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Deep Learning for Computer Vision

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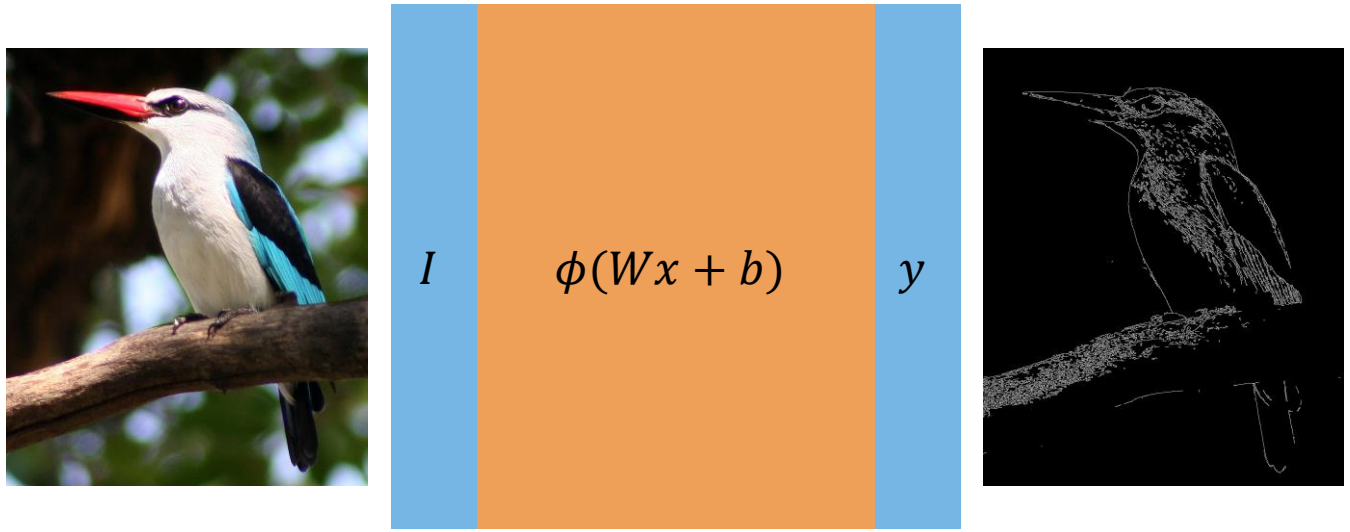
Limits of FC layers

Let's assume that we wish to rely on a FC layer to process an image, e.g. detect some kind of local features (e.g. edges, corners, ..)



$(3 \times H \times W) \times 1$ $(H \times W) \times 1$

$H = W = 224 \rightarrow \quad N = (3 \times H \times W) \times (H \times W) \approx 7.5 \times 10^9$

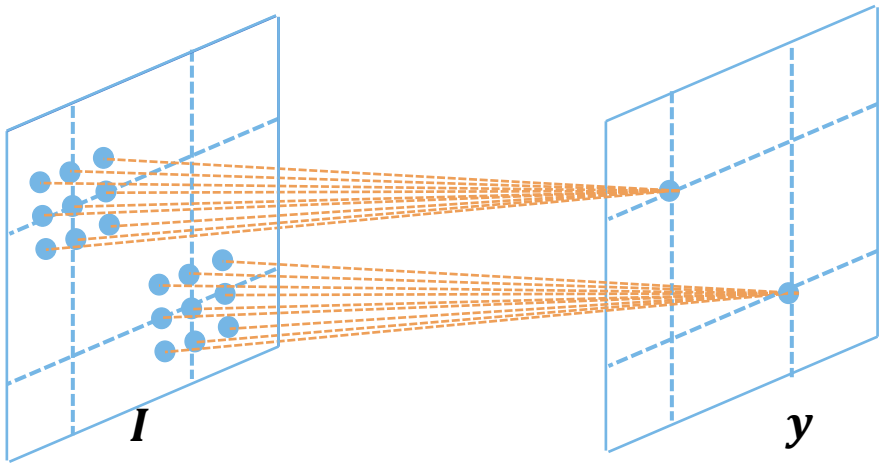
2 *Flops* (*Multiply&Add*) per param ≈ 15 $Giga\ Flops$

$H = W = 1024 \rightarrow N \quad \approx 3.2 \times 10^{12} \rightarrow \approx$ *3.2/6.4* ***Tera*** *Params/Flops*

FC layers require too many parameters (*N*) and *Flops* to process images (unless images are very small).

Convolution to the rescue

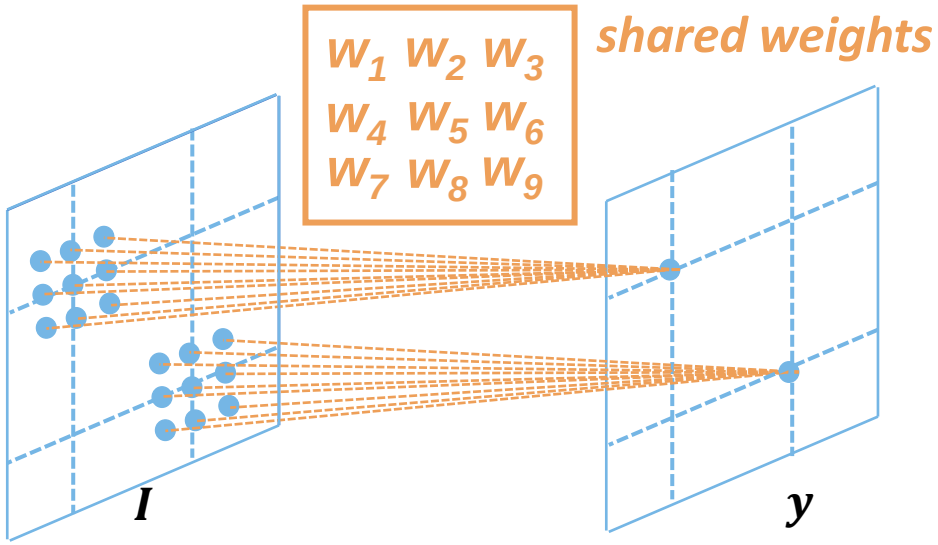
In image processing and classical computer vision we rely on convolution (correlation) to detect local features - as well as larger patterns- in images based on hand-crafted filters (kernels) Similarly, in deep learning we deploy **convolutional layers** to detect features and patters based on **filters learned by minimizing a loss function**.

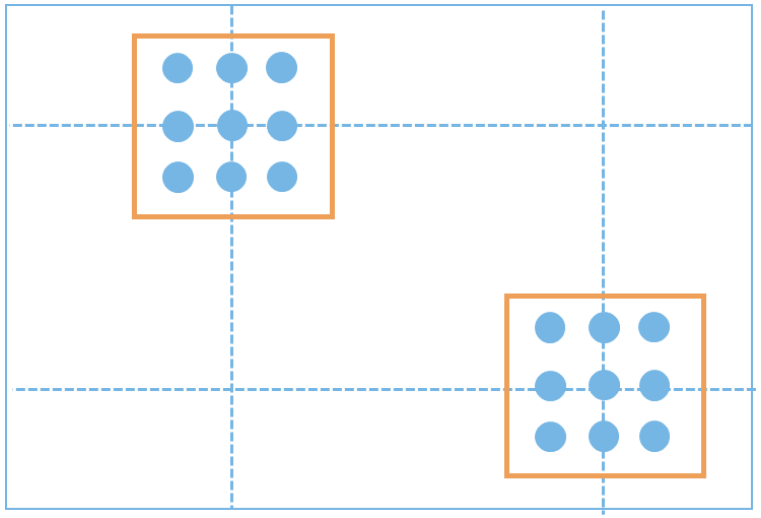


- In a **conv layer** the input and output are not flattened, i.e. they **preserve the spatial (2D) structure of images**.
- Unlike FC layers, in a conv layer each output unit is connected only to a –small- set of neighbouring input units. This realizes a so called **local receptive field**.
- Unlike FC layers, the weights associated with the connections between an output unit and its input neighbours are the same for all output units. Thus, **weights are** said to be **shared**.

- Conv layers embody **inductive biases** dealing with the structure of images: pixels exhibit **informative local patterns** that **may appear everywhere across the image**.

What a *conv* layer does actually compute ?





$$K = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 & w_2 & w_3 \\ w_4 & w_5 & w_6 \\ w_7 & w_8 & w_9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y(i,j) = K * I(i,j) = \sum_m \sum_l K(m,l) I(i+m, j+l)$$

➡ **Convolution (*Correlation*) !**

$$N = (3 \times 3)$$

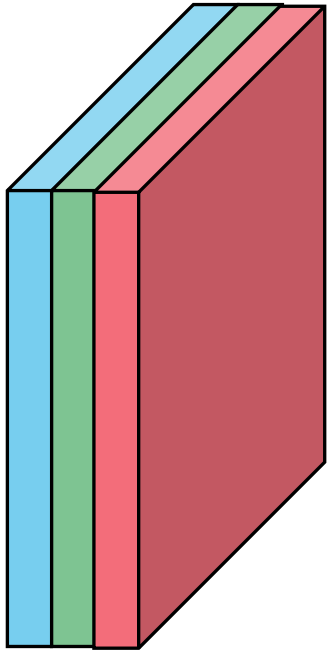
In a conv layer the number of parameters is small and independent of image size:

$$N = (H_k \times W_k)$$

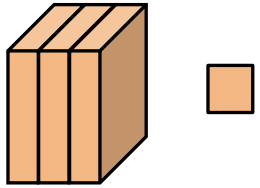
$$Flops = 2 \times (H_k \times W_k) \times (H \times W)$$

$$e.g,\ H = W = 1024,\ N = (3 \times 3) \quad \rightarrow \ 9\ Params, \approx 18MFlops$$

Multiple input channels



Filter or kernel



5×5

$$[K * I](i,j) = \sum_m \sum_l K\ (m,l) I\ (i+m, j+l)$$

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RGB images have 3 channels, so convolution kernels must be 3-dimensional tensors of size $3 \times H_K \times W_K$

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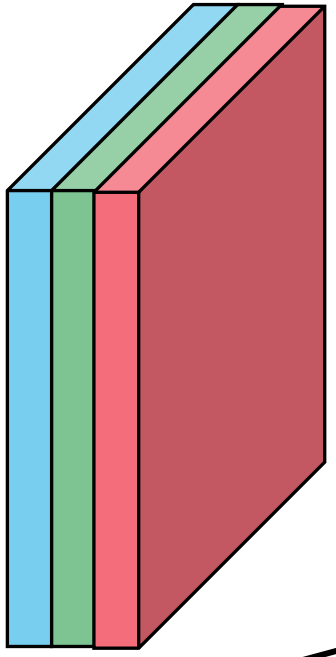

e.g. $\mathbf{3} \times 32 \times 32$

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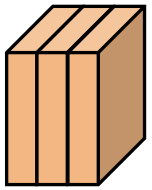

e.g. $\mathbf{3} \times 5 \times 5$

2D convolution between **vector-valued functions**.

As usual, we actually compute an affine function, so we also have a ***bias term***

$$[K * I](i,j) = \sum_{n=1}^{3} \sum_{m} \sum_{l} K_{\boldsymbol{n}}(m,l) I_{\boldsymbol{n}}(i+m, j+l)$$

We get one number at each position (i,j) of the input image

n indexes through the channels of both the image and the filter.

The number of channels (**depth**) of both the input image and the filter must always be the same. Therefore, when specifying the filter, one may omit its depth as it is implicitly defined by that of the input image. For example, a 5×5 filter applied to an RGB image will actually be a $3 \times 5 \times 5$ tensor and will have 76 parameters (75 weights + 1 bias).

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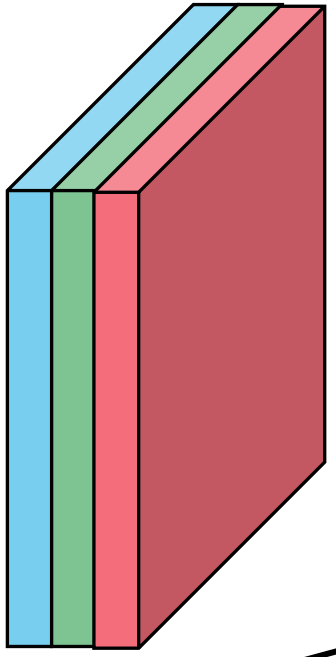

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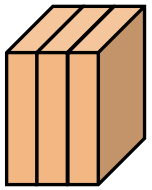

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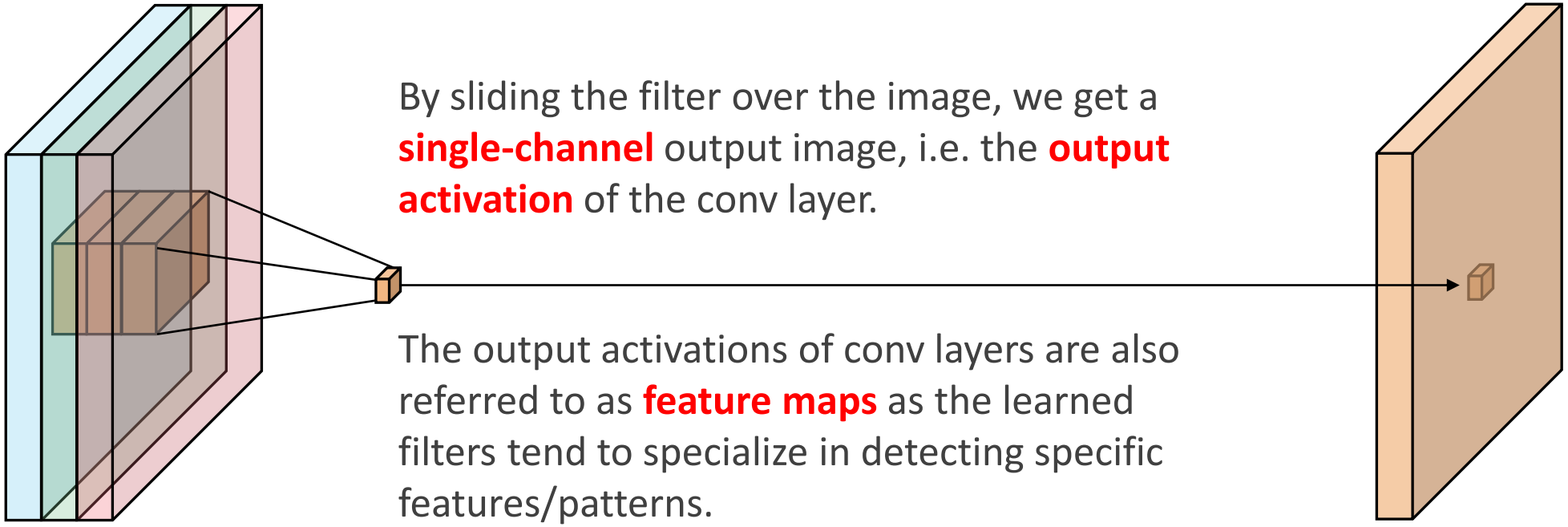
Output Activations – Feature Maps

$$[K * I](i,j) = \sum_{n=1}^{3} \sum_{m} \sum_{l} K_n(m,l) I_n(i+m, j+l) + b$$



Filter or kernel
e.g. $\mathbf{3 \times 5 \times 5}$

By sliding the filter over the image, we get a **single-channel** output image, i.e. the **output activation** of the conv layer.

The output activations of conv layers are also referred to as **feature maps** as the learned filters tend to specialize in detecting specific features/patterns.

