



# Very Large ConvNets

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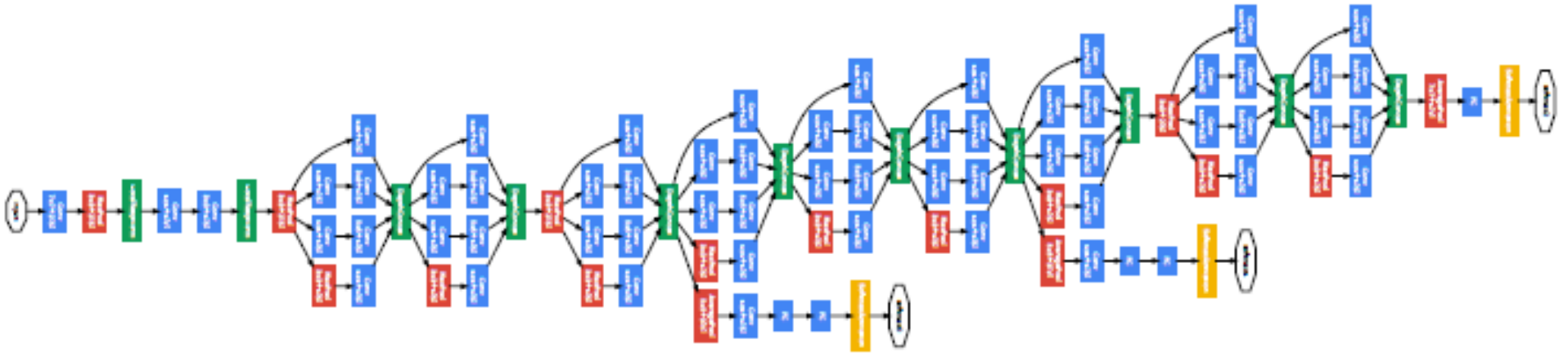
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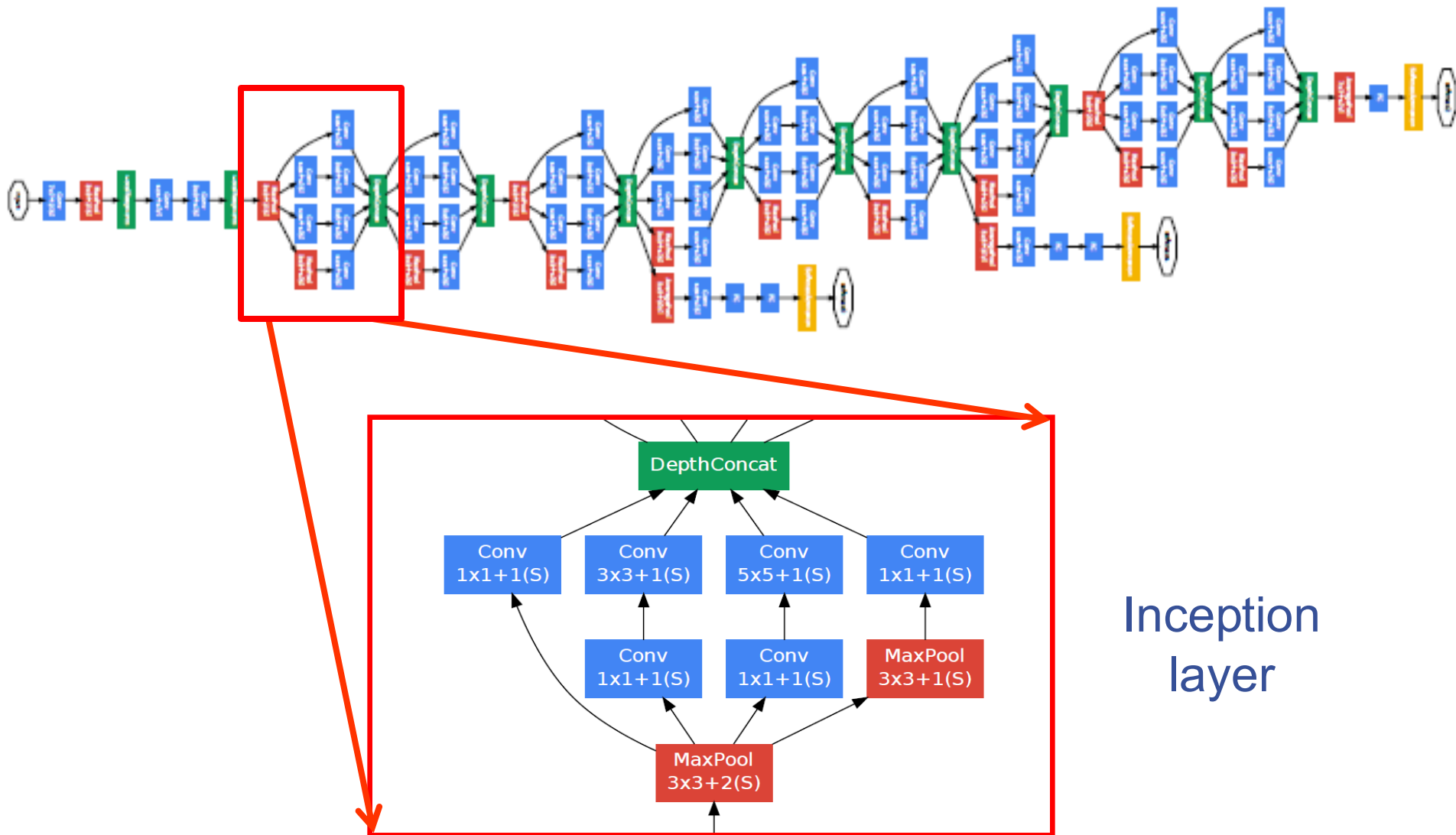
Winner of ILSVRC -2014. Very deep network with 22 layers:

- Network-in-network-in-network
- Removed fully connected layers  $\rightarrow$  small # of parameters (5M weights)

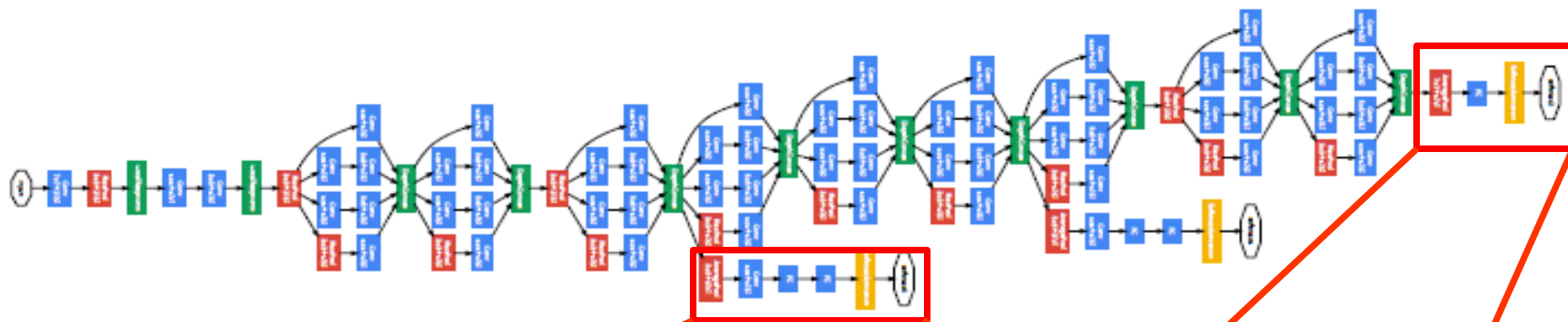


**Convolution**  
**Pooling**  
**Softmax**  
**Other**

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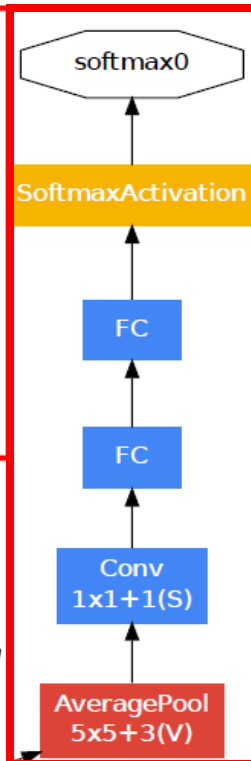
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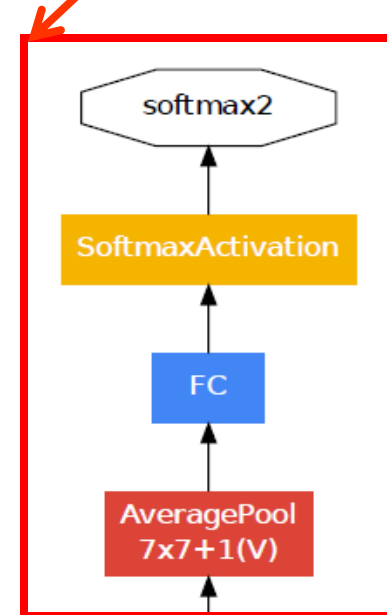
also compute  
backprop and gradients  
here to help learning  
and to counteract  
vanishing gradients  
problem

