

Semantic Segmentation

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Computer Vision

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Semantic Segmentation



predict



Person
Bicycle
Background

Label each pixel of an image with a class value -> dense prediction

Semantic Segmentation



Input Image

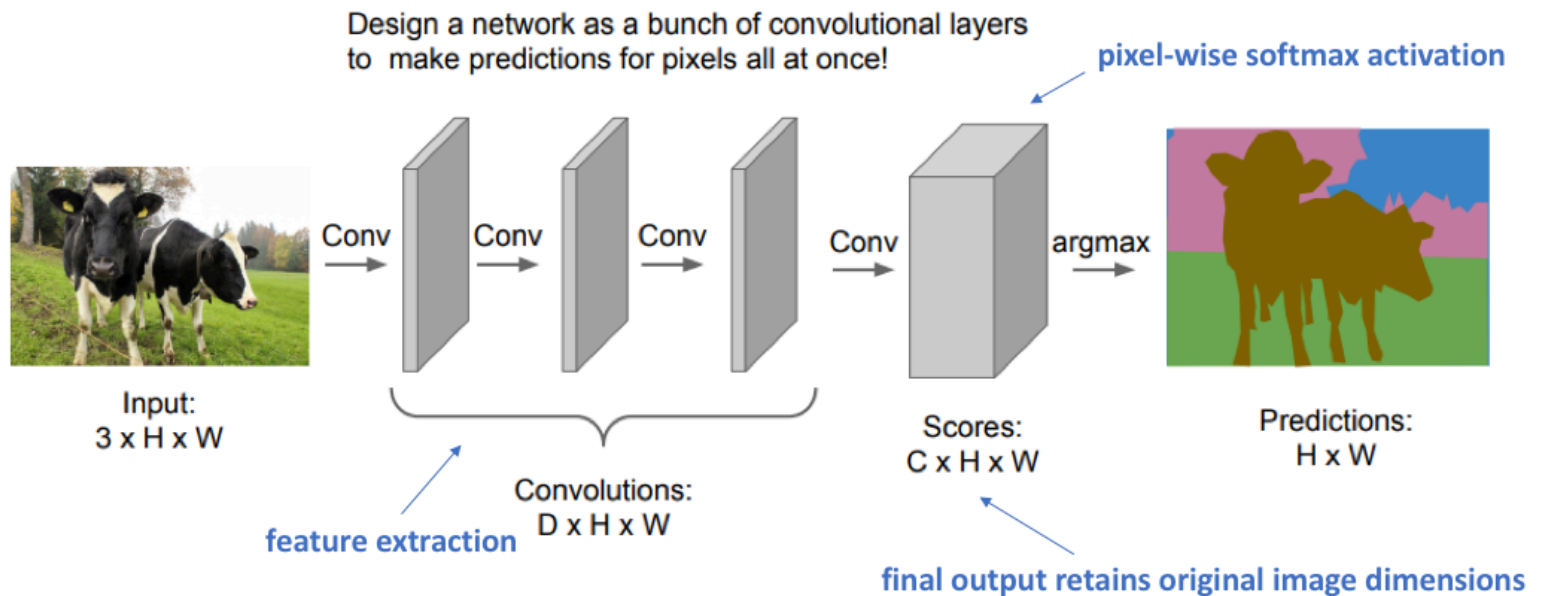


Semantic Segmentation



Instance Segmentation

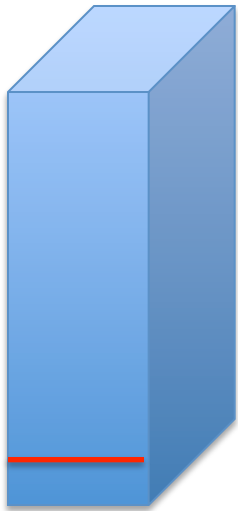
Semantic Segmentation with ConvNet



Downside: Preserving image dimensions throughout entire network will be computationally expensive.

Probability vector of C classes at each pixel location

Pixel wise softmax loss



C

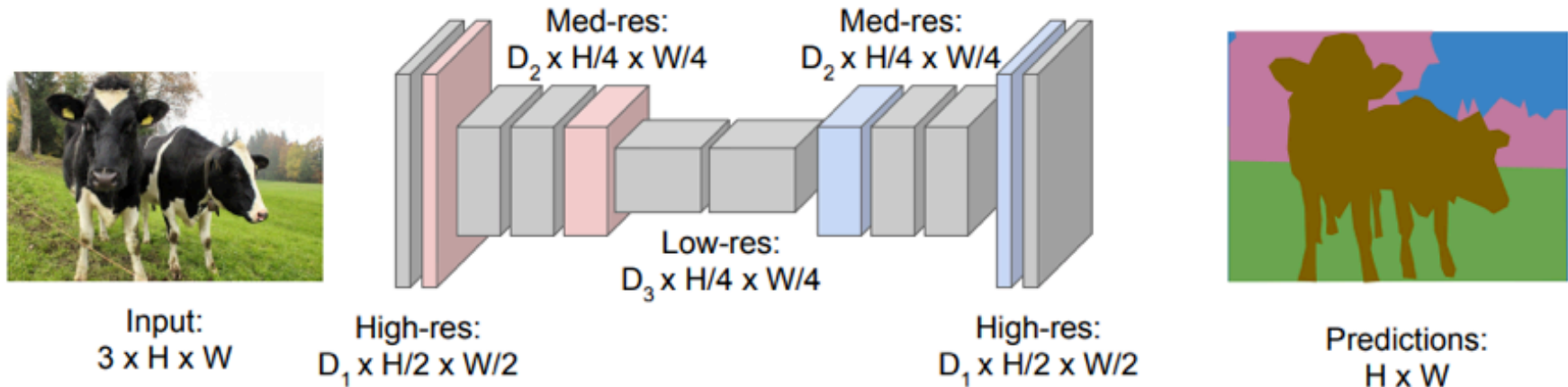
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Loss at each pixel location = $-\log p_y$

Loss = (spatial) sum of loss at each pixel

Semantic Segmentation with ConvNet

Design network as a bunch of convolutional layers, with **downsampling** and **upsampling** inside the network!

