Lecture 15:
Object Detection

Reminder: A4

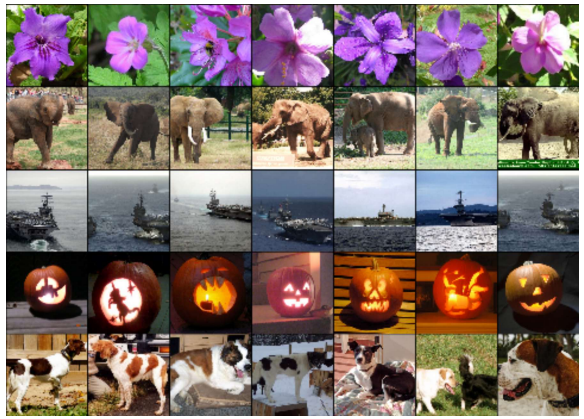
A4 due **Wednesday, November 13, 11:59pm**

A4 covers:

- PyTorch autograd
- Residual networks
- Recurrent neural networks
- Attention
- Feature visualization
- Style transfer
- Adversarial examples

Last Time: Visualizing and Understanding CNNs

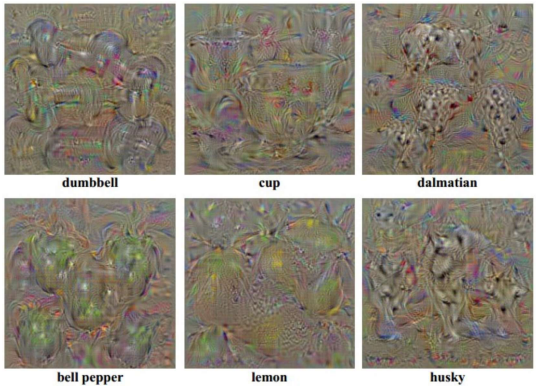
Nearest Neighbor

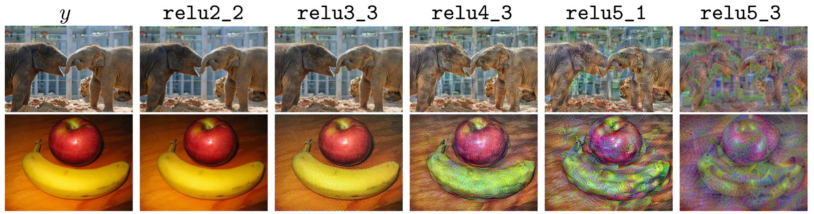


Maximally Activating Patches

(Guided) Backprop

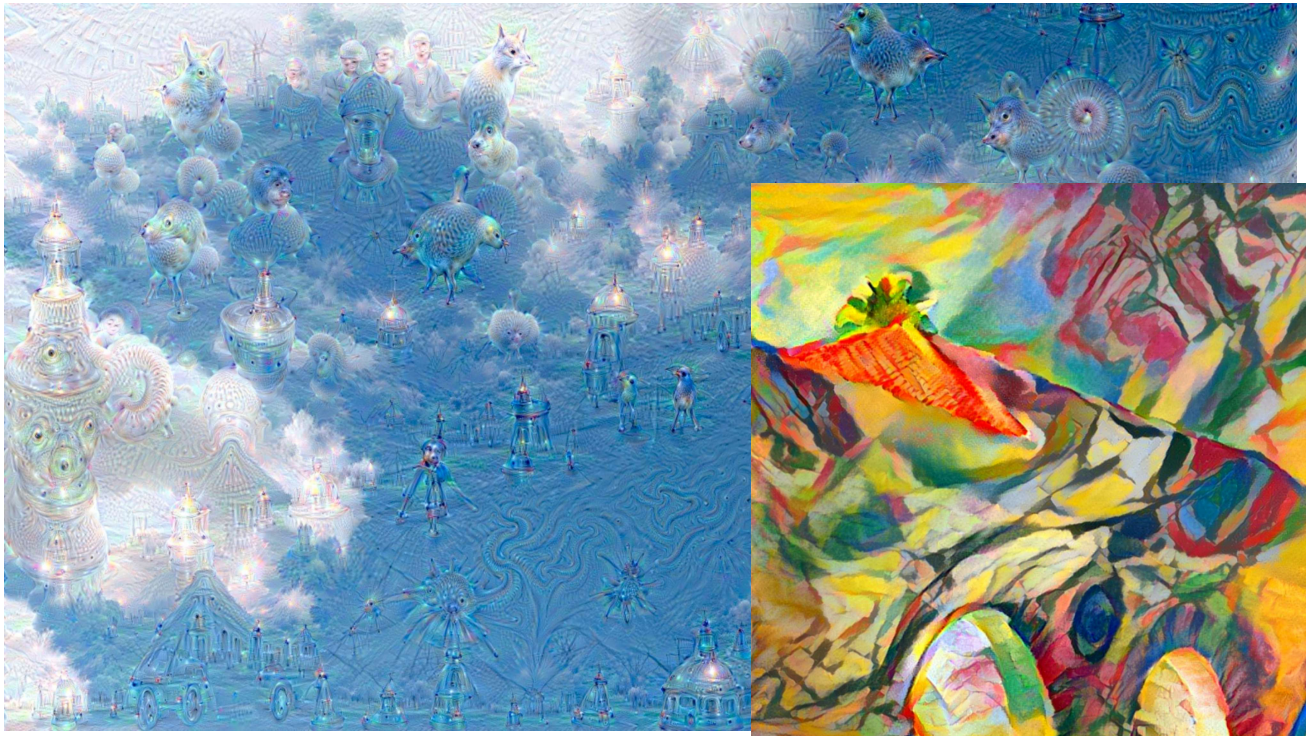
Synthetic Images via Gradient Ascent





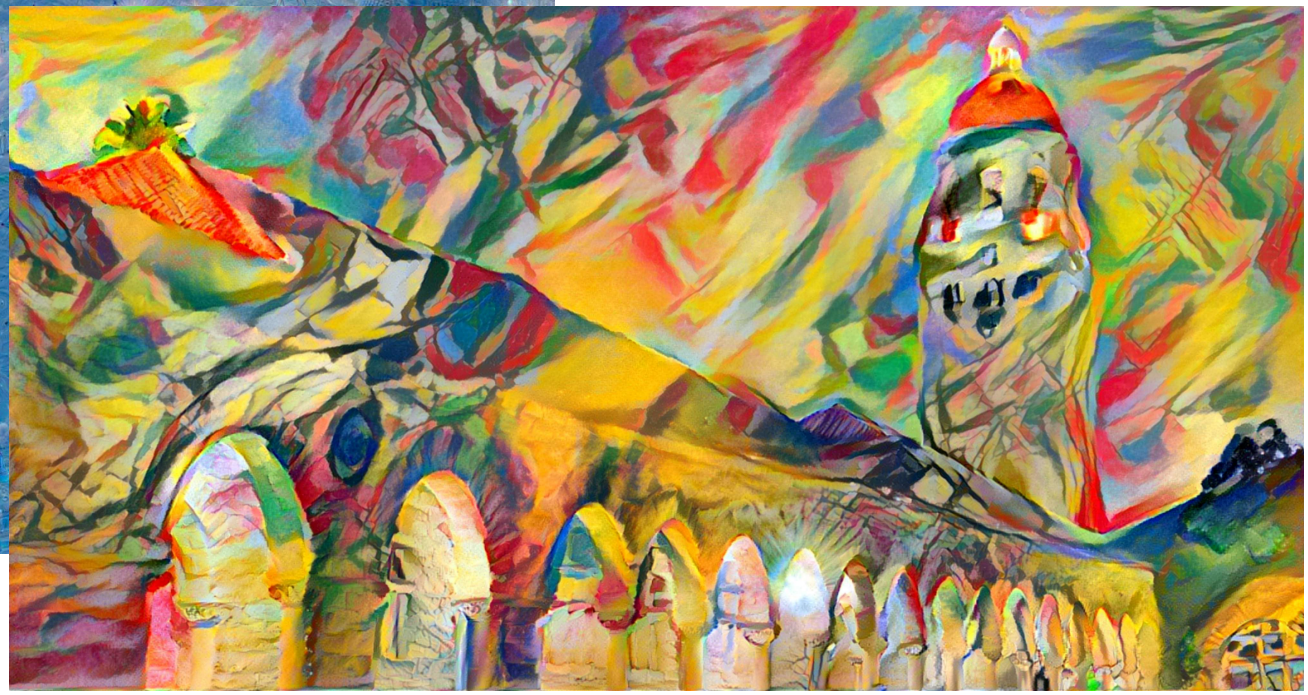
Feature Inversion

Last Time: Making art with CNNs



DeepDream

Style Transfer



So far: Image Classification

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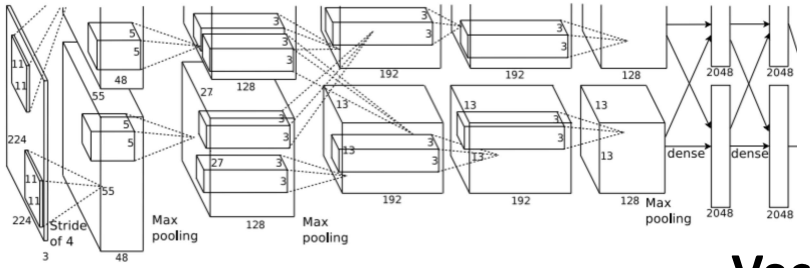

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Class Scores
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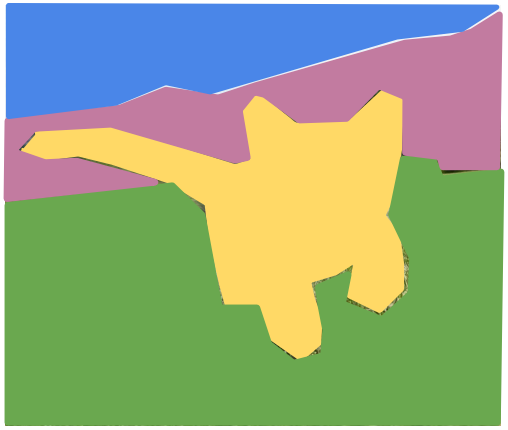
Computer Vision Tasks

Classification

CAT

No spatial extent

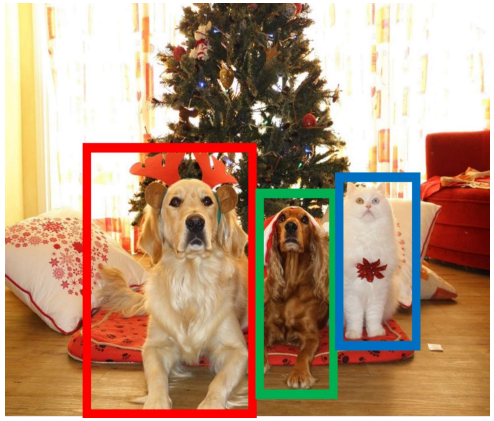
Semantic Segmentation



GRASS, **CAT**, **TREE**, **SKY**

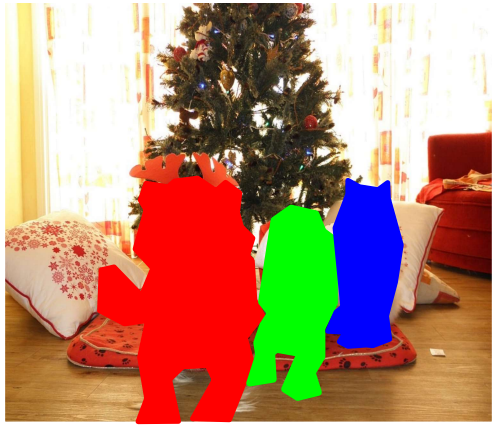
No objects, just pixels

Object Detection



DOG, **DOG**, **CAT**

Instance Segmentation



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Multiple Objects

Today: Object Detection

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CAT

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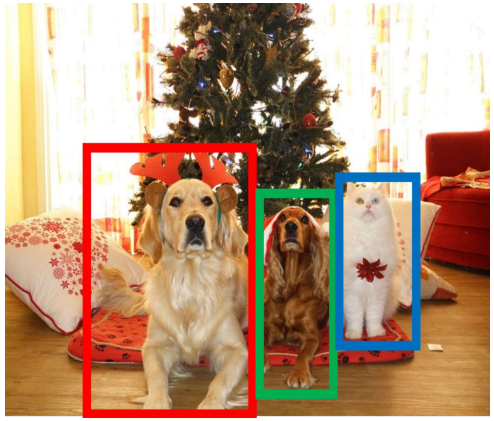
Object Detection



DOG, DOG, CAT

Instance Segmentation

DOG, DOG, CAT

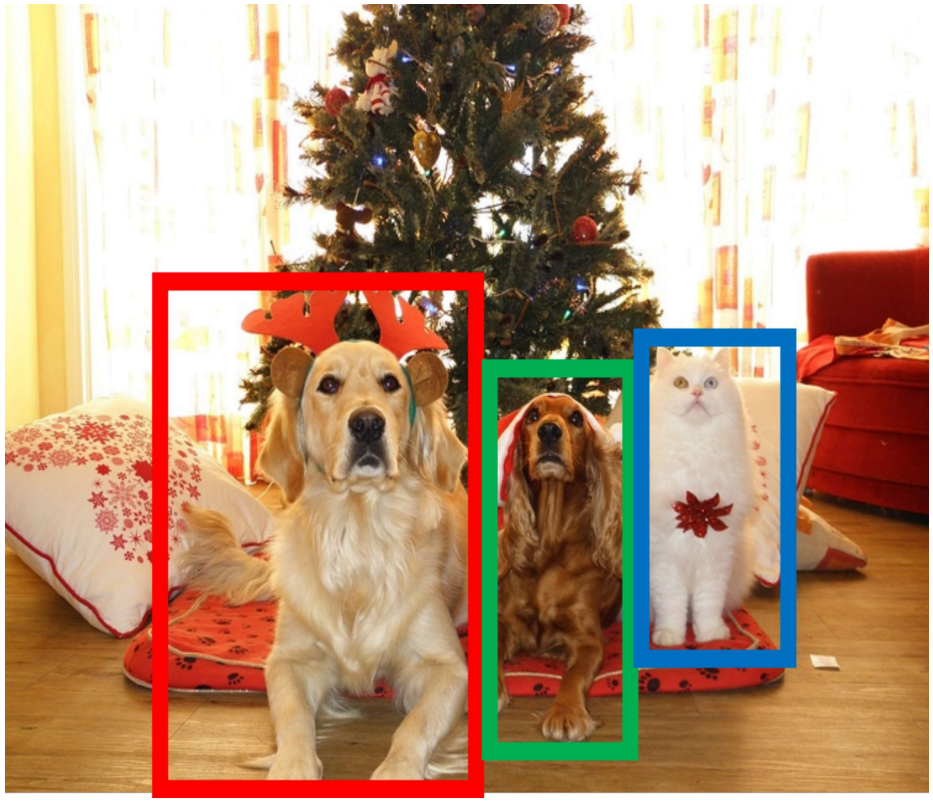
Multiple Objects

Object Detection: Task Definition

Input: Single RGB Image

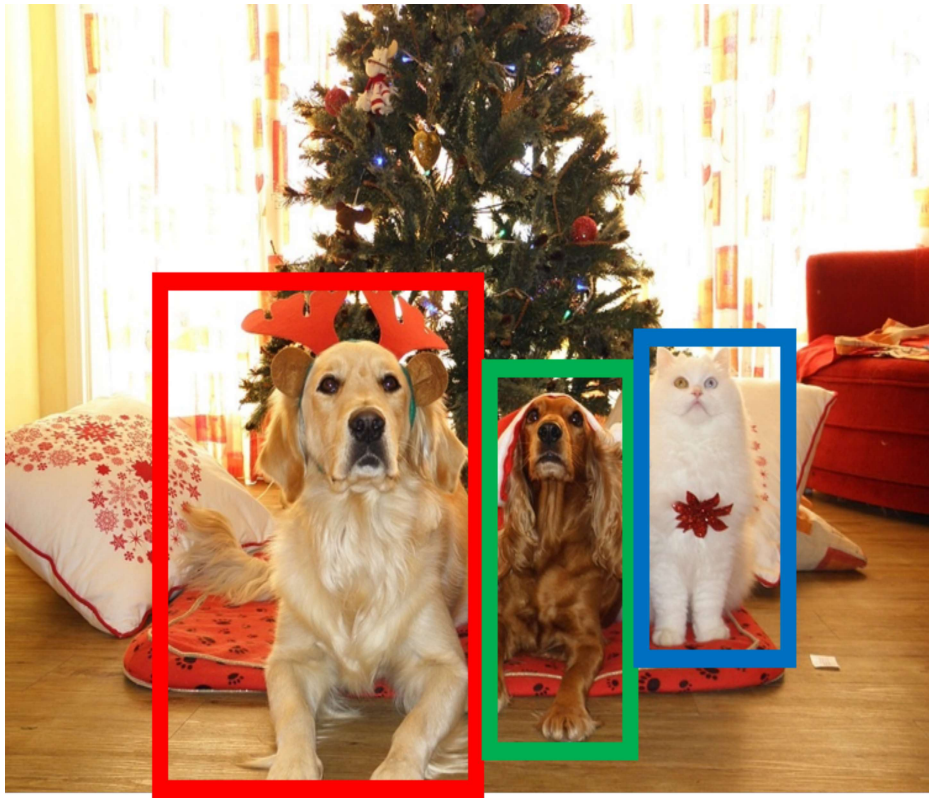
Output: A set of detected objects;
For each object predict:

1. Category label (from fixed, known set of categories)
2. Bounding box (four numbers: x, y, width, height)



Object Detection: Challenges

- **Multiple outputs**: Need to output variable numbers of objects per image
- **Multiple types of output**: Need to predict ”what” (category label) as well as “where” (bounding box)
- **Large images**: Classification works at 224x224; need higher resolution for detection, often ~800x600



Detecting a single object

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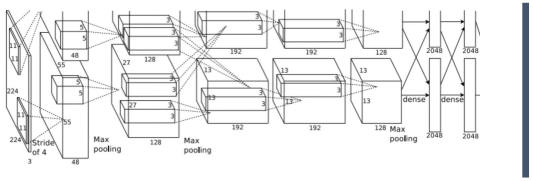

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Detecting a single object

"What"

Correct label:
Cat

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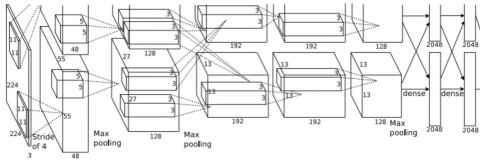

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Softmax Loss

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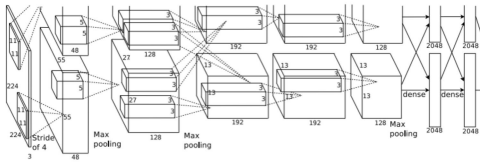

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"What"

Correct label: Cat

Softmax Loss

Fully Connected: 4096 to 4

Box Coordinates
(x, y, w, h)

"Where"

L2 Loss

Correct box: (x', y', w', h')

Treat localization as a regression problem!

Detecting a single object

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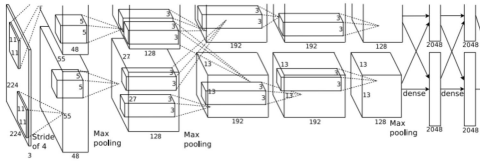

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"What"

"Where"

Detecting a single object

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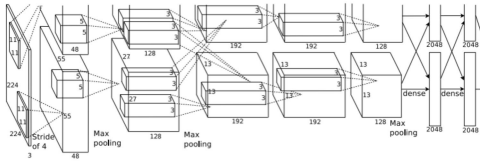

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Multitask Loss

"What"

"Where"

Detecting a single object

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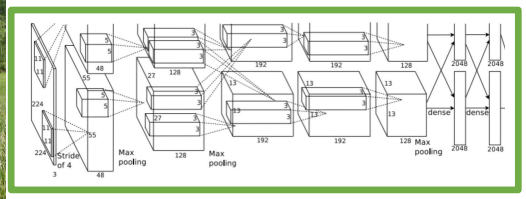
Often pretrained on ImageNet (Transfer learning)



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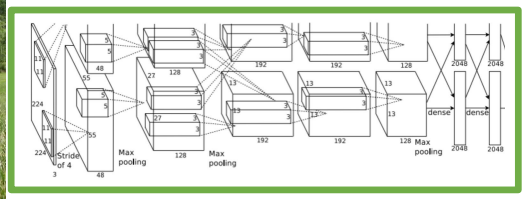

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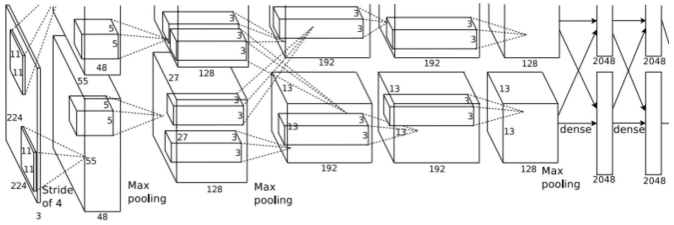
"Where"

Problem: Images can have more than one object!

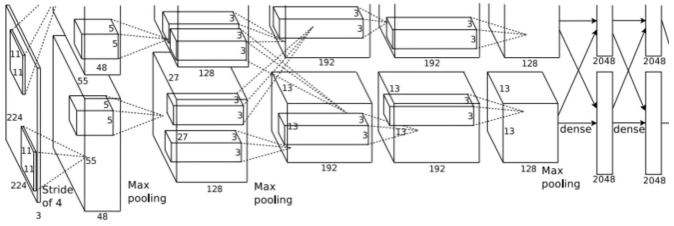
Detecting Multiple Objects

Need different numbers of outputs per image



CAT: (x, y, w, h)

4 numbers



DOG: (x, y, w, h)
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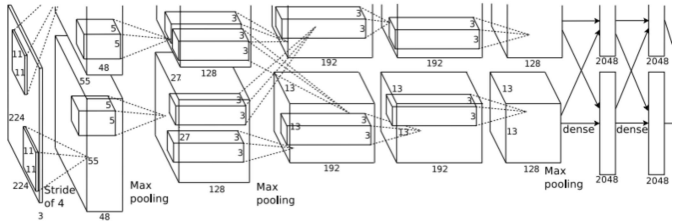
CAT: (x, y, w, h)

16 numbers



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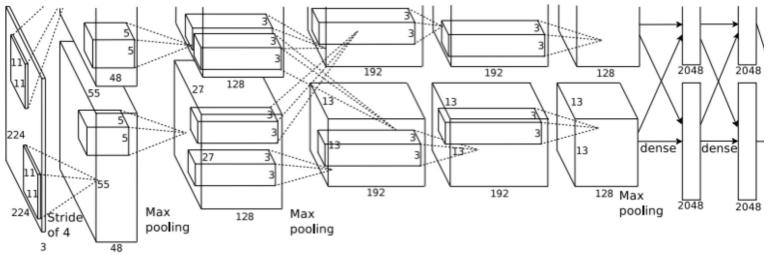
Many numbers!

Detecting Multiple Objects: **Sliding Window**

Apply a CNN to many different crops of the image, CNN classifies each crop as object or background



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Cat? NO
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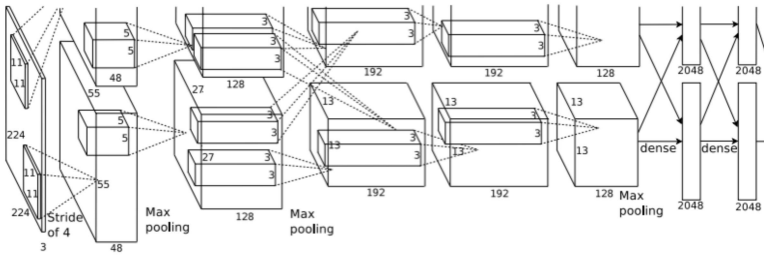

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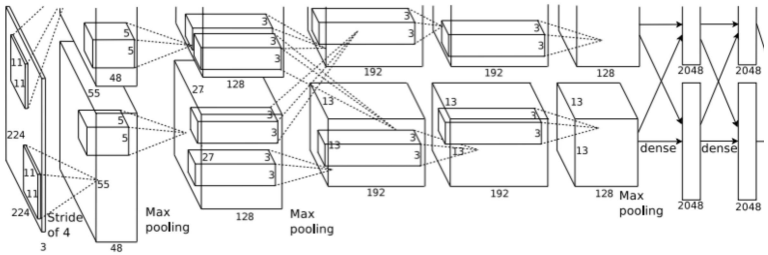

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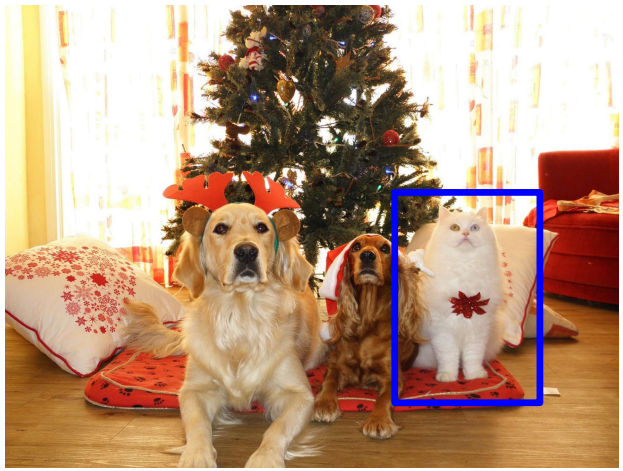

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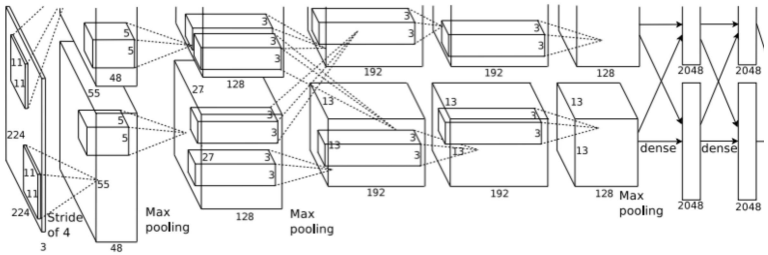

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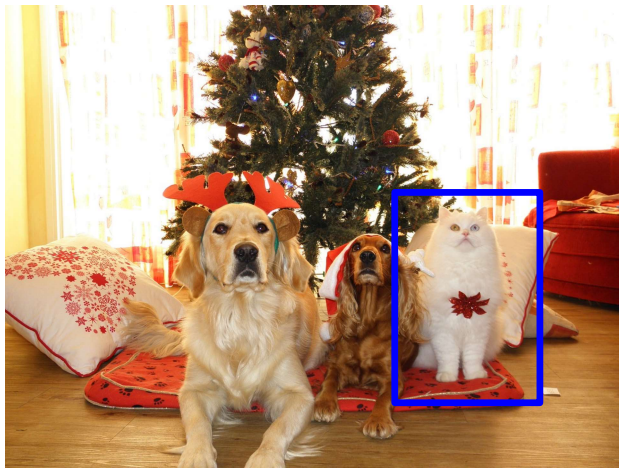

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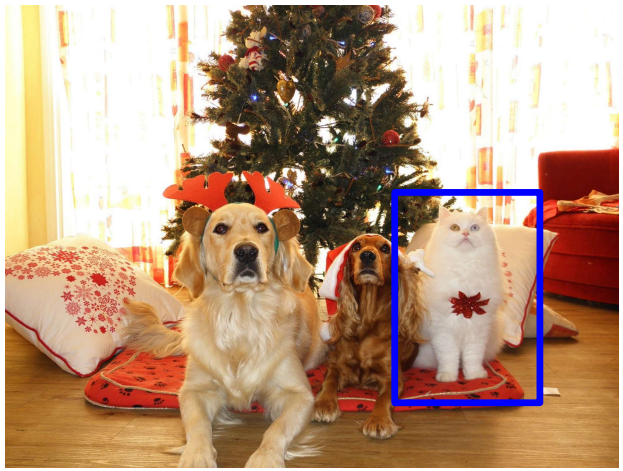

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Consider a box of size h x w:
Possible x positions: W – w + 1
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Possible positions:
(W – w + 1) * (H – h + 1)

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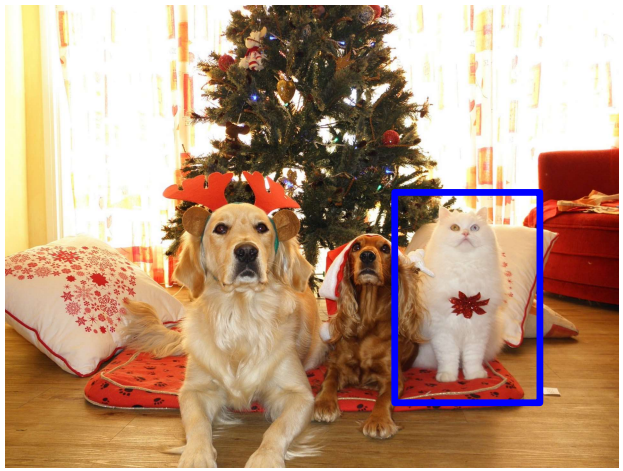

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Total possible boxes:

$$\sum_{h=1}^{H}\sum_{w=1}^{W}(W-w+1)(H-h+1)$$

$$=\frac{H(H+1)}{2}\frac{W(W+1)}{2}$$

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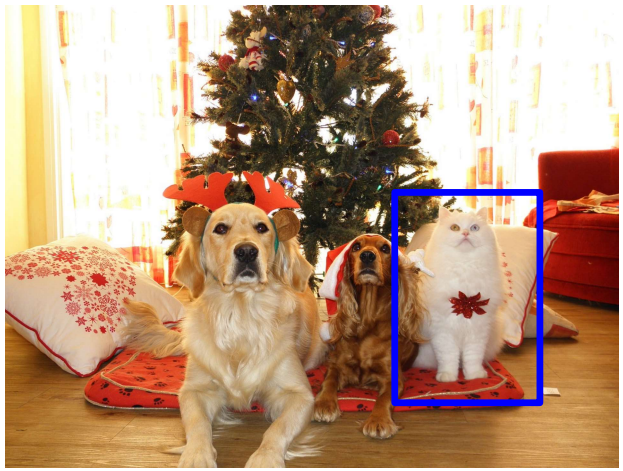

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800 x 600 image has ~58M boxes! No way we can evaluate them all

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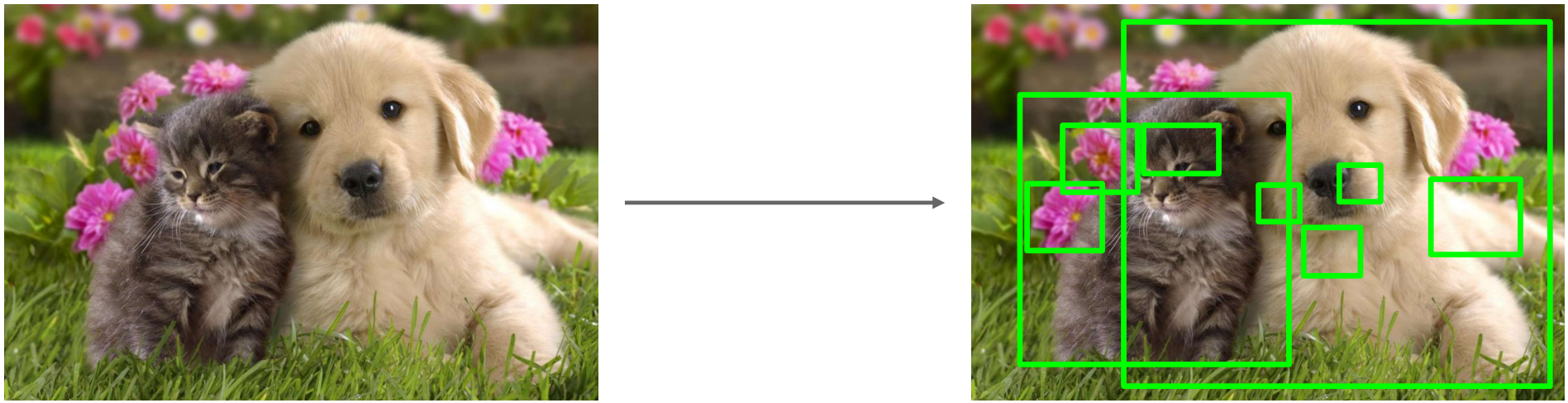
$$\sum_{h=1}^{H}\sum_{w=1}^{W}(W-w+1)(H-h+1)$$

$$=\frac{H(H+1)}{2}\frac{W(W+1)}{2}$$

Region Proposals

- Find a small set of boxes that are likely to cover all objects
- Often based on heuristics: e.g. look for "blob-like" image regions
- Relatively fast to run; e.g. Selective Search gives 2000 region proposals in a few seconds on CPU



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Cheng et al, "BING: Binarized normed gradients for objectness estimation at 300fps", CVPR 2014
Zitnick and Dollar, "Edge boxes: Locating object proposals from edges", ECCV 2014

R-CNN: Region-Based CNN

Input image

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Regions of Interest (RoI) from a proposal method (~2k)

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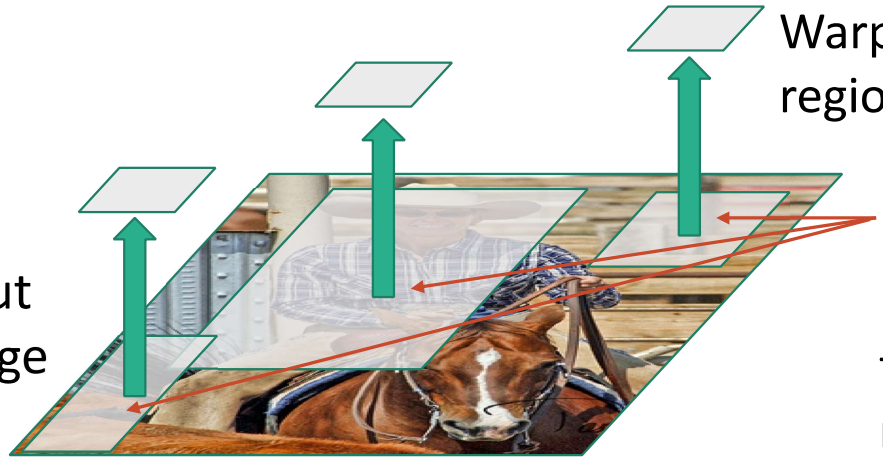

