

# Deep Learning for Visual Perception

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# Much Interest in Deep Learning



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Can a new technique known as deep learning revolutionize artificial intelligence, as yesterday's [front-page article](#) at the *New York Times* suggests? There is good reason to be excited about deep learning, a sophisticated "machine learning" algorithm that far exceeds many of its predecessor in its abilities to recognize syllables and images. But there's also good reason to be skeptical. While the *Times* reports that "advances in an artificial intelligence technology that can recognize patterns offer the possibility of machines that perform human activities like seeing, listening and thinking," deep learning takes us, at best, only a small step toward the creative learning is important work, with immediate practicals breathtaking as the front-page story in the *New York*



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#### Baidu muscles in on Google's turf with Silicon Valley deep learning lab

#### Chinese search giant beds down next to Apple in Cupertino

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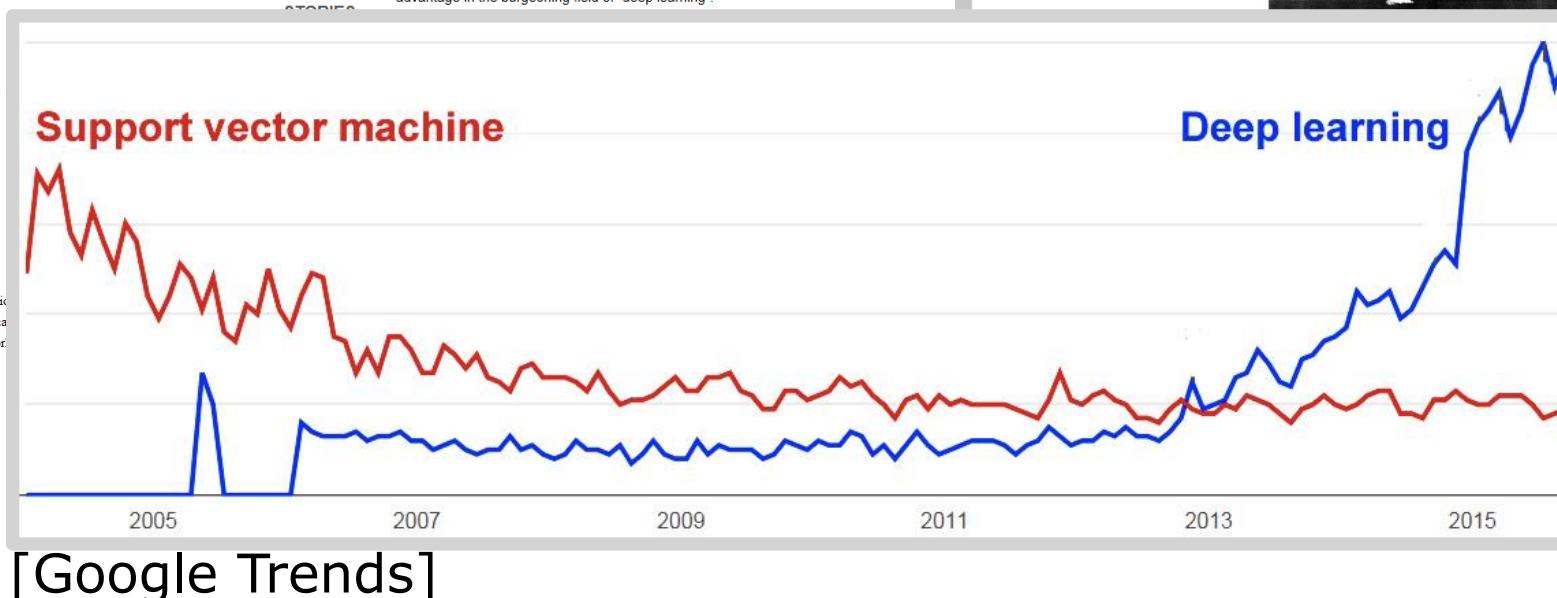
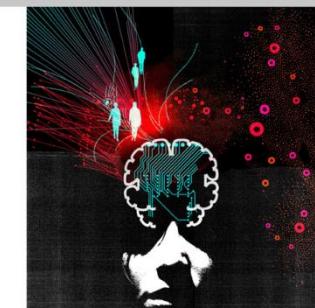
Chinese search giant Baidu has opened the doors to a new research facility in Google's back yard where it's hoping to tap the local talent to consolidate early mover advantage in the burgeoning field of "deep learning".

MIT Technology Review

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## Deep Learning

With massive amounts of computational power, machines can now recognize objects and translate speech in real time. Artificial intelligence is finally getting smart.



# Industry Acquisitions and Hirings

## ■ Google

- DNNresearch  
(Geoffrey Hinton)
- DeepMind  
(Demis Hassabis)

## ■ Baidu

- Andrew Ng

## ■ Facebook

- Yann LeCun

## ■ Microsoft

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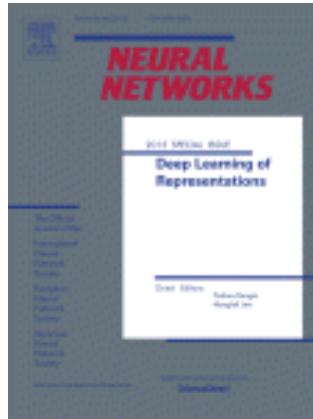
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Geoffrey Hinton (right) Alex Krizhevsky, and Ilya Sutskever (left) will do machine learning work at Google. Photo: U of T

# Special Issues and Meetings

- Special issues of many journals (PAMI, NN)



## Deep learning

**Yann LeCun, Yoshua Bengio & Geoffrey Hinton**

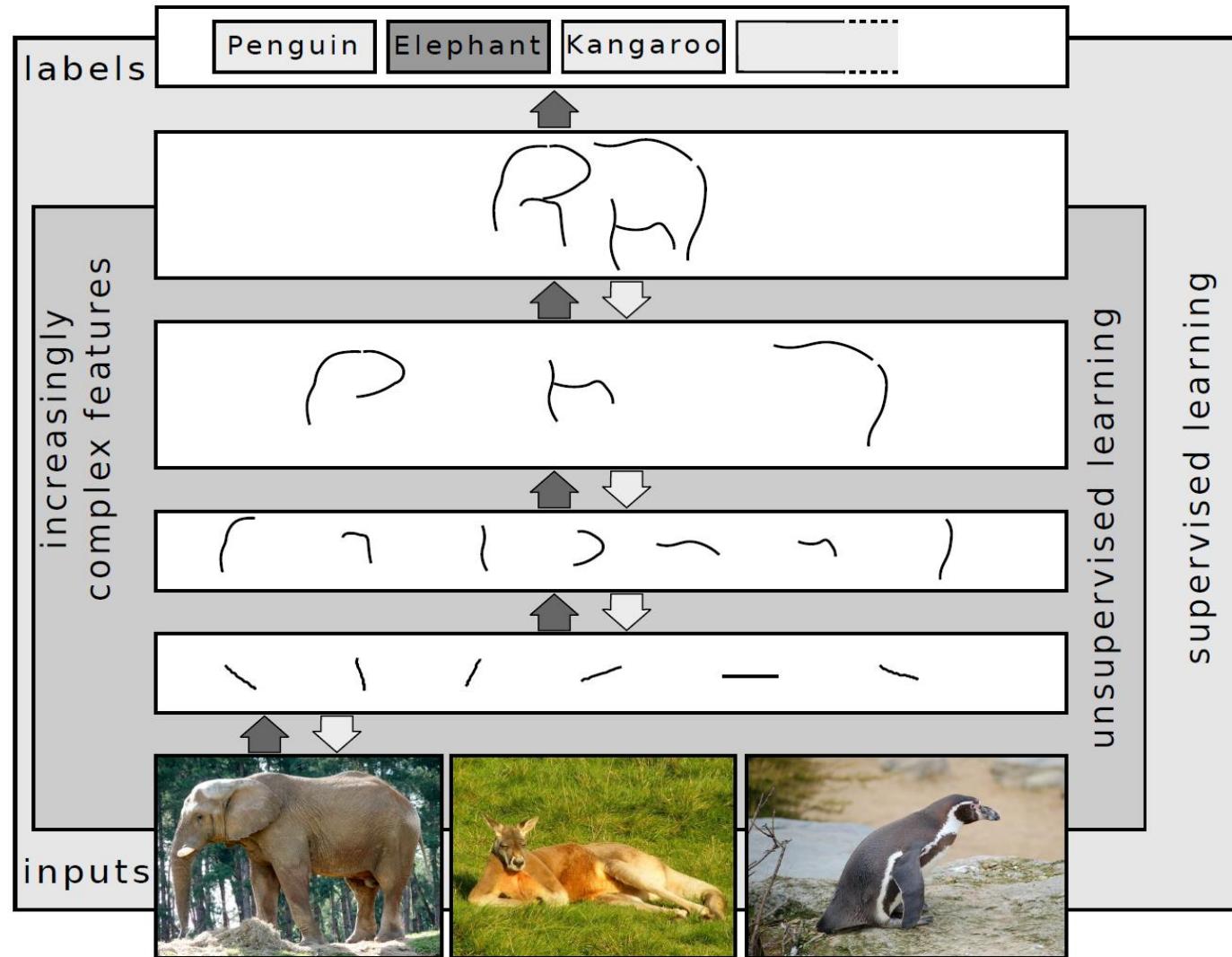
- Specialized workshops at major machine learning conferences (NIPS, ICLM)
- Representation Learning Conference (ICLR)
- Deep Learning Summits (RE.WORK, NVidia)

# Deep Learning Definition

- Deep learning is a set of algorithms in machine learning that attempt to **learn layered models of inputs**, commonly neural networks.
- The layers in such models correspond to **distinct levels of concepts**, where
  - higher-level concepts are defined from lower-level ones, and
  - the same lower-level concepts can help to define many higher-level concepts.

[Bengio 2009]

# Layered Representations



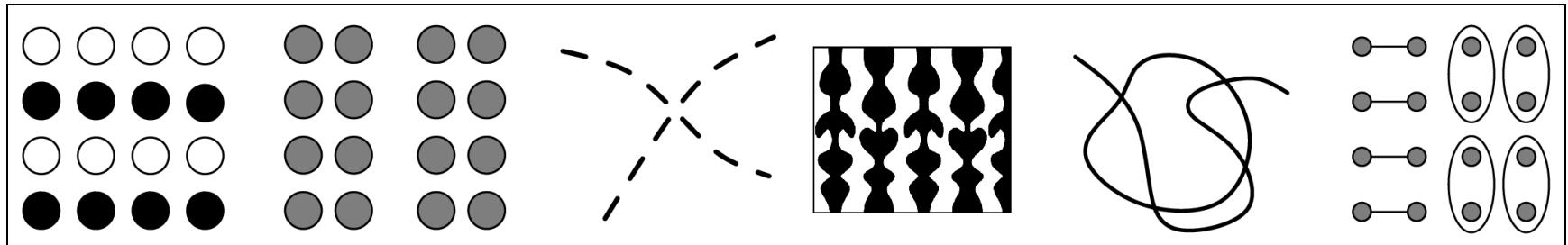
[Schulz and Behnke, KI 2012]

# Performance of the Human Visual System

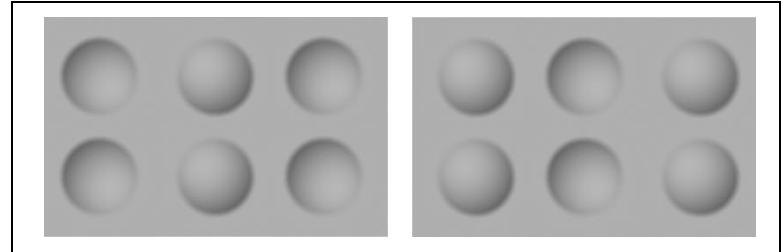


# Psychophysics

## ■ Gestalt principles



## ■ Heuristics



## ■ Context

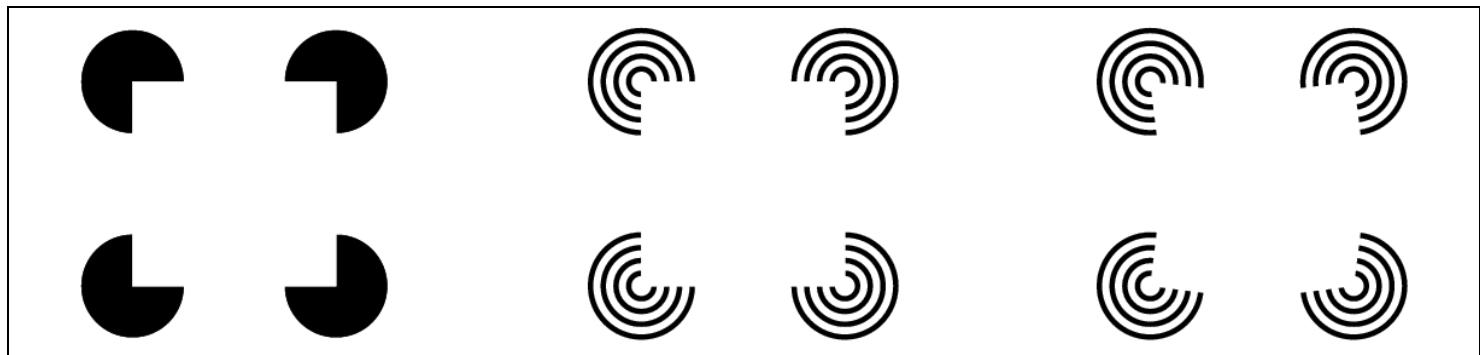


## ■ Attention

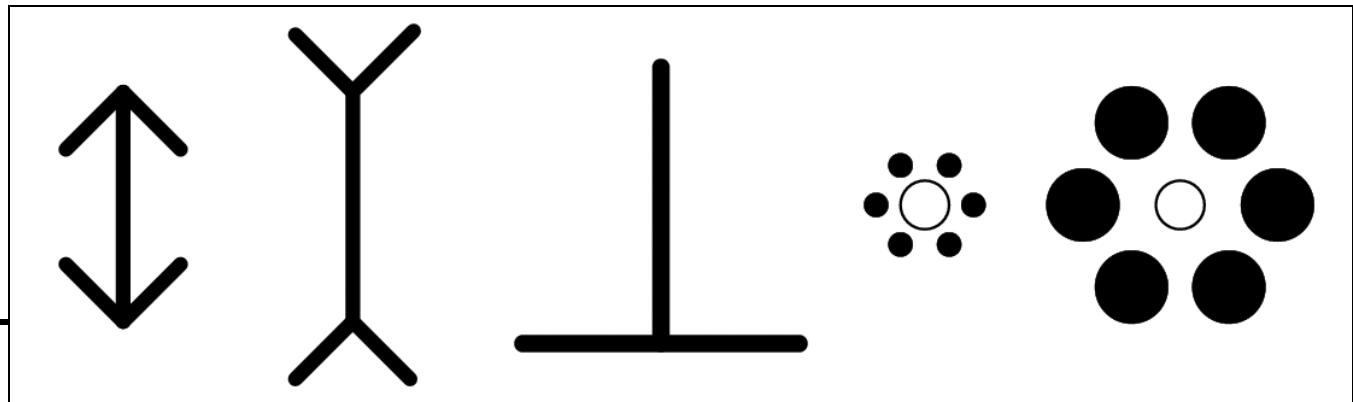
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# Visual Illusions

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Figures



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horizontal/  
vertical  
Ebbinghaus-  
Titchener



Munker-White



# Observations

In the world around us it mostly holds that:

- Neighboring things have something to do with each other
  - Spatially
  - Temporally
- There is hierarchical structure
  - Objects consist of parts
  - Parts are composed of components, ...

