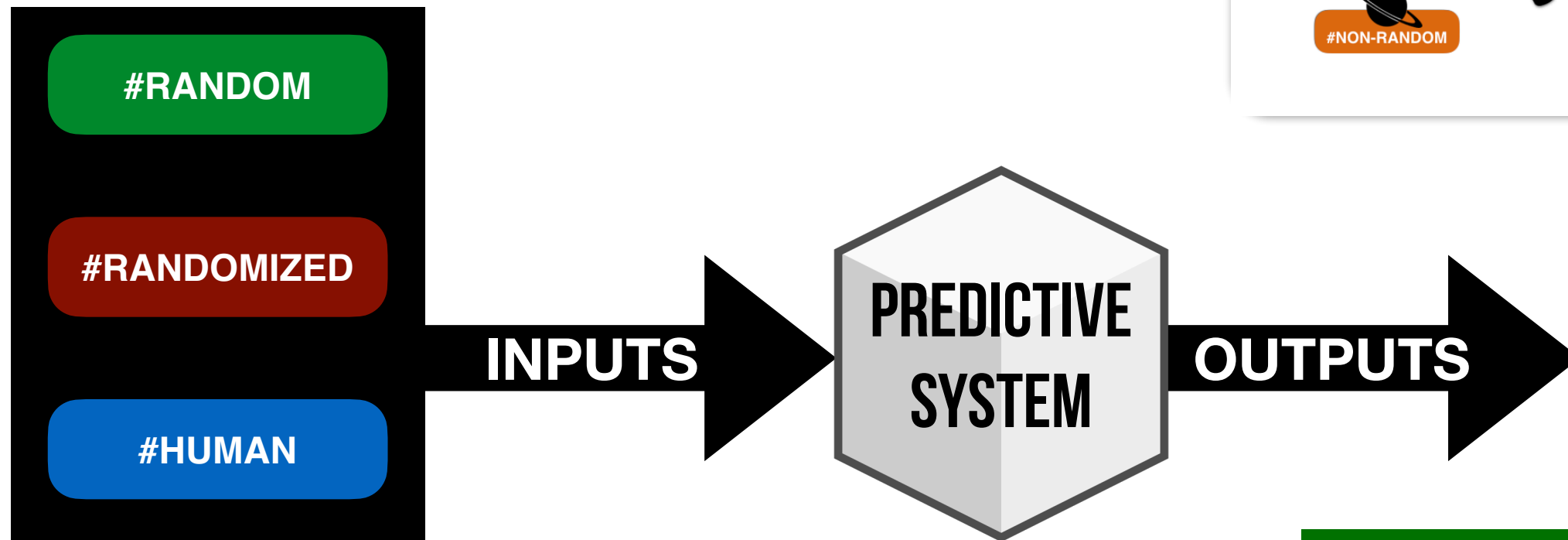
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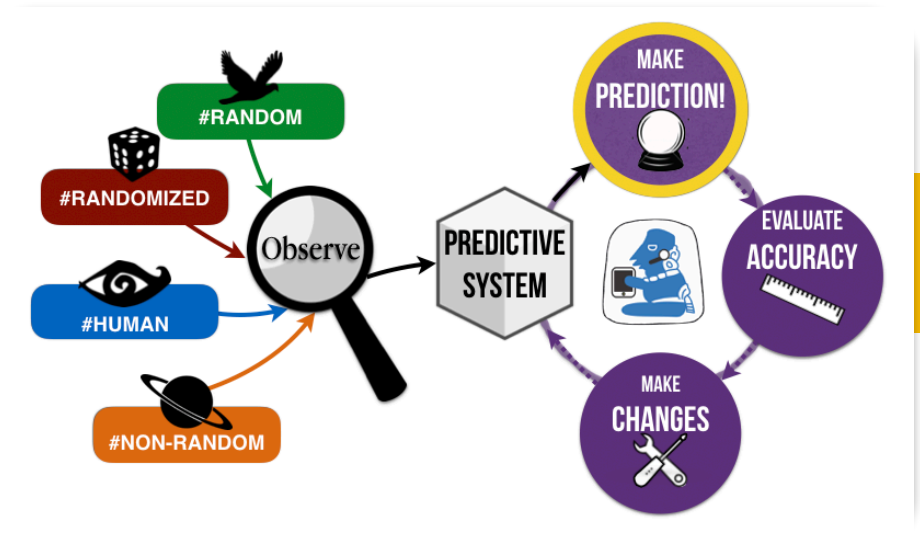
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#framework_model_inputs

