

# Machine Learning: Convolutional Neural Networks

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# ImageNet

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# Deep Learning/ Convolutional Neural Networks

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- Classify an image into 1000 possible classes:  
e.g. Abyssinian cat, Bulldog, French Terrier, Cormorant, Chickadee, red fox, banjo, barbell, hourglass, knot, maze, viaduct, etc.



cat, tabby cat (0.71)  
Egyptian cat (0.22)  
red fox (0.11)  
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# The Data: ILSVRC

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- Imagenet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge (ILSVRC): Annual Competition (2009-published dataset)

1000 Categories

~1000 training images per Category

~1 million images in total for training

~50k images for validation

Only images released for the test set but no annotations,  
evaluation is performed centrally by the organizers (max 2 per week)

<https://arstechnica.com/ai/2024/11/how-a-stubborn-computer-scientist-accidentally-launched-the-deep-learning-boom/>







**mite**



**container ship**



**motor scooter**



**leopard**

	<b>mite</b>		<b>container ship</b>		<b>motor scooter</b>		<b>leopard</b>
	<b>black widow</b>		<b>lifeboat</b>		<b>go-kart</b>		<b>jaguar</b>
	<b>cockroach</b>		<b>amphibian</b>		<b>moped</b>		<b>cheetah</b>
	<b>tick</b>		<b>fireboat</b>		<b>bumper car</b>		<b>snow leopard</b>
	<b>starfish</b>		<b>drilling platform</b>		<b>golfcart</b>		<b>Egyptian cat</b>



**grille**



**mushroom**



**cherry**



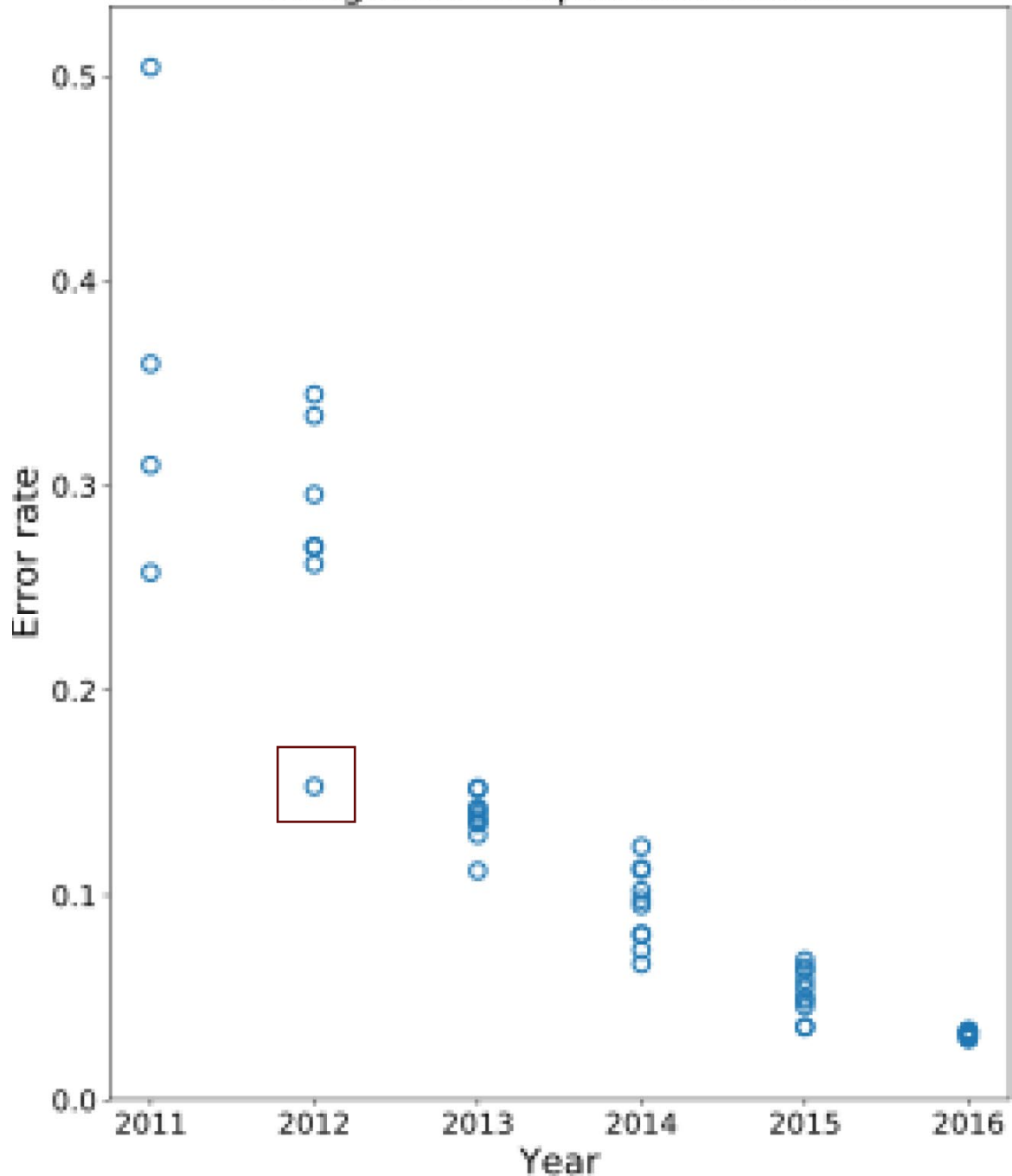
**Madagascar cat**

	<b>convertible</b>		<b>agaric</b>		<b>dalmatian</b>		<b>squirrel monkey</b>
	<b>grille</b>		<b>mushroom</b>		<b>grape</b>		<b>spider monkey</b>
	<b>pickup</b>		<b>jelly fungus</b>		<b>elderberry</b>		<b>titi</b>
	<b>beach wagon</b>		<b>gill fungus</b>		<b>ffordshire bullterrier</b>		<b>indri</b>
	<b>fire engine</b>		<b>dead-man's-fingers</b>		<b>currant</b>		<b>howler monkey</b>

## ImageNet competition results

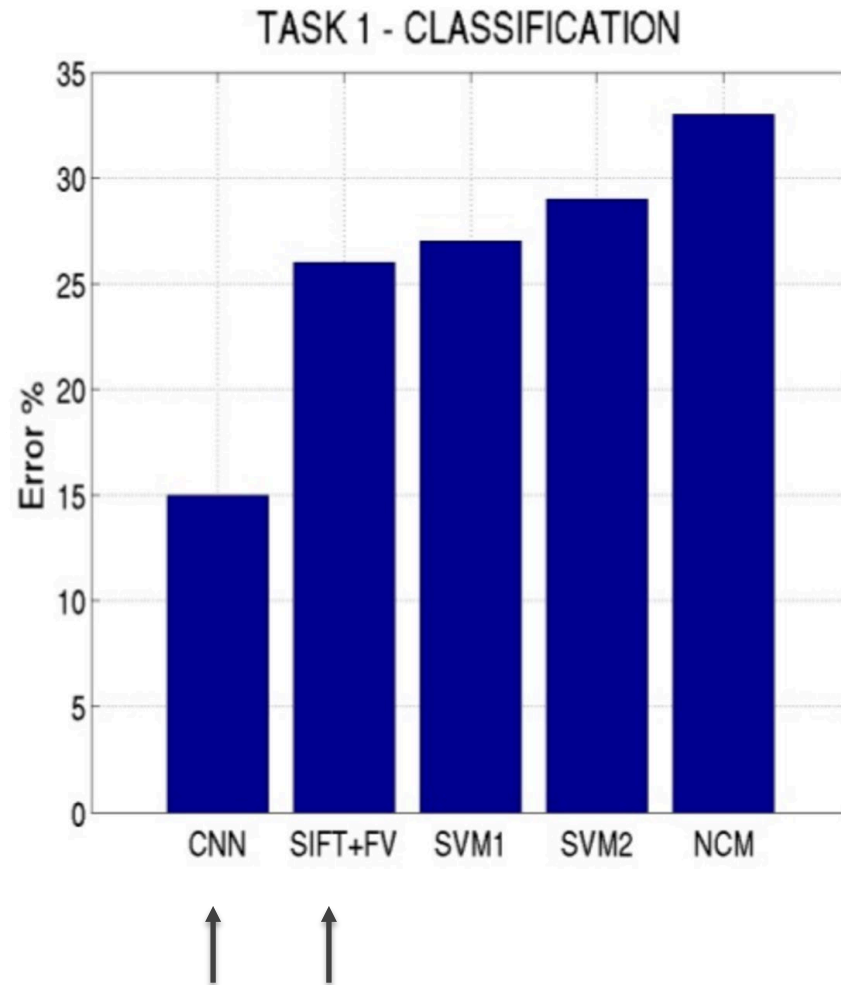
# Results

- The ImageNet dataset was the basis for the ILSVRC, an annual AI competition that ran from 2010-2016.
- In 2012, a neural net called **AlexNet** created by researchers at the University of Toronto won by a large margin.



