

# Cold-Start Music Recommendation Using Multimodal Deep Architectures

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# Outline

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Now Playing My Stations Search Create Station pandora

- Porcupine Tree Radio
- Vert Radio
- Graceland Radio
- Chaos Chaos Radio
- Steven Wilson Radio

See All Stations



**The Grudge**  
Tool

Lyrics  
Wear the grudge like a crown of majesty.  
Calculate what we will or will not tolerate.

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Search 11:41 AM 100%

My Stations Browse +

Browse Genres View all >

**Metown**  
6.6M listeners

**Classic Metal**  
1.3M listeners

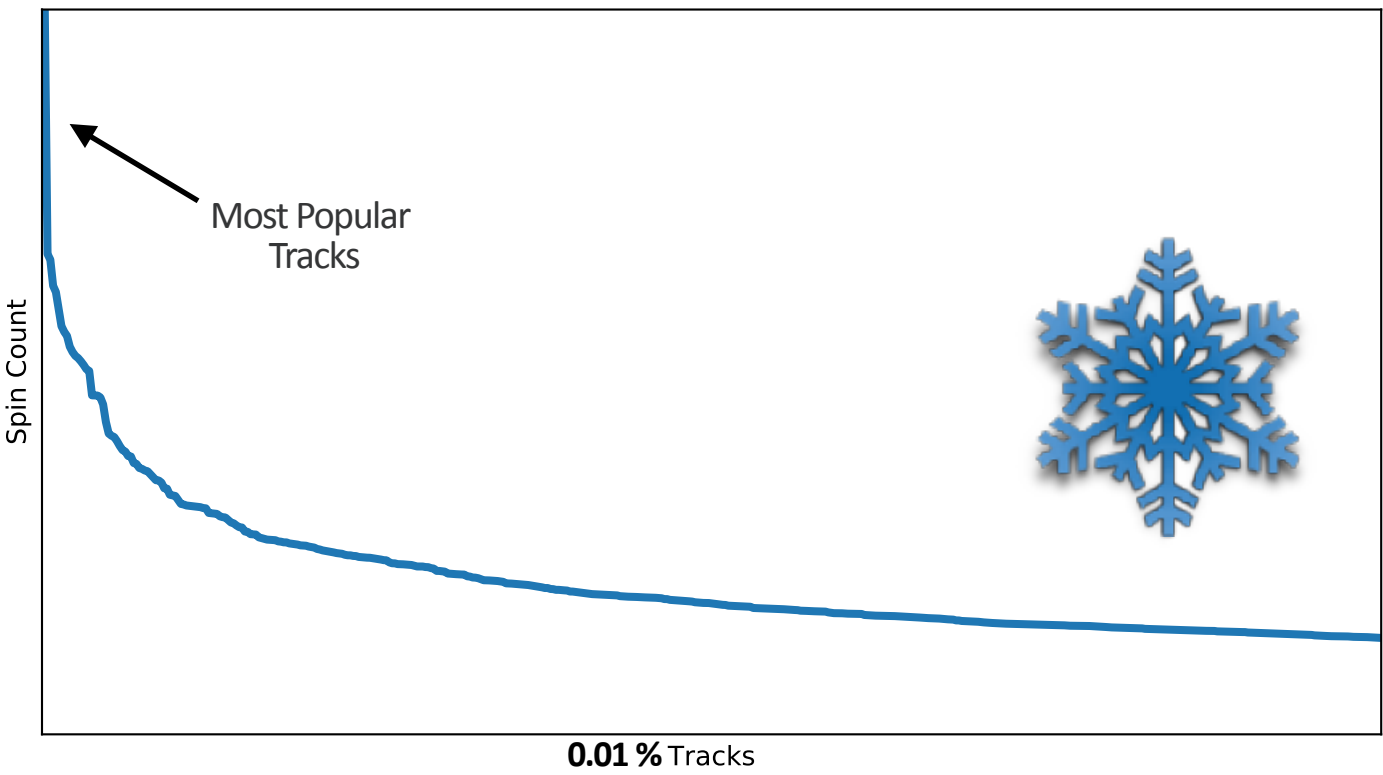
**Disco**  
3.2M listeners

**Smooth Jazz**  
10M listeners

**Selenium Forest**  
Play

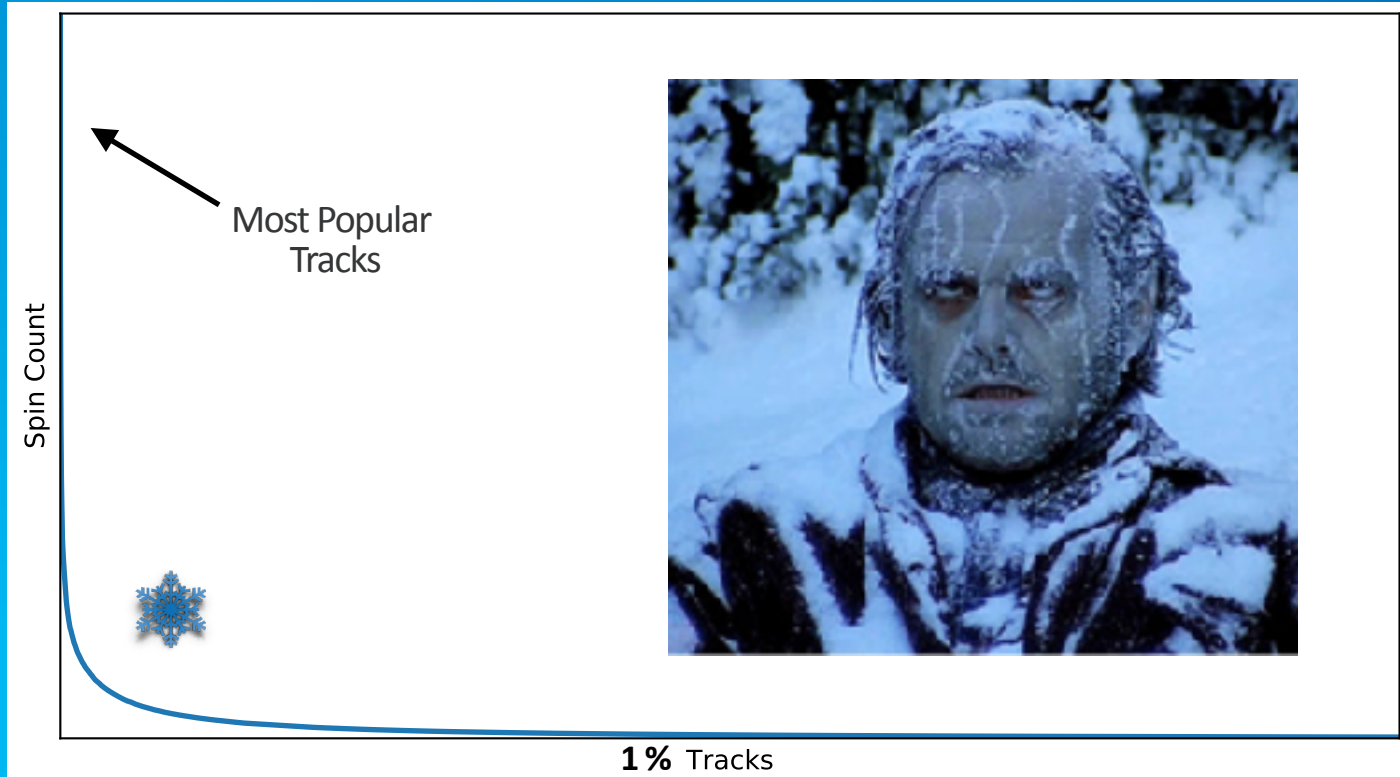
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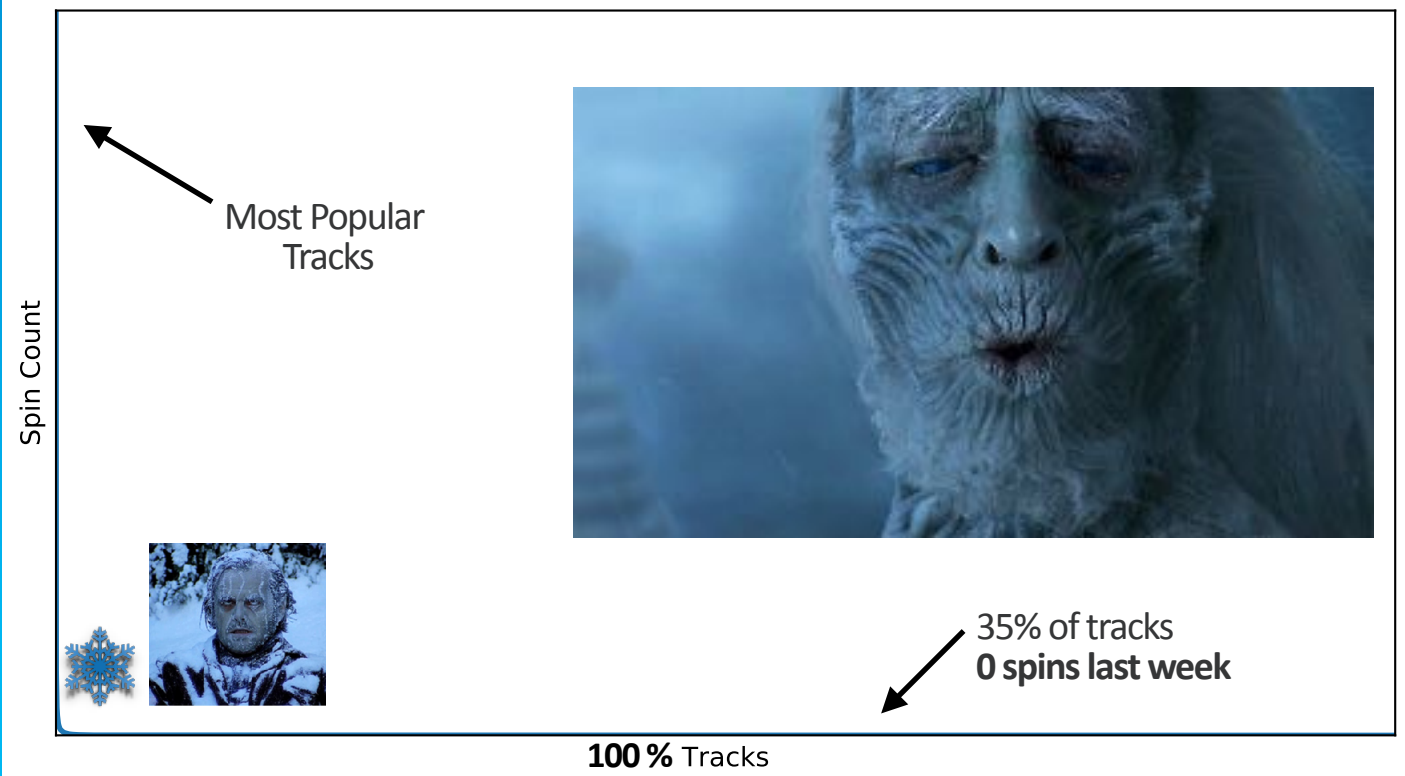
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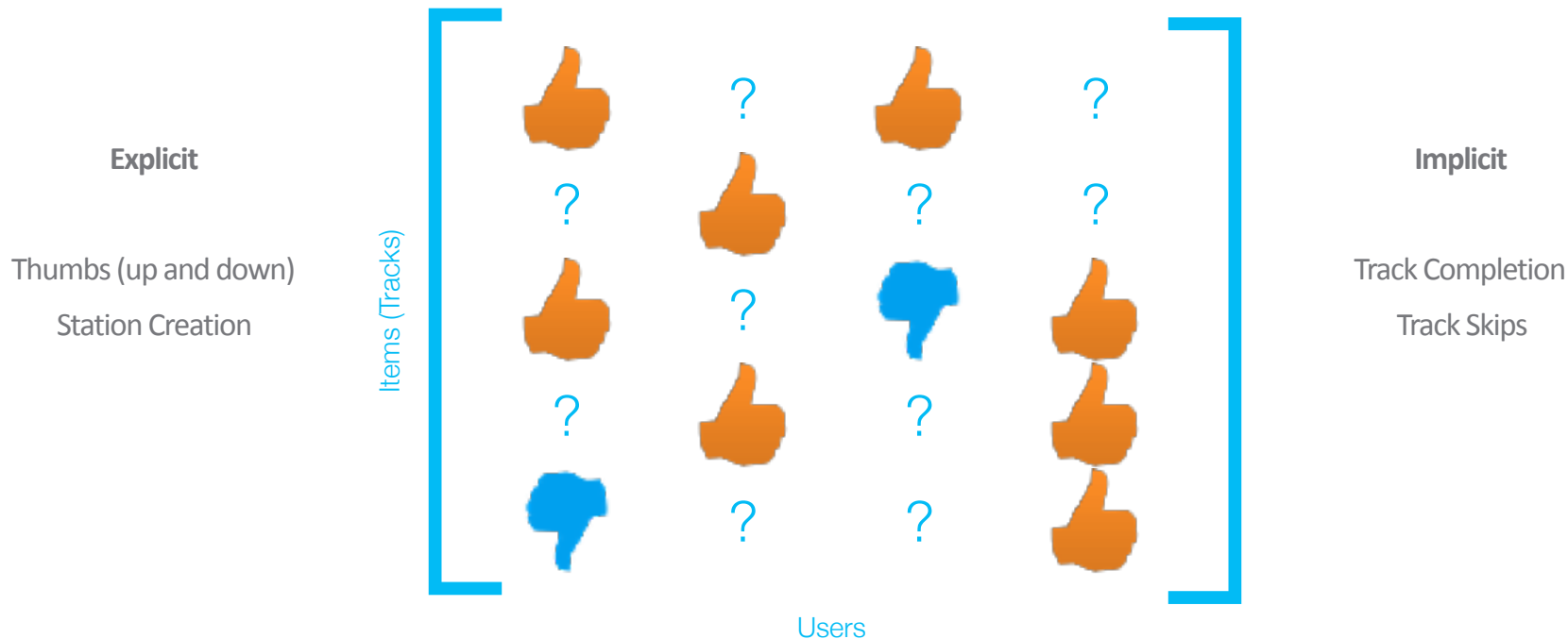
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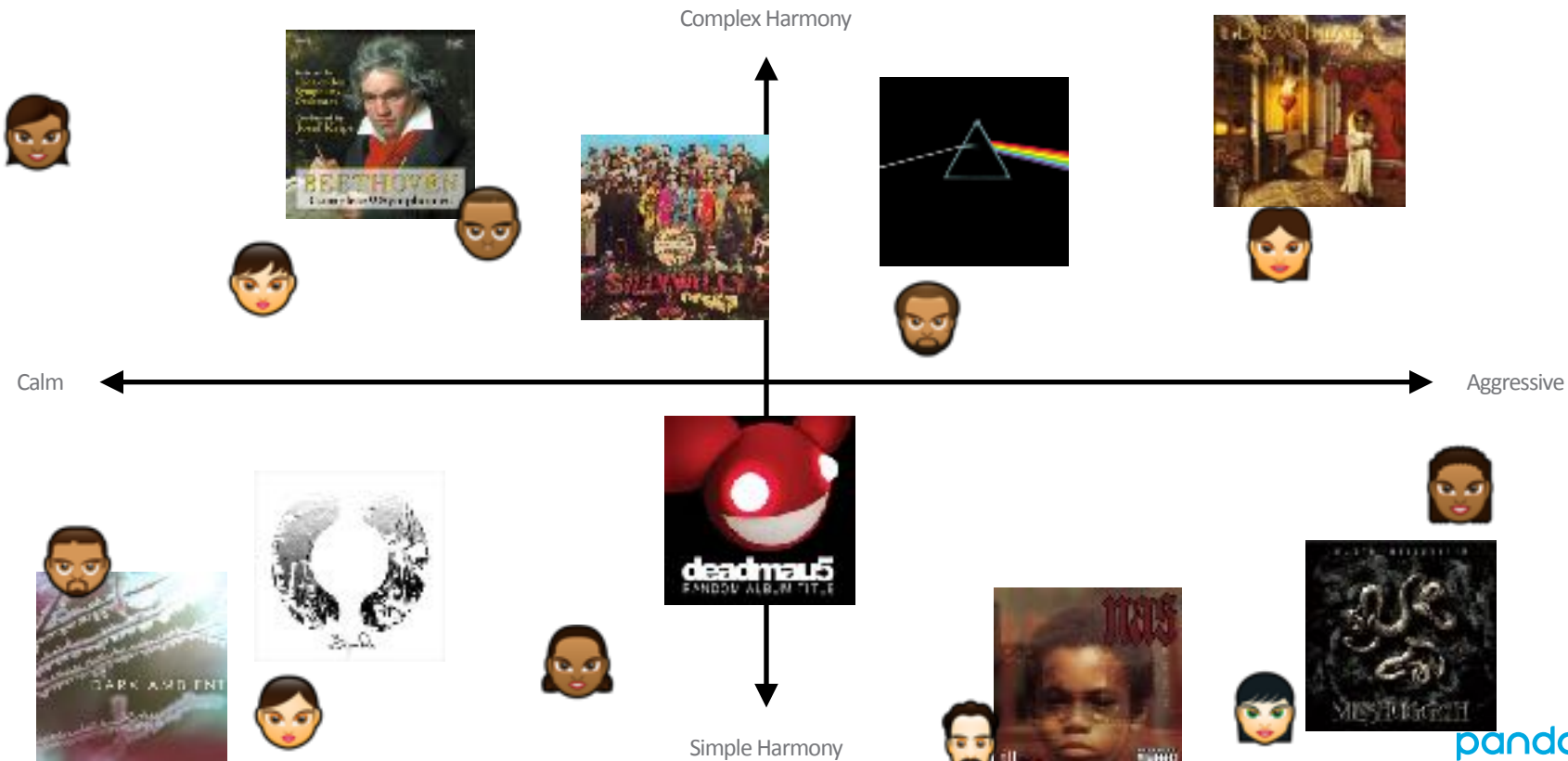
# Collaborative Filtering

