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## Chapter 1 - Section 2

# Feature Detection

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## Highlights

**Learn the image filtering and feature descriptors**

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**Learn the characteristics of feature descriptors**

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**Learn how to add feature descriptors to CV tasks**

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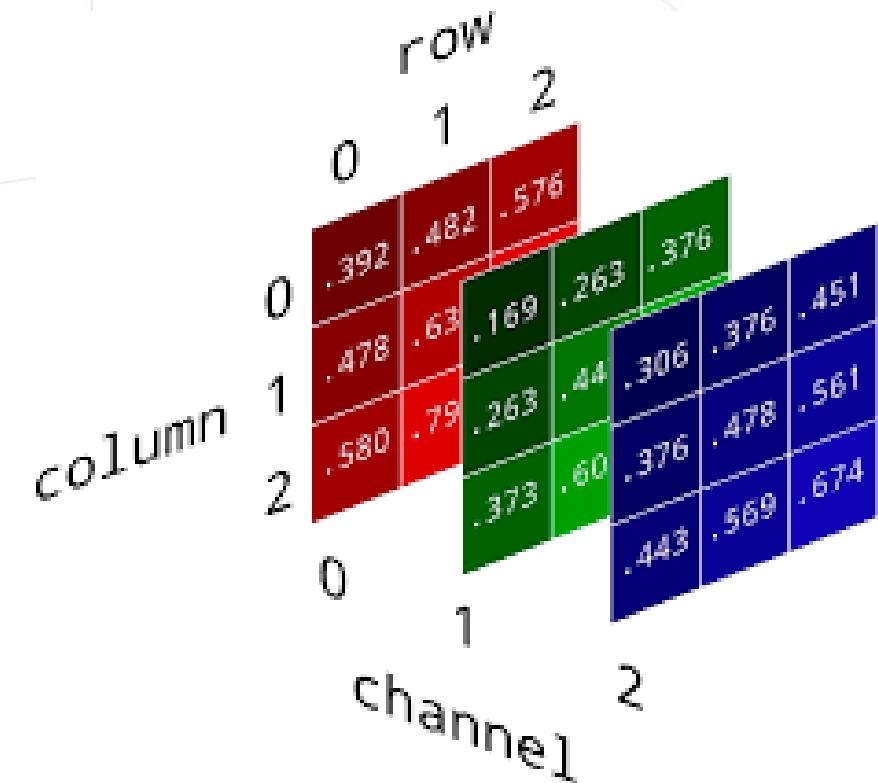
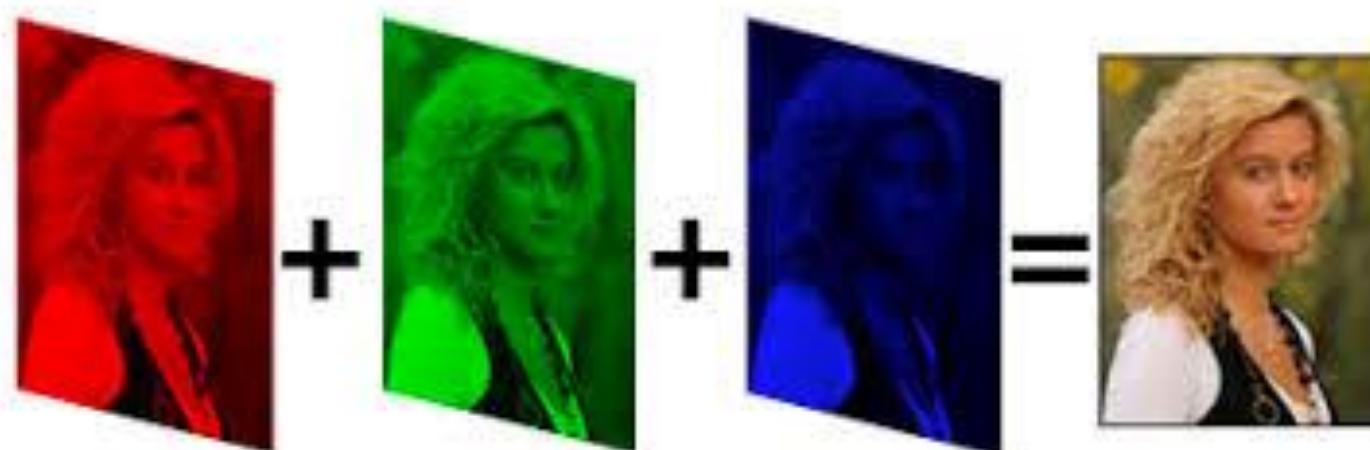
**Understand the features that basic descriptors bring to CNN**

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## Outline

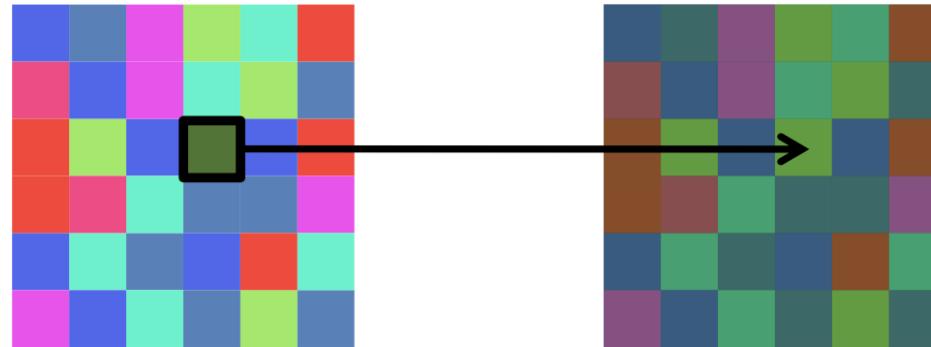
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- Part 1** **Image filtering、Feature detectors and descriptors**
  - Part 2** **Traditional CV Application**
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- Image -- A 2D discrete signal



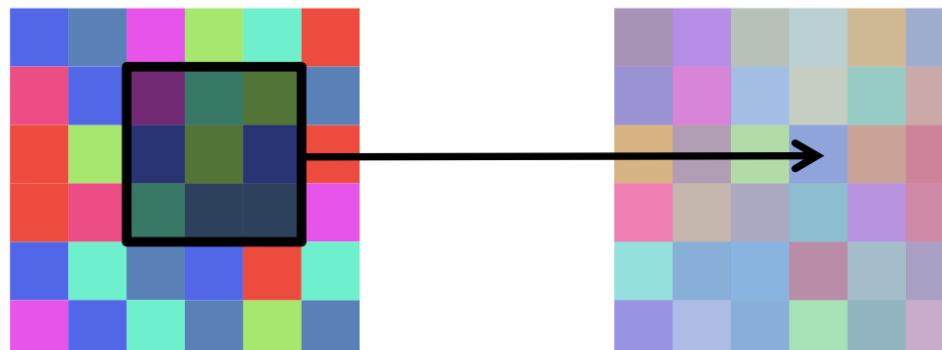
- Image filtering

Point Operation



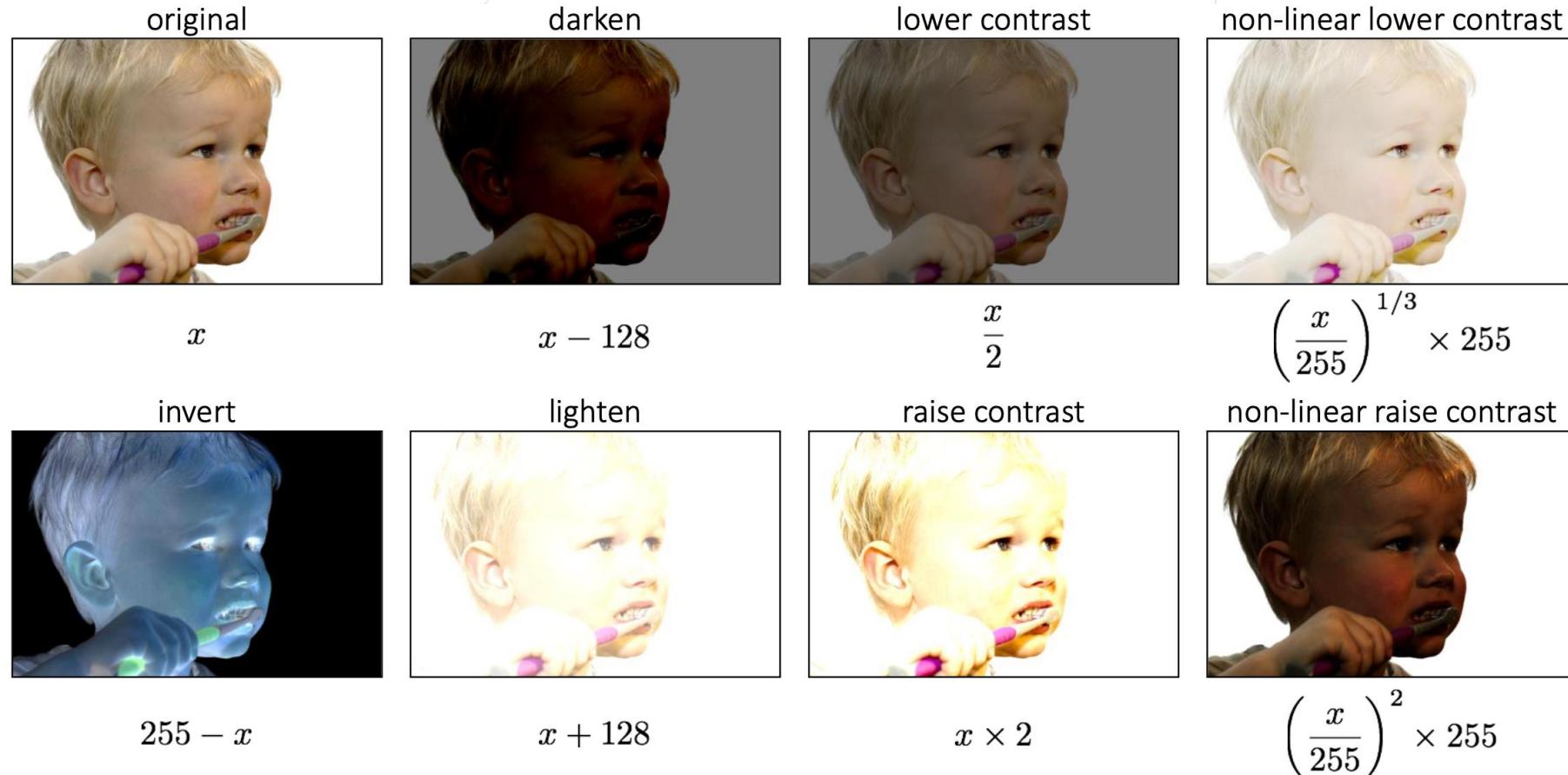
point processing

Neighborhood Operation



“filtering”

- Image filtering - Point processing

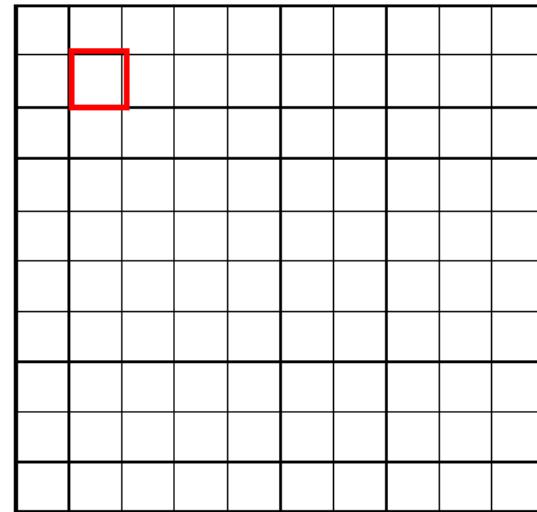


- Image filtering - box filtering

$f[.,.]$

0	0	0
0	0	0
0	0	0
90	90	90
90	90	90
90	90	90
90	0	90
90	90	90
0	0	0

$h[.,.]$



$$\frac{1}{9}$$

1	1	1
1	1	1
1	1	1

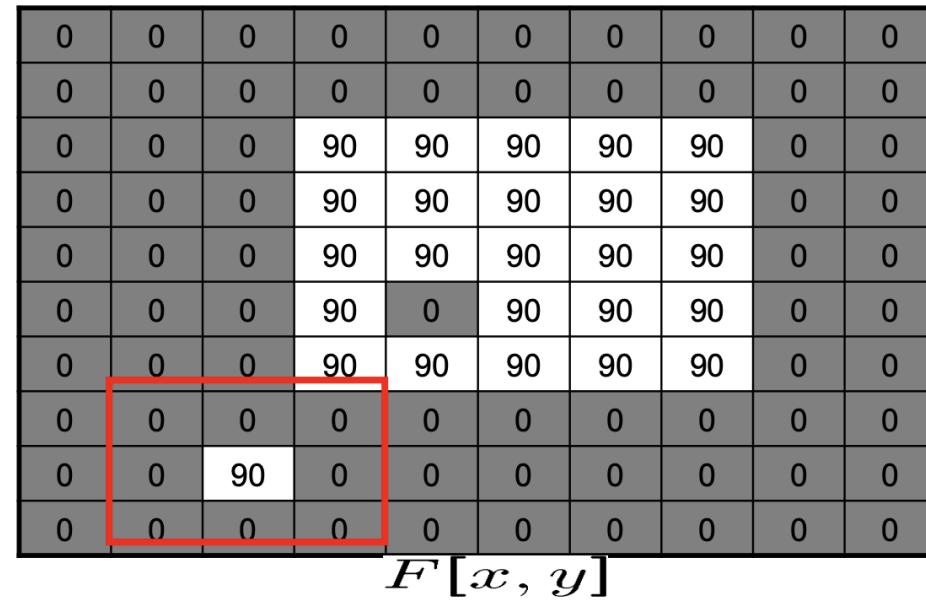
box filtering



- Image filtering - box filtering example



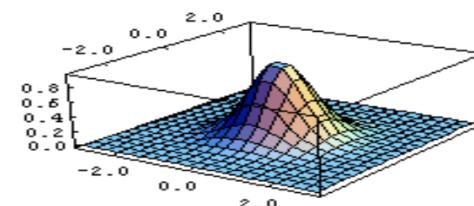
- Image filtering - Gaussian filtering



$$\frac{1}{16} \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{matrix}$$

$H[u, v]$

$$h(u, v) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{u^2+v^2}{\sigma^2}}$$



