## Scaling ResNets in the large-depth regime

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## How most people see the supervised learning problem

Learn how to build an image-recognizing convolutional neural network with Python and Keras in less than 15minutes!


[^0]How machine learners see the supervised learning problem

https://medium.datadriveninvestor.com/depth-estimation-with-deep-neural-networks-part-2-81ee374888eb

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Examples from the ImageNet dataset
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New network architectures: Runge-Kutta networks


Benning et al. (2019)

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(h) RNN with feedback with imaginary eigenvalues and diffusion.

Chang et al. (2019)

## In summary

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> Recall: $B^{H}$ is Gaussian, starts at zero, has zero expectation, and covariance function

$$
\mathbb{E}\left(B_{s}^{H} B_{t}^{H}\right)=\frac{1}{2}\left(|s|^{2 H}+|t|^{2 H}-|t-s|^{2 H}\right), \quad 0 \leqslant s, t \leqslant 1 .
$$

> The Hurst index $H \in(0,1)$ describes the raggedness of the process.


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