Object Detection

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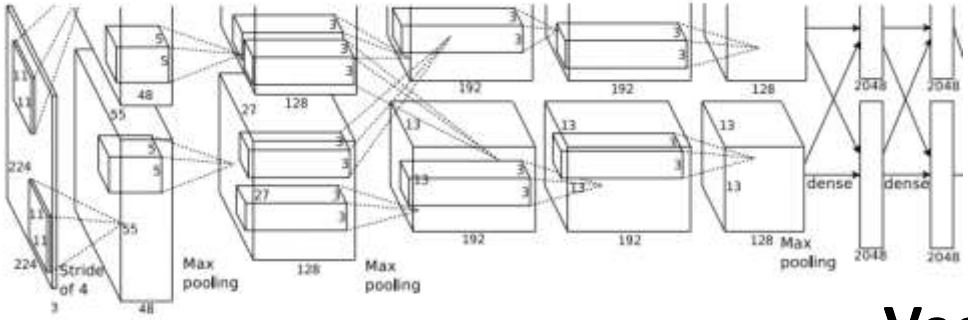
So far: Image Classification



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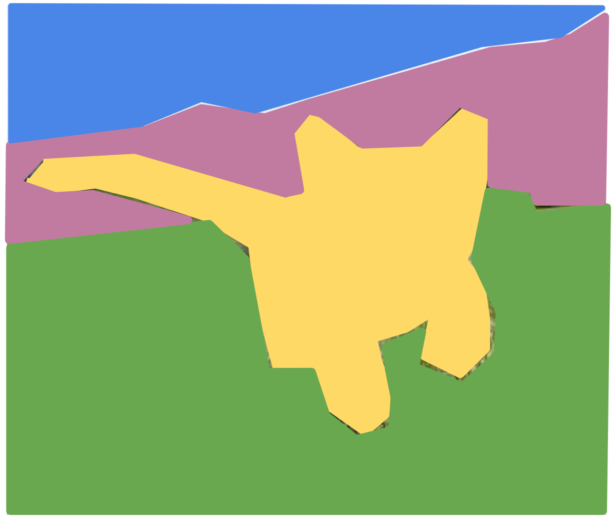
Computer Vision Tasks

Classification

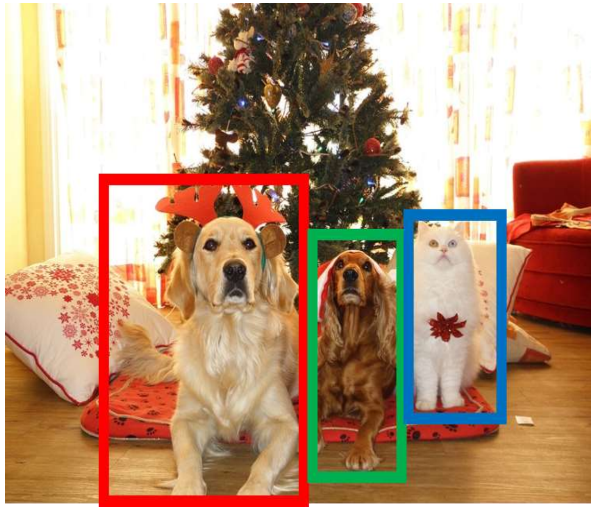
CAT

Semantic Segmentation



GRASS, CAT, TREE, SKY

Object Detection



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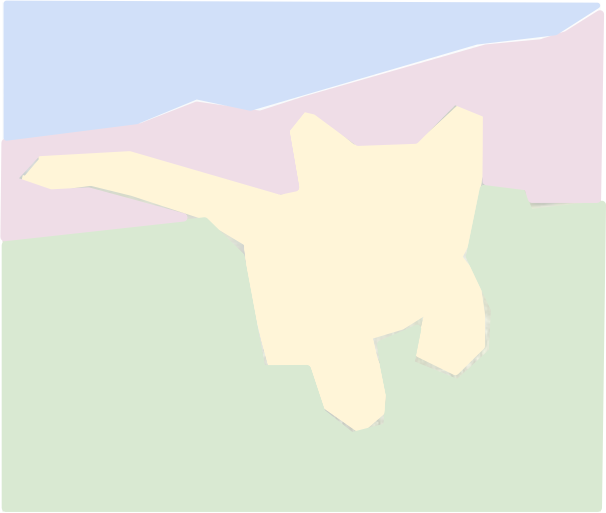

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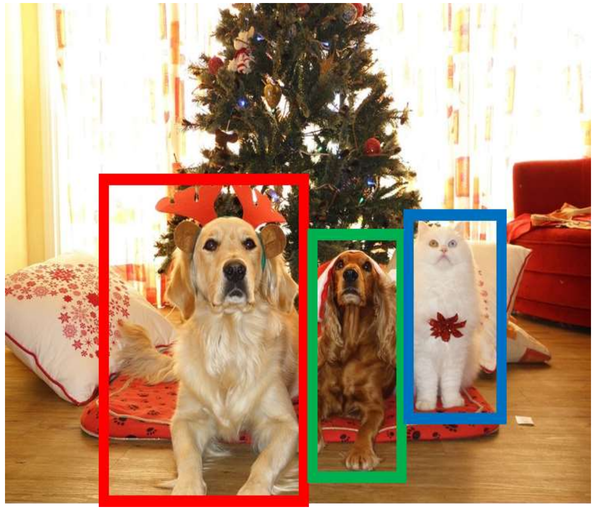

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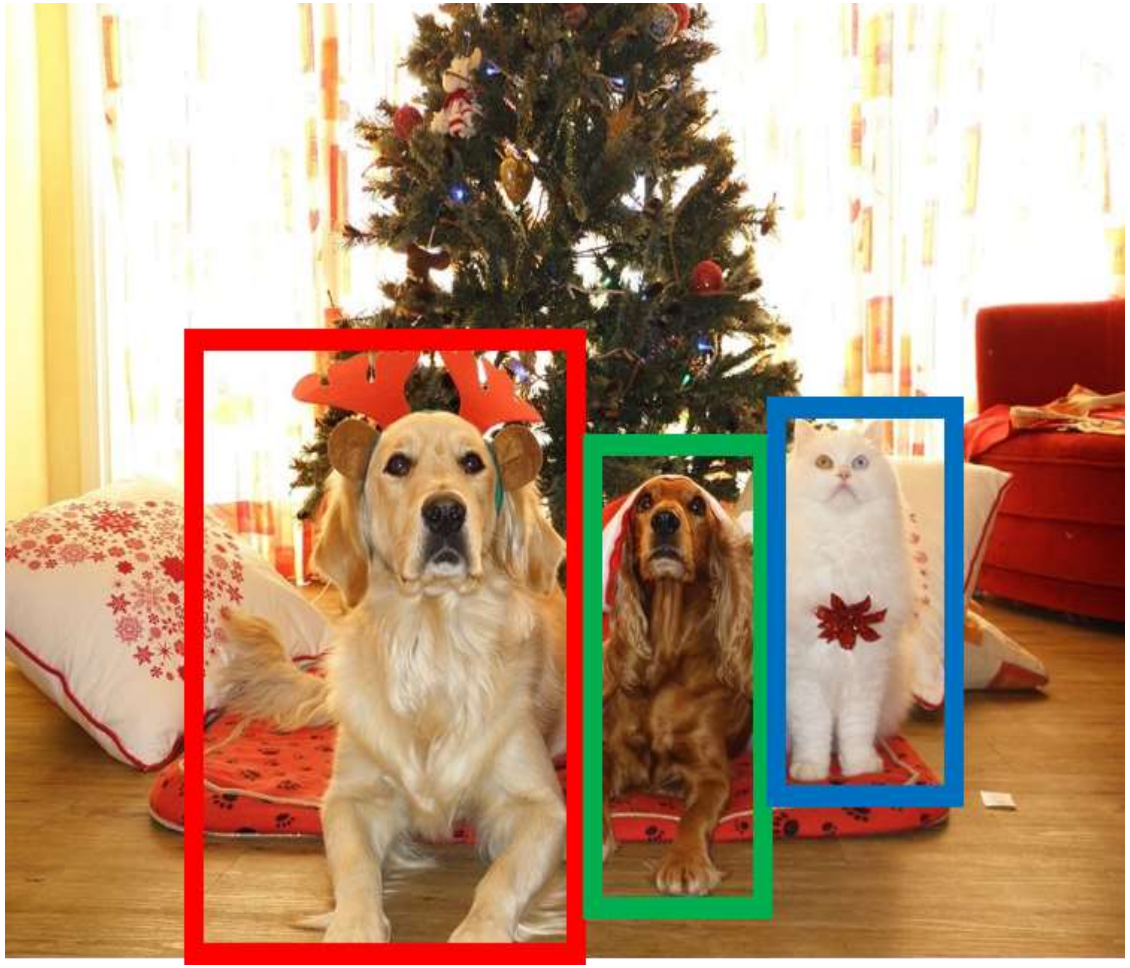
Object Detection: Task Definition

Input: Single RGB Image

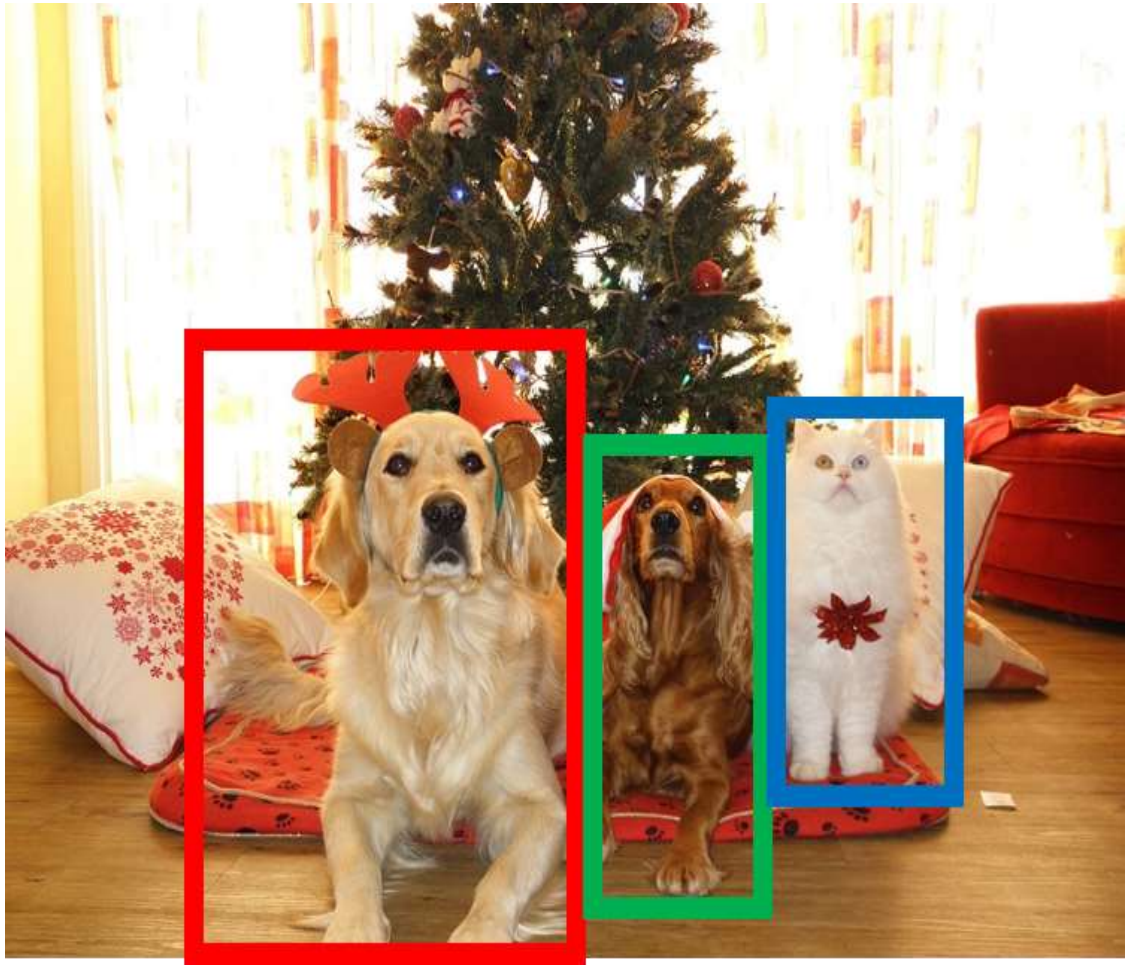
Output: A set of detected objects;
For each object predict:

1. Category label (from fixed, known set of categories)
2. Bounding box (four numbers: x, y, width, height)



Object Detection: Challenges

- **Multiple outputs**: Need to output variable numbers of objects per image
- **Multiple types of output**: Need to predict ”what” (category label) as well as “where” (bounding box)
- **Large images**: Classification works at 224x224; need higher resolution for detection, often ~800x600



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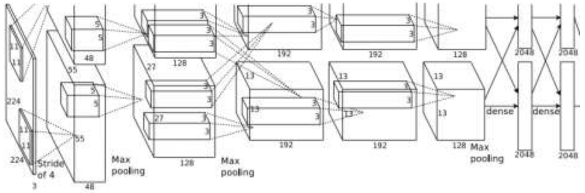

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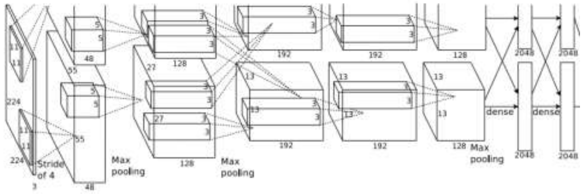

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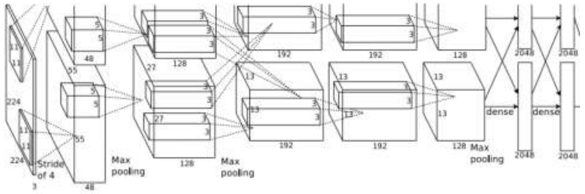

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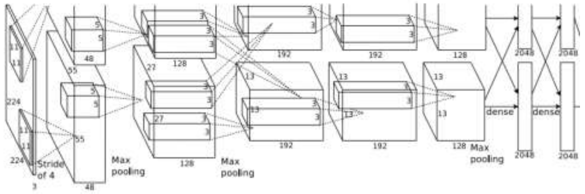

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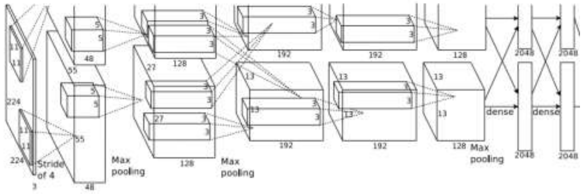

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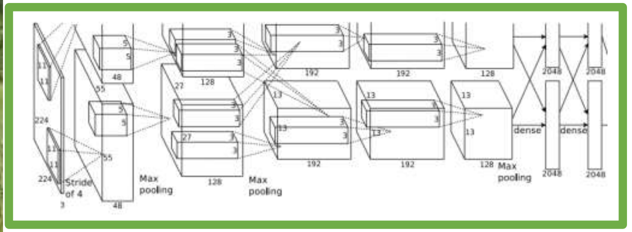

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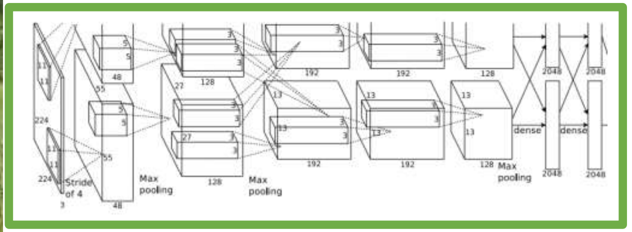

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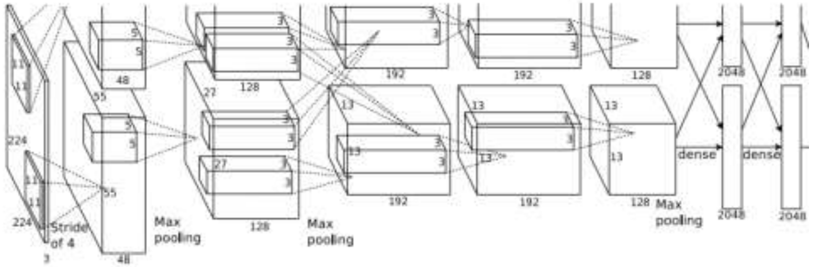
Problem: Images can have more than one object!

"Where"

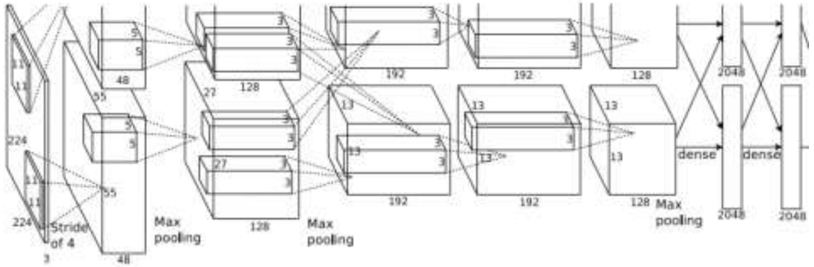
Detecting Multiple Objects

Need different numbers of outputs per image



CAT: (x, y, w, h)

4 numbers



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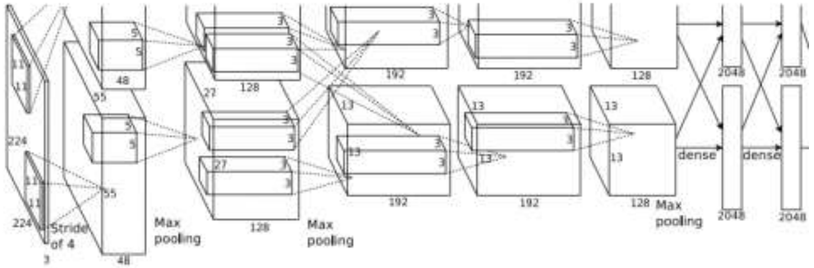
12 numbers



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Many numbers!

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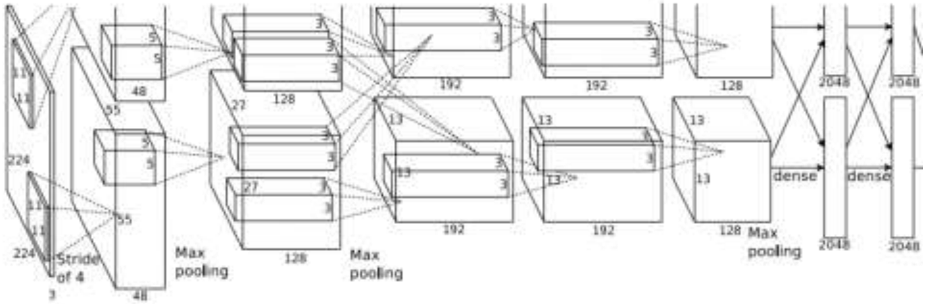

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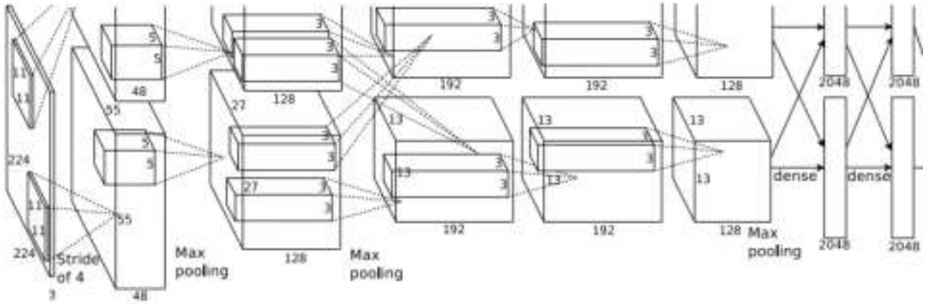

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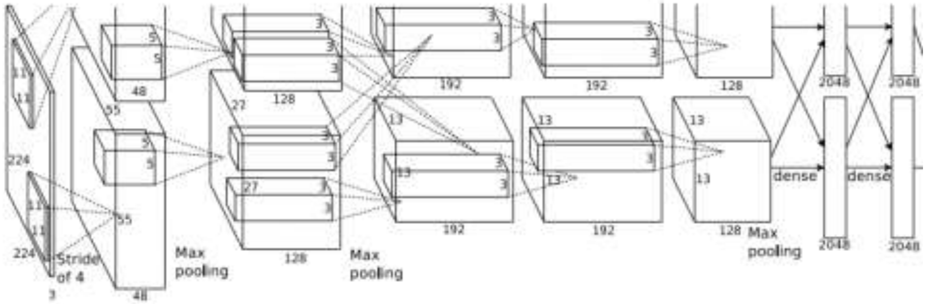

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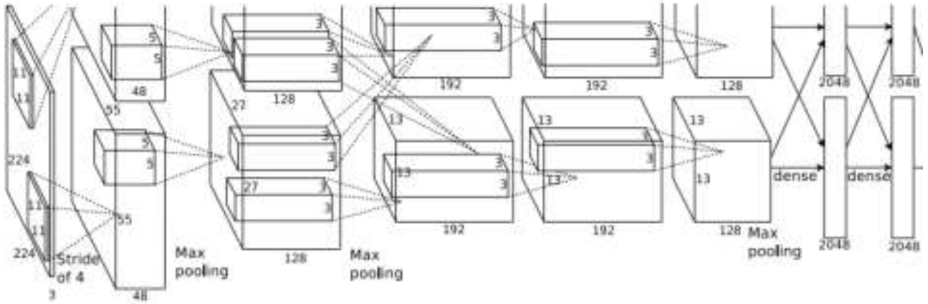

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800 x 600 image has ~58M boxes! No way we can evaluate them all

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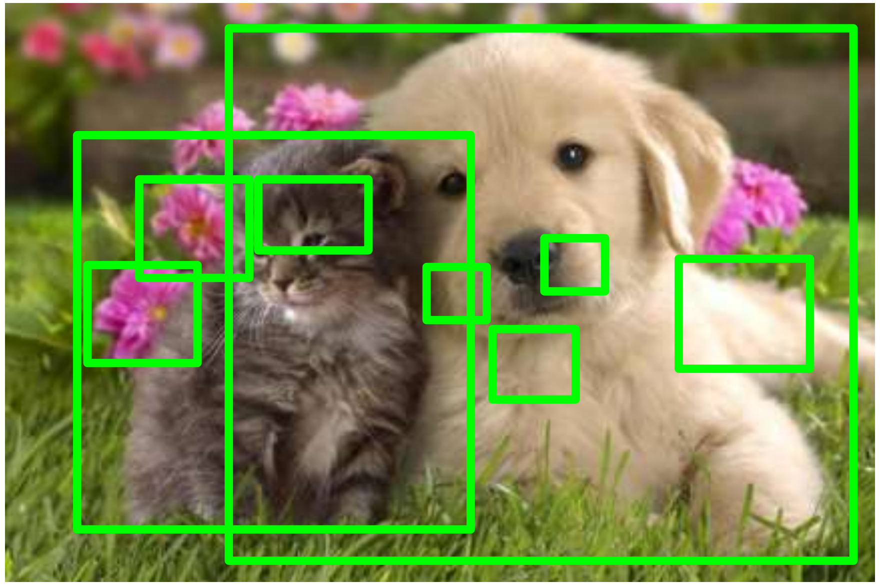
Region Proposals