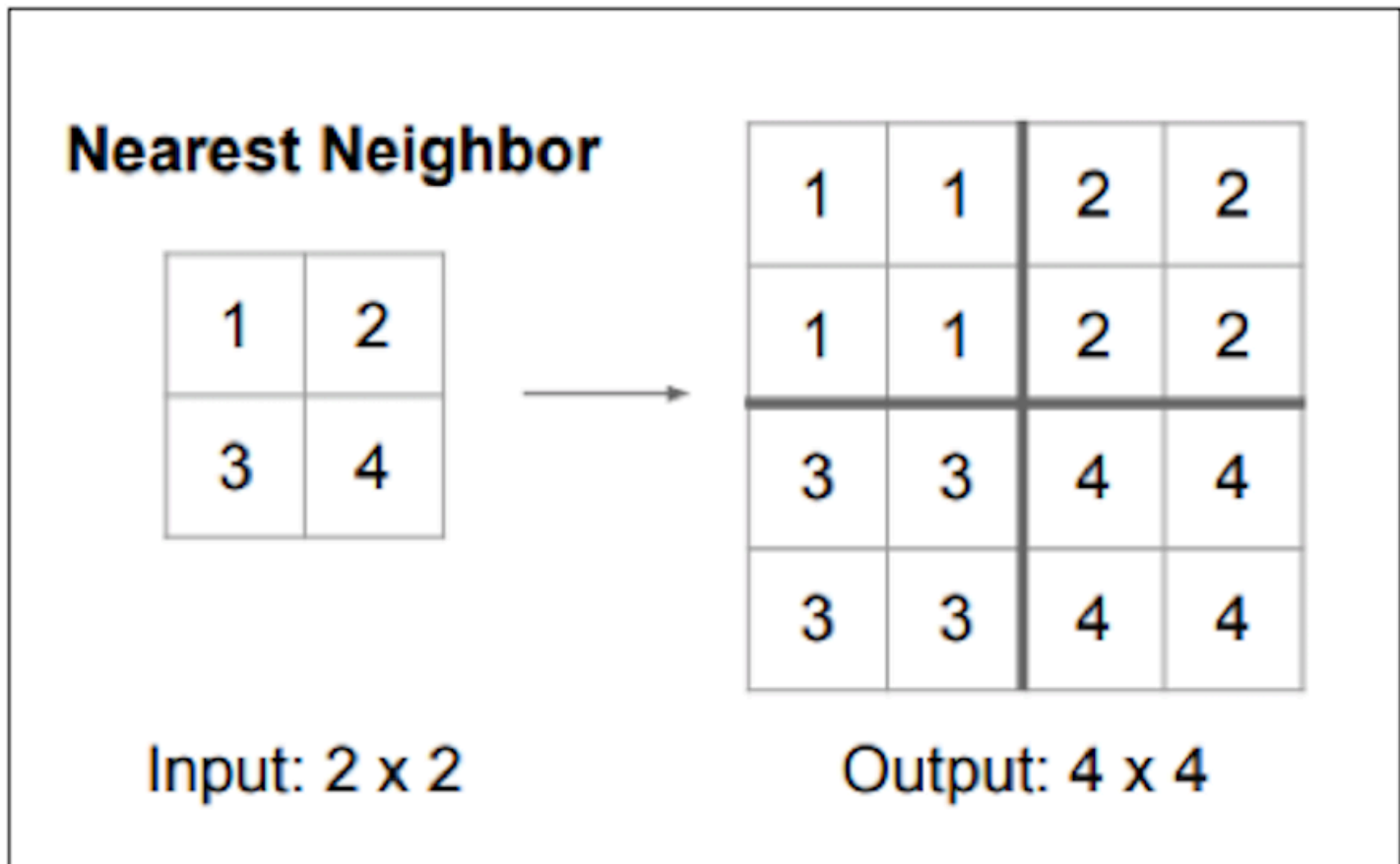


Solution: Make network deep and *work at a lower spatial resolution* for many of the layers.

