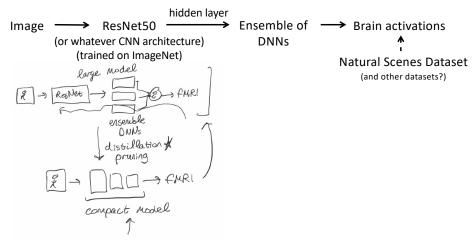
## Goal

Improve decoding/reconstructions using adaptive stimulus presentation via real-time fMRI neurofeedback (by optimally improving model training)

Only recently have neuroimagers had access to large datasets like NSD that can accommodate data-hungry machine learning techniques (has *any* fMRI GANs paper used pretraining?), and only now do we have a robust framework for using real-time fmri neurofeedback (rt-cloud). Let's combine these two innovations to obtain state-of-the-art reconstructions from fMRI data and showcase the benefit of rt-fmri to improving model training

1. Pretrain encoding model going from stimulus to brain activations



In scanner, presenting images to subject:

2. Calculate error between encoder's activations to actual subject activations

Image 
$$\longrightarrow$$
 ResNet50  $\xrightarrow{\text{hidden layer}}$  Ensemble of  $\longrightarrow$  Brain activations DNNs  $& \uparrow$  Subject in scanner

- 3. Optimize the encoder based on the observed activations
- 4. Generate most informative next image based on model prediction error (?)

After enough training, try to reconstruct image instead of predict activations:

5. Invert the optimized encoder (& invert the original non-optimized encoder)