- Find a small set of boxes that are likely to cover all objects
- Often based on heuristics: e.g. look for "blob-like" image regions
- Relatively fast to run; e.g. Selective Search gives 2000 region proposals in a few seconds on CPU



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R-CNN: Region-Based CNN

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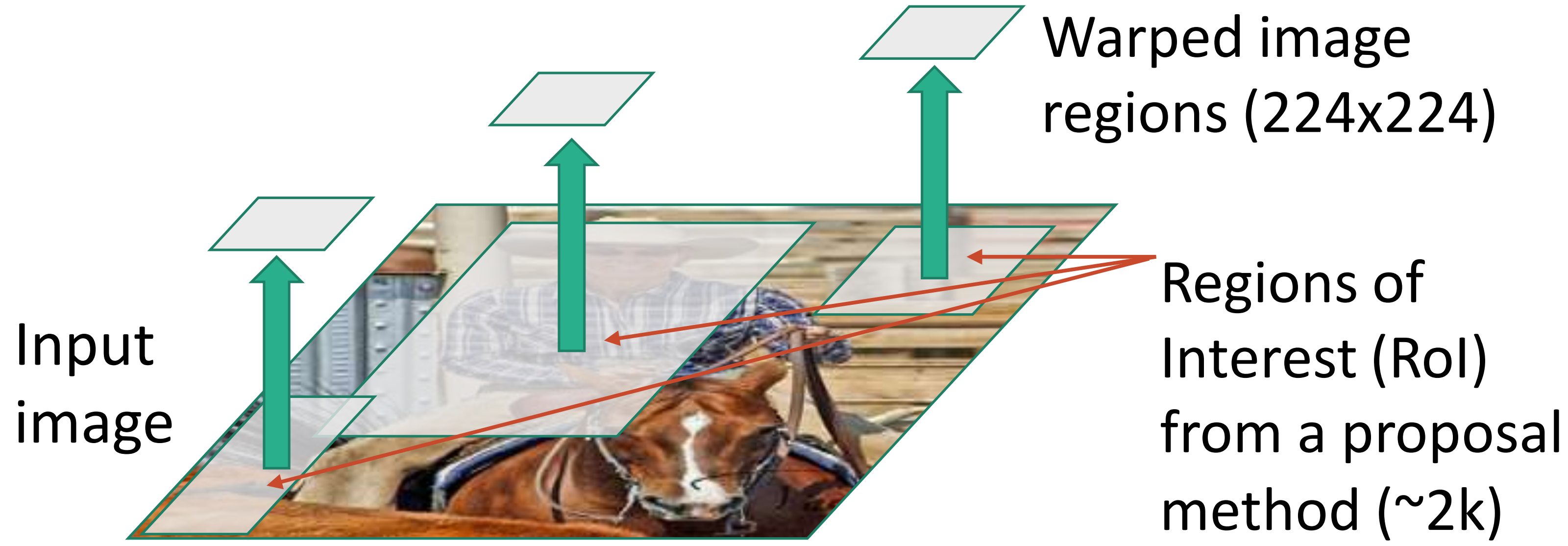

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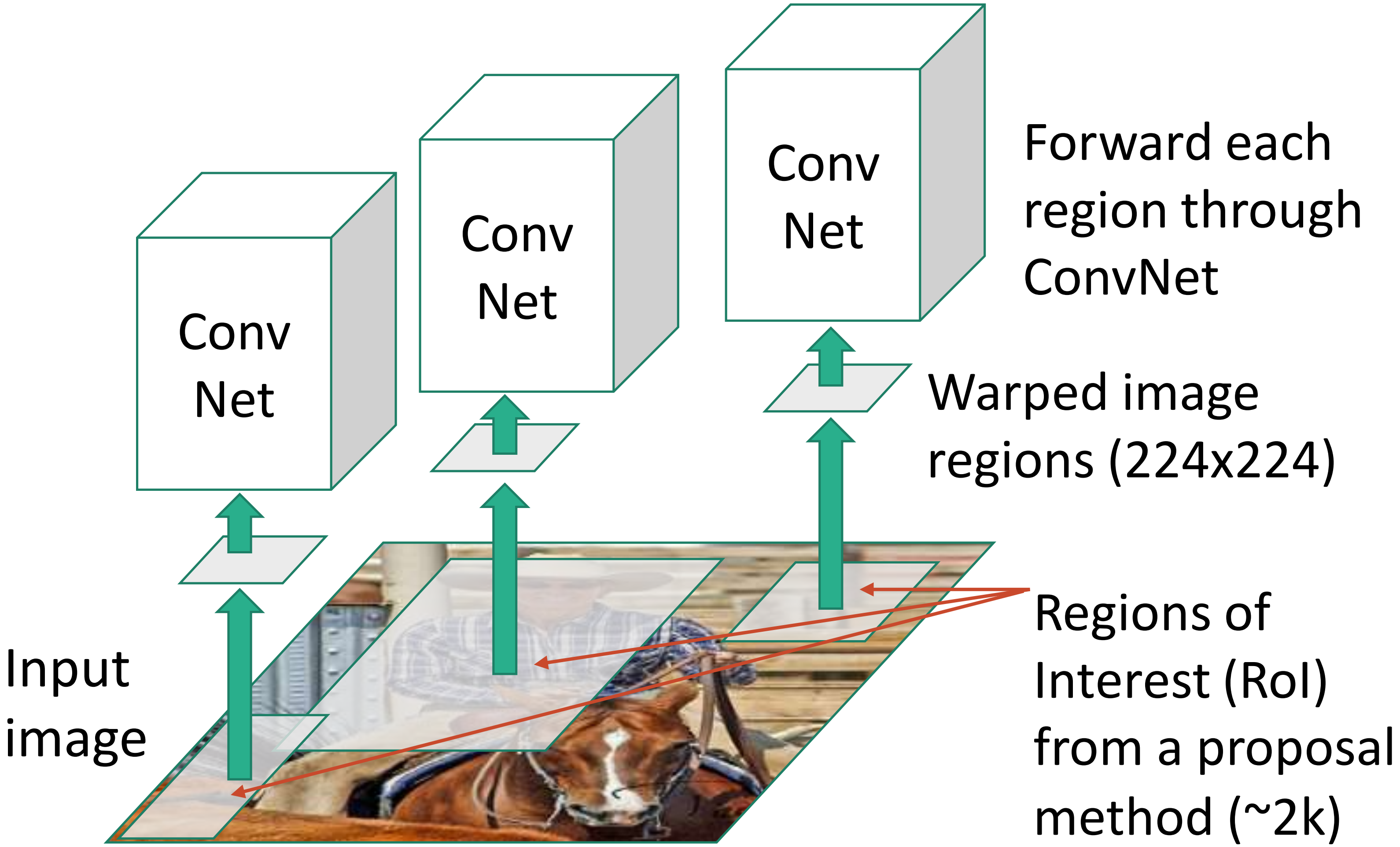

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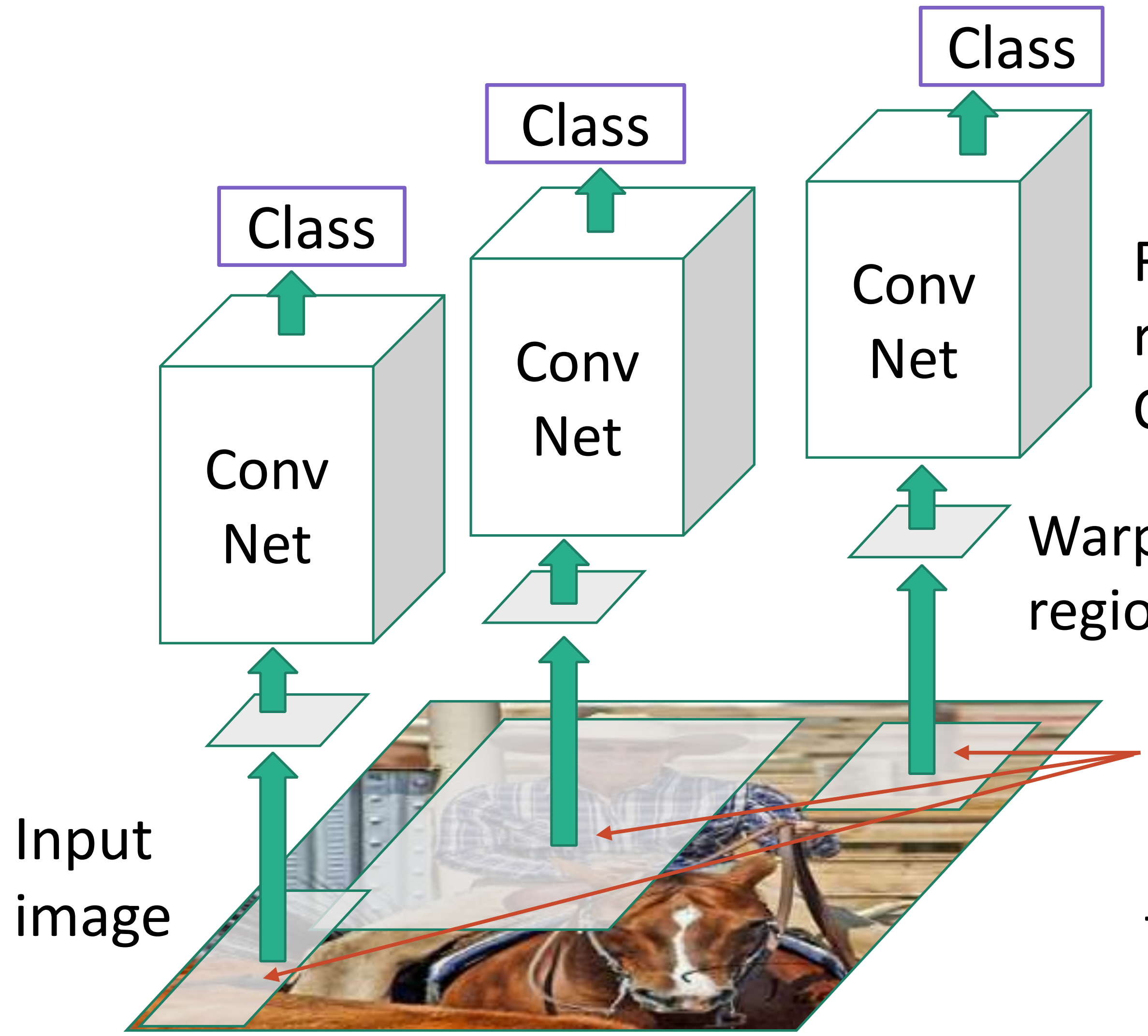

Forward each region through ConvNet

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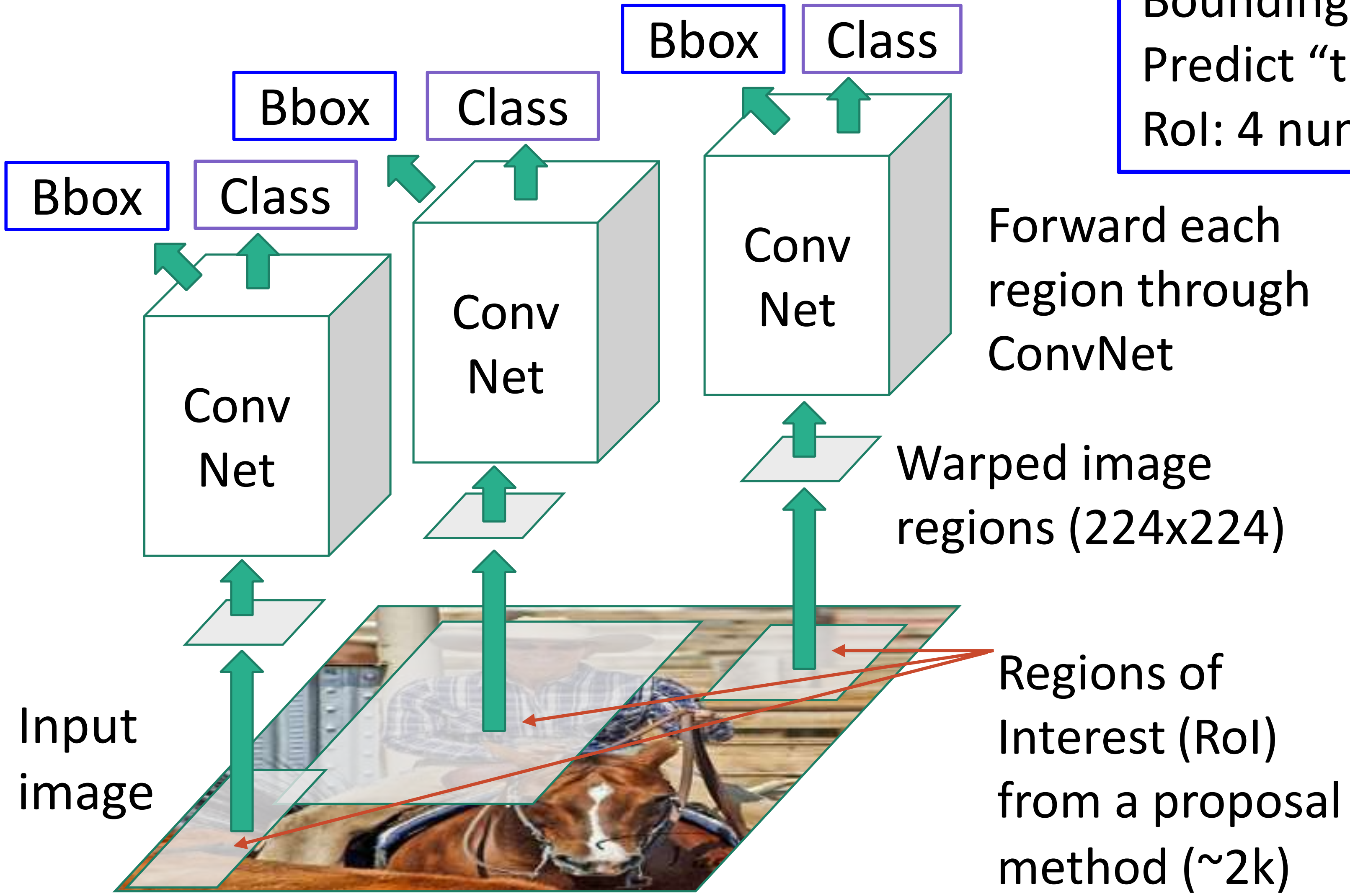

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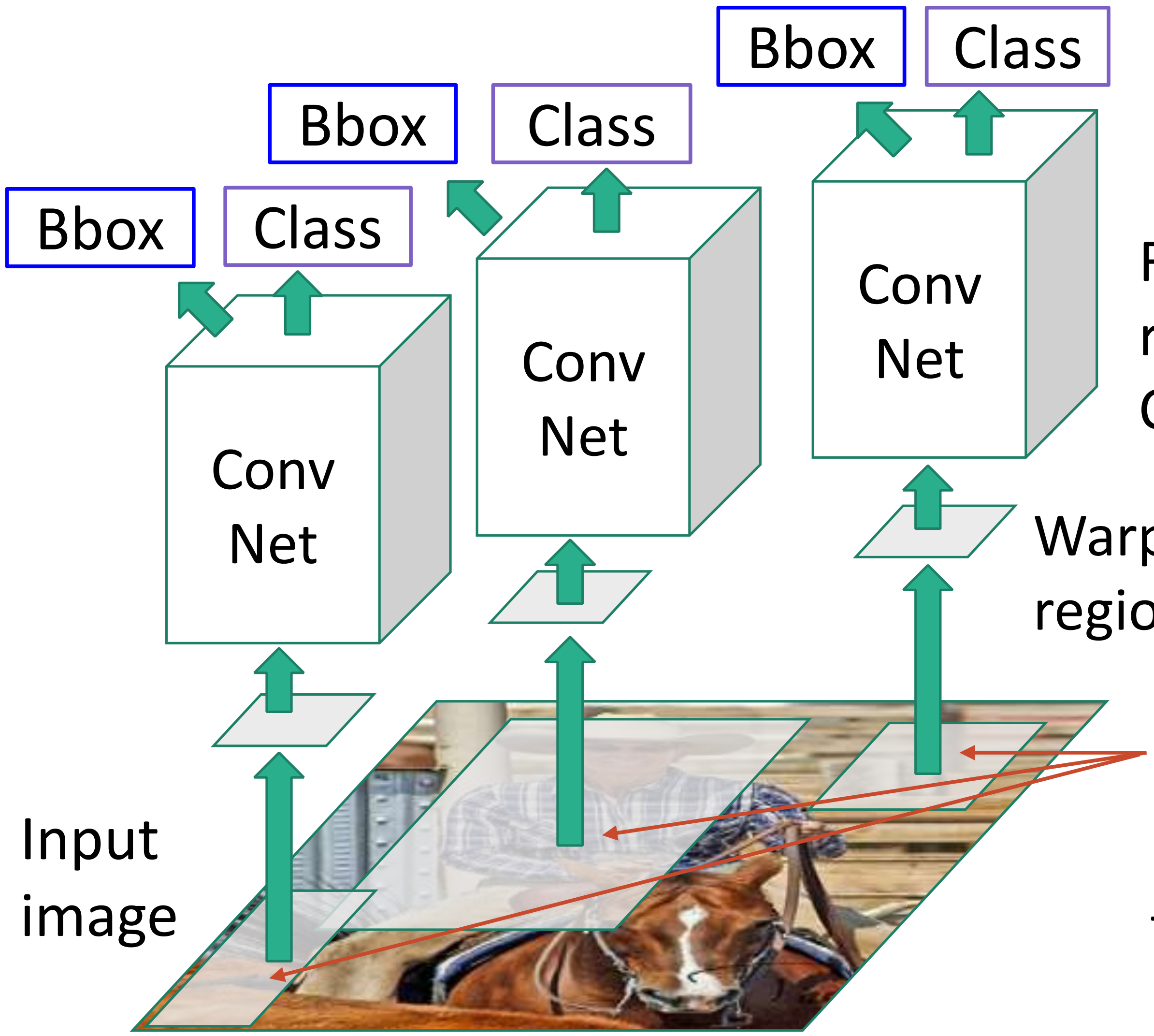

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Transform: (t_x, t_y, t_h, t_w)
Output box: (b_x, b_y, b_h, b_w)

Translate relative to box size:
$b_x = p_x + p_w t_x$ $\qquad$ $b_y = p_y + p_h t_y$

Log-space scale transform:
$b_w = p_w \exp(t_w)$ $\qquad$ $b_h = p_h \exp(t_h)$

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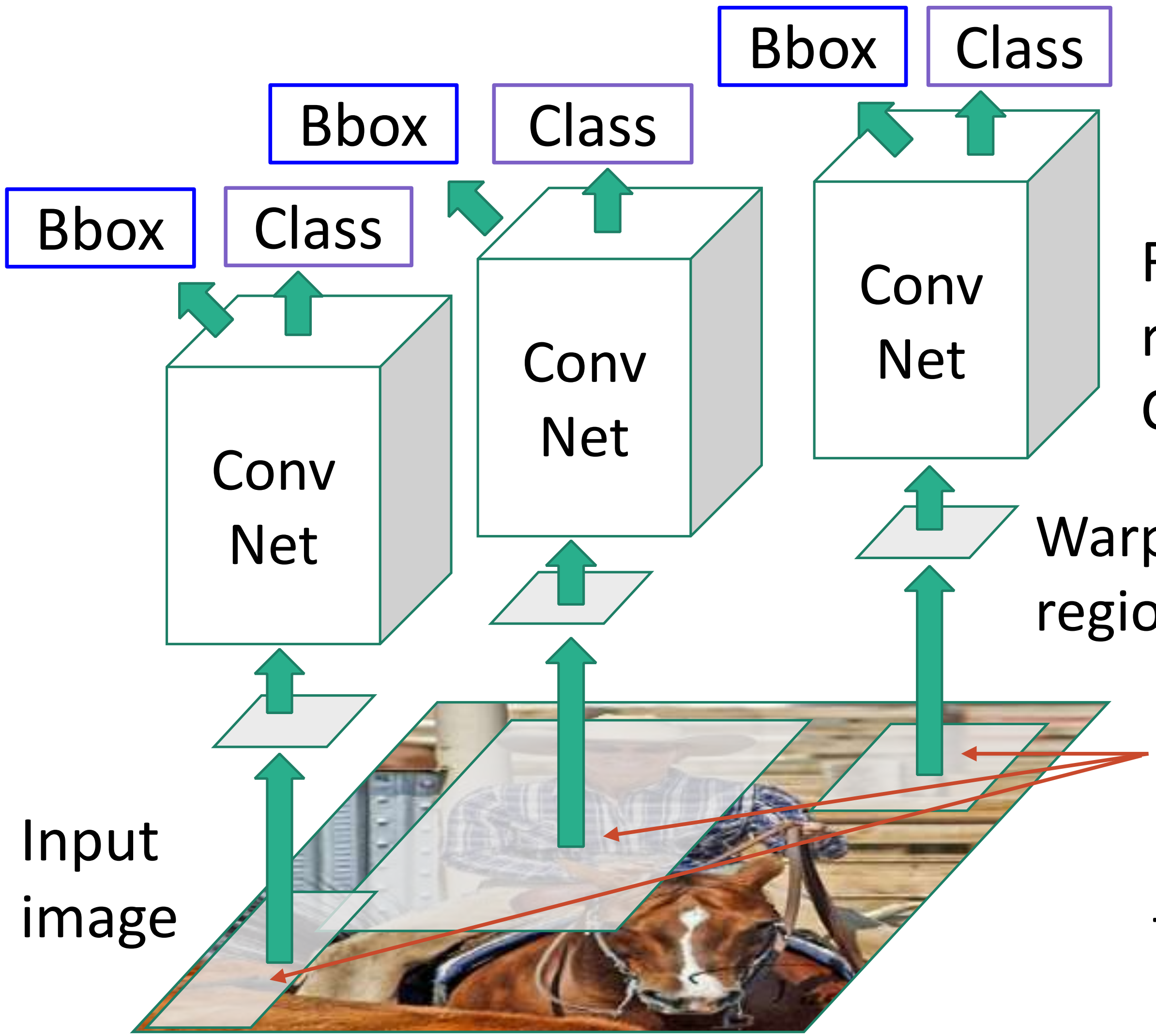

