Recognition Techniques, old and new


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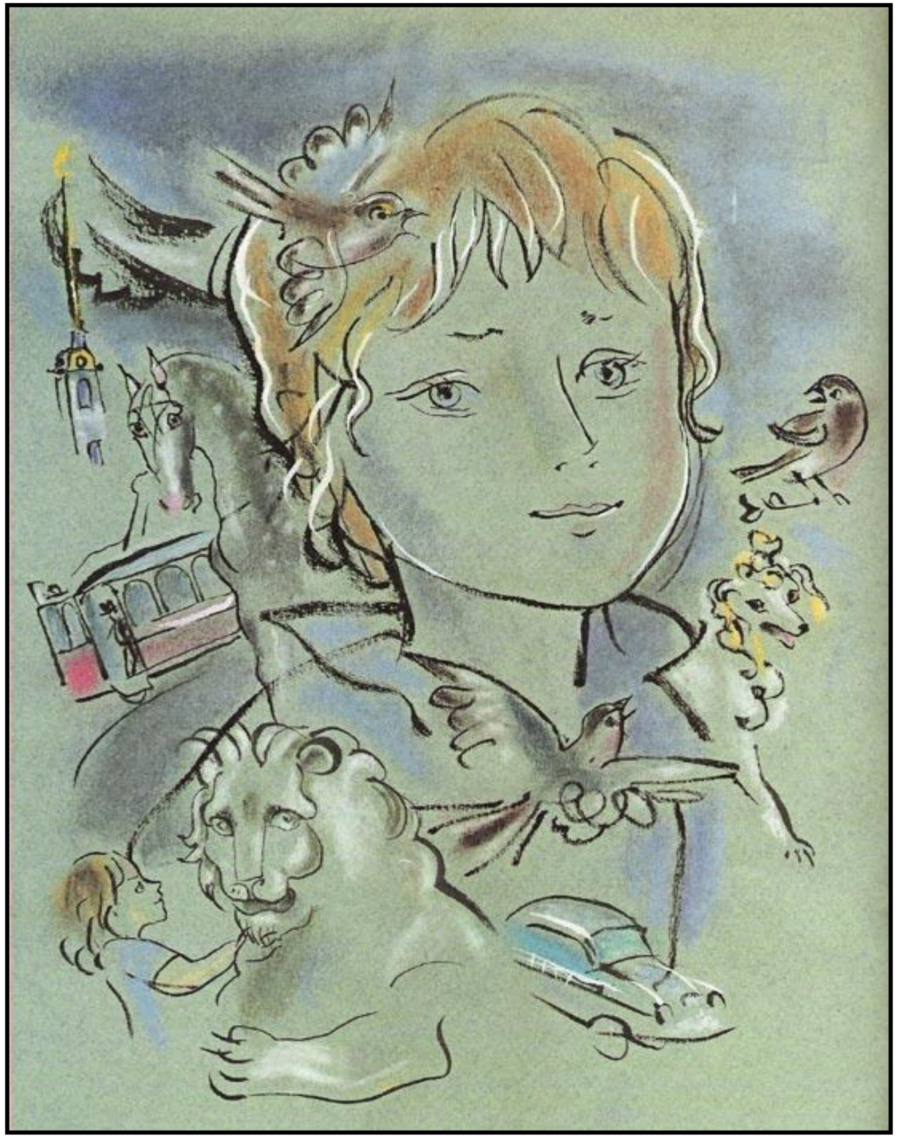
Today’s outline

- We’ve covered Deep Convolutional Networks. But what did recognition techniques look like before AlexNet?
  - Bag of words models
  - Sliding window models
- What do more recent deep learning architectures look like?
  - VGG Net
  - Google Inception architectures
  - ResNet

Recognition: Overview and History



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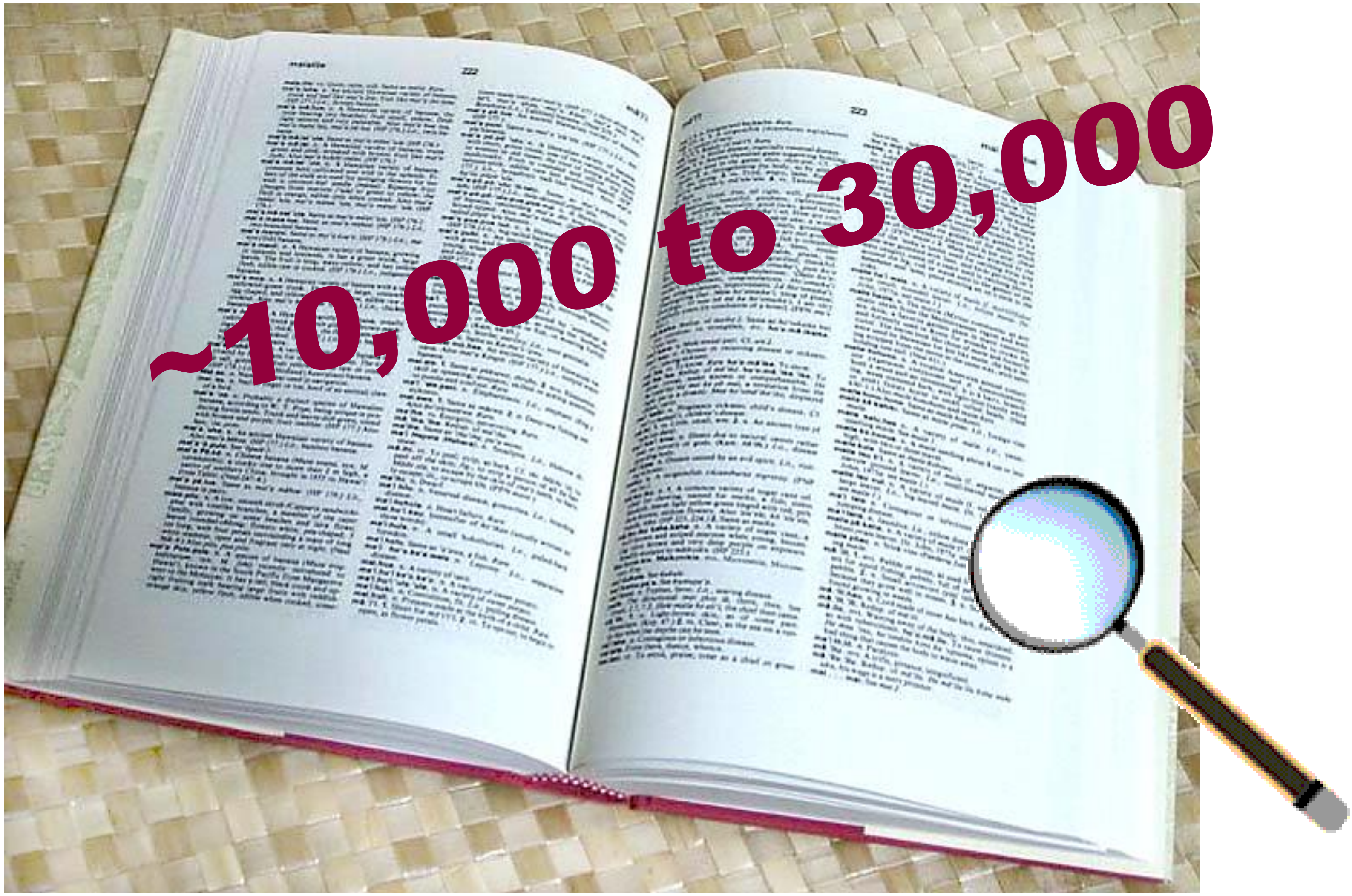
How many visual object categories are there?



Biederman 1987


~10,000 to 30,000
But there’s really a “heavy tail” of rarer object categories that humans can often understand after seeing few or no examples

Specific recognition tasks

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Scene categorization or classification

- **outdoor/indoor**
- **city/forest/factory/etc.**

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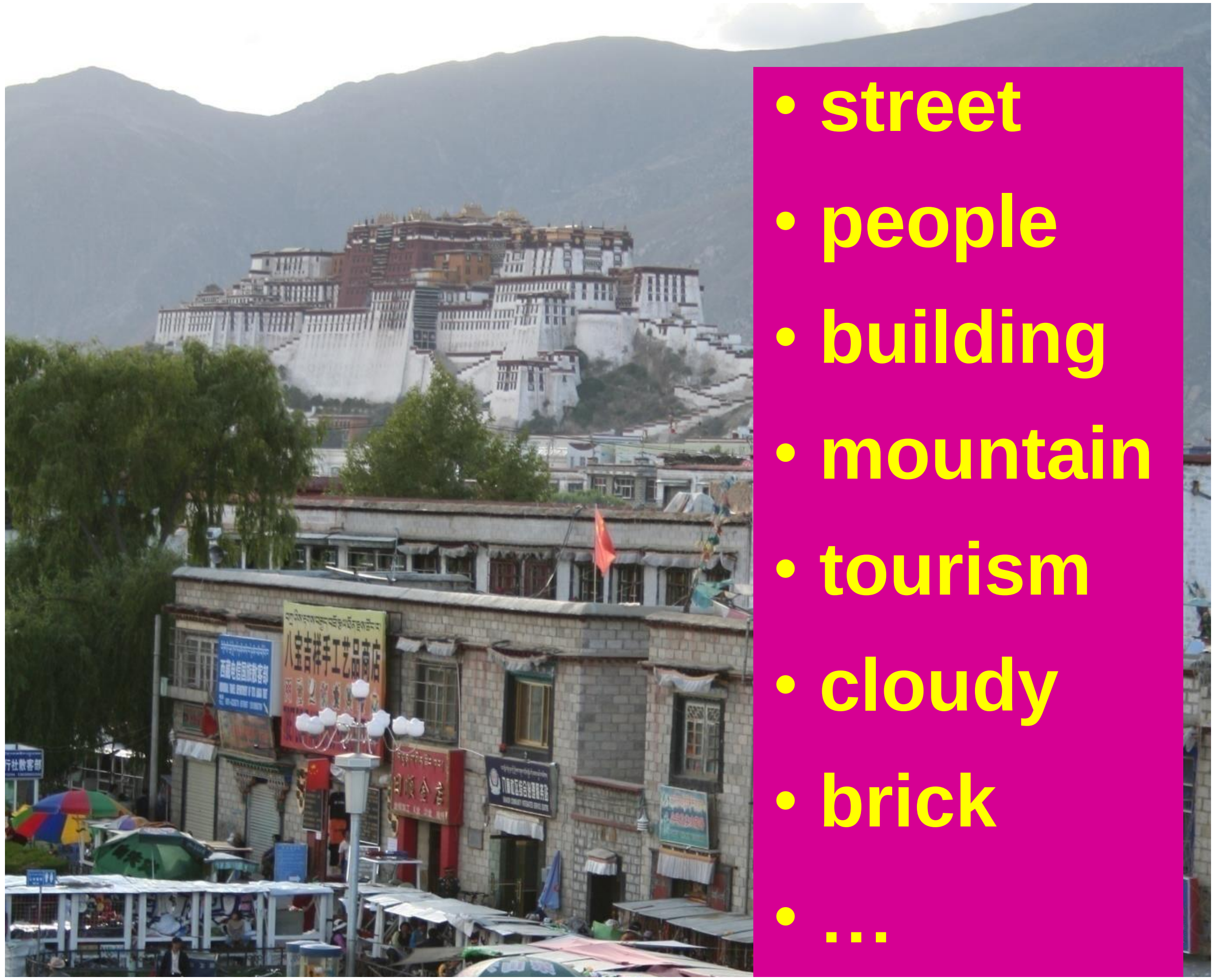
Image annotation / tagging / attributes



- street
- people
- building
- mountain
- tourism
- cloudy
- brick
- …

Categories are exclusive. An instance belongs to one category.
Attributes are not exclusive. An instance can have many or none.

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Object detection

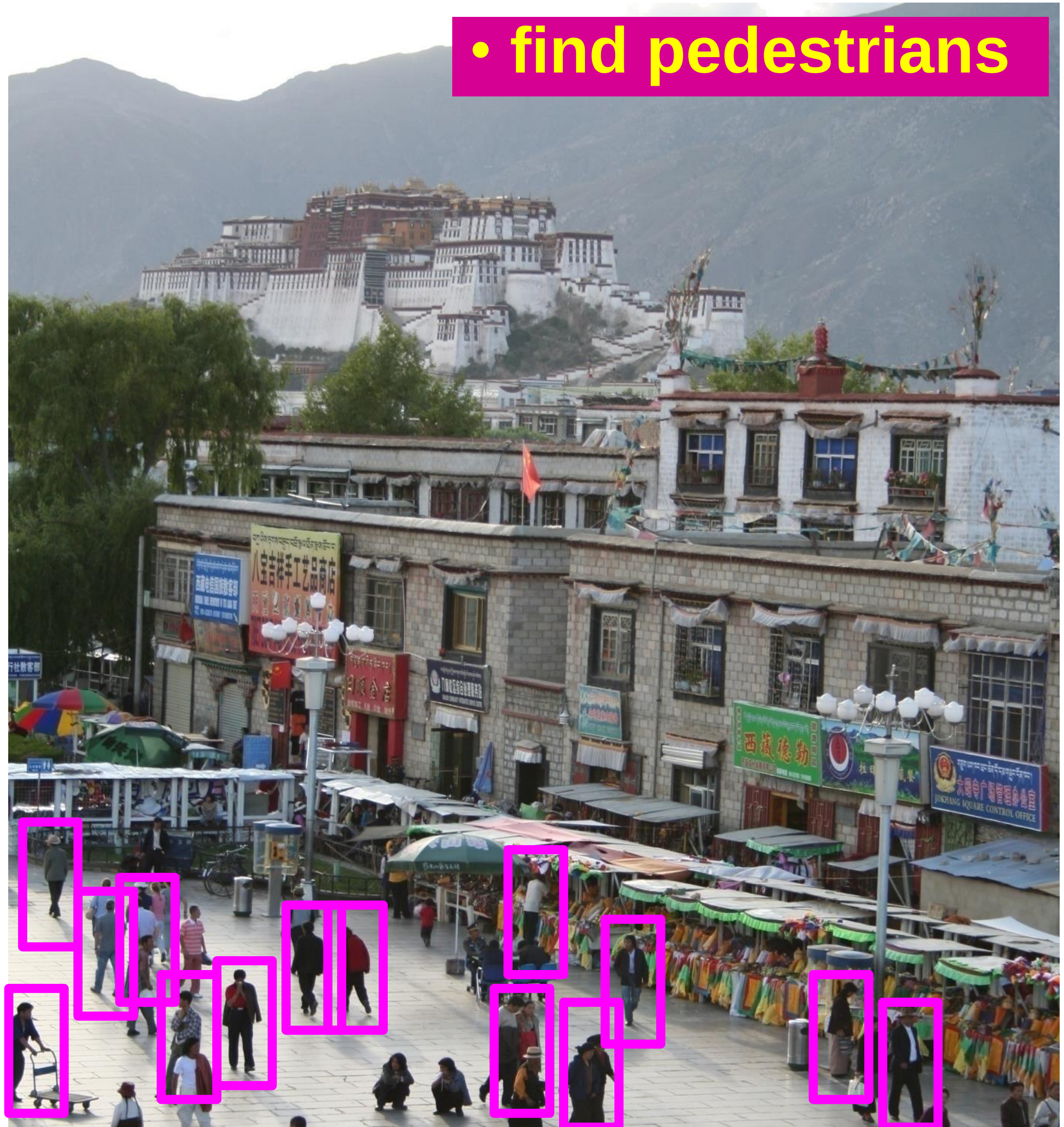

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Image parsing / semantic segmentation

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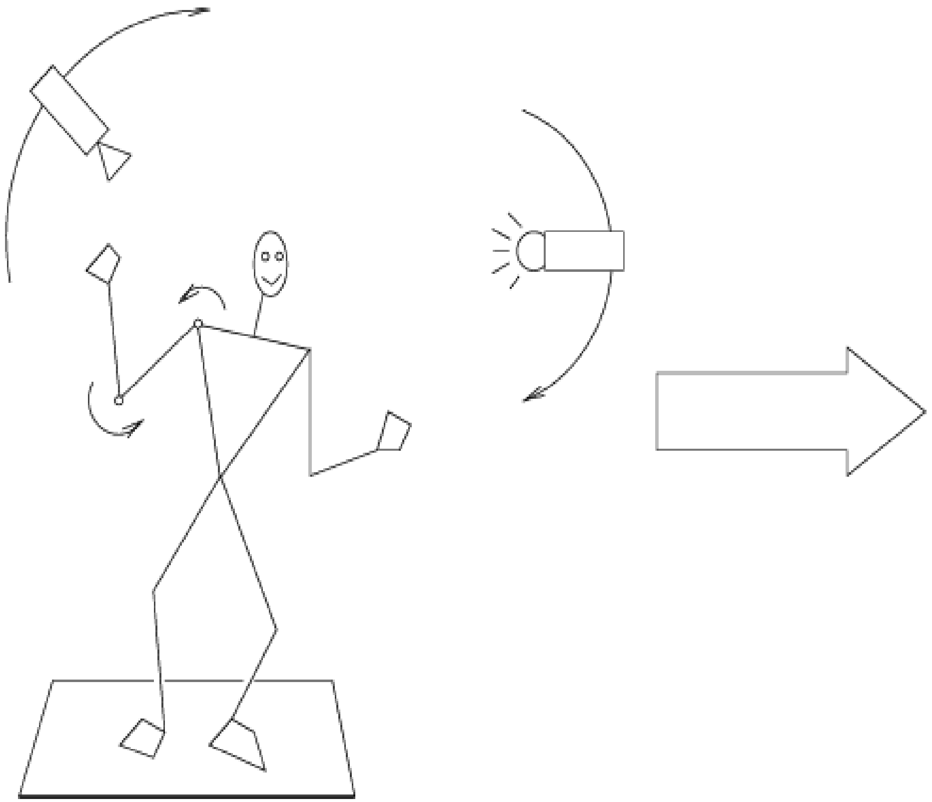
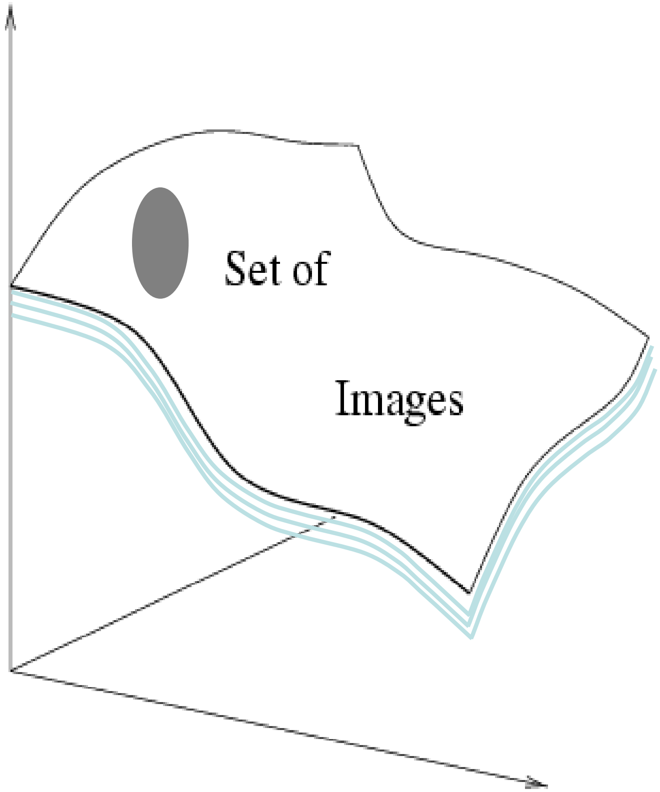
Recognition is all about modeling variability





Variability of a single object instance due to:

Camera position
Illumination
Shape parameters

Within-class variations among multiple object instances?

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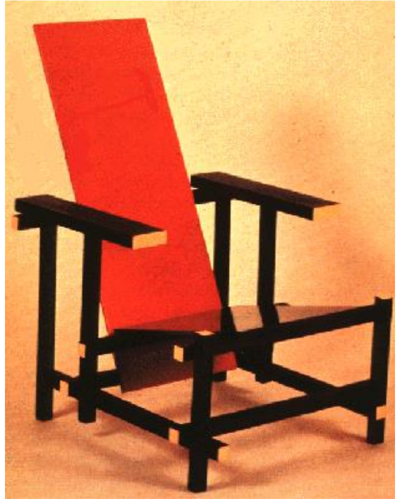
Within-class variations



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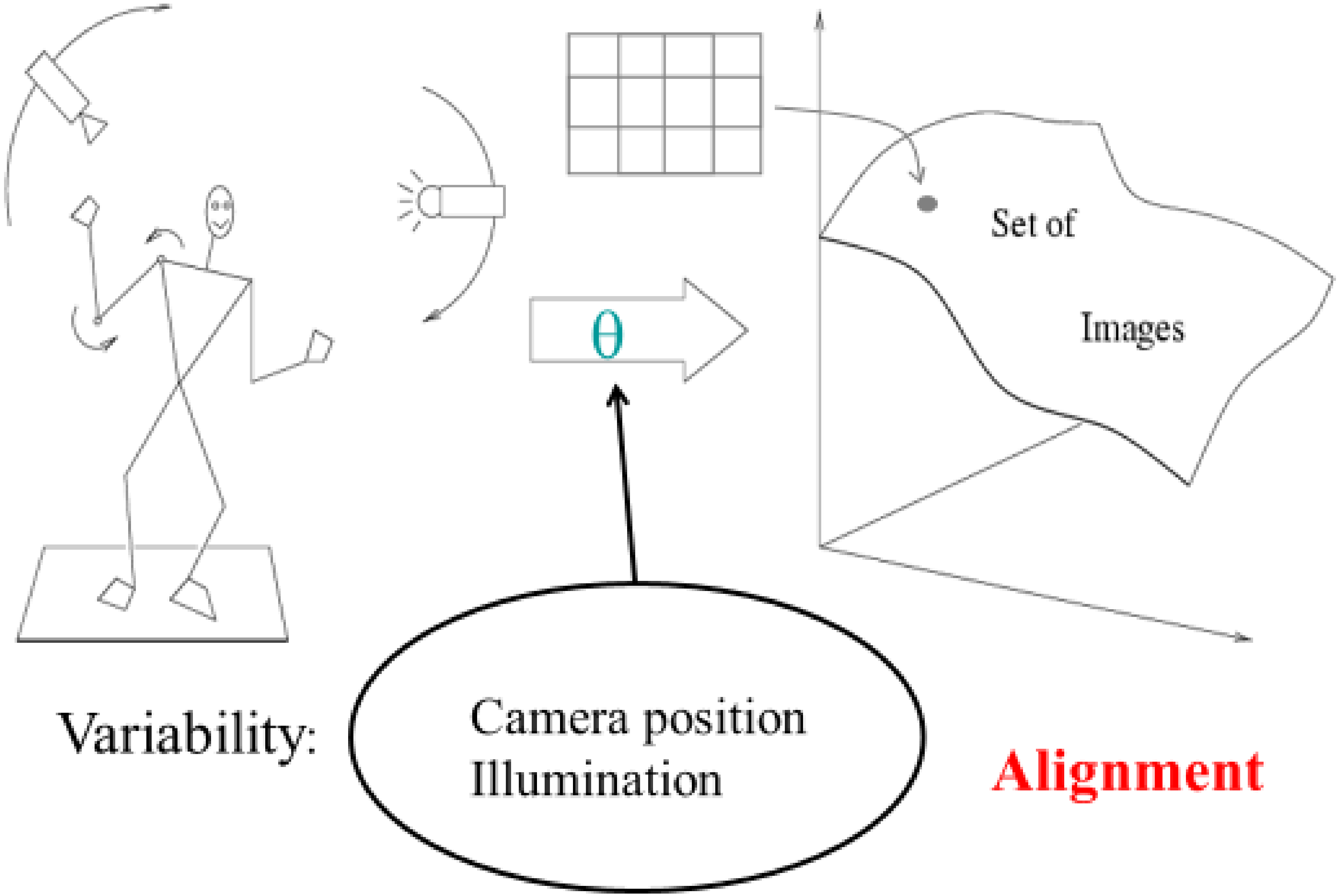

Variability:

Alignment

Shape: assumed known

Roberts (1965); Lowe (1987); Faugeras & Hebert (1986); Grimson & Lozano-Perez (1986); Huttenlocher & Ullman (1987)

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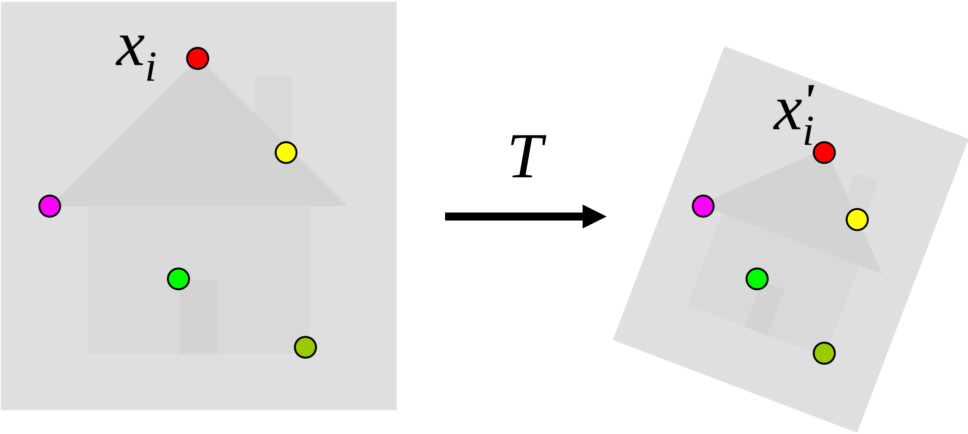
Recall: Alignment

- Alignment: fitting a model to a transformation between pairs of features (*matches*) in two images



Find transformation T that minimizes

$$\sum_i \text{residual}(T(x_i), x_i')$$

Recognition as an alignment problem: Block world

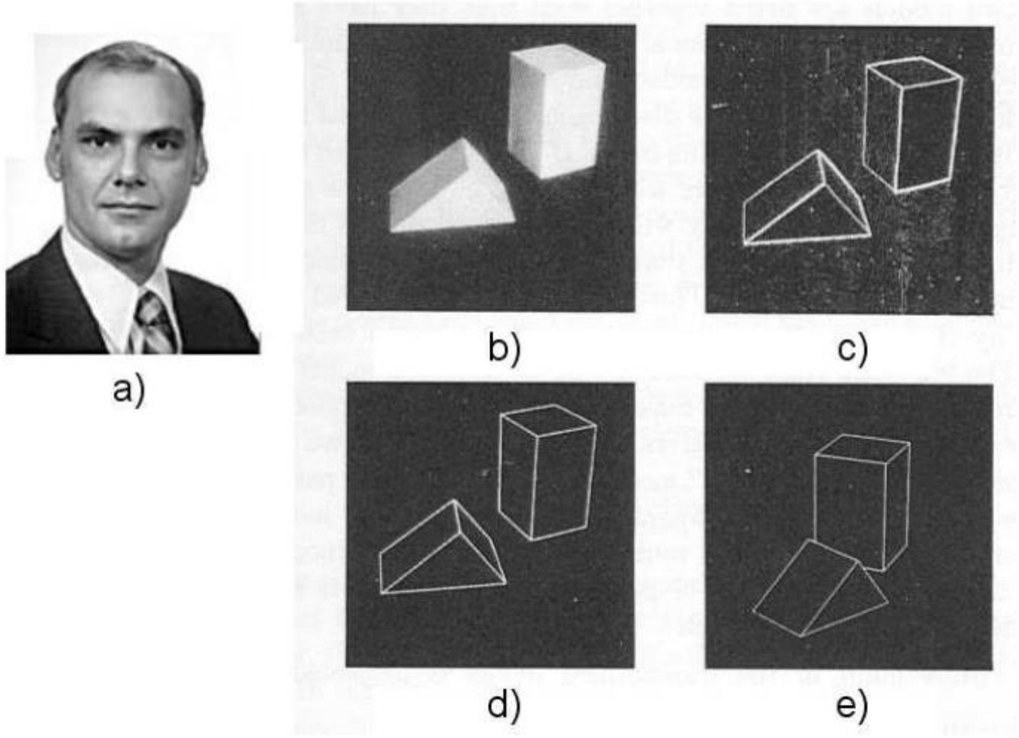
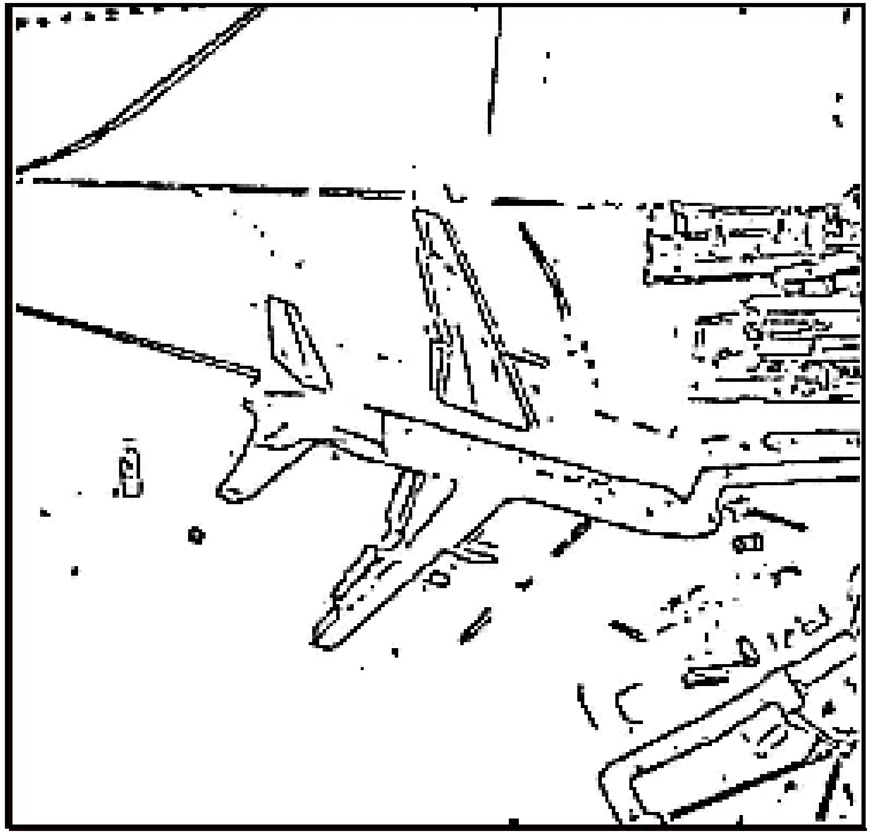


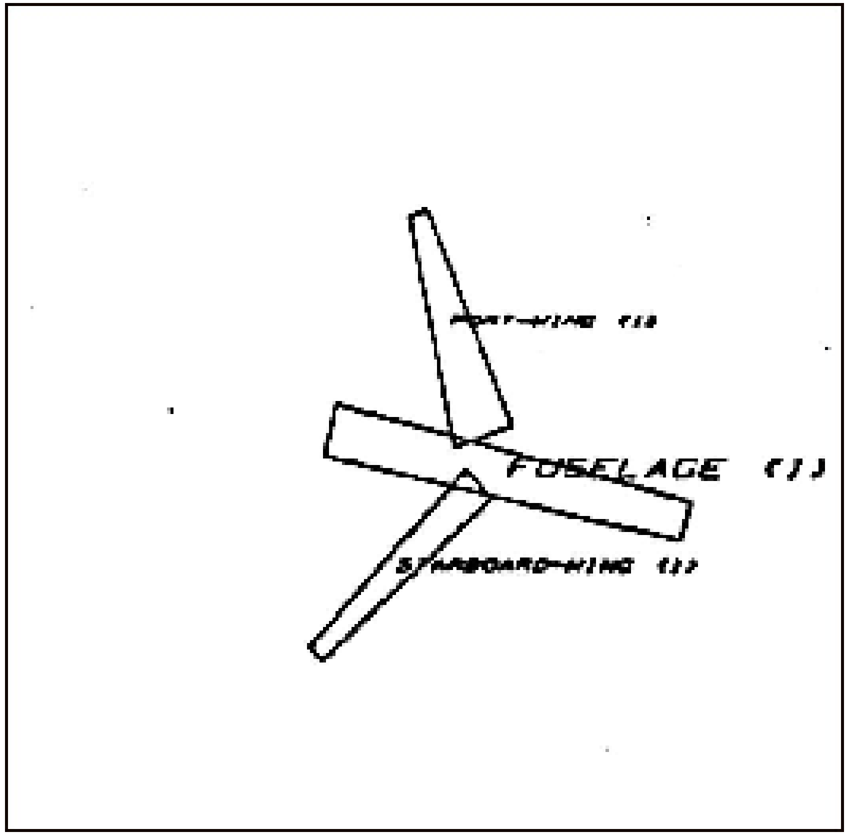
Fig. 1. A system for recognizing 3-d polyhedral scenes. a) L.G. Roberts. b)A blocks world scene. c)Detected edges using a 2x2 gradient operator. d) A 3-d polyhedral description of the scene, formed automatically from the single image. e) The 3-d scene displayed with a viewpoint different from the original image to demonstrate its accuracy and completeness. (b) - e) are taken from [64] with permission MIT Press.)

L. G. Roberts, *Machine Perception of Three Dimensional Solids*, Ph.D. thesis, MIT Department of Electrical Engineering, 1963.

J. Mundy, Object Recognition in the Geometric Era: a Retrospective, 2006

Representing and recognizing object categories is harder...





ACRONYM (Brooks and Binford, 1981)

Binford (1971), Nevatia & Binford (1972), Marr & Nishihara (1978)

Russia Covering Aircraft With Tires Is About Confusing Image-Matching Missile Seekers U.S. Military Confirms

Russia's efforts to befuddle cruise missiles and drones with imaging-matching seeker capabilities speaks to issues that go beyond the war in Ukraine.

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Schuyler Moore, U.S. Central Command's (CENTCOM) first-ever Chief Technology Officer, mentioned the Russian use of tires to disrupt incoming attacks on air bases during a broader live-streamed roundtable talk on artificial intelligence (AI) and related technologies that the Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS) think tank hosted today. Before taking up her current role, Moore had been Chief Strategy Officer for U.S. Naval Forces Central Command's (NAVCENT) Task Force 59, which is tasked with experimenting with integrating new AI-driven and uncrewed capabilities into day-to-day naval operations in the Middle East.

A "sort of classic unclassified example that exists is like a picture of a plane from the top, and you're looking for a plane, and then if you put tires on top of the wings, all of a sudden, a lot of computer vision models have difficulty identifying that that's a plane," Moore said as part of a larger discussion about AI models and data sets.

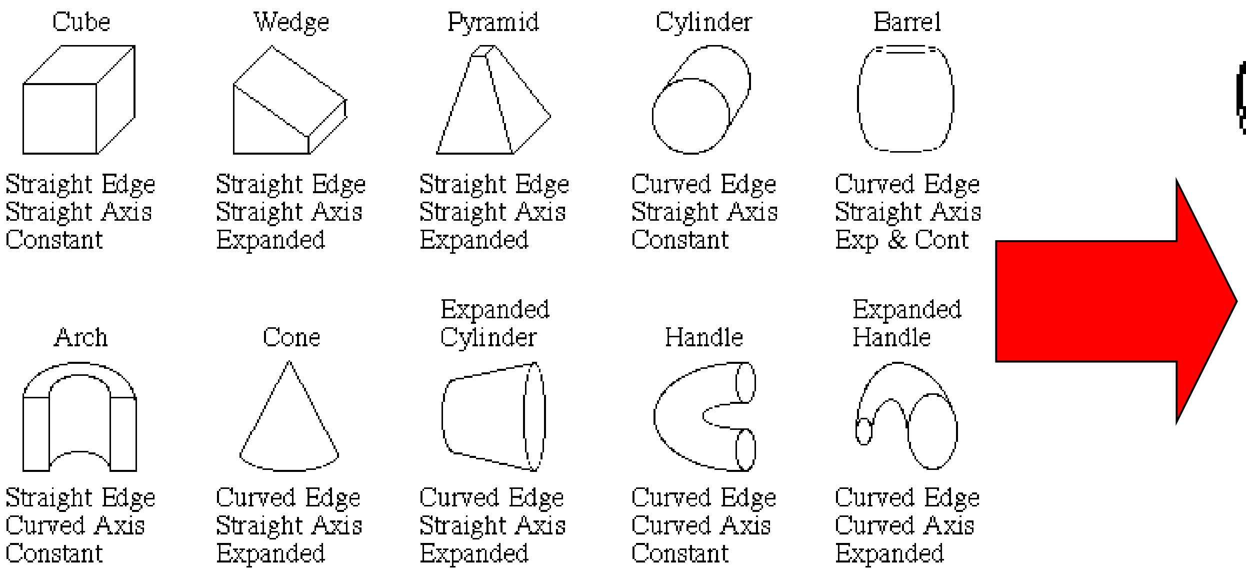
https://www.twz.com/air/russia-covering-its-aircraft-in-tires-is-about-befuddling-image-matching-seekers-u-s-military-confirms

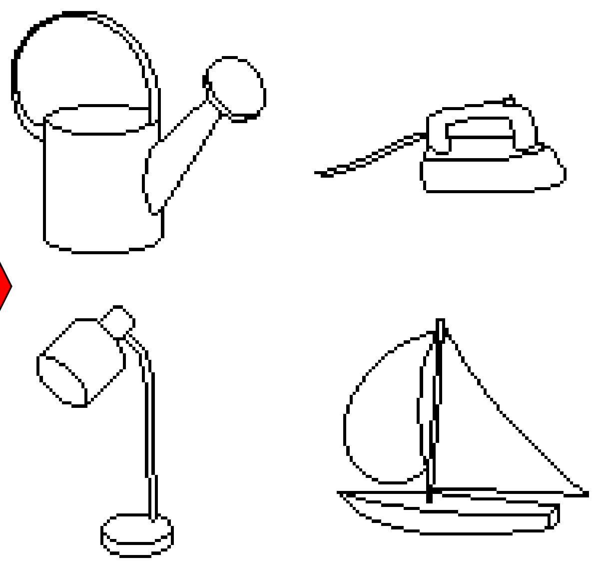
Recognition by components

Biederman (1987)

Primitives (geons)

Objects





http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Recognition_by_Components_Theory

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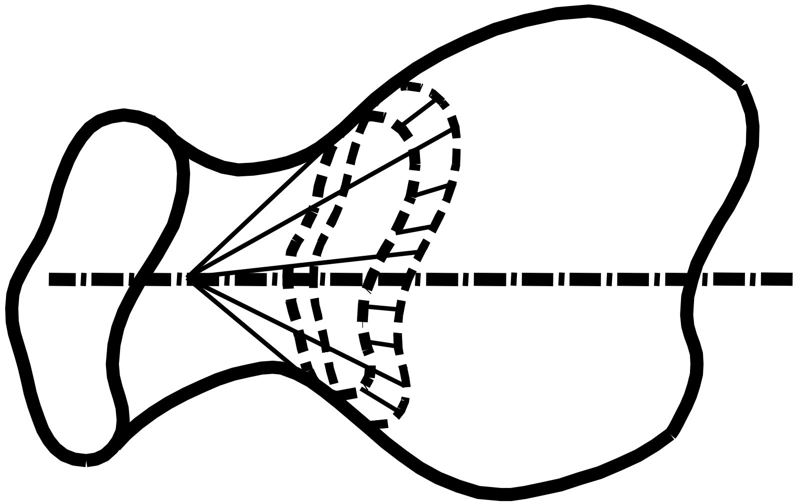
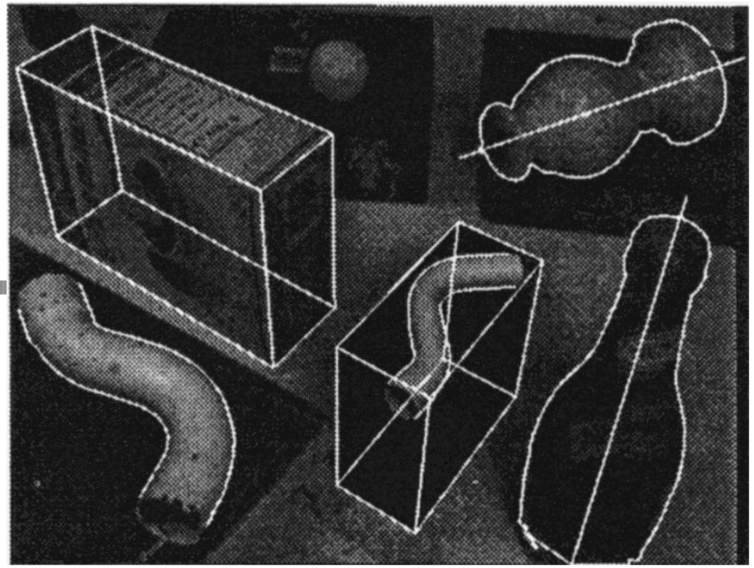
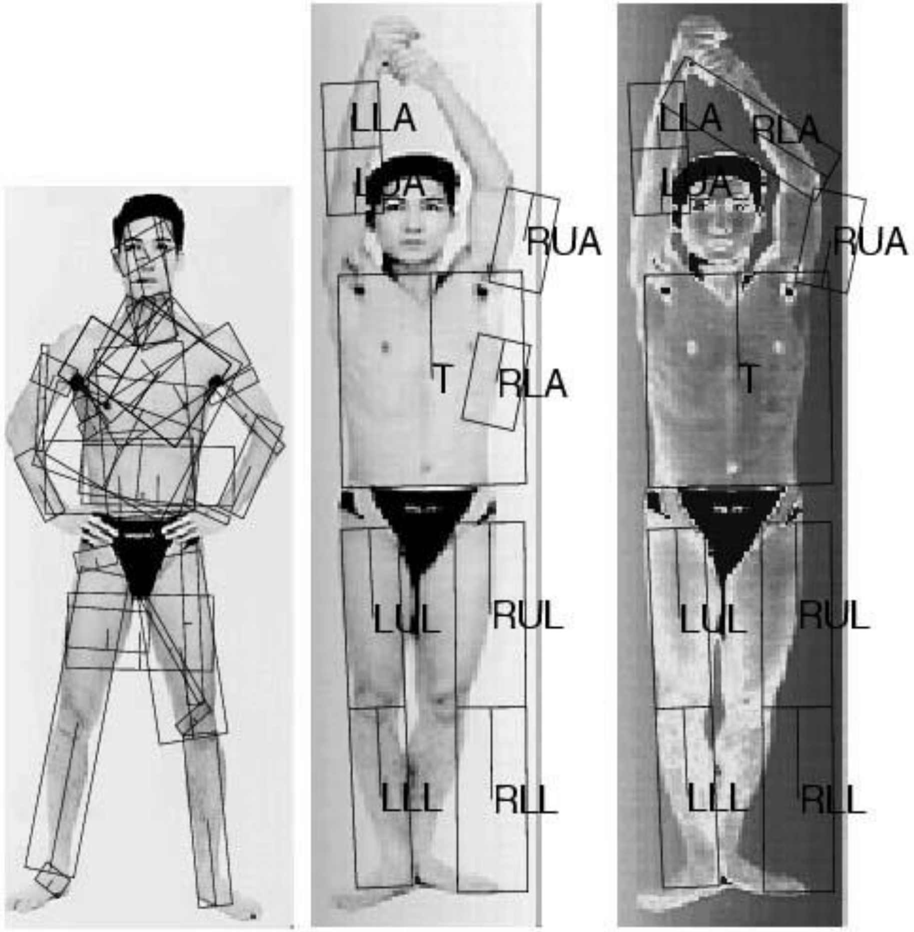
General shape primitives?



Generalized cylinders
Ponce et al. (1989)



Zisserman et al. (1995)



Forsyth (2000)

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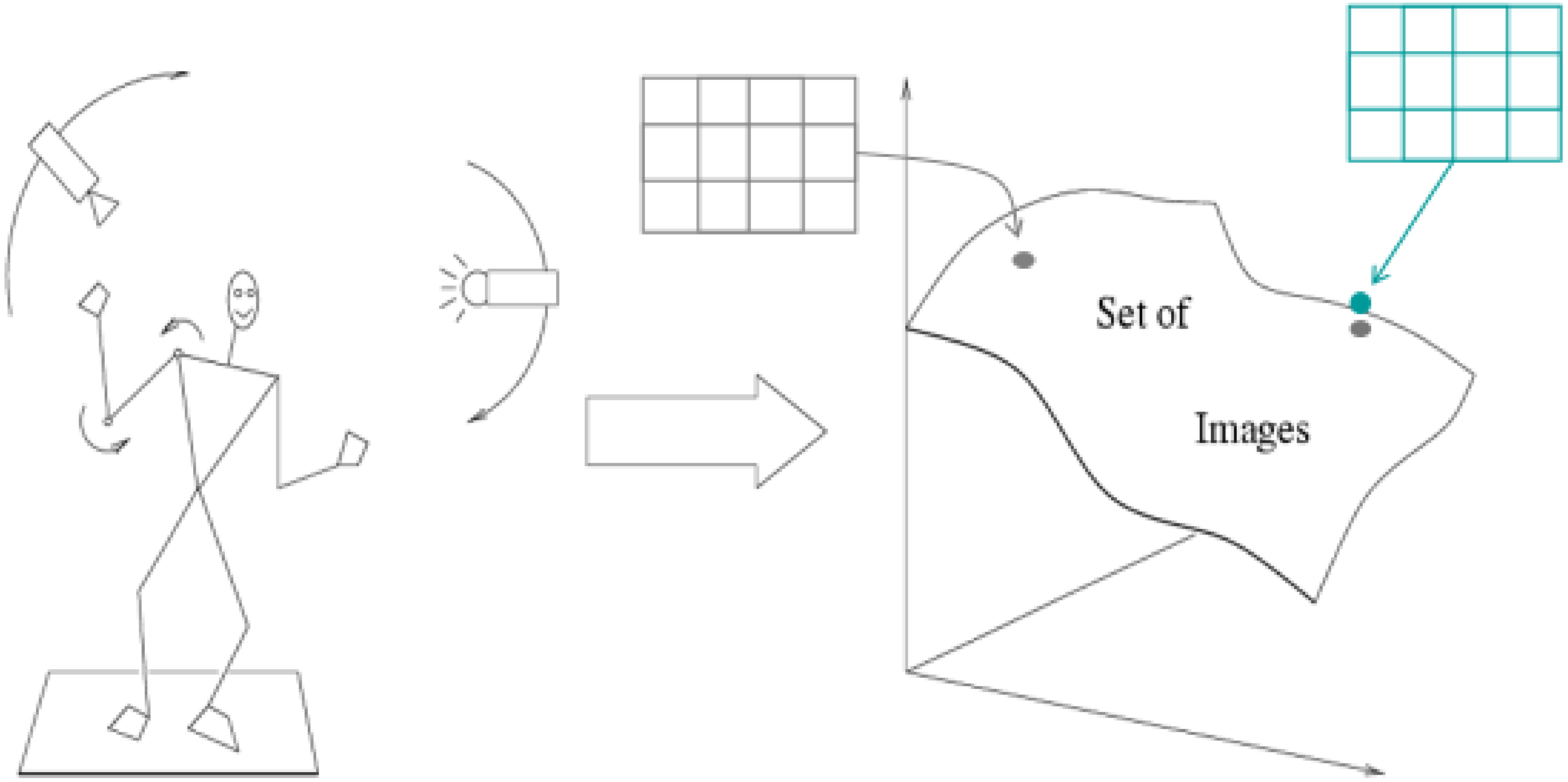

Empirical models of image variability

Appearance-based techniques

Turk & Pentland (1991); Murase & Nayar (1995); etc.

