

MULTILINGUAL IMAGE DESCRIPTION WITH NEURAL SEQUENCE MODELS

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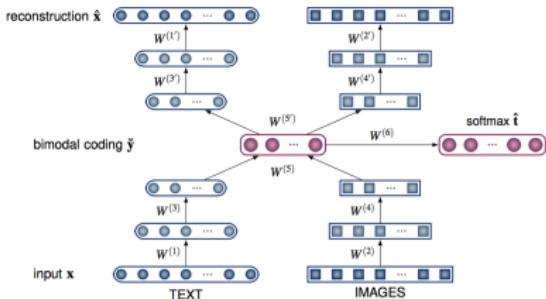


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Grounded Semantics [Silberer and Lapata, 2014]



Video Description [Venugopalan et al., 2015]

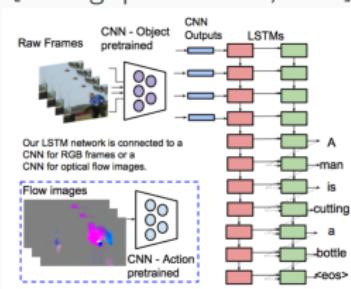
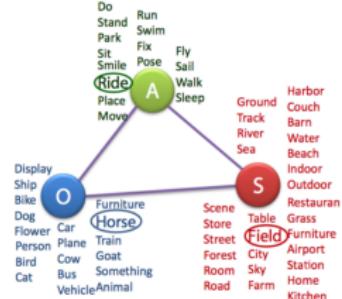
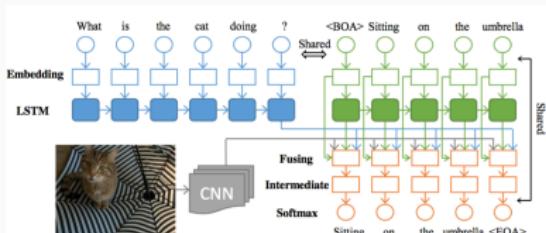


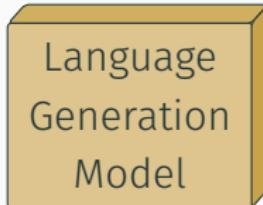
Image Description [Farhadi et al., 2010]



Question-Answering [Gao et al., 2015]



BRIEFEST OVERVIEW OF IMAGE DESCRIPTION

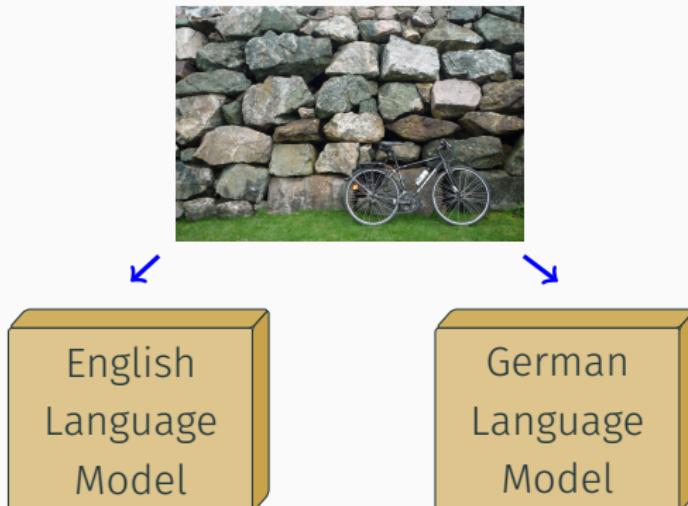


A bike is leaning against a stone wall

See Bernardi et al. [2016] for an overview of datasets, models, and evaluations.

THIS TALK: DESCRIBING IMAGES IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES

- Extend image description generation to new languages
- Text-based image search in any language
- Localised alt-text generation on the Web
- Translate movie descriptions



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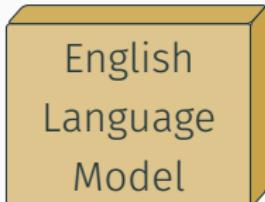
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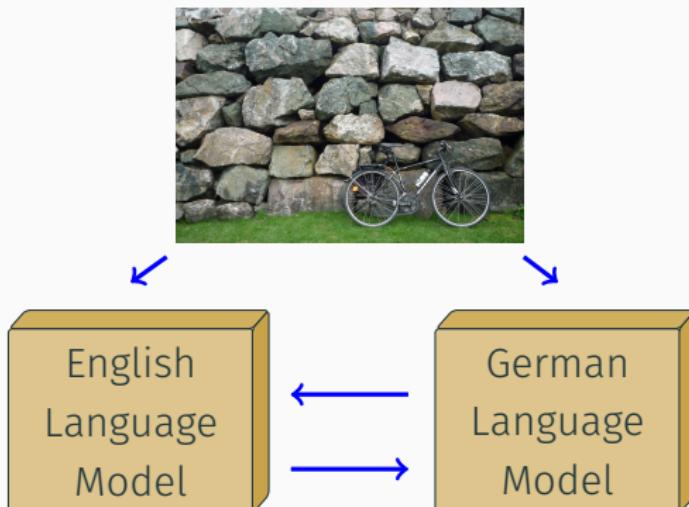
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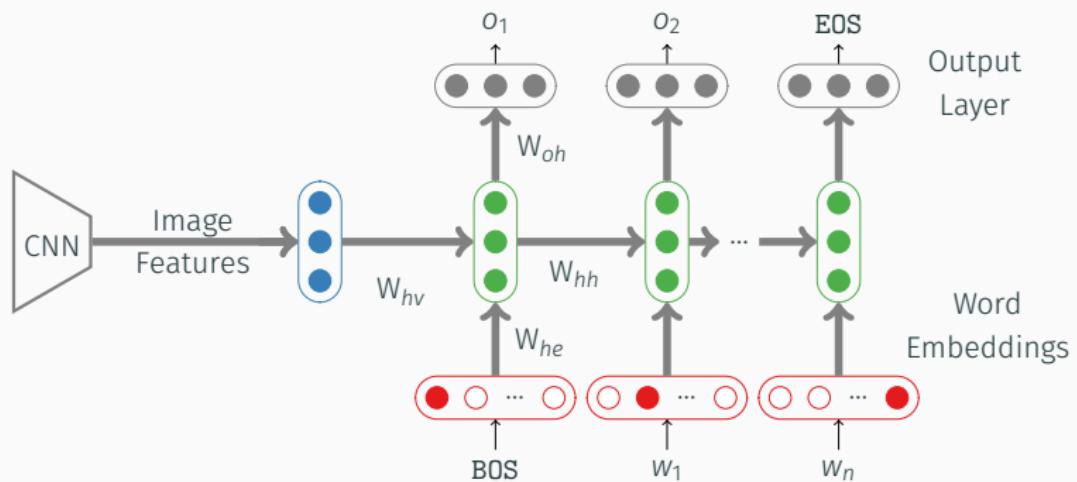
2. Crosslingual Image Description