- Image filtering - box filtering vs Gaussian filtering

original



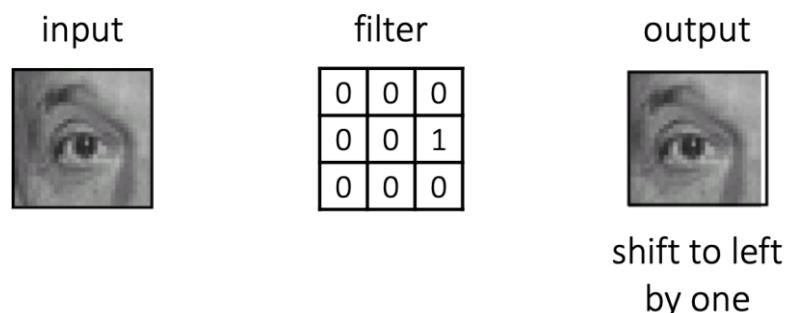
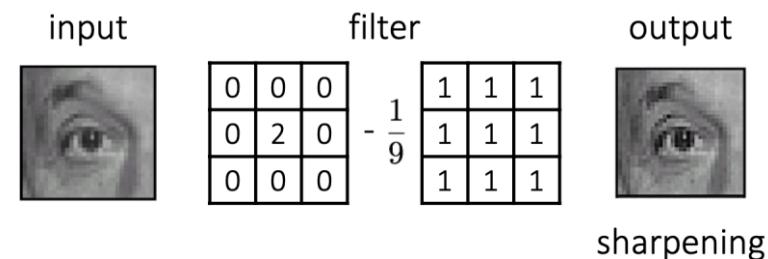
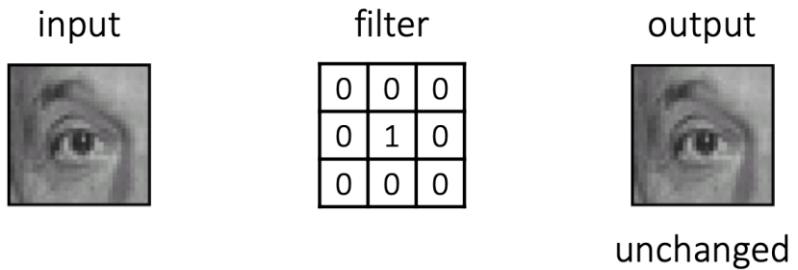
box filtering



Gaussian filtering



- Image filtering - other filters



sharpening

- Image filtering - Detecting edges

definition of a derivative using forward difference

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

1D derivative filter

1	0	-1
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For discrete signals: Remove limit and set  $h = 2$

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x+1) - f(x-1)}{2}$$

second-order finite difference

$$f''(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - 2f(x) + f(x-h)}{h^2}$$

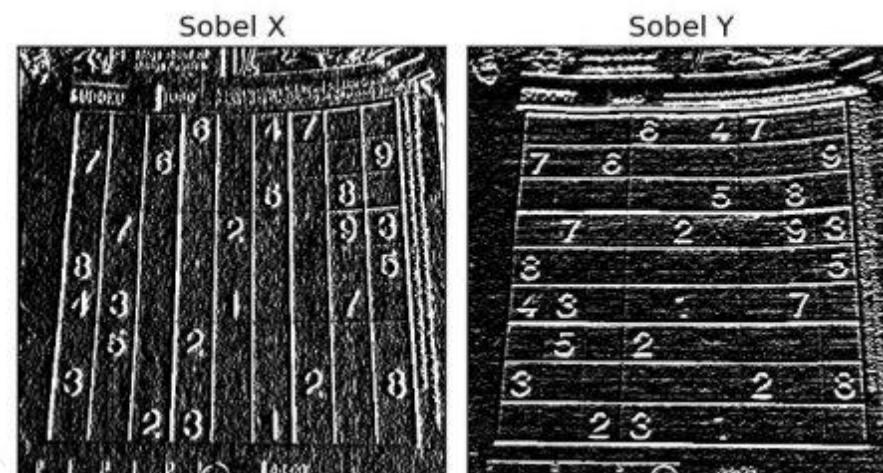
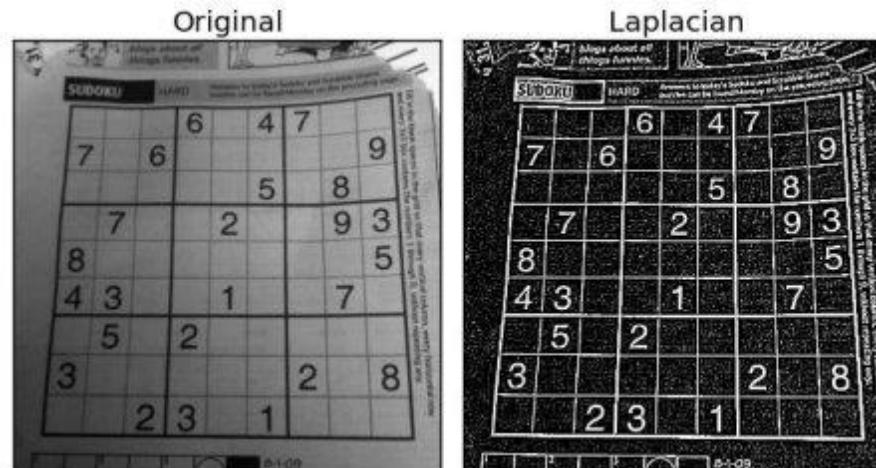
Laplace filter

1	-2	1
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- Image filtering - Sobel filter

$$G_x = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$G_y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$



- Image filtering -Several derivative filters

Sobel

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

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

Scharr

3	0	-3
10	0	-10
3	0	-3

3	10	3
0	0	0
-3	-10	-3

Prewitt

1	0	-1
1	0	-1
1	0	-1

1	1	1
0	0	0
-1	-1	-1

Roberts

0	1
-1	0

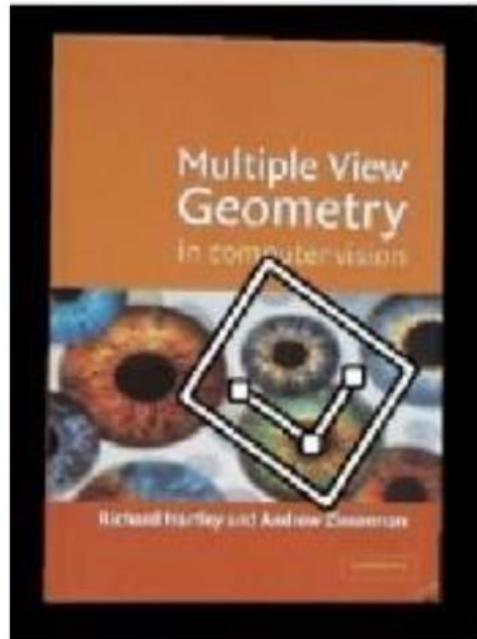
1	0
0	-1

- Photometric transformations



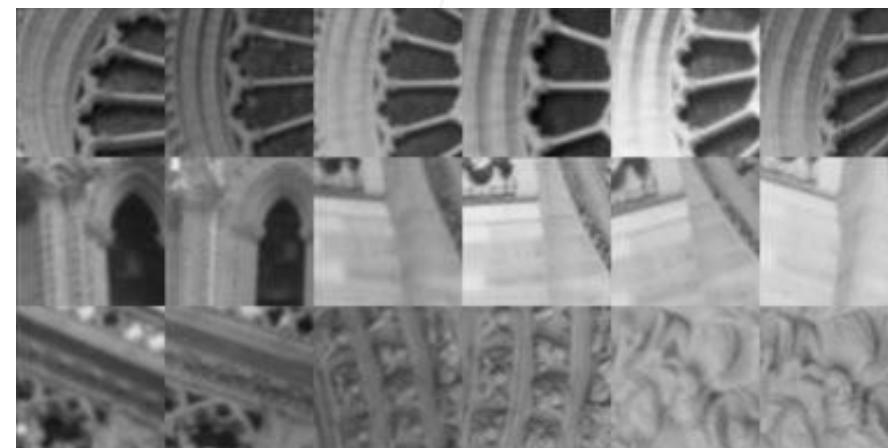
- **Geometric transformations**

- objects will appear at different scales, translation and rotation





***What is the best descriptor for an image feature?***



- **Image patch**

- Just use the pixel values of the patch



- Pros: Perfectly fine if geometry and appearance is unchanged
- Cons: sensitive to absolute intensity values

- **Image gradients**

- Use pixel differences

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9



$$\left( \begin{array}{ccccccc} - & + & + & - & - & + \end{array} \right)$$

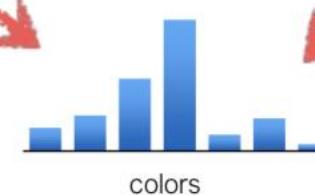
vector of x derivatives

'binary descriptor'

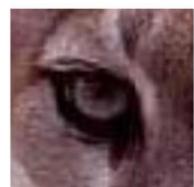
- Pros: Feature is invariant to absolute intensity values
- Cons: sensitive to deformations

- **Color histogram**

- Count the colors in the image using a histogram



- Pros: Invariant to changes in scale and rotation
- Cons: Insensitive to spatial layout



colors

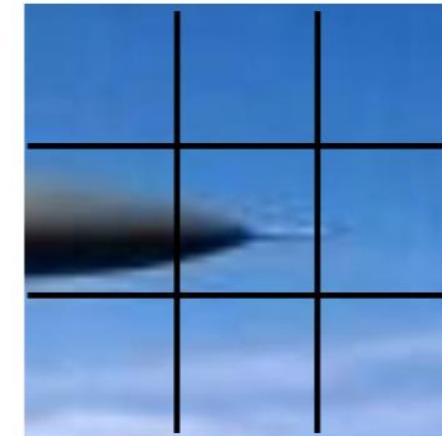
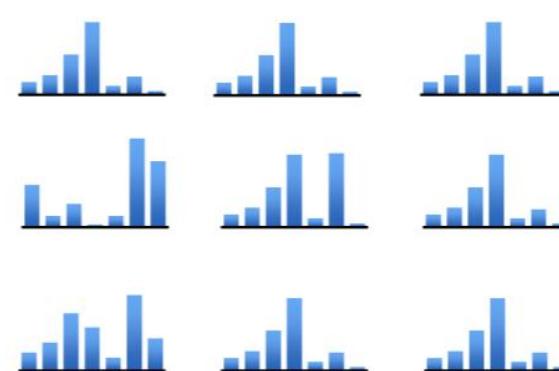


colors



- **Spatial histograms**

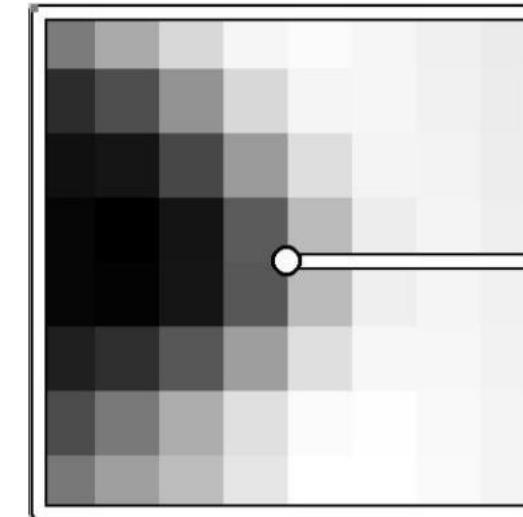
- Compute histograms over spatial ‘patch’



- Pros: Retains rough spatial layout
- Cons: sensitive to rotation

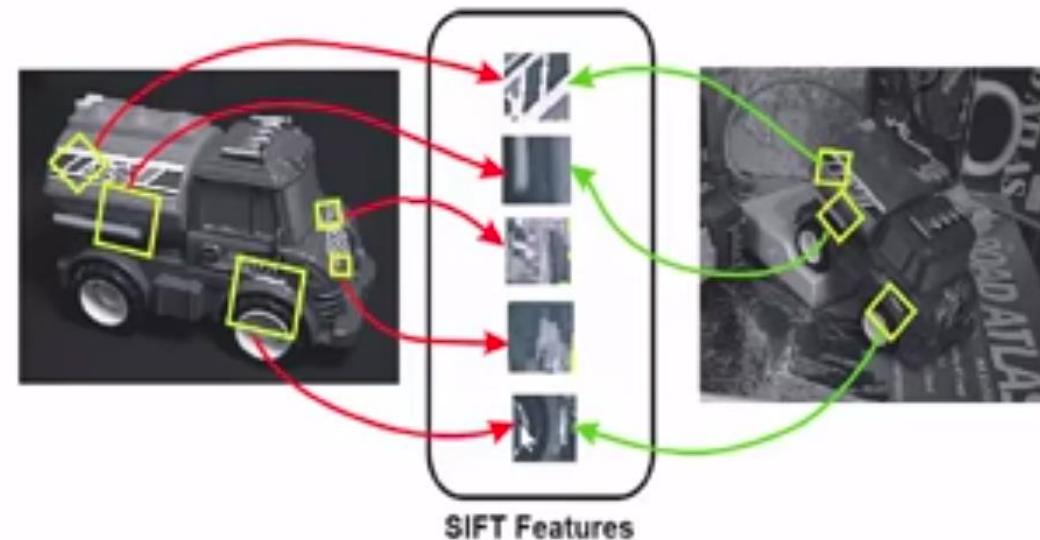
- **Orientation normalization**

- Use the dominant image gradient direction to normalize the orientation of the patch

