

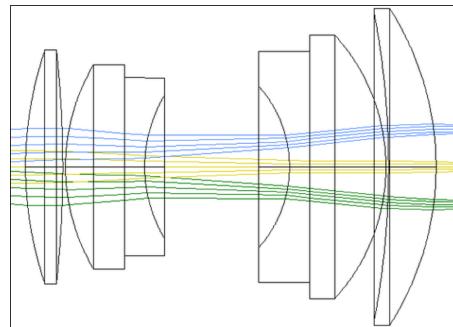
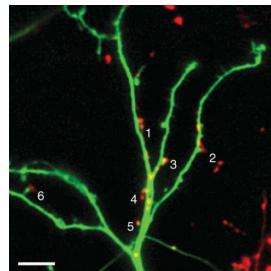
# Machine Learning in Imaging

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Lecture 19: Physical Layer Implementations and Troubleshooting

# Summary of two models for image formation

- Interpretation #1: Radiation (*Incoherent*)
- Model: Rays

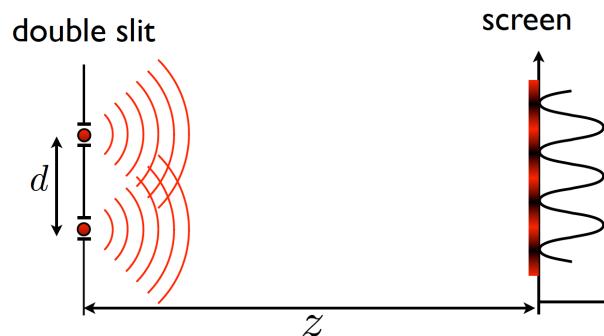
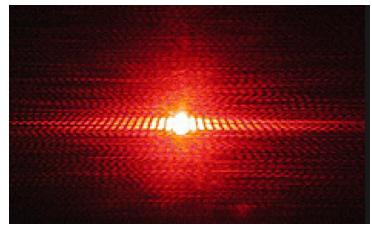


- Real, non-negative

$$I_s = H B S_0$$

- Sample absorption  $S$
- Illumination brightness  $B$
- Blur in  $H$

- Interpretation #2: Electromagnetic wave (*Coherent*)
- Model: Waves



- Complex field

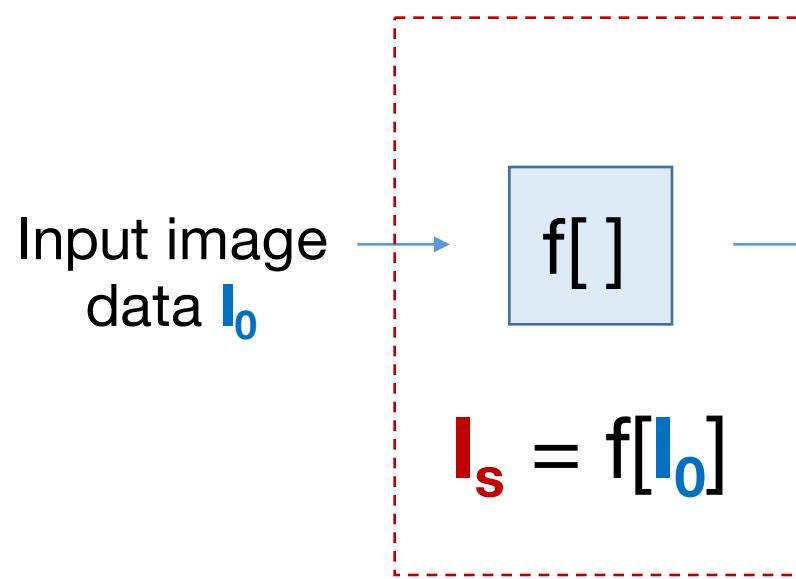
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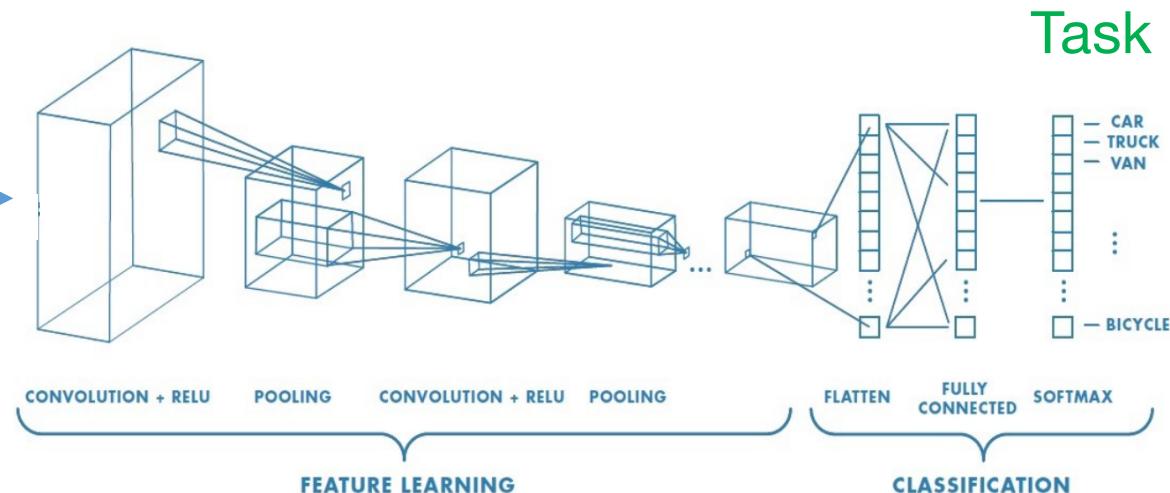
## **Questions to address in this lecture**

- Where and how should I implement my physical layer?
  - Simulation data
  - Experimental data
- How can I add some constraints to the physical weights that I'm optimizing?
- What are some common issues and pitfalls?

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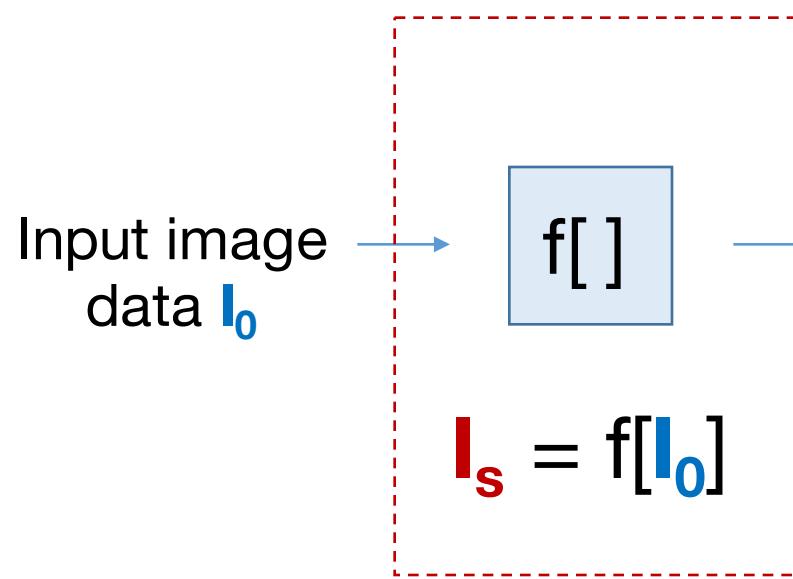


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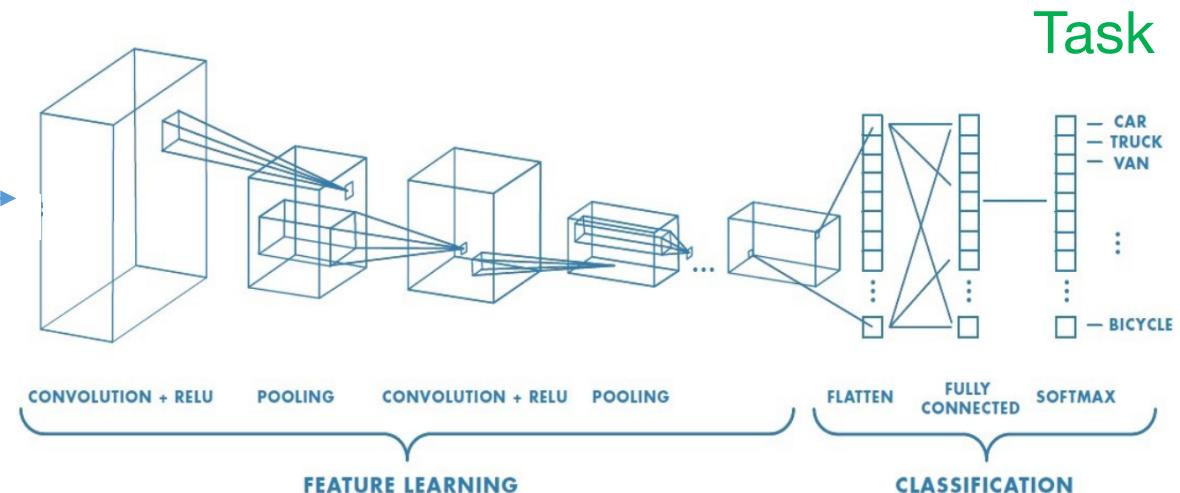
### Some Examples:

- Optimized illumination
- Optimized sensor specifications
- Number of imagers and location
- Radiation dosage, biomarkers