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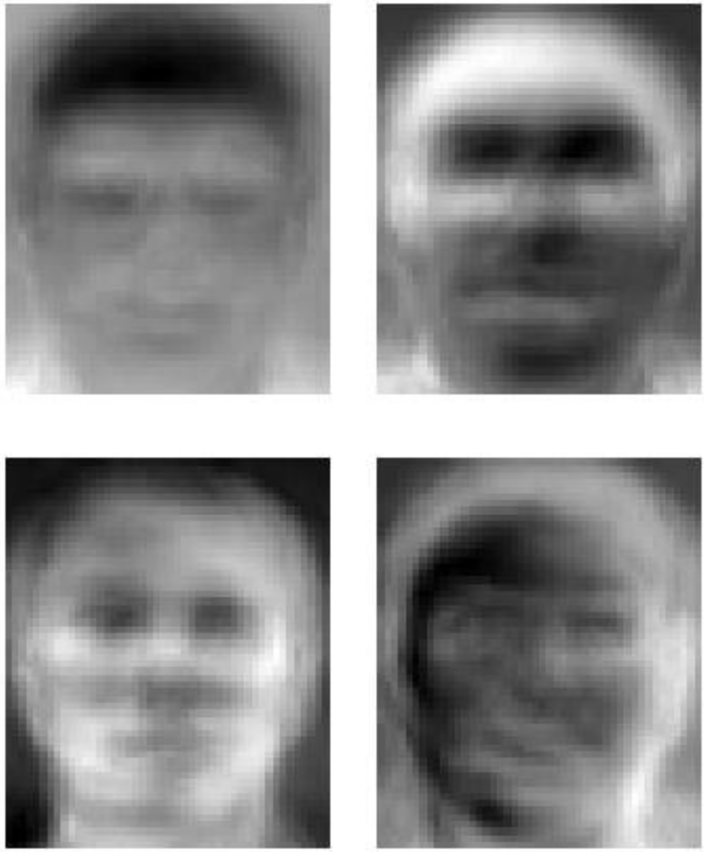
Eigenfaces (Turk & Pentland, 1991)



Experimental	Correct/Unknown Recognition Percentage		
Condition	Lighting	Orientation	Scale
Forced classification	96/0	85/0	64/0
Forced 100% accuracy	100/19	100/39	100/60
Forced 20% unknown rate	100/20	94/20	74/20

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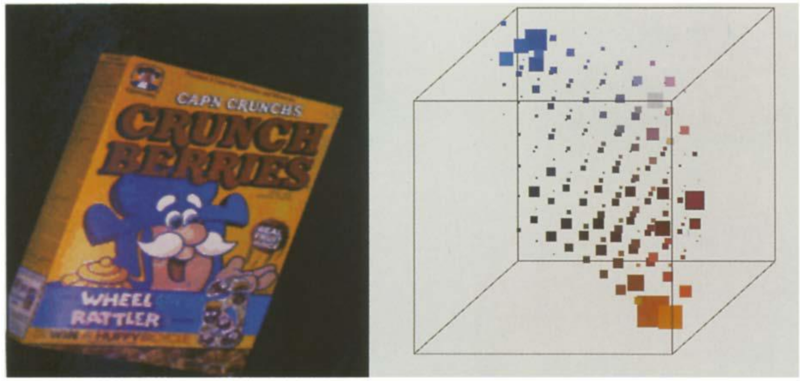
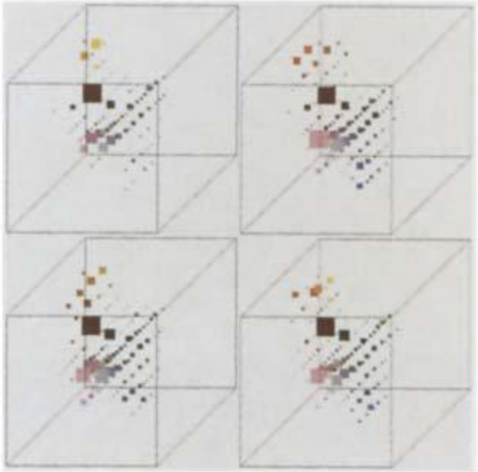
Color Histograms





Swain and Ballard, Color Indexing, IJCV 1991.

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- 1990s – present: sliding window approaches

Sliding window approaches

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- Turk and Pentland, 1991
- Belhumeur, Hespanha, & Kriegman, 1997
- Schneiderman & Kanade 2004
- Viola and Jones, 2000

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- Argawal and Roth, 2002
- Poggio et al. 1993

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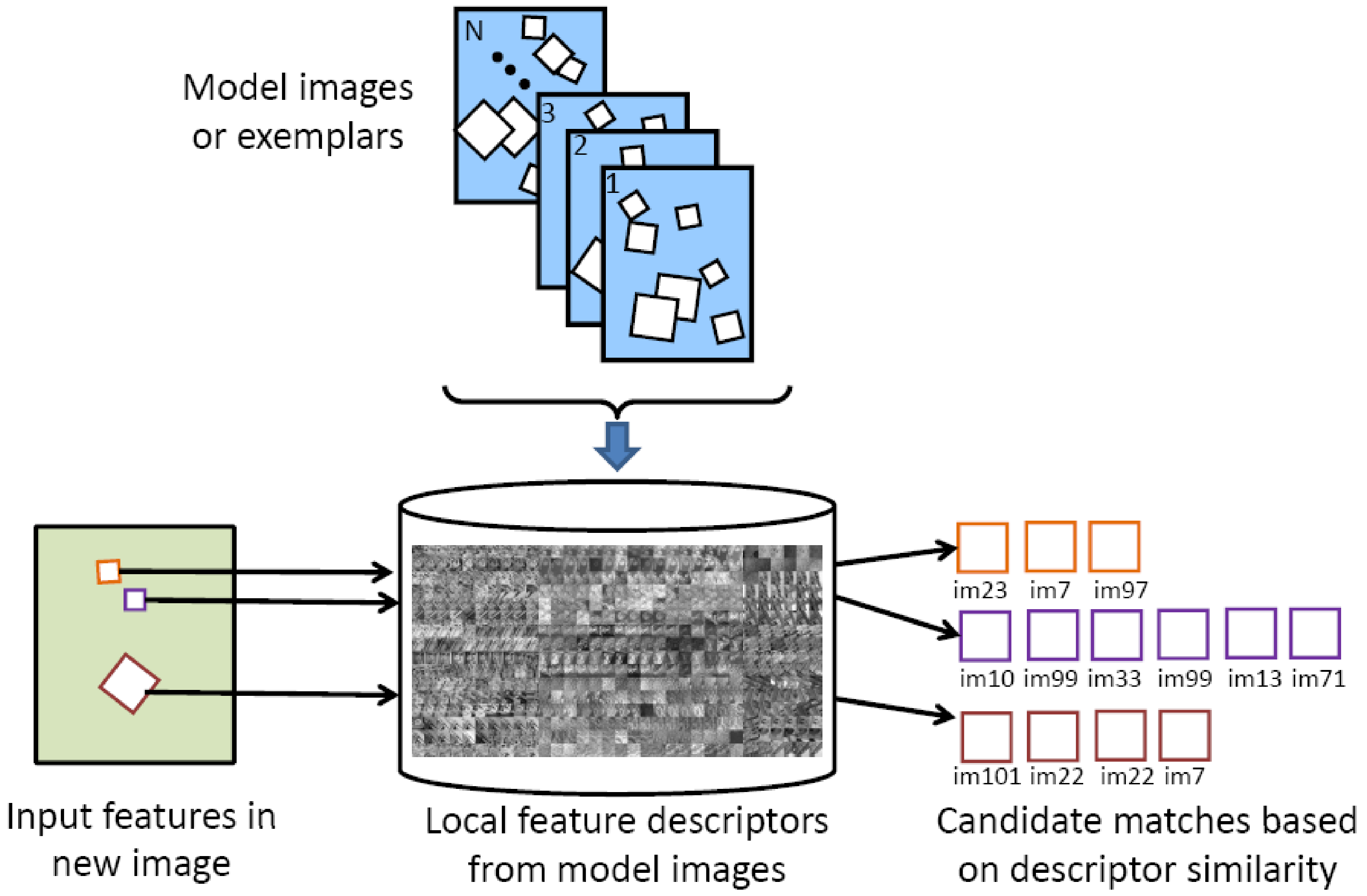
Local features for object instance recognition

D. Lowe (1999, 2004)

Large-scale image search

Combining local features, indexing, and spatial constraints



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Philbin et al. '07

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Parts-and-shape models

- Model:
  - Object as a set of parts
  - Relative locations between parts
  - Appearance of part

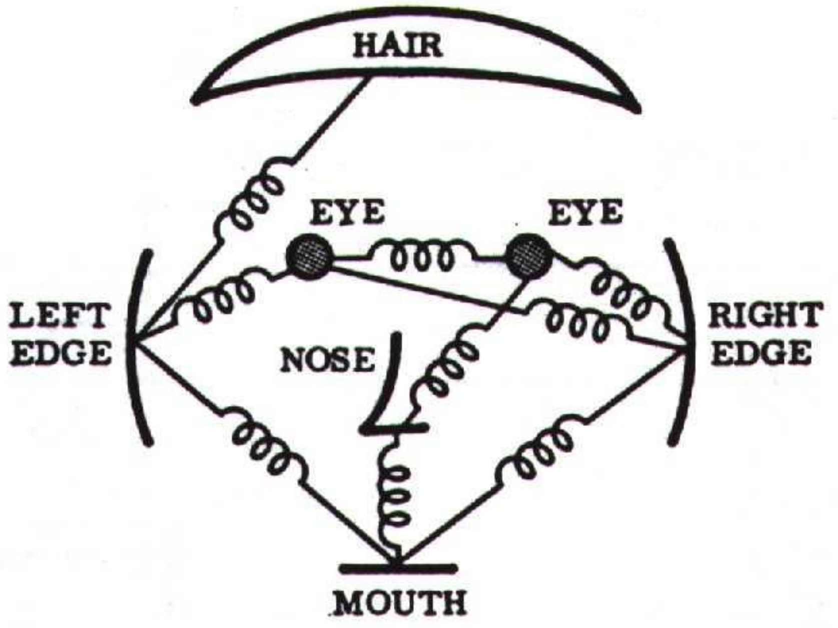
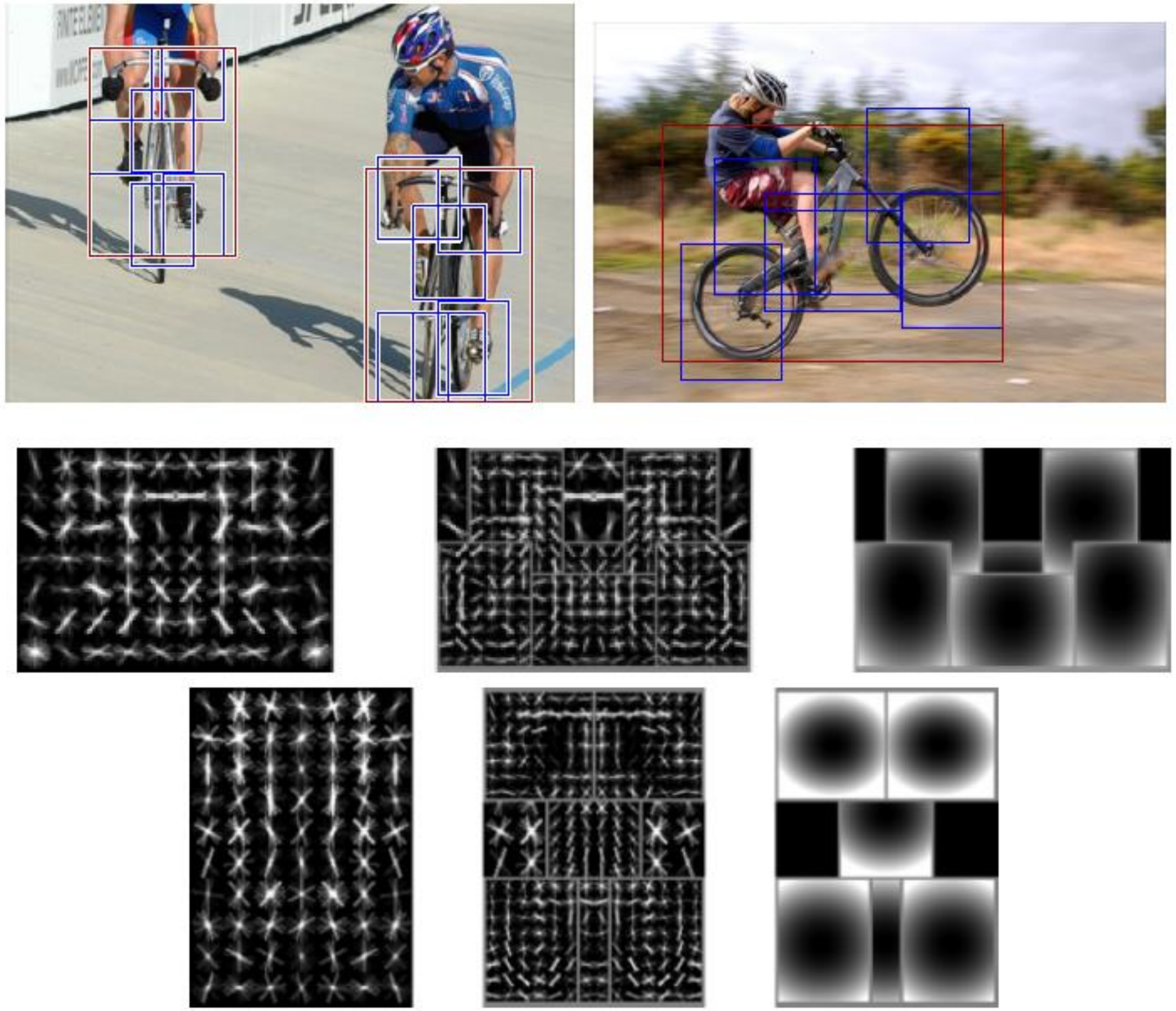


Figure from [Fischler & Elschlager 73]

Discriminatively trained part-based models



P. Felzenszwalb, R. Girshick, D. McAllester, D. Ramanan, **"Object Detection with Discriminatively Trained Part-Based Models,"** PAMI 2009

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Bag-of-features models

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Object → **Bag of ‘words’**

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Objects as texture

- All of these are treated as being the same

- No distinction between foreground and background. No concern about spatial layout.

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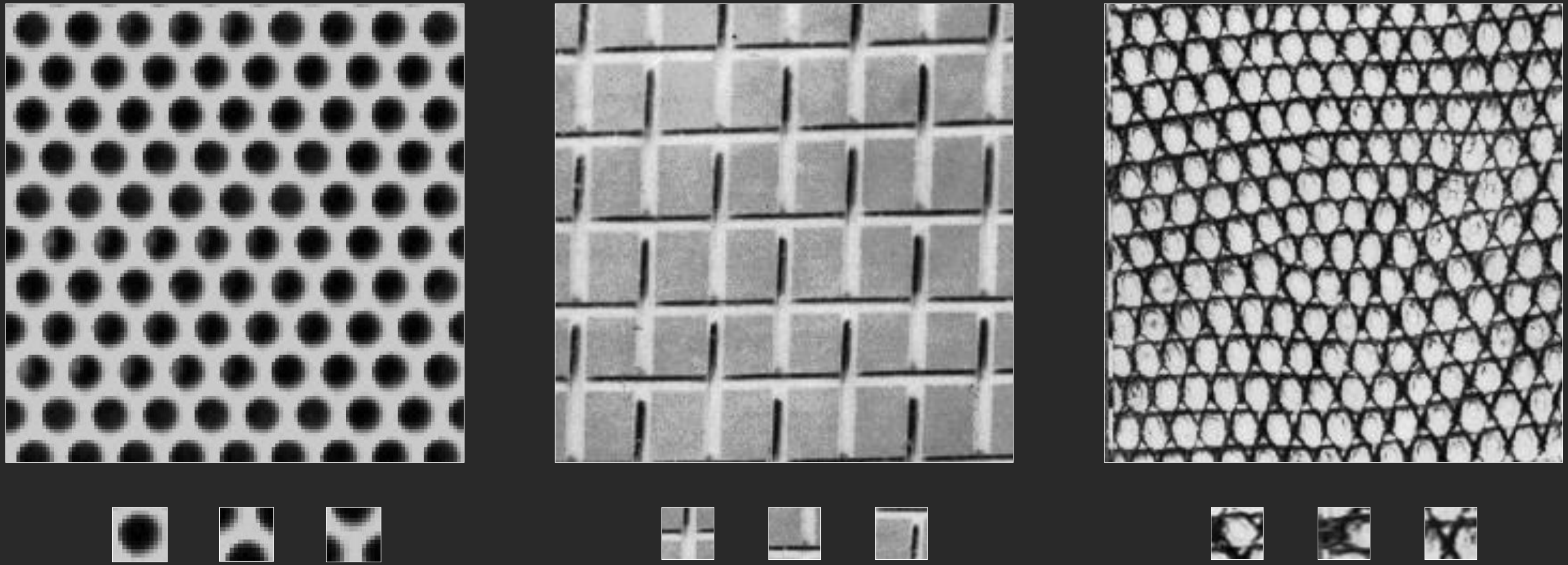
Origin 1: Texture recognition

- Texture is characterized by the repetition of basic elements or *textons*
- For stochastic textures, it is the identity of the textons, not their spatial arrangement, that matters



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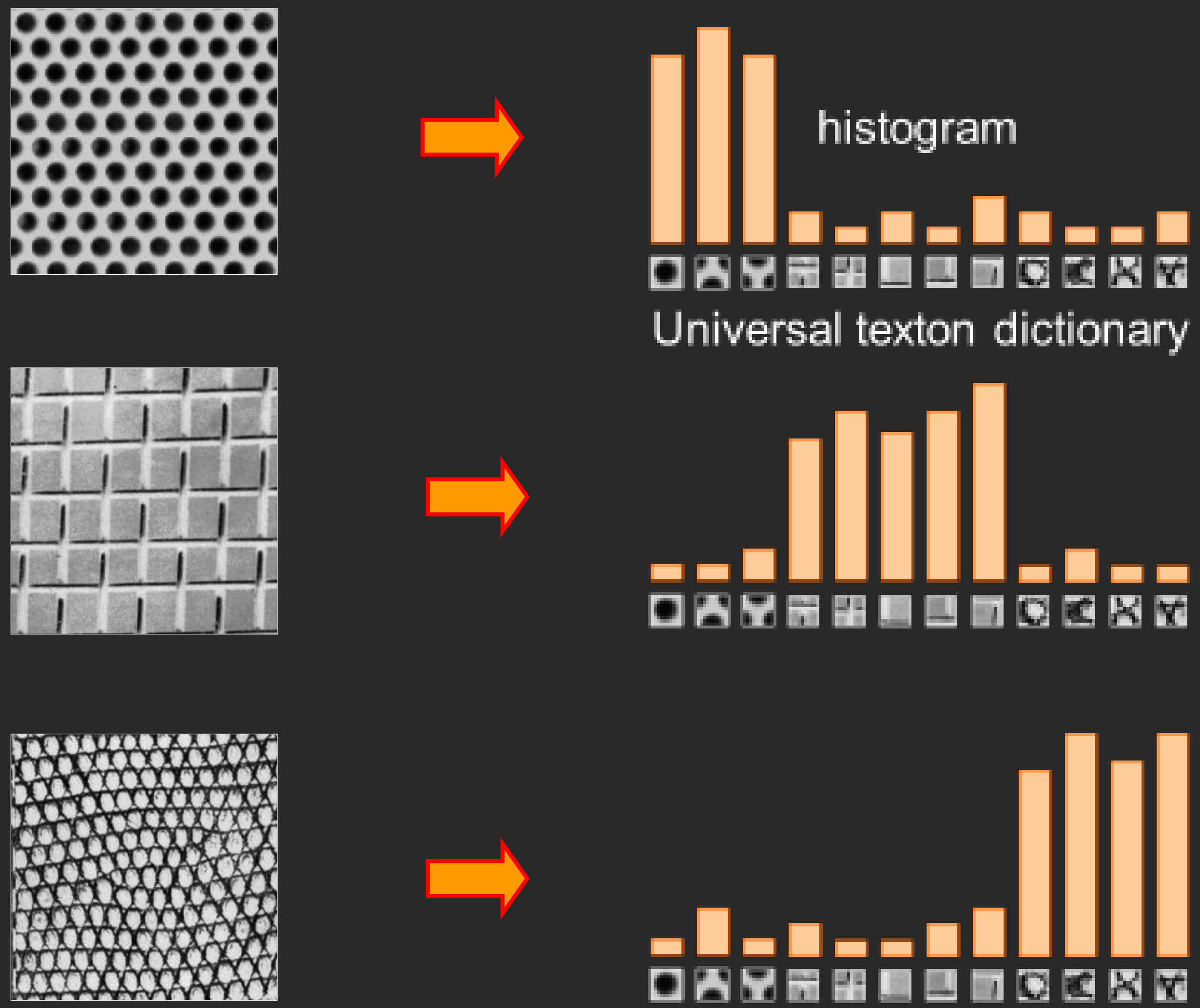

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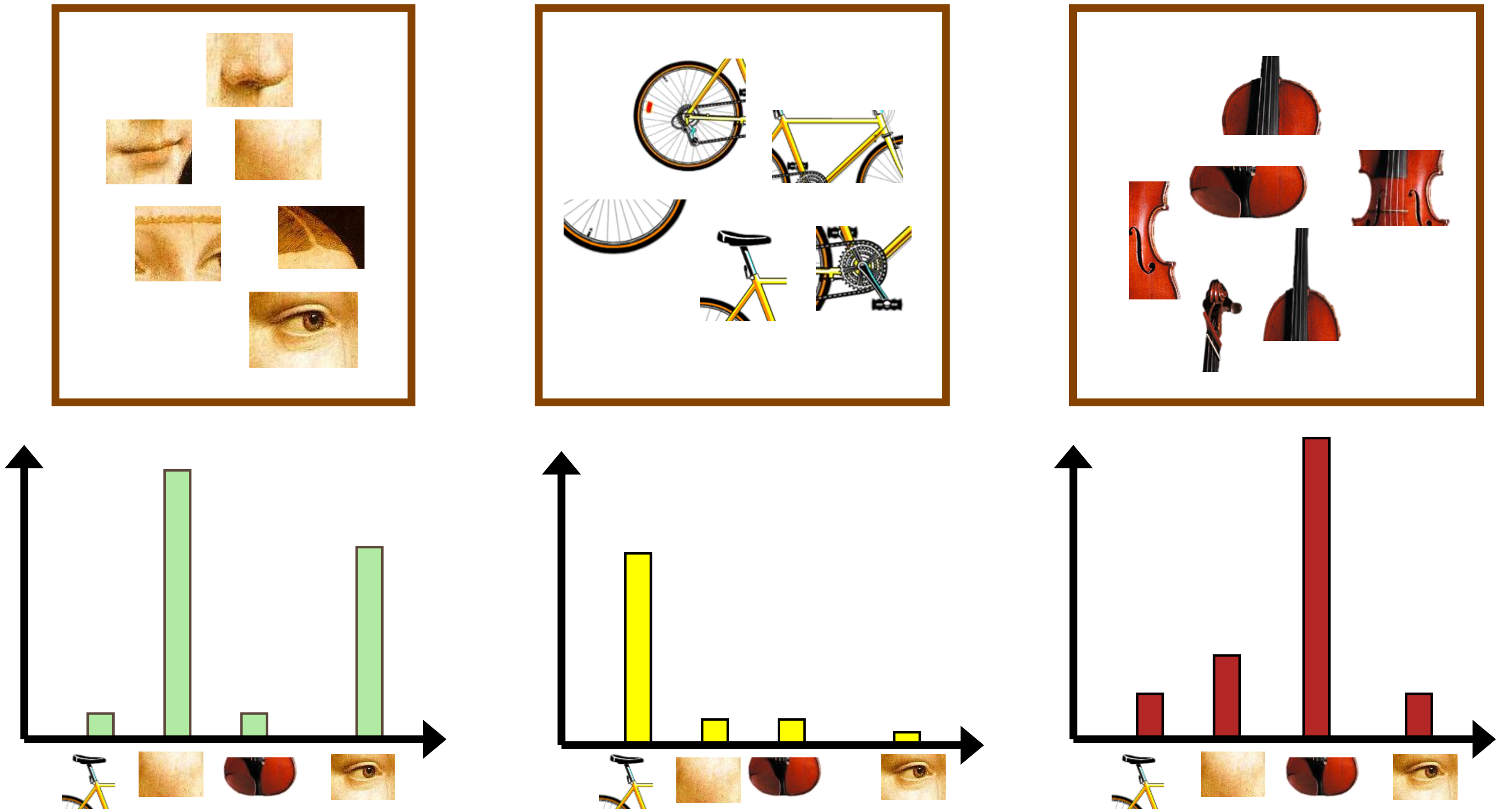
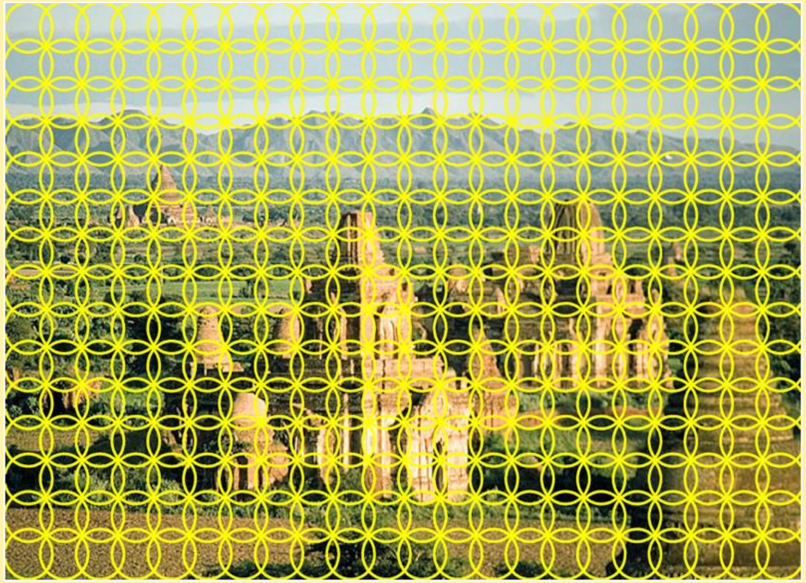
Bag-of-features steps

