AI for the Media

Week 6, Domain 2 Domain

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Overview

Domain 2 Domain Models (*pre-recorded lecture*):

- **What can we do** with these models?
- **What does the model need?**
  - Combining what we already learned about to make this work!
- **Limitations and follow-up models**

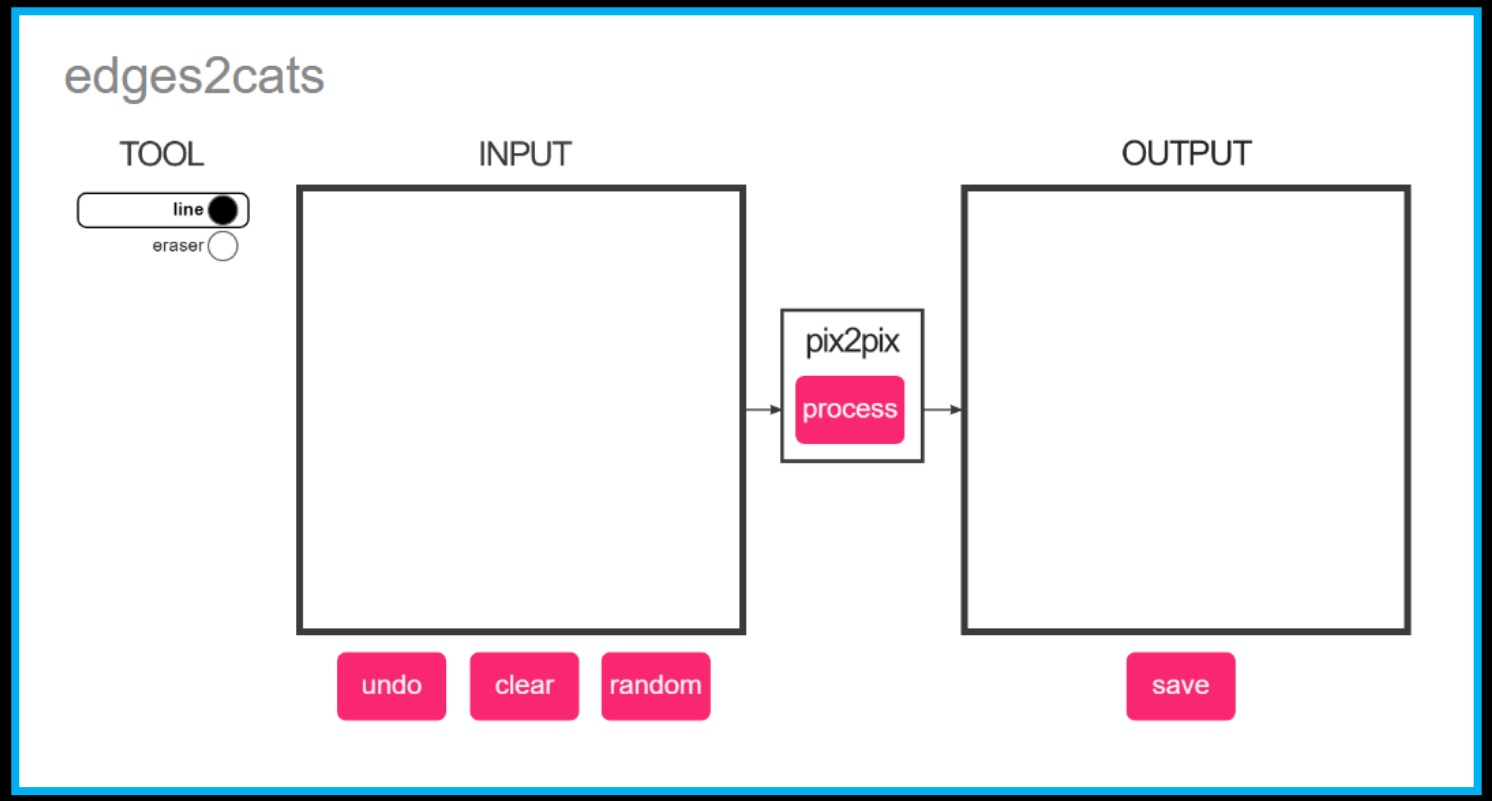
Practical session (*during the live session*):

- **Code**: Training a pix2pix model

I Motivation

Motivation for today

Domain to domain (or image to image**) models**



pix2pix (2017)

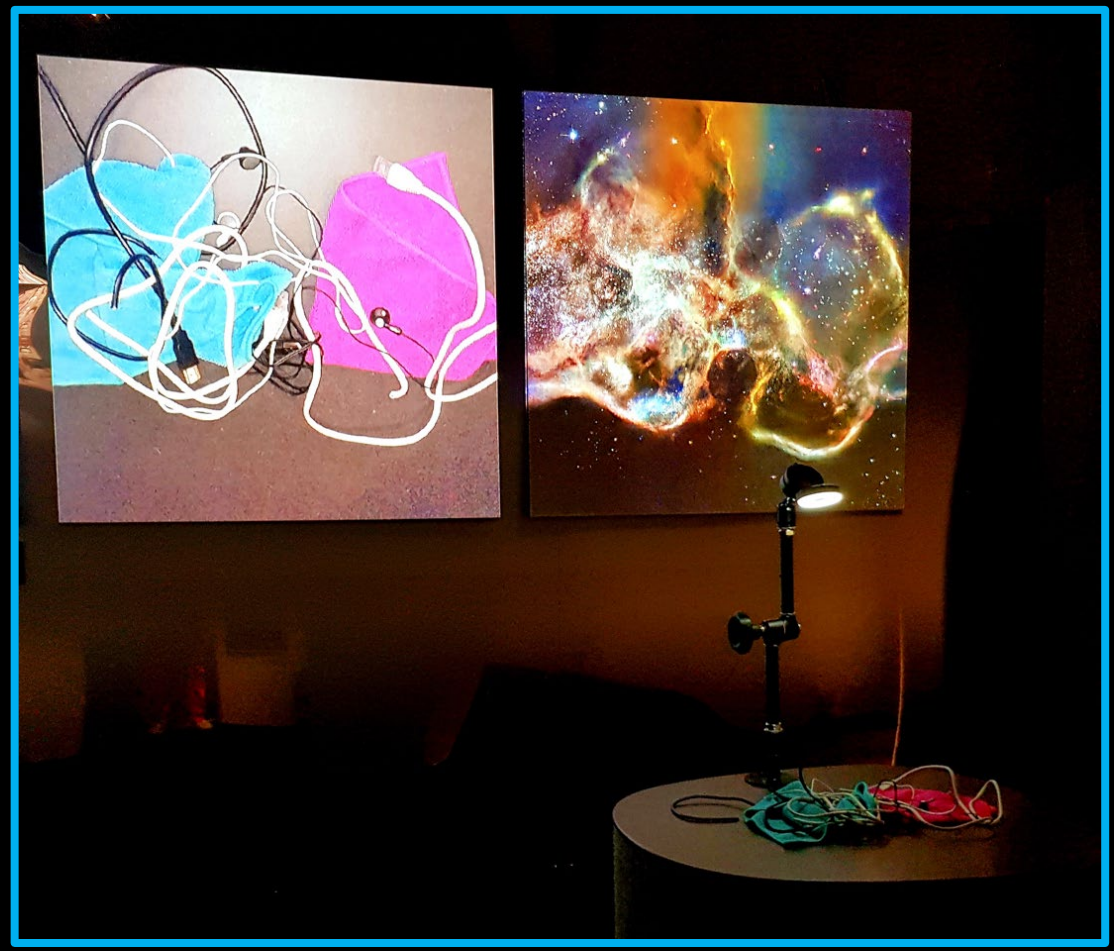
Online demo:

affinelayer.com/pixsrv/

Example 1: Learning to see…

- Custom **pix2pix** running in real-time and interactively at the “AI: More than Human” exhibition at Barbican

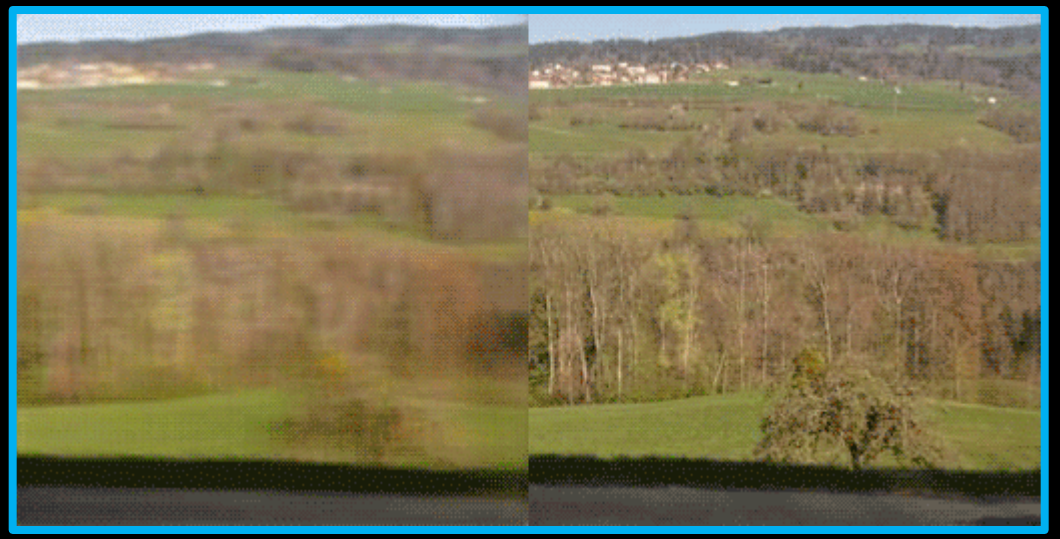
Video: vimeo.com/260612034
Info: memo.tv/works/learning-to-see/



Learning to see: Gloomy Sunday, Memo Akten, 2017

Example 2: Predicting the future …

- Uses **pix2pix** trained on a sequence of frames from a video
  - Also shows the progress of the trained network (rubbish at the beginning, but gets better)



