

# Machine Learning for Design

Lecture 4

Machine Learning for Images. *Part 2*

**How do humans  
see?**

# Hubel and Wiesel, 1959

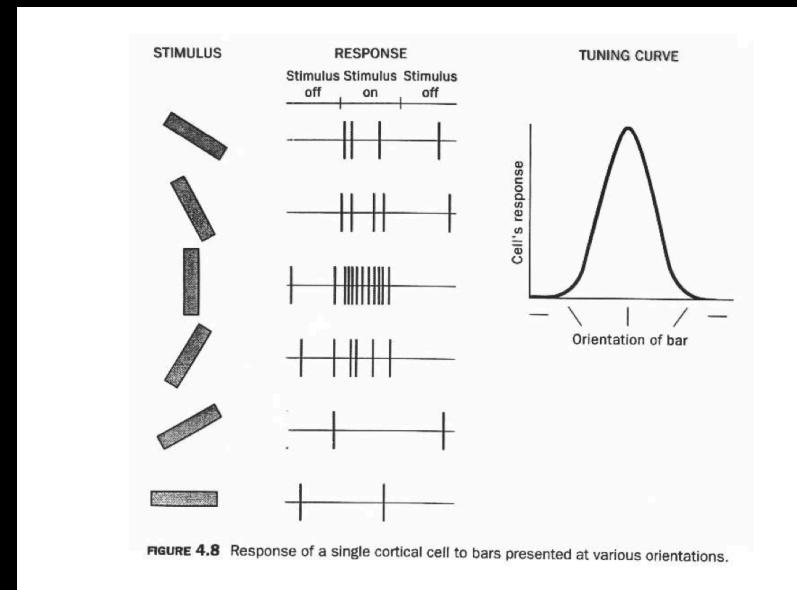
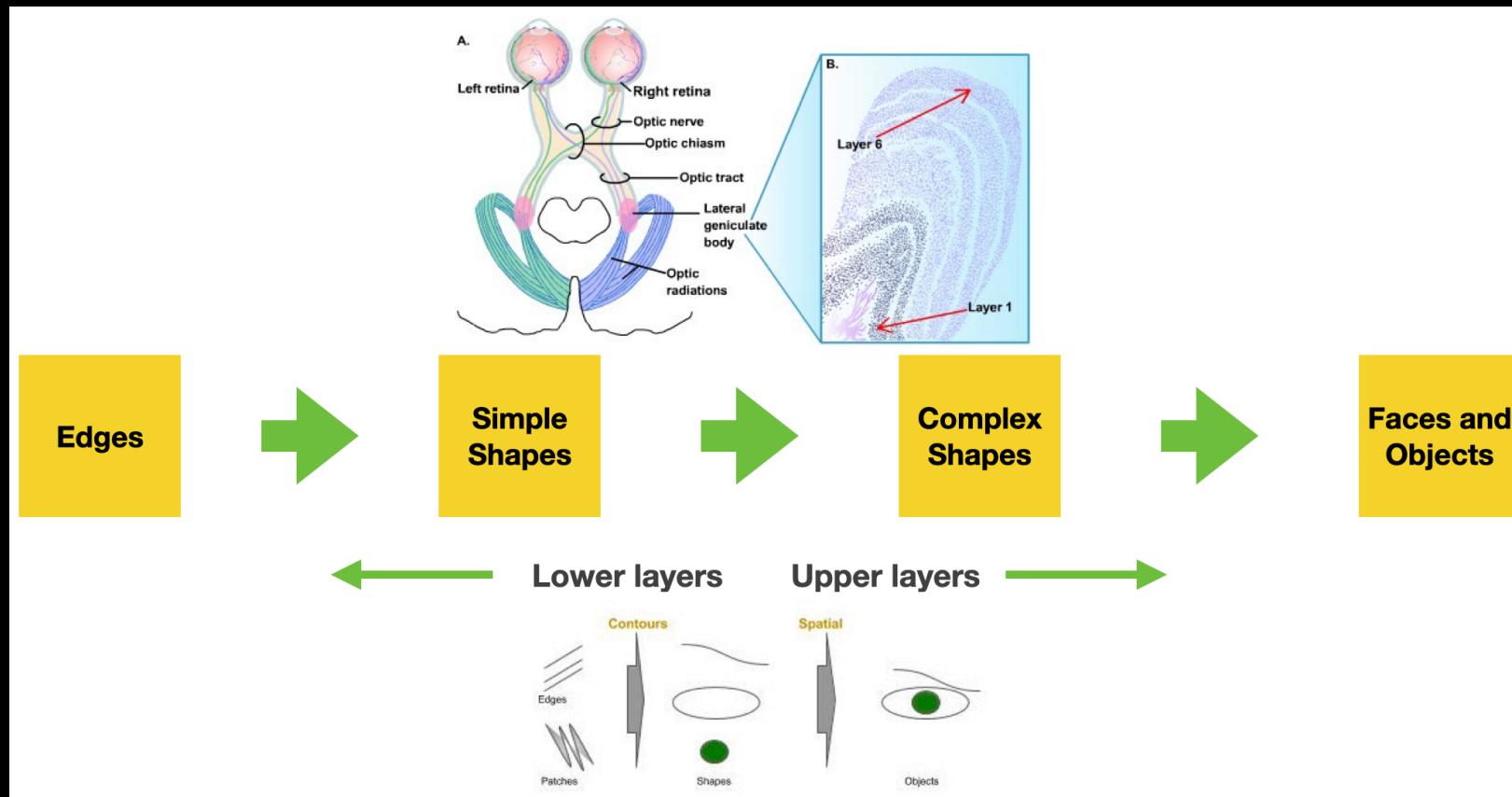
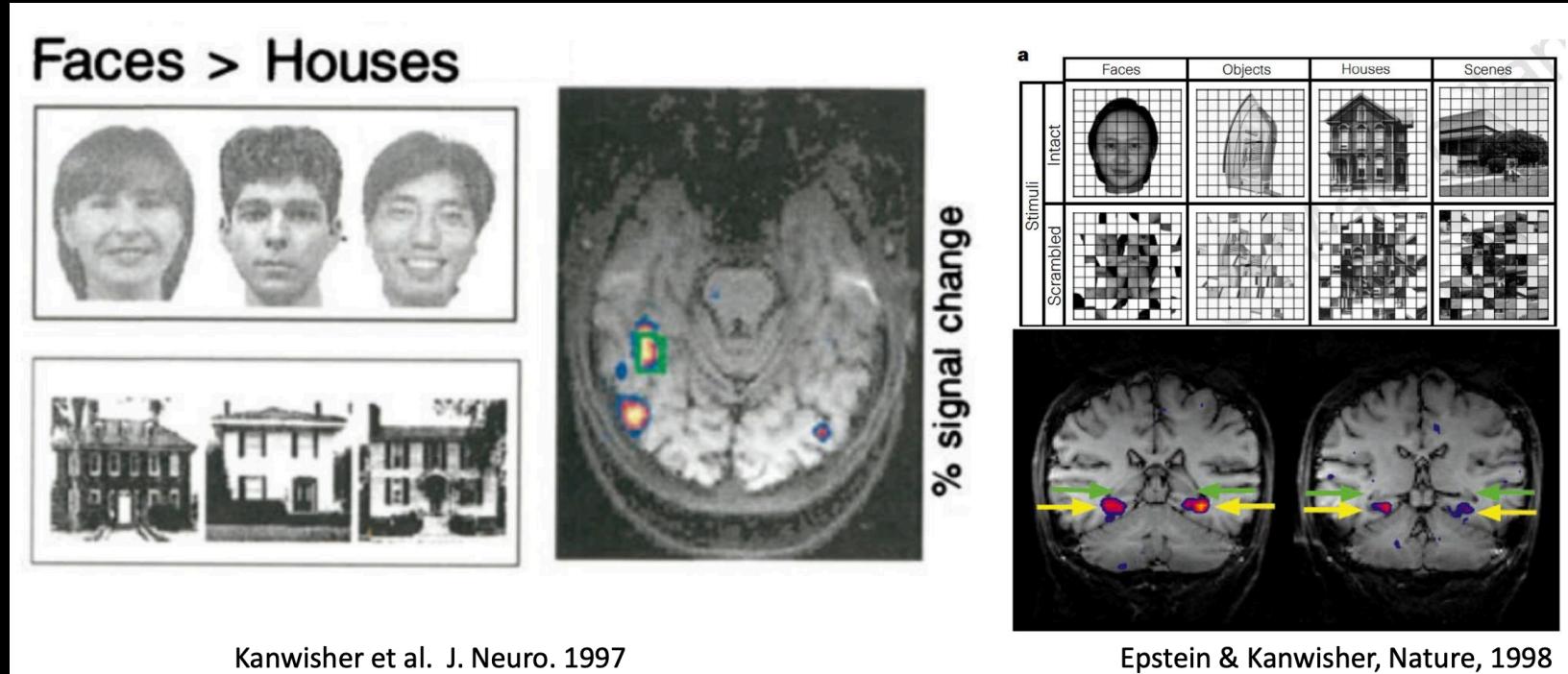


FIGURE 4.8 Response of a single cortical cell to bars presented at various orientations.

# Neural Pathways



# Neural Correlation of Objects & Scene Recognition



Why is machine  
vision hard?

