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Fast R-CNN

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Fast Region-based ConvNets (R-CNNs) for Object Detection

Localization
Where?

Recognition
What?

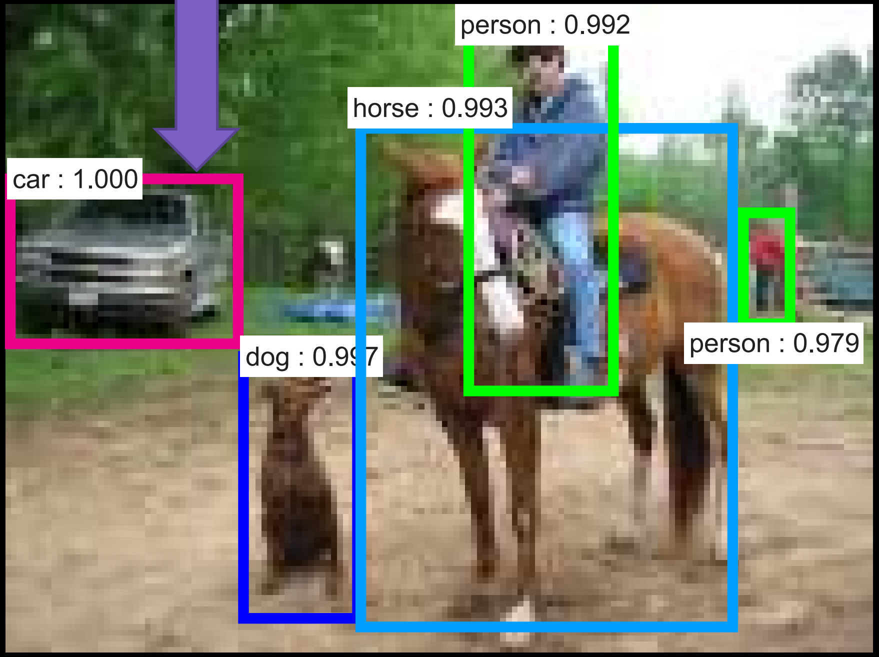

Figure adapted from Kaiming He

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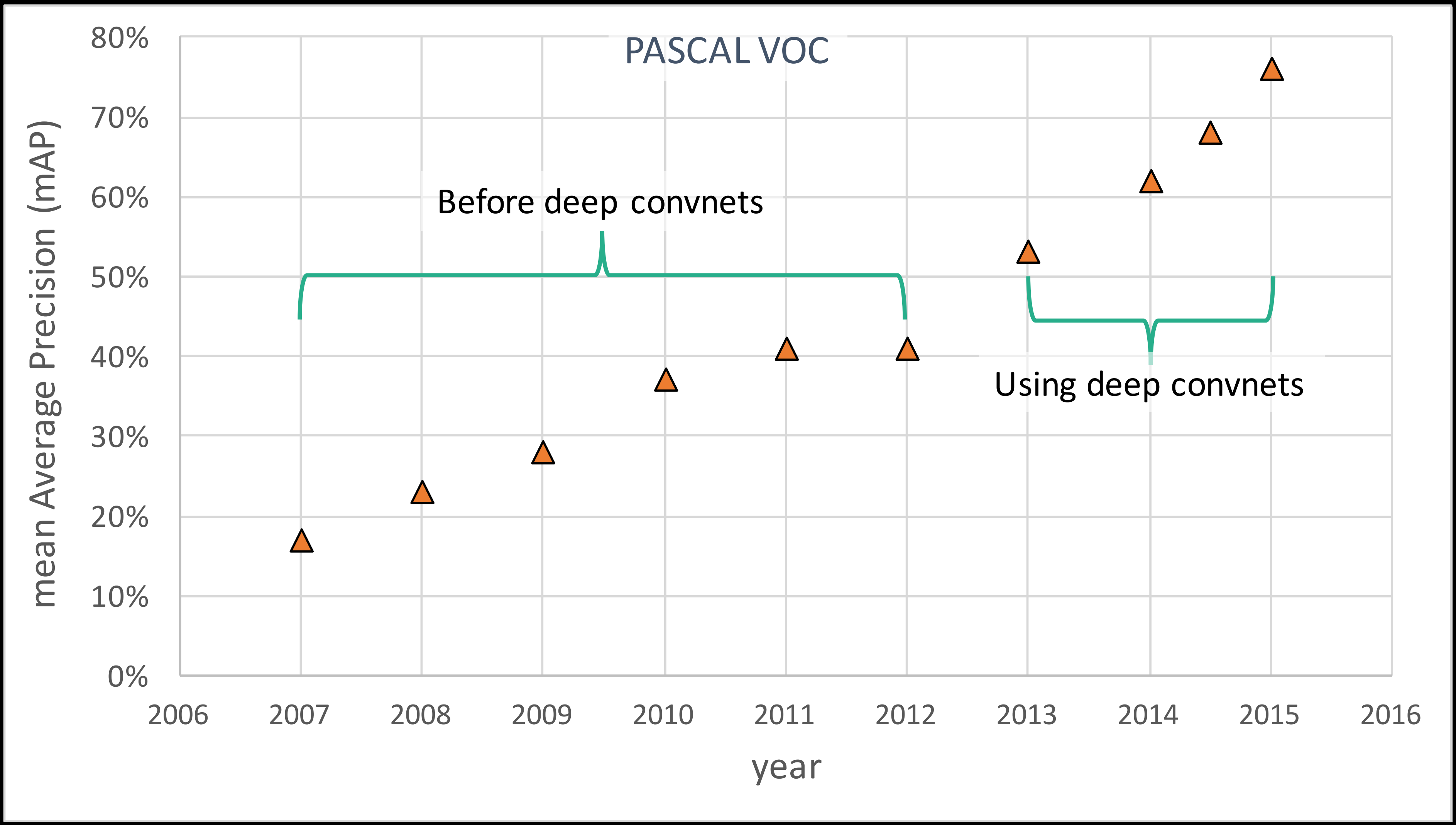

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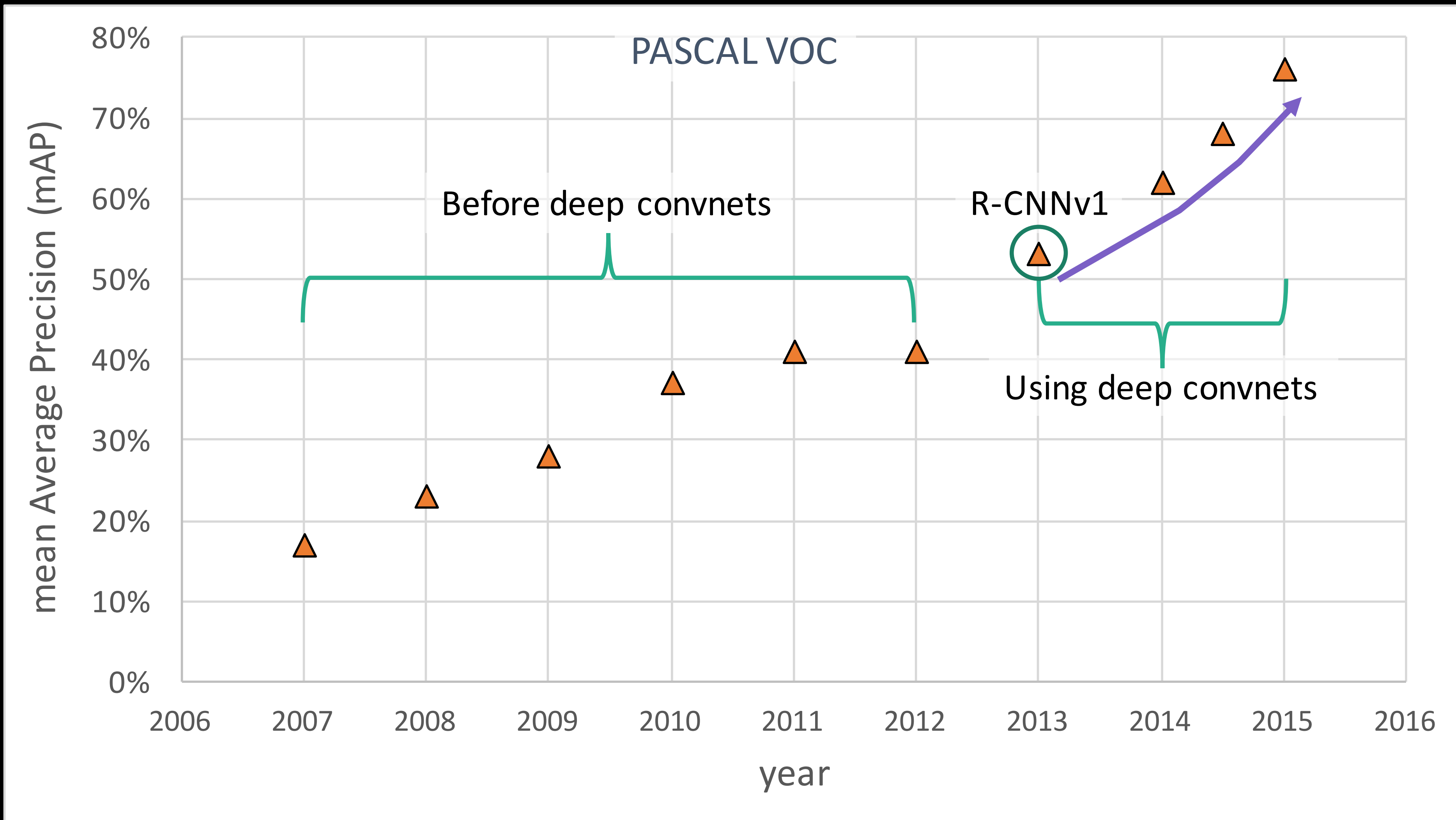

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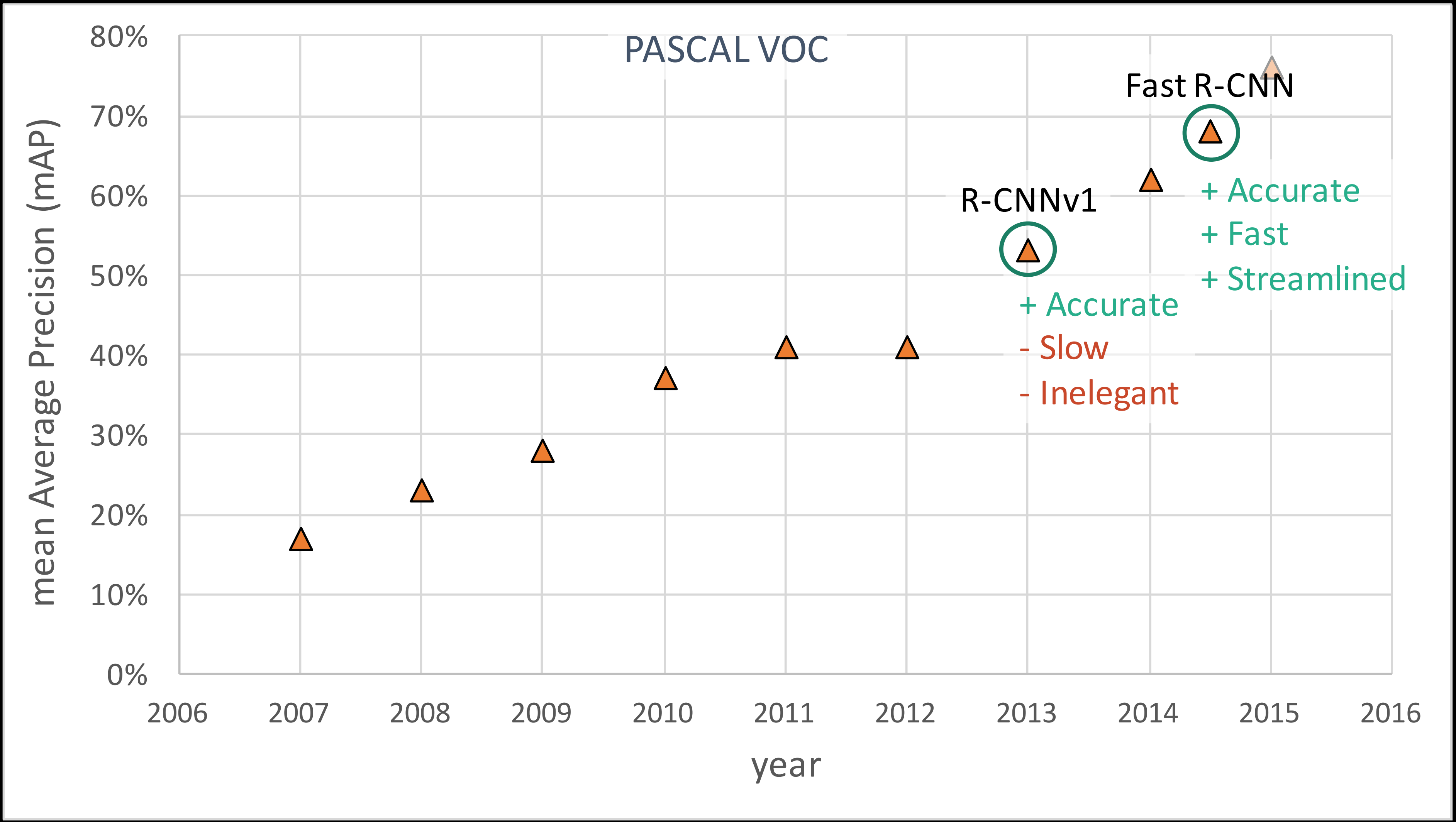

Region-based convnets (R-CNNs)

- R-CNN (aka “slow R-CNN”) [Girshick et al. CVPR14]
- SPP-net [He et al. ECCV14]

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Input image

Girshick et al. CVPR14.