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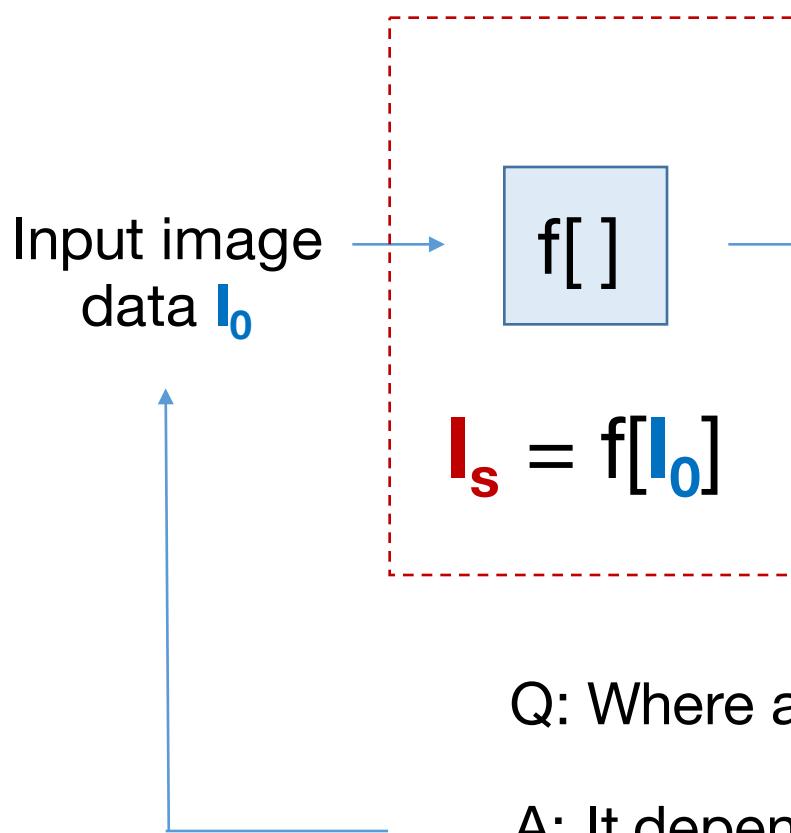


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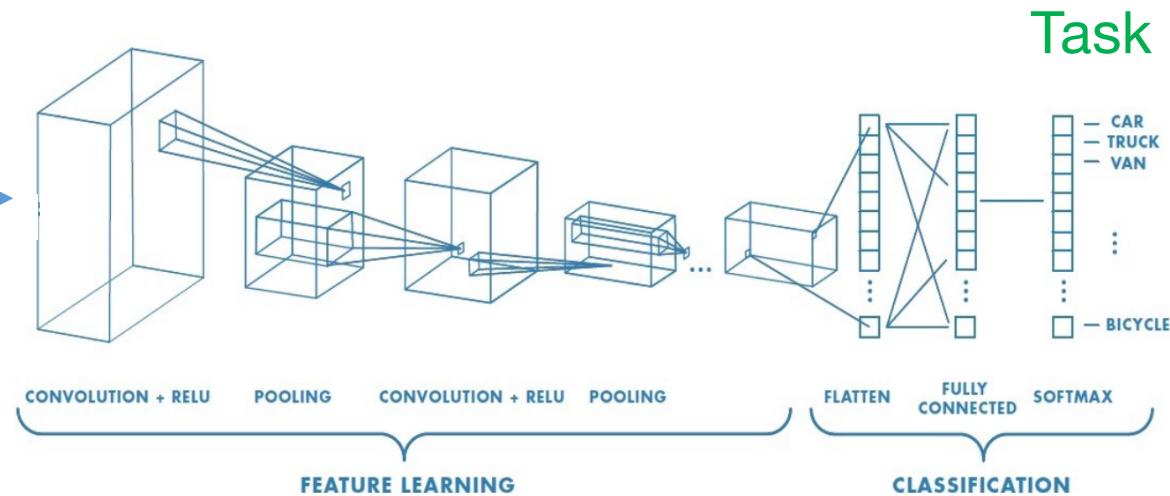


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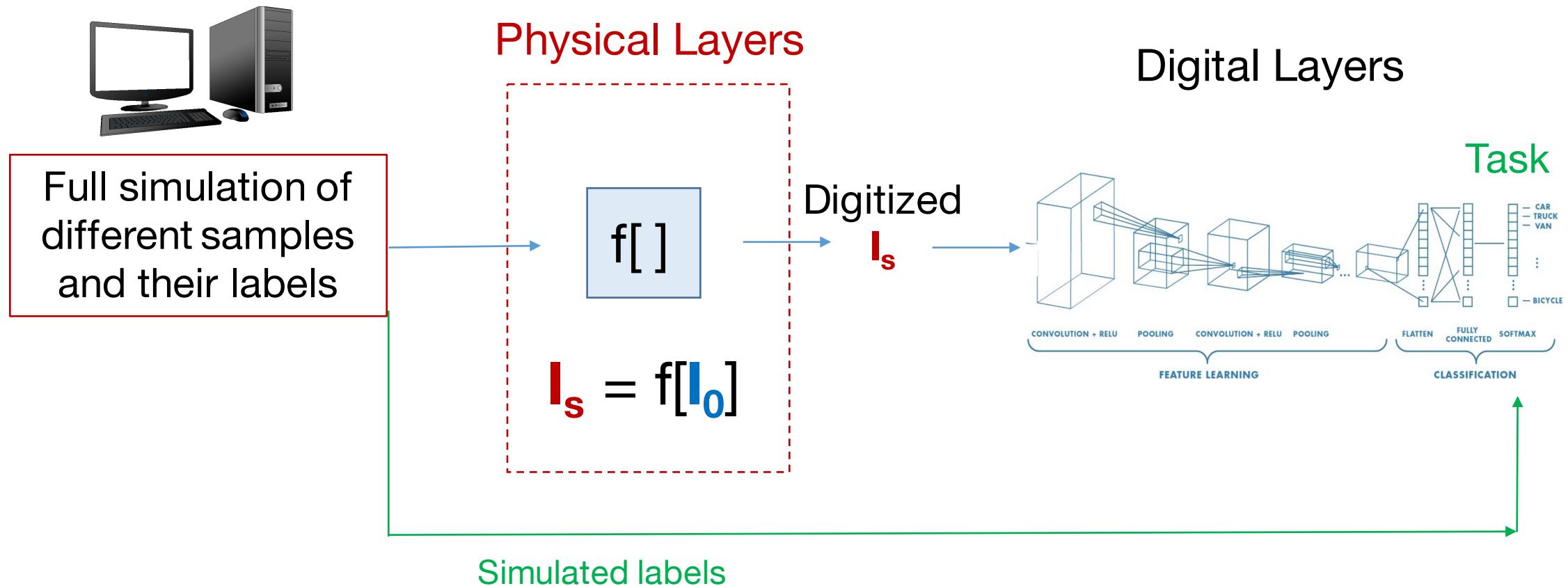
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A: It depends on your data and implementation

- Situation #1: Fully simulated physical layers
- Situation #2: Experimentally-driven physical layers

