

# EfficientNet: Rethinking Model Scaling for ConvNets

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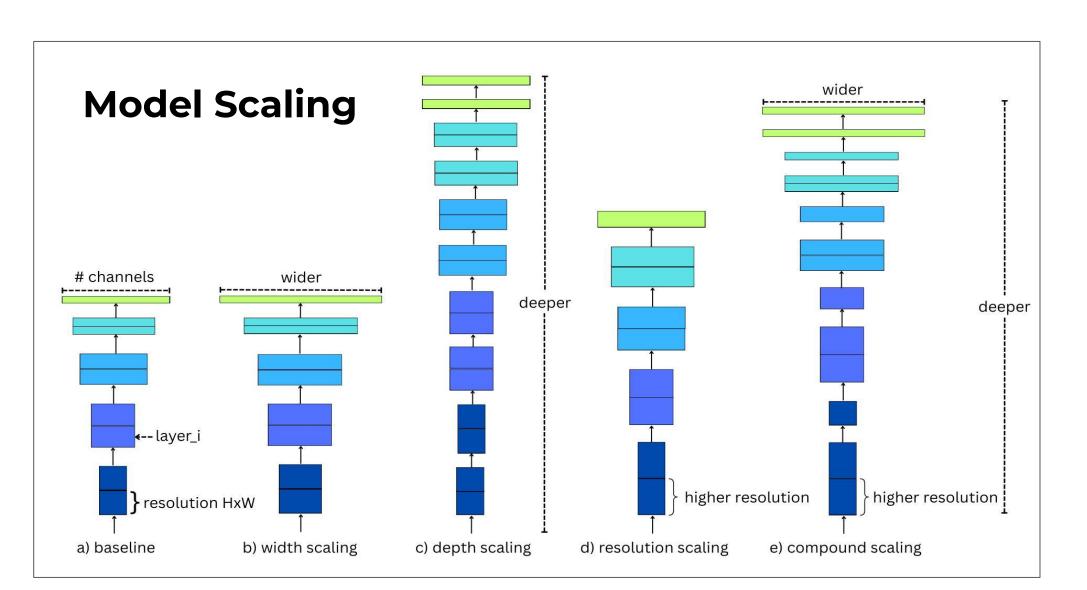
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#### Problem

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- Single-dimension scaling is inefficient: Scaling depth, width, or input resolution alone yields diminishing accuracy gains as you make models larger.
- No principled way to balance all three dimensions:
   Manually tuning combinations of layers, channels, and image size is tedious and sub-optimal.
- **Huge search space for ConvNet design:** Exploring every mix of depth/width/resolution for a given compute budget is prohibitively expensive.



## Paper's Solution

- Introduce a new baseline (EfficientNet-B0): Used neural-architecture search to find an efficient MobileNet-style backbone with MBConv+SE blocks.
- Compound scaling rule: Uniformly scale depth, width, and resolution by:

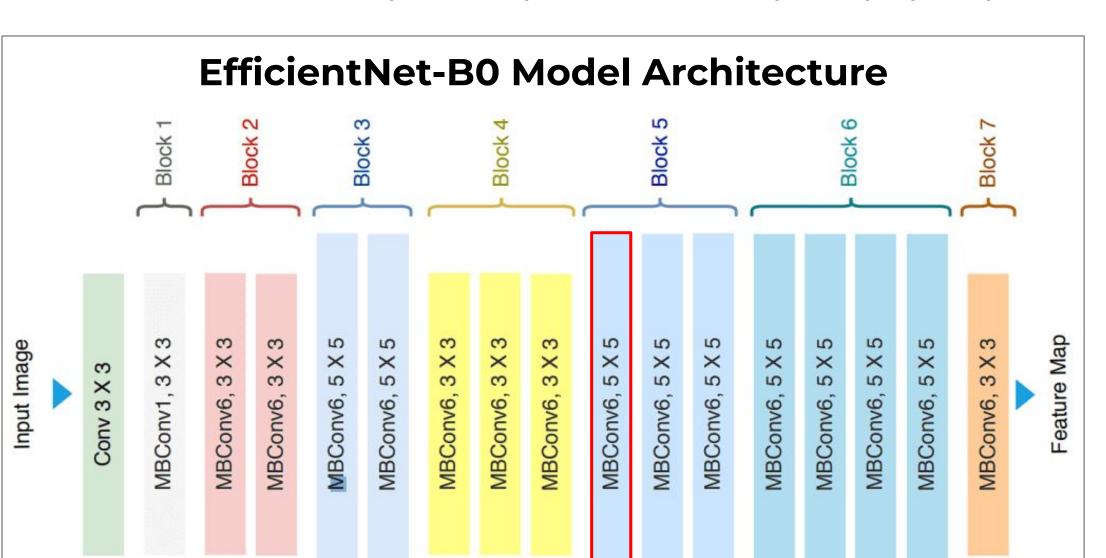
$$d = \alpha^{\phi}, \ w = \beta^{\phi}, \qquad r = \gamma^{\phi}$$

