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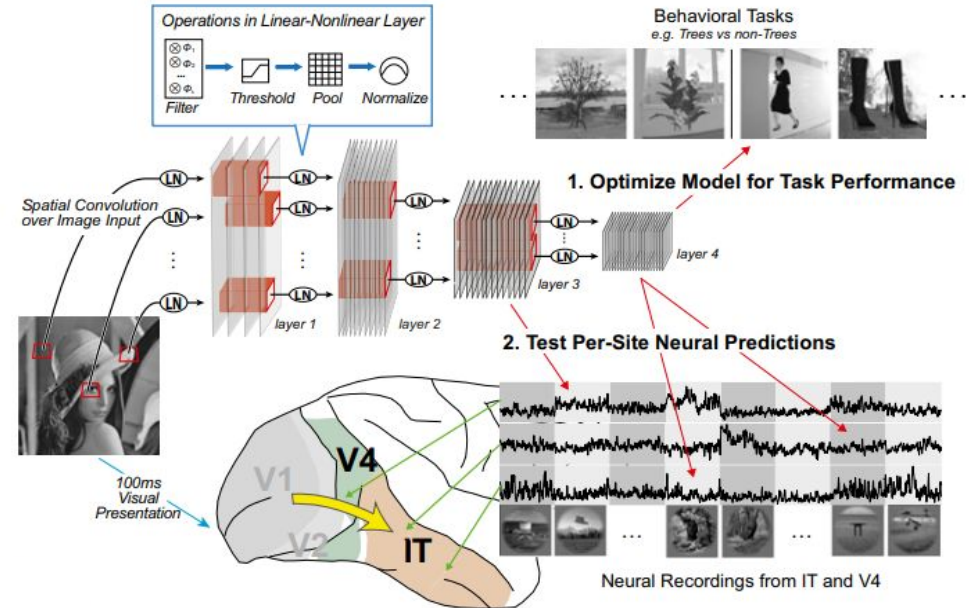
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# Theoretical Background

Visual system → Hierarchical organization

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) → modeled after the structure of early visual cortex (*Lindsay et. al., 2020*).

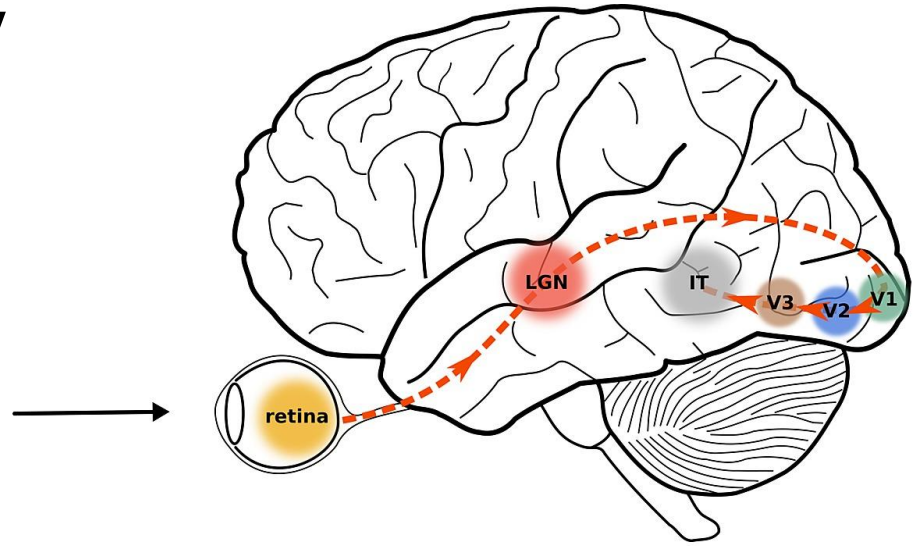


Yamins et al (2014)