Auxiliary  
classifiers

only used during training,  
removed in inference



Main  
classifier



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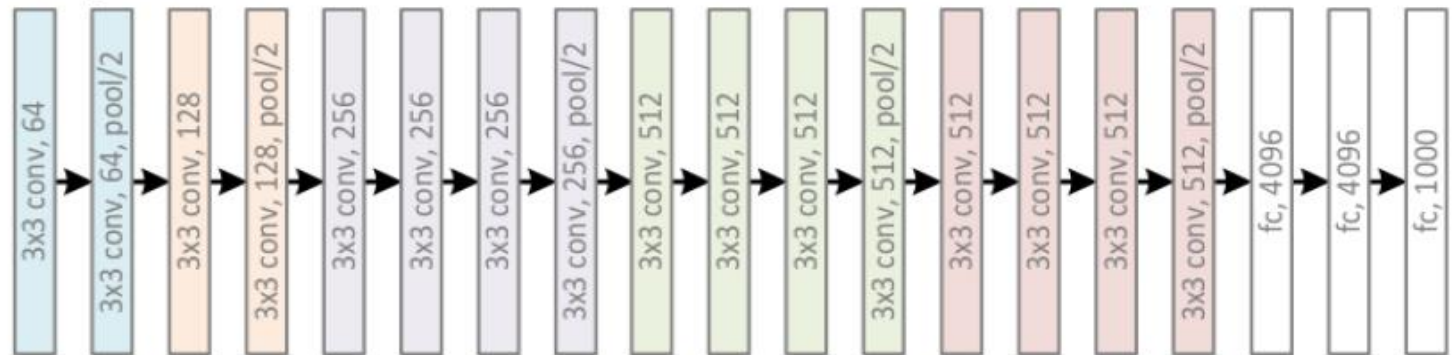
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# VGG Net: Archi post-2012 revolution

VGG, 16/19 layers, 2014



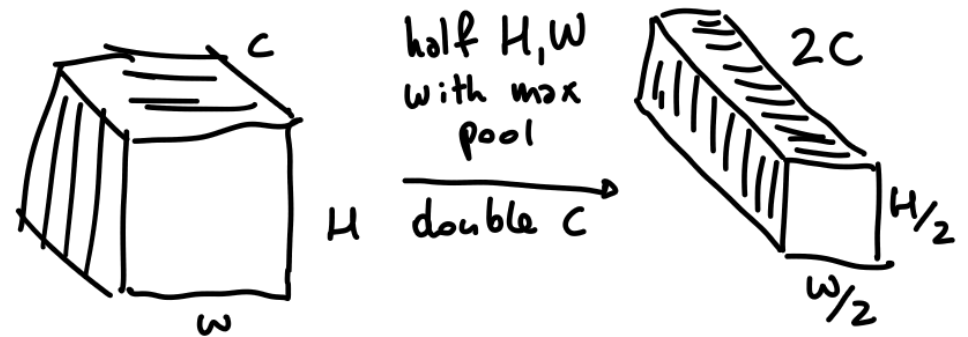
K. Simonyan, A. Zisserman, Very Deep Convolutional Networks for Large-Scale Image Recognition, ICLR 2015

# VGG Net

Basic Idea: Investigate the **effect of depth** in large scale image recognition

- **Fix other parameters** of architecture, and steadily increase depth

## Fixed configuration:



- Convolutional Layers: from 8 to 16
- Fully Connected Layers: 3
- Stride: 1
- ReLu: Follow all hidden layers
- Max-Pooling: 2x2 window
- Padding: s/t spatial resolution is preserved
- #Convolutional filters: Starting from 64, double after each max-pooling layer until 512
- Filter sizes: 3x3 and 1x1

ConvNet Configuration					
A	A-LRN	B	C	D	E
11 weight layers	11 weight layers	13 weight layers	16 weight layers	16 weight layers	19 weight layers
input ( $224 \times 224$ RGB image)					
conv3-64	conv3-64 <b>LRN</b>	conv3-64 <b>conv3-64</b>	conv3-64 conv3-64	conv3-64 conv3-64	conv3-64 conv3-64
maxpool					
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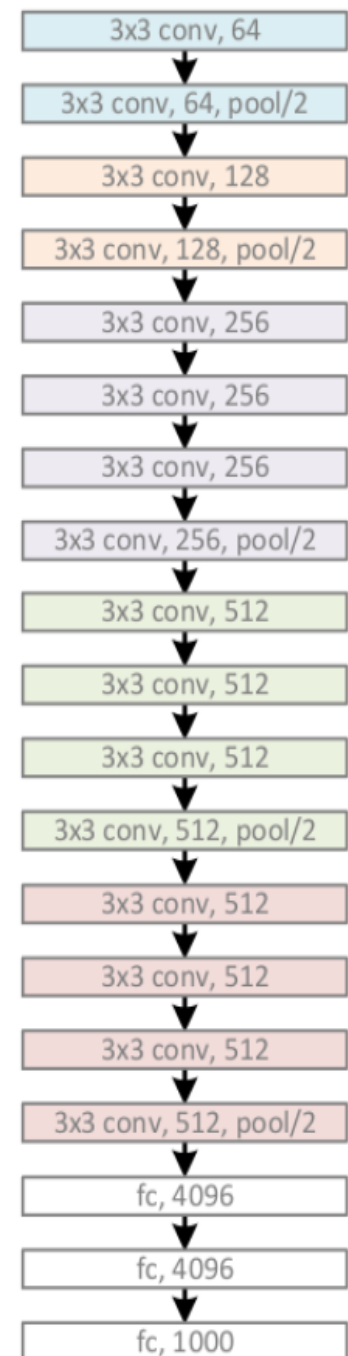


TABLE CREDIT:VERY DEEP CONVOLUTIONAL NETWORKS FOR LARGE-SCALE IMAGE RECOGNITION, ICLR2015

# VGG Net

## Results:

- First place in localization (25.3% error), second in classification (7.3% error) in ILSVRC 2014 using ensemble of 7 networks
- Outperforms Szegedy et.al (GoogLeNet) in terms of single network classification accuracy (7.1% vs 7.9%)

# Observations with VGG testing:

- Deepnets with small filters outperform shallow networks with large filters
  - Shallow version of B: 2 layers of 3x3 replaced with single 5x5 performs worse
- Classification error decreases with increases ConvNet depth
- Important to capture more spatial context (config D vs C)
- Error rate saturated at 19 layers
- Scale jittering at training helps capturing multiscale statistics and leads to better performance

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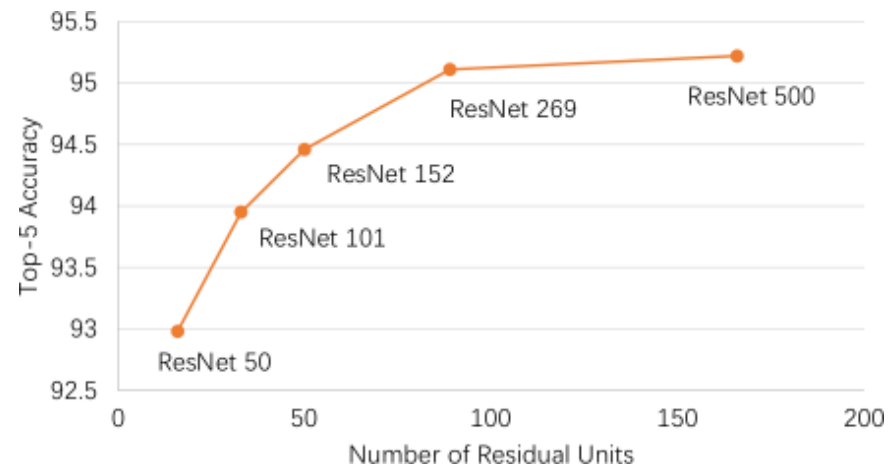
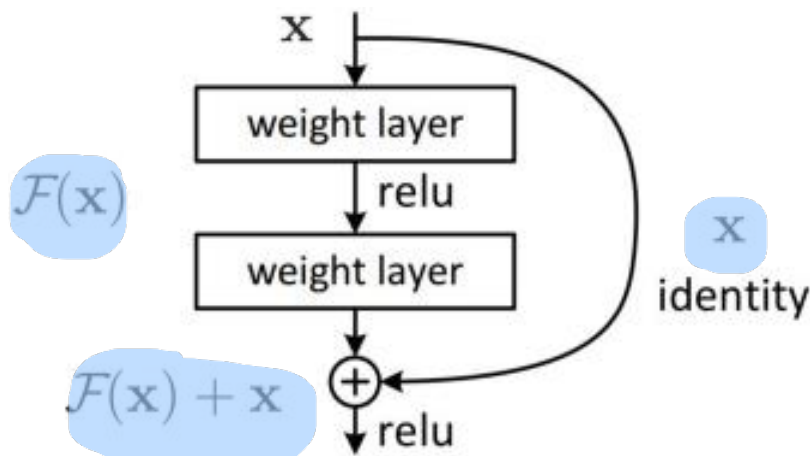
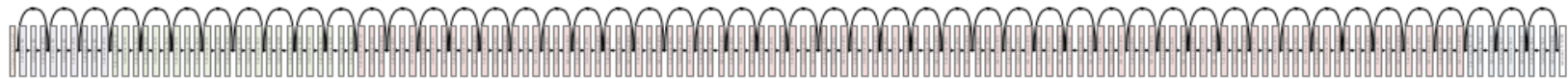
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# Deep ConvNets for image classification