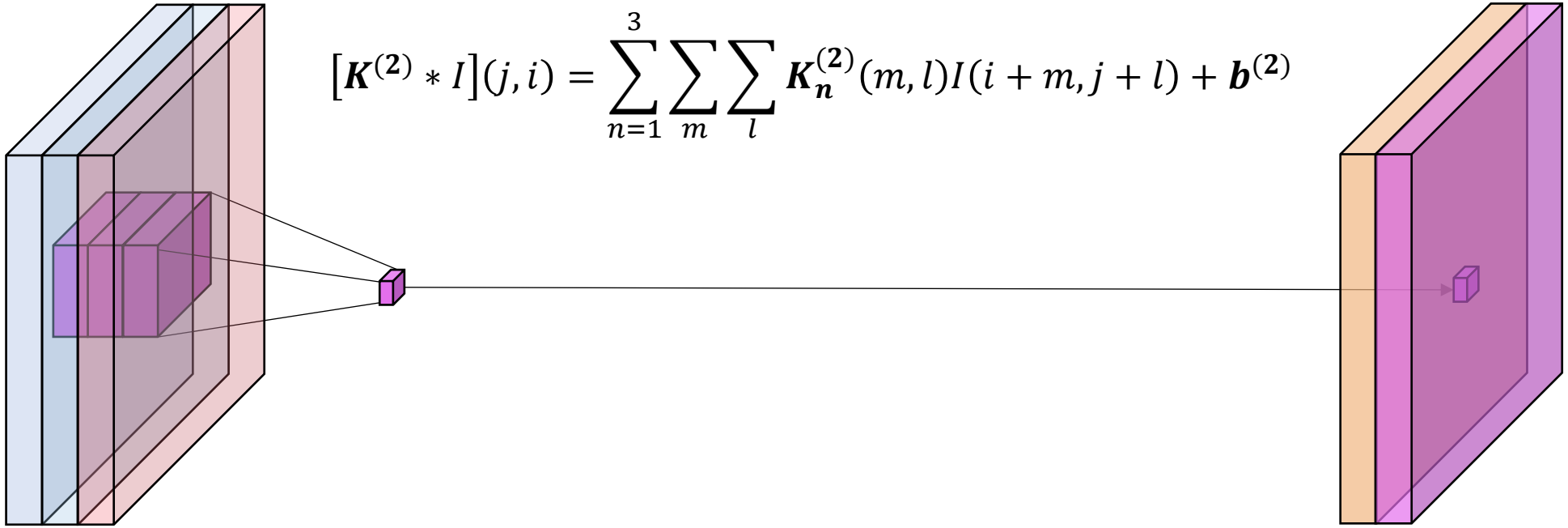
Input image
e.g. $\mathbf{3 \times 32 \times 32}$

Output activation
e.g. $\mathbf{1} \times \mathbf{28 \times 28}$

Multiple Output Channels (1)

It may be useful to obtain a multi-channel activation by applying different filters with the same size and different weights within the same conv layer. For example, we may deploy two filters such that the conv layer would have the ability to detect two kinds of fatures, e.g. horizontal and vertical edges.

$$\left[\boldsymbol{K}^{(2)} * I\right](j,i) = \sum_{n=1}^{3} \sum_{m} \sum_{l} \boldsymbol{K}_{\boldsymbol{n}}^{(2)}(m,l) I(i+m, j+l) + \boldsymbol{b}^{(2)}$$



Second Filter
e.g. $\mathbf{3} \times \mathbf{5} \times \mathbf{5}$

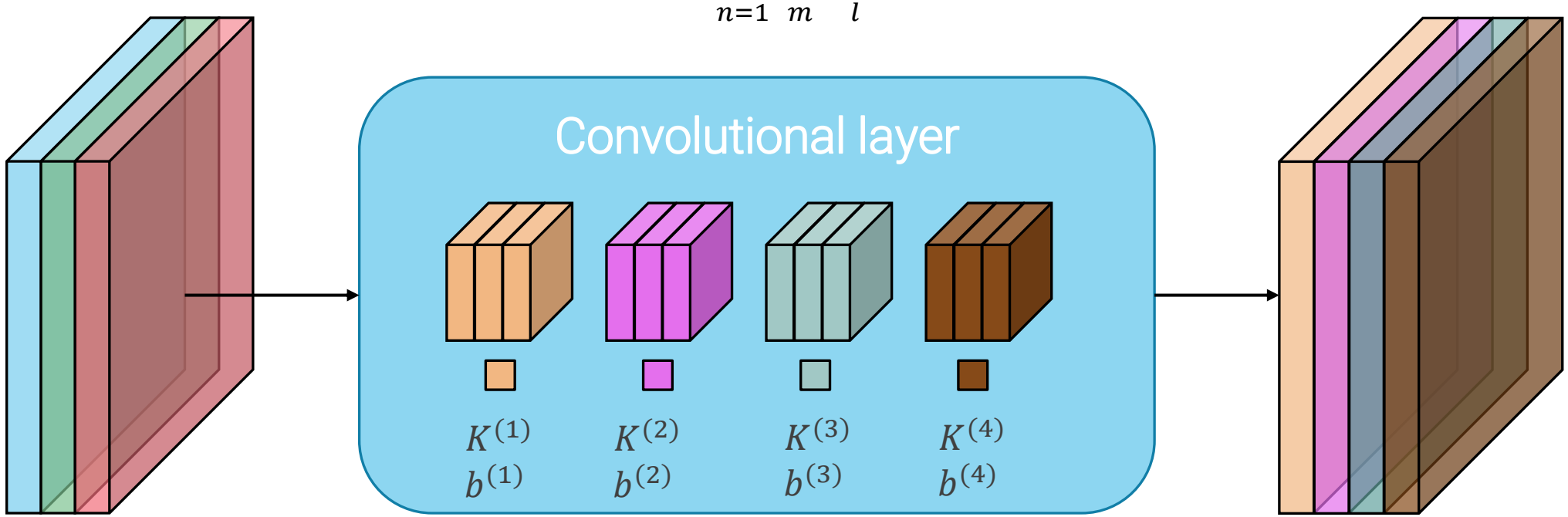
Input image
e.g. $\mathbf{3} \times \mathbf{32} \times \mathbf{32}$

Output activation
e.g. $\mathbf{2} \times \mathbf{28} \times \mathbf{28}$

Multiple Output Channels (2)

If we want an even more powerful conv layer we may apply, e.g. , four filters. The whole operation realized by the layer can be expressed as:

$$[K * I]_{\boldsymbol{k}}(j,i) = \sum_{n=1}^{3} \sum_{m} \sum_{l} \boldsymbol{K}_{\boldsymbol{n}}^{(\boldsymbol{k})}(m,l) I(i+m, j+l) + b^{(\boldsymbol{k})} \qquad \boldsymbol{k} = \mathbf{1}, \ldots, \mathbf{4}$$



Input image
e.g. $\mathbf{3} \times \mathbf{32} \times \mathbf{32}$

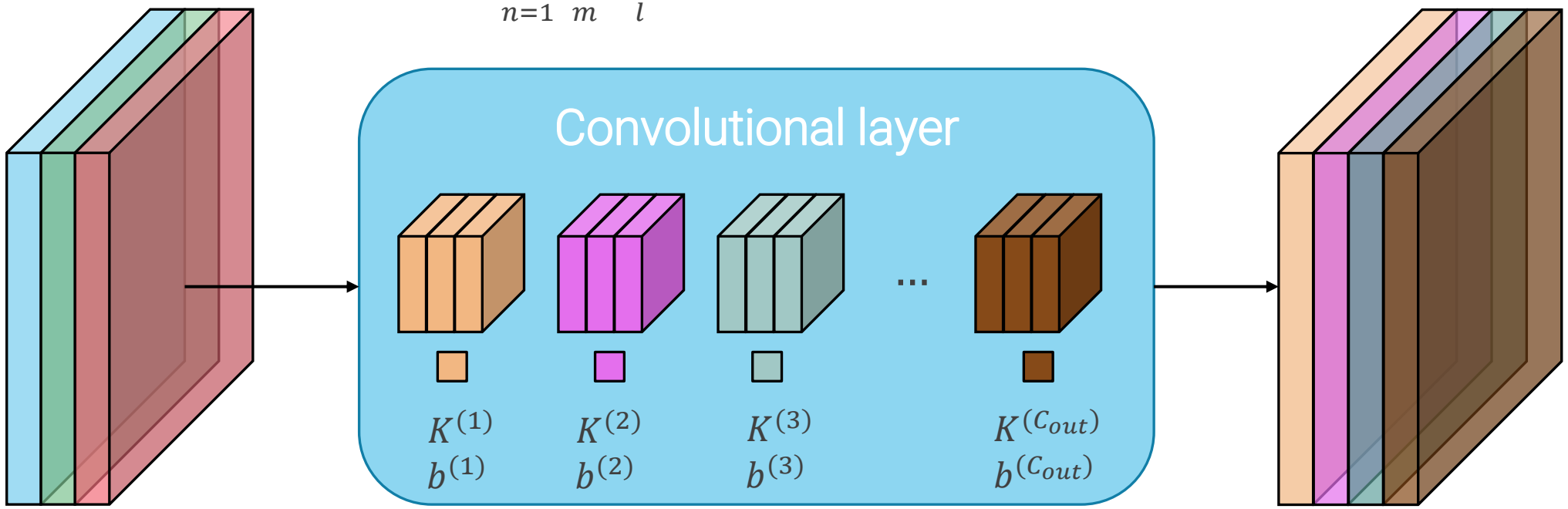
Filters
e.g. $\mathbf{4} \times \mathbf{3} \times \mathbf{5} \times \mathbf{5}$

Output activation
e.g. $\mathbf{4} \times \mathbf{28} \times \mathbf{28}$

General structure of a convolutional layer

A conv layer receives a multi-channel (C_{in}) input activation and produces a multi-channel (C_{out}) output activation by applying as many filters as the output channels, with the depth of the filters given by the number of input channels.

$$[K * I]_k(j,i) = \sum_{n=1}^{C_{in}} \sum_{m} \sum_{l} K_n^{(k)}(m,l) I_n(i+m, j+l) + b^{(k)} \qquad k = 1, \dots, C_{out}$$



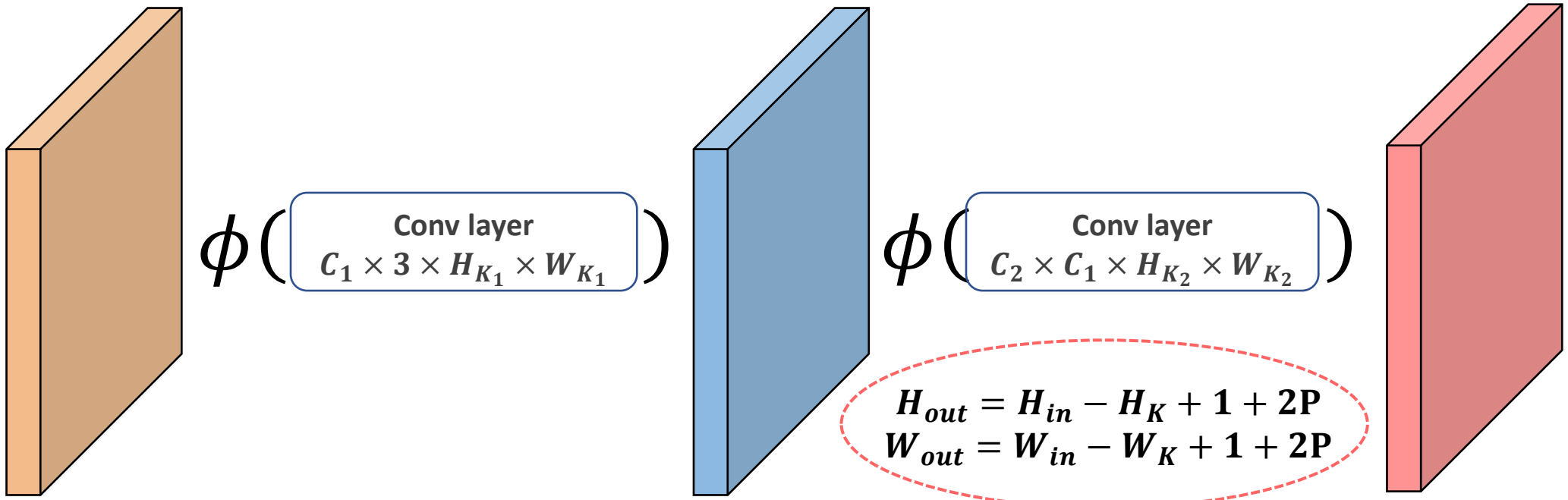
Input activation
$C_{in} \times H_{in} \times W_{in}$

Filters
$C_{out} \times C_{in} \times H_K \times W_K$

Output activation
$C_{out} \times H_{out} \times W_{out}$

Chaining convolutional layers

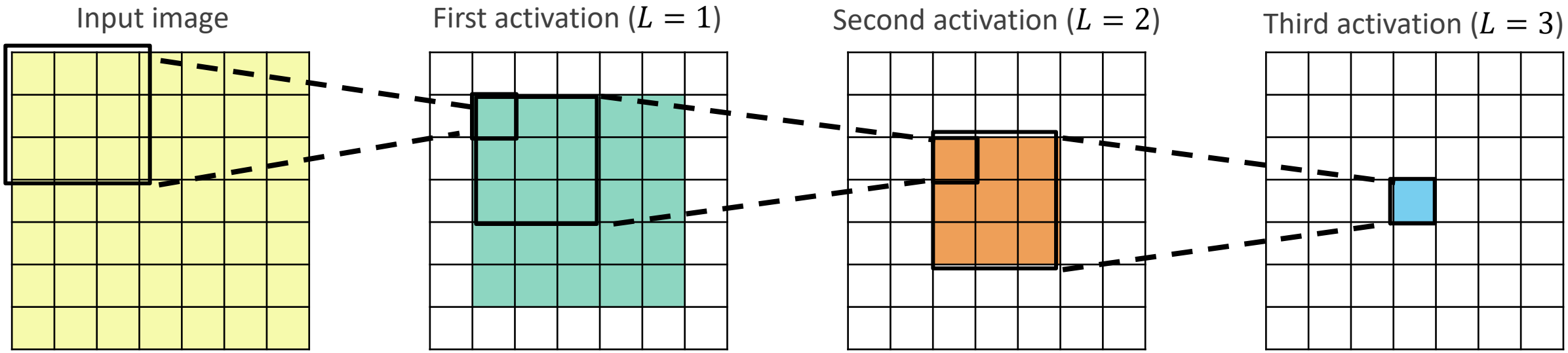
A convolutional layer is a special form of linear layer (indeed it can be expressed as a matrix multiplication). Thus, to take advantage of depth by chaining multiple layers we need to introduce non-linear activations (typically ***ReLU***). Moreover, to avoid shrinking the activations along the chain we may ***(zero)pad*** the input to each layer.



Receptive Field

As already pointed out while studying classical computer vision algorithms, the set of **input pixels** affecting the value of a hidden unit is referred to as the **receptive field** of the unit. As we traverse a chain of conv layers the receptive field gets larger and larger, so as to compute features dealing with larger and larger image regions (from *local* to *global* features).

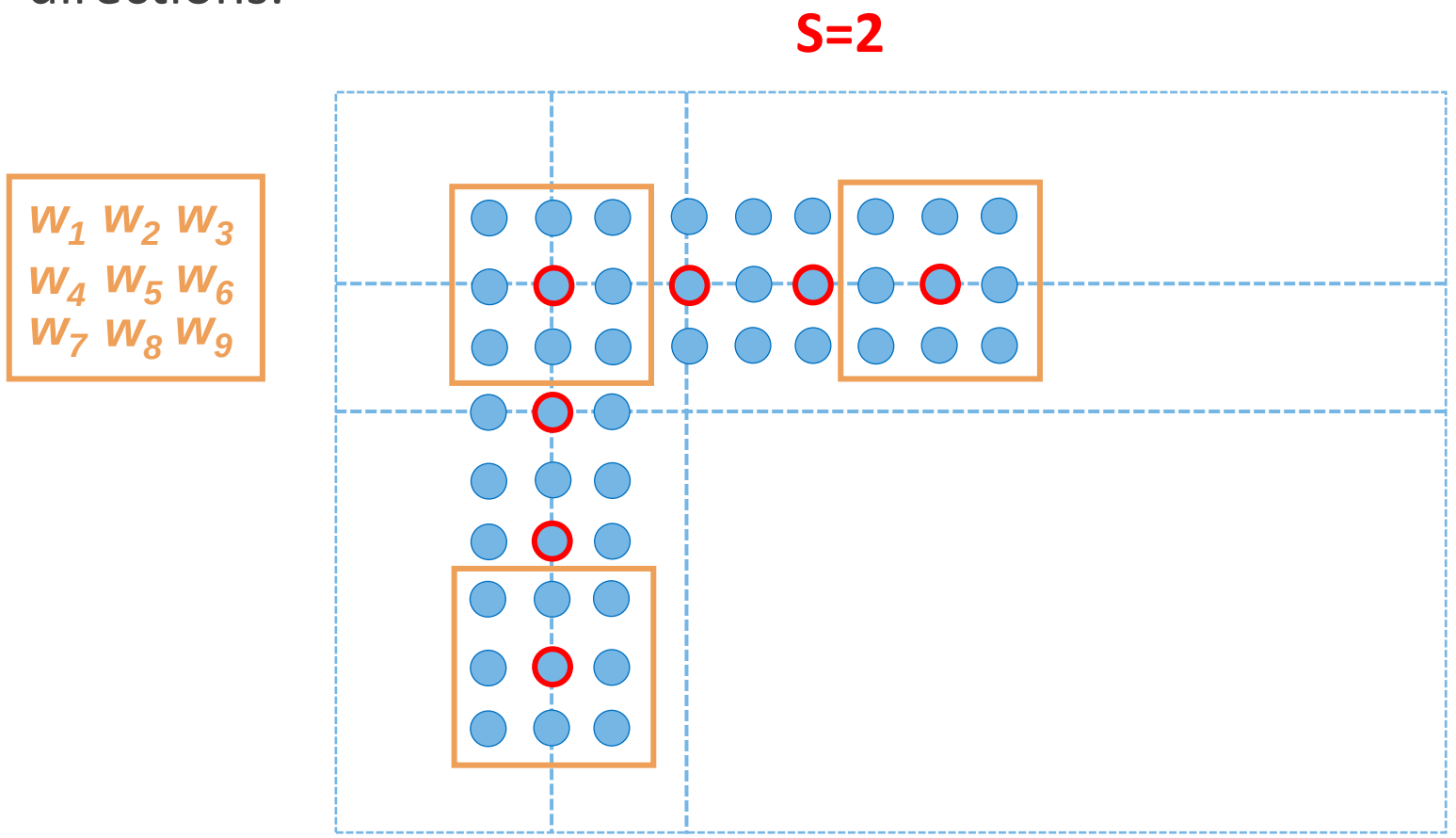
E.g., if the kernel size is $H_K \times W_K$, the size of the receptive field at the L-th activation is $[1 + L(H_K - 1)] \times [1 + L(W_K - 1)]$



Thus, both the height and width of the receptive field grow linearly with the number of layers. To obtain larger receptive fields with a limited number of layers we down-sample the activations.

