Visualization of CNN

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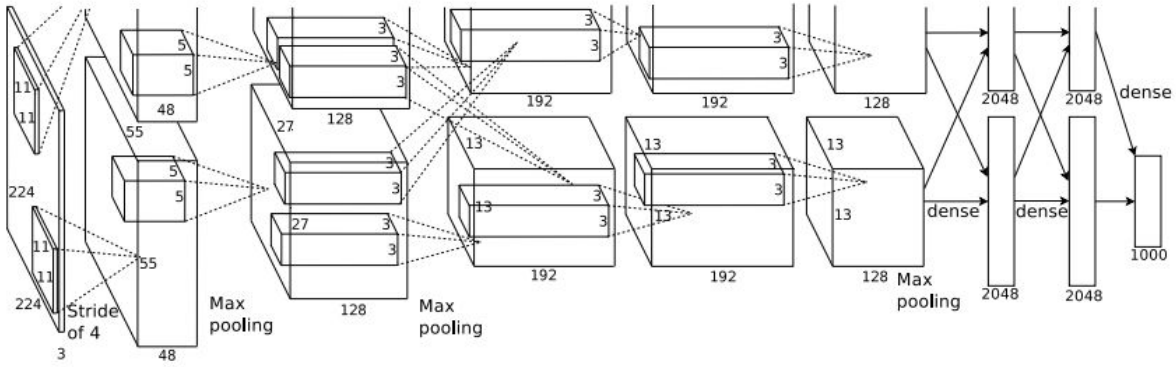
Visualizing Convolutional Networks

Understanding intermediate neurons?



Class Scores:
1000 numbers

Input Image:
3 x 224 x 224

What are the intermediate features looking for?

Visualizing CNN Features: Gradient Ascent

- **Gradient ascent**: Generate a synthetic image that maximally activates a neuron

$$I^* = \arg\max_I \boxed{f(I)} + \boxed{R(I)}$$

Neuron value

Natural image regularizer

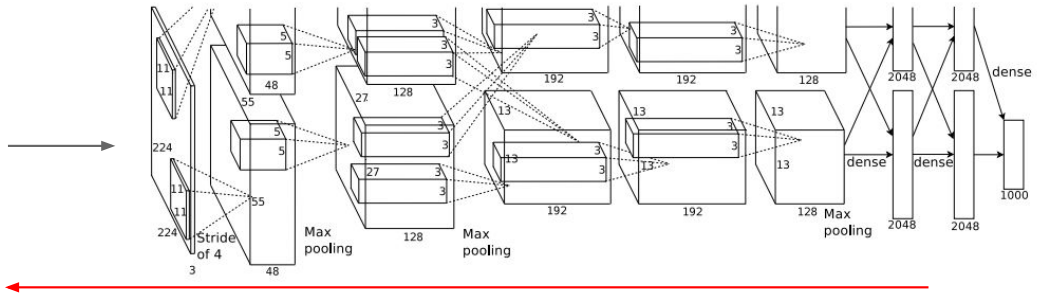
Visualizing CNN Features: Gradient Ascent

$$\arg\max_I S_c(I) - \lambda \|I\|_2^2$$

score for class c (before Softmax)

1. Initialize image to zeros

zero image



Repeat:

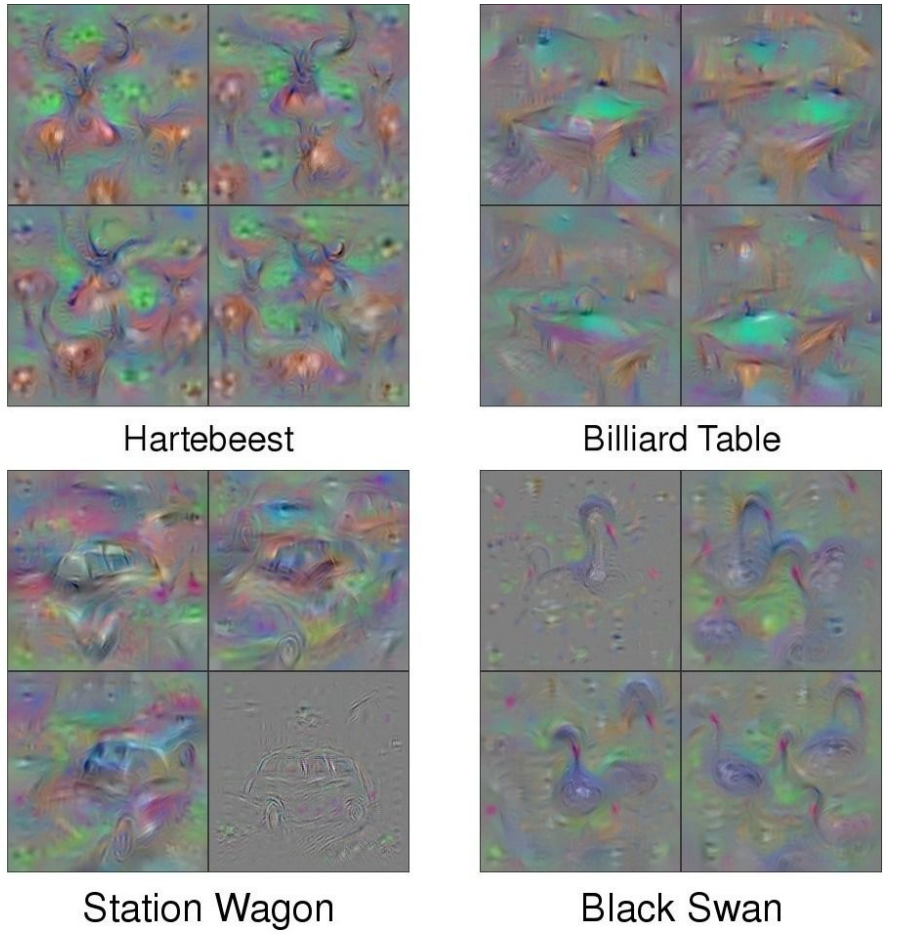
2. Forward image to compute current scores
3. Backprop to get gradient of neuron value with respect to image pixels
4. Make a small update to the image

Visualizing CNN Features: Gradient Ascent

$$\arg\max_I S_c(I) - \lambda \|I\|_2^2$$

Better regularizer: Penalize L2 norm of image; also during optimization periodically

(1) Gaussian blur image
(2) Clip pixels with small values to 0
(3) Clip pixels with small gradients to 0