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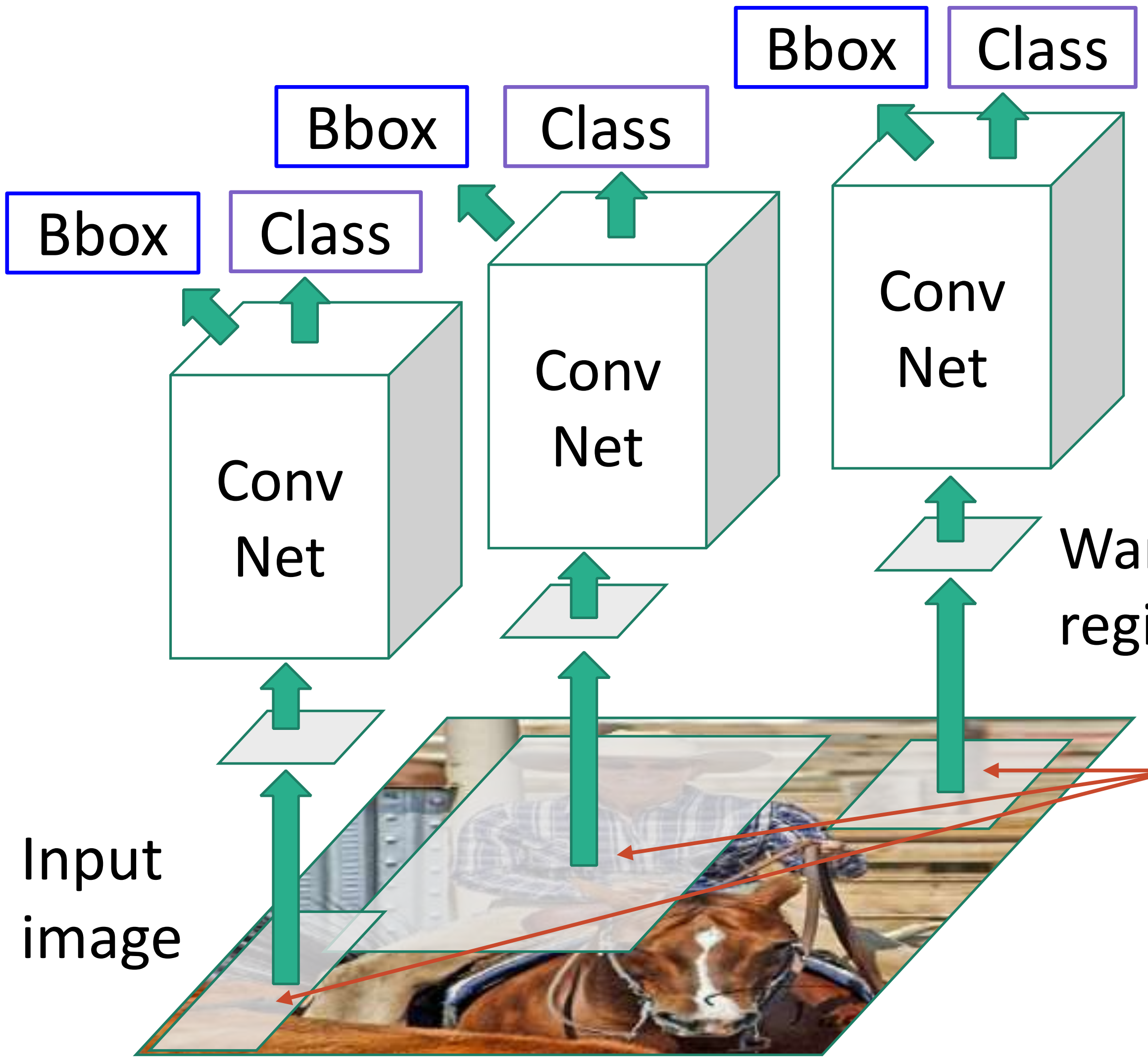

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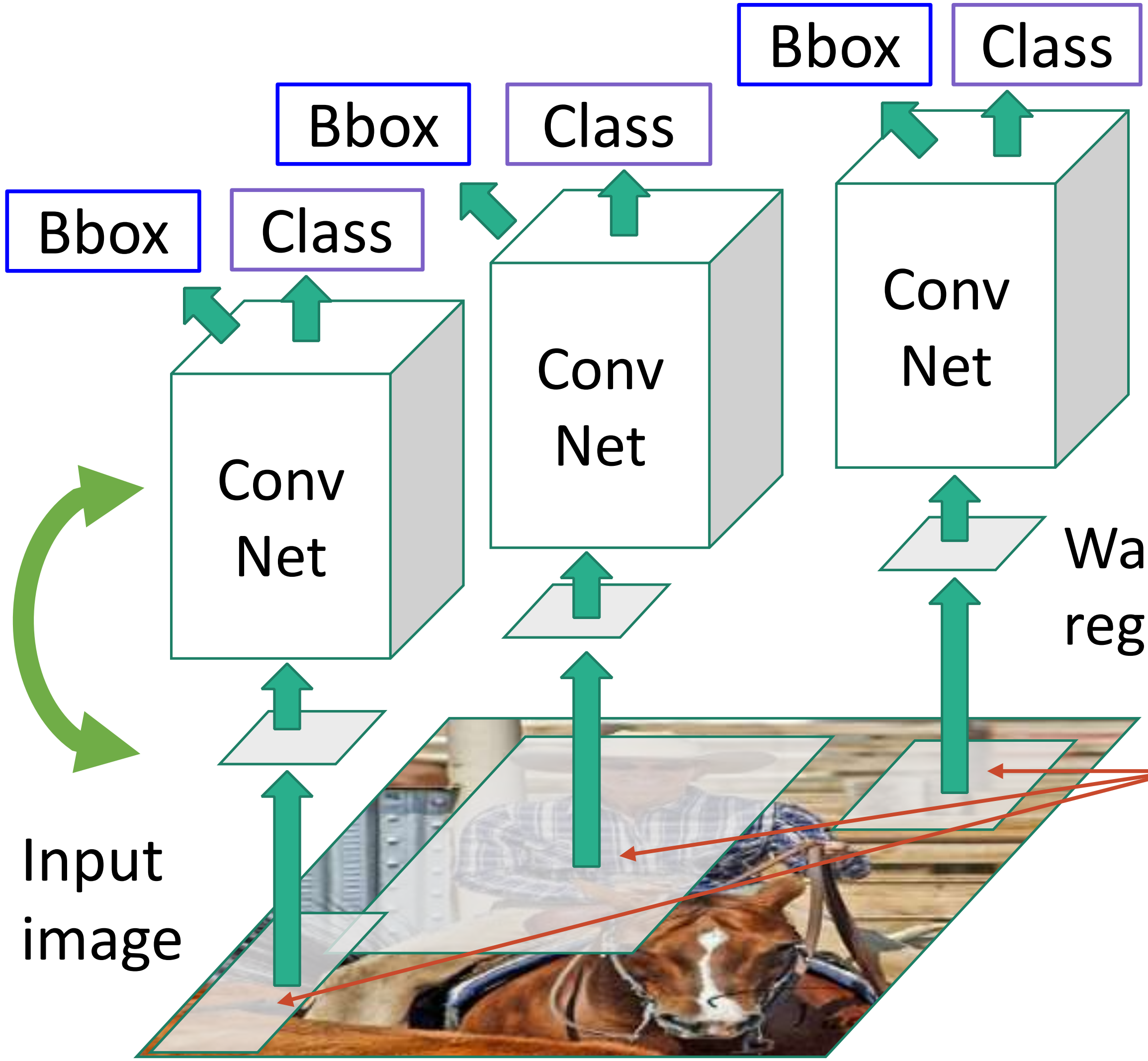

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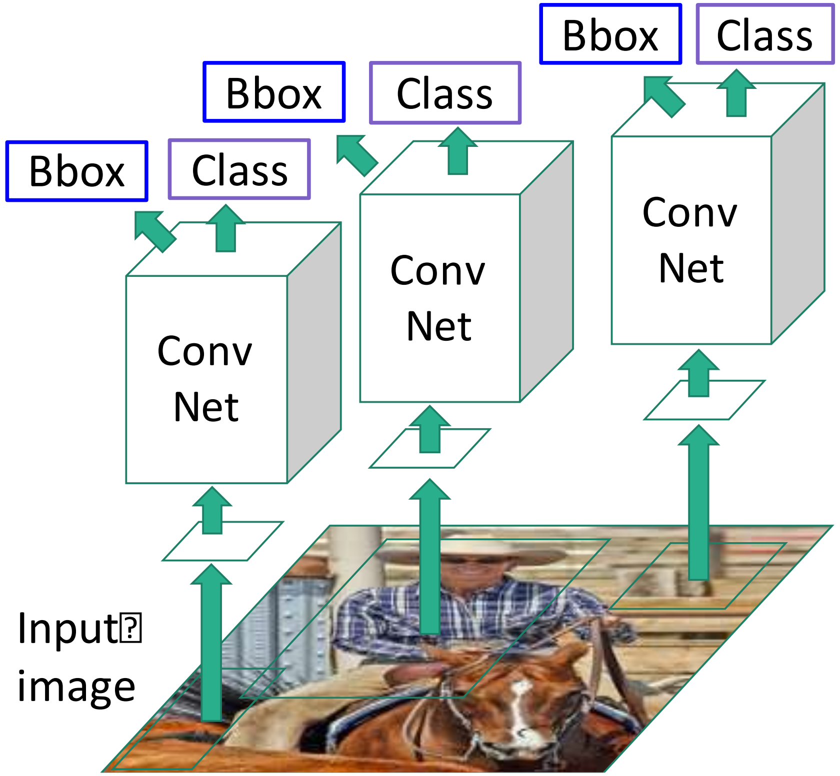

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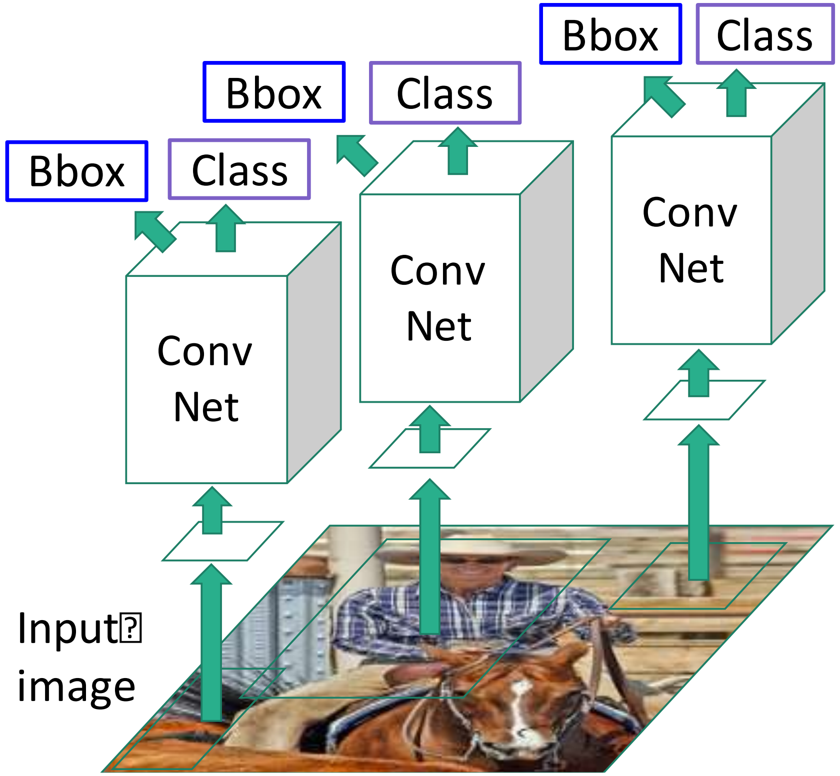

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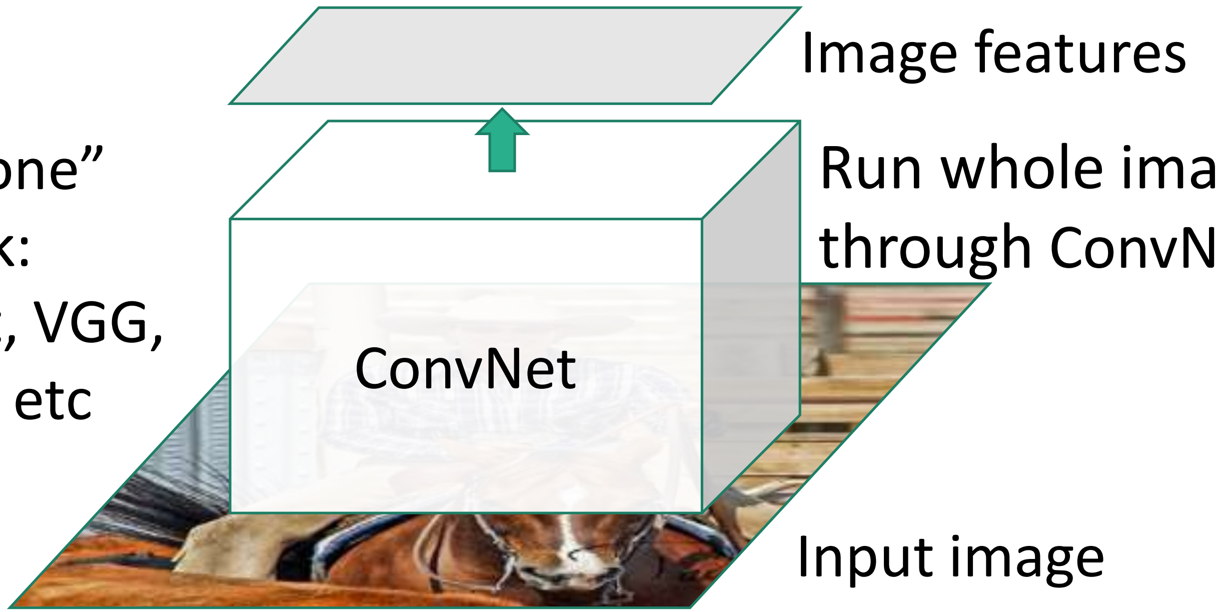

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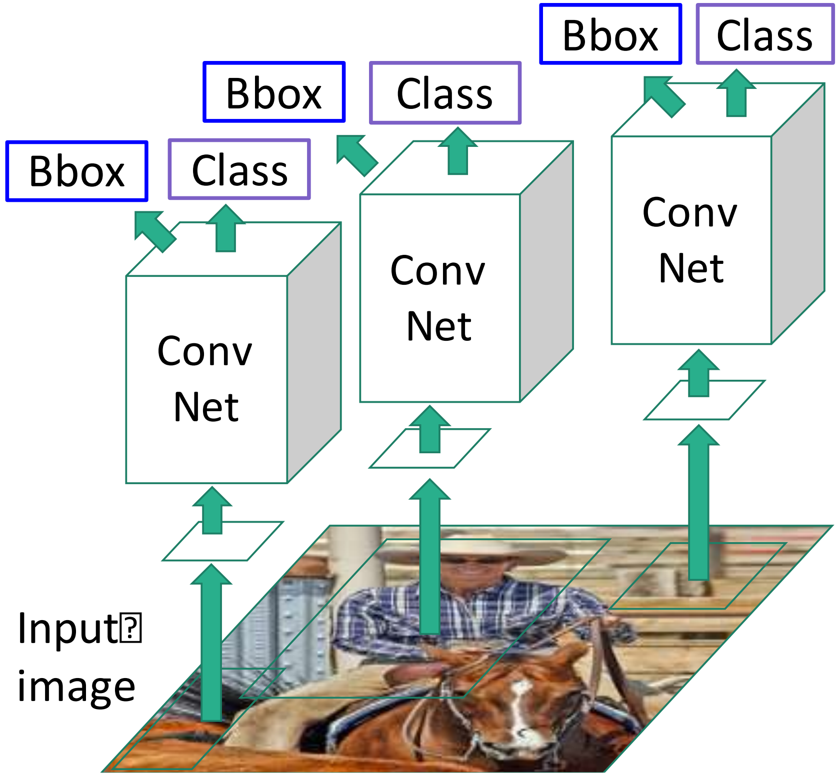

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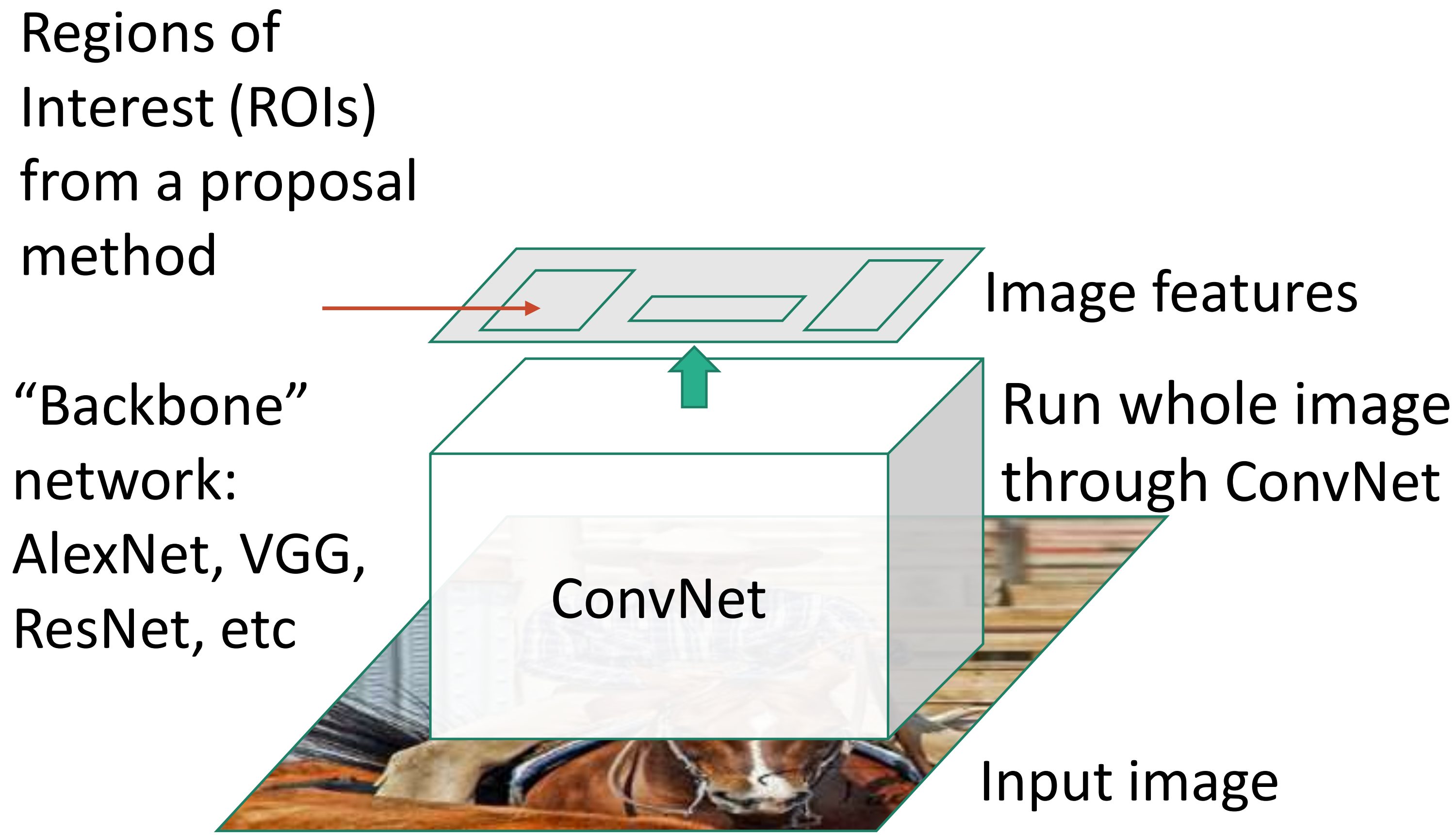

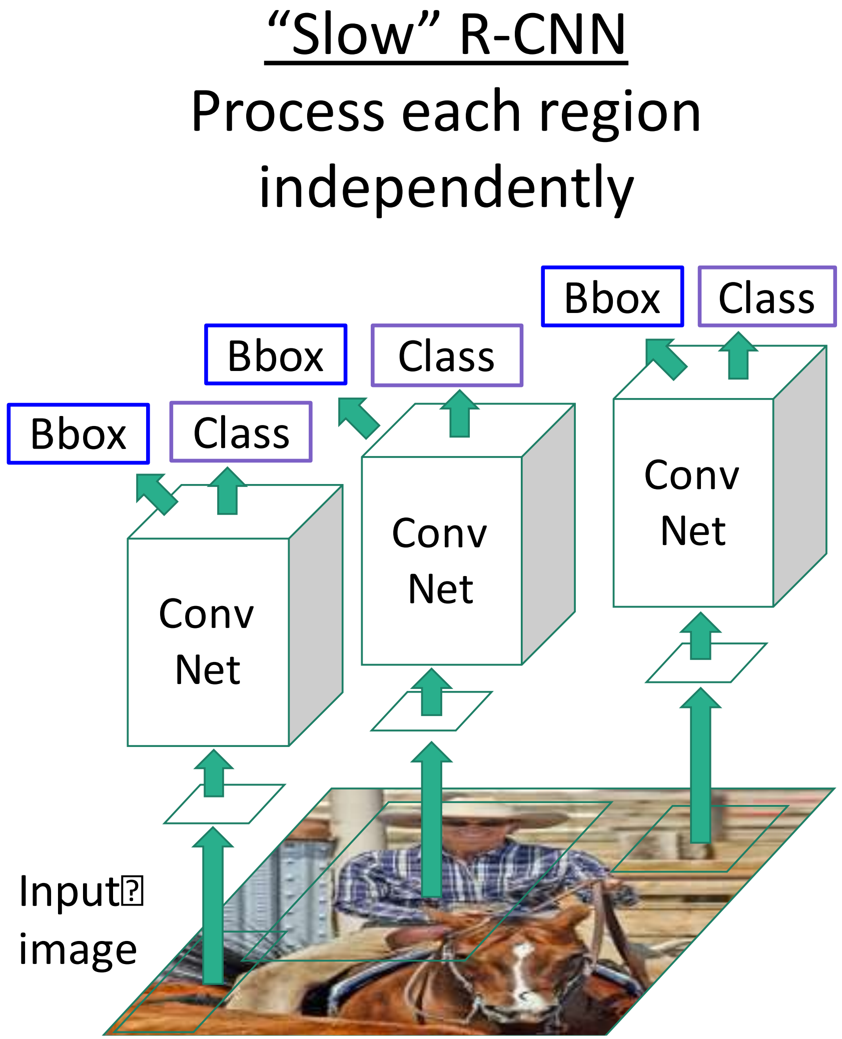

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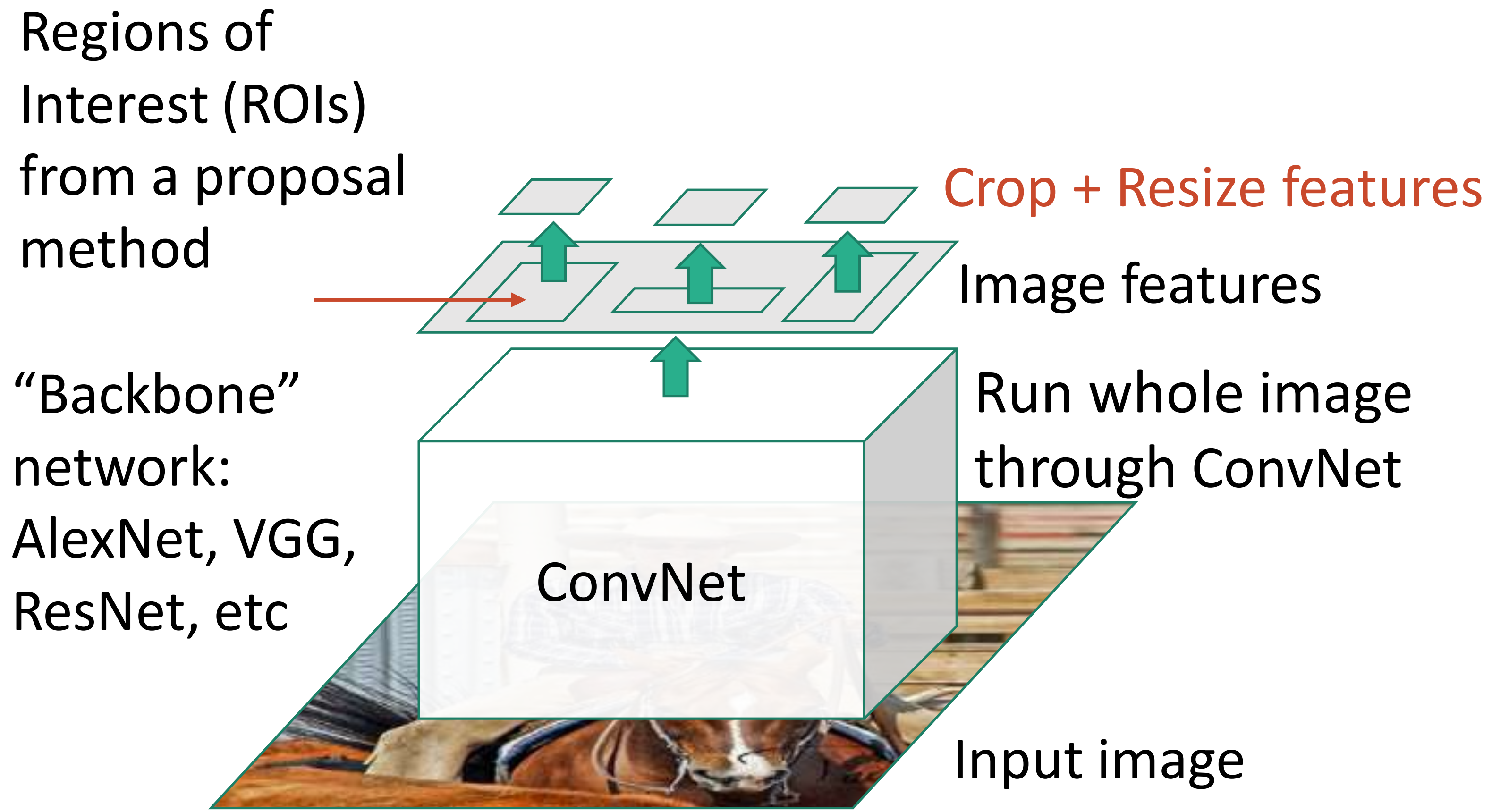