Inputs, from the Framework



**“HUMAN”
STATISTICAL
SIMULATION
COMBINATIONS**



Weather/Climate
simulating spatial
processes

Systems Biology
simulating non-
spatial processes

Genomics
statistical predictions
of physical traits

Mobile Health
statistical
predictions
of behavior

#theoretical_empirical

Which (also) use “AI,” and how?

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Modern Predictions & AI
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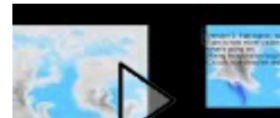
[El Niño and Why It's So Hard To Predict the Weather](#)



Weather Sandbox (Simulation Game output)

[Simulation code: https://mega.nz/#!xZ9TxJpT!RGF4ToGHrD..](#)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AYW_awzW4Es



Artificial Intelligence

#artificial_intelligence

#machine_learning

Short example "learning to speak AI" video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DHN7mVYzxSA&feature=youtu.be>



based on AI/ML glossary [here](#)

Best resource: [Crash Course series on PBS](#)

[Intro Episode on Artificial Intelligence](#)

Neural networks from crash course stats

<https://youtu.be/JBlm4wnjNMY>



Machine learning and artificial intelligence CrashCourse computer science

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The A-Z of AI and Machine Learning: Comprehensive Glossary

Ultimate Terminology You Need to Know



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Hmm... how about just “classification”?

All those algorithms build a mathematical model, known as “training data”, in order to make predictions or decisions.

While AI is a technique that enables machines to mimic human behavior, Machine Learning is a technique used to implement Artificial Intelligence. It is a certain process during which machines (computers) are learning by feeding them data and letting them learn a few tricks on their own, without being explicitly programmed to do so. So all-in-all, Machine Learning is the meat and potatoes of AI.

- **Machine Perception**

Machine perception is the capability of a computer system to interpret data in a manner that is similar to the way humans use their senses to relate to the world around them. The basic method that the computers take in and respond to their environment is through the attached hardware.

- **Machine translation**

Machine translation (MT) is an automated translation. It is the process by which computer software is used to translate a text from one natural language (such as English) to another (such as Spanish).

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- **Narrow Intelligence**

Narrow AI is AI that is programmed to perform a single task — whether it’s checking the weather, being able to play chess, or analyzing raw data to write journalistic reports.

- **Natural language processing (NLP)**

Natural Language Process, or NLP for short, is a field of study focused on the interactions between human language and computers. NLP helps machines “read” text by simulating the human ability to understand language. It sits at the intersection of computer science, artificial intelligence, and computational linguistics.

- **Neural networks**

I don’t know whether you know it or not... but there are a lot of misconceptions surrounding artificial intelligence. While some assume it means robots coming to life to interact with humans, other ones believe it is a superintelligence that soon will take over the world. Well, I consider this to be very discouraging. Not for me to explain the importance of knowing what AI is and what it can really do (especially if you are thinking about establishing your own AI expertise, or you are already using it).

Today, I offer to take care of terminology and don’t be so naive anymore. In this article, I’ll aim to highlight some of the most necessary concepts in a clear, straightforward way.

So, feel free to grab your coffee and a comfortable chair, and just dive in. Or use it as a reference anytime you want to brush up your knowledge.

Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Terms A to Z:



Learning to speak “artificial intelligence”...

Classification

In *machine learning* and *statistics*, *classification* is a *supervised learning algorithm* technique that allows *machines* to assign categories to data points (categorize *data* into a given number of *classes*). *Classification* (*decision trees* and *neural network* classifiers) can be used for text classification in marketing.

machine learning *statistics* *classification* *supervised learning*

algorithm *machines* *data* *classes* *decision trees* *neural network*

data (input) information

statistics an approach to
analyzing data,
using an

algorithm defined by rules,
which can be
implemented on *machines*

one *algorithmic* approach
to (*statistical*) tasks is **artificial intelligence (AI)**

classification *algorithms'* task is to categorize *data*

using examples of categories desired, one can “train” or “*supervise*” an
algorithm to learn to *classify data*. Such an *algorithm* is just one kind of
AI, called *supervised learning* which itself is one type of the more
general class of *algorithms* known as *machine learning (ML)*

types of *supervised ML classifiers* are *decision trees* and *neural network*

which ultimately sort *data* into *classes*

A **random forest** is simply a collection of *decision trees* whose results are aggregated into one final result. Their ability to limit overfitting without substantially increasing error due to bias is why they are such powerful models.

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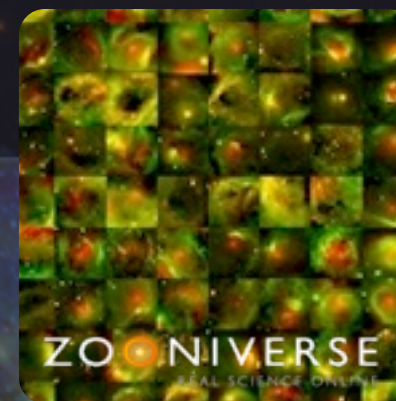
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☒ Galactic Plane Mode



WorldWide Telescope



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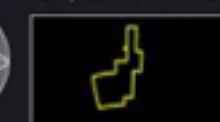


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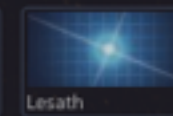
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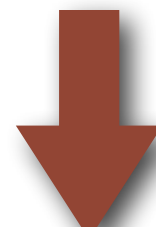
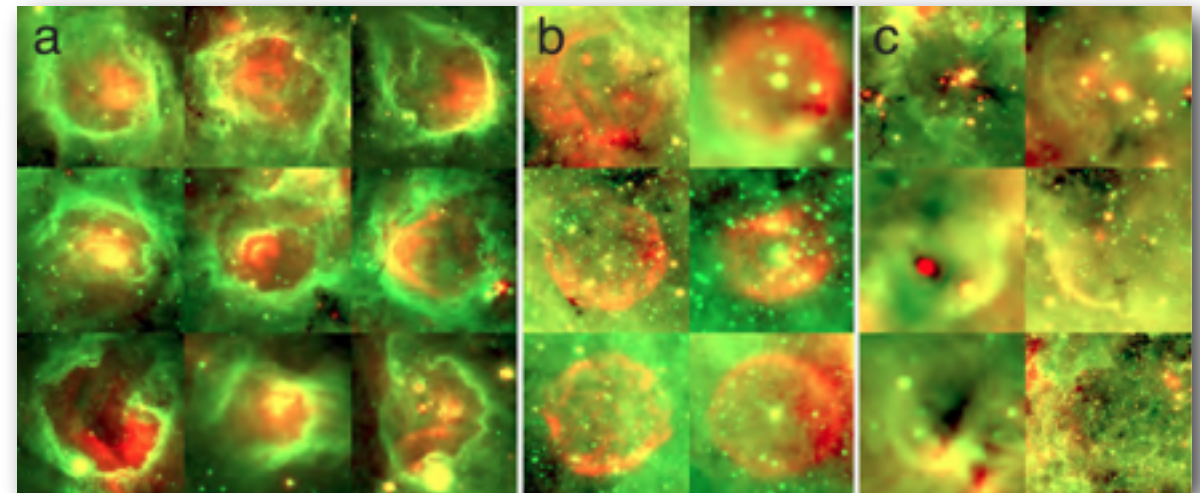
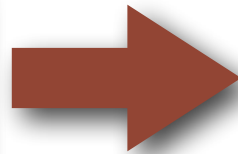
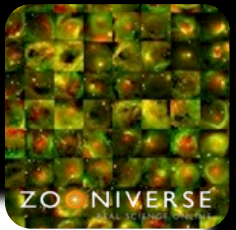