Strided Convolution

Rather then densely, convolution may be computed every S (stride) positions in both directions.



If the input activation is zero-padded according to the size of the filter so to avoid shrinking the output, the actual size of the down-sampled activation computed by a strided convolution is given by:

$$H_{out} = \left\lfloor \frac{H_{in}-1}{S} \right\rfloor + 1$$

$$W_{out} = \left\lfloor \frac{W_{out}-1}{S} \right\rfloor + 1$$

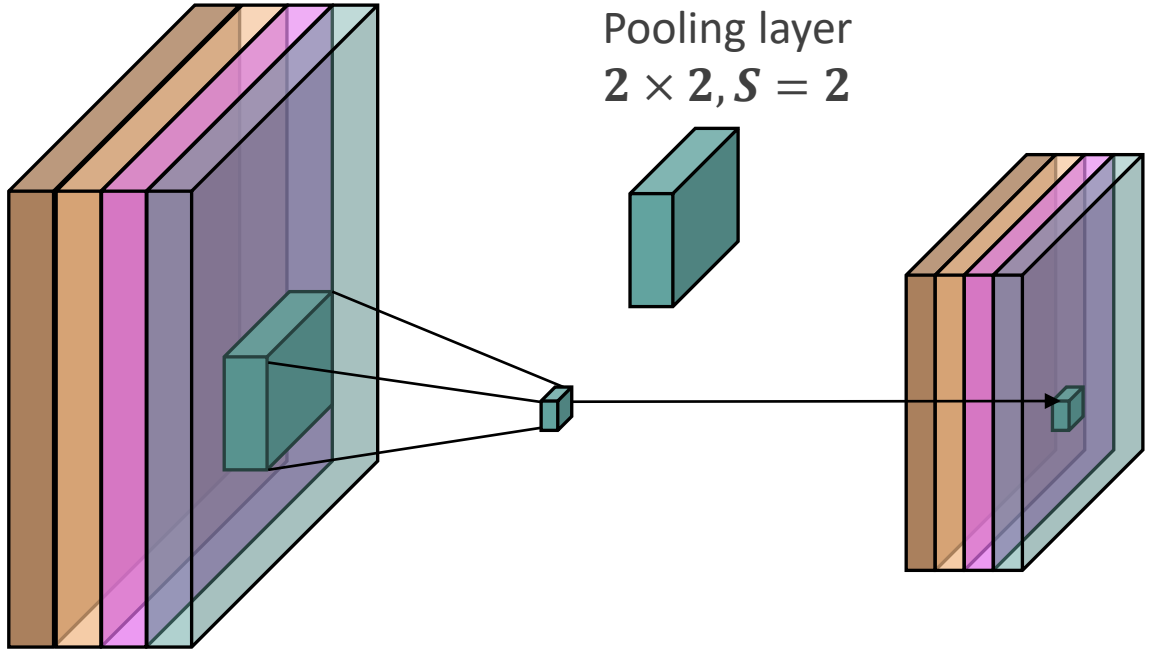
In general, with a kernel H_kx W_k, padding P and stride S:

$$H_{out} = \left\lfloor \frac{H_{in}-H_k+2P}{S} \right\rfloor + 1$$

$$W_{out} = \left\lfloor \frac{W_{in}-W_k+2P}{S} \right\rfloor + 1$$

Pooling Layers

Aggregate neighbouring values into a single output by a specific hand-crafted function. The pooling kernel is applied channel-wise and with a stride (**s>1**) to get a down-sampled output.



Hyper-parameters

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Pooling function: $\max$, avg, …

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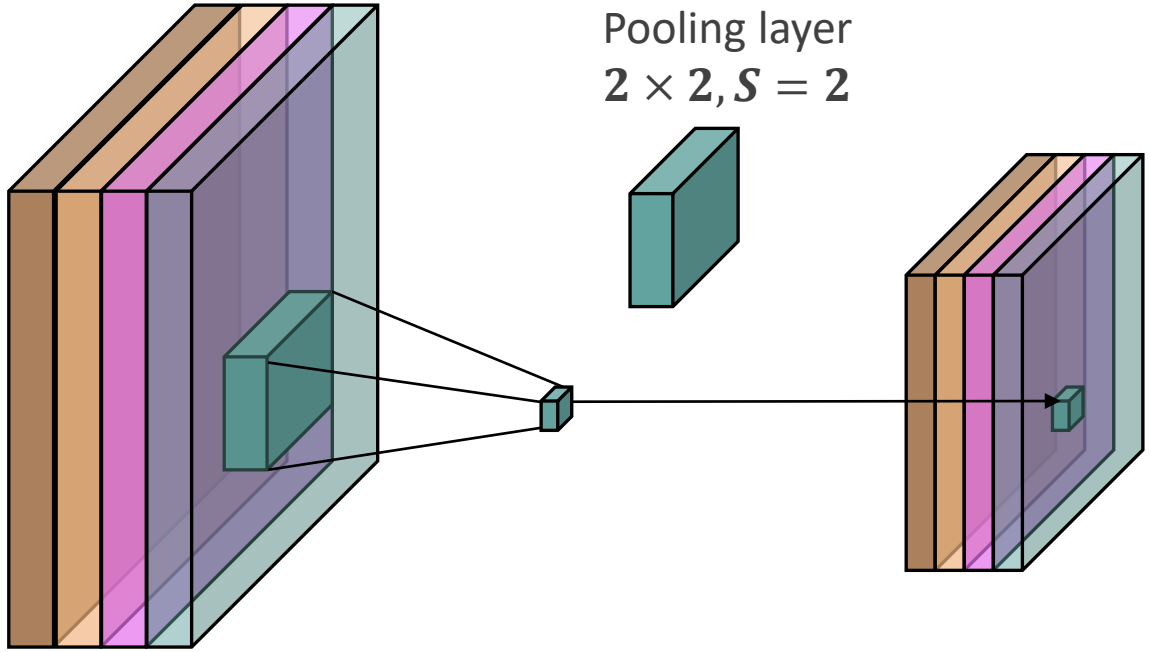

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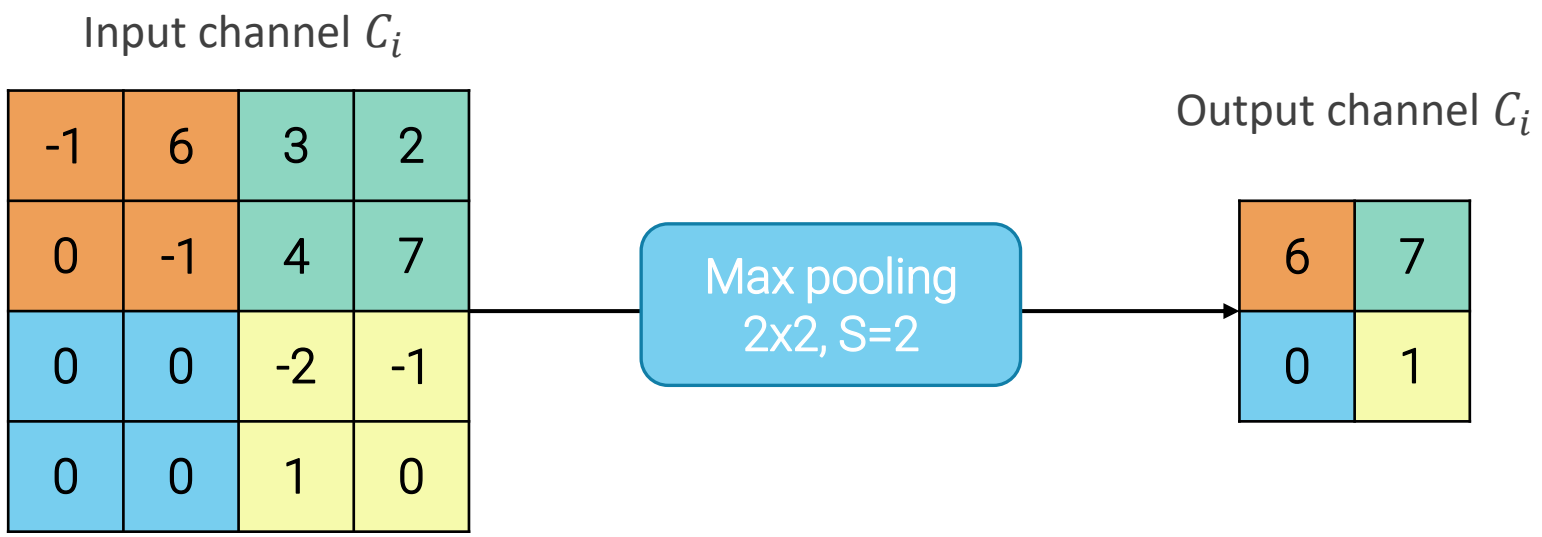
Most common choice:

$2 \times 2,\ S = 2,\ \max$ (Max Pooling)

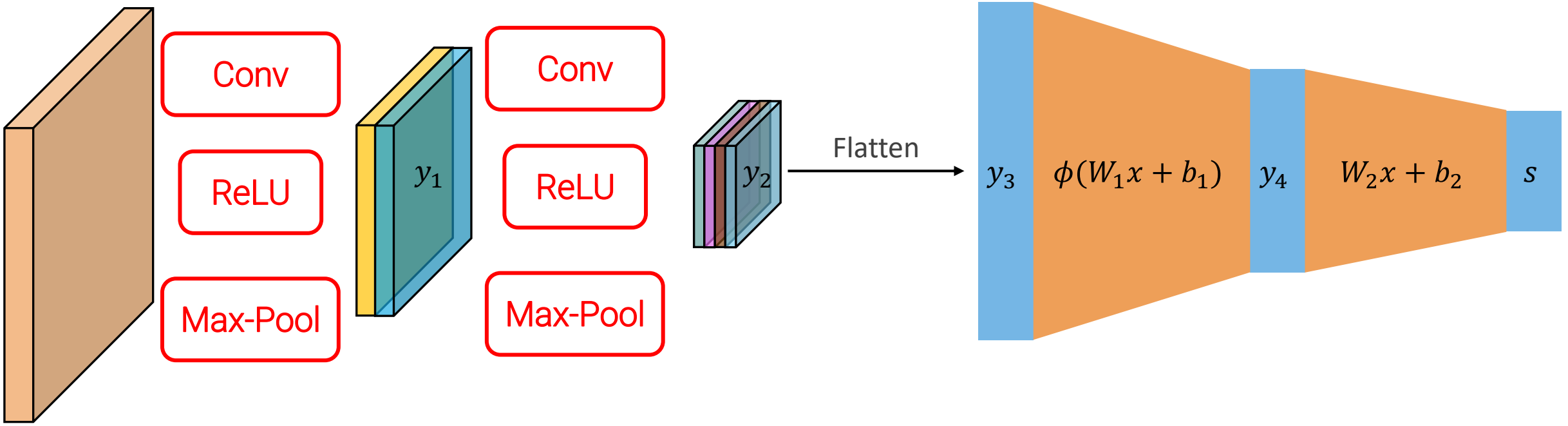
Max Pooling



Compared to strided convolutions, max pooling

- has no learnable parameters (pros and cons)
- provides **invariance** to small spatial shifts.

Convolutional Neural Netwoks (CNNs – convnets)

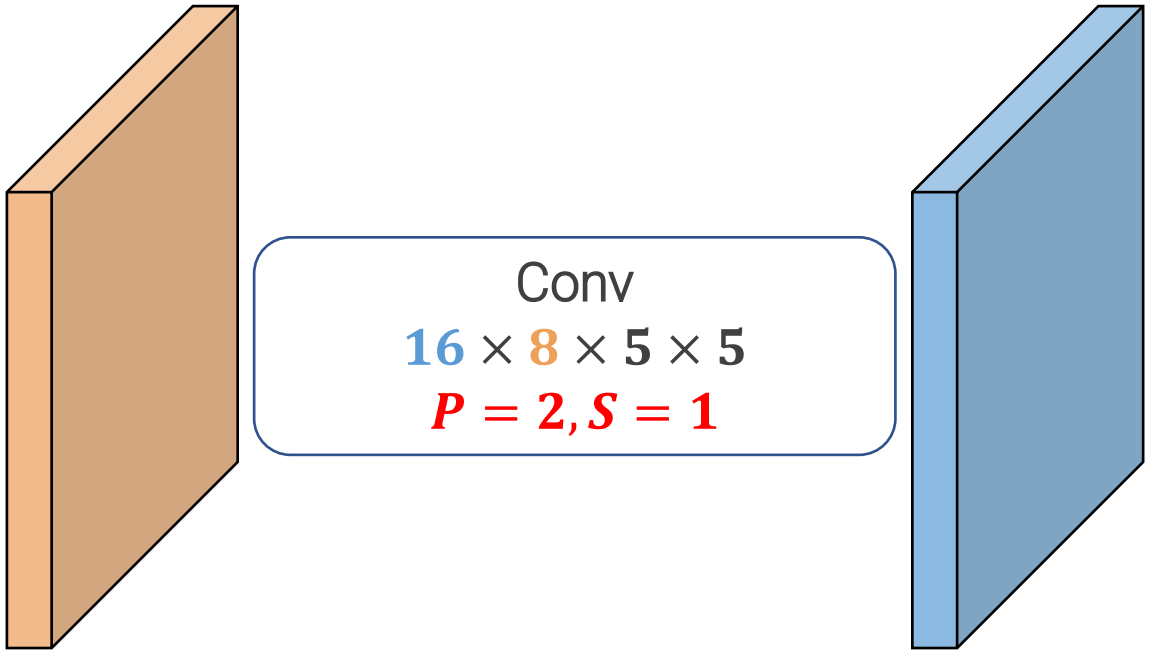


N **Conv+ReLU+Pooling** layers followed by M fully connected layers

This portion of the network is also called **feature extractor.**

The final fully connected layer is also called the **classifier.**

Number of parameters (*N*) and *Flops* (1)



Input activation
$8 \times 32 \times 32$

Output activation
$16 \times 32 \times 32$

- The number of learnable parameters, *N*, for the Conv layer is

$$16 \times (8 \times 5 \times 5 + 1) = 16 \times 201 = 3,216$$

- Hence, there are

$$16 \times 32 \times 32 = 16,384$$

values in the output activation.

- To compute each output value we need to compute a MAC (Multiply And Accumulate) per each parameter, which amounts to *2N* Flops (or *N* MACs). In our example, the total number of Flops is therefore:

$$16,384 \times 8 \times 5 \times 5 \times 2 \cong 6.5\text{M} \text{ flops}$$

Number of parameters (*N*) and *Flops* (2)

$$N = C_{out} \times (C_{in} \times H_K \times W_K + 1)$$

Output Channels

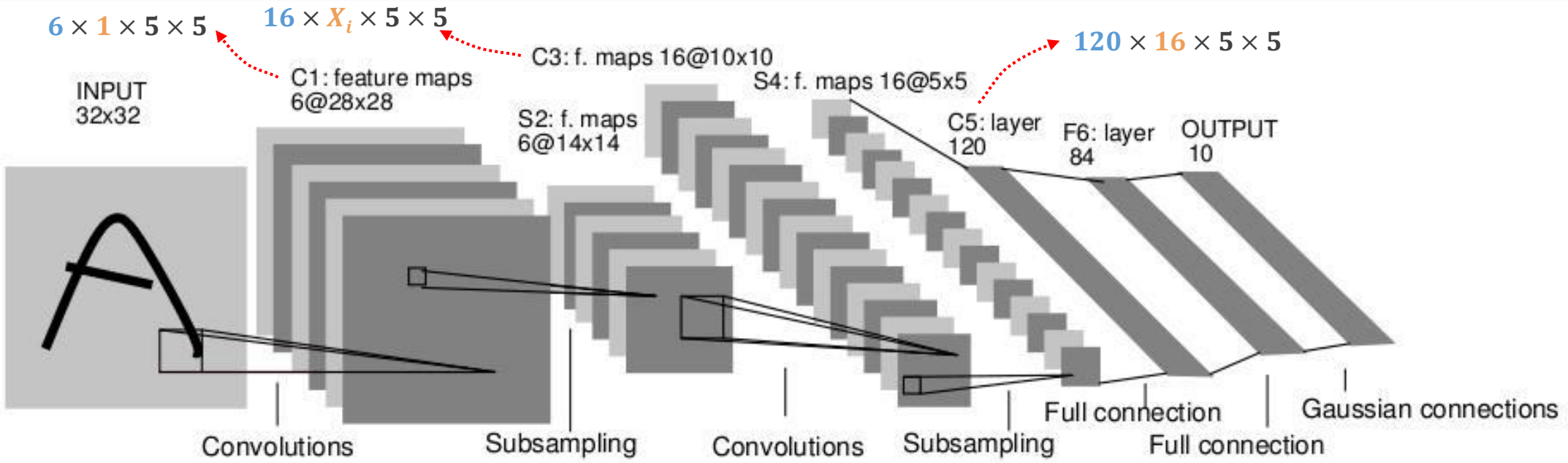
Input Channels

Kernel Size

$$\text{Flops} = 2 \times (C_{out} \times H \times W) \times (C_{in} \times H_K \times W_K)$$

Activation Size

LeNet-5



- Proposed to classify handwritten digits (MNIST dataset) and used in the US to read checks automatically.
- Alongside the layers, the spatial dimensions decrease and the number of channels increases. Normalization of inputs (zero mean and unit variance) to accelerate learning.
- 5x5 convolutional kernels, no padding, average pooling (with trainable scale and bias), tanh non-linearities.
- Sparse connection matrix in C3 (convs take input from a subset of input channels, as detailed in Tab. 1 of the paper).
- Two fully connected layers: F6, OUTPUT (10 RBF units: each unit compute the distance between its input vector and the corresponding parameter vector).