- ResNet 152 layers, 60M parameters

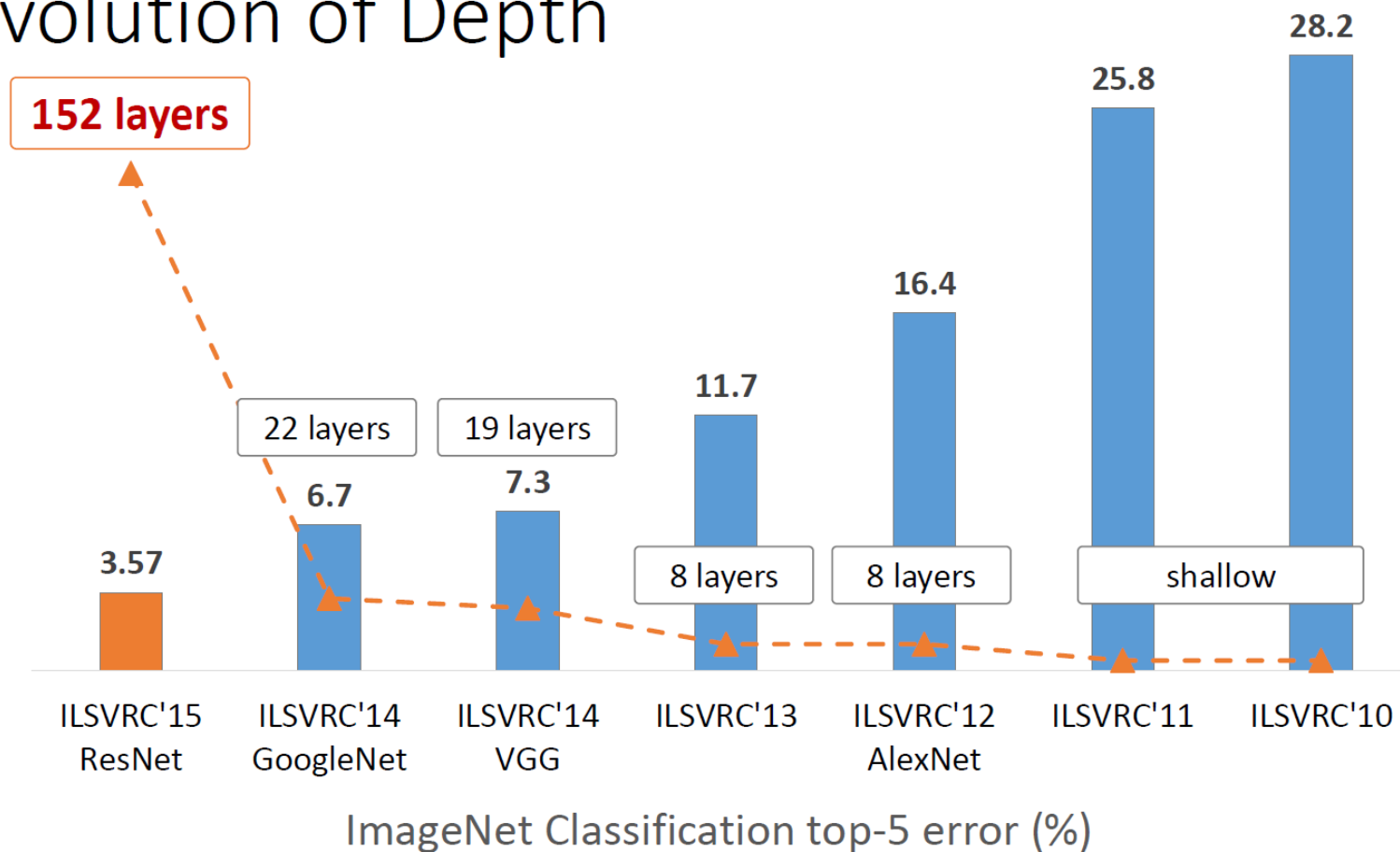


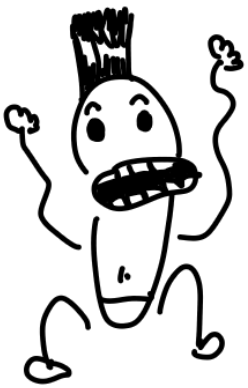
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In *CVPR*, 2016.



# Deep ConvNets for image classification

## Revolution of Depth





# ResNet

## The deeper, the better

+ Deeper network covers more complex problems

- Receptive field size  $\uparrow$
- Non-linearity  $\uparrow$
- Training deeper network more difficult because of vanishing/exploding gradients problem

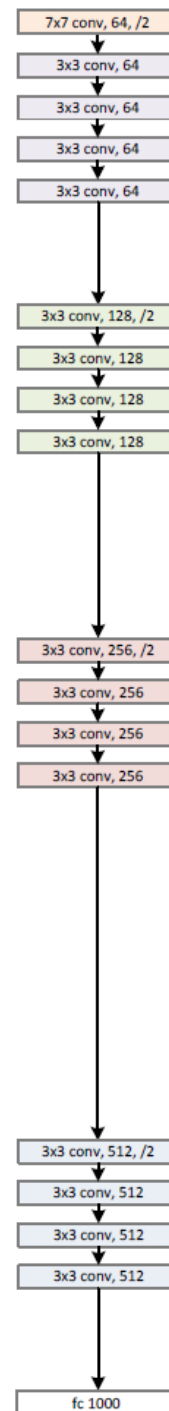
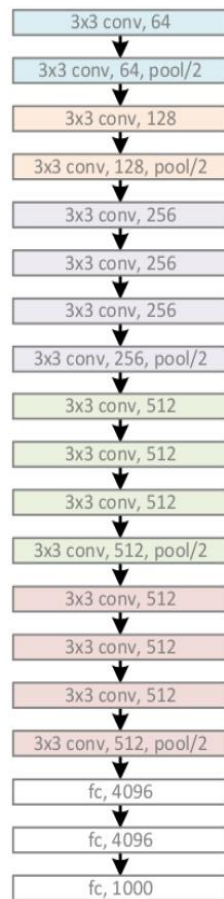
@ Kaiming He ILSVRC & COCO 2015

# Deeper VGG:

# Naïve solution

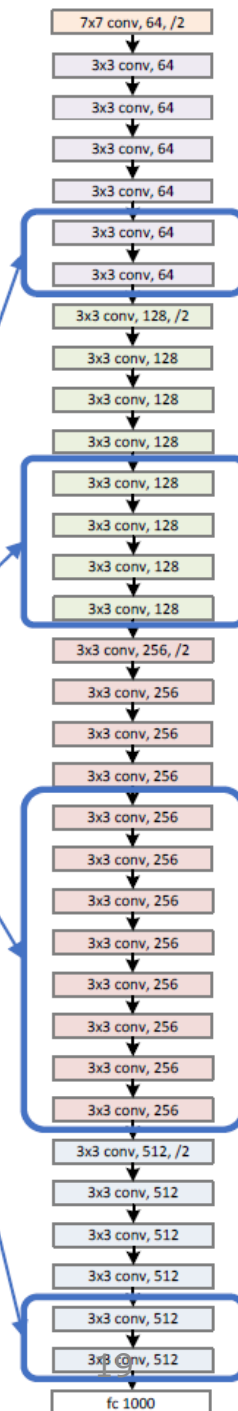
If extra layers  
**identity** mapping,  
training error not  
increase