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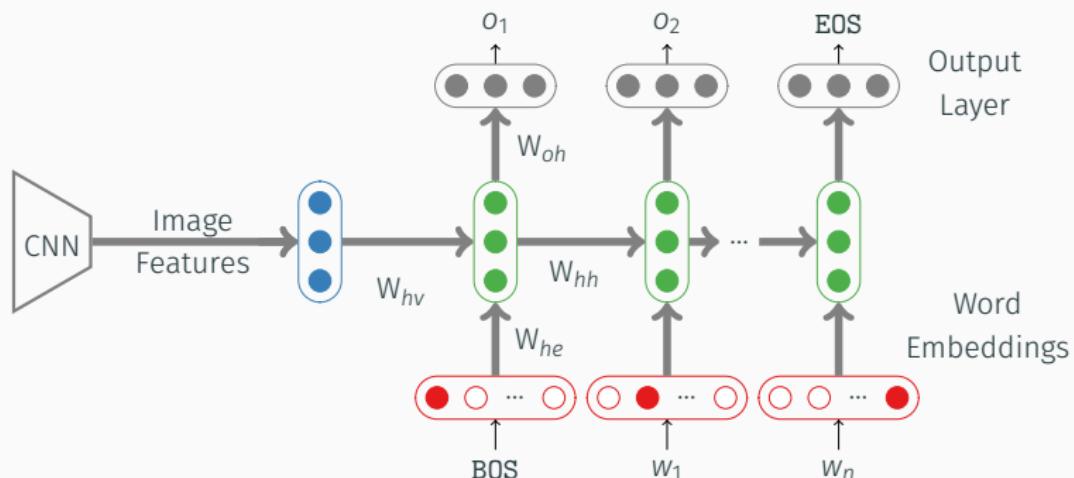
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[VINYALS ET AL., 2015, KARPATHY AND FEI-FEI, 2015]



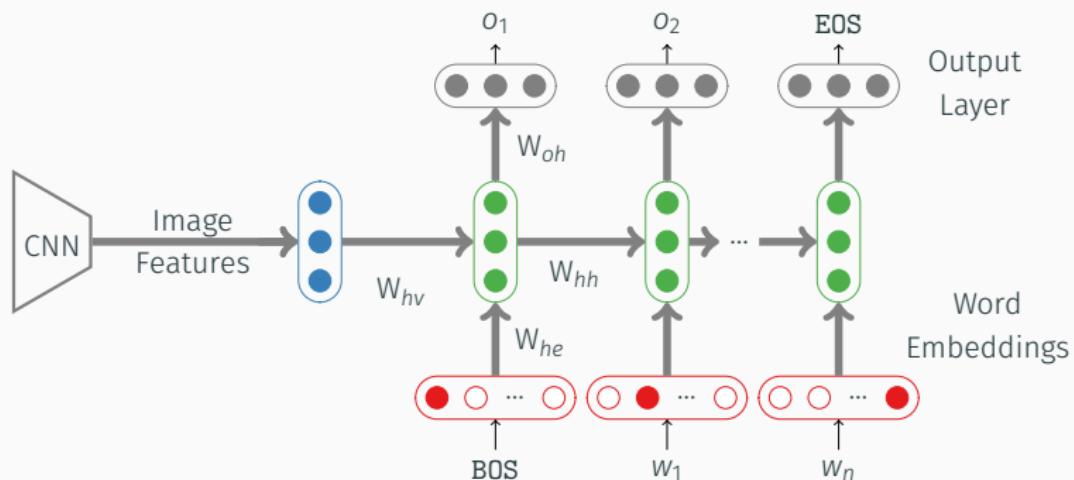
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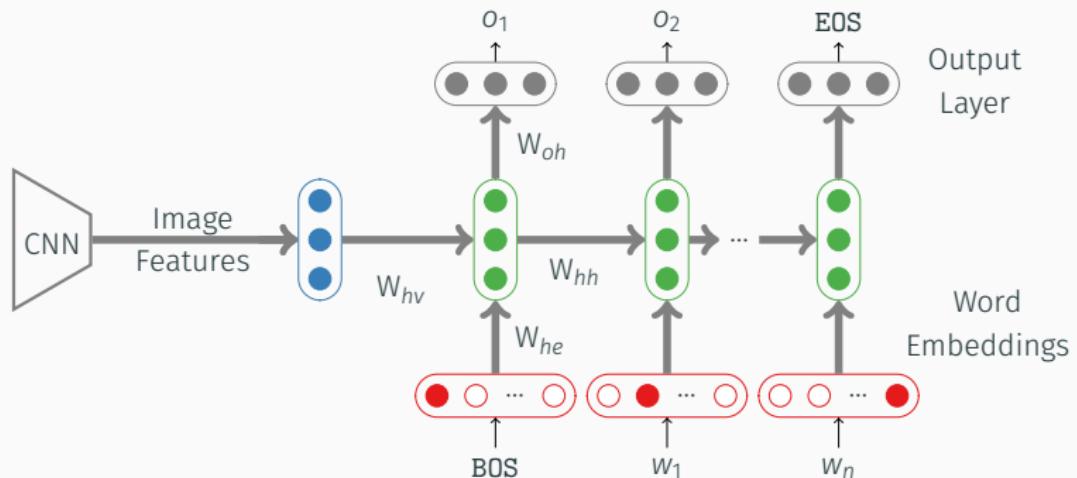
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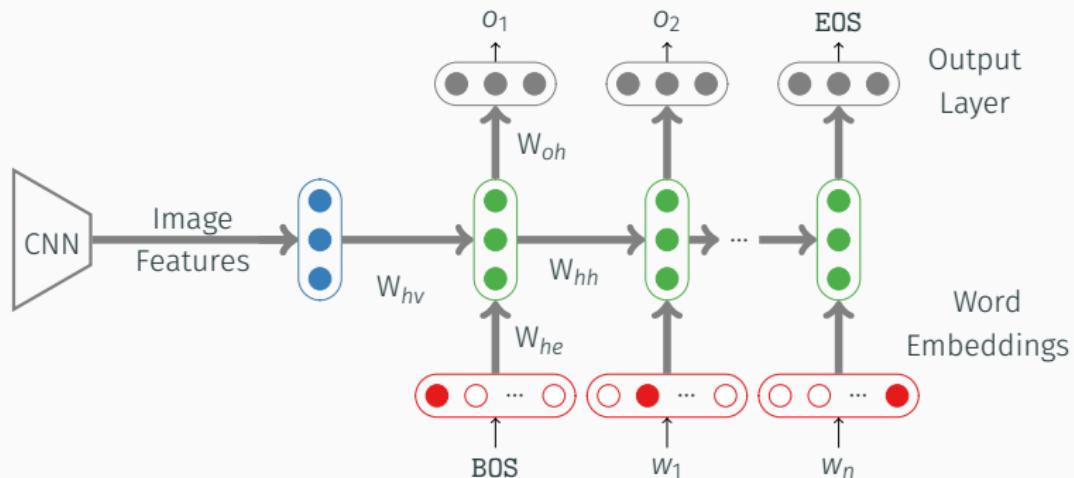
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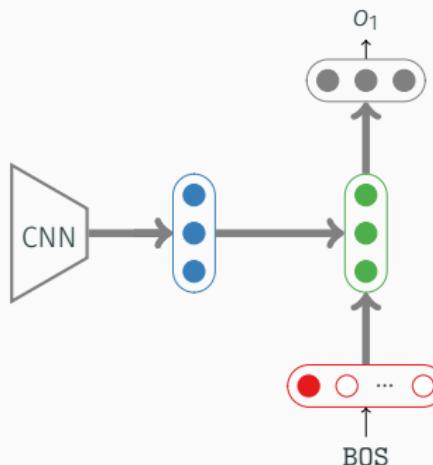
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- $\text{Loss} = - \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{i=1}^K \log p(o_i)$