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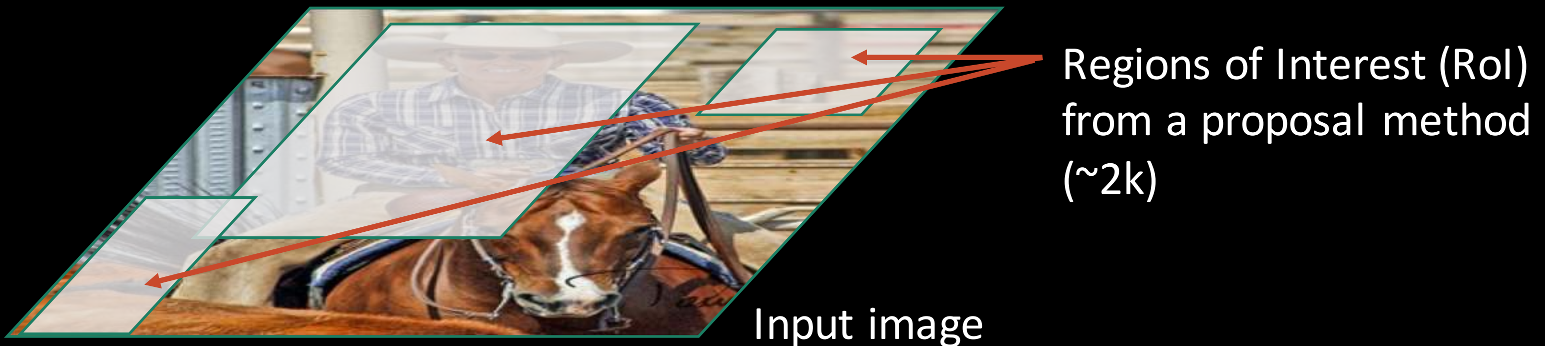

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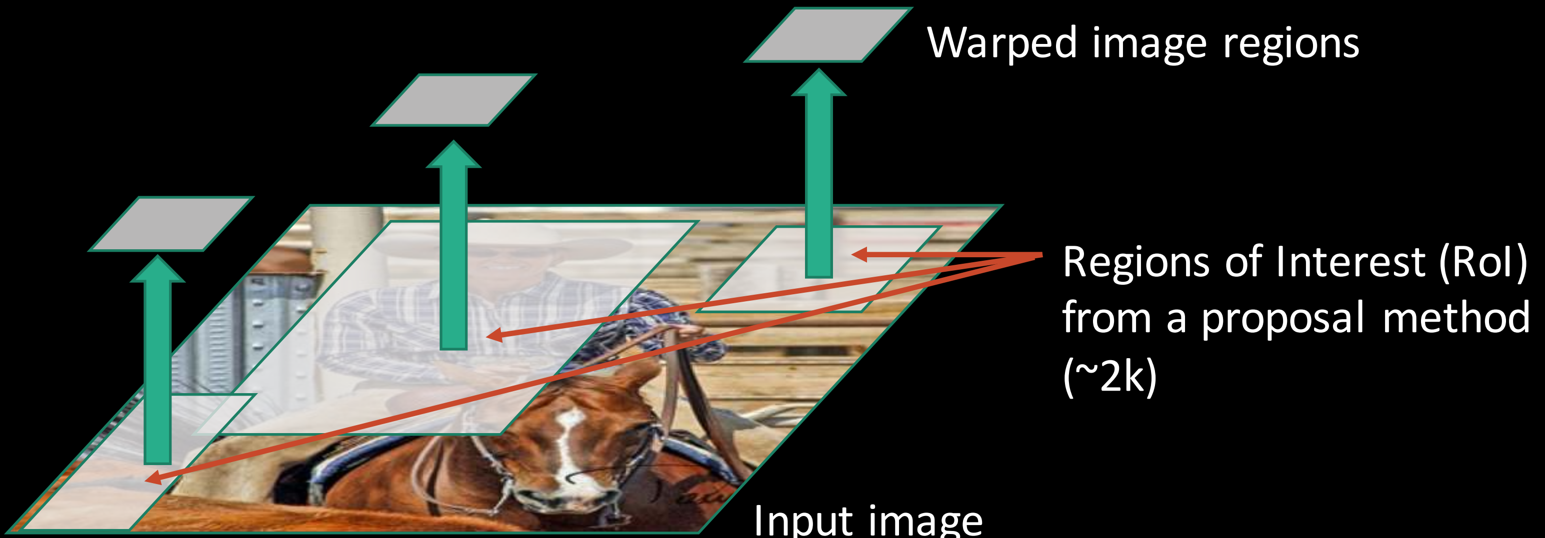

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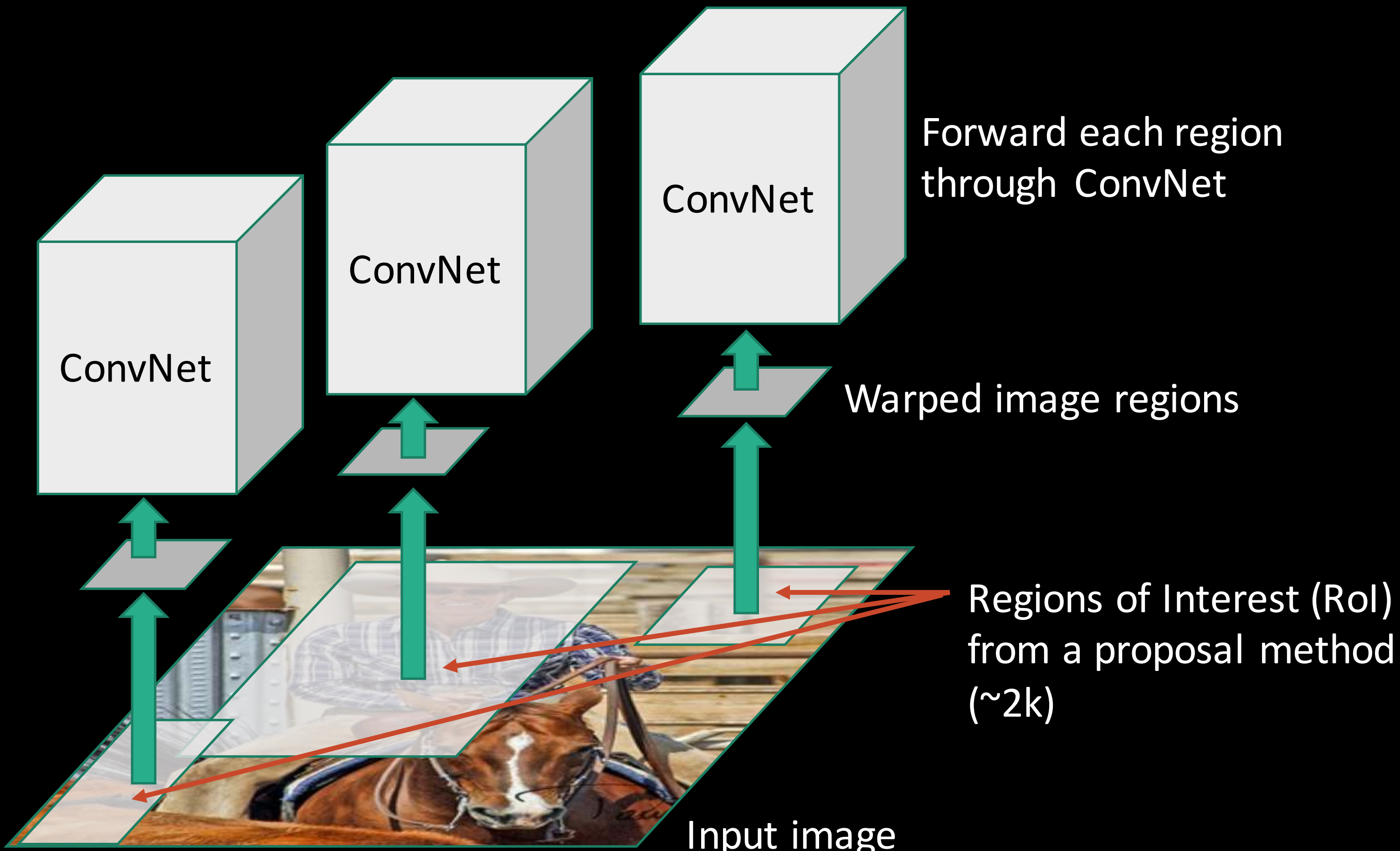

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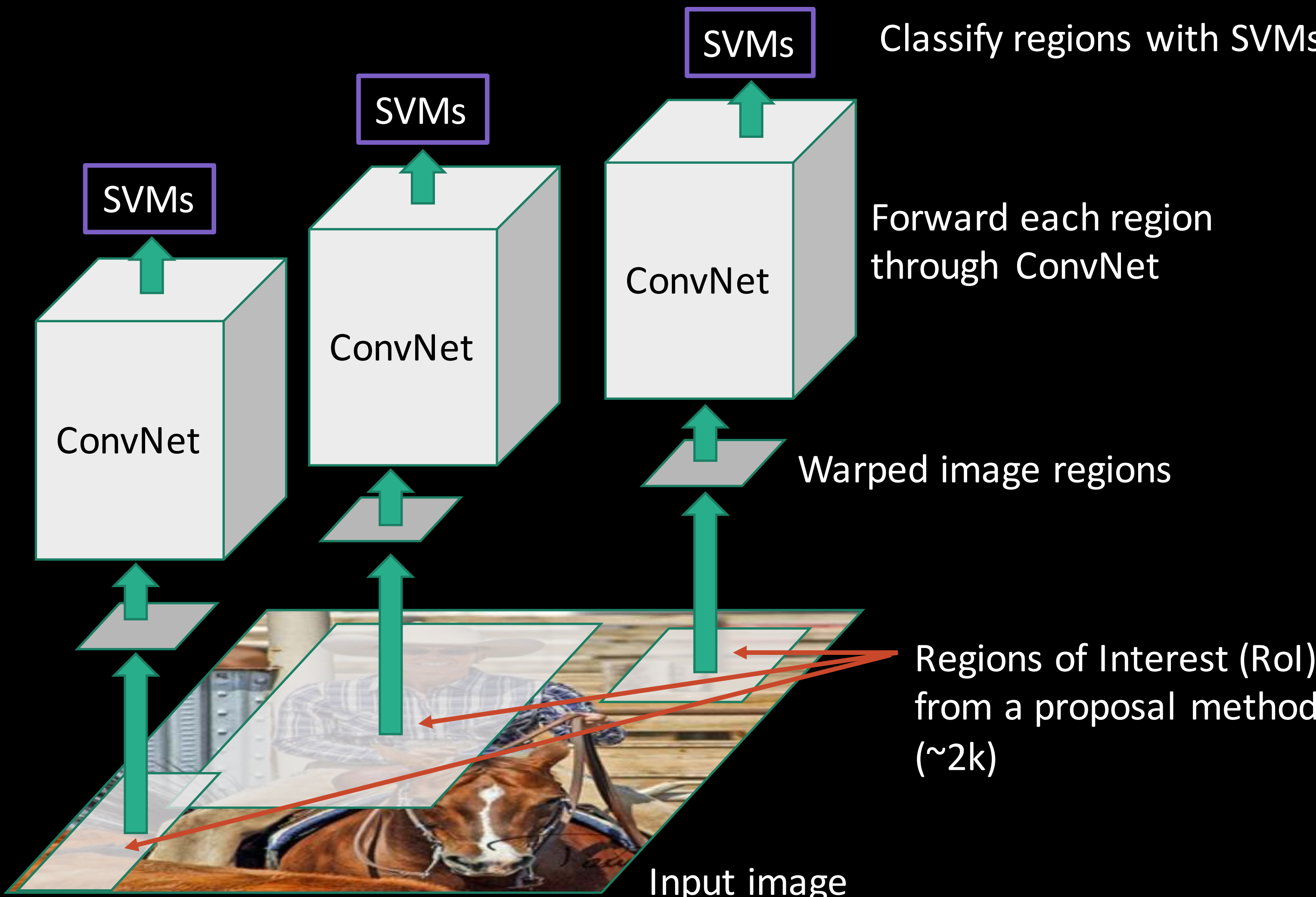

