



# Residual Networks & Densely Connected Convolutional Networks

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# Outline

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## ResNet (published 2015)

- Architecture
- Properties

## DenseNet (published 2018)

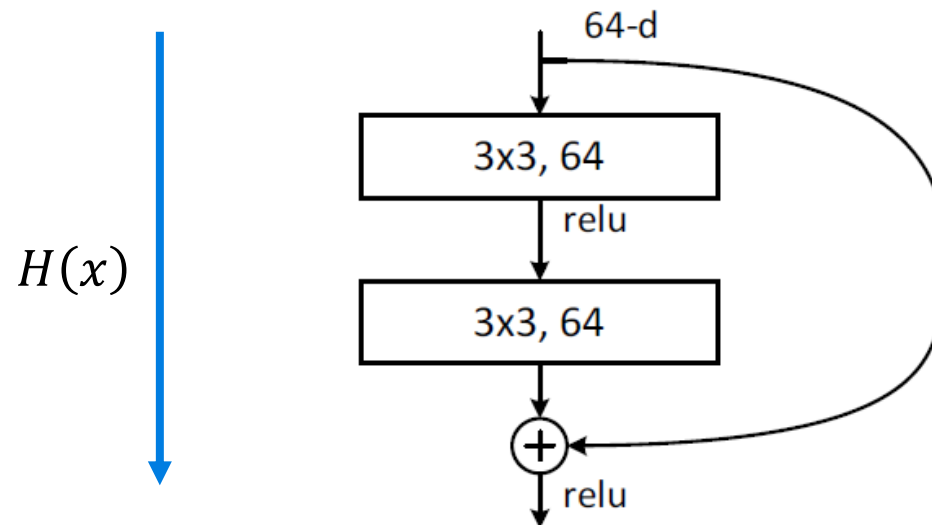
- Architecture
- Properties

## Experiments

# ResNet

## Residual Unit

- $H(x)$  old mapping