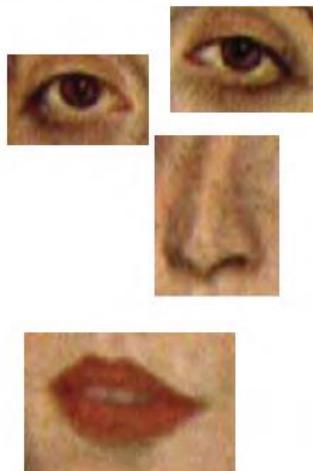
# Spatial Arrangement of Facial Parts



A



B



C



D

[Perona]

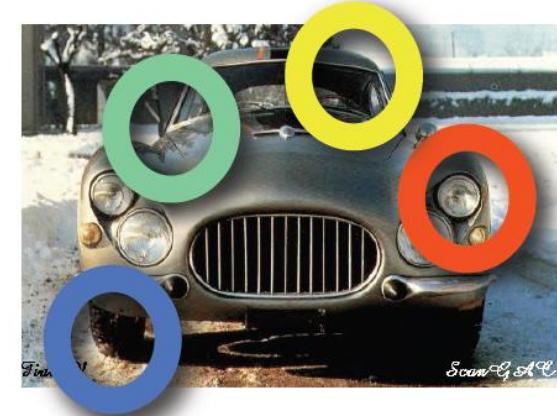
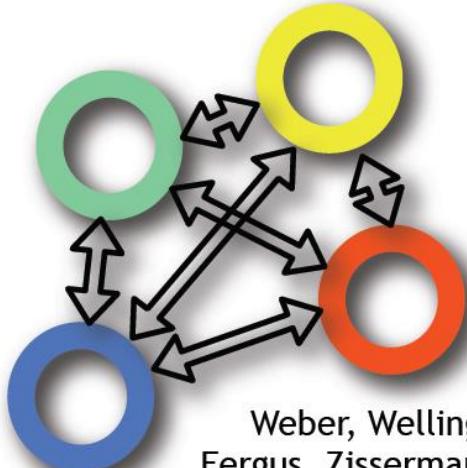
# Face Perception



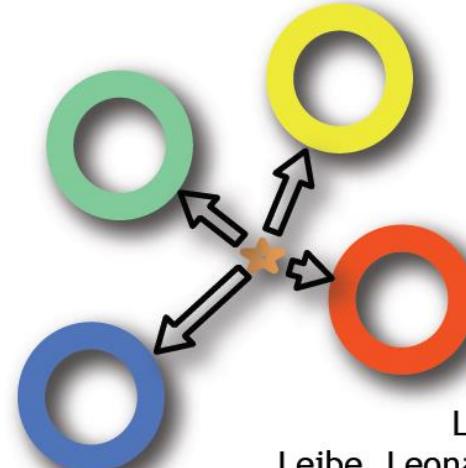
# Horizontal and Vertical Dependencies



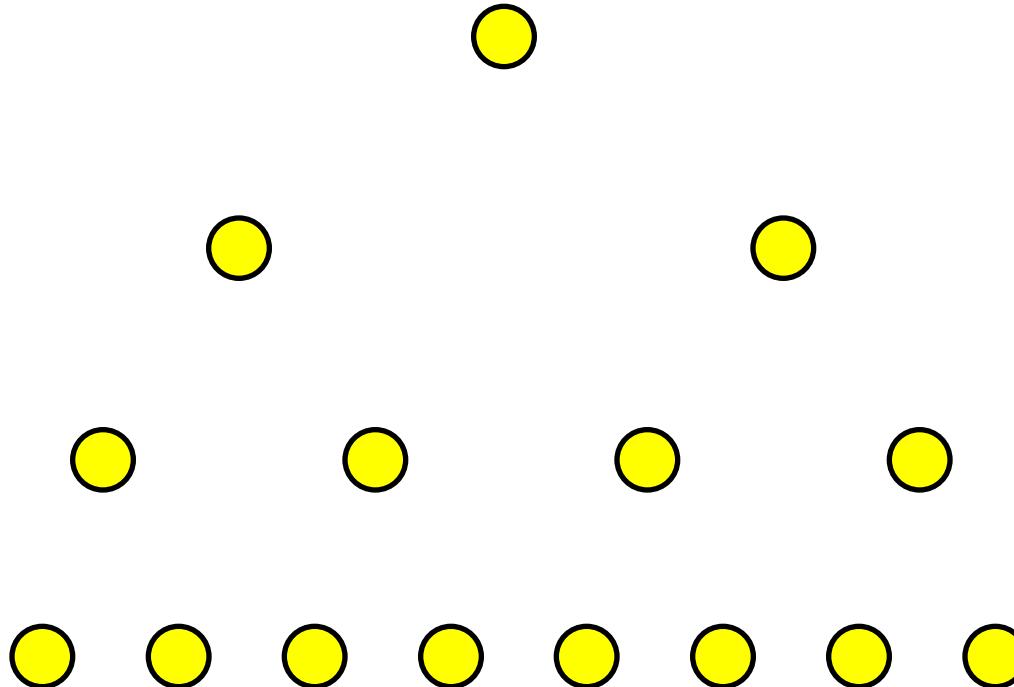
Constellation Model:  
Fully connected shape model



Implicit Shape Model:  
Star-Model w.r.t. Reference Point

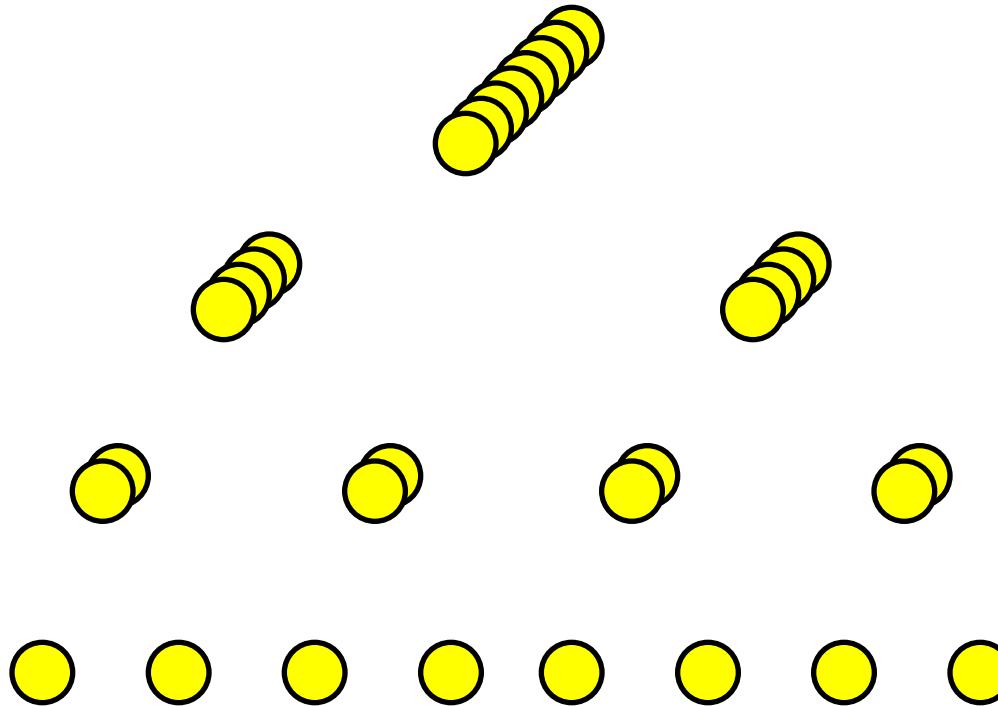


# Multi-Scale Representation



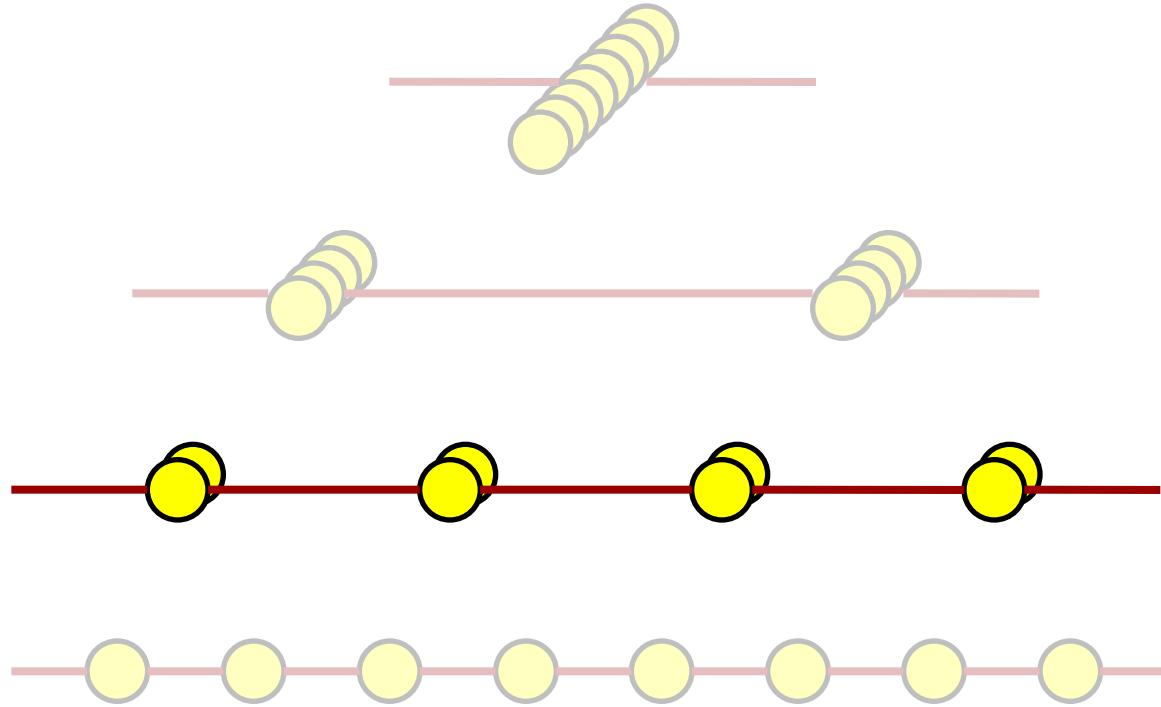
- Image pyramids are not expressive enough

# Increasing Number of Features with Decreasing Resolution



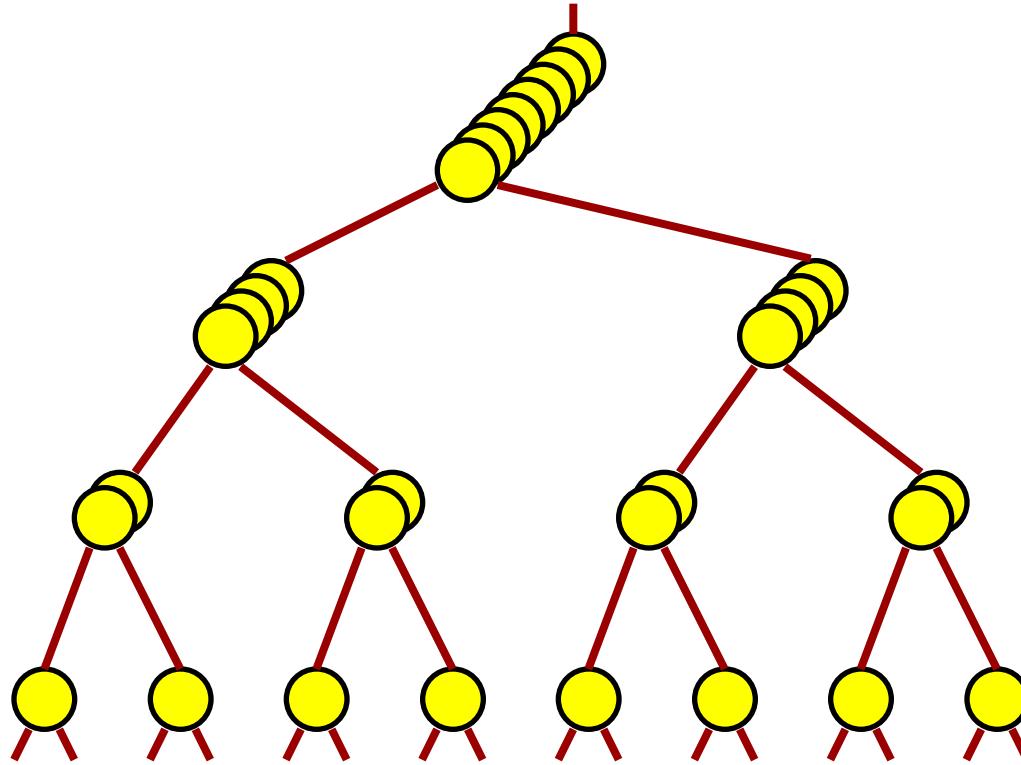
- Rich representations also in the higher layers

# Modeling Horizontal Dependencies



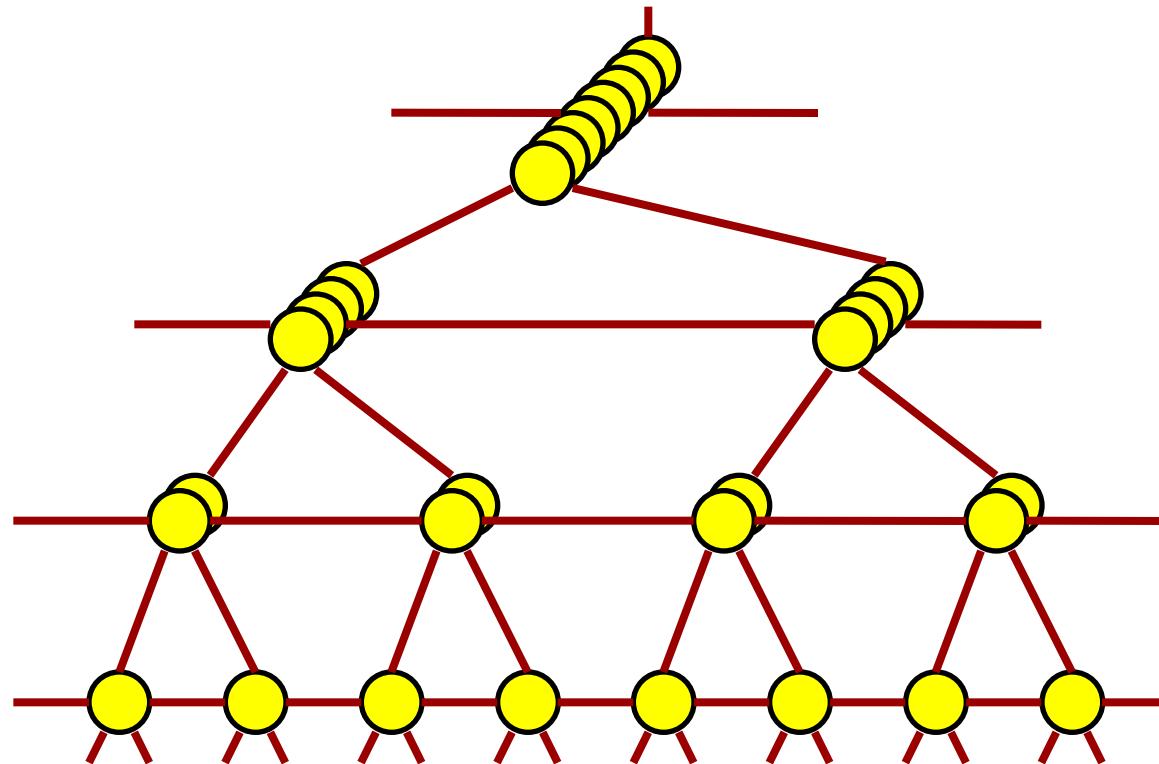
- 1D: HMM, Kalman Filter, Particle Filter
- 2D: Markov Random Fields
- Decision for level of description problematic
- Ignores vertical dependencies, flat models do not scale