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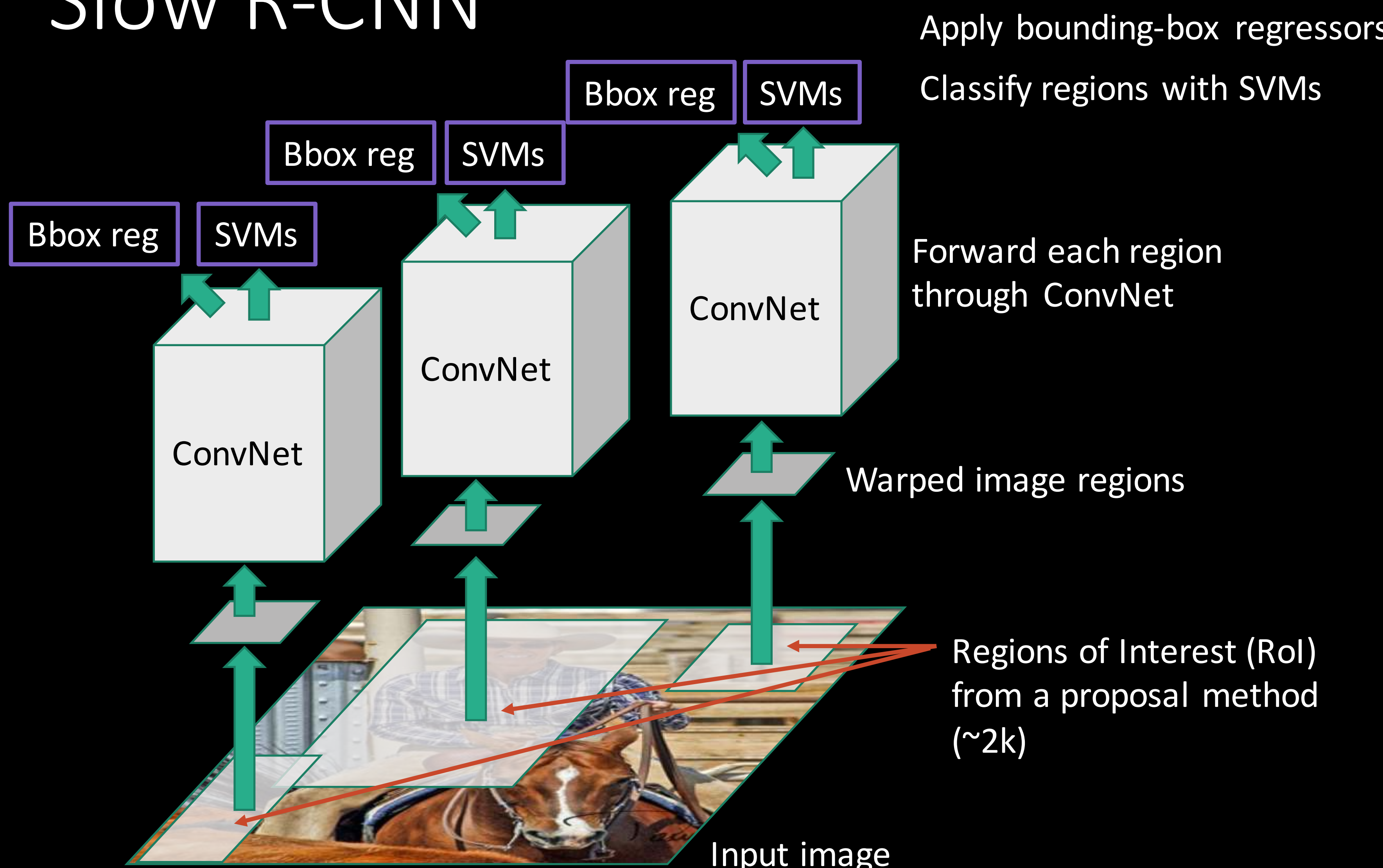

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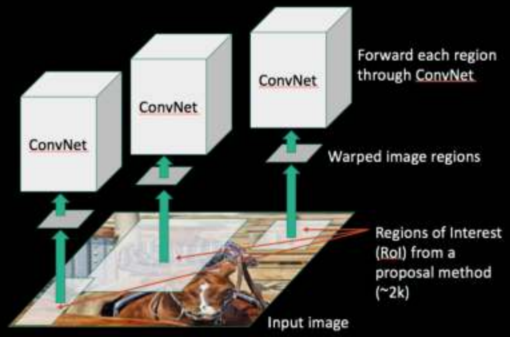
- Inference (detection) is slow
  - 47s / image with VGG16 [Simonyan & Zisserman. ICLR15]
  - Fixed by SPP-net [He et al. ECCV14]



~2000 ConvNet forward passes per image

SPP-net

Input image

He et al. ECCV14.

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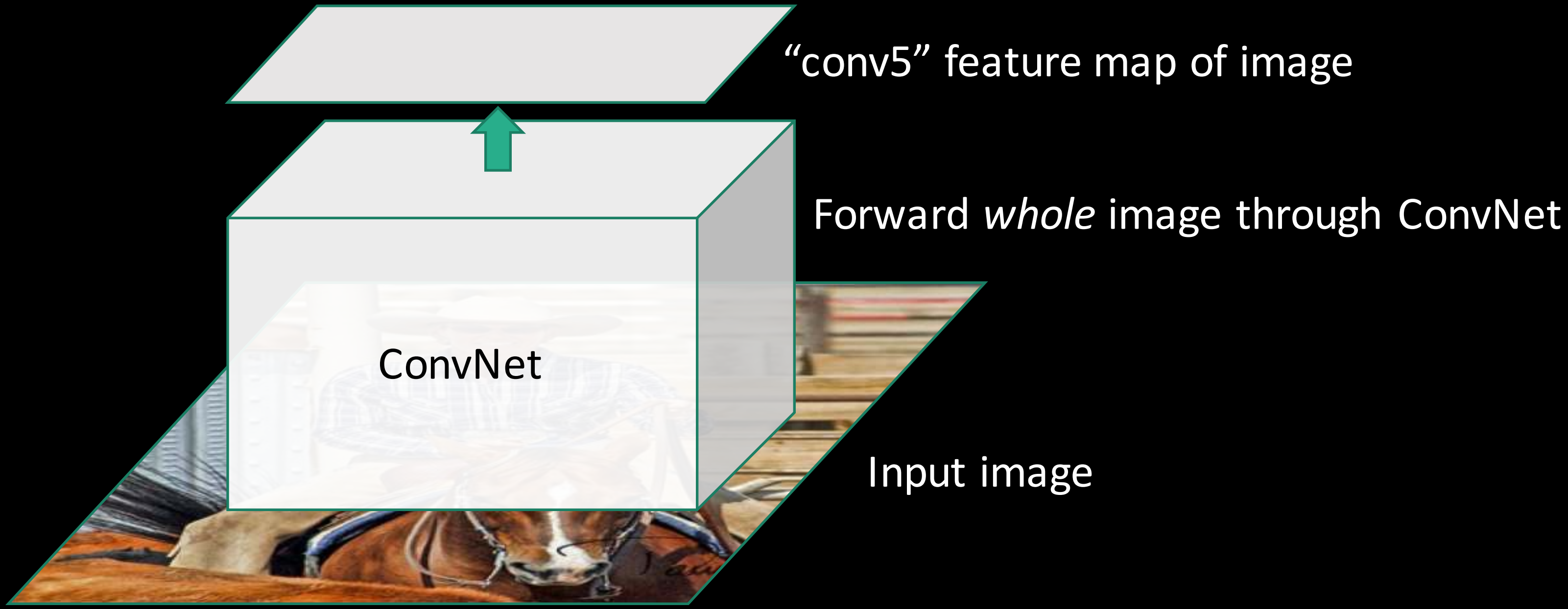

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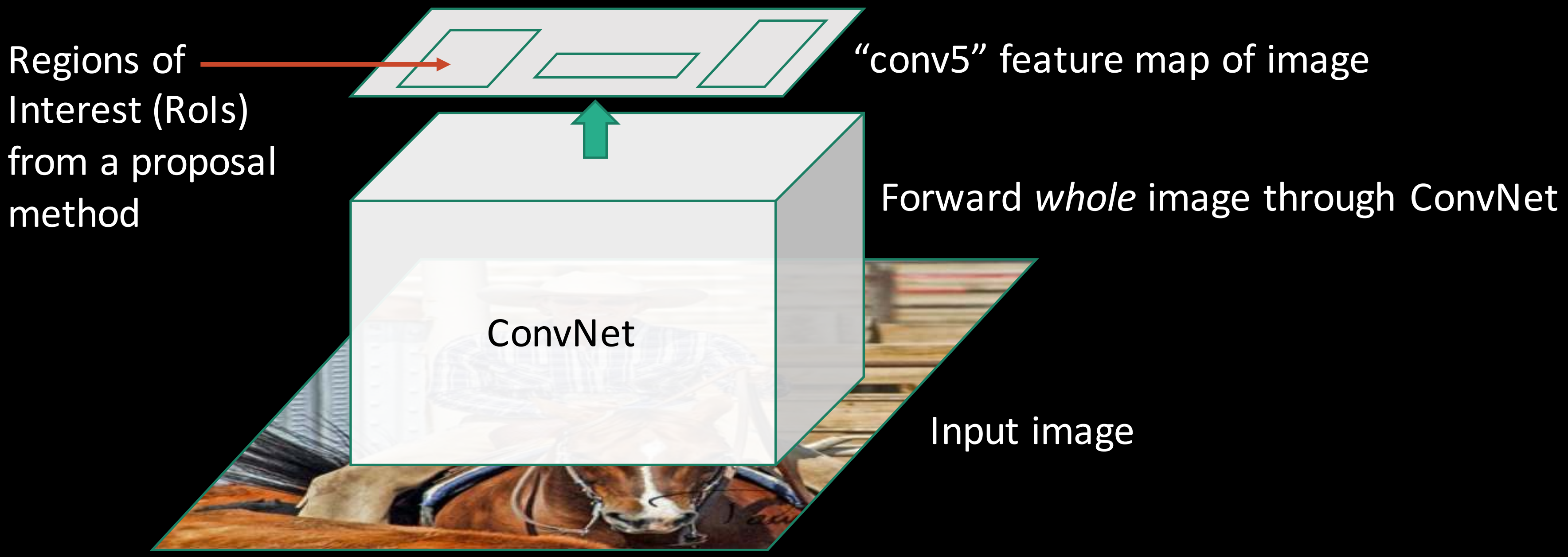

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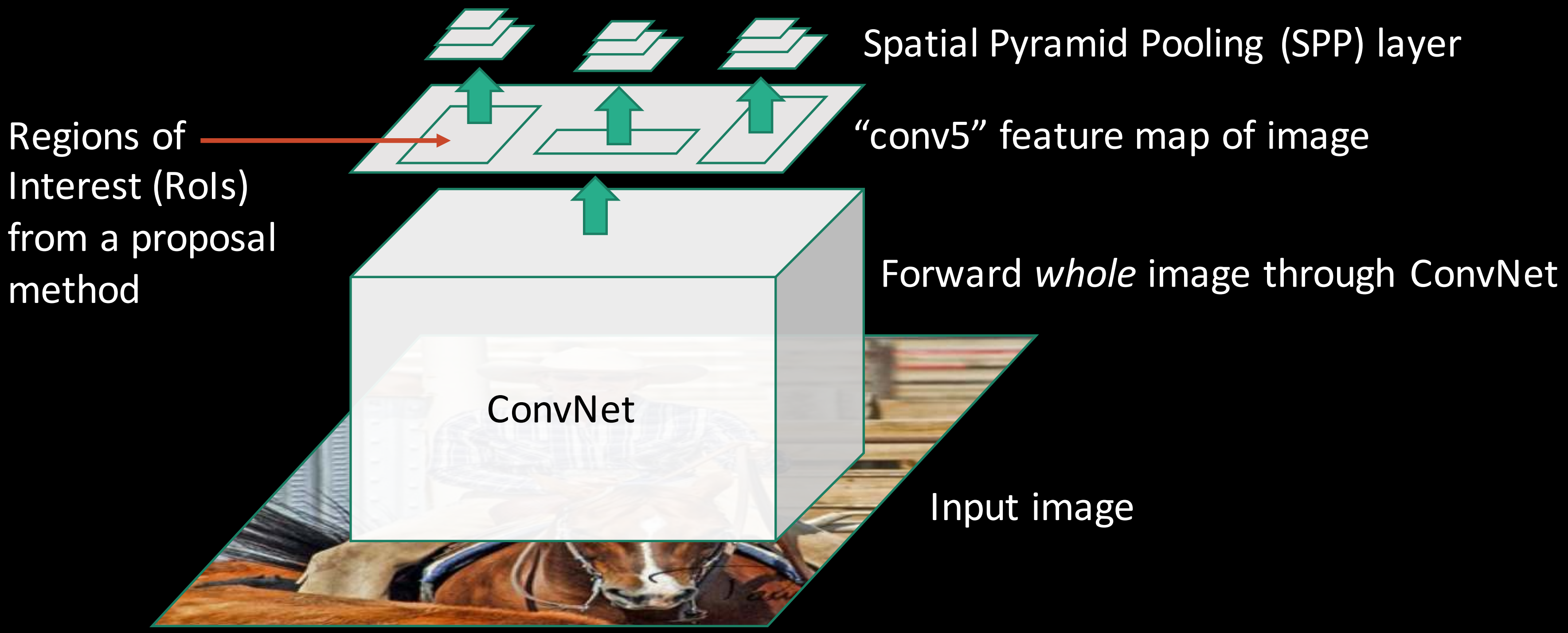

