

# Roto-Translation Equivariant Convolution Networks for Medical Image Analysis

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# Presentation outline

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- Motivation 1: Geometric image analysis via orientation scores needs automation.
- Motivation 2: Machine learning needs group equivariance.
- Overview of related work.
- Theoretical background:
  - Neural networks (NNs)
  - Convolutional neural networks (CNNs)
  - Group convolutional neural networks (G-CNNs)

General Theorem on Equivariant linear operators

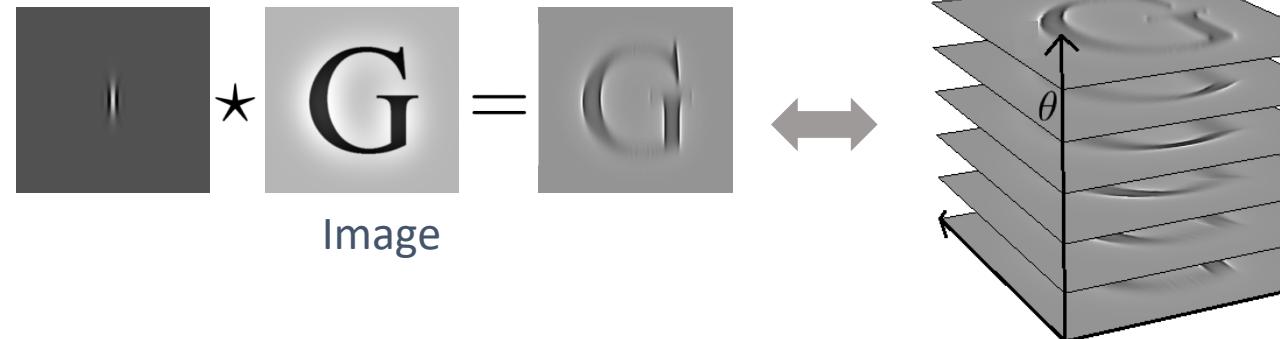


Architecture G-CNNs.

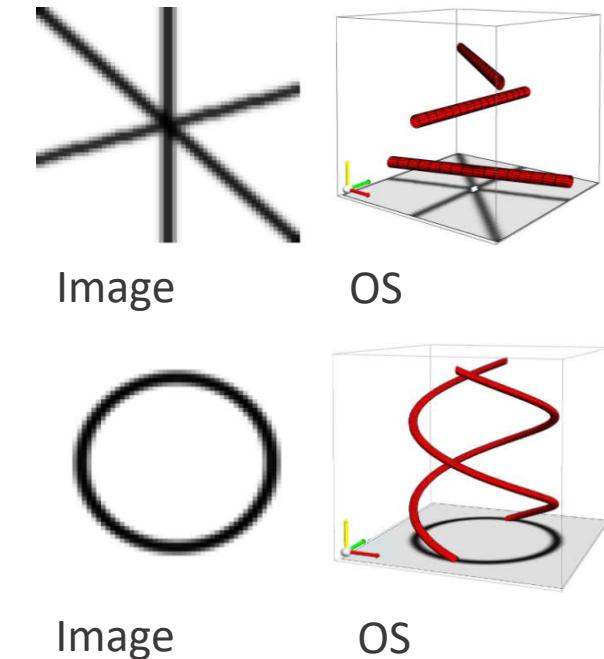
- Results on 3 different medical imaging applications.
- Conclusion.

# Equivariant image analysis via orientation scores

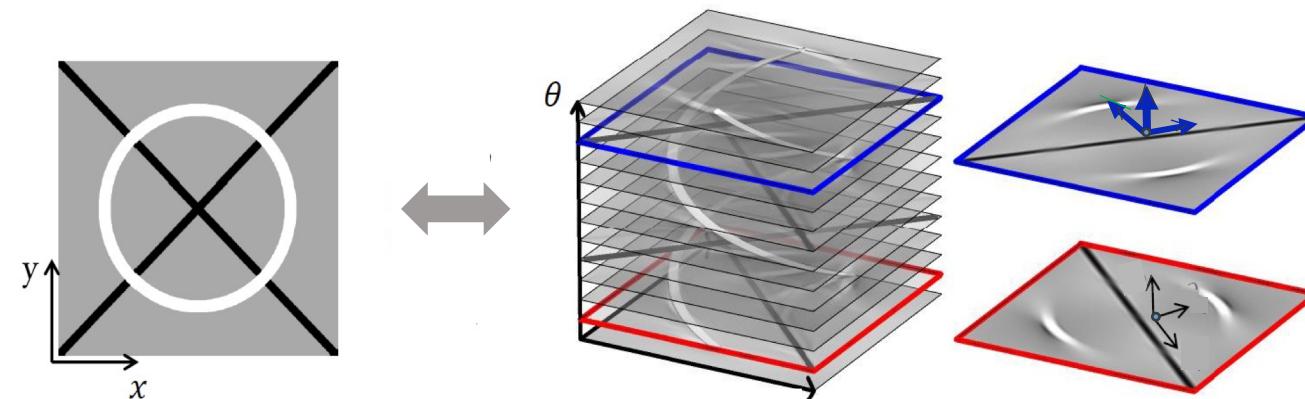
# Invertible Orientation scores



Orientation Score (real part)



Curved & Torqued Geometry of roto-translation group SE(2)  
visible in Score:

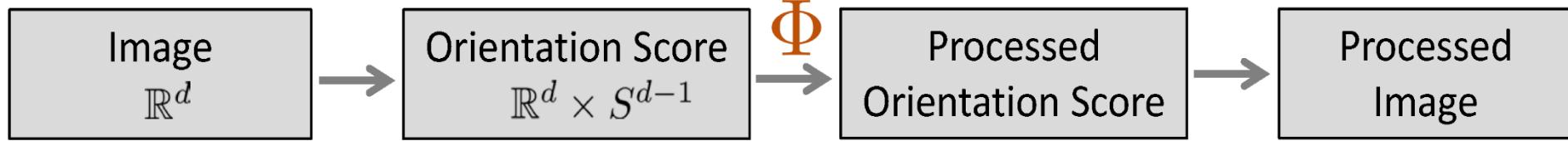


Moving frame → PDEs  
For tracking and regularization

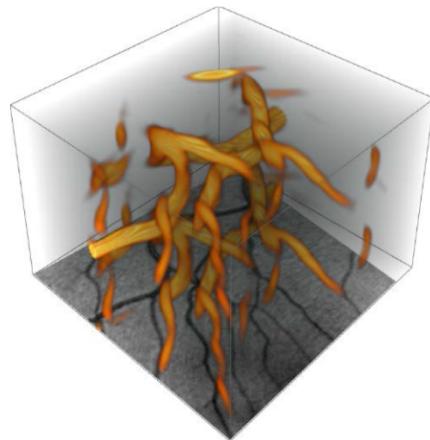
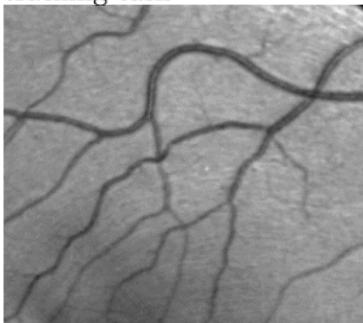
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_1 &= \cos \theta \partial_x + \sin \theta \partial_y \\ \mathcal{A}_2 &= -\sin \theta \partial_x + \cos \theta \partial_y \\ \mathcal{A}_3 &= \partial_\theta \end{aligned}$$

PhD Thesis	R. Duits	2005
PhD Thesis	E.M. Franken	2009
PhD Thesis	E.J. Bekkers	2017
PhD Thesis	J.M. Portegies	2018

# SE( $d$ ) equivariant processing via orientation scores



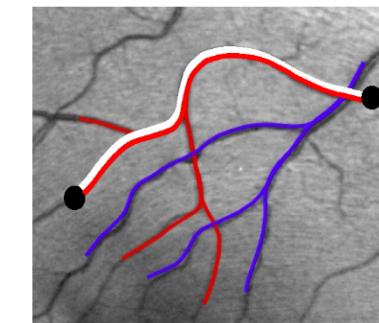
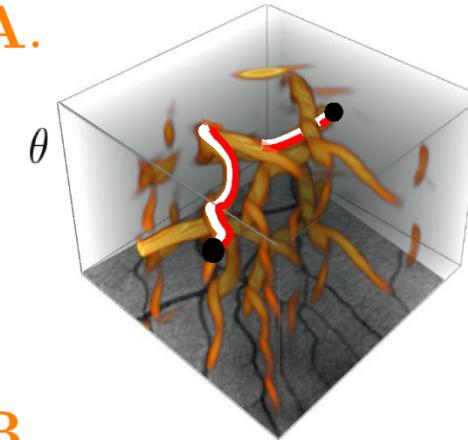
$d = 2$ . Tracking Task.



$\Phi$

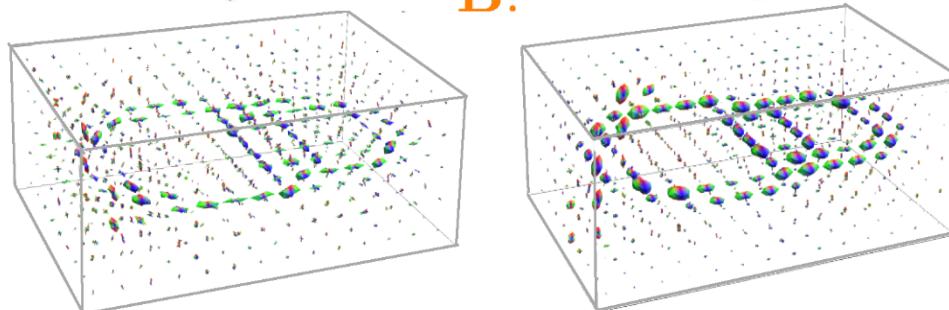
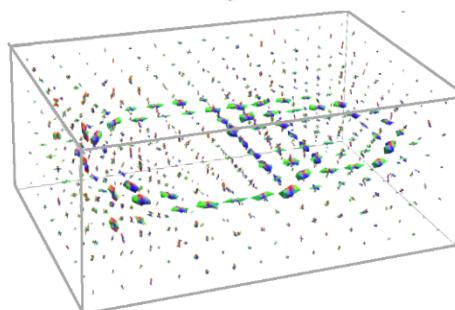
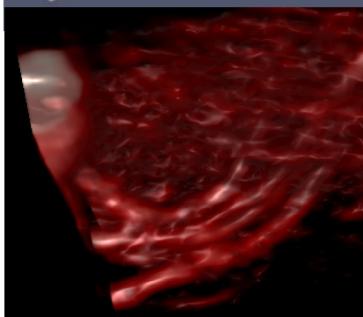
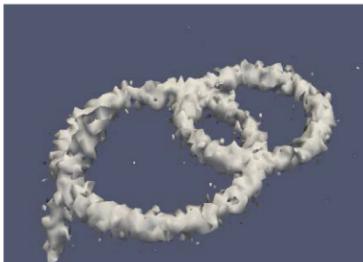
Processed  
Orientation Score

A.



JMIV 2018  
SIIMS 2016  
JDGS 2016

$d = 3$ . Task:



B.

A. Tracking via Optimal Geodesics

B. Enhancement via PDE-flows:  
Diffusion, MC or TV  
on  $M = \mathbb{R}^d \rtimes S^{d-1}$



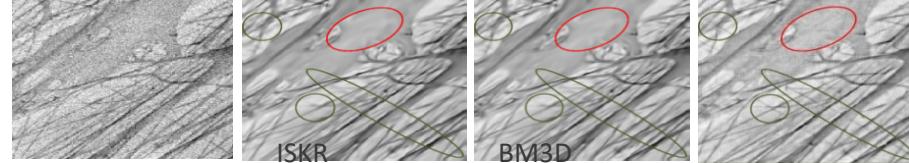
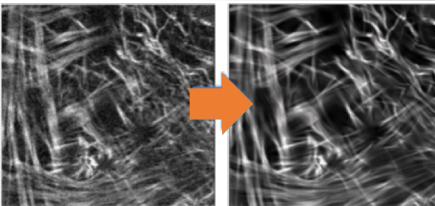
JMIV 2018

# Diffusion & Brownian Motions in Roto-Translation Group

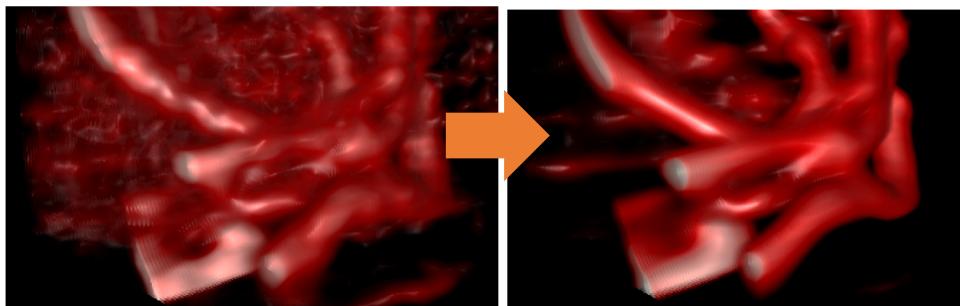
2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop IHP: “PDEs on the Homogeneous Space of Positions and Orientations.” R. Duits

## Numerics: Nonlinear Diffusions, 2009–2010

$d = 2$ :



$d = 3$ :