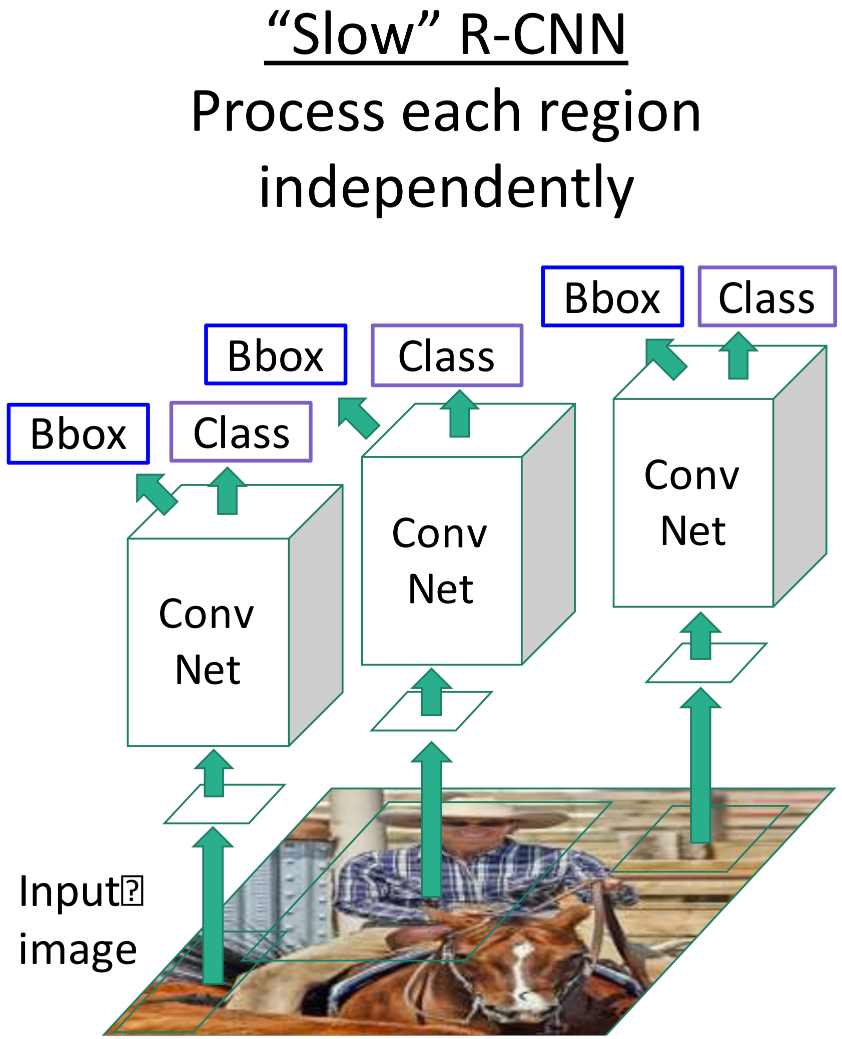

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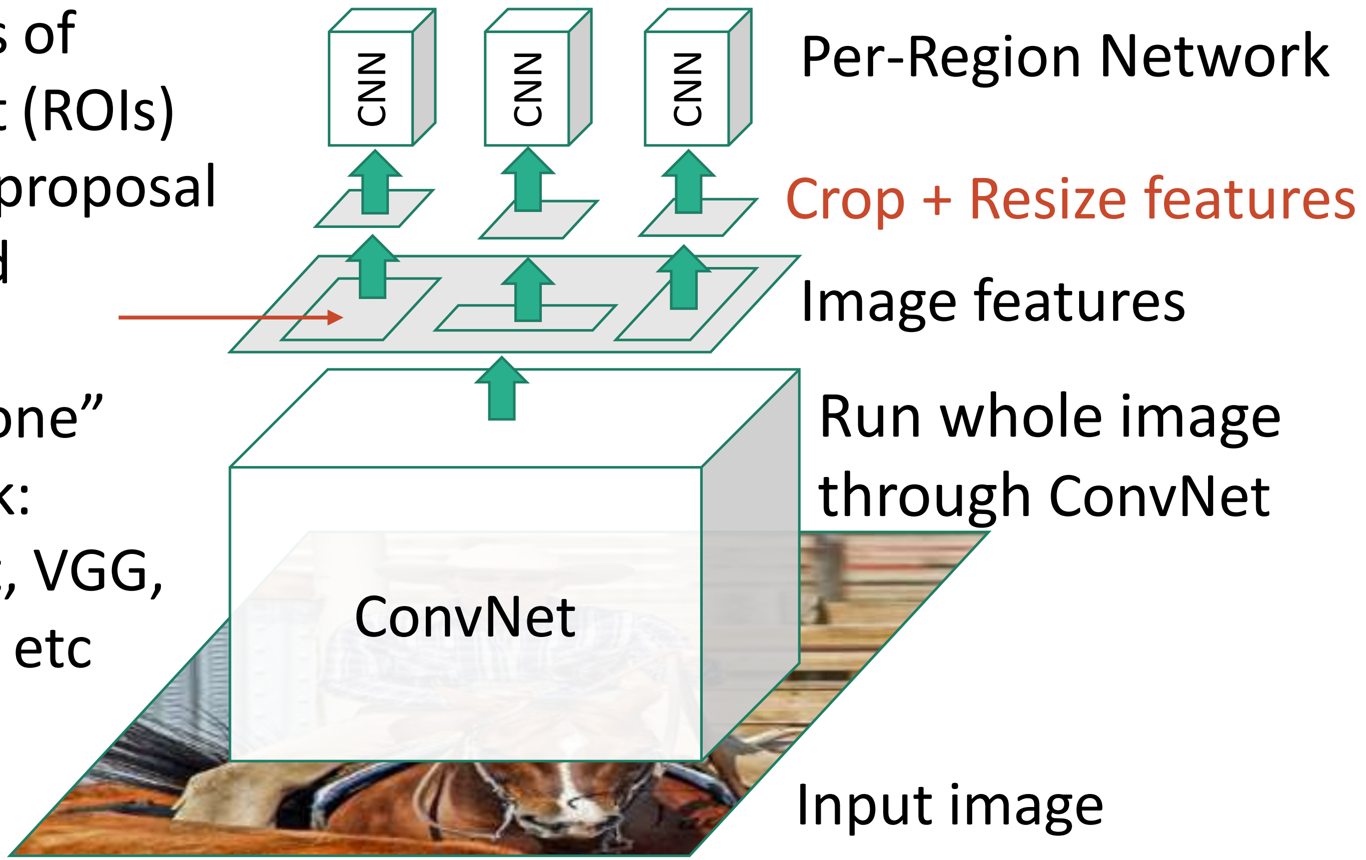

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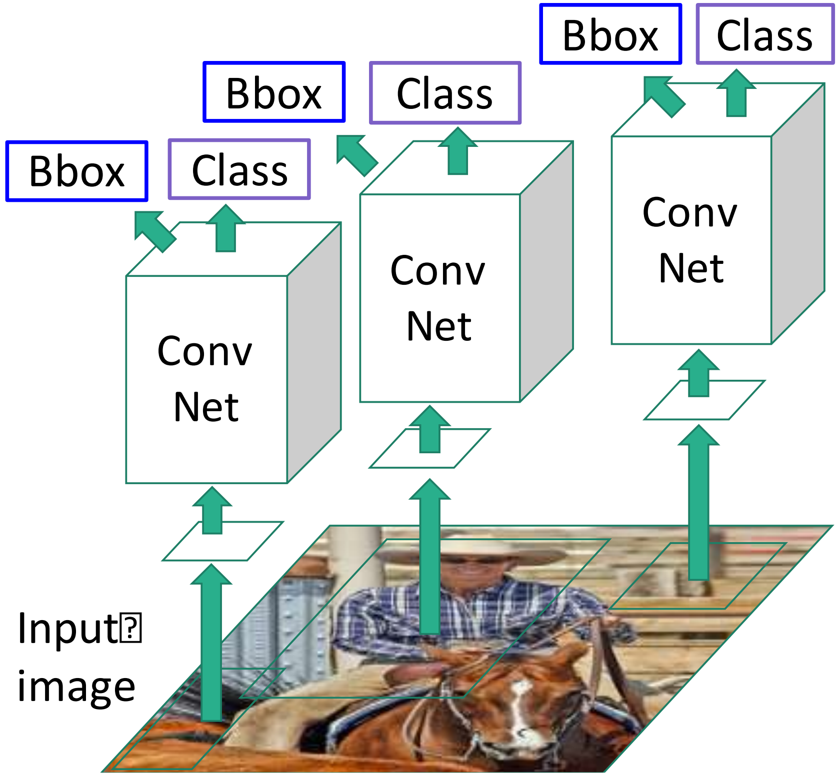

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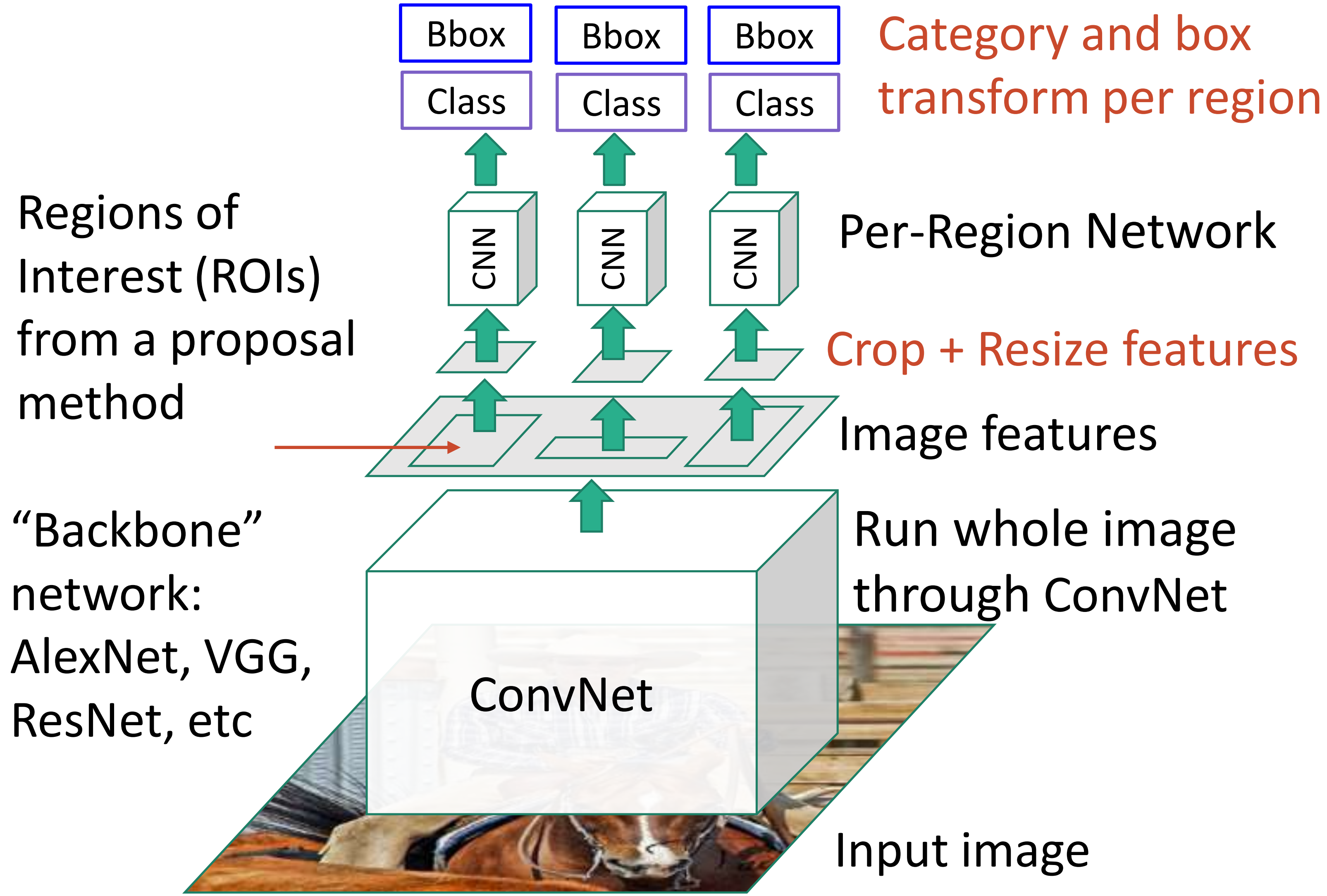

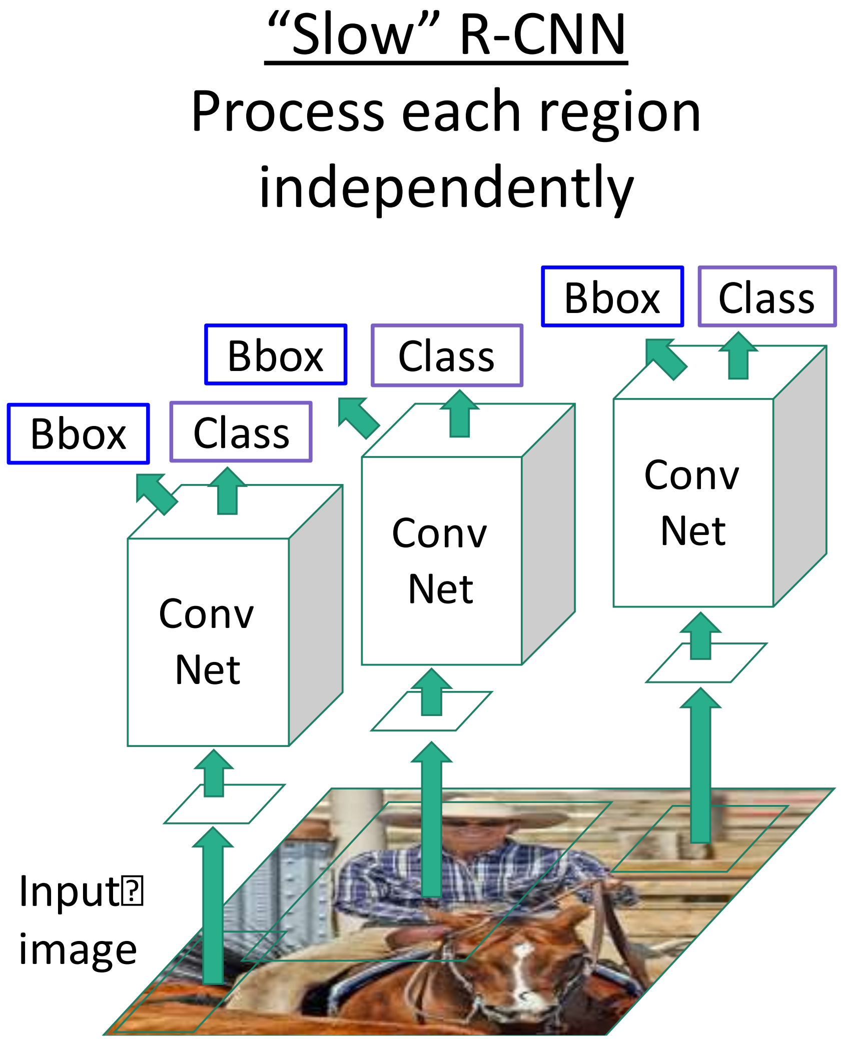

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Category and box transform per region

Per-Region network is relatively lightweight

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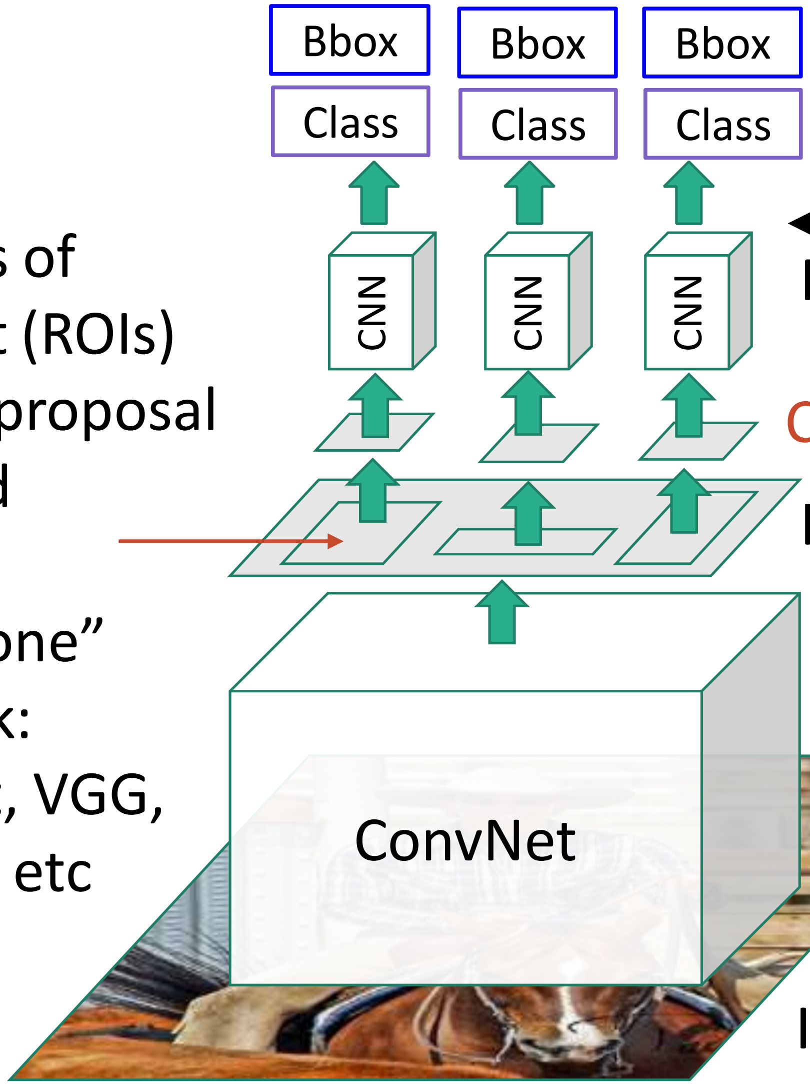

Per-Region Network

Crop + Resize features

Image features

"Backbone" network: AlexNet, VGG, ResNet, etc

Run whole image through ConvNet

Most of the computation happens in backbone network; this saves work for overlapping region proposals