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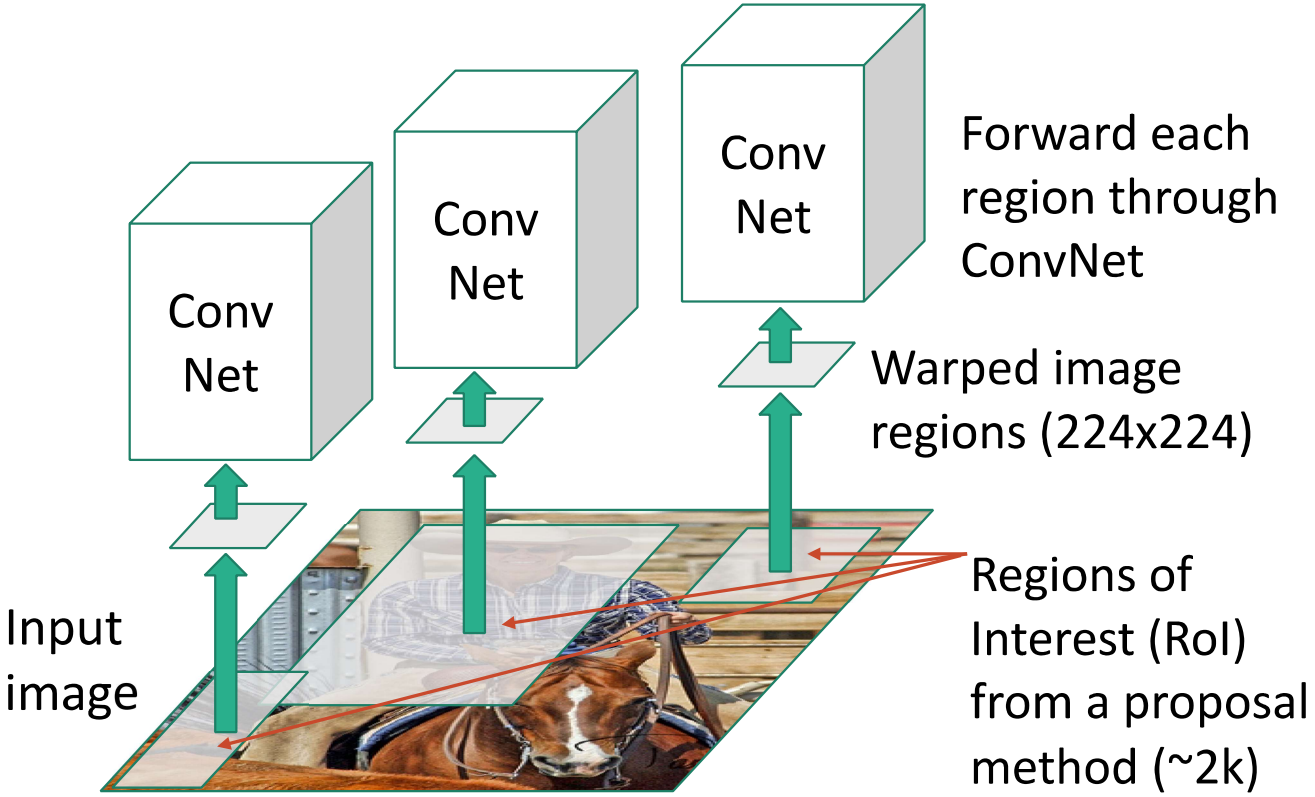

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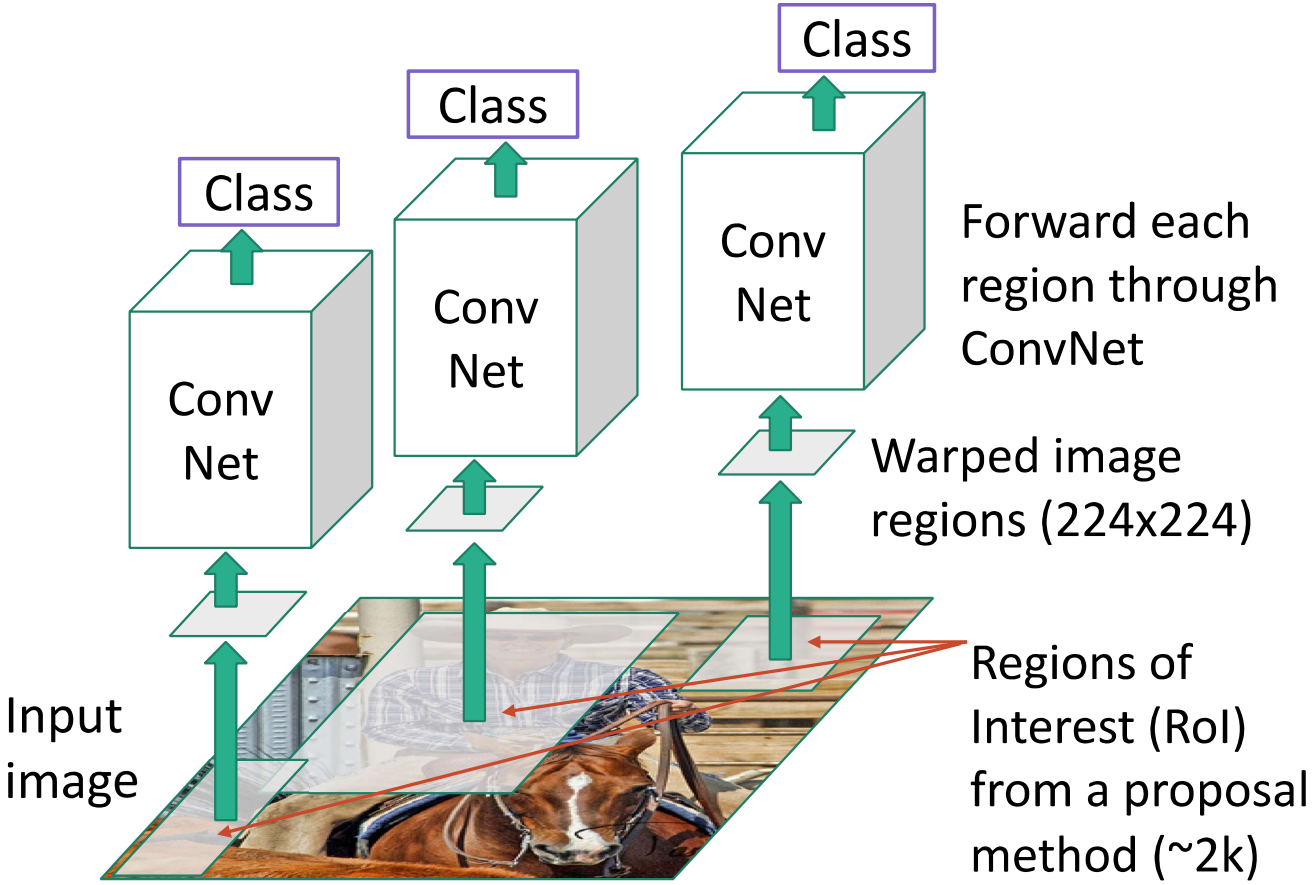
R-CNN: Region-Based CNN

Classify each region



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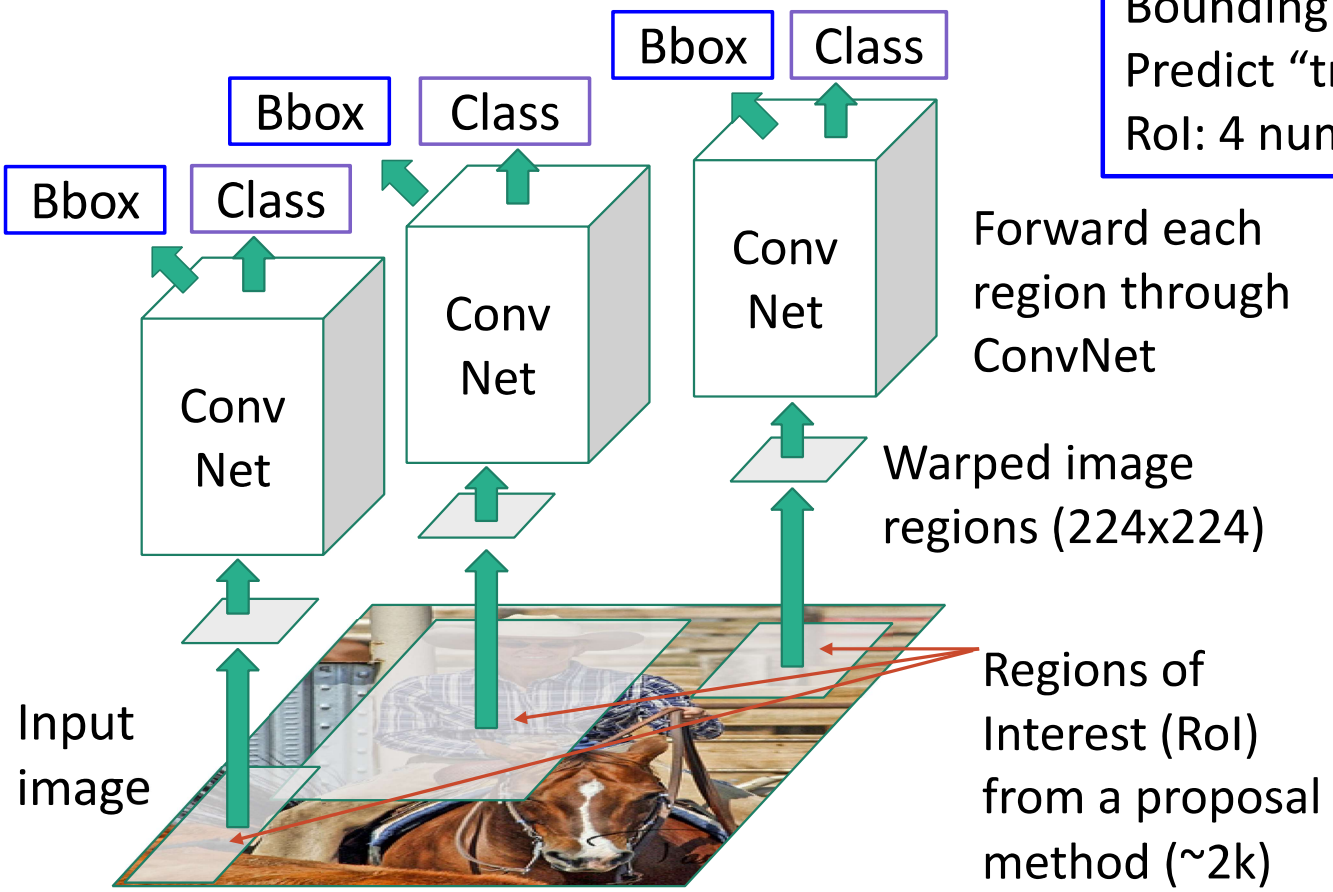

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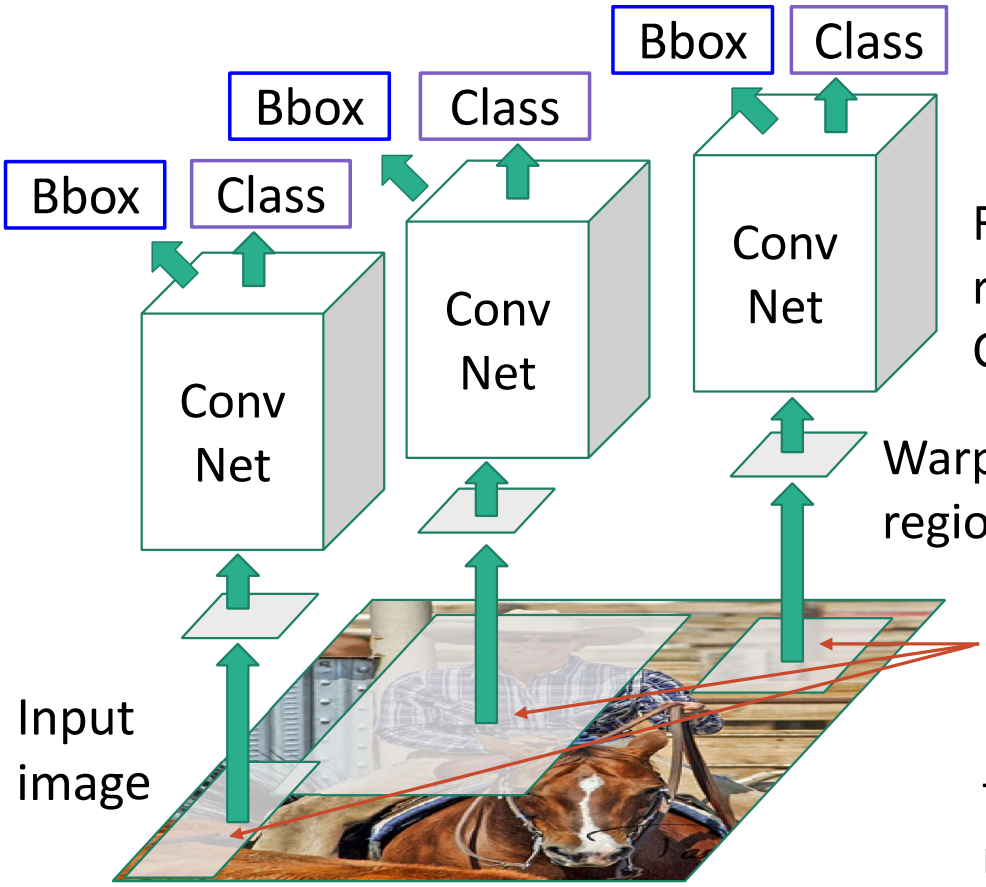

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Transform: (t_x, t_y, t_h, t_w)
Output box: (b_x, b_y, b_h, b_w)

Translate relative to box size:
$b_x = p_x + p_w t_x \qquad b_y = p_y + p_h t_y$

Log-space scale transform:
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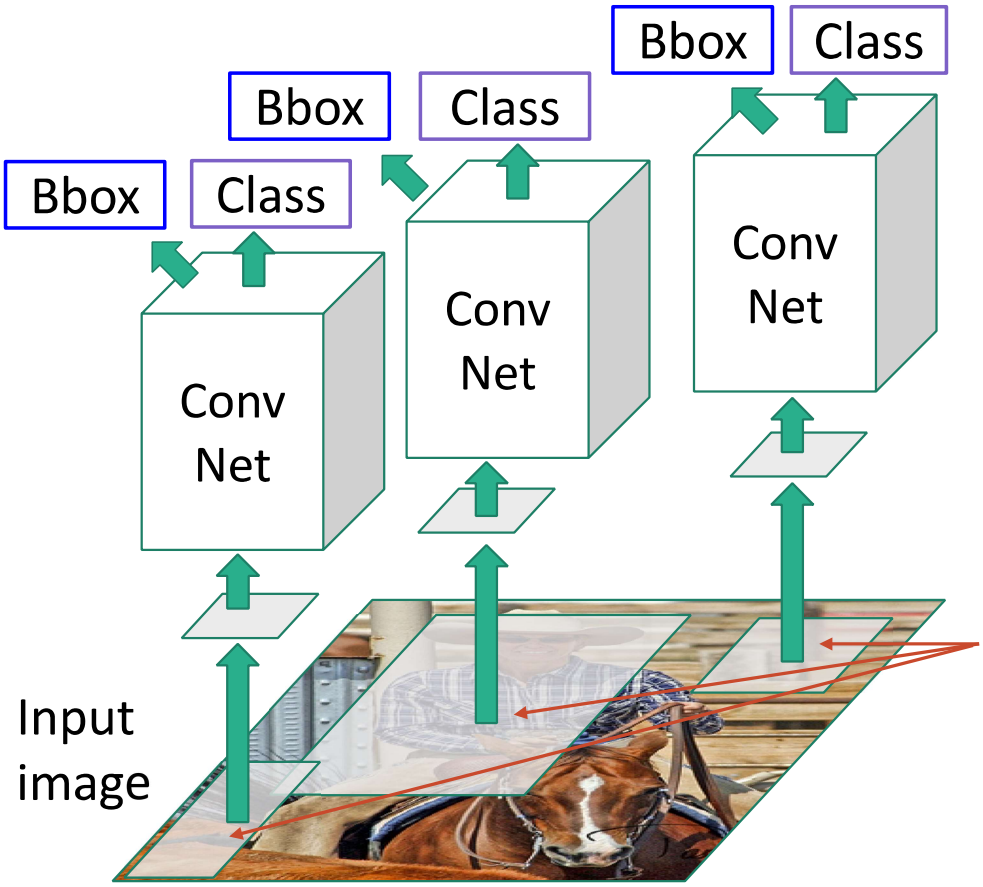

Input: Single RGB Image

1. Run region proposal method to compute ~2000 region proposals
2. Resize each region to 224x224 and run independently through CNN to predict class scores and bbox transform
3. Use scores to select a subset of region proposals to output
   (Many choices here: threshold on background, or per-category? Or take top K proposals per image?)
4. Compare with ground-truth boxes

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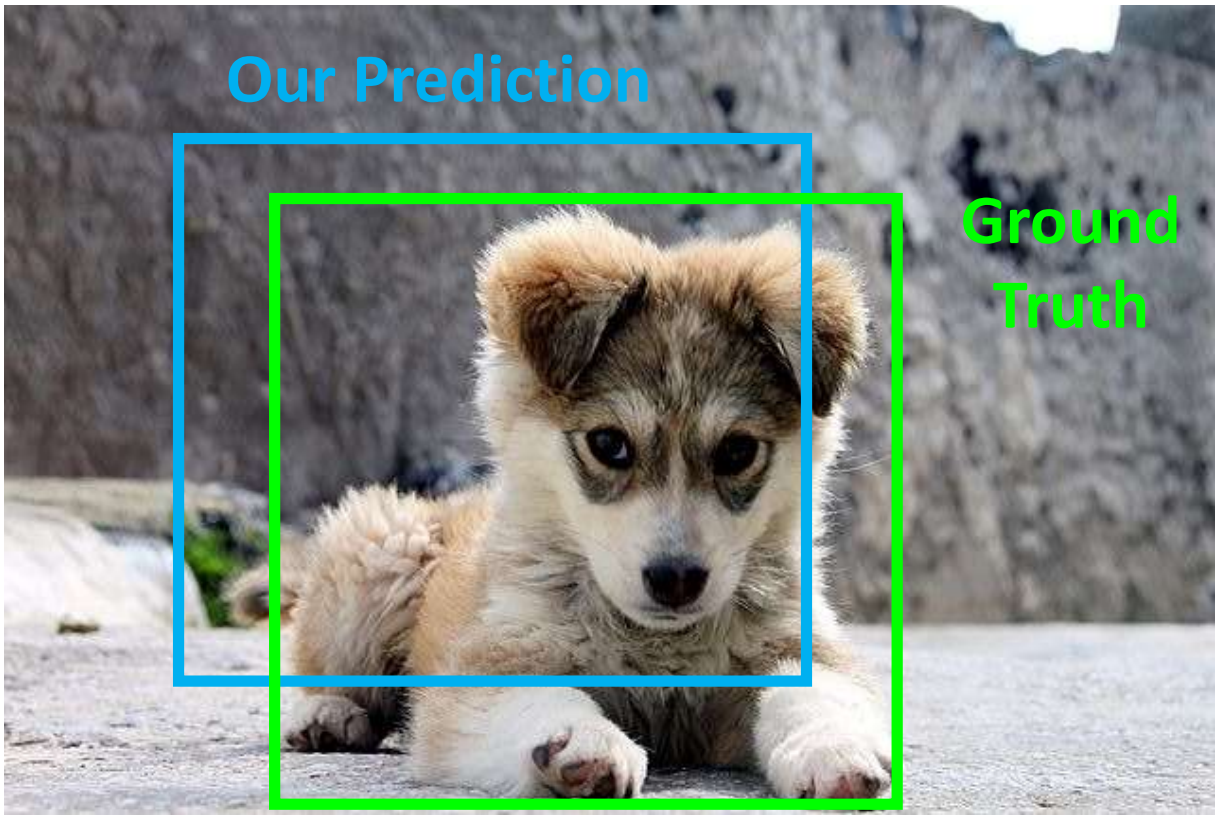

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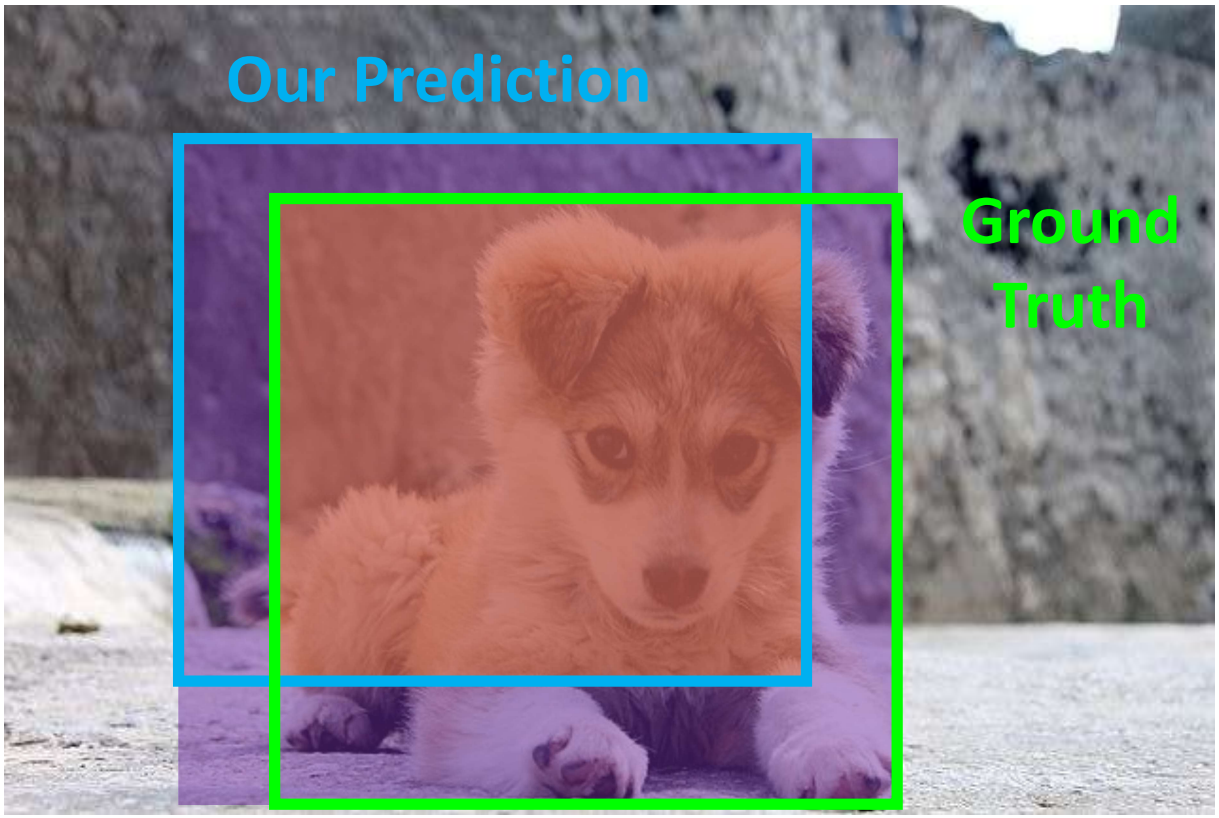

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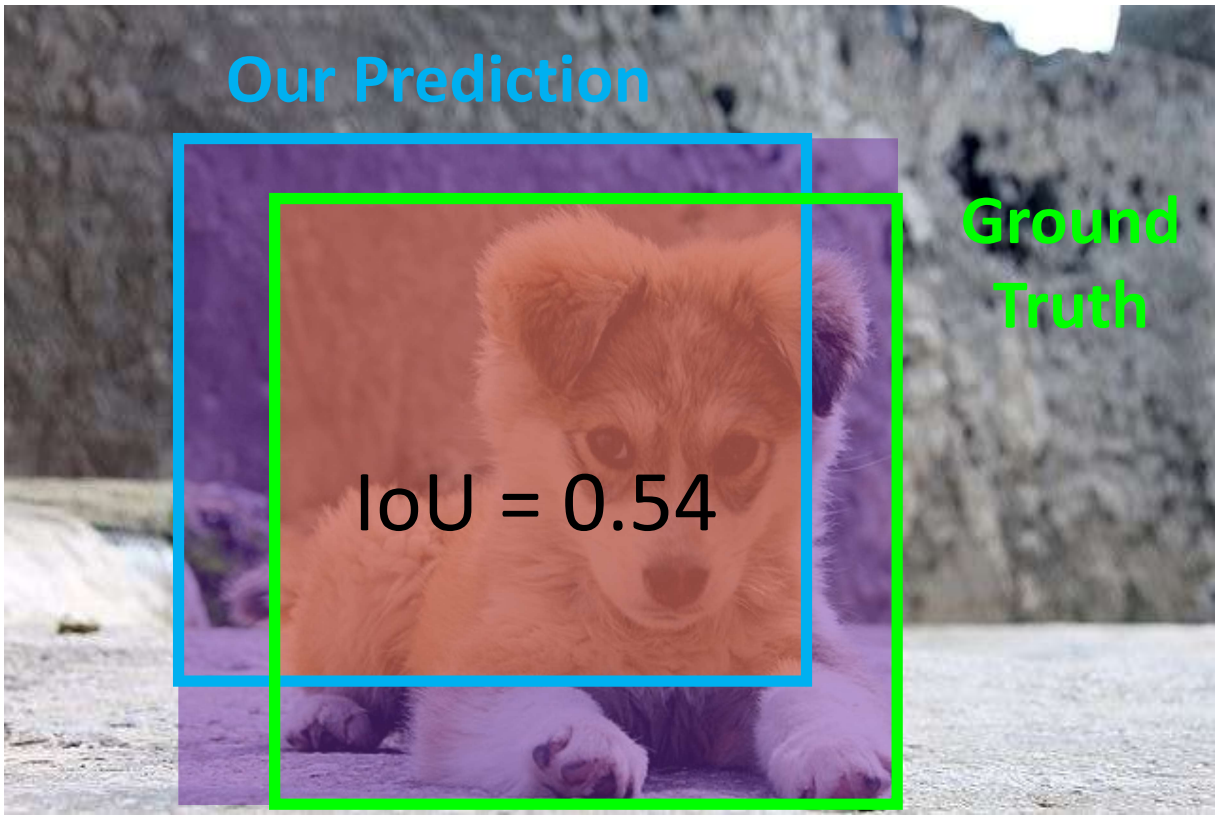

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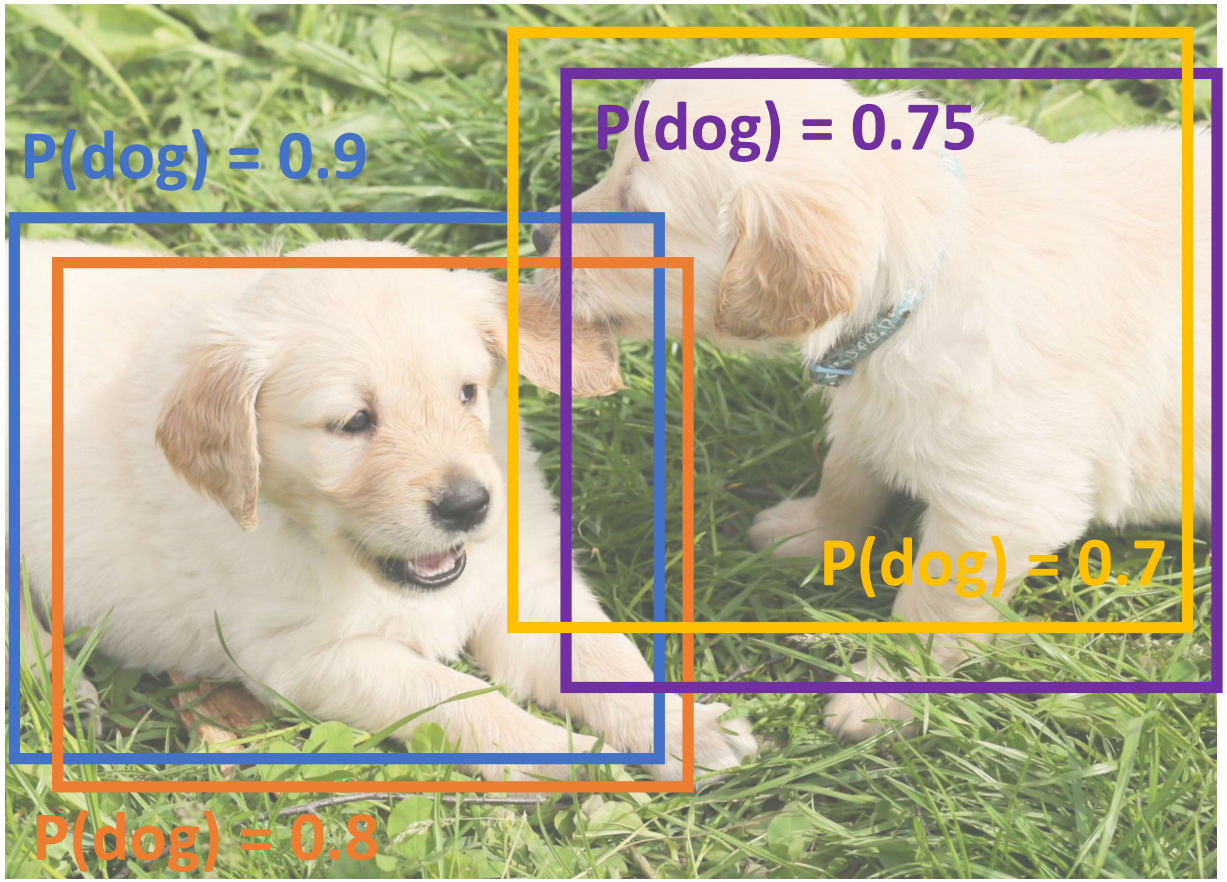

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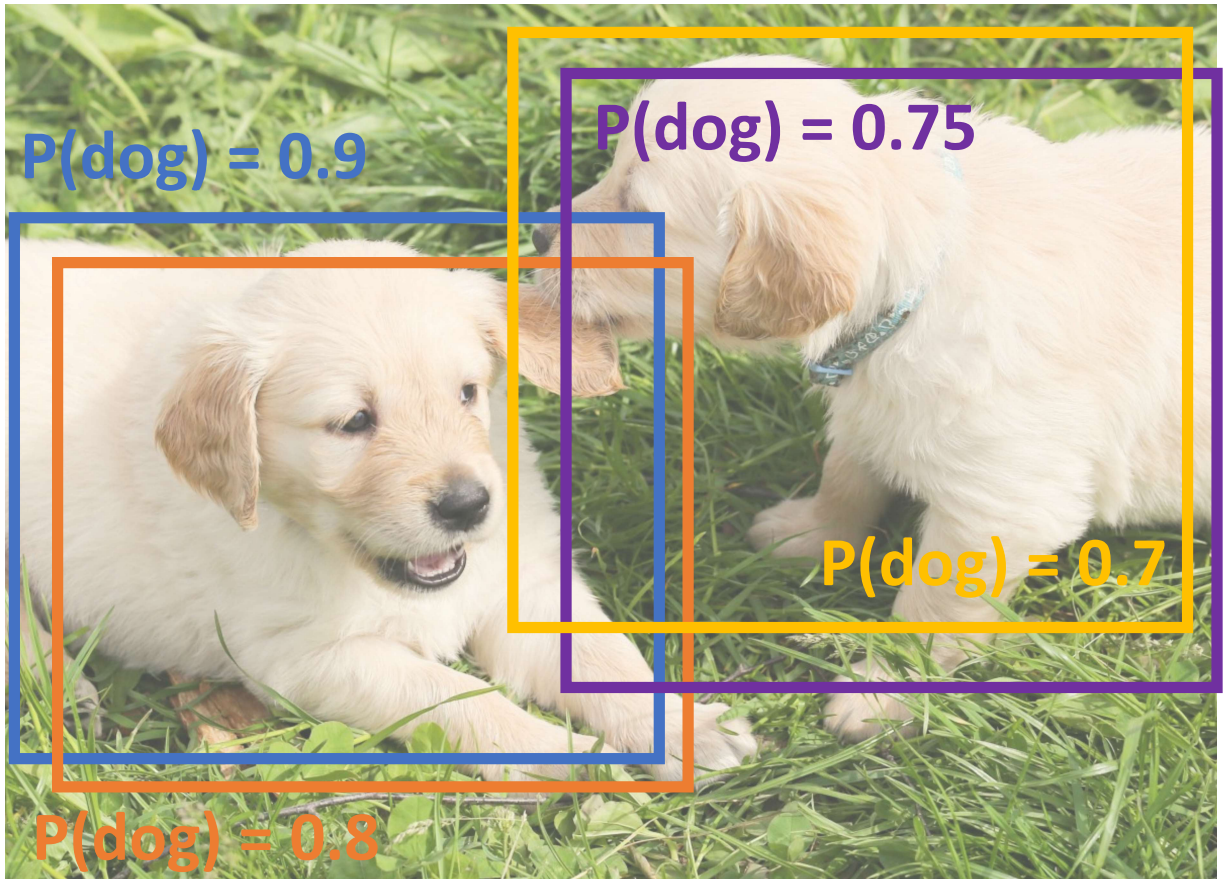