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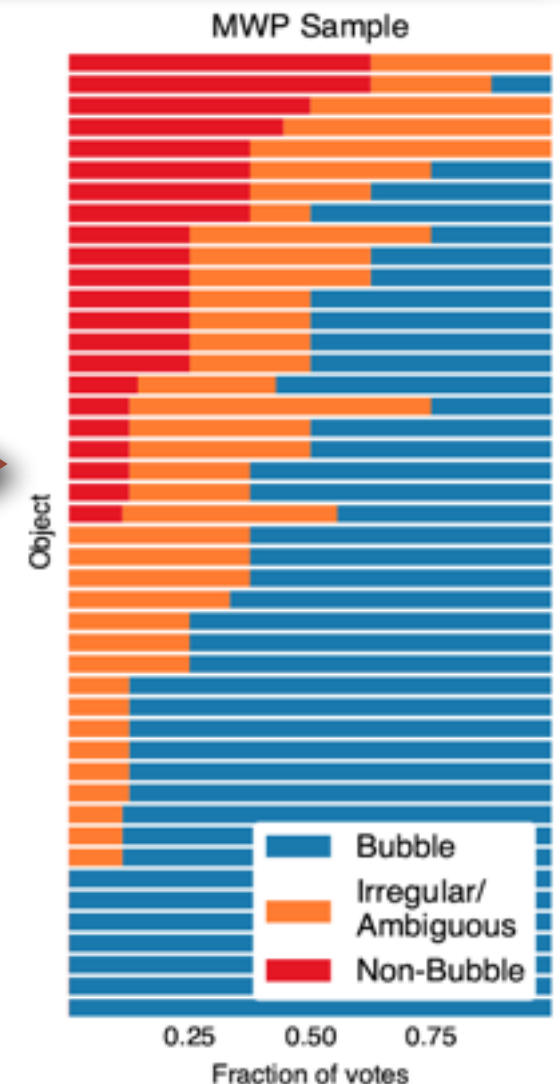
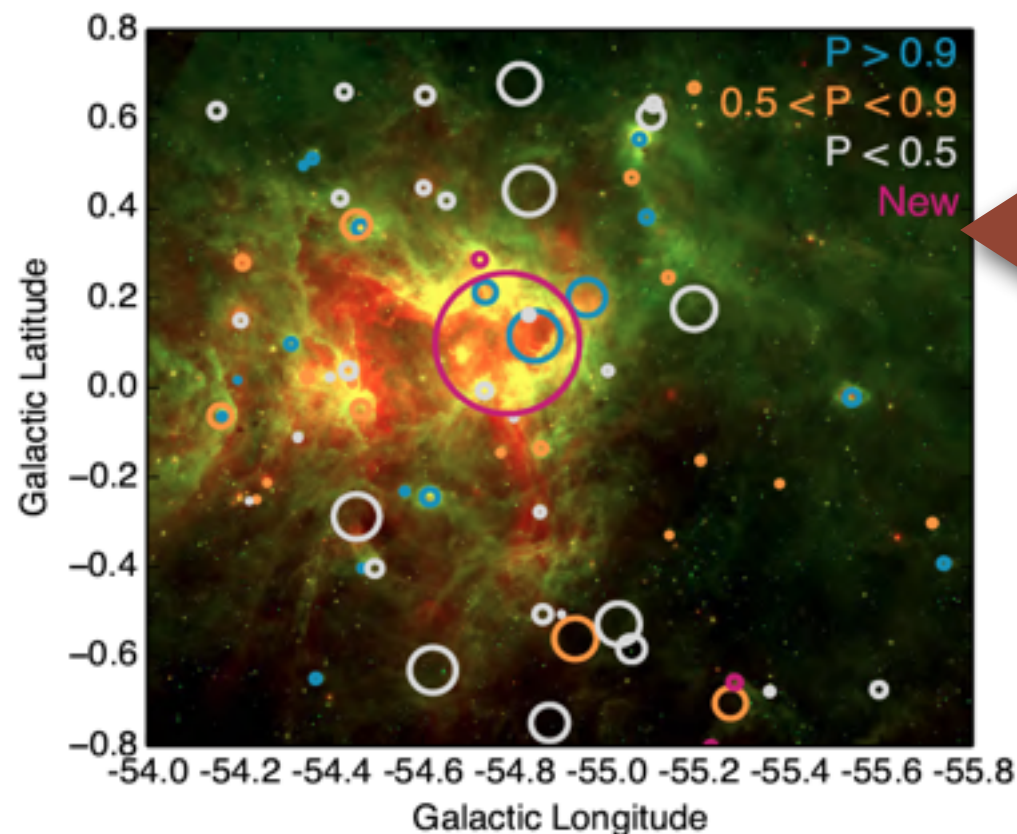
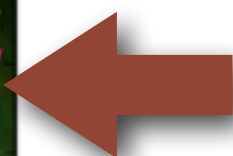