# Modeling Vertical Dependencies



- Structure graphs, etc.
- Ignores horizontal dependencies

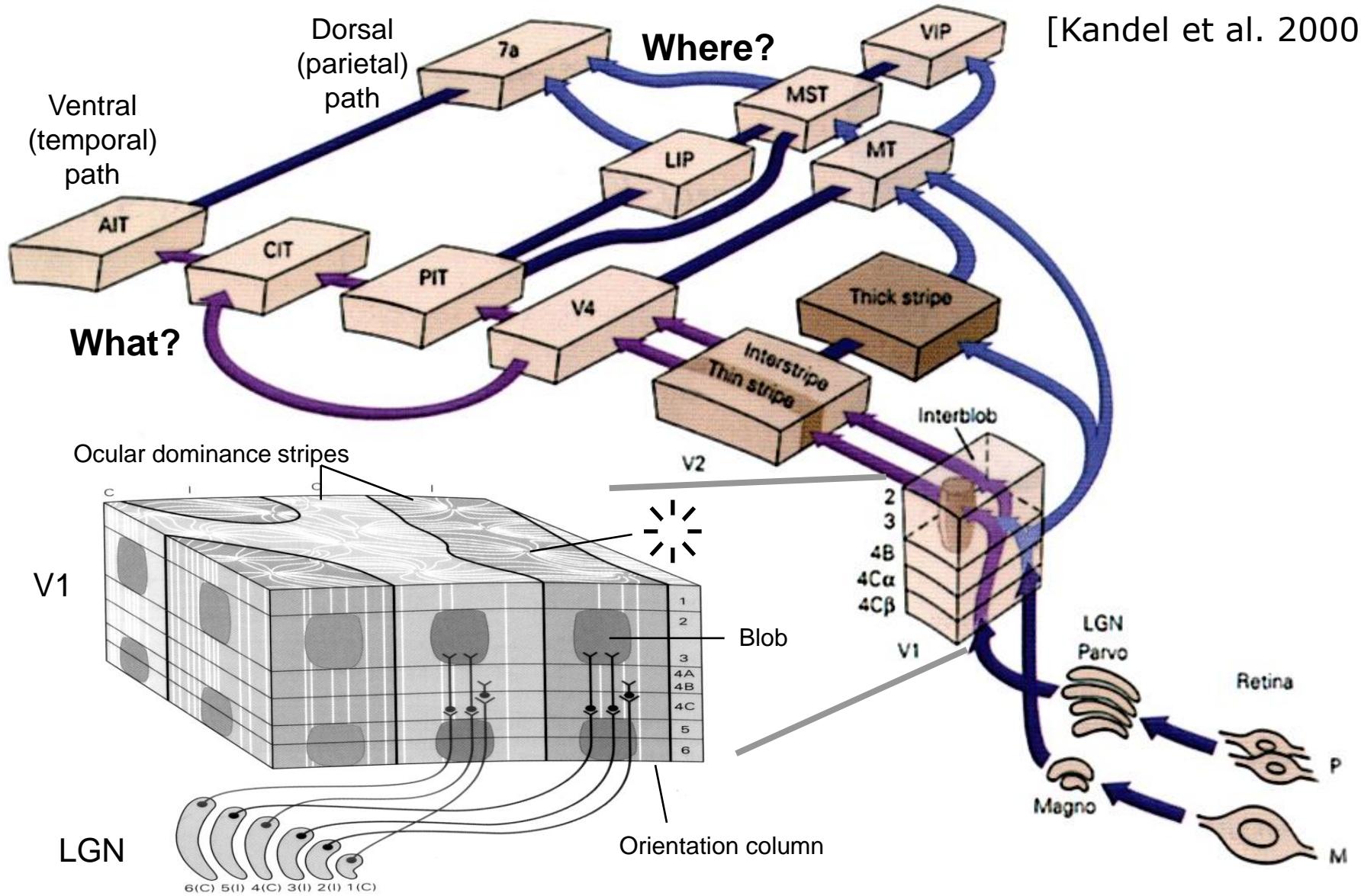
# Horizontal and vertical Dependencies



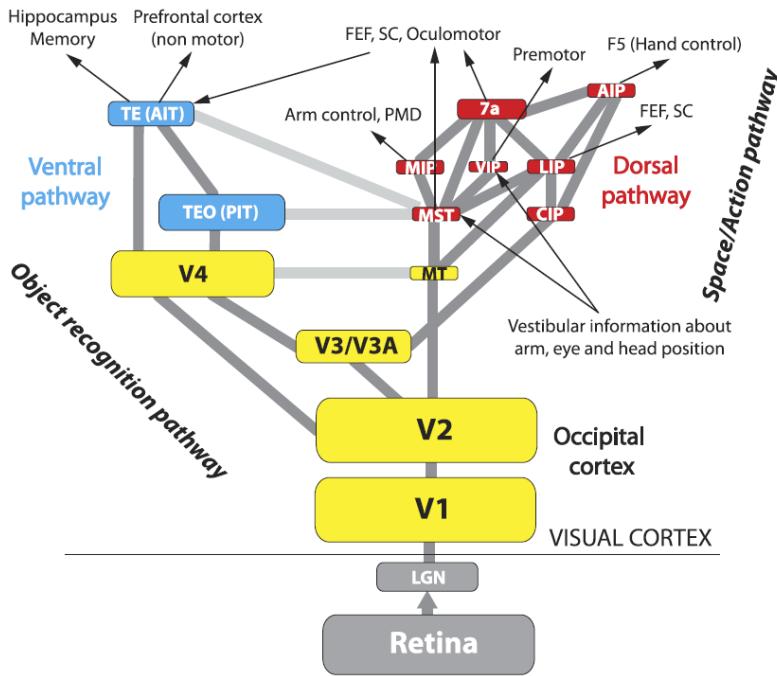
- Problem: Cycles make exact inference impossible
- Idea: Use approximate inference

# Human Visual System

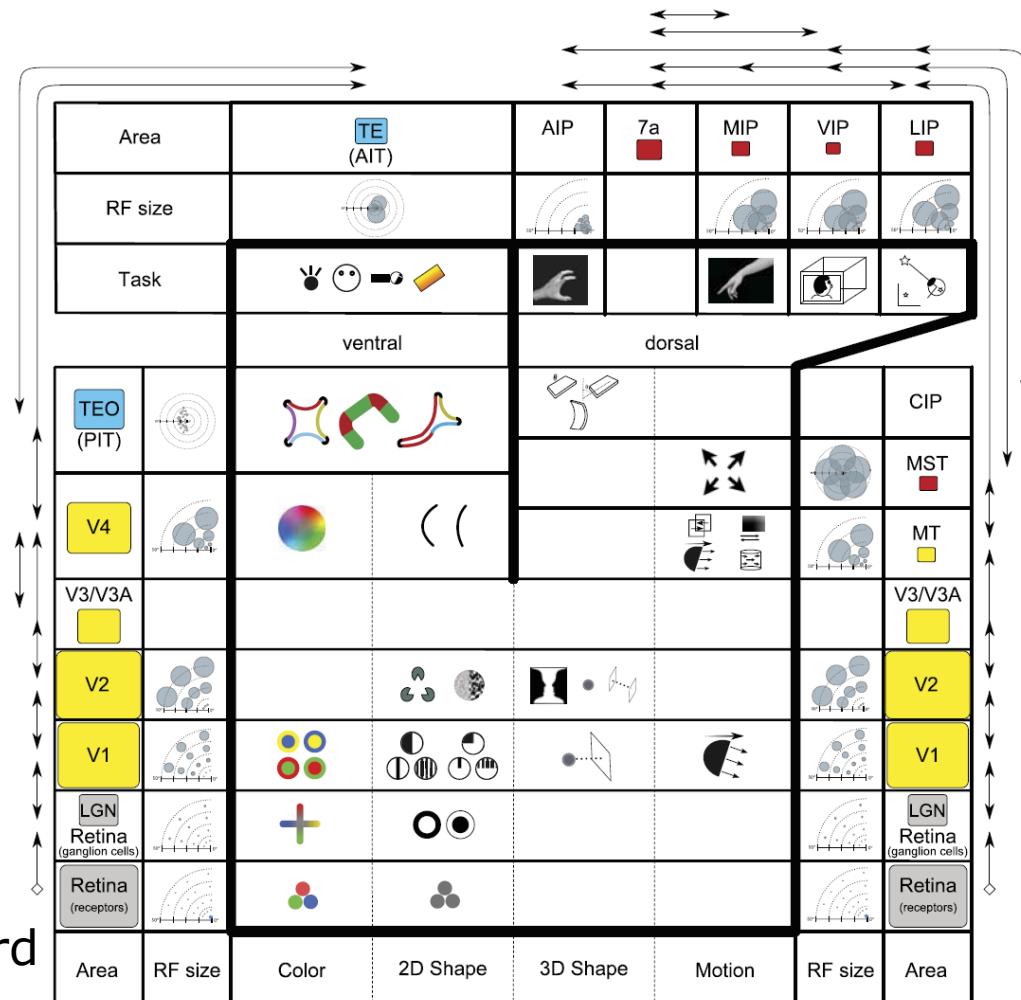
[Kandel et al. 2000]



# Visual Processing Hierarchy



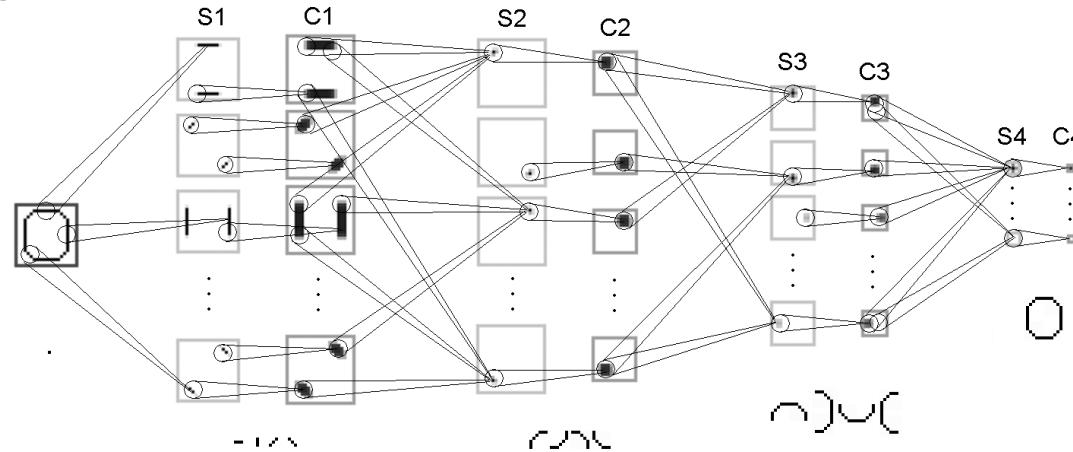
- Increasing complexity
- Increasing invariance
- All connections bidirectional
- More feedback than feed forward
- Lateral connections important



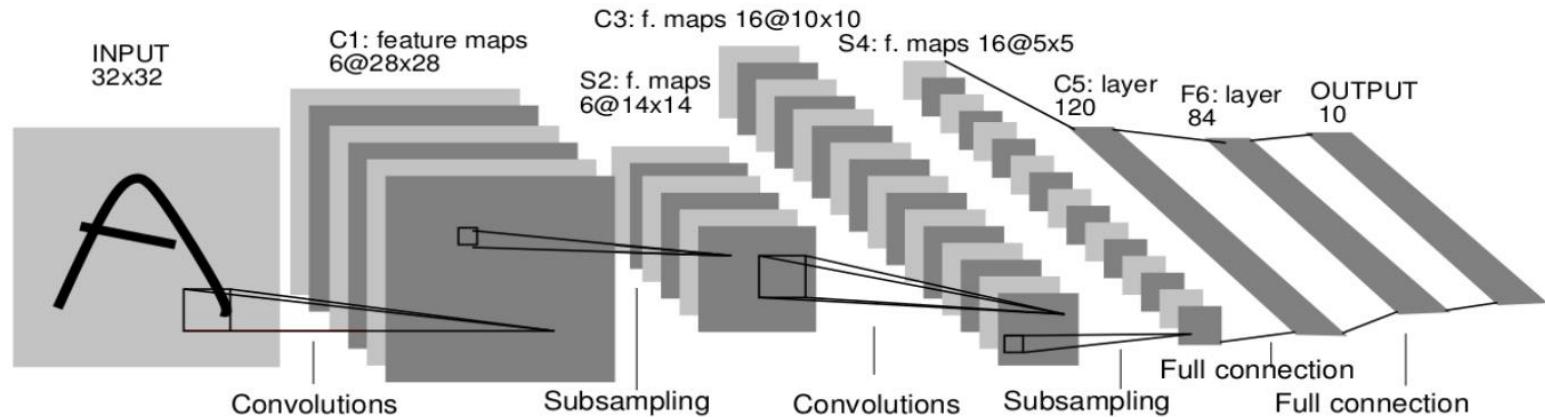
[Krüger et al., TPAMI 2013]