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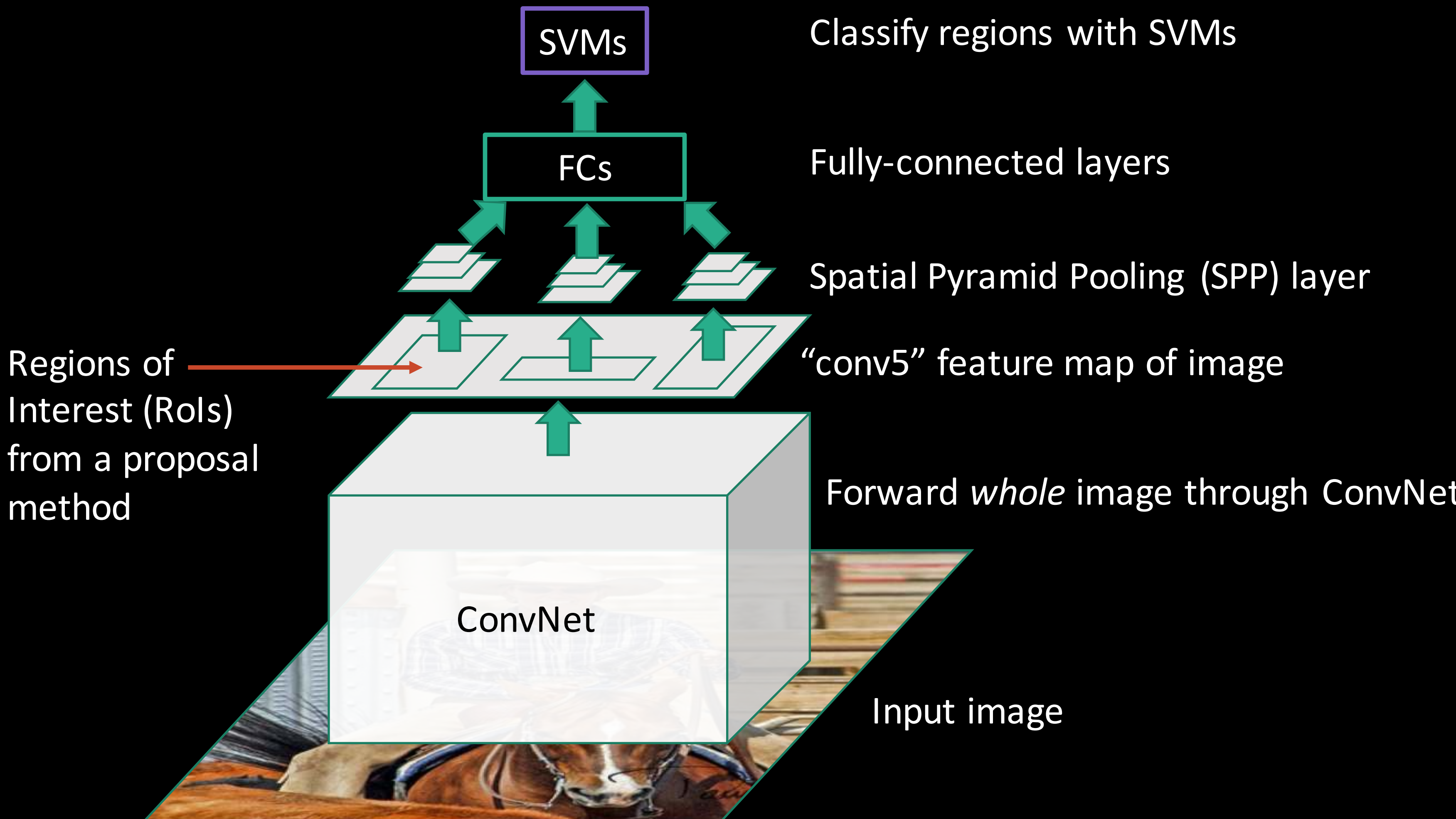

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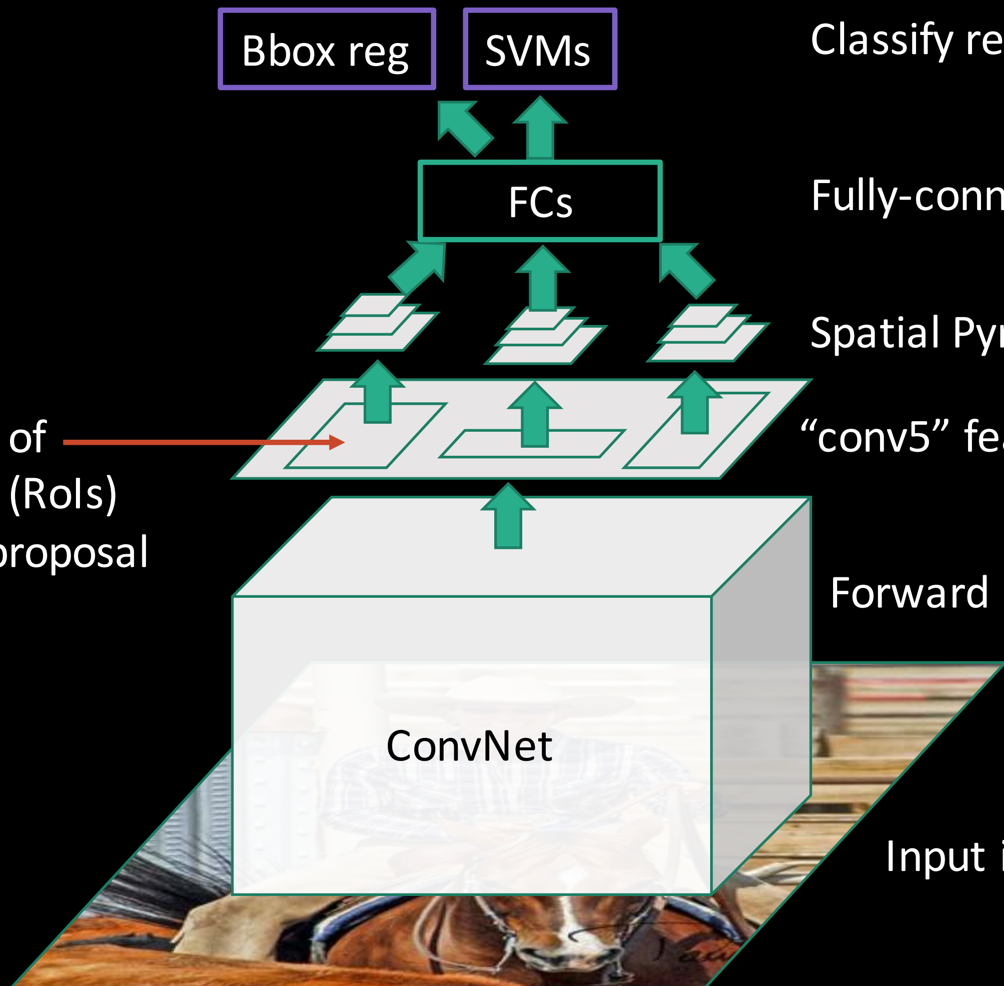

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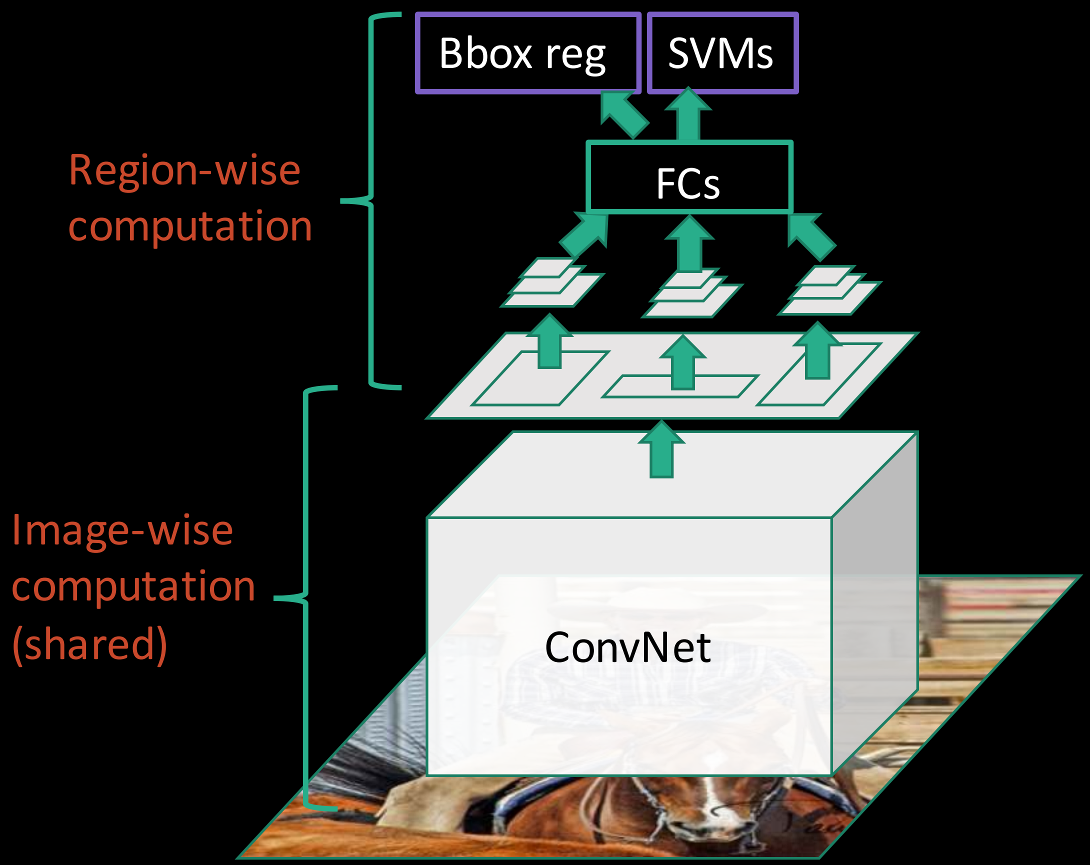
What’s good about SPP-net?

- Fixes one issue with R-CNN: makes testing fast



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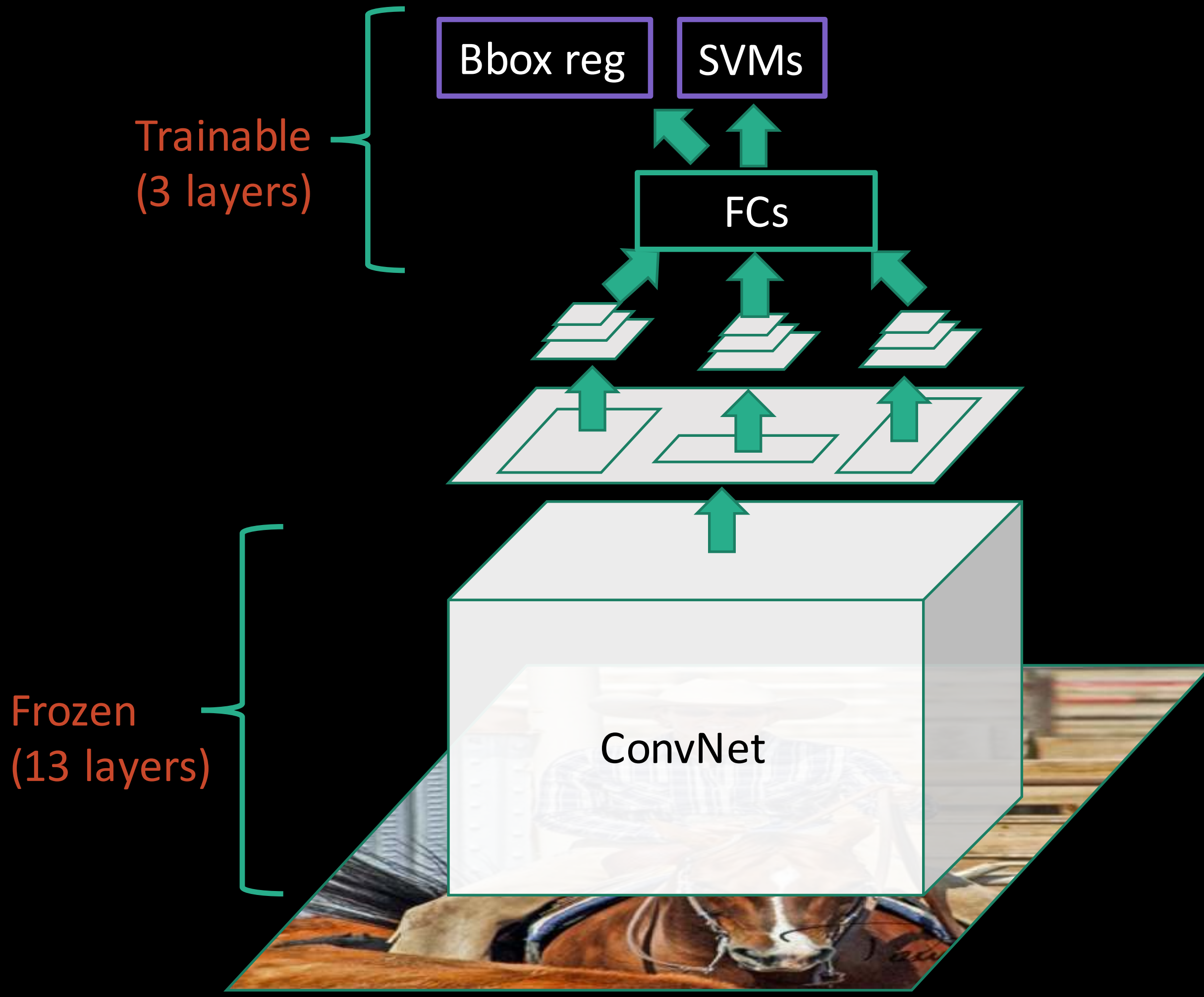
- Introduces a new problem: cannot update parameters below SPP layer during training