Lecun, Y.; Bottou, L.; Bengio, Y.; Haffner, P. "Gradient-based learning applied to document recognition", Proceedings of the IEEE. 1998.

AlexNet (1)

- **Won the ILSVRC 2012 bringing the Top-5 error from 25.8 to 16.4.**
- About 60M parameters, trained for 5-6 days on 2 GPUs.
- At training time, random-cropping of 224x224 patches (and their horizontal reflections) from the 256x256 RGB input images and *colour jittering* (**massive data augmentation**).
- At test time, averaging predictions (i.e. *softmax*) across 10 patches (central + 4 corner alongside their horizontal reflections).
- 8 layers with weights (5 Conv + 3 FC): most of the parameters are in the FC layers.
- All layers (Conv and FC) deploy ReLU non-linearities which yield faster training compared to saturating non-linearities (see Fig. 1 in the paper).
- First Conv layer has a stride of 4 (S=4): **stem layer** performing heavy reduction of the spatial size of activations, mainly to reduce memory and computation cost. In all other Conv layers S=1.
- Last FC layer has 1000 units (as many as the ILSVRC classes), the penultimate FC layer is the feature/representation layer and has a cardinality of 4096.

Layer	#Filters/ #Units	Filter Size	S	P	Activation Size
conv1	96	11x11	4	2	55x55
Pool1	1	3x3	2	0	27x27
conv2	256	5x5	1	2	27x27
pool2	1	3x3	2	0	13x13
conv3	384	3x3	1	1	13x13
conv4	384	3x3	1	1	13x13
conv5	256	3x3	1	1	13x13
pool3	1	3x3	2	0	6x6
flatten	0	0	0	0	1x1
fc6	4096	-	-	-	1x1
fc7	4096	-	-	-	1x1
fc8	1000	-	-	-	1x1

Alex Krizhevsky, Ilya Sutskever, Geoffrey E. Hinton, "ImageNet Classification with Deep Convolutional Neural Networks", NeurIPS 2012

AlexNet (2)

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flatten	0	0	0	0	1x1
fc6	4096	-	-	-	1x1
fc7	4096	-	-	-	1x1
fc8	1000	-	-	-	1x1

Totals: #params ≅ 61M, GFlops ≅ 2.3

overlapping (max) pooling

$96 \times 3 \times 11 \times 11 \rightarrow$ **#params ≅ 35K, MFlops ≅ 211**

$256 \times 96 \times 5 \times 5 \rightarrow$ **#params ≅ 615K, MFlops ≅ 896**

$384 \times 256 \times 3 \times 3 \rightarrow$ **#params ≅ 885K, MFlops ≅ 299**

$384 \times 384 \times 3 \times 3 \rightarrow$ **#params ≅ 1.2M, MFlops ≅ 448**

$256 \times 384 \times 3 \times 3 \rightarrow$ **#params ≅ 885K, MFlops ≅ 299**

$4096 \times (6 \times 6 \times 256) \rightarrow$ **#params ≅ 37.5M, MFlops ≅ 75**

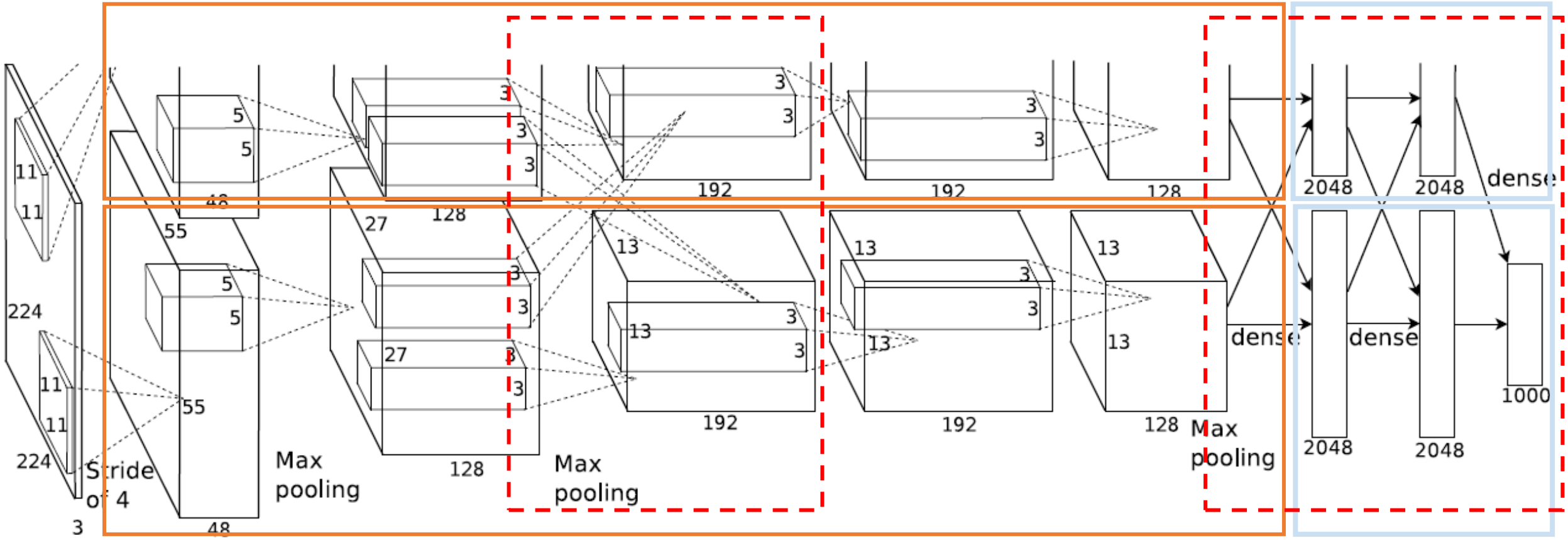
$4096 \times (4096) \rightarrow$ **#params ≅ 16.7M, MFlops ≅ 33**

$1000 \times (4096) \rightarrow$ **#params ≅ 4M, MFlops ≅ 8**

- **L**ocal **R**esponse **N**ormalization (after conv1 and conv2): activations are normalized by the sum of those at the same spatial position in a few (*n=5*) *adjacent* channels (mimics *lateral inhibition* in real neurons).
- **Dropout** (fc6,fc7): at training time the output of each unit is set to zero with probability 0.5. This forces units to learn more robust features since none of them can rely on the presence of particular other ones (***Regularization***)

AlexNet (3)

In the original implementation the computational load was split between two GPUs



The red boxes with dashed lines highlight layers that take input from both GPUs

AlexNet – Training Recipe

Hyperparameter	Values
Optimizer	SGD with B=128
Epochs	90
Learning Rate	0.01, divided 3 times by 10 when the validation error stopped to improve
Weight Decay	0.0005
Momentum	0.9
Data Augmentation	Colour Jittering, Random Crop, Horizontal Flip
Initialization	Weights $\sim N(0, 0.01)$, Biases: 1 (conv2,conv4,conv5, fc6,fc7,fc8) or 0 (conv1,conv3)
Normalization	Centering (subtraction of the mean RGB colour in the training set)

VGG

- **Second place in ILSVRC 2014 (Top-5 error: 7.5 %)**
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VGG-16	VGG-19
conv3-64	conv3-64
conv3-64	conv3-64
maxpool	maxpool
conv3-128	conv3-128
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maxpool	maxpool
conv3-256	conv3-256
conv3-256	conv3-256
conv3-256	conv3-256
	conv3-256
maxpool	maxpool
conv3-512	conv3-512
conv3-512	conv3-512
conv3-512	conv3-512
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maxpool	maxpool
conv3-512	conv3-512
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maxpool	maxpool
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    - For example, a single $C \times C \times 5 \times 5$ conv layer:
      #params= $C \times (C \times 5 \times 5 + 1) = 25 \times C^2 + C$
      #Flops=$(C \times W \times H) \times C \times 5 \times 5 \times 2 = 50 \times C^2 \times W \times H$
      #activations= $C \times W \times H$
    - while a stage consisting of **2** staked $C \times C \times 3 \times 3$ conv layers (same receptive field):
      #params= $2 \times C \times (C \times 3 \times 3 + 1) = 18 \times C^2 + 2C$
      #Flops= $2 \times (C \times W \times H) \times C \times 3 \times 3 \times 2 = 36 \times C^2 \times W \times H$
      #activations= $2 \times C \times W \times H$

VGG-16	VGG-19
conv3-64	conv3-64
conv3-64	conv3-64
maxpool	maxpool
conv3-128	conv3-128
conv3-128	conv3-128
maxpool	maxpool
conv3-256	conv3-256
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	conv3-256
maxpool	maxpool
conv3-512	conv3-512
conv3-512	conv3-512
conv3-512	conv3-512
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maxpool	maxpool
conv3-512	conv3-512
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VGG-16

	Layer	#Filters/ #Units	Filter Size	S	P	Activation Size
S1	Conv1	64	3x3	1	1	224x224
S1	Conv2	64	3x3	1	1	224x224
	Pool1	1	2x2	2	0	112x112
S2	Conv3	128	3x3	1	1	112x112
S2	Conv4	128	3x3	1	1	112x112
	Pool2	1	2x2	2	0	56x56
S3	Conv5	256	3x3	1	1	56x56
S3	Conv6	256	3x3	1	1	56x56
S3	Conv7	256	3x3	1	1	56x56
	Pool3	1	2x2	2	0	28x28
S4	Conv8	512	3x3	1	1	28x28
S4	Conv9	512	3x3	1	1	28x28
S4	Conv10	512	3x3	1	1	28x28
	Pool4	1	2x2	2	0	14x14
S5	Conv11	512	3x3	1	1	14x14
S5	Conv12	512	3x3	1	1	14x14
S5	Conv13	512	3x3	1	1	14x14
	Pool5	1	2x2	2	0	7x7
	Flatten	0	0	0	0	1x1
Dropout	Fc14	4096	-	-	-	1x1
Dropout	Fc15	4096	-	-	-	1x1
	fc16	1000	-	-	-	1x1

Totals: #params ≅ 138M, GFlops ≅ 39

$64 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \rightarrow$ **#params ≅ 1.8K, MFlops ≅ 173**

$64 \times 64 \times 3 \times 3 \rightarrow$ **#params ≅ 37K, GFlops ≅ 3.7**

$128 \times 64 \times 3 \times 3 \rightarrow$ **#params ≅ 74K, GFlops ≅ 1.85**

$128 \times 128 \times 3 \times 3 \rightarrow$ **#params ≅ 147.6K, GFlops ≅ 3.7**

$256 \times 128 \times 3 \times 3 \rightarrow$ **#params ≅ 295K, GFlops ≅ 1.85**

$2 \times 256 \times 256 \times 3 \times 3 \rightarrow$ **#params ≅ 1.19M, GFlops ≅ 7.4**

$512 \times 256 \times 3 \times 3 \rightarrow$ **#params ≅ 1.18M, GFlops ≅ 1.85**

$2 \times 512 \times 512 \times 3 \times 3 \rightarrow$ **#params ≅ 4.7M, GFlops ≅ 7.4**

$3 \times 512 \times 512 \times 3 \times 3 \rightarrow$ **#params ≅ 7M, GFlops ≅ 11.1**

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$4096 \times (7 \times 7 \times 512) \rightarrow$ **#params ≅ 102.7M, MFlops ≅ 205**

$4096 \times (4096) \rightarrow$ **#params ≅ 16.7M, MFlops ≅ 33**

$1000 \times (4096) \rightarrow$ **#params ≅ 4M, MFlops ≅ 8**

VGG – Training Recipe

Hyperparameter	Values
Optimizer, Learning Rate, Weight Decay, Normalization, Epochs	Same as AlexNet, but for B=256 and Epochs=74.
Initialization*	Deep nets are hard to train with randomly initialized weights due to instability of gradients. They train a VGG-11 with Weights $\sim N(0, 0.01)$, Biases=0. Then train VGG-16 and VGG-19 by initializing the first 4 conv layers and the last 3 fc layers with the pre-trained weights of the corresponding layers of VGG-11.
Data Augmentation	Same as AlexNet plus Scale Jittering (randomly rescale the input image to *SxS*, with *S* in [256, 512]

*** After the paper submission the authors found that they could train the deeper VGGs wihout pre-training by the so called Glorot (Xavier) initialization procedure:**

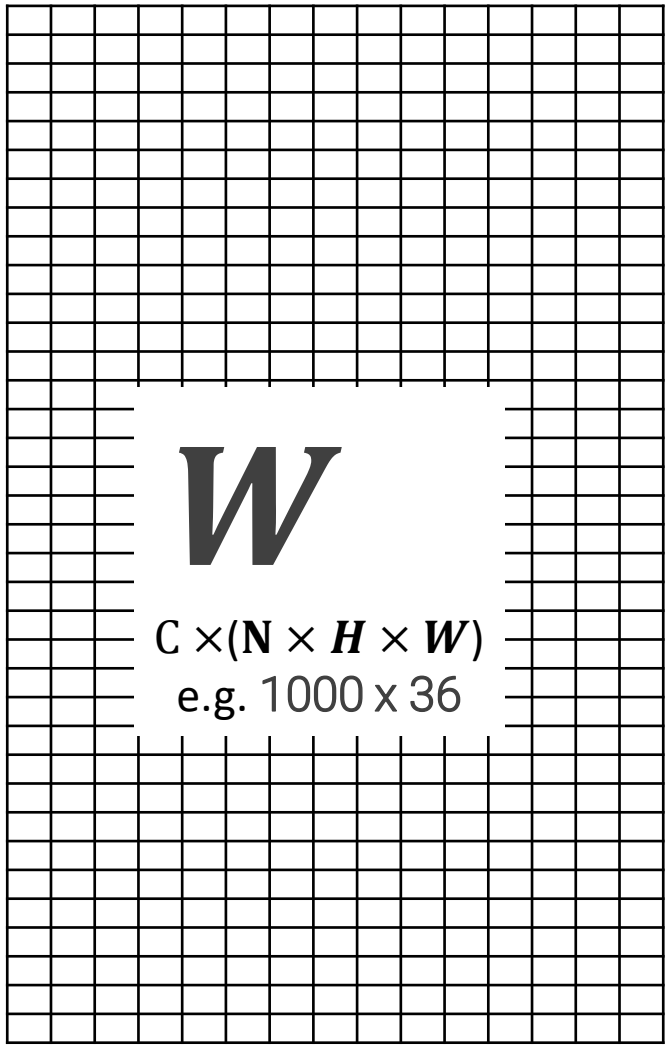
Glorot, X. and Bengio, Y. "Understanding the difficulty of training deep feedforward neural networks". In Proc. AISTATS, 2010.