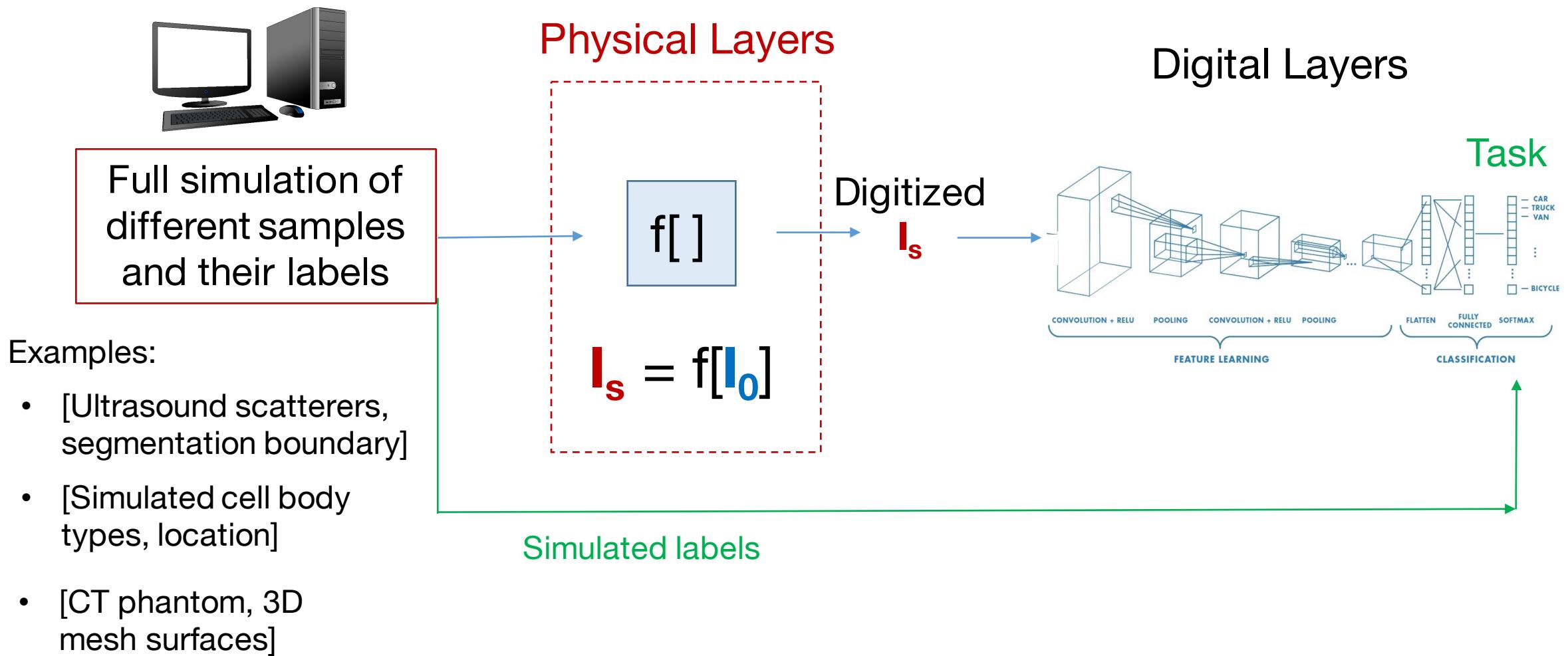
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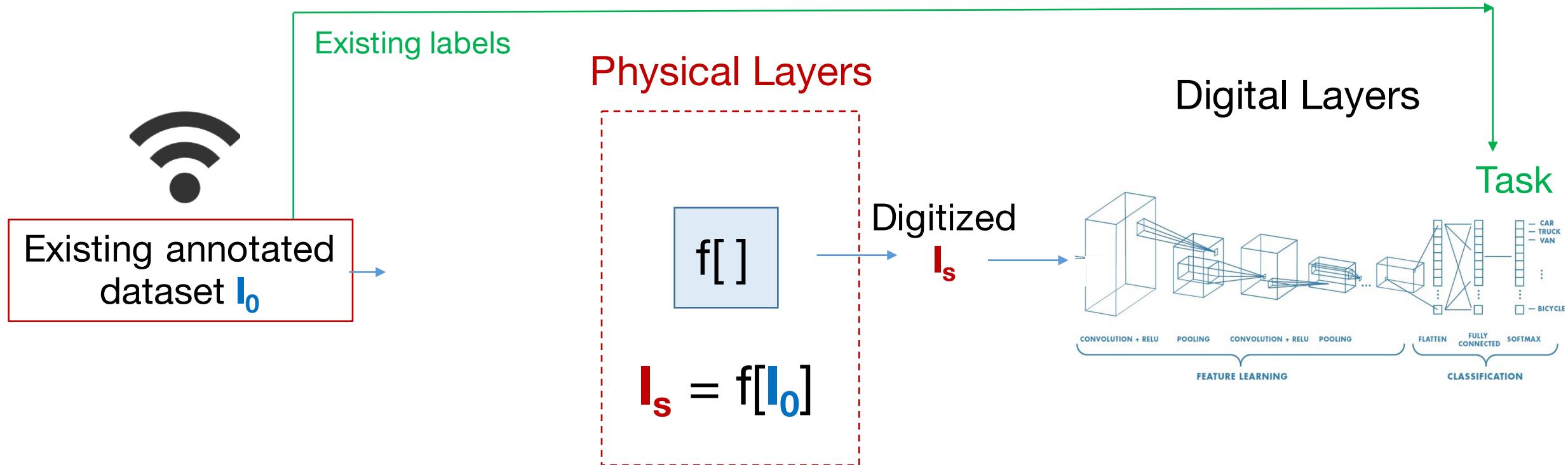
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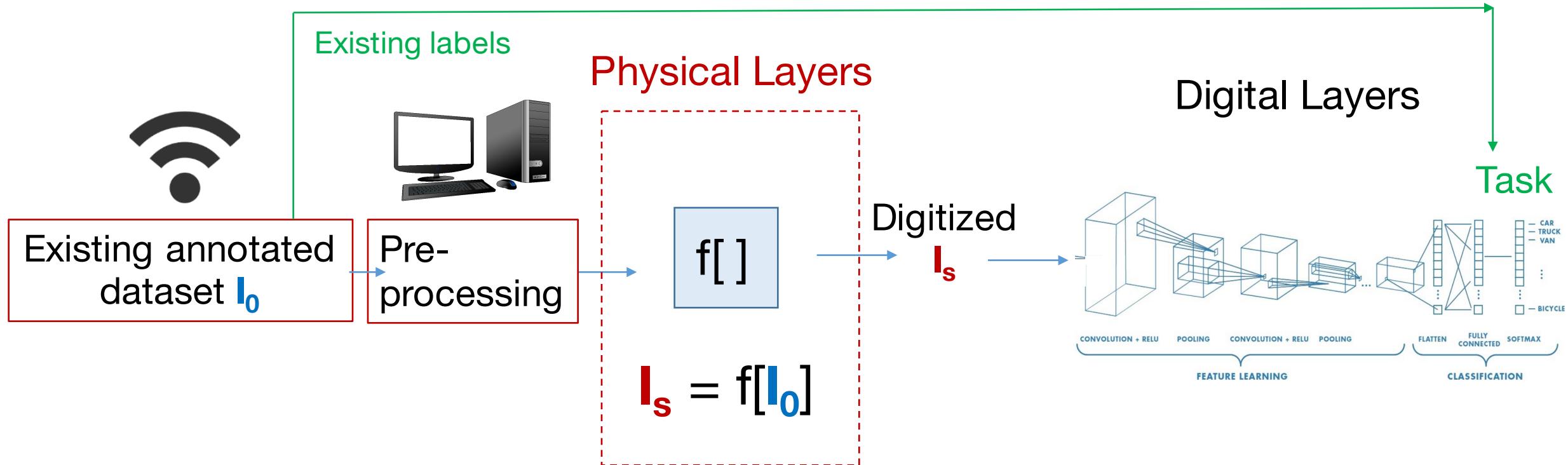
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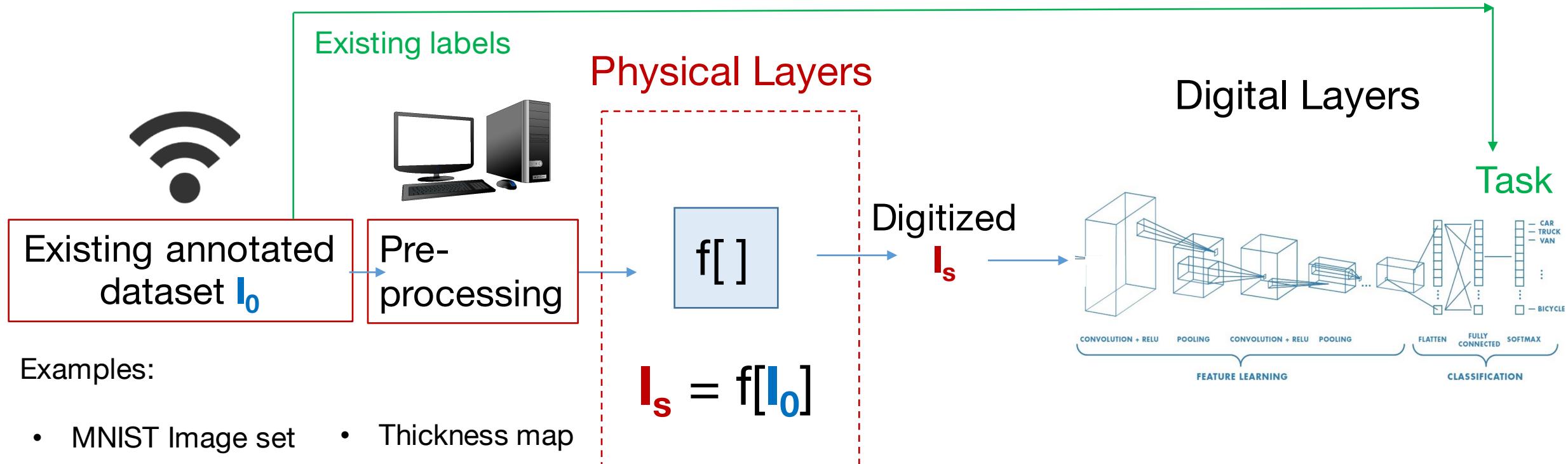
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- MNIST Image set
- Segmented cells from Celltracker
- Segmented CT dataset from lab
- Thickness map
- Multispectral image stack
- Stitch together in a 3D composite

