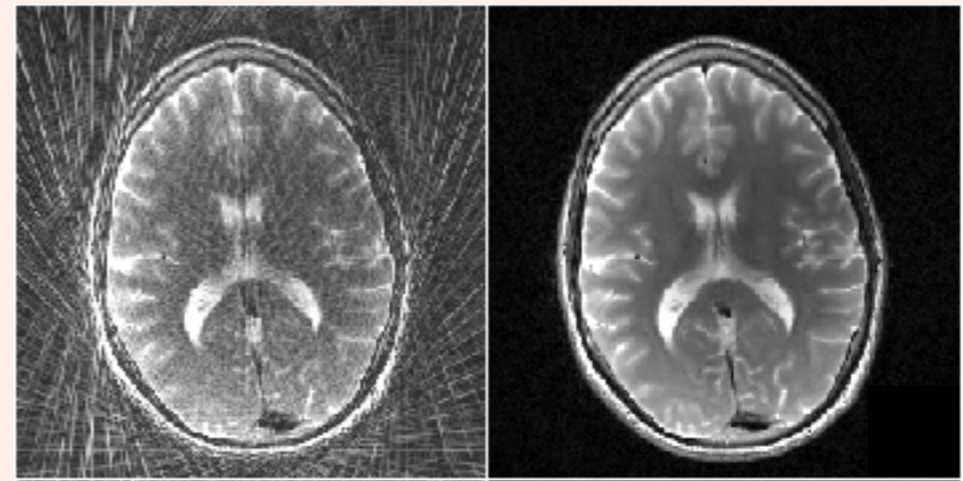
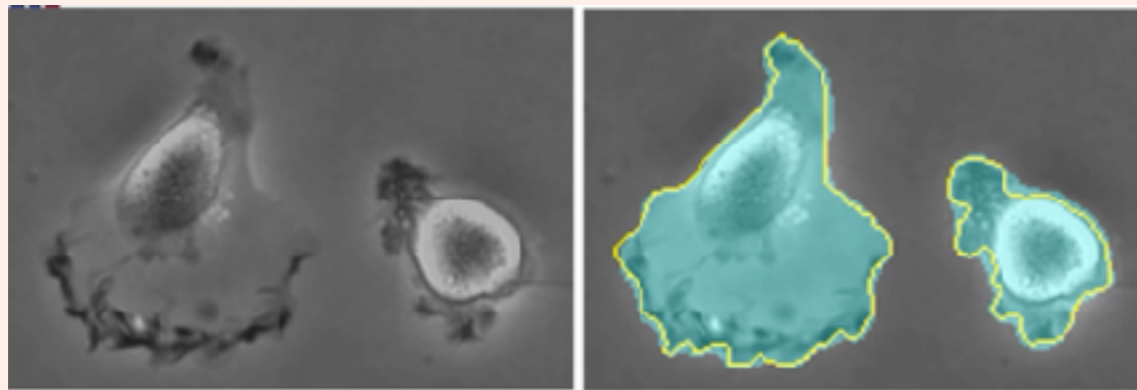


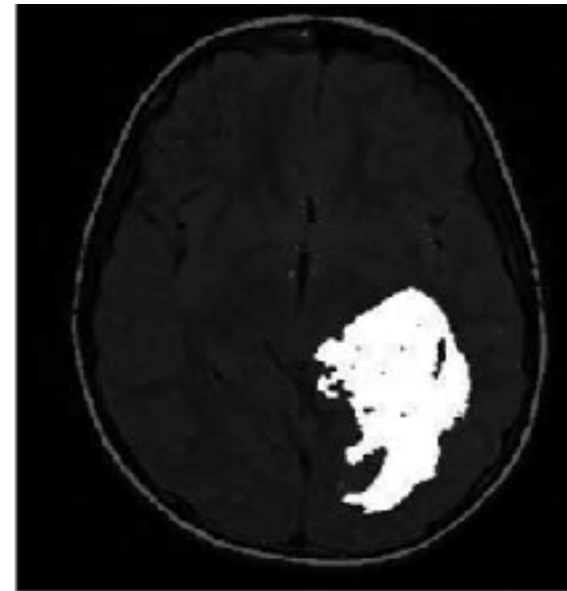
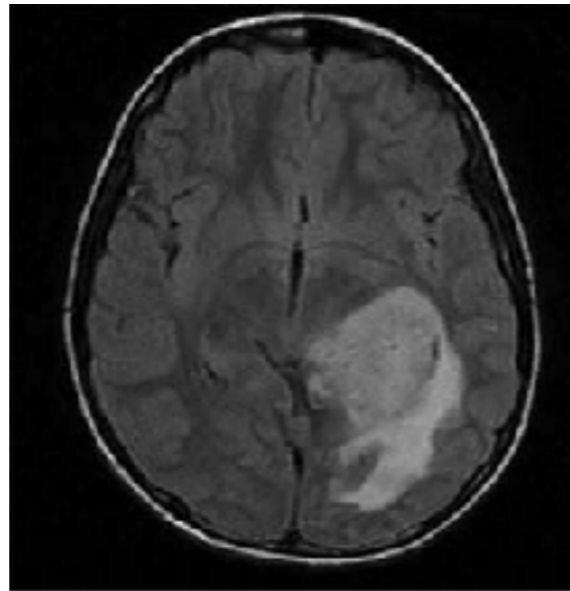
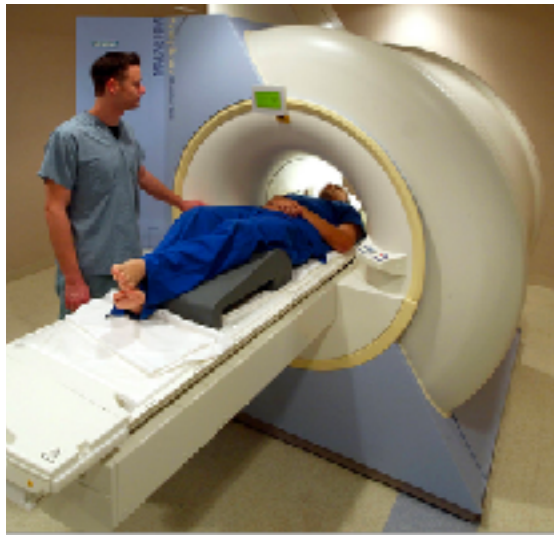
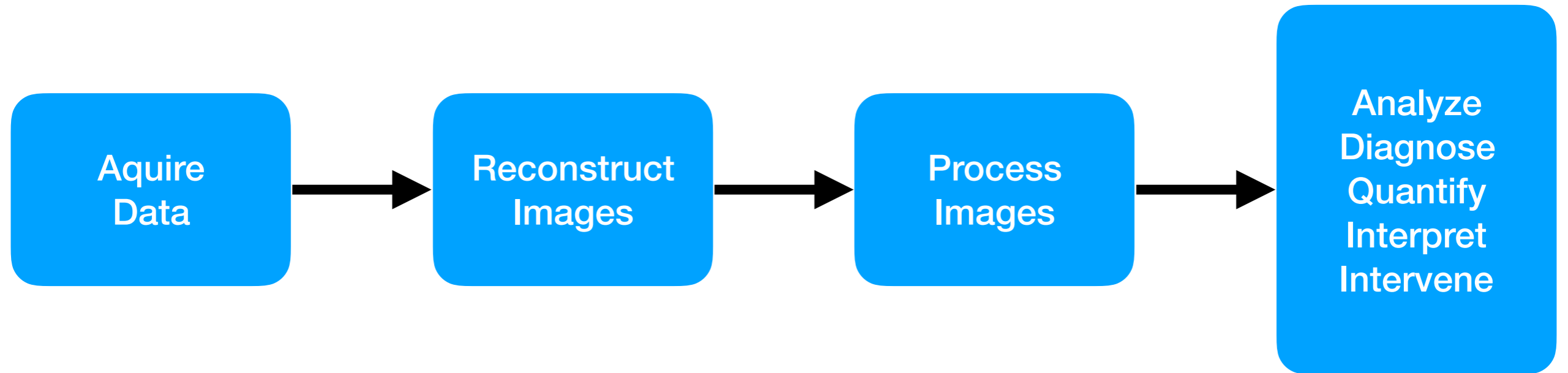
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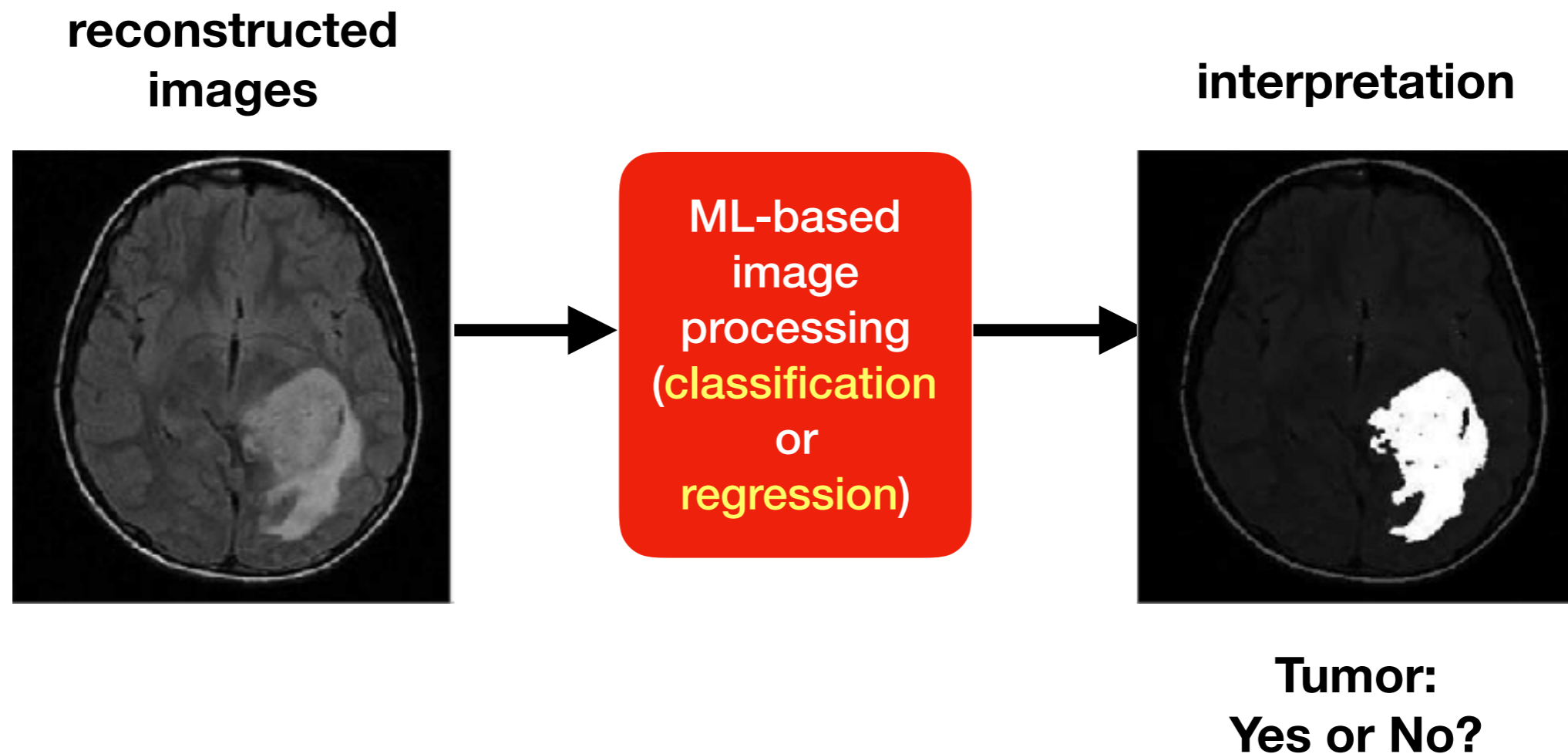
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Biomedical imaging pipeline



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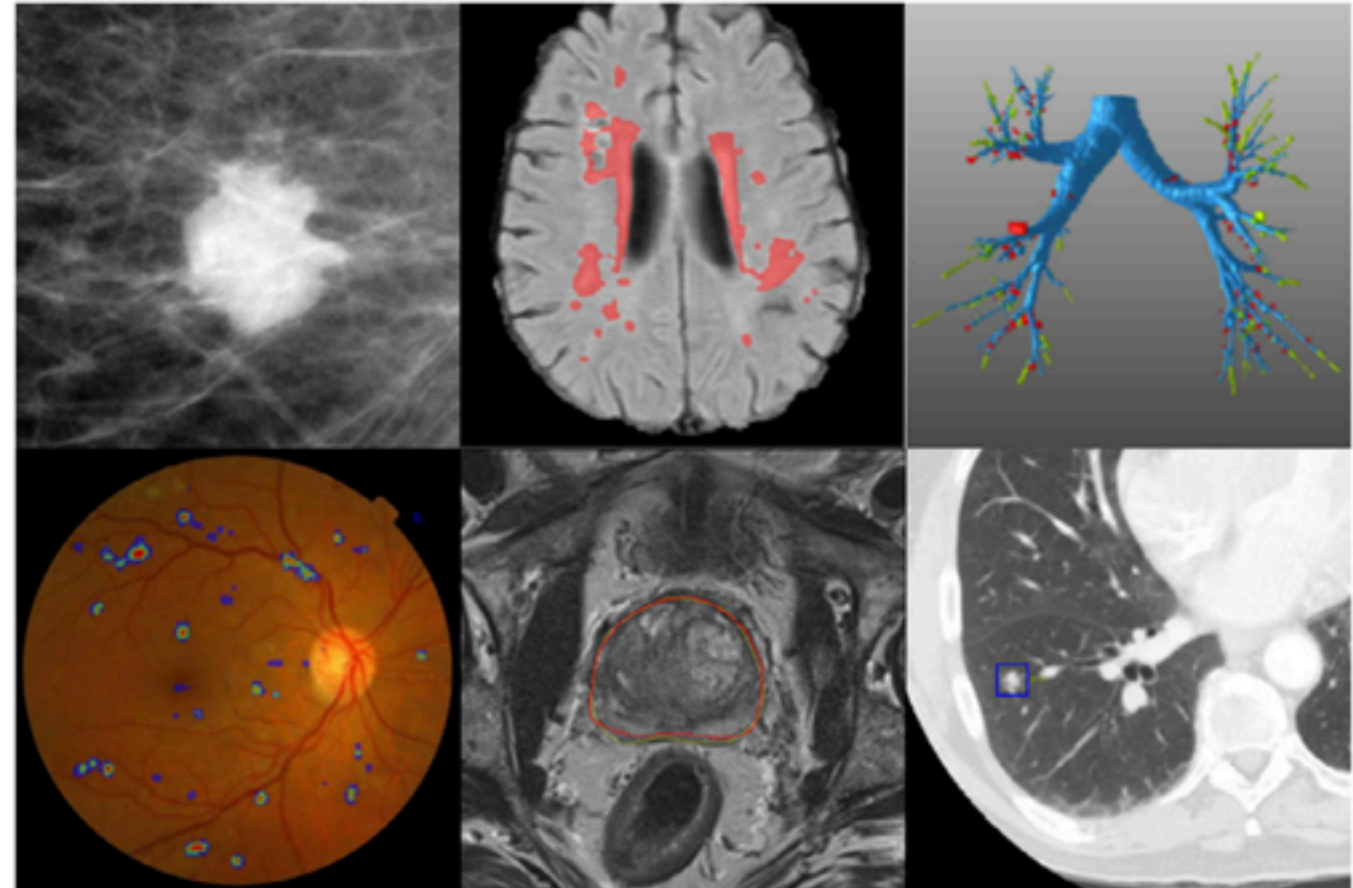
Most obvious place for machine learning in post-processing



Deep learning in medical image analysis

Deep learning methods achieve state-of-the-art results on a wide variety of **image analysis** tasks:

- mammography mass classification
- segmentation of lesions in the brain
- leak detection in airway tree segmentation
- diabetic retinopathy classification
- prostate classification
- lung nodule classification



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Survey Paper

A survey on deep learning in medical image analysis

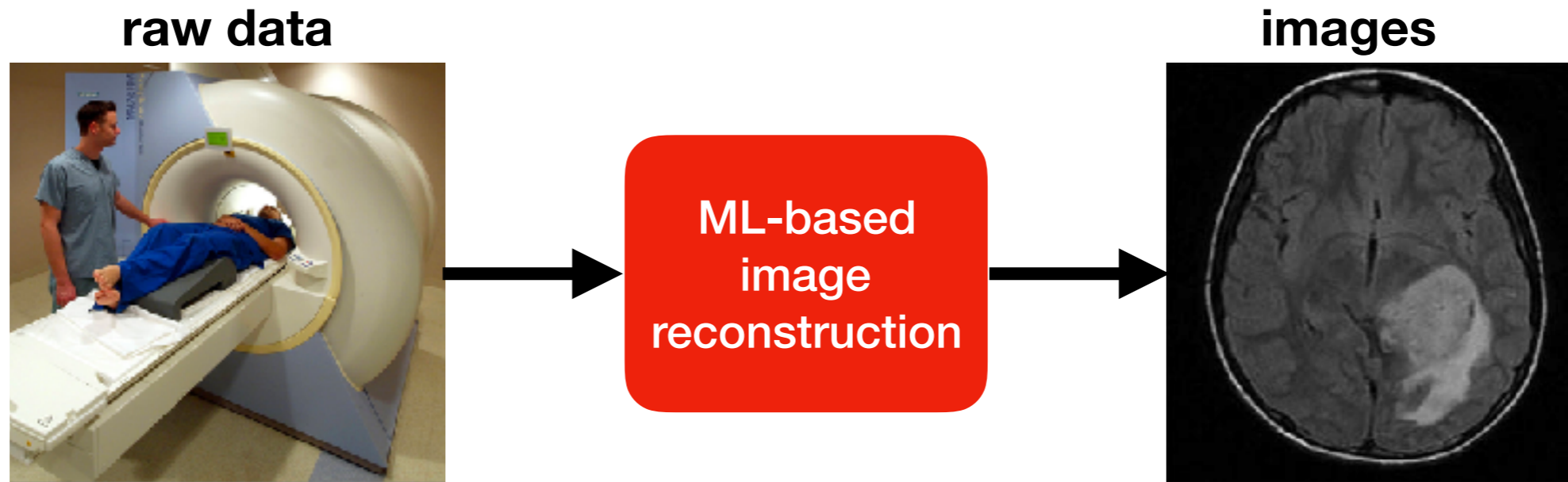
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Machine learning for image recon?

Another (initially less obvious?) place for machine learning: **image recon**



Possibly easier (than diagnosis) due to lower bar:

- current reconstruction methods based on simplistic image models
- human eyes are better at detection (tumor vs. no tumor) than they are at **converting raw data to images**



Outline:

- I. Deep learning for biomedical image analysis (60 min)
 1. The CNN zoo
 2. Image classification/detection tasks
 3. Image segmentation with the U-net

- II. Deep learning for medical image reconstruction (60 min)
 1. Medical image reconstruction basics
 2. Learning to “enhance”
 3. Training generative models
 4. Unrolling of optimization algorithms

Part I: Deep learning for biomedical image analysis

The CNN Zoo

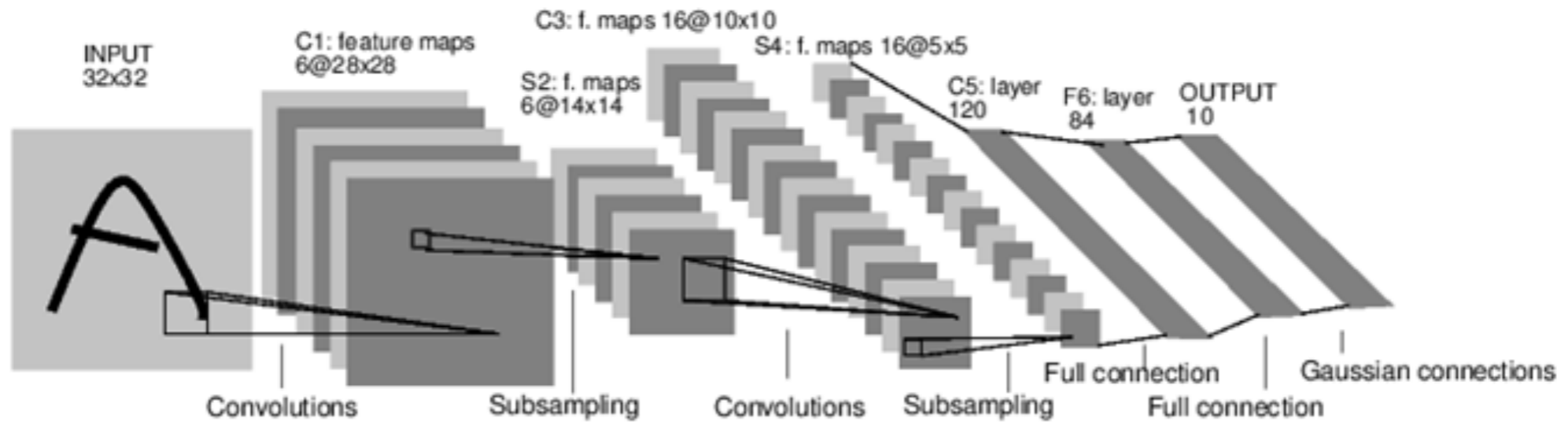


TensorFlow demo app



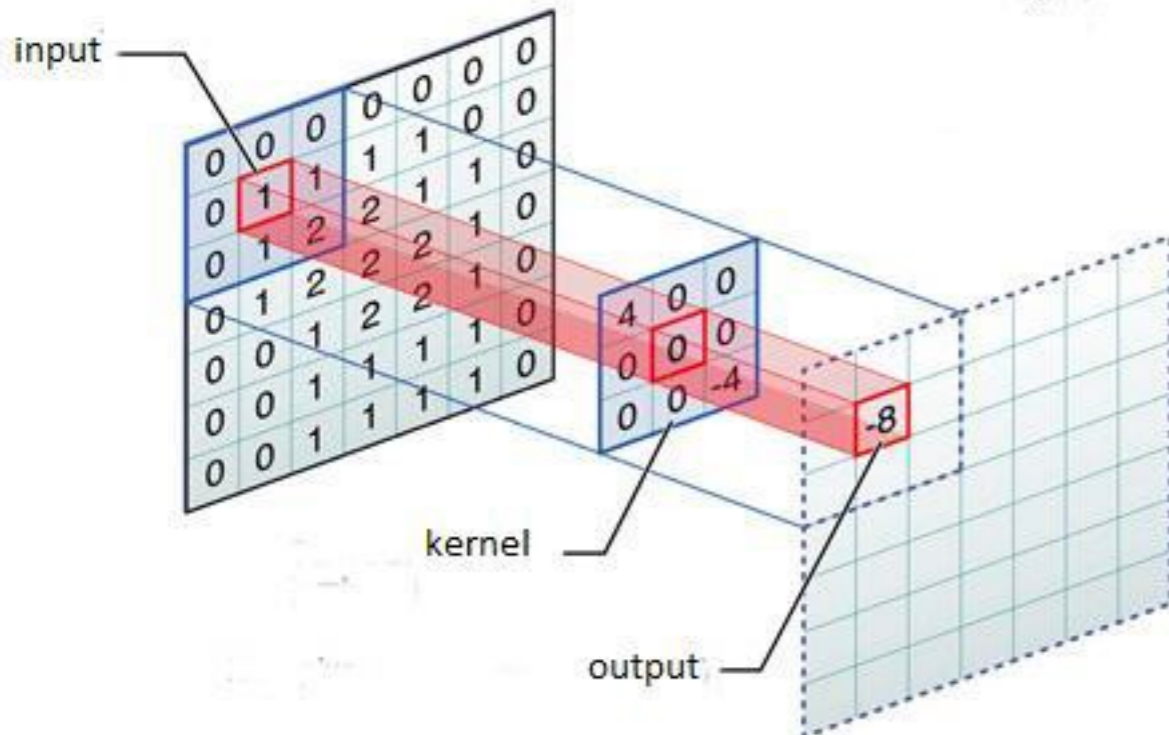
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Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)

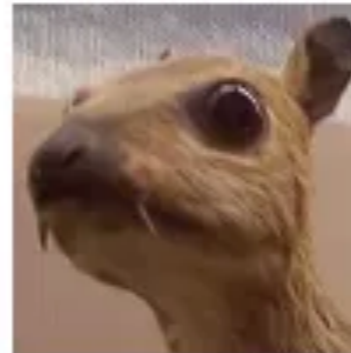


A Full Convolutional Neural Network (LeNet)

convolution:



Input image



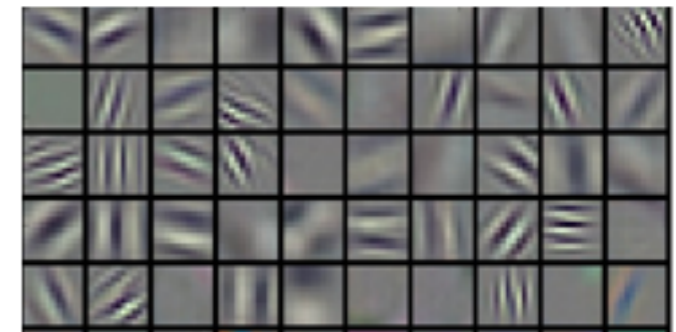
Convolution Kernel

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Feature map

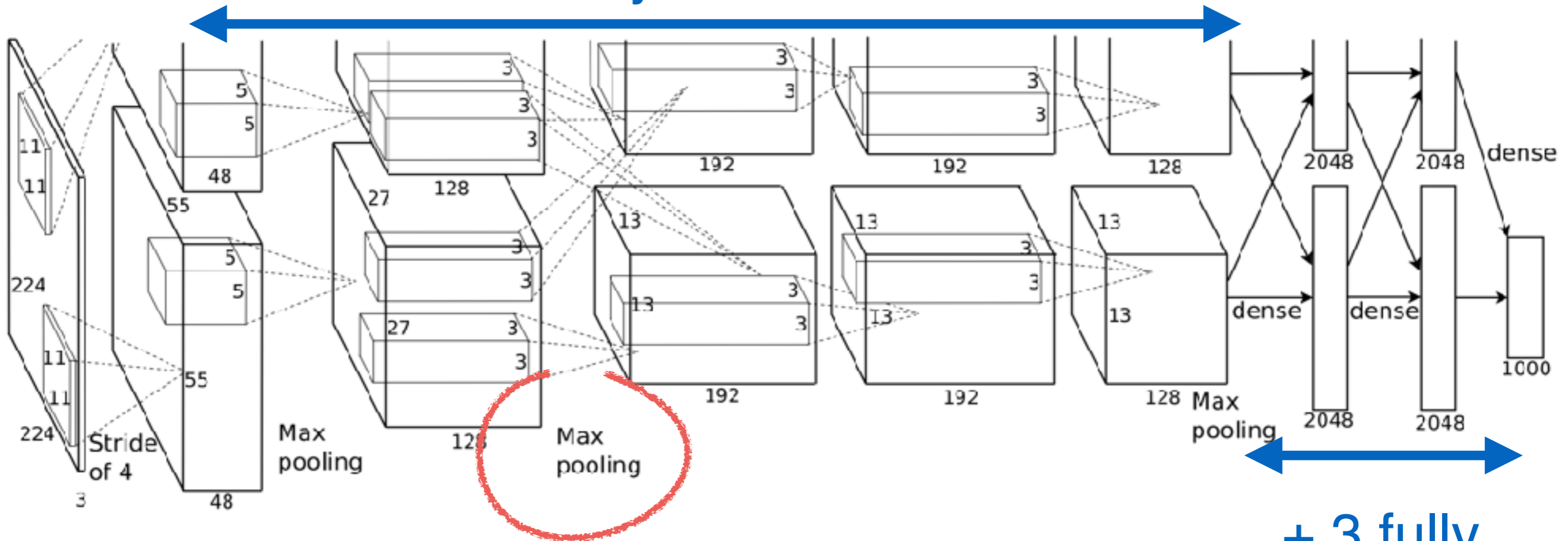


filters learned from data

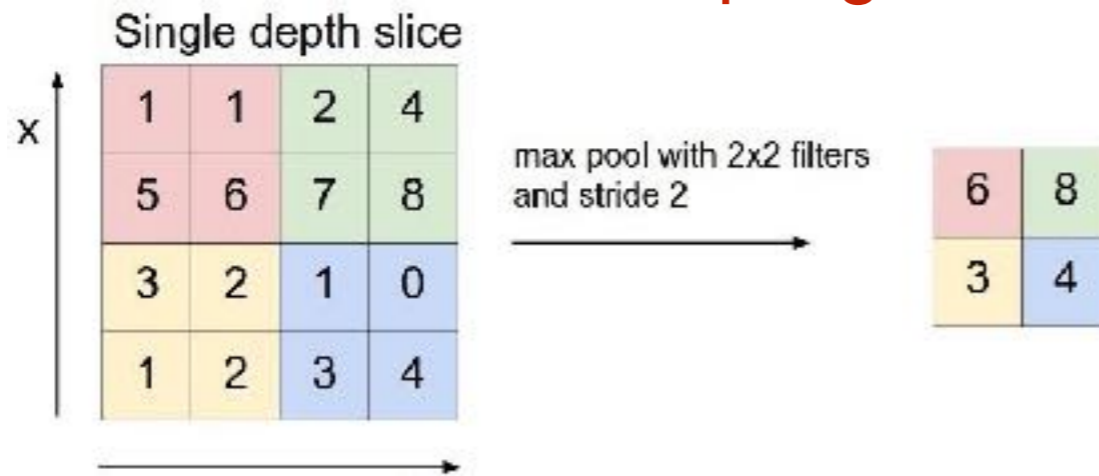


CNN Example

8 Layer Architecture!
5 convolutional layers

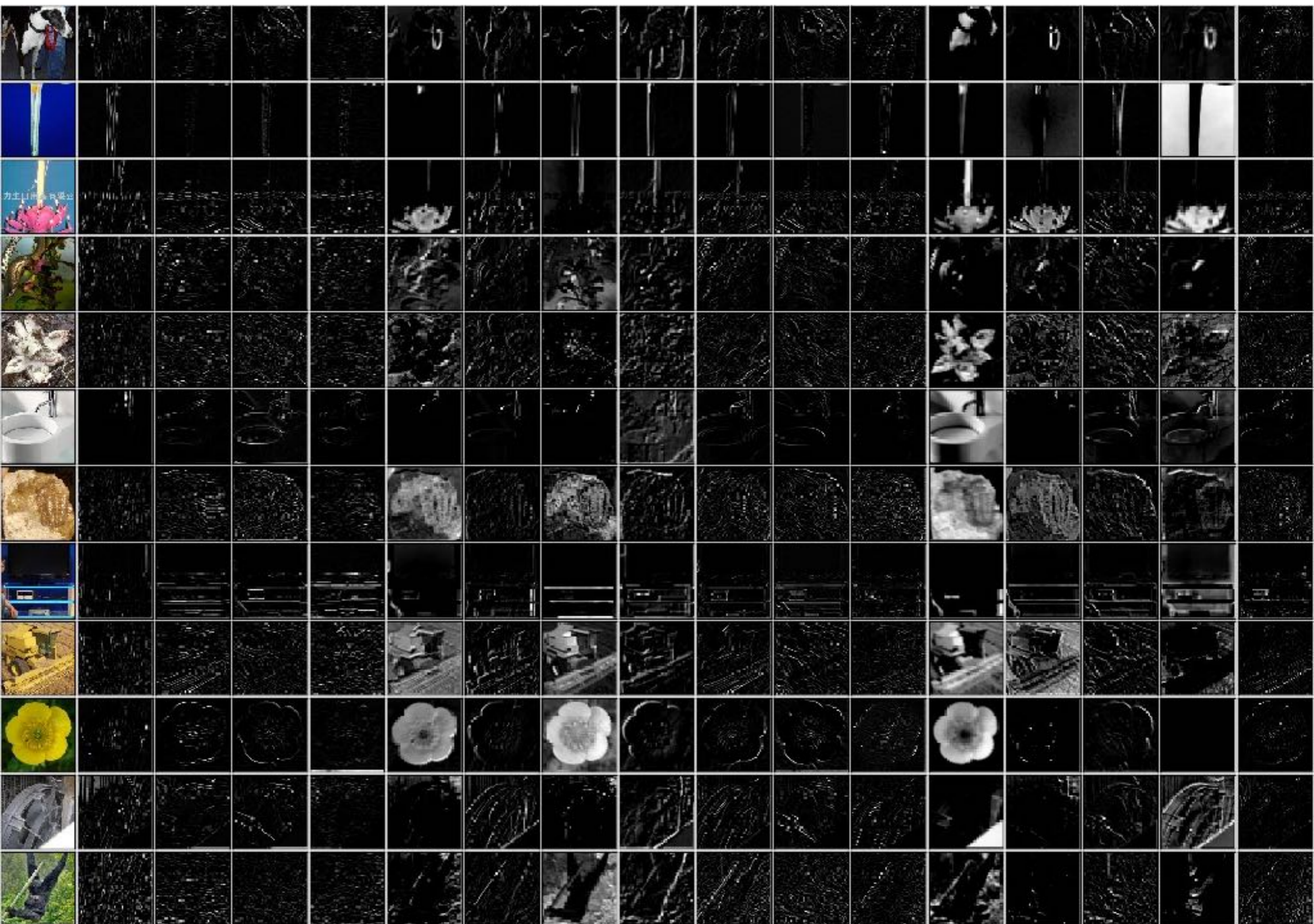


downsampling

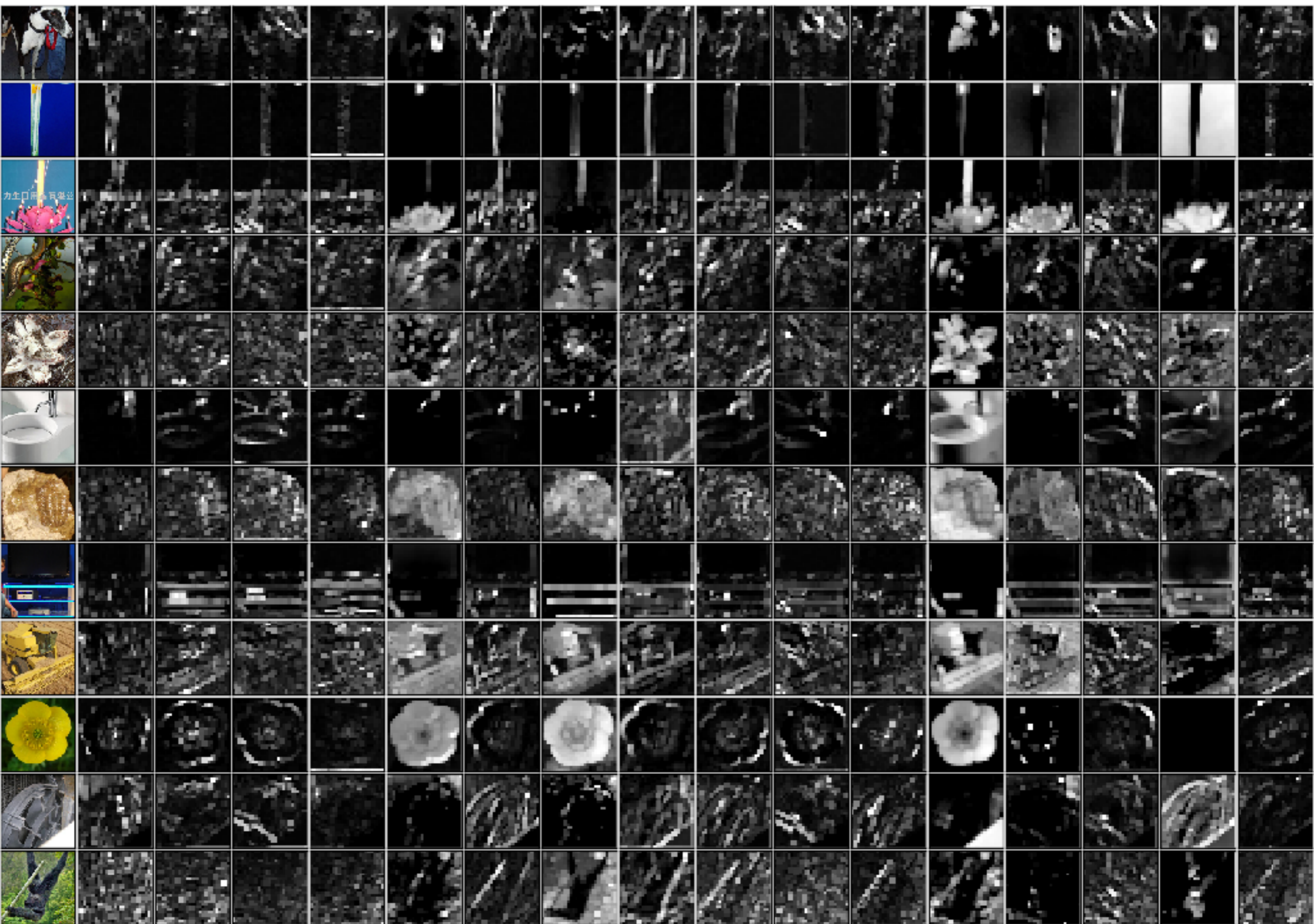


+ 3 fully connected layers

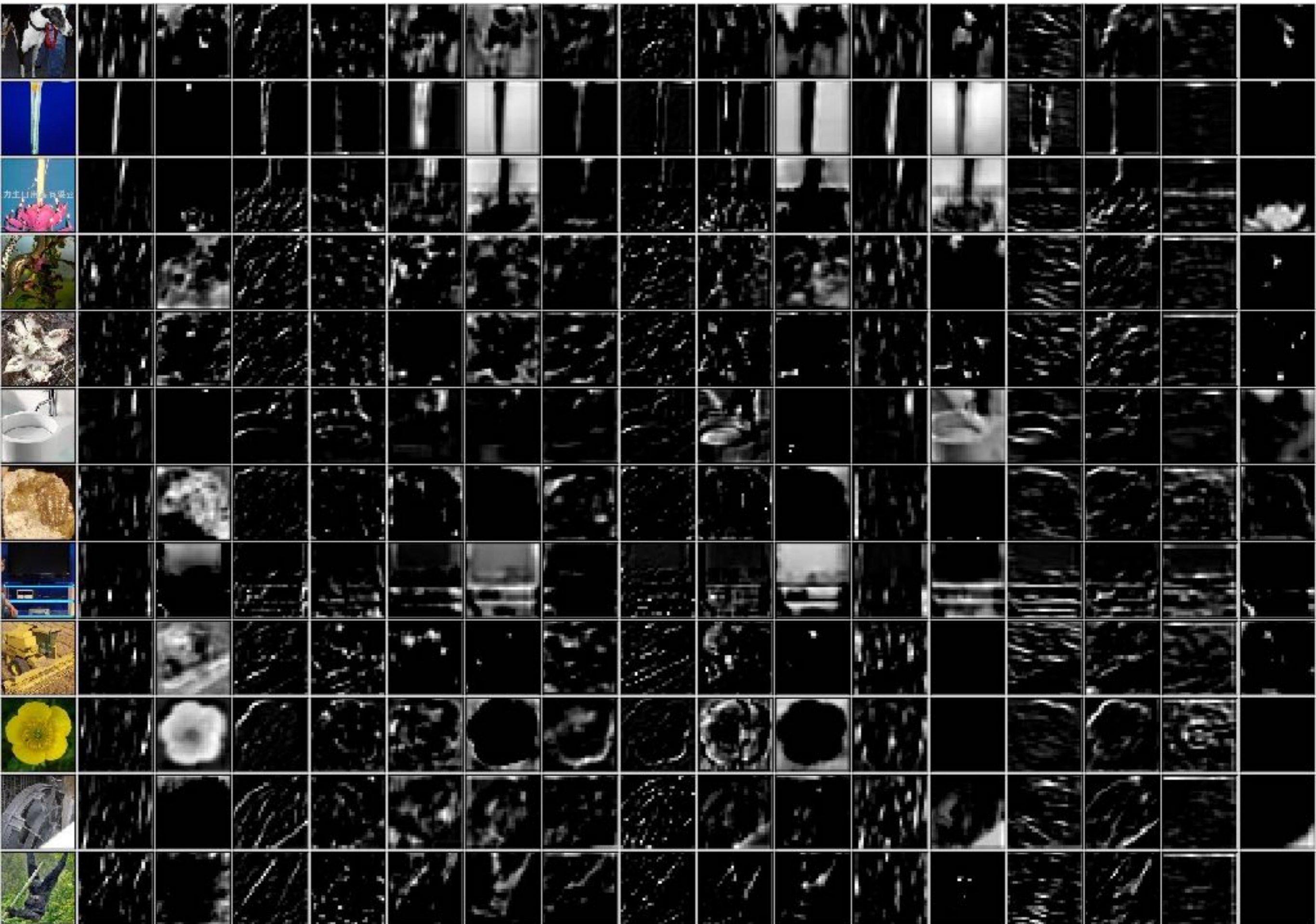
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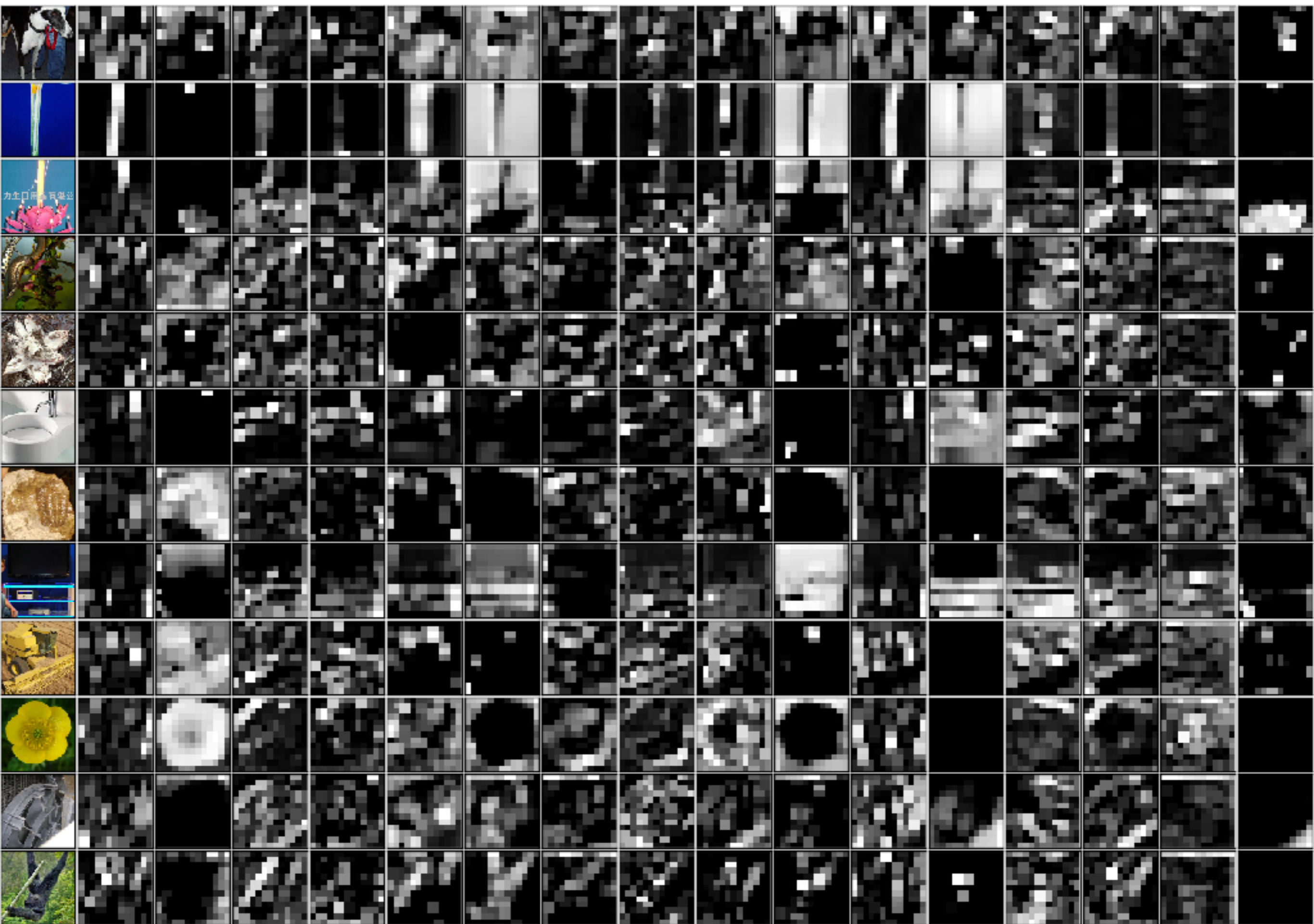
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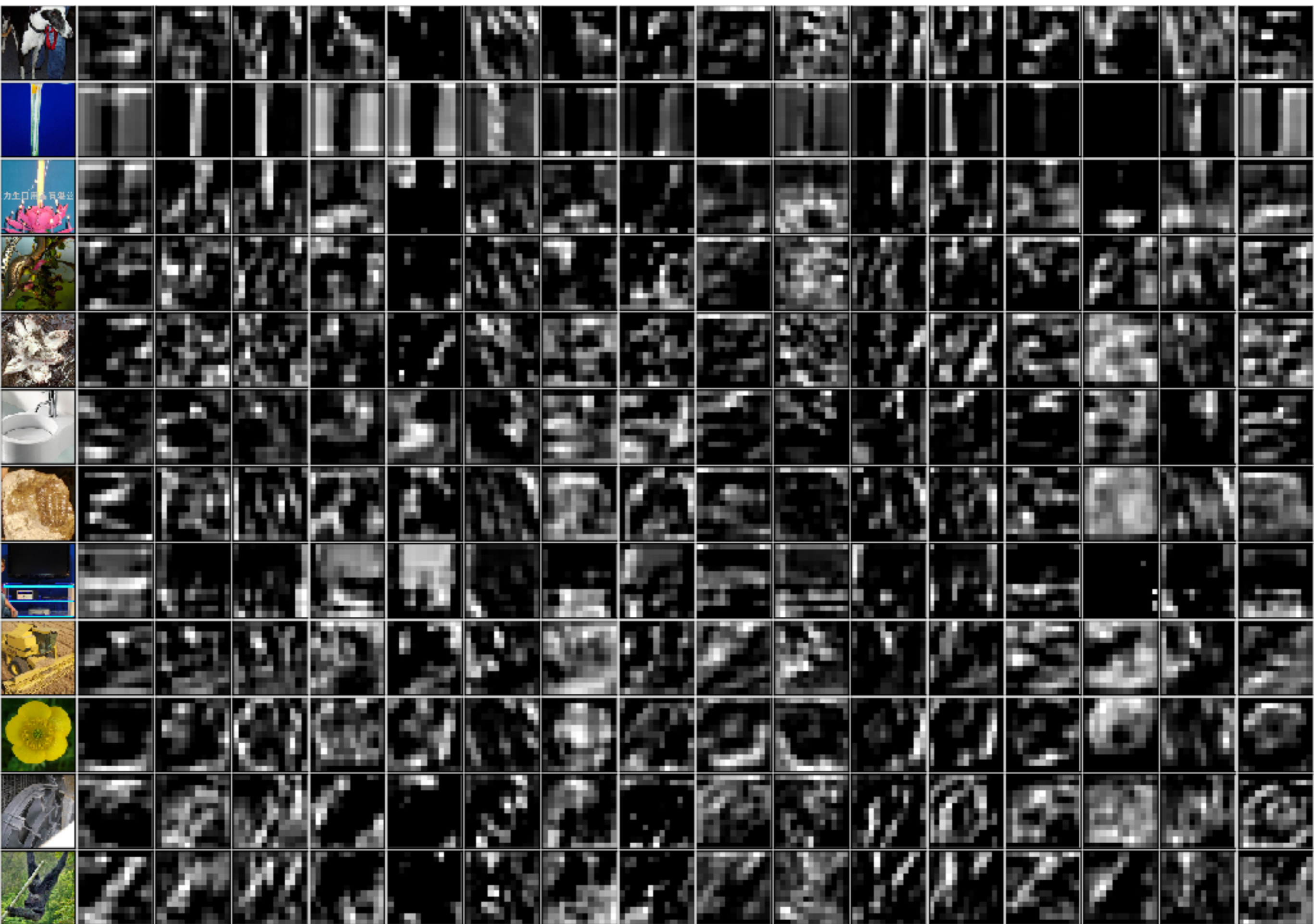
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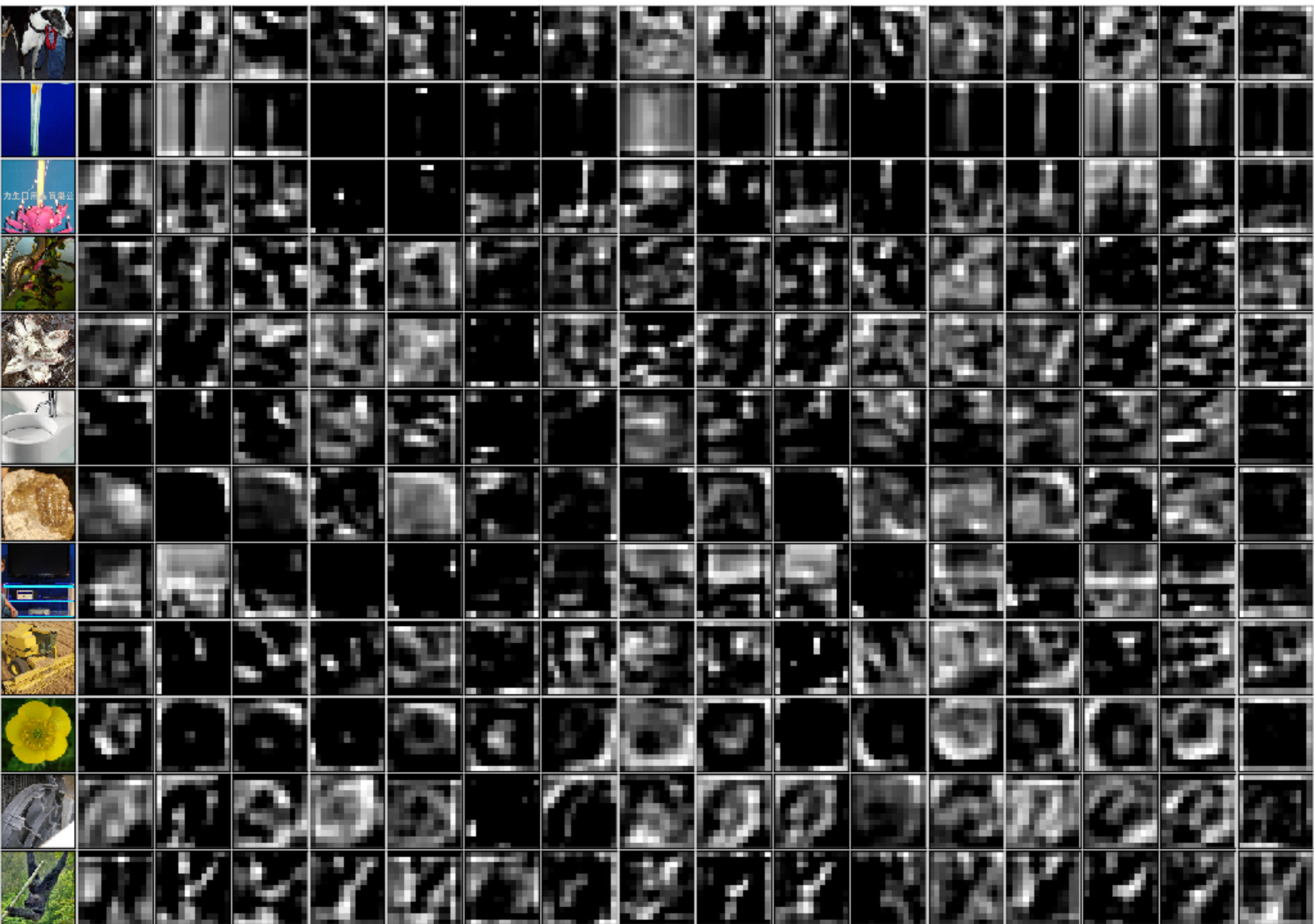
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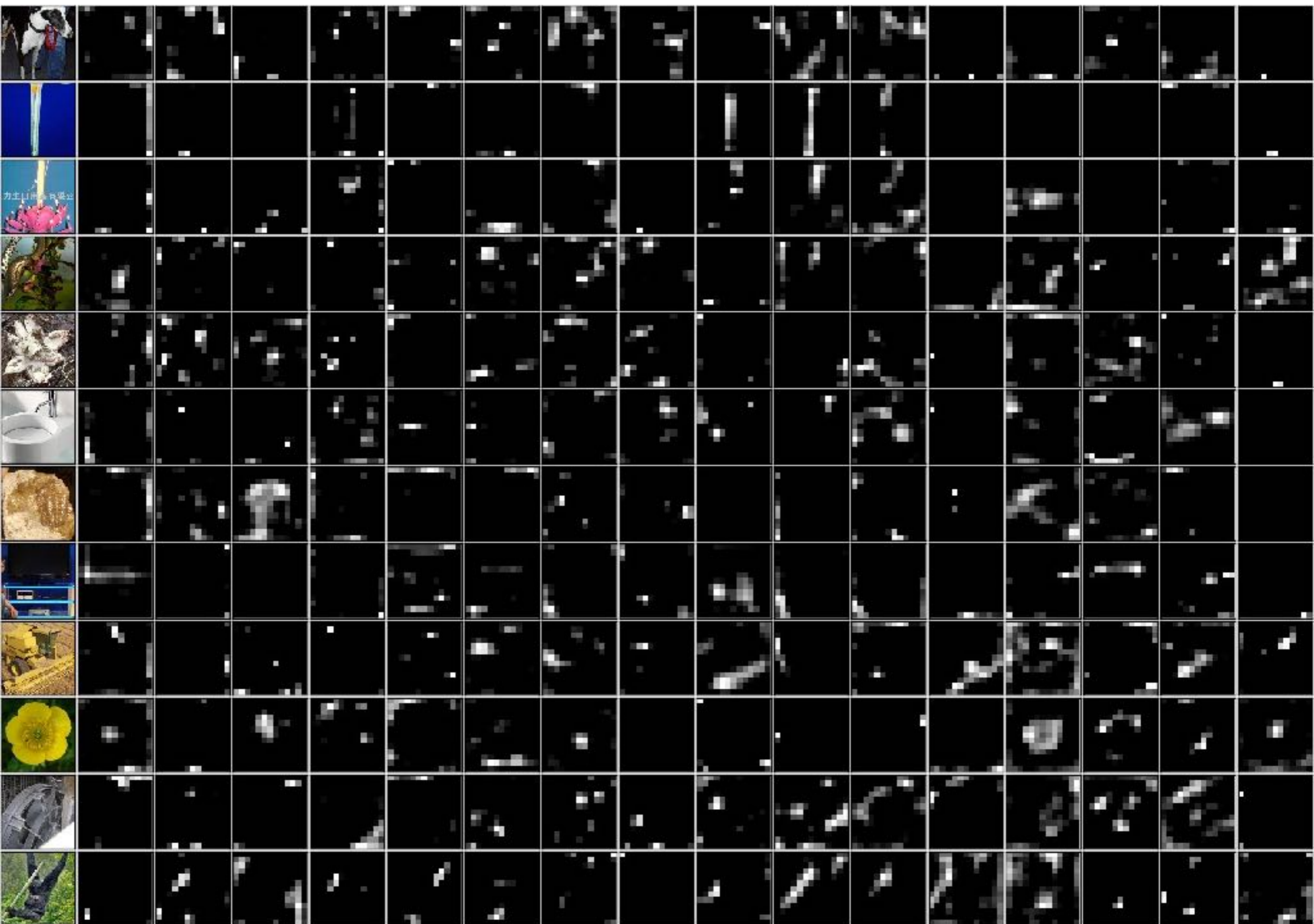
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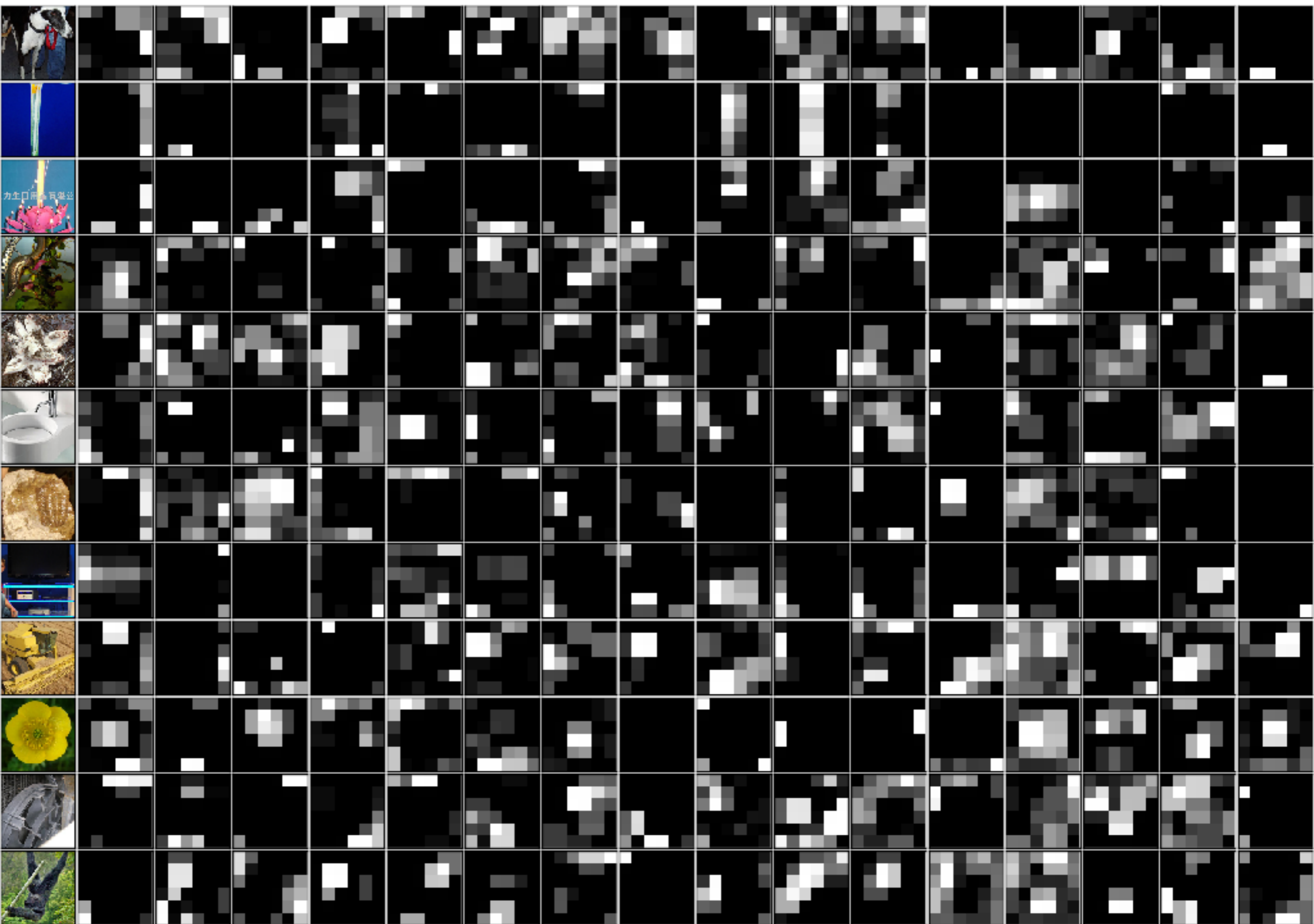
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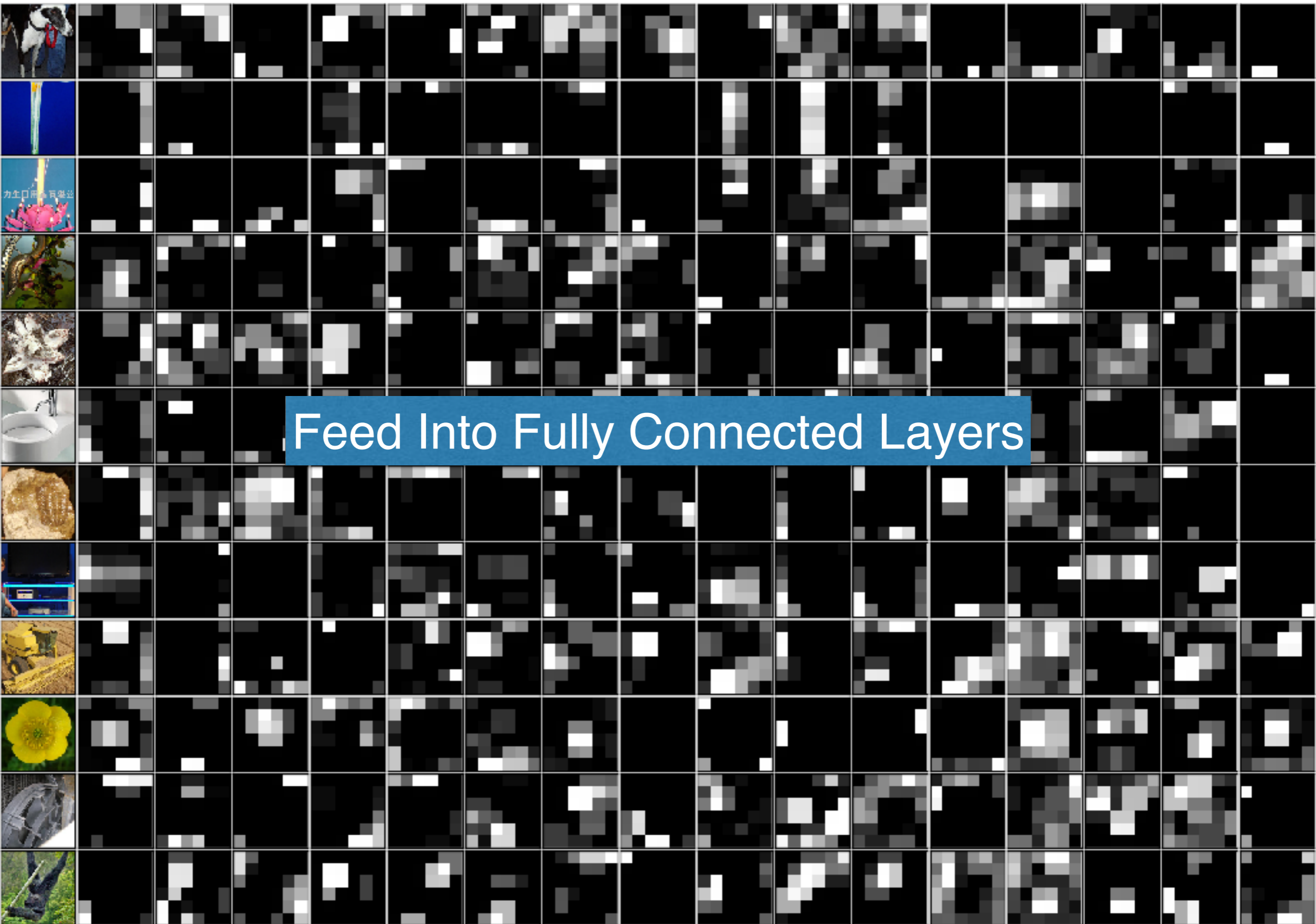
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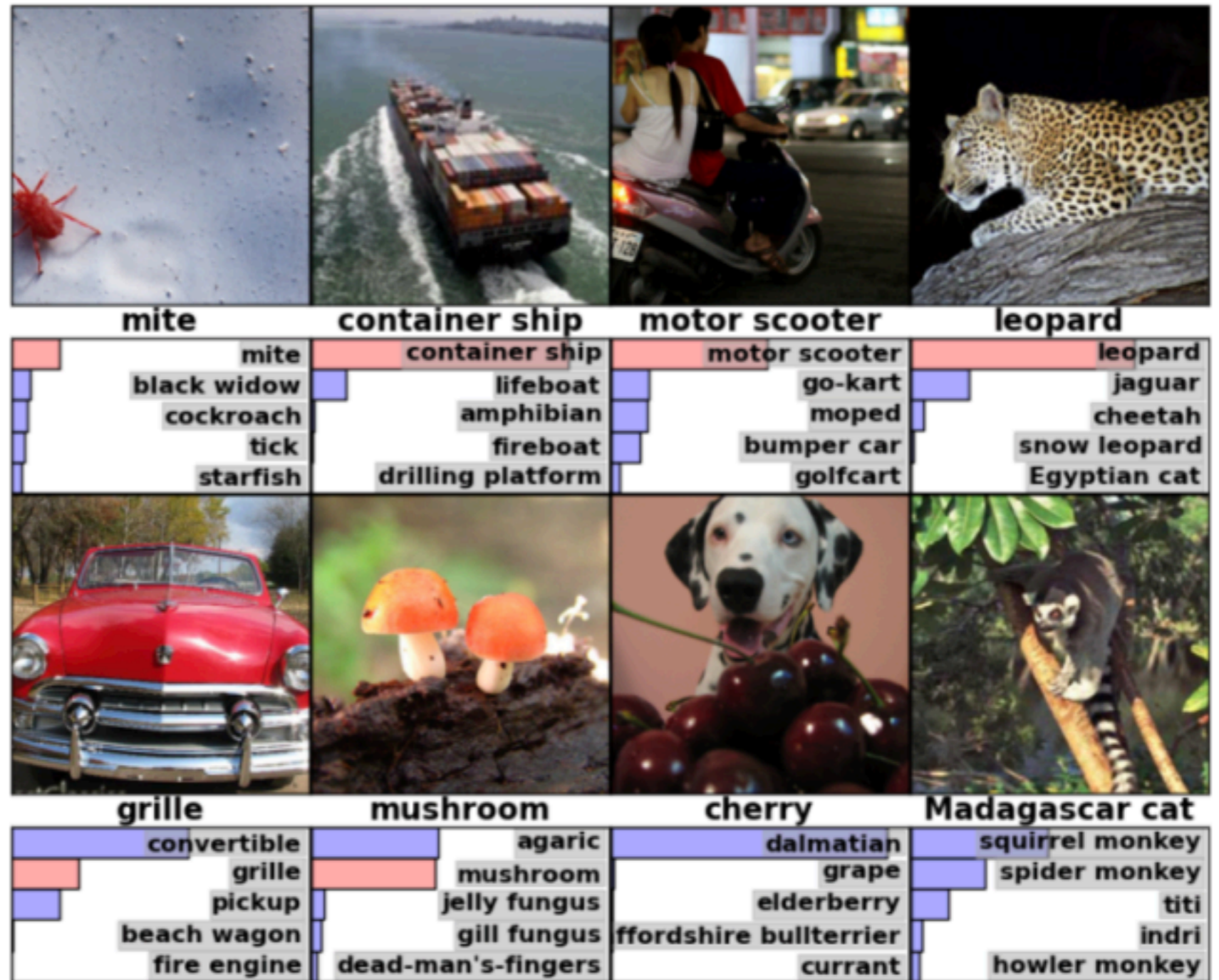


Feed Into Fully Connected Layers

ImageNet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge (ILSVRC)

IMAGENET

1000 categories
 1.2M train images,
 150,000 test images



CNN's Then and Now

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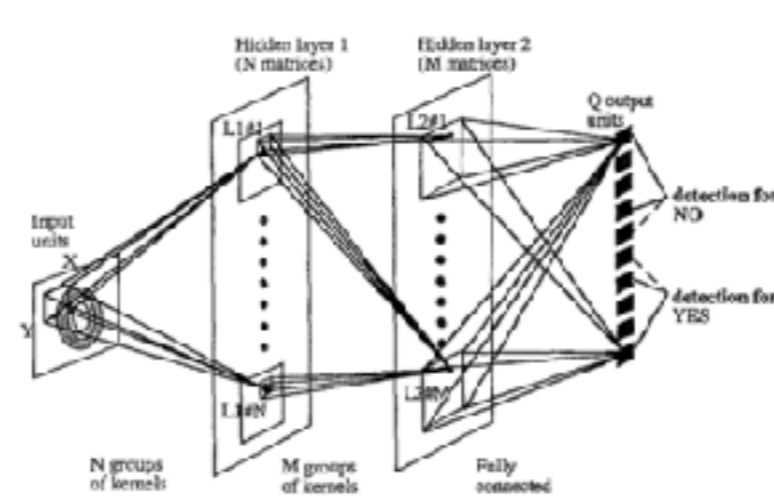
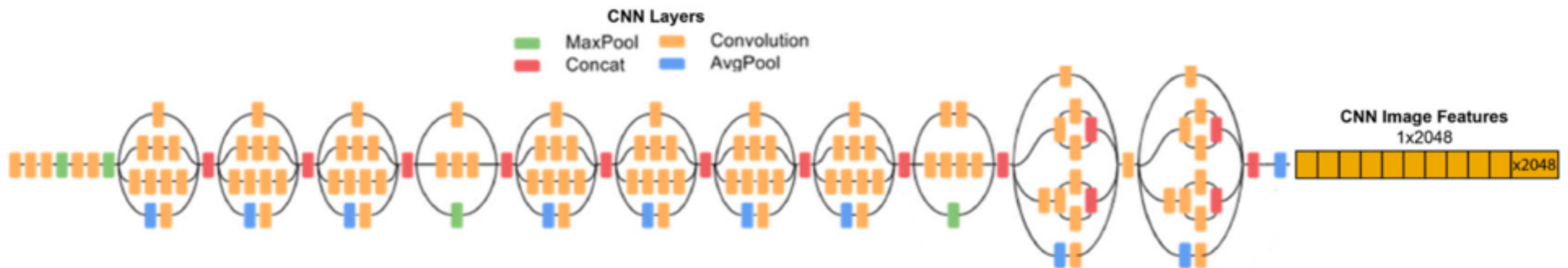


Fig. 3. Artificial convolution neural network for detection of lung nodule.

~2 layers

2019:



~100 layers

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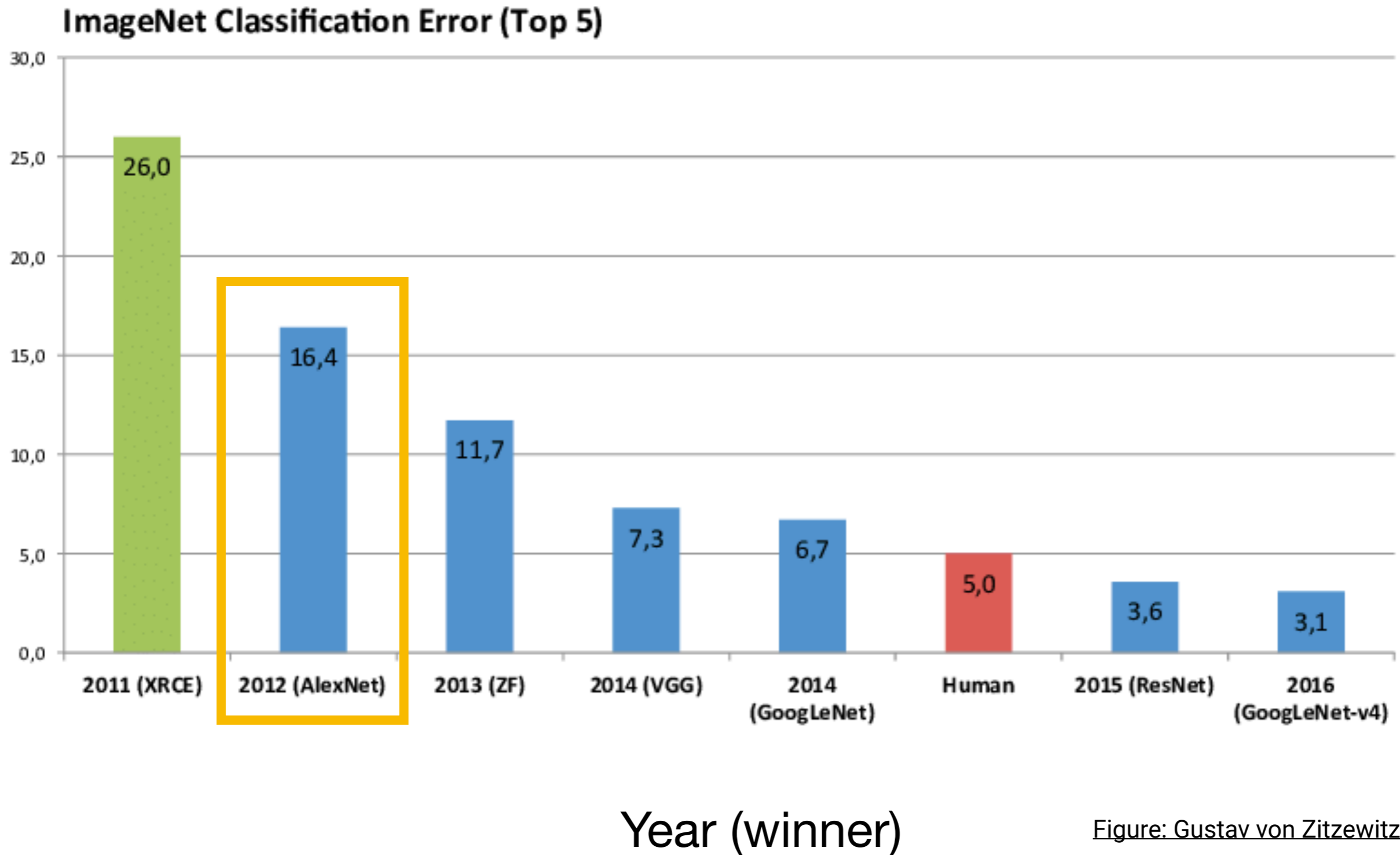
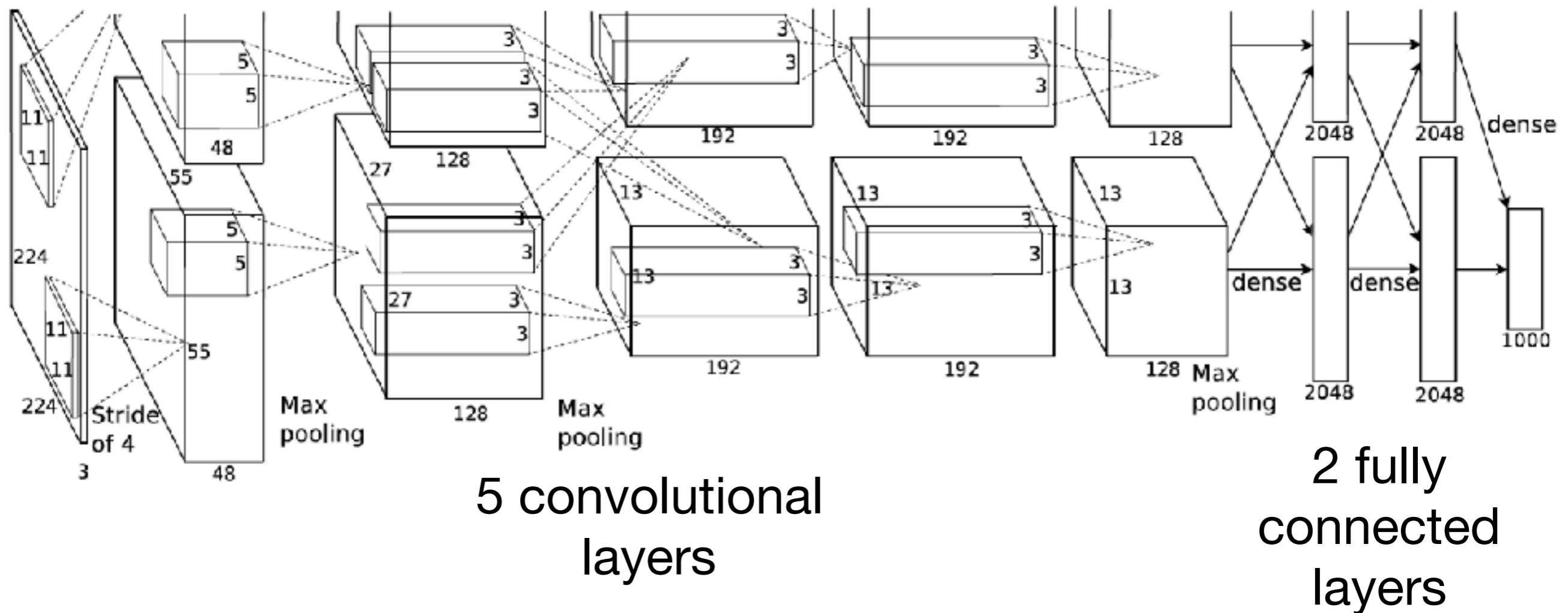


Figure: Gustav von Zitzewitz

AlexNet [Krizhevsky et al., 2012]



Main Innovations:

- non-smooth ReLU activations
- Used dropout instead of explicit regularization
- Max pooling to reduce the size of the network

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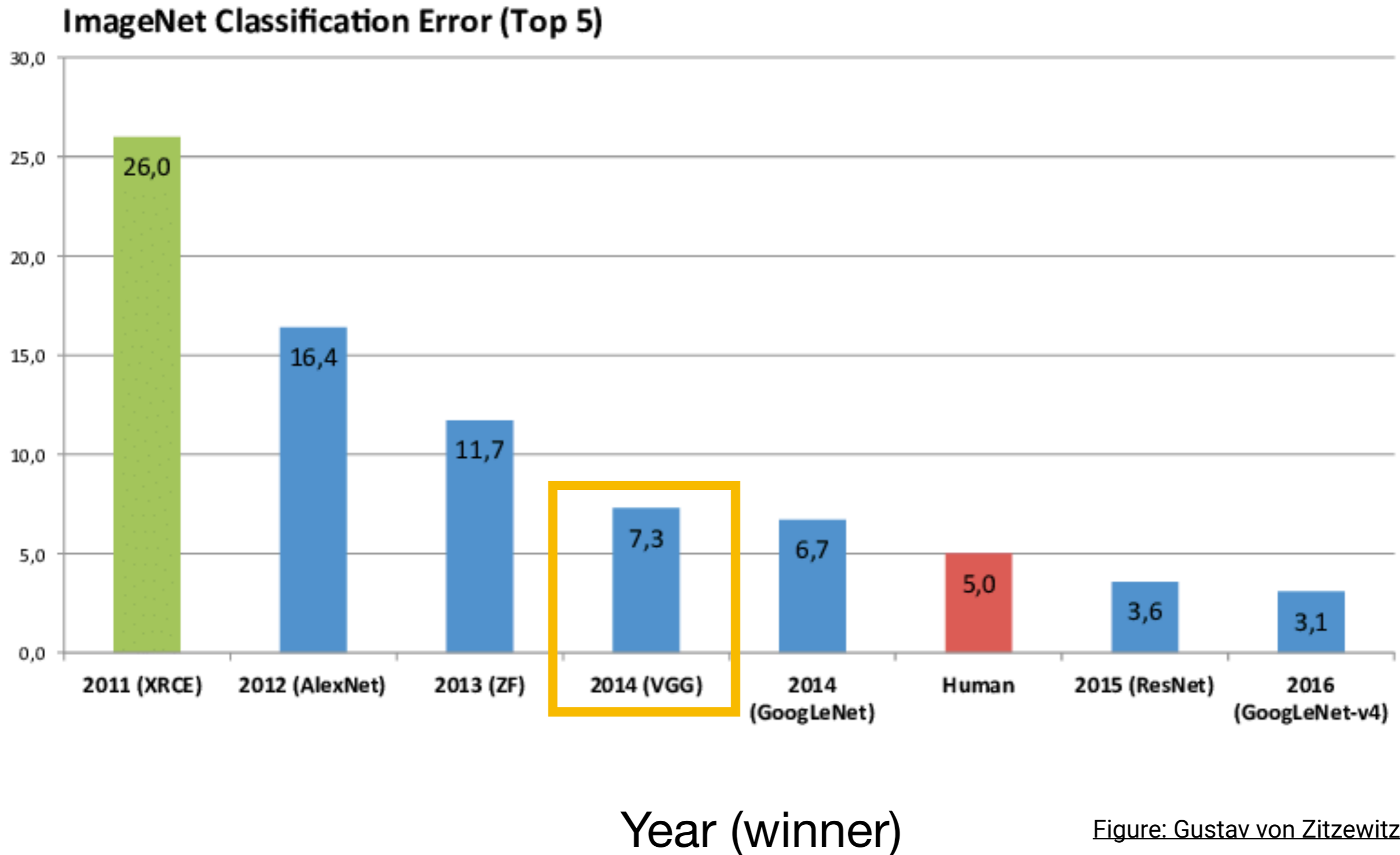
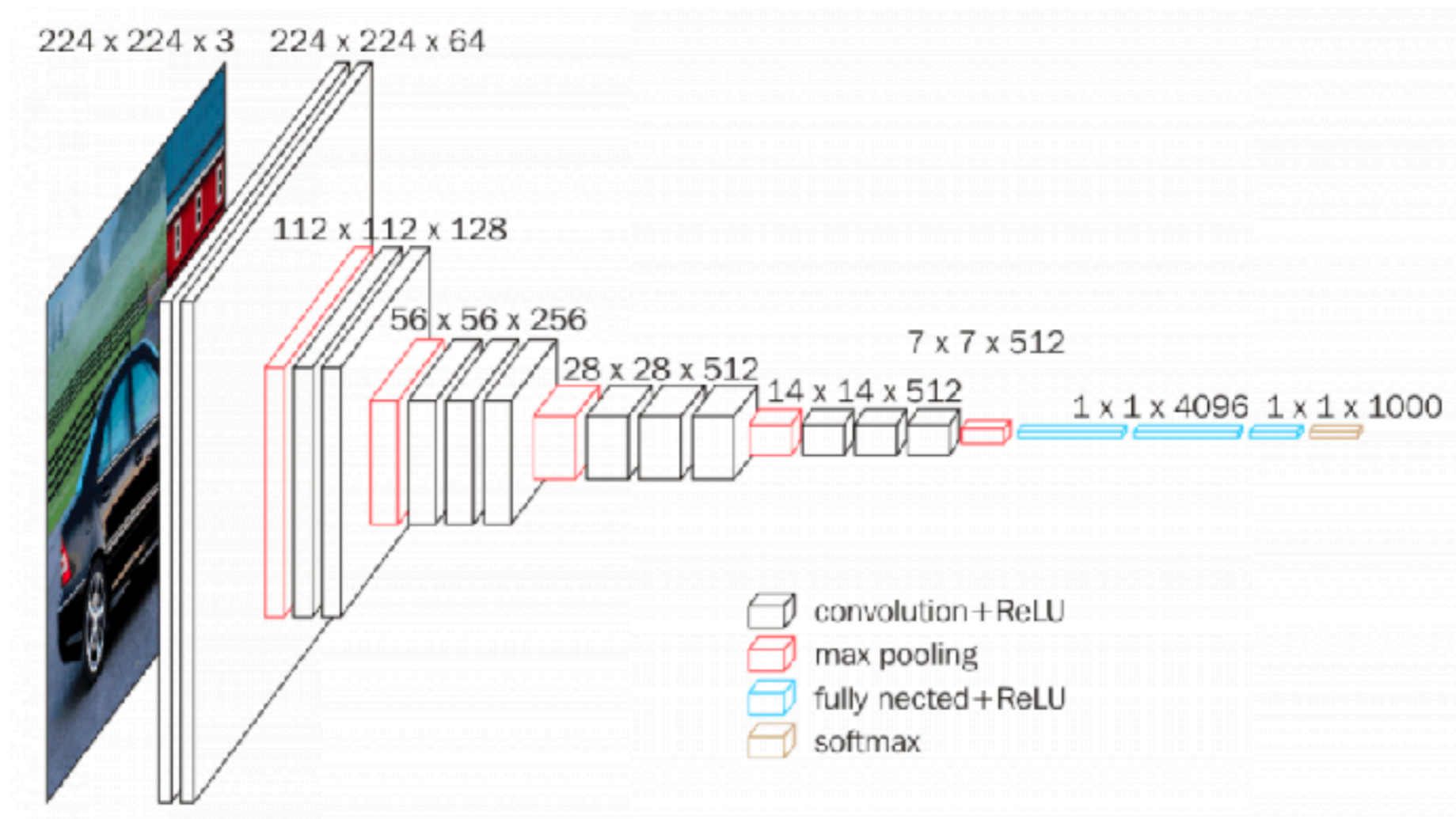


Figure: Gustav von Zitzewitz

VGGNet [Simonyan & Zisserman , 2012]



Main Innovations:

- Far deeper: 16-19 convolutional layers
- More & smaller filters per layer (e.g., rather than one 7x7 convolution use three 3x3 convolutions)

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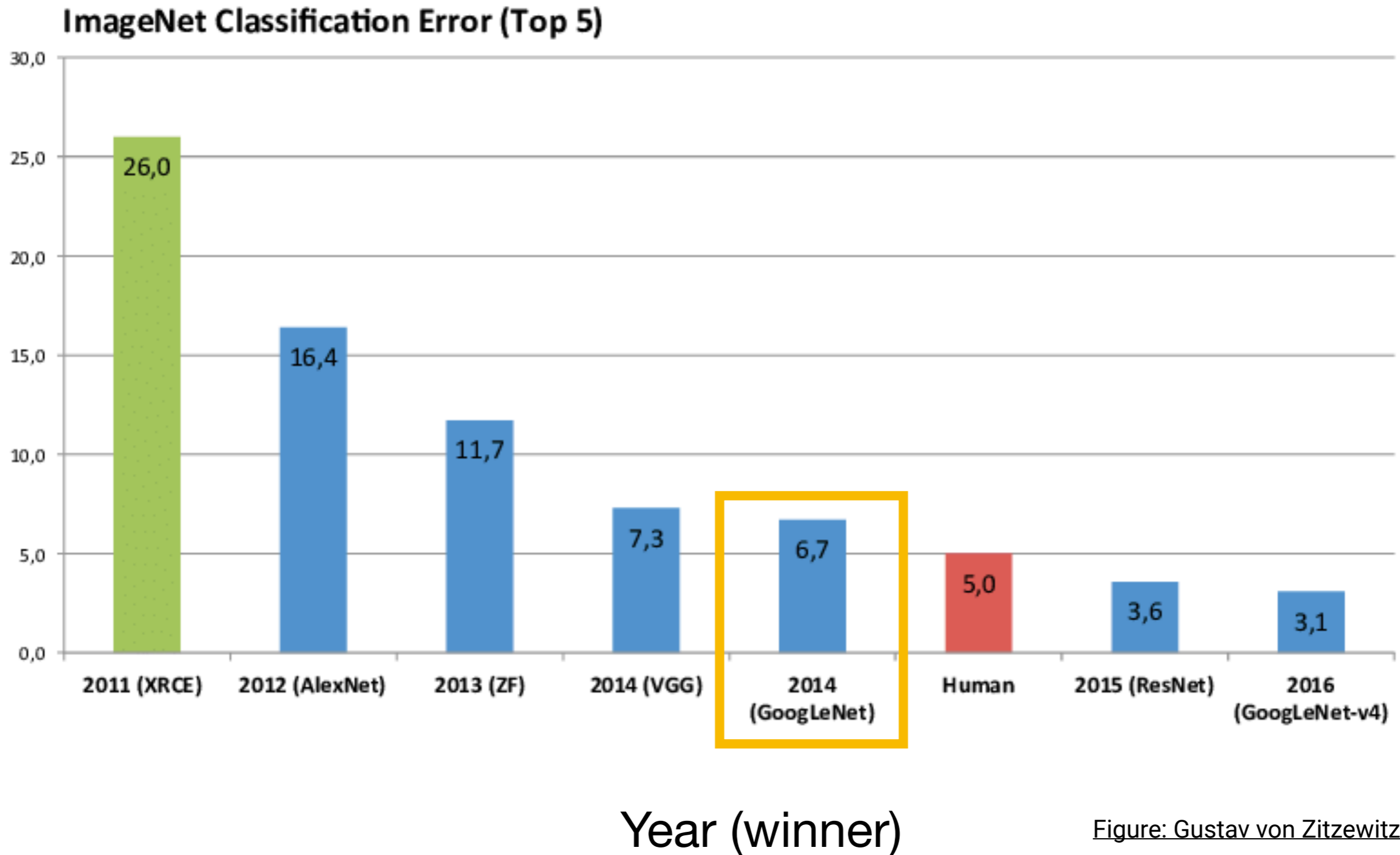
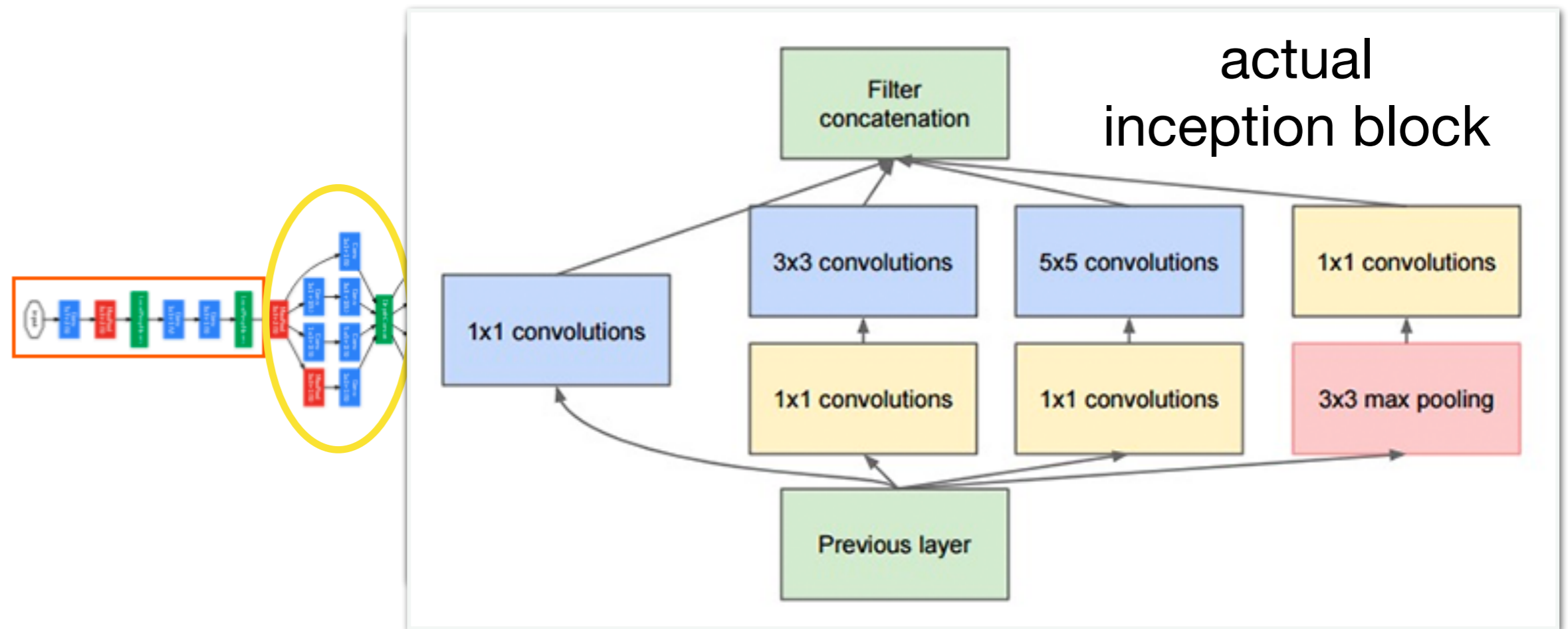


Figure: Gustav von Zitzewitz

Inception-v1 (a.k.a. GoogleNet)

[Szegedy et al., 2014]



Main Innovations:

- Replace standard convolutional blocks with “inception block”
- Extracts features at multiple scales simultaneously
- No fully connected layers at the end – global average pooling

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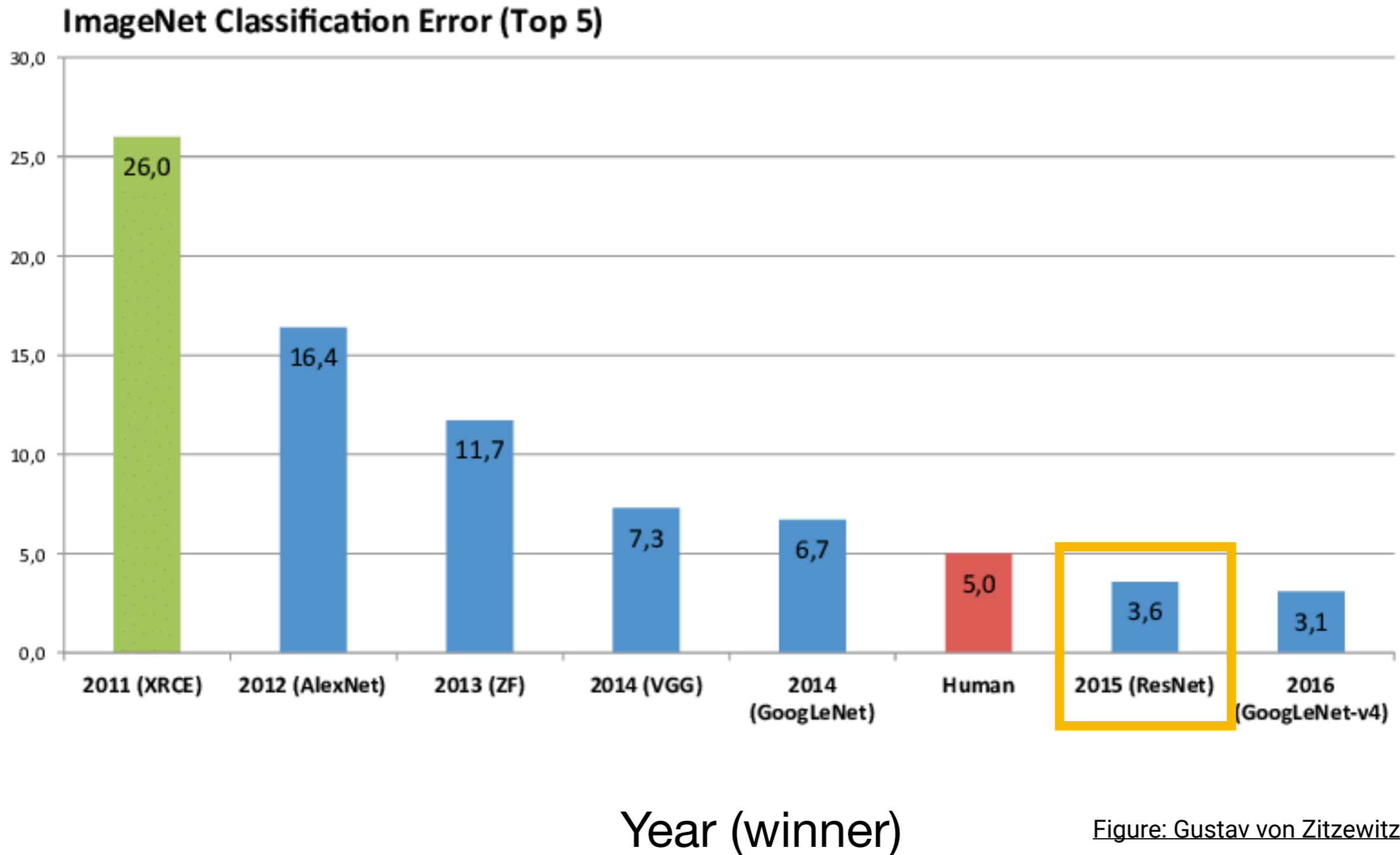
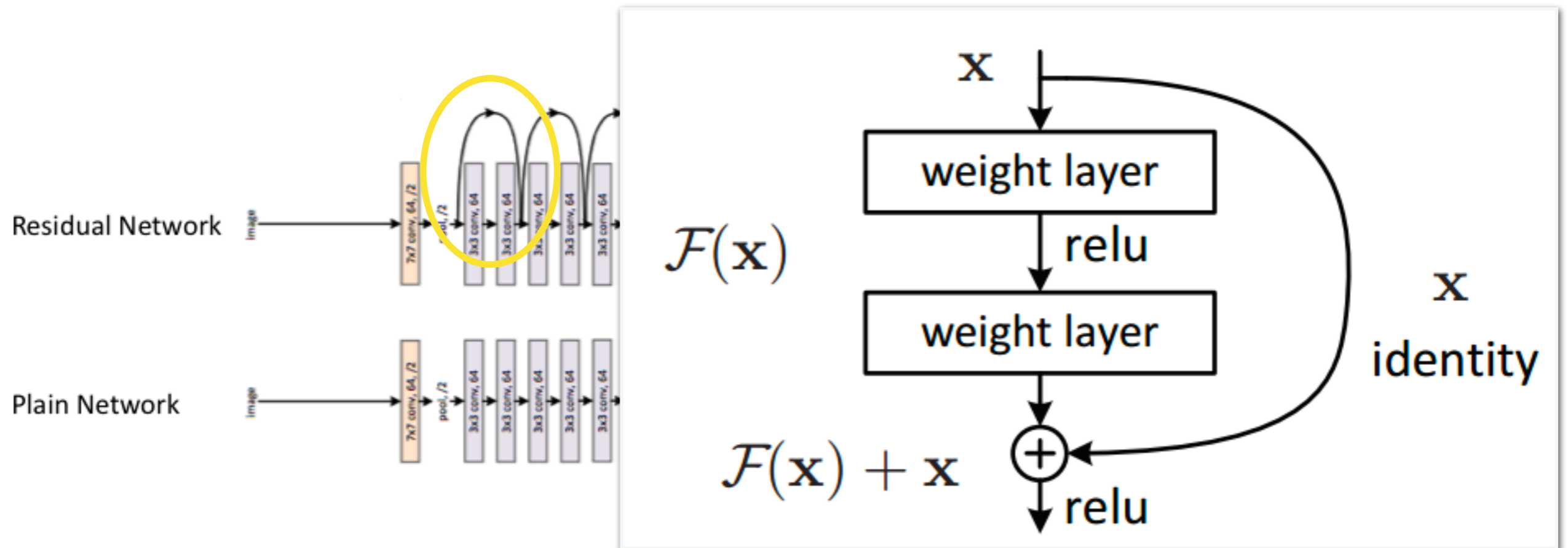