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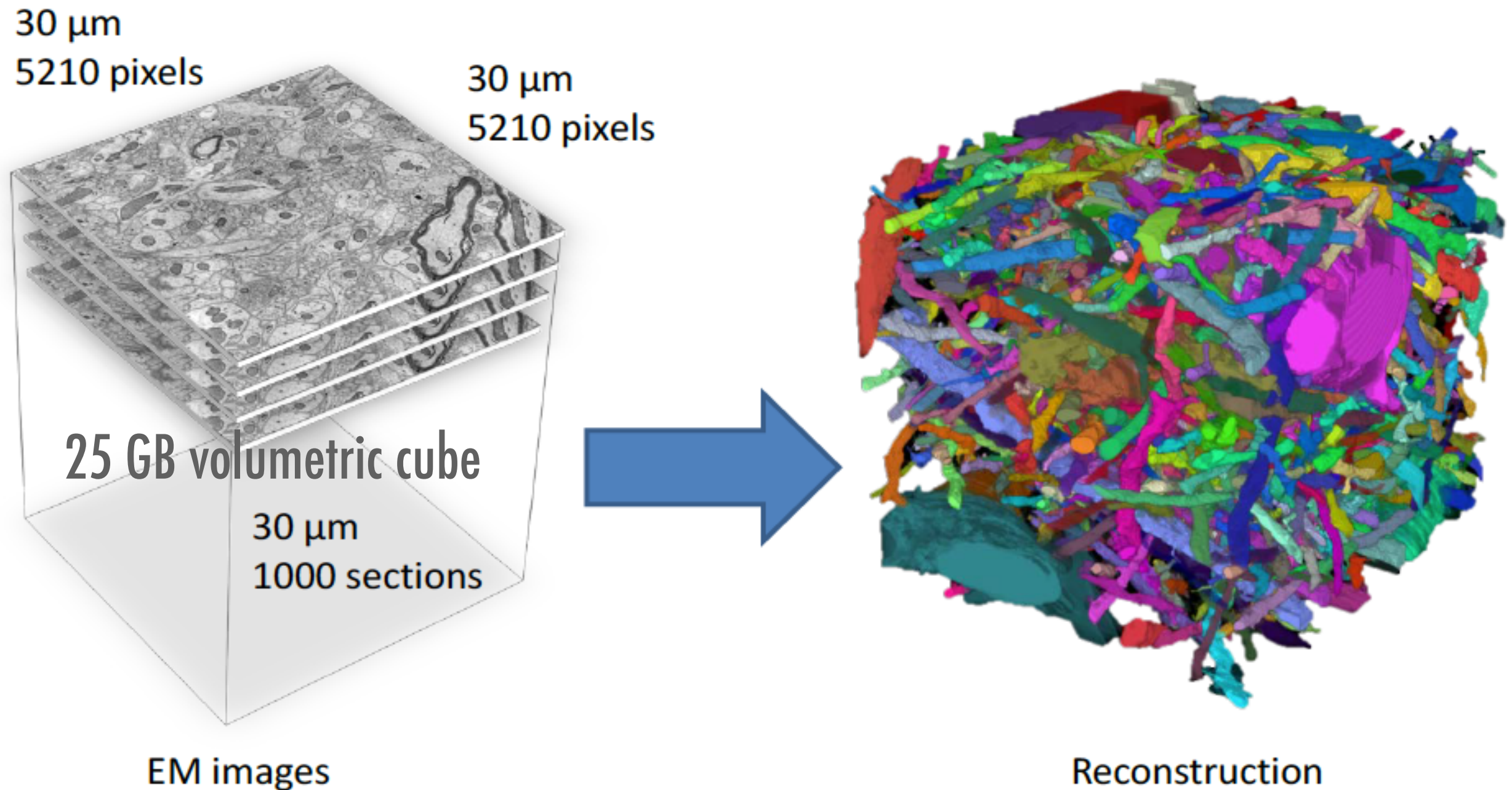


