

# Lecture 21: Visualizing Models and Generating Images

# Reminder: A5

Recurrent networks, attention, Transformers

We released a minor revision to the starter code today;  
only fixes typos, no functional changes

Autograder will be up today

Due on **Tuesday 4/12**, 11:59pm ET

# A3 Grades

Released last night

Post regrade requests on Piazza until Monday 4/11

# Last Time: Generative Models

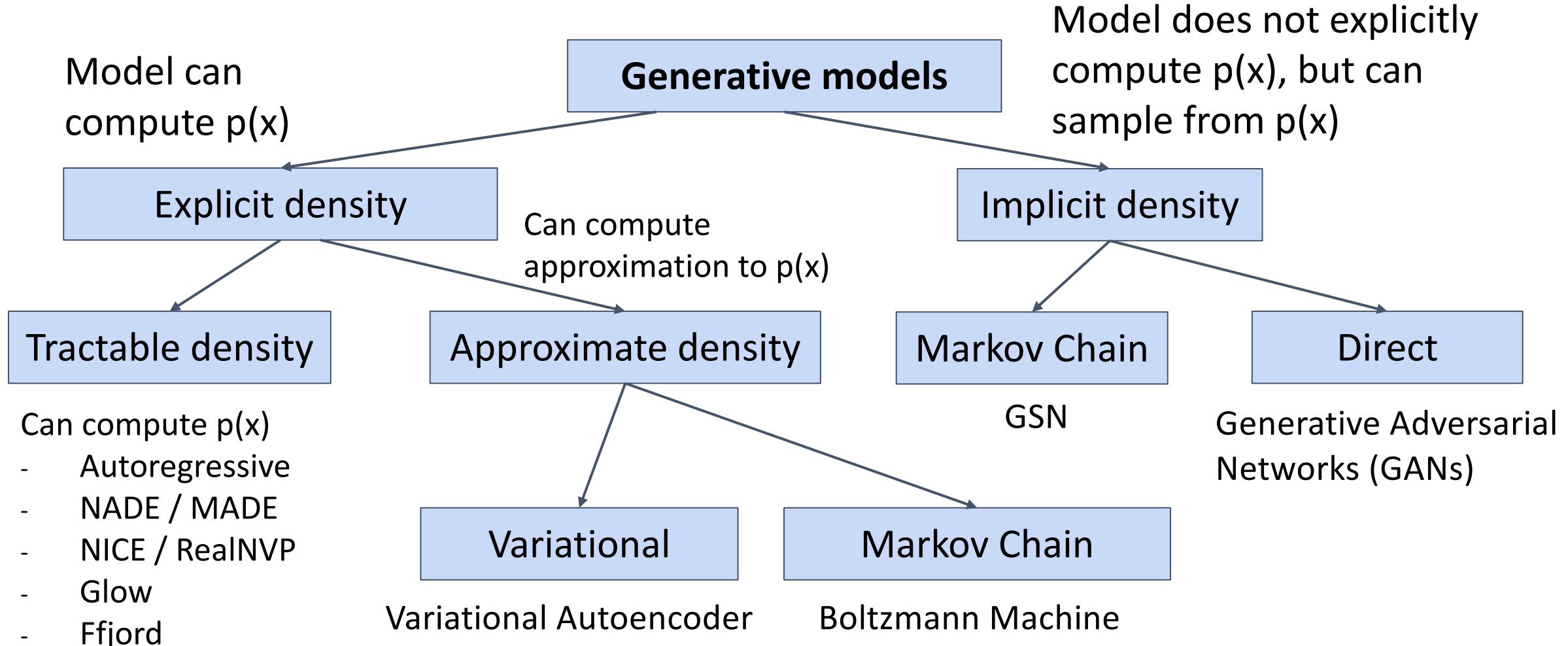


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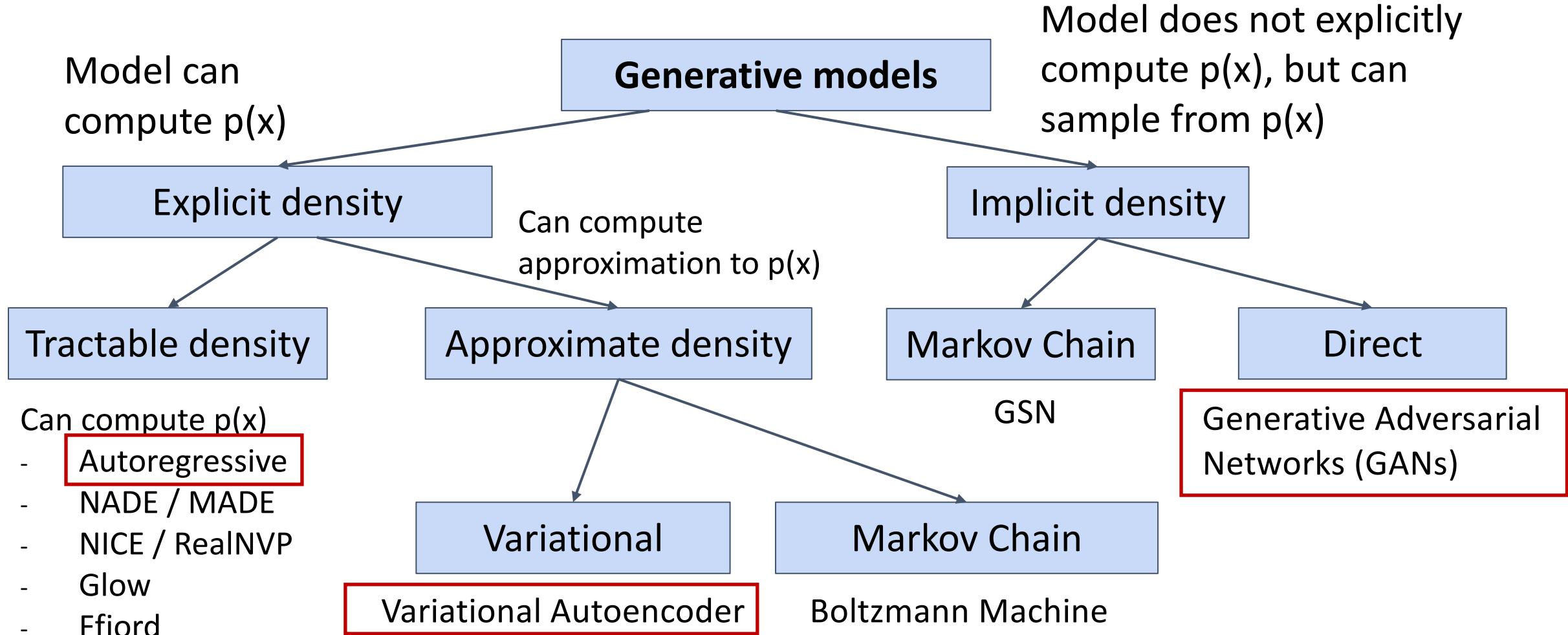
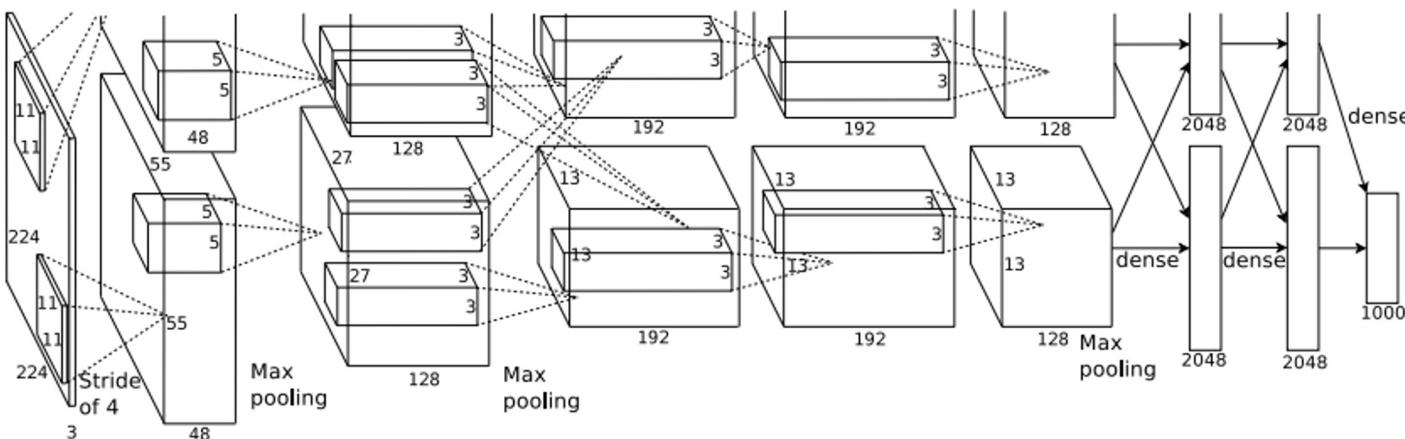


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# Today: Visualizing Networks and Generating Images

# What's going on inside Convolutional Networks?

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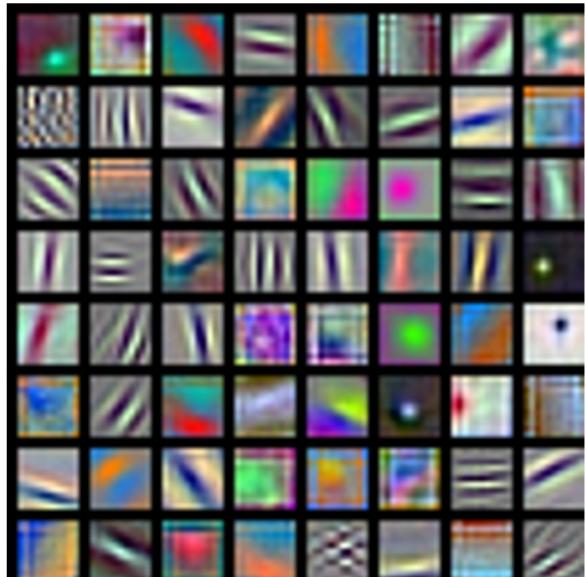


Input Image:  
 $3 \times 224 \times 224$

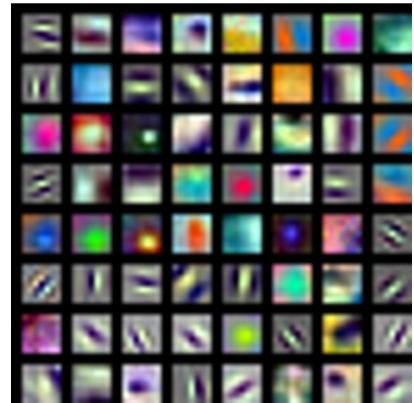
What are the intermediate features looking for?

Class Scores:  
1000 numbers

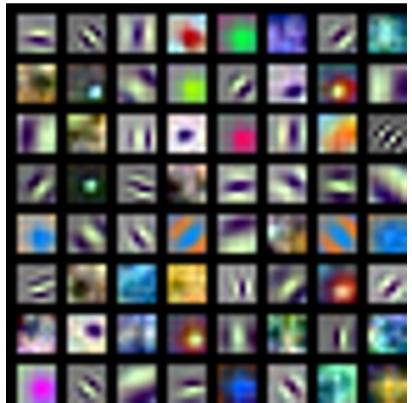
# First Layer: Visualize Filters



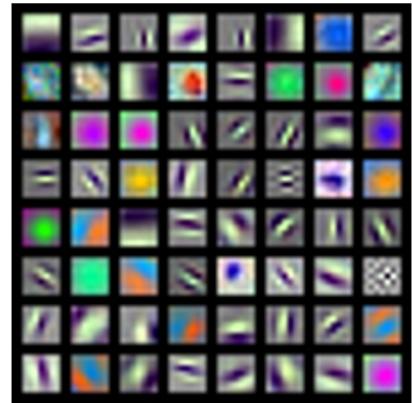
AlexNet:  
 $64 \times 3 \times 11 \times 11$



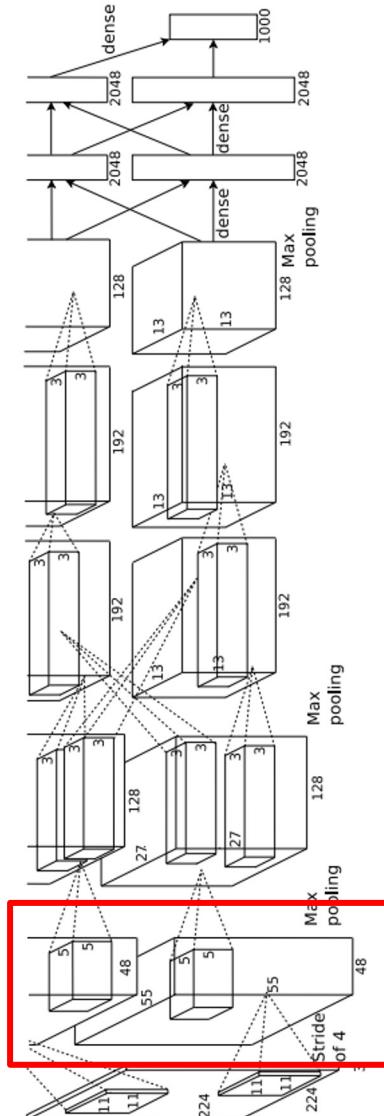
ResNet-18:  
 $64 \times 3 \times 7 \times 7$



ResNet-101:  
 $64 \times 3 \times 7 \times 7$



DenseNet-121:  
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Krizhevsky, "One weird trick for parallelizing convolutional neural networks", arXiv 2014

He et al, "Deep Residual Learning for Image Recognition", CVPR 2016

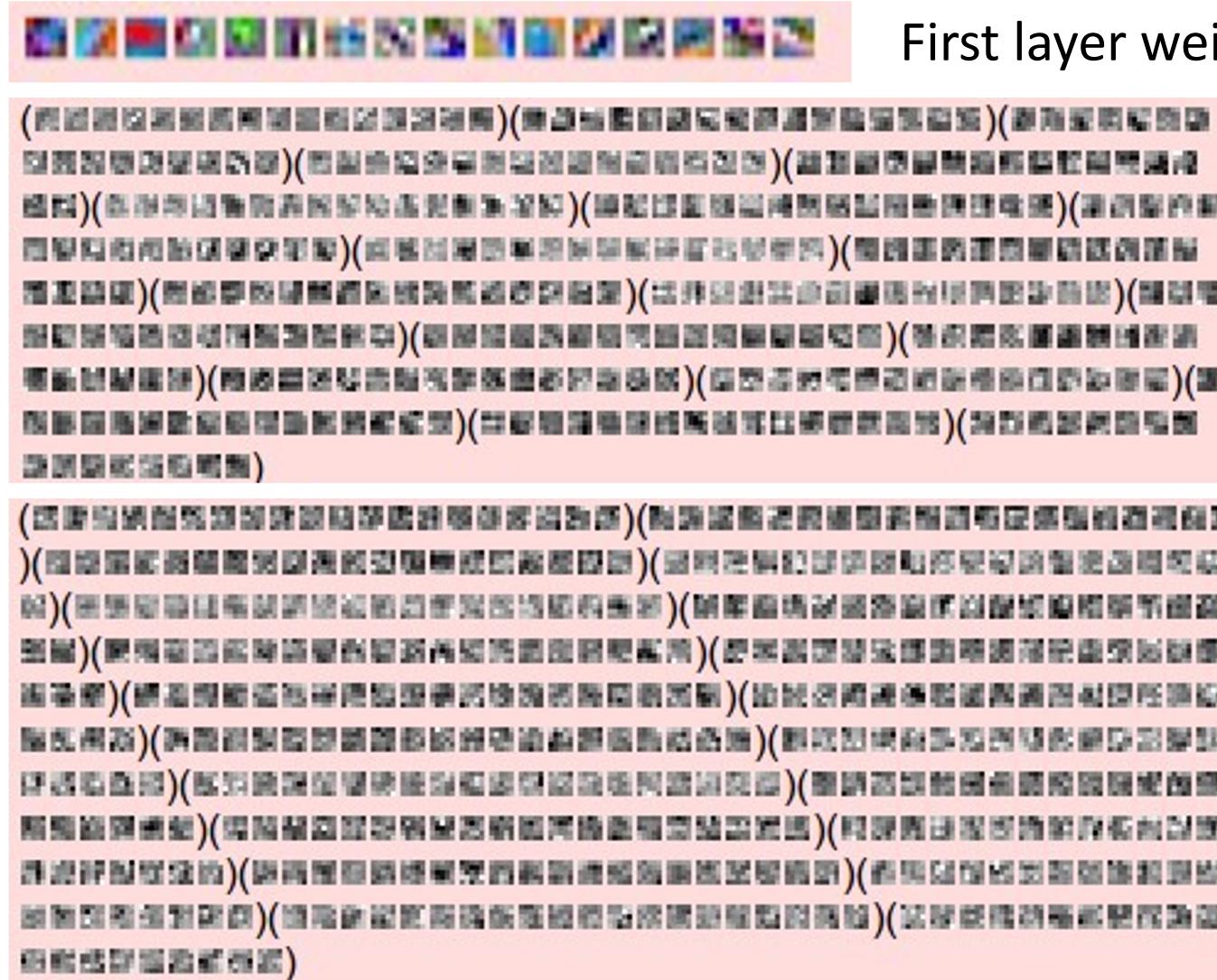
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# Higher Layers: Visualize Filters

We can visualize filters at higher layers, but not that interesting

Source: ConvNetJS  
CIFAR-10 example

<https://cs.stanford.edu/people/karpathy/convnetjs/demo/cifar10.html>

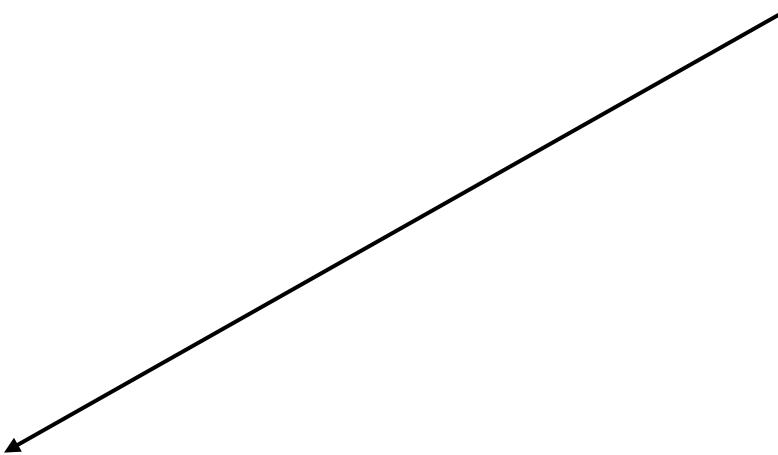


First layer weights:  $16 \times 3 \times 7 \times 7$

Second layer weights:  
 $20 \times 16 \times 7 \times 7$

Third layer weights:  
 $20 \times 20 \times 7 \times 7$

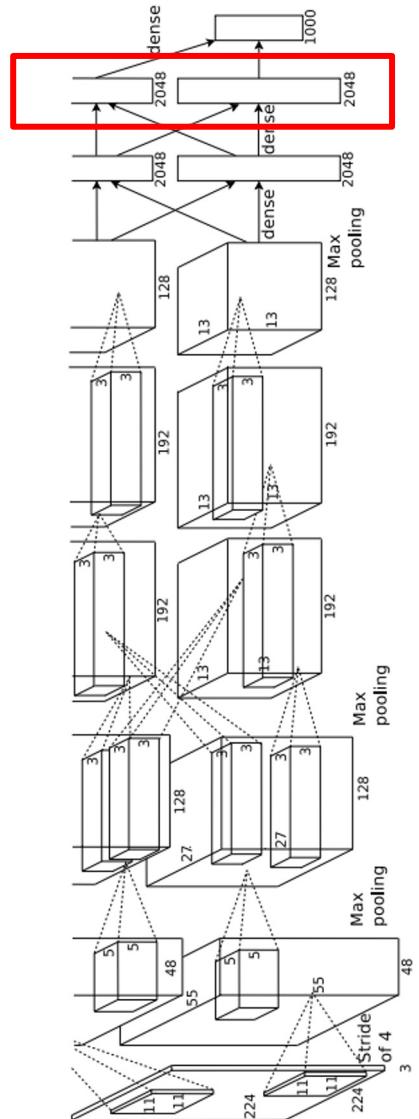
# Last Layer



4096-dimensional feature vector for an image  
(layer immediately before the classifier)

Run the network on many images, collect the  
feature vectors

## FC7 layer

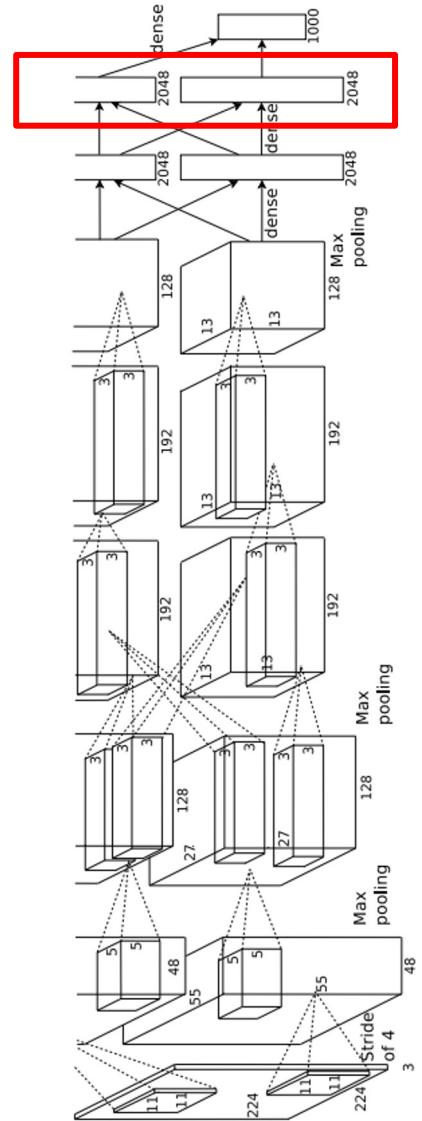
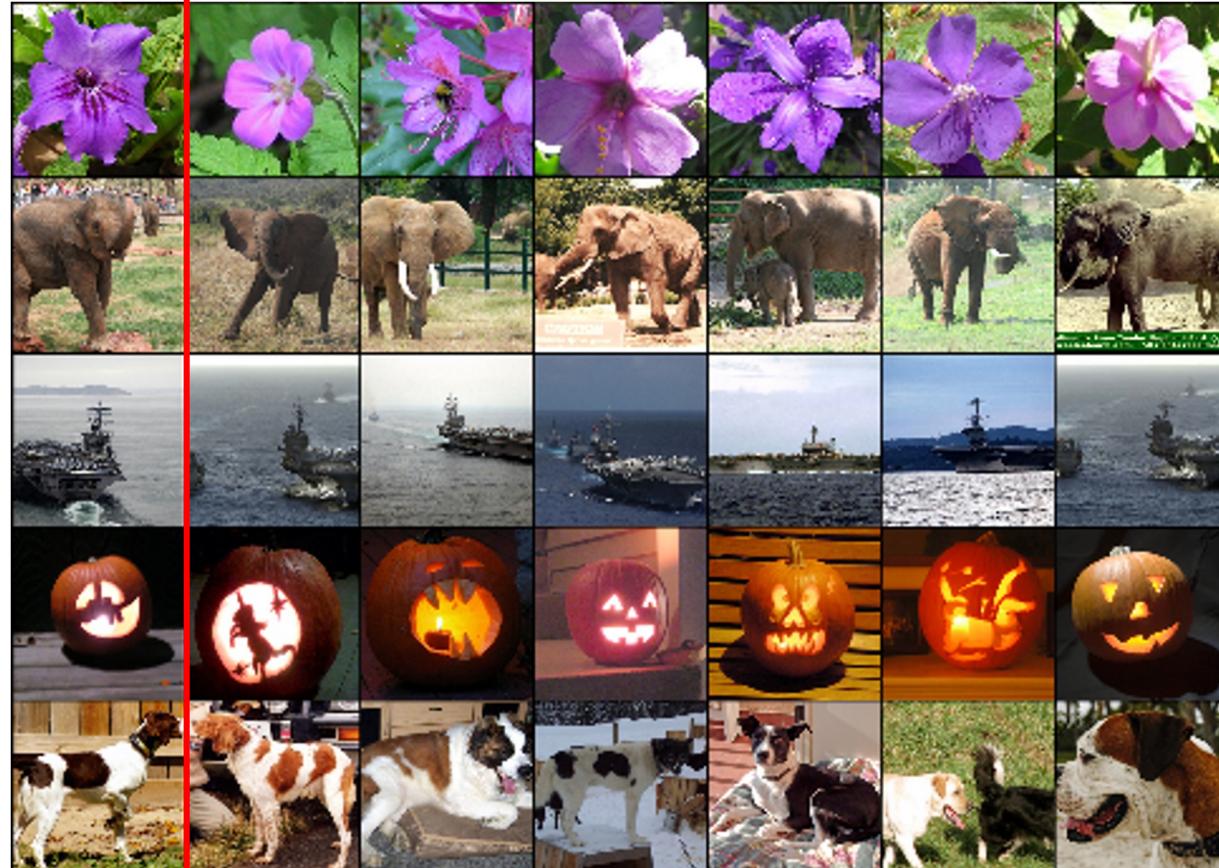


# Last Layer: Nearest Neighbors

# Recall: Nearest neighbors in pixel space



Test  
image L2 Nearest neighbors in feature space



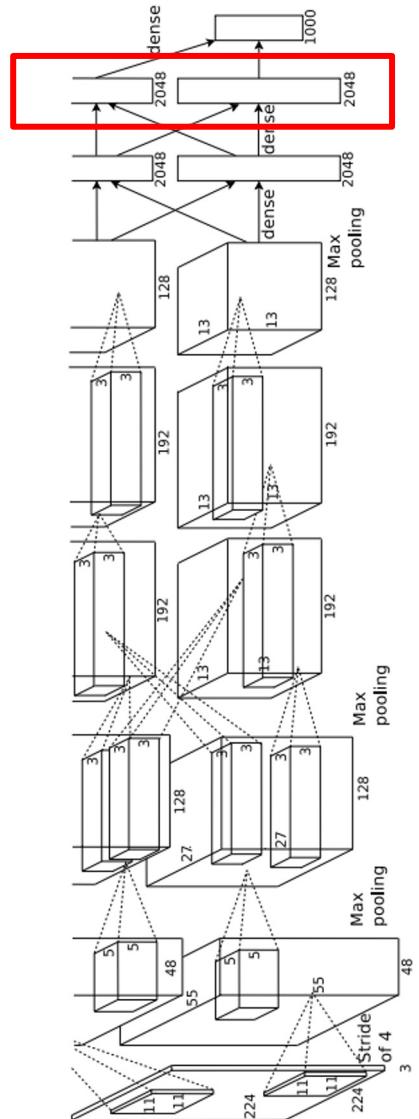
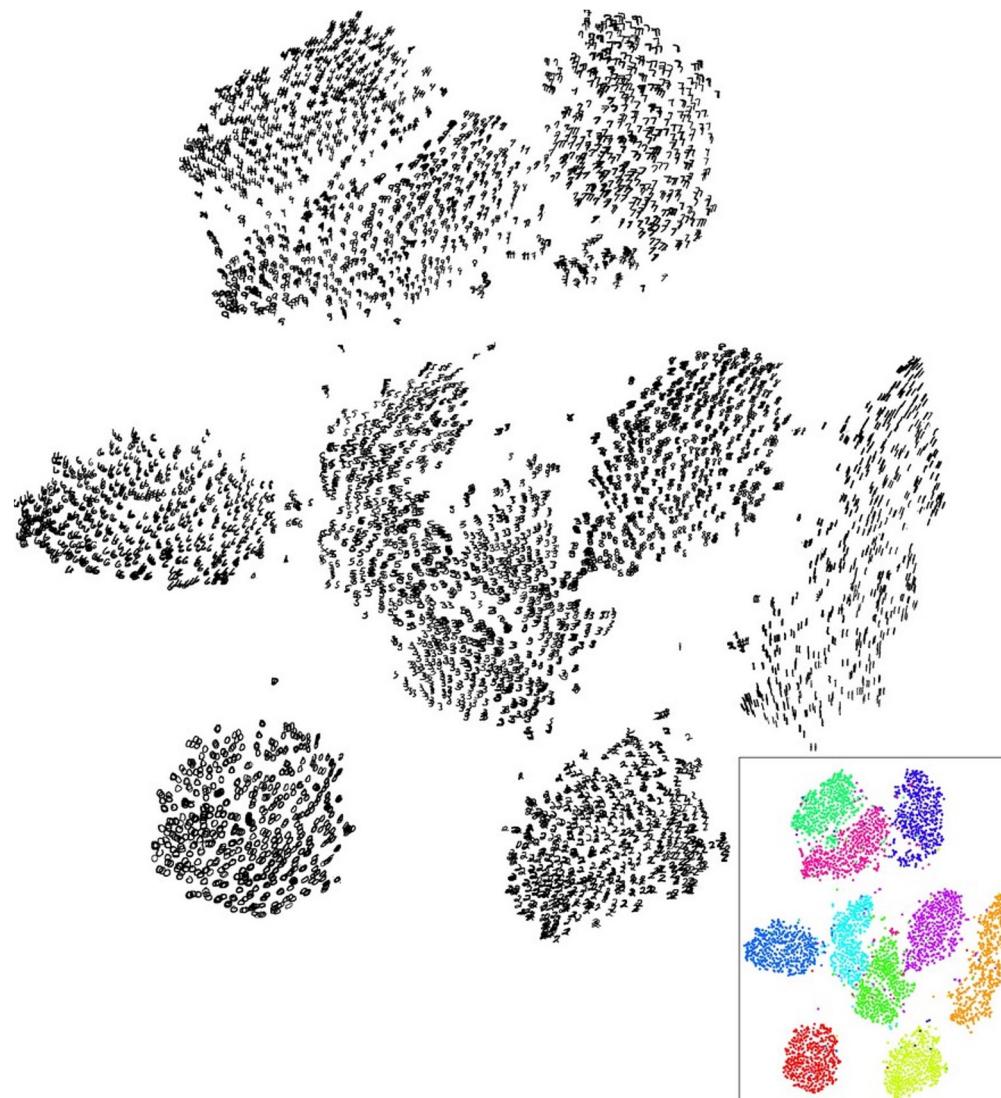
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# Last Layer: Dimensionality Reduction