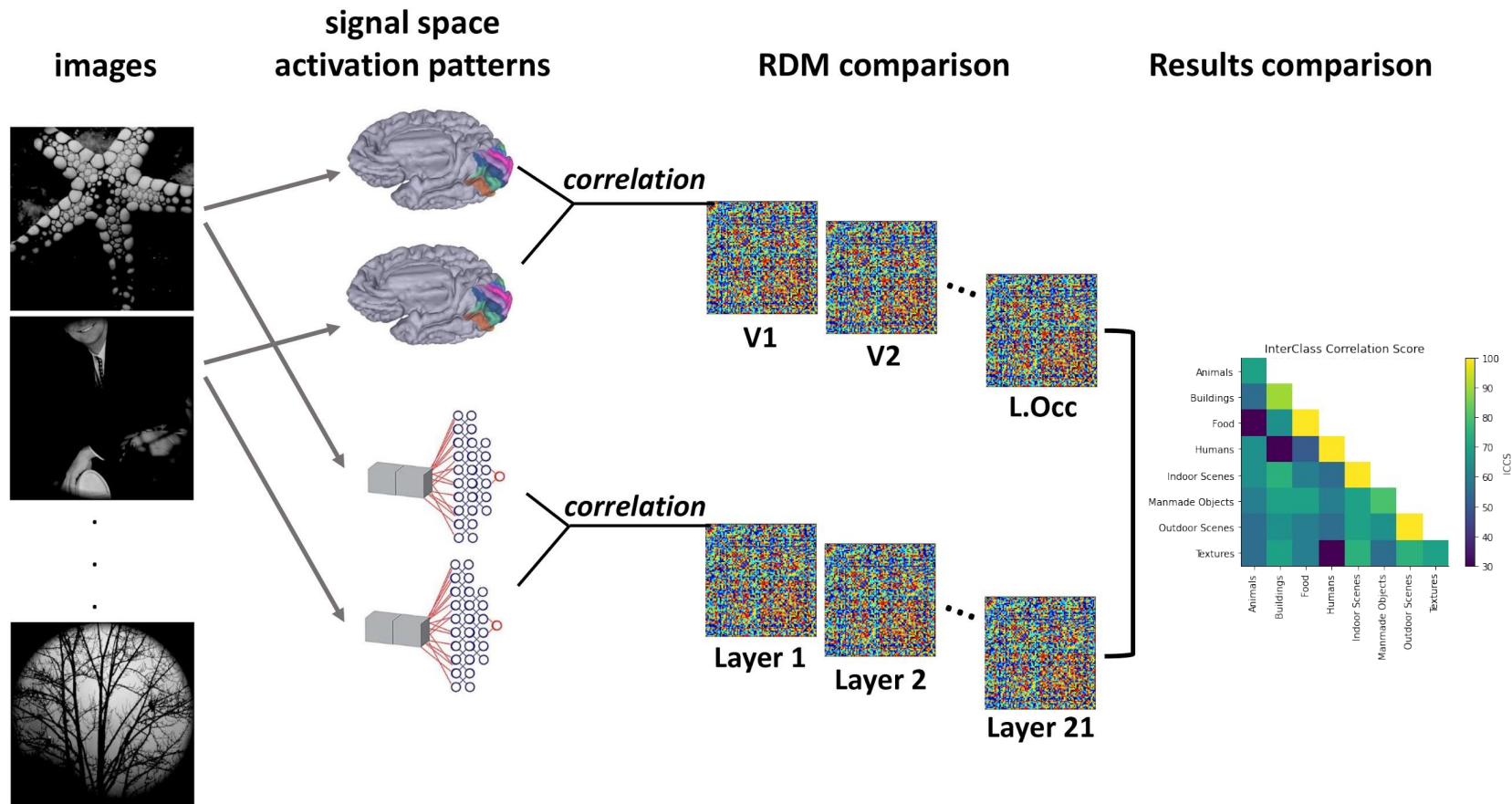
**How do representations in the ROIs of the early visual hierarchy compare with the layers of a convolutional deep neural net?**

*Hypothesis:*

Higher layers in the visual hierarchy will be more representationally similar to higher layers of the deep neural net.



# Methods

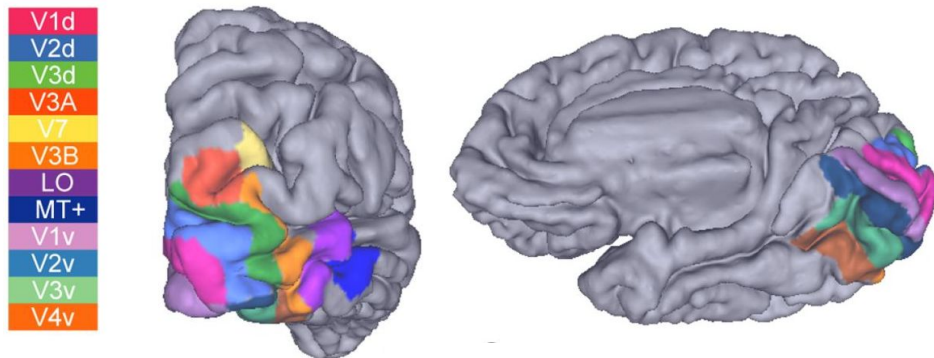


# BOLD response patterns to naturalistic images

## BOLD response amplitudes (z-scores)

Regions of interest (ROIs):