Figure: Gustav von Zitzewitz

ResNets [He et al., 2014]

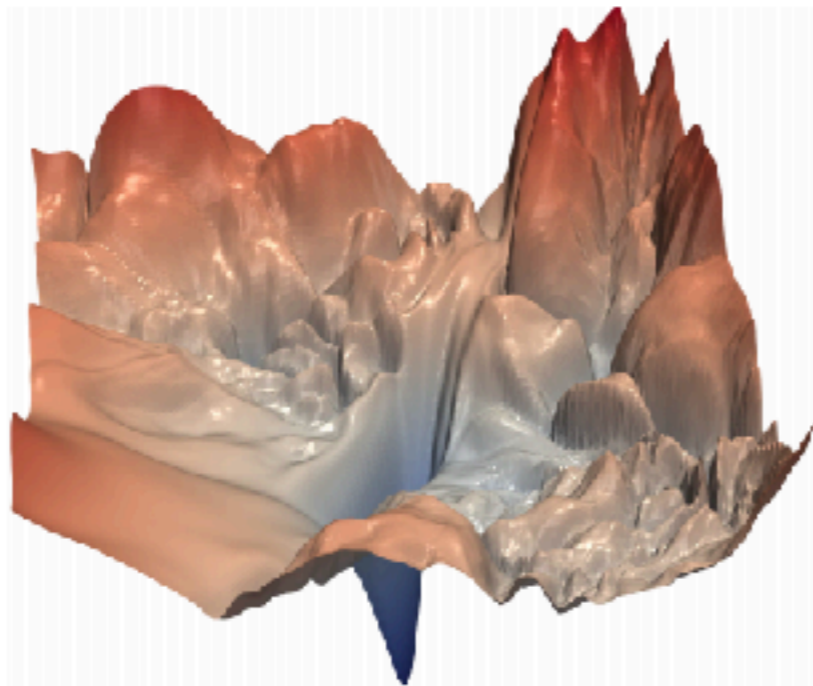


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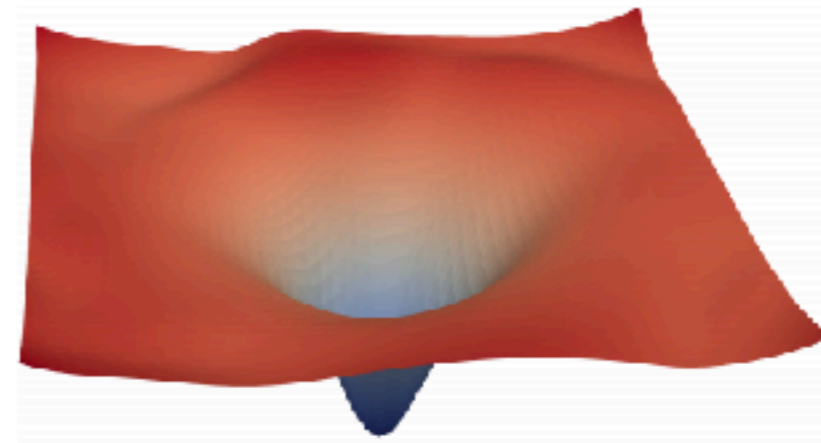
- “Skip connections”
- Alleviates “vanishing gradients” issue of deep networks
- Faster training, fewer “hacks” needed (e.g., batch normalization)
- Can train vastly deeper model, e.g., 100+ layers

ResNets — smoother loss landscapes

2-D projections of optimization landscape



(a) without skip connections



(b) with skip connections

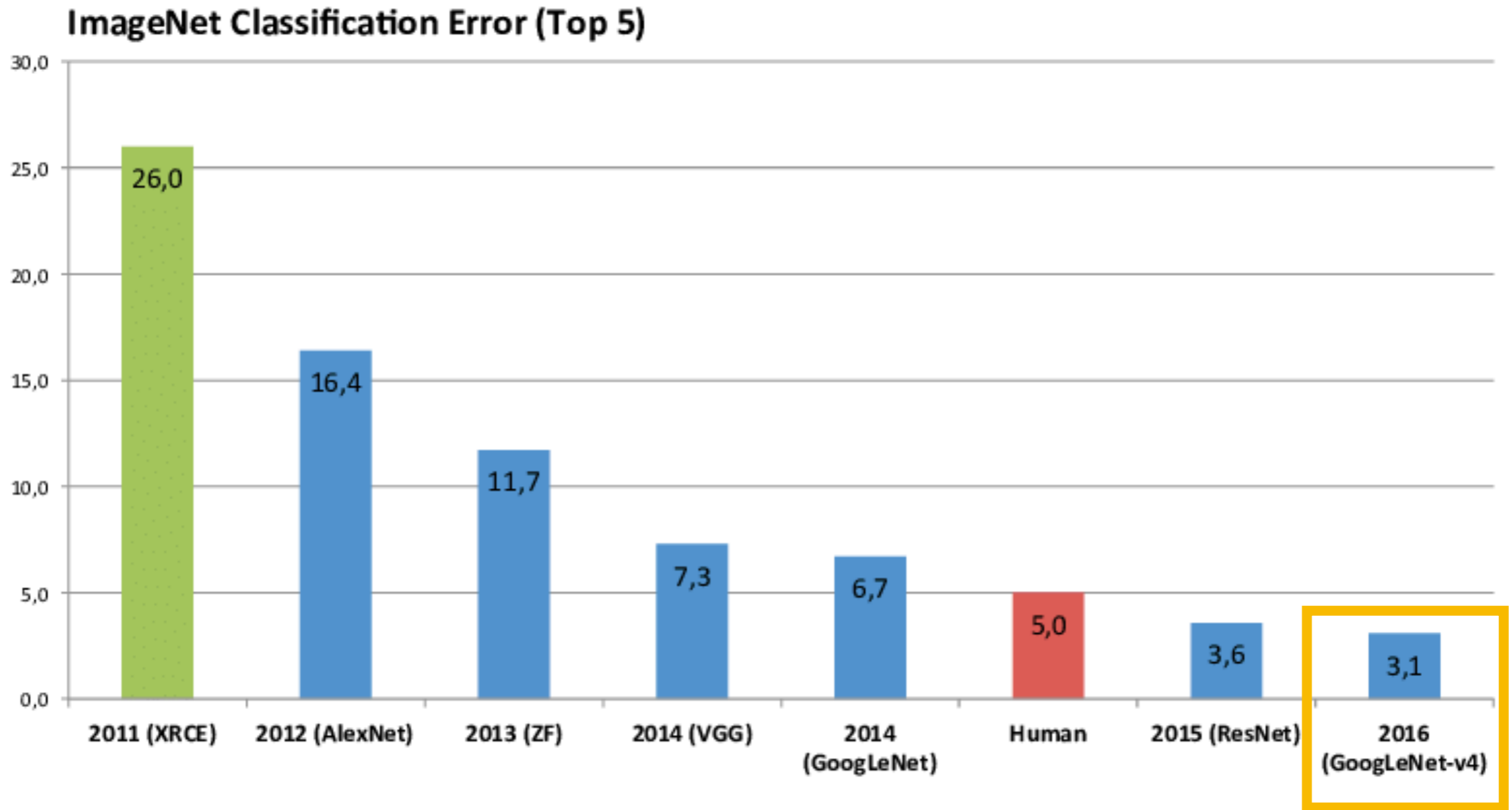
Figure 1: The loss surfaces of ResNet-56 with/without skip connections. The proposed filter normalization scheme is used to enable comparisons of sharpness/flatness between the two figures.

Visualizing the Loss Landscape of Neural Nets

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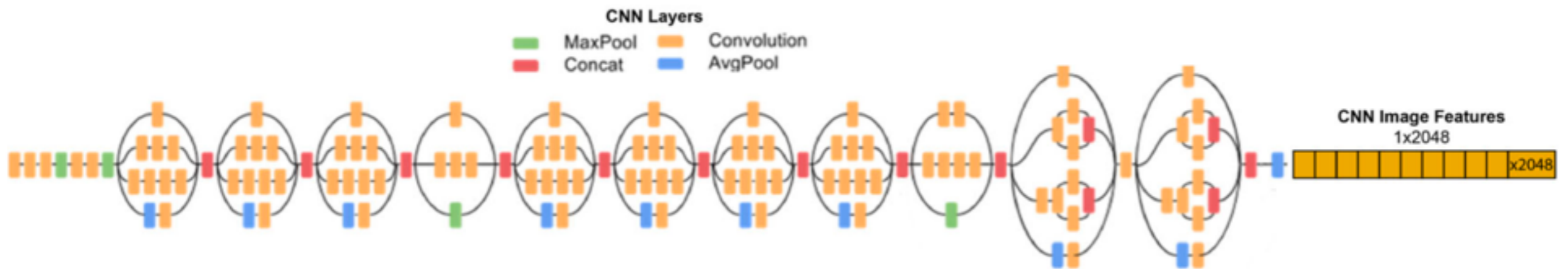
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Figure: Gustav von Zitzewitz

Inception-v3, -v4, -ResNet

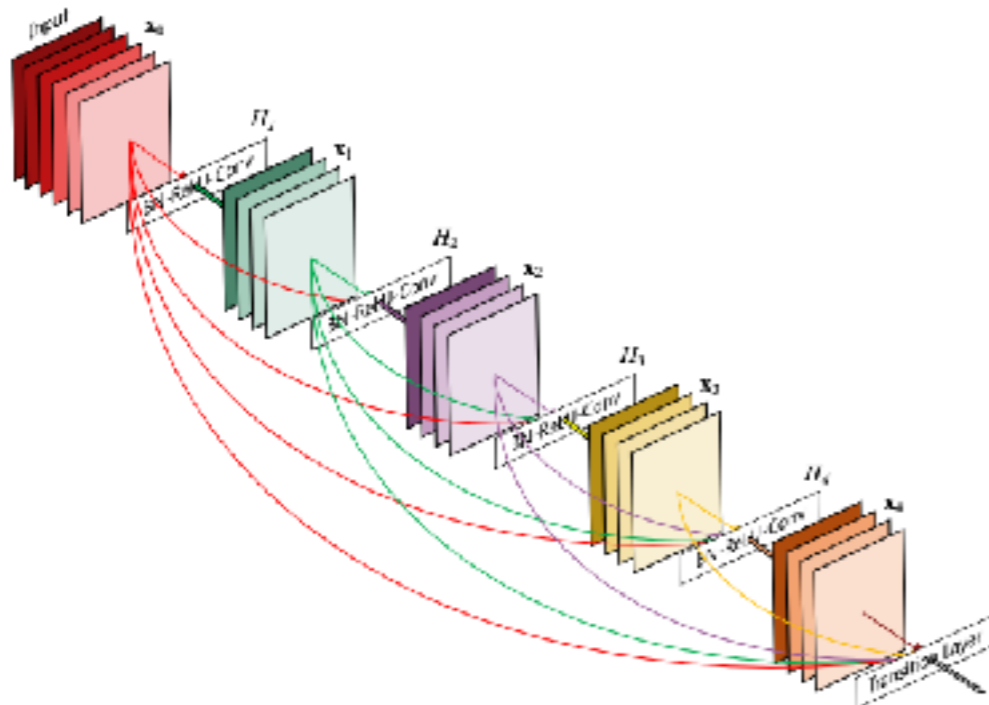


Main Innovations:

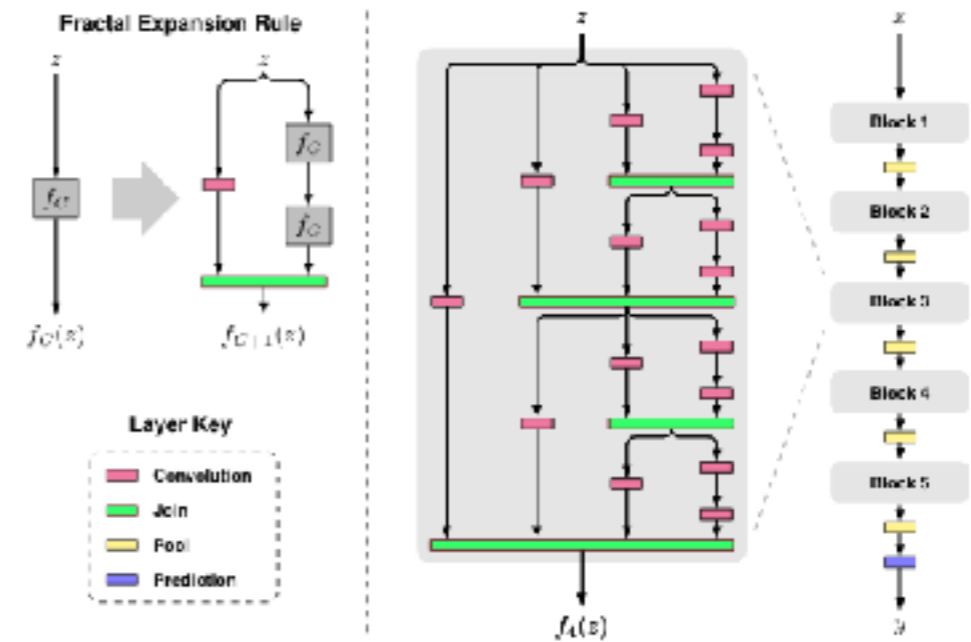
- Inception-v3 - Deeper, more efficient inception blocks
- Inception-v4 - “”
- Inception-ResNet - adds skip connections to inception blocks

...and many others

DenseNets [Huang et al., 2016]



FractalNets [Larsson et al., 2016]



Squeeze-and-Excitation Nets [Hu et al., 2017]

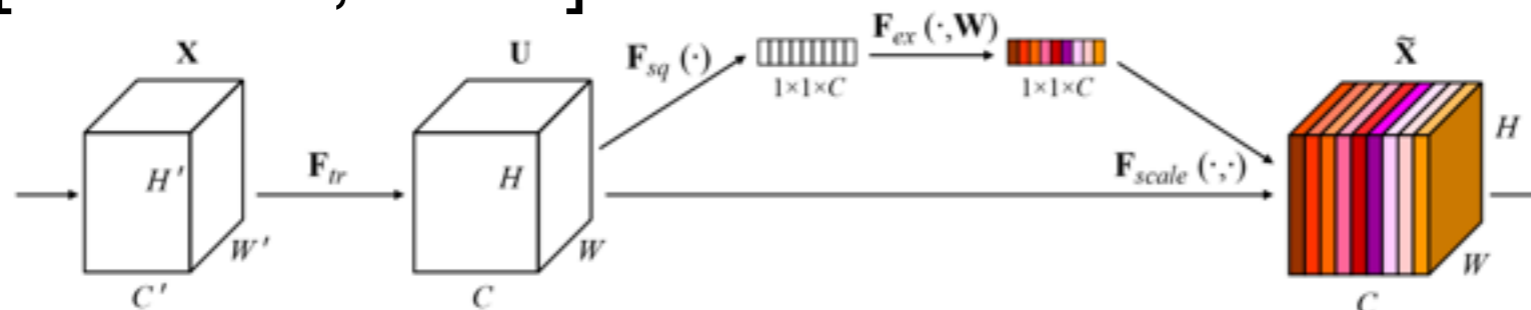


Fig. 1. A Squeeze-and-Excitation block.

What network architecture should / use?

- Short answer: It doesn't matter too much!
- Most state-of-the-art networks are available in standard deep learning toolboxes
- Task will dictate architecture
- Constraints:
 - Memory
 - Size of training set
 - Deployment

Challenges adapting deep CNN's to biomedical imaging problems

- **Challenge 1: Limited Training Data**
 - 1M+ training examples ImageNet, biomedical imaging 100-10k typical
 - How do we train a deep CNN without overfitting?
- **Challenge 2: Complex Input Formats**
 - 3D volumes are commonplace in medical imaging
 - multi-stream or multi-modal data (e.g., CT + MRI scans, text + image)
 - measurement domain data (e.g., raw data from MRI scanner)
- **Challenge 3: Tasks Beyond Classification**
 - Task is not classification/regression (or is inefficiently represented as such)
 - Segmentation
 - Image restoration/reconstruction

Biomedical image classification/detection



Application: Detecting skin cancer by classification of lesions in photographs



Figure: [Esteva et al., 2017]

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Artificial intelligence powers detection
of skin cancer from images **PAGES 36 & 115**

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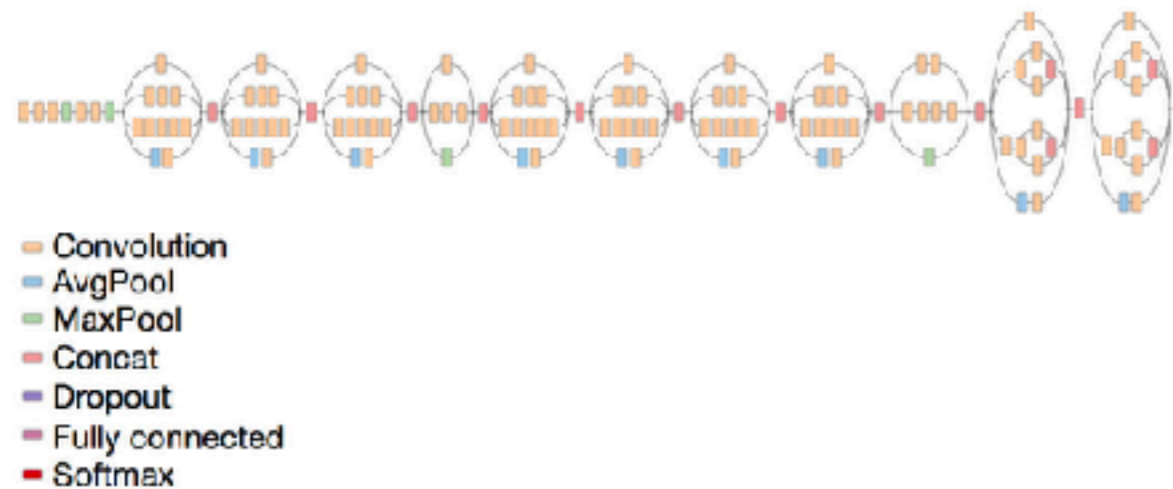
- Nature paper [Esteva et al., 2017]
- Dataset of 129,450 clinical images
- 2,032 different diseases.

Use Inception-v3 network

Skin lesion image



Deep convolutional neural network (Inception v3)



Training classes (757)

- Acral-lentiginous melanoma
- Amelanotic melanoma
- Lentigo melanoma
- ...
- Blue nevus
- Halo nevus
- Mongolian spot
- ...

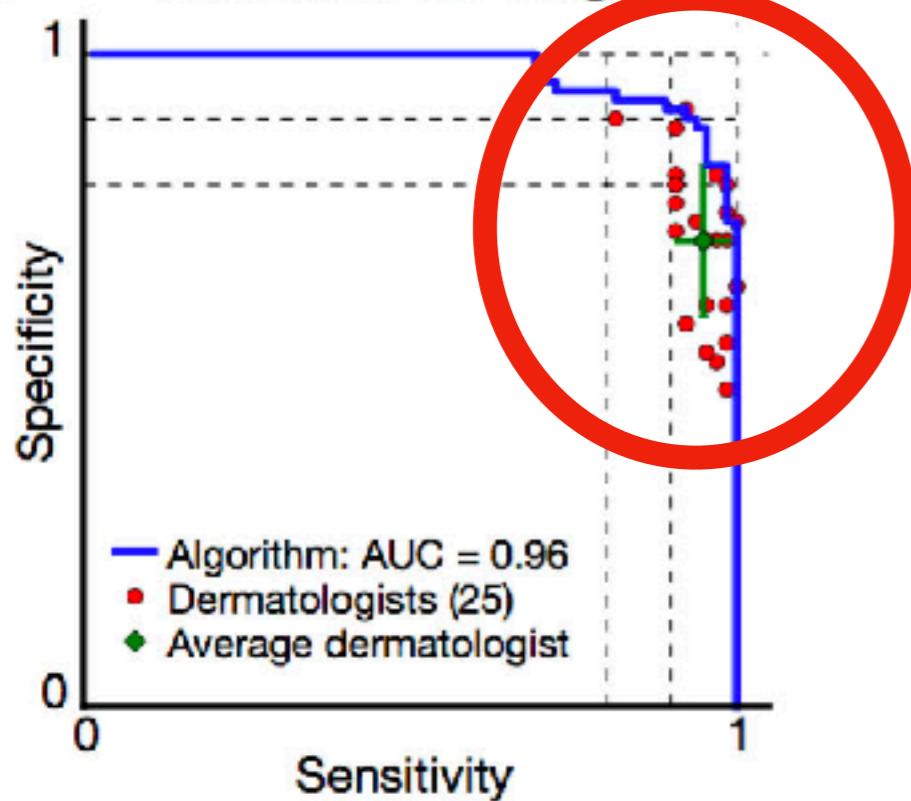
Inference classes (varies by task)

- ⊕ ● 92% malignant melanocytic lesion
- ⊕ ● 8% benign melanocytic lesion

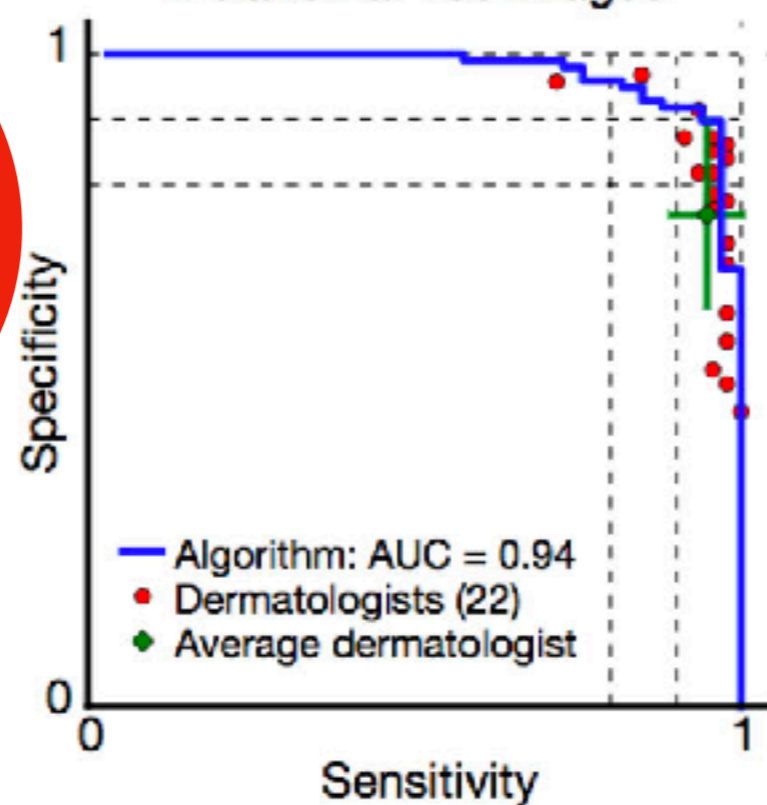
CNN outperforms dermatologists!

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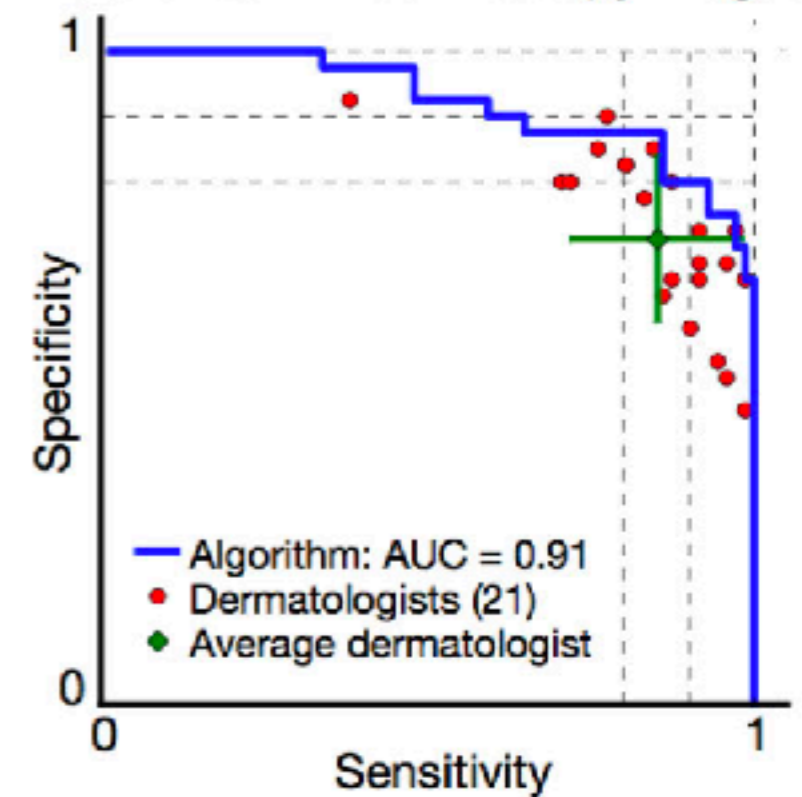
Carcinoma: 135 images



Melanoma: 130 images



Melanoma: 111 dermoscopy images



Transfer Learning

- (Esteva et al., 2017), and nearly every other biomedical image classification approach makes use of *transfer learning*
- **Idea:** Pre-train the network on ImageNet, then fine-tune by retraining on your own data.
 - retrain only **final layers**
 - retrain **end-to-end**

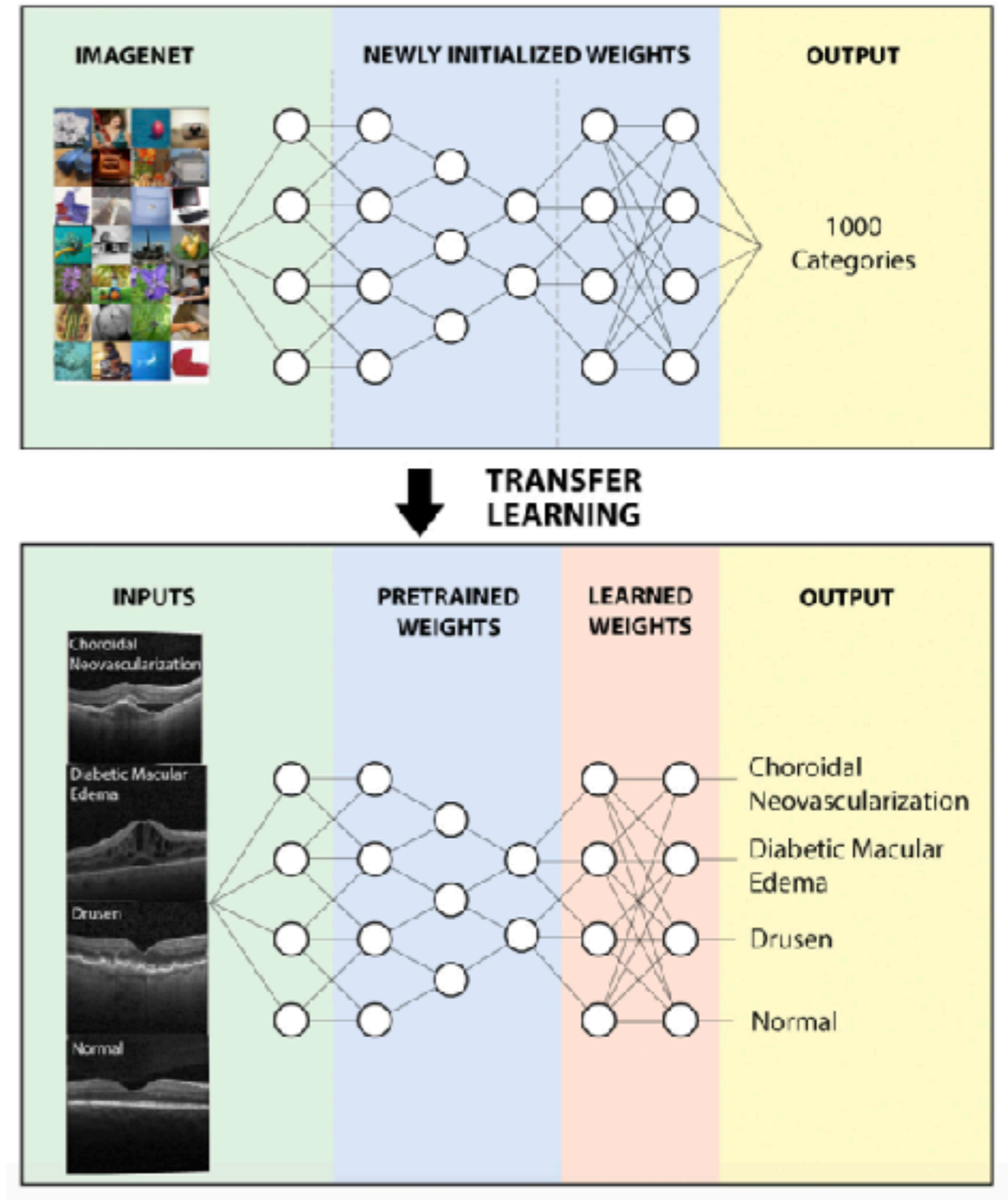
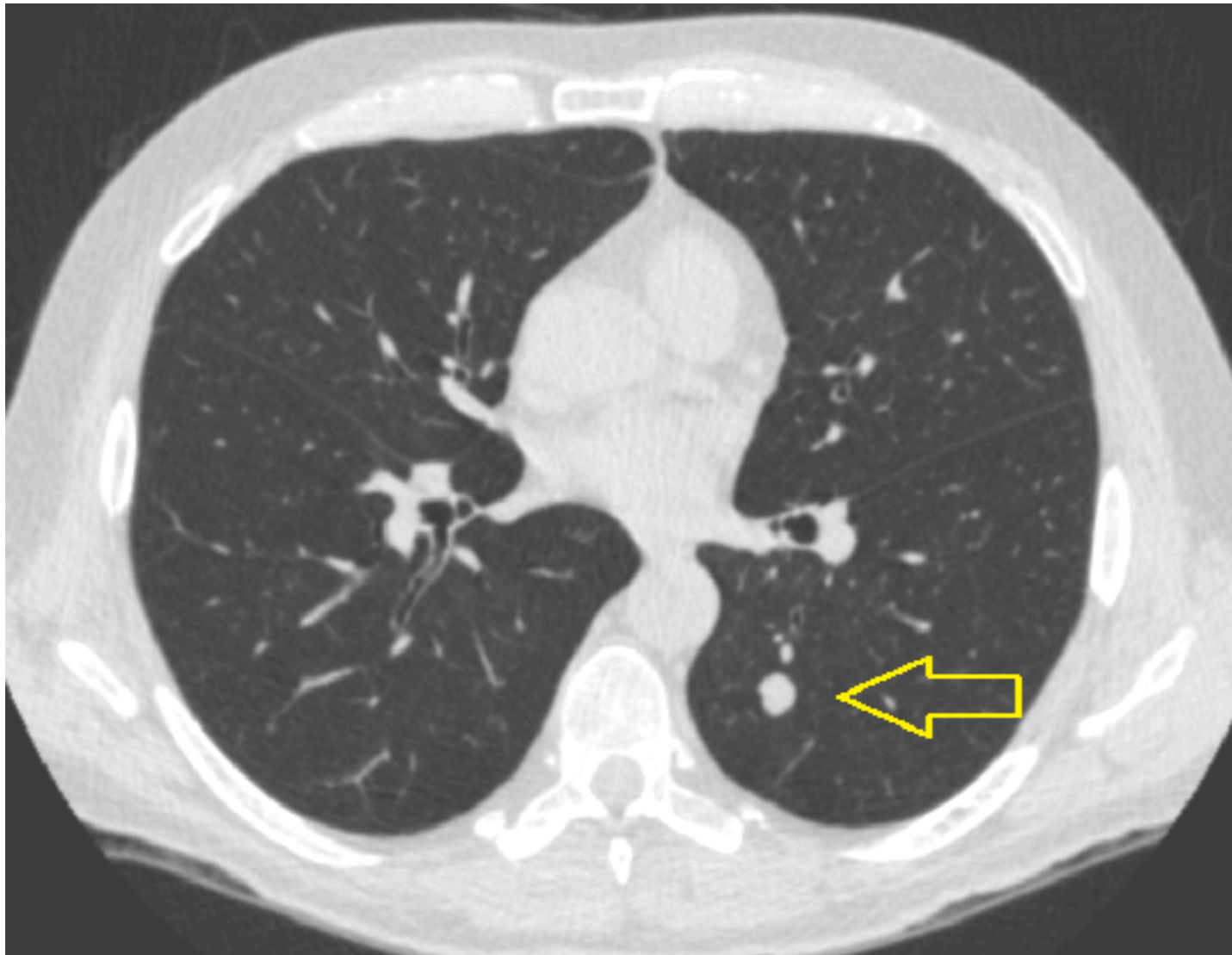


Figure: (Keremany et al., 2018)

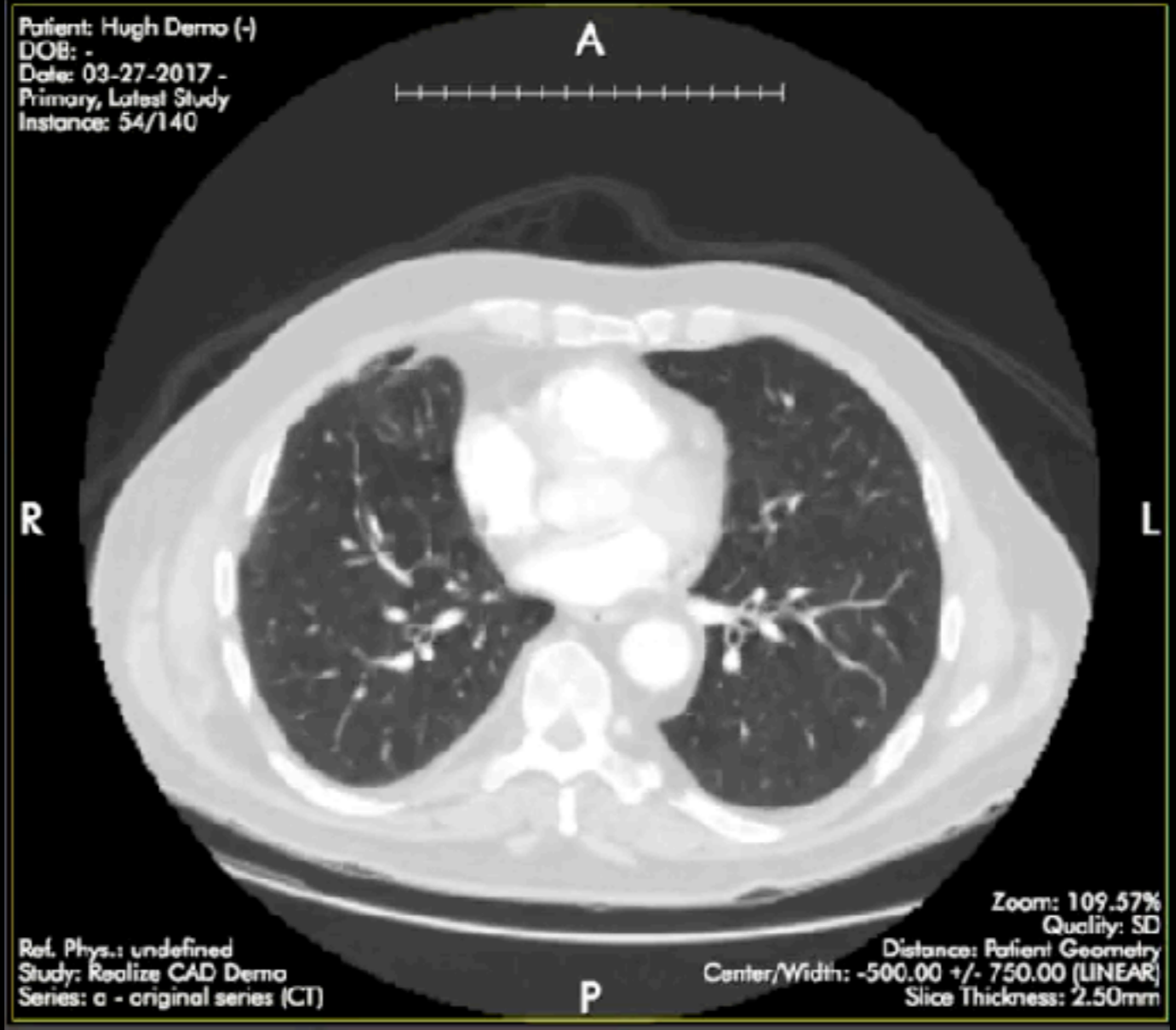
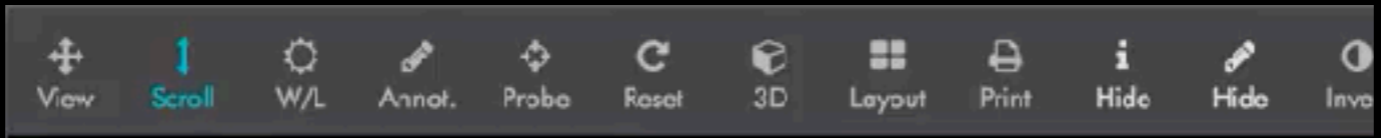
Application:

Lung nodule detection in chest CT scans



- Early stage lung cancers detectable via low-dose CT scans
- Manifest as small pulmonary nodules
- Demanding task for radiologists:
~200-400 axial slices per scan

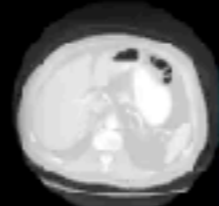
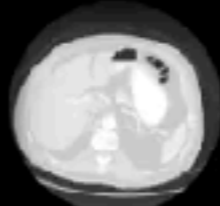

Figure: http://www.diagnijmegen.nl/index.php/Lung_Cancer



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Potential for CNN's

Artificial Convolution Neural Network Techniques and Applications for Lung Nodule Detection

Shih-Chung B. Lo, Shyh-Liang A. Lou, *Member, IEEE*, Jyh-Shyan Lin, Matthew T. Freedman, Minze V. Chien, *Member, IEEE*, and Seong K. Mun, *Member, IEEE*

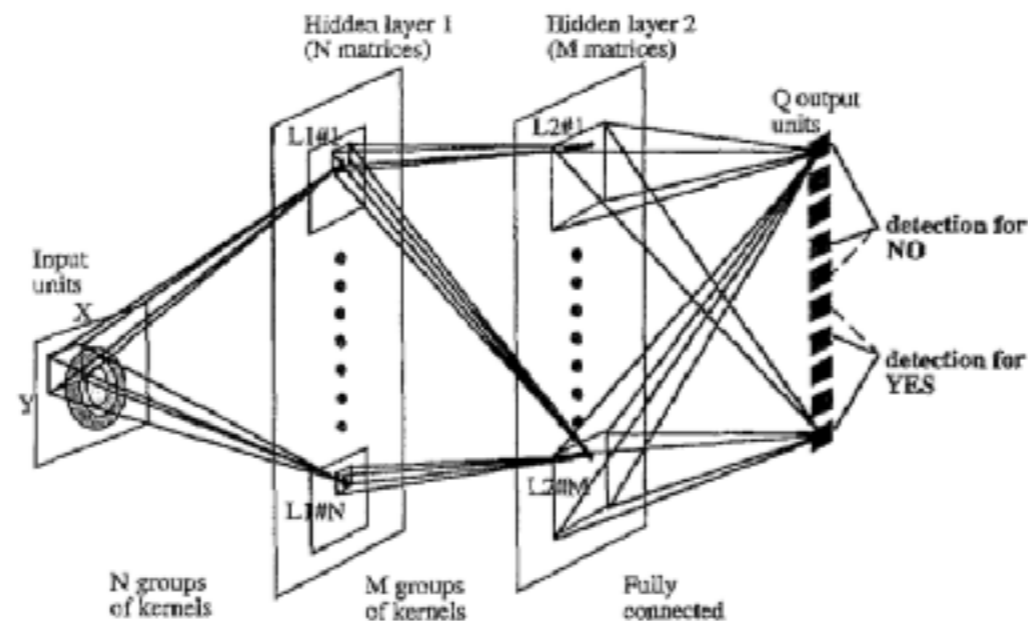
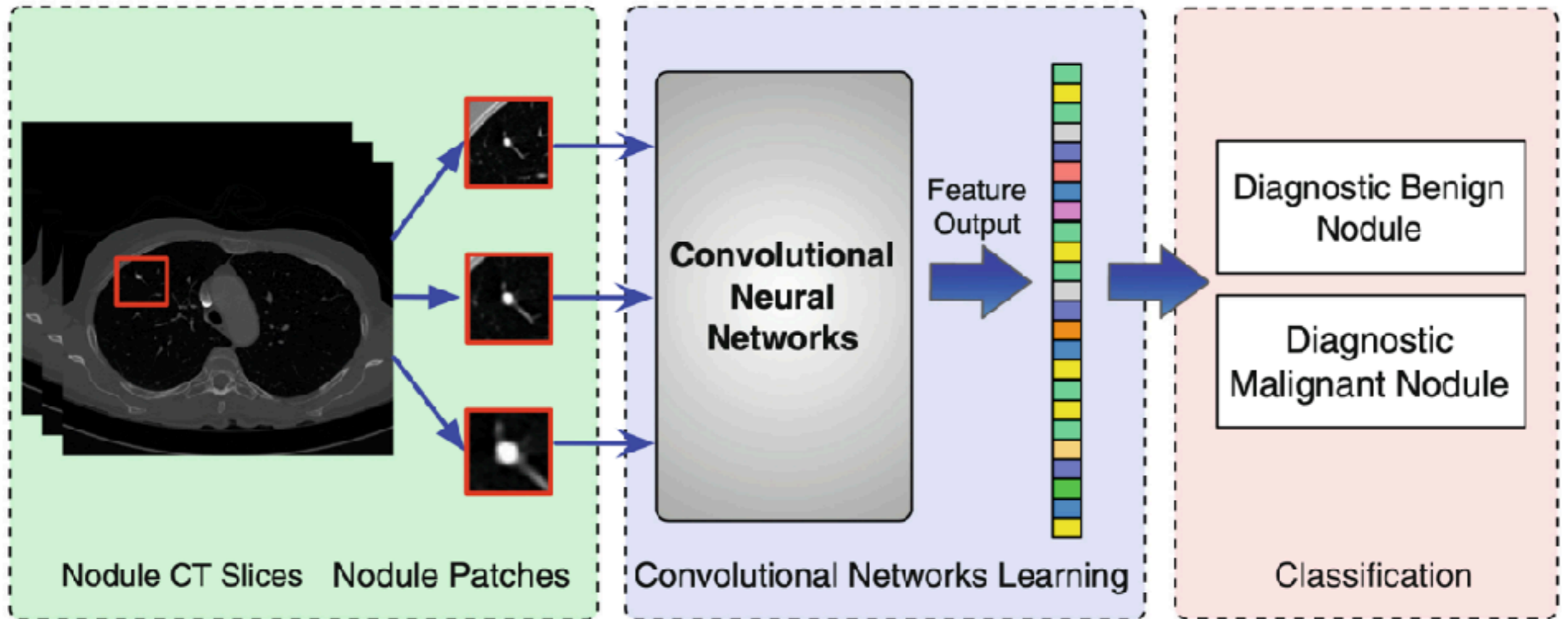


Fig. 3. Artificial convolution neural network for detection of lung nodule.