# Feed-Forward Models

## ■ Neocognitron: Fukushima 1980

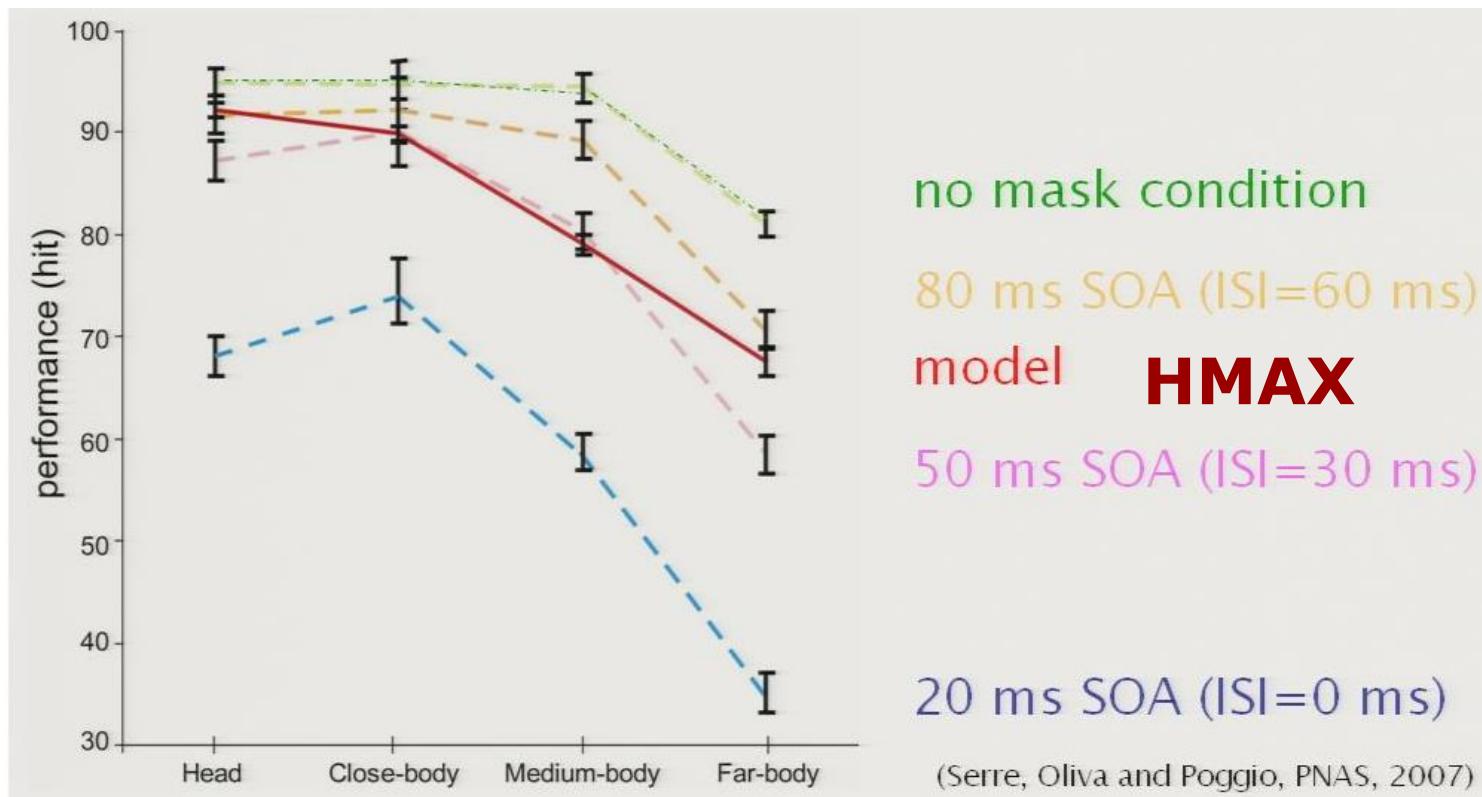


## ■ Supervised training of convolutional networks: LeCun 1989



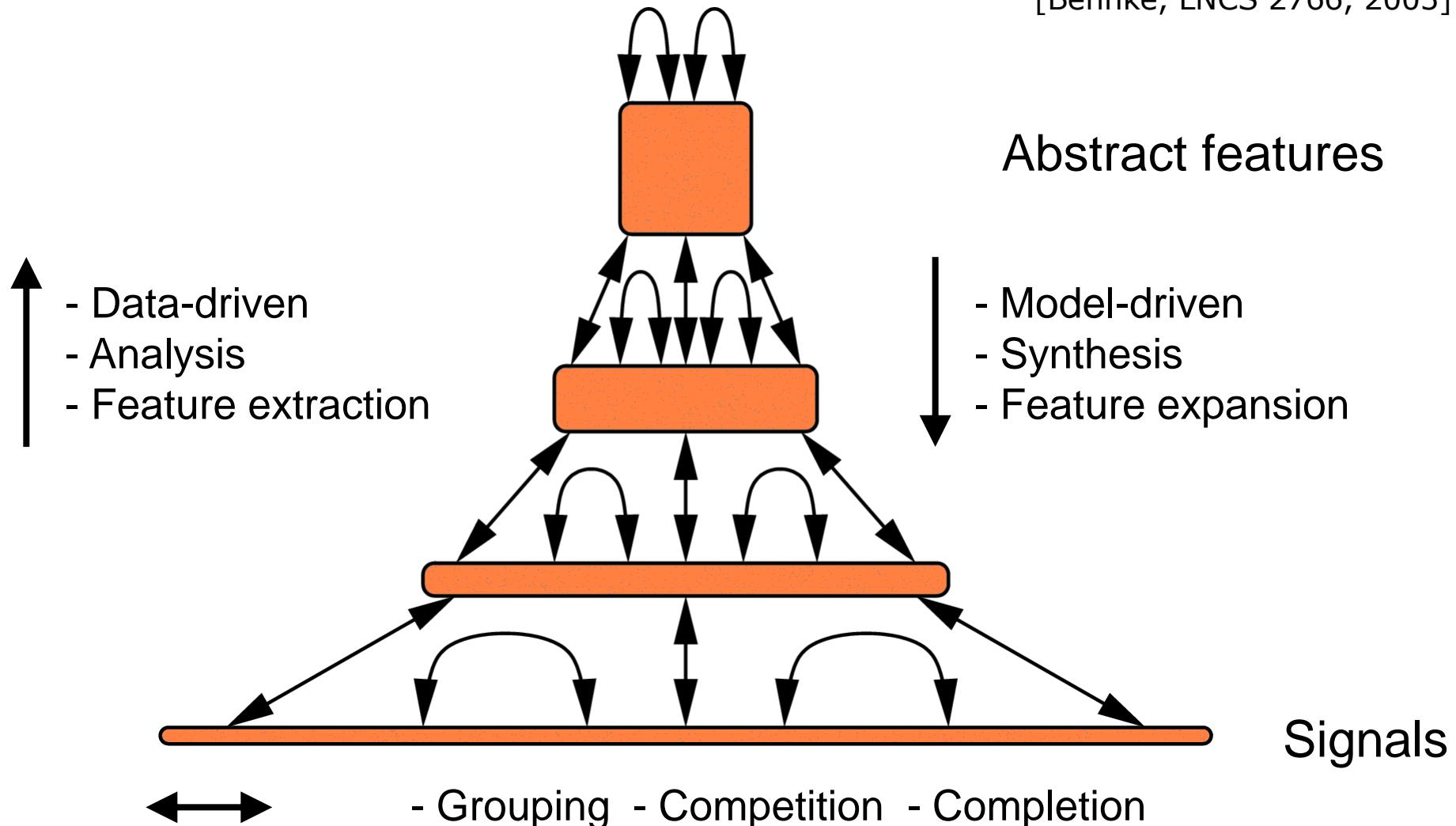
# Feed-forward Models Cannot Explain Human Performance

- Performance increases with observation time



# Neural Abstraction Pyramid

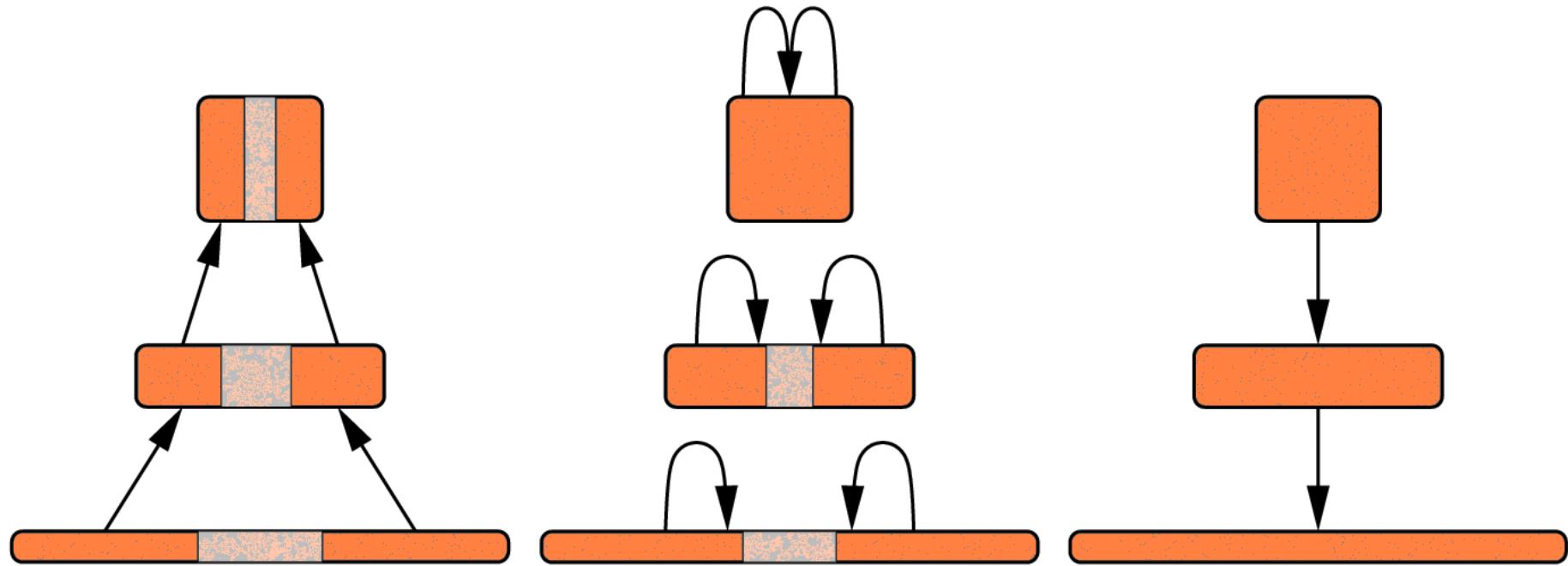
[Behnke, LNCS 2766, 2003]



# Iterative Interpretation

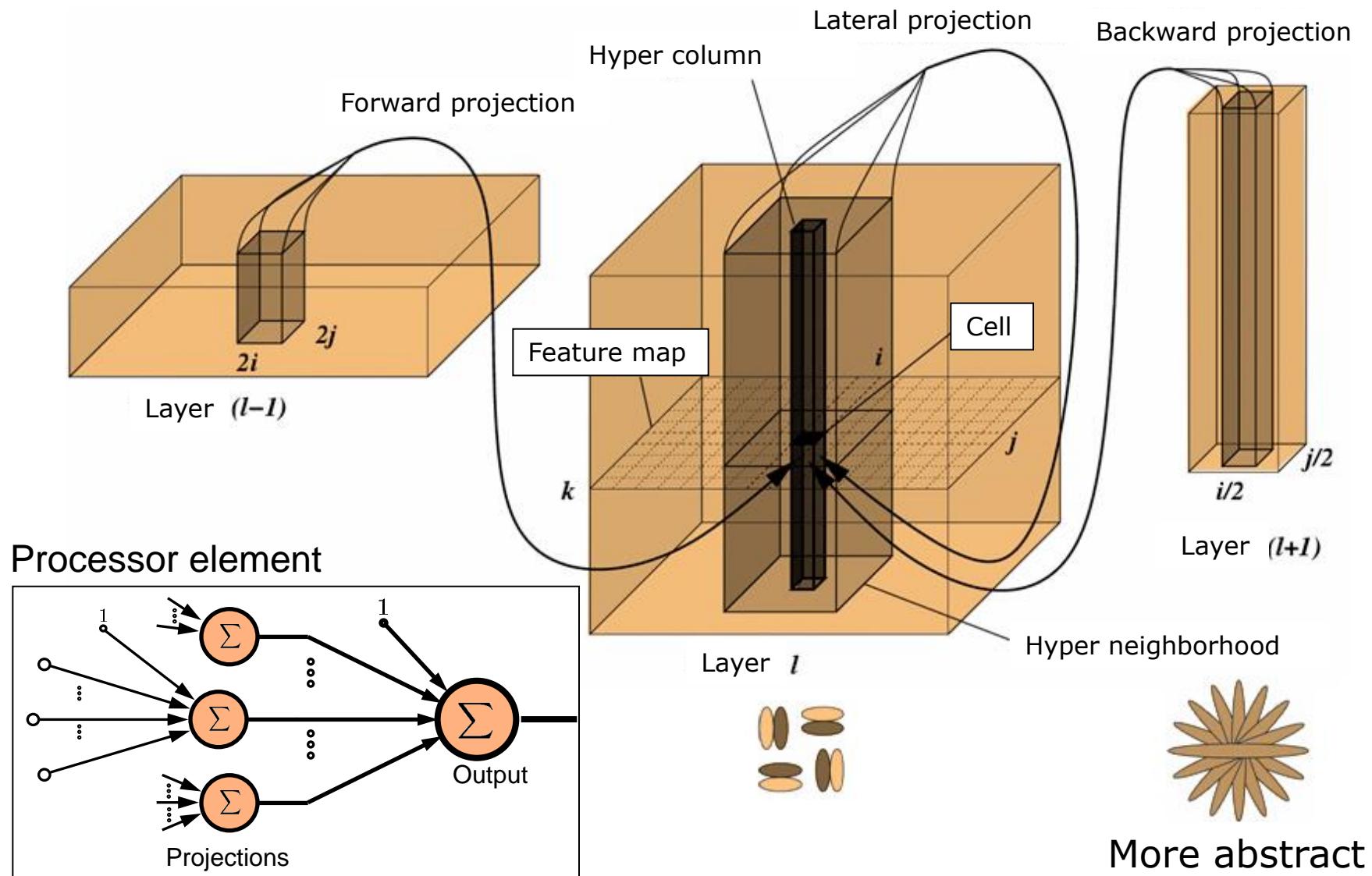
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- Interpret most obvious parts first