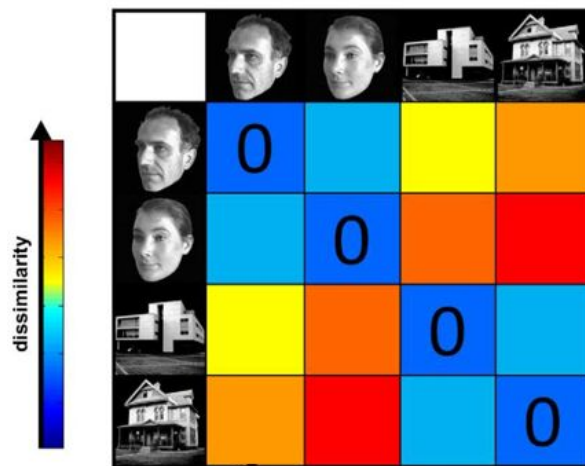
V1, V2, V3, V3A, V3B, V4 & L.Occ.



Ban et al (2013)

## Representational similarity analysis (RSA)

dissimilarity matrix

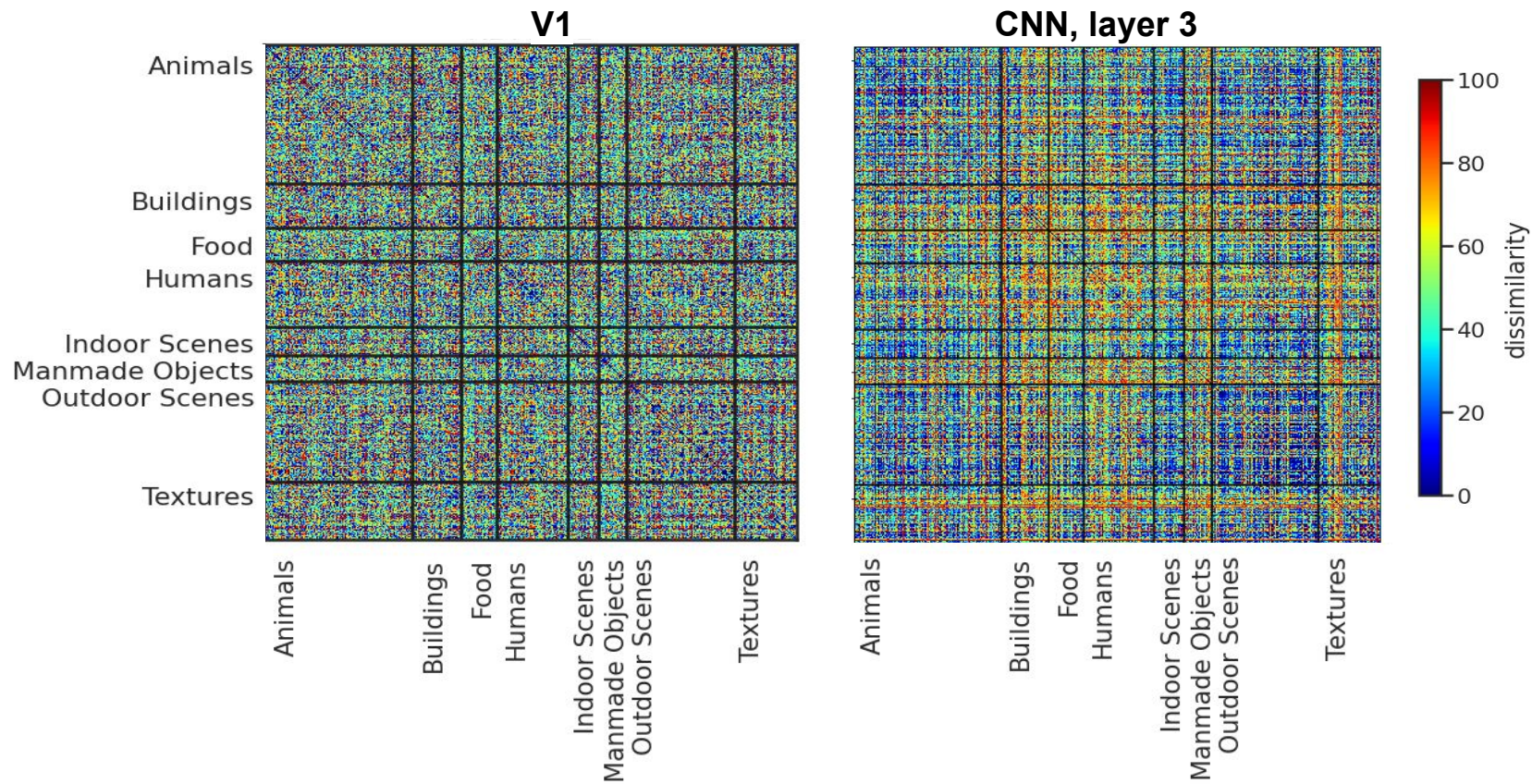


Kriegeskorte et al. (2008)

