



SANTA IS HERE!!!

With Gifts of

Image Classification Using

CNN

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Introduction

Santa is lost on Christmas Eve!

We need to find him in a huge pile of images.

Thankfully, we have some labeled data—let's train models to detect Santa!

Santa is lost, Find him !!!!



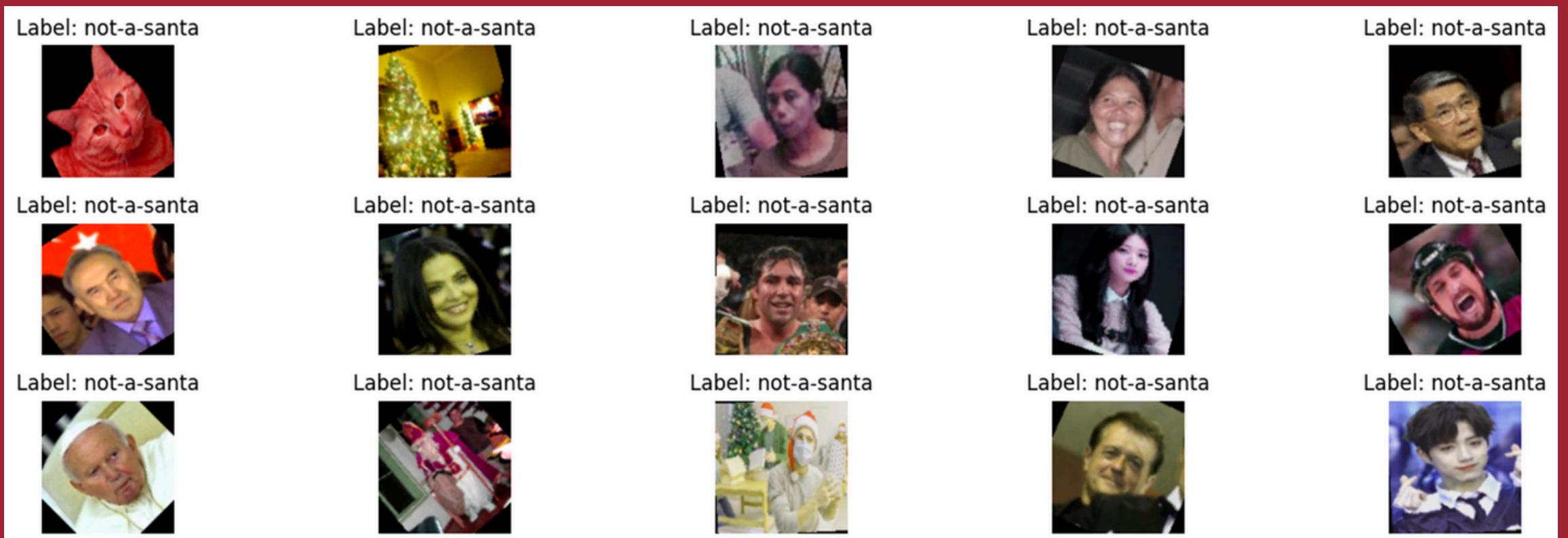
A look at dataset



Dataset: Binary image classification (Santa / Not Santa)

