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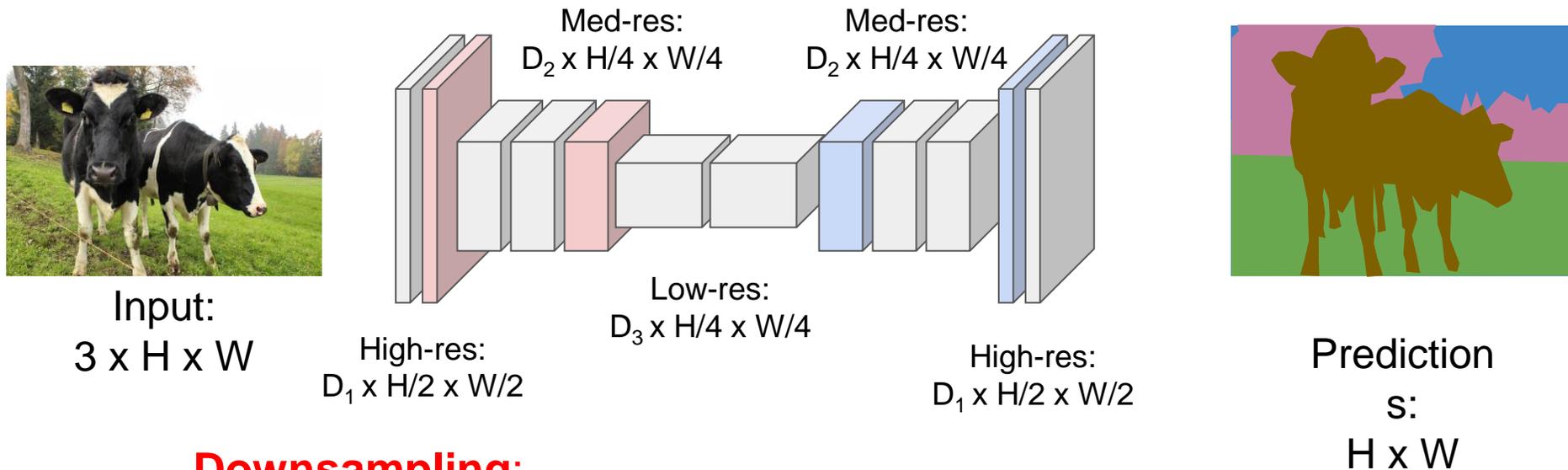
~~“Unsupervised”~~ *Self Supervised*  
Deep Learning

James Hays

slides from Carl Doersch and Richard Zhang

# Recap: Fully Convolutional Network

Design network as a bunch of convolutional layers, with **downsampling** and **upsampling** inside the network!

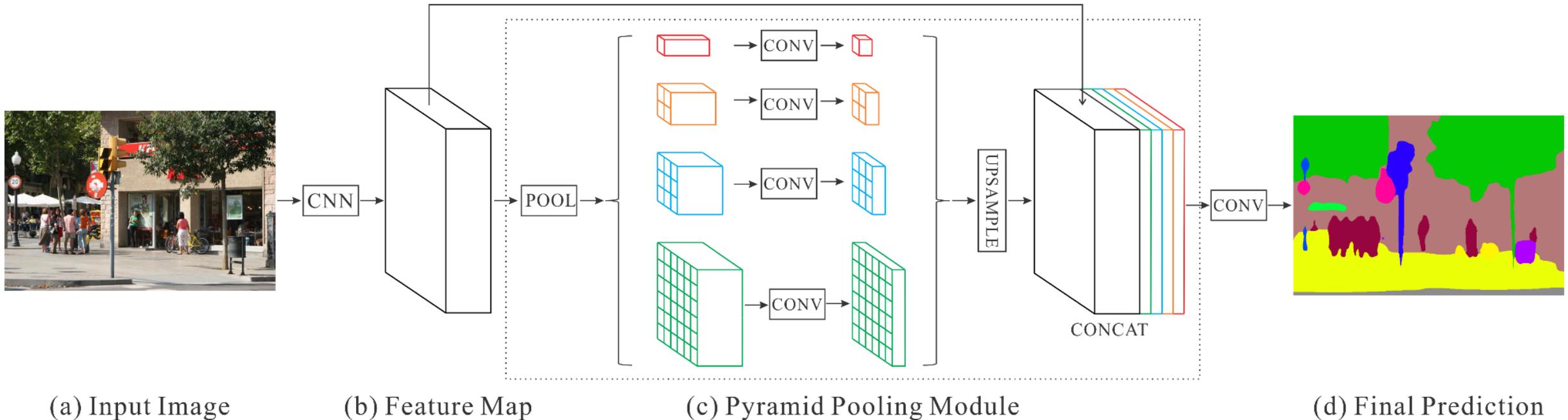


**Downsampling:**  
Pooling, strided  
convolution

**Upsampling:**  
???

Long, Shelhamer, and Darrell, "Fully Convolutional Networks for Semantic Segmentation", CVPR 2015  
Noh et al, "Learning Deconvolution Network for Semantic Segmentation", ICCV 2015

# Recap: Pyramid Scene Parsing Network



## Framework overview of PSPNet

*"Pyramid Scene Parsing Network", Zhao et al. CVPR 2017 [15,000+ citation]*

Slide Credit: Hengshuang Zhao and Jiaya Jia

# Recap

## Big Data

- The Unreasonable Effectiveness of Data
- Scene Completion
- Im2gps
- Recognition via Tiny Images

## Crowdsourcing

- “Wisdom of the Crowds” / consensus
- Find good annotators through grading
- Pricing affects throughput but not quality
- User interface and instructions matter a lot

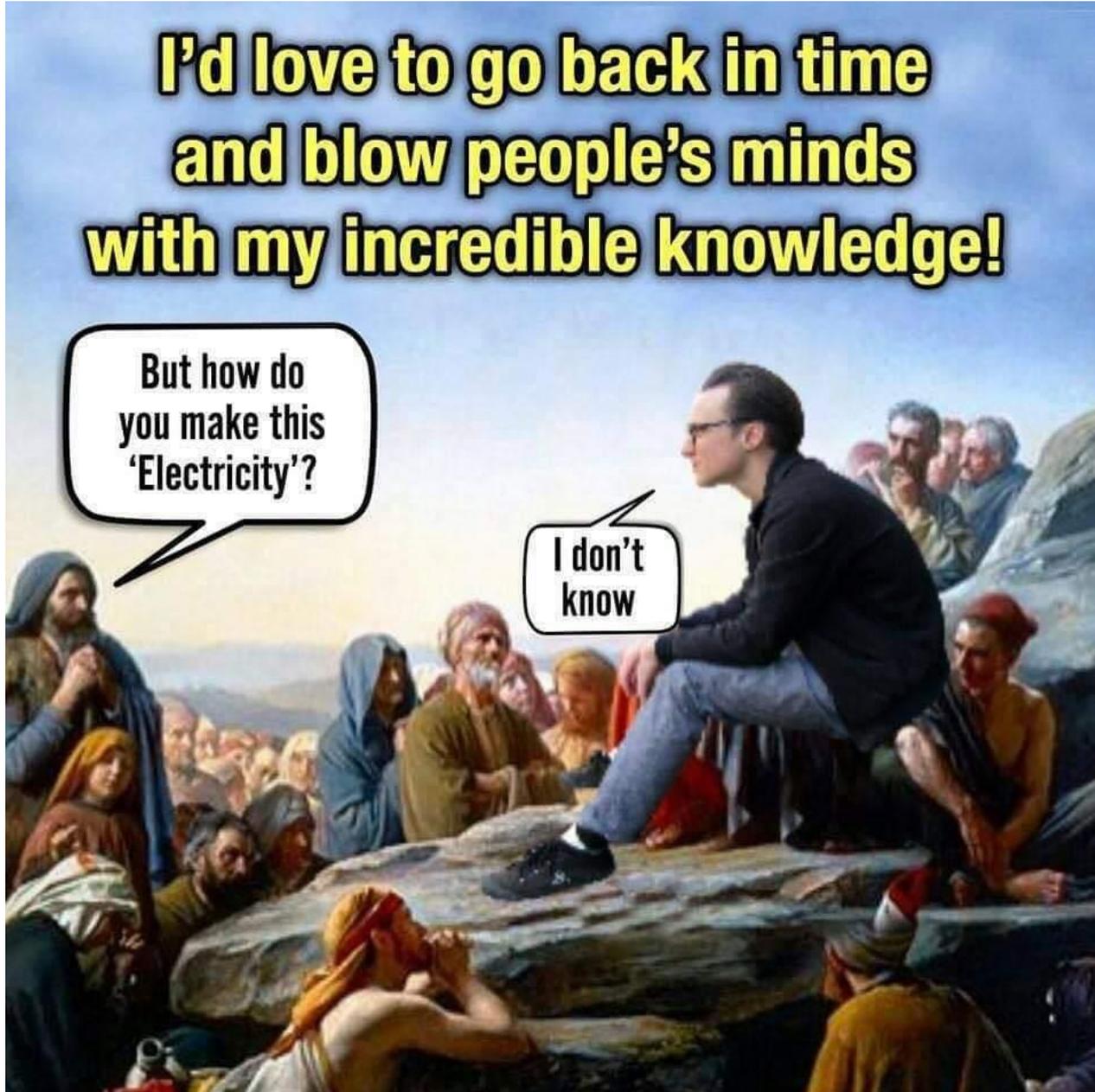
# Today's Lecture

- Four methods for “unsupervised” deep learning
  - Context Prediction. Doersch et al. ICCV 2015
  - Colorful Image Colorization. Zhang et al. ECCV 2016
  - SimCLR. Chen et al. ICML 2020
  - Masked Autoencoders. He et al. CVPR 2022
- Big picture: do we need big, labeled datasets like ImageNet to make deep learning worthwhile? Can we learn from something else?

**I'd love to go back in time  
and blow people's minds  
with my incredible knowledge!**

But how do  
you make this  
'Electricity'?

I don't  
know

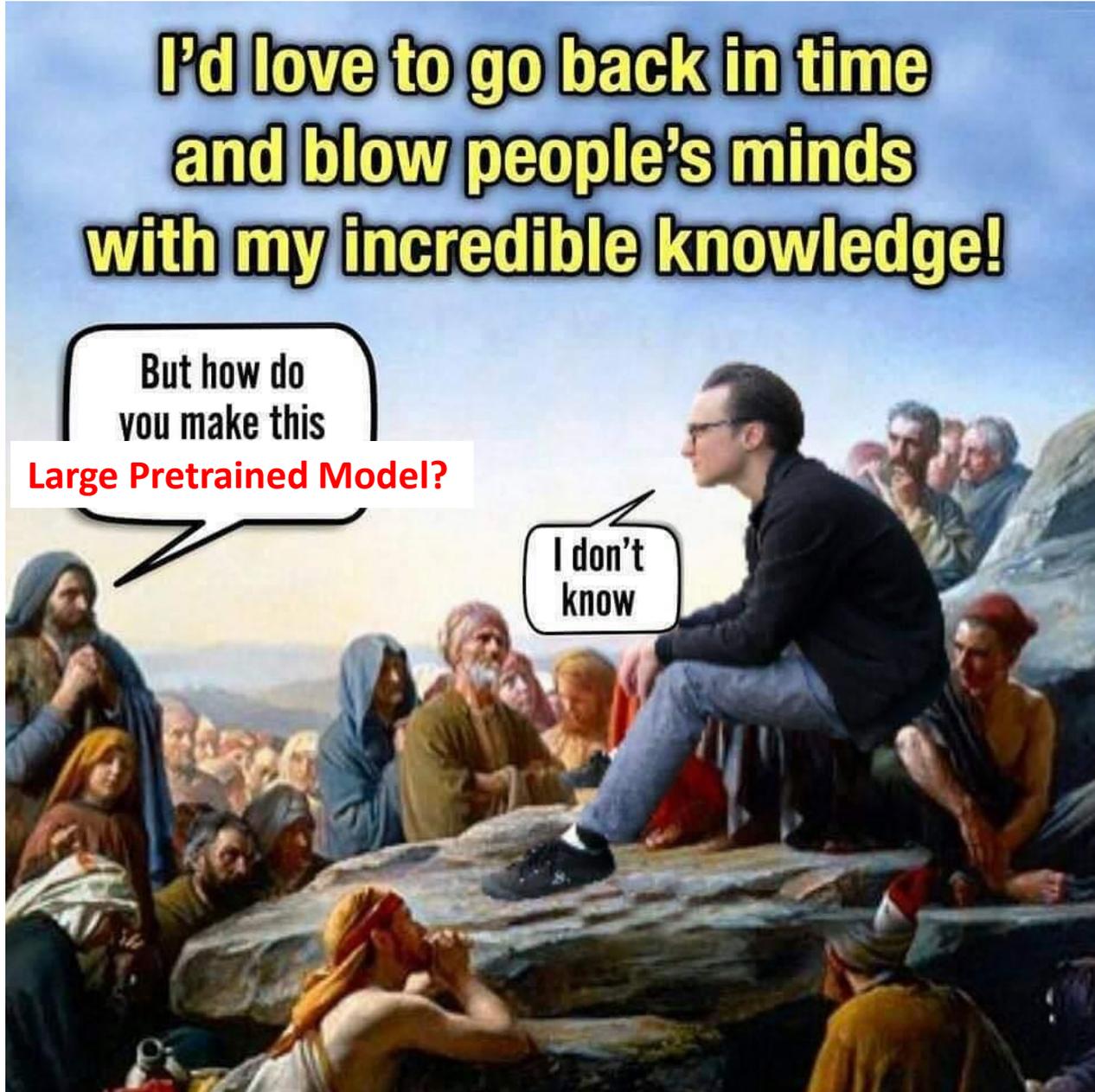


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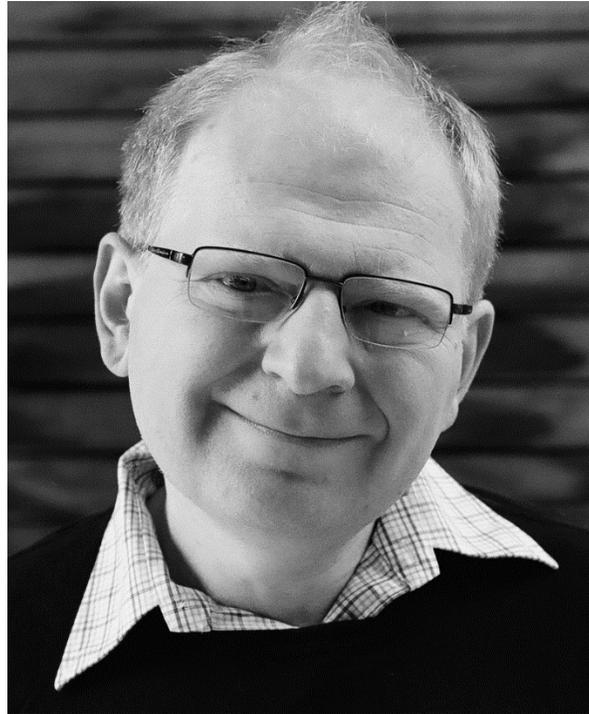
**Large Pretrained Model?**

I don't  
know



# The Gelato Bet

"If, by the first day of autumn (Sept 23) of 2015, a method will exist that can match or beat the performance of R-CNN on Pascal VOC detection, without the use of any extra, human annotations (e.g. ImageNet) as pre-training, Mr. Malik promises to buy Mr. Efros one (1) gelato"

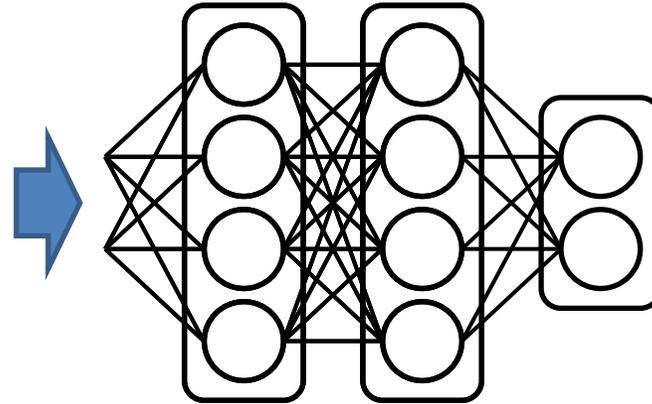


# Unsupervised Visual Representation Learning by Context Prediction

Carl Doersch, Alexei A. Efros, and Abhinav Gupta

ICCV 2015

# ImageNet + Deep Learning

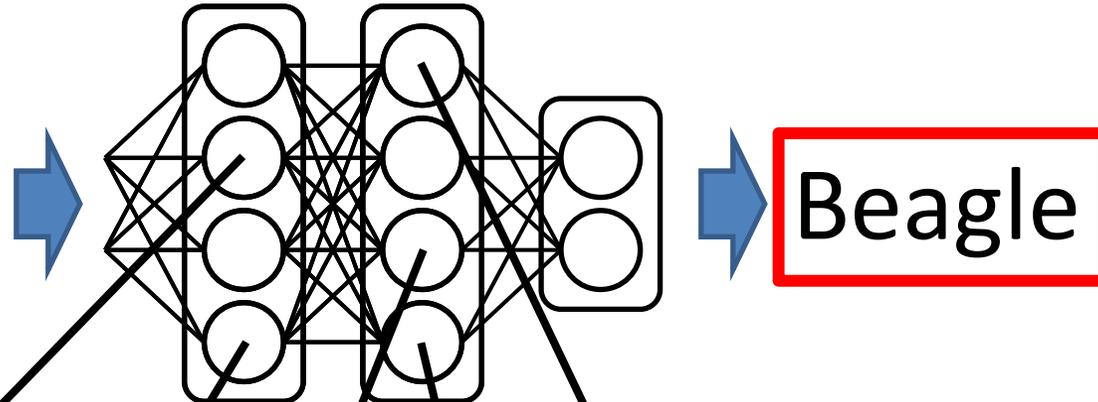


Beagle



- Image Retrieval
- Detection (RCNN)
- Segmentation (FCN)
- Depth Estimation
- ...

# ImageNet + Deep Learning



Materials?

Parts?

Pose?

*Do we even need this sort of labels?*

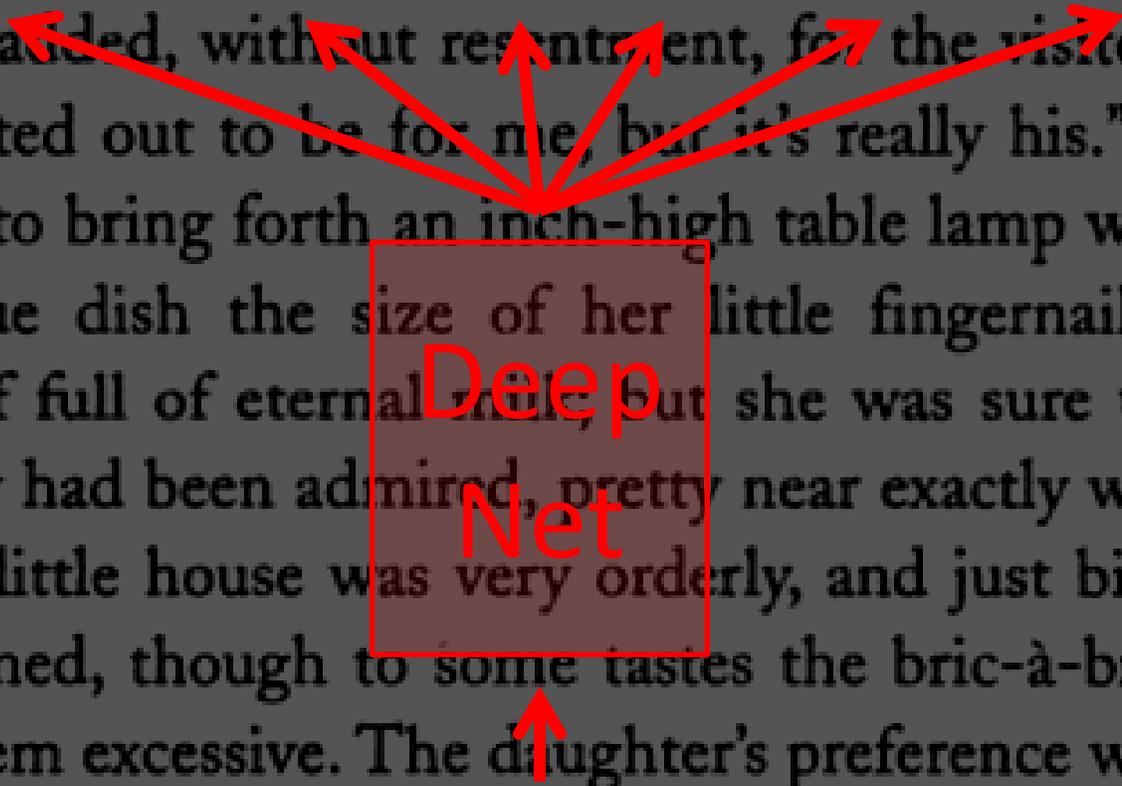
Geometry?

Boundaries?