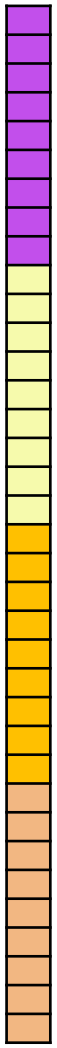
which was later extended by He to work better with ReLu (He initialization)

Kaiming He, Xiangyu Zhang, Shaoqing Ren, Jian Sun "Delving Deep into Rectifiers: Surpassing Human-Level Performance on ImageNet Classification", ICCV 2015

Weight Initialization Schemes - Xavier (Glorot) and He | Mustafa Murat ARAT (mmuratarat.github.io)

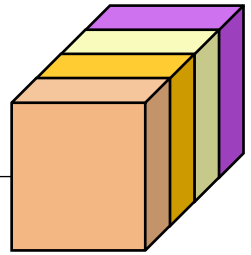
Global Average Pooling (GAP)





Flatten into
$(N \times H \times W) \times 1$ vector
(e.g. 36×1)

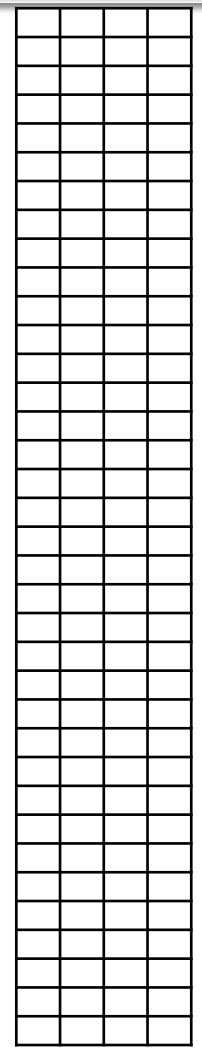
Average pool with
$H \times W$ kernel

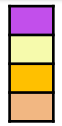


$N \times H \times W$
(e.g. $4 \times 3 \times 3$)
Last activation
before classifier

$N \times 1$
Vector
(e.g. 4×1)

GAP reduces significantly the number of parameters at the interface between convolutional features and FC layers



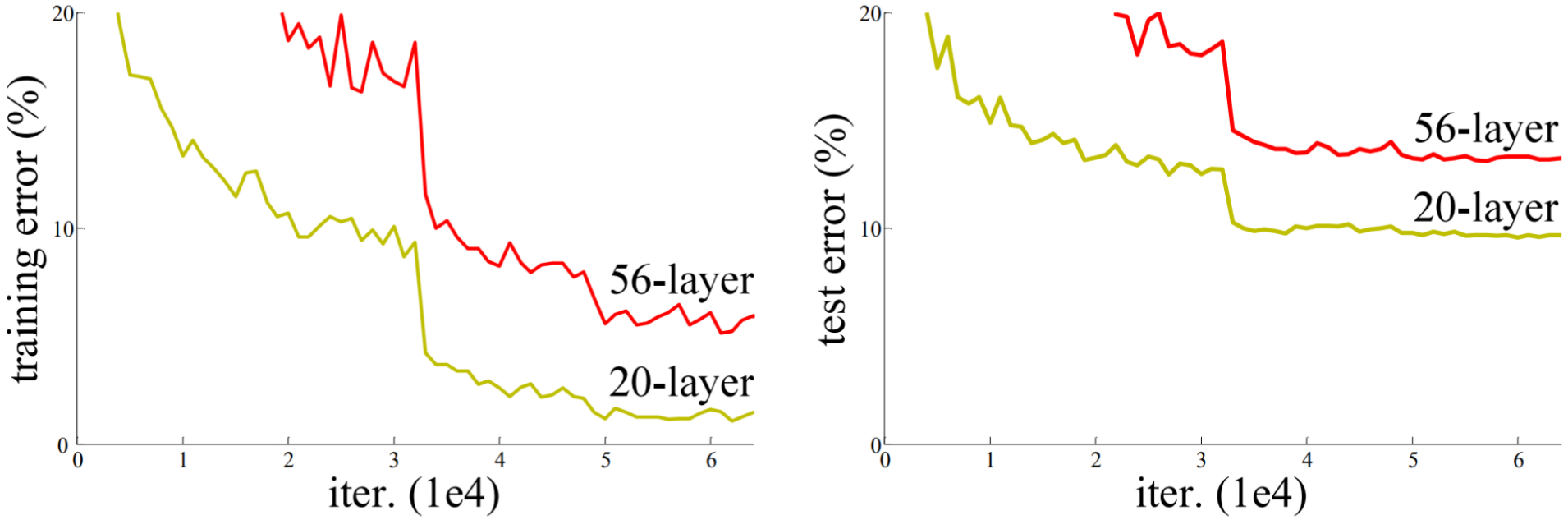


W_{avg}
$C \times N$
e.g. 1000 x 4

Lin et al., "Network in network", ICLR 2014

Residual Networks - Motivation

The success of the VGG design would suggest to increase depth to improve performance, but..

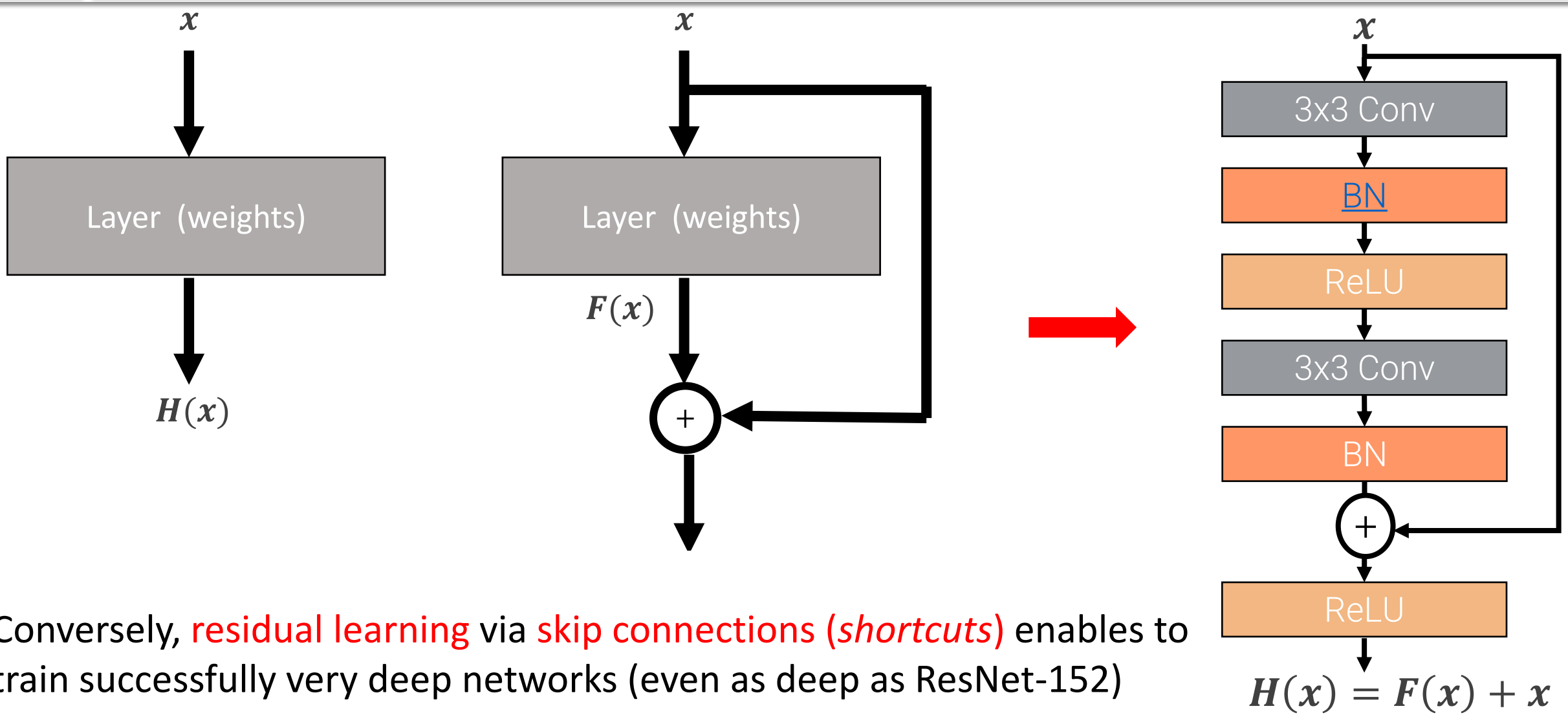


The problem is not (only) overfitting, the training error is larger for the deeper network !

Training very deep networks turns out to be inherently hard !

Kaiming He et al., "Deep Residual learning for image recognition", CVPR 2016

Residual Learning and Residual Blocks



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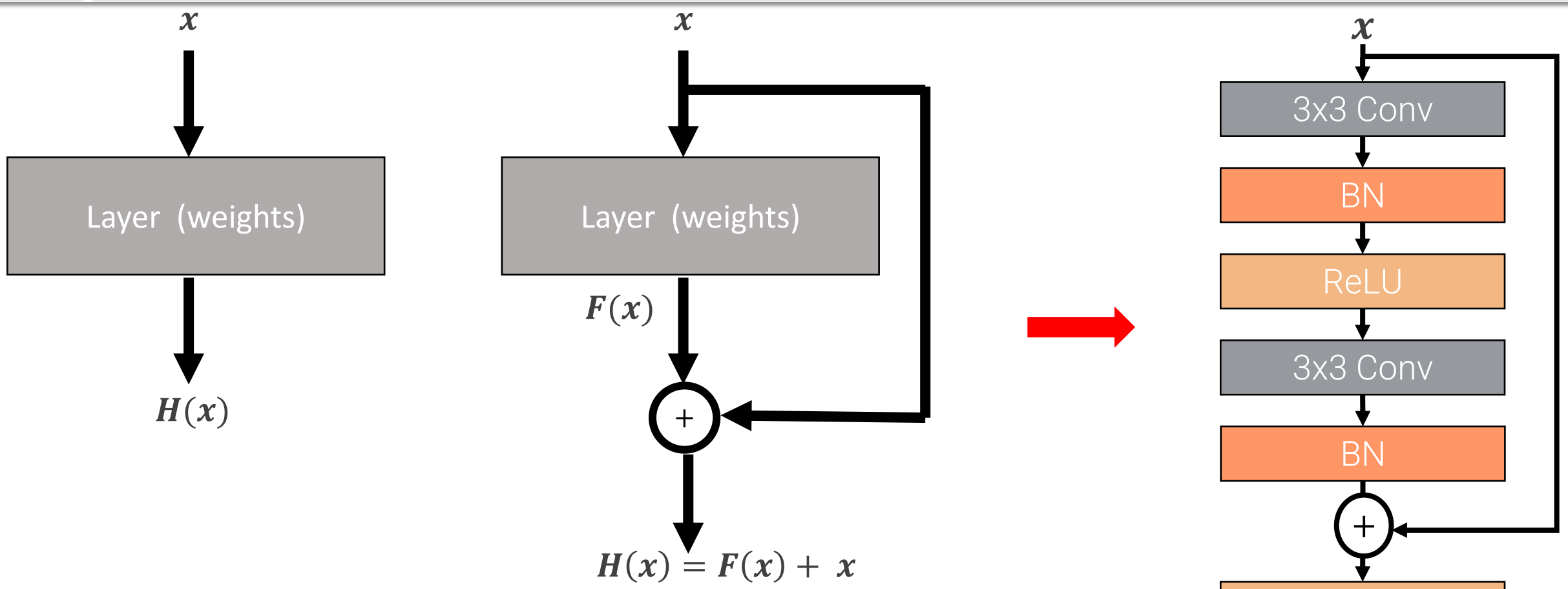

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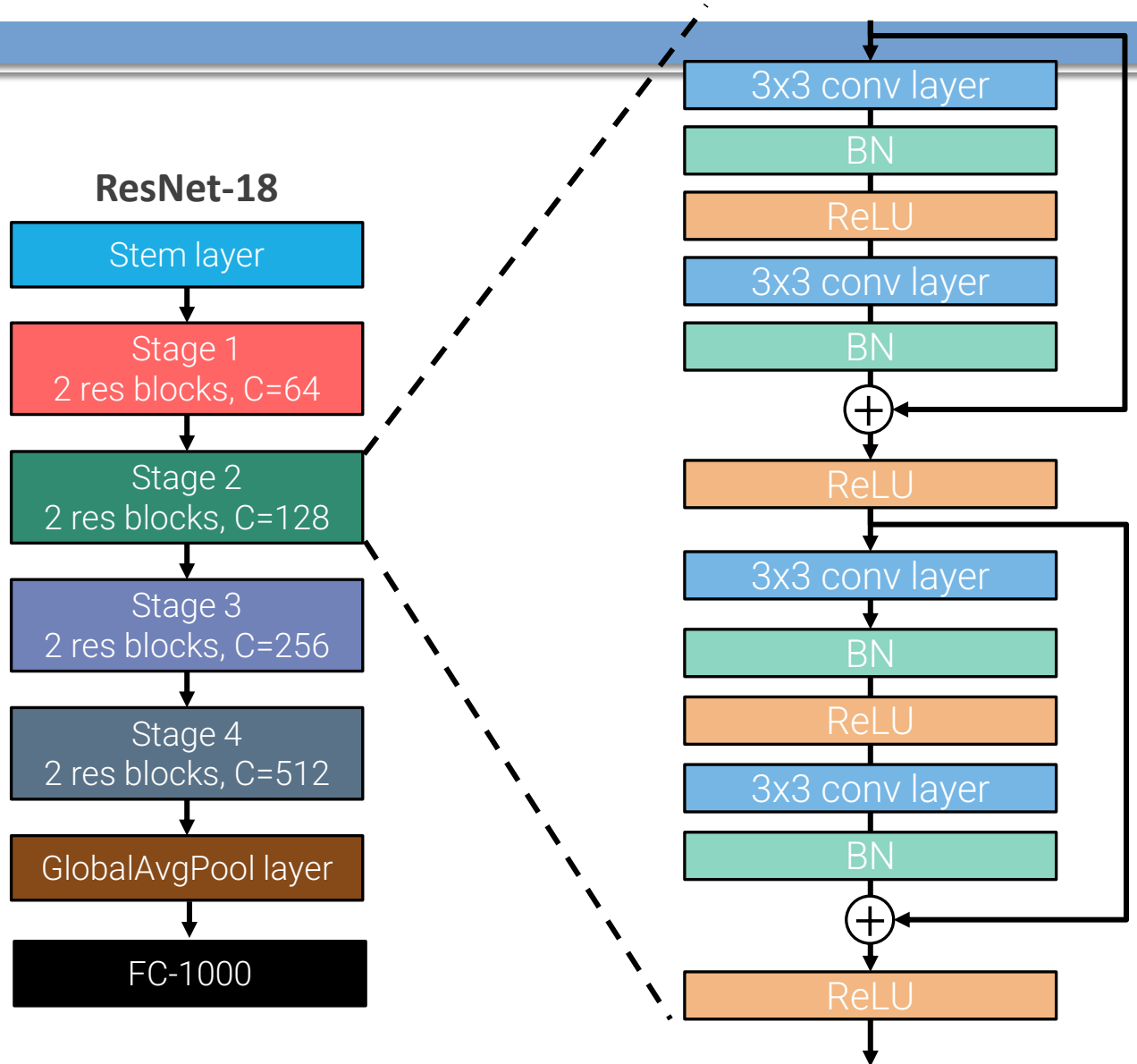
Residual Networks – Architecture

- Inspired by VGG: a few simple design choices, repetition of stages.
- Stages are stacks of Residual Blocks (RB). Each RB includes two 3x3 conv layers.
- The first RB in *most* stages halves the spatial resolution (S=2) and doubles the number of channels.
- Initial Stem layer (S=2 conv followed by S=2 max pool) to quickly down-sample the input image and Global Average Pooling to efficiency interface the final 1000-ways FC layer.
- Naming notation similar to VGG: ResNet-X denotes a ResNet architecture having X layers with learnable parameters.



ResNet18

	Layer	#Filters/ #Units	Filter Size	S	P	Activation Size
	Conv1	64	7x7	2	3	112x112
	Pool1	1	3x3	2	1	56x56
S1	Conv2_1	64	3x3	1	1	56x56
S1	Conv2_2	64	3x3	1	1	56x56
S1	Conv2_3	64	3x3	1	1	56x56
S1	Conv2_4	64	3x3	1	1	56x56
S2	Conv3_1	128	3x3	2	1	28x28
S2	Conv3_2	128	3x3	1	1	28x28
S2	Conv3_3	128	3x3	1	1	28x28
S2	Conv3_4	128	3x3	1	1	28x28
S3	Conv4_1	256	3x3	2	1	14x14
S3	Conv4_2	256	3x3	1	1	14x14
S3	Conv4_3	256	3x3	1	1	14x14
S3	Conv4_4	256	3x3	1	1	14x14
S4	Conv5_1	512	3x3	2	1	7x7
S4	Conv5_2	512	3x3	1	1	7x7
S4	Conv5_3	512	3x3	1	1	7x7
S4	Conv5_4	512	3x3	1	1	7x7
	AvgPool	1	7x7	1	0	1x1
	fc1	1000	-	-	-	1x1

Totals: #params ≅ 11.5M, GFlops ≅ 3.6

$64 \times 3 \times 7 \times 7 \rightarrow$ **#params ≅ 9.5K, MFlops ≅ 236**

$4 \times 64 \times 64 \times 3 \times 3 \rightarrow$ **#params ≅ 148 K, GFlops ≅ 0.9**

$128 \times 64 \times 3 \times 3 \rightarrow$ **#params ≅ 74 K, MFlops ≅ 115**

$3 \times 128 \times 128 \times 3 \times 3 \rightarrow$ **#params ≅ 443 K, GFlops ≅ 0.7**

$256 \times 128 \times 3 \times 3 \rightarrow$ **#params ≅ 295 K, MFlops ≅ 115**

$3 \times 256 \times 256 \times 3 \times 3 \rightarrow$ **#params ≅ 1.8 M, GFlops ≅ 0.7**

$512 \times 256 \times 3 \times 3 \rightarrow$ **#params ≅ 1.18 M, MFlops ≅ 115**

$3 \times 512 \times 512 \times 3 \times 3 \rightarrow$ **#params ≅ 7 M, GFlops ≅ 0.7**

$1000 \times 512 \rightarrow$ **#params ≅ 0.5 M, MFlops ≅ 1**

About one order of magnitude less parameters and Flops that VGG networks of comparable depths