## Situation #1: Fully simulated physical layers

Option (a) or Option (b): Choice on where and how to simulate/pre-process

**Simulation and/or  
pre-processing**

Python/Matlab/other



**ML Optimization**

Big dataset →  **TensorFlow**

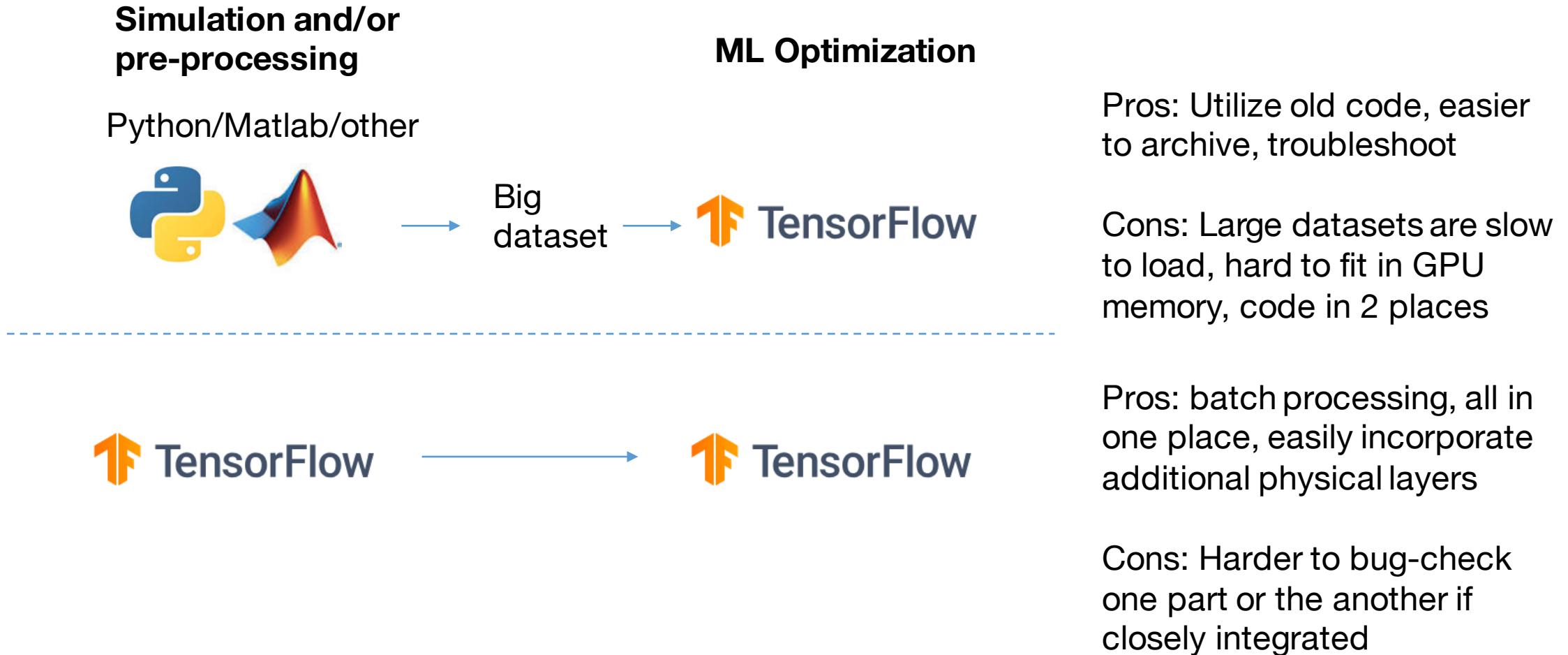
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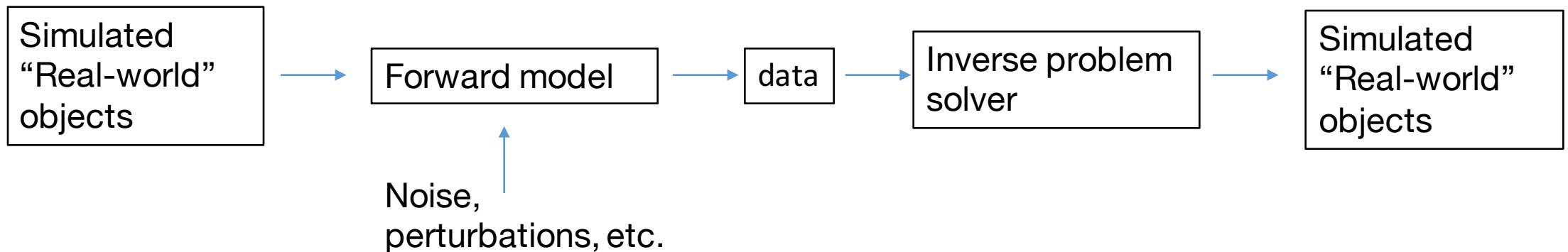
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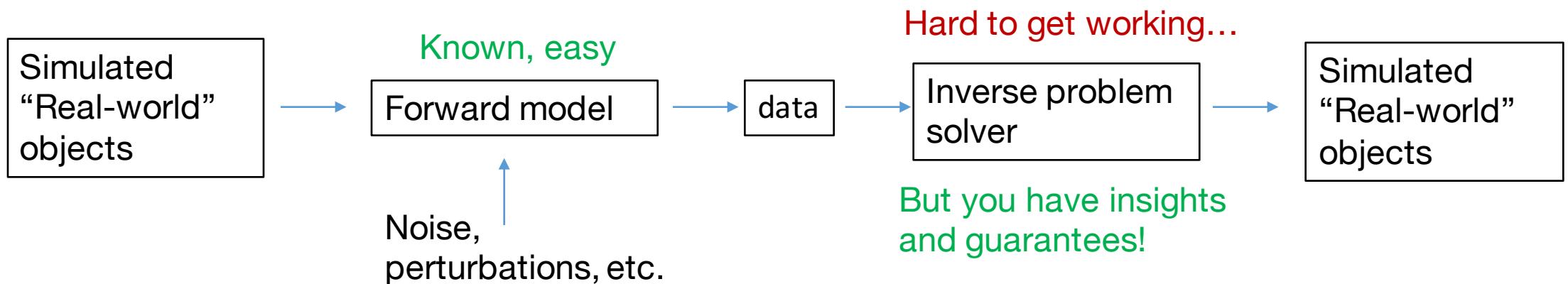


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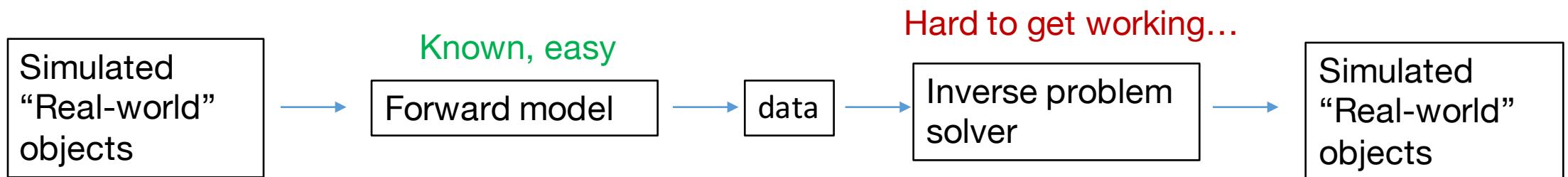


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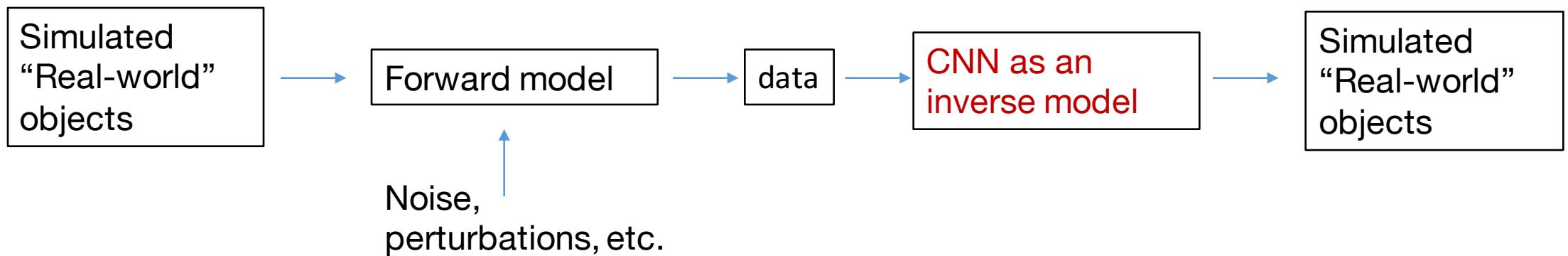
Classic examples: Inverse Radon Transform, US image reconstruction, image deblurring/denoising, diffraction tomography, phase retrieval, super-resolution (structured illumination, STORM/PALM), etc.

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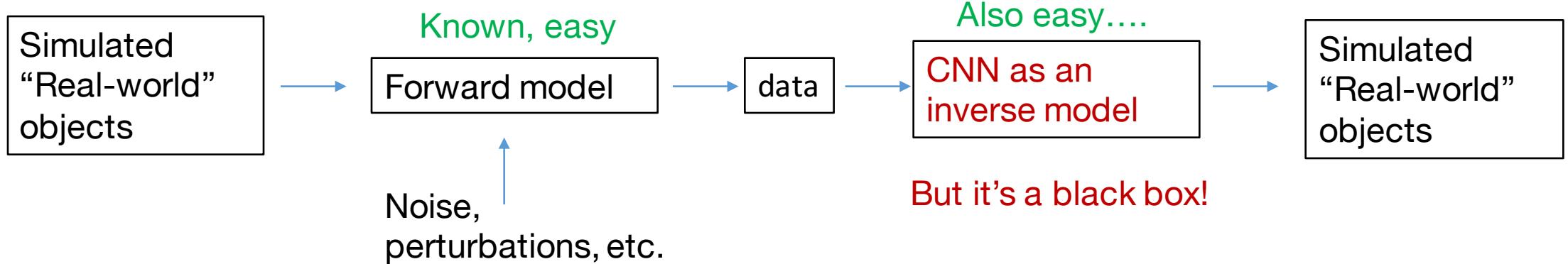