1. Extract features
2. Learn “visual vocabulary”
3. Quantize features using visual vocabulary
4. Represent images by frequencies of “visual words”



1. Feature extraction

- Regular grid or interest regions



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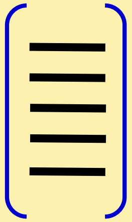
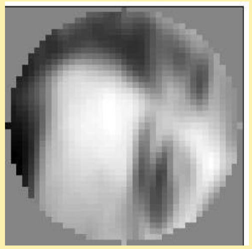


Compute descriptor



Normalize patch

Detect patches

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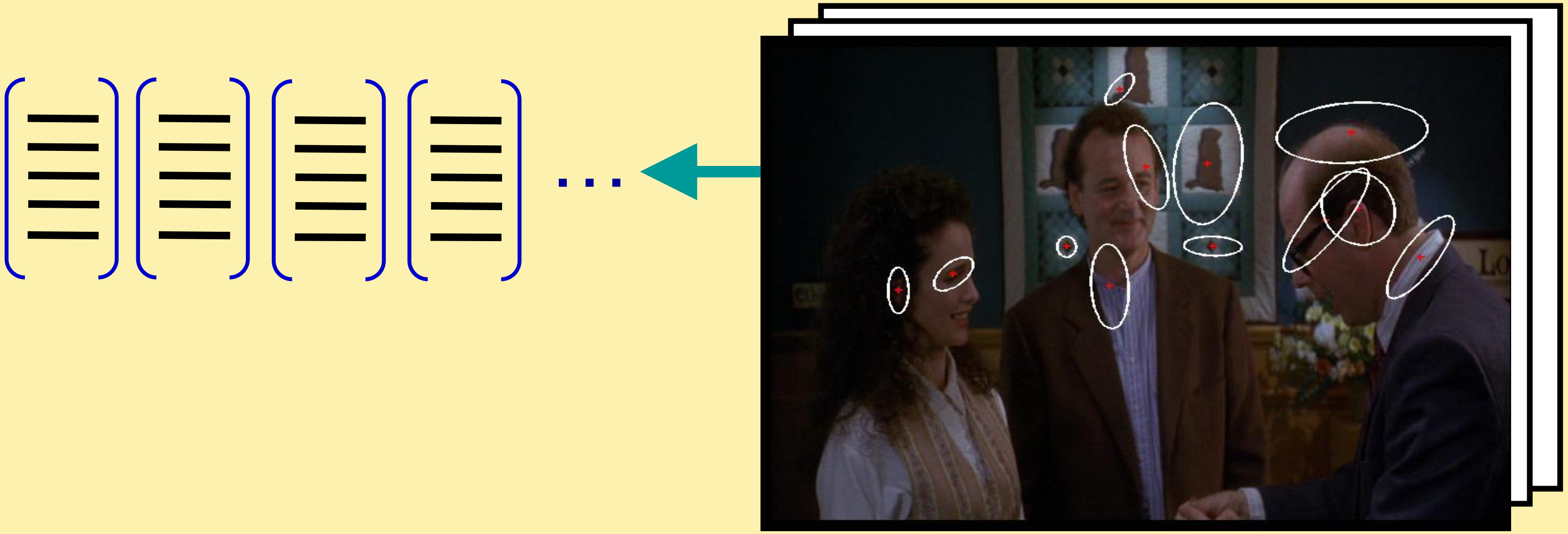

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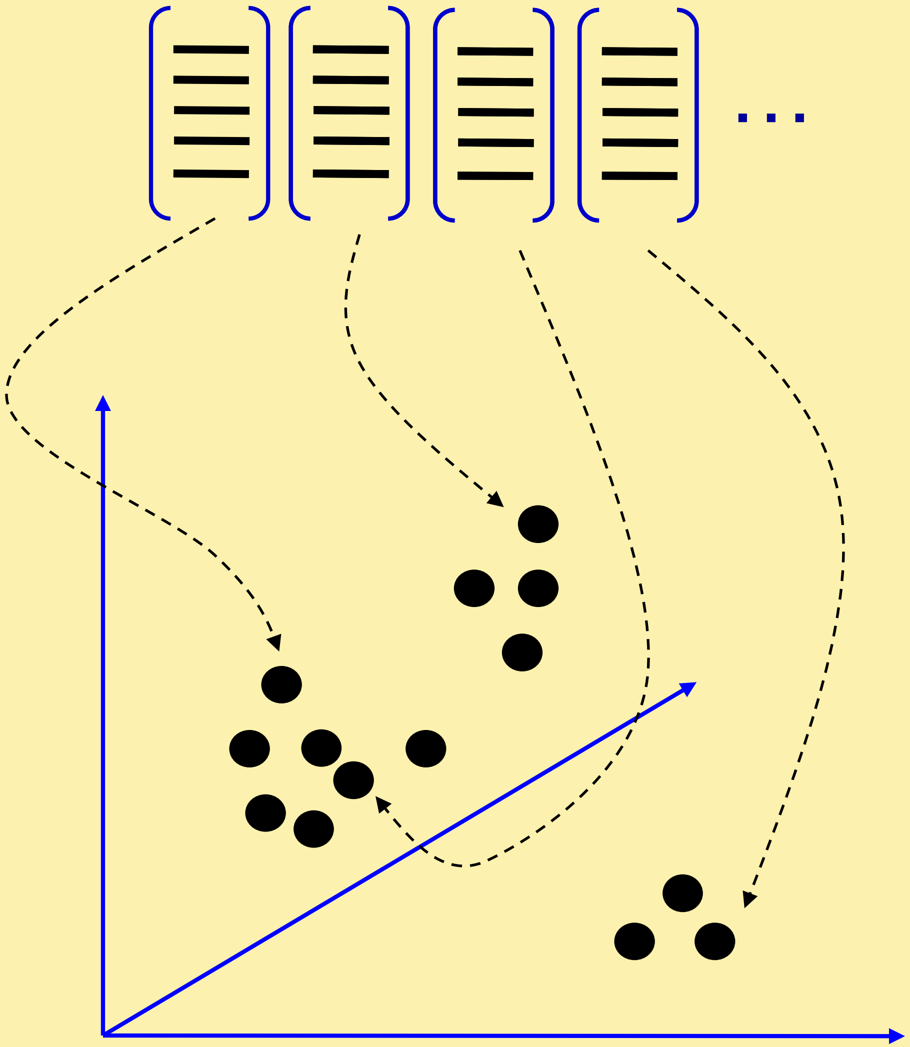
2. Learning the visual vocabulary



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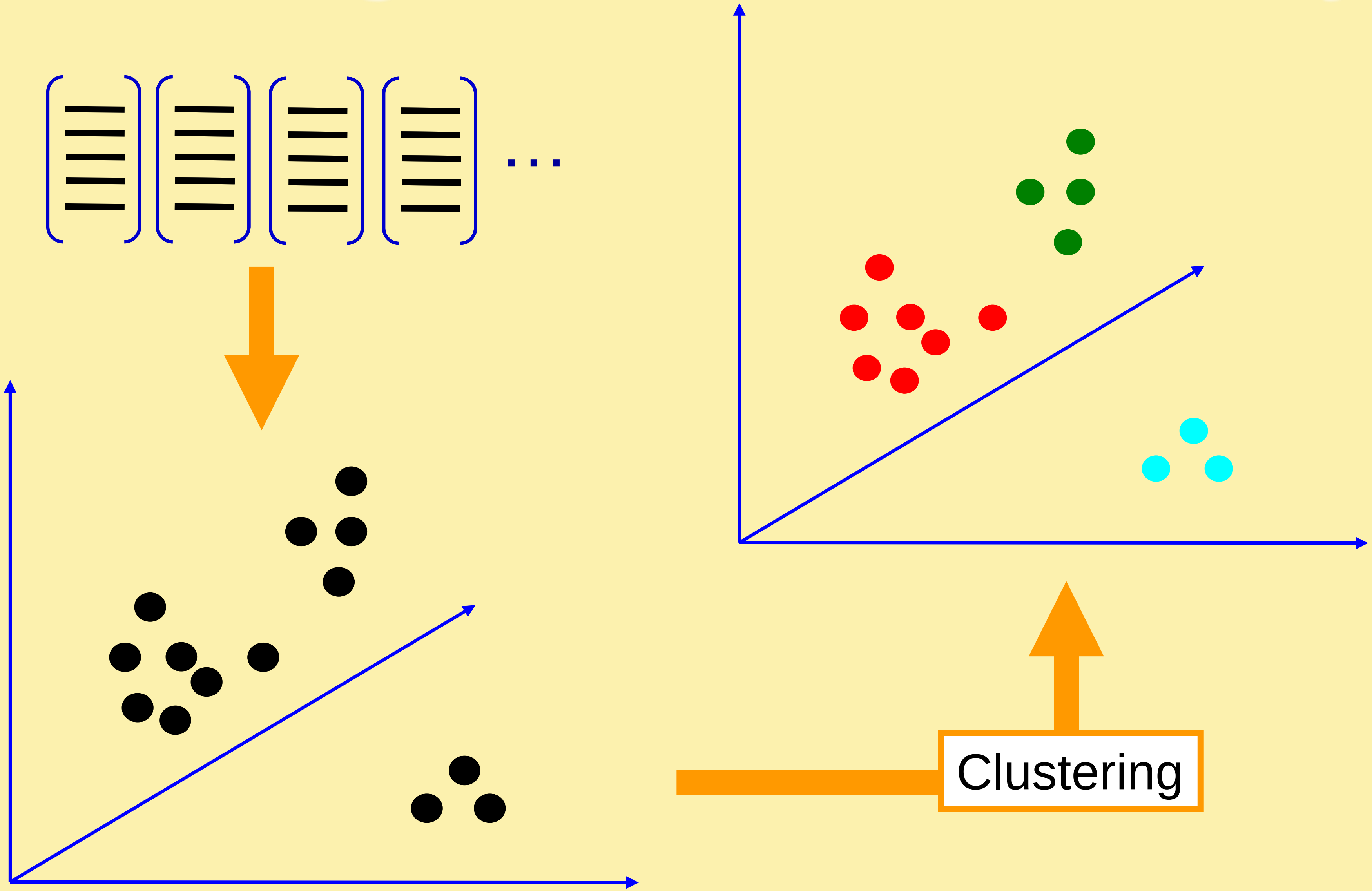

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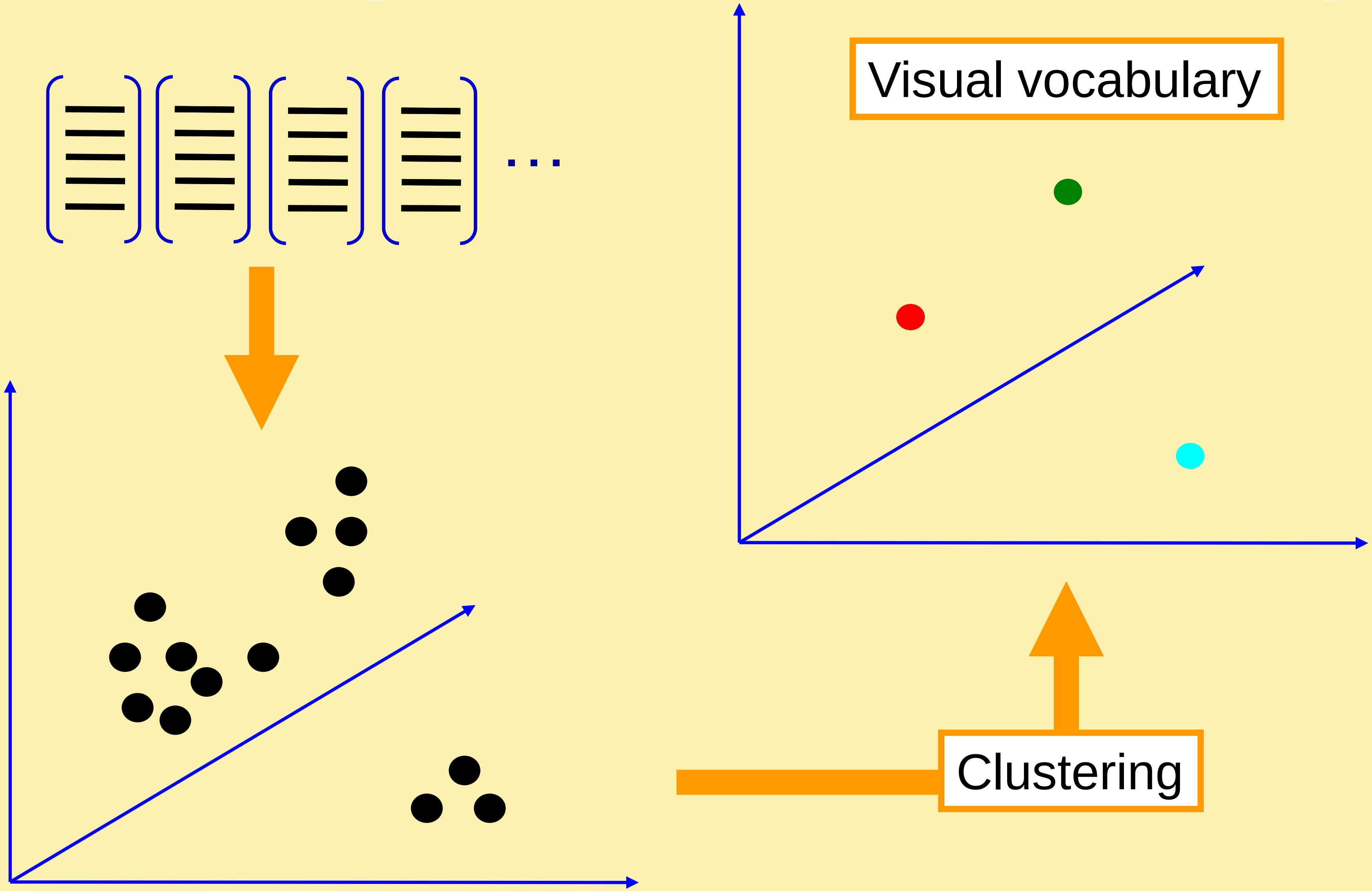

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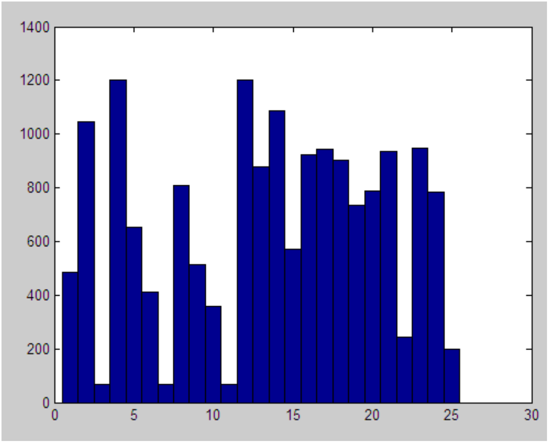
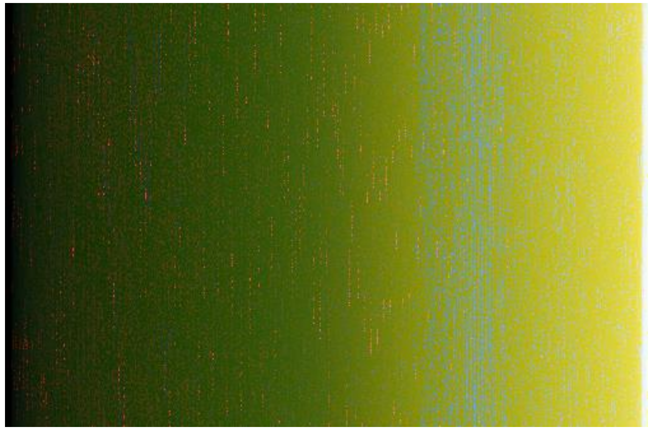
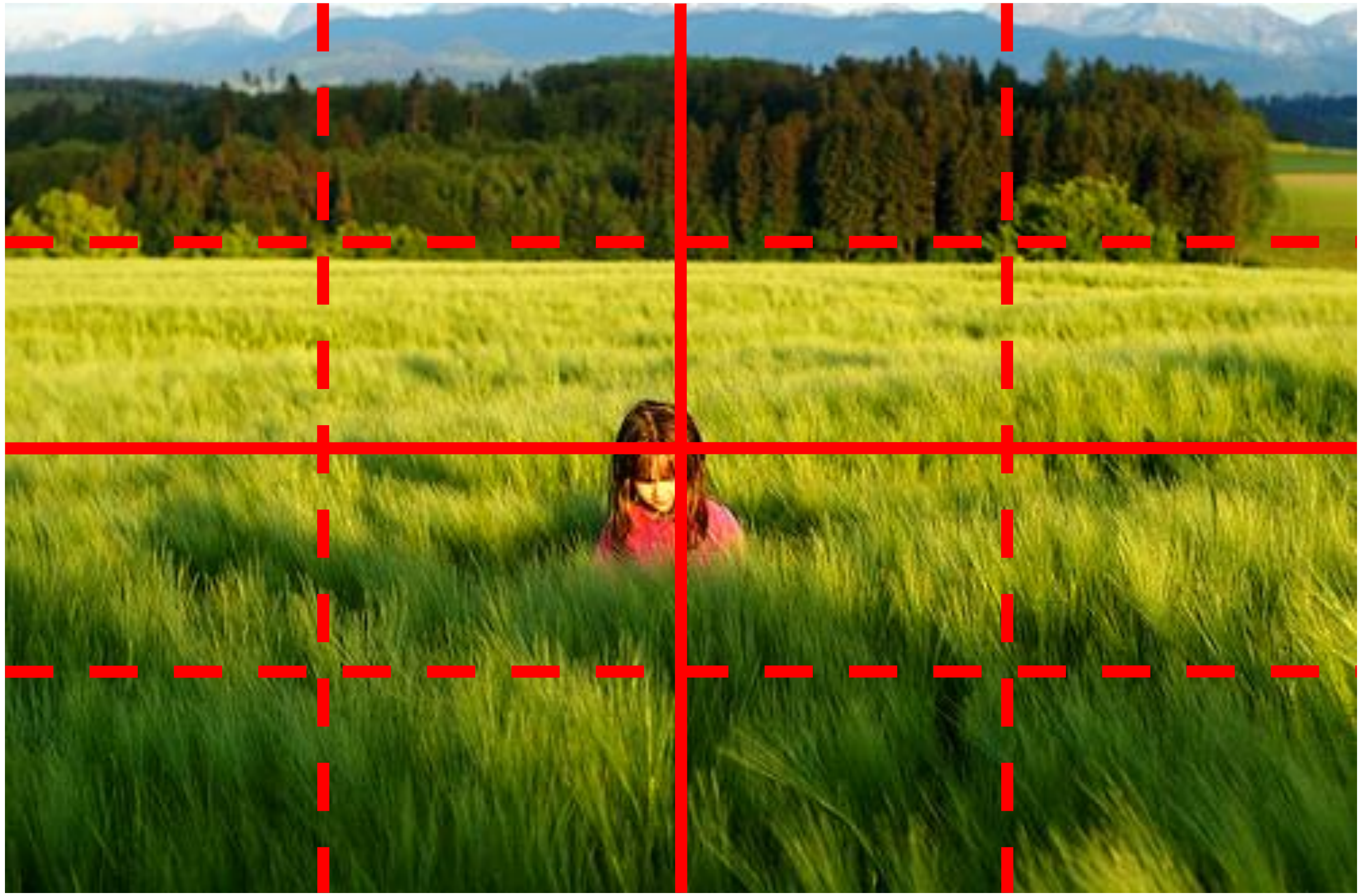




All of these images have the same color histogram

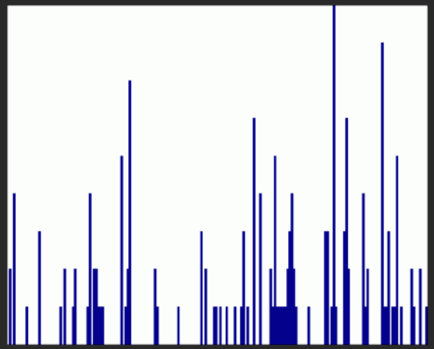
Spatial pyramid



Compute histogram in each spatial bin

Spatial pyramid representation

- Extension of a bag of features
- Locally orderless representation at several levels of resolution



level 0

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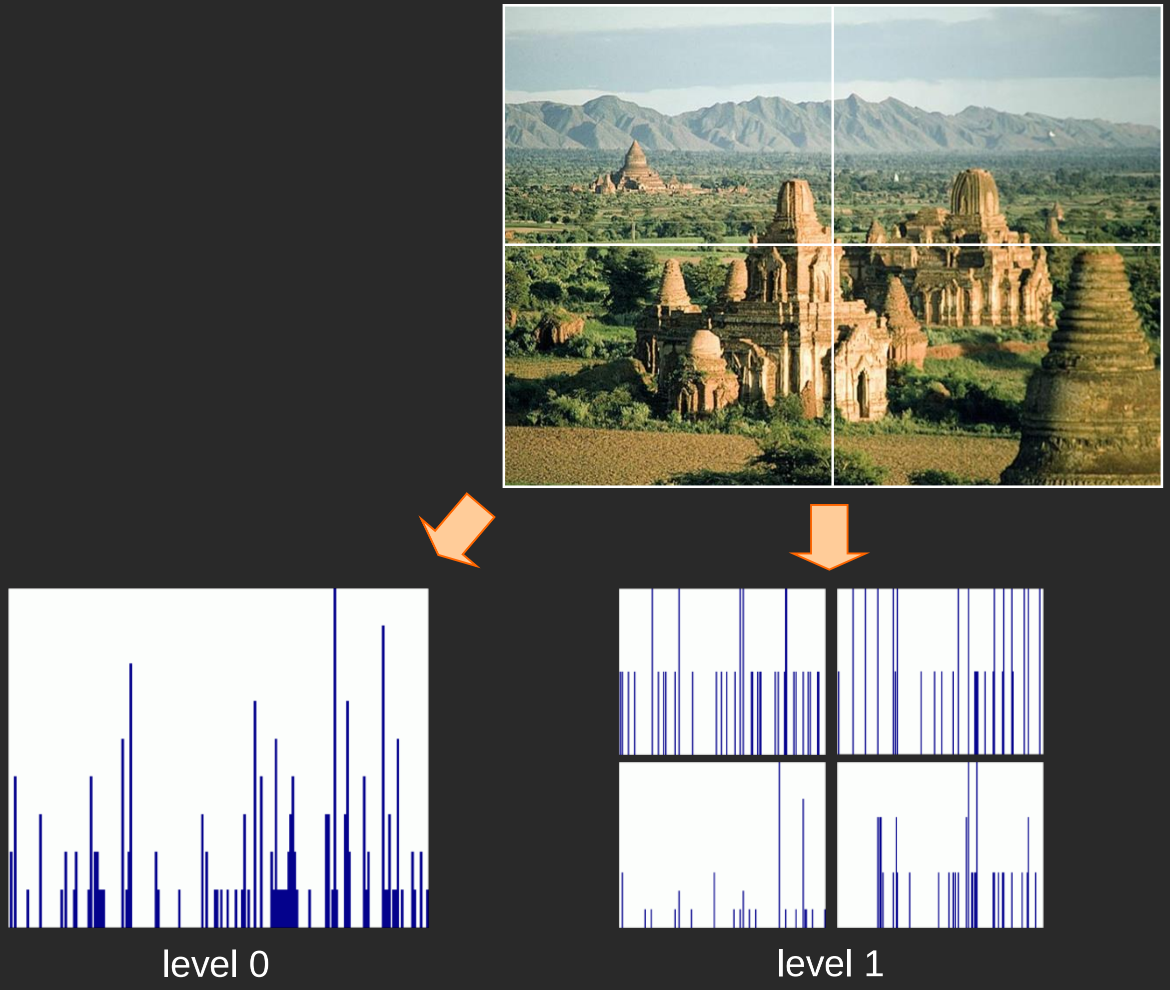