# Top-5 error on this competition (2012 – AlexNet)

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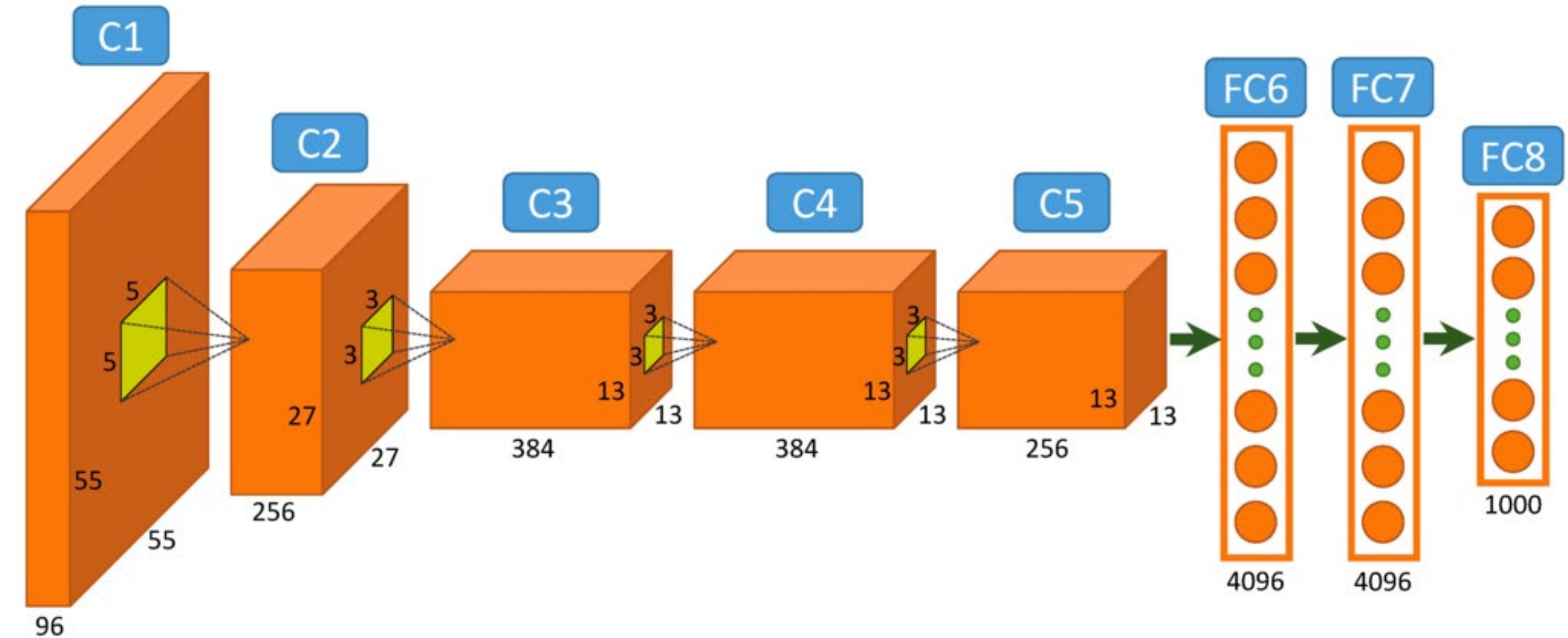




# AlexNet

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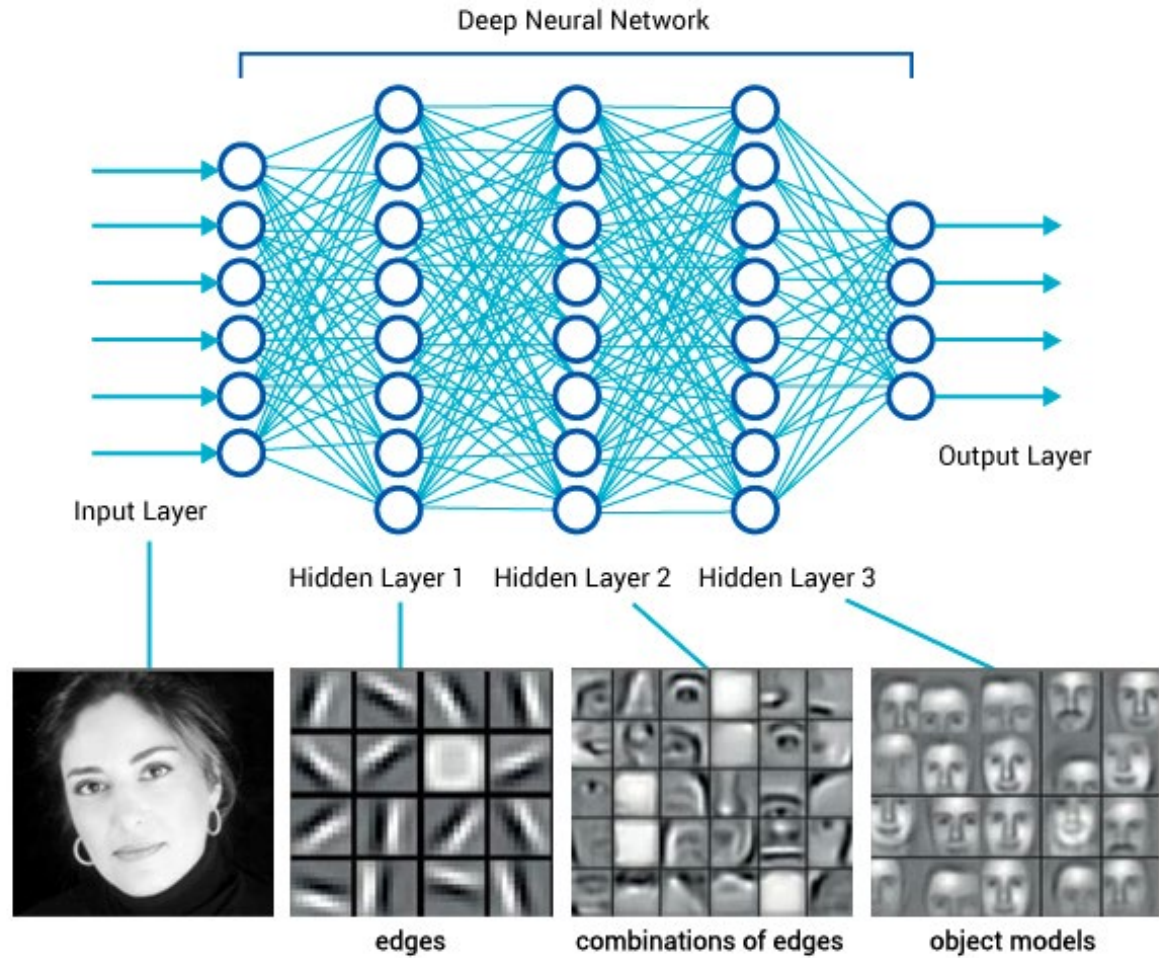
# Alexnet (lead author Alex Krizhevsk, UofT)



Using Nvidia CUDA (2006 announced)  
Using pre-processing supp. (later)

<https://www.saagie.com/fr/blog/object-detection-part1>

# What is happening?



<https://www.saagie.com/fr/blog/object-detection-part1>

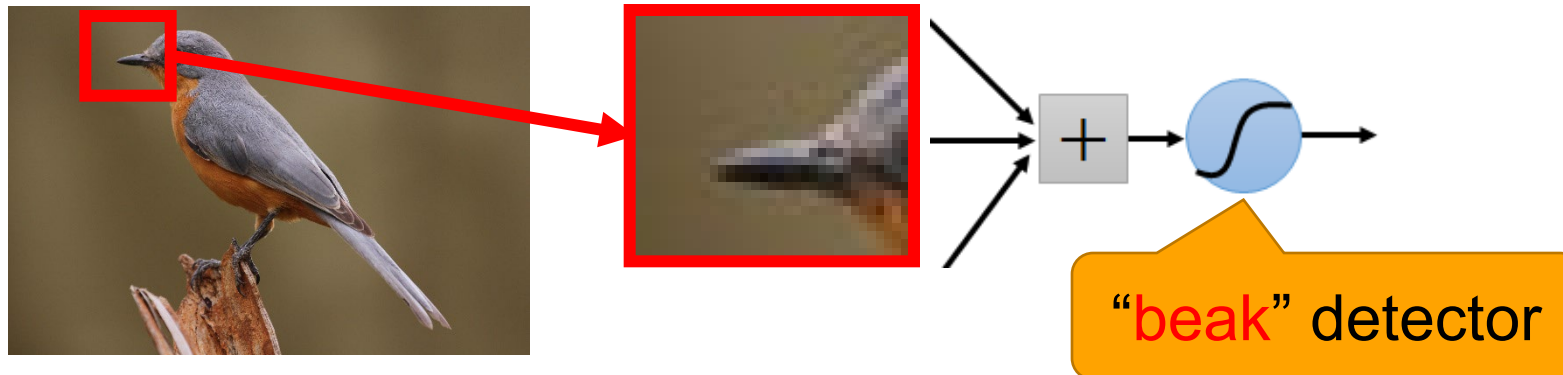
# Convolution

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# Consider learning an image:

- Some patterns are much smaller than the whole image

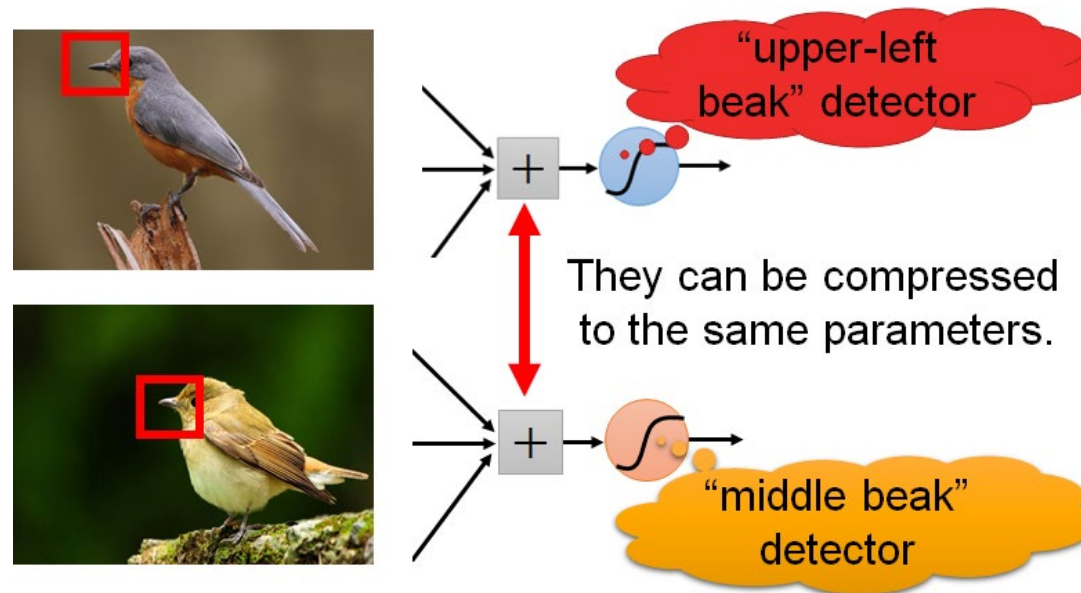
Can represent a small region with fewer parameters





