

# CMP784

## DEEP LEARNING

Lecture #06 – Understanding and Visualizing  
Convolutional Neural Networks



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# Previously on CMP784

- convolution layer
- design guidelines for CNNs
- CNN architectures
- transfer learning
- semantic segmentation networks
- object detection networks





# Lecture Overview

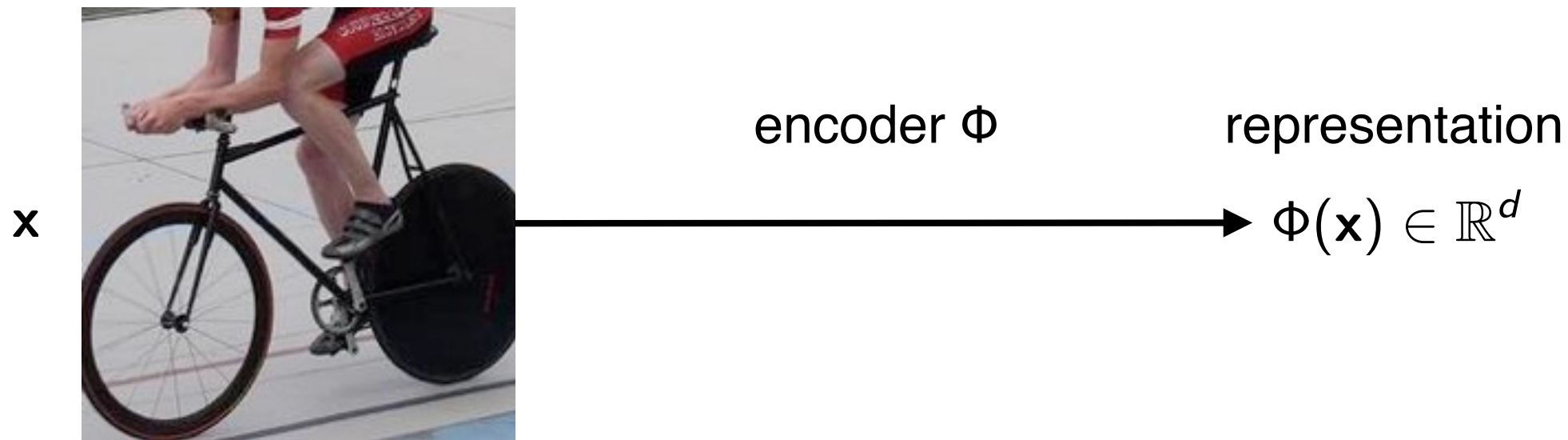
- more on transfer learning
- visualizing neuron activations
- visualizing class activations
- pre-images
- adversarial examples
- adversarial training

**Disclaimer:** Much of the material and slides for this lecture were borrowed from

- Andrea Vedaldi's tutorial on Understanding Visual Representations
- Wojciech Samek's talk on Towards explainable Deep Learning
- Efstratios Gavves and Max Willing's UvA deep learning class
- Fei-Fei Li, Justin Johnson and Serana Yeung's CS231n class
- Ian Goodfellow's talk on Adversarial Examples and Adversarial Training
- Justin Johnson's EECS 498/598 class



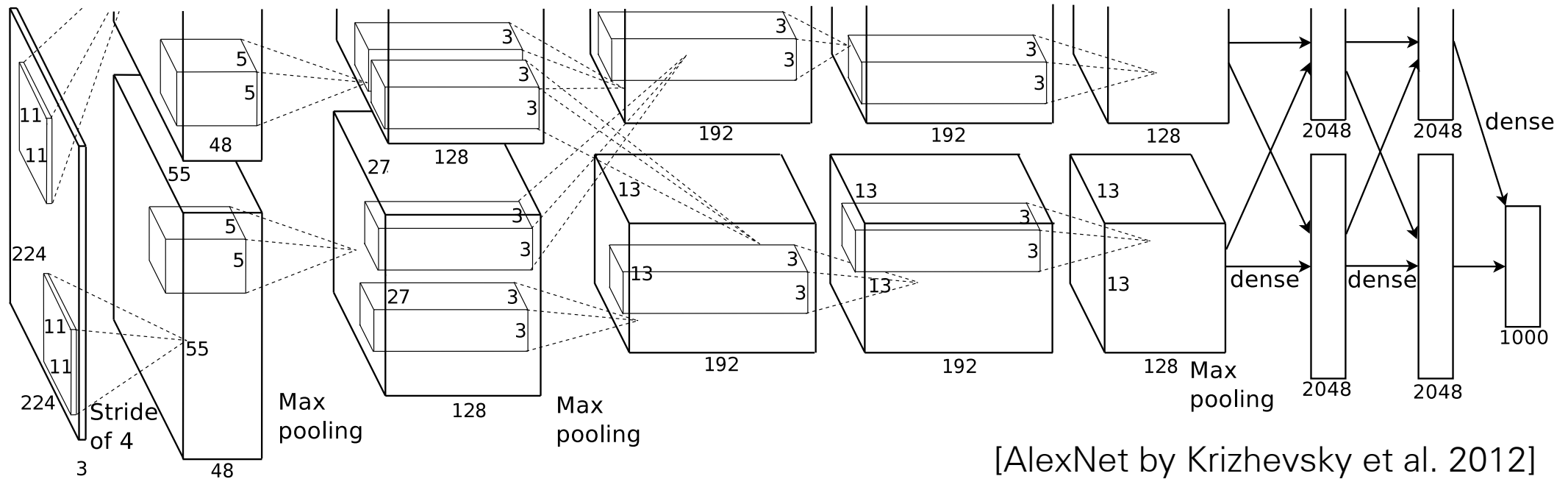
# Image Representations



- An **encoder** maps the data into a **vectorial representation**
- Facilitate labelling of images, text, sound, videos, ...



# Modern Convolutional Nets



Excellent **performance** in most image understanding tasks

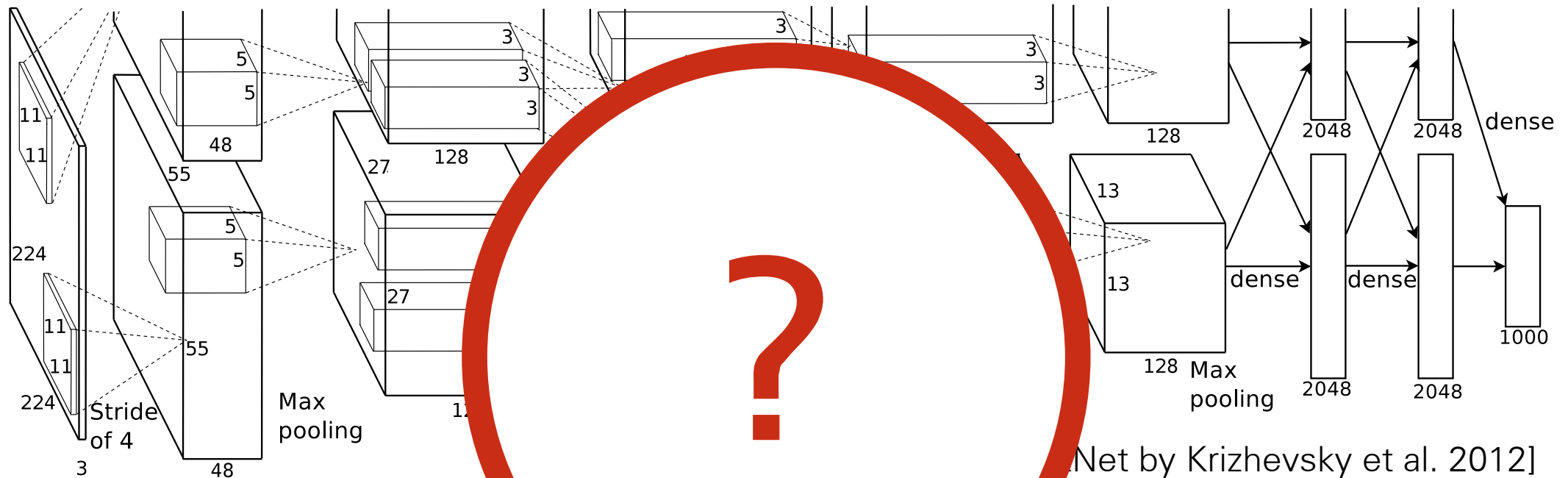
Learn a sequence of **general-purpose representations**

Millions of parameters learned from data

The “**meaning**” of the representation is unclear



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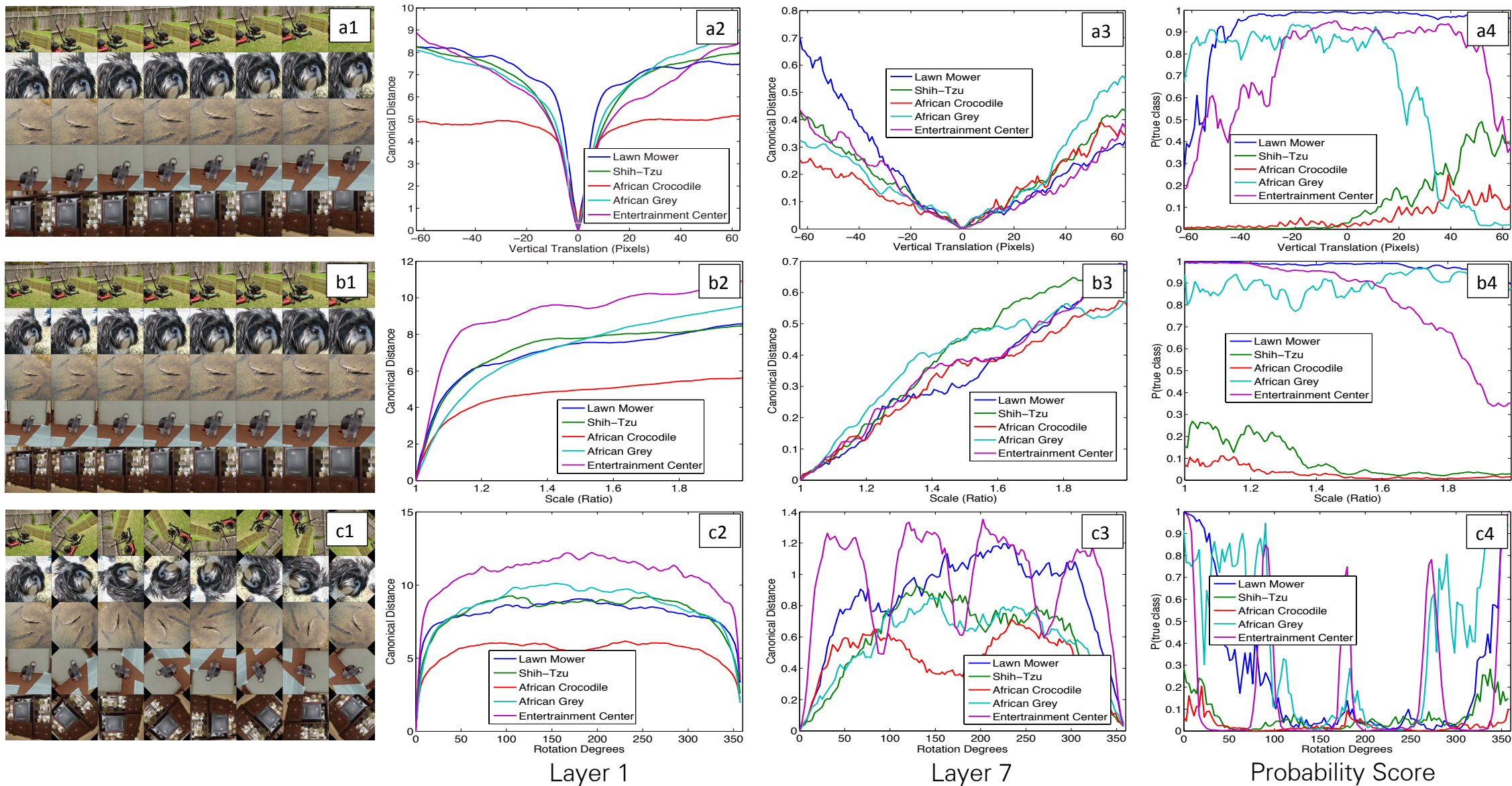
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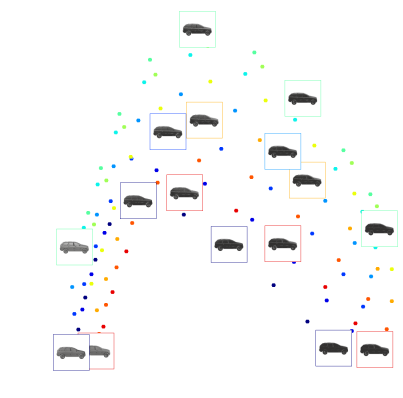
# Transfer Learning with Deep Networks

# Invariance and Covariance

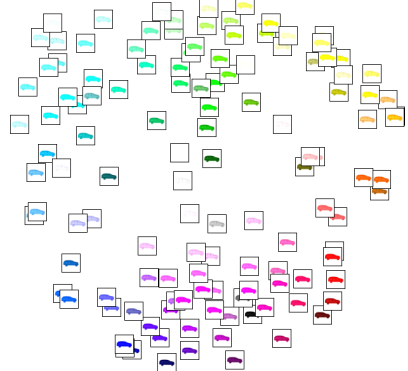




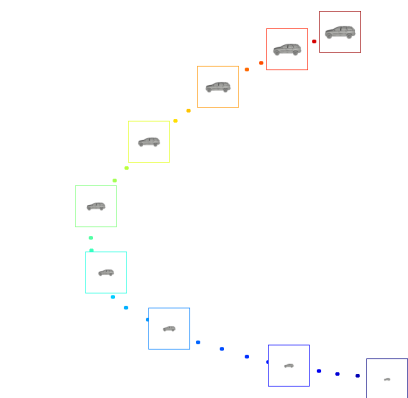
# Filter Invariance and Equivariance



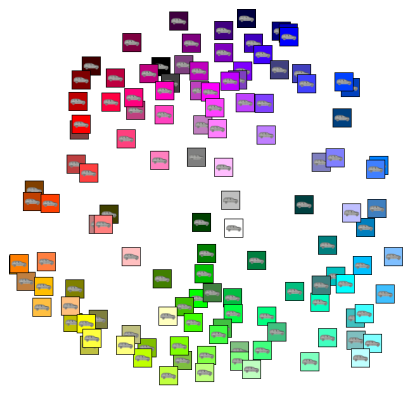
(a) Lighting



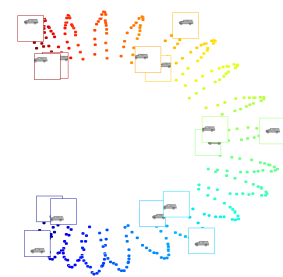
(c) Object color



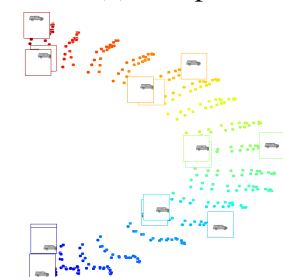
(b) Scale



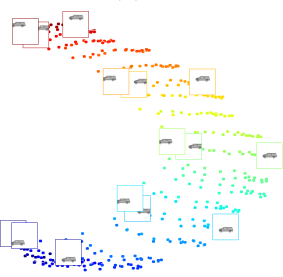
(d) Background color



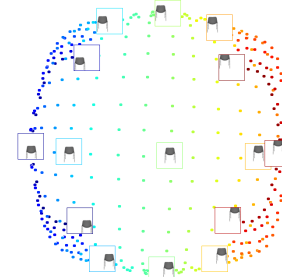
(a) Car, pool5



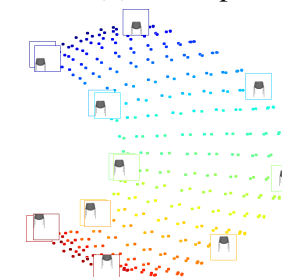
(c) Car, fc6



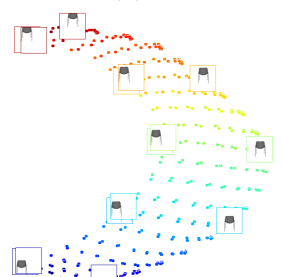
(e) Car, fc7



(b) Chair, pool5



(d) Chair, fc6

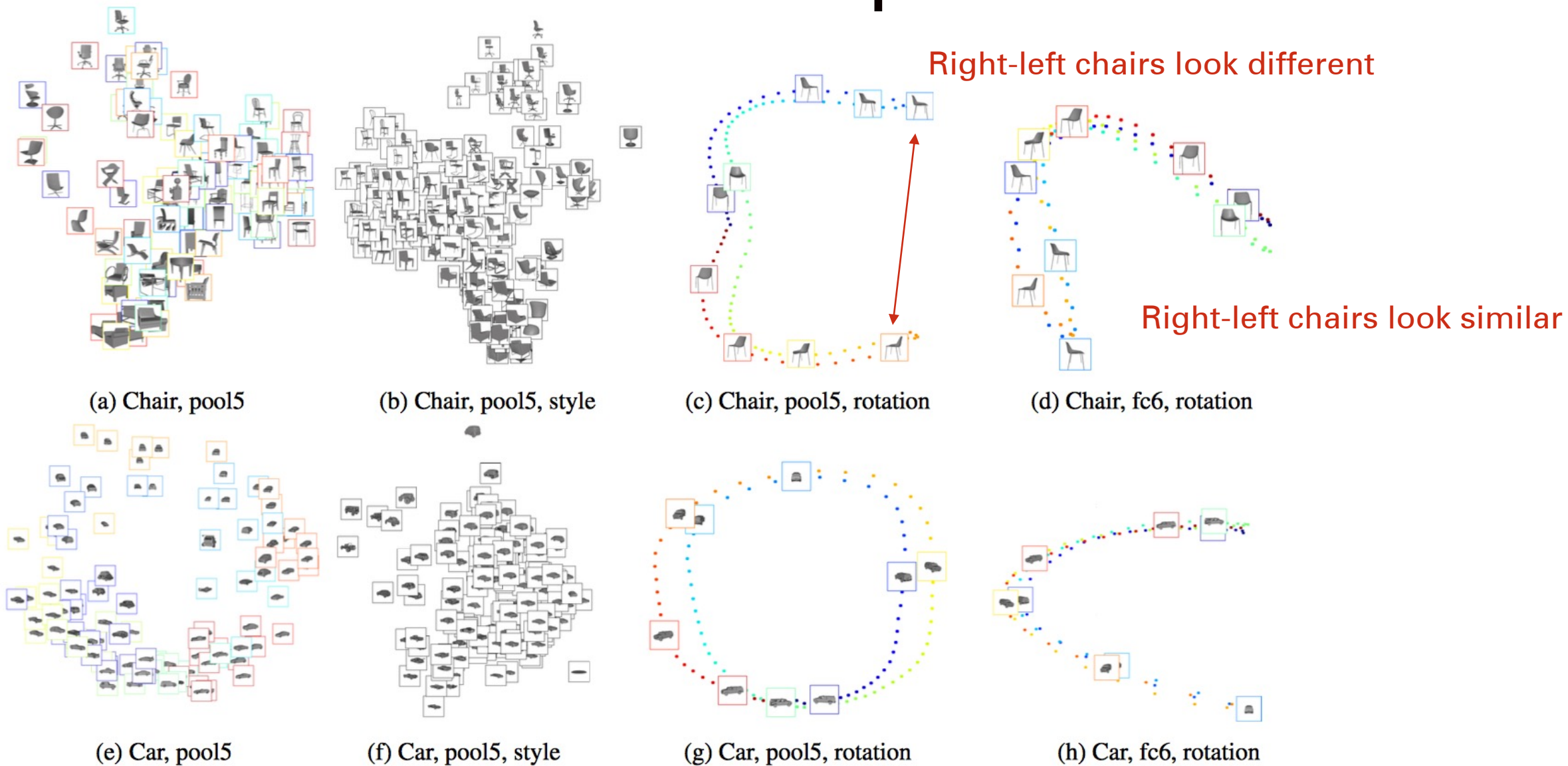


(f) Chair, fc7

- Filters learn how different variances affect appearance
- Different layers and different hierarchies focus on different transformations
- For different objects filters reproduce different behaviors

		pool5	fc6	fc7
Viewpoint	Places	26.8 %	21.4 %	17.8 %
	AlexNet	8.5	7.0	5.9
	VGG	26.4 %	19.4 %	15.6 %
Style	Places	8.3	7.2	6.0
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	VGG	10.0	7.7	6.2
$\Delta^L$	Places	26.8 %	39.1 %	49.4 %
	AlexNet	136.3	105.5	54.6
	VGG	28.2 %	40.3 %	49.4 %
$\Delta^L$	Places	121.1	125.5	96.7
	AlexNet	26.4 %	44.3 %	56.2 %
	VGG	181.9	136.3	94.2
$\Delta^L$	Places	46.8 %	39.5 %	32.9 %
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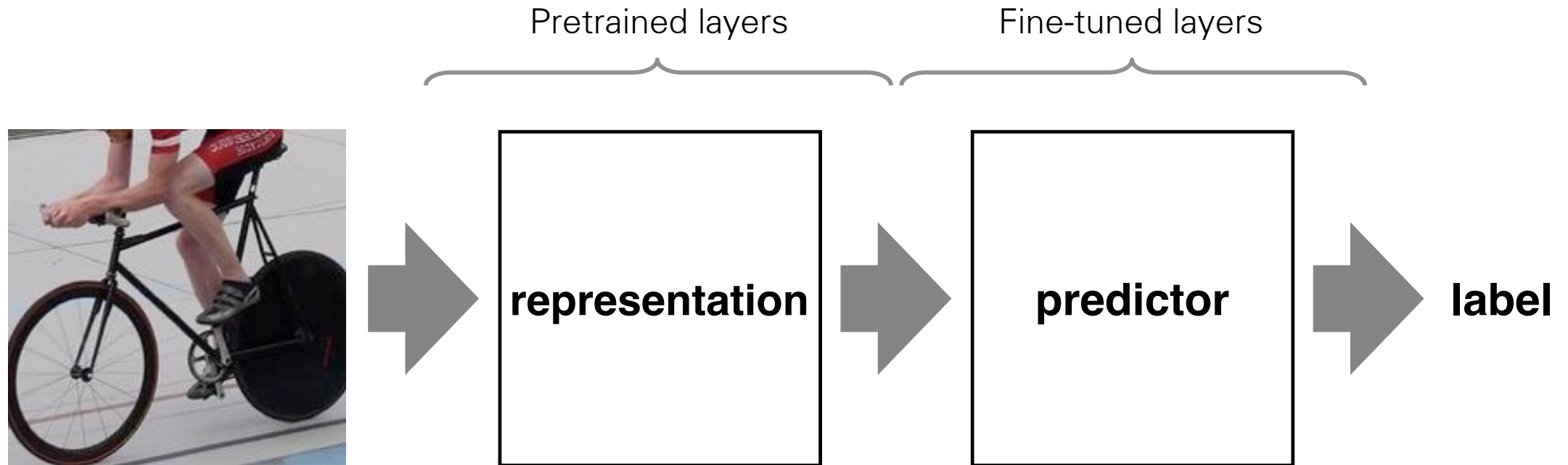
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# Pre-training and Transfer Learning

[Evaluations in A. S. Razavian, 2014, Chatfield et al., 2014]



## CNN as universal representations

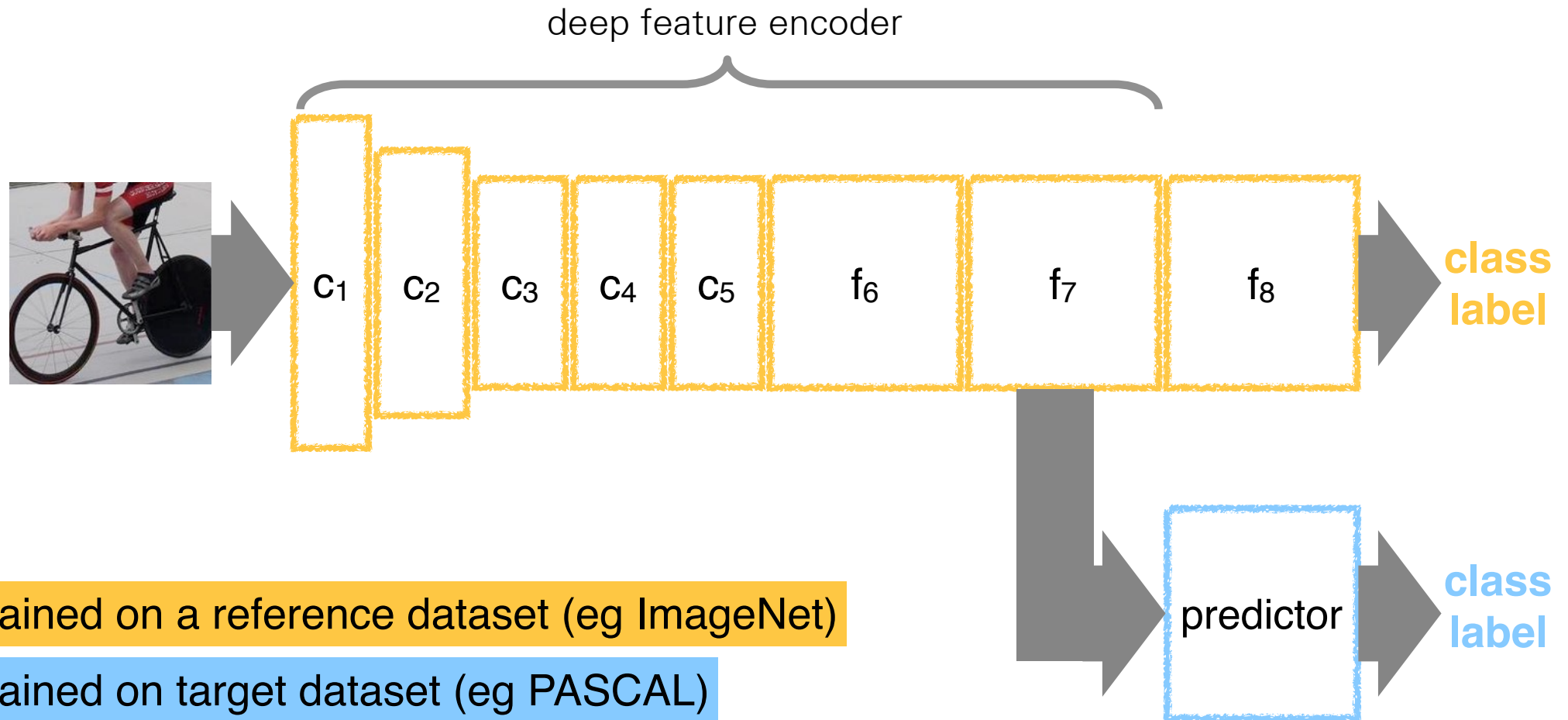
- First several layers in most CNNs are generic
- They can be reused when training data is comparatively scarce.

## Application

- Pre-train on ImageNet classification 1M images
- Cut at some deep conv or FC layer to get features

# Transfer Learning

Deep representations are generic

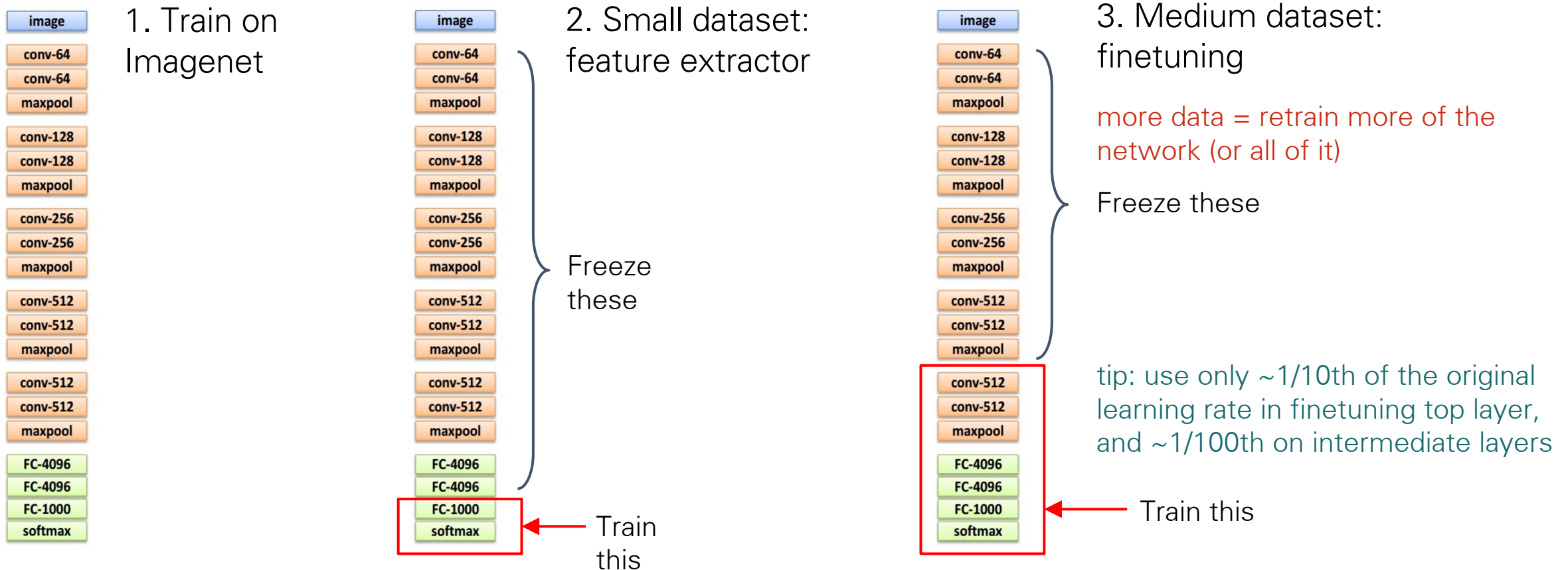


- A general purpose deep encoder is obtained by chopping off the last layers of a CNN trained on a large dataset.



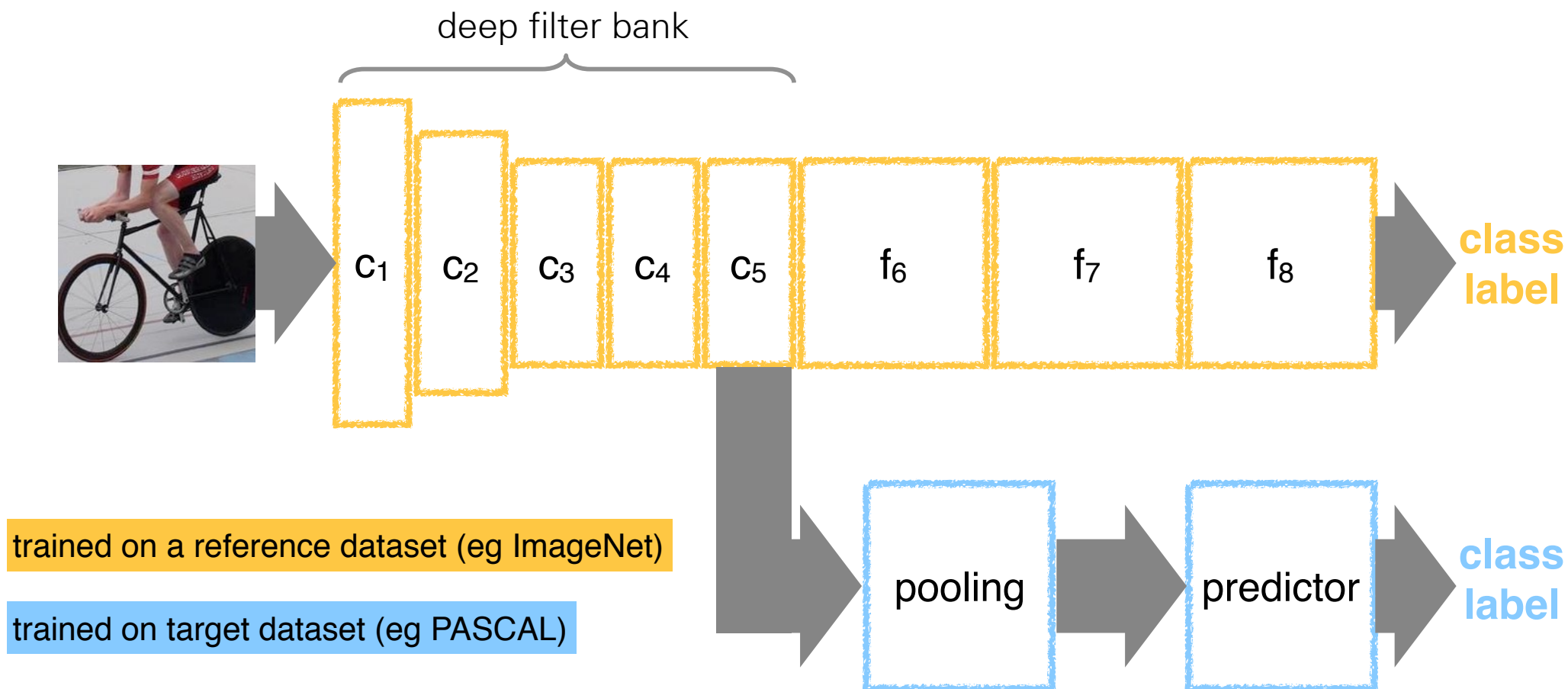
# Transfer Learning with CNNs

- Keep layers 1-7 of our ImageNet-trained model fixed
- Train a new softmax classifier on top using the training images of the new dataset.



# CNNs as Filter Banks

Deep representations used as local features



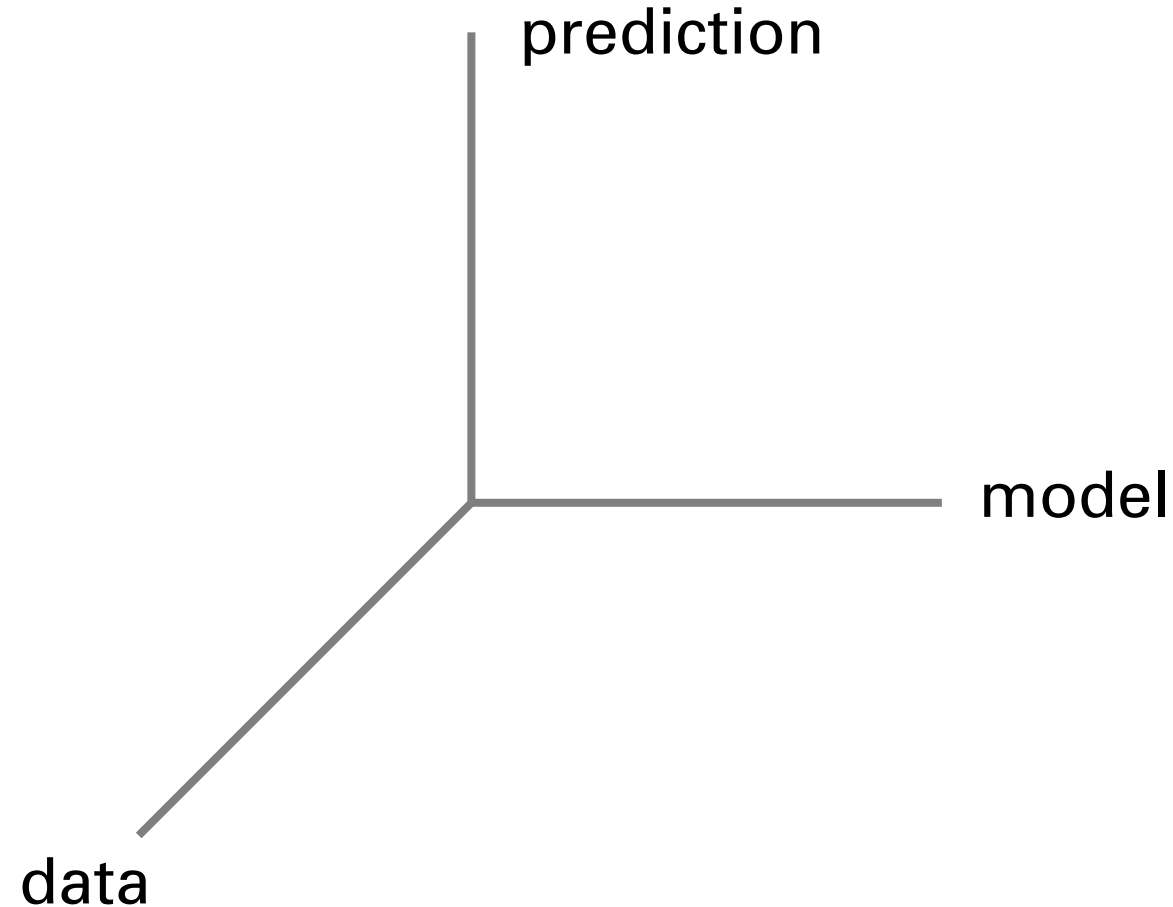
- In R-CNN and similar models, the most important shared component are the convolutional features.



# Interpretability

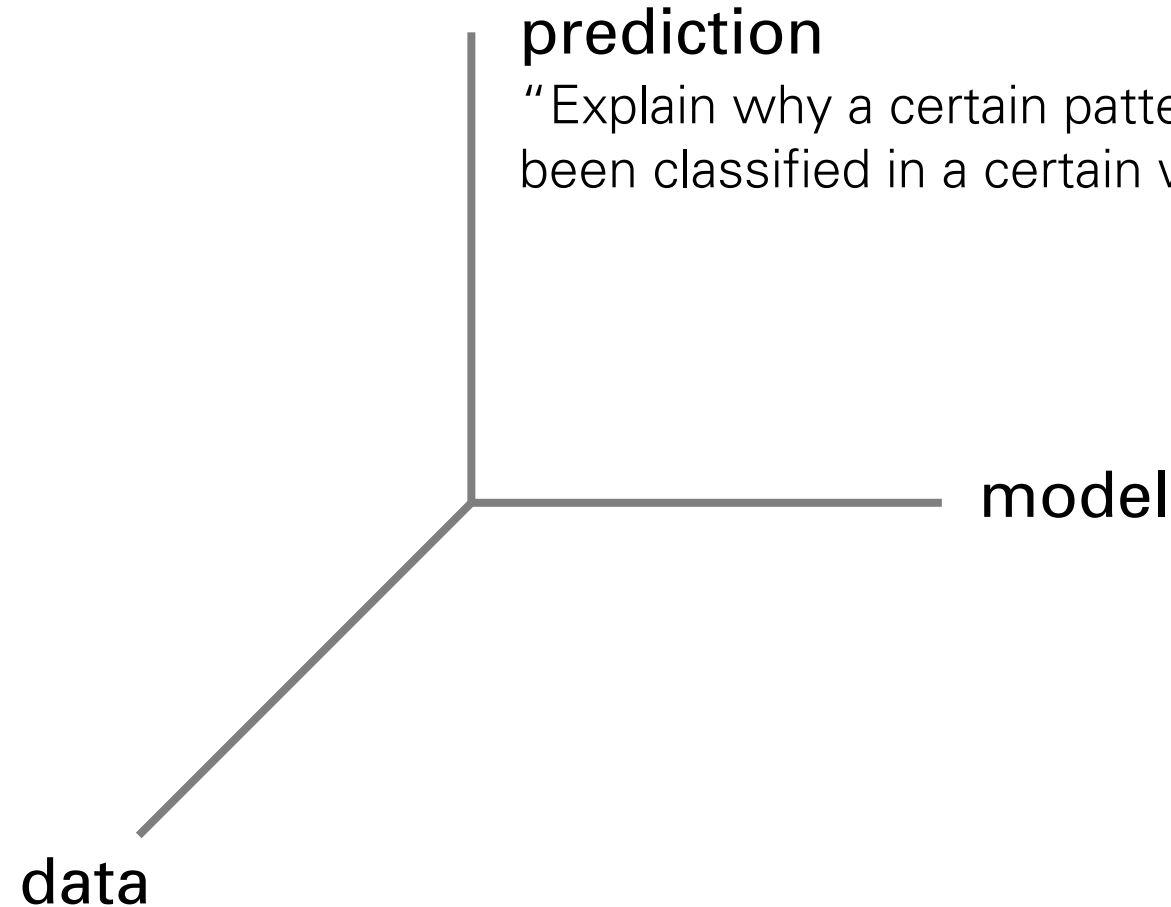
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Different dimensions  
of “interpretability”



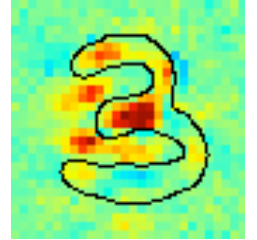
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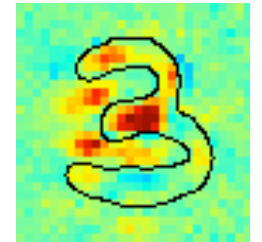
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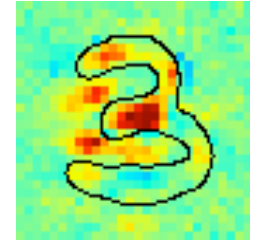


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## data

“Which dimensions of the data are most relevant for the task.”



# Why Interpretability?

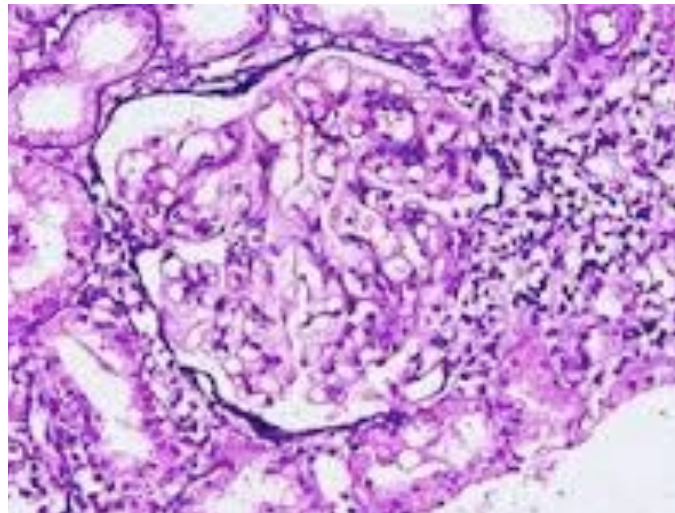
## 1) Verify that classifier works as expected

Wrong decisions can be costly and dangerous

“Autonomous car crashes,  
because it wrongly recognizes ...”



“AI medical diagnosis system  
misclassifies patient’s disease ...”



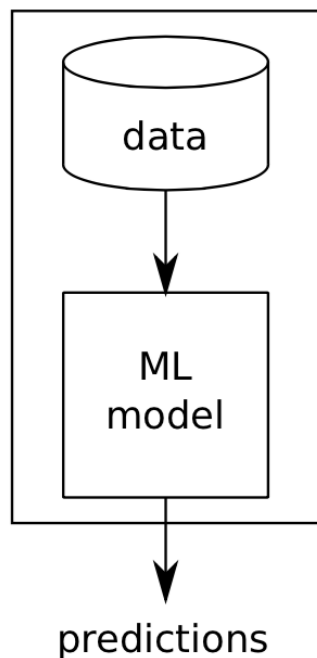


# Why Interpretability?

## 2) Improve classifier

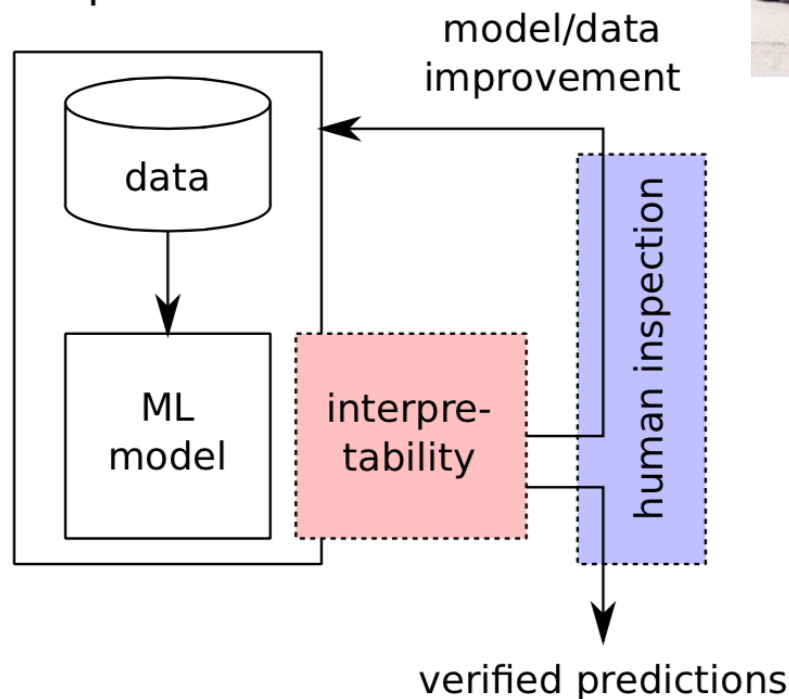


Standard ML



*Generalization error*

Interpretable ML



*Generalization error + human experience*

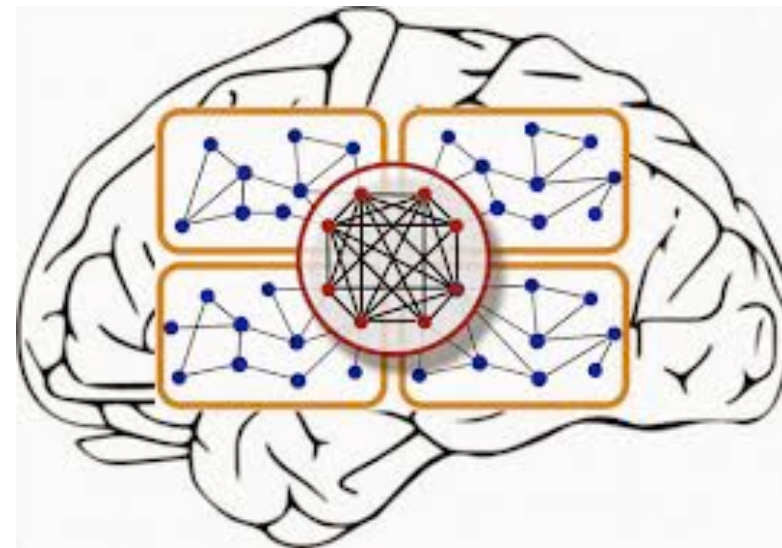
# Why Interpretability?