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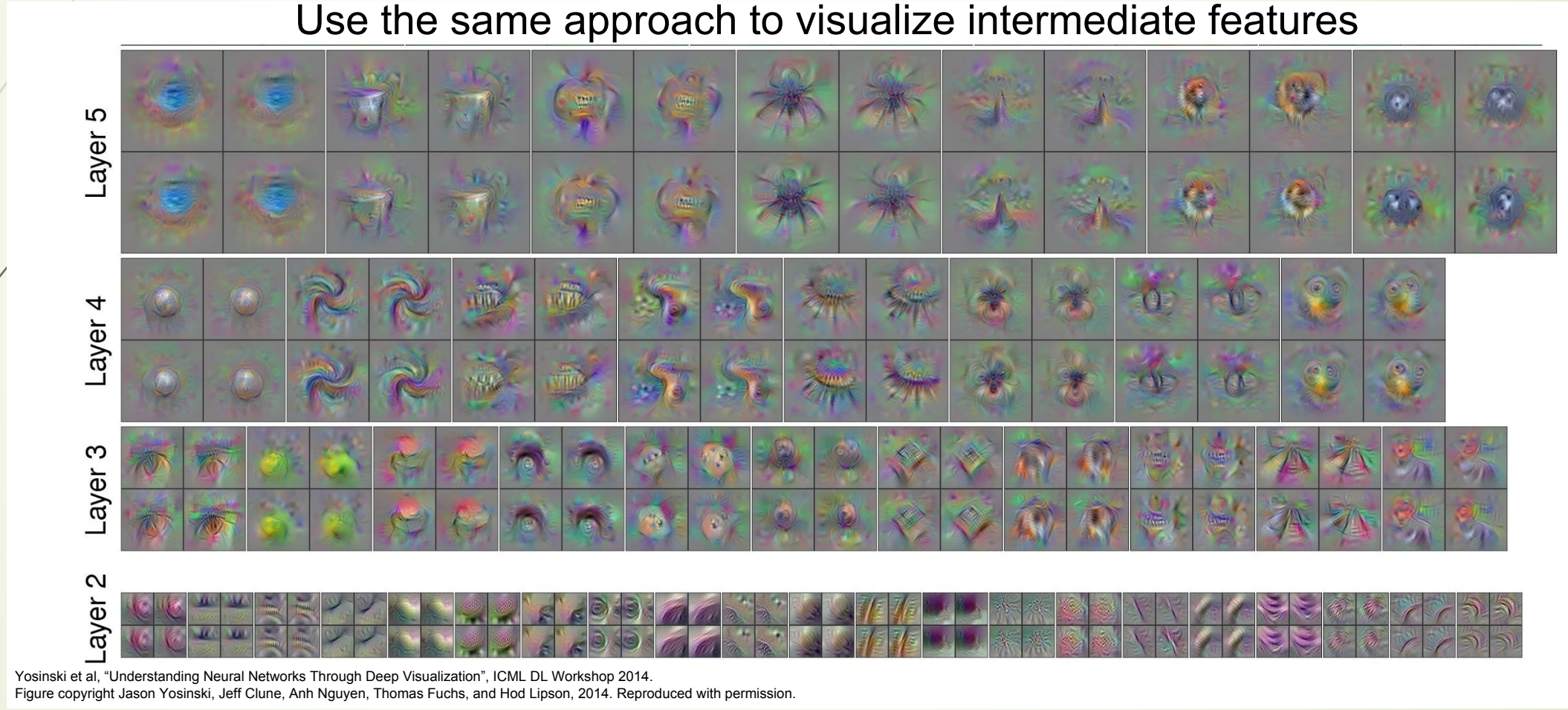

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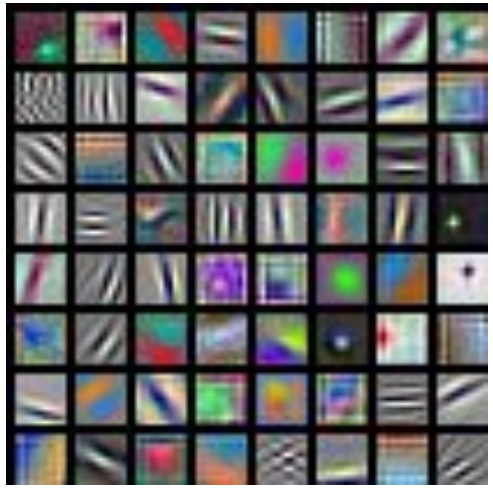
It's easy to visualize early layers