First RB in a stage & shape of skip connections

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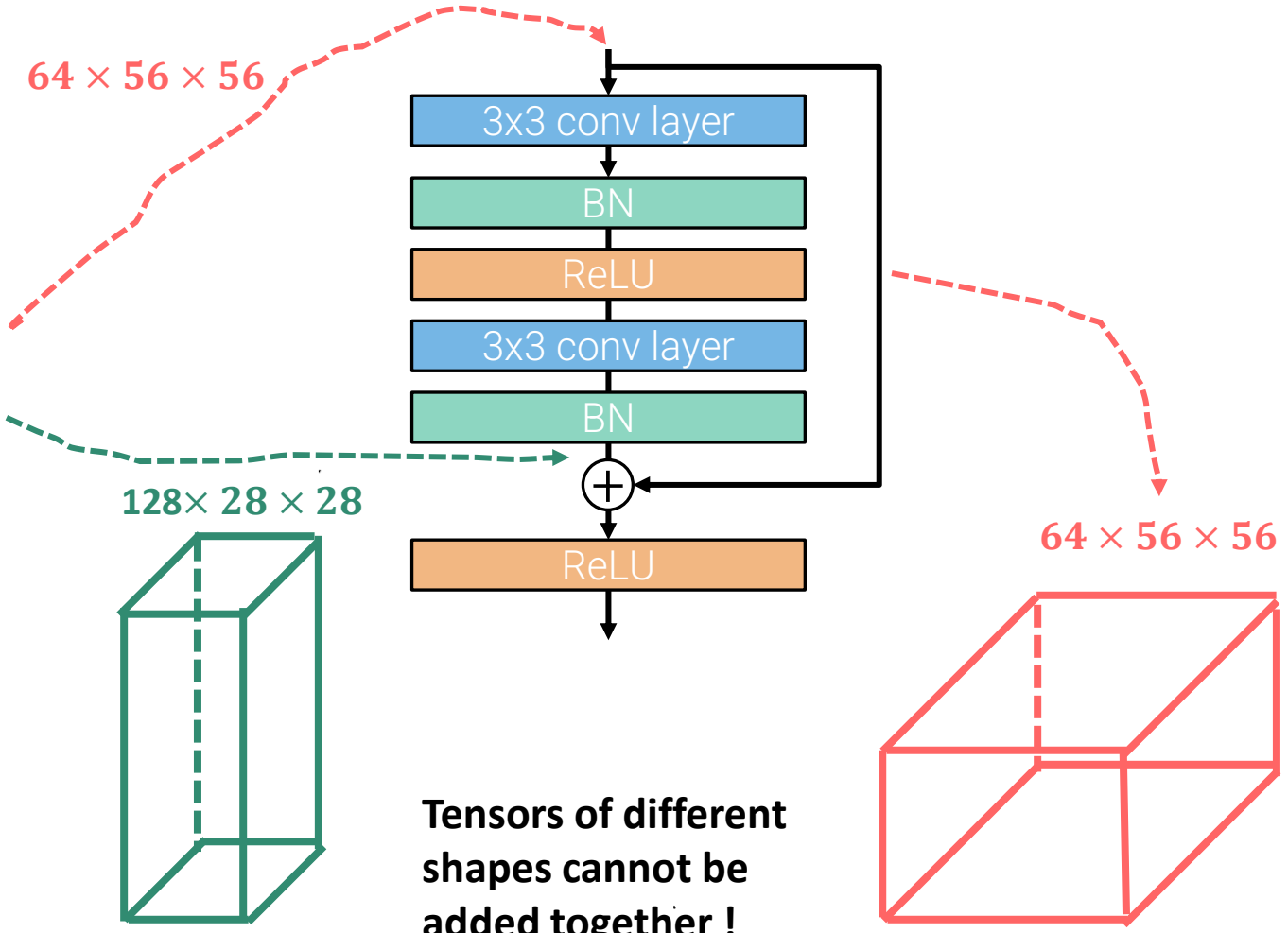
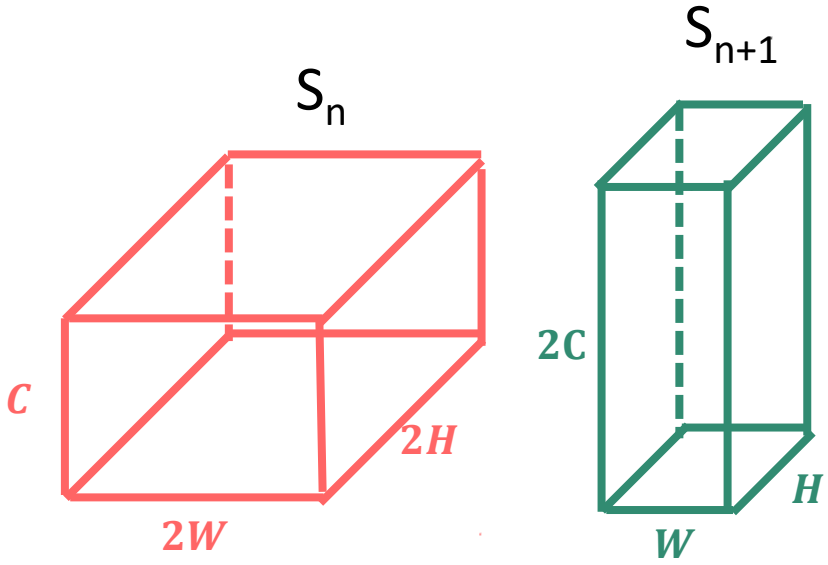
Conv3_4	128	3x3	1	1	28x28
Conv4_1	256	3x3	2	1	14x14
Conv4_2	256	3x3	1	1	14x14
Conv4_3	256	3x3	1	1	14x14
Conv4_4	256	3x3	1	1	14x14
Conv5_1	512	3x3	2	1	7x7
Conv5_2	512	3x3	1	1	7x7
Conv5_3	512	3x3	1	1	7x7
Conv5_4	512	3x3	1	1	7x7
AvgPool	1	7x7	1	0	1x1
fc1	1000	-	-	-	1x1

RB

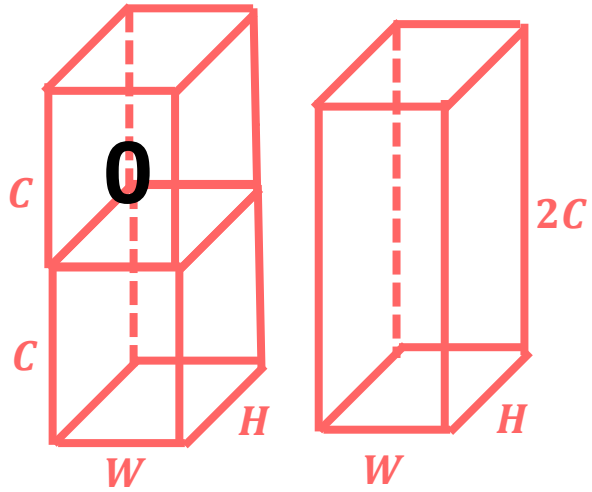
RB



Modified first RB in a stage

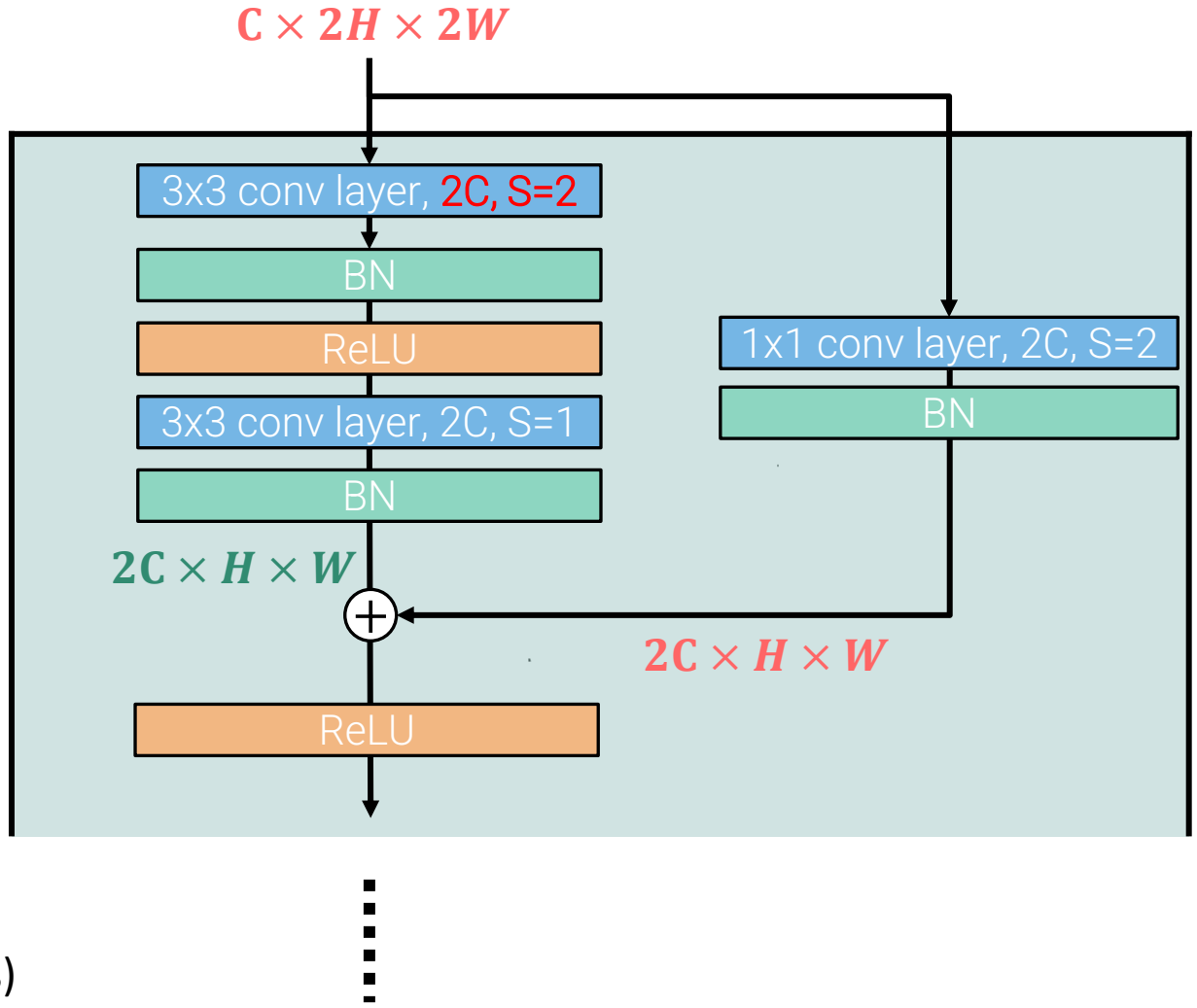


Apply S=2
then zero-pad
C channels
(no params)



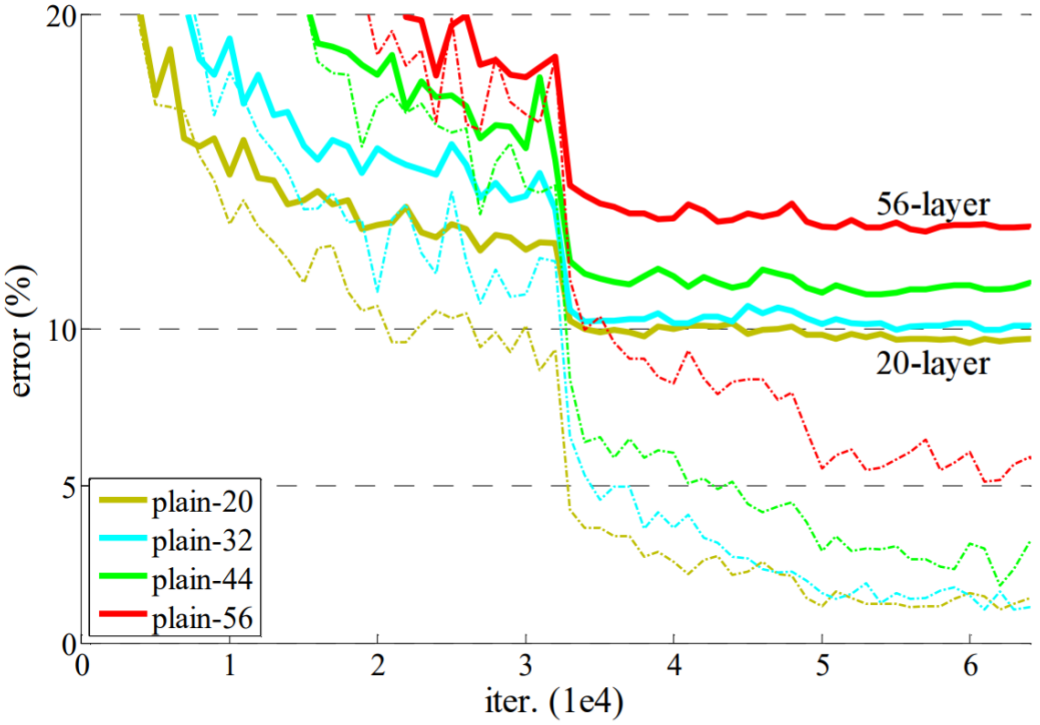
$2C \times C \times 1 \times 1$
Conv layer, S=2
($2C \times C$ parameters)

S_{n+1}

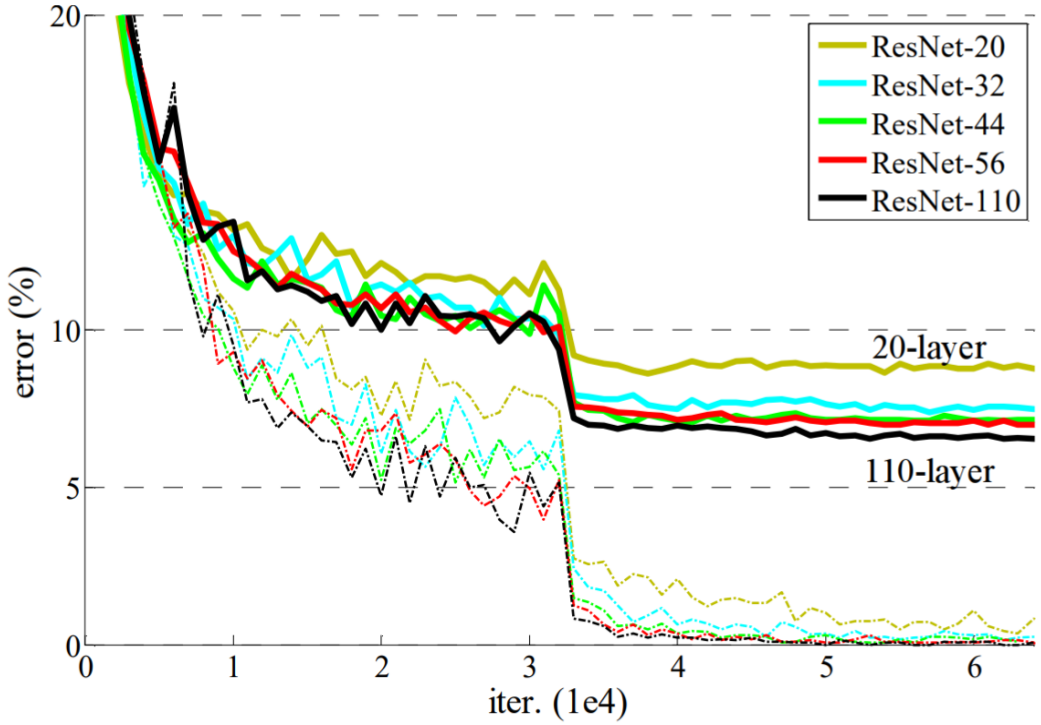


Residual vs Plain Architectures

Plain Architectures (no RBs)



Residual Architectures

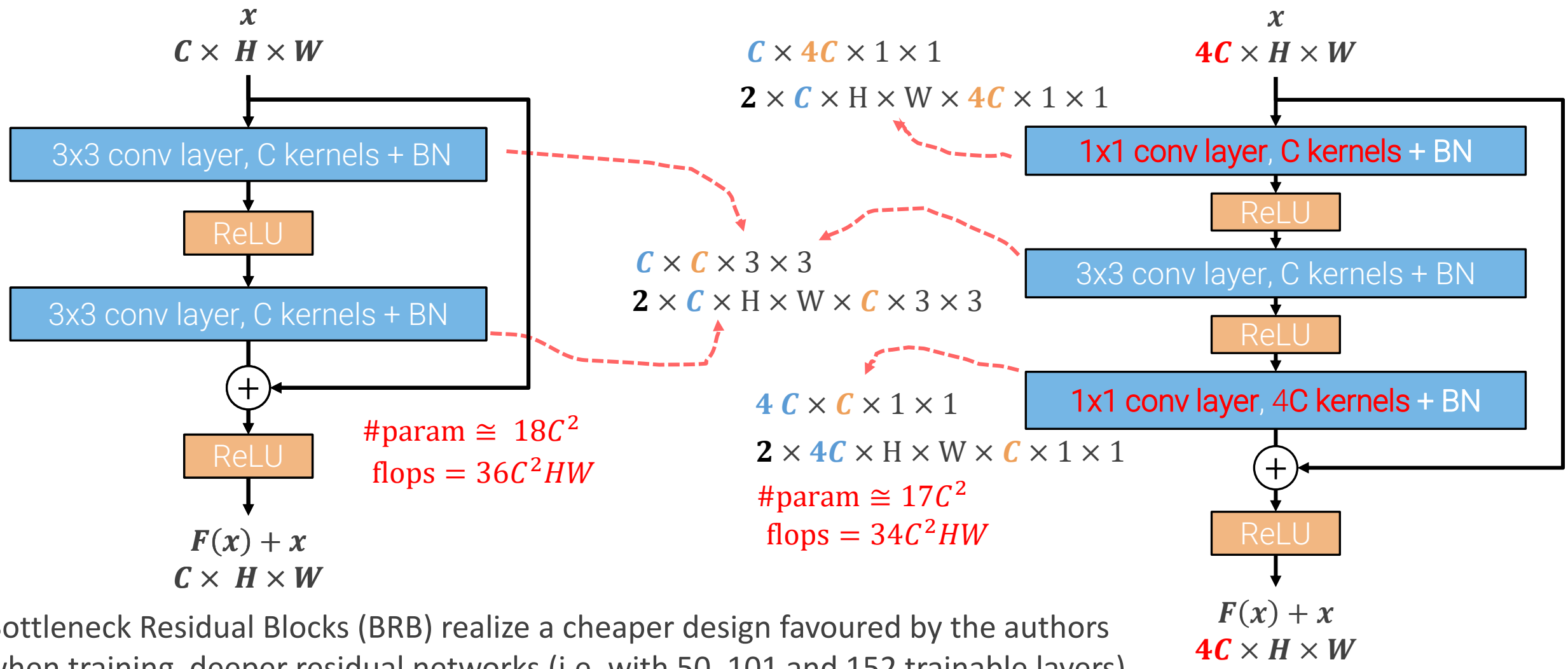


The shallower the better…….