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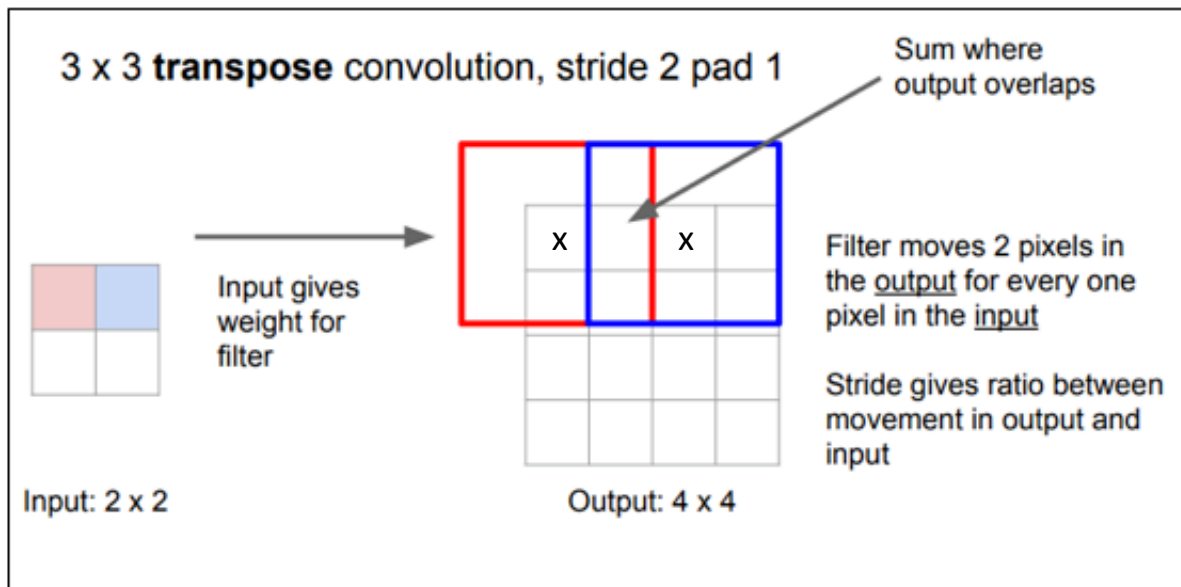
Upsampling

Unpooling: inverse of max/average pooling



Upsampling

Transpose convolution

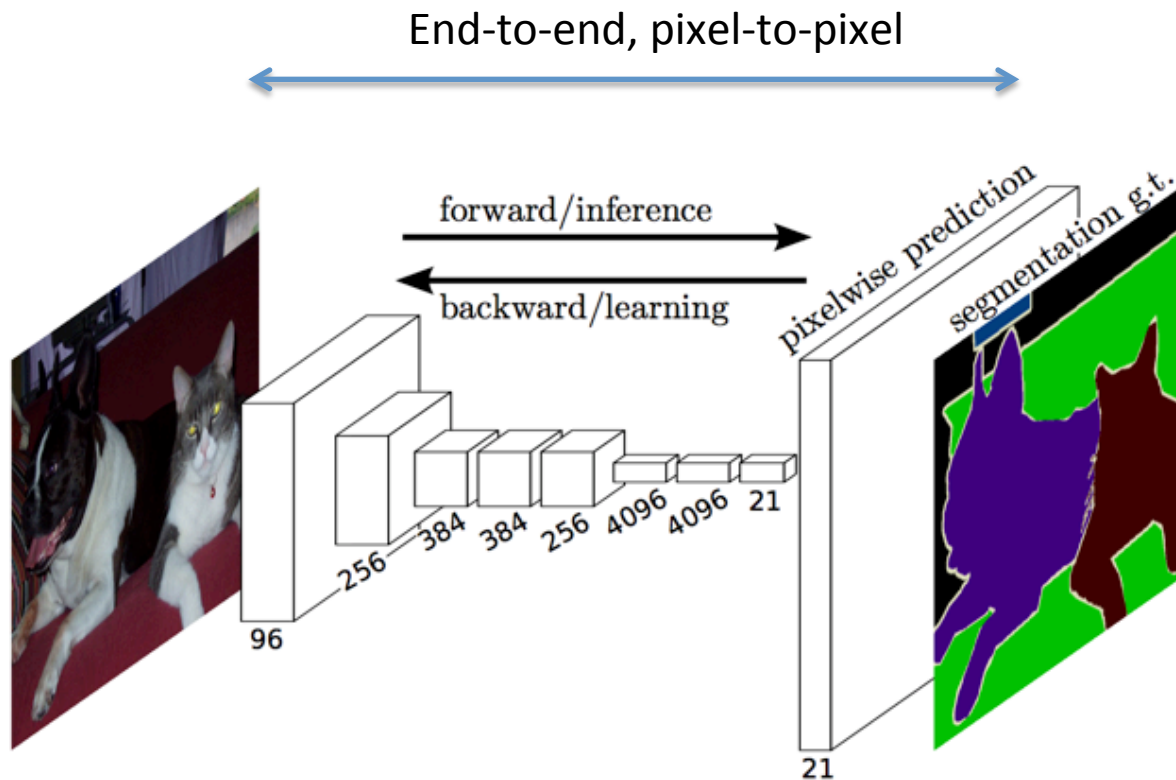


Standard convolution: input (matrix) * filter (matrix) -> output (scalar)

Transpose convolution: input (scalar) * filter (matrix) -> output (matrix)

Learn filter mask for optimal upsampling

Fully convolutional network (FCN)



