

Lecture 14:

Understanding and Visualizing Convolutional Networks

Administrivia

Project milestone due 10/31 (see the piazza note)

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Thursday (10/31) there will be no class. Instead attend the MLFL seminar:

who: Boqing Gong (<http://boqinggong.info/>)

when: Thursday, 10/31/2024, 12pm-1pm

where: CS 150/151 (pizzas available), [Zoom](#)

food: Pizza and drinks

Title: From Domain Adaptation to VideoPrism: A Decade-Long Quest for Out-of-Domain Visual Generalization



Abstract:

This talk explores the challenges of out-of-domain (OOD) generalization in computer vision, encompassing tasks like domain adaptation, webly-supervised learning, and long-tailed recognition. I will review some principles and techniques underlying the seemingly diverse tasks and then connect them to the recent development of generalist vision systems, showcasing VideoPrism --- a state-of-the-art generalist video encoding model --- and ongoing research into image and video generation models.

Bio:

Boqing Gong is a computer science faculty member at Boston University and a part-time research scientist at Google DeepMind. His research focuses on AI models' generalization and efficiency and the visual analytics of objects, scenes, human activities, and their interactions.

<https://www.cics.umass.edu/category/machine-learning-and-friends-lunch>

Previously: Computer Vision Tasks

Classification



CAT

Single object

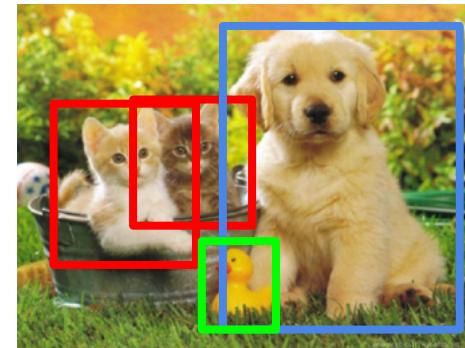
Classification + Localization



CAT

Multiple objects

Object Detection



CAT, DOG, DUCK

Instance Segmentation



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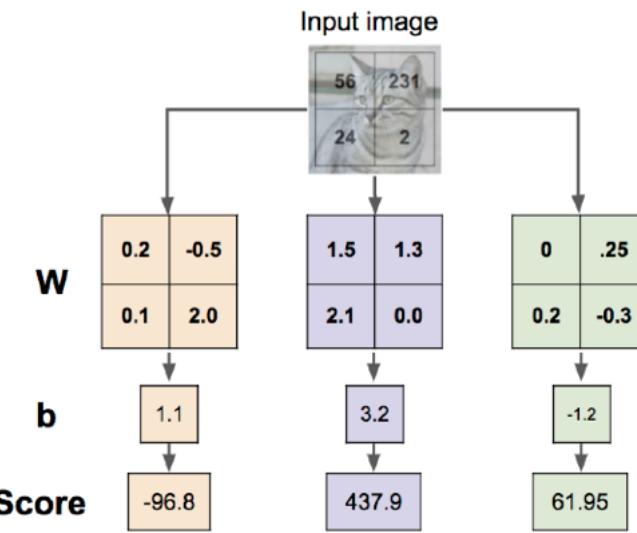
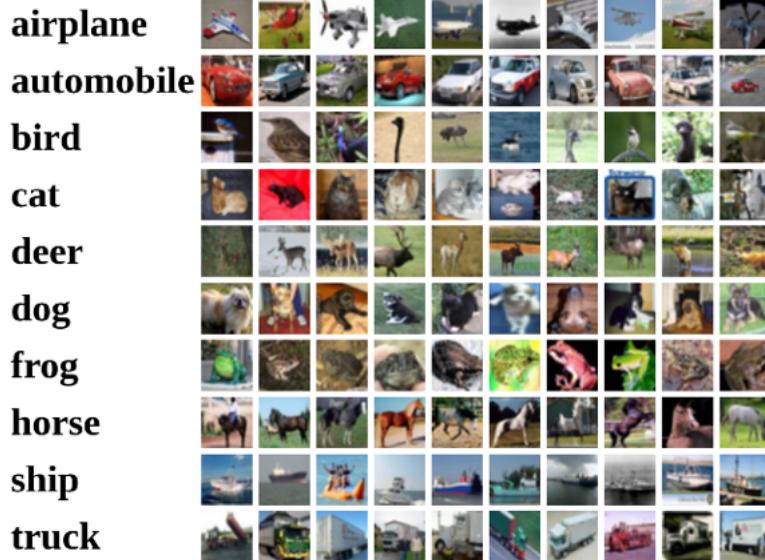
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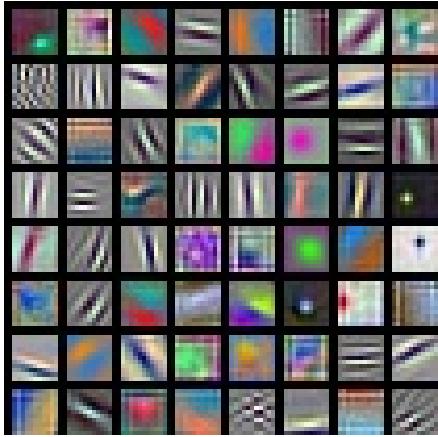
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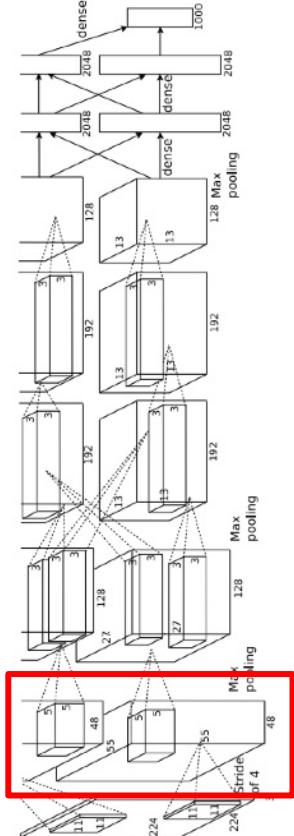
Interpreting a Linear Classifier: Visual Viewpoint



First Layer: Visualize Filters

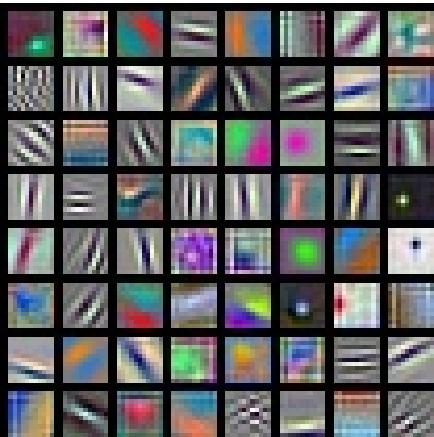


AlexNet:
 $64 \times 3 \times 11 \times 11$

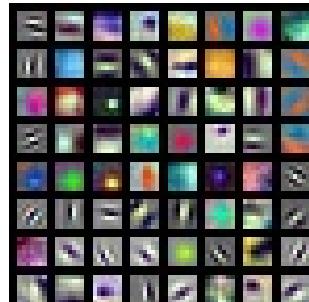


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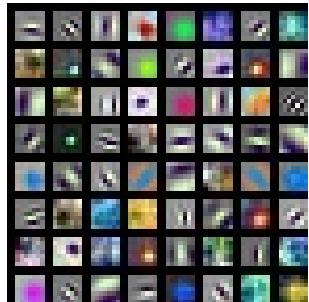
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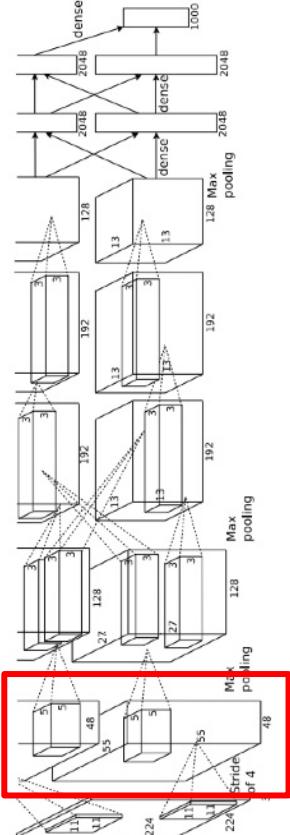
ResNet-18:
 $64 \times 3 \times 7 \times 7$



ResNet-101:
 $64 \times 3 \times 7 \times 7$



DenseNet-121:
 $64 \times 3 \times 7 \times 7$



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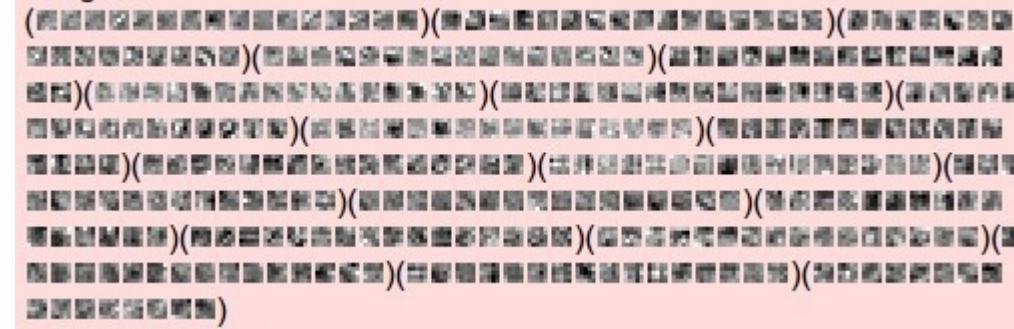
Visualize the filters/kernels (raw weights)

you can still do it for higher layers, it's just not that interesting

(these are taken from ConvNetJS CIFAR-10 demo)

Weights:


layer 1 weights

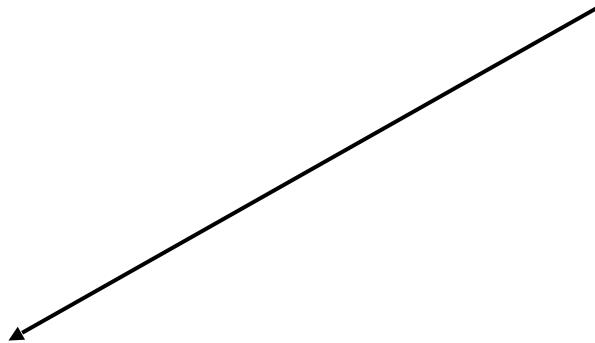
Weights:


layer 2 weights

Weights:


layer 3 weights

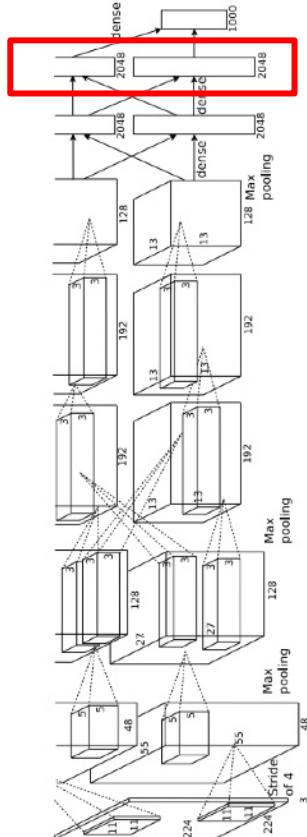
Last Layer



4096-dimensional feature vector for an image
(layer immediately before the classifier)

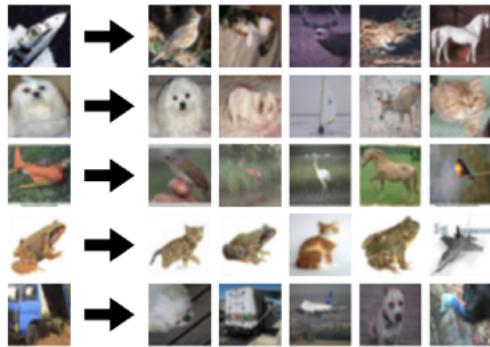
Run the network on many images, collect the
feature vectors

FC7 layer



Last Layer: Nearest Neighbors

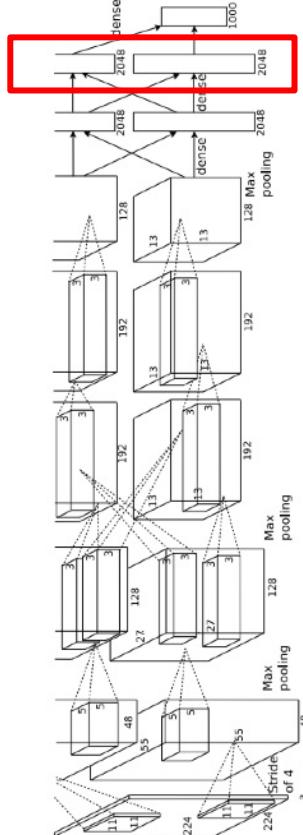
Recall: Nearest neighbors
in pixel space