Visualize the “space” of FC7  
feature vectors by reducing  
dimensionality of vectors from  
4096 to 2 dimensions

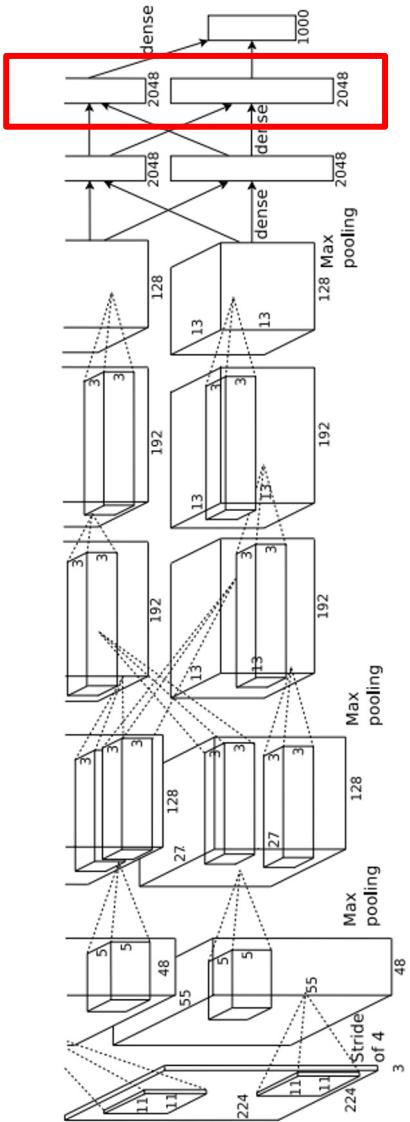
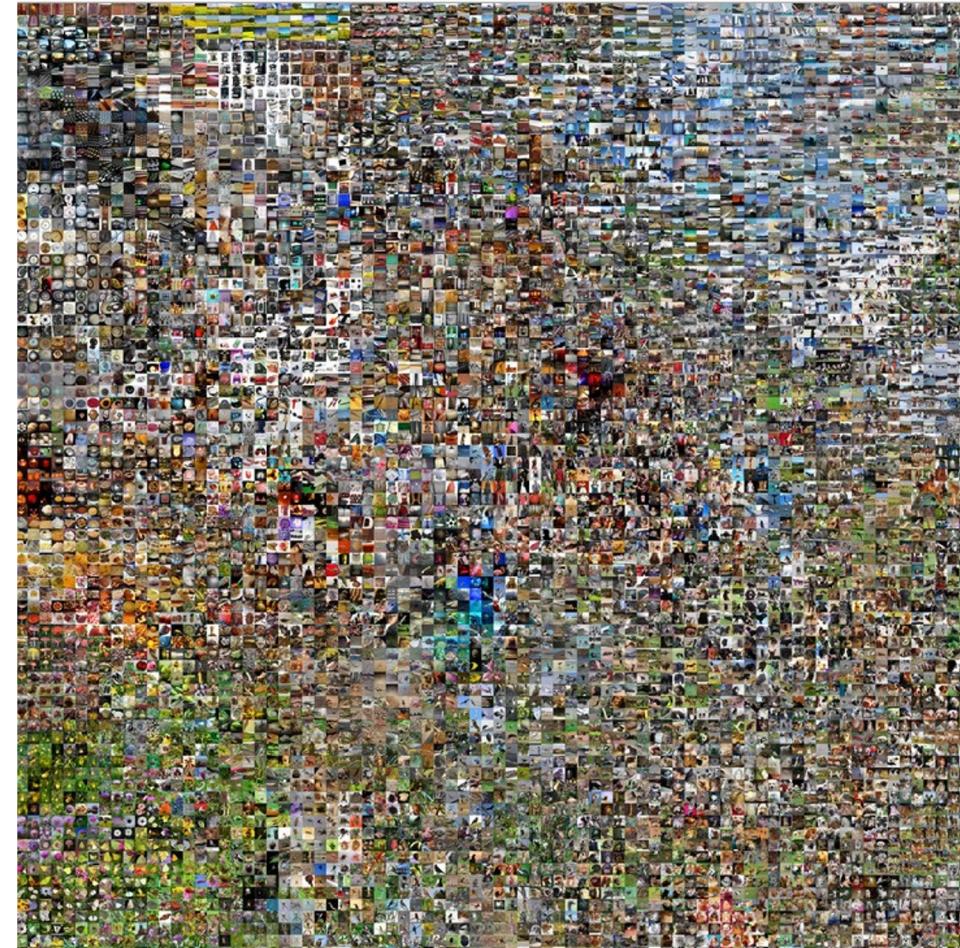
Simple algorithm: Principal  
Component Analysis (PCA)

More complex: t-SNE



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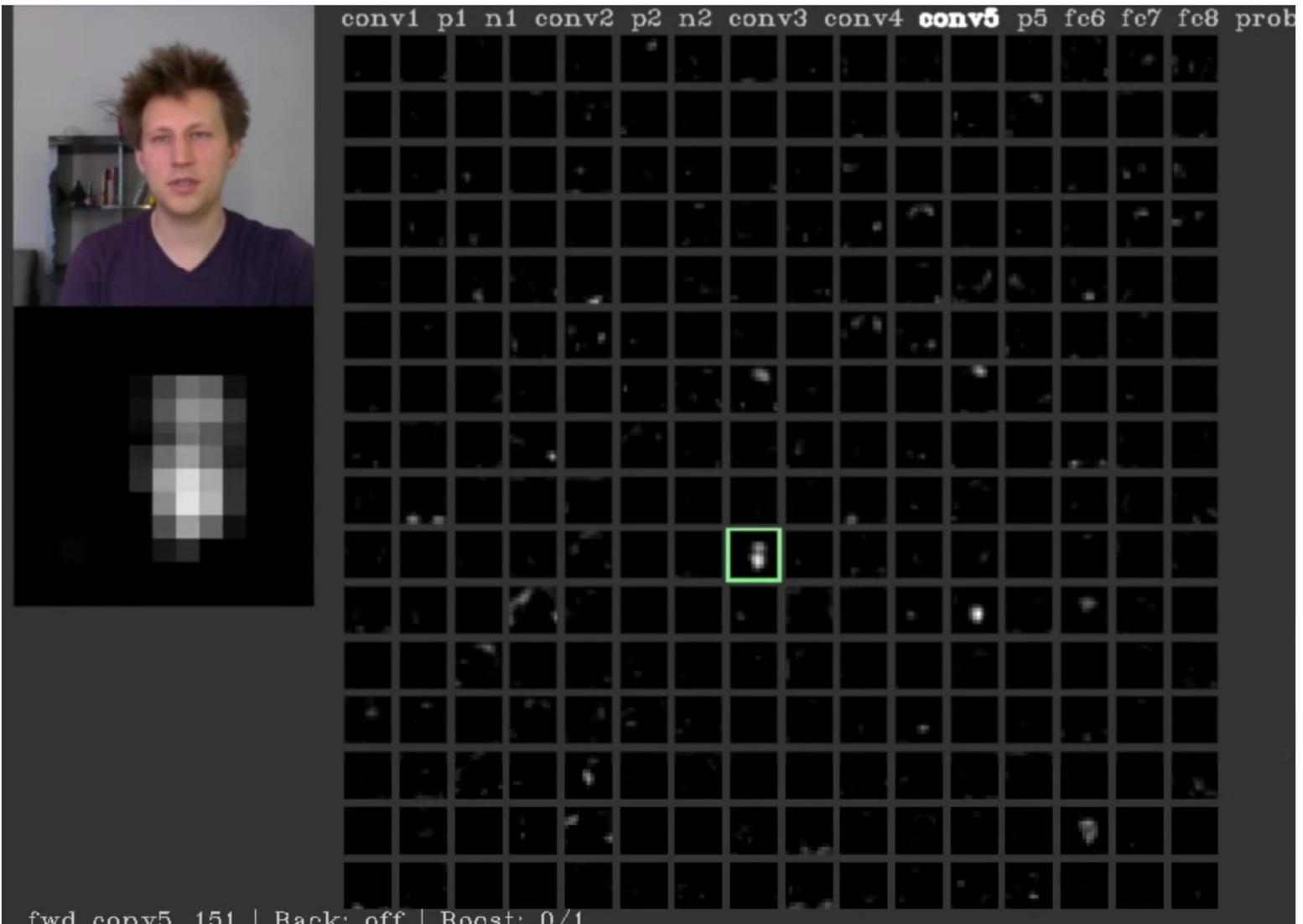


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<http://cs.stanford.edu/people/karpathy/cnnembed/>

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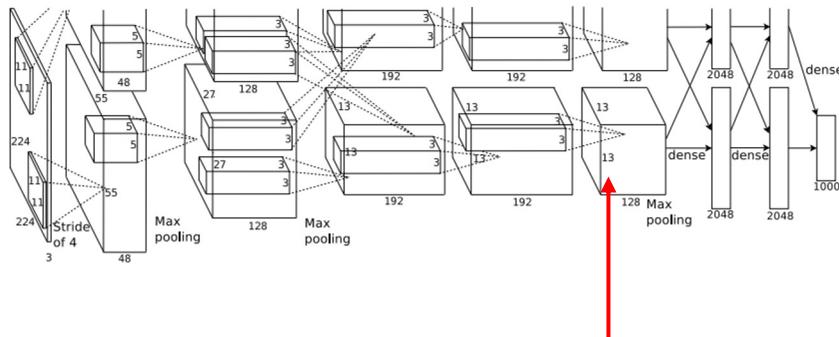
# Visualizing Activations

conv5 feature map is  
128x13x13; visualize as  
128 13x13 grayscale  
images



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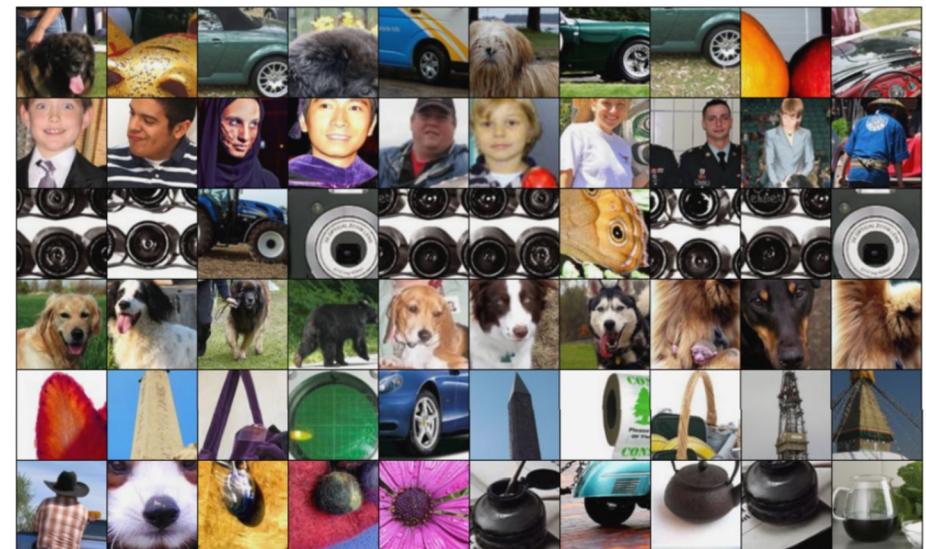
# Maximally Activating Patches



Pick a layer and a channel; e.g. conv5 is  $128 \times 13 \times 13$ , pick channel 17/128

Run many images through the network,  
record values of chosen channel

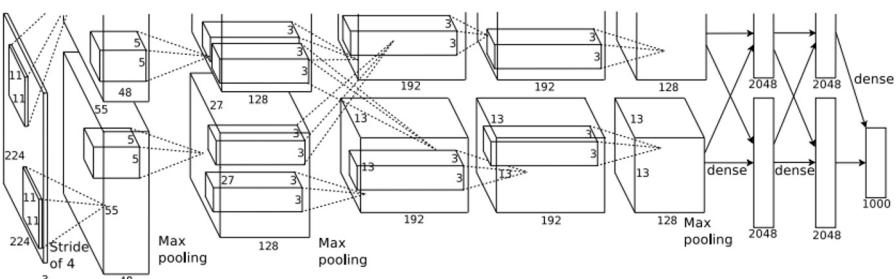
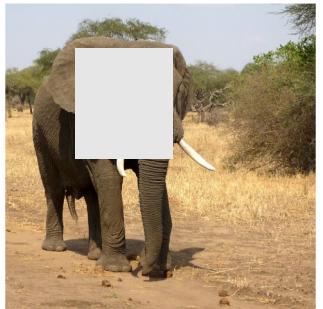
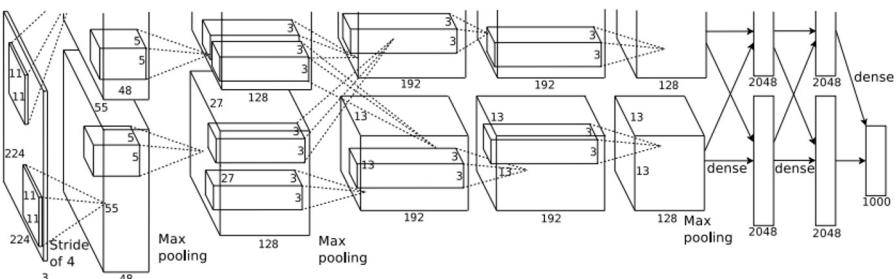
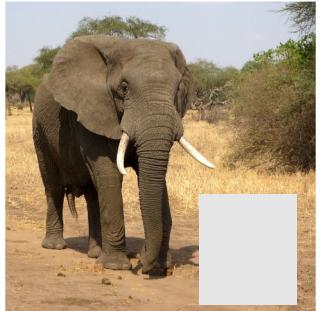
Visualize image patches that correspond to  
maximal activations



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# Which Pixels Matter? Saliency via Occlusion

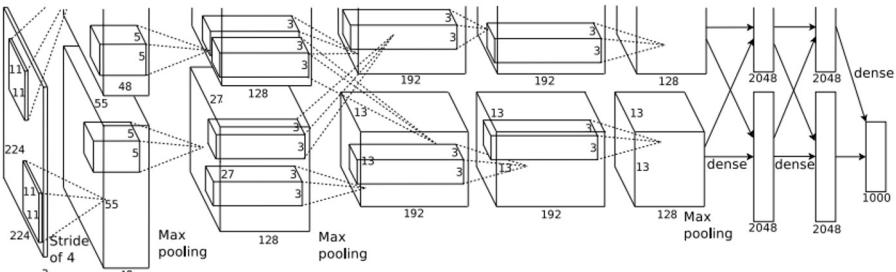
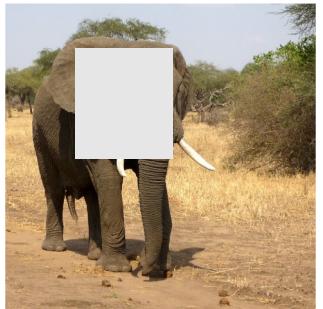
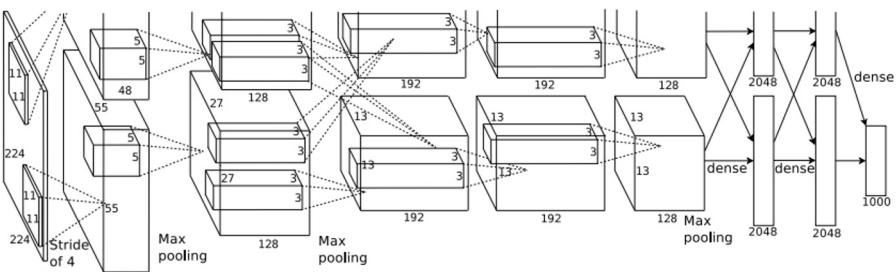
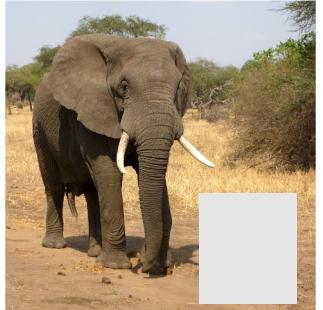
Mask part of the image before feeding to CNN,  
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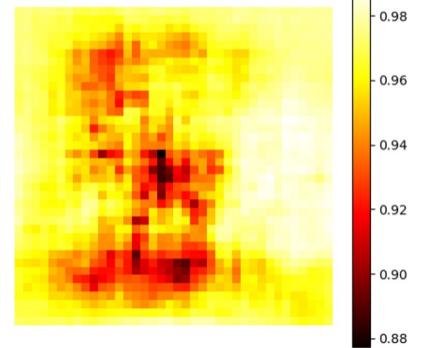
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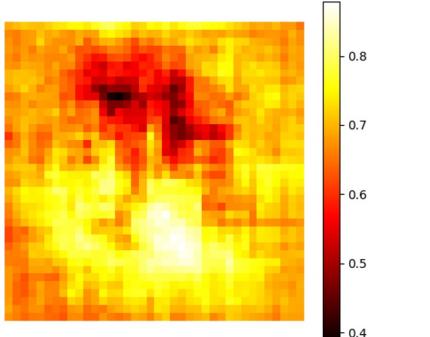
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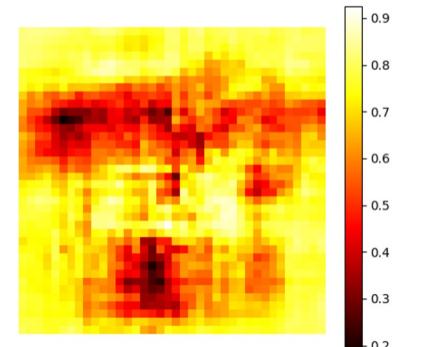
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African elephant, Loxodonta africana

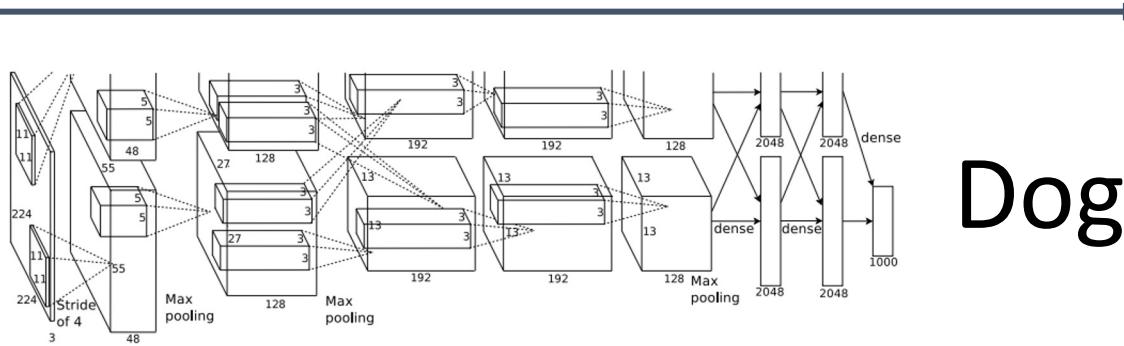


go-kart



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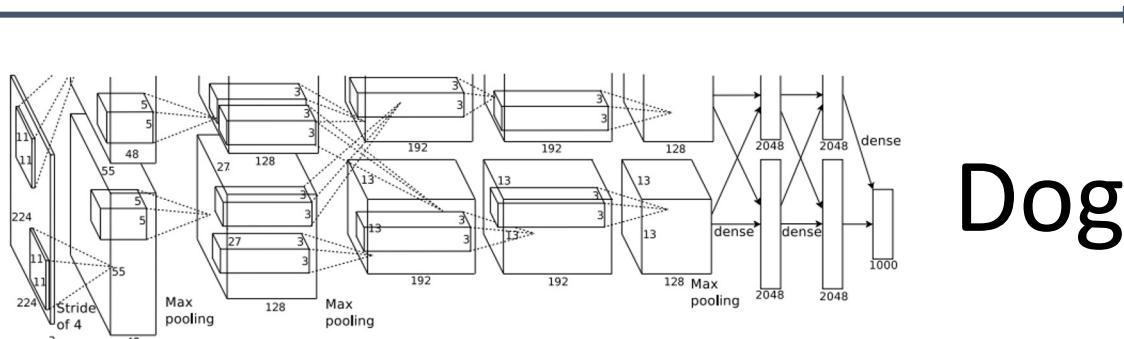
Forward pass: Compute probabilities



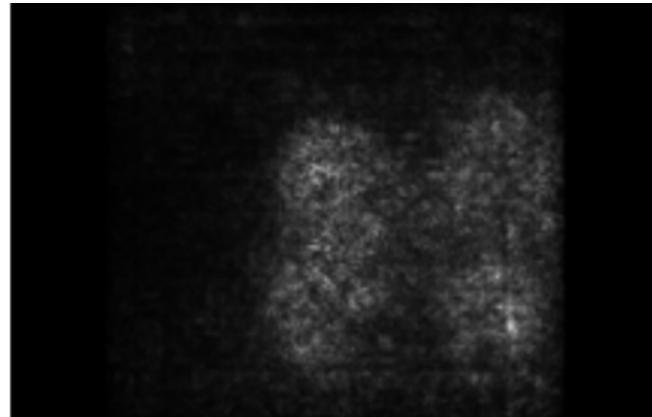
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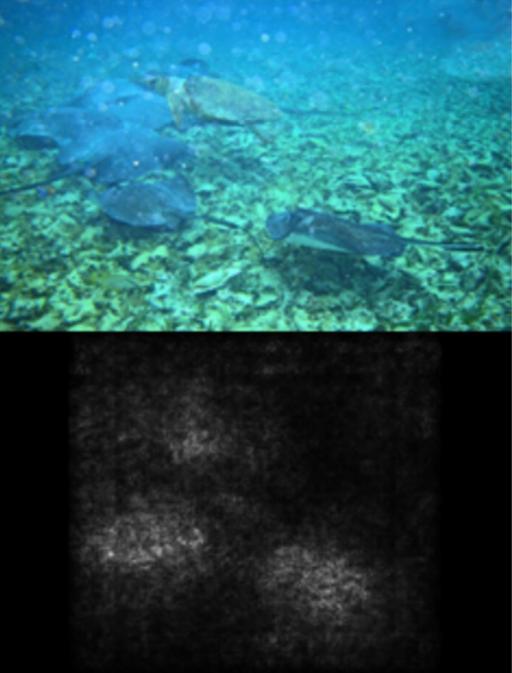
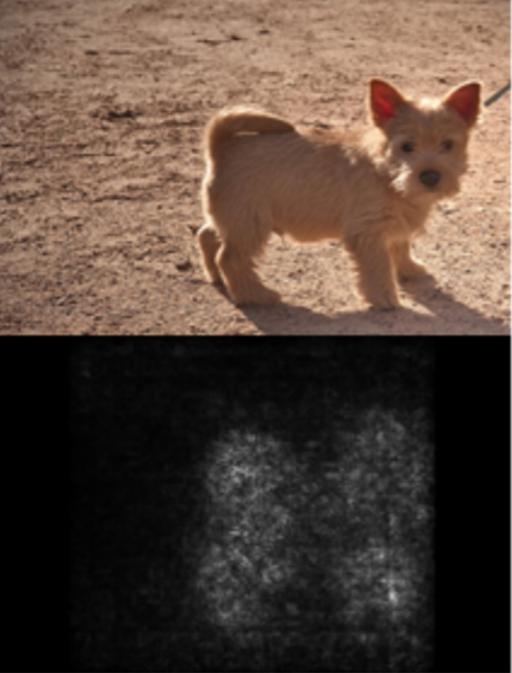
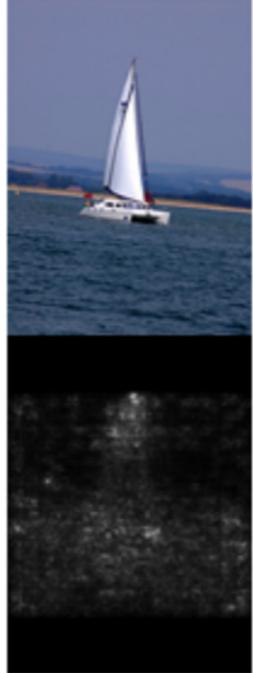


Compute gradient of (unnormalized)  
class score with respect to image  
pixels, take absolute value and max  
over RGB channels



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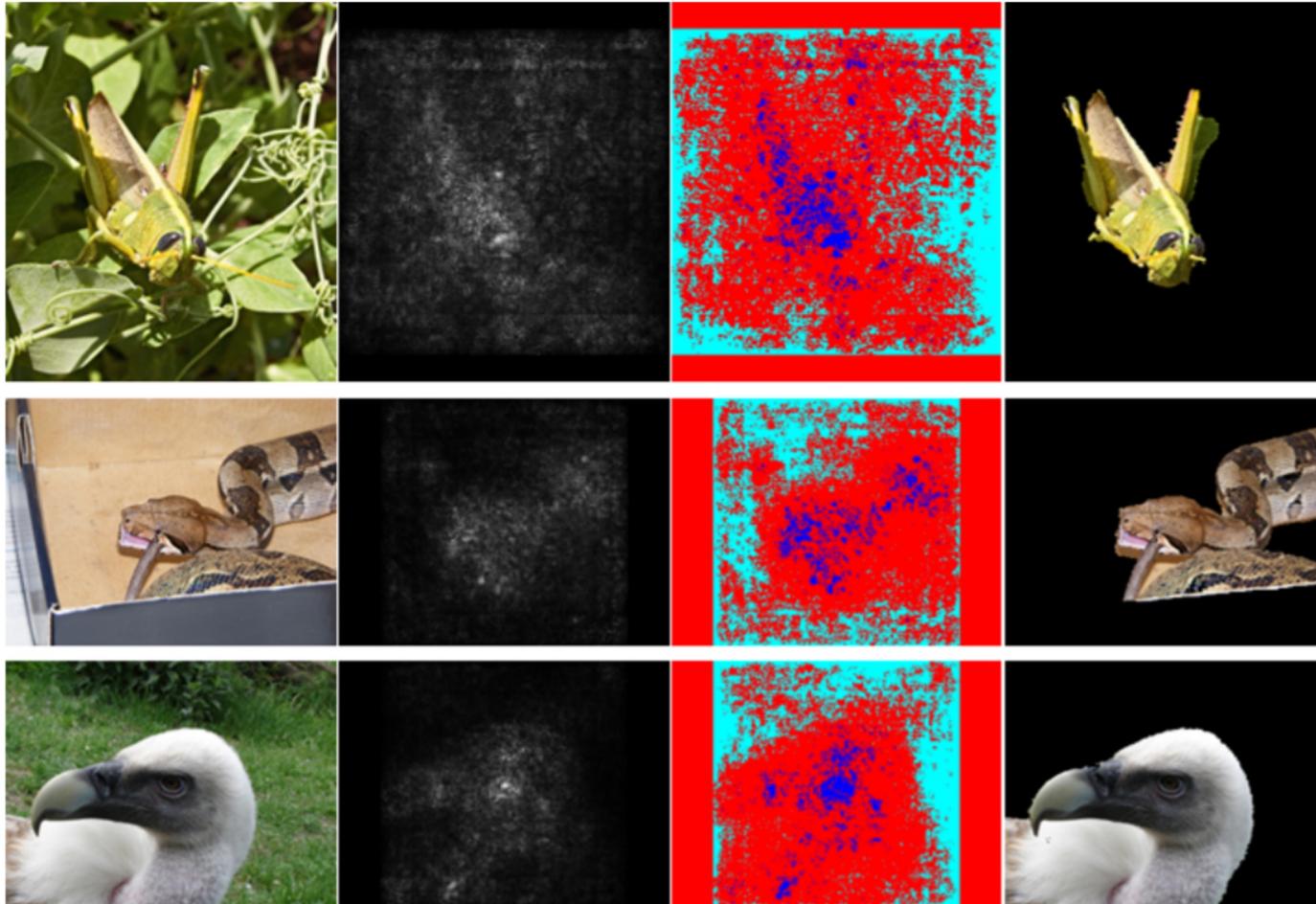
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# Saliency Maps: Segmentation without Supervision

