

# CIML Summer Institute 2025

## Deep Learning - Transfer Learning



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# DEEP LEARNING OVERVIEW

- **Neural Network Basics**
  - Processing Unit
  - Activation Function
  - Loss Function
- **Deep Learning Fundamentals**
  - Deep Network Layers
  - DL Architectures
  - DL Libraries
- **Transfer Learning**
  - Transfer Learning Concepts
  - Transfer Learning Demo

# Transfer Learning

- **To overcome challenges of training model from scratch:**
  - Insufficient data
  - Very long training time
- **Use pre-trained model**
  - Trained on another dataset
  - This serves as starting point for model
  - Then train model on current dataset for current task

# Transfer Learning Approaches

- **Feature extraction**

- Remove classification layer from pre-trained model
- Treat rest of network as feature extractor
- Use features to train new classifier
  - “top model” or “classification head”

- **Fine tuning**

- Tune weights in some layers of original model (along with weights of top model)
- Train model for current task using new dataset

# CNNs for Transfer Learning

- **Popular architectures**
  - AlexNet
  - GoogLeNet
  - VGGNet
  - ResNet
- **All winners of ILSVRC**
  - ImageNet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge
  - Annual competition on vision tasks on ImageNet data

# ImageNet

- **Database**

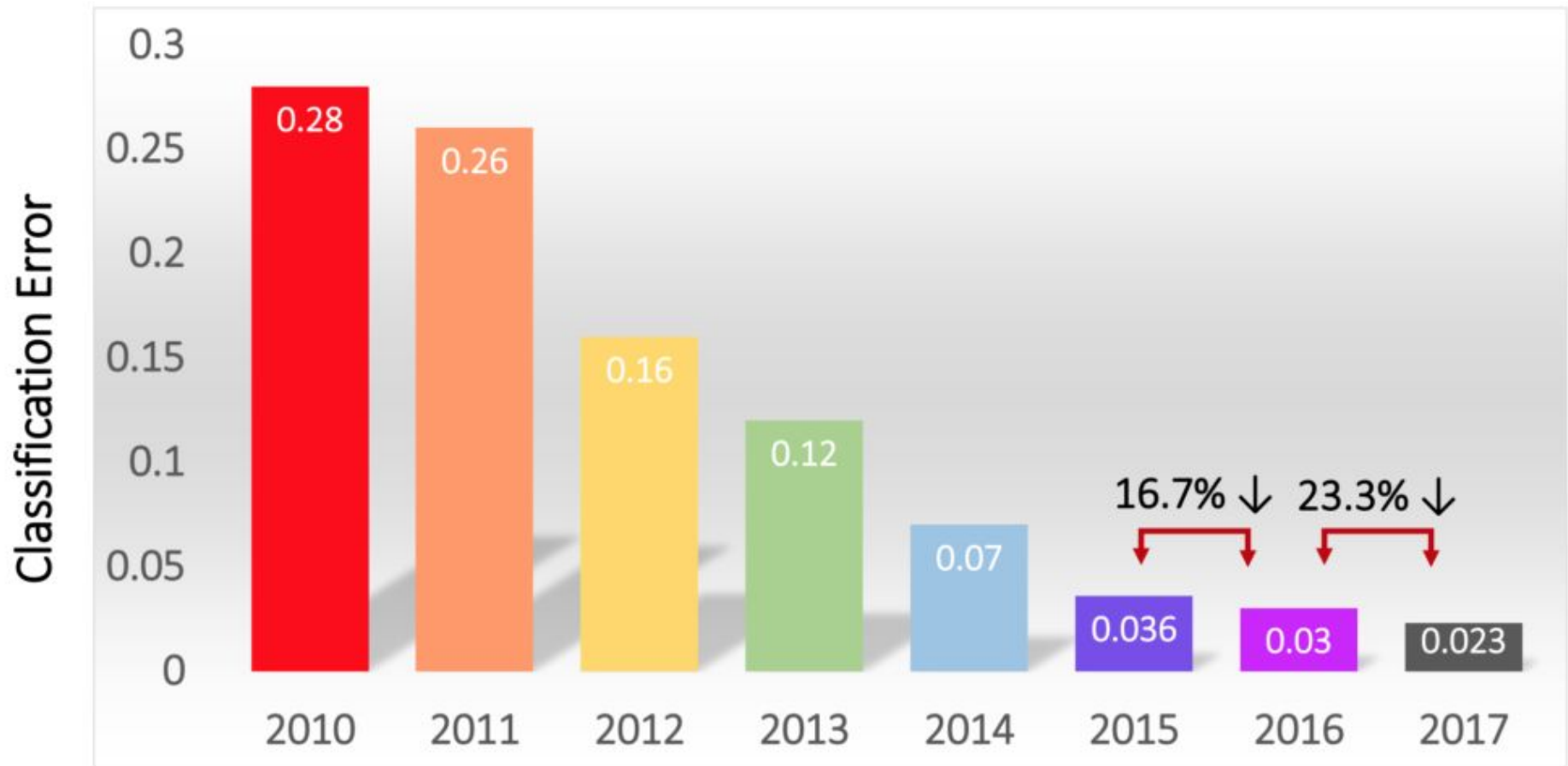
- Developed for computer vision research
- ~14,000,000 images hand-annotated
- ~22,000 categories