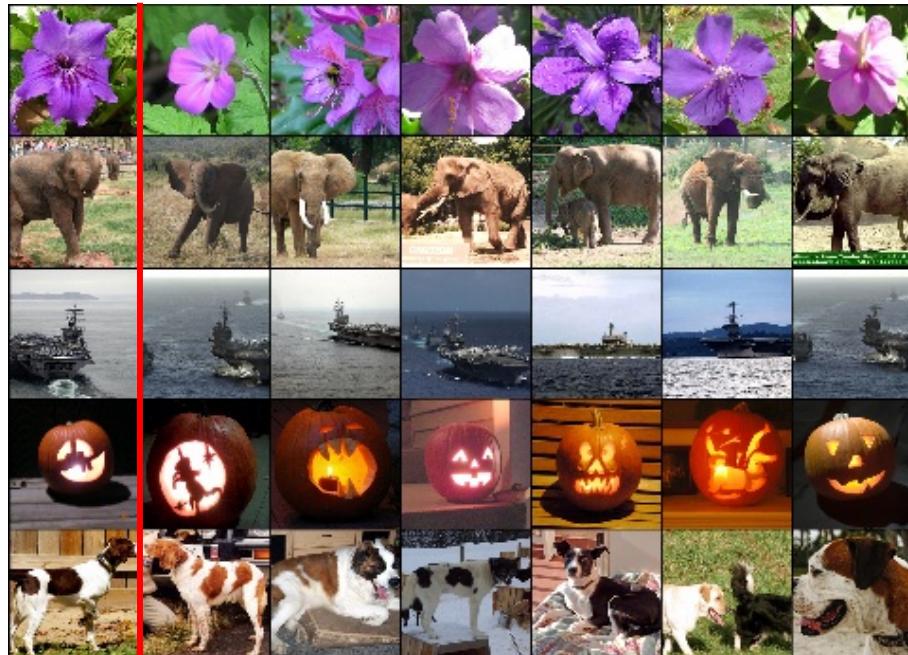
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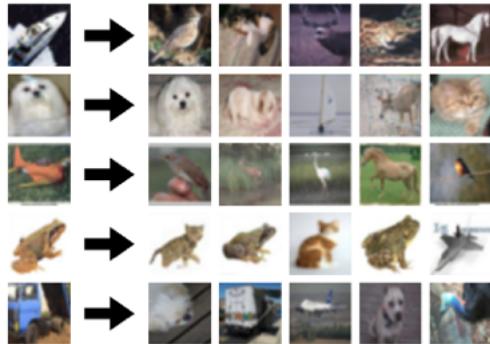
4096-dim vector



Test image L2 Nearest neighbors in feature space



Recall: Nearest neighbors
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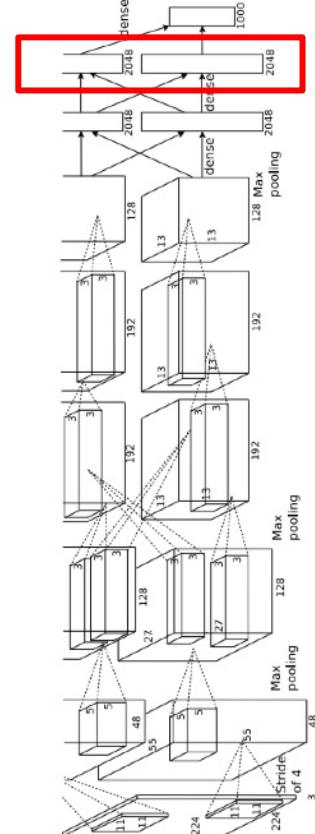
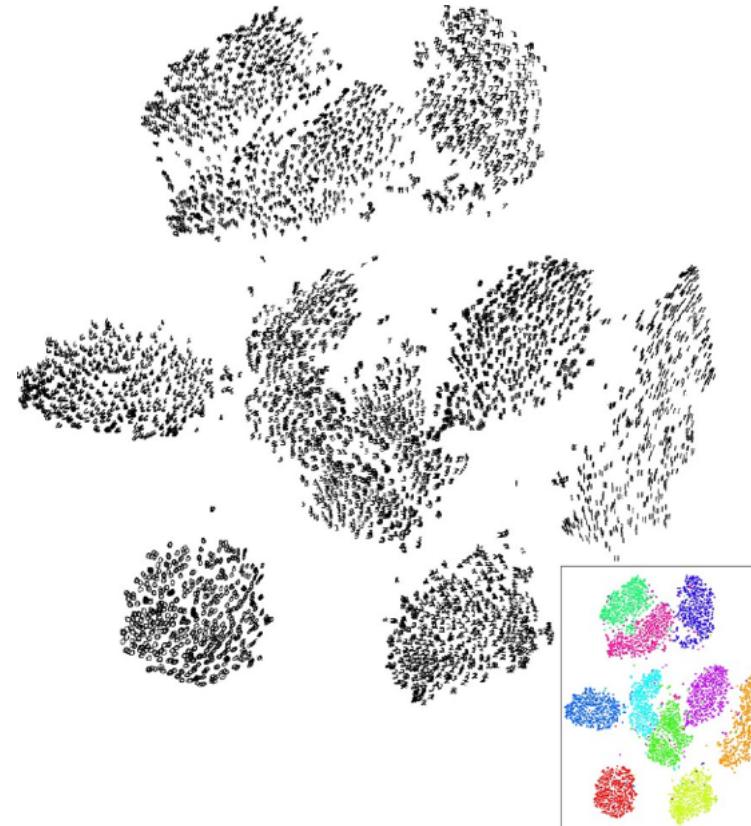
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Last Layer: Dimensionality Reduction

Visualize the “space” of FC7
feature vectors by reducing
dimensionality of vectors from
4096 to 2 dimensions

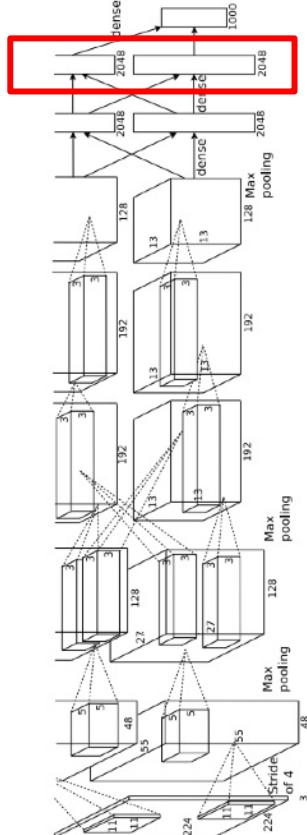
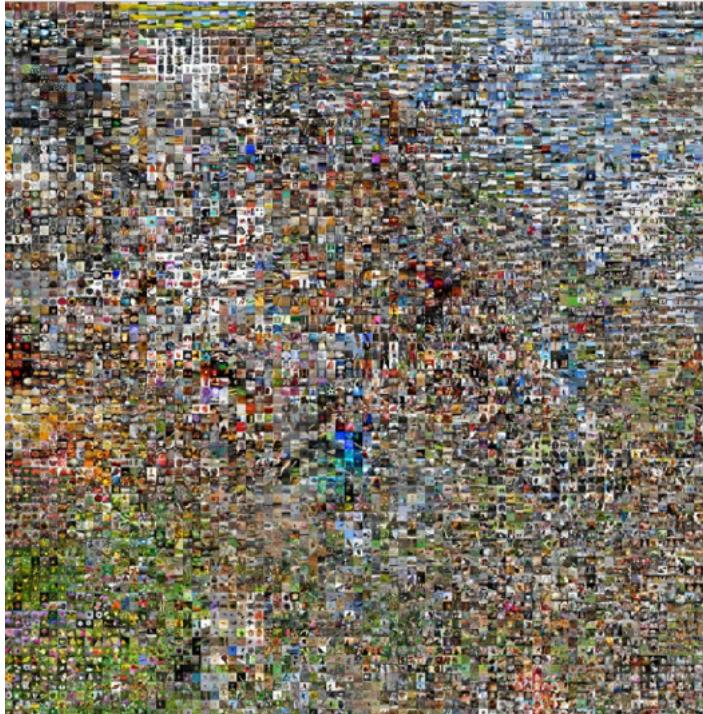
Simple algorithm: Principal
Component Analysis (PCA)

More complex: t-SNE



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See high-resolution versions at
<http://cs.stanford.edu/people/karpathy/cnnembed/>

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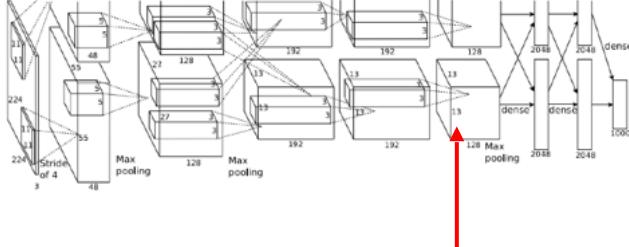
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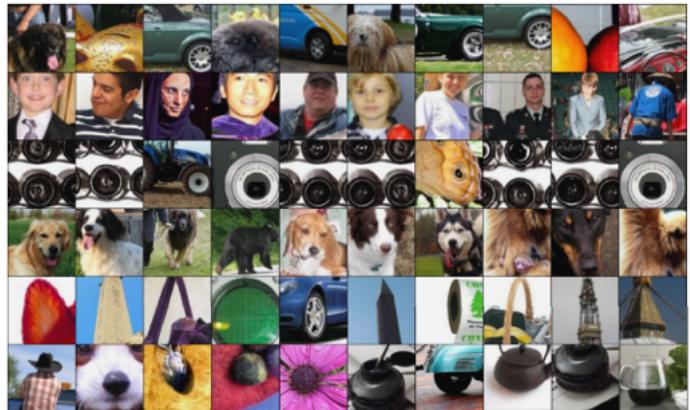
Maximally Activating Patches



Pick a layer and a channel; e.g. conv5 is $128 \times 13 \times 13$, pick channel 17/128

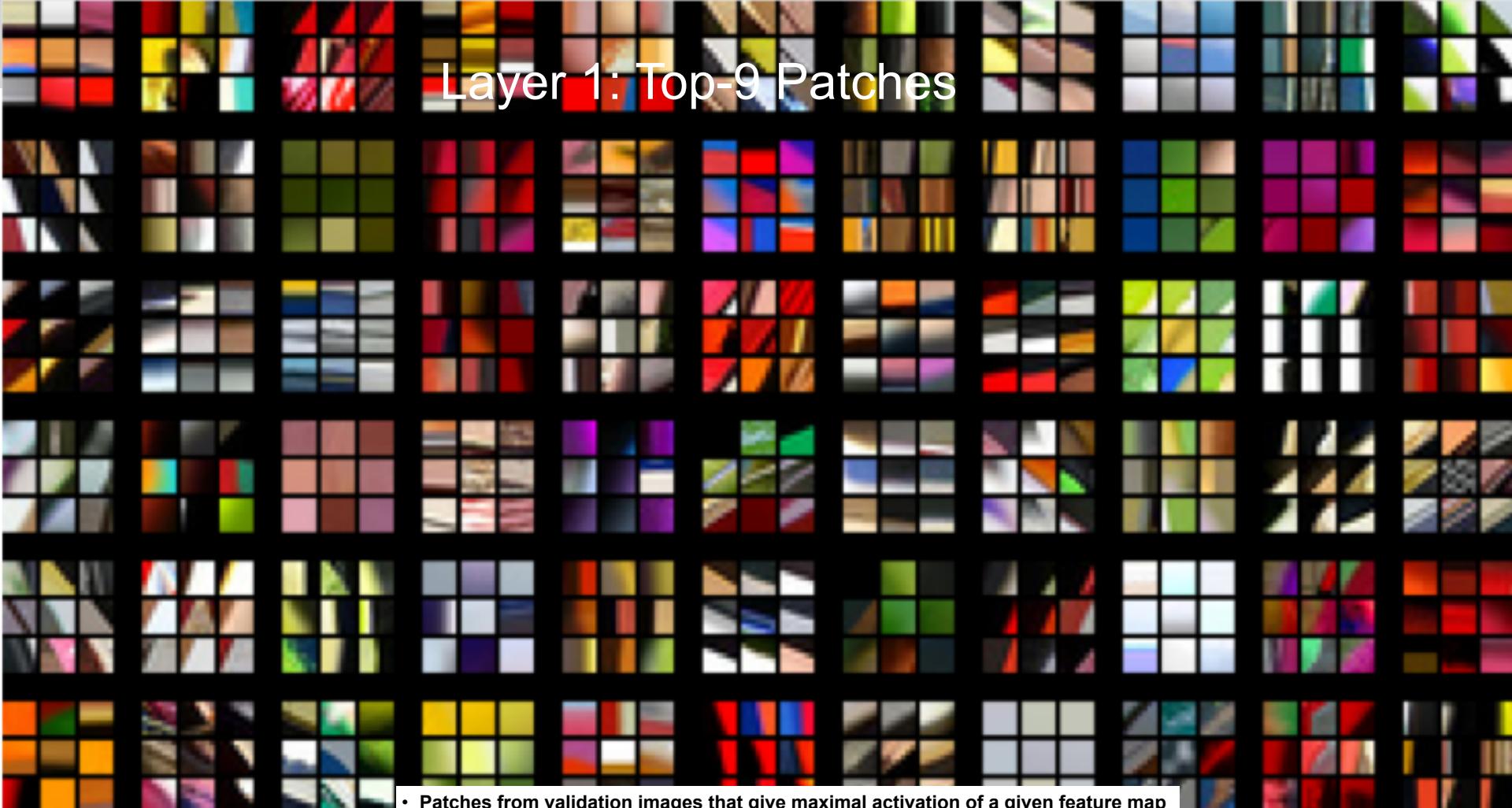
Run many images through the network,
record values of chosen channel