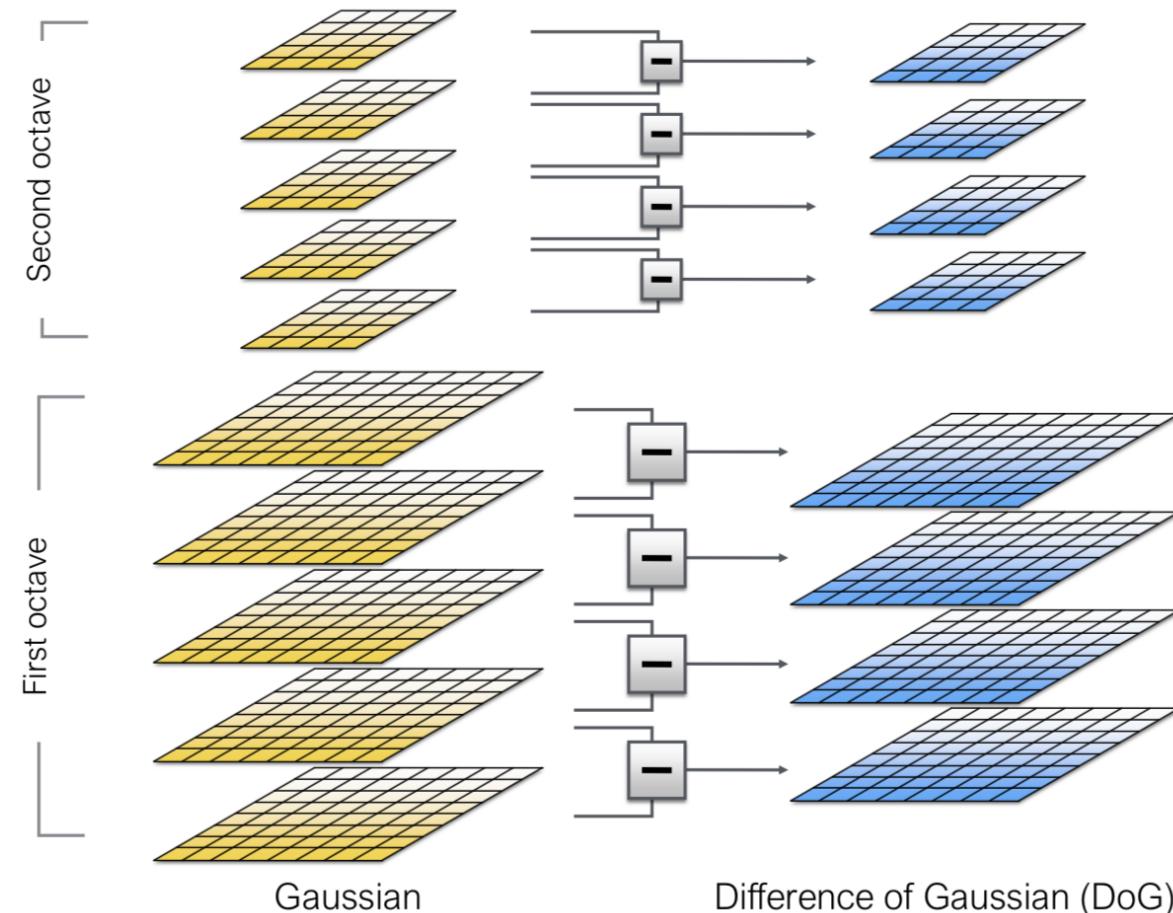


- **Scale Invariant Feature Transform (SIFT)**

1. Multi-scale extrema detection
2. Keypoint localization
3. Orientation assignment
4. Keypoint descriptor



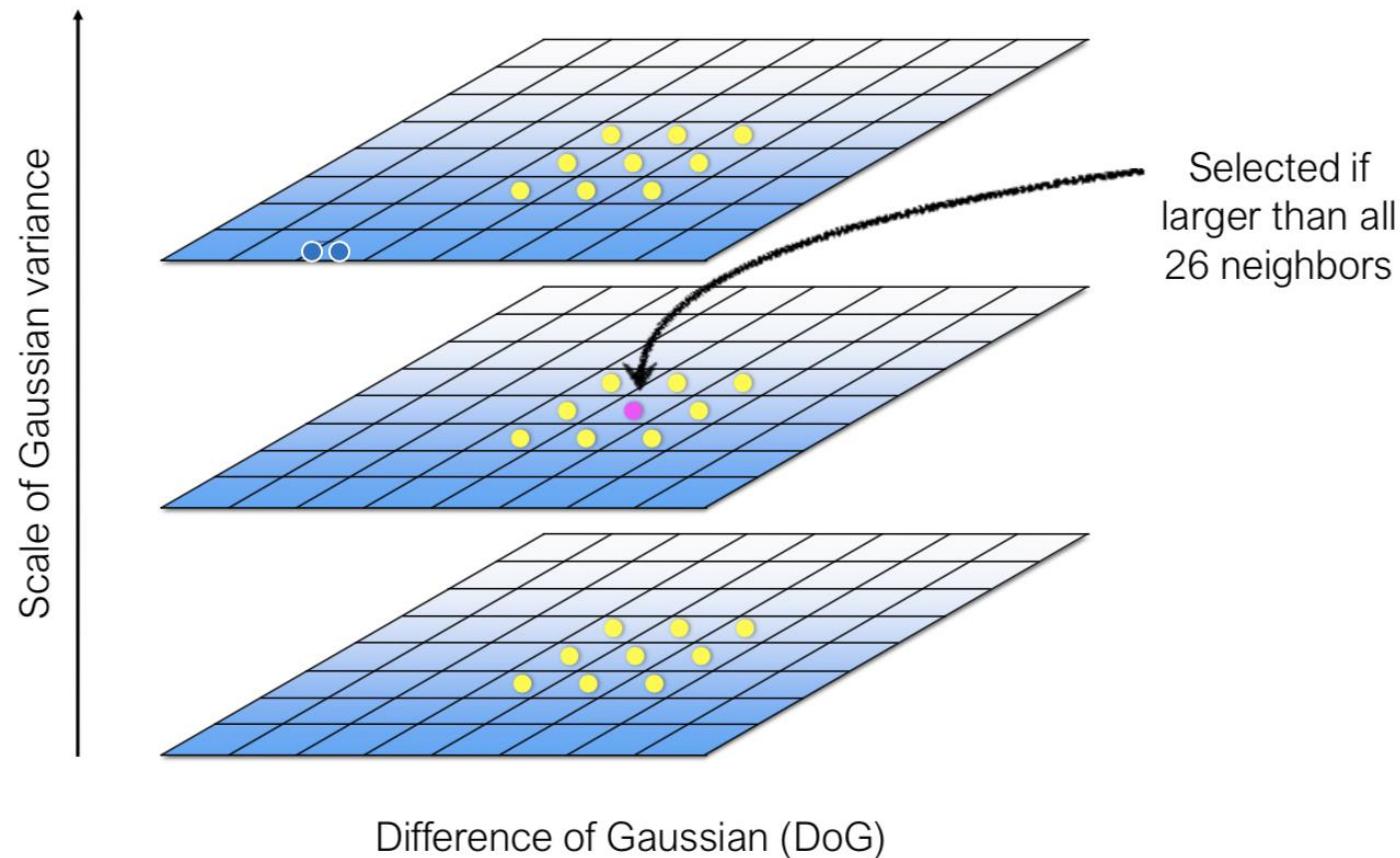
## 1. Multi-scale extrema detection



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- **Scale-space extrema**



## 2. Keypoint localization

- 2nd order Taylor series approximation of DoG scale-space

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = f + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{x}}^T \mathbf{x} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \mathbf{x}^2} \mathbf{x}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \{x, y, \sigma\}$$

- Take the derivative and solve for extrema

$$\mathbf{x}_m = - \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \mathbf{x}^2}^{-1} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$$

- Additional tests to retain only strong features

## 3. Orientation assignment

- For a keypoint, L is the Gaussian-smoothed image with the closest scale

$$m(x, y) = \sqrt{(L(x + 1, y) - L(x - 1, y))^2 + (L(x, y + 1) - L(x, y - 1))^2}$$

$$\theta(x, y) = \tan^{-1}((L(x, y + 1) - L(x, y - 1)) / (L(x + 1, y) - L(x - 1, y)))$$

- Detection process returns

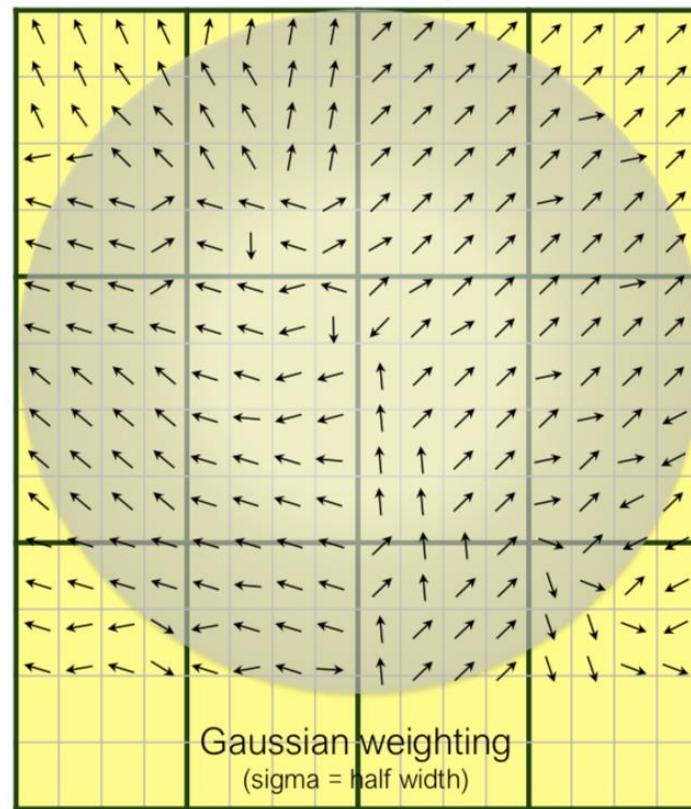
$$\{x, y, \sigma, \theta\}$$

↑  
location    scale    orientation

## 4. Keypoint descriptor

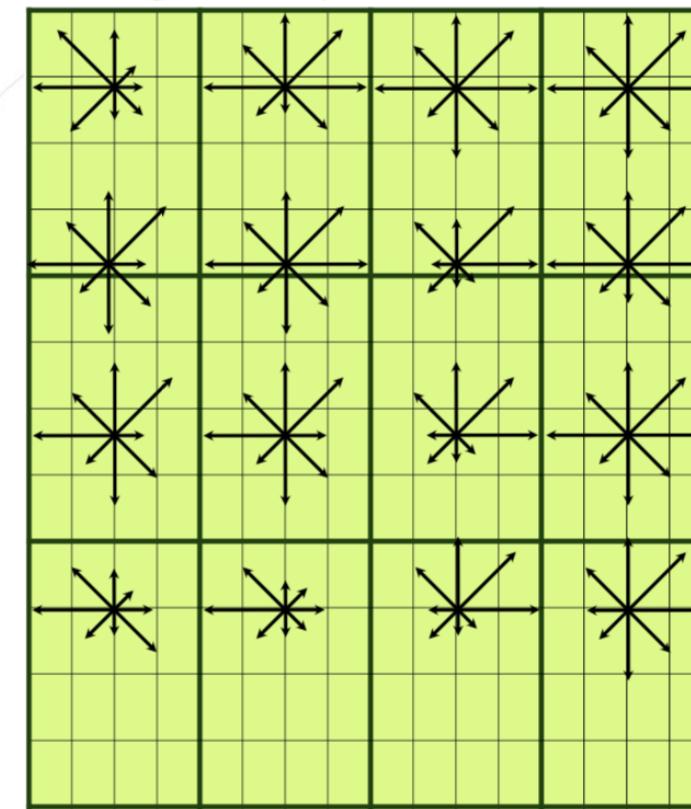
Image Gradients

(4 x 4 pixel per cell, 4 x 4 cells)

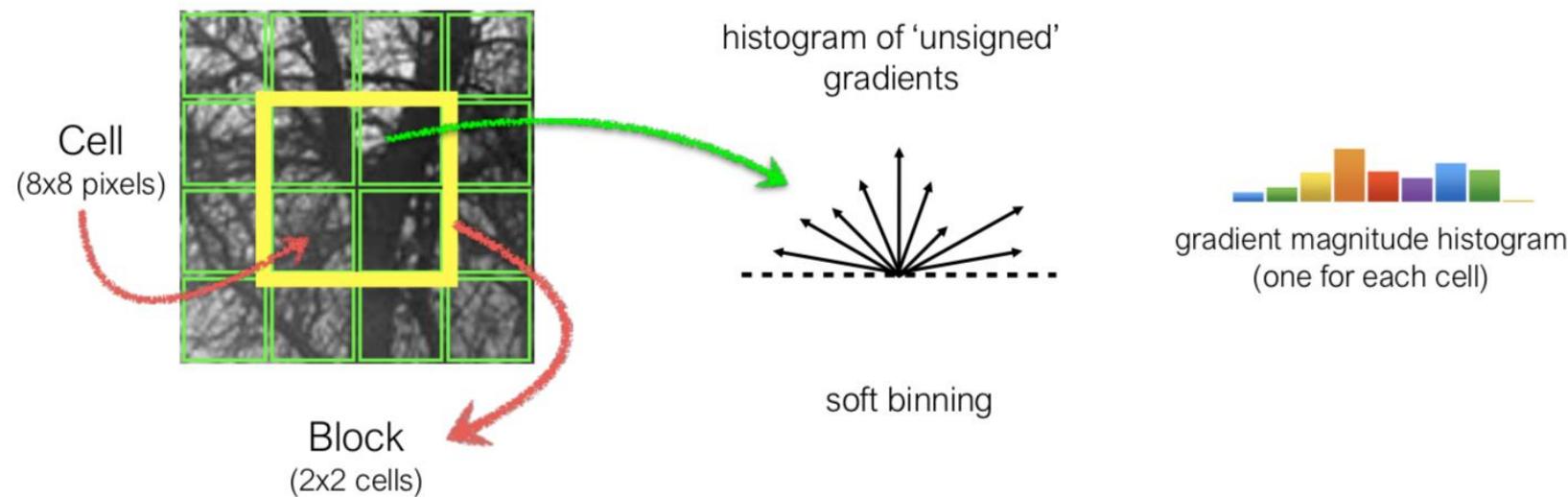


SIFT descriptor

(16 cells x 8 directions = 128 dims)



- **Histograms of Oriented Gradients (HOG)**



- Concatenate and L-2 normalization



Dalal, Triggs. Histograms of Oriented Gradients for Human Detection. CVPR, 2005

- HOG for Pedestrian detection

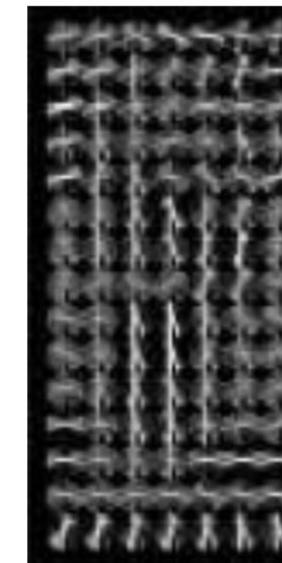
128 pixels  
16 cells  
15 blocks



$$15 \times 7 \times 4 \times 9 = 3780$$

64 pixels  
8 cells  
7 blocks

visualization



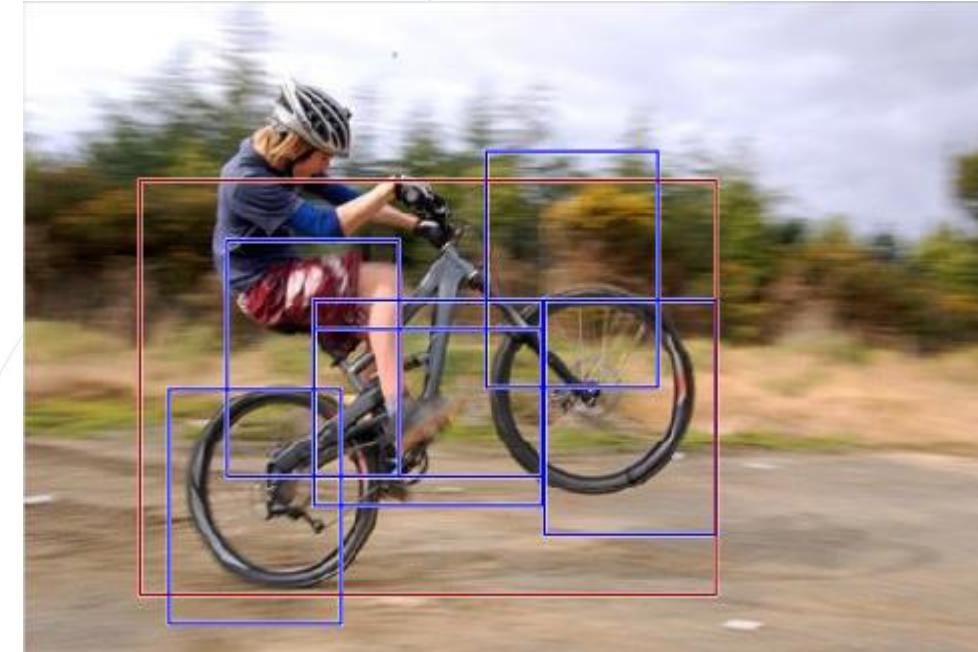
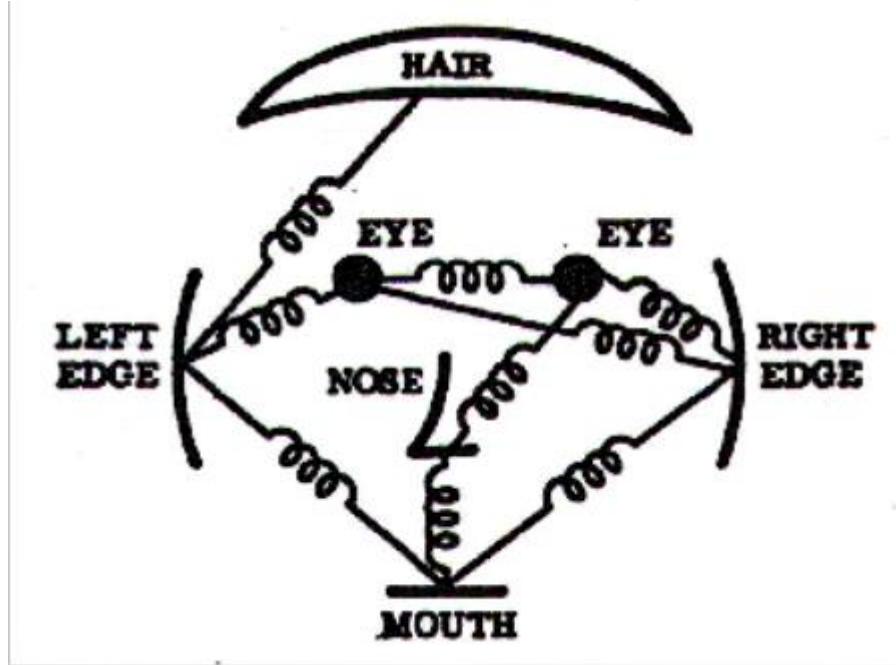
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**Part 2 Traditional CV Application**