VGG, 16/19 layers, 2014



they should learn  
on I  
mapping

“extra”  
layers



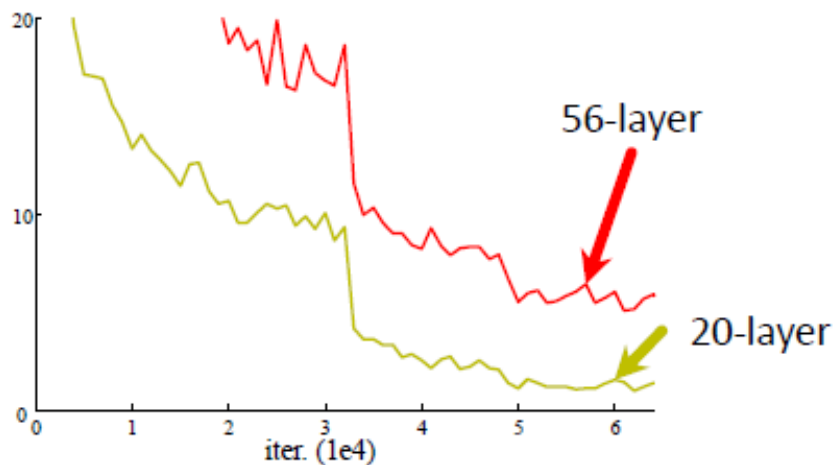
# Deeper VGG: 56 Plain Network

Plain nets: stacking 3x3 conv layers

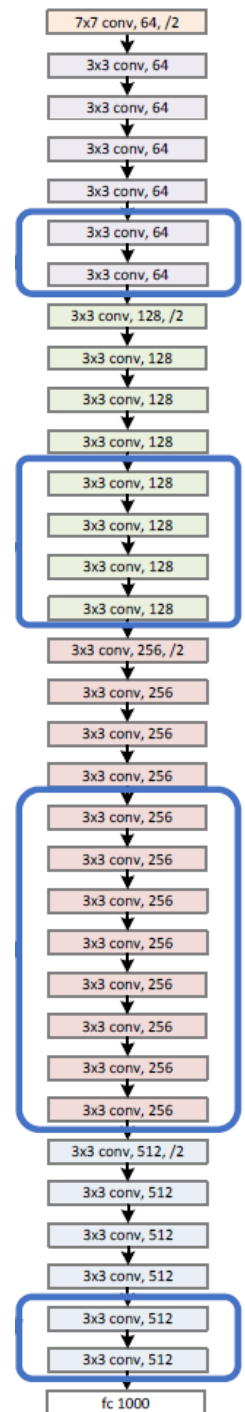
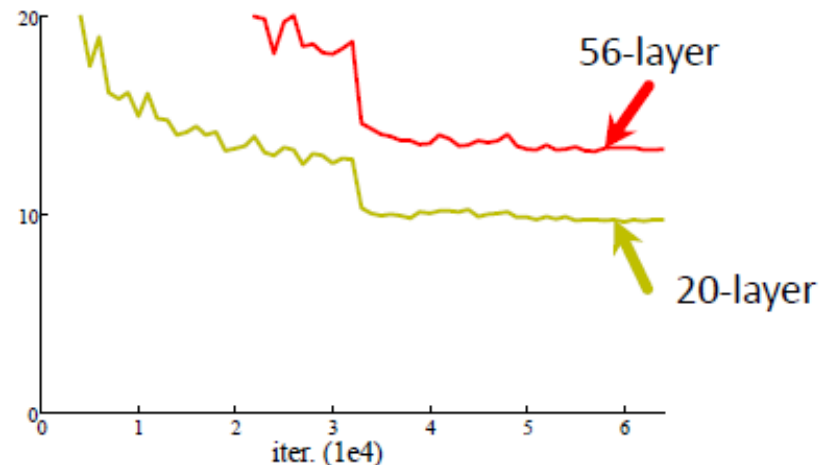
- 56-layer net has higher training error and test error than 20-layers net

CIFAR-10

train error (%)



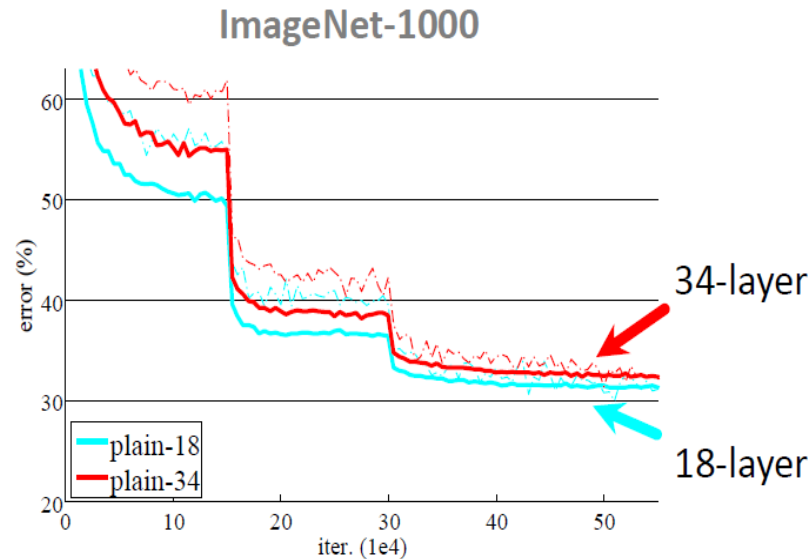
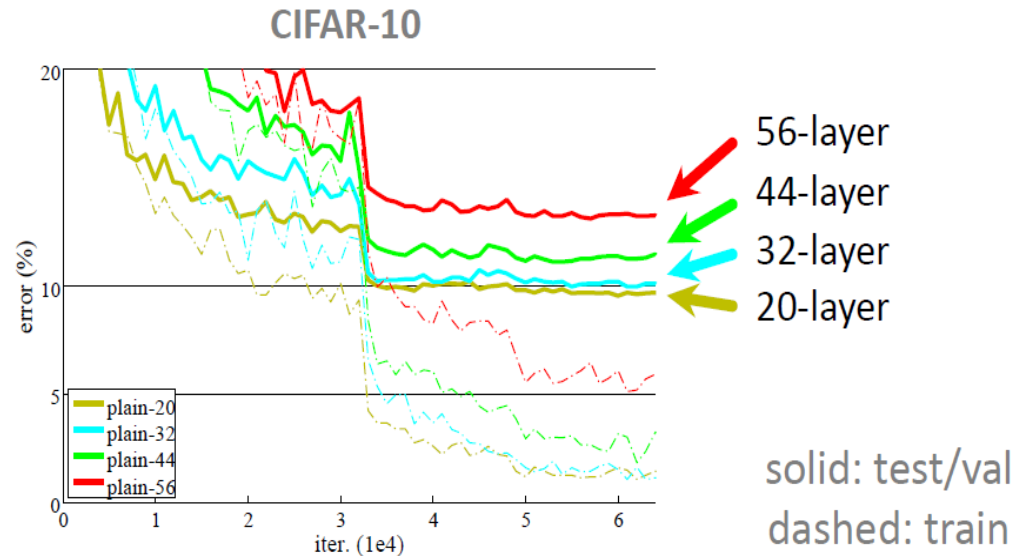
test error (%)