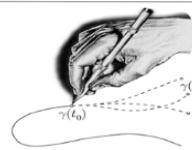
2018

**Exact:** Linear (convection-)diffusion, 2005-2010,  
SOLVED BY GROUP CONVOLUTION WITH PROBABILITY KERNELS

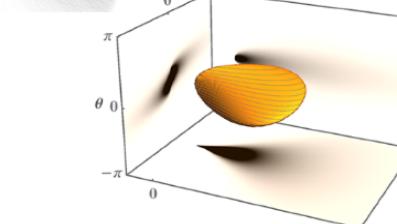
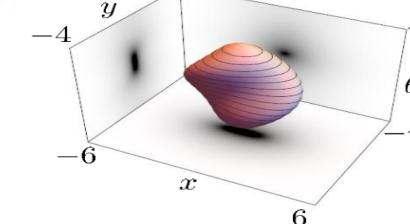
Diffusion  
(Contour enhancement)



Convection-diffusion  
(Contour completion)

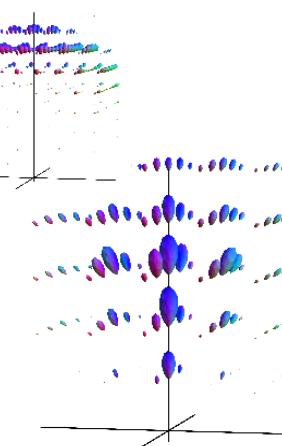
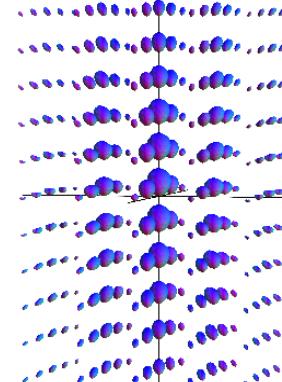


$SE(2)$



QAM-AMS  
2008, 2010

2017-2019



DGA 2018  
Entropy 2019

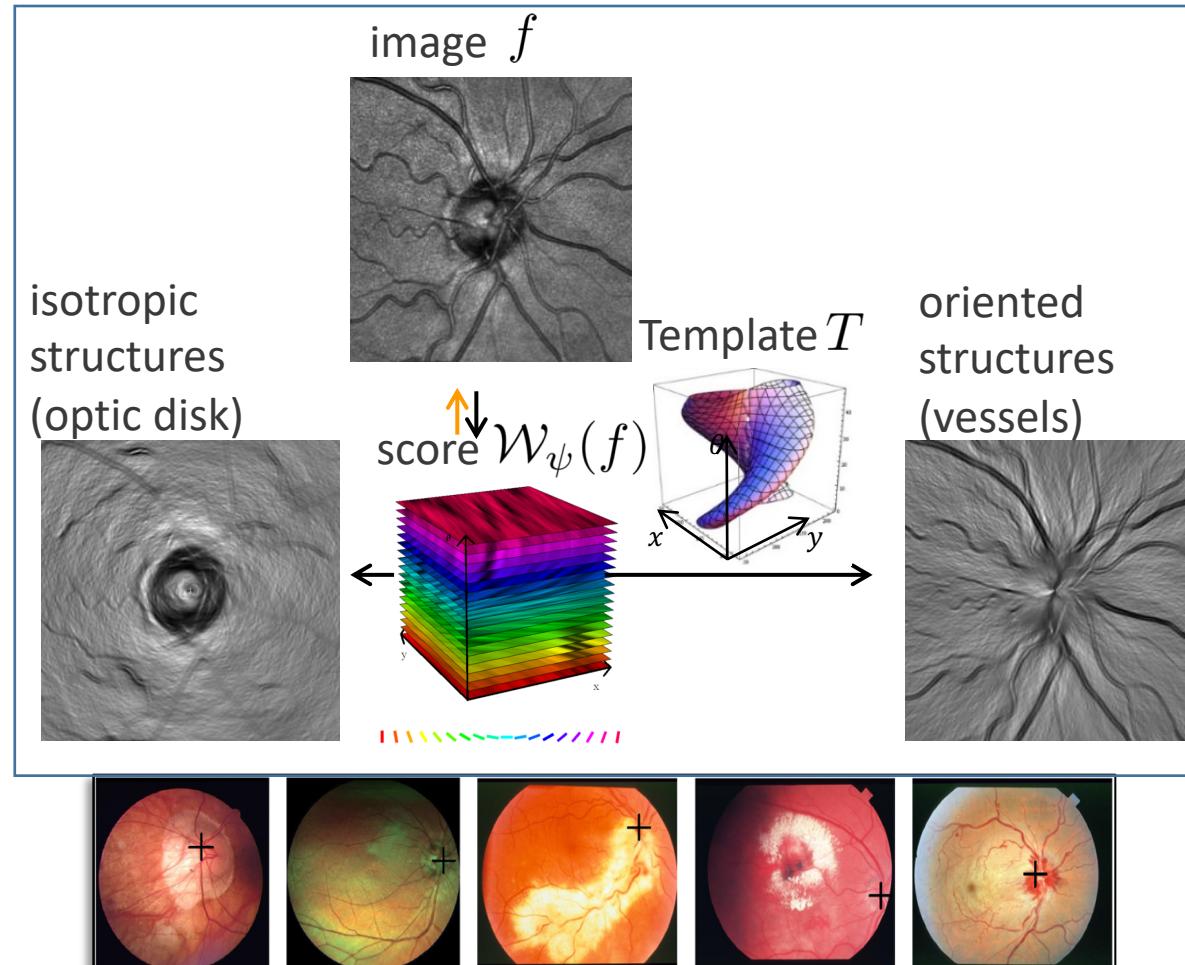
Next: Machine Learning to train such kernels and their offsets.  
2014-onwards incl. IEEE-PAMI E.J. Bekkers & R. Duits et al.

# Template matching via Group convolutions

ICIAR 2014 & PAMI 2018    Bekkers-Loog-tHromeny-Duits

State-of-the-Art Results (99,8 % success rate) on 3 Detection Tasks. E.g. Optic Disc Detection via Template Matching using group convolutions in  $SE(2)$

Special Case 2 layer  
Group CNN !



$$\mathbf{x}^* = \arg \max_{\mathbf{x}} \max_{\theta} (\mathcal{L}_{g=(\mathbf{x}, \theta)} T, \mathcal{W}_\psi f)$$

$T$  minimizes  $\mathcal{E}(T)$ .

# 2 layer G-CNN: ICIAR 2014 & PAMI 2018 Bekkers-Loog-Duits

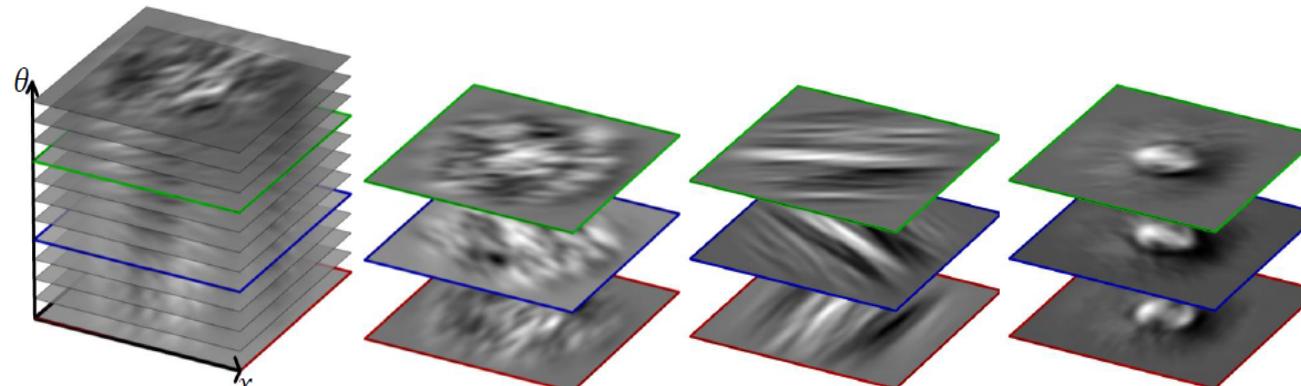
- Minimize Functional:

$$\mathcal{E}(T) = \sum_{i=1}^N \left| (T, \mathbf{U}_{f_i}) - \mathbf{y}_i \right|^2 + \int_{SE(2)} \lambda \|\nabla_{SR} T\|^2 + \mu |T|^2 \, dg$$

training patch      label

- With Sub-Riemannian Brownian prior

$$\int_{SE(2)} \|\nabla_{SR} T\|^2 \, dg = \int_{SE(2)} \xi^2 \left| (\cos \theta \partial_x + \sin \theta \partial_y) T \right|^2 + \left| \frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta} \right|^2 \, dg$$



$\lambda = \mu = 0$

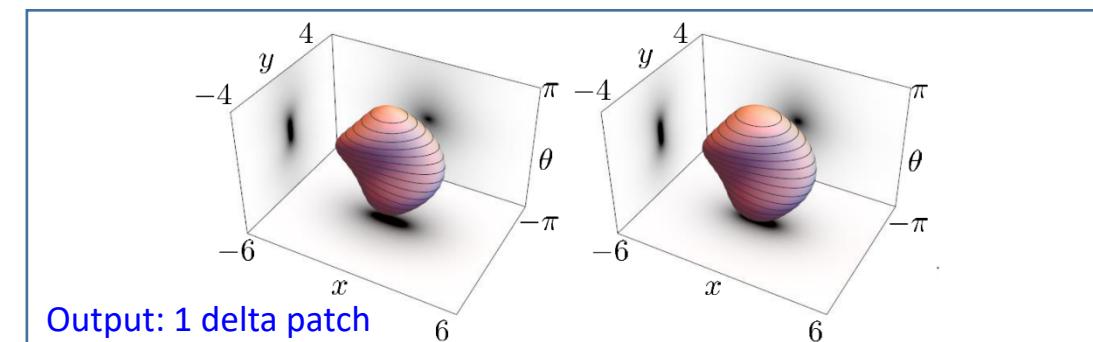
$\xi$  small

$\xi$  large

Convex-problem.

Train parameters via  
Generalized Cross-Validation:

- Expansion in B-splines



Accurate: Comparison to exact sol's Duits,

# Motivation 1

*Extend from 2 Layer G-CNN for template matching in OS  
to  
Deep Learning in OS*

# Group equivariant networks

Group convolution networks  
(domain extension)

LeCun et al 1990

$\mathbb{Z}^2$  translation networks

Mallat et al. 2013, 2015

$SE(2)$

Scattering transform & SVM  
via B-splines, 2 layer G-CNN

Bekkers et al. 2014-2018

$SE(2)$

Cohen-Welling 2016

p4m

via 90° rotations + flips + theory!

Dieleman et al. 2016

p4m

via 90° rotations + flips

Weiler et al. 2017

$SE(2)$

via circular harmonics

Zhou et al. 2017

$SE(2)$

via bilinear interpolation

Bekkers et al. 2018

$SE(2)$

via bilinear interpolation

Hoogeboom et al. 2018

$S(2,6)$

hexagonal grids

Winkels-Cohen 2018

$SE(3,N) + m$

90° rotations + flips

Worrall-Brostow 2018

$SE(3,N)$

90° rotations

Cohen et al. 2018

$SO(3)$

via spherical harmonics

Steerable filter networks  
(co-domain extension)

Worrall et al. 2017  $SE(2)$

irrep

Marcos et al. 2017  $SE(2)$

vector field networks

Kondor 2018  $SE(3)$

irrep, N-body nets

Thomas et al. 2018  $SE(3)$

irrep, point clouds

Weiler et al. 2018  $SE(3)$

irrep

Esteves  $SO(3)/SO(2)$

irrep

Kondor-Trivedi 2018  $SO(d)$

irrep (on compact  
quotient sp.)

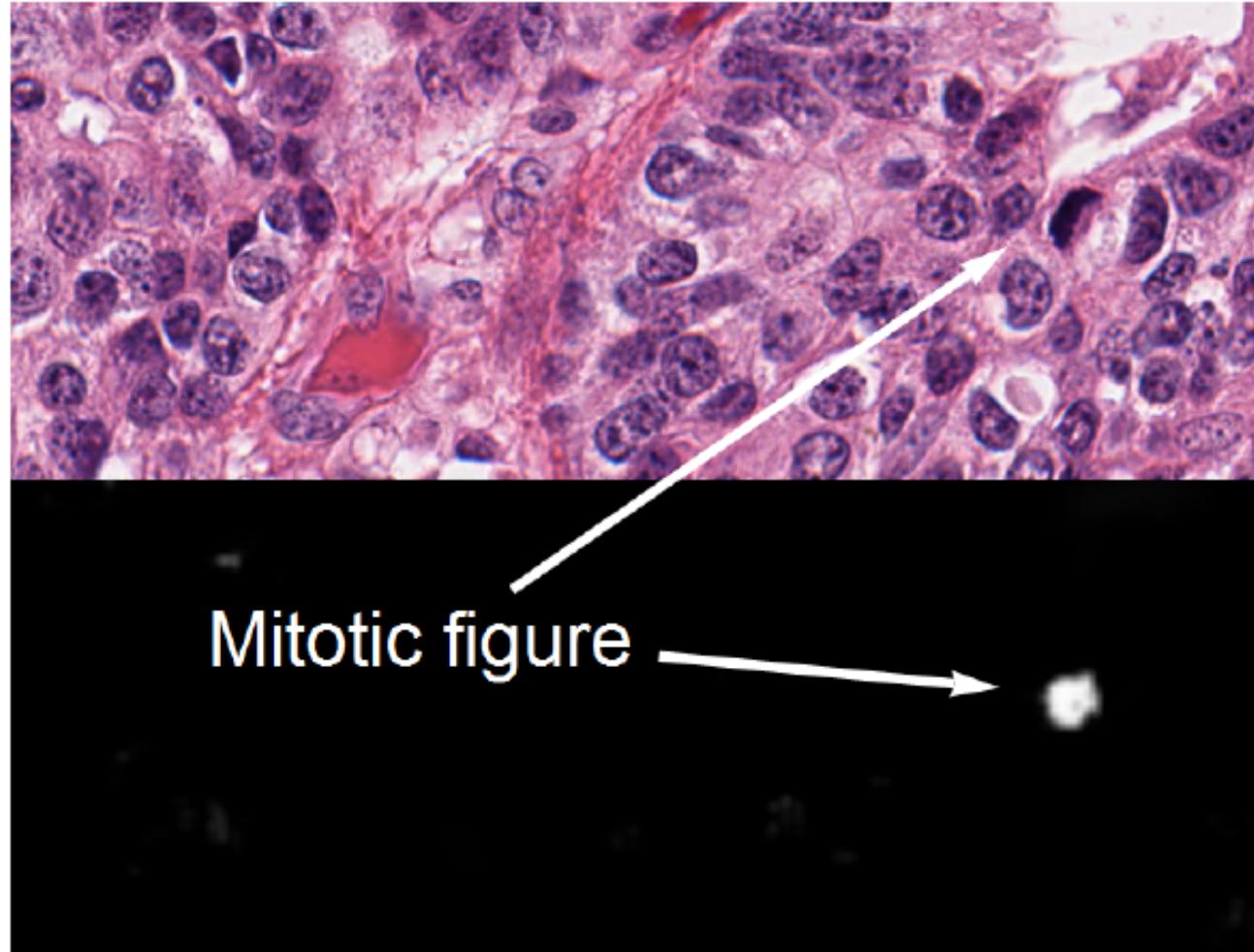
Continuous  
Discrete

# Motivation 2

*Roto-Translation Covariant Convolution Neural Networks for Medical Image Analysis*