# The deformable and truncated cat

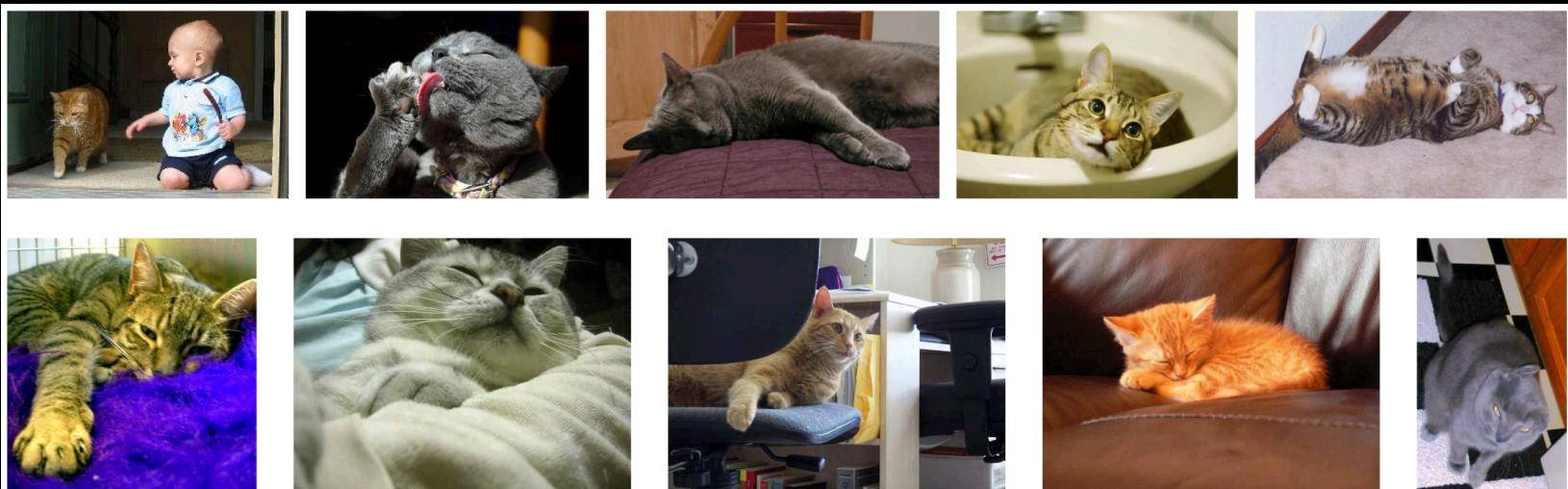
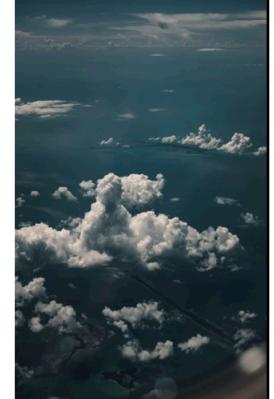
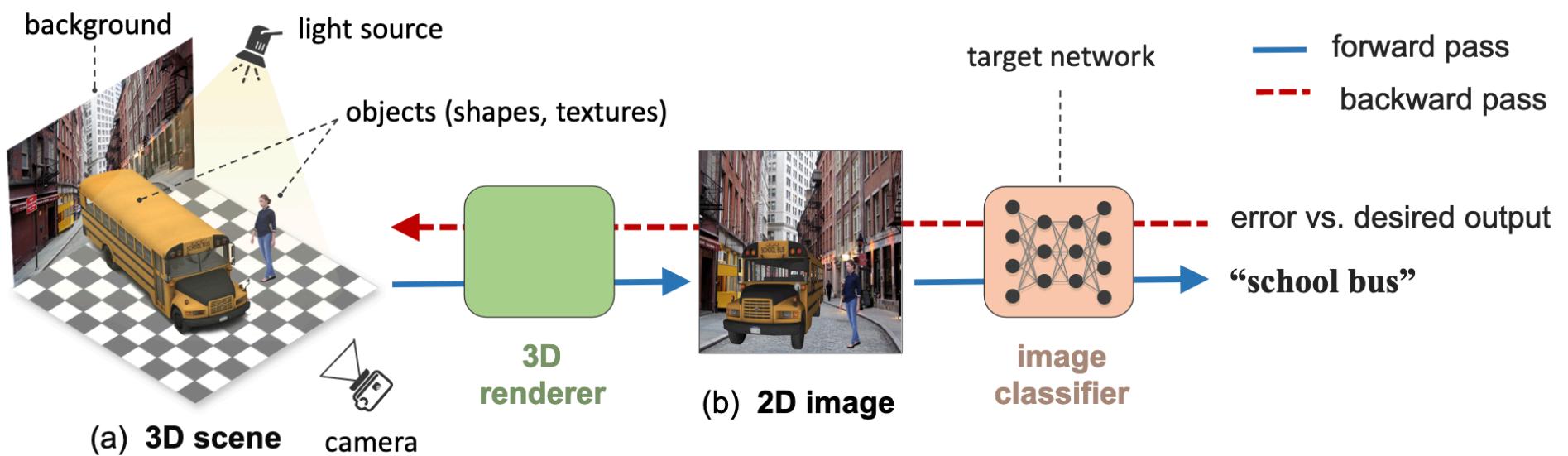


Figure 1. **The deformable and truncated cat.** Cats exhibit (almost) unconstrained variations in shape and layout.

Parkhi et al. *The truth about cats and dogs*. 2011

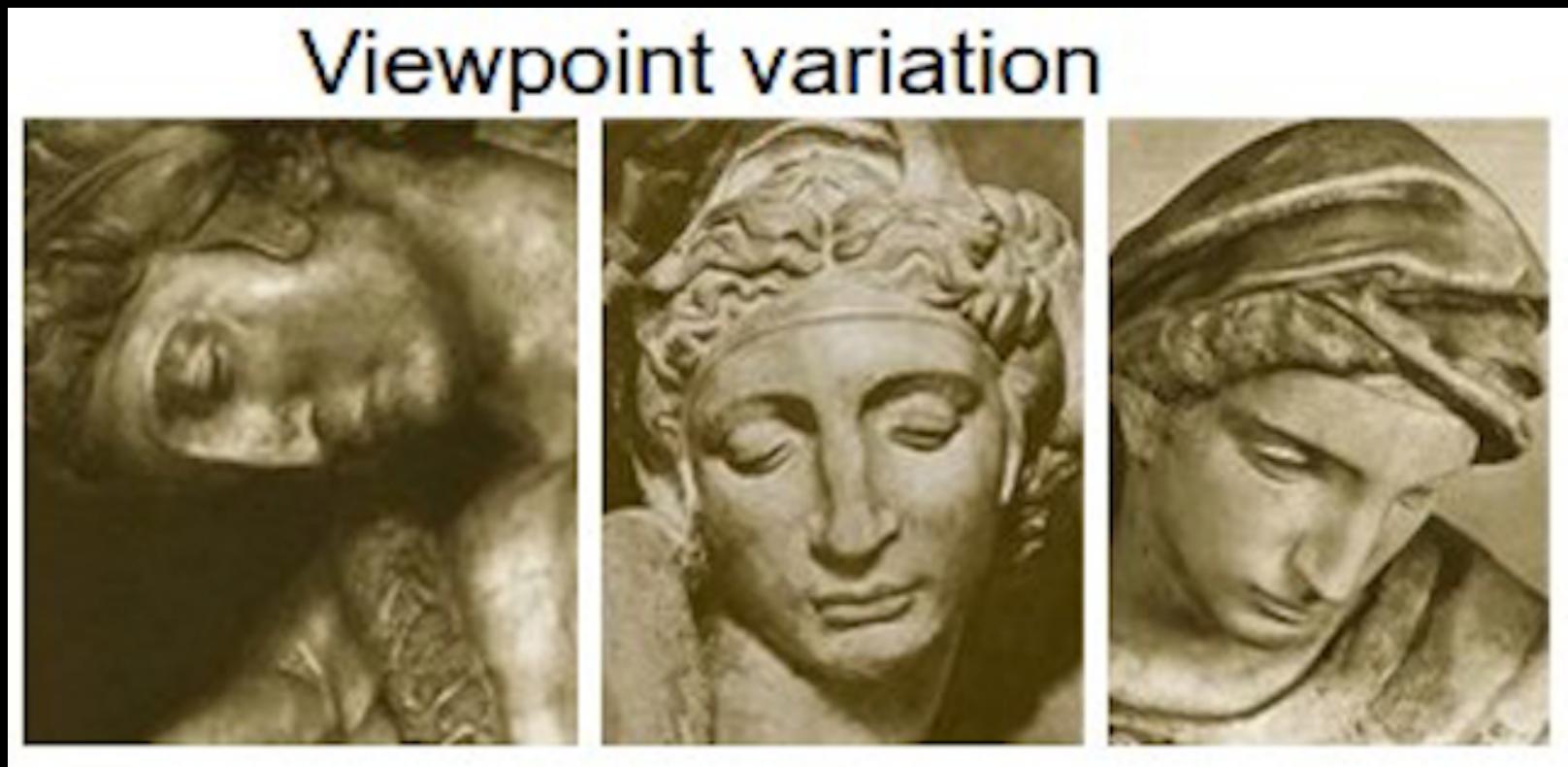




# Computer Vision Challenges

## Viewpoint Variation

A single instance of an object can be oriented in many ways to the camera.



# Deformation



Many objects of interest are not rigid bodies and can be deformed in extreme ways.

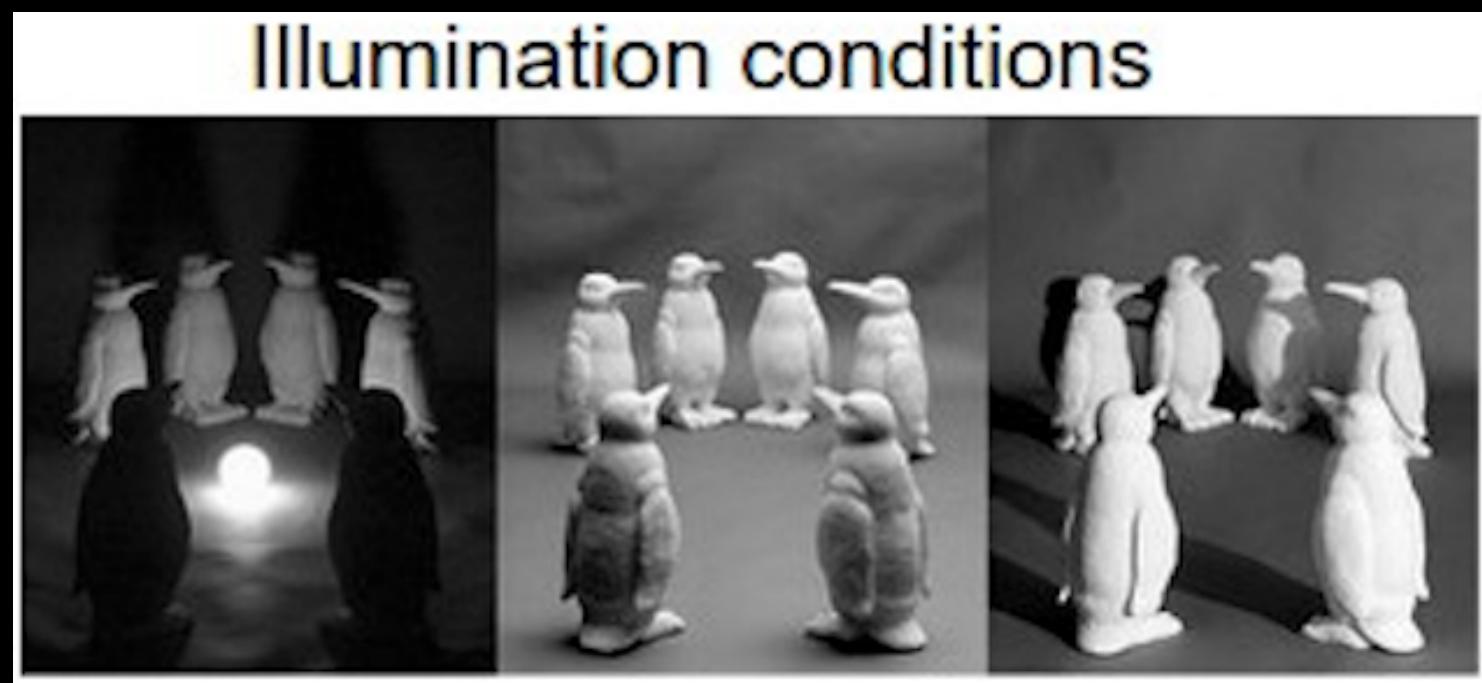
## Occlusion



The objects of interest can be occluded.  
Sometimes only a tiny portion of an  
object (as few pixels) could be visible.

## Illumination Condition

The effects of illumination can be drastic on the pixel level.



## Scale variation

- Visual classes often exhibit variation in their size
- Size in the real world
- Size in the image



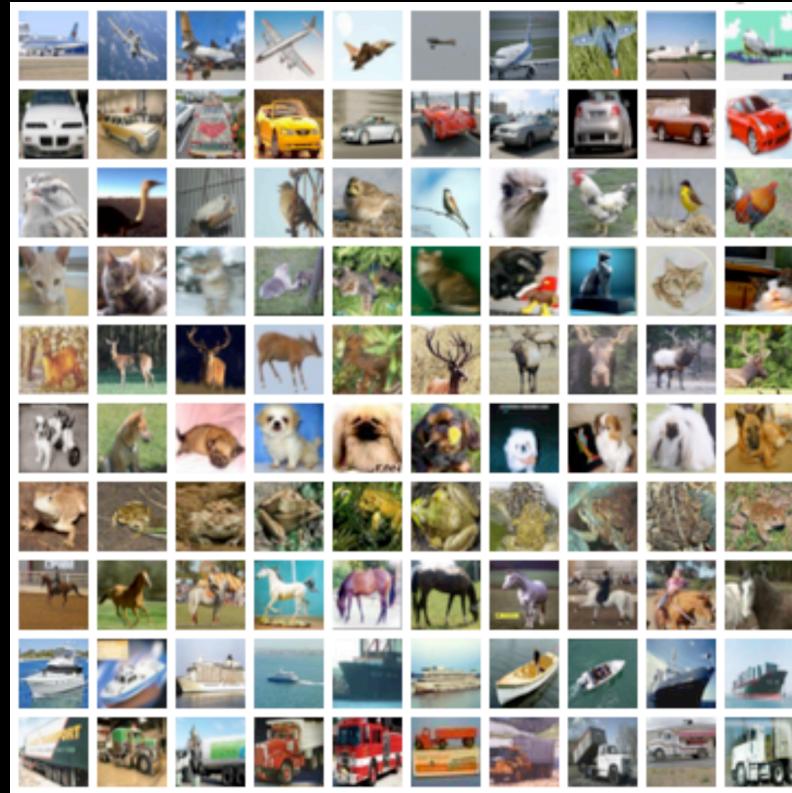
## Background clutter



The objects of interest may blend into their environment, making them hard to identify.

