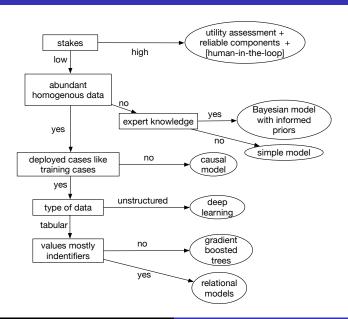
## Deploying AI

- During deployment data comes from the world and actions are carried out in the world.
- What technologies should we use?
- Questions to consider:
  - Are the stakes high or low? (Can mistakes have severe consequences?)
  - ▶ Is there abundant homogeneous data to learn from?
  - Is there expert (prior) knowledge?
  - Are deployed cases like the training cases?
  - Is the data tabular or more unstructured (e.g., images, sounds)?
  - If tabular, are most values identifiers (e.g, transaction/ product numbers) or discrete/real values or other?



## Deploying AI



## Deploying AI (cont.)

- When the stakes are low, there is abundant homogenous data and the deployed cases are expected to be like the training cases, pure machine learning can be used.
- Deep learning has proved to be the choice for unstructured and perceptual data where there are not pre-defined features, such as images, speech, text, and protein sequences.
- For tabular data where the values in the tables can be used to construct features, gradient-boosted trees work well.
- Relational models are used for tabular data where most values are identifiers.
- If the assumption that deployment is like training is inappropriate, causal models can be used to adjust to the deployed situation.



## Deploying AI (cont.)

- If there is not much data, but there is expert knowledge, a causal model with informed priors (e.g., using a Dirichlet distribution) can combine expertise and data.
- If there is little data and no expertise, a simple model such as a decision tree or a linear model is typically the best that can be done. Simplicity depends on the amount of data.
- When the stakes are high:
  - Carry out a complex cost-benefit analysis, based on the utility of all affected stakeholders.
  - Ensure that failures and possibly bad outcomes can be explained and debugged
  - Use a combination of techniques, where each component is well tested and reliable.