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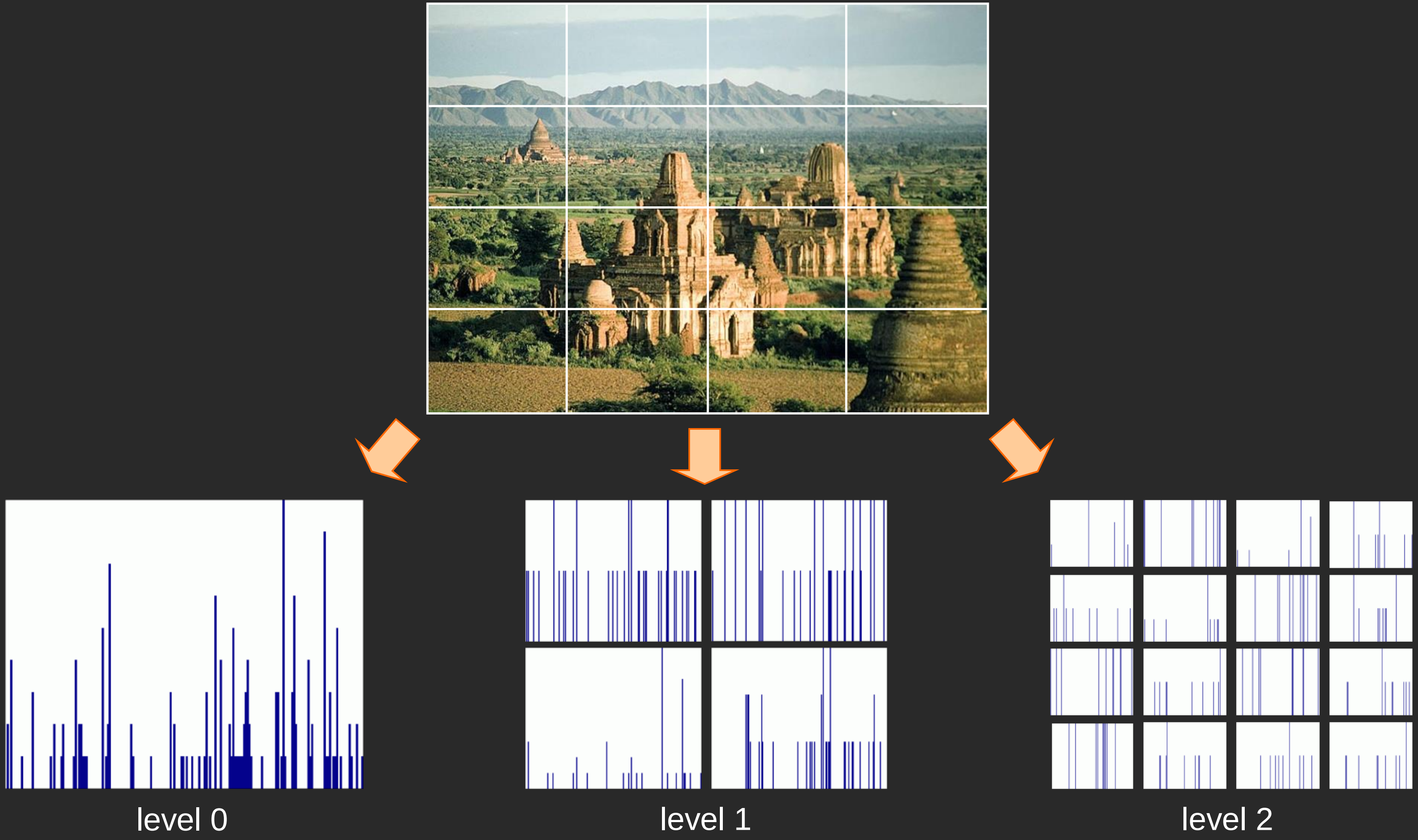

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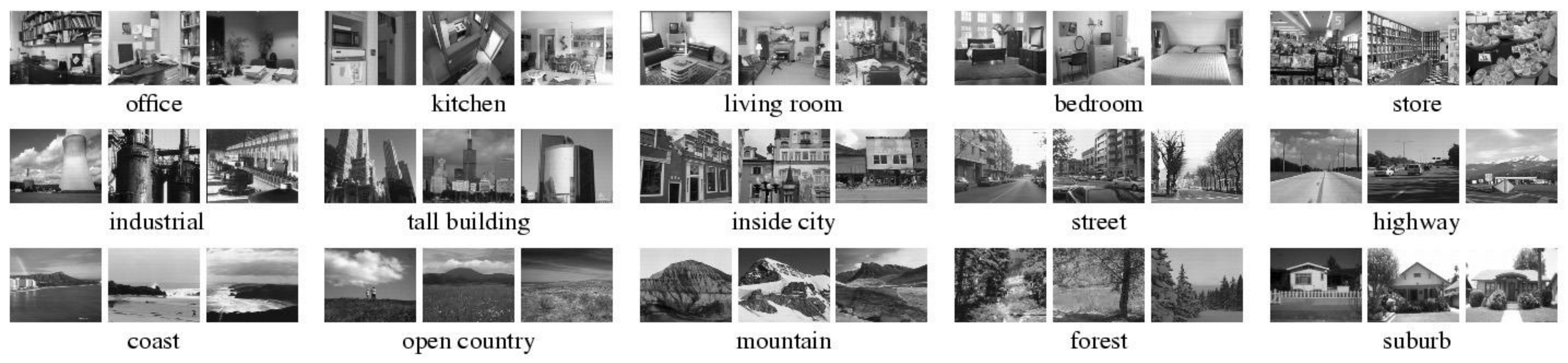
Scene category dataset

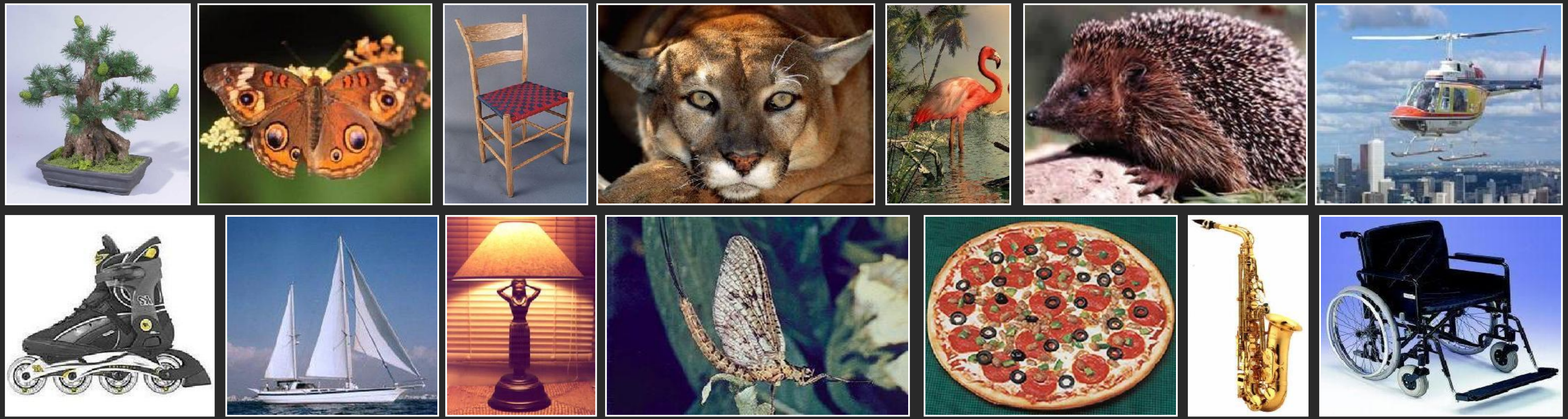


Multi-class classification results
(100 training images per class)

	Weak features (vocabulary size: 16)		Strong features (vocabulary size: 200)	
Level	Single-level	Pyramid	Single-level	Pyramid
0 (1×1)	45.3 $\pm$0.5		72.2 $\pm$0.6	
1 (2×2)	53.6 $\pm$0.3	56.2 $\pm$0.6	77.9 $\pm$0.6	79.0 $\pm$0.5
2 (4×4)	61.7 $\pm$0.6	64.7 $\pm$0.7	79.4 $\pm$0.3	**81.1** $\pm$0.3
3 (8×8)	63.3 $\pm$0.8	**66.8** $\pm$0.6	77.2 $\pm$0.4	80.7 $\pm$0.3

Caltech101 dataset

http://www.vision.caltech.edu/Image_Datasets/Caltech101/Caltech101.html



Multi-class classification results (30 training images per class)

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Level	Single-level	Pyramid	Single-level	Pyramid
0	15.5 ±0.9		41.2 ±1.2	
1	31.4 ±1.2	32.8 ±1.3	55.9 ±0.9	57.0 ±0.8
2	47.2 ±1.1	49.3 ±1.4	63.6 ±0.9	**64.6** ±0.8
3	52.2 ±0.8	**54.0** ±1.1	60.3 ±0.9	64.6 ±0.7

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- Present trends: *deep learning*

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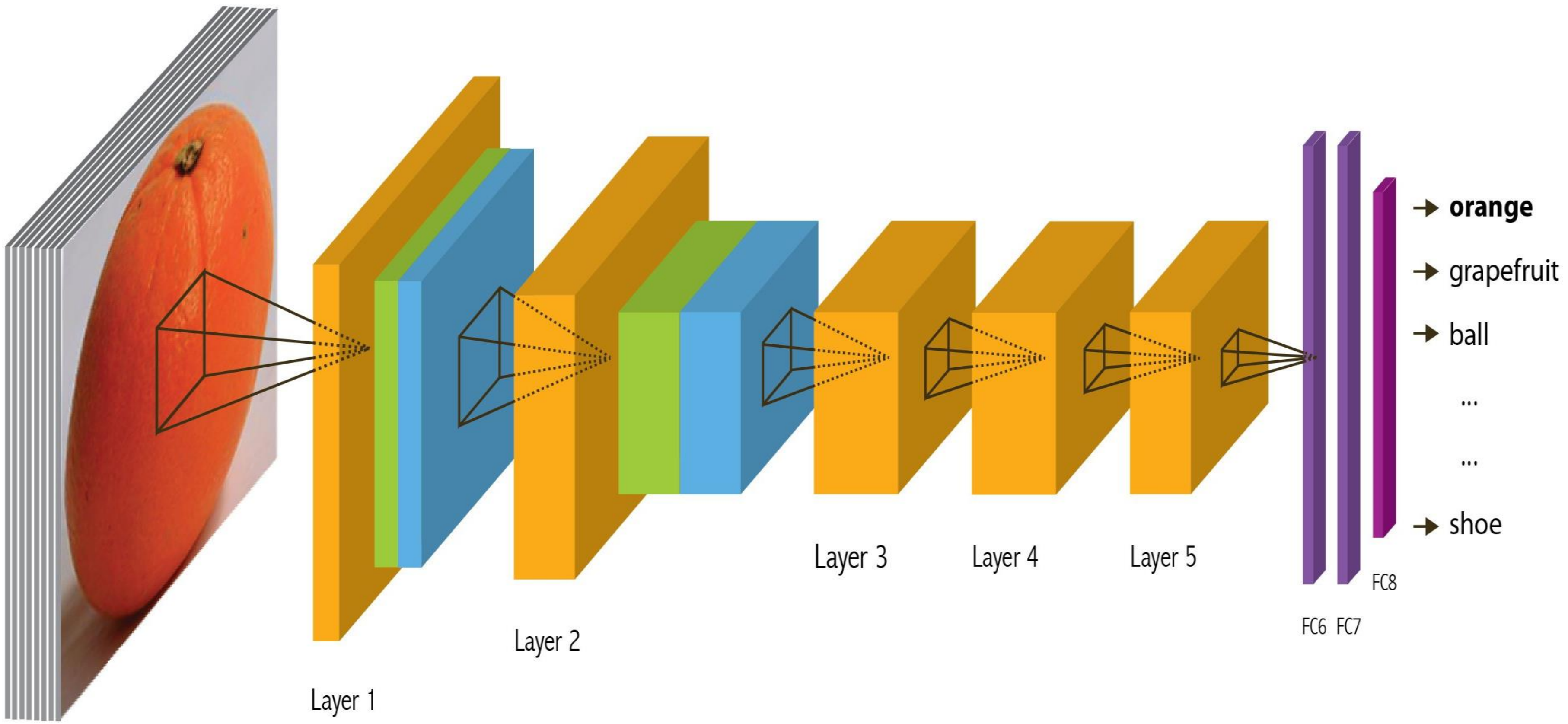
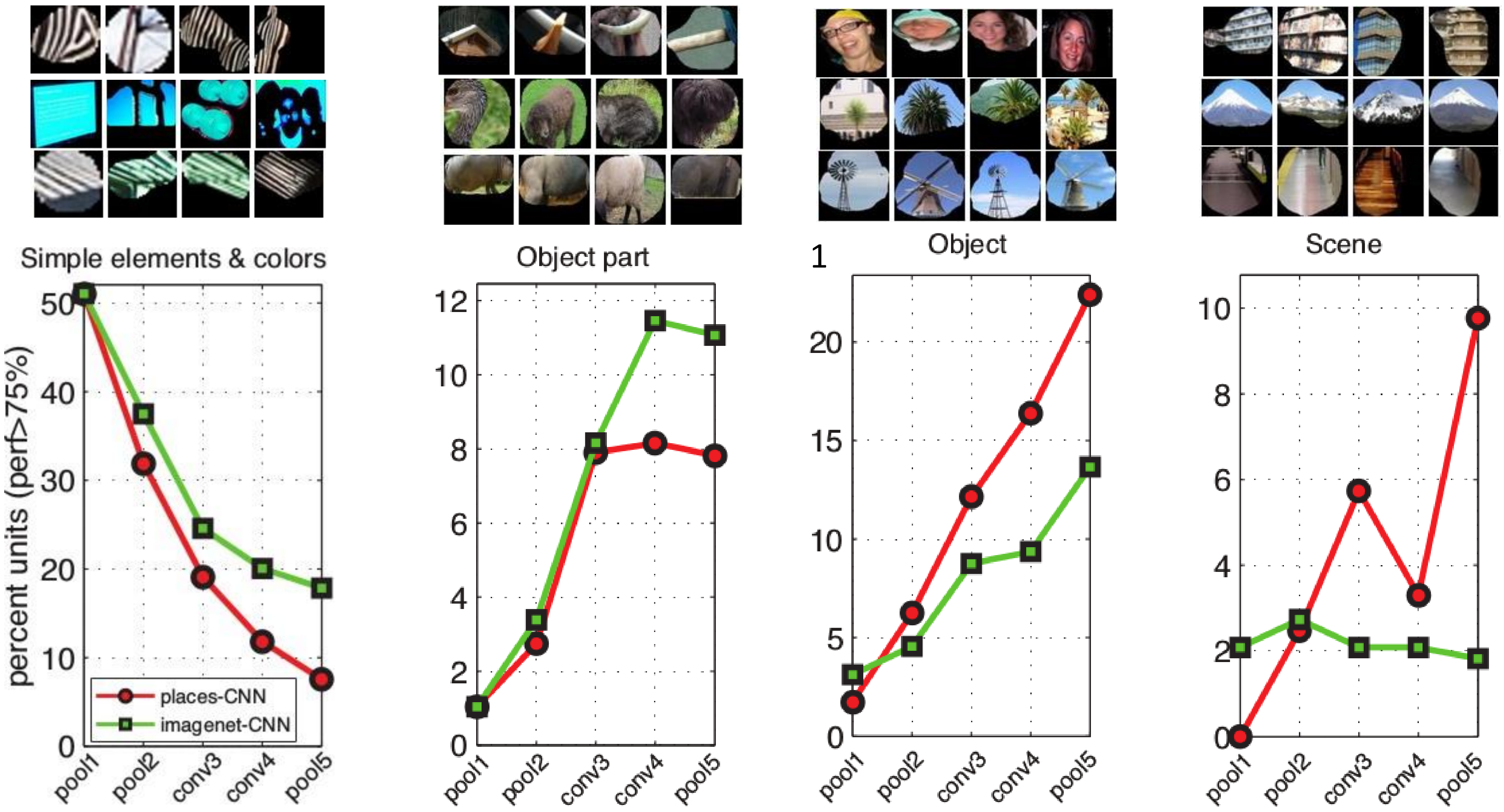
Beyond AlexNet

Recap: Convolutional Network, AlexNet



Recap: Convolutional Network Interpretation



Object detectors emerge within CNN trained to classify scenes, without any object supervision!

Beyond AlexNet

VERY DEEP CONVOLUTIONAL NETWORKS FOR LARGE-SCALE IMAGE RECOGNITION

Karen Simonyan & Andrew Zisserman 2015

These are the “VGG” networks.
“Perceptual Loss” in generative deep learning refers to these networks

ConvNet Configuration					
A	A-LRN	B	C	D	E
11 weight layers	11 weight layers	13 weight layers	16 weight layers	16 weight layers	19 weight layers
input (224×224 RGB image)					
conv3-64	conv3-64 **LRN**	conv3-64 **conv3-64**	conv3-64 conv3-64	conv3-64 conv3-64	conv3-64 conv3-64
maxpool					
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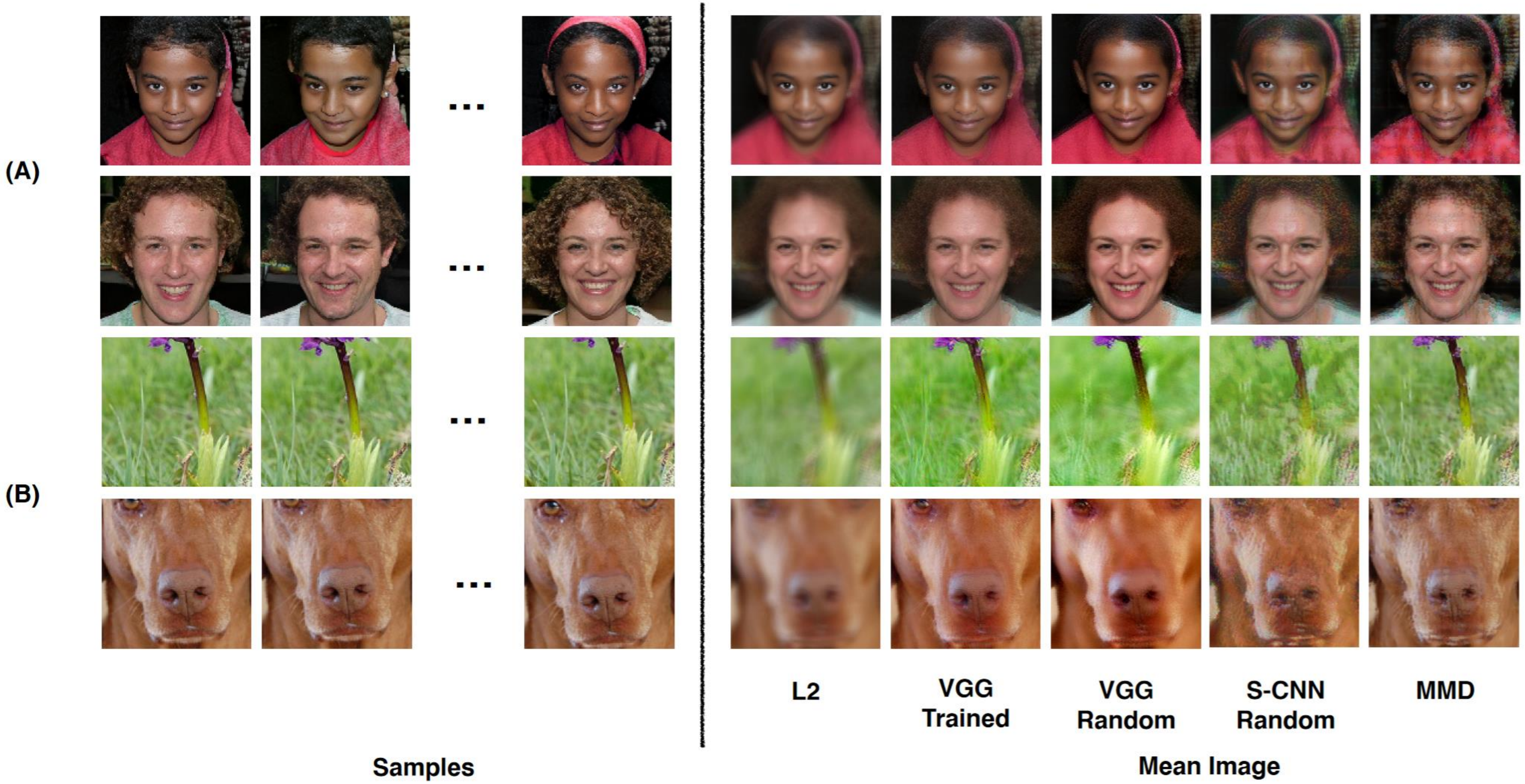
FC-4096					
FC-4096					
FC-1000					
soft-max					

Table 2: **Number of parameters** (in millions).

Network	A,A-LRN	B	C	D	E
Number of parameters	133	133	134	138	144

Table 4: **ConvNet performance at multiple test scales.**

ConvNet config. (Table 1)	smallest image side		top-1 val. error (%)	top-5 val. error (%)
	train (S)	test (Q)		
B	256	224,256,288	28.2	9.6
C	256	224,256,288	27.7	9.2
	384	352,384,416	27.8	9.2
	[256; 512]	256,384,512	26.3	8.2
D	256	224,256,288	26.6	8.6
	384	352,384,416	26.5	8.6
	[256; 512]	256,384,512	**24.8**	**7.5**
E	256	224,256,288	26.9	8.7
	384	352,384,416	26.7	8.6
	[256; 512]	256,384,512	**24.8**	**7.5**



“VGG” networks are commonly used as the basis for “Perceptual Loss”.
The images on the right are as close as possible to all images on the left in various feature spaces.

Understanding and Simplifying Perceptual Distances. Dan Amir and Yair Weiss. CVPR 2021

Generative Image Dynamics

Zhengqi Li, Richard Tucker, Noah Snavely, Aleksander Holynski
Google Research

https://generative-dynamics.github.io/

CVPR 2024 Best Paper Award

Paper arXiv Demo Supp

We jointly train the feature extractor and synthesis networks with start and target frames (I_0, I_t) randomly sampled from real videos, using the estimated flow field from I_0 to I_t to warp encoded features from I_0, and supervising predictions $\hat{I}_t$ against I_t with a VGG perceptual loss [49].