## Intra-class variation

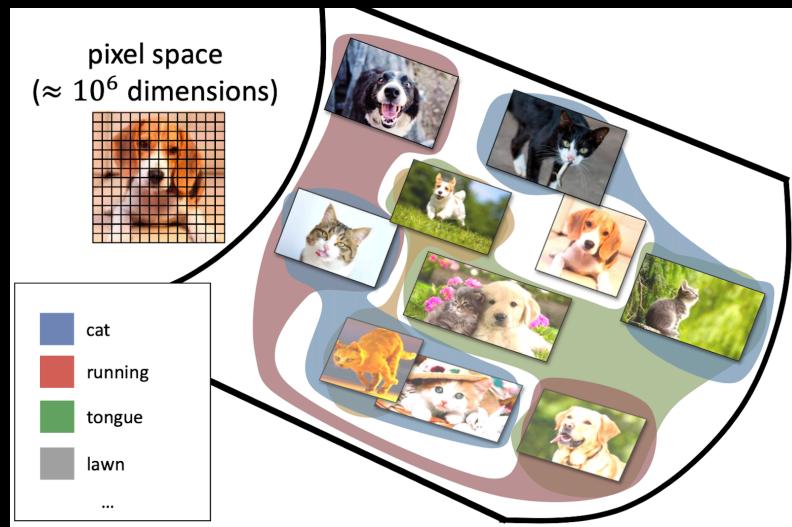
- The classes of interest can often be relatively broad, such as chairs.
- There are many different types of these objects, each with their appearance.



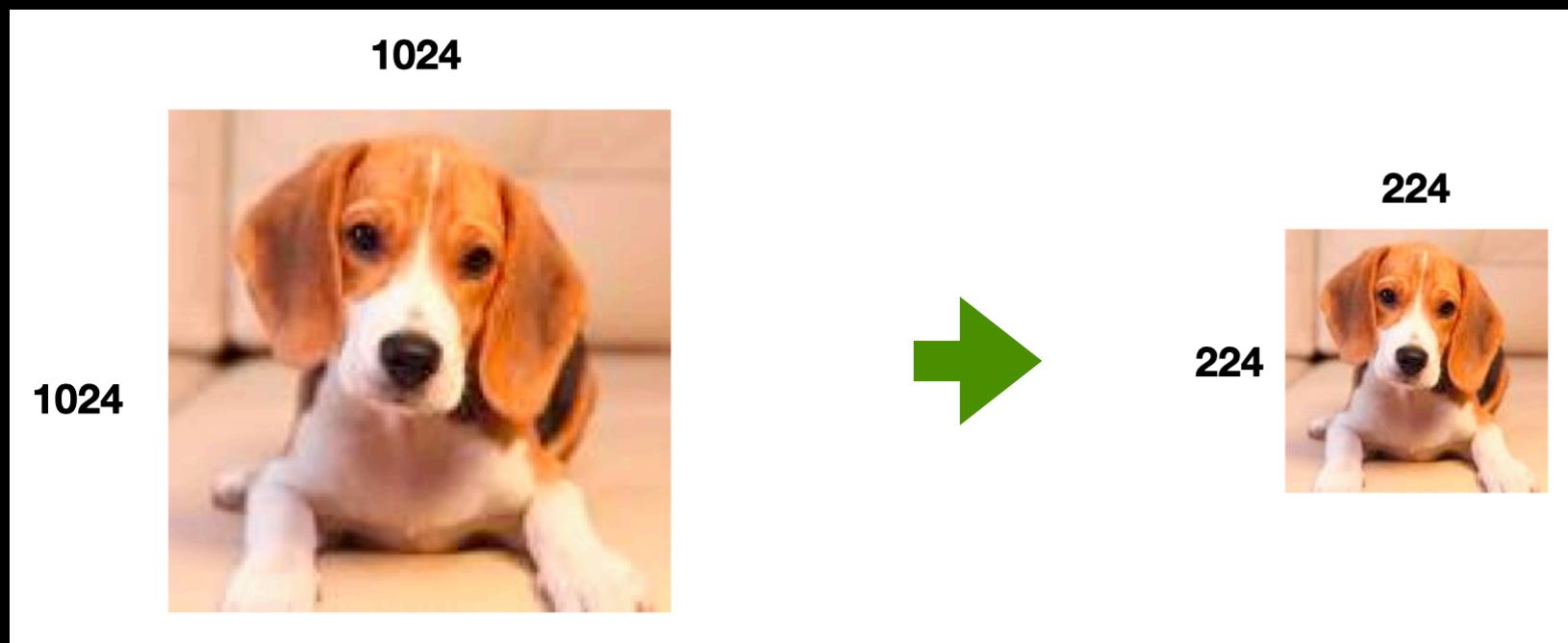
# How Computer Vision models work?

# Course of dimensionality

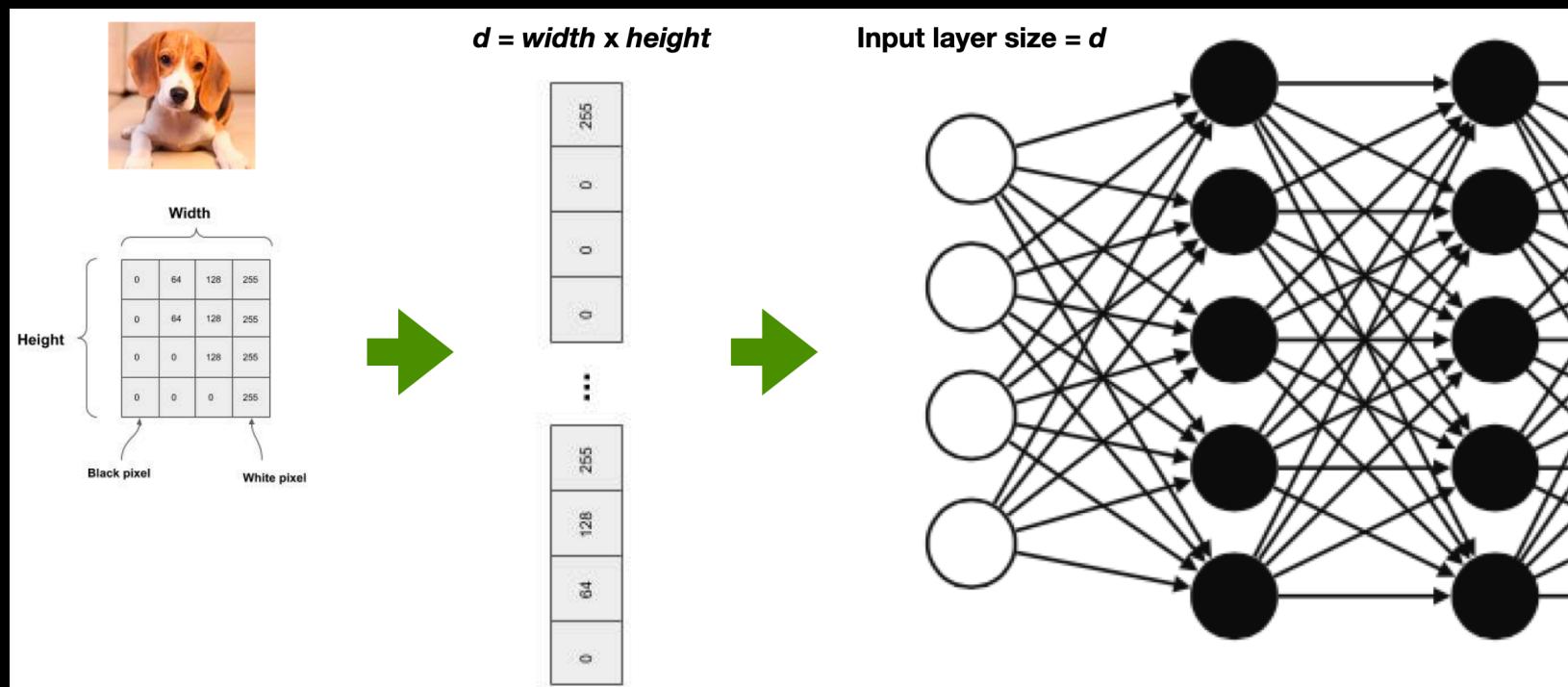
- High dimensionality
  - A  $1024 \times 768$  image has  $d = 786432!$
  - A tiny  $32 \times 32$  image has  $d = 1024$
- Decision boundaries in pixel space are extremely complex
- We will need “big” ML models with lots of parameters
  - For example, linear regressors need  $d$  parameters



# Downsampling



# Flattening



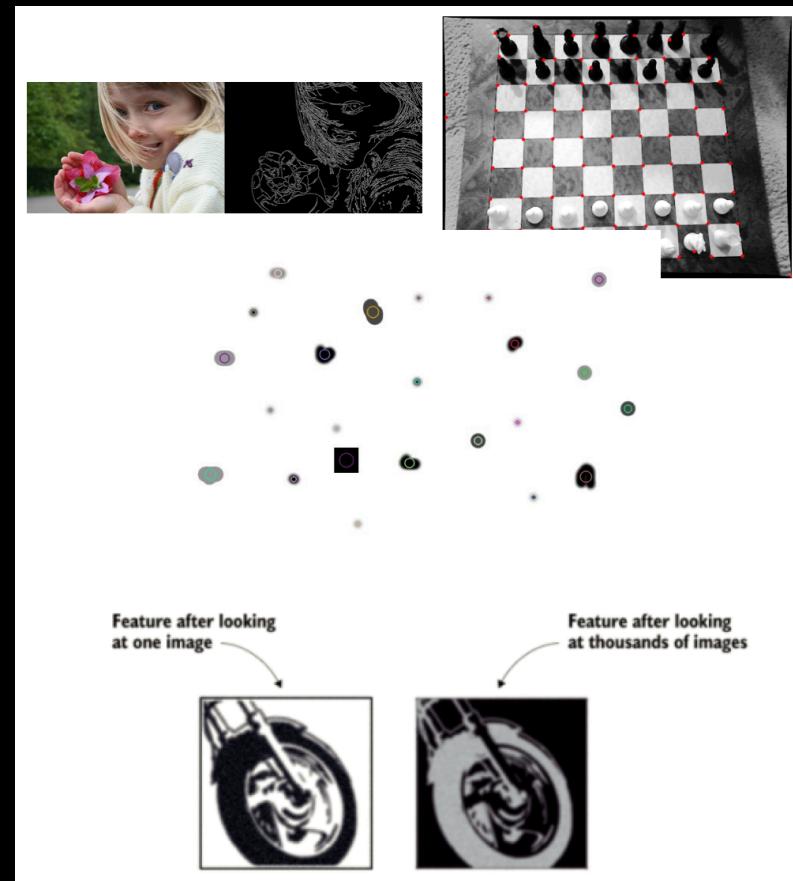
## The “old days”: Feature Extraction

- **Feature**

- A relevant piece of information about the content of an image
  - e.g., edges, corners, blobs (regions), ridges