## 3) Learn from the learning machine

“It's not a human move. I've never seen a human play this move.” (Fan Hui)



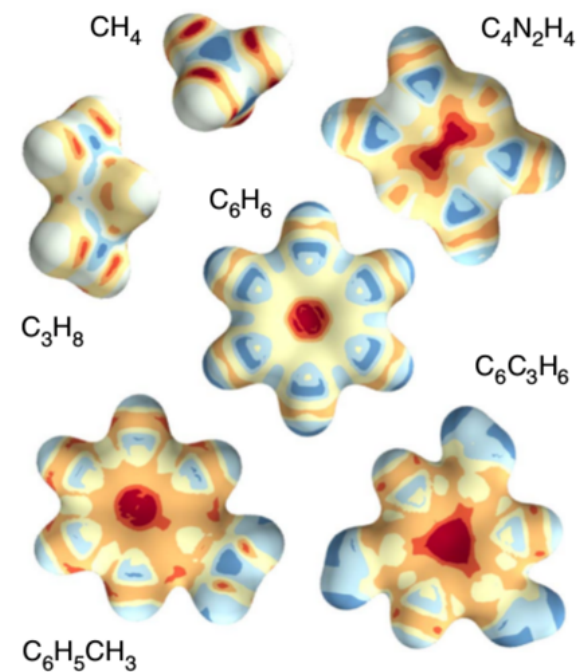
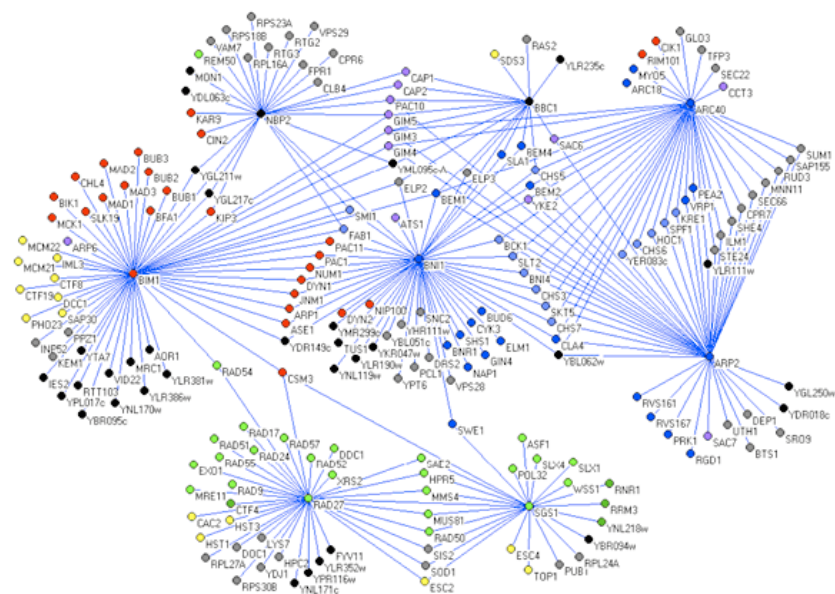
Old promise:  
“Learn about the human brain.”



# Why Interpretability?

## 4) Interpretability in the sciences

Learn about the physical / biological / chemical mechanisms.  
(e.g. find genes linked to cancer, identify binding sites ...)



# Why Interpretability?

## 5) Compliance to legislation

European Union's new General Data Protection Regulation  $\longrightarrow$  "right to explanation"

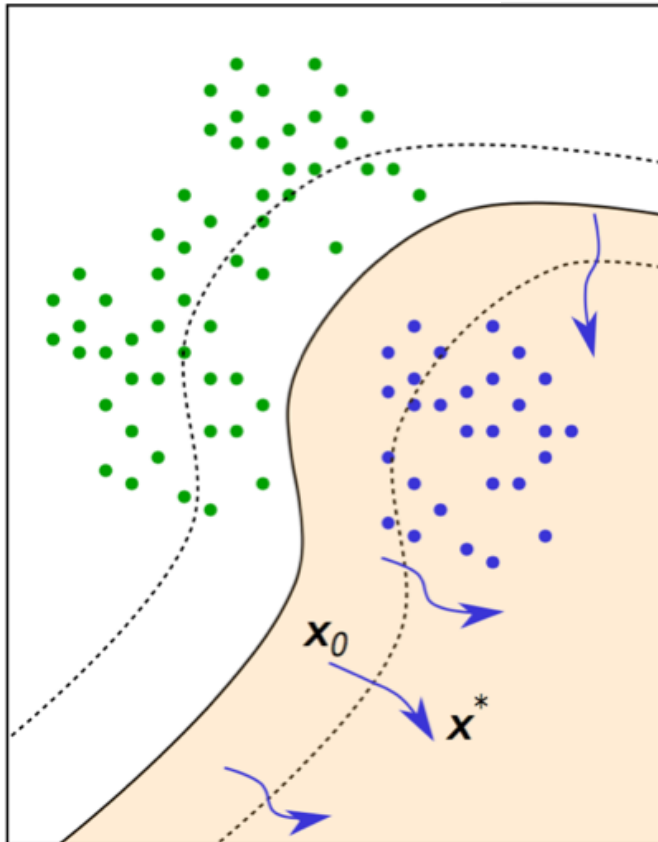
Retain human decision in order to assign responsibility.

"With interpretability we can ensure that ML models work in compliance to proposed legislation."

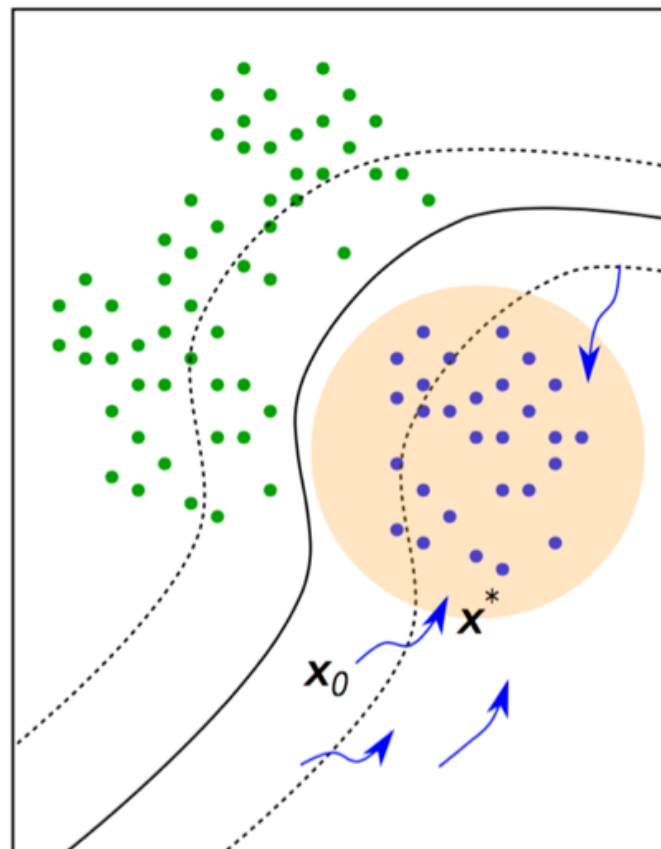


# Dimensions of Interpretation

model analysis

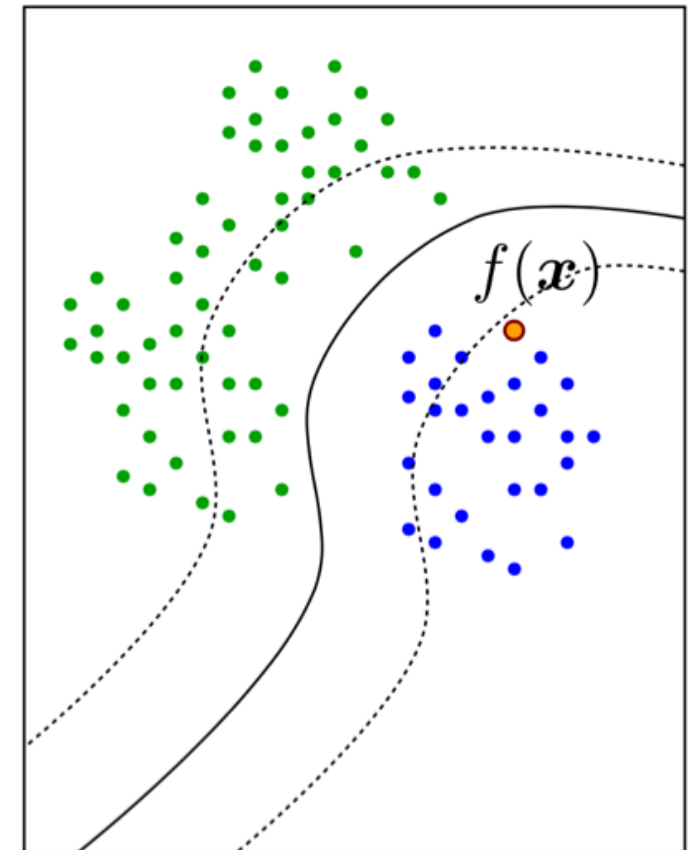


Find the input pattern that maximizes class probability.



Find the most likely input pattern for a given class.

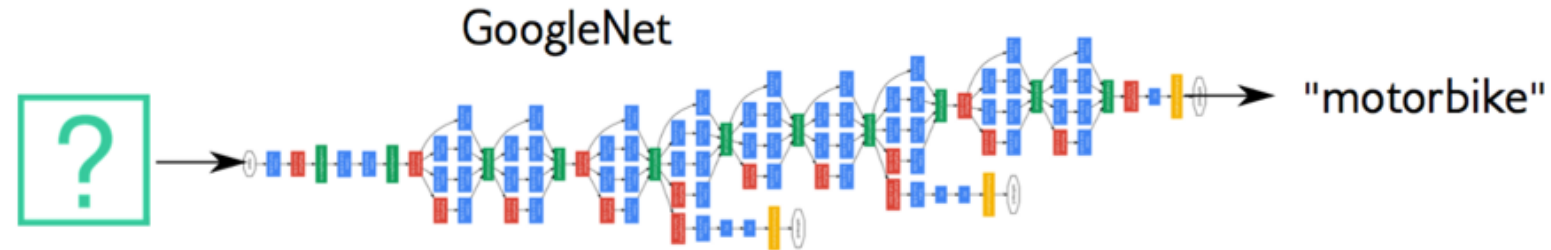
decision analysis



Explain individual prediction.

# Dimensions of Interpretation

- Finding a prototype:



Question: How does a "motorbike" typically look like

- Individual explanation:



Question: Why is this example classified as motorbike?

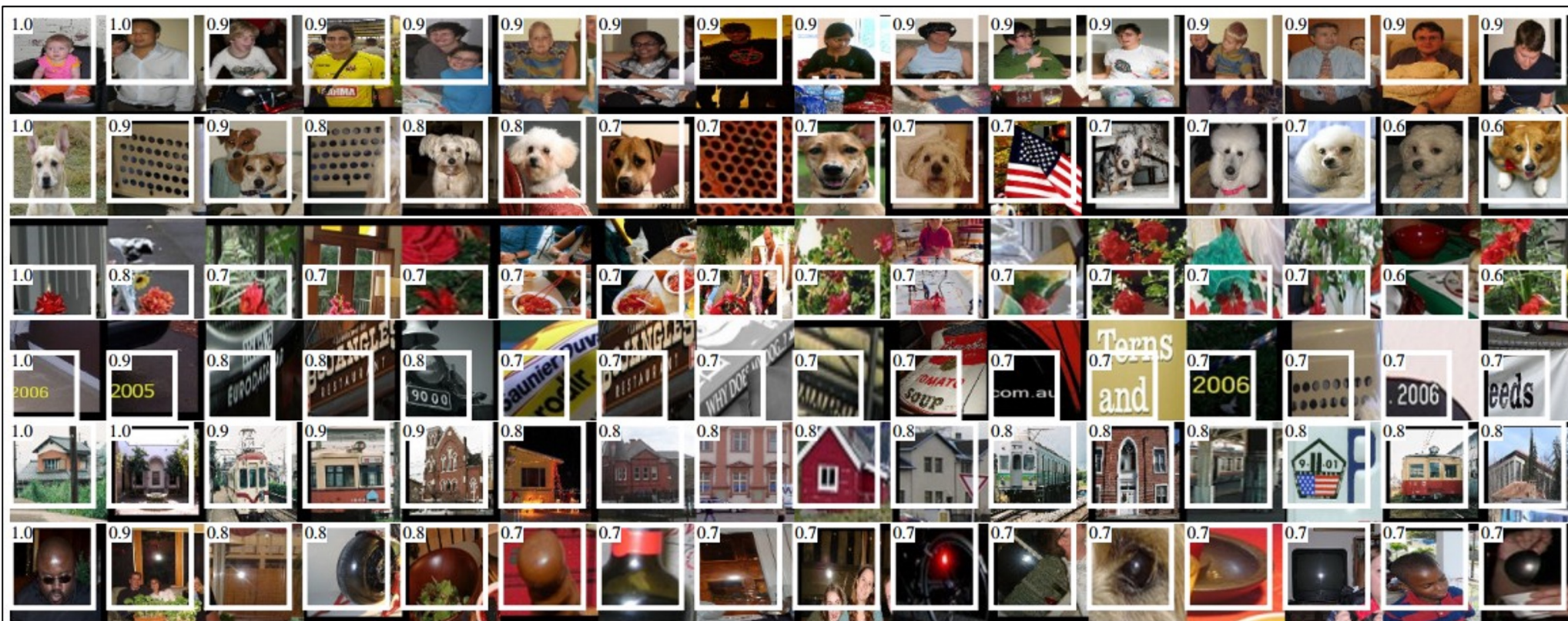
# Some Approaches

- Visualize patches that maximally activate neurons
- Visualize the weights
- Visualize the representation space (e.g. with t-SNE)
- Occlusion experiments
- Human experiment comparisons
- Deconv approaches (single backward pass)
- Optimization over image approaches (optimization)



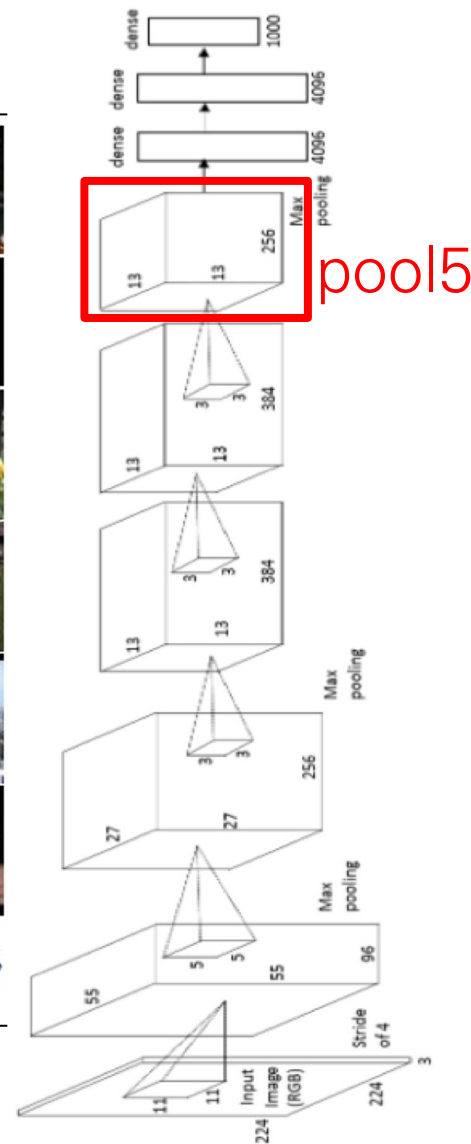
# Visualize patches that maximally activate neurons

one-stream AlexNet



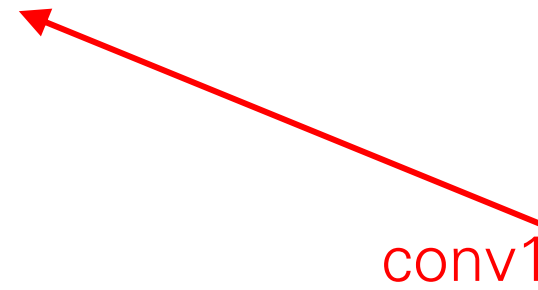
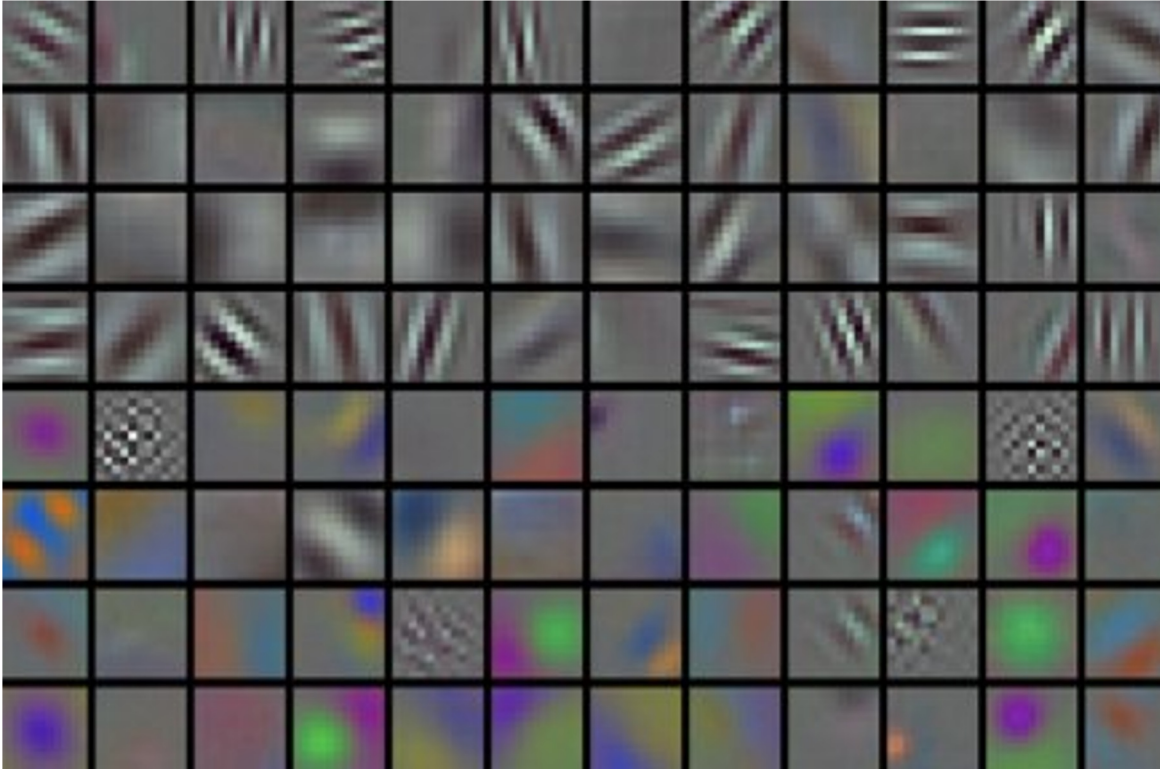
**Figure 4: Top regions for six  $\text{pool}_5$  units.** Receptive fields and activation values are drawn in white. Some units are aligned to concepts, such as people (row 1) or text (4). Other units capture texture and material properties, such as dot arrays (2) and specular reflections (6).

Rich feature hierarchies for accurate object detection and semantic segmentation  
[Girshick, Donahue, Darrell, Malik]

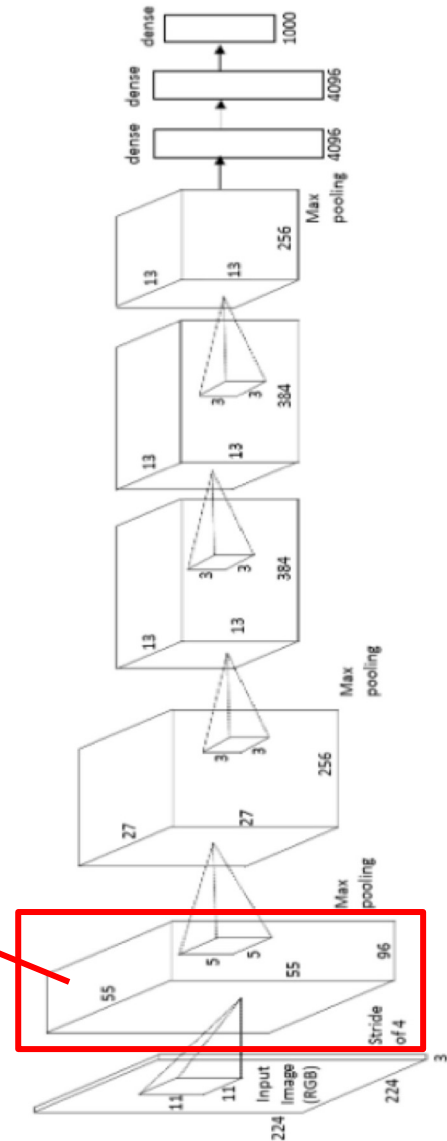




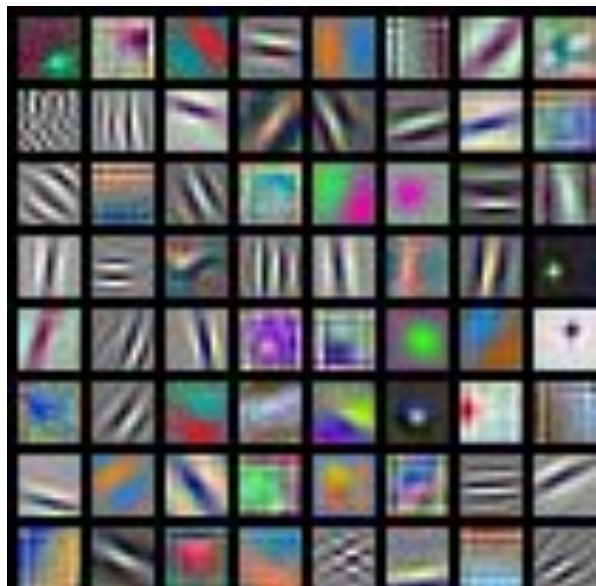
# First Layer: Visualize Filters



only interpretable on the first layer :(



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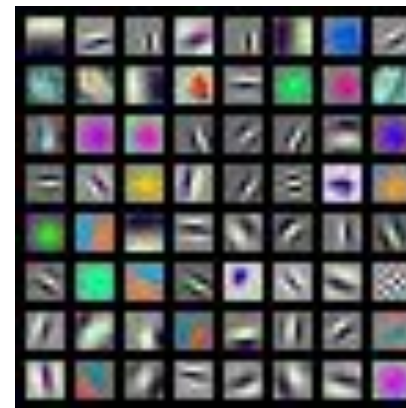
AlexNet:  
64 x 3 x 11 x 11



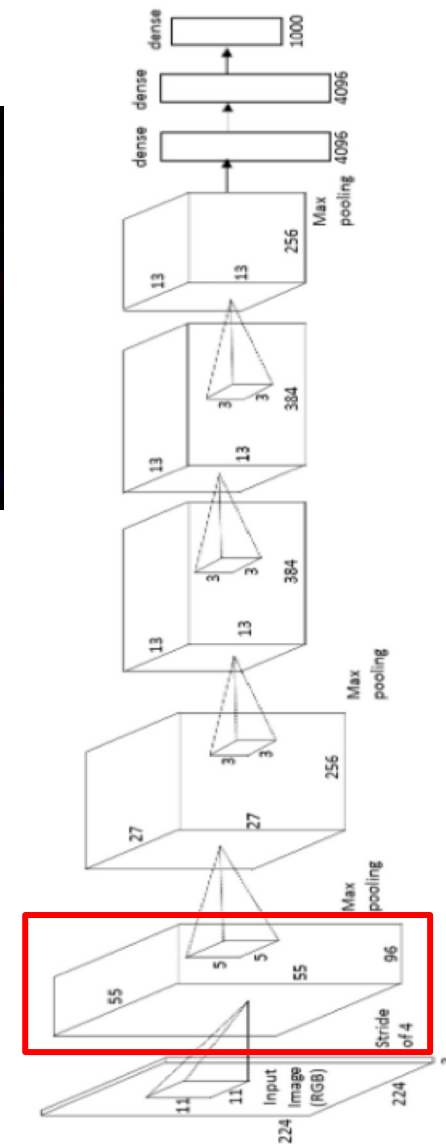
ResNet-18:  
64 x 3 x 7 x 7



ResNet-101:  
64 x 3 x 7 x 7



DenseNet-121:  
64 x 3 x 7 x 7



Krizhevsky, "One weird trick for parallelizing convolutional neural networks", arXiv 2014  
He et al, "Deep Residual Learning for Image Recognition", CVPR 2016  
Huang et al, "Densely Connected Convolutional Networks", CVPR 2017

# Higher Layers: Visualize Filters

Weights:  


layer 1 weights

Weights:  


layer 2 weights

Weights:  

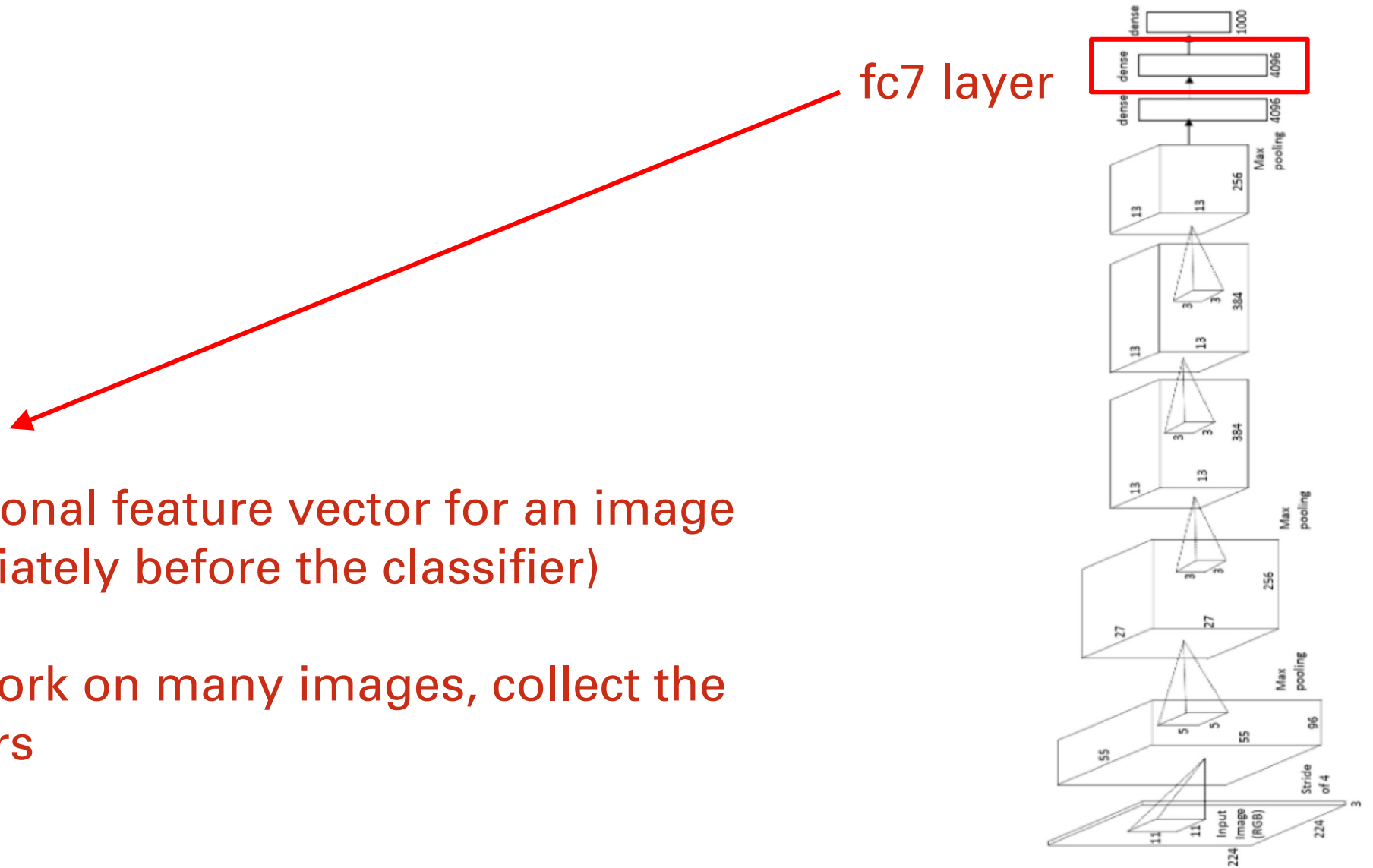

layer 3 weights

you can still do it  
for higher layers,  
it's just not that  
interesting

(these are taken  
from ConvNetJS  
CIFAR-10 demo)



# Last Layer



fc7 layer

4096-dimensional feature vector for an image  
(layer immediately before the classifier)

Run the network on many images, collect the  
feature vectors

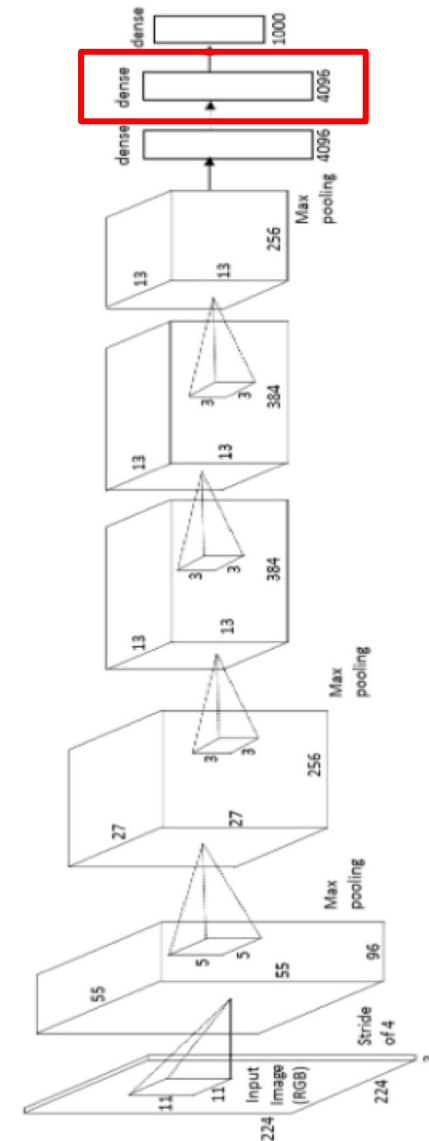
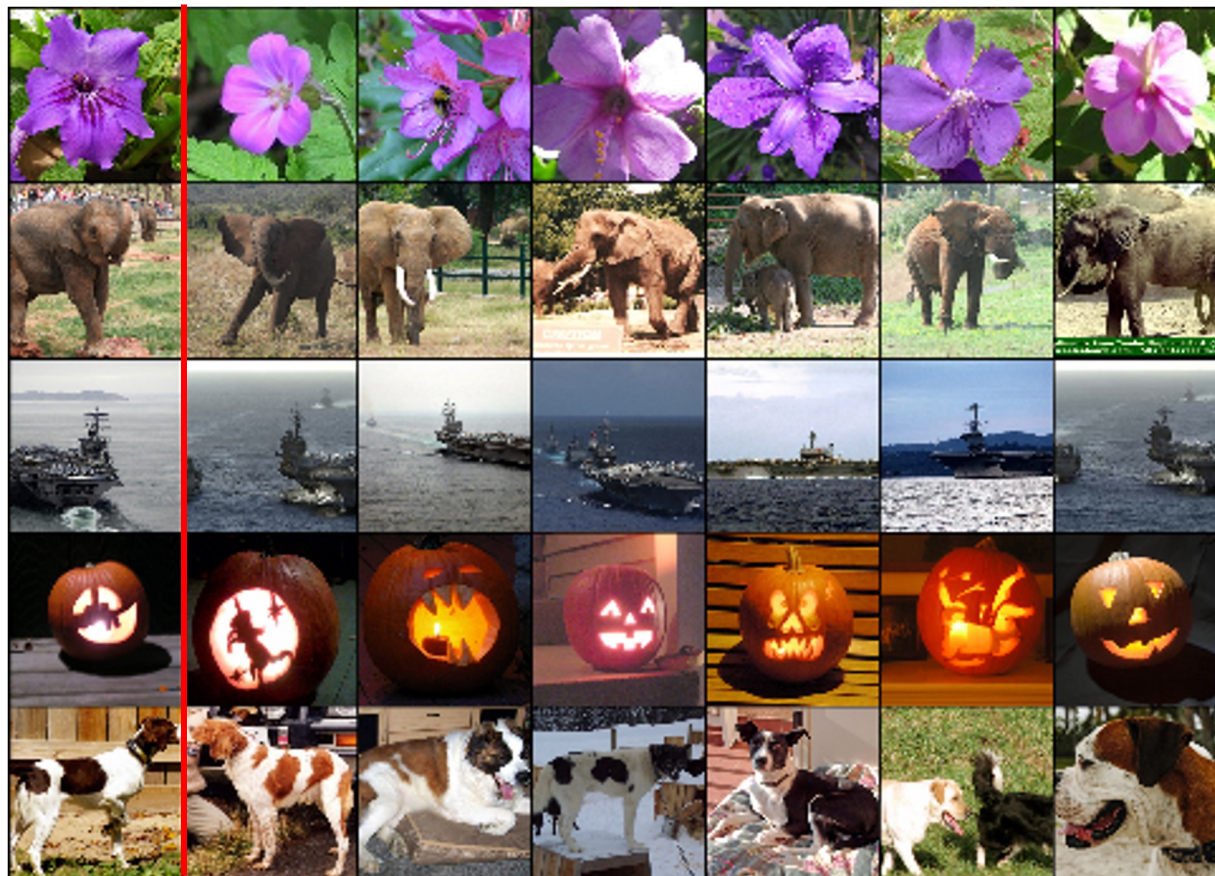


# Last Layer: Nearest Neighbors

Recall: Nearest neighbors in pixel space



Test image L2 Nearest neighbors in feature space

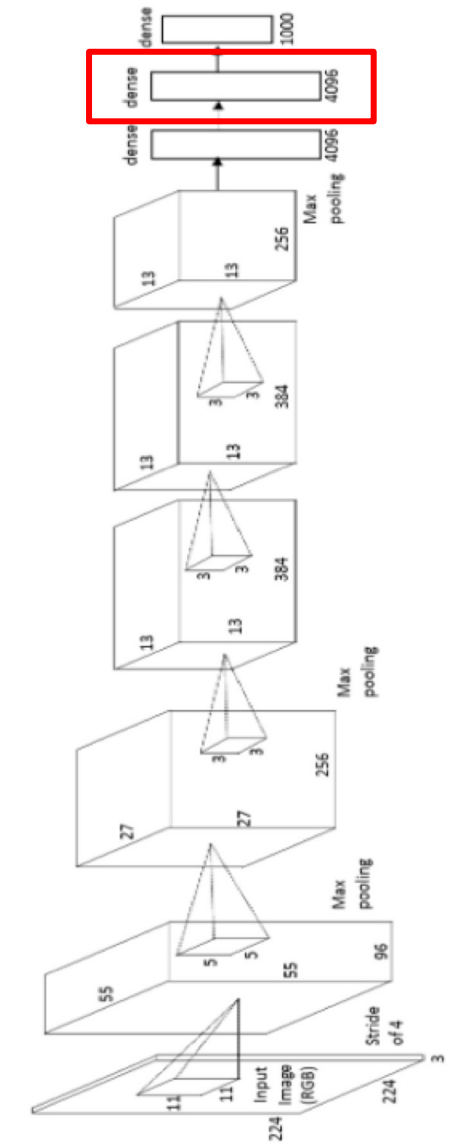
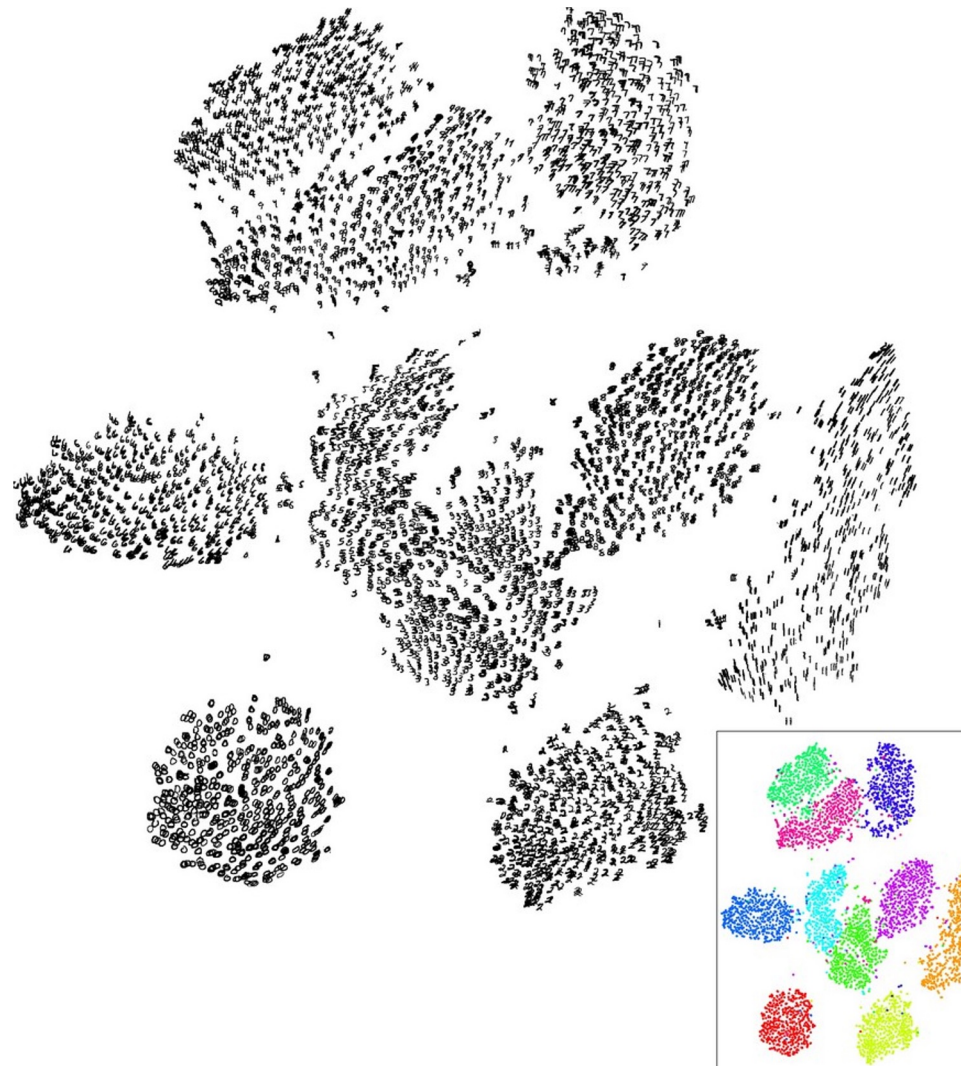


# Last Layer: Dimensionality Reduction

## t-SNE visualization

[van der Maaten & Hinton]

- Embed high-dimensional points so that locally, pairwise distances are conserved
- i.e. similar things end up in similar places. dissimilar things end up wherever
- **Right:** Example embedding of MNIST digits (0-9) in 2D

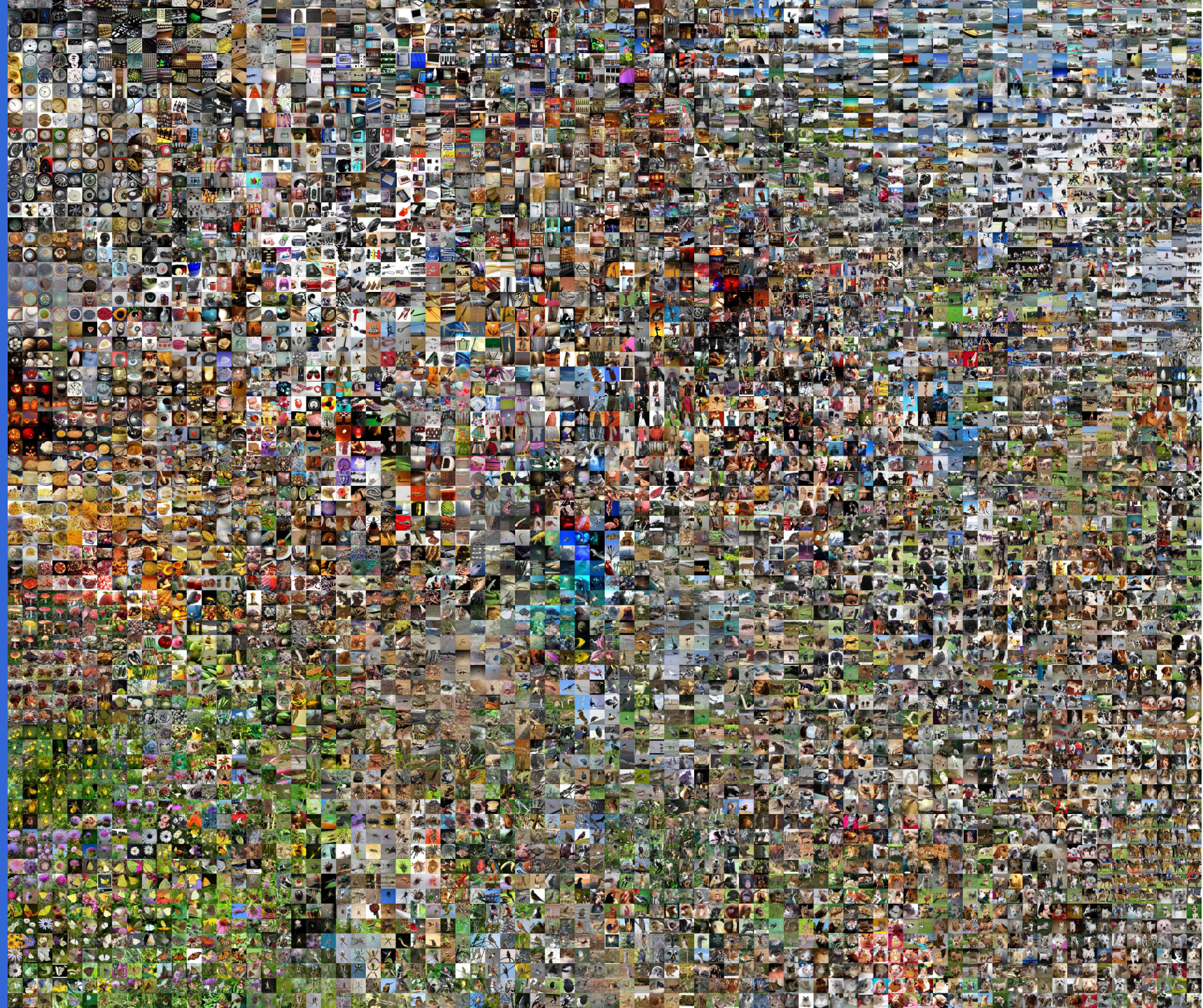




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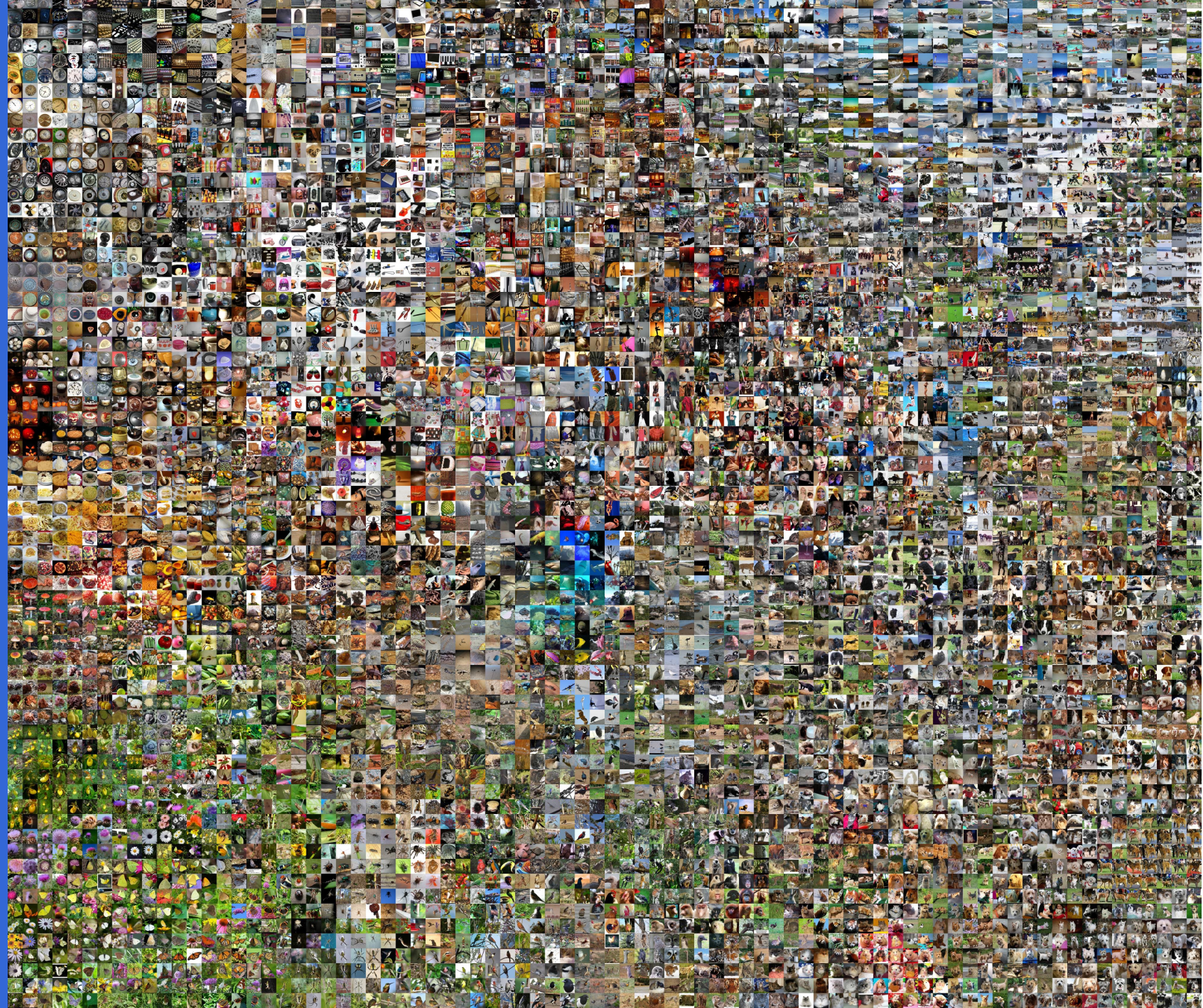
- two images are placed nearby if their CNN codes are close. See more:

<http://cs.stanford.edu/people/karpathy/cnnembed/>



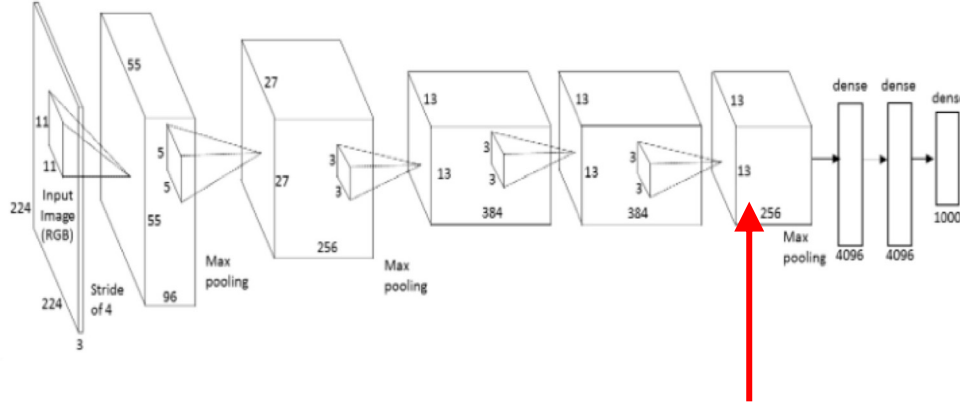


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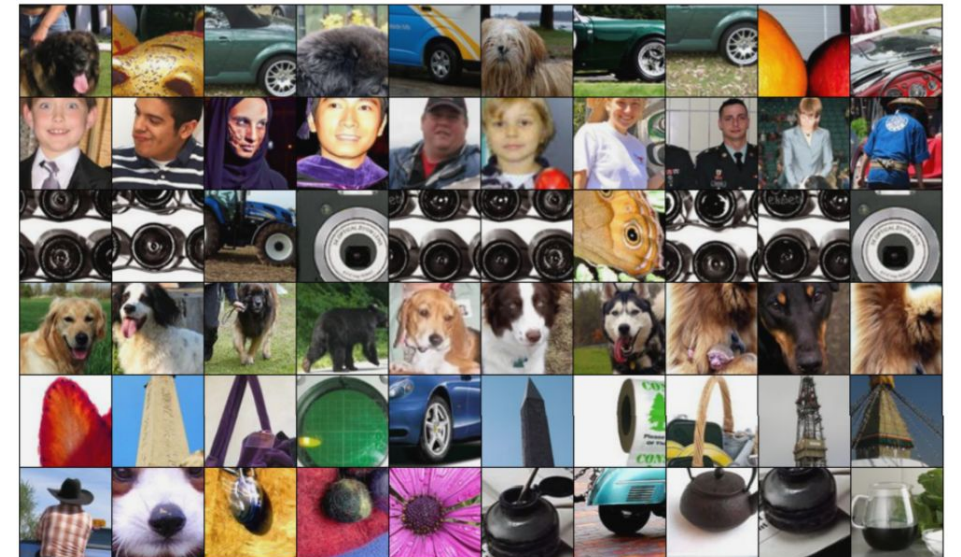




# Visualize patches that maximally activate neurons

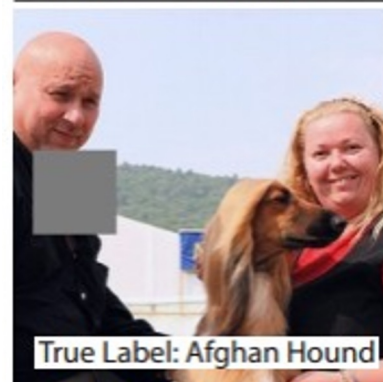


- Pick a layer and a channel; e.g. conv5 is 128 x 13 x 13, pick channel 17/128
- Run many images through the network, record values of chosen channel
- Visualize image patches that correspond to maximal activations



# Which Pixels Matter? Saliency via Occlusion

(a) Input Image

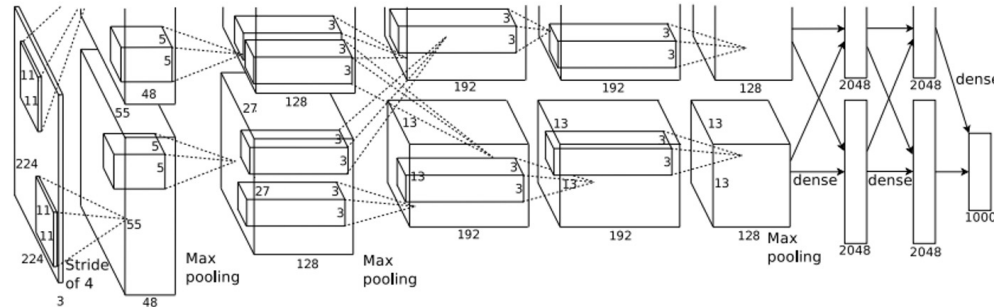
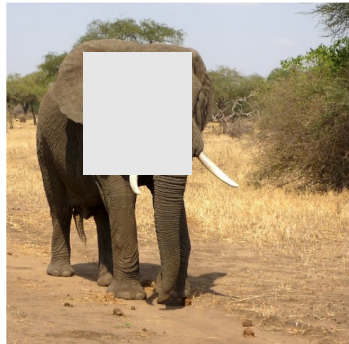
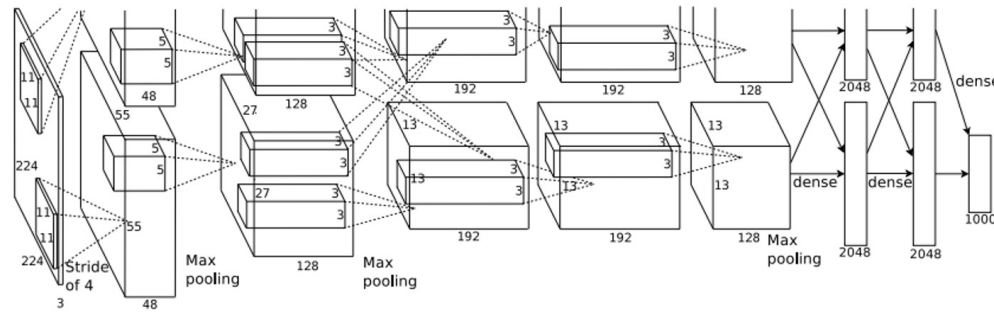
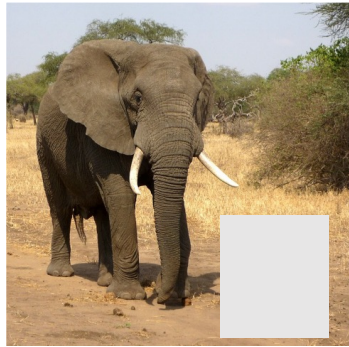


(d) Classifier, probability of correct class

(as a function of the position of the square of zeros in the original image)

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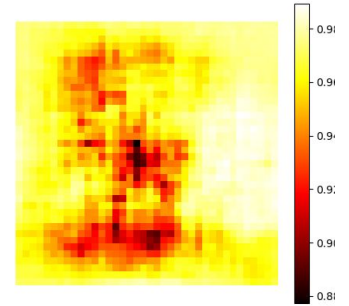
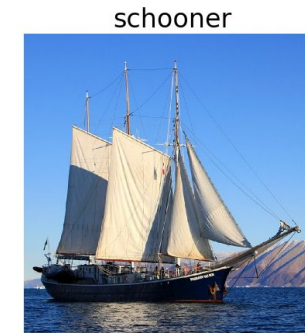
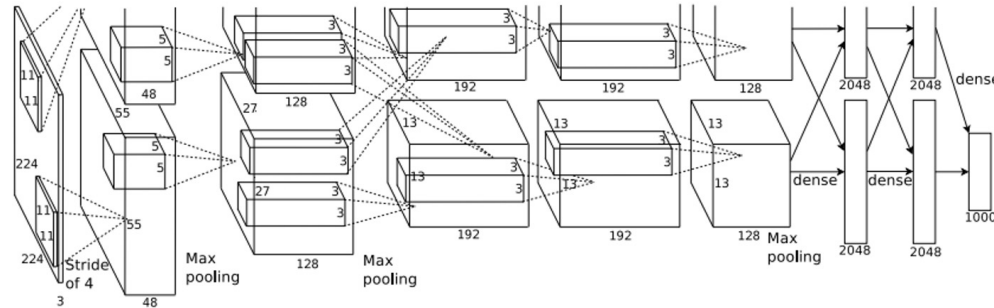
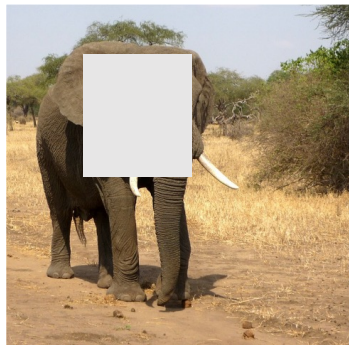
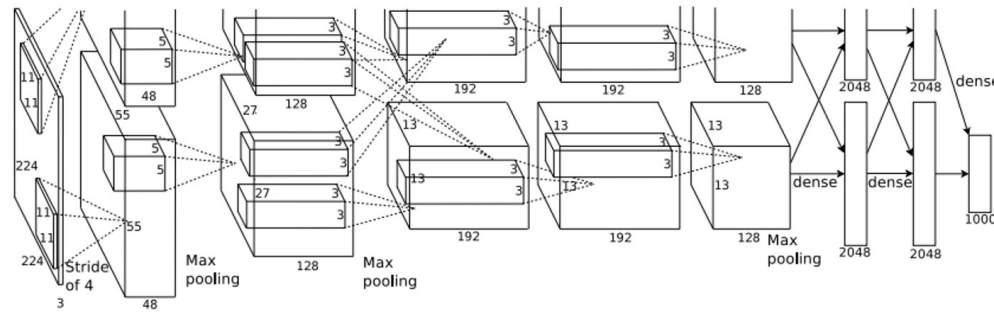
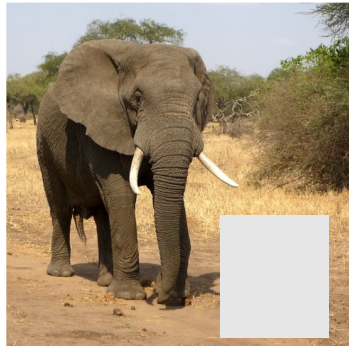
Mask part of the image before feeding to CNN, check how much predicted probabilities change



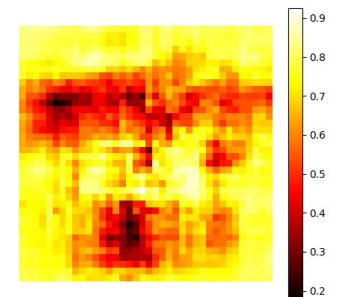
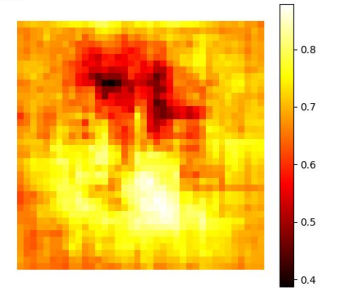


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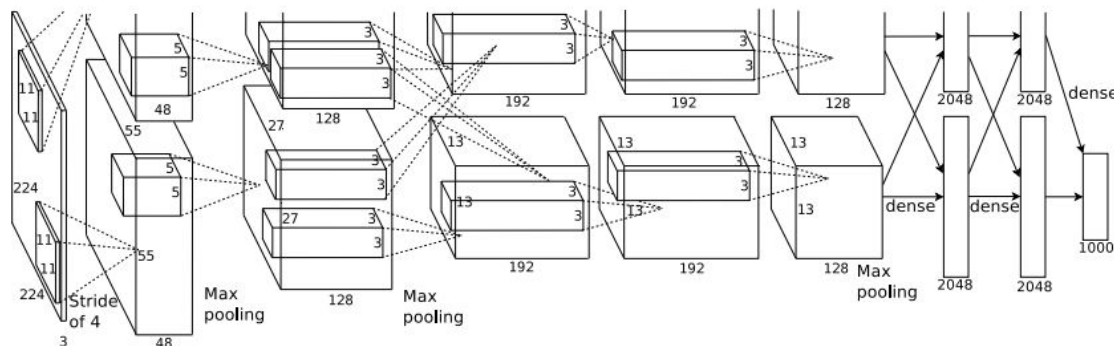
African elephant, *Loxodonta africana*





# Which pixels matter? Saliency via Backprop

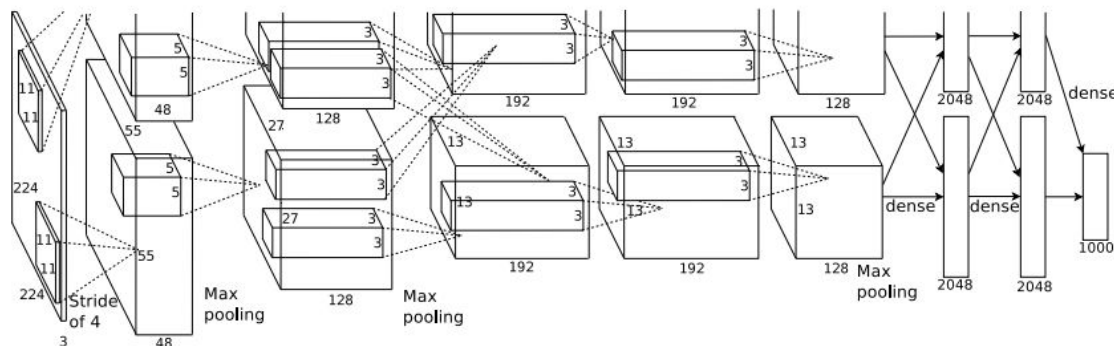
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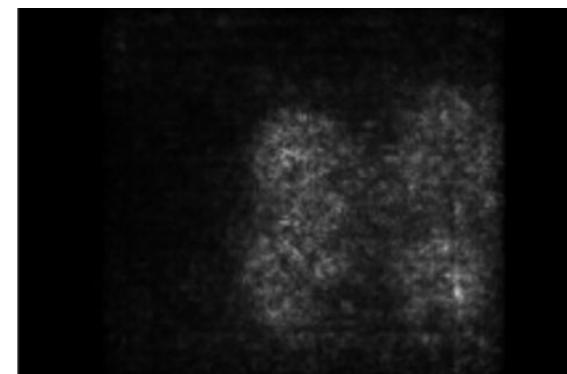
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Compute gradient of (unnormalized) class score with respect to image pixels, take absolute value and max over RGB channels



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- Given the “monkey” class, what are the most “monkey-ish” parts in my image?
- Approximate  $S_c$  around an initial point  $I_0$  with the first order Taylor expansion

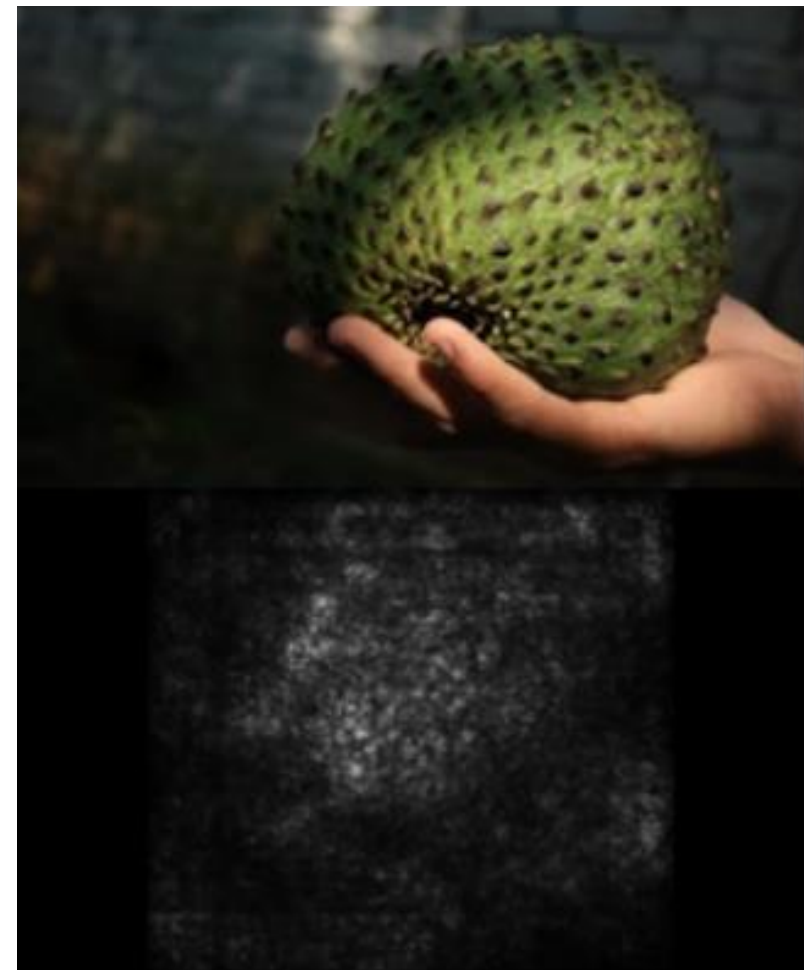
$$S_c(I)|_{I_0} \approx w^T I + b, \text{ where } w = \frac{\partial S_c}{\partial I}|_{I_0}$$

from backpropagation

- Solution is locally optimal

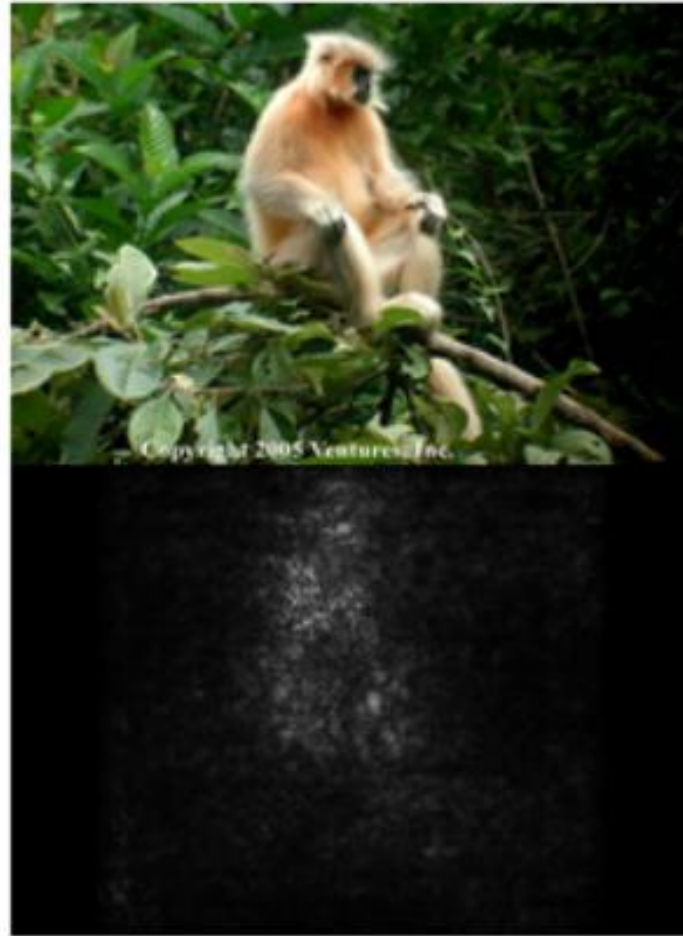


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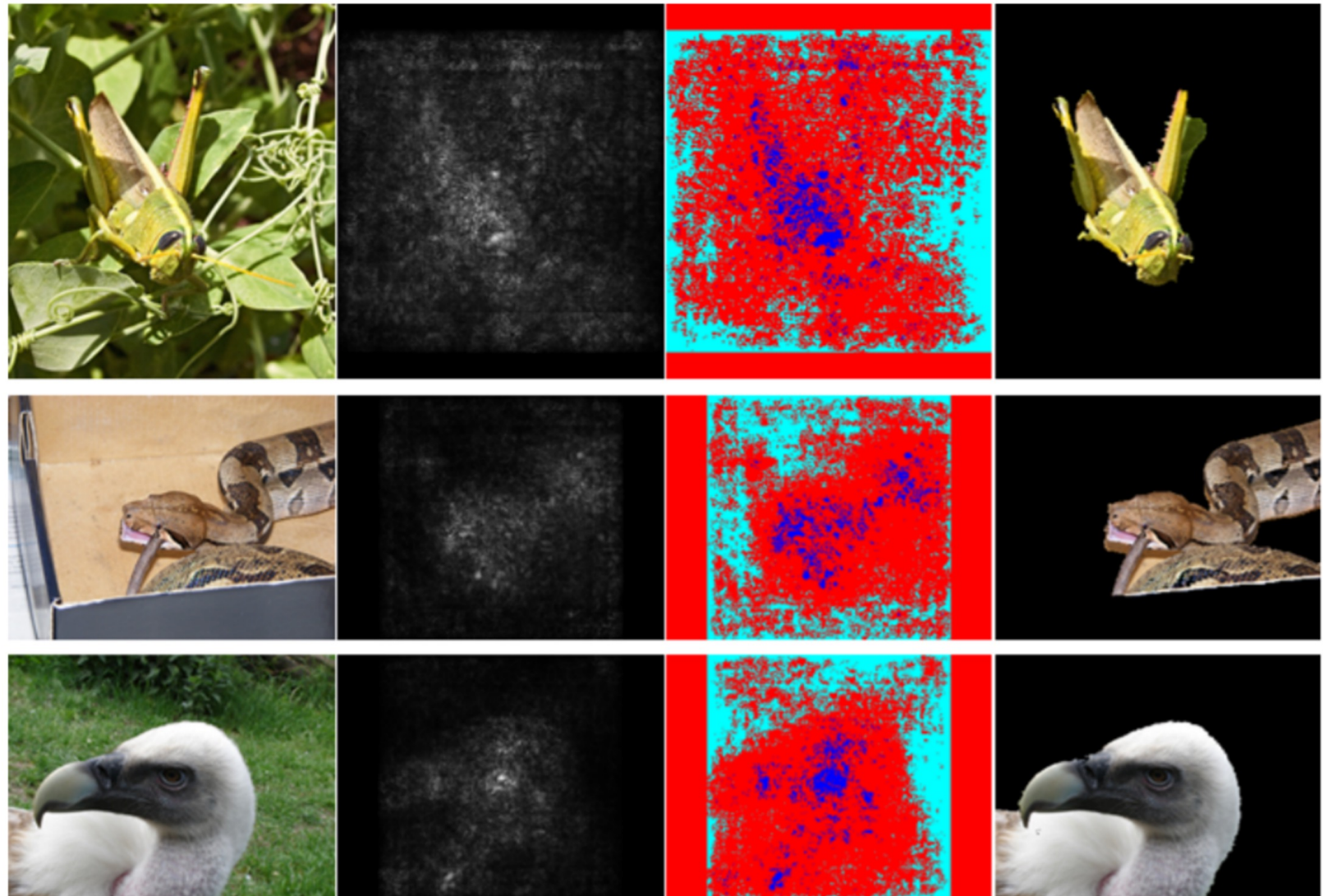


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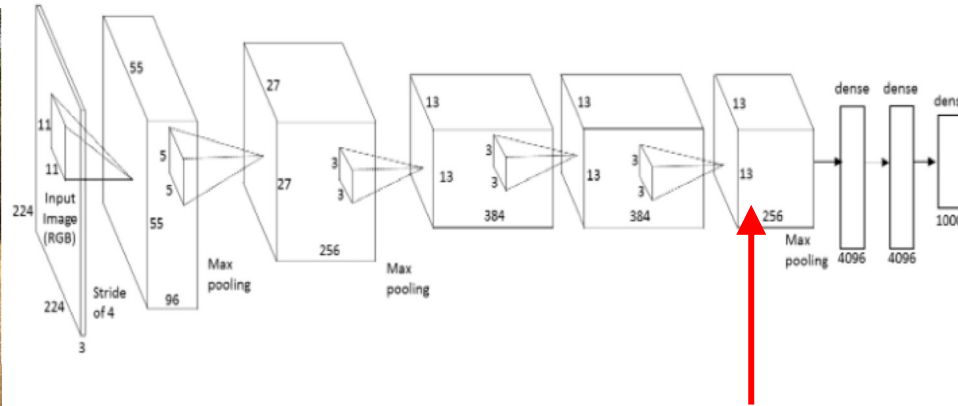


# Saliency Maps: Segmentation without Supervision

Use GrabCut  
on saliency map



# Intermediate Features via (guided) backprop

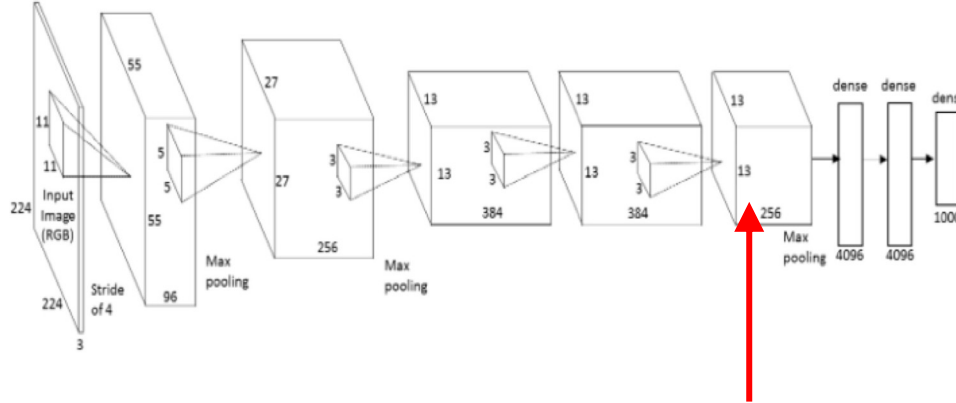


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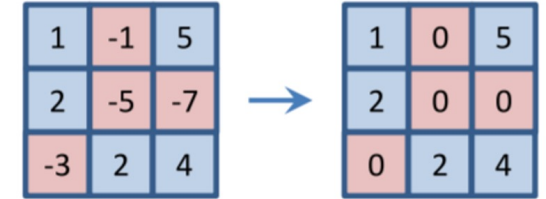


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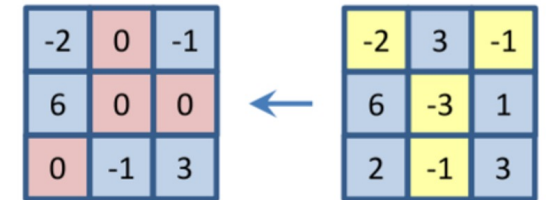
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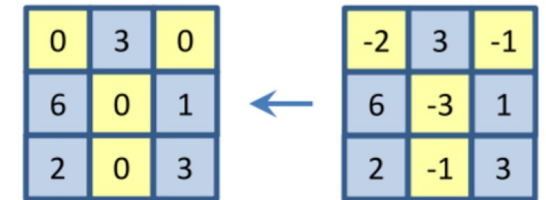
Forward pass



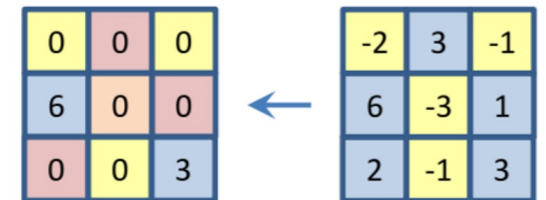
Backward pass:  
backpropagation



Backward pass:  
"deconvnet"



Backward pass:  
*guided*  
*backpropagation*



Images come out nicer if you only backprop positive gradients through each ReLU (guided backprop)



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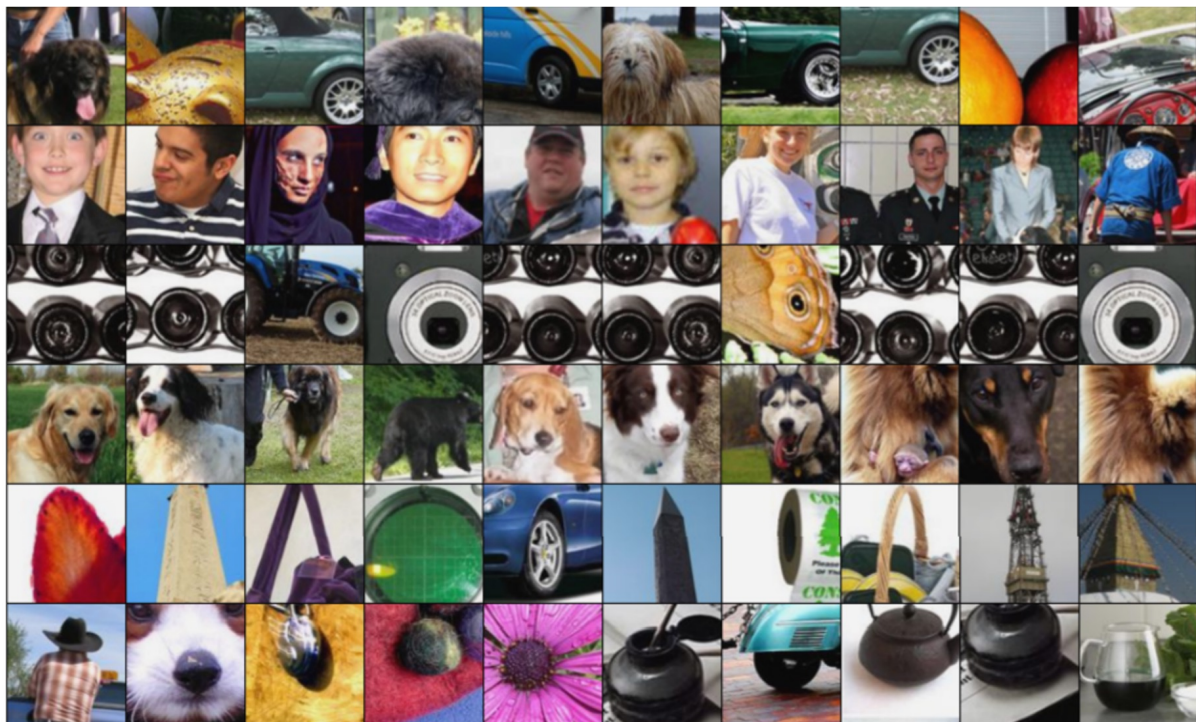


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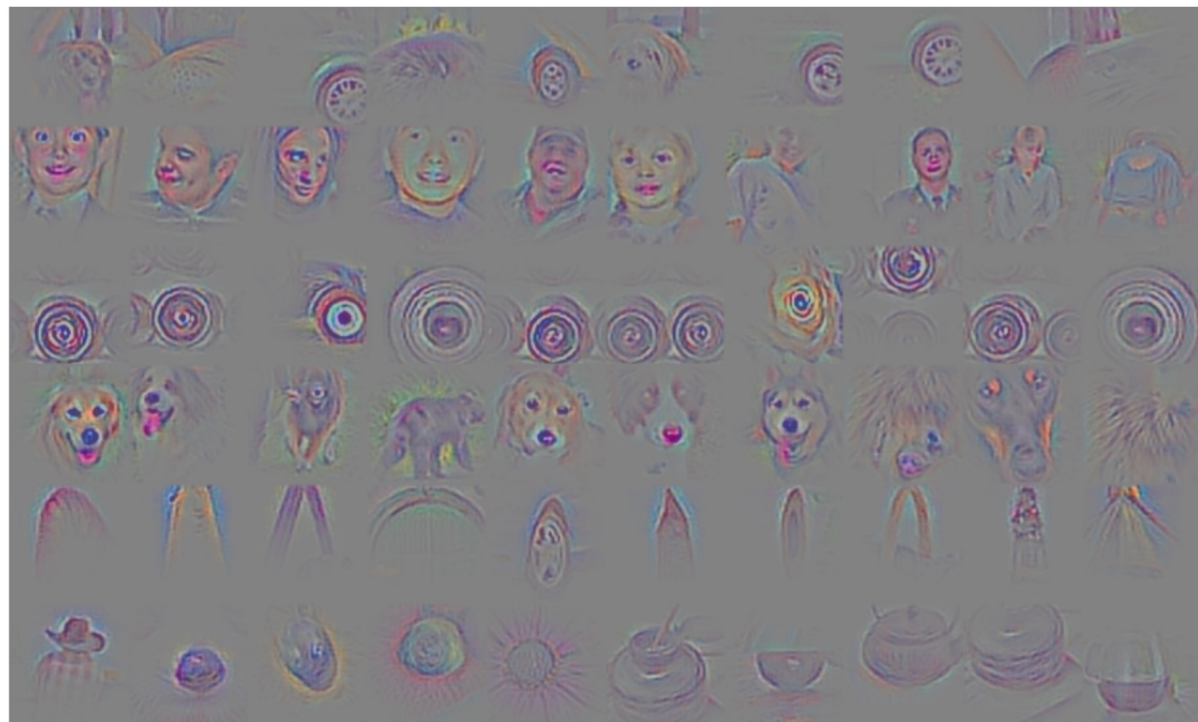


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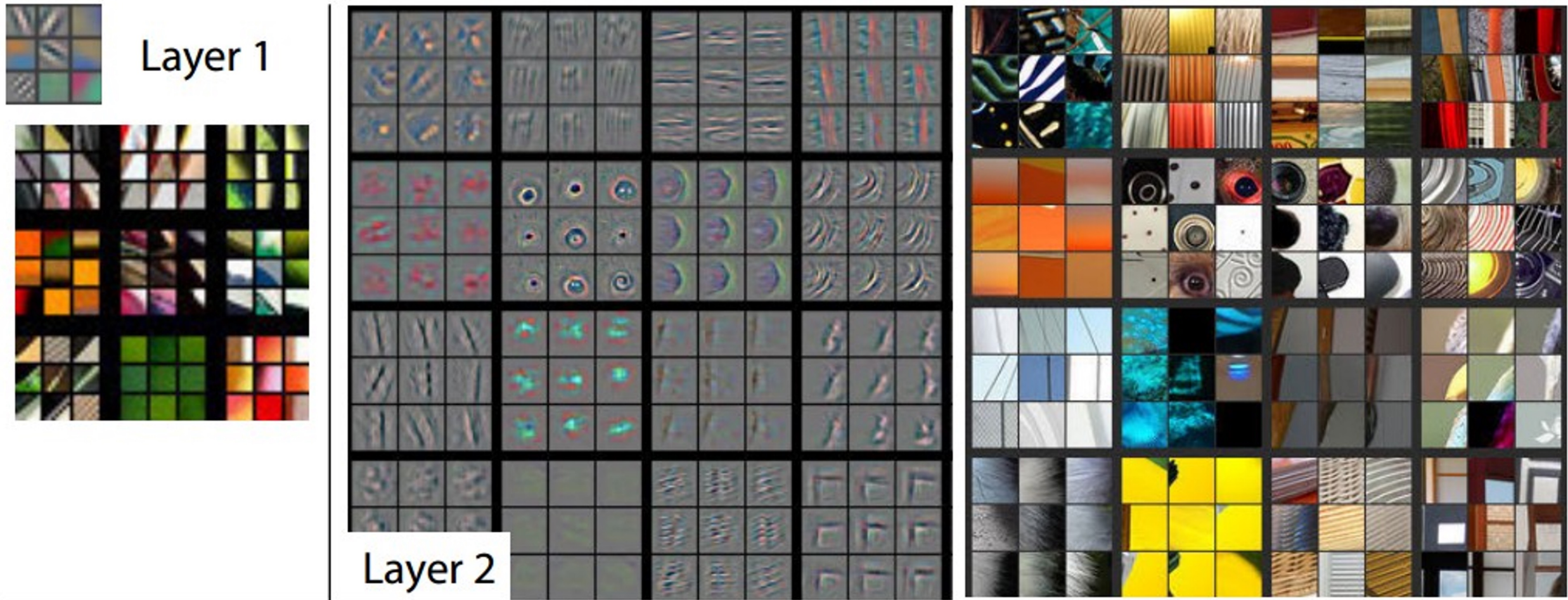
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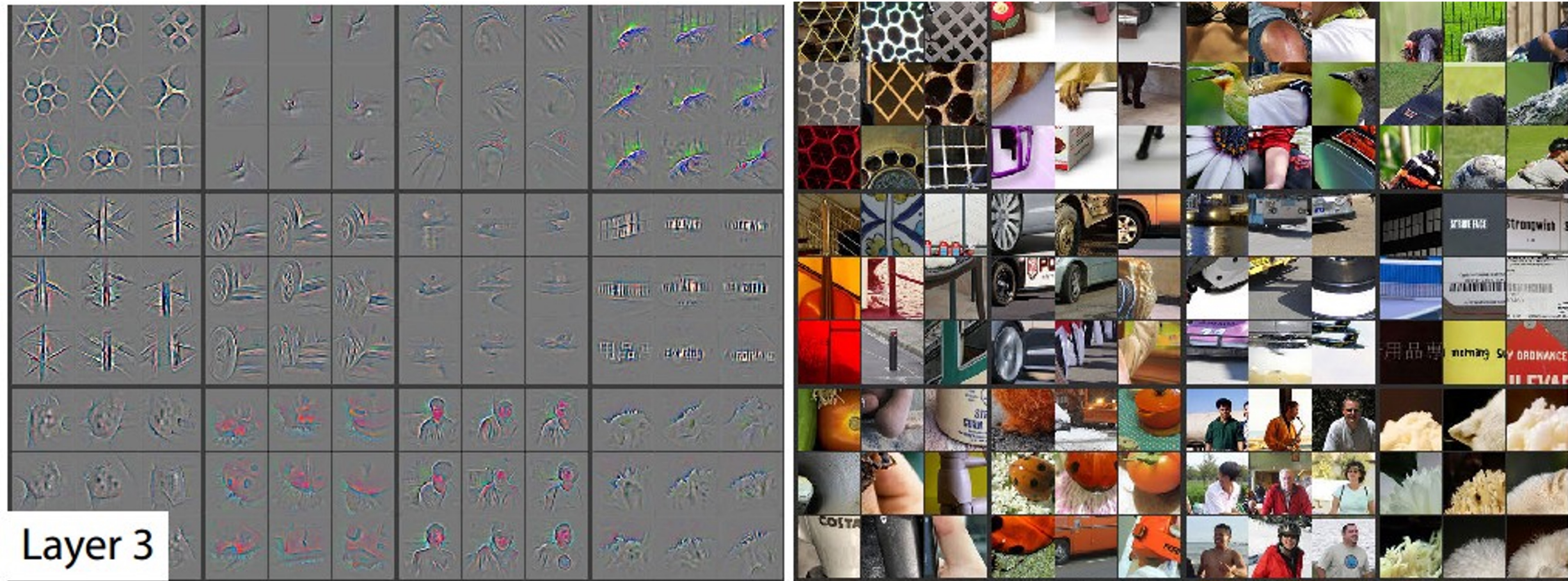


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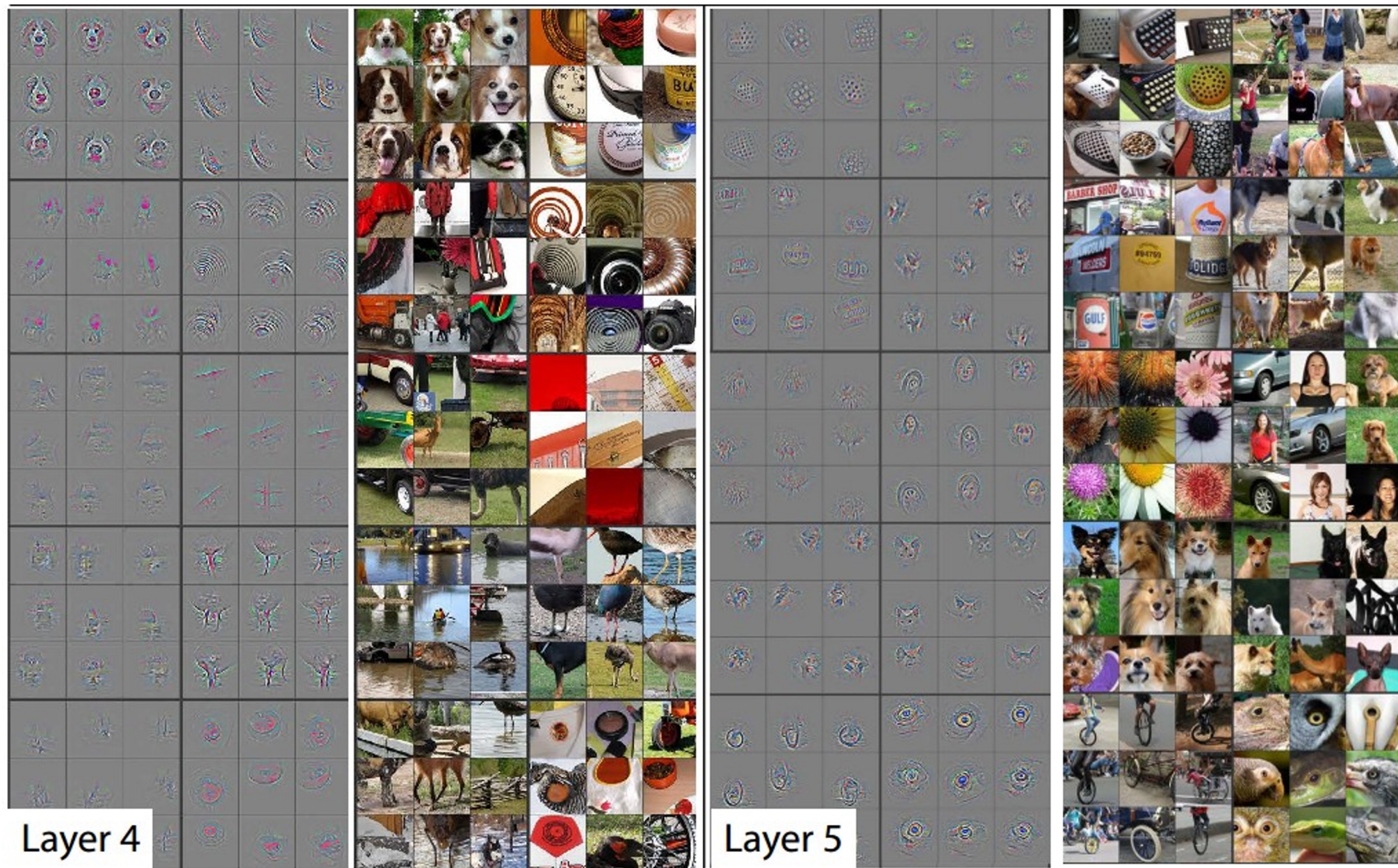


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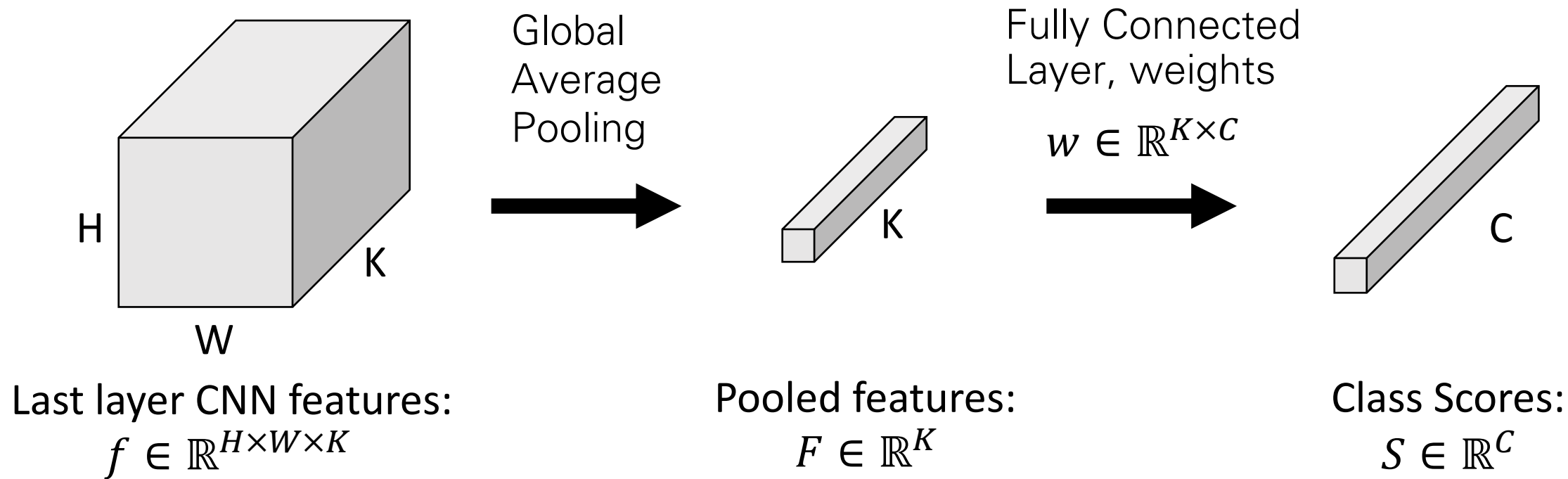