## PROBLEM OVERVIEW



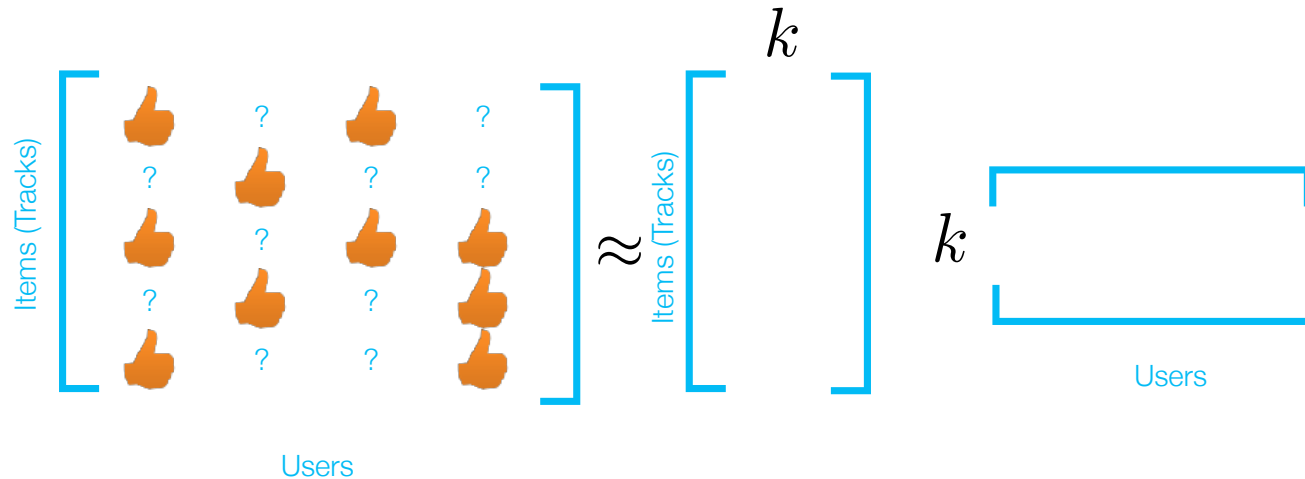
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## LATENT FACTORS



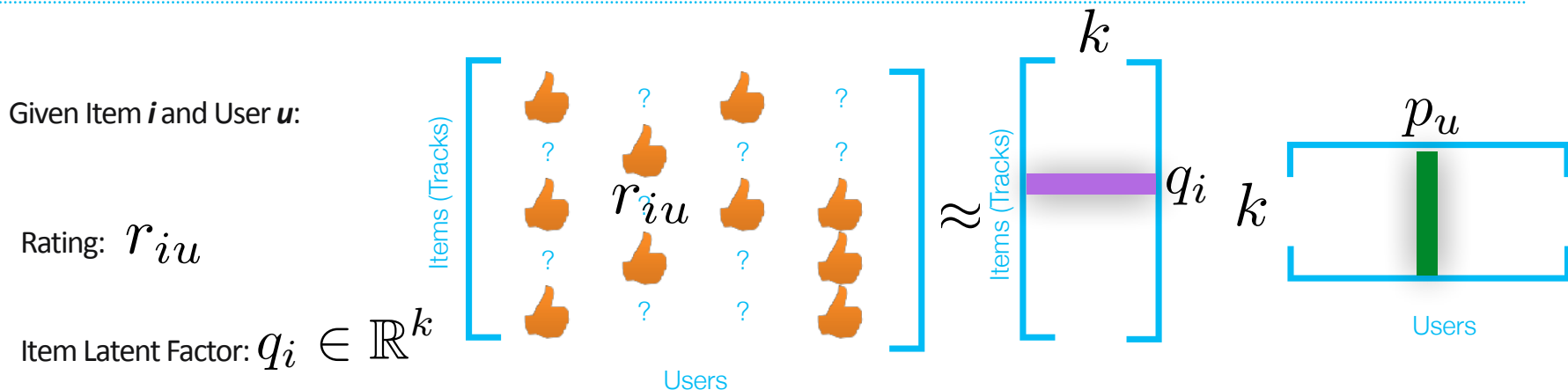
# Collaborative Filtering

## MATRIX FACTORIZATION



# Collaborative Filtering

## PROBLEM FORMULATION



$$\operatorname{argmin}_{q^*, p^*} \sum_{u, i \in \mathcal{S}} (r_{ui} - q_i^T p_u)^2 + \lambda (\|q_i\|^2 + \|p_u\|^2)$$

# Collaborative Filtering

## EXAMPLE

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	Artist	Title
Query Track	The Beatles	While My Guitar Gently Weeps
Ranked 1	The Beatles	A Day In The Life
Ranked 2	The Beatles	A Day In The Life (Love Version)
Ranked 3	The Beatles	Across The Universe

# Collaborative Filtering

## EXAMPLE

	Artist	Title
Query Track	The Beatles	While My Guitar Gently Weeps
Ranked 35	George Harrison	While My Guitar Gently Weeps (Live)
Ranked 82	George Harrison	My Sweet Lord (Live)
Ranked 91	Paul McCartney & Eric Clapton	Something (Live)

Ranked 158

Led Zeppelin

Tangerine

# Collaborative Filtering

## THE GOOD AND THE BAD

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Rich preference-driven similarity space

Powerful at matching the right song  
with the right listener



Latent space is generally not interpretable

Can only recommend items that  
have already been rated



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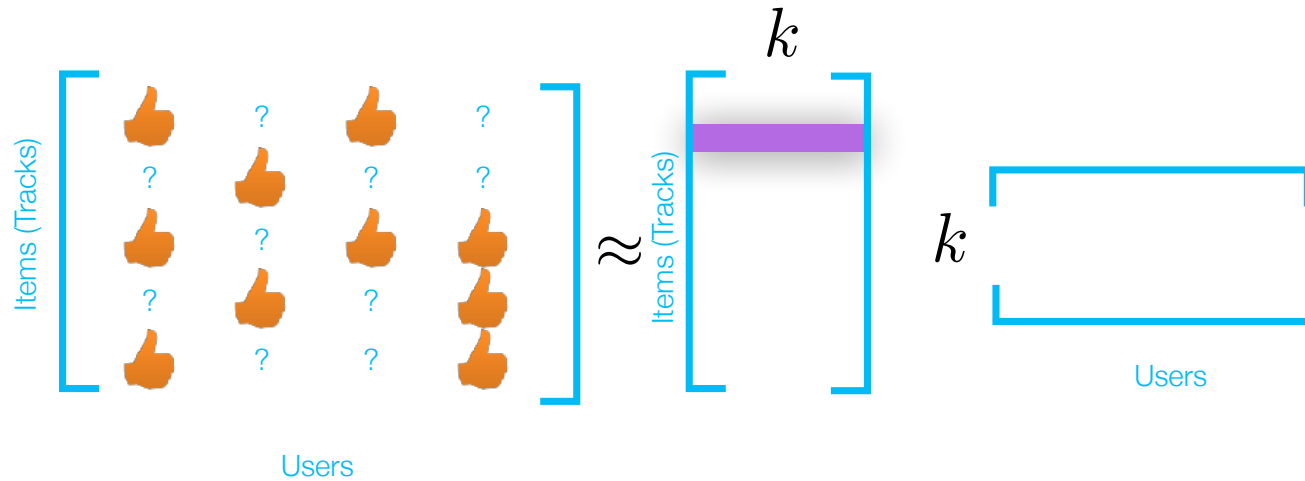
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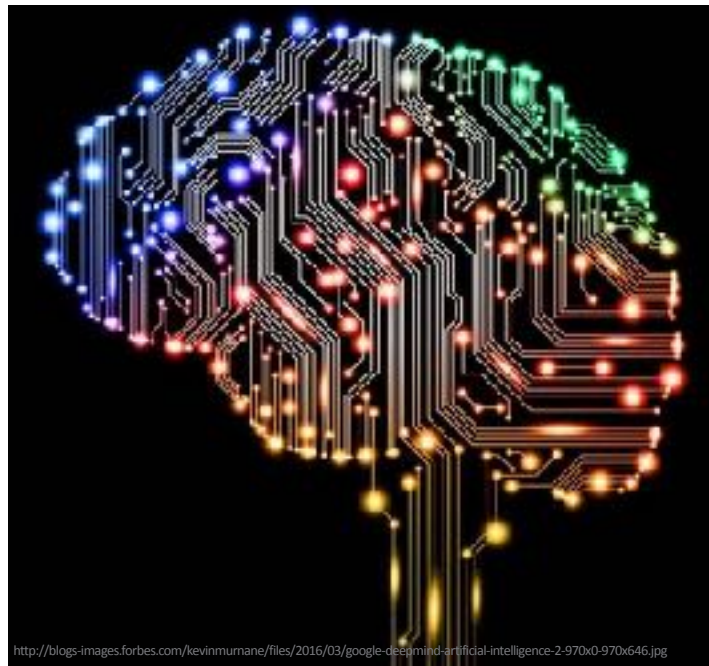
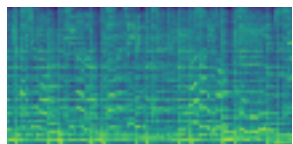
# Estimate Collaborative Factors