Modern approaches

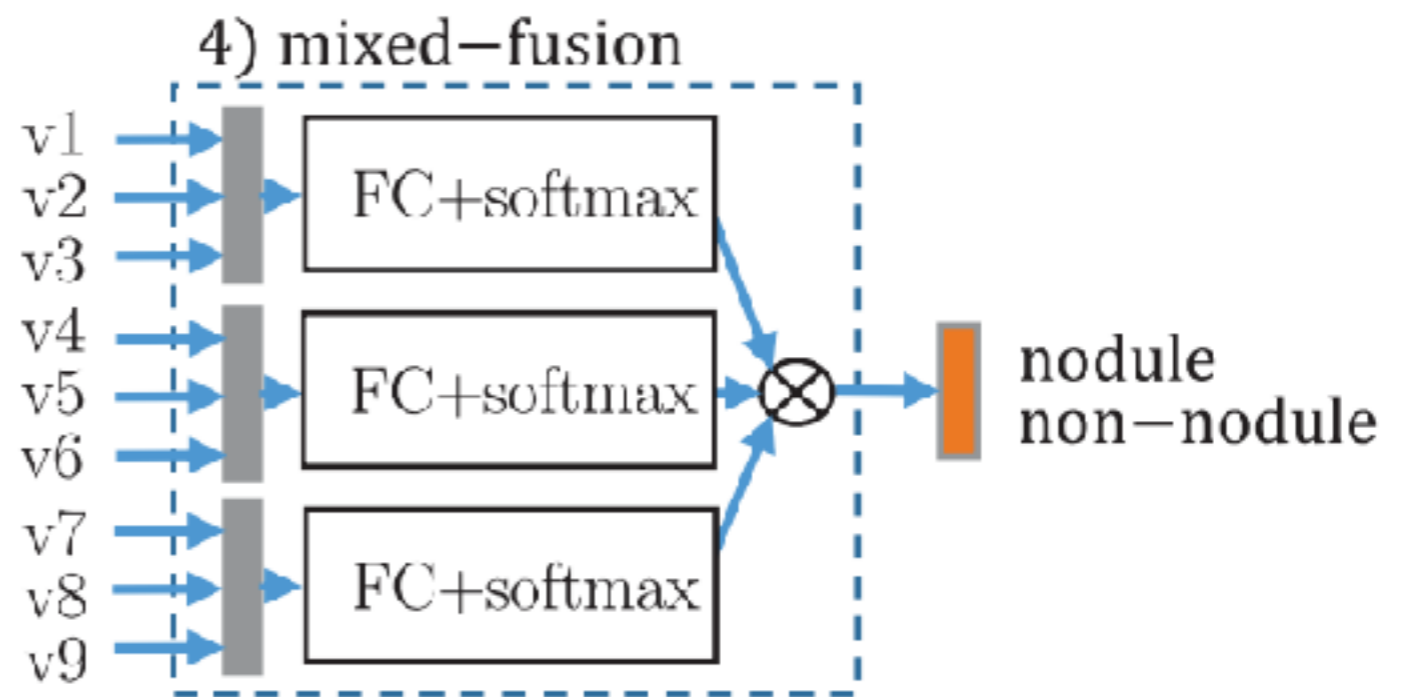
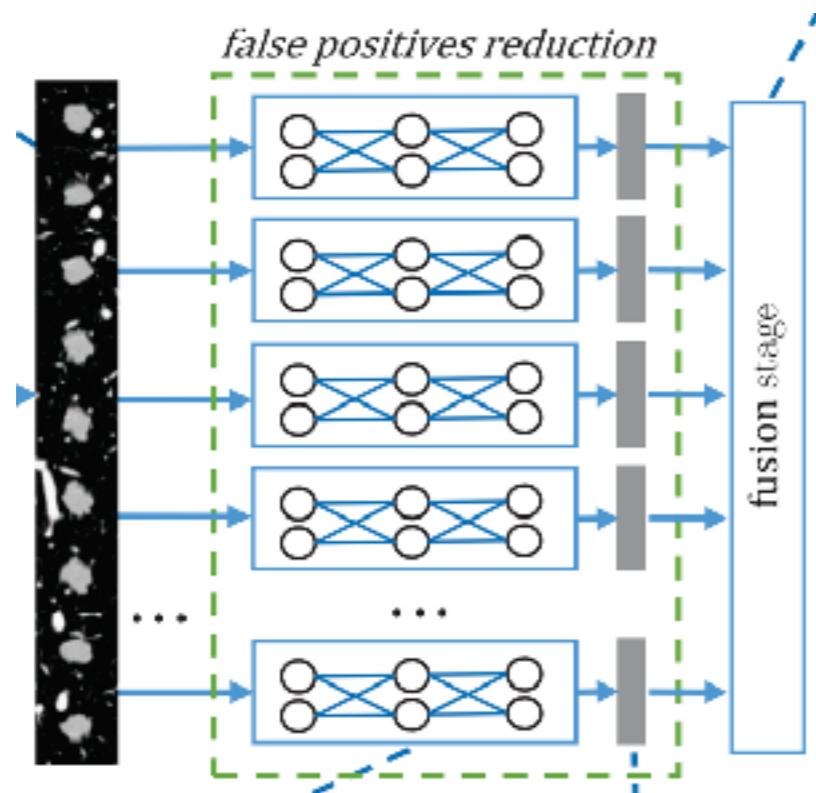
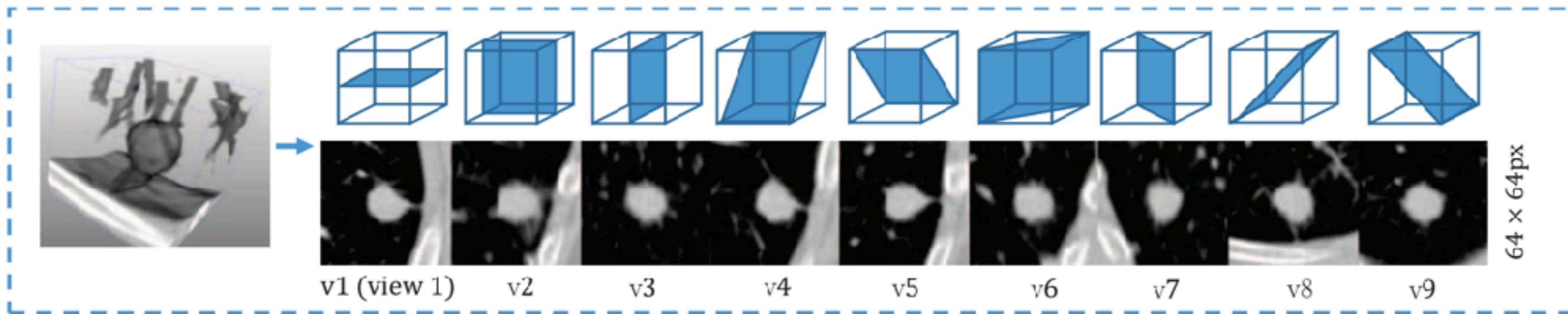
- Multi-scale approach [Shen et al., 2015]
- Trains 3 CNN's simultaneously on patches at different scales

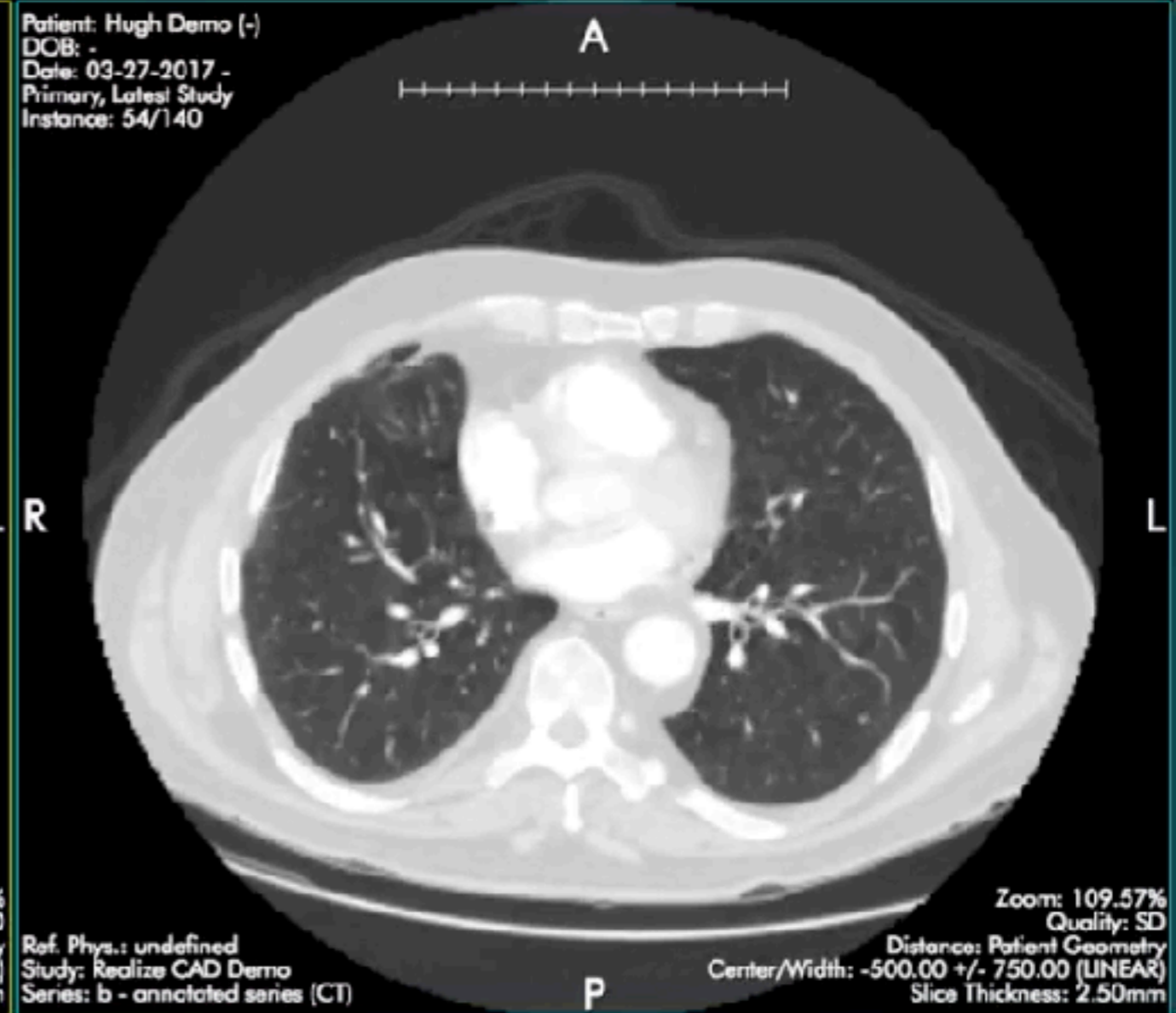
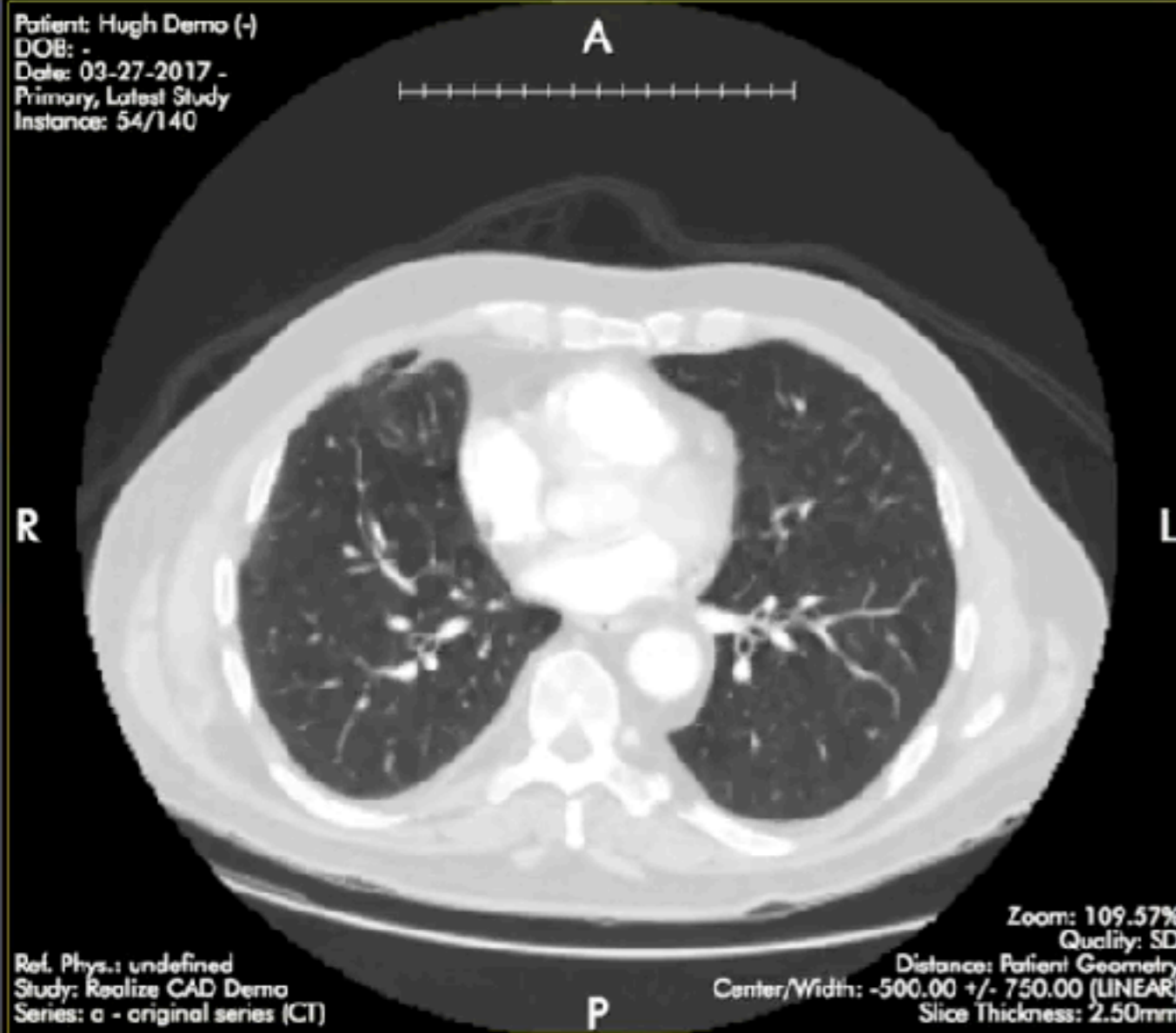


- Uses domain specific knowledge: nodule sizes vary from < 3 mm to >30 mm

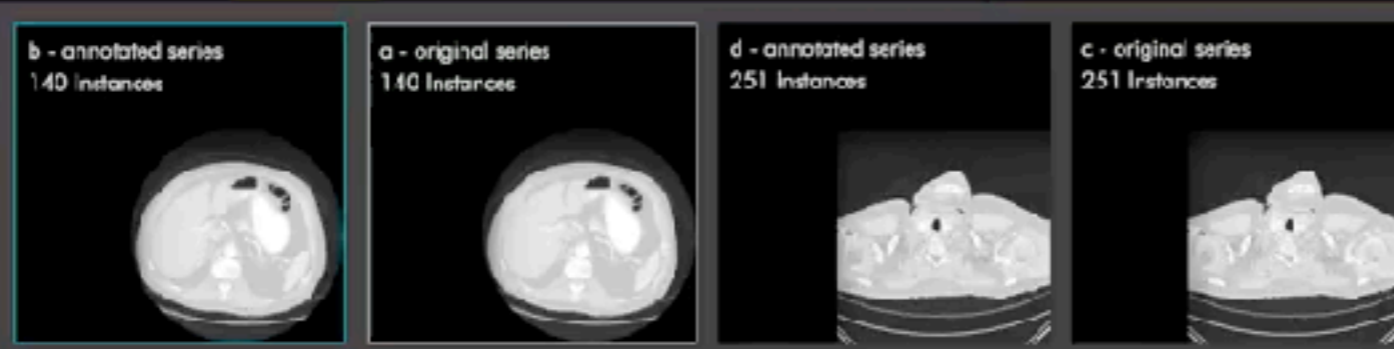
Modern approaches

- Multi-view approach [Setio et al., 2016]
- Trains 9 CNN's simultaneously for 9 different views of nodule



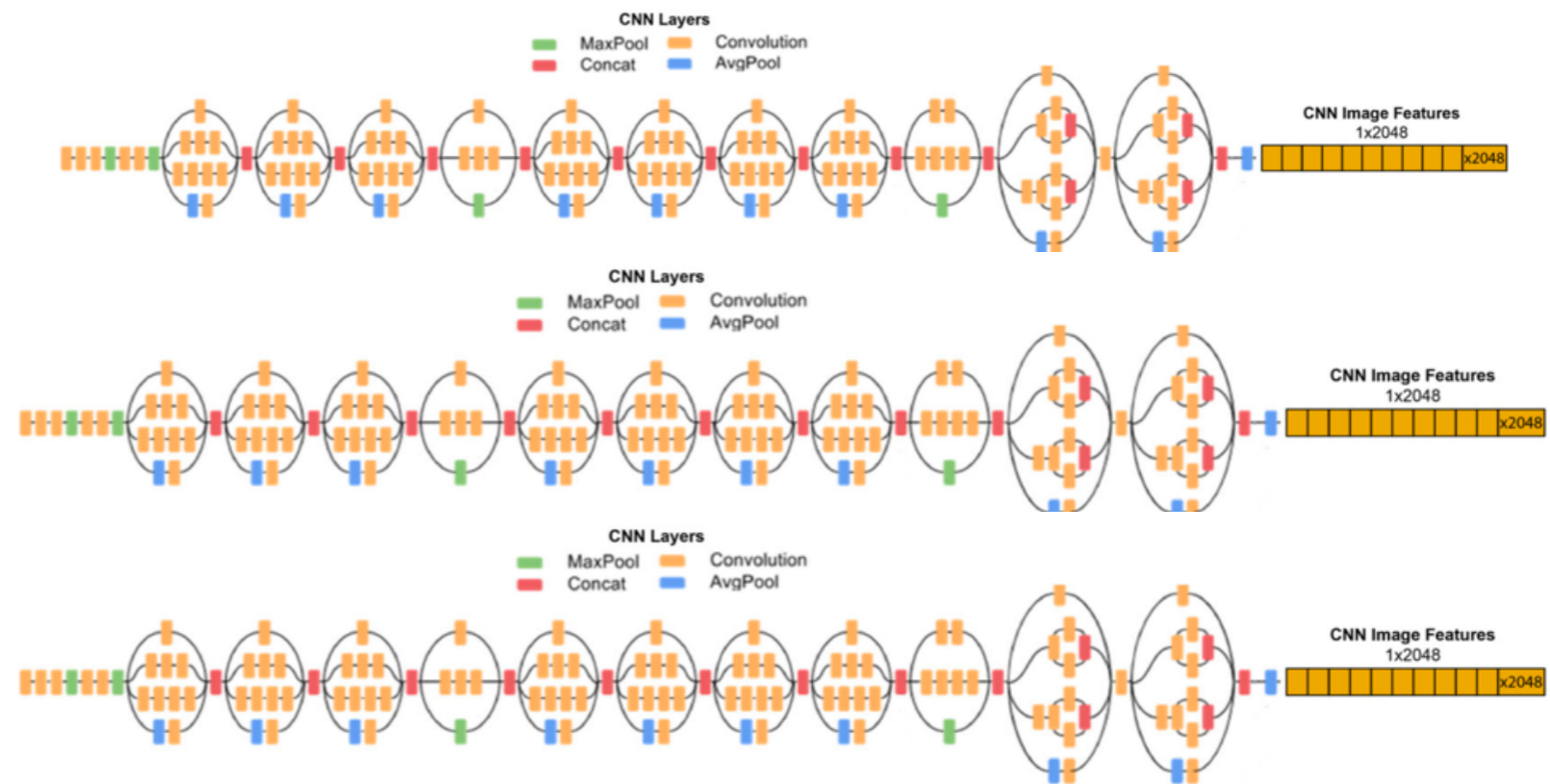
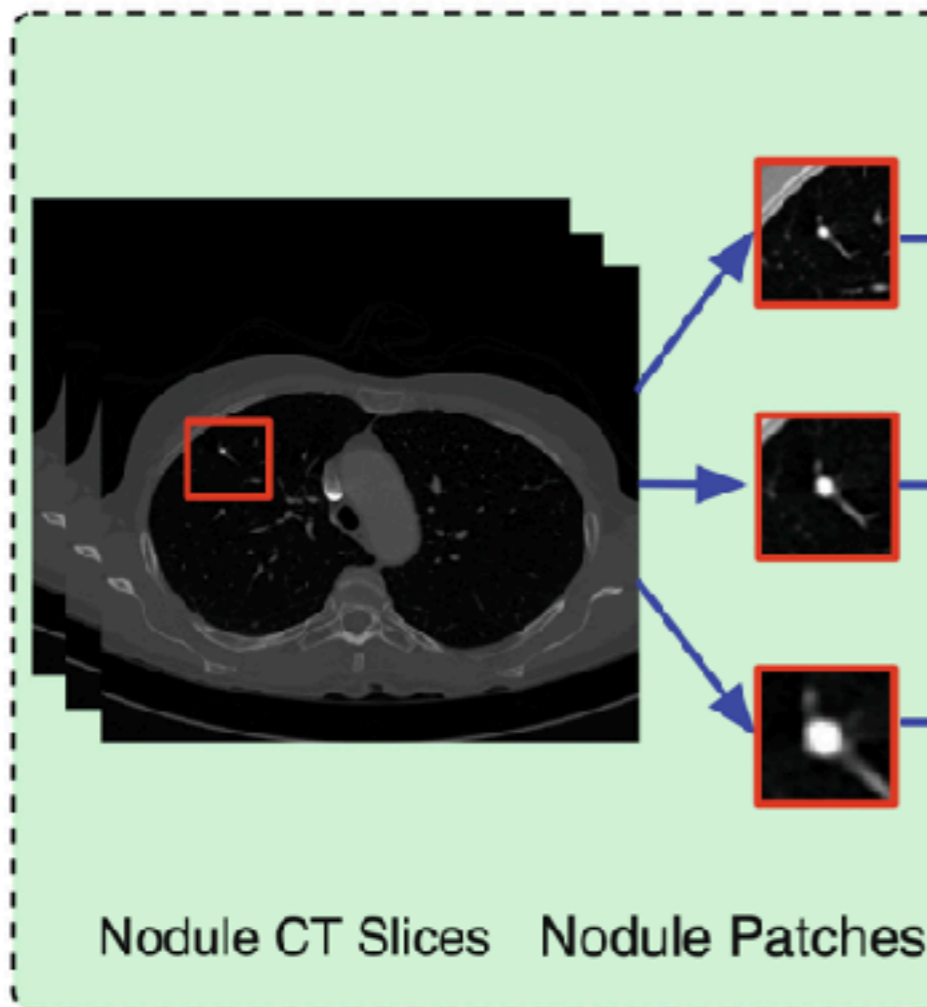


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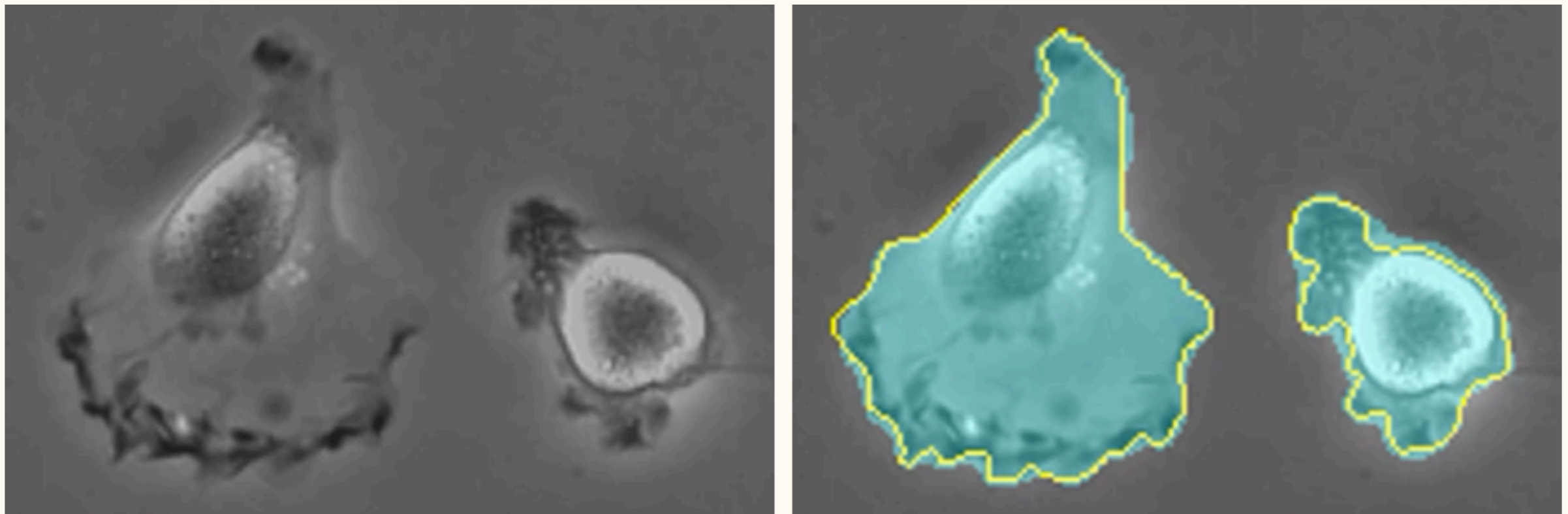


Takeaway

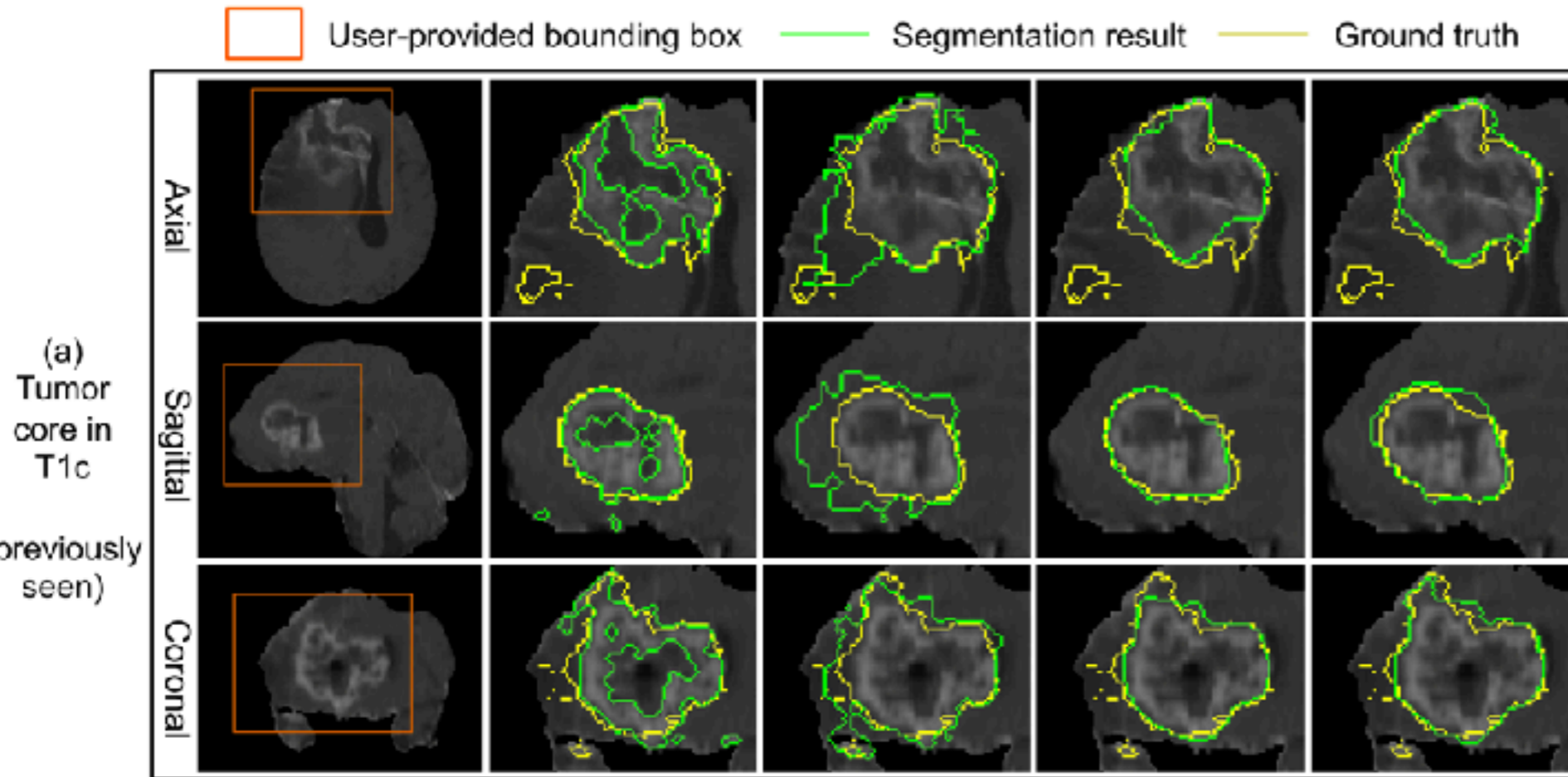
Main innovations in classifying biomedical images with CNNs are in “meta-architectures” that make use of **domain specific knowledge**



Biomedical Image Segmentation with the U-net



What is segmentation?



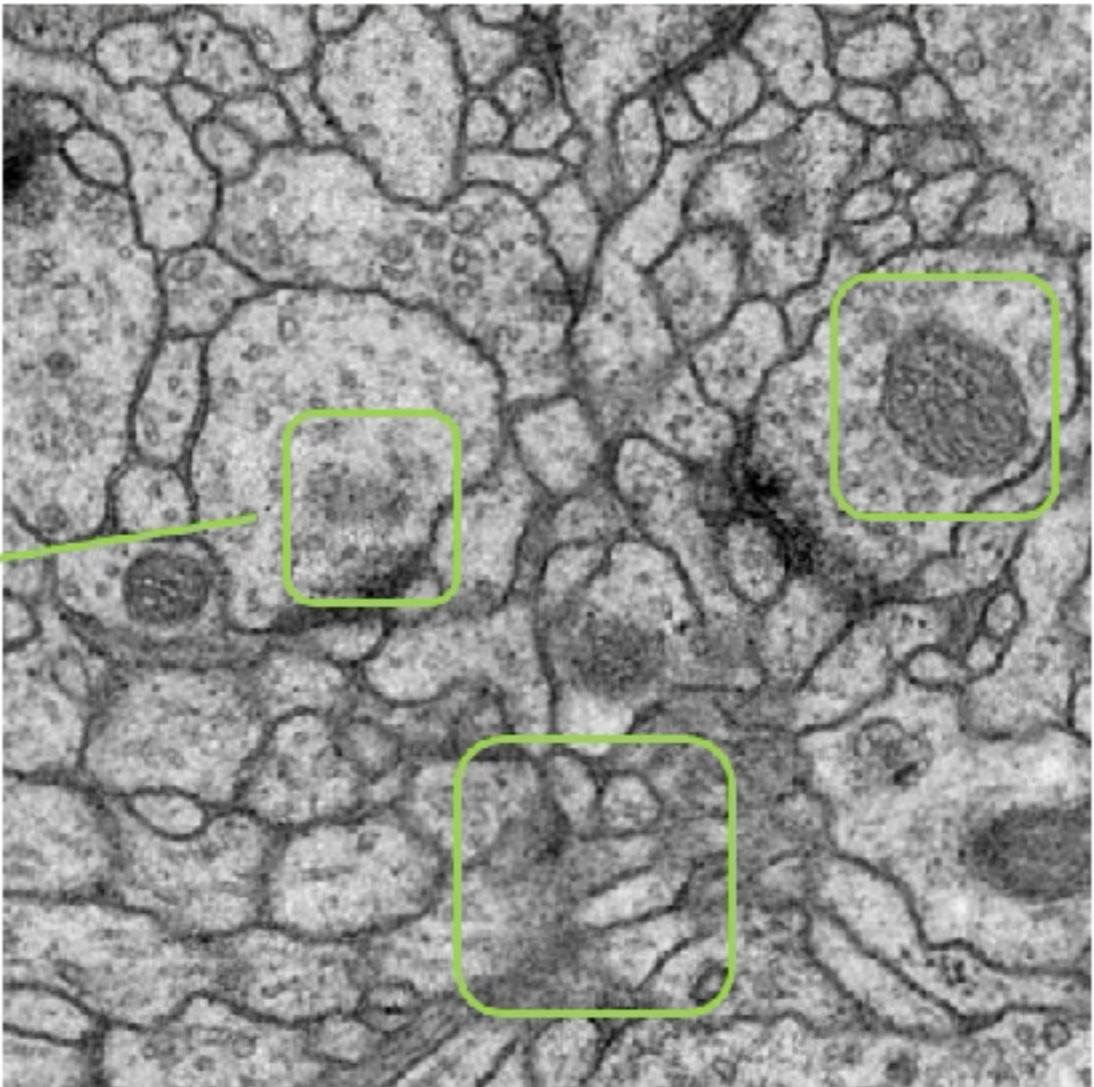
Goal: partition image into multiple regions that share attributes for *localization* or *quantification*

Example: Tumor segmentation in MRI brain scans

Application: Segmentation of neuronal structures in electron microscope stacks

UNI FREIBURG Segmentation of Neuronal Structures in EM

Ongoing challenge since ISBI 2012



structures with very low contrast

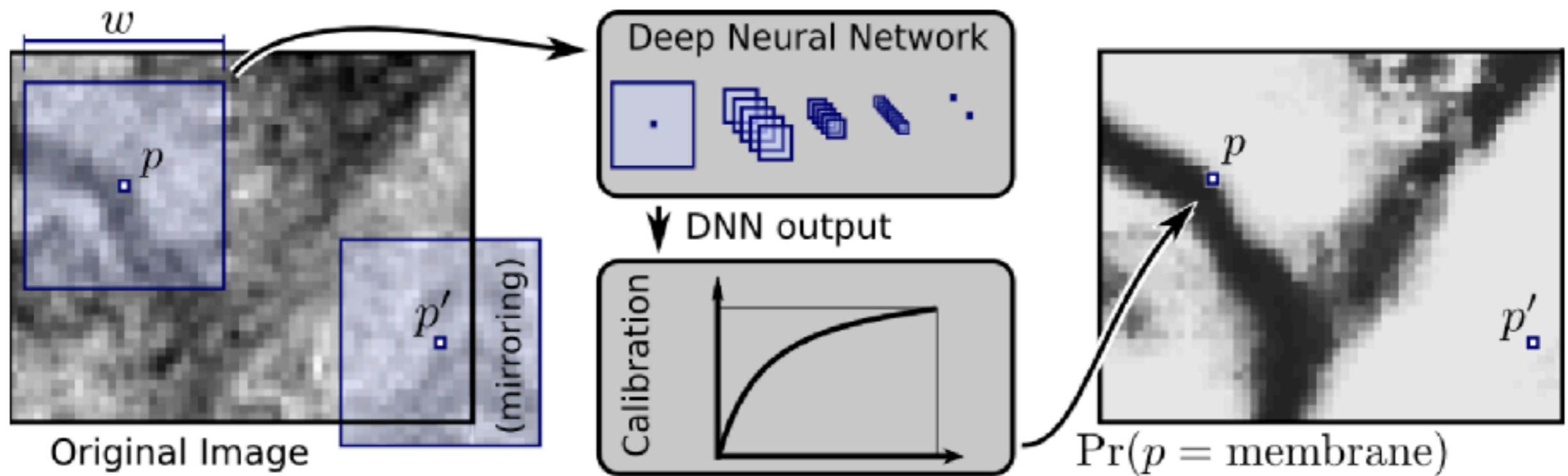
other cell compartments

fuzzy membranes

The image shows a grayscale electron microscope stack of neuronal structures. Three green boxes highlight specific challenges: one box points to a structure with very low contrast, another box highlights a cell compartment, and a third box highlights fuzzy membranes. The text 'Ongoing challenge since ISBI 2012' is positioned to the left of the image, and 'UNI FREIBURG' is in the top left corner. The title 'Segmentation of Neuronal Structures in EM' is at the top. The footer contains the author's name, date, and a URL.

Segmentation = pixel-wise classification?

- Classify pixel-wise with deep CNN classifier
- Use a “sliding window” approach

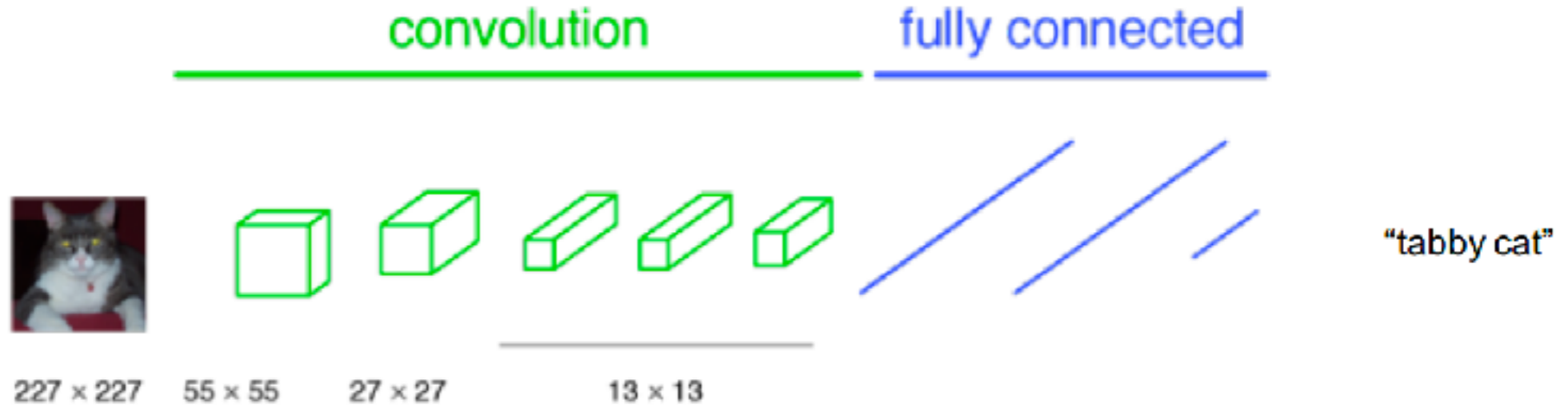


[Ciresan et al., 2012]

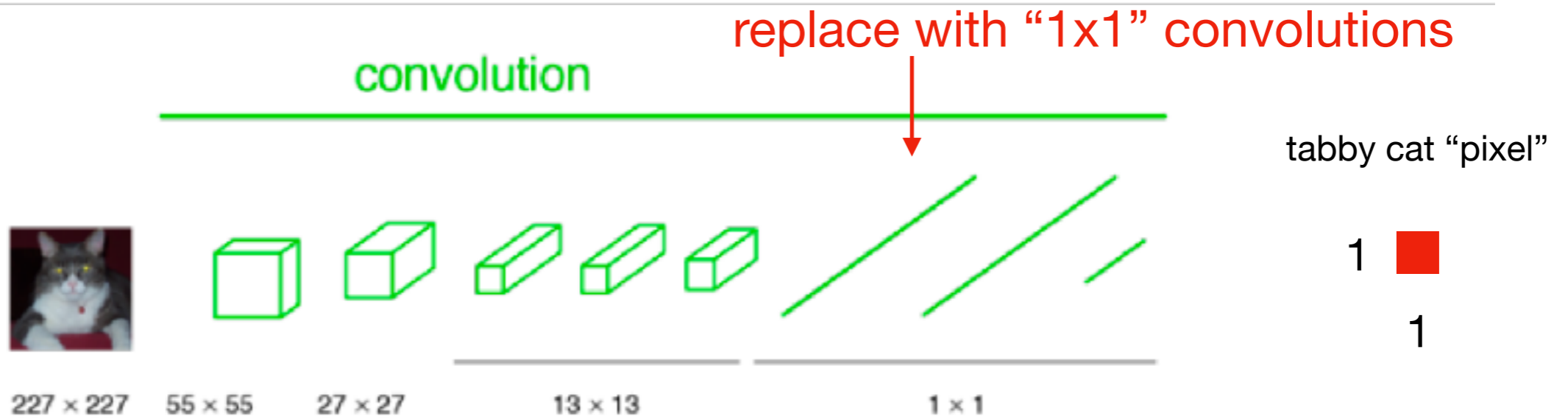
- Drawbacks: Inefficient to scale to large images
- Only uses local information

Fully convolutional neural networks (fCNN)

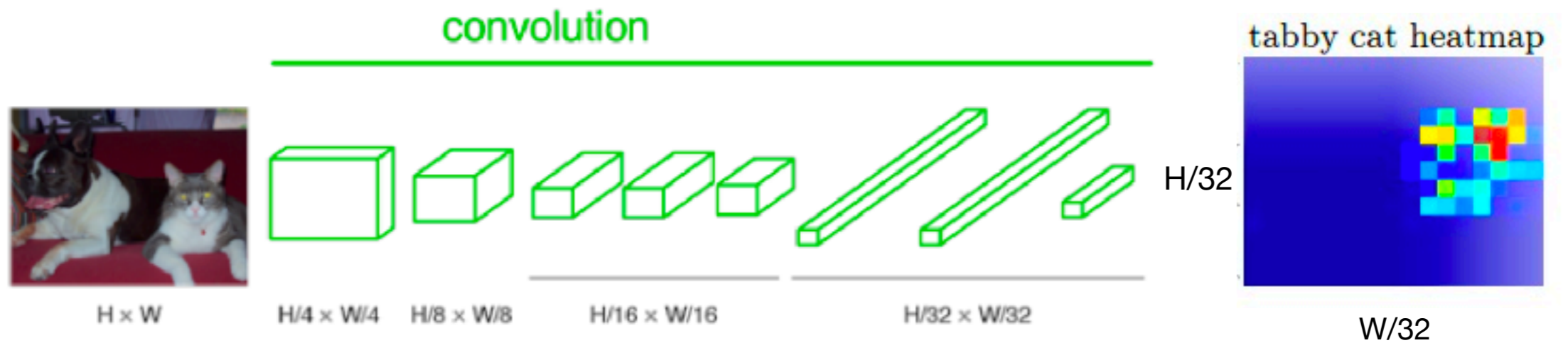
typical
CNN



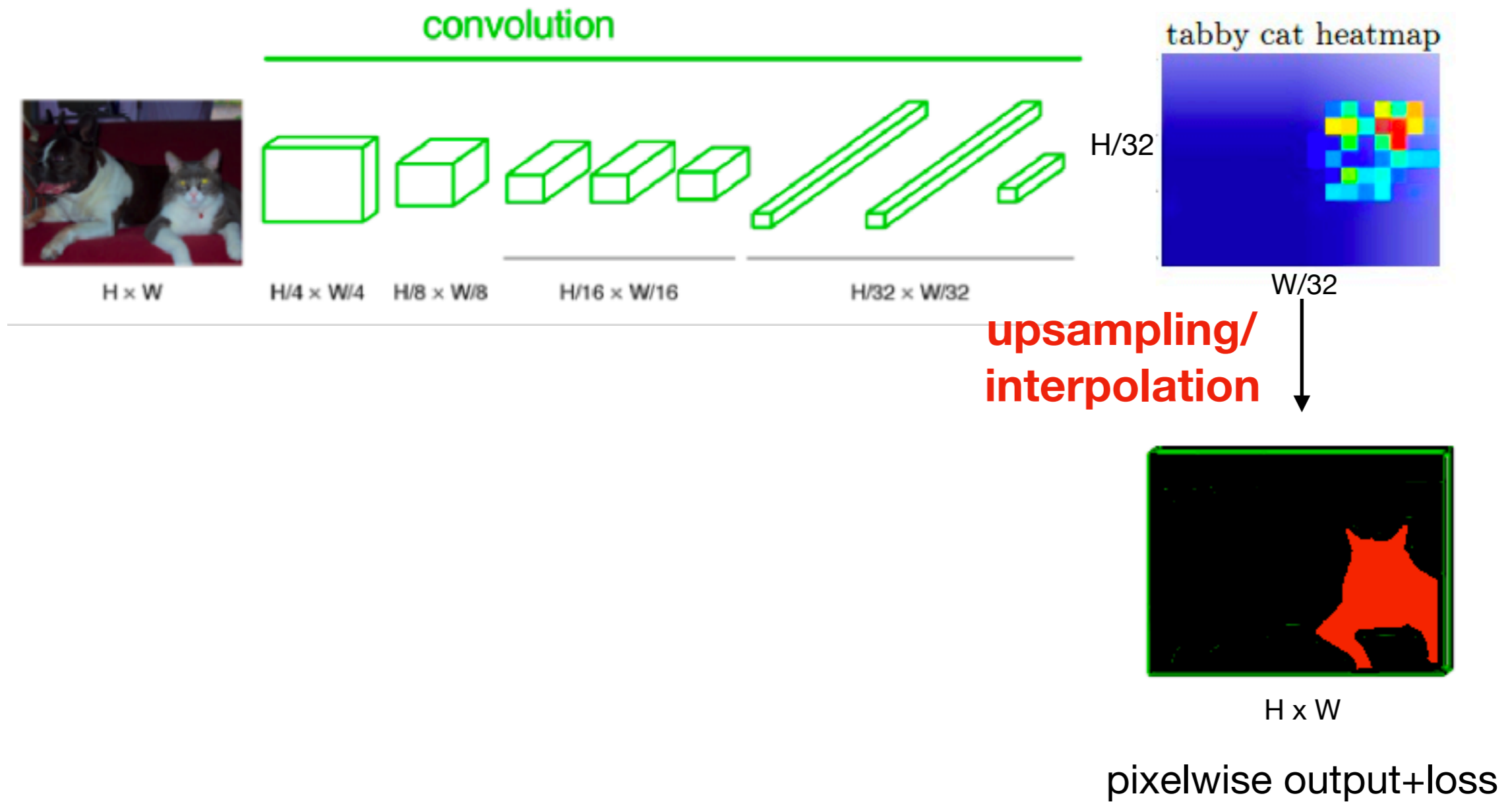
fCNN



fCNN
(w/ arbitrary
input shape)



fCNN Segmentation Network [Long et al., 2014]



Skip connections in fCNNs

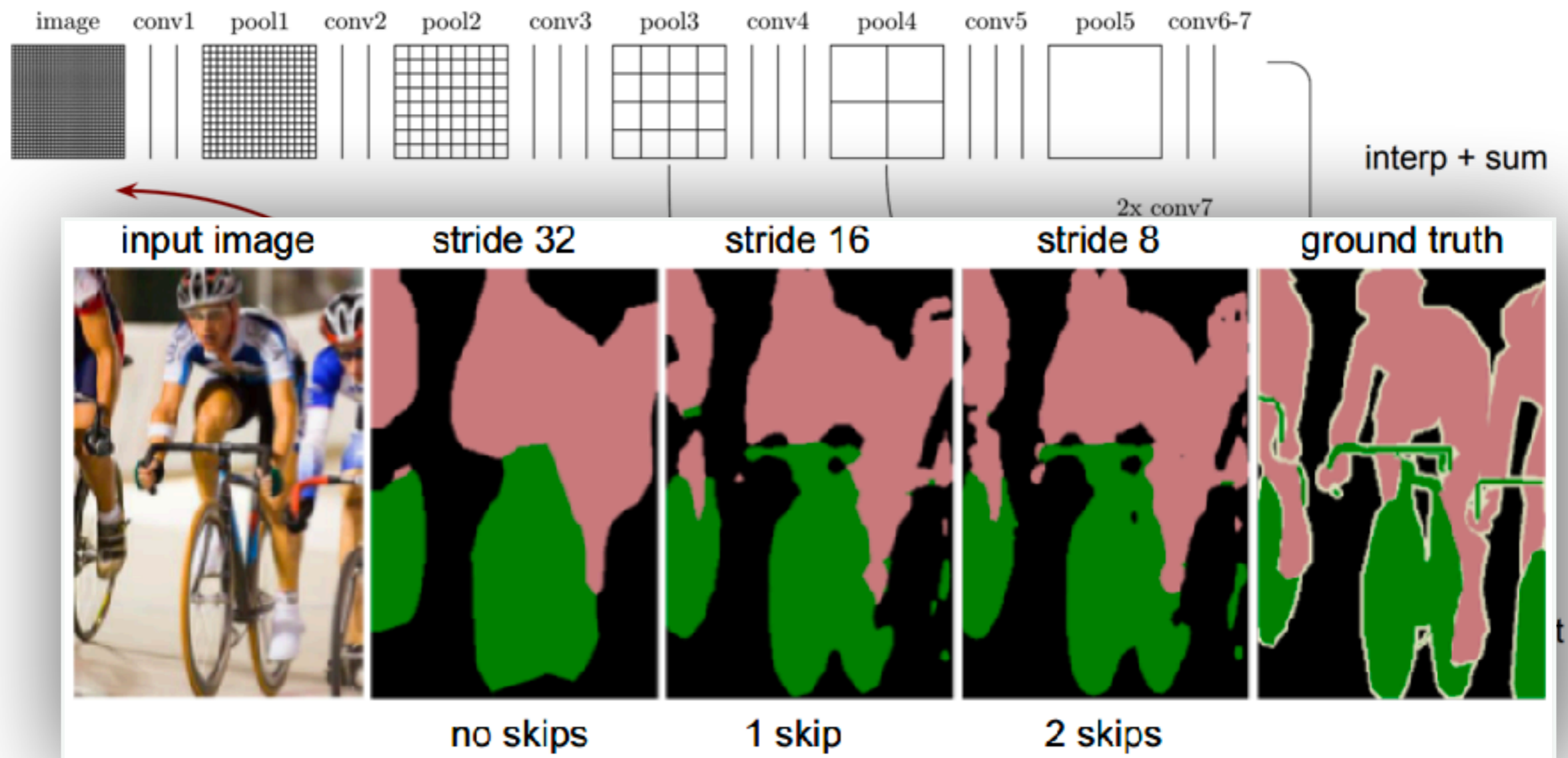


Figure: [Long et al., 2014]

U-net architecture [Ronneberger et al. 2015]