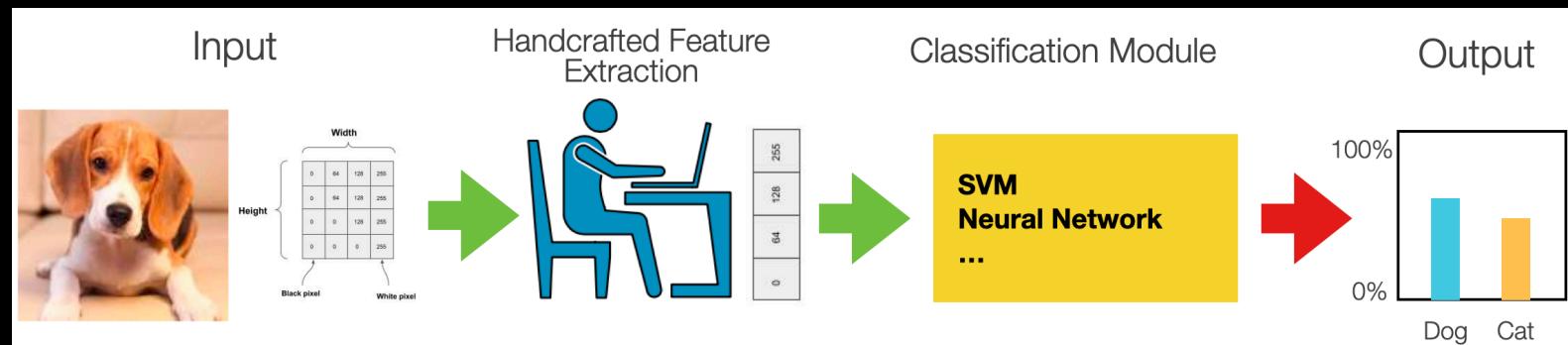
- **A good feature**

- Repeatable
- Identifiable
- Can be easily tracked and compared
- Consistent across different scales, lighting conditions, and viewing angles
- Visible in noisy images or when only part of an object is visible
- Can distinguish objects from one another



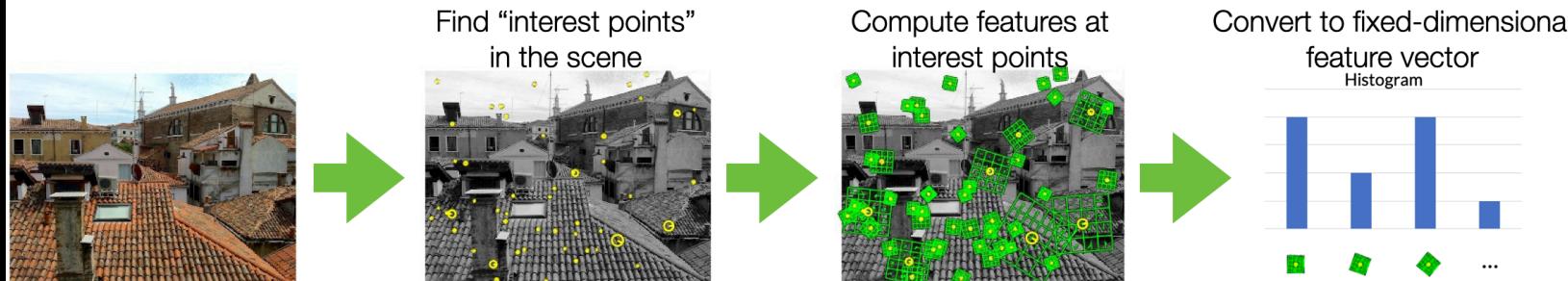
## The “old days”: Feature Engineering

- Machine learning models are only as good as the features you provide
- To figure out which features you should use for a specific problem
- Rely on domain knowledge (or partner with domain experts)
- Experiment to create features that make machine learning algorithms work better



# Feature Extraction Techniques

## Scale-Invariant Feature Transform (SIFT)



## Histogram and oriented gradients



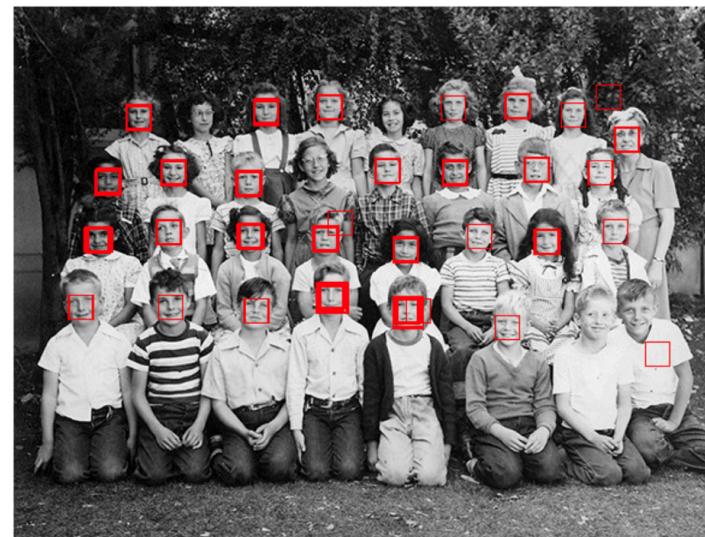
# Performance

Object Detection (~2007)



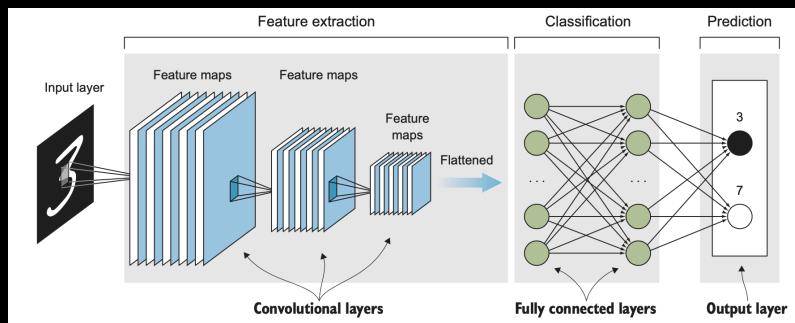
Felzenszwalb, Ramanan, McAllester. A Discriminatively Trained, Multiscale, Deformable Part Model. CVPR 2008 ([DPM v1](#))

Face Detection (~2013)



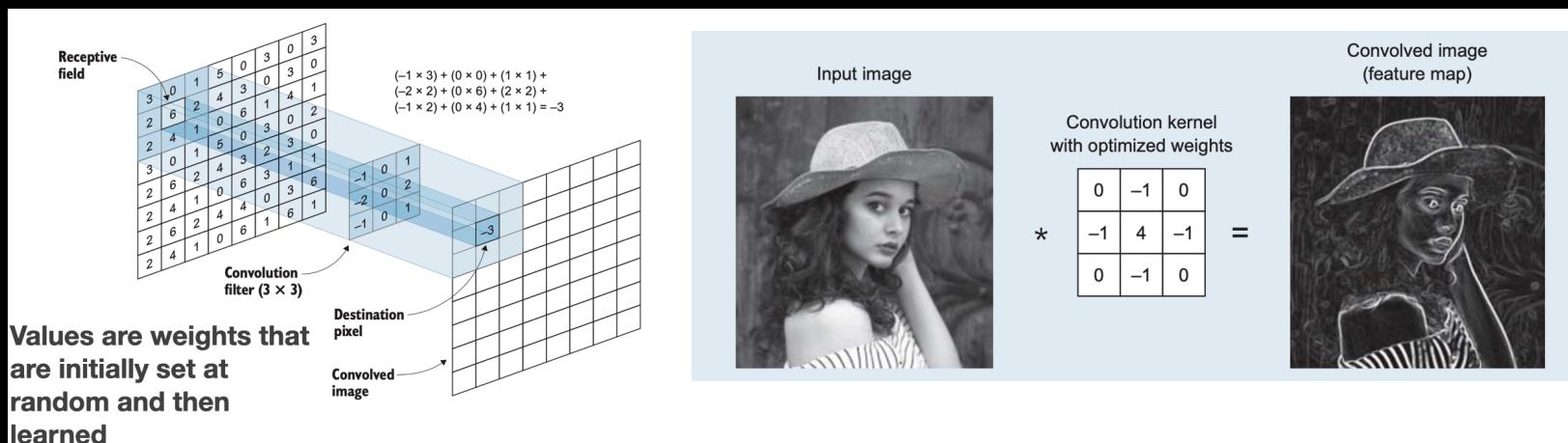
<https://github.com/alexdemartos/ViolaAndJones>

# Convolutional Neural Networks



- CNNs exploit image properties to reduce the number of model parameters drastically
- Feature maps
  - Automatically extracted hierarchical
  - Retain spatial association between pixels
- Local interactions
  - all processing happens within tiny image windows
  - within each layer, far-away pixels cannot influence nearby pixels
- Translation invariance
  - a dog is a dog even if its image is shifted by a few pixels

# Convolution & Feature Maps



# What CNNs learn?

## Deep Visualization Toolbox

Deep Visualization Toolbox  
[yosinski.com/deepvis](http://yosinski.com/deepvis)