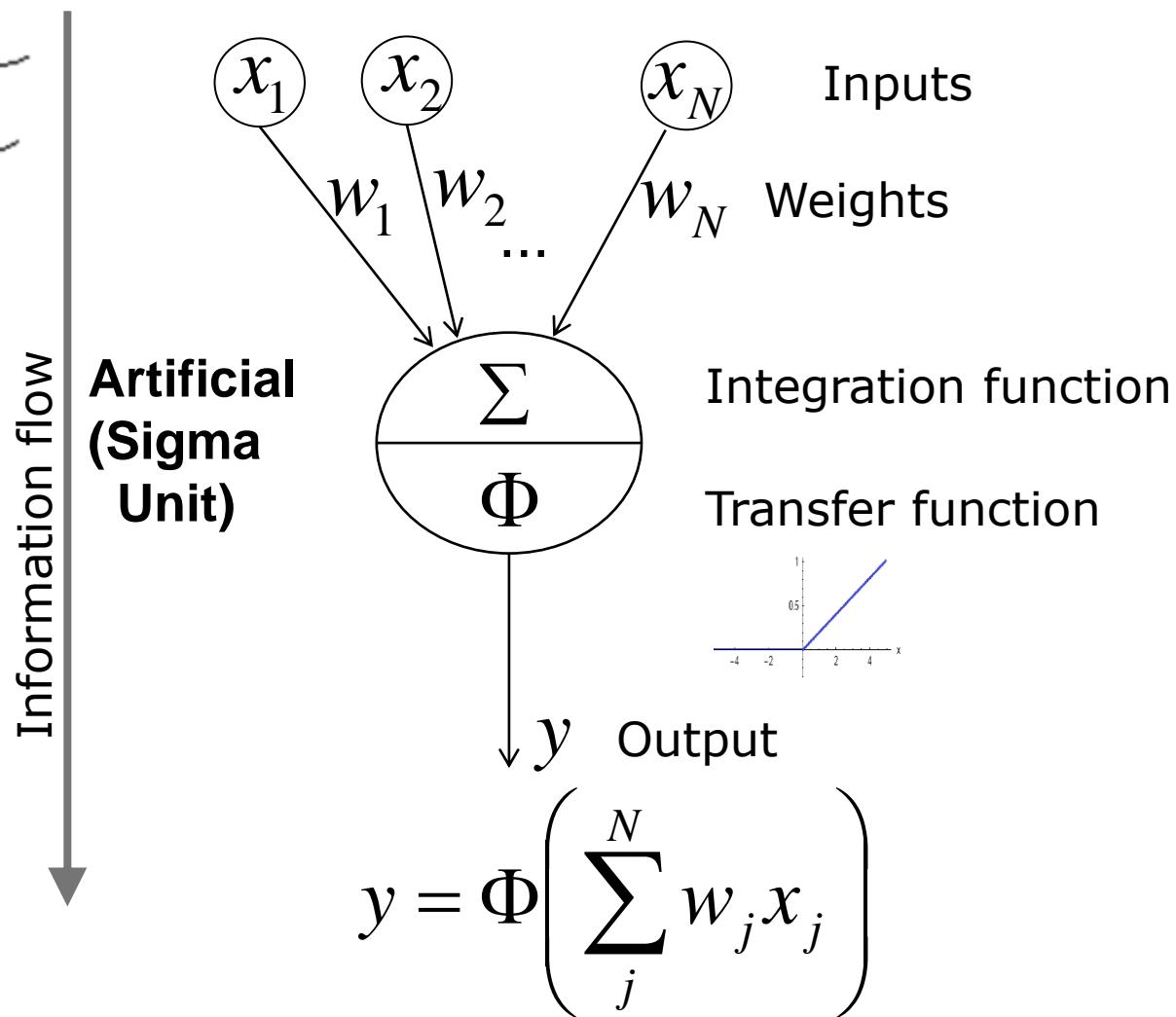
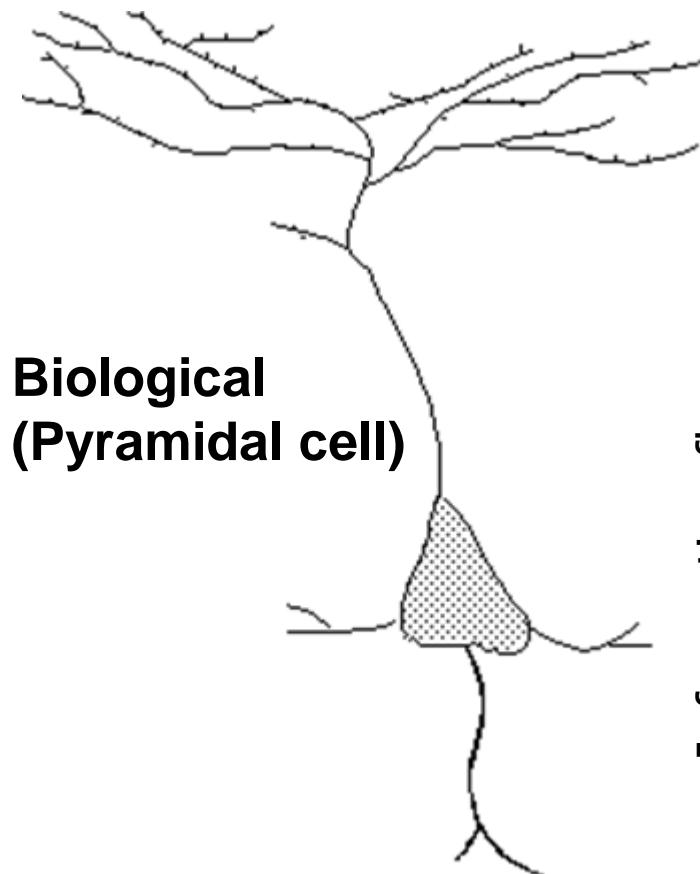
- Use partial interpretation as context to resolve local ambiguities

# Local Recurrent Connectivity



[Behnke, LNCS 2766, 2003]

# Biological vs. Artificial Neurons

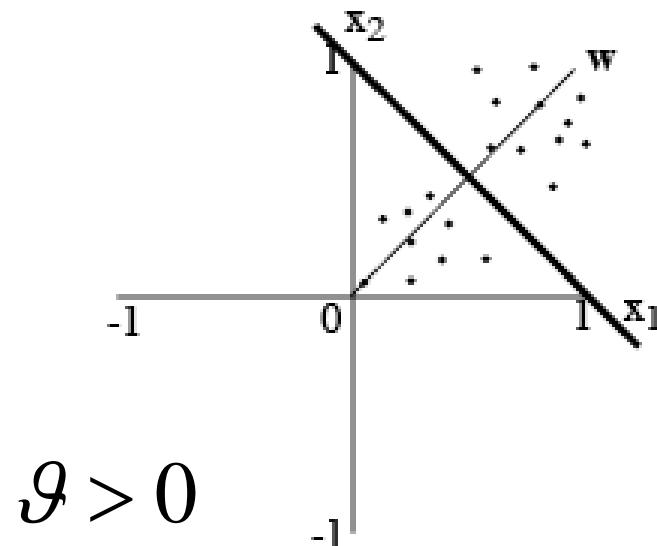
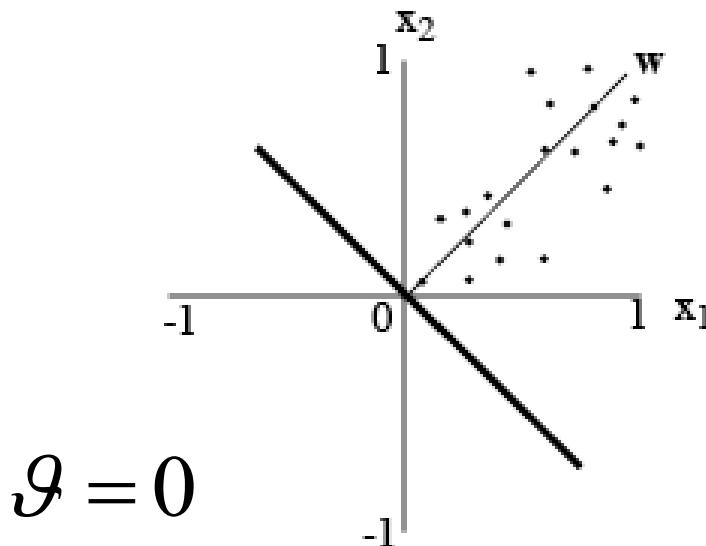


# Separation of Input Patterns

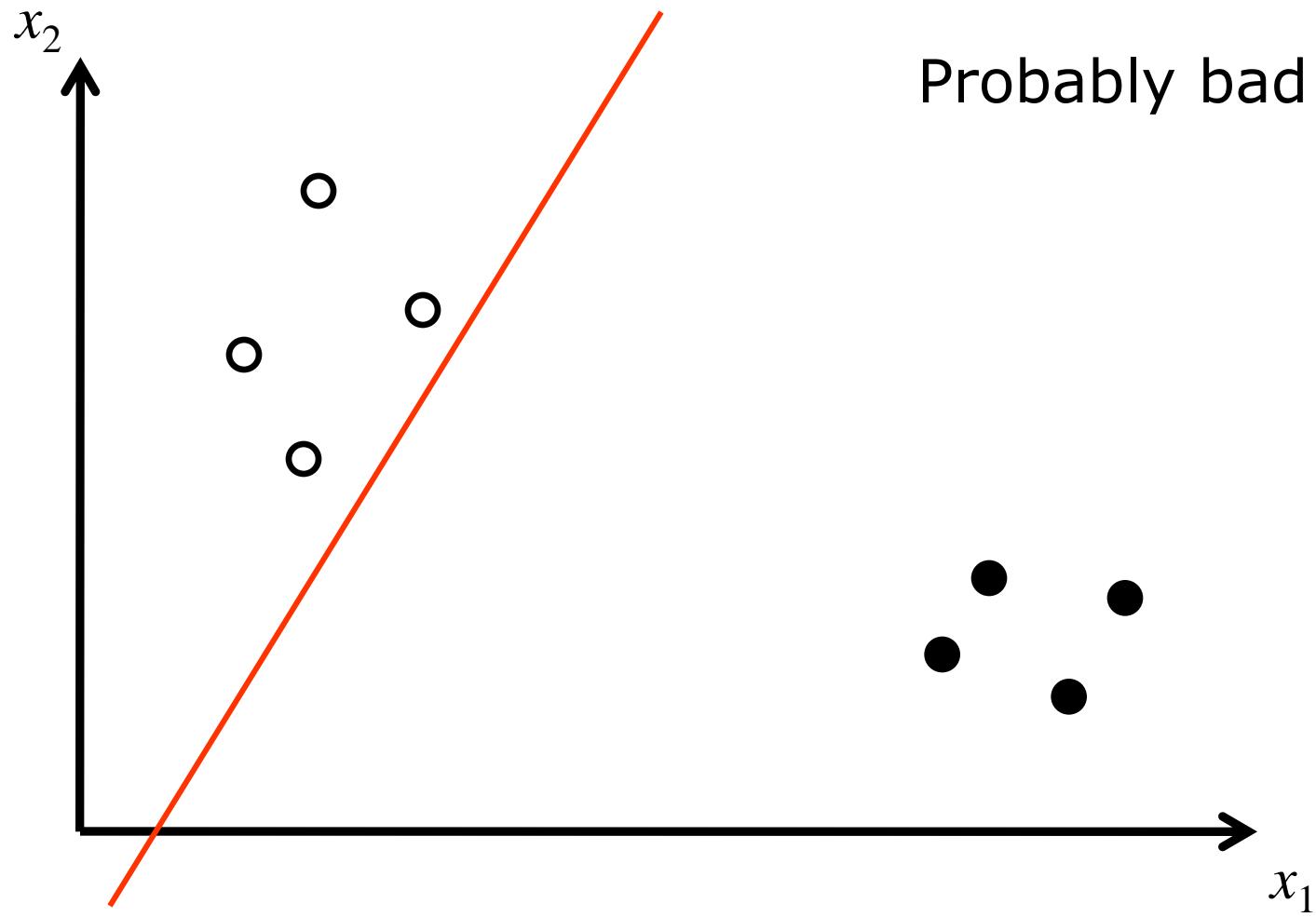
- Dot product  $\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}$  separates the input space into two regions: one with value  $>=0$  and one with value  $<0$
- Separation is a line, defined by the weights and bias  $\vartheta$

$$w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 - \vartheta = 0$$

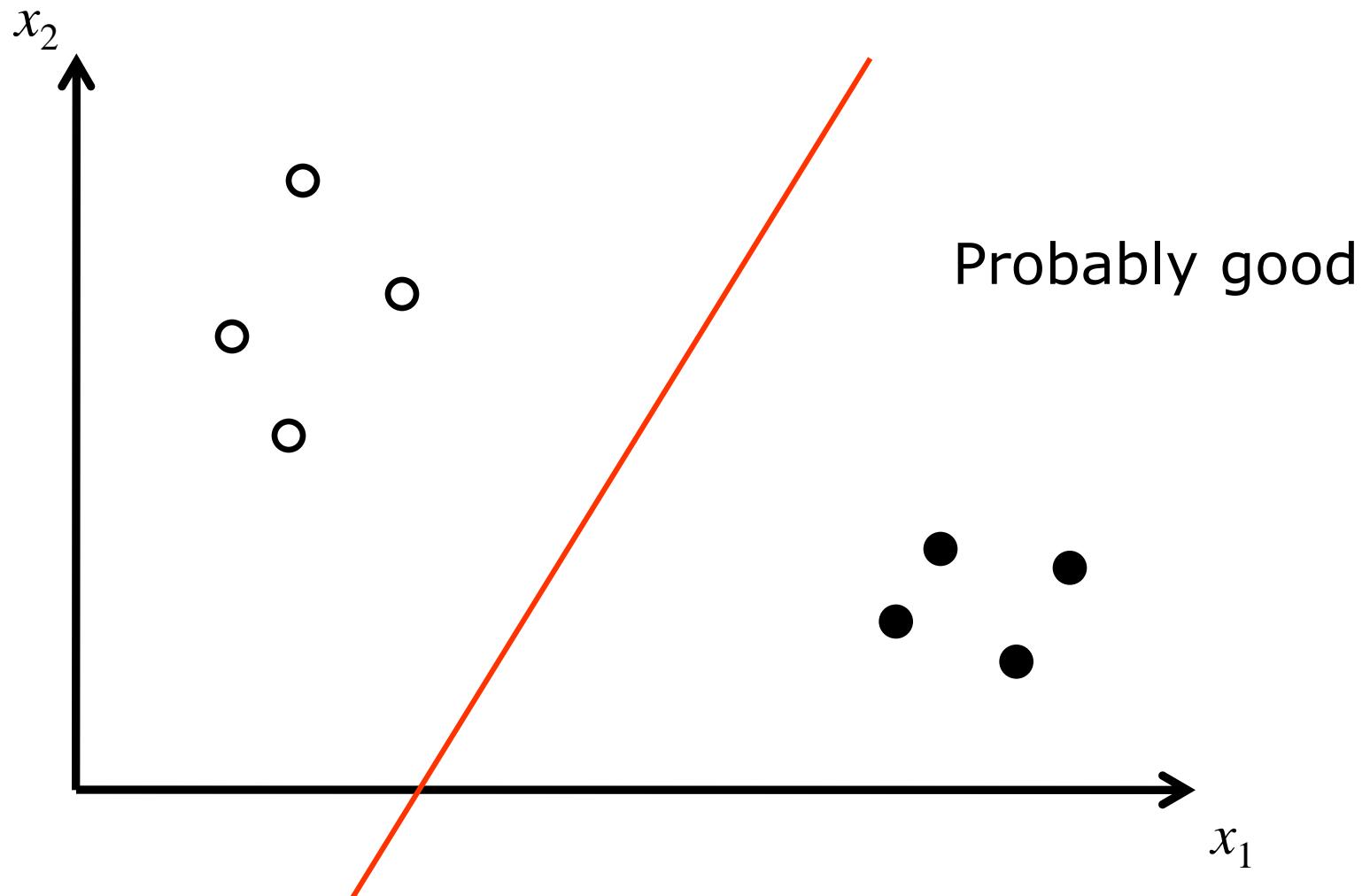
$$x_2 = \frac{\vartheta}{w_2} - \frac{w_1}{w_2} x_1$$