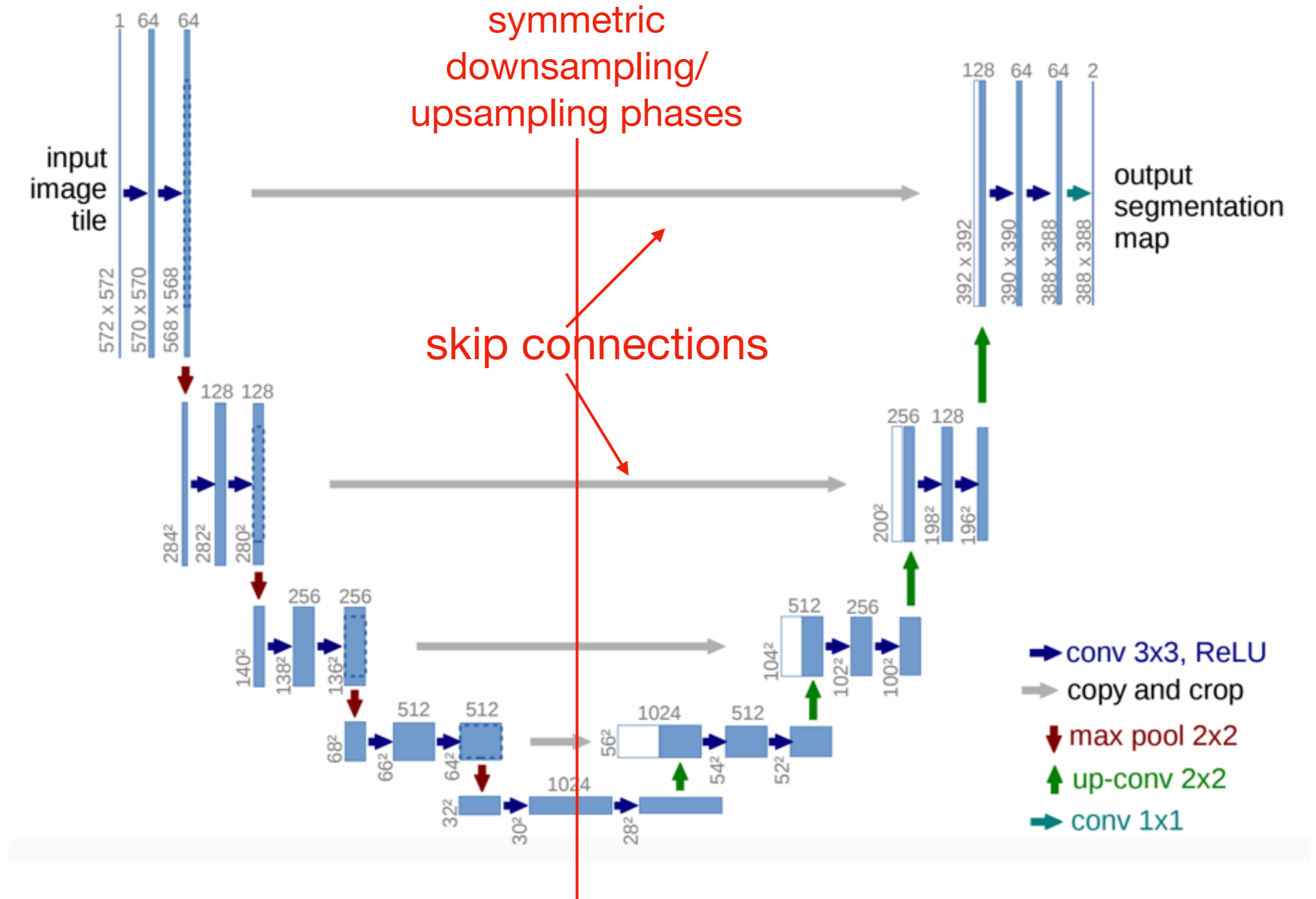


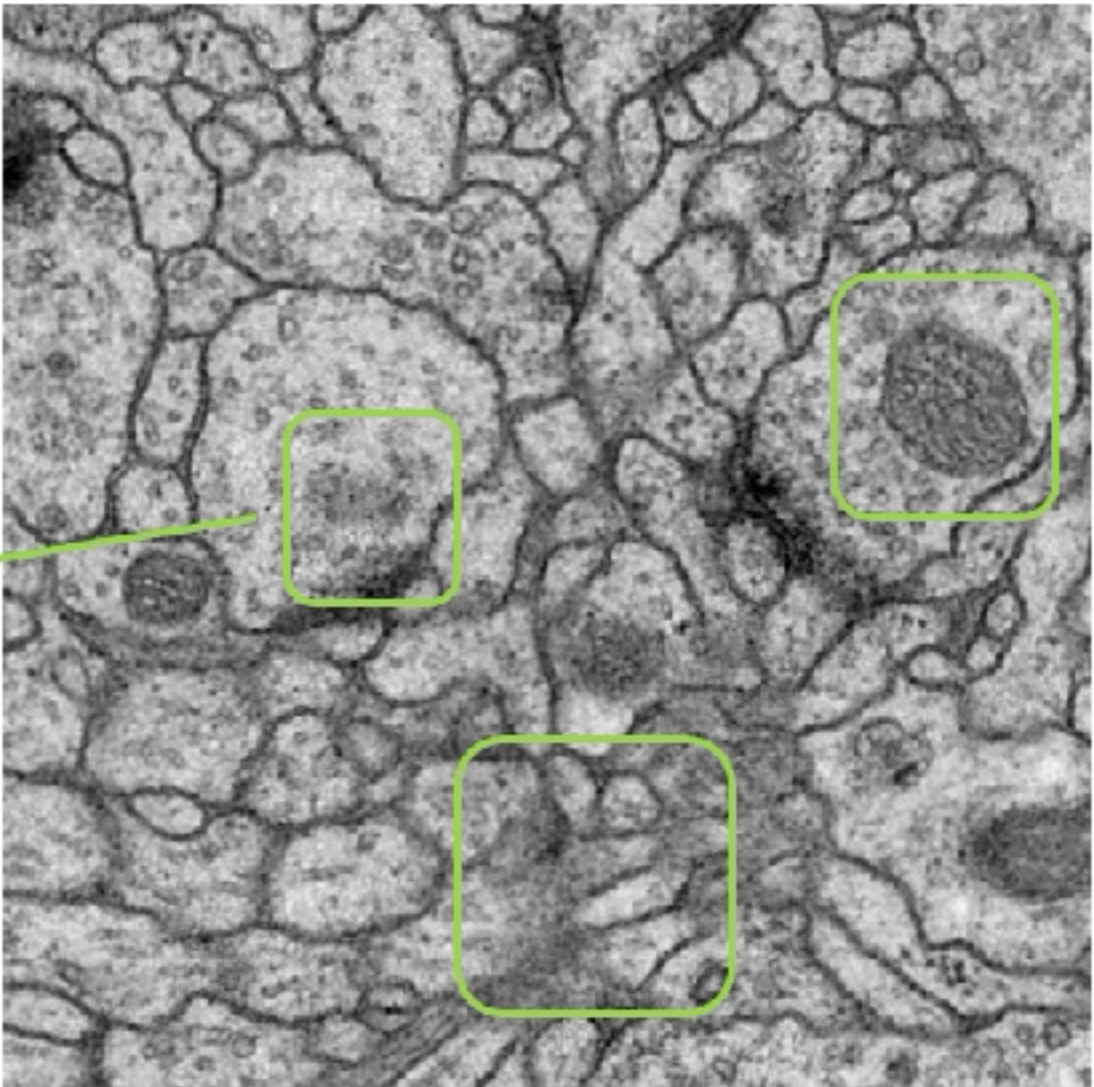
Figure: [Ronneberger et al. 2015]

Application: Segmentation of neuronal structures in electron microscope stacks

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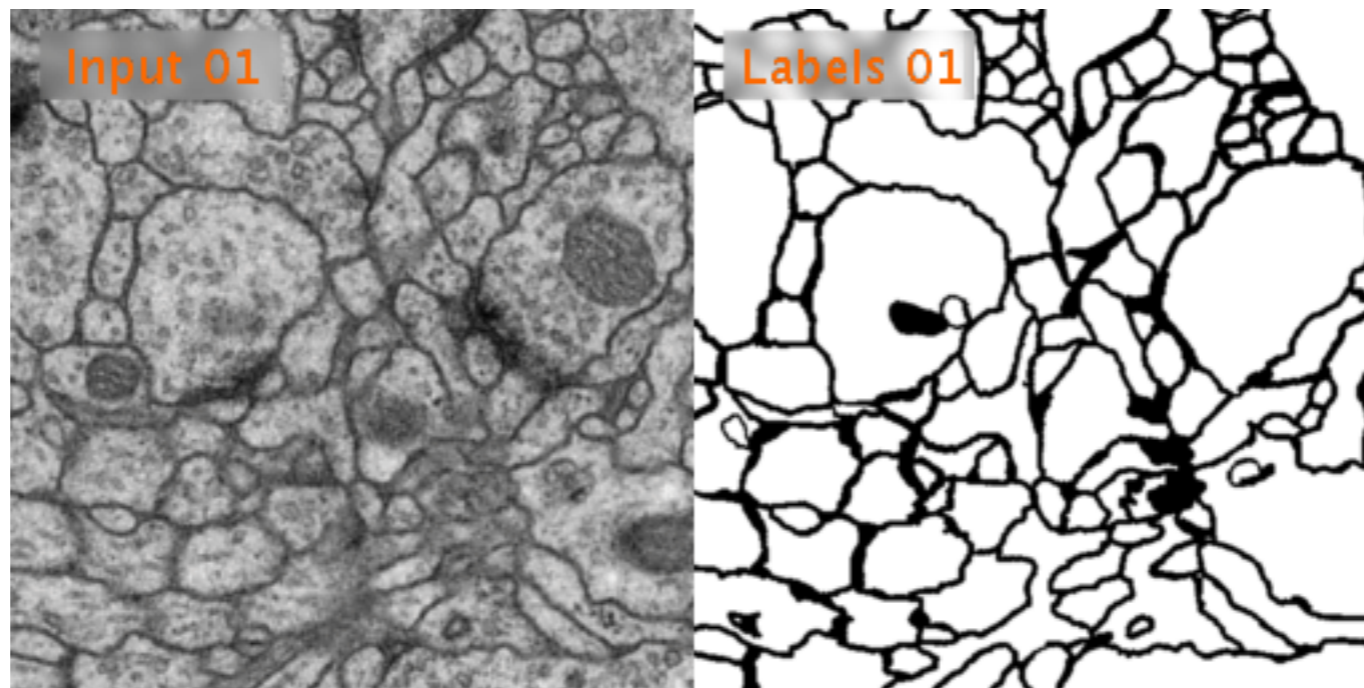
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Issue: Very Little Training Data

- Hand-labelled segmentations difficult to obtain
- e.g., ISBI 2012 challenge has only 30 training images!



- Transfer learning less useful in segmentation context

Solution: Data Augmentation

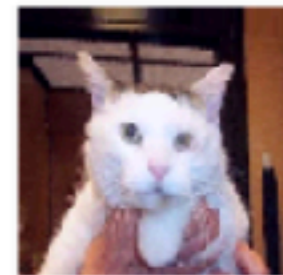
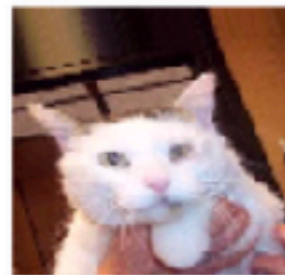
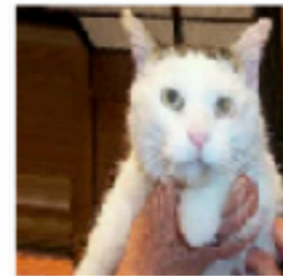
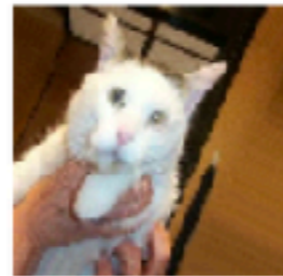
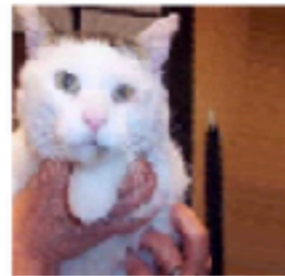
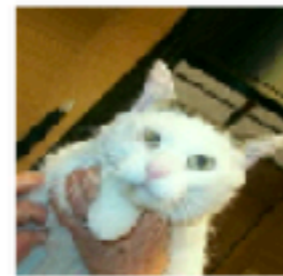
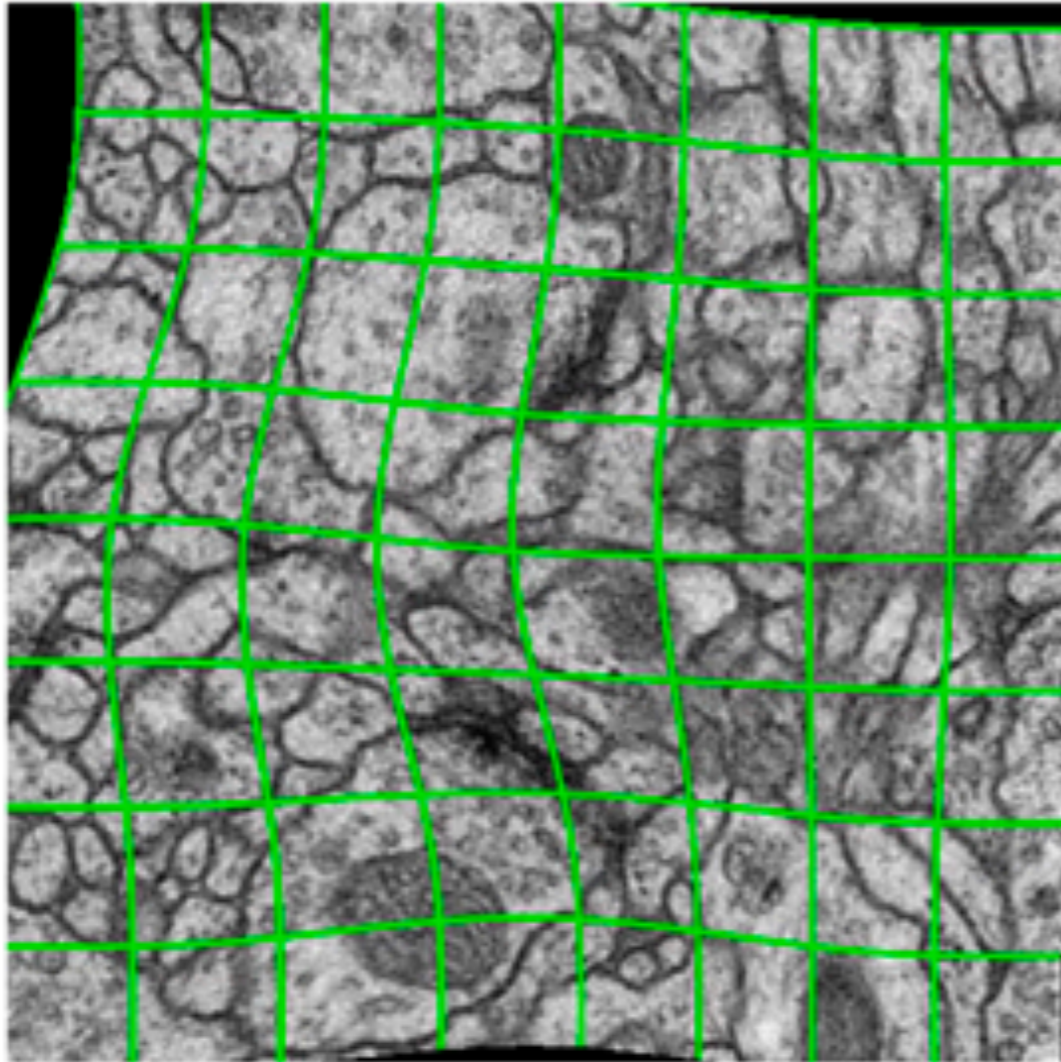
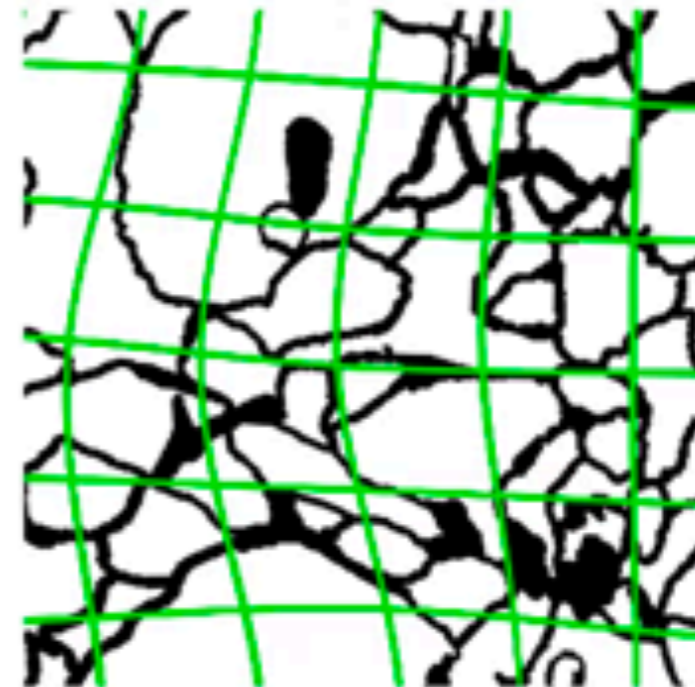


Figure: https://m2dsupsdclass.github.io/lectures-labs/slides/04_conv_nets/index.html#82

Solution: Data Augmentation



resulting deformed image
(for visualization: no rotation, no shift, no extrapolation)



correspondingly deformed
manual labels

Other Improvements: Task specific loss functions

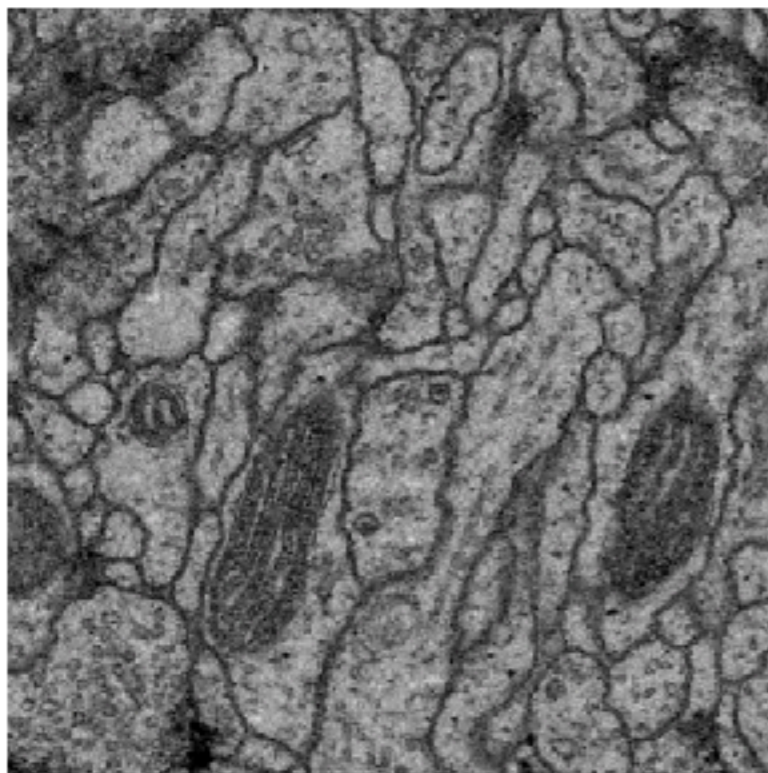
binary cross-entropy: $L_{bce} = \sum_i y_i \log o_i + (1 - y_i) \log (1 - o_i)$

y_i = true labels
 o_i = predictions

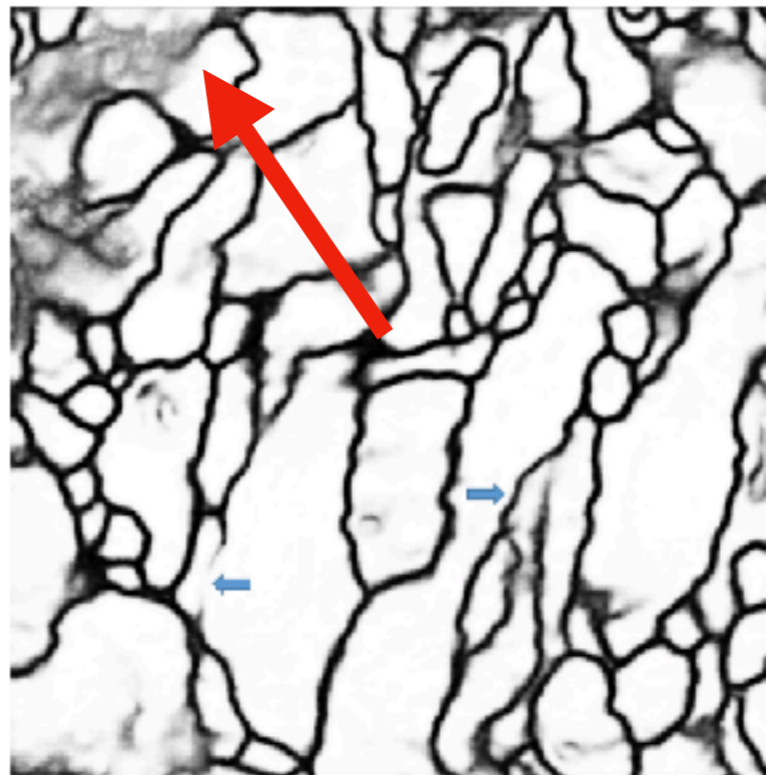
“Dice” loss:
(common metric
used in segmentation)

$$L_{Dice} = -\frac{2 \sum_i o_i y_i}{\sum_i o_i + \sum_i y_i}$$

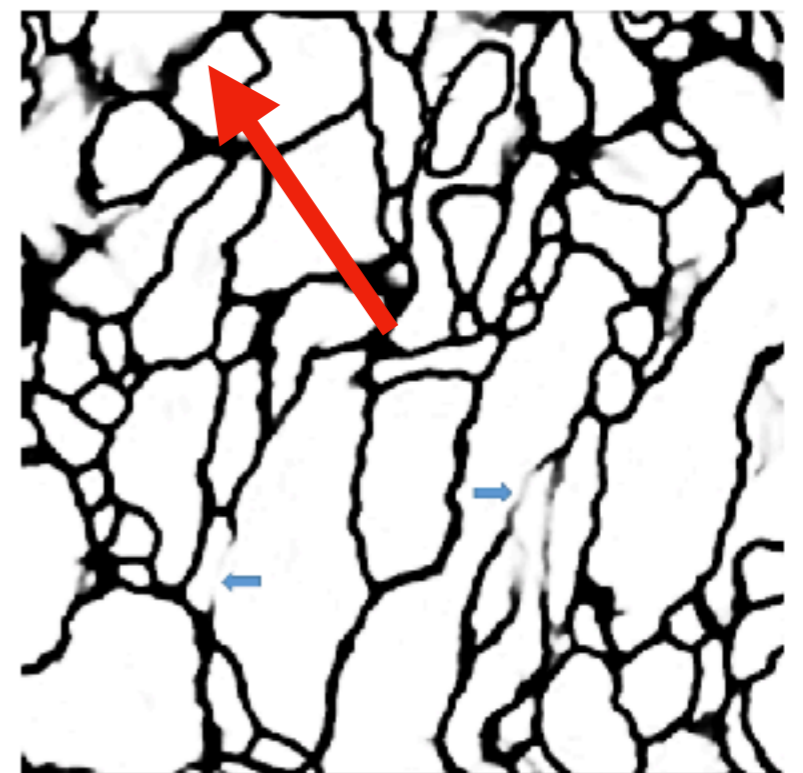
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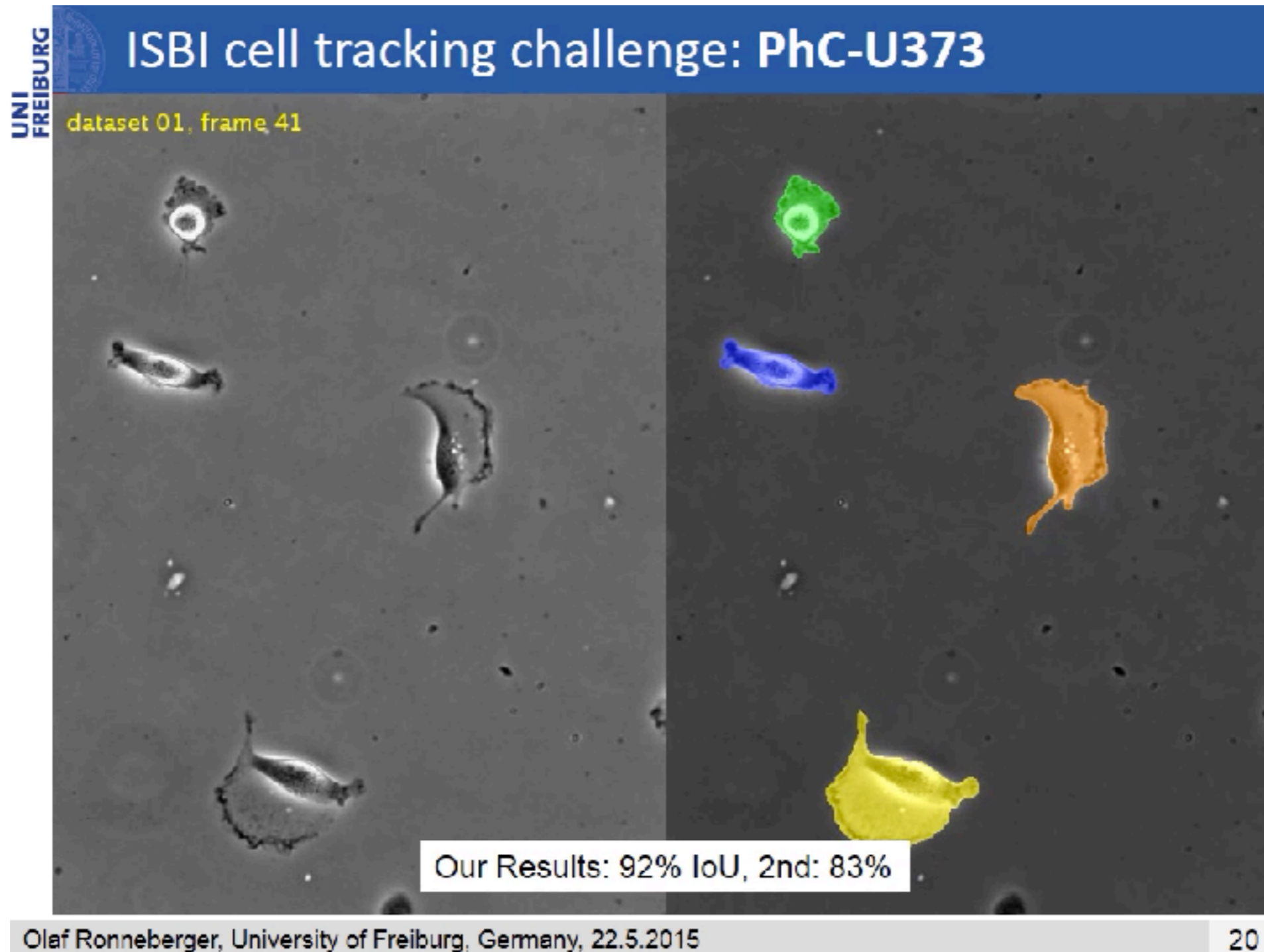
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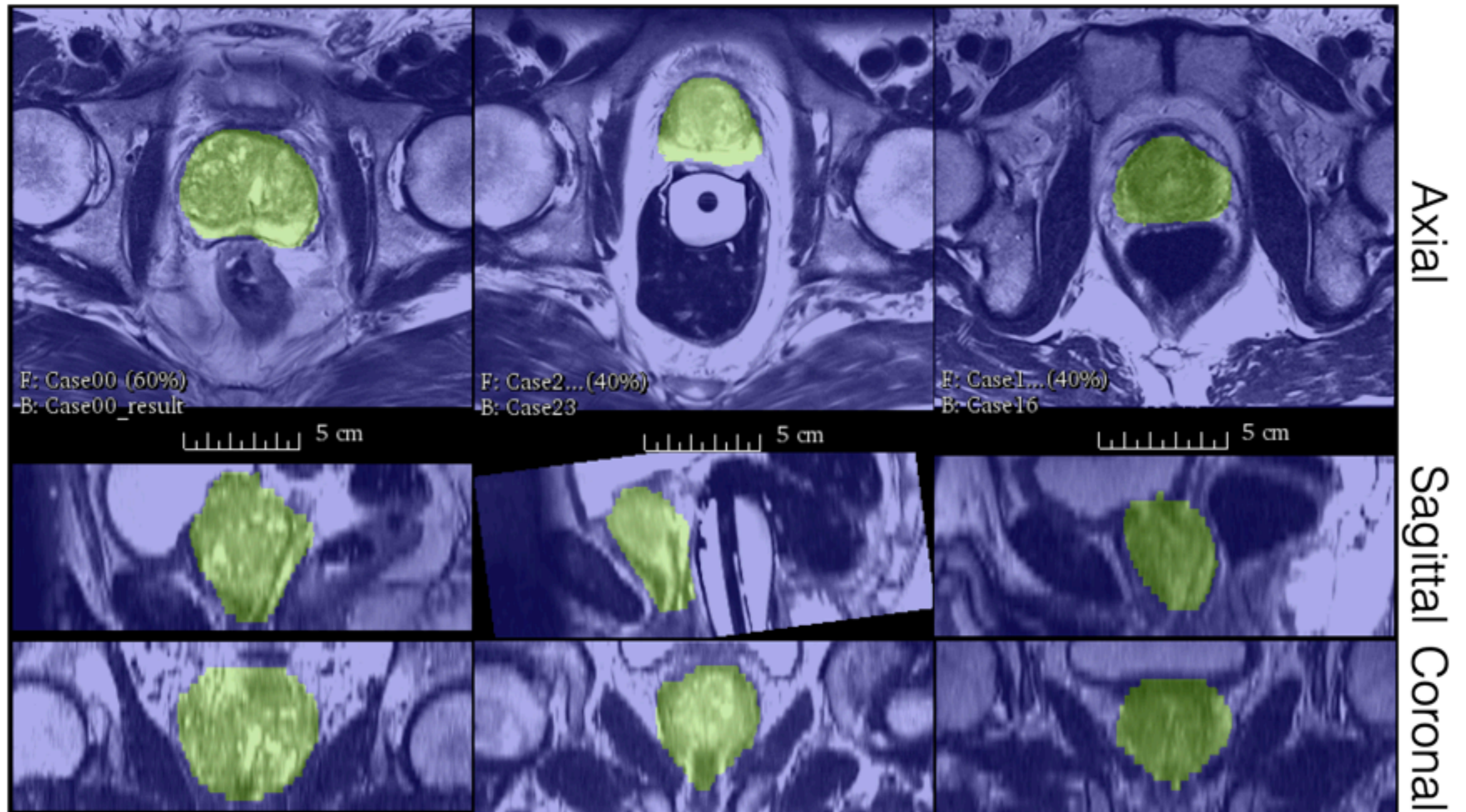
Dice loss



Other applications: Cell segmentation in light microscopy images



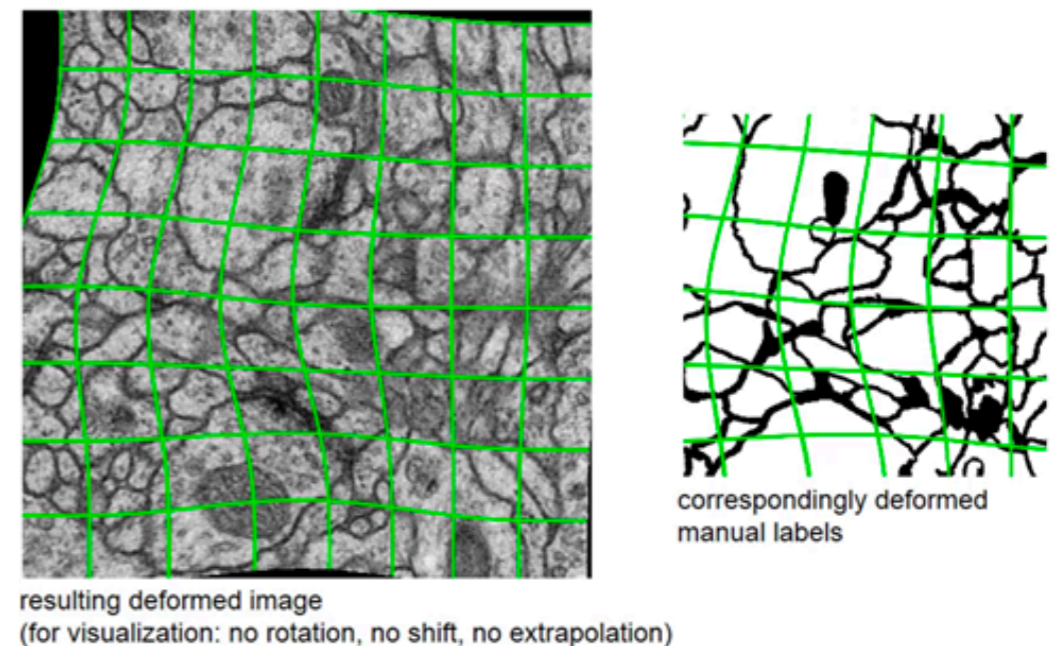
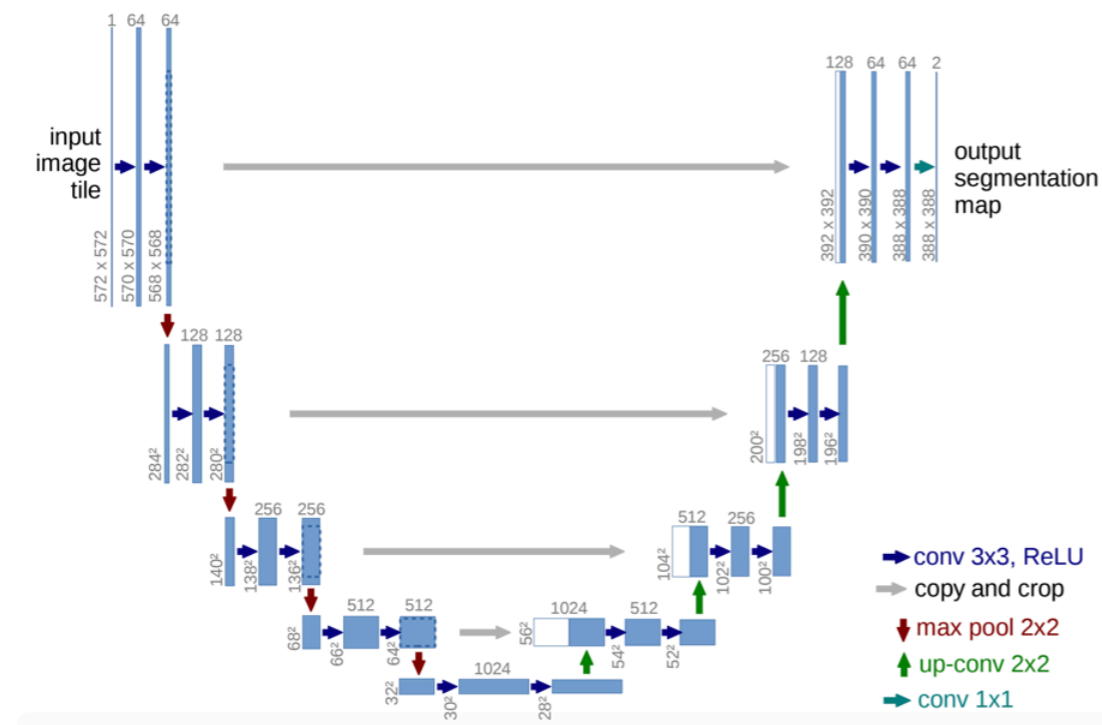
Other applications: Segmentation of prostate in 3D MRI scans



V-net [Milletari et al., 2016]

Takeaway

- Standard CNN classification architectures are inefficient/poor choices for segmenting biomedical images.
- High-quality segmentation of biomedical images is made possible with **fully connected neural networks** (such as the U-net)
- **Domain specific knowledge** (data augmentation & custom loss functions) yields more improvements.



Recap and Outlook

Successful applications of deep learning in biomedical image analysis

- **Classification/Detection**

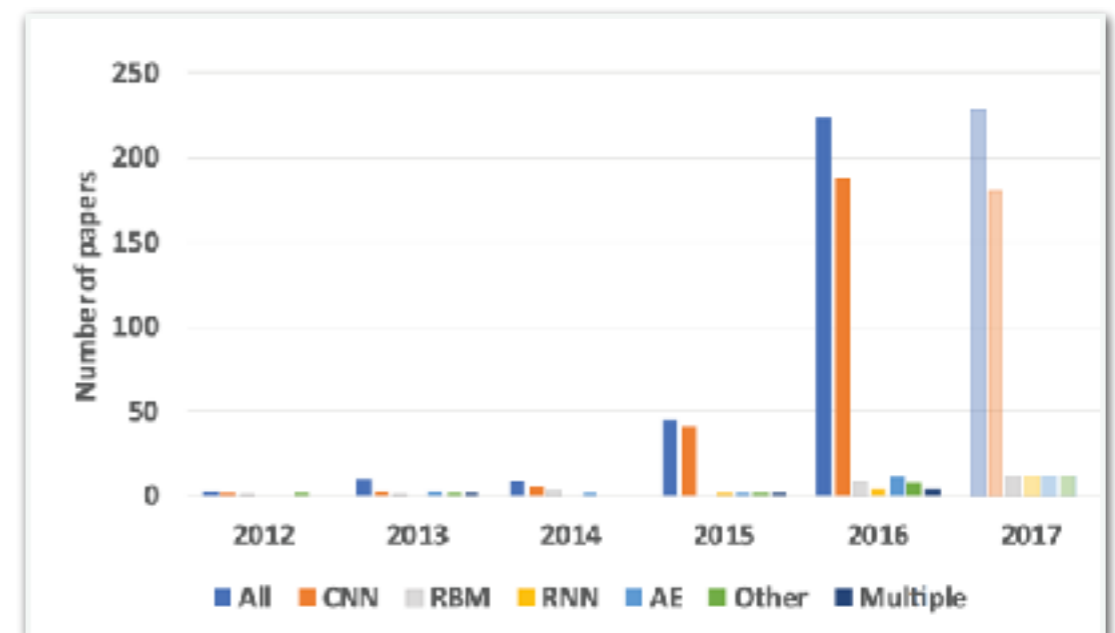
- Skin lesion classification from photographs for skin cancer detection
- Lung nodule classification in CT images for lung cancer detection

- **Segmentation**

- Segmentation of neuronal structures in electron microscope stacks
- Cell tracking in light microscopy images
- Prostate segmentation in 3D MRI images

- **& Many, many more —**

Hundreds of new publications and patents every year

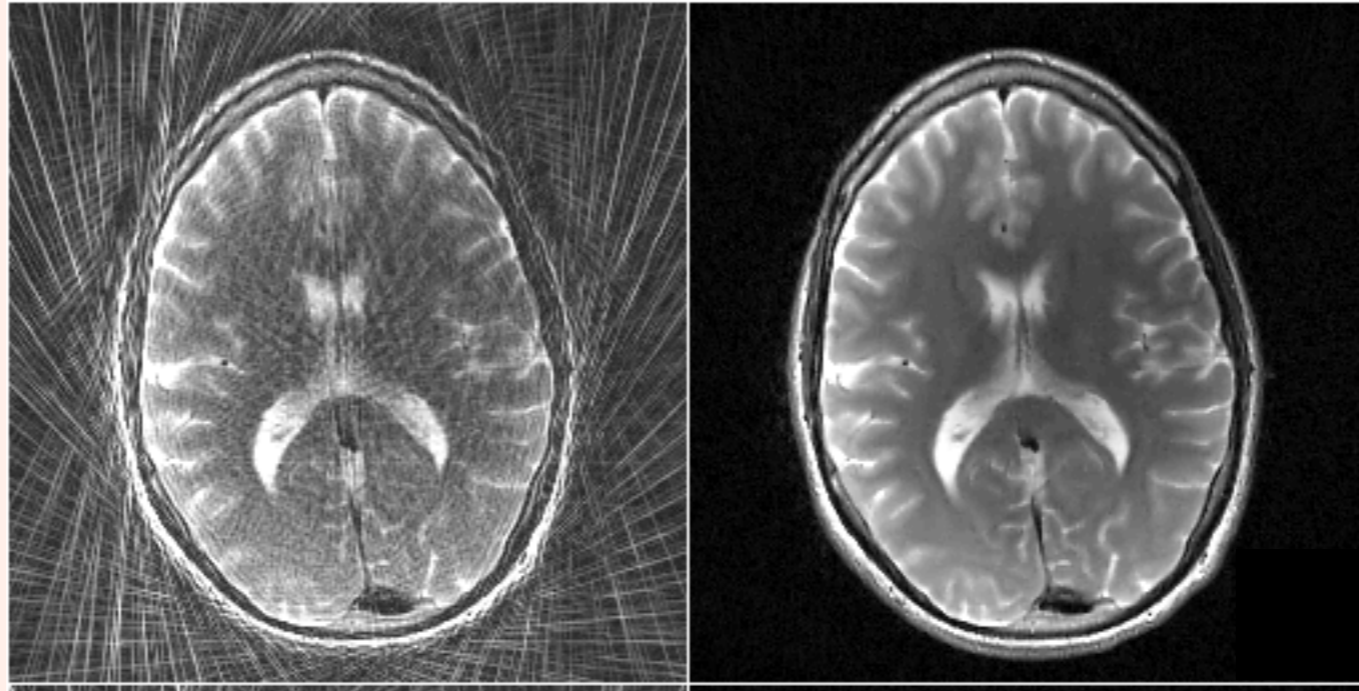


[Litjens et al., 2017]

Challenges in deep learning for biomedical imaging

- **Challenge 1: Limited Training Data**
 - Transfer Learning — pre-train on ImageNet
 - Data Augmentation — shifts, rotations, warps of data
 - Not talked about: Generative models, few-shot learning
- **Challenge 2: Complex Input Formats**
 - Multi-scale/multi-view concatenations of CNN's
 - Not talked about: 3-D CNN's, incorporating semantic information
- **Challenge 3: Tasks Beyond Classification**
 - Fully convolutional neural nets for segmentation
 - Modified loss functions - Dice loss in place of cross-entropy
 - Not talked about: **image restoration/reconstruction problems (next)**

Part II: Deep learning for biomedical image reconstruction



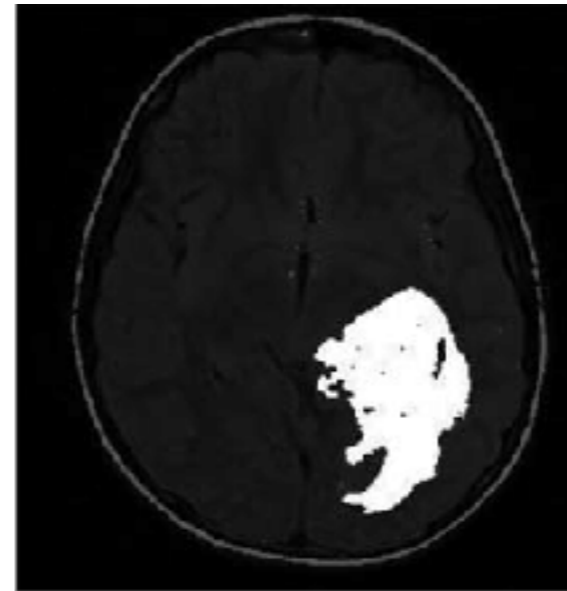
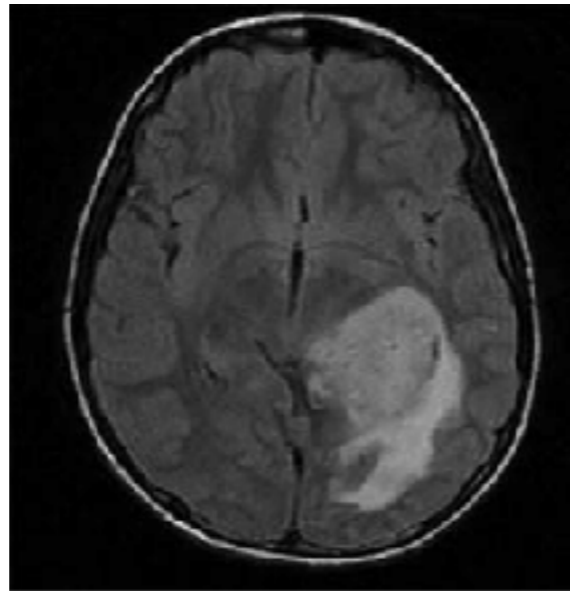
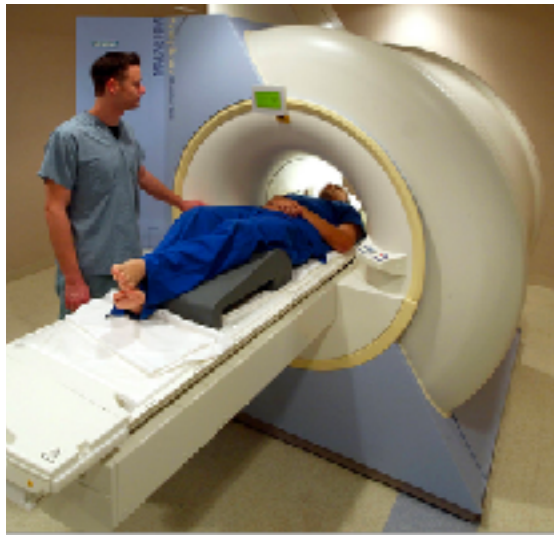
Biomedical imaging pipeline

Acquire
Data

Reconstruct
Images

Process
Images

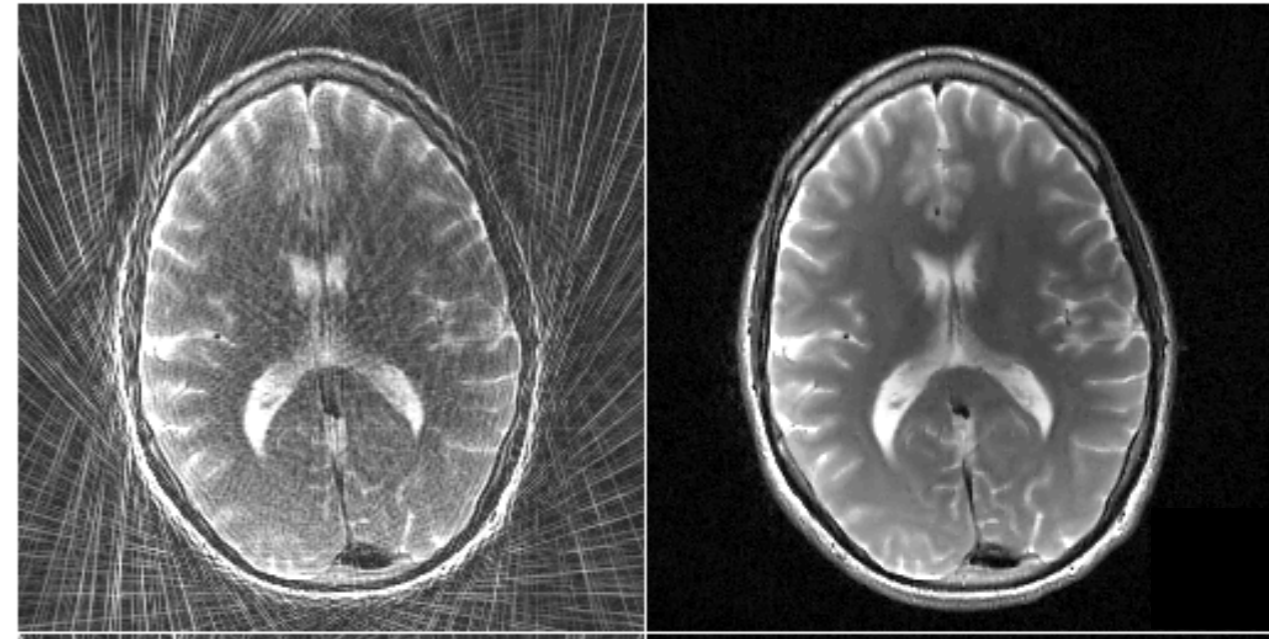
Analyze
Diagnose
Quantify
Interpret
Intervene



Why bother? In MRI...

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)

- Long scan-time (30-90 minutes)
- Physical limits to how fast one can take measurements
- Could take fewer measurements, but at the expense of a noisy/ lower-resolution image



Goals:

faster scans: accelerate MRI acquisition (take fewer measurements)

faster recons: reduce computational cost of reconstruction

better images: improve spatio-temporal resolution (e.g., dynamic MRI)

Why bother? In CT...

X-ray Computed Tomography (CT, aka a CAT scan)

Uses ionizing radiation — potentially harmful to patient

ORIGINAL INVESTIGATION

Projected Cancer Risks From Computed Tomographic Scans Performed in the United States in 2007

Amy Berrington de González, DPhil; Mahadevappa Mahesh, MS, PhD; Kwang-Pyo Kim, PhD; Mythreyi Bhargavan, PhD; Rebecca Lewis, MPH; Fred Mettler, MD; Charles Land, PhD

“Overall, we estimated that approximately **29,000 future cancers** could be related to CT scans performed in the US in 2007.”

Goals:

lower dose: try to use lower radiation doses, yet achieve same image quality

faster recons: reduce computational cost of reconstruction

Other applications: Medical imaging

Positron Emission Tomography (PET)

200x Low-dose PET Reconstruction using Deep Learning

Junshen Xu[†], Enhao Gong[†], John Pauly and Greg Zaharchuk^{*}

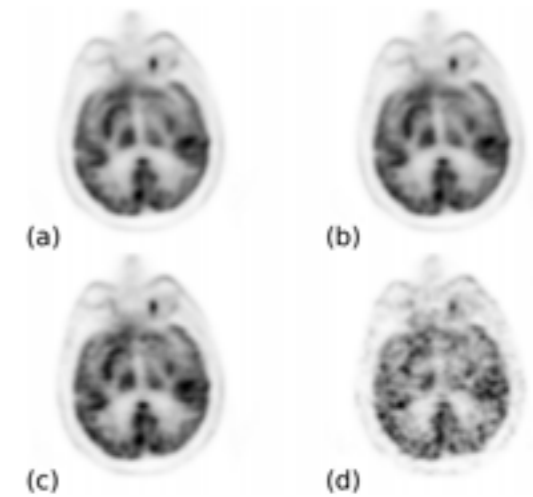


Fig. 1. PET images with normal dose and different levels of dose reduction. (a) standard-dose, (b) quarter-dose, (c) twentieth-dose, and (d) two-hundredth-dose.