Visualize image patches that correspond
to maximal activations



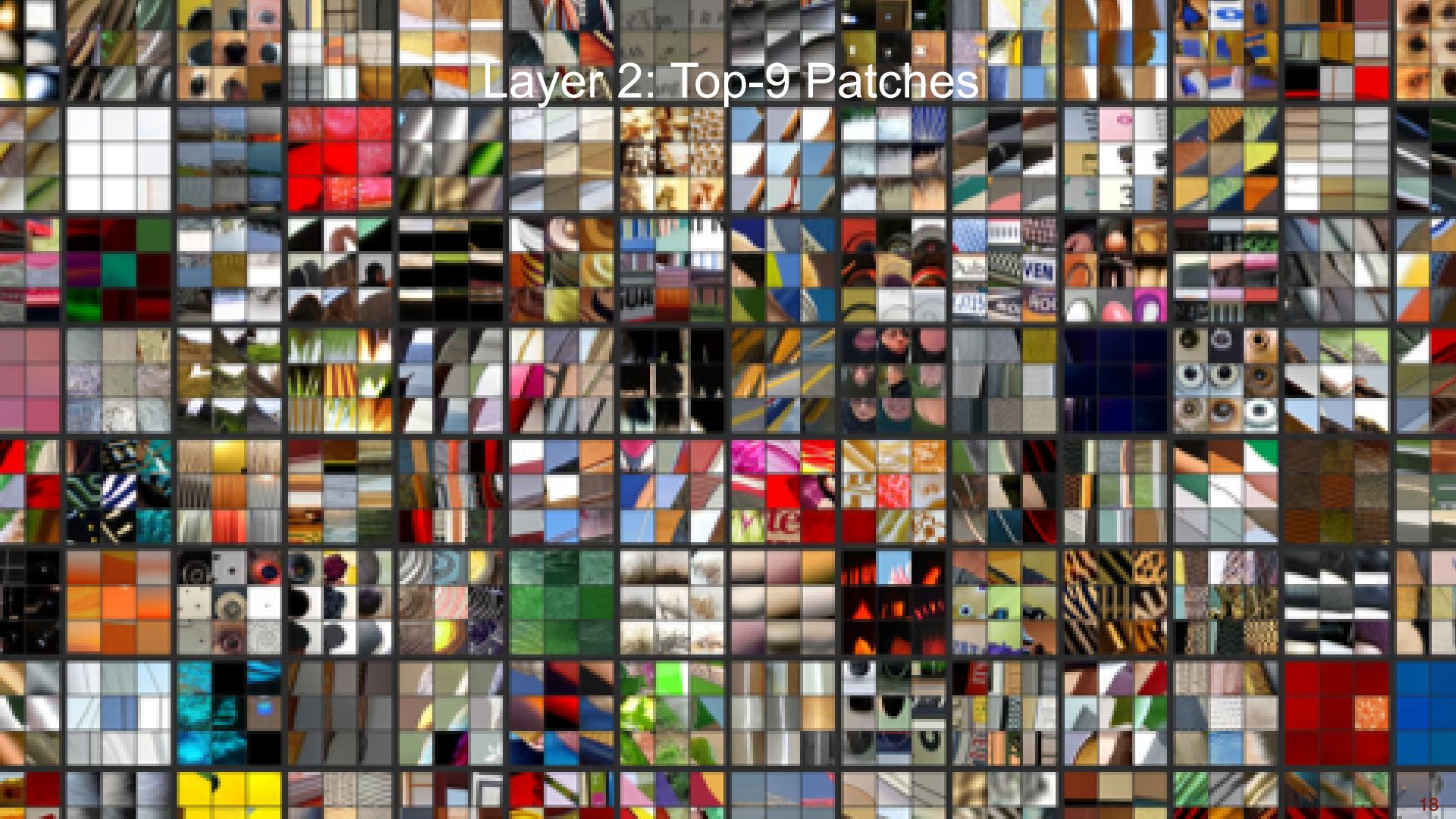
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Layer 1: Top-9 Patches

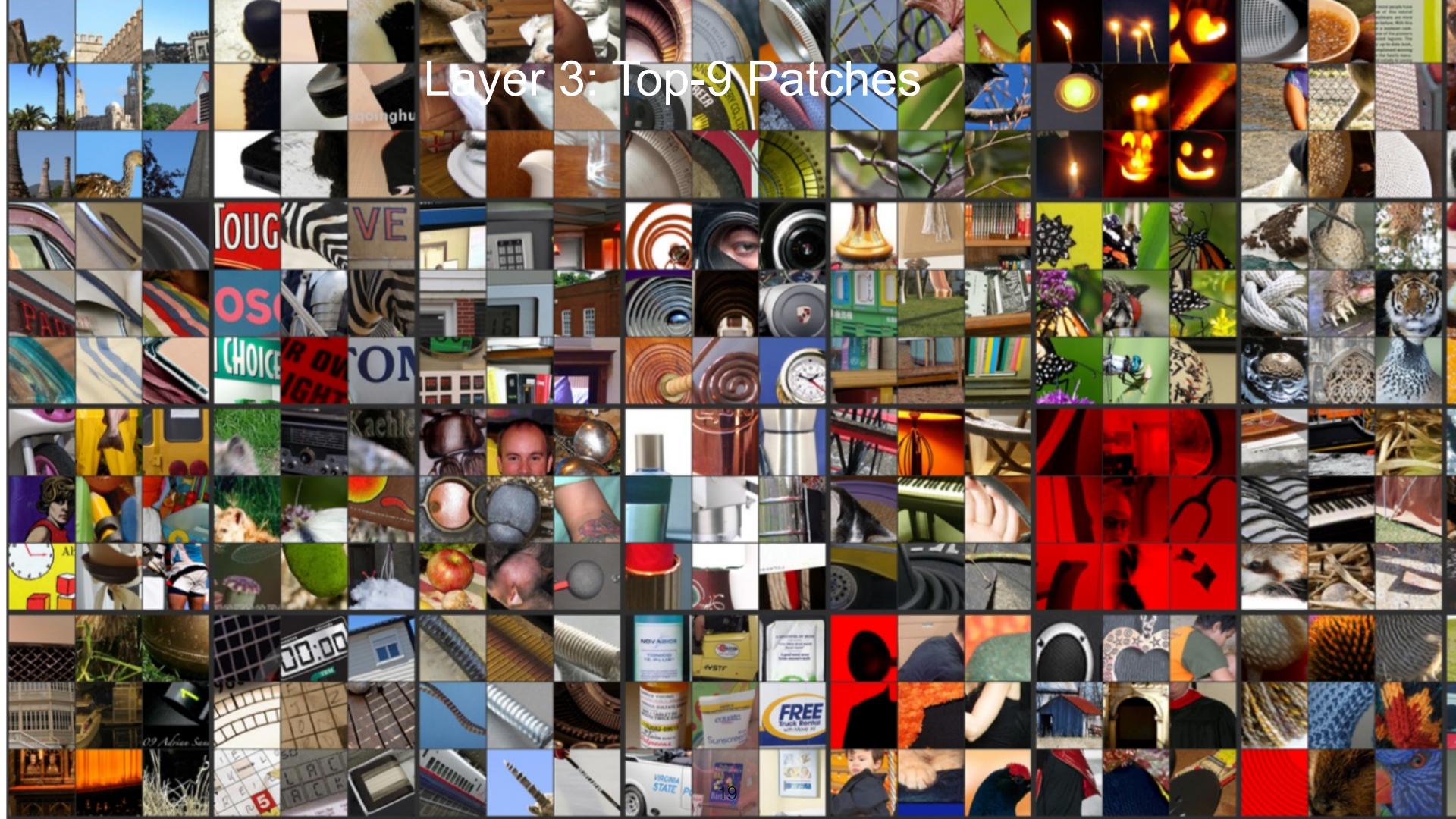


- Patches from validation images that give maximal activation of a given feature map

Layer 2: Top-9 Patches



Layer 3: Top-9 Patches



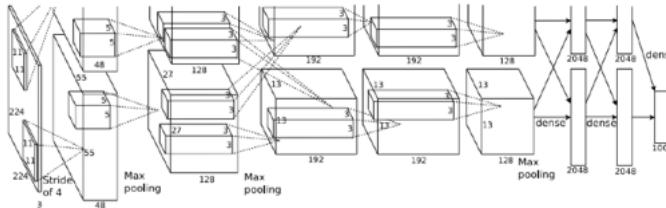
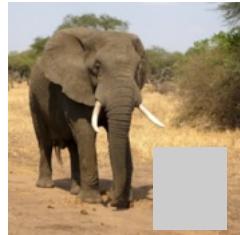
Layer 4: Top-9 Patches

Layer 5: Top-9 Patches

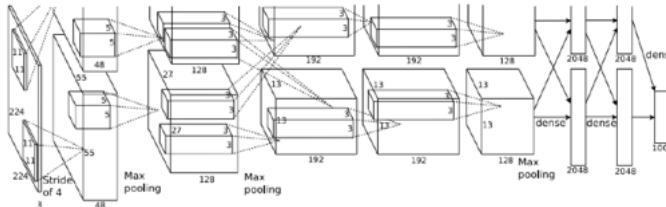
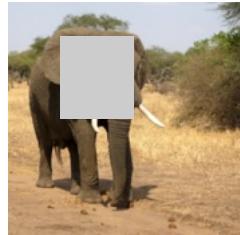


Which pixels matter:

Mask part of the image before feeding to CNN,
check how much predicted probabilities change



$$P(\text{elephant}) = 0.95$$



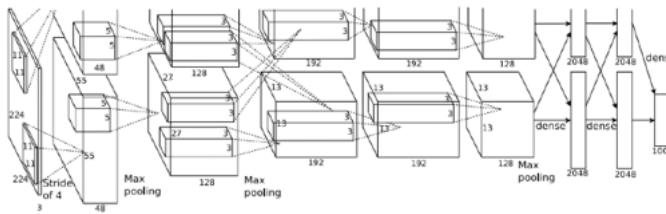
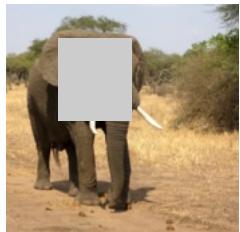
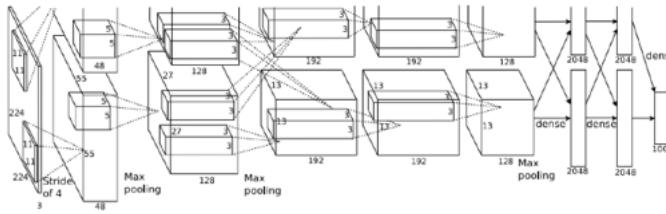
$$P(\text{elephant}) = 0.75$$

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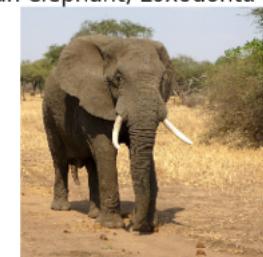
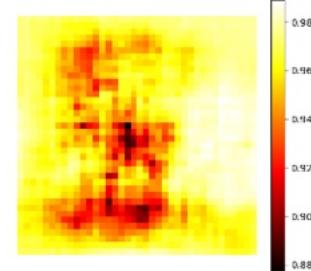


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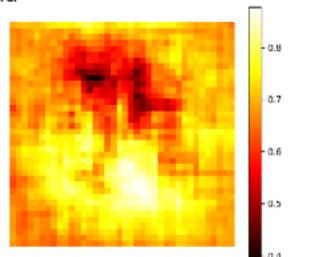
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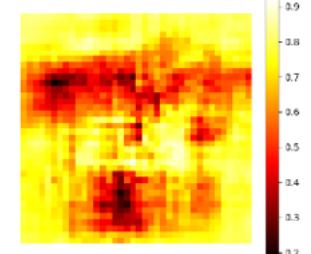
schooner



African elephant, Loxodonta africana



go-kart

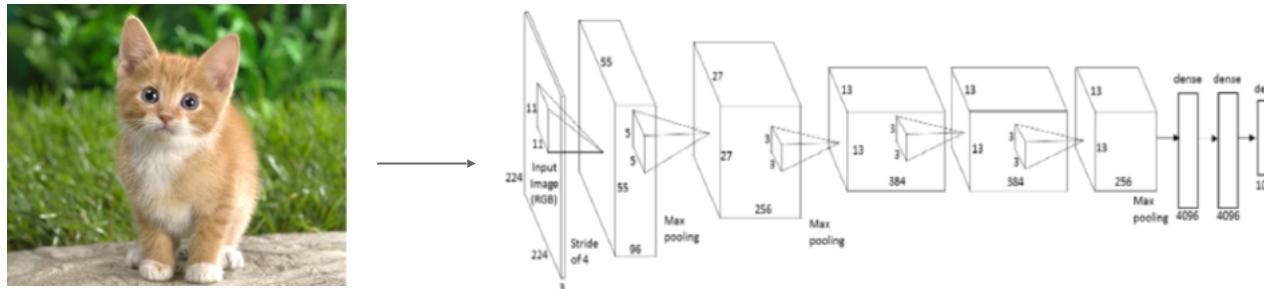


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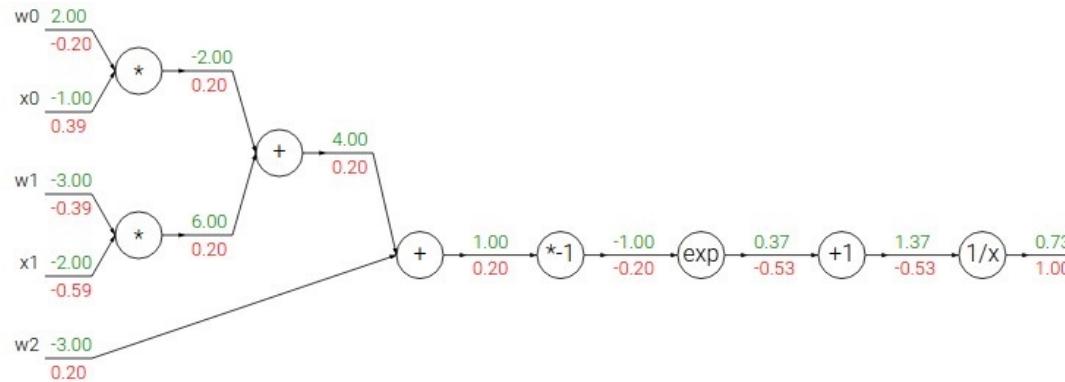
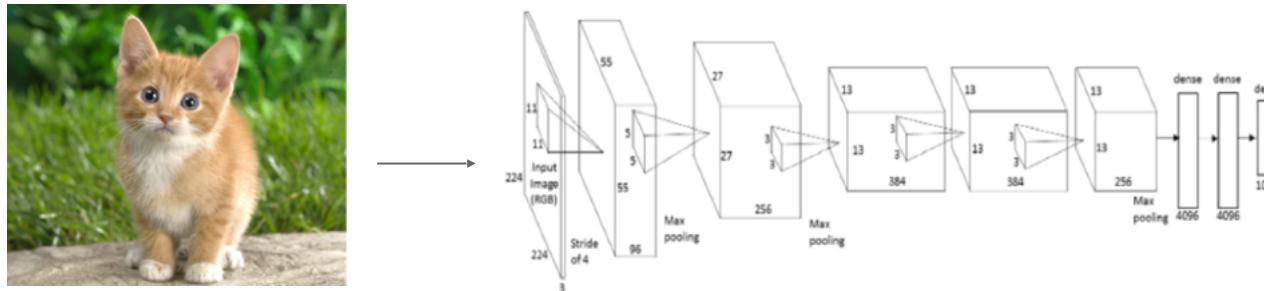
1. Feed image into net



Q: how can we compute the gradient of any arbitrary neuron in the network w.r.t. the image?