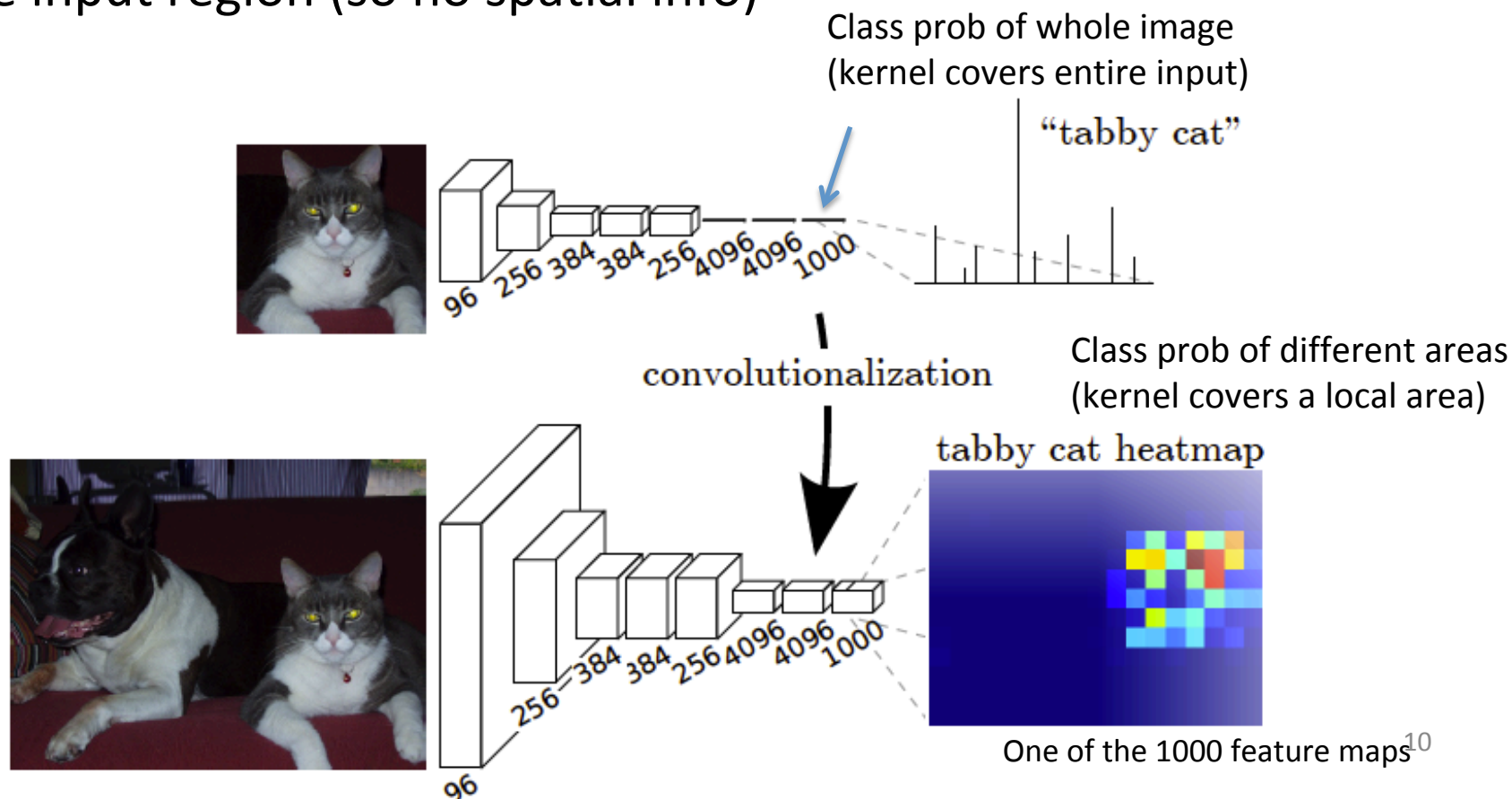
[Long et al. 2014]

- Well pre-trained network as 'encoder'
- Transpose convolution layers to upsample the coarse feature map to full-resolution segmentation map
- Trained end-to-end, pixel-to-pixel

Fully convolutional network (FCN)

Fully connected layer

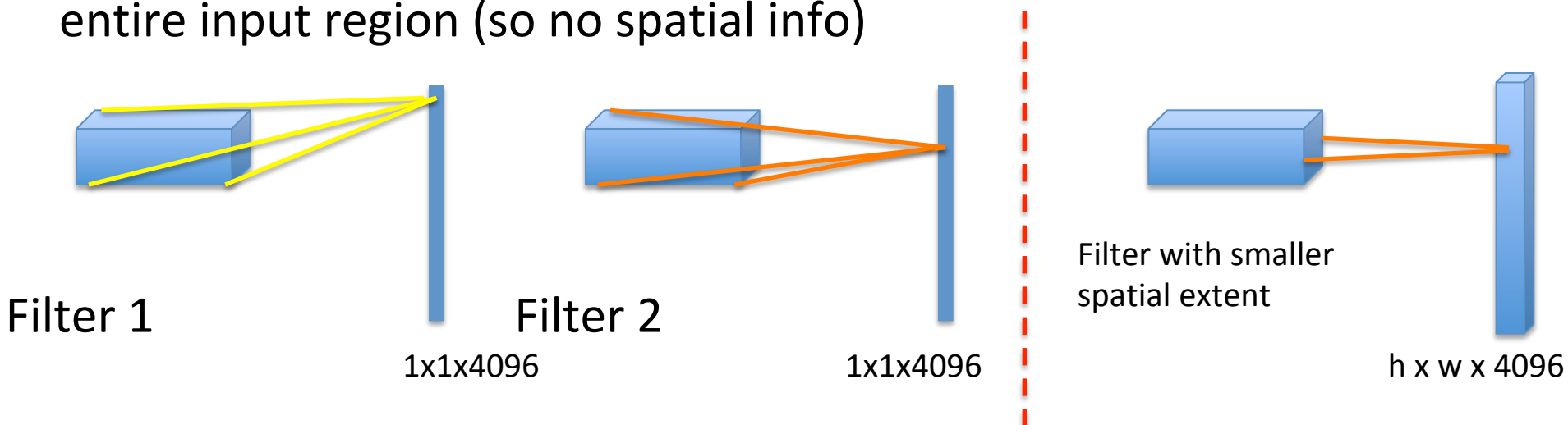
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Fully connected layer: 4096 filter masks; filter size = input

Output of fully connected layer: 1×1 feature map (total 4096 channels)

Fully convolutional: use small filter

Issue in baseline FCN

Ground truth target



Predicted segmentation



“Semantic segmentation faces an inherent tension between semantics and location: global information resolves **what** while local information resolves **where**”

“Combining fine layers and coarse layers lets the model make local predictions that respect global structure”