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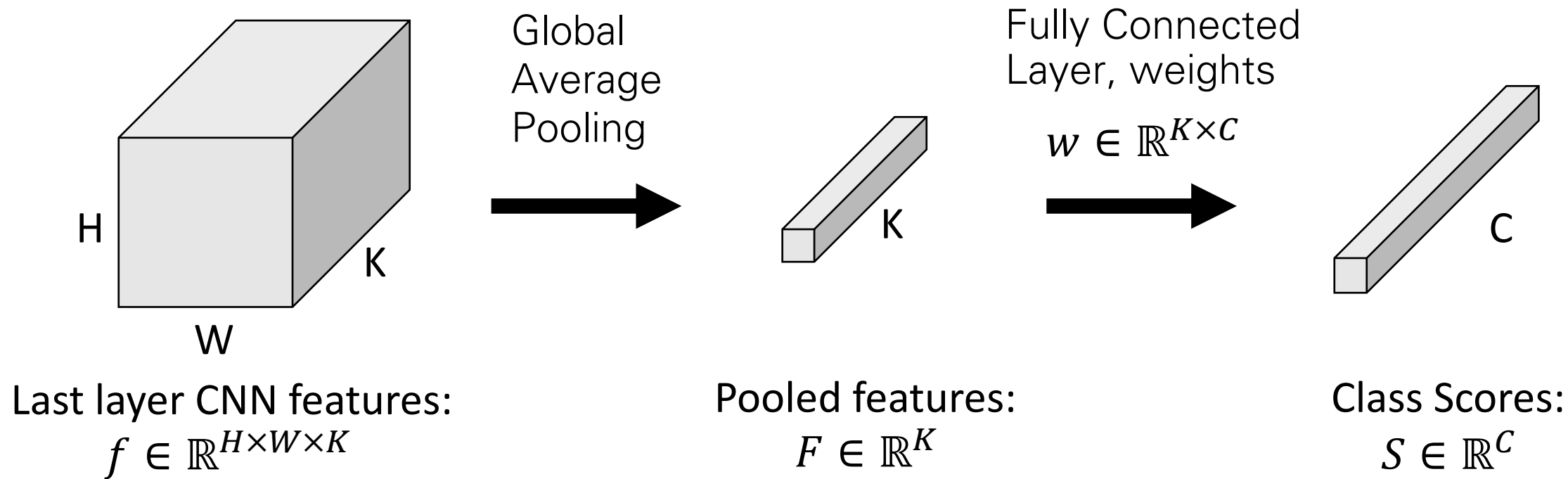


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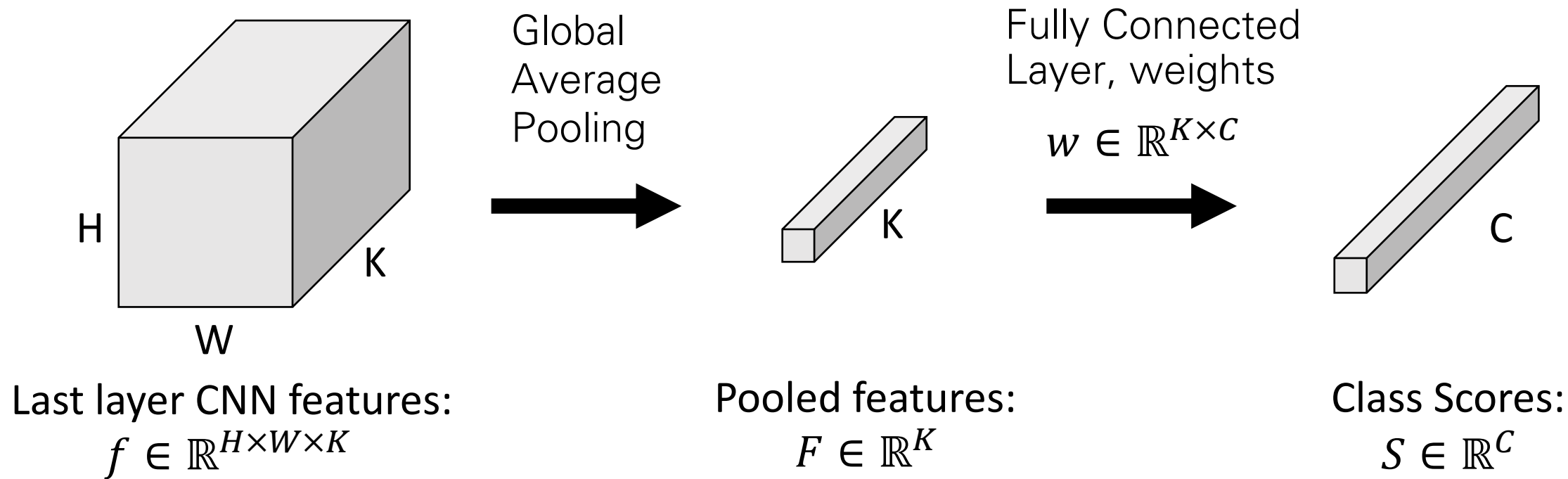


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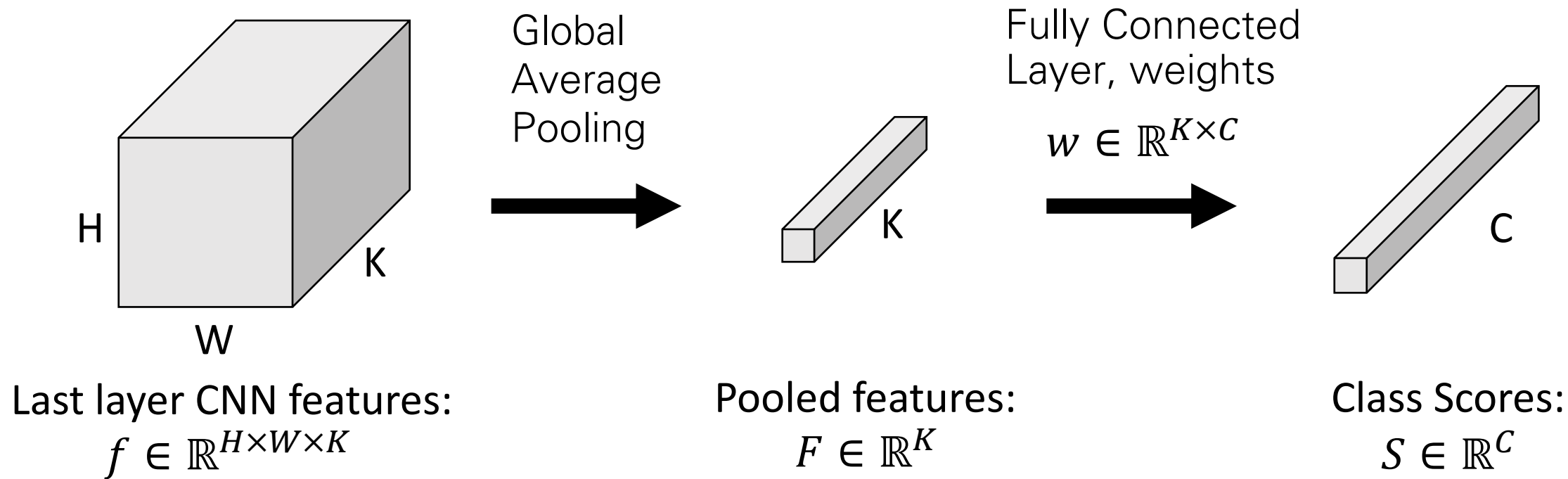
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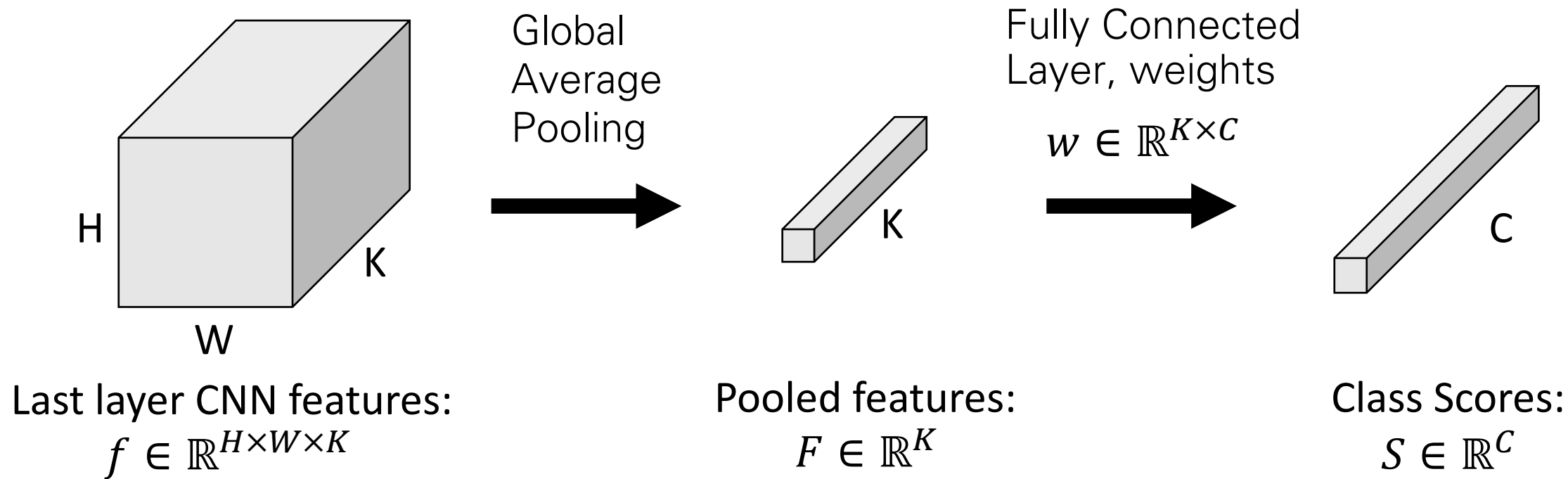
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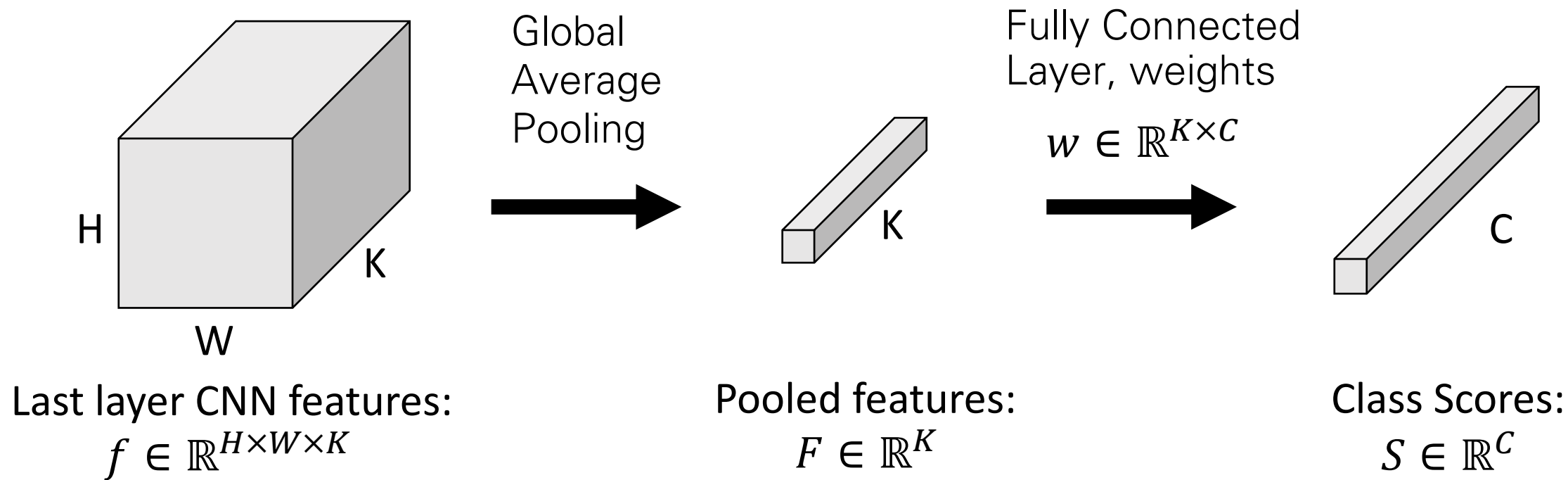


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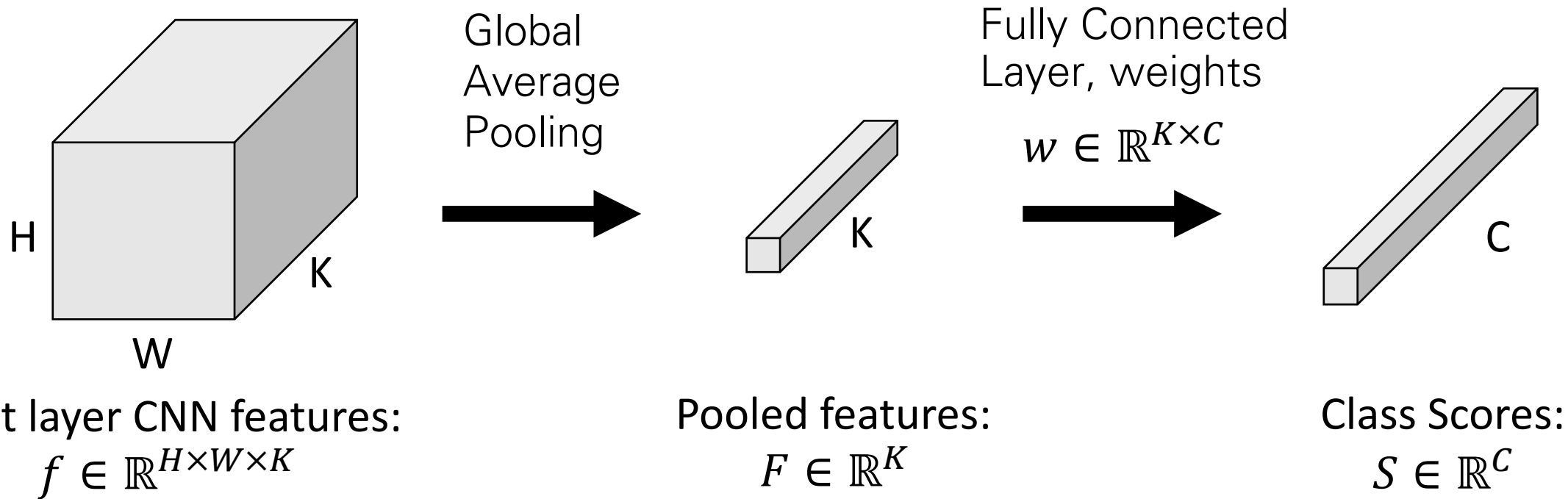
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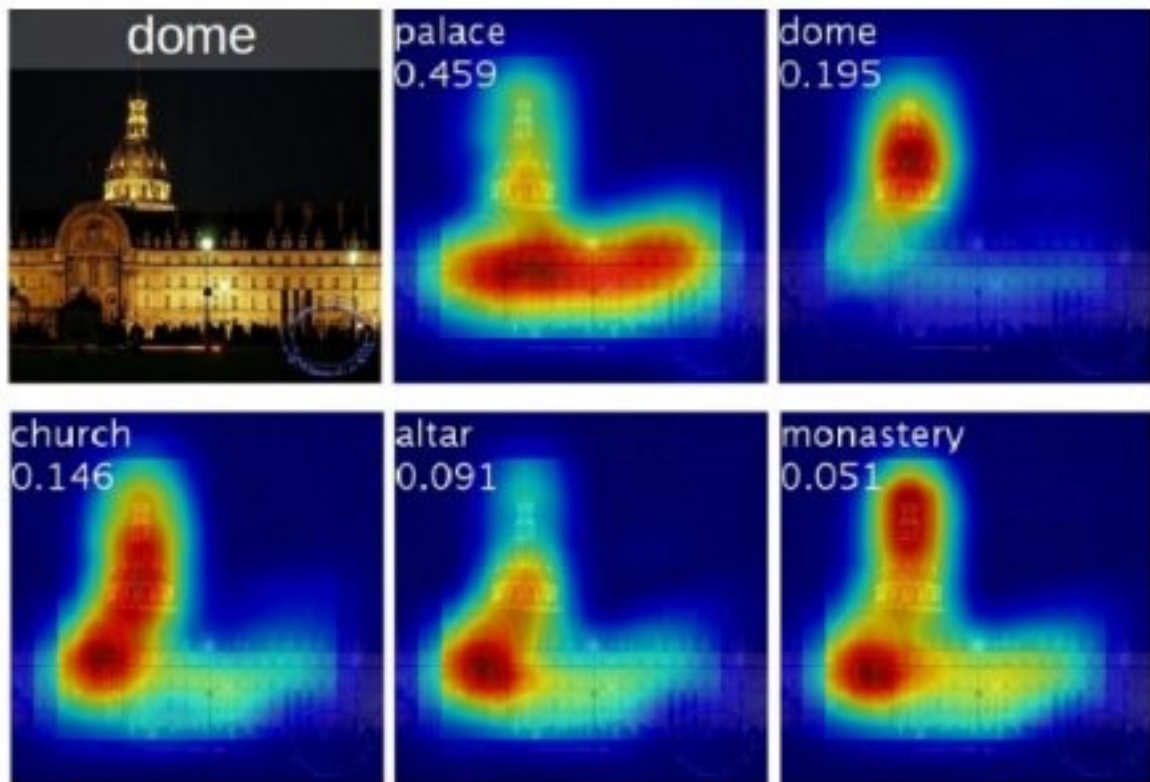
Class Activation Maps:

$$M \in \mathbb{R}^{C,H,W}$$

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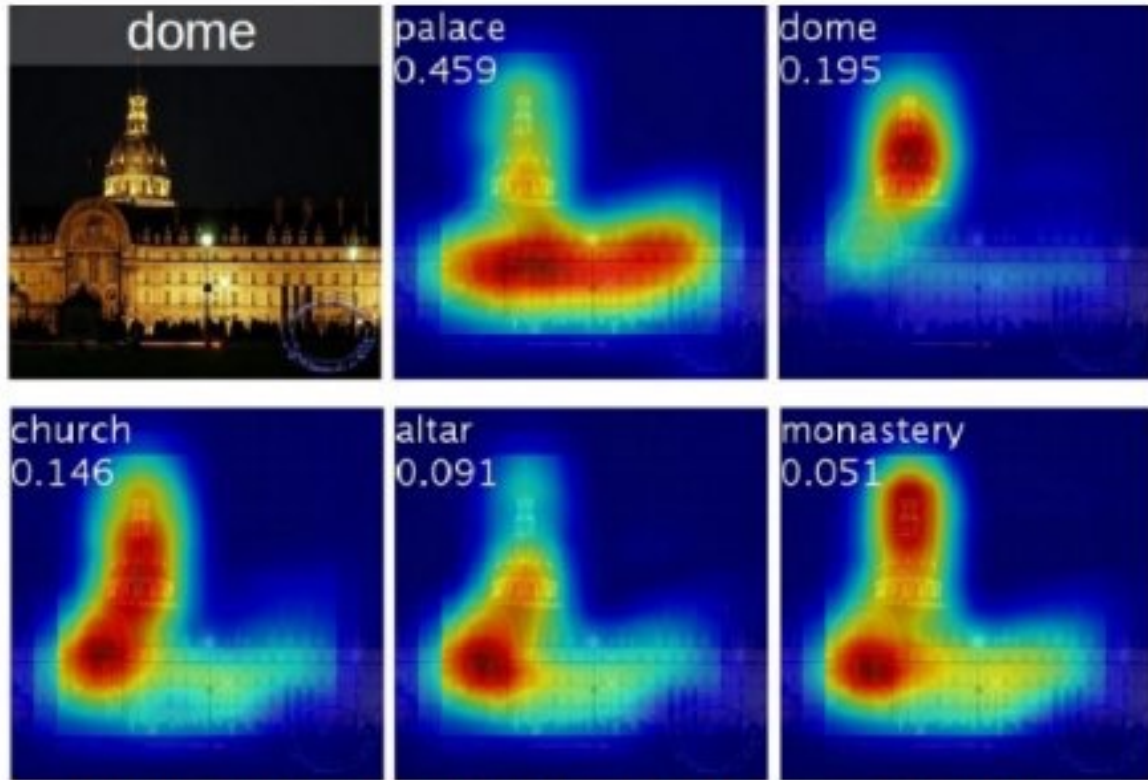
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Problem: Can only apply to last conv layer



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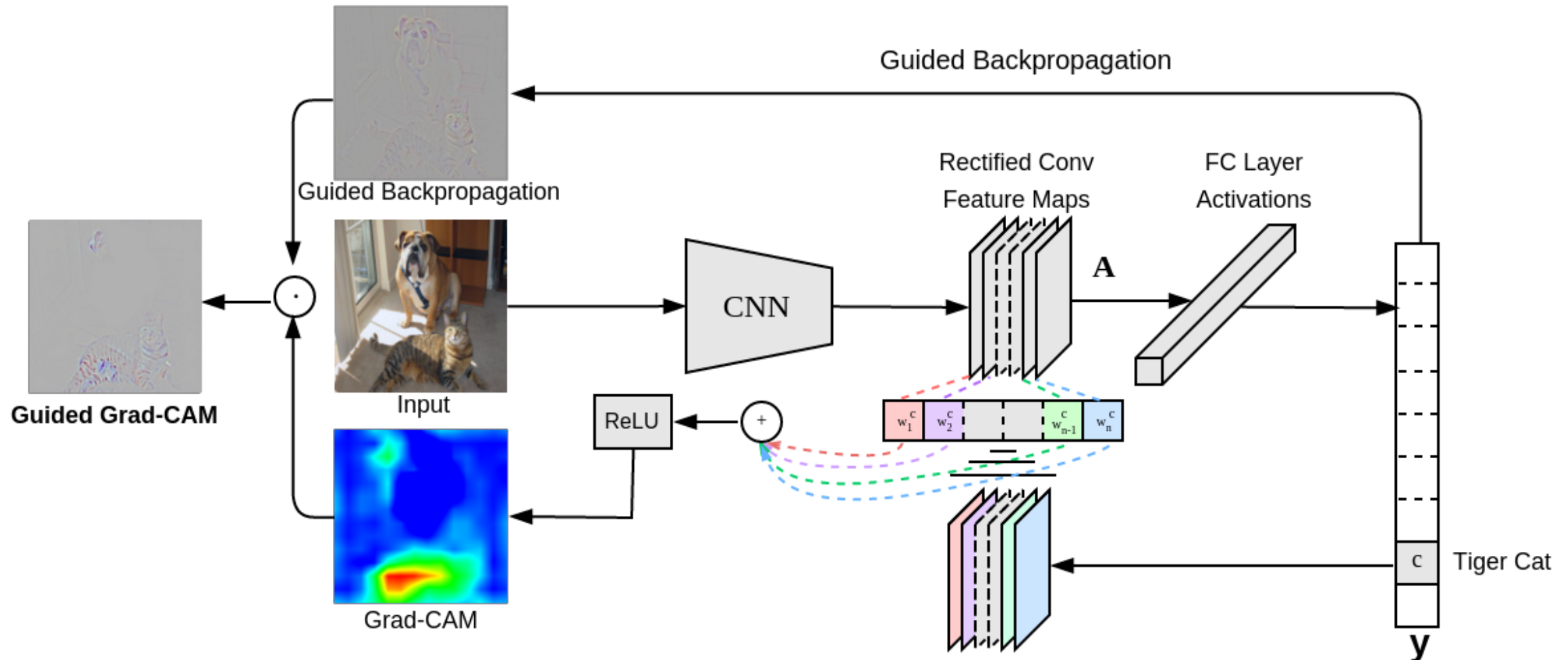
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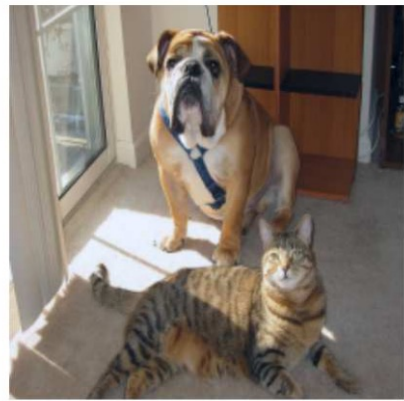
$$M_{h,w}^c = \text{ReLU} \left( \sum_k \alpha_k A_{h,w,k} \right)$$



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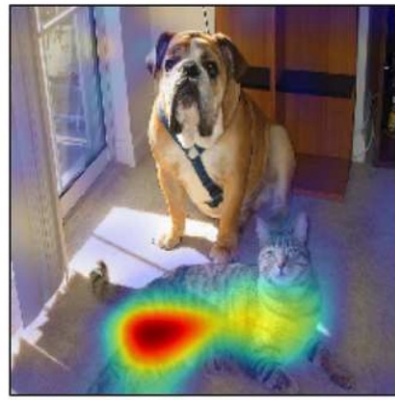
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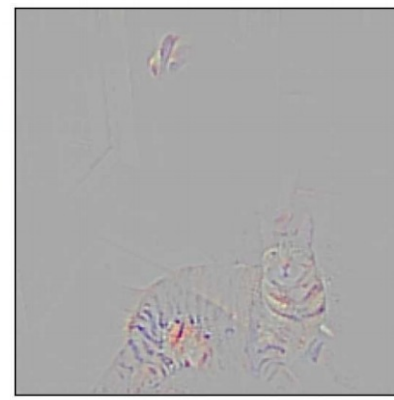
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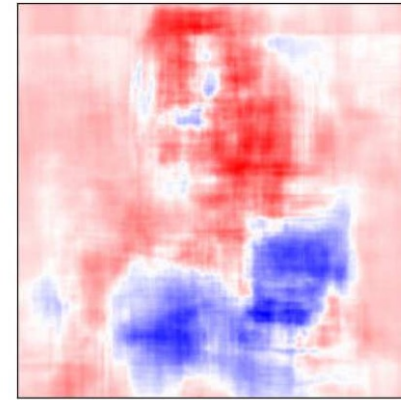
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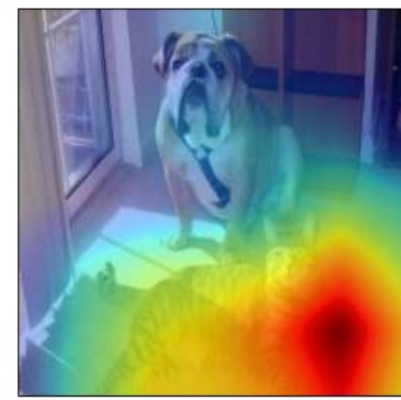
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(e) Occlusion map for 'Cat'



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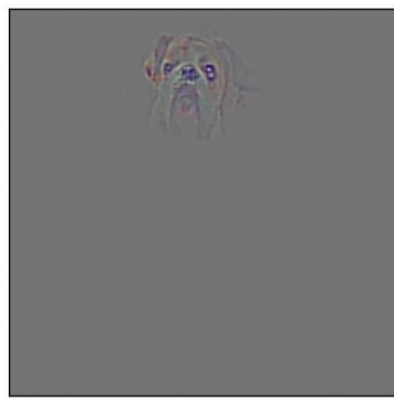
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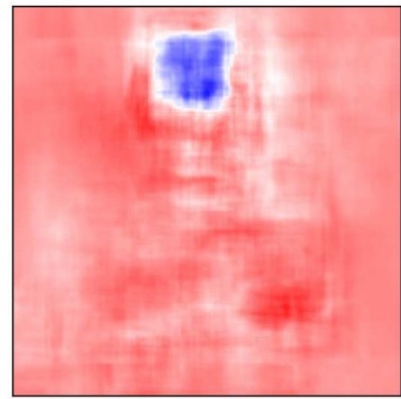
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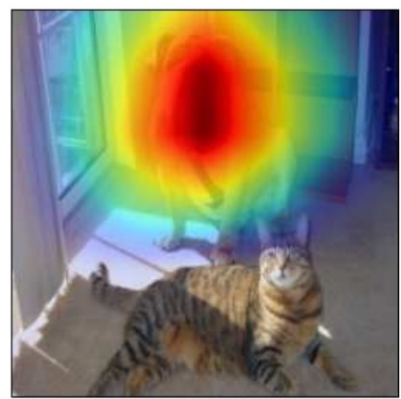
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# Gradient-Weighted Class Activation Mapping (Grad-CAM)

Can also be applied beyond classification models, e.g. image captioning

**Grad-CAM**



A group of people flying kites on a beach

**Grad-CAM**



A man is sitting at a table with a pizza



# Visualizing CNN Features: Gradient Ascent

## **(Guided) backprop:**

Find the part of an image that a neuron responds to

## **Gradient ascent:**

Generate a synthetic image that maximally activates a neuron

$$I^* = \arg \max_I f(I) + R(I)$$

Neuron value

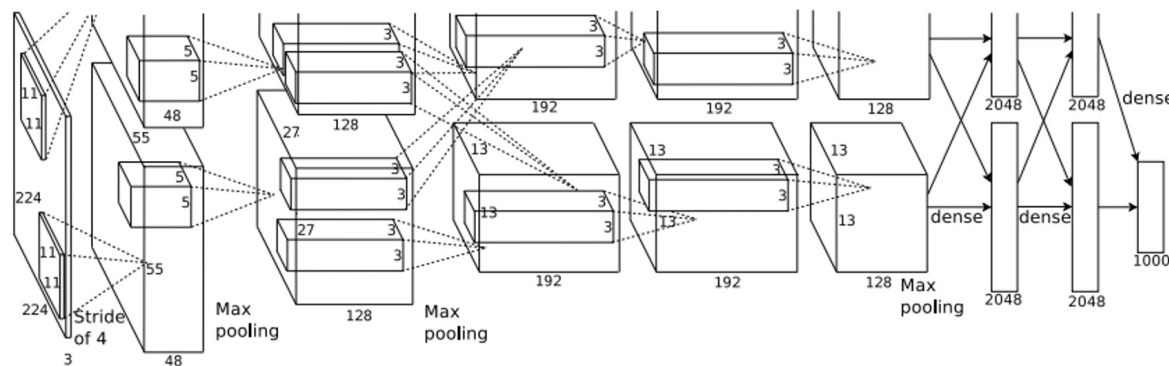
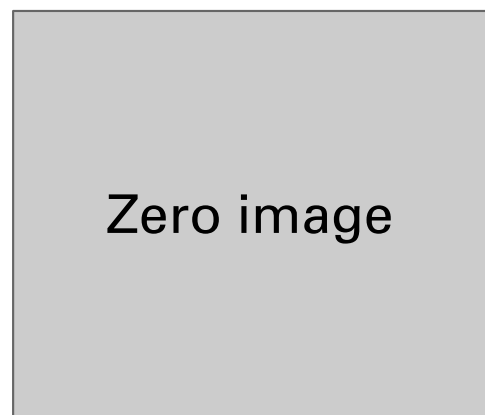
Natural image regularizer

# Visualizing CNN Features: Gradient Ascent

1. Initialize image to zeros

$$\arg \max_I S_c(I) - \lambda \|I\|_2^2$$

Score for class  $c$  (before Softmax)



Repeat:

2. Forward image to compute current scores
3. Backprop to get gradient of neuron value with respect to image pixels
4. Make a small update to the image

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**dumbbell**



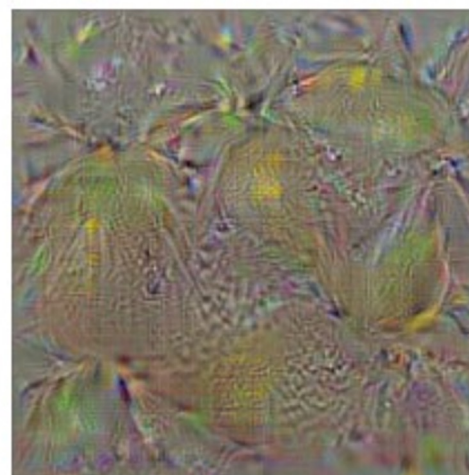
**cup**



**dalmatian**



**bell pepper**



**lemon**



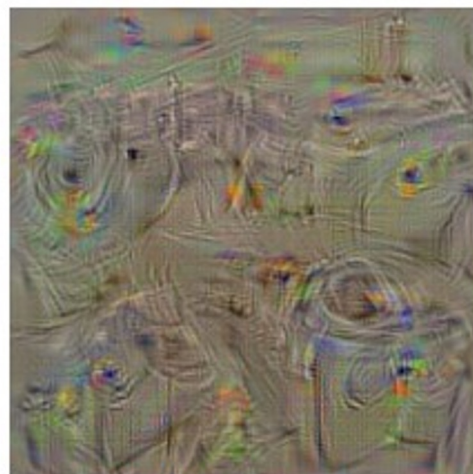
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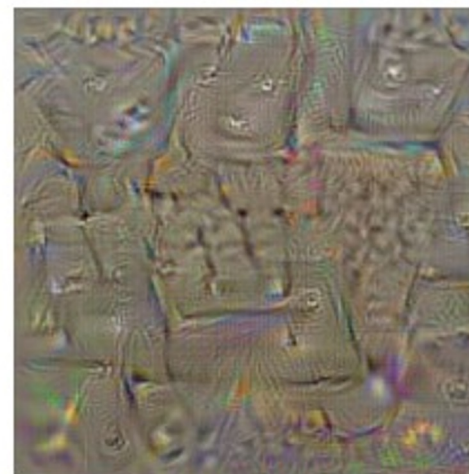
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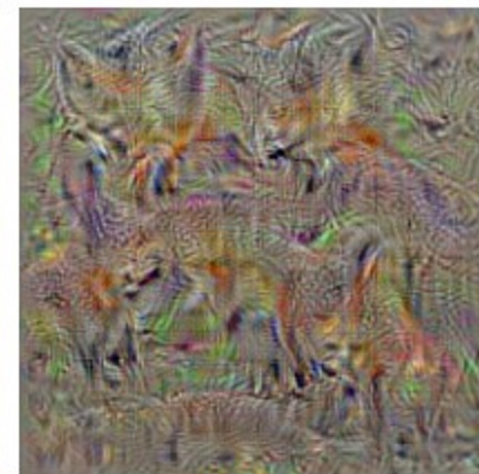
Simple regularizer: Penalize L2 norm of generated image



washing machine



computer keyboard



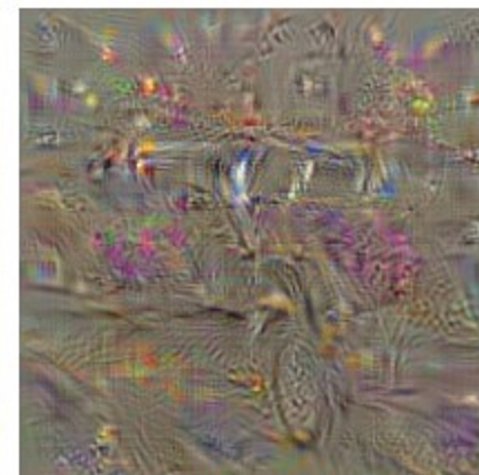
kit fox



goose



ostrich



limousine

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Better regularizer: Penalize L2 norm of image; also during optimization periodically

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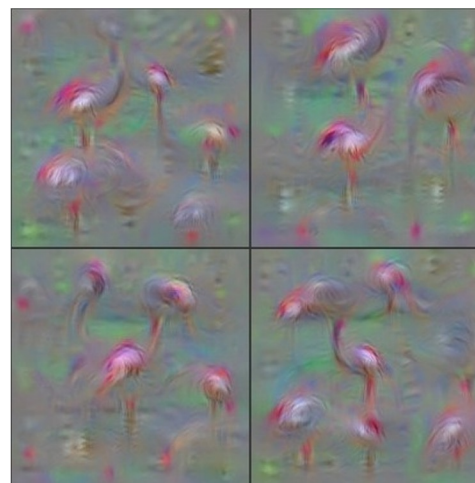


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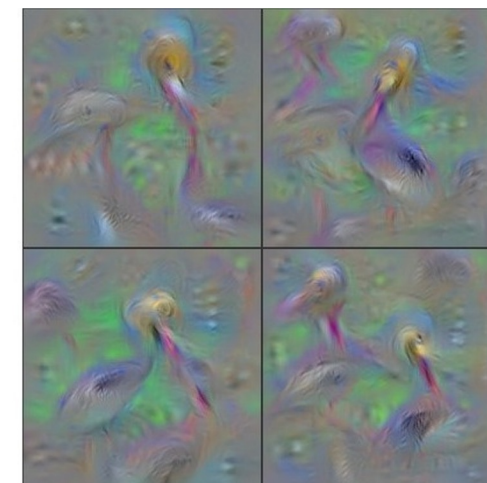
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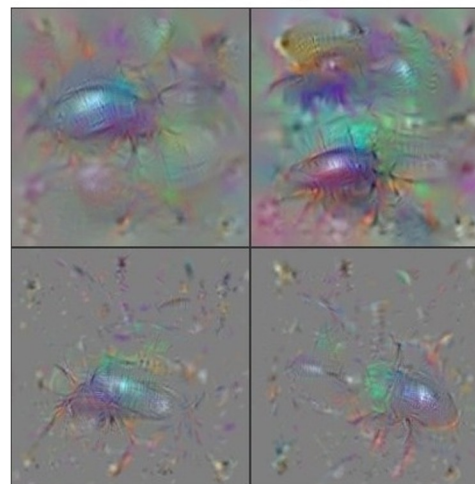
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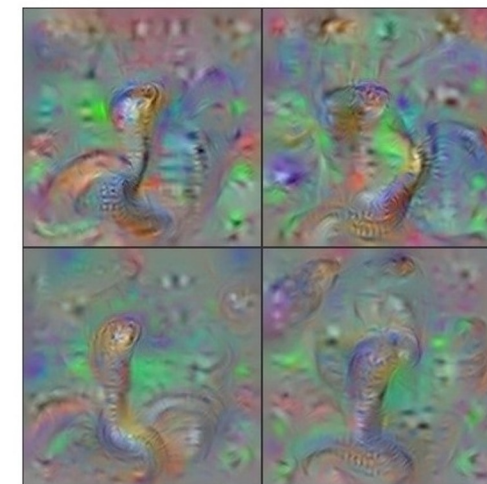
Flamingo



Pelican



Ground Beetle



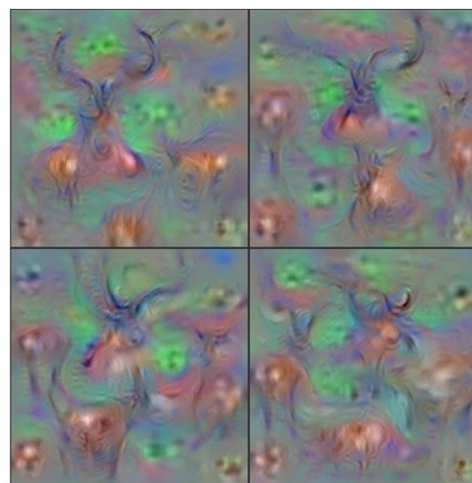
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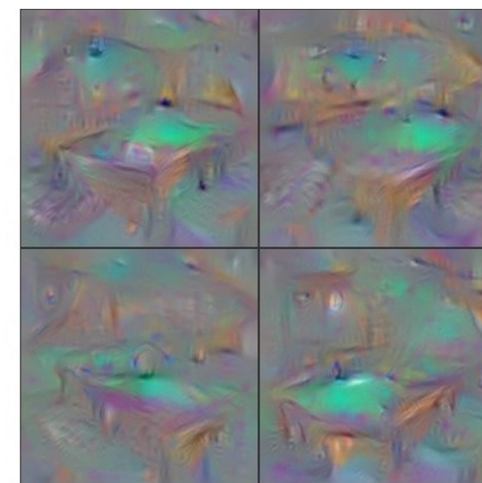
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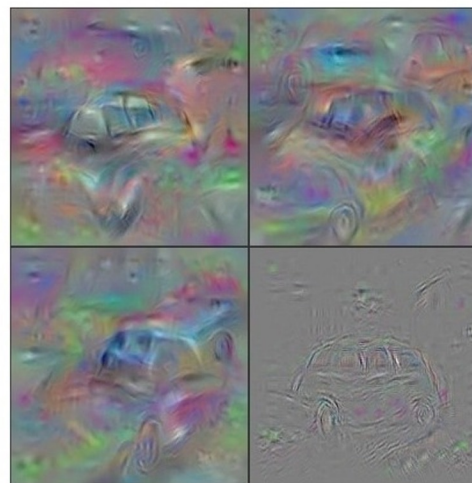
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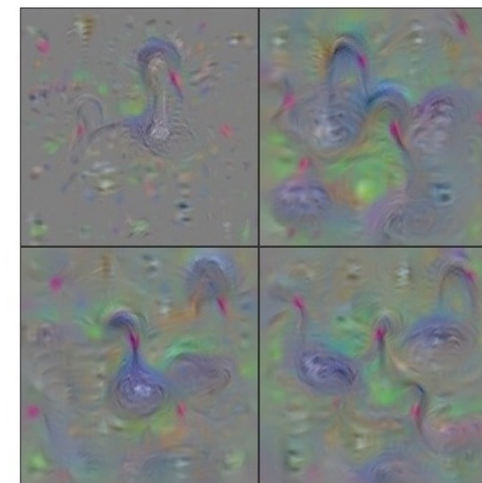
Hartebeest



Billiard Table



Station Wagon

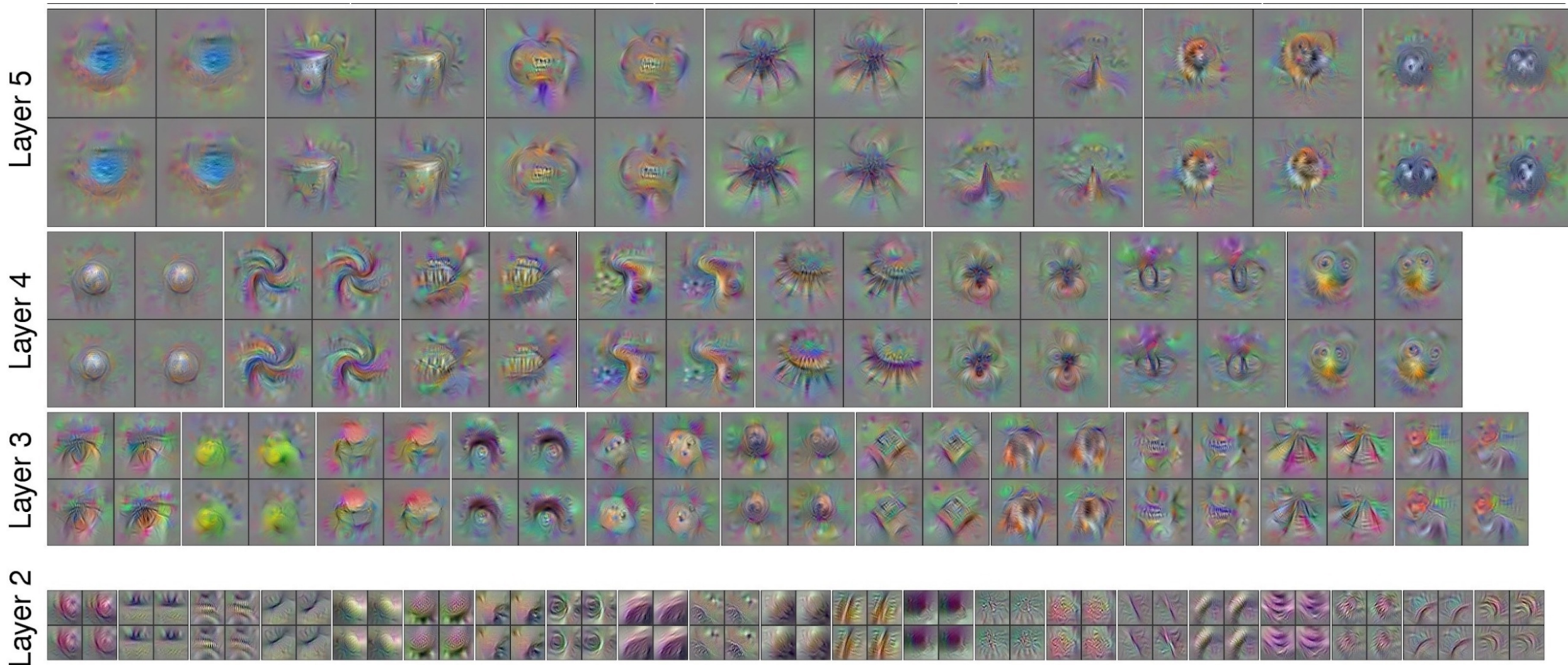


Black Swan



# Visualizing CNN Features: Gradient Ascent

Use the same approach to visualize intermediate features

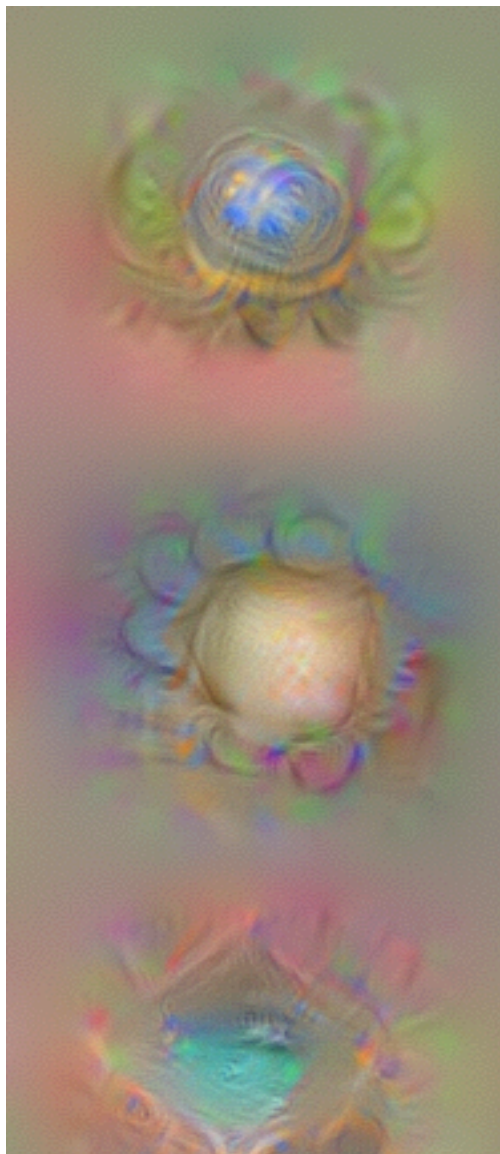




# Network Comparison

“conv5”  
features

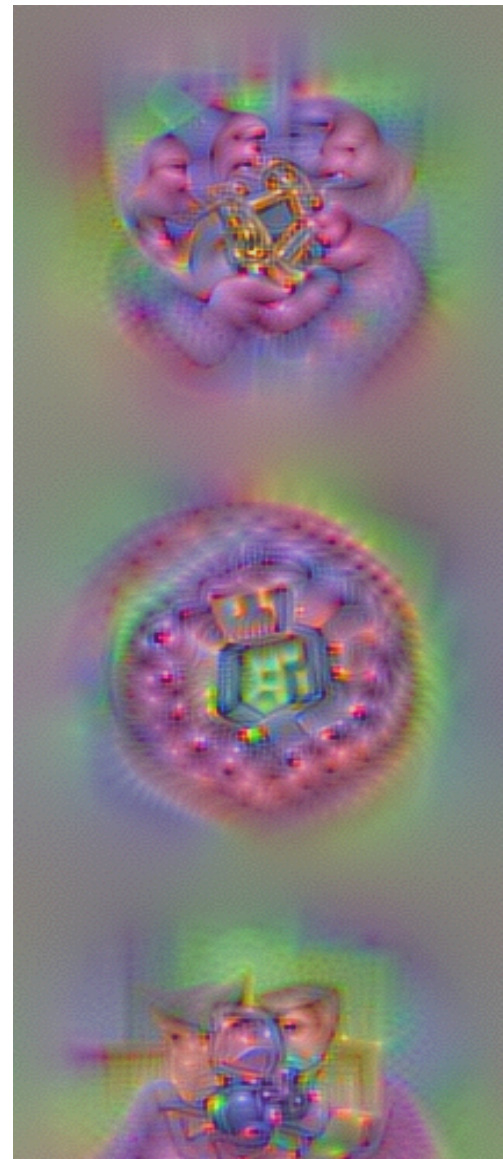
AlexNet



VGG-M



VGG-VD



# Deep Visualization Toolbox

[yosinski.com/deepvis](http://yosinski.com/deepvis)