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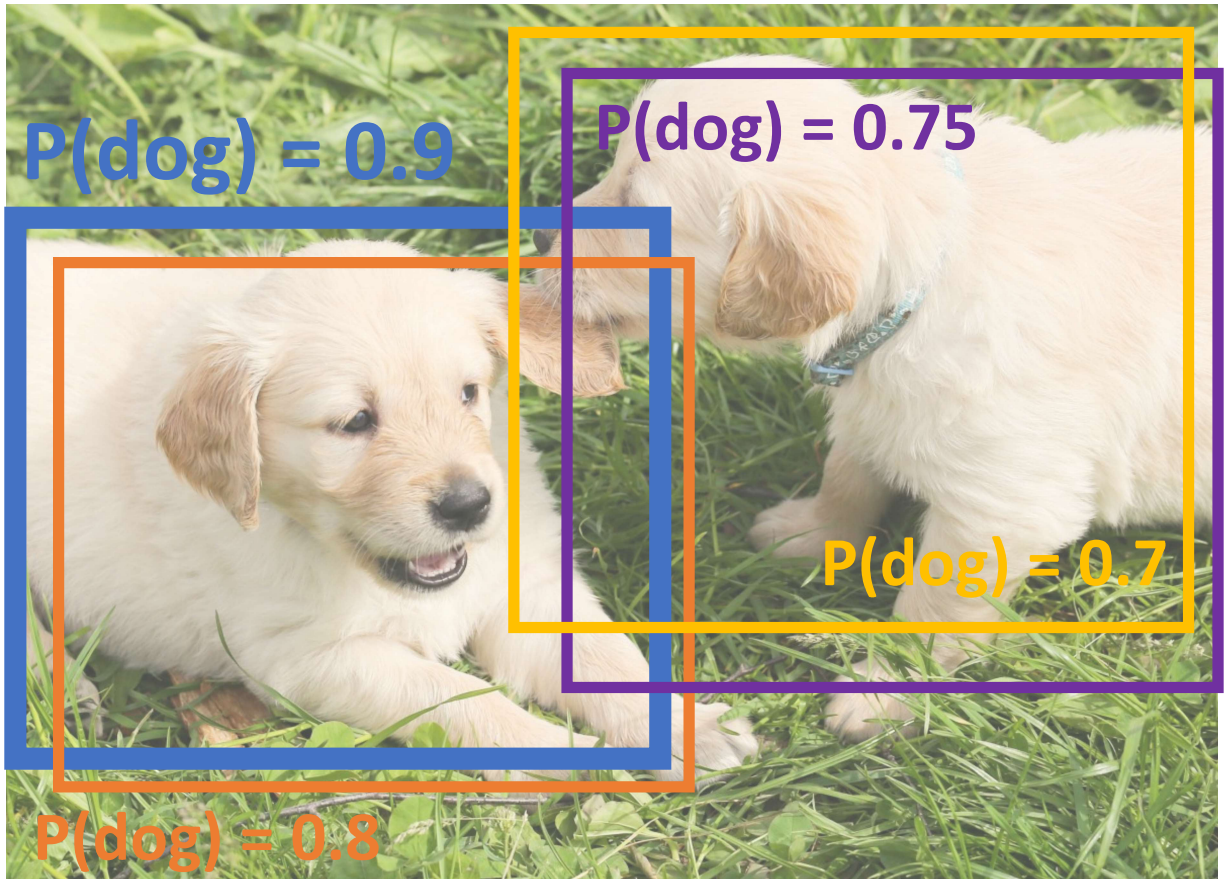

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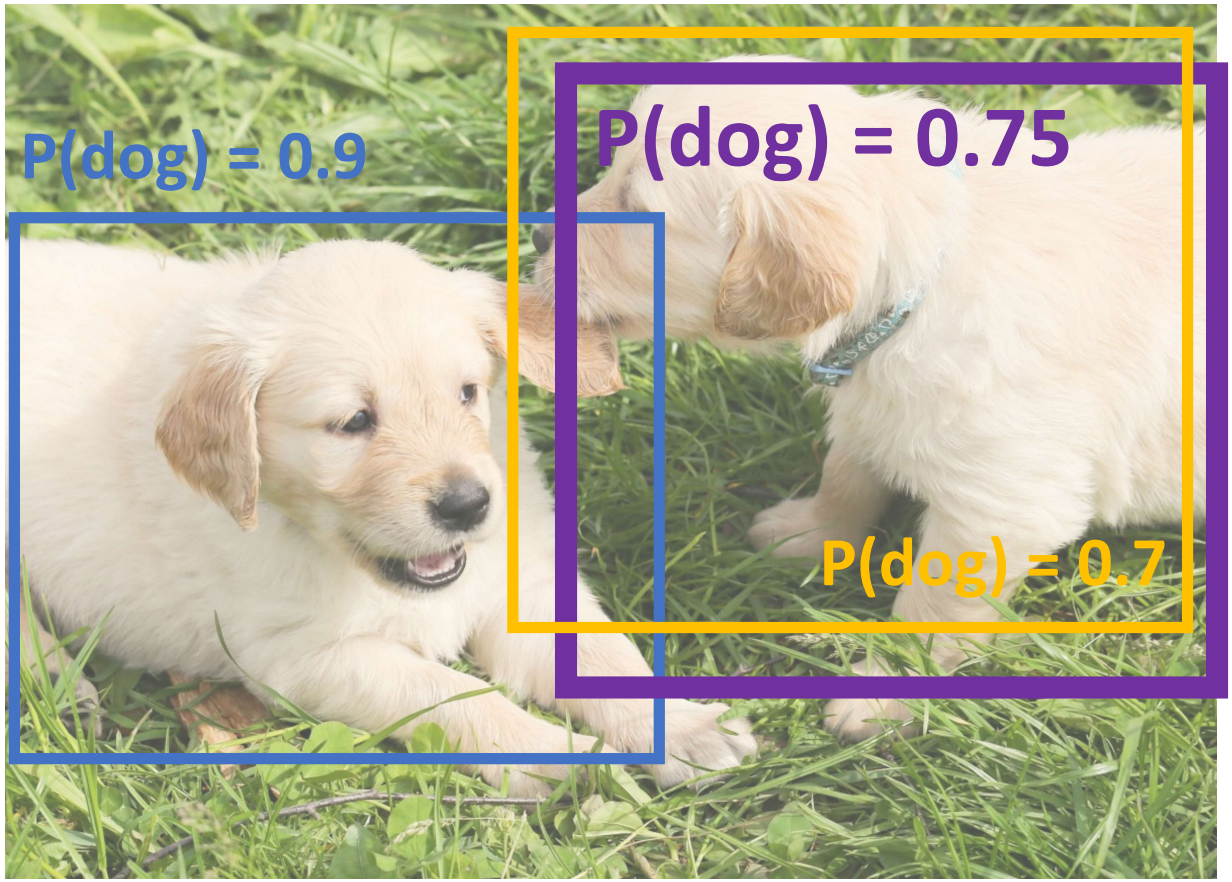

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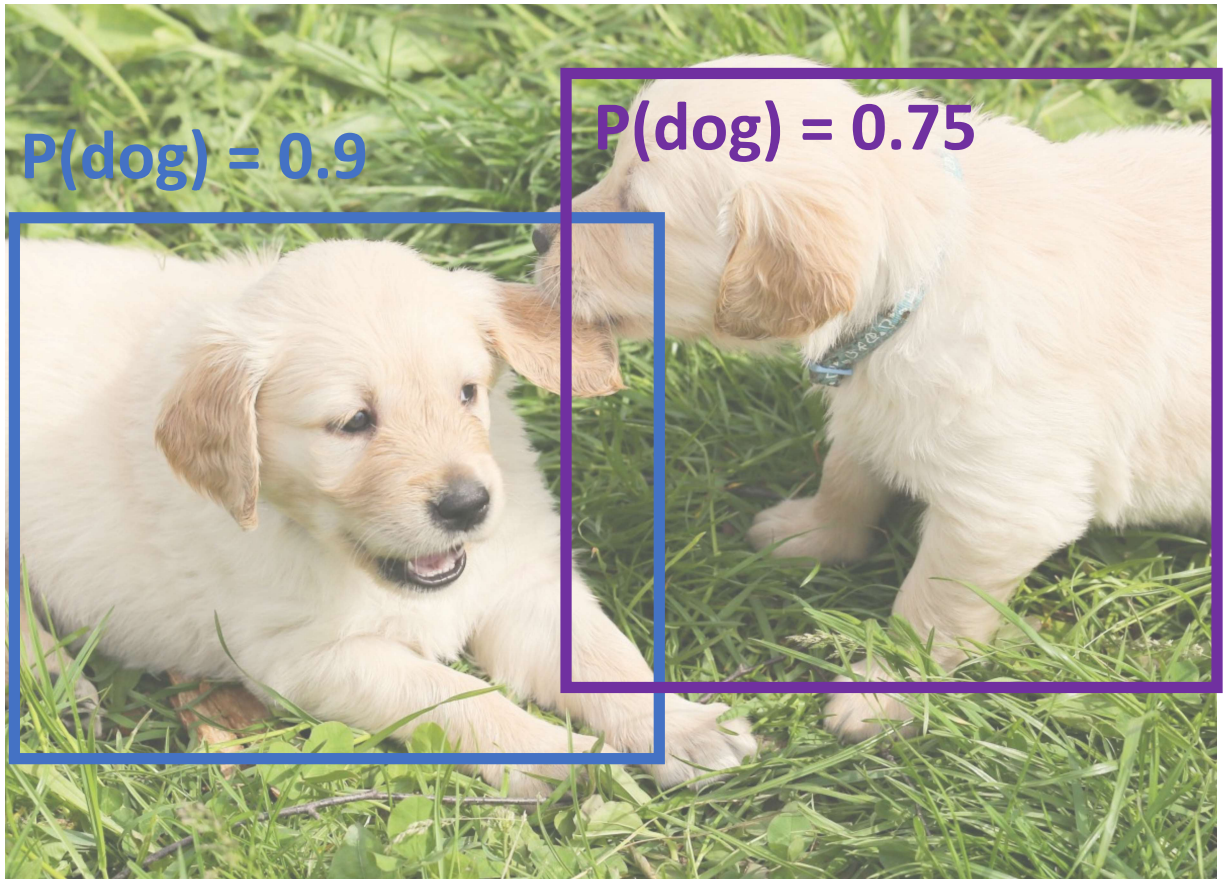

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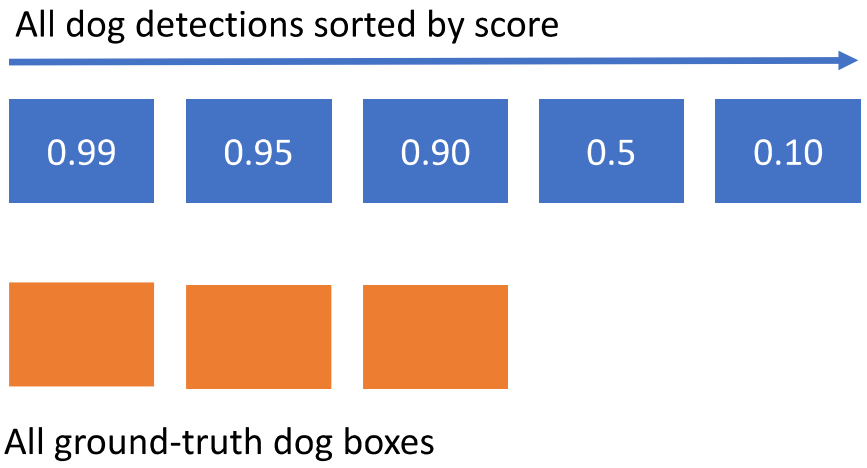

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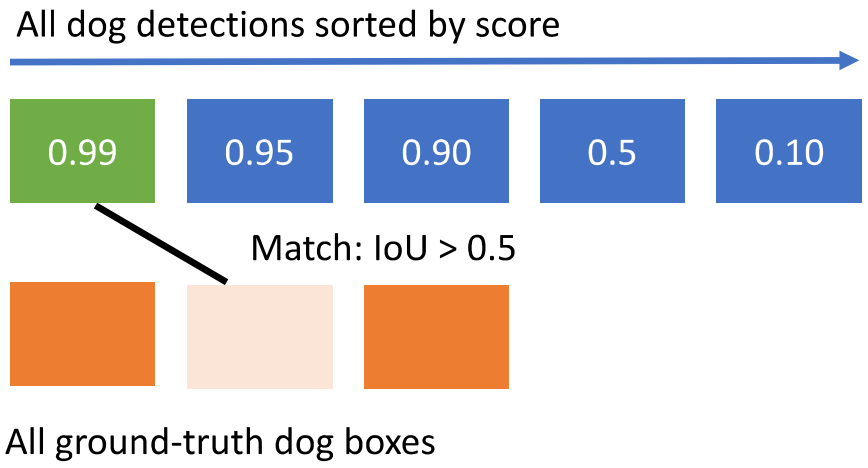

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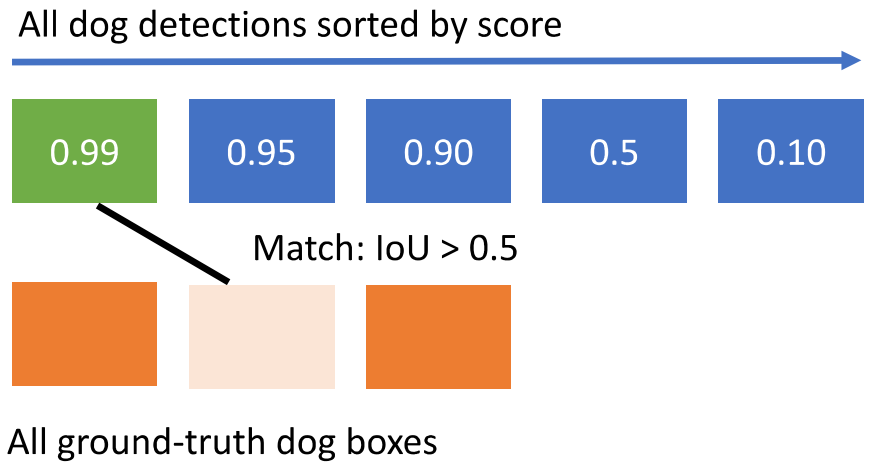

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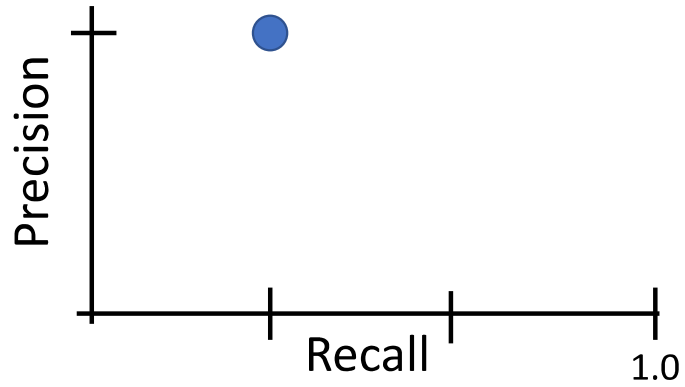

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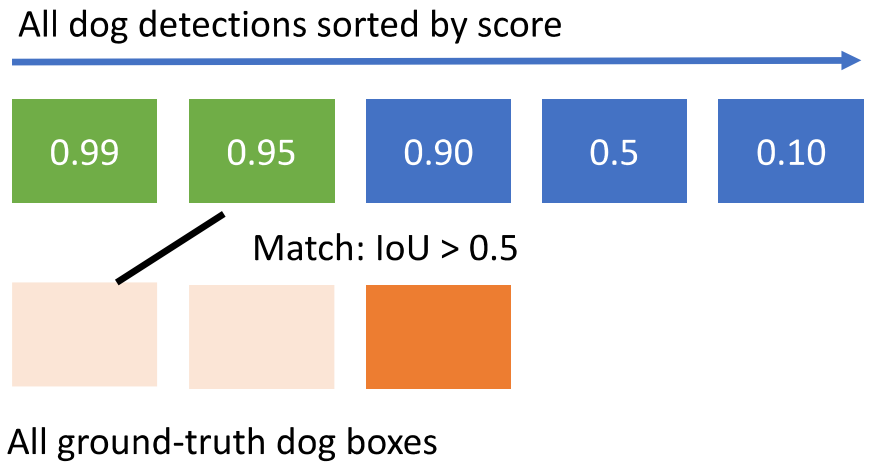

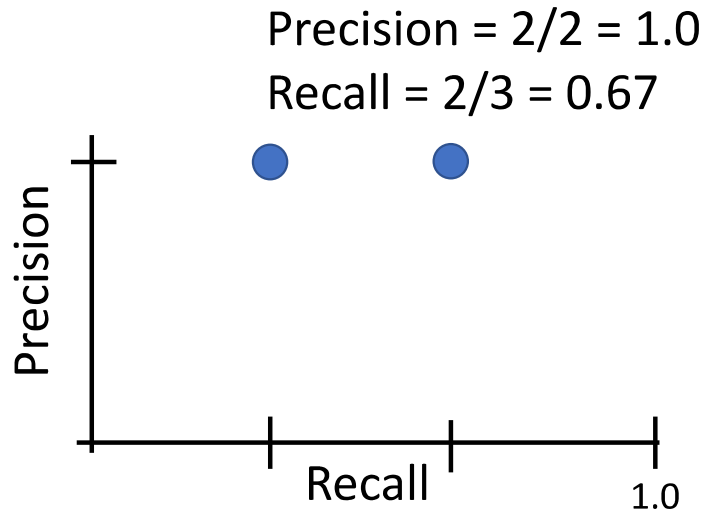

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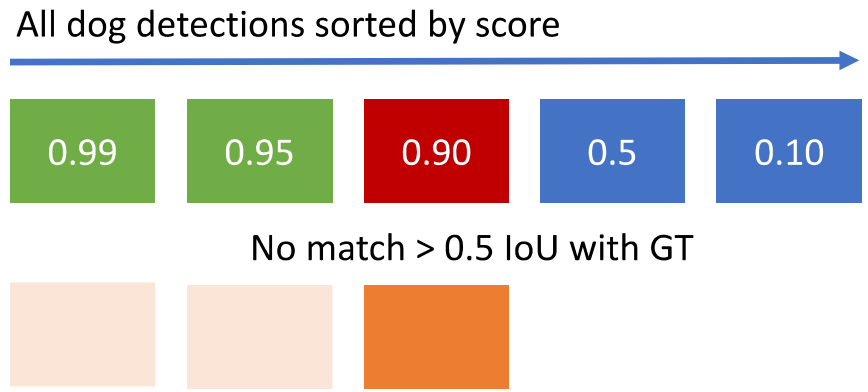

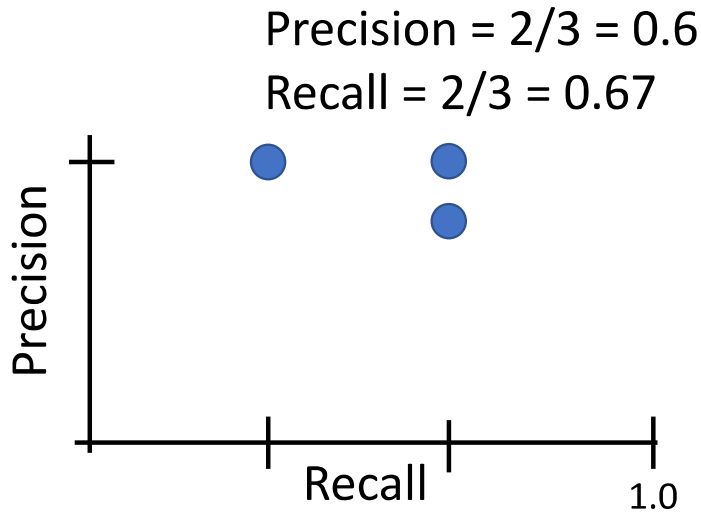

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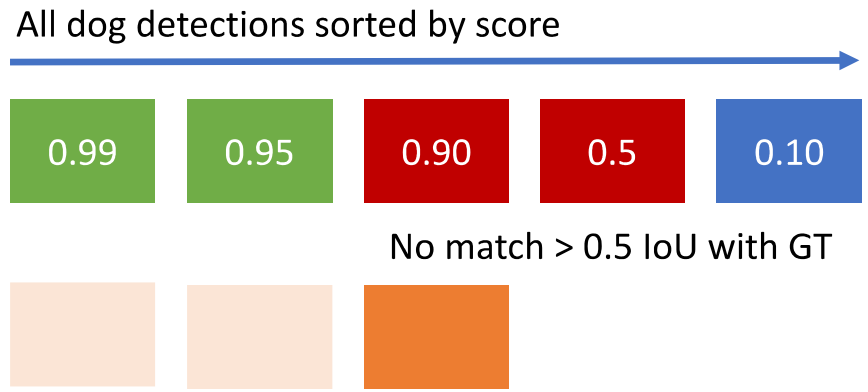

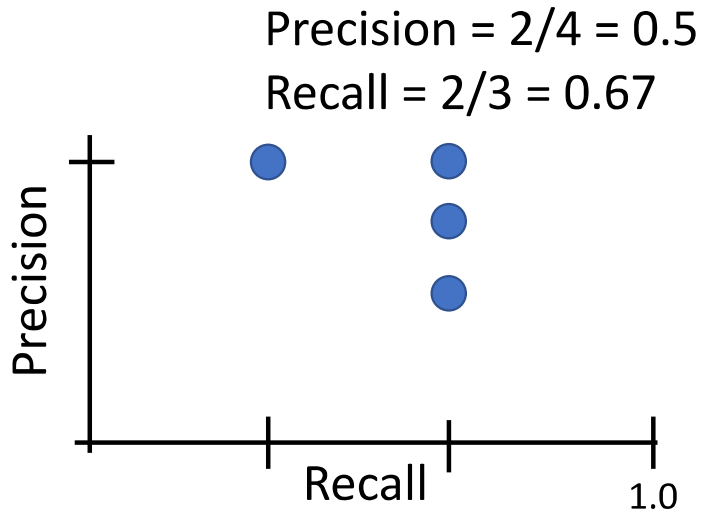

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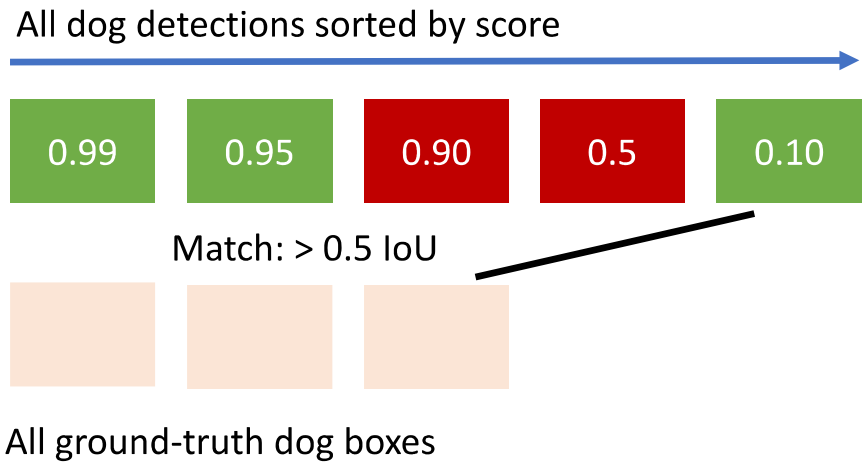

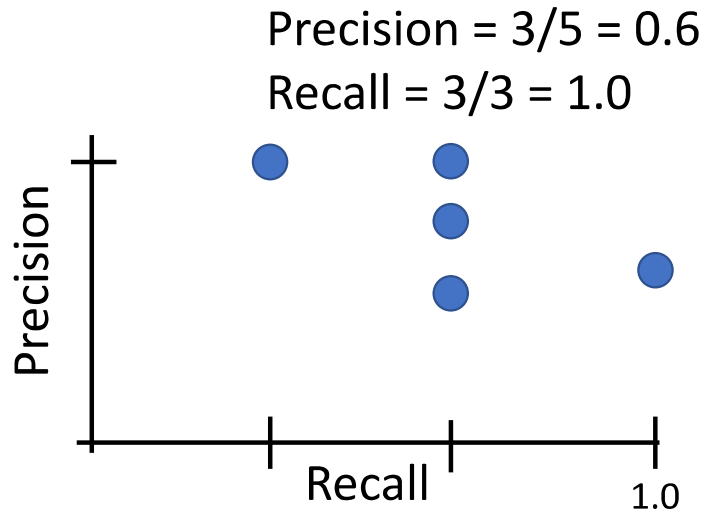

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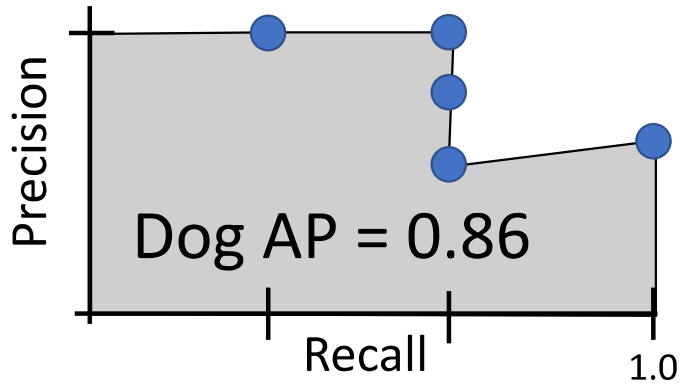

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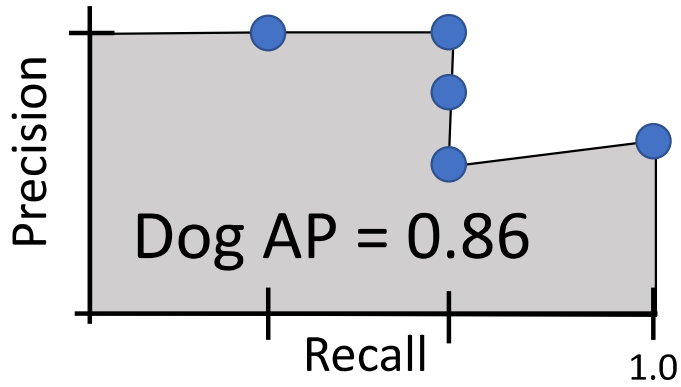

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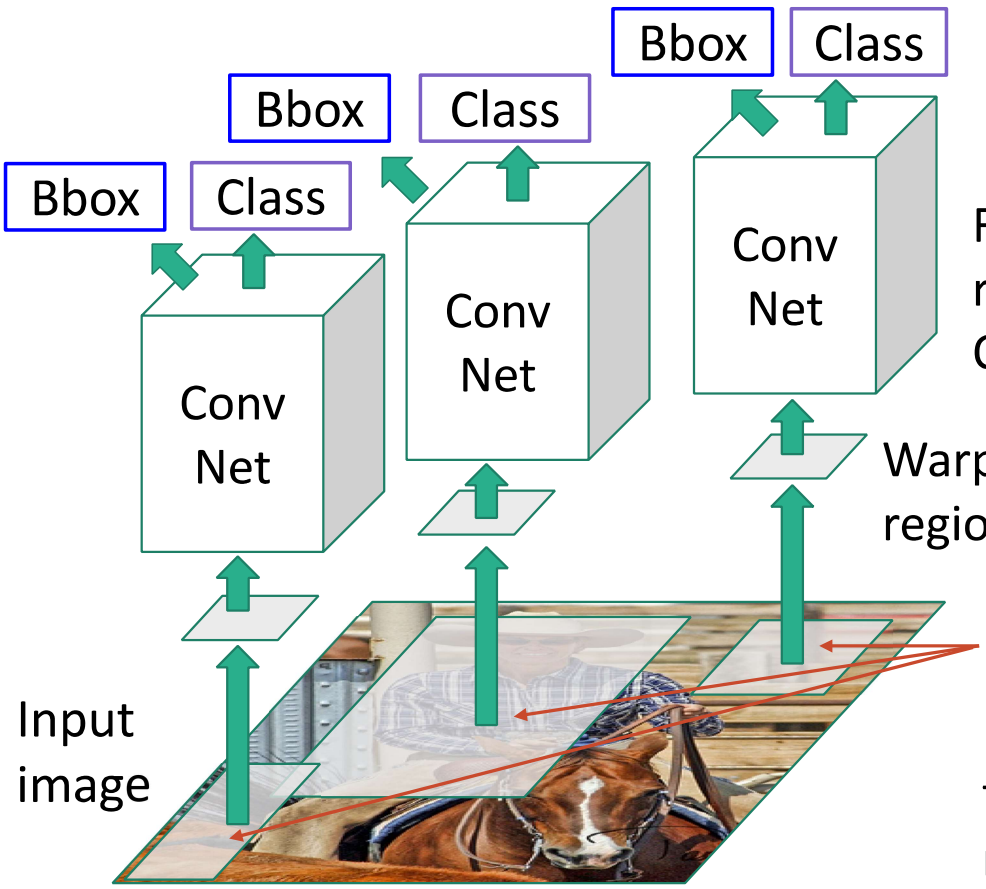

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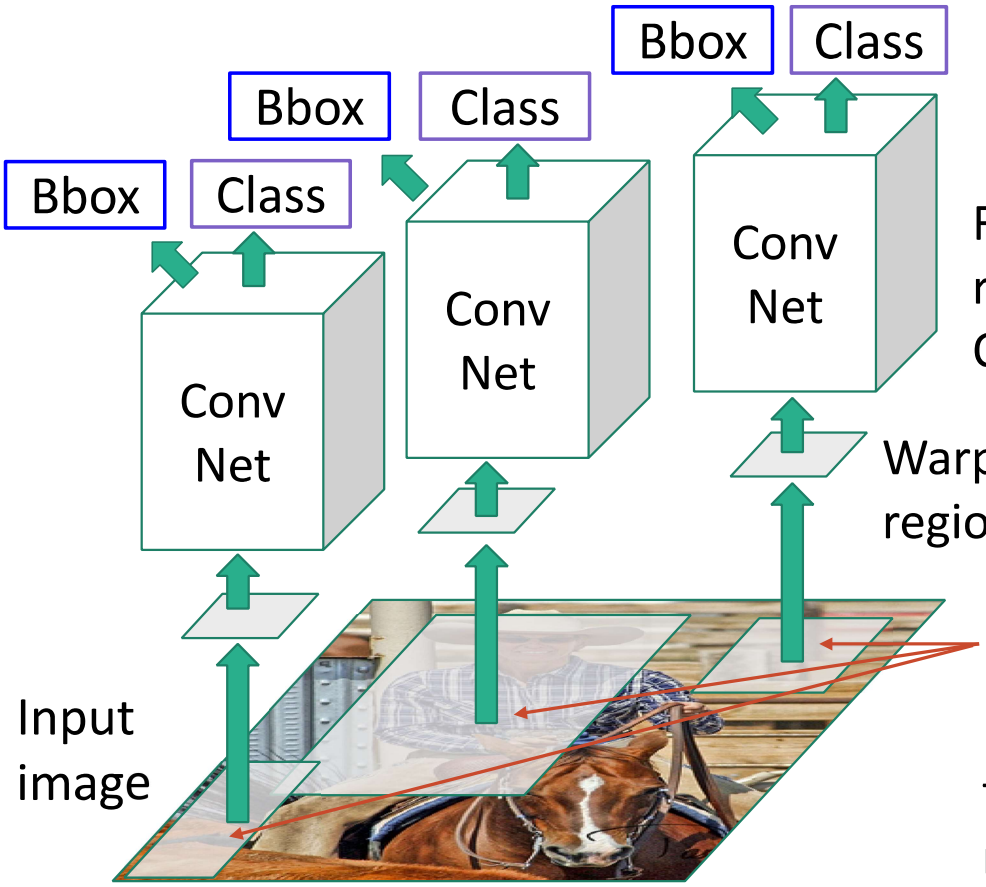

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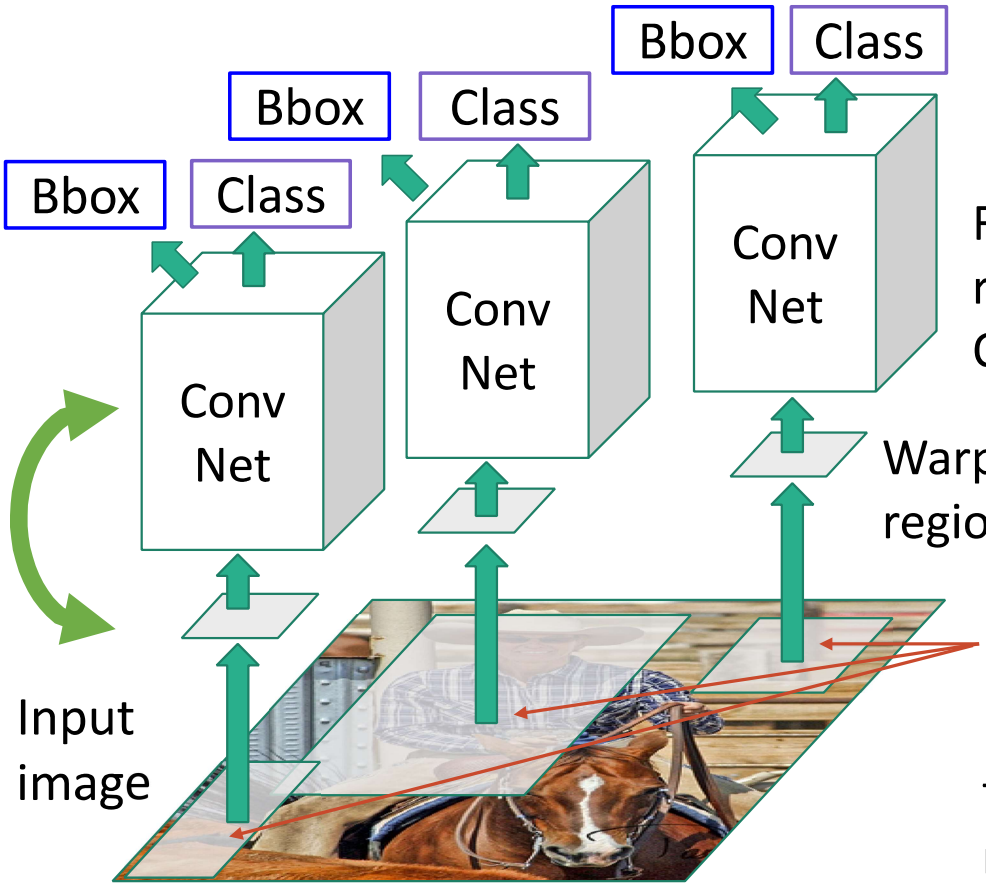