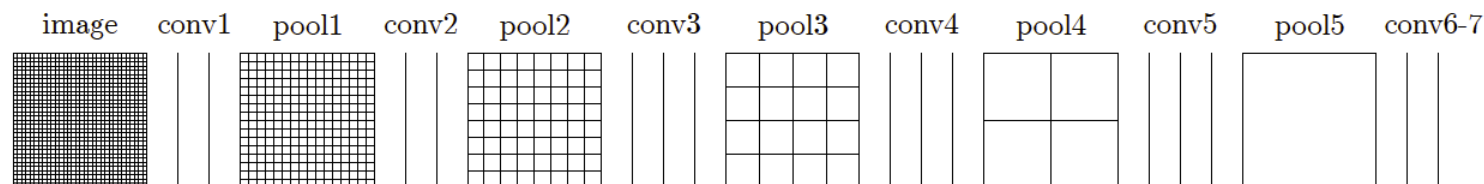
Combining what and where

- Deep, coarse semantic information
- Shallow, fine appearance information

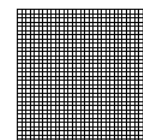
Pooling with
stride 2

Pooling with
stride 4
equivalently

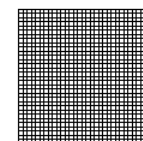
Pooling with
stride 16
equivalently



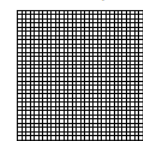
32x upsampled
prediction (FCN-32s)



16x upsampled
prediction (FCN-16s)



8x upsampled
prediction (FCN-8s)

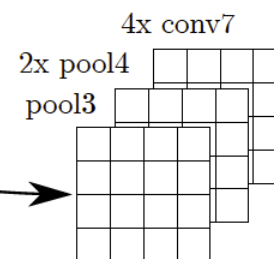
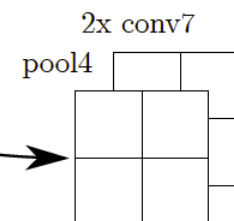