#deepvis



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Jeff Clune



Anh Nguyen



Thomas Fuchs



Hod Lipson



Cornell University



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OF WYOMING

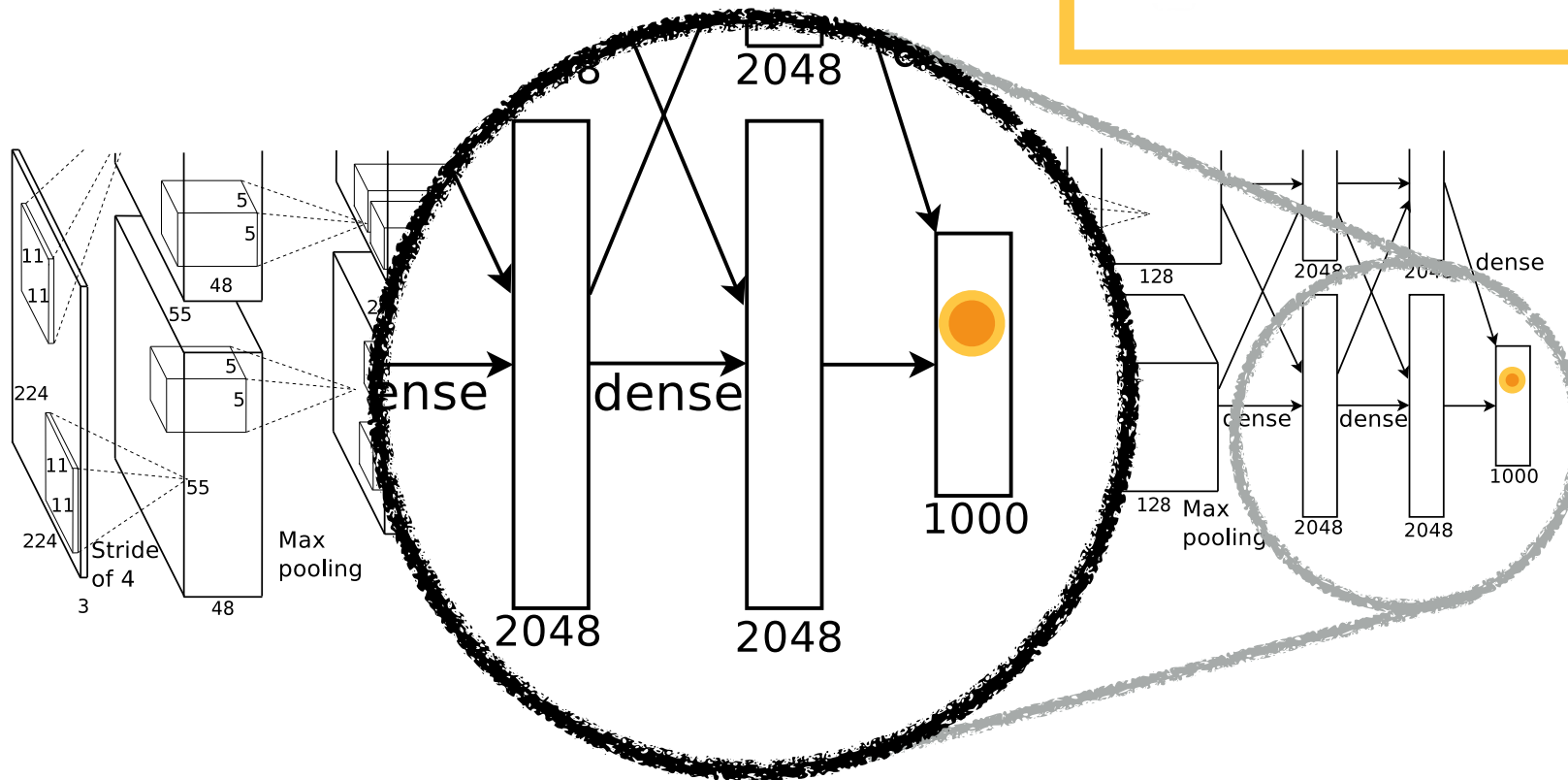


**Jet Propulsion Laboratory**  
California Institute of Technology

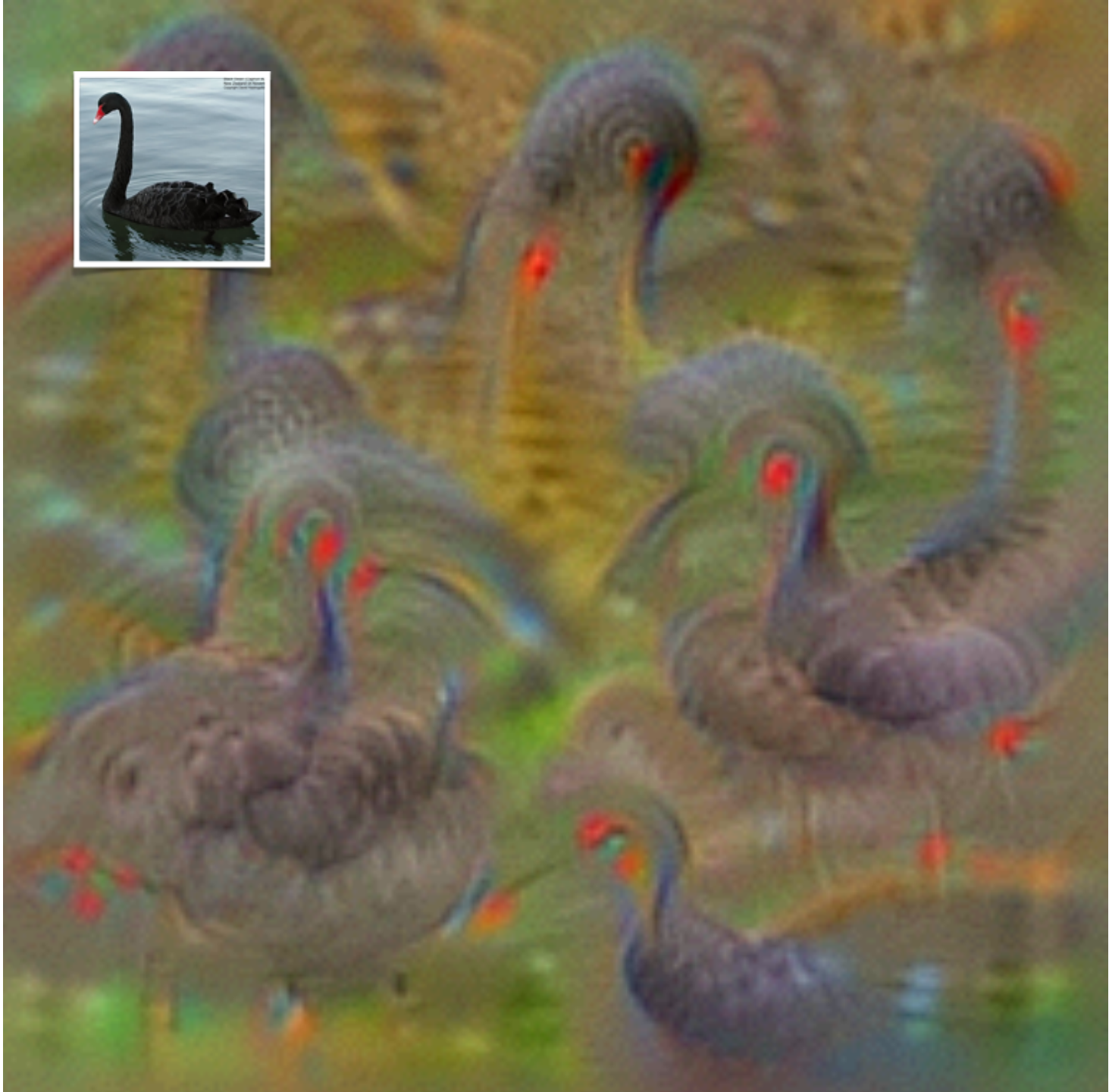
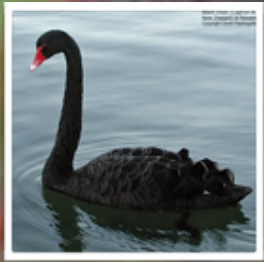
# Activation Maximization

- Look for an image that maximally activates a **specific feature component**

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} -\langle \mathbf{e}_k, \Phi(\mathbf{x}) \rangle + R_{TV}(\mathbf{x}) + R_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x})$$





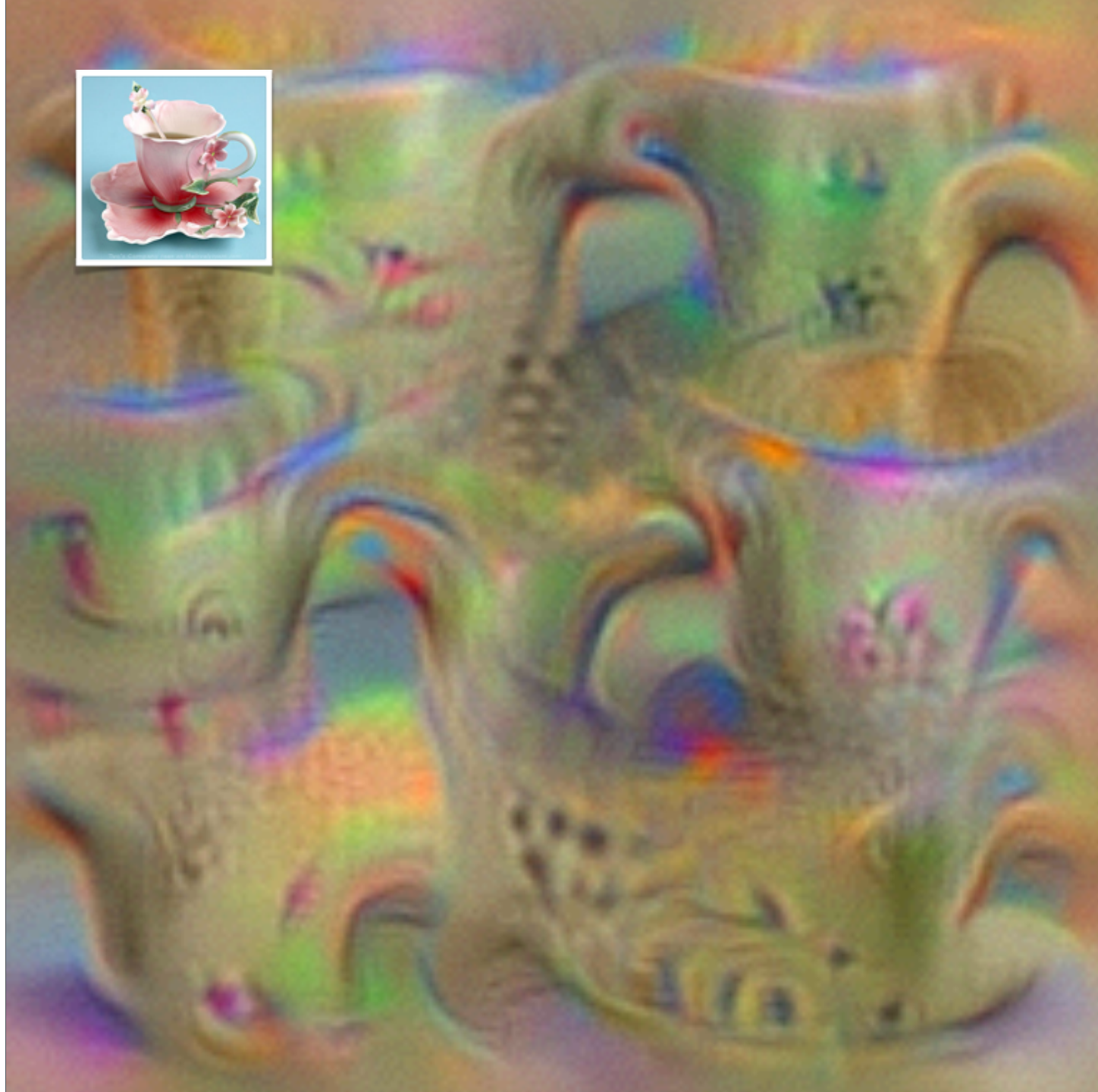


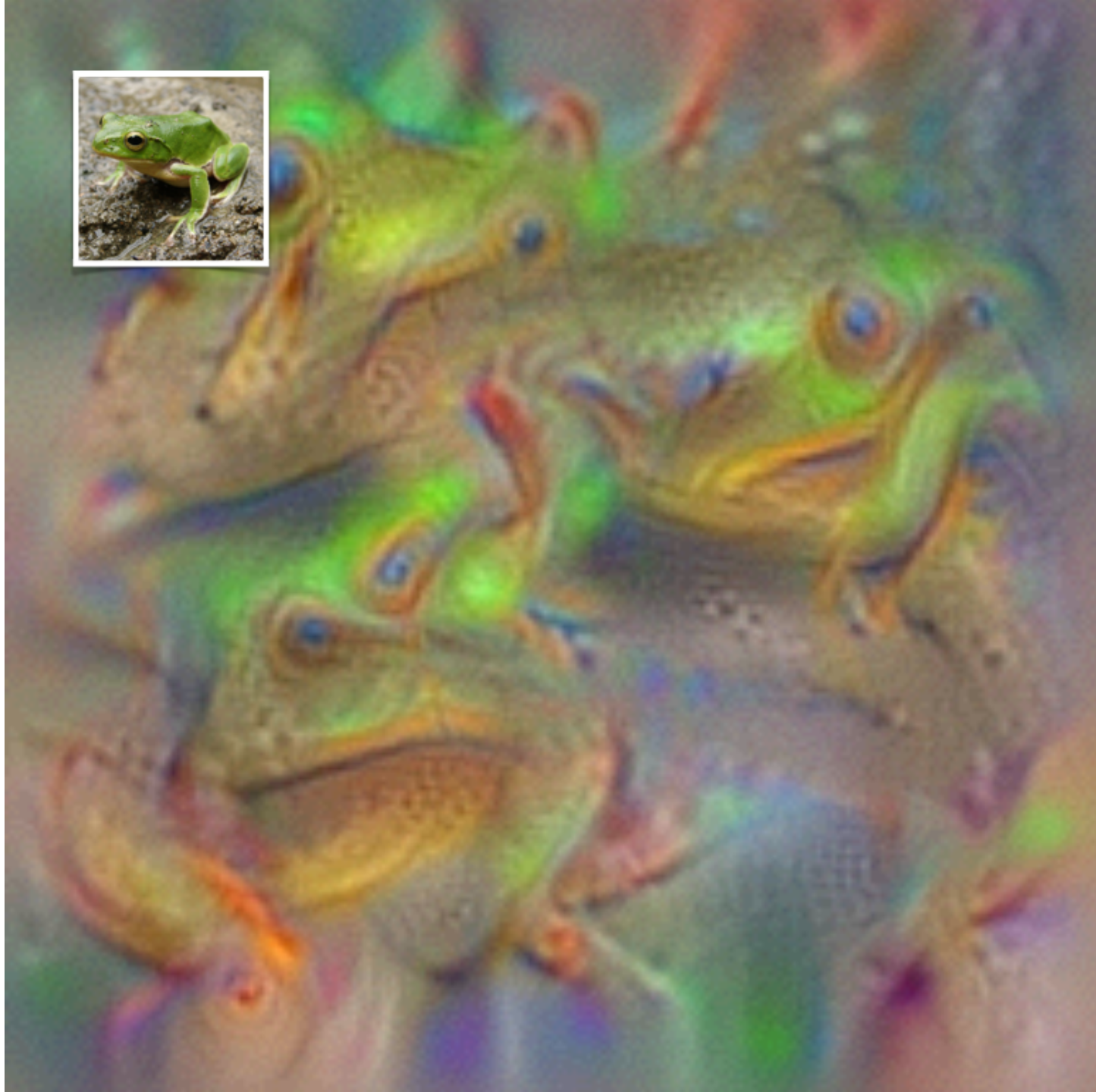




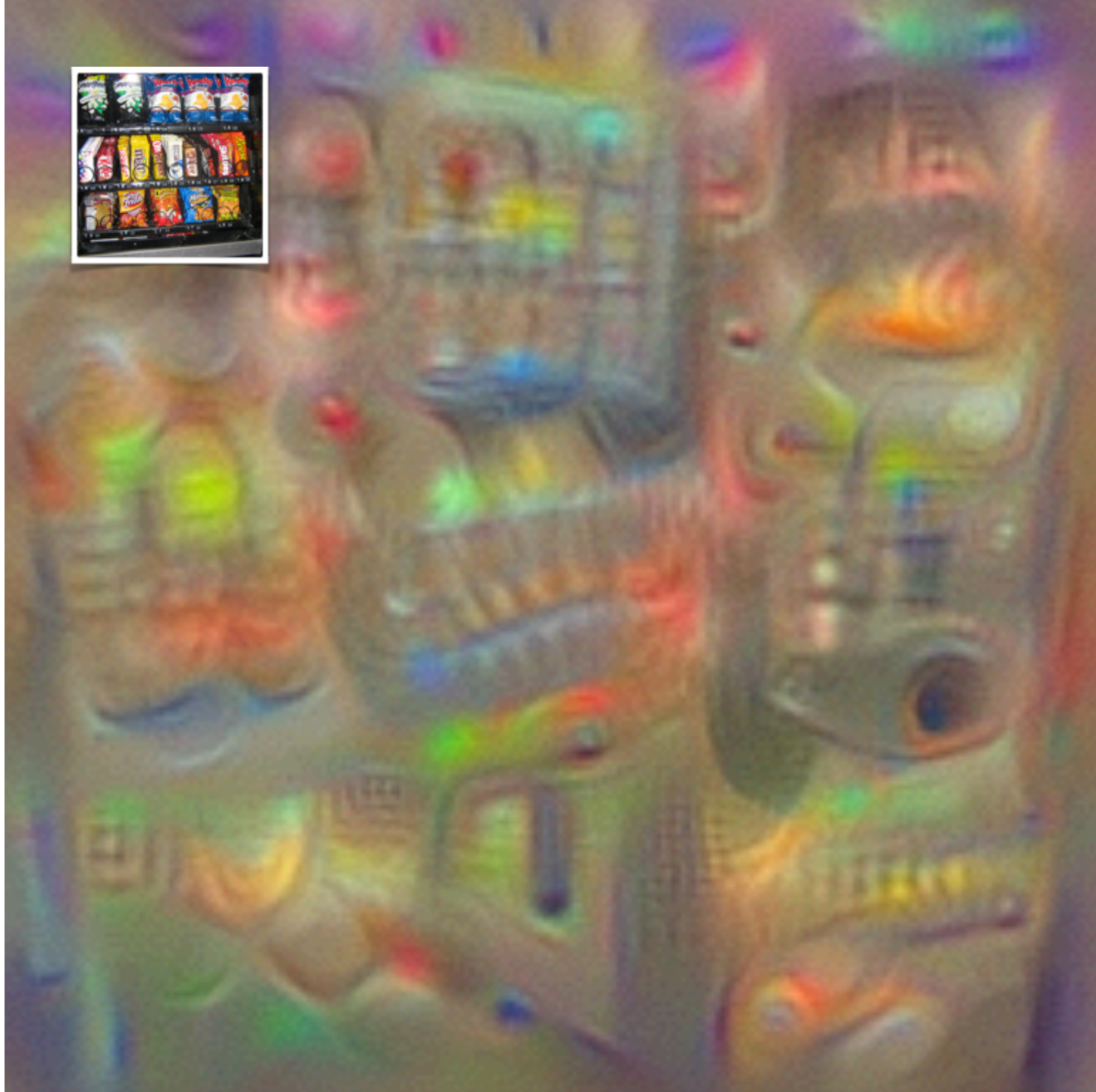














# Visualizing CNN Features: Gradient Ascent

Adding “multi-faceted” visualization gives even nicer results:  
(Plus more careful regularization, center-bias)

Reconstructions of multiple feature types (facets) recognized  
by the same “grocery store” neuron



Corresponding example training set images recognized  
by the same neuron as in the "grocery store" class

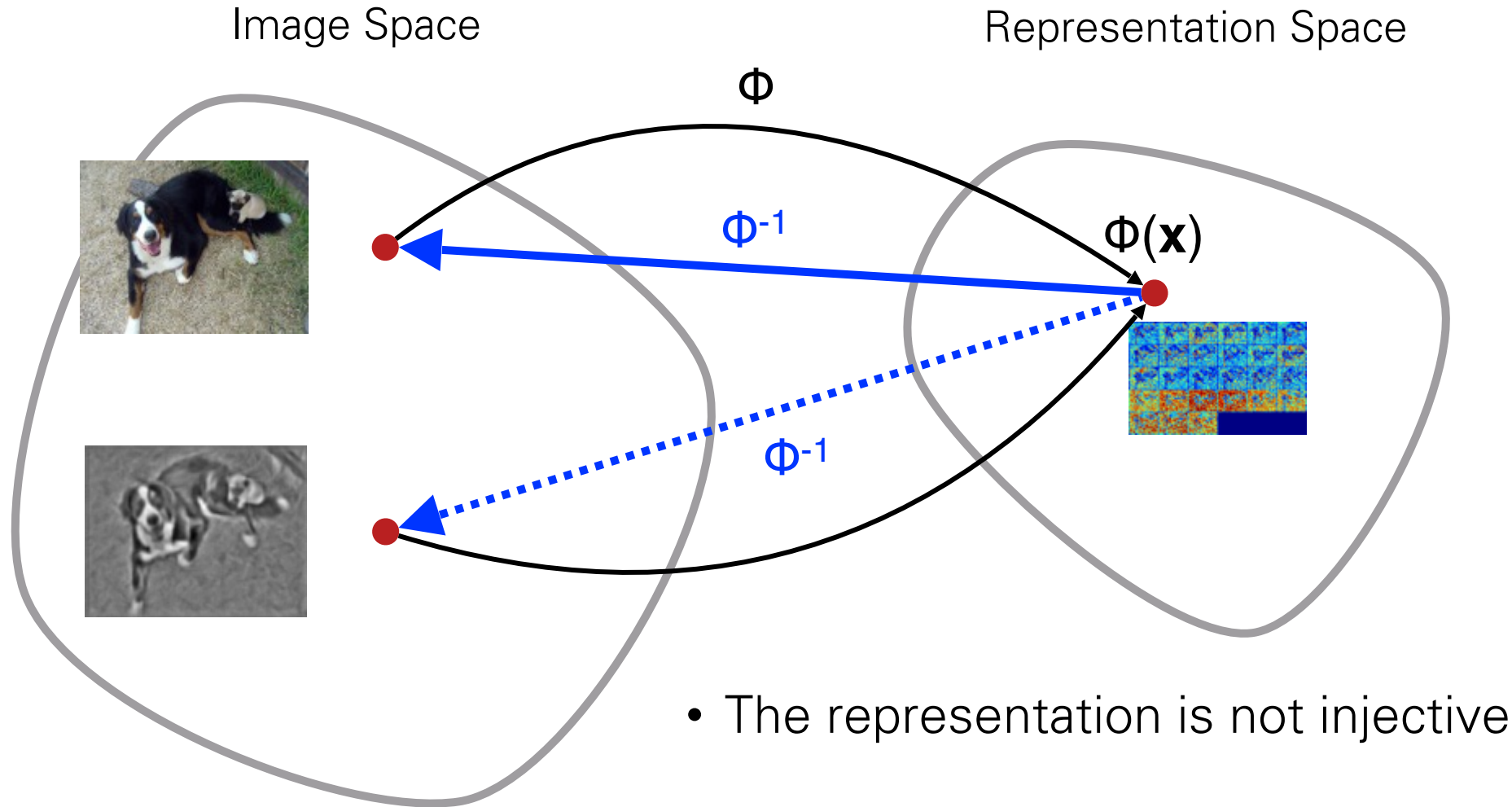




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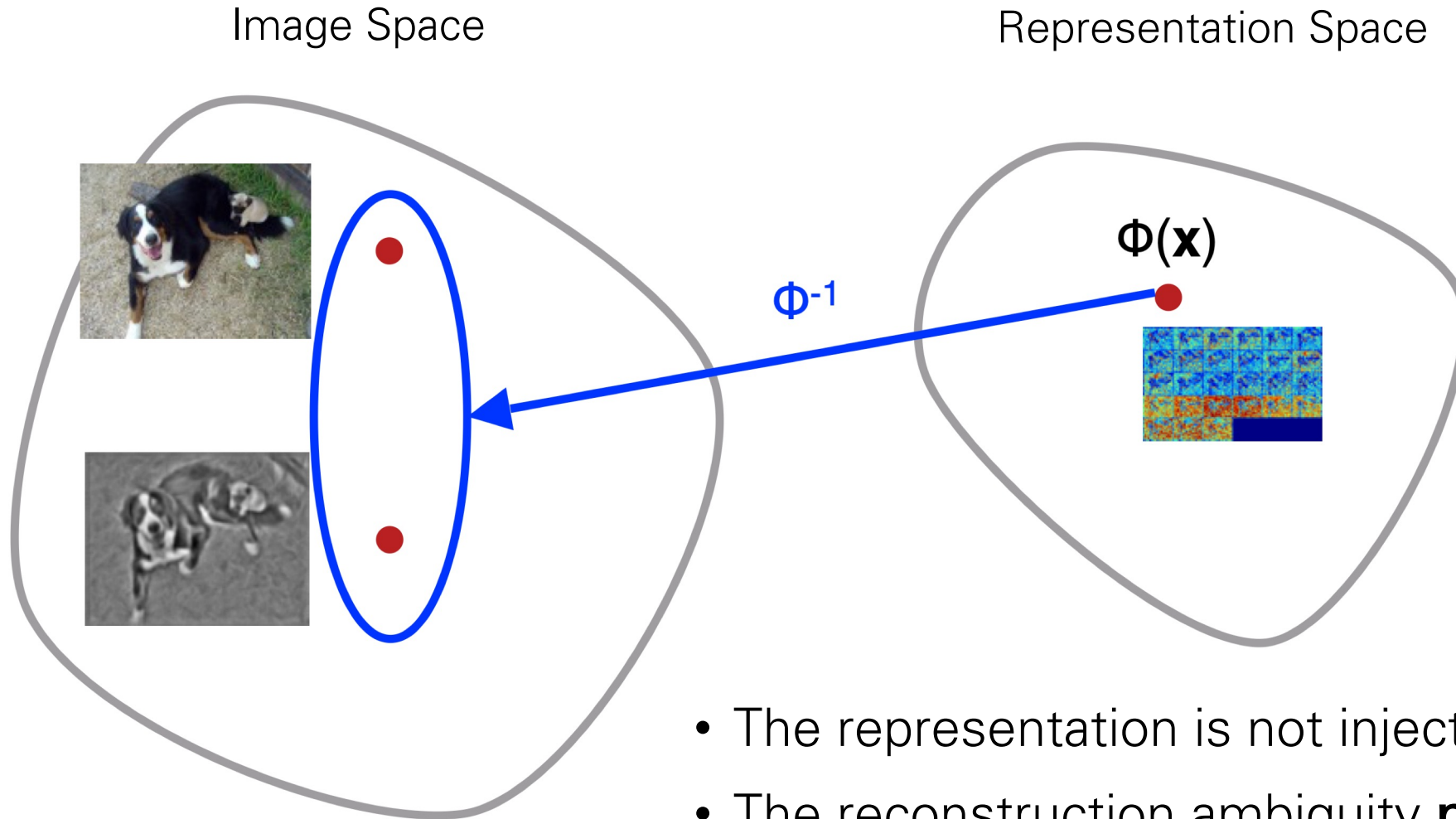


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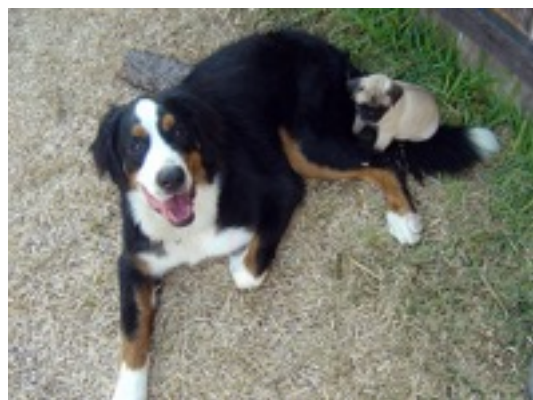


- The representation is not injective
- The reconstruction ambiguity **provides useful information about the representation**

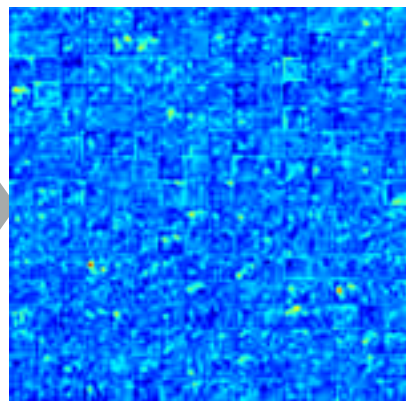
# Finding a Pre-Image

A simple yet general and effective method

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\Phi(\mathbf{x}) - \Phi_0\|_2^2$$



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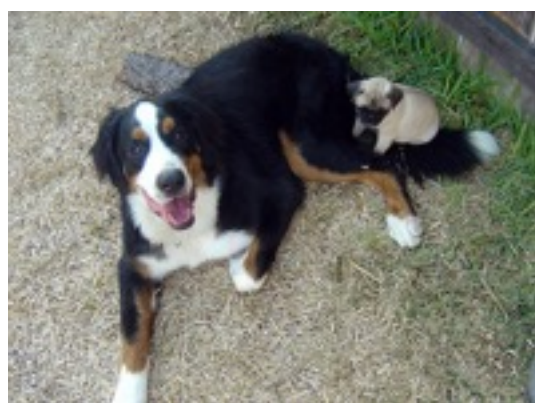


Representation

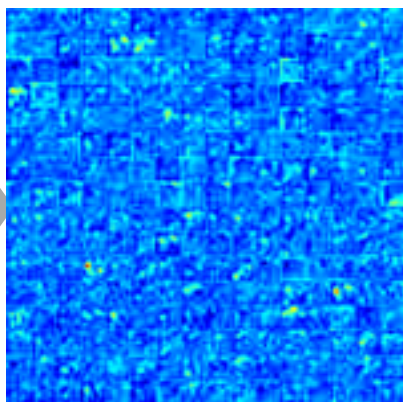
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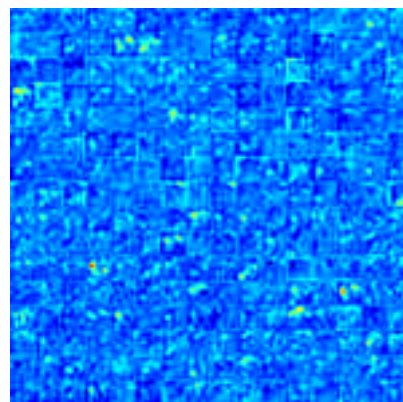
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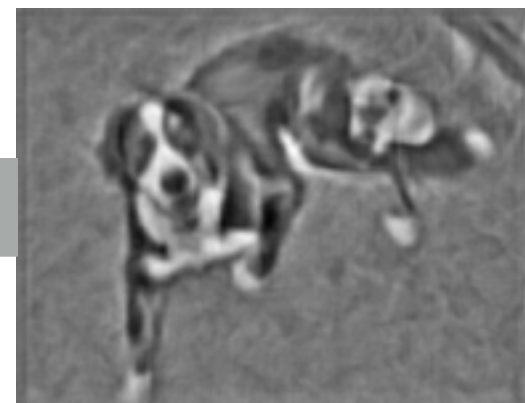
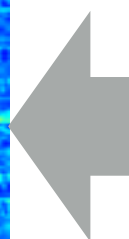
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Representation



Reconstruction



Pre-Image

- Start from random noise
- Optimize using stochastic gradient descent

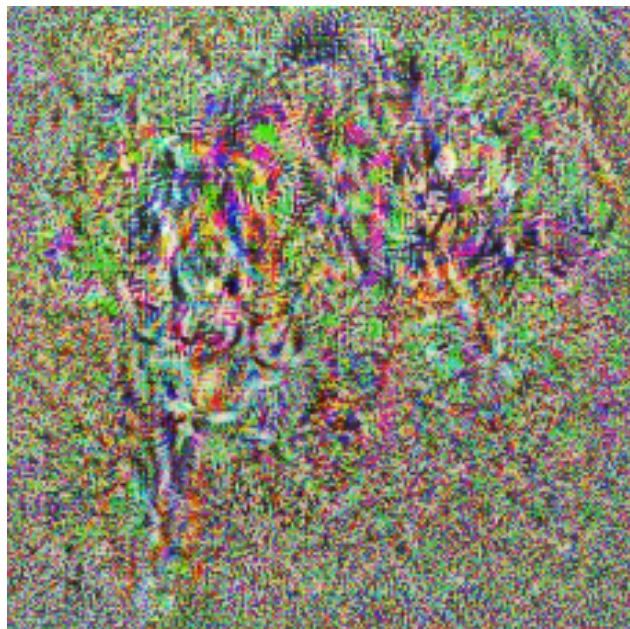


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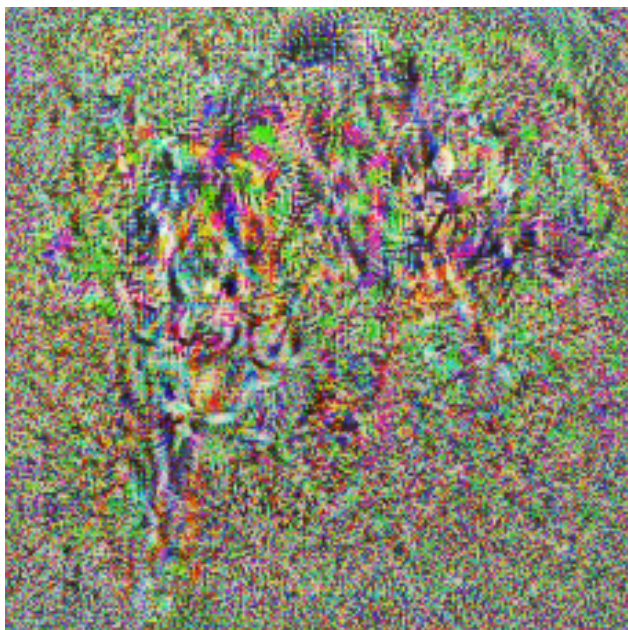


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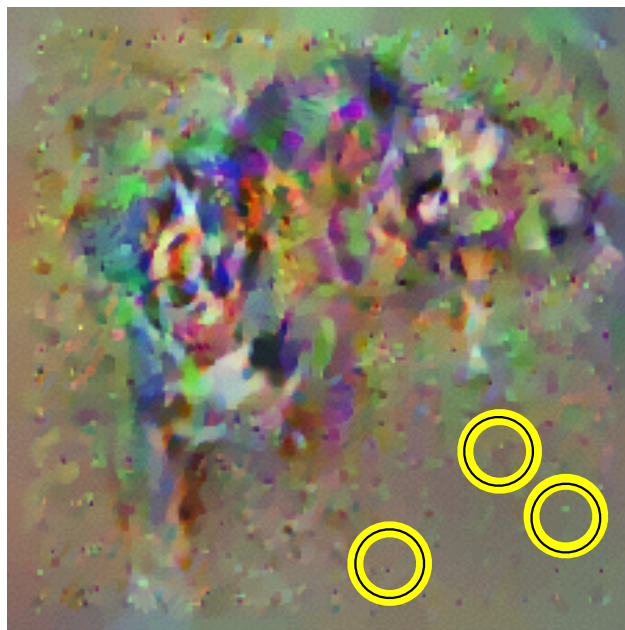
A simple yet general and effective method

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\Phi(\mathbf{x}) - \Phi_0\|_2^2 + R_{TV}(\mathbf{x})$$

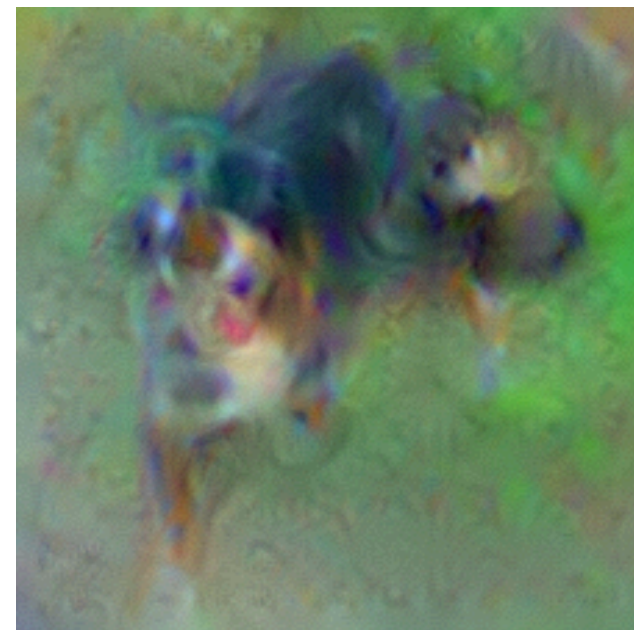
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TV-norm  $\beta = 1$

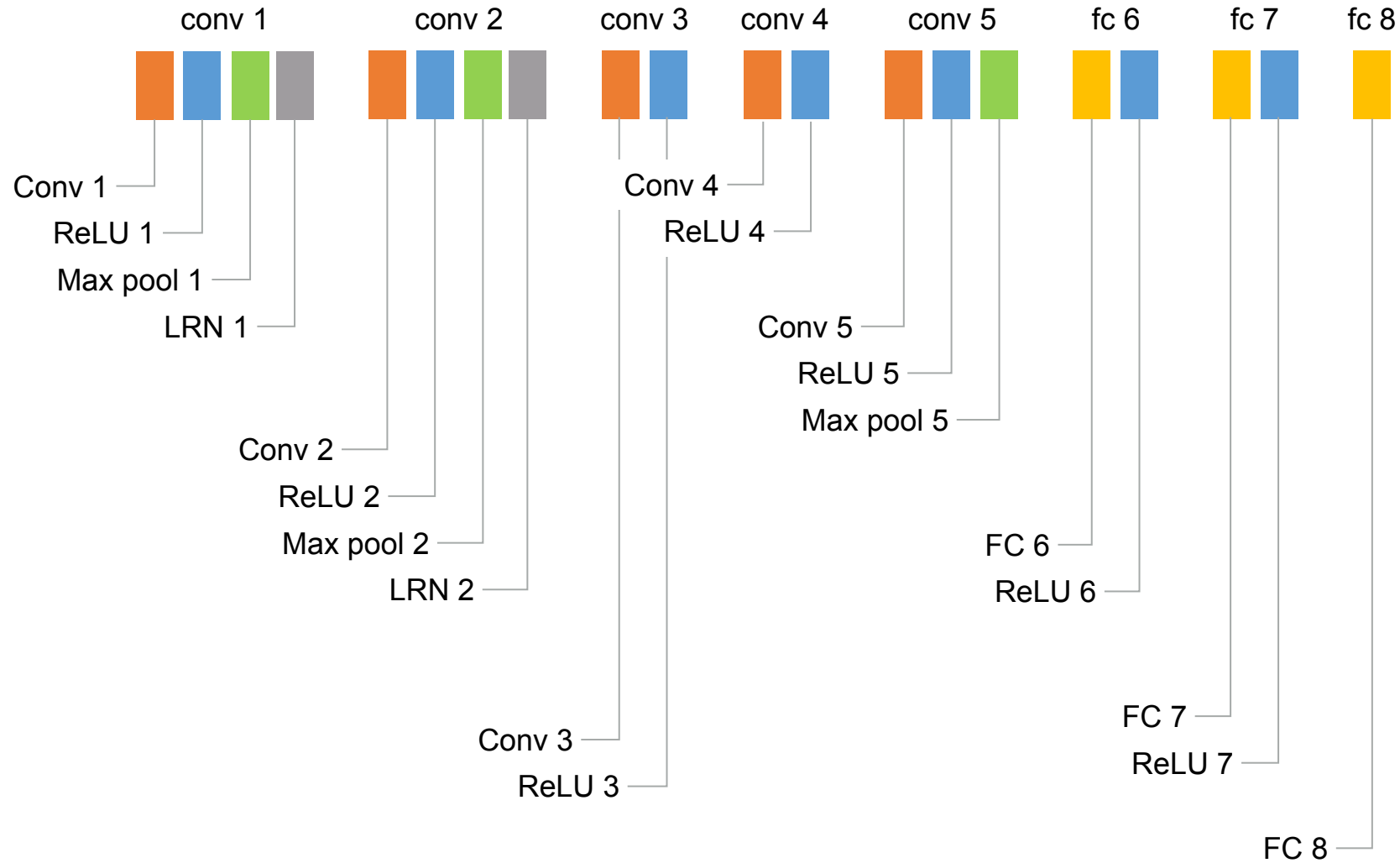


TV-norm  $\beta = 2$



# Inverting a Deep CNN

AlexNet [Krizhevsky et al. 2012]





# Inverting a Deep CNN



Original  
Image



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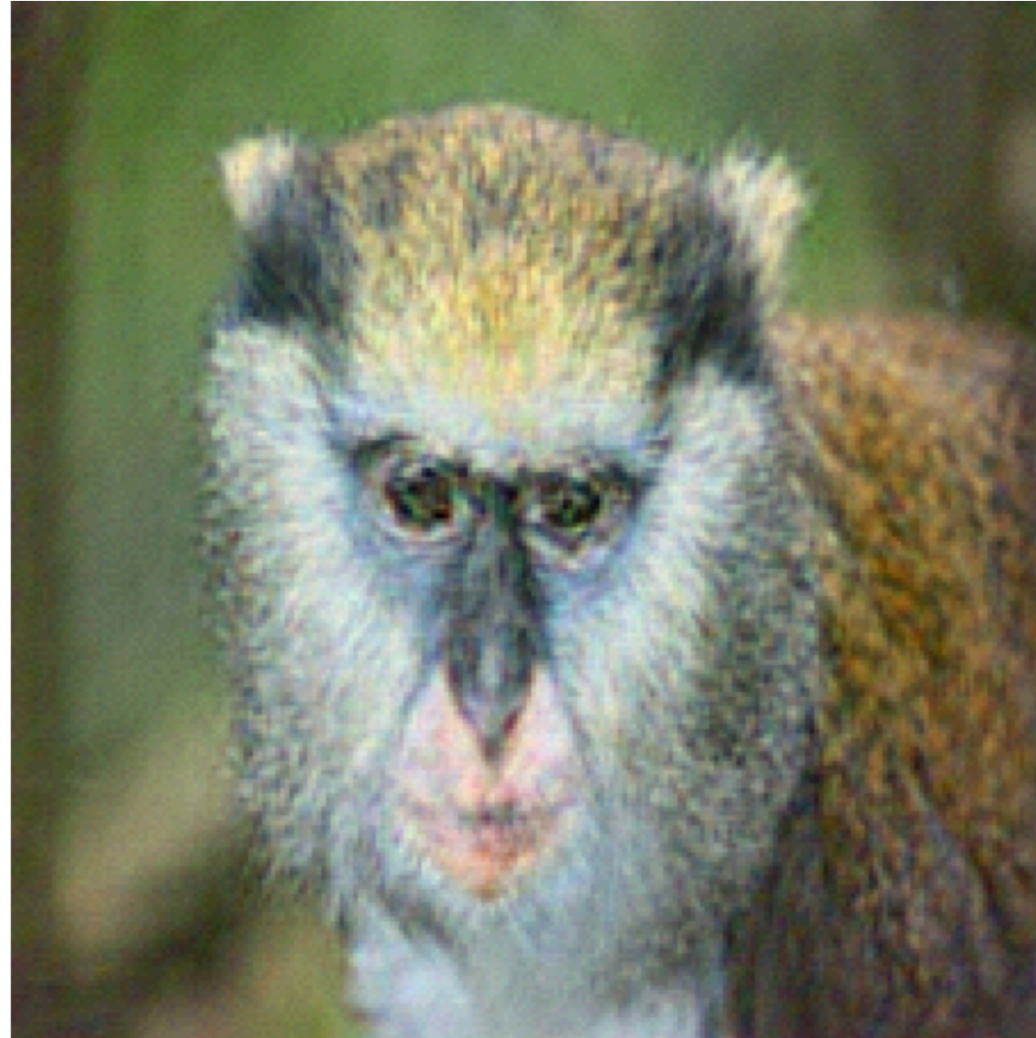