SPP-net: the main limitation



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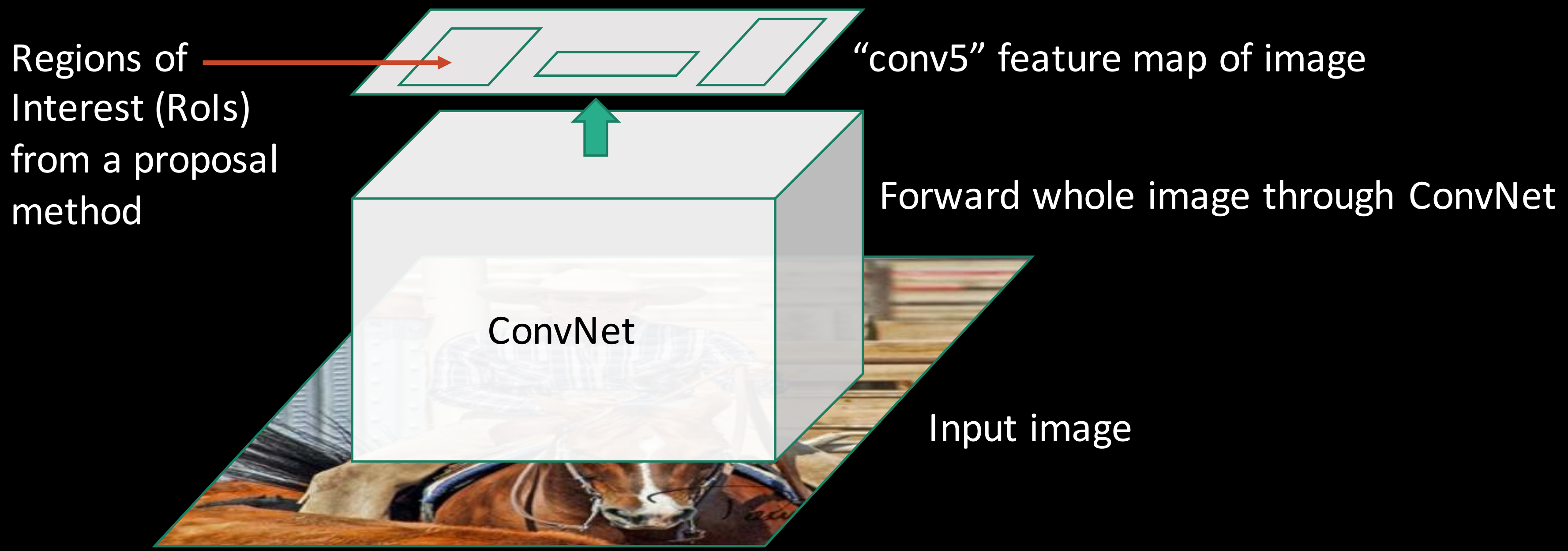

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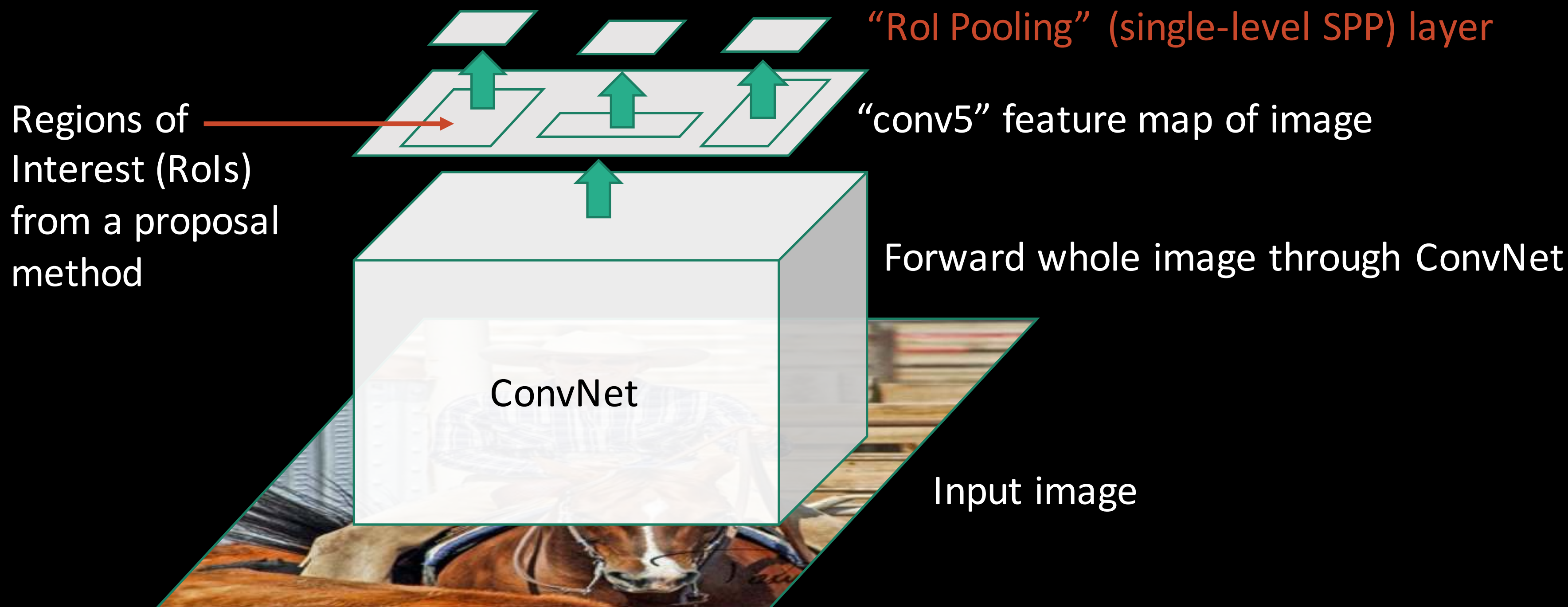

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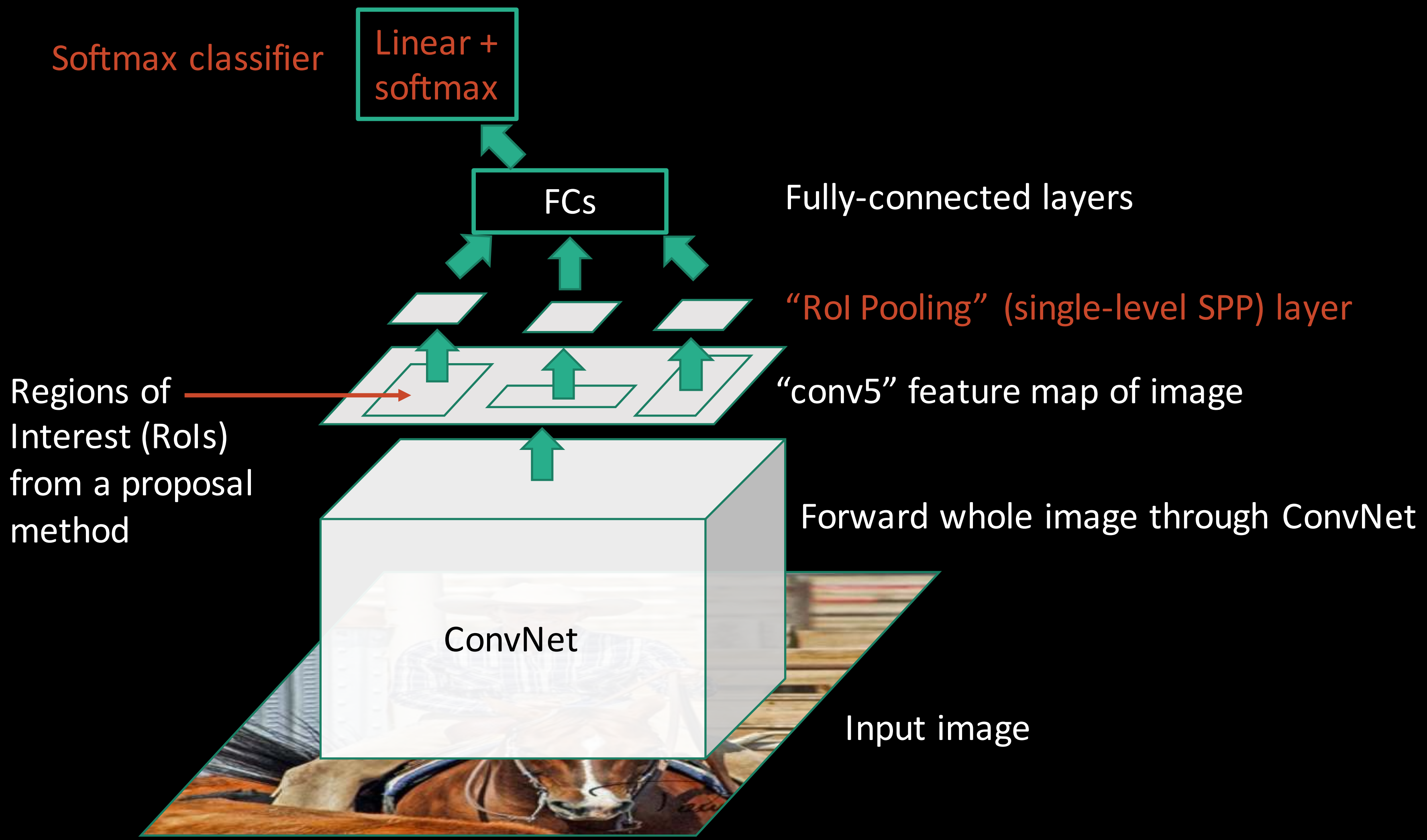

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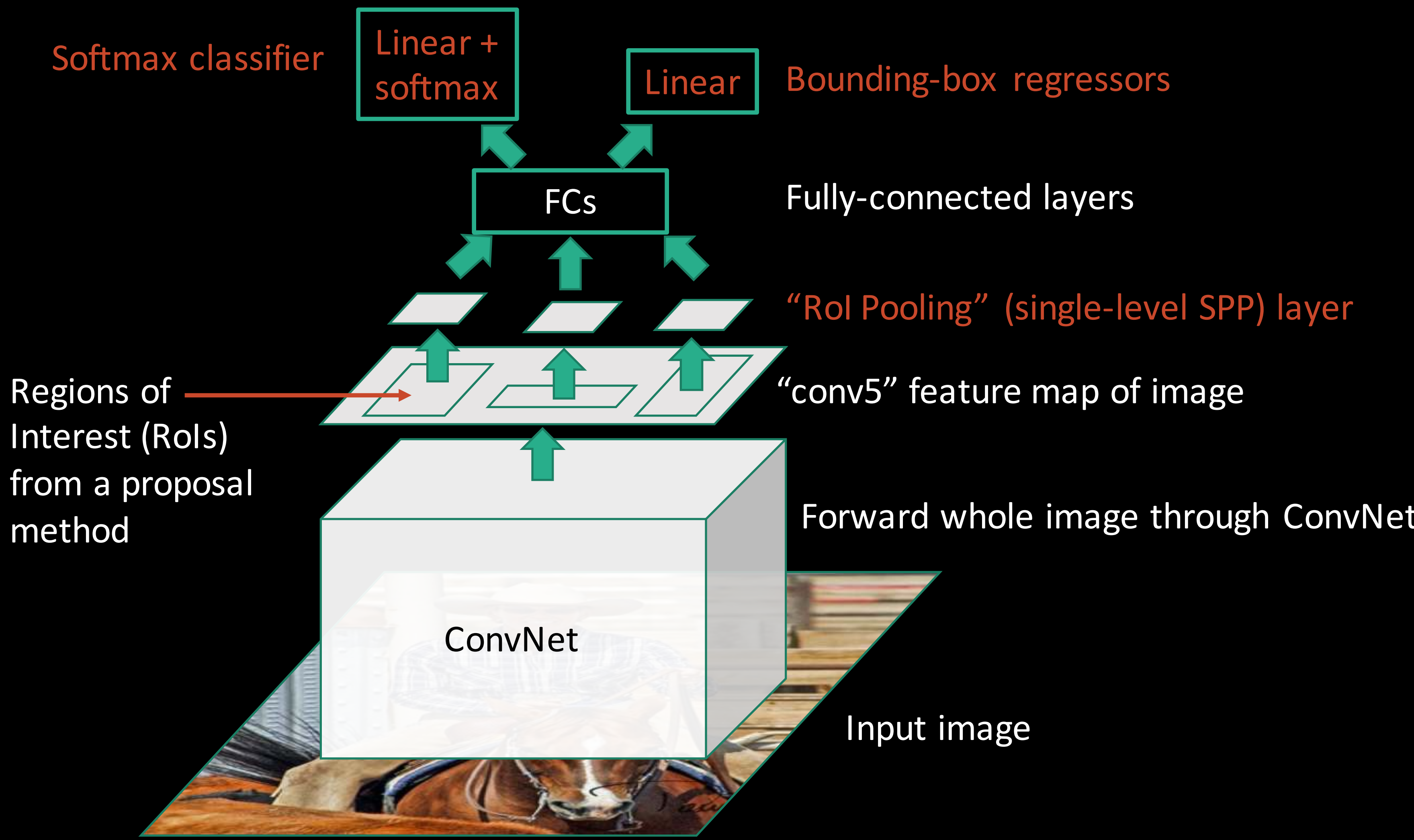