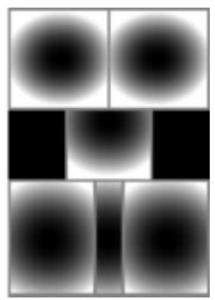
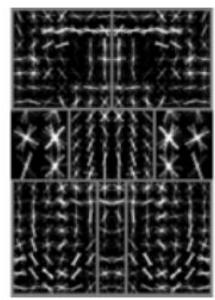
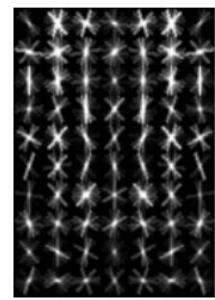
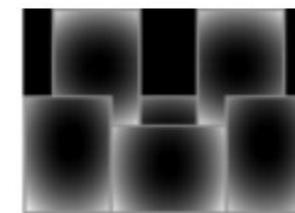
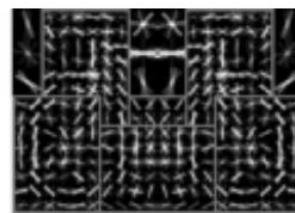
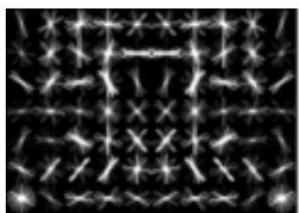
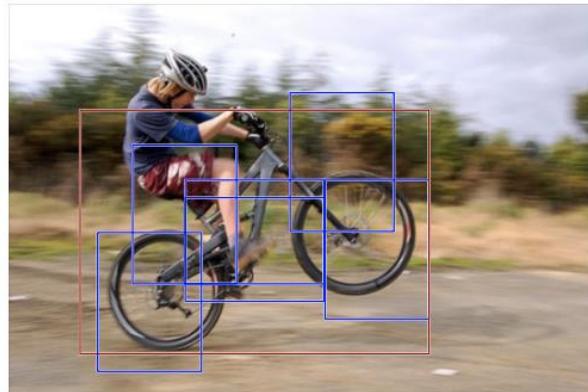
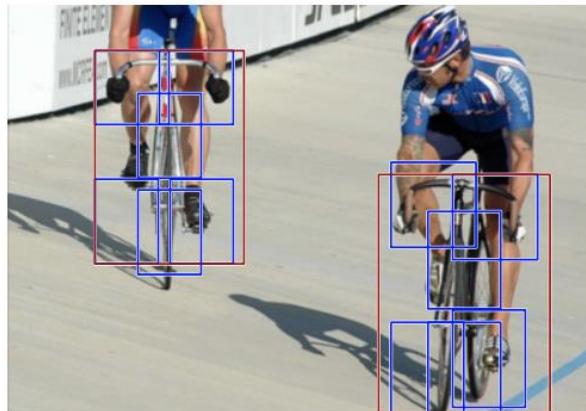
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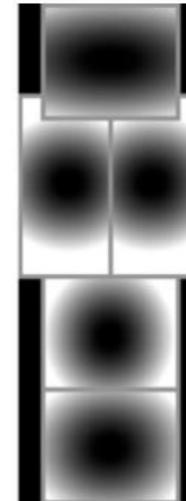
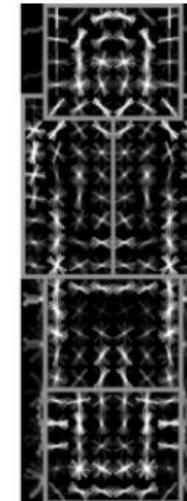
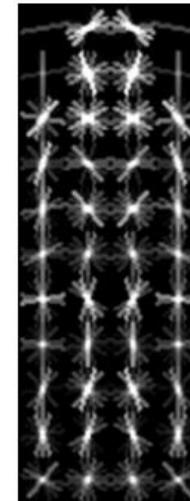
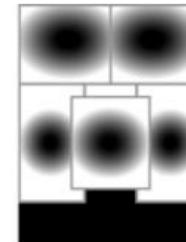
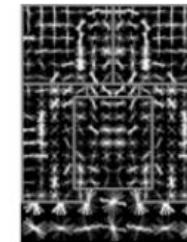
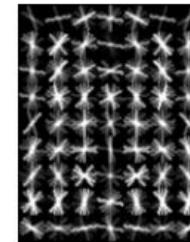
Spring-based Models

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# Traditional CV Application——DPM



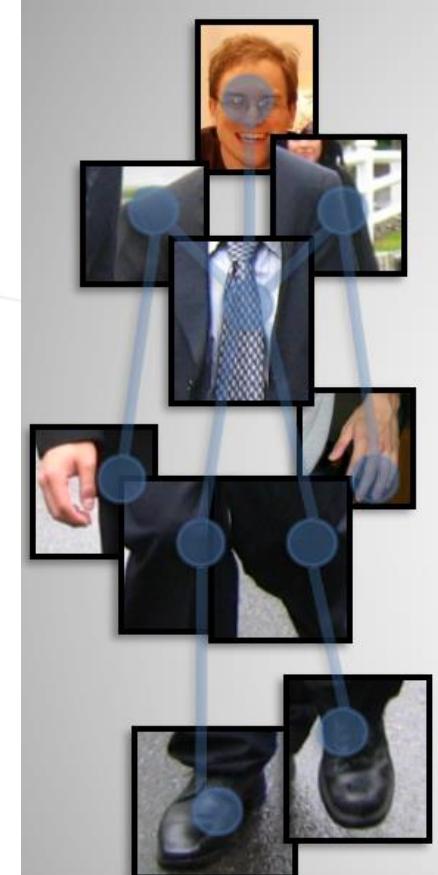
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- Model is represented by a graph  $G = (V, E)$ 
  - $V = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  are the parts
  - $(v_i, v_j) \in E$  indicates a connection between parts
- $m_i(l_i)$  is a cost for placing part  $i$  at location  $l_i$
- $d_{ij}(l_i, l_j)$  is a deformation cost
- Optimal configuration for the object is  $L = (l_1, \dots, l_n)$  minimizing

$$E(L) = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i(l_i) + \sum_{(v_i, v_j) \in E} d_{ij}(l_i, l_j)$$



## Image Denoise

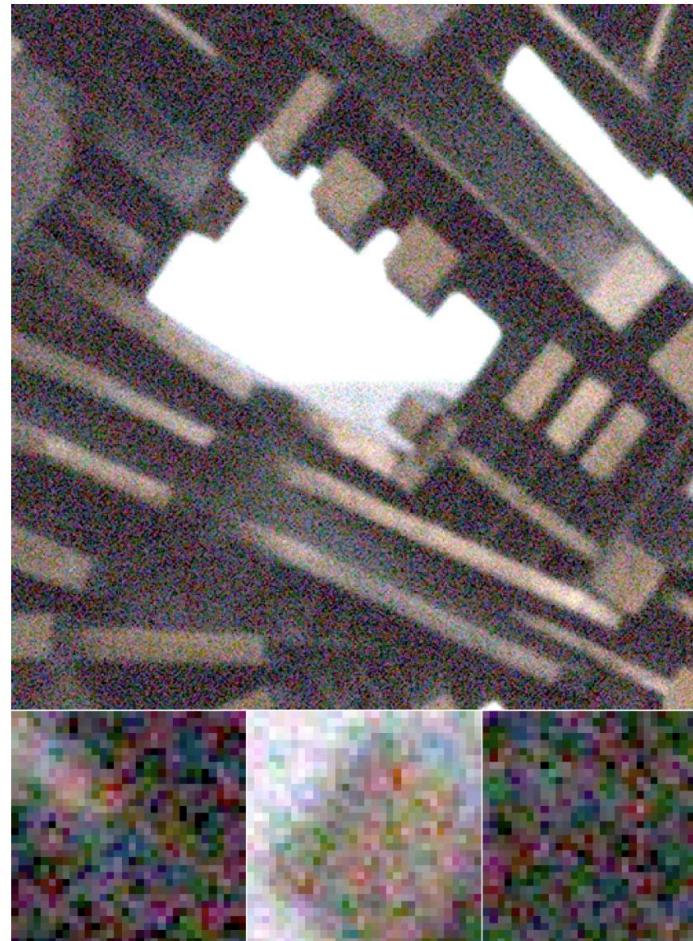


Gauss White Noise

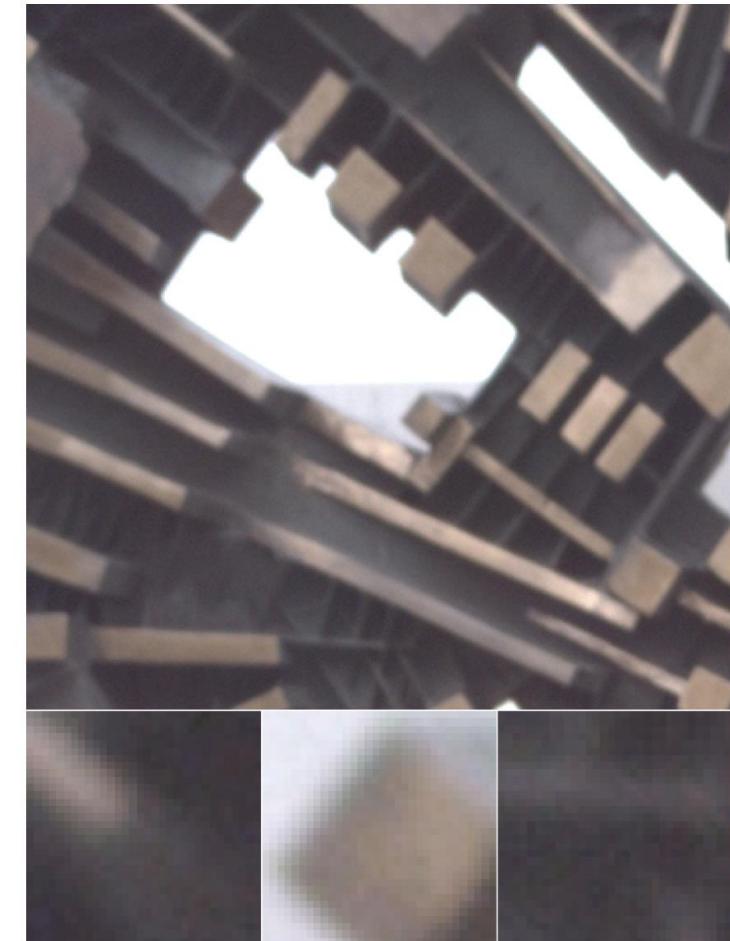
$$z(x) = y(x) + \eta(x) \quad \eta(\cdot) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$$

Gauss-Poisson Noise

$$y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu = x, \sigma^2 = \lambda_{read} + \lambda_{shot}x)$$

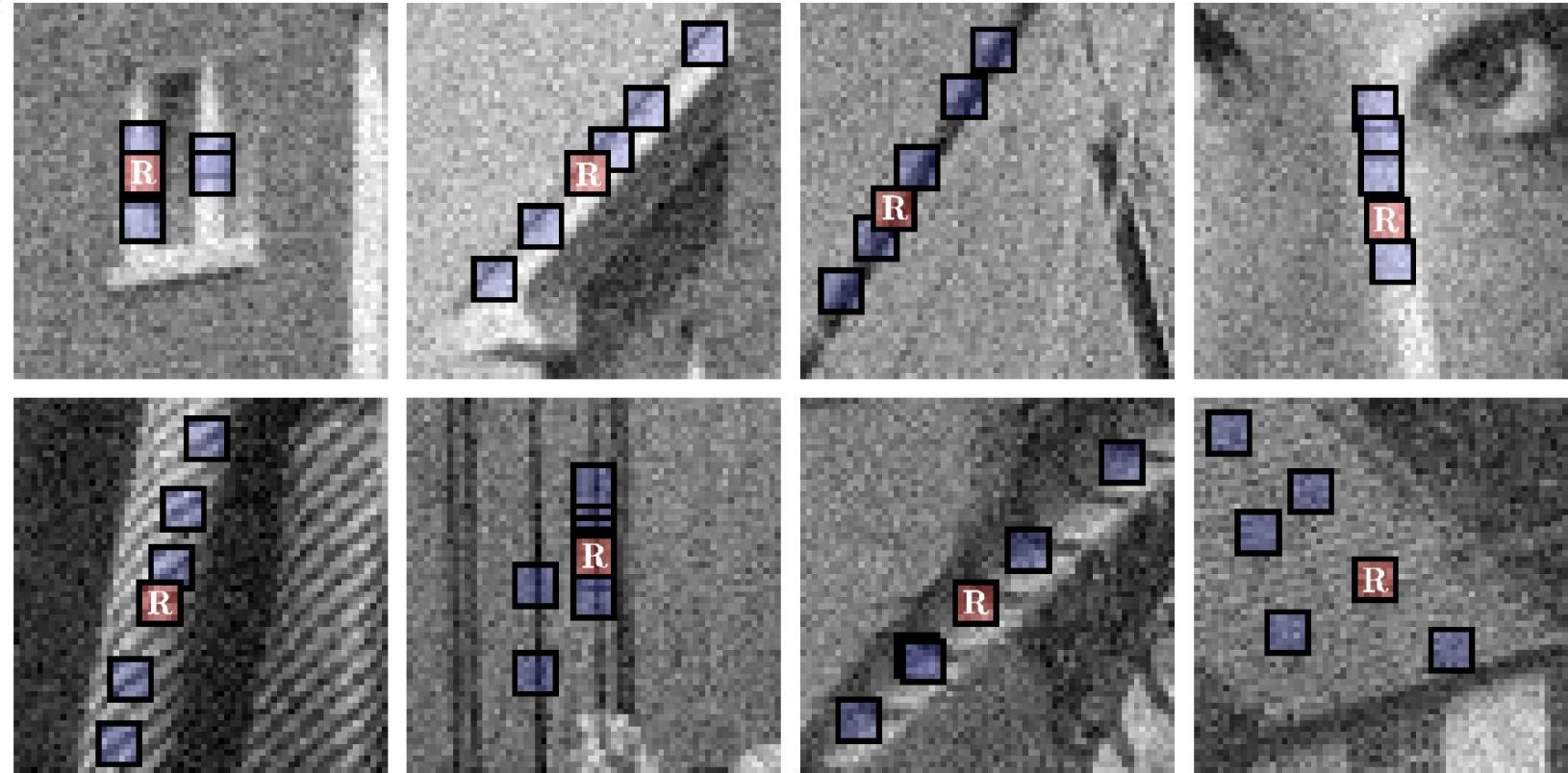
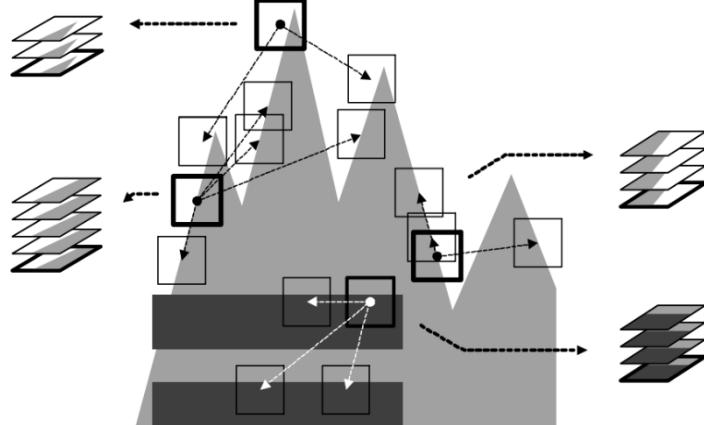