# Generalization

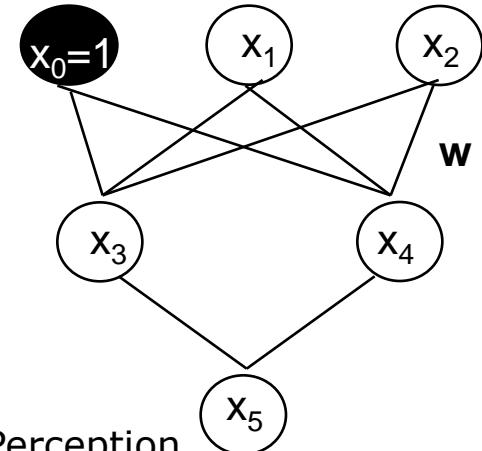
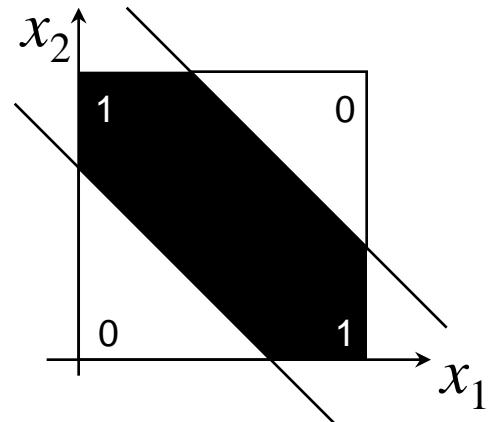
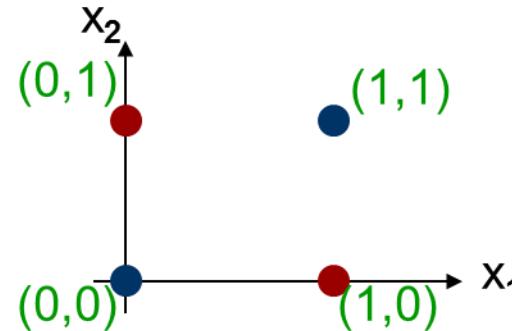


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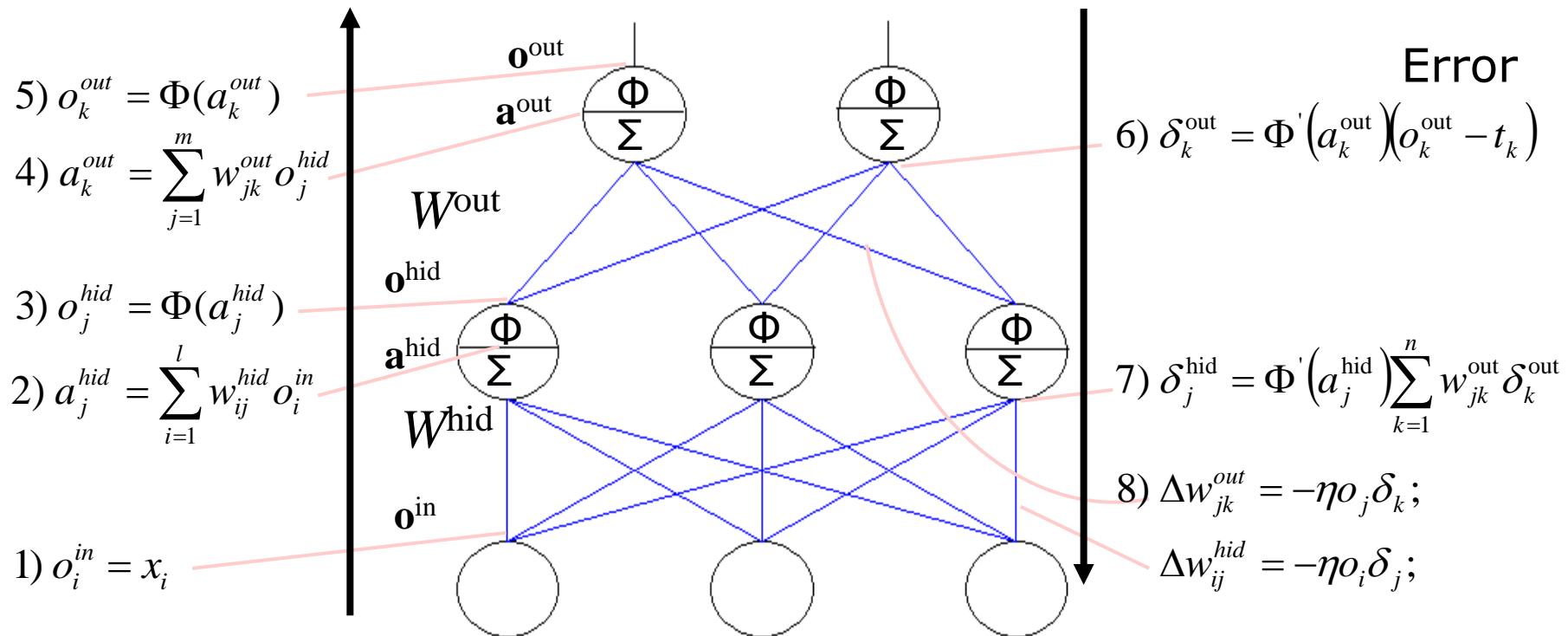
# XOR Problem

- Boolean XOR function is not linearly separable
- If we could use two hyper planes, we could separate one class from both sides
- This can be accomplished by a Multi-Layer Perceptron
- Problem:  
How to train multiple layers?



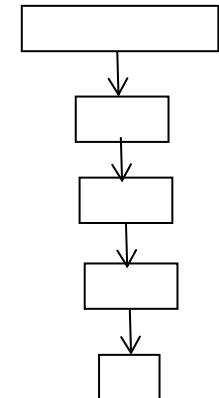
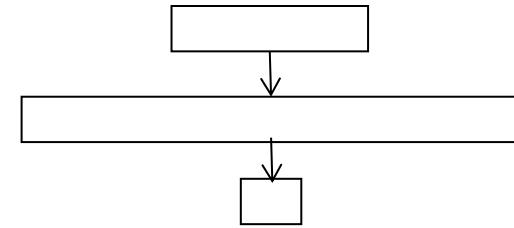
# Backpropagation of Error

- Forward propagation of activity
- Backward propagation of error gradient
- Weight update by gradient descent



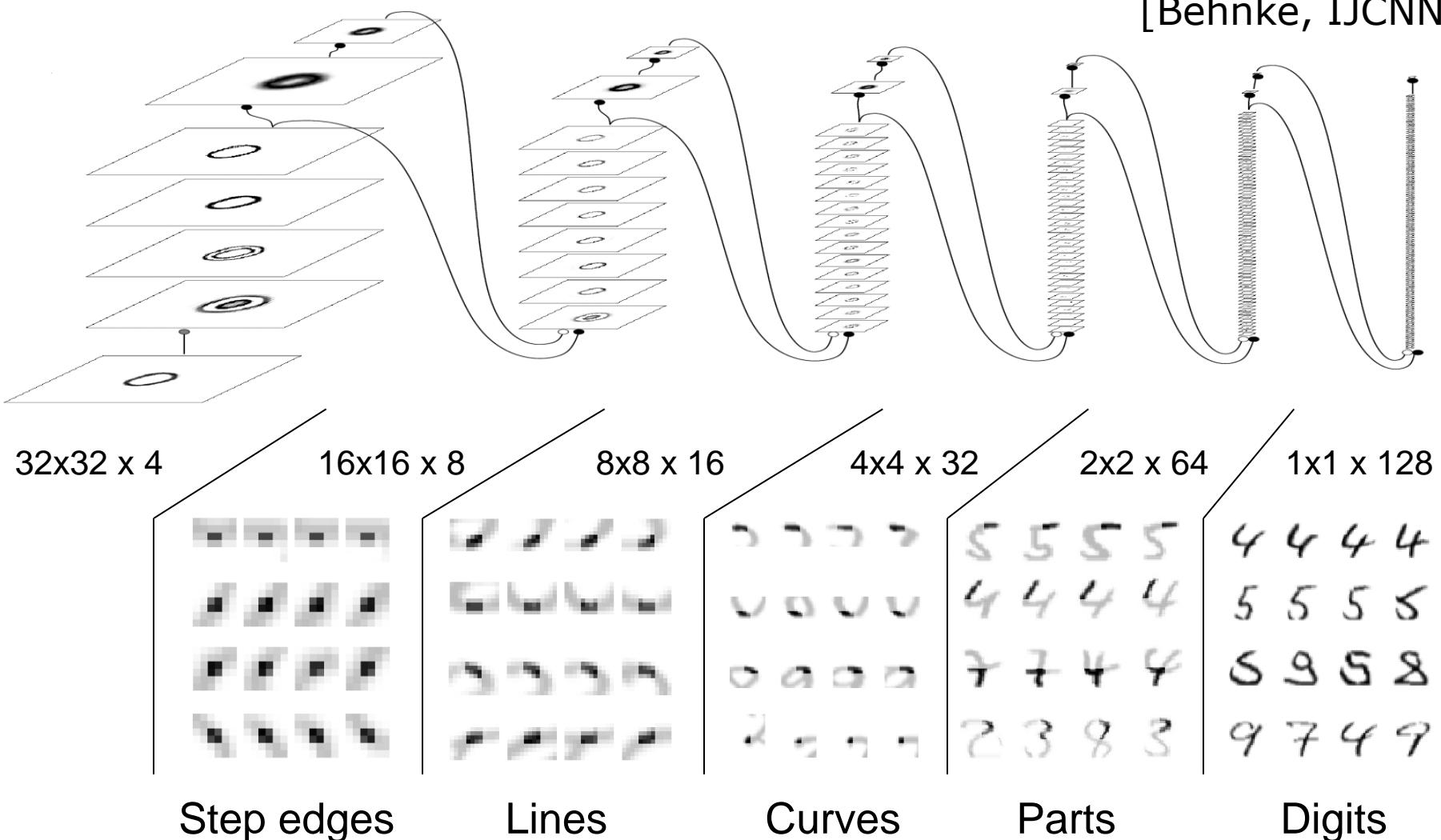
# Flat vs. Deep Networks

- A neural network with a **single hidden layer** that is wide enough can compute any function (Cybenko, 1989)
  - Certain functions, like parity, may require **exponentially** many hidden units (in the number of inputs)
- **Deep networks** (with multiple hidden layers) may be exponentially more efficient
  - Parity example: Compute carry bit sequentially



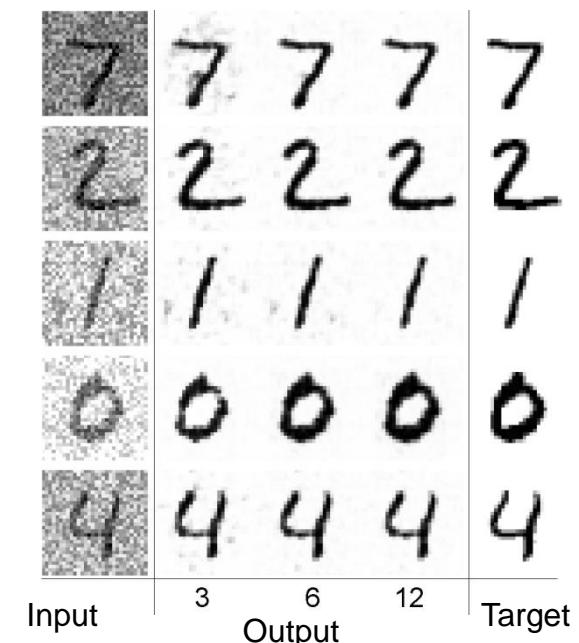
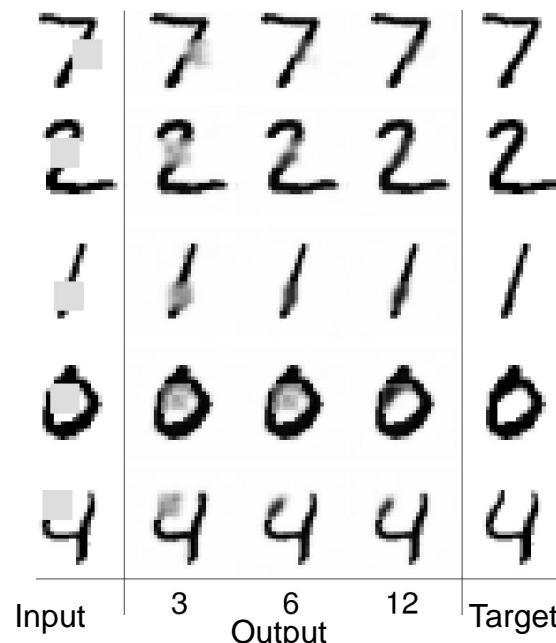
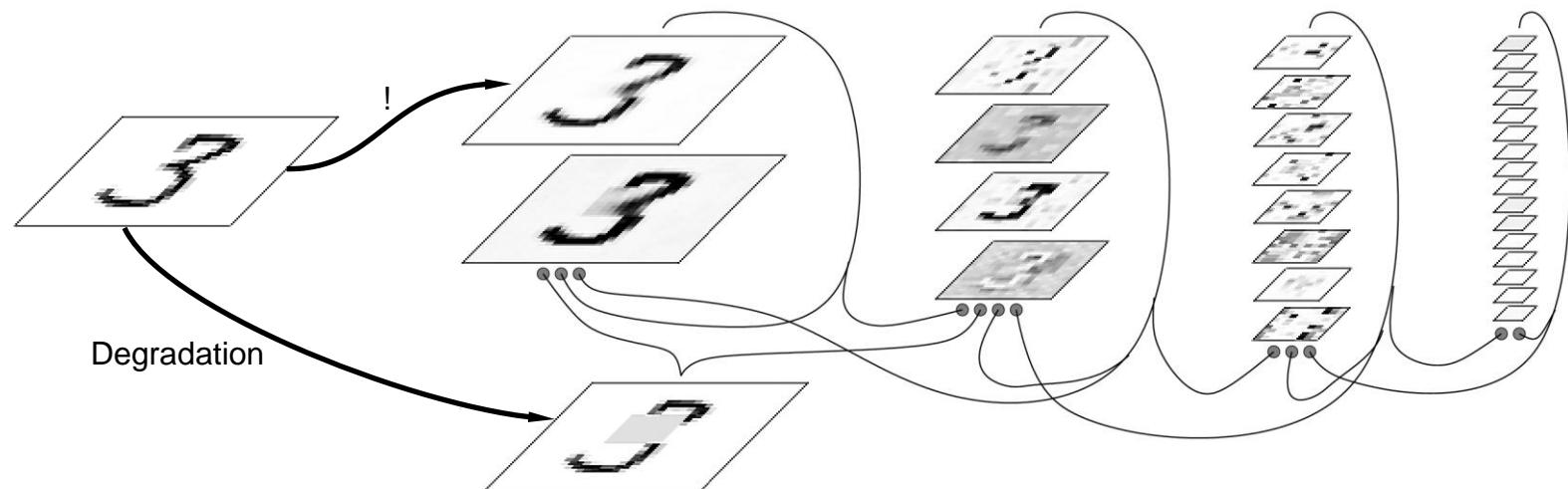
# Learning a Feature Hierarchy

[Behnke, IJCNN'99]