First Layer: Visualize Filters

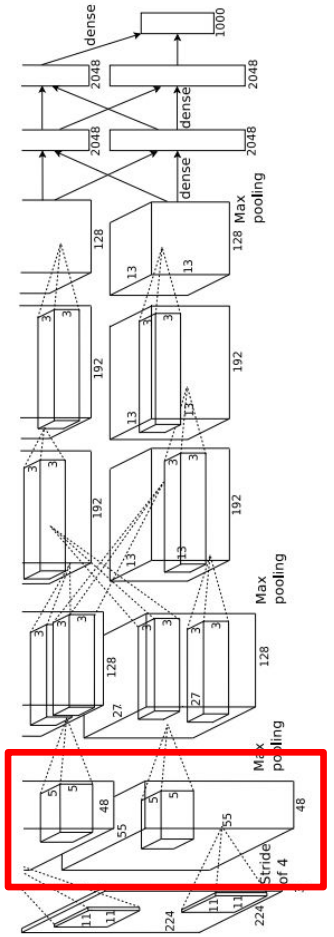


AlexNet:
64 x 3 x 11 x 11

ResNet-18:
64 x 3 x 7 x 7

ResNet-101:
64 x 3 x 7 x 7

DenseNet-121:
64 x 3 x 7 x 7



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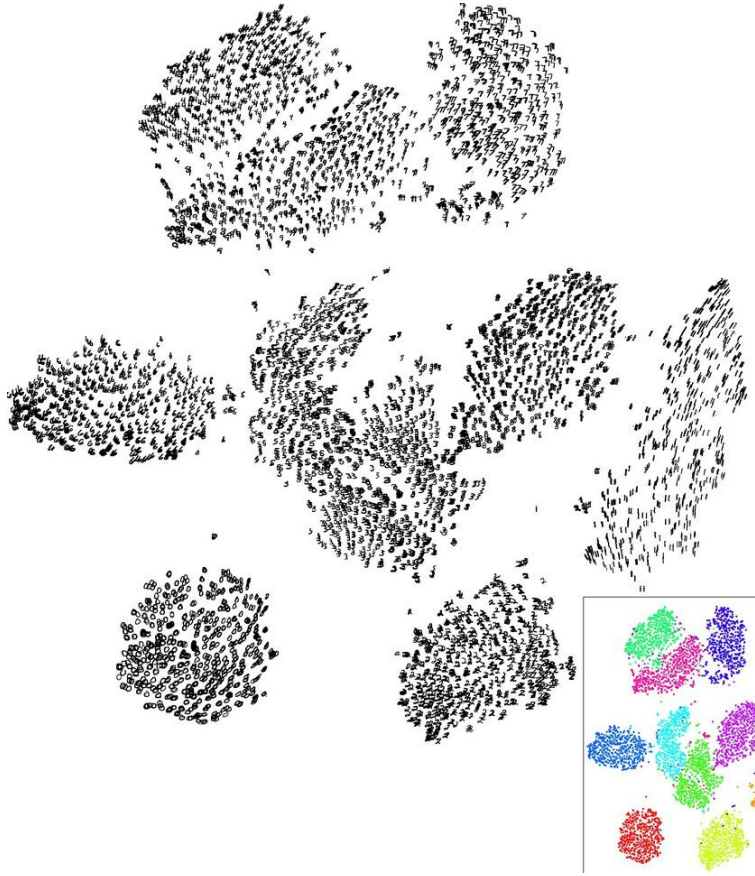
Last layers are hard to visualize

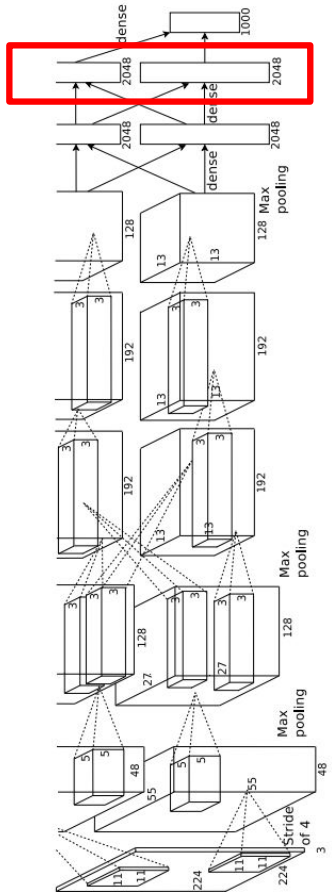
Last Layer: Dimensionality Reduction

Visualize the “space” of FC7 feature vectors by reducing dimensionality of vectors from 4096 to 2 dimensions

Simple algorithm: Principle Component Analysis (PCA)