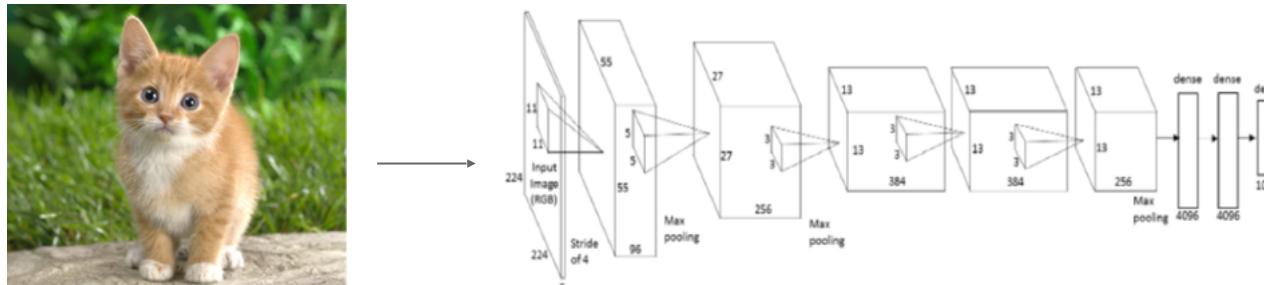
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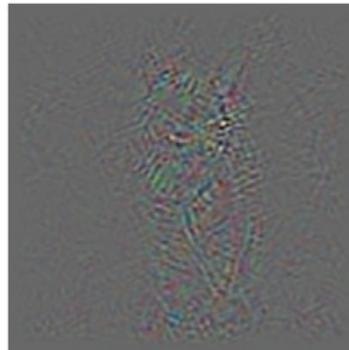


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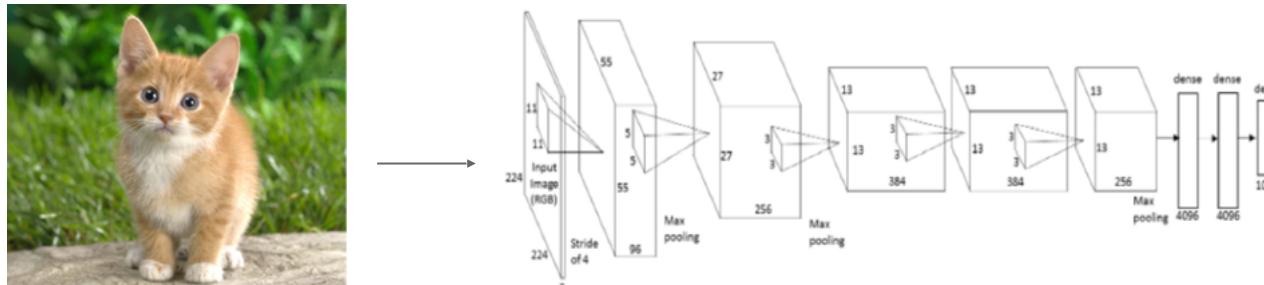


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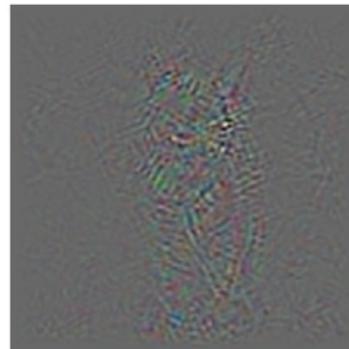


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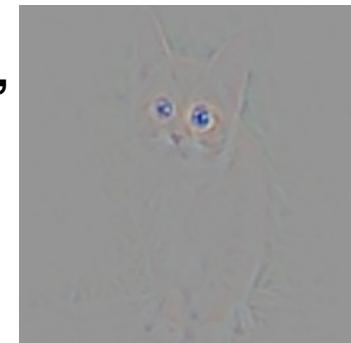
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**“Guided
backpropagation:”**
instead

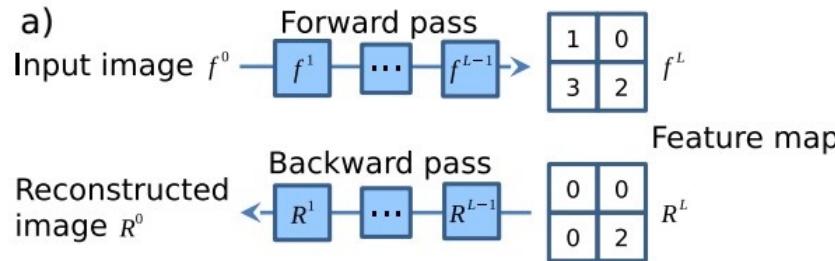


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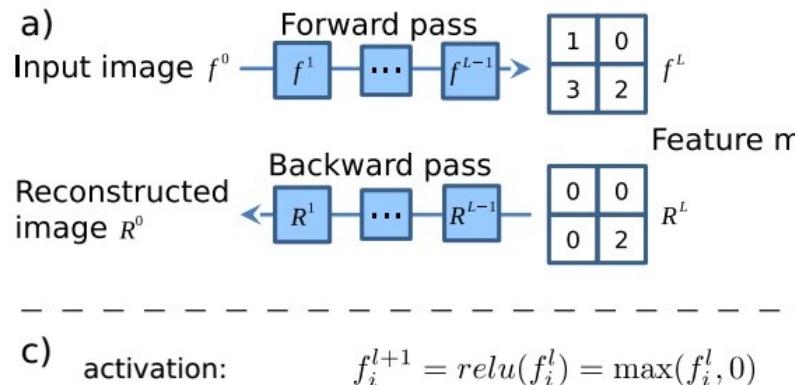


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backpropagation: $R_i^l = (\textcolor{red}{f_i^l} > 0) \cdot R_i^{l+1}$, where $R_i^{l+1} = \frac{\partial f^{out}}{\partial f_i^{l+1}}$

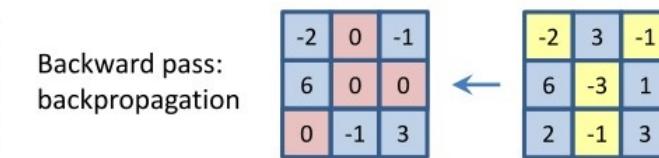
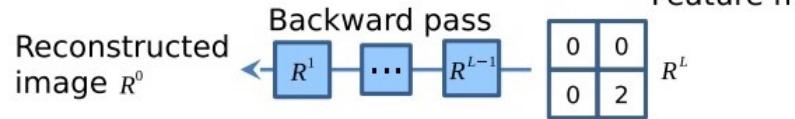
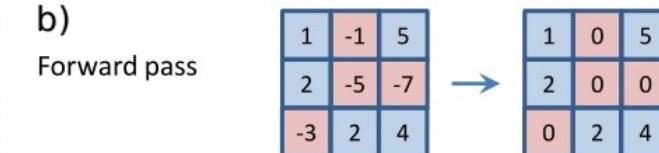
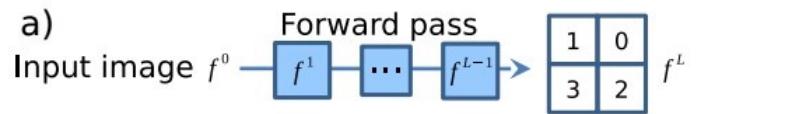
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Backward pass for a ReLU (will be changed in Guided Backprop)

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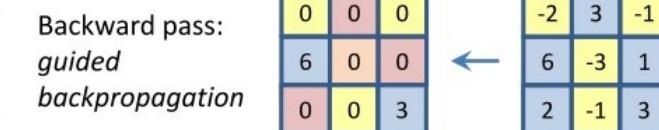
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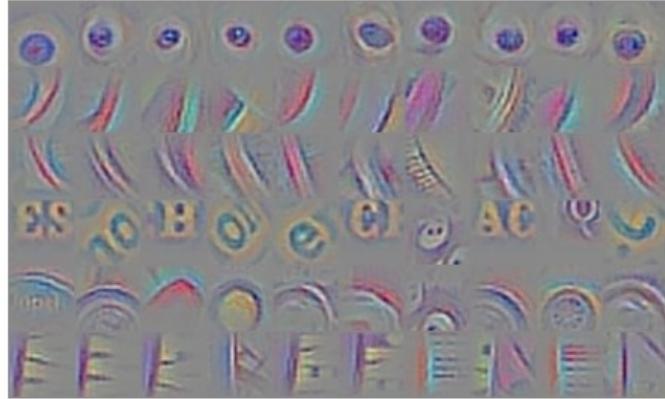
c) activation: $f_i^{l+1} = \text{relu}(f_i^l) = \max(f_i^l, 0)$

backpropagation: $R_i^l = (\mathbf{f}_i^l > 0) \cdot R_i^{l+1}$, where $R_i^{l+1} = \frac{\partial f^{\text{out}}}{\partial f_i^{l+1}}$

guided backpropagation: $R_i^l = (\mathbf{f}_i^l > 0) \cdot (R_i^{l+1} > 0) \cdot R_i^{l+1}$



guided backpropagation



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corresponding image crops



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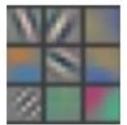
Visualization of patterns learned by the layer **conv6** (top) and layer **conv9** (bottom) of the network trained on ImageNet.

Each row corresponds to one filter.

The visualization using “guided backpropagation” is based on the top 10 image patches activating this filter taken from the ImageNet dataset.