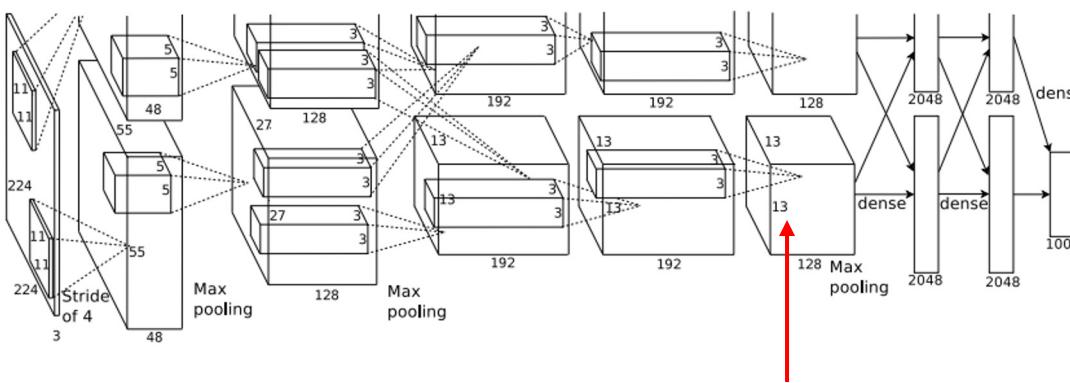
Use GrabCut on  
saliency map



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Rother et al, "Grabcut: Interactive foreground extraction using iterated graph cuts", ACM TOG 2004

# Intermediate Features via (guided) backprop

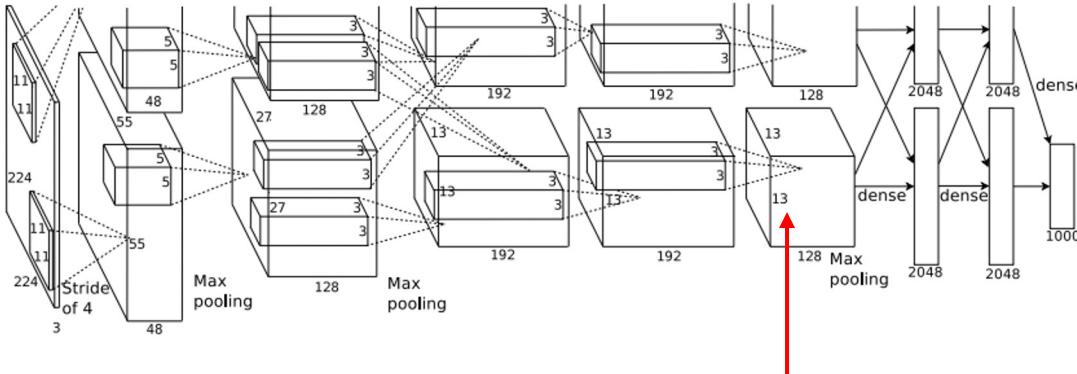


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feature map

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b)  
Forward pass

ReLU

1	-1	5
2	-5	-7
-3	2	4

$\rightarrow$

1	0	5
2	0	0
0	2	4

Backward pass:  
backpropagation

-2	0	-1
6	0	0
0	-1	3

$\leftarrow$

-2	3	-1
6	-3	1
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Backward pass:  
"deconvnet"

0	3	0
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*guided*  
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Images come out nicer if you only  
backprop positive gradients through  
each ReLU (guided backprop)

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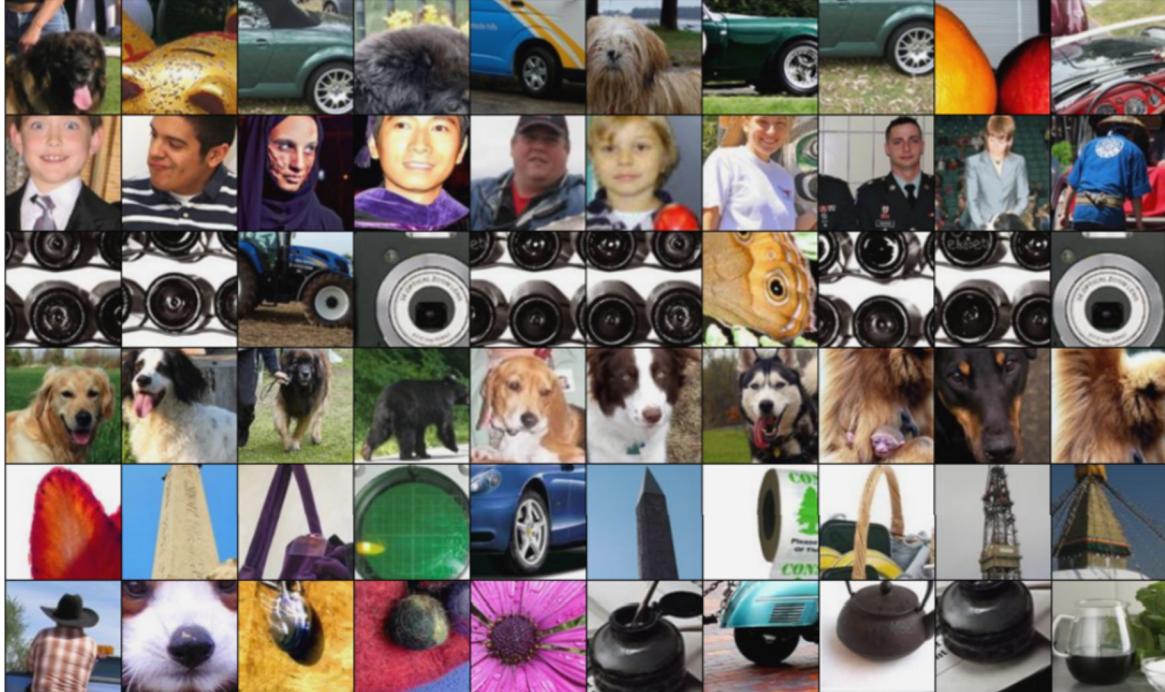
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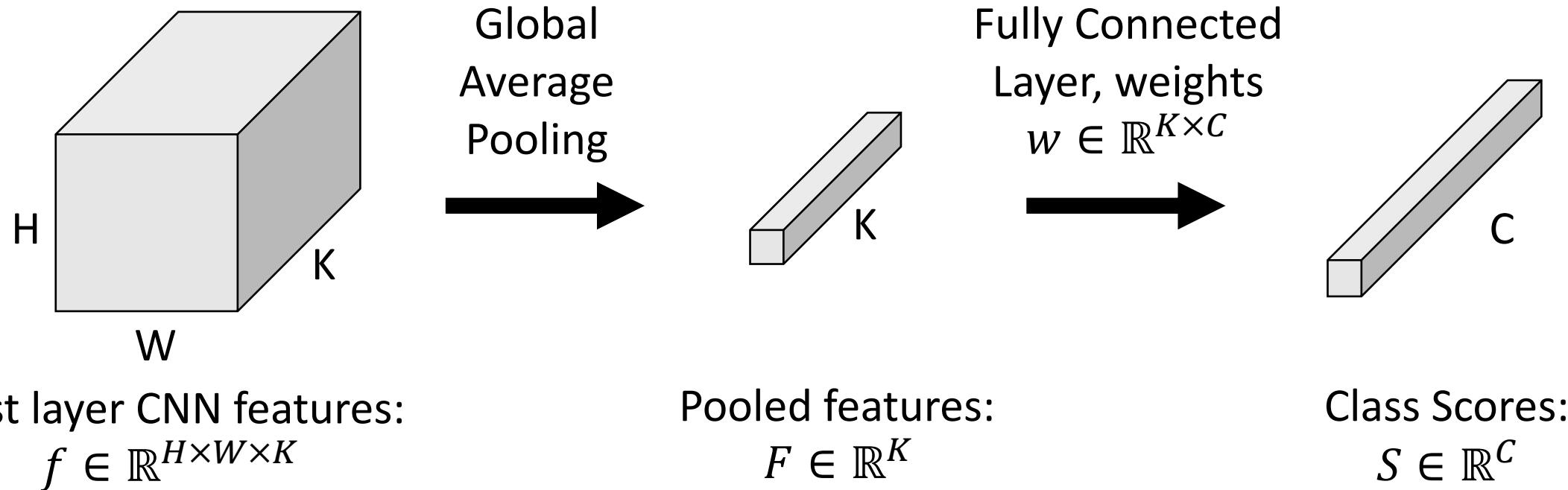
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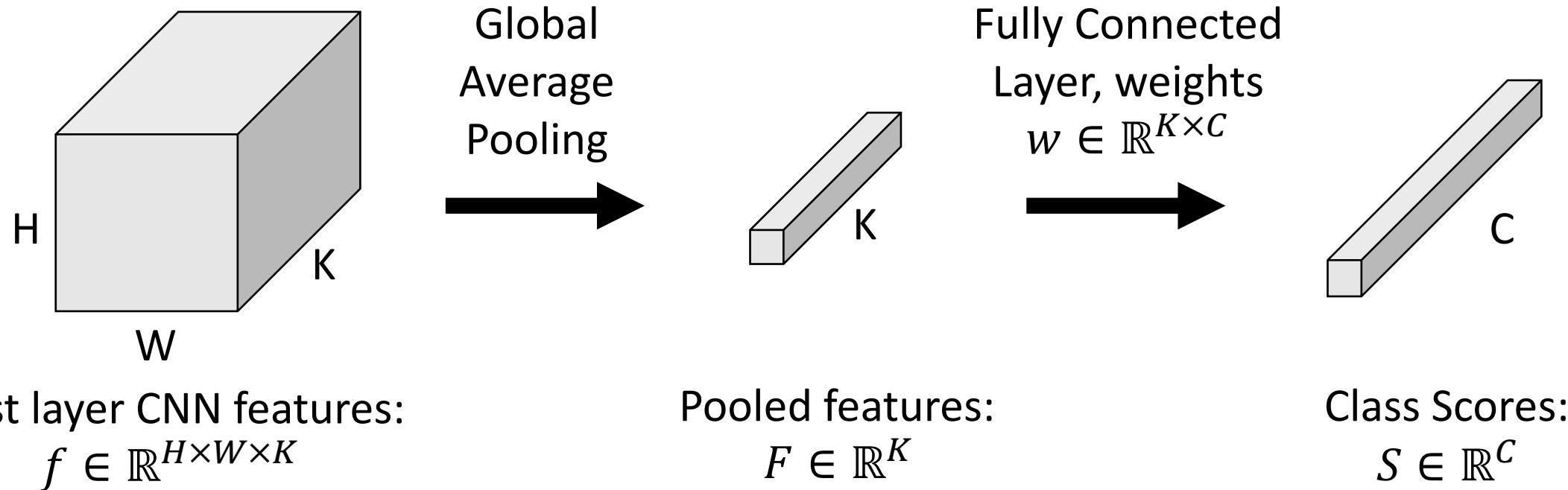
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# Class Activation Mapping (CAM)



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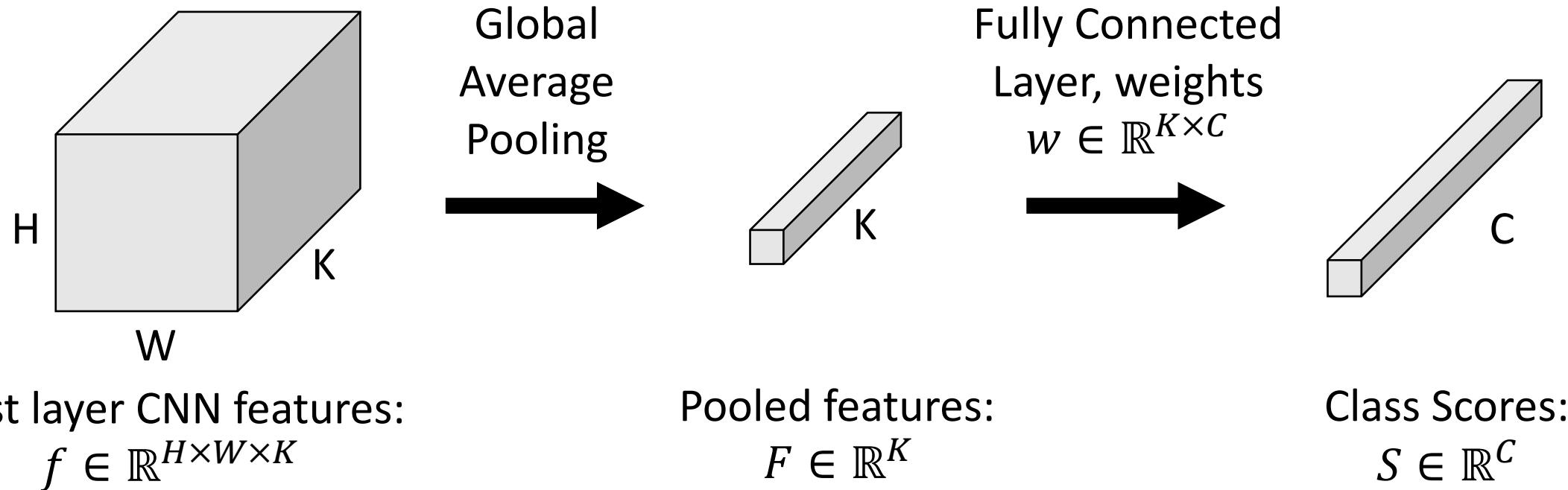
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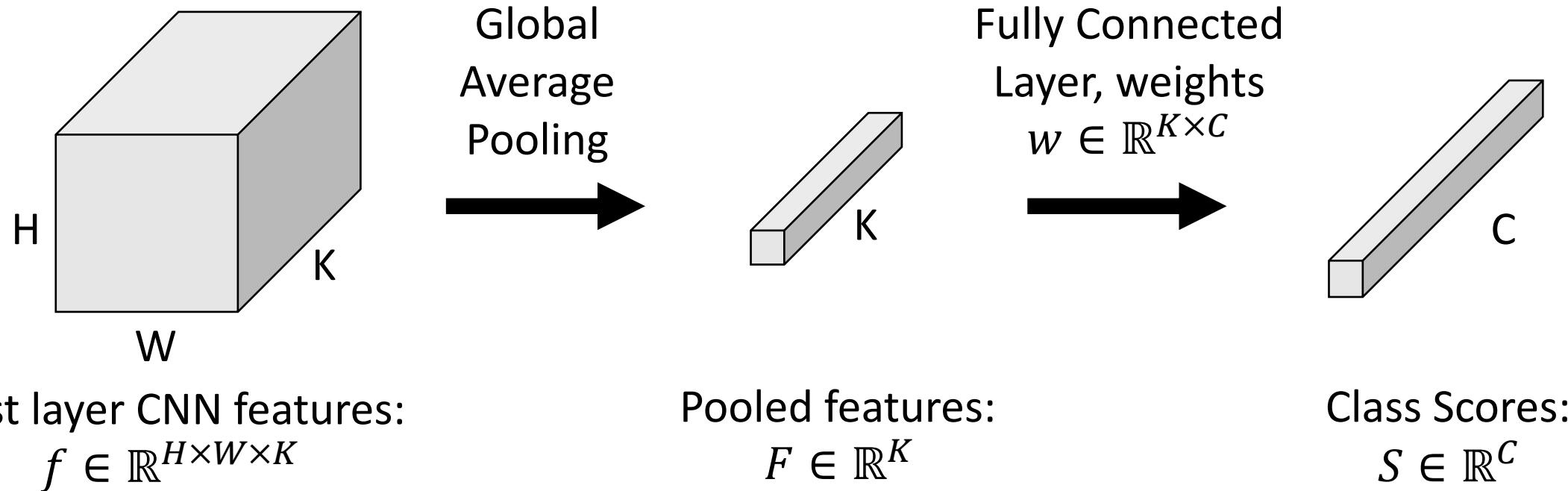
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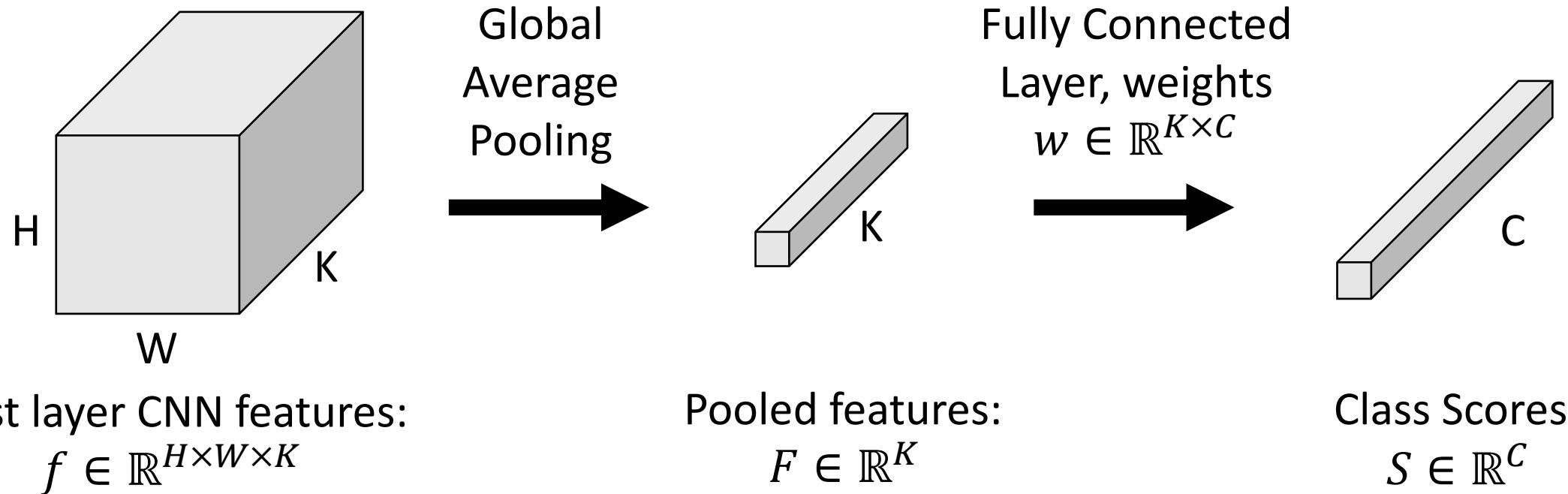
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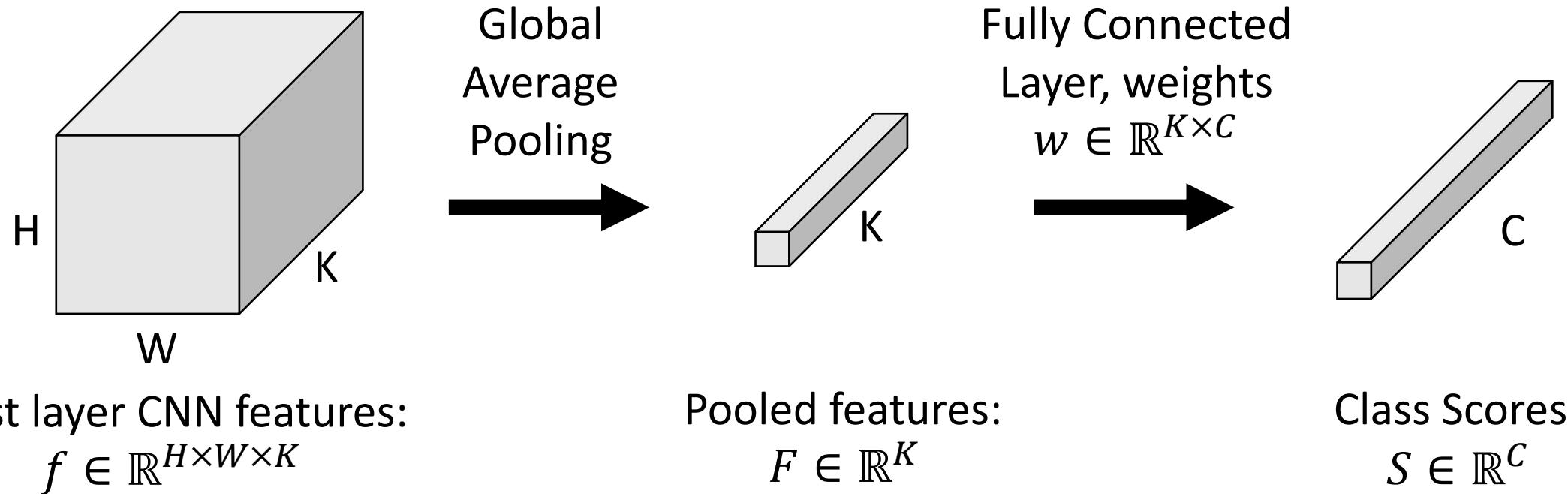
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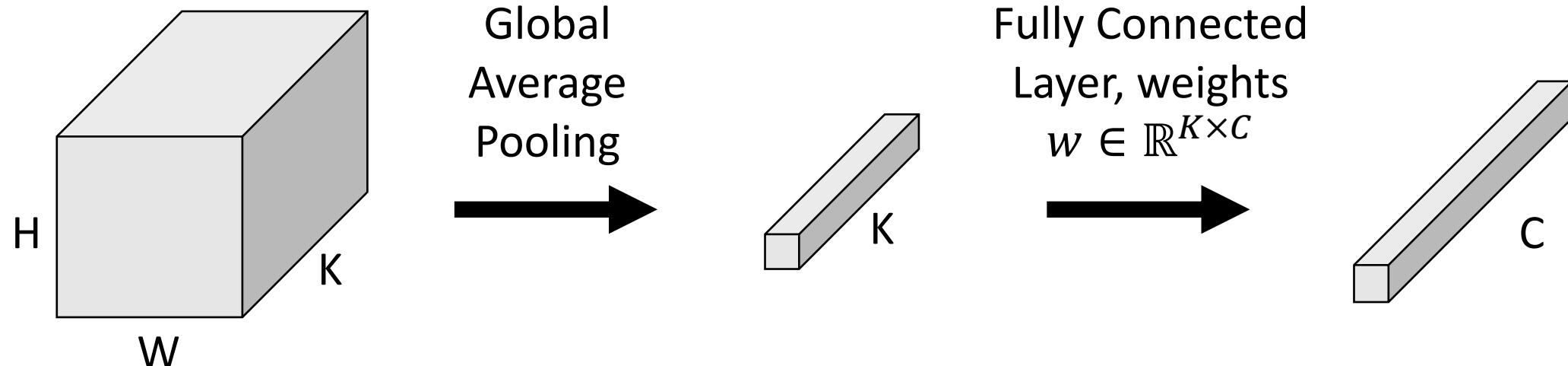
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Last layer CNN features:  
 $f \in \mathbb{R}^{H \times W \times K}$

Pooled features:  
 $F \in \mathbb{R}^K$

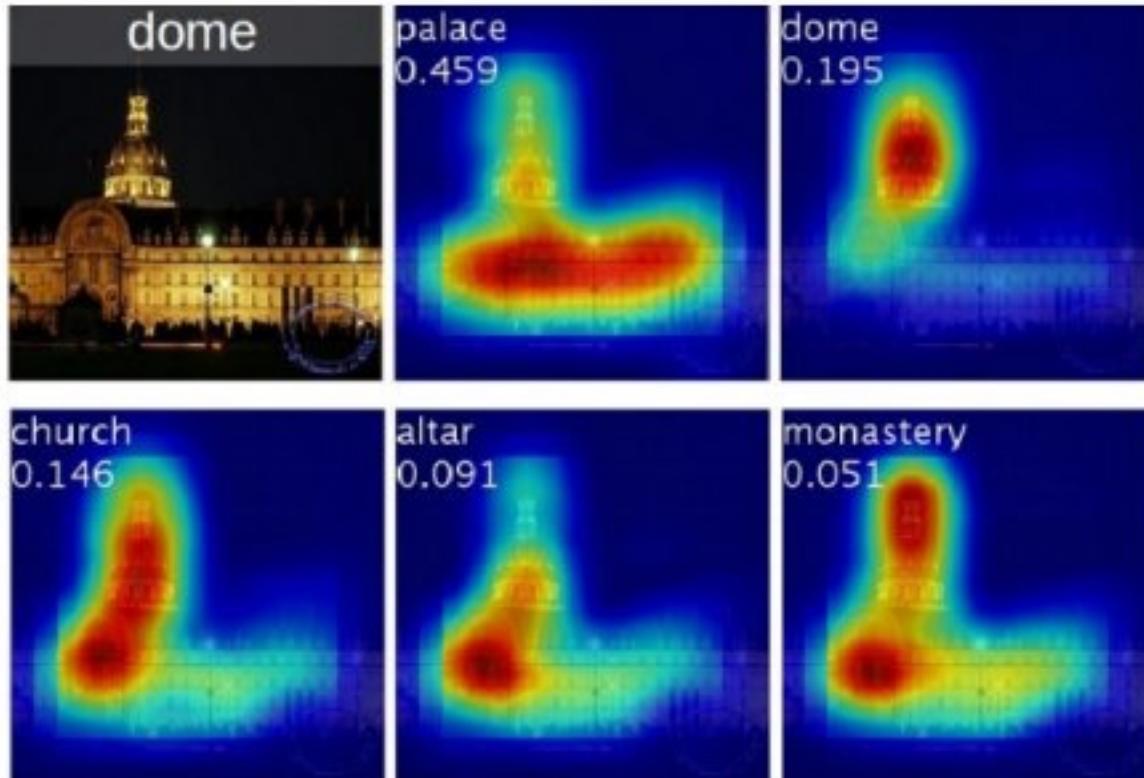
Class Scores:  
 $S \in \mathbb{R}^C$

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**Class Activation Maps:**  
 $M \in \mathbb{R}^{C,H,W}$   
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# Class Activation Mapping (CAM)