More complex: **t-SNE**





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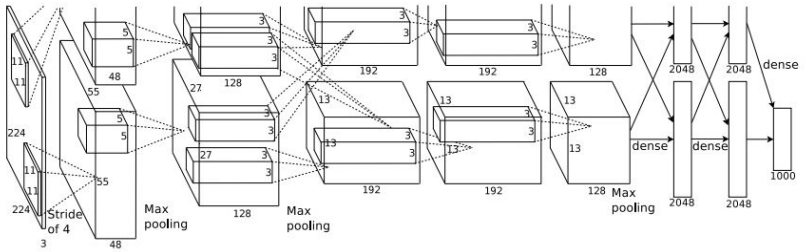
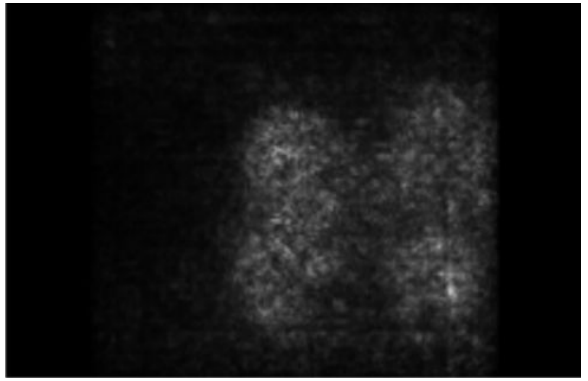
Saliency Maps

How to tell which pixels matter for classification?



Dog

Compute gradient of (unnormalized) class score with respect to image pixels, take absolute value and max over RGB channels



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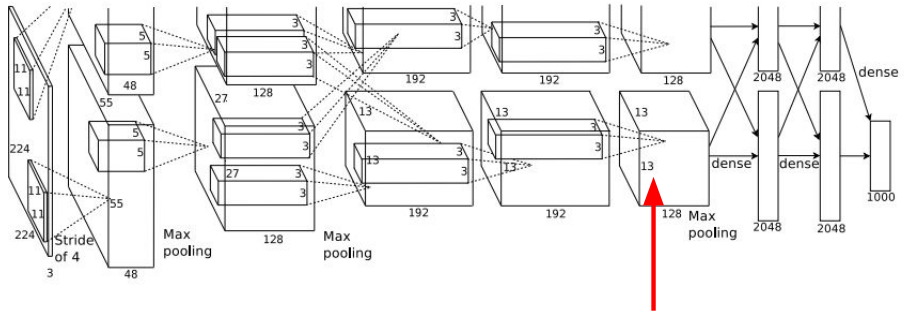
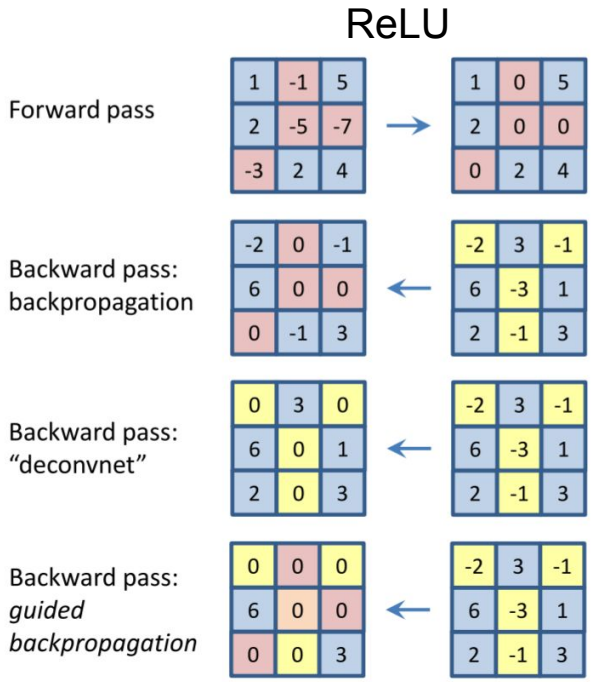
Guided BP

Intermediate features via (guided) backprop



Pick a single intermediate neuron, e.g. one value in 128 x 13 x 13 conv5 feature map

Compute gradient of neuron value with respect to image pixels



Images come out nicer if you only backprop positive gradients through each ReLU (guided backprop)