#deepvis



Jason Yosinski   Jeff Clune   Anh Nguyen   Thomas Fuchs   Hod Lipson



Cornell University

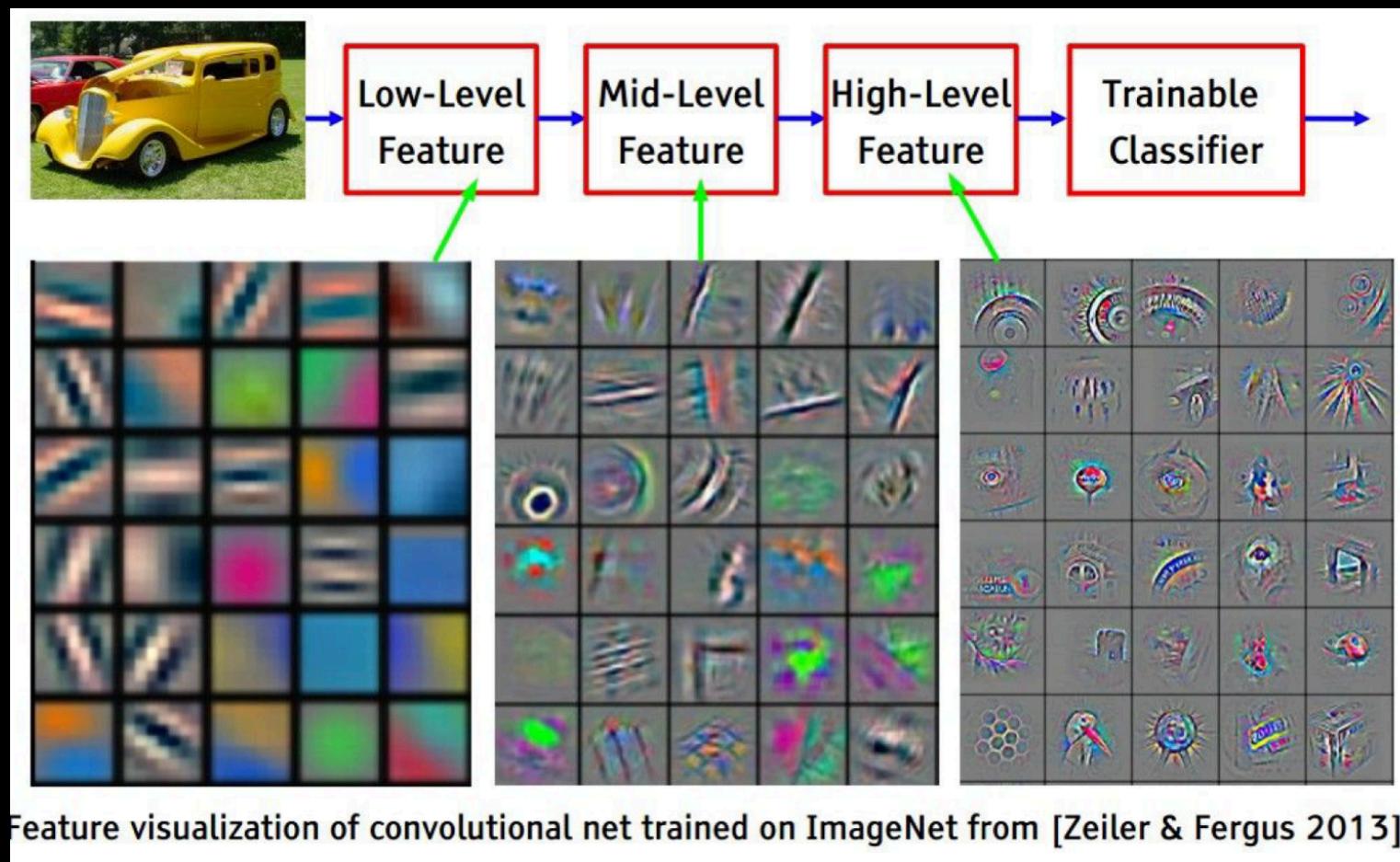


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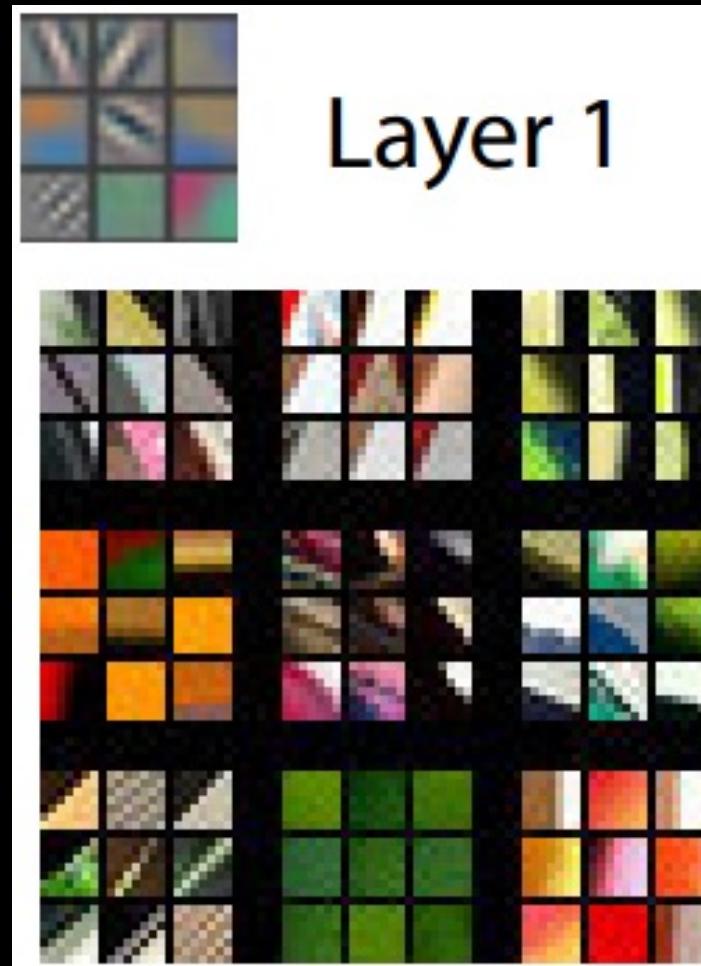


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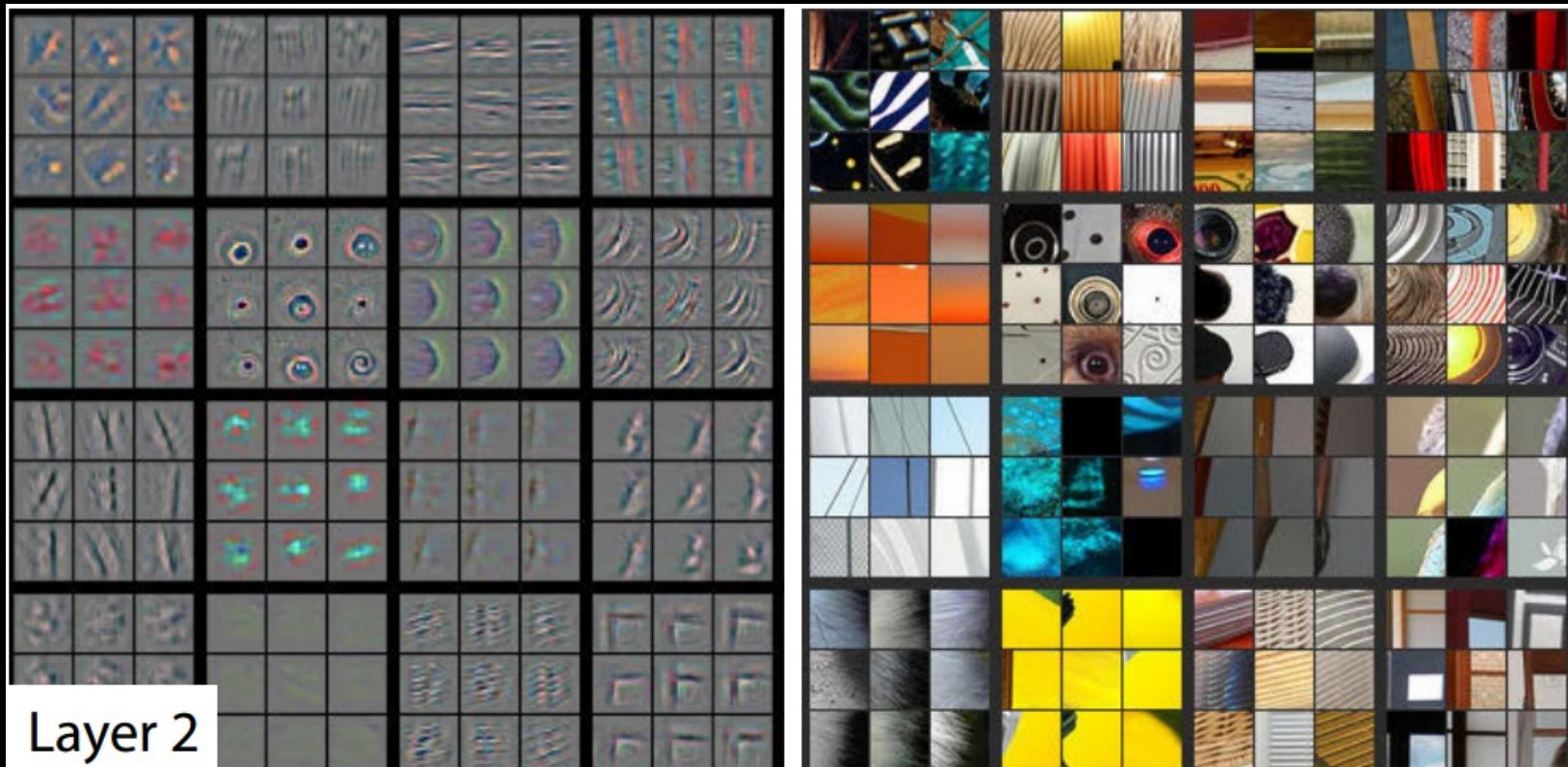
# Feature Visualisation



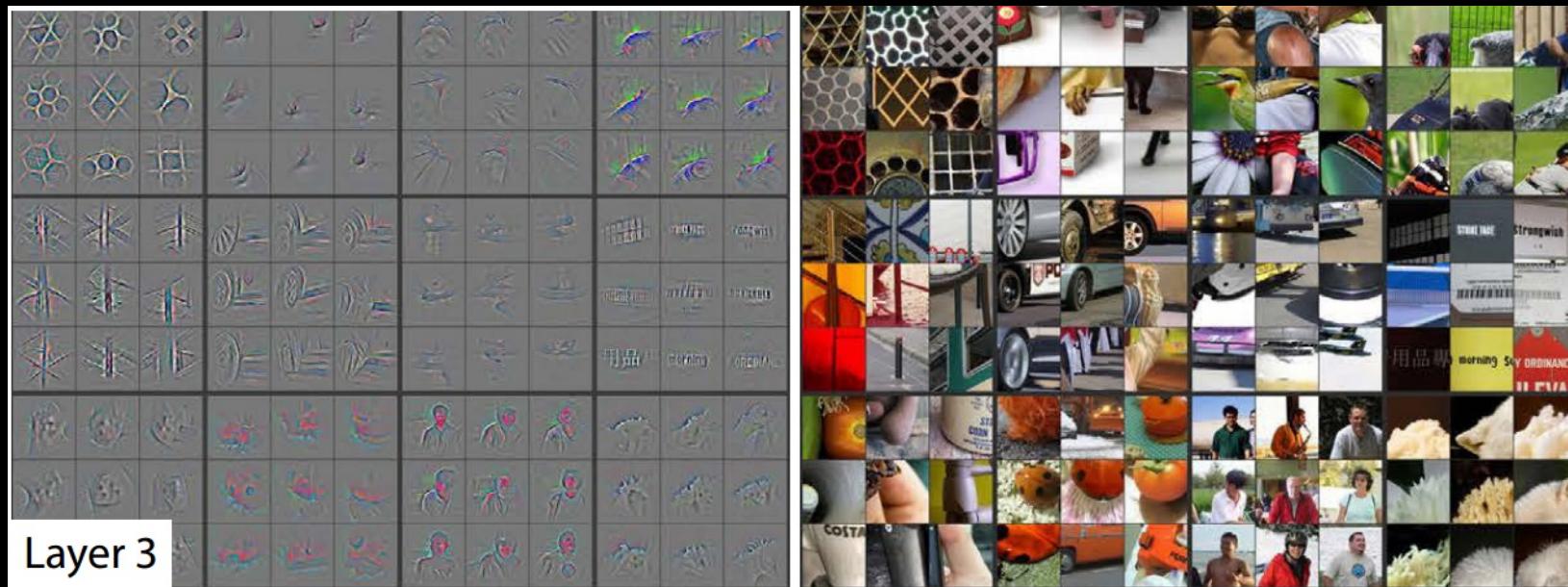
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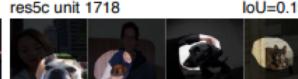
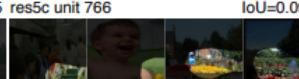
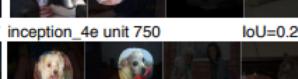
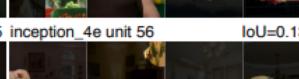
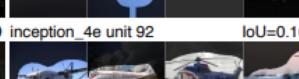
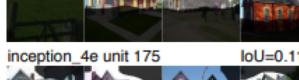
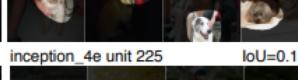
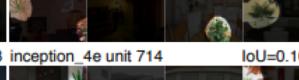
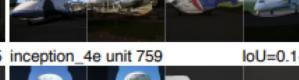
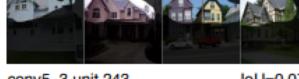
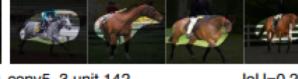
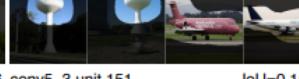
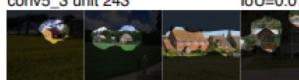
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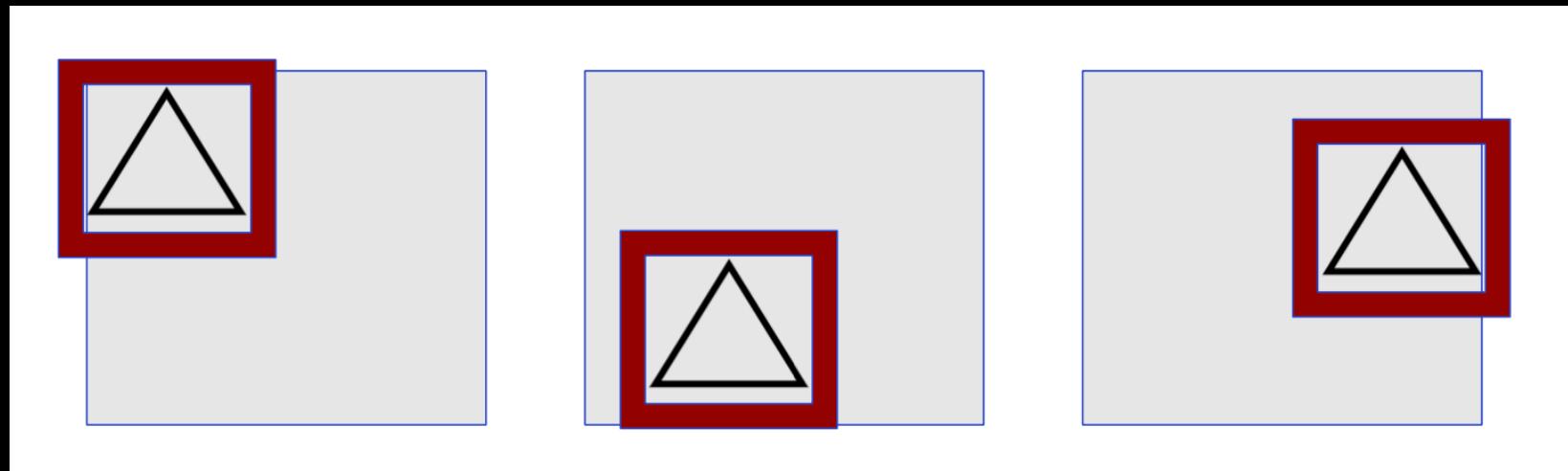
# Layer 3