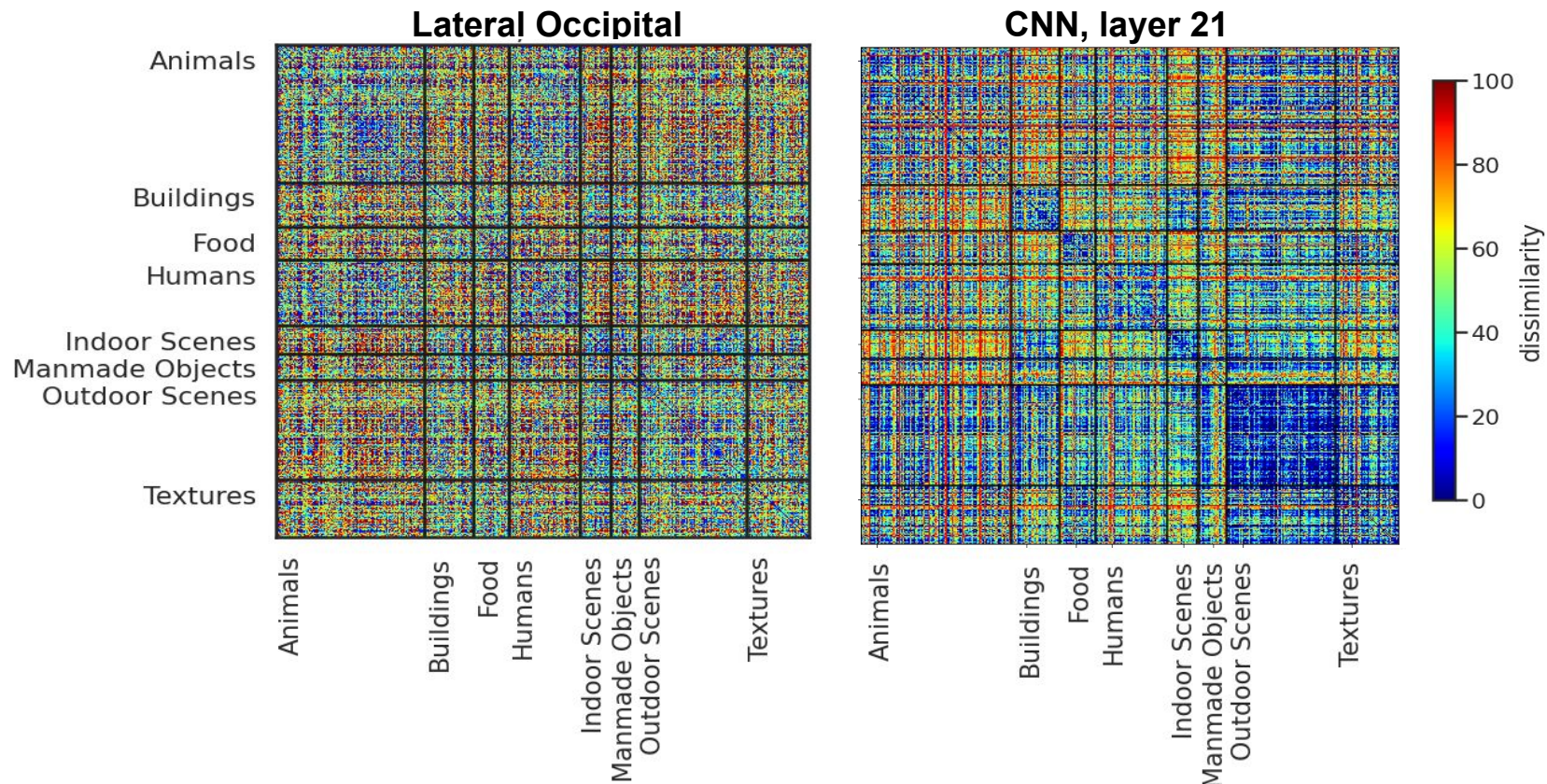




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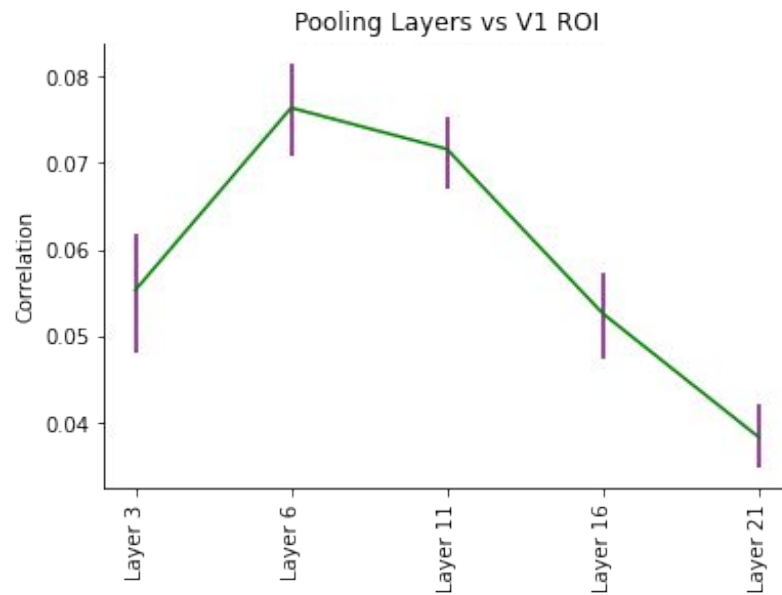