# Deeper VGG:

“Overly deep” plain nets have higher training error

A general phenomenon, observed in many datasets



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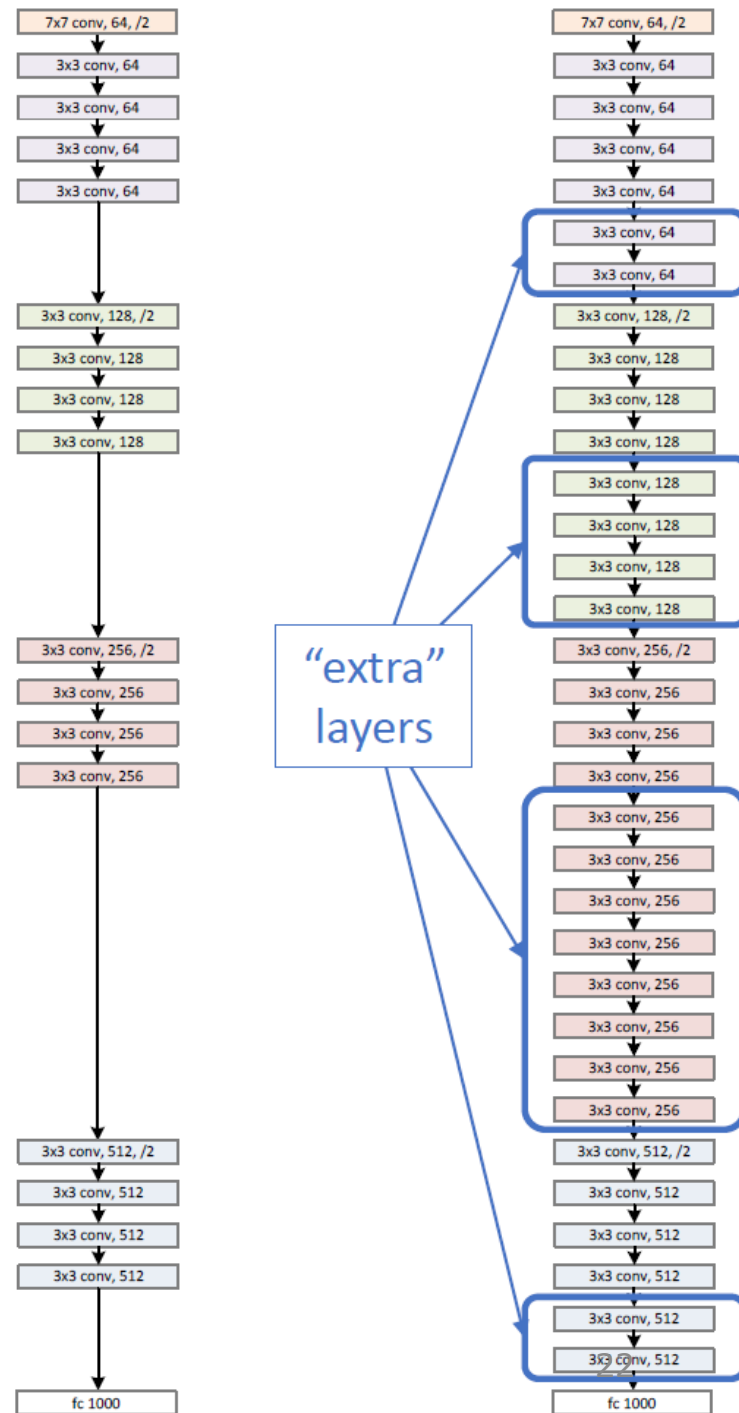
Deeper networks maintain the tendency of results

Features in same level will be almost same

An amount of changes is fixed

Adding layers make smaller differences

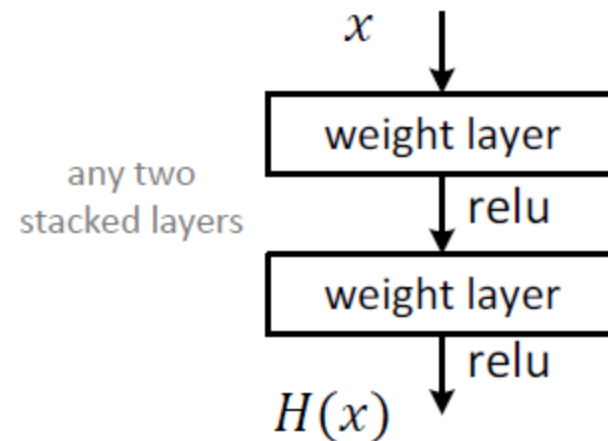
Optimal mappings closer to an identity



# Residual Network

## Plain block:

Difficult to make  
identity mapping  
because of multiple  
non-linear layers



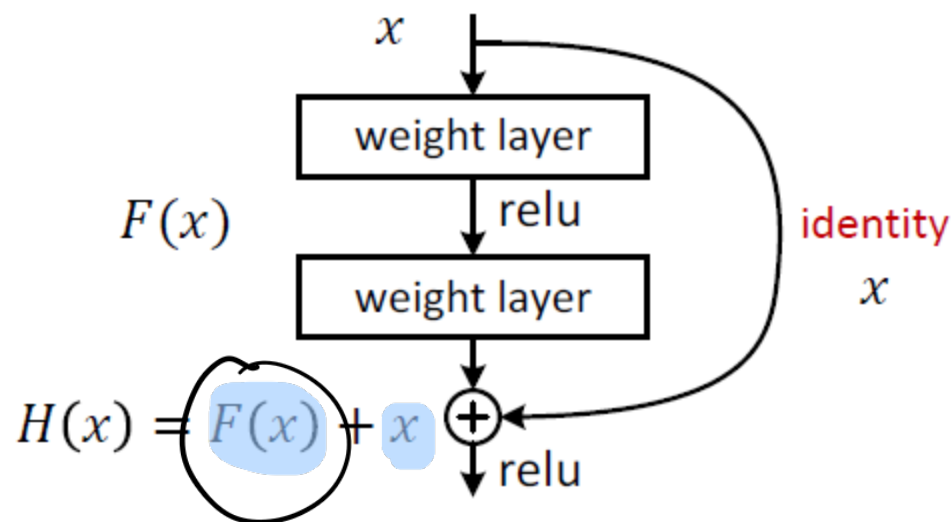
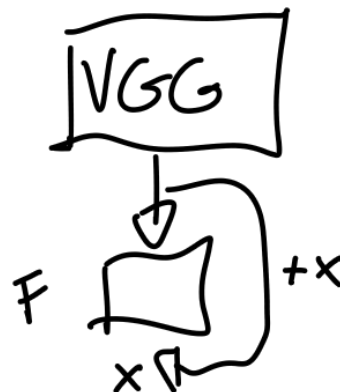
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## Residual block:

If identity were optimal,  
easy to set weights as 0

If optimal mapping is  
closer to identity, easier to  
find small fluctuations

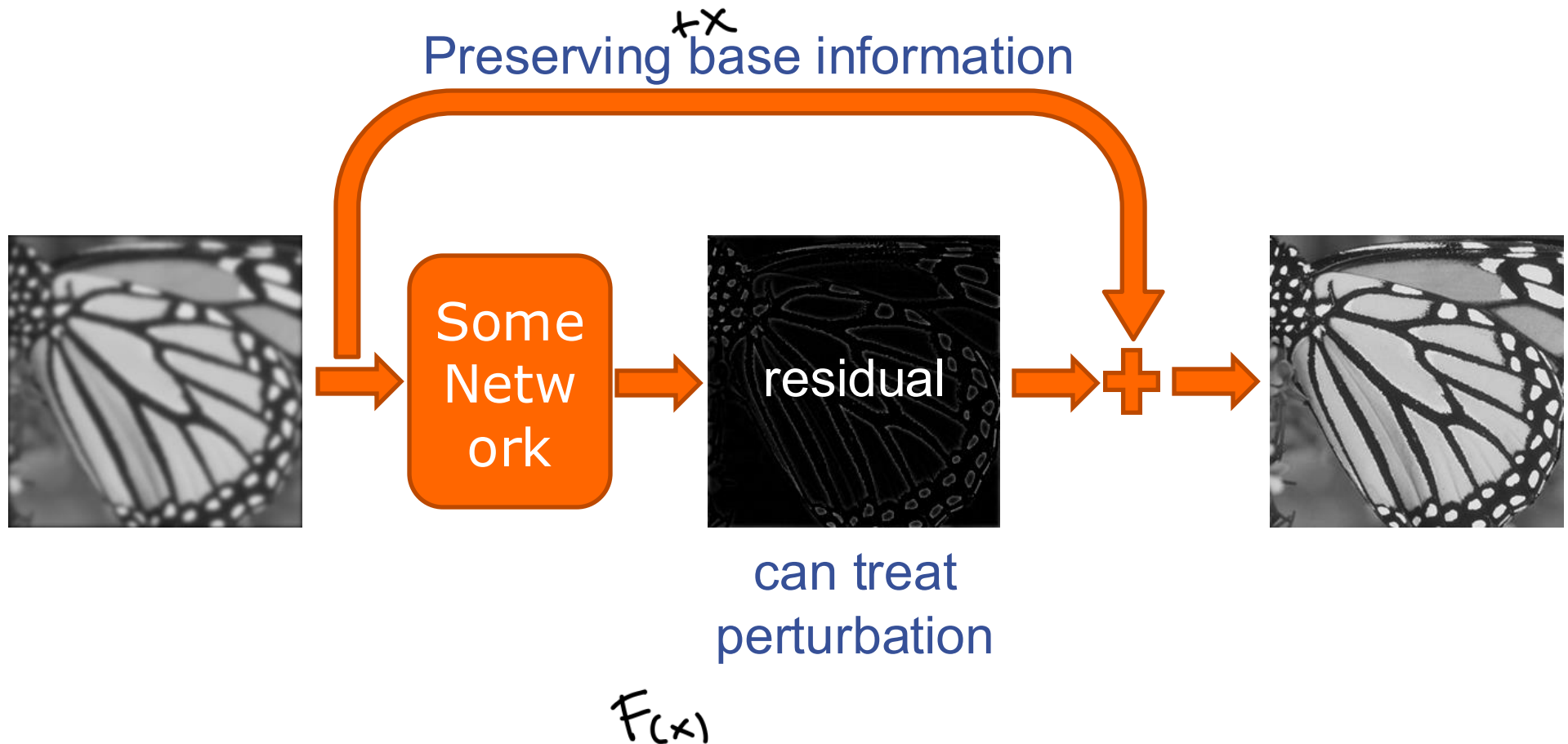
-> Appropriate for treating  
**perturbation** as keeping a  
base information