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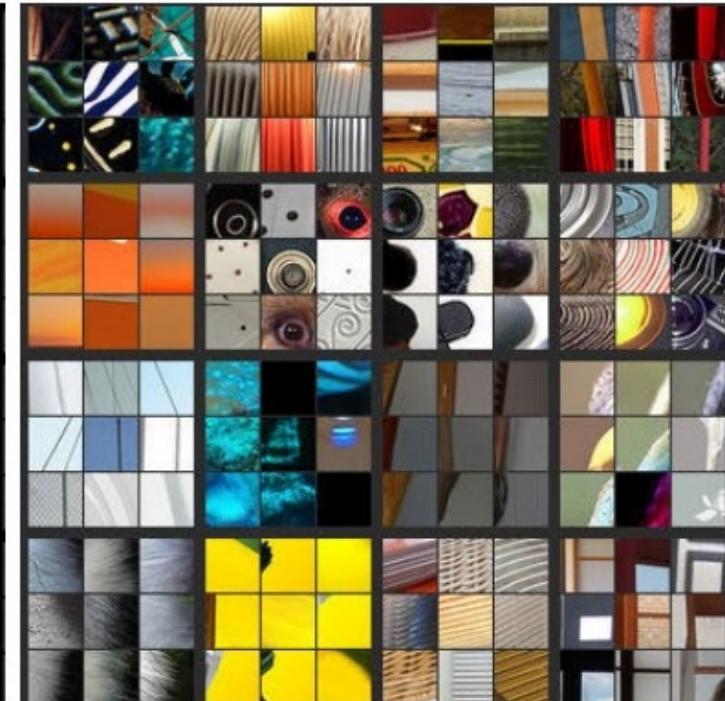
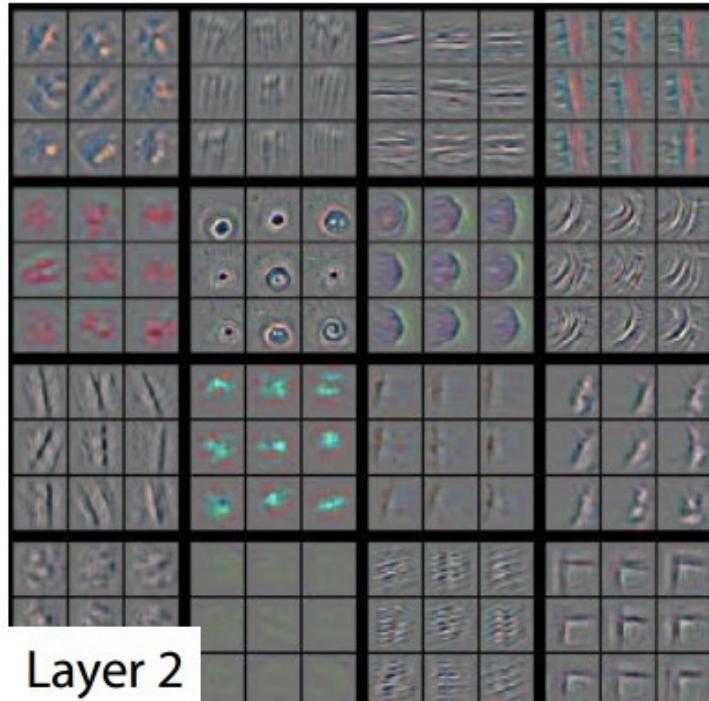
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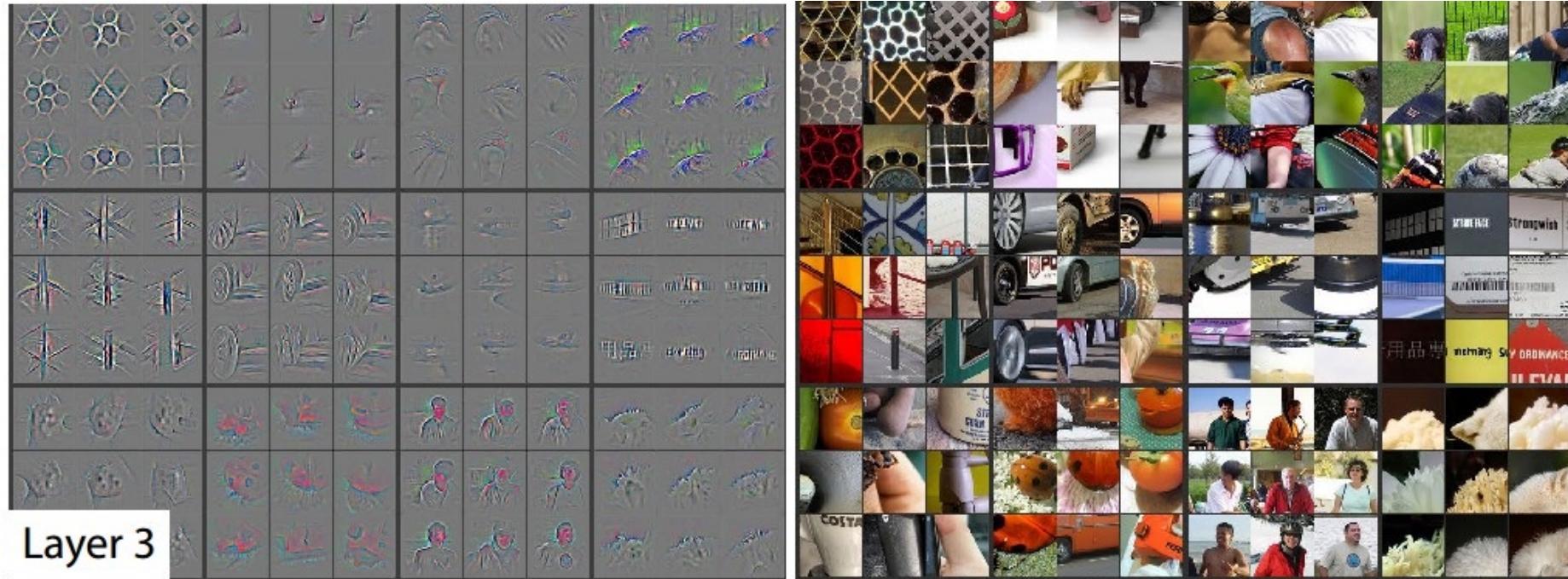
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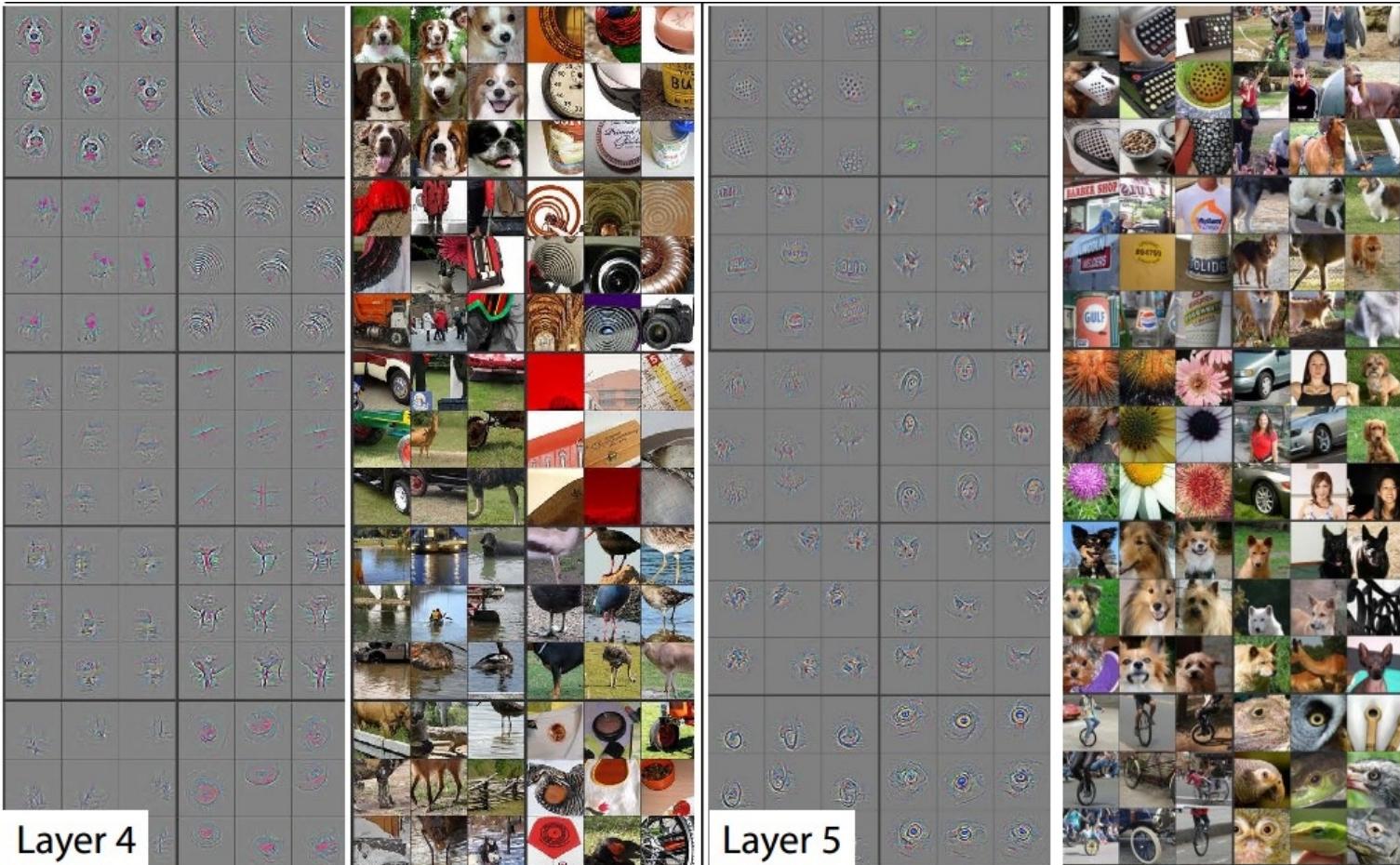
Layer 2



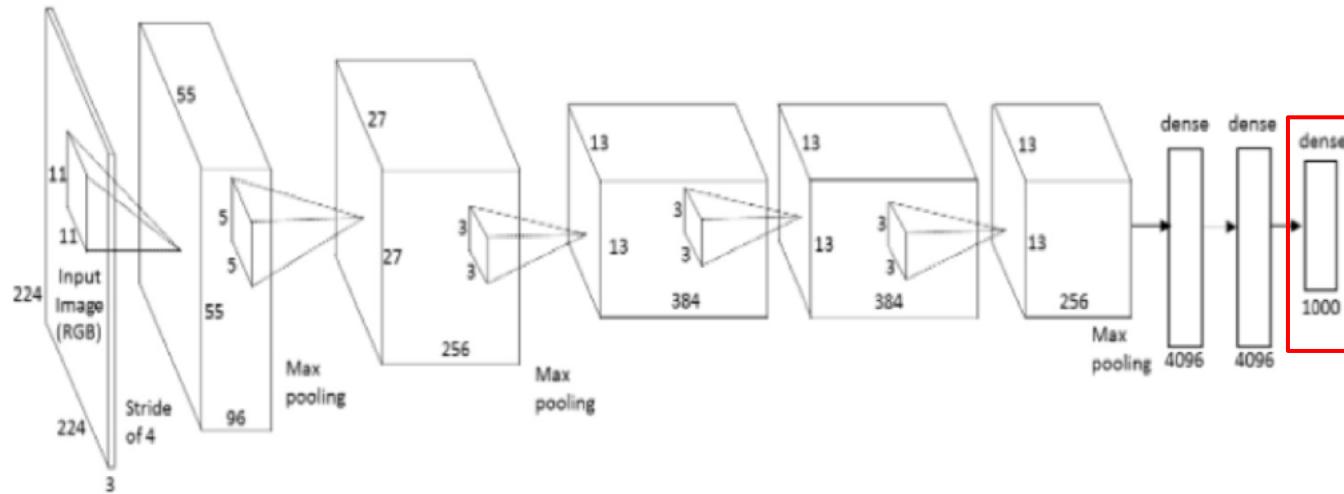
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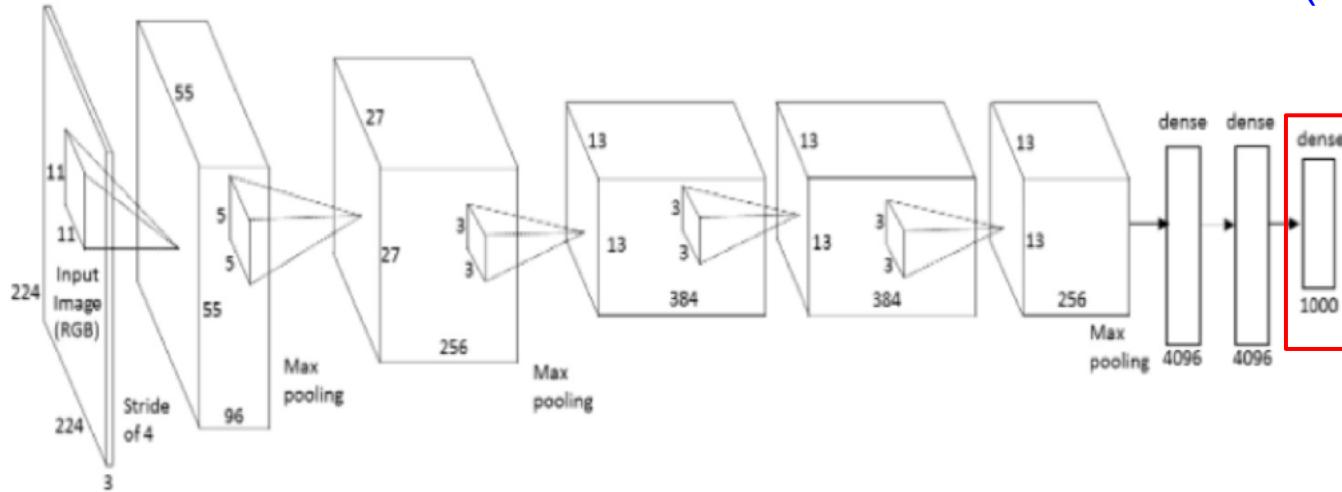


Q: can we find an image that maximizes some class score?

Optimization to Image

$$\arg \max_I S_c(I) - \lambda \|I\|_2^2$$

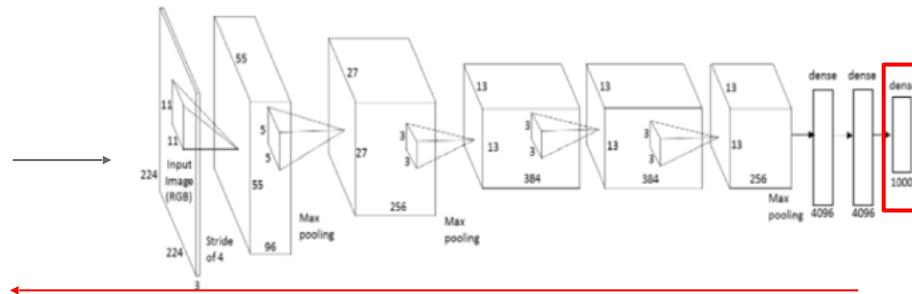
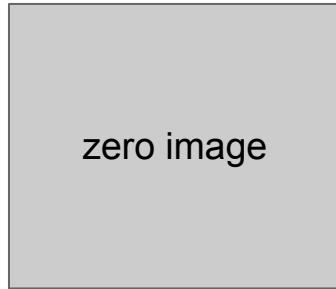
score for class c (before Softmax)



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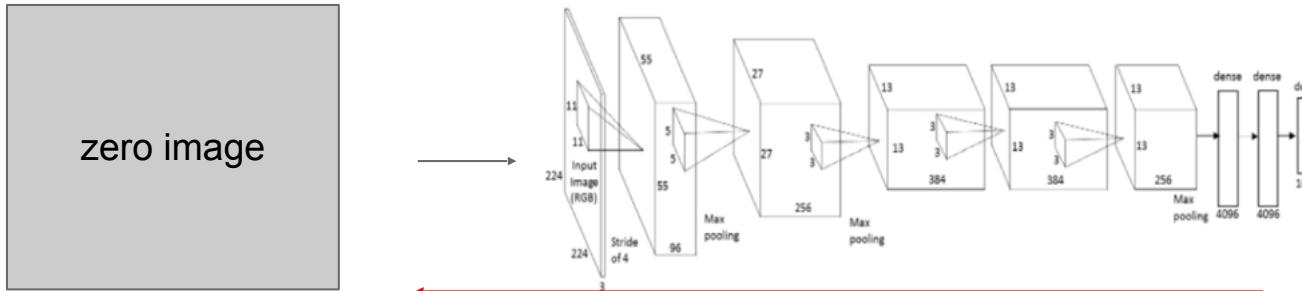
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Optimization to Image

1. feed in zeros.