(a) Noisy Input, PSNR = 18.76

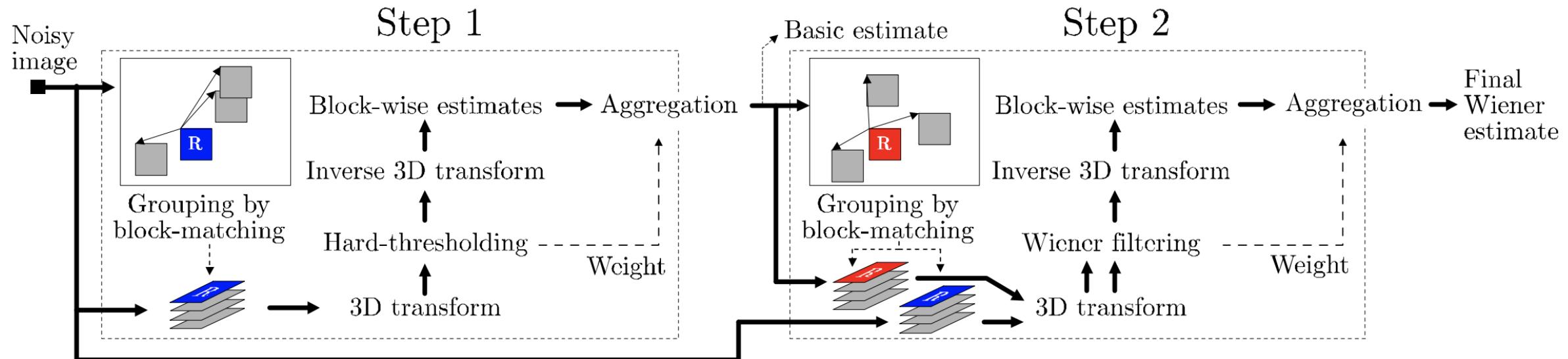


(b) Ground Truth

## Reference block and matched blocks



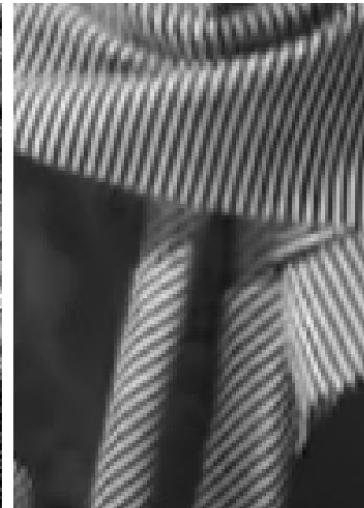
# Traditional CV Application——BM3D



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# Traditional CV Application——BM3D



(d) *Man* (PSNR 29.62 dB)



(e) *Boats* (PSNR 29.91 dB)



(f) *Couple* (PSNR 29.72 dB)



# Traditional CV Application——BM3D

PSNR 29.33 dB



PSNR 29.32 dB



PSNR 29.48 dB



PSNR 29.68 dB



PSNR 29.91 dB



PSNR 28.29 dB



PSNR 28.91 dB



PSNR 29.11 dB



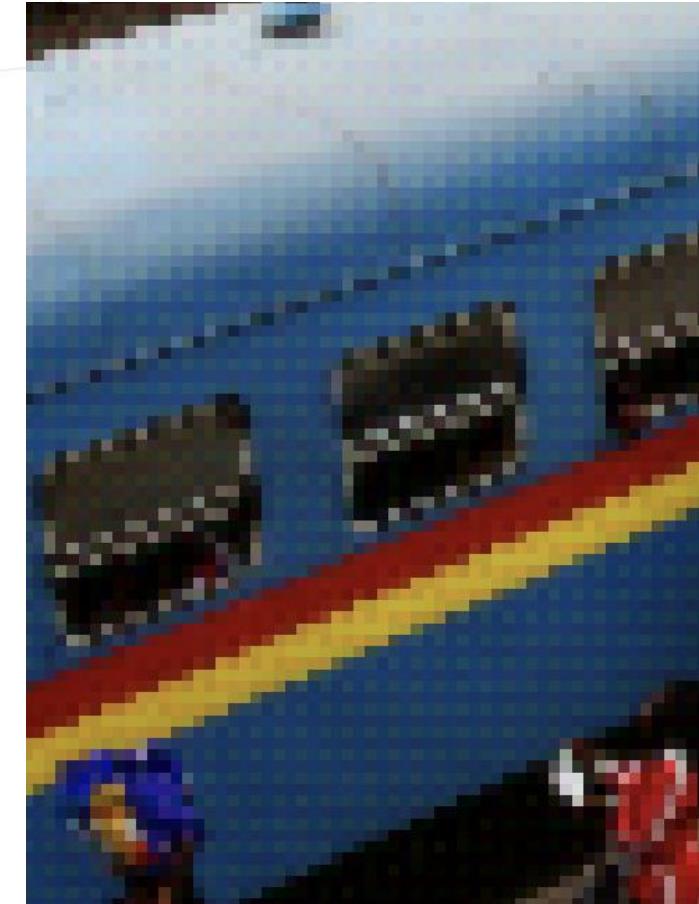
PSNR 29.08 dB



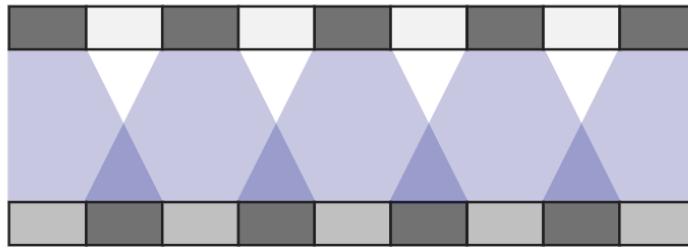
PSNR 29.45 dB



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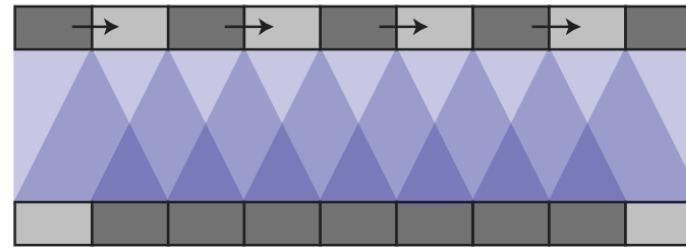


## Checkerboard artifact——upsample layer



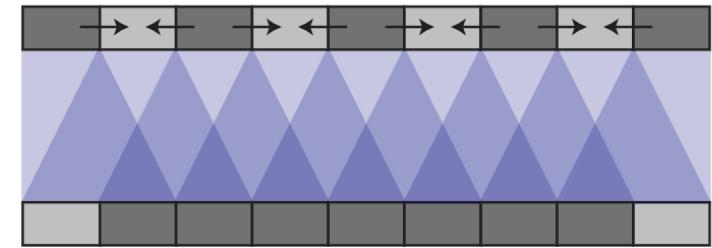
$$\begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ b & \\ a & c \\ & b \end{bmatrix}$$

**Deconvolution**



$$\begin{bmatrix} a+b & c \\ a & b+c \\ a+b & c \\ a & b+c \end{bmatrix}$$

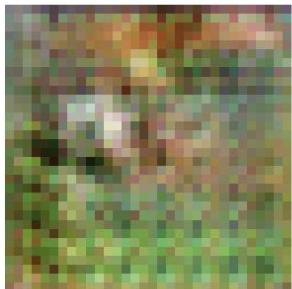
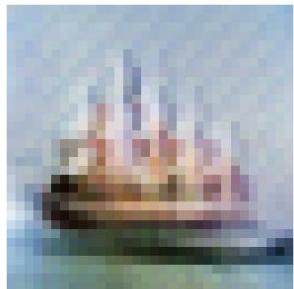
**NN-Resize Convolution**



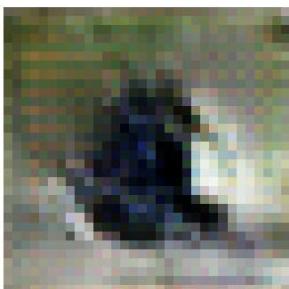
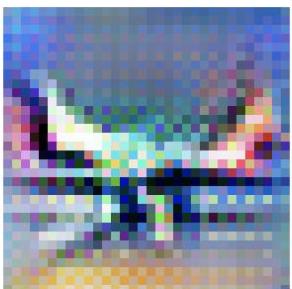
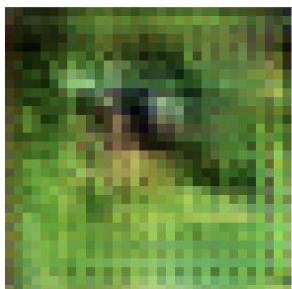
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**Bilinear-Resize Convolution**

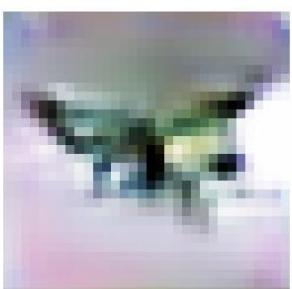
## Checkerboard artifact——upsample layer



Deconv in last two layers.  
Other layers use resize-convolution.  
*Artifacts of frequency 2 and 4.*



Deconv only in last layer.  
Other layers use resize-convolution.  
*Artifacts of frequency 2.*