# Network Dissection

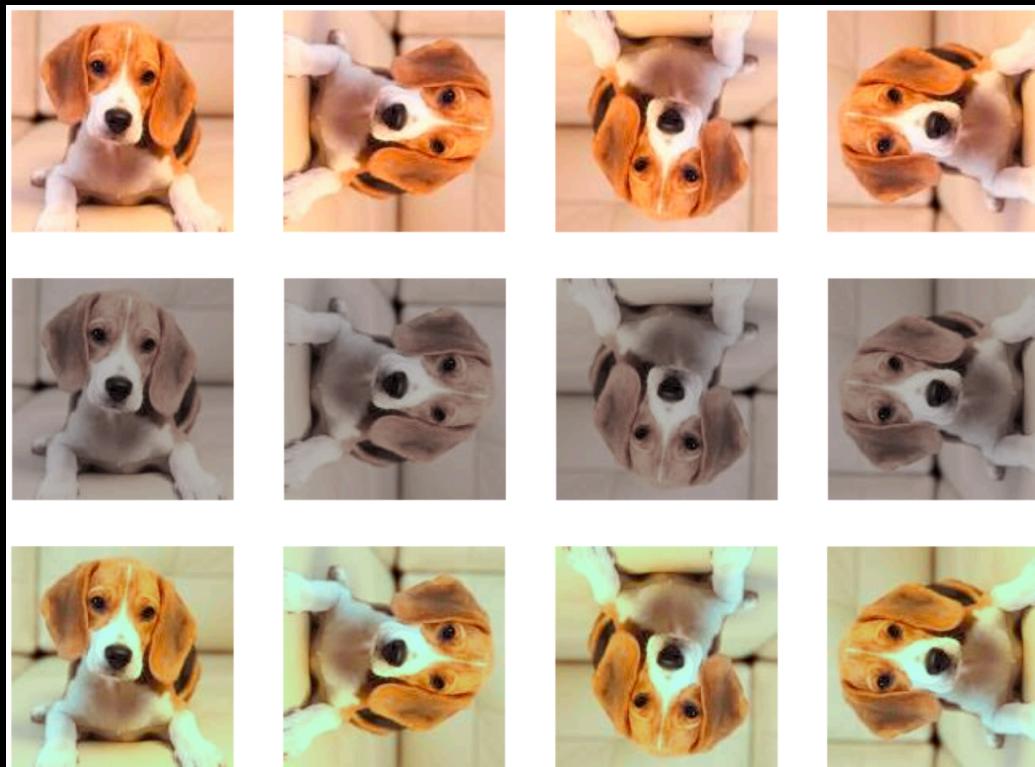
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	res5c unit 301 	IoU=0.087 	res5c unit 1718 	IoU=0.193 res5c unit 2001 	IoU=0.255 res5c unit 766 
GoogleNet	inception_4e unit 789 	IoU=0.137 	inception_4e unit 750 	IoU=0.203 	IoU=0.145 
	inception_4e unit 175 	IoU=0.115 	inception_4e unit 225 	IoU=0.152 	IoU=0.143 
VGG-16	conv5_3 unit 243 	IoU=0.070 	conv5_3 unit 142 	IoU=0.205 	IoU=0.126 
	conv5_3 unit 102 	IoU=0.070 	conv5_3 unit 491 	IoU=0.112 	IoU=0.058 

# Translation Invariance

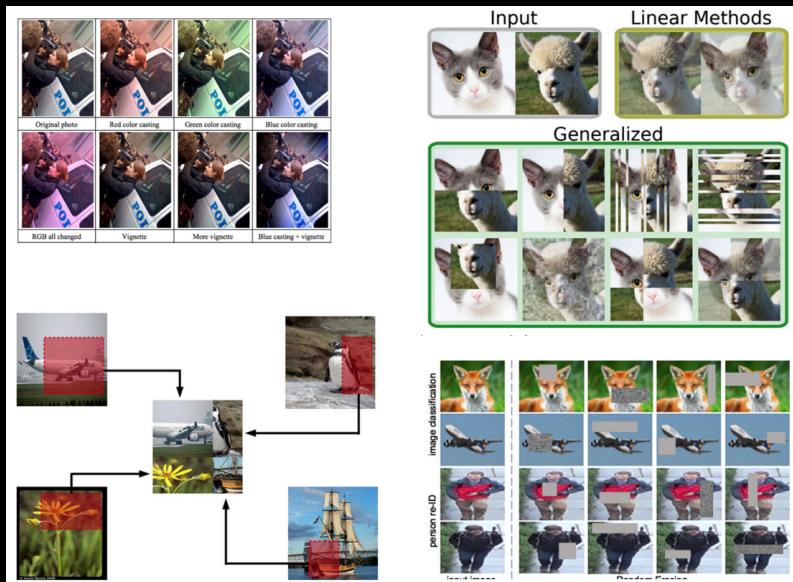


But not rotation and scaling  
invariance!

# What about generalisation?

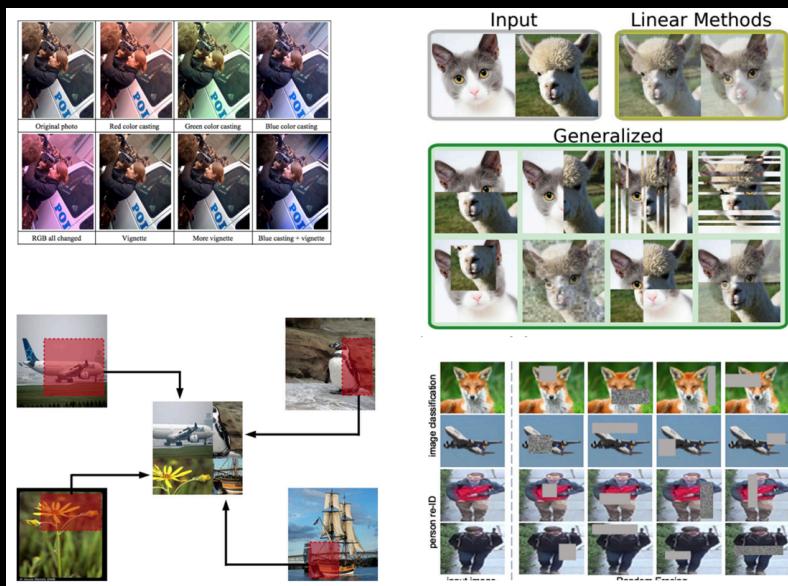


# Data Augmentation



- Generate variations of the input data
  - To improve generalisability (out-of-distribution inputs)
- Improve invariance (rotation, scaling, distortion)

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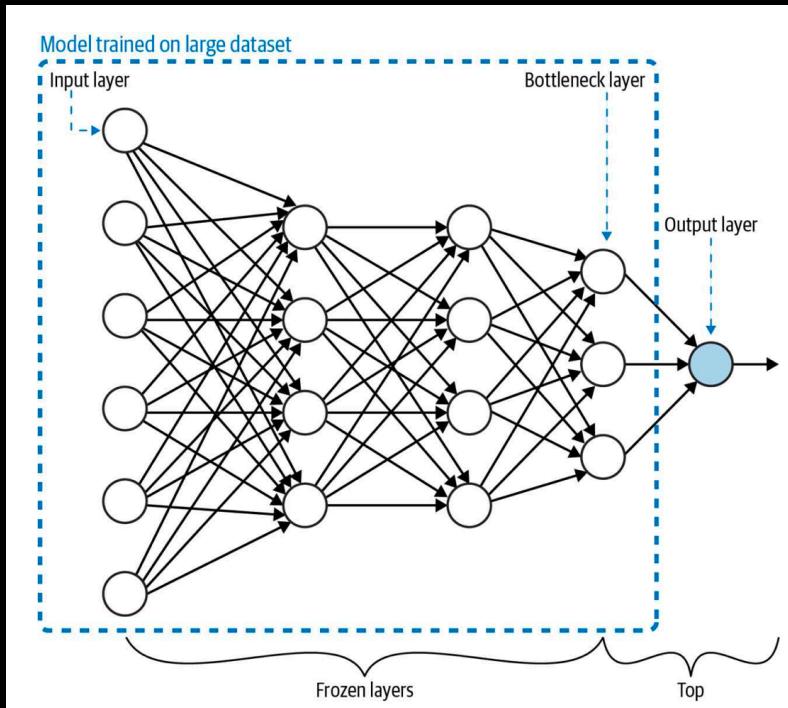


- Geometric
- Flipping, Cropping, Rotation, Translation,
- Noise Injection
- Color space transformation
- Mixing Images
- Random erasing
- Adversarial training
- GAN-based image generation

# Robustness to input variation



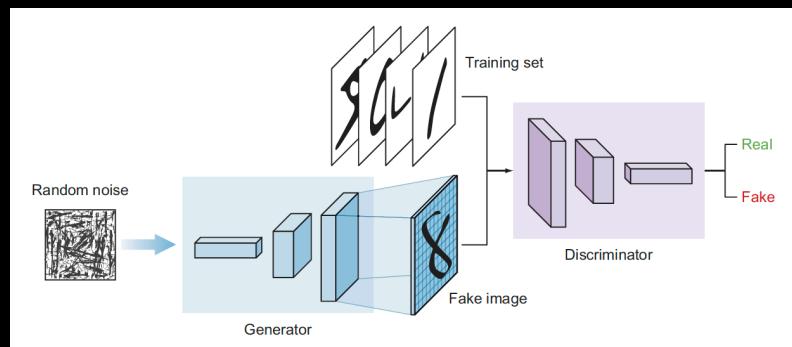
# Transfer Learning



- **Problem:** training custom ML models requires huge datasets
- **Transfer learning:** take a model trained on the same data type for a similar task and apply it to a specialised task using our custom data.
  - **Same data:** same data modality. same types of images (e.g., professional pictures vs. Social media pictures)
  - **Similar tasks:** if you need a new object classification model, use a model pre-trained for object classification