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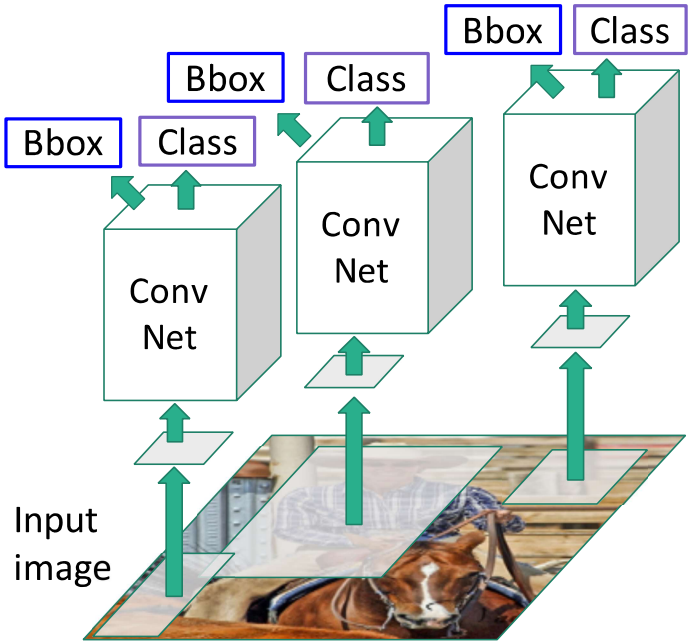

Fast R-CNN

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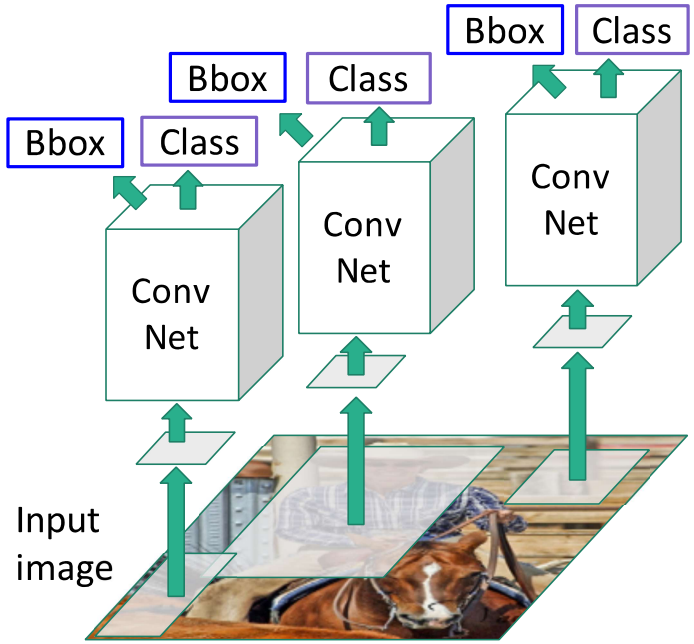

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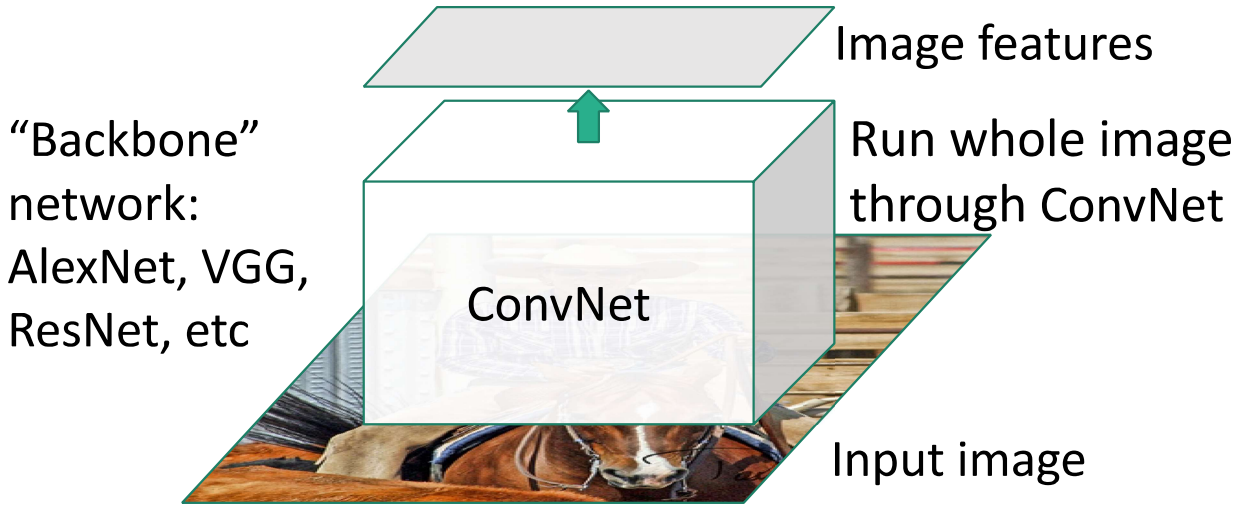

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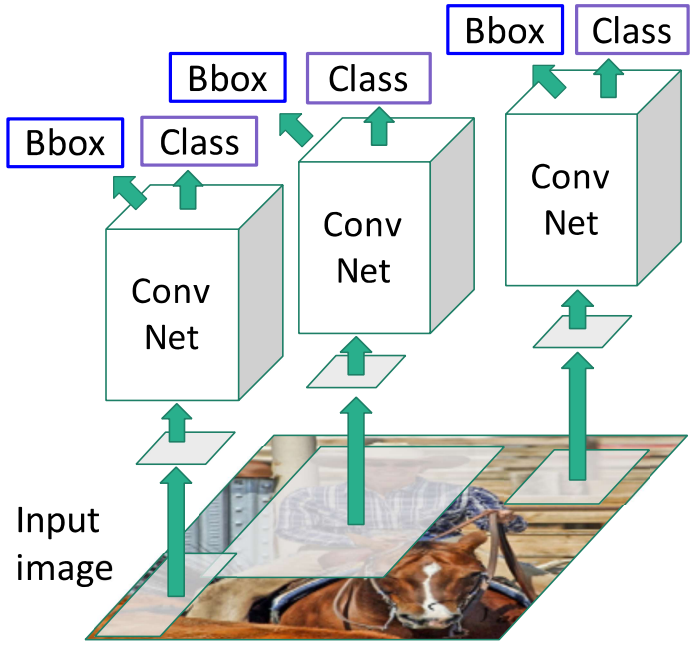

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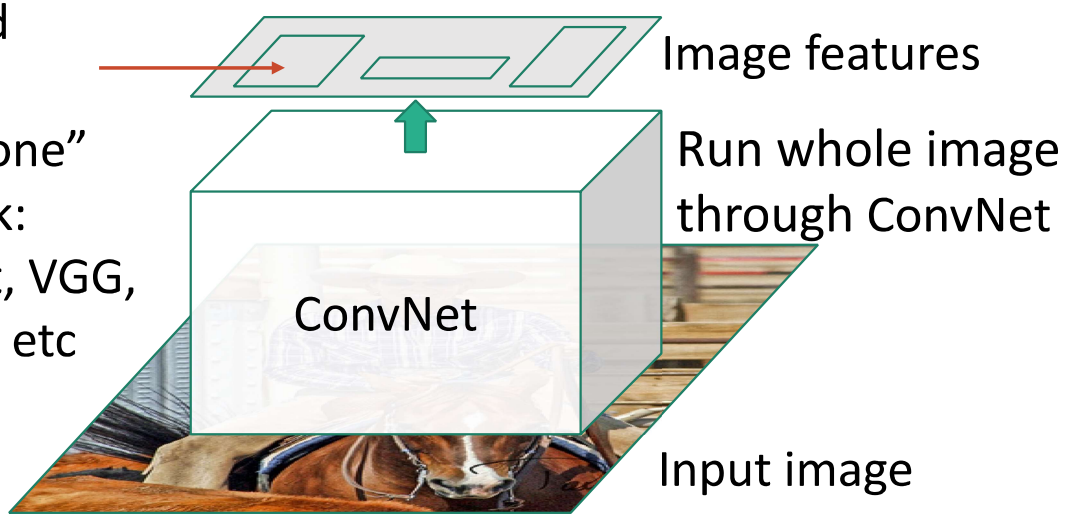

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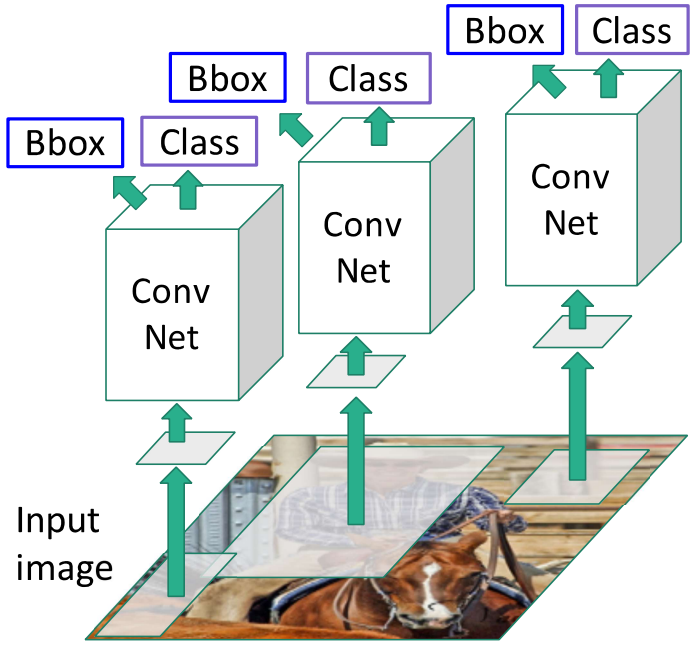

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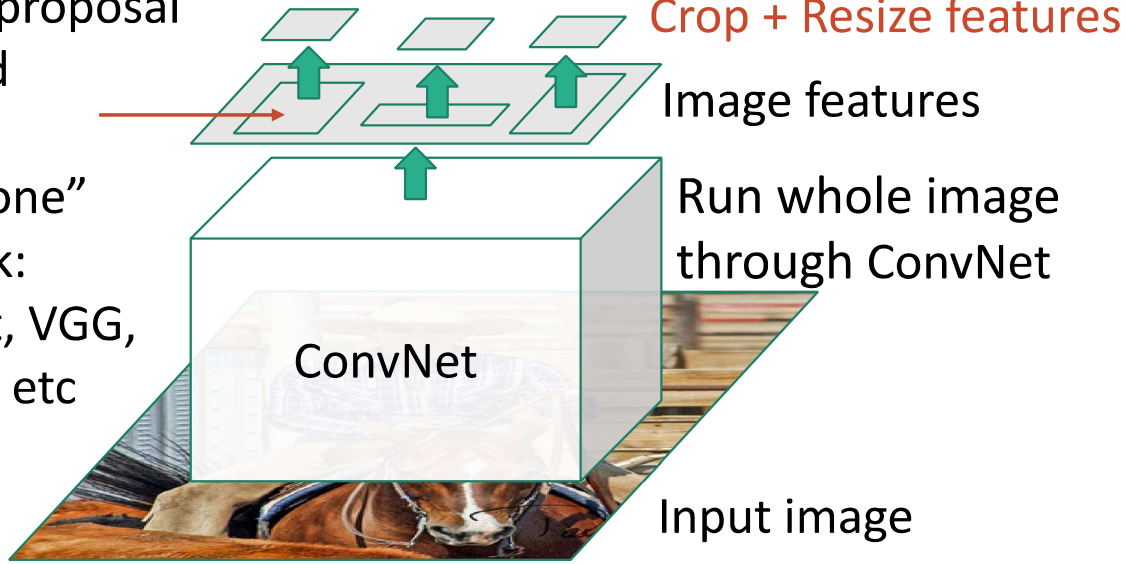

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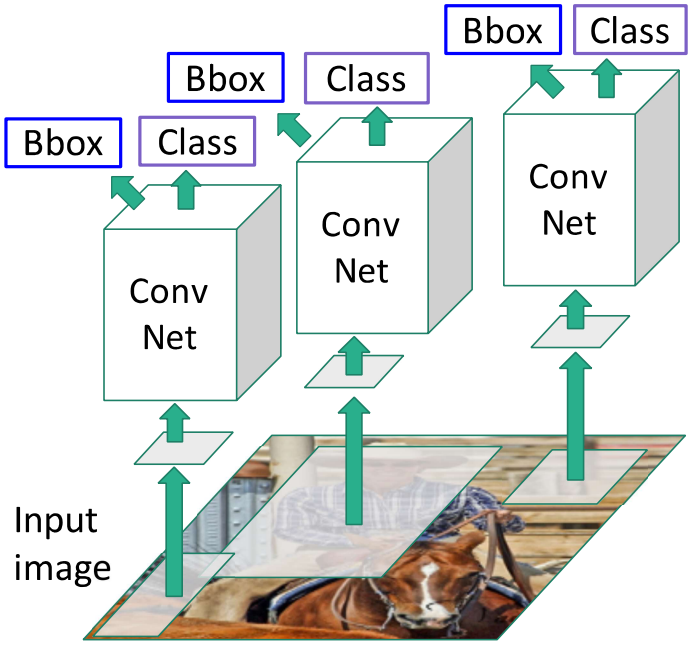

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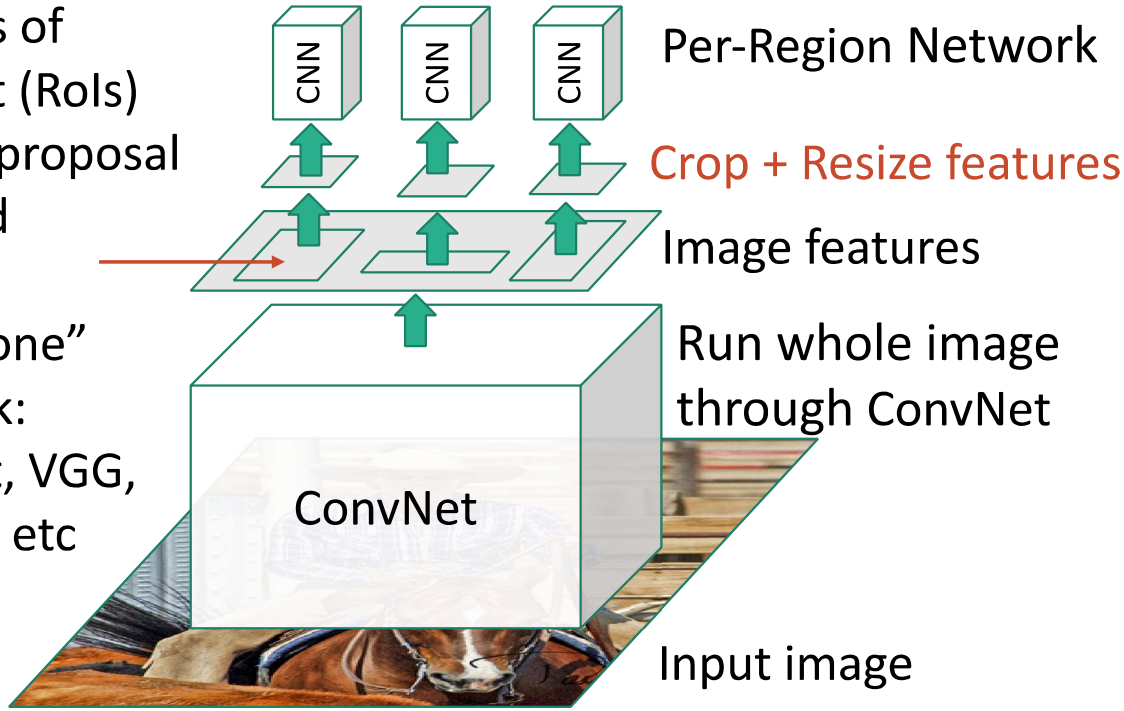

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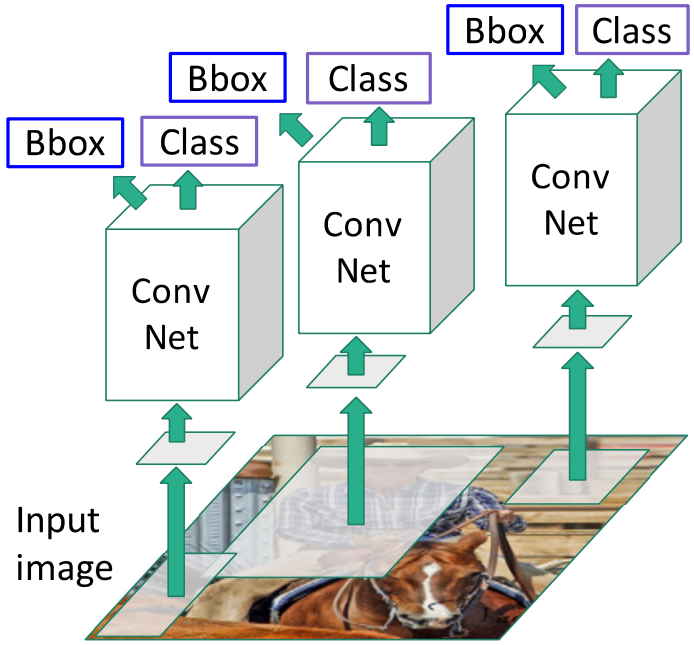

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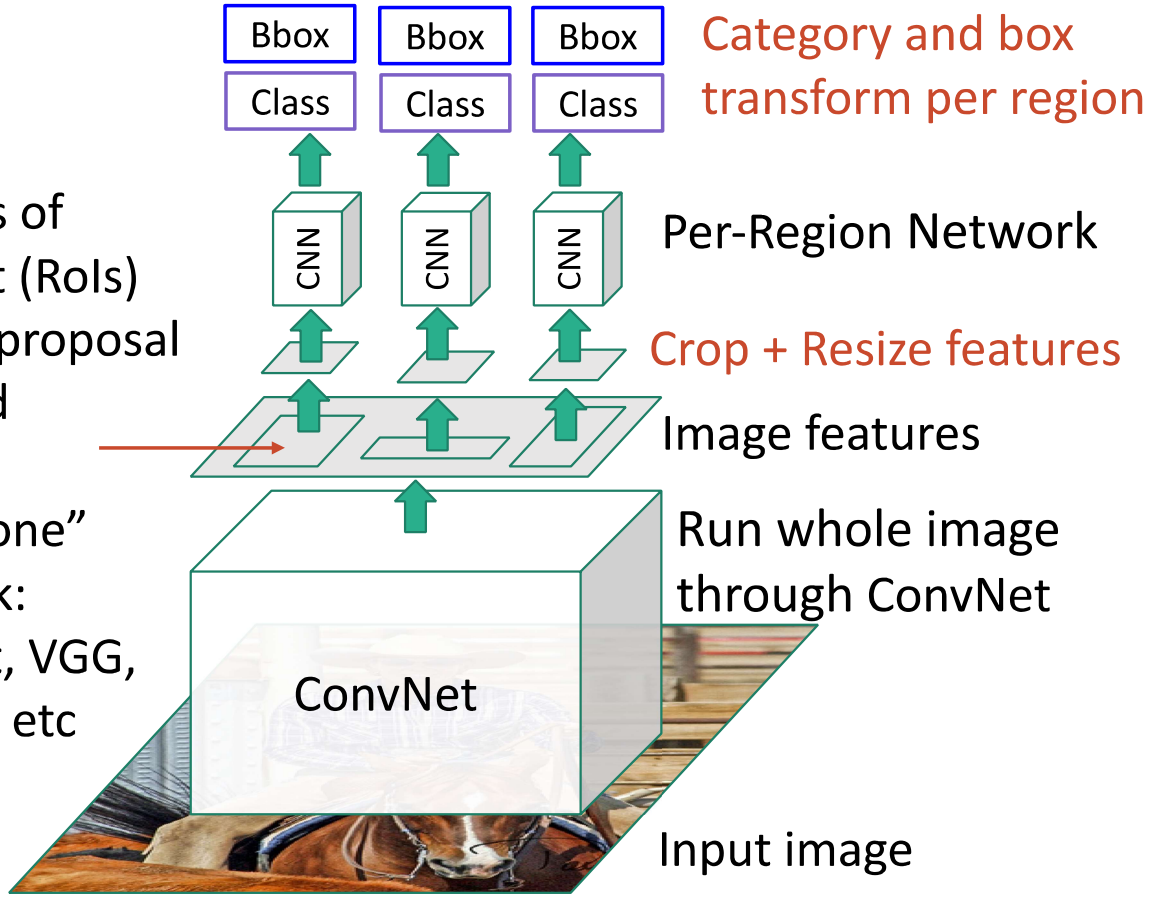

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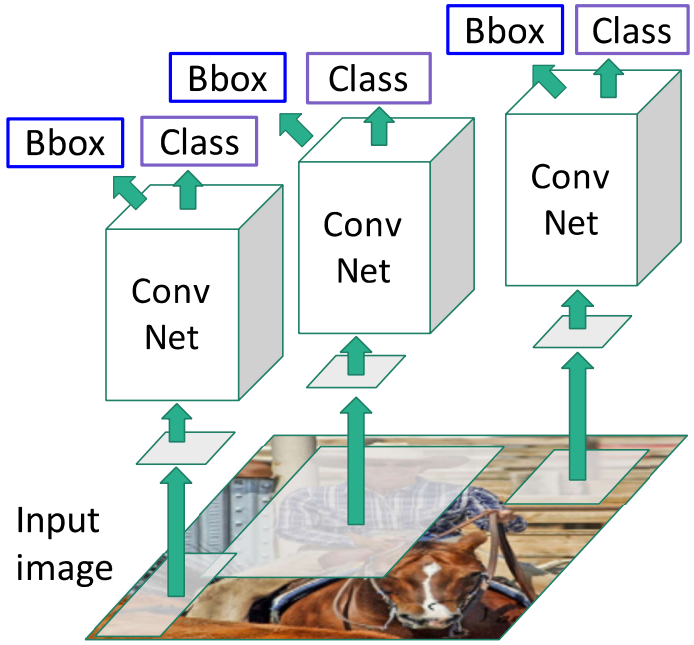

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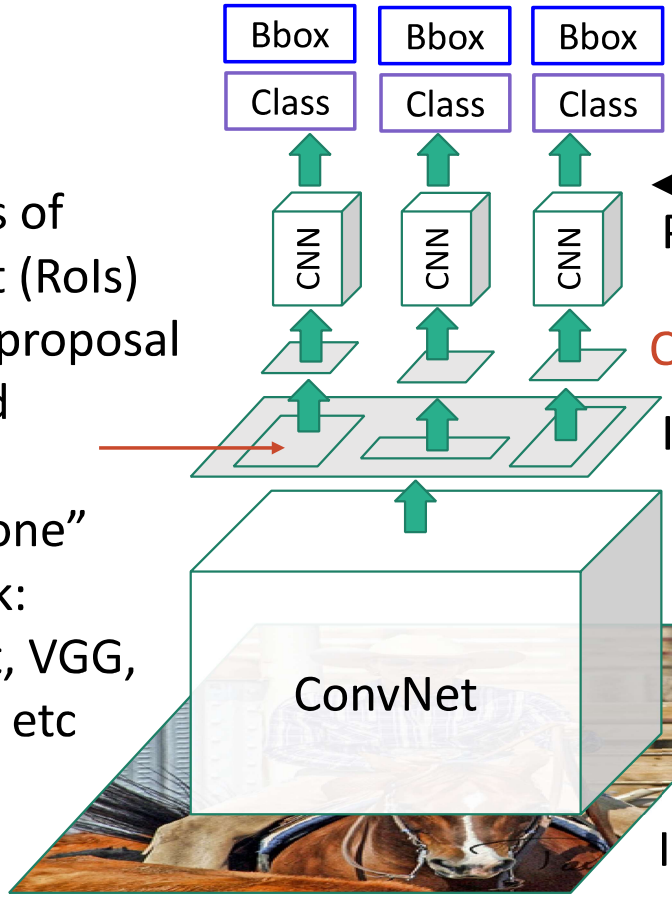

Category and box transform per region

Per-Region network is relatively lightweight

Per-Region Network

Regions of Interest (RoIs) from a proposal method

Crop + Resize features

Image features

"Backbone" network: AlexNet, VGG, ResNet, etc

Run whole image through ConvNet

Most of the computation happens in backbone network; this saves work for overlapping region proposals

Input image

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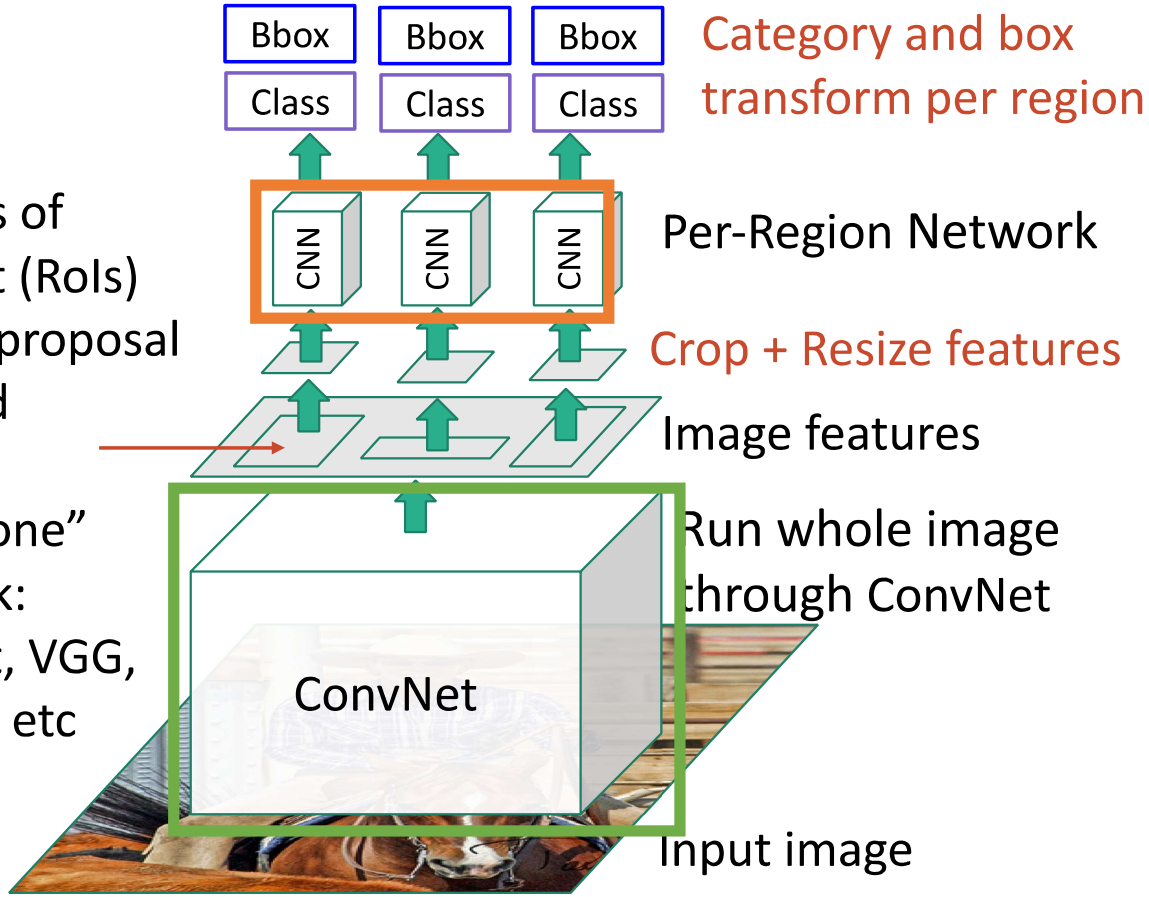
Fast R-CNN



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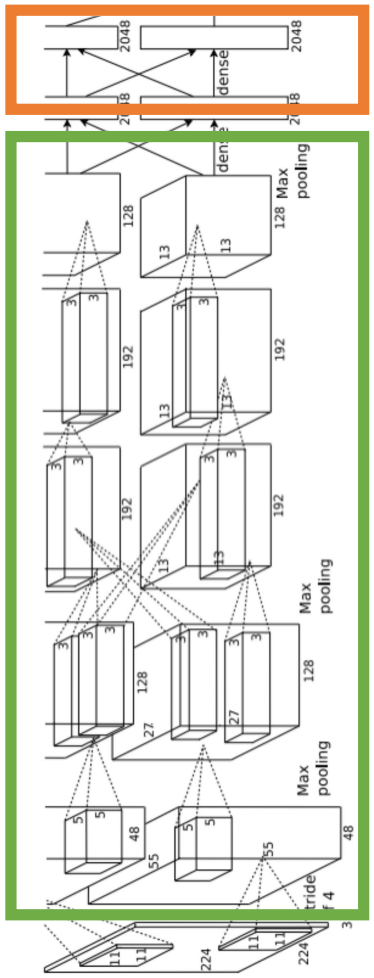

Example: When using AlexNet for detection, five conv layers are used for backbone and two FC layers are used for per-region network

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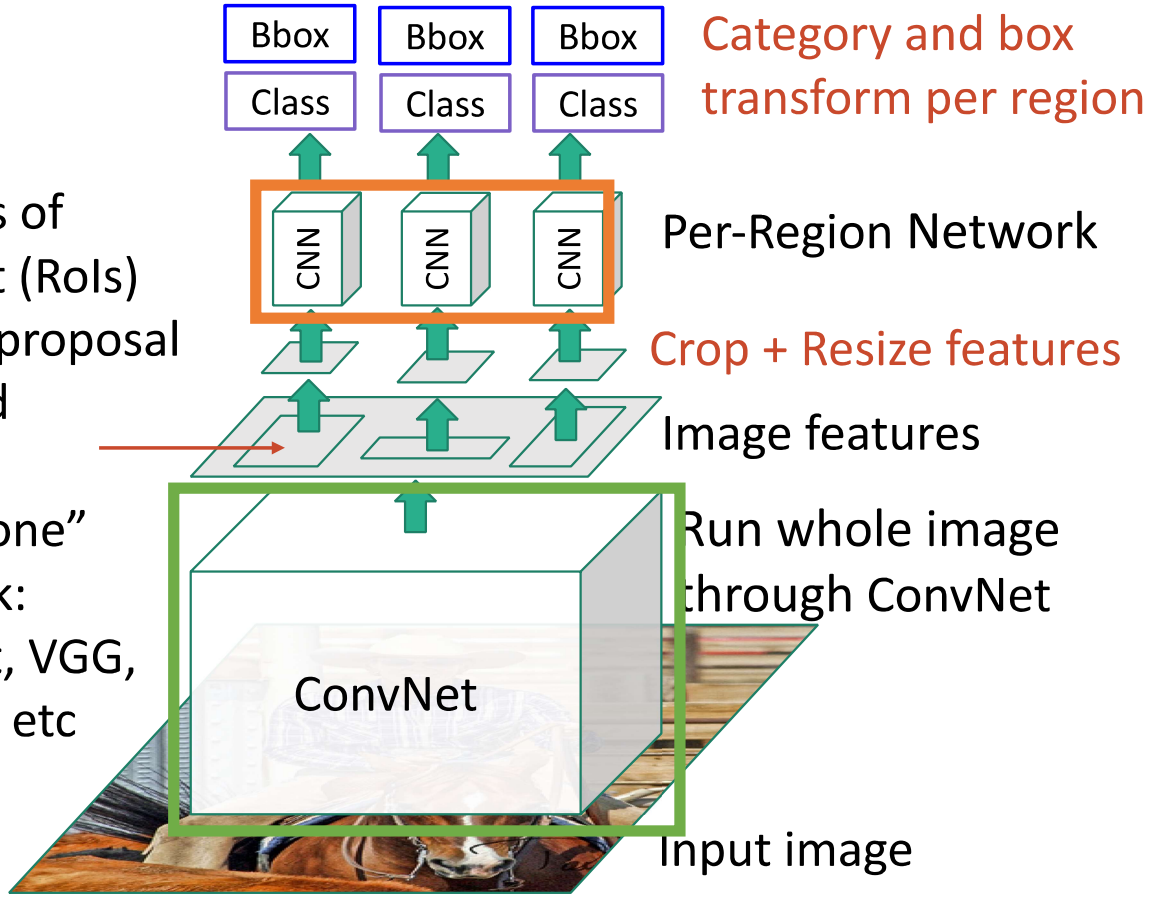

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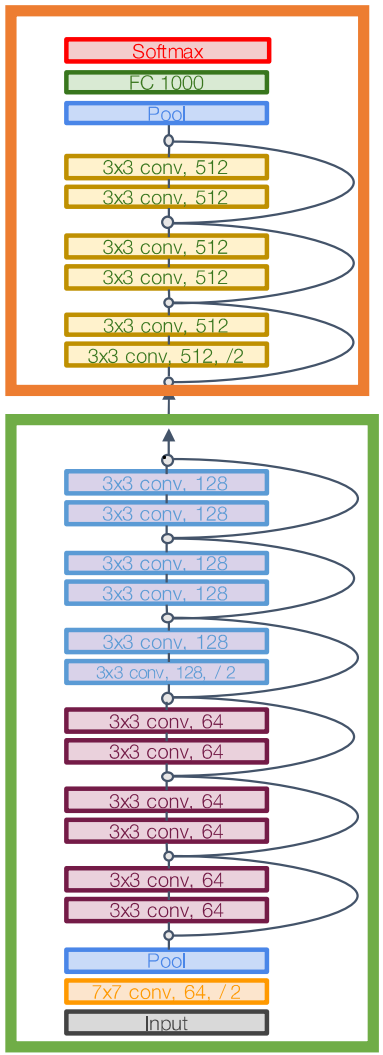

Example:
For ResNet, last stage is used as per-region network; the rest of the network is used as backbone