INFERENCE WITH MULTIMODAL LANGUAGE MODELS

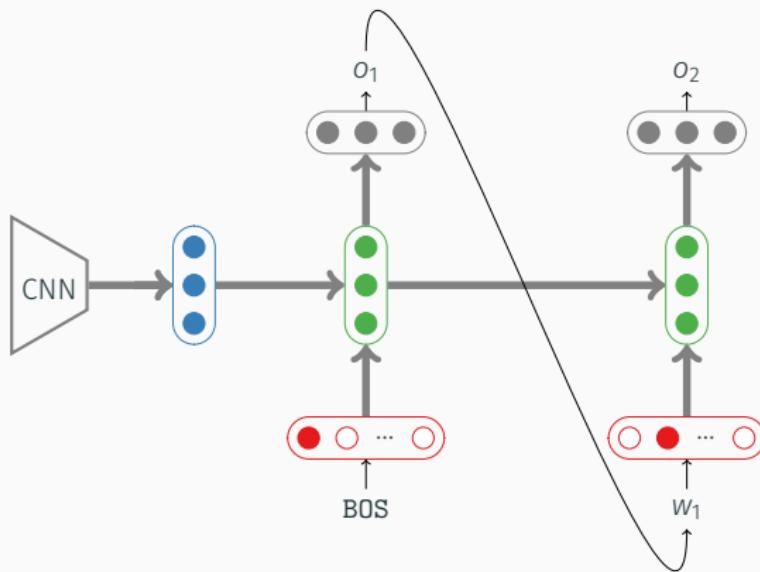
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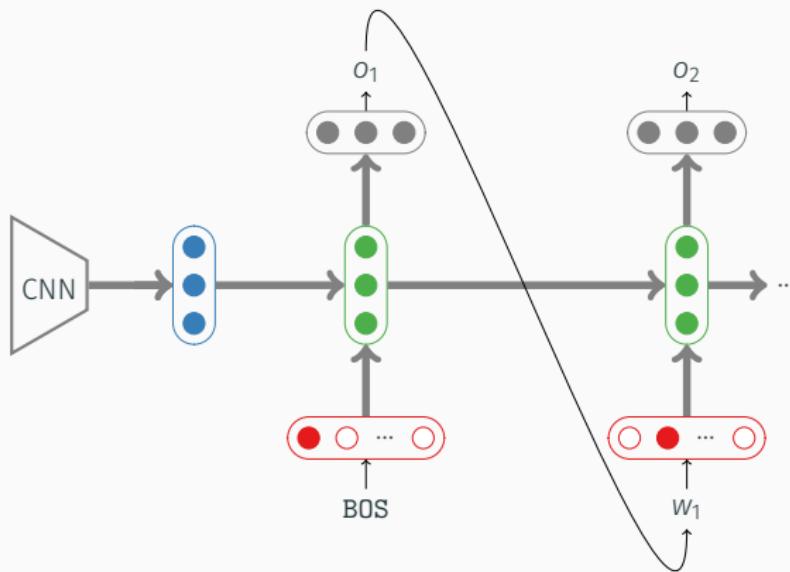
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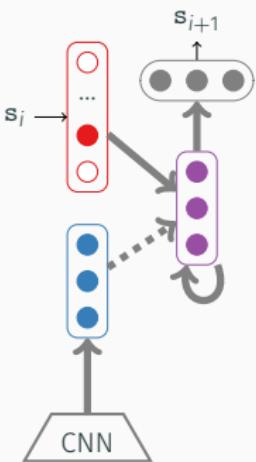
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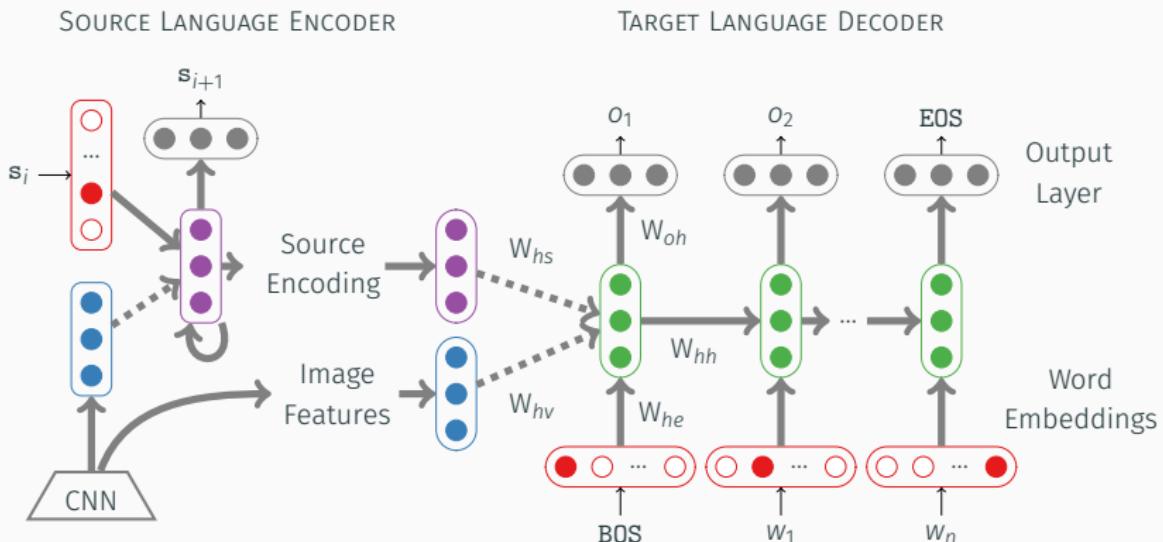
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- Decode until emit EOS token