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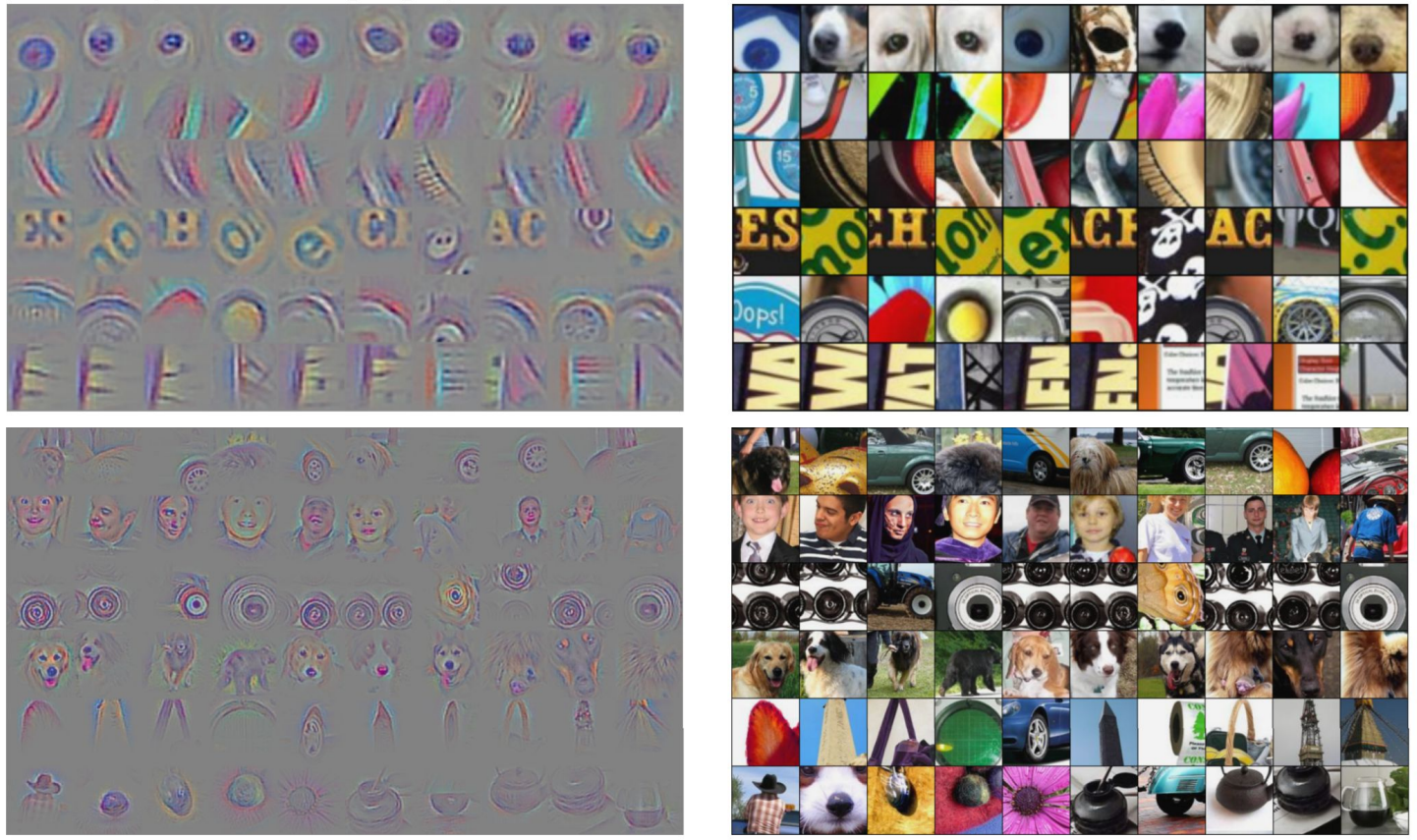
Intermediate features via Guided BP