2. set the gradient of the scores vector to be $[0, 0, \dots, 1, \dots, 0]$, then backprop to image
3. do a small “image update”
4. forward the image through the network.
5. go back to 2.

$$\arg \max_I [S_c(I) - \lambda \|I\|_2^2]$$

score for class c (before Softmax)

1. Find images that maximize some class score:



dumbbell



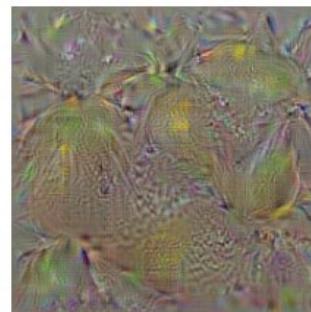
cup



dalmatian



bell pepper

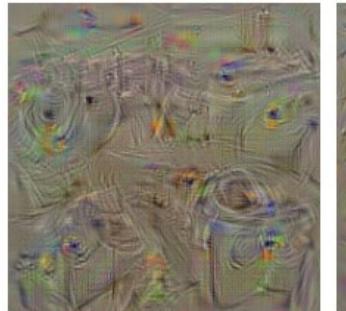


lemon

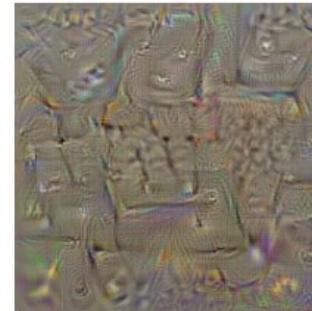


husky

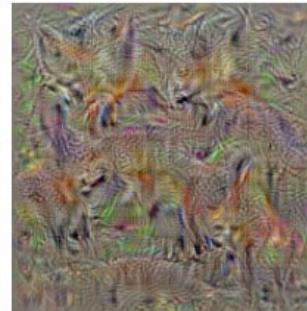
1. Find images that maximize some class score:



washing machine



computer keyboard



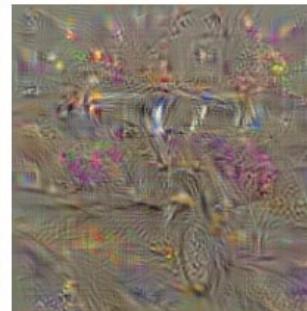
kit fox



goose



ostrich



limousine

2. Visualize the Data gradient:

(note that the gradient on data has three channels.
Here they visualize M, s.t.:



$$M = ?$$

$$M_{ij} = \max_c |w_{h(i,j,c)}|$$

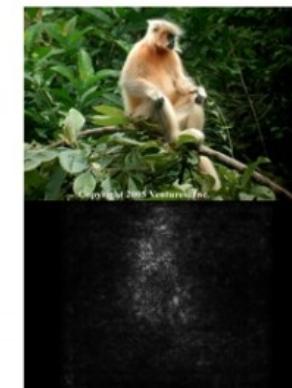
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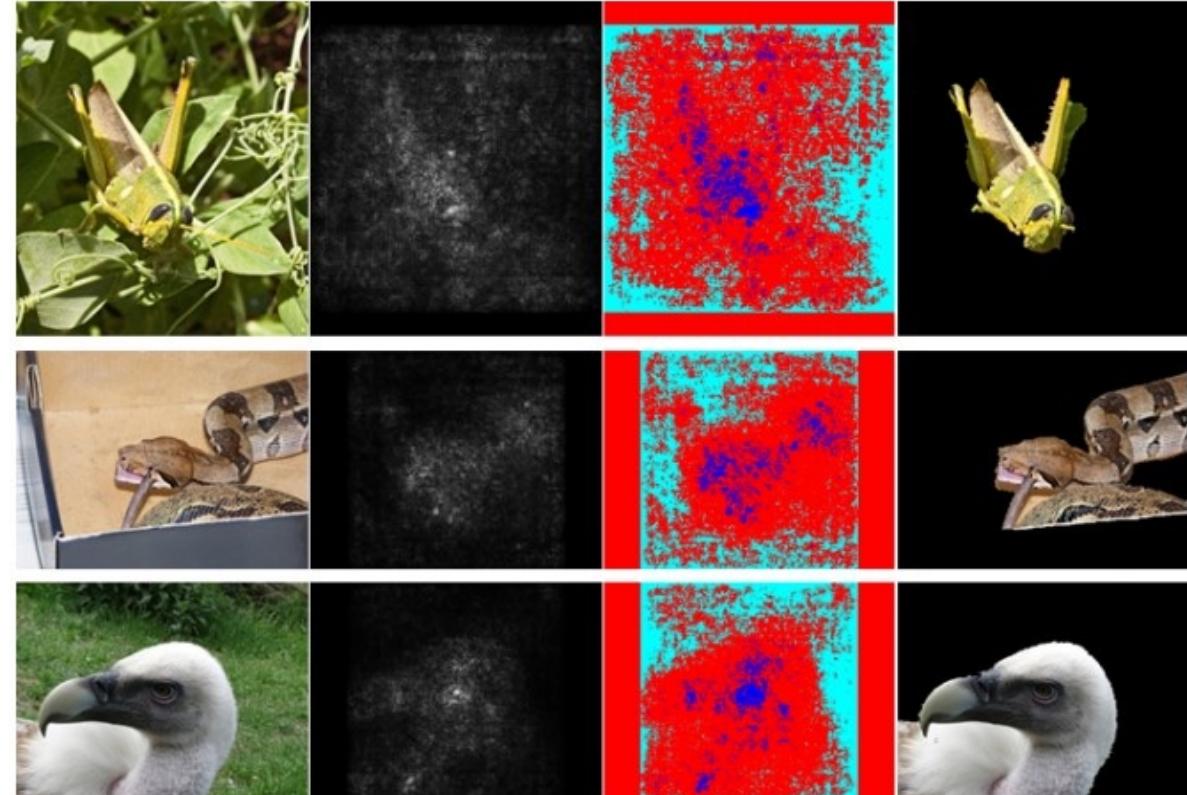
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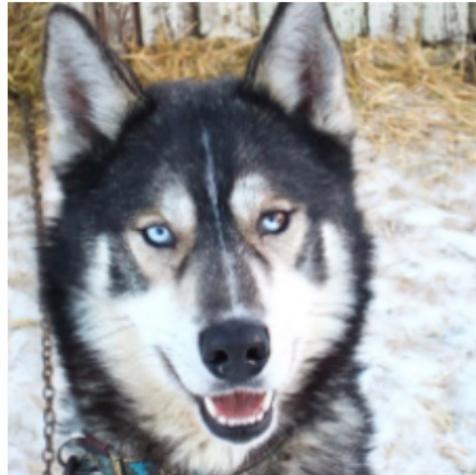
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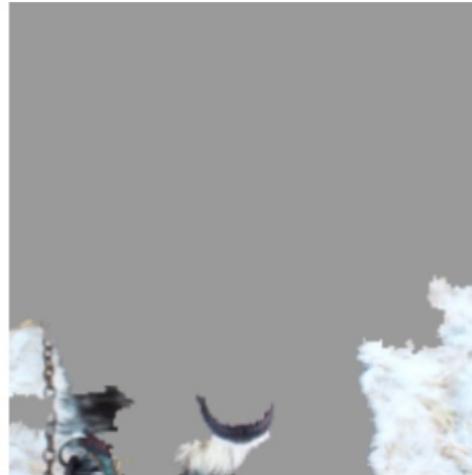
- Use **grabcut** for segmentation



Saliency maps: Uncovers biases



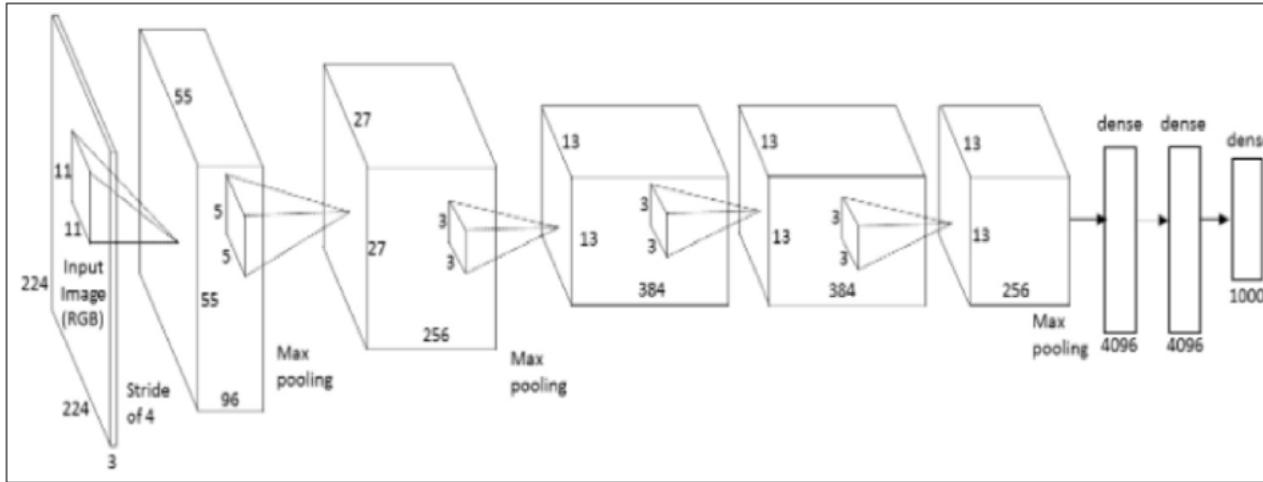
(a) Husky classified as wolf



(b) Explanation

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Ribeiro et al., "Why Should I Trust You?" Explaining the Predictions of Any Classifier", ACM KDD 2016

We can in fact do this for arbitrary neurons along the ConvNet



Repeat:

1. Forward an image
2. Set activations in layer of interest to all zero, except for a 1.0 for a neuron of interest
3. Backprop to image
4. Do an “image update”

Proposed a different form of regularizing the image

$$\arg \max_I S_c(I) - \boxed{\lambda \|I\|_2^2}$$



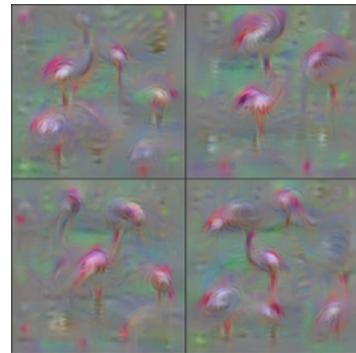
More explicit scheme:

Repeat:

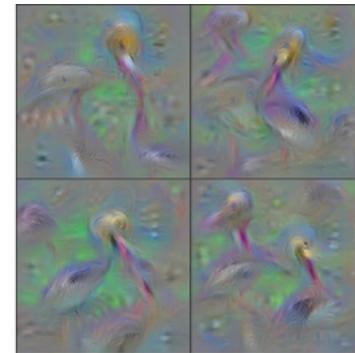
- Update the image I with gradient from some unit of interest
- Blur I a bit
- Take any pixel with small norm to zero (to encourage sparsity)

[Understanding Neural Networks Through Deep Visualization, Yosinski et al. , 2015]