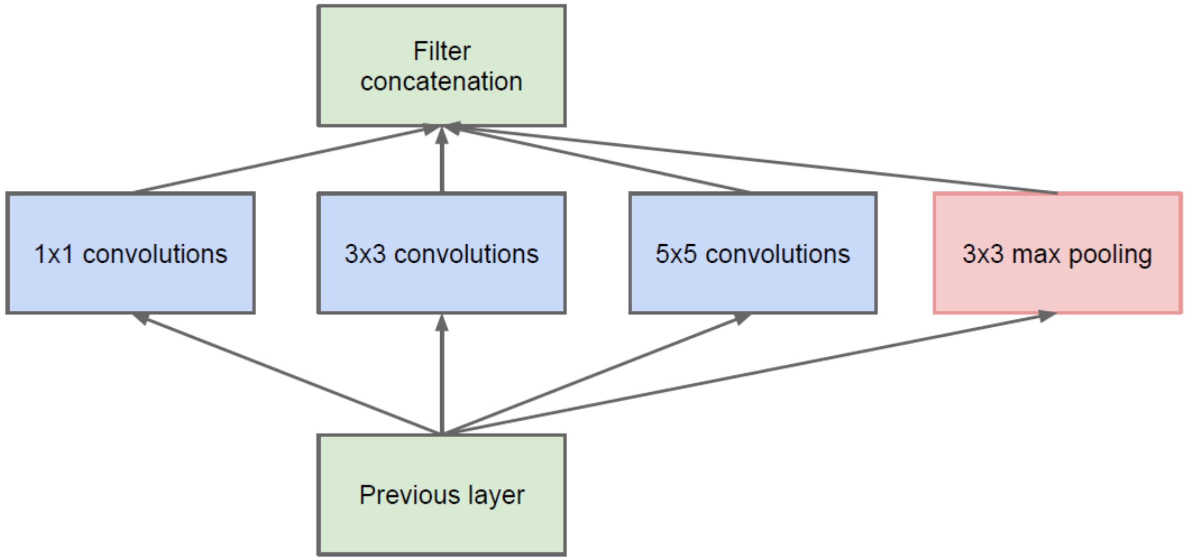
Our method automatically turns single still images into seamless looping videos.

Going Deeper with Convolutions

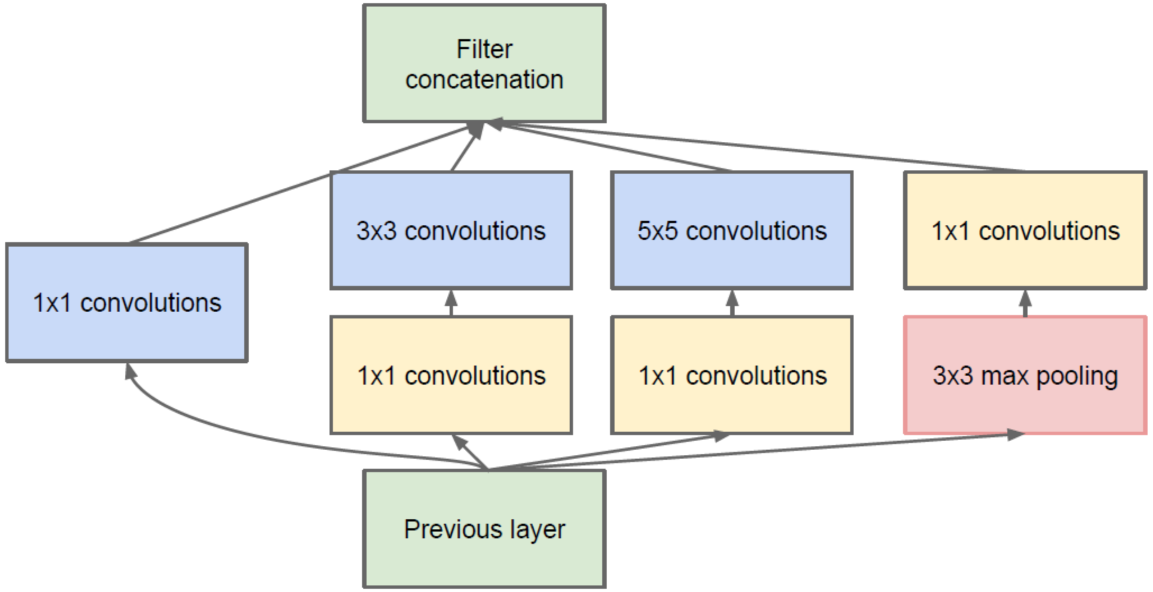
Christian Szegedy, Wei Liu, Yangqing Jia, Pierre Sermanet, Scott Reed,
Dragomir Anguelov, Dumitru Erhan, Vincent Vanhoucke, Andrew Rabinovich
2015

This is the "Inception" architecture or "GoogLeNet"

***The architecture blocks are called "Inception" modules**
and the collection of them into a particular net is "GoogLeNet"



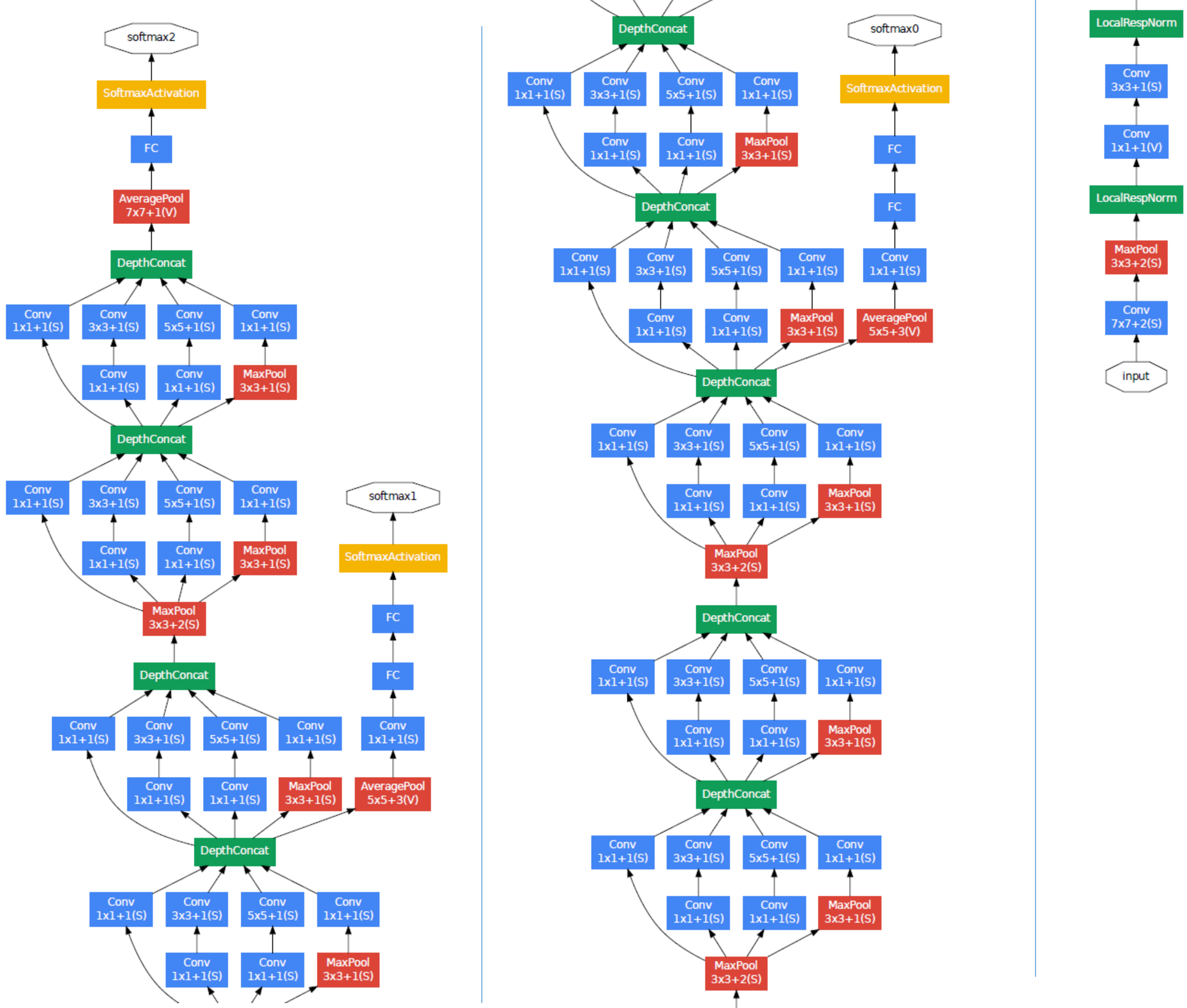
(a) Inception module, naïve version



(b) Inception module with dimensionality reduction

type	patch size/ stride	output size	depth	#1×1	#3×3 reduce	#3×3	#5×5 reduce	#5×5	pool proj	params	ops
convolution	7×7/2	112×112×64	1							2.7K	34M
max pool	3×3/2	56×56×64	0								
convolution	3×3/1	56×56×192	2		64	192				112K	360M
max pool	3×3/2	28×28×192	0								
inception (3a)		28×28×256	2	64	96	128	16	32	32	159K	128M
inception (3b)		28×28×480	2	128	128	192	32	96	64	380K	304M
max pool	3×3/2	14×14×480	0								
inception (4a)		14×14×512	2	192	96	208	16	48	64	364K	73M
inception (4b)		14×14×512	2	160	112	224	24	64	64	437K	88M
inception (4c)		14×14×512	2	128	128	256	24	64	64	463K	100M
inception (4d)		14×14×528	2	112	144	288	32	64	64	580K	119M
inception (4e)		14×14×832	2	256	160	320	32	128	128	840K	170M
max pool	3×3/2	7×7×832	0								
inception (5a)		7×7×832	2	256	160	320	32	128	128	1072K	54M
inception (5b)		7×7×1024	2	384	192	384	48	128	128	1388K	71M
avg pool	7×7/1	1×1×1024	0								
dropout (40%)		1×1×1024	0								
linear		1×1×1000	1							1000K	1M
softmax		1×1×1000	0								

Only 6.8 million parameters. AlexNet ~60 million, VGG up to 138 million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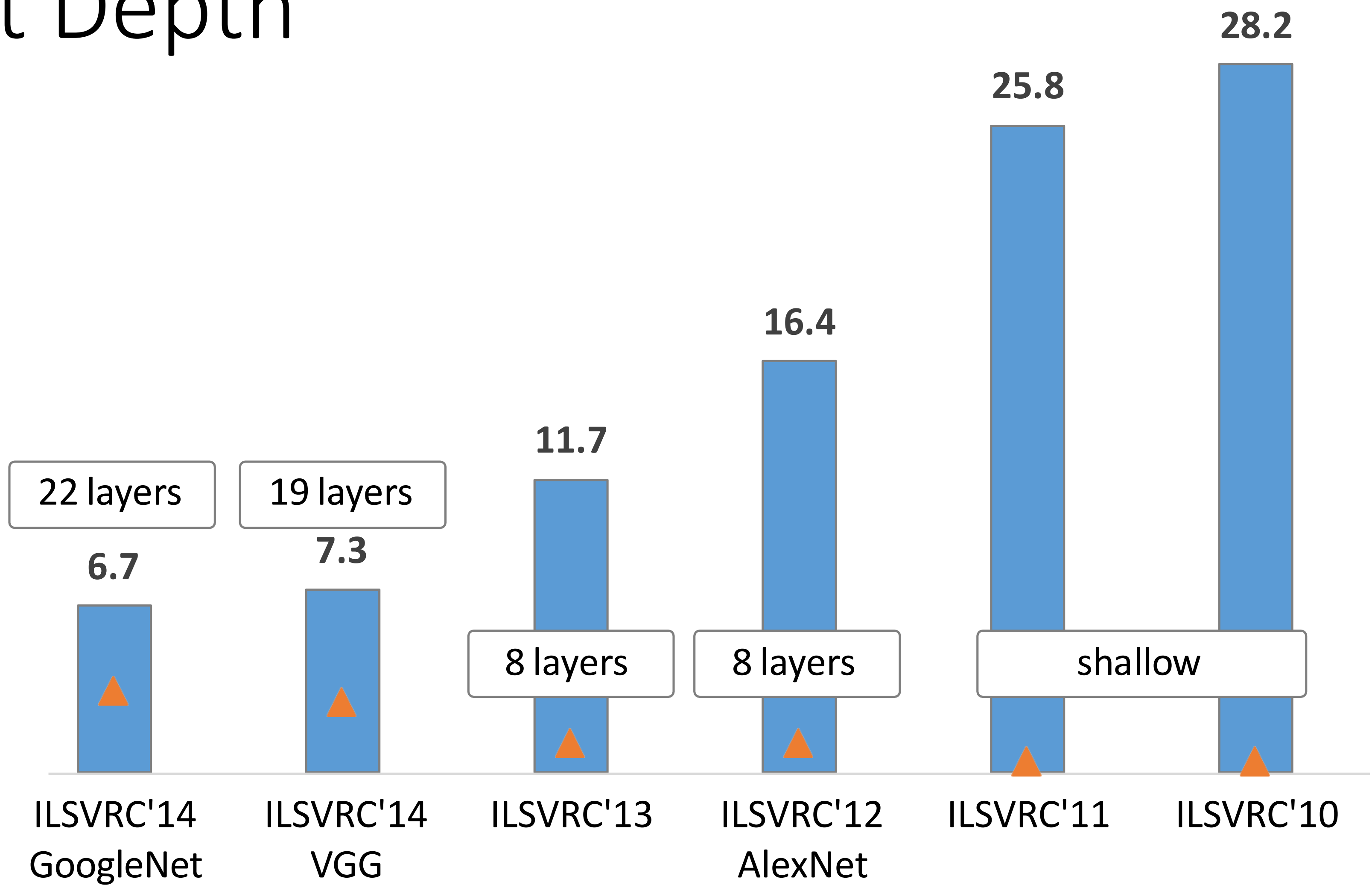
input

Team	**Year**	**Place**	**Error (top-5)**	**Uses external data**
SuperVision	2012	1st	16.4%	no
SuperVision	2012	1st	15.3%	Imagenet 22k
Clarifai	2013	1st	11.7%	no
Clarifai	2013	1st	11.2%	Imagenet 22k
MSRA	2014	3rd	7.35%	no
VGG	2014	2nd	7.32%	no
GoogLeNet	2014	1st	6.67%	no

Table 2: Classification performance.

Number of models	**Number of Crops**	**Cost**	**Top-5 error**	**compared to base**
1	1	1	10.07%	base
1	10	10	9.15%	-0.92%
1	144	144	7.89%	-2.18%
7	1	7	8.09%	-1.98%
7	10	70	7.62%	-2.45%
7	144	1008	6.67%	-3.45%

ConvNet Depth



ImageNet Classification top-5 error (%)

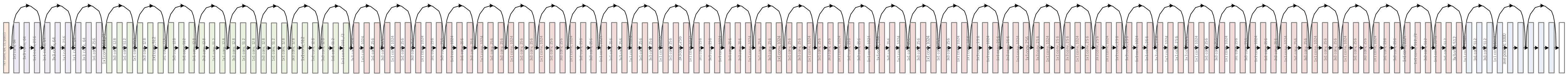
Surely it would be ridiculous to go any deeper…

Deep Residual Learning for Image Recognition

Kaiming He, Xiangyu Zhang, Shaoqing Ren, Jian Sun

work done at

Microsoft Research Asia



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5.	The Lancet	354	635
6.	Advanced Materials	312	418
7.	Nature Communications	307	428
8.	Cell	300	505
9.	International Conference on Learning Representations	286	533
10.	Neural Information Processing Systems	278	436
11.	JAMA	267	425
12.	Chemical Reviews	265	444
13.	Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences	256	364
14.	Angewandte Chemie	245	332
15.	Chemical Society Reviews	244	386
16.	Journal of the American Chemical Society	242	344
17.	IEEE/CVF International Conference on Computer Vision	239	415
18.	Nucleic Acids Research	238	550
19.	International Conference on Machine Learning	237	421

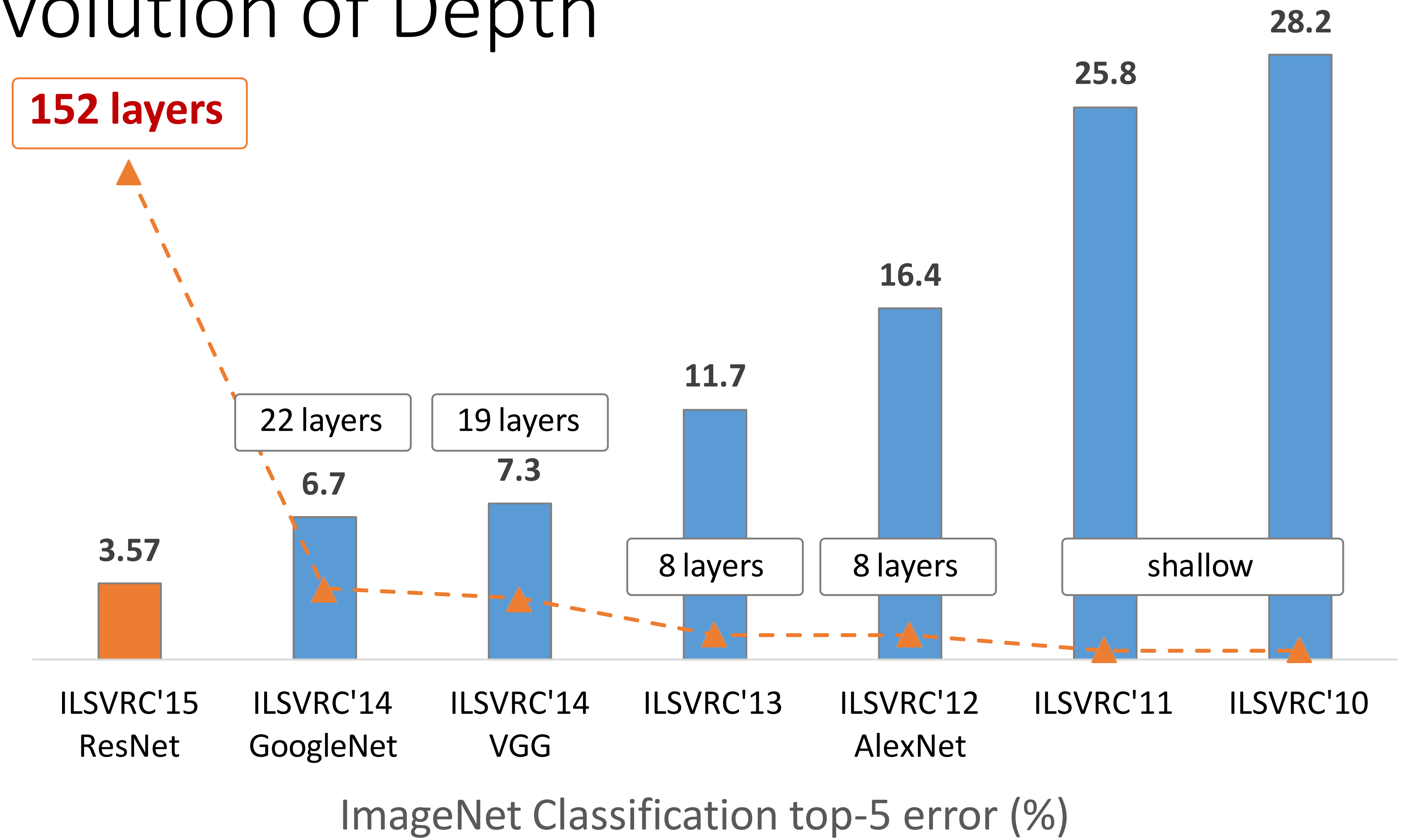
ResNet @ ILSVRC & COCO 2015 Competitions

1st places in all five main tracks

- ImageNet Classification: "*Ultra-deep*" 152-layer nets
- ImageNet Detection: 16% better than 2nd
- ImageNet Localization: 27% better than 2nd
- COCO Detection: 11% better than 2nd
- COCO Segmentation: 12% better than 2nd

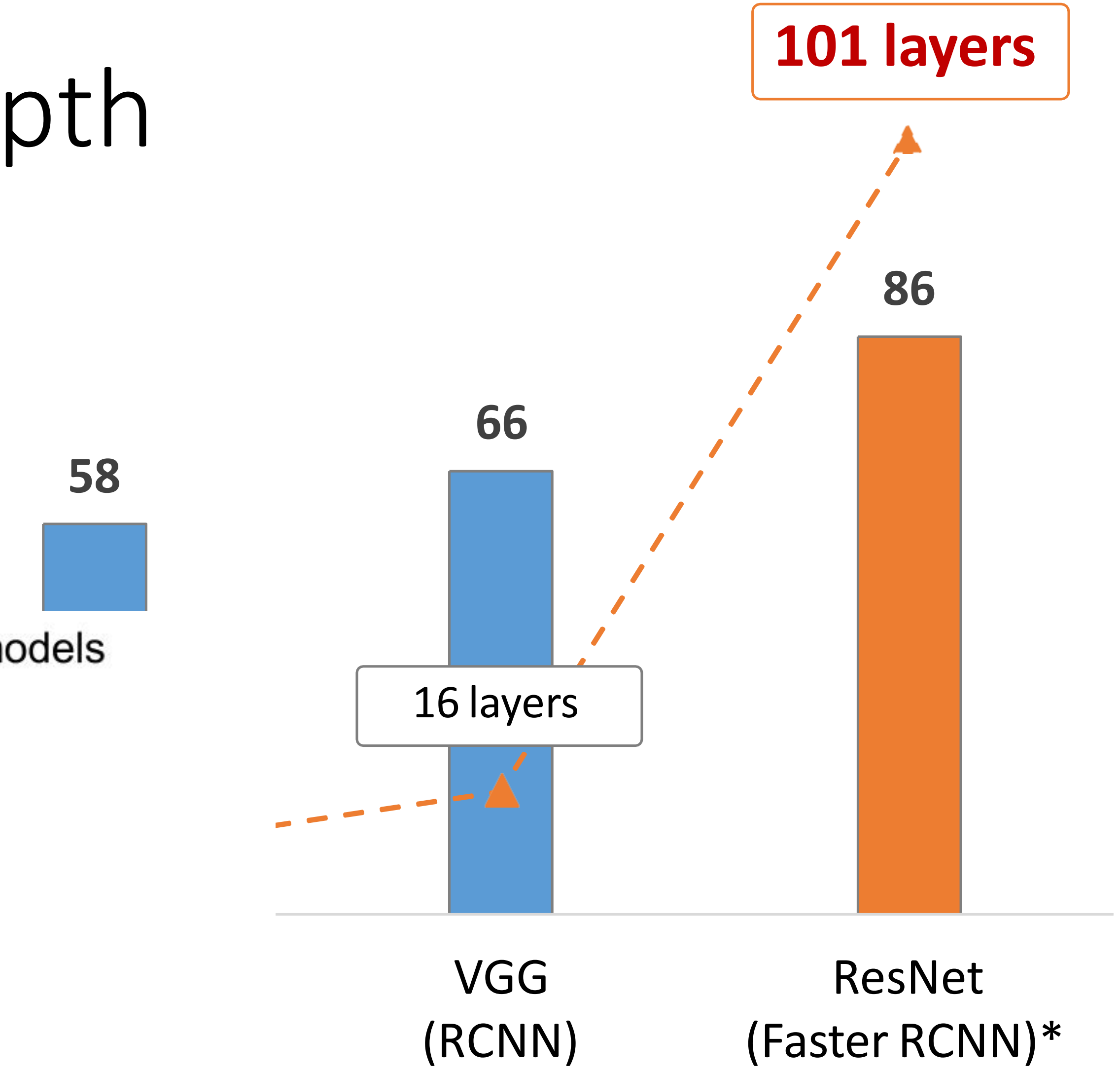
*improvements are relative numbers

Revolution of Depth

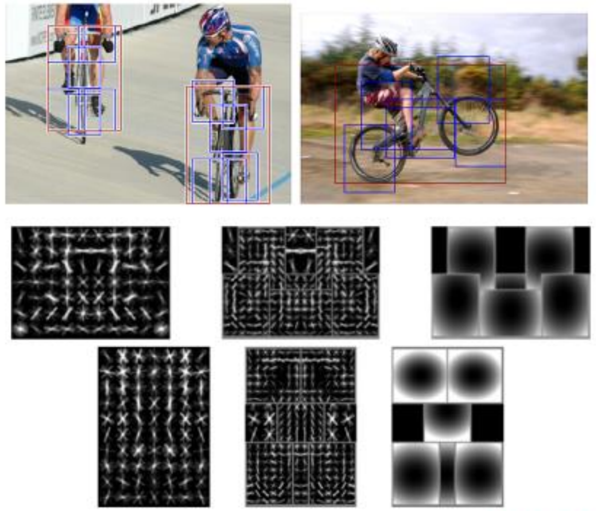


Revolution of Depth

Engines of
visual recognition



Discriminatively trained part-based models



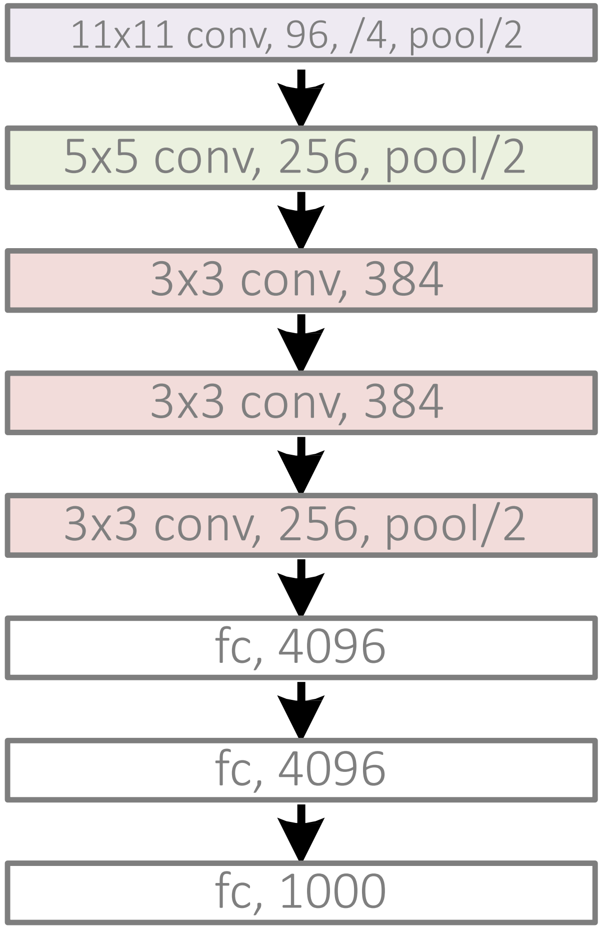
P. Felzenszwalb, R. Girshick, D. McAllester, D. Ramanan, "Object Detection with Discriminatively Trained Part-Based Models," PAMI 2009

ject Detection mAP (%)