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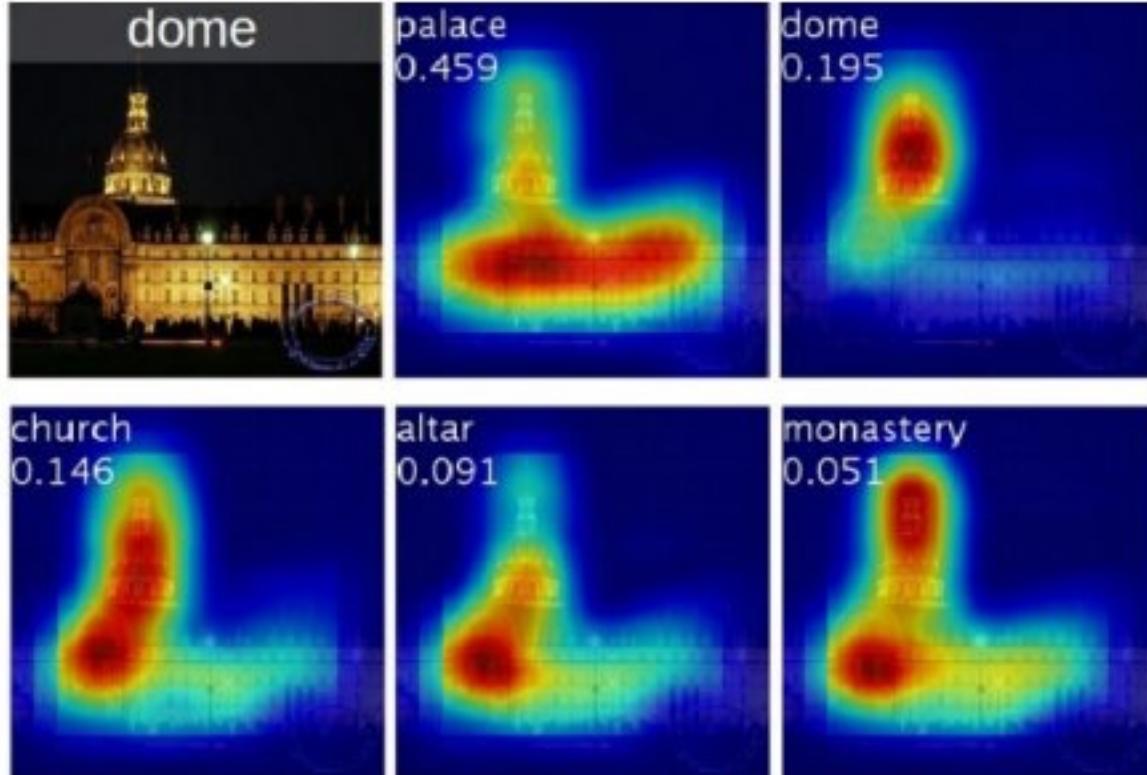


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Problem: Can only apply to last conv layer



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4. Compute activation map  $M^c \in \mathbb{R}^{H,W}$ :

$$M_{h,w}^c = \text{ReLU} \left( \sum_k \alpha_k A_{h,w,k} \right)$$

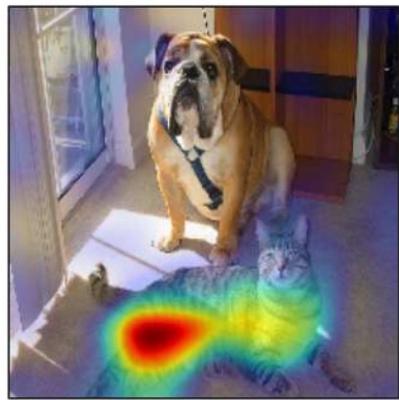
# Gradient-Weighted Class Activation Mapping (Grad-CAM)



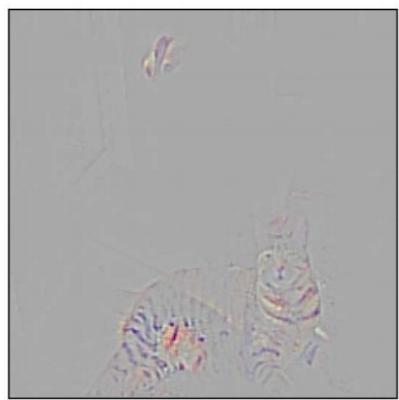
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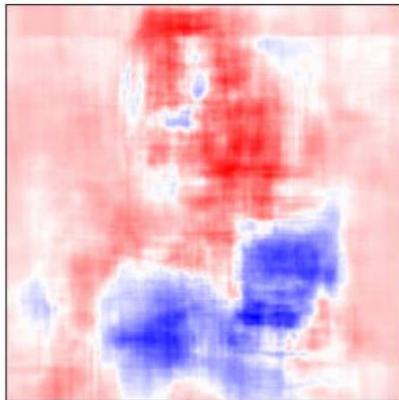
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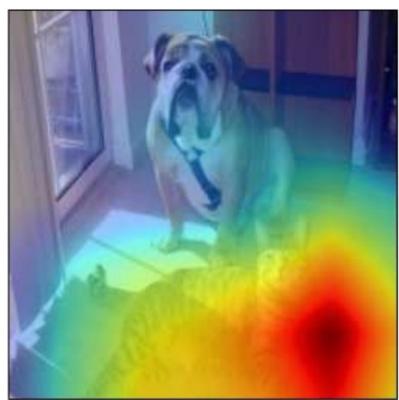
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(f) ResNet Grad-CAM ‘Cat’



(g) Original Image



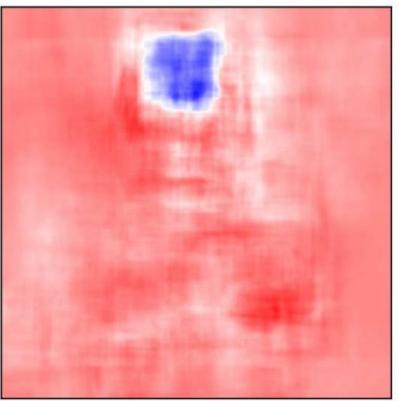
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Selvaraju et al, “Grad-CAM: Visual Explanations from Deep Networks via Gradient-based Localization”, CVPR 2017

# Gradient-Weighted Class Activation Mapping (Grad-CAM)

Can also be applied beyond classification models, e.g. image captioning



A group of people flying kites on a beach

A man is sitting at a table with a pizza

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# Visualizing CNN Features: Gradient Ascent

**(Guided) backprop:**

Find the part of an image that a neuron responds to

**Gradient ascent:**

Generate a synthetic image that maximally activates a neuron

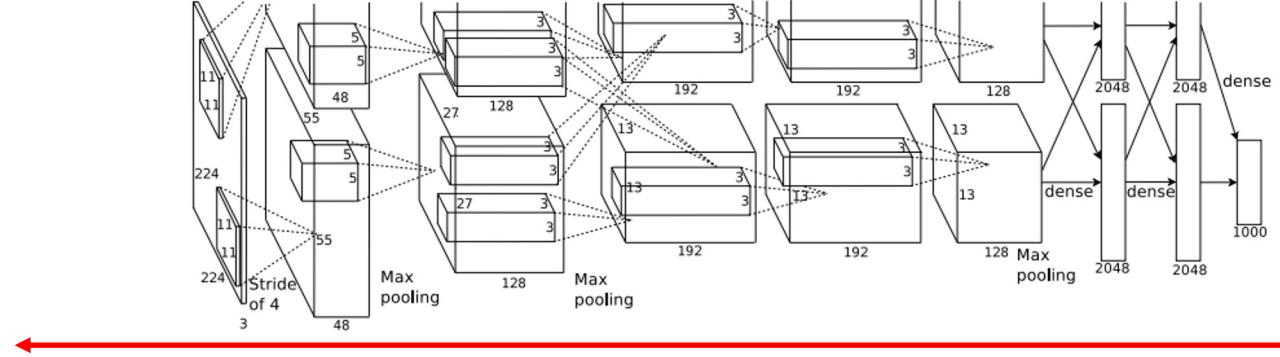
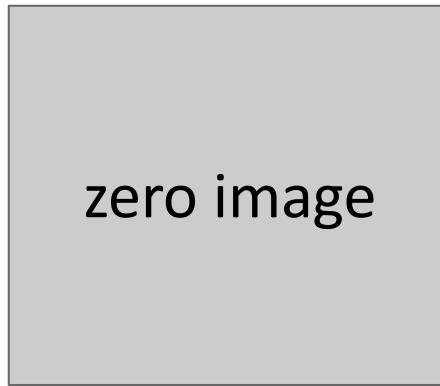
$$I^* = \arg \max_I f(I) + R(I)$$

Neuron value

Natural image regularizer

# Visualizing CNN Features: Gradient Ascent

1. Initialize image to zeros



Repeat:

2. Forward image to compute current scores
3. Backprop to get gradient of neuron value with respect to image pixels
4. Make a small update to the image

$$\arg \max_I S_c(I) - \lambda \|I\|_2^2$$

score for class c (before Softmax)

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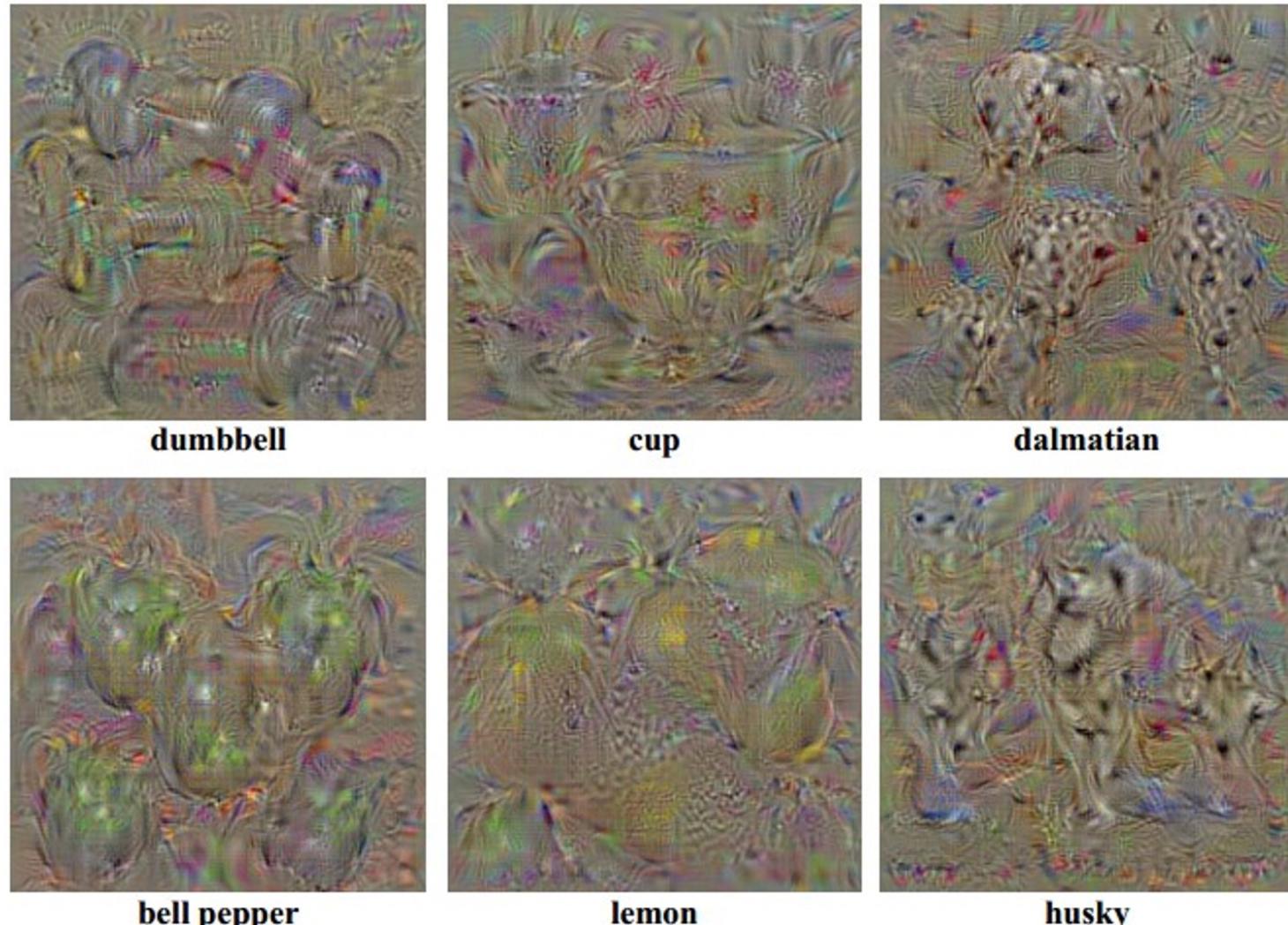
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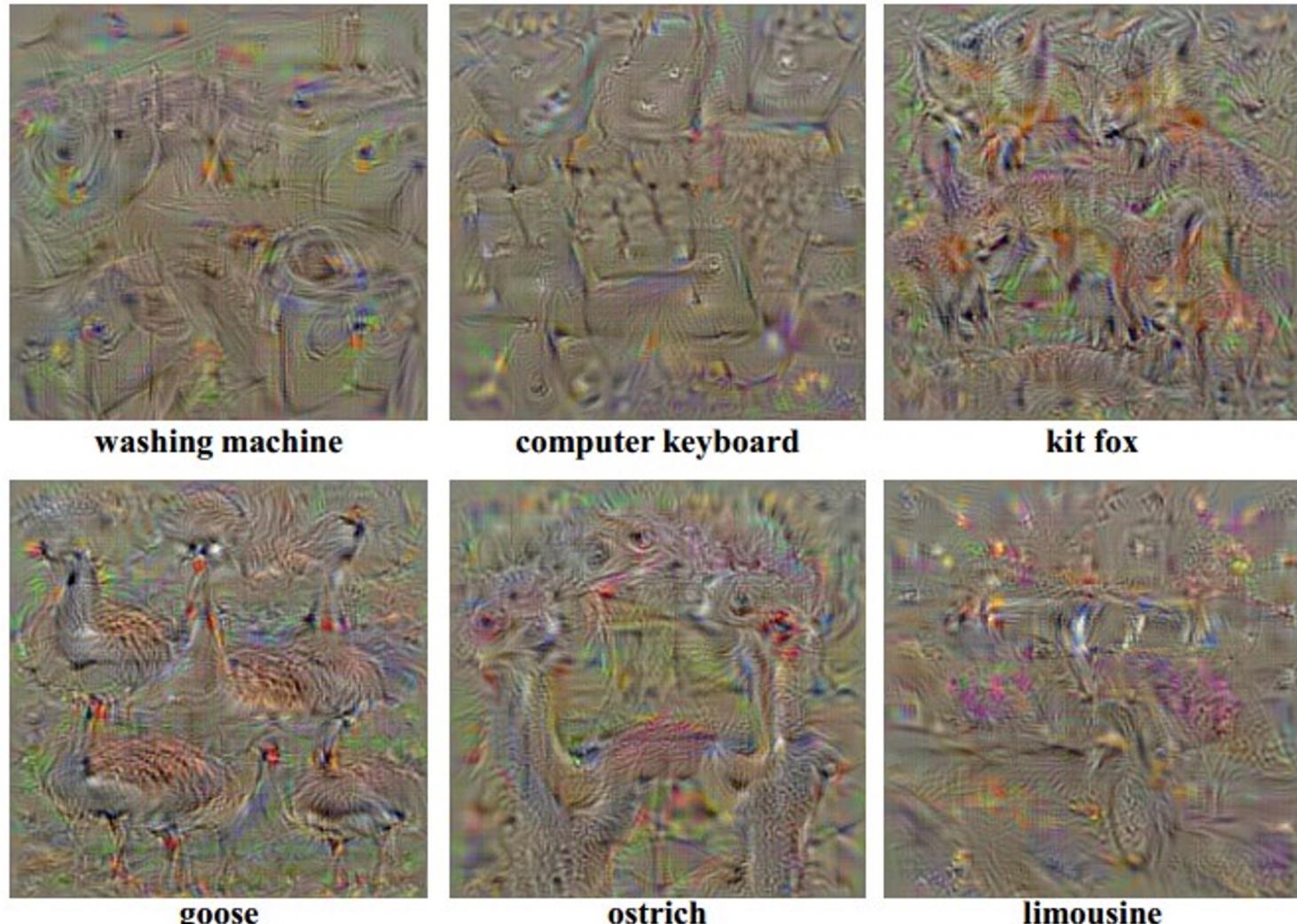
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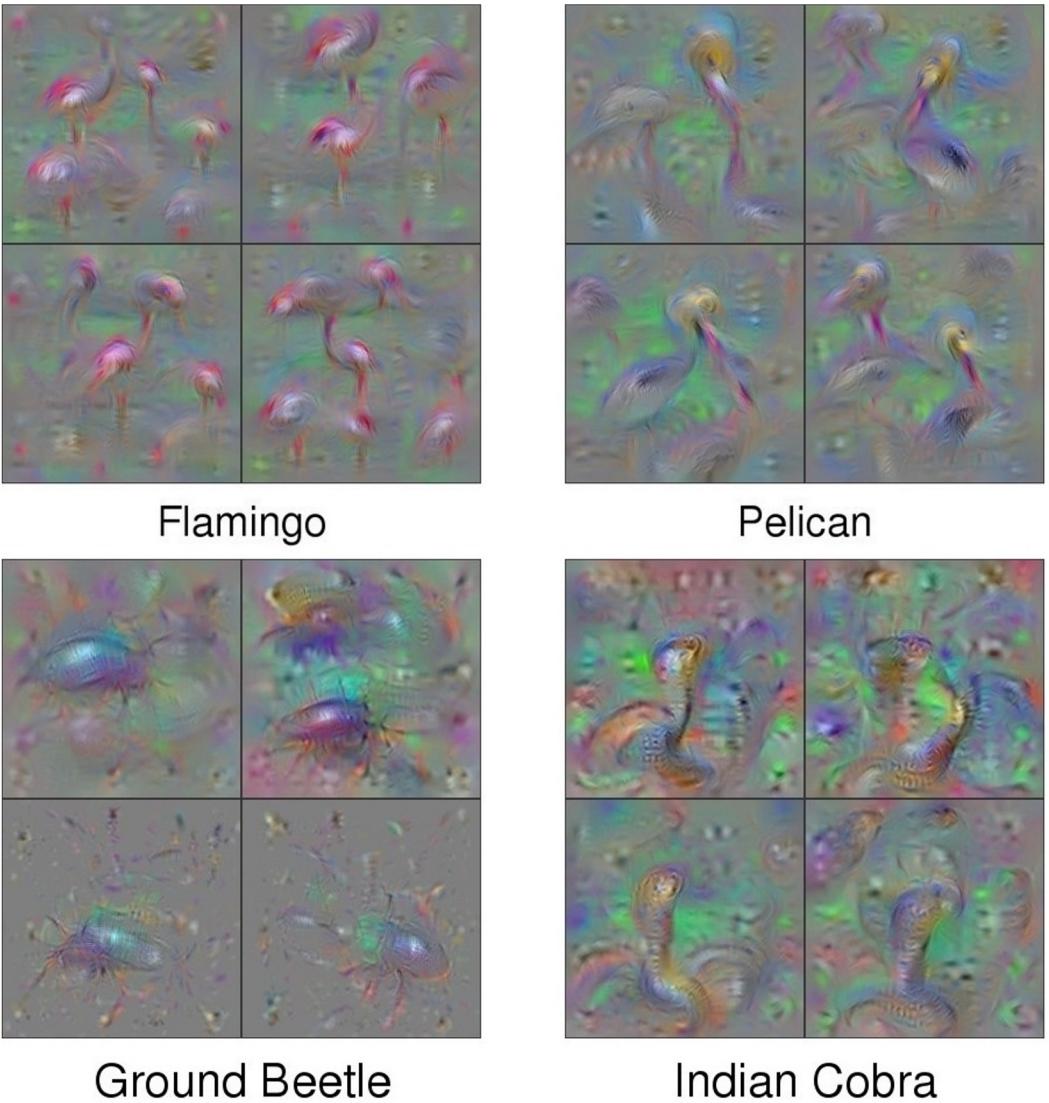
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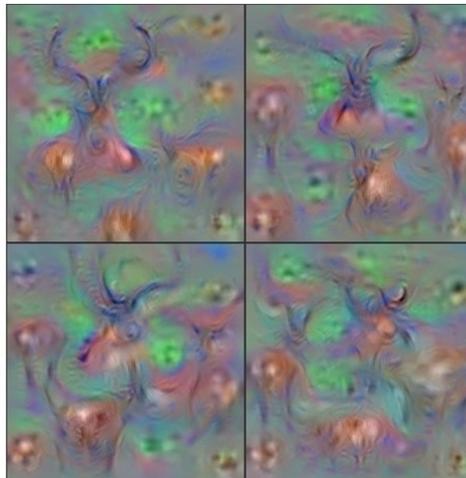


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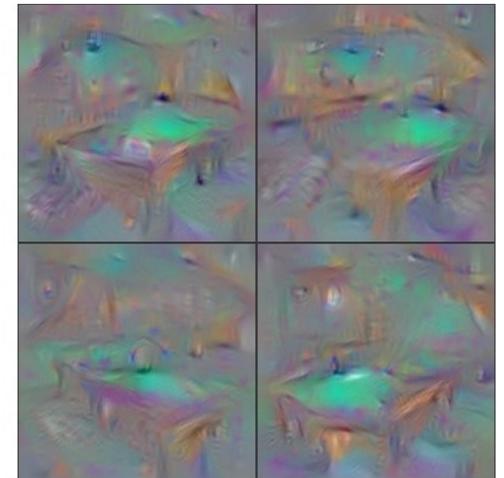
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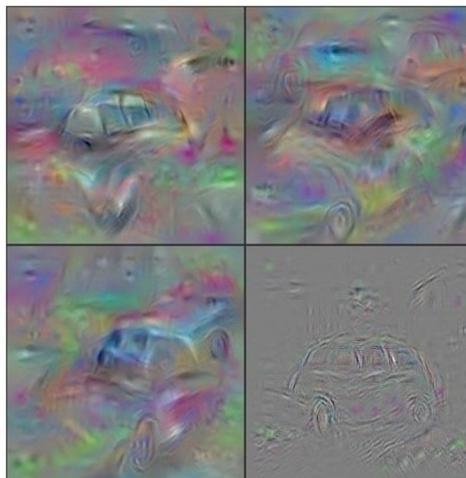
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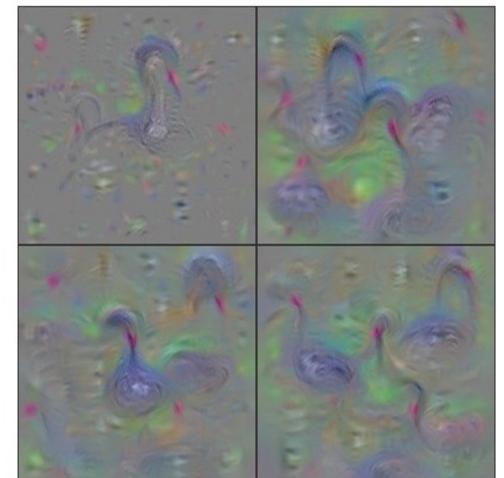
Hartebeest



Billiard Table



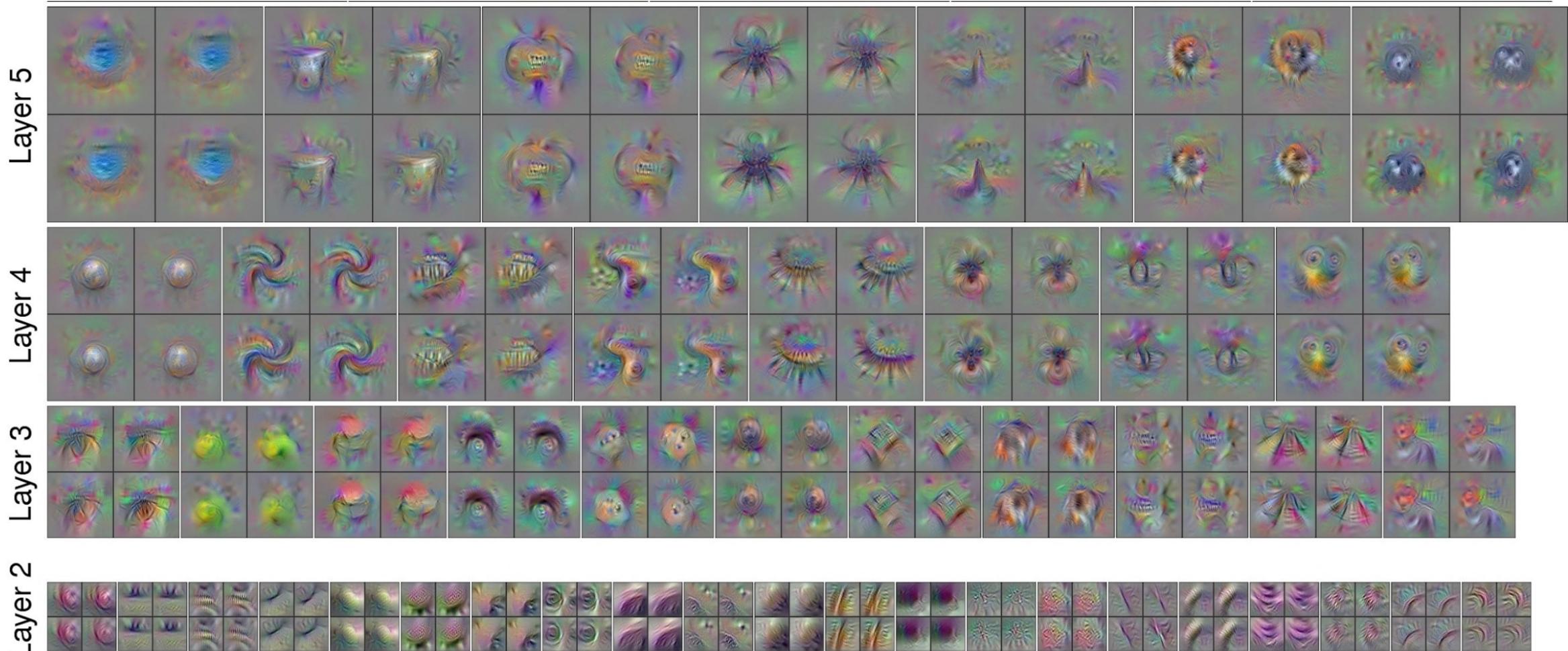
Station Wagon



Black Swan

# Visualizing CNN Features: Gradient Ascent

Use the same approach to visualize intermediate features



Yosinski et al, "Understanding Neural Networks Through Deep Visualization", ICML DL Workshop 2014.

# Visualizing CNN Features: Gradient Ascent

Adding “multi-faceted” visualization gives even nicer results:  
(Plus more careful regularization, center-bias)

Reconstructions of multiple feature types (facets) recognized by the same “grocery store” neuron



Corresponding example training set images recognized by the same neuron as in the “grocery store” class



Nguyen et al, “Multifaceted Feature Visualization: Uncovering the Different Types of Features Learned By Each Neuron in Deep Neural Networks”, ICML Visualization for Deep Learning Workshop 2016.