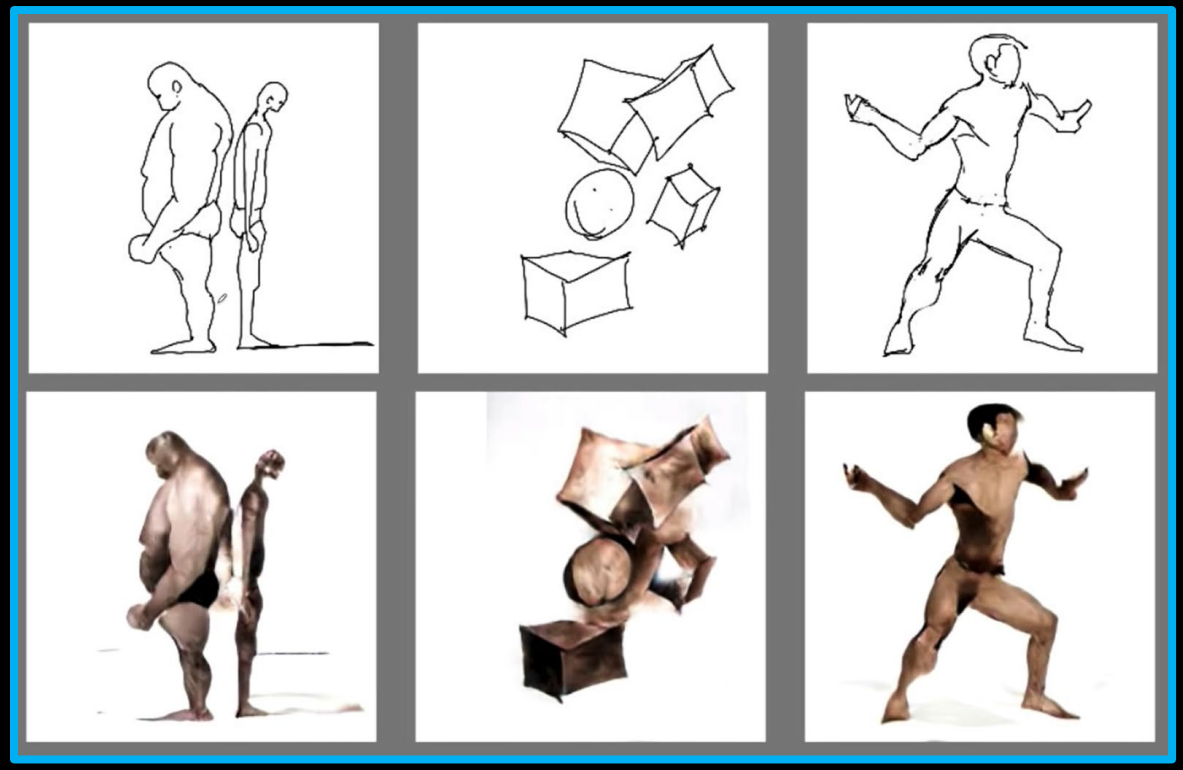
Video: youtube.com/watch?v=lr59AhOPgWQ
Blog: https://magenta.tensorflow.org/nfp_p2p

Predicting the future, one frame at a time, Damien Henry, 2017

Example 3: Sculpting with AI …

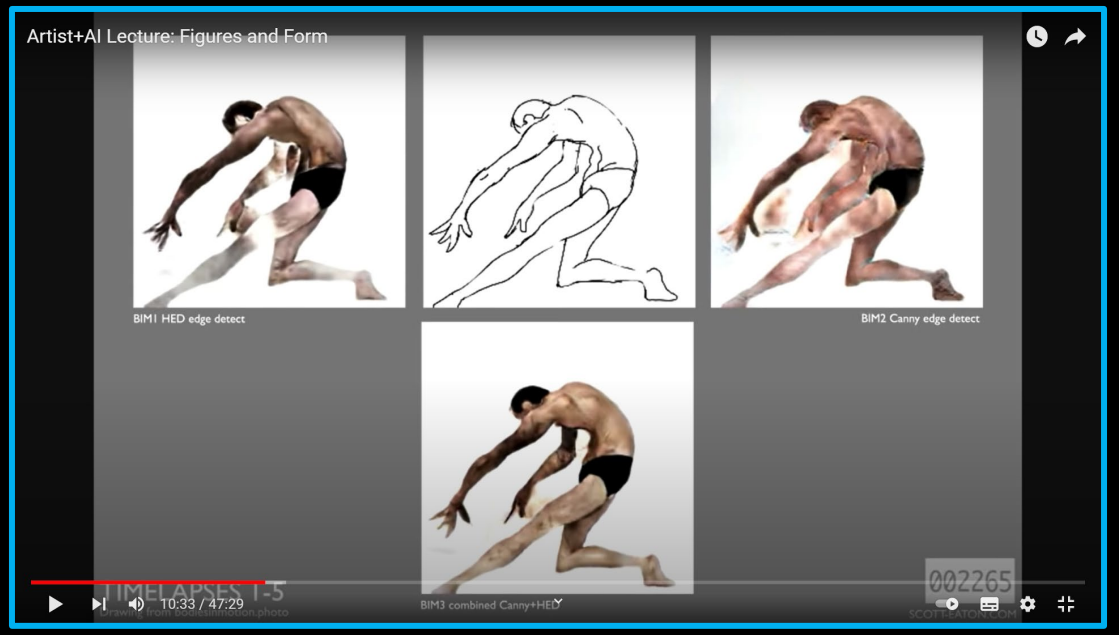
- Improved versions of **pix2pix** trained with custom dataset of human bodies

Video: youtube.com/watch?v=TN7Ydx9ygPo
Info: nvidia.com/en-us/research/ai-art-gallery/artists/scott-eaton/



"Human Allocation of Space" and "Experiments with Geometry & Motion, I", Scott Eaton, 2019-2020

Scott Eaton's description



https://youtu.be/TN7Ydx9ygPo?t=480

(around 2 mins)

Motivation for today

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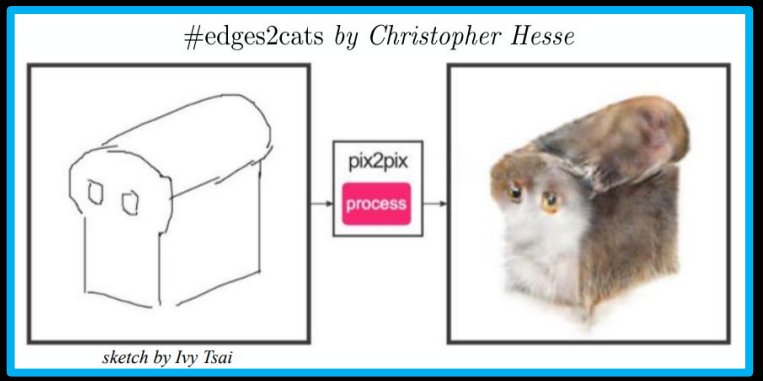
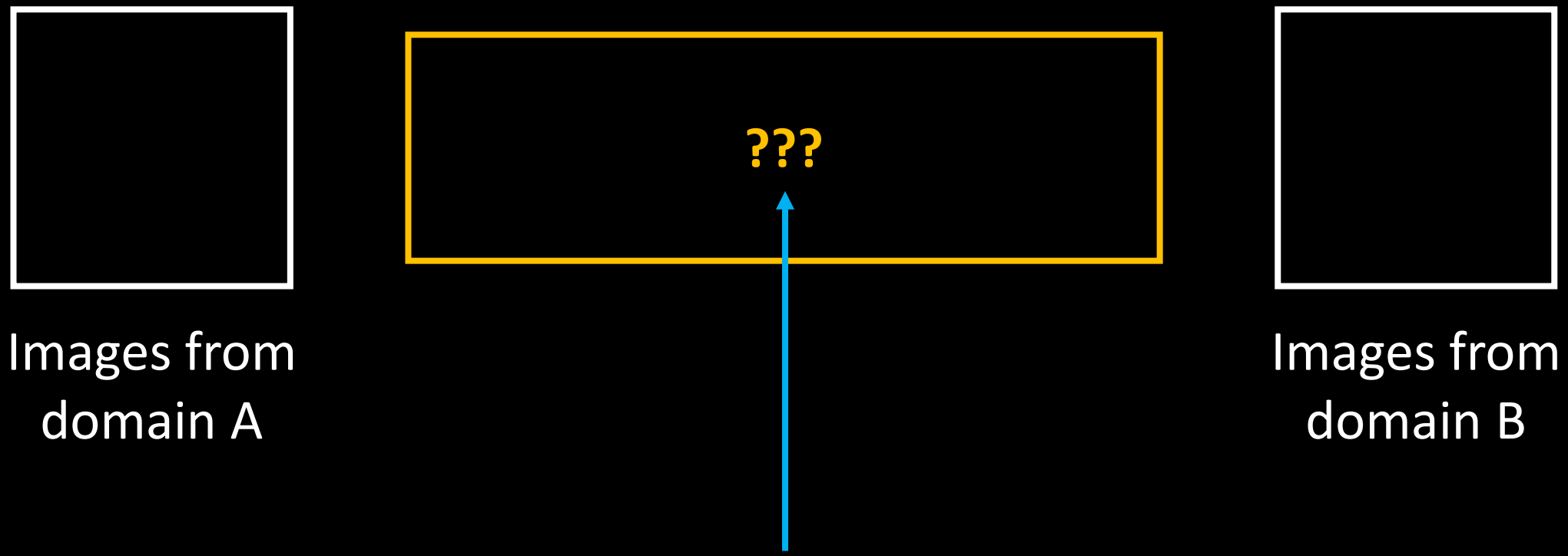
Then use the model on new kinds of data:



II How to get there?

Domain to Domain



What kind of model can we use here?

Convolutional layers (recap)

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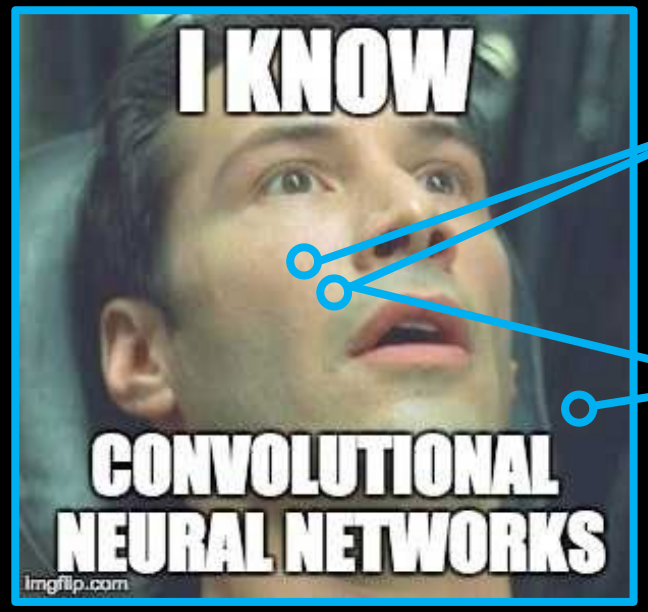

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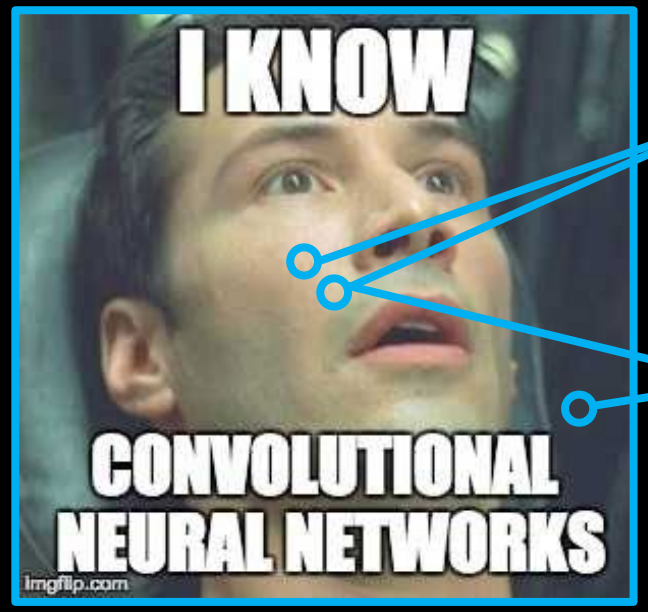

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Manual Convolutional filter:

