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**Unlocking the Potential of AI: IP Strategies for a
Thriving Innovation Ecosystem**

AI Primer

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The logo for EPFL (École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne) is a red rectangle with the letters "EPFL" in white, bold, sans-serif font.

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What is AI?

AI (artificial intelligence)

creating systems capable of performing tasks that typically require human intelligence

ML (machine learning)

algorithms to learn from data on specific tasks without explicit programming

Components

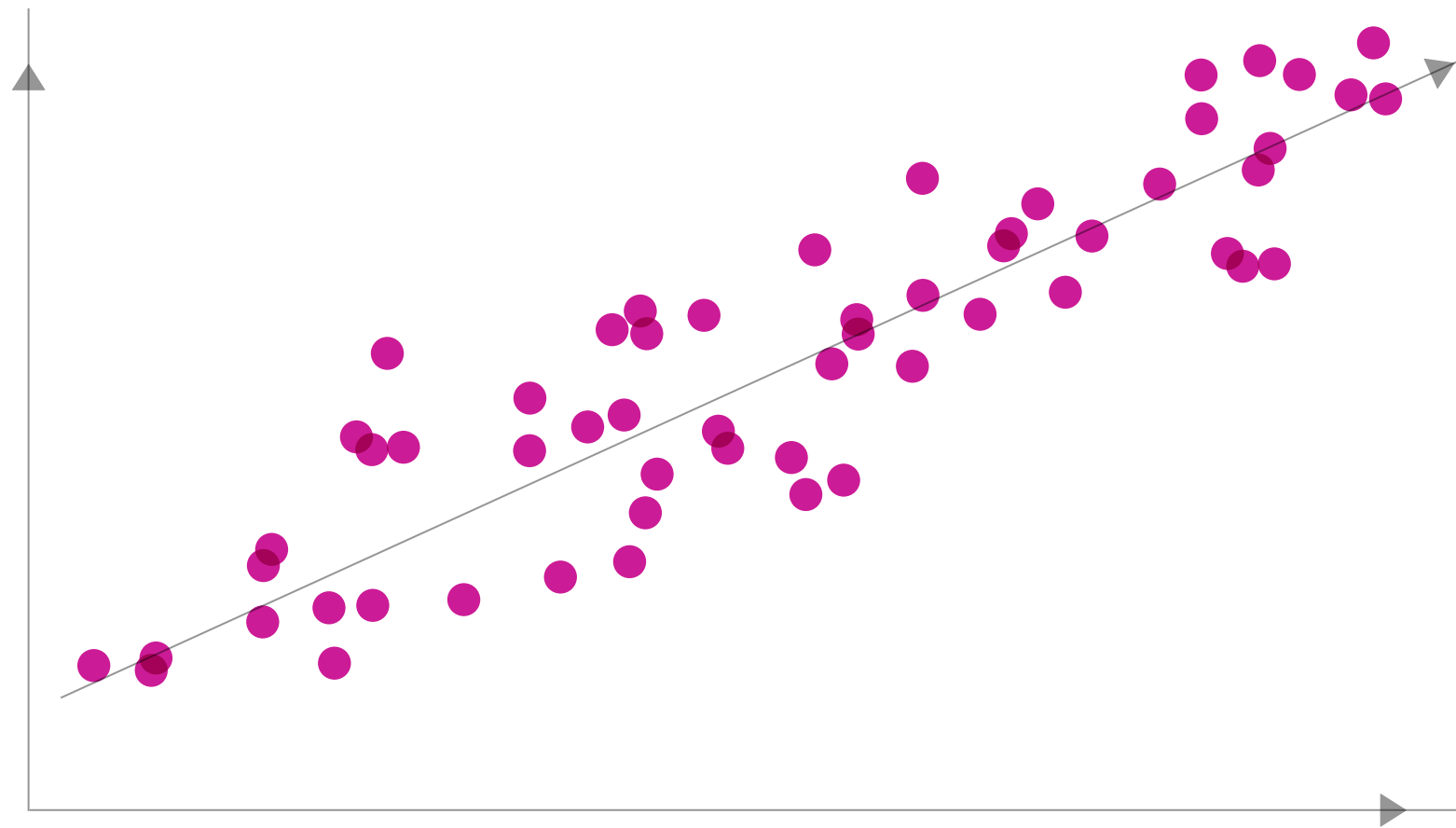
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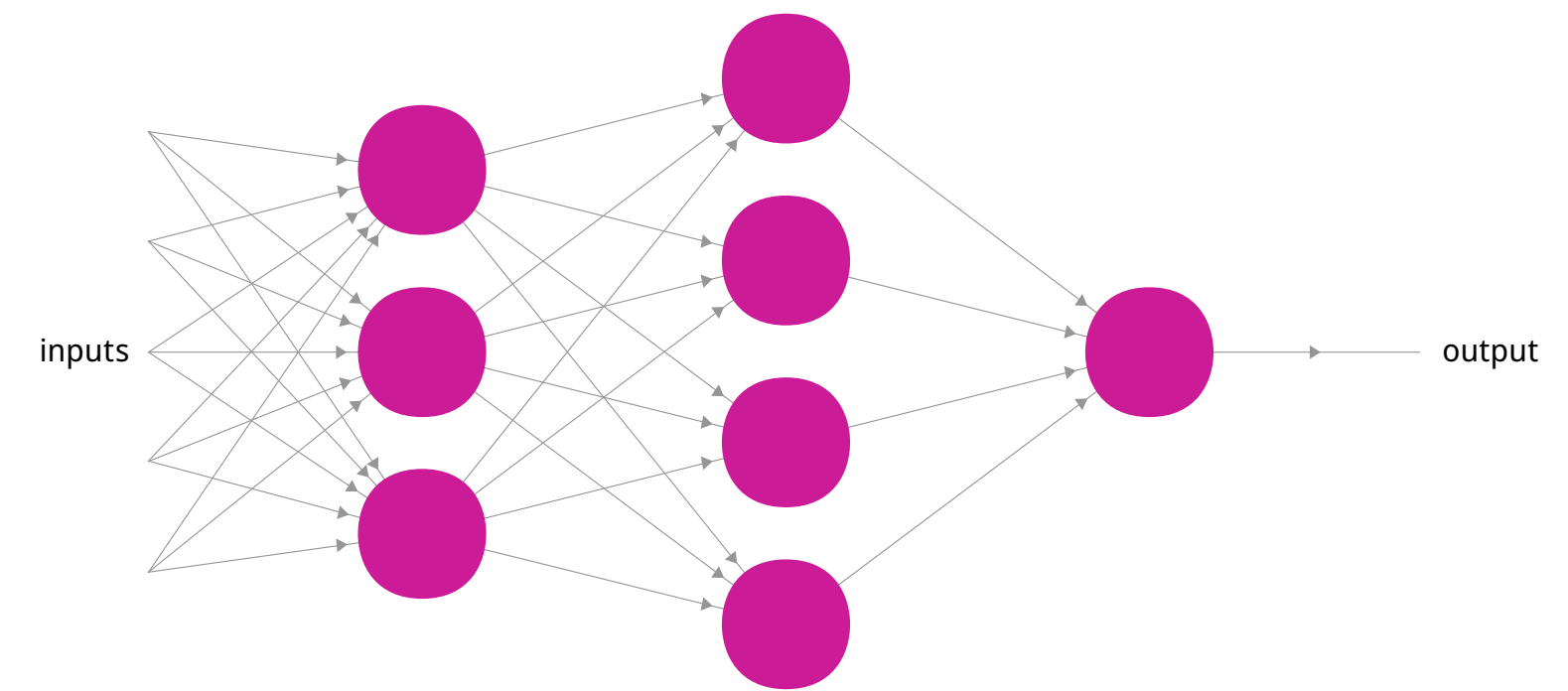
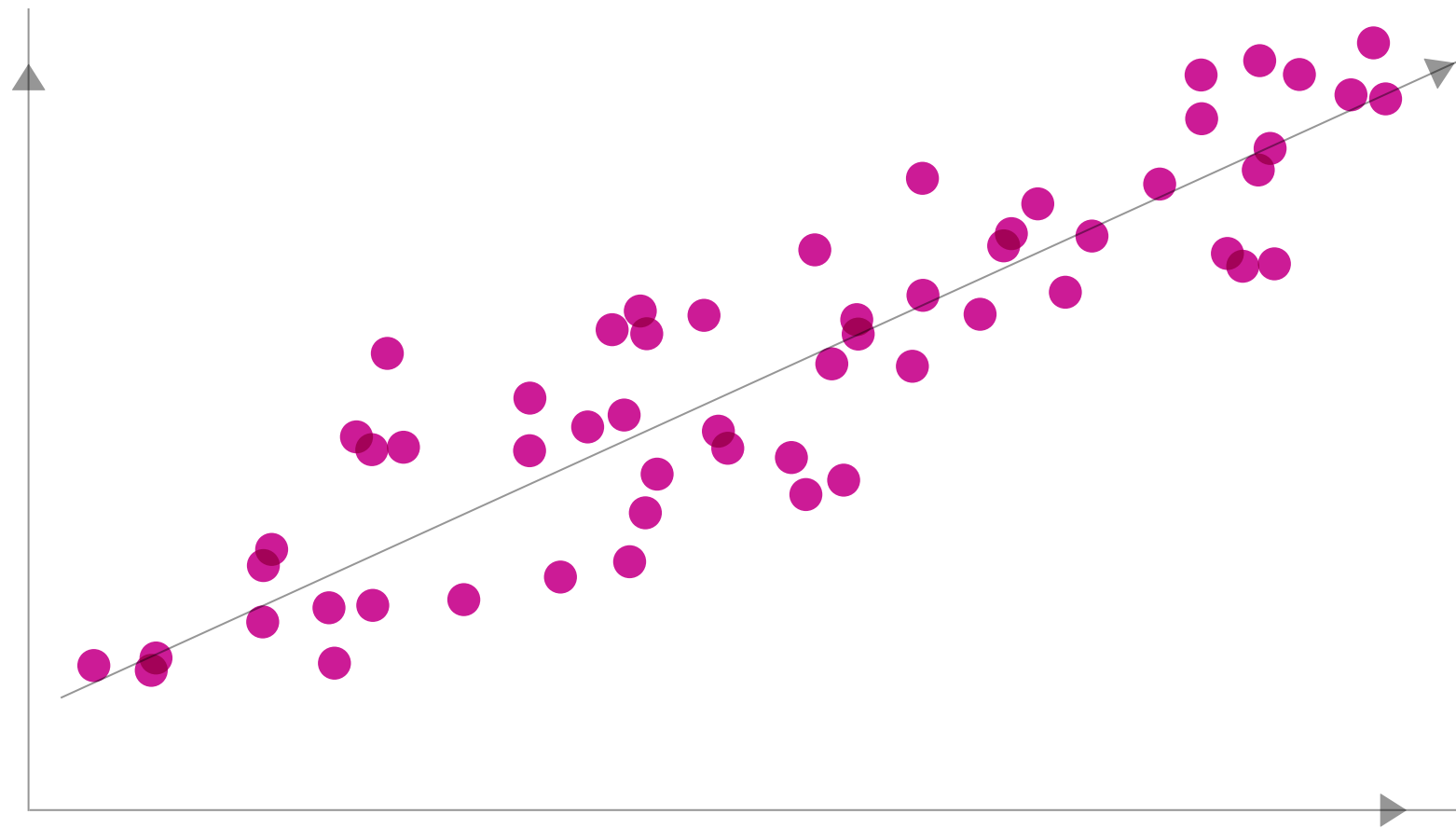
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trillions of parameters and all of the internet

What is Generative AI?

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Generative AI — **creates** text, photos, music, ...

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**What is AI
good/bad at?**

Good

decision tasks

text creation

summarization

trained on **everything**

Bad

ethics/social norms

true/false

logic

arithmetic

What the future may hold

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possible future:

more and more capable, less and less human input is required; “design a drug that cures cancer”