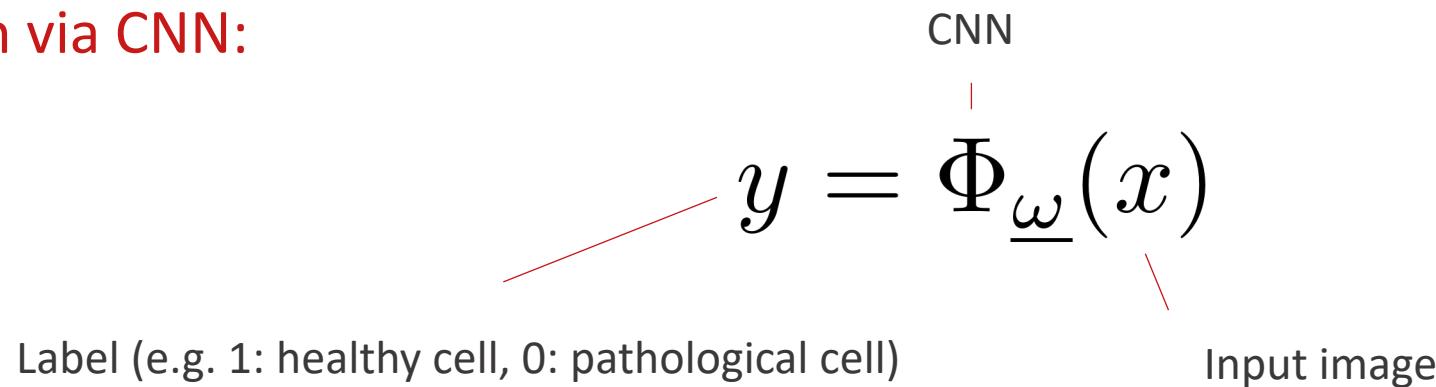
Many computer vision and Media problems require  
invariance/equivariance properties (e.g. w.r.t. rotation)

Rotation-invariant detection of pathological cells (mitotic figure) in histopathology

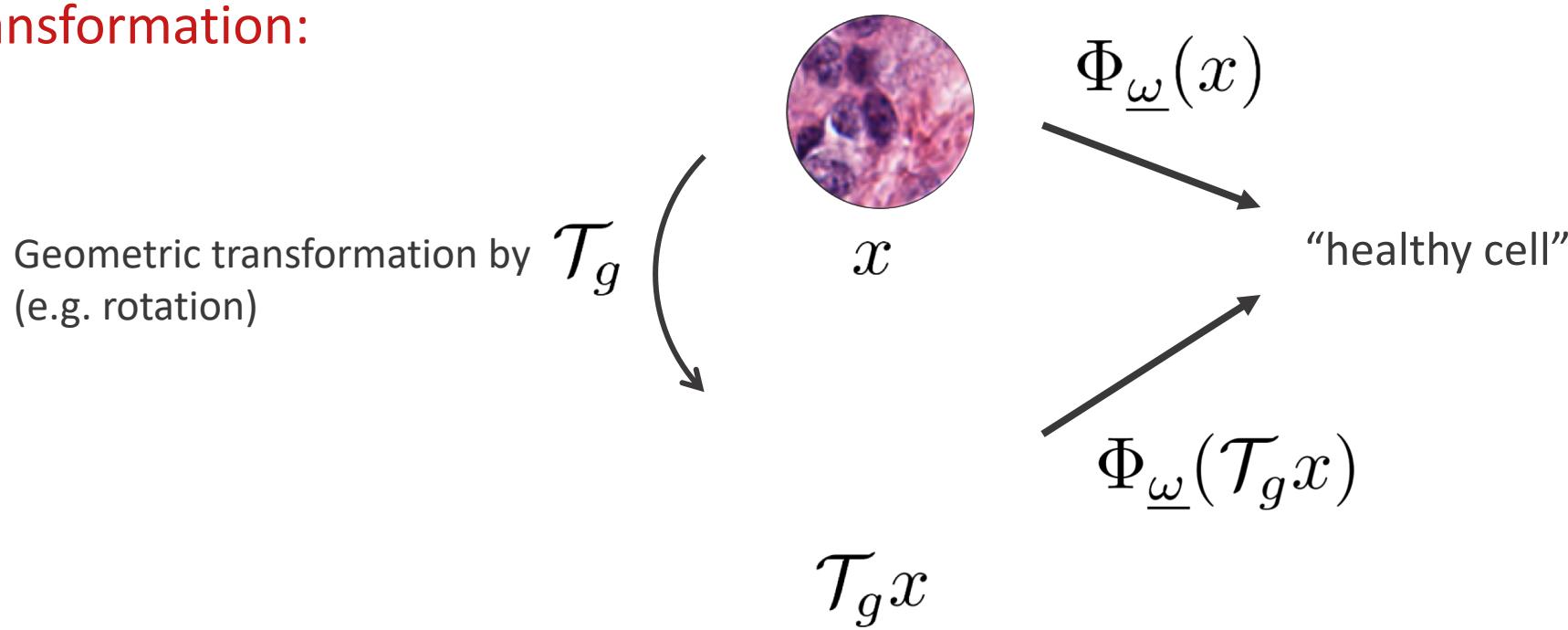


# Transformation invariance

Classification via CNN:

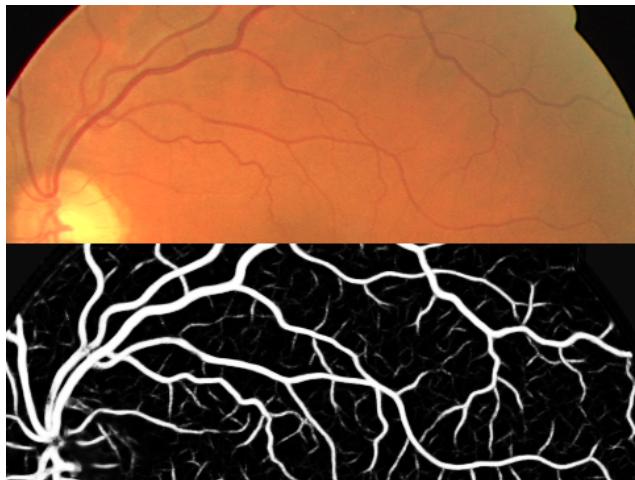


Transformation:



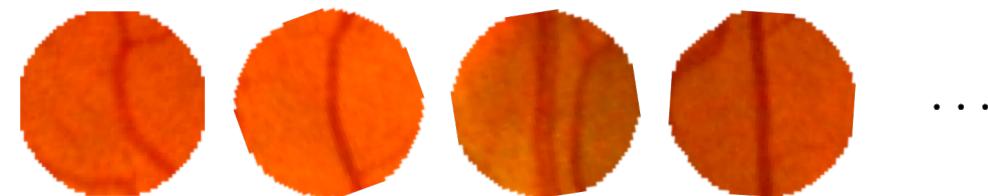
# Transformation invariance by data augmentation

Example: vessel segmentation



Training set (*naïve example of only vertically aligned vessels*)

Blood vessels  
(vertically aligned)

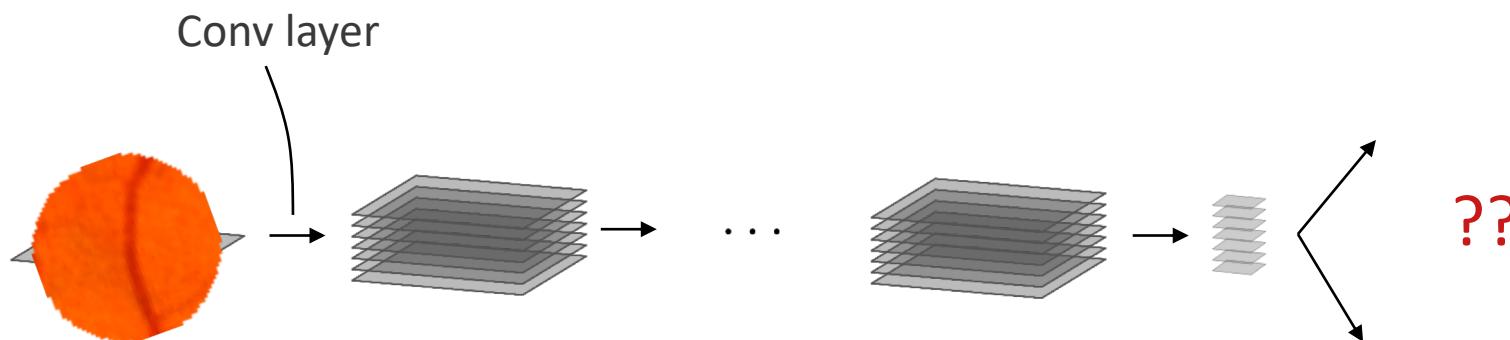


Background



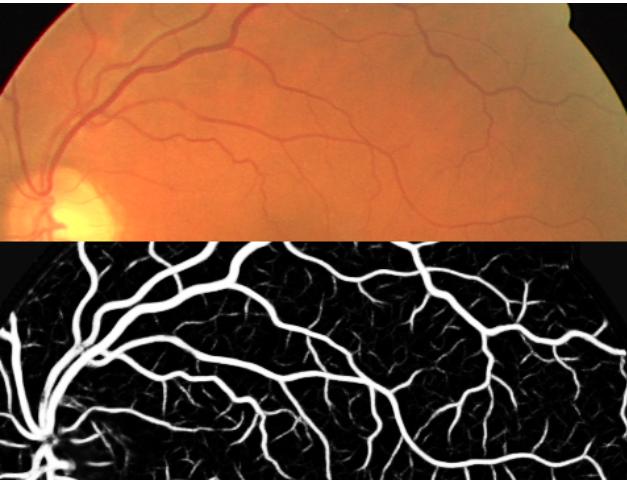
A simple network will do

$$x \xrightarrow{\Phi_{\underline{\omega}}} y$$

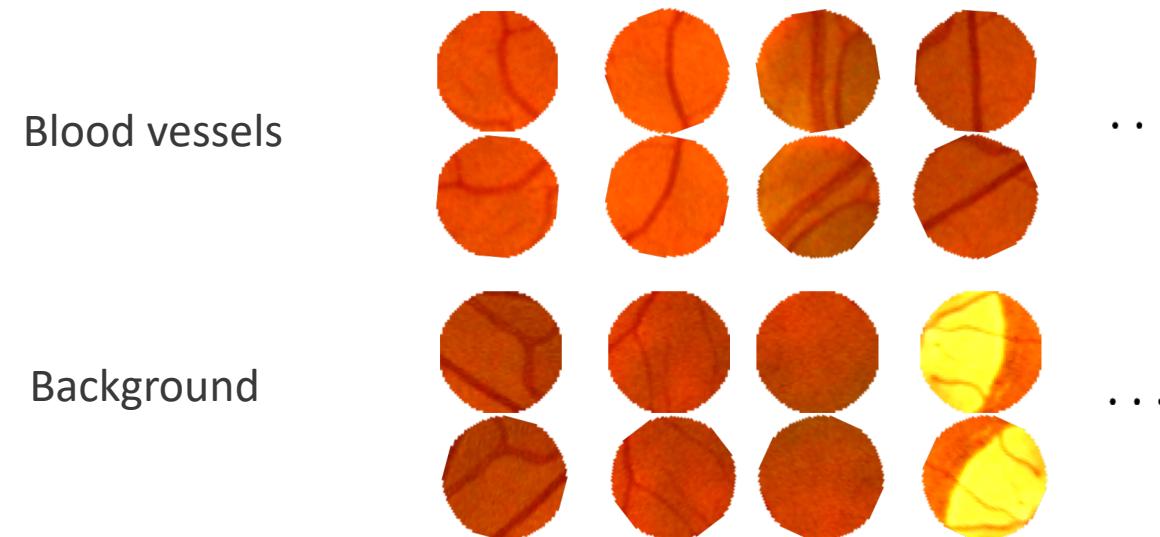


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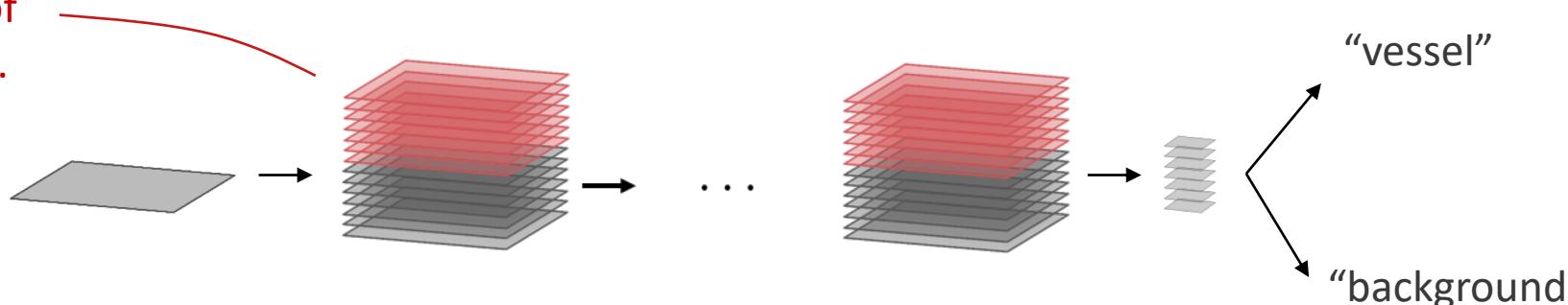
Expand training set with rotated copies -> data augmentation



A more complex network is required

$$x \xrightarrow{\Phi_{\underline{\omega}}} y$$

Now you learn  
rotated versions of  
the same feature..