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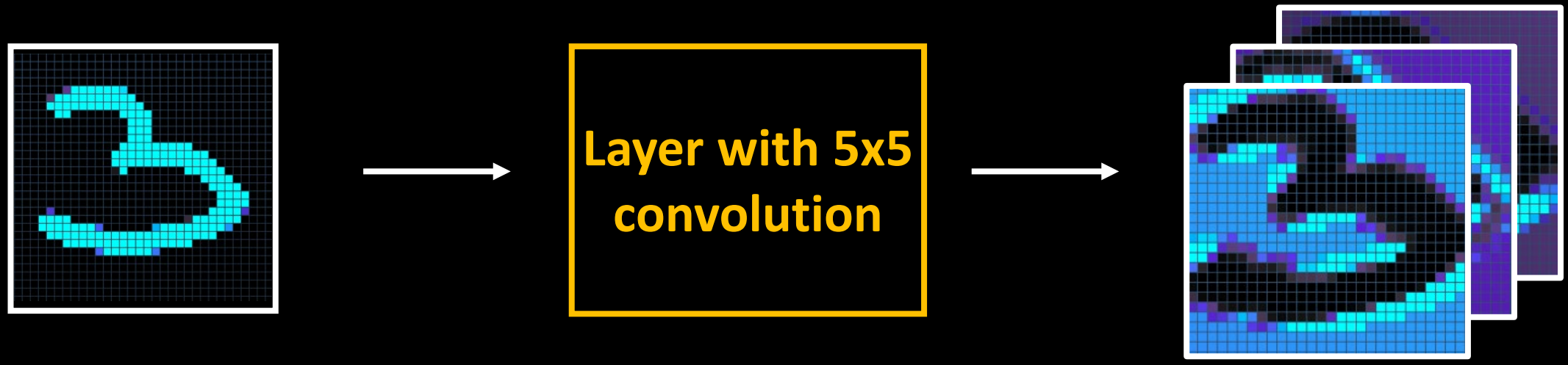
-2	-1	0
-1	1	1
0	1	2

3x3 conv

Convolutional layers (recap)

Learned Convolutional filters:

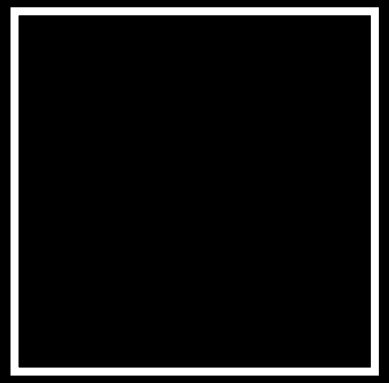


Input to the layer

Outputs of the convolution

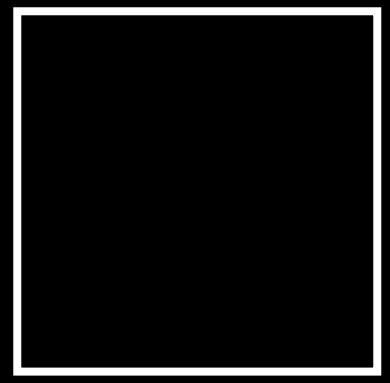
- Interactive Convolutional Neural Network (runs in the browser and has good visualization): cs.cmu.edu/~aharley/vis/conv/flat.html

First idea: Convolutional NN



Images from domain A

Fully Convolutional Neural Network ?

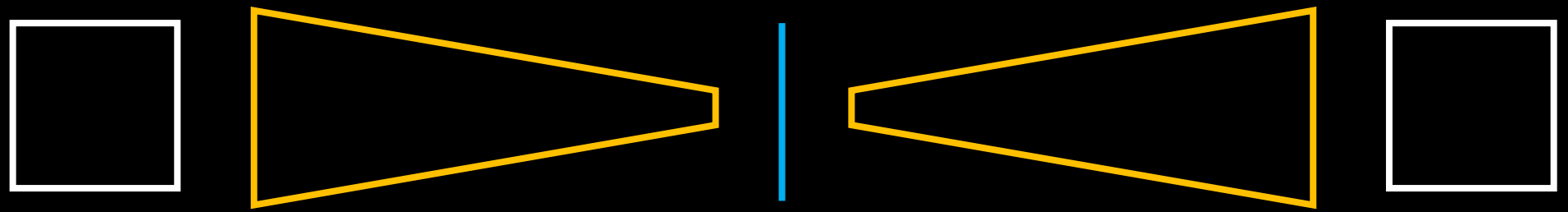


Images from domain B

- “Fully Convolutional” with only convolutional layers
- Problem: Too complicated task, no separation for different object sizes

Encoder-Decoder models (recap)

Auto-encoder models



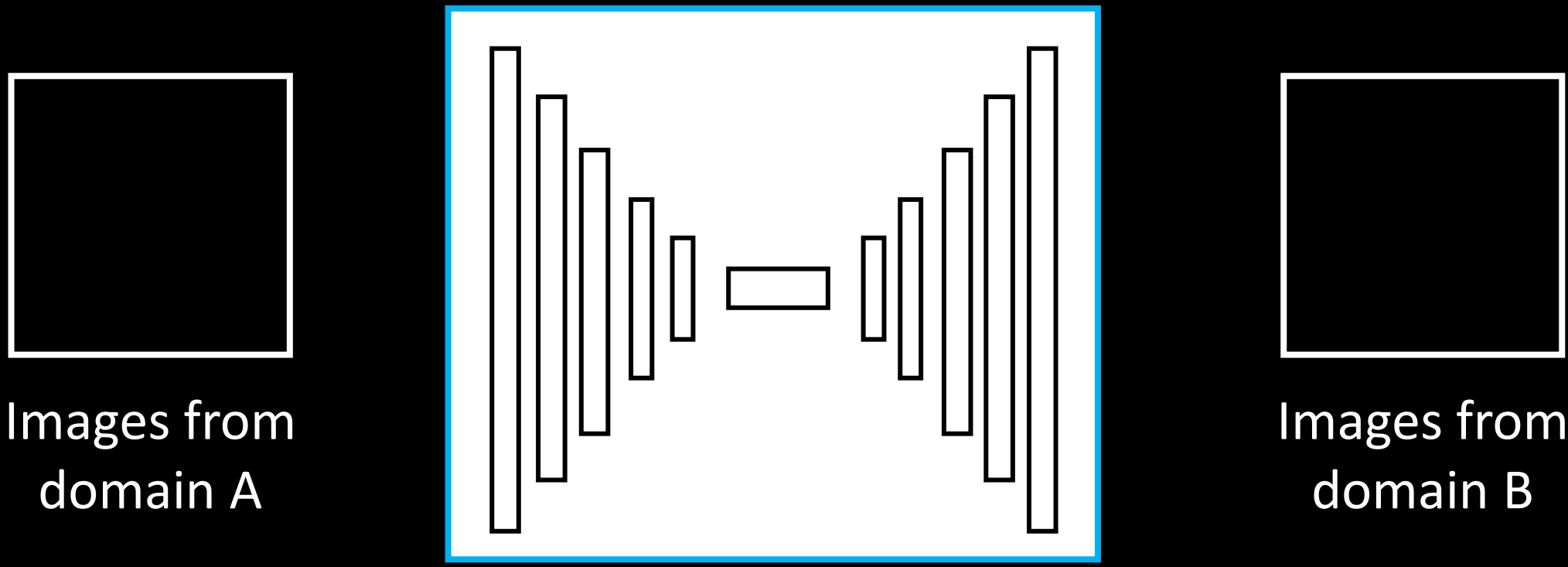
Input image

Latent vector

Reconstructed image

- AE models are trained to reconstruct images as best as they can, while forcing the image through a lower dimensional latent vector

Second idea: Auto-Encoders



- Encoder-decoder architecture to learn the translation?
- Problem: AE models force the reconstruction through a small bottleneck
  - We loose a lot of information in the process and the results would be *blurry*

*) PS: now it’s a good time to take a pause

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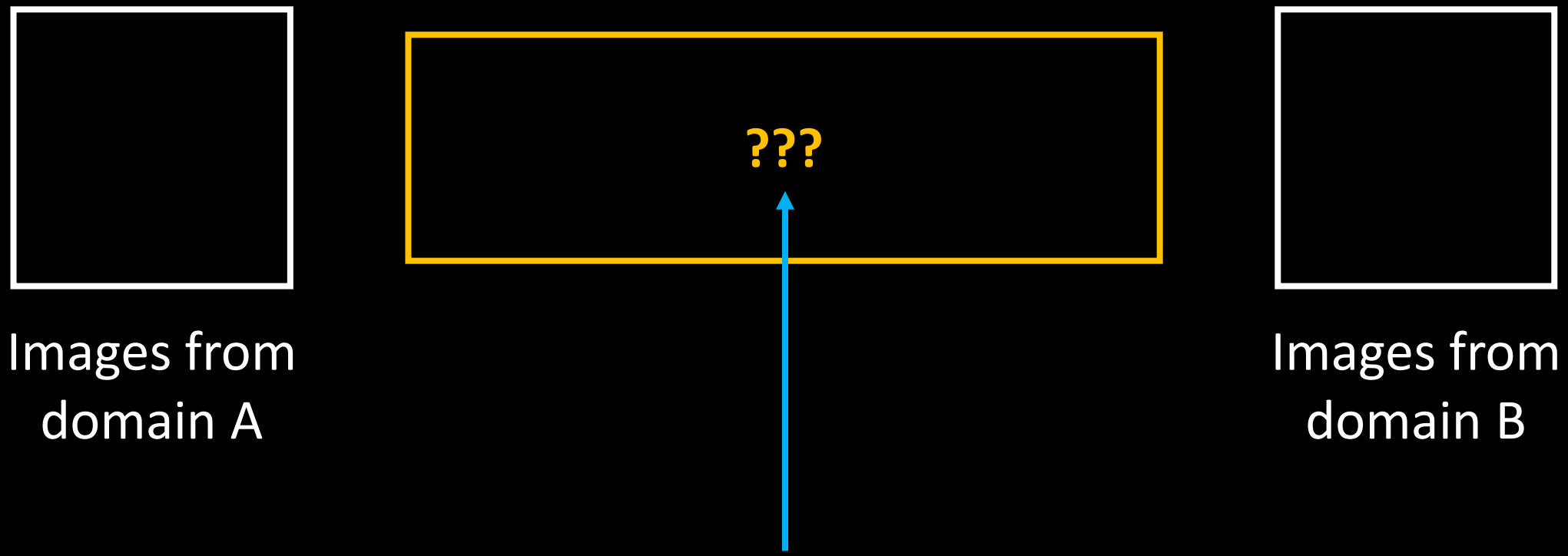
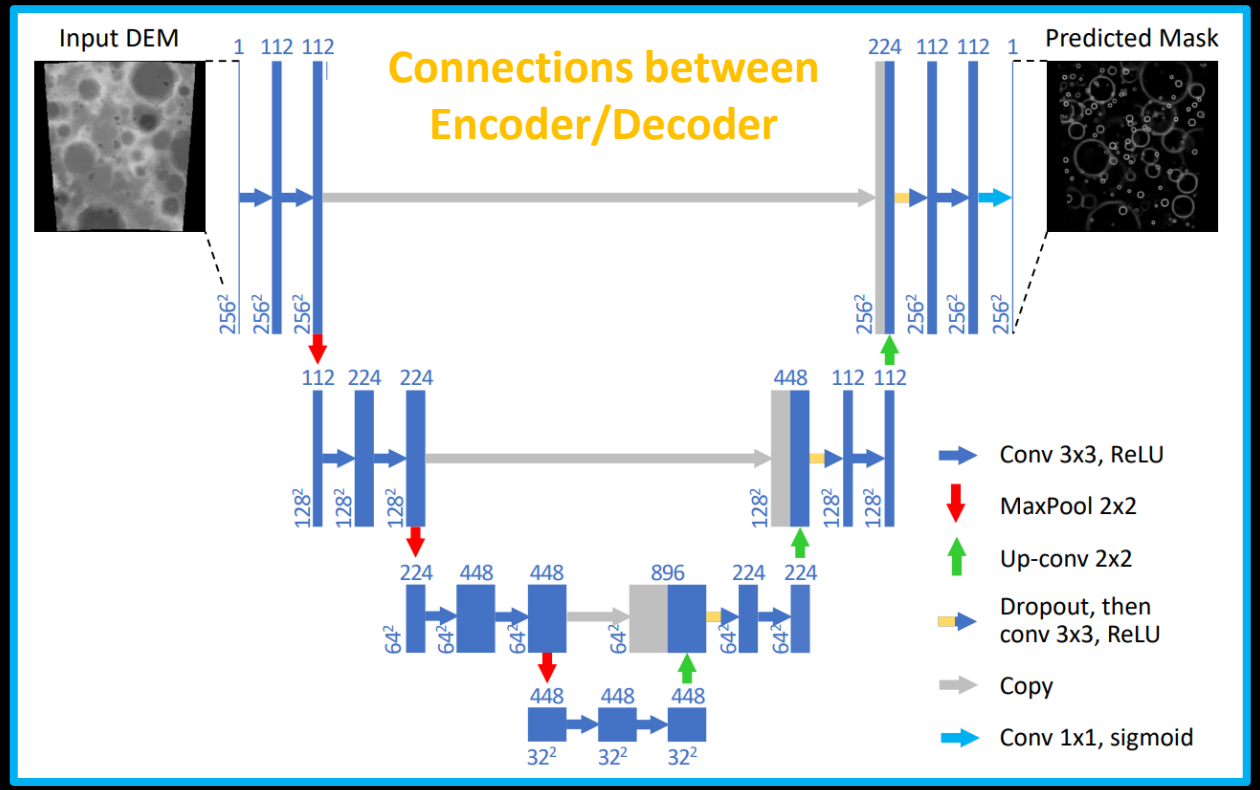