Input image

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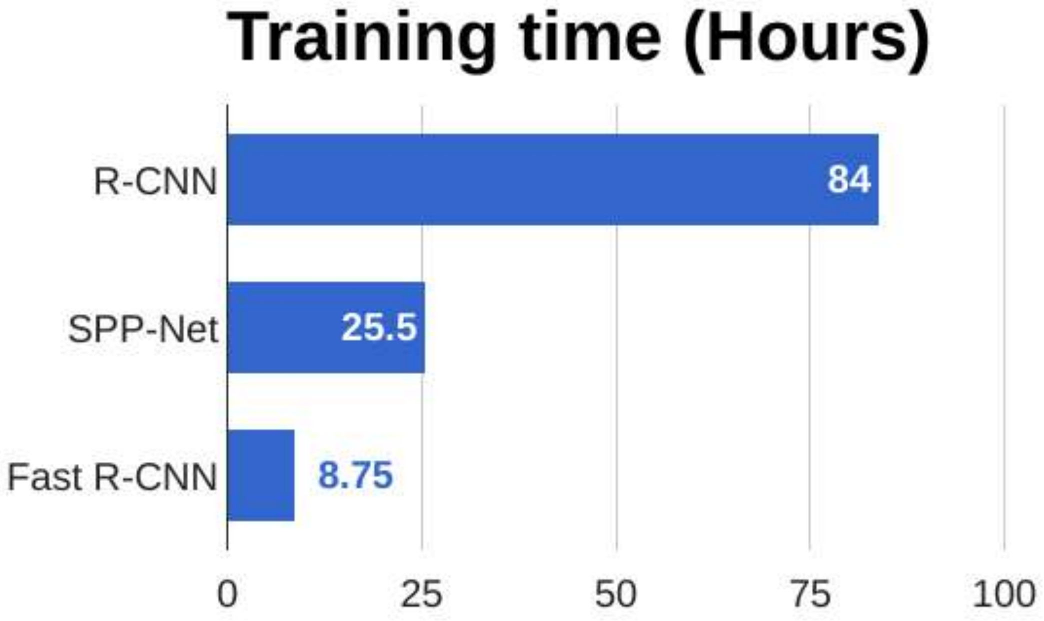
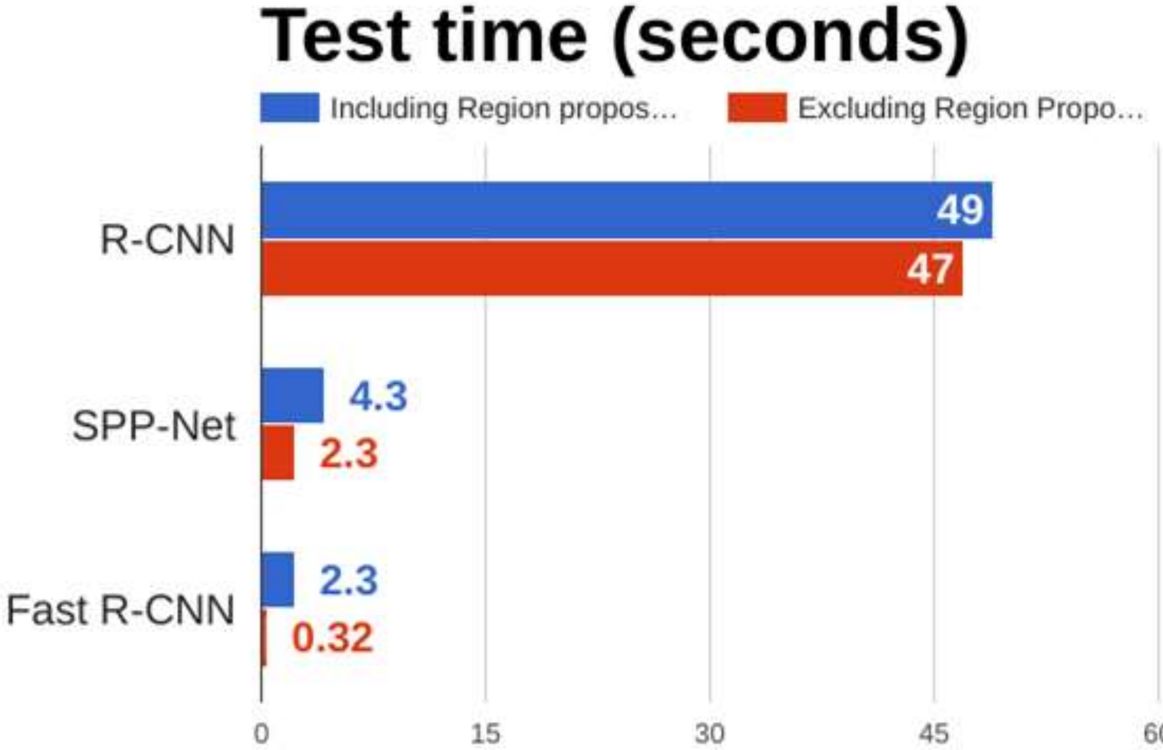
Fast R-CNN vs “Slow” R-CNN





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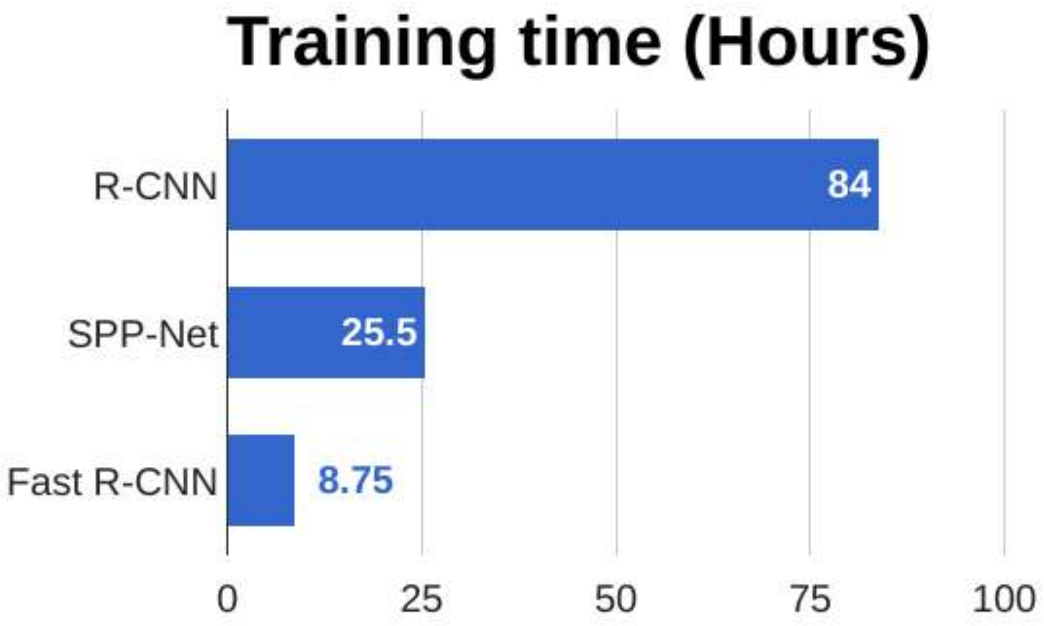

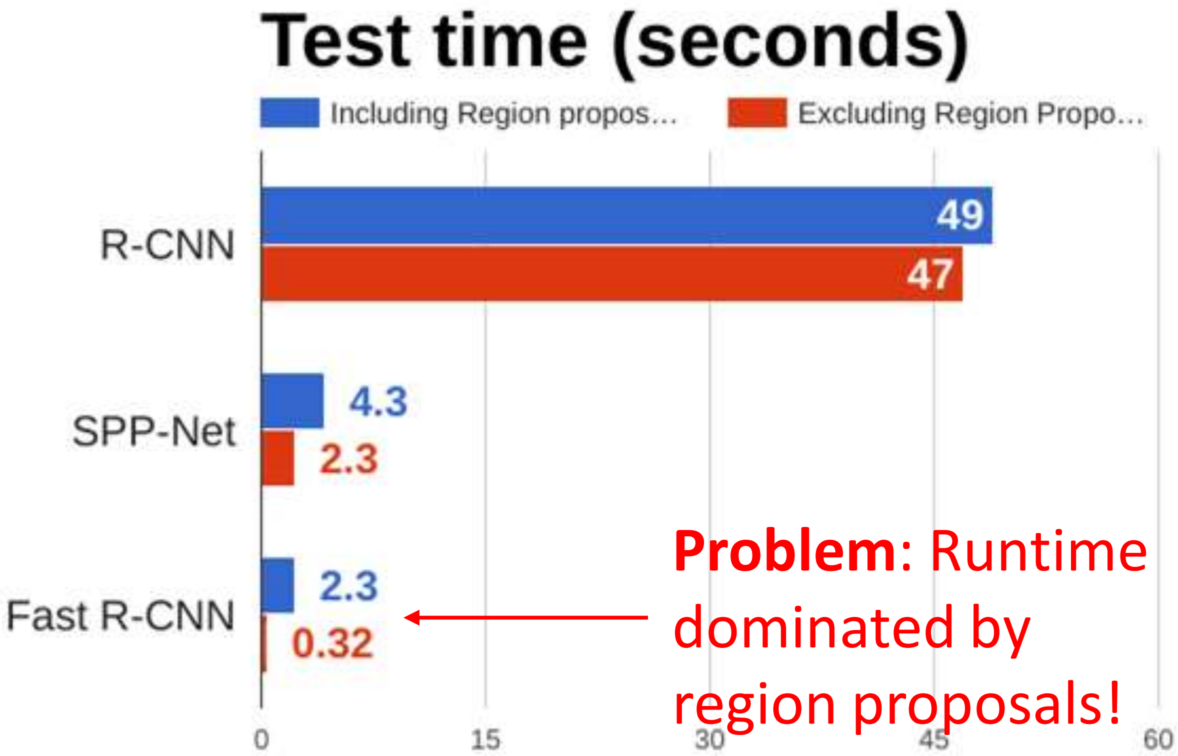

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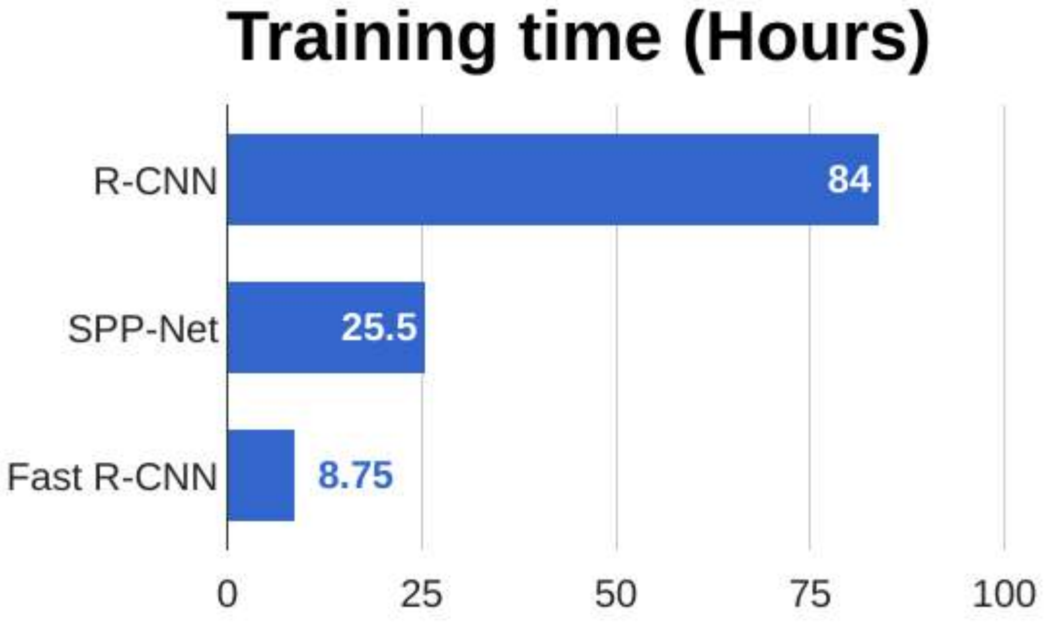

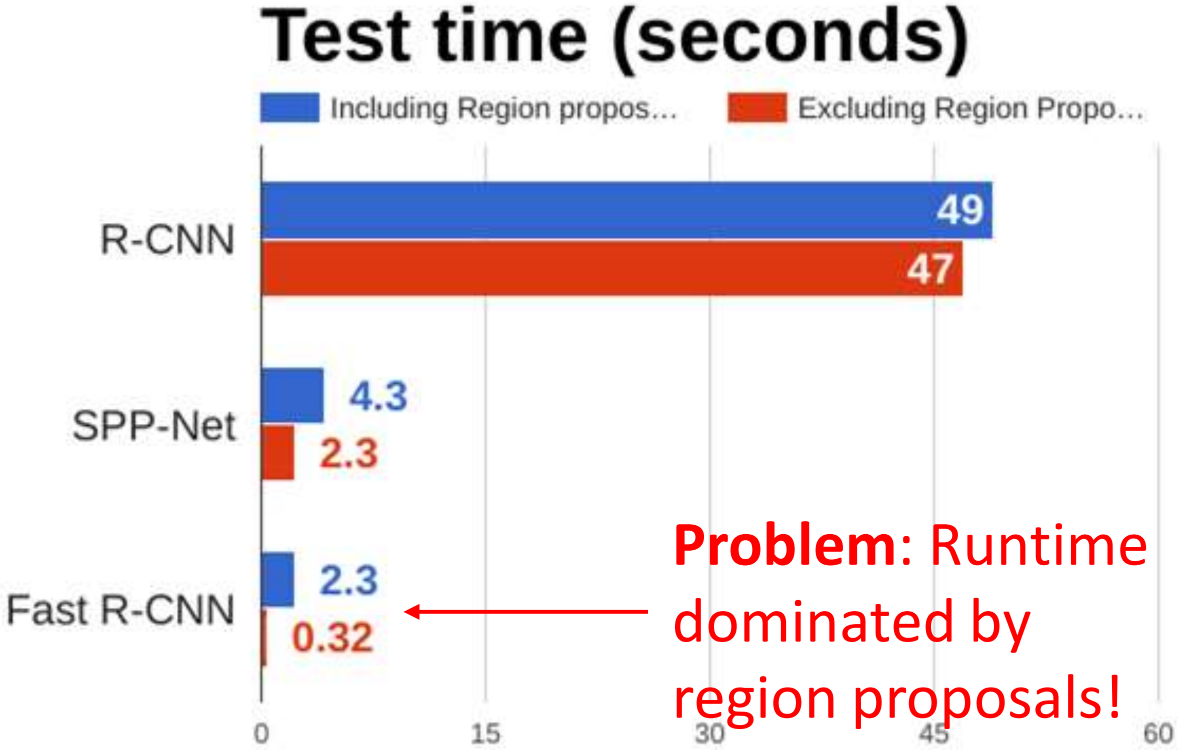

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Recall: Region proposals computed by heuristic "Selective Search" algorithm on CPU -- let's learn them with a CNN instead!

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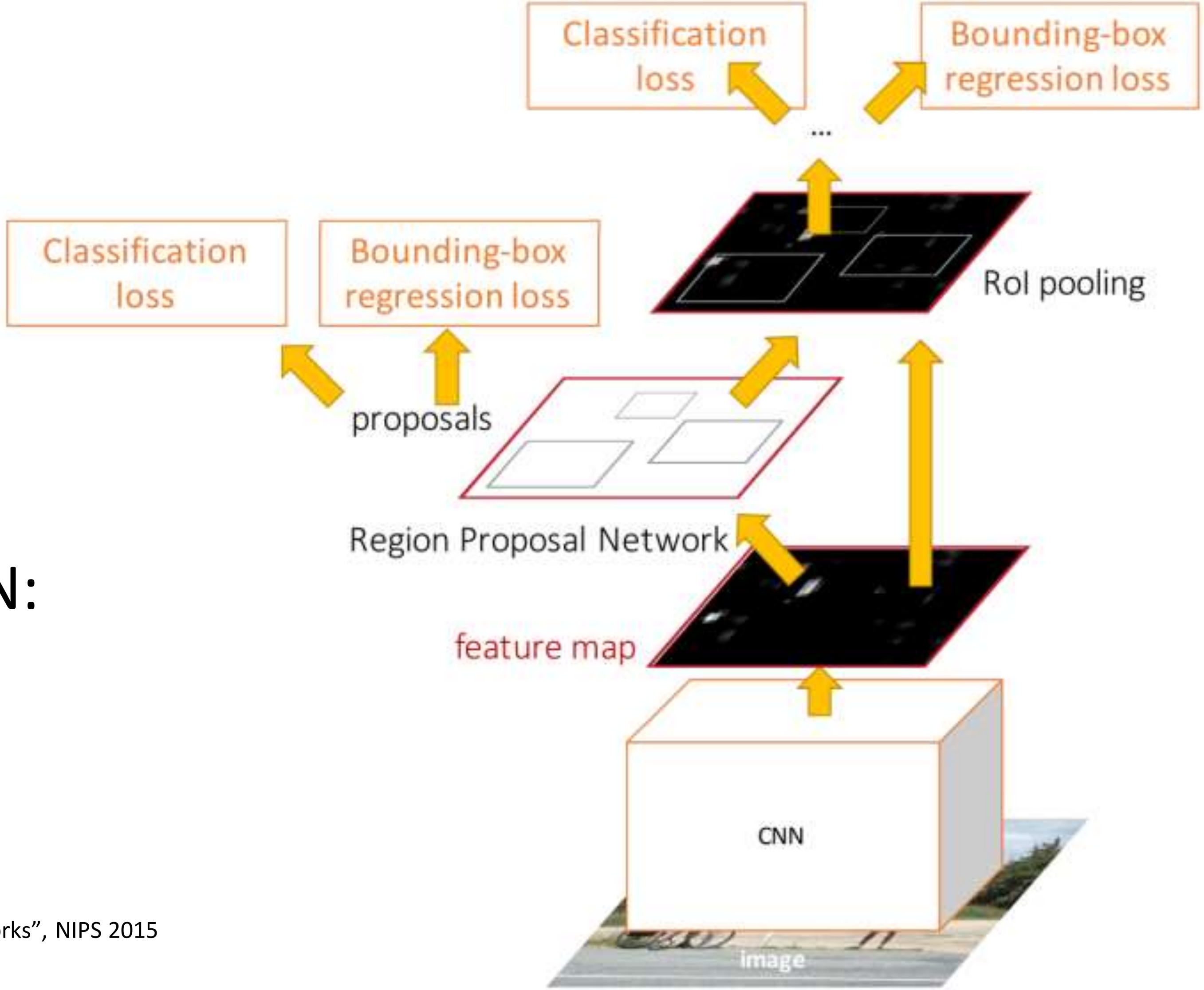
Faster R-CNN: Learnable Region Proposals

Insert **Region Proposal Network (RPN)** to predict proposals from features

Otherwise same as Fast R-CNN: Crop features for each proposal, classify each one



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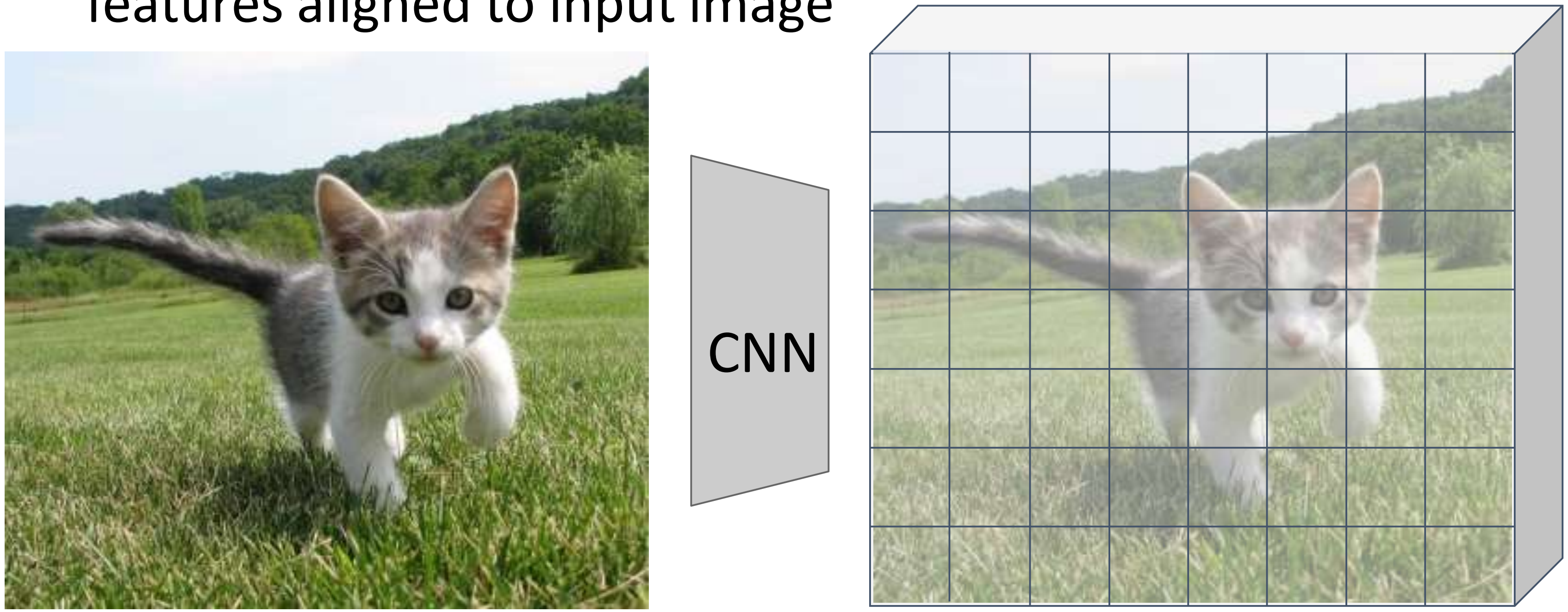
Region Proposal Network (RPN)

Run backbone CNN to get
features aligned to input image



Input Image
(e.g. 3 x 640 x 480)

Image features
(e.g. 512 x 20 x 15)

Region Proposal Network (RPN)

Imagine an **anchor box** of fixed size at each point in the feature map

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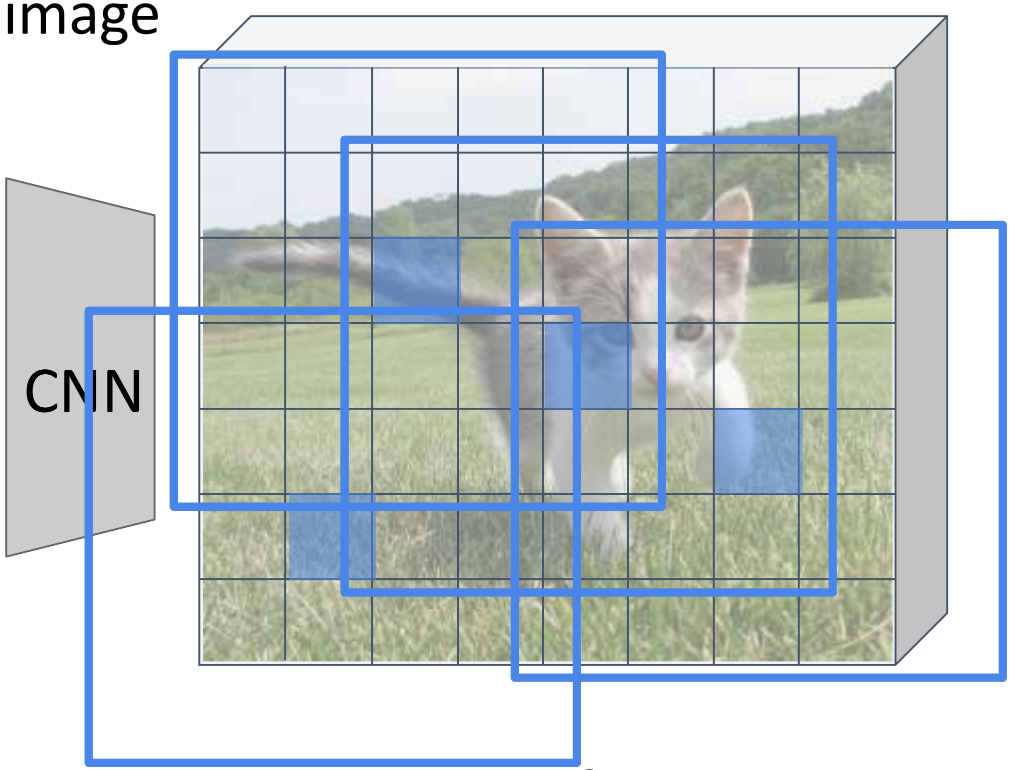