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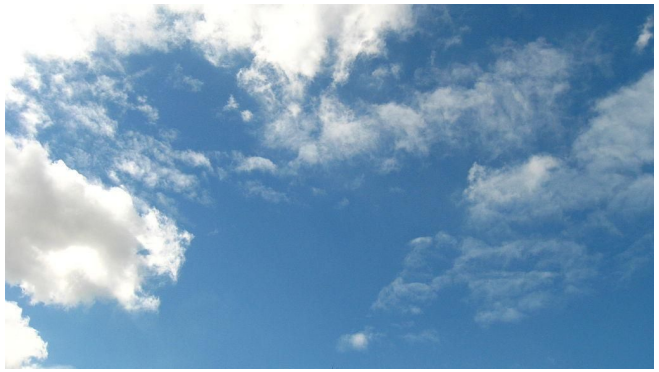
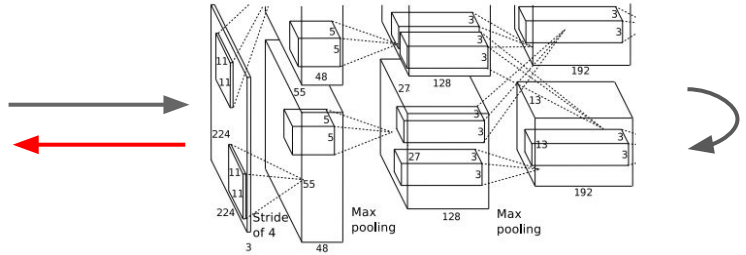
DeepDream: amplifying features

Rather than synthesizing an image to maximize a specific neuron, instead try to **amplify** the neuron activations at some layer in the network





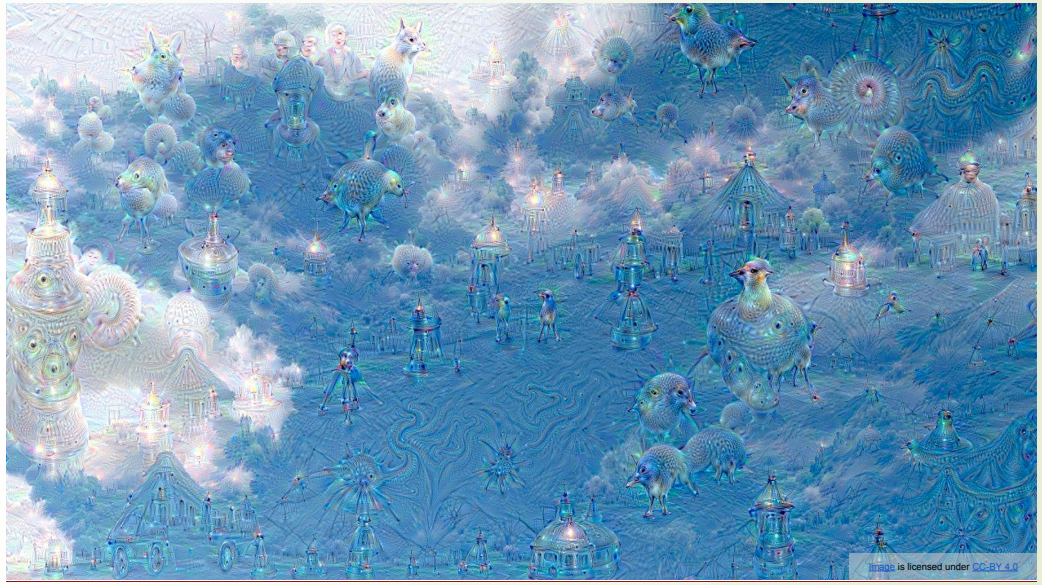
Choose an image and a layer in a CNN; repeat:

1. Forward: compute activations at chosen layer
2. Set gradient of chosen layer *equal to its activation*
3. Backward: Compute gradient on image
4. Update image

Equivalent to:

$$I^* = \arg\max_I \sum_i f_i(I)^2$$

Example: DeepDream of Sky



"Admiral Dog!"

"The Pig-Snail"

"The Camel-Bird"

"The Dog-Fish"

More Examples

Python Notebooks

- An interesting Pytorch Implementation of these visualizatoin methods
  - https://github.com/utkuozbulak/pytorch-cnn-visualizations
- Some examples demo

Thank you!