What kind of model can we use here?

Not: Fully Conv NNs, AutoEncoders, …

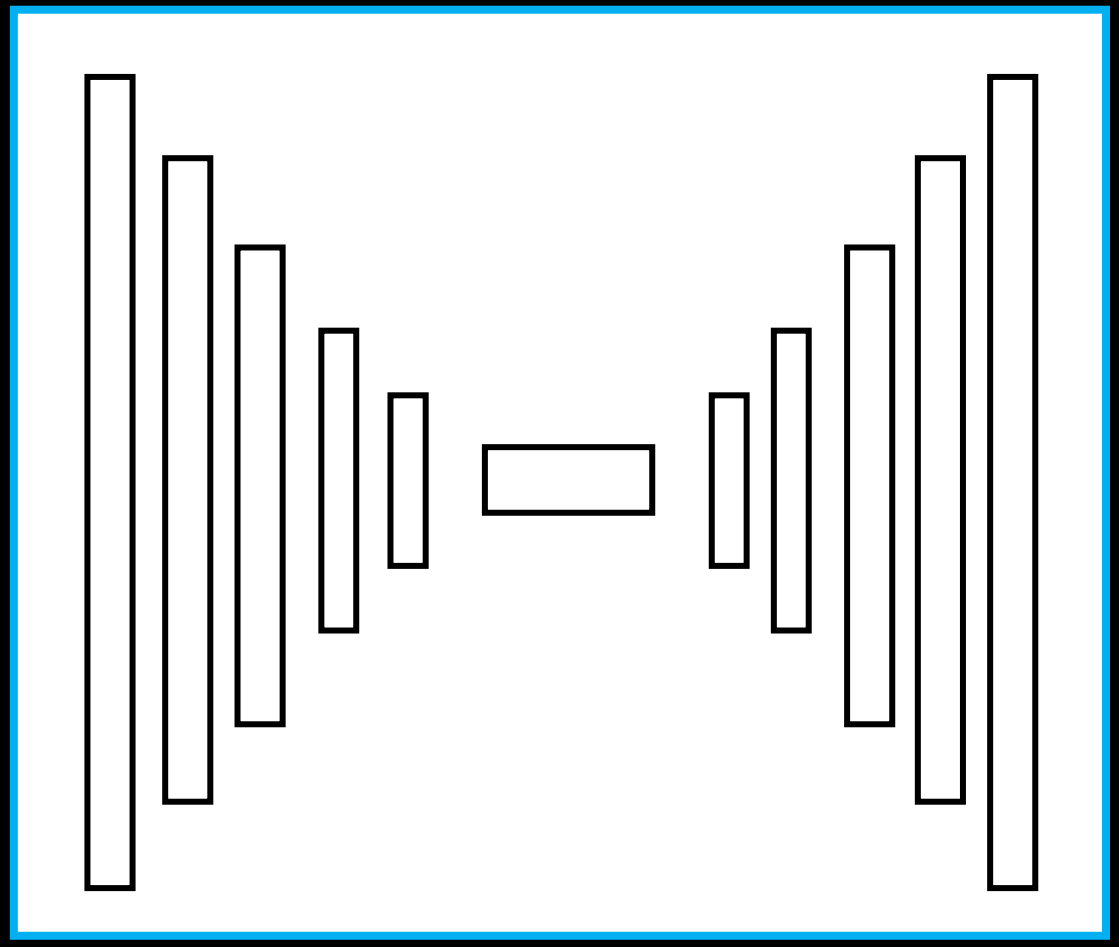
Adding skip connections

- Idea for the **U-Net model**:
  - Add **skip connections** between the encoder and decoder networks
  - Paper with U-Net applied on the task of lunar crater identification



(PS: U-Net is from 2015, this paper from 2018)

U-Net



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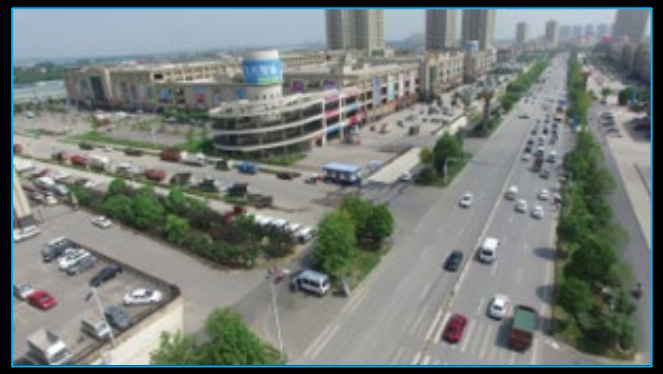
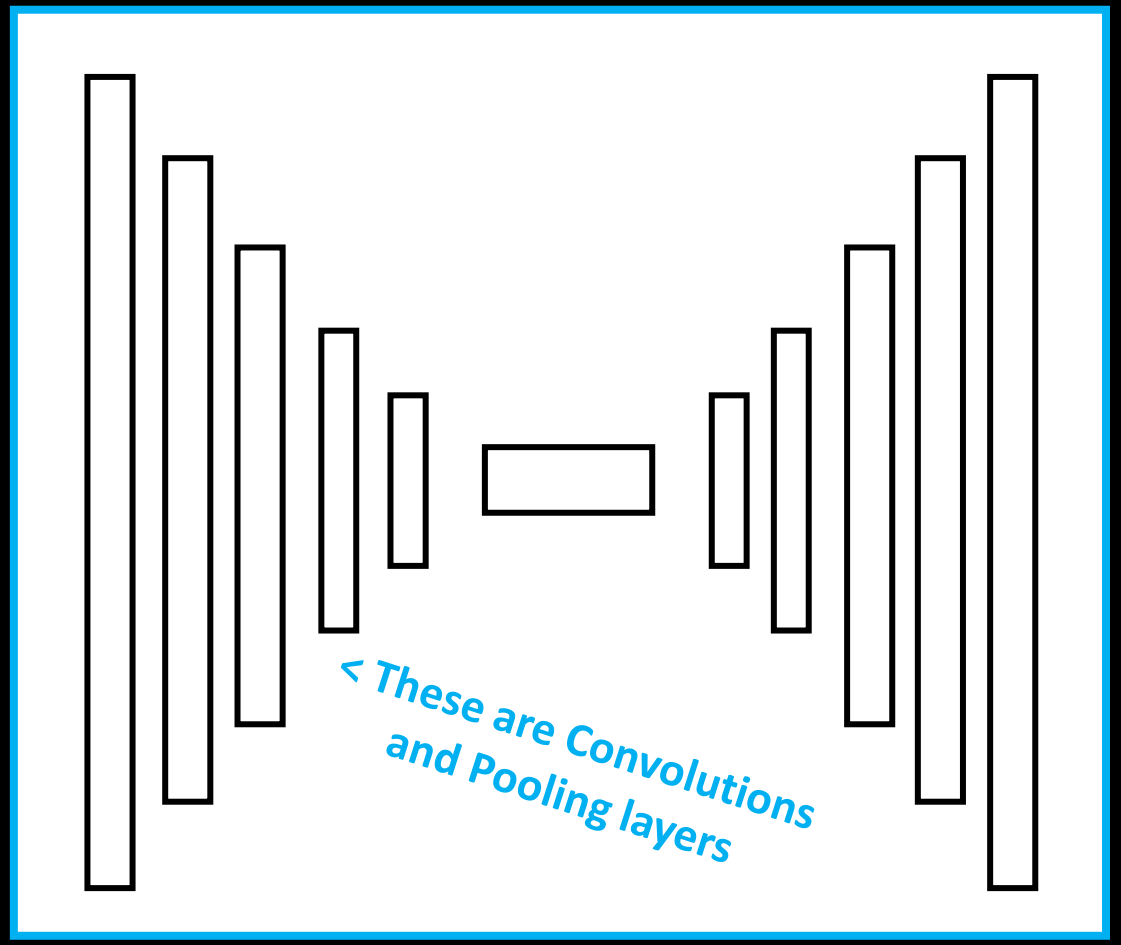
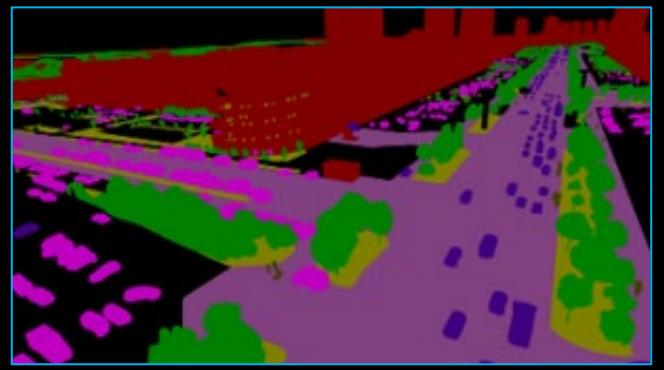


Images from one "domain"

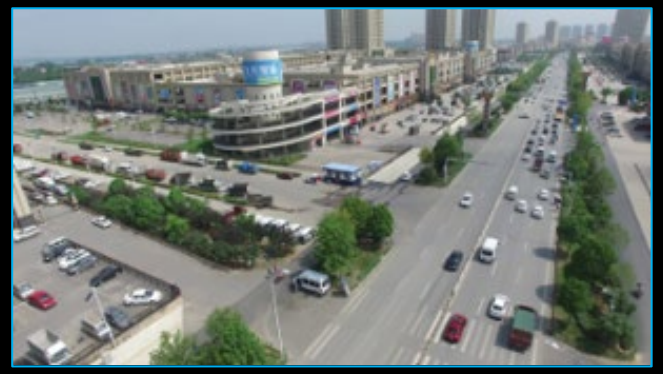




Paired images from another "domain"