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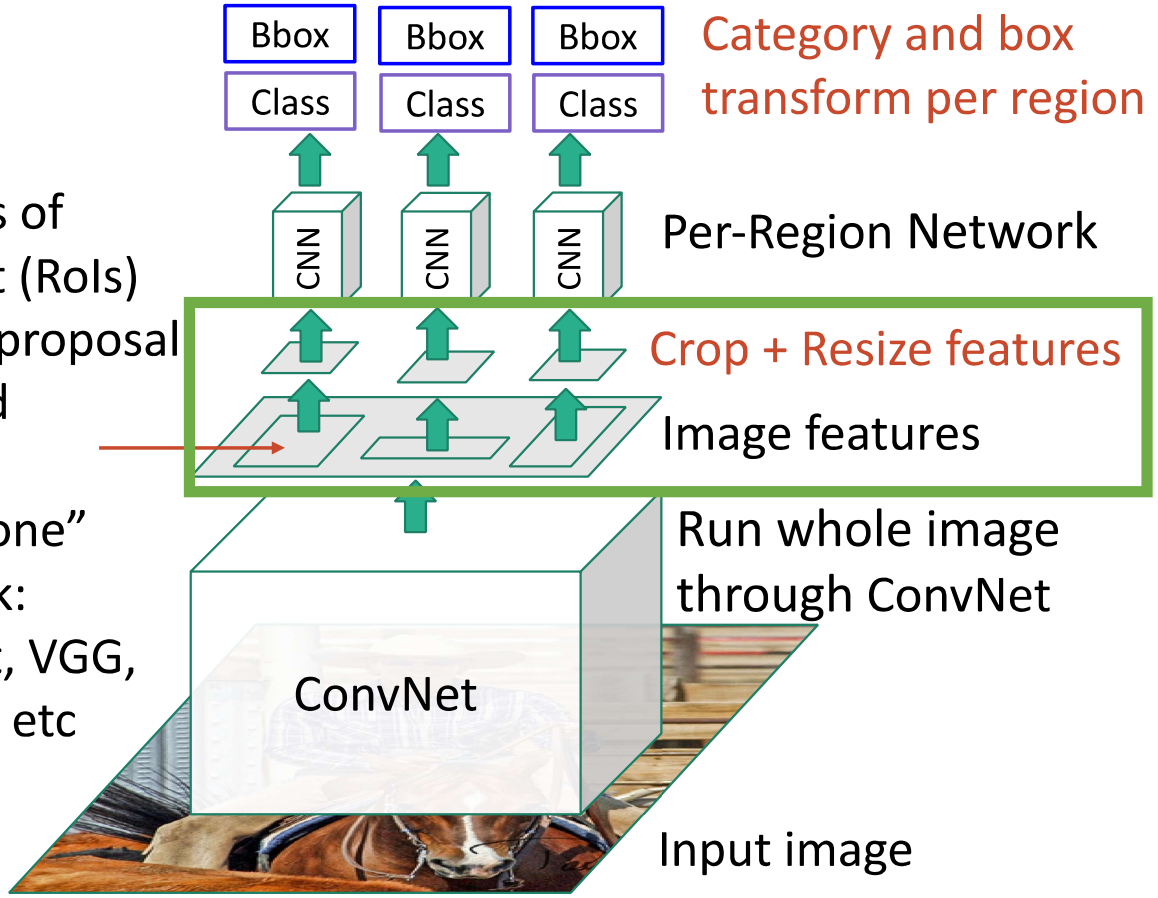

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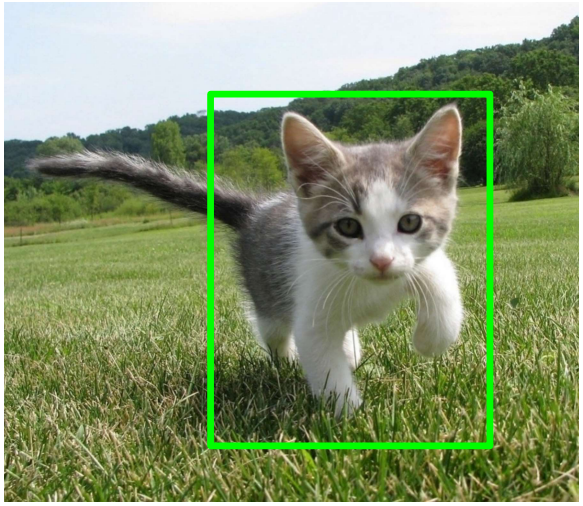
Cropping Features: RoI Pool



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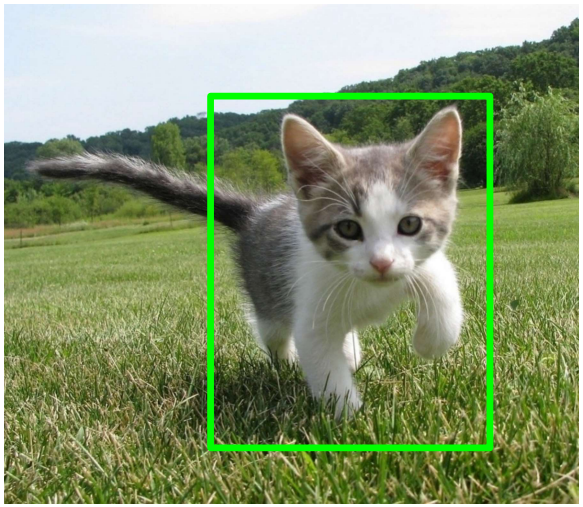

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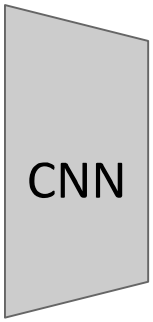

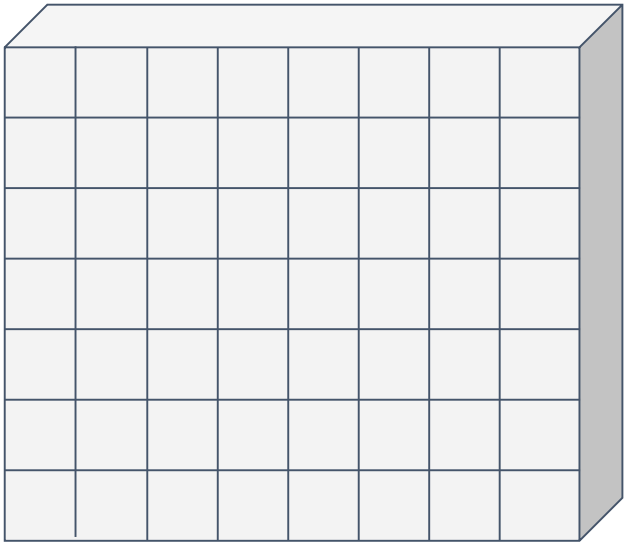

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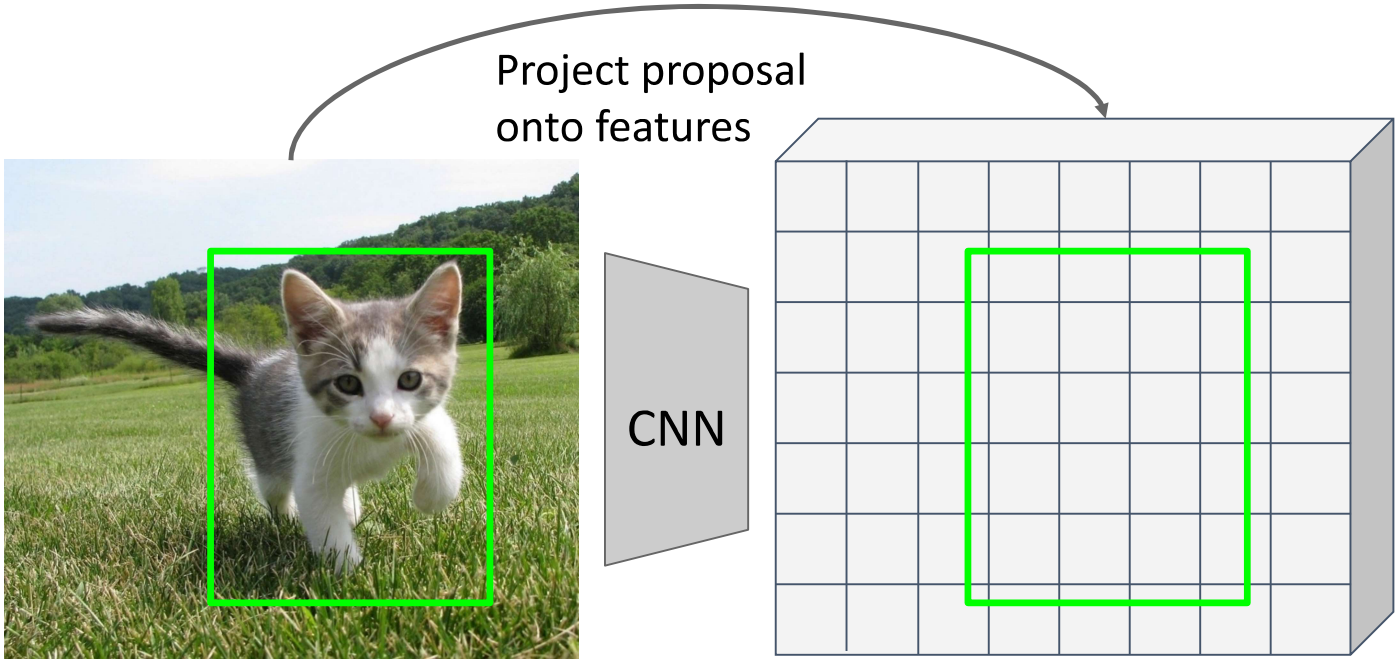

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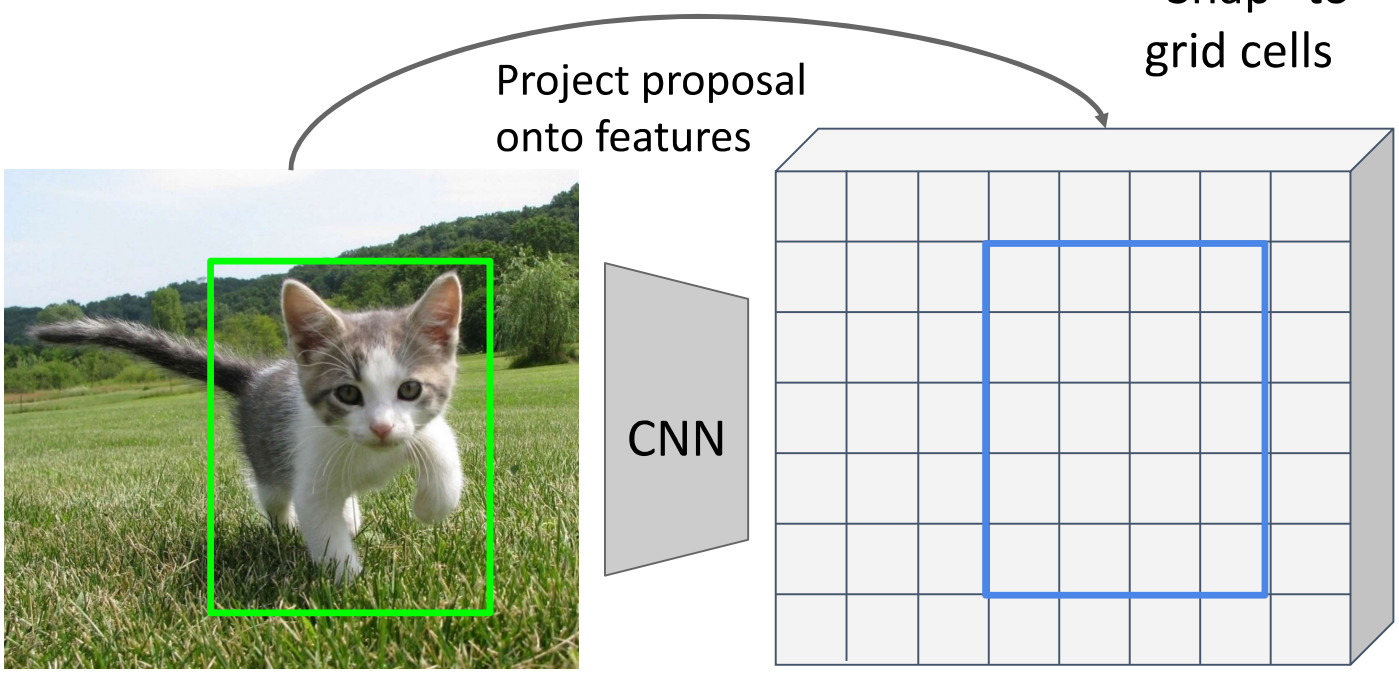

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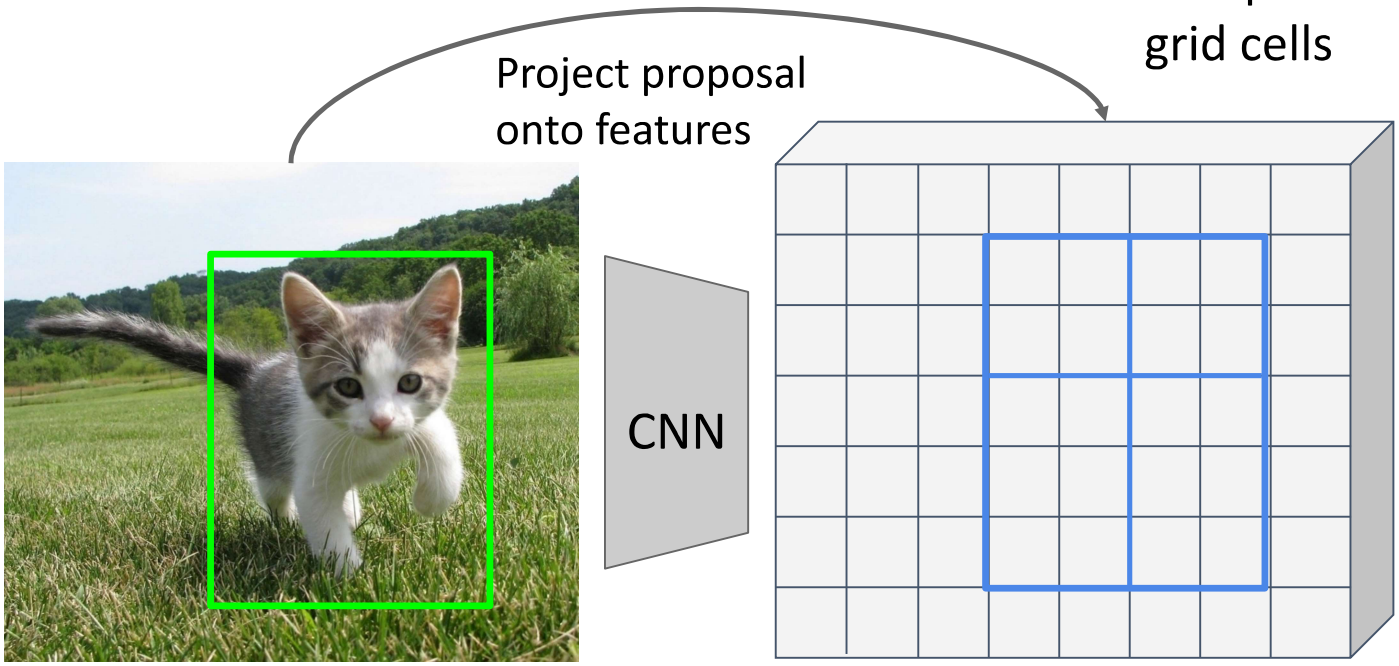

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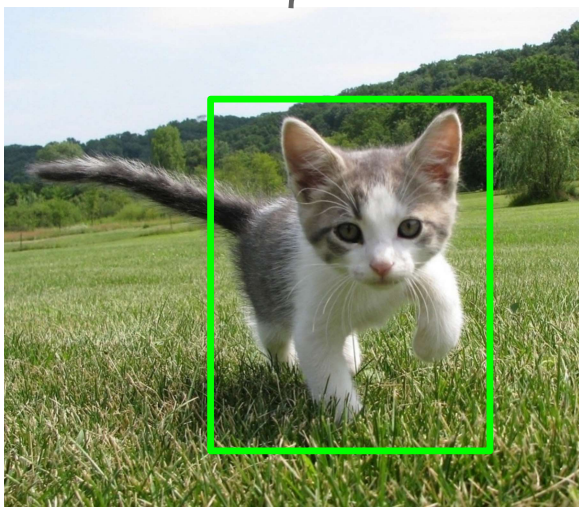

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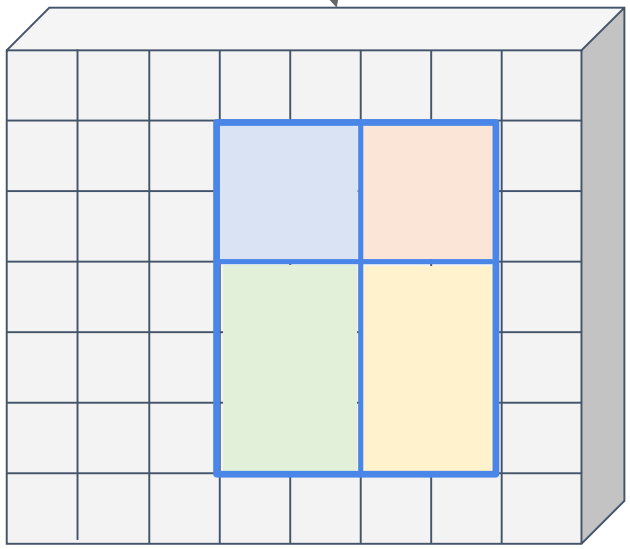
Project proposal onto features

CNN



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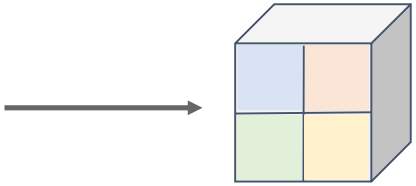
"Snap" to grid cells

Divide into 2x2 grid of (roughly) equal subregions

Max-pool within each subregion



Region features
(here 512 x 2 x 2;
In practice e.g 512 x 7 x 7)

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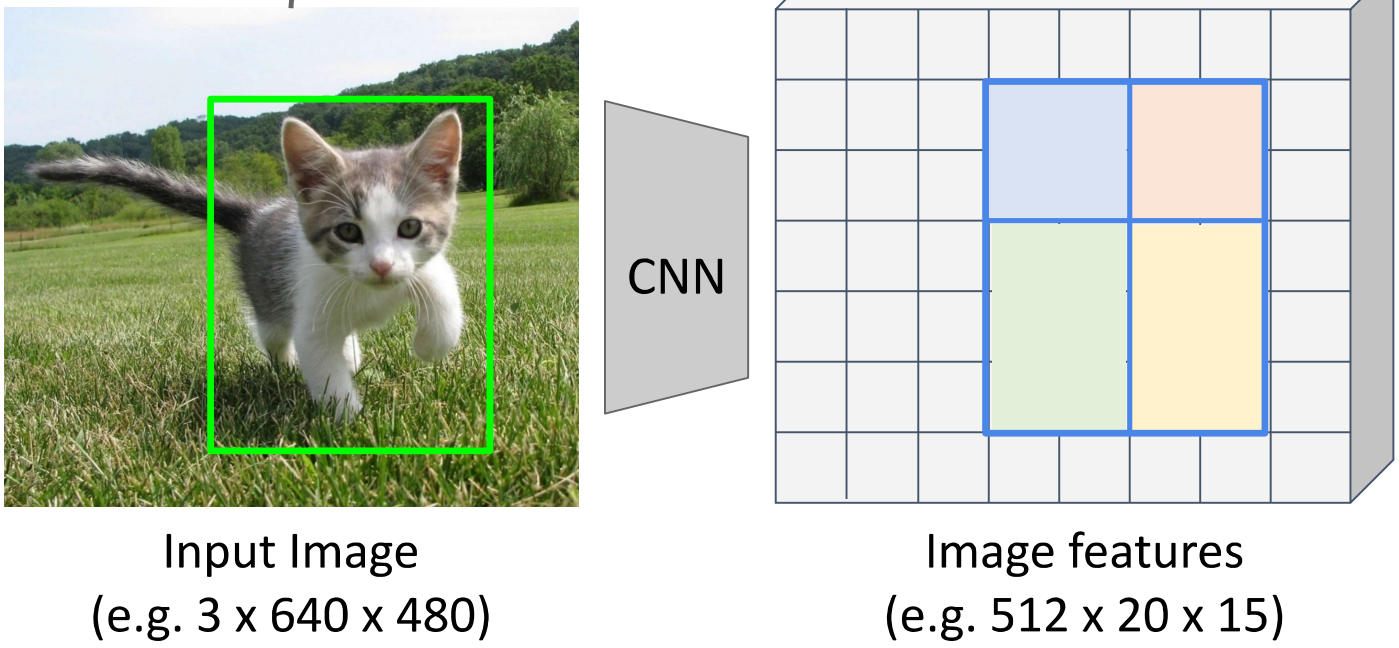

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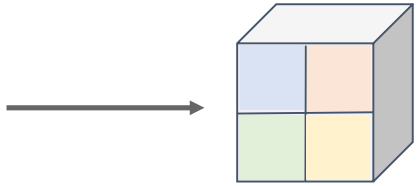

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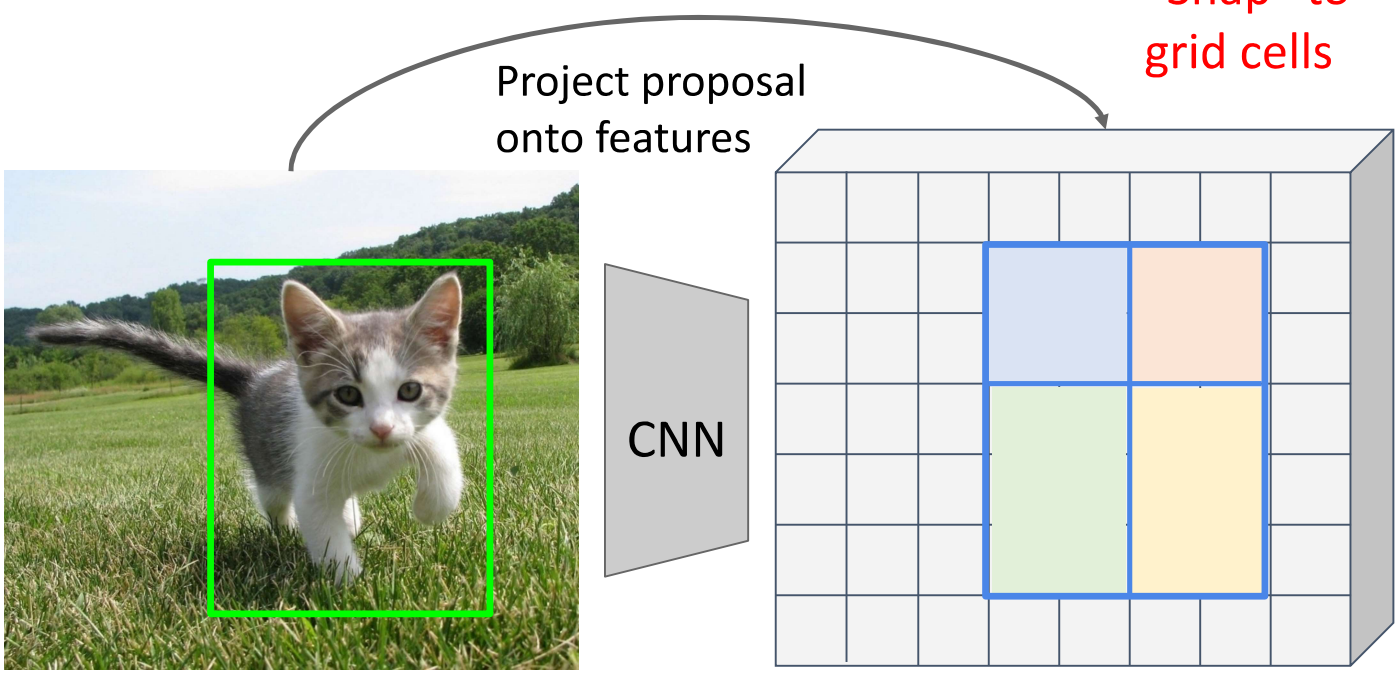

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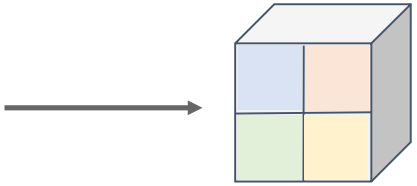

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Problem: Slight misalignment due to snapping; different-sized subregions is weird

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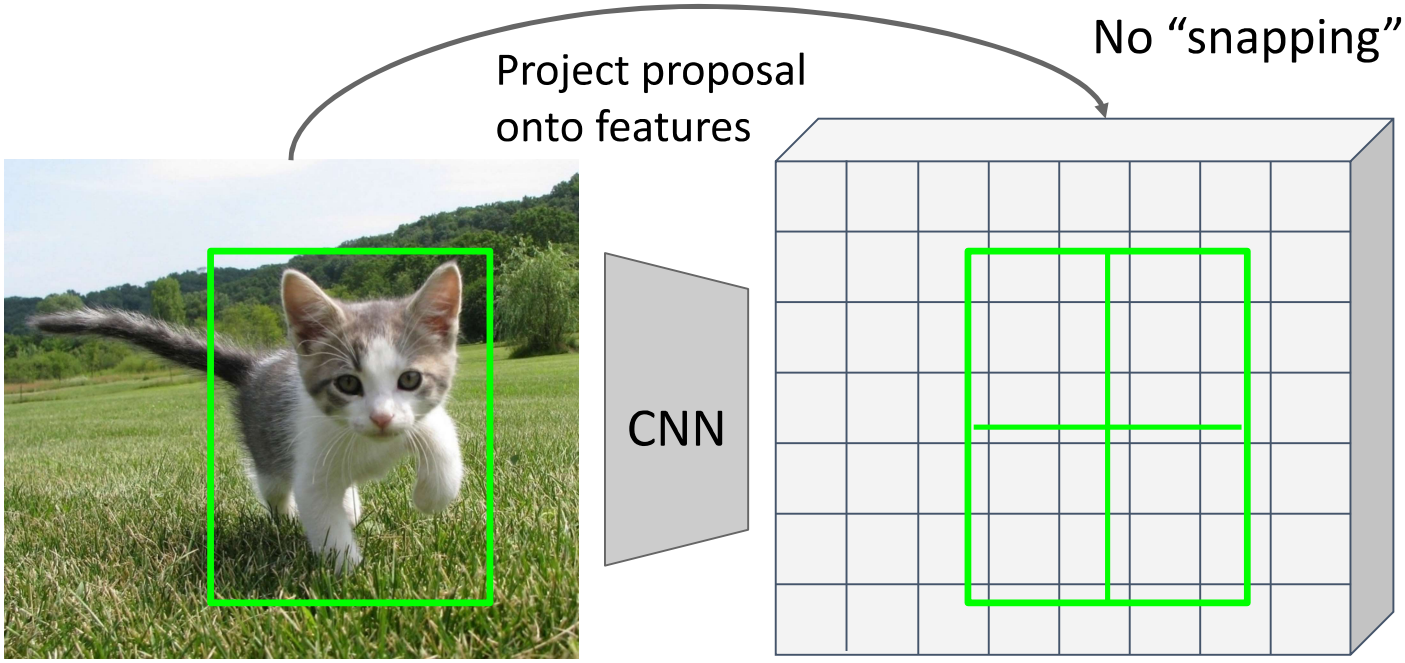
Cropping Features: RoI Align

Divide into equal-sized subregions
(may not be aligned to grid!)



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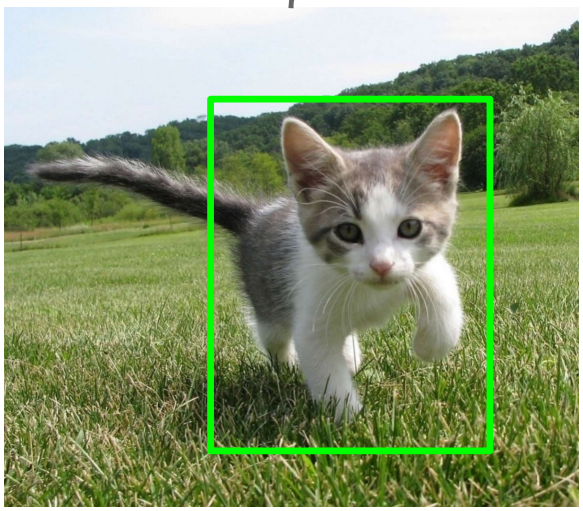
Project proposal
onto features



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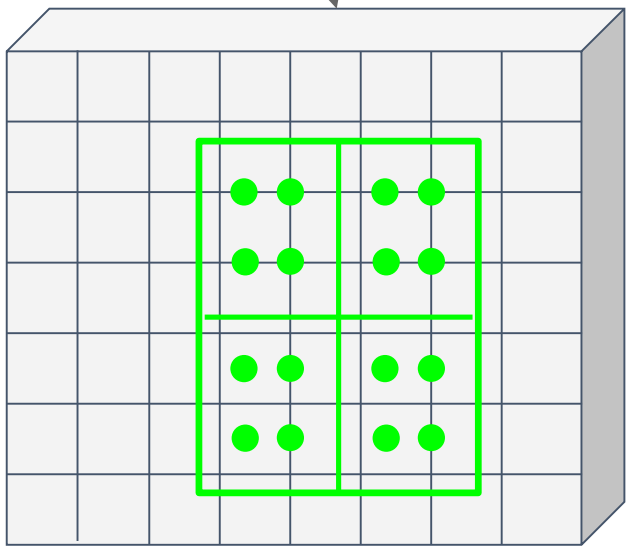

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Sample features at regularly-spaced points in each subregion using **bilinear interpolation**

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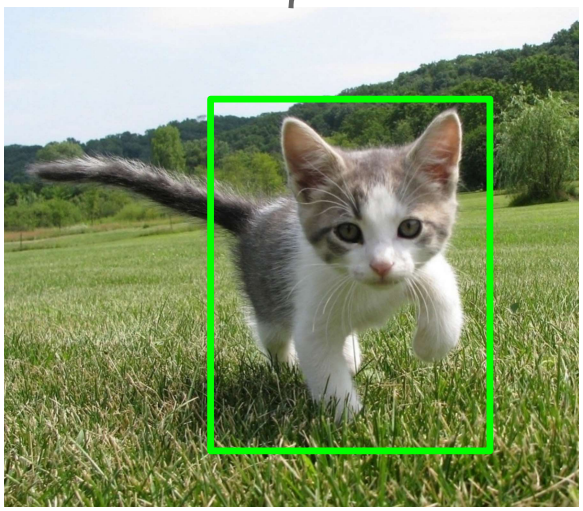

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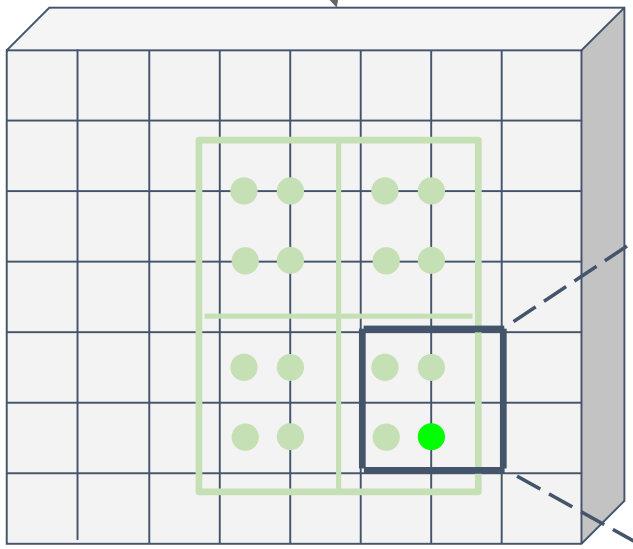

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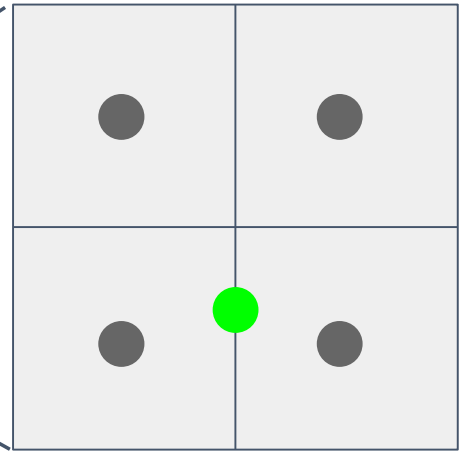

Feature f_{xy} for point (x, y) is a
linear combination of features
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Cropping Features: RoI Align

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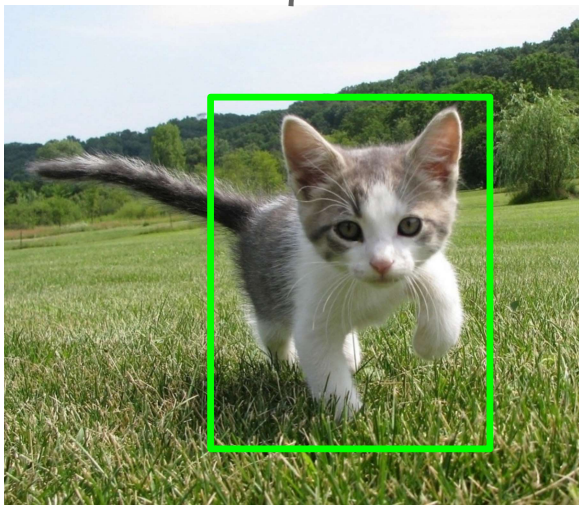

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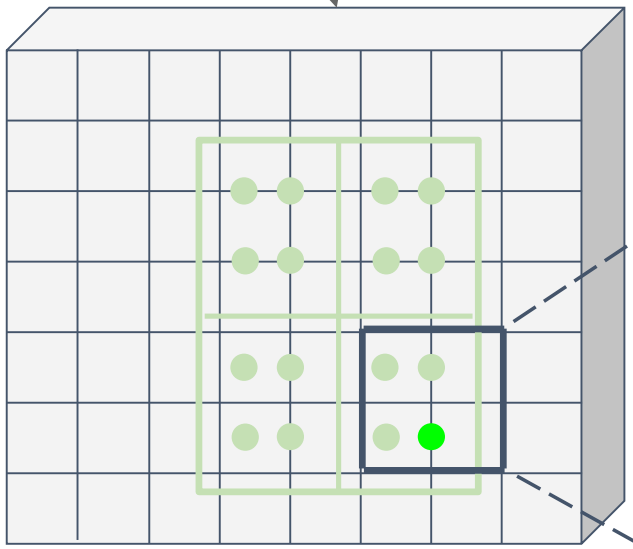