- **ILSVRC History**

- Started in 2010
- Image classification task: 1,000 object categories
- Image classification error rate
  - 2010: 28.20% (conventional image processing techniques)
  - 2012: 15.30% (AlexNet)
  - 2015: 3.57% (ResNet; better than human performance)
  - 2016: 2.99% (16.7% error reduction)
  - 2017: 2.25% (23.3% error reduction)

# Results on ImageNet Classification

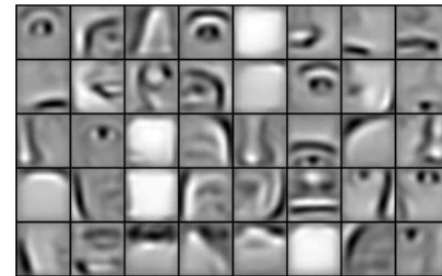
## Classification Results (CLS)





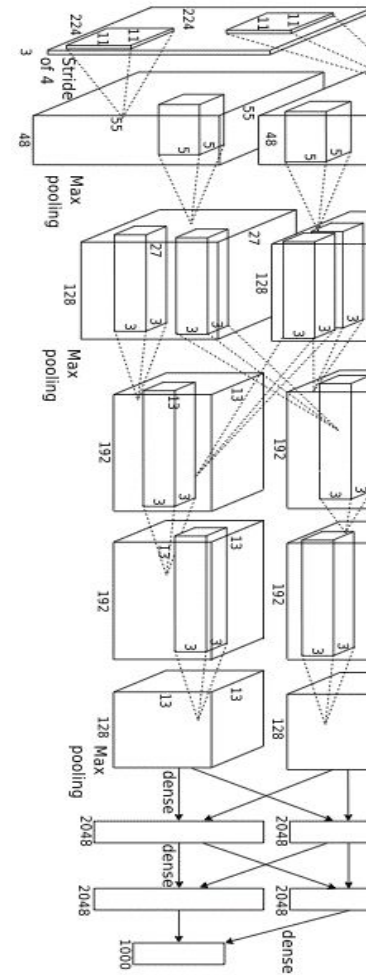
# Transfer Learning

*Input*



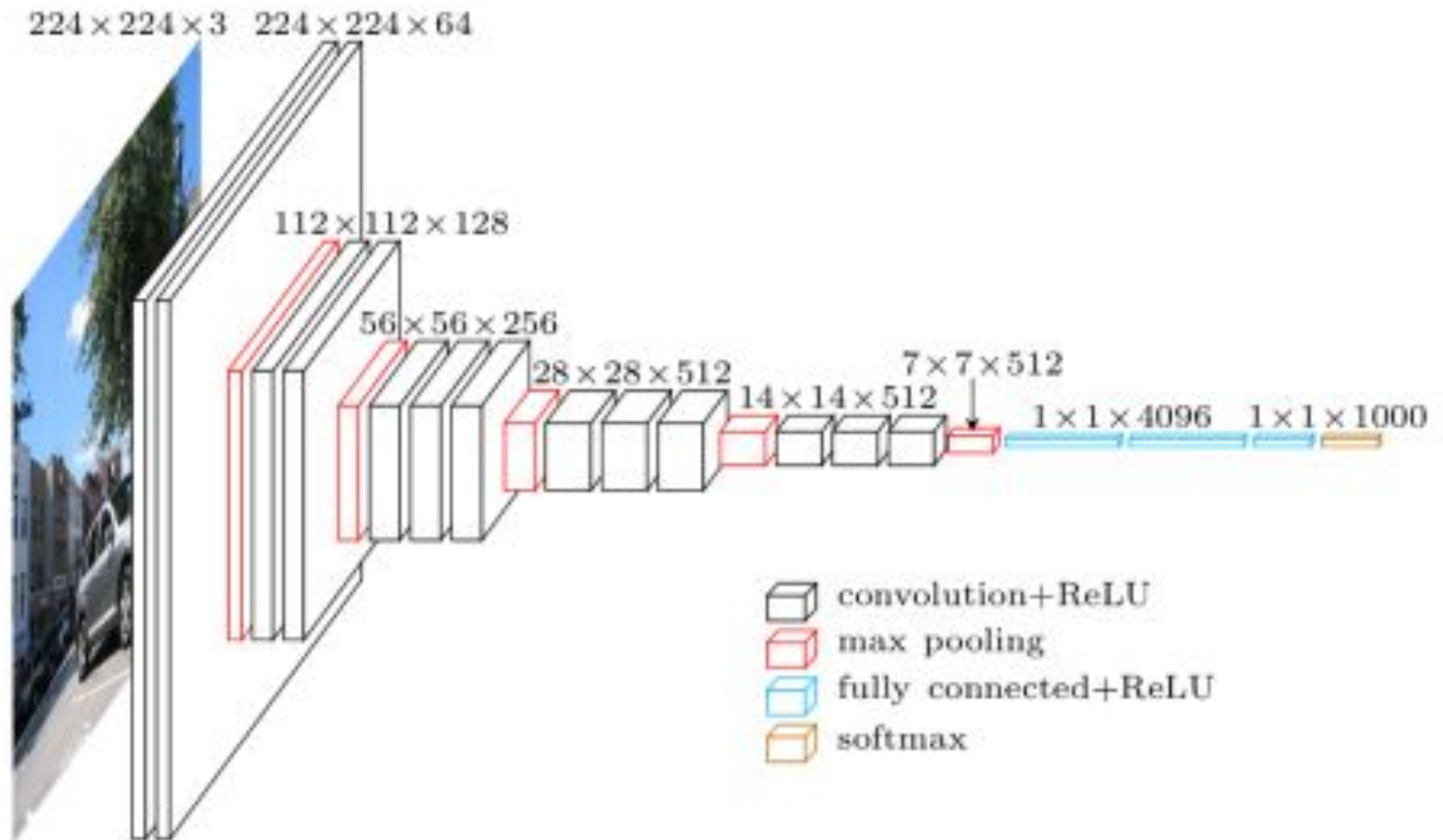
*Output*

*Learned  
hierarchy*



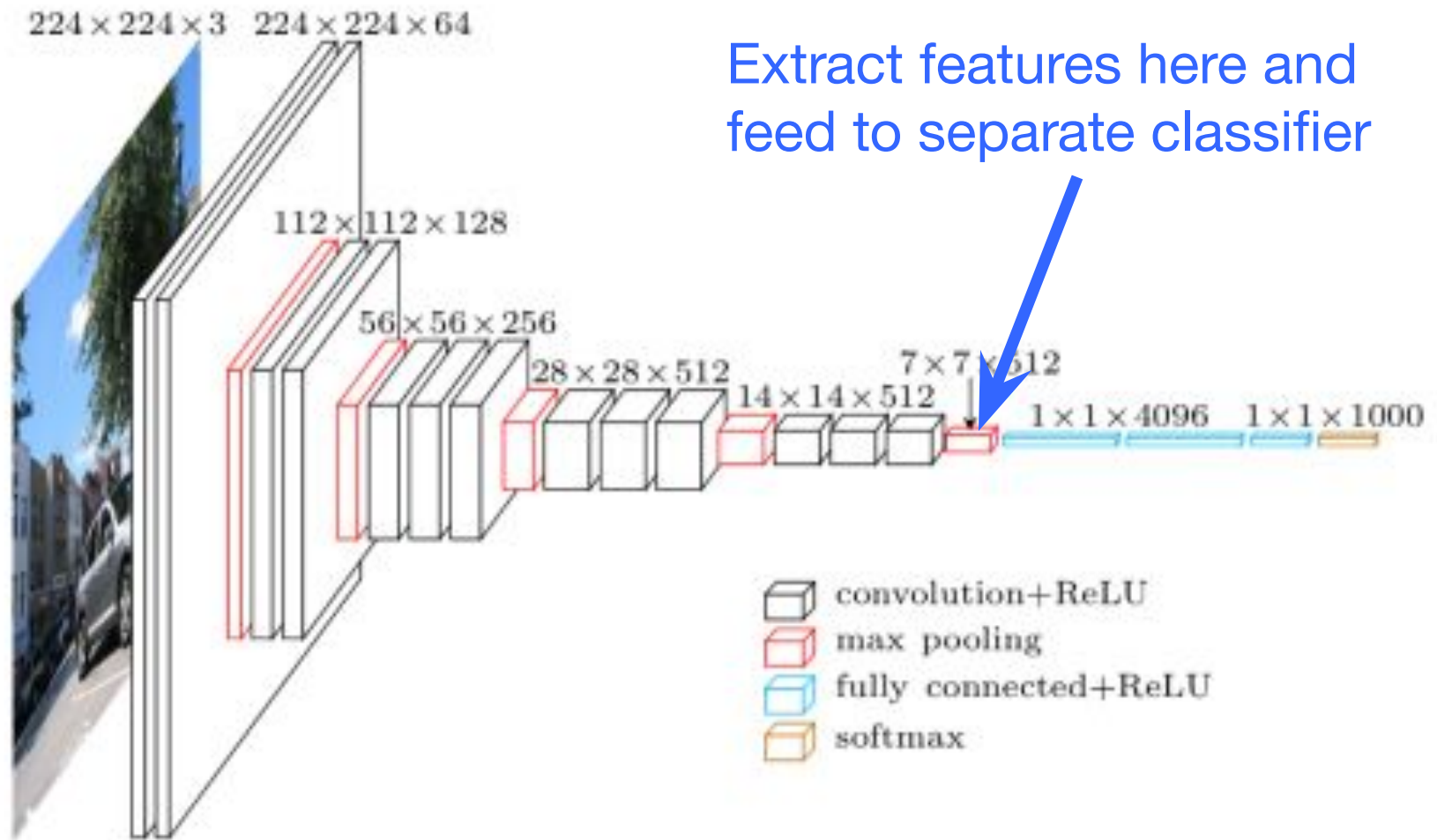
*Lee et al. 'Convolutional Deep Belief Networks for Scalable  
Unsupervised Learning of Hierarchical Representations' ICML 2009*