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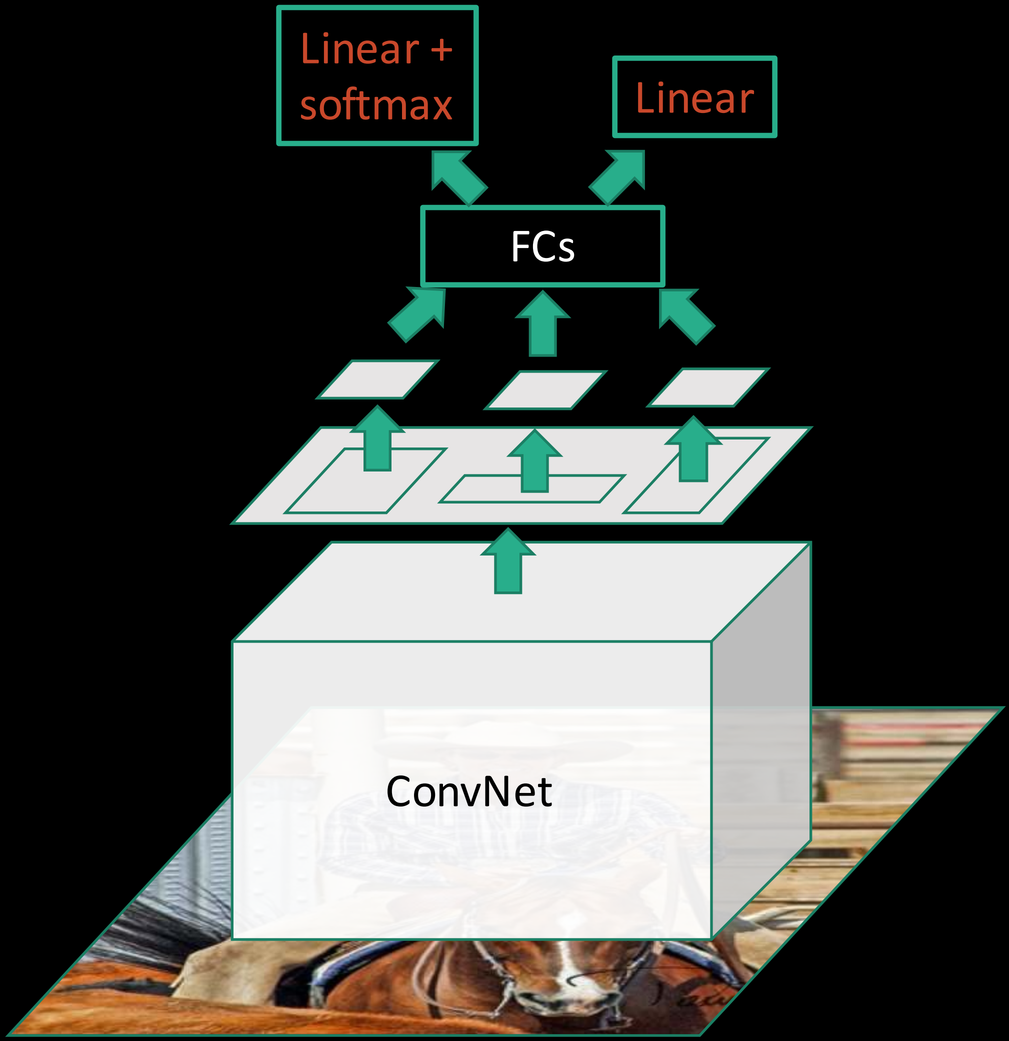

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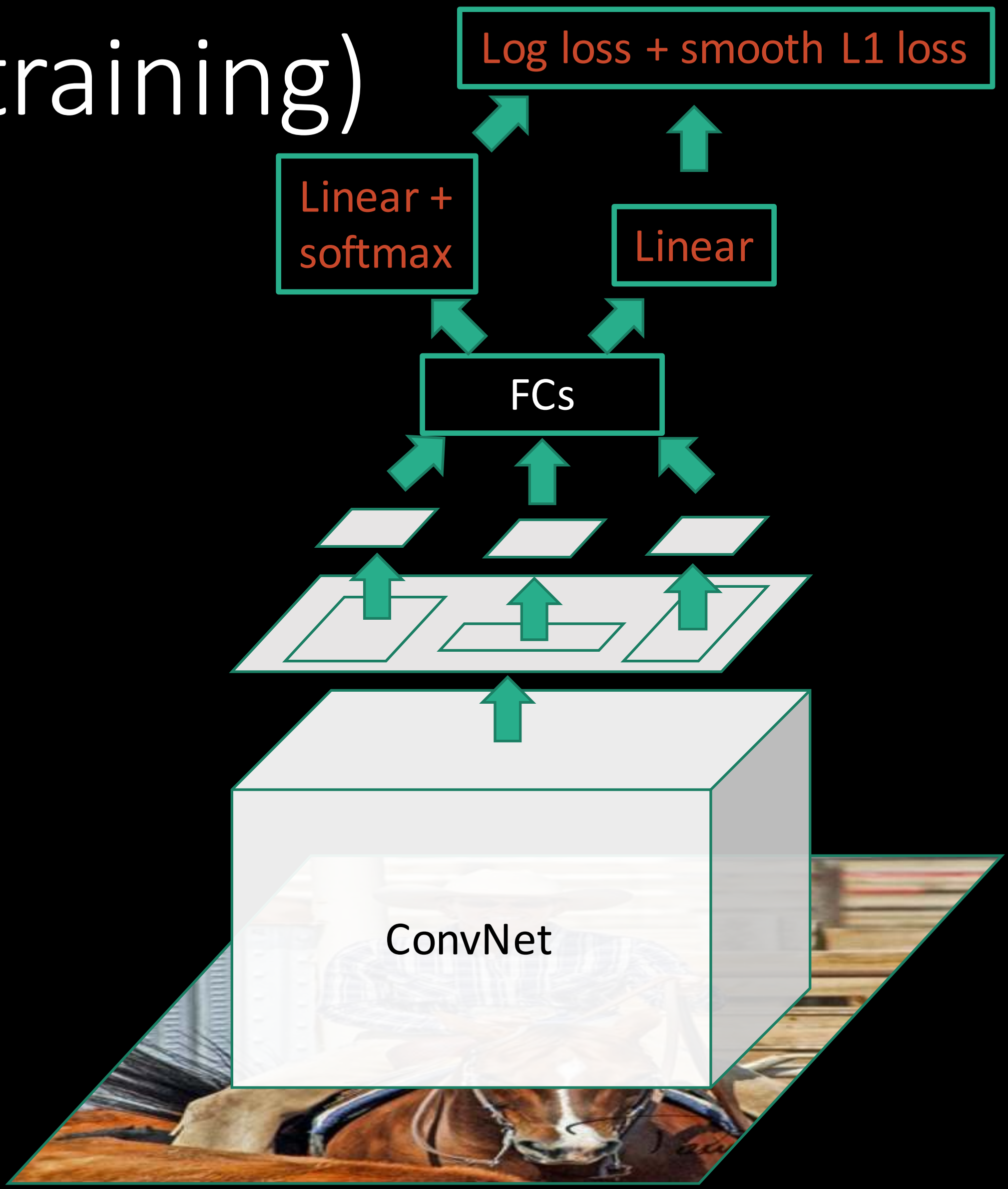

Multi-task loss

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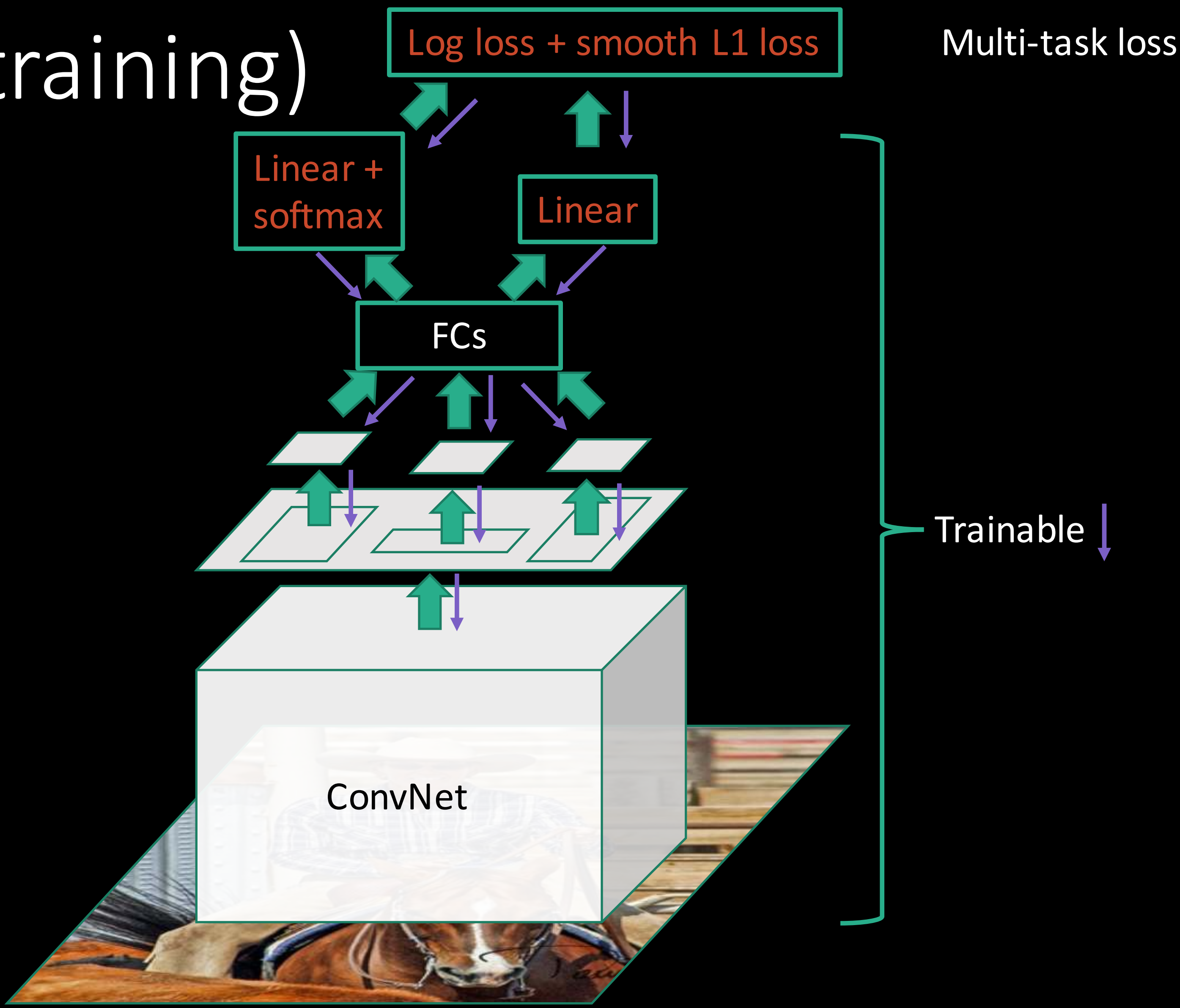