# Context as Supervision

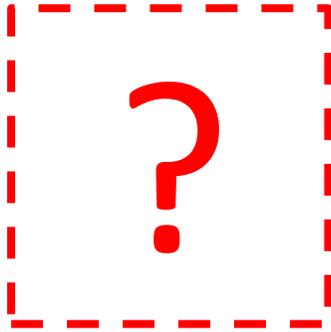
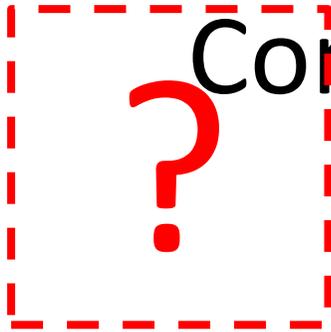
[Collobert & Weston 2008; Mikolov et al. 2013 (Word2Vec)]

house, where the professor lived without his wife and child; or so he said jokingly sometimes: "Here's where I live. My house." His daughter often added, without resentment, for the visitor's information, "It started out to be for me, but it's really his." And she might reach in to bring forth an inch-high table lamp with fluted shade, or a blue dish the size of her little fingernail, marked "Kitty" and half full of eternal milk, but she was sure to replace these, after they had been admired, pretty near exactly where they had been. The little house was very orderly, and just big enough for all it contained, though to some tastes the bric-à-brac in the parlor might seem excessive. The daughter's preference was for the store-bought gimmicks and appliances, the toasters and carpet sweepers of Lilliput, but she knew that most adult visitors would



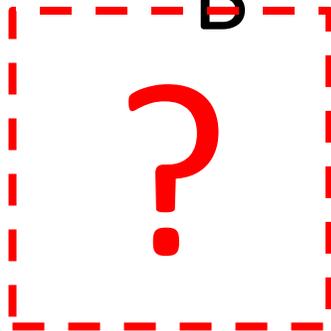
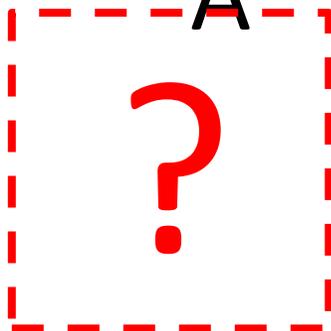
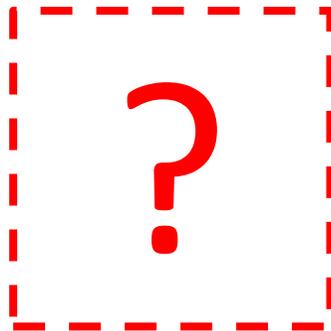
Deep  
Net

# Context Prediction for Images

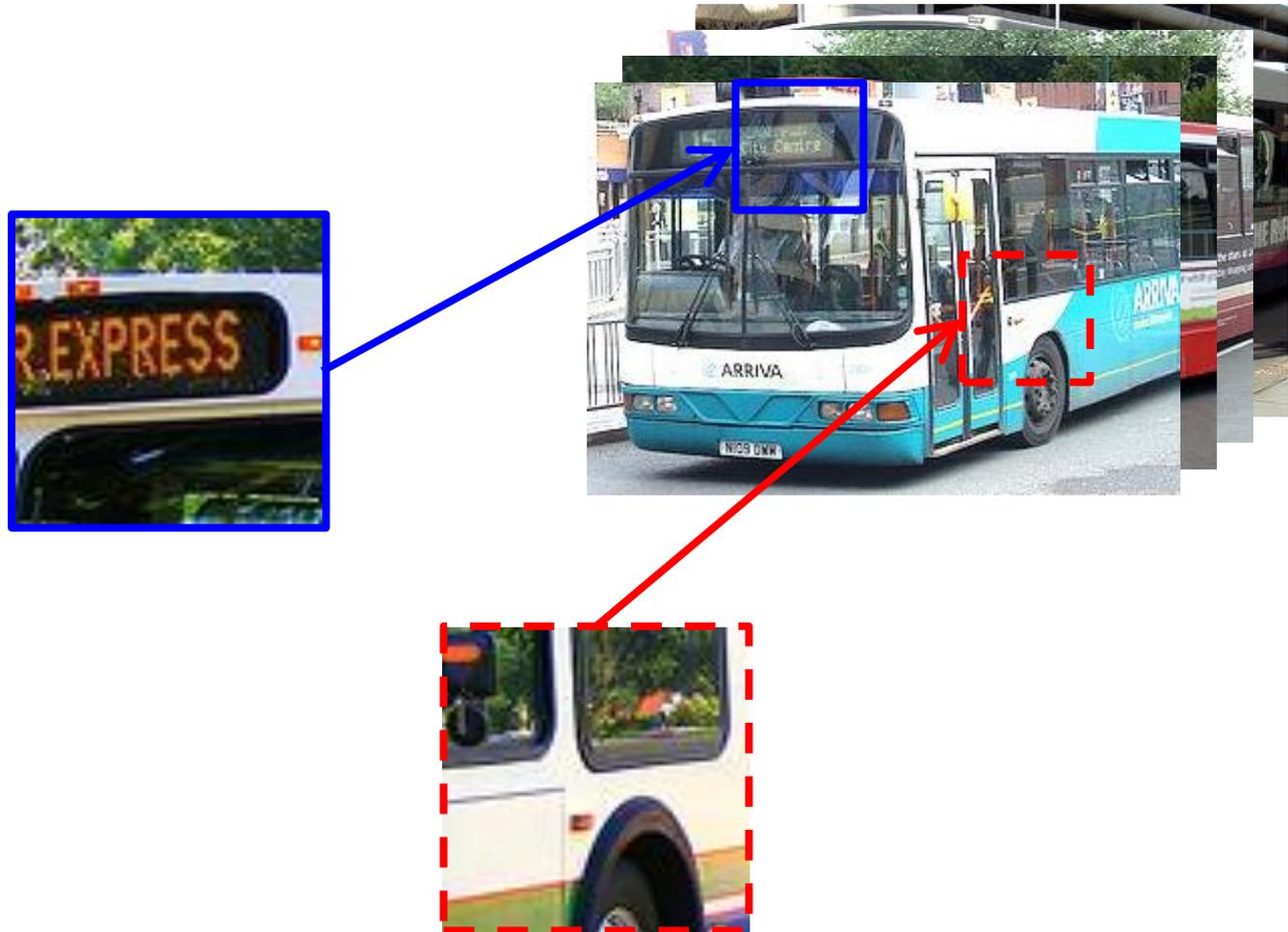


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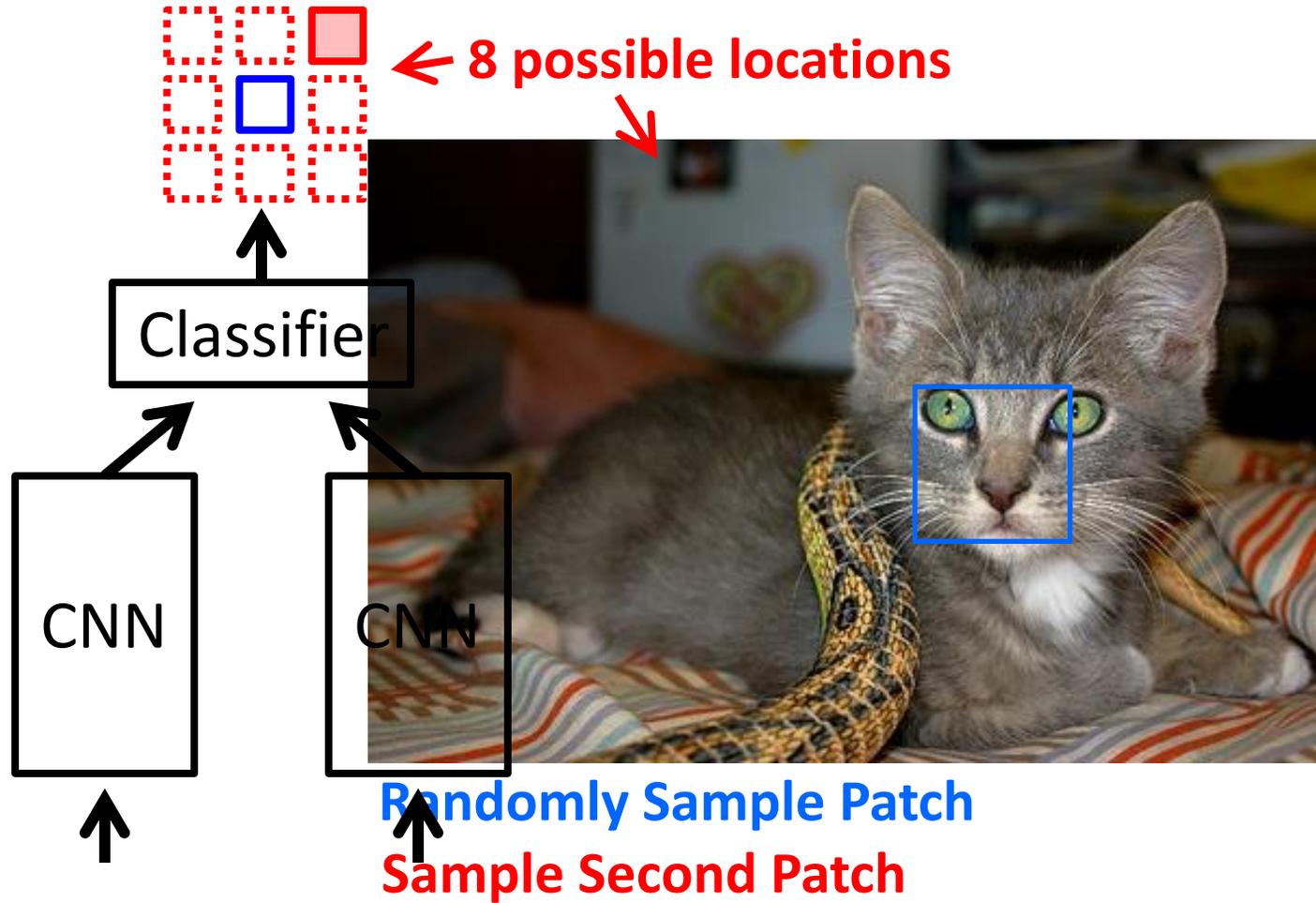
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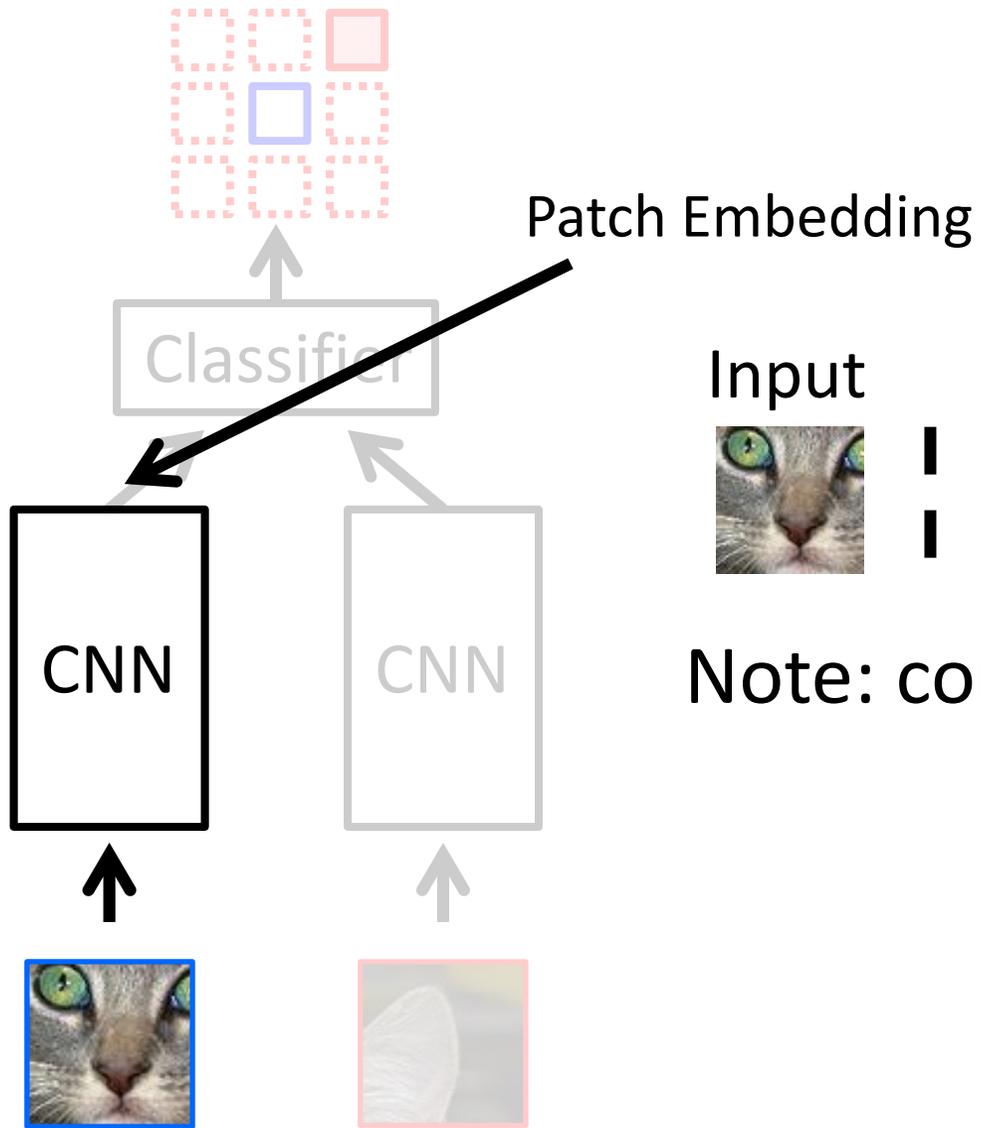


# Semantics from a non-semantic task



# Relative Position Task





Input



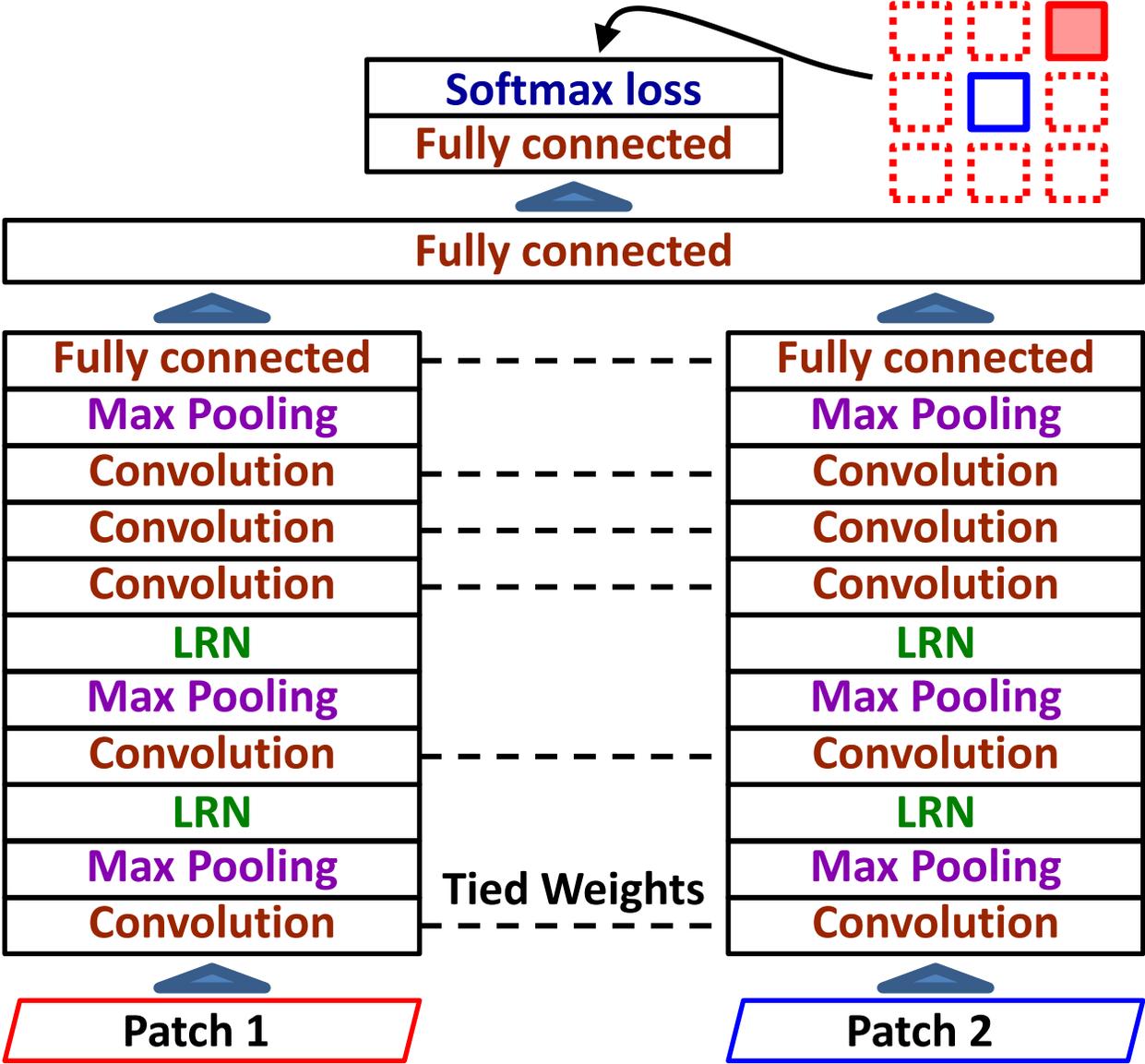
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Nearest Neighbors

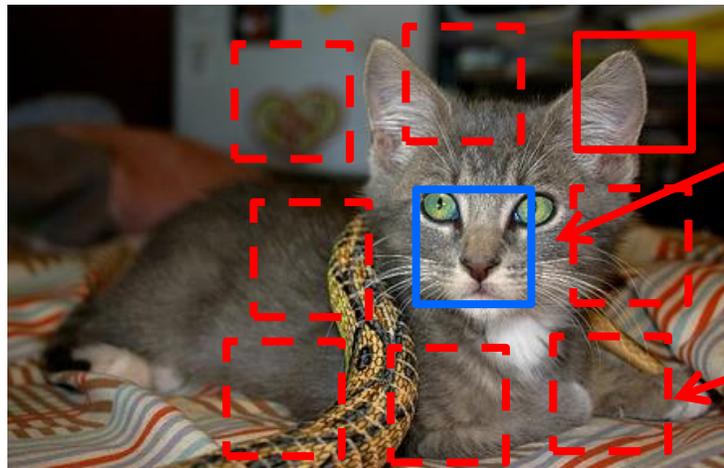
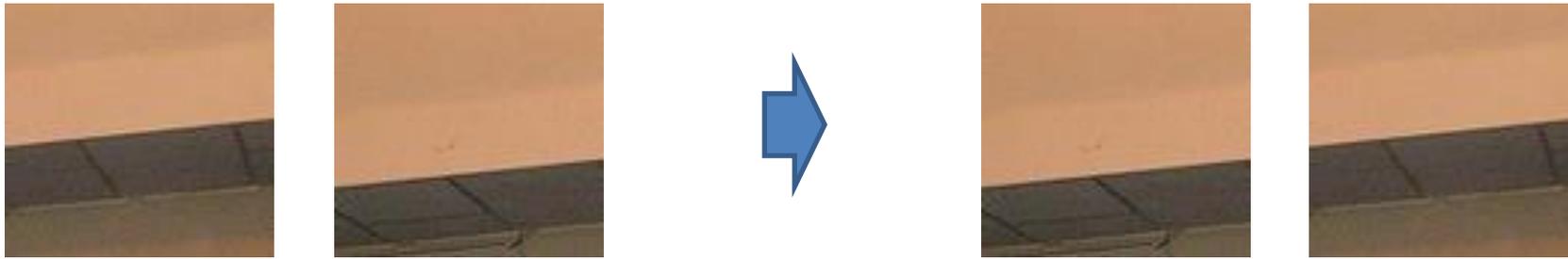


Note: connects ***across*** instances!