# Pre-Trained Model



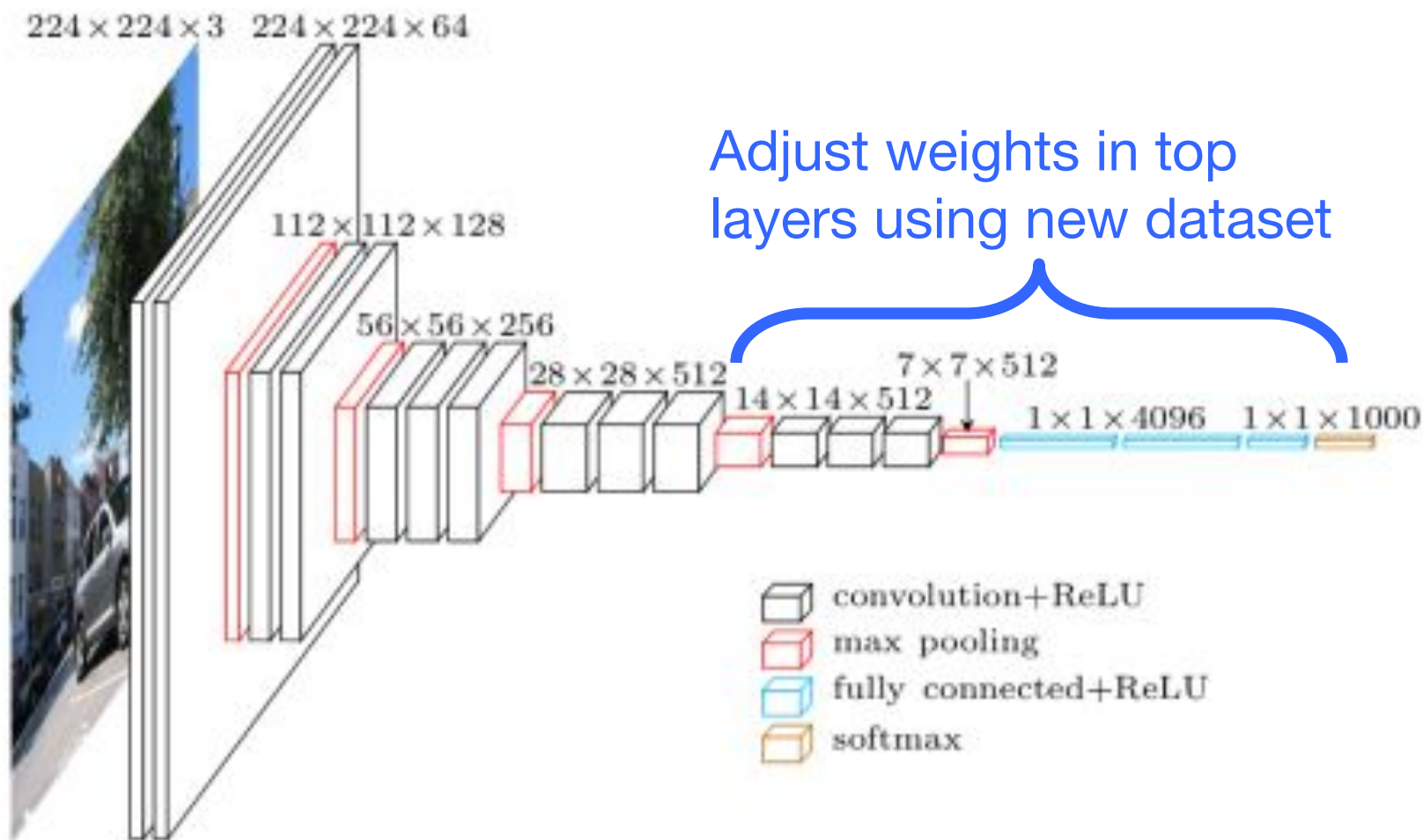
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# Transfer Learning - Feature Extraction



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# Transfer Learning - Fine Tuning



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# Practical Tips for Transfer Learning

- **Learning rate**
  - Use very small learning rate for fine tuning. Don't want to destroy what was already learned.
- **Start with properly trained weights**
  - Train top-level classifier first, then fine tune lower layers.
  - Top model with random weights may have negative effects on when fine tuning weights in pre-trained model
- **Data augmentation**
  - Simple ways to slightly alter images
    - Horizontal/vertical flips, random crops, translations, rotations, etc.
  - Use to artificially expand your dataset

# Transfer Learning Hands-On

- **Data**
  - Cats and dogs images from Kaggle
- **Exercises**
  - Feature extraction
    - Use pre-trained CNN to extract features from images
    - Train neural network to classify cats/dogs using extracted features
  - Fine tune
    - Adjust weights of last few layers of pre-trained CNN and top classifier model through training