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# Approximate Item Factors using Audio

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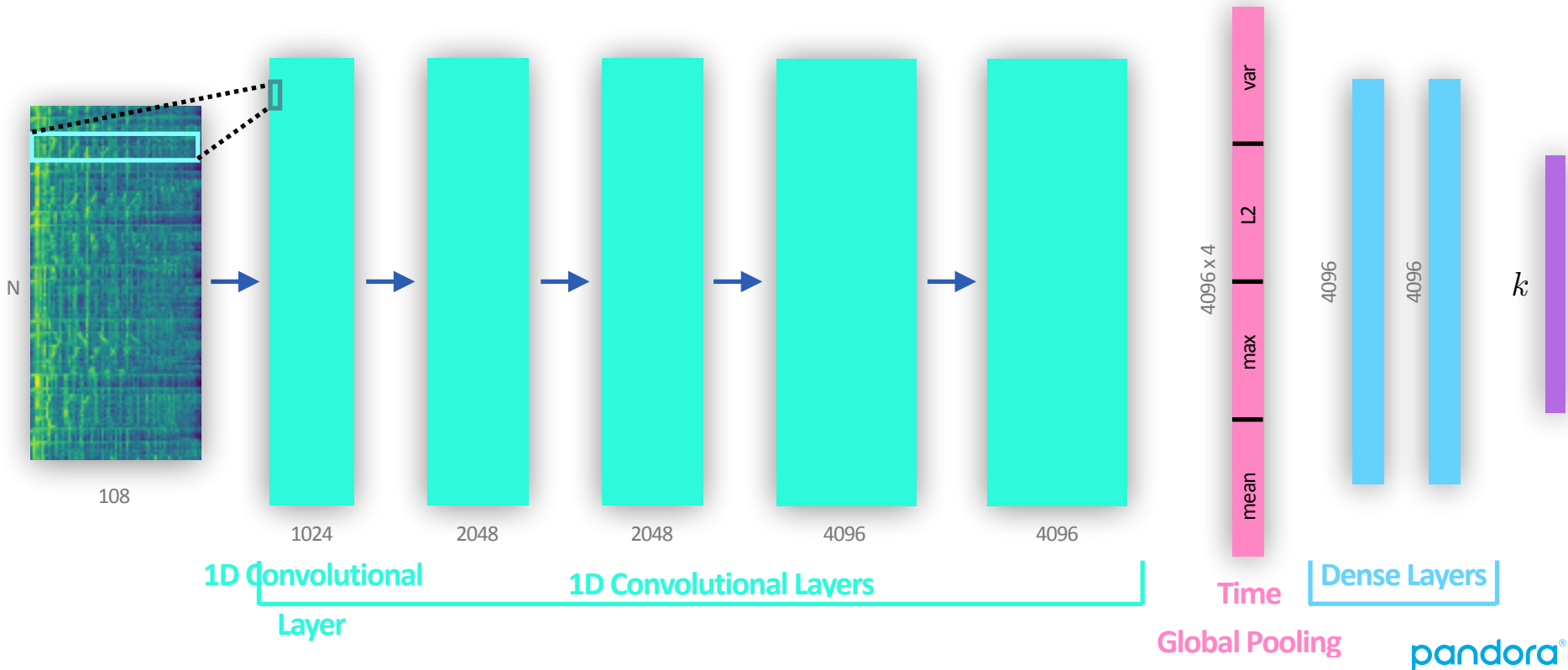
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# Approximating Factors using Audio

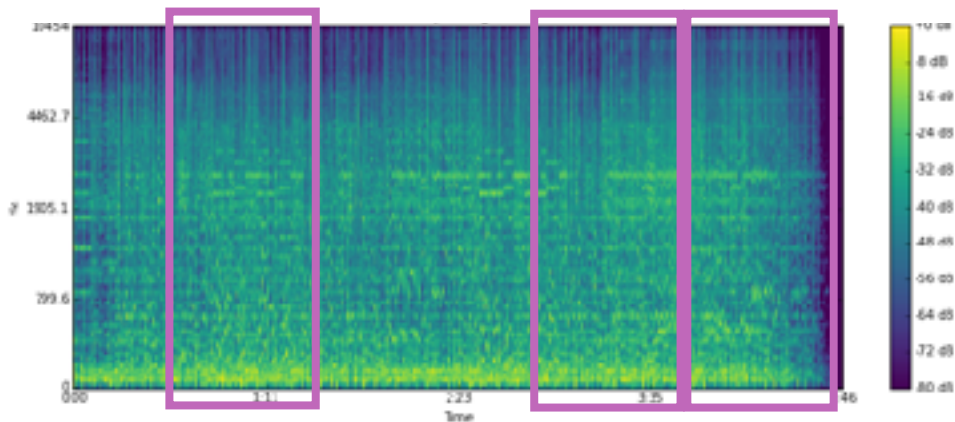
WITH DEEP LEARNING



# Approximating Item Factors using Audio

## TRAINING DATA

- (Small) Data set  $\{\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{Y}\}$ :
  - 83k tracks
  - 3 patches of 35 seconds per track (251k patches =  $M$ )
    - (Patches only for training!)
- Splits:
  - Train: 80%
  - Validation: 10%
  - Test: 10%



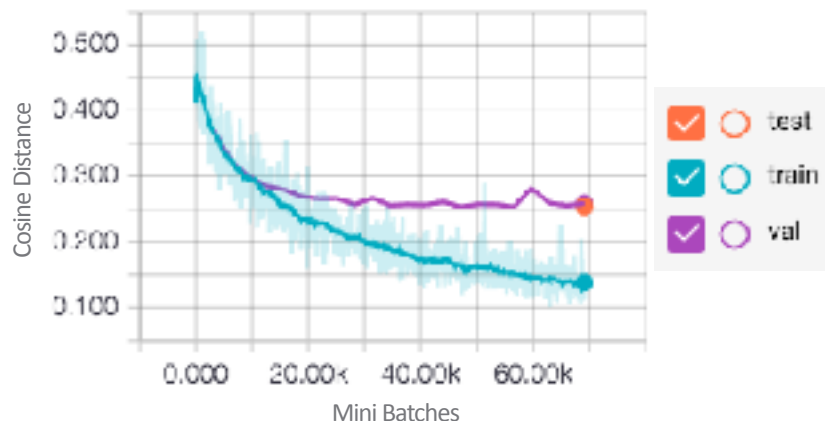
# Approximating Item Factors

## TRAINING

- Loss function:
  - Cosine Distance

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = 1 - \frac{1}{M} \sum_{X \in \mathbb{X}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{Y}} \frac{f(X; \theta)^T \mathbf{y}}{\|f(X; \theta)\|_2 \|\mathbf{y}\|_2}$$

- Optimization:
  - Adam (default params)
  - 50% Dropout on Dense Layers
  - Early Stopping
  - Mini-batches of 64 examples



# Approximating Item Factors using Audio

## RESULTS

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# The Music Genome Project™

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Attribute Examples

**Breathy Voice**

**Nasal Voice**

**Odd Meter**

**Has Banjo**

**Joyful Lyrics**

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**>1.5 Million tracks manually analyzed**