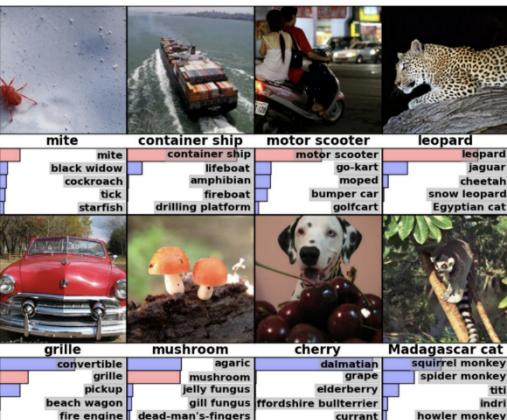


# Redundancy in feature representations

# ImageNet Challenge



- 1,000 object classes (categories).
  - Images:
    - 1.2 M train
    - 100k test.



# Learned convolution filters in the first layer



# Symmetries in Medical Imaging

## Problems with classical CNNs:

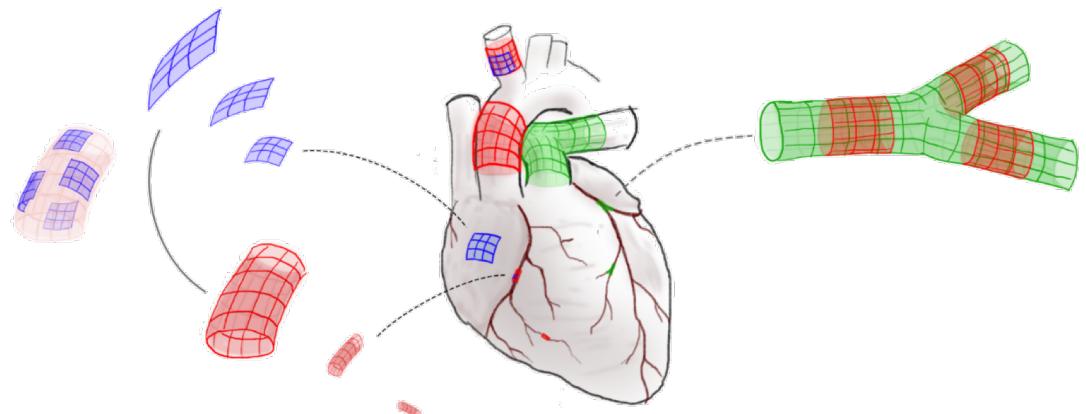
- No guarantee of equivariance (other than translation).
- Redundancy in feature representation.
- Artificially create extra data samples by data augmentation.

## Solution:

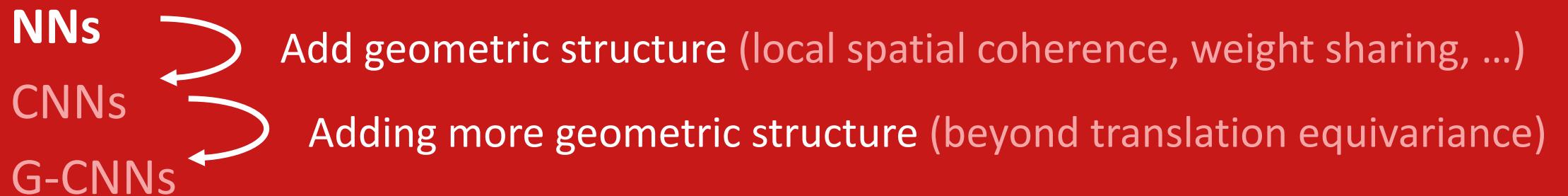
Group convolutional neural networks: G-CNNs

## Moreover, G-CNNs:

- Exploit symmetries in data.
- Weight sharing.
- Perform better by not having to spend valuable network capacity on learning geometric properties.



# Theory: From NNs to CNNs to G-CNNs



# Problem description

Given a training set  $\mathcal{S} = \{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^N$  consisting of pairs of inputs  $x_i$  and desired outputs  $y_i$ , find a function  $\Phi_{\underline{\omega}}$ , parameterized by  $\underline{\omega}$ , that best maps each input to a desired output.

Here “best” is quantified by (local) minima of a loss:

$$\min_{\underline{\omega} \in \mathbb{R}^N} \text{loss}(\underline{\omega}, \mathcal{S})$$

computed by stochastic gradient descent  
(backward propagation via chain-law)

e.g. least squares

$$\text{loss}(\underline{\omega}, \mathcal{S}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \|y_i - \Phi_{\underline{\omega}}(x_i)\|^2$$

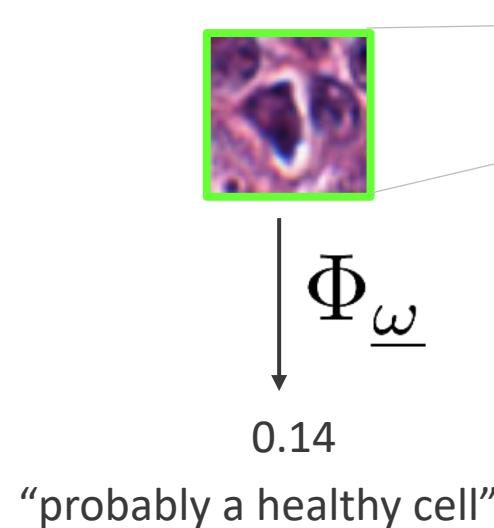
or (multi-class) cross-entropy

$$\text{loss}(\underline{\omega}, \mathcal{S}) = - \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{c=1}^{N_{\text{classes}}} y_{i,c} \log(\Phi_{\underline{\omega}}(x_i)_c)$$

## Training set

$$\mathcal{S} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Image} \\ x_i \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} \text{Label} \\ y_i \end{array} \right), \begin{array}{l} 0: \text{normal} \\ 1: \text{mitotic} \end{array} \\ \dots \end{array} \right\}$$

## Testing



# Neural Network: $\Phi_{\underline{\omega}}$

- A Neural Network is a composition of operators:

$$\underline{x}^0 \xrightarrow{\Phi_{\underline{\omega}}^1} \underline{x}^1 \xrightarrow{\Phi_{\underline{\omega}}^2} \dots \xrightarrow{\Phi_{\underline{\omega}}^L} \underline{y}$$

- In which each operator (“layer”) has the following form:

$$\underline{y} = \Phi_{\underline{\omega}}(\underline{x}) = \varphi(A_{\mathbf{w}}\underline{x} + \underline{b})$$

$\underline{x} \in \mathcal{X}$ , the input vector

$\underline{y} \in \mathcal{Y}$ , the output vector

$A_{\mathbf{w}} : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ , a linear mapping parameterized by weights  $\mathbf{w}$

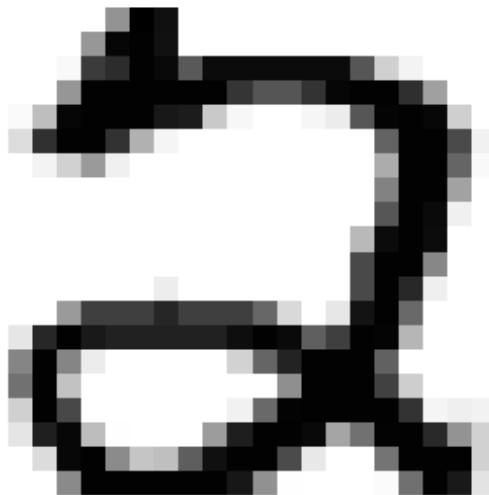
$\underline{b} \in \mathcal{Y}$ , a bias term

$\varphi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  an activation function (applied element wise)