- Connects one image to another while going through a bottleneck

U-Net



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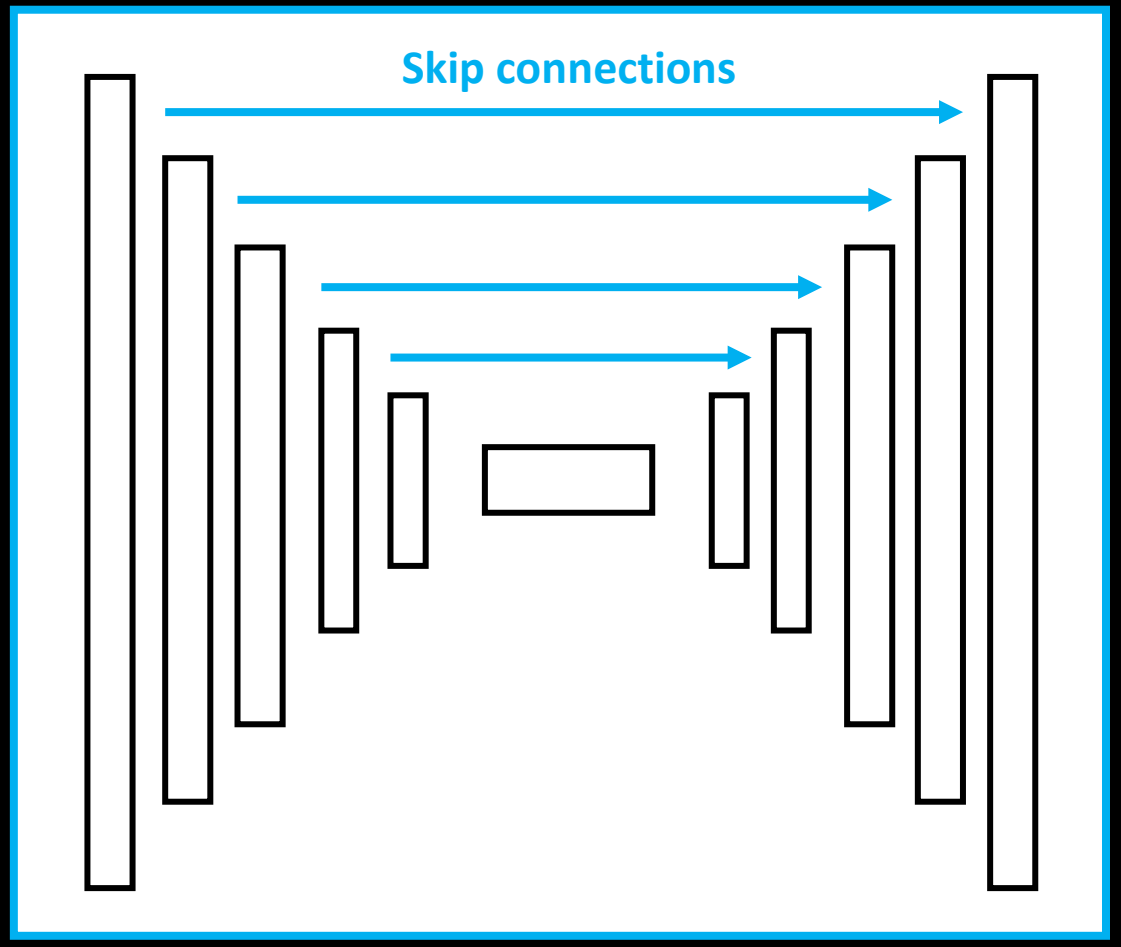

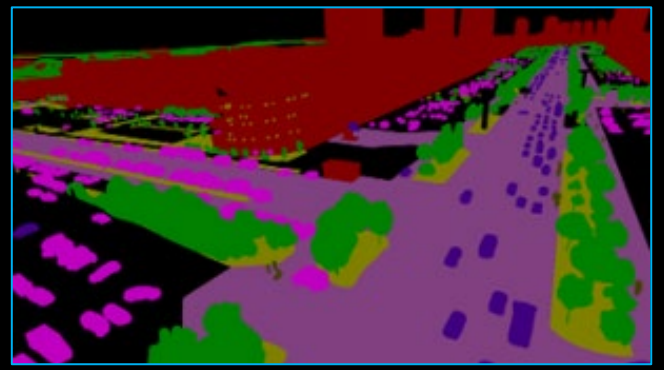

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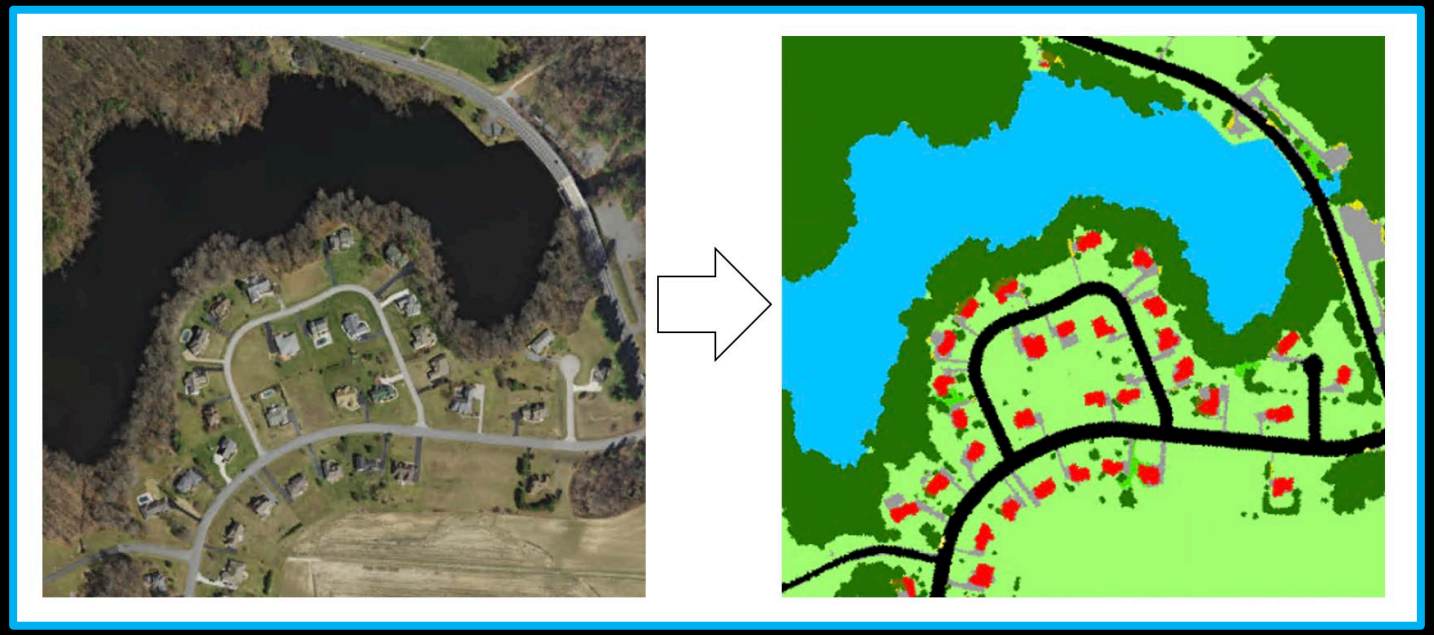
- Additionally: "*skip connections*" that allow the information to flow

U-Net in a real-world scenario

- Usually used for the task of **semantic segmentation**



From real world data to semantic labels

Example code (cat segmentation demo):
github.com/zaidalyafeai/Notebooks/blob/master/unet.ipynb

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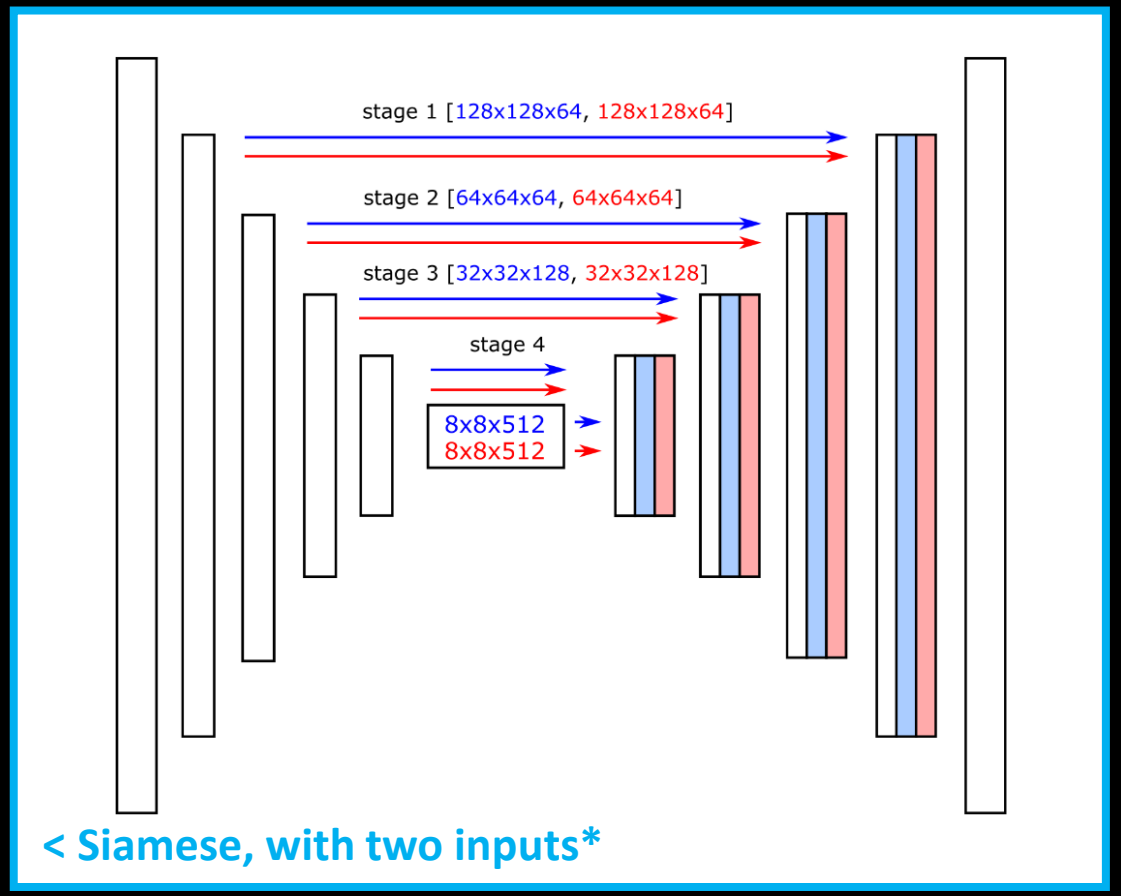

