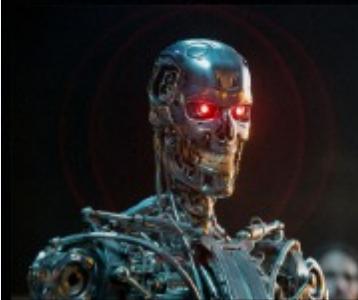


Transfer Learning

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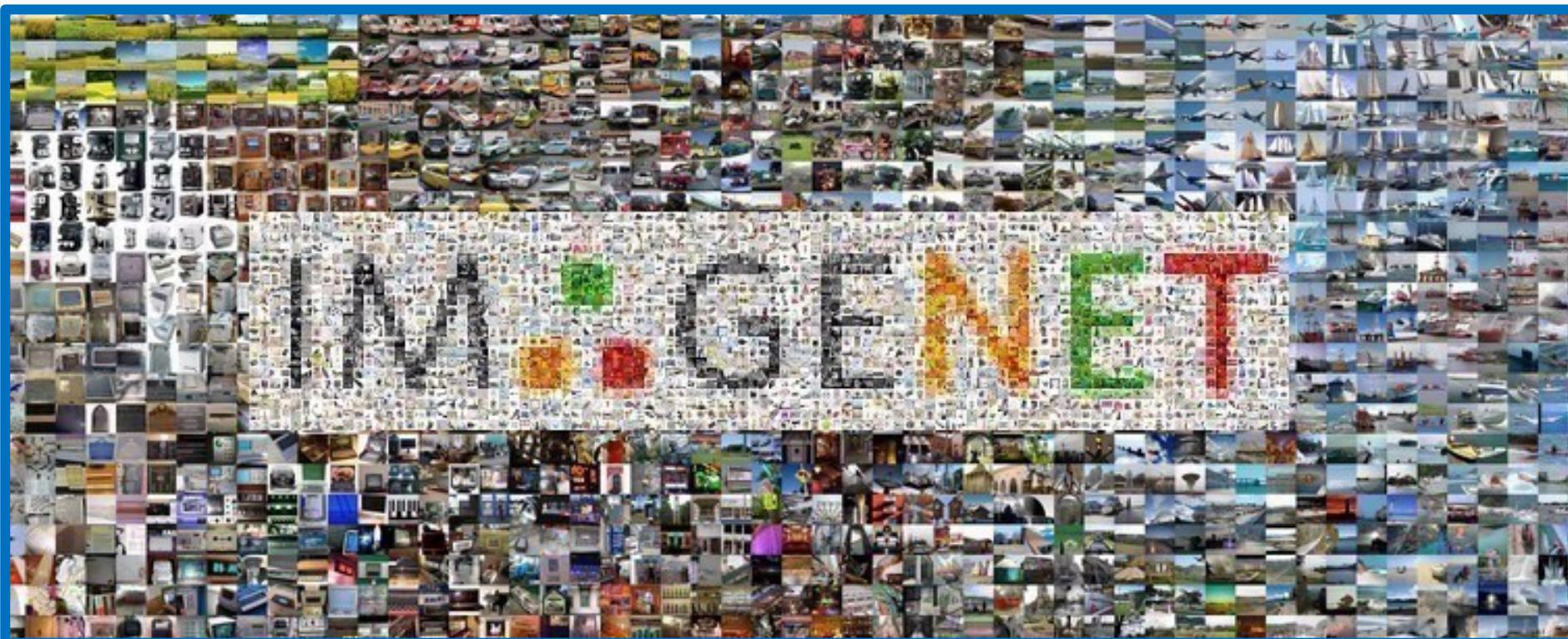
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CNNs: Story so far

IMAGENET challenge:

- A large visual database designed for use in visual object recognition software research
- More than 14 million images have been hand-annotated by the project to indicate what objects are pictured and in at least one million of the images, bounding boxes are also provided

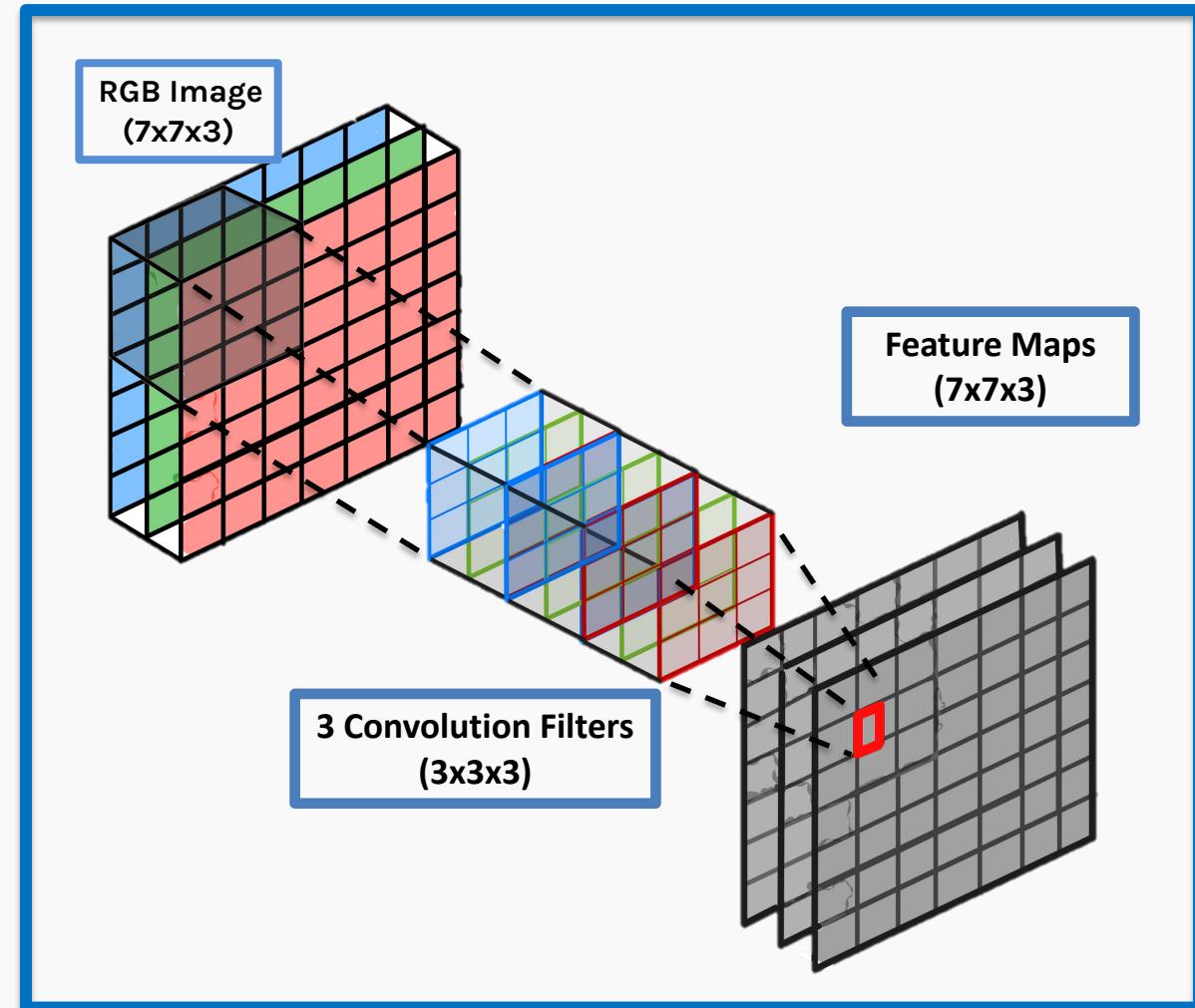


CNNs: “Convolution” Operation

A **convolutional neural network** typically consists of feature extracting layers and condensing layers.

The feature extracting layers are called **convolutional layers** & each node in these layers uses a small fixed set of weights to transform the image in the way below.

This set of fixed weights for each node in the convolutional layer is often called a **filter**.

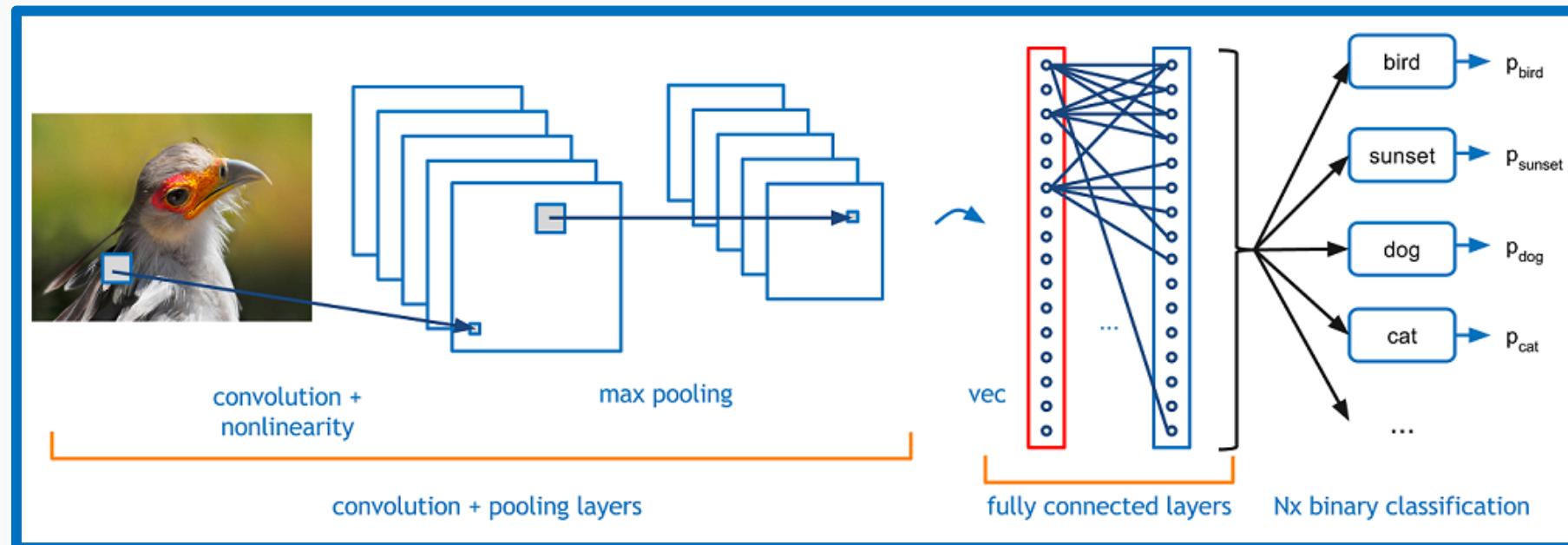


CNNs: Feature Extraction

Rather than processing image data with a pre-determined set of filters, we want to learn the filters of a CNN for feature extraction. Our goal is to extract features that best helps us to perform our downstream task (e.g. classification).