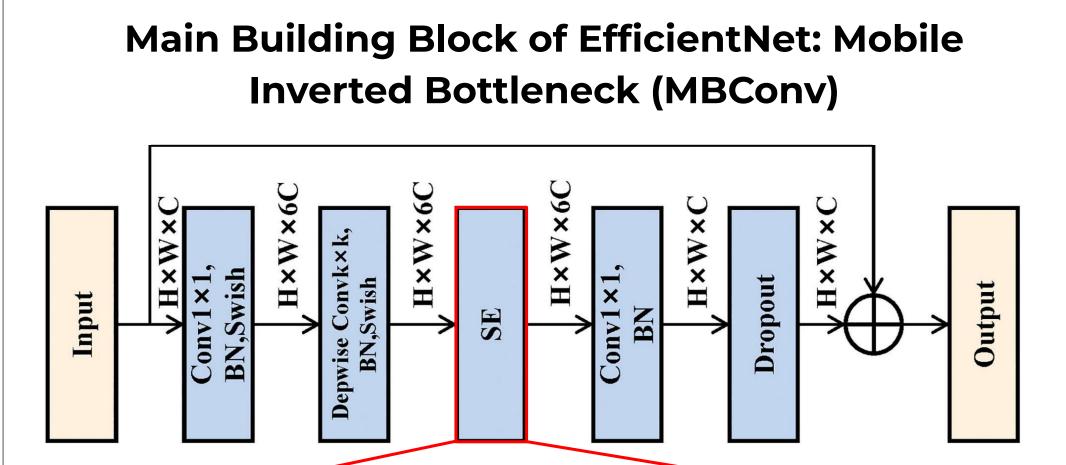
with coefficients  $\alpha$  = 1.2,  $\beta$  = 1.1,  $\gamma$  = 1.15 chosen via a small grid search.

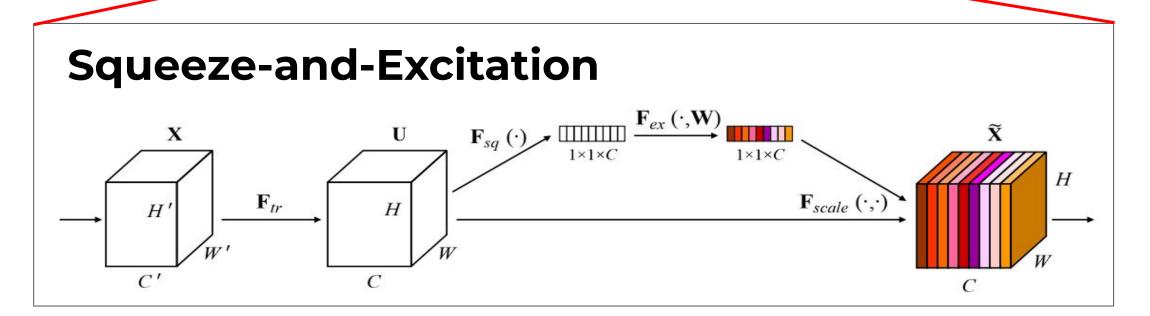
- Generate a model family (B0–B7): Vary the compound coefficient  $\phi$  to smoothly trade off compute vs. accuracy.
- **Dramatic efficiency gains:** Achieve up to 8× fewer parameters and 6× faster inference for the same (or better) ImageNet accuracy!