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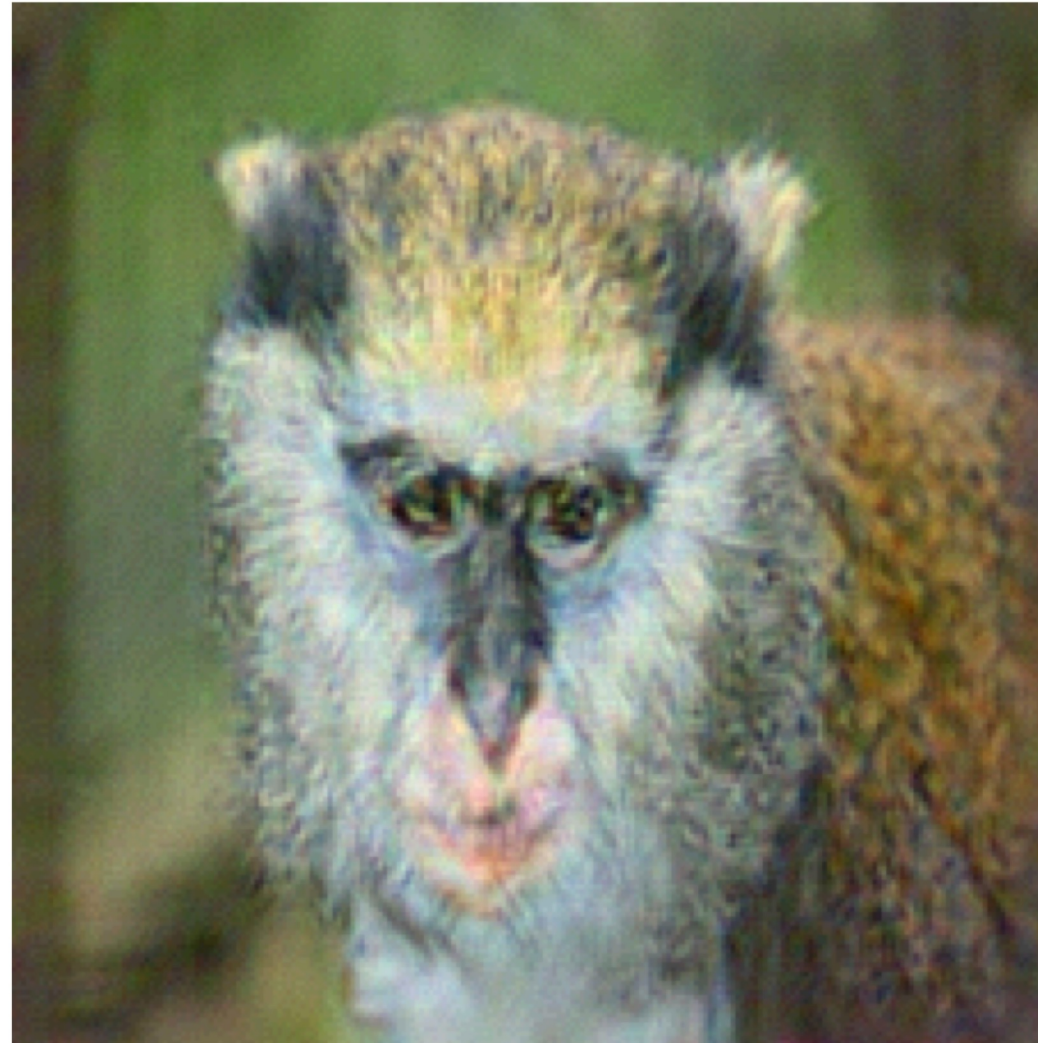
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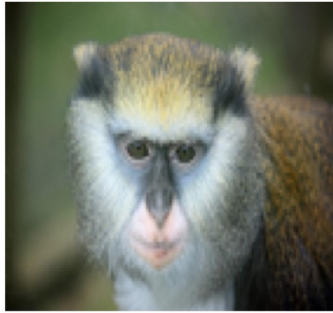
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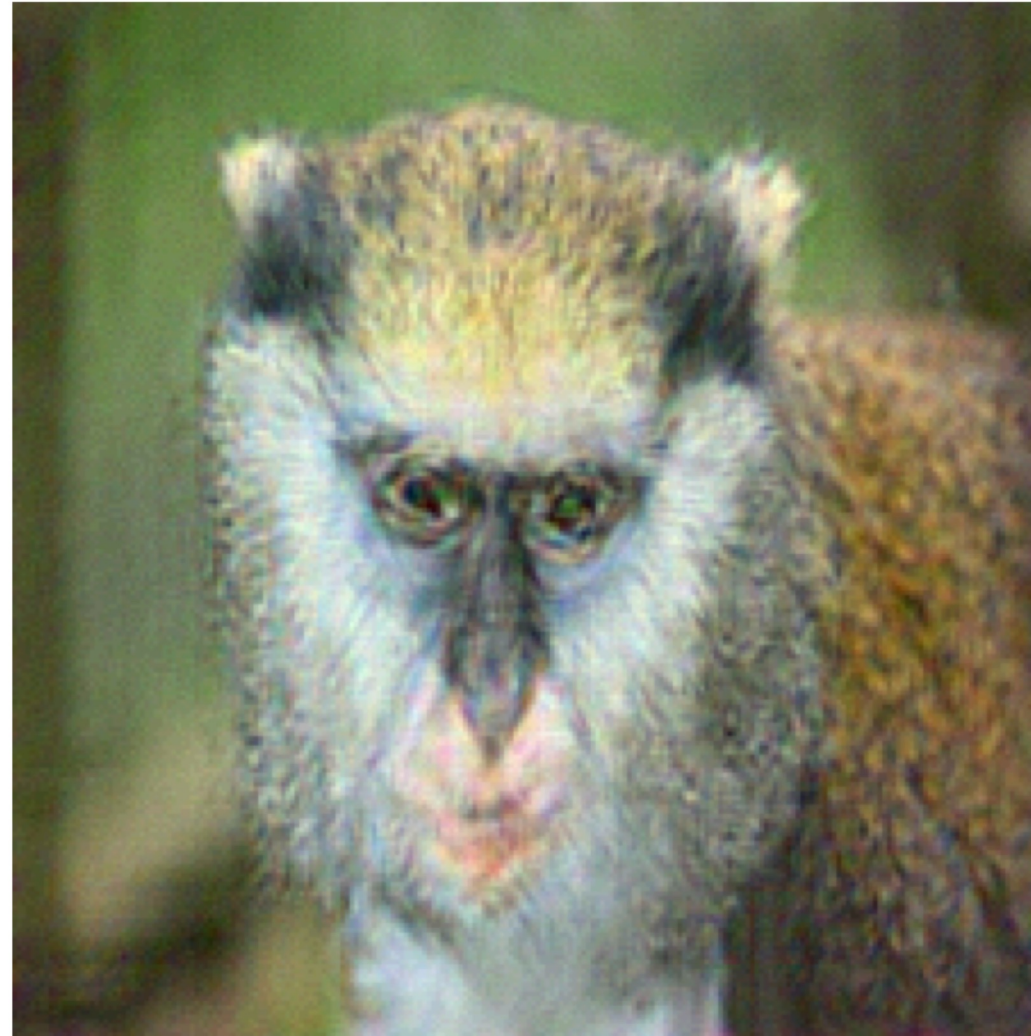
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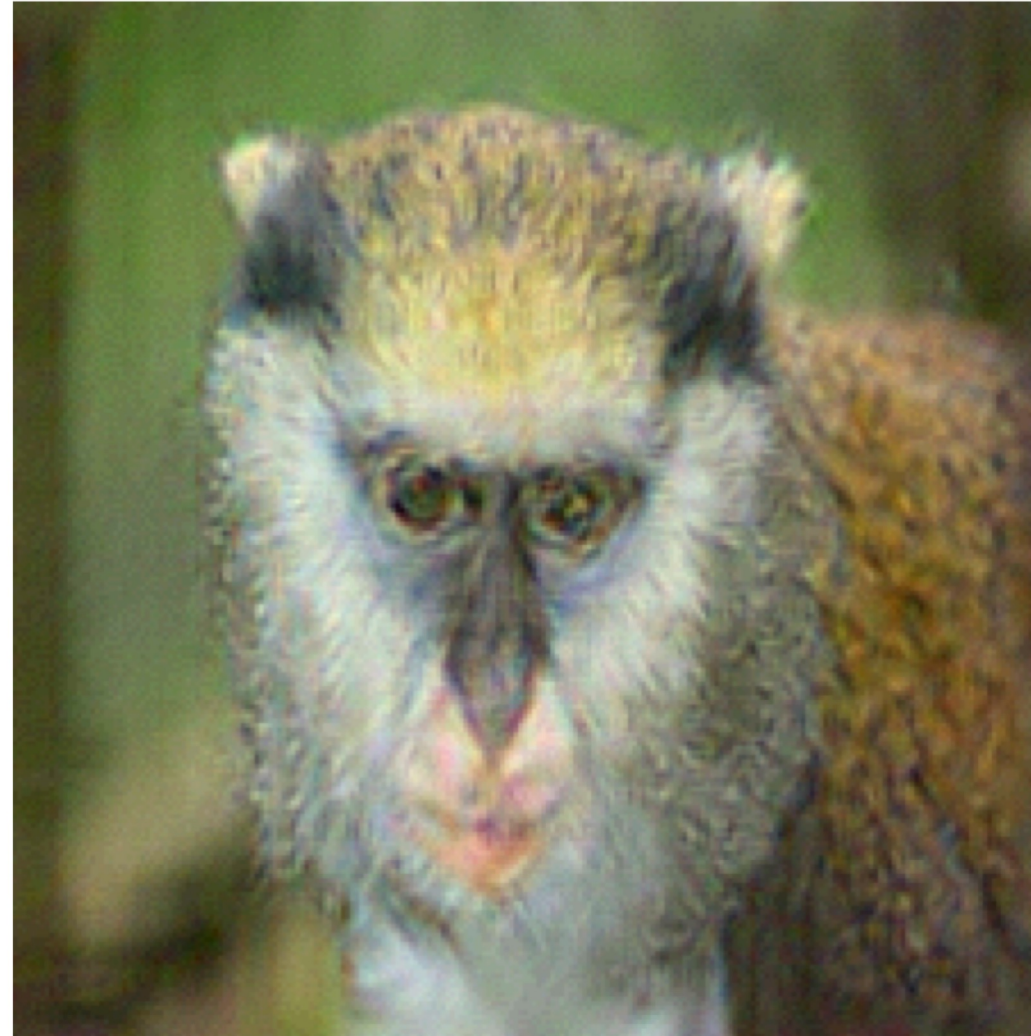




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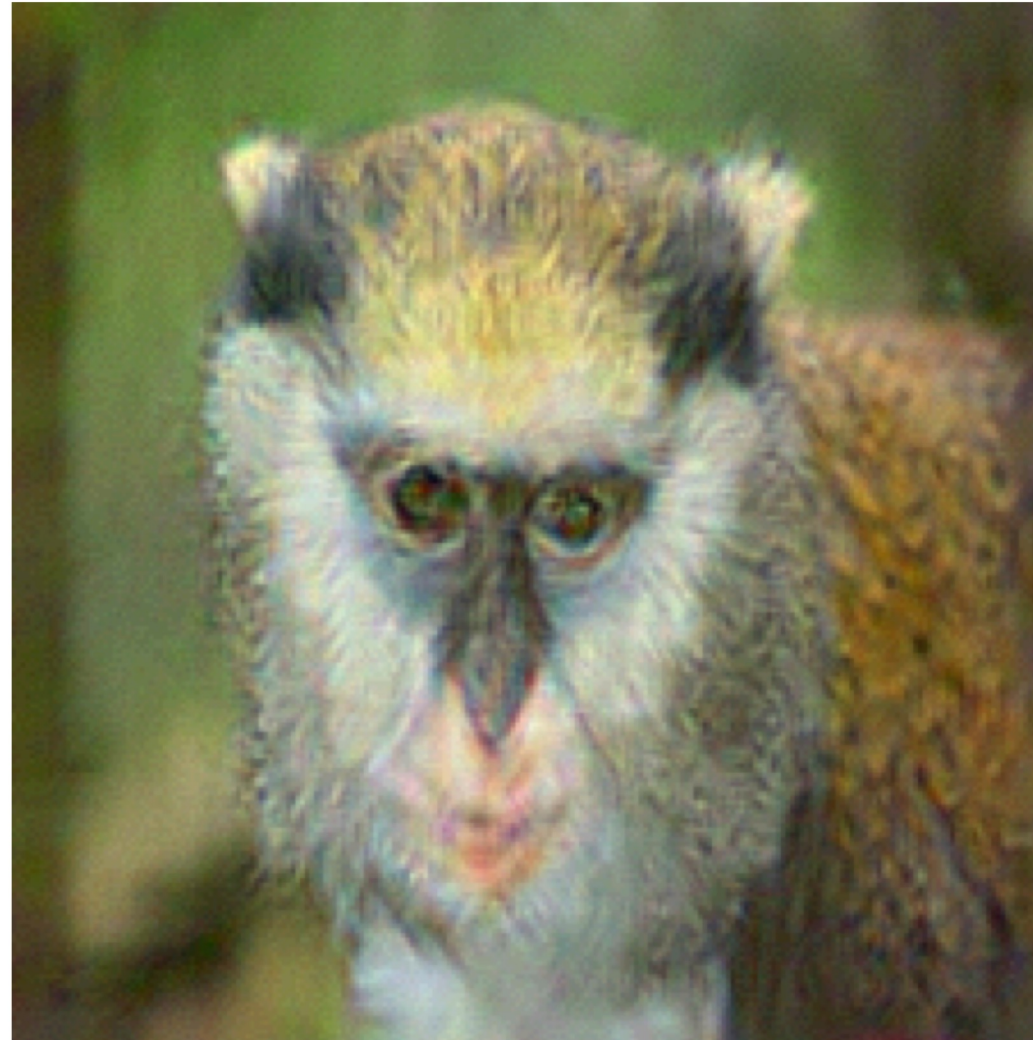
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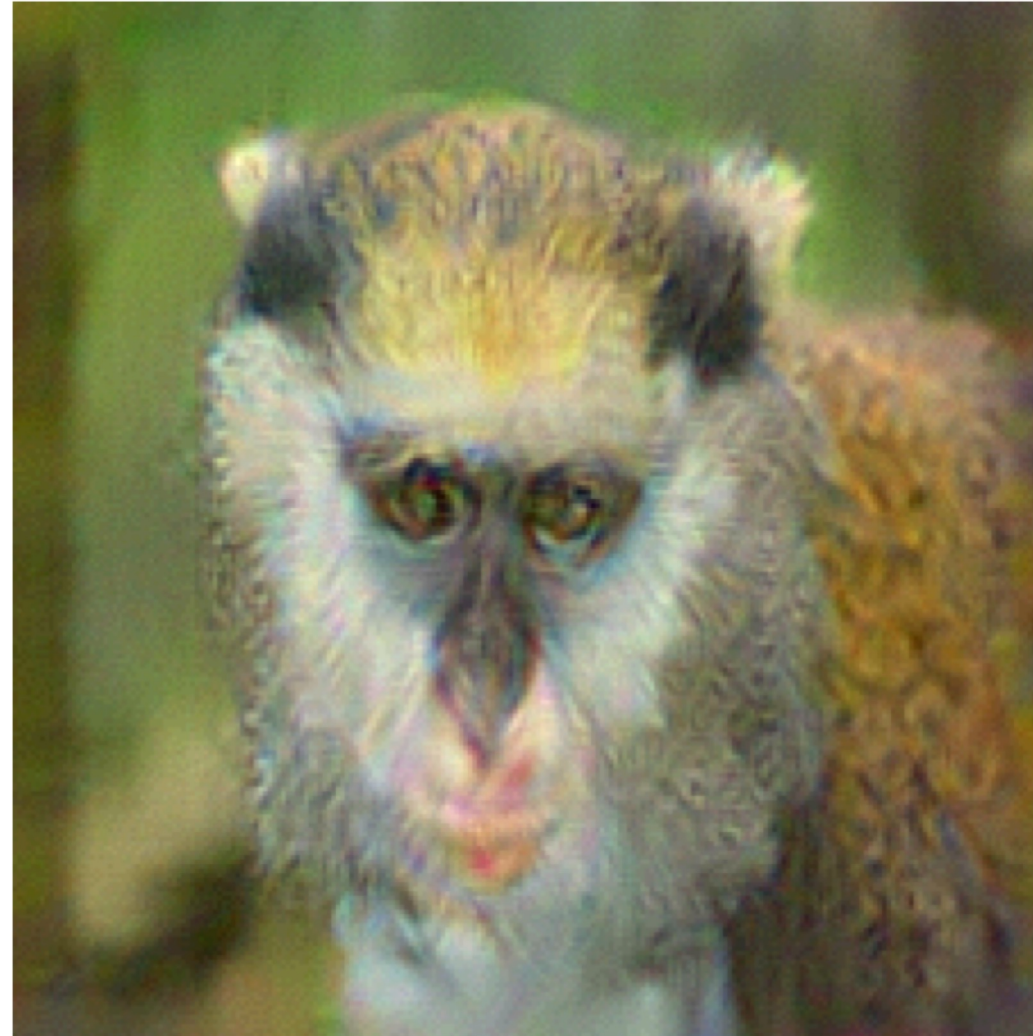
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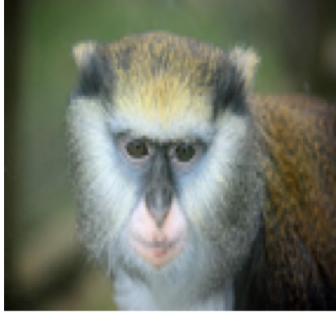


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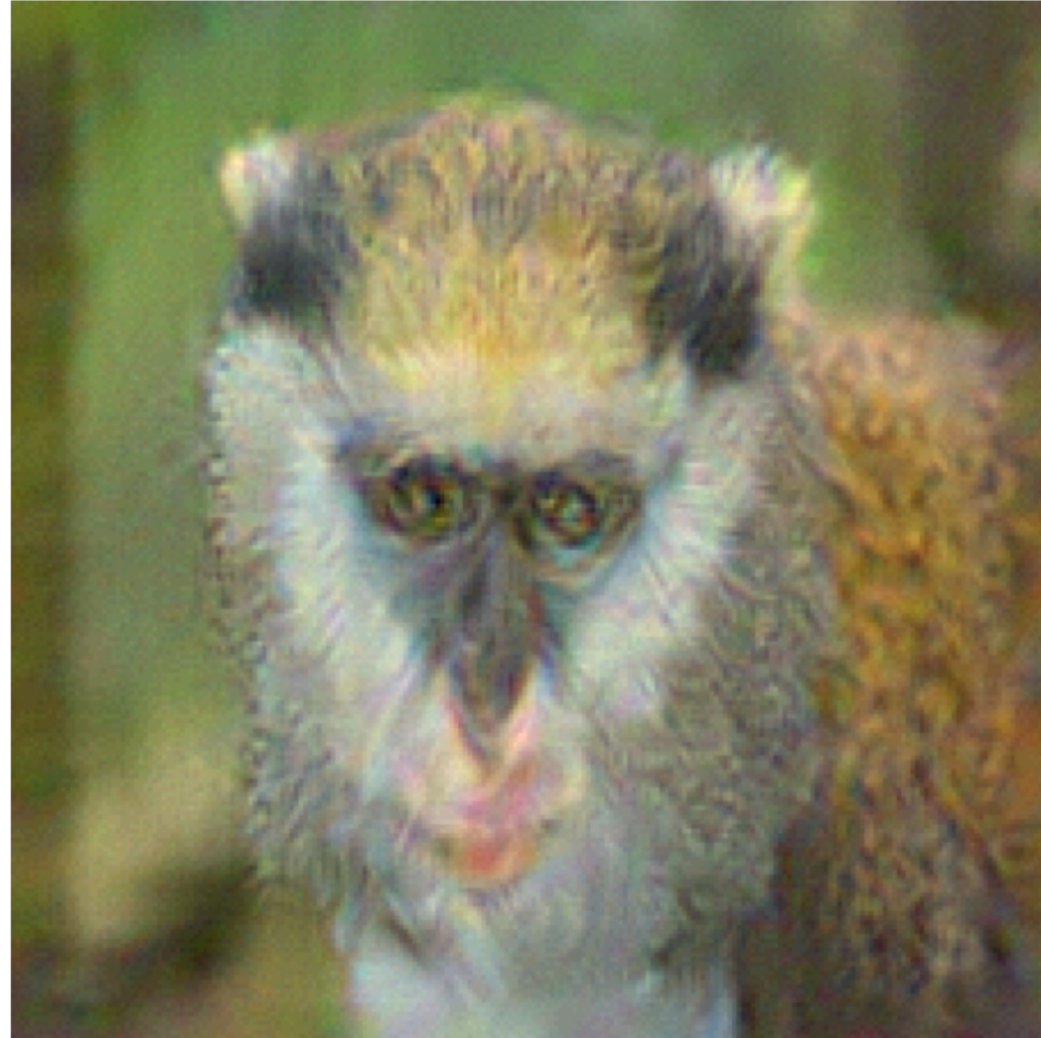




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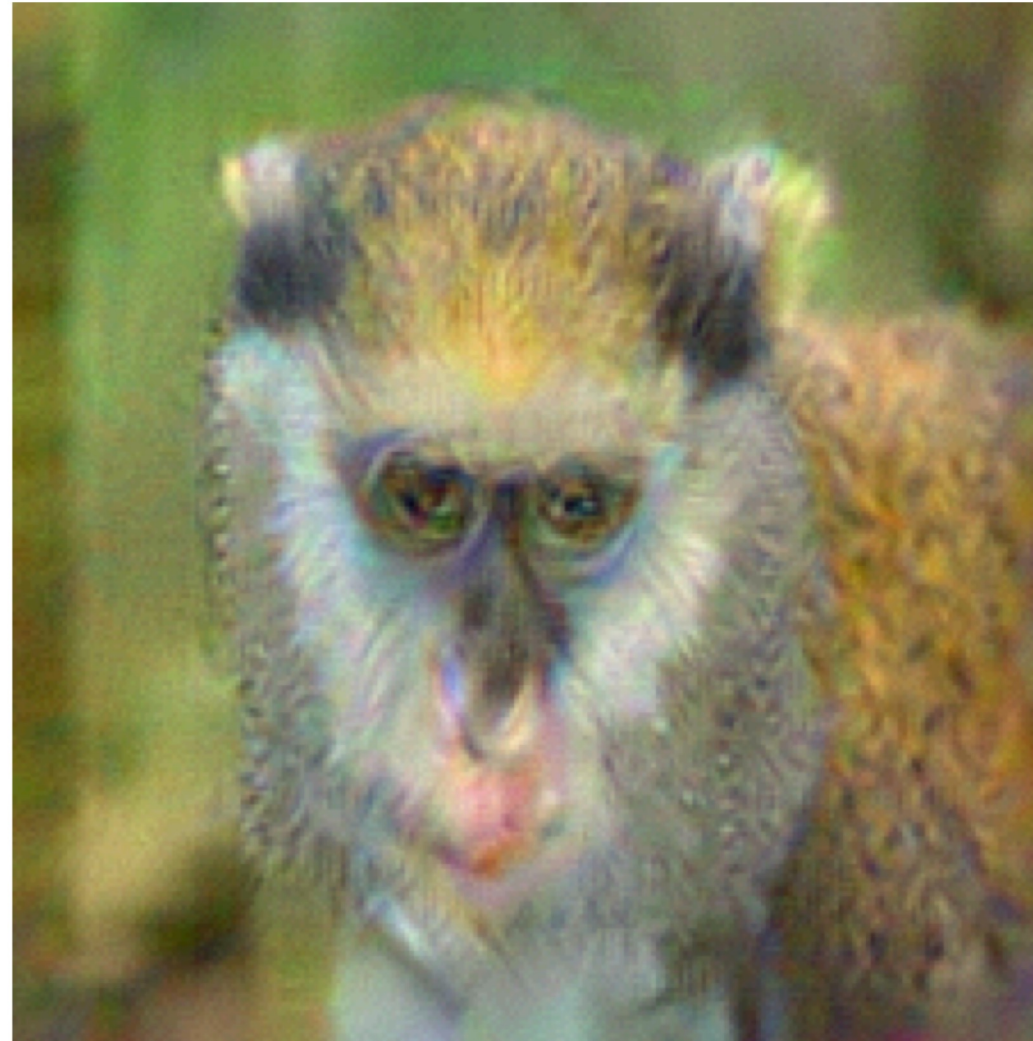
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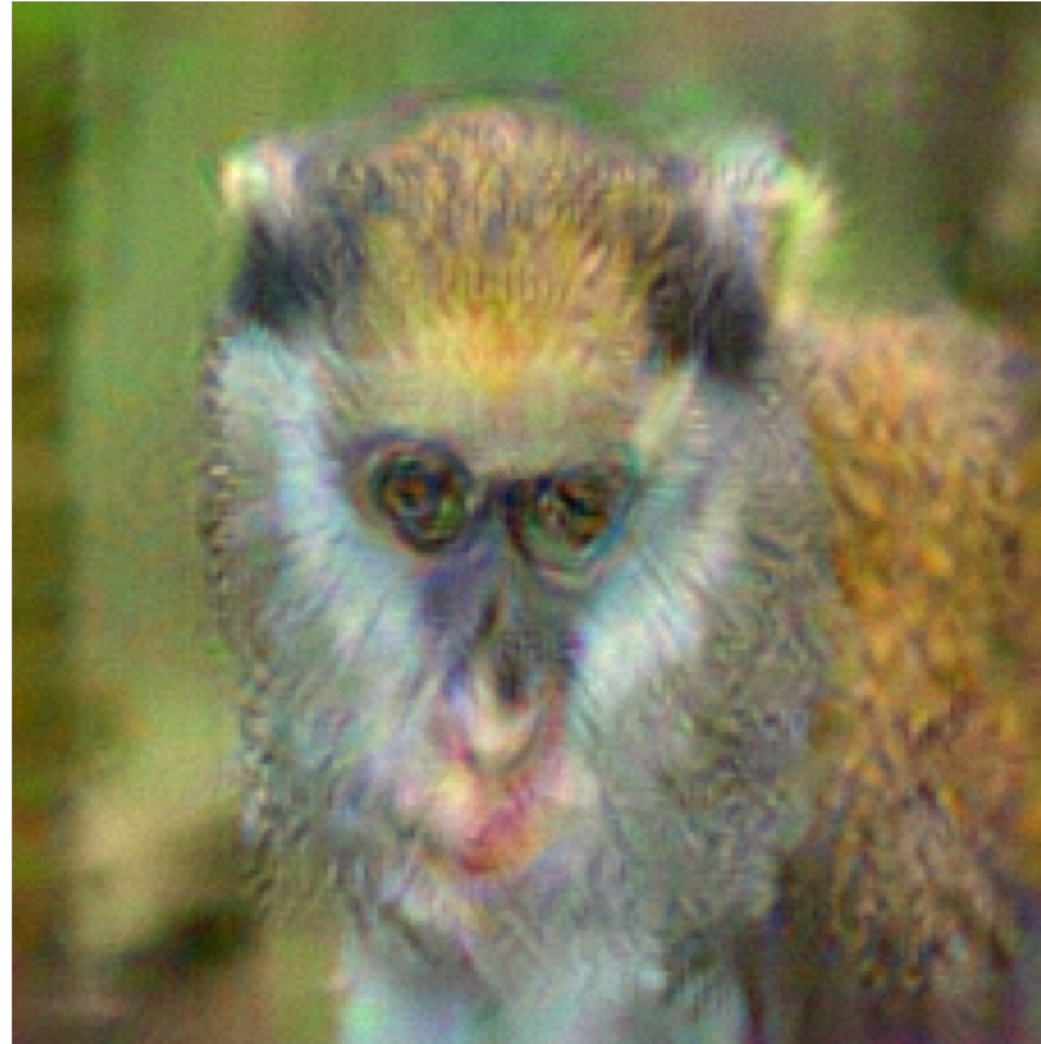
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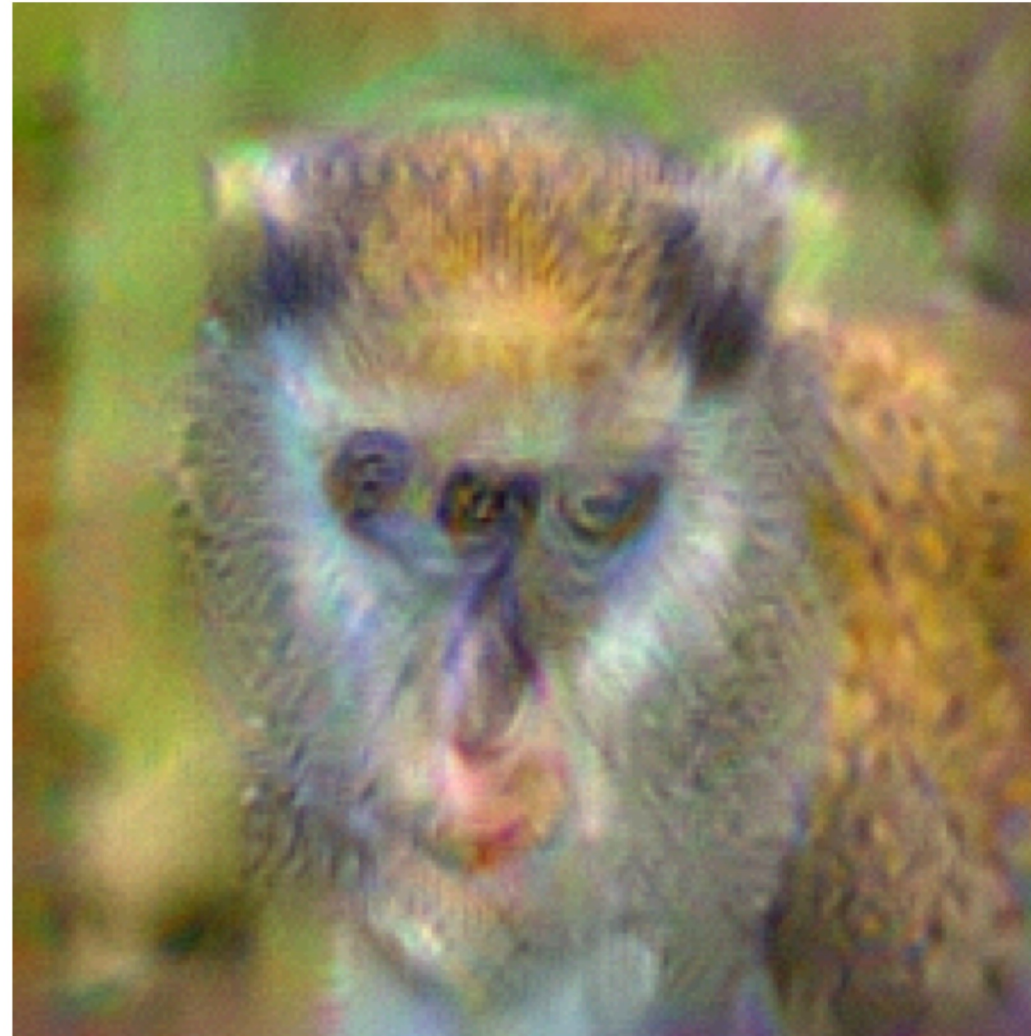




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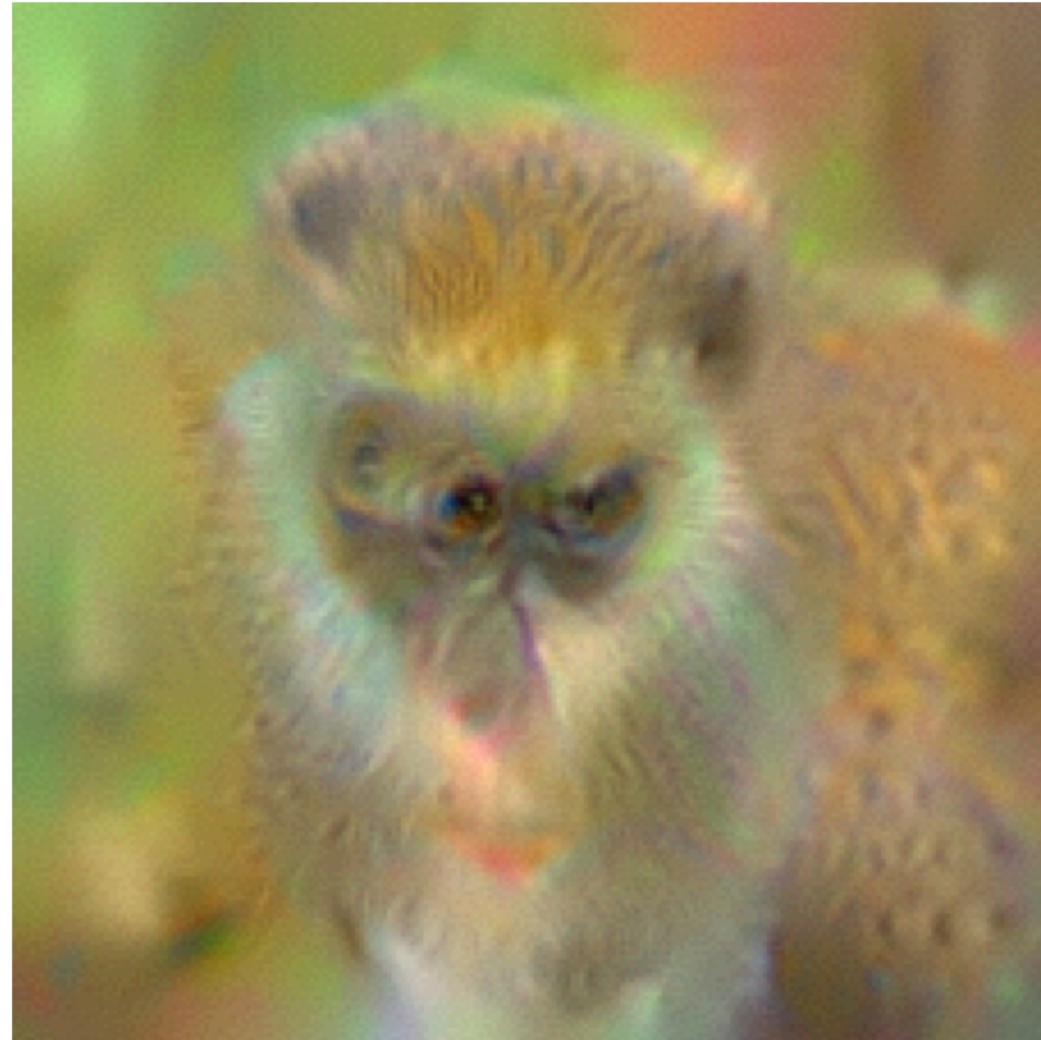
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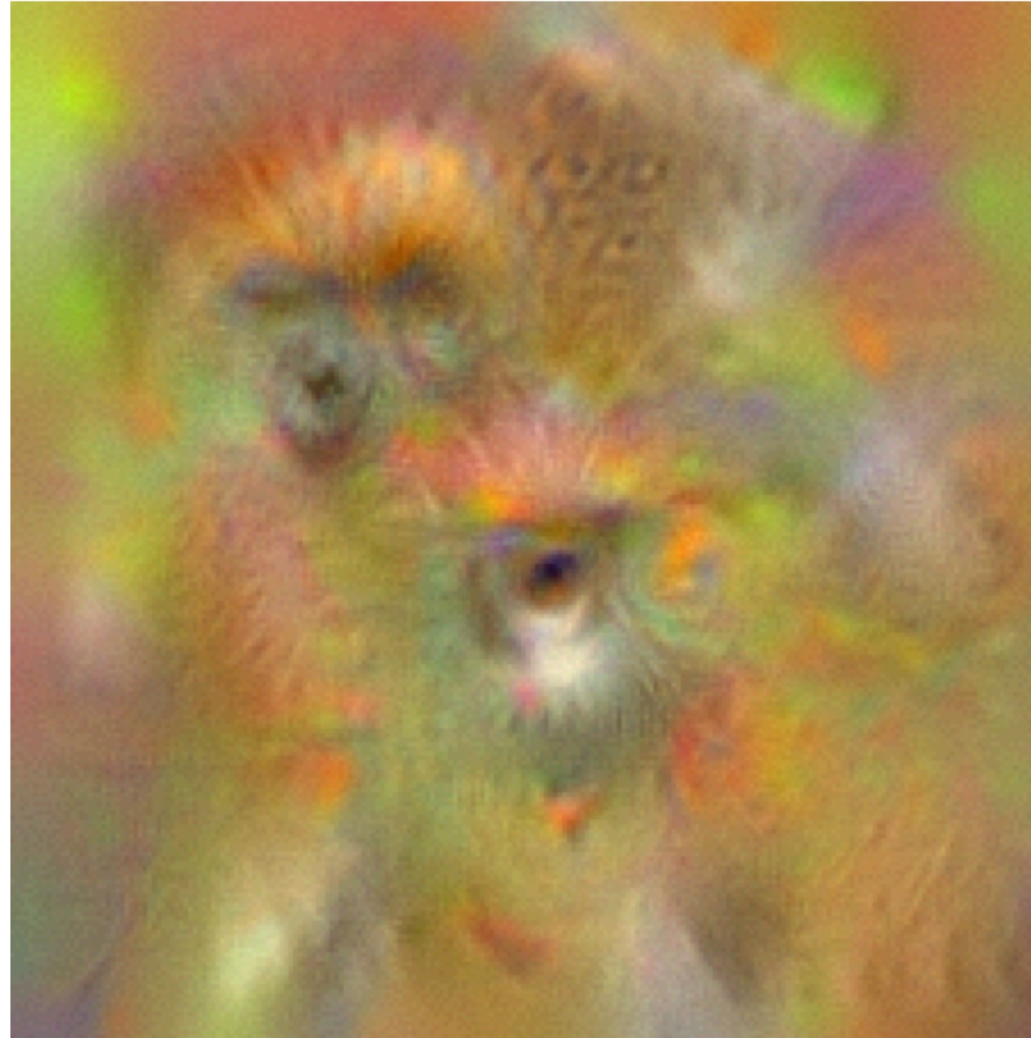
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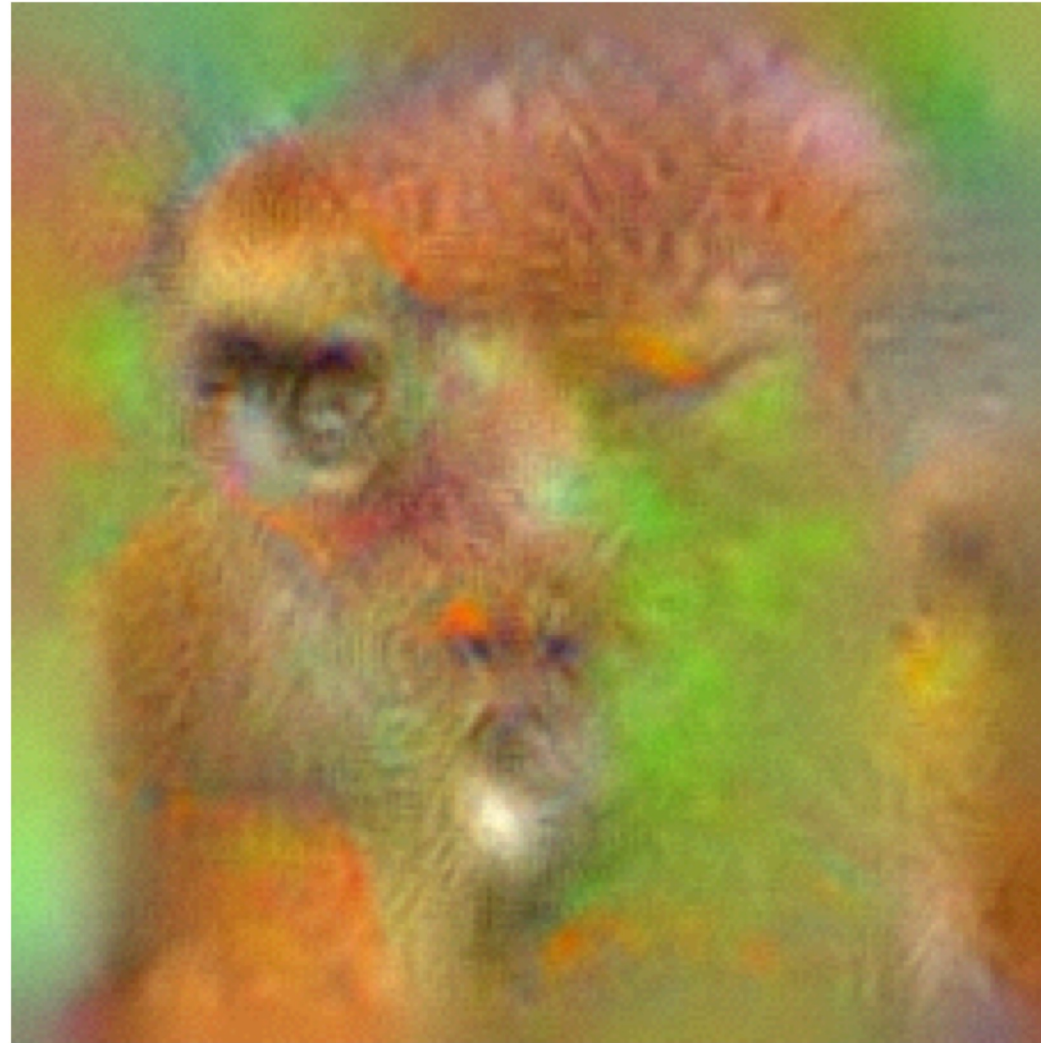
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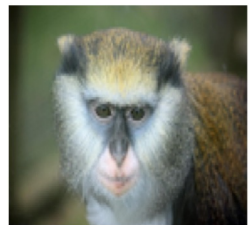
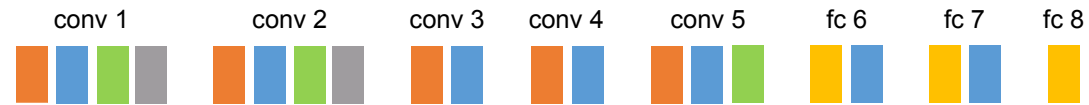
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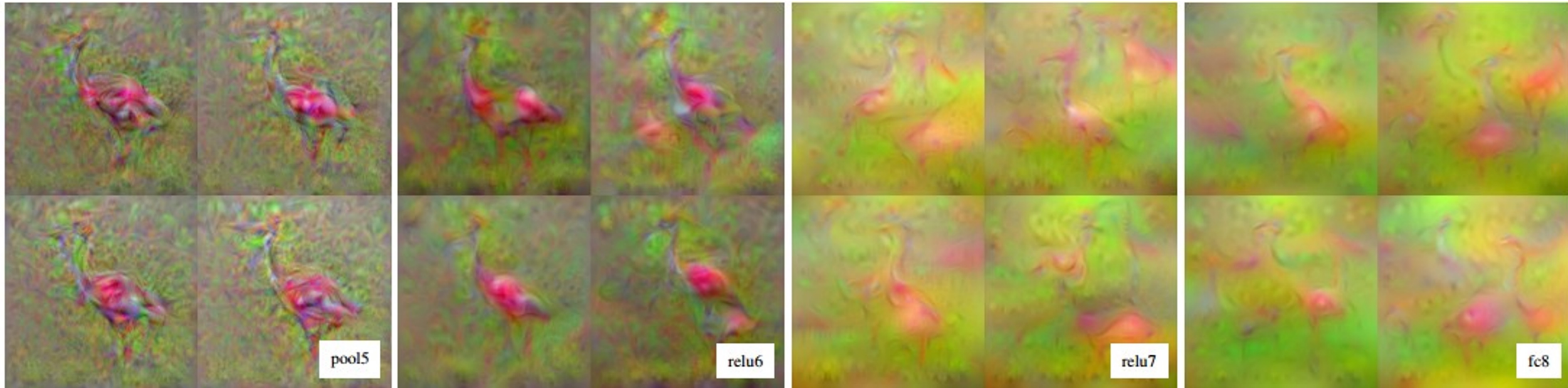
Original Image







Multiple reconstructions. Images in quadrants all “look” the same to the CNN (same code)



# Inverting Visual Representations with Convolutional Networks [Dosovitskiy and Brox2016]

Minimize mean squared error:

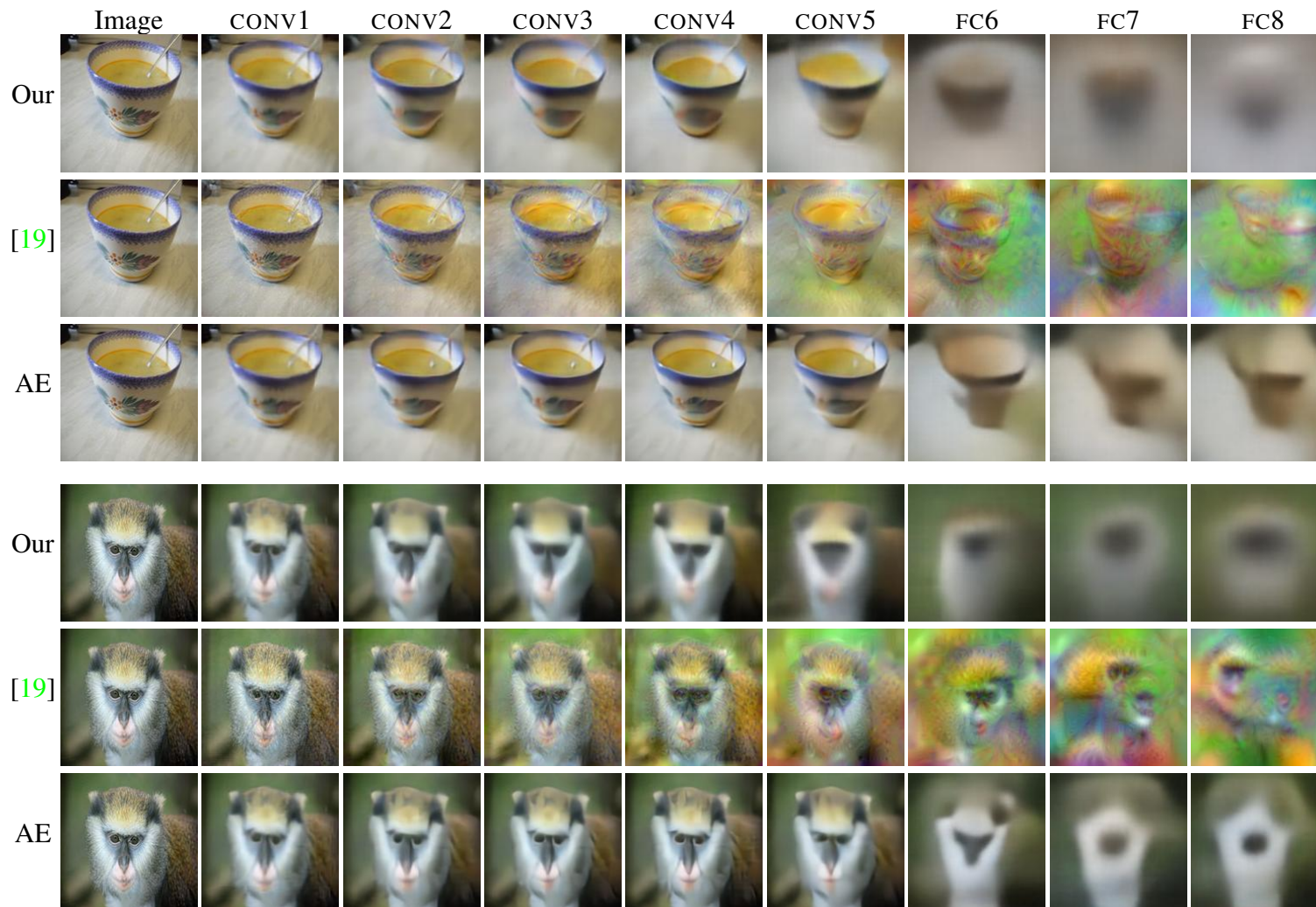
$$\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}, \phi} \|\mathbf{x} - f(\phi)\|^2$$

Pre-image as the conditional expectation:

$$\hat{f}(\phi_0) = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}} [\mathbf{x} \mid \phi = \phi_0],$$

Given a training set of images and their features, learn weights of an deconvolutional network:

$$\hat{\mathbf{w}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{w}} \sum_i \|\mathbf{x}_i - f(\phi_i, \mathbf{w})\|_2^2.$$



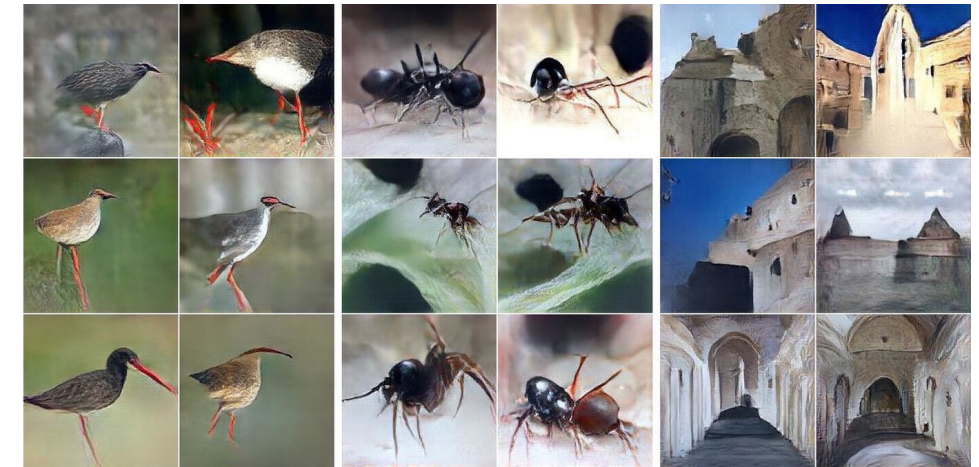


# Visualizing CNN Features: Gradient Ascent

Employs auto-encoder and generative adversarial network components



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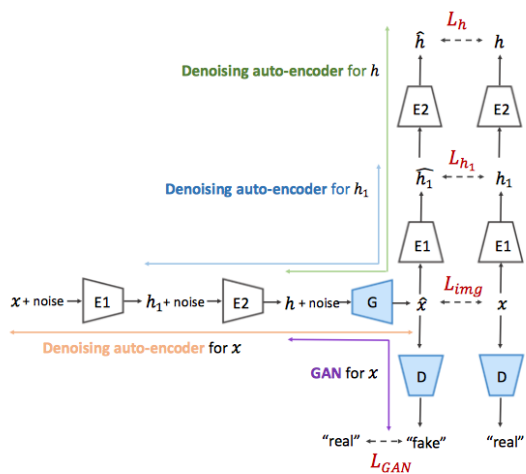
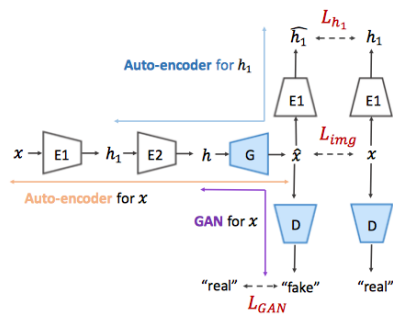
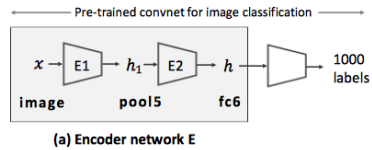
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monastery



volcano





# Visualizing CNN Features: Gradient Ascent



# Caricaturization

[Google Inceptionism 2015, Mahendran et al. 2015]

- Emphasize patterns that are detected by a certain representation

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} -\langle \Phi(\mathbf{x}_0), \Phi(\mathbf{x}) \rangle + R_{TV}(\mathbf{x}) + R_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x})$$

- Key differences:
  - The starting point **is** the image  $\mathbf{x}_0$
  - particular configurations of features are emphasized, not individual features



# Results (VGG-M)

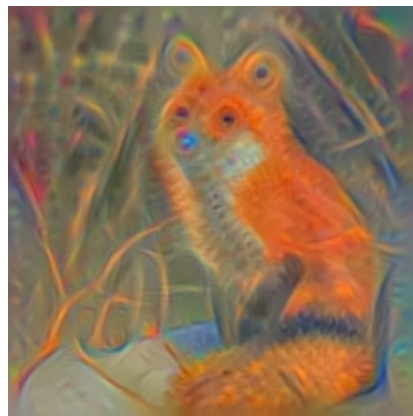
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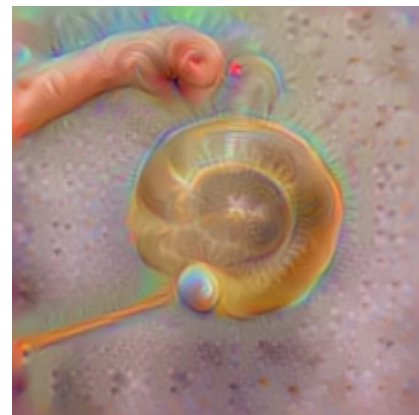
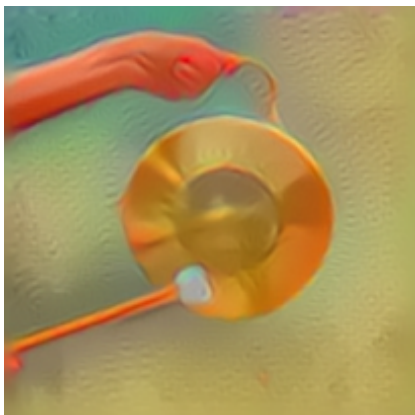
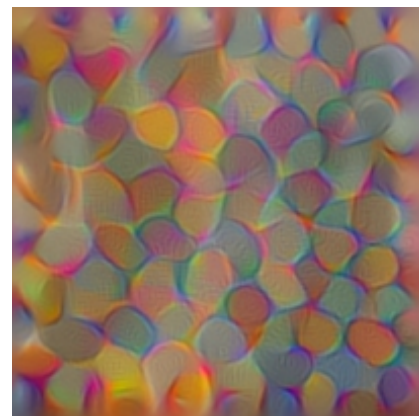
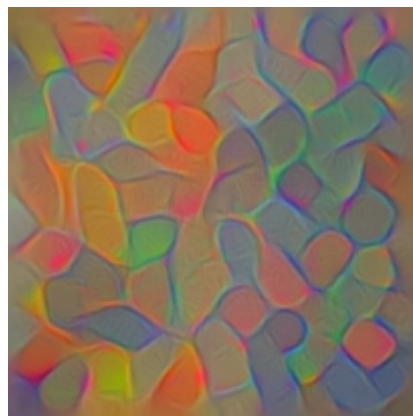
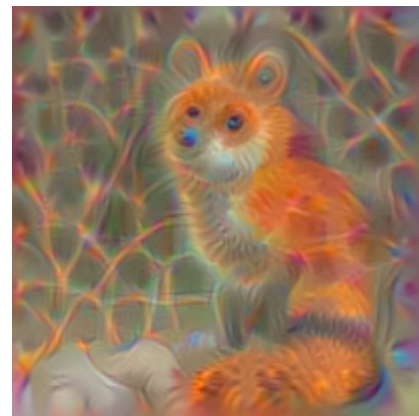
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conv3



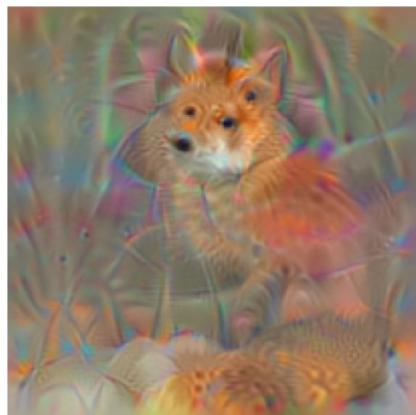
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# Results (VGG-M)

conv5



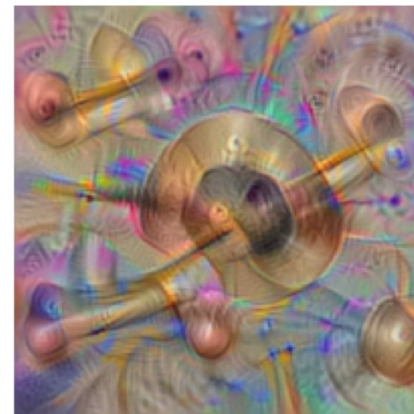
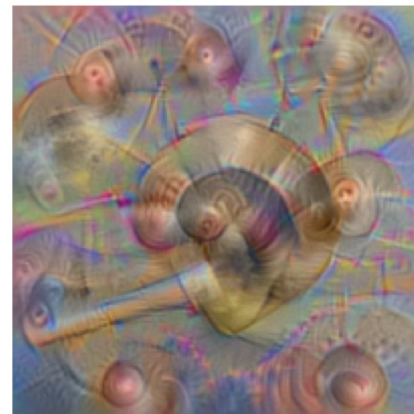
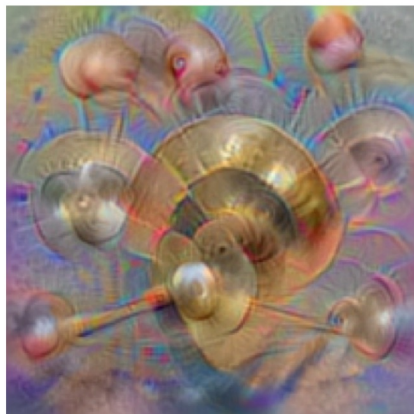
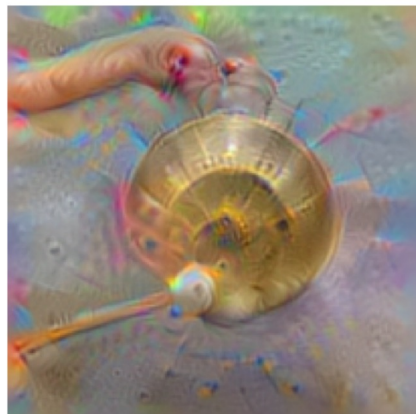
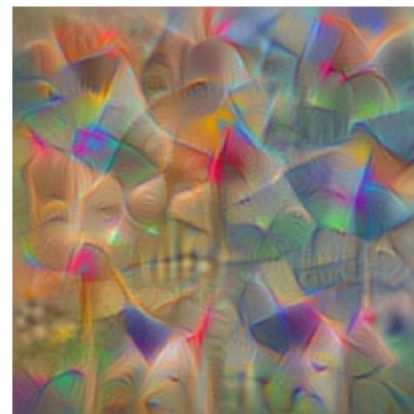
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fc7



fc8



# Interlude: Neural Art

- Surprisingly, the filters learned by discriminative neural networks capture well the “style” of an image.

This can be used to transfer the style of an image (e.g. a painting) to any other.

## **Optimization based**

- L. A. Gatys, A. S. Ecker, and M. Bethge. Texture synthesis and the controlled generation of natural stimuli using convolutional neural networks. In Proc. NIPS, 2015.

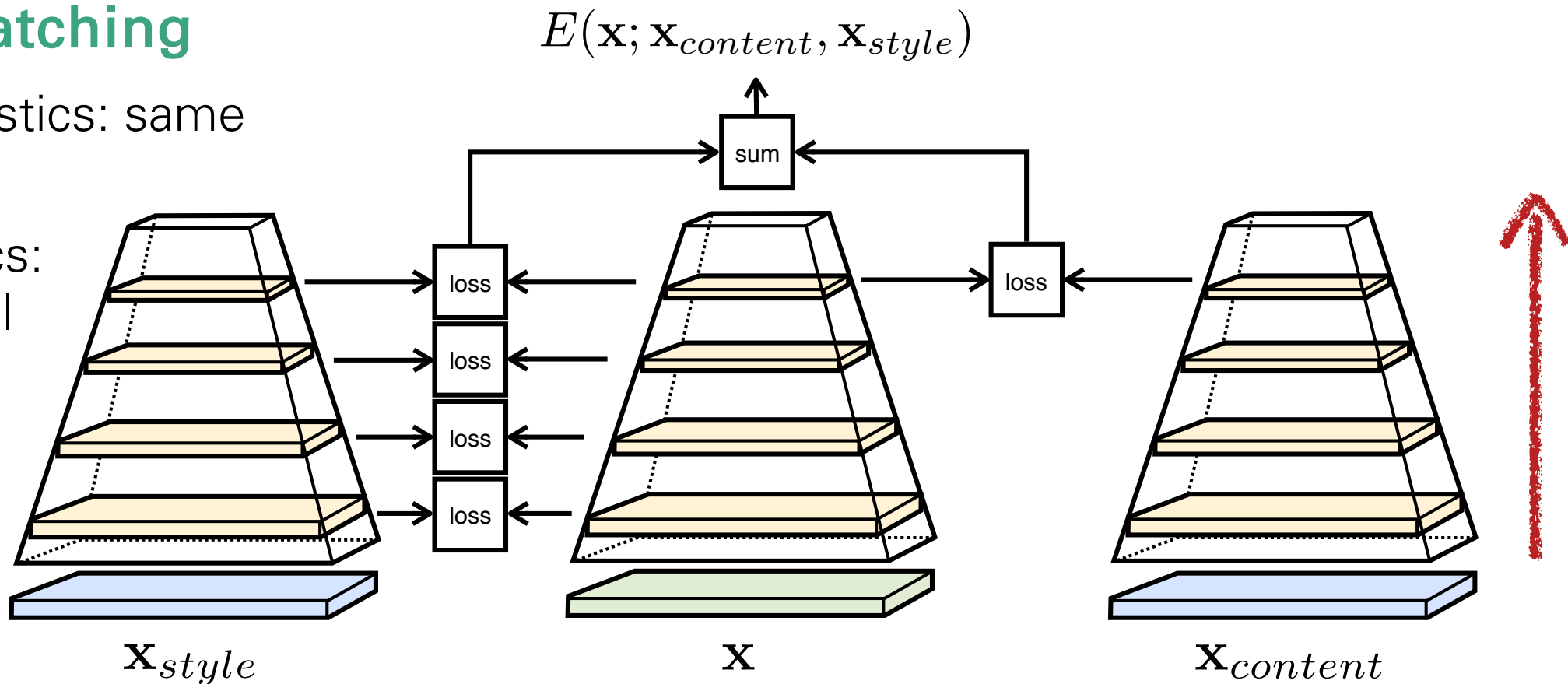
## **Feed-forward neural network equivalents**

- D. Ulyanov, V. Lebedev, A. Vedaldi, and V. Lempitsky. Texture networks: Feed-forward synthesis of textures and stylized images. Proc. ICML, 2016.
- J. Johnson, A. Alahi, and L. Fei-Fei. Perceptual losses for real-time style transfer and super-resolution. In Proc. ECCV, 2016.

# Generation by Moment Matching

## Moment matching

- Content statistics: same as inversion
- Style statistics: cross-channel correlations

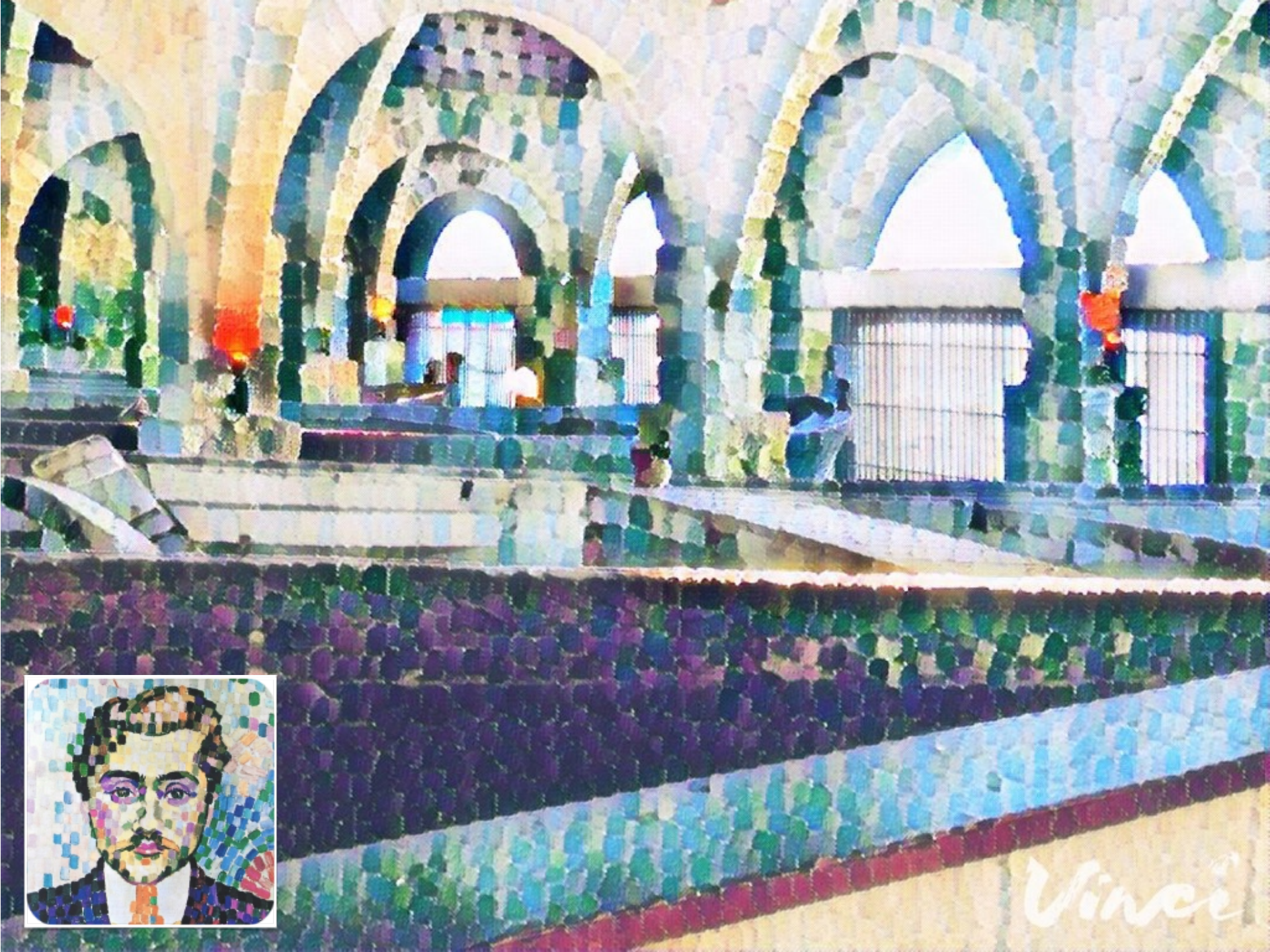


$$\mathbf{x}^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} E(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{x}_{content}, \mathbf{x}_{style})$$













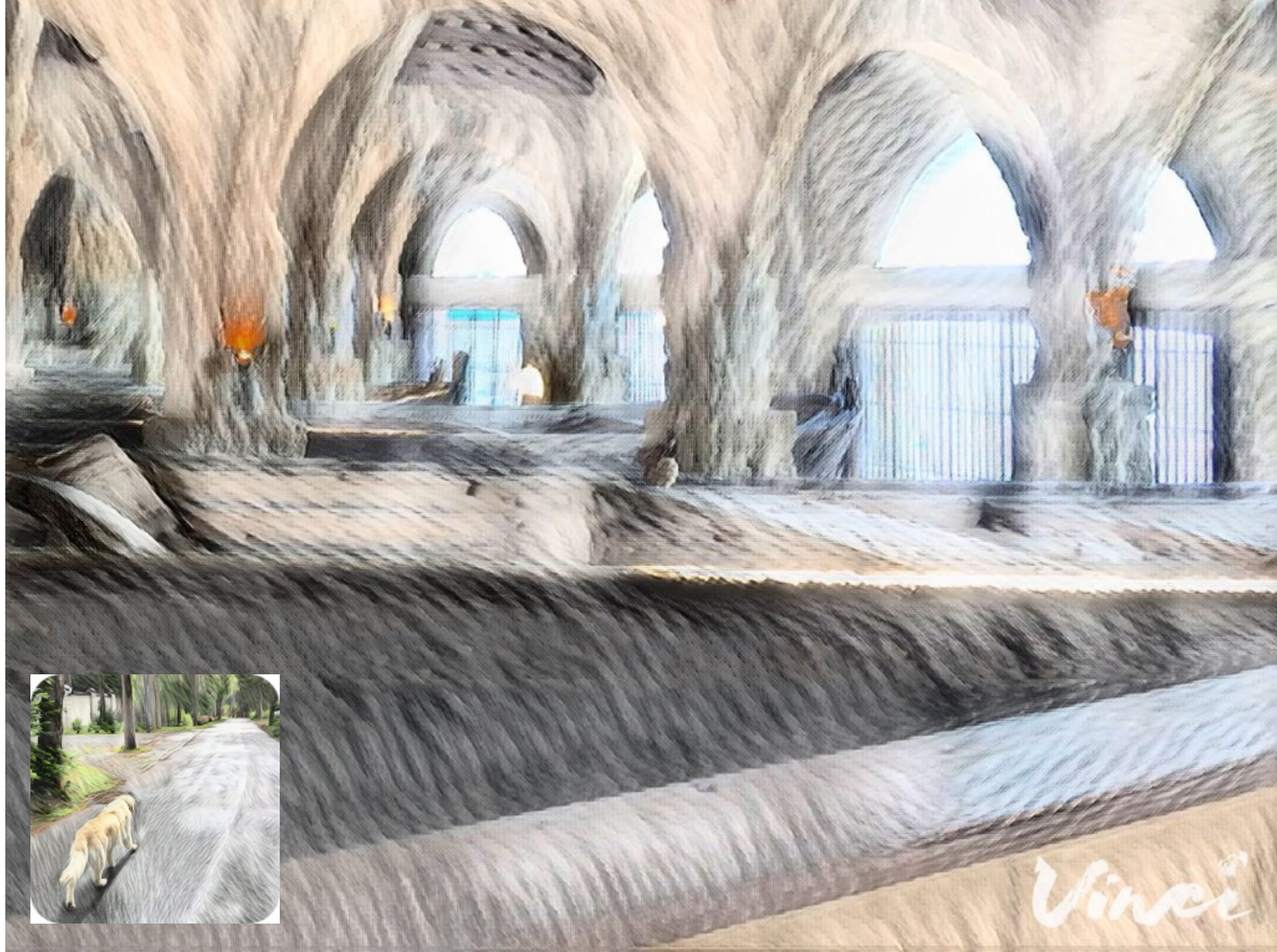
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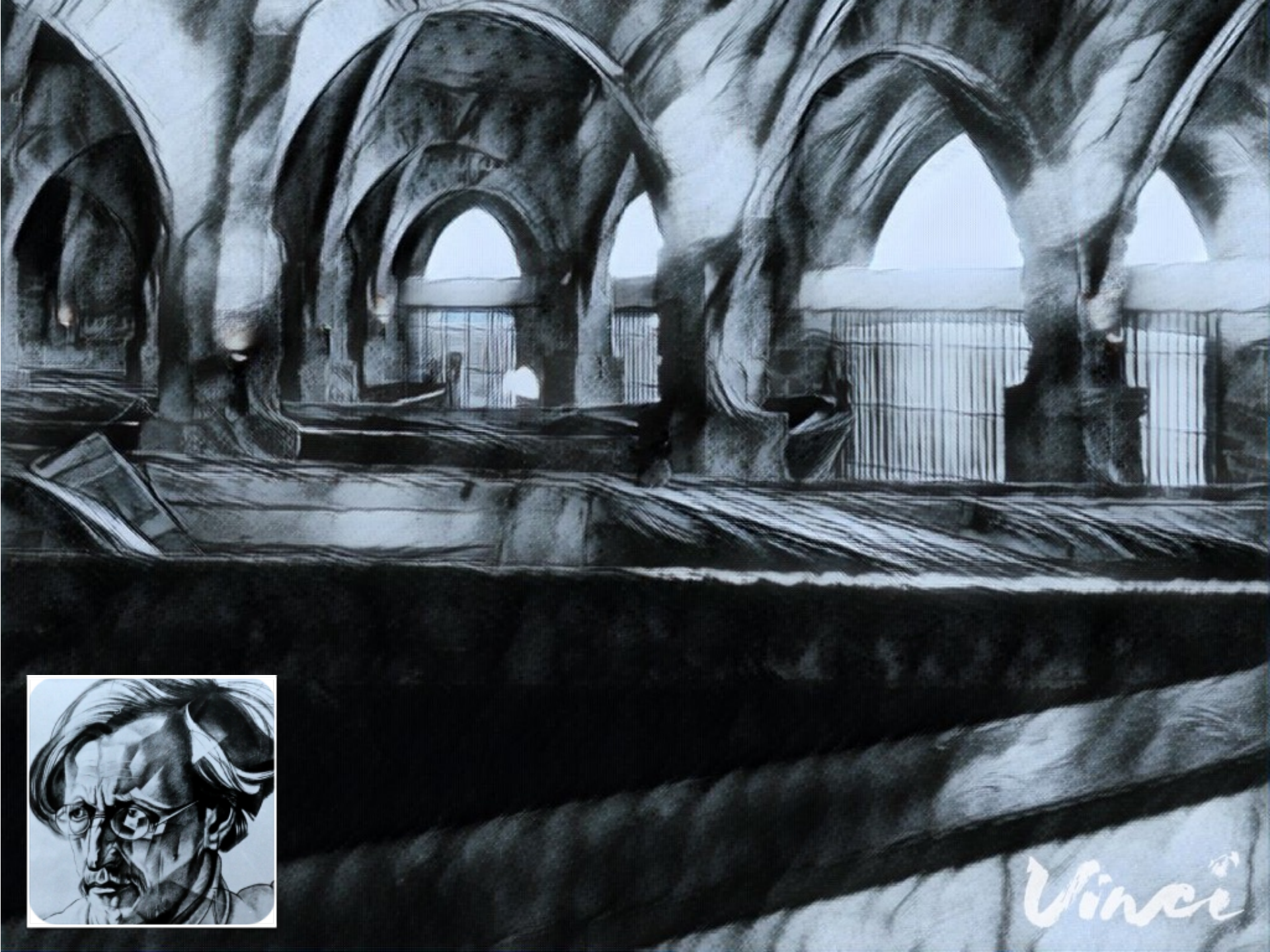


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# Artistic style transfer for videos

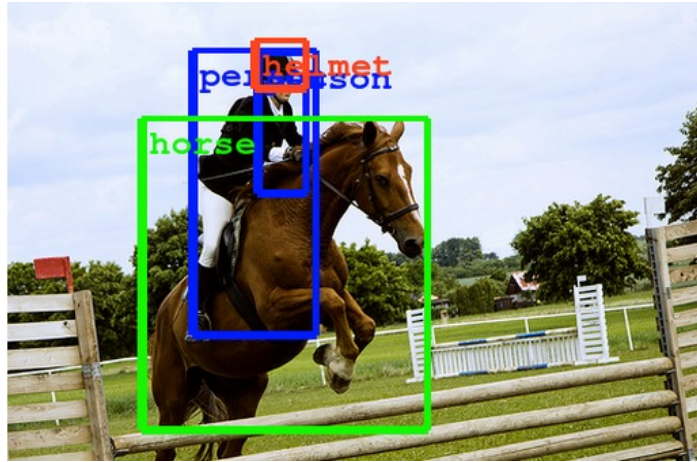
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Chair of Pattern Recognition and Image Processing



# Fooling Deep Networks

# Since 2013, deep neural networks have matched human performance at...



(Szegedy et al, 2014)

...recognizing objects and faces....



(Taigmen et al, 2013)



(Goodfellow et al, 2013)

...solving CAPTCHAS and reading addresses...



(Goodfellow et al, 2013)

and other tasks...

# Fooling images

- What if we follow a similar procedure but with a different goal
- Generate “visually random” images
  - Images that make a lot of sense to a Convnet but no sense at all to us
- Or, assume we make very small changes to a picture (invisible to the naked eye)
  - Is a convnet always invariant to these changes?
  - Or could it be fooled?



# Adversarial Examples

1. Start from an arbitrary image
2. Pick an arbitrary category
3. Modify the image (via gradient ascent) to maximize the class score
4. Stop when the network is fooled

# Adversarial Examples

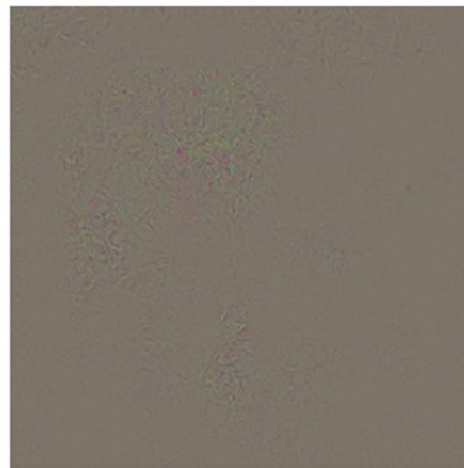
African elephant



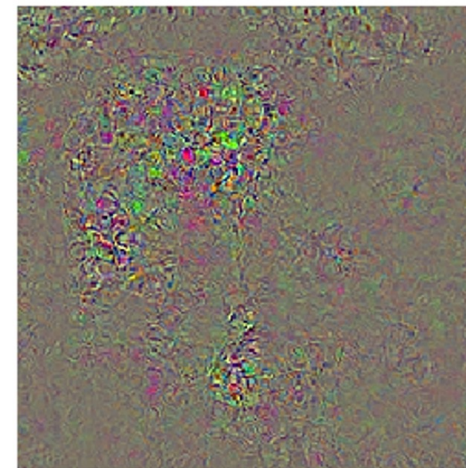
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Difference



10x Difference



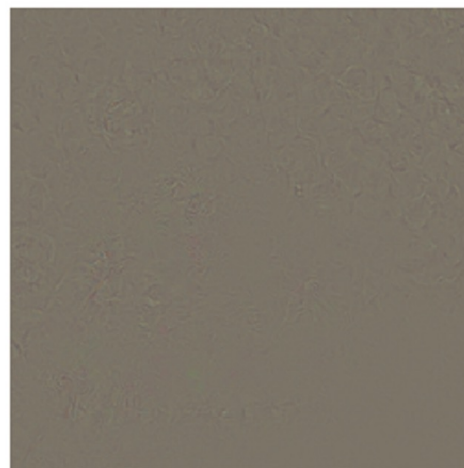
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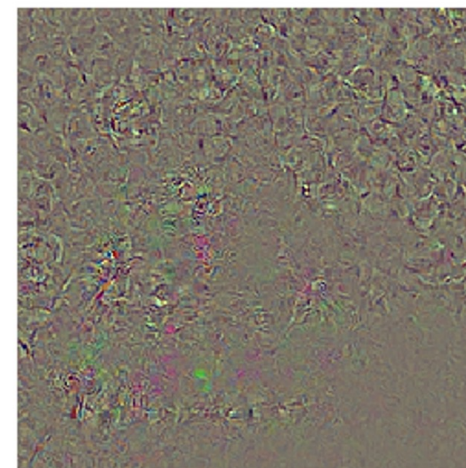
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# Adversarial Attacks and Defense

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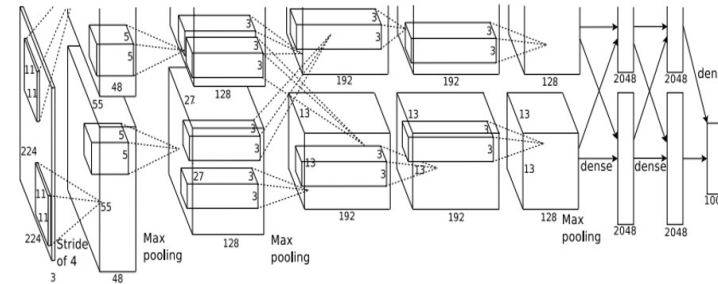
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**Adversarial Attack:** Method for generating adversarial examples for a network — **Easy**

**Adversarial Defense:** Change to network architecture, training, etc that make it harder to attack — **Hard**

# Adversarial Attacks

**White-box attack:** We have access to the network architecture and weights. Can get outputs, gradients for arbitrary input images.

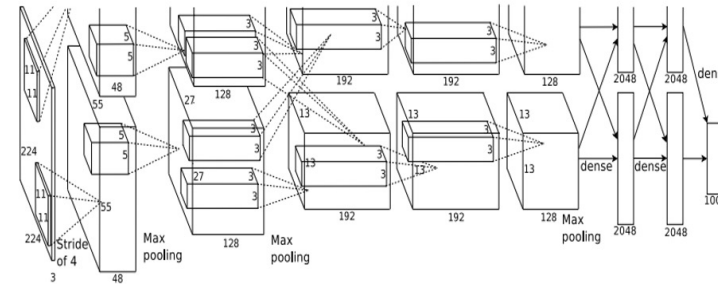


$P(\text{elephant}) = 0.9$   
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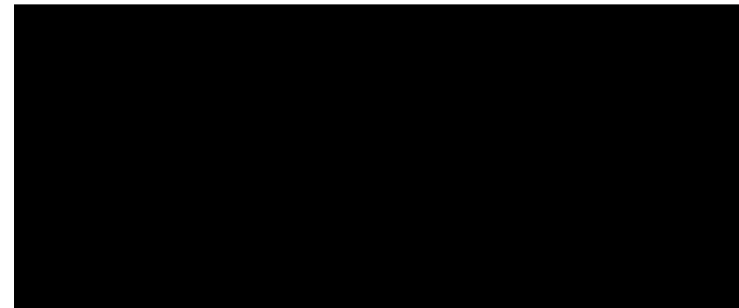
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...

**Black-box attack:** We don't know network architecture or weights; can only get network predictions for arbitrary input images



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...



# Adversarial Examples

African elephant



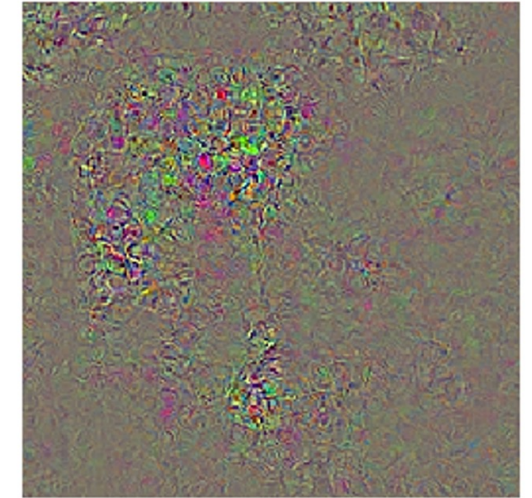
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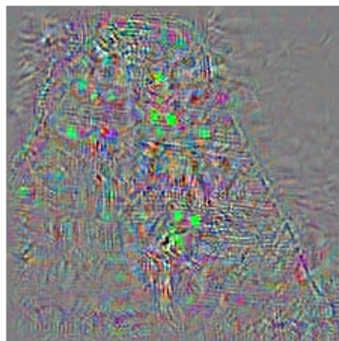
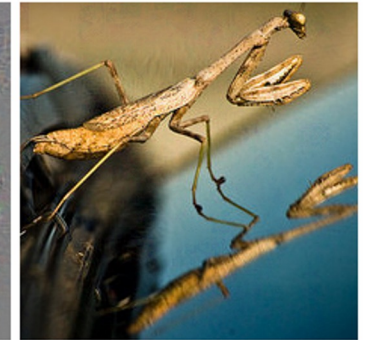
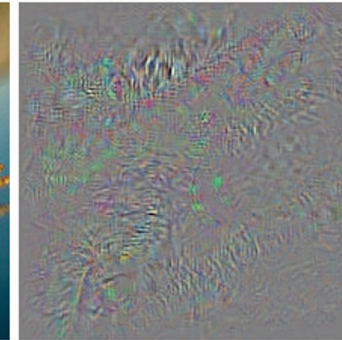
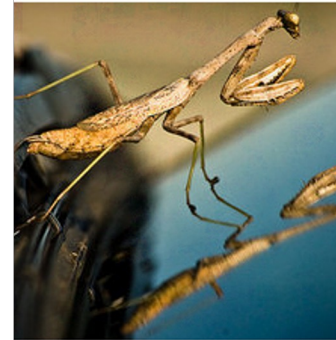
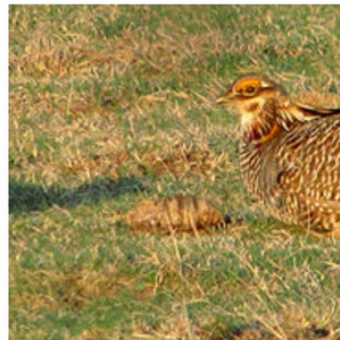
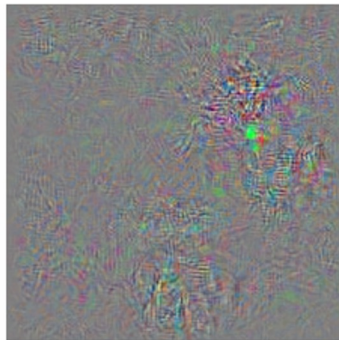
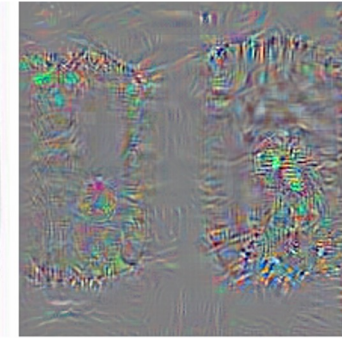
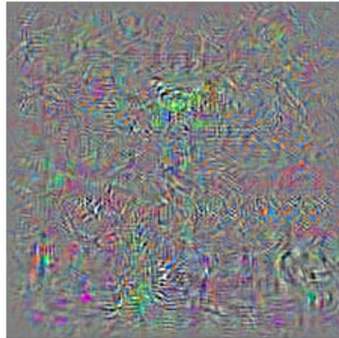
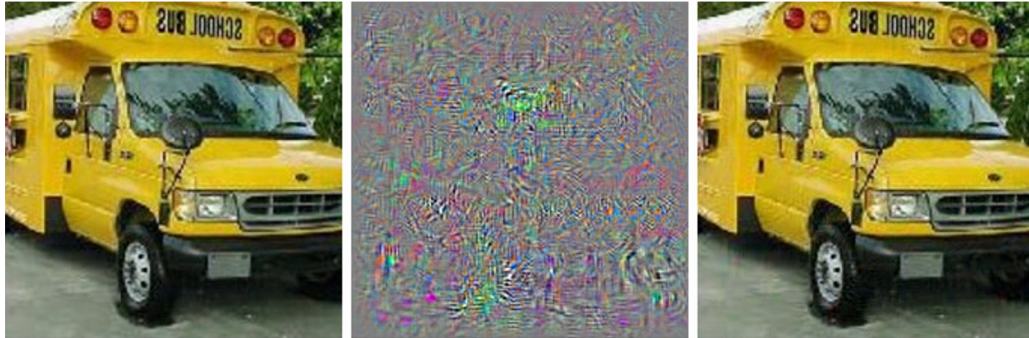
Huge area of research!