*w/ other improvements & more data

Revolution of Depth

AlexNet, 8 layers
(ILSVRC 2012)



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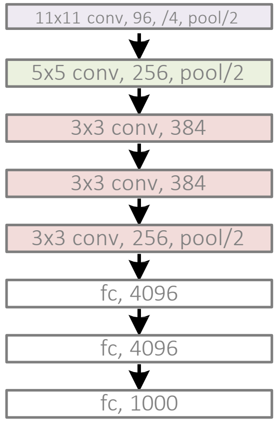
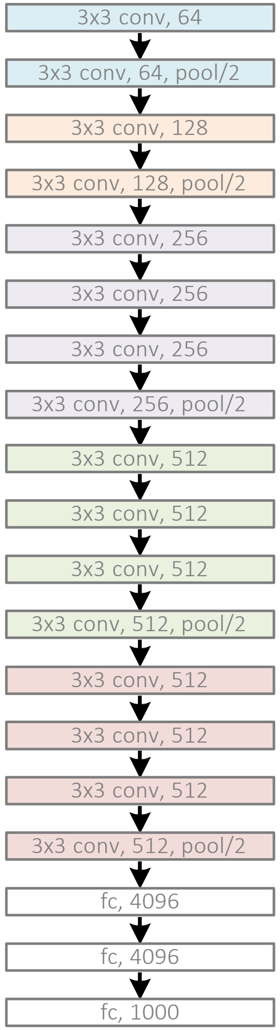
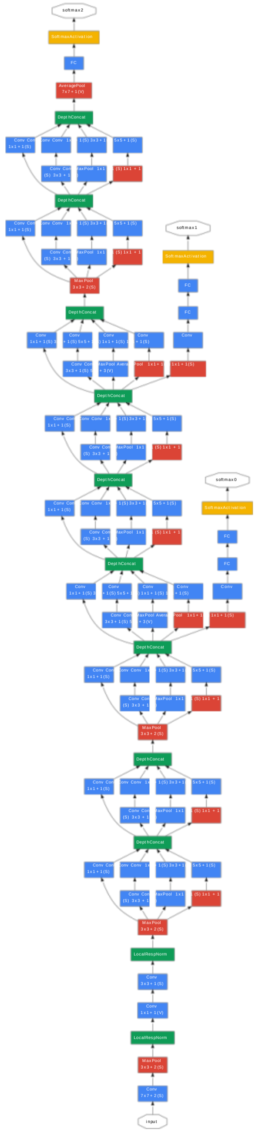


VGG, 19 layers
(ILSVRC 2014)



GoogleNet, 22 layers
(ILSVRC 2014)



Revolution of Depth

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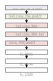

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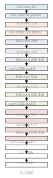
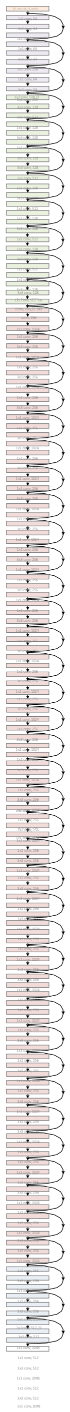
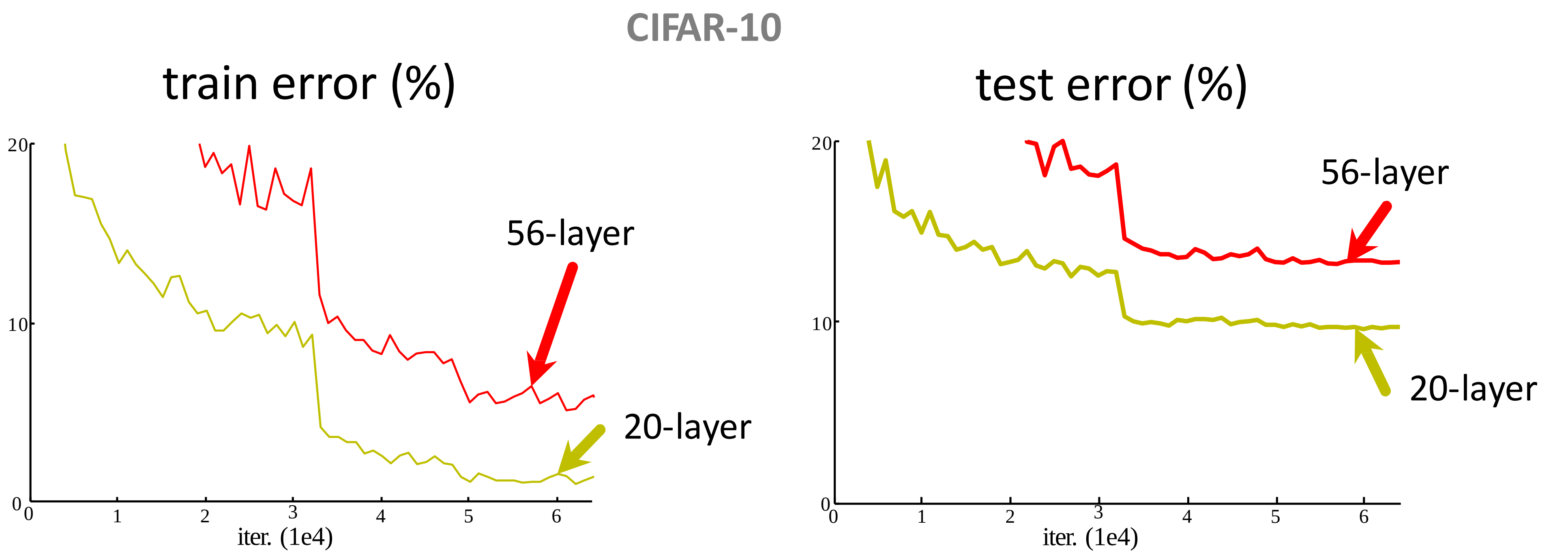


ResNet, 152 layers
(ILSVRC 2015)



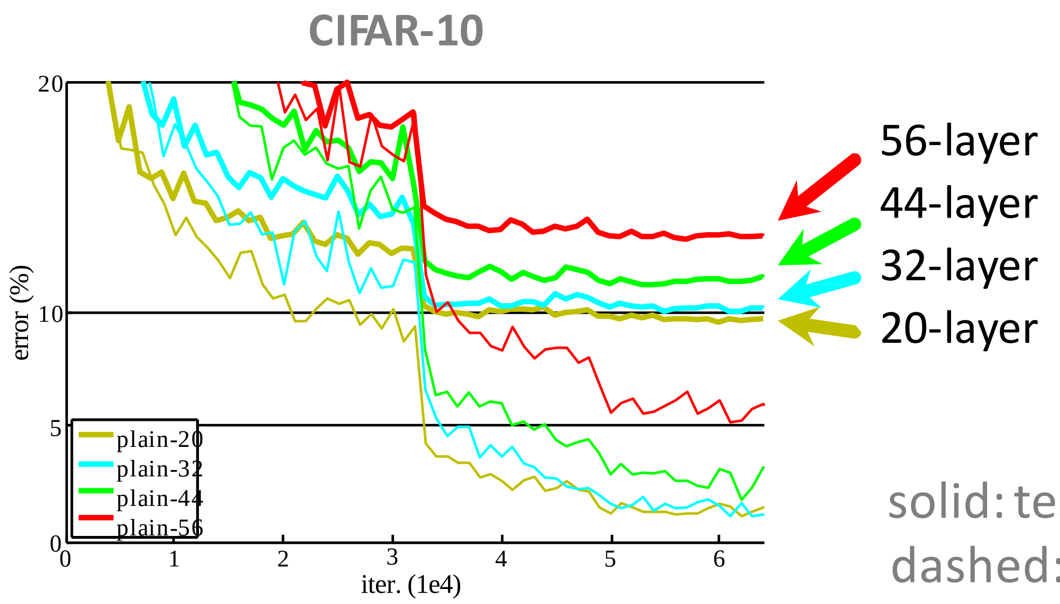
Is learning better networks
as simple as stacking more layers?

Simply stacking layers?

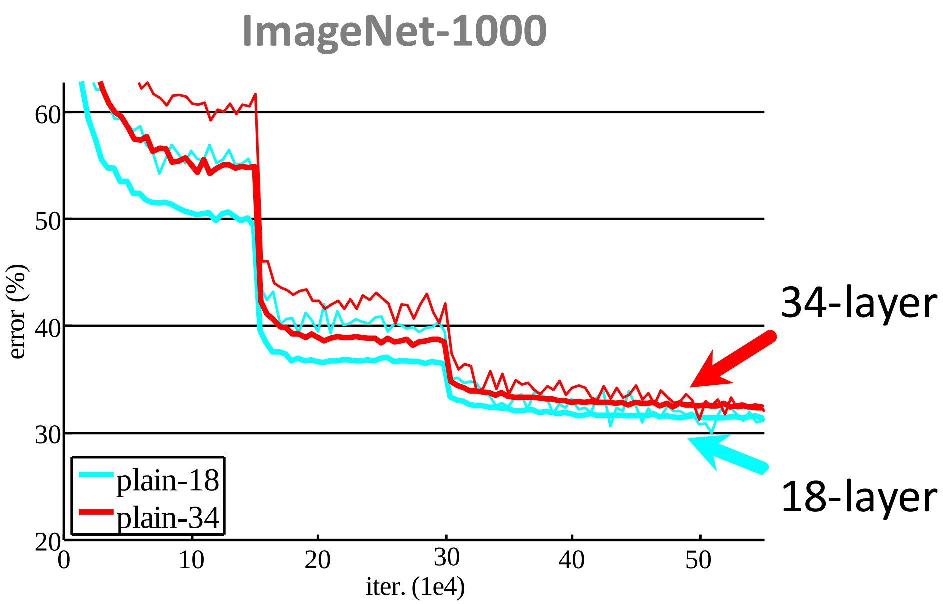


- *Plain* nets: stacking 3x3 conv layers…
- 56-layer net has **higher training error** and test error than 20-layer net

Simply stacking layers?

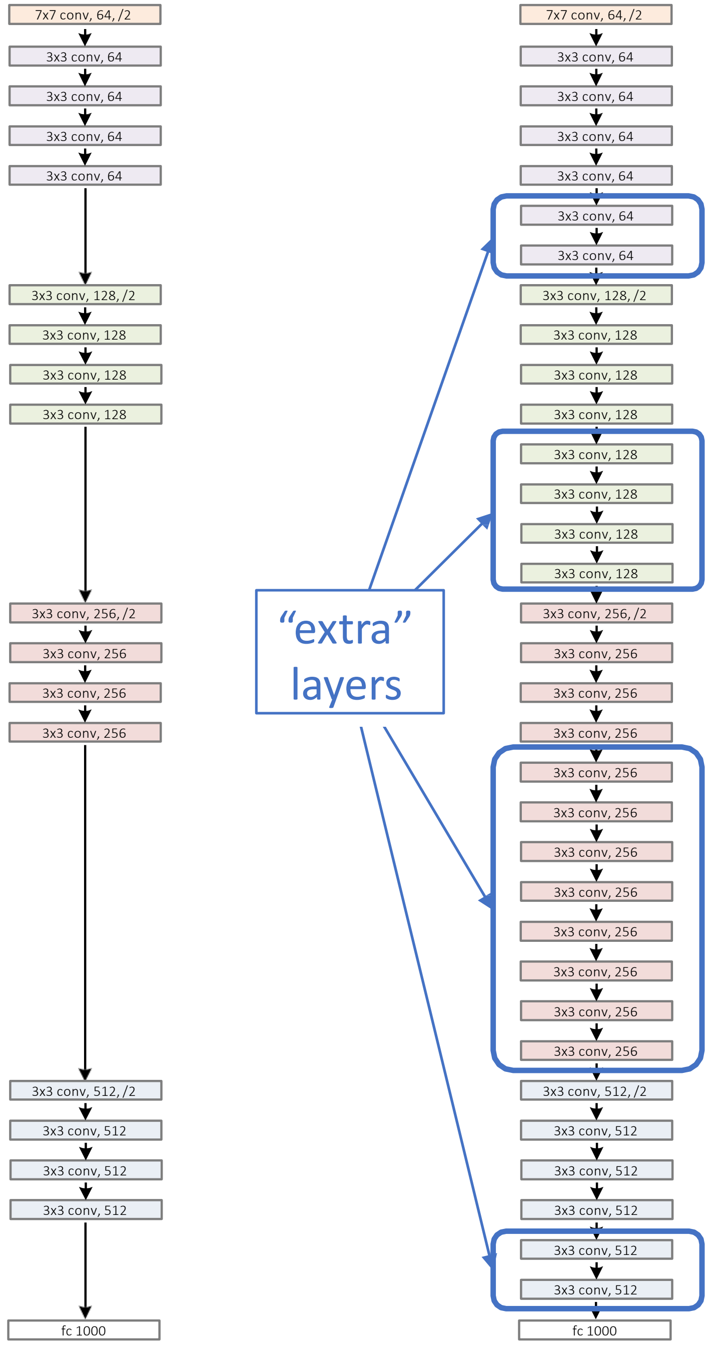


solid: test/val
dashed: train



- "Overly deep" plain nets have **higher training error**
- A general phenomenon, observed in many datasets

a shallower model
(18 layers)

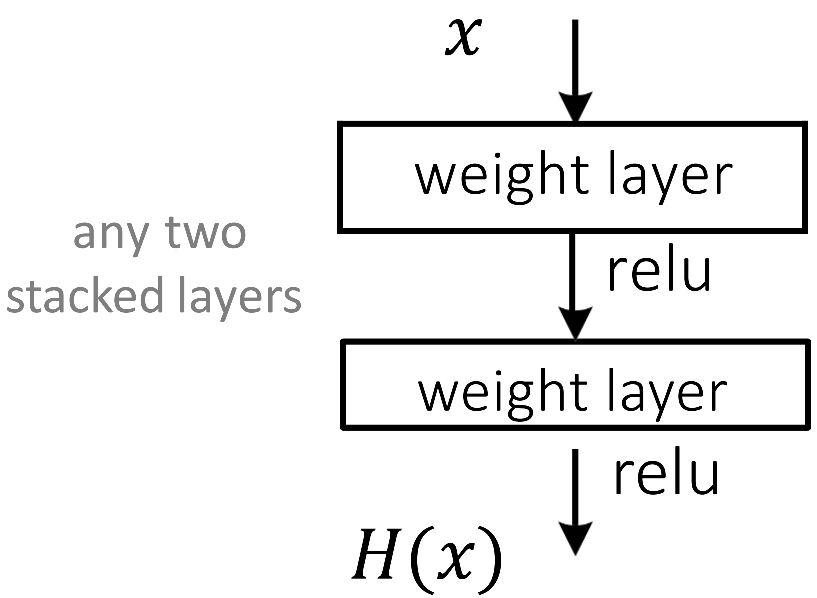


a deeper counterpart
(34 layers)

- Richer solution space
- A deeper model should not have **higher training error**
- A solution *by construction*:
  - original layers: copied from a learned shallower model
  - extra layers: set as identity
  - at least the same training error
- Optimization difficulties: solvers cannot find the solution when going deeper…

Deep Residual Learning

- Plain net

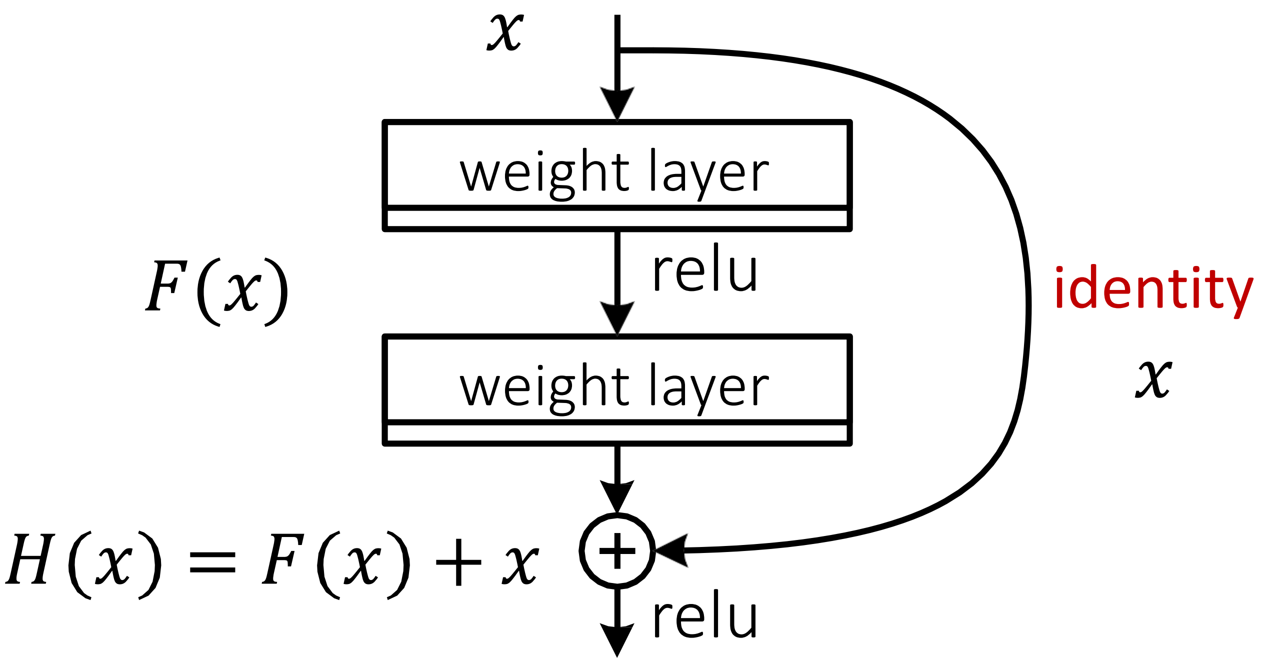


$H(x)$ is any desired mapping,

hope the 2 weight layers fit $H(x)$

Deep Residual Learning

- Residual net



$H(x)$ is any desired mapping,

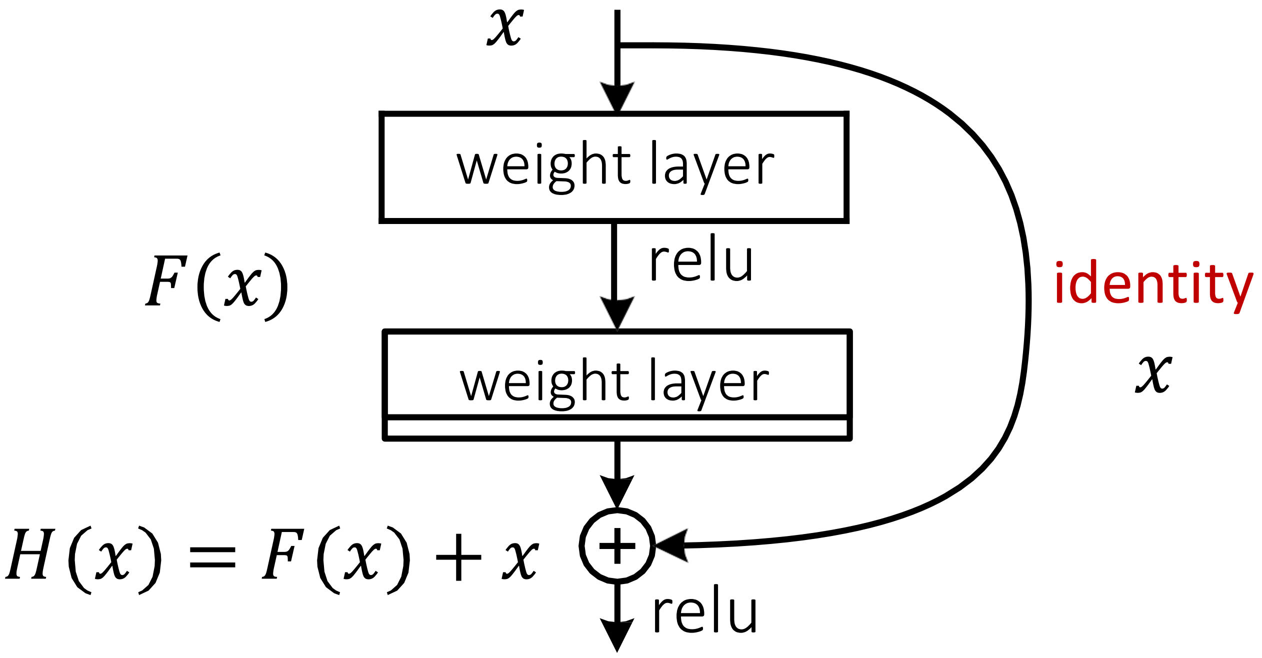
~~hope the 2 weight layers fit $H(x)$~~

hope the 2 weight layers fit $F(x)$

let $H(x) = F(x) + x$

Deep Residual Learning

- $F(x)$ is a residual mapping w.r.t. identity

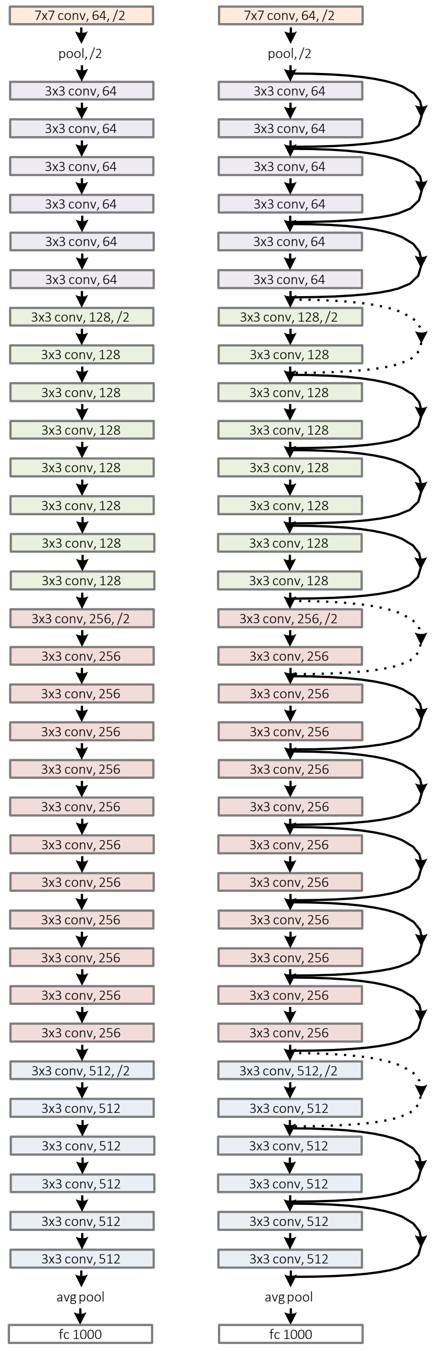


- If identity were optimal, easy to set weights as 0
- If optimal mapping is closer to identity, easier to find small fluctuations

Network "Design"

- Keep it simple
- Our basic design (VGG-style)
  - all 3x3 conv (almost)
  - spatial size /2 => # filters x2
  - Simple design; just deep!