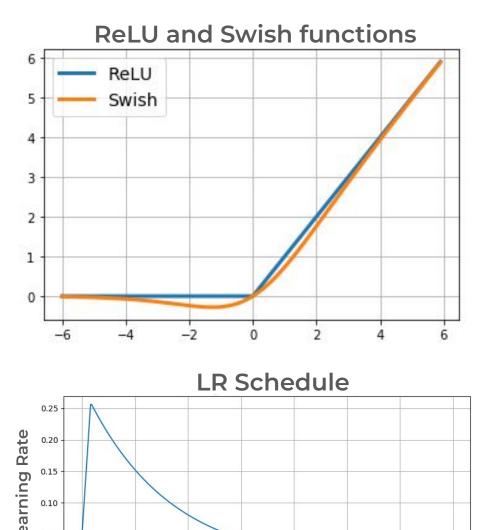
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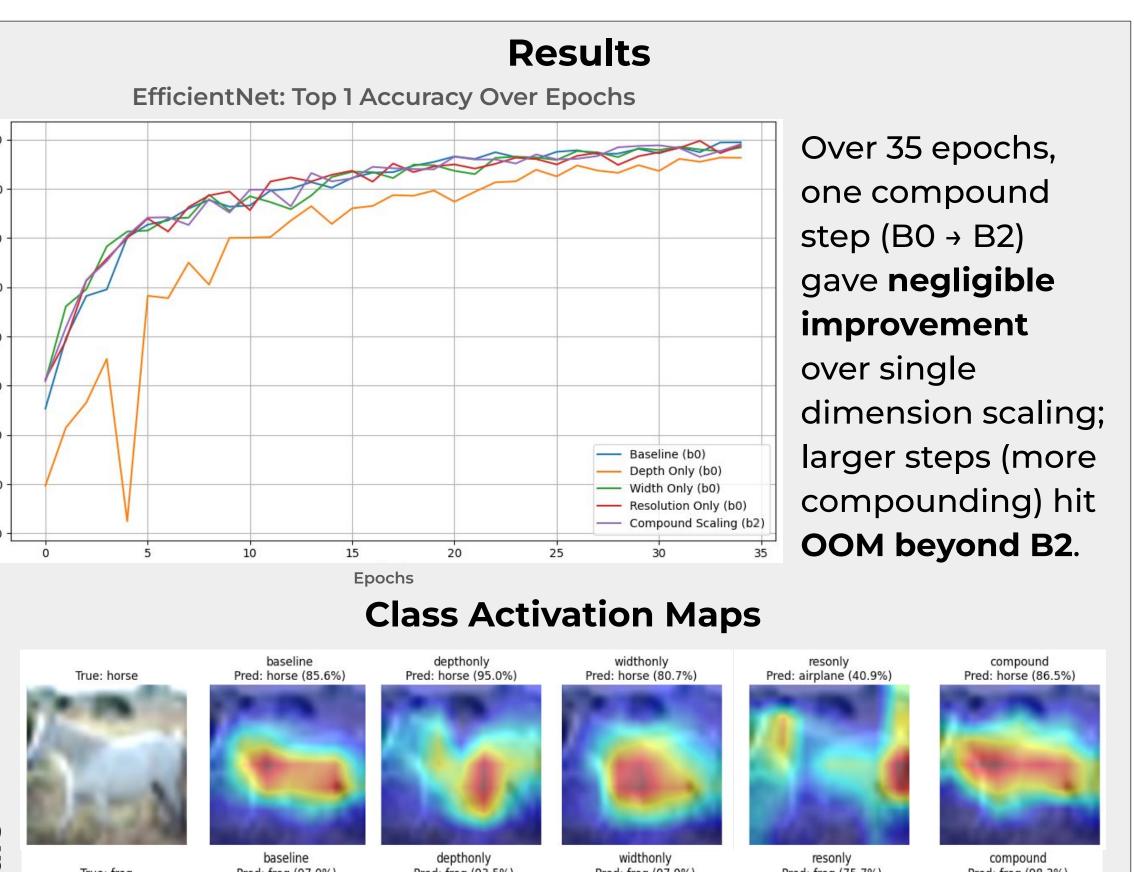






## **Our Methodology**

- Dataset: <u>CIFAR-10</u> (60K images, 10 classes).
- Models: B0 (baseline), depth-only, width-only, resolution-only, B2 (compound).
- Optimizer: RMSProp
   (momentum = 0.9, α = 0.9, ε = 0.1)
   with linear → exponential learning rate decay.
- **Training**: 35 epochs (vs. 350 in paper).



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Model	Our FLOPS	Our Top 1 Acc	Paper FLOPS	Paper Top 1
Baseline B0 model	0.82B	89.45%	0.4B	77.3%
Scale by depth (B0)	3.35B	86.31%	1.8B	79.0%
Scale by width (B0)	3.02B	88.40%	1.8B	78.9%
Scale by resolution (B0)	3.27B	88.80%	1.9B	79.1%
Compound scale (B2)	1.82B	85.21%	1.8B	81.1%
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**Table 1.** Scaling effect on FLOPS and Top-1 Accuracy

#### **Conclusion/Future Work:**

- **Conclusion:** Our findings did not directly align with the paper's key insight. Compound scaling did not seem to deliver noticeable gains than scaling any single dimension alone.
- Future Work:
  - Extend experiments across the full EfficientNet family (B0–B7)
  - Match the original training schedule (350 epochs) for fair comparison
  - Scale up to and evaluate on the full ImageNet dataset instead of just CIFAR-10