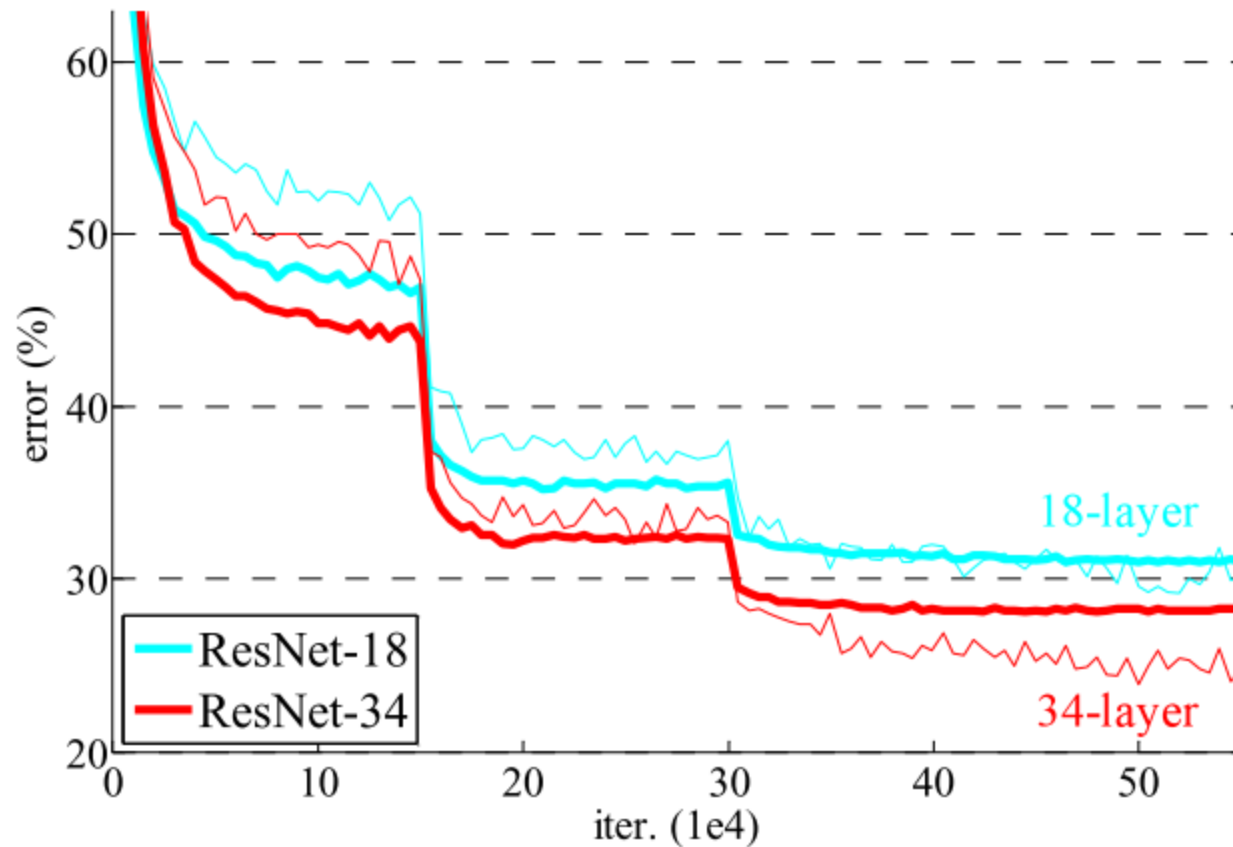
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- Difference between an original image and a changed image



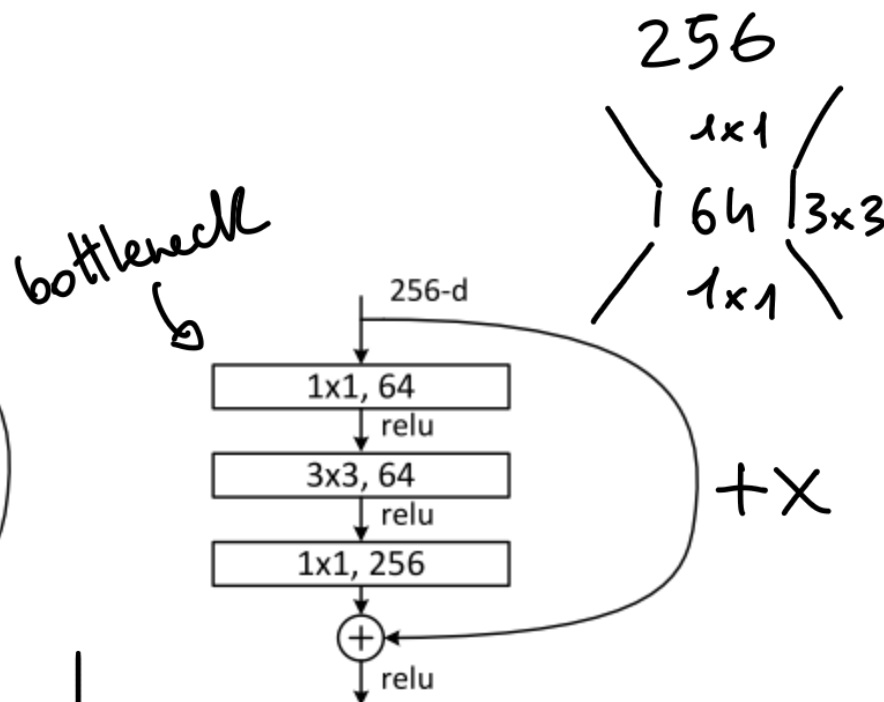
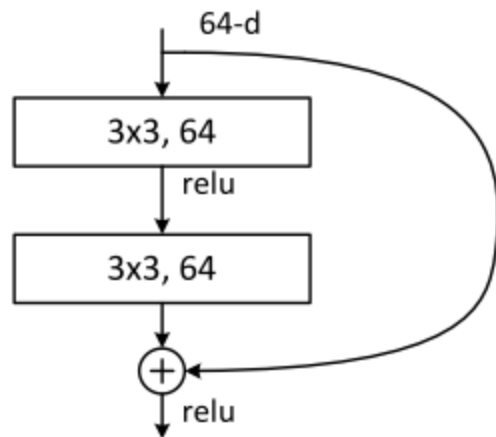
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Deeper ResNets have lower training error



# Residual Network

- Residual block
  - Very simple
  - Parameter-free



A naïve residual block | **bottleneck** residual block  
(for ResNet-50/101/152)

# Residual Network

- Shortcuts connections

- Identity shortcuts

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{x}, \{W_i\}) + \mathbf{x}.$$

- Projection shortcuts

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{x}, \{W_i\}) + W_s \mathbf{x}.$$

# Network Design

## Basic design (VGG-style)

All 3x3 conv (almost)