# Architecture



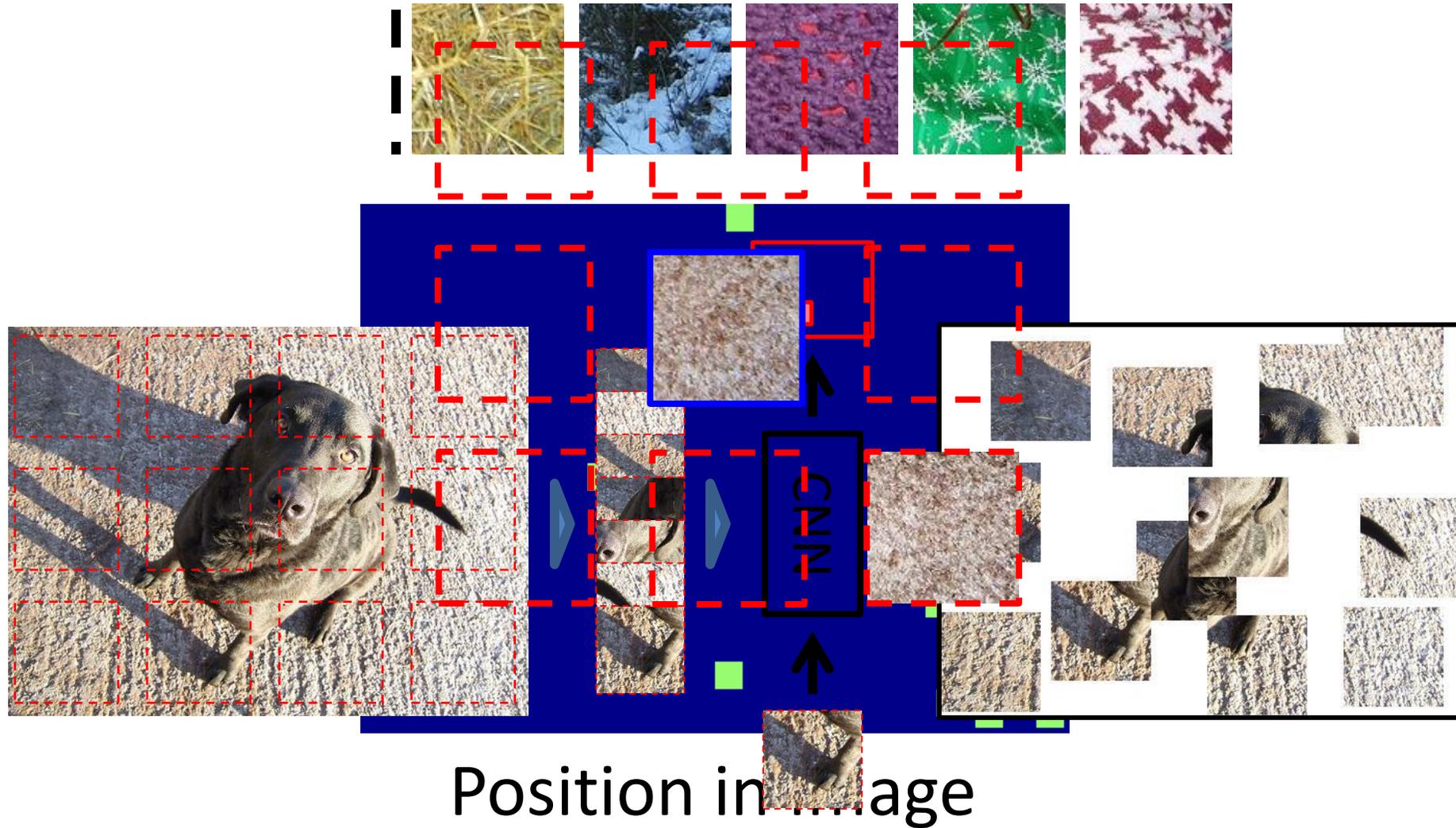
# Avoiding Trivial Shortcuts



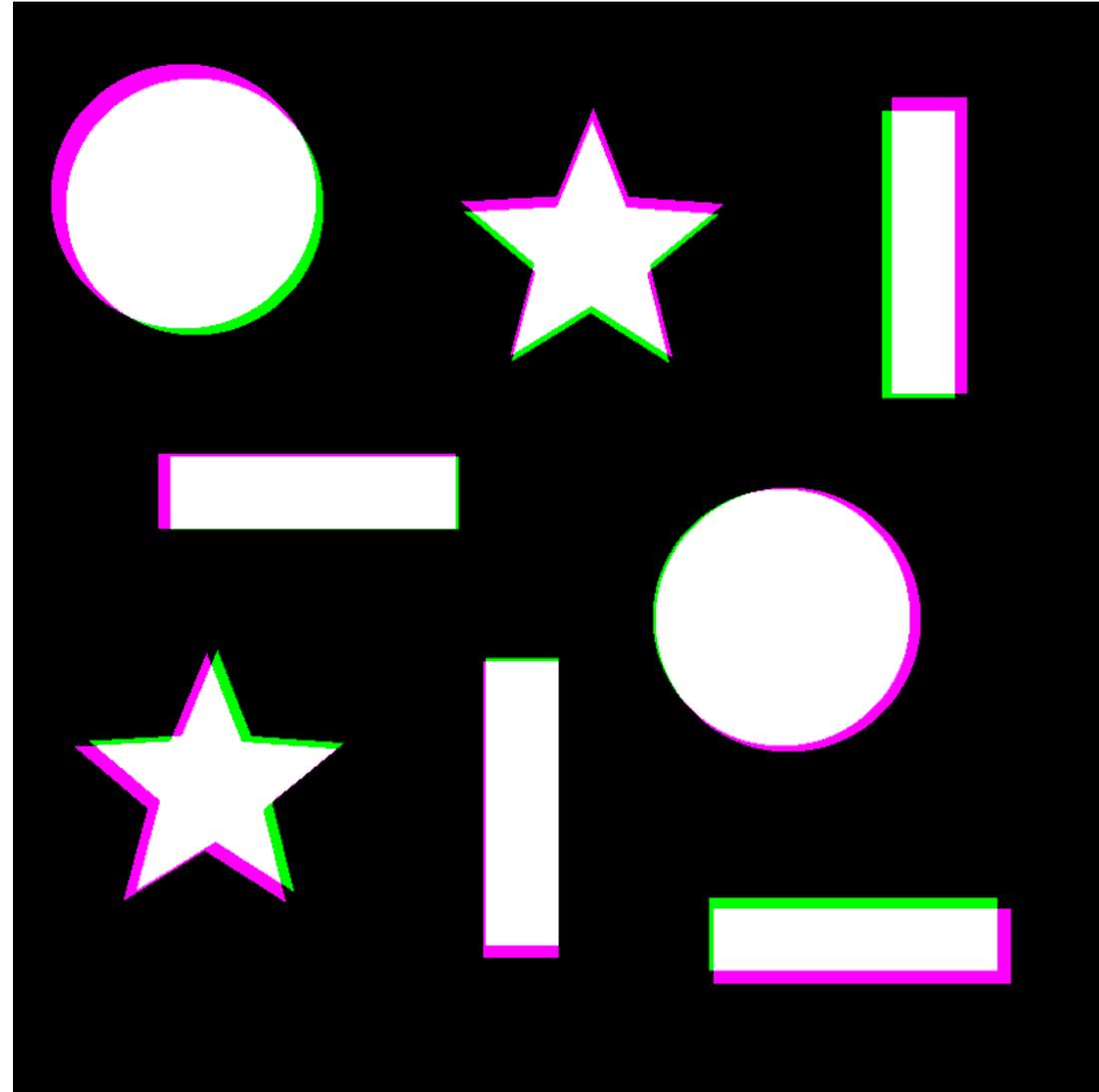
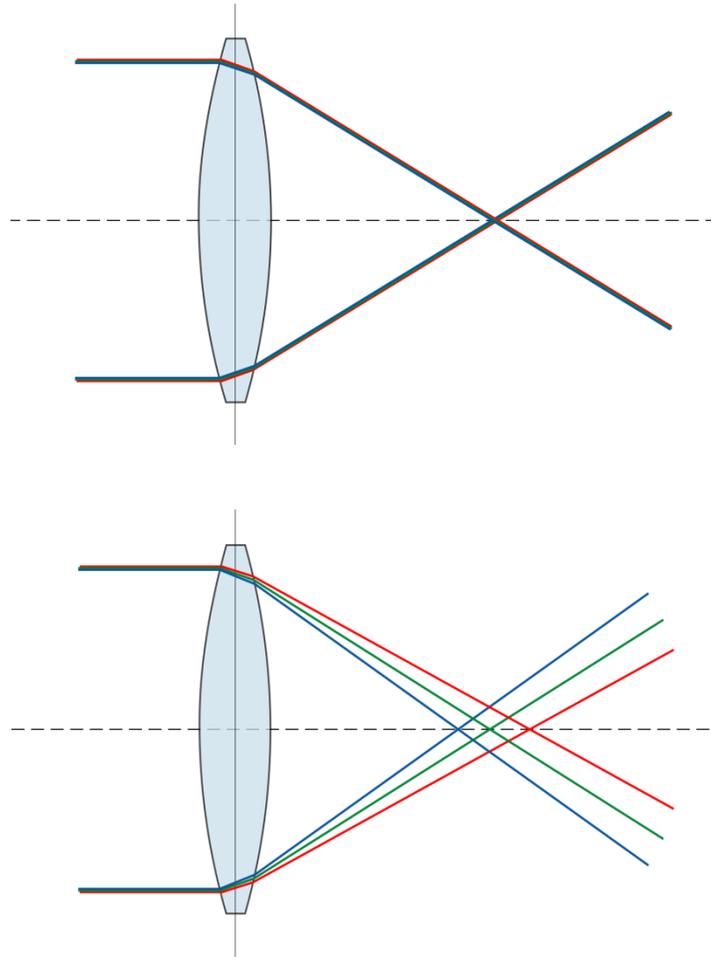
Include a gap

Jitter the patch locations

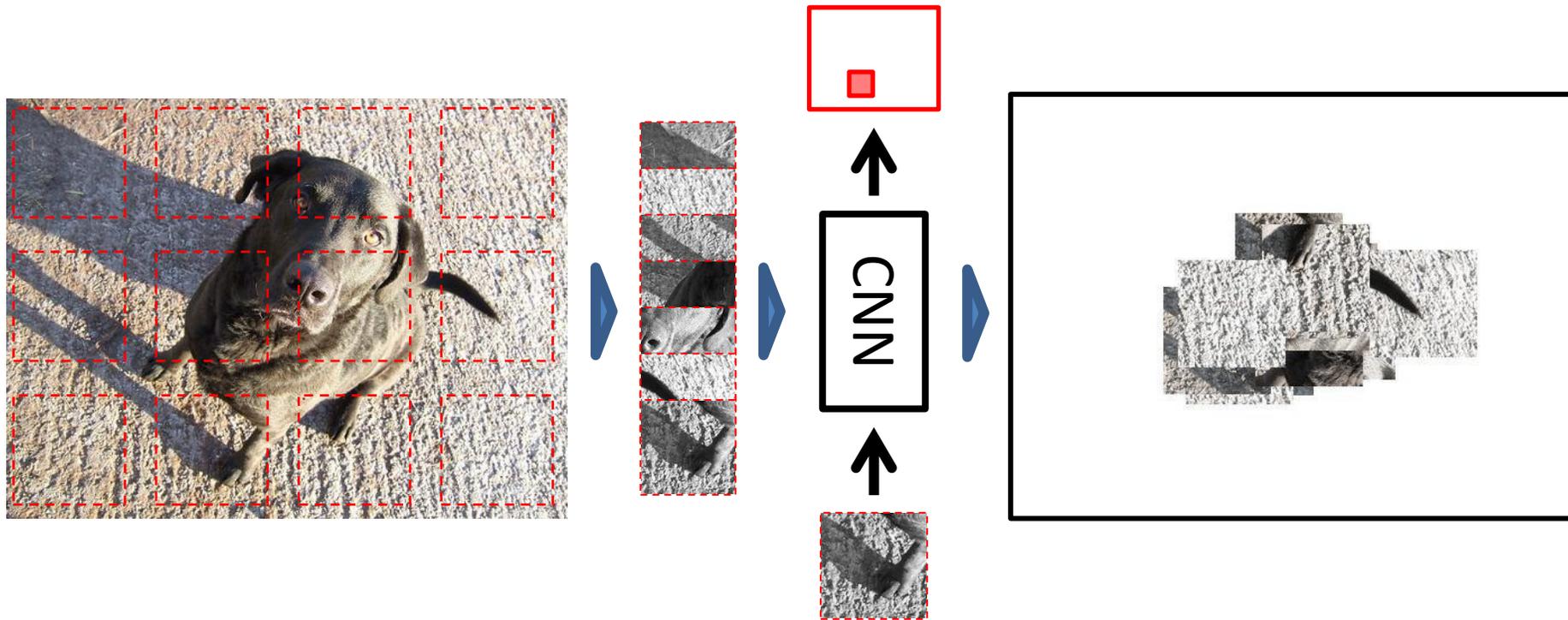
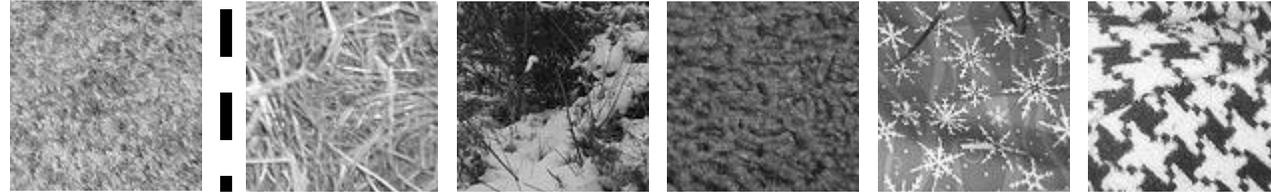
# A Not-So “Trivial” Shortcut



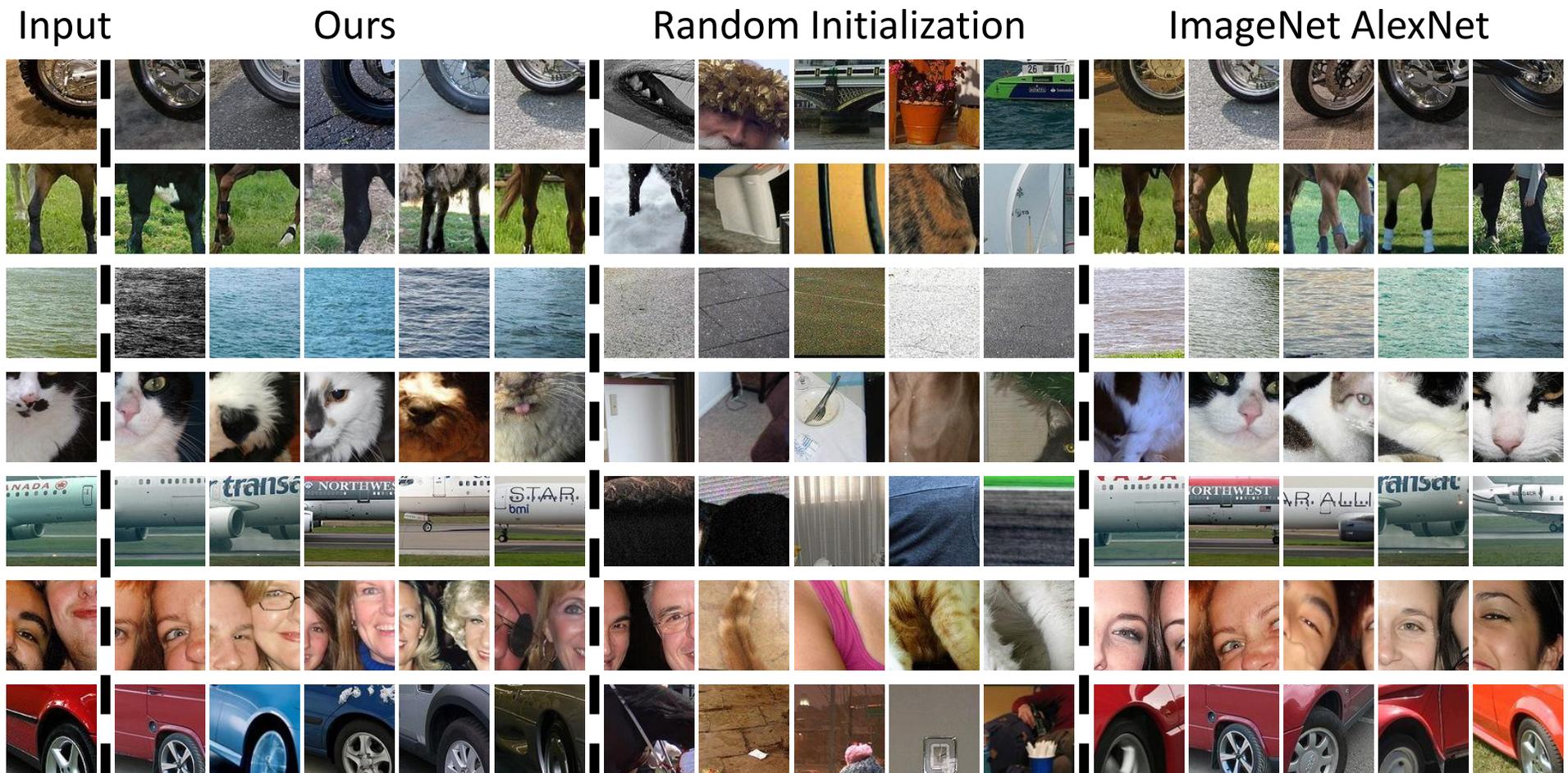
# Chromatic Aberration



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# What is learned?



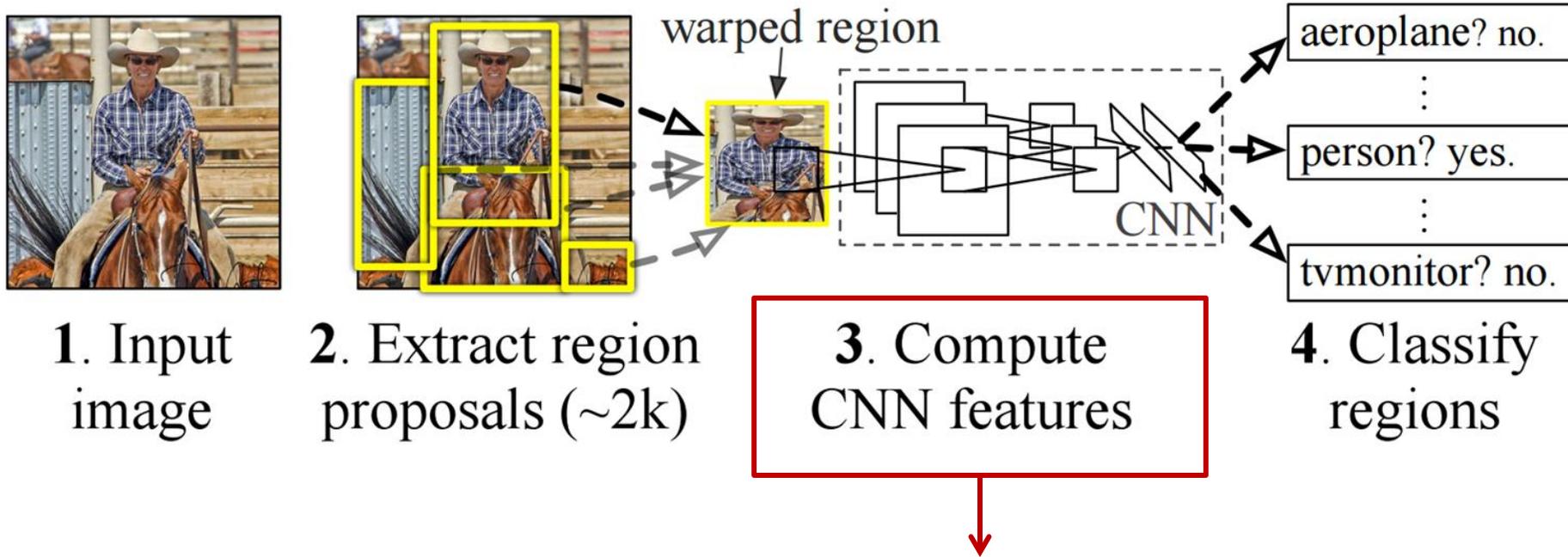
# Still don't capture everything



# You don't always need to learn!



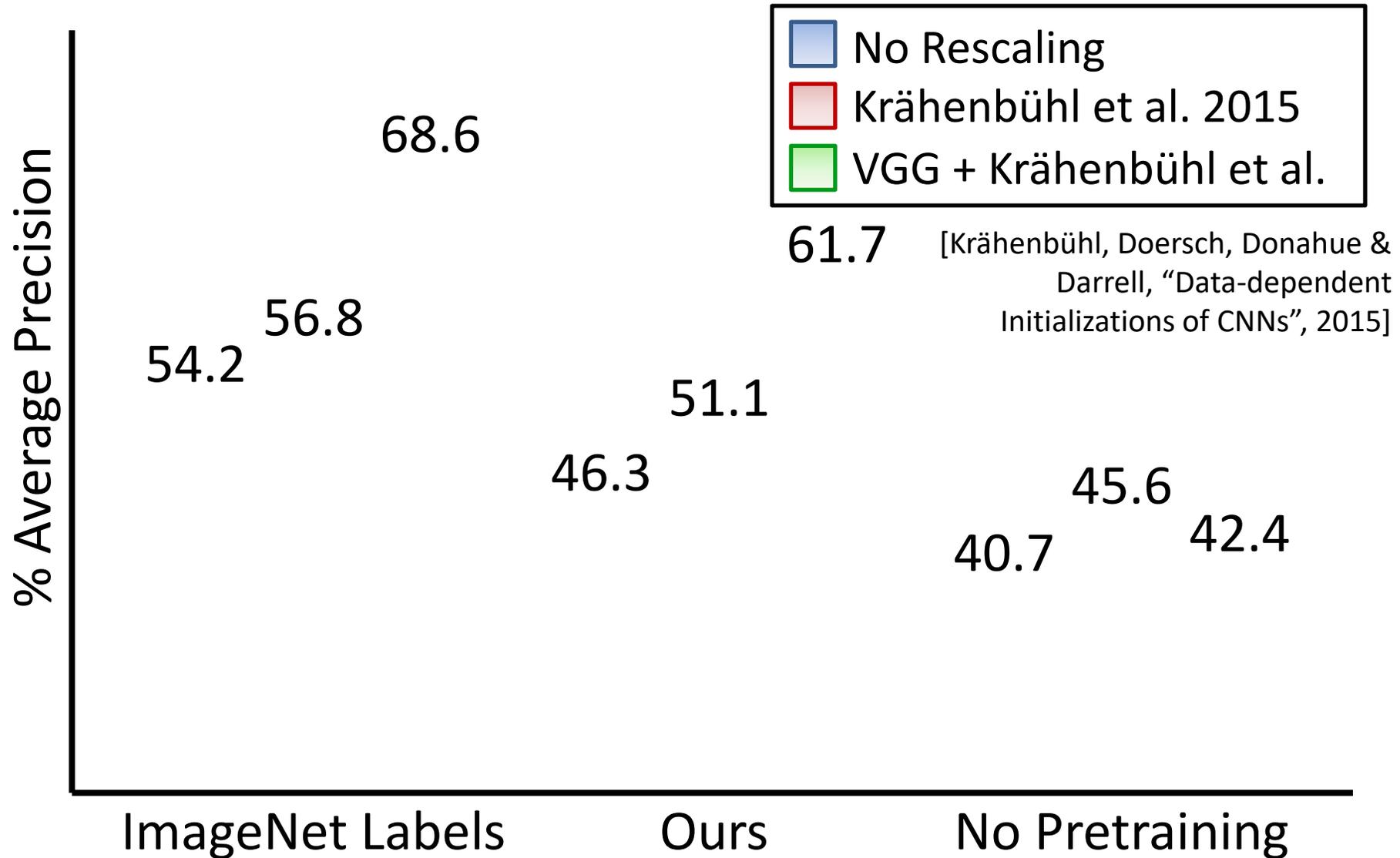
# Pre-Training for R-CNN



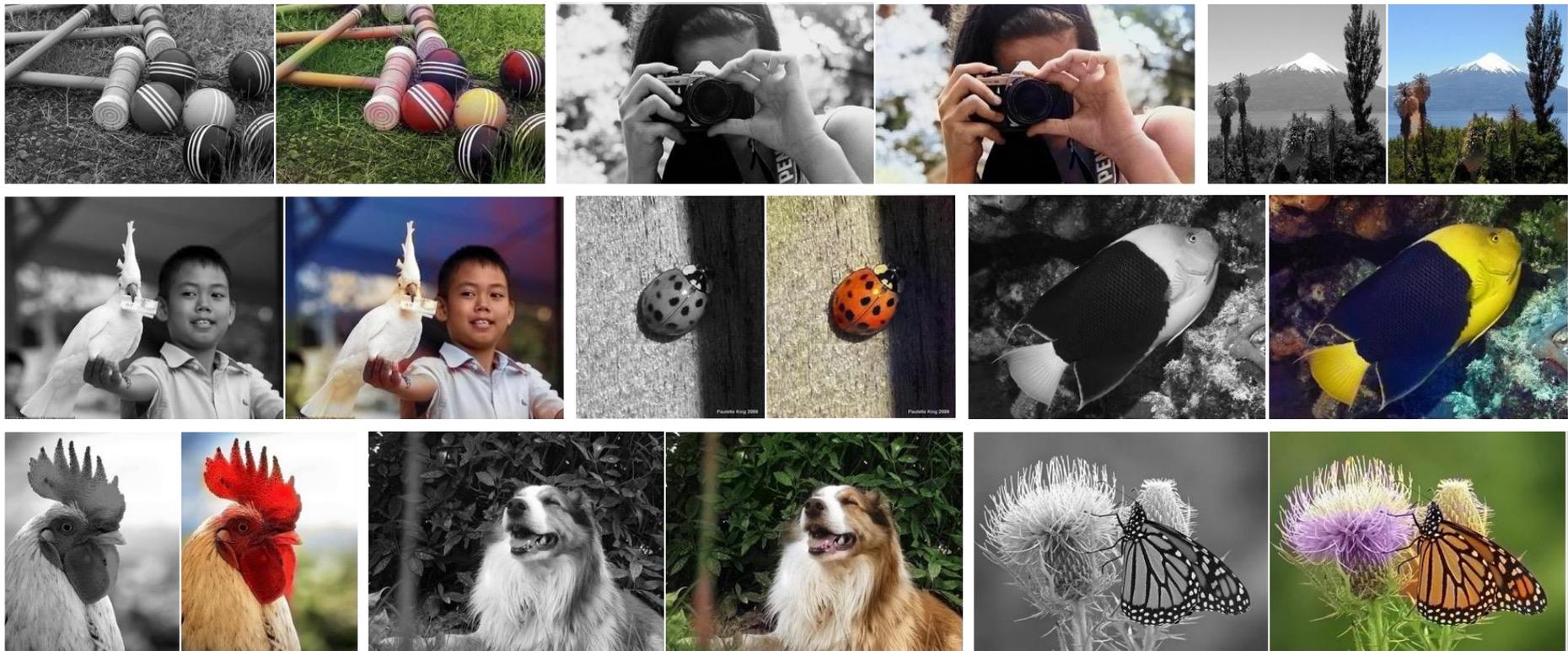
Pre-train on relative-position task, w/o labels

# VOC 2007 Performance

(pretraining for R-CNN)