MULTILINGUAL MULTIMODAL MODEL [ELLIOTT ET AL., 2015]

SOURCE LANGUAGE ENCODER



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$$h_i = f(W_{hh}h_{-1} + e_i + \mathbb{1}(t=0) \cdot W_{hv}v + \mathbb{1}(t=0) \cdot W_{hs}s)$$

MULTILINGUAL MULTIMODAL MODEL (CONT.)

- Each model trained towards its own objective, unlike Sequence-to-Sequence Learning [Sutskever et al., 2014]
 - CNN: object recognition
 - Source LM: source language generation
 - Target LM: target language generation
- MMLM learns task-specific representations given transferred inputs
 - e.g. Target-LM with **multimodal** source features vs. separate **visual and source** features
 - Easily work on new languages with fixed input representations

EXPERIMENTS

- Generate description in target language
 - Measures¹: Meteor, BLEU, Perplexity
1. Multimodal Machine Translation
 - Always given a source description and image
 2. Crosslingual Image Description
 - Given an image, automatically generate a source description with a source MLM
 - and pass encoded textual features to a target LM
 - and pass encoded visual+textual features to a target LM

¹See Elliott and Keller [2014] and Vedantam et al. [2015] for more details on measuring image description quality

1. a yellow building with white columns in the background
2. two palm trees in front of the house



1. ein gelbes Gebäude mit weißen Säulen im Hintergrund
2. zwei Palmen vor dem Haus

- 17,655 training / 1,962 testing
- Up to five semantically diverse descriptions / image
 - We use **only** the first description
- Descriptions translated from English to German

- Models are built using Keras library
- Adam optimiser [Kingma and Ba, 2014]
- Mini-batches of 100 examples
- Dropout over word, visual, and source features ($p = 0.5$)
- LSTM with 256-D memory cell [Hochreiter and Schmidhuber, 1997]
- 4096-D visual features from 15th layer of VGG-16 CNN [Simonyan and Zisserman, 2015]
- 256-D source feature vectors
- 256-D word embedding features
- Vocabulary size German: 2,374, English: 1,763 (UNK<3)

MODELS: MULTIMODAL LANGUAGE MODEL (MLM)