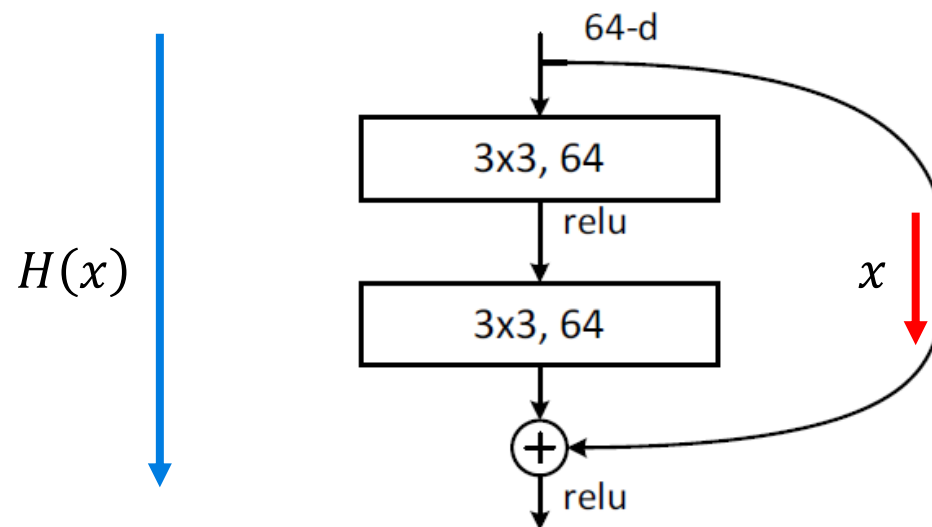


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# ResNet

## Residual Unit

- $H(x)$  old mapping
- $x$  skip connection / identity

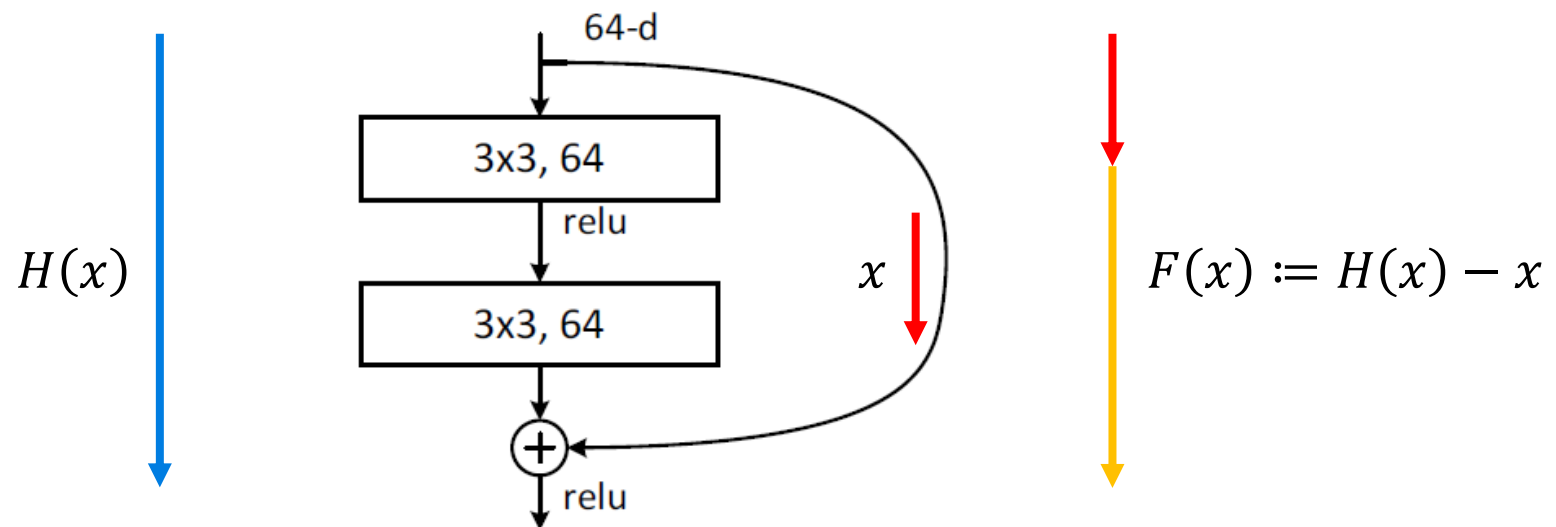


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# ResNet

## Residual Unit

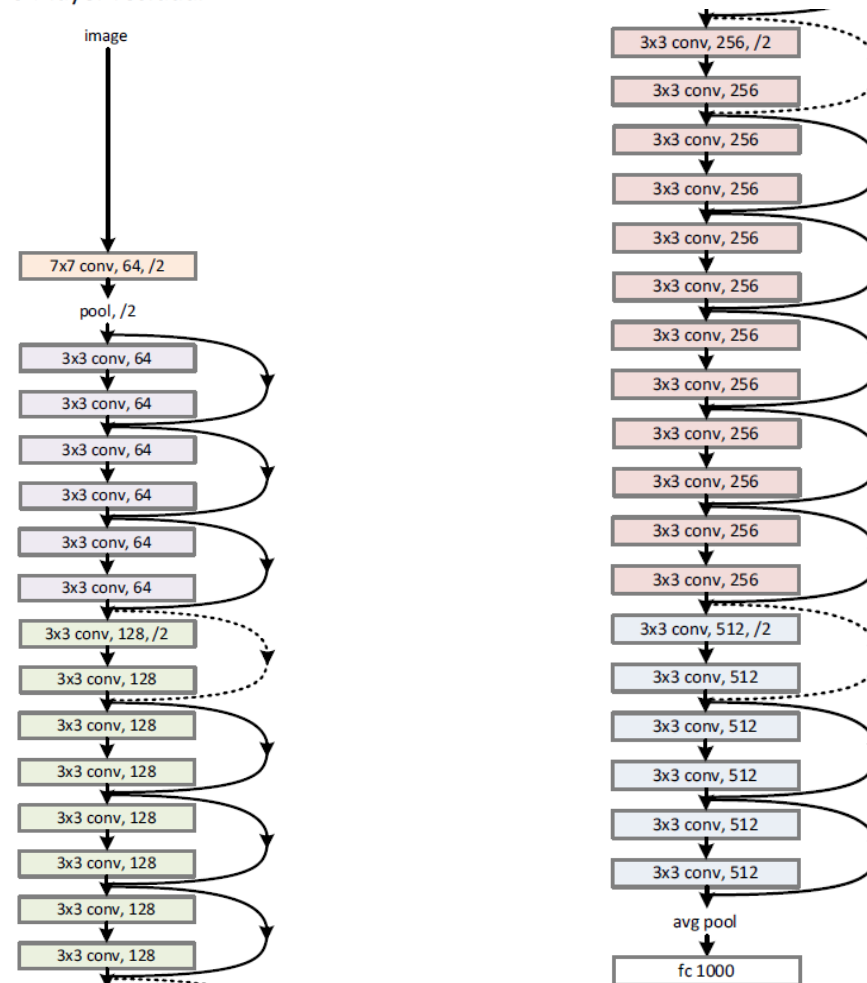
- $H(x)$  old mapping
- $x$  skip connection / identity
- $F(x)$  new mapping with skip connection