….the deeper the better !

Residual Blocks allow for training deep CNNs. When properly trained, deep architectures outperform shallower ones. In 2015, ResNets won all the main computer vision competitions by large margins. In ILSVRC, an ensemble of ResNets (including two models with 152 layers) brought the Top-5 error from 6.7 to 3.6.

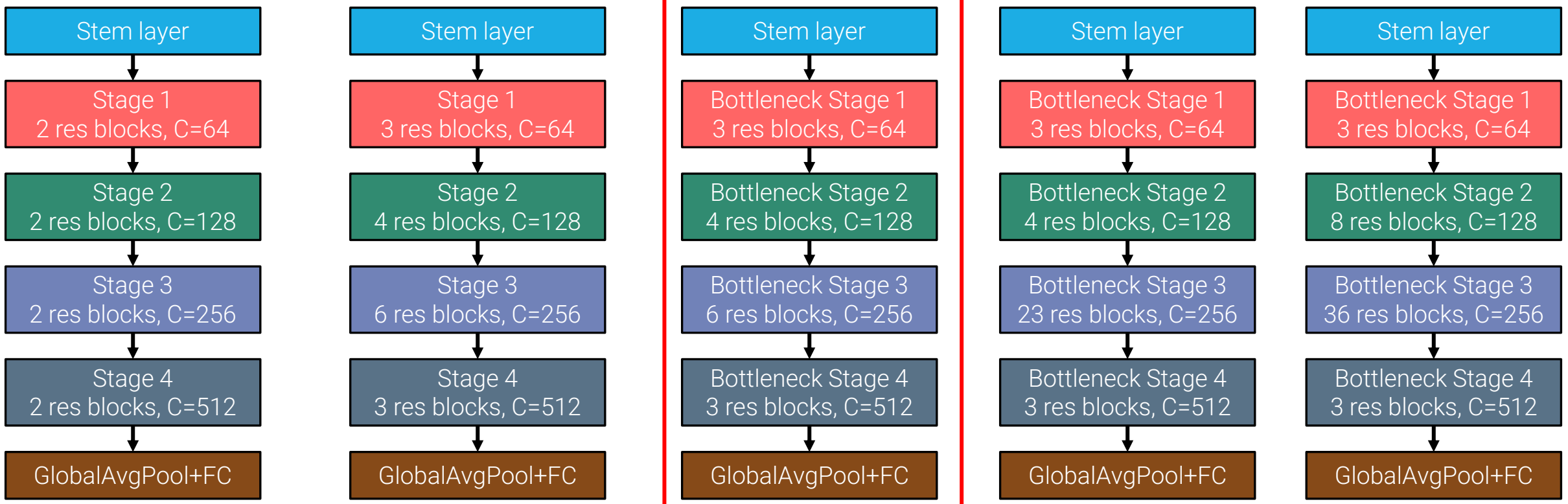
Bottleneck Residual Blocks for deeper ResNets



Bottleneck Residual Blocks (BRB) realize a cheaper design favoured by the authors when training deeper residual networks (i.e. with 50, 101 and 152 trainable layers).

Main ResNet Architectures

Common choice in many settings



Errors are on the validation set with 10 crops

~7.3 Gflops
~22M params
7.46 top-5 error

~7 Gflops
~23M params
6.71 top-5 error

~14.5 Gflops
~42M params
6.05 top-5 error

~22.7 Gflops
~60M params
5.71 top-5 error

ResNets (from the paper)

layer name	output size	18-layer	34-layer	50-layer	101-layer	152-layer
conv1	112×112	7×7, 64, stride 2				
conv2_x	56×56	3×3 max pool, stride 2				
		$\begin{bmatrix} 3\times3, 64 \\ 3\times3, 64 \end{bmatrix}\times2$	$\begin{bmatrix} 3\times3, 64 \\ 3\times3, 64 \end{bmatrix}\times3$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1\times1, 64 \\ 3\times3, 64 \\ 1\times1, 256 \end{bmatrix}\times3$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1\times1, 64 \\ 3\times3, 64 \\ 1\times1, 256 \end{bmatrix}\times3$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1\times1, 64 \\ 3\times3, 64 \\ 1\times1, 256 \end{bmatrix}\times3$
conv3_x	28×28	$\begin{bmatrix} 3\times3, 128 \\ 3\times3, 128 \end{bmatrix}\times2$	$\begin{bmatrix} 3\times3, 128 \\ 3\times3, 128 \end{bmatrix}\times4$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1\times1, 128 \\ 3\times3, 128 \\ 1\times1, 512 \end{bmatrix}\times4$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1\times1, 128 \\ 3\times3, 128 \\ 1\times1, 512 \end{bmatrix}\times4$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1\times1, 128 \\ 3\times3, 128 \\ 1\times1, 512 \end{bmatrix}\times8$
conv4_x	14×14	$\begin{bmatrix} 3\times3, 256 \\ 3\times3, 256 \end{bmatrix}\times2$	$\begin{bmatrix} 3\times3, 256 \\ 3\times3, 256 \end{bmatrix}\times6$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1\times1, 256 \\ 3\times3, 256 \\ 1\times1, 1024 \end{bmatrix}\times6$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1\times1, 256 \\ 3\times3, 256 \\ 1\times1, 1024 \end{bmatrix}\times23$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1\times1, 256 \\ 3\times3, 256 \\ 1\times1, 1024 \end{bmatrix}\times36$
conv5_x	7×7	$\begin{bmatrix} 3\times3, 512 \\ 3\times3, 512 \end{bmatrix}\times2$	$\begin{bmatrix} 3\times3, 512 \\ 3\times3, 512 \end{bmatrix}\times3$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1\times1, 512 \\ 3\times3, 512 \\ 1\times1, 2048 \end{bmatrix}\times3$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1\times1, 512 \\ 3\times3, 512 \\ 1\times1, 2048 \end{bmatrix}\times3$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1\times1, 512 \\ 3\times3, 512 \\ 1\times1, 2048 \end{bmatrix}\times3$
	1×1	average pool, 1000-d fc, softmax				
FLOPs		1.8×10^9	3.6×10^9	3.8×10^9	7.6×10^9	11.3×10^9

MACs

Down-sampling is performed by conv3_1, conv4_1 and con5_1.

The first BRB in a stage performs either no compression (conv2) or compression by 2 (conv3, conv4, conv5). All other BRB compress and expand by 4.

ResNet – Training Recipe

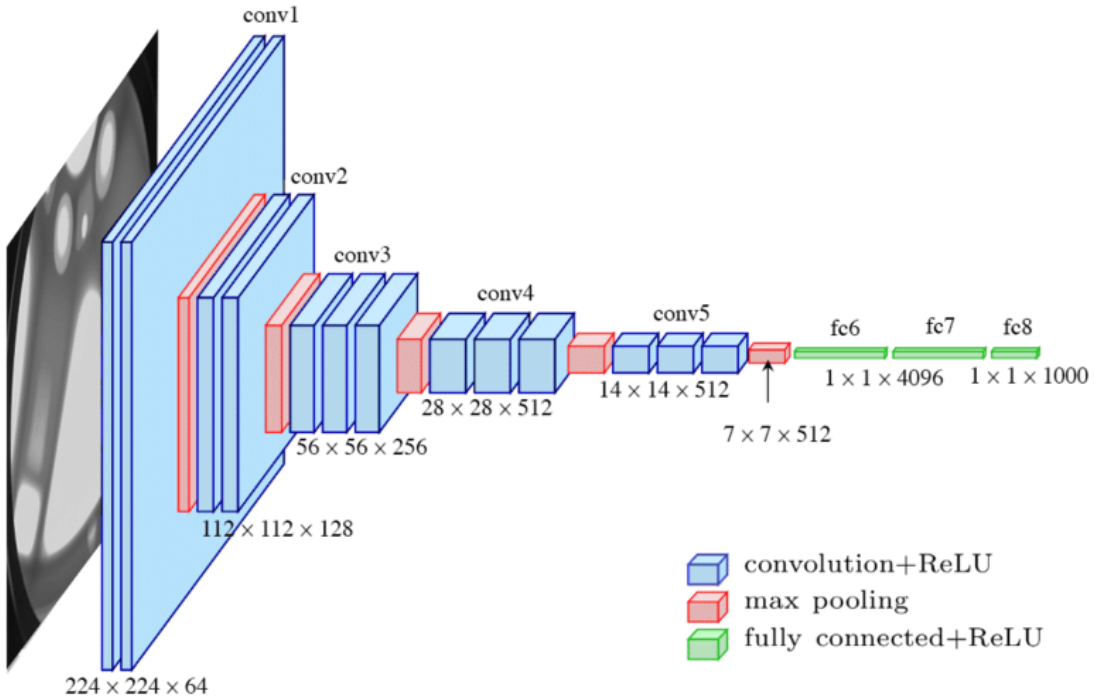
Hyperparameter	Values
Optimizer	SGD with B=256
Traiming Iterations	60×10^4
Learning Rate	0.1, divided by 10 when the validation error plateaus
Weight Decay	0.0001
Momentum	0.9
Data Augmentation, Normalization	Same as VGG
Initialization	He initilization

The use of a higher learning rate is motivated by the adoption of BN (Batch Normalization). Similarly, dropout is not deployed because experimental evidence suggests BN to act as a regularizer. This may also motivate the choice of a smaller weight decay parameter.

S. Ioffe and C. Szegedy. Batch normalization: Accelerating deep network training by reducing internal covariate shift. In ICML, 2015.

CNNs learn to detect hierarchies of features

The typical architecture of a CNN consists in using small (e.g. 3x3), fixed-size filters and increasing the number of channels while down-sampling the activations. In other words, as we move from shallower to deeper layers, activations get "*smaller*" and "*taller*". **Why is that ?**



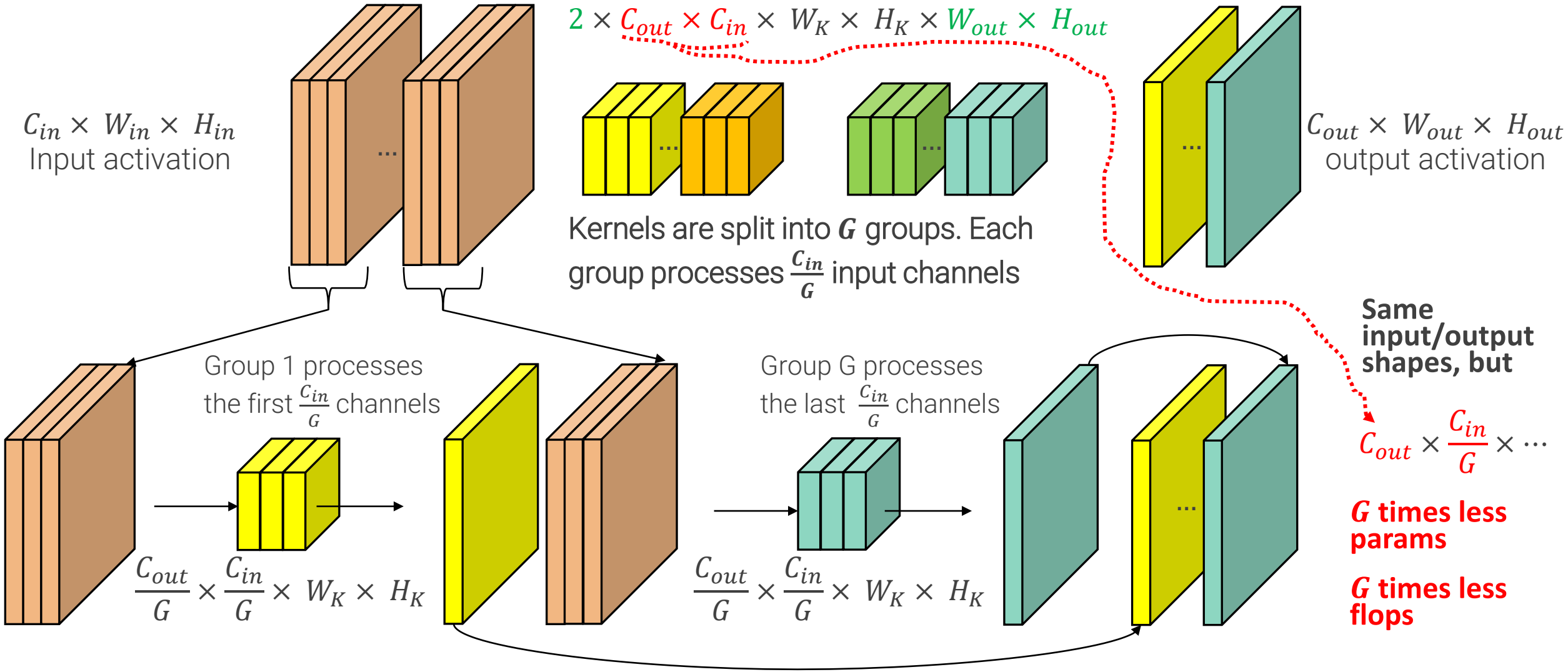
[The Architecture and Implementation of VGG-16 | by Vaibhav Khandelwal | Towards AI]

According to this design, the filters in the deeper layers have larger receptive fields than those in the shallower ones, that is they analyze larger regions of the input image to seek to find interesting patterns.

Hence, the filters in the initial layers can detect "small" patterns, i.e. local features such as, e.g. edges, corners, color blobs. As we move towards deeper layers, filters gain the ability to detect larger patterns, i.e. more global features (e.g. eyes, lips, mouth and then, further on, whole faces).

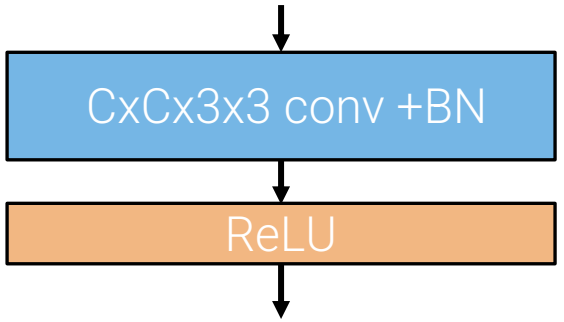
As the number of interesting patterns that may be found grows inherently with the receptive field, it makes a lot of sense to increase the number of detectors after down-sampling the activations.