**~400 attributes per track**

# Recommending Music using the MGP™

## EXAMPLE

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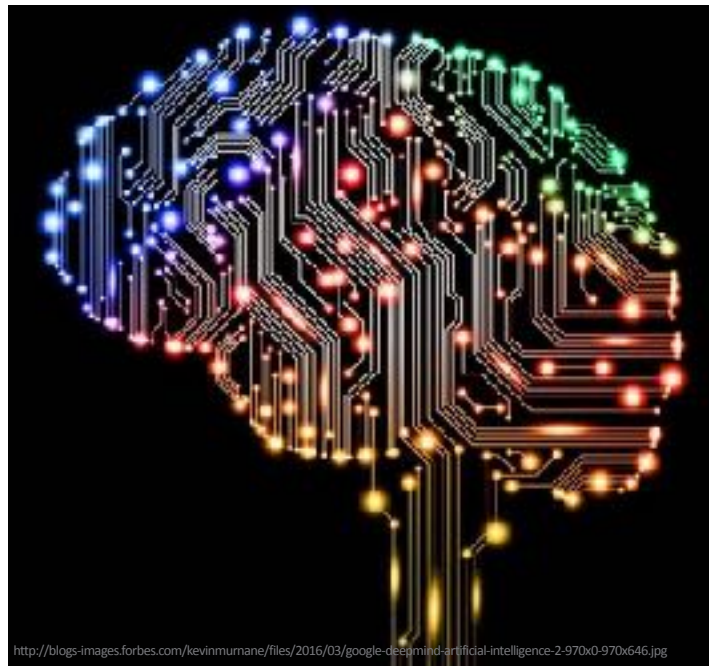
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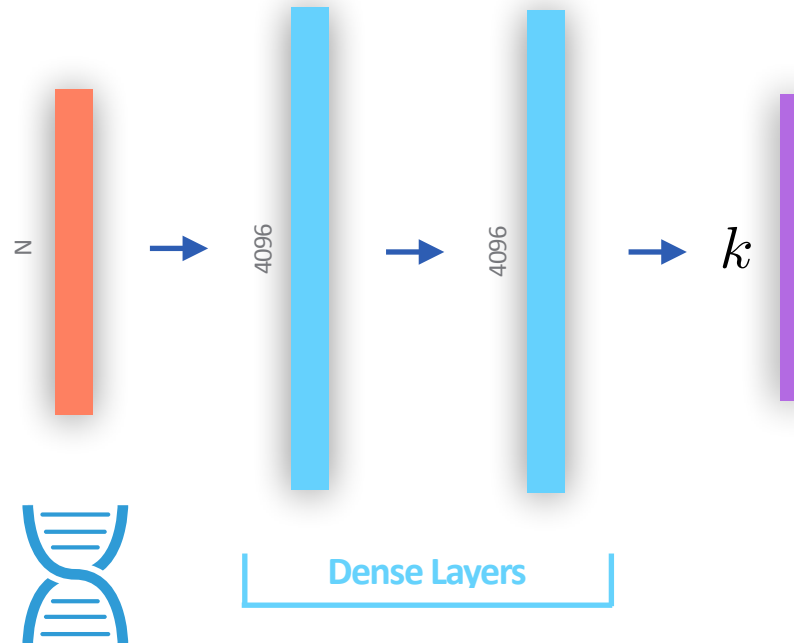
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# Approximate Factors using the MGP

## DEEP ARCHITECTURE

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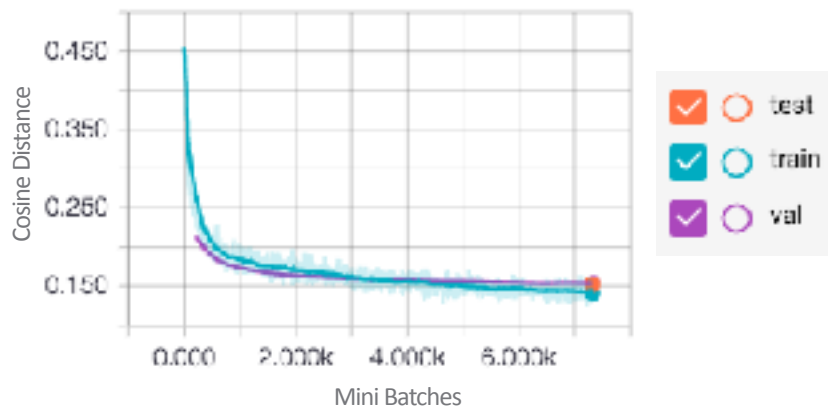
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  - Mini-batches of 256 examples



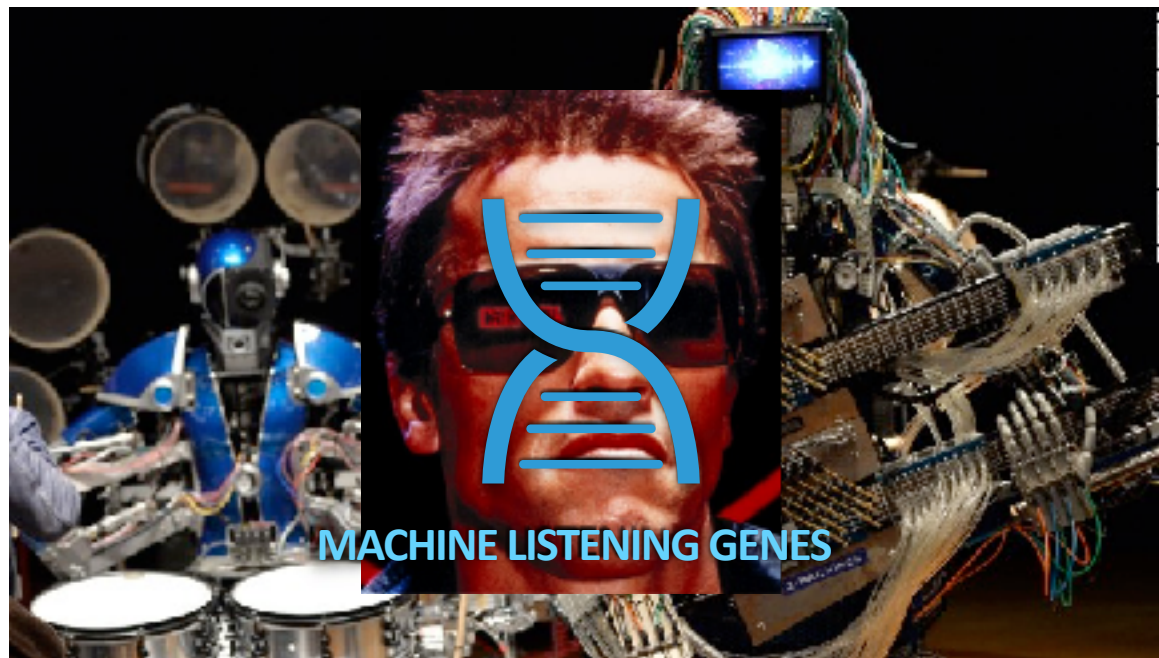
# Approximating Item Factors

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Audio (Full Tracks)	0.21	-	-
MGP	0.15	37	7s