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# ResNet Architecture

34-layer residual



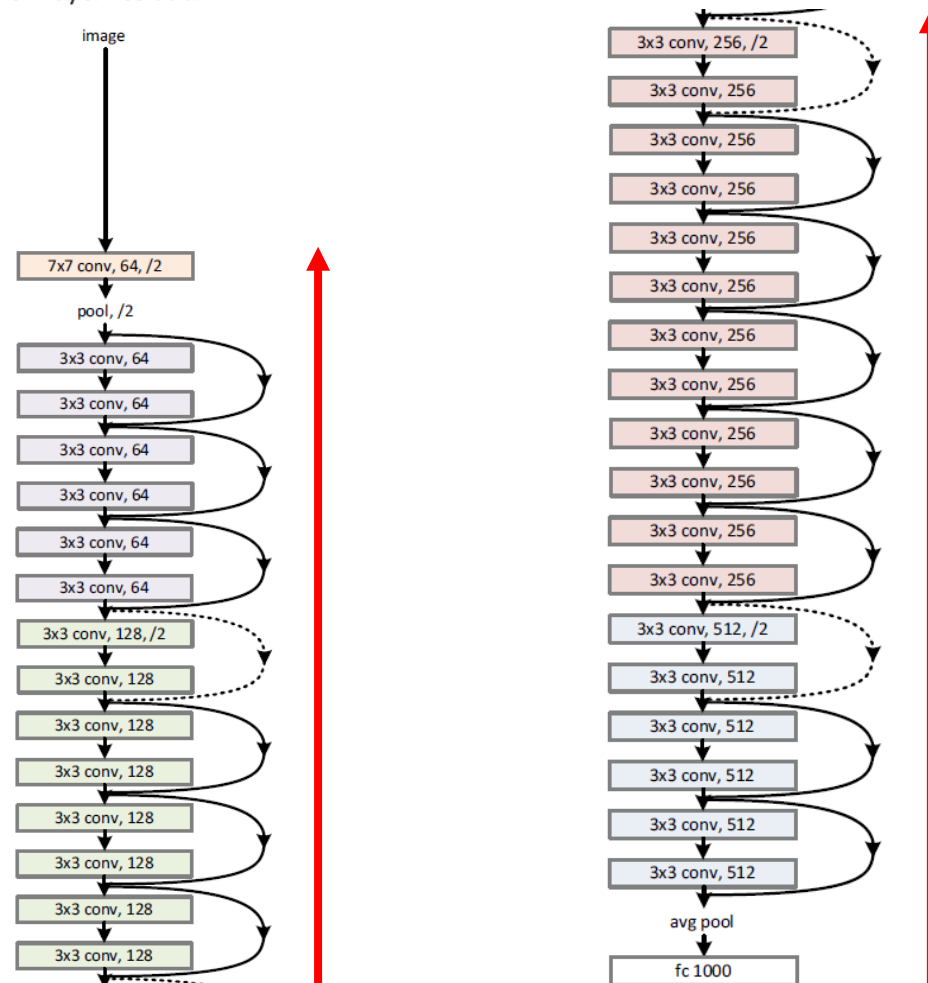
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# ResNet

## Gradient Flow

Improved gradient flow  
through skip connections

34-layer residual



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# ResNet

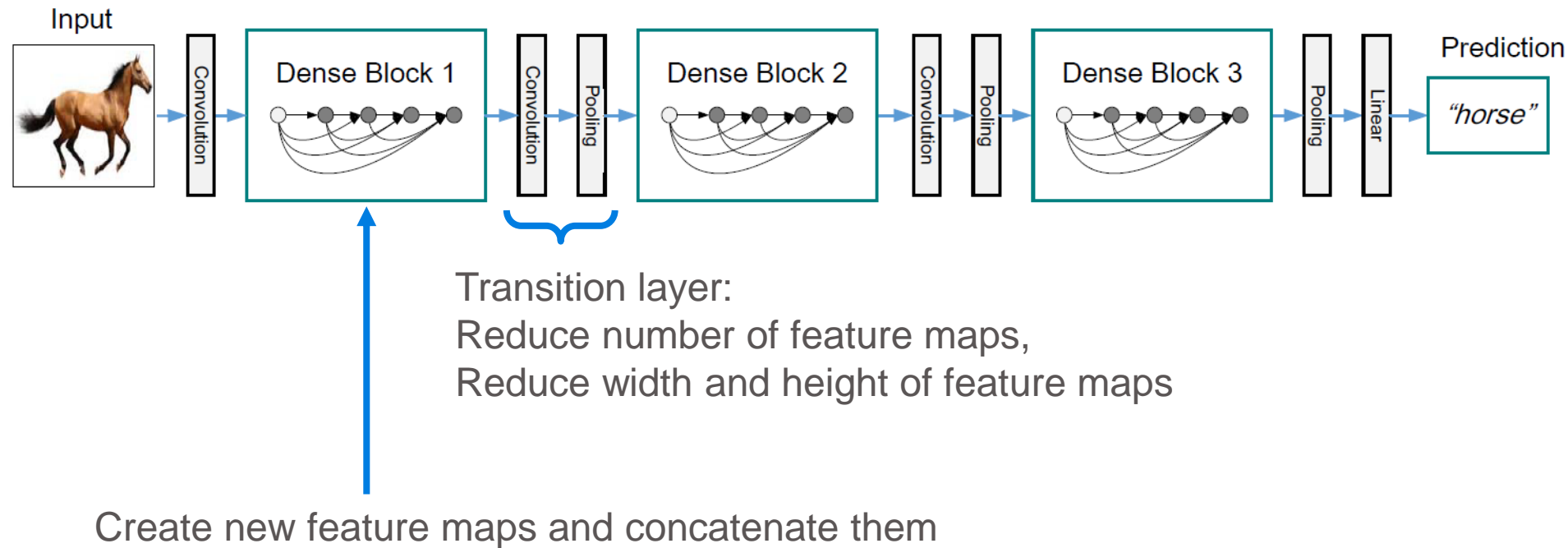
## Properties

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- **Improved gradient flow**
  - Less prone to vanishing gradients
  - Deeper networks are trainable
- **Feature propagation through skip connections**
- **Skip connections are computationally cheap**