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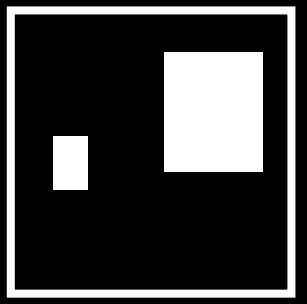
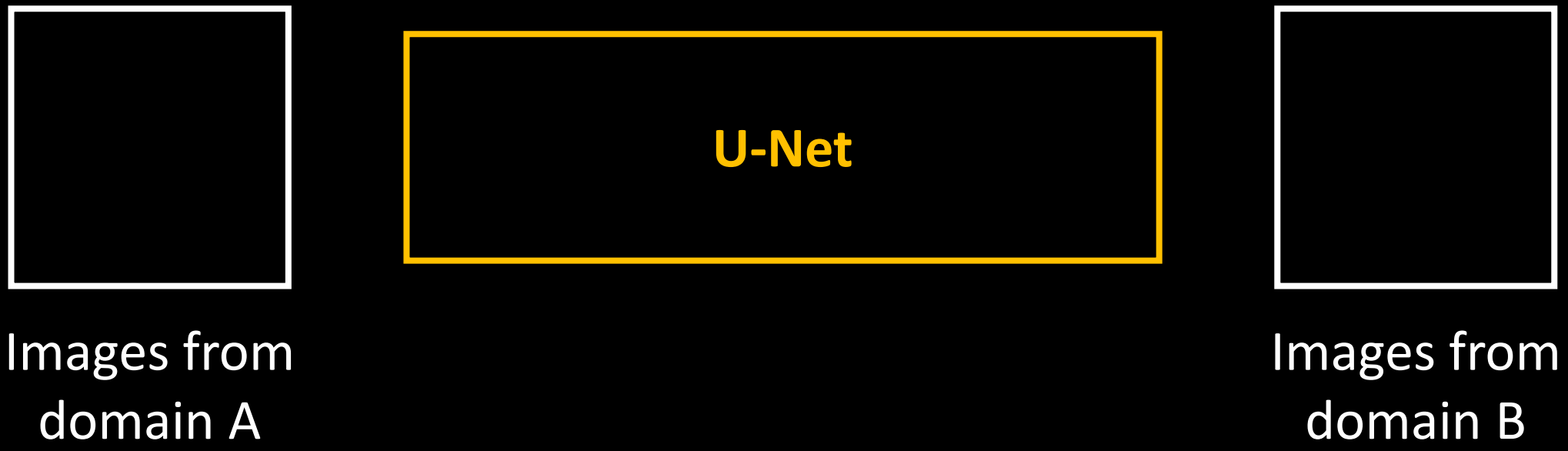


Prediction

- Can be adapted to many tasks – for example this “change detection”, where it needed to learn *which kind of change* we care about

* Our paper from 2020: https://arxiv.org/abs/2008.11201

Third idea: U-Net



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U-Net

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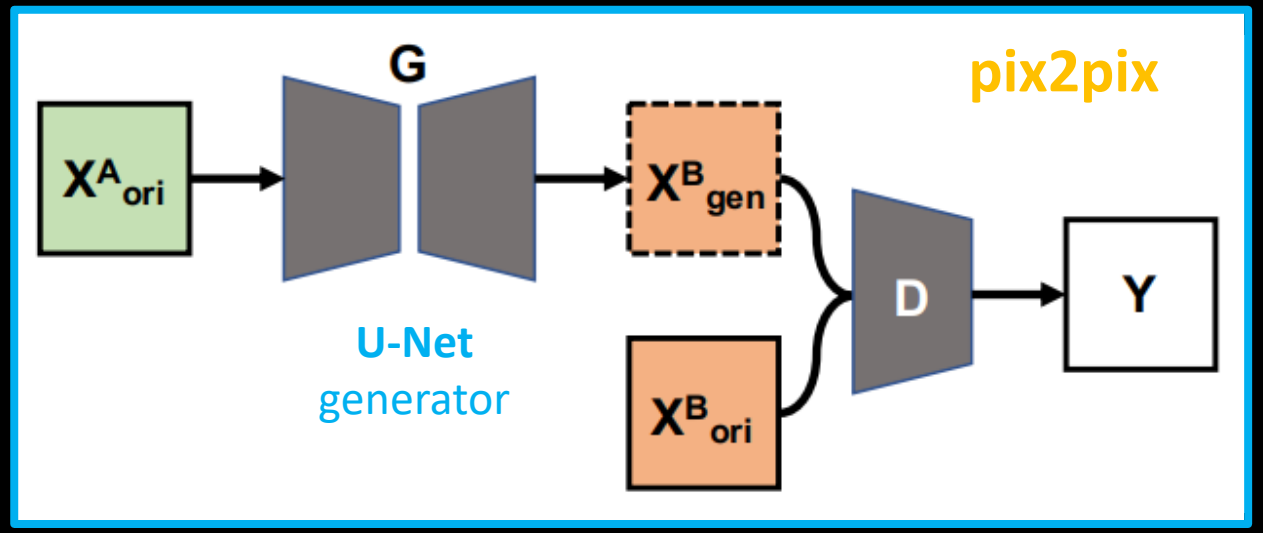
- Almost there! We can do even better …

< Add adversarial training

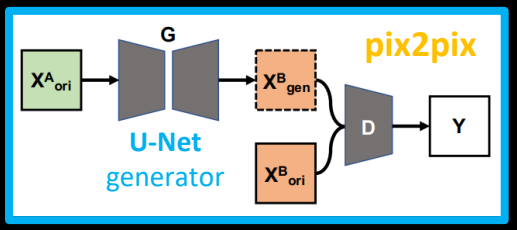
III pix2pix model

Pix2Pix

- Uses ideas from the Generative Adversarial Network (GAN) models
  - Generator is a U-Net network
  - With the **addition of the discriminator network and adversarial training**



Final idea: pix2pix



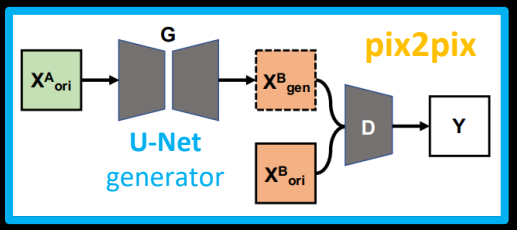
Images from domain A

pix2pix *(the trained generator network bit)*

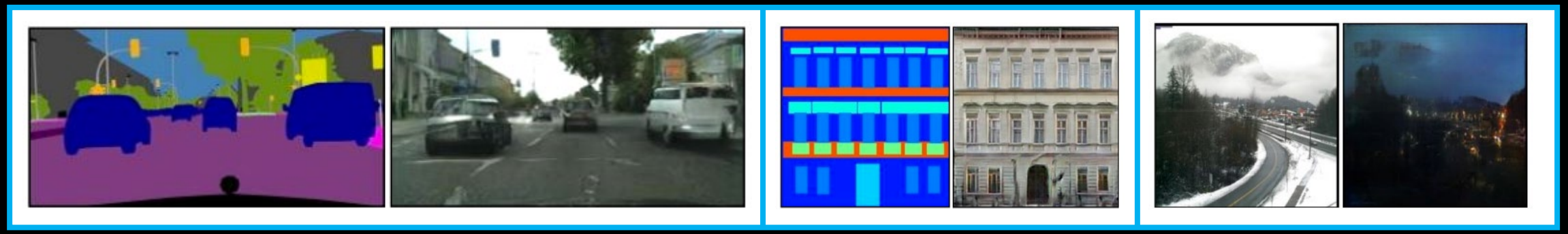
Images from domain B

- Encoder-decoder model with skip connections
  with adversarial training helping the quality of the generative model

Pix2Pix



- General purpose **image-to-image translation:**
  - From their 2017 paper: *"Many problems in image processing, computer graphics, and computer vision can be posed as "translating" an input image into a corresponding output image."*
  - Translating without specifically defining the rules – data-driven translating between two domains by showing **paired** examples:
    - [Image from A, Corresponding Image from B] * N samples



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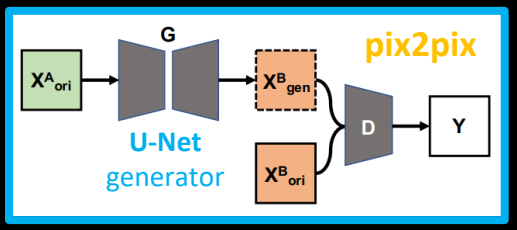

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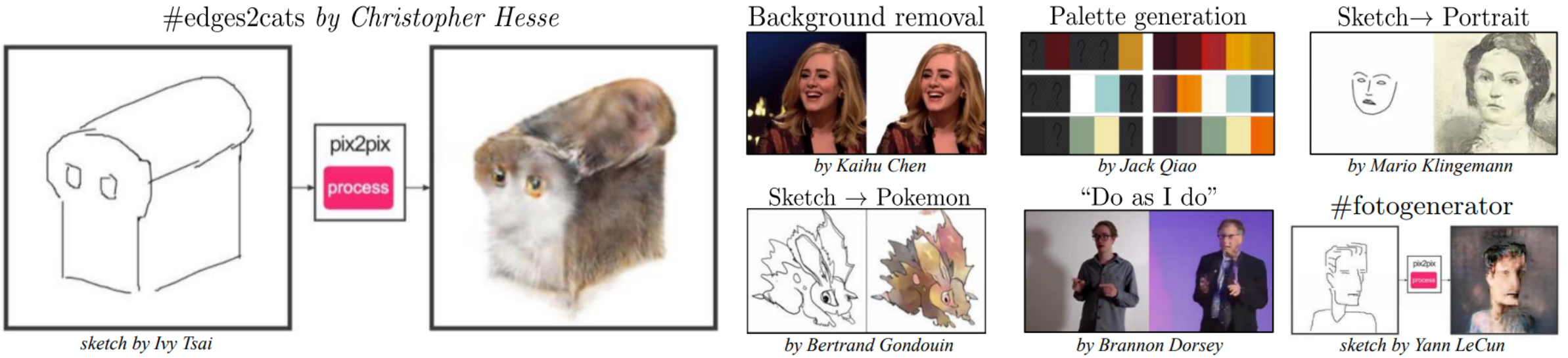
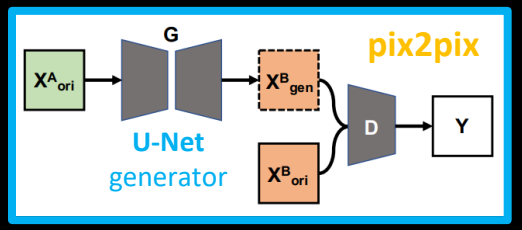


Figure 11: Example applications developed by online community based on our `pix2pix` codebase: *#edges2cats* [3] by Christopher Hesse, *Background removal* [6] by Kaihu Chen, *Palette generation* [5] by Jack Qiao, *Sketch → Portrait* [7] by Mario Klingemann, *Sketch→ Pokemon* [1] by Bertrand Gondouin, *"Do As I Do" pose transfer* [2] by Brannon Dorsey, and *#fotogenerator* by Bosman et al. [4].