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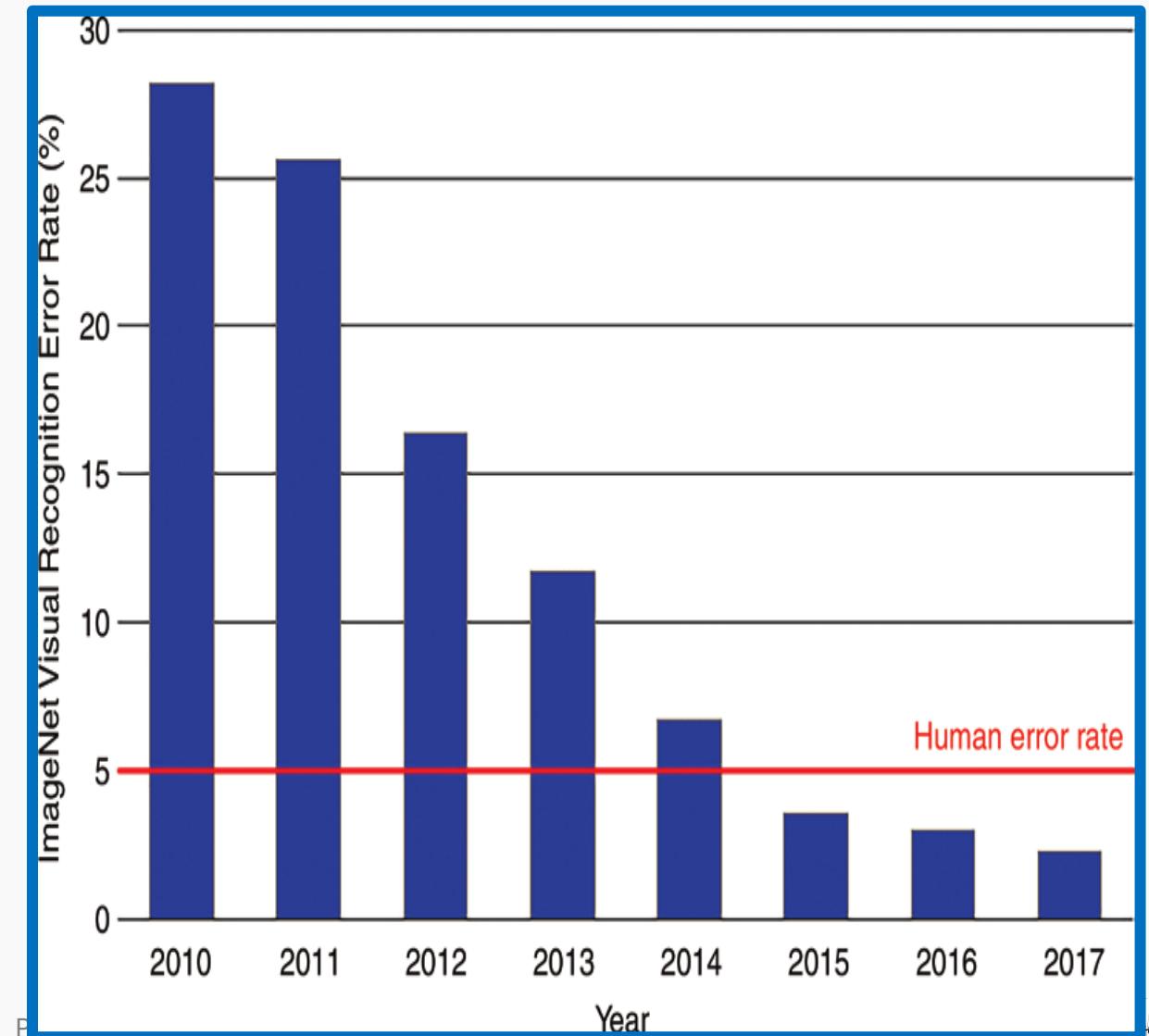
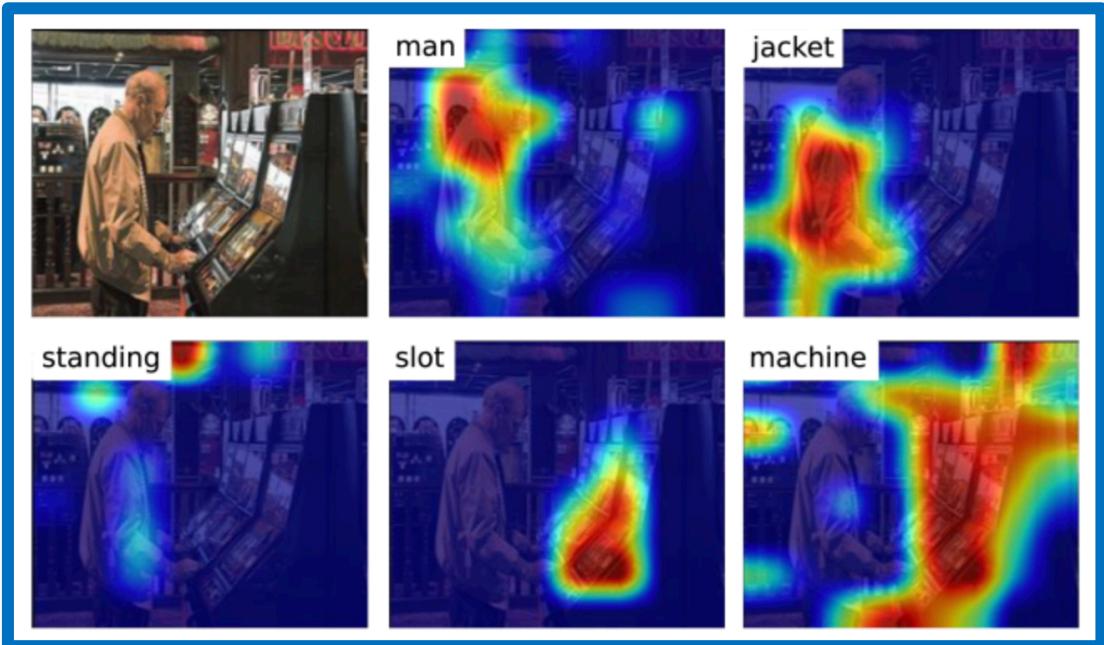
We train a CNN for feature extraction and a model (e.g. MLP, decision tree, logistic regression) for classification, **simultaneously** and **end-to-end**.



CNNs: Successful object detection

IMAGENET challenge:

- New model architectures consistently outperform even human error rate
- Ablation studies and saliency maps and confirm models are not overfitting



CNNs: So what is the problem?

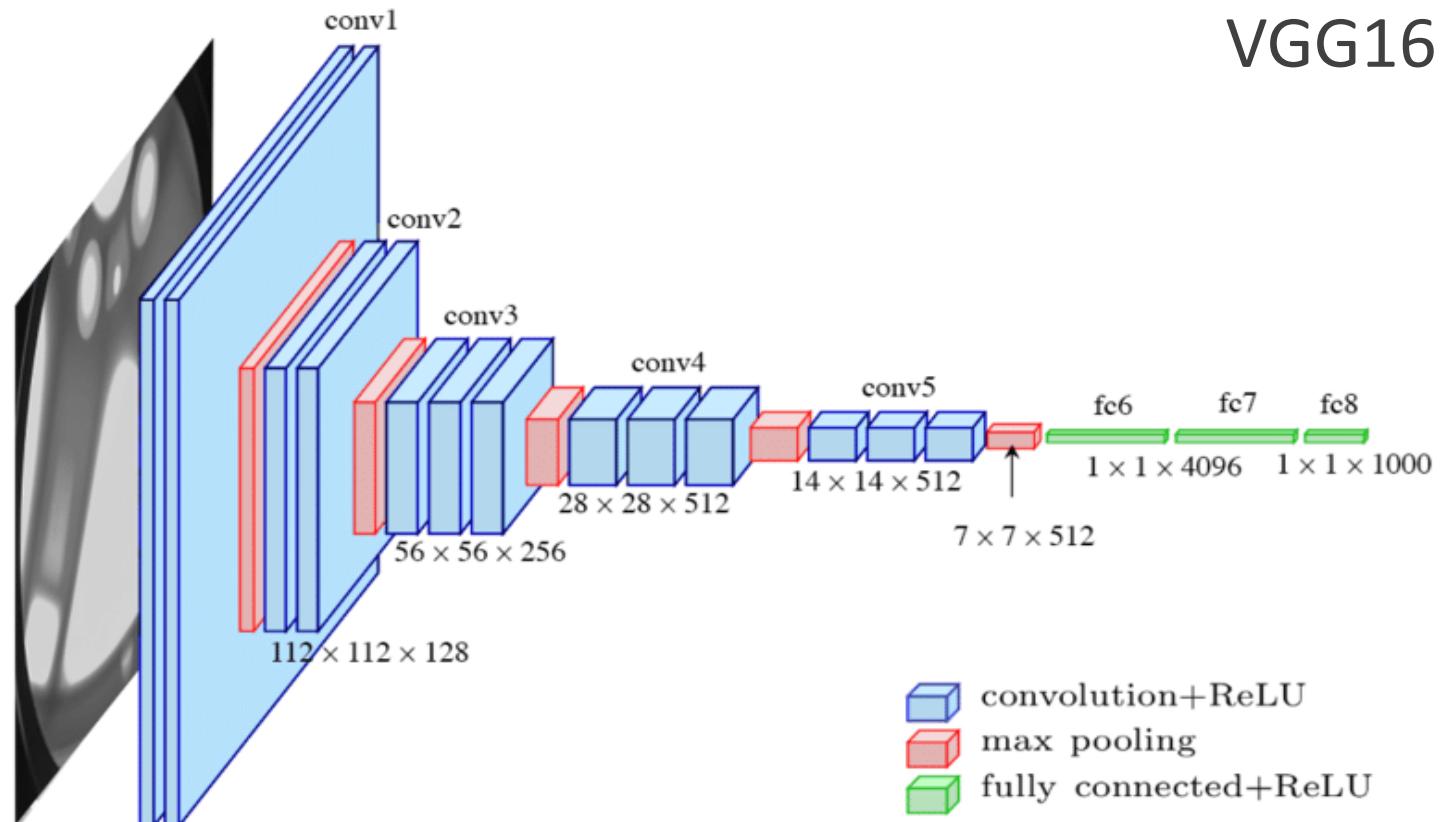
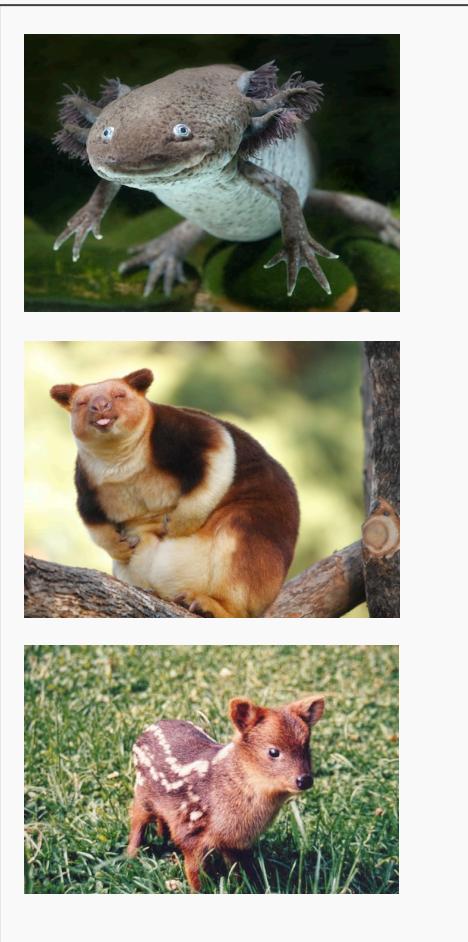
- IMAGENET has more than a 14 million label images and more than 1000 categories.
- However, the imagenet challenge is only a very tiny subset of all possible categories for which we may not have a lot of training data.
- Eg. Can you guess the animals in the images below?