Pool4: C 1x1 filters on pool4 -> class prediction

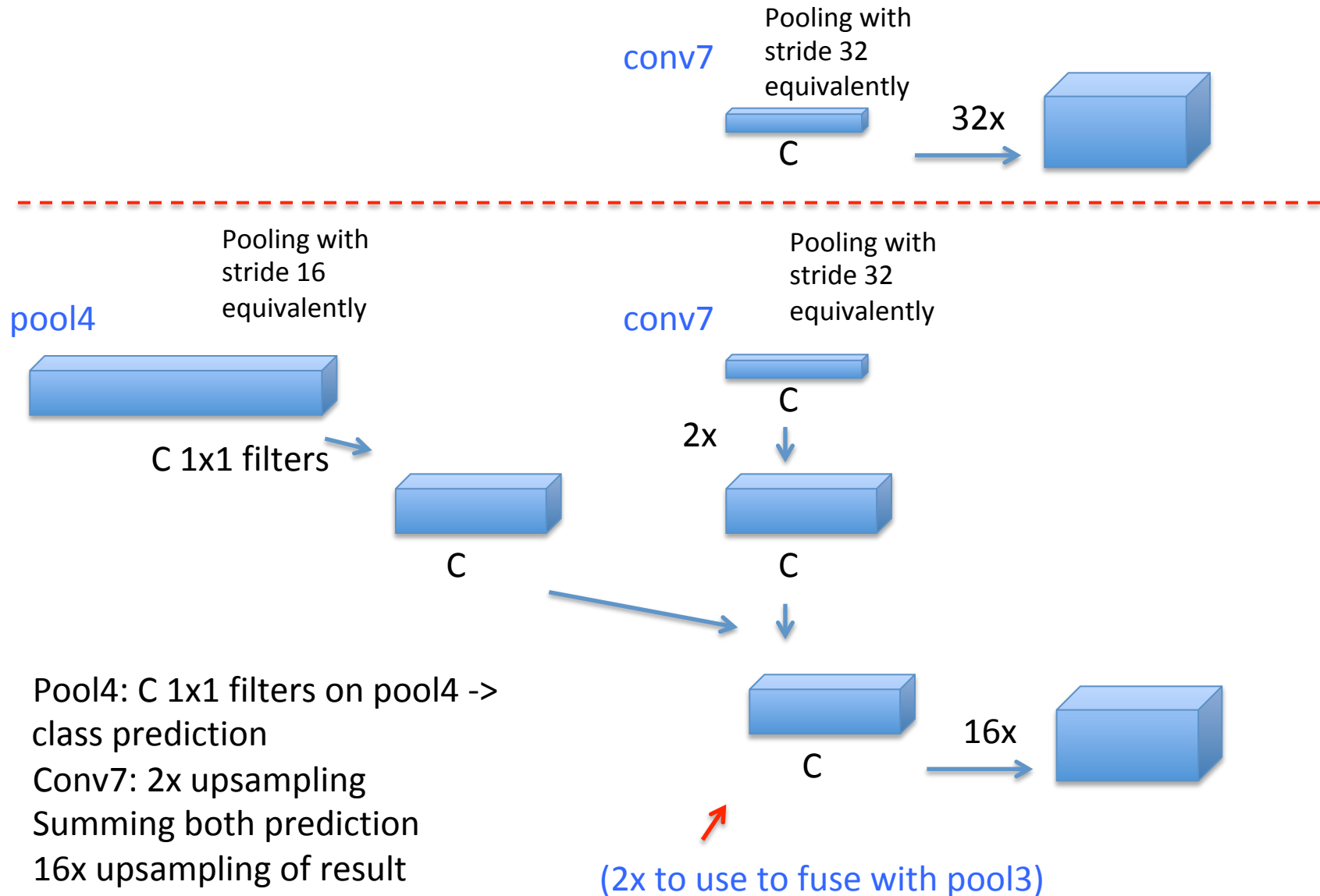
Conv7: 2x upsampling

Summing both prediction

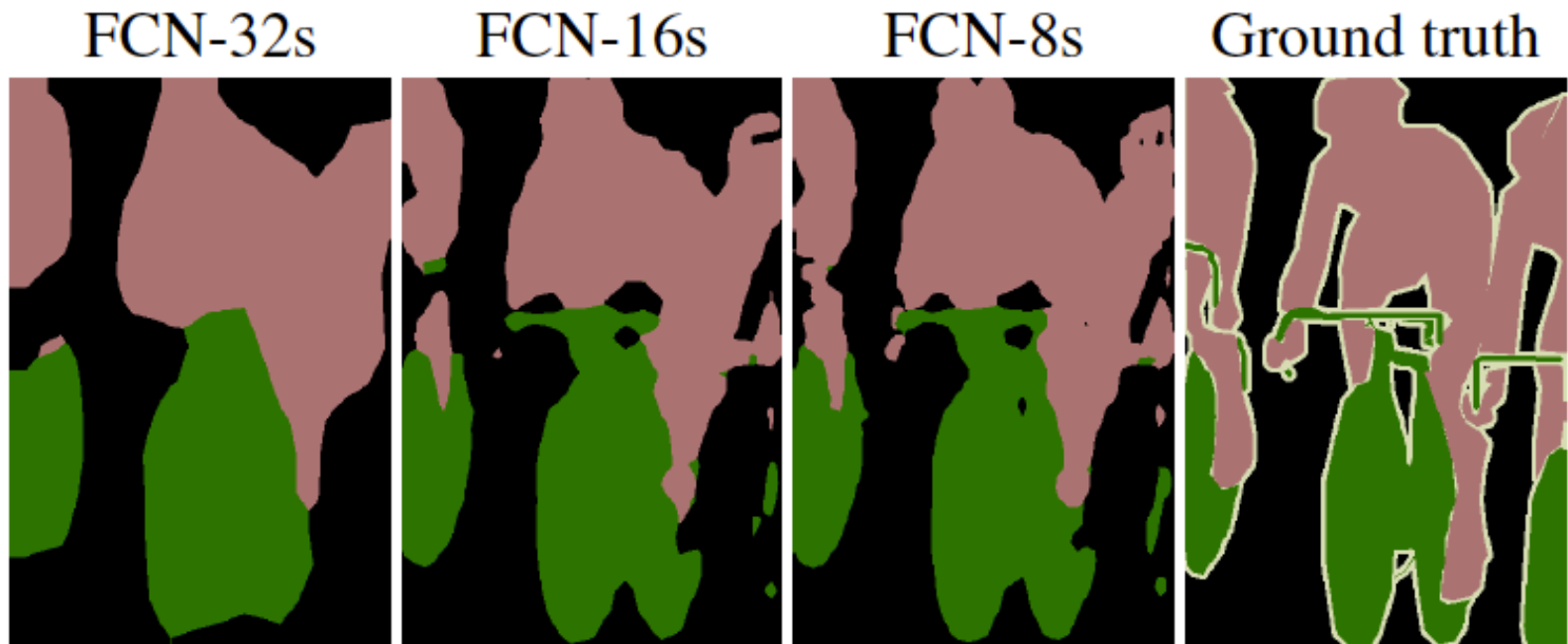
16x upsampling of result



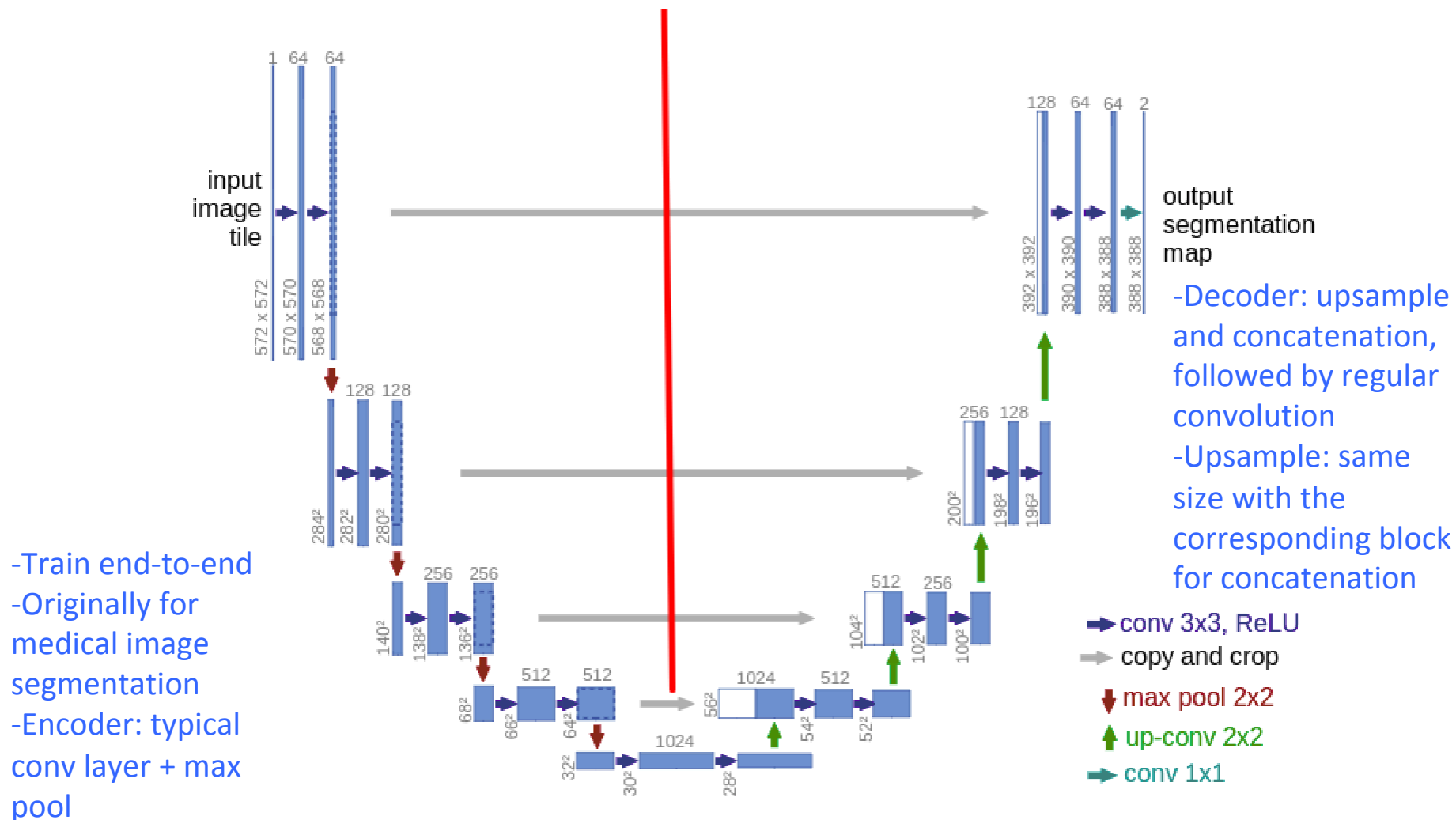
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U-Net: high capacity decoder