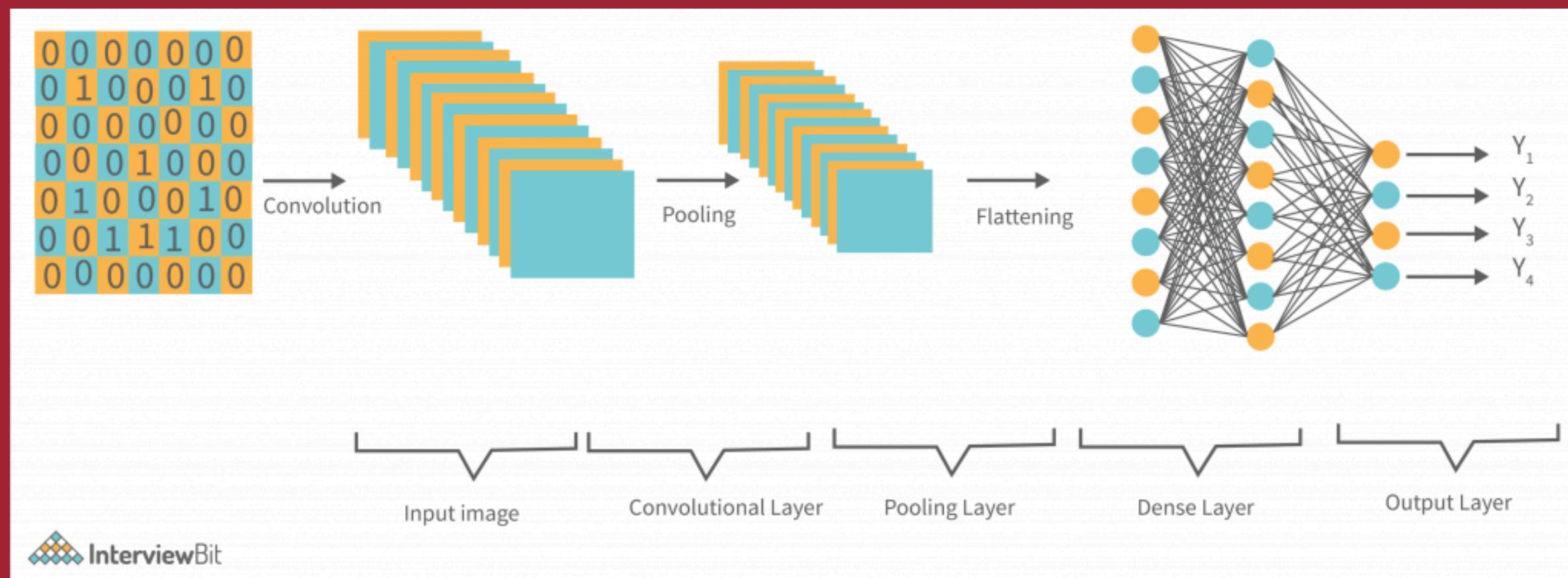
Training Set: Labeled images with and without Santa