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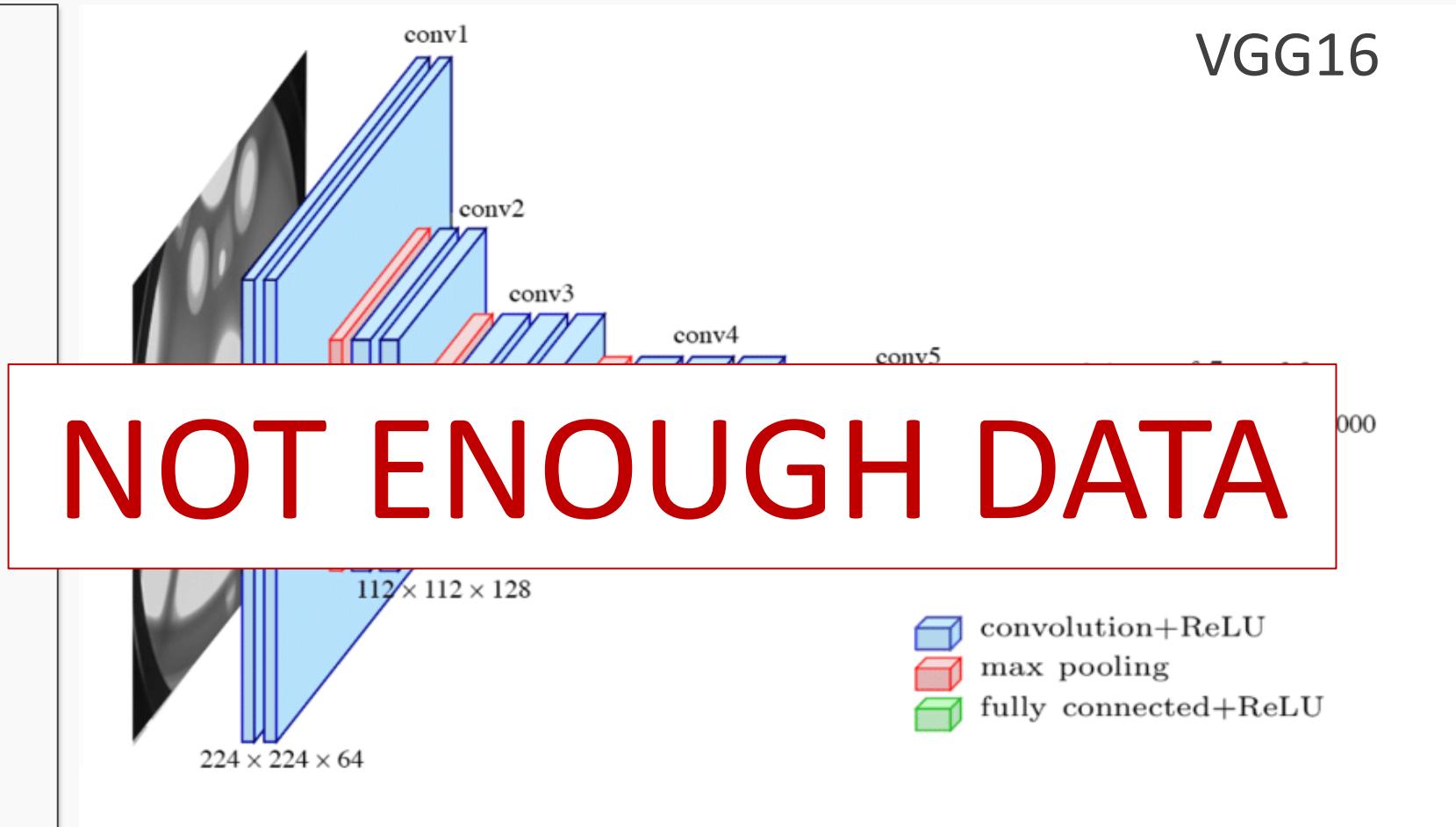
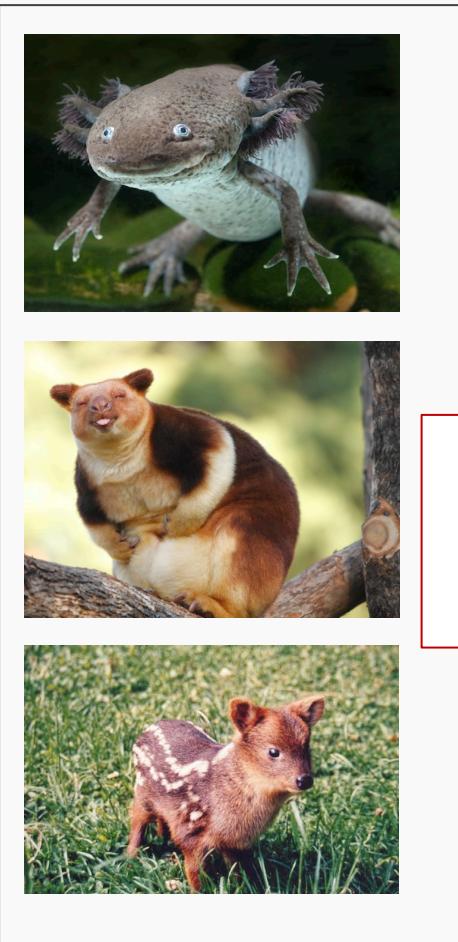
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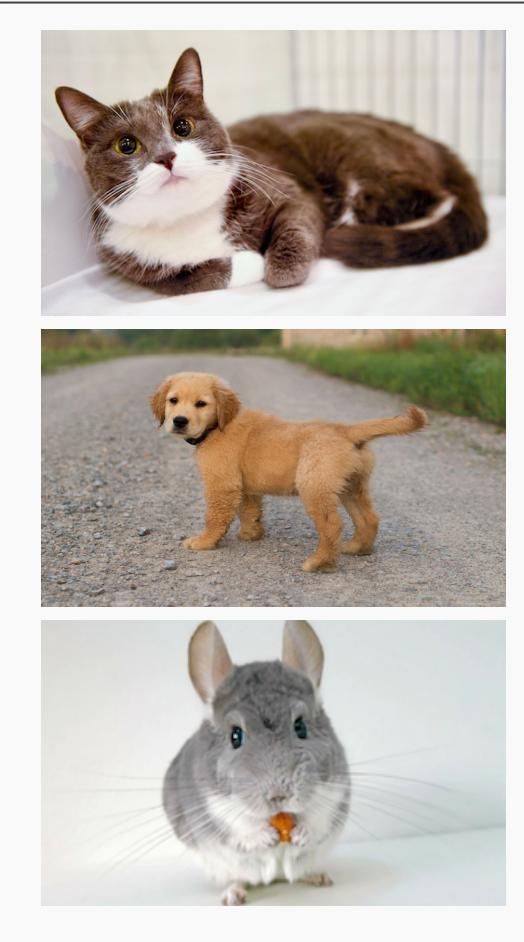
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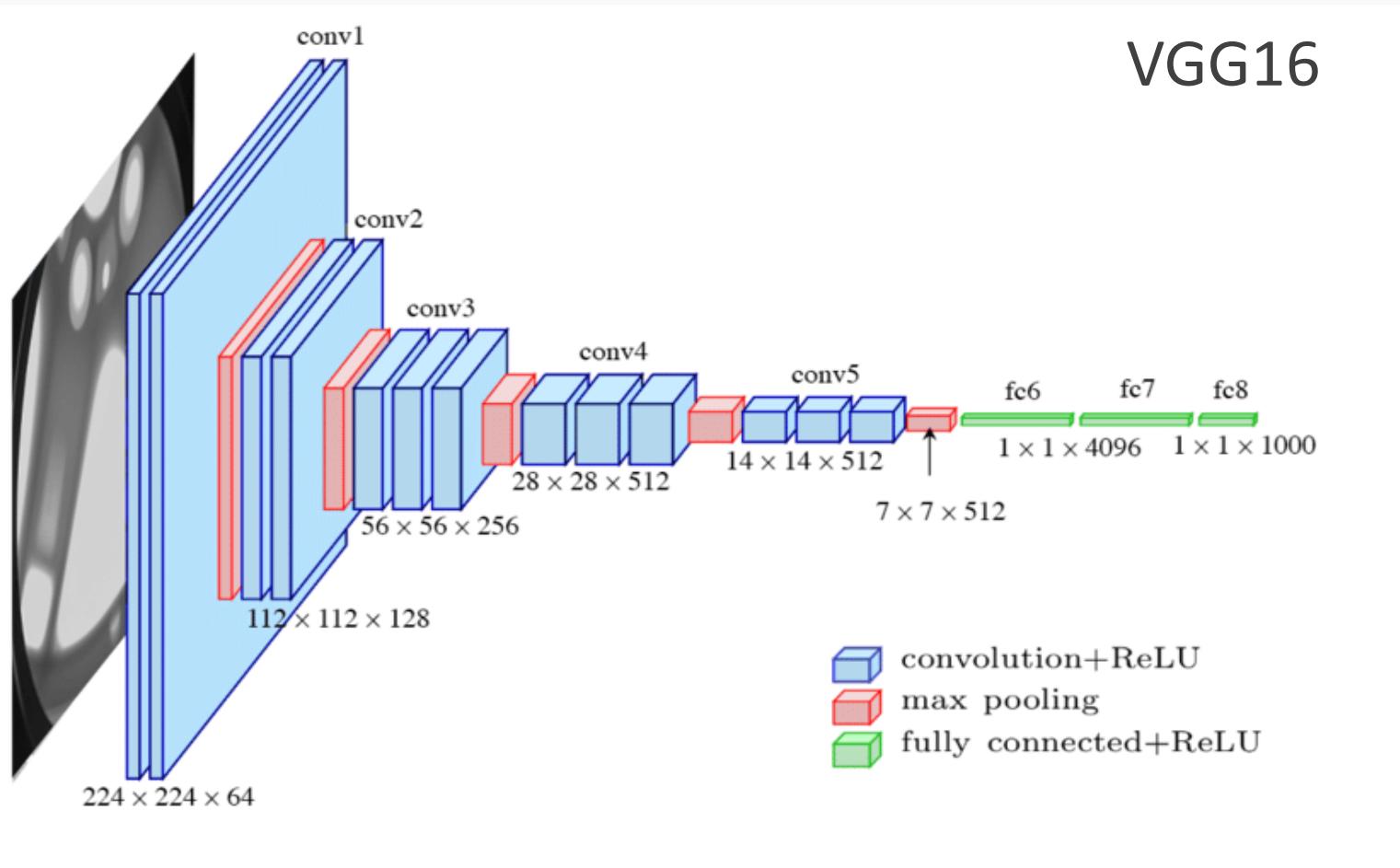
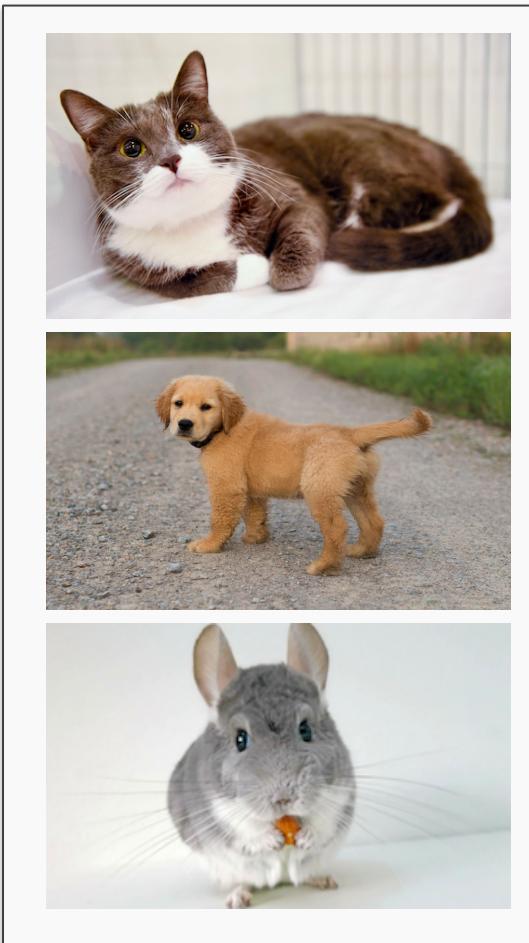
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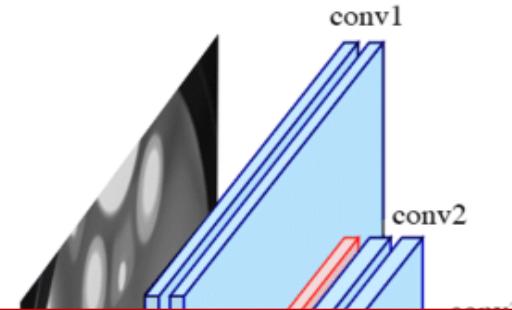
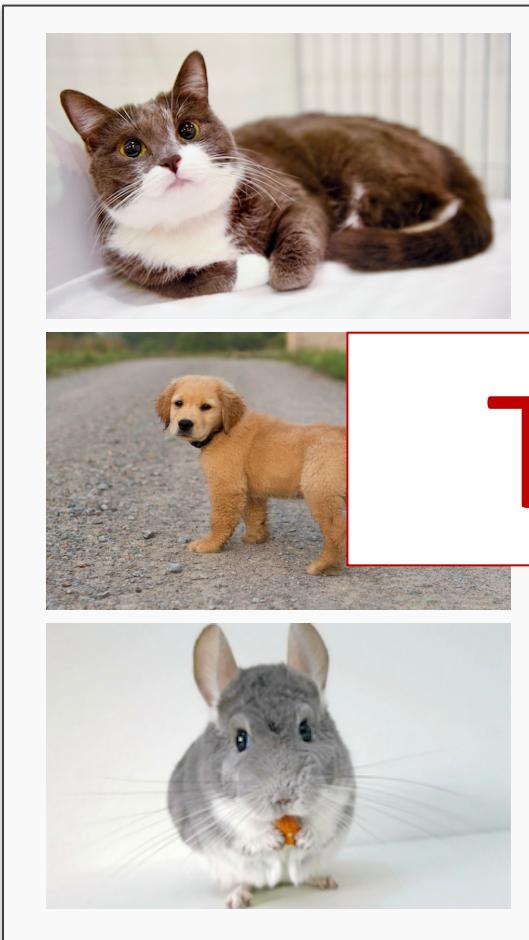
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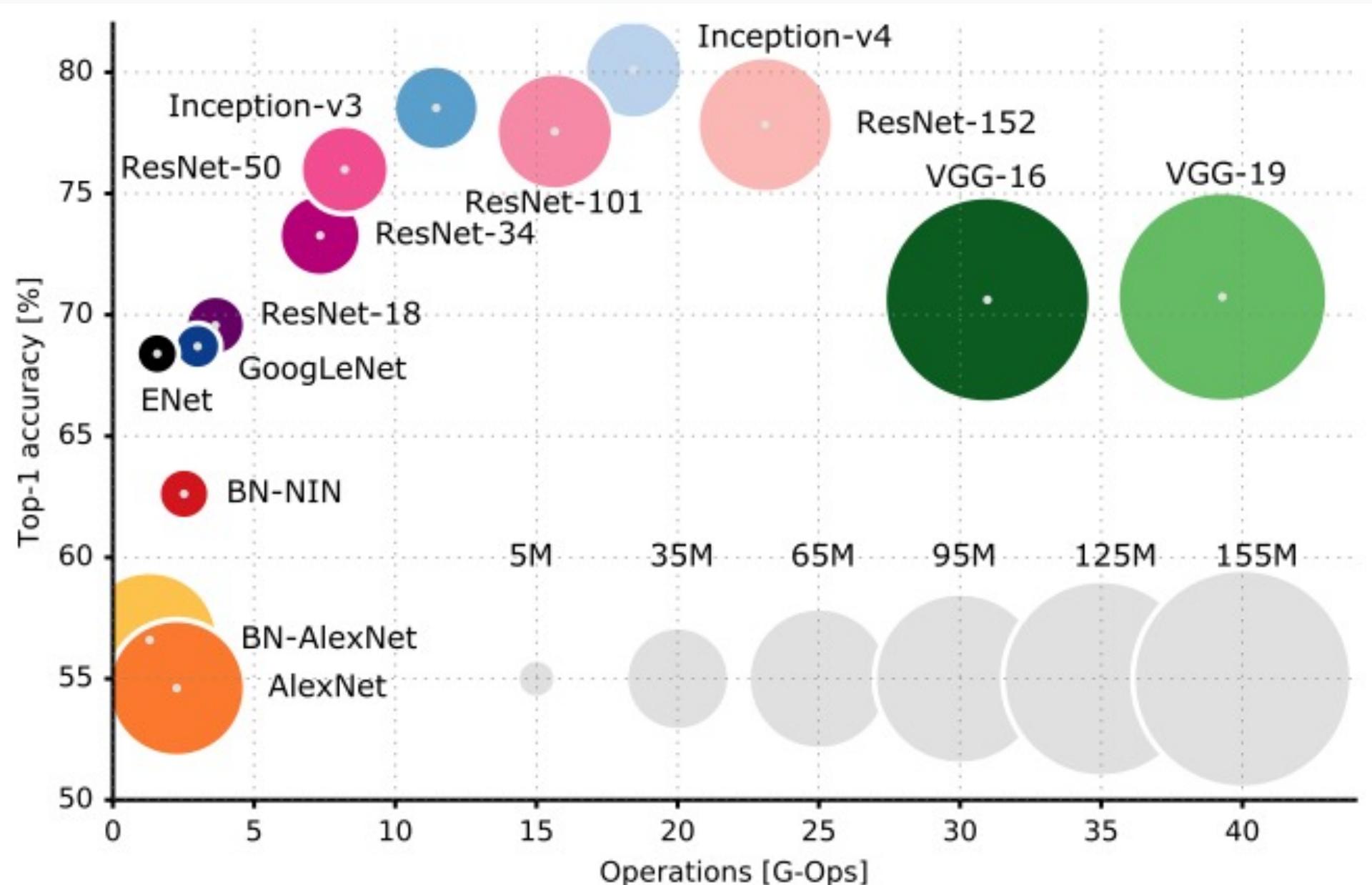


- convolution+ReLU
- max pooling
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Training time for SOTAs