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Nguyen et al, "Synthesizing the preferred inputs for neurons in neural networks via deep generator networks," NIPS 2016

# Adversarial Examples

1. Start from an arbitrary image
2. Pick an arbitrary category
3. Modify the image (via gradient ascent)  
to maximize the class score
4. Stop when the network is fooled

Szegedy et al, "Intriguing properties of neural networks", 2013

# Adversarial Examples

African elephant



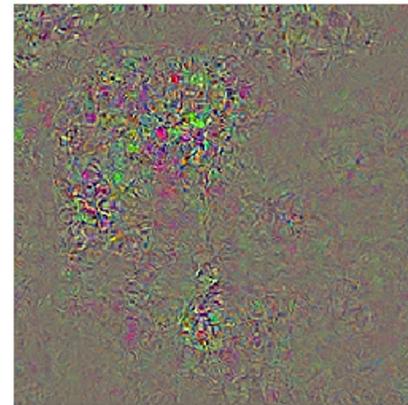
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Difference



10x Difference



schooner



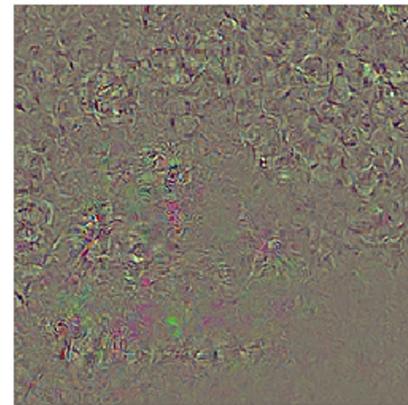
iPod



Difference



10x Difference



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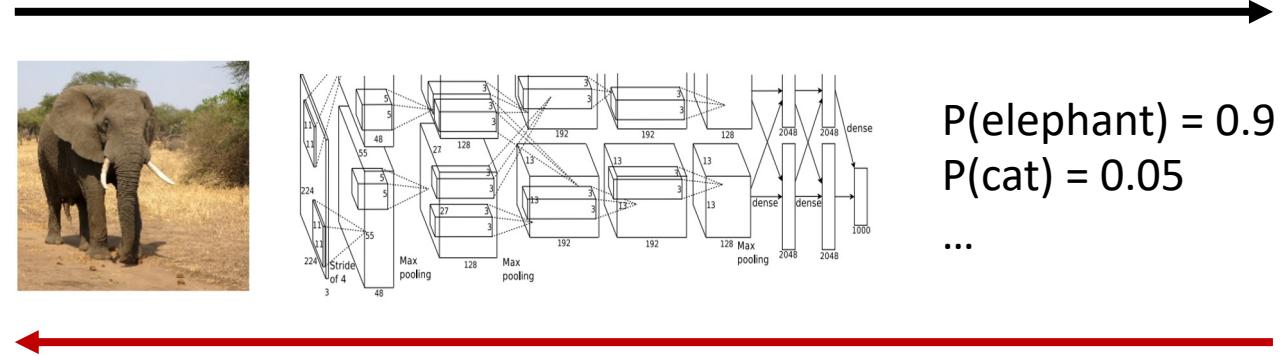
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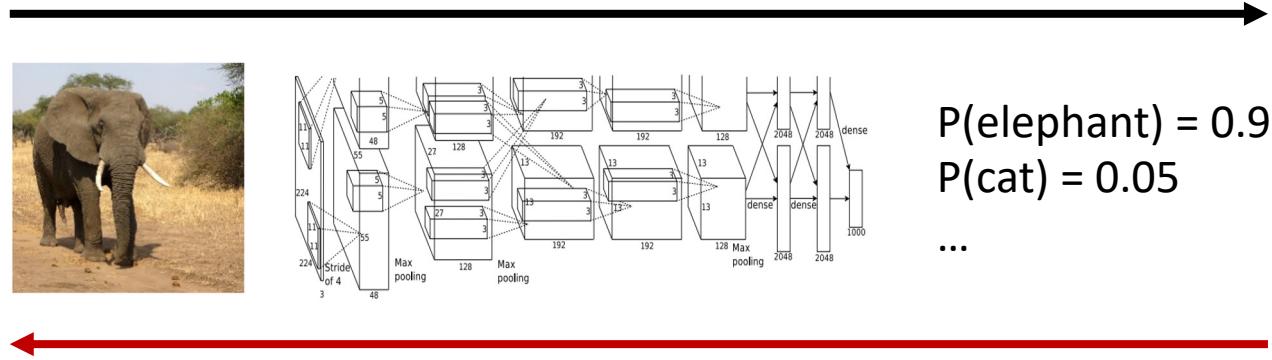
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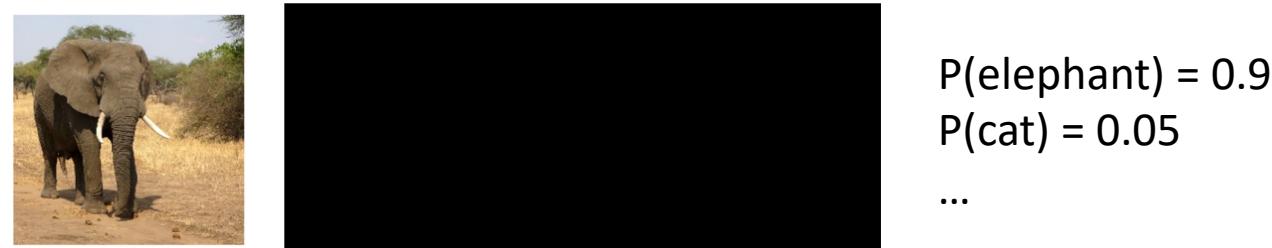


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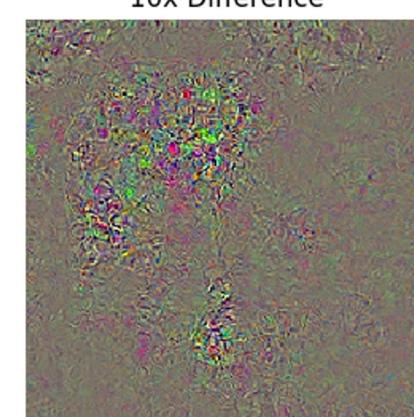
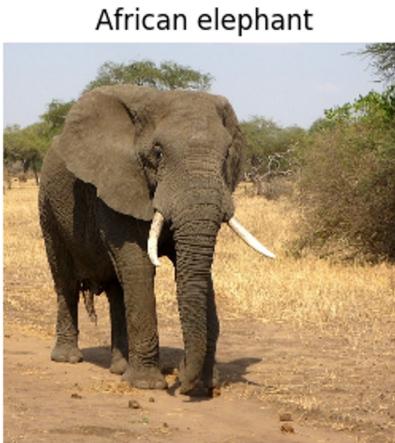


**Black-box attack:** We don't know network architecture or weights; can only get network predictions for arbitrary input images



Papernot et al, "Transferability in machine learning: from phenomena to black-box attacks using adversarial samples", 2016

# Adversarial Examples



Huge area of research!

Security concern for networks deployed in the wild

# Feature Inversion

Given a CNN feature vector for an image, find a new image that:

- Matches the given feature vector
- “looks natural” (image prior regularization)

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \underset{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{H \times W \times C}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \ell(\Phi(\mathbf{x}), \Phi_0) + \lambda \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{x})$$

Given feature vector

$$\ell(\Phi(\mathbf{x}), \Phi_0) = \|\Phi(\mathbf{x}) - \Phi_0\|^2$$

Features of new image
$$\mathcal{R}_{V^\beta}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i,j} \left( (x_{i,j+1} - x_{ij})^2 + (x_{i+1,j} - x_{ij})^2 \right)^{\frac{\beta}{2}}$$

Total Variation regularizer (encourages spatial smoothness)

Mahendran and Vedaldi, “Understanding Deep Image Representations by Inverting Them”, CVPR 2015

# Feature Inversion

Reconstructing from different layers of VGG-16

$y$

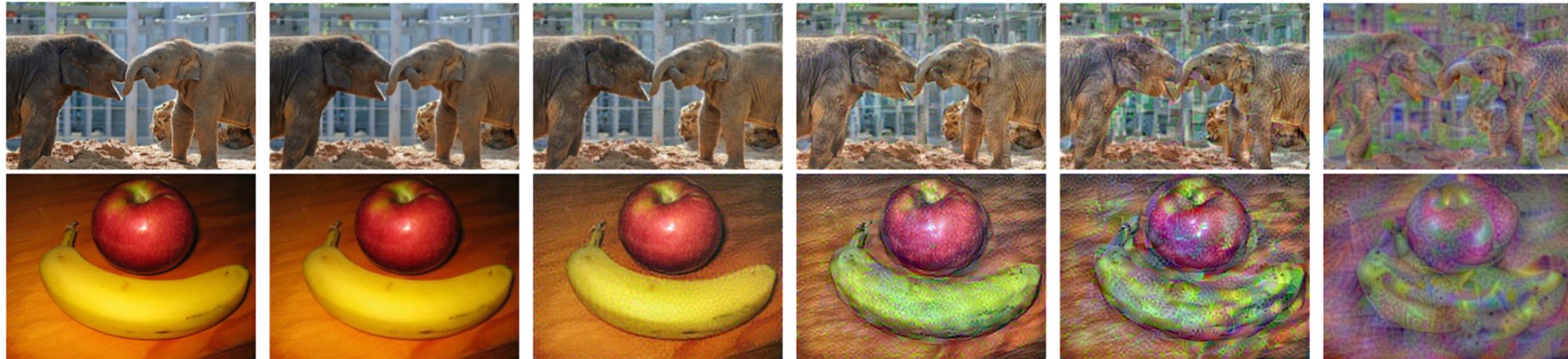
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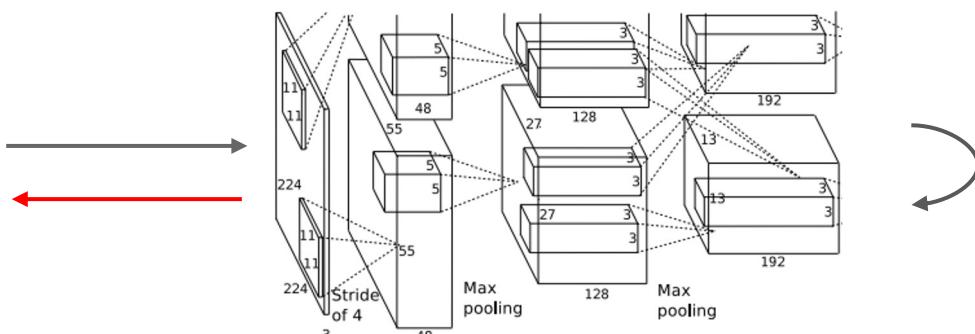


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Figure from Johnson, Alahi, and Fei-Fei, "Perceptual Losses for Real-Time Style Transfer and Super-Resolution", ECCV 2016.

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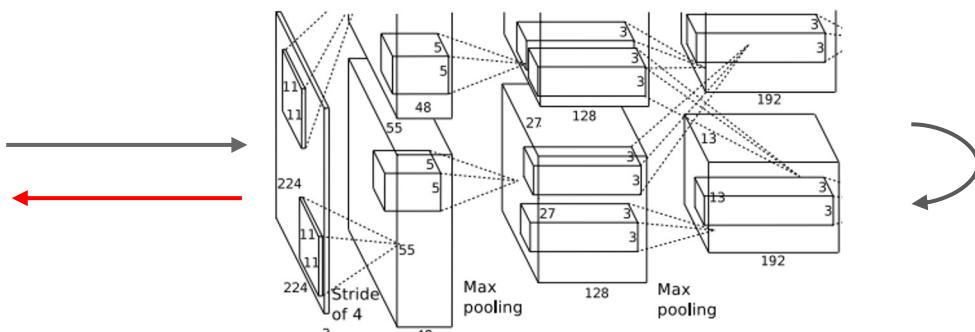
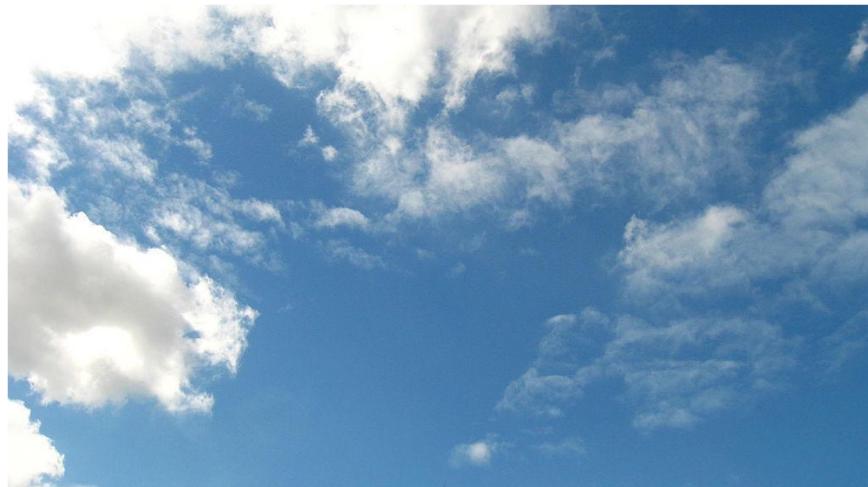
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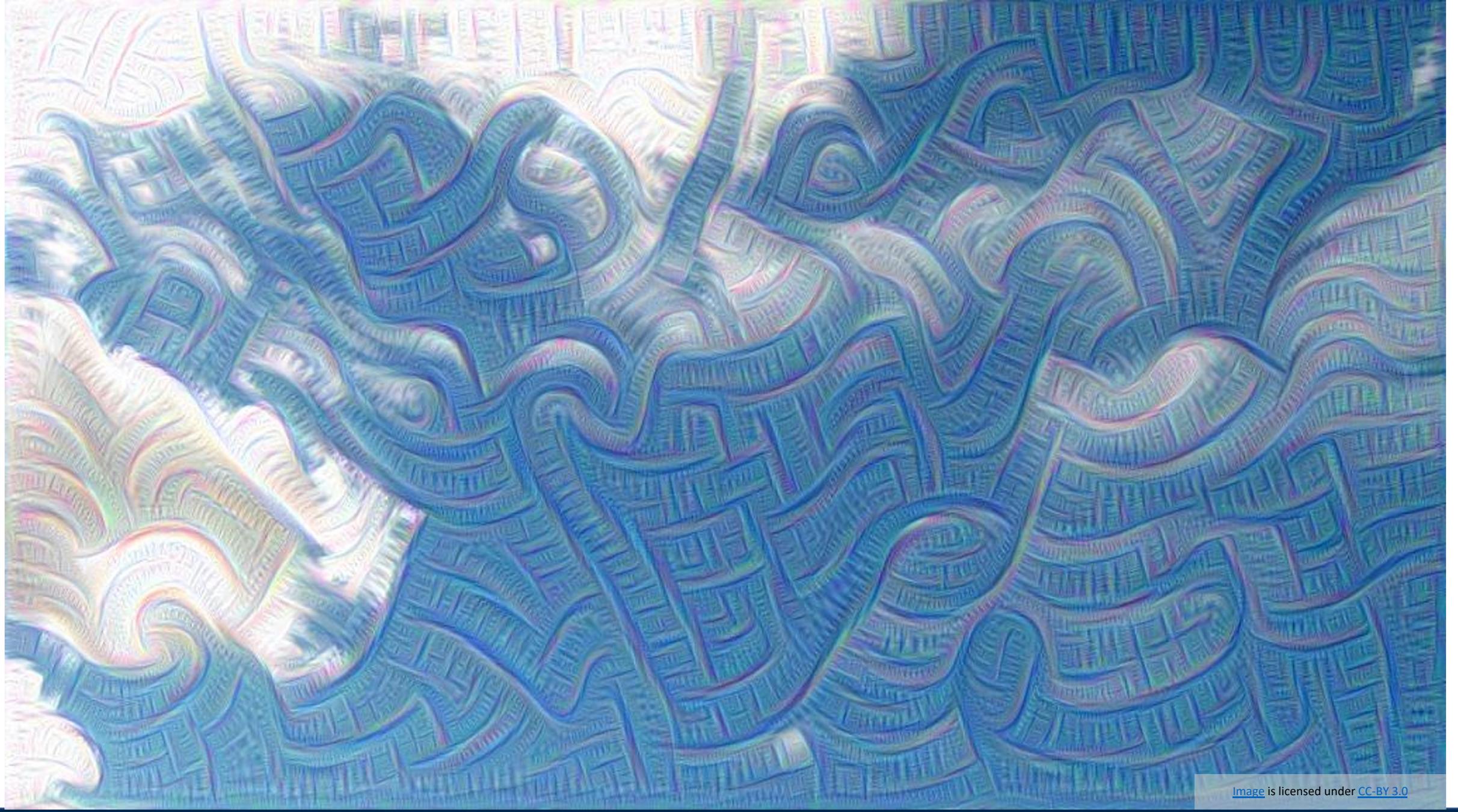
Equivalent to:

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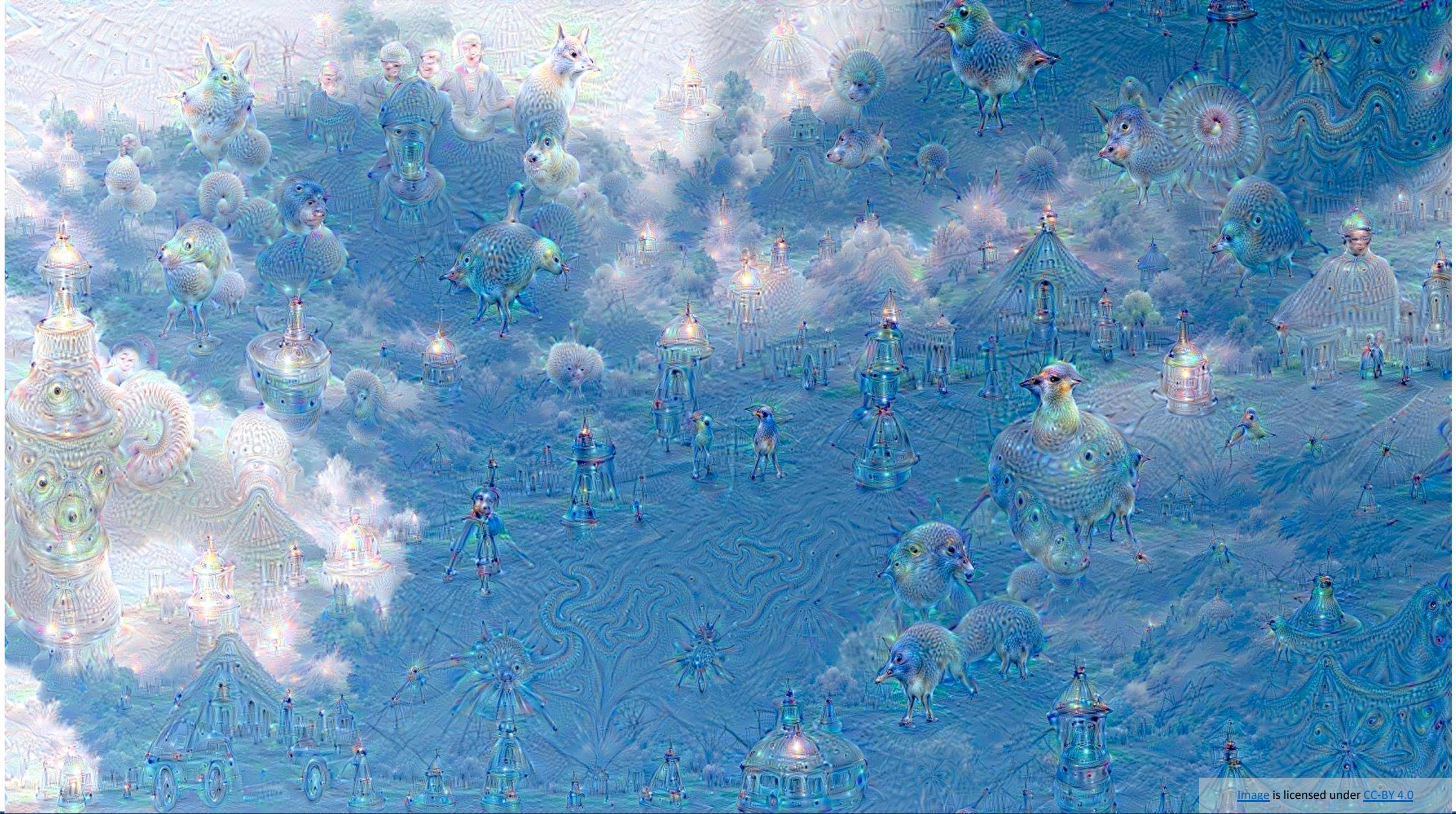
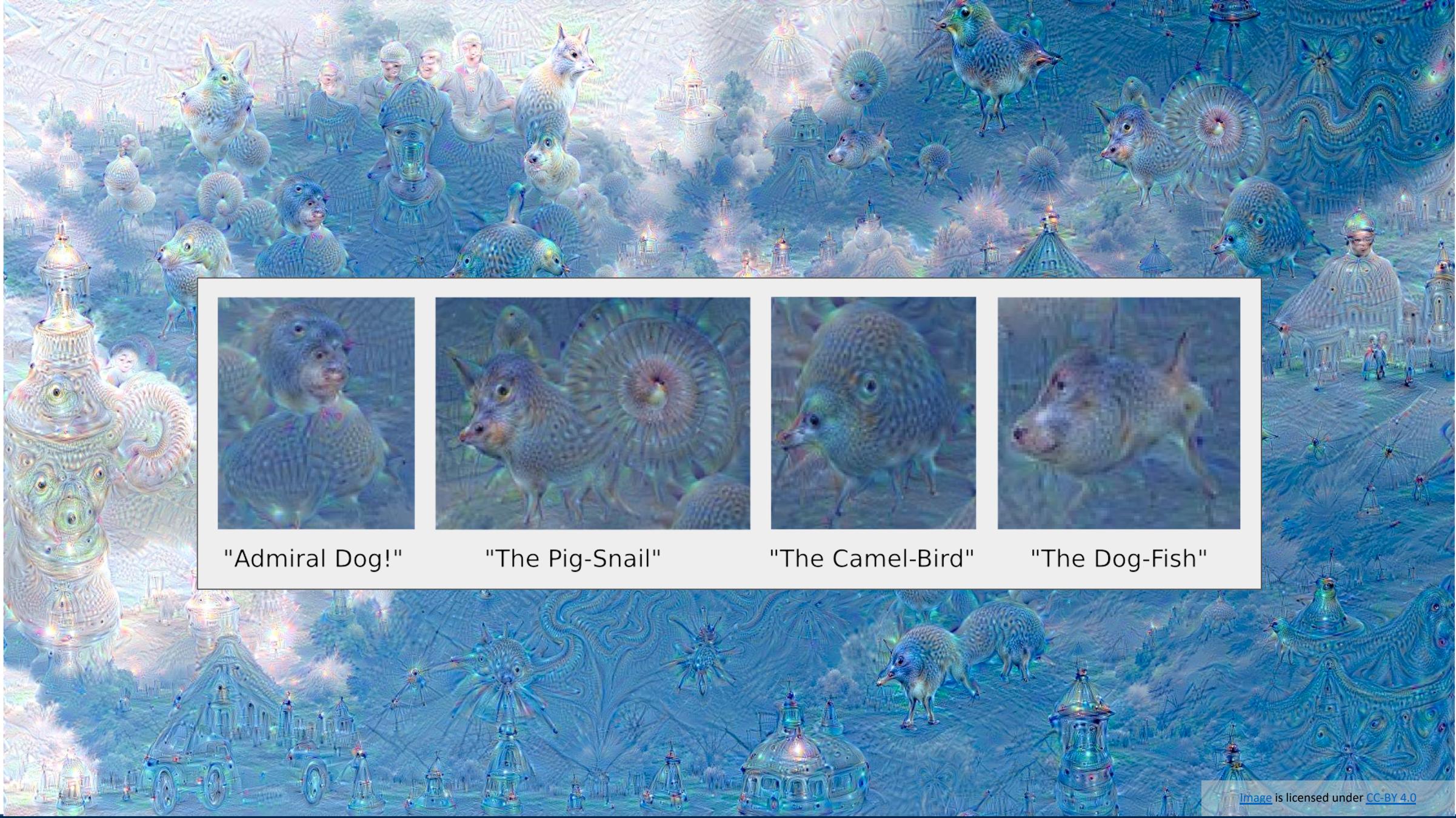


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"Admiral Dog!"



"The Pig-Snail"



"The Camel-Bird"

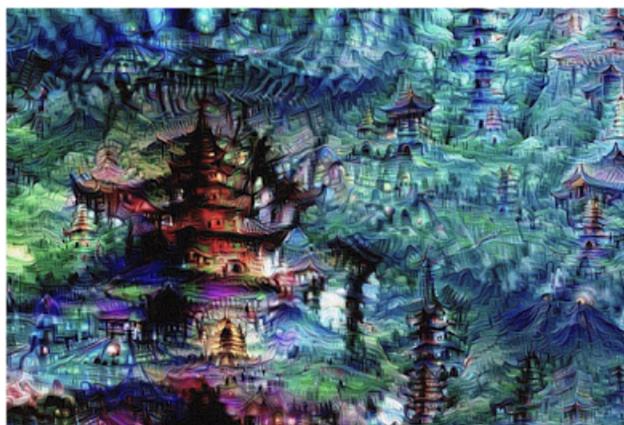
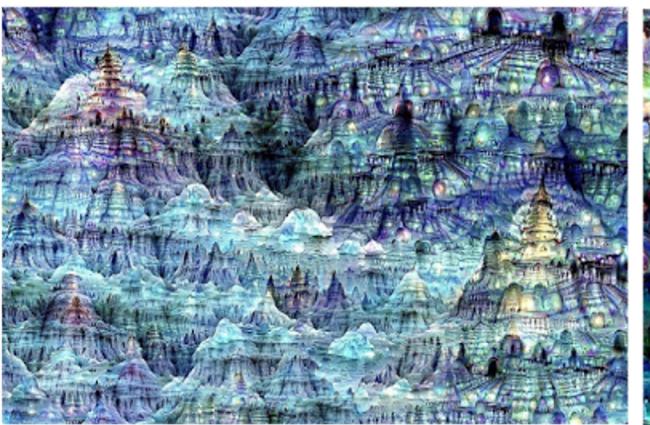
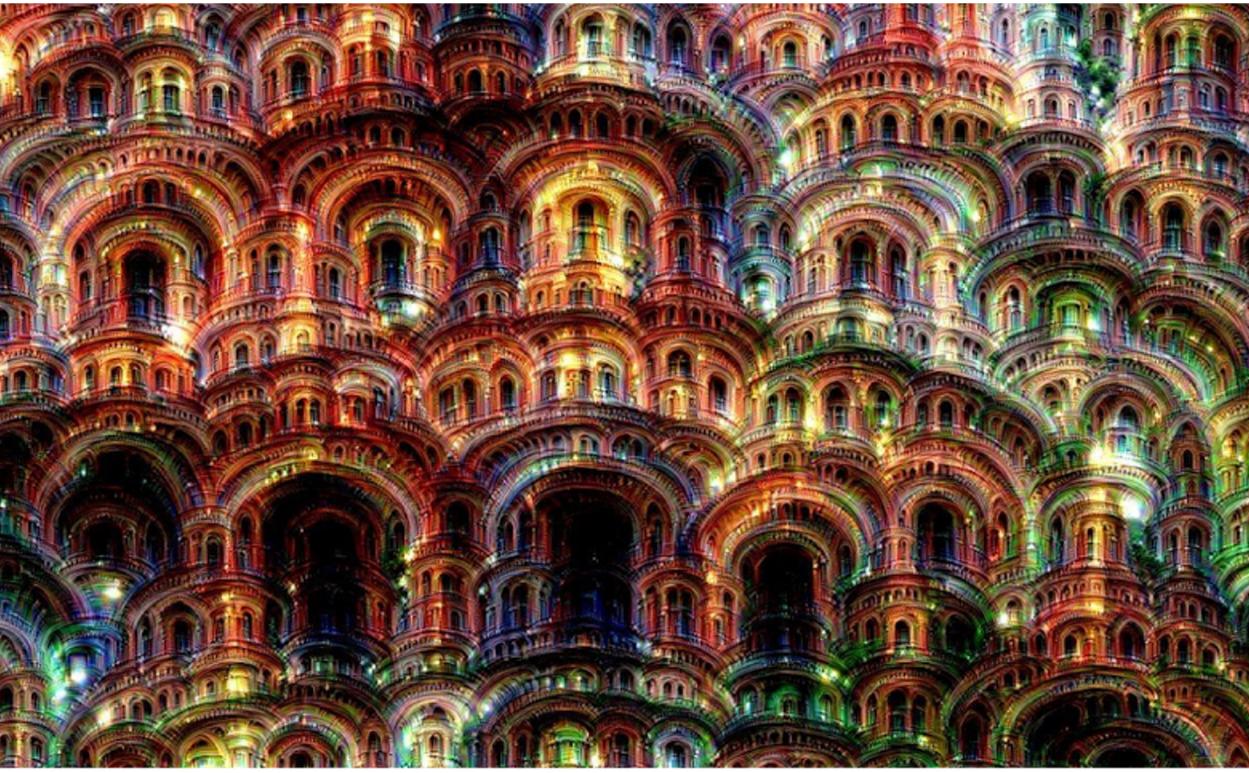
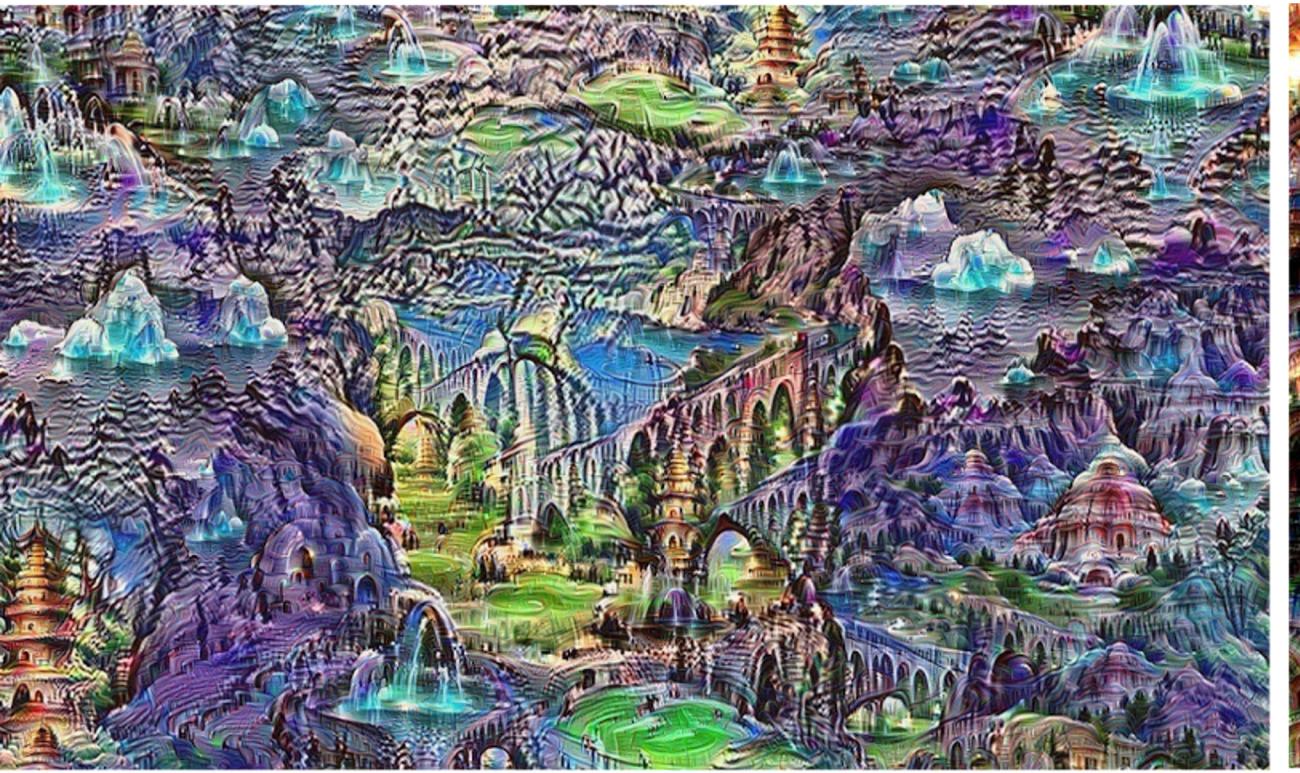