Test Set: Unseen images for evaluation

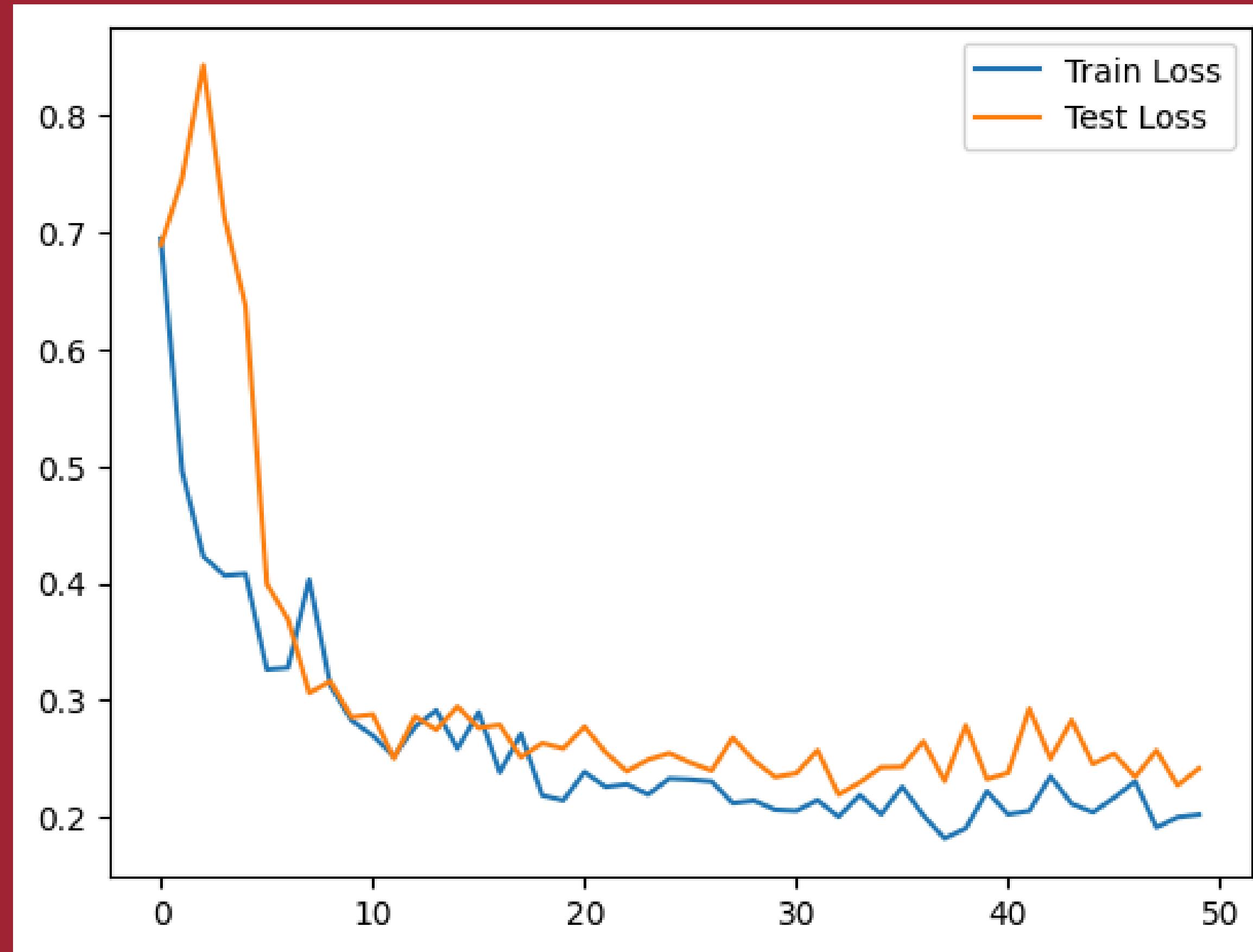


CNN Architecture

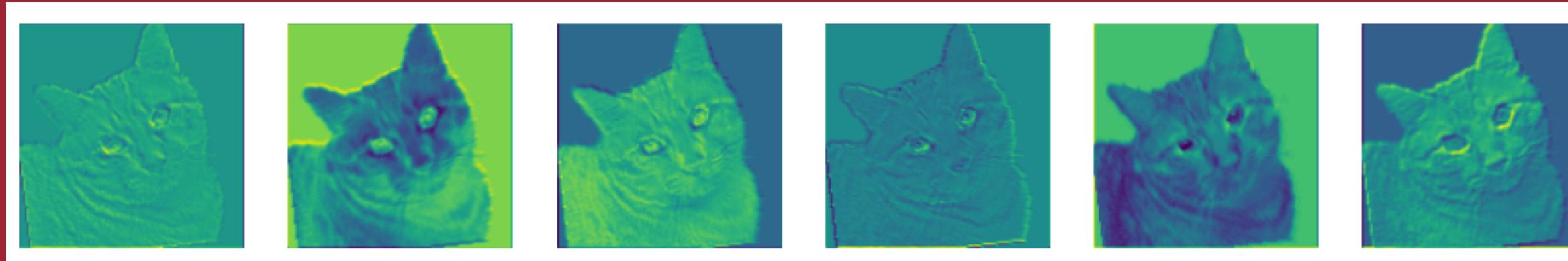
- 3 Conv Layers + BatchNorm + MaxPool.
- Linear layers: $[40 \times 16 \times 16] \rightarrow 100 \rightarrow 2$.
- Dropout for regularization.
- ReLU as activation function