$\underline{\omega} = (\mathbf{w}, \underline{b})$  the trainable parameters

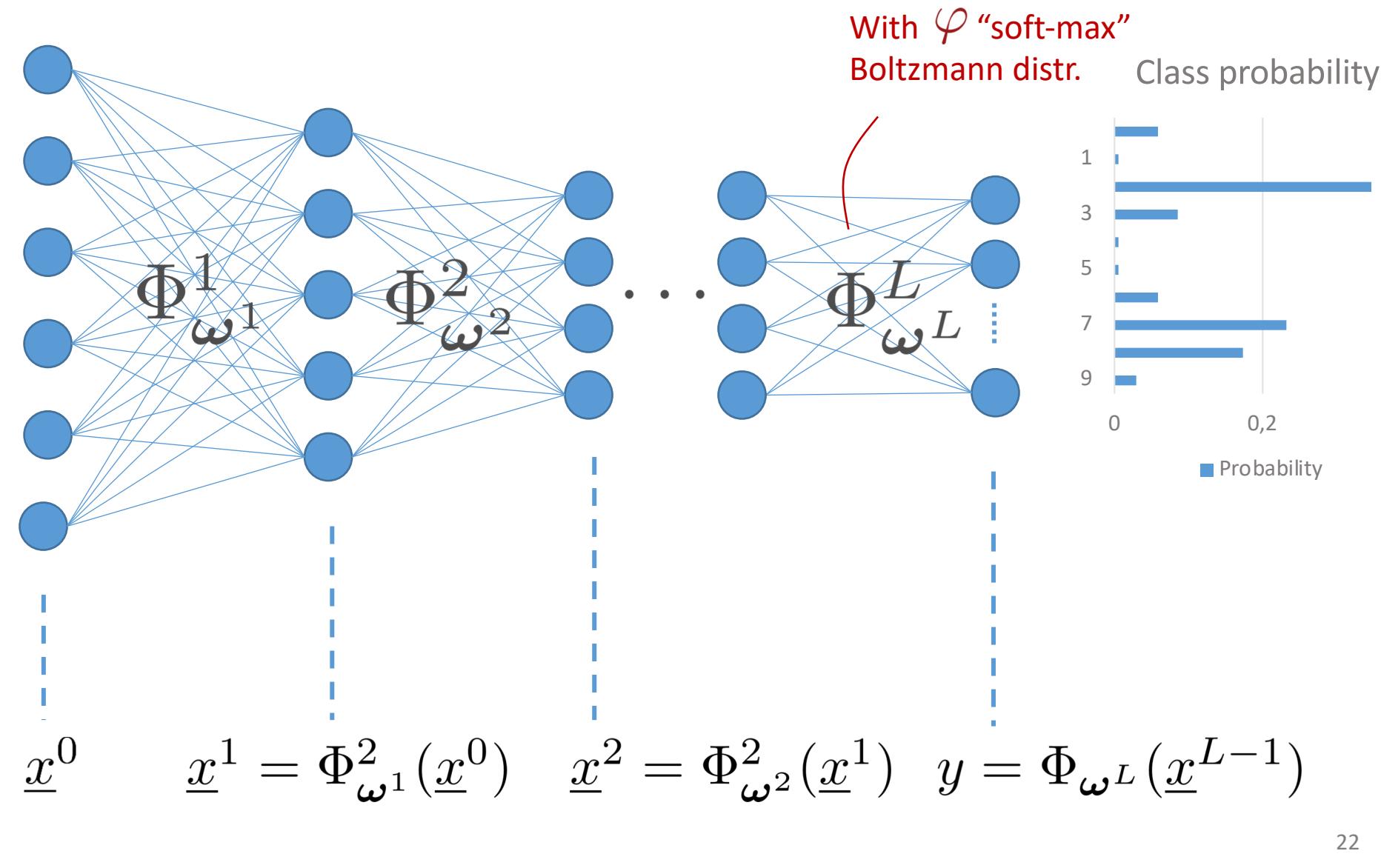
# A classical neural network

$\underline{x}^0 \in \mathcal{X} = ?$



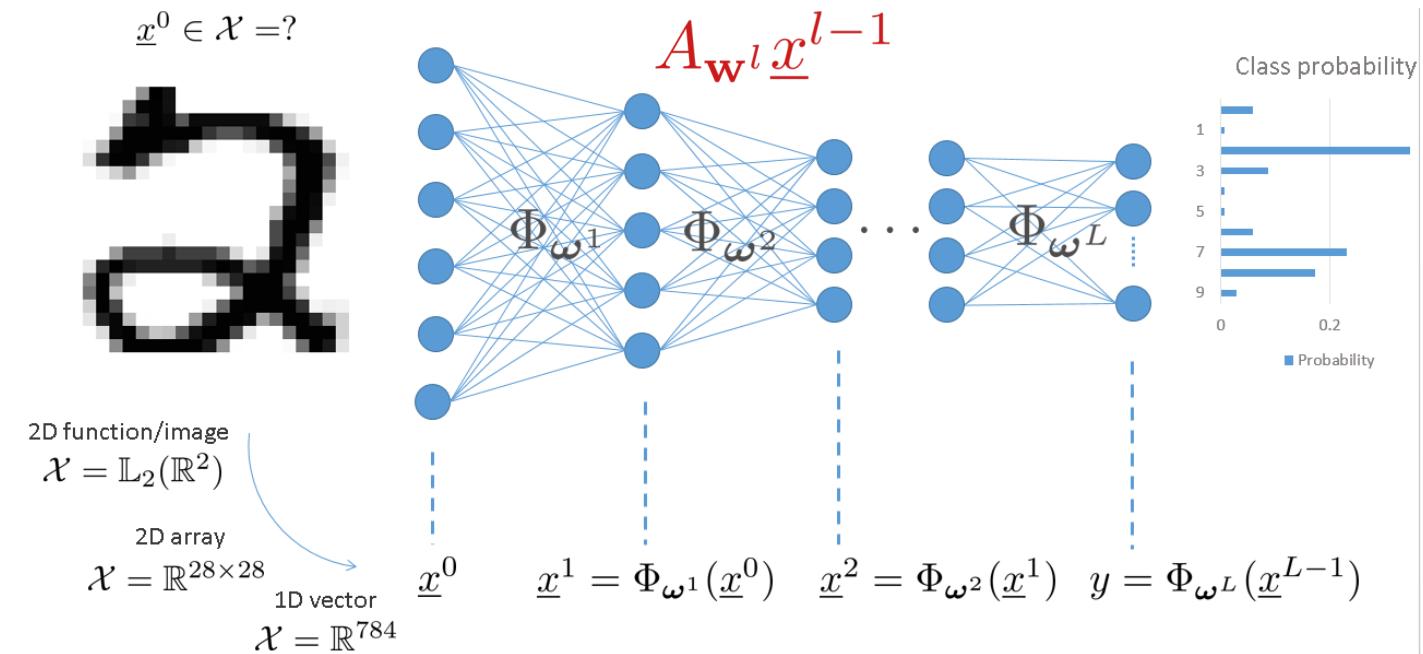
2D function/image  
 $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{L}_2(\mathbb{R}^2)$

2D array  
 $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{R}^{28 \times 28}$   
1D vector  
 $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{R}^{784}$



# A classical neural network

$$\underline{x}^l = \varphi \left( A_{\mathbf{w}^l} \underline{x}^{l-1} + \underline{b}^l \right)$$



$\underline{x}^{l-1} \in \mathbb{R}^{N^{l-1}}$ , the input vector

$\underline{x}^l \in \mathbb{R}^{N^l}$ , the output vector

$A_{\mathbf{w}} : \mathbb{R}^{N^l \times N^{l-1}}$ , a linear mapping parameterized by weights  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

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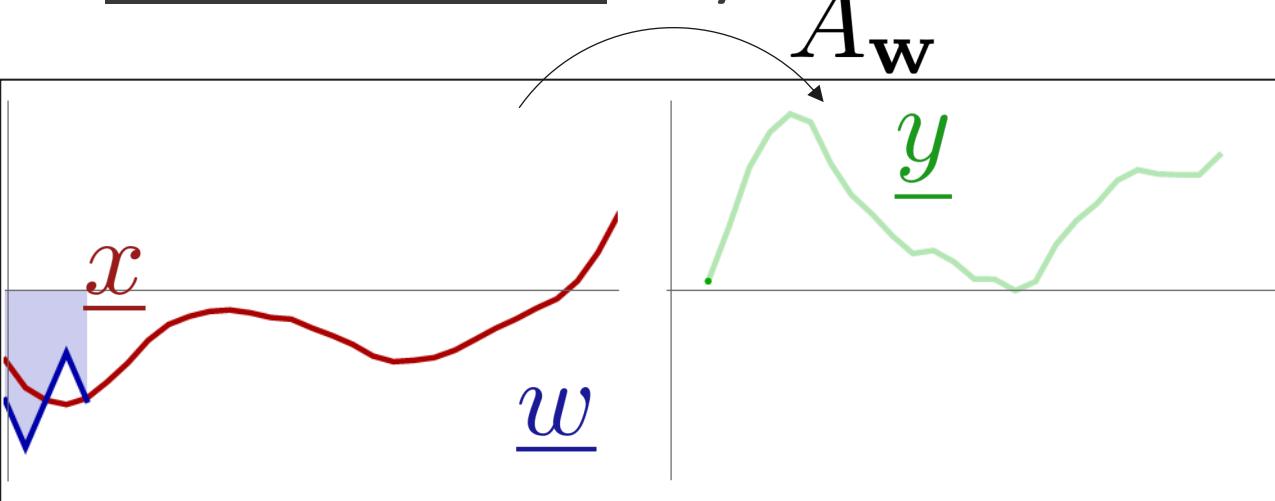
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# A fully connected neural layer

- Too many degrees of freedom
- Does not exploit structure in data

$$\begin{pmatrix} \underline{y} \\ y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \varphi \begin{pmatrix} A_{\mathbf{w}} & \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} & \underline{x} \\ \left( \begin{array}{cccccc} w_1^1 & w_1^2 & w_1^3 & w_1^4 & w_1^5 & \dots \\ w_2^1 & w_2^2 & w_2^3 & w_2^4 & w_2^5 & \dots \\ w_3^1 & w_3^2 & w_3^3 & w_3^4 & w_3^5 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{array} \right) & + & \begin{pmatrix} b \\ b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

# A convolution layer



- + Localized transformations
- + Shift equivariance
- + Sparsification of the linear operator
- + Weight sharing

$$\underline{y} = A_w \underline{x} + \underline{b}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \varphi \begin{pmatrix} w^1 & w^2 & w^3 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & w_1 & w^2 & w^3 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & w^1 & w^2 & w^3 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

# Theory: From NNs to CNNs to G-CNNs

NNs

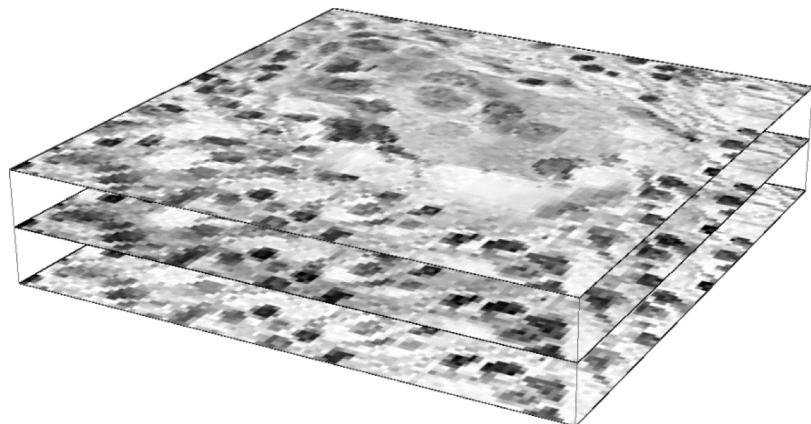
**CNNs**

G-CNNs

# Input and output spaces

Input vector

$$\underline{f}^{l-1} \in \mathcal{X} = (\mathbb{L}_2(\mathbb{R}^2))^{N_c^{l-1}}$$

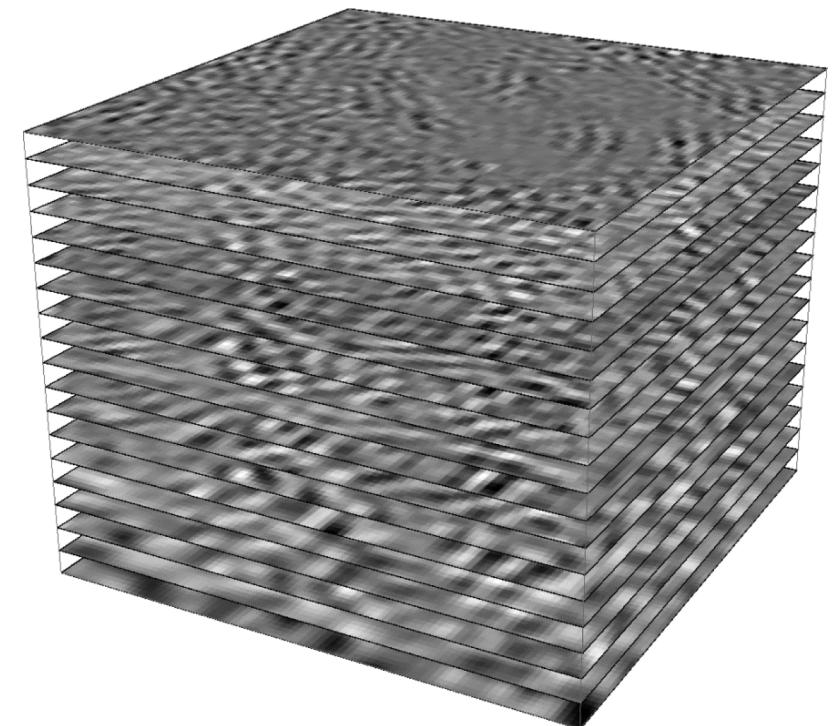


$$\Phi_{\omega^l}$$
  


Convolution layer

Output vector

$$\underline{f}^l \in \mathcal{Y} = (\mathbb{L}_2(\mathbb{R}^2))^{N_c^l}$$



# Convolution layer (cross-correlation layer)

$$(k \star f)(\mathbf{x}) = (\mathcal{T}_{\mathbf{x}} k, f)_{\mathbb{L}_2(\mathbb{R}^2)}$$

Translation by  $\mathbf{x}$

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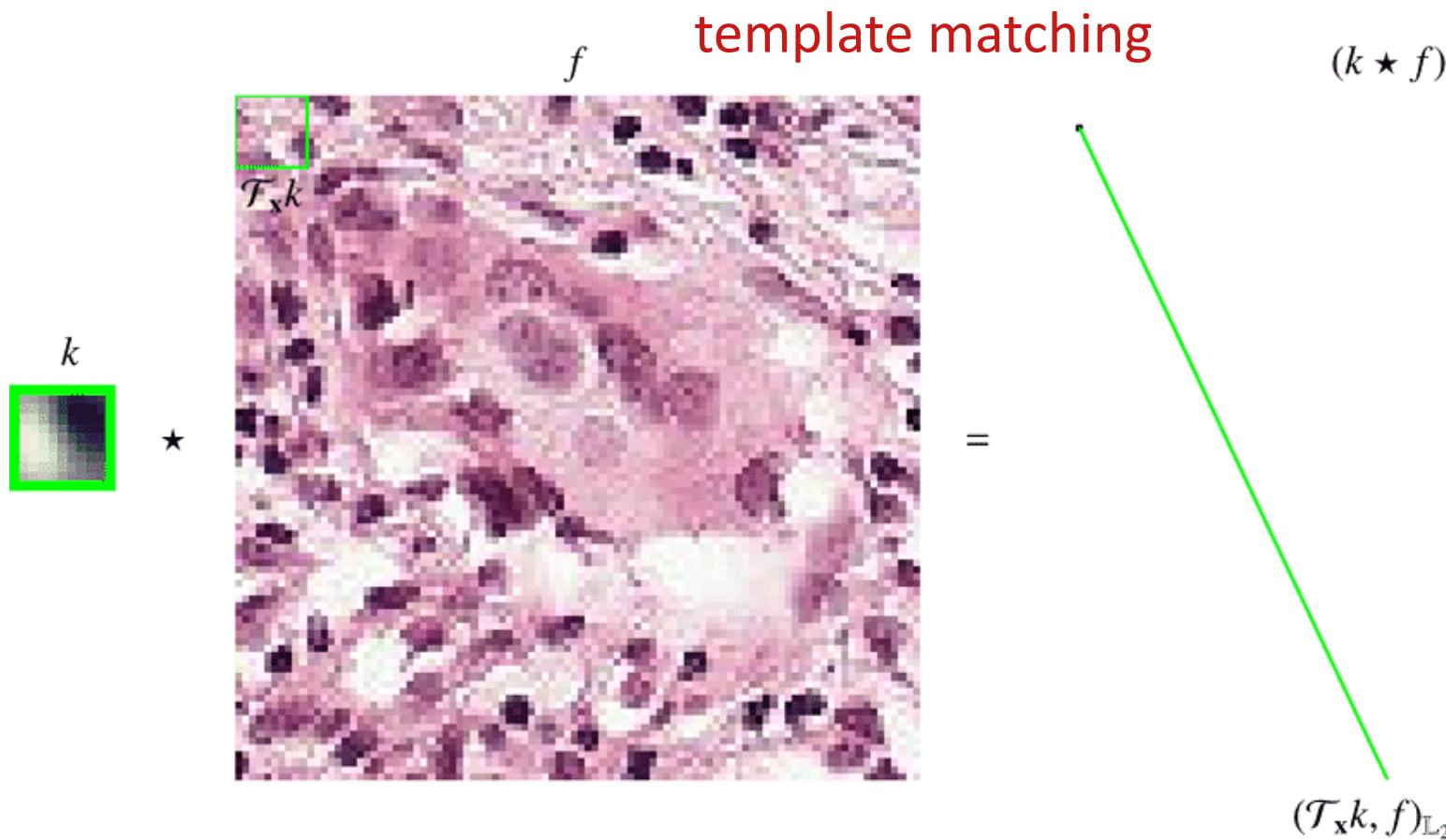
with  $k, f \in \mathbb{L}_2(\mathbb{R}^2)$