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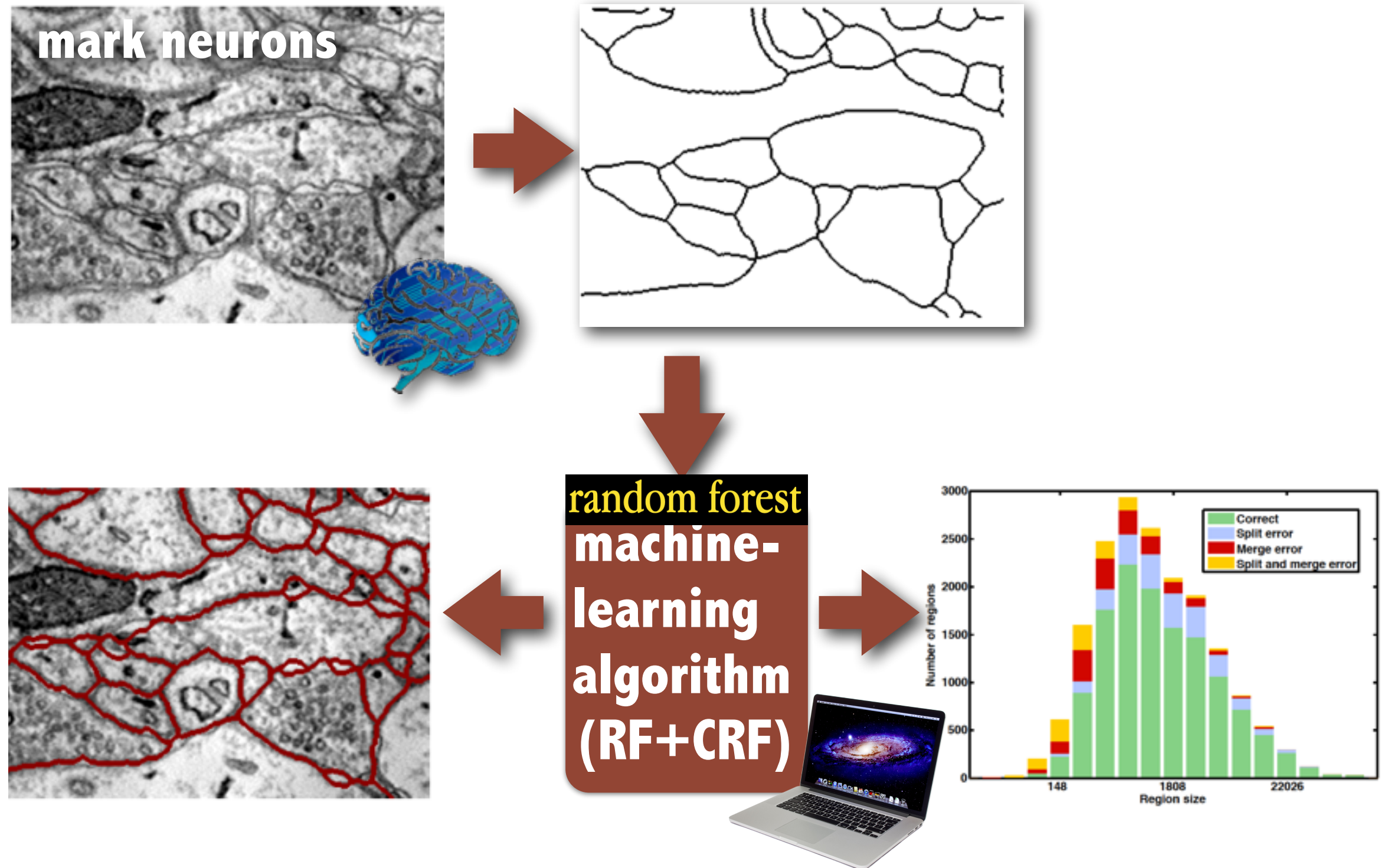
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#artificial_intelligence(c.f. Derek's Day)