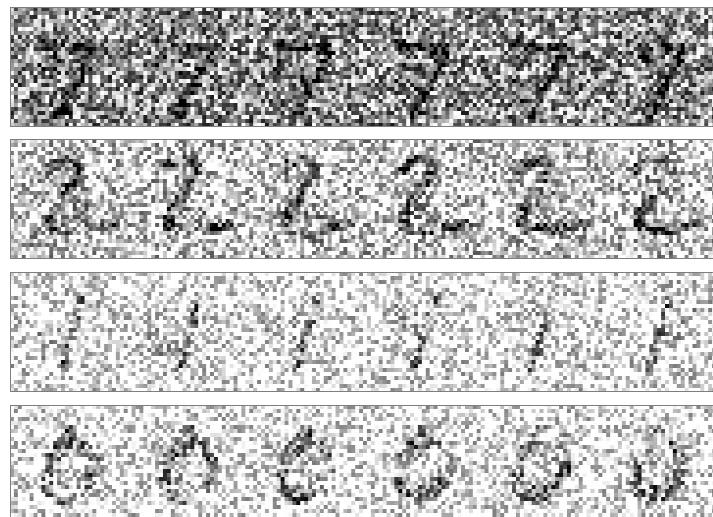
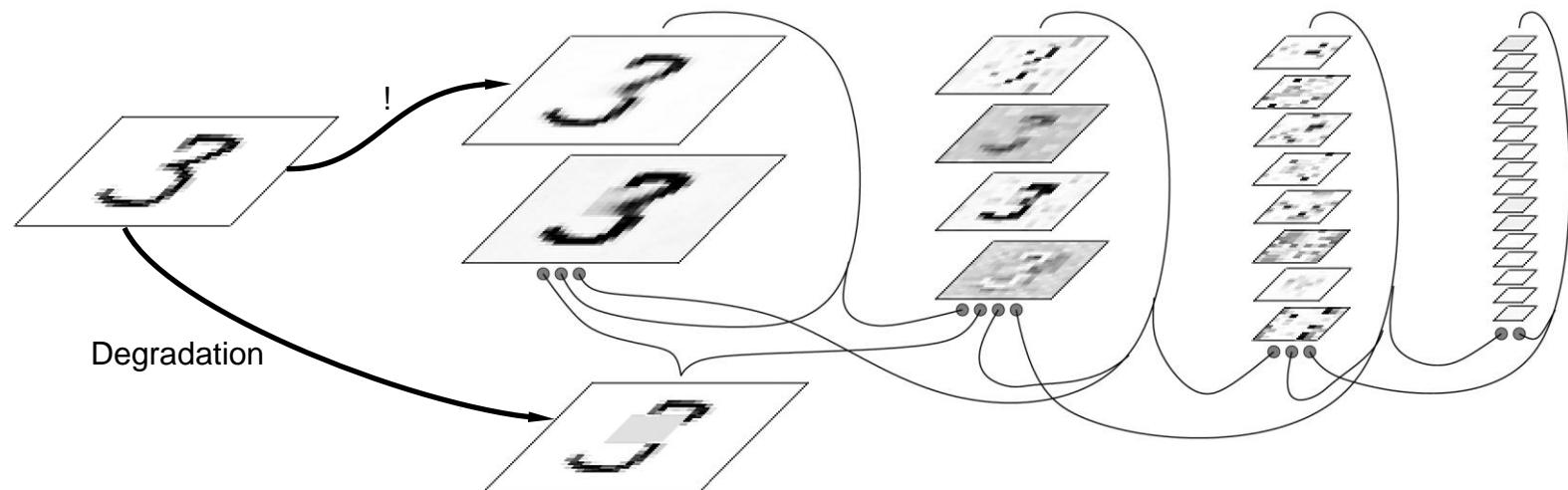
# Digit Reconstruction

[Behnke, IJCAI'01]

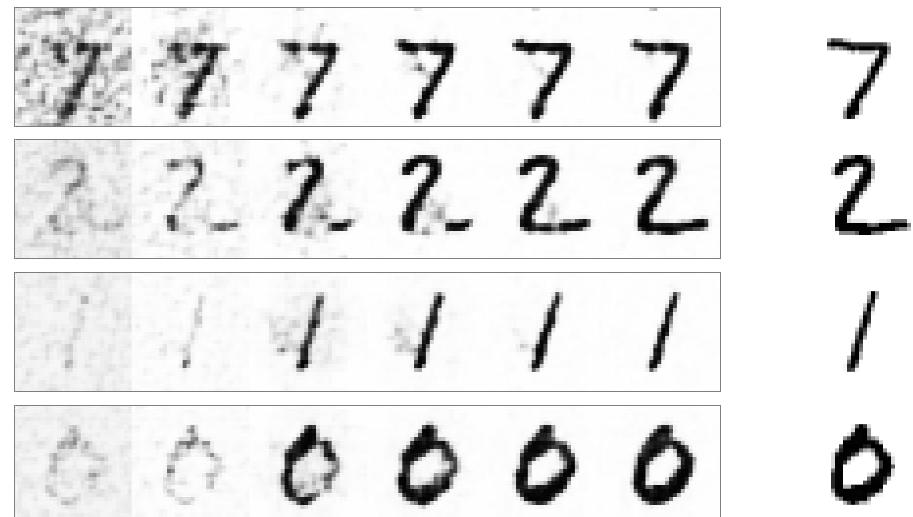


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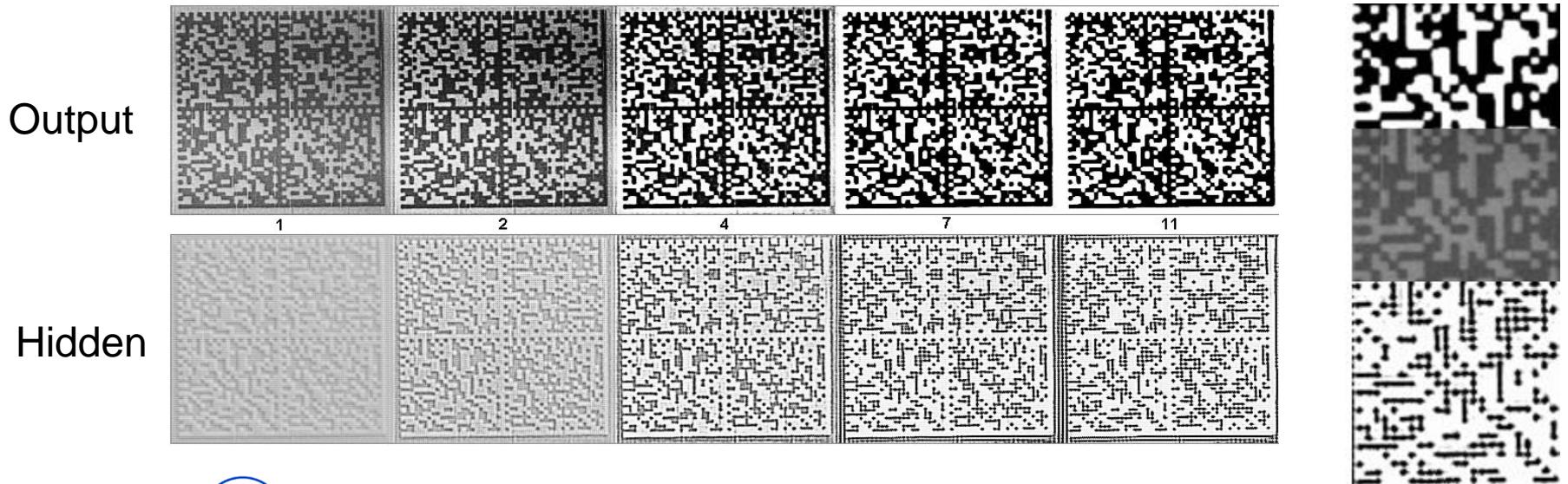
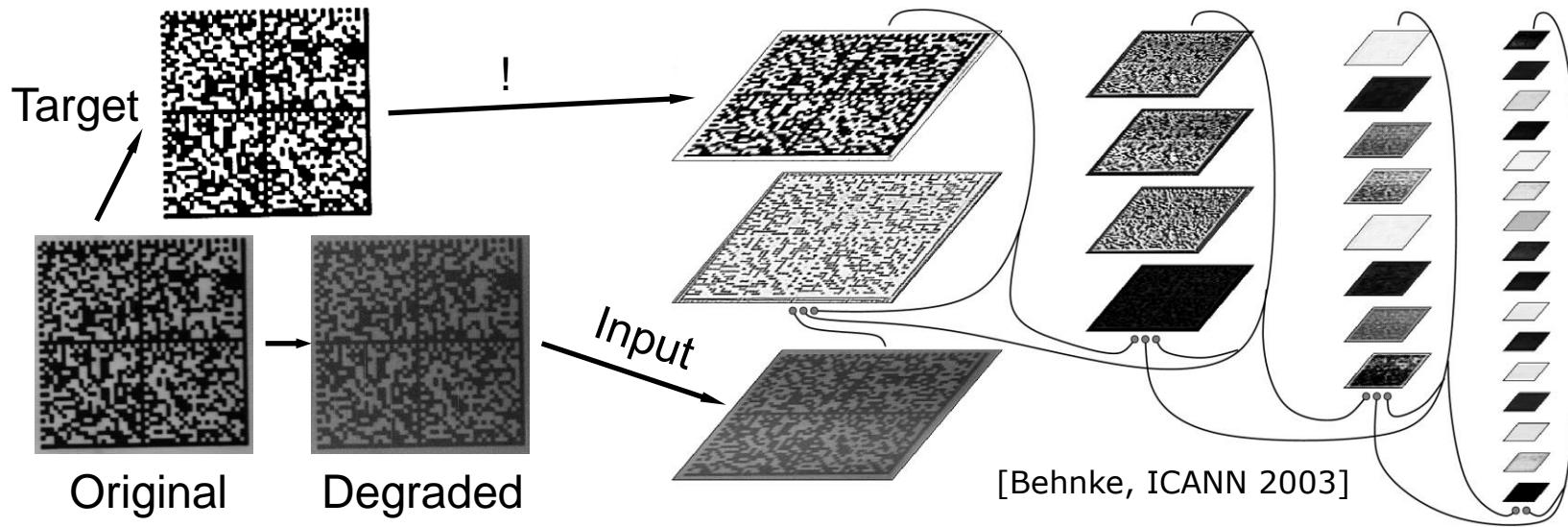
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Input



1    2    4    7    11    16  
Output

Target

# Binarization of Matrix Codes



# Face Localization

[Behnke, KES'03]

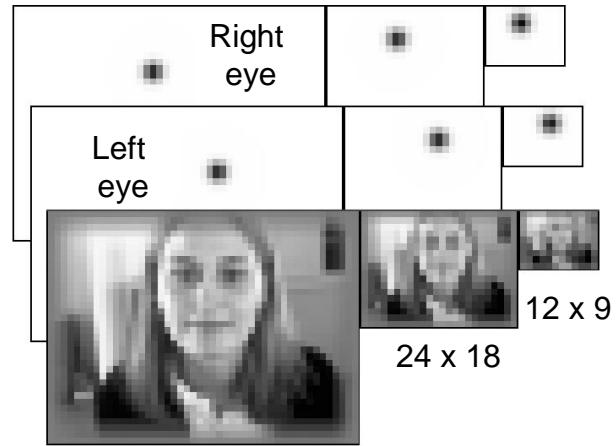
- BioID data set:
  - 1521 images
  - 23 persons



- Encode eye positions with blobs

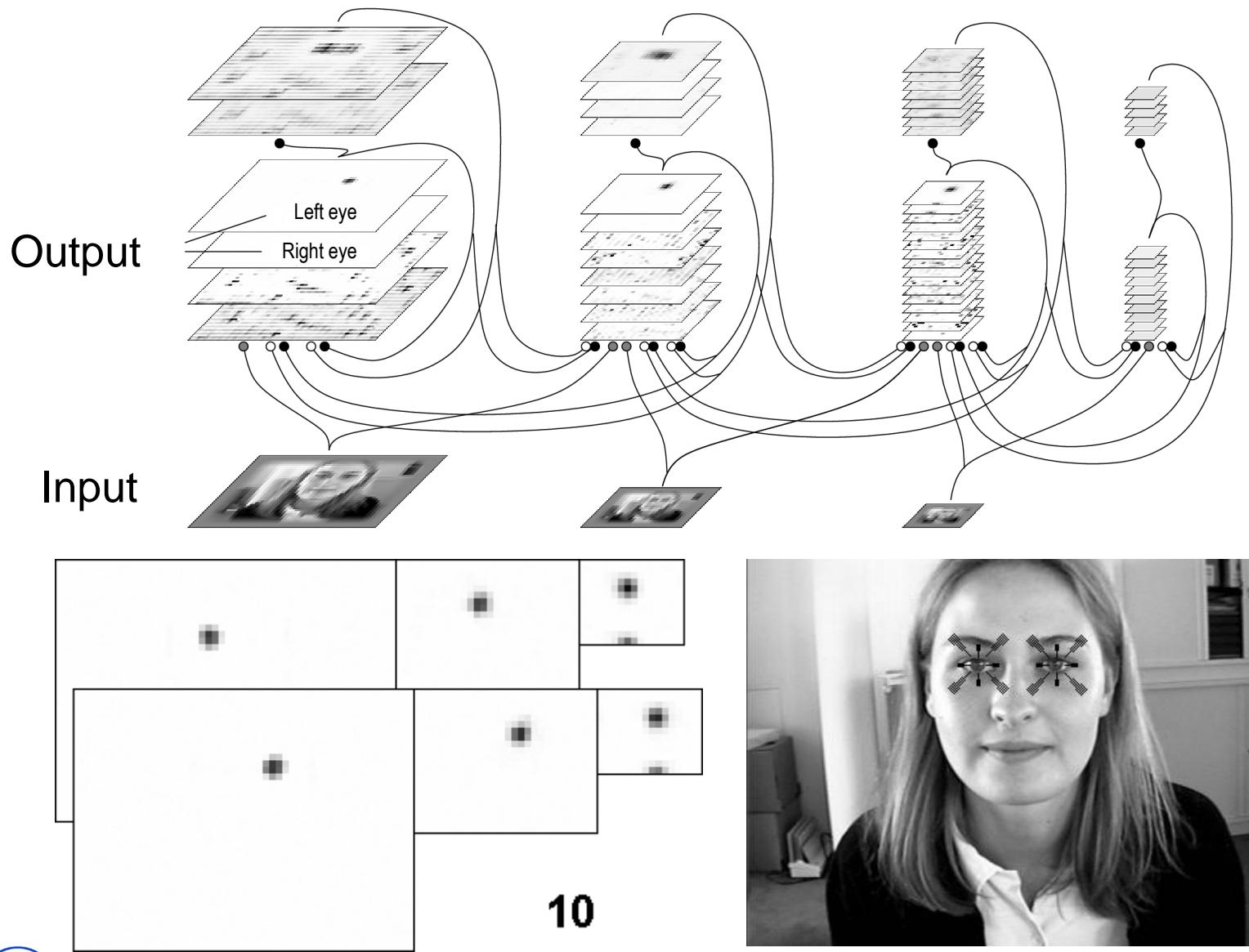


384 x 288



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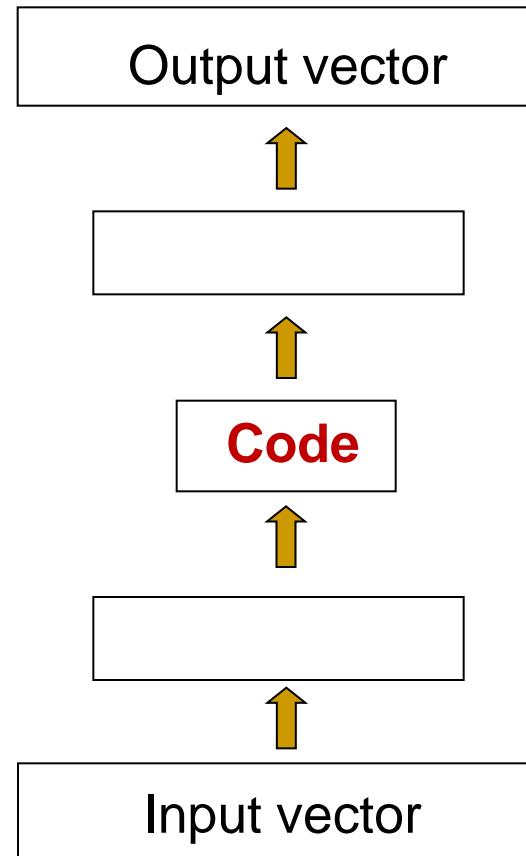
[Behnke, KES'03]