# DenseNet Architecture



Source: Paper „Densely Connected Convolutional Networks“

# DenseNet

## Architecture II

- $H(\cdot)$  Composite function (Batch Norm., ReLU, Conv., Pooling)  
e.g. Transition layer:

$$H(x_l) = \text{Conv}(\text{Pooling}(x_l))$$

- ResNet:

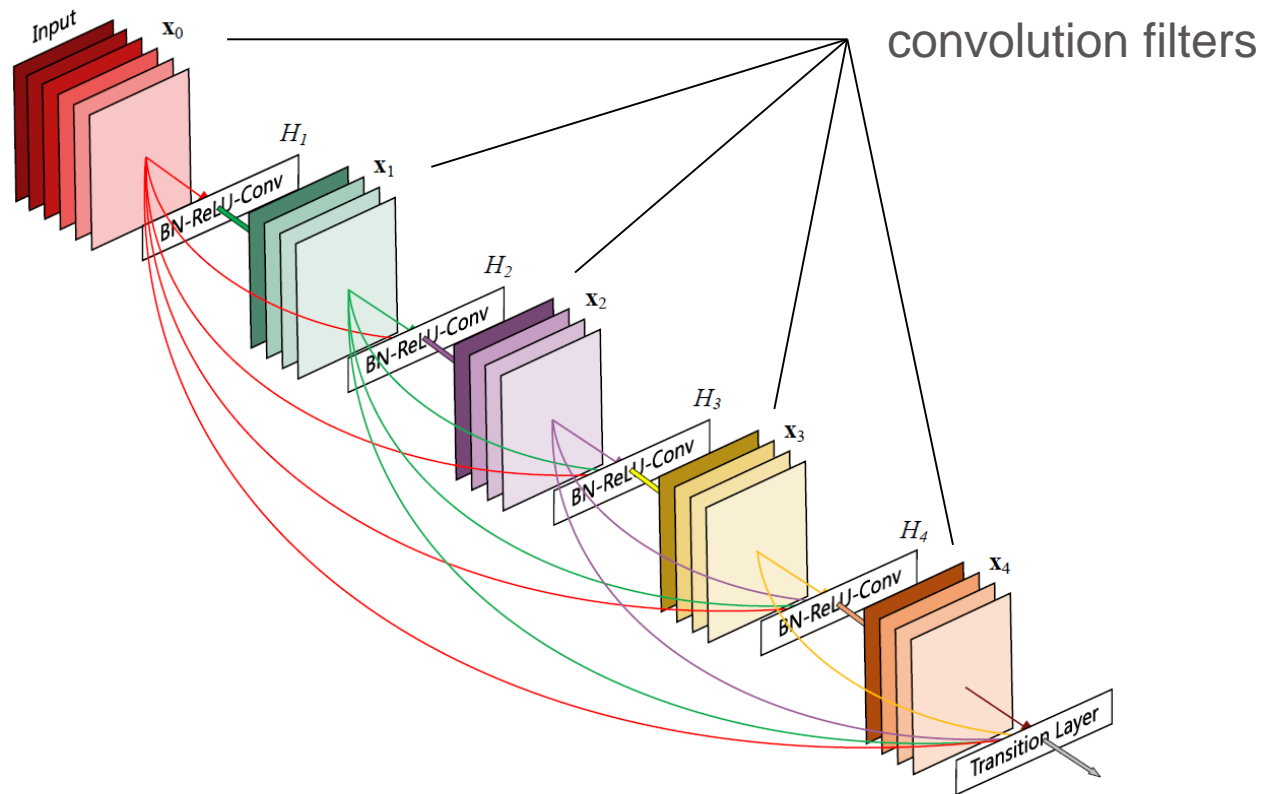
$$x_l = H_l(x_{l-1}) + x_{l-1}$$

- DenseNet:

$$x_l = H_l([x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}])$$

# DenseNet

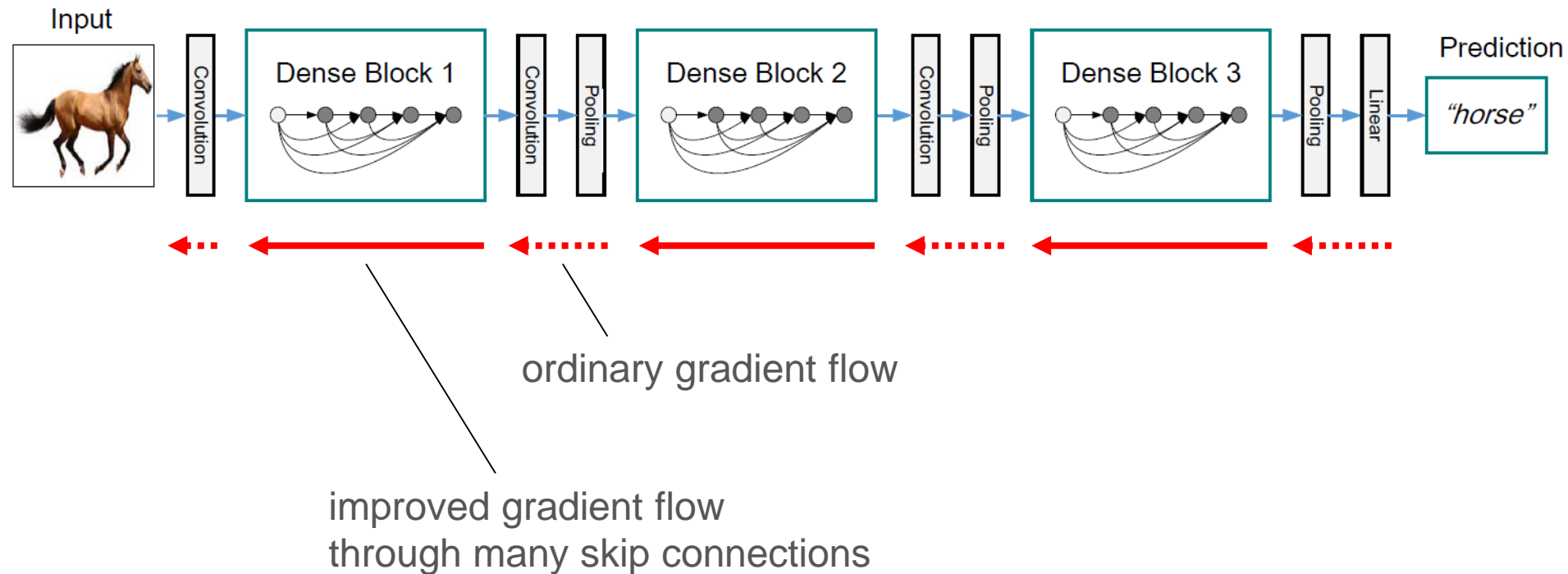
## Dense Block Architecture



Source: Paper „Densely Connected Convolutional Networks“

# DenseNet

## Gradient Flow



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# DenseNet

## Properties

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### Similarities compared to ResNet:

- Uses skip connections
- Less prone to vanishing gradients

### Differences compared to ResNet:

- Deeper networks are trainable
- Less parameters to learn
  - Less filters per convolution layer
- Combine feature maps by concatenation
  - Enables feature reuse
- Better accuracy

# Experiments

# Dataset

- Data from HS Offenburg Sweaty team
- Small dataset excerpt:
  - 8 Classes
  - 4917 Training images
  - 1230 Test images