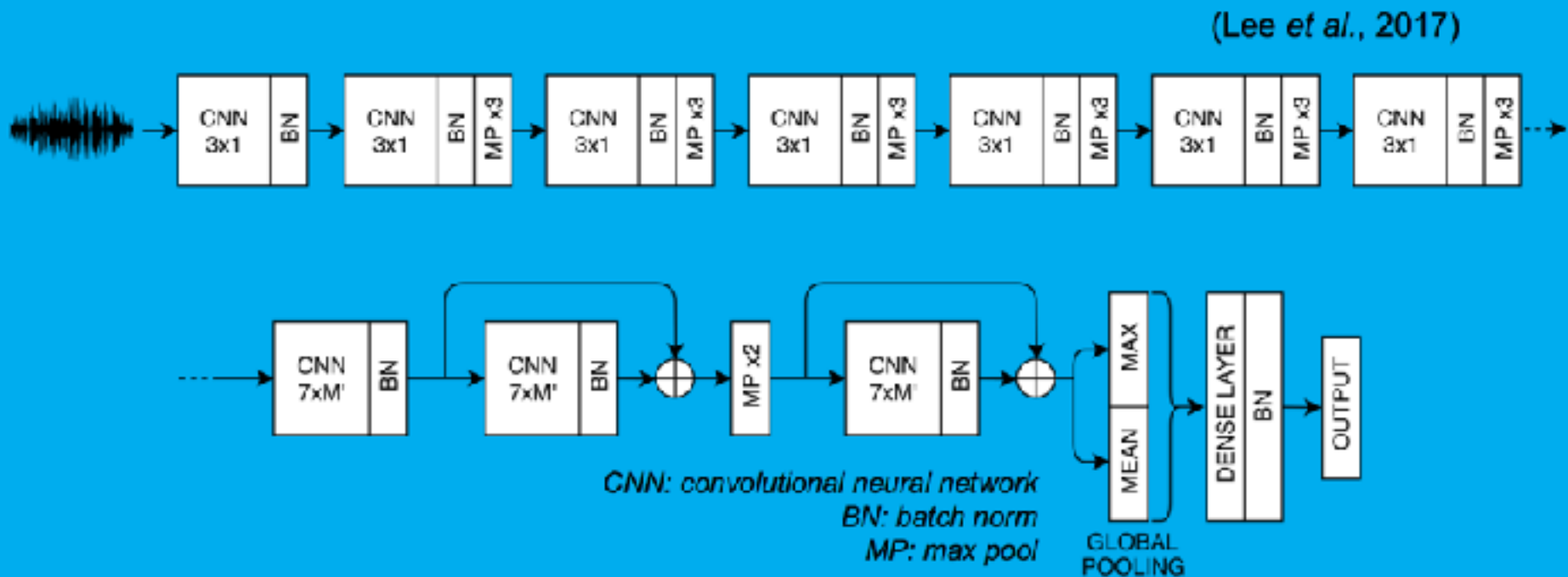
# Beyond the MGP™

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**APPROXIMATE MGP WITH MACHINE LISTENING**

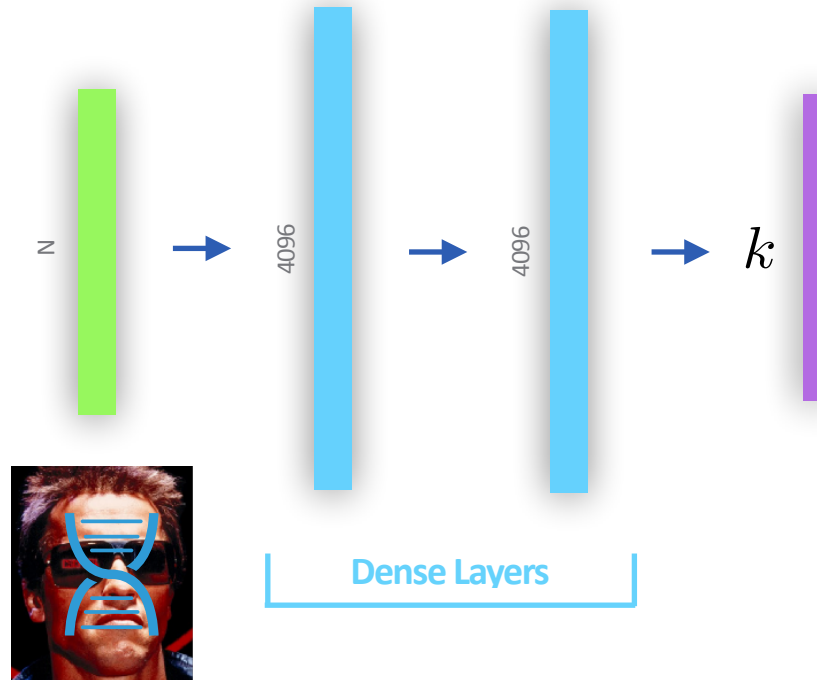
# (Coming soon: MGP™ Estimation with Waveforms!)



**APPROXIMATE MGP WITH MACHINE LISTENING**

# Approximate Factors using MLG

## DEEP ARCHITECTURE



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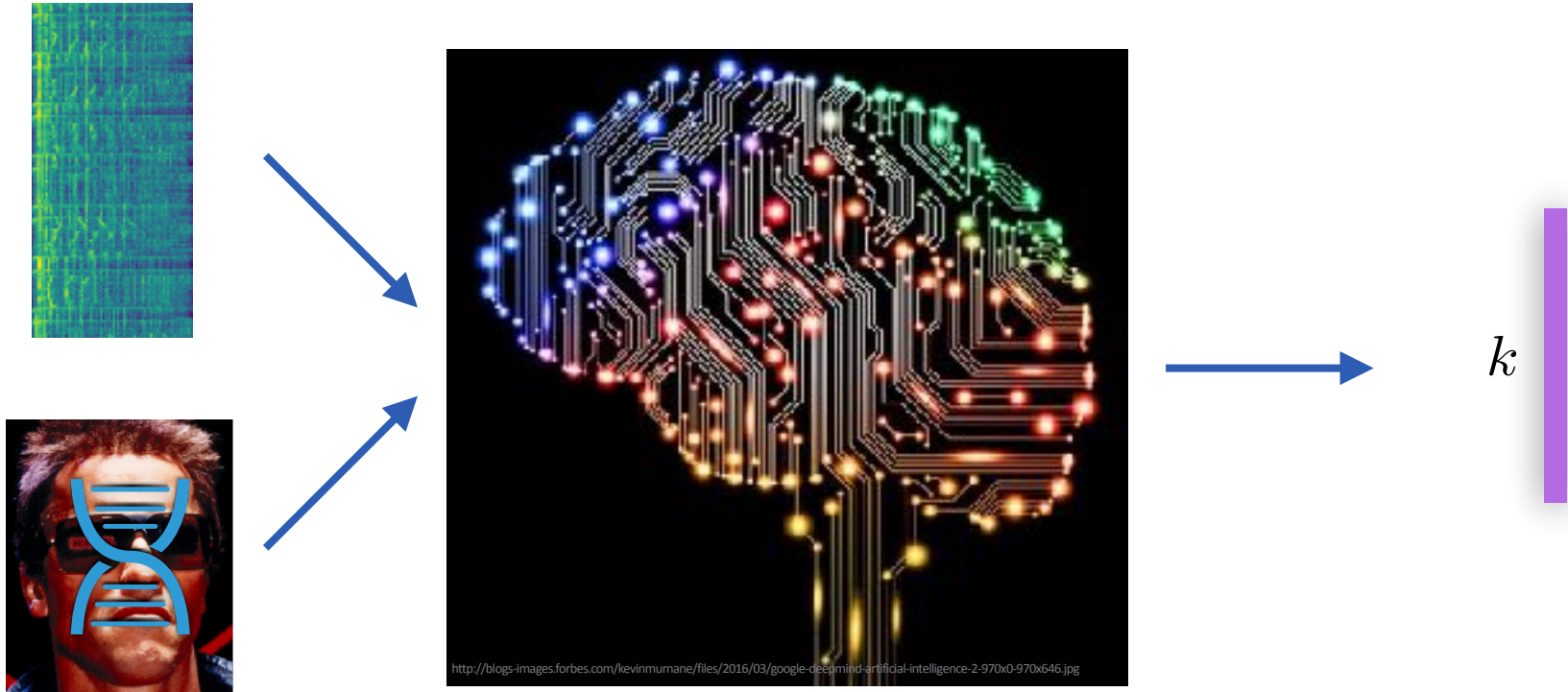
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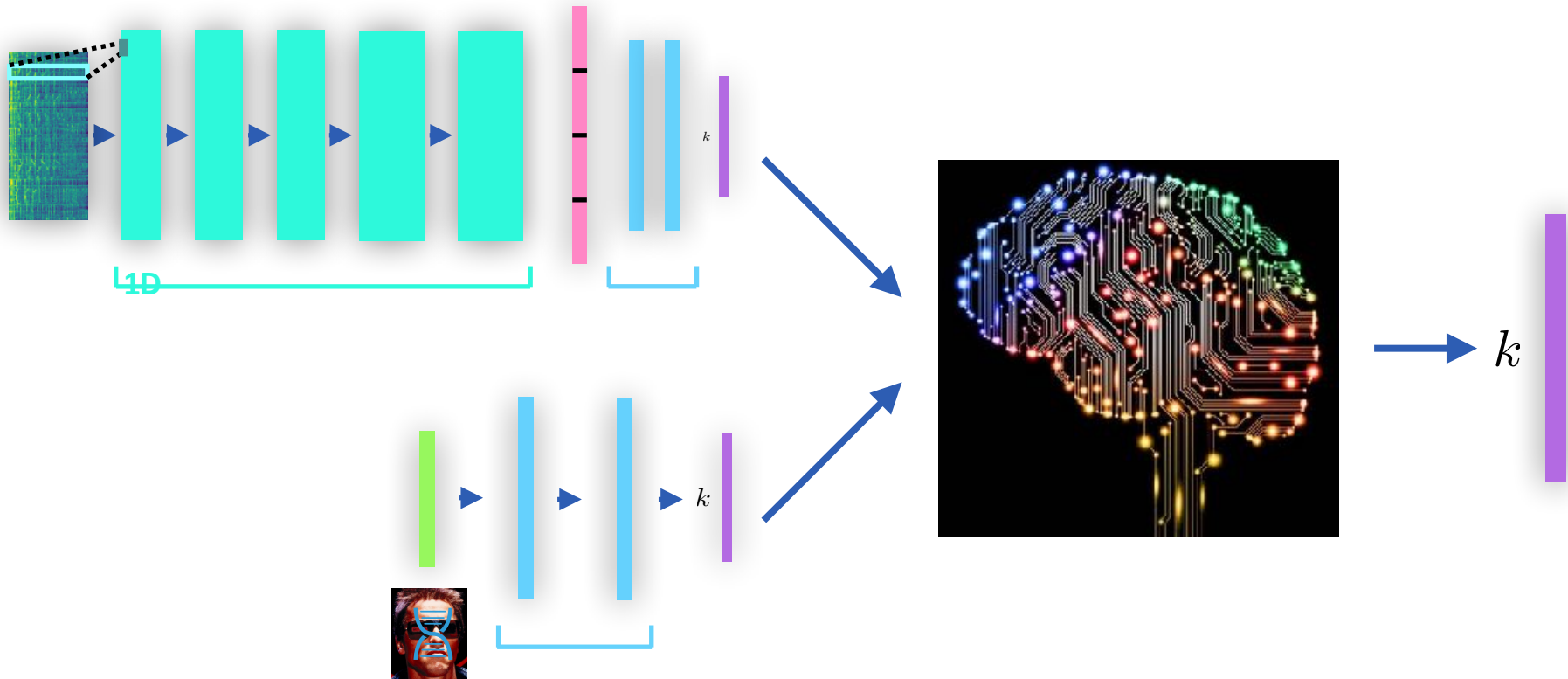
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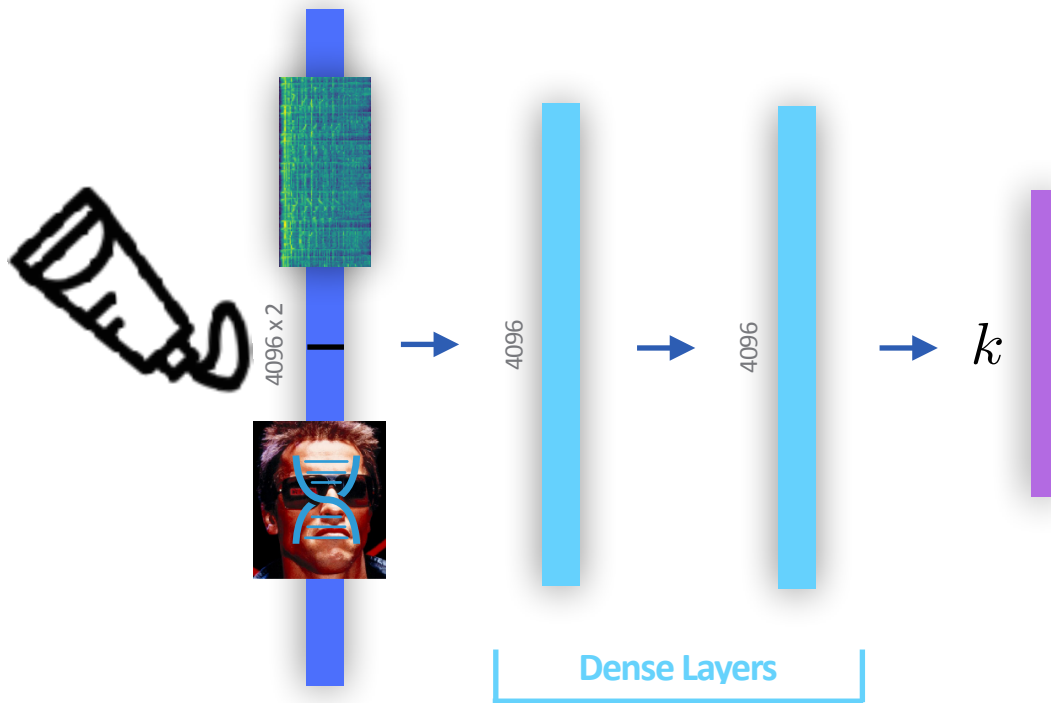