# Auto-Encoder

- Try to push input through a bottleneck
- Activities of hidden units form an efficient code
  - There is no space for redundancy in the bottleneck
- Extracts frequently independent features (factorial code)

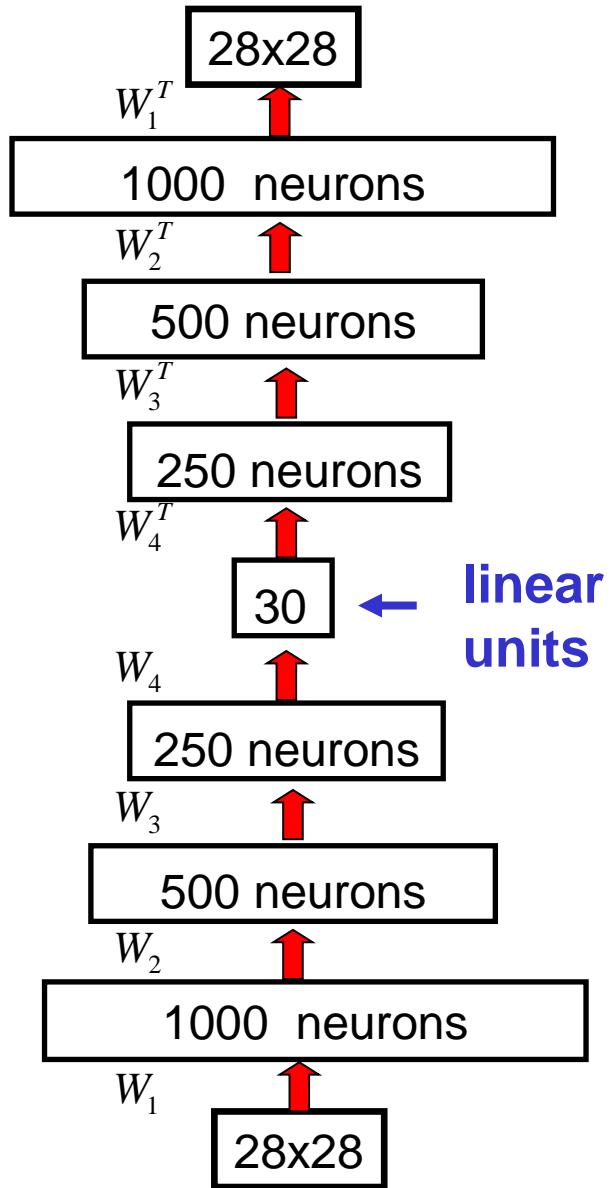
Desired Output = Input



# Deep Autoencoders

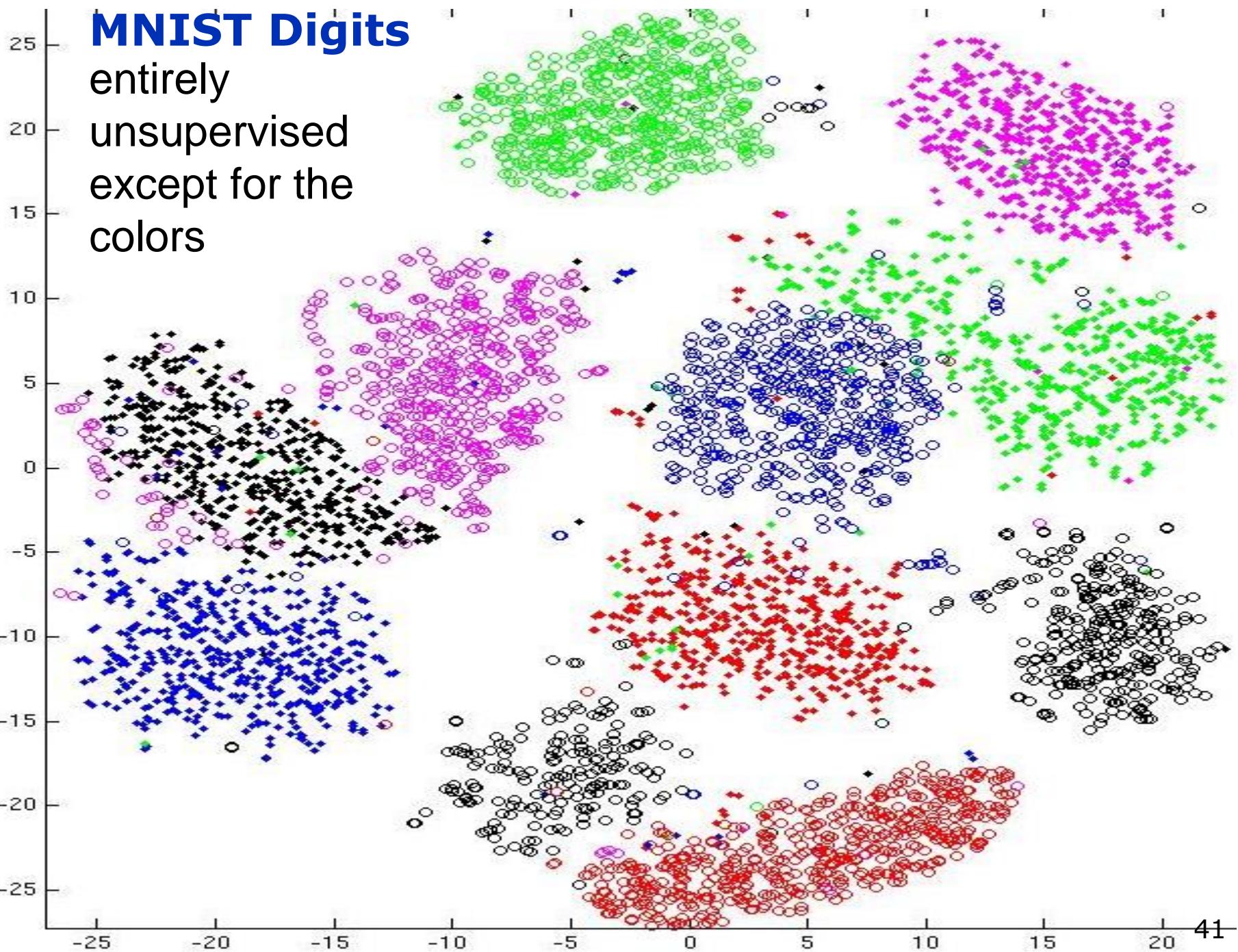
## (Hinton & Salakhutdinov, 2006)

- Multi-layer autoencoders for non-linear dimensionality reduction
- Difficult to optimize deep autoencoders using backpropagation
- Greedy, layer wise training
- Unrolling
- Supervised fine-tuning



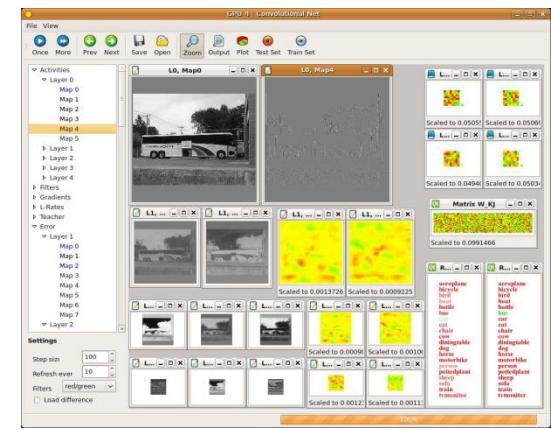
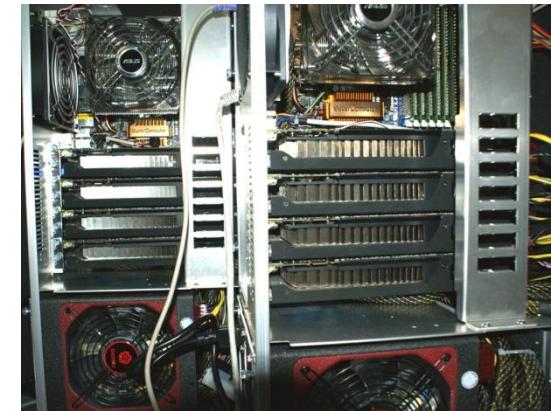
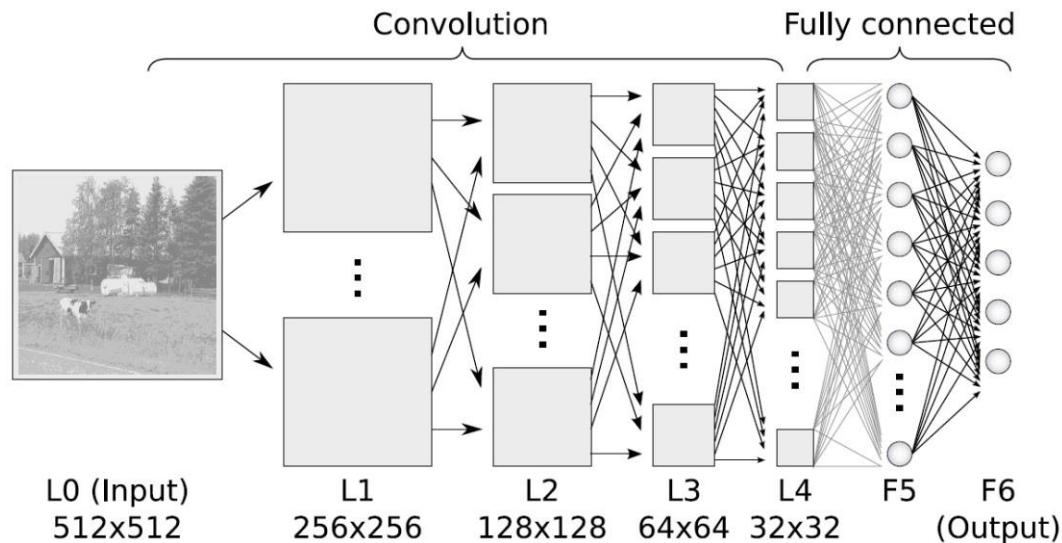
# MNIST Digits

entirely  
unsupervised  
except for the  
colors



# GPU Implementations (CUDA)

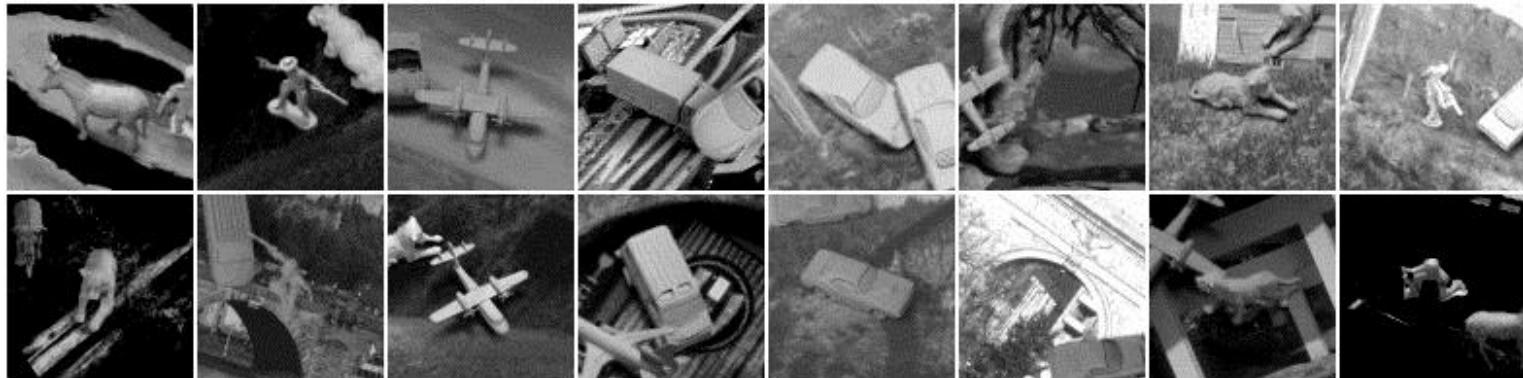
- Affordable parallel computers
- General-purpose programming
- Convolutional [Scherer & Behnke, 2009]



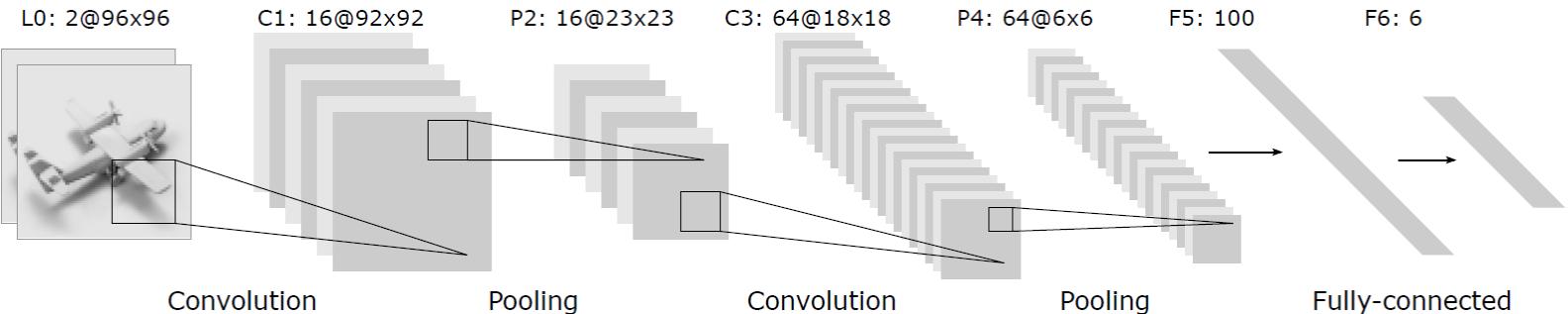
- Local connectivity [Uetz & Behnke, 2009]

# Image Categorization: NORB

- 10 categories, jittered-cluttered



- **Max-Pooling**, cross-entropy training