Source: <https://sweaty.hs-offenburg.de/projekt/>

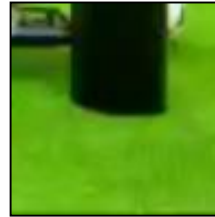
# Dataset



Ball



Goal post



Obstacle



L-Line



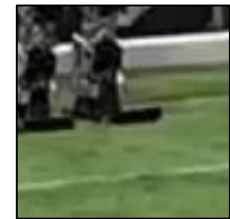
X-Line



T-Line



Penalty spot



Robot foot



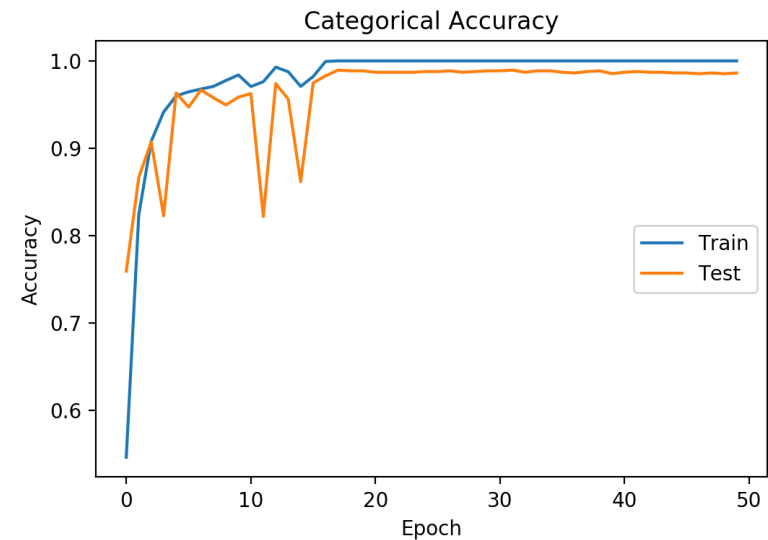
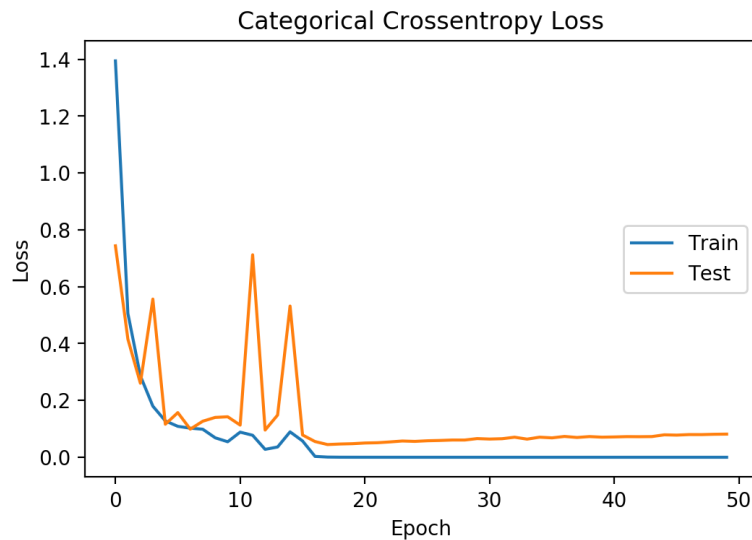
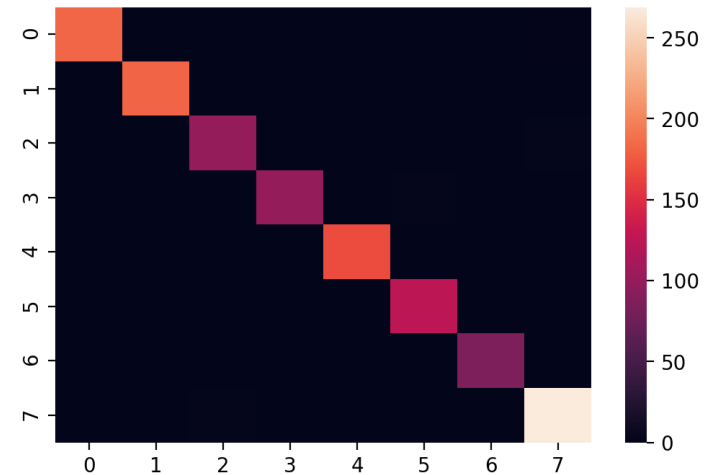
# ResNet-50 Performance Overview

2,5 h Training time

1230 Test images

17 False predictions

1,38% Error rate



# ResNet-50 Performance

## False Predictions



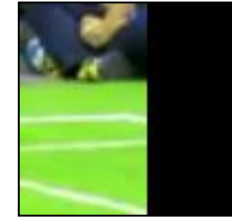
**Robot foot**  
(Ball)



Goal post



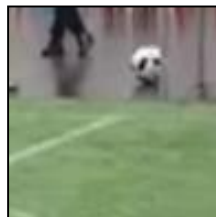
**Goal post**  
(Obstacle)