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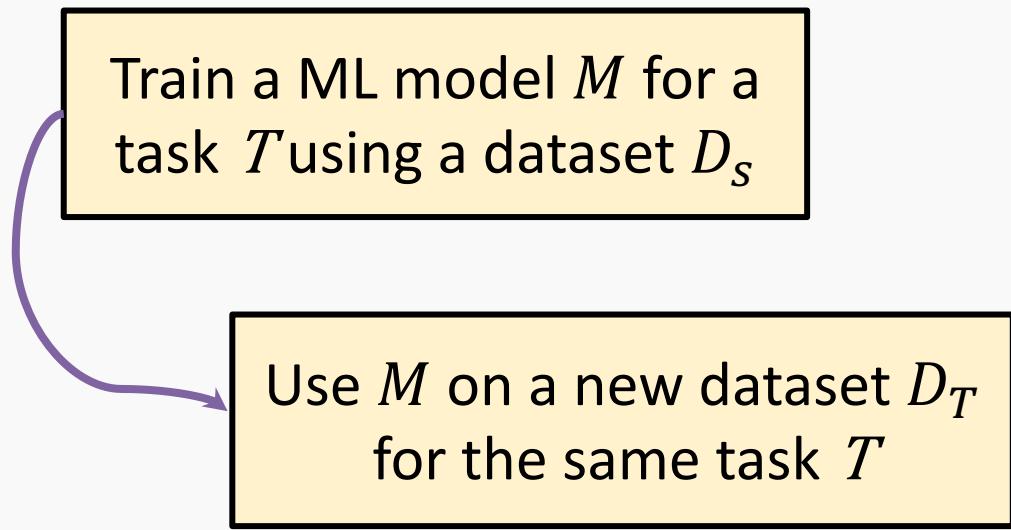
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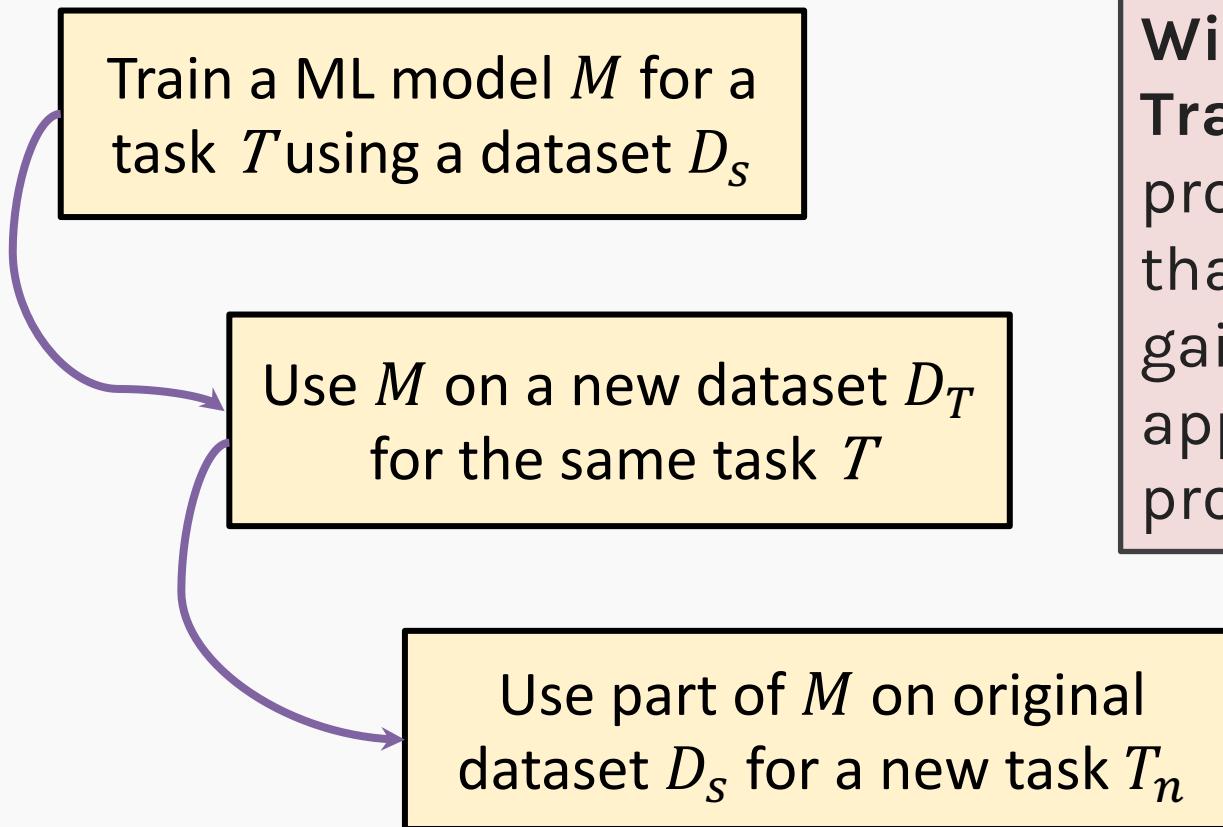


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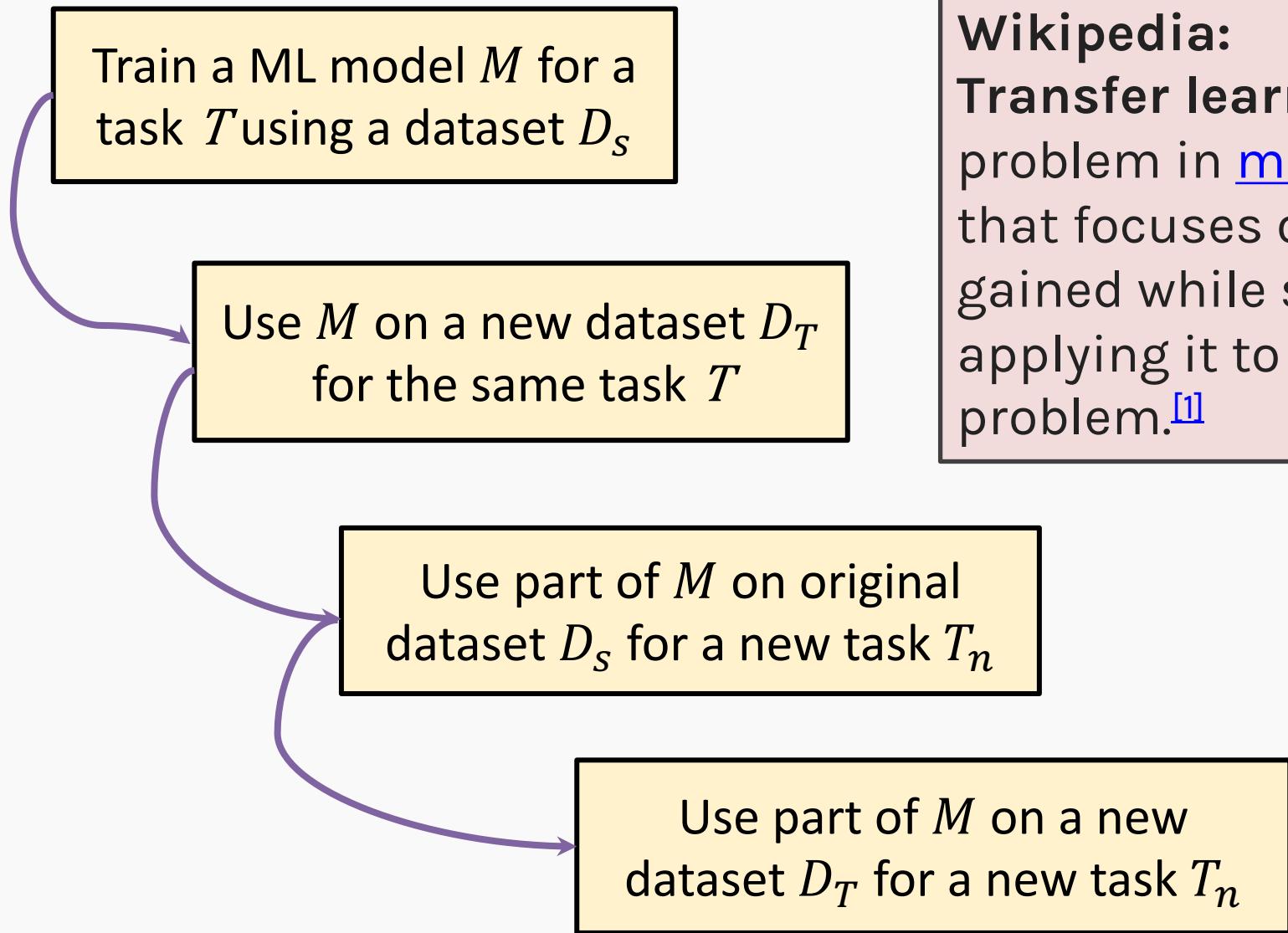


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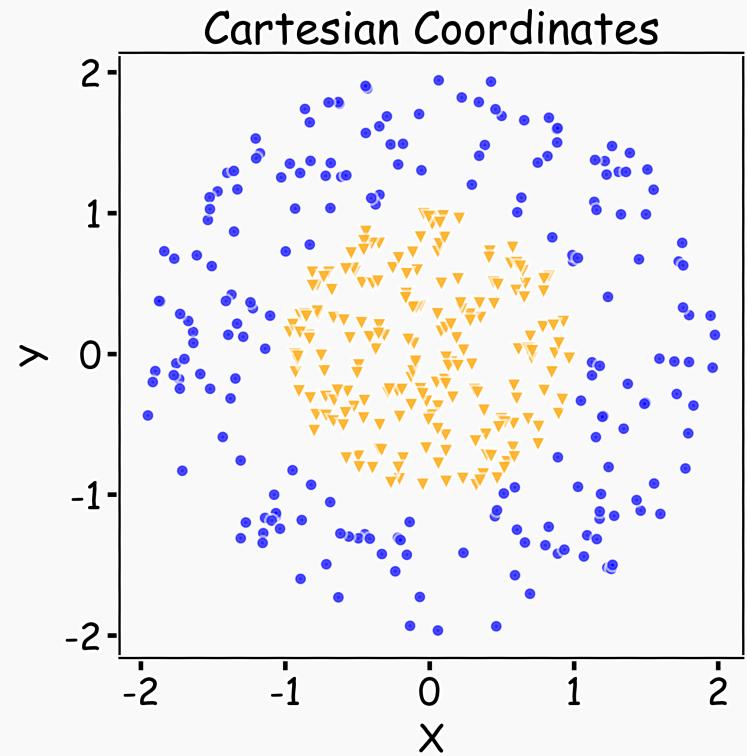


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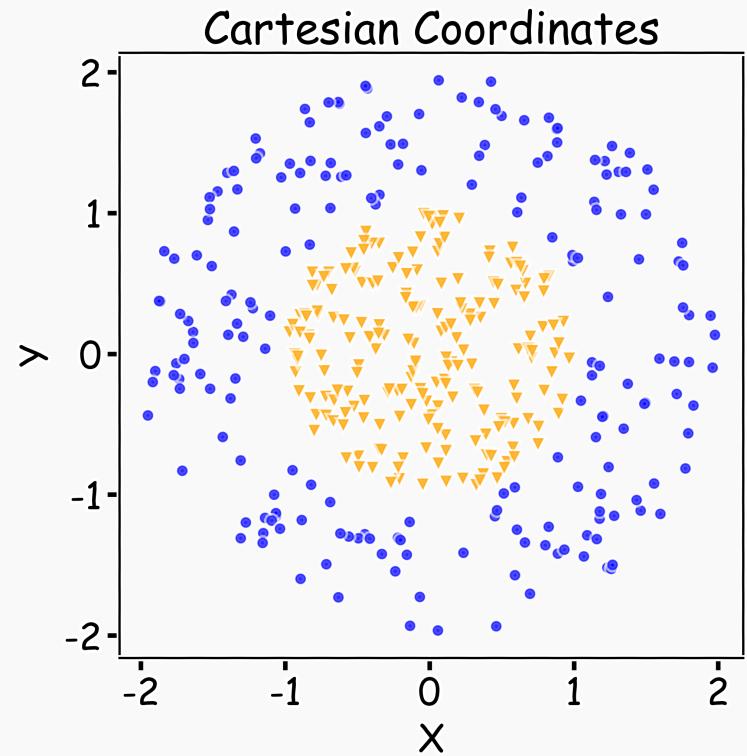