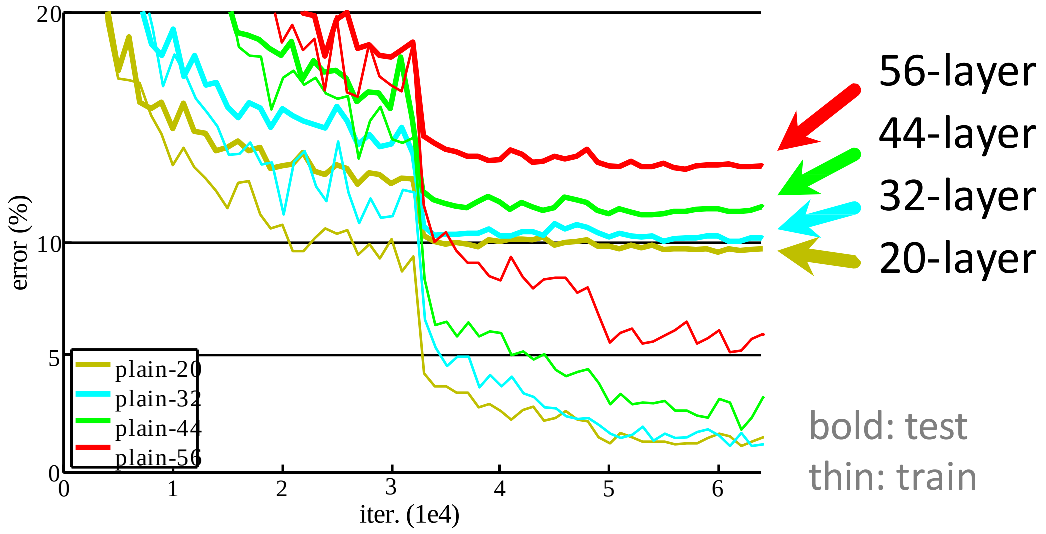
plain net



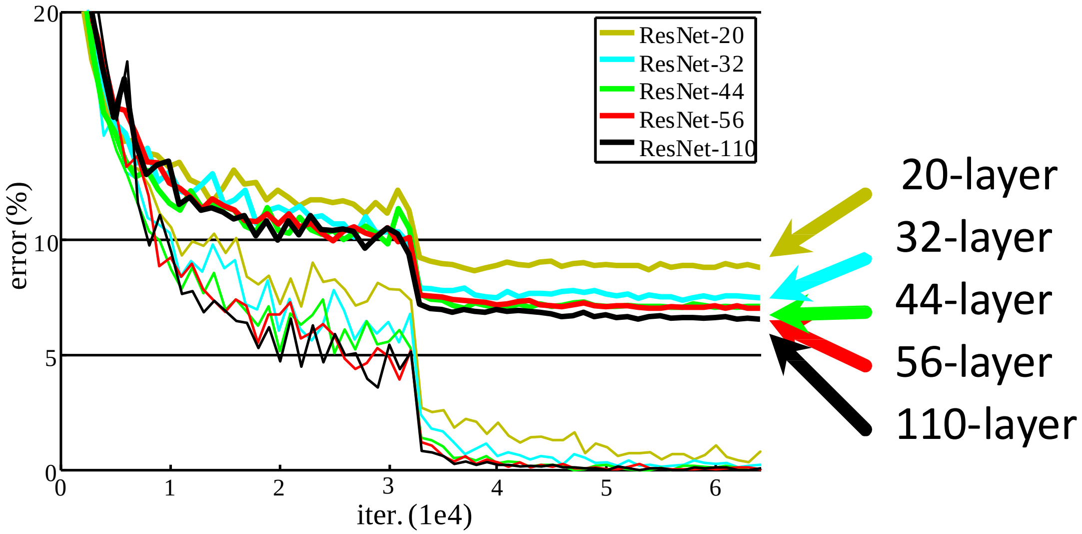
ResNet

CIFAR-10 experiments

CIFAR-10 plain nets

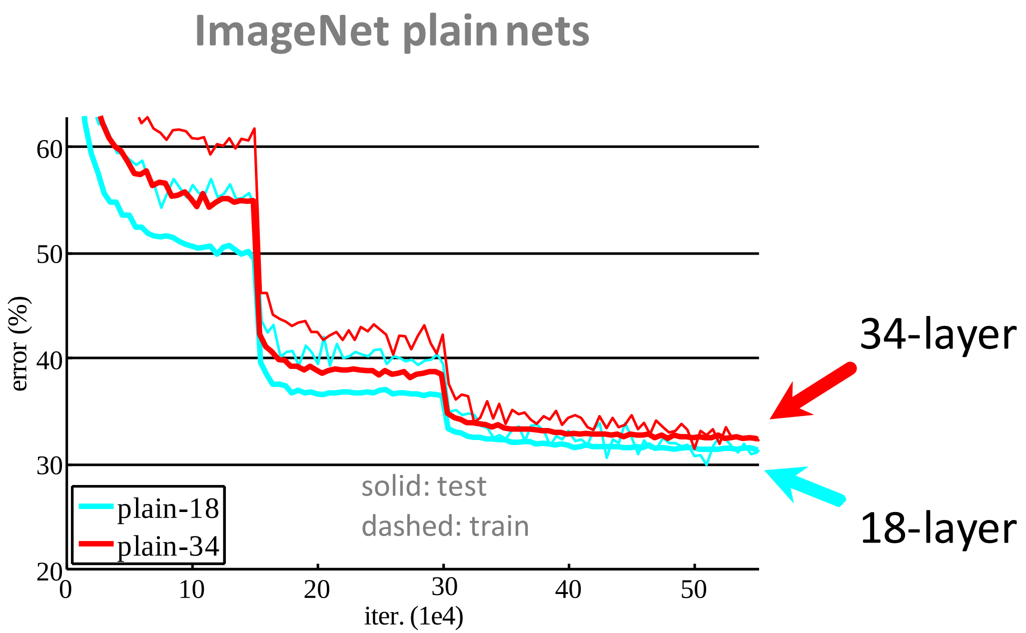


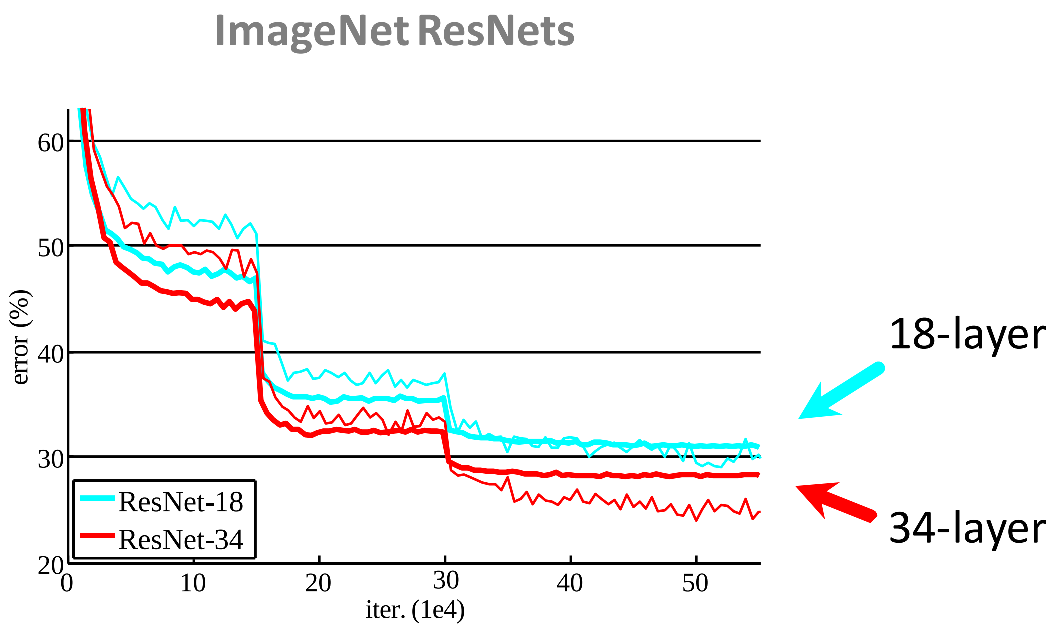
CIFAR-10 ResNets



- Deep ResNets can be trained without difficulties
- Deeper ResNets have **lower training error**, and also lower test error

ImageNet experiments





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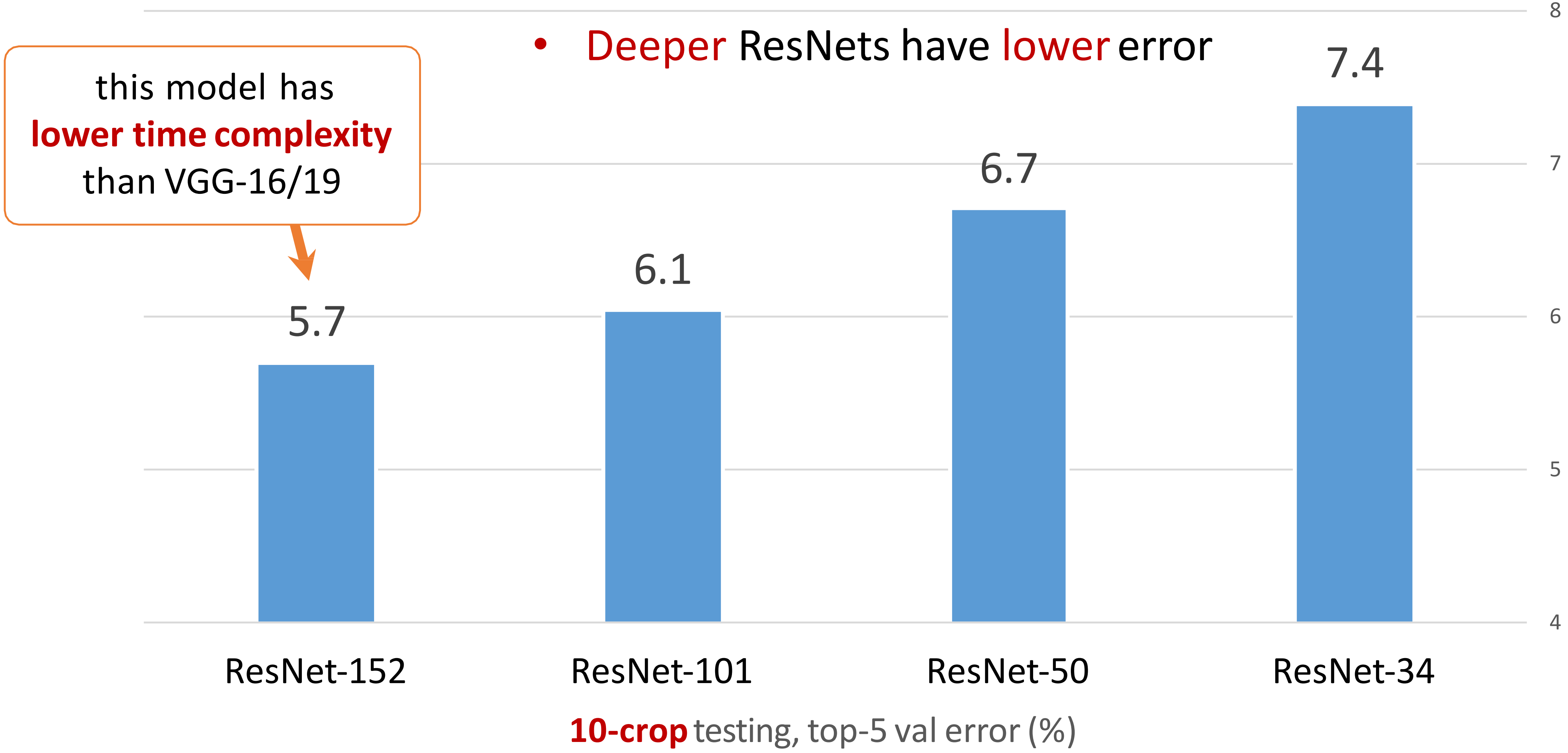


Beyond classification

A treasure from ImageNet is on learning features.

Kaiming He, Xiangyu Zhang, Shaoqing Ren, & Jian Sun. "Deep Residual Learning for Image Recognition". arXiv 2015.

"Features matter." (quote [Girshick et al. 2014], the R-CNN paper)

task	2nd-place winner	ResNets	margin (relative)
ImageNet Localization (top-5 error)	12.0	9.0	**27%**
ImageNet Detection (mAP@.5)	53.6	62.1	**16%**
COCO Detection (mAP@.5:.95)	33.5	37.3	**11%**
COCO Segmentation (mAP@.5:.95)	25.1	28.2	**12%**

absolute 8.5% better!

- Our results are all based on ResNet-101
- Our features are well transferrable

Kaiming He, Xiangyu Zhang, Shaoqing Ren, & Jian Sun. "Deep Residual Learning for Image Recognition". CVPR 2016.

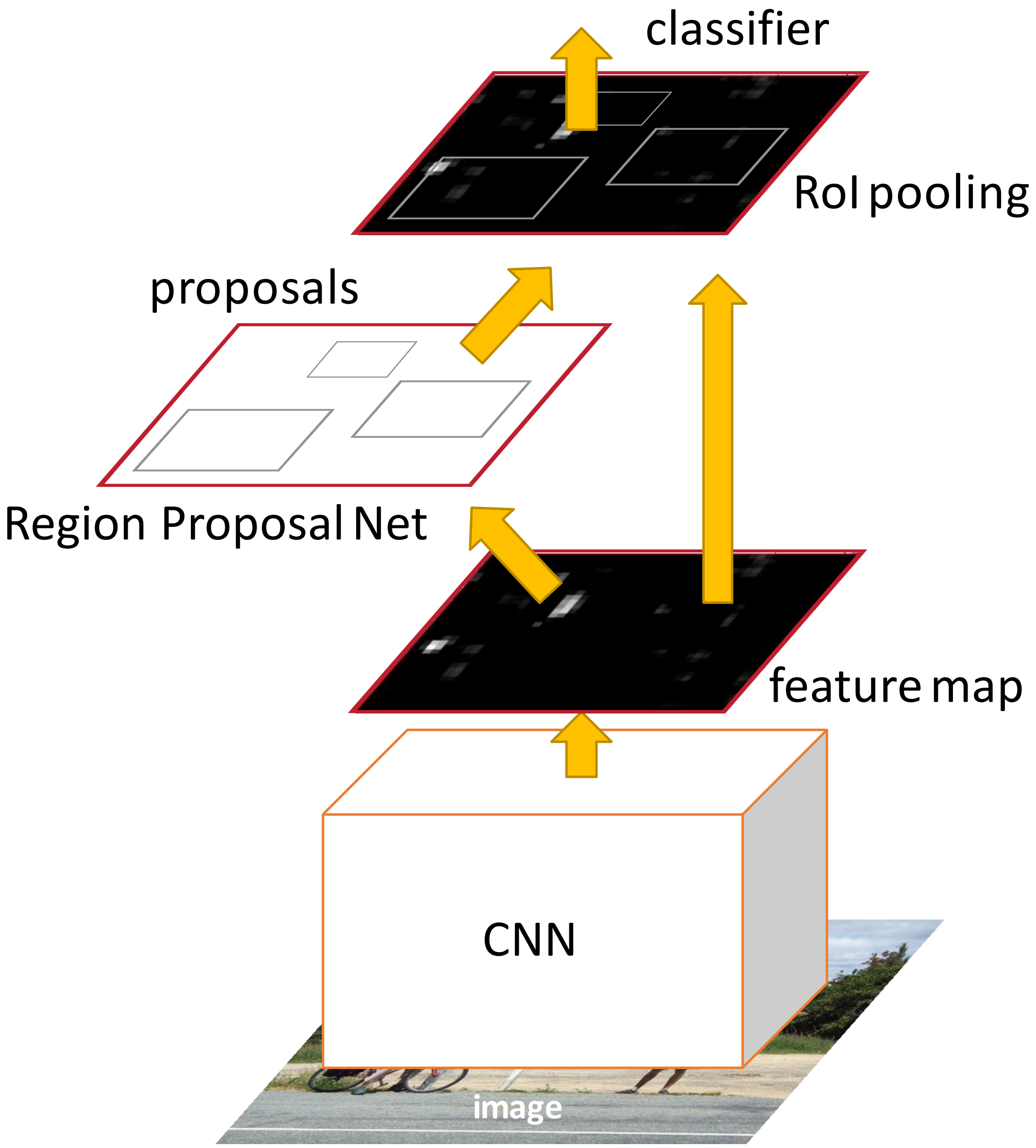
Object Detection (brief)

- Simply “Faster R-CNN + ResNet”

Faster R-CNN baseline	mAP@.5	mAP@.5:.95
VGG-16	41.5	21.5
ResNet-101	**48.4**	**27.2**

COCO detection results

(ResNet has 28% relative gain)



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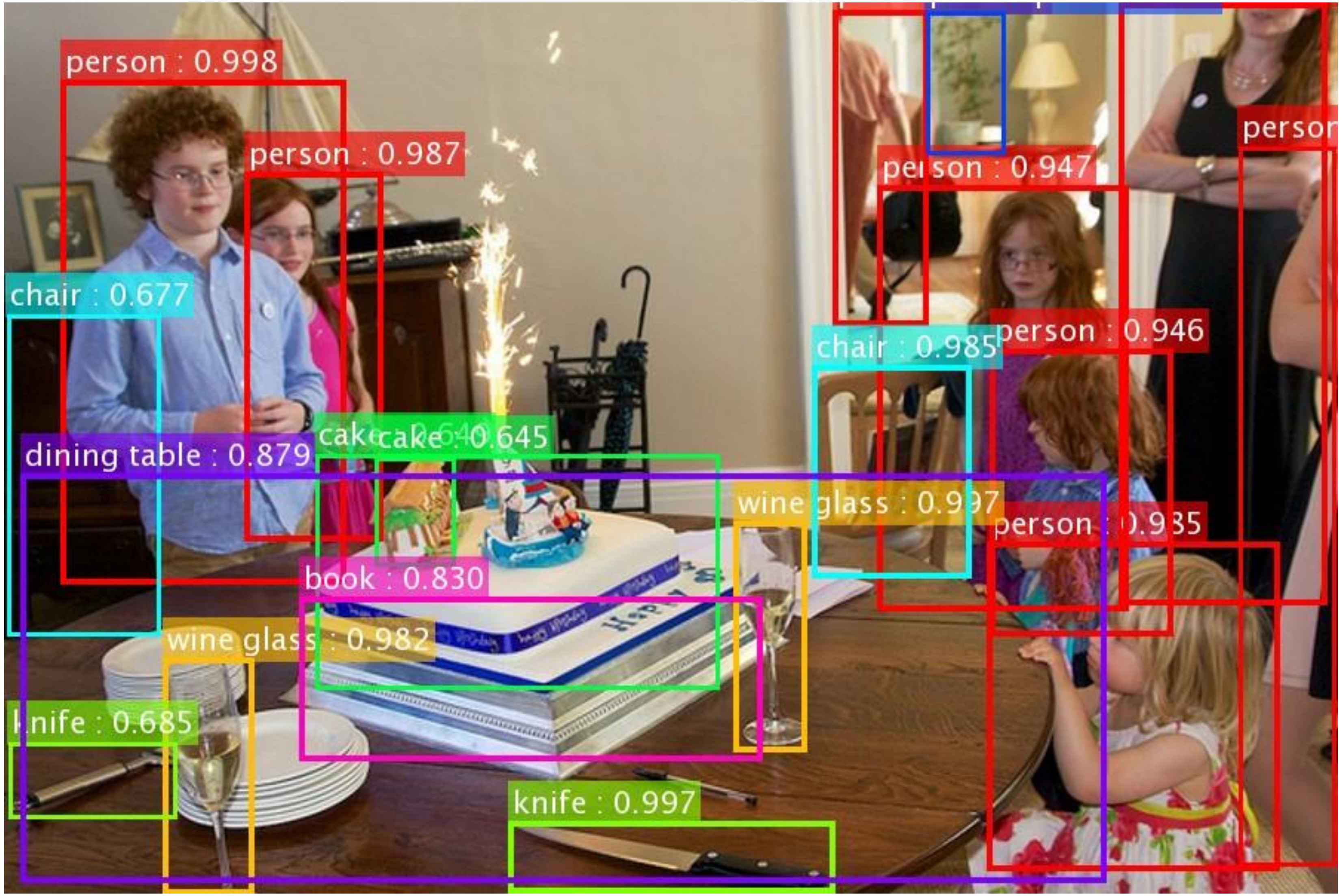

Our results on MS COCO

*the original image is from the COCO dataset

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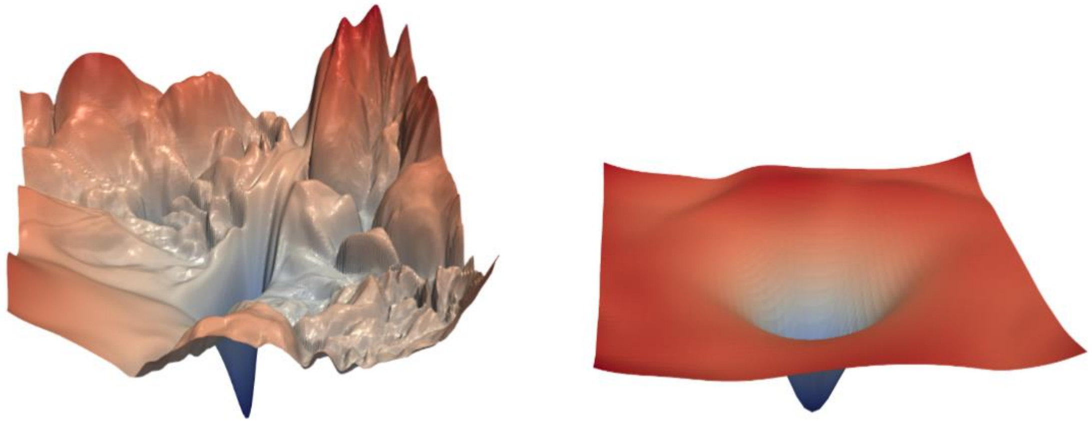
Why does ResNet work so well?

- The architecture is somehow easier to optimize.
- The authors argue it probably isn't because it solves the "vanishing gradient" problem.
- While the gradients might not be "vanishing" in "plain" nets, they don't seem as stable and trustworthy, according to follow up work, e.g.

  Visualizing the Loss Landscape of Neural Nets. Hao Li, Zheng Xu , Gavin Taylor, Christoph Studer, Tom Goldstein. NeurIPS 2018.

We argue that this optimization difficulty is *unlikely* to be caused by vanishing gradients. These plain networks are trained with BN [16], which ensures forward propagated signals to have non-zero variances. We also verify that the backward propagated gradients exhibit healthy norms with BN. So neither forward nor backward signals vanish. In



(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.