"The Dog-Fish"

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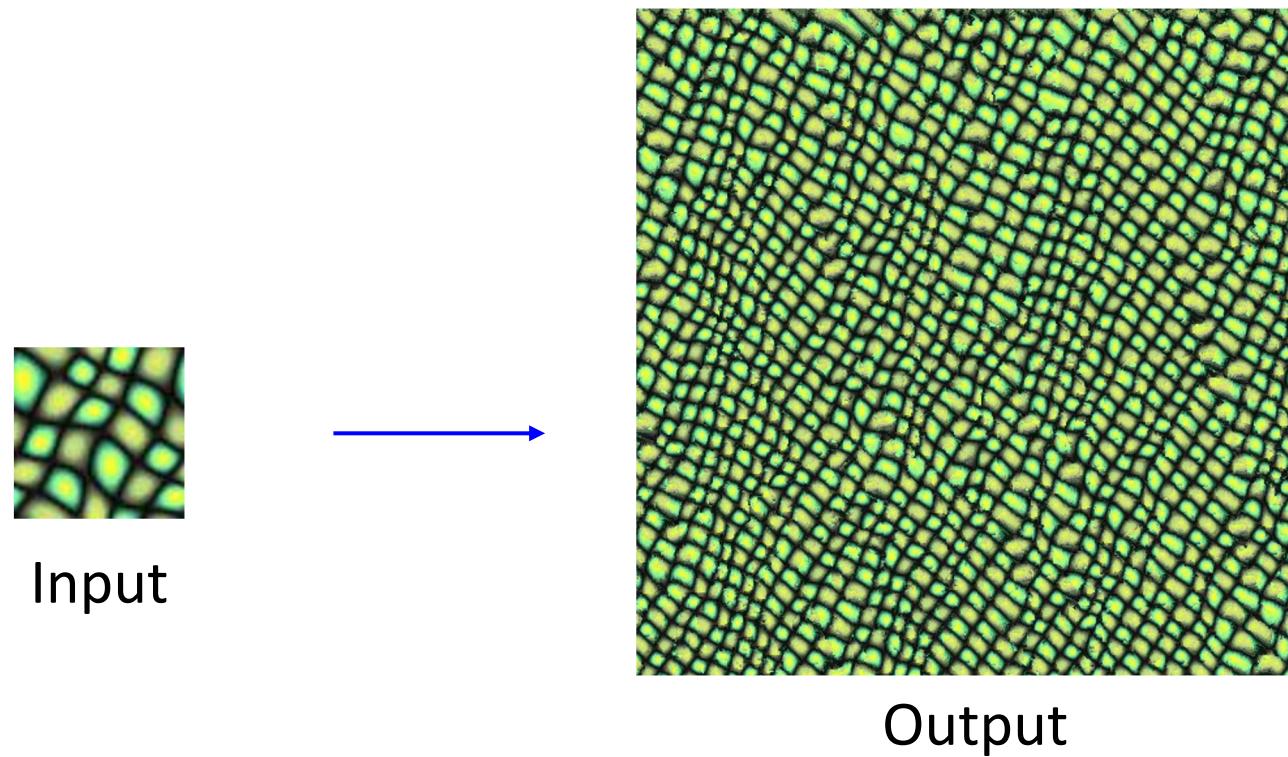
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# Texture Synthesis

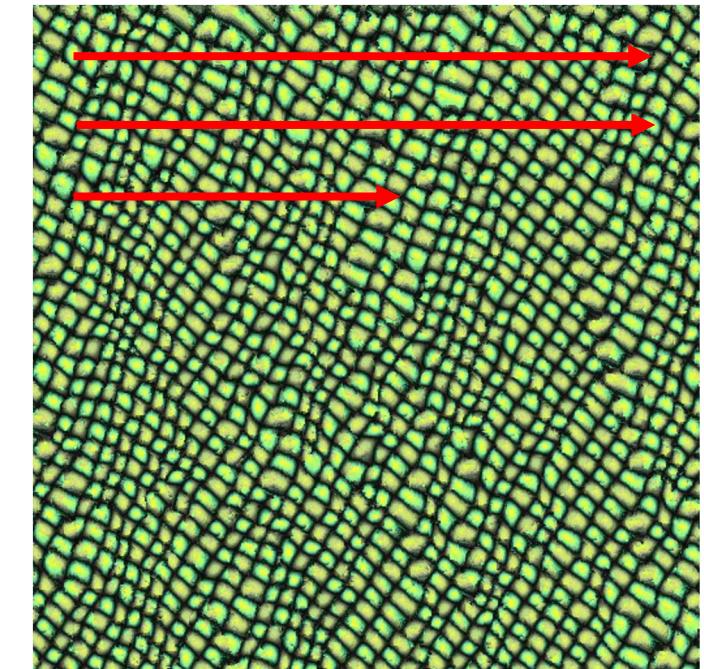
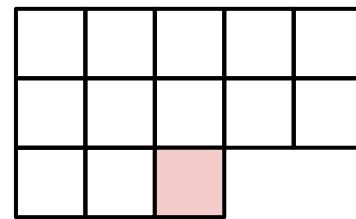
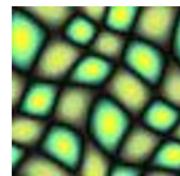
Given a sample patch of some texture, can we generate a bigger image of the same texture?



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# Texture Synthesis: Nearest Neighbor

Generate pixels one at a time in scanline order;  
form neighborhood of already generated pixels  
and copy nearest neighbor from input

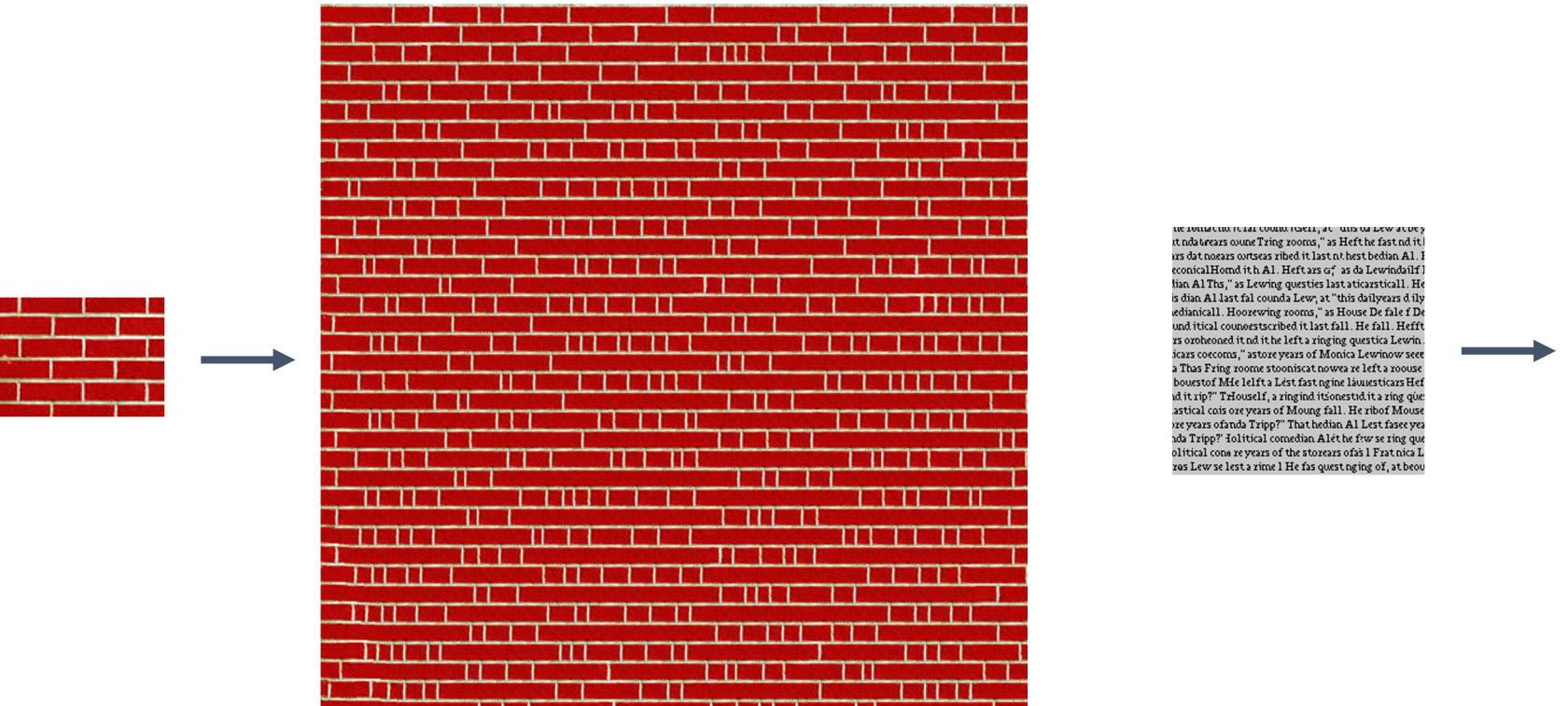


Wei and Levoy, "Fast Texture Synthesis using Tree-structured Vector Quantization", SIGGRAPH 2000

Efros and Leung, "Texture Synthesis by Non-parametric Sampling", ICCV 1999

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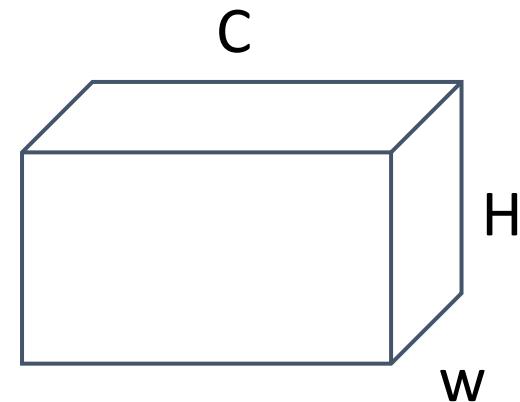
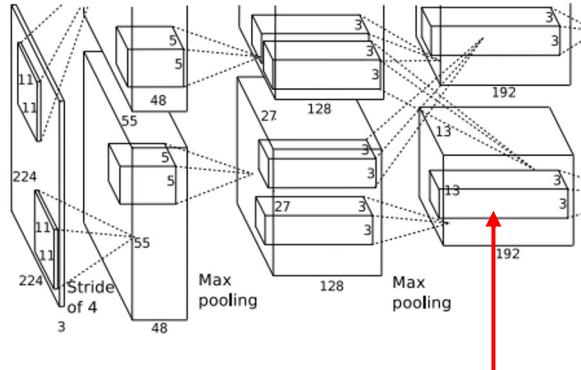


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# Texture Synthesis with Neural Networks: Gram Matrix



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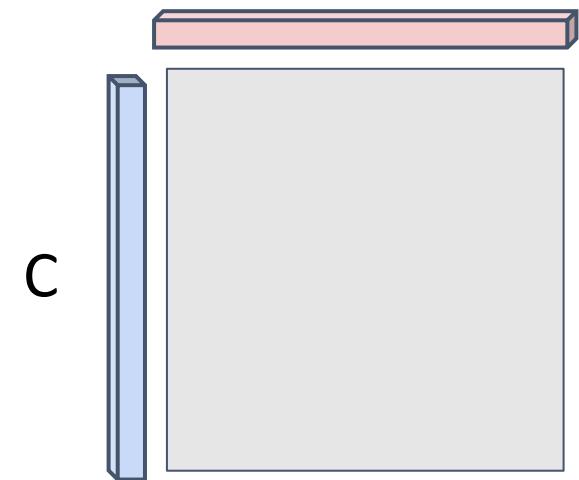
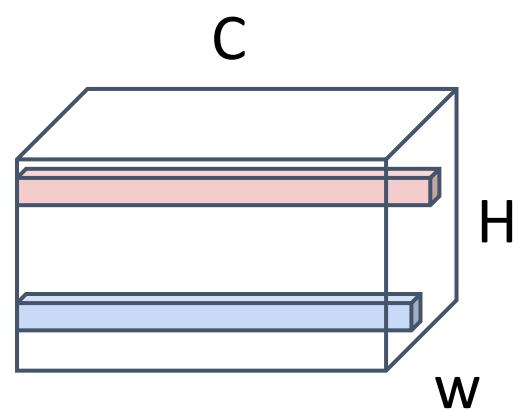
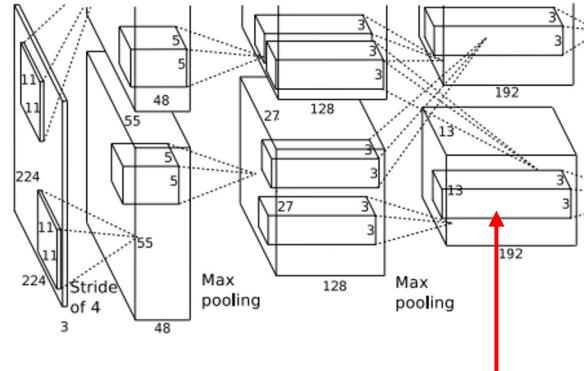
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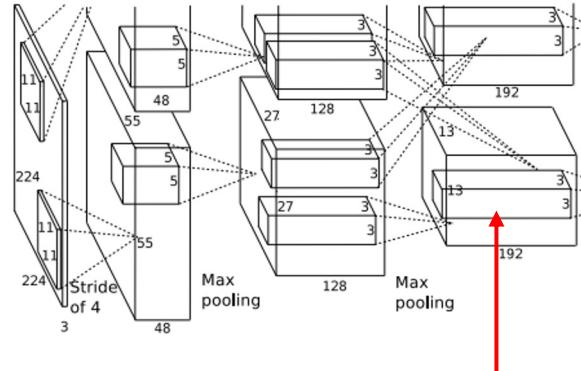
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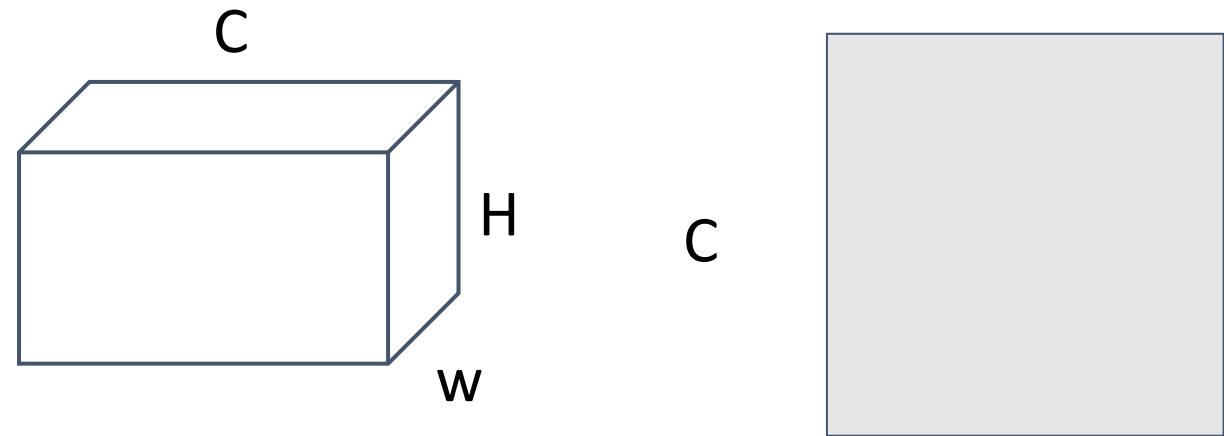
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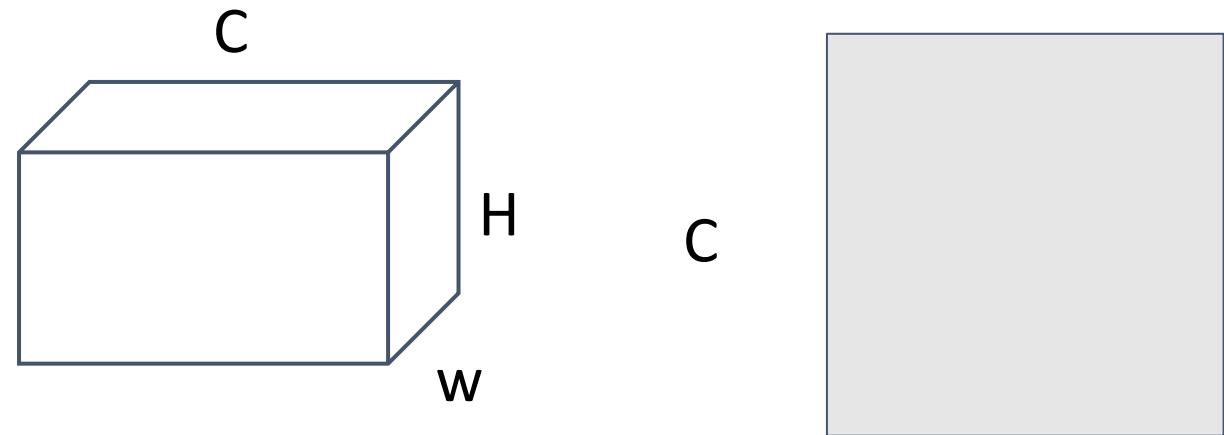
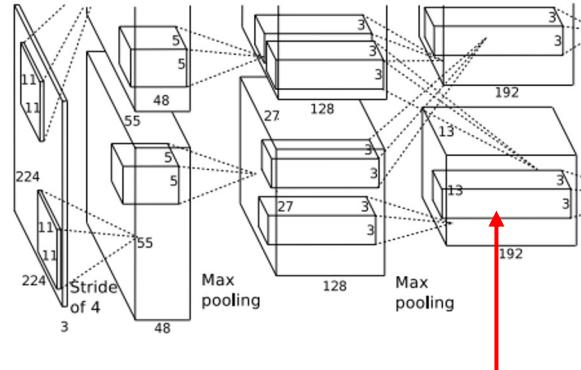
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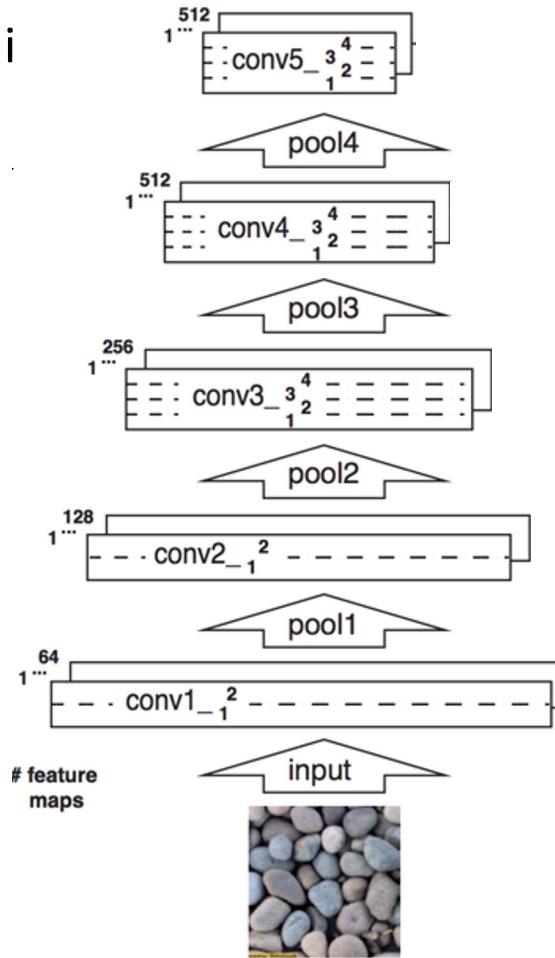
$C \times H \times W$  to  $F = C \times HW$

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then compute  $G = FFT$

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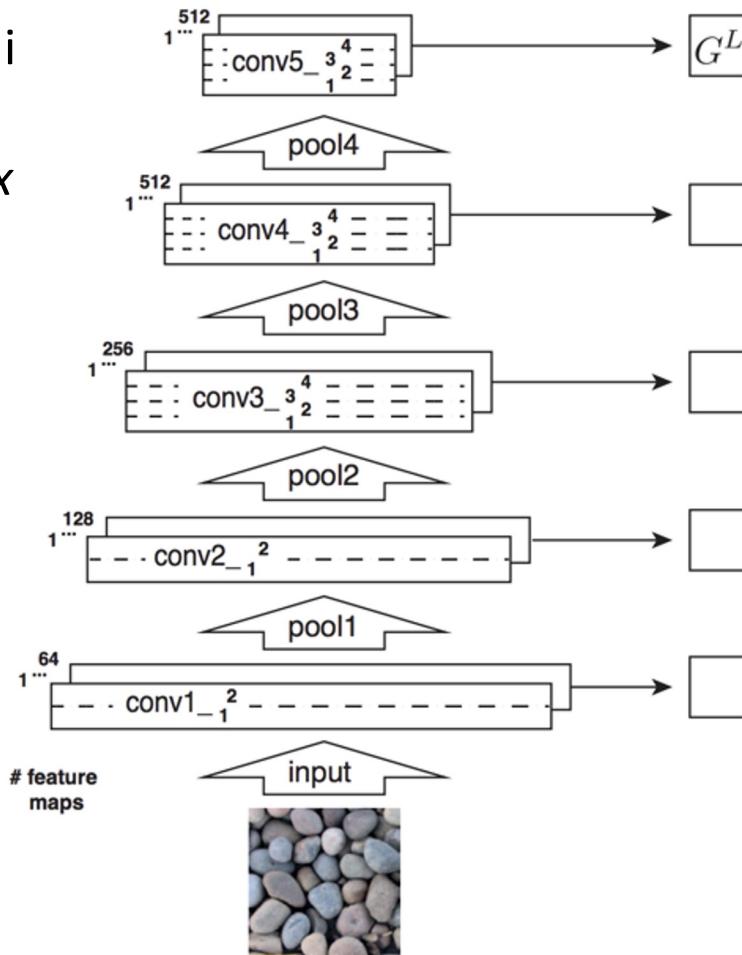
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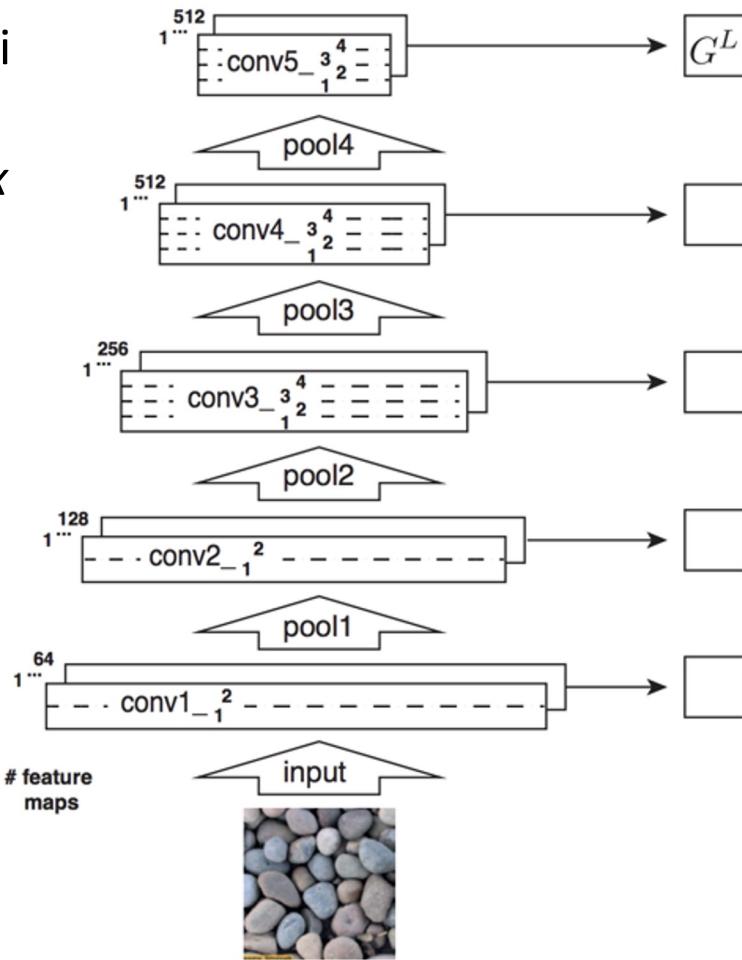
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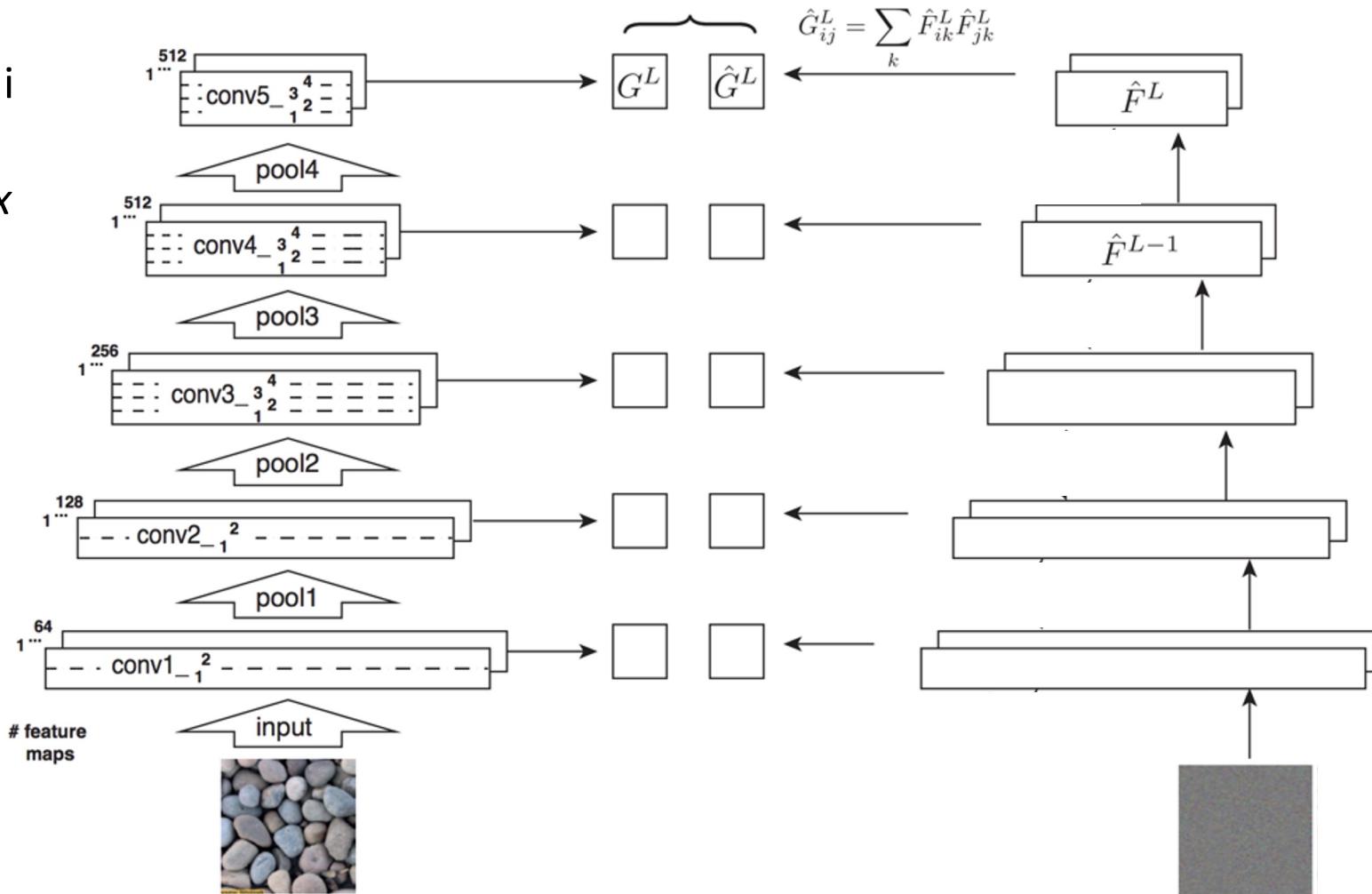
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4. Initialize generated image from random noise