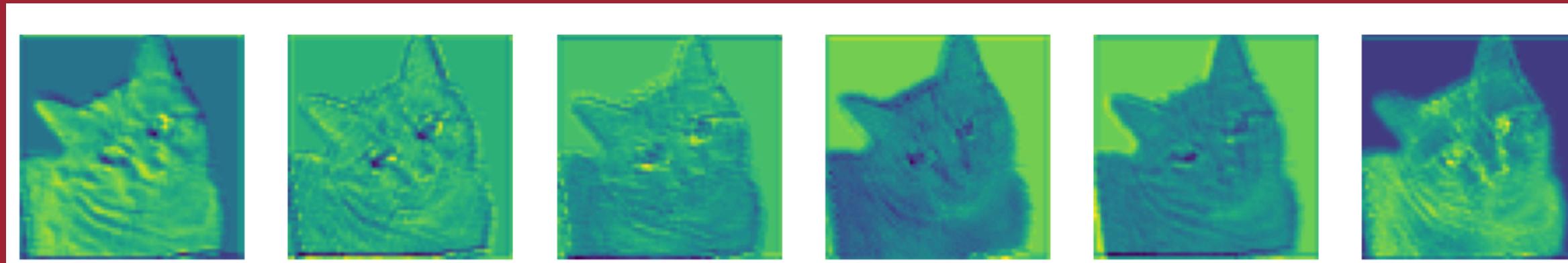
Training Curve of CNN



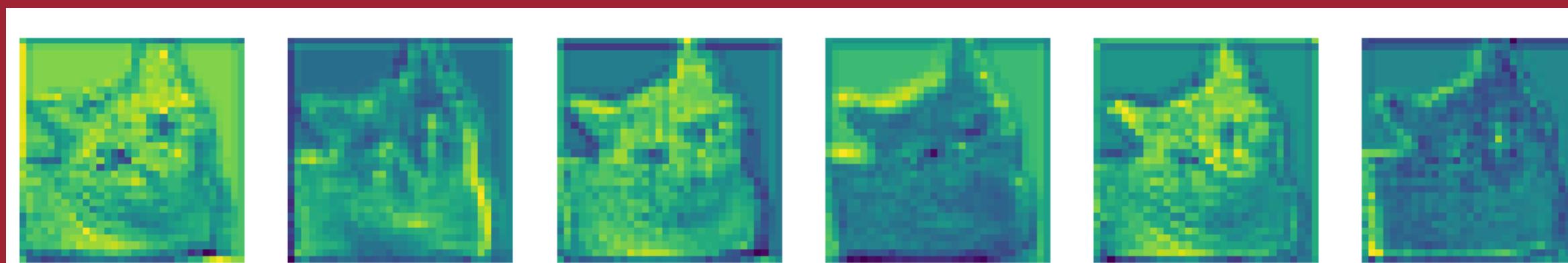
Visualization of CNN layer outputs



LAYER 1

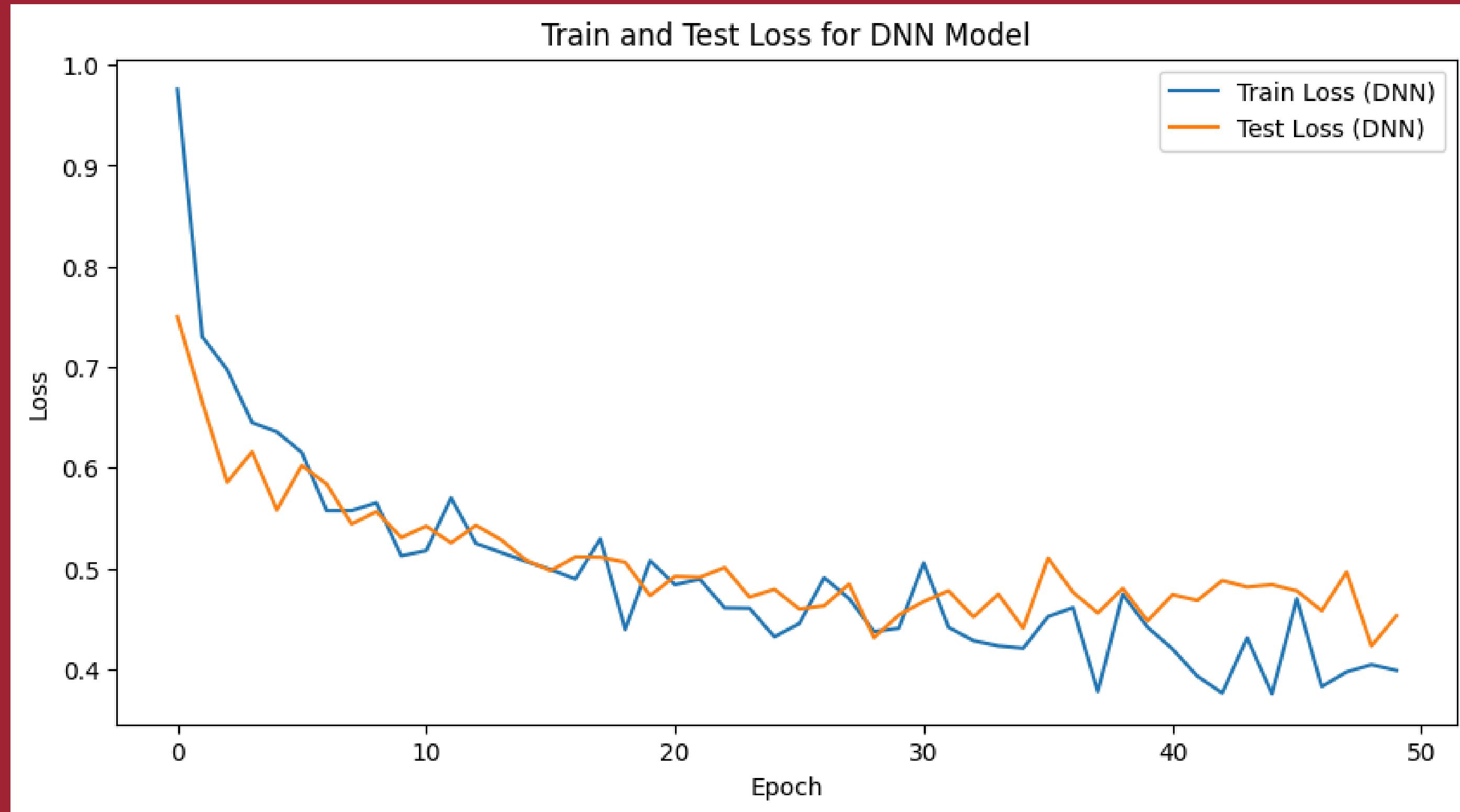


LAYER 2



LAYER 3

Training Curve of DNN



Performances of both Models

Metric	CNN	DNN
Accuracy	0.8961	0.7873
Precision	0.8812	0.7902
Recall	0.9156	0.7825
F1-Score	0.8981	0.7863
Runtime (s)	1533.12	1211.24
# Parameters	1,033,782	25,314,242

Challenges in training

1. Overfitting (especially in DNN)

DNNs with many parameters may memorize training data, especially on small datasets.

Regularization (like Dropout) and validation checks are needed.

2. Insufficient Feature Learning (DNN)

DNNs lack spatial inductive bias—don't capture local image patterns effectively.

CNNs are better for visual tasks due to convolutional layers.

3. Vanishing/Exploding Gradients

In deep networks, gradients can vanish or explode during backpropagation.

Batch Normalization and careful initialization help mitigate this.

4. Data Dependency

Both models require a significant amount of labeled data for high performance.

Limited data leads to unstable or poor generalization.

5. Hyperparameter Sensitivity

Learning rate, batch size, number of layers, kernel size, etc., critically affect performance.

Requires extensive tuning and experimentation.