*So, do we need semantic labels?*



# Colorful Image Colorization

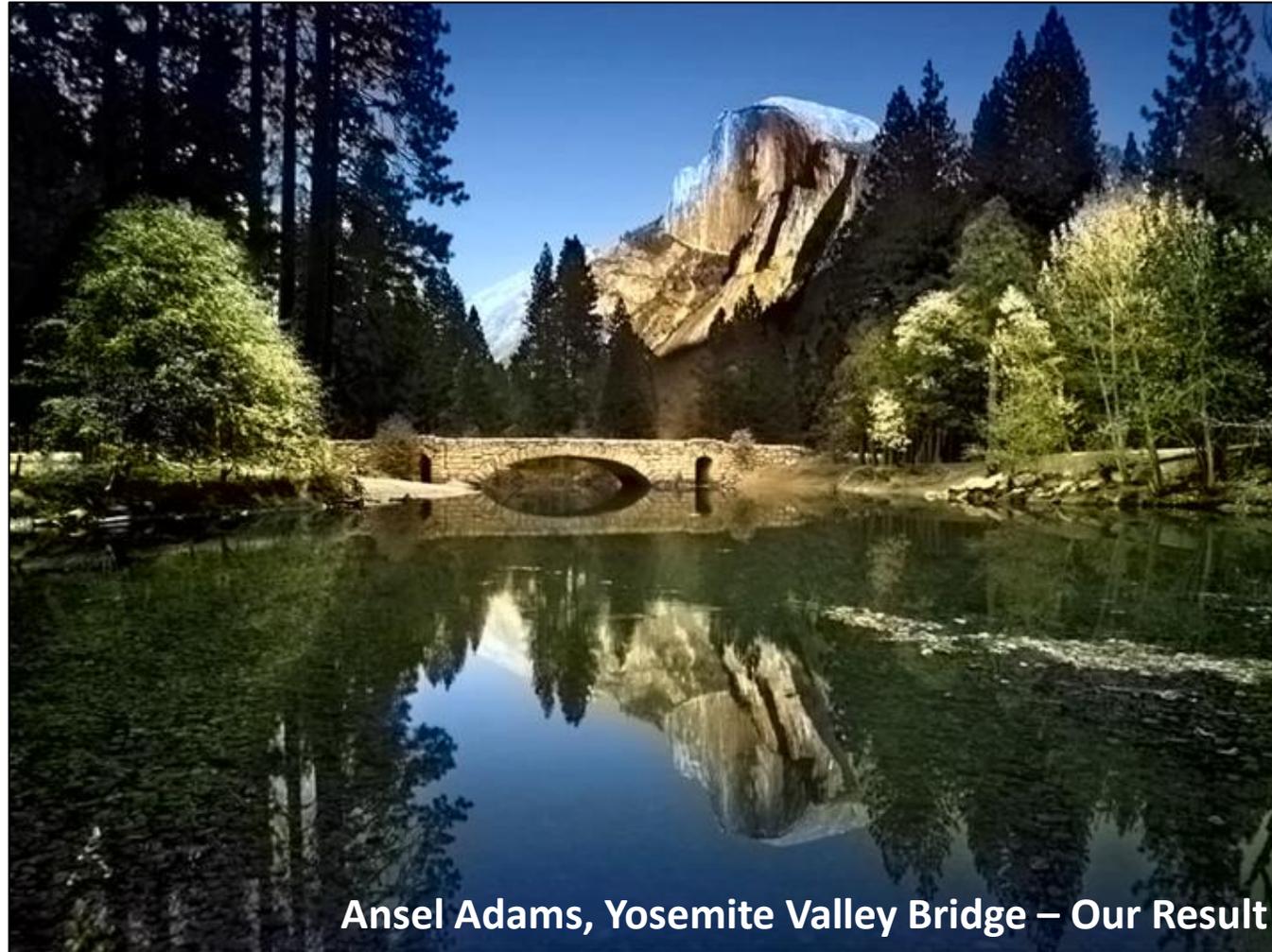
Richard Zhang, Phillip Isola, Alexei (Alyosha) Efros

[richzhang.github.io/colorization](http://richzhang.github.io/colorization)

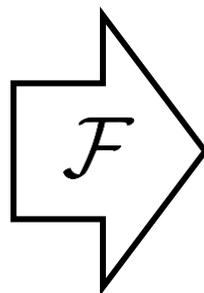
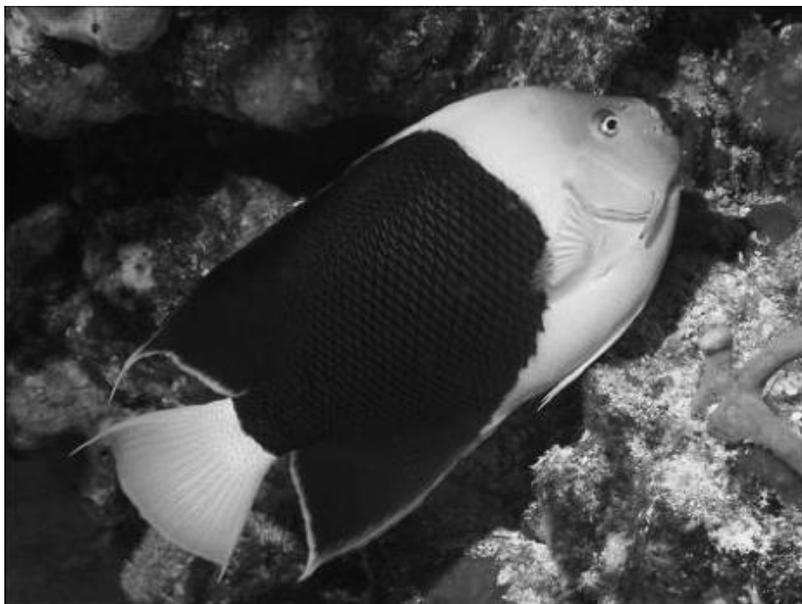
ECCV 2016



**Ansel Adams, Yosemite Valley  
Bridge**



**Ansel Adams, Yosemite Valley Bridge – Our Result**



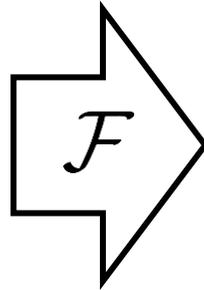
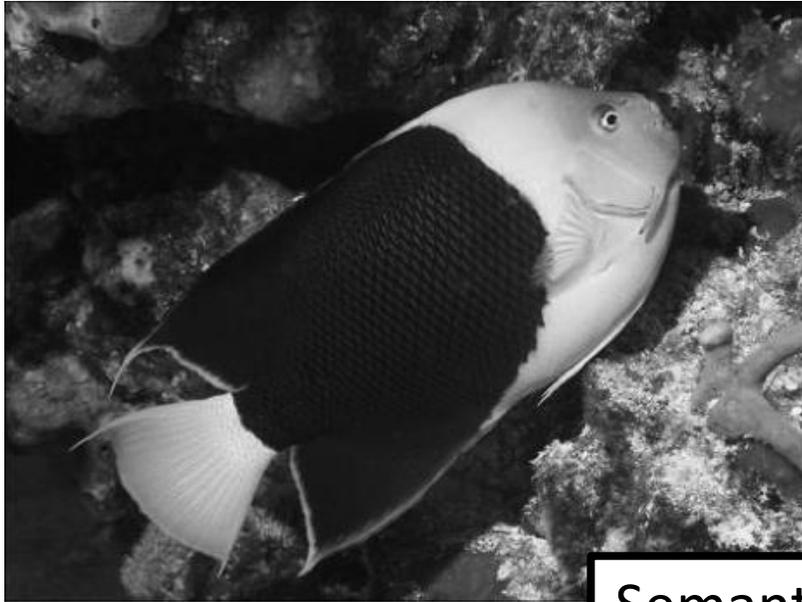
Grayscale image:  $L$  channel

$$\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{H \times W \times 1}$$

Color information:  $ab$  channels

$$\hat{\mathbf{Y}} \in \mathbb{R}^{H \times W \times 2}$$





Grayscale image:  $L$  ch

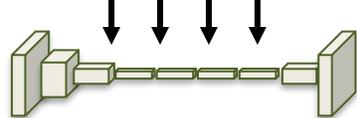
$$\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{H \times W \times 3}$$

Semantics? Higher-level abstraction?

Concatenate  $(L, ab)$

$$(\mathbf{X}, \hat{\mathbf{Y}})$$

$L$



$ab$

“Free”  
supervisory  
signal

# Inherent Ambiguity



Grayscale

# Inherent Ambiguity



Our Output



Ground Truth

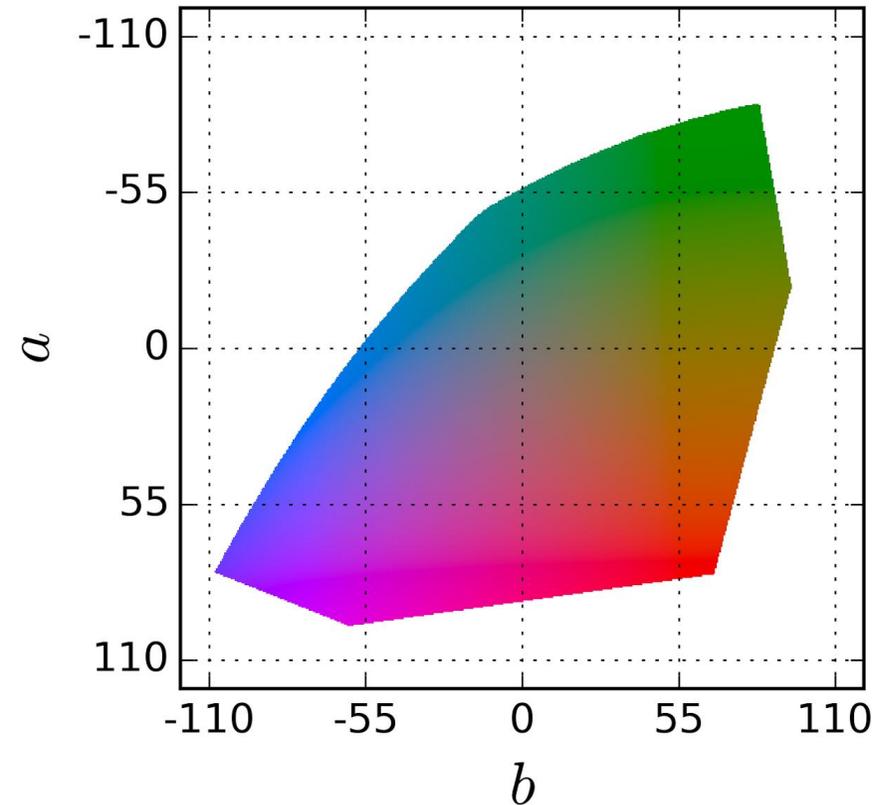
# Better Loss Function

- Regression with L2 loss inadequate

$$L_2(\hat{\mathbf{Y}}, \mathbf{Y}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{h,w} \|\mathbf{Y}_{h,w} - \hat{\mathbf{Y}}_{h,w}\|_2^2$$

## Colors in *ab* space

(continuous)



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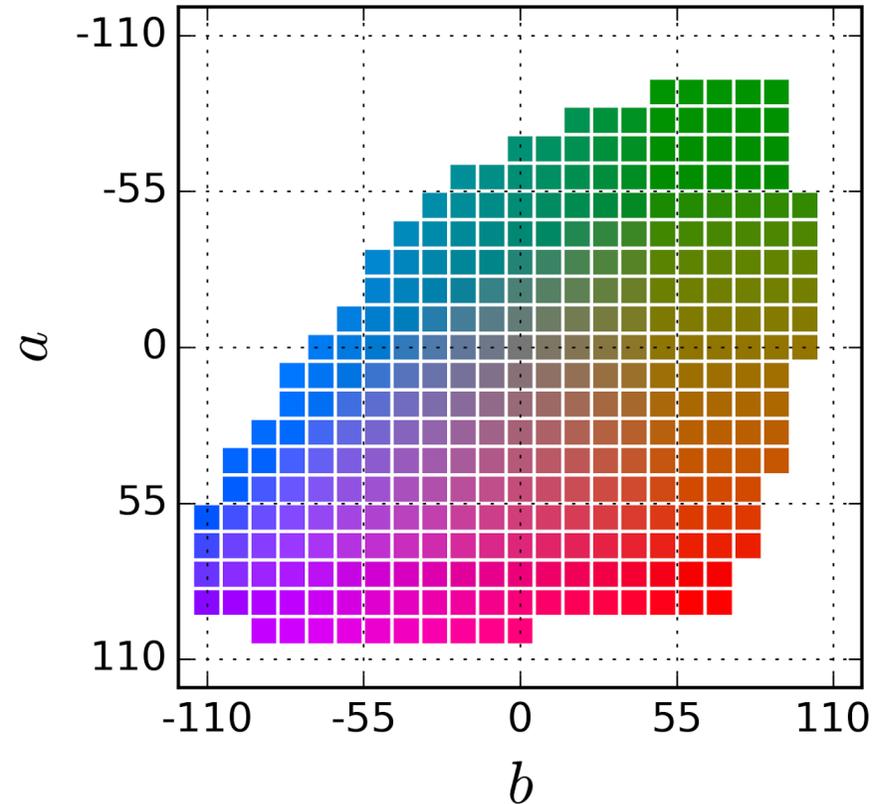
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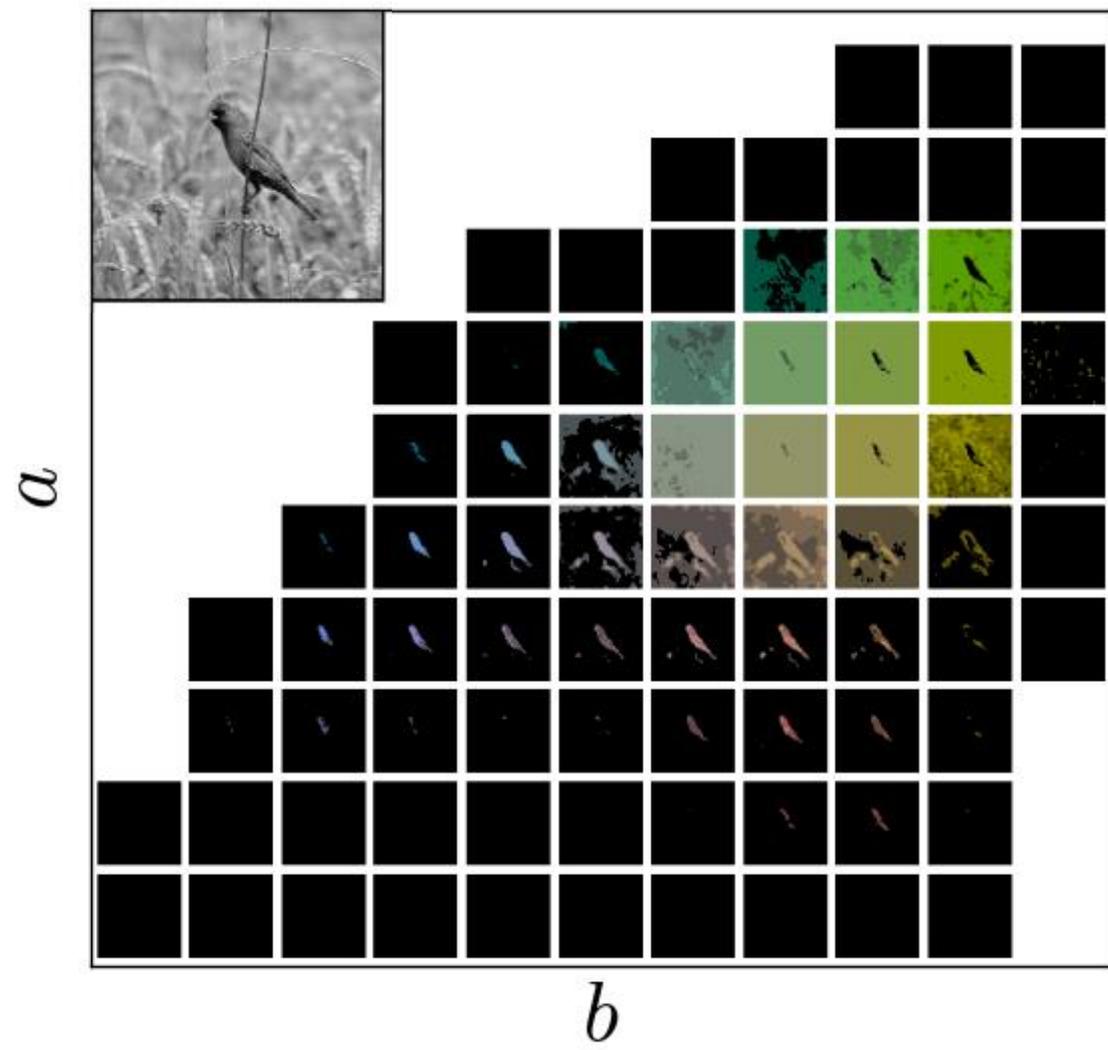
- Use **multinomial classification**

$$L(\hat{\mathbf{Z}}, \mathbf{Z}) = -\frac{1}{HW} \sum_{h,w} \sum_q \mathbf{Z}_{h,w,q} \log(\hat{\mathbf{Z}}_{h,w,q})$$

## Colors in *ab* space

(discrete)





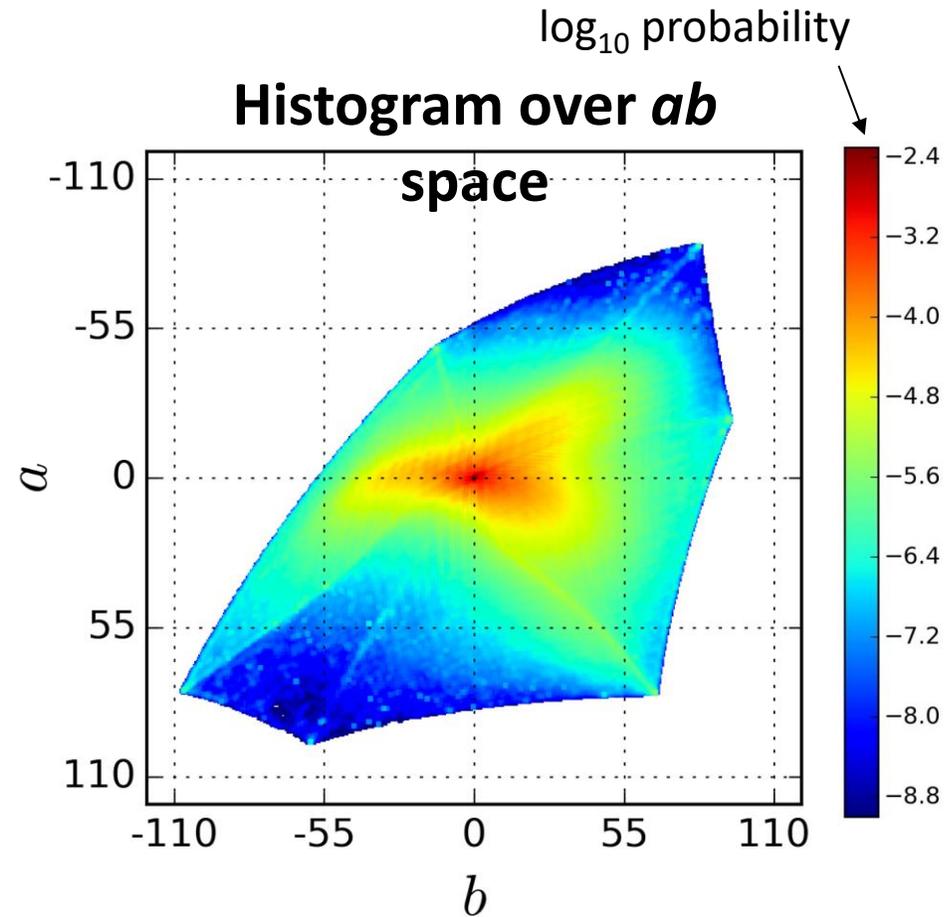
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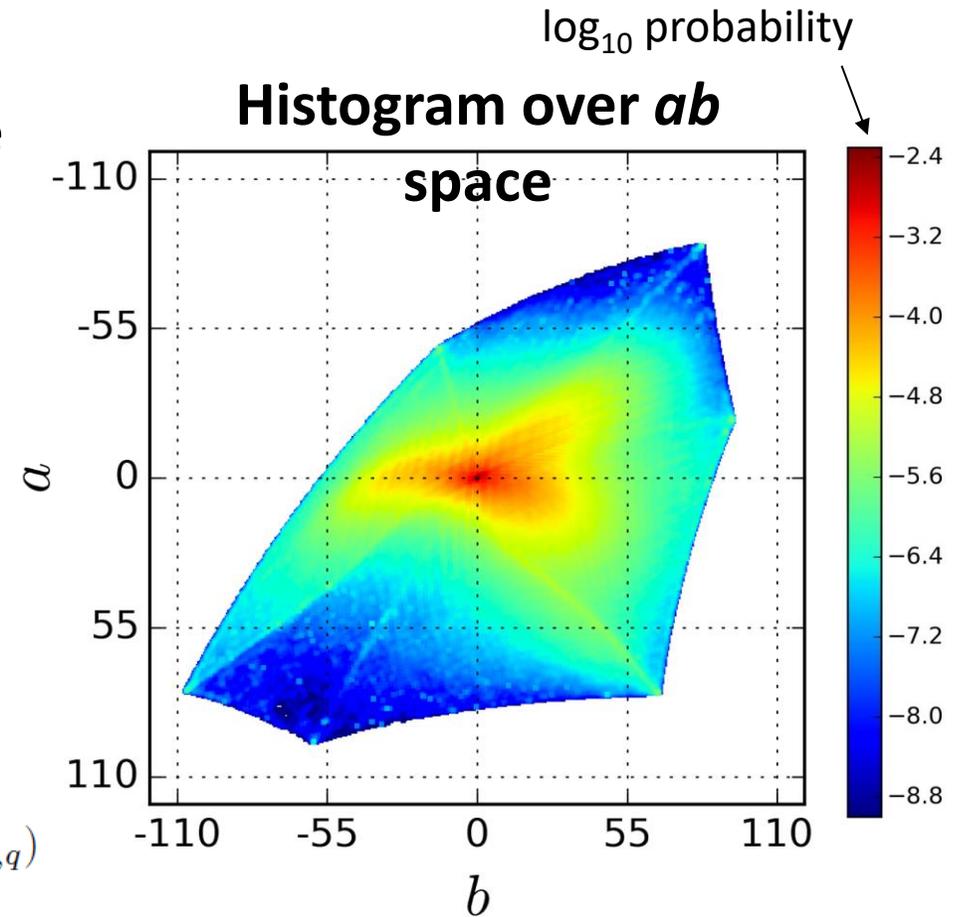
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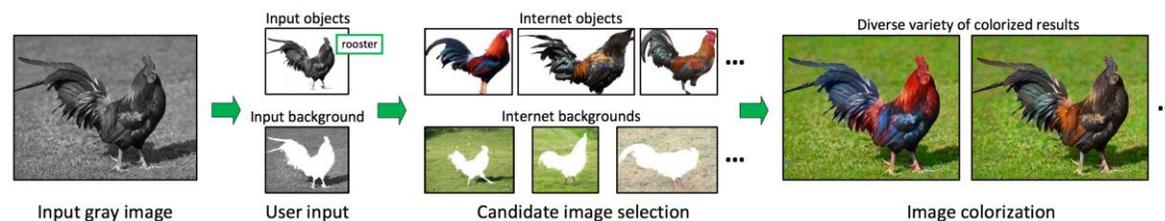
- **Class rebalancing** to encourage learning of *rare* colors

$$L(\hat{\mathbf{Z}}, \mathbf{Z}) = -\frac{1}{HW} \sum_{h,w} v(\mathbf{Z}_{h,w}) \sum_q \mathbf{Z}_{h,w,q} \log(\hat{\mathbf{Z}}_{h,w,q})$$