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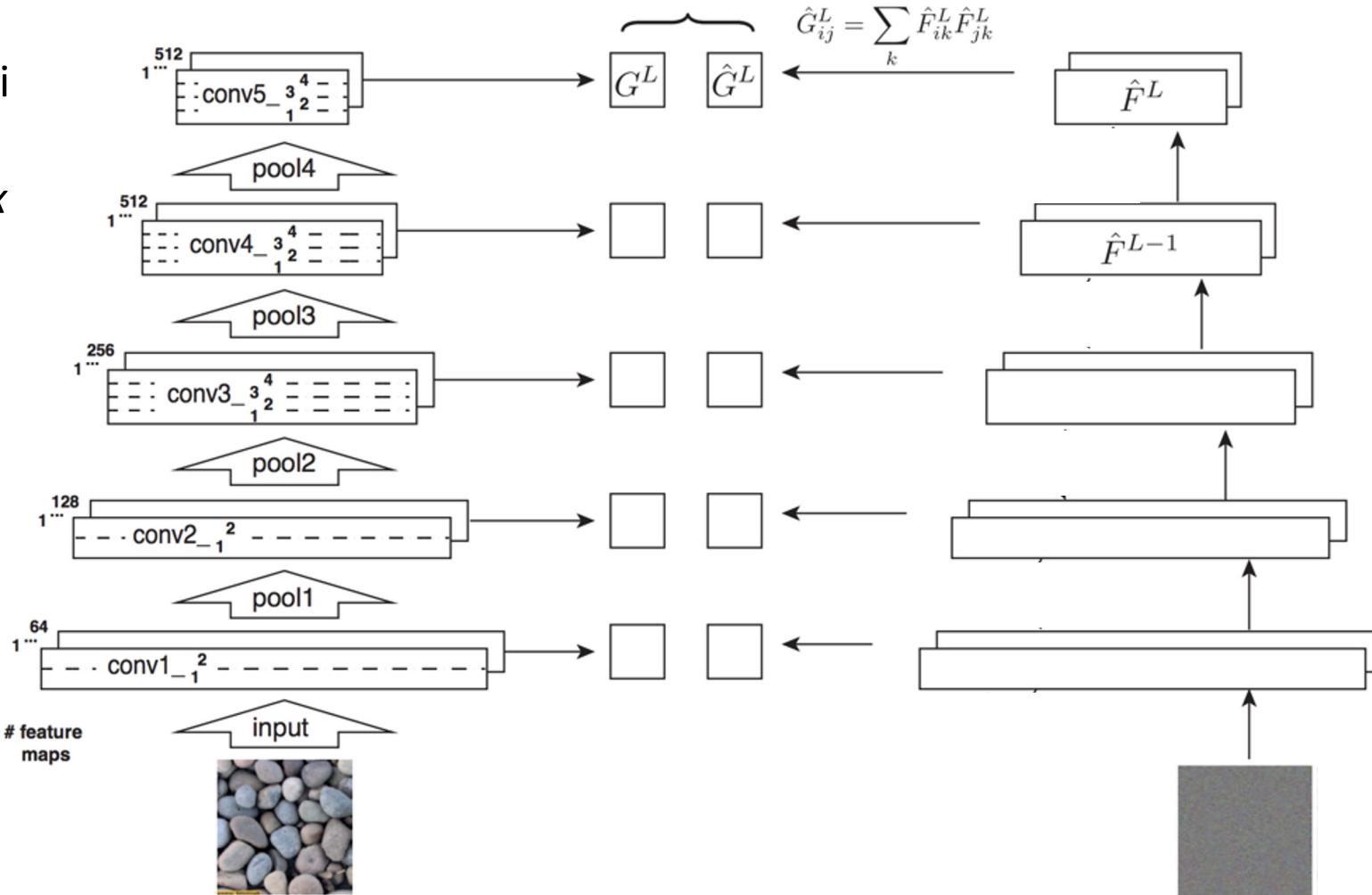
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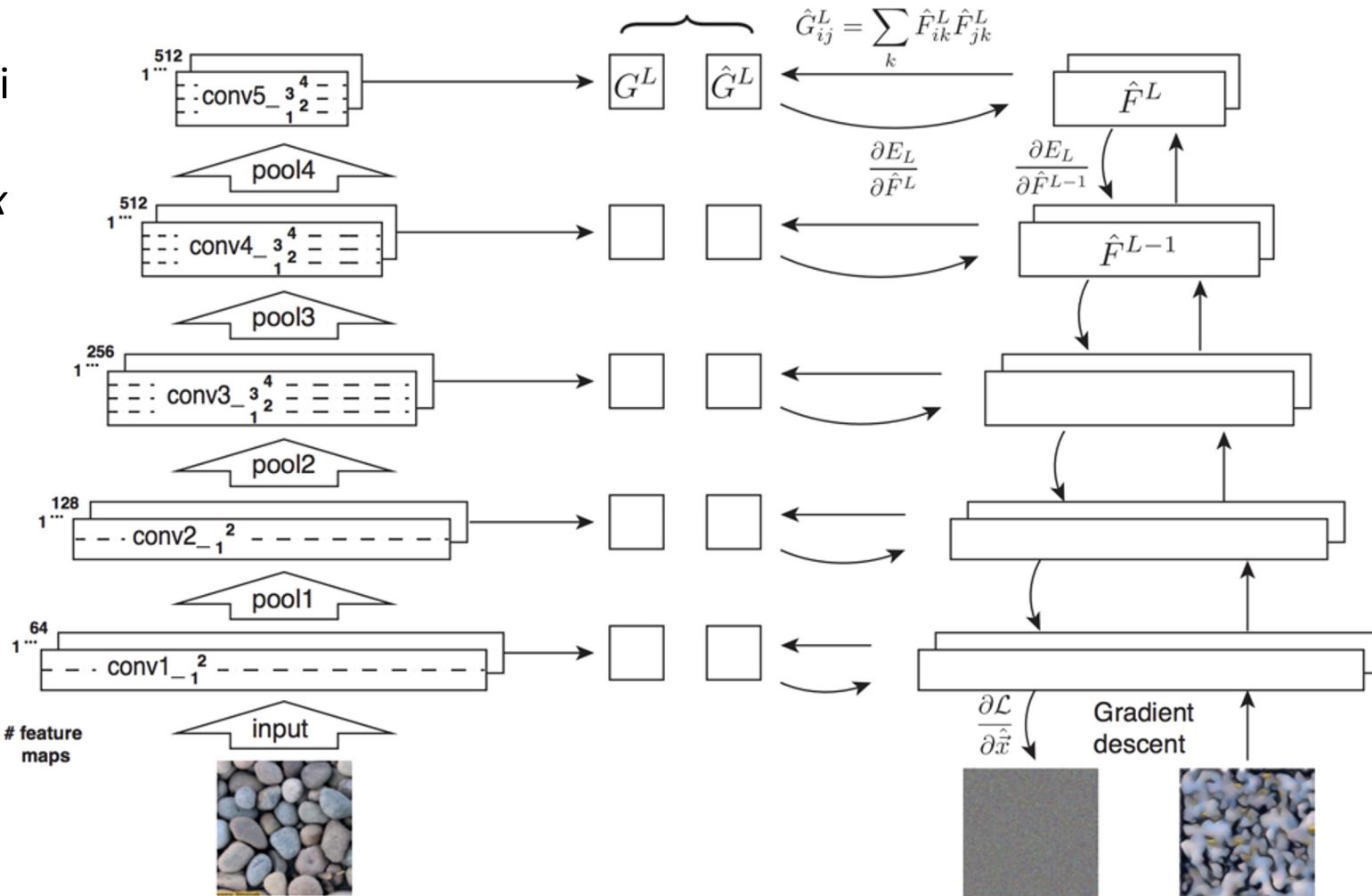
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7. Backprop to get gradient on image
8. Make gradient step on image
9. GOTO 5

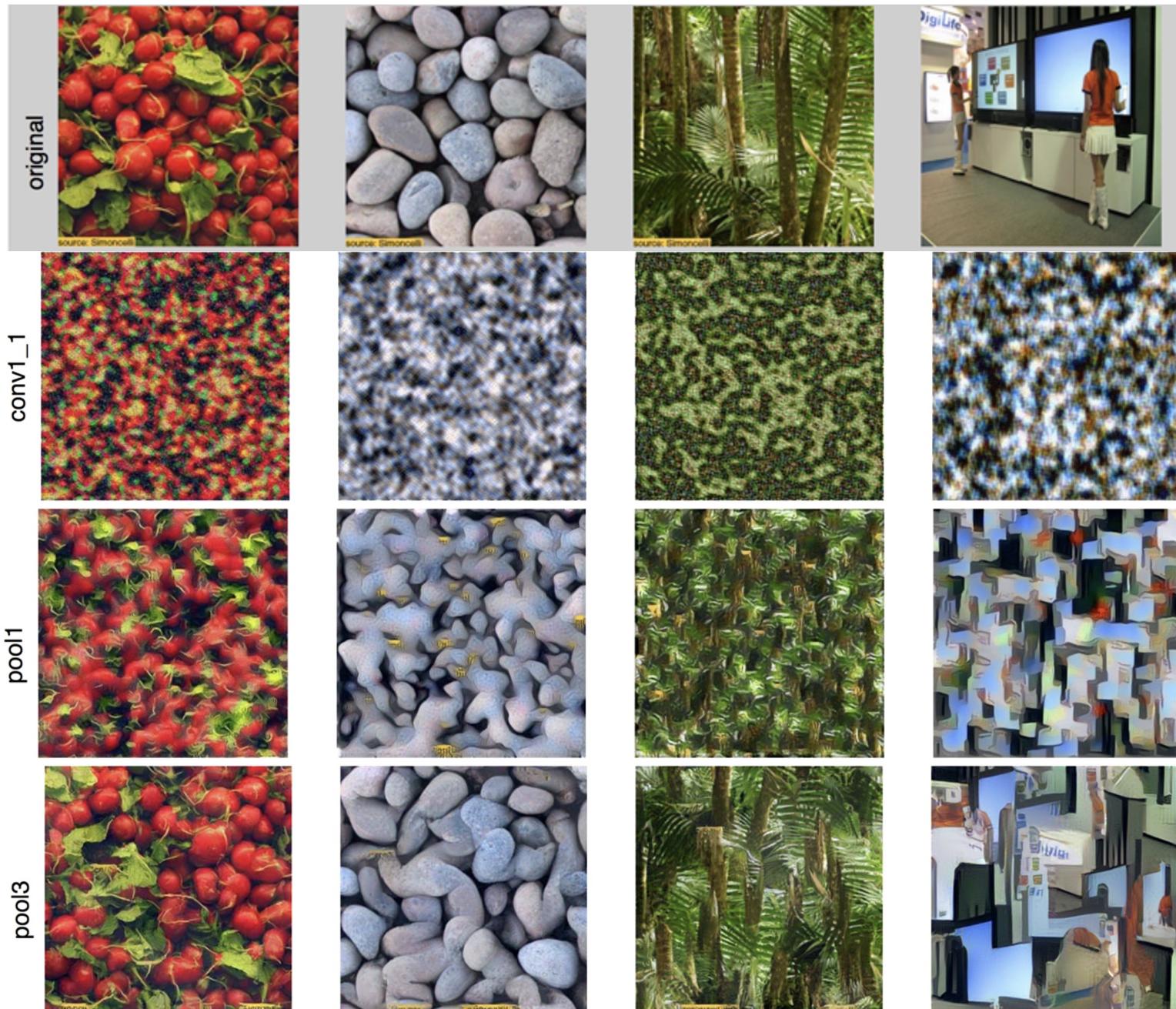
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# Neural Texture Synthesis

Reconstructing texture  
from higher layers  
recovers larger features  
from the input texture



Gatys, Ecker, and Bethge, "Texture Synthesis Using Convolutional Neural Networks", NIPS 2015

# Neural Texture Synthesis: Texture = Artwork

Texture  
synthesis (Gram  
reconstruction)

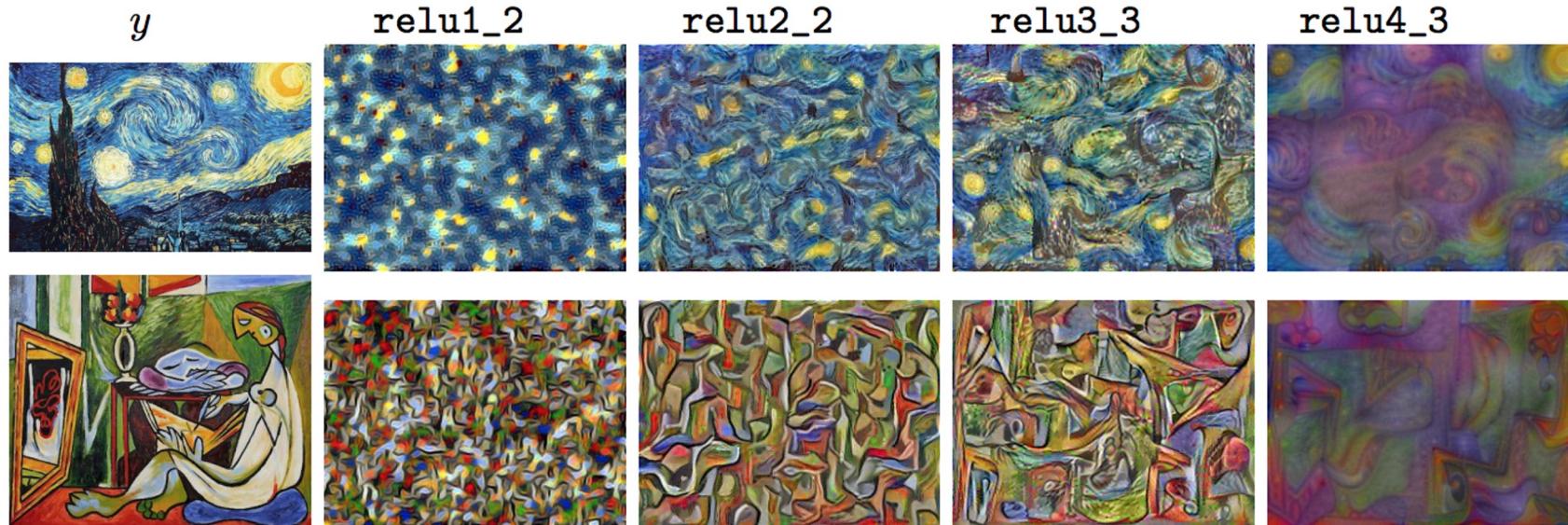
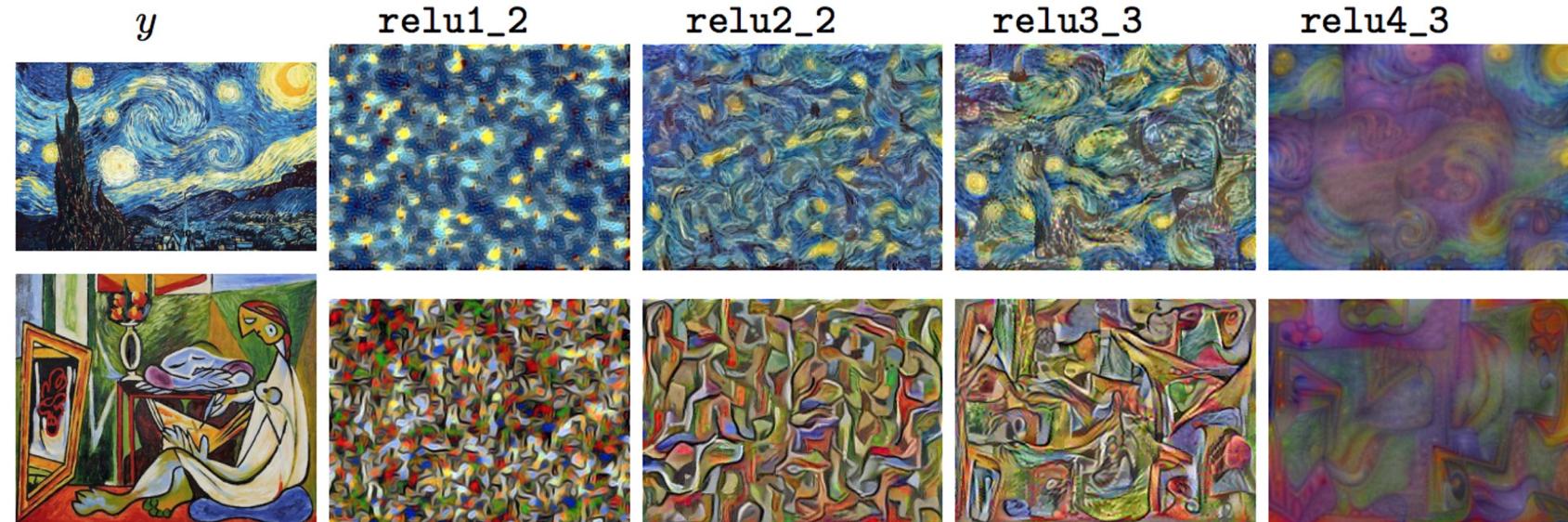


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# Neural Style Transfer: Feature + Gram Reconstruction

Texture  
synthesis (Gram  
reconstruction)



Feature  
reconstruction

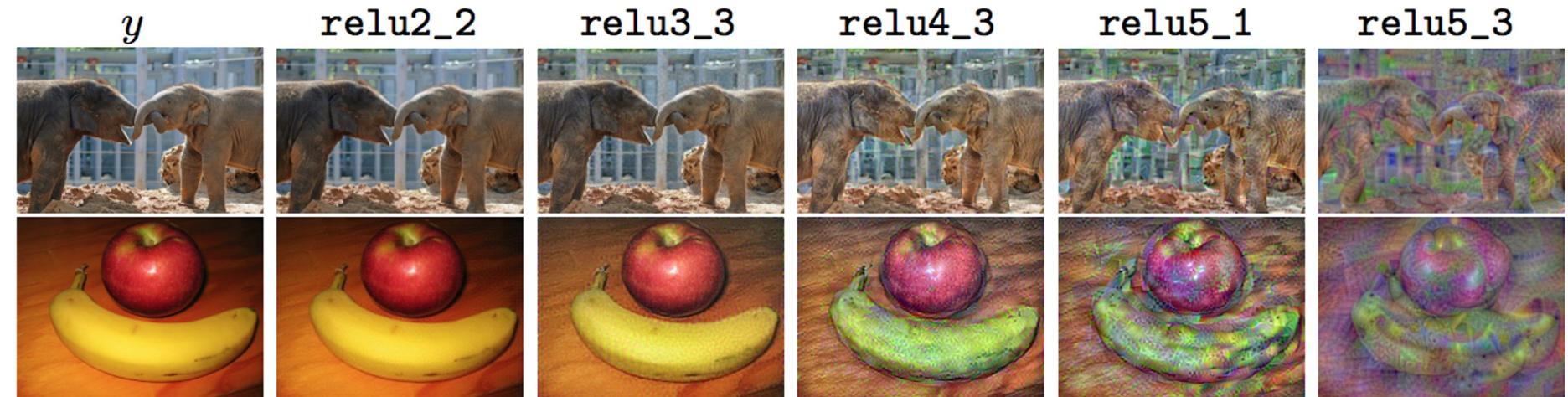


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# Neural Style Transfer

Content Image



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Style Image



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Output Image

Match features  
from content  
image and Gram  
matrices from  
style image

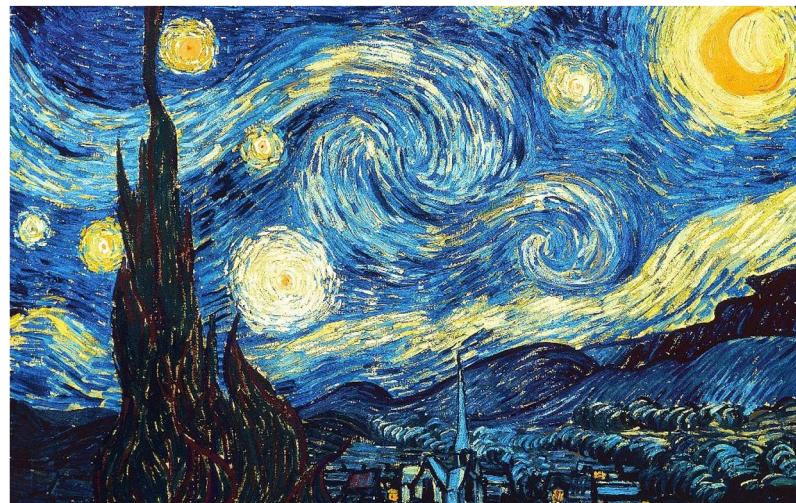
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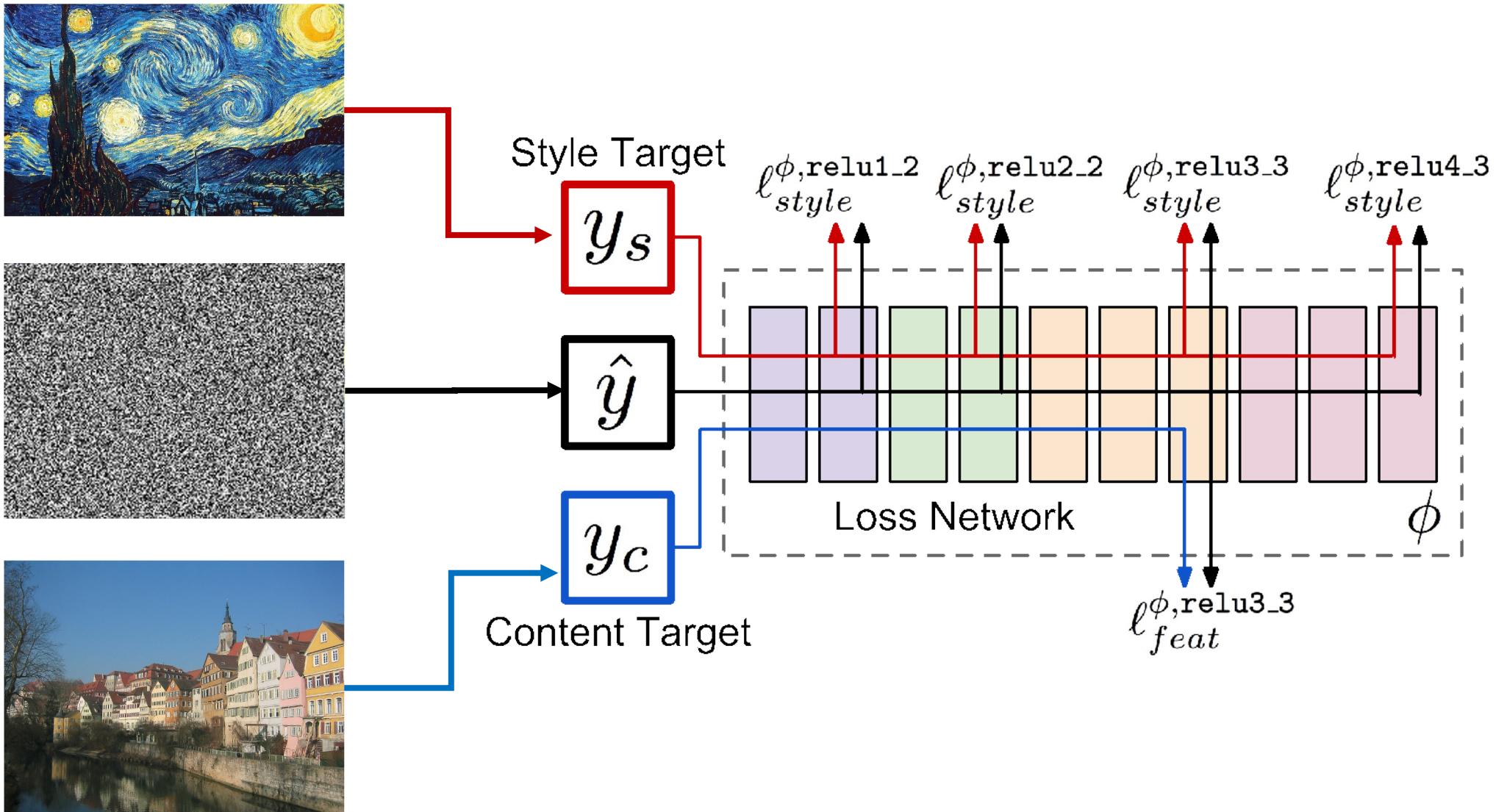
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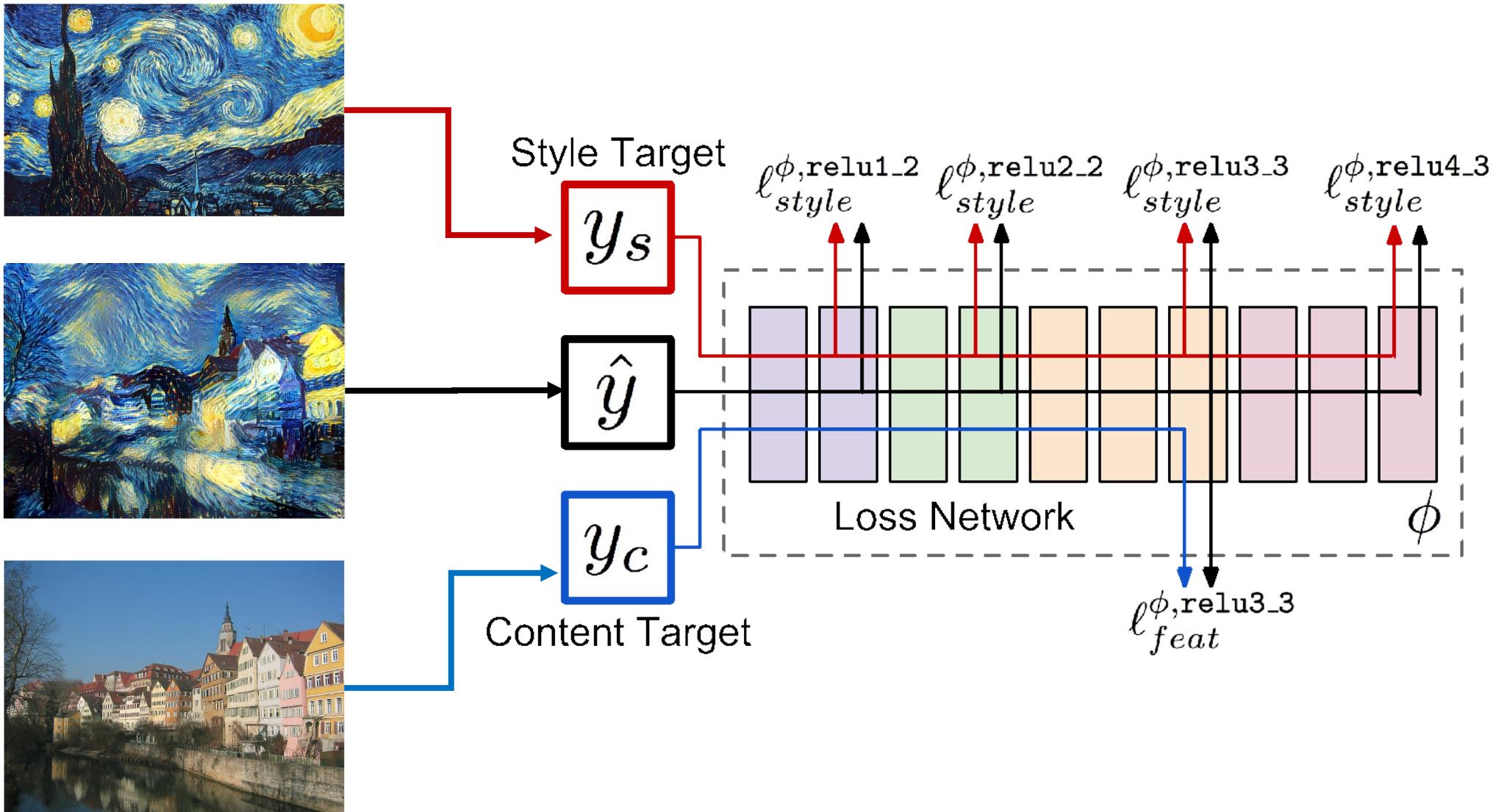
Style image  
Output image  
(Start with noise)  
Content image