Grouped Convolutions



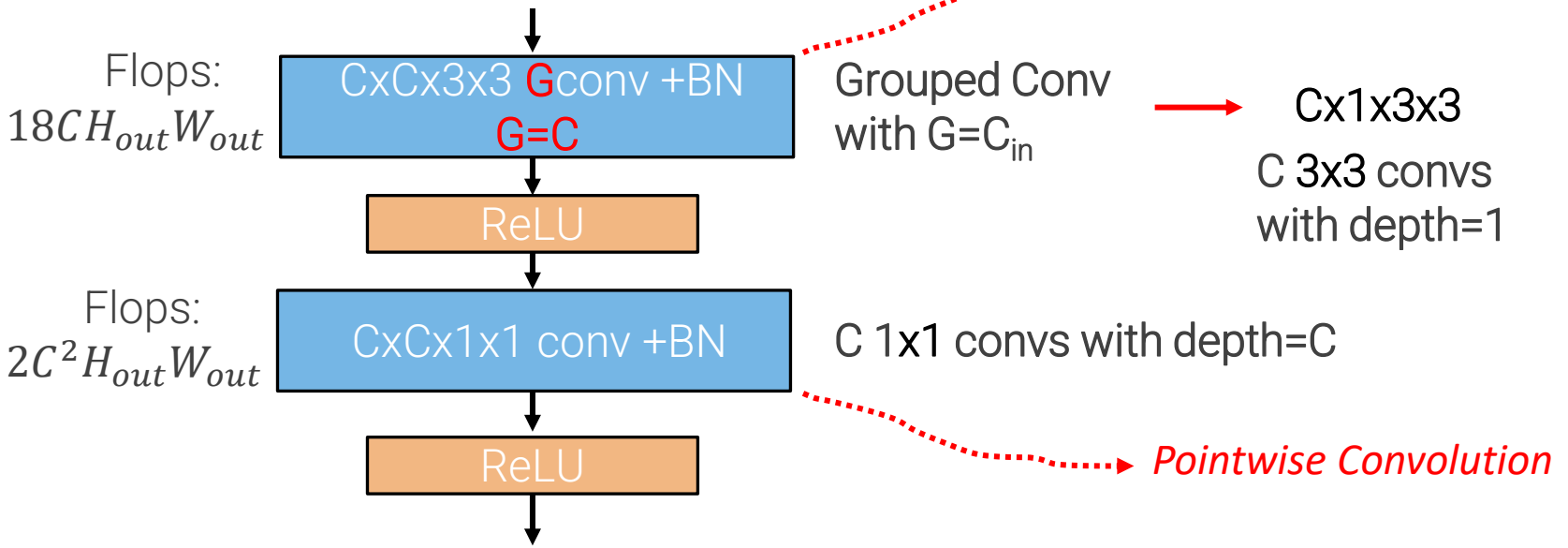
Depthwise Separable Convolutions

Standard Convolution



Flops: $18C^2H_{out}W_{out}$

Depthwise Separable Convolution



Computational Savigs:

$$\frac{18C^2}{18C+2C^2} = \frac{18C}{18+2C} \cong [8, 8.85]$$

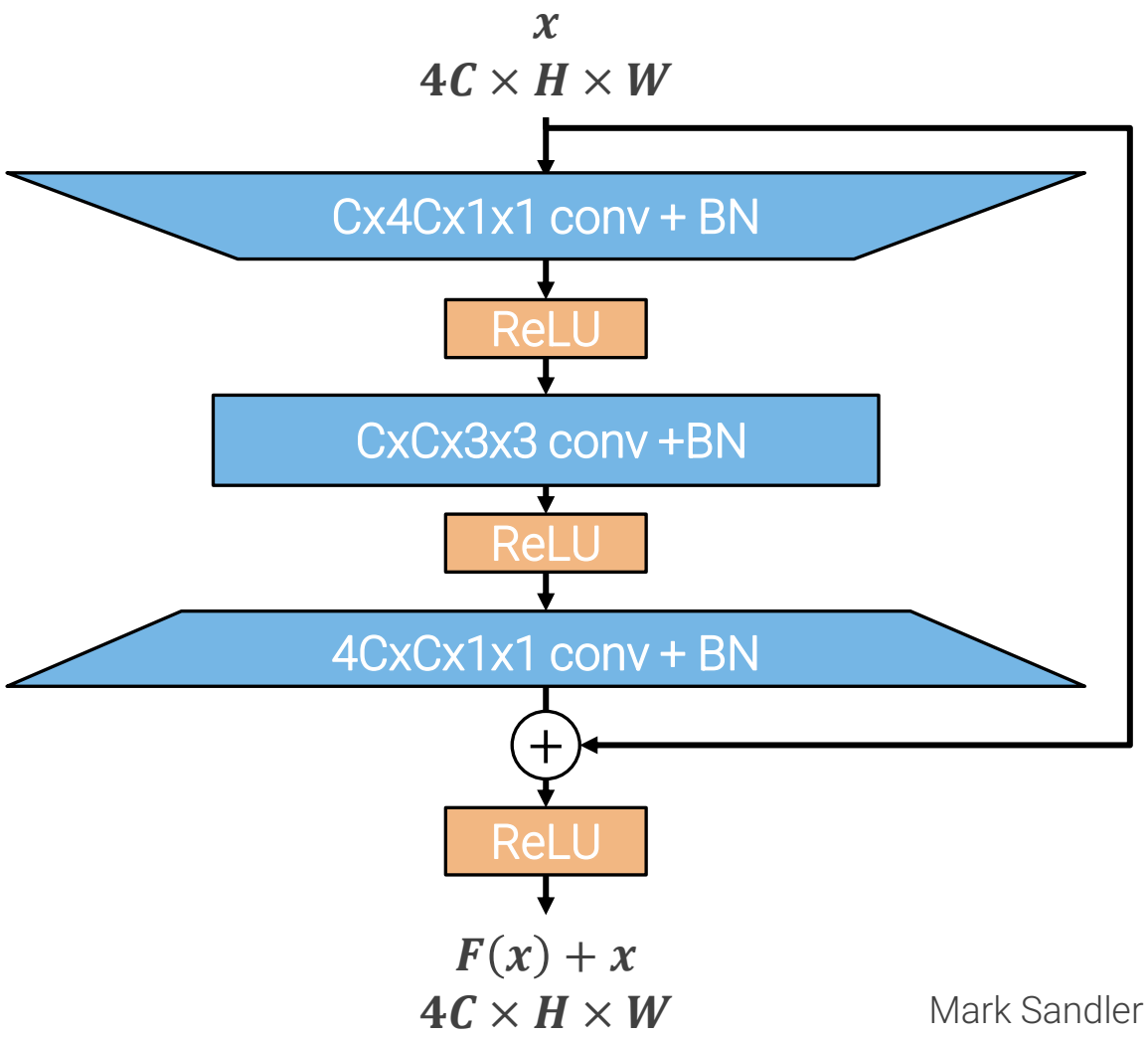
for C in [64, 512]

Standard convolutions used in CNNs *filter* features *spatially* while *combining* them to produce new representations.

With **Depthwise Separable Convolutions** the two steps are split and carried out sequentially to gain substantial computational savings.

Howard et al, "MobileNets: Efficient Convolutional Neural Networks for Mobile Vision Applications", arXiv 2017
F. Chollet, "Xception: Deep Learning with Depthwise Separable Convolutions", CVPR 2017

A closer look at Bottleneck Residual Blocks



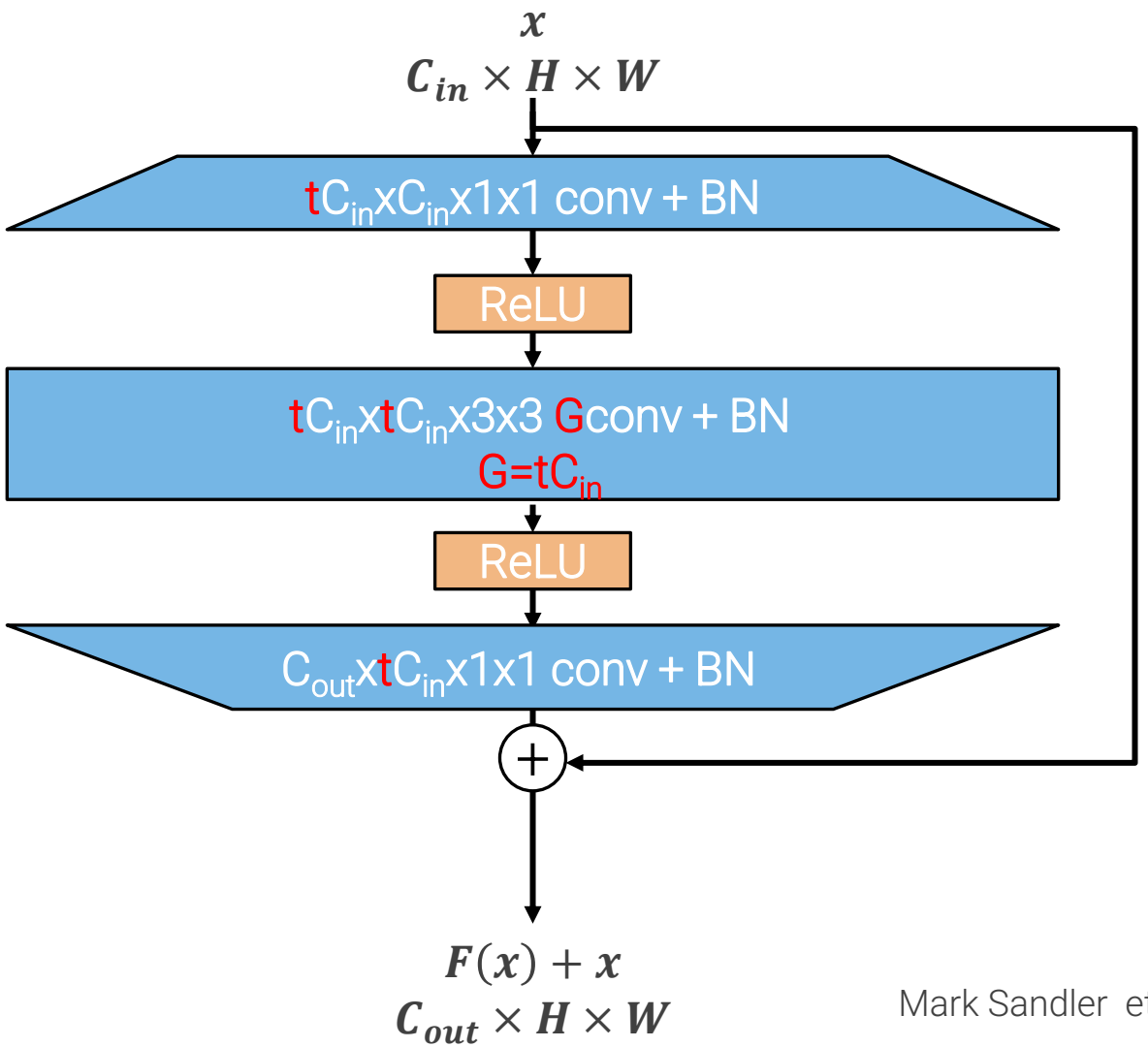
The bottleneck residual block was introduced to scale up the depth of ResNets by increasing significantly the number of blocks per stage without growing too much the computation and number of parameters.

Purposely, it uses a pair of 1x1 convs, where **the first compresses** the number of channel and **the second expands** them.

Hence, the 3x3 convolution that processes spatial information, i.e. the core representation learning function performed by the block, is carried out in a **compressed** domain. This may result in **information loss**.

Mark Sandler et al., "MobileNetV2: Inverted Residuals and Linear Bottlenecks", CVPR 2018

Inverted Residual Block (IRB)



To avoid th potential information loss of standard bottleneck blocks, **MobileNet-v2** proposes to use **Inverted Residual Blocks**.

In such blocks, the first 1x1 conv expands the channels according to a chosen **expansion factor *t***, while the second compresses them back (to the same or a different number of channels, i.e. C_{out} may be different than C_{in}) .

To limit the increase in computation, the inner 3x3 convolution is realized as a **depthwise convolution**.

The last difference wrt standard bottleneck blocks is the **removal of non-linearities between residual blocks**: this is motivated by a theoretical study and experimentally verified.

Compared to the standard bottleneck block, the inverted design is **considerably more memory efficient** at inference time.

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MobileNet-v2

- **MobileNet-v2** is a deep architecture specifically tailored for **mobile and resource constrained platforms**. It is based on a stack of **Inverted Residual Blocks** and features 54 layers with parameters. It deploys only 1x1 and 3x3 convs.
- The **number of channels** grows slowly compared to previous architectures to keep the complexity low. A low number of channels does not require an heavy size reduction in the **stem layer** (**s=2**). Yet, the representation must be expanded by a **pointwise convolution** before feeding it to final **k-way classifier** via **global average pooling**.
- As for the stack of **Inverted Residual Blocks**, each line in the table can be seen as a *stage*. When a stage down-samples the activation, it does so by applying **s=2** in the inner 3x3 conv of the first Inverted Residual Block.
- Whenever spatial dimensions or number of channels do not match between input and output of a block, there are no skip connections.

C_{out} *stride*

Input	Operator	t	c	n	s
$224^2 \times 3$	conv2d	-	32	1	2
$112^2 \times 32$	bottleneck	1	16	1	1
$112^2 \times 16$	bottleneck	6	24	2	2
$56^2 \times 24$	bottleneck	6	32	3	2
$28^2 \times 32$	bottleneck	6	64	4	2
$14^2 \times 64$	bottleneck	6	96	3	1
$14^2 \times 96$	bottleneck	6	160	3	2
$7^2 \times 160$	bottleneck	6	320	1	1
$7^2 \times 320$	conv2d 1x1	-	1280	1	1
$7^2 \times 1280$	avgpool 7x7	-	-	1	-
$1 \times 1 \times 1280$	conv2d 1x1	-	k	-	

Number of IRBs

e.g. k=1000 (ILSVRC)

Data taken fom the paper

Top-1	#params	MACs	CPU
72.0	3.4M	300M	75 ms

Google Pixel 1

Transfer Learning (1)

- To prevent ***overfitting***, a large/deep (i.e. ***high capacity***) neural network requires a large number of samples to effectively train its many parameters. But annotated (aka ***supervised***) training data are expensive…what if in our scenario we only have a *small* training set?

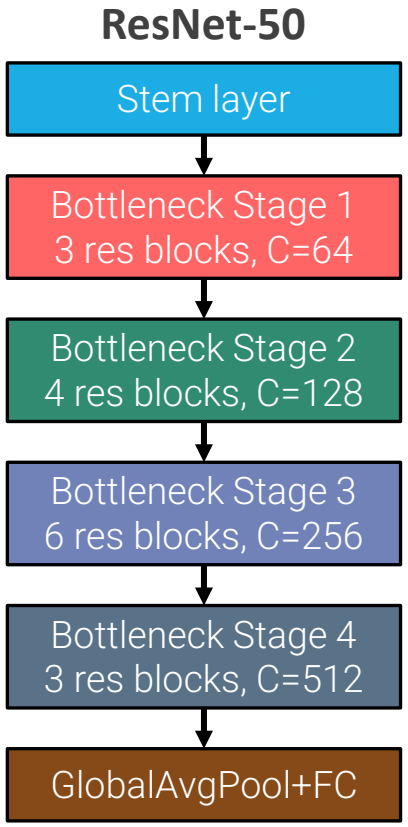
- We may deploy a very effective two-steps approach referred to as **Transfer Learning:**

  1. **Pre-train** the network on a large dataset (e.g. ImageNet)
  2. **Fine-tune** the pre-trained network on the smaller, task-specific dataset.

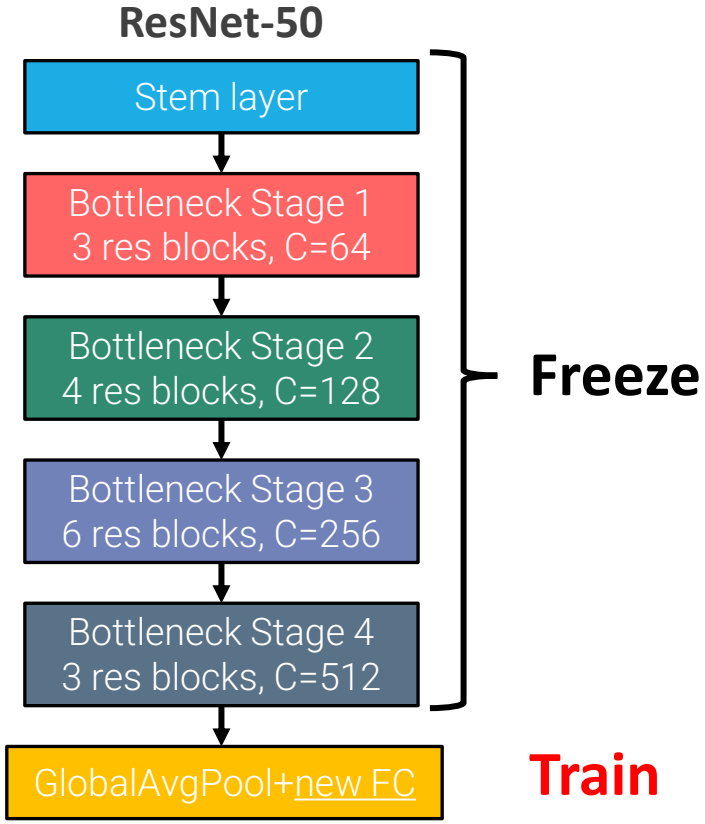
- Typically, in the first step one relies on **standard architectures** (e.g. ResNet-50) and downloads the pretrained model from a public repository.

Transfer Learning (2)

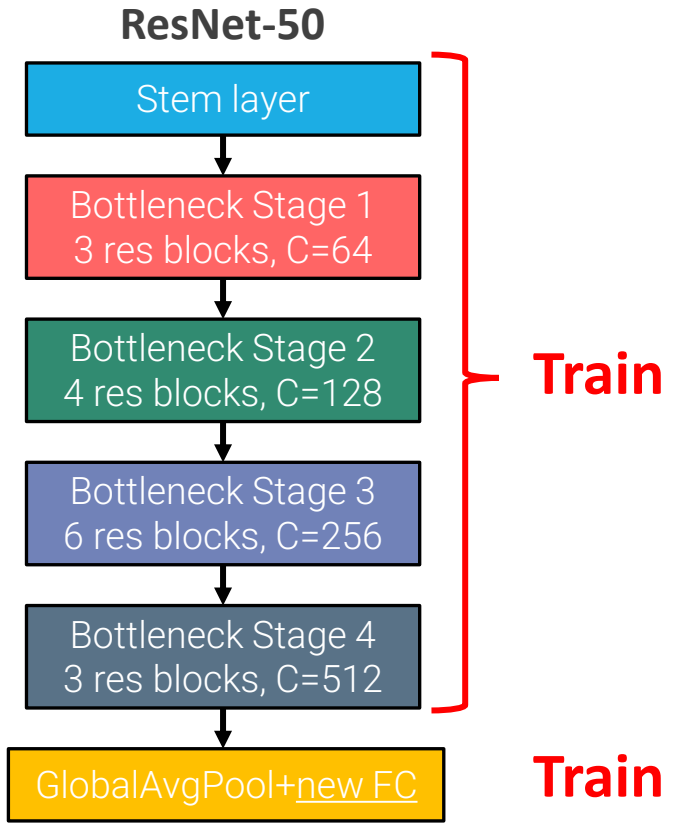
1. Pre-Trained Model



2.A Frozen Feature Extractor



2.B Train new Head and Feature Extractor



2.B: *warm-up* with a frozen feature extractor (like in 2.A) then fine-tune the whole model with a very small learning rate. The initial layers may still be kept frozen as they typically learn general, low-level features.