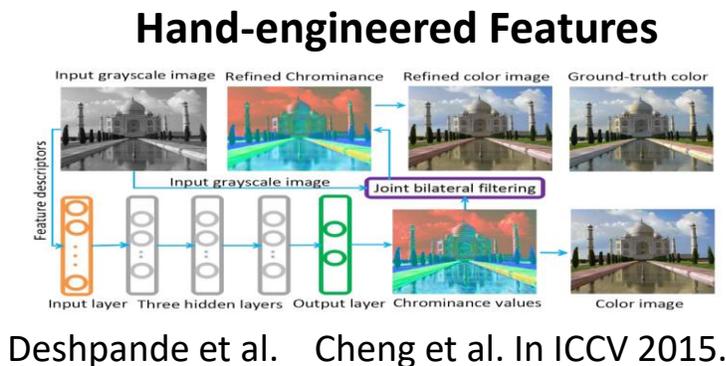
**Non-parametric**

Hertzmann et al. In SIGGRAPH, 2001.  
 Welsh et al. In TOG, 2002.  
 Irony et al. In Eurographics, 2005.  
 Liu et al. In TOG, 2008.  
 Chia et al. In ACM 2011.  
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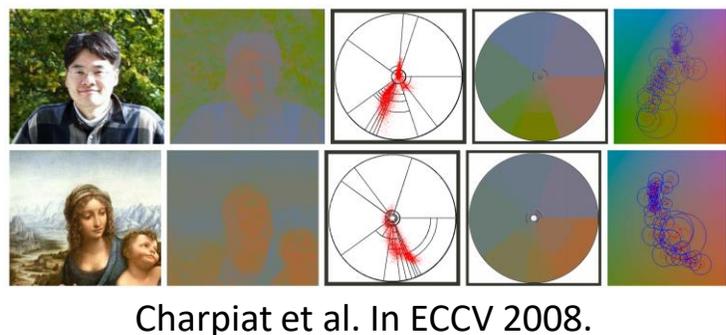


**Parametric**

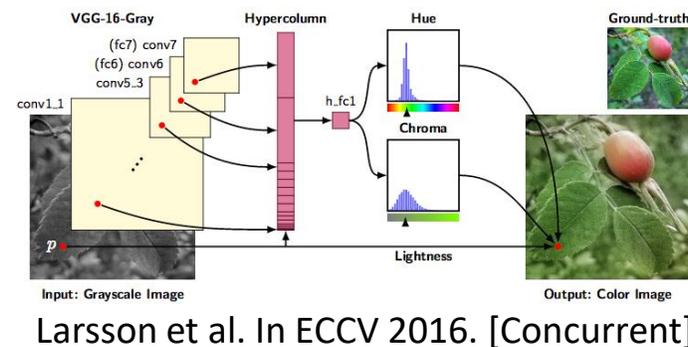
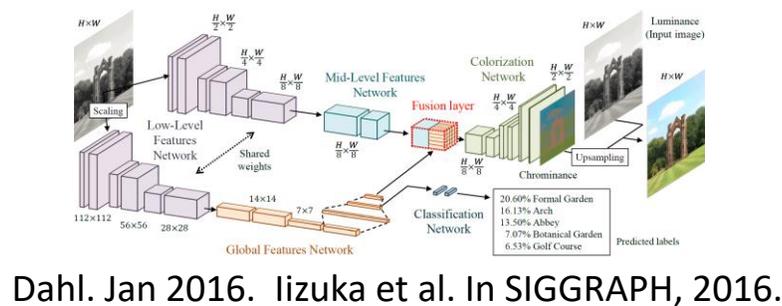
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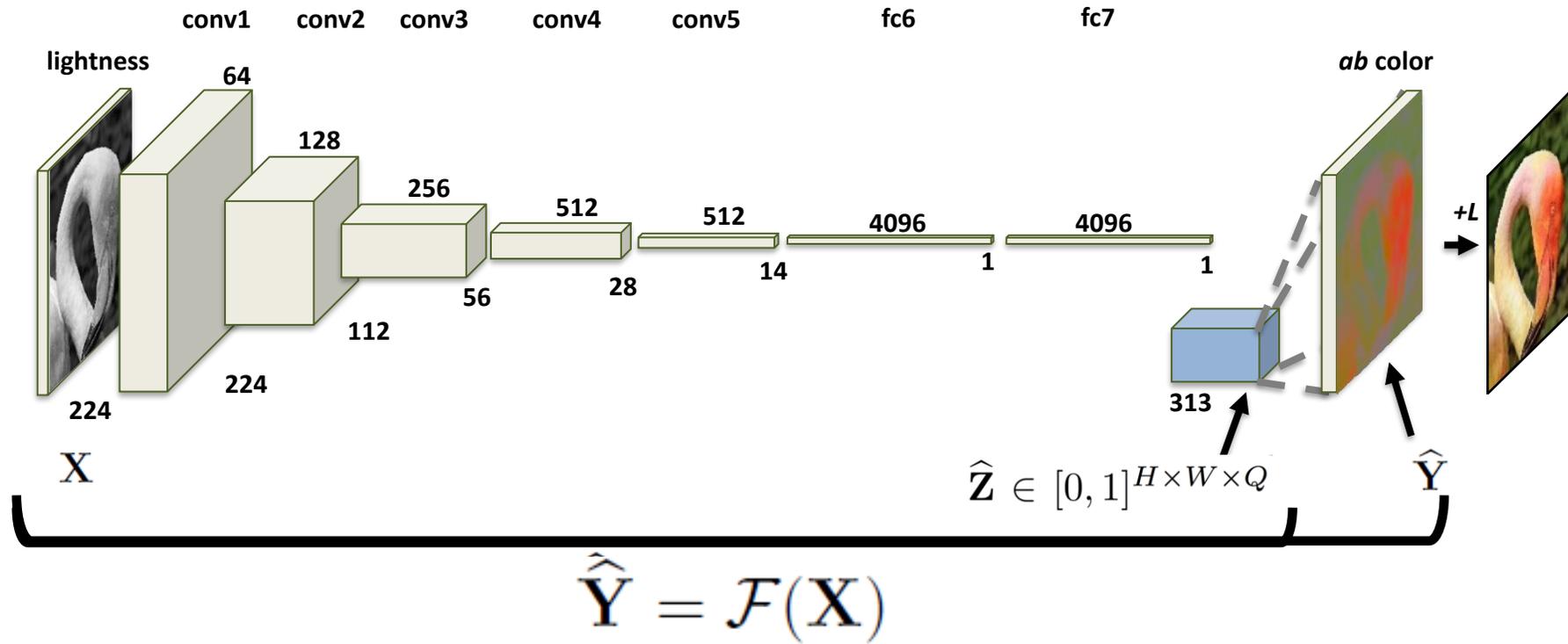
**Classification**



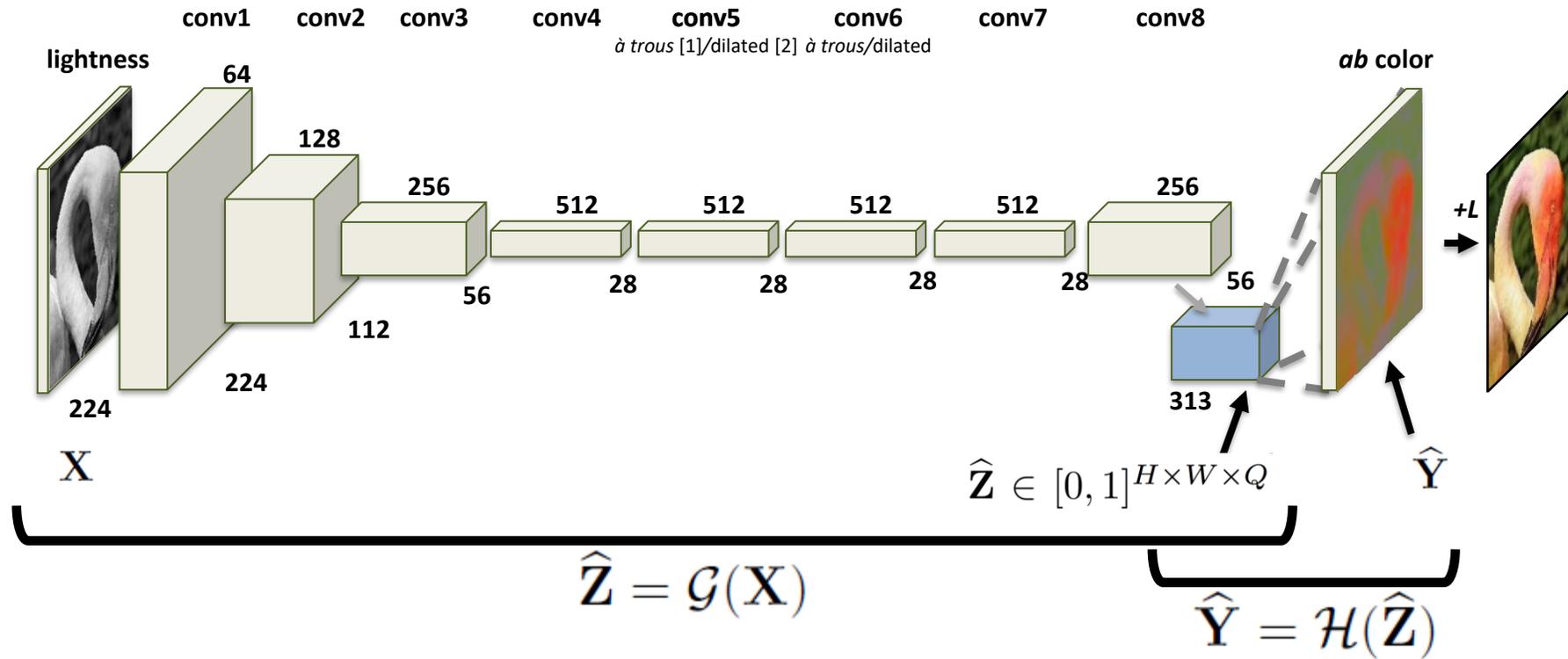
**Deep Networks**



# Network Architecture



# Network Architecture



- [1] Chen *et al.* In arXiv, 2016.
- [2] Yu and Koltun. In ICLR, 2016

Ground Truth



L2 Regression



Class w/ Rebalancing



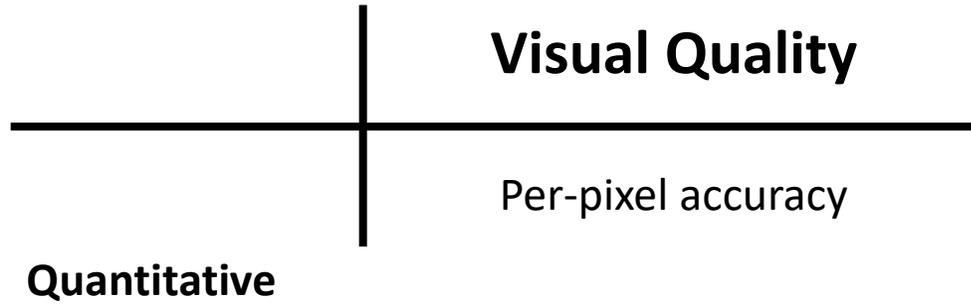
# Failure Cases



# Biases



# Evaluation



# Evaluation

	<b>Visual Quality</b>	<b>Representation Learning</b>
<b>Quantitative</b>	<p>Per-pixel accuracy</p> <p>Perceptual realism</p> <p>Semantic interpretability</p>	<p>Task generalization ImageNet classification</p> <p>Task &amp; dataset generalization PASCAL classification, detection, segmentation</p>
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# Evaluation

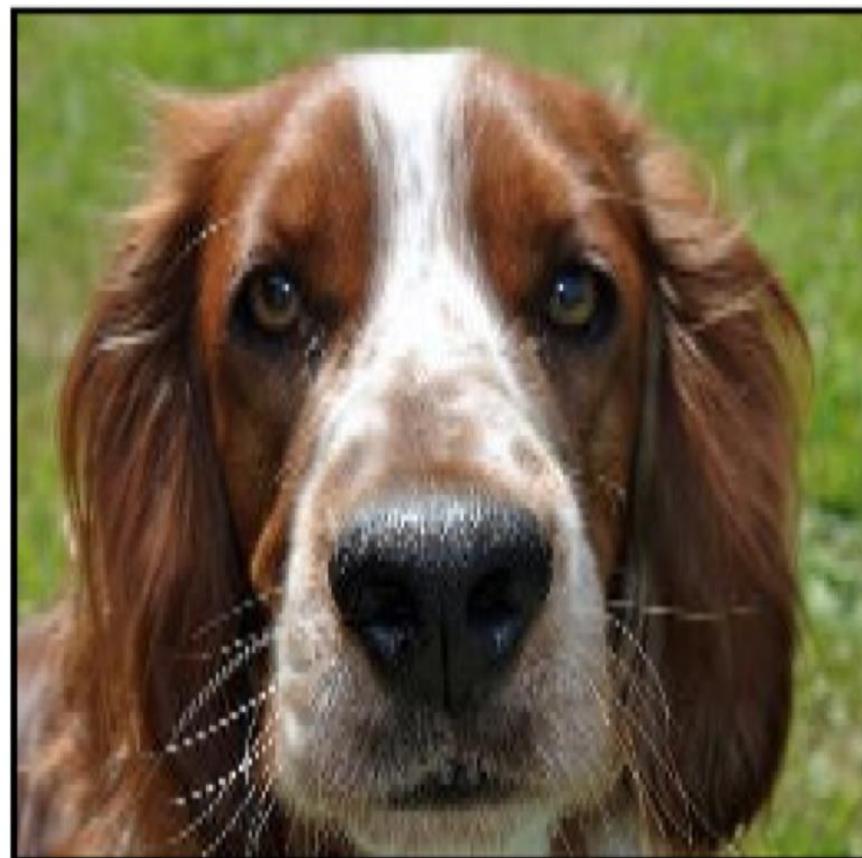
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# Perceptual Realism / Amazon Mechanical Turk Test

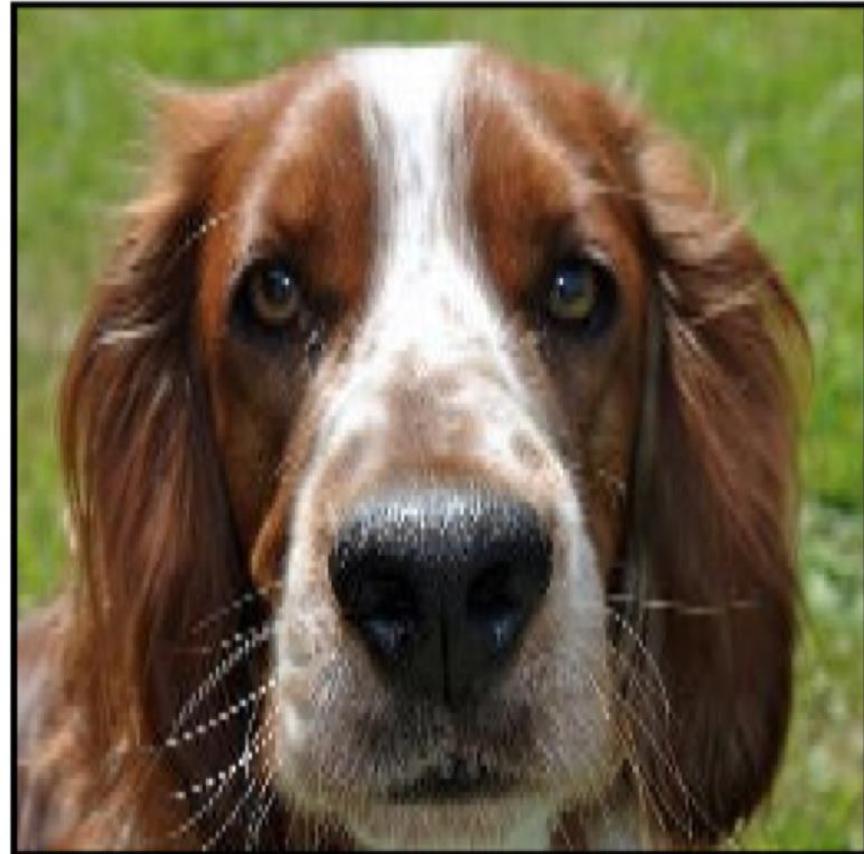


**Fake, 0% fooled**





**Fake, 55% fooled**





**Fake, 58% fooled**





**from Reddit /u/SherySantucci**



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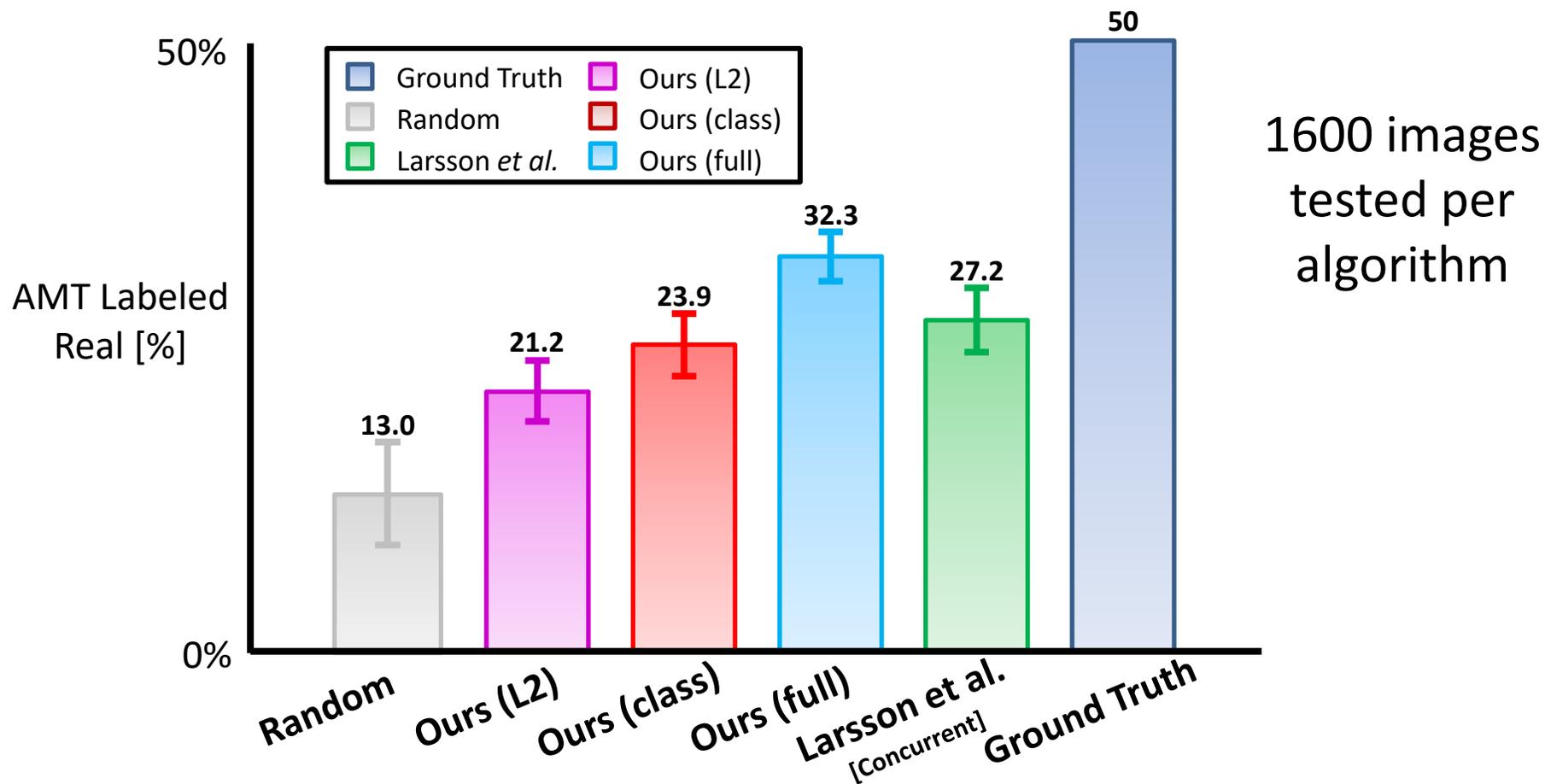


**Photo taken by  
Reddit /u/Timteroo,  
Mural from street  
artist Eduardo Kobra**



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# Perceptual Realism Test



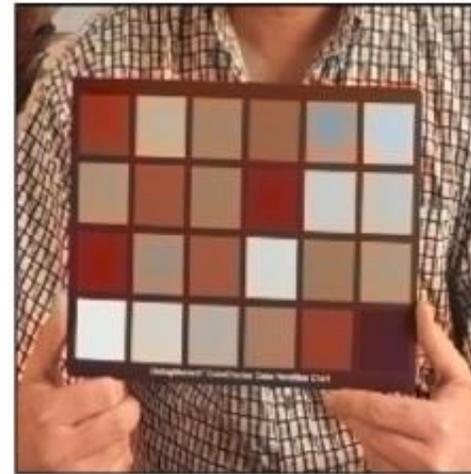
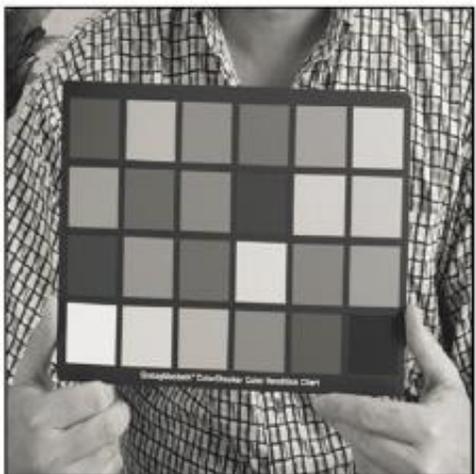
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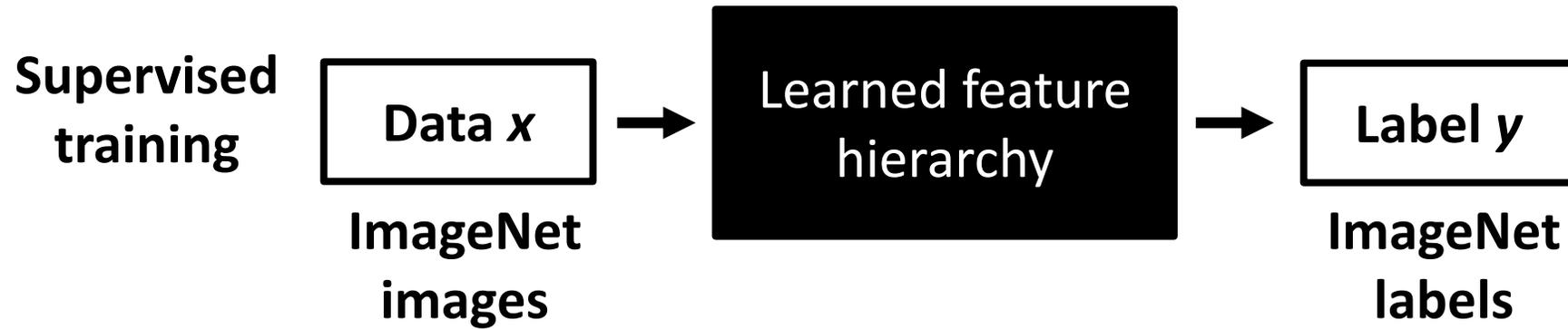
**Ground Truth**



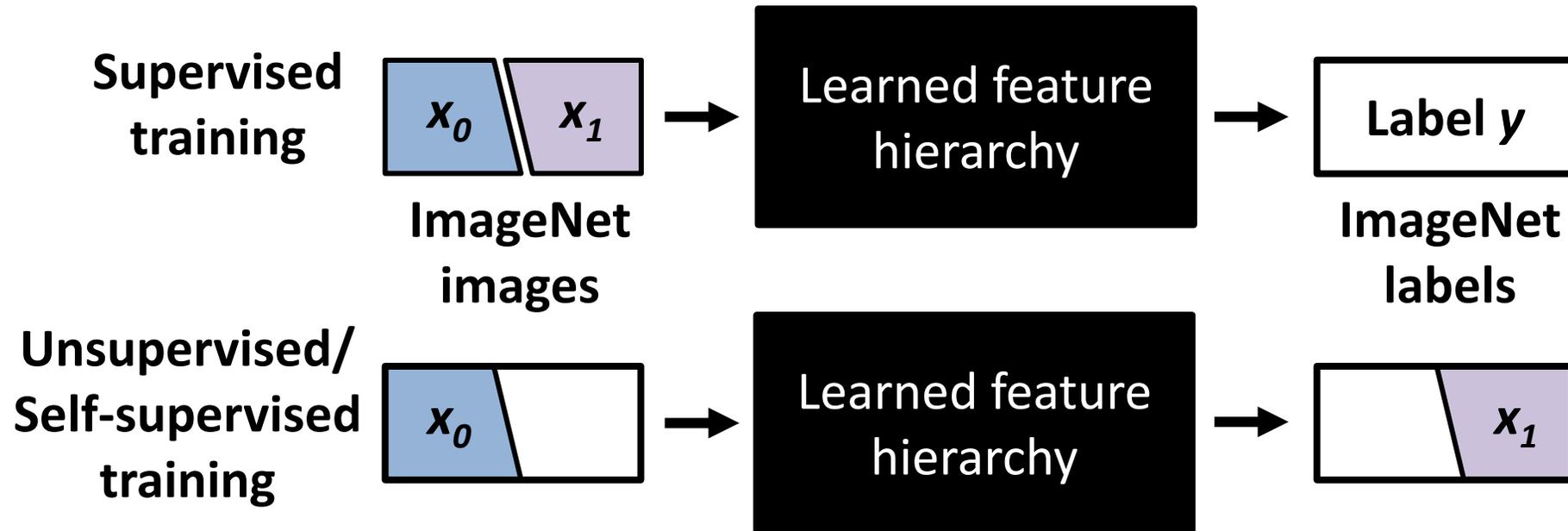
**Output**



# Predicting Labels from Data



# Predicting Data from Data



### Autoencoders

Hinton & Salakhutdinov.  
Science 2006.