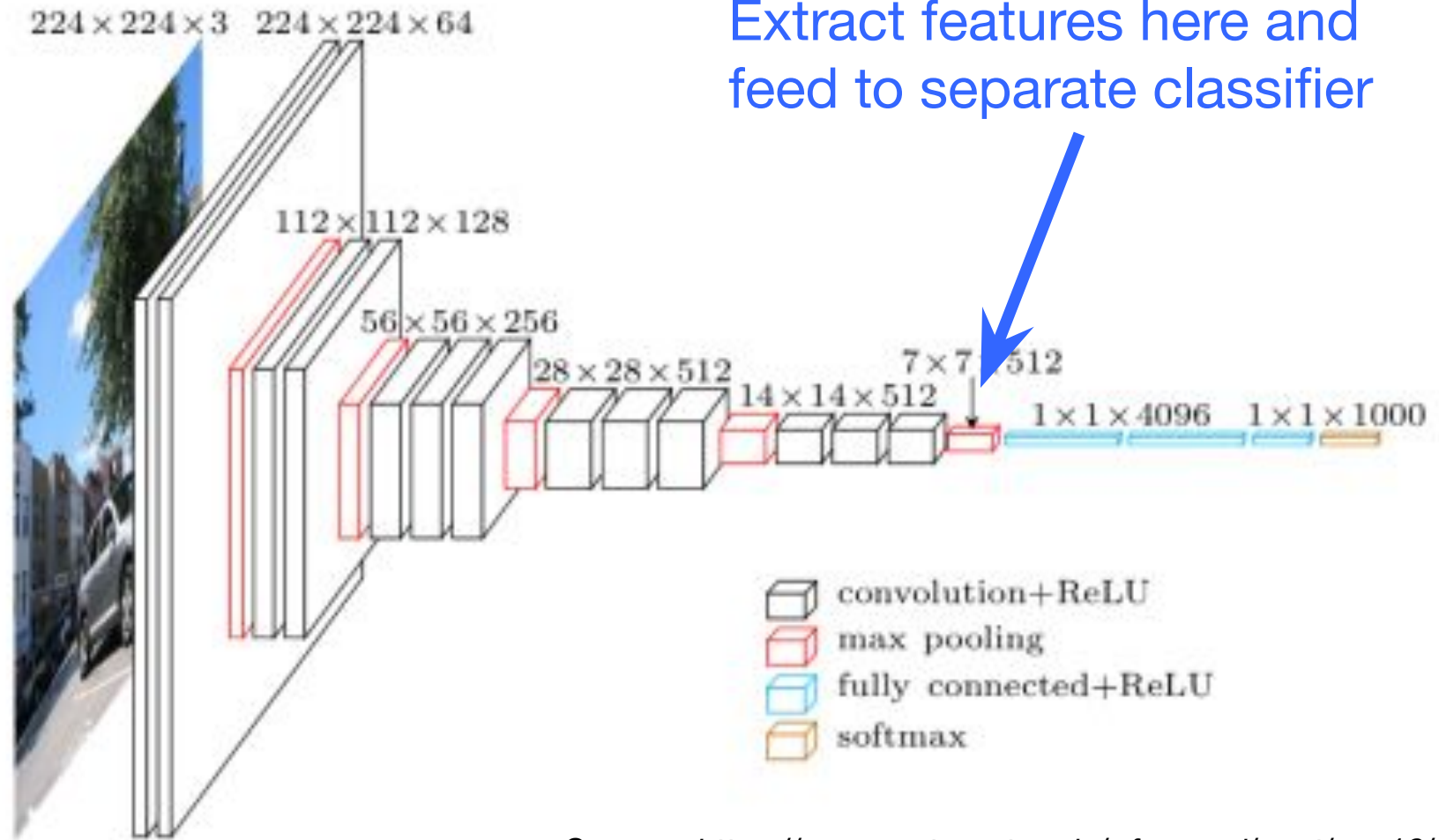
# Data

- **Subset of Dogs Vs. Cats dataset from Kaggle**
  - <https://www.kaggle.com/c/dogs-vs-cats>
- **Train**
  - 1000 cats + 1000 dogs
- **Validation**
  - 200 cats + 200 dogs
- **Test**
  - 200 cats + 200 dogs