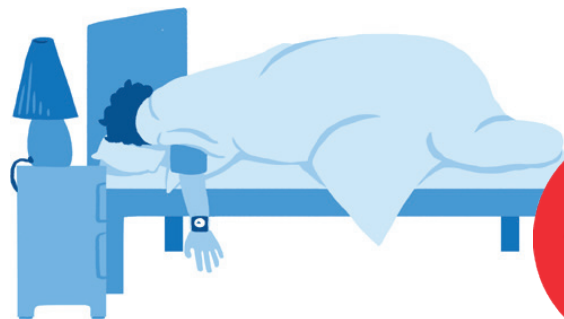
Breakouts, Round 2: Derek's Day

*What processes, phenomena would you add to
“Derek's Day,” and are they “AI” or just
“Data Science”?
(And, yes, all AI is also Data Science.)*

Morning

START

WAKE UP



You slept 9 hours

WAKE UP

PERFORM MORNING ROUTINE



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Your next box is on the way

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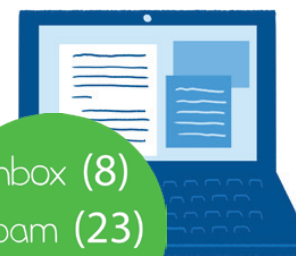
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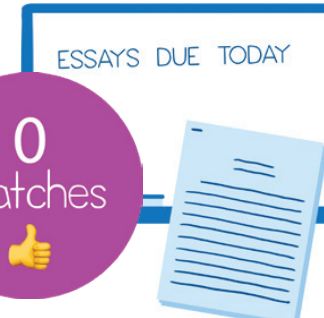
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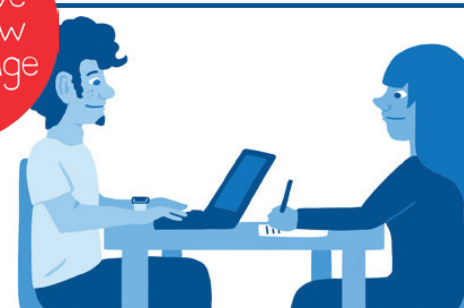