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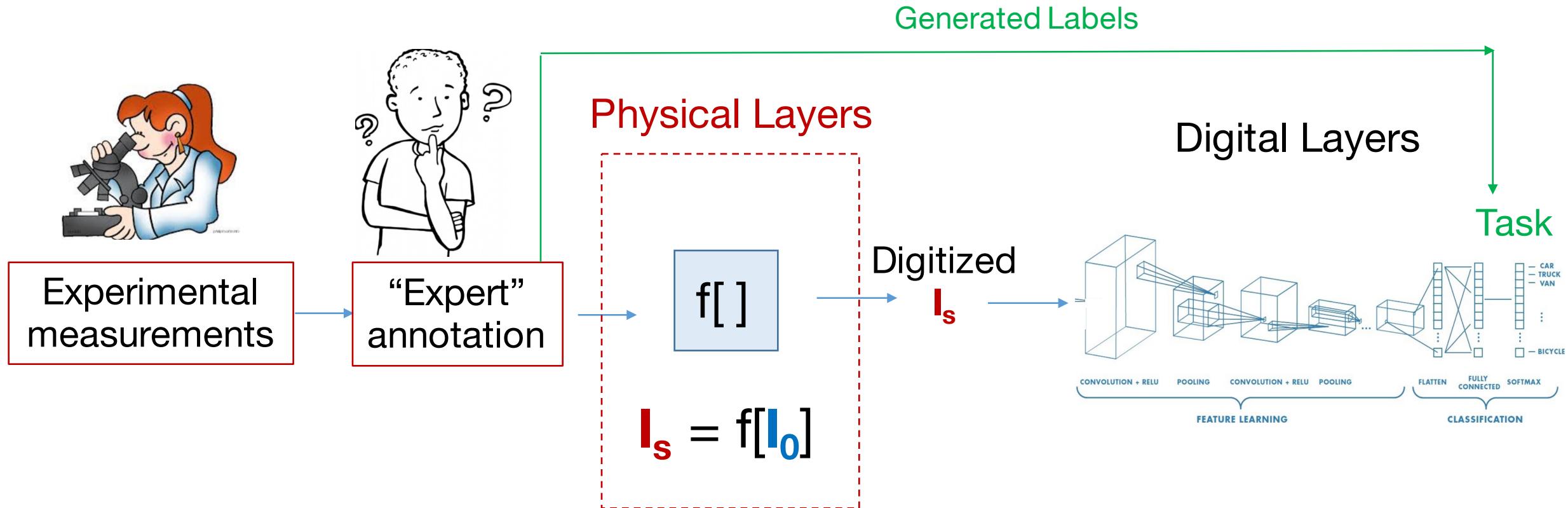
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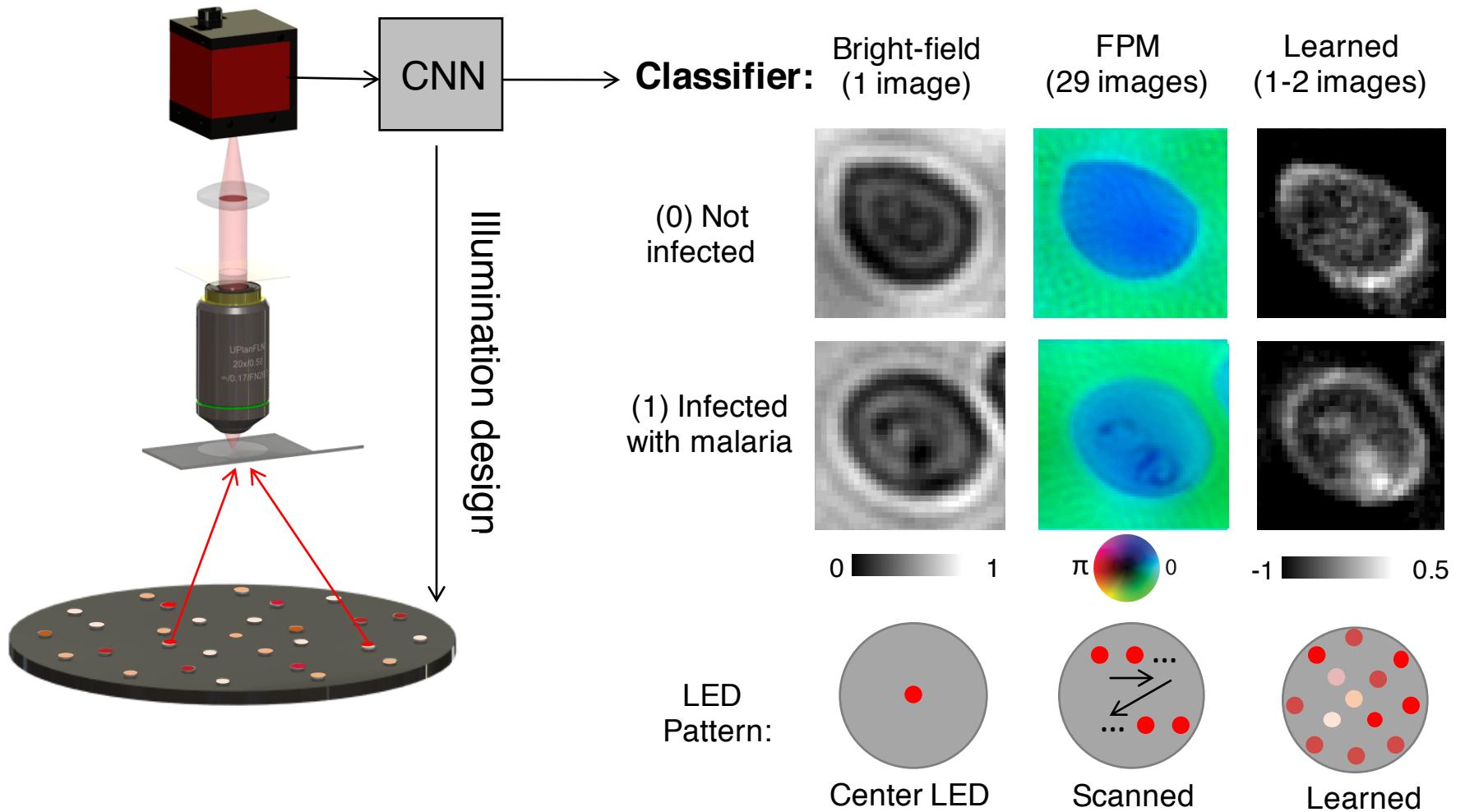


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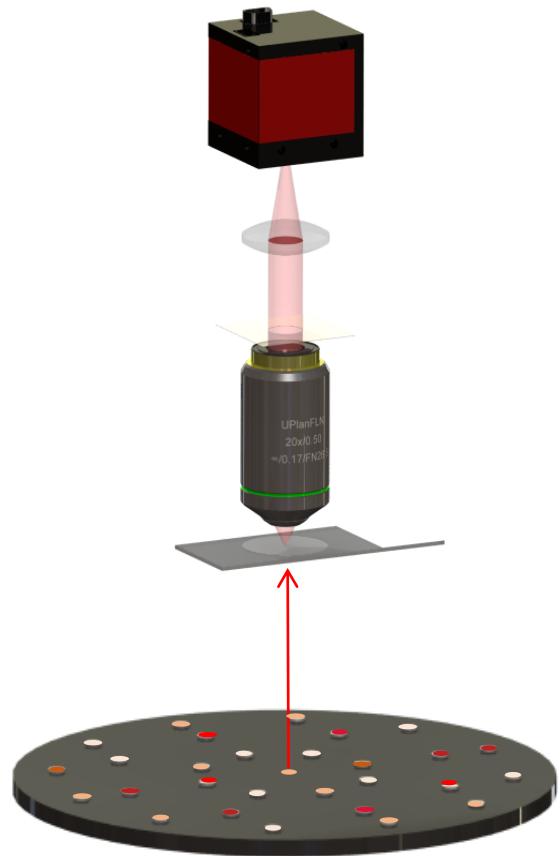
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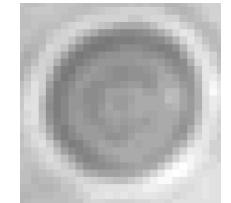
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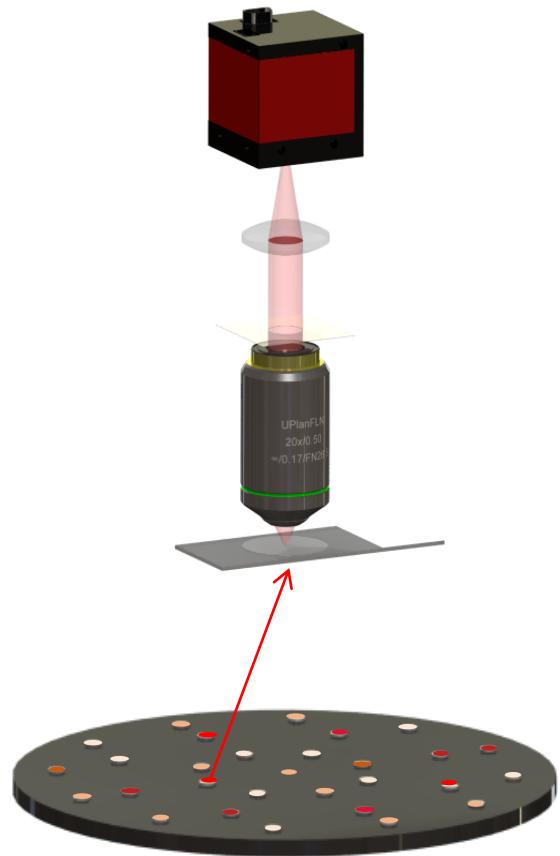
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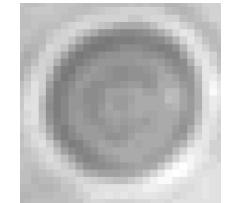
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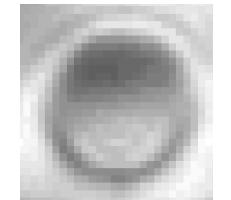


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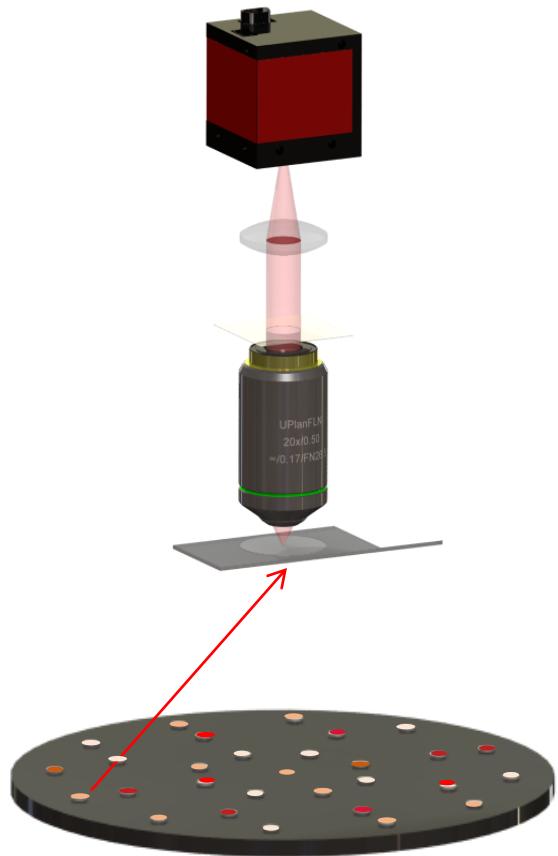


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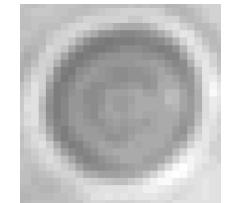
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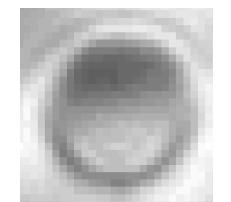