Spatial size/2 => #filters x2

Batch normalization

Simple design, just deep

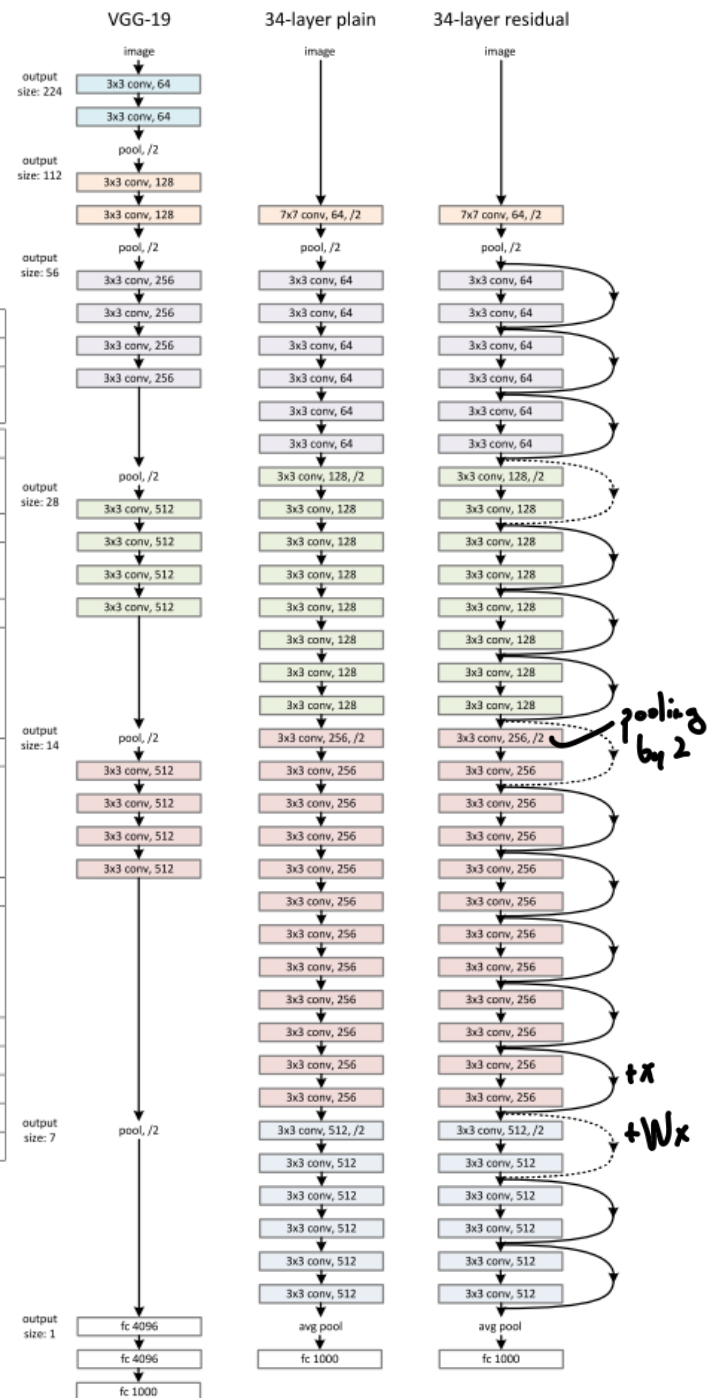
## Other remarks

No max pooling (almost)

No hidden fc


No dropout

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in backprop the gradient goes back in 2 directions

reduced vanishing  $\nabla$  problem



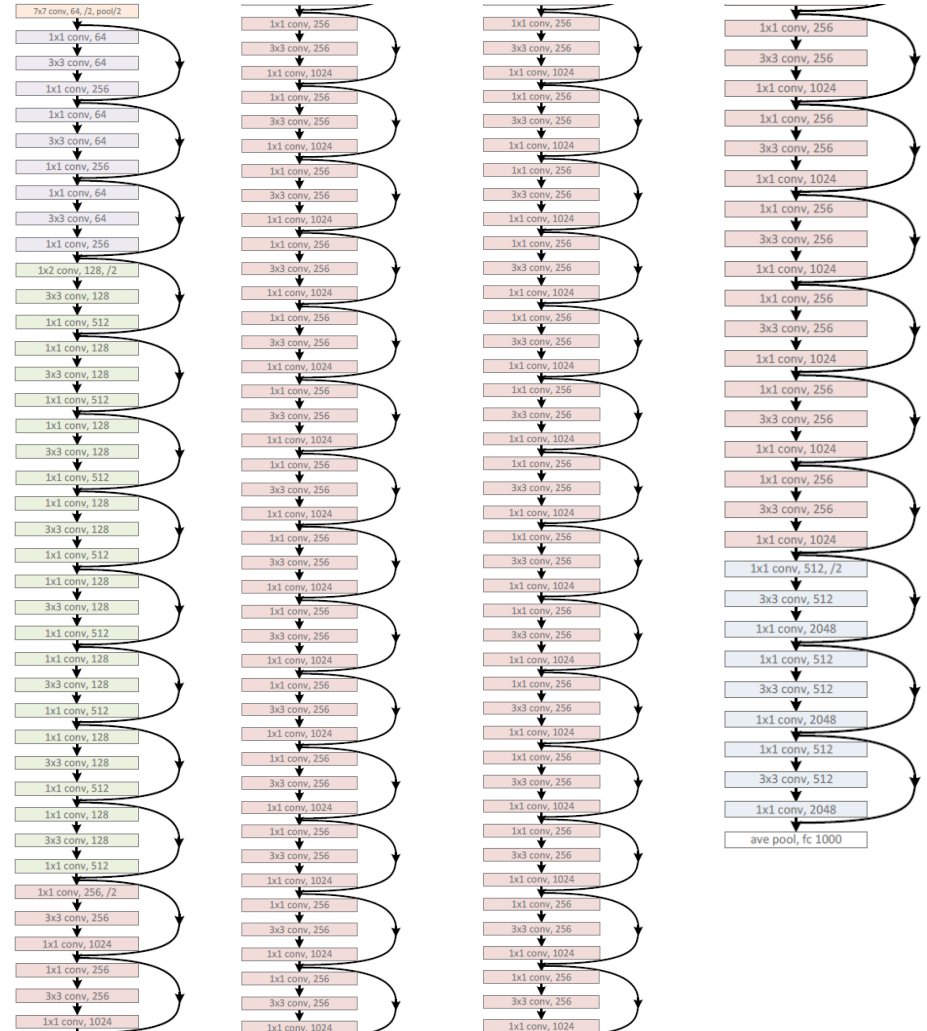
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## ResNet-152

Use bottlenecks

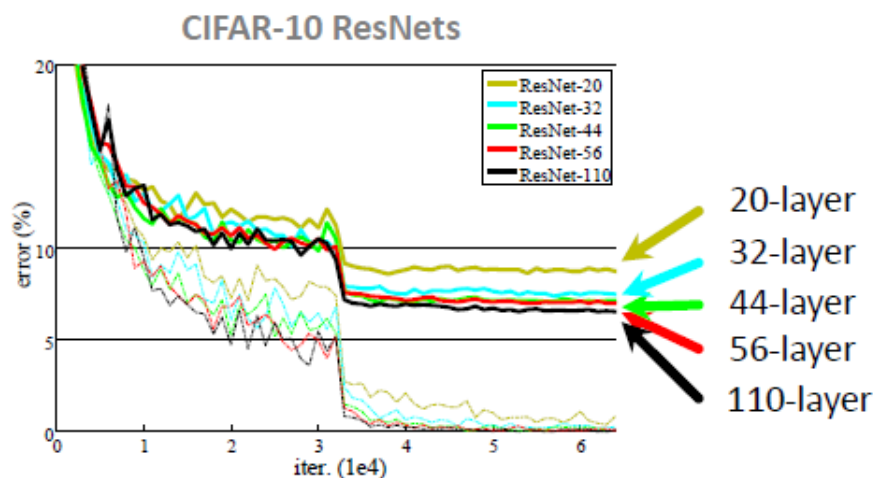
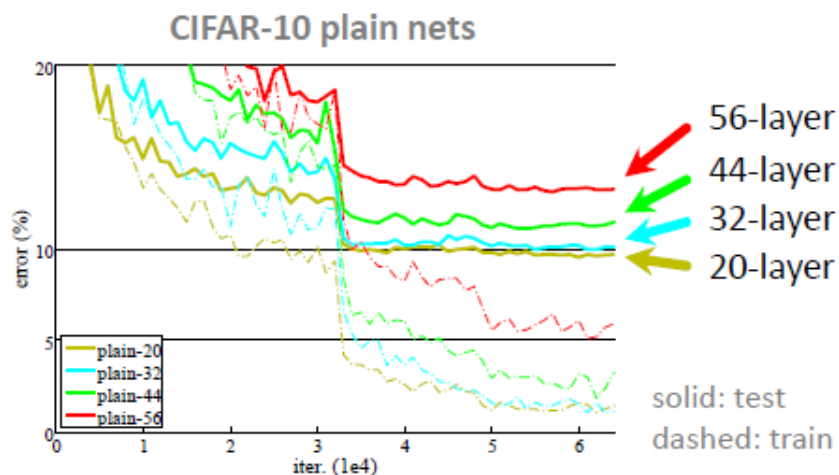
ResNet-152 (11.3 billion FLOPs) lower complexity than VGG-16/19 nets (15.3/19.6 billion FLOPs)