# Detectors

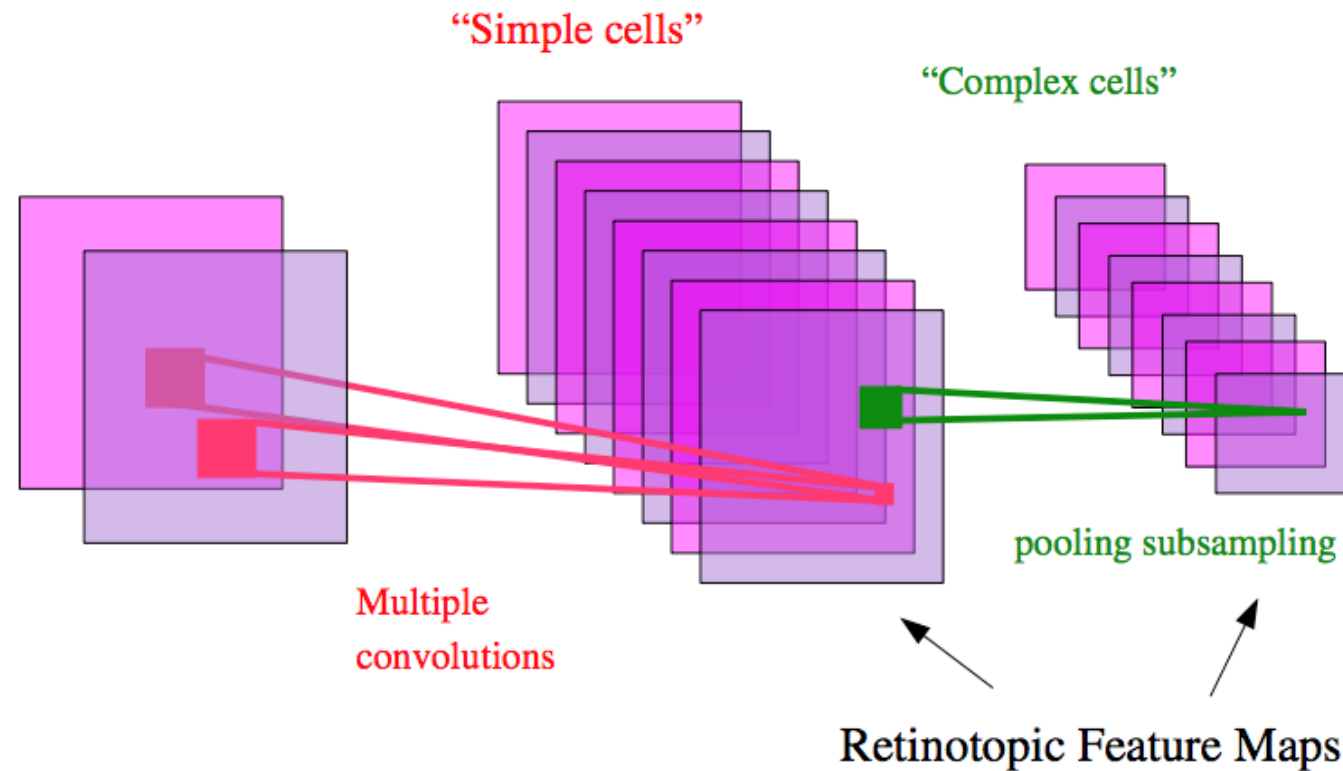
- Same pattern appears in different places:  
They can be compressed!
- What about training a lot of such “small” detectors and each detector must “move around”.



# Model of vision in animals

- [Hubel & Wiesel 1962]:

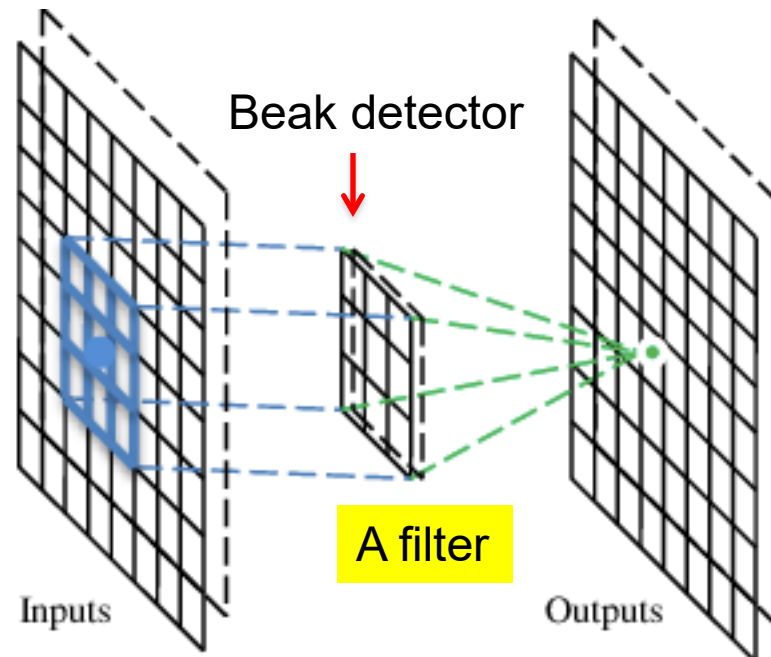
- ▶ **simple cells** detect local features
- ▶ **complex cells** “pool” the outputs of simple cells within a retinotopic neighborhood.



# A convolutional layer

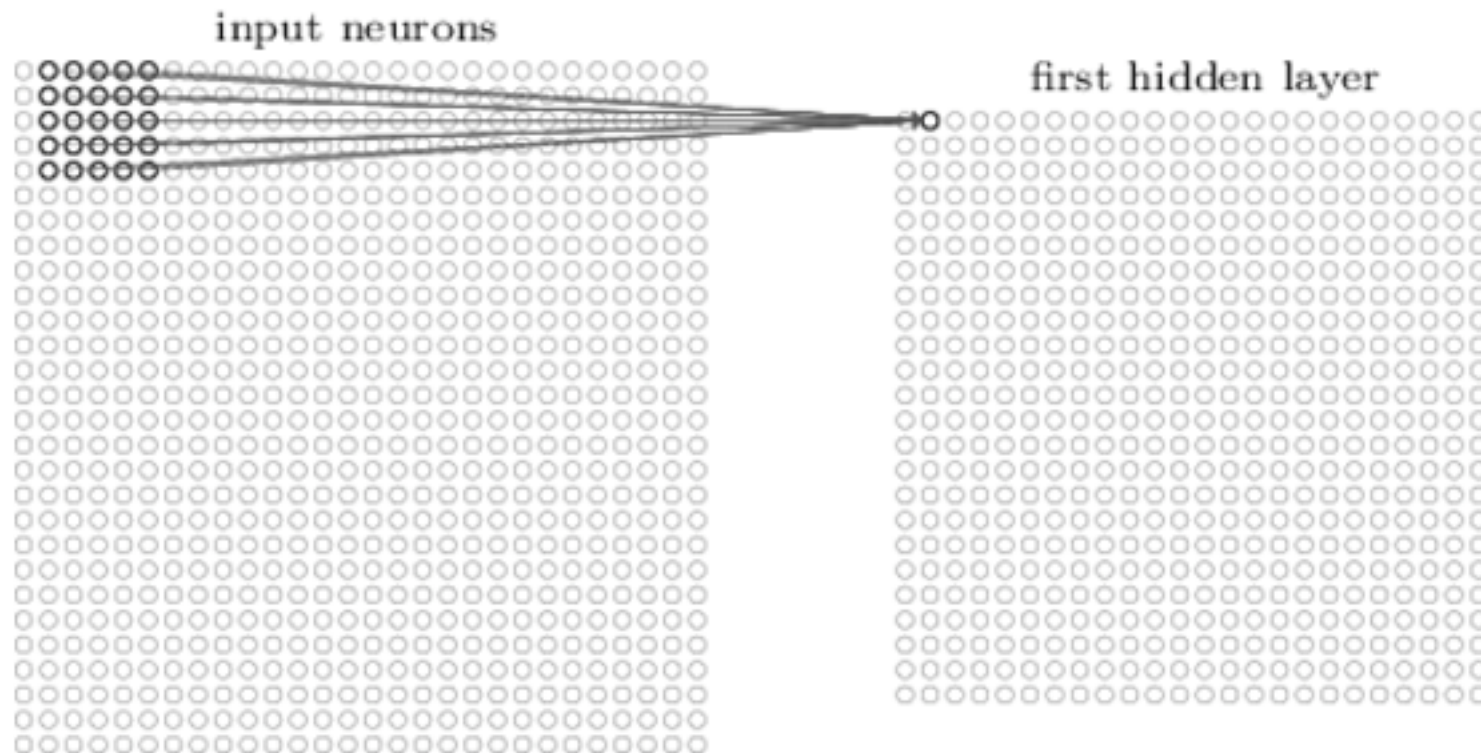
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- A CNN is a neural network with some convolutional layers (and some other layers). A convolutional layer has a number of filters that does convolutional operation.