Schulkinder sitzen
in einem Klassenzimmer



TARGET MODEL

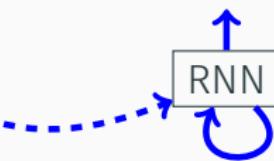
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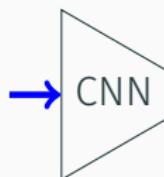
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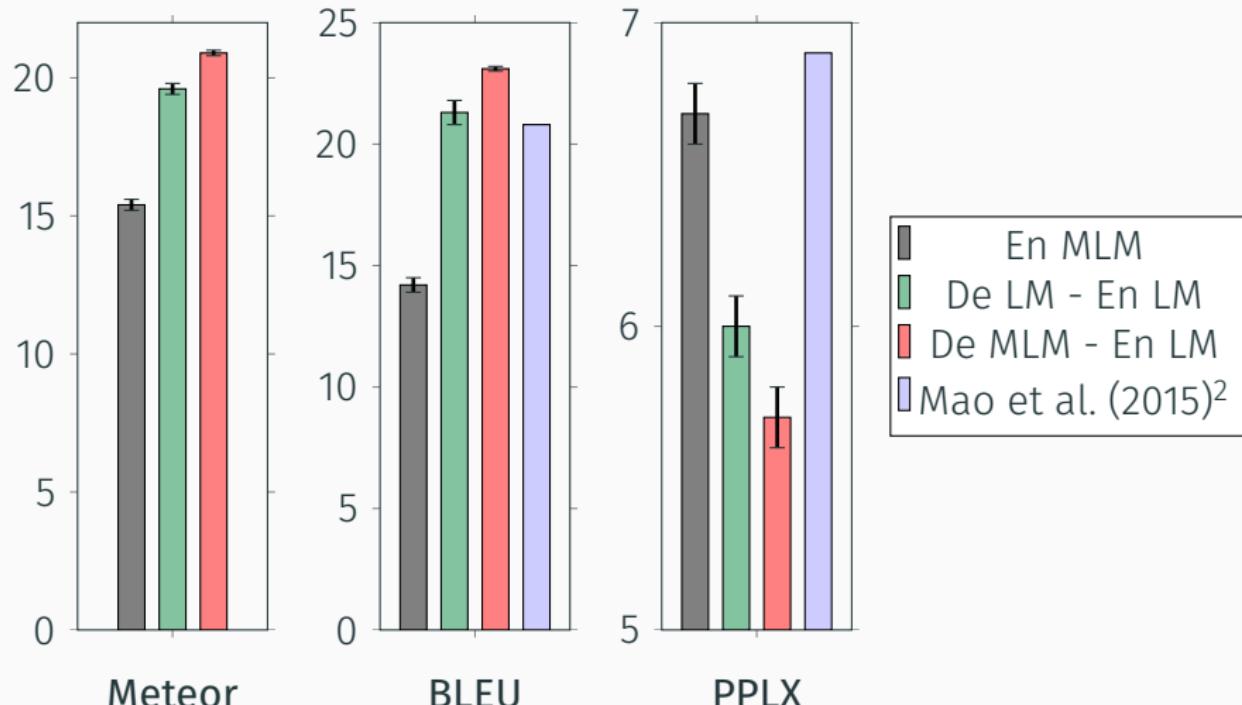
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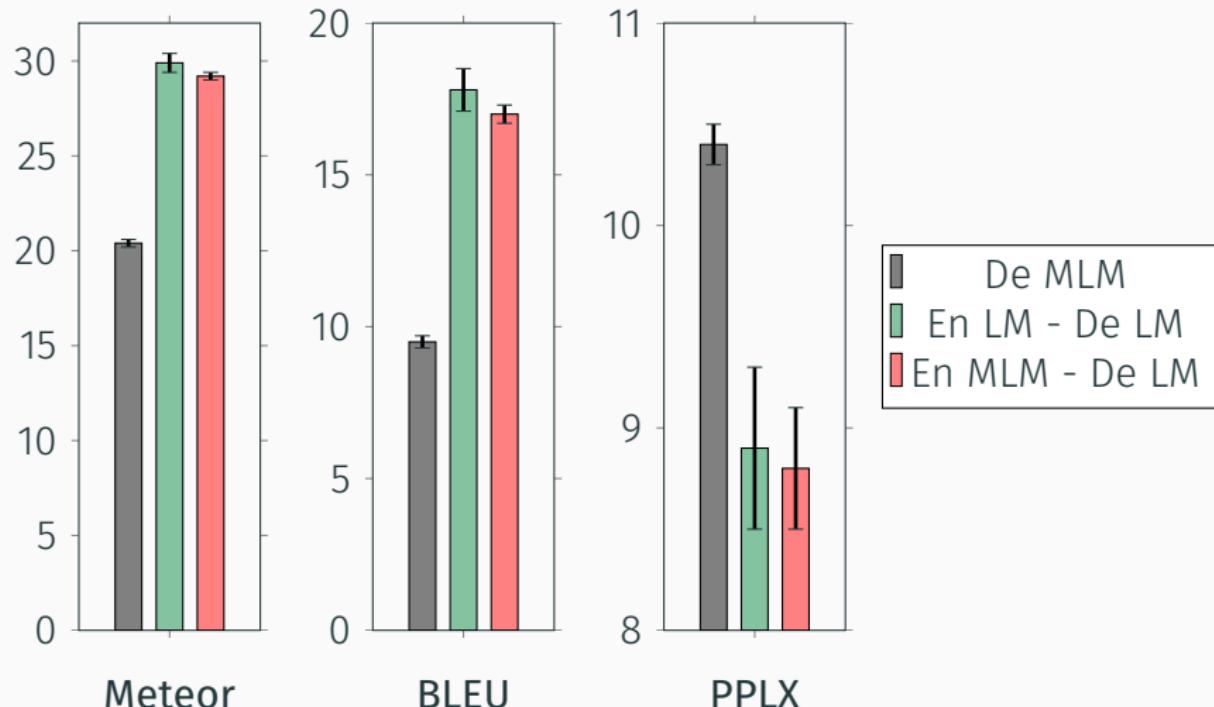
RESULTS

MULTIMODAL TRANSLATION: ENGLISH RESULTS



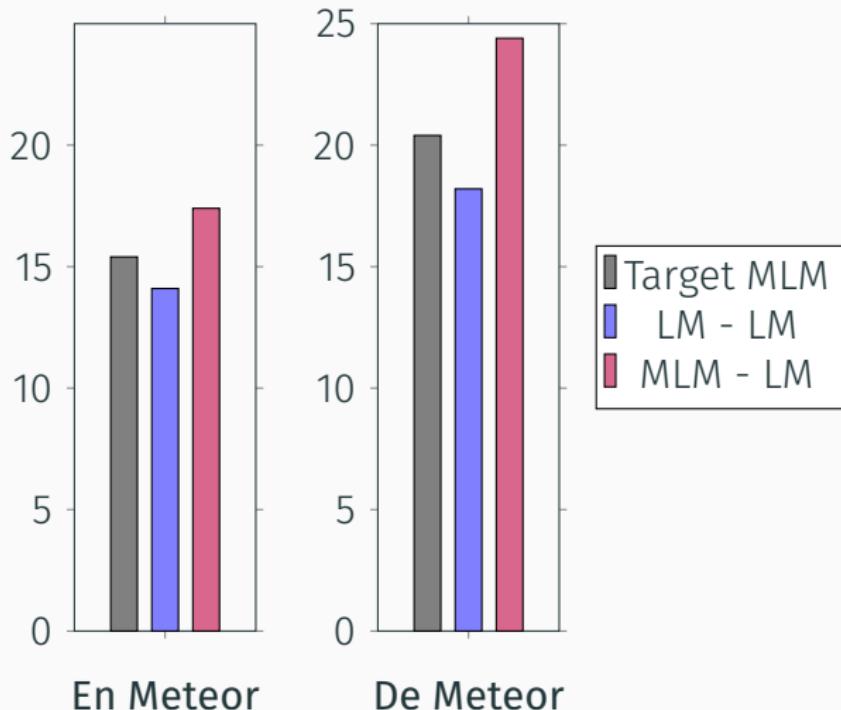
²Trained and evaluated over all references.

MULTIMODAL TRANSLATION: GERMAN RESULTS³



³First non-English image description results.