Security concern for networks deployed in the wild



# Intriguing properties of neural networks

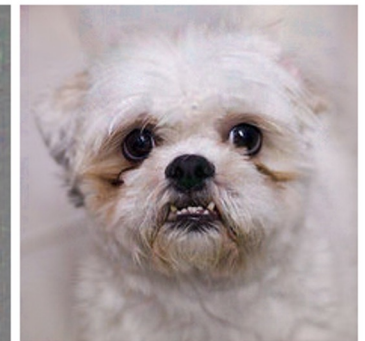
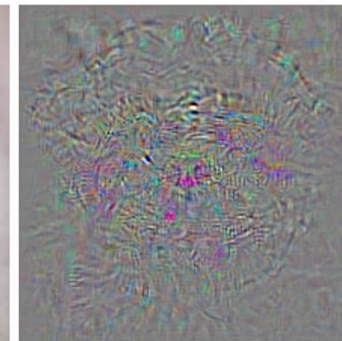
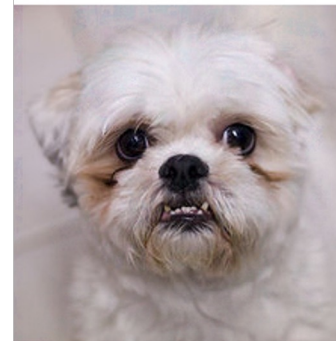
[Szegedy et al., 2013]



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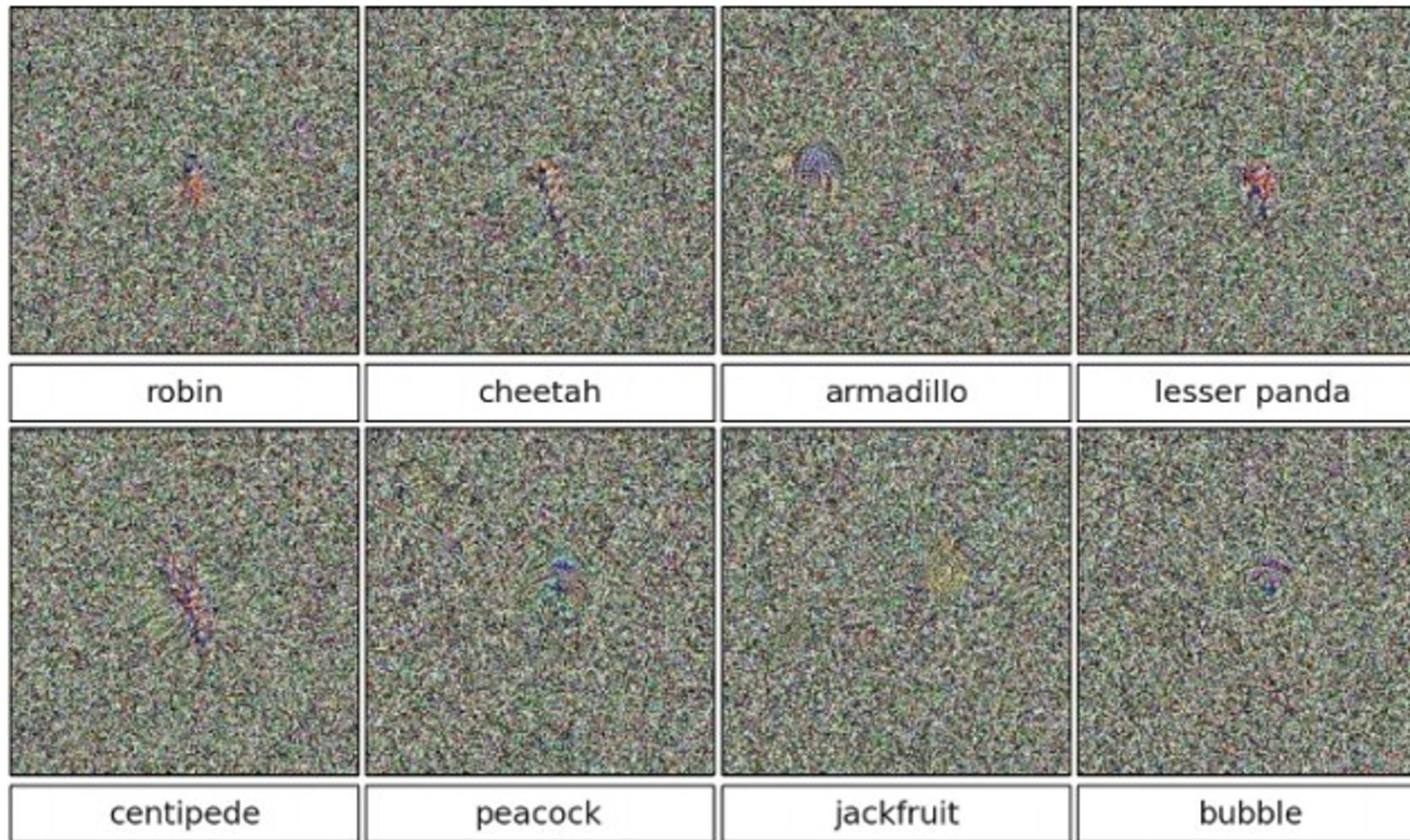
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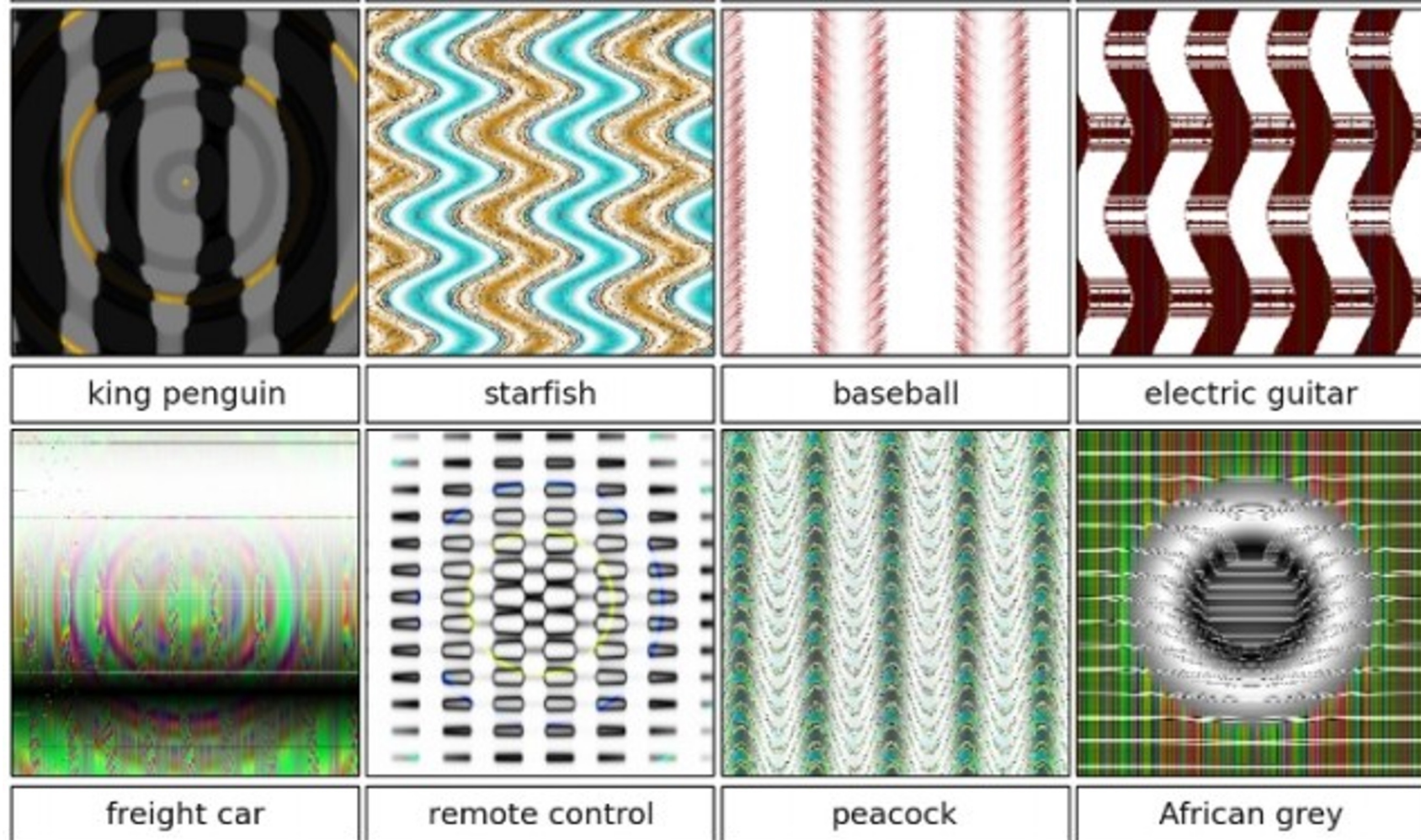




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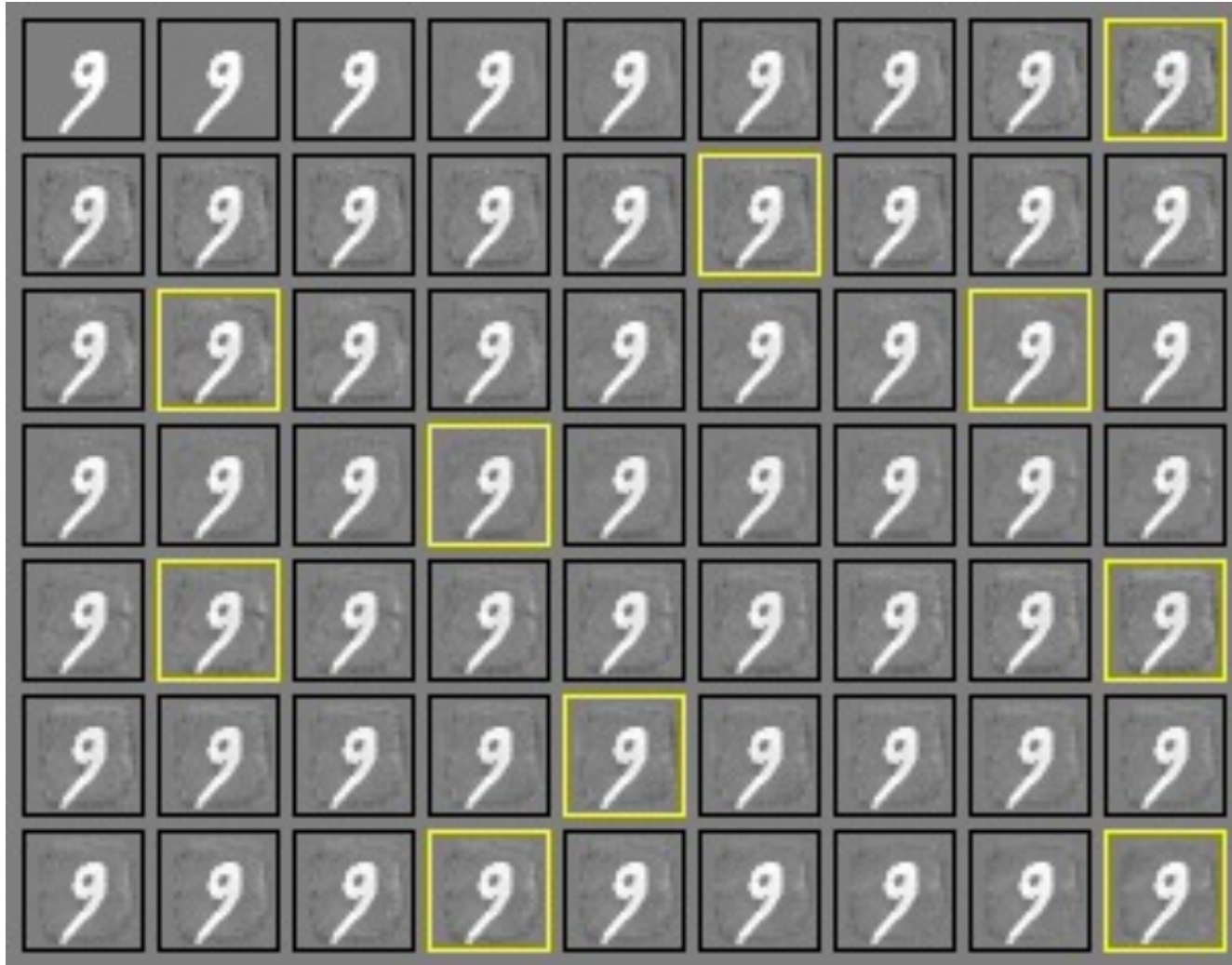
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# Not just for neural nets

- Linear models
  - Logistic regression
  - Softmax regression
  - SVMs
- Decision trees
- Nearest neighbors

# Attacking a Linear Model

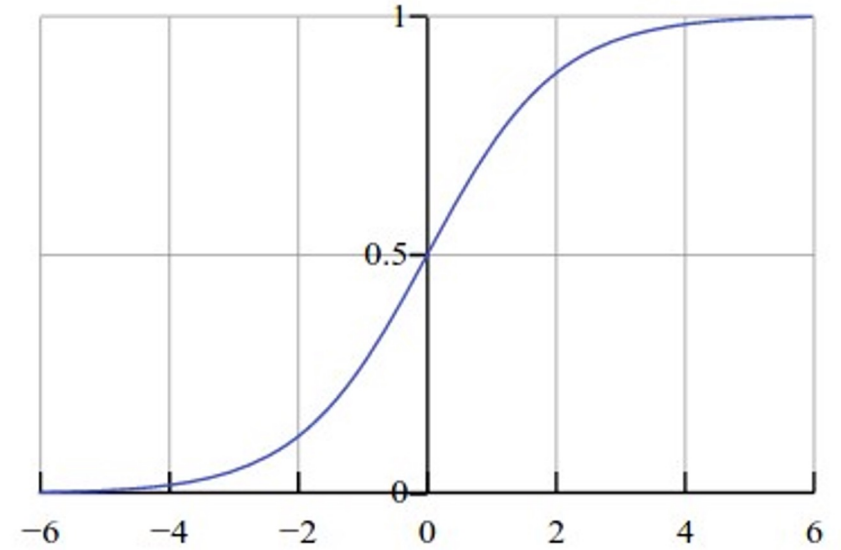


- Softmax regression
- Turning “9” into other digits
- Yellow boxes denote misclassifications



# Lets fool a binary linear classifier: (logistic regression)

$$P(y = 1 | x; w, b) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(w^T x + b)}} = \sigma(w^T x + b)$$



Since the probabilities of class 1 and 0 sum to one, the probability for class 0 is  $P(y = 0 | x; w, b) = 1 - P(y = 1 | x; w, b)$ . Hence, an example is classified as a positive example ( $y = 1$ ) if  $\sigma(w^T x + b) > 0.5$ , or equivalently if the score  $w^T x + b > 0$ .

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<b>x</b>	2	-1	3	-2	2	2	1	-4	5	1	← input example
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class 1 score = dot product:

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class 1 score before:

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This was only with 10 input dimensions. A 224x224 input image has 150,528.

(It's significantly easier with more numbers, need smaller nudge for each)

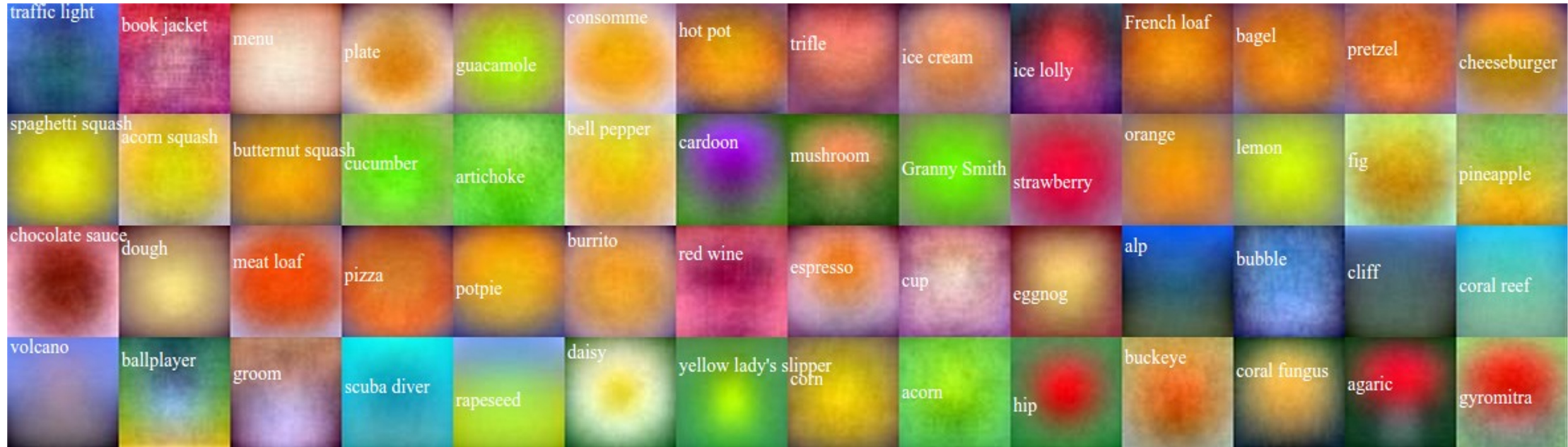


# Blog post: Breaking Linear Classifiers on ImageNet

Recall CIFAR-10 linear classifiers:



ImageNet classifiers:

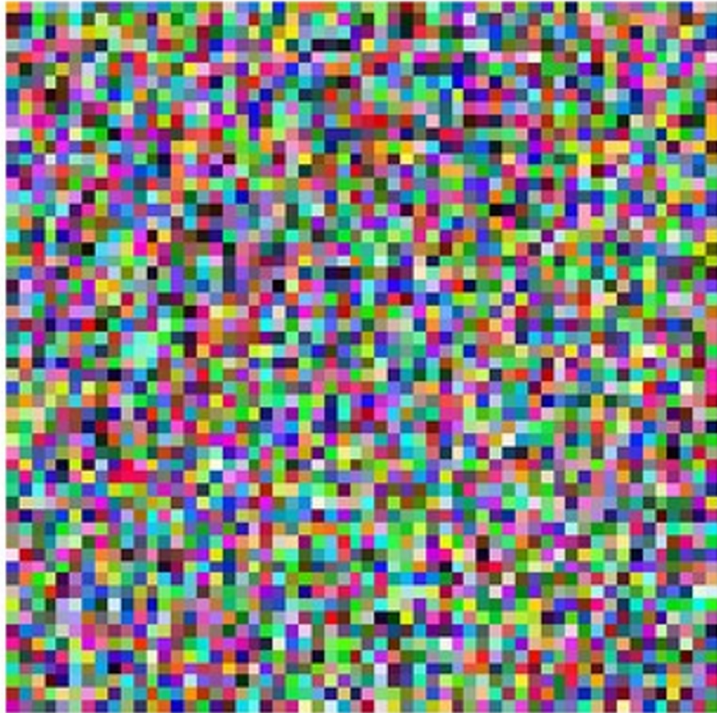


<http://karpathy.github.io/2015/03/30/breaking-convnets/>

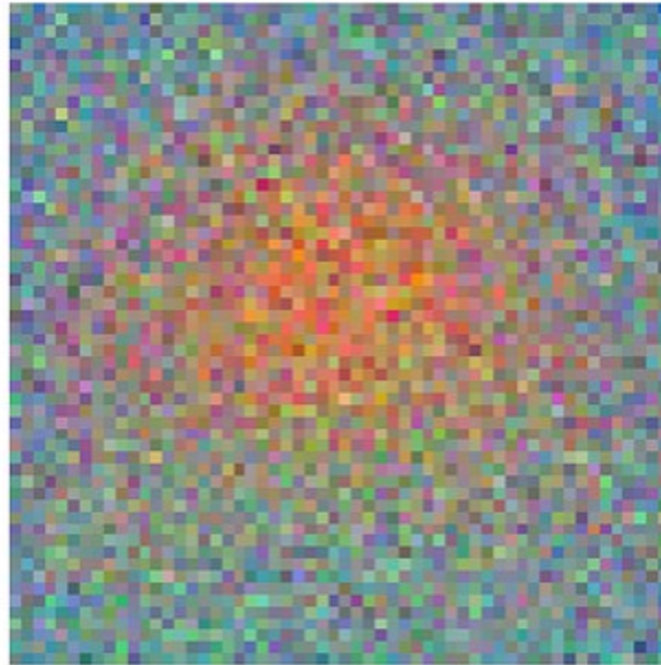


mix in a tiny bit of  
Goldfish classifier weights

0.9% bobsled

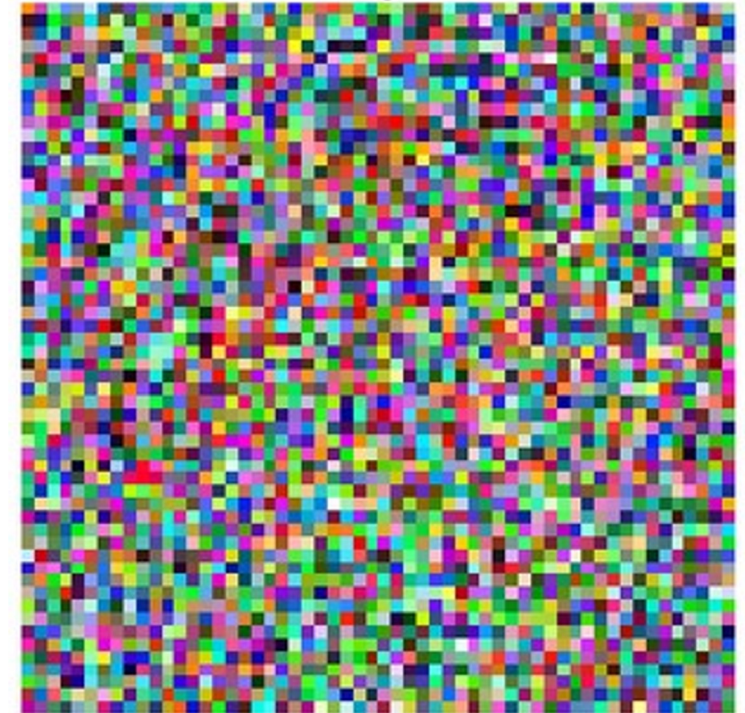


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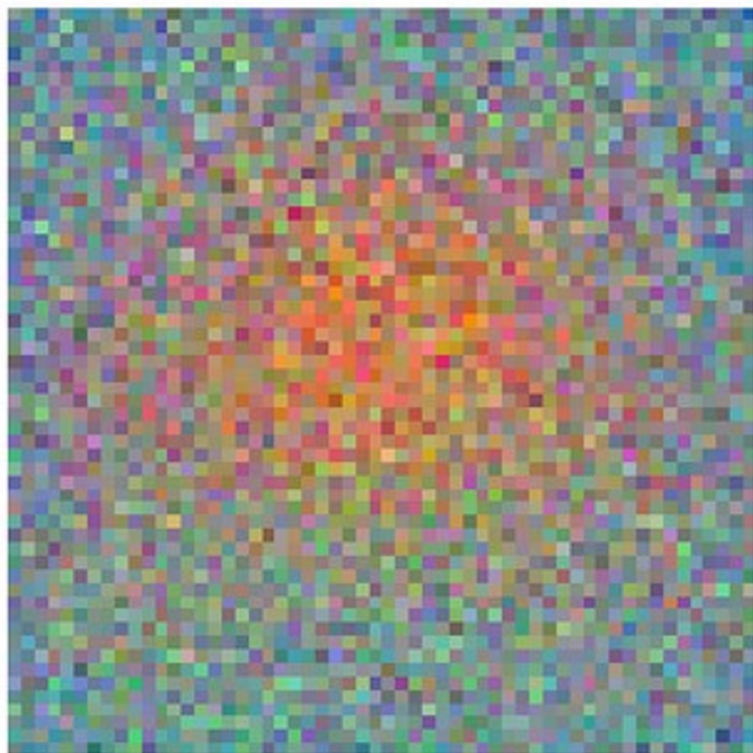
100.0% goldfish



**100% Goldfish**



1.0% kit fox

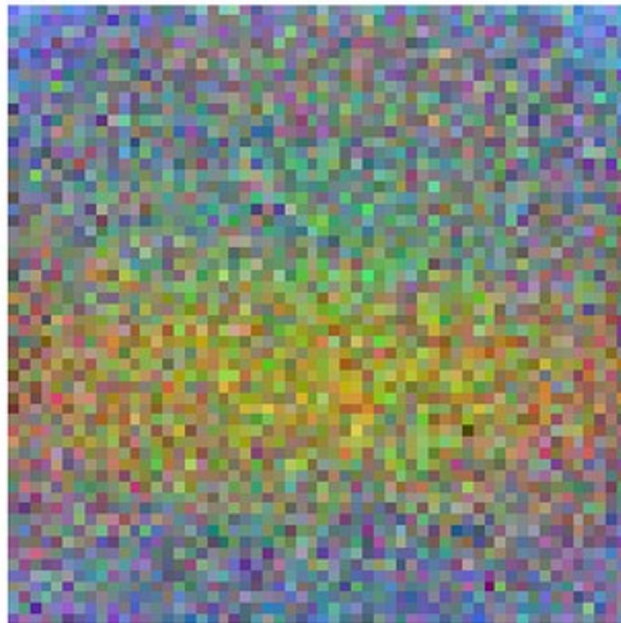


8.0% goldfish





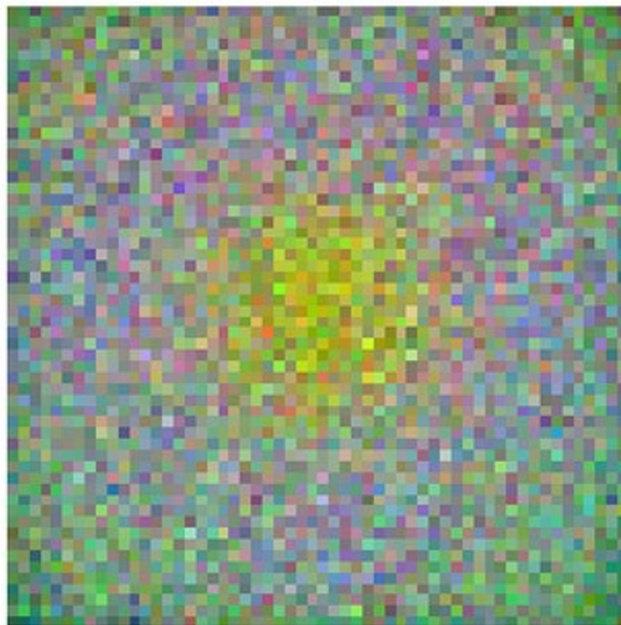
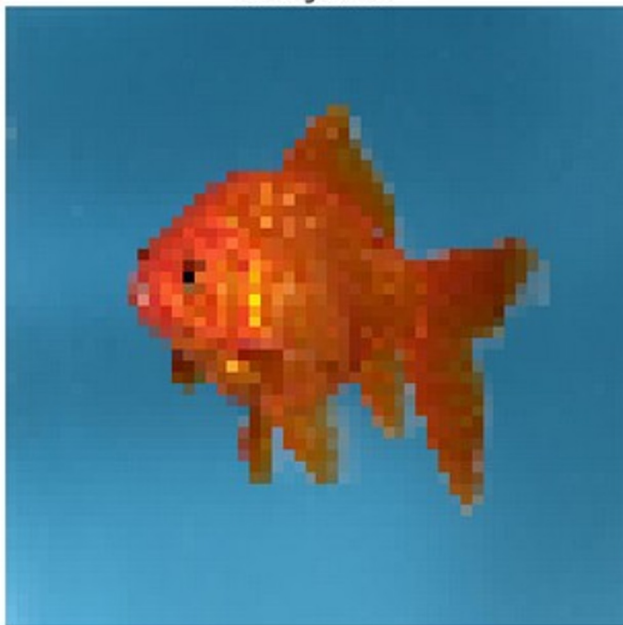
1.0% kit fox



3.9% school bus



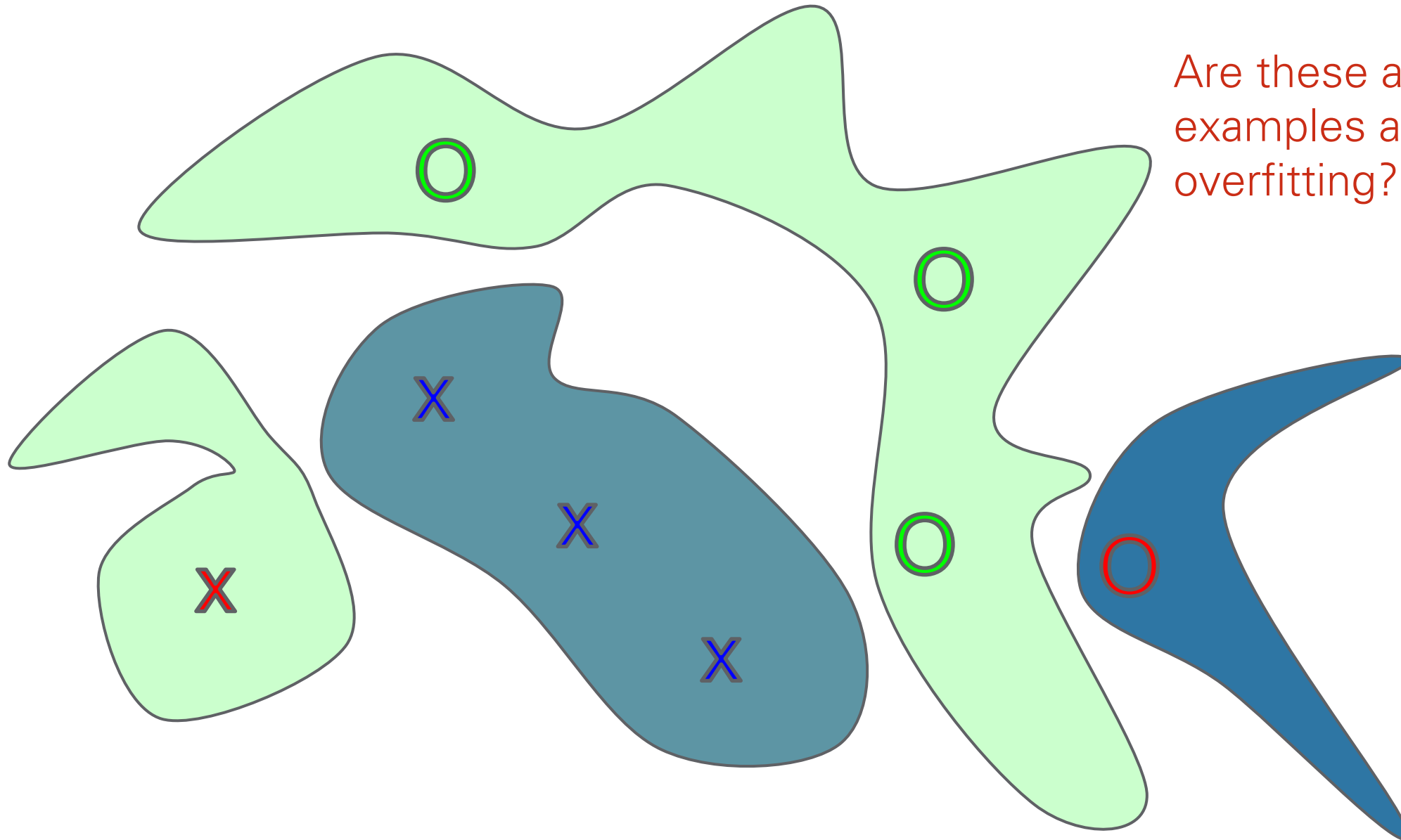
8.3% goldfish



12.5% daisy

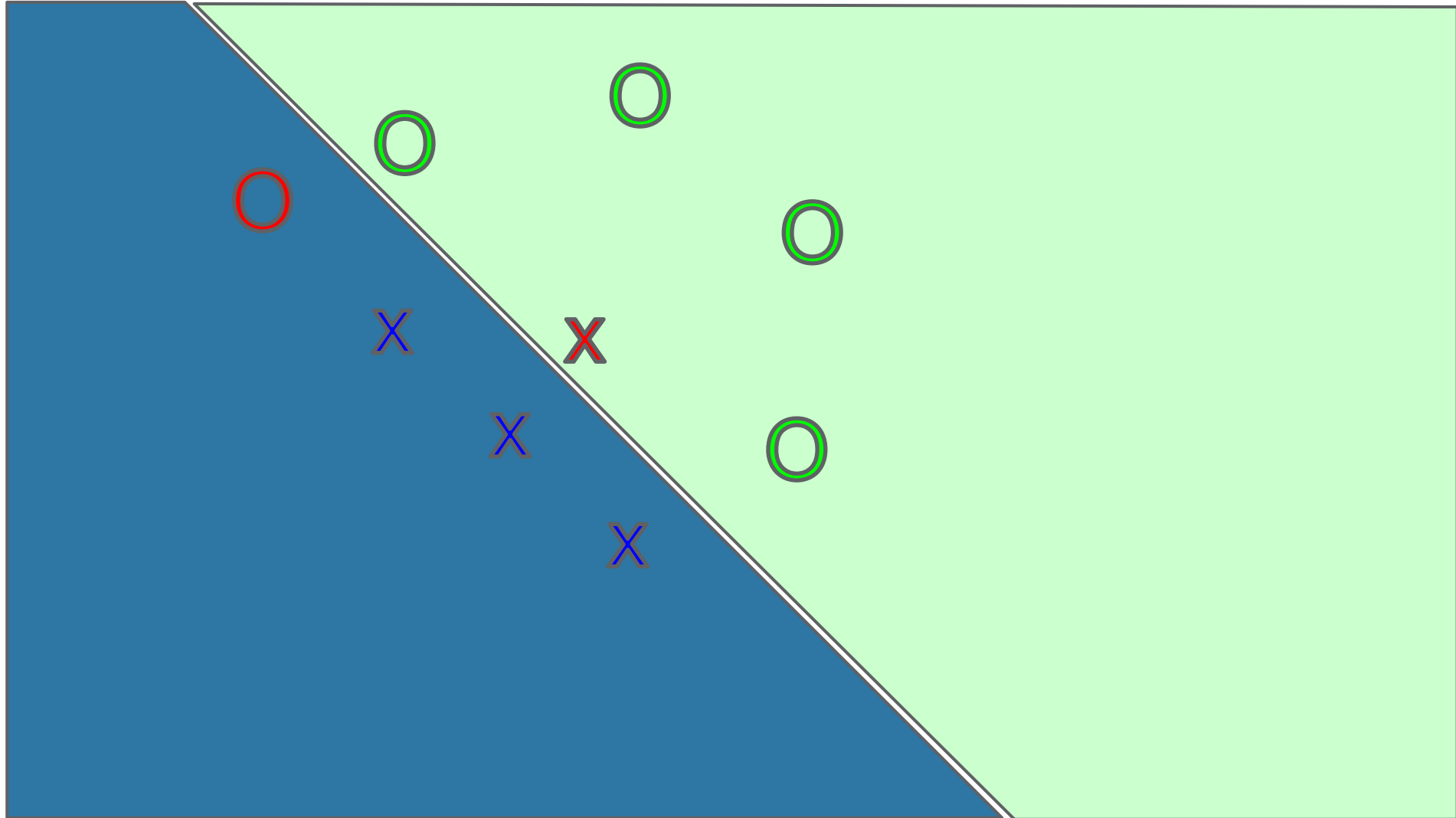


# Adversarial Examples from Overfitting



Are these adversarial examples related to overfitting?

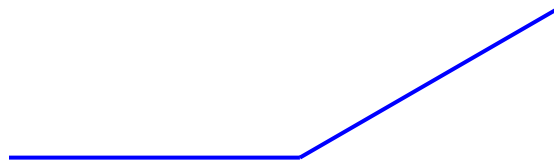
# Adversarial Examples from Excessive Linearity



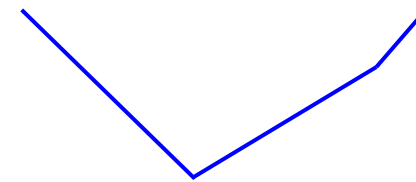


# Modern deep nets are very piecewise linear

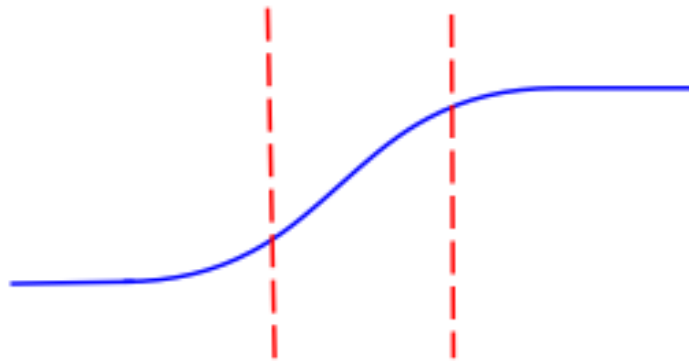
Rectified linear unit



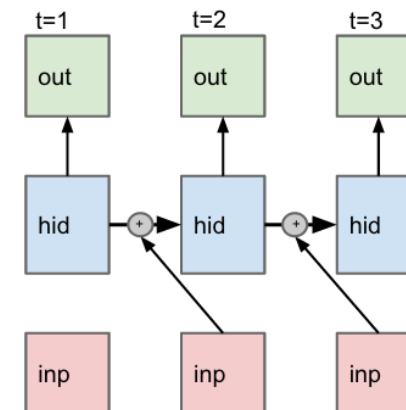
Maxout



Carefully tuned sigmoid



LSTM



# The Fast Gradient Sign Method

$$J(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \approx J(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) + (\tilde{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x})^\top \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} J(\mathbf{x}).$$

Maximize

$$J(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) + (\tilde{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x})^\top \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} J(\mathbf{x})$$

subject to

$$\|\tilde{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x}\|_\infty \leq \epsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{x} + \epsilon \text{sign}(\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} J(\mathbf{x})).$$

# Adversarial Examples



“panda”  
57.7% confidence

+ .007 ×



“nematode”  
8.2% confidence

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“gibbon”  
99.3 % confidence

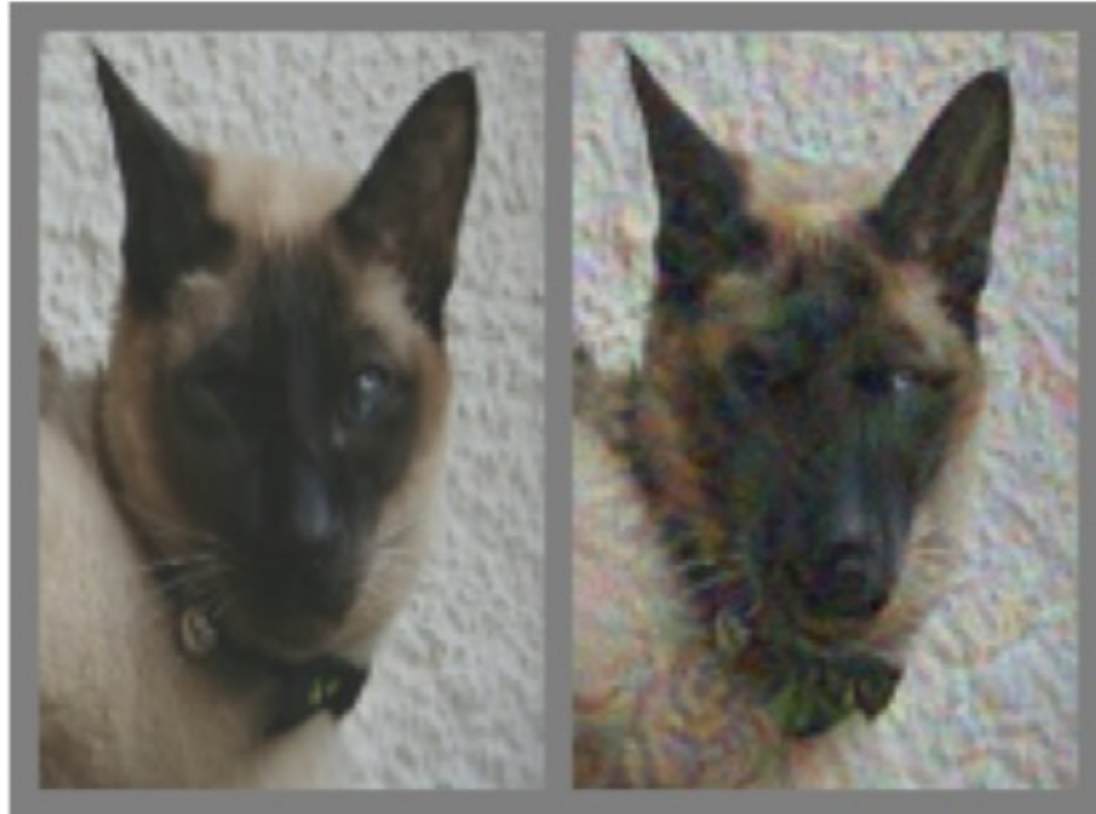


$$\mathbf{X}^{adv} = \mathbf{X} + \epsilon \text{sign}(\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} J(\mathbf{X}, y_{true}))$$

Score of label  $y_{true}$ , given input image  $\mathbf{X}$



# Adversarial Examples that Fool both Human and Computer Vision



Left: An image of a cat

Right: The same image after it has been adversarially perturbed to look like a dog

(Elsayed et al., 2018)

# Practical Attacks

- Fool real classifiers trained by remotely hosted API (MetaMind, Amazon, Google)
- Fool malware detector networks
- Display adversarial examples in the physical world and fool machine learning systems that perceive them through a camera

# Adversarial Examples in the Physical World



(a) Printout



(b) Photo of printout

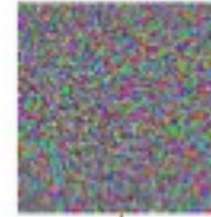


(c) Cropped image



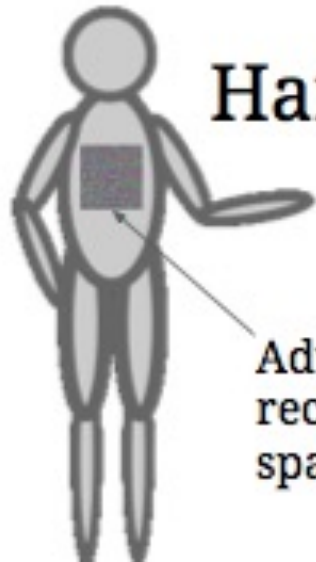
# Hypothetical Attacks on Autonomous Vehicles

## Denial of service



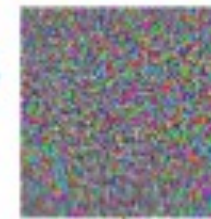
Confusing object

## Harm others



Adversarial input recognized as "open space on the road"

## Harm self / passengers



Adversarial input recognized as "navigable road"

# Physical Adversarial Examples

- Physical adversarial examples against the YOLO detector
- Adversarial examples take the form of sticker perturbations that are applied to a real STOP sign



# Audio Adversarial Examples

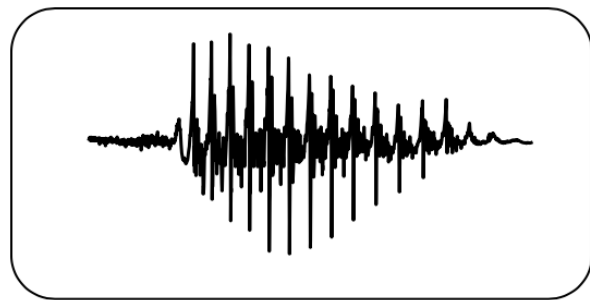
- targeted audio adversarial examples on speech-to-text transcription neural networks



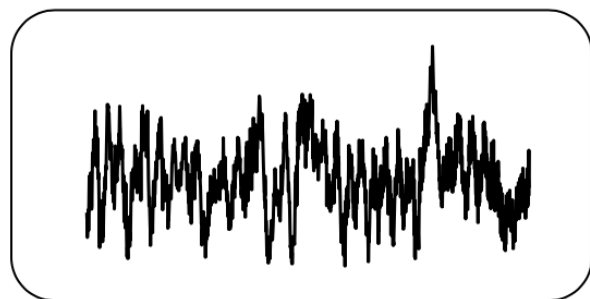
"without the dataset the article is useless"



"okay google browse to evil dot com"

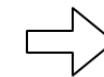
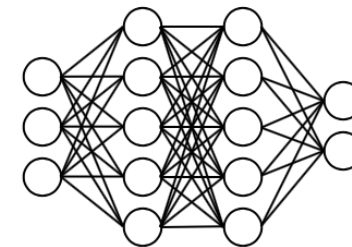
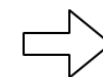
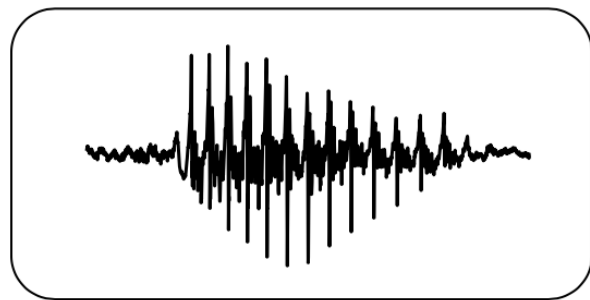


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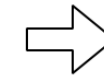
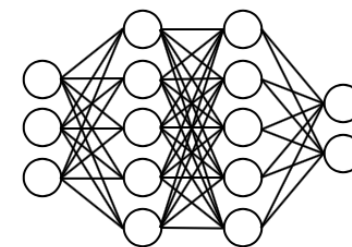
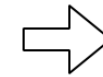


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"it was the best of times, it was the worst of times"



"it is a truth universally acknowledged that a single"



# Failed defenses

Generative  
pretraining

Removing perturbation  
with an autoencoder

Adding noise  
at test time

Ensembles

Confidence-reducing  
perturbation at test time

Error correcting  
codes

Multiple glimpses

Weight decay

Double backprop

Adding noise  
at train time

Various  
non-linear units

Dropout

# Adversarial Training

Labeled as bird



Still has same label (bird)



Decrease  
probability  
of bird class

# Virtual Adversarial Training

Unlabeled; model guesses it's probably a bird, maybe a plane



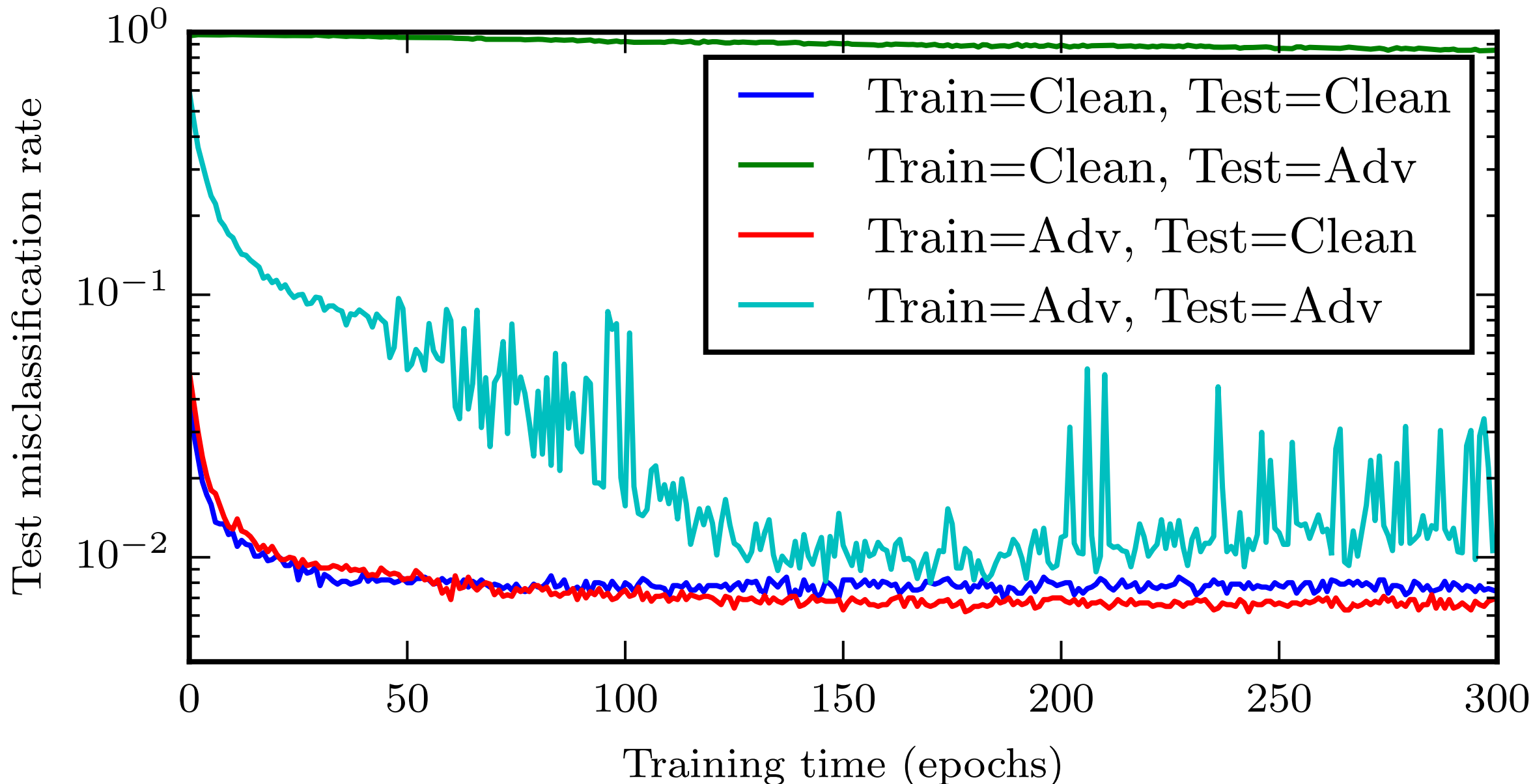
New guess should match old guess (probably bird, maybe plane)



Adversarial perturbation intended to change the guess



# Training on Adversarial Examples



# Adversarial Training of other Models

- Linear models: SVM / linear regression cannot learn a step function, so adversarial training is less useful, very similar to weight decay
- k-NN: adversarial training is prone to overfitting.
- Takeaway: neural nets can actually become more secure than other models. Adversarially trained neural nets have the best empirical success rate on adversarial examples of any machine learning model.

**Next lecture:**  
Recurrent Neural Networks