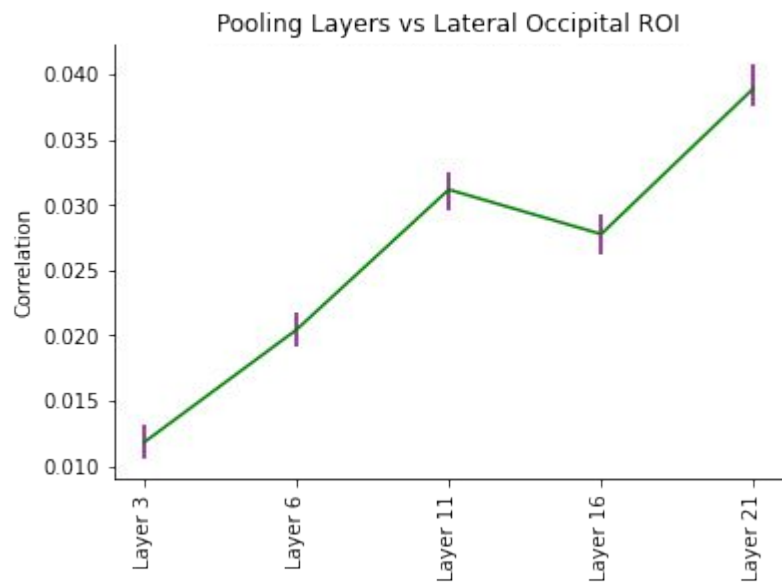


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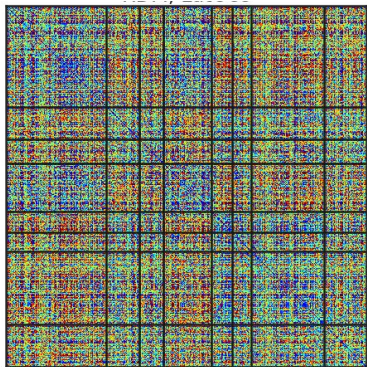