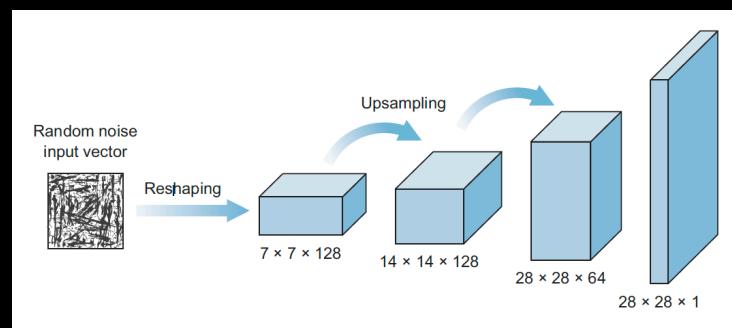
# Advanced Computer Vision Techniques

# Generative Adversarial Networks

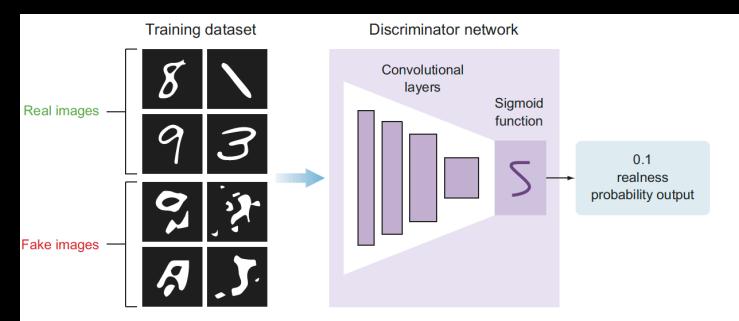


- Learn patterns from the training dataset and create new images that have a similar distribution of the training set
- Two deep neural networks that compete with each other
  - The **generator** tries to convert random noise into observations that look as if they have been sampled from the original dataset
  - The **discriminator** tries to predict whether an observation comes from the original dataset or is one of the generator's forgeries

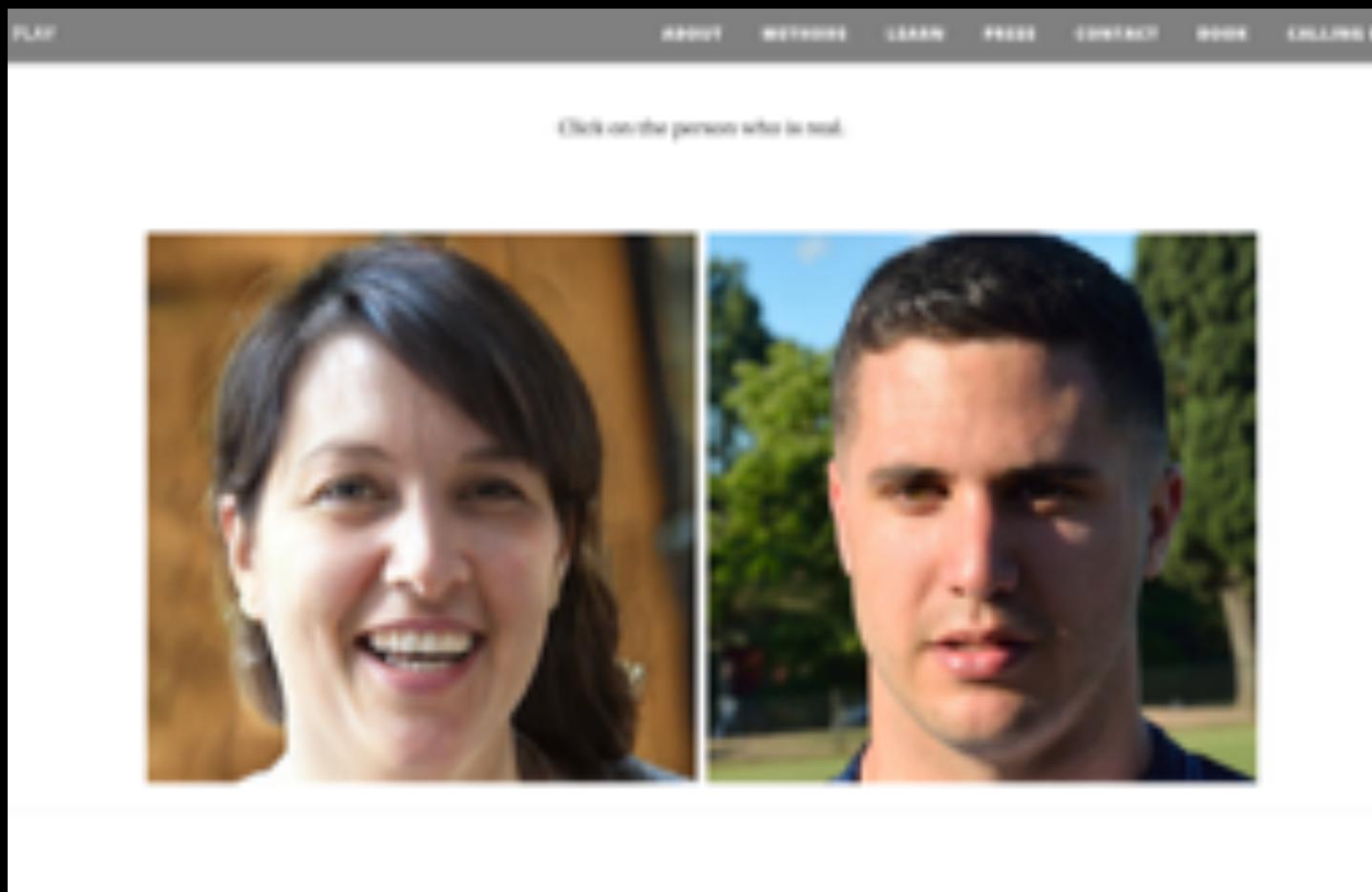
- The **generator's** architecture looks like an inverted CNN that starts with a narrow input and is upsampled a few times until it reaches the desired size



- The **discriminator**'s model is a typical classification neural network that aims to classify images generated by the generator as real or fake



# Which face is real?



# Image super-resolution GAN



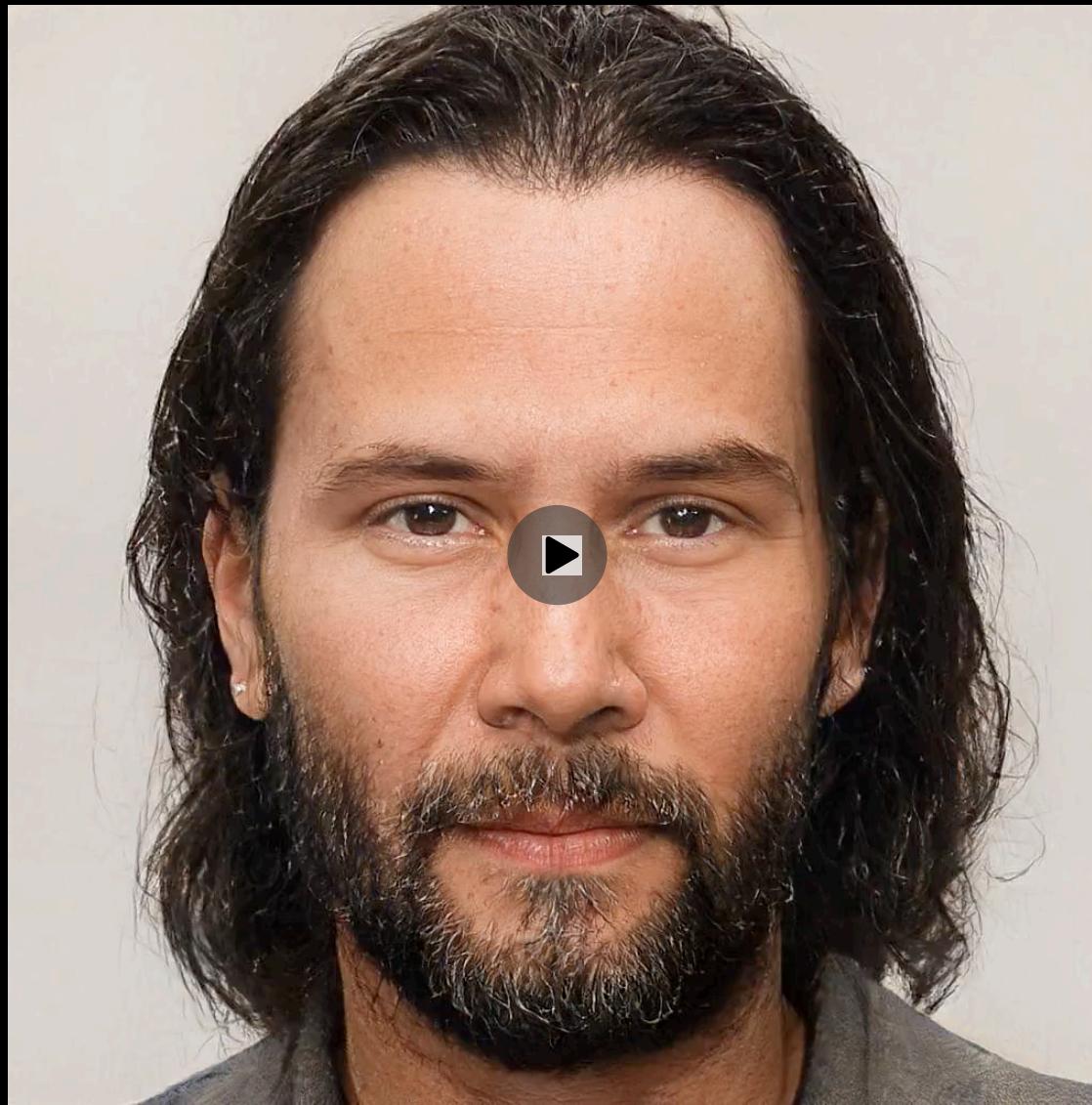
- A good technical summary.



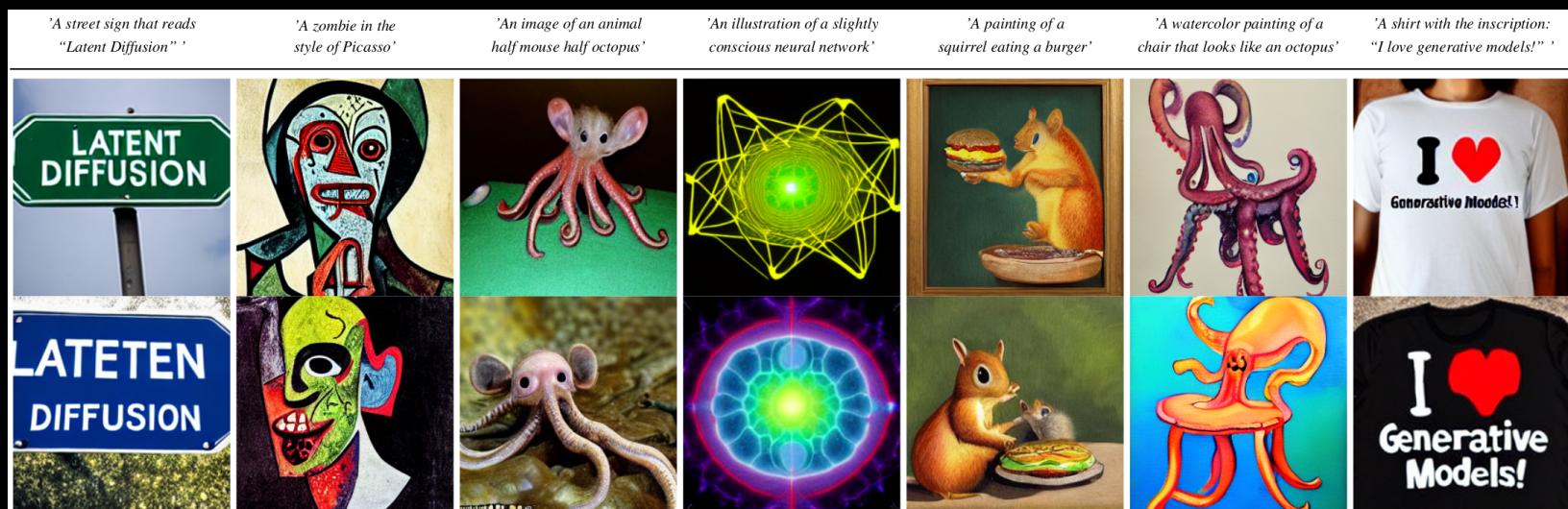
- ML-generated painting sold for \$432,500
- The network trained on a dataset of 15,000 portraits painted between the fourteenth and twentieth centuries
- Network “learned” the style and generated a new painting