Pix2Pix limitations



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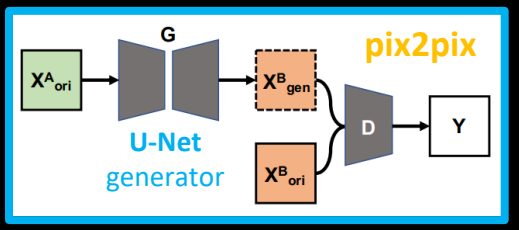

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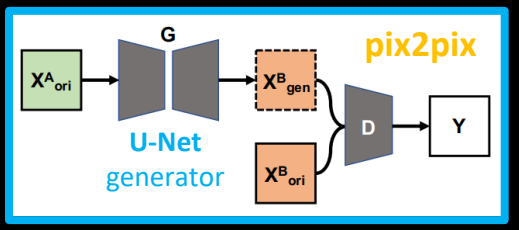

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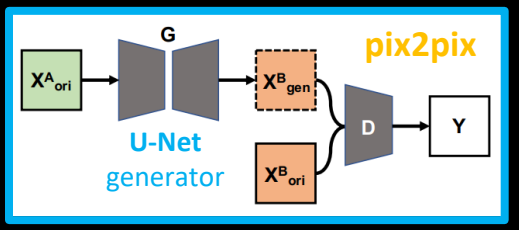

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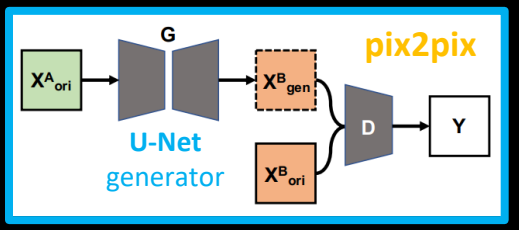

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- For animation, we want something to enforce **temporal consistency** between consecutive frames

IV uses and follow-up work

Follow-up papers?

- **Pix2Pix HD (2018)**
  - Allows **higher resolution** of the trained pictures (from 256x256px up to 2048x1024px!)

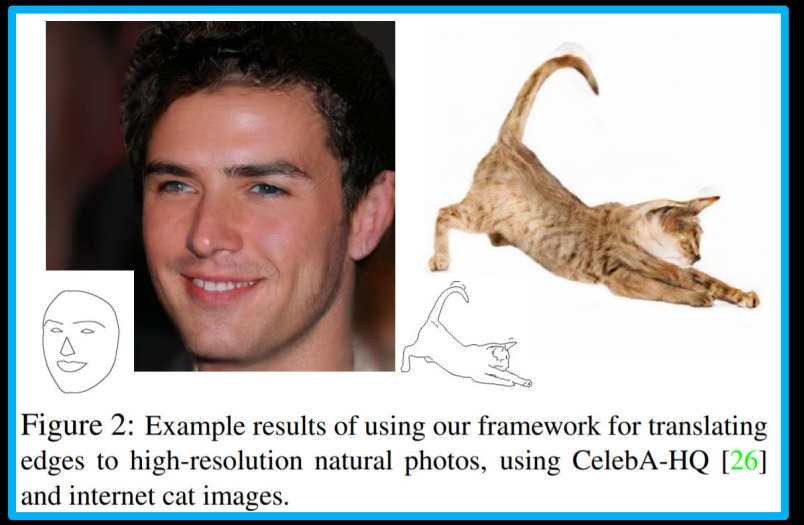

Figure 2: Example results of using our framework for translating edges to high-resolution natural photos, using CelebA-HQ [26] and internet cat images.

Code: github.com/NVIDIA/pix2pixHD

Example project:

GAN Theft Auto: Autonomous Texturing of Procedurally Generated Interactive Cities

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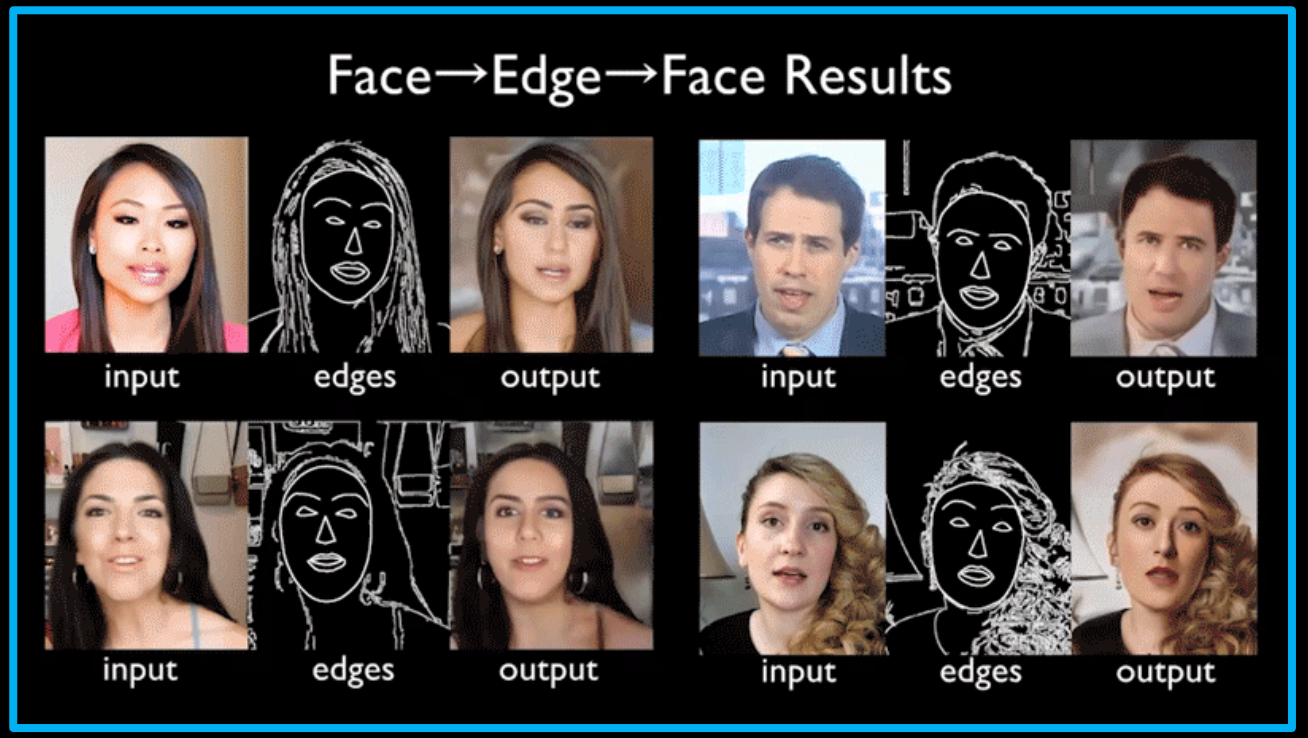
Figure 1: Cross-views of Cityscape [Left] and GTA V [Right] texturings using Pix2PixHD.

Follow-up papers?

- **Vid2Vid (2018)**
  - Keep **temporal consistency** between frames



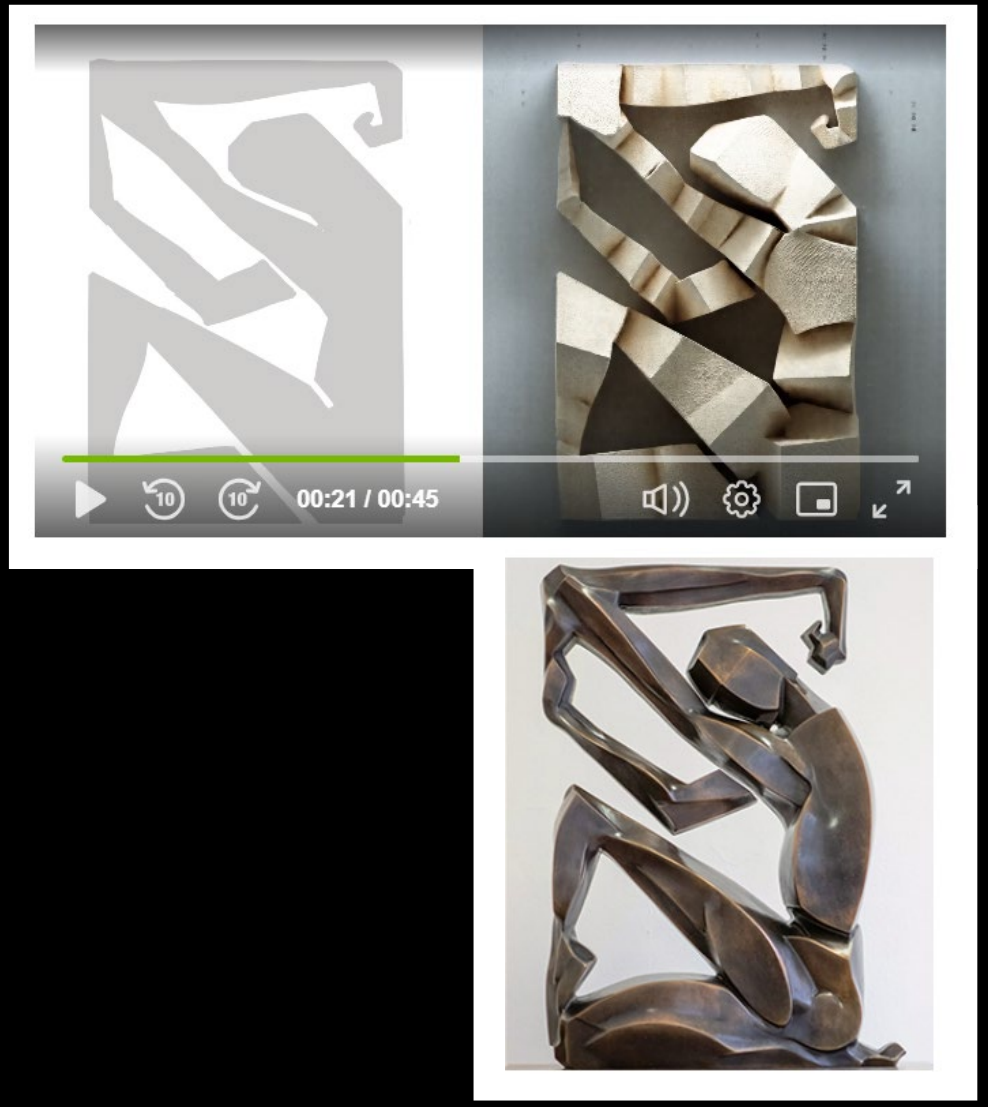
Code: github.com/NVIDIA/vid2vid

Follow-up papers?