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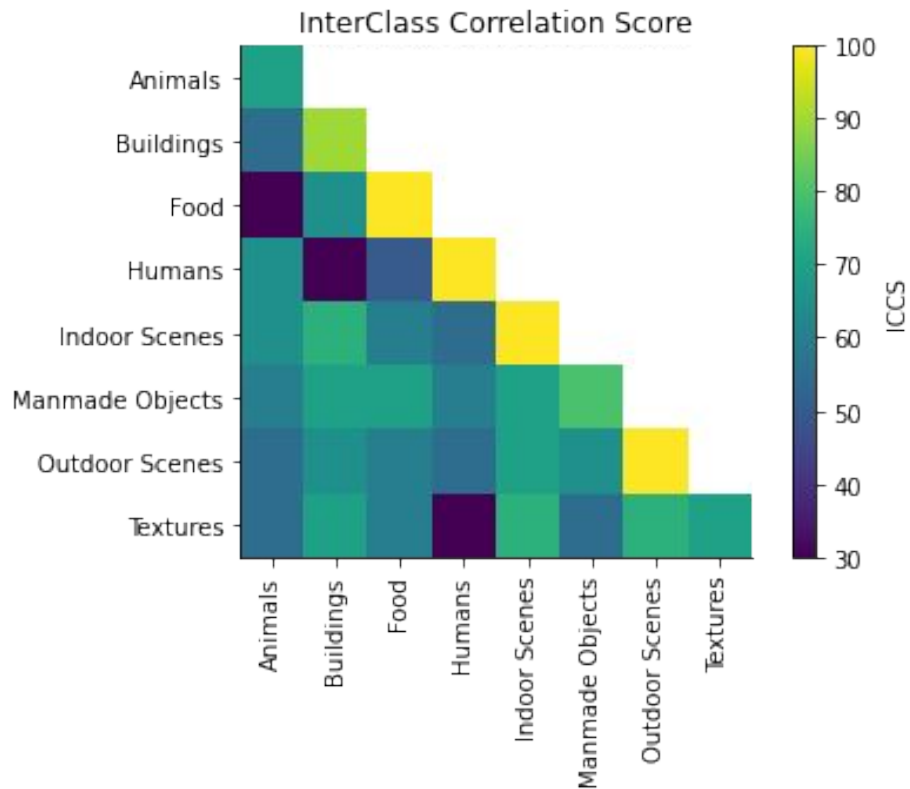
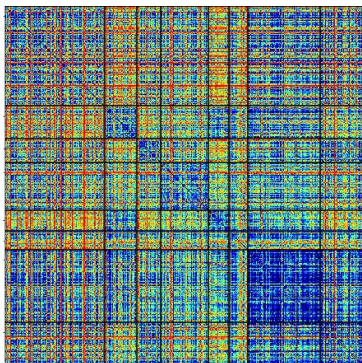


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## Lateral Occipital



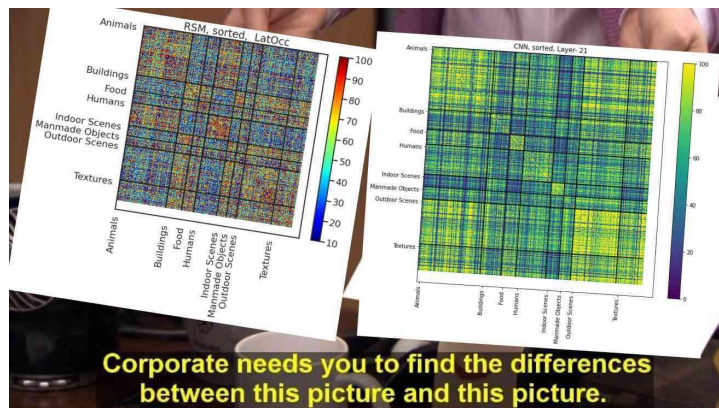
## CNN layer 21



# Discussion

- Early and Late CNN correlate best with Early and Late Visual Hierarchy
- Semantic structure observable in both RSAs
- Absolute correlation remains low!
- Further research?

# Questions?



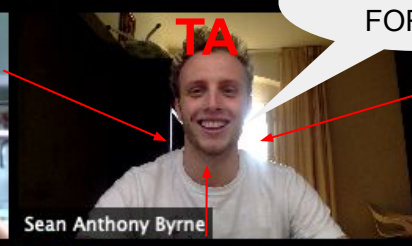
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