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## LATE-FUSION DEEP ARCHITECTURE

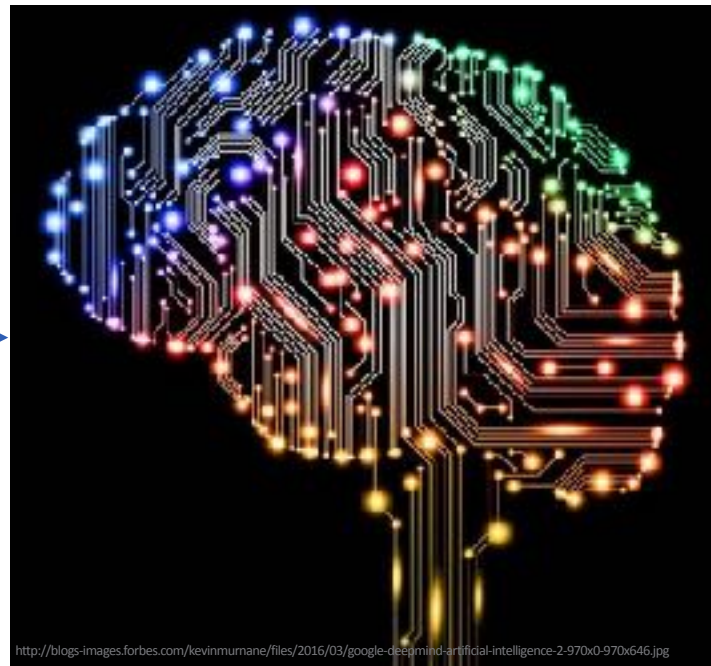
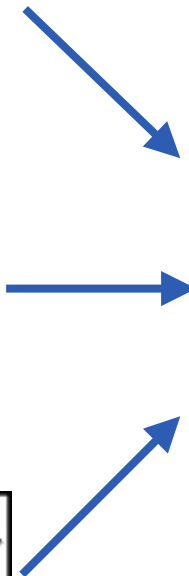
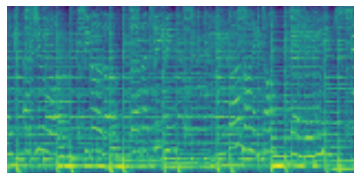


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MGP	0.15	37	7s
MLG	0.22	37	7s
Audio + MLG	0.19	37	7s

# Further Multimodality to Approximate Factors

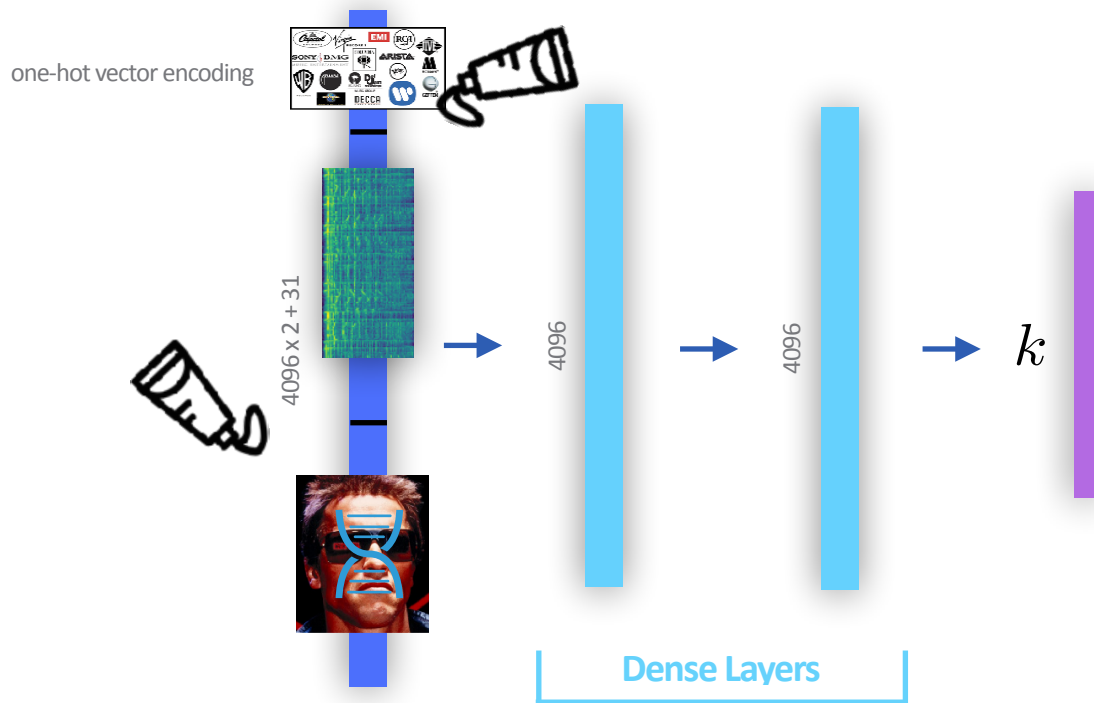


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MGP	0.15	37	7s
MLG	0.22	37	7s
Audio + MLG	0.19	37	7s
Audio + MLG + genres	0.16	37	7s