- **SPADE** and the interactive demo **GauGAN (2019)**
  - **Interactive** painting tool based on pix2pix like models

Code: github.com/NVlabs/SPADE

More high-quality examples:



Scott Eaton from scott-eaton.com/

Summary from the lecture

- **Combining ideas from last classes**, we can achieve image2image models:
  - **Convolutional layers** (working with images)
  - **Encoder decoder models** (split small details and large context)
  - **U-Nets: Skip connections** (allow information to keep at the original resolution)
  - **Adversarial training** (more realistic images)

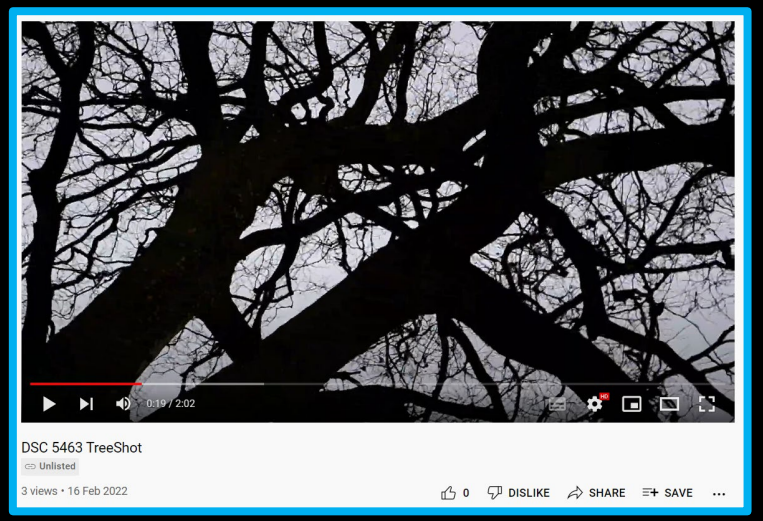
Links and additional readings:

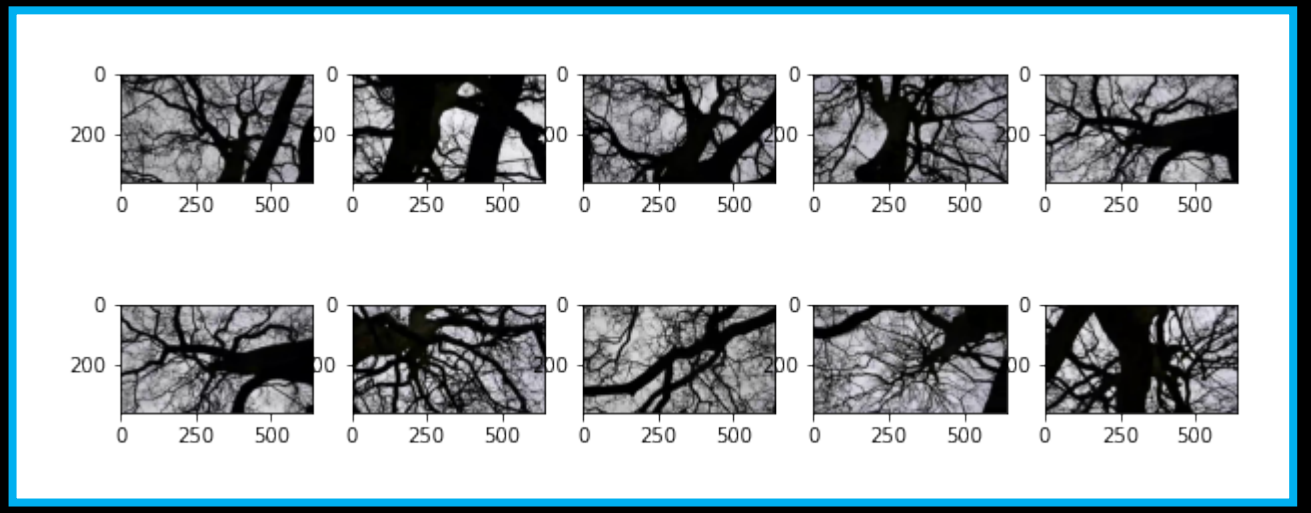
- **Online pix2pix demos**: affinelayer.com/pixsrv/
  - **Follow-up papers**: pix2pixHD (with high. res.), vid2vid (with frame to frame consistency), SPADE (interactive), … *(and many more…)*

- **Bonus readings:**
  - About **Pix2Pix** on ML4A – blog with code

Preparation for the practical

- Think about a **dataset of images** you'd like to use when training pix2pix model.
- We will use a Colab code which will download a YouTube video and extract frames from it – this will serve as our dataset
- **Task: choose a video!**





End of the lecture

*) PS: follows material for the practical session …

AI for the Media

Week 6, Domain 2 Domain

Practical: pix2pix training

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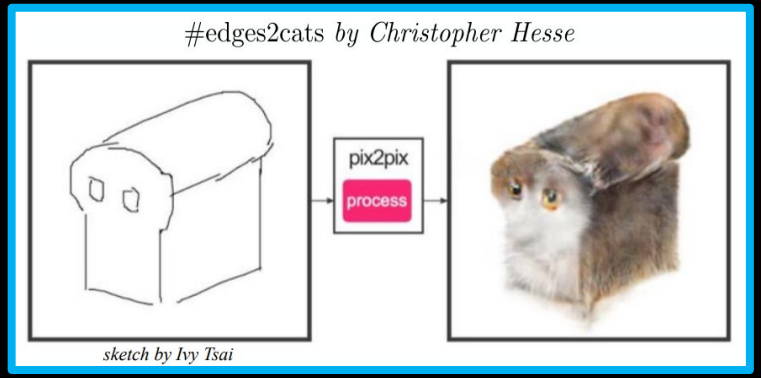
Practical: Domain 2 Domain

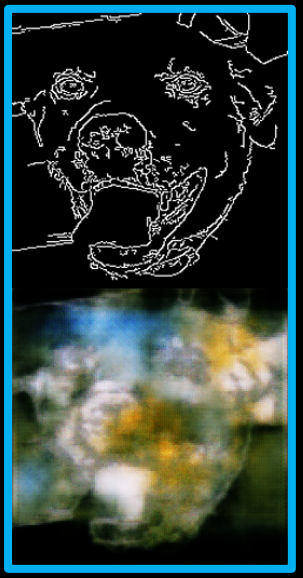
Training Pix2Pix models

Namely using the sketch2image with our own data.

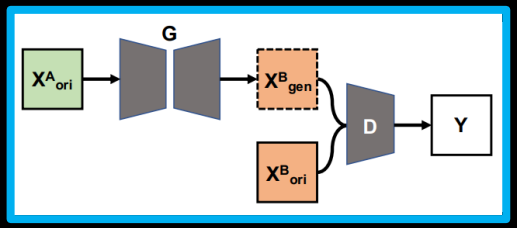


Continue with code on Github:

- Repo: github.com/previtus/cci_AI_for_the_Media_2022
- **Notebook** in folder: week06_domain-to-domain

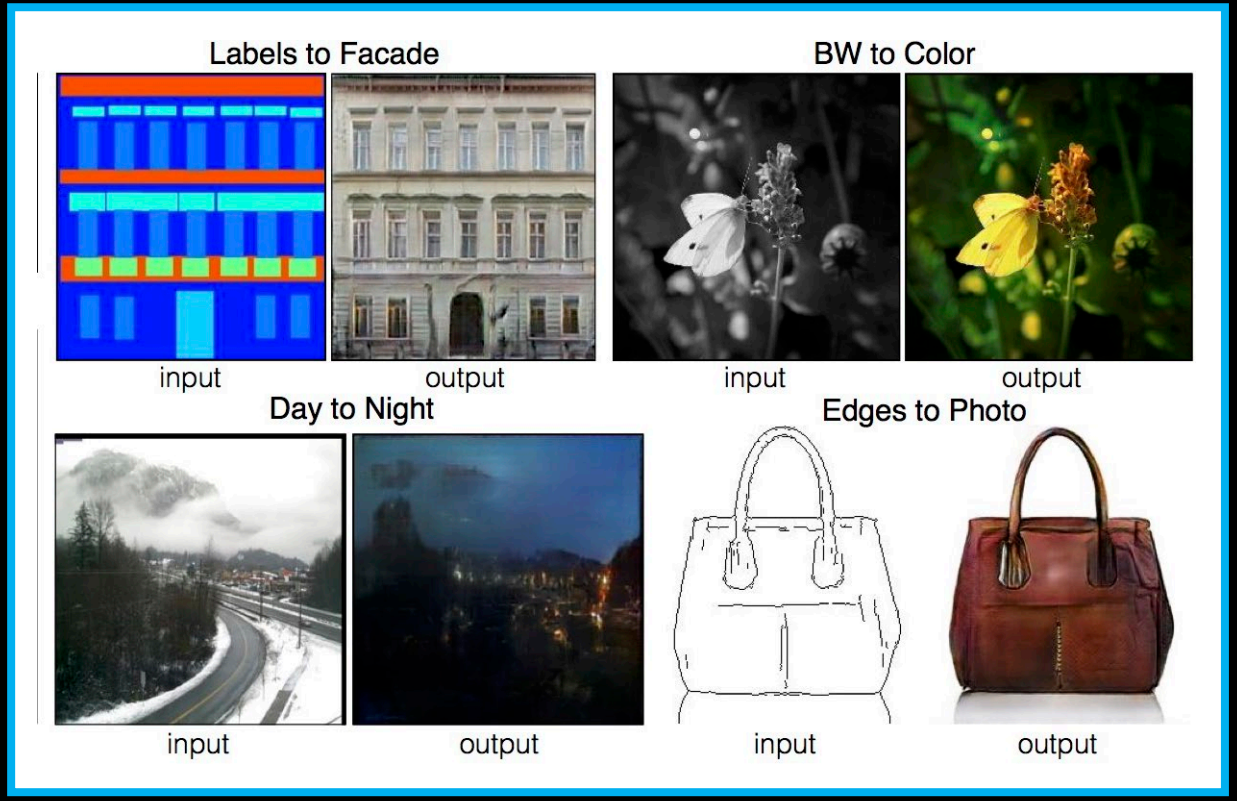


Pix2Pix



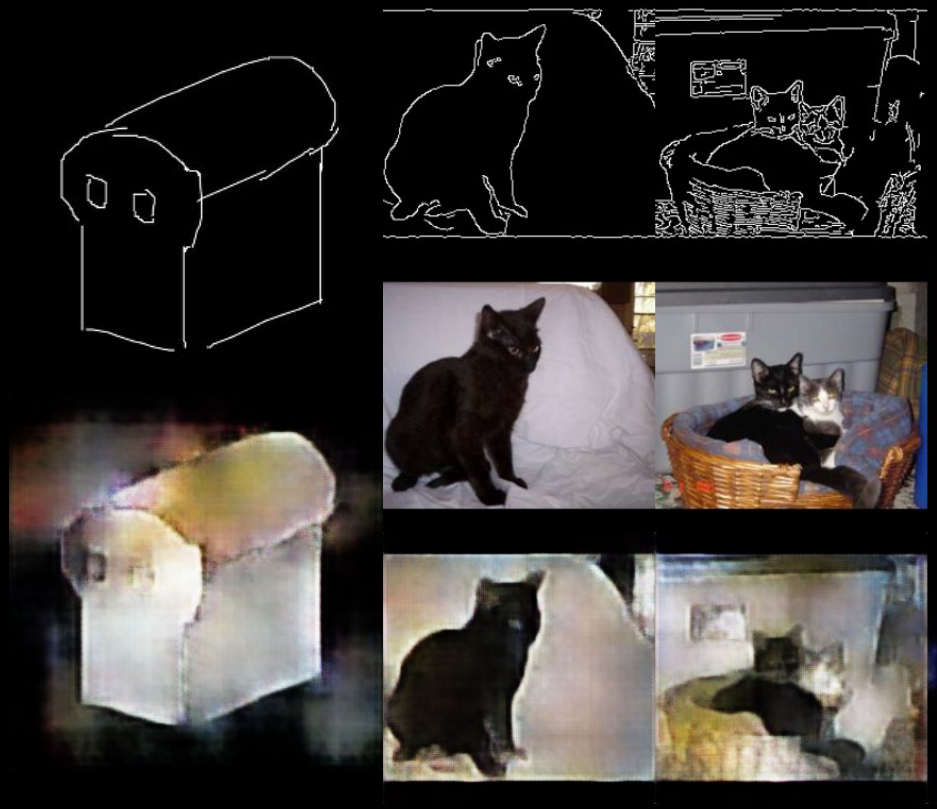
- You might recall that we will need **paired data** in our dataset:
  - Data from domain **A**
  - Data from domain **B**

- And we will be learning the **translation between A to B**



Examples from training:

- **ps:** remember that the model saw only the edges/sketch when reconstructing these images
- **(note)** the pix2pix demo's have much better quality of the trained models



Demo with a video ->

- Note that there is almost no temporal consistency between these frames …
- Longer **video:** here

The end