**T-Line**  
(L-Line)



**Robot foot**  
(X-Line)



**Goal post**  
(T-Line)

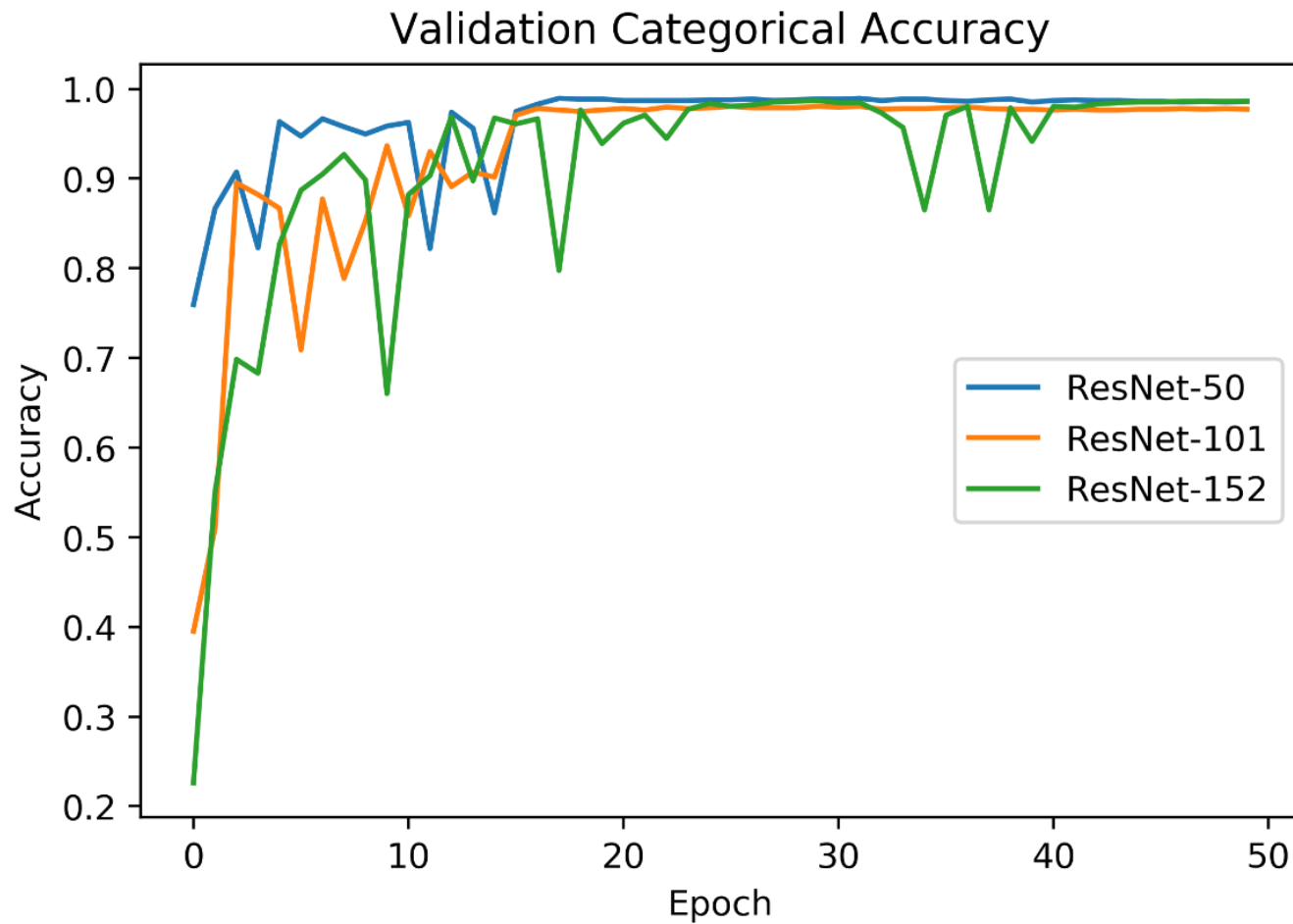


Penalty spot

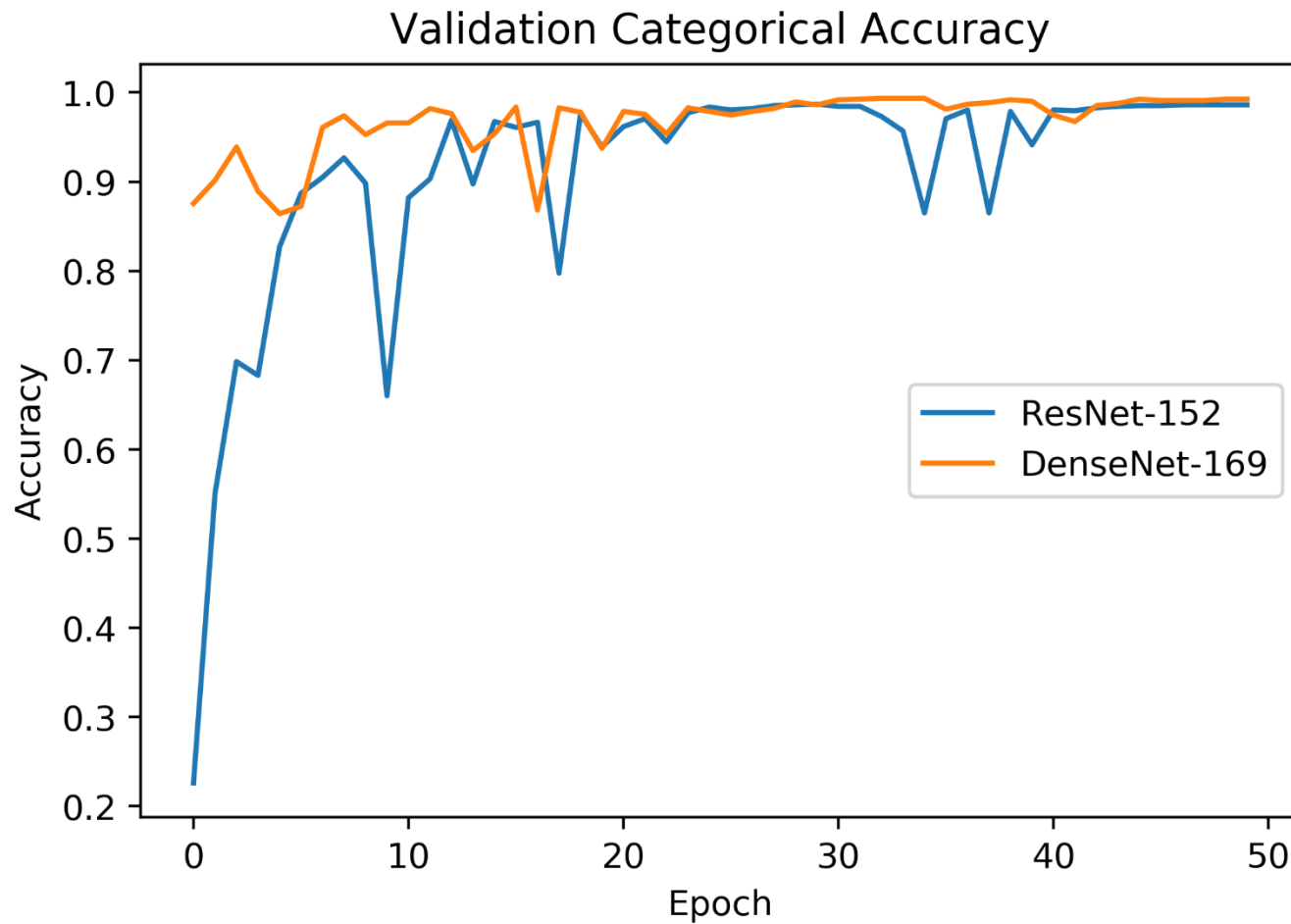


**Obstacle**  
(Robot foot)

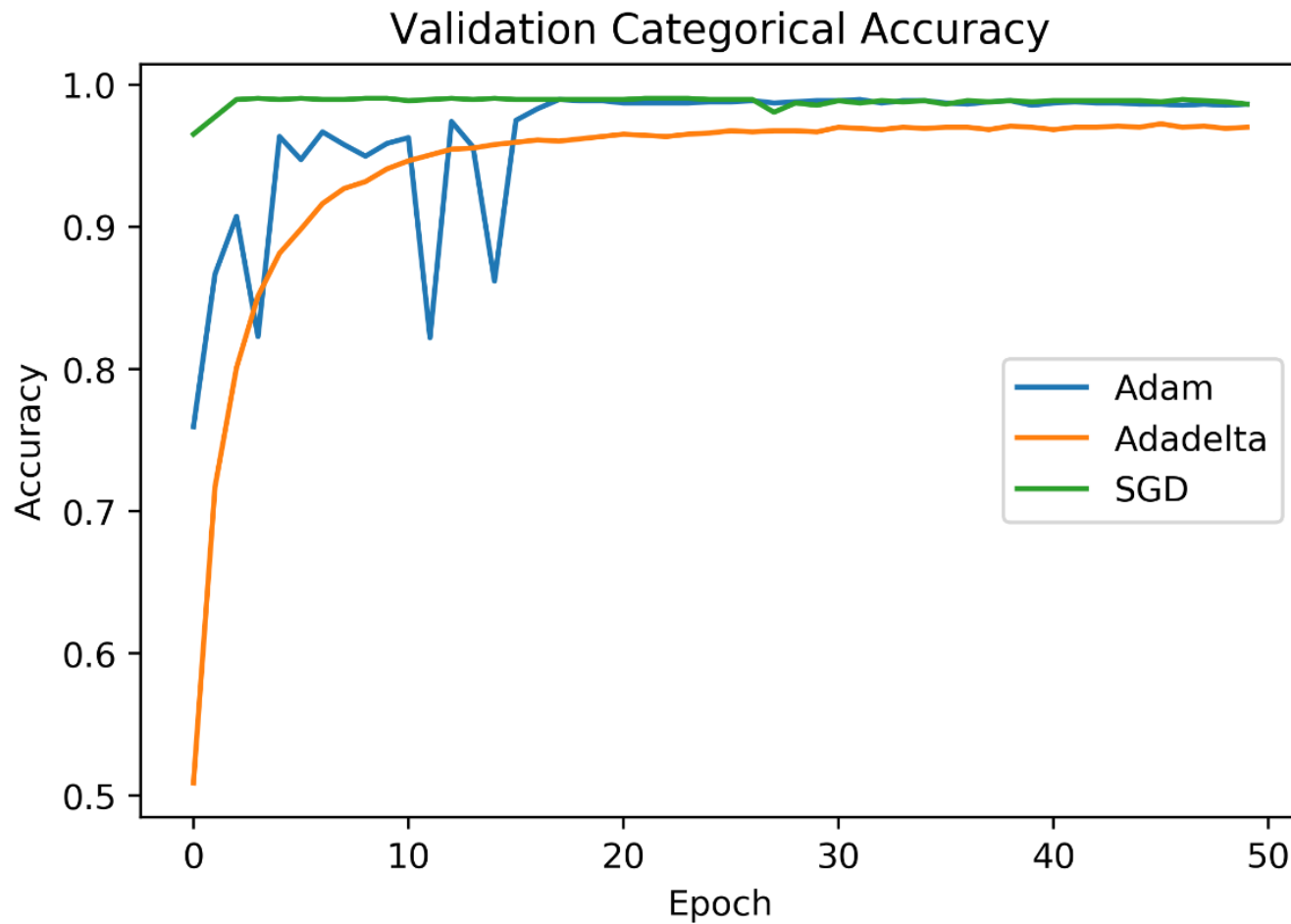
## ResNet-50 -101 - 152



# ResNet-152 & DenseNet-169



# Optimizers



# Summary

- **Deeper networks are trainable**
  - ResNet: through skip connections
  - DenseNet: through many skip connections in dense units
- **Skip connections allow the gradients to flow better**
  - Skip connections „artificially flatten the network“ such that deeper models are trainable
- **DenseNet improves ResNet**
  - Better information flow (concatenation of feature maps)
  - Even more deeper networks possible (many skip connections in dense blocks)
  - Less parameters to learn (less filters per convolution layer)
  - Better accuracy

# Literature

- Colab Notebook:  
<https://github.com/abieren/DL-Seminar-ResNet-DenseNet>
- Source code and documentation:  
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