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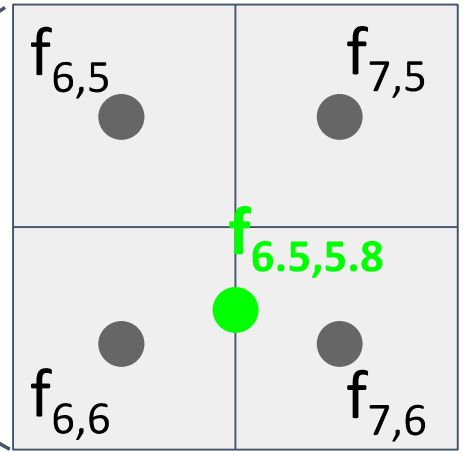

$$f_{xy} = \sum_{i,j=1}^{2} f_{i,j} \max(0, 1 - |x - x_i|) \max(0, 1 - |y - y_j|)$$

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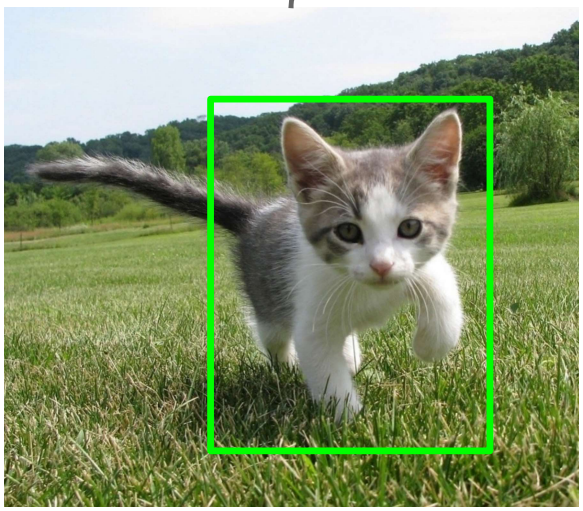

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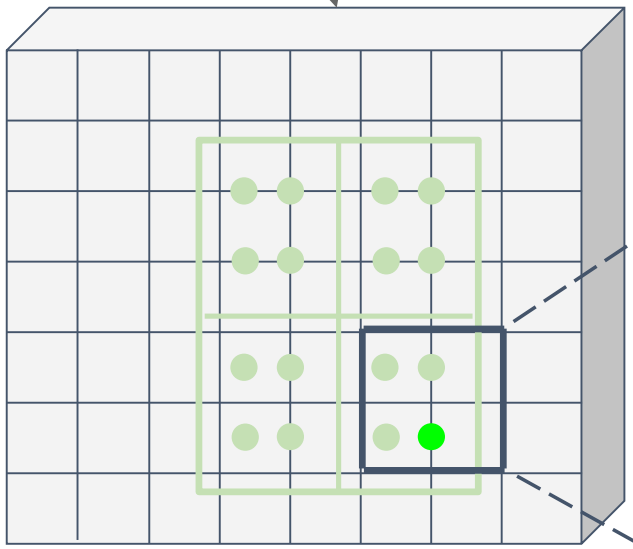

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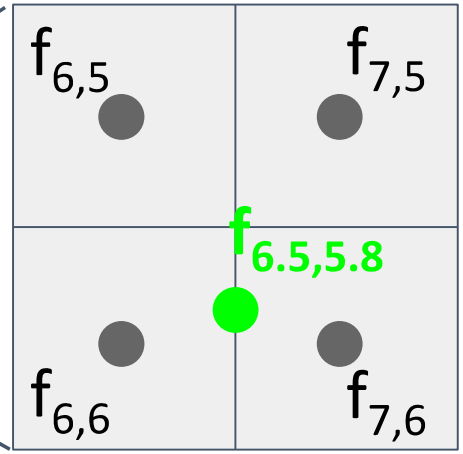

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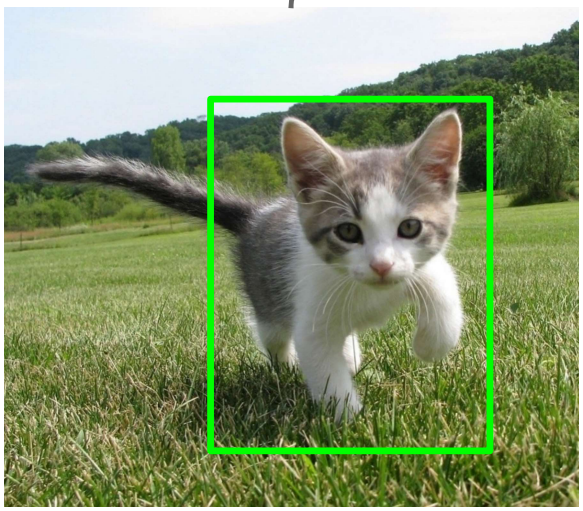

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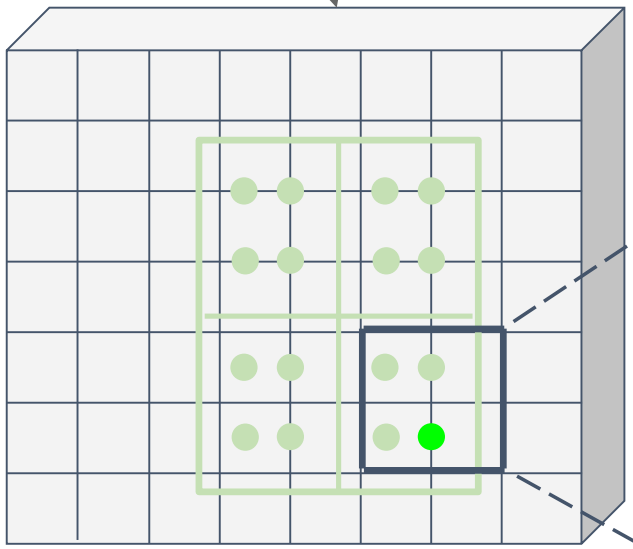

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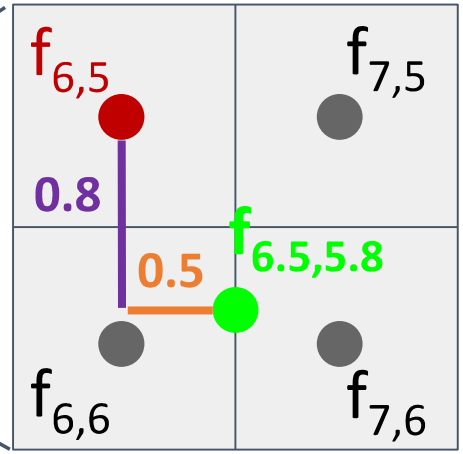

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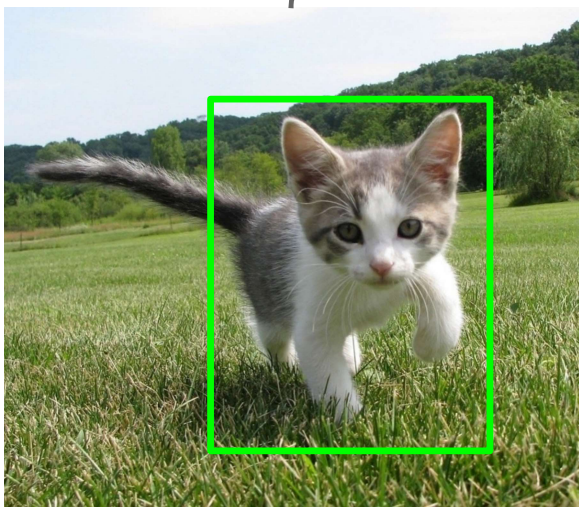

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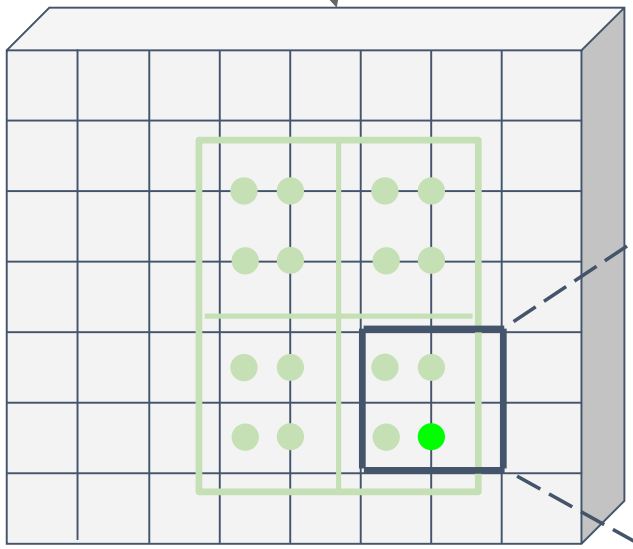

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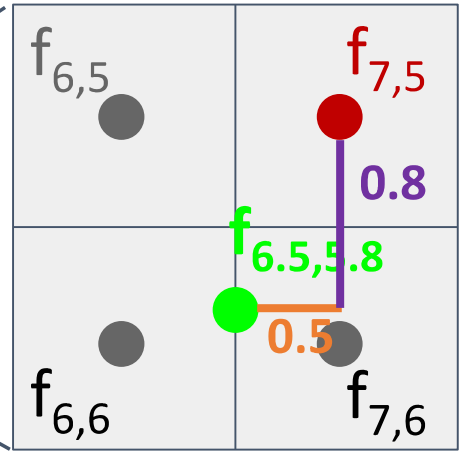

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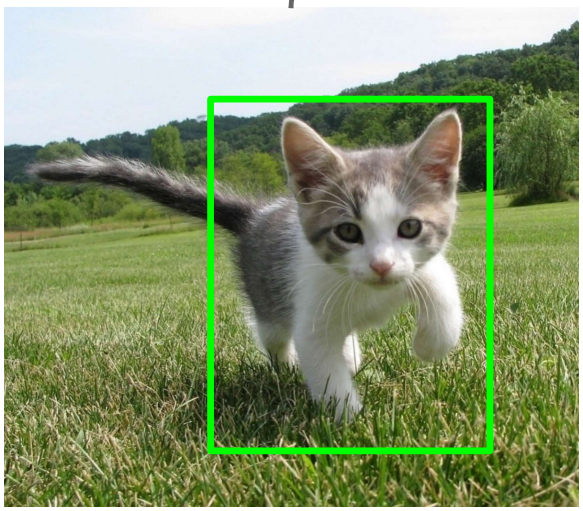

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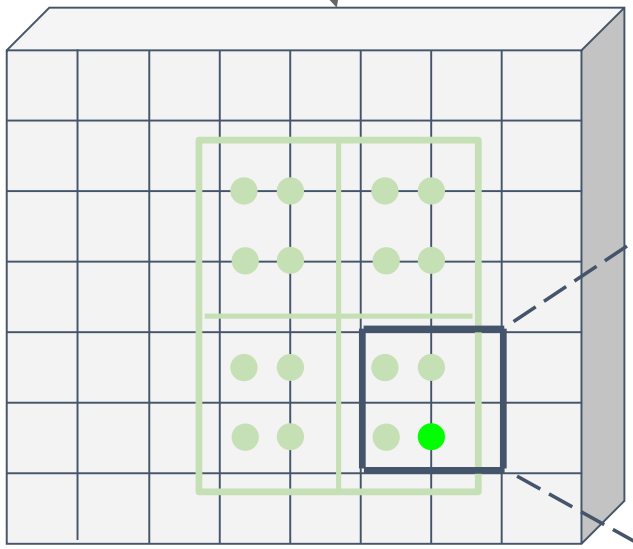

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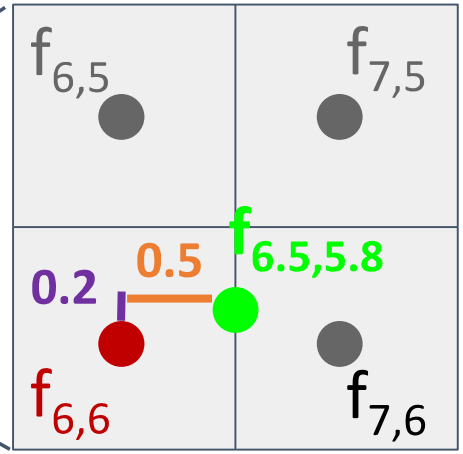

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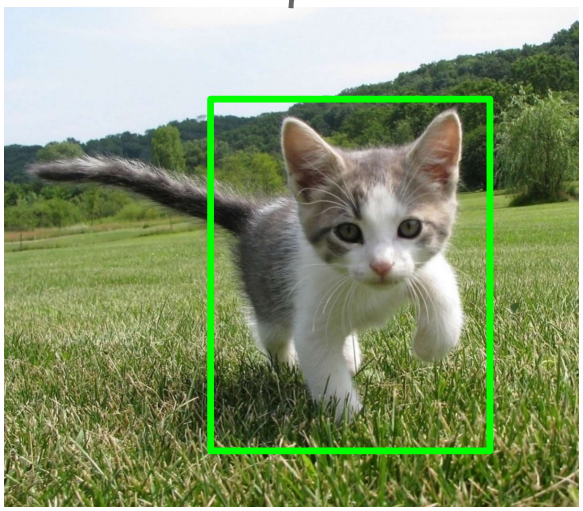

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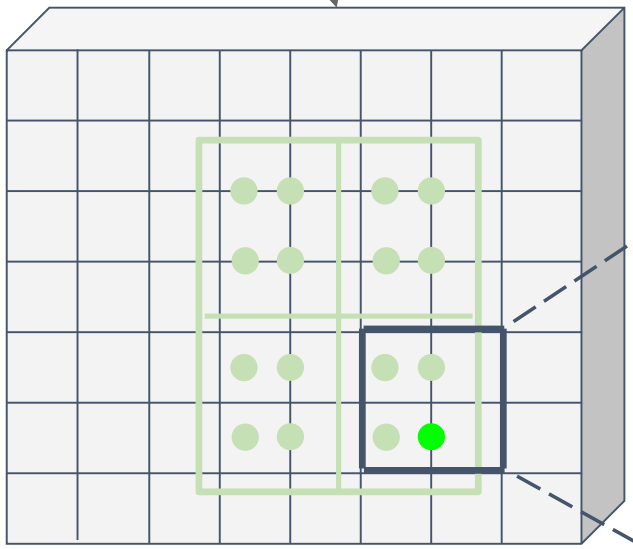

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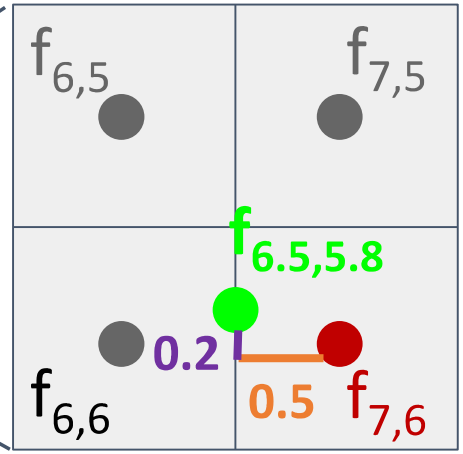

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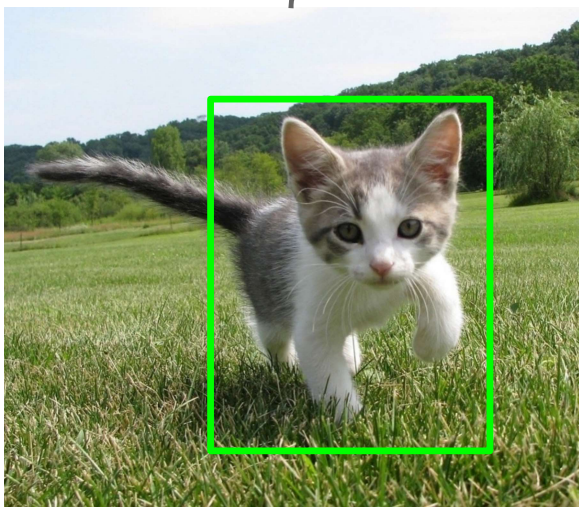

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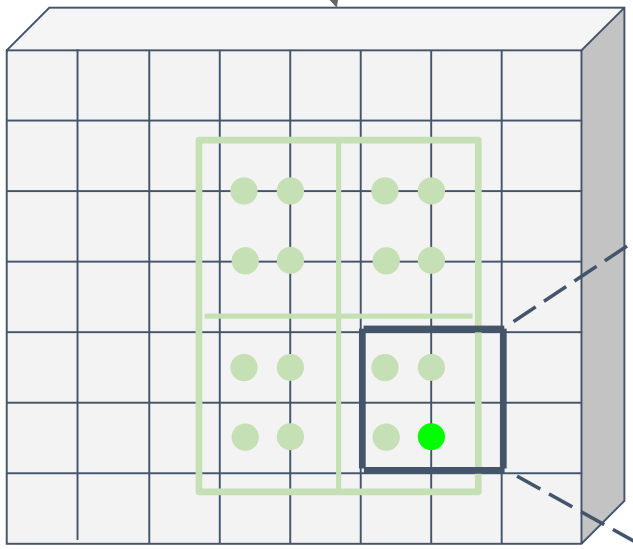

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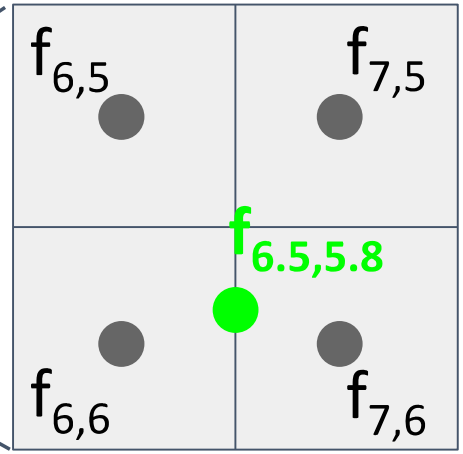

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This is differentiable! Upstream gradient for sampled feature will flow backward into each of the four nearest-neighbor gridpoints

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Project proposal
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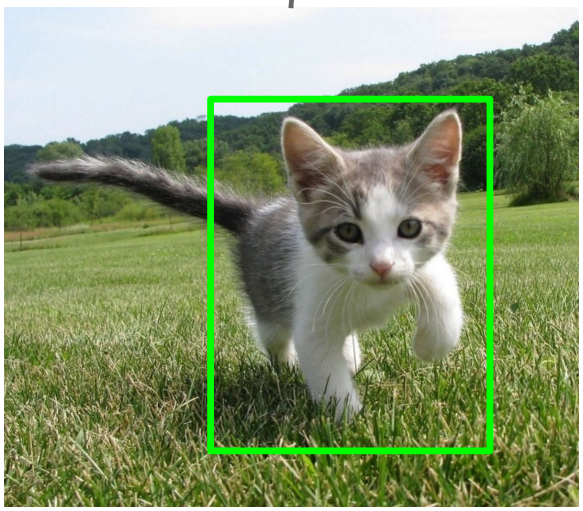

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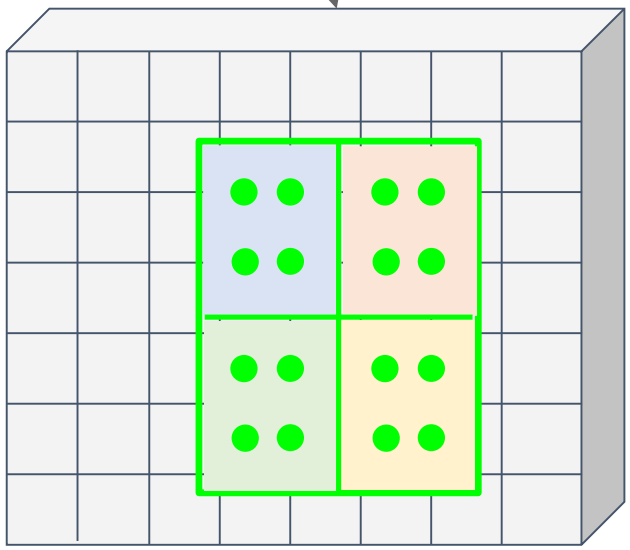

Image features
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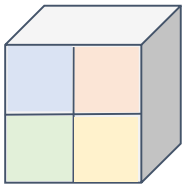
After sampling, max-
pool in each subregion

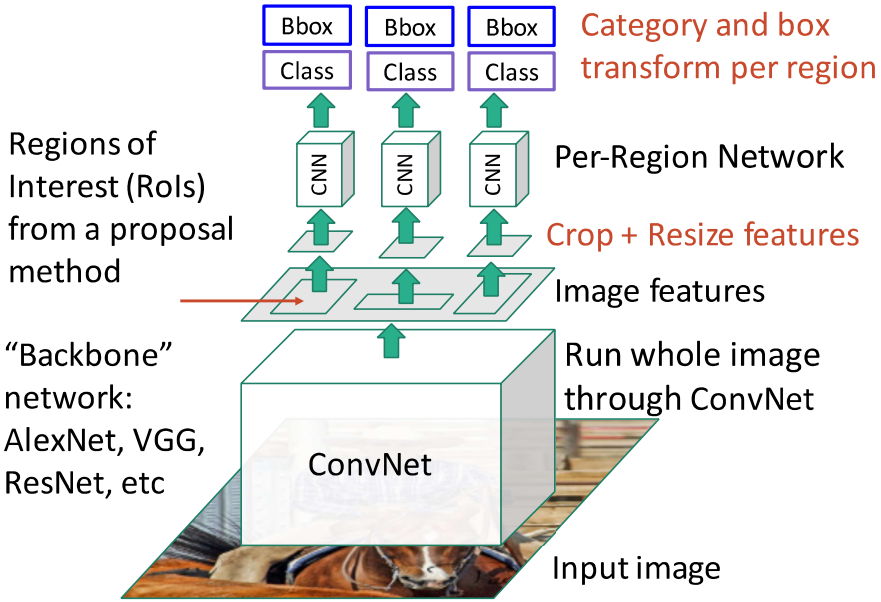


Region features
(here 512 x 2 x 2;
In practice e.g 512 x 7 x 7)

He et al, "Mask R-CNN", ICCV 2017

Fast R-CNN vs "Slow" R-CNN

Fast R-CNN: Apply differentiable cropping to shared image features



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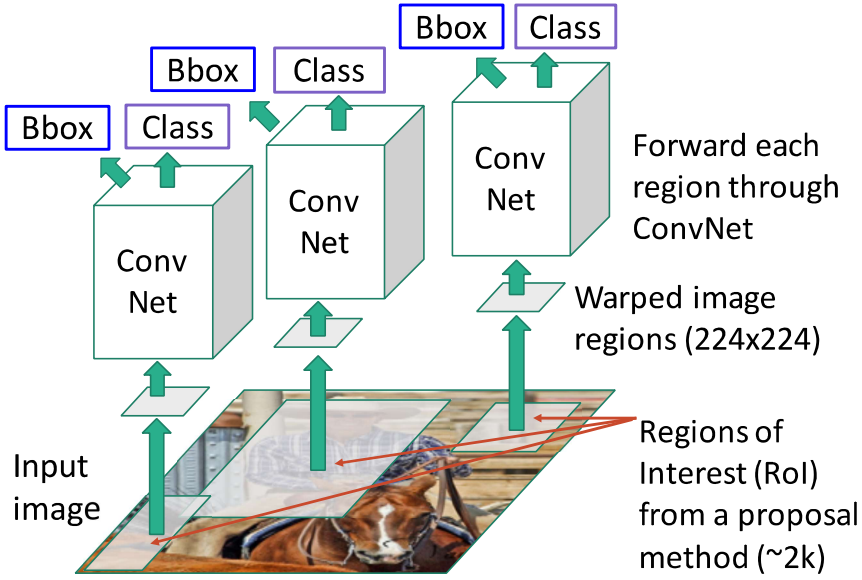

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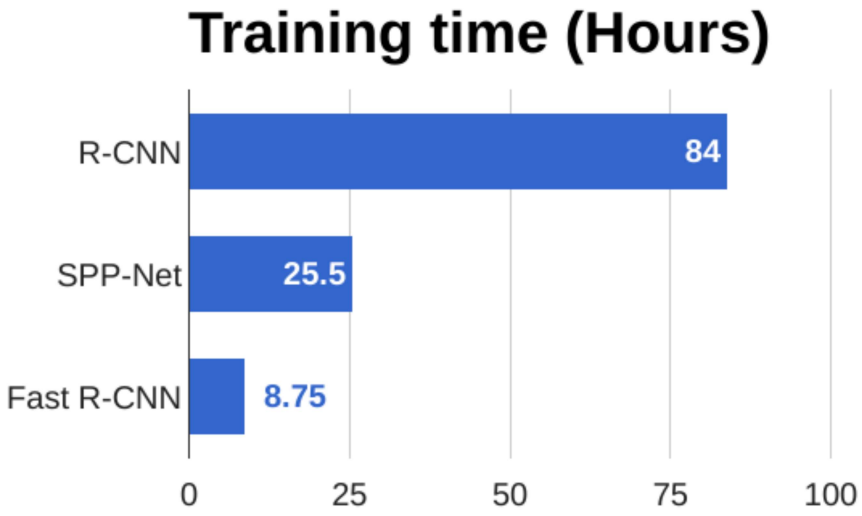

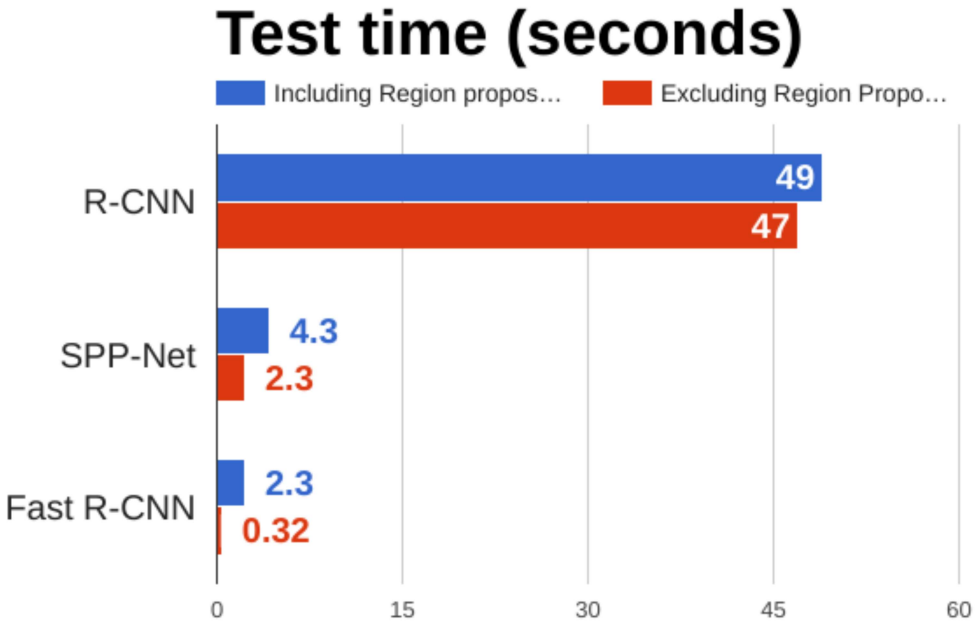

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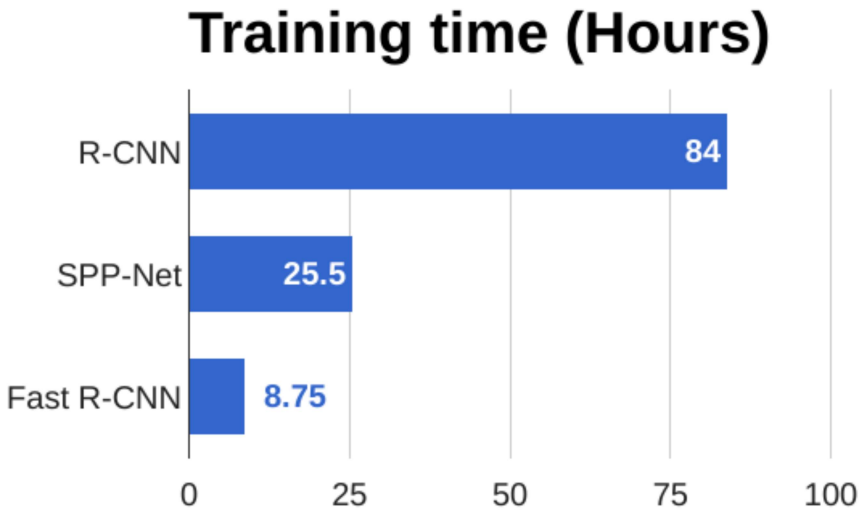

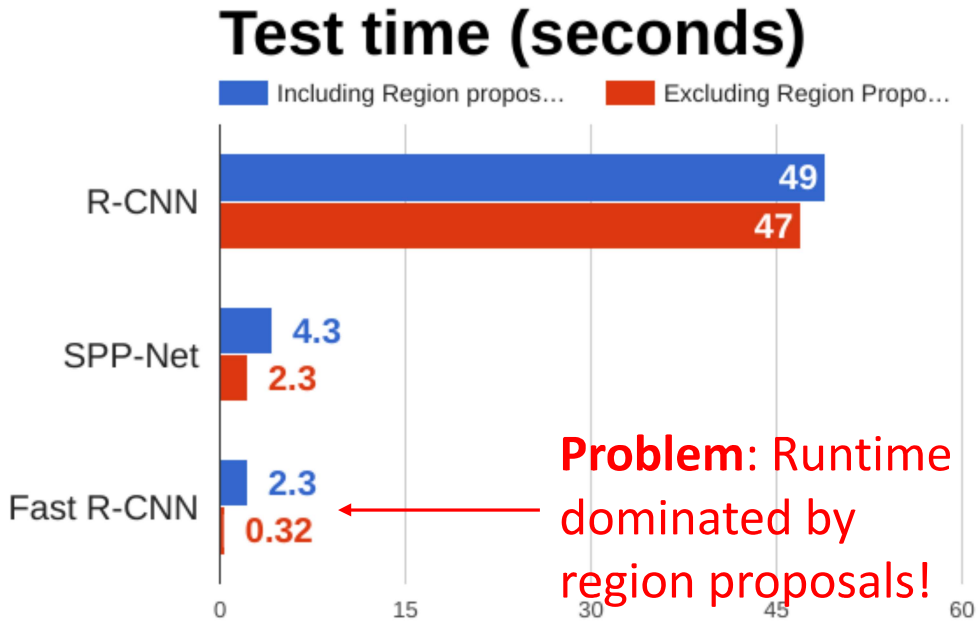

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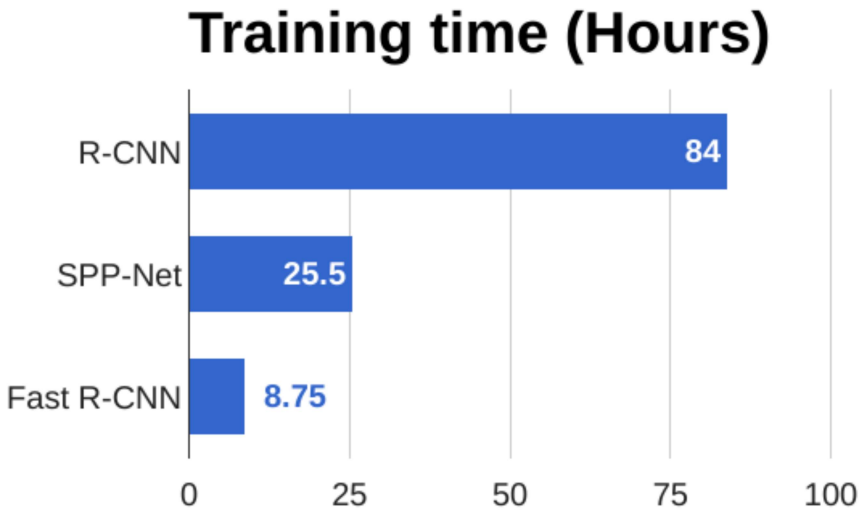

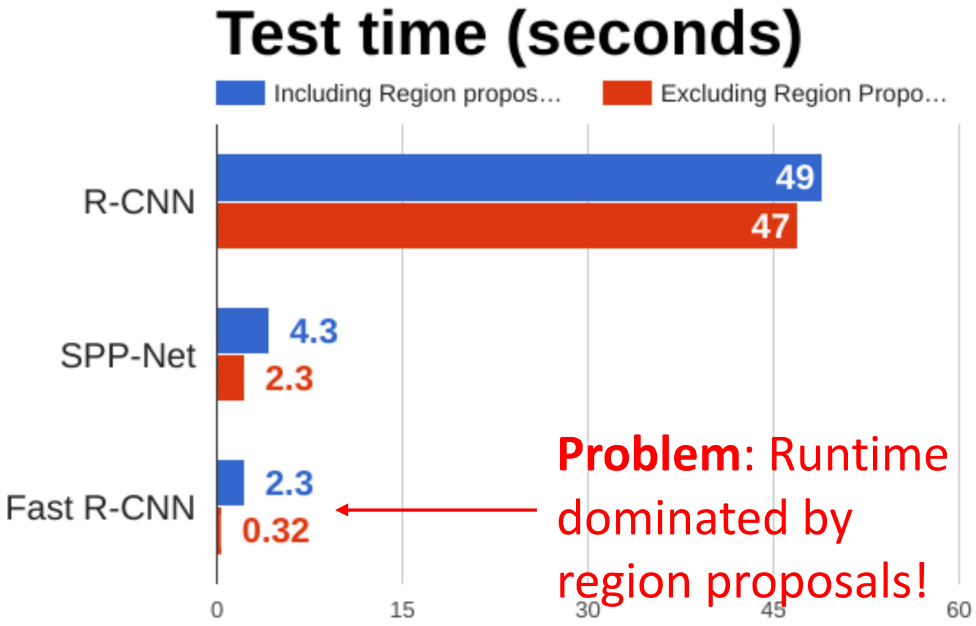

Problem: Runtime dominated by region proposals!