CROSSLINGUAL IMAGE DESCRIPTION RESULTS



Source descriptions automatically generated by Source-MLM

EXAMPLE OF MULTIMODAL TRANSLATION



MLM: a man is standing on a grey rock in the foreground

De Ref: bergsteiger klettern auf einen sehr steilen eishang

MLM-MLM: tourists are climbing up a snowy slope

⁴Thousands of examples from all models at

<http://staff.fnwi.uva.nl/d.elliott/GroundedTranslation/>

EXAMPLE OF CROSSLINGUAL IMAGE DESCRIPTION

De MLM:

ein mann und eine frau stehen
an einem sandstrand mit dem
meer im hintergrund



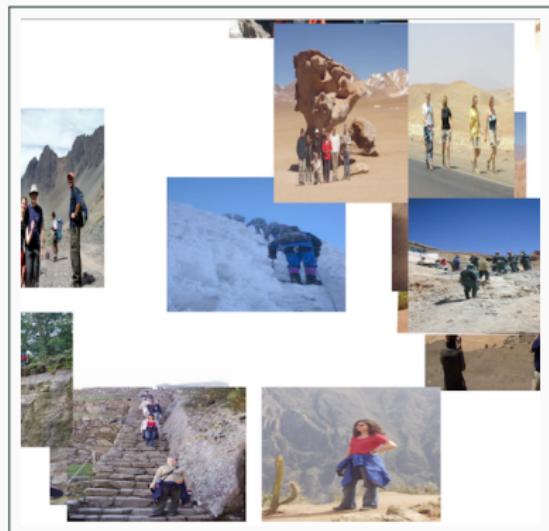
En MLM: a man with a black jacket and a black jacket is standing in a brown rocky desert landscape

En MLM-LM:

a man and a woman are
standing in a reed boat on a
lake

VISUALISING THE EFFECT OF TRANSFERRING FEATURES

- t-SNE plots of the LSTM memory cell at $t=0$
- MLM \rightarrow MLM: closer to pictures of snow!



(a) En MLM



(b) De MLM \rightarrow En MLM

- How well does this generalise to other languages?
- Attention-based Image Description [Xu et al., 2015]
- Compare with target-side translation retrieval with multimodal features [Hitschler and Riezler, 2016]
- Human judgements of generated descriptions
- Larger datasets (Shared Task at WMT16!)
- Multilingual video description, other tasks ...

CONCLUSIONS

- Multilingual Image Description is a natural extension of Image Description
- MMLM transfers multimodal features between languages
- Transferring multilingual multimodal representations between languages improves image description quality
- Code: <http://github.com/elliottd/GroundedTranslation>

APPENDICES

COMPLETE ENGLISH RESULTS

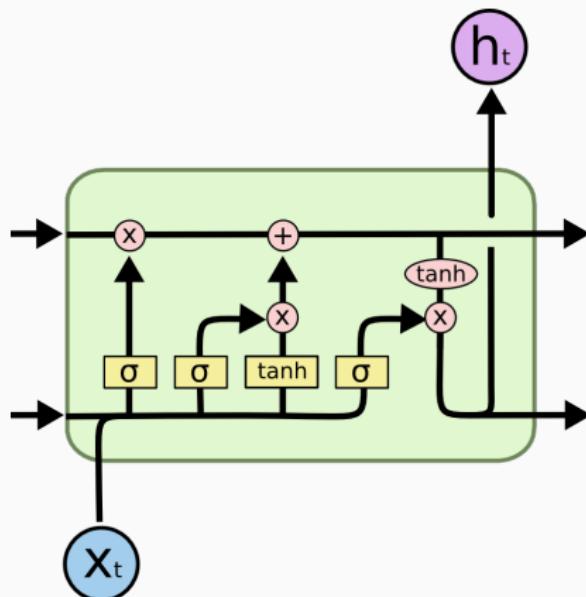
	BLEU4	Meteor	PPLX
En MLM	14.2 ± 0.3	15.4 ± 0.2	6.7 ± 0.0
De LM → En LM	21.3 ± 0.5	19.6 ± 0.2	6.0 ± 0.1
Mao et al. [2015]	20.8	—	6.92
De MLM → En MLM	18.0 ± 0.3	18.0 ± 0.2	6.3 ± 0.1
De LM → En MLM	17.3 ± 0.5	17.6 ± 0.5	6.3 ± 0.0
De MLM → En LM	23.1 ± 0.1	20.9 ± 0.0	5.7 ± 0.1

COMPLETE GERMAN RESULTS

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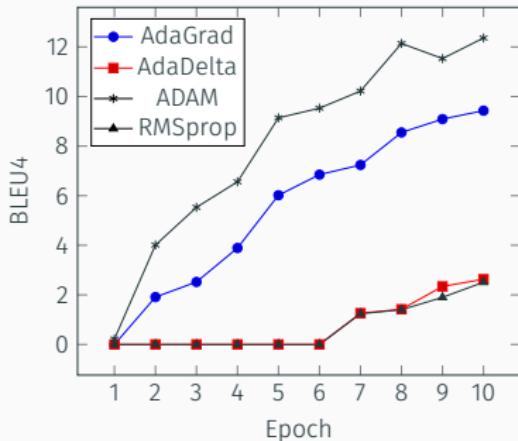
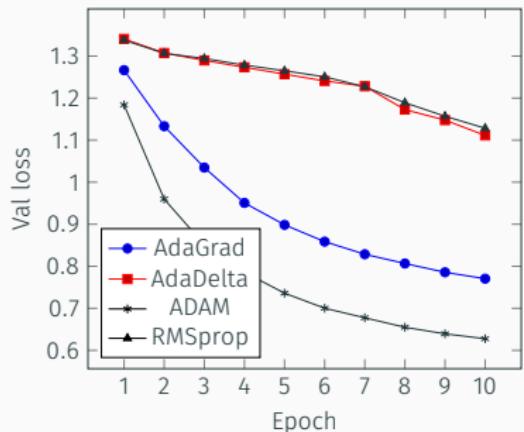
RNN ARCHITECTURE: LONG-SHORT TERM MEMORY

[HOCHREITER AND SCHMIDHUBER, 1997]