# TRANSFER LEARNING - FEATURE EXTRACTION

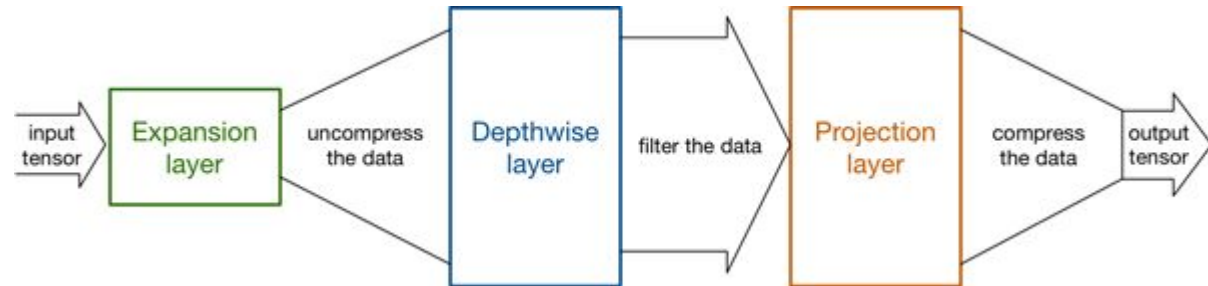
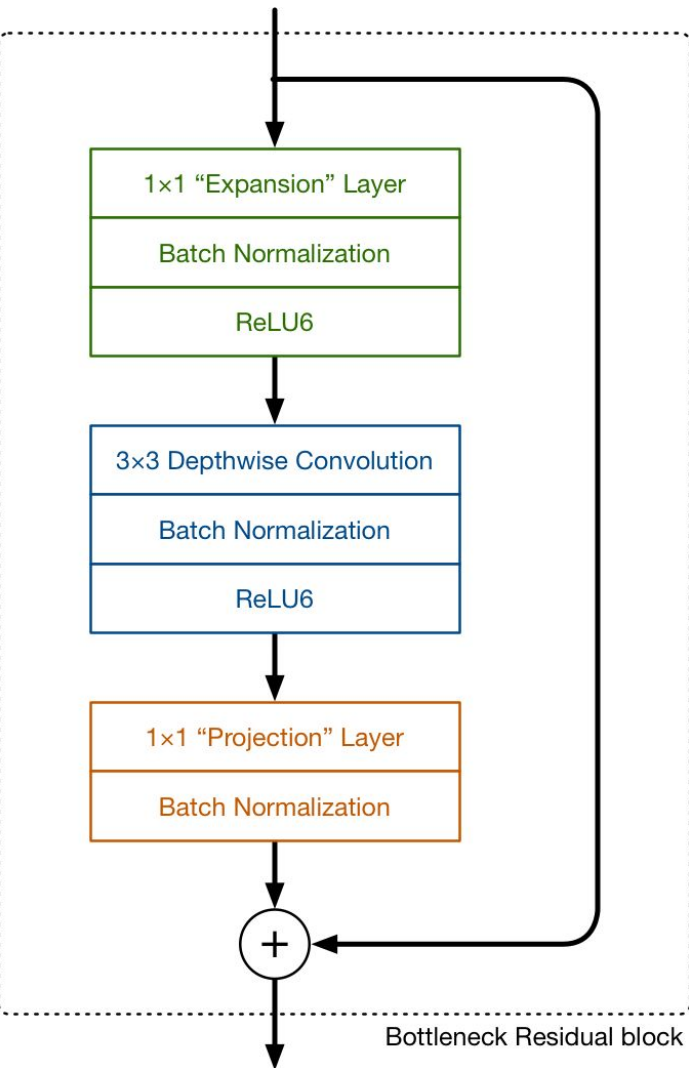


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# MobileNetV2

- CNN
- Lightweight architecture
- Designed for mobile devices



<https://machinethink.net/blog/mobilenet-v2/>

# Feature Extraction Overview

- **Code**
  - feature\_extraction\_ptl.ipynb
- **Data**
  - Set image dimensions & location
  - Read images from folder in batches
- **Model**
  - Load model pre-trained on ImageNet data
  - Freeze weights in pre-trained model to use as feature extractor
  - Add top model to classify cats vs dogs
  - Model = Pre-trained base model + top model classifier
- **Train model**
  - Use training data to adjust top model weights
- **Evaluate model**
  - Calculate accuracy, etc.
  - Perform inference on test images

# Setup

- **Login to Expanse**

- Open terminal window on local machine
- `ssh login.expanse.sdsc.edu -l <account>`

- **Pull latest from repo**

- `git pull`
- URL:

<https://github.com/ciml-org/ciml-summer-institute-2025>

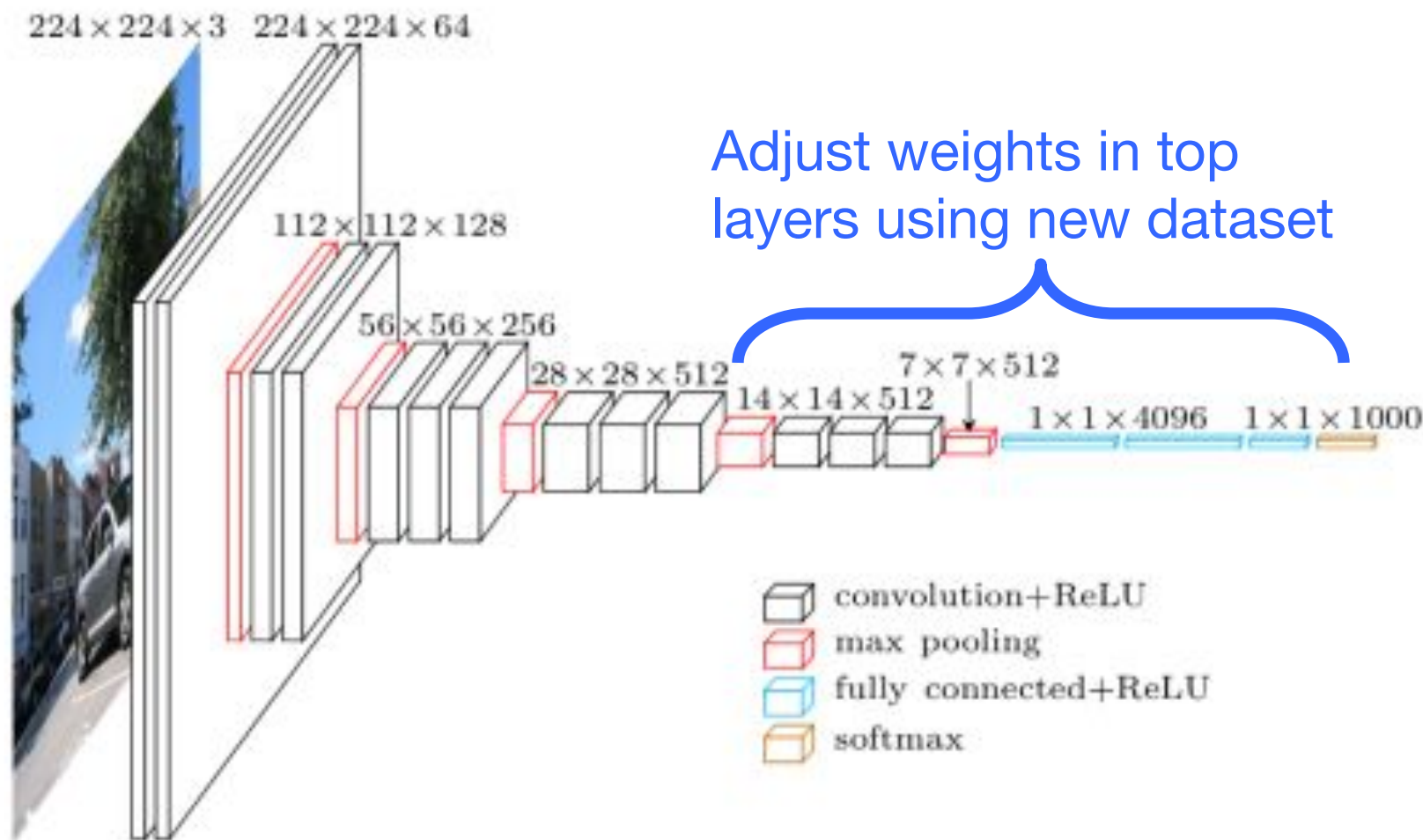
# Server Setup for PyTorch Lightning- Command Line