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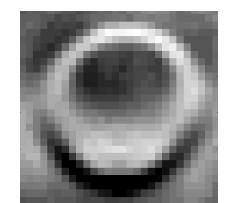


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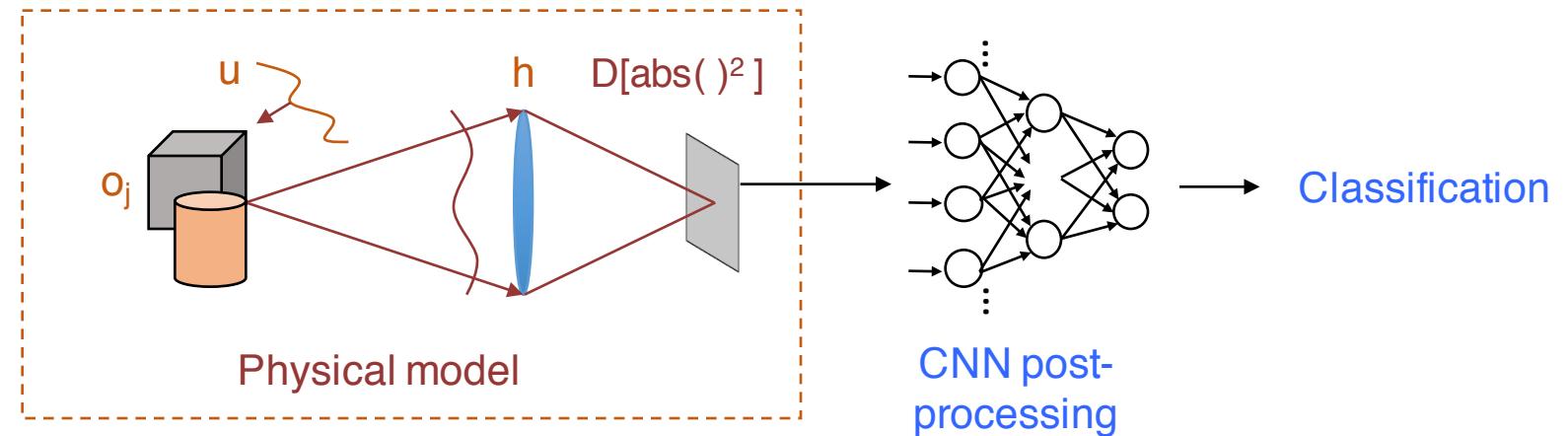
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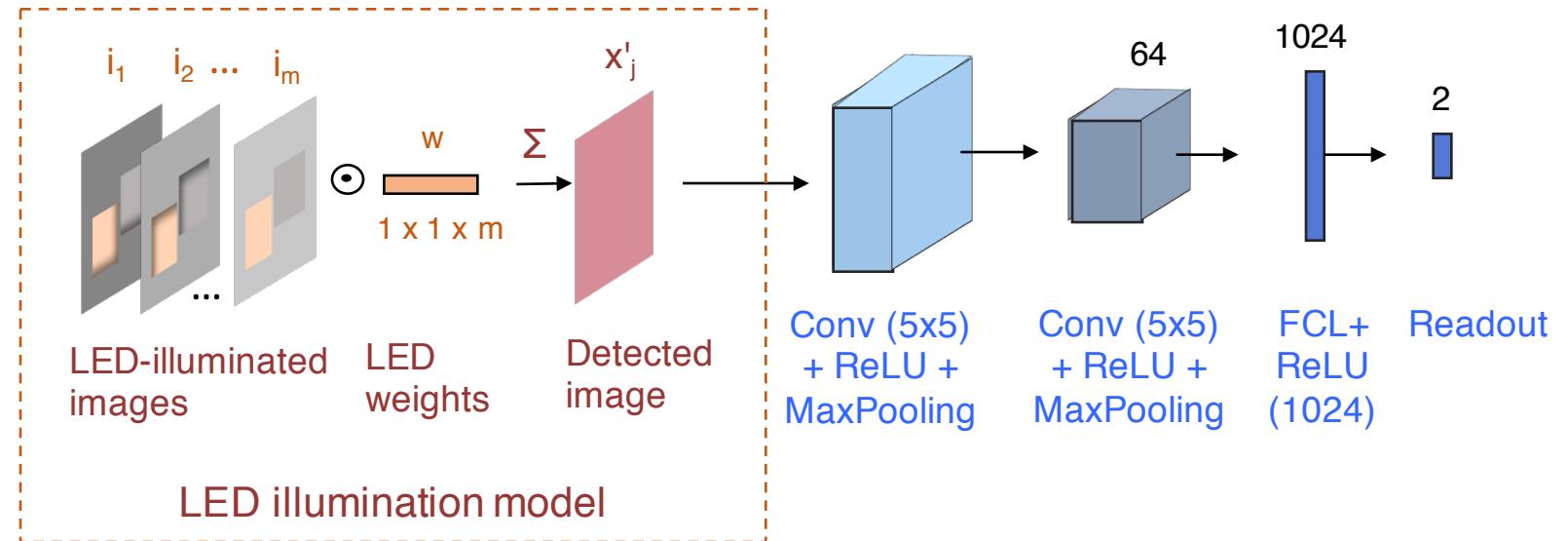
Save all 32 images (96 with 3 colors)

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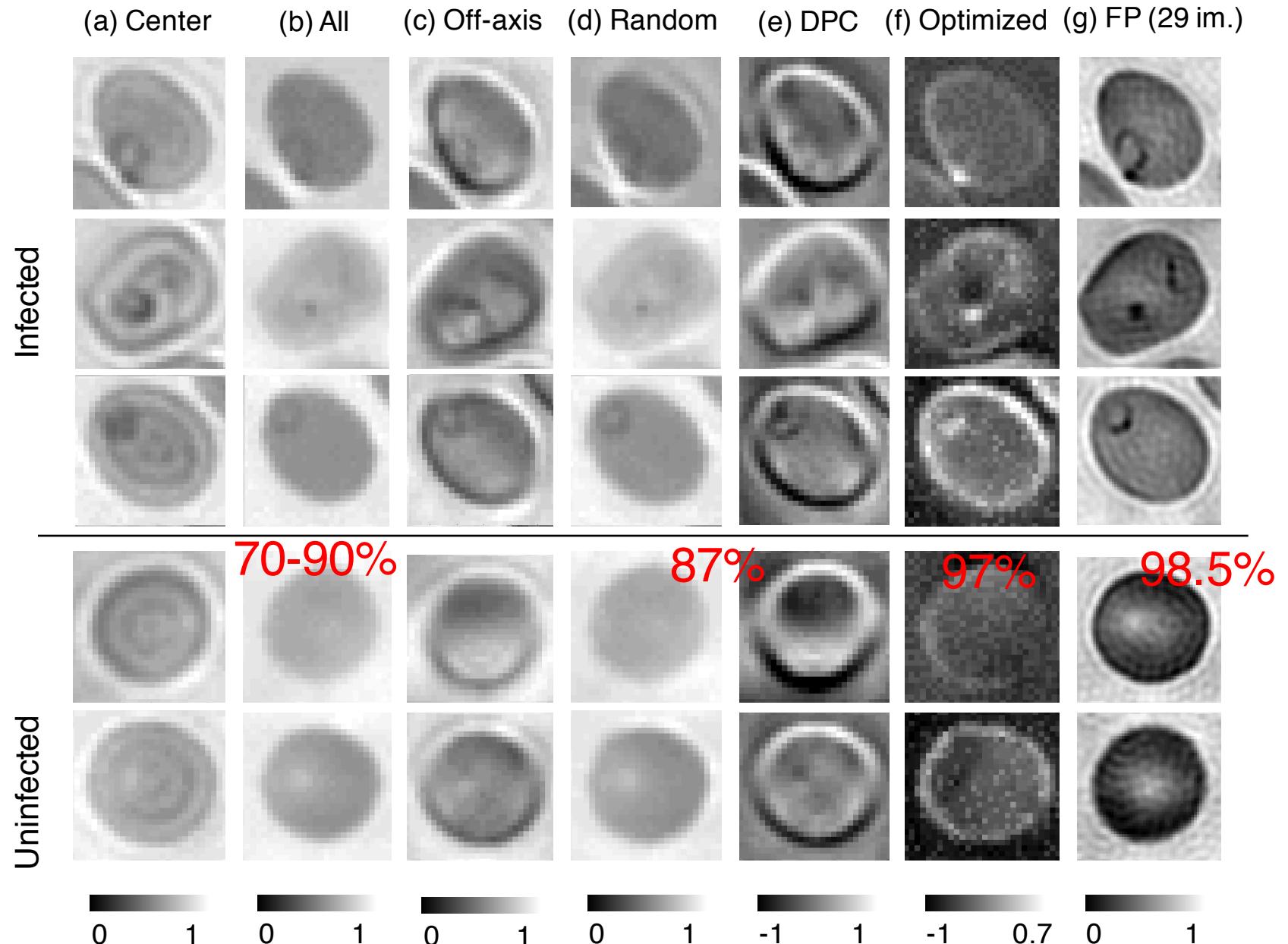


