

Crash course in deep learning - Advanced module Generative Models: GANs and Diffusion Models for Image Synthesis

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Elements Room

This class explores Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) and Diffusion Models, two cutting-edge approaches in generative deep learning. You'll learn how GANs revolutionized image synthesis, enabling applications like style transfer and inpainting. Additionally, you'll dive into Diffusion Models, the latest advancement in generative AI, known for their ability to produce highly realistic images, positioning them as a powerful alternative to traditional generative models.

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Giovanni Volpe is a Full Professor at the Physics Department of the University of Gothenburg, where he leads the Soft Matter Lab (<http://softmatterlab.org>) - and an ICFO alumnus. His research interests include soft matter, optical trapping and manipulation, statistical mechanics, brain connectivity, and machine learning. He has authored more than 100 articles and reviews on soft matter, statistical physics, optics, physics of complex systems, brain network analysis, and machine learning. He co-authored the books "Optical Tweezers: Principles and Applications" (Cambridge University Press, 2015) and "Simulation of Complex Systems" (IOP Press, 2021). He has developed several software packages for optical tweezers (OTS - Optical Tweezers Software), brain connectivity (BRAPH-Brain Analysis Using Graph Theory), and microscopy enhanced by deep learning (D

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Target group: ICFO researchers, with priority given to those who have attended the previous

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