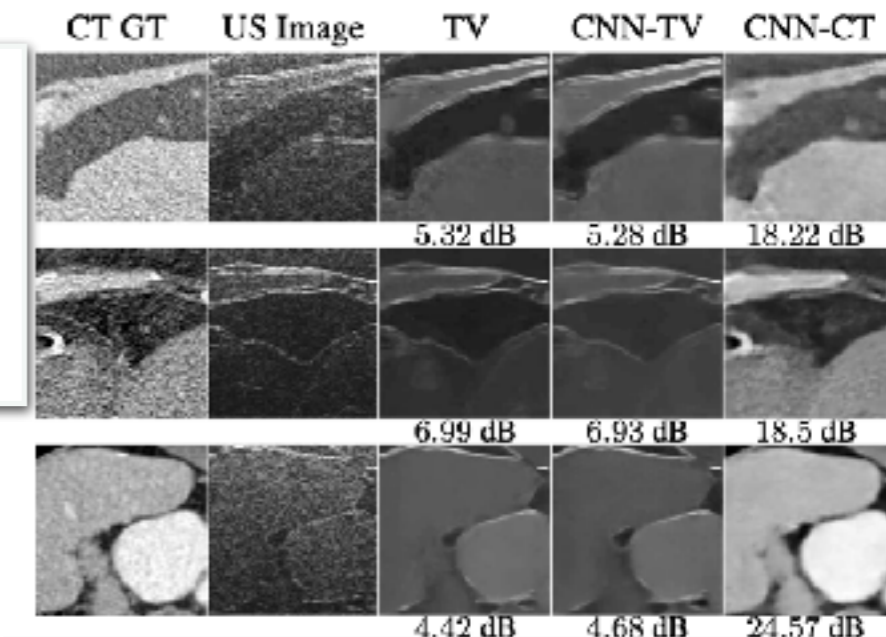
Ultrasound Imaging

TOWARDS CT-QUALITY ULTRASOUND IMAGING USING DEEP LEARNING

Sanketh Vedula^{*,†}, Ortal Senouf^{*,†}, Alex M. Bronstein[†], Oleg V. Michailovich[‡], Michael Zibulevsky[†]

[†] Technion – Israel Institute of Technology

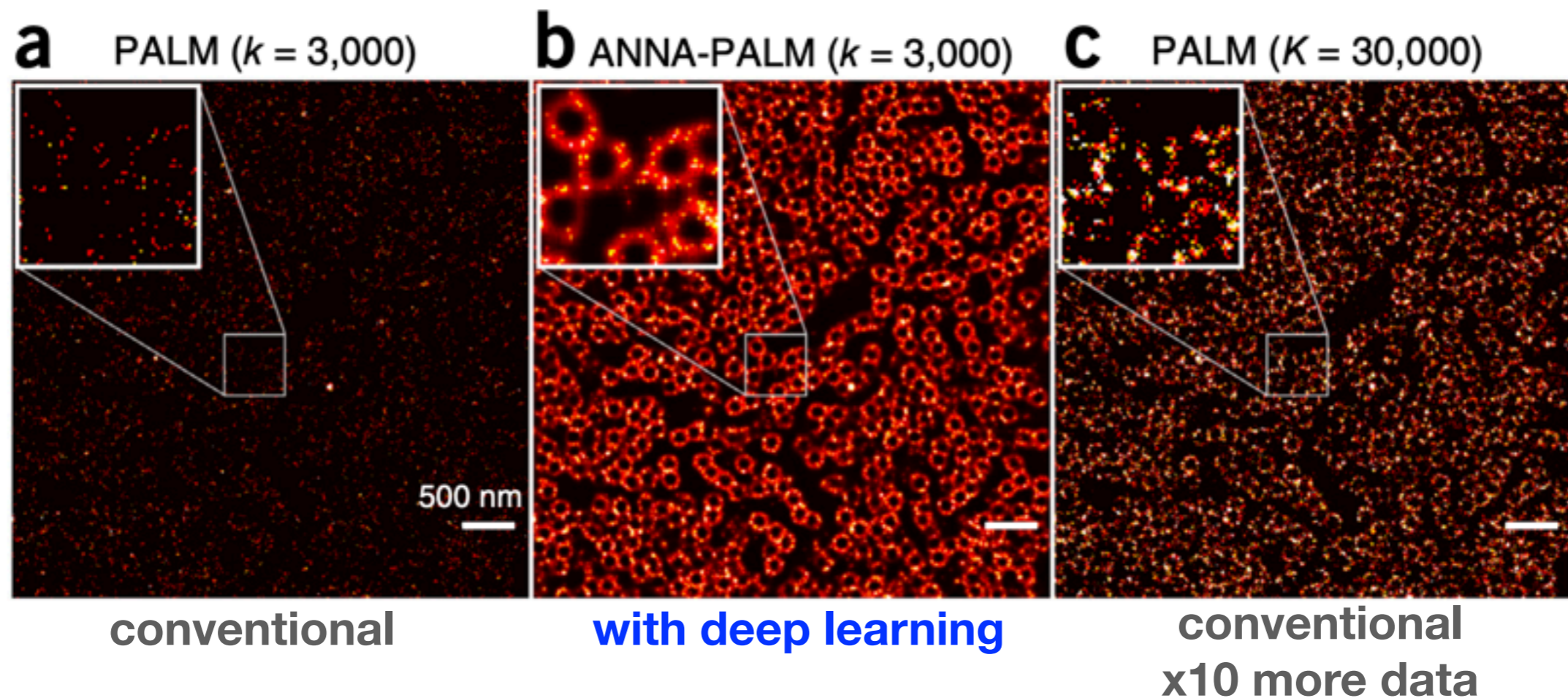
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Other applications: Biological imaging

Cell imaging

super-resolution localization fluorescence microscopy

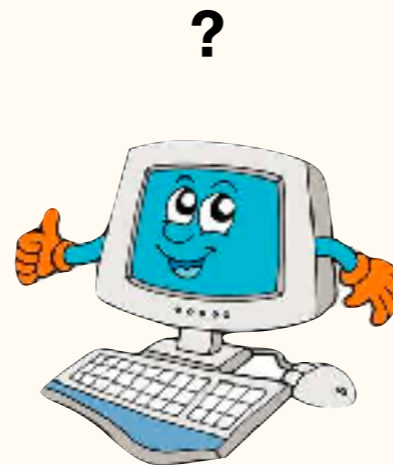
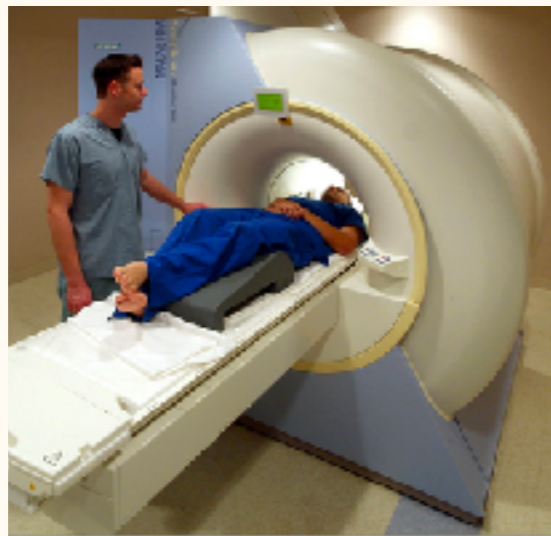


Deep learning massively accelerates super-resolution localization microscopy

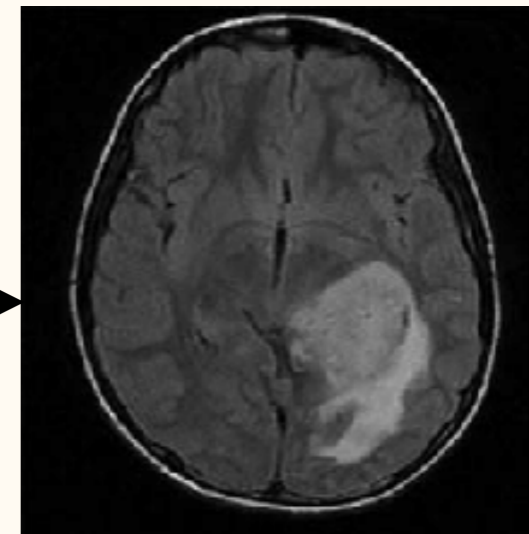
Wei Ouyang¹⁻³, Andrey Aristov¹⁻³, Mickaël Lelek¹⁻³, Xian Hao¹⁻³ & Christophe Zimmer¹⁻³

Medical image reconstruction basics

raw data



images

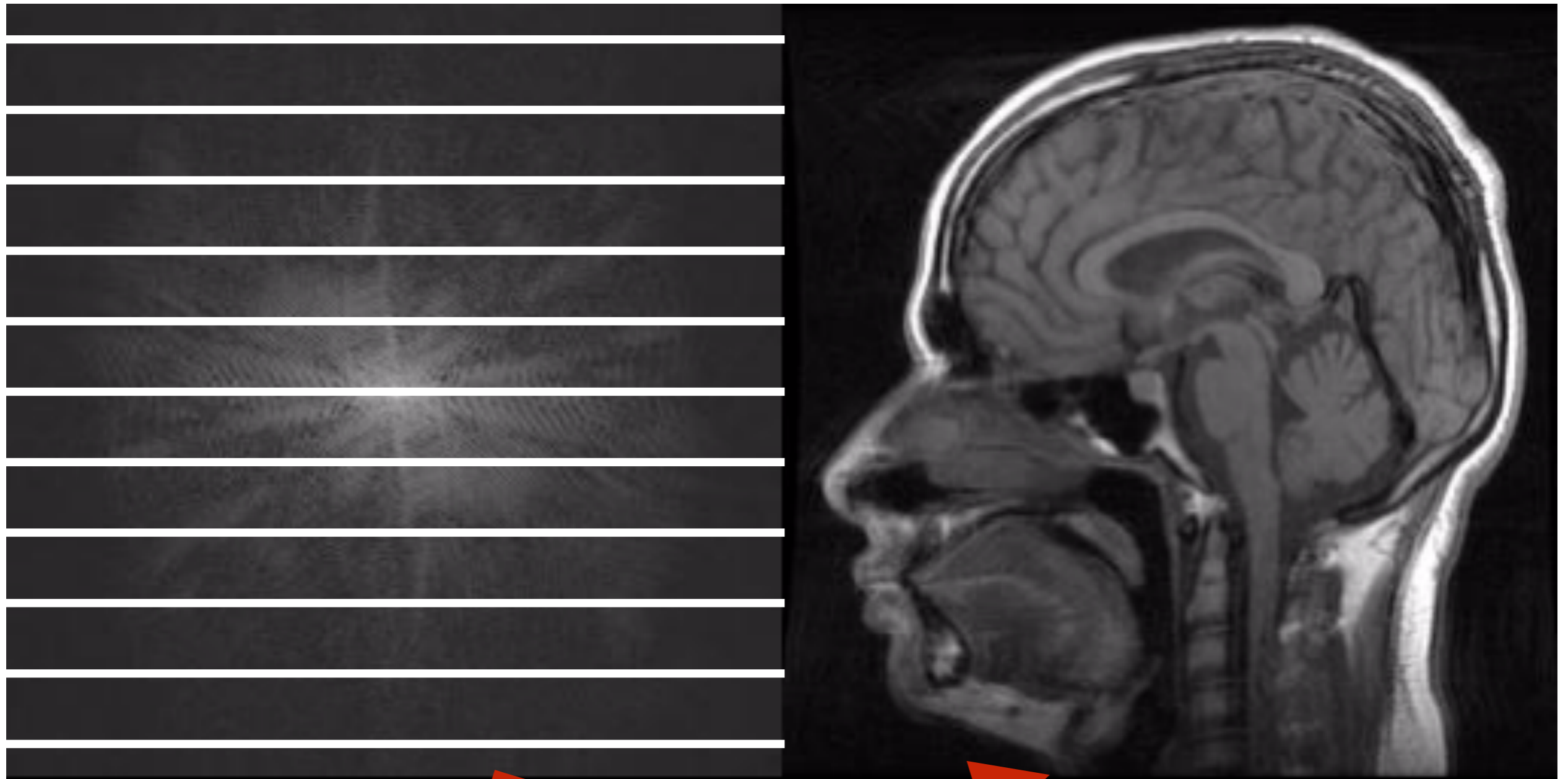


Background: MRI Acquisition

MRI: Data is acquired in spatial frequency domain (k-space)

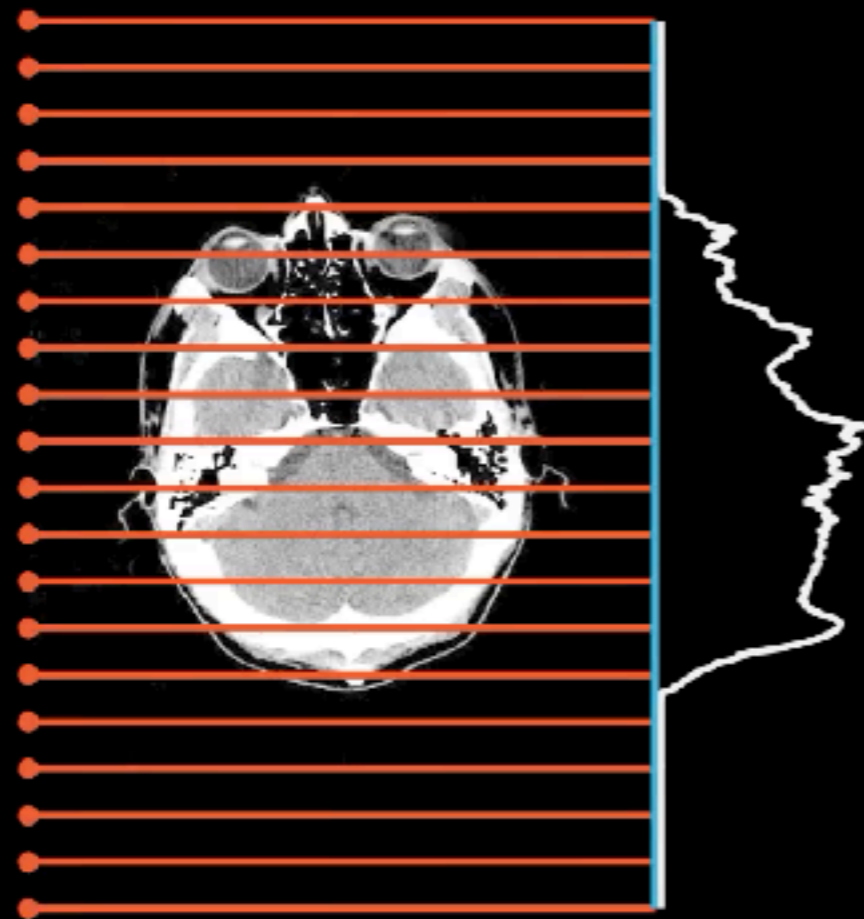
k-space

image domain



Inverse Fourier transform

Background: Computed Tomography



Video credit: Samuli Siltanen

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q7Rt_OY_7tU

Abstraction: Linear inverse problem

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \text{linear} & \\ & \text{measurement} & \\ & \text{operator} & \\ & H & \\ y & = & H(x) \\ \text{measurements} & & \text{image} \end{array}$$

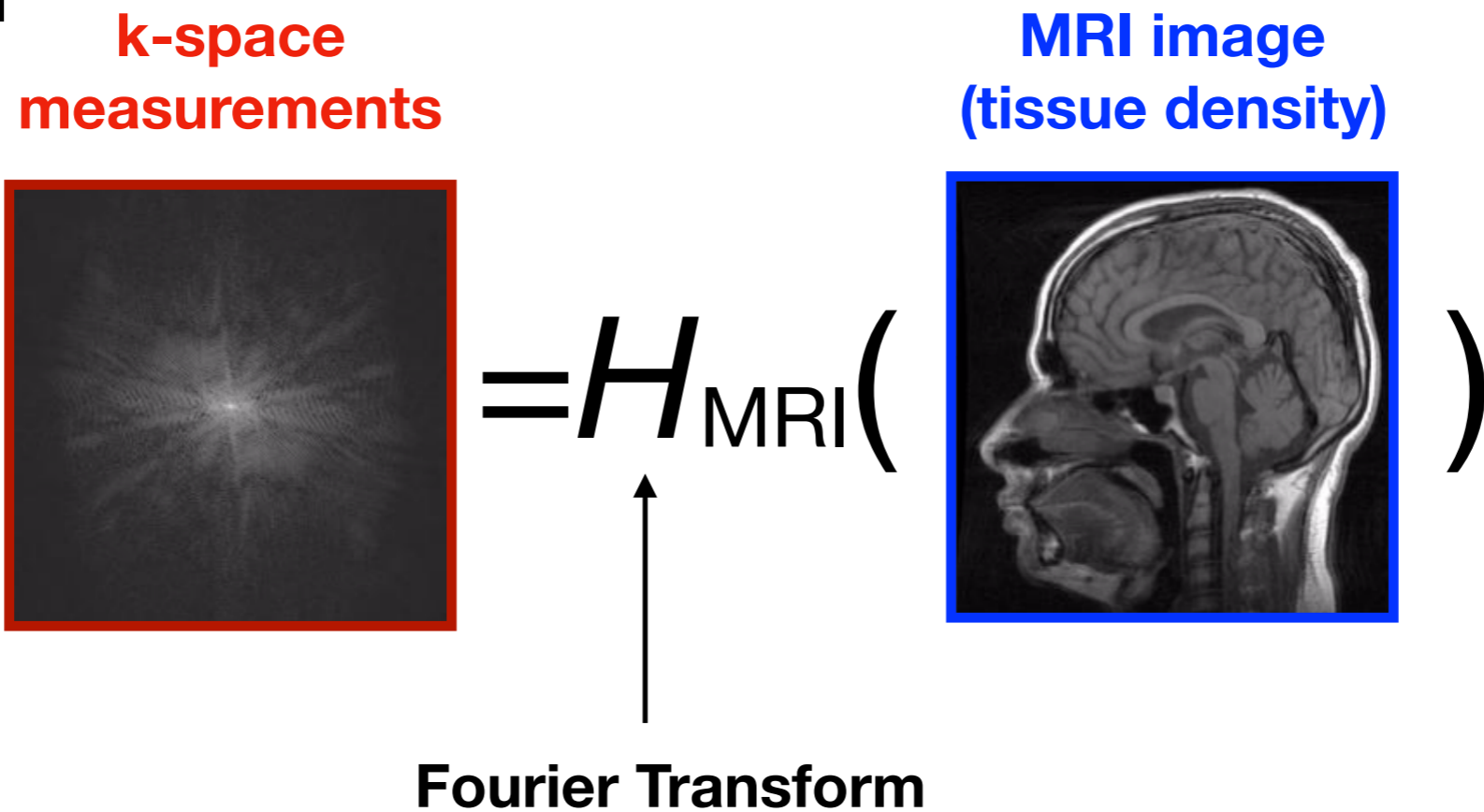
Abstraction: Linear inverse problem

linear
measurement
operator

$$y = H(x)$$

measurements image

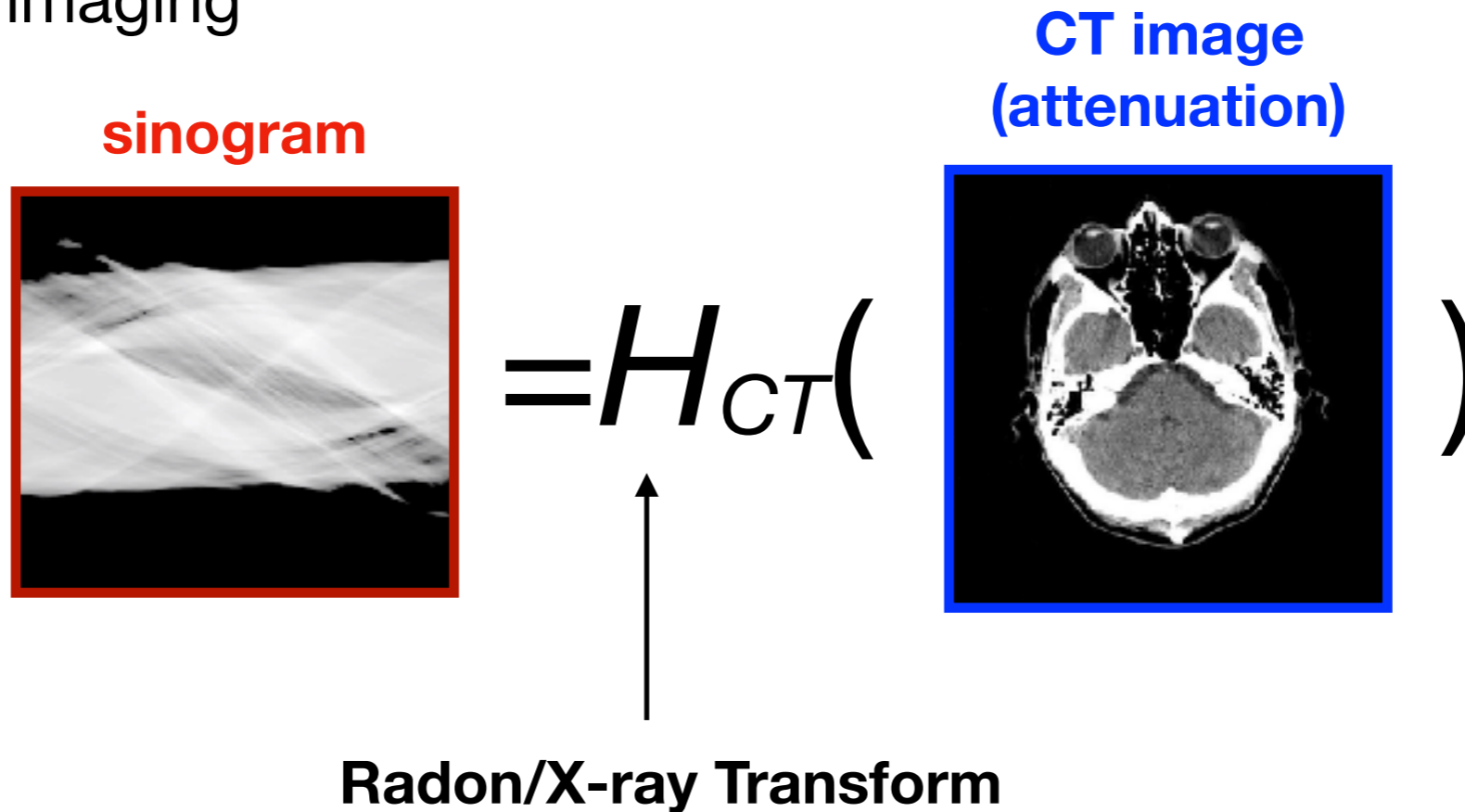
Example: MRI



Abstraction: Linear inverse problem

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Example: CT imaging



Abstraction: Linear inverse problem

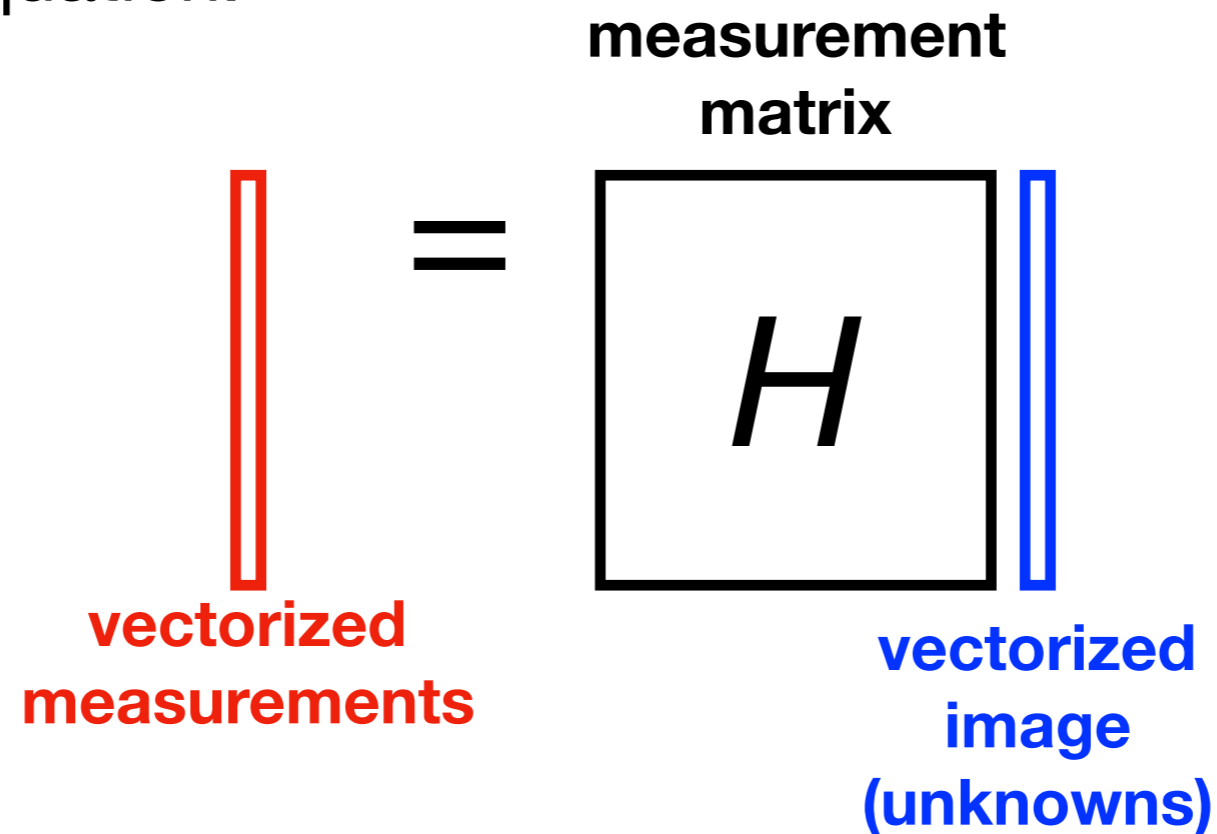
linear
measurement
operator

$$y = H(x)$$

measurements image

Write as matrix equation:

measurement
matrix



The diagram shows a matrix equation where a red vertical bar on the left is equal to a square box containing the letter 'H' multiplied by a blue vertical bar on the right. The red bar is labeled 'vectorized measurements' and the blue bar is labeled 'vectorized image (unknowns)'. The box 'H' is labeled 'measurement matrix' above it.

vectorized
measurements vectorized
image
(unknowns)

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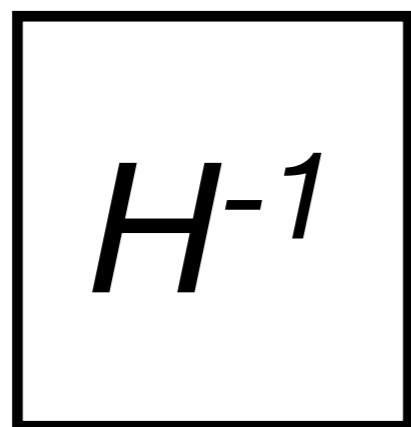
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Write as matrix equation:

matrix inverse

A square box with a black border containing the mathematical expression H^{-1} .

A vertical red bar representing a vector.

=

A vertical blue bar representing a vector.

vectorized
measurements

vectorized
image
(unknowns)

Too big to
invert exactly—
Find
approximate
solution

Conventional reconstructions

approximate
inverse

$$\tilde{H}^{-1}(y) = \tilde{X}$$

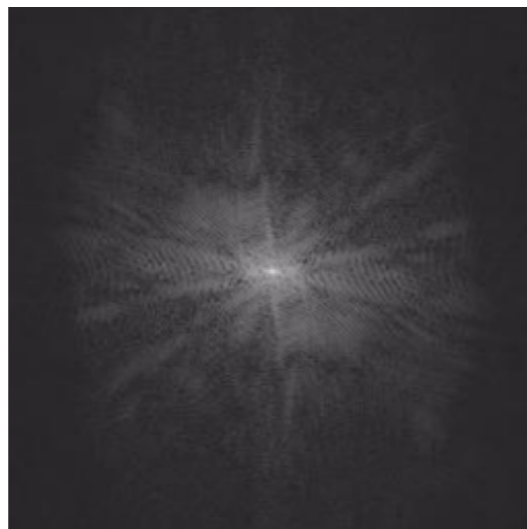
measurements

reconstructed
image

Example: MRI imaging

y

“k-space”

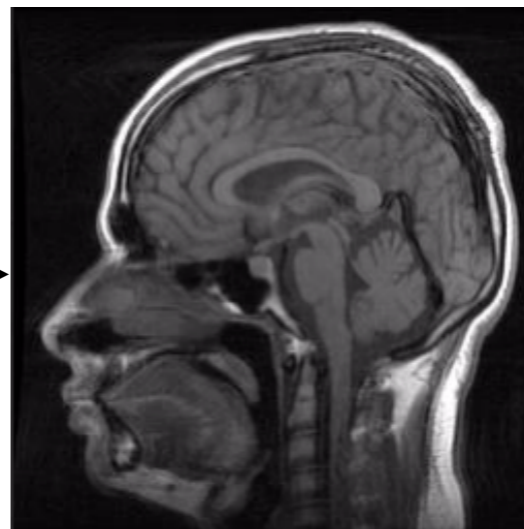


\tilde{H}^{-1}



\tilde{X}

“inverse discrete
Fourier transform”



Matlab,
Numpy:
`ifftn()`

Conventional reconstructions

approximate
inverse

$$\tilde{H}^{-1}(y) = \tilde{X}$$

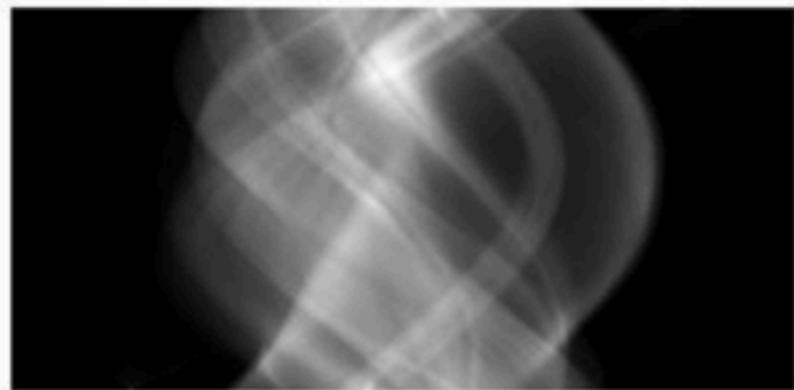
measurements

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Example: CT imaging

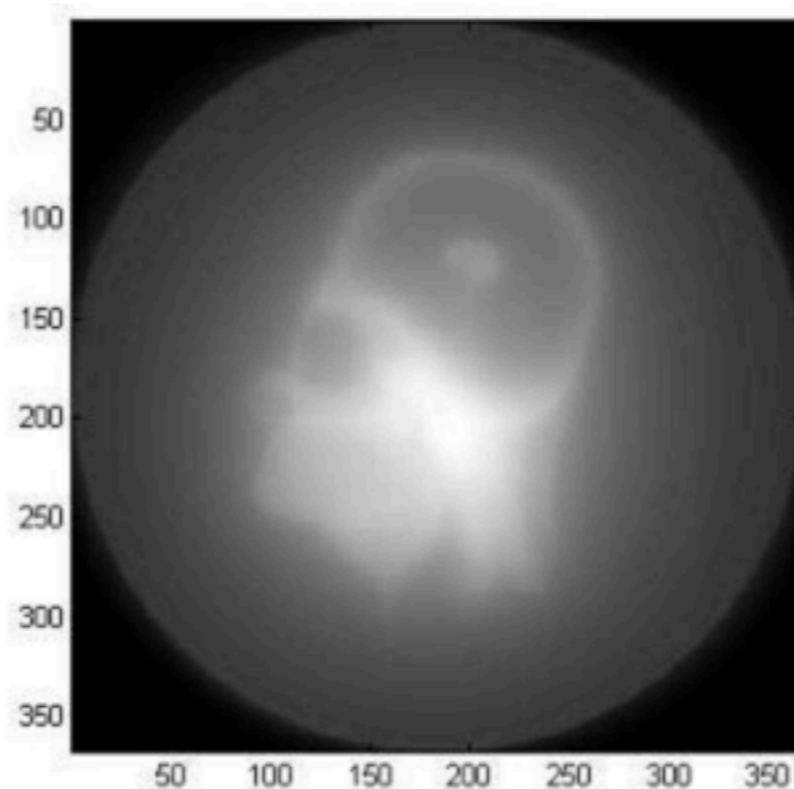
y

“sinogram”



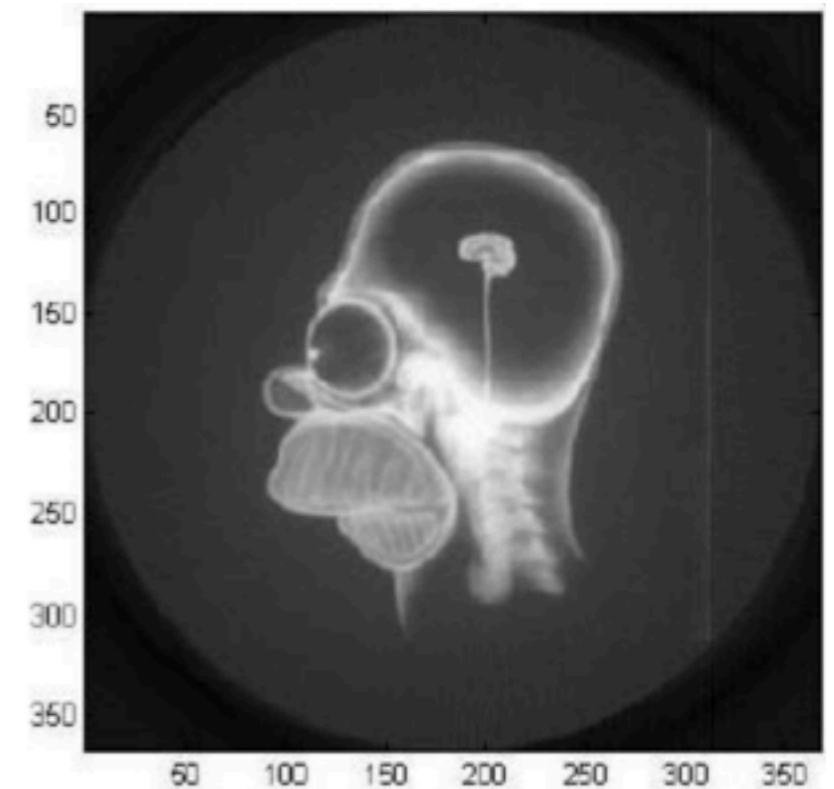
$$\tilde{X}_0 = \tilde{H}_0^{-1}(y)$$

“back-projection”



$$\tilde{X} = \tilde{H}^{-1}(y)$$

“filtered back-projection”



Conventional reconstructions

approximate
inverse

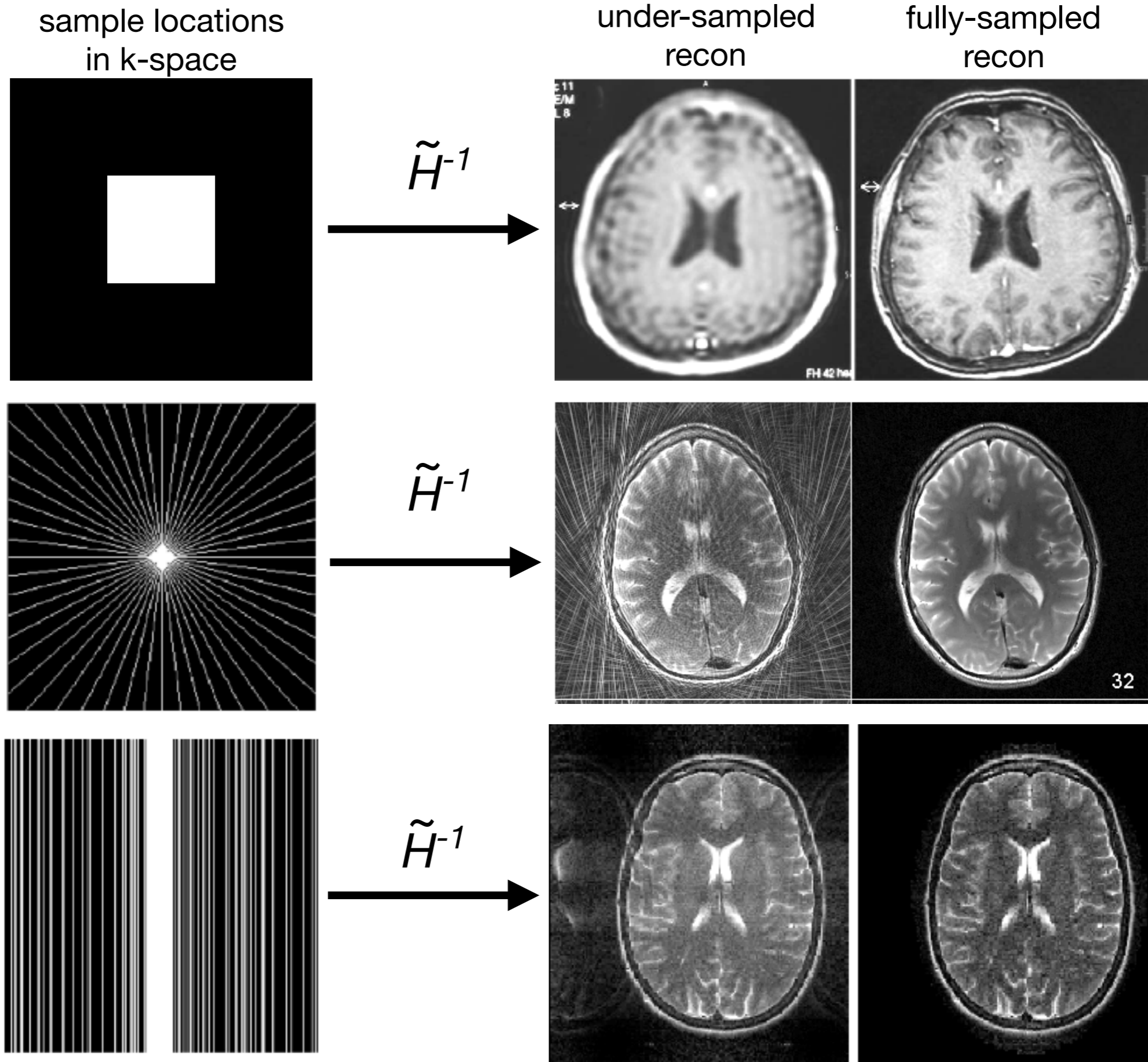
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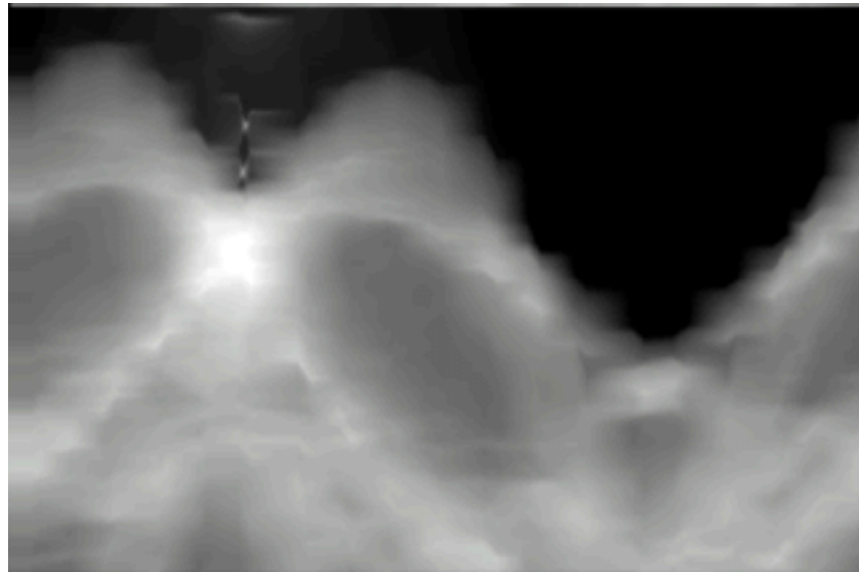
- Need fully-sampled data to get (#measurements = #pixels)
- **Goal:** take fewer measurements (undersample) to **speed up acquisition** (in MRI), **reduce dose** (in CT)
- What happens to conventional reconstructions when we undersample?

Undersampling in MRI



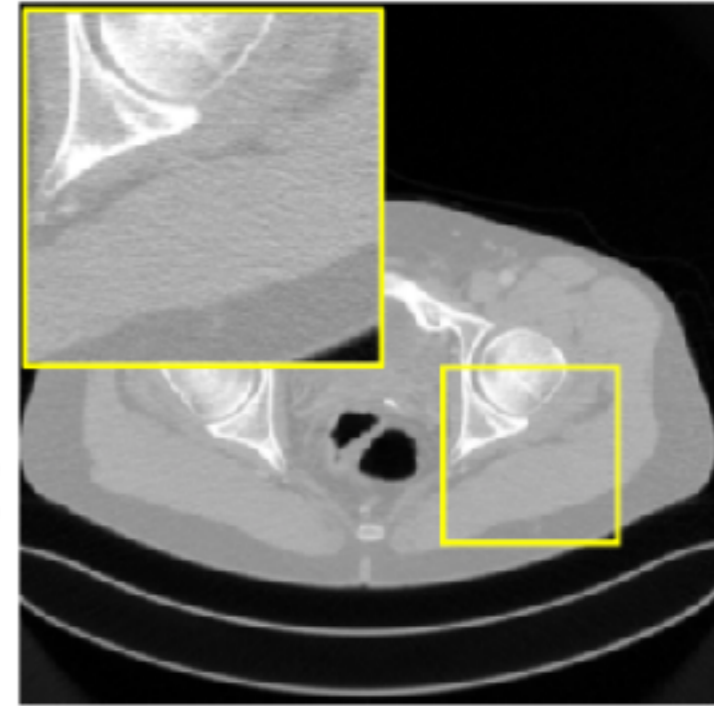
Undersampling in CT

full sinogram

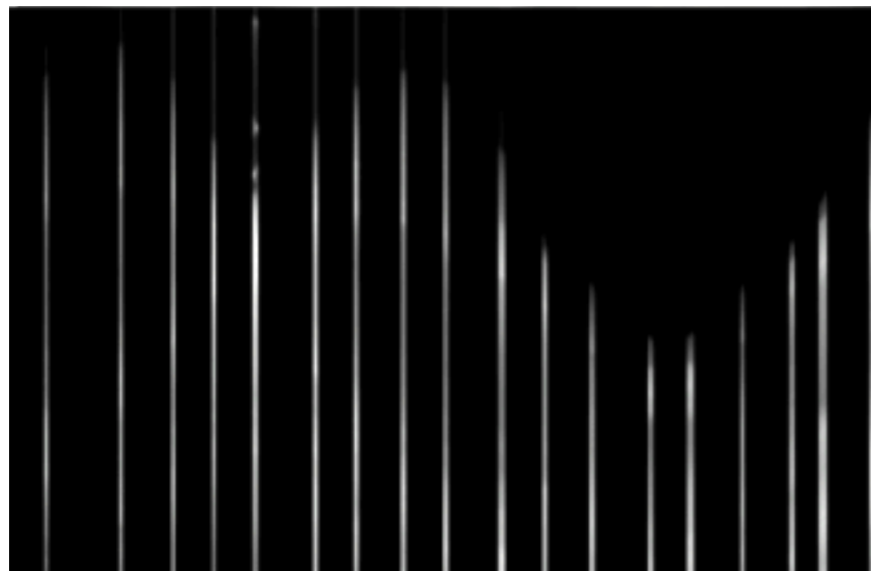


\tilde{H}^{-1}

fully-sampled recon

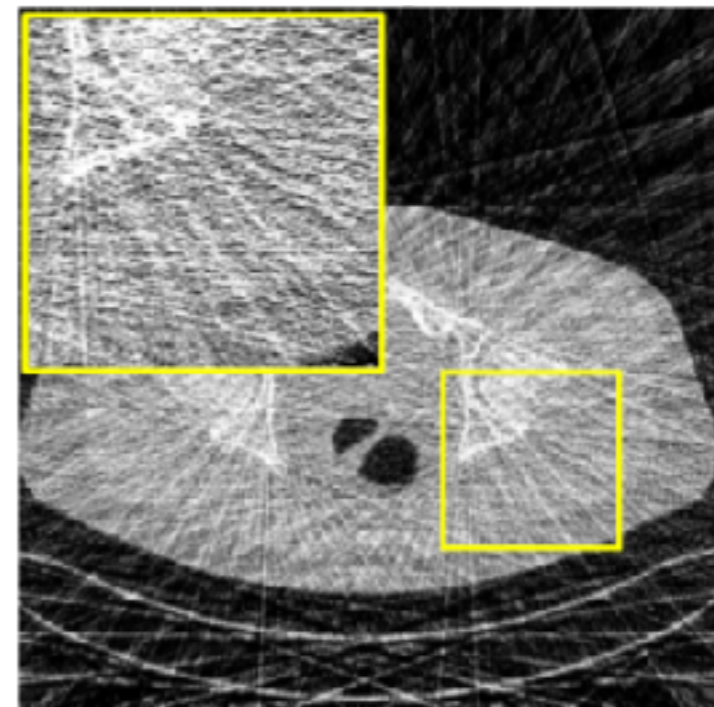


sparse view sinogram



\tilde{H}^{-1}

undersampled recon



Undersampling

linear
measurement
operator

$$y = H(x)$$

measurements image

Write as matrix equation:

measurement
matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{vectorized} \\ \text{measurements} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} H \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \text{vectorized} \\ \text{image} \\ \text{(unknowns)} \end{bmatrix}$$

vectorized
measurements

vectorized
image
(unknowns)

Fully-sampled

Same # of equations
as unknowns

Undersampling

linear
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measurements image

Write as matrix equation:

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Undersampled

fewer equations
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Infinitely many
solutions!

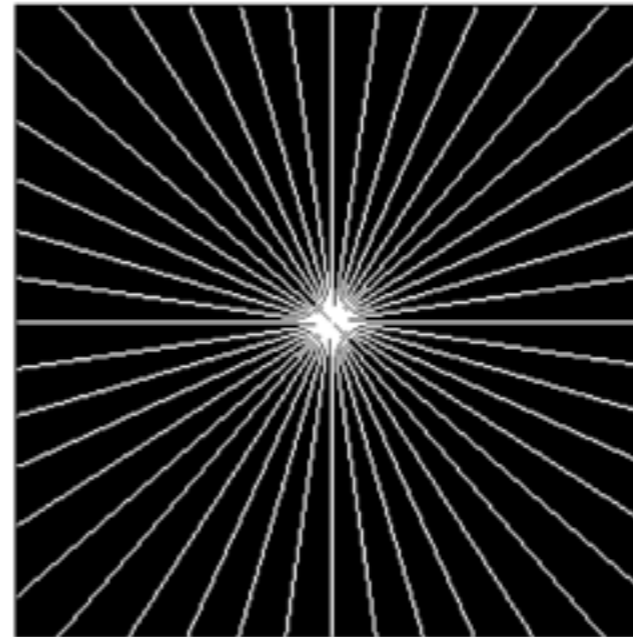
Compressed sensing - 2006

Ground truth

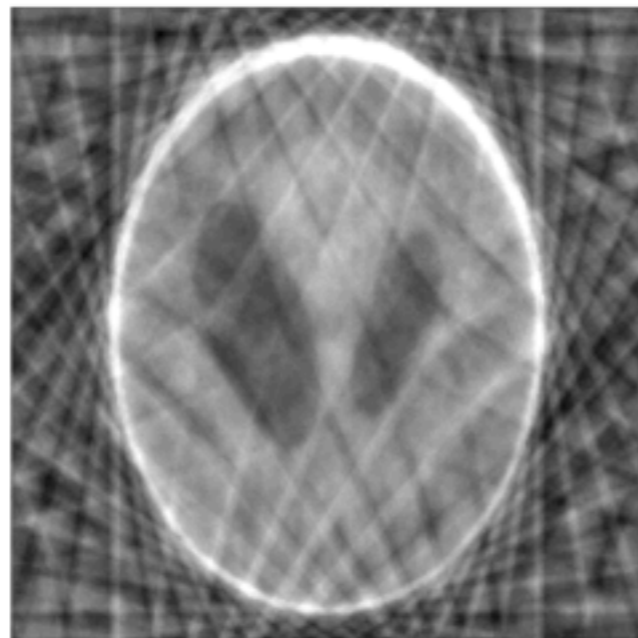


(a)

Sample locations
in k-space



(b)



Conventional
reconstruction



Compressed sensing
reconstruction

Exact
reconstruction!