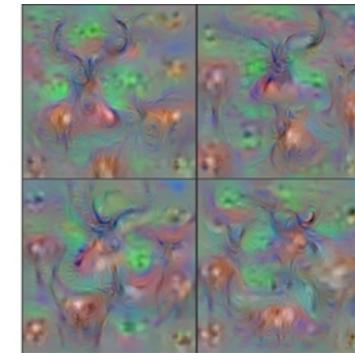
<http://yosinski.com/deepvis>



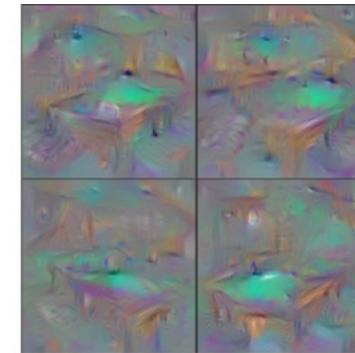
Flamingo



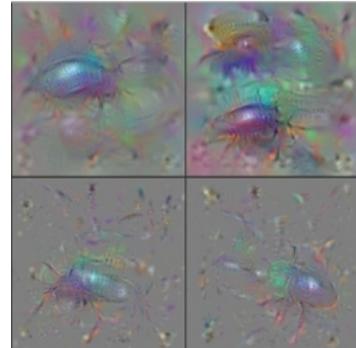
Pelican



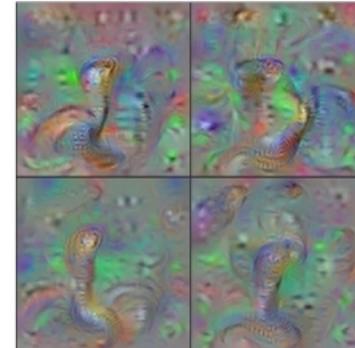
Hartebeest



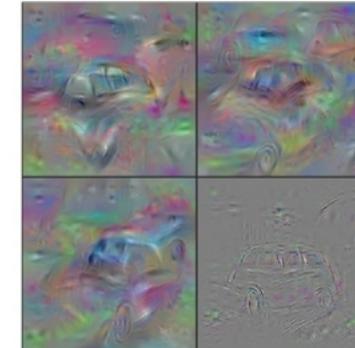
Billiard Table



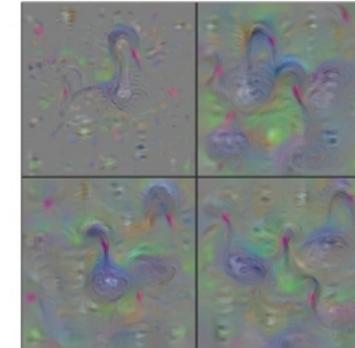
Ground Beetle



Indian Cobra



Station Wagon



Black Swan

Layer 8



Pirate Ship

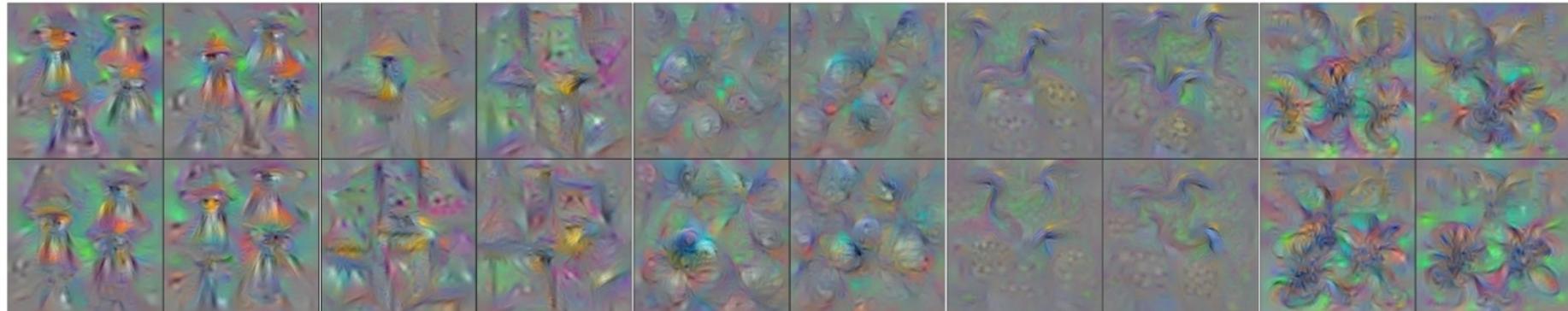
Rocking Chair

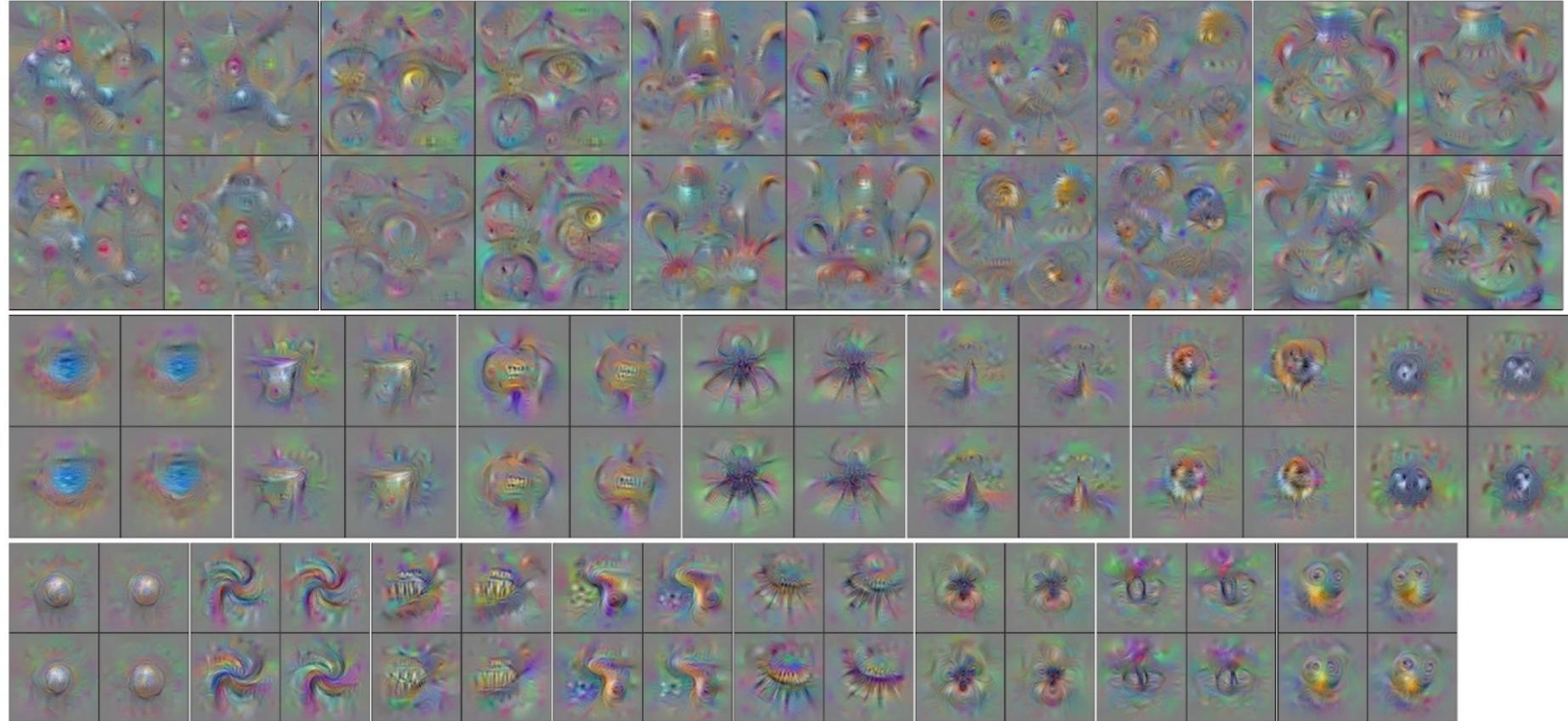
Teddy Bear

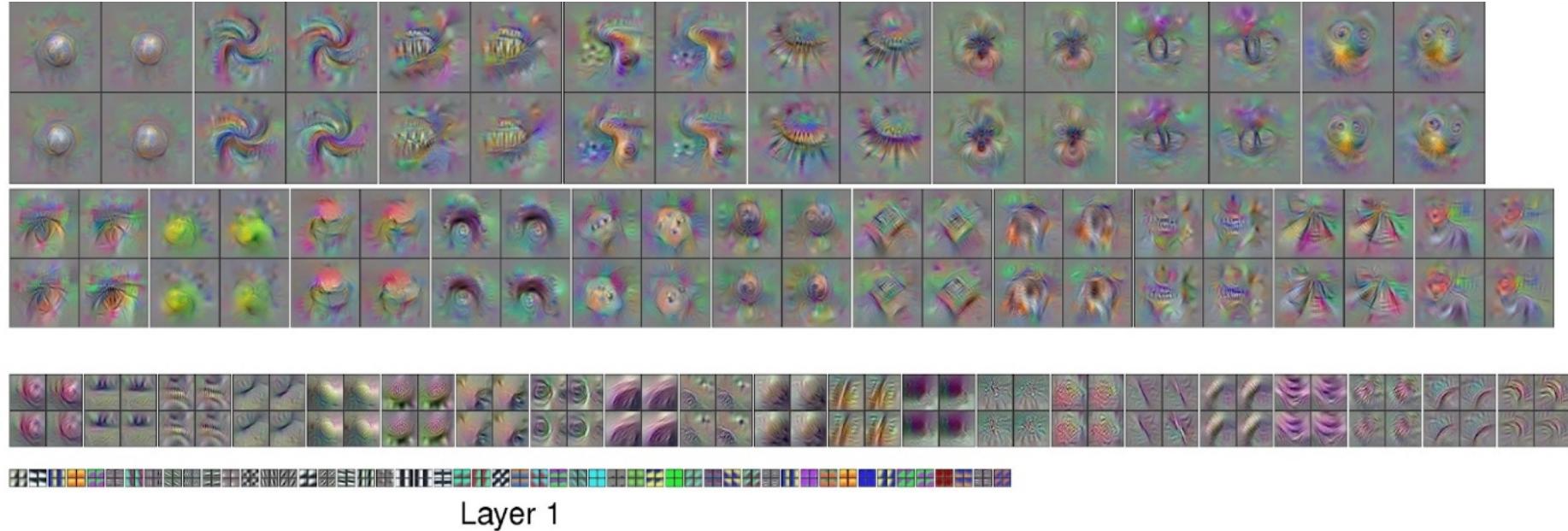
Windsor Tie

Pitcher

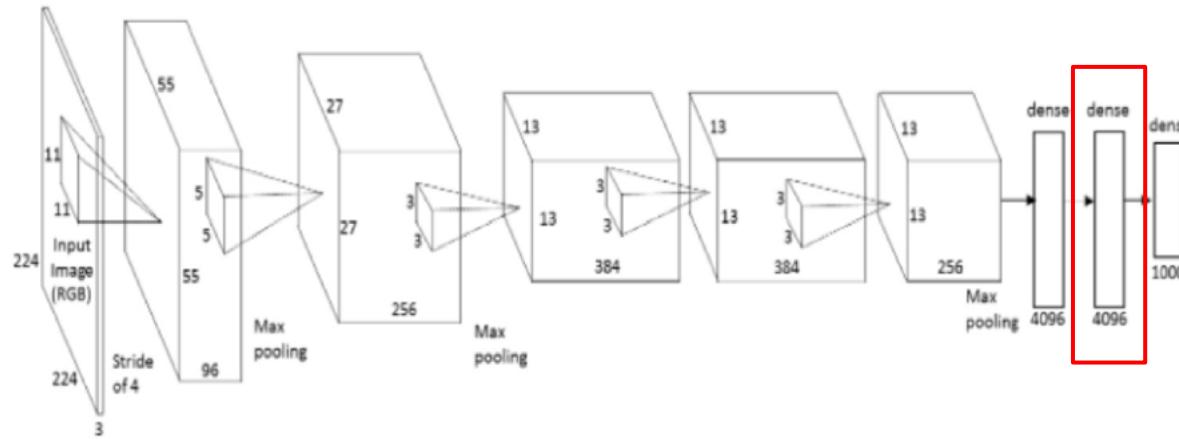
Layer 7







Question: Given a CNN **code**, is it possible to reconstruct the original image?



Find an image such that:

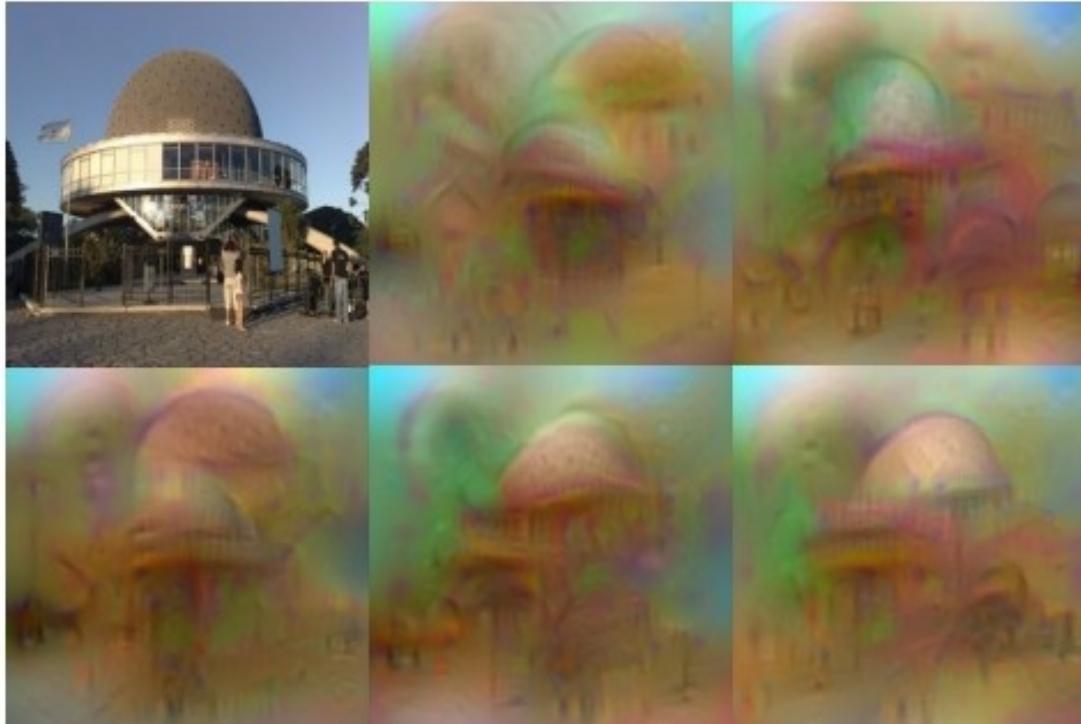
- Its code is similar to a given code
- It “looks natural” (image prior regularization)

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \underset{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{H \times W \times C}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \ell(\Phi(\mathbf{x}), \Phi_0) + \lambda \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\ell(\Phi(\mathbf{x}), \Phi_0) = \|\Phi(\mathbf{x}) - \Phi_0\|^2$$

Understanding Deep Image Representations by Inverting Them
[Mahendran and Vedaldi, 2014]

original image



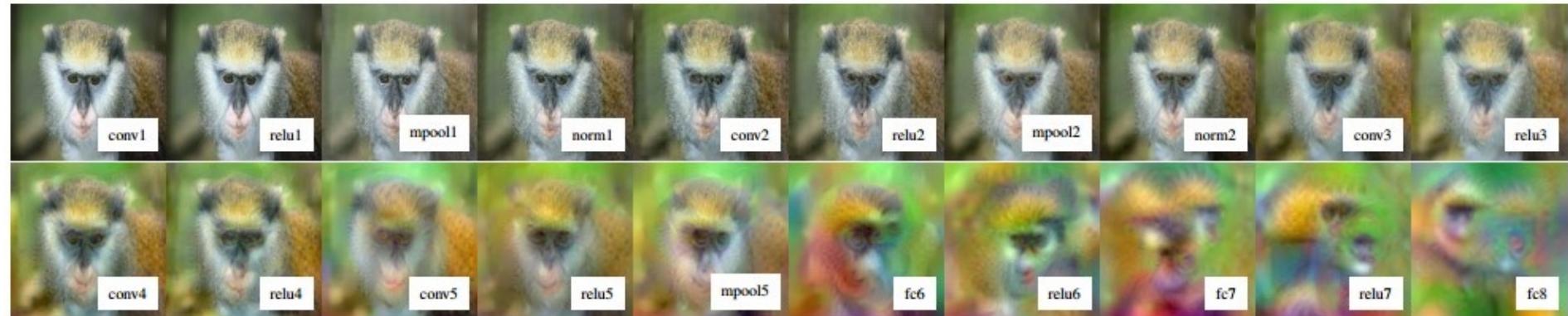
reconstructions
from the 1000
log probabilities
for ImageNet
(ILSVRC)
classes