### Denosing Autoencoders

Vincent *et al.* ICML 2008.

### Audio

Owens *et al.* CVPR 2016, ECCV 2016

### Co-Occurrence

Isola *et al.* ICLR Workshop 2016.

### Egomotion

Agrawal *et al.* ICCV 2015      Jayaraman *et al.* ICCV 2015

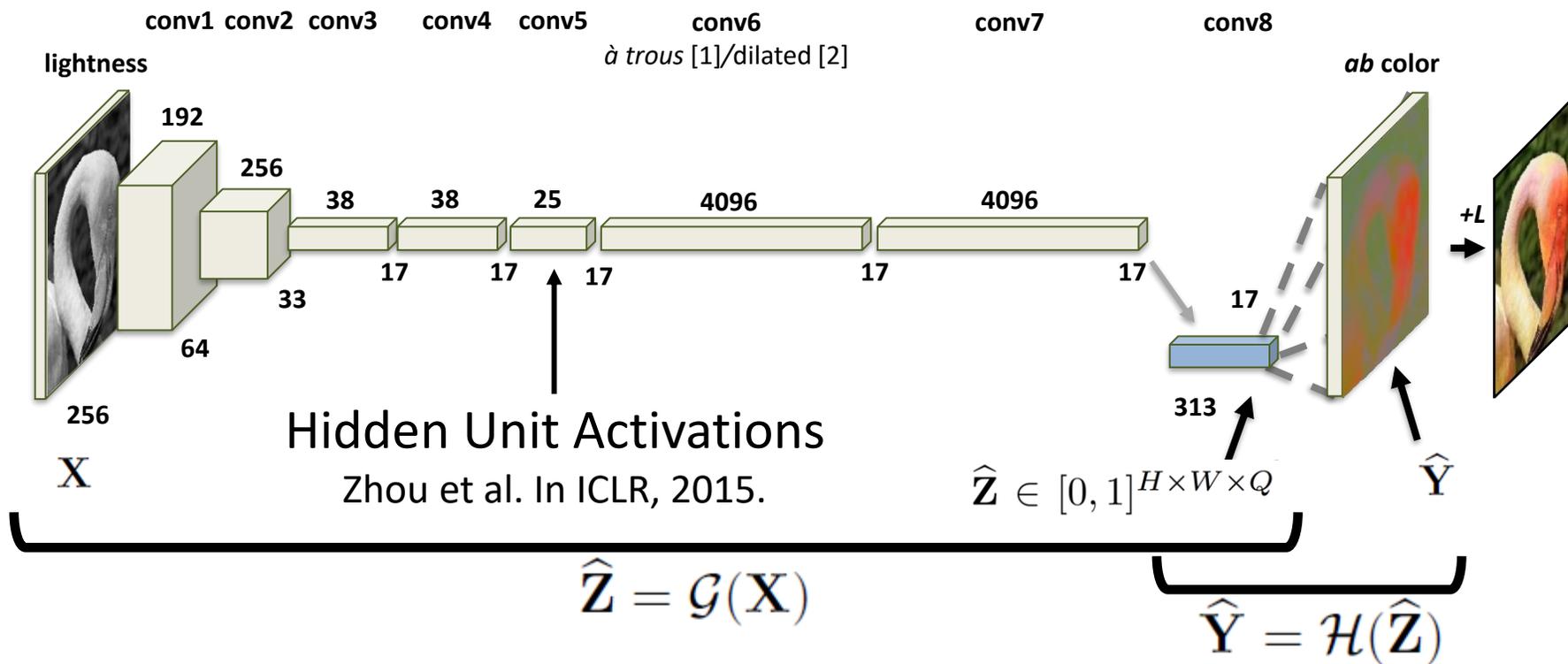
### Context

Doersch *et al.* ICCV 2015      Pathak *et al.* CVPR 2016

### Video

Wang *et al.* ICCV 2015

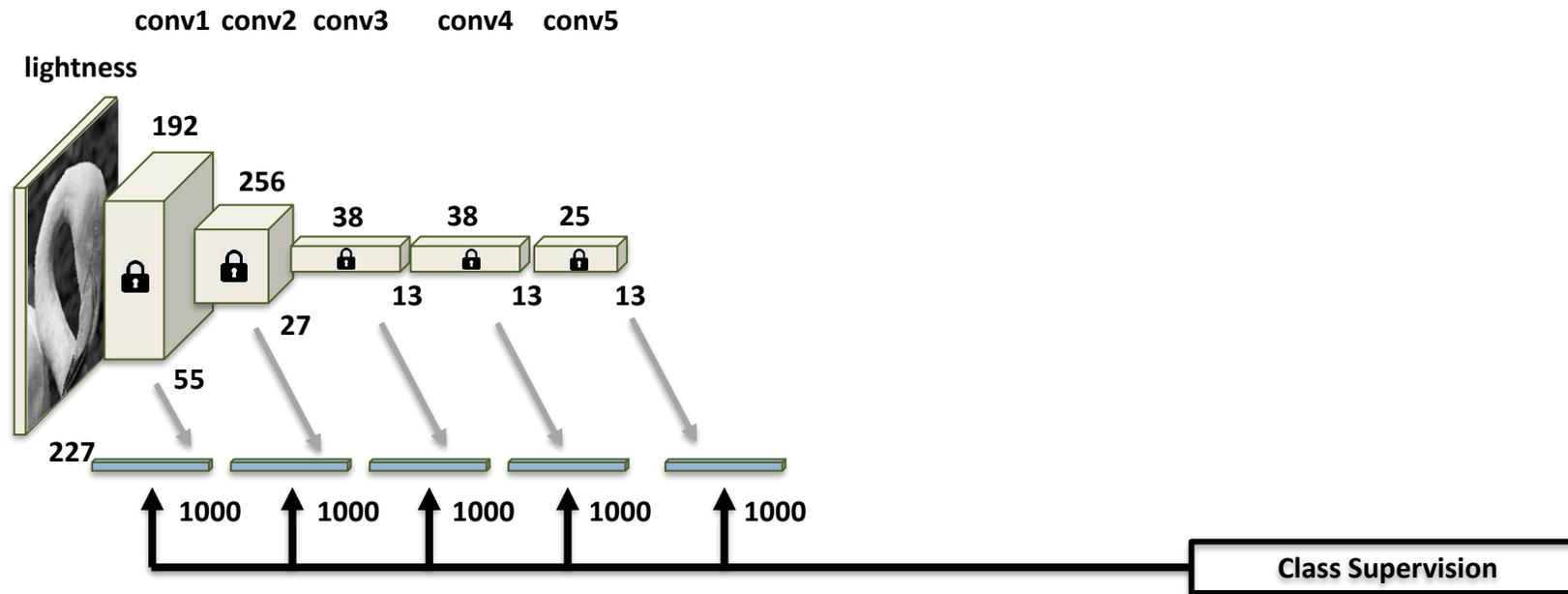
# Cross-Channel Encoder



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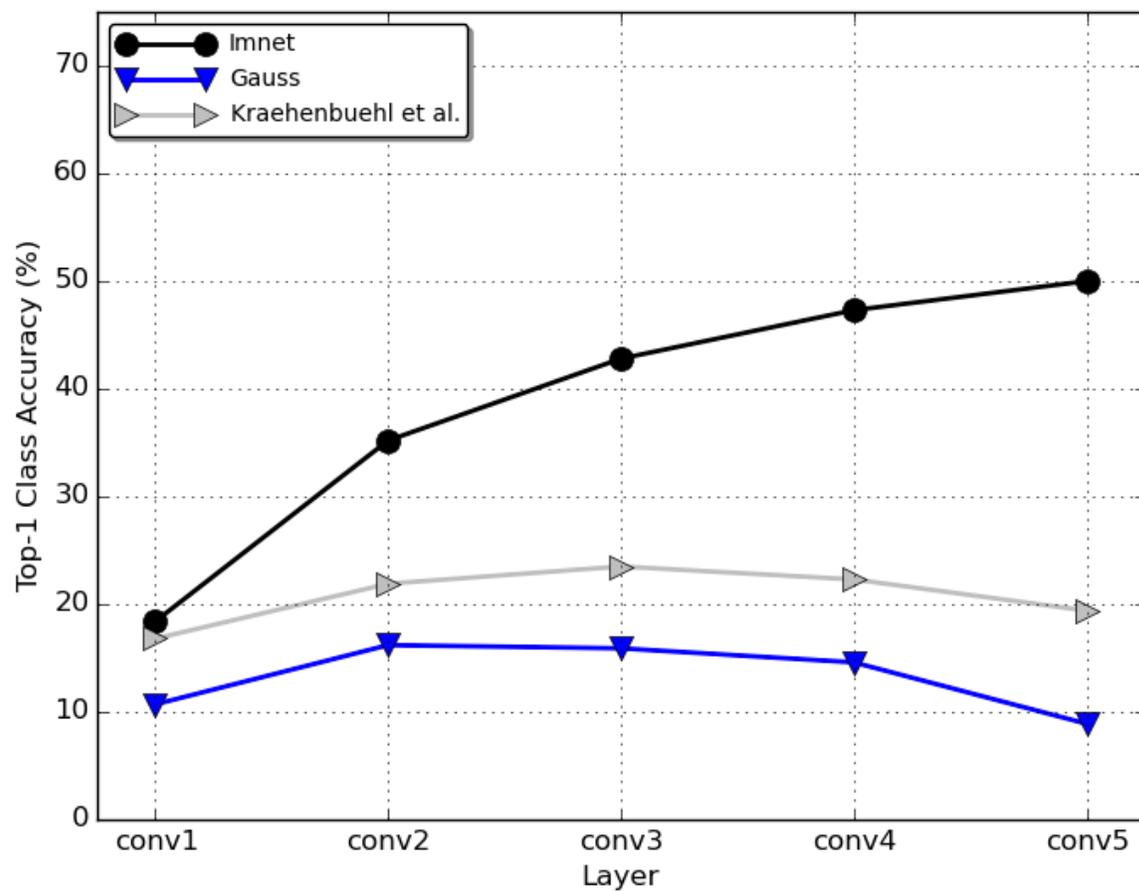
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# Task Generalization: ILSVRC linear classification

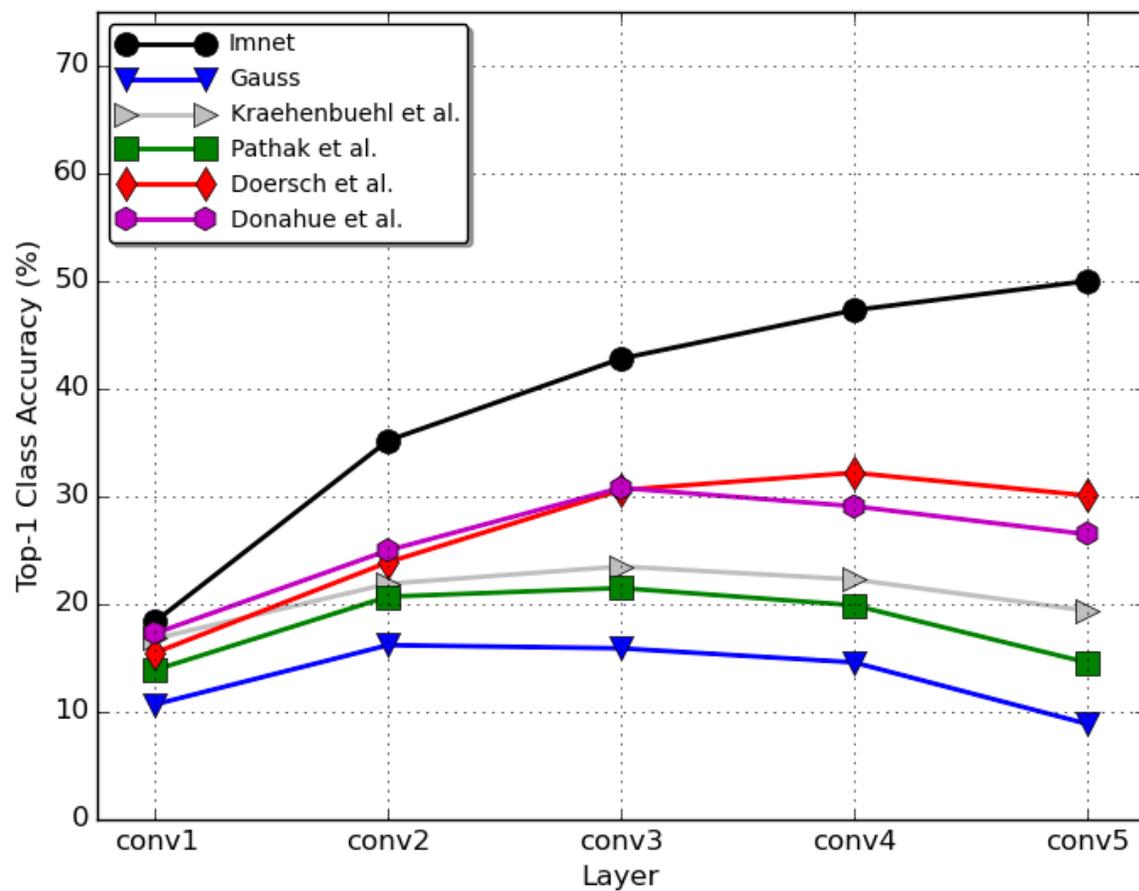


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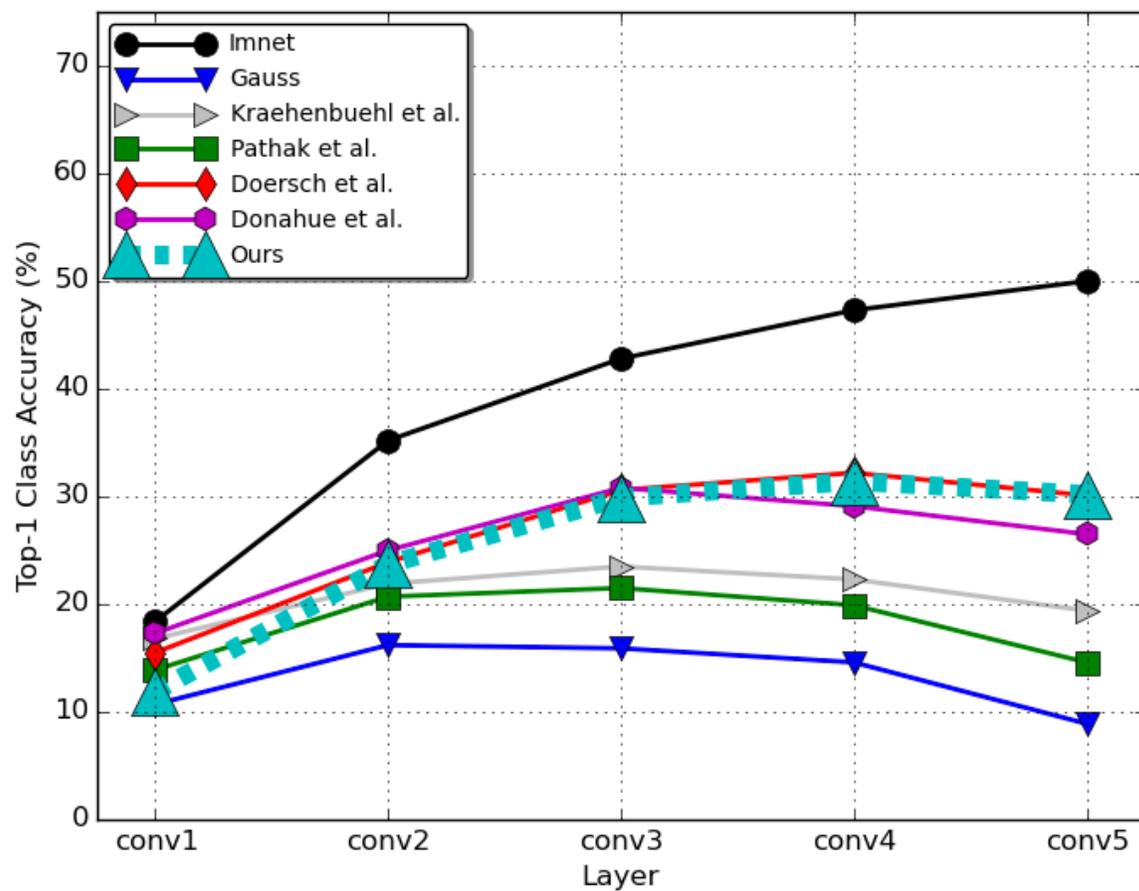
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# Hidden Unit (conv5) Activations

sky



trees



water



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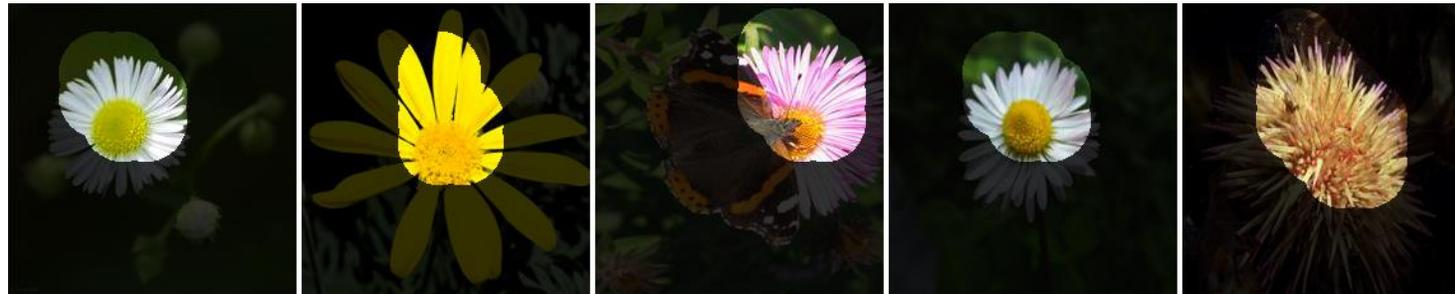
faces



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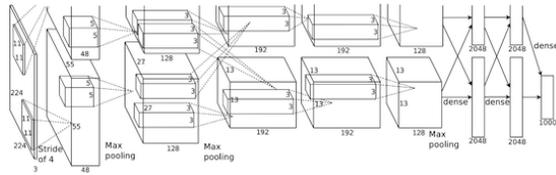


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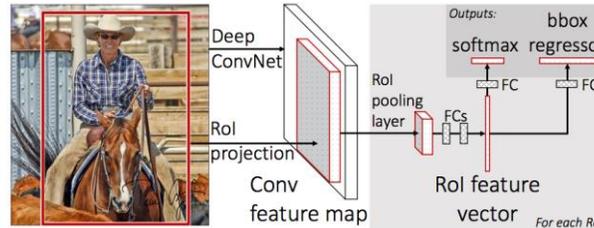
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Does the feature representation *transfer* to other datasets and tasks?



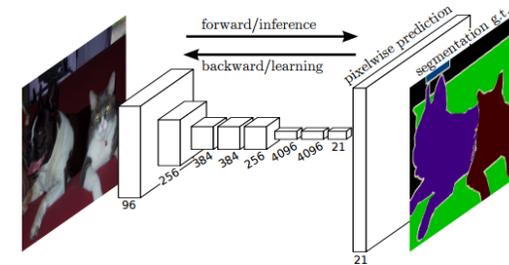
## Classification

Krähenbühl et al. In ICLR, 2016.



## Detection

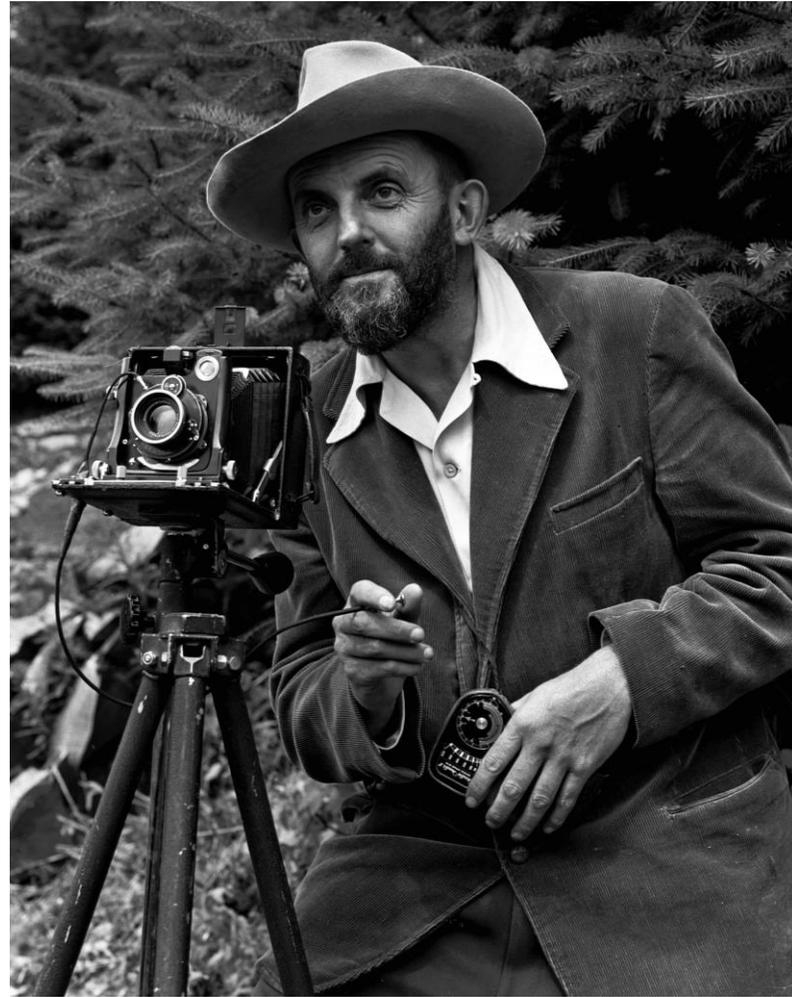
Fast R-CNN. Girshick. In ICCV, 2015.