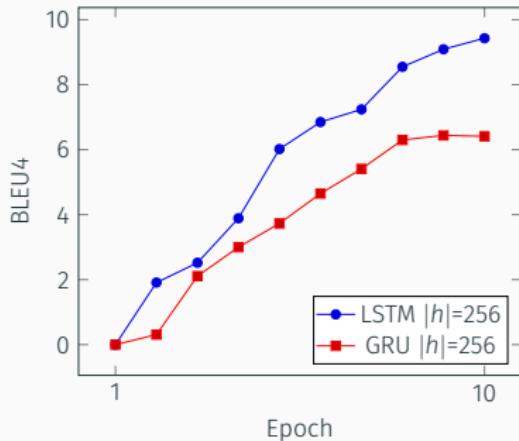
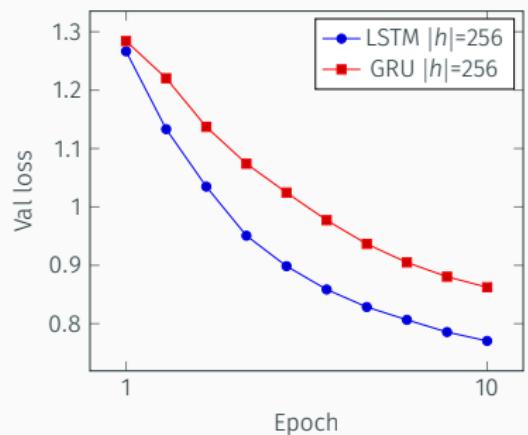


Credit: Christopher Olah

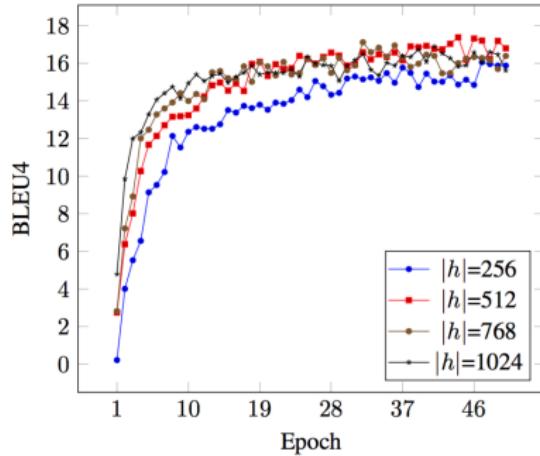
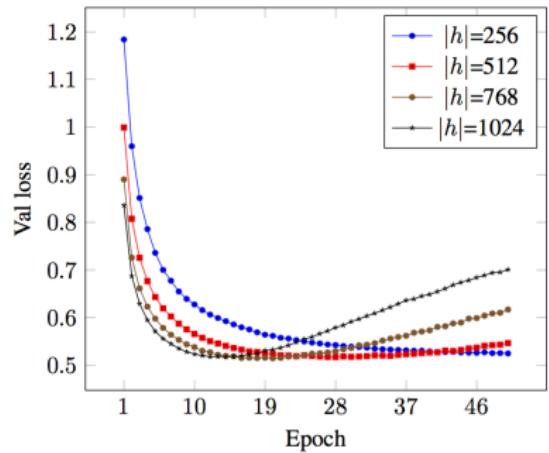
EFFECT OF OPTIMISATION METHOD



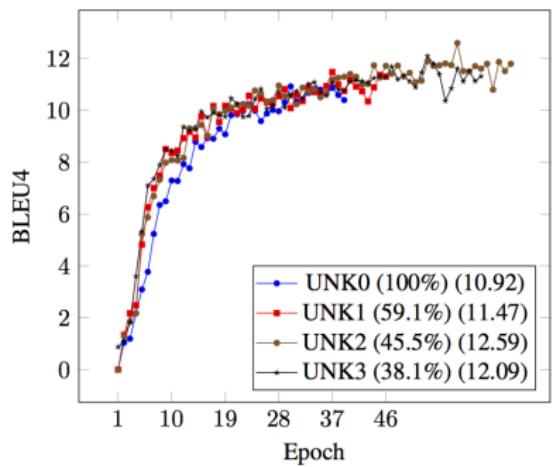
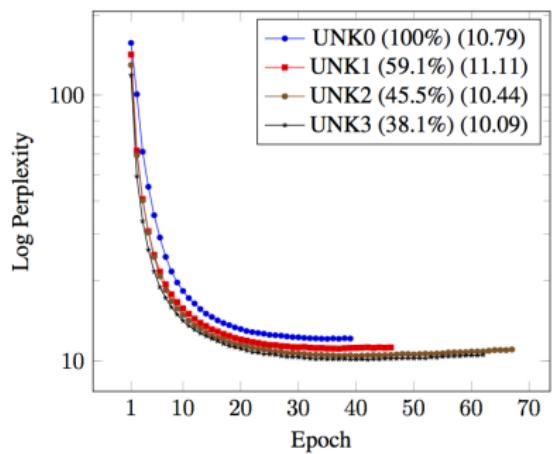
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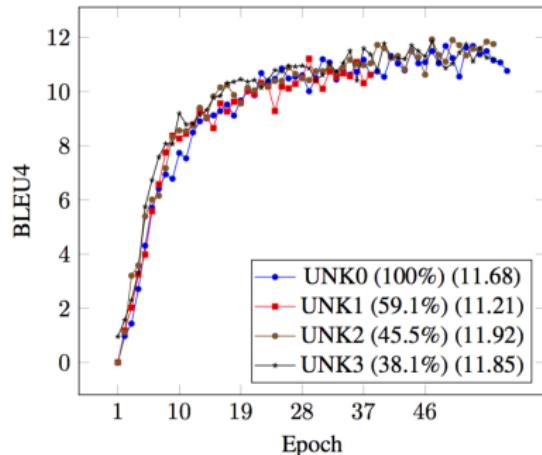
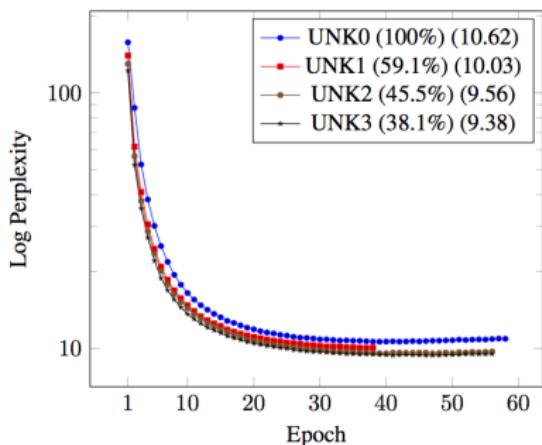
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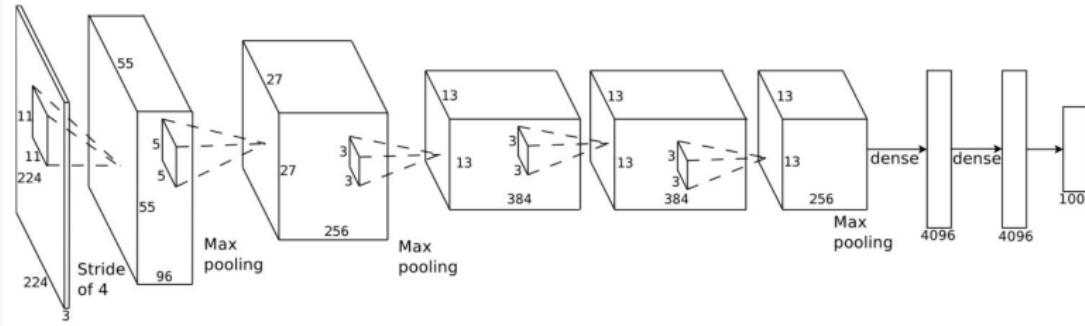
EFFECT OF DECOMPOUNDING GERMAN WORDS