Problem of labeled data

Labeling Bottleneck

Labeled data is scarce and expensive

Manual labeling is time-consuming

→ Need smarter ways to use unlabeled data



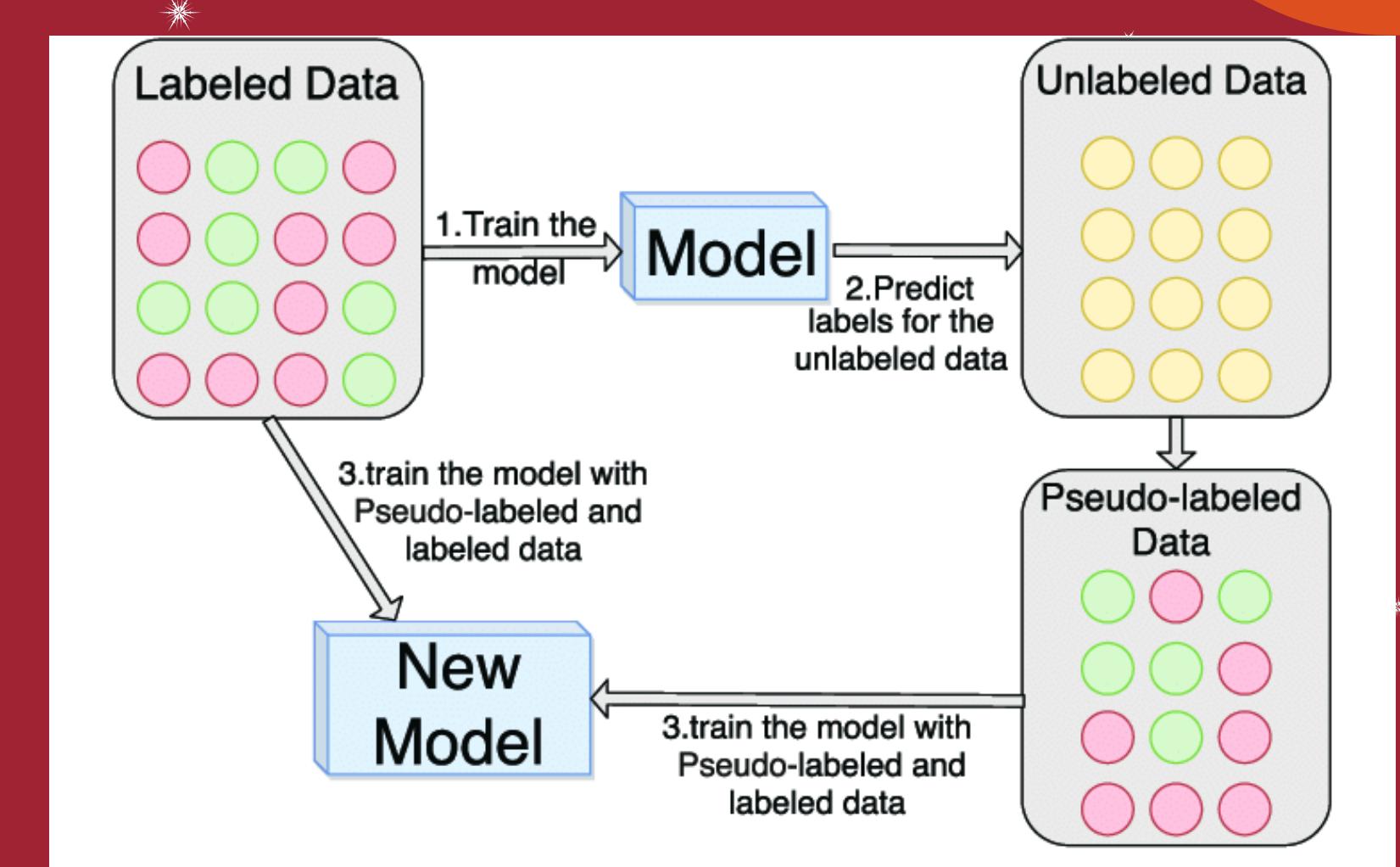
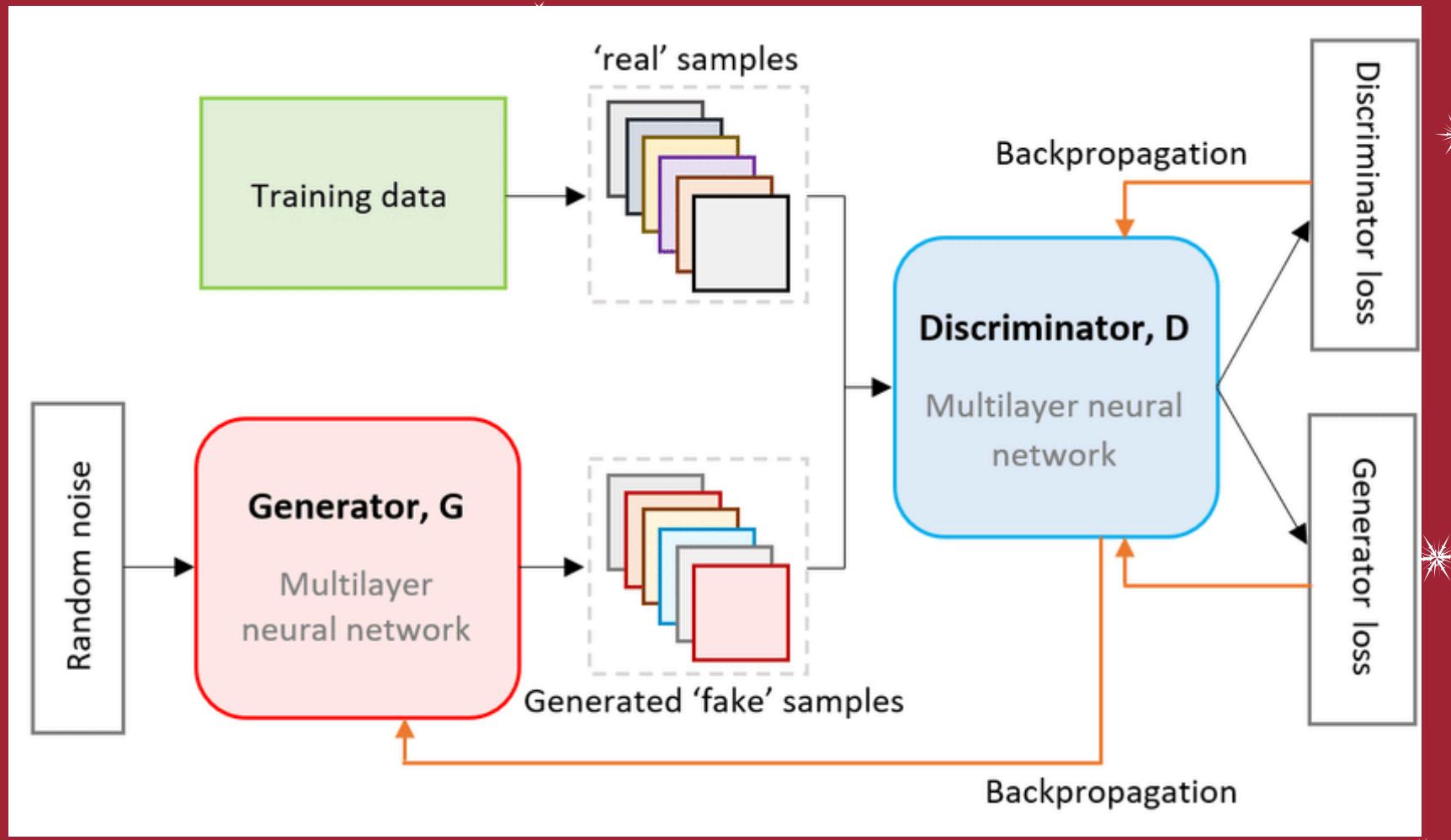


Santa tells about Semi Supervised learning

Santa suggests a magical idea:

- Train with a small labeled set + a large unlabeled set
- Use pseudo-labeling to guess labels on unlabeled data
- Improve model using confident predictions

GANs for Semi-Supervised learning



Results of GAN based pseudo labelling

- Higher accuracy compared to baseline CNN
- Better generalization on unseen test data
- Effective use of unlabeled samples to boost performance



Challenges in GAN based learning



- GANs are hard to train: mode collapse, instability
- Label noise from incorrect pseudo-labels
- Requires careful balancing of generator and discriminator training

Conclusion

🎁 CNNs outperform DNNs on image data

🎁 Semi-supervised learning can bridge the labeling gap

GANs + pseudo-labeling show promise, but need fine-tuning

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Thank You