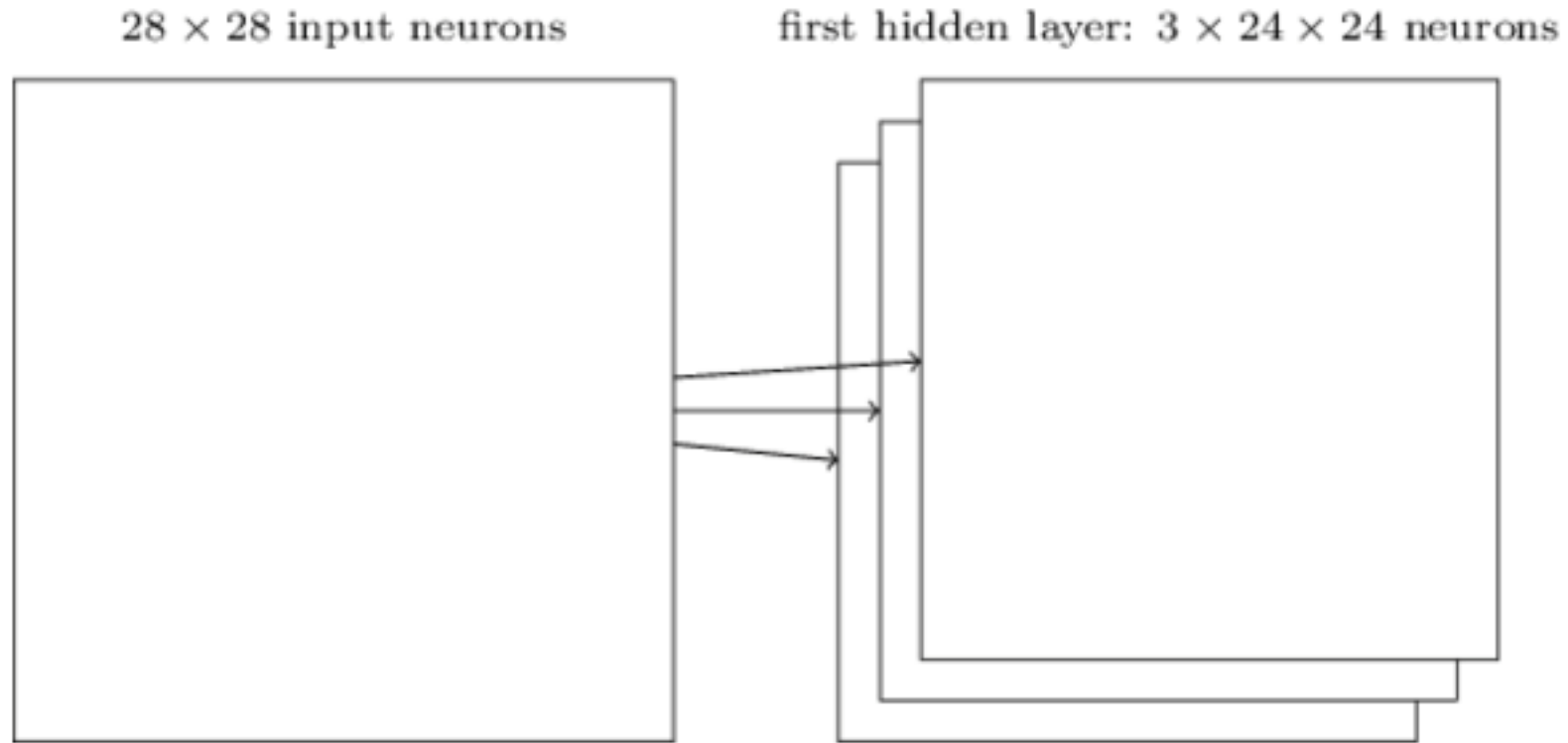
# How do we convolve an image with an ANN?

Note that the parameters in the matrix defining the convolution are **tied** across all places that it is used



# How do we do many convolutions of an image with an ANN?

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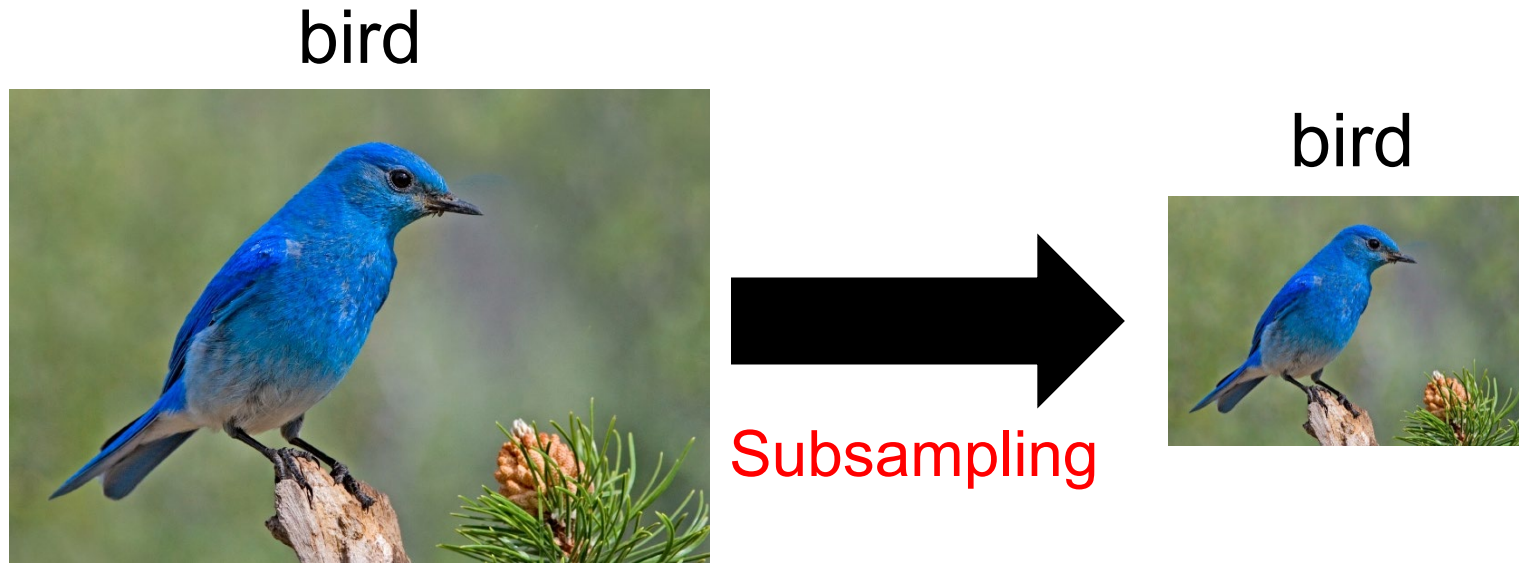
# Pooling

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# Why Pooling

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- Subsampling pixels will not change the object

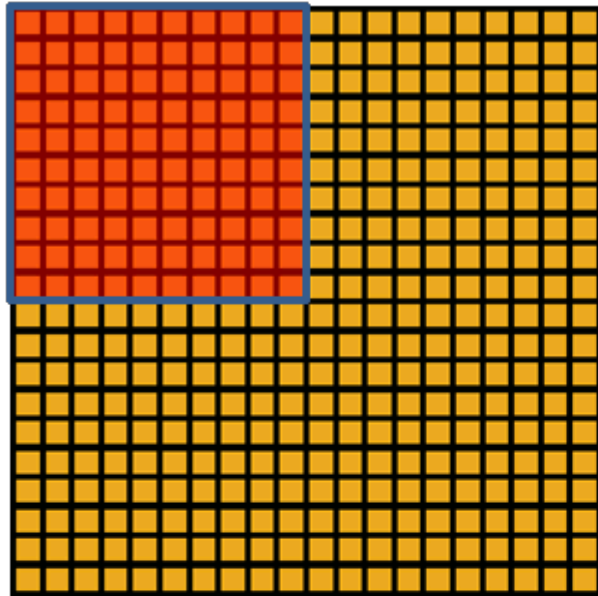


We can subsample the pixels to make image smaller

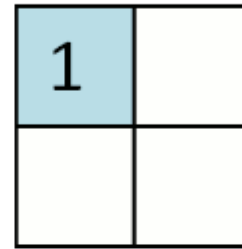
 fewer parameters to characterize the image