About 64M parameters



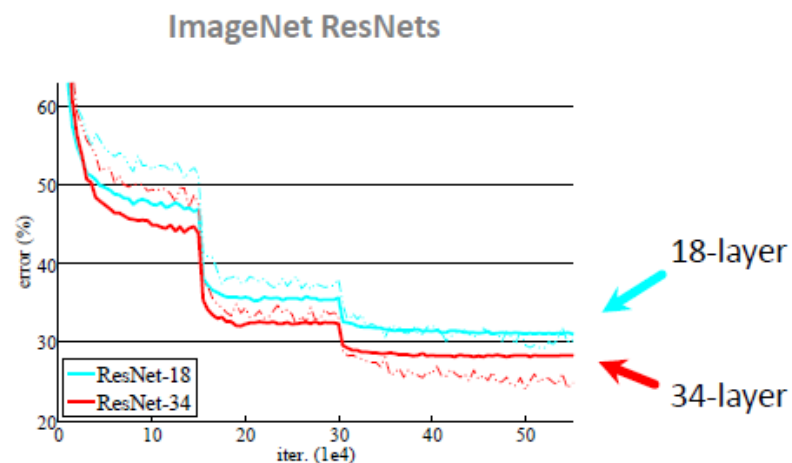
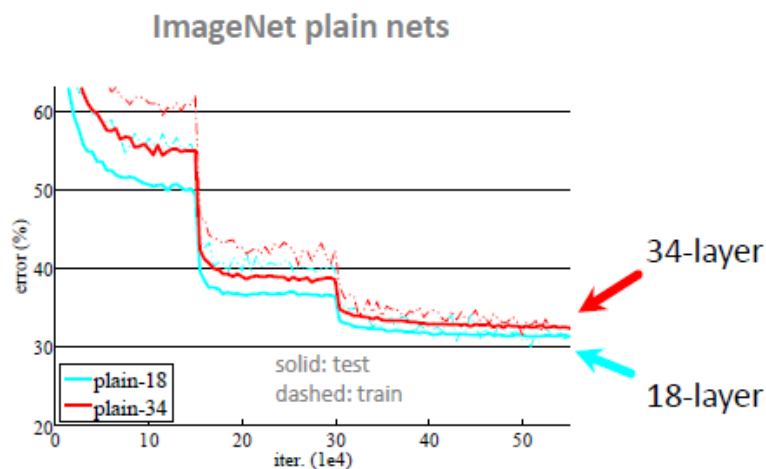
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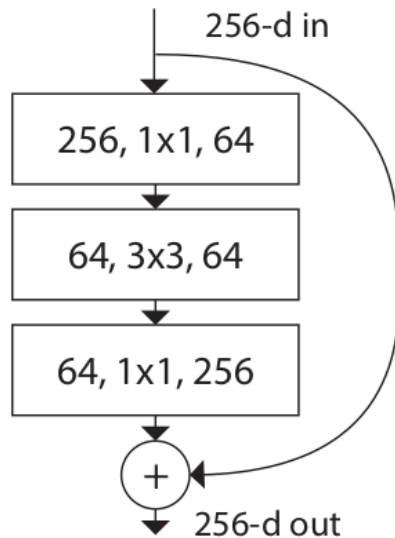
# Results

- 1<sup>st</sup> places in all five main tracks in “ILSVRC & COCO 2015 Competitions”
  - ImageNet Classification
  - ImageNet Detection
  - ImageNet Localization
  - COCO Detection
  - COCO Segmentation

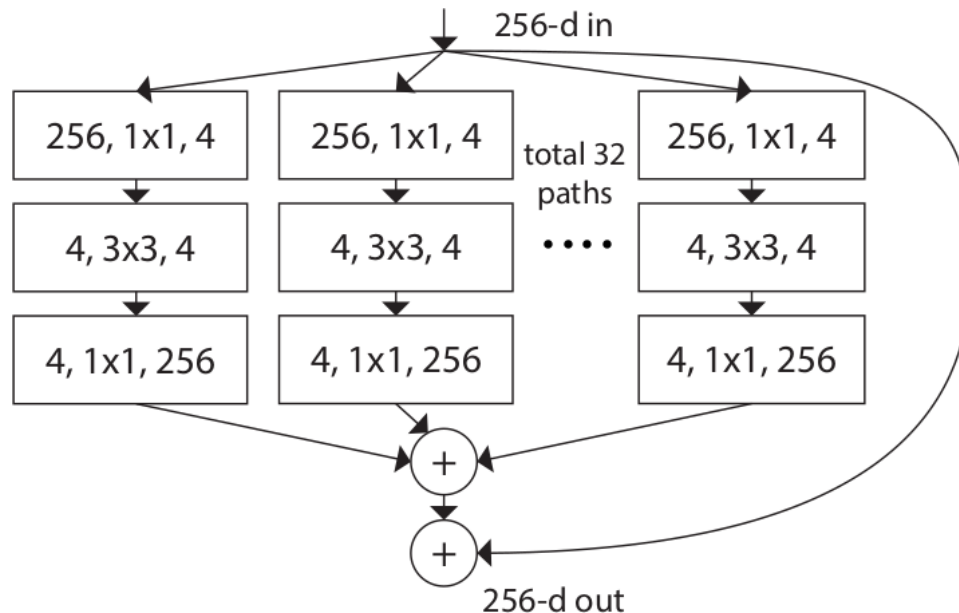
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- ResNeXt
  - ┆ Multi-branch architecture

GoogleNet  
+  
ResNet



ResNet



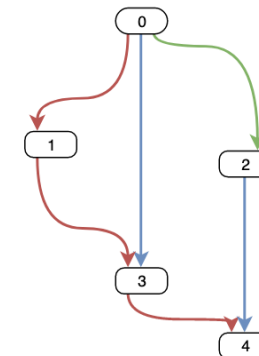
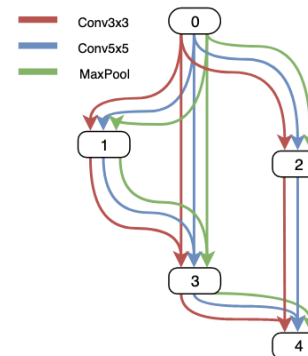
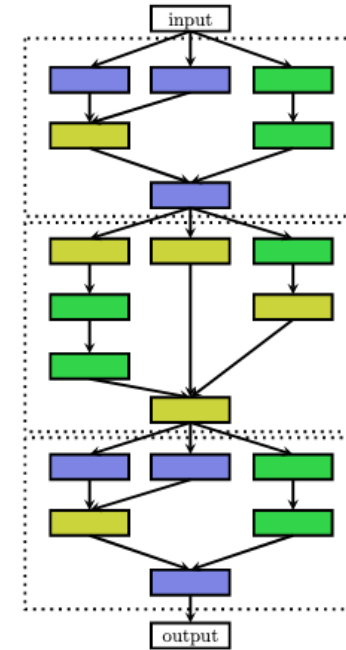
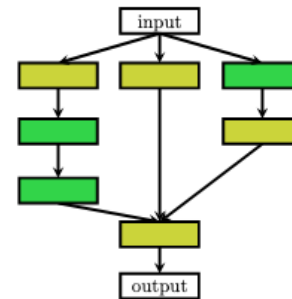
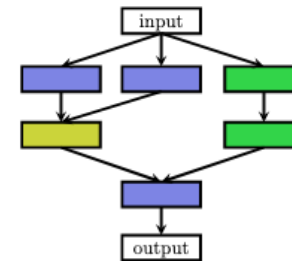
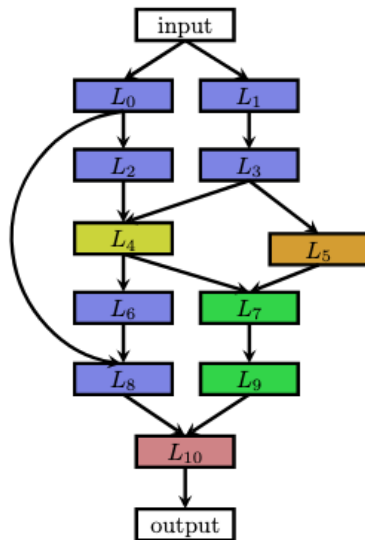
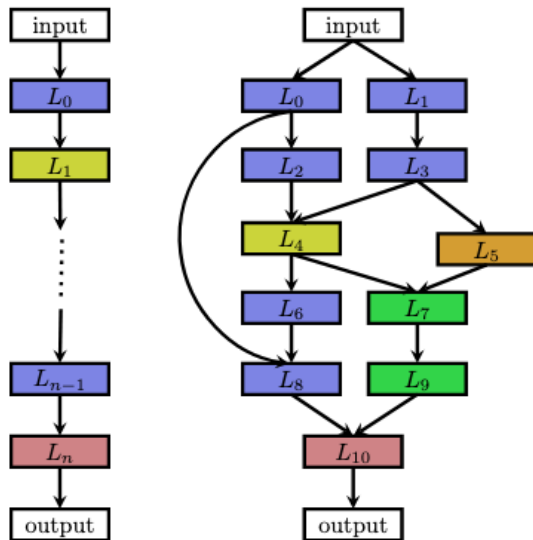
ResNeXt



Saining Xie, Ross Girshick, Piotr Dollár, Zhuowen Tu and Kaiming He  
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# Exploring type of deep modules in Neural Nets

## *NAS Neural Architecture Search*



# Conclusion

- ResNet: currently the best ConvNet framework for large scale image classification
- Fully Convolutional Net (FCN) very interesting option
- Limitation: at each layer, convolution only considers local interaction/attention (limited by the size of the filter)