# Convolution layer (cross-correlation layer)

Translation by  $\mathbf{x}$

$$(k \star f)(\mathbf{x}) = (\mathcal{T}_{\mathbf{x}} k, f)_{\mathbb{L}_2(\mathbb{R}^2)} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} k(\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}) f(\mathbf{x}') d\mathbf{x}',$$

note  $(k \star f) = (\check{k} * f)$ , with  $\check{k}(\mathbf{x}) = k(-\mathbf{x})$



# Convolution layers on $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$\underline{f}^l = \Phi_{\omega^l}(\underline{f}^{l-1}) = \varphi \left( A_{\mathbf{w}^l}^l \underline{f}^{l-1} + \underline{b}^l \right)$$

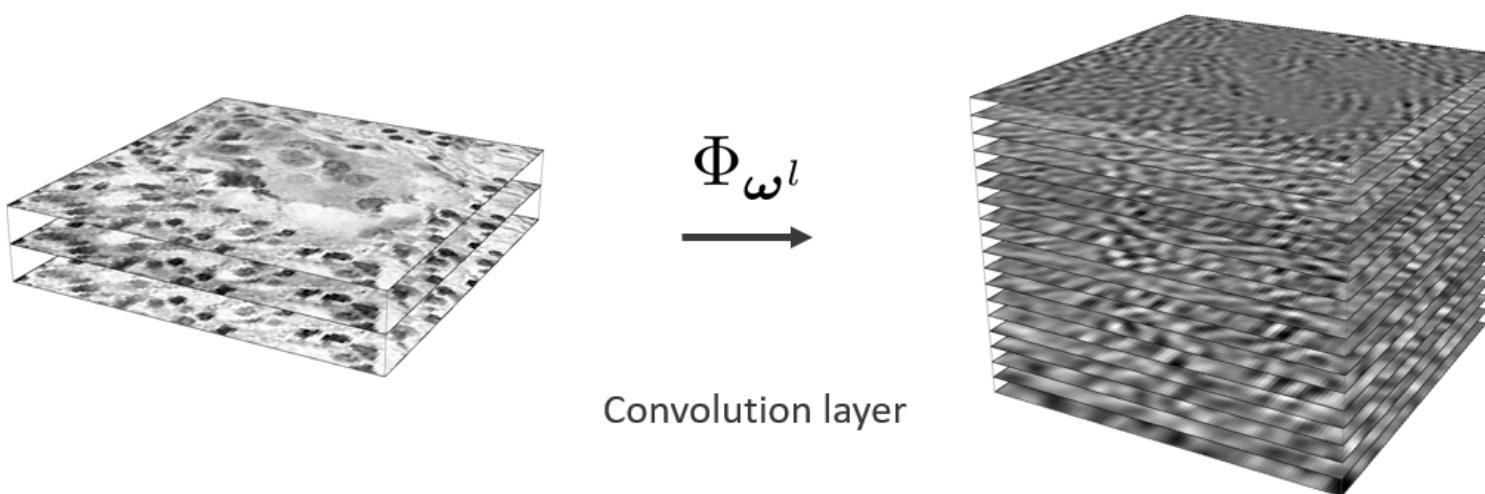
Diagram illustrating the computation of a convolution layer output  $\underline{f}^l$  from the previous layer's output  $\underline{f}^{l-1}$ . The input  $\underline{f}^{l-1}$  is shown as a stack of three grayscale images. An arrow labeled  $\Phi_{\omega^l}$  points to the output  $\underline{f}^l$ , which is shown as a stack of four grayscale images. Red boxes highlight the input dimension  $(\mathbb{L}_2(\mathbb{R}^2))^{N_c^l}$  and the output dimension  $(\mathbb{L}_2(\mathbb{R}^2))^{N_c^{l-1}}$ .

A linear mapping

$$A_{\mathbf{w}^l}^l \underline{f}^{l-1} = \mathbf{w}^l \star \underline{f}^{l-1}$$

parameterized by a collection  
of convolution filters

$$\mathbf{w}^l \in (\mathbb{L}_2(\mathbb{R}^2))^{N_c^l \times N_c^{l-1}}$$



# A typical CNN architecture

LeCun et al. 1989-1998

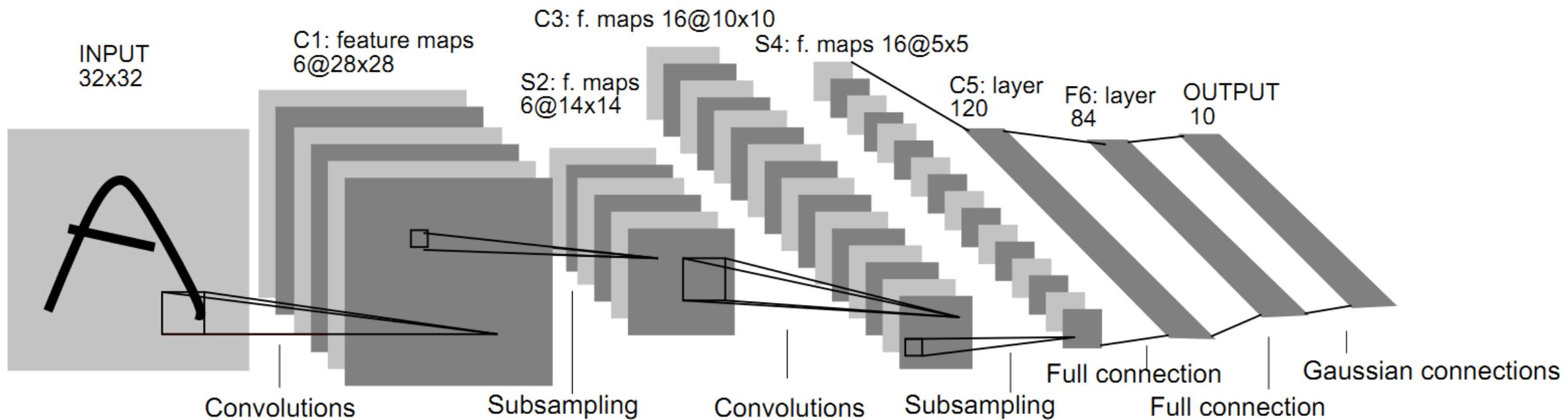


Fig. 2. Architecture of LeNet-5, a Convolutional Neural Network, here for digits recognition. Each plane is a feature map, i.e. a set of units whose weights are constrained to be identical.

# Theory: From NNs to CNNs to G-CNNs

NNs

CNNs

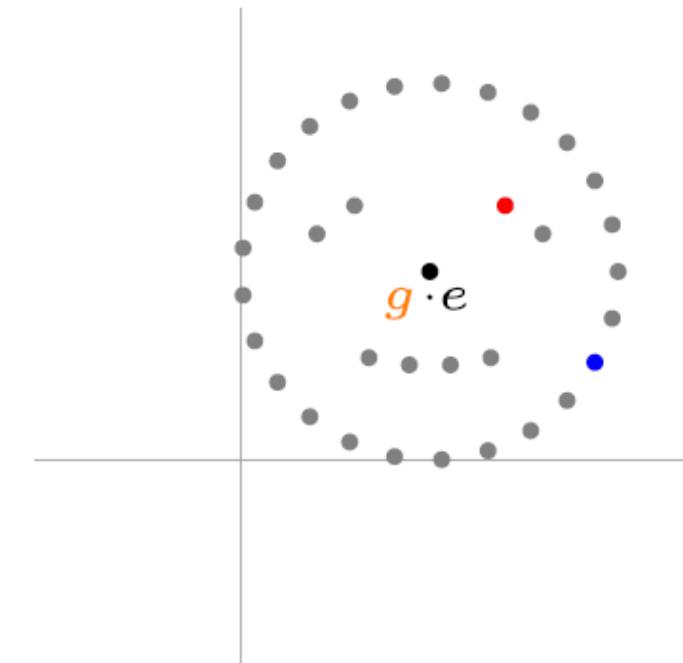
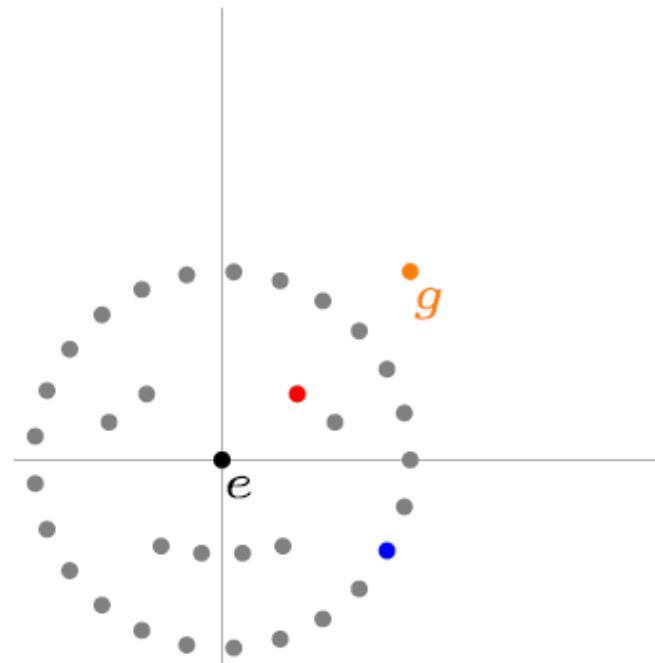
**G-CNNs**

# The translation group

The translation group consists of all possible translations in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and is equipped with the group product and group inverse:

$$\begin{aligned} g \cdot g' &= \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}' \\ g^{-1} &= -\mathbf{x}. \end{aligned}$$

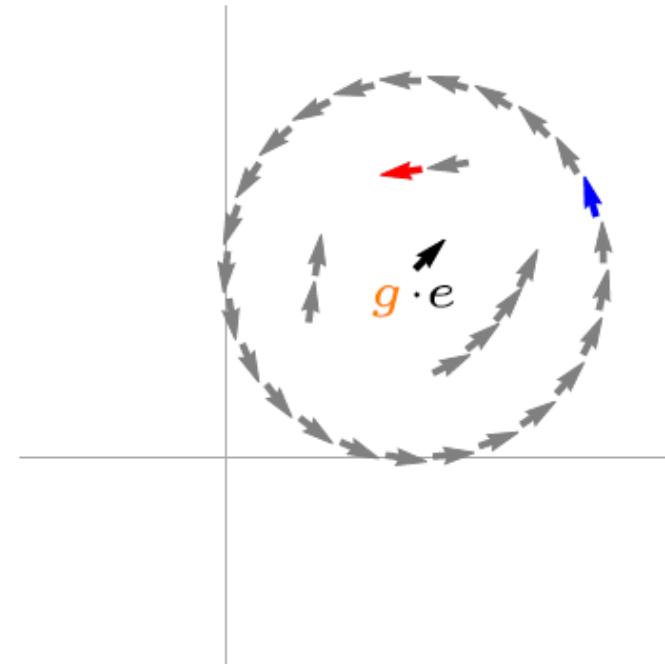
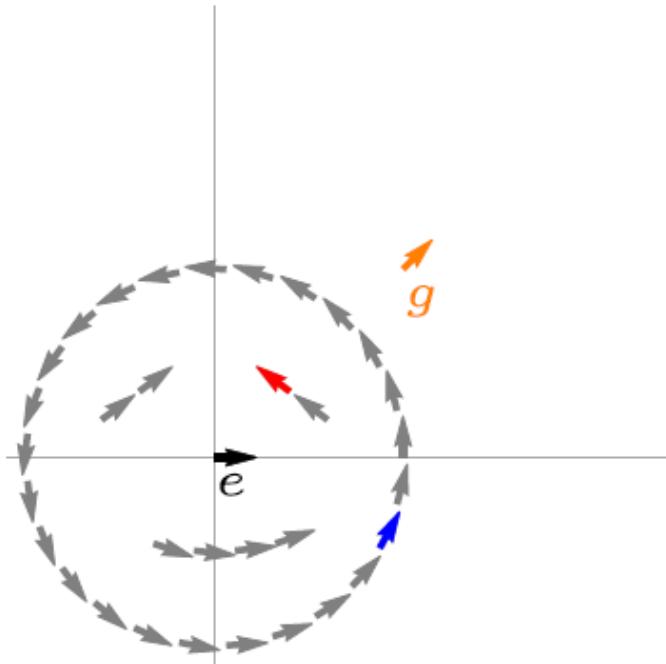
with  $g = \mathbf{x}, g' = \mathbf{x}' \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .



# The roto-translation group SE(2)

The group  $SE(2)$  consists of the **coupled** space  $\mathbb{R}^2 \times S^1$  of positions (translations) in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , and orientations (rotations)  $S^1$ , and is equipped with the group product and group inverse:

$$\begin{aligned}g \cdot g' &= (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{R}_\theta) \cdot (\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{R}_{\theta'}) = (\mathbf{R}_\theta \mathbf{x}' + \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{R}_{\theta+\theta'}) \\g^{-1} &= (-\mathbf{R}_\theta^{-1}\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{R}_\theta^{-1}).\end{aligned}$$



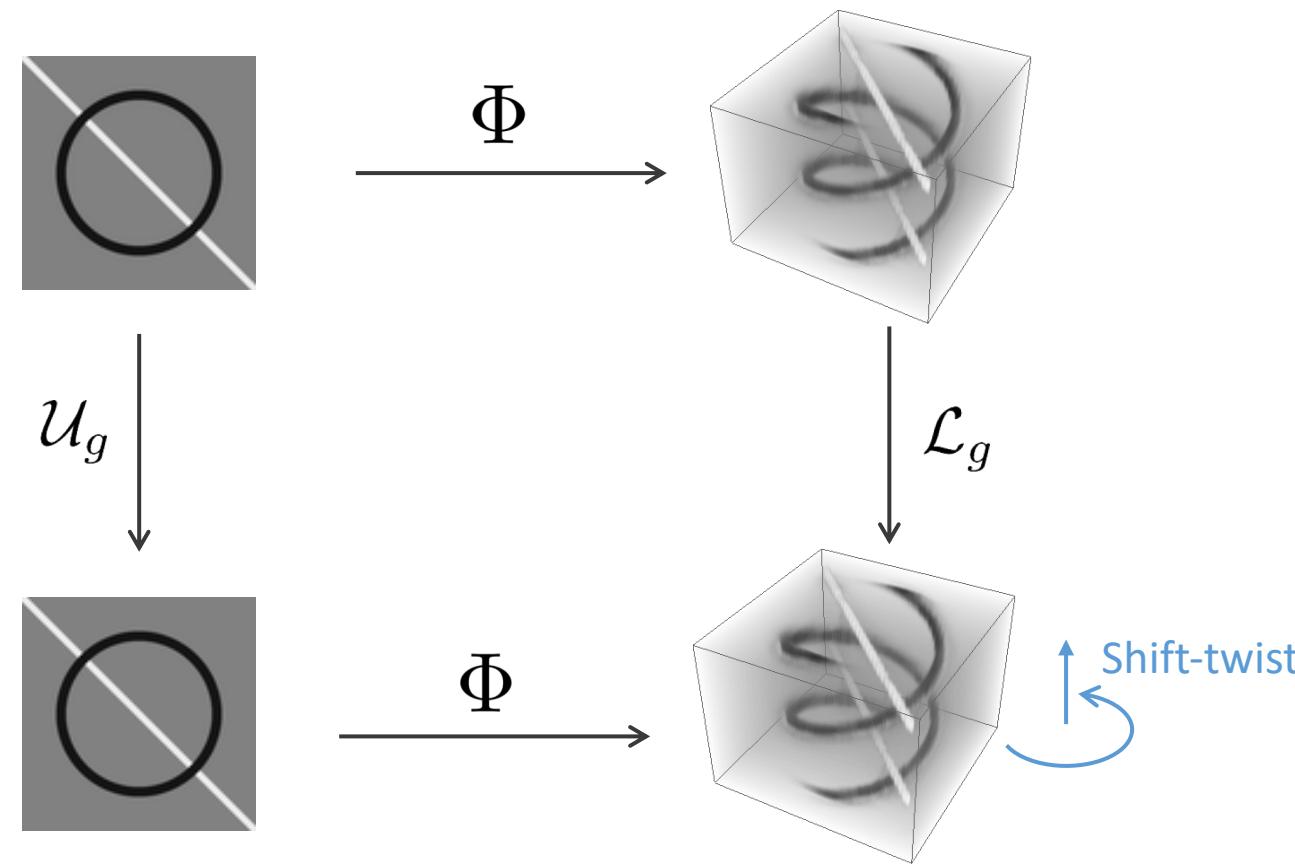
# Group Representations of SE(2)

The representation of SE(2) on  $f \in \mathbb{L}_2(\mathbb{R}^2)$

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{U}_g f)(\mathbf{y}) &= f(g^{-1} \odot \mathbf{y}) \\ &= f(\mathbf{R}_\theta^{-1}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x})) \end{aligned}$$

The representation of SE(2) on  $F \in \mathbb{L}_2(SE(2))$

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{L}_g F)(\mathbf{y}) &= F(g^{-1} \cdot h) \\ &= F(\mathbf{R}_\theta^{-1}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}), \alpha - \theta) \end{aligned}$$



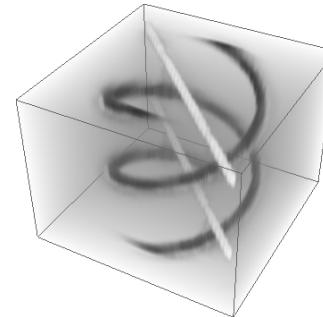
# Group correlation layers

Lifting layer:

$$(k \star f)(g) := (\mathcal{U}_g k, f)_{\mathbb{L}_2(\mathbb{R}^2)}$$



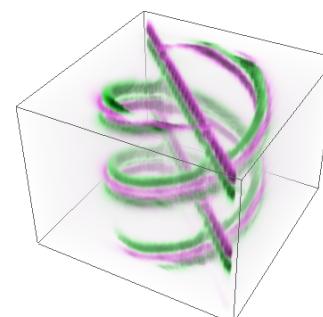
$\Phi^1$



G-correlation layer:

$$(K \star F)(g) := (\mathcal{L}_g K, F)_{\mathbb{L}_2(SE(2))}$$

$\Phi^2$



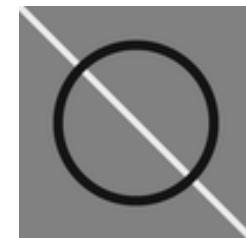
# Group correlation layers

SE(2) equivariance

TU/e

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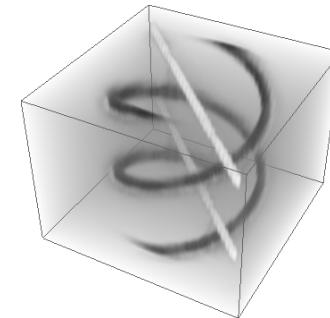
$$\mathcal{U}_g \rightarrow$$



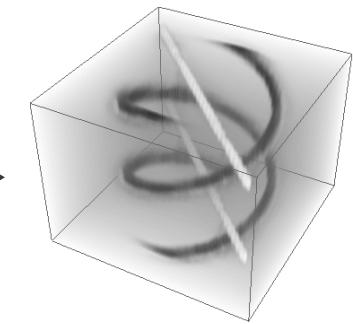
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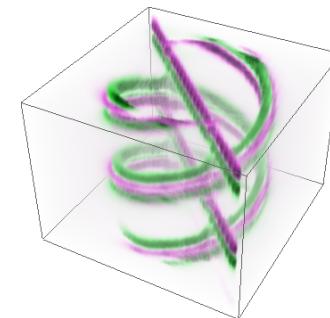
$$\Phi^1 \downarrow$$



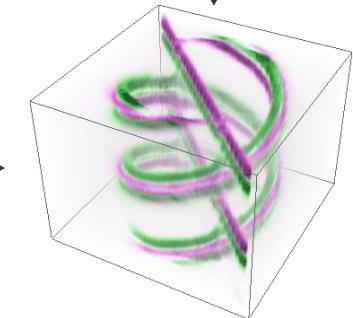
$$\mathcal{L}_g \rightarrow$$



$$\Phi^2 \downarrow$$



$$\mathcal{L}_g \rightarrow$$



Note:  $K \star F = \check{K} * F$  with  $\check{K}(g) = K(g^{-1})$

Theorem on Equivariant  
Linear Operators  
motivating the

G-CNN Design

**Thm.** Let  $X, Y$  be homogeneous spaces. Let Lie group  $G$  act transitively on  $Y$ . Let  $\mu_X$  and  $\mu_Y$  be Radon measures on  $X$  resp.  $Y$  s.t.

$$\exists_{m \in \mathbb{L}_1(G)} \forall_{g \in G} \forall_{x \in X} : \frac{d\mu_X(g^{-1}x)}{d\mu_X(x)} = m(g)$$

Let  $K : \mathbb{L}_2(X, d\mu_X) \rightarrow \mathbb{L}_2(Y, d\mu_Y)$  be bounded linear s.t.  $\sup_{\|f\|=1} \|Kf\|_{\mathbb{L}_\infty} < \infty$ .

Dunford-Pettis:  $\exists! k \in \mathbb{L}_1(Y \times X) \forall_{f \in \mathbb{L}_2(X, d\mu_X)} \forall_{y \in Y} : (Kf)(y) = \int_X k(y, x) f(x) d\mu_X(x)$ .

Let  $A, B$  be linear left-regular reps. of  $G$  on  $X, Y$  s.t.  $\forall_{g \in G} : K \circ A_g = B_g \circ K$ .

Then  $\exists_{y_0 \in Y} \forall_{y \in Y} \exists_{g_y \in G} : y = g_y y_0$  and

$$\exists! k_0 \in \mathbb{L}_1(X) \forall_{f \in \mathbb{L}_2(X, d\mu_X)} \forall'_{y \in Y} : (Kf)(y) = \int_X m(g_y) k_0(g_y^{-1}x) f(x) d\mu_X(x)$$

$$\text{with } \forall_{h \in \text{Stab}_G(y_0)} : k_0(x) = m(h) k_0(hx).$$

## Special cases :

- $X = Y = \mathbb{L}_2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  &  $G = SE(d)$ . Then  $g \odot \mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{R})\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{Rx} + \mathbf{b}$ .  
Then  $Kf = k_0 * f$  with  $k_0$  isotropic.
- $X = \mathbb{L}_2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  &  $Y = \mathbb{L}_2(G)$  &  $G = SIM(d)$ :  $g = (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{R}, a)$ ,  $m(g) = a^{-d}$ ,

$$Kf(g) = a^{-\frac{d}{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \bar{\psi}(a^{-1}\mathbf{R}^{-1}(\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}))f(\mathbf{x}') d\mathbf{x}' \text{ with } \psi = a^{\frac{d}{2}}\bar{k}_0.$$

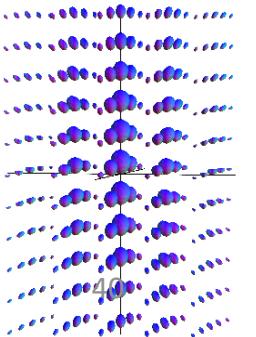
- $X = \mathbb{L}_2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  &  $Y = \mathbb{L}_2(G)$  &  $G = SE(d)$ :  $Kf = (\mathcal{U}_g\psi, f)$  with  $\psi = \bar{k}_0$ .
- $X = Y = \mathbb{L}_2(G)$  &  $G = SE(3)$ :

$$Kf(g) = (k * f)(g) = \int_G k(h^{-1}g)f(h) d\mu_G(h).$$

- $X = Y = \mathbb{L}_2(\mathbb{R}^3 \times S^2)$  &  $G = SE(d)$ :  $m = 1$ ,  $\mathbf{y}_0 = (\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{a})$  and

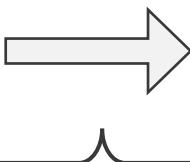
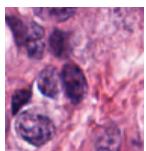
$$Kf(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{n}) = (k_0 * f)(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{n}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \int_{S^2} k_0(\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{n}'}^T(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'), \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{n}'}^T \mathbf{n}) f(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{n}') d\mathbf{x}' d\sigma(\mathbf{n}').$$

$$k_0(\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{a}, \alpha} \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{a}, \alpha} \mathbf{n}) = k_0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{n})$$



# ⇒ G-CNN design for rotation invariant patch classification

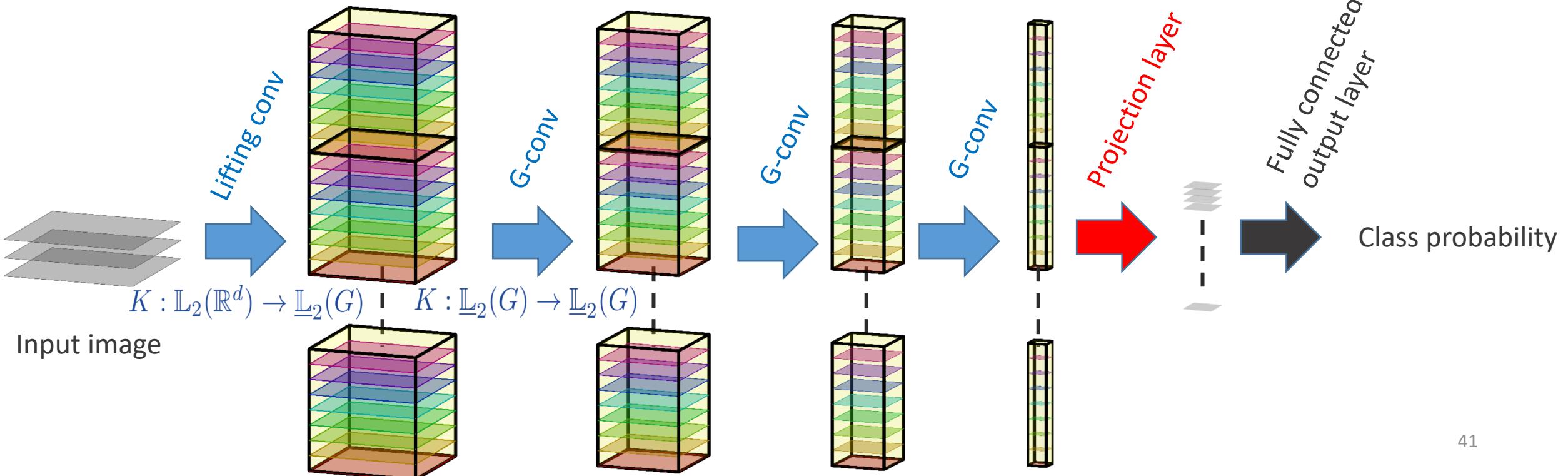
Bekkers et al.  
MICCAI 2018  
ICIP 2014 (2 layers)



“normal” (0) vs “mitotic” (1)

Max-pooling over rotations only  
Equivariance. Better choices...

Thm. → equivariant linear operator design !  
(in practice interleaved ReLu: not affecting equiv.)