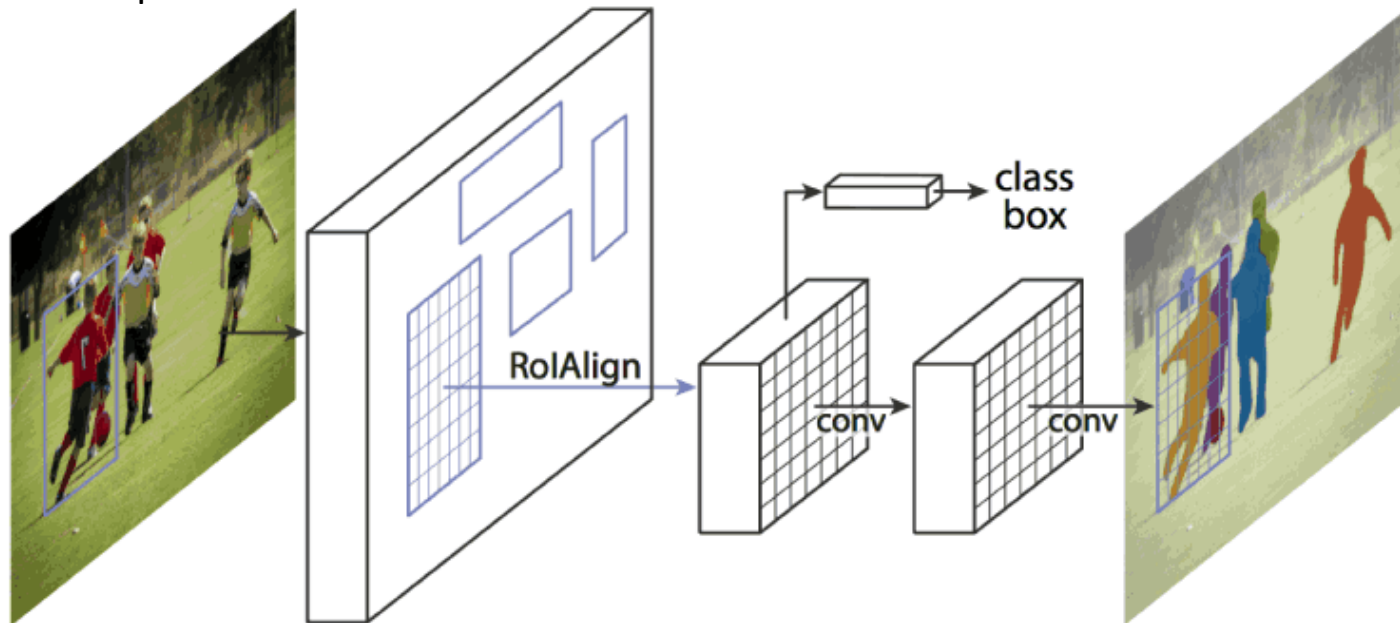
U-Net

- Upsampling: not accurate
- Use earlier stages to provide representation for localization: via concatenation