# Pooling

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Convolved  
feature



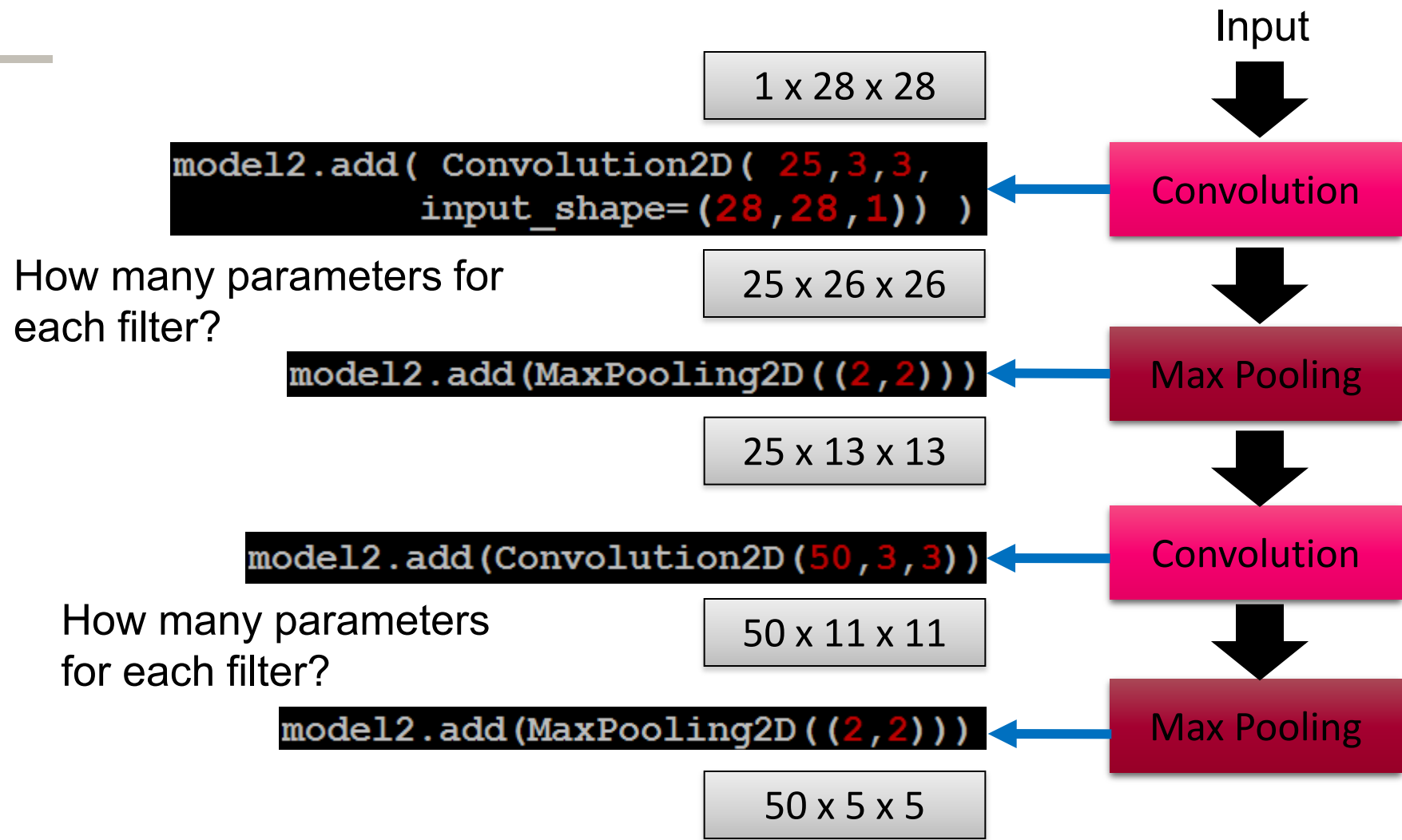
Pooled  
feature

# Full Convolution NN in Keras

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# CNN in Keras

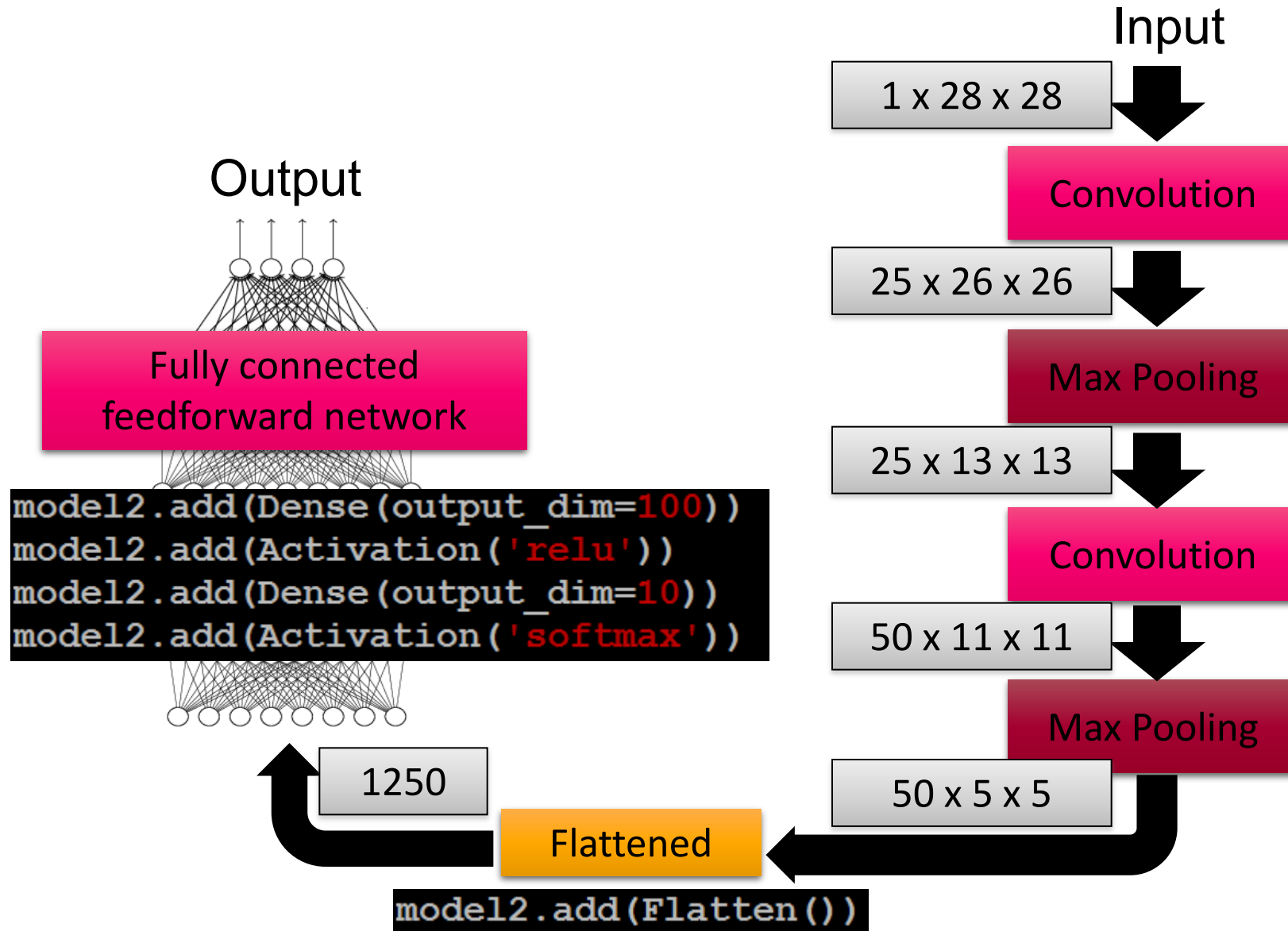
Only modified the *network structure* and *input format (vector -> 3-D array)*





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# Examples CNN

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# AlphaGo

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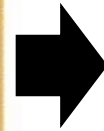


19 x 19 matrix

Black: 1

white: -1

none: 0



Neural  
Network



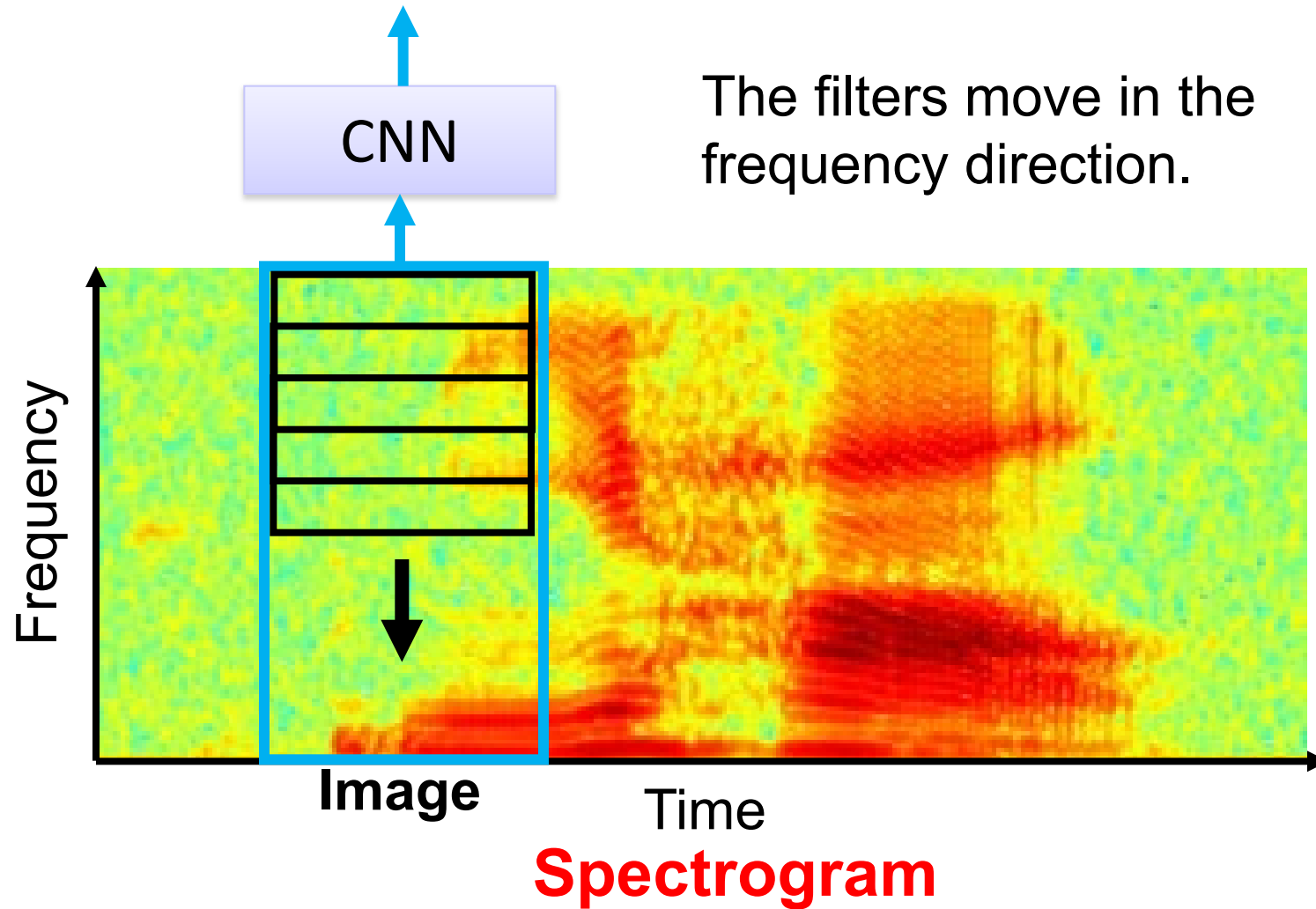
Next move  
(19 x 19  
positions)