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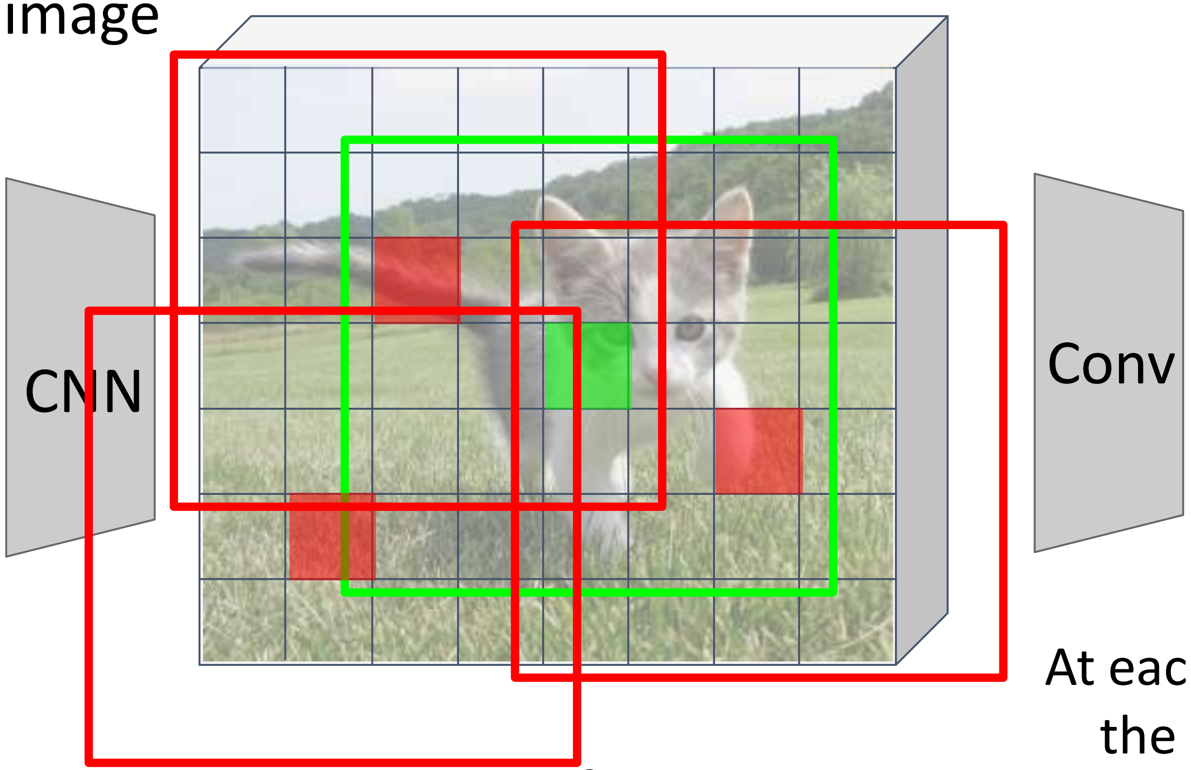

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Anchor is an object?
1 x 20 x 15

At each point, predict whether the corresponding anchor contains an object (per-cell logistic regression, predict scores with conv layer)

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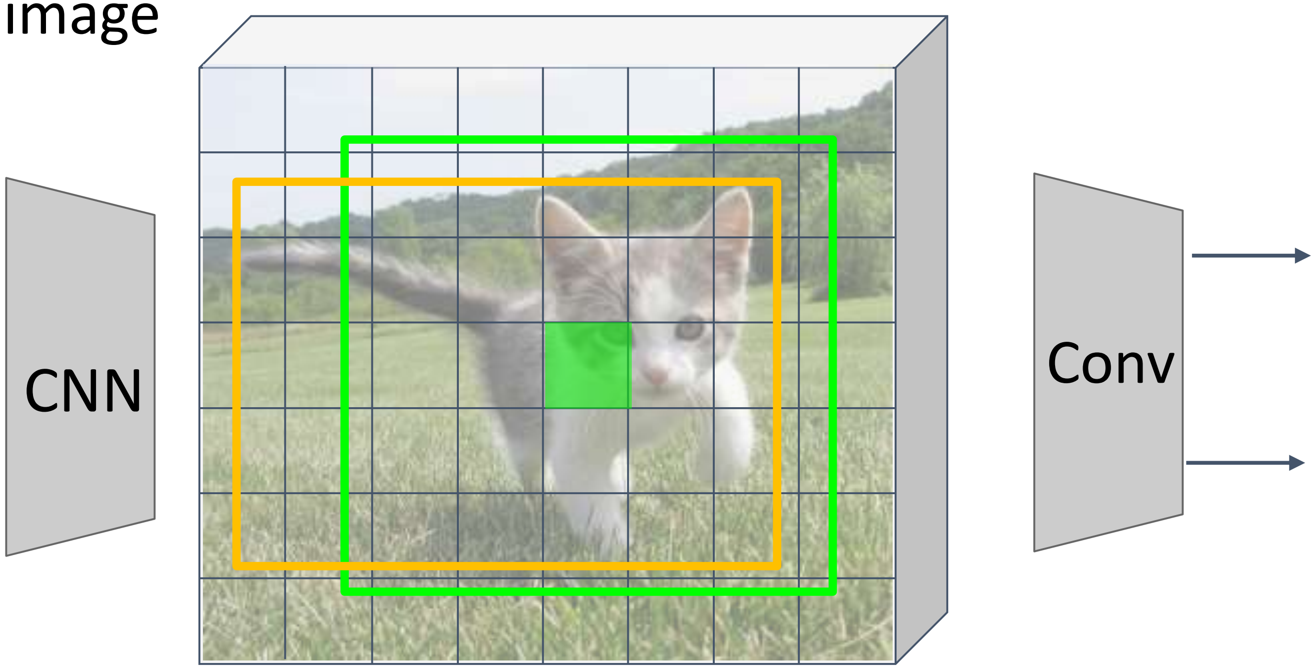

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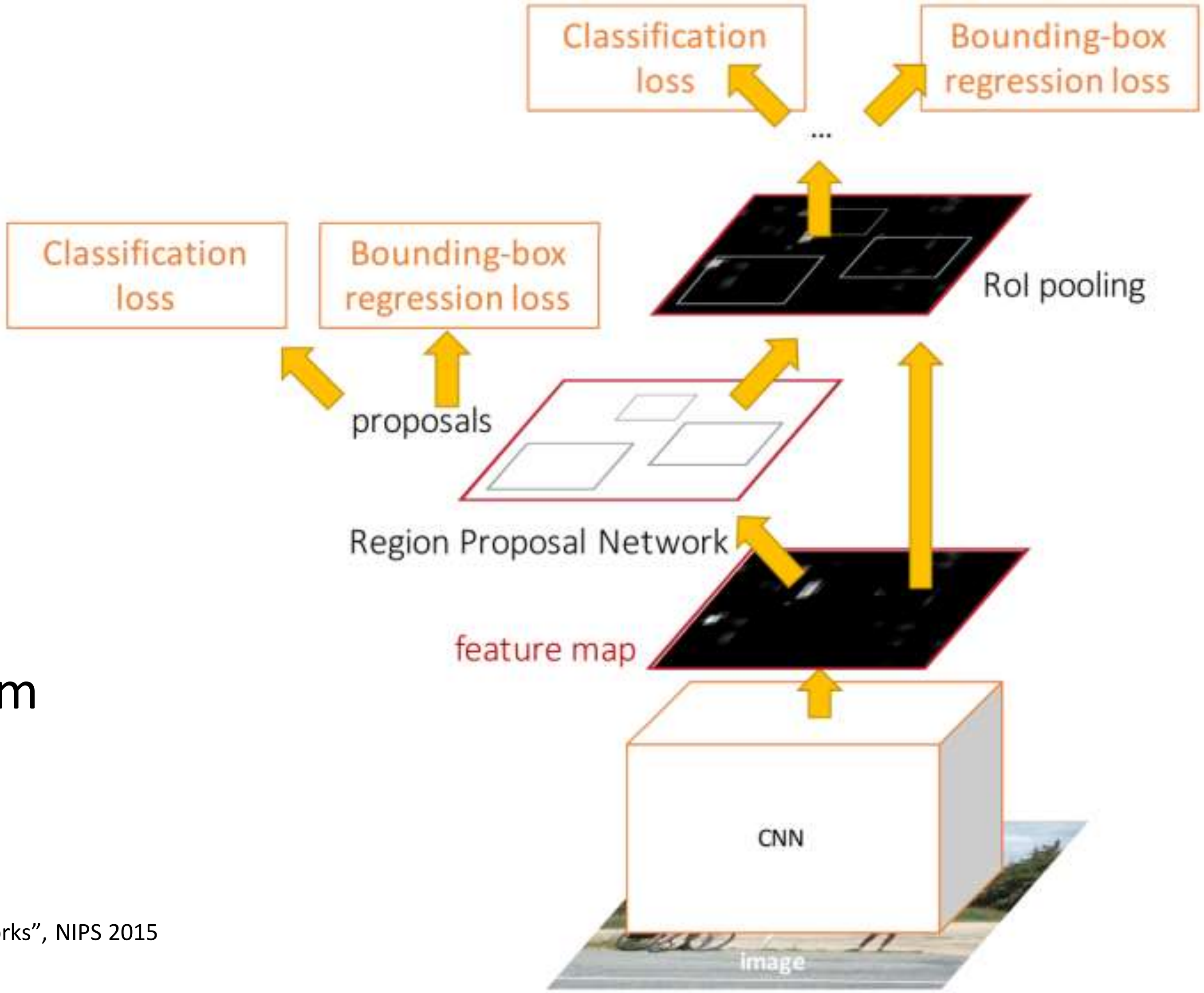
Box transforms
4 x 20 x 15

For positive boxes, also predict a box transform to regress from anchor box to object box

Faster R-CNN: Learnable Region Proposals

Jointly train with 4 losses:

1. **RPN classification**: anchor box is object / not an object
2. **RPN regression**: predict transform from anchor box to proposal box
3. **Object classification**: classify proposals as background / object class
4. **Object regression**: predict transform from proposal box to object box



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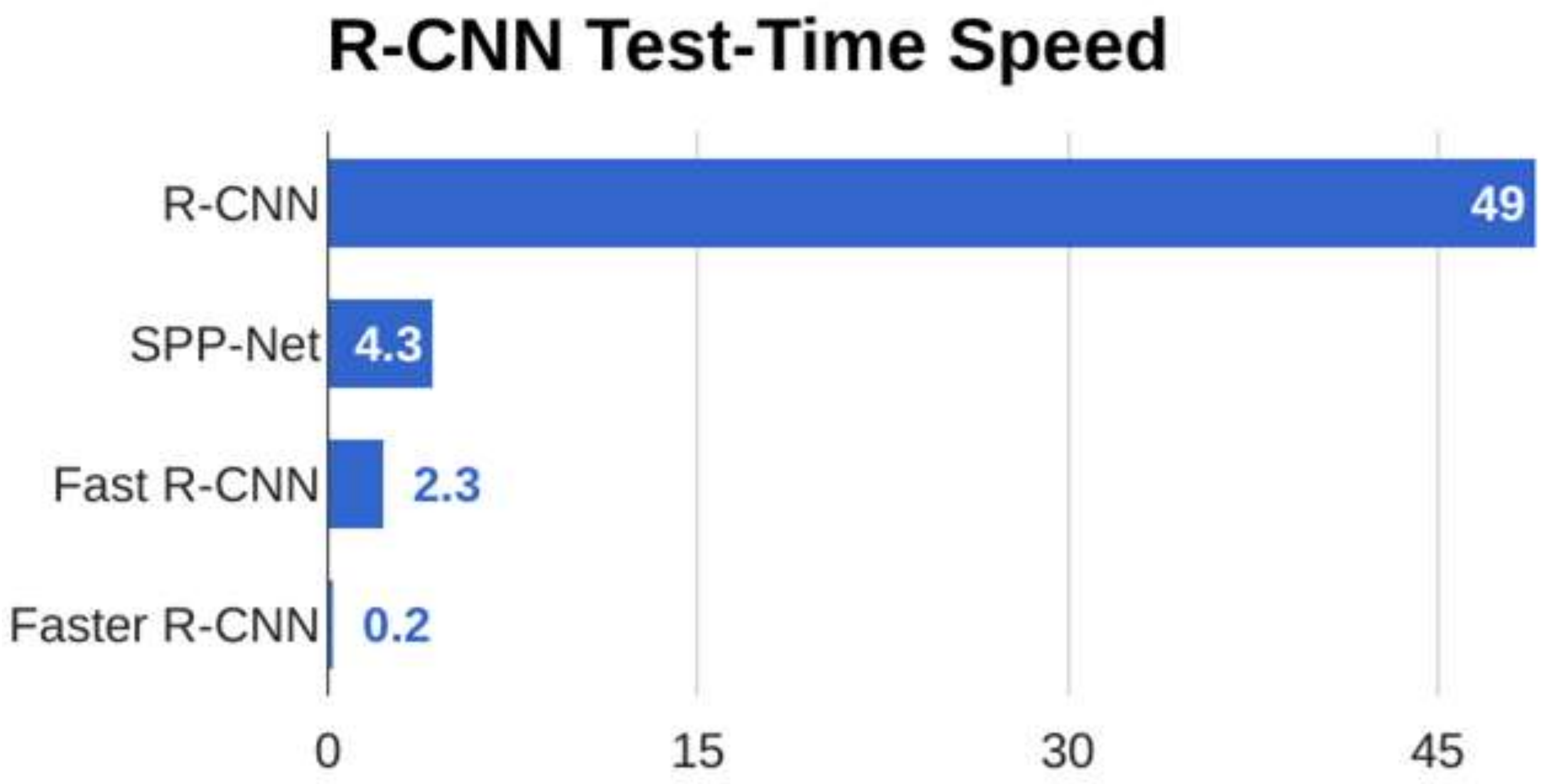
Fast**er** R-CNN: Learnable Region Proposals



Faster R-CNN: Learnable Region Proposals

Faster R-CNN is a
Two-stage object detector

First stage: Run once per image
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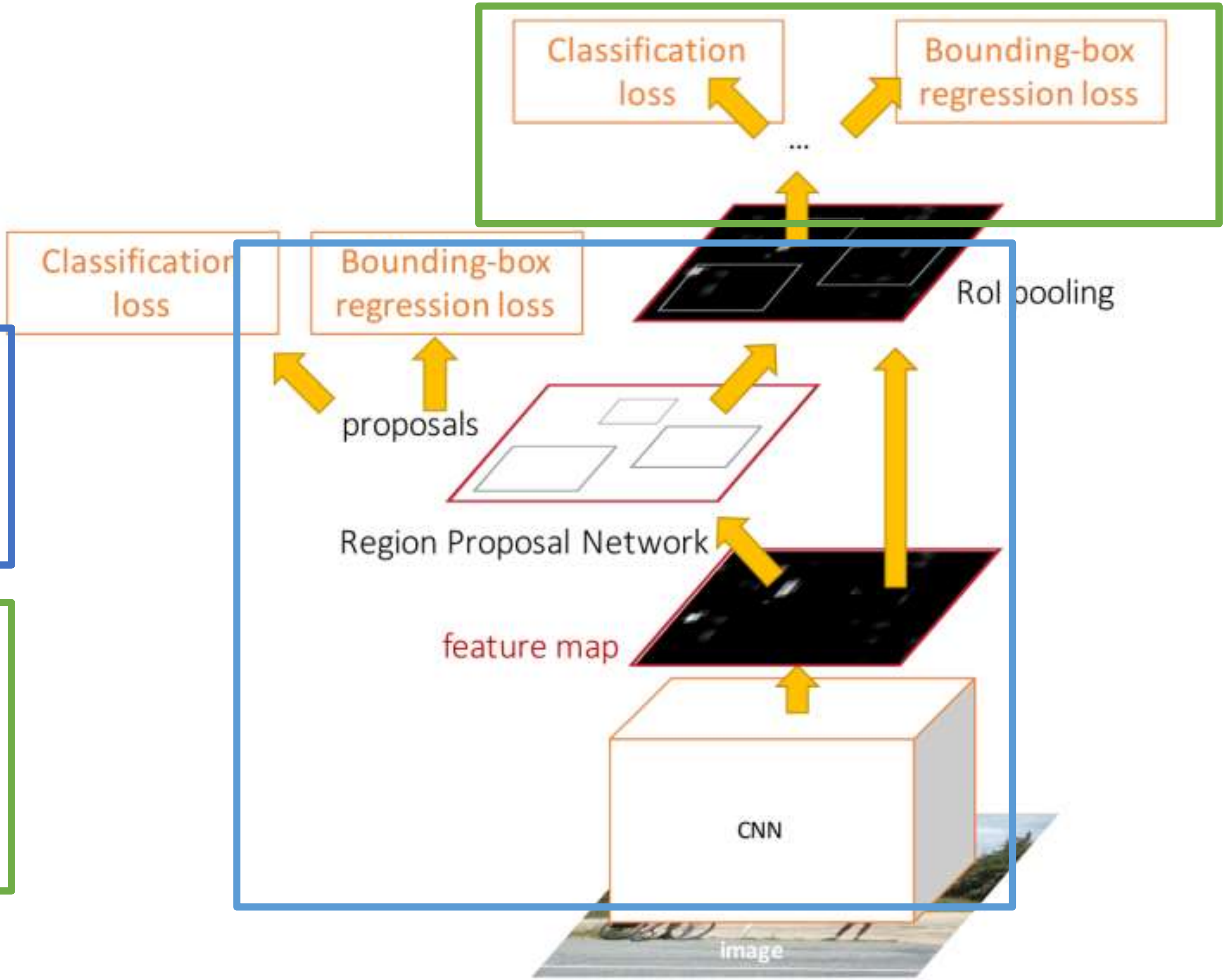
- Region proposal network

Second stage: Run once per region
- Crop features: ROI pool / align
- Predict object class
- Prediction bbox offset



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Question: **Do we really need the second stage?**

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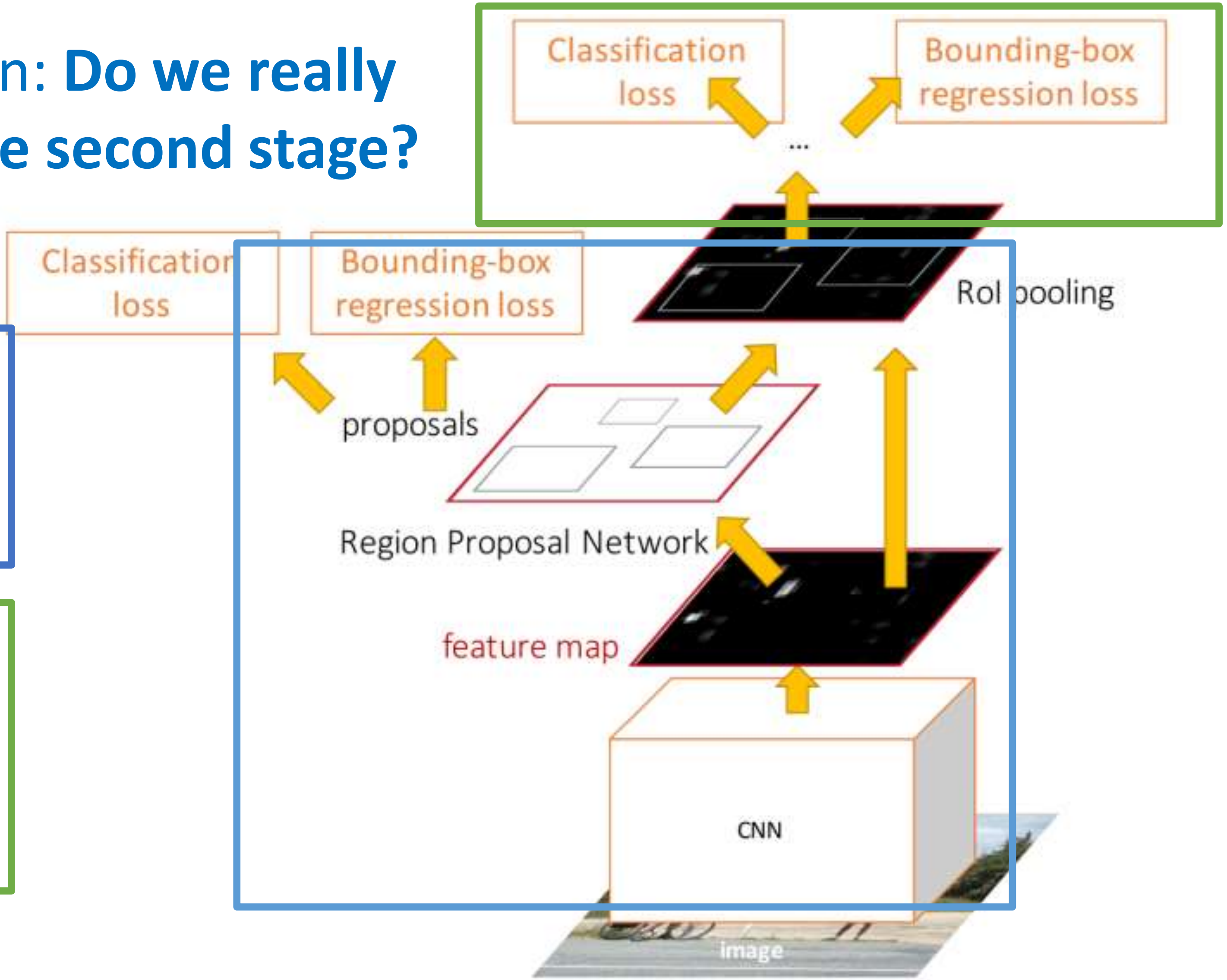

Single-Stage Object Detection

RPN: Classify each anchor as object / not object

Single-Stage Detector: Classify each object as one of C categories (or background)

Run backbone CNN to get features aligned to input image

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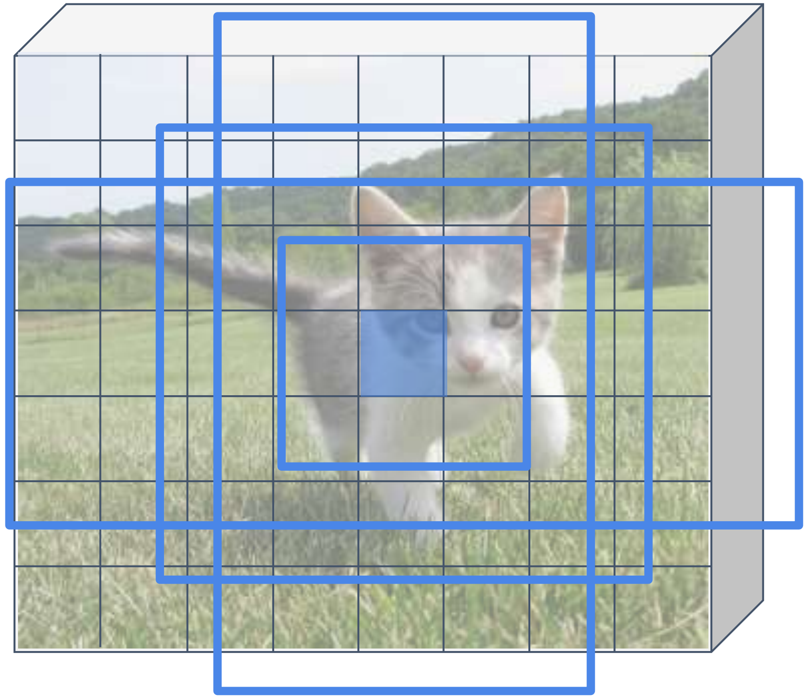
CNN