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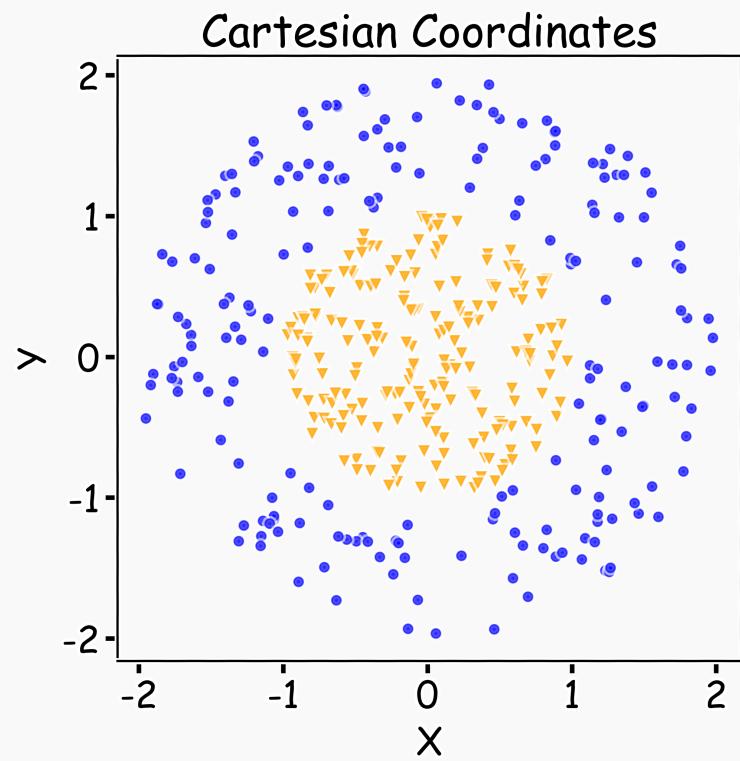
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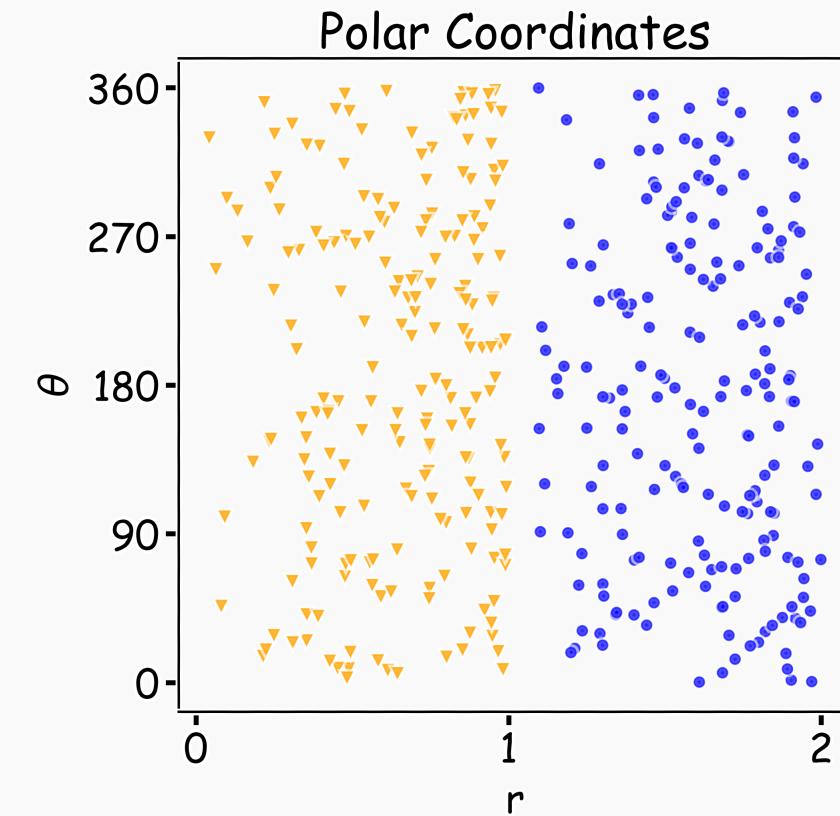


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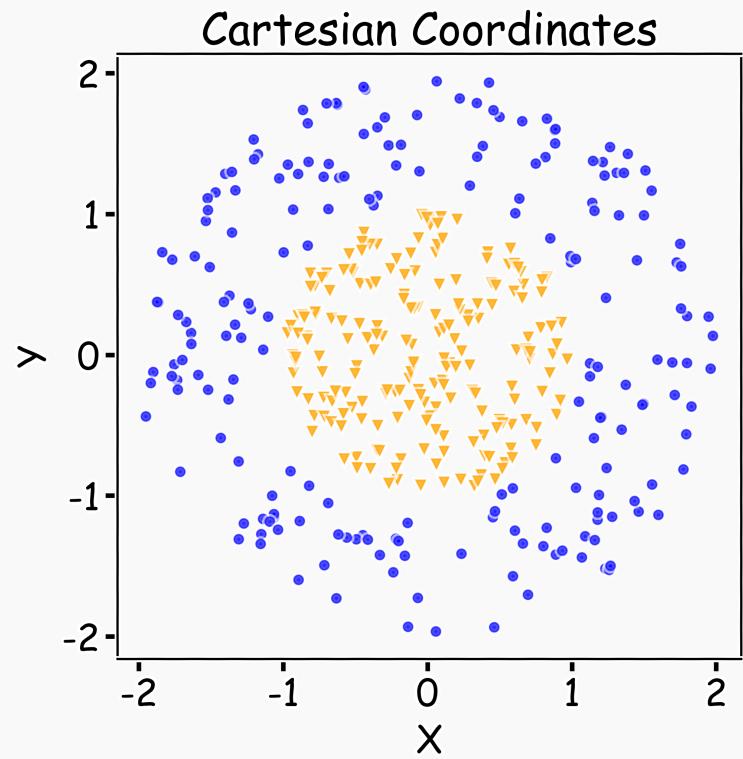


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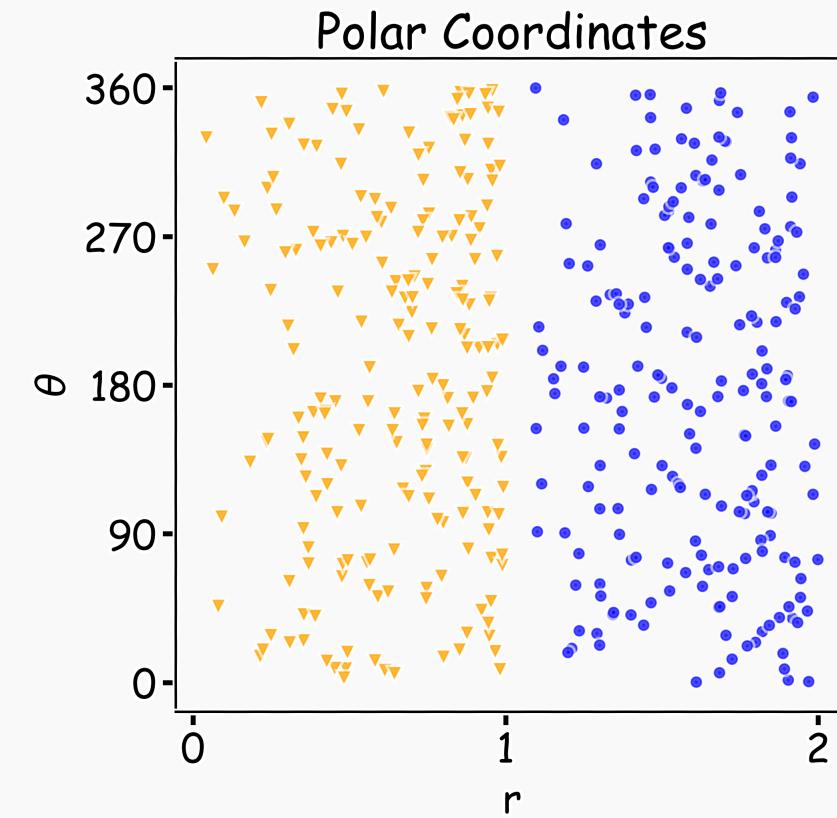
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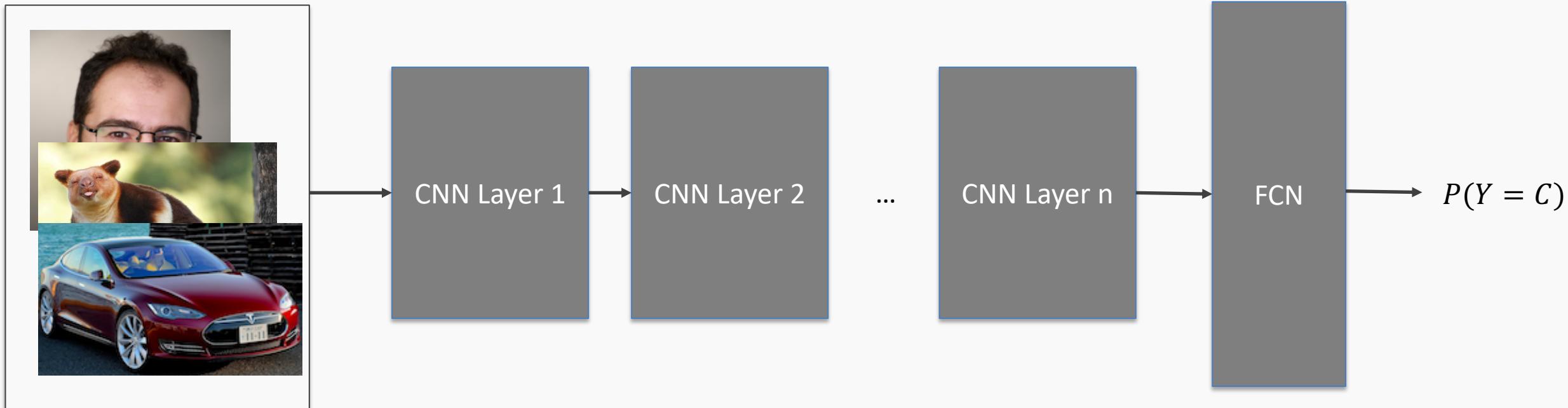