Fully-connected feedforward network  
can be used

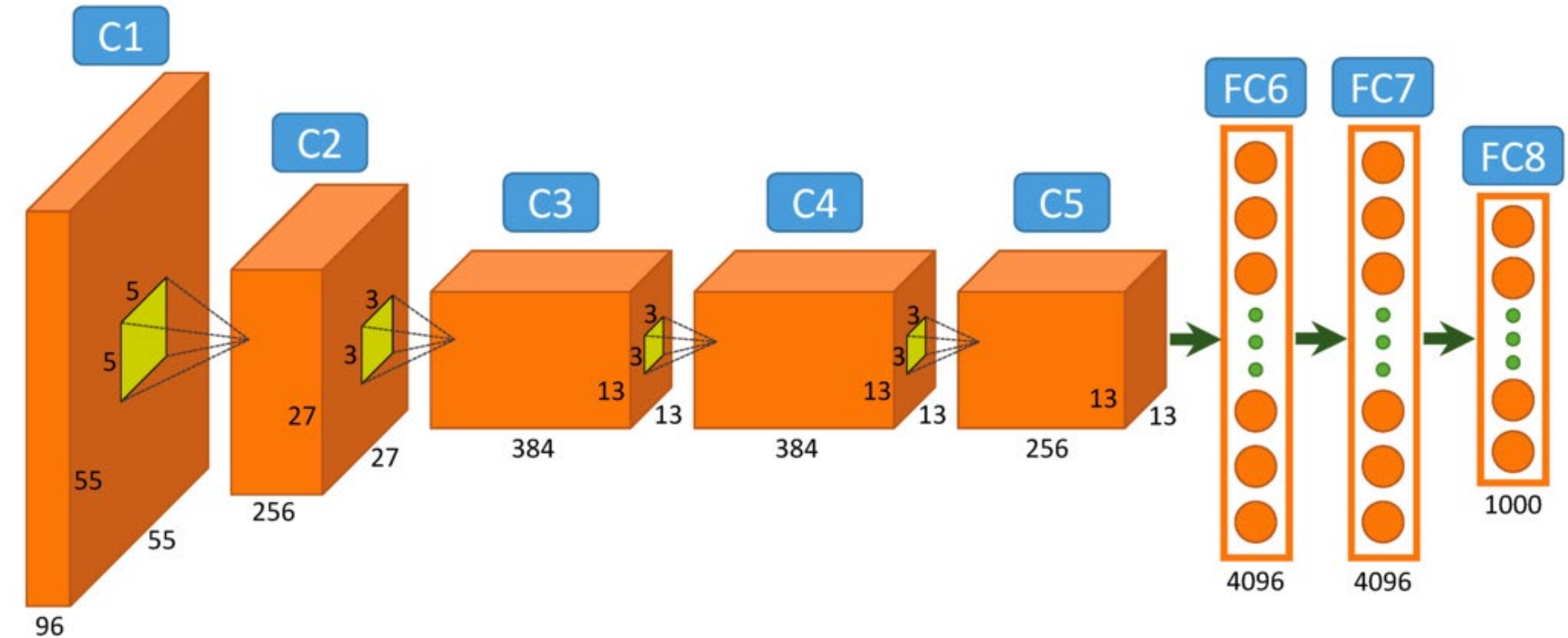
But CNN performs much better

# CNN in speech recognition

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# Alexnet in Keras

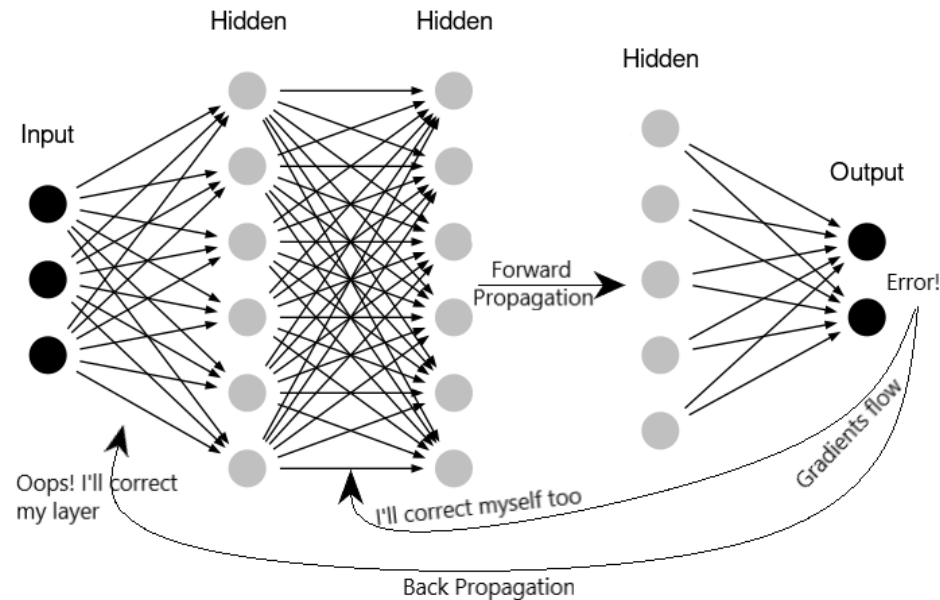
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model = Sequential()  
model.add(Convolution2D(64, 3, 11, 11, border_mode='full'))  
model.add(BatchNormalization((64,226,226)))  
model.add(Activation('relu'))  
model.add(MaxPooling2D(poolsize=(3, 3)))  
  
model.add(Convolution2D(128, 64, 7, 7, border_mode='full'))  
model.add(BatchNormalization((128,115,115)))  
model.add(Activation('relu'))  
model.add(MaxPooling2D(poolsize=(3, 3)))  
  
model.add(Convolution2D(192, 128, 3, 3, border_mode='full'))  
model.add(BatchNormalization((128,112,112)))  
model.add(Activation('relu'))  
model.add(MaxPooling2D(poolsize=(3, 3)))  
  
model.add(Convolution2D(256, 192, 3, 3, border_mode='full'))  
model.add(BatchNormalization((128,108,108)))  
model.add(Activation('relu'))  
model.add(MaxPooling2D(poolsize=(3, 3)))  
  
model.add(Flatten())  
model.add(Dense(12*12*256, 4096, init='normal'))  
model.add(BatchNormalization(4096))  
model.add(Activation('relu'))  
model.add(Dense(4096, 4096, init='normal'))  
model.add(BatchNormalization(4096))  
model.add(Activation('relu'))  
model.add(Dense(4096, 1000, init='normal'))  
model.add(BatchNormalization(1000))  
model.add(Activation('softmax'))
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# Batch Normalization

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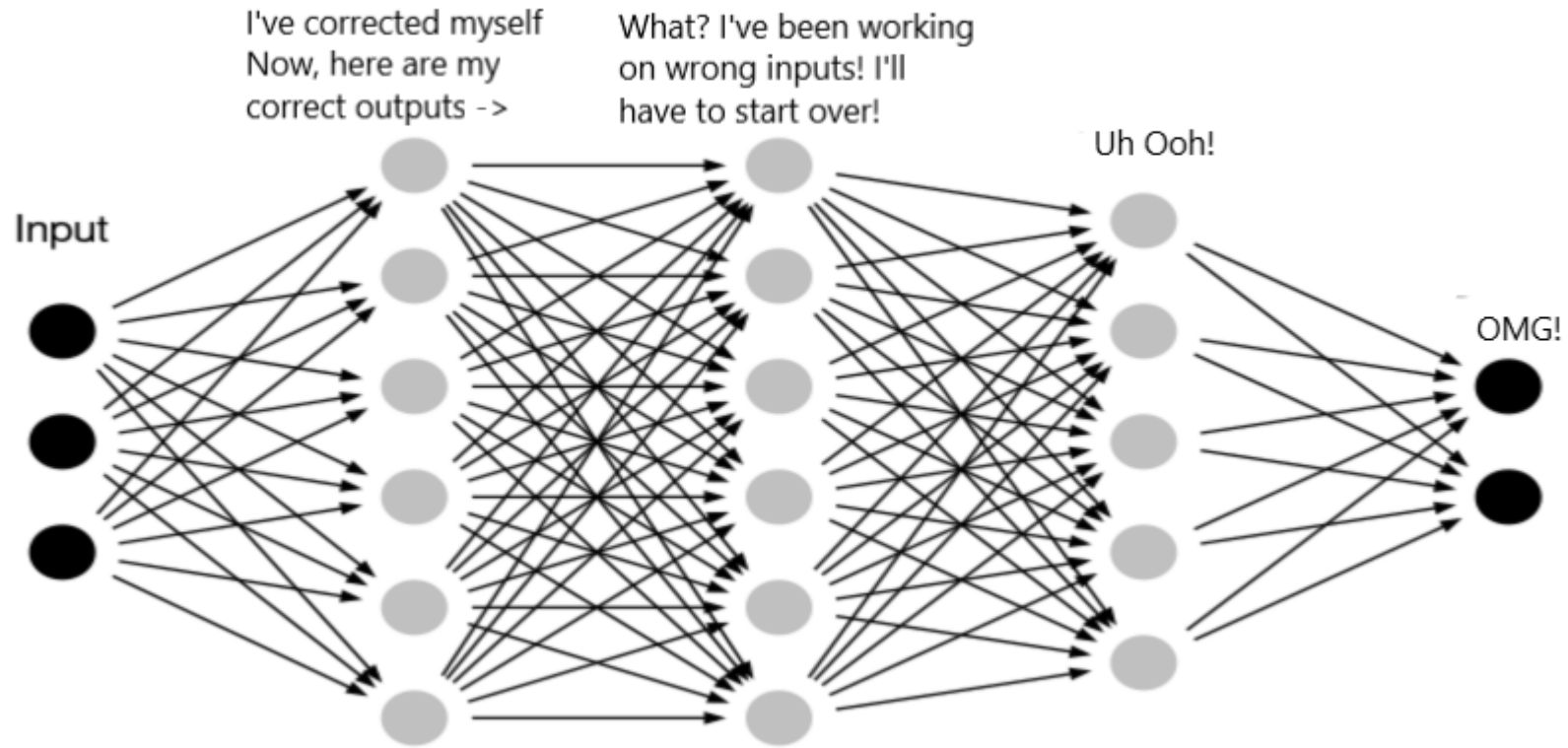
# Batch Normalization?