EFFECT OF UNK THRESHOLD



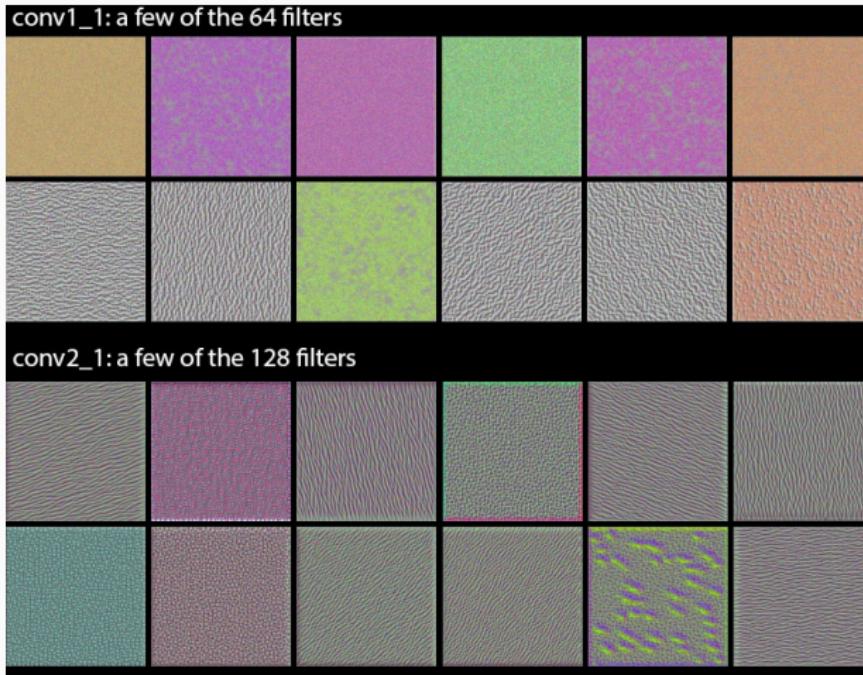
EXTRACTING CNN VISUAL FEATURES



Credit: Alex Krizhevsky

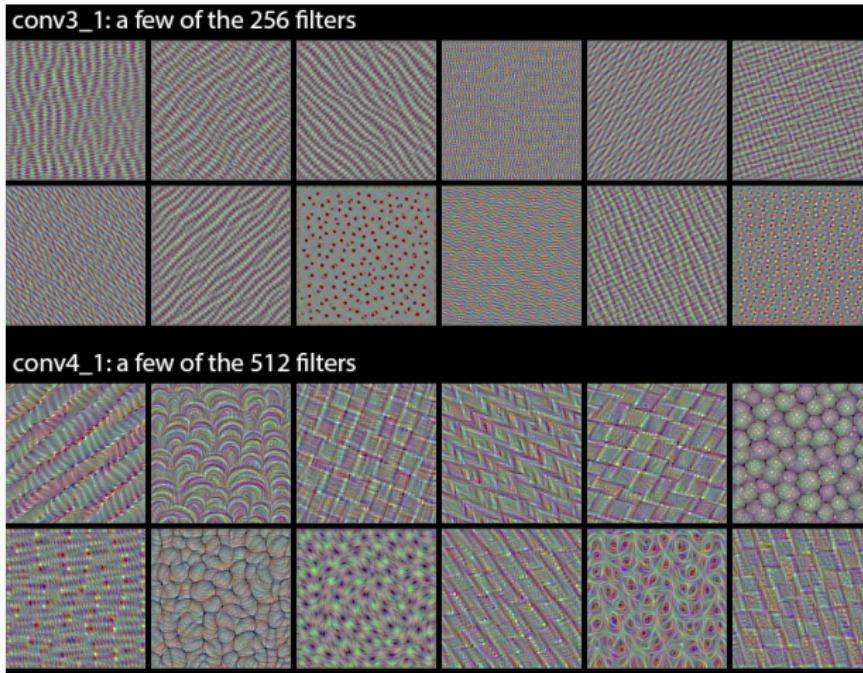
- Trained to predict 1000 object labels
- Over 1m training images
- Visual features transferred from the penultimate layer

VISUALISING CNN FILTERS

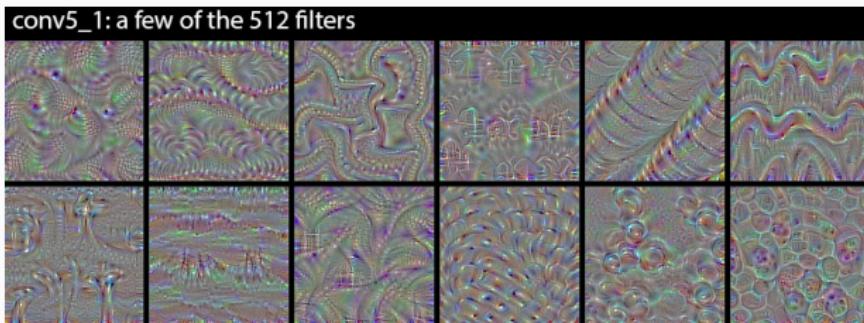


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