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Conv

Anchor category
→ (C+1) x K x 20 x 15

→ Box transforms
4K x 20 x 15

Remember: K anchors at each position in image feature map

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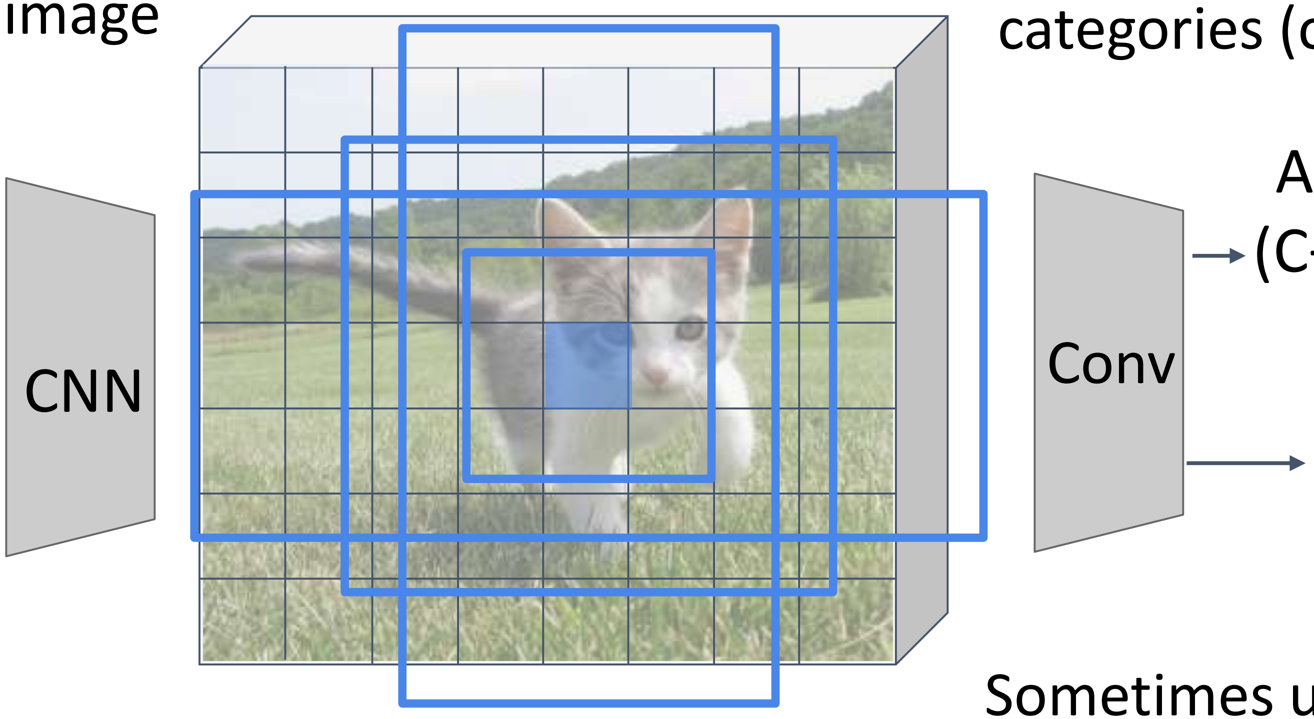

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C x 4K x 20 x 15

Sometimes use **category-specific regression**: Predict different box transforms for each category

Redmon et al, “You Only Look Once: Unified, Real-Time Object Detection”, CVPR 2016
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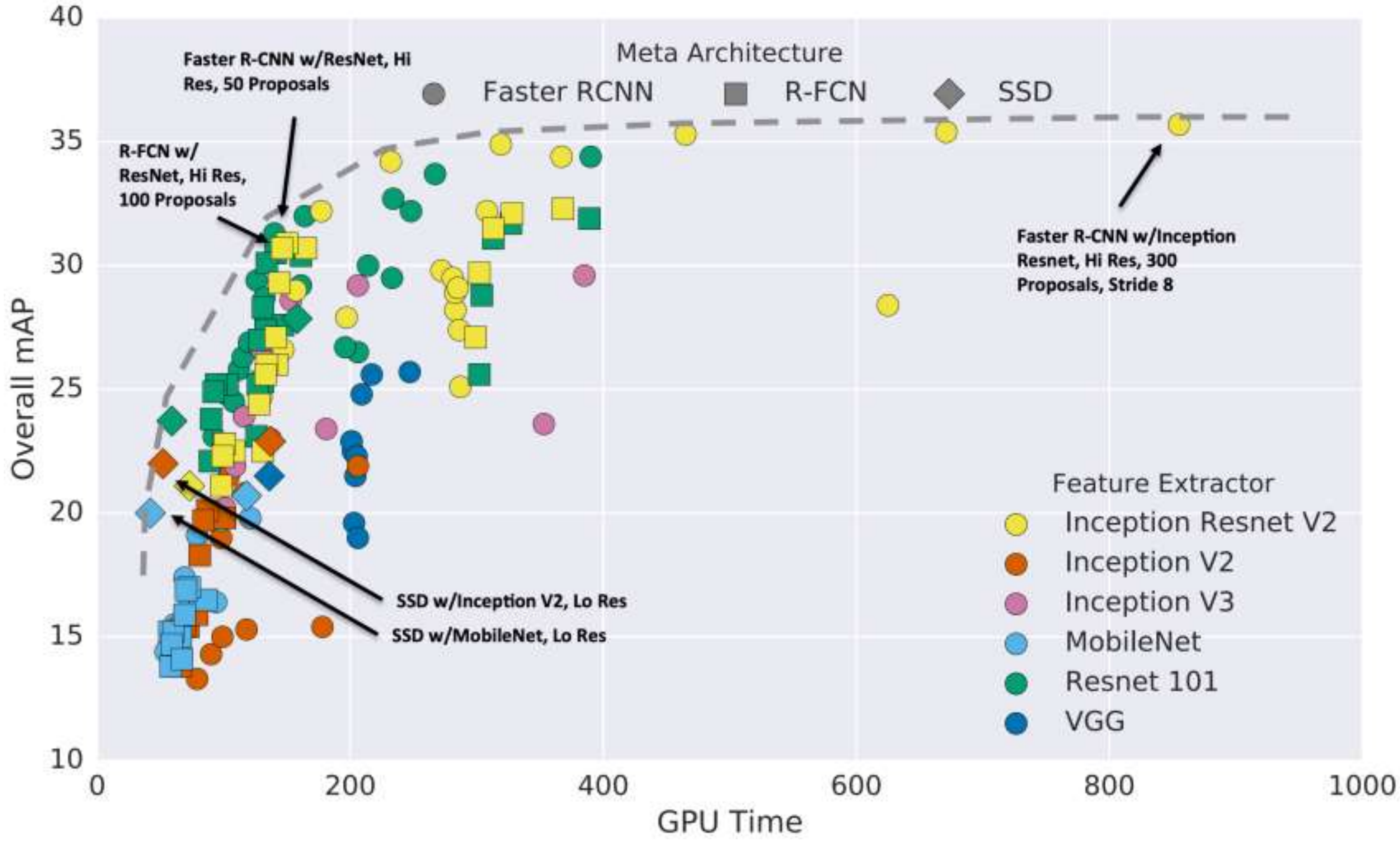

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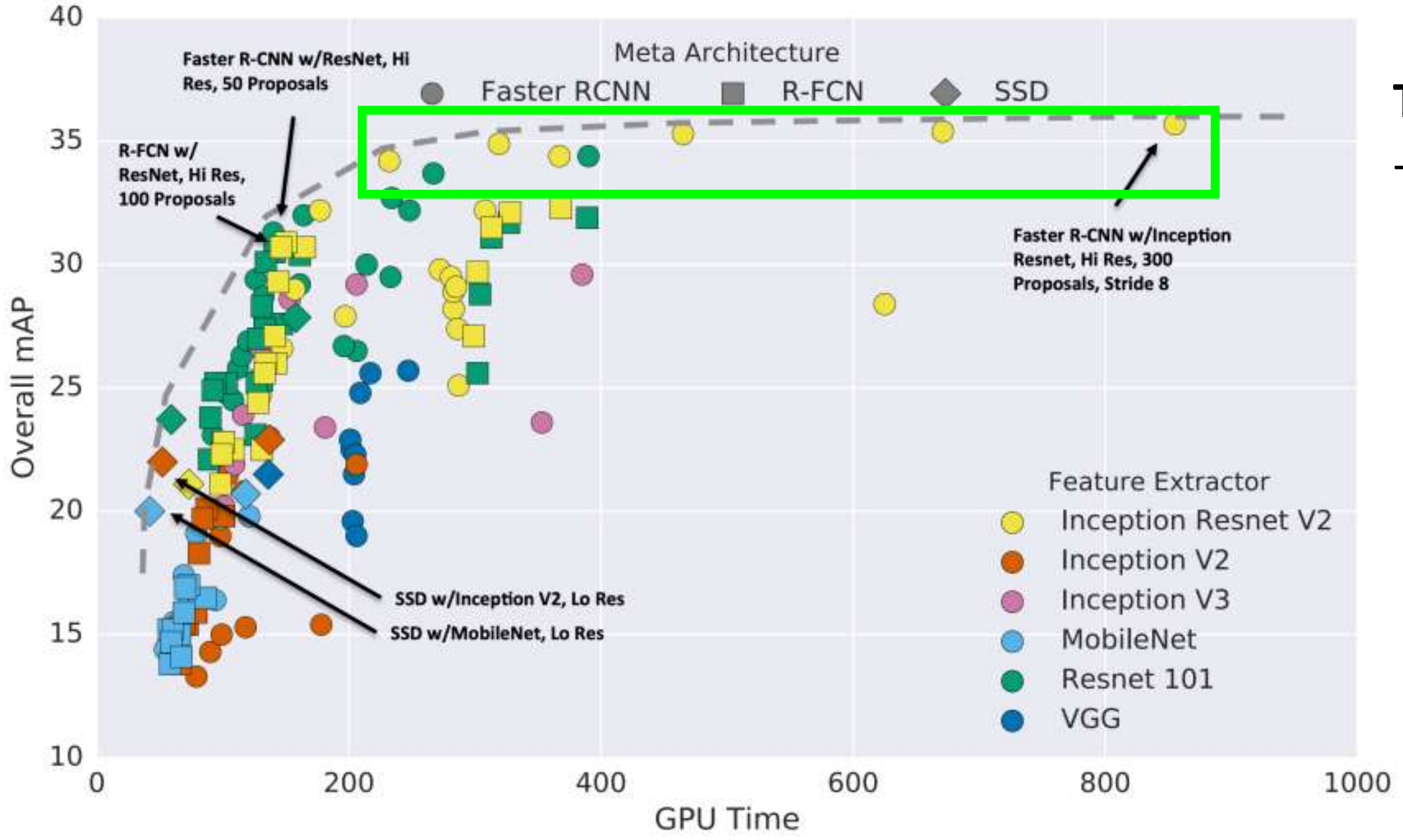

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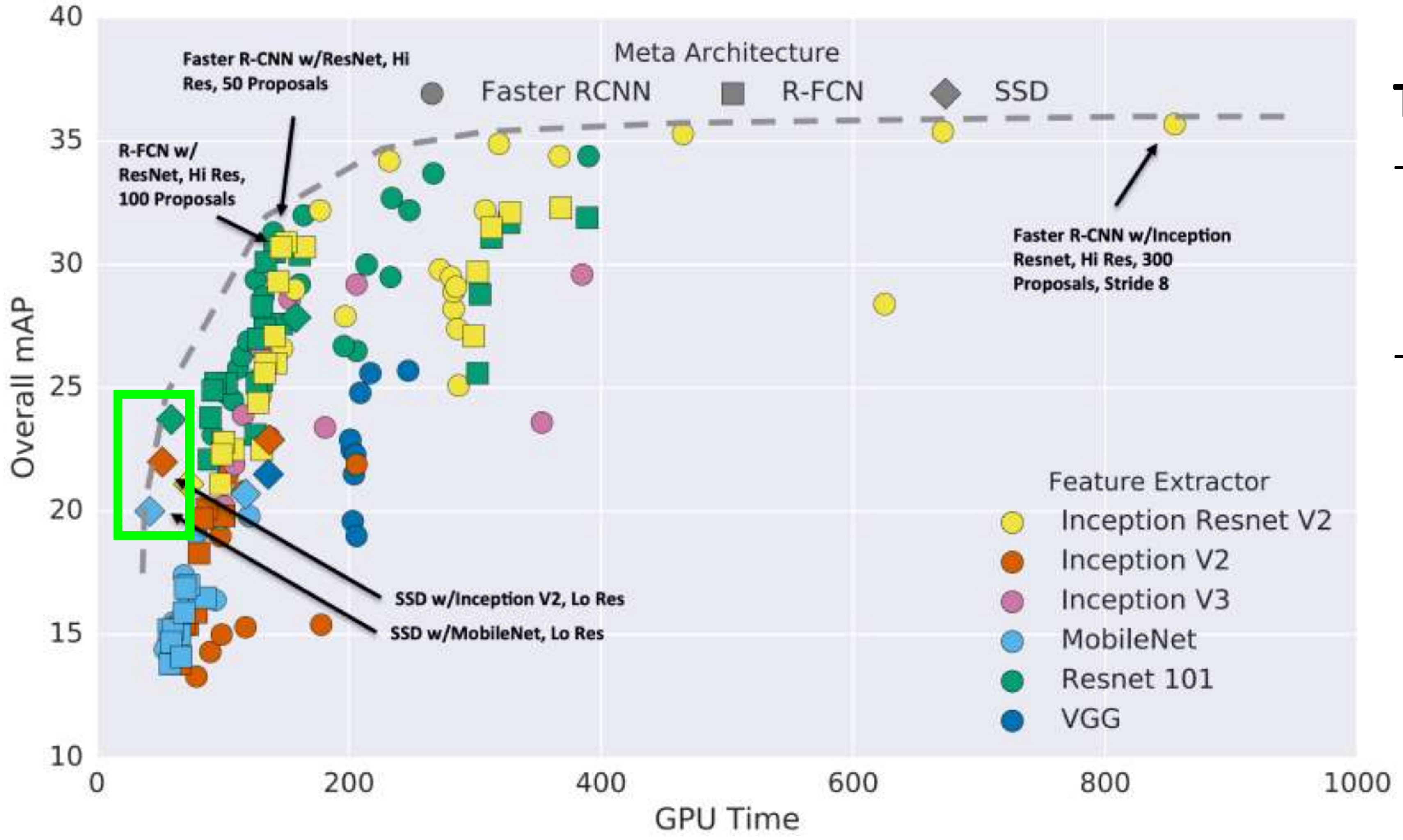

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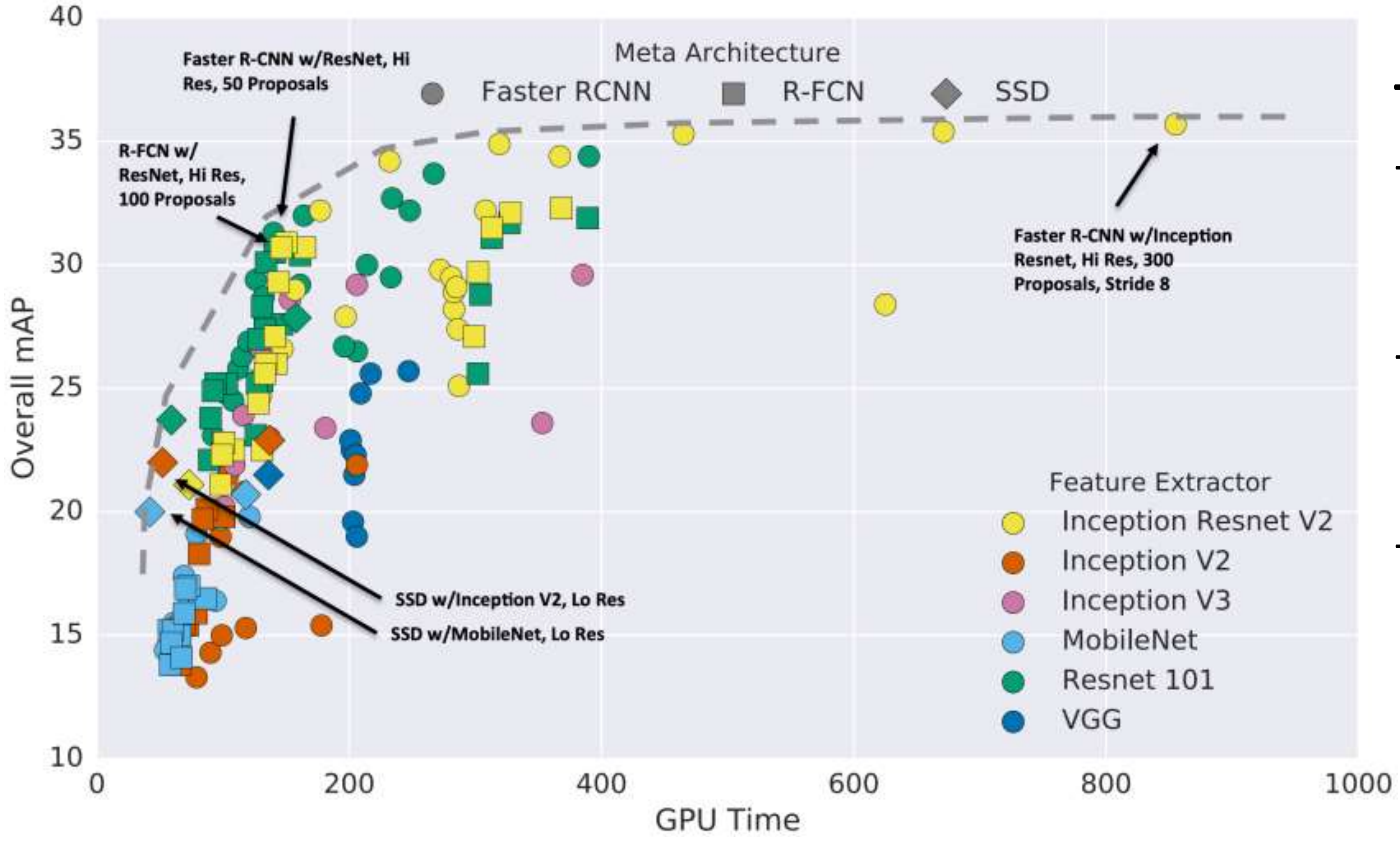

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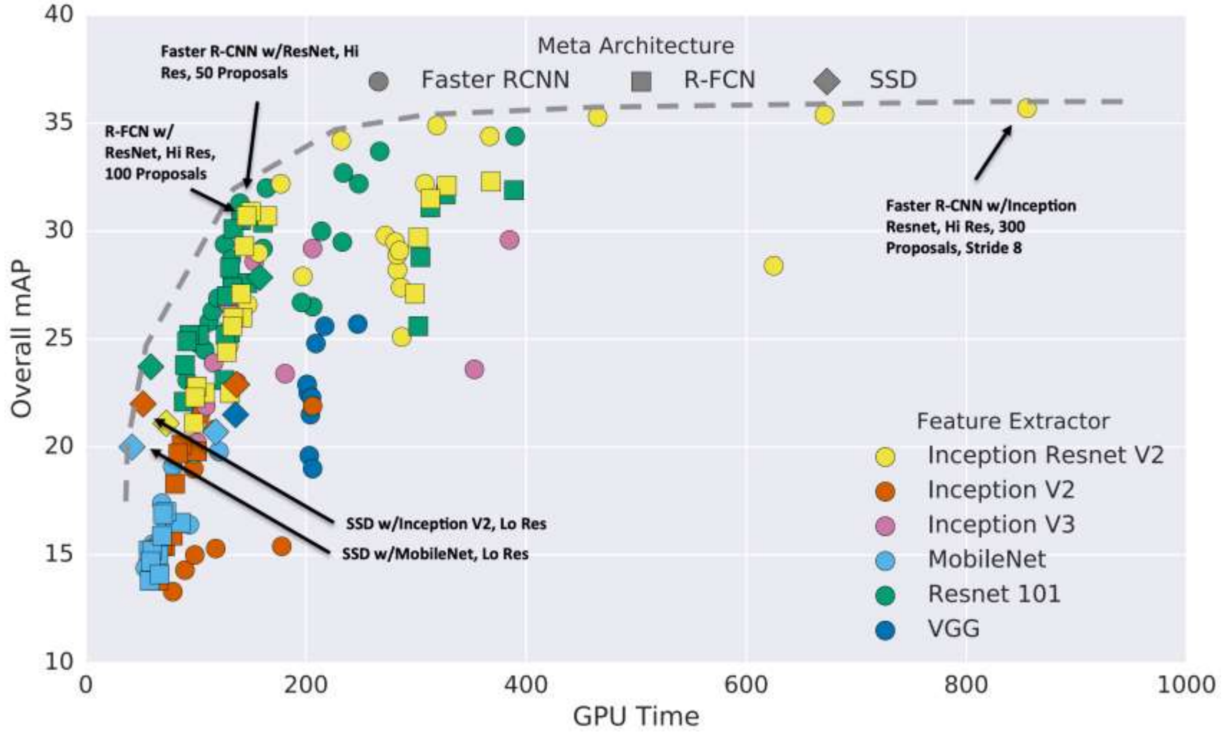

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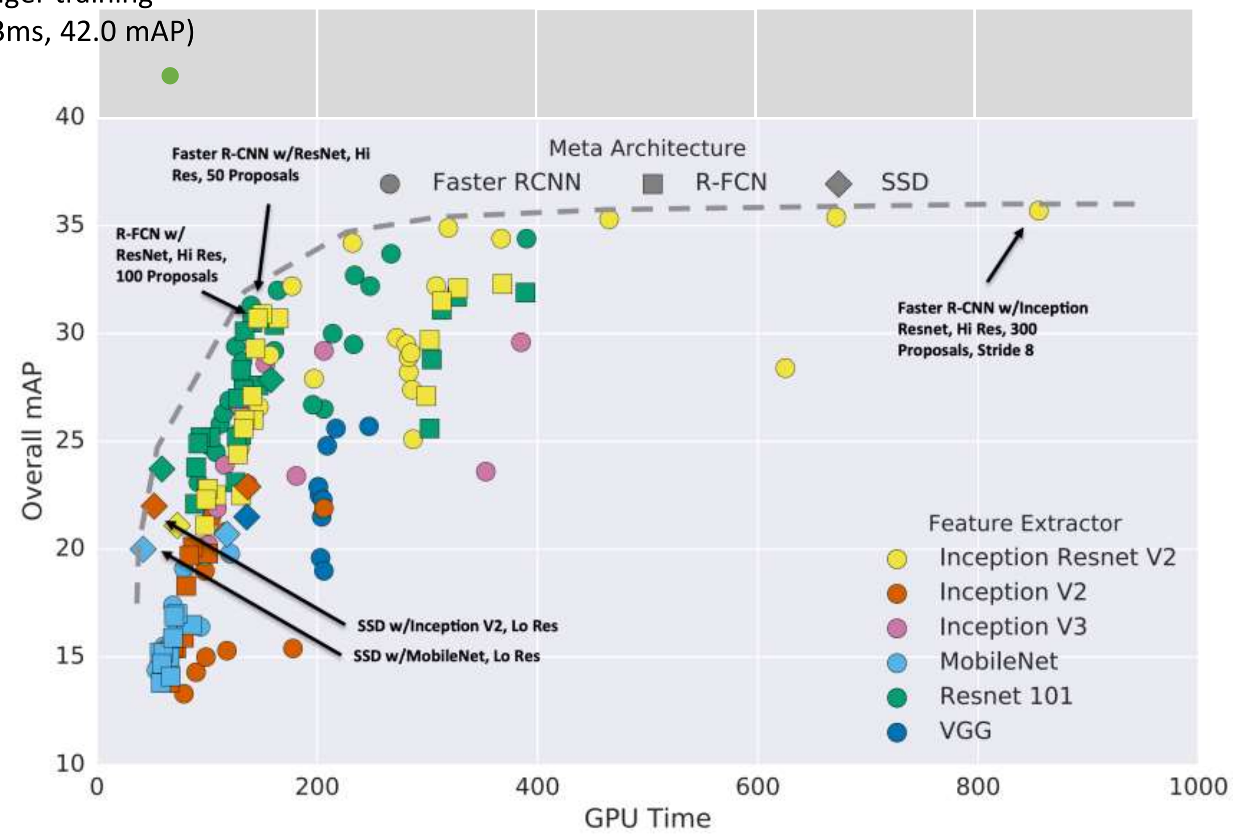
Faster R-CNN
w/ResNet-101-FPN,
longer training
(63ms, 42.0 mAP)