- Neural networks learn the problem using BackPropagation algorithm.
- BackPropagation involves computing gradients for each layer
- In deep networks this time explodes for training



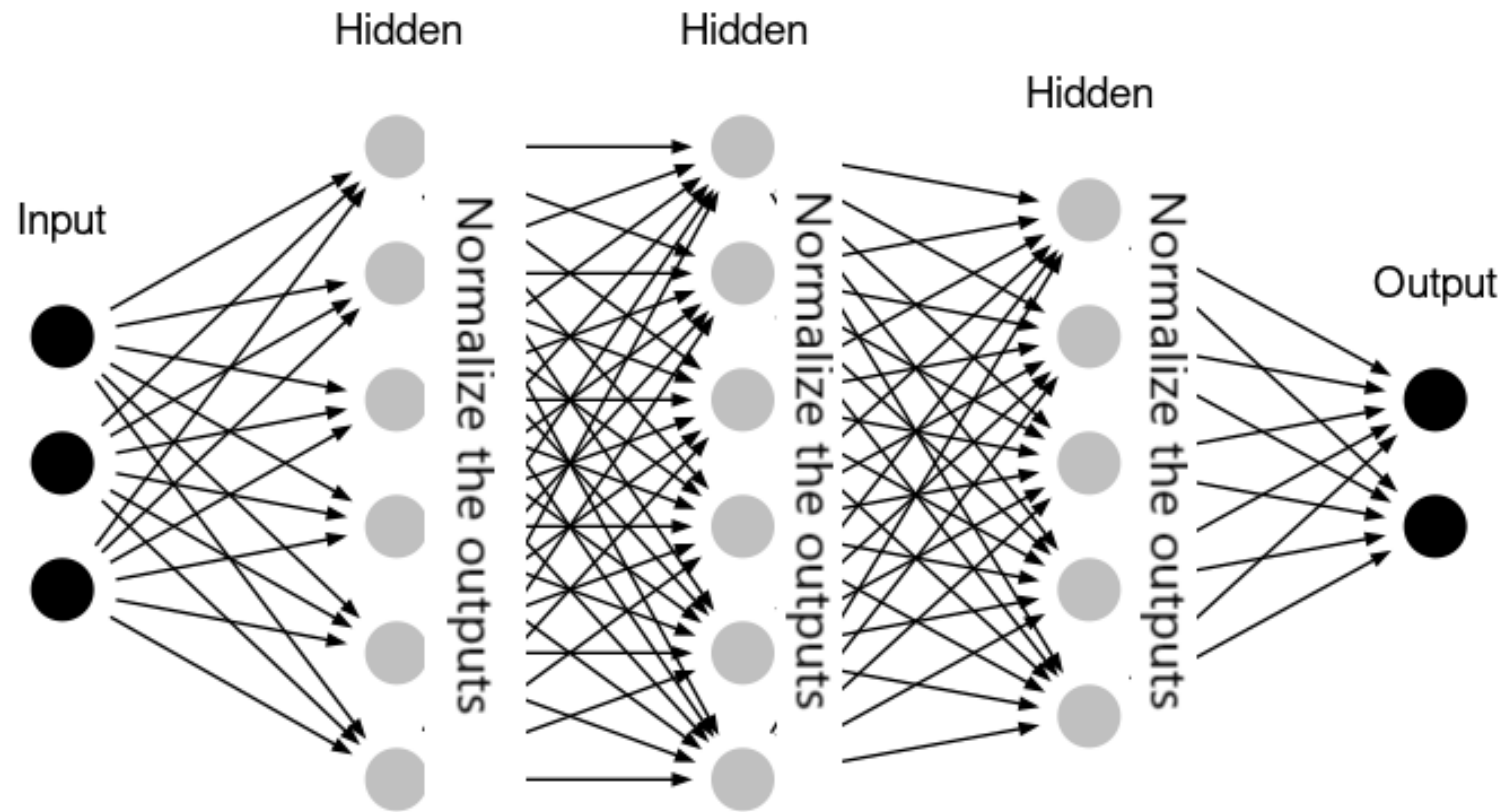
# Batch Normalization?

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- Normalization brings all the inputs centered around 0.
- This way, there is not much change in each layer input.
- So, layers in the network can learn from the back-propagation simultaneously, without waiting for the previous layer to learn.
- This speeds up the training of networks.



# Pre-Processing

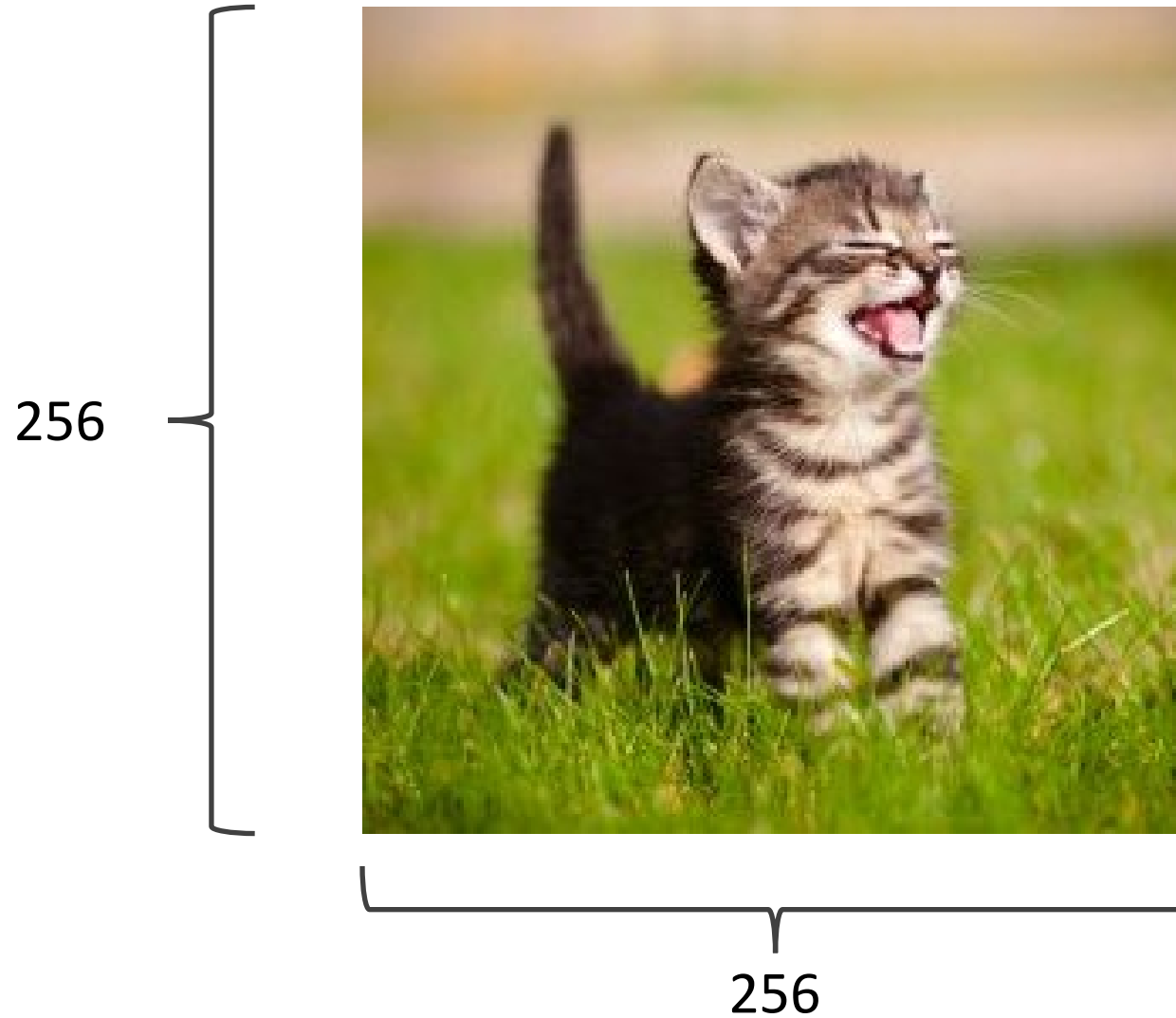
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# Preprocessing and Data Augmentation

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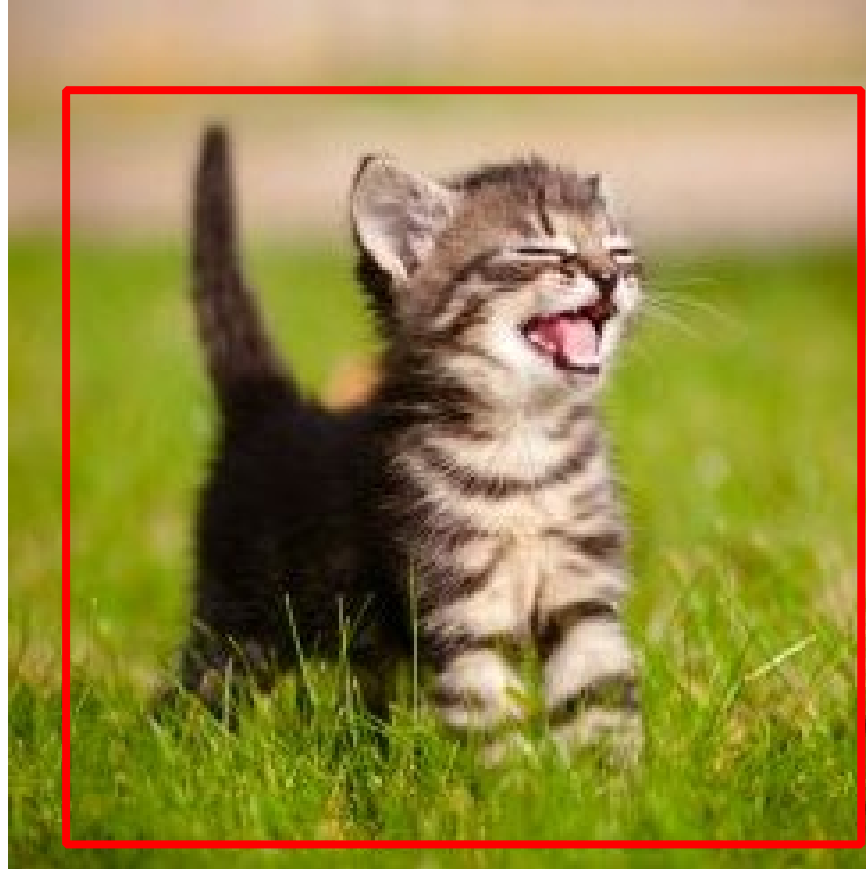
224x224