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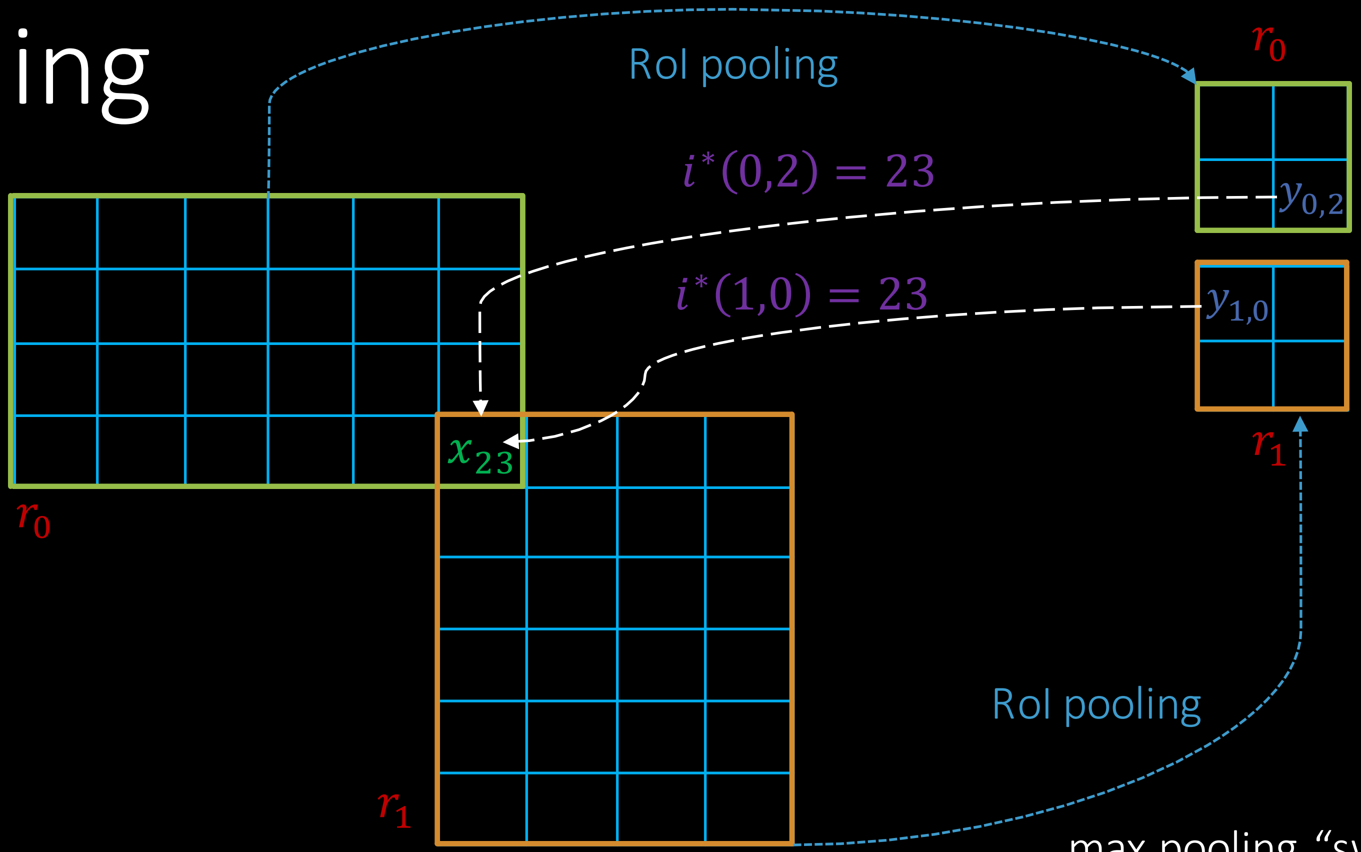


max pooling “switch”
(*i.e.* argmax back-pointer)

1 if r, j “pooled” input i; 0 o/w

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_i} = \sum_r \sum_j [i = i^*(r,j)] \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_{rj}}$$

Partial for x_i

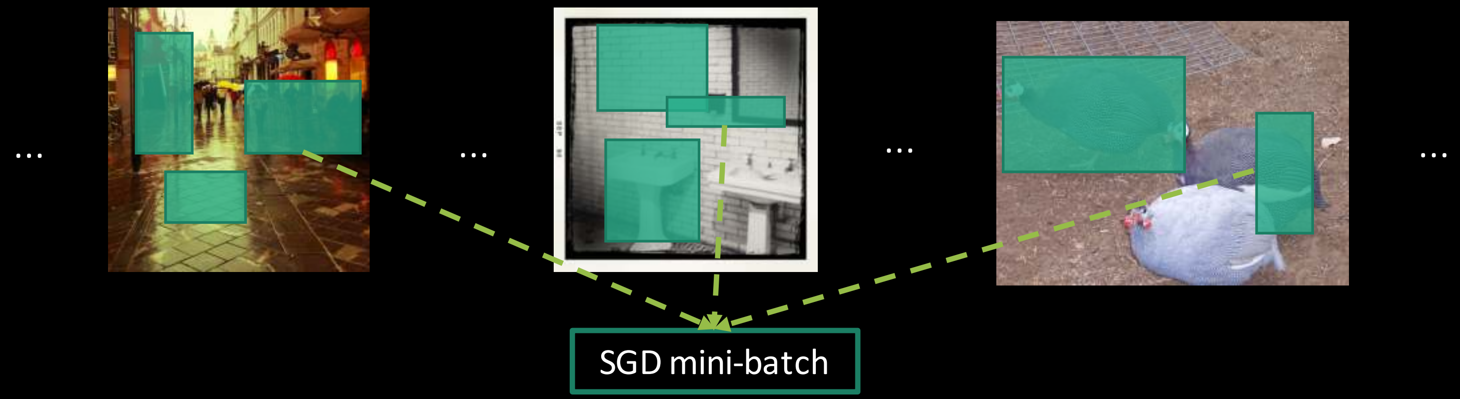
Over regions r, locations j

Partial from next layer

Obstacle #2: efficient SGD steps

Slow R-CNN and SPP-net use region-wise sampling to make mini-batches

- Sample 128 example RoIs uniformly at random
- Examples will come from different images with high probability



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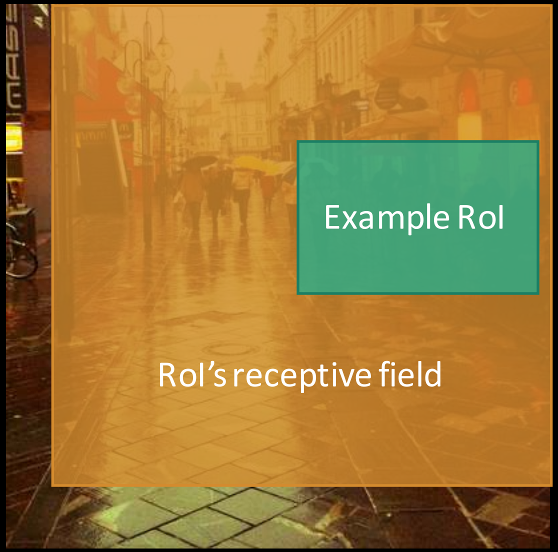
Note the receptive field for one example RoI is often very large

- Worst case: the receptive field is the entire image



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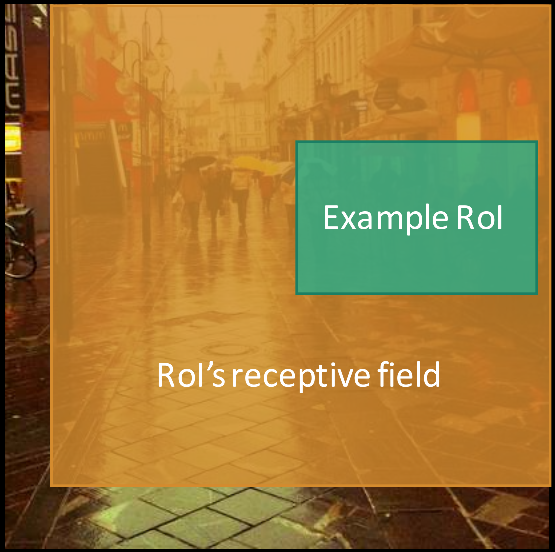
Worst case cost per mini-batch (crude model of computational complexity)

input size for Fast R-CNN input size for slow R-CNN

128*600*1000 / (128*224 *224) = 12x more computation than slow R-CNN



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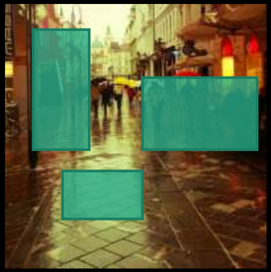
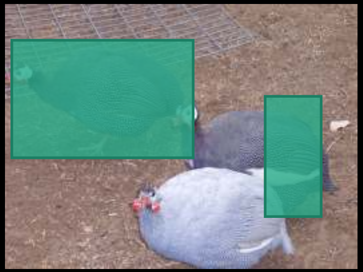
…  …  …  …

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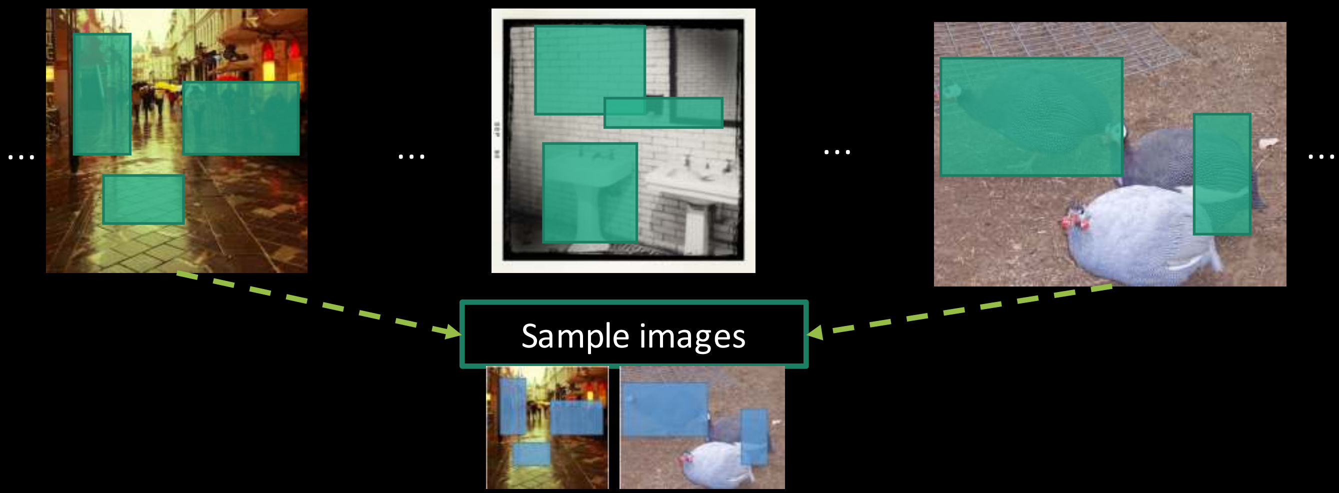

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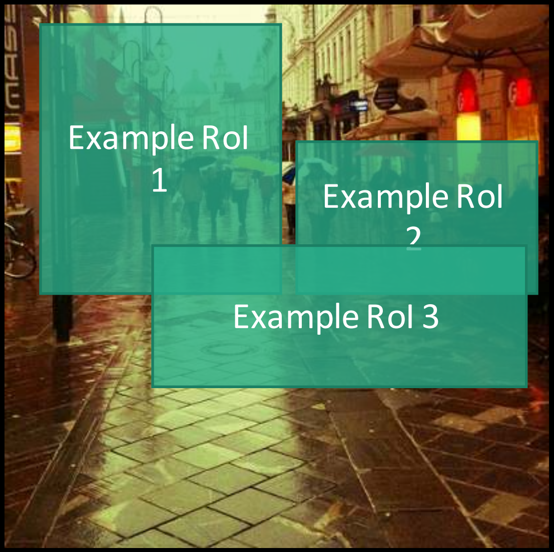
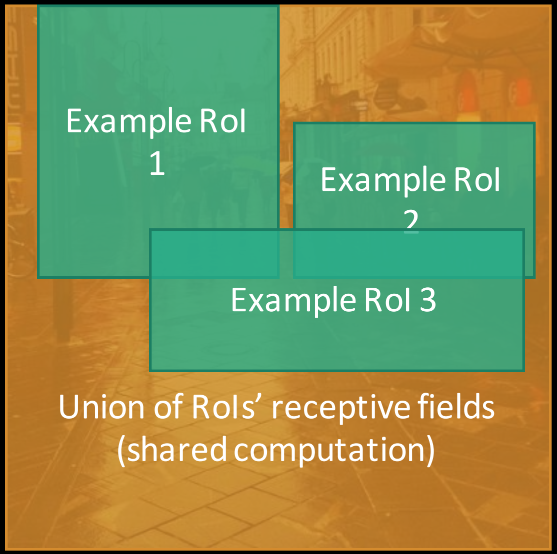
Use the test-time trick from SPP-net during training

- Share computation between overlapping examples from the same image





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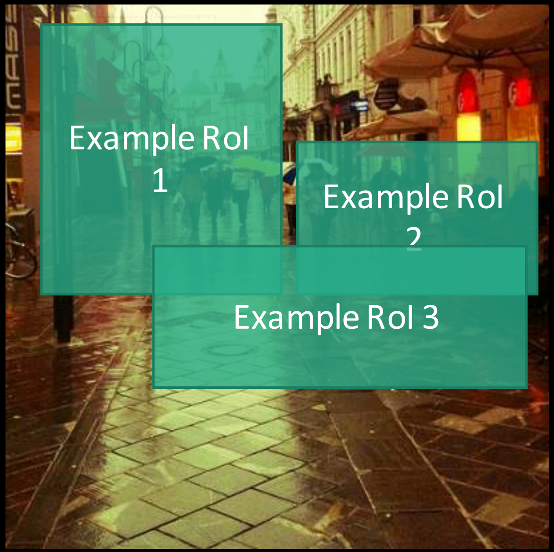
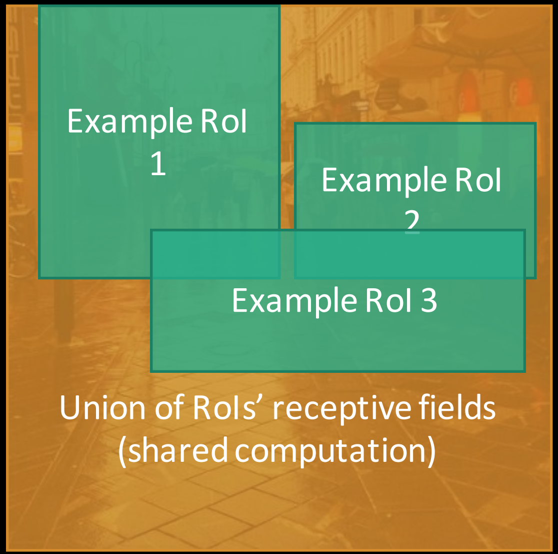
Cost per mini-batch compared to slow R-CNN (same crude cost model)