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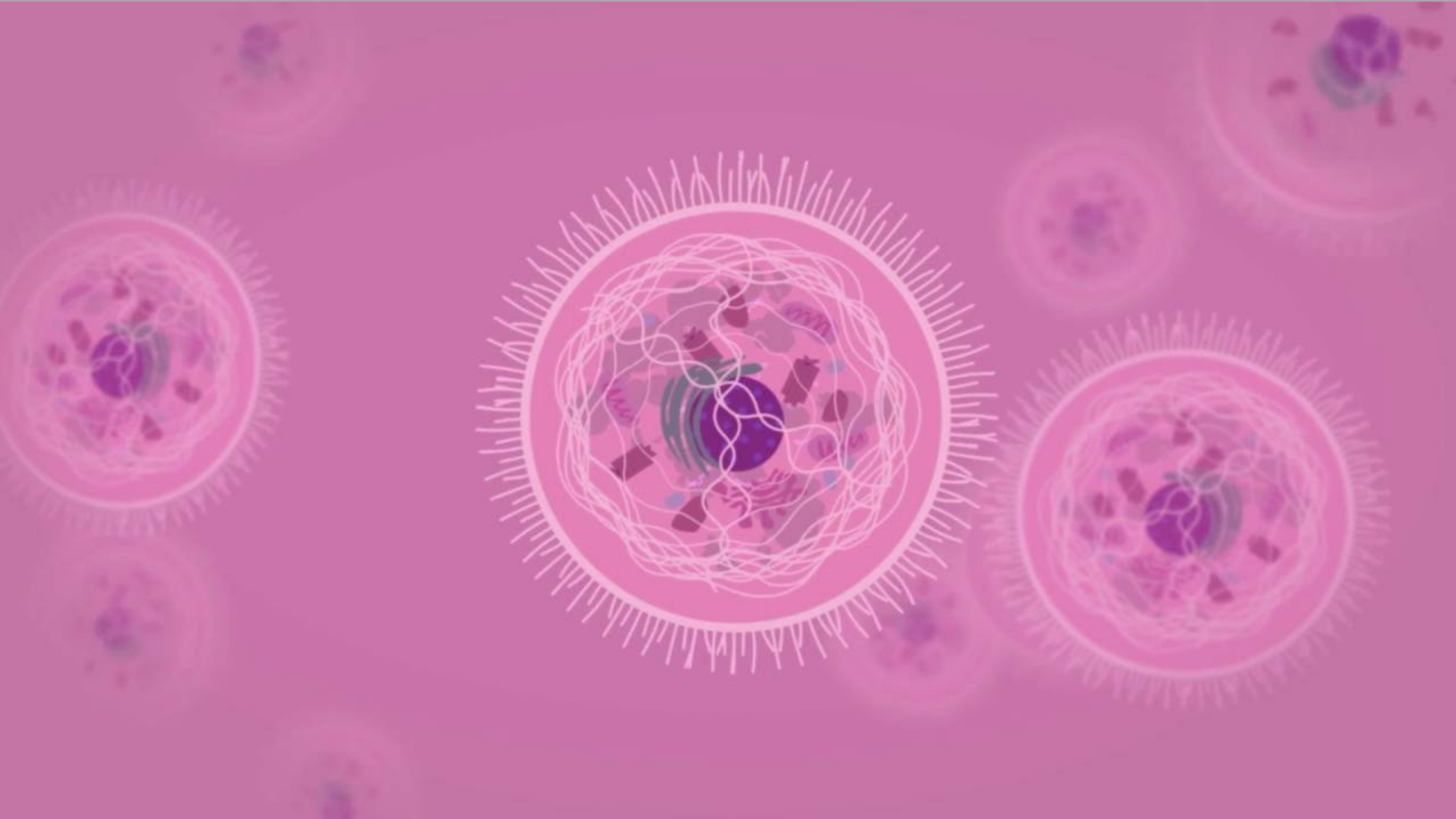
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