Mask R-CNN for instance segmentation

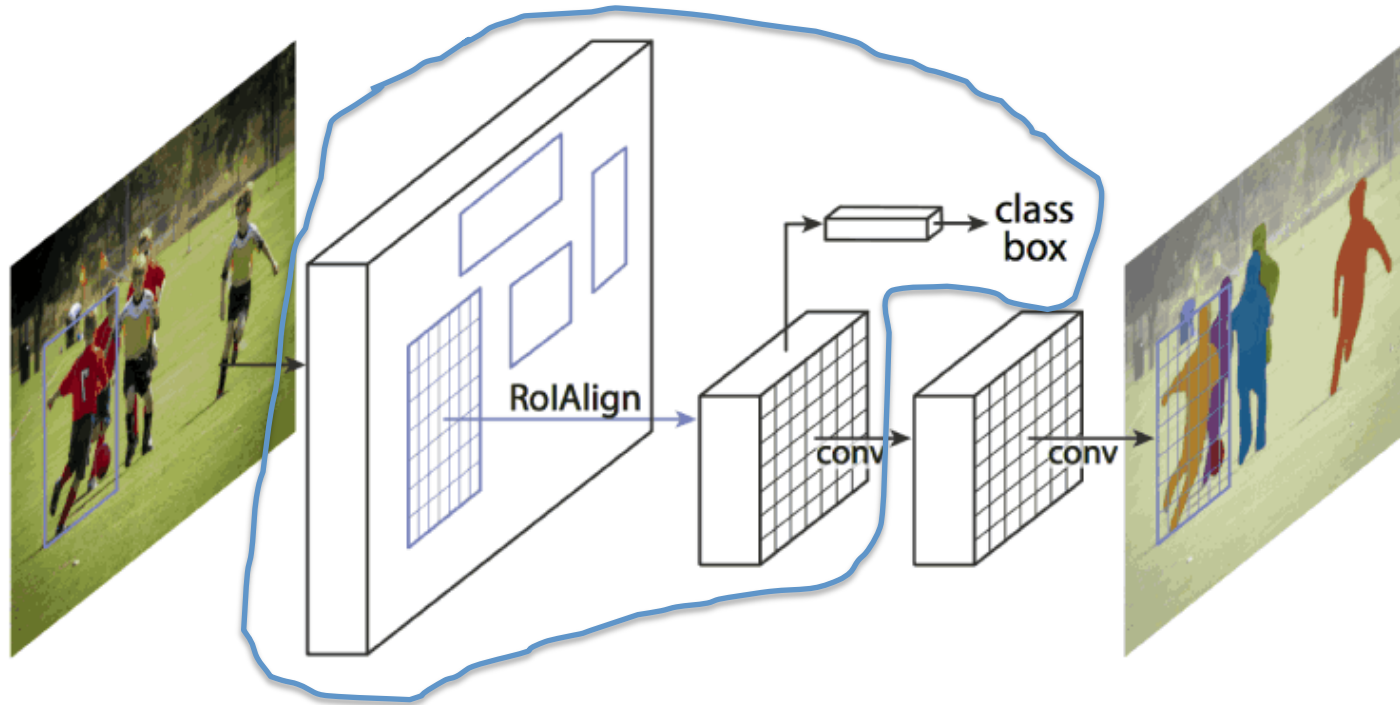
Mask R-CNN = Faster R-CNN + FCN

Add mask prediction in addition to class and box



The Mask R-CNN framework for instance segmentation

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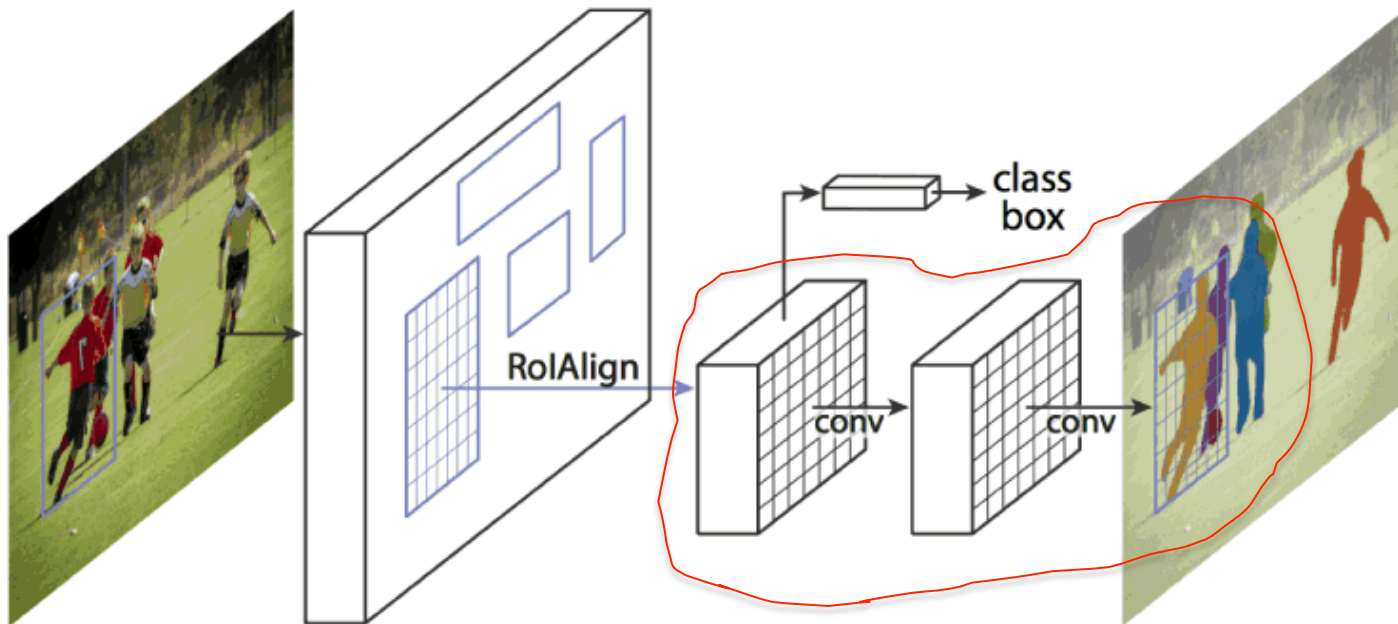


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Predict $m \times m$ mask from each ROI

Mask: encode input object's spatial layout



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