- **In terminal window**
  - `jupyter-gpu-shared-pylight`
    - Alias for:
    - `galileo launch --account ${CIML25_ACCOUNT} --reservation ${CIML25_RES_GPU} --partition gpu-shared --qos ${CIML25_QOS_GPU} --cpus 10 --memory 92 --gpus 1 --time-limit 04:00:00 --conda-yml py-light.yaml --mamba --cache`
- **To check queue**
  - `squeue -u $USER`

# Data

- In terminal window in Jupyter Lab, do the following
- **Get counts of images**
  - `ls` // Should see data
  - `ls -l data/catsVsDogs/train/cats/* | wc -l`
  - `ls -l data/catsVsDogs/train/dogs/* | wc -l`
  - `ls -l data/catsVsDogs/val/cats/* | wc -l`
  - `ls -l data/catsVsDogs/val/dogs/* | wc -l`
  - `ls -l data/catsVsDogs/test/cats/* | wc -l`
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# TRANSFER LEARNING - FINE TUNING



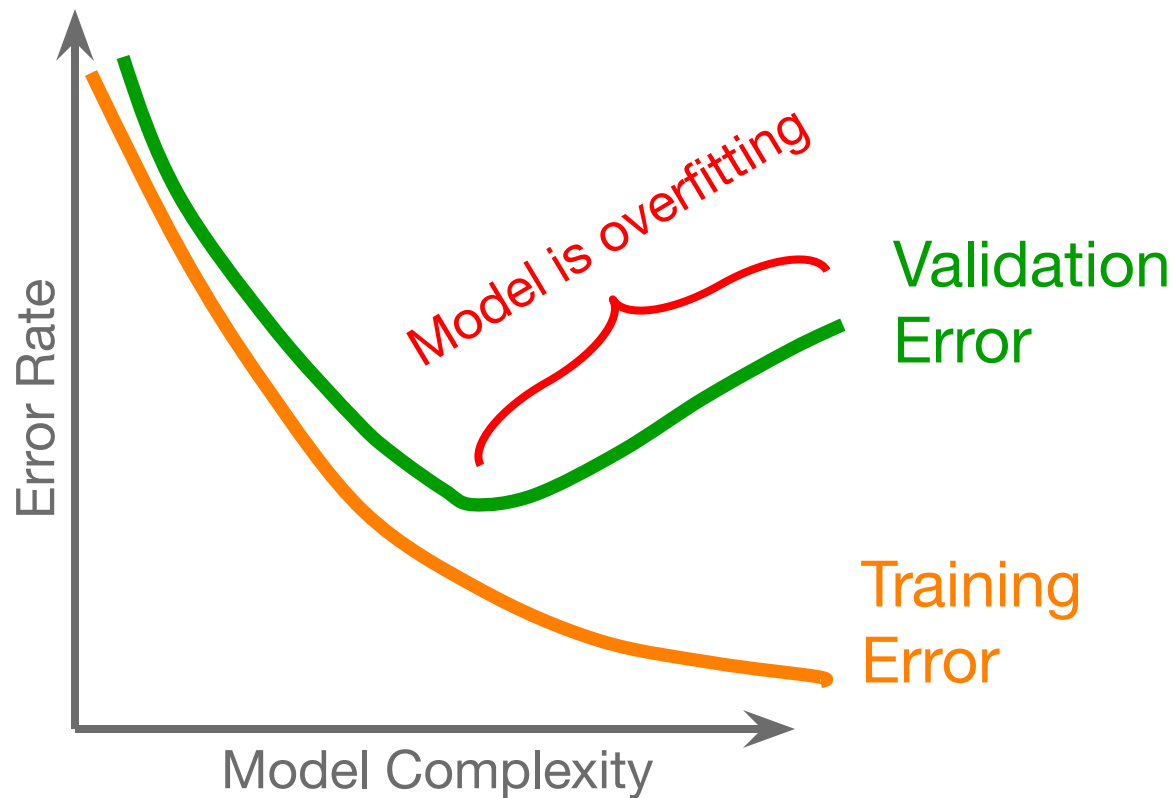
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# Fine Tune Overview