Compressed Sensing Reconstruction

Pose reconstruction as an **optimization problem**:

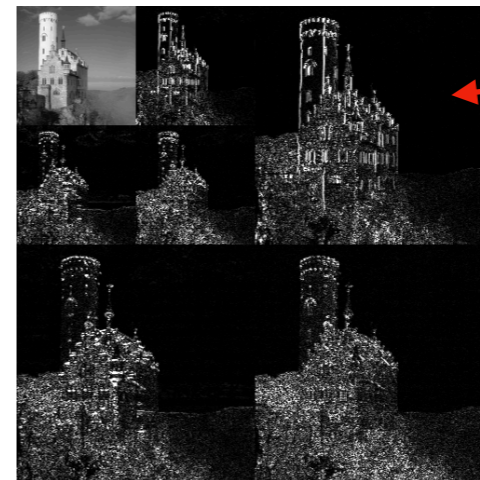
$$\underset{x}{\text{minimize}} \quad \underbrace{\|Hx - y\|^2}_{\text{data-fit term}} + \underbrace{r(x)}_{\text{regularizer}}$$

Typically $r(x)$ is chosen to promote sparsity of the image in some domain

e.g.,
Wavelet
sparsity



Wx
→



coefficients
mostly
zero

$$r(x) = \|Wx\|_1$$

Figure by [Alessio Damato](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wavelet_transform), https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wavelet_transform

Solve by an iterative method, e.g., **gradient descent**

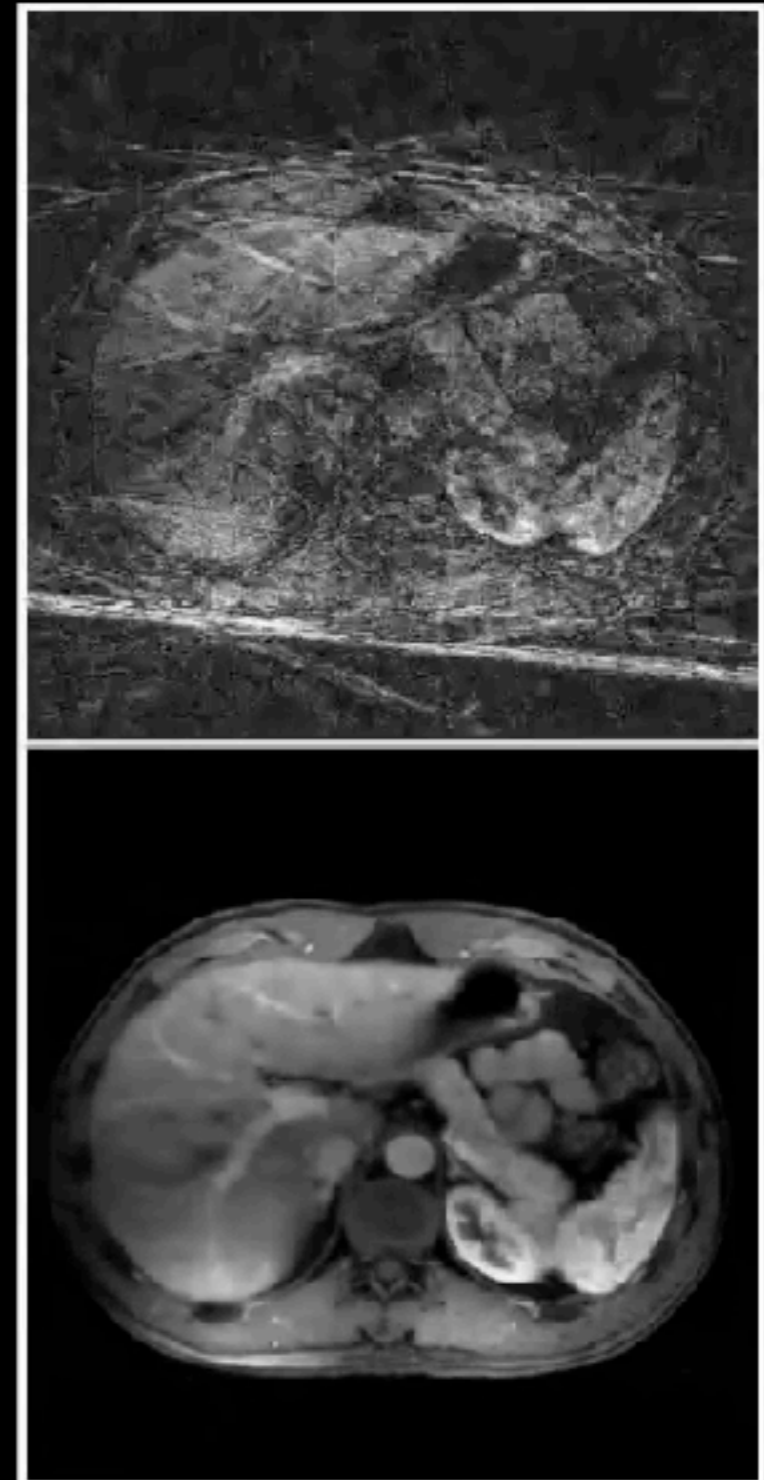
Computationally costly: ~100x slower than conventional reconstruction

Compressed Sensing Dynamic MRI

Free-Breathing Liver Perfusion Imaging

- Retrospective selection of resolution
- Reconstruction with different timing possible
- Example: 13 spokes \rightarrow 2 sec resolution
- Perfusion imaging during free breathing
- Here: 384 x 384 x 30 matrix
- Spatial resolution 1.0 x 1.0 x 3.0 mm³
- Temporal resolution 1.5 sec

Recon time: ~6 hours



Top: Gridding
Bottom: GRASP

The Truth About Compressed Sensing

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In the literature, a lack of translation to final users is presently discernable: while there are over 120 papers about compressed sensing in MRI published in Magnetic Resonance in Medicine, there are only 8 papers in Radiology.

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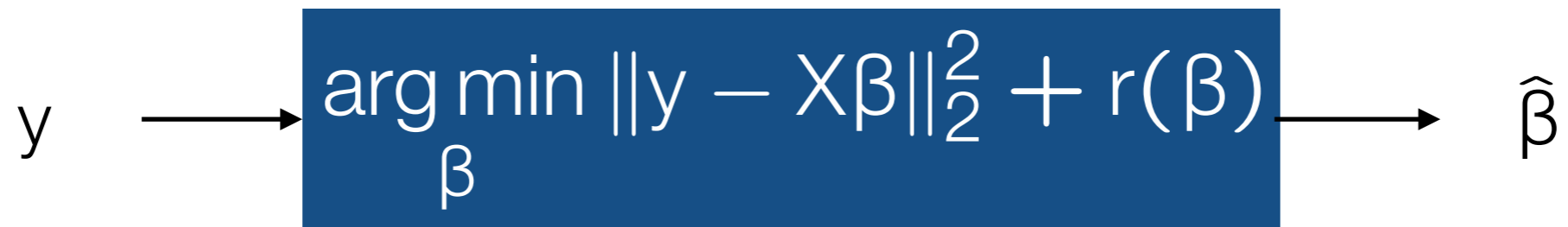
it is essential for the radiographer to get image feedback within seconds of the scan terminating for accelerated imaging to be practically useful. ”

Quote from [Hollingsworth, 2015]

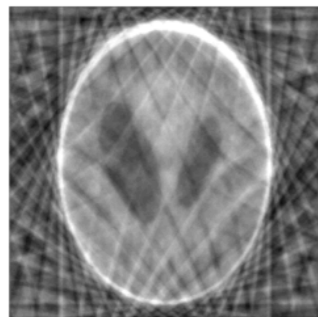
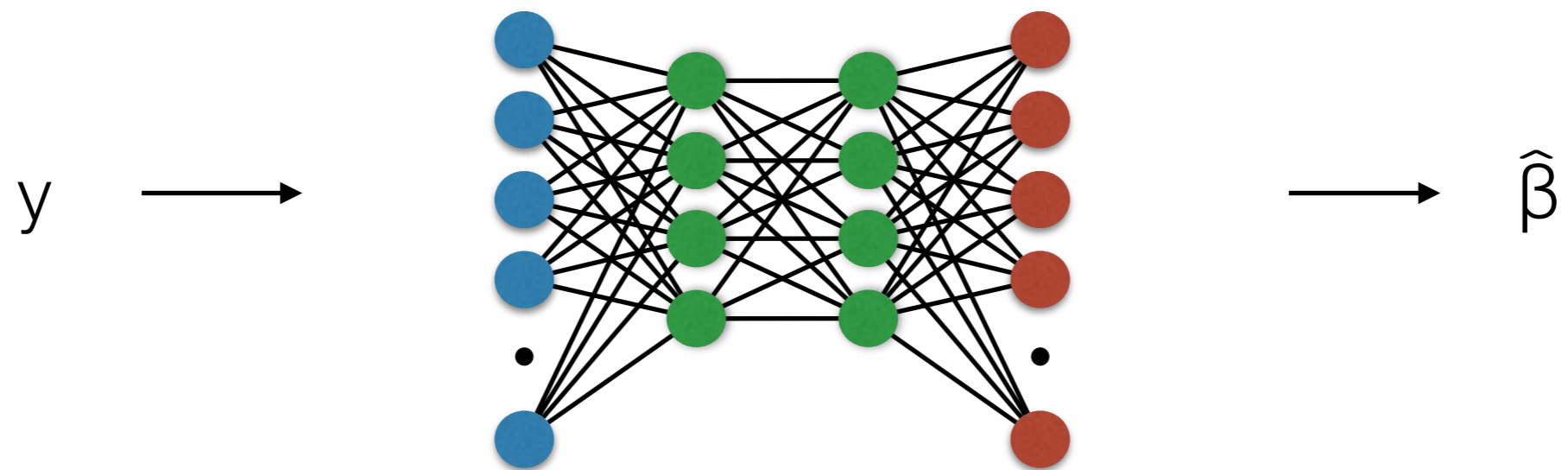
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- Hollingsworth, K.G., 2015. Reducing acquisition time in clinical MRI by data undersampling and compressed sensing reconstruction. Phys. Med, Biol. 60(21), p.R297.

ML to the rescue

Optimization algorithm



Feed-forward deep neural network



(c)

Learn from training pairs



(d)

Deep learning for image reconstruction

- Approach 1: Learn to “enhance” traditional reconstructions
- Approach 2: Train a generative model
- Approach 3: Unrolling of optimization algorithms

Approach 1: Learn to “enhance” traditional reconstructions



“Enhancing” with Deep Learning

Single Image Super-resolution



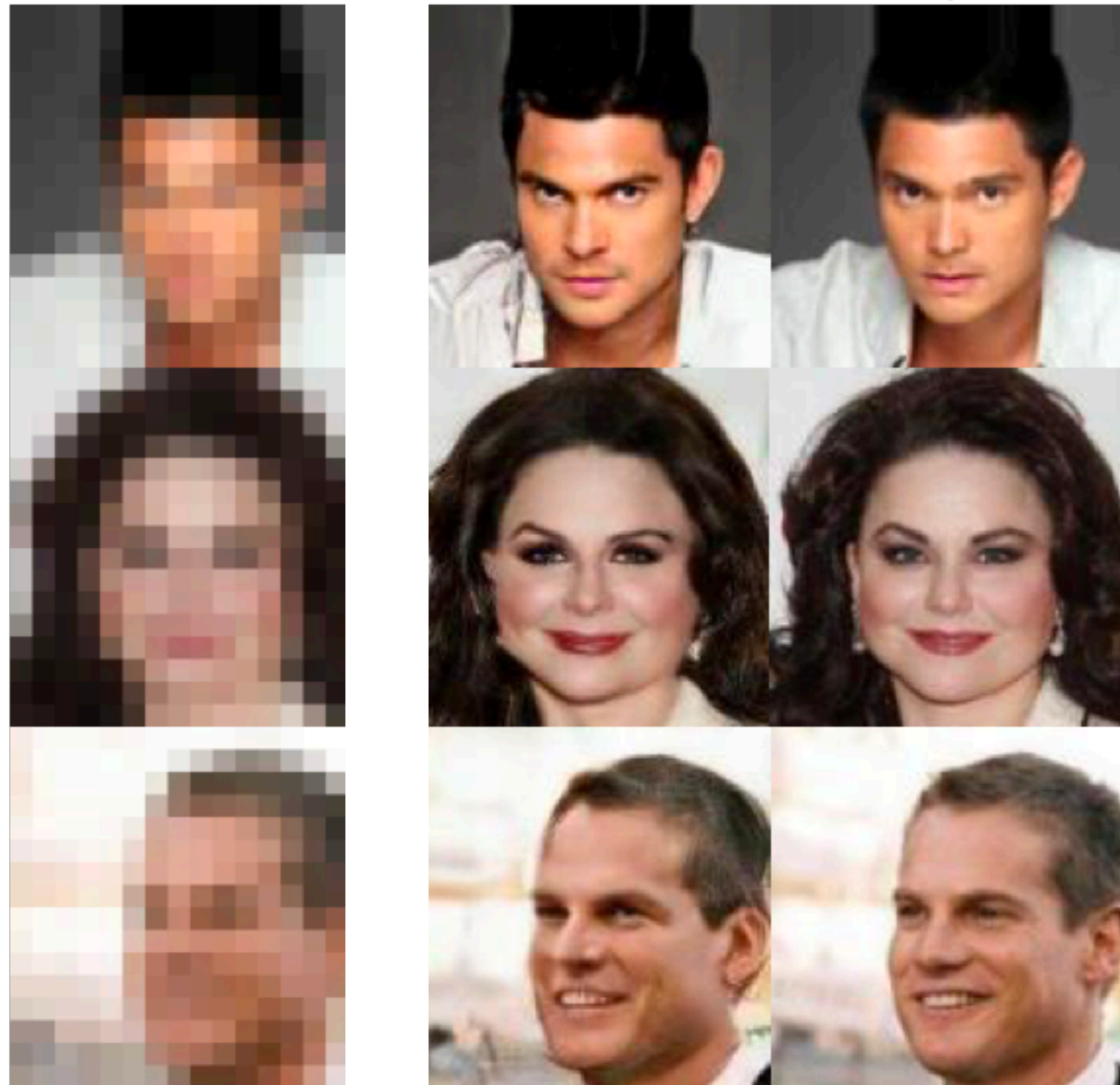
— Low-resolution
Input —

Deep
Neural Network
Output

— Ground Truth —

<https://webdav.tue.mpg.de/pixel/enhancenet/>

Input **Deep Neural
Network Output** **Ground
Truth**



Progressive Face Super-Resolution via Attention to Facial Landmark

Deokyun Kim, Minseon Kim, Gihyun Kwon, Dae-Shik Kim

(Submitted on 22 Aug 2019)

Super-resolution with a CNN

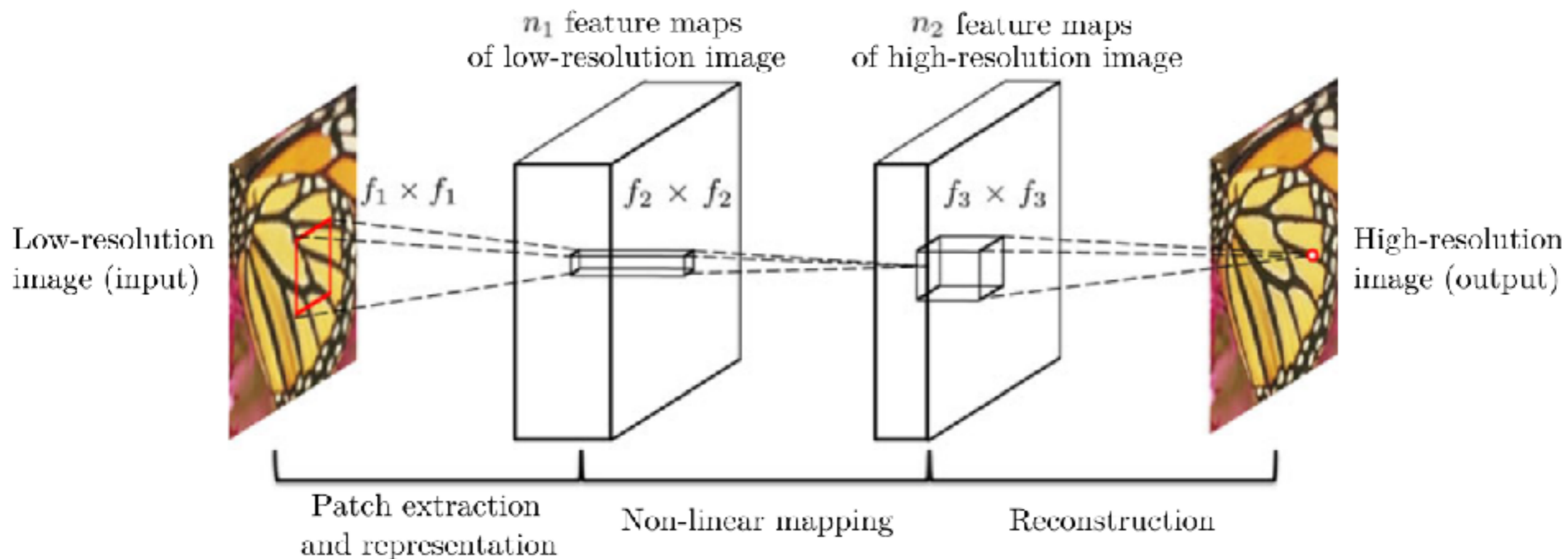
IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON PATTERN ANALYSIS AND MACHINE INTELLIGENCE, VOL. 38, NO. 2, FEBRUARY 2016

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Image Super-Resolution Using Deep Convolutional Networks

Chao Dong, Chen Change Loy, *Member, IEEE*, Kaiming He, *Member, IEEE*, and Xiaocui Tang, *Fellow, IEEE*

3 Layer CNN



raw data
(low resolution image)



$$\tilde{H}^{-1}$$

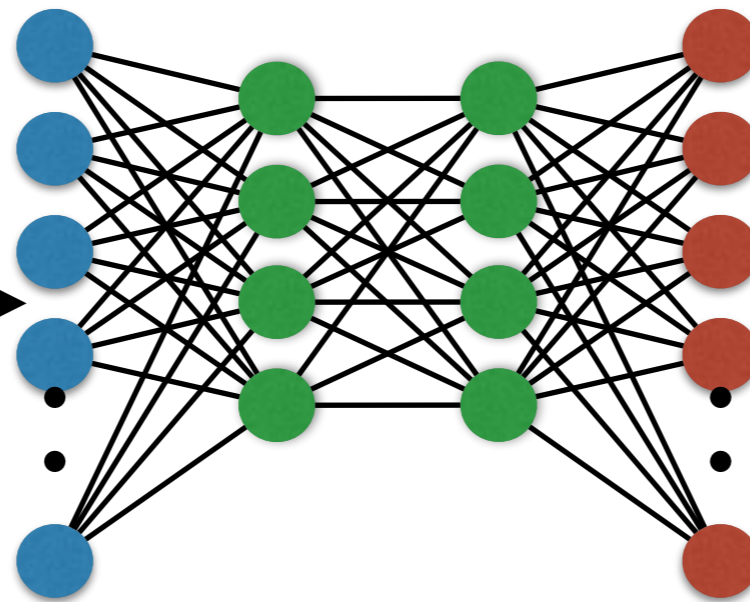
bicubic
interpolation



approximation
of high-resolution
image

Super-resolution with CNNs

Train deep CNN
to remove artifacts



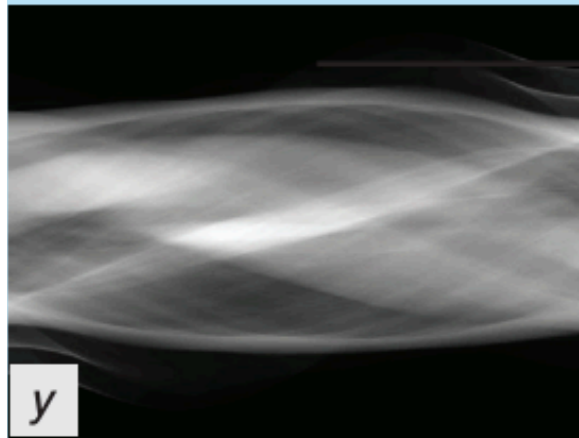
**blurry/blocky
artifacts due to
re-scaling**



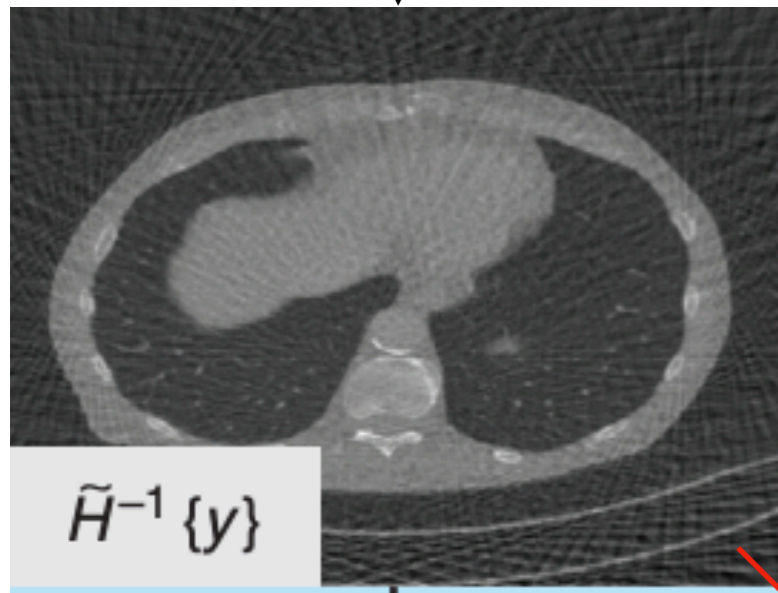
reconstruction

Extension to medical imaging: CT reconstruction

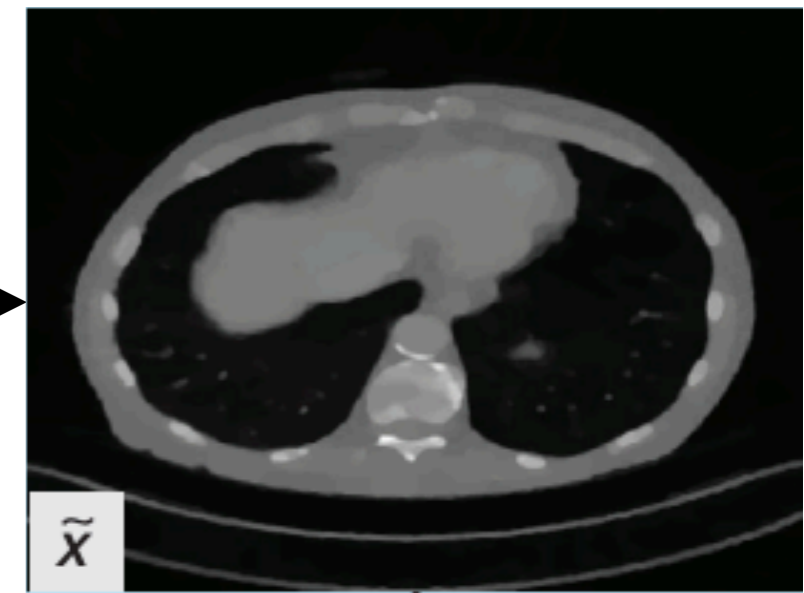
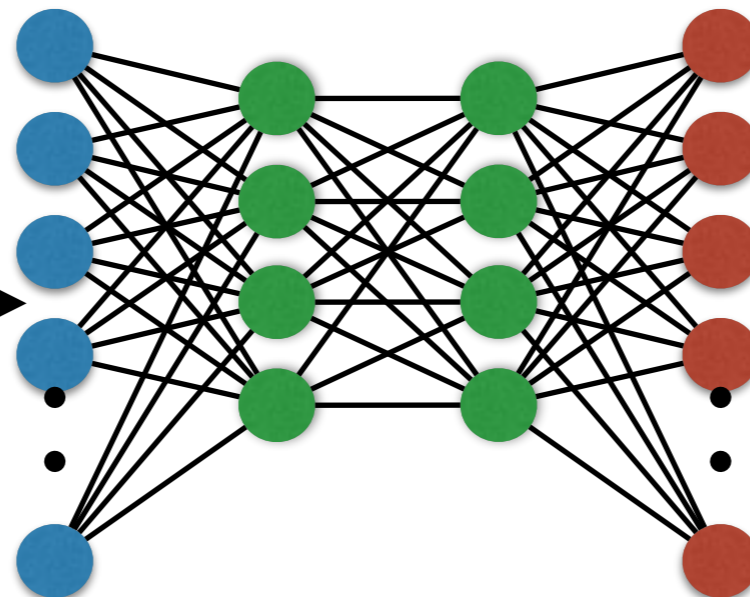
raw data y
(sparse view
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Train deep CNN
to remove artifacts



conventional reconstruction
(filtered back-projection)

streaking
artifacts due to
undersampling

reconstruction

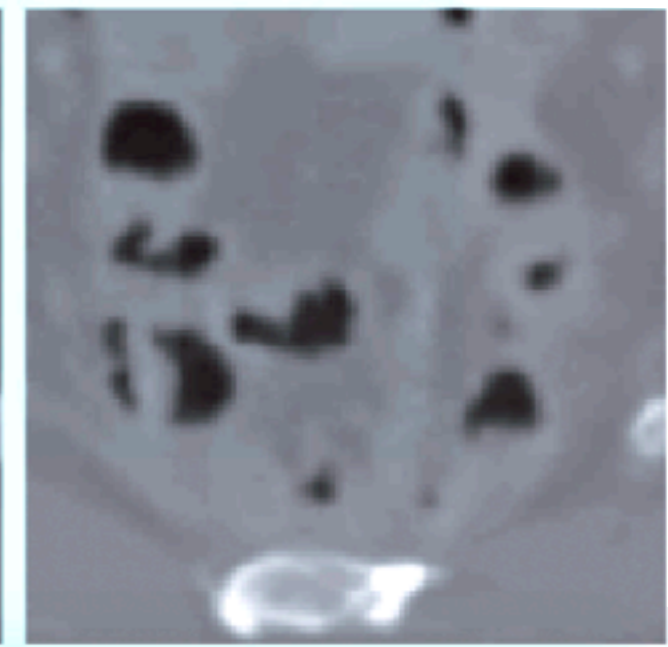
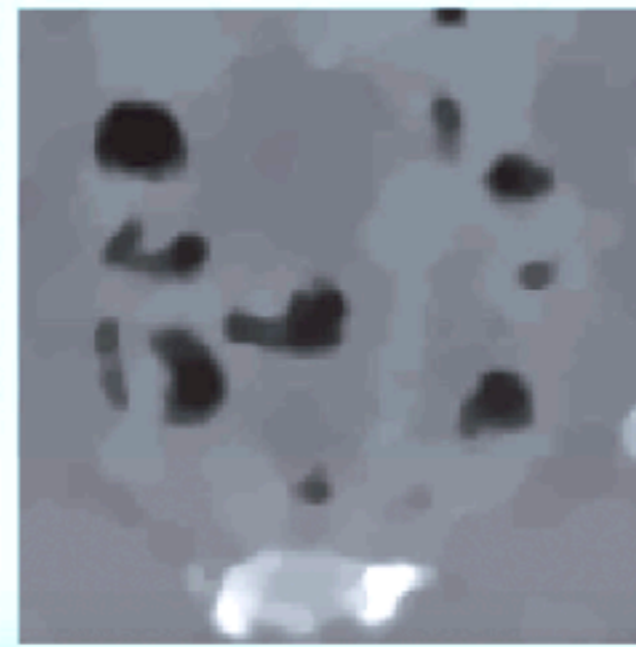
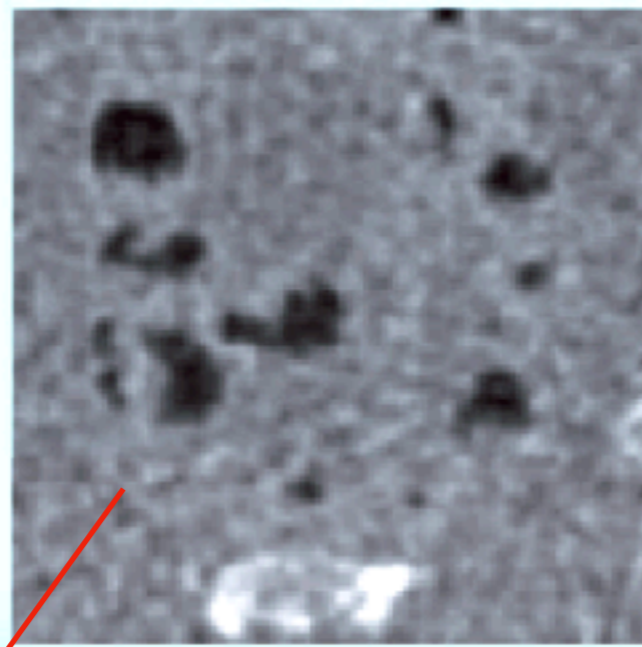
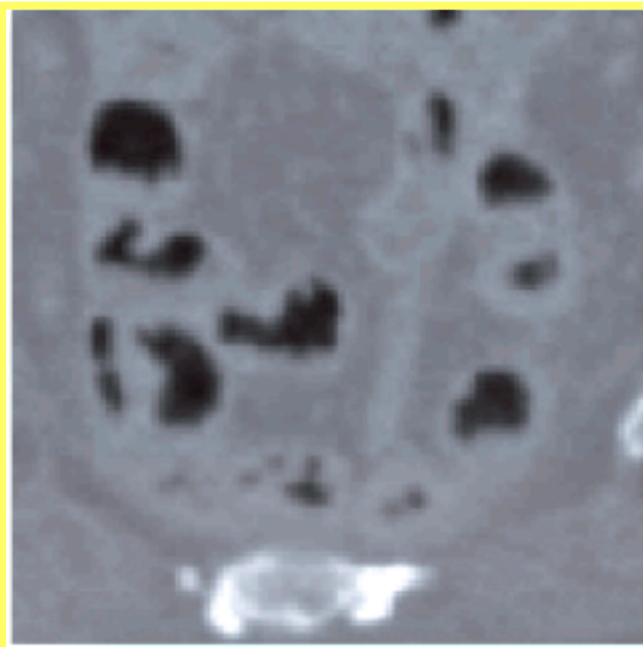
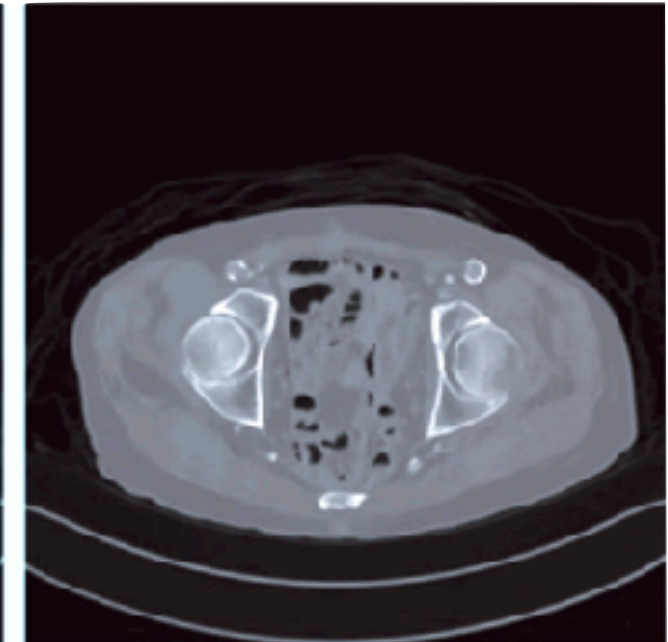
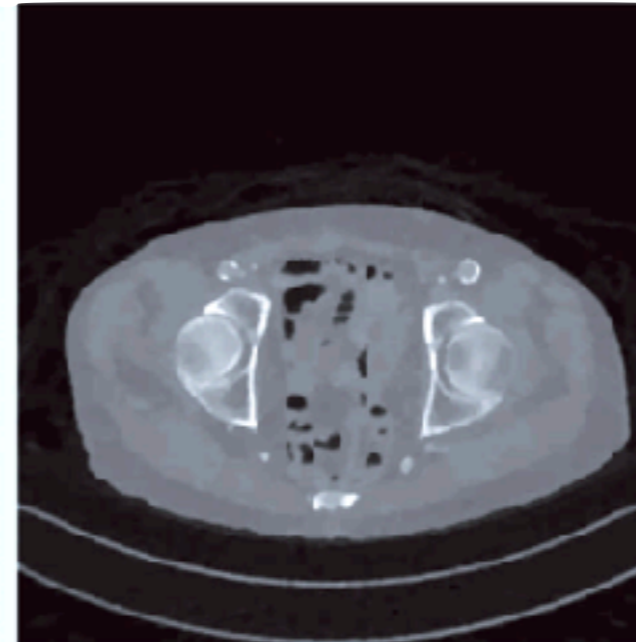
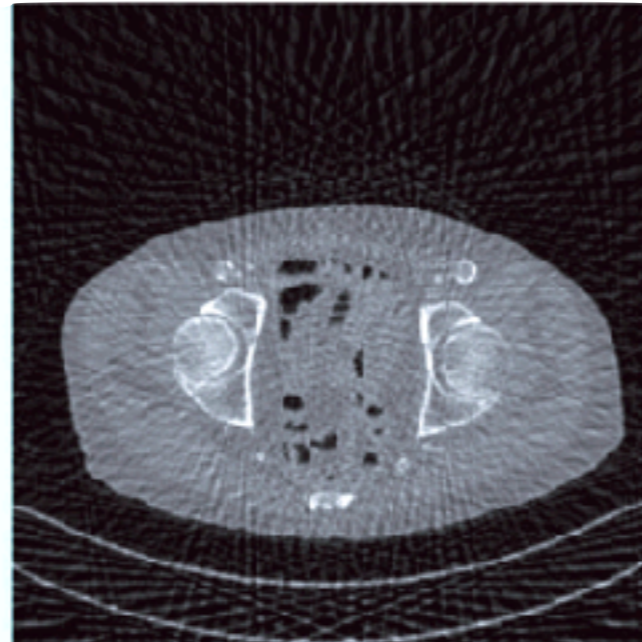
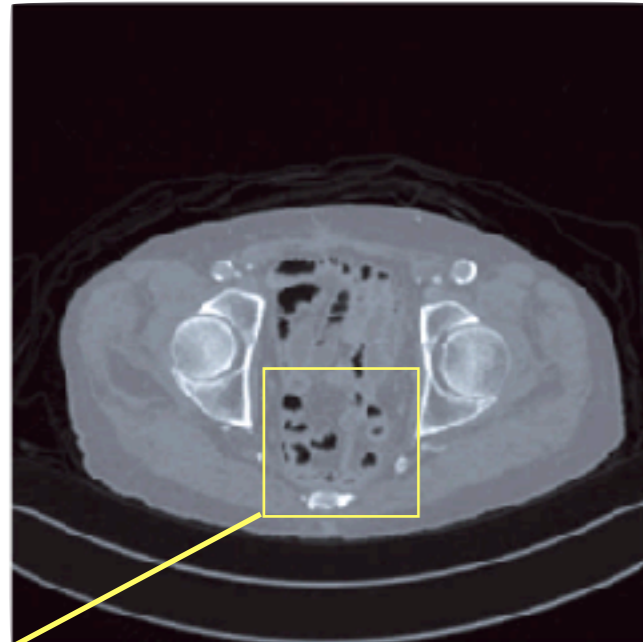
Example “Deep” CT Reconstruction

Ground Truth

FBP SNR 13.43

TV SNR 24.89

FBP ConvNet SNR 28.53



artifacts due to undersampling

conventional reconstruction

compressed sensing reconstruction (~60 s)

deep CNN reconstruction (~0.1 s)

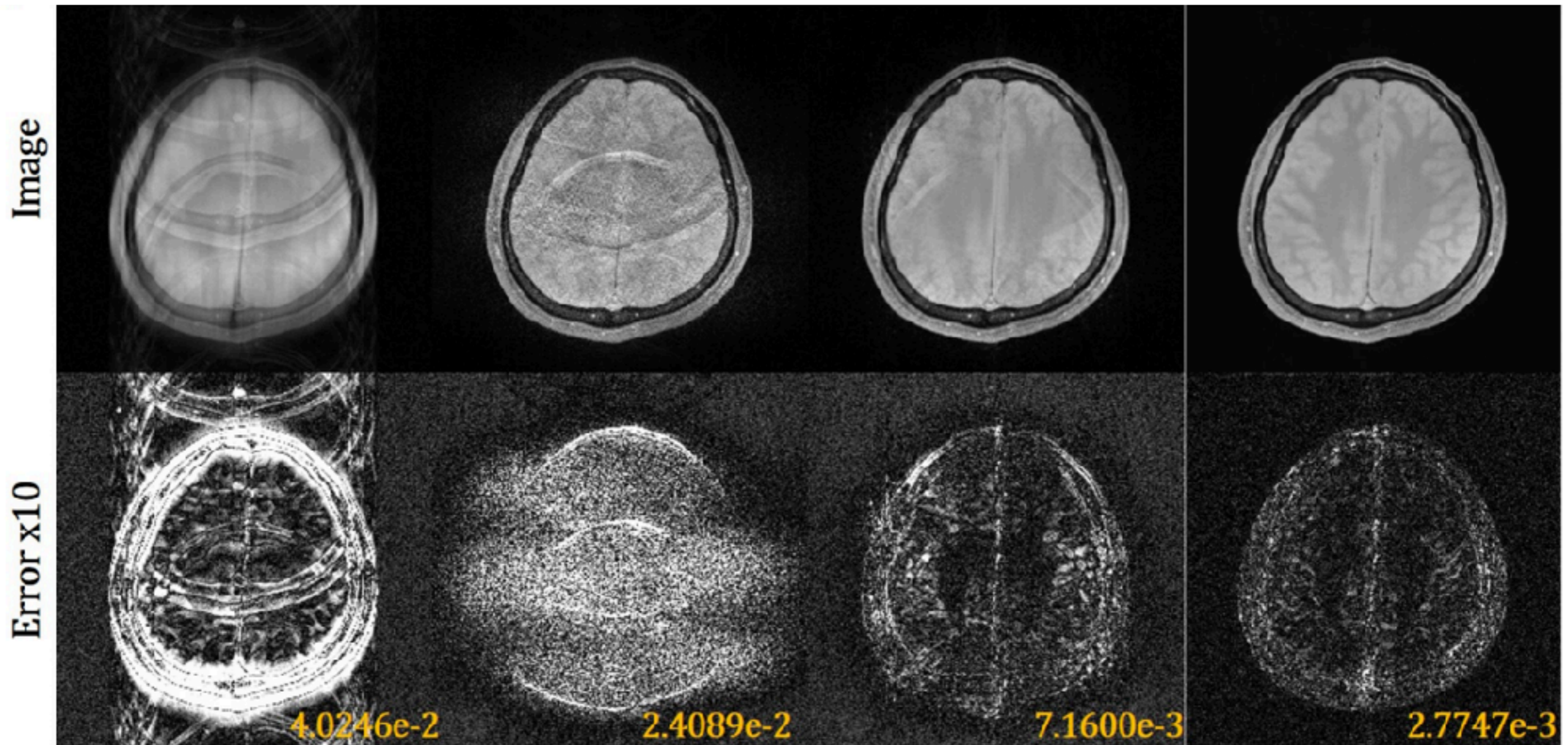
Example “Deep” MRI Reconstruction

4-fold
under sampled
data

conventional
reconstruction

compressed
sensing
reconstruction

Deep CNN
reconstruction



Lee, D., Yoo, J., & Ye, J. C. (2017, April). Deep residual learning for compressed sensing MRI. In 2017 IEEE 14th International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging (ISBI 2017)(pp. 15-18). IEEE.

Drawbacks to Deep CNNs

- Need to **retrain** CNN for any change in measurements
 - Undersampling rate (e.g., 2-fold, 4-fold, 10-fold, etc.)
 - Undersampling pattern (e.g., lines, spirals, radial, etc.)
 - Change in noise statistics (e.g., different scanner)
- Relatively **high sample complexity**
 - need many training images to avoid overfitting
- **Sensitive to perturbations**

On instabilities of deep learning in image reconstruction - Does AI come at a cost?

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MRI knee image
Original x



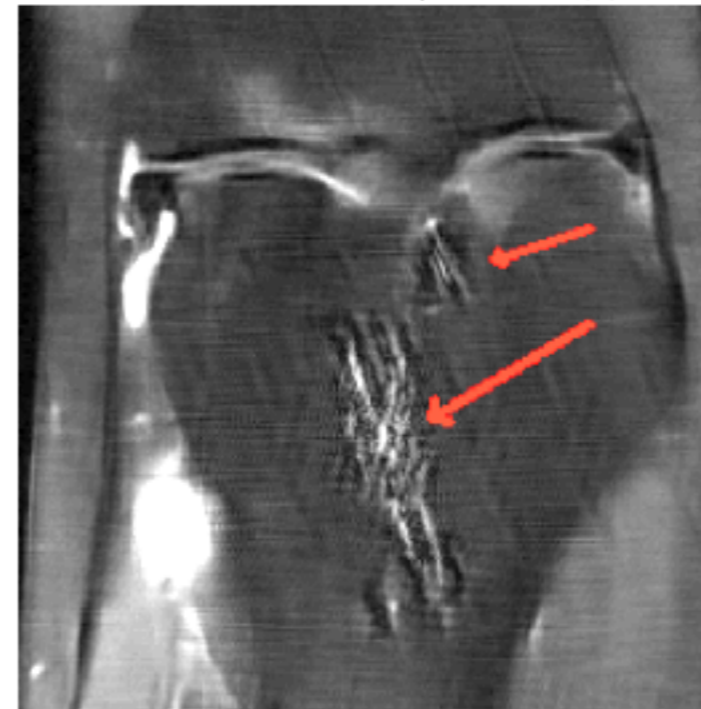
original + perturbation
 $x + r_1$



MRI-VN $f(Ax)$



MRI-VN $f(A(x + r_1))$



Artifacts arise from small perturbations

Deep CNN
Reconstructions

Approach 2: Train a generative model (GAN)



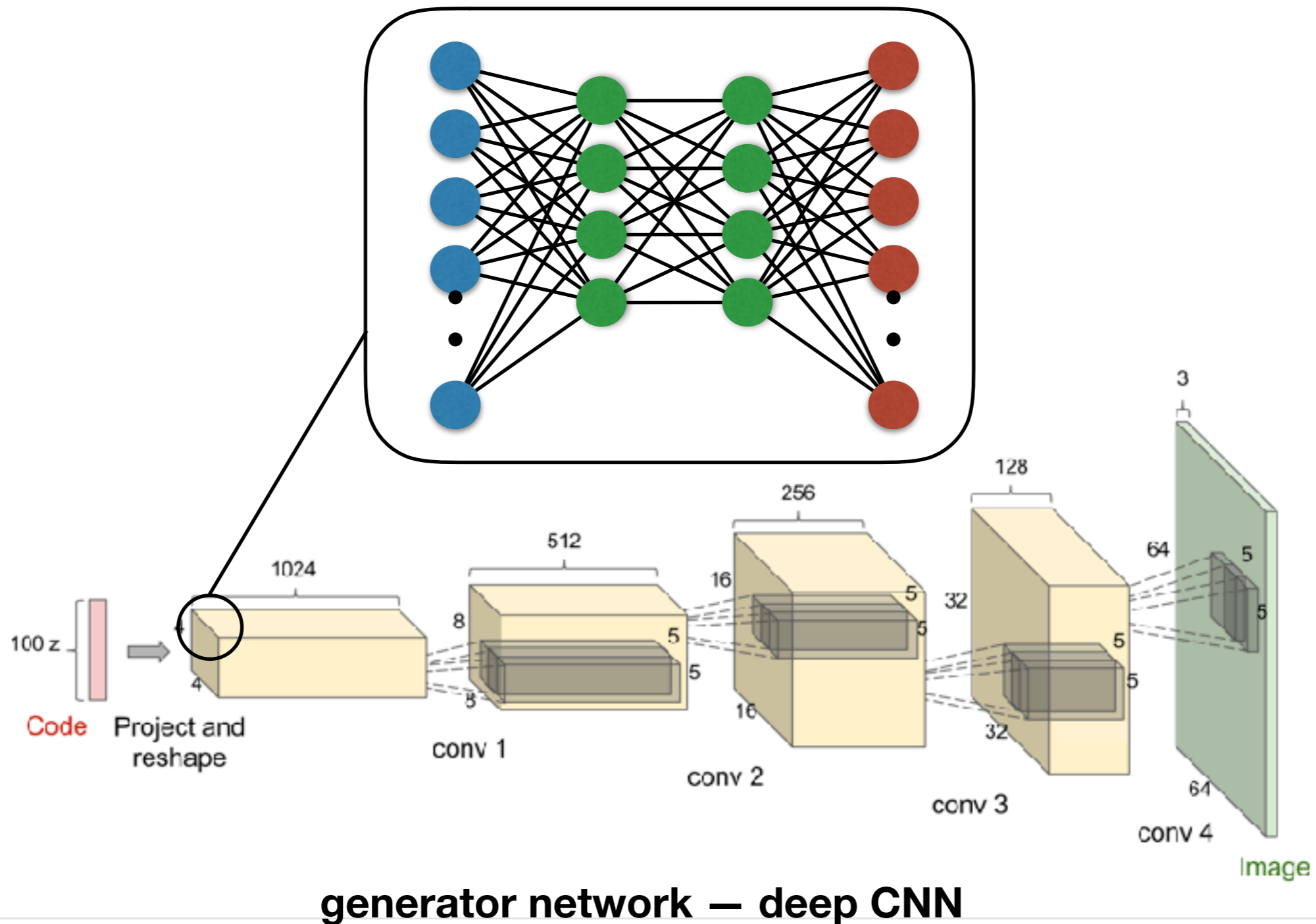
NVIDIA “Style-based GAN” face image model

See also: <https://thispersondoesnotexist.com/>

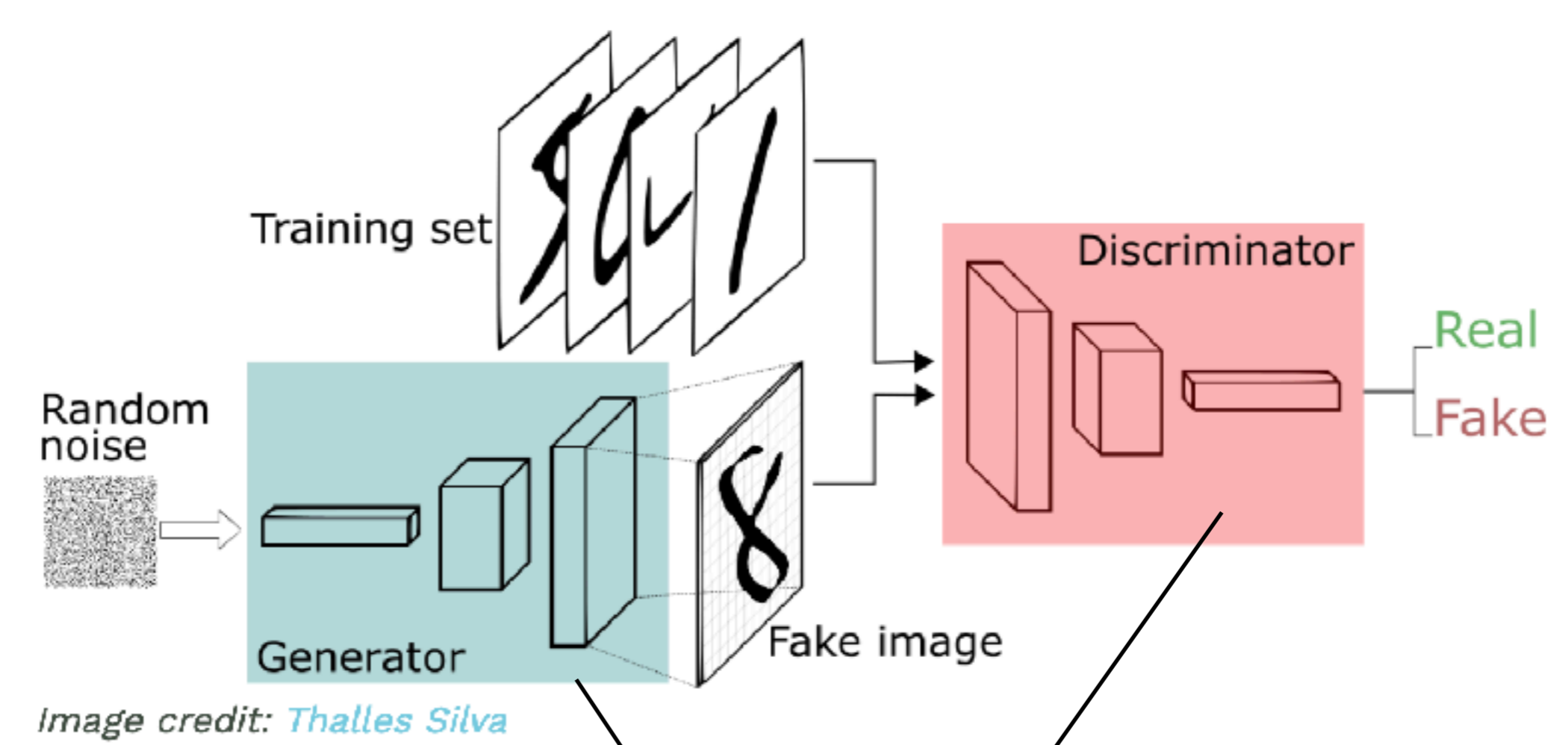
Karras, Laine, & Aila 2019

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kSLJriaOumA>

Generative adversarial networks (GANs)



Generative adversarial networks (GANs)