Reconstructions from the representation after last last pooling layer (immediately before the first Fully Connected layer)



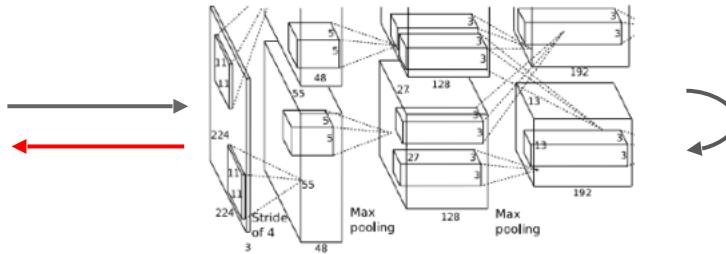


Reconstructions from intermediate layers



DeepDream: Amplify existing features

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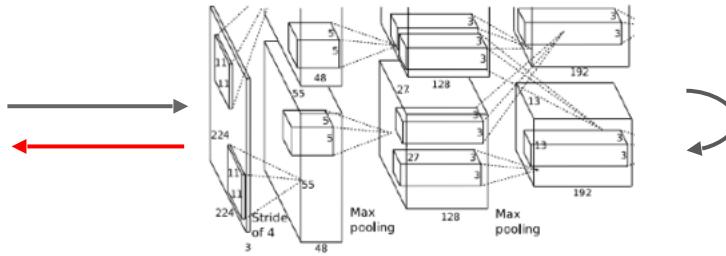
Choose an image and a layer in a CNN; repeat:

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Mordvintsev, Olah, and Tyka, "Inceptionism: Going Deeper into Neural Networks", [Google Research Blog](#). Images are licensed under [CC-BY 4.0](#)

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Equivalent to:

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    '''Basic gradient ascent step.'''
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    src.data[0] = np.roll(np.roll(src.data[0], ox, -1), oy, -2) # apply jitter shift

    net.forward(end=end)
    objective(dst) # specify the optimization objective
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    g = src.diff[0]
    # apply normalized ascent step to the input image
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L1 Normalize gradients

Clip pixel values

Also uses multiscale processing for a fractal effect (not shown)



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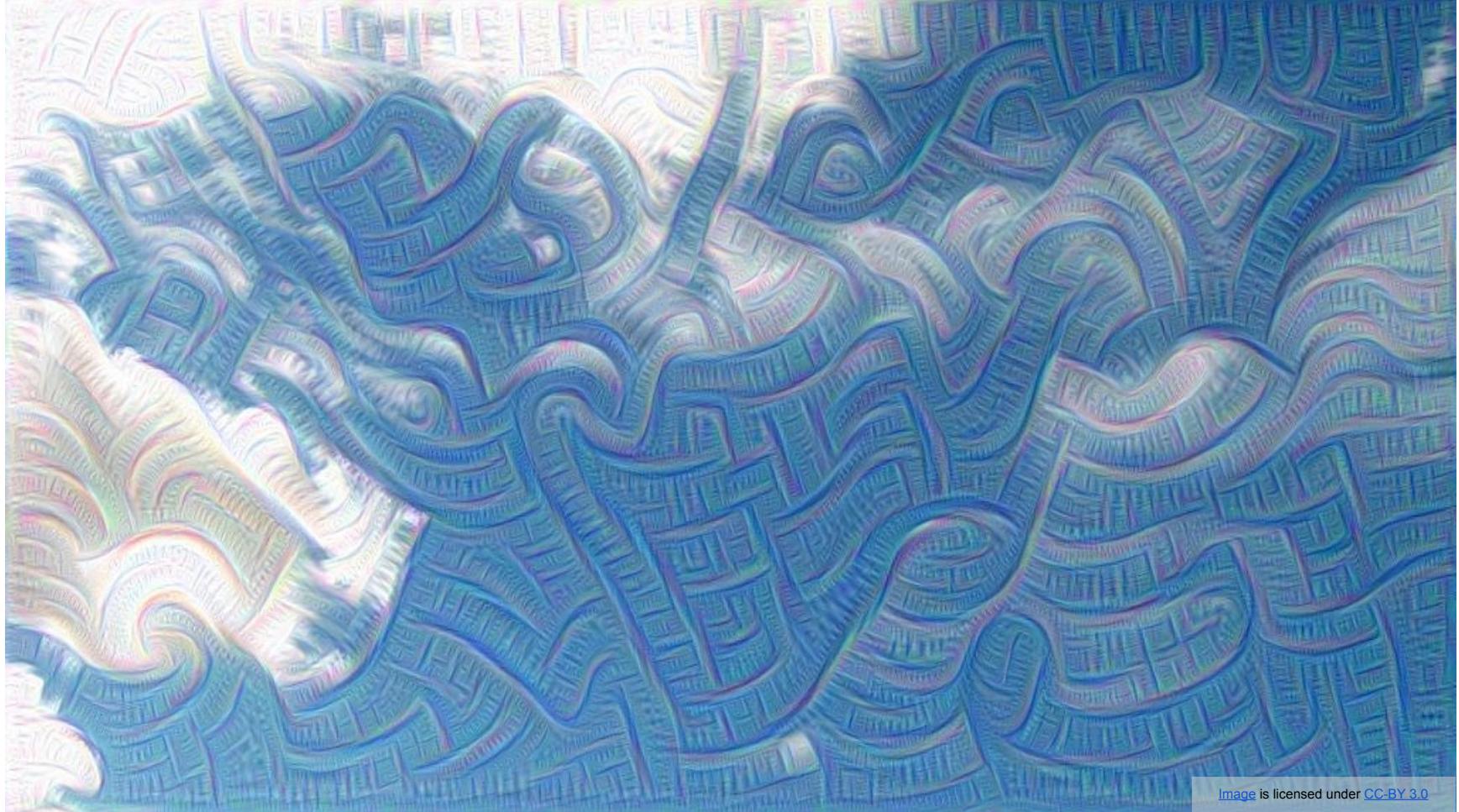


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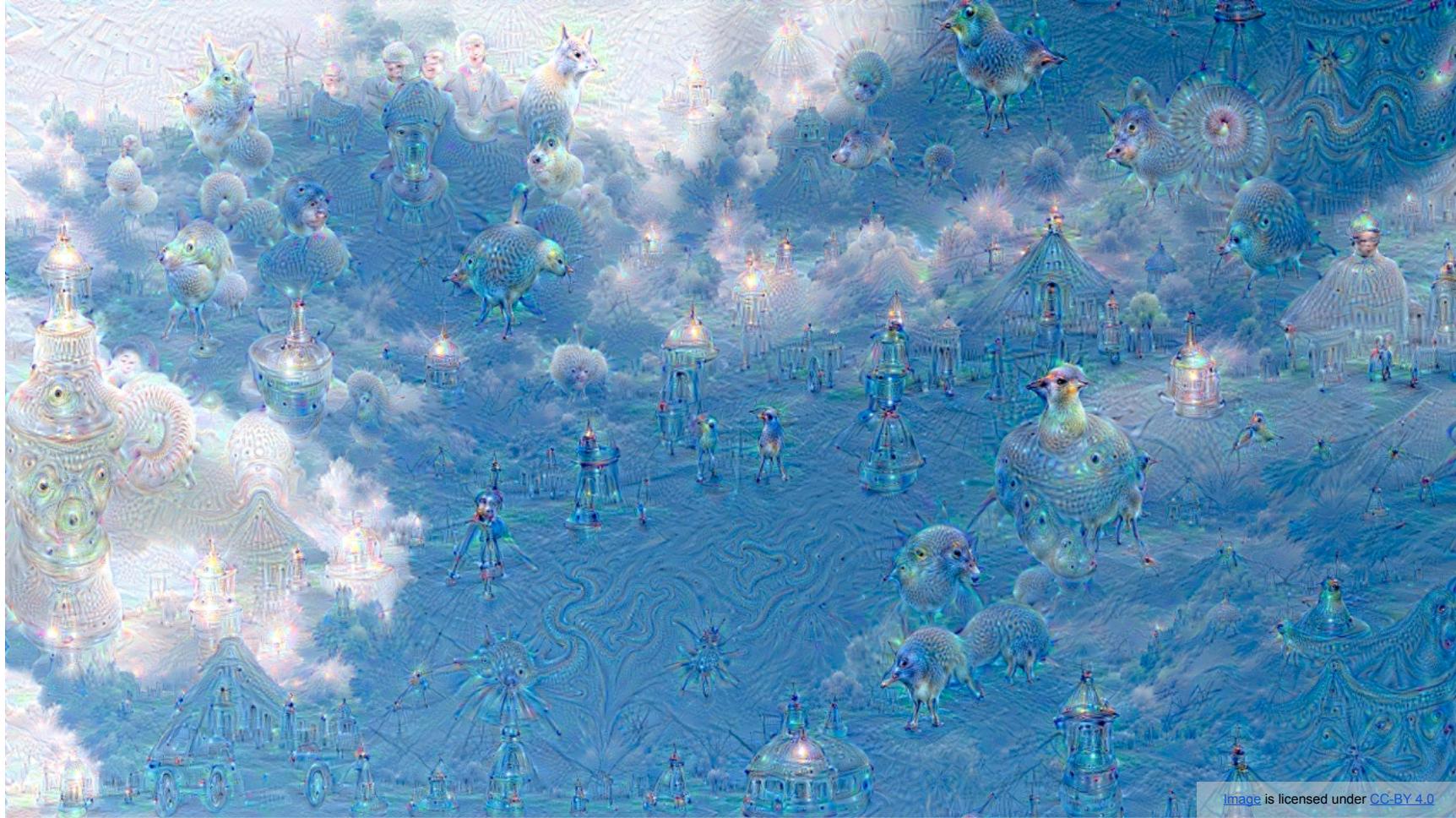


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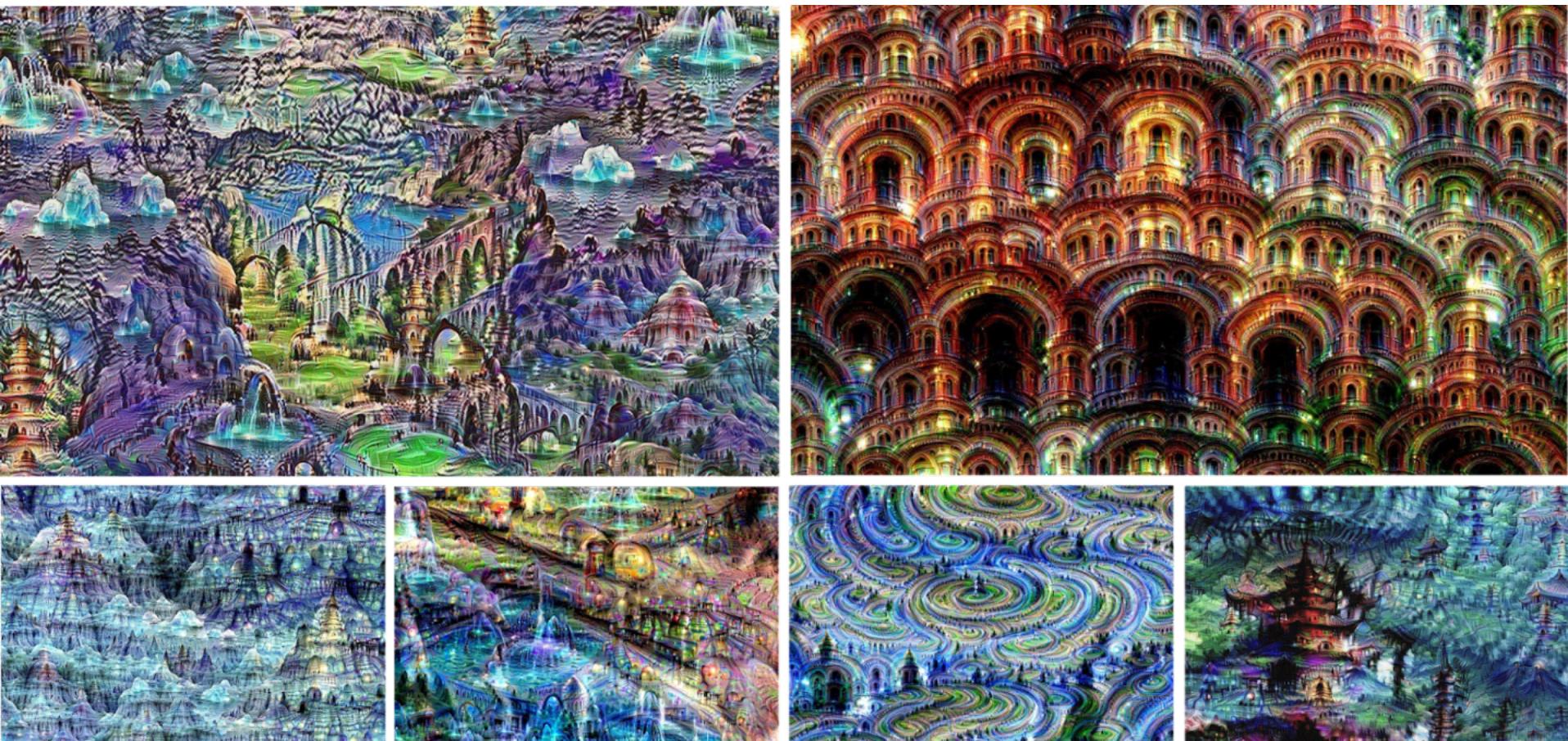


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Bonus videos

Deep Dream Grocery Trip

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DgPaCWJL7XI>

Deep Dreaming Fear & Loathing in Las Vegas: the Great San Francisco Acid Wave

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oyxSerkkP4o>