# Preprocessing and Data Augmentation

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224x224





True label: Abyssinian cat

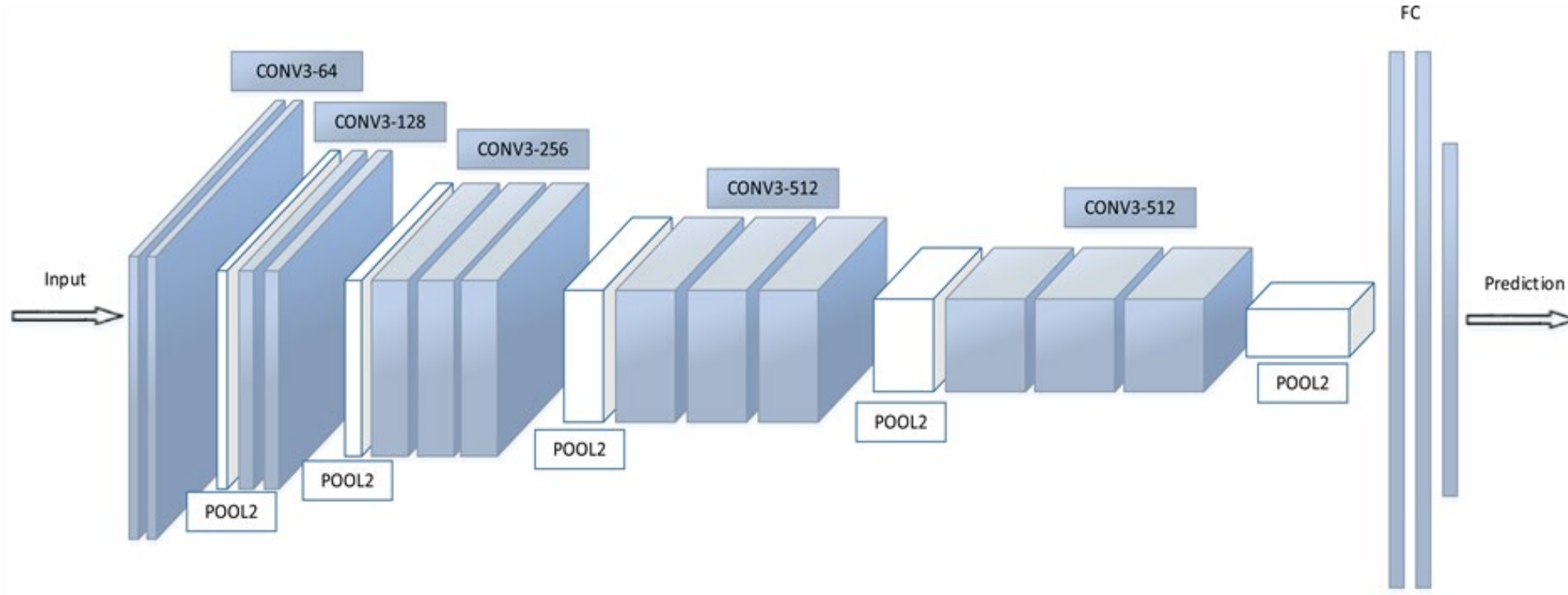
# Other CNNs

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# VGG Network

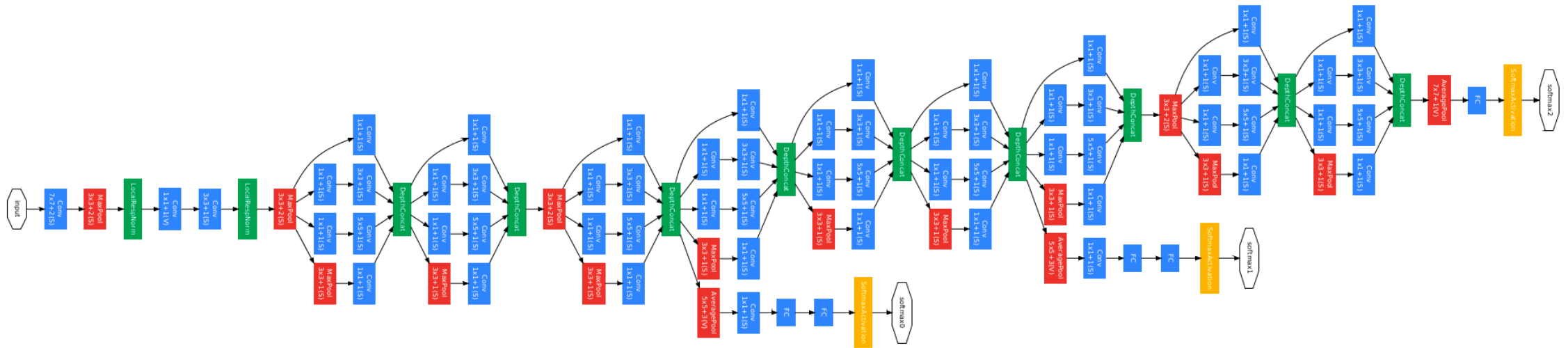
Top-5:



**Keras:** <https://gist.github.com/baraldilorenzo/07d7802847aaad0a35d3>

Simonyan and Zisserman, 2014.

# GoogLeNet



**Keras:** <https://gist.github.com/joelouismarino/a2ede9ab3928f999575423b9887abd14>

Szegedy et al. 2014

# ResNet

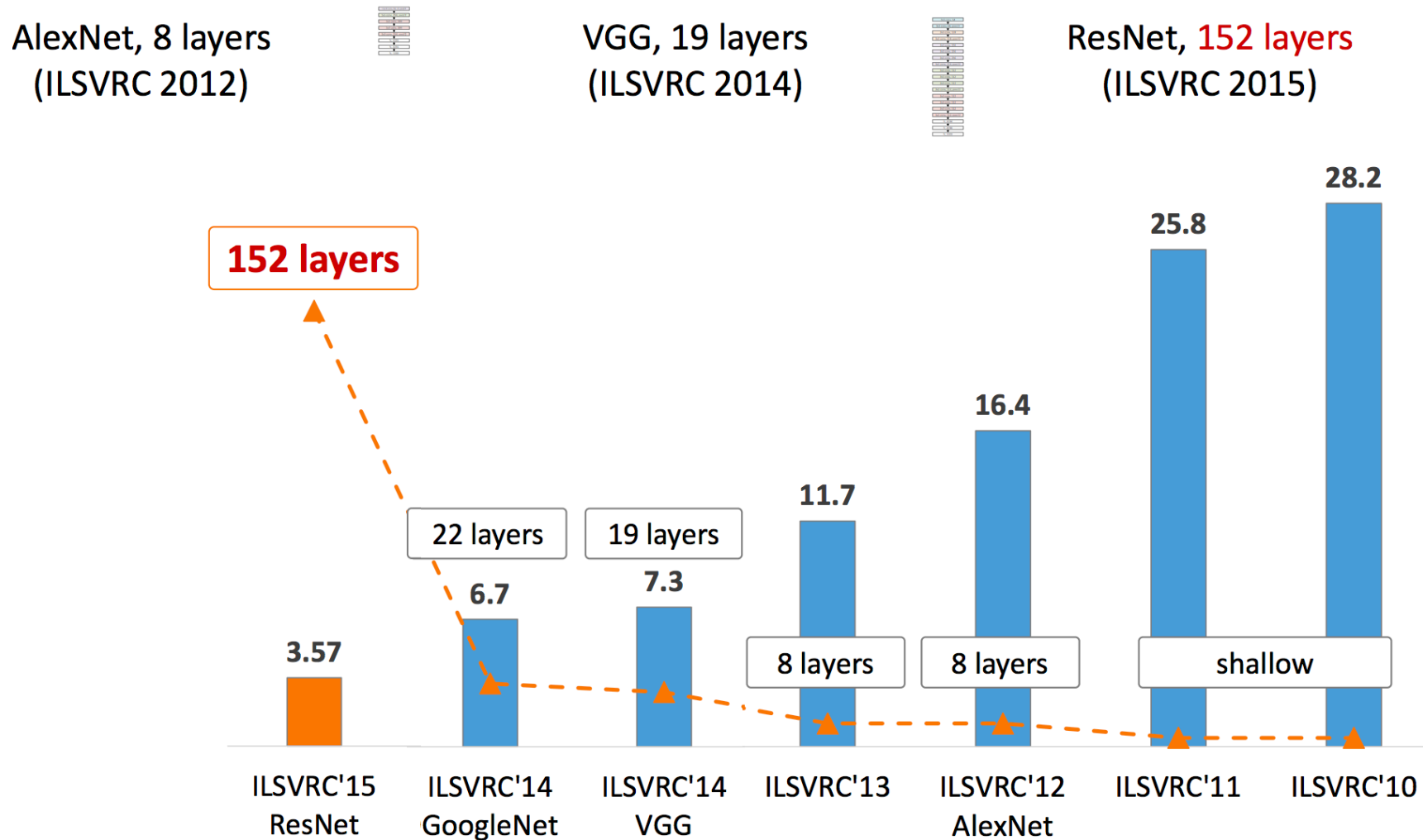
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Sorry, does not fit in slide.

<http://felixlaumon.github.io/assets/kaggle-right-whale/resnet.png>

**Keras:** <https://github.com/raghakot/keras-resnet/blob/master/resnet.py>

# Revolution of Depth



# Onward to ... Deep Learning

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