Jointly train Generator and Discriminator network

GANs for super-resolution

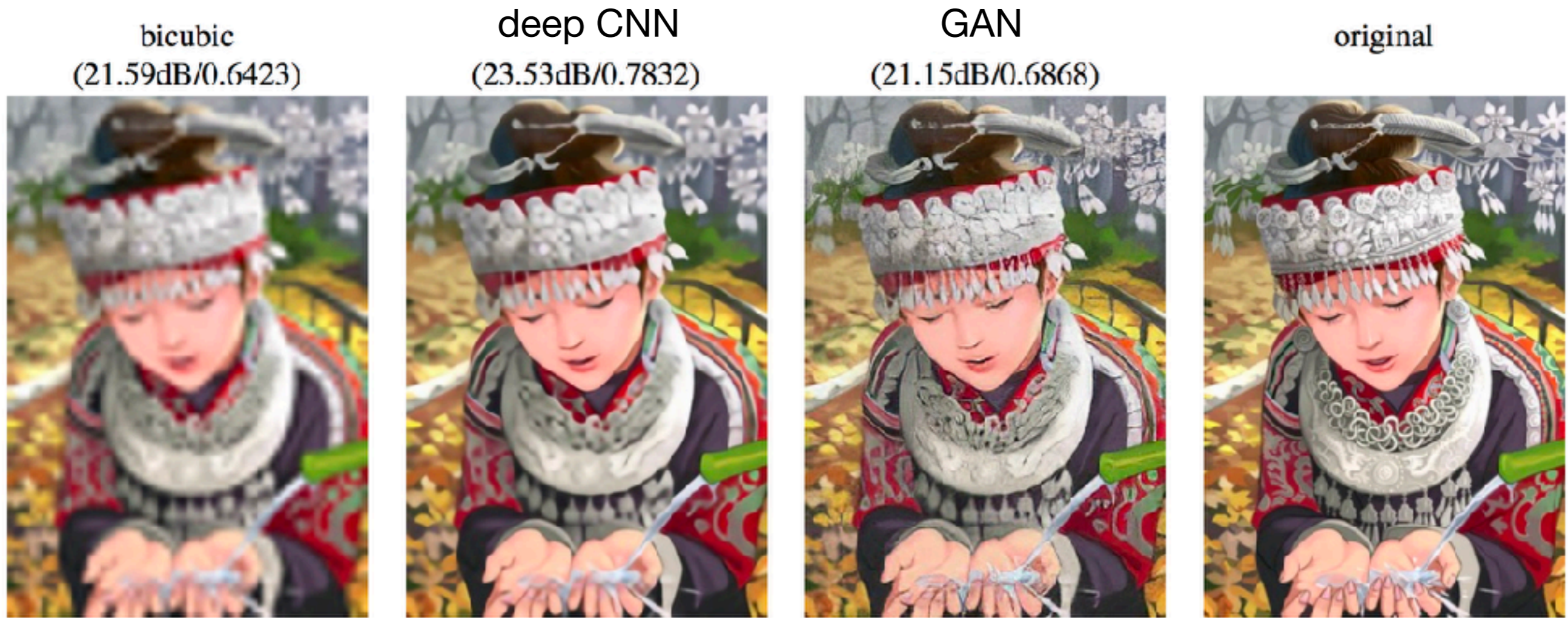


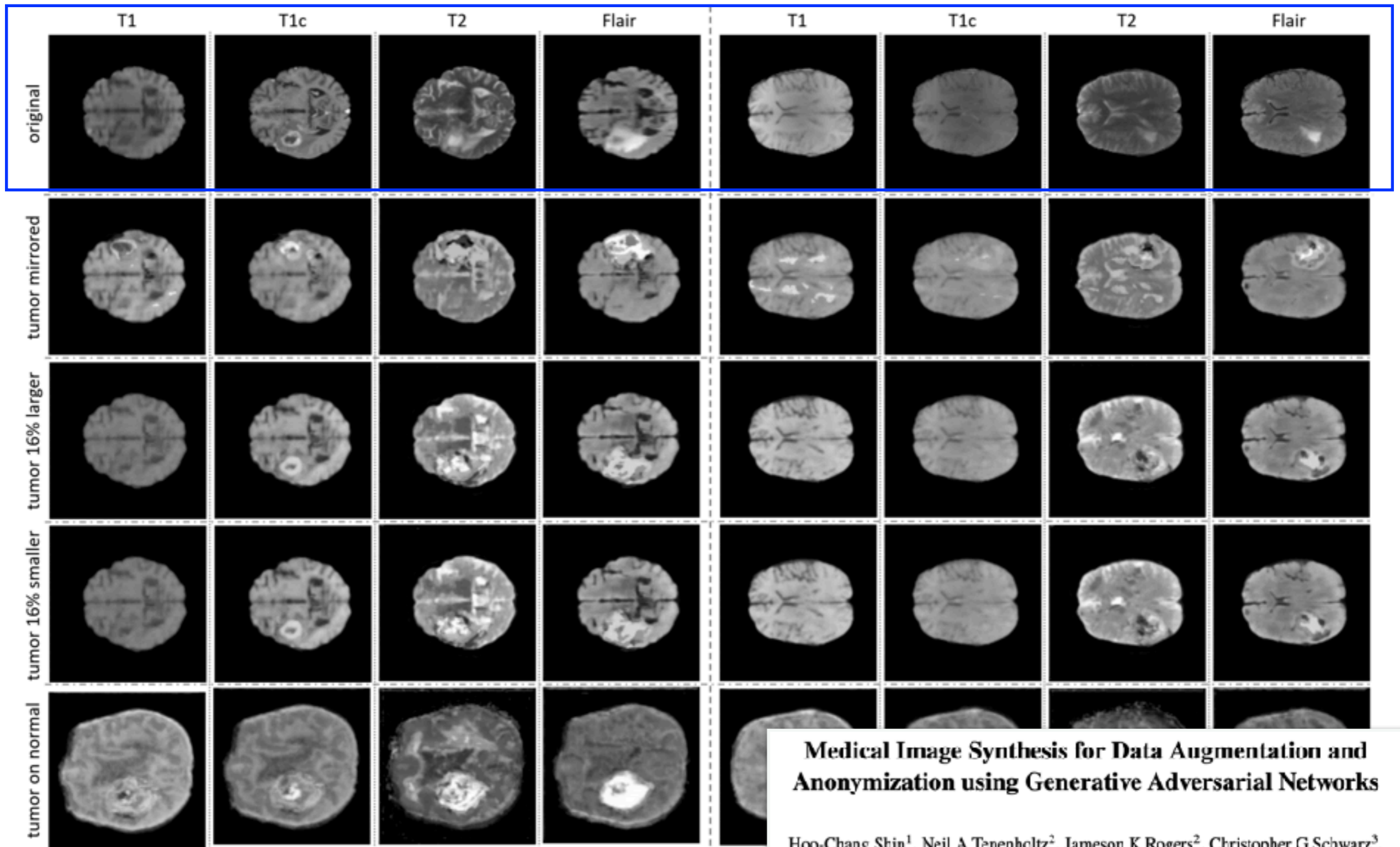
Figure 2: From left to right: bicubic interpolation, deep residual network optimized for MSE, deep residual generative adversarial network optimized for a loss more sensitive to human perception, original HR image. Corresponding PSNR and SSIM are shown in brackets. [4× upscaling]

Photo-Realistic Single Image Super-Resolution Using a Generative Adversarial Network

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Real MRI images



Medical Image Synthesis for Data Augmentation and Anonymization using Generative Adversarial Networks

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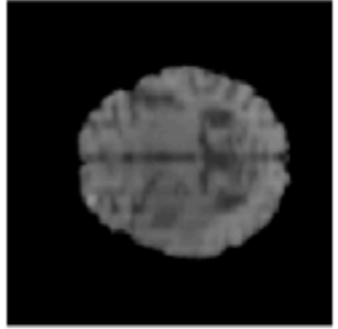
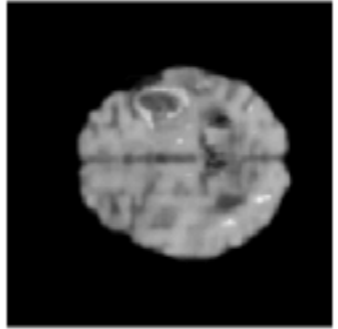
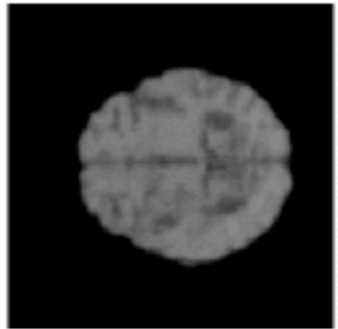
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Simulated MRI Images

GANs for image reconstruction

Idea: Find image in the range of the generator that best fits the measurements

$x_1 = G(z_1)$		$\ Hx_1 - y\ ^2 = 100$
$x_2 = G(z_2)$		$\ Hx_2 - y\ ^2 = 1$
$x_3 = G(z_3)$		$\ Hx_2 - y\ ^2 = 10$

Find best z by solving an optimization problem, e.g., by gradient descent

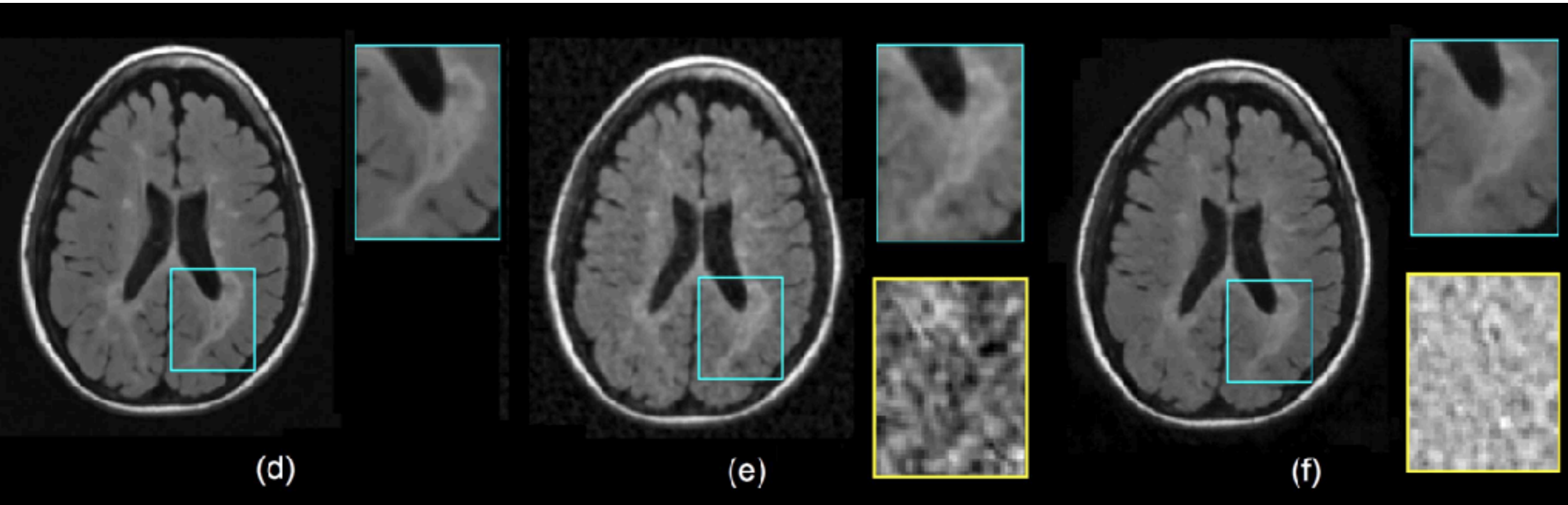
$$\underset{x \in \text{range}(G)}{\text{minimize}} \|Hx - y\|^2 \longrightarrow \underset{z}{\text{minimize}} \|HG(z) - y\|^2$$

GANs for MRI Reconstruction

Ground truth

Compressed sensing
Reconstruction

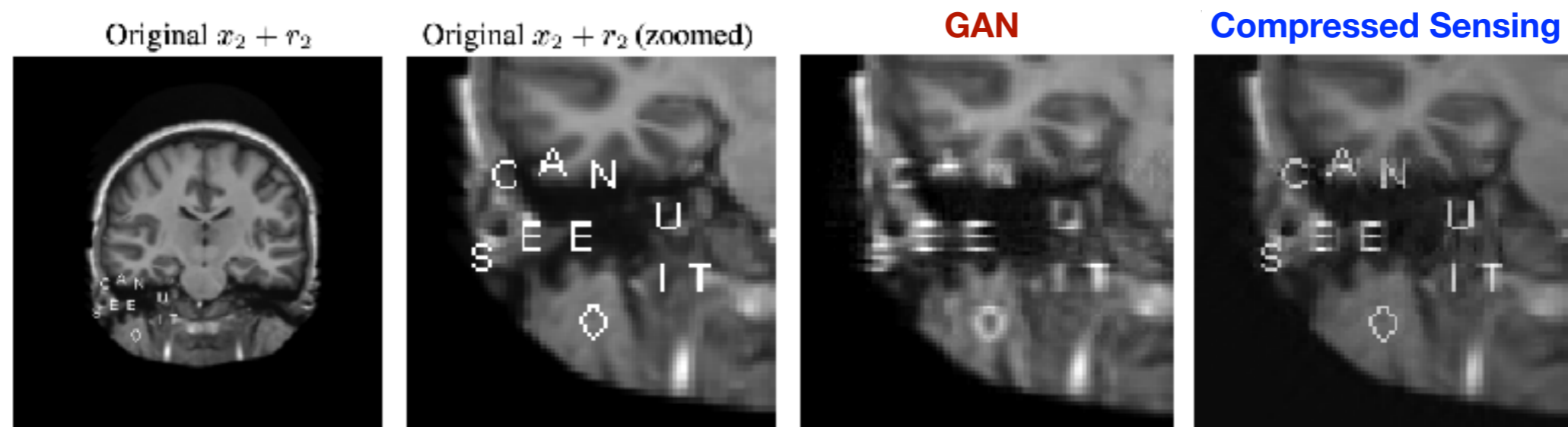
GAN
Reconstruction



DAGAN: Deep de-aliasing generative adversarial networks for fast compressed sensing MRI reconstruction'

Drawbacks to GANs

- Training an accurate GAN requires many training samples (NVIDIA faces: ~200,000 training examples)
- Reconstructed images must lie in the range of the GAN
 - If patient has abnormality not contained in training set, the abnormality may be “smoothed over” by the GAN



Antun, V., Renna, F., Poon, C., Adcock, B., & Hansen, A. C. (2019).

On instabilities of deep learning in image reconstruction-Does AI come at a cost?. arXiv preprint arXiv:1902.05300.

Approach 3: Unrolling algorithms

Learning to learn by gradient descent by gradient descent

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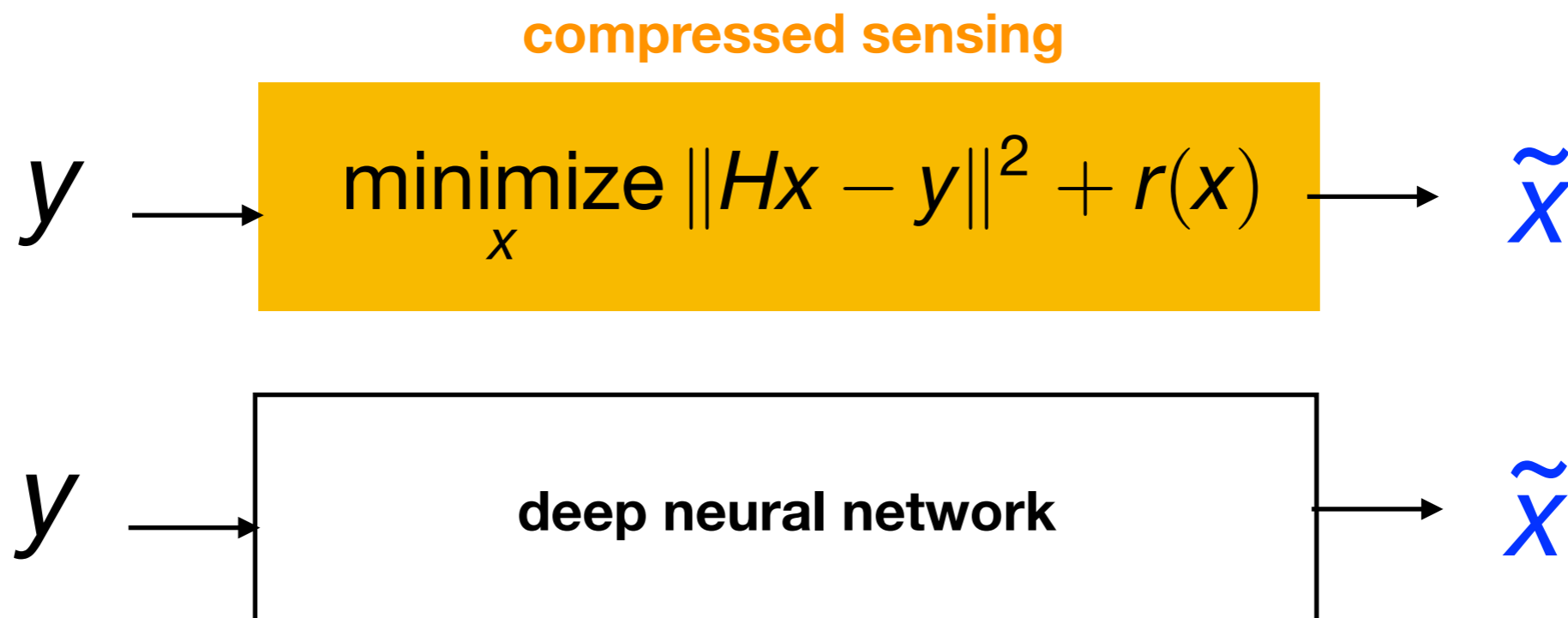
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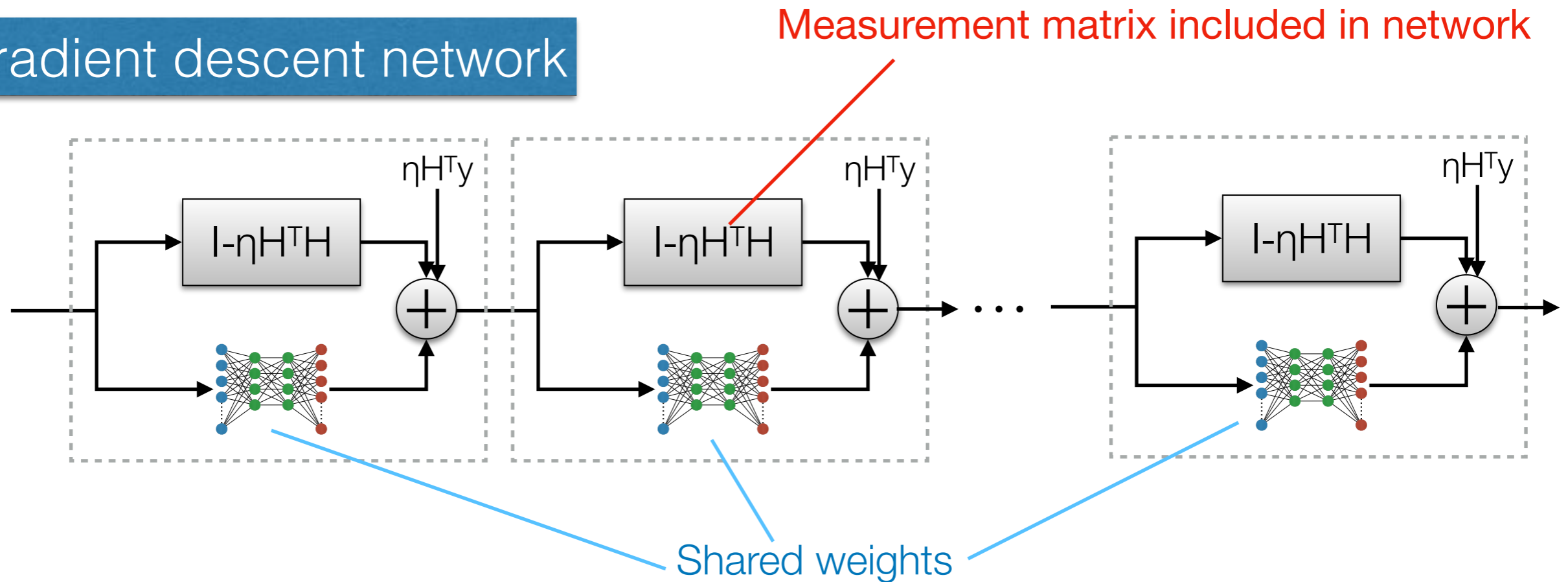
Learning to Optimize via Deep Learning

- **Intuition:** Compressed sensing gives good reconstructions but requires solving a computational costly optimization problem each time
- Can we learn to solve the compressed sensing optimization problem with deep learning?



Example: Unrolled gradient descent

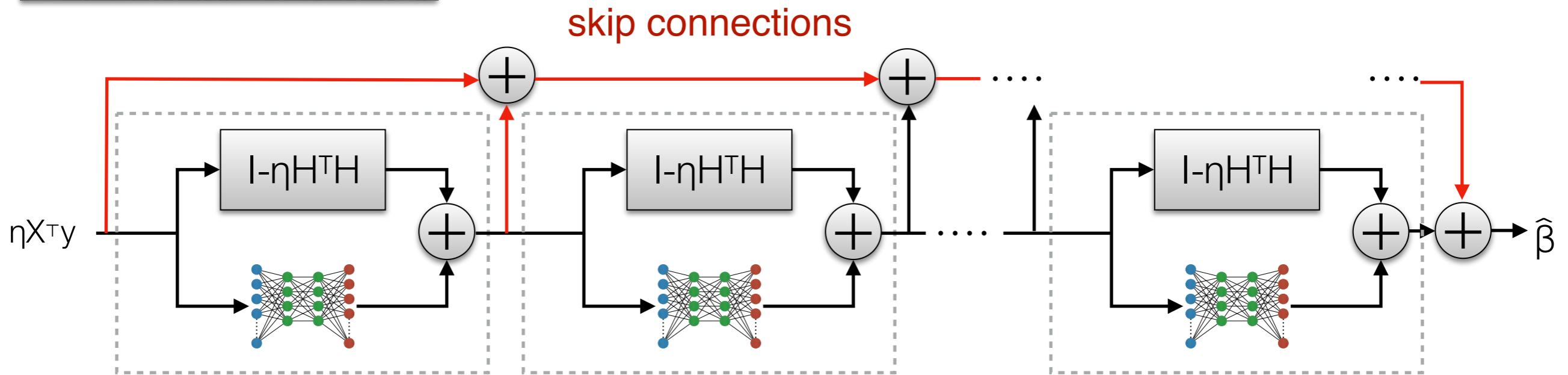
Gradient descent network



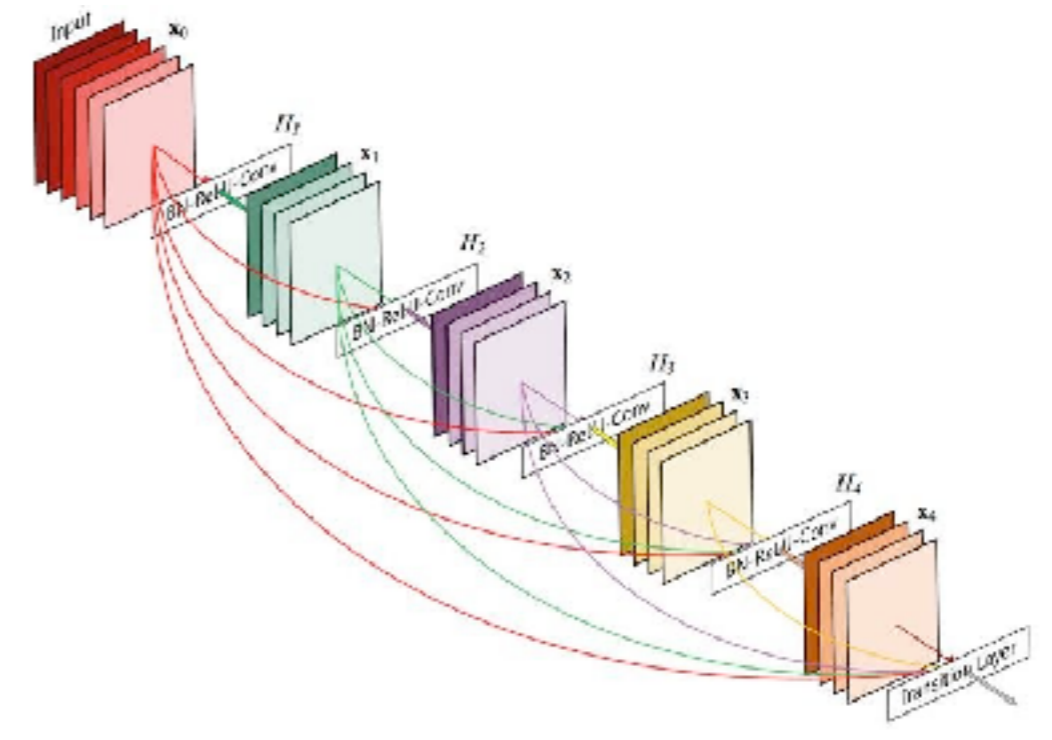
- Mimics finitely many iterations of gradient descent applied to minimize $\|Hx - y\|^2 + r(x)$
- Replace regularizer $r(x)$ with **learned neural network**

Neumann networks (O., Gilton, Willett, 2019)

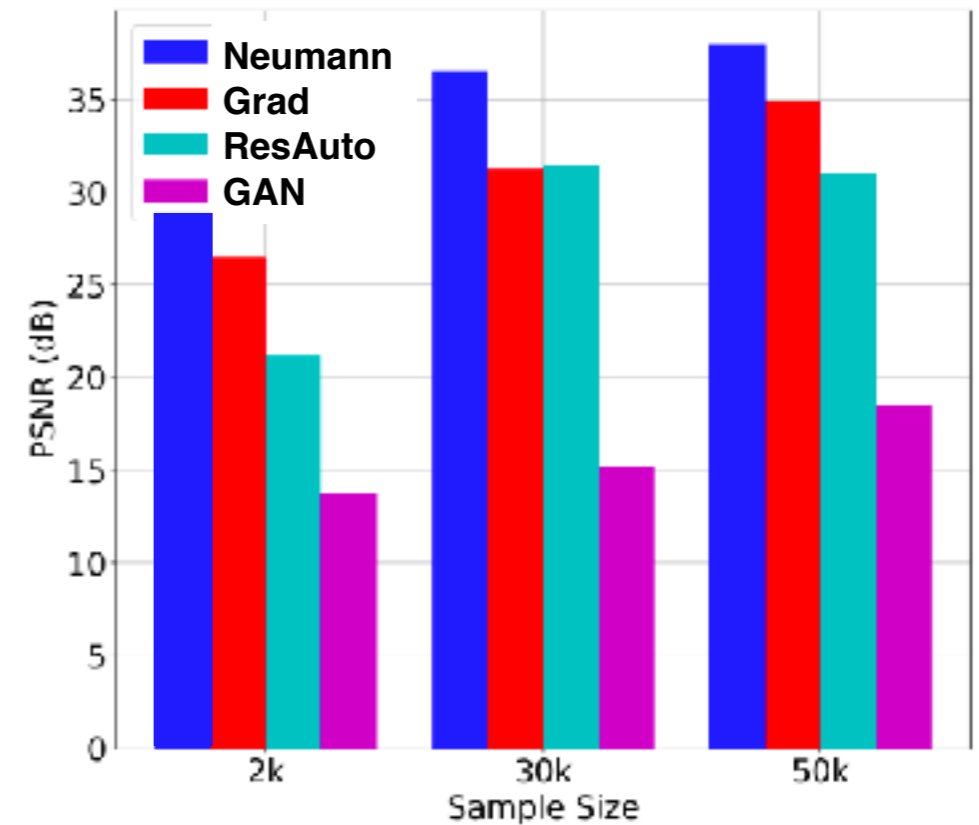
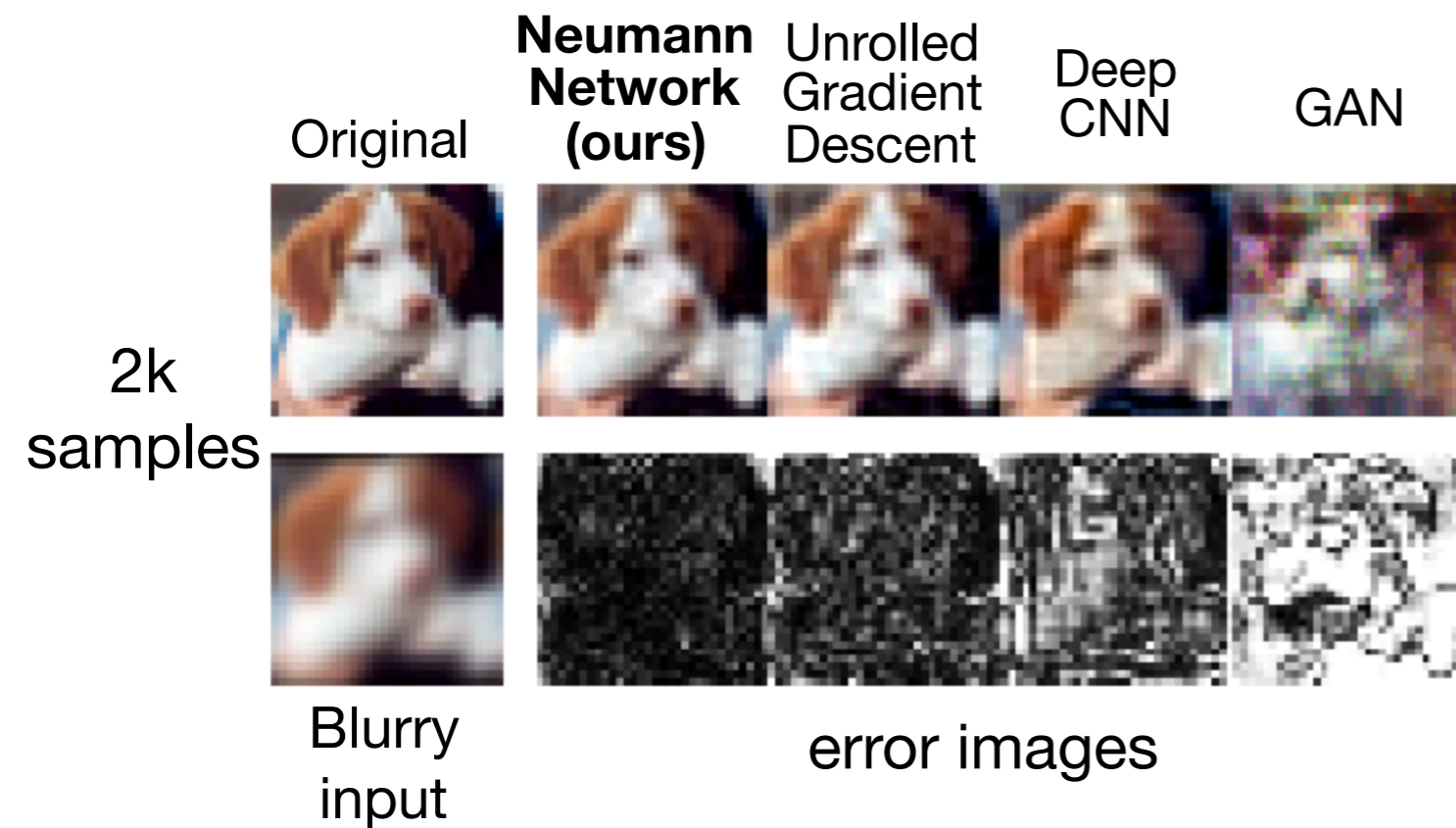
Neumann network



Dense Convolutional Networks (DenseNets)



Sample Complexity - Deblurring task



Neumann Networks for Inverse Problems in Imaging

Davis Gilton, Greg Ongie, Rebecca Willett*

January 15, 2019

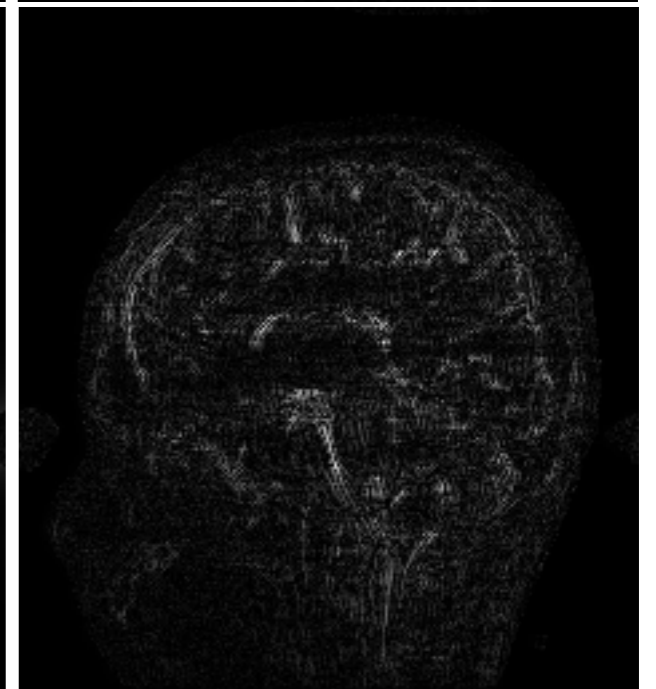
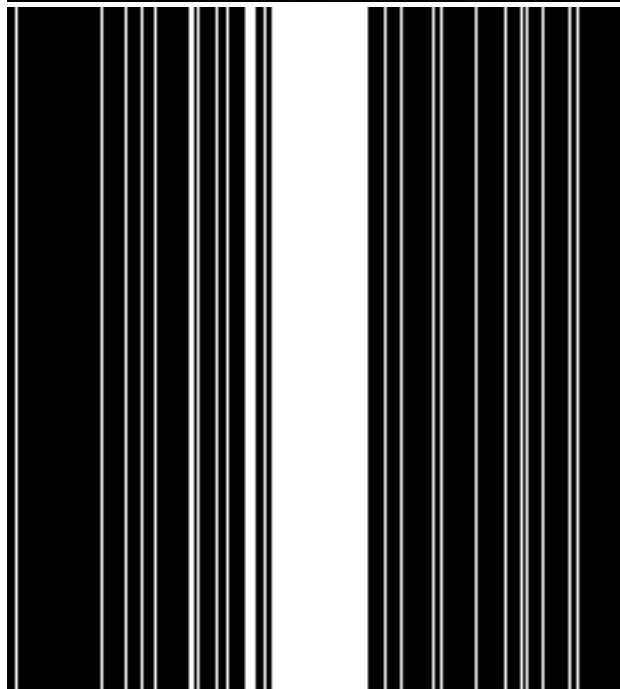
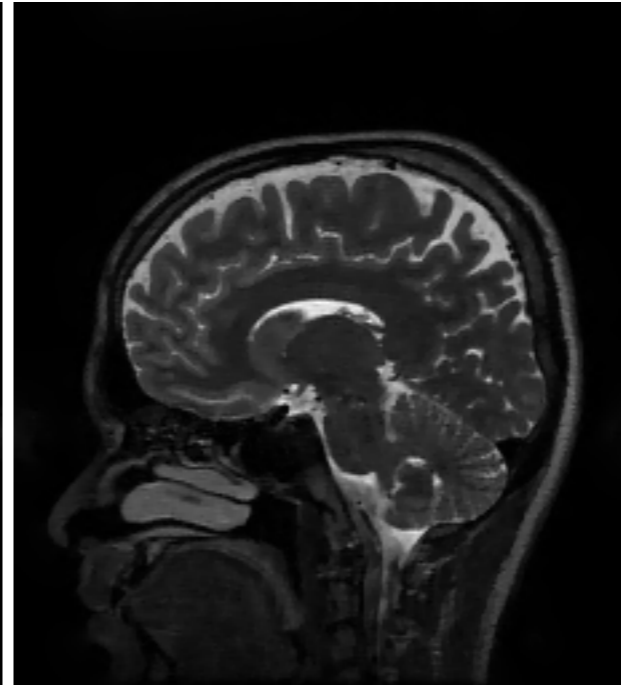
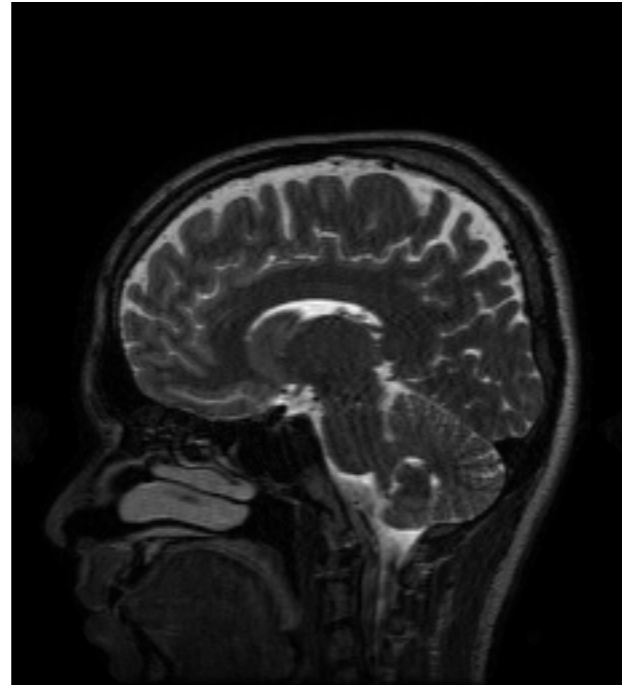
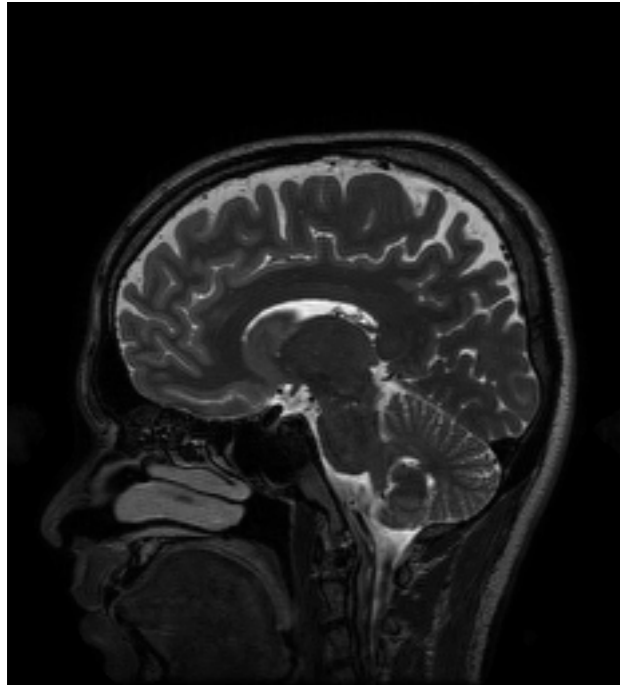
MRI Reconstruction Results

Original

Neumann Network

Compressed Sensing

CNN



k-space Sampling Mask

PSNR: 34.95 dB
Time: 16.3 sec

PSNR: 32.29 dB
Time: 349.2 sec

PSNR: 32.39 dB
Time: 1.6 sec

Recap and Outlook

Challenges in deep learning for biomedical imaging

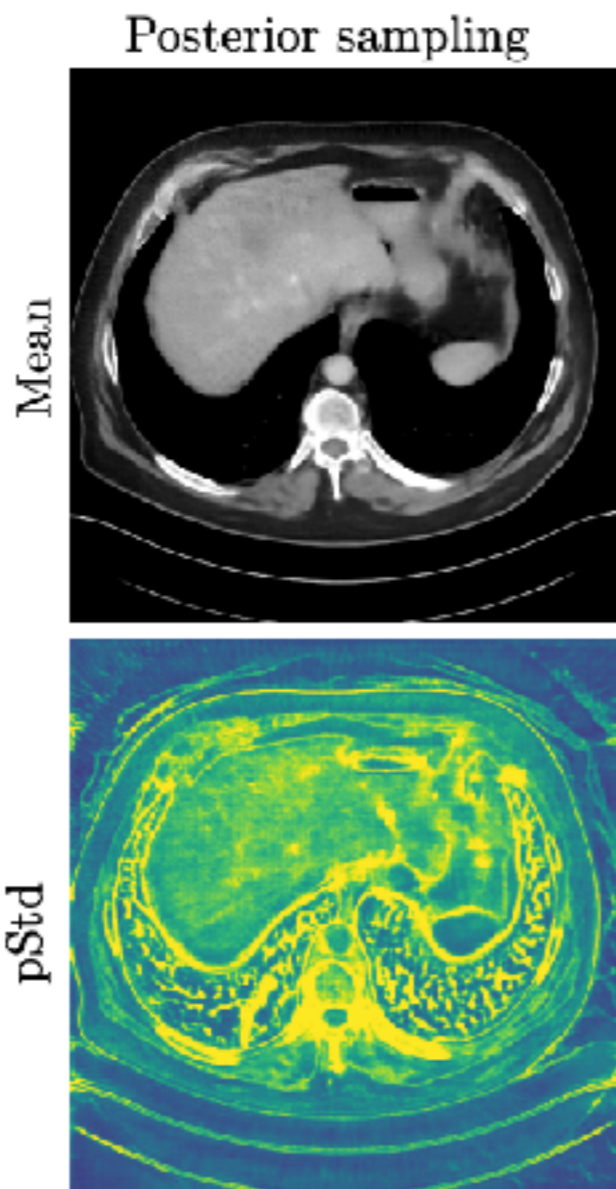
- **Challenge 1: Limited Training Data**
 - Unrolling — incorporate forward model into network
- **Challenge 2: Complex Input Formats**
 - Use “approximate inverse” as input to network, rather than raw measurements
- **Challenge 3: Beyond Classification**
 - Adapt CNN’s to perform image restoration tasks
 - Use GAN’s or to model image distribution

Going Forward: Uncertainty Quantification

How do we know we are not hallucinating features in the reconstruction?

Can we learn a full **posterior**? $p(x|y)$

conditional
mean



point-wise
standard
deviation

Hypothesis testing

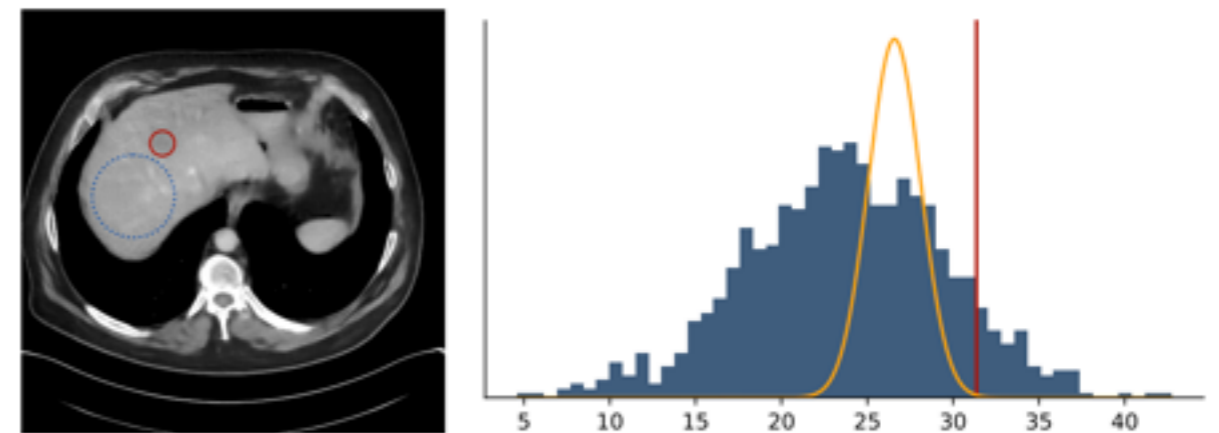


Fig. 4: The suspected tumor (red) and the reference region (blue) shown in the sample posterior mean image. Right plot shows average contrast differences between the tumor and reference region. The histogram is computed by posterior sampling applied to test data (fig. 2), the yellow curve is from direct estimation, and the true value is the red threshold.

Deep Bayesian Inversion

Computational uncertainty quantification for large scale inverse problems

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Access to Datasets

- Further advances will require standardized training and test sets
- Facebook/NYU FastMRI: 900 3-D knee MRI images



The screenshot shows the homepage of the fastMRI project. At the top, there are logos for Facebook AI Research and NYU Langone Health, and a navigation menu with links for Home, Leaderboards, The Dataset, and Submission Guidelines. The main heading is "fastMRI" with the subtitle "Accelerating MR Imaging with AI". Below this is a "Latest News & Updates" section with two news items: one dated 11-21-2018 about new open-source AI research tools, and another dated 08-20-2018 about a research collaboration. The bottom section is titled "What is fastMRI?" and contains three columns of text explaining the project's goals and resources.

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New fastMRI open source AI research tools from Facebook and NYU...
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Facebook and NYU School of Medicine launch research collaboration...
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What is fastMRI?

fastMRI is collaborative research project from Facebook AI Research (FAIR) and NYU Langone Health to investigate the use of AI to make MRI scans up to 10 times faster.

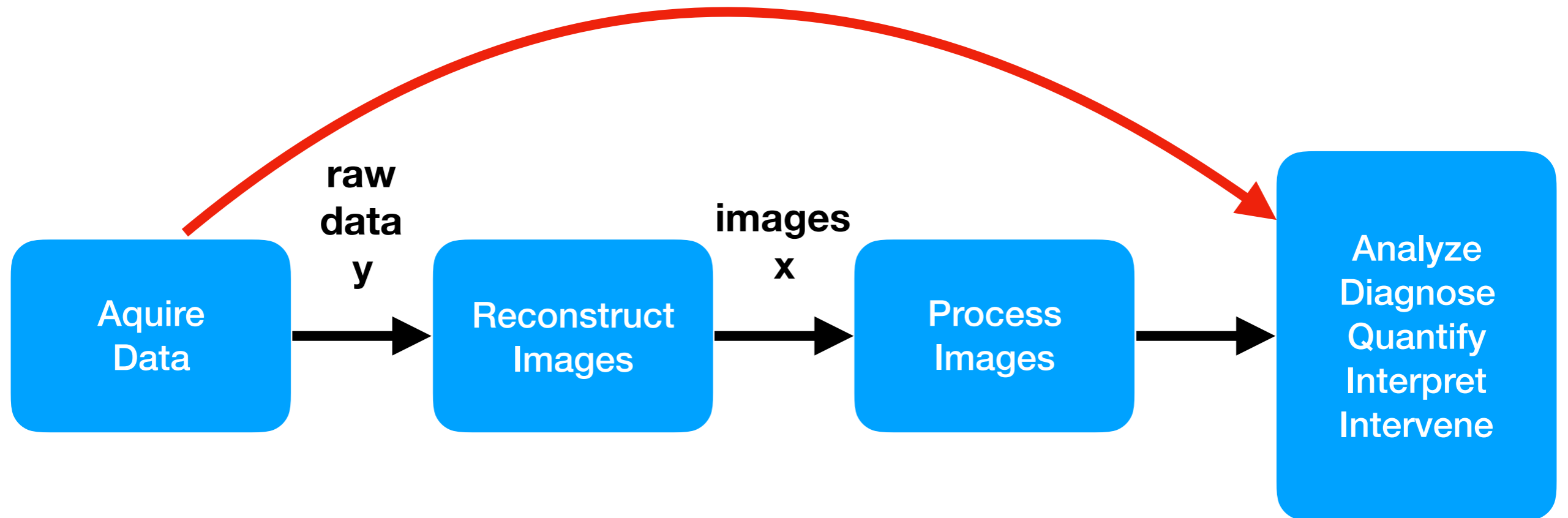
By creating accurate images from under-sampled data, AI image reconstruction could enable faster scanning times, providing an improved experience for patients and potentially making MRIs accessible to more people.

To enable the broader research community to participate in this important project, we are open-sourcing our baselines models, evaluation metrics, convenient Pytorch loaders, and providing a public leaderboard to share results. Check out our [GitHub repository](#).

NYU Langone Health has released fully anonymized raw data and image datasets, that you can access at [this link](#).

<http://fastmri.org/>

Is reconstruction even necessary?



Thanks!

Additional reading:

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Lundervold, A. S., & Lundervold, A. (2019). An overview of deep learning in medical imaging focusing on MRI. *Zeitschrift für Medizinische Physik*, 29(2), 102-127.

Kaggle data science bowl 2017: Lung nodule classification
<https://www.kaggle.com/c/data-science-bowl-2017/overview>

McCann, M. T., Jin, K. H., & Unser, M. (2017). Convolutional neural networks for inverse problems in imaging: A review. *IEEE Signal Processing Magazine*, 34(6), 85-95.

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