Recall: Region proposals computed by heuristic ”Selective Search” algorithm on CPU -- let’s learn them with a CNN instead!

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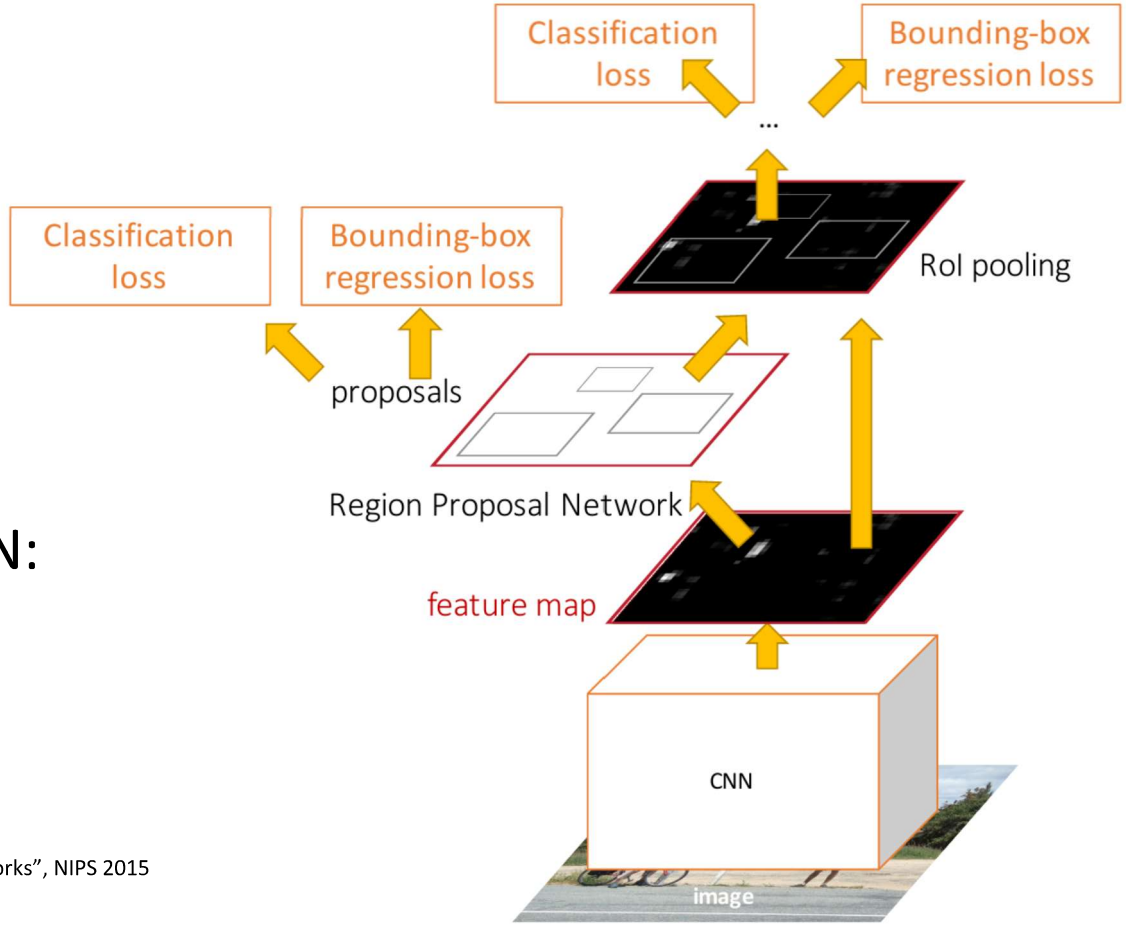
Faster R-CNN: Learnable Region Proposals

Insert **Region Proposal Network (RPN)** to predict proposals from features

Otherwise same as Fast R-CNN: Crop features for each proposal, classify each one



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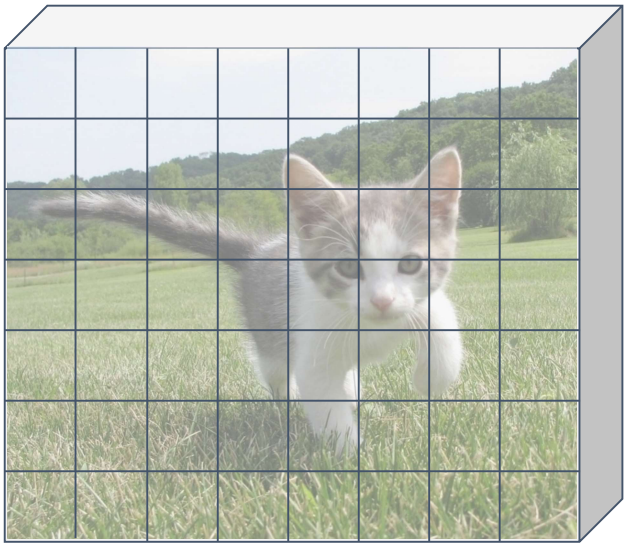

Image features
(e.g. 512 x 20 x 15)

Region Proposal Network (RPN)

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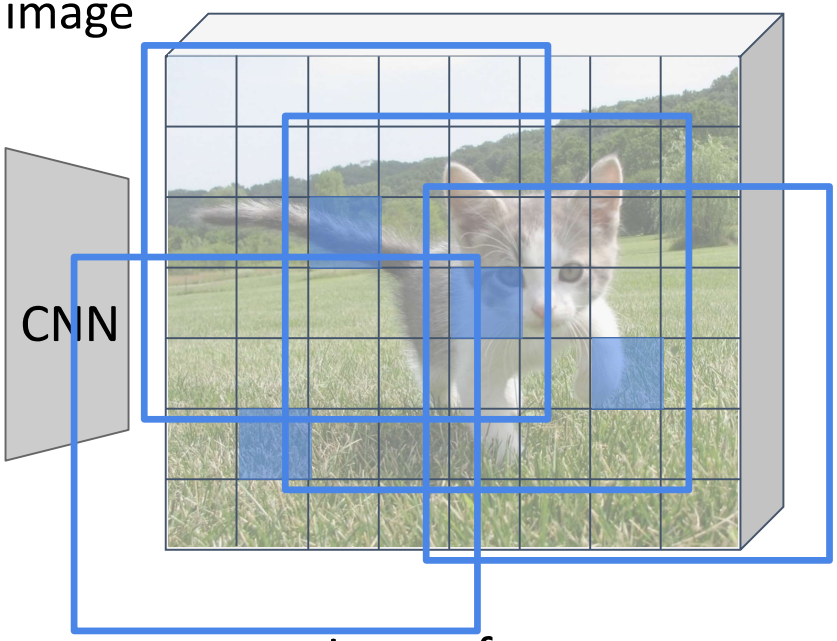

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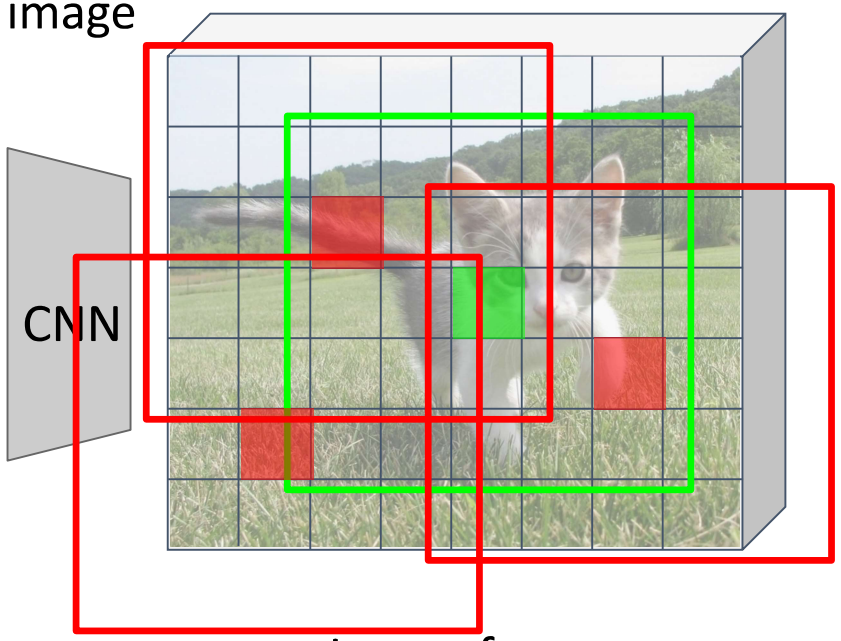

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Anchor is an object?
1 x 20 x 15

At each point, predict whether the corresponding anchor contains an object (per-cell logistic regression, predict scores with conv layer)

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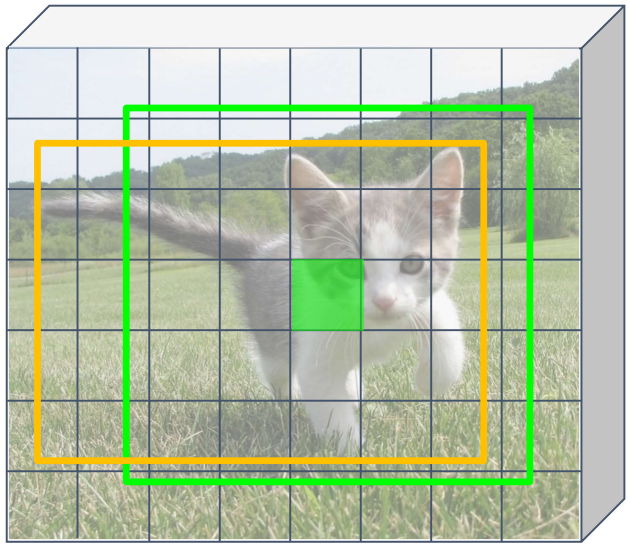

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Conv

Anchor is an object?
1 x 20 x 15

Box transforms
4 x 20 x 15

For positive boxes, also predict a box transform to regress from **anchor box** to **object box**

Region Proposal Network (RPN)

Problem: Anchor box may have the wrong size / shape
Solution: Use **K** different anchor boxes at each point!

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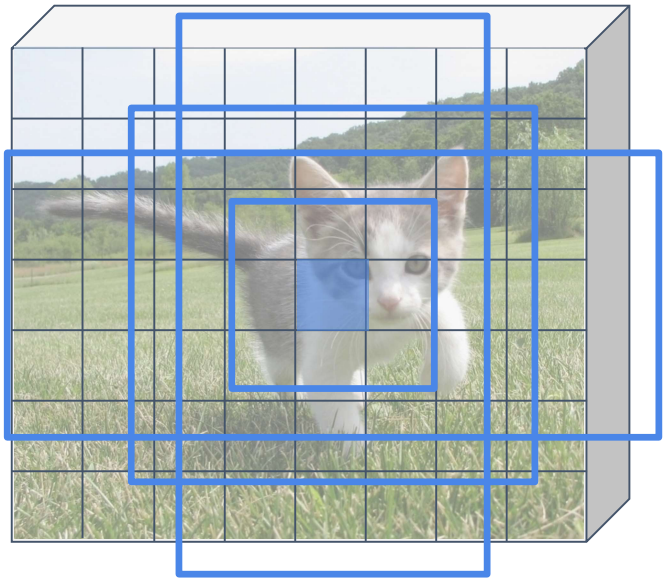

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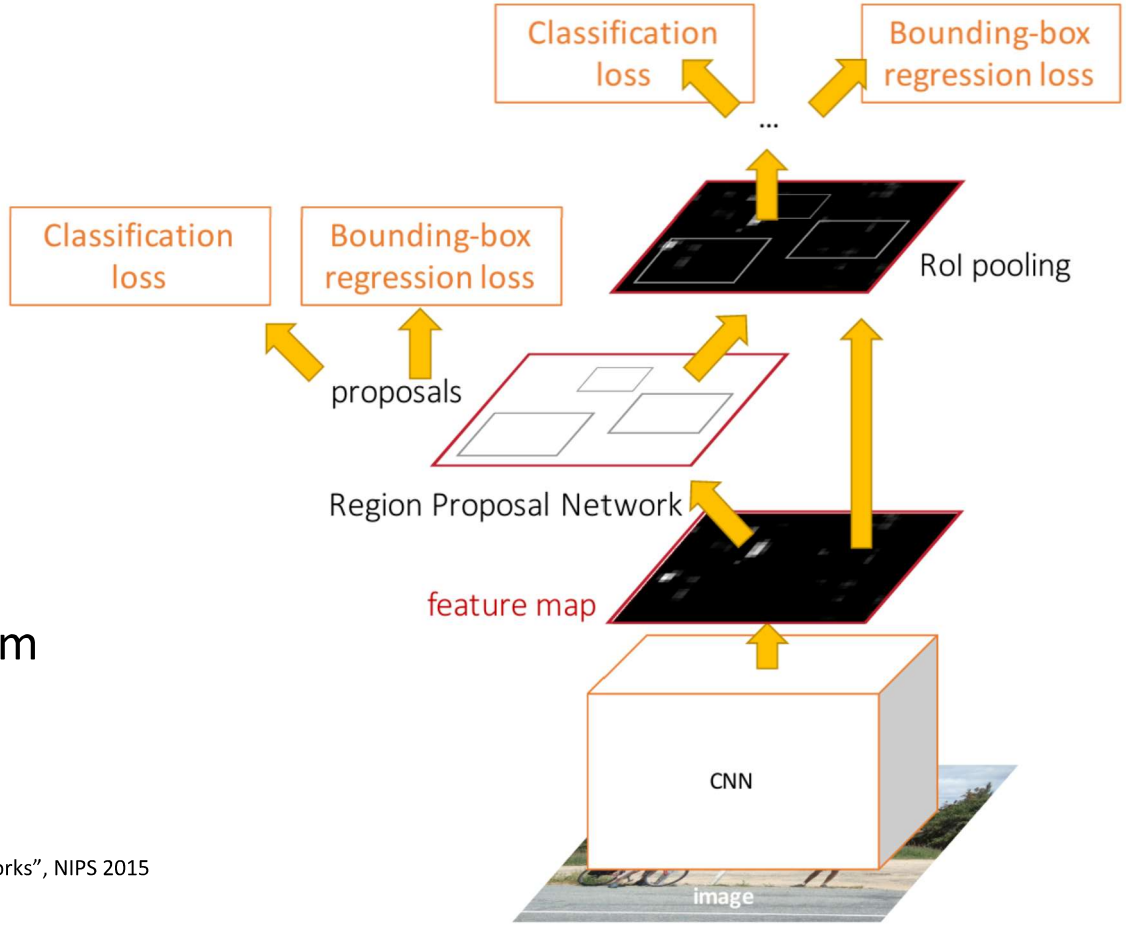
4K x 20 x 15

At test time: sort all K*20*15 boxes by their score, and take the top ~300 as our region proposals

Faster R-CNN: Learnable Region Proposals

Jointly train with 4 losses:

1. **RPN classification**: anchor box is object / not an object
2. **RPN regression**: predict transform from anchor box to proposal box
3. **Object classification**: classify proposals as background / object class
4. **Object regression**: predict transform from proposal box to object box



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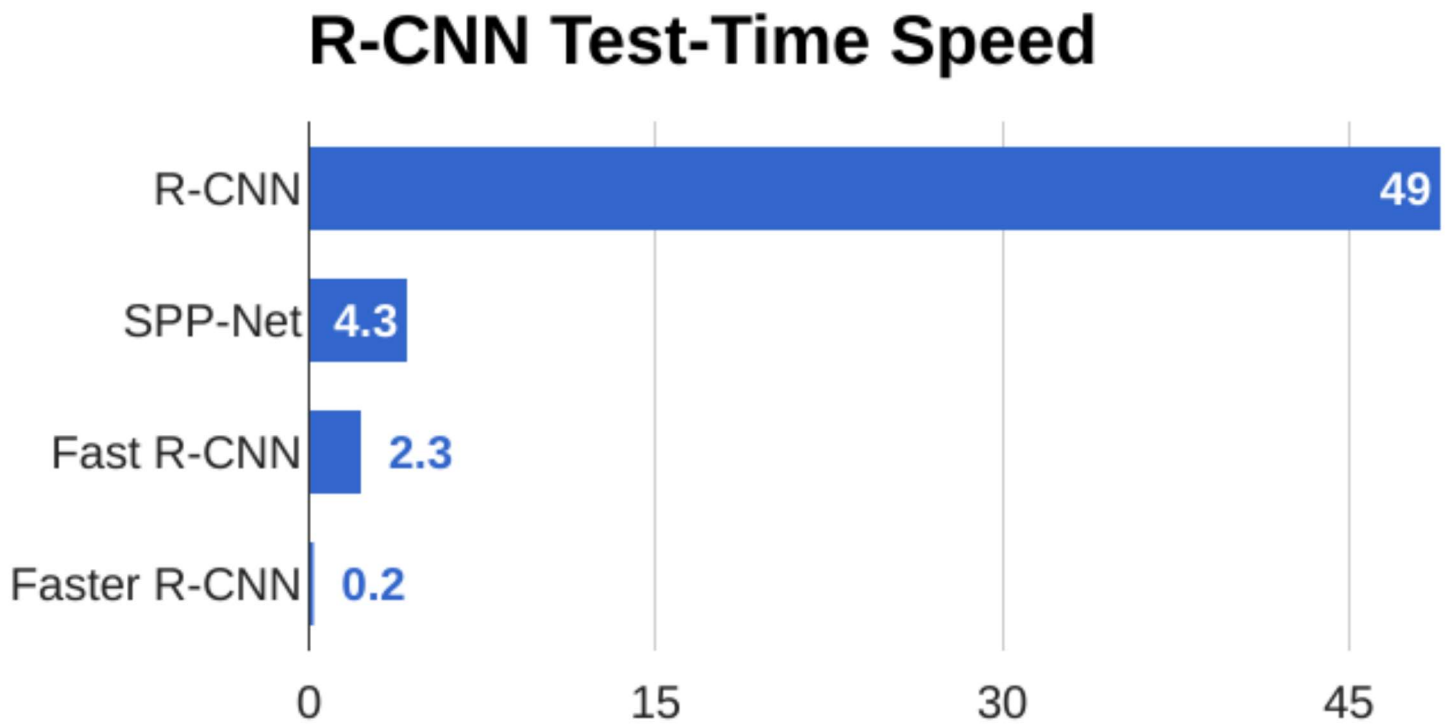

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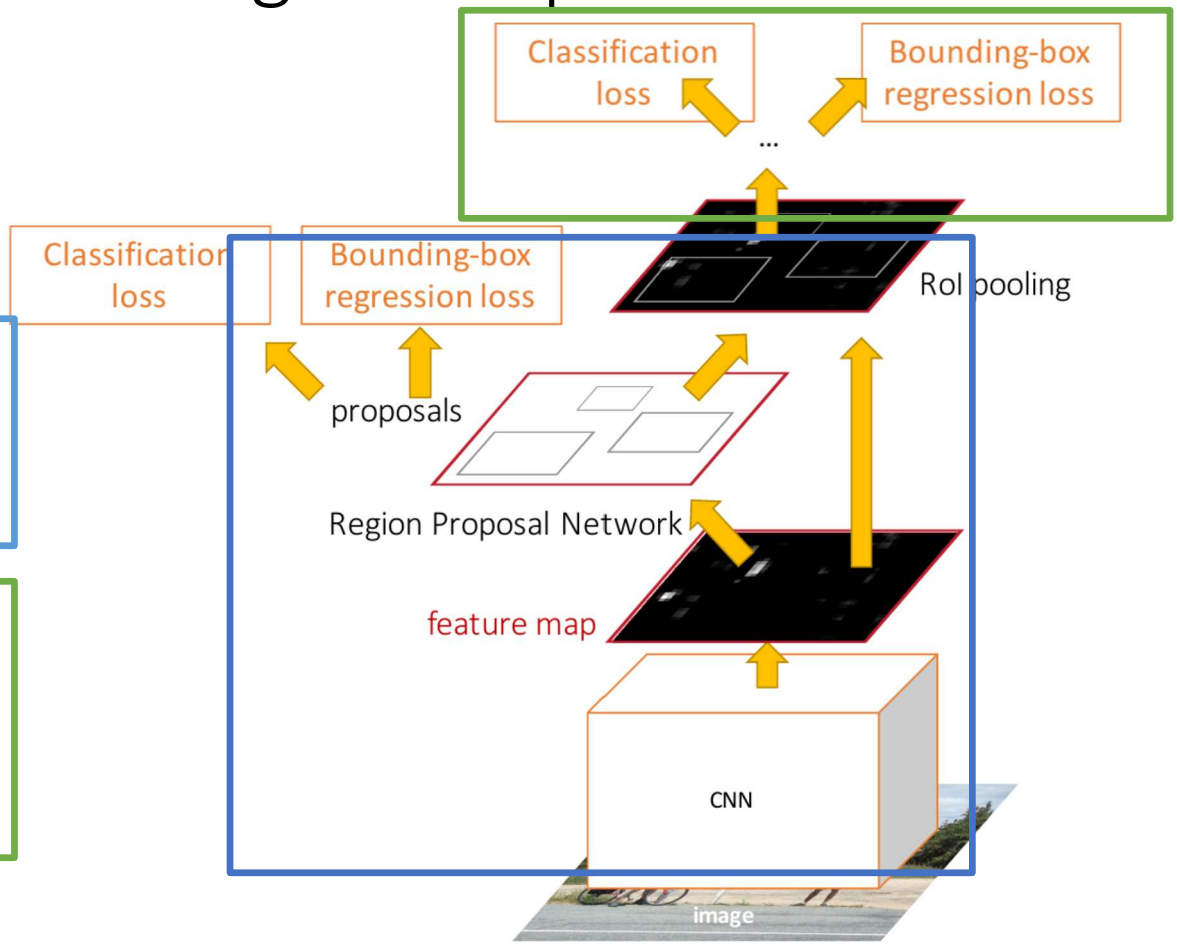
Faster R-CNN is a
Two-stage object detector

First stage: Run once per image
- Backbone network
- Region proposal network

Second stage: Run once per region
- Crop features: RoI pool / align
- Predict object class
- Prediction bbox offset



Faster R-CNN: Learnable Region Proposals

Question: Do we really need the second stage?

Faster R-CNN is a **Two-stage object detector**

First stage: Run once per image
- Backbone network
- Region proposal network

Second stage: Run once per region
- Crop features: RoI pool / align
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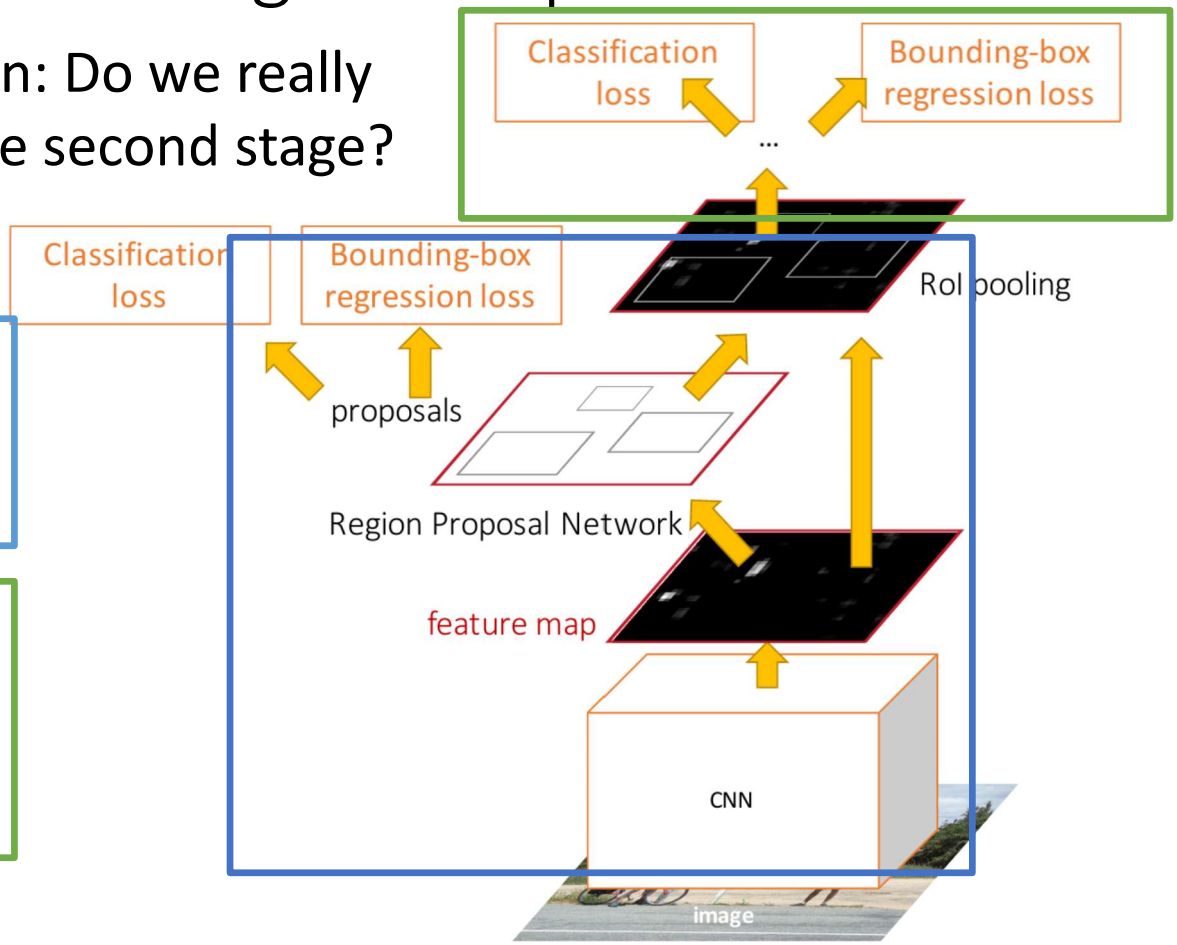

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RPN: Classify each anchor as object / not object

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Run backbone CNN to get features aligned to input image

Input Image
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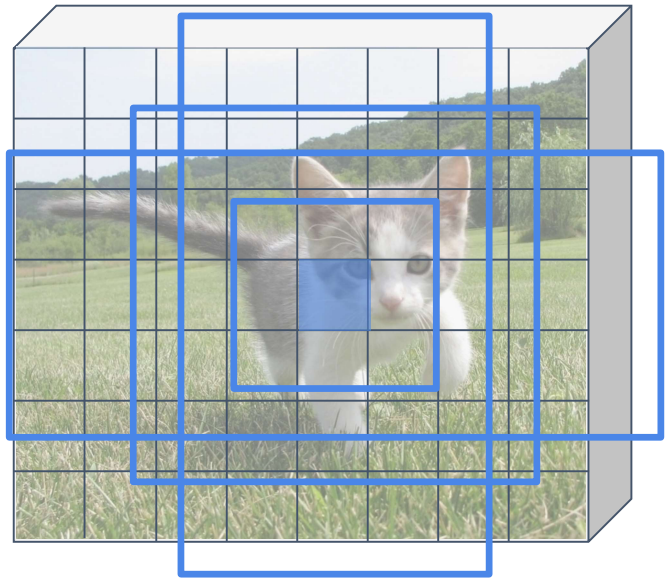
CNN



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(e.g. 512 x 20 x 15)

Conv

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(C+1) x K x 20 x 15

Box transforms
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Remember: K anchors at each position in image feature map

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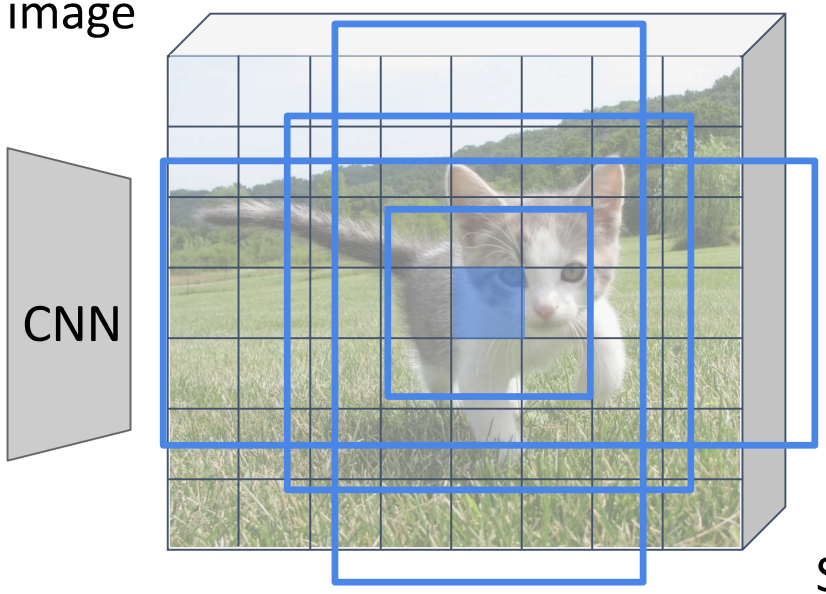

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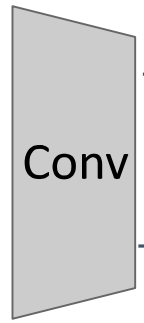

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Sometimes use **category-specific regression**: Predict different box transforms for each category

Redmon et al, "You Only Look Once: Unified, Real-Time Object Detection", CVPR 2016
Liu et al, "SSD: Single-Shot MultiBox Detector", ECCV 2016
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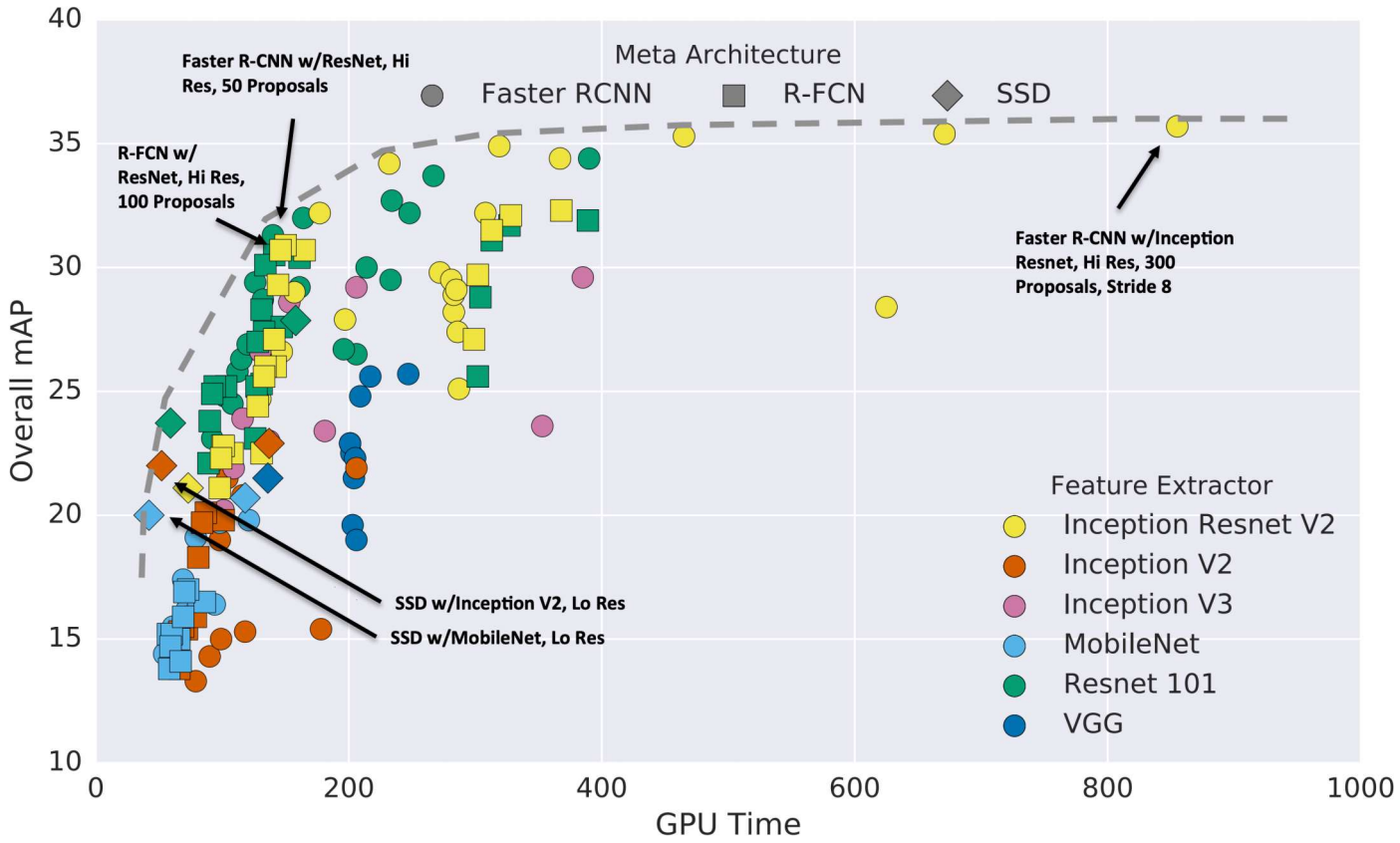