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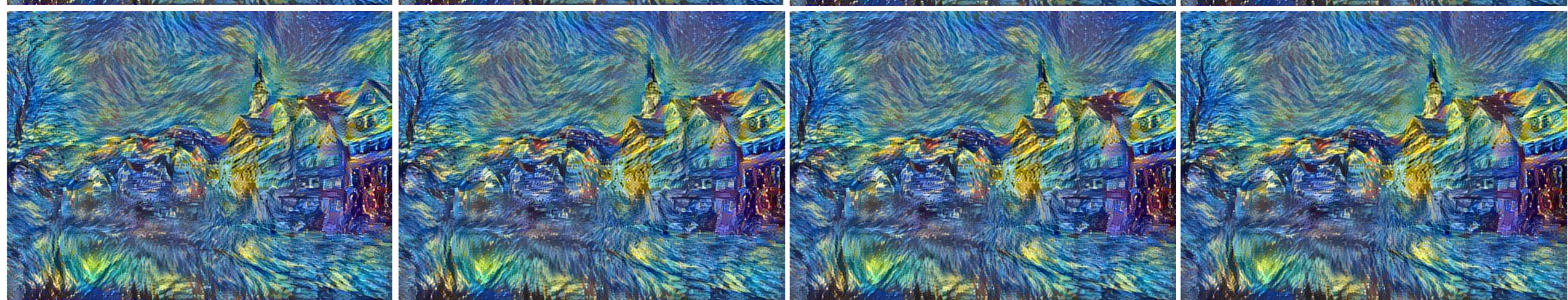
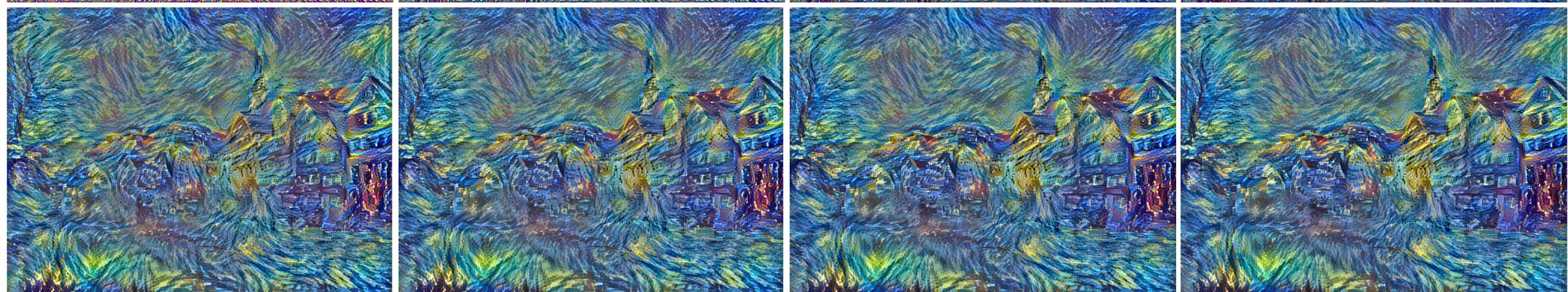
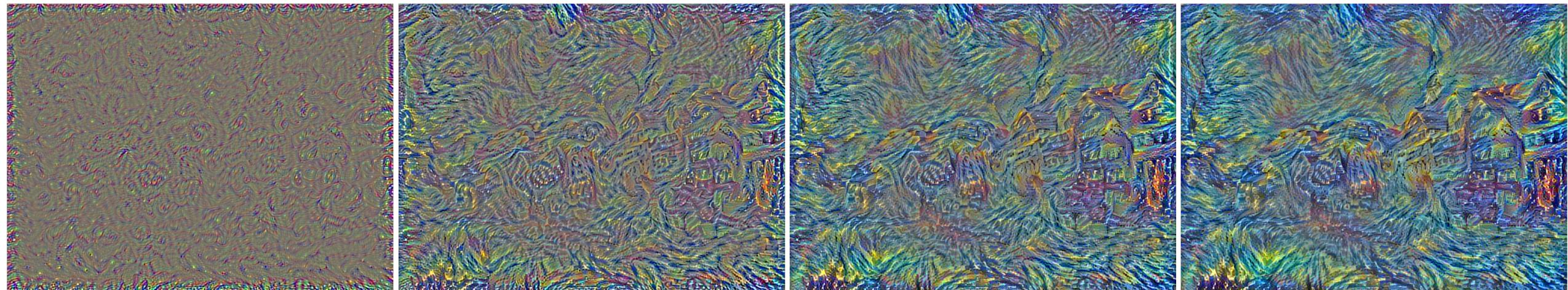
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Style image  
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# Neural Style Transfer

Example outputs  
from [my  
implementation](#)  
(in Lua Torch)



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# Neural Style Transfer



More weight to  
content loss

More weight to  
style loss

# Neural Style Transfer

Resizing style image before running style transfer algorithm can transfer different types of features



Larger style image

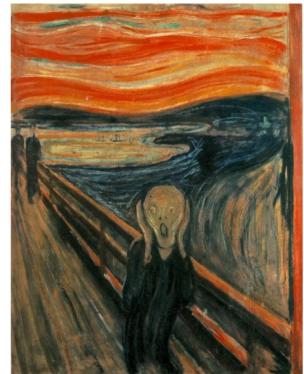


Smaller style image

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# Neural Style Transfer: Multiple Style Images

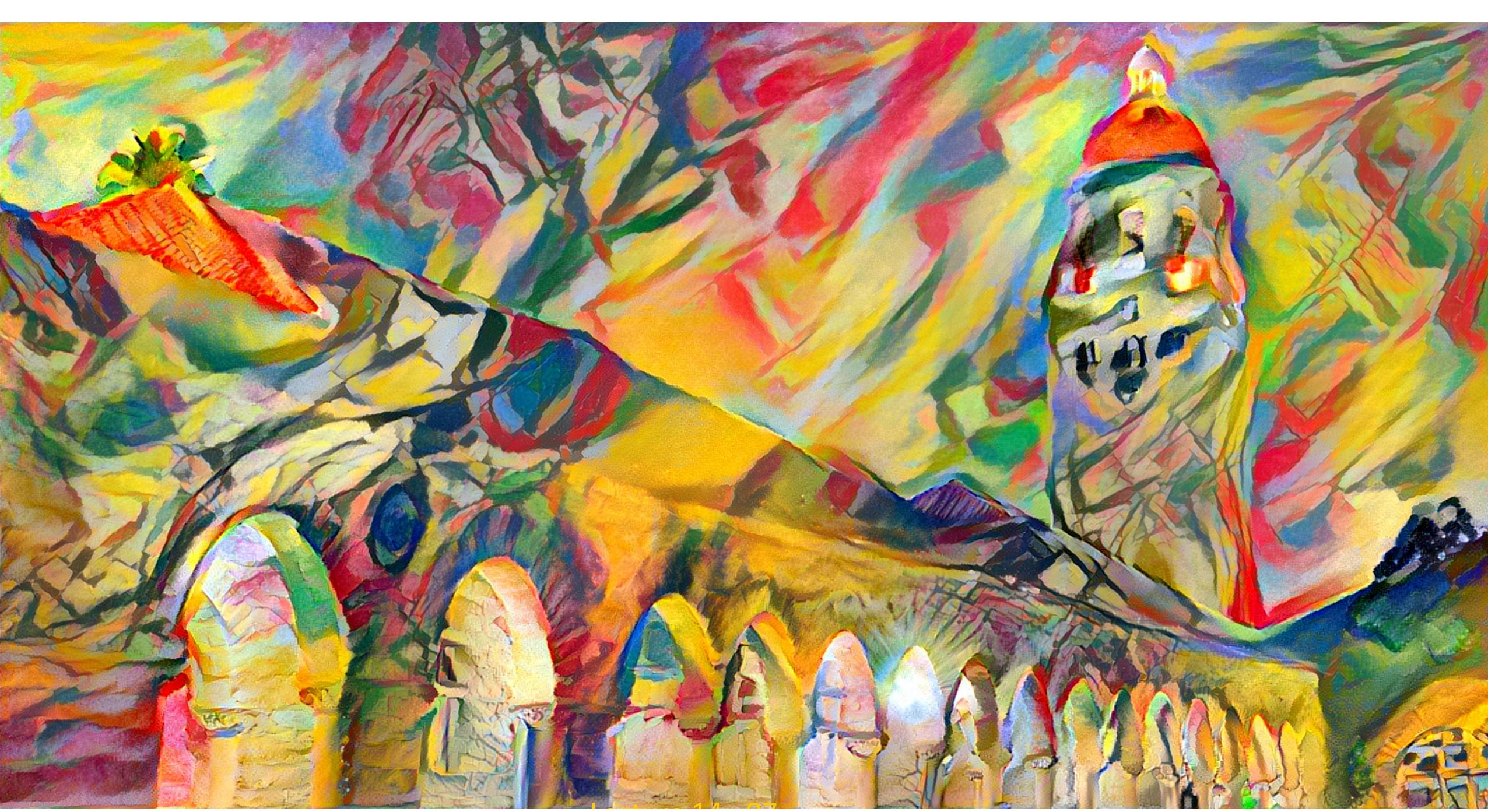
Mix style from  
multiple images by  
taking a weighted  
average of Gram  
matrices



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# Neural Style Transfer

**Problem:** Style transfer requires many forward / backward passes through VGG; very slow!

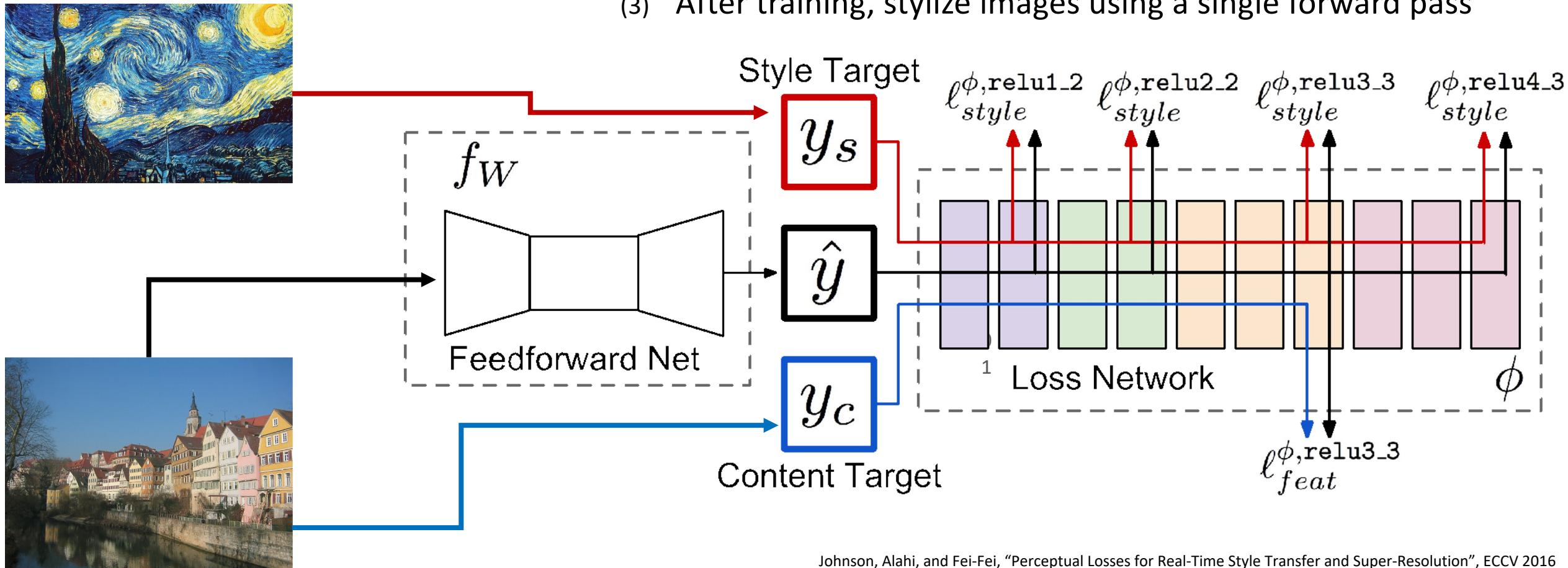
# Neural Style Transfer

**Problem:** Style transfer requires many forward / backward passes through VGG; very slow!

**Solution:** Train another neural network to perform style transfer for us!

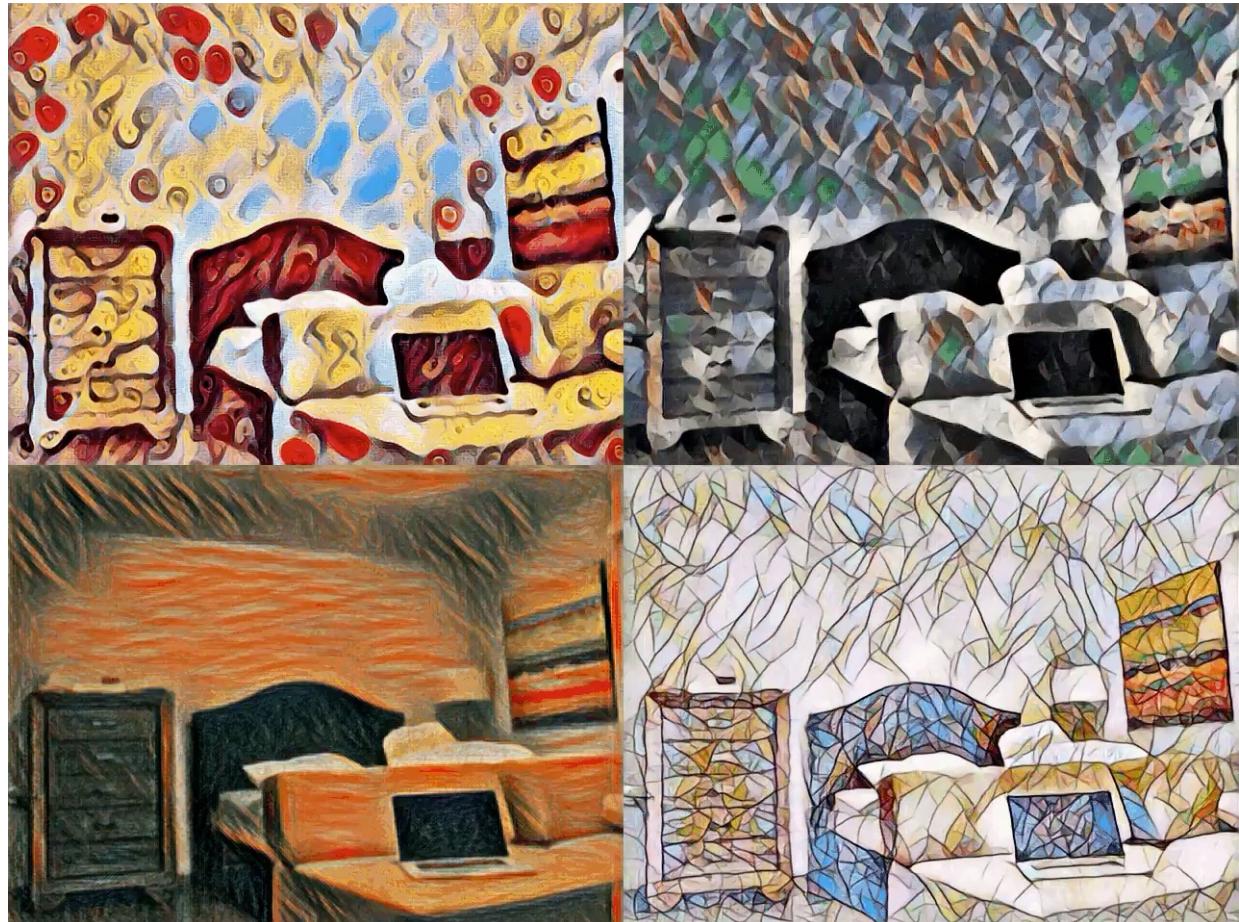
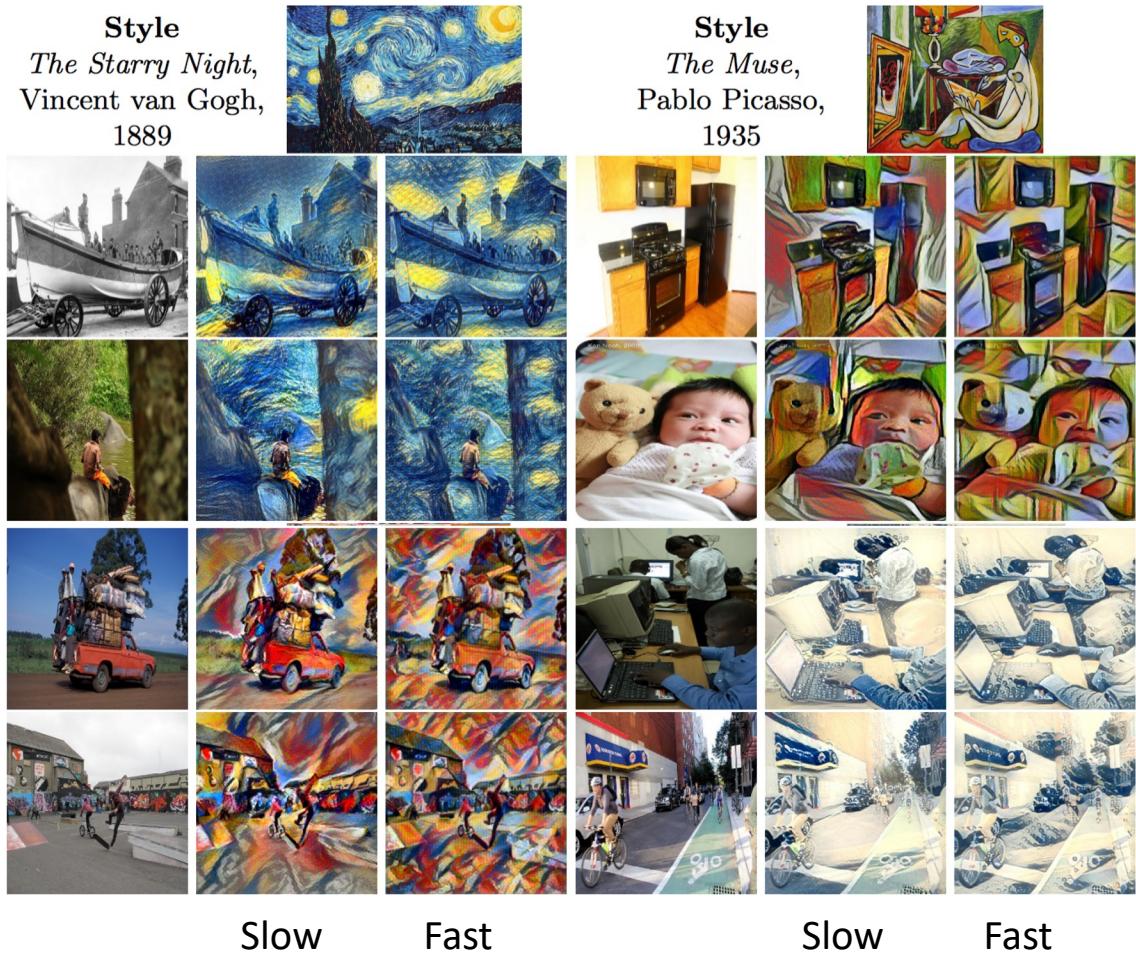
# Fast Neural Style Transfer

- (1) Train a feedforward network for each style
- (2) Use pretrained CNN to compute same losses as before
- (3) After training, stylize images using a single forward pass



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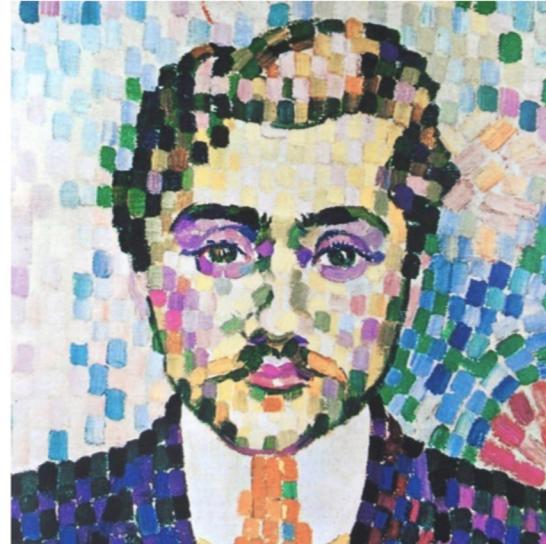


<https://github.com/jcjohnson/fast-neural-style>

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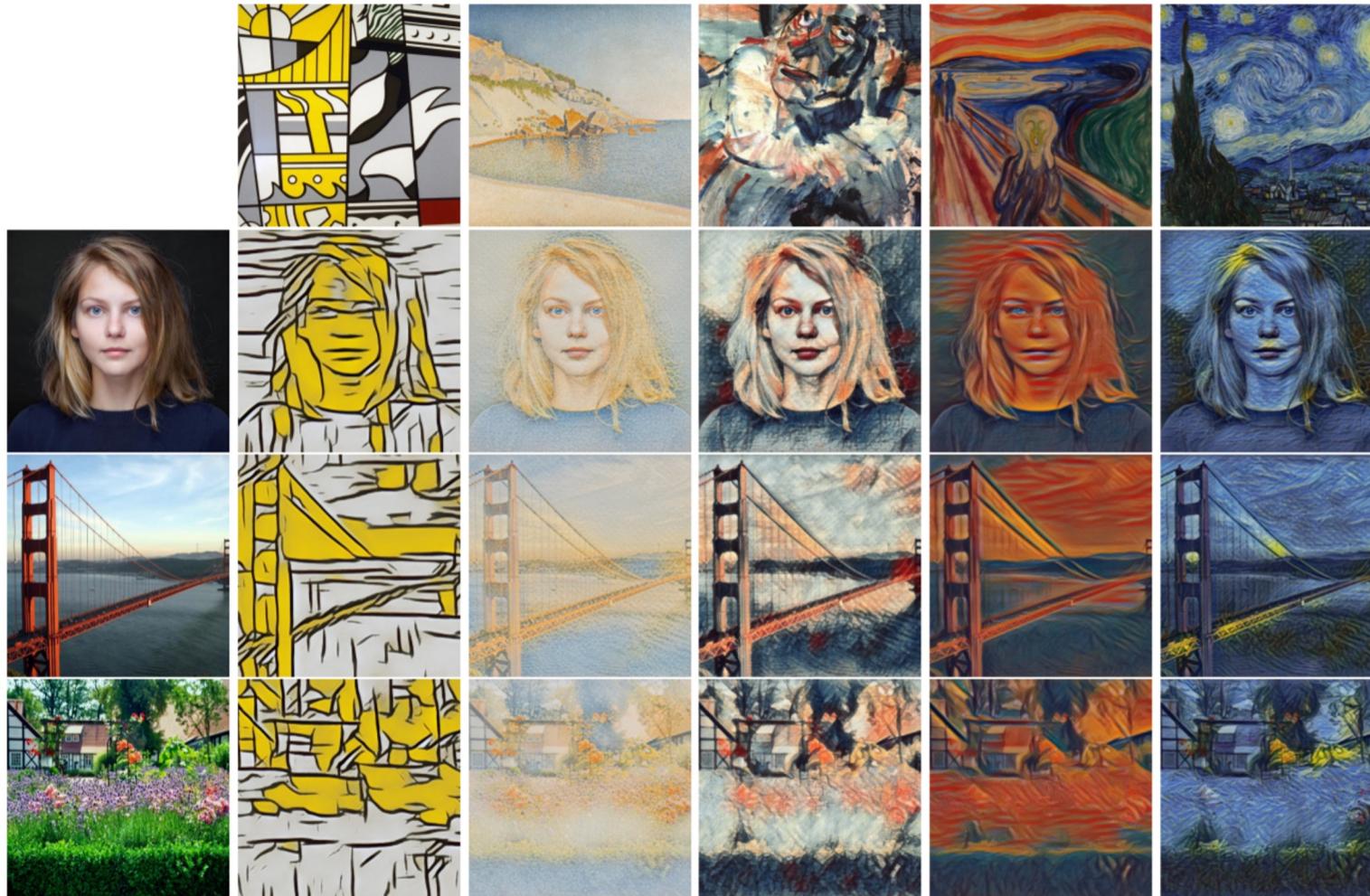
# Fast Neural Style Transfer

Replacing batch  
normalization with  
Instance Normalization  
improves results



Ulyanov et al, "Texture Networks: Feed-forward Synthesis of Textures and Stylized Images", ICML 2016  
Ulyanov et al, "Instance Normalization: The Missing Ingredient for Fast Stylization", arXiv 2016

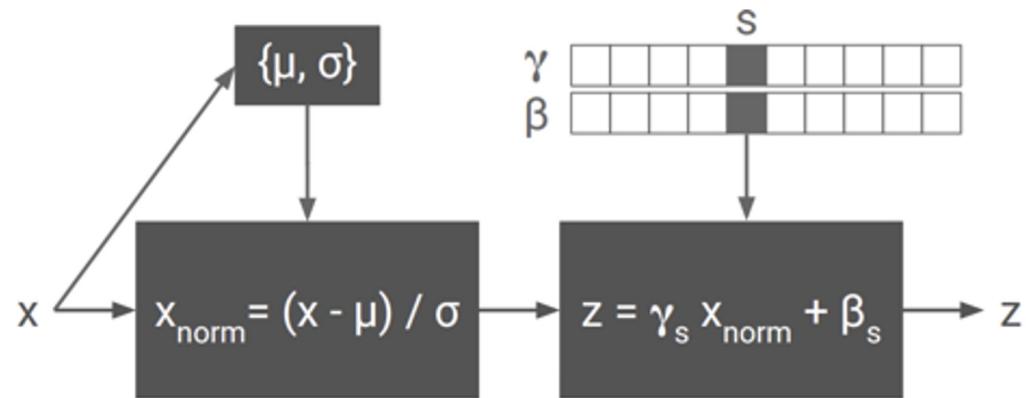
# One Network, Many Styles



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Use the same network for multiple styles using conditional instance normalization: learn separate scale and shift parameters per style



Single network can blend styles after training

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# Summary

Many methods for understanding CNN representations

**Activations:** Nearest neighbors, Dimensionality reduction, maximal patches, occlusion, CAM

**Gradients:** Grad-CAM, Saliency maps, class visualization, adversarial examples, feature inversion

**Fun:** DeepDream, Style Transfer.

# Next Time: Self-Supervised Learning