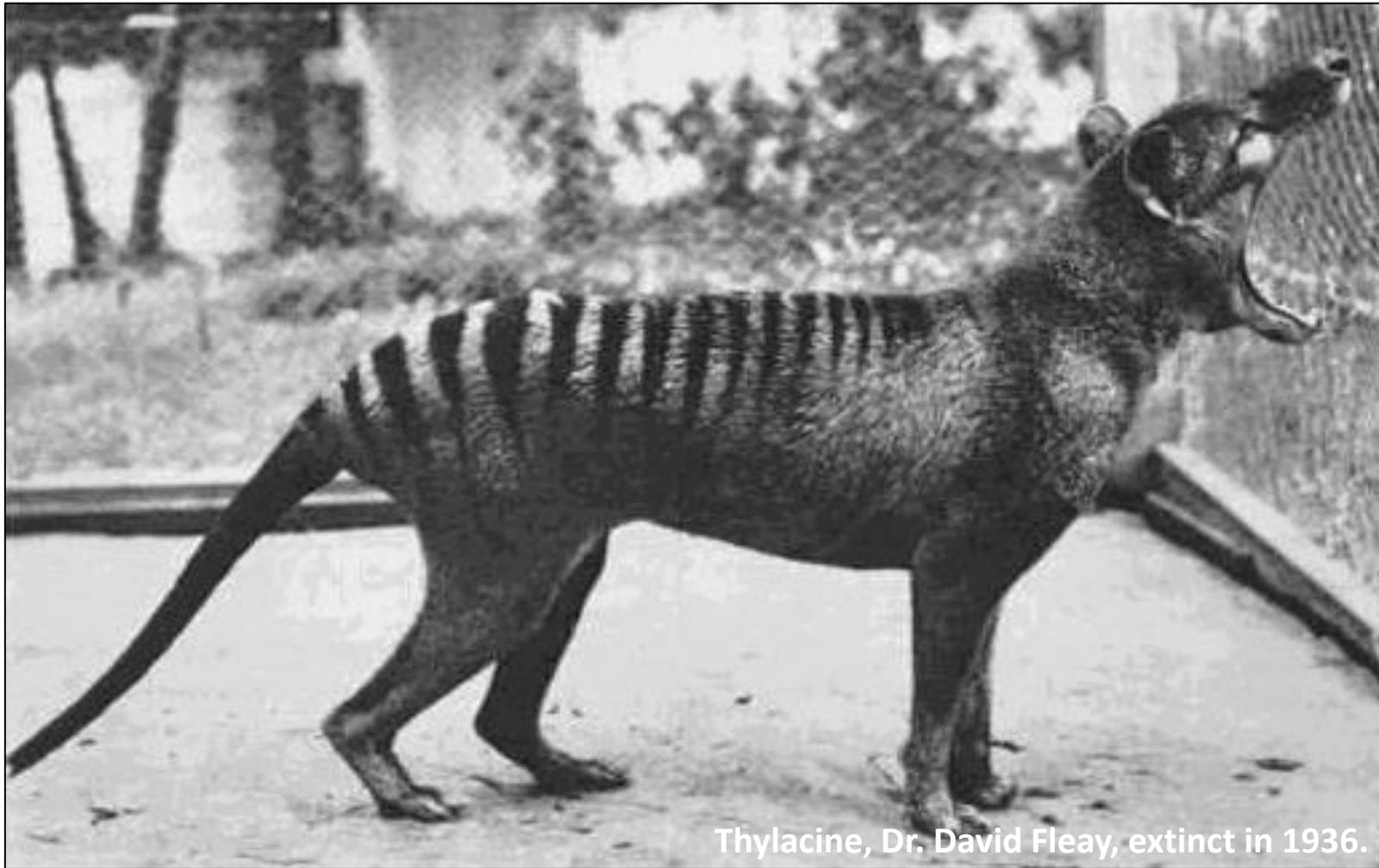


## Segmentation

FCNs. Long et al. In CVPR, 2015.

Does the method  
work on *legacy* black  
and white photos?





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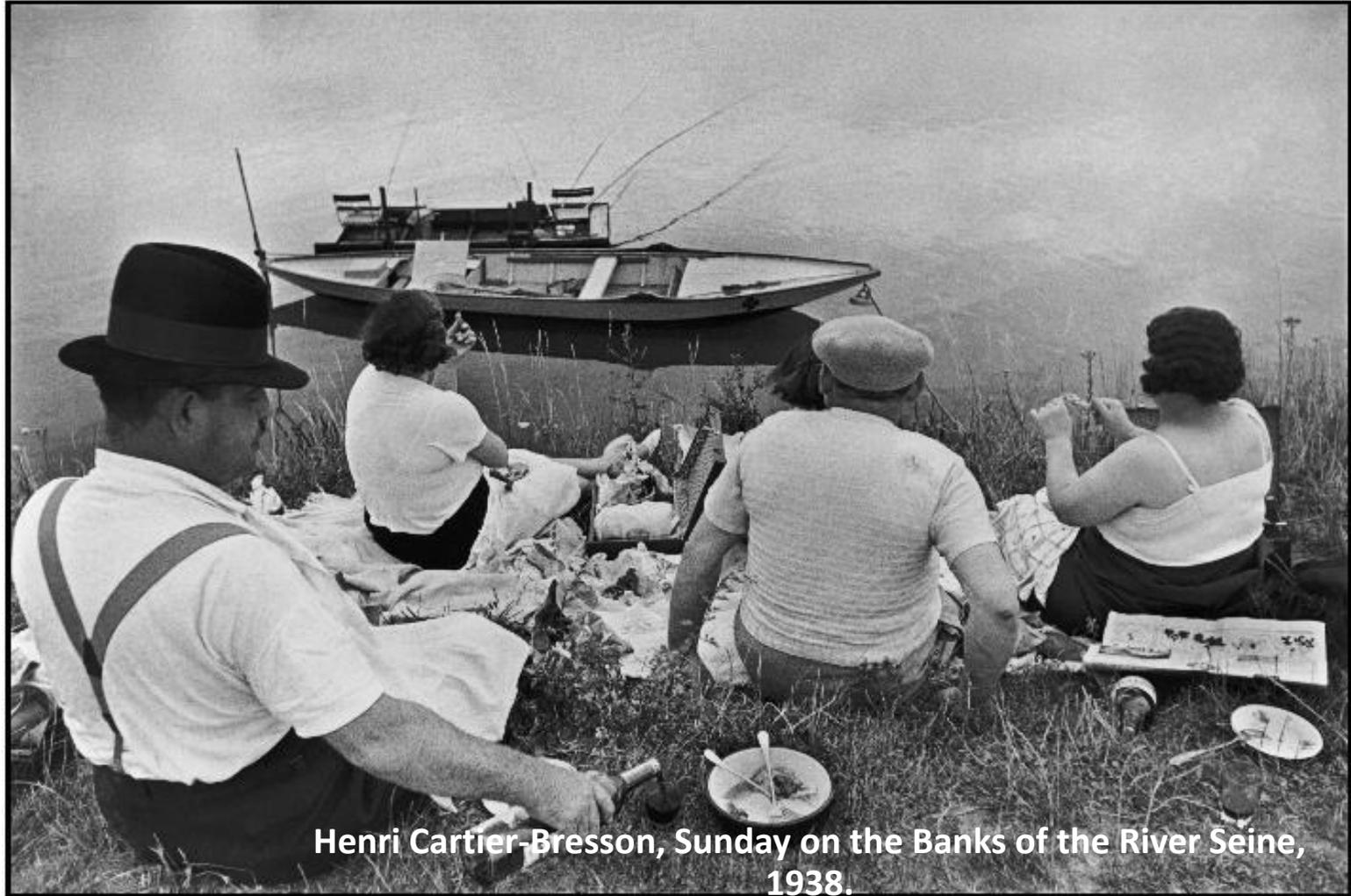
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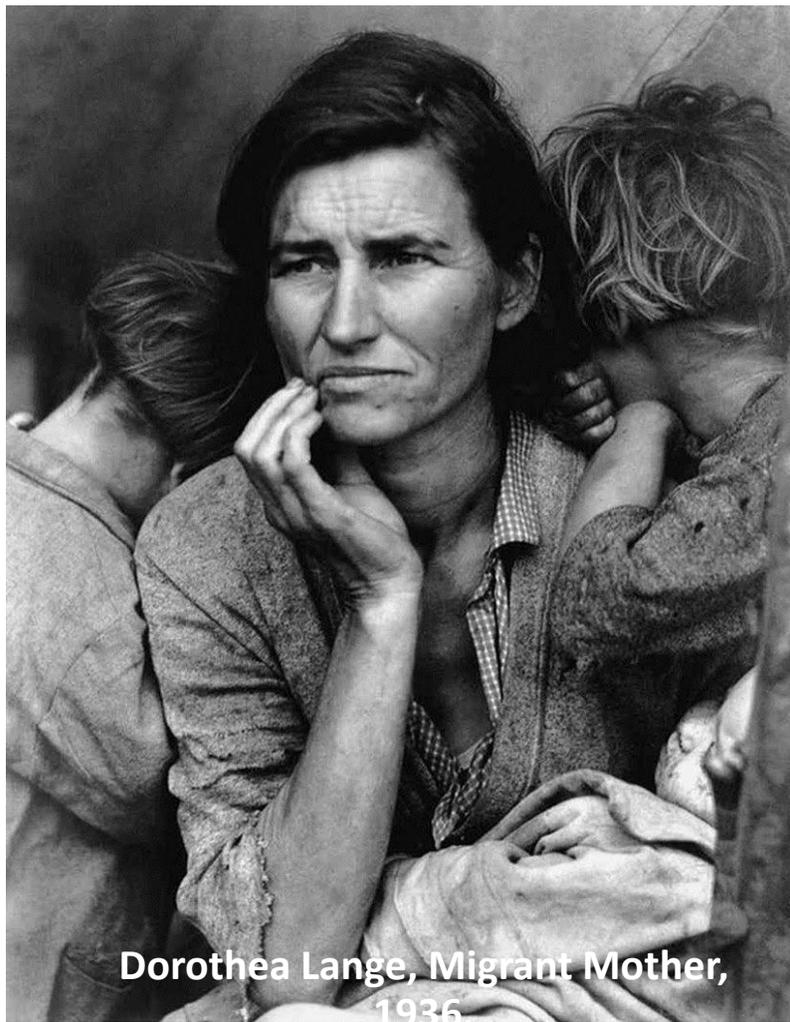
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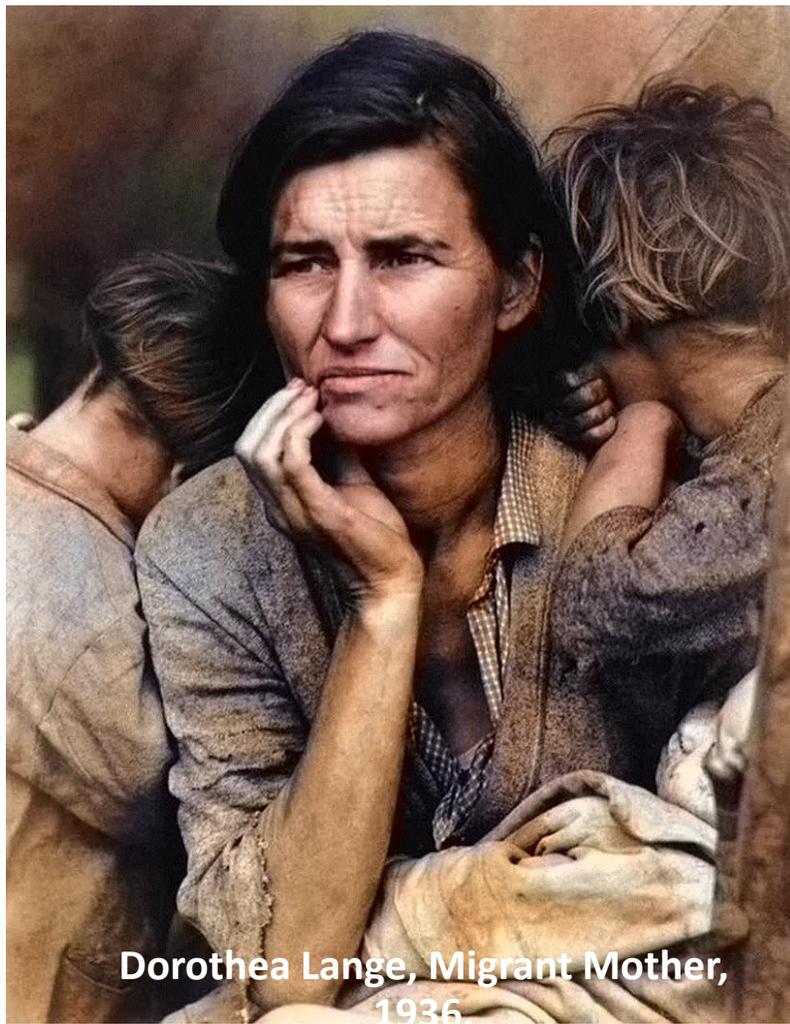
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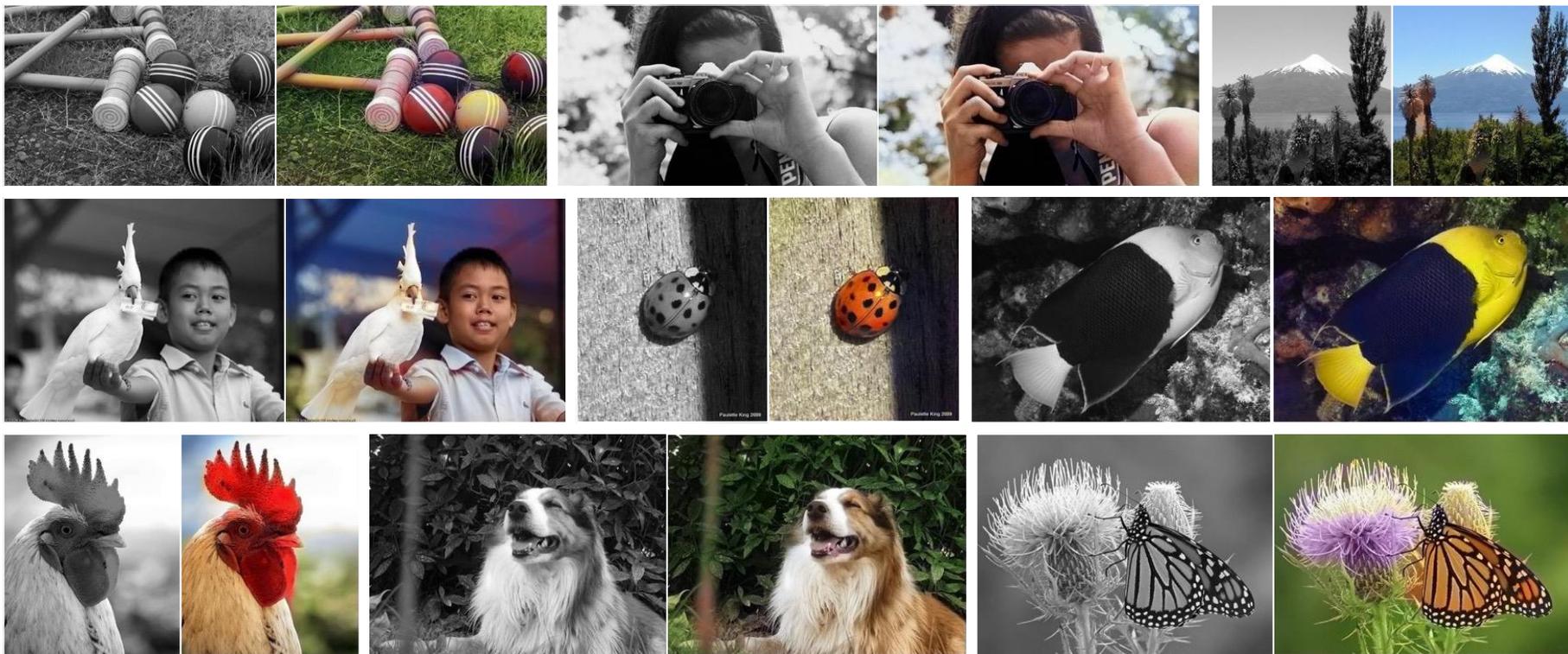
Dorothea Lange, Migrant Mother,  
1936



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# Additional Information

- Demo
  - <http://demos.algorithmia.com/colorize-photos/>
- Reddit ColorizeBot
  - Type “colorizebot” under any image post
- Code
  - <https://github.com/richzhang/colorization>
- Website – full paper, user examples, visualizations
  - <http://richzhang.github.io/colorization>



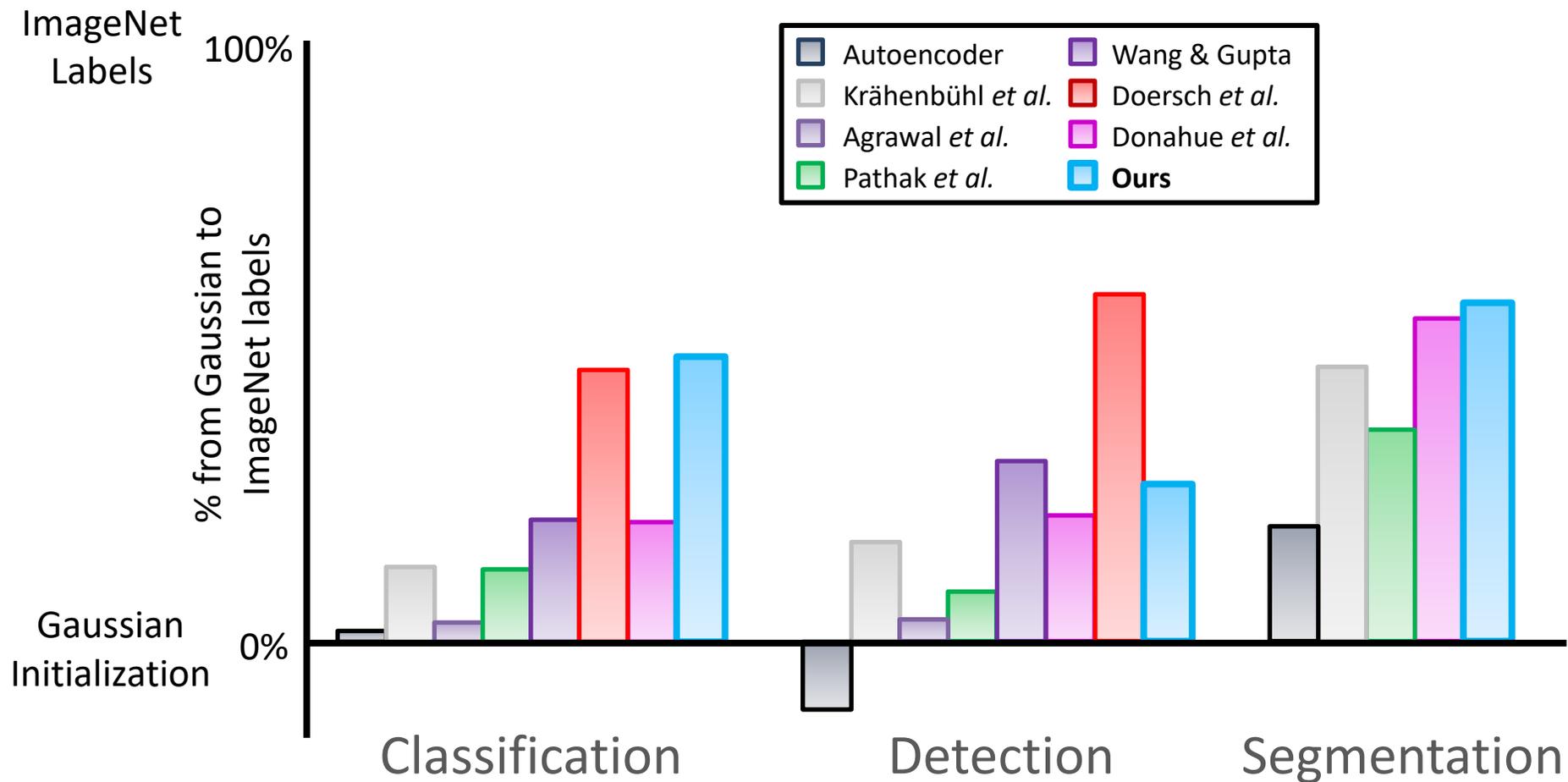
For the full paper, additional examples and our model:  
[richzhang.github.io/colorization](https://richzhang.github.io/colorization)

# The Gelato Bet, Resolved

"If, by the first day of autumn (Sept 23) of 2015, a method will exist that can match or beat the performance of R-CNN on Pascal VOC detection, without the use of any extra, human annotations (e.g. ImageNet) as pre-training, Mr. Malik promises to buy Mr. Efros one (1) gelato"



# Dataset & Task Generalization on PASCAL VOC



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# **A Simple Framework for Contrastive Learning of Visual Representations**