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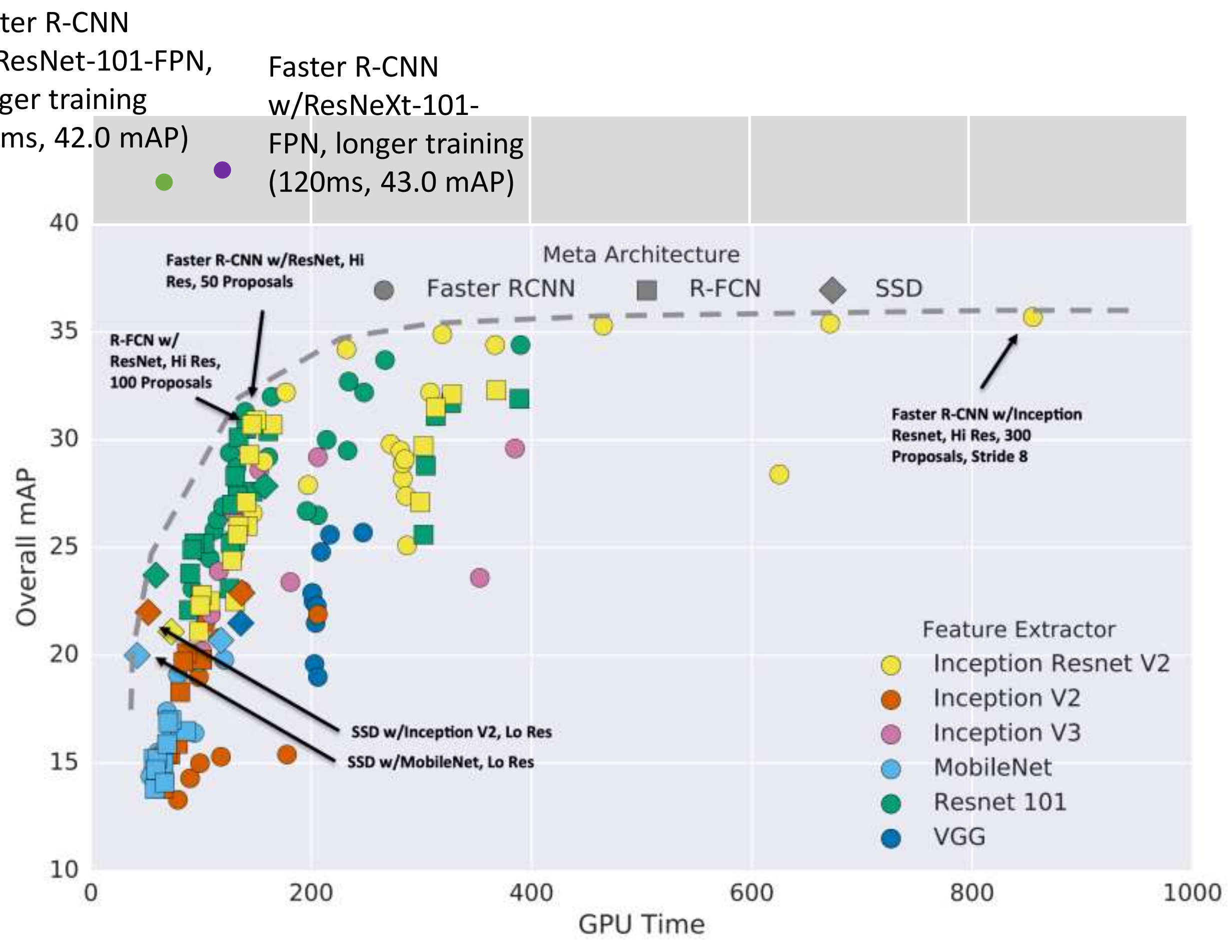

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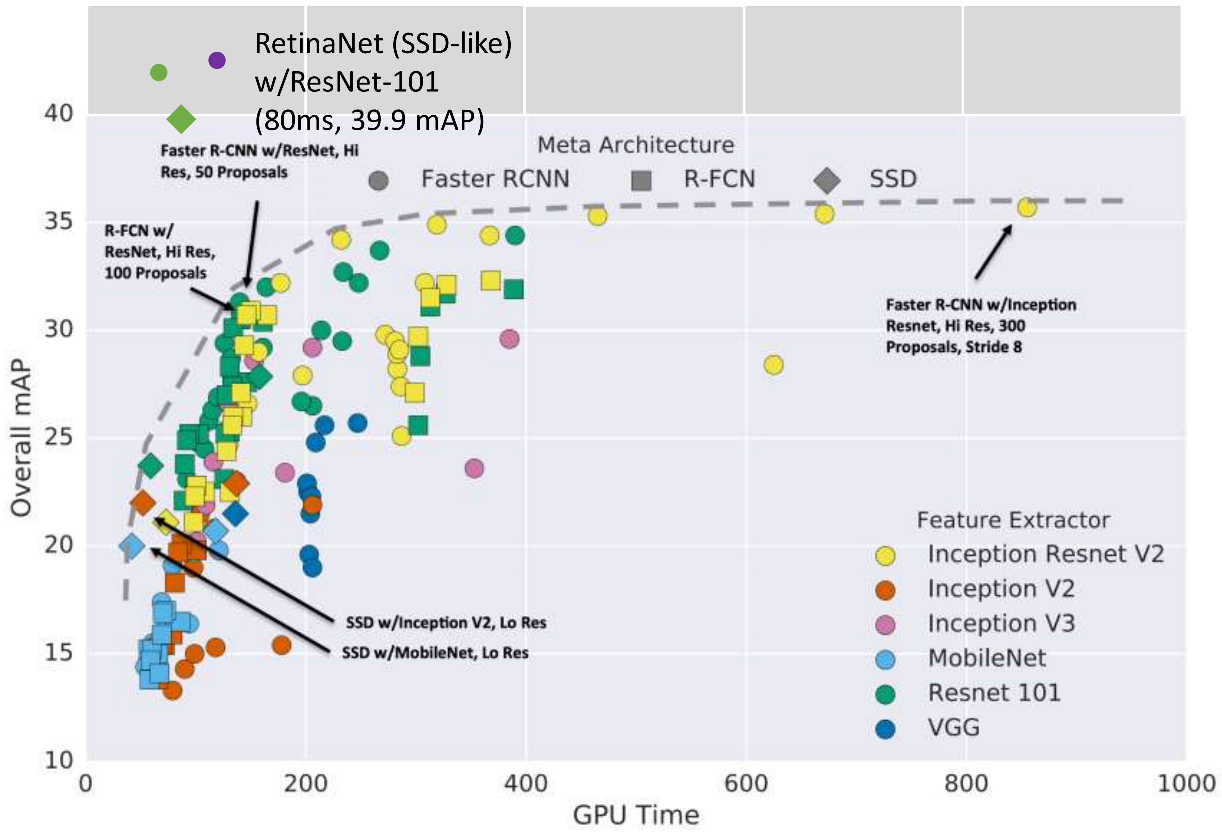

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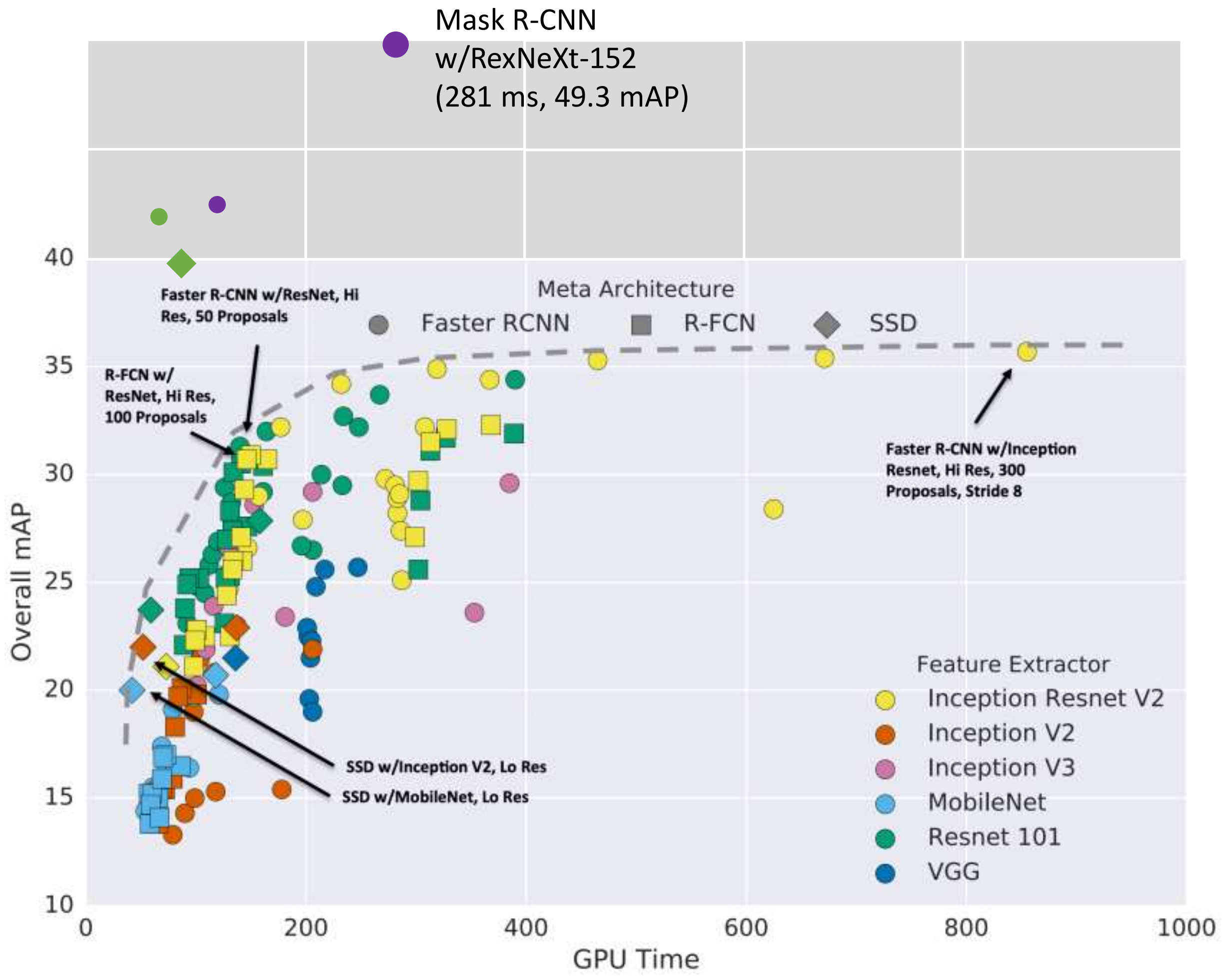

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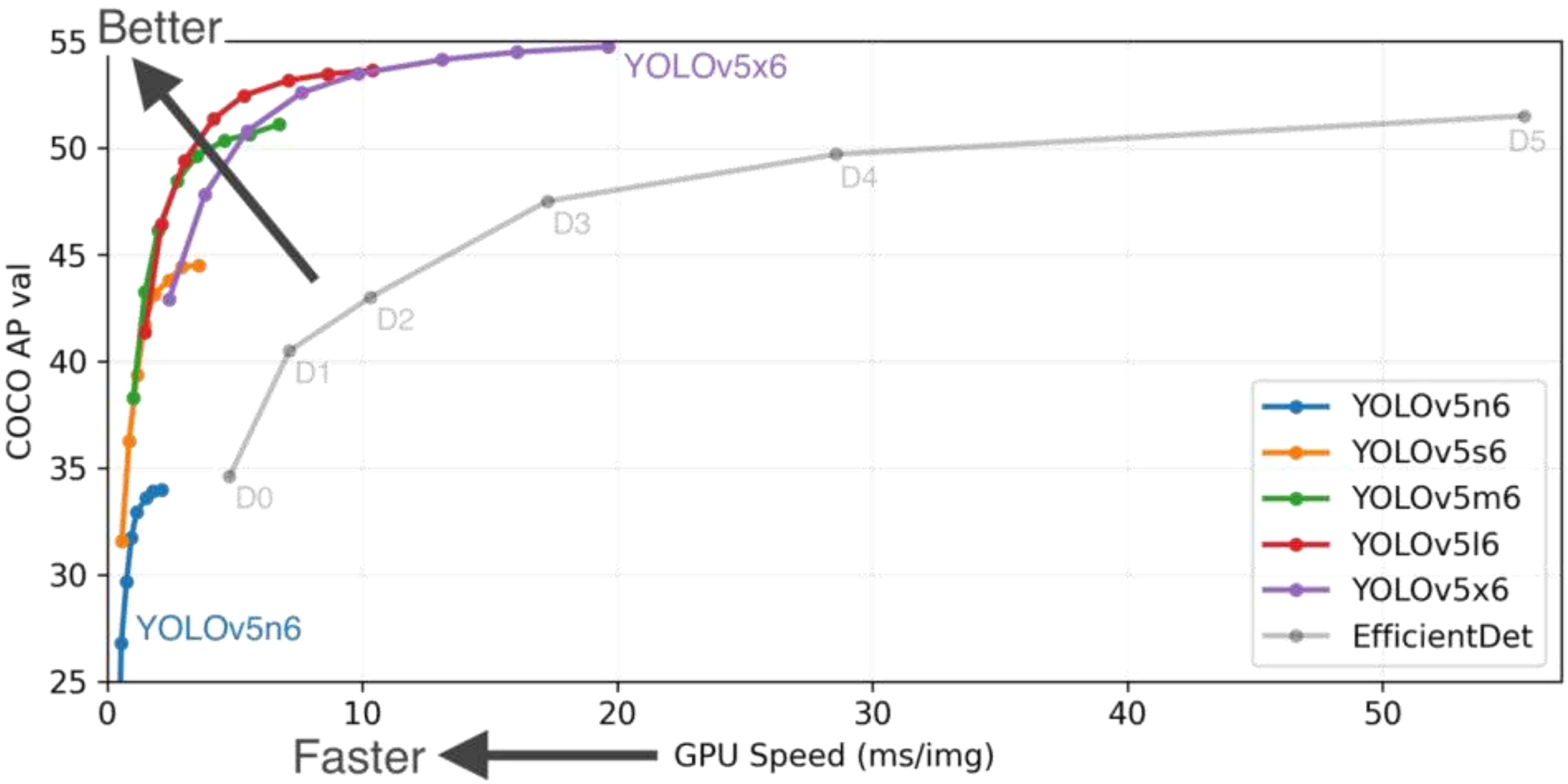

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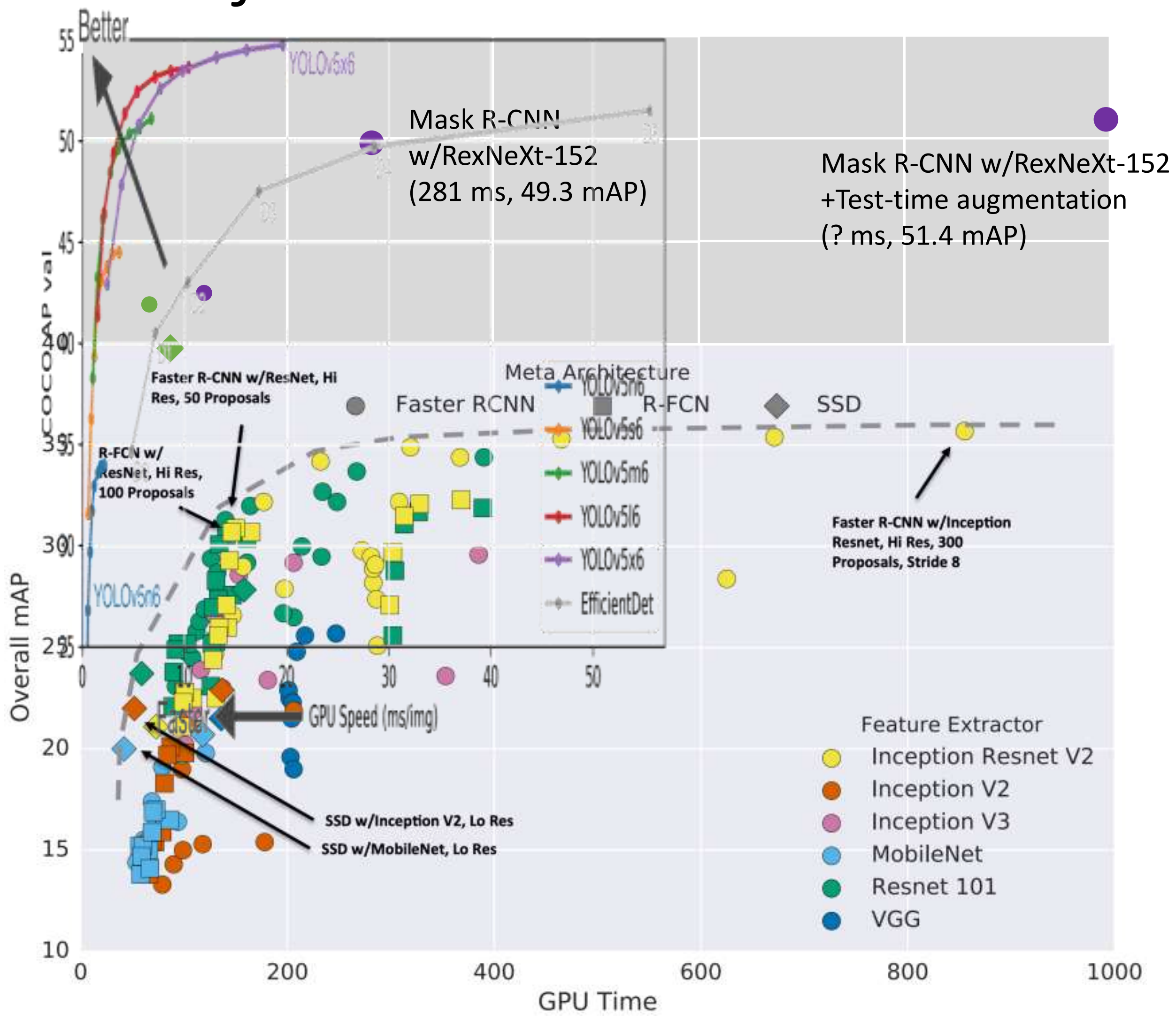

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Object Detection: Open-Source Code

TensorFlow Detection API:

https://github.com/tensorflow/models/tree/master/research/object_detection

Faster R-CNN, SSD, RFCN, Mask R-CNN

Detectron2 (PyTorch):

https://github.com/facebookresearch/detectron2

Fast / Faster / Mask R-CNN, RetinaNet

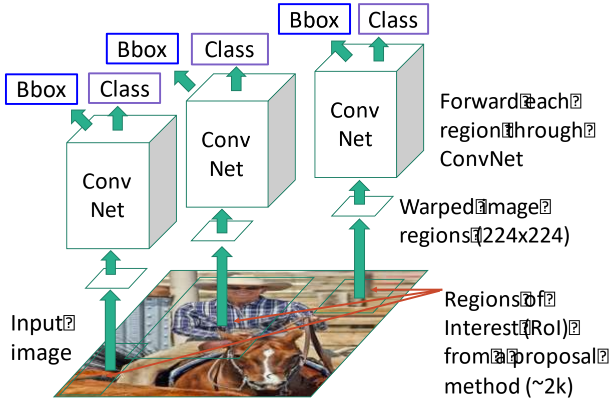
YOLOv5 (Ultralytics – PyTorch):

https://github.com/ultralytics/yolov5

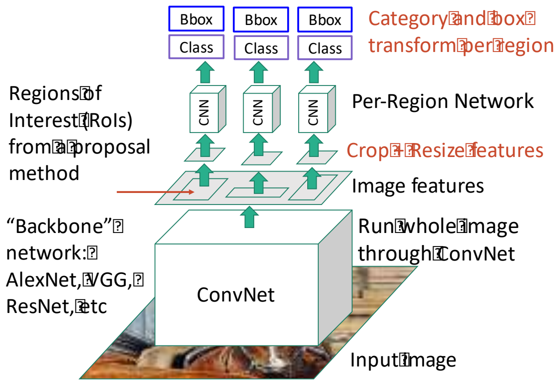
Single-stage

Summary

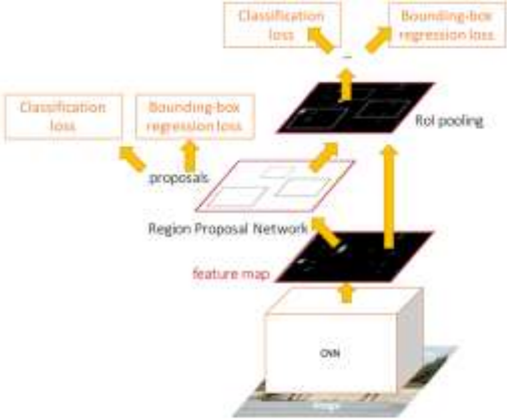
"Slow" R-CNN: Run CNN independently for each region



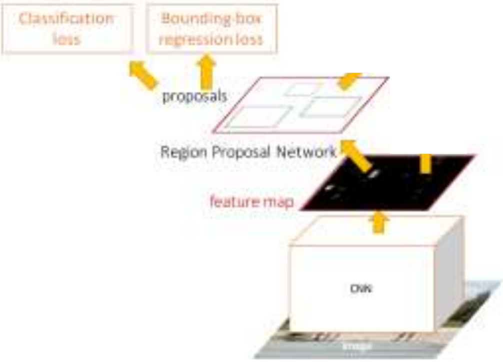
Fast R-CNN: Apply differentiable cropping to shared image features



Faster R-CNN: Compute proposals with CNN



Single-Stage: Fully convolutional detector



Test 2

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Online via Teams