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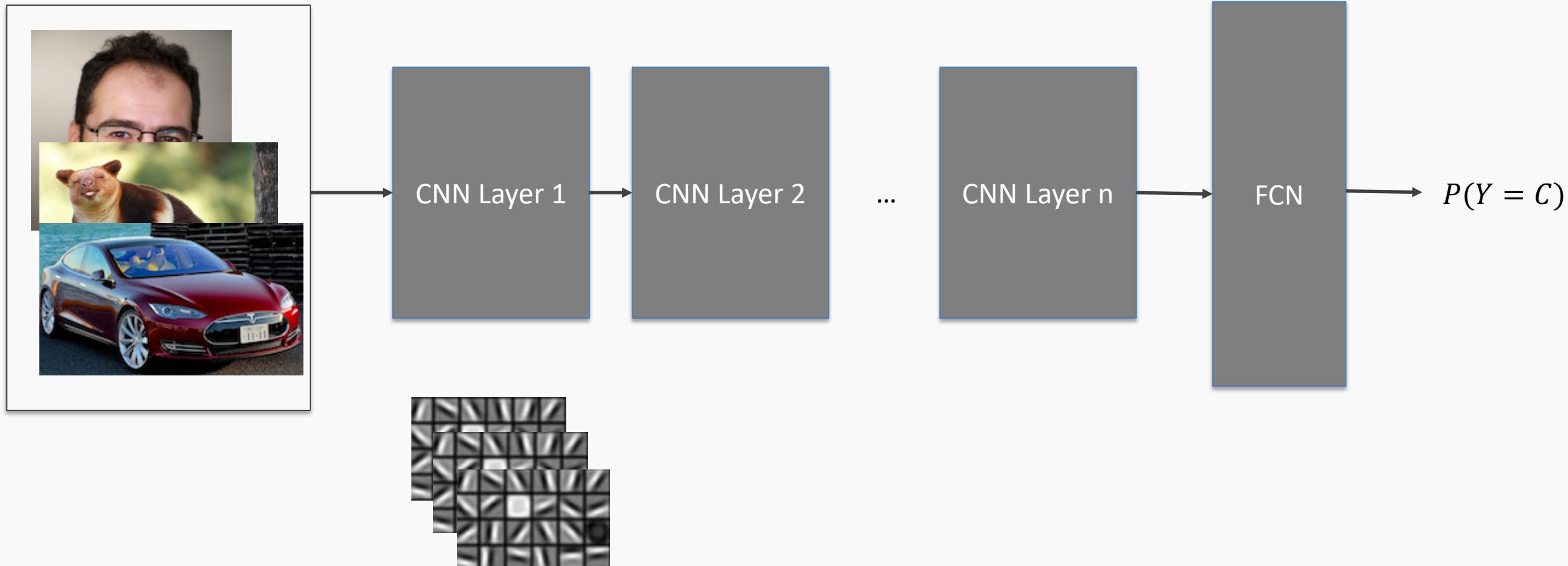
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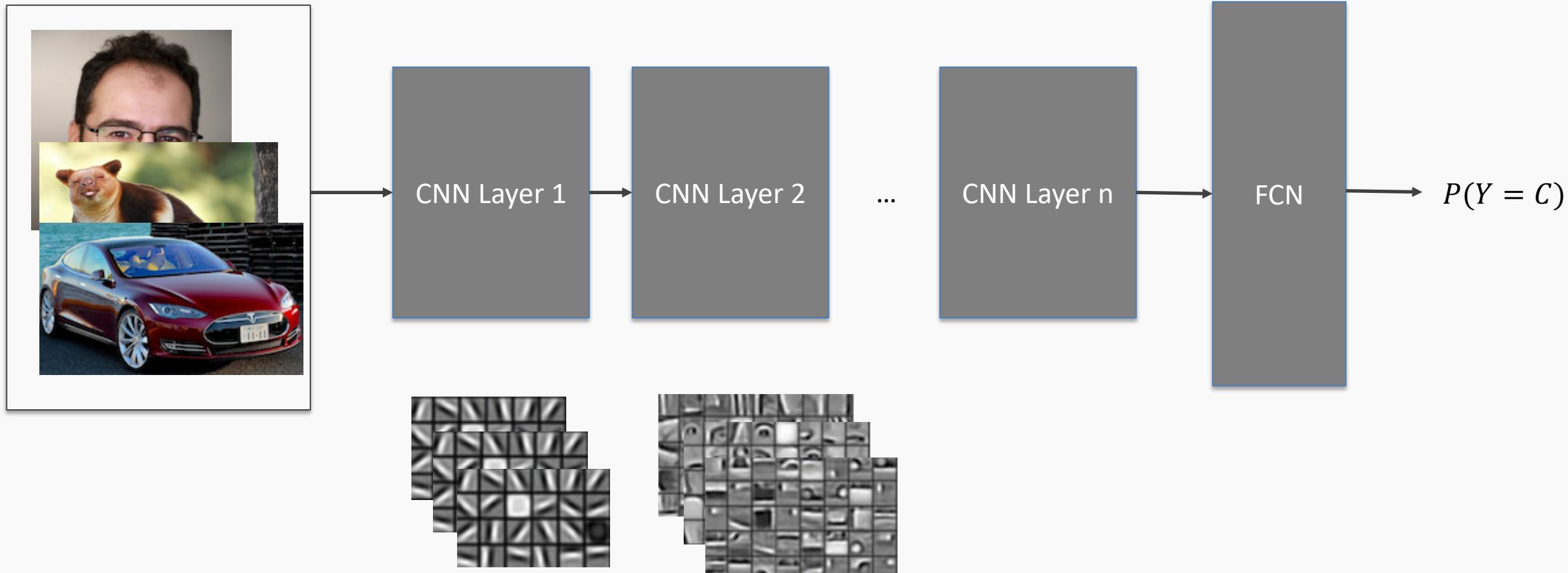
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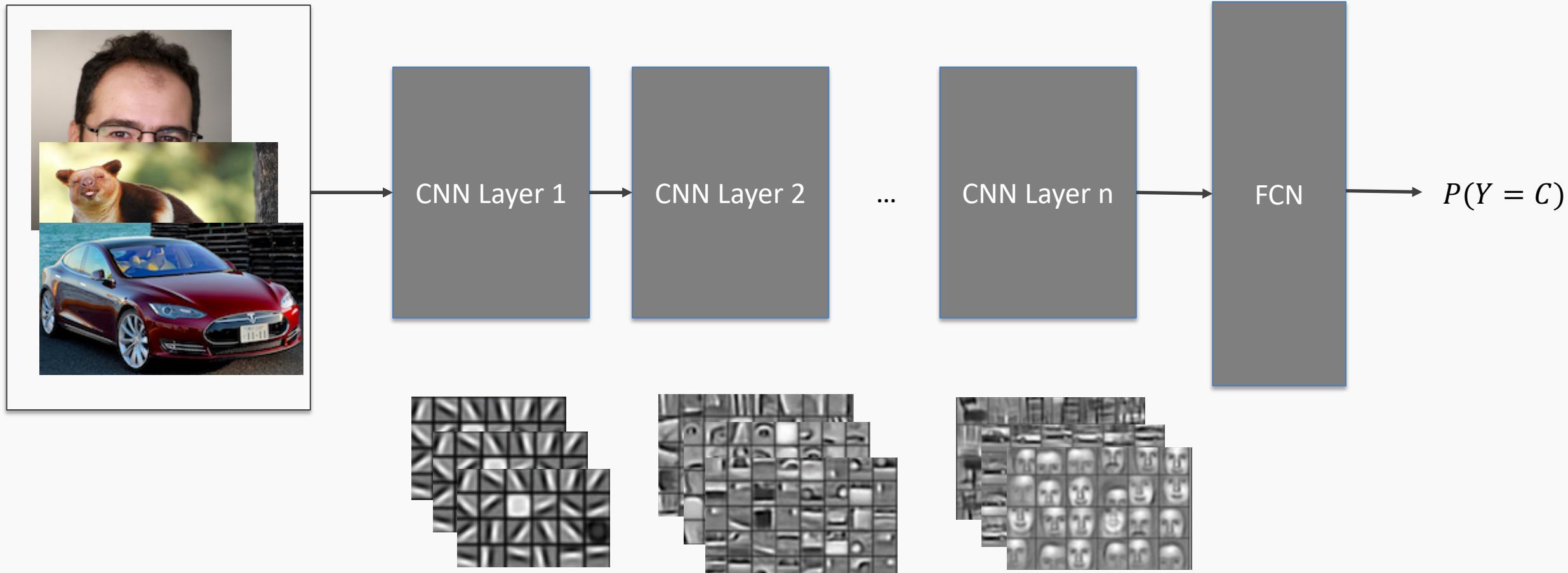
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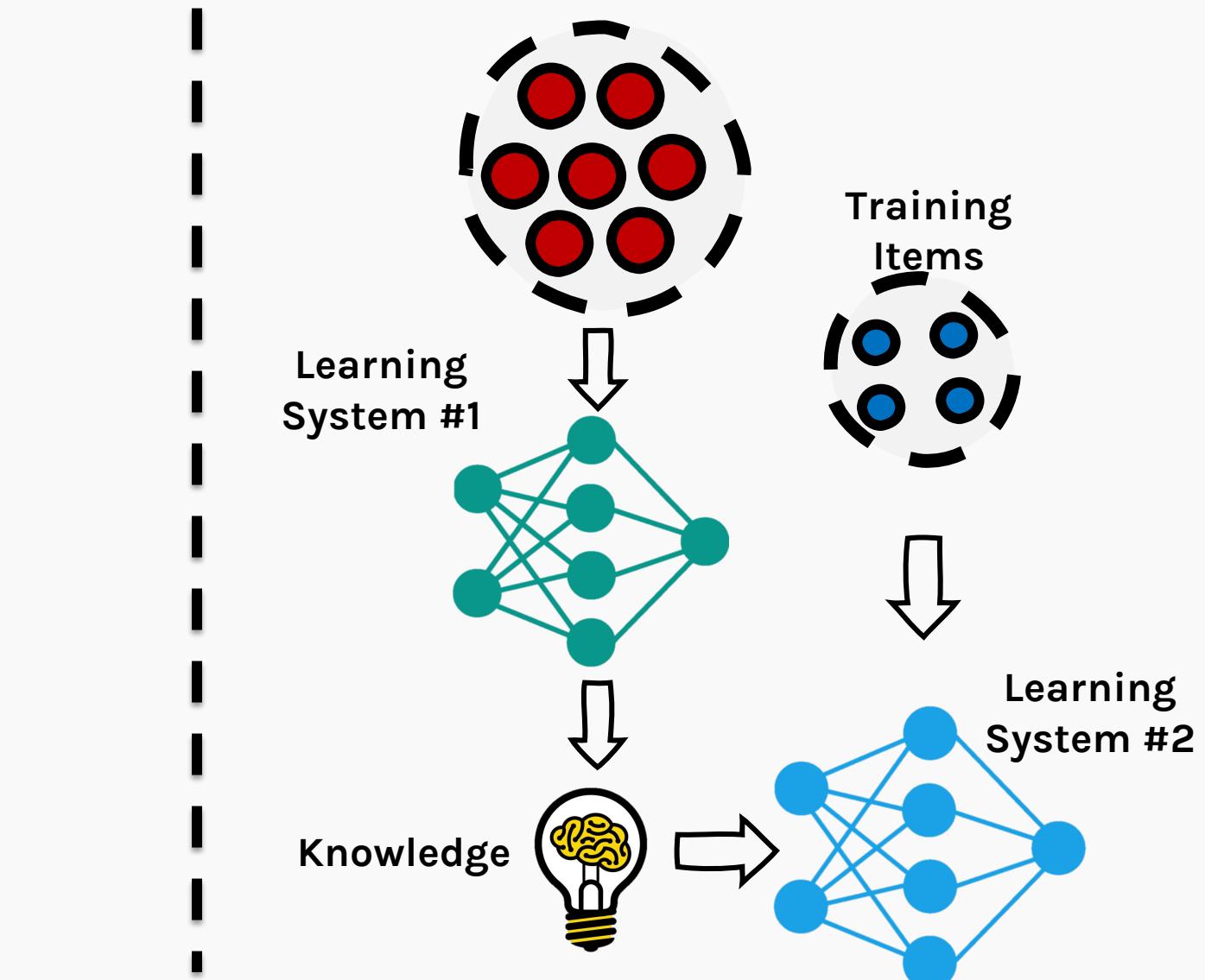
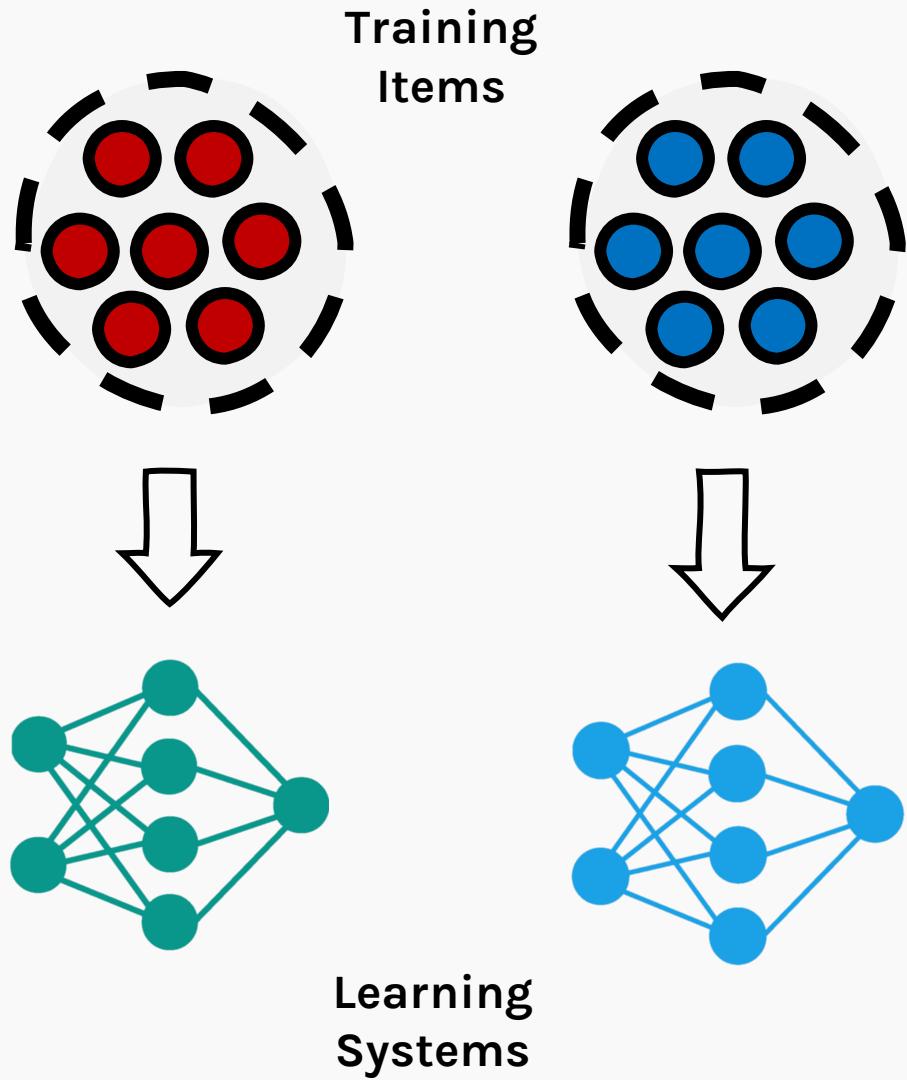
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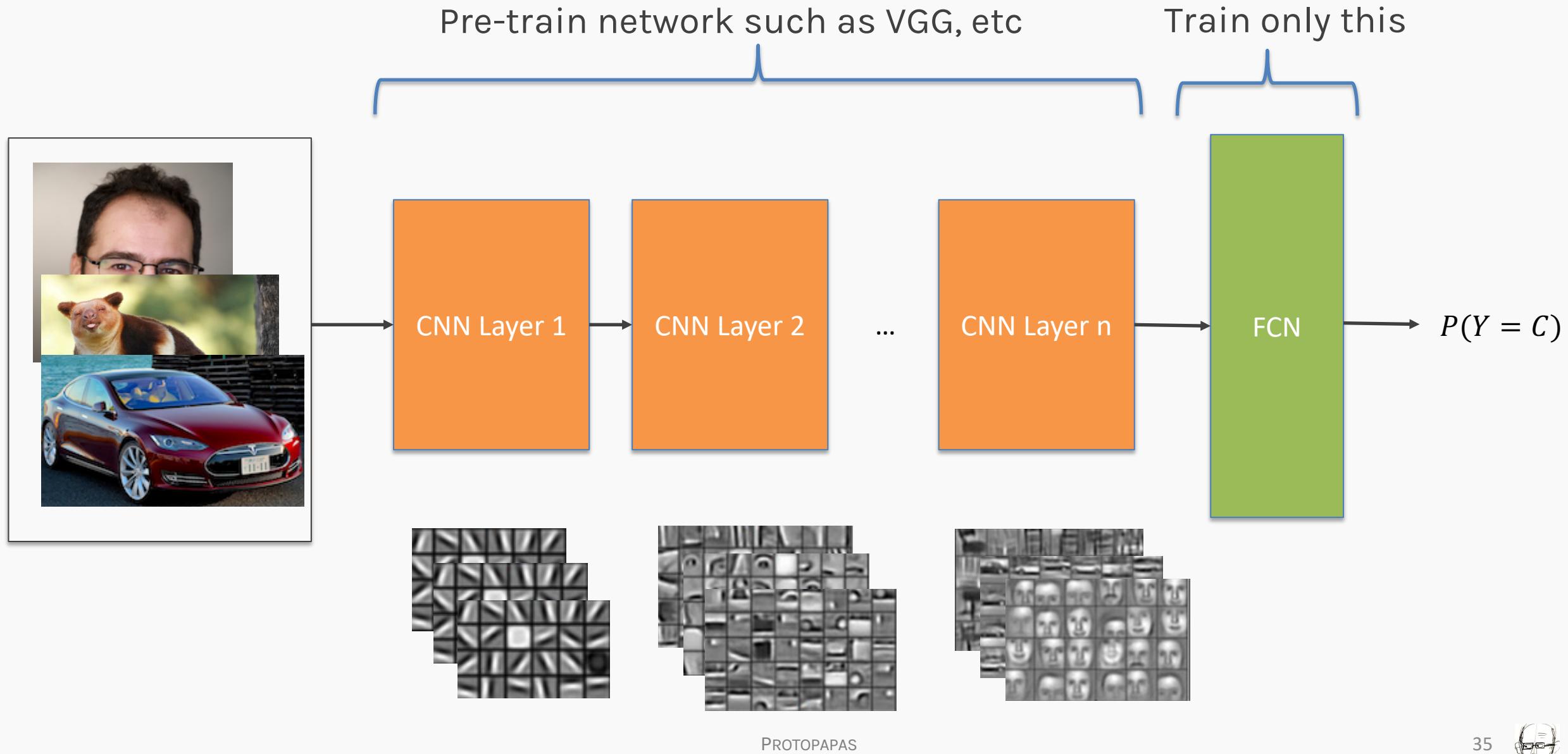
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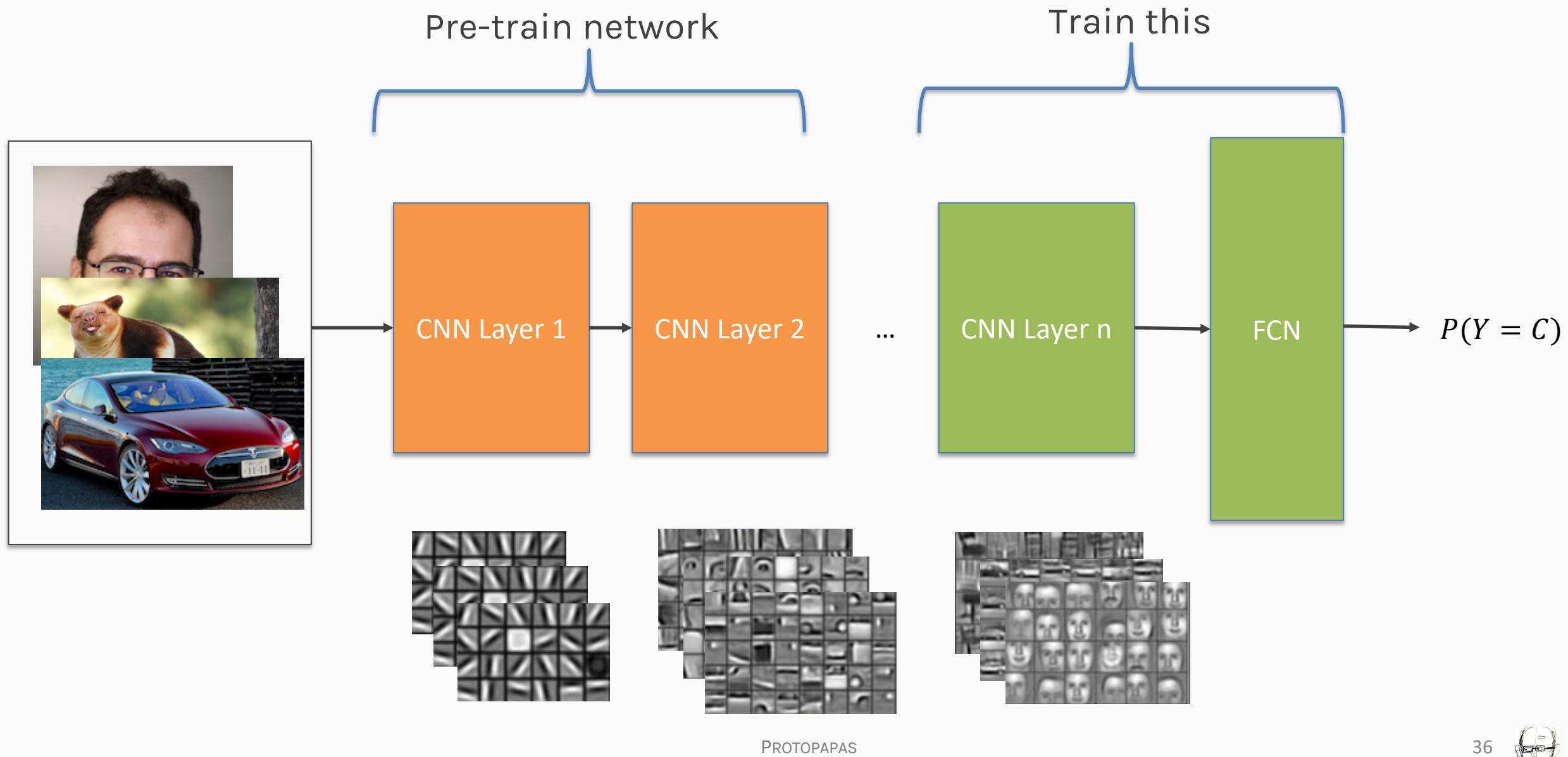
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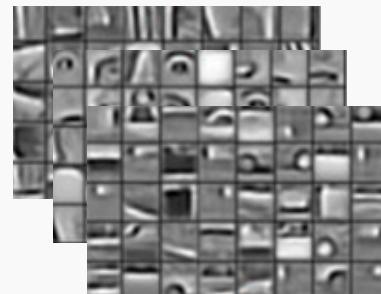
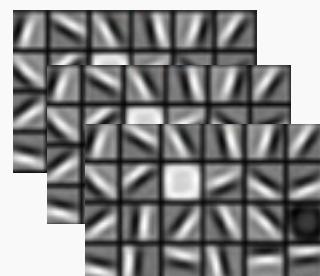
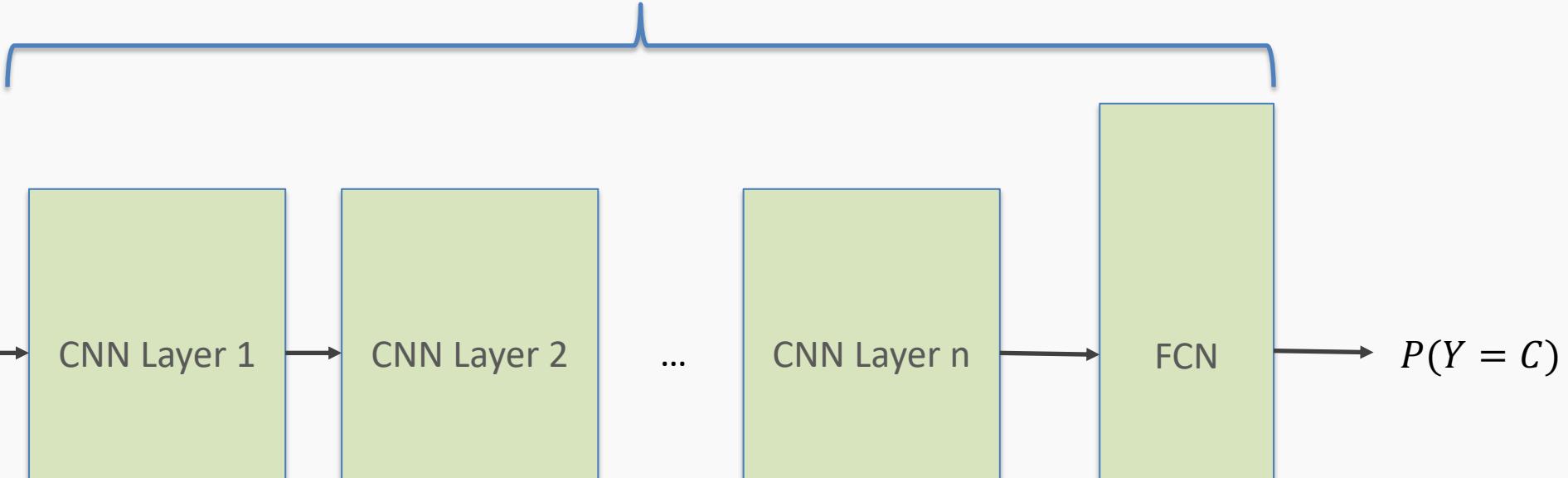
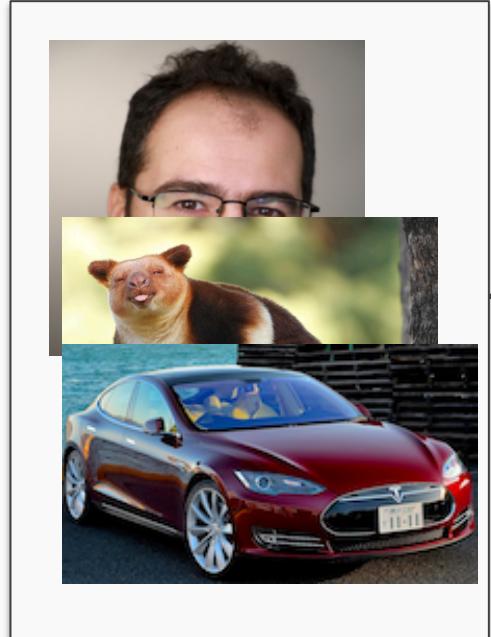