# More data

## IS ALRIGHT

- LARGE Data set  $\{\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{Y}\}$ :
  - ~900k most popular tracks
  - 3 patches of 35 seconds per track ( $\sim 2.7\text{M}$  patches =  $M$ )

Input	Trained on	Test Set	Cos Distance
Audio	SMALL	SMALL	0.21

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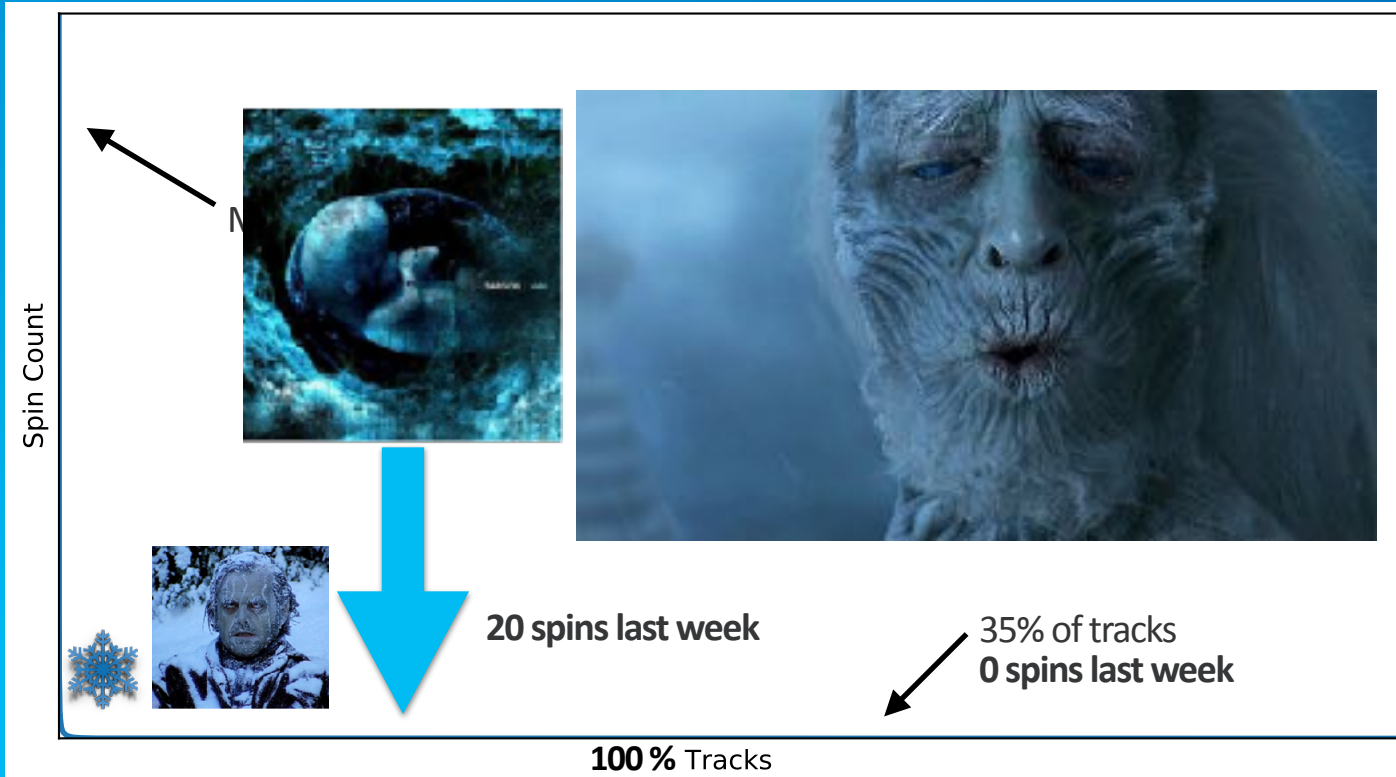
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Ranked 2	Neil Young	Heart Of Gold
Ranked 3	The Rolling Stones	Angie

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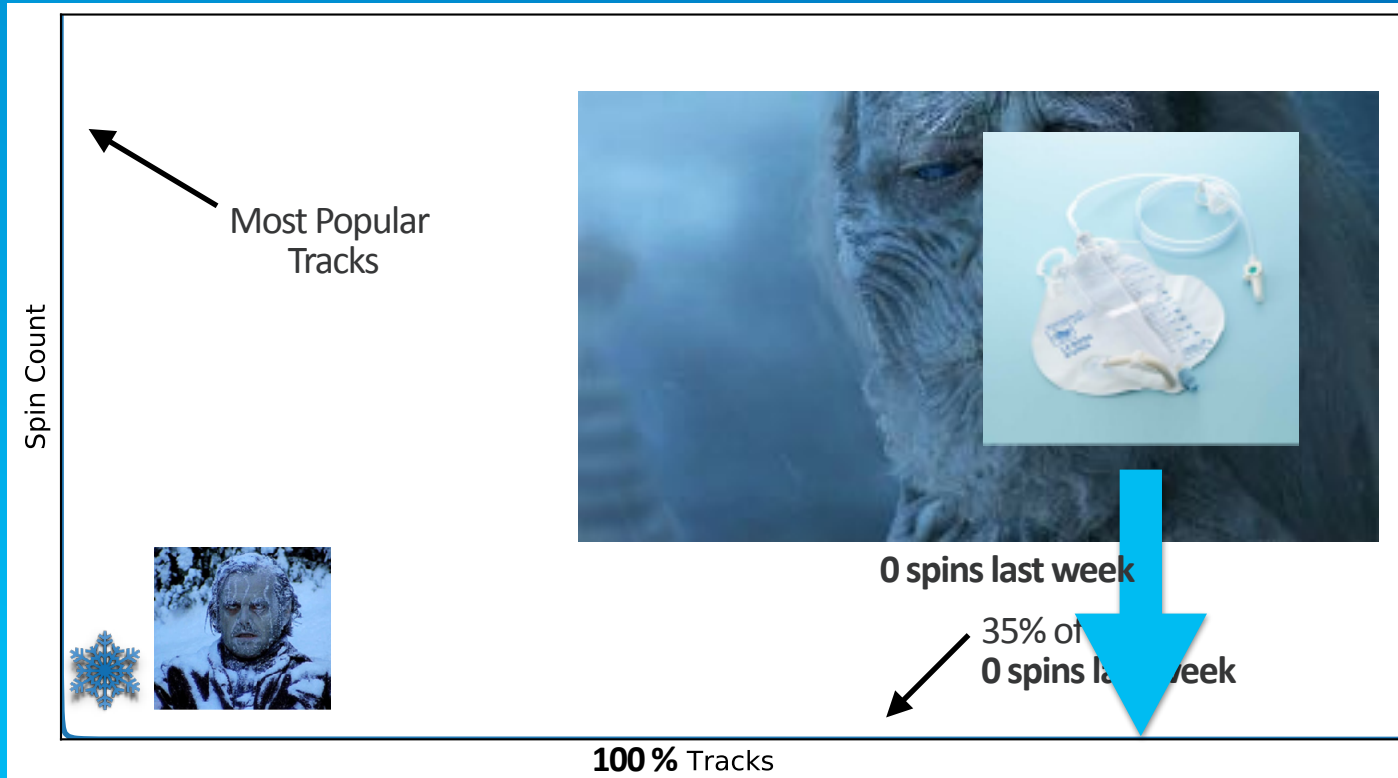
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**ENSEMBLE OF RECOMMENDERS MAY PRODUCE  
OPTIMAL RECOMMENDATIONS**



The background is a dark blue, semi-transparent overlay of Michelangelo's 'The Creation of Adam' fresco. The central focus is the gap between the two hands reaching towards each other. On the left side, the hand is replaced by a mechanical, robotic hand with visible joints and a textured surface. The text 'MAN vs MACHINE?' is centered in white, bold, sans-serif font.

# MAN vs MACHINE?

The background is a dark blue-tinted image of Michelangelo's 'The Creation of Adam'. The central focus is the gap between the two hands. The hand on the left is a prosthetic, appearing as a dark, textured, mechanical appendage. The hand on the right is the original human hand from the painting, reaching out towards the center. The text 'MAN + MACHINE' is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font across the middle of the image.

# MAN + MACHINE



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