# Neural Style Transfer





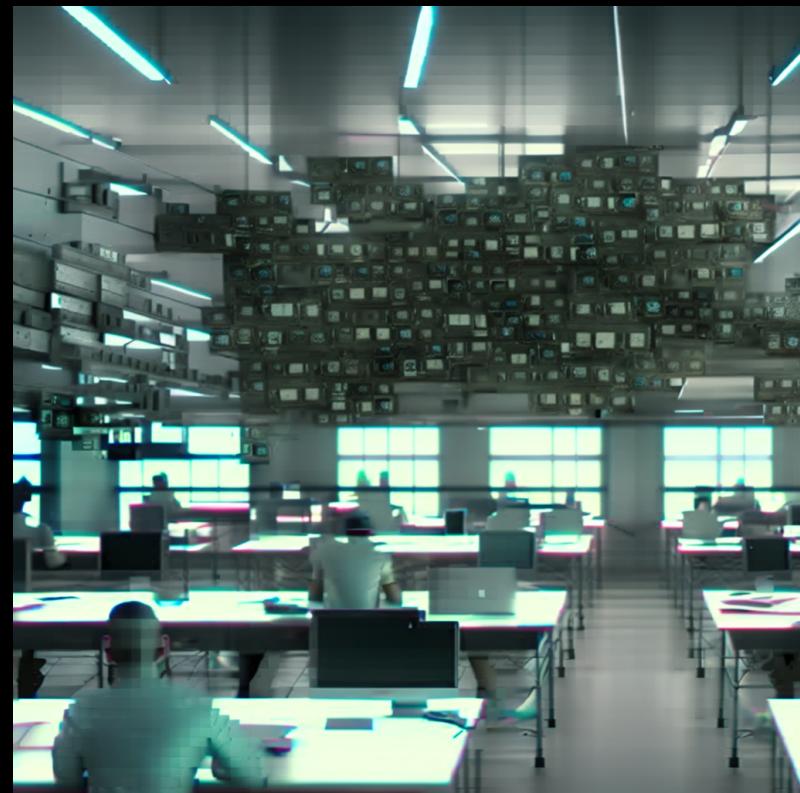
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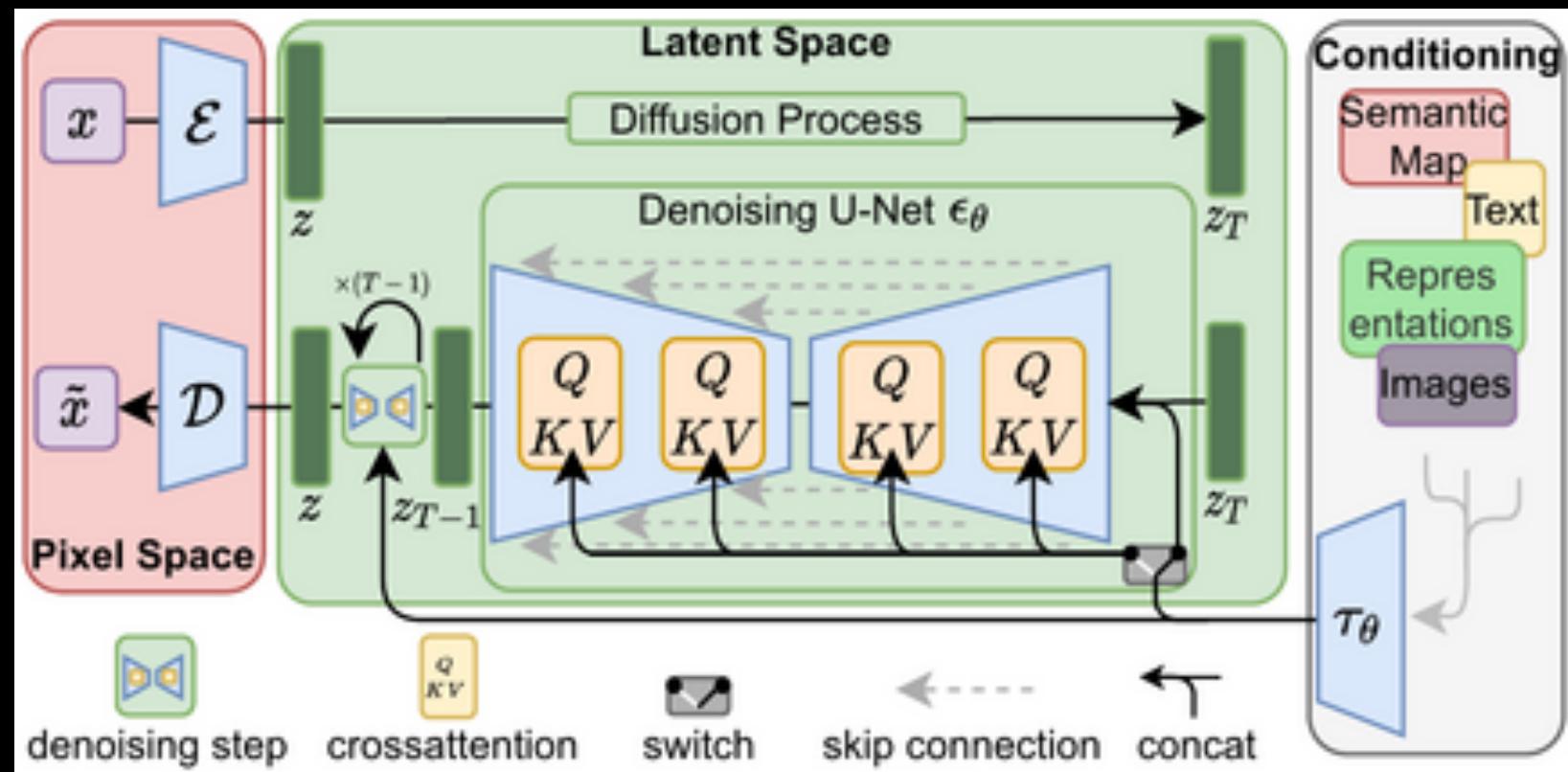


# Design



# Computer Science

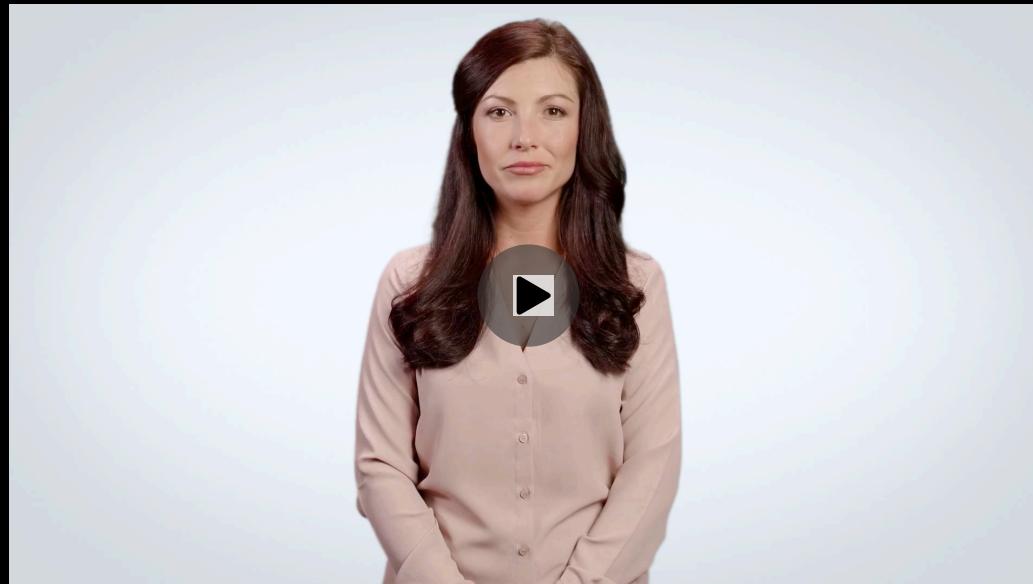




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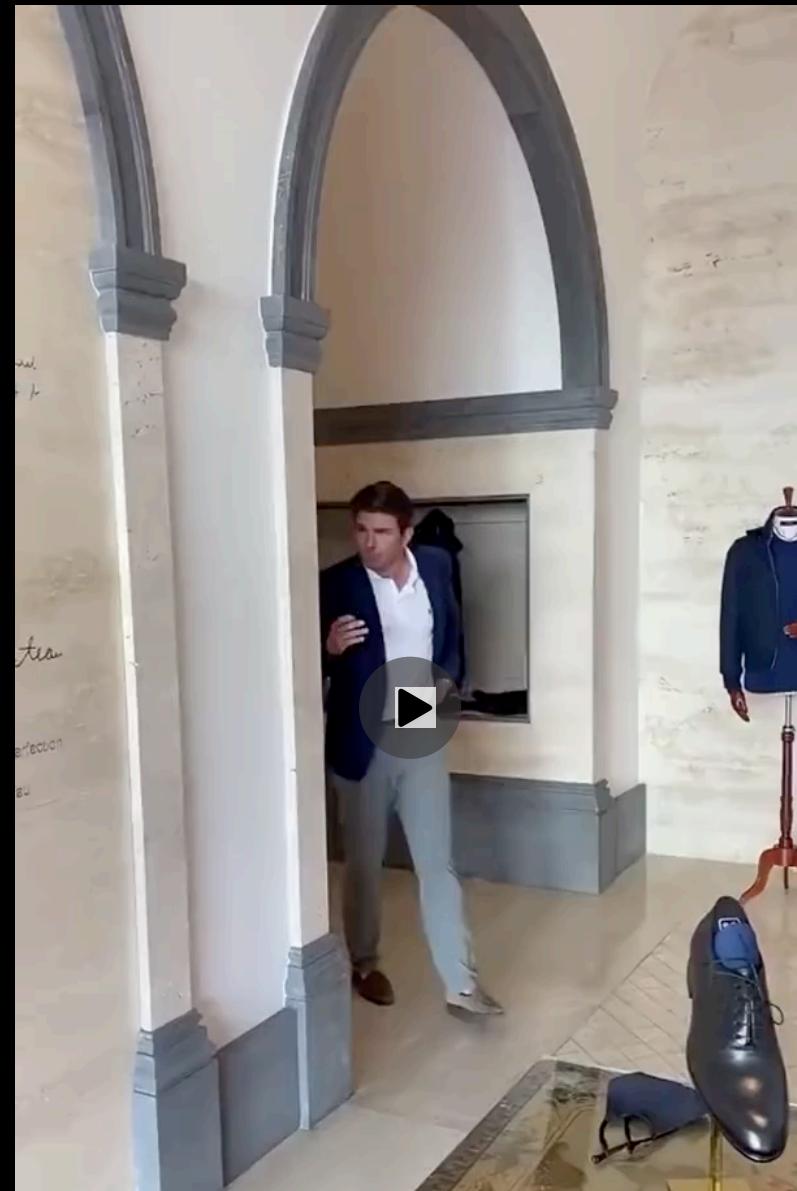
# Synthetic Video Generation



Generated from [Synthesia.io](#)

# Deep Fakes

Very realistic Tom  
Cruise Deepfake



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