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Transfer Learning - fine tuning

Train everything but start with weights that are trained already



Transfer Learning for Deep Learning

What people think

- You can't do deep learning unless you have a million labeled examples.

What people can do, instead

- You can learn representations from **unlabeled** data.
- You can train on a nearby objective for which is easy to generate labels (ImageNet).
- You can transfer learned representations from a relate task.

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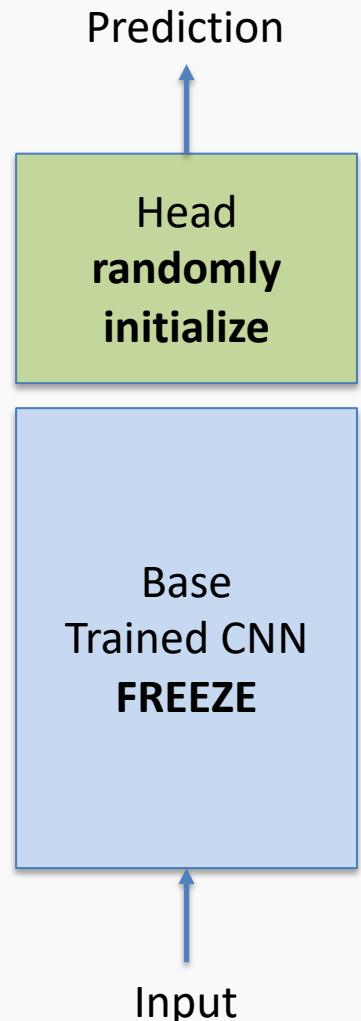
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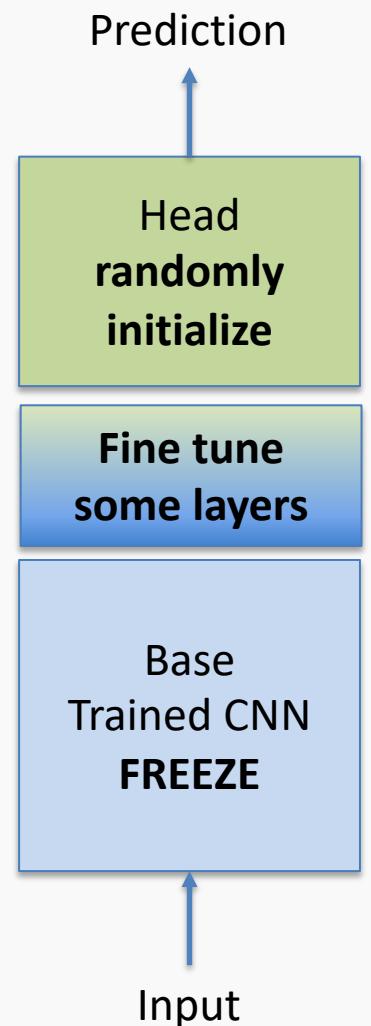
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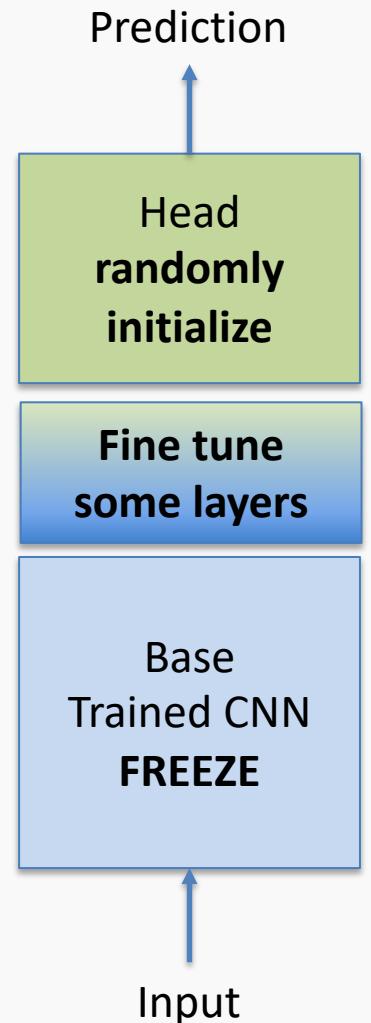
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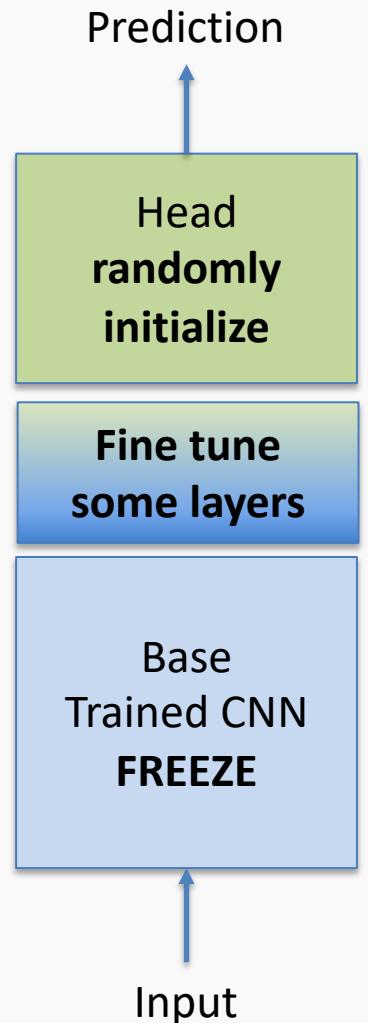
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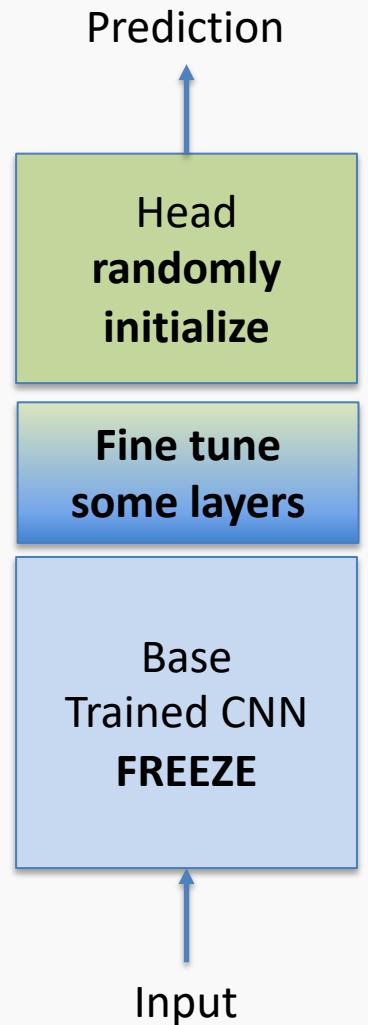
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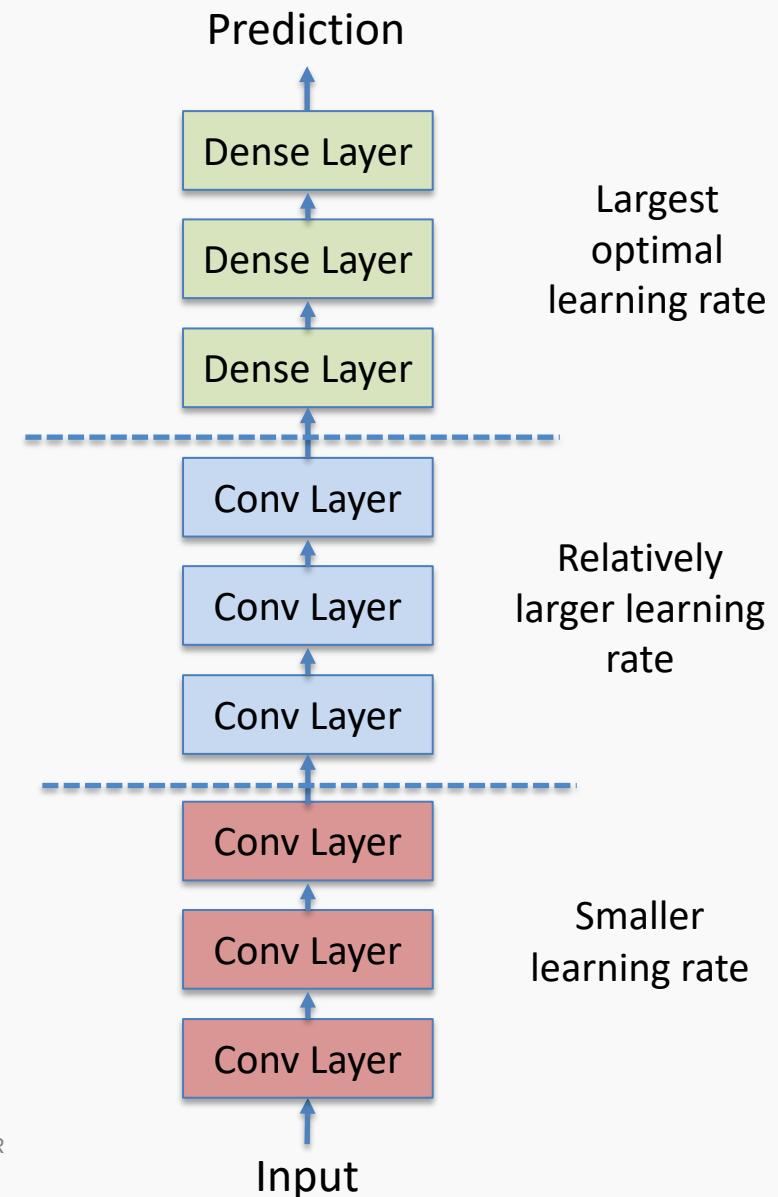
Procedure for Fine-tuning