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SimCLR, IMCL 2020

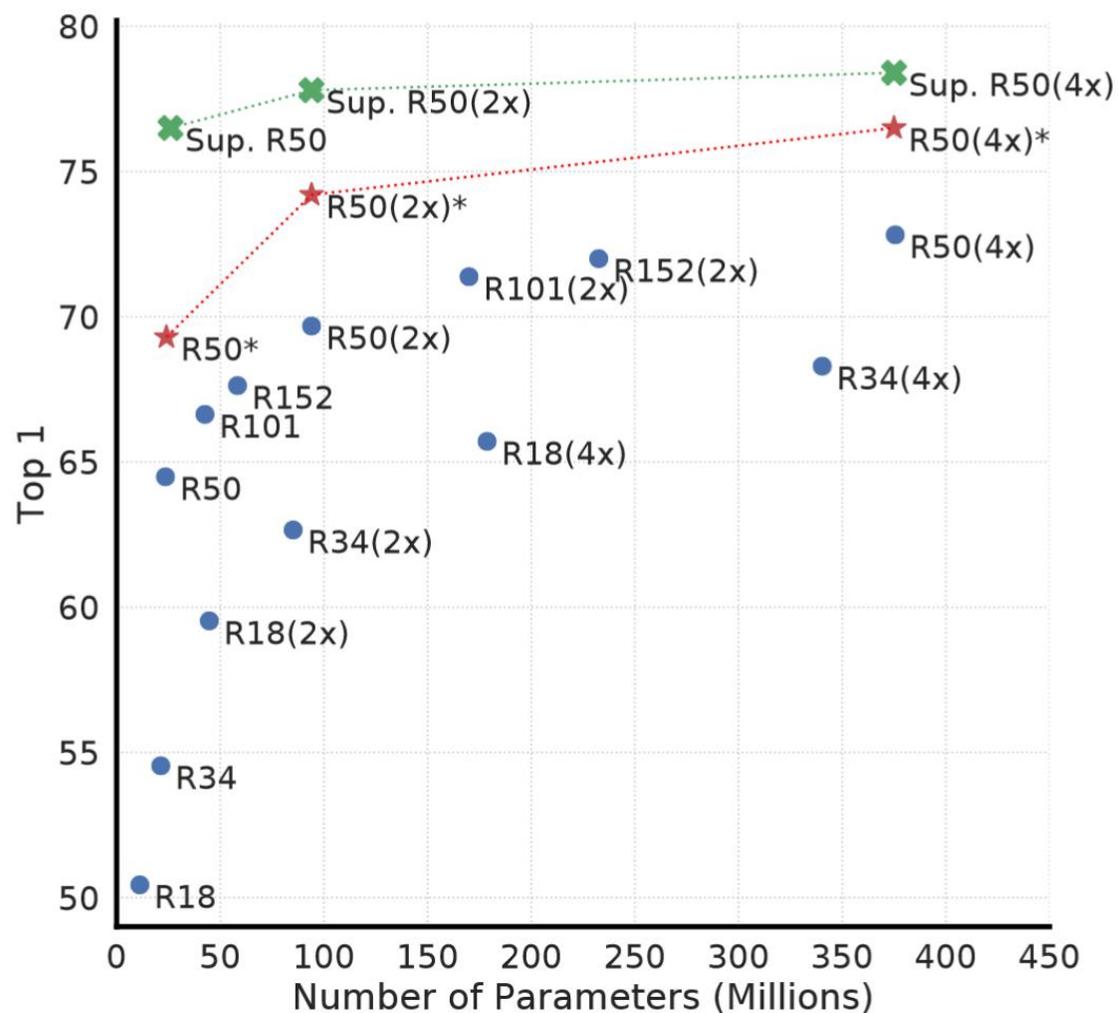
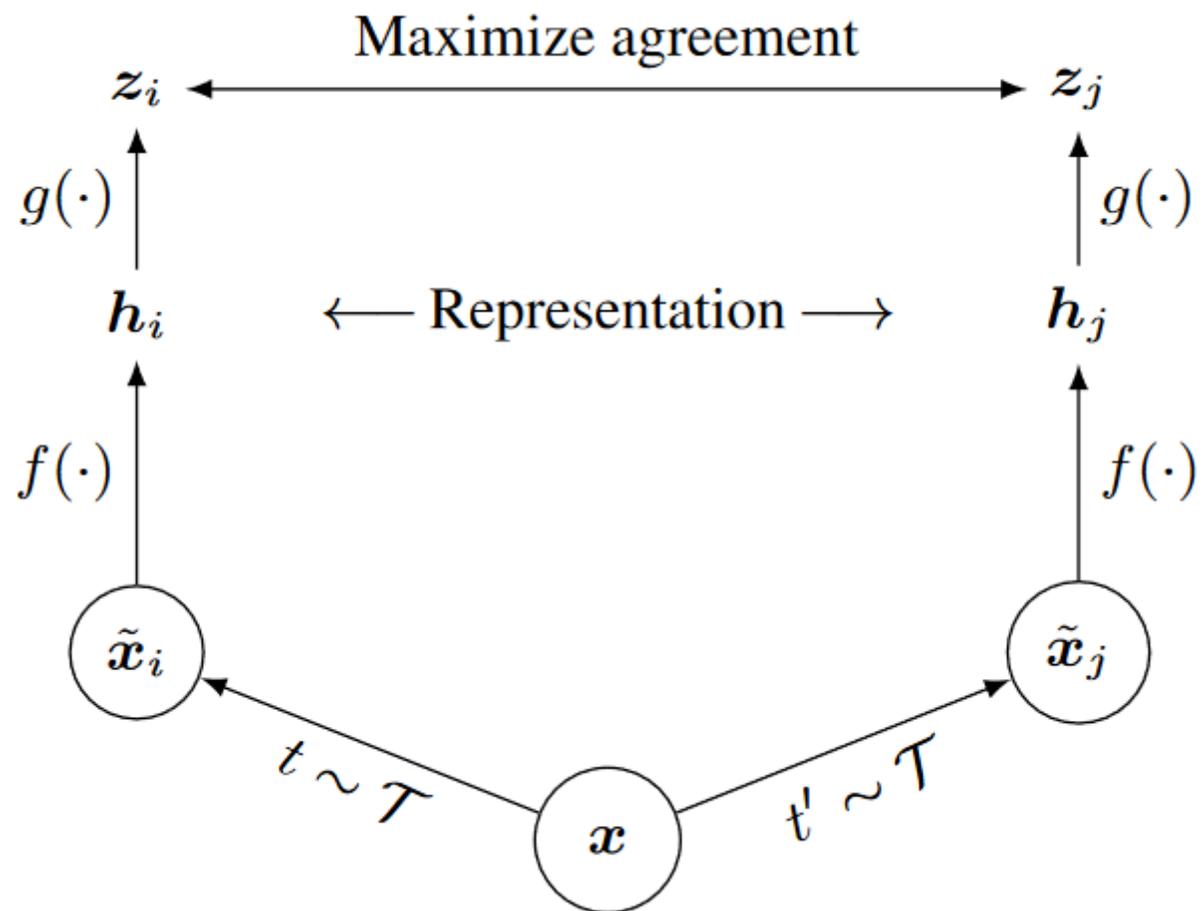


Figure 7. Linear evaluation of models with varied depth and width. Models in blue dots are ours trained for 100 epochs, models in red stars are ours trained for 1000 epochs, and models in green crosses are supervised ResNets trained for 90 epochs<sup>7</sup> (He et al., 2016).





(a) Original



(b) Crop and resize



(c) Crop, resize (and flip)



(d) Color distort. (drop)



(e) Color distort. (jitter)



(f) Rotate  $\{90^\circ, 180^\circ, 270^\circ\}$



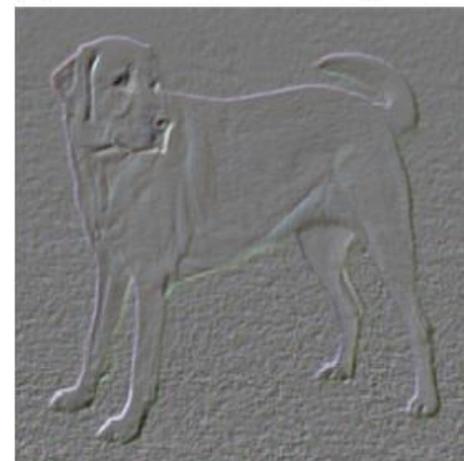
(g) Cutout



(h) Gaussian noise



(i) Gaussian blur



(j) Sobel filtering

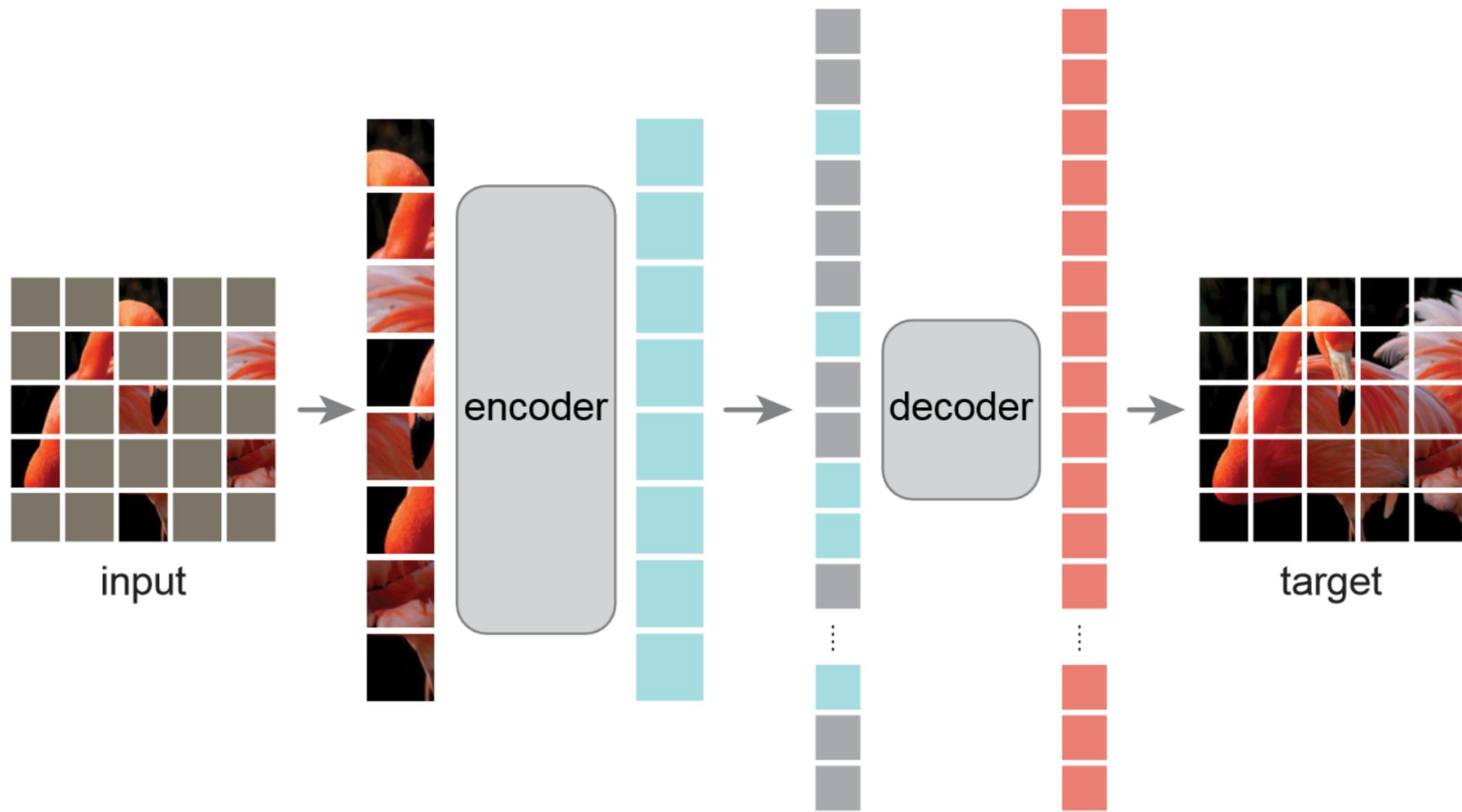
# Masked Autoencoders Are Scalable Vision Learners

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CVPR 2022



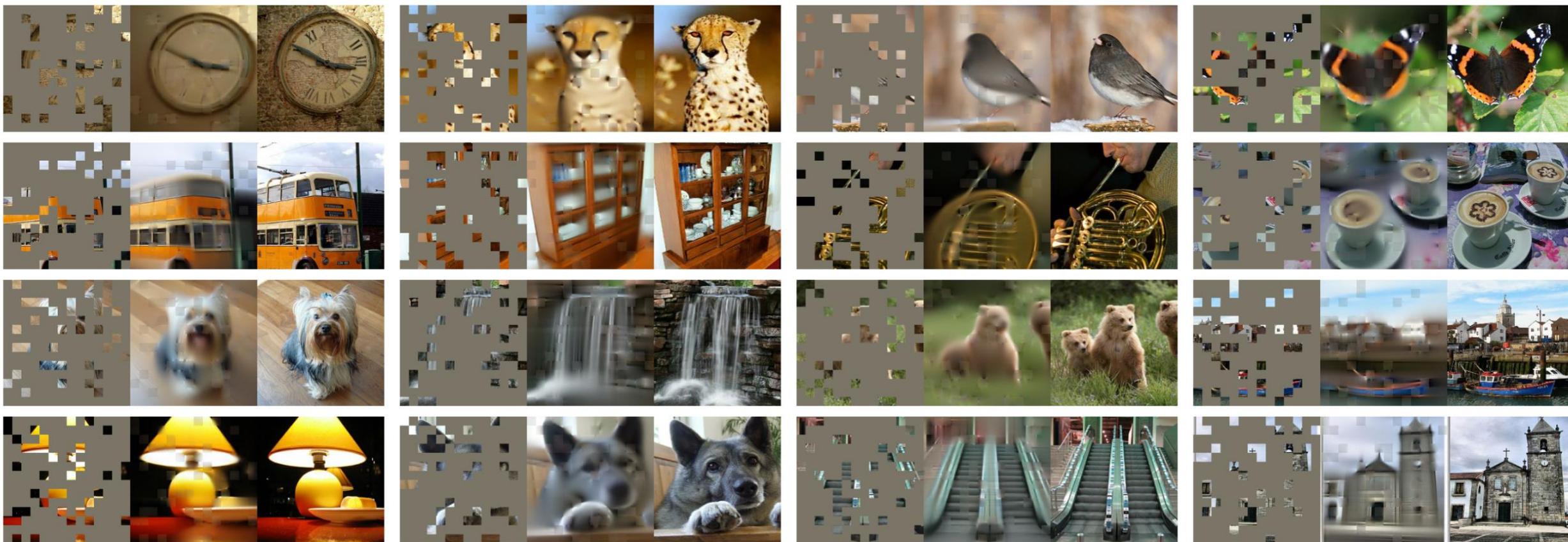


Figure 2. Example results on ImageNet *validation* images. For each triplet, we show the masked image (left), our MAE reconstruction<sup>†</sup> (middle), and the ground-truth (right). The masking ratio is 80%, leaving only 39 out of 196 patches. More examples are in the appendix.  
<sup>†</sup>As no loss is computed on visible patches, the model output on visible patches is qualitatively worse. One can simply overlay the output with the visible patches to improve visual quality. We intentionally opt not to do this, so we can more comprehensively demonstrate the method’s behavior.



Figure 3. Example results on COCO validation images, using an MAE trained on ImageNet (the same model weights as in Figure 2). Observe the reconstructions on the two right-most examples, which, although different from the ground truth, are semantically plausible.

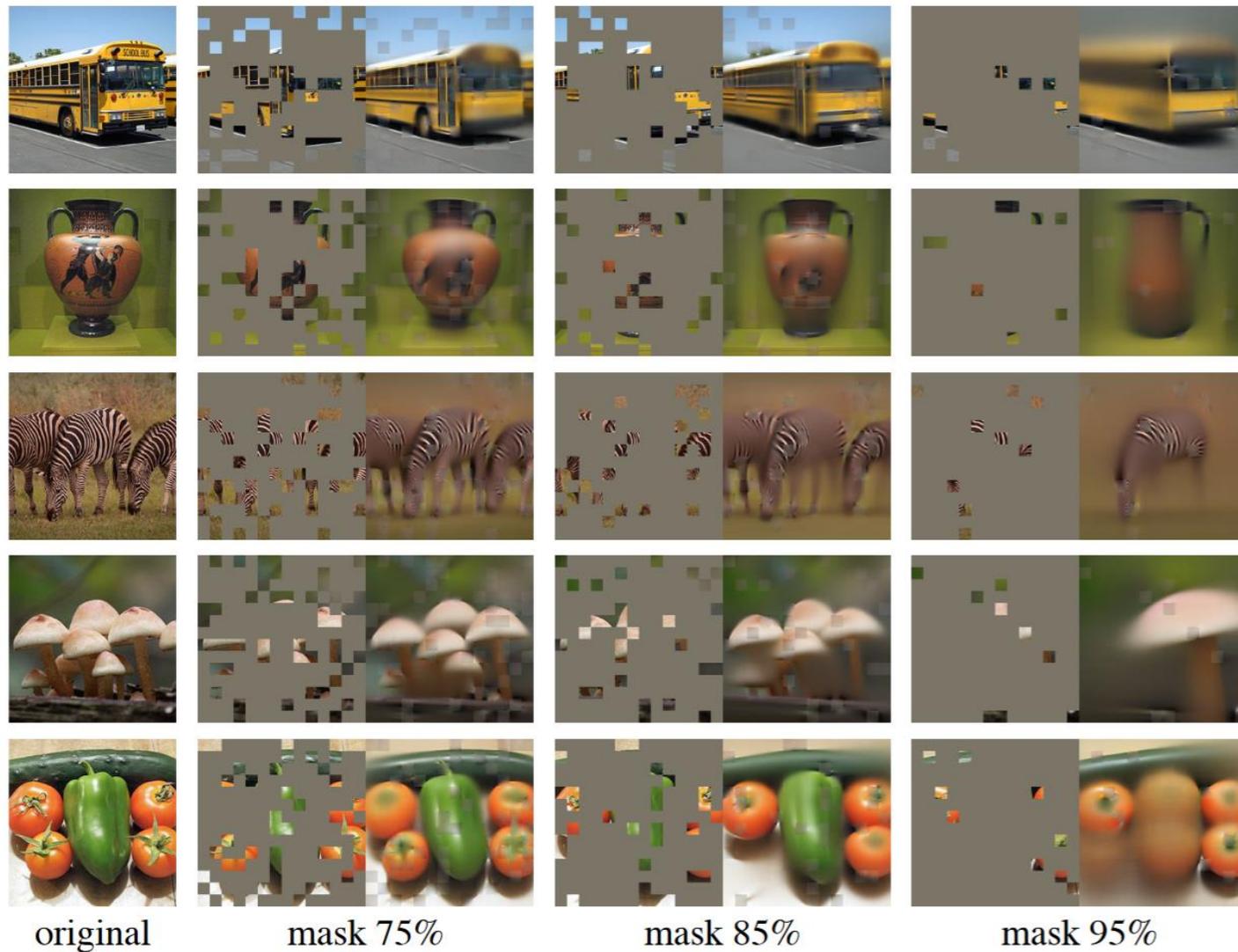
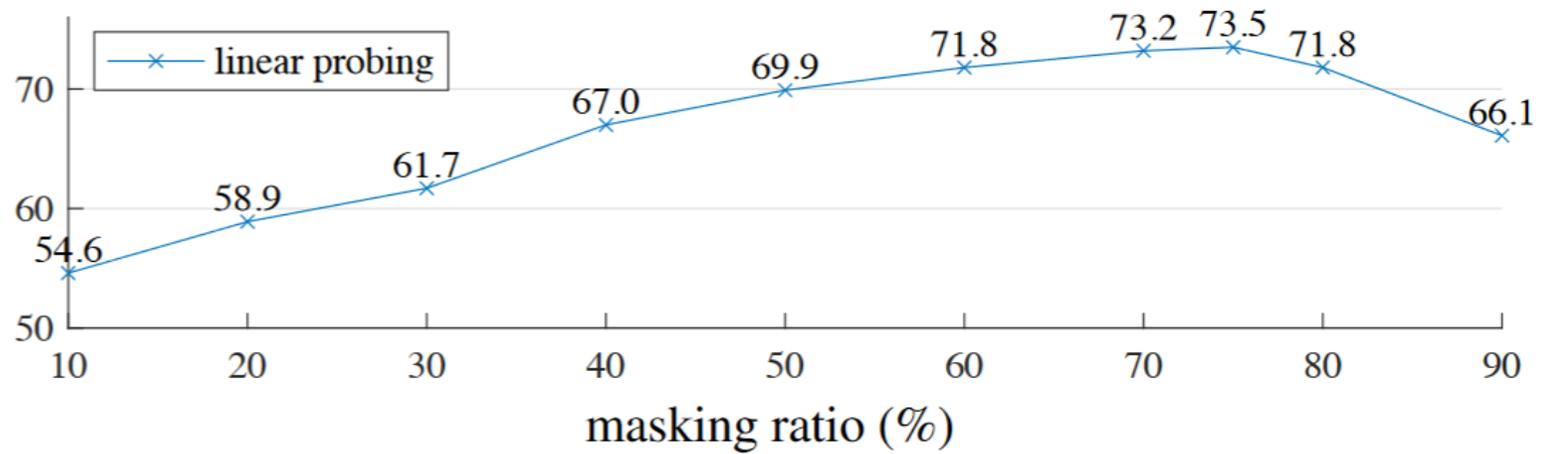
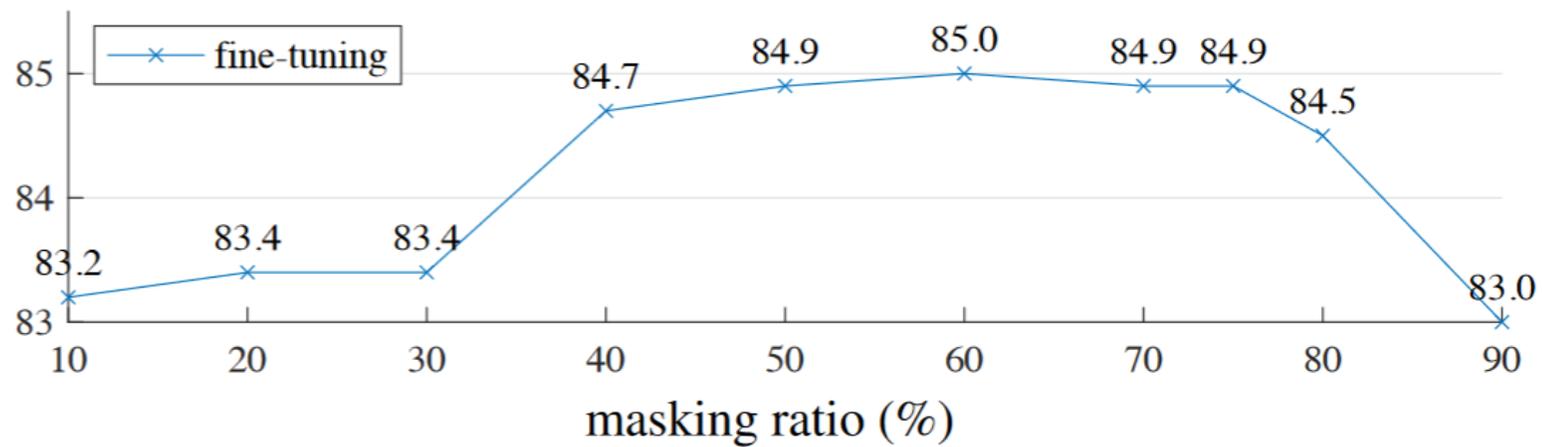


Figure 4. Reconstructions of ImageNet *validation* images using an MAE pre-trained with a masking ratio of 75% but applied on inputs with higher masking ratios. The predictions differ plausibly from the original images, showing that the method can generalize.



method	pre-train data	AP <sup>box</sup>		AP <sup>mask</sup>	
		ViT-B	ViT-L	ViT-B	ViT-L
supervised	IN1K w/ labels	47.9	49.3	42.9	43.9
MoCo v3	IN1K	47.9	49.3	42.7	44.0
BEiT	IN1K+DALLE	49.8	<b>53.3</b>	44.4	47.1
MAE	IN1K	<b>50.3</b>	<b>53.3</b>	<b>44.9</b>	<b>47.2</b>

Table 4. **COCO object detection and segmentation** using a ViT Mask R-CNN baseline. All entries are based on our implementation. Self-supervised entries use IN1K data *without* labels. Mask AP follows a similar trend as box AP.

# Conclusion

- With the right “pretext” tasks and architectures, we are pretty close to matching supervised performance with self-supervised approaches. But it takes some work (longer training, bigger models, precise hyperparameter tuning)
- SimCLR and Masked AutoEncoder only train on ImageNet images. But couldn't you use a lot more data if you don't need human labels?
- The gelato bet was just a bit premature