# Steerable Implementations possible via Fourier Transform on the homogeneous space of positions and orientations:

$$\mathbb{R}^d \rtimes S^{d-1} := G/H = SE(d)/(\{\mathbf{0}\} \times SO(d-1))$$

i.e. identify  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{n}) \leftrightarrow (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{R}_n)$  with  $\mathbf{R}_n$  *any* rotation mapping  $\mathbf{a}$  to orientation  $\mathbf{n}$



d=2:  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rtimes S^1 = SE(2)$ :

$$f_1 *_G f_2 = \mathcal{F}_G^{-1}(\mathcal{F}_G f_1 \circ \mathcal{F}_G f_2)$$

Chirikjian & Kyatkin,  
PhD Theses: E.M.Franken, L.Siffre

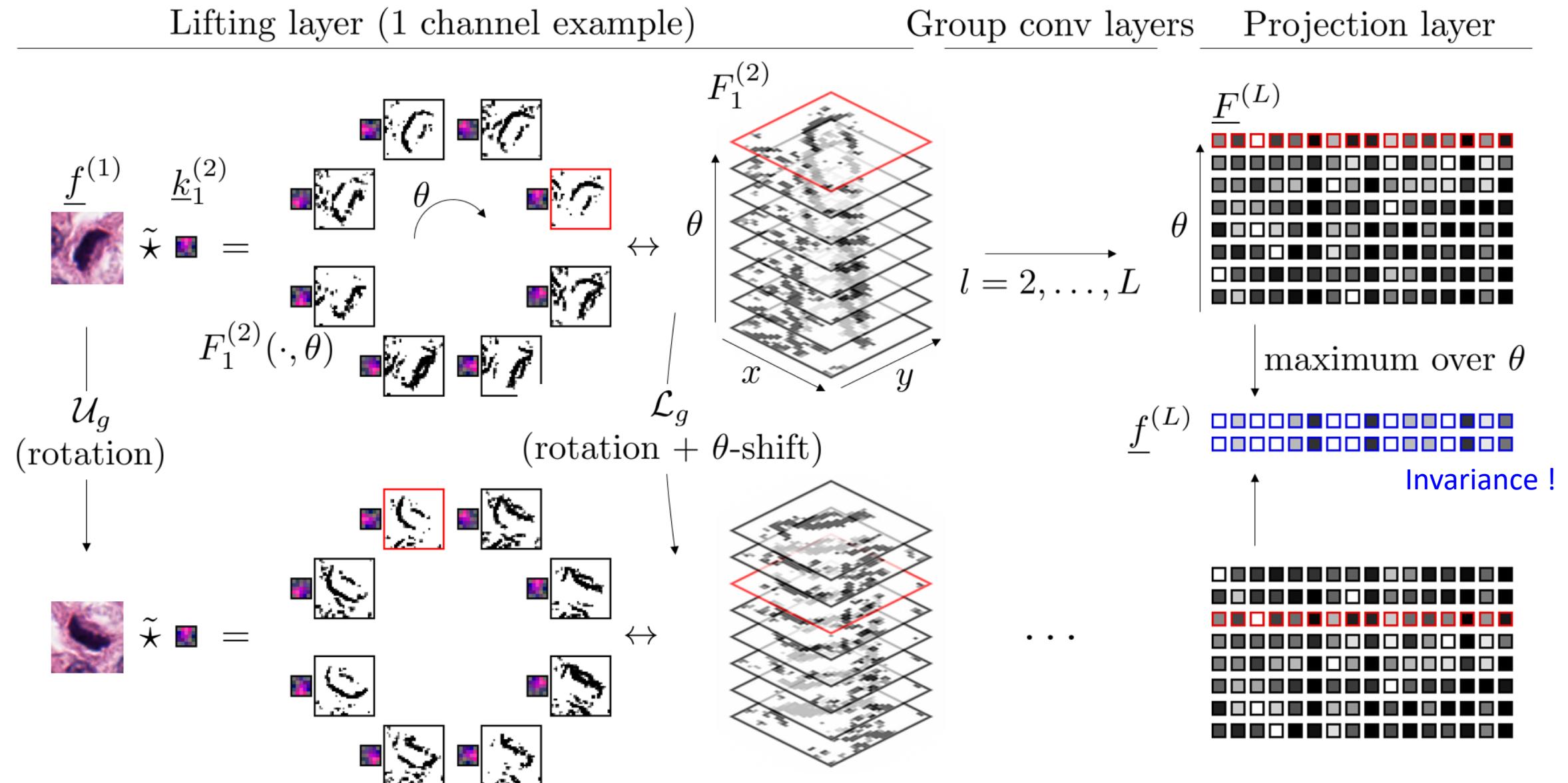
d=3:  $\mathbb{R}^3 \rtimes S^2 \equiv SE(3)/(\{0\} \times SO(2))$ :

$$f_1 *_{G/H} f_2 = \mathcal{F}_{G/H}^{-1}(\mathcal{F}_{G/H} f_1 \circ \mathcal{F}_{G/H} f_2)$$

Duits & Bekkers & Mashtakov  
Entropy 2019.  
SI: In honor of 250 years<sup>44</sup>Fourier.

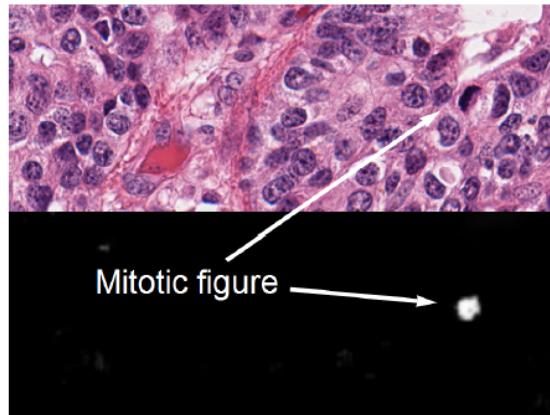
# Results

# Example (rotation equivariance and invariance)

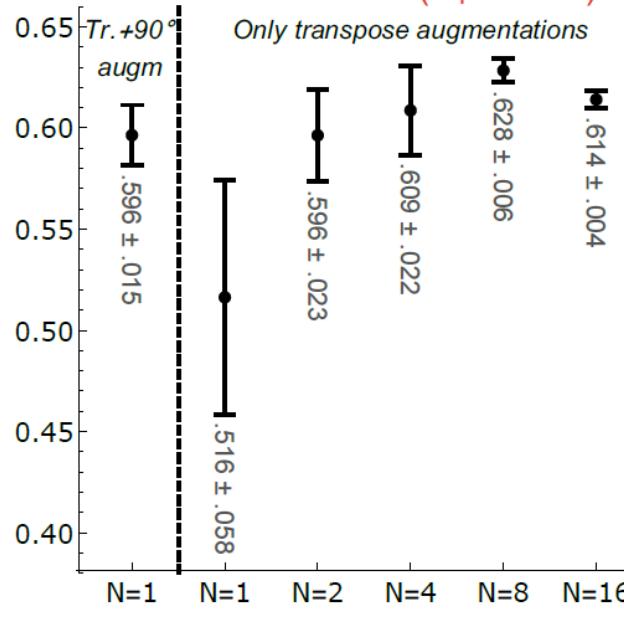


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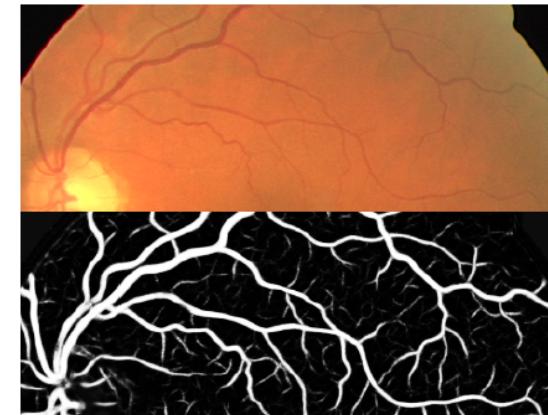
histopathology



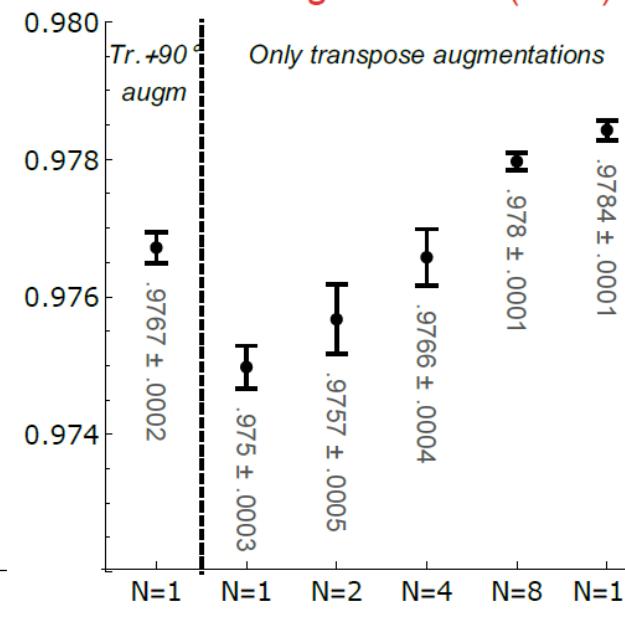
Mitosis detection ( $F_1$ -score)



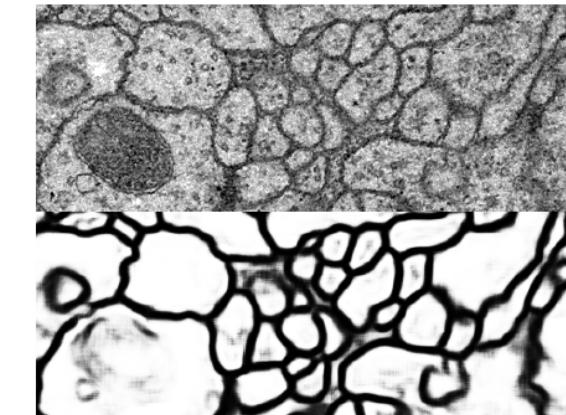
Optical image of eye



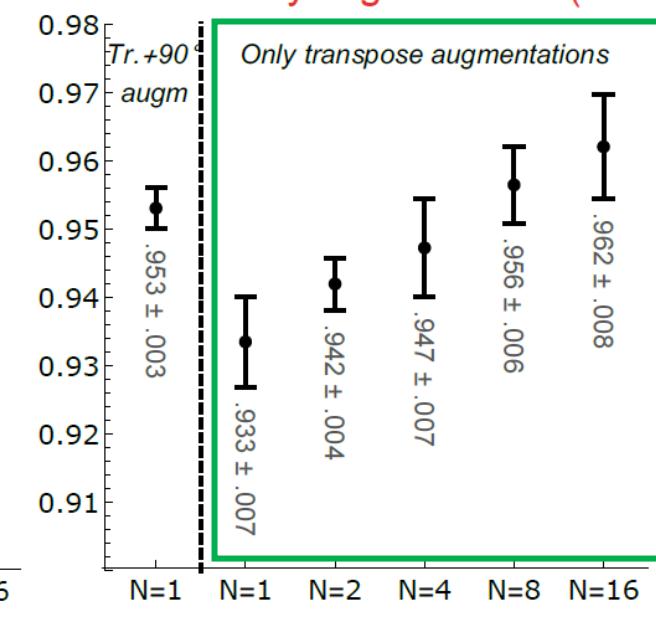
Vessel segmentation (AUC)



Electron microscopy



Cell boundary segmentation (Rand)



Same capacity  
But no waist as  
N increases.

Fig. 2: Top row: Crop outs of images of the three tasks with the class probabilities generated by our method. Bottom row: Mean results ( $\pm 1$  std. dev.).

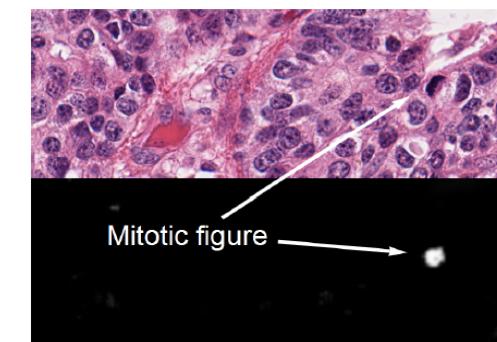
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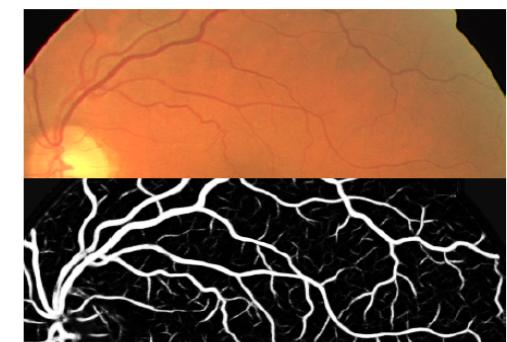
- Roto-translation ( $SE(2)$ ) covariant CNNs
  - Lifting layer
  - G-conv layer (interleaved with ReLU)
  - Projection layer
- Increased performance compared to 2D benchmarks that rely on rotation augmentation
- Code + demos are on GitHub
  - [github.com/tueimage/se2cnn](https://github.com/tueimage/se2cnn)
  - G-conv layers can replace standard conv2d layers
  - Or combined with standard 2D layers (see MNIST demo)

- PDE Geometric Processing on  $SE(d)$ .  
2005–ongoing...  
Machine Learning also on  $SE(d)$ !  
2014–ongoing... Next...

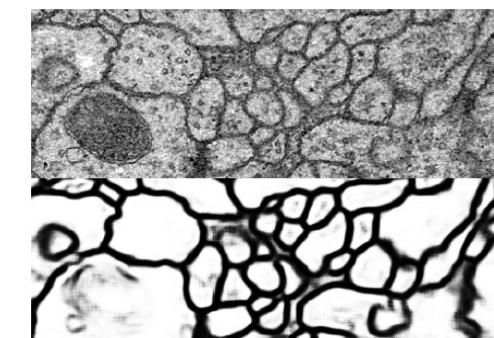
**Better results by deeper-layers and multiple orientations!**



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