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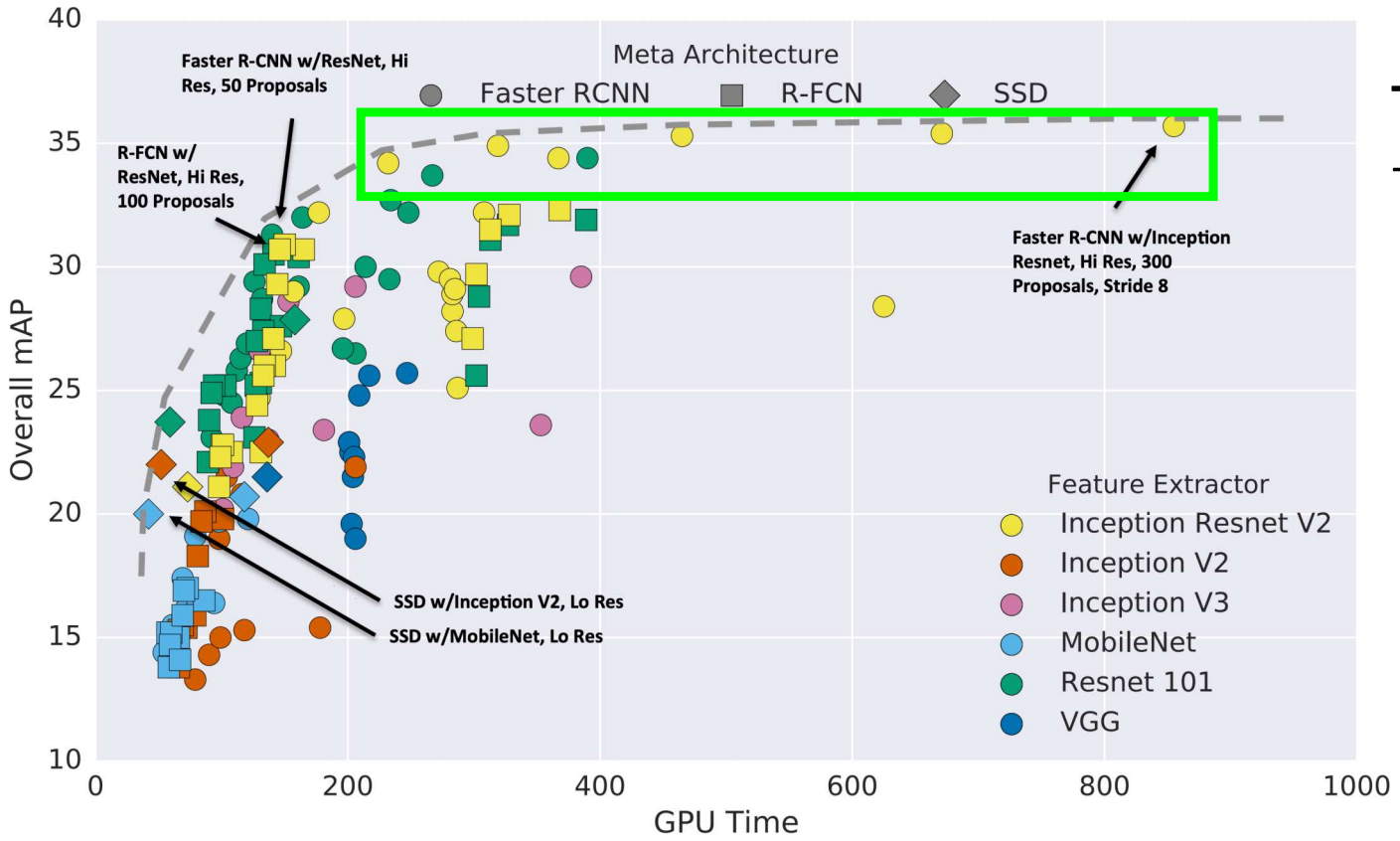

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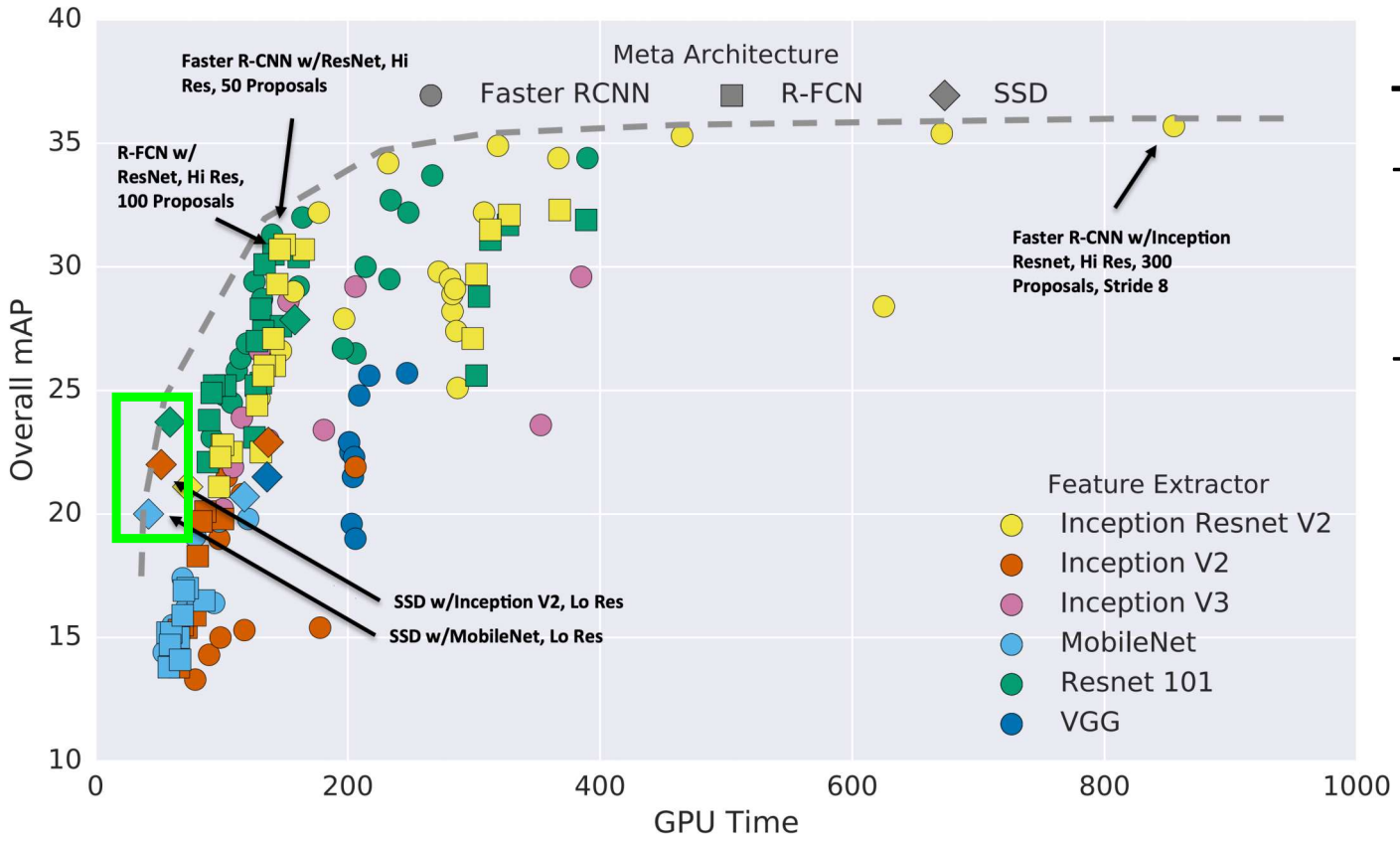

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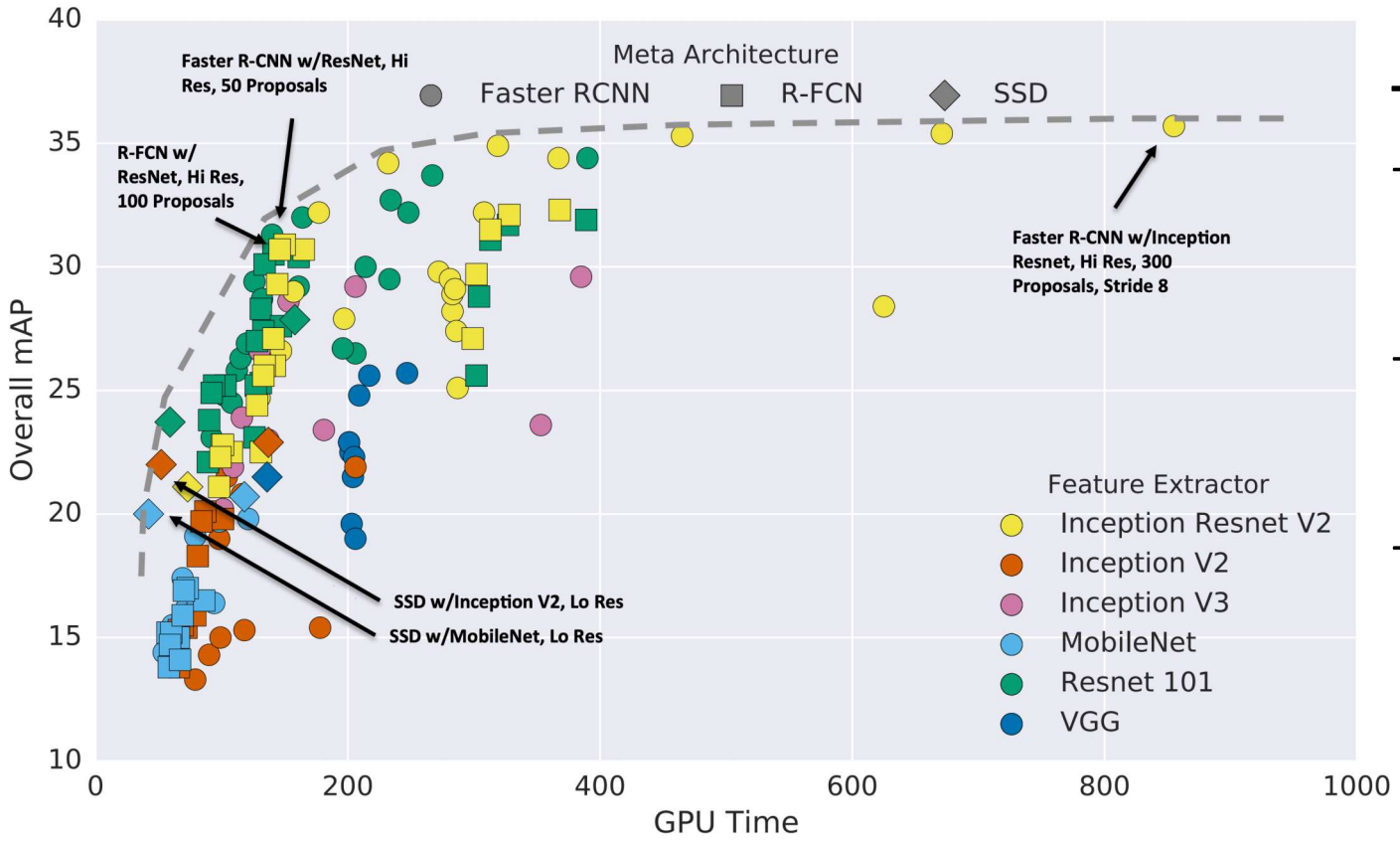

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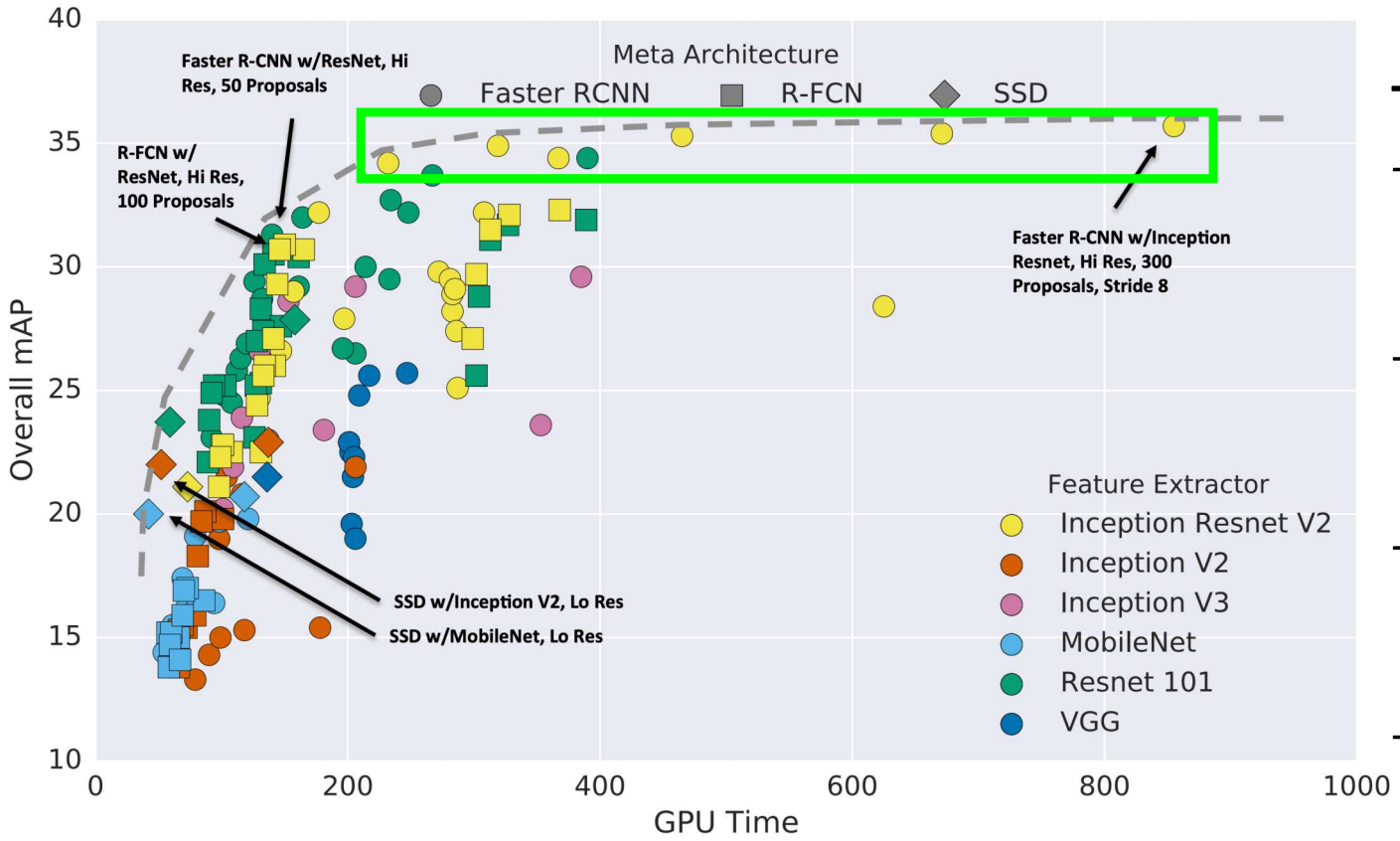

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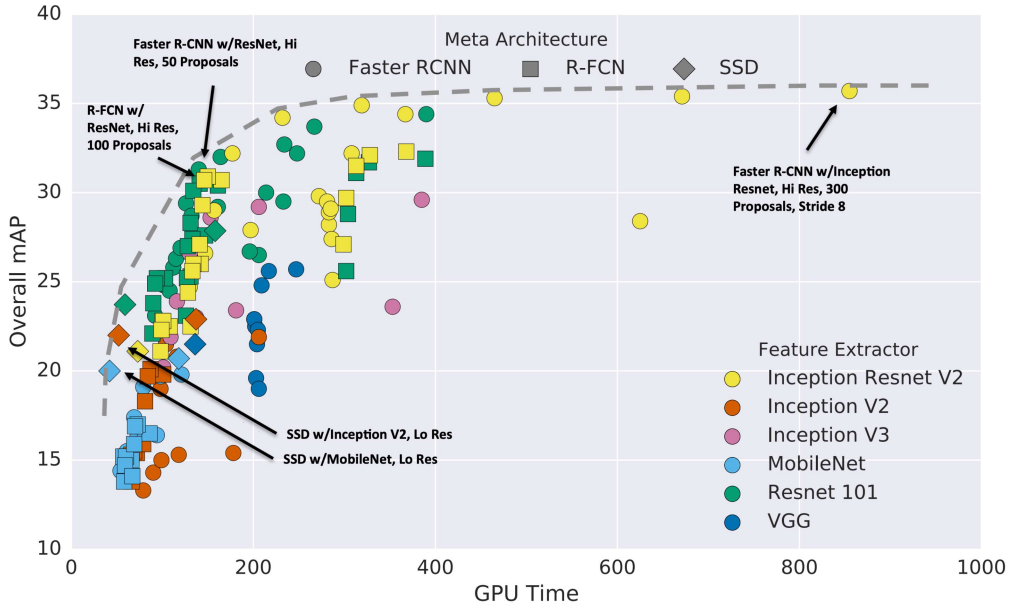

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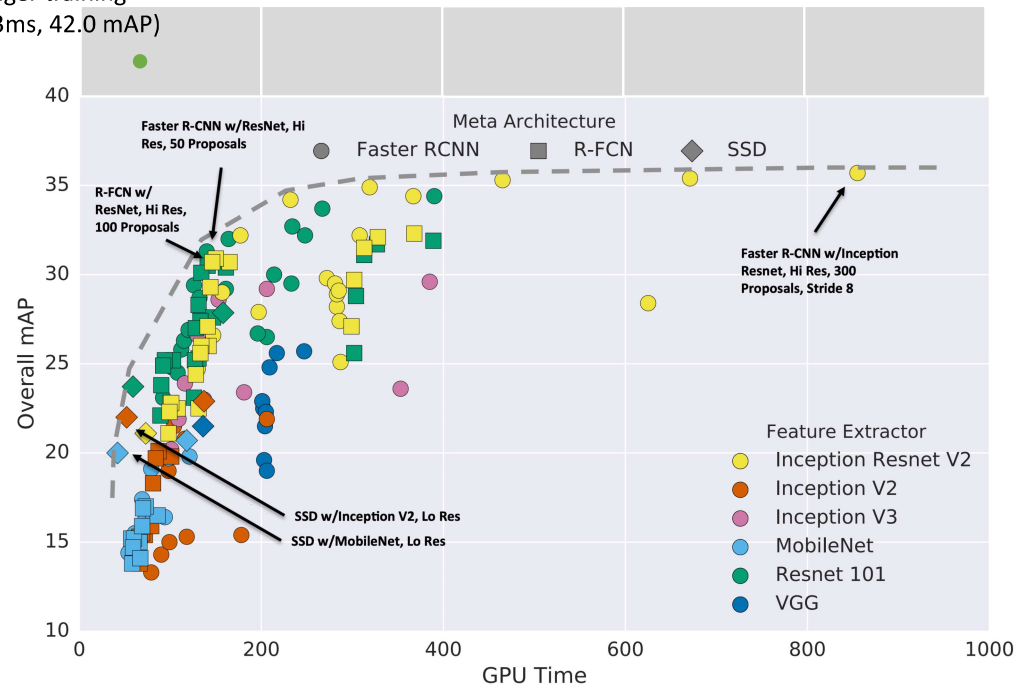
Faster R-CNN w/ResNet-101-FPN, longer training (63ms, 42.0 mAP)



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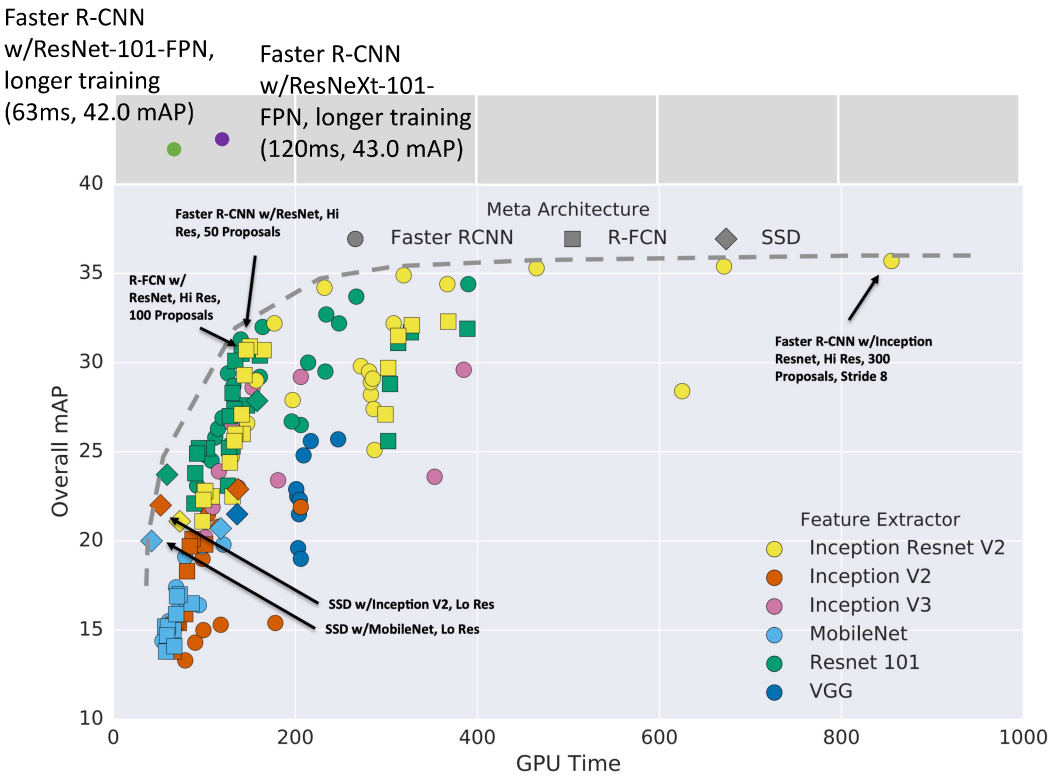

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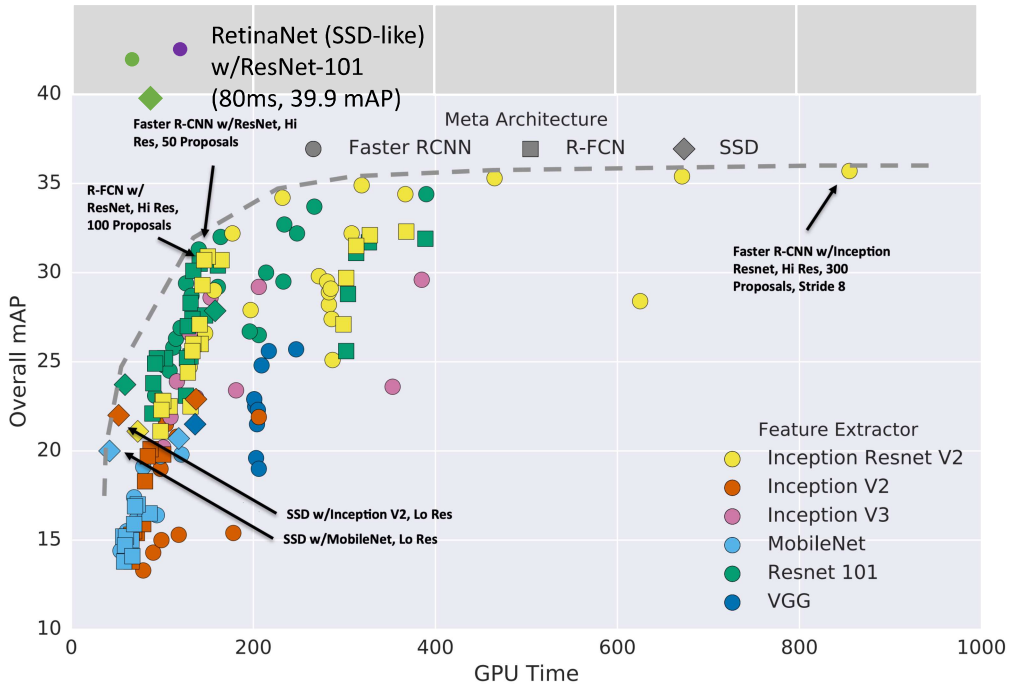

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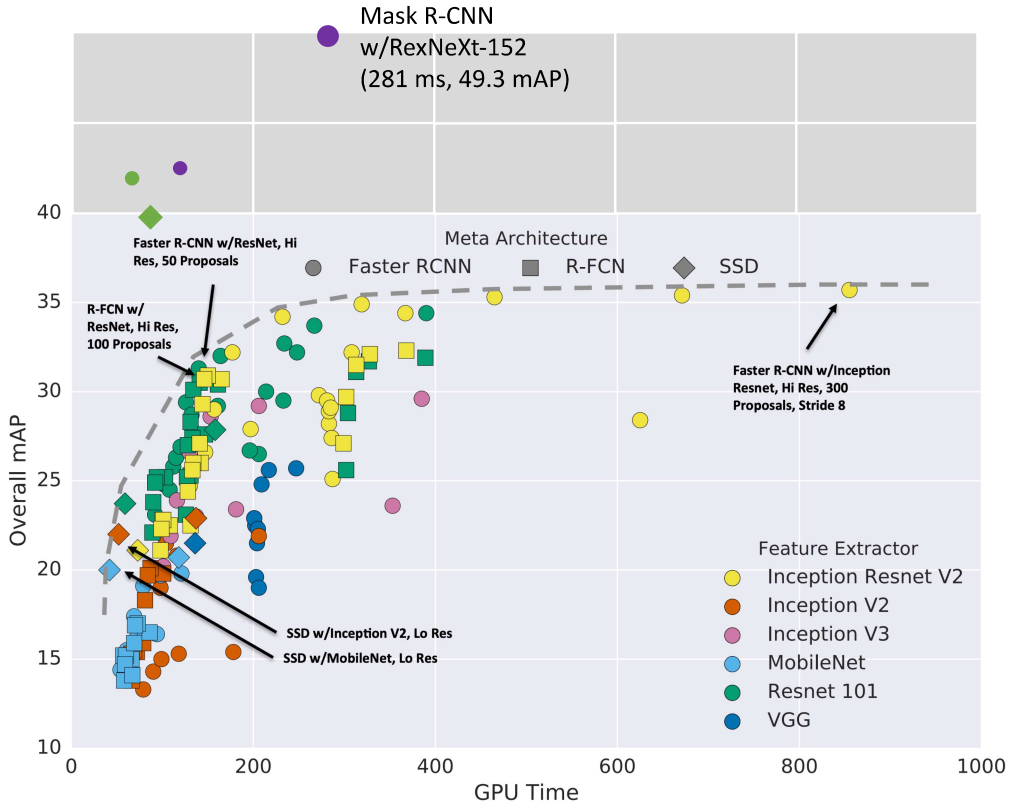

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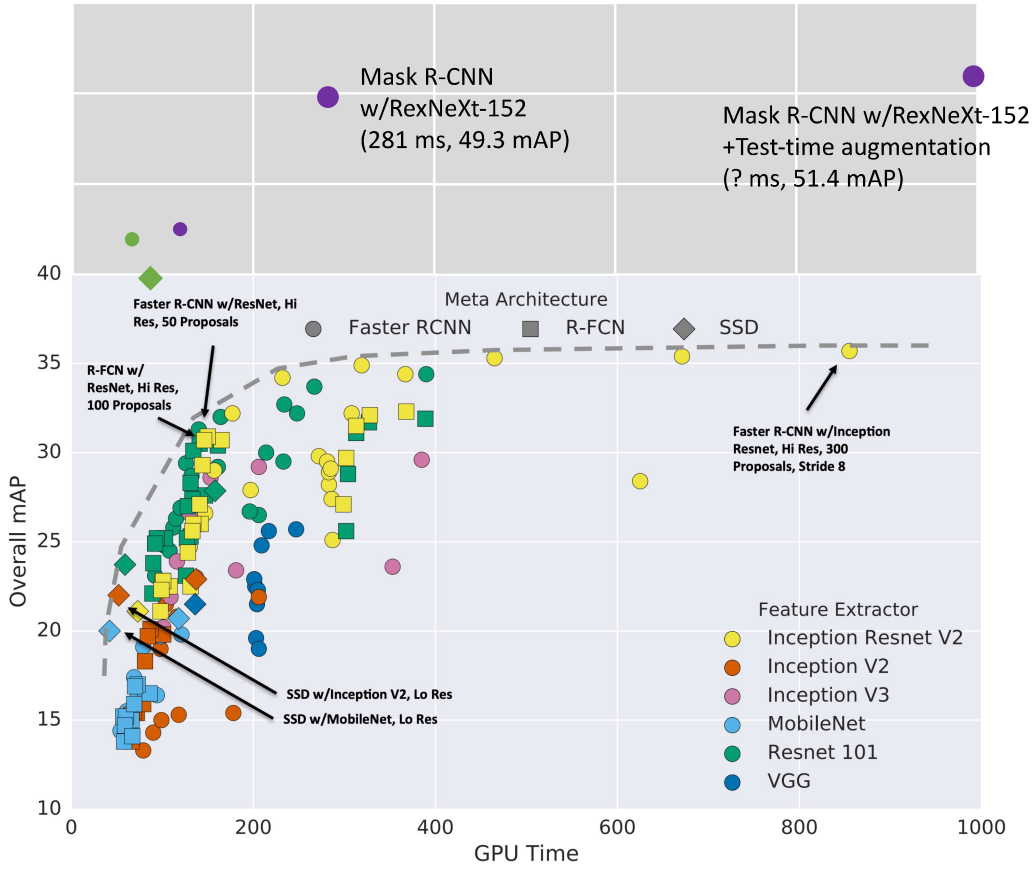

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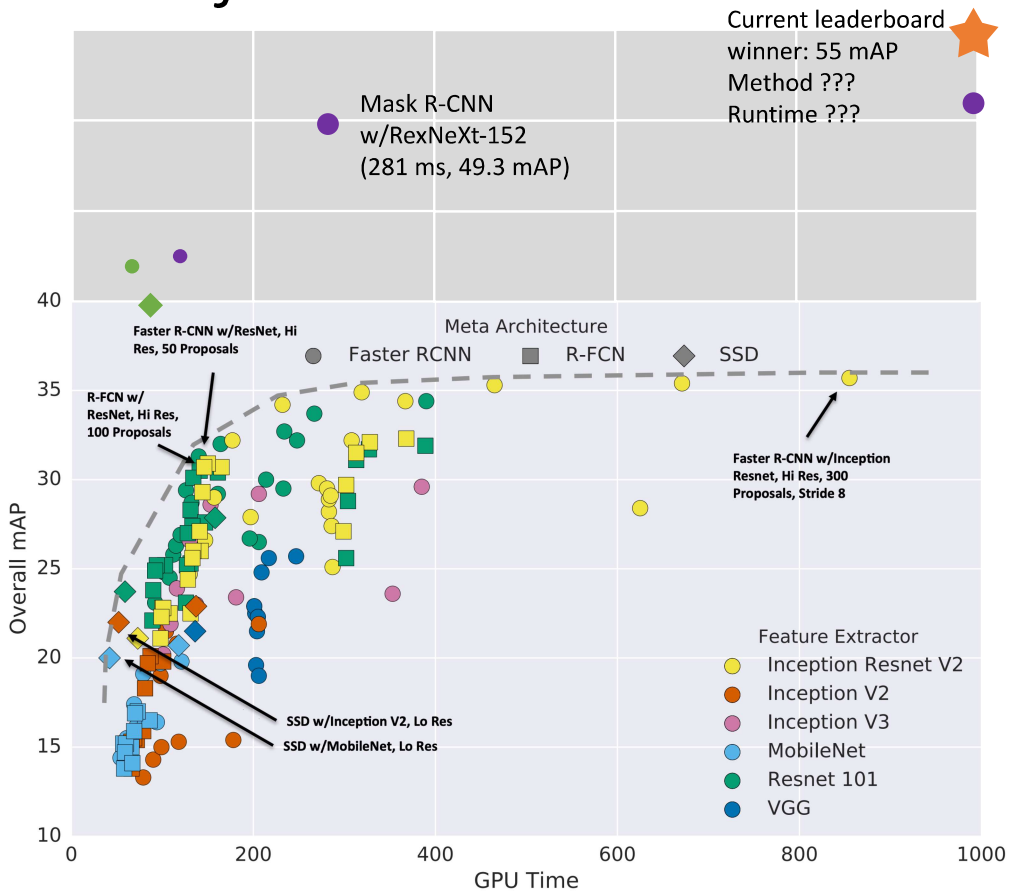

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https://competitions.codalab.org/competitions/20794#results

Object Detection: Open-Source Code

Object detection is hard! Don't implement it yourself
(Unless you are working on A5…)

TensorFlow Detection API:
https://github.com/tensorflow/models/tree/master/research/object_detection
Faster R-CNN, SSD, RFCN, Mask R-CNN

Detectron2 (PyTorch):
https://github.com/facebookresearch/detectron2
Fast / Faster / Mask R-CNN, RetinaNet

Summary

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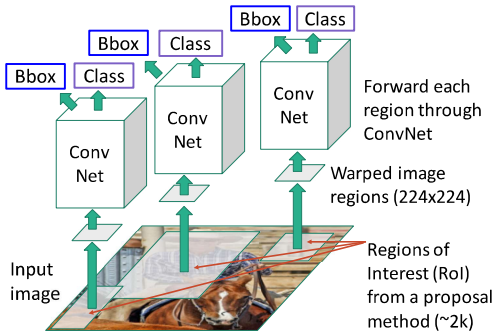

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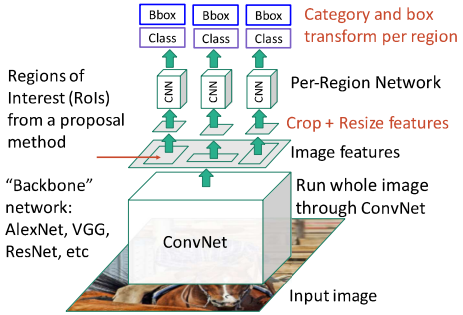

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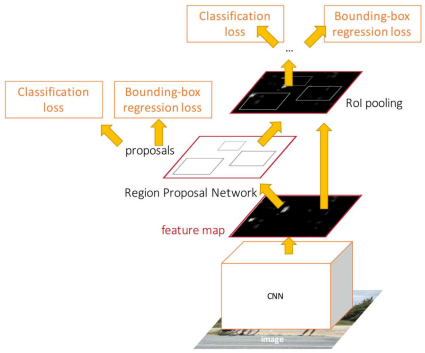
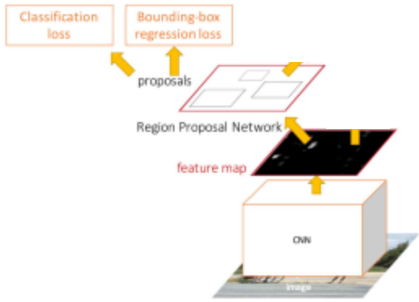


Single-Stage: Fully convolutional detector



Next Time:
More localization methods:
Segmentation, Keypoint Estimation