**Physical layer:**  
 $I_s = \sum w_j I_j$

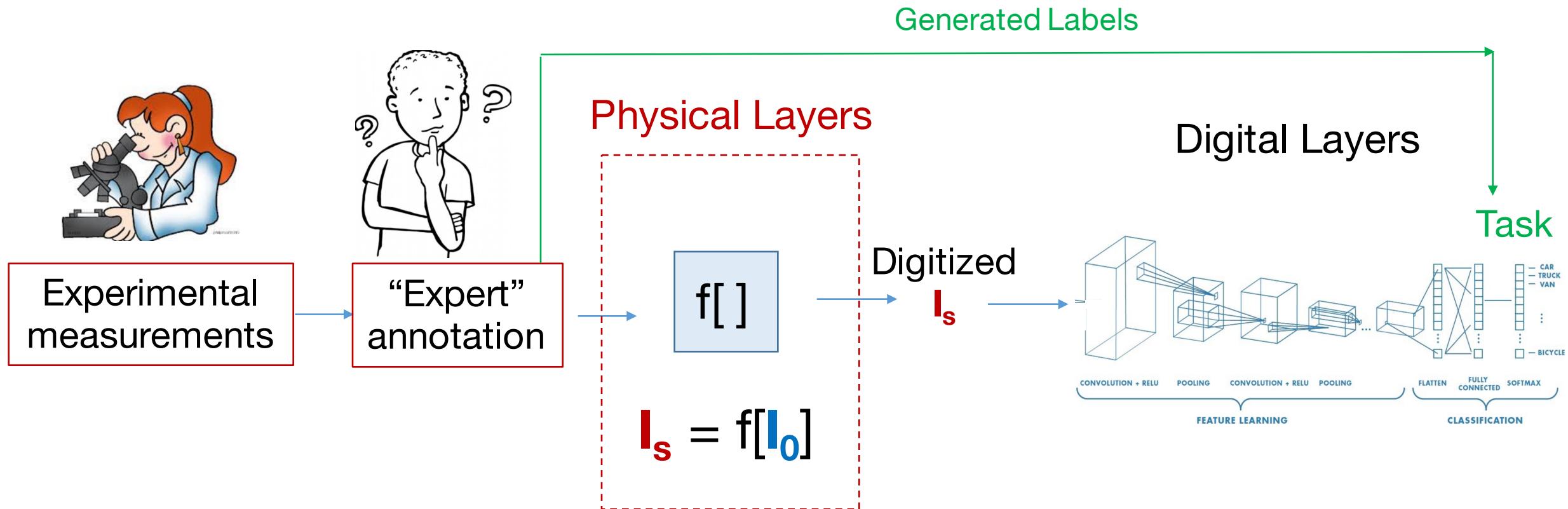


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Pro's of experimental measurements: Don't need to worry about making your simulations match the setup! (HUGE)

Con's of experimental measurements: You'll need to label them, limited access to desired sample information, often need to exploit some fundamental physical property

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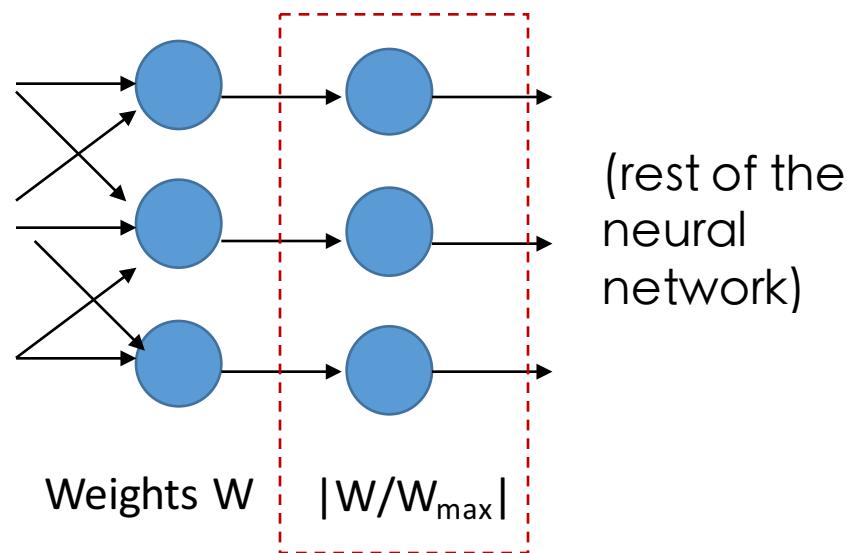
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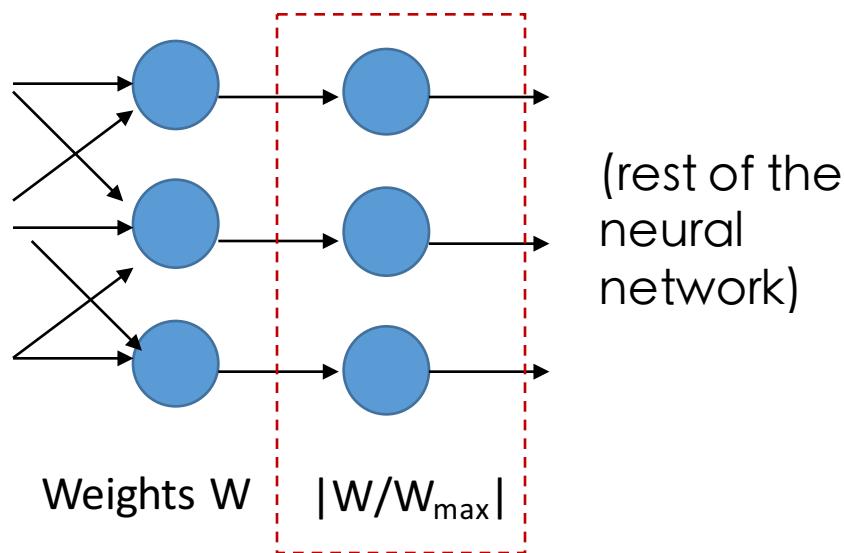


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- Easy to implement
- Constraints are obvious

## Cons:

- Not always a well-behaved derivative

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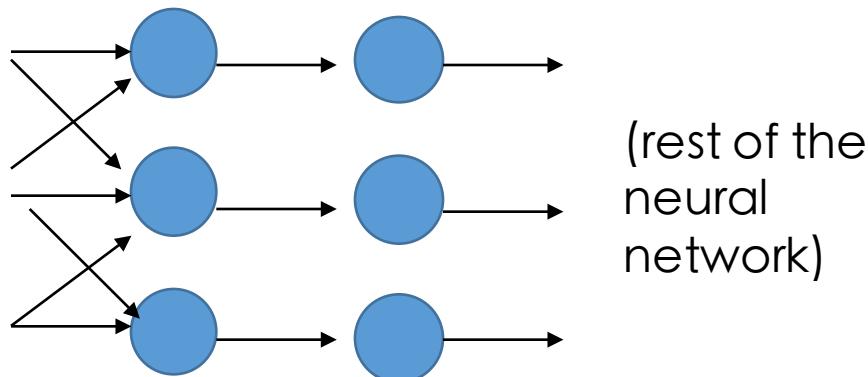
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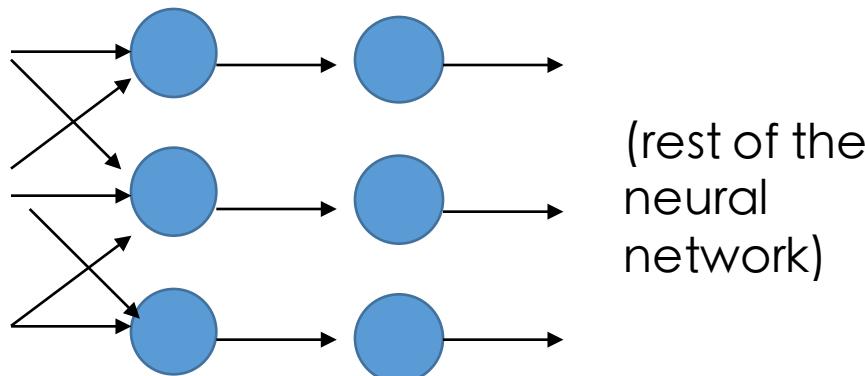
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- Flexibly address convergence issues

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- A bit sensitive

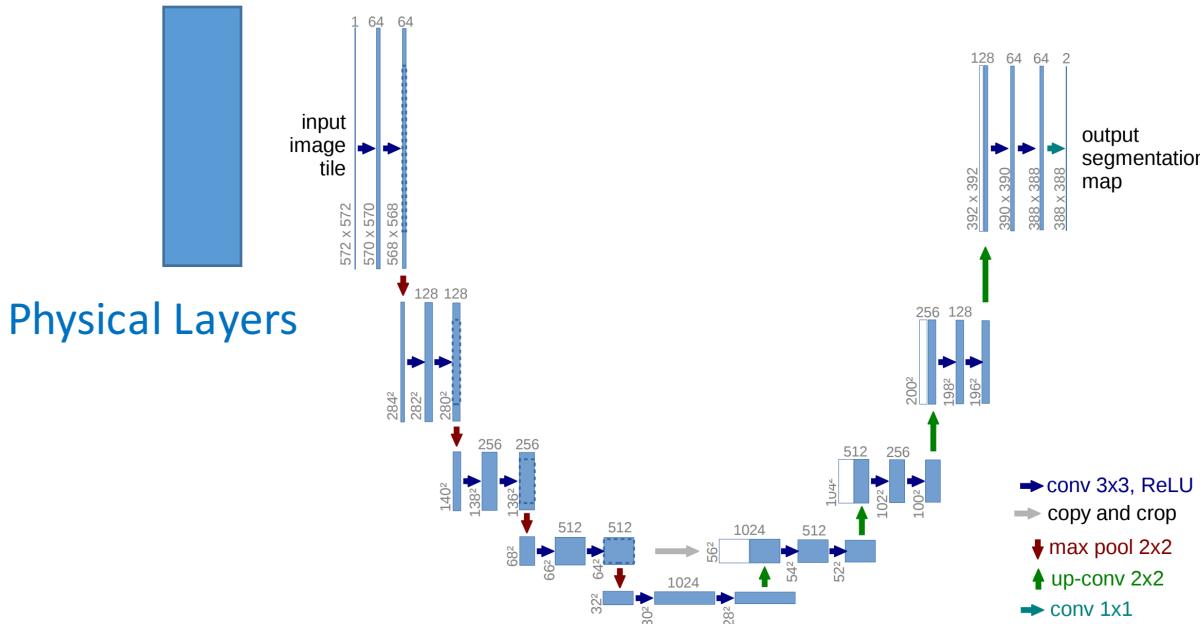
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  - Good practice: always compare performance with and without physical layer
- Another common challenge - vanishing gradients