1. **Freeze** the convolutional base.
2. **First train** the fully connected head you added, keeping the convolutional base fixed.
3. **Unfreeze** some "later" layers in the base net and now train the base net and FC net together.

Since you are now in a better part of the loss surface already, gradients won't be terribly high, but we still need to be careful. Thus, often we use a **very low learning rate**.

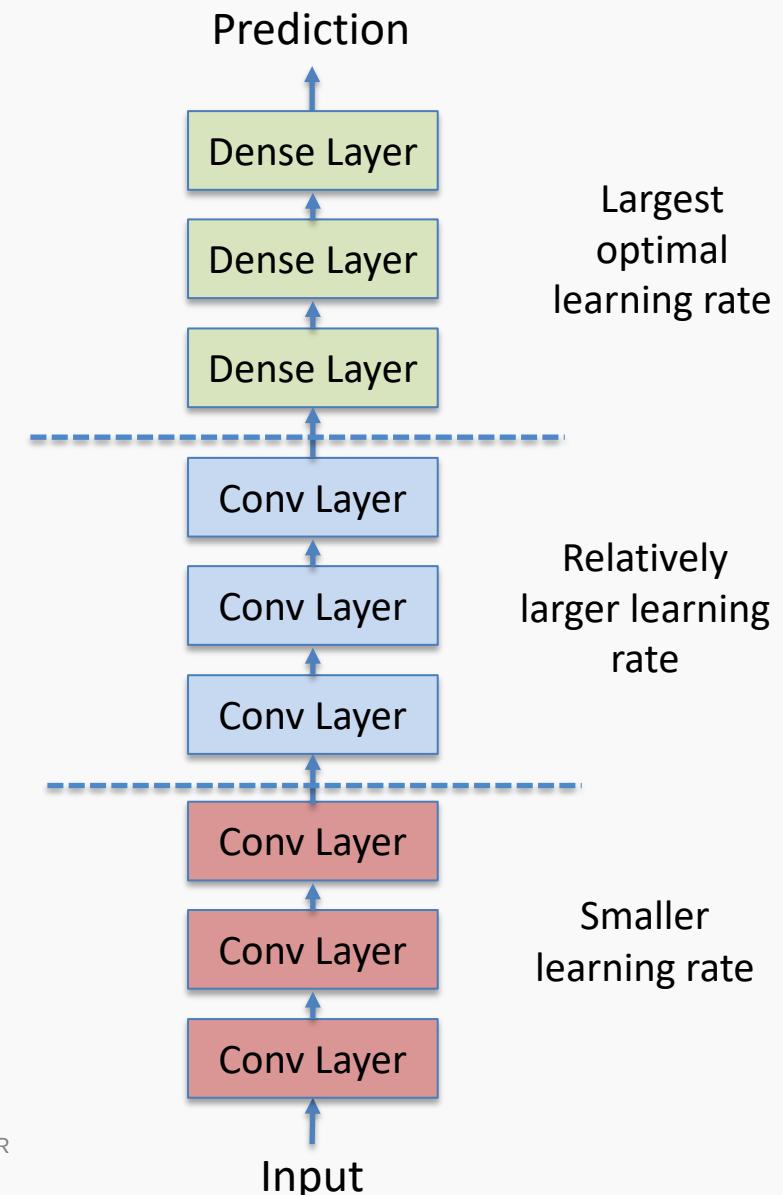
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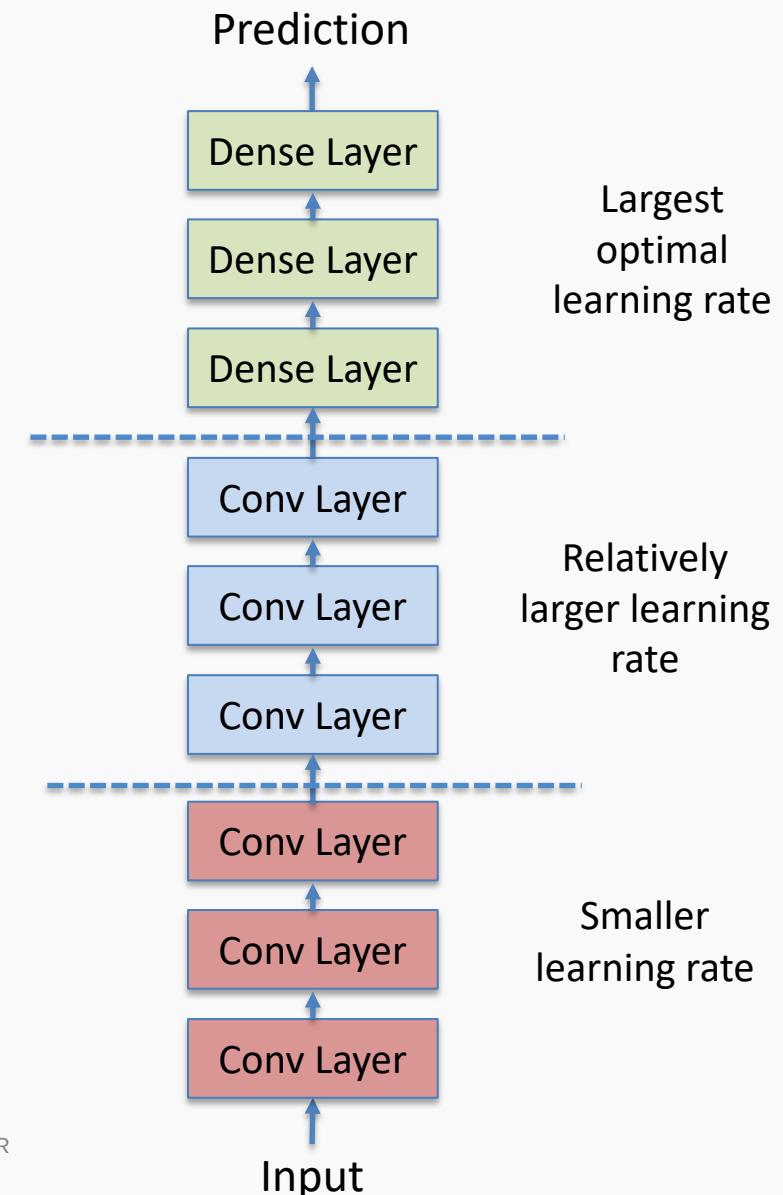
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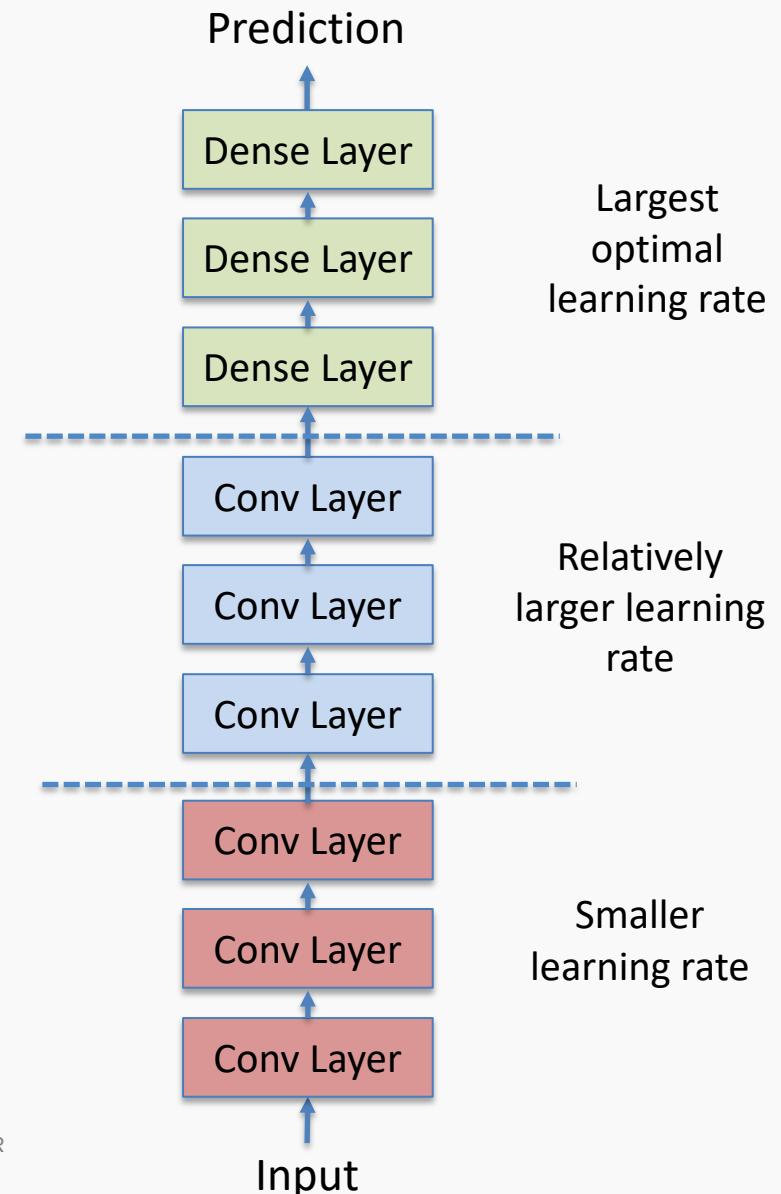
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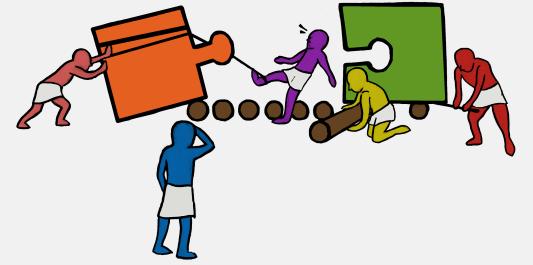


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Exercise: Transfer Learning



The goal of this exercise is to use Transfer Learning to achieve near-perfect accuracy for a highly customized task. The task at hand is to distinguish images of people with Sunglasses or Hat.