- $\underbrace{2*600*1000}_{\text{input size for Fast R-CNN}} / (\underbrace{128*224*224}_{\text{input size for slow R-CNN}}) =$ 0.19x less computation than slow R-CNN





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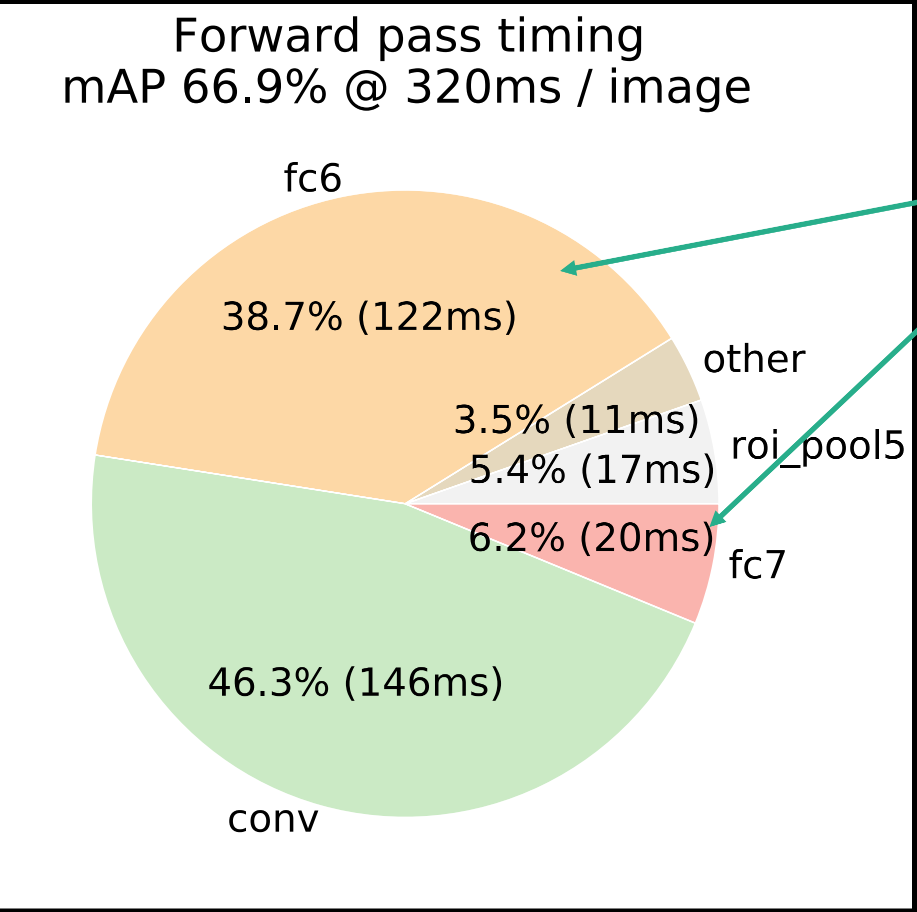

Fully connected layers take 45% of the forward pass time

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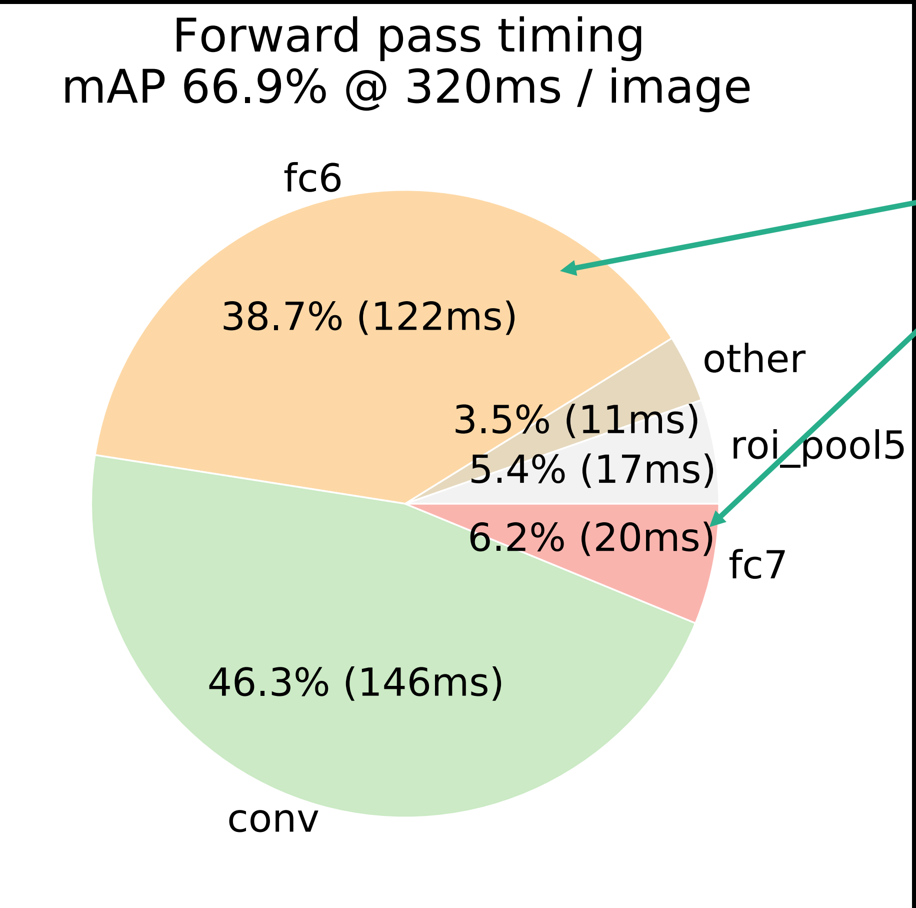

Compress these layers with truncated SVD

J. Xue, J. Li, and Y. Gong.
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Interspeech, 2013.

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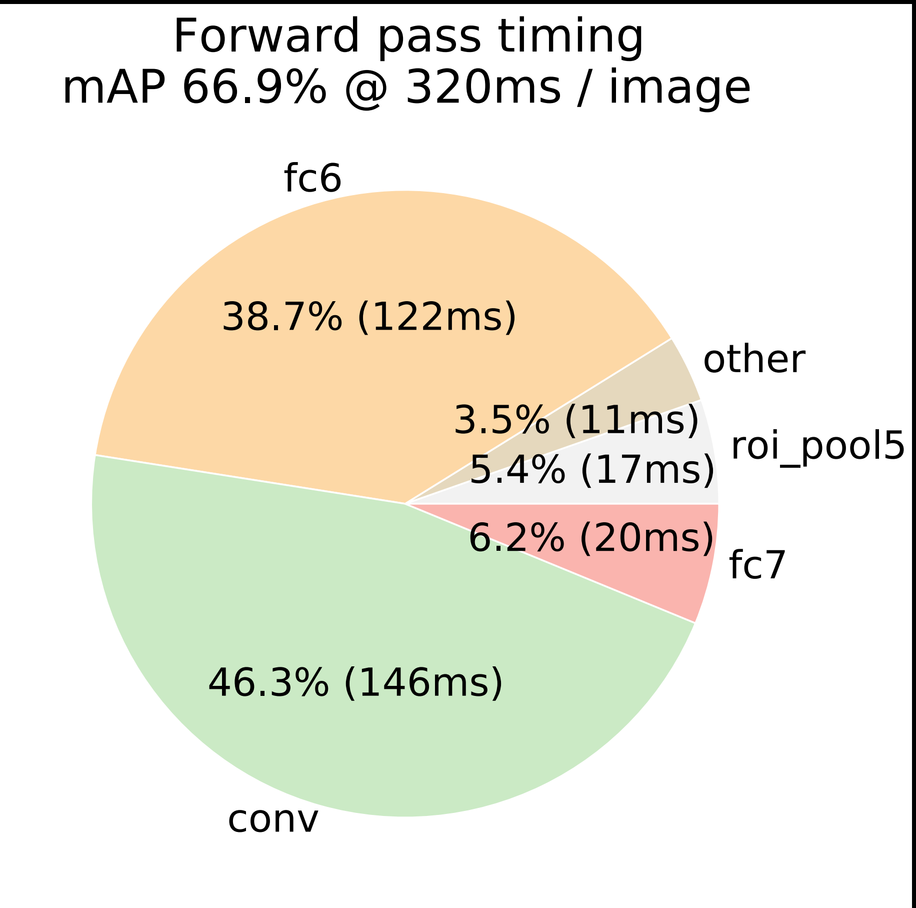

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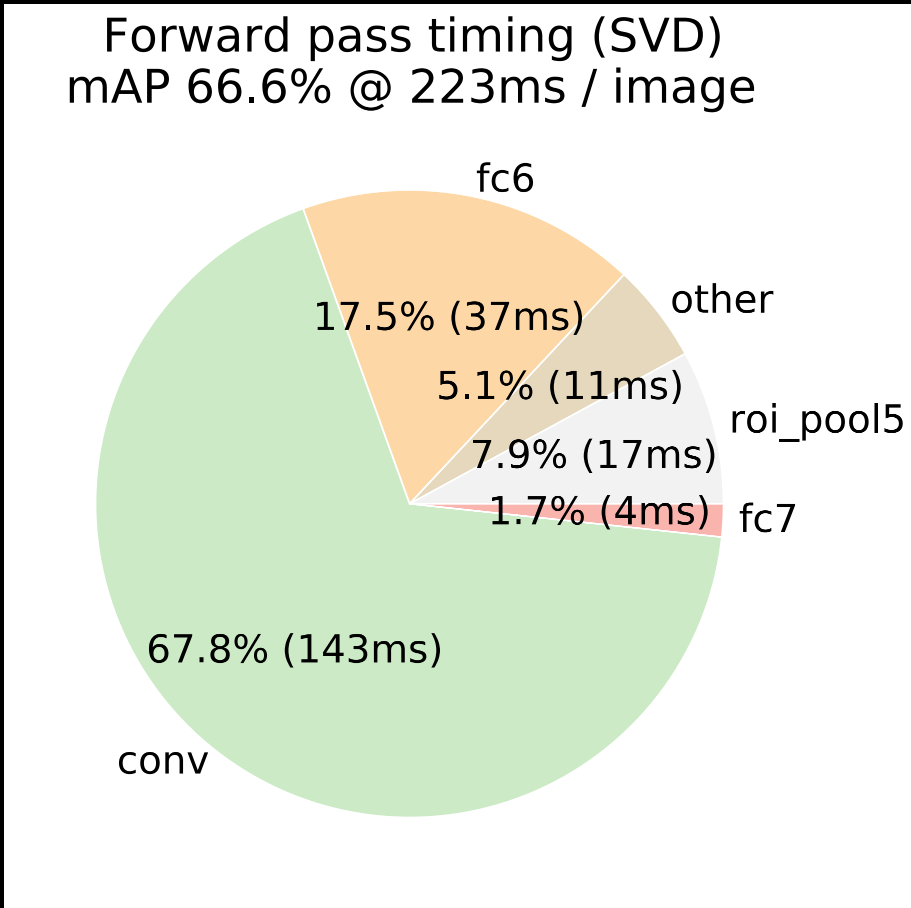

With SVD

Other findings

End-to-end training matters

	Fast R-CNN (VGG16)		
Fine-tune layers	$\geq$ fc6	$\geq$ conv3_1	$\geq$ conv2_1
VOC07 mAP	61.4%	66.9%	67.2%
Test time per image	0.32s	0.32s	0.32s

1.4x slower training

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Multi-task objective,
using bbox regressors
at test time

What’s still wrong?

- Out-of-network region proposals
  - Selective search: 2s / im; EdgeBoxes: 0.2s / im
- Fortunately, we have a solution
  - Our follow-up work was presented last week at NIPS

Shaoqing Ren, Kaiming He, Ross Girshick & Jian Sun. “Faster R-CNN: Towards Real-Time Object Detection with Region Proposal Networks.” NIPS 2015.

Fast R-CNN take-aways

- End-to-end training of deep ConvNets for detection
- Fast training times
- Open source for easy experimentation
  "I think [the Fast R-CNN] code is average-somewhat above average for what it is." – sporkles on r/MachineLearning
- A large number of ImageNet detection and COCO detection methods are built on Fast R-CNN
  Checkout the ImageNet / COCO Challenge workshop on Thursday!

Reproducible research – get the code!

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Thanks!

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Softmax works well (vs. post hoc SVMs)

Method (VGG16)	classifier	VOC07 mAP
Slow R-CNN	Post hoc SVM	66.0%
Fast R-CNN	Post hoc SVM	66.8%
Fast R-CNN	Softmax	66.9%

More proposals is harmful