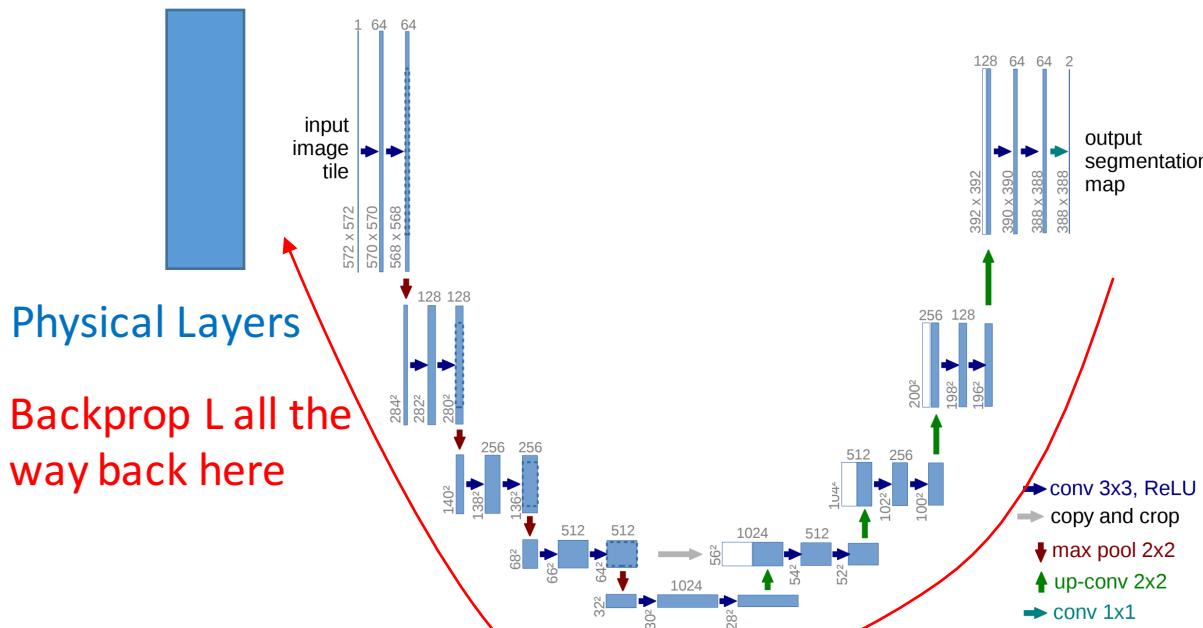
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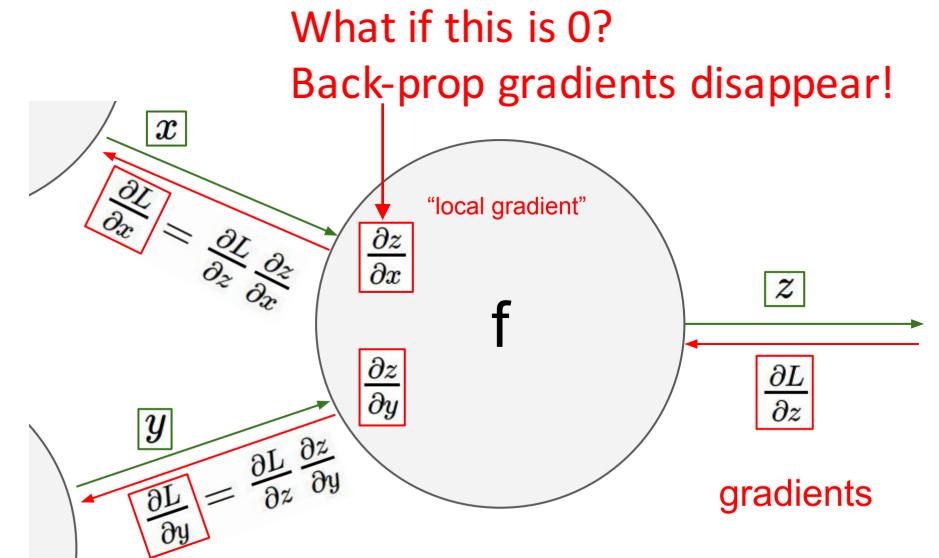
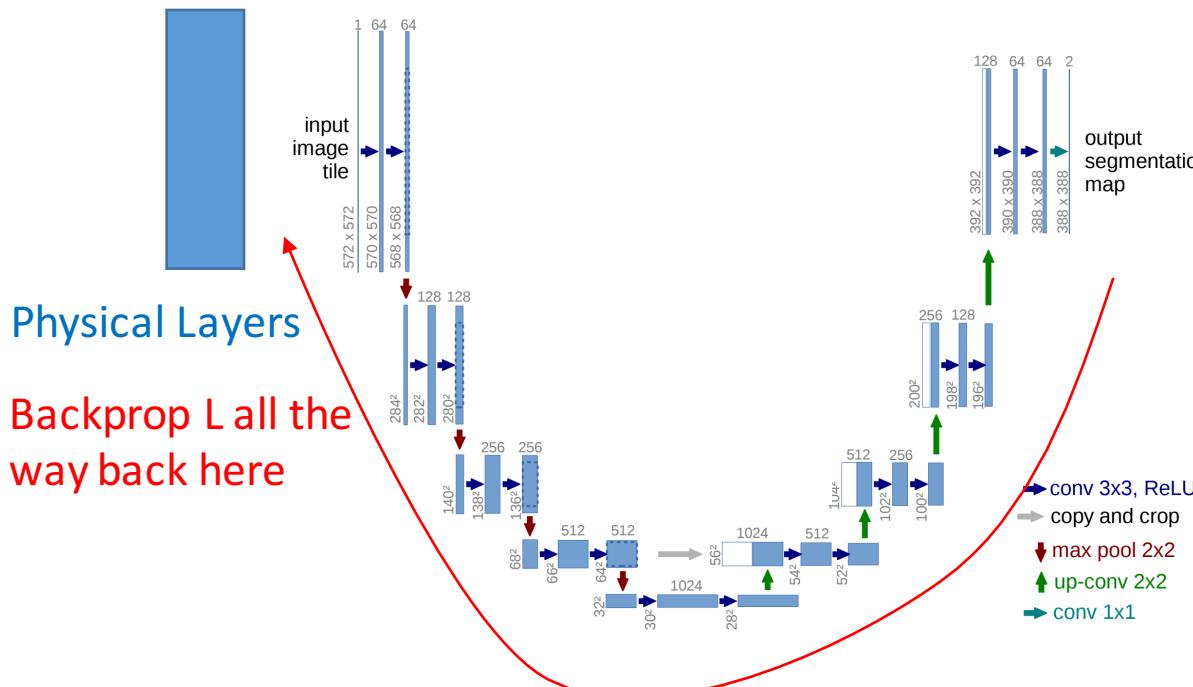
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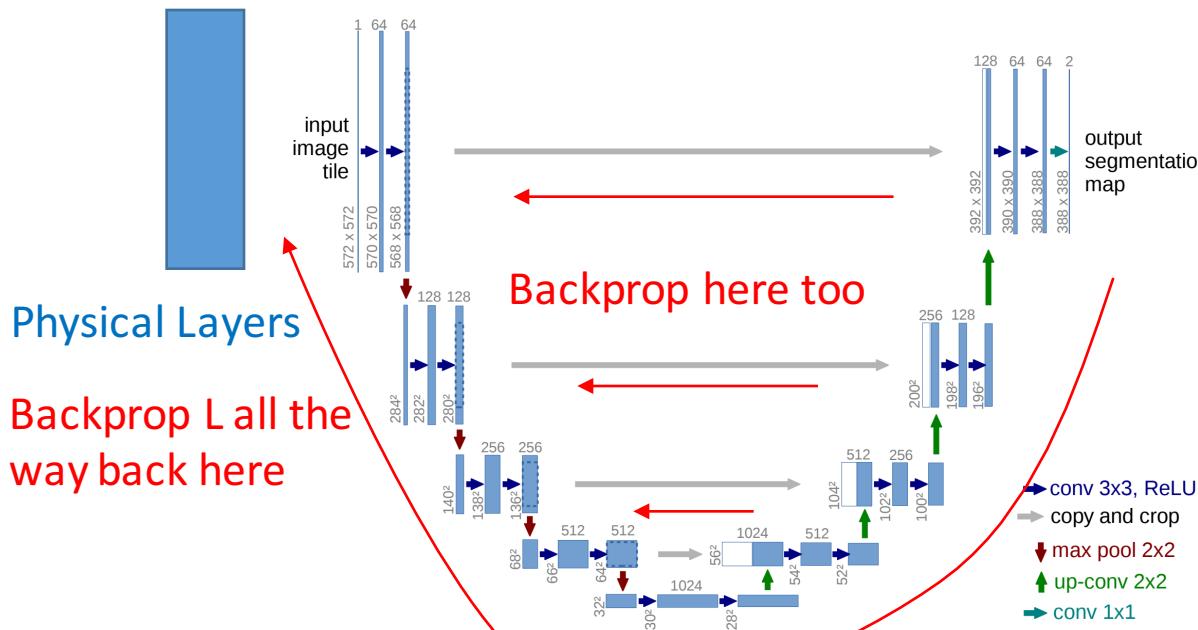
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Solution: Introduce skipped connections

## Discussion group time!

1. Introduce your project (3 min)
2. Describe one (or more) potential challenges that you anticipate (2 min)
3. Discuss possible solutions to this challenge (3-5 min)
4. Switch!