- **Code**
  - finetune\_ptl.ipynb
- **Data**
  - Set image dimensions & location
  - Read images from folder in batches
- **Model**
  - Load trained model from feature extraction code
  - Weights in last few convolutional blocks and top model will be adjusted during training
  - All other weights in pre-trained model are frozen
- **Train model**
  - Use training data to adjust top model weights
  - Use validation data to determine when to stop training
- **Evaluate model**
  - Calculate accuracy, etc.
  - Perform inference on test images

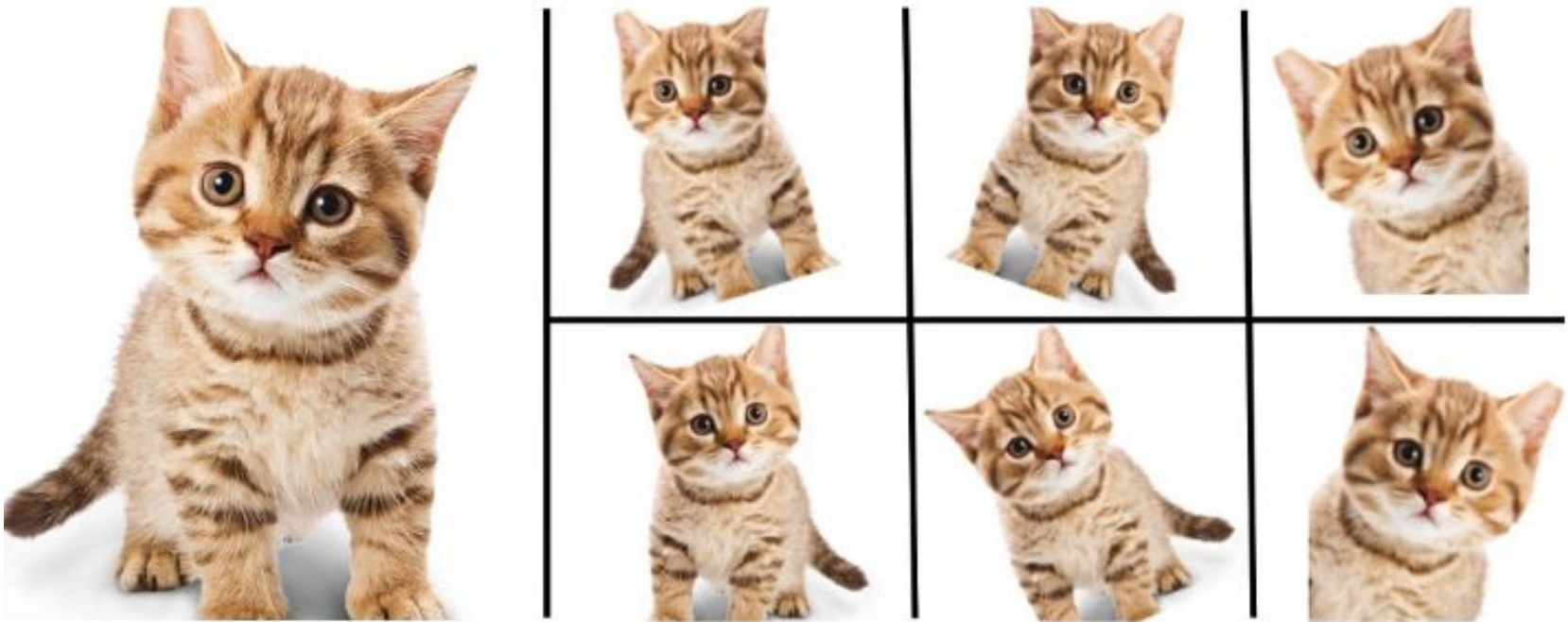
# Early Stopping

Using validation data to determine when to stop training to avoid overfitting





# Data Augmentation



Add variability to your dataset

<https://nanonets.com/blog/data-augmentation-how-to-use-deep-learning-when-you-have-limited-data-part-2/>

# RESOURCES

- **Transfer Learning**
  - <http://cs231n.github.io/transfer-learning/>
- **ImageNet**
  - <http://www.image-net.org/>
- **PyTorch Lightning**
  - <https://lightning.ai/docs/pytorch/stable/>

# RESOURCES

- **TensorFlow Tutorial on Transfer Learning**
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- **ImageNet**
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- **TensorFlow/Keras API**
  - [https://www.tensorflow.org/api\\_docs/python/tf/keras/Model](https://www.tensorflow.org/api_docs/python/tf/keras/Model)