All layers use resize-convolution.  
*No artifacts.*

# Checkerboard artifact—downsample layer

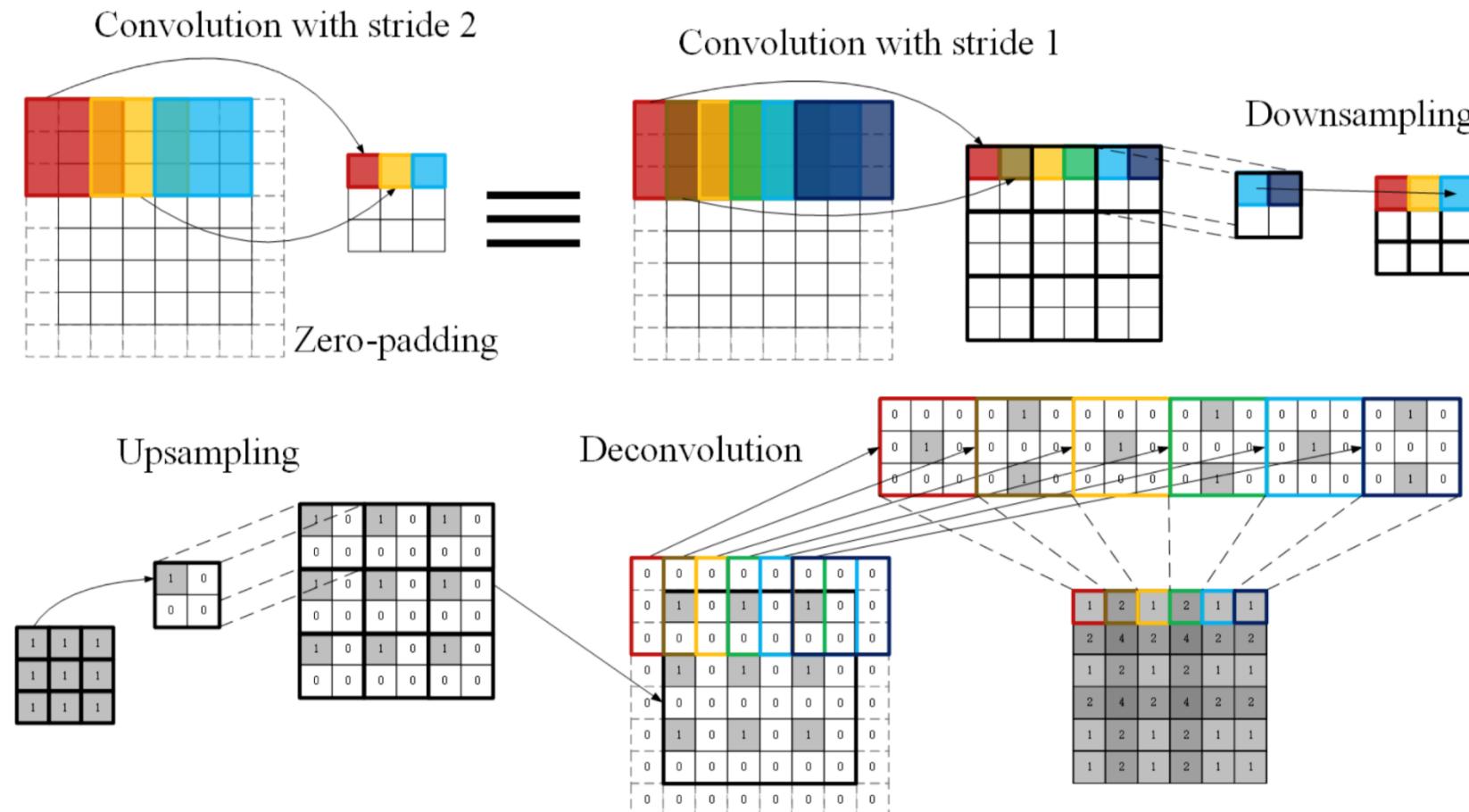
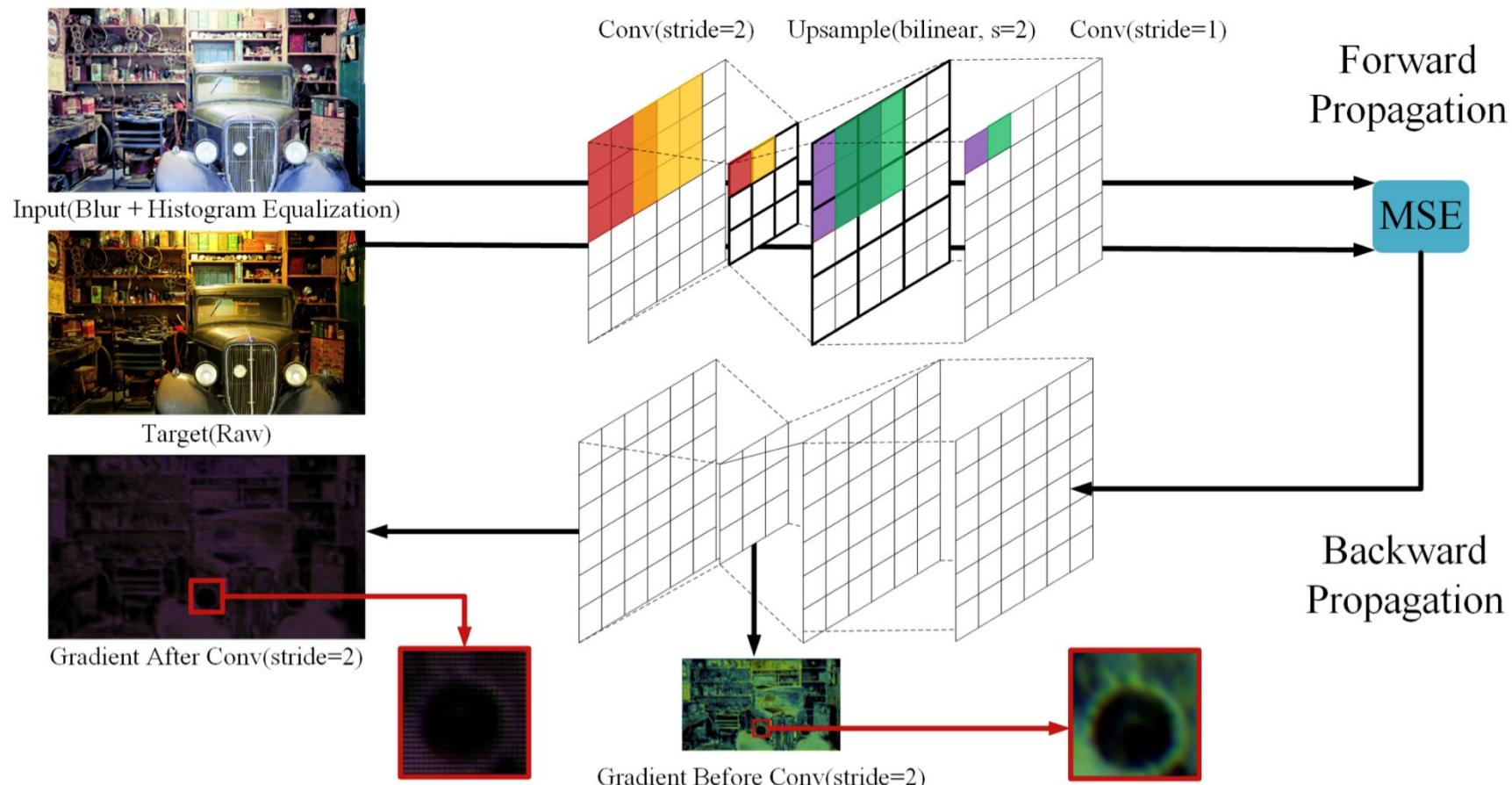
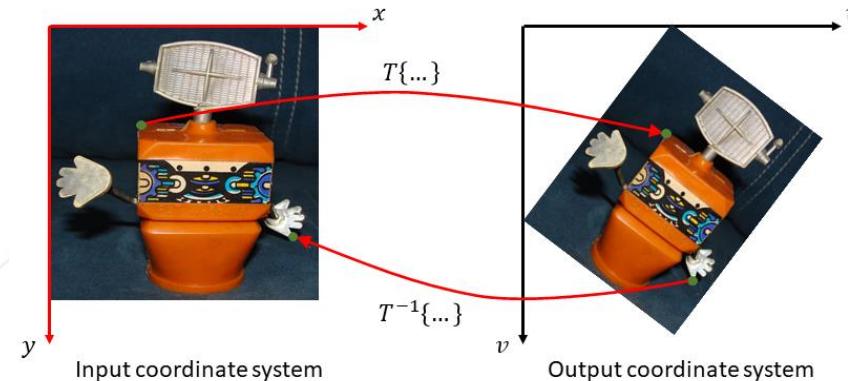
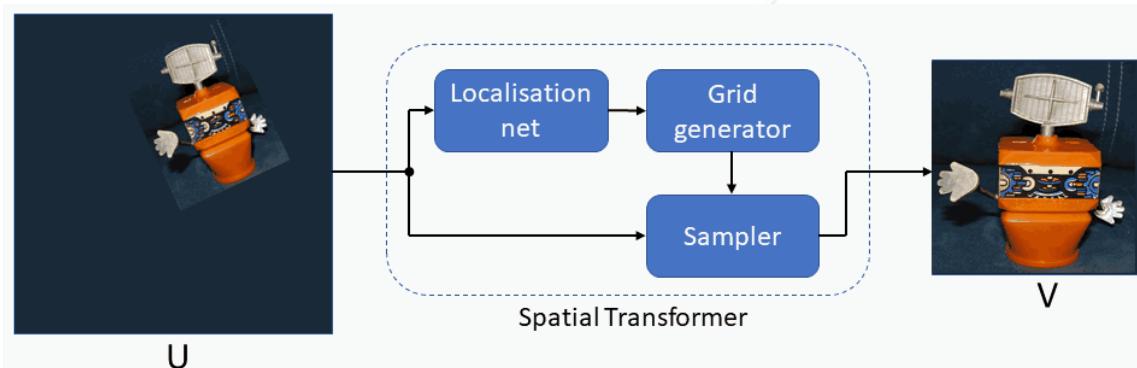


Figure 2. Forward propagation and backward propagation of convolution with stride 2.

## Checkerboard artifact——downsample layer



## Spatial Transformer Networks



*Spatial Transformer* modules are a popular way to increase spatial invariance of a model against spatial transformations such as translation, scaling, rotation, cropping, as well as non-rigid deformations. They can be inserted into existing convolutional architectures: either immediately following the input or in deeper layers.

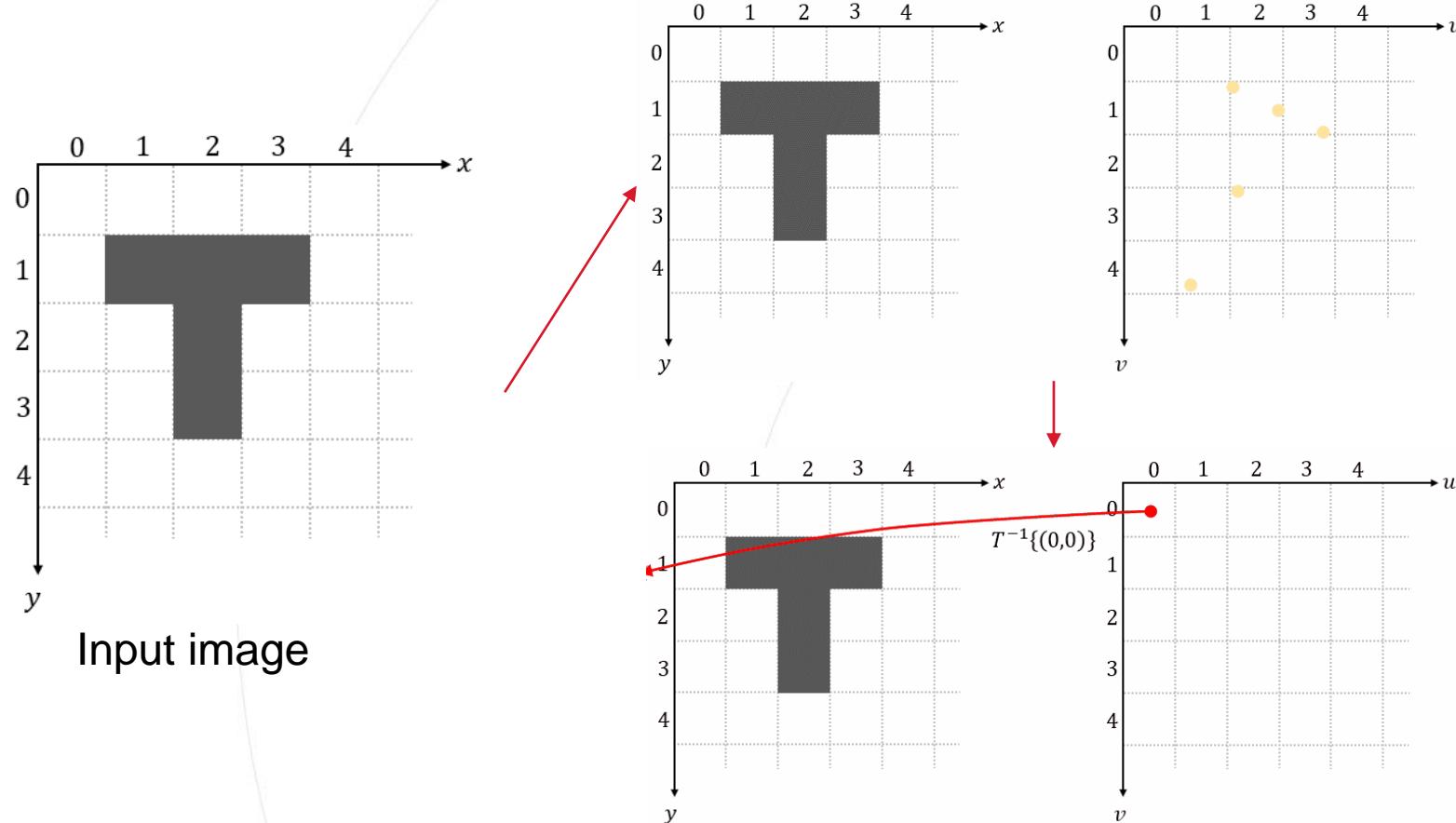
The forward transformation  $T\{\dots\}$  maps a location in input space to a location in output space:

$$(v, u) = T\{(y, x)\}$$

The inverse transformation  $T^{-1}\{\dots\}$  maps a location in output space back to a location in input space:

$$(y, x) = T^{-1}\{(v, u)\}$$

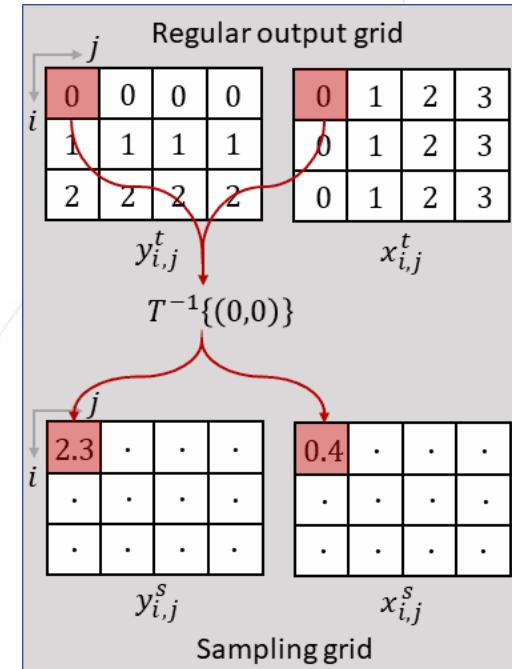
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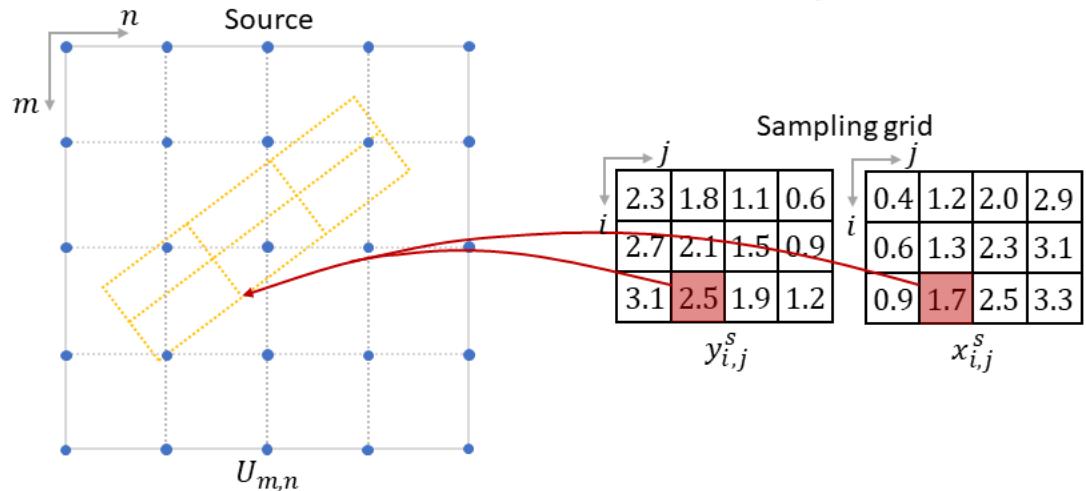
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The **grid generator** iterates over the regular grid of the output/target image and uses the inverse transformation  $T^{-1}\{\dots\}$  to calculate the corresponding (usually non-integer) sample positions in the input/source image:

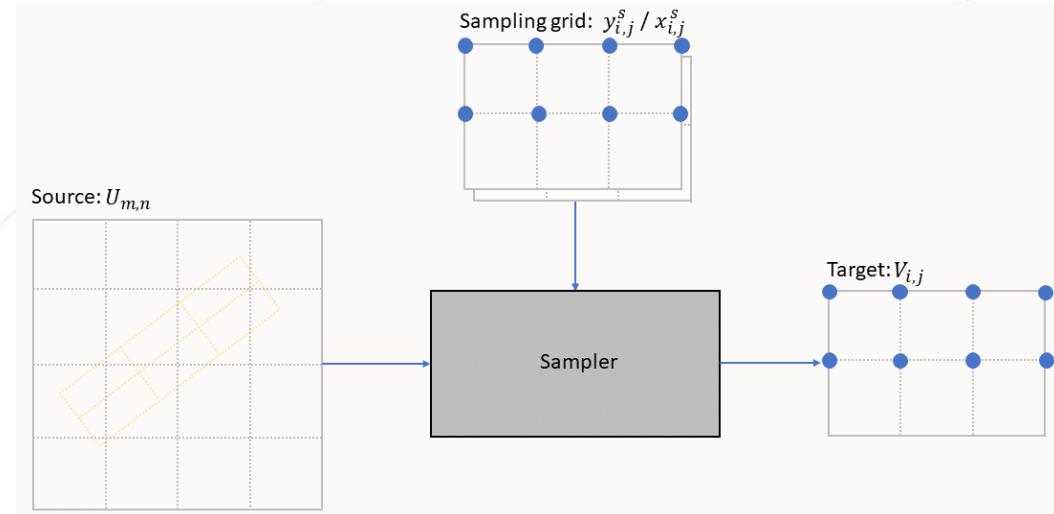


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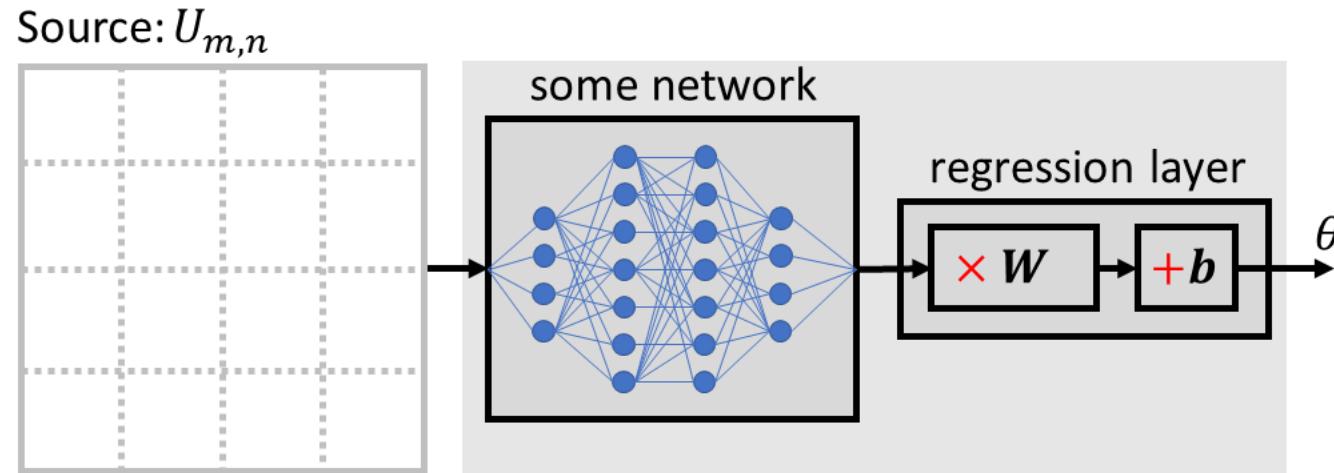
The output of the grid generator is the so called **sampling grid**, which is a set of points where the input map will be sampled to produce the spatially transformed output:

$$(y_{i,j}^s, x_{i,j}^s)$$



The **sampler** iterates over the entries of the **sampling grid** and extracts the corresponding pixel values from the input map using bilinear interpolation:

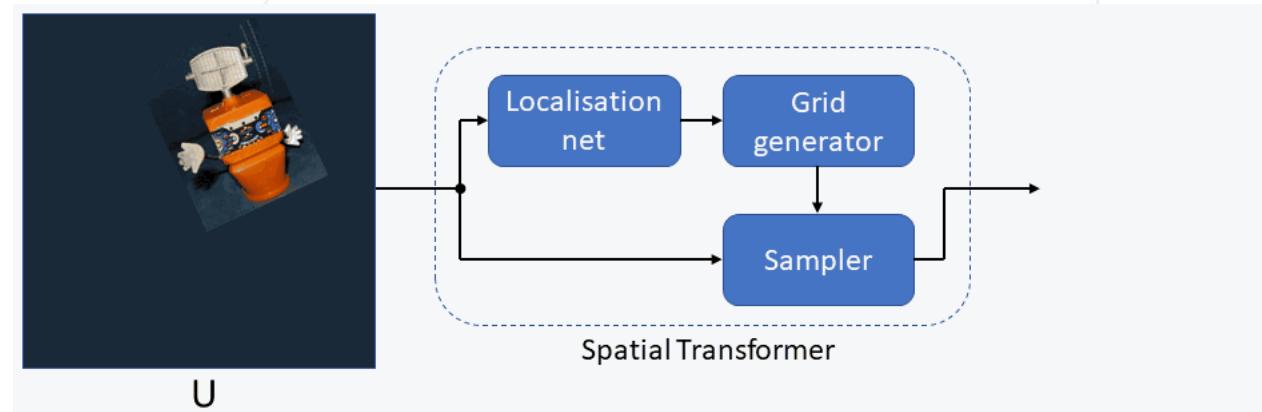
## Spatial Transformer Networks



The task of the **localisation network** is to find parameters  $\theta$  of the inverse transformation  $T^{-1}\{\dots\}$ , which puts the input feature map to a canonical pose, thus simplify recognition in the following layers.

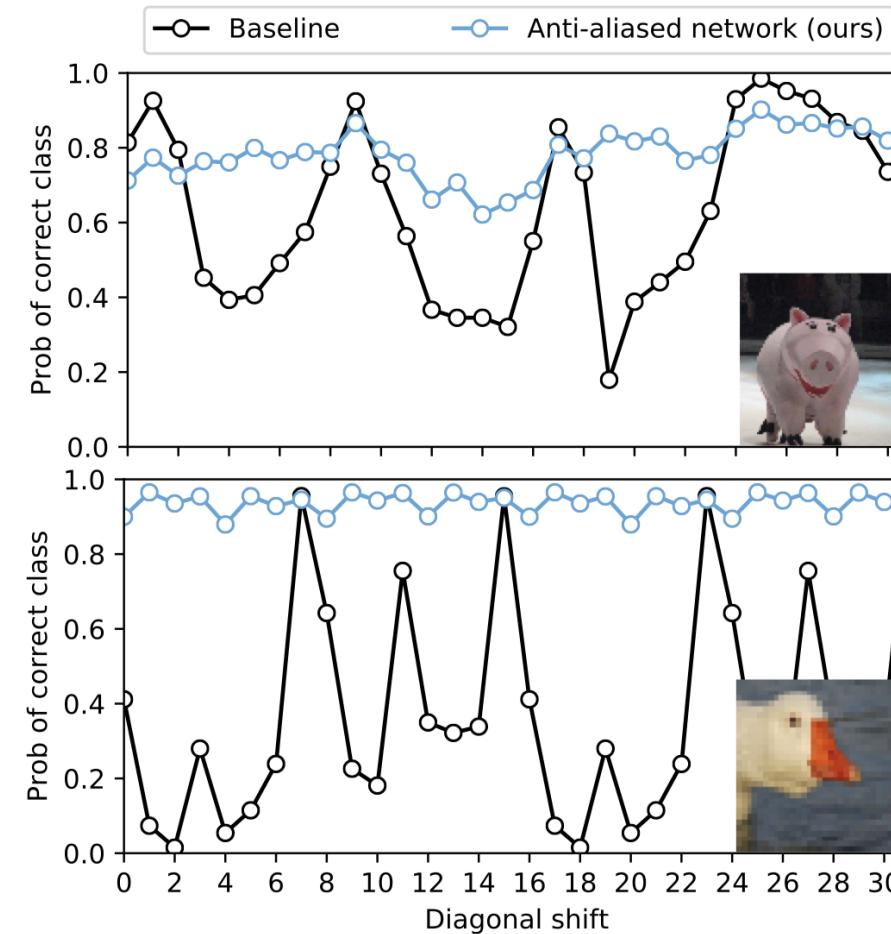
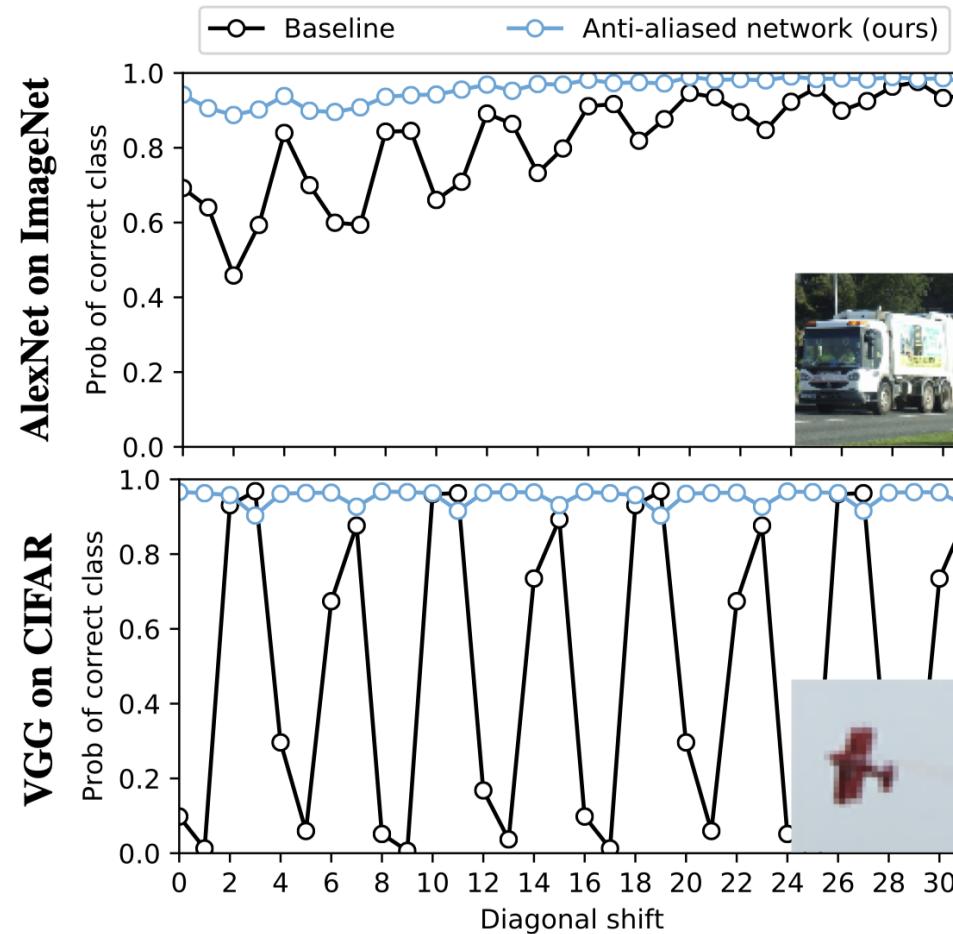
The **localisation network** can take any form, such as a fully-connected network or a convolutional network, but should include a final regression layer to produce the transformation parameters  $\theta$

## Spatial Transformer Networks

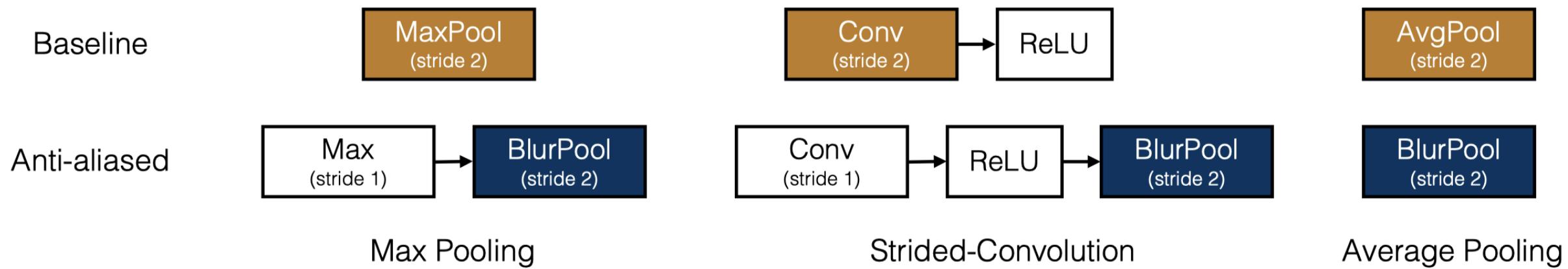


The input feature map  $U$  is first passed to the **localisation network**, which regresses the appropriate transformation parameters  $\theta$ . The **grid generator** then uses the transformation parameters  $\theta$  to produce the **sampling grid**, which is a set of points where the input feature map shall be sampled. Finally, the **sampler** takes both the input feature map and the **sampling grid** and using e.g. bilinear interpolation outputs the transformed feature map.

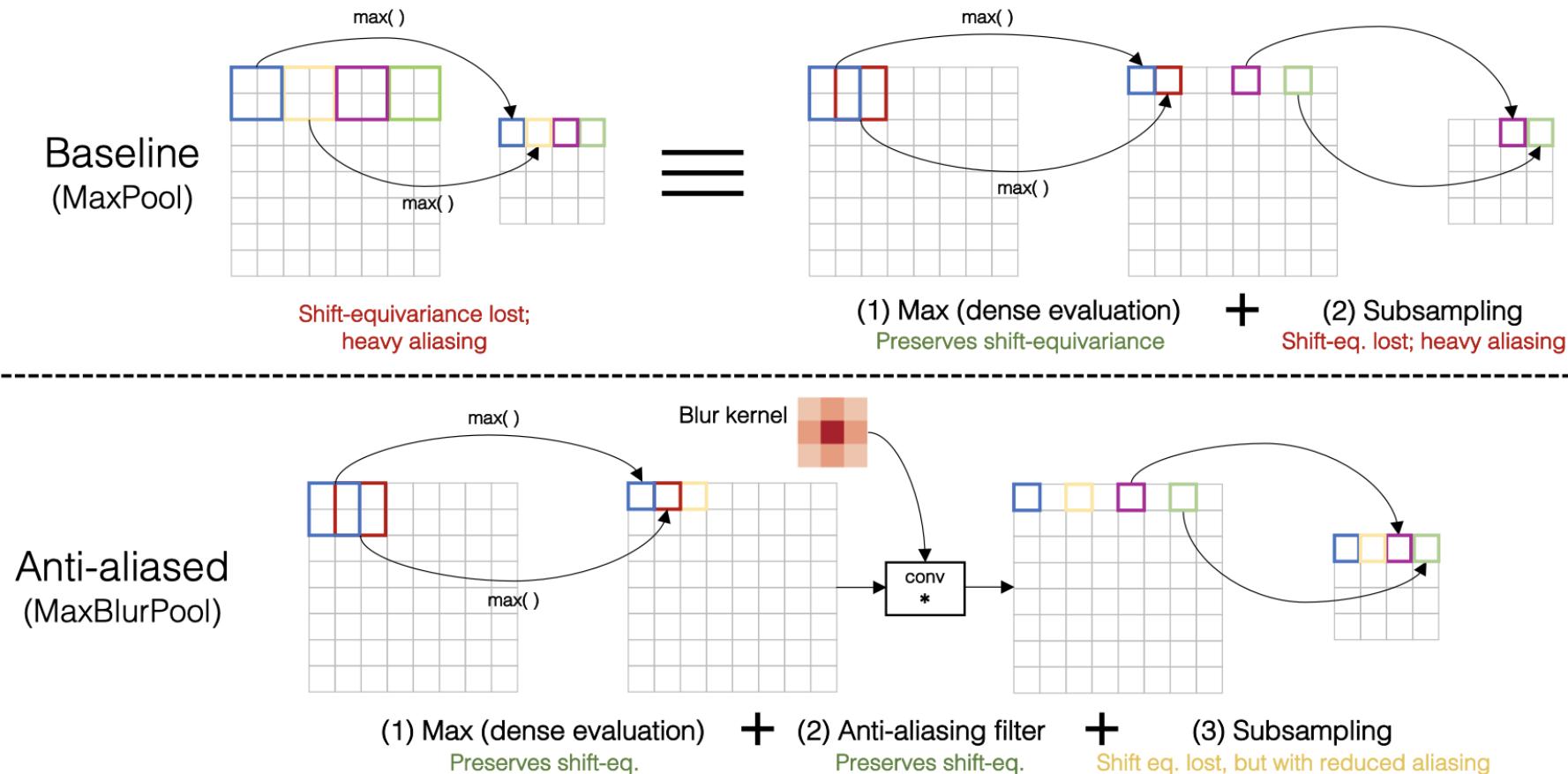
## From Gauss filter to blurpool——instable examples to shifts



## From gauss filter to blurpool——anti-aliasing strided layer



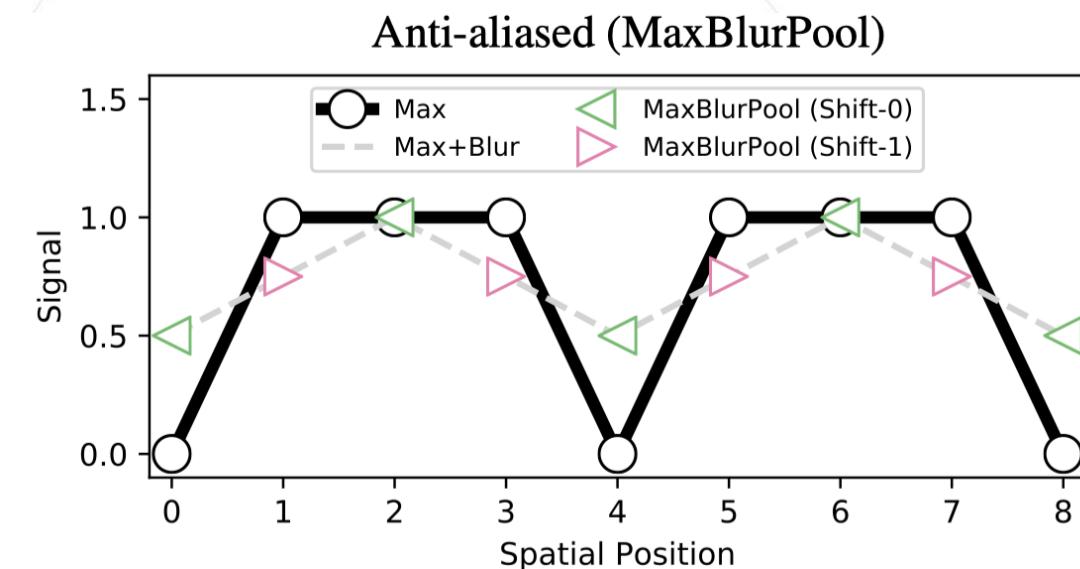
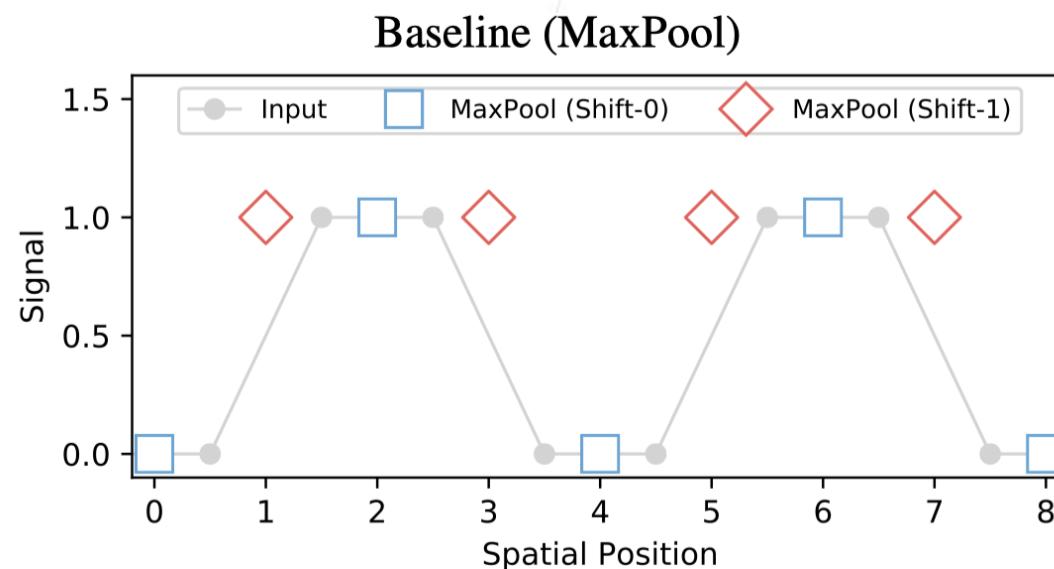
## From gauss filter to blurpool——anti-aliasing strided layer(MaxBlurPool)



## From gauss filter to blurpool——Shift-equivariance and invariance

$$\text{Shift}_{\Delta h, \Delta w}(\tilde{\mathcal{F}}(X)) = \tilde{\mathcal{F}}(\text{Shift}_{\Delta h, \Delta w}(X)) \quad \forall (\Delta h, \Delta w)$$

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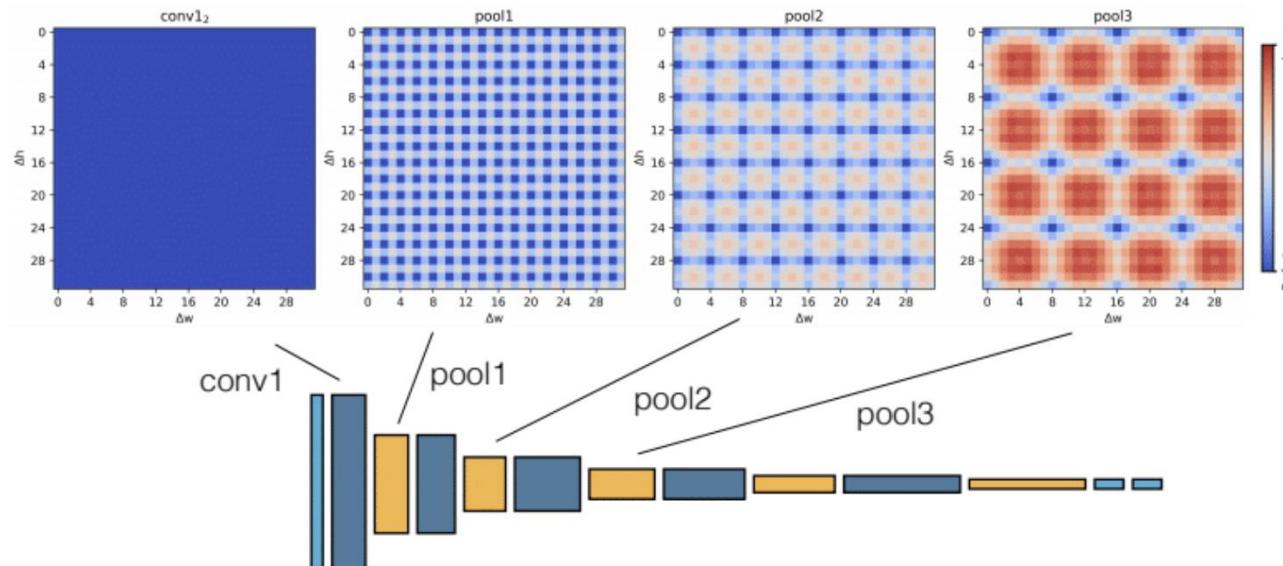


## From gauss filter to blurpool——Shift-equivariance in CNN

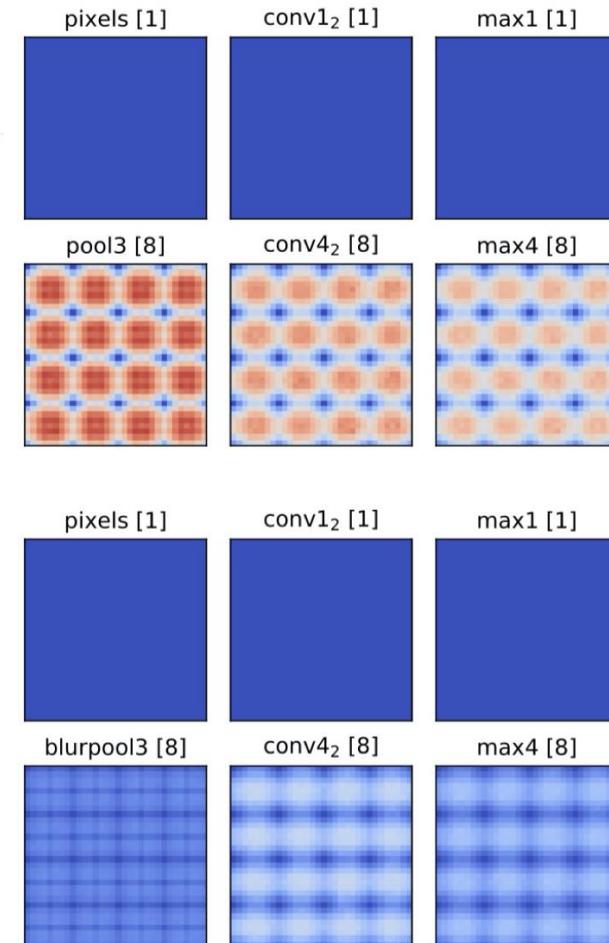
### SHIFT-EQUIVARIANCE PER LAYER

VGG network on CIFAR classification  
 Circular convolution/shift (no made-up pixels)  
 Test shift-equivariance of each internal layer

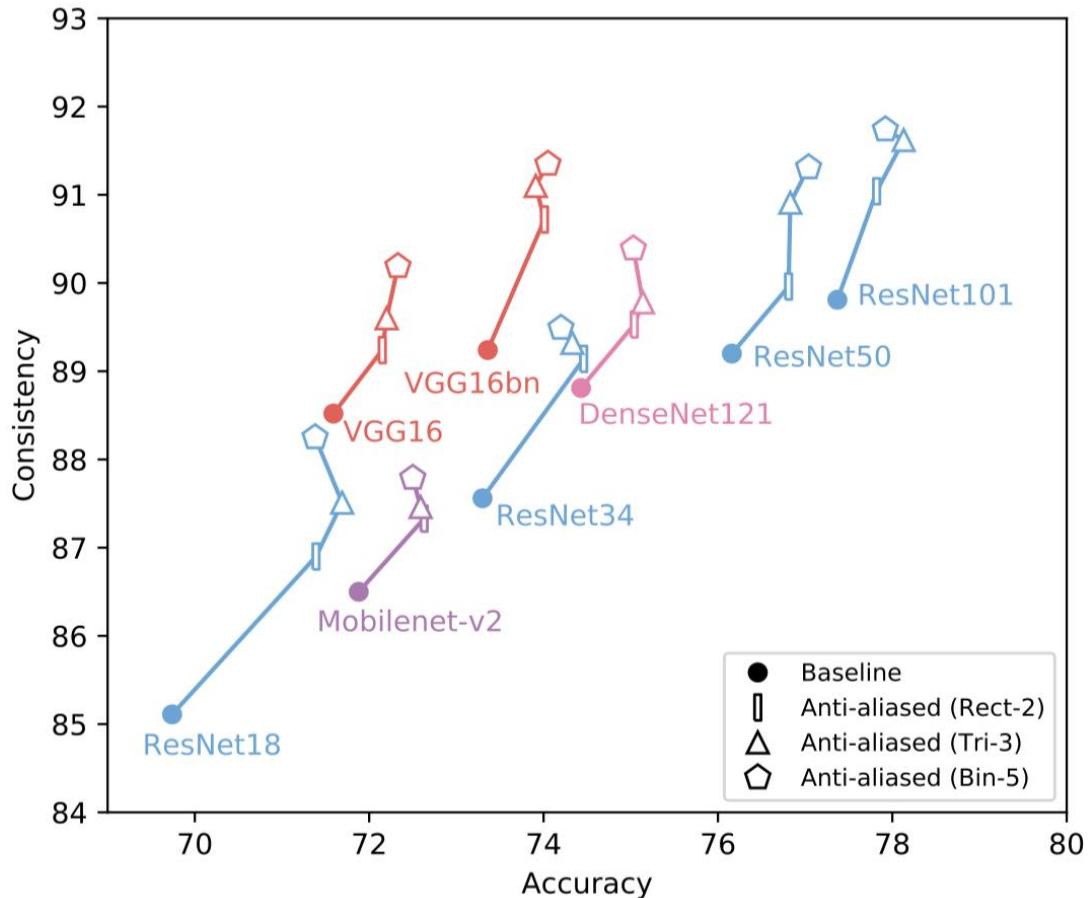
$$\text{dist}(F(\text{Shift}_{\Delta h, \Delta w}(X)), \text{Shift}_{\Delta h, \Delta w}(F(X)))$$



Shift-equivariance progressively lost in each downsampling due to aliasing



## From gauss filter to blurpool——BlurPool result



### IMPROVED STABILITY + ROBUSTNESS

#### Stability on ImageNet-P

- Data from [Hendrycks & Dietterich ICLR '19]
- Antialiasing theoretically motivated by shifts, but **increased stability to other perturbations** observed

	Flip Rate (FR) (lower is better)									
	Noise		Blur		Weather		Geometric			
	Gauss	Shot	Motion	Zoom	Snow	Bright	Translate	Rotate	Tilt	Scale
Baseline	14.04	17.38	6.00	4.29	7.54	3.03	4.86	6.79	4.01	11.32
Antialiased	12.39	15.22	5.44	3.72	6.76	3.15	3.78	5.67	3.44	9.45
% Reduction	11.81	12.42	9.27	13.28	10.28	4.10	22.27	16.59	14.11	16.50

#### Robustness on ImageNet-C

- Performance degrades slower when images are corrupted, indicating **increased robustness**

	Corruption Error (CE) (lower is better)						
	Noise			Blur			
	Gauss	Shot	Impulse	Defocus	Glass	Motion	Zoom
Baseline	68.70	71.10	74.04	61.40	73.39	61.43	63.93
Antialiased	64.31	66.39	69.88	60.31	71.37	61.60	61.25
% Reduced	6.39	6.62	5.62	1.78	2.75	-0.28	4.19

	Weather				Digital			
	Snow	Frost	Fog	Bright	Contrast	Elastic	Pixel	Jpeg
	Baseline	67.76	62.08	54.61	32.04	61.25	55.24	55.24
Antialiased	66.82	59.82	51.84	31.51	58.12	55.29	50.81	42.84
% Reduced	1.39	3.64	5.07	1.65	5.11	-0.09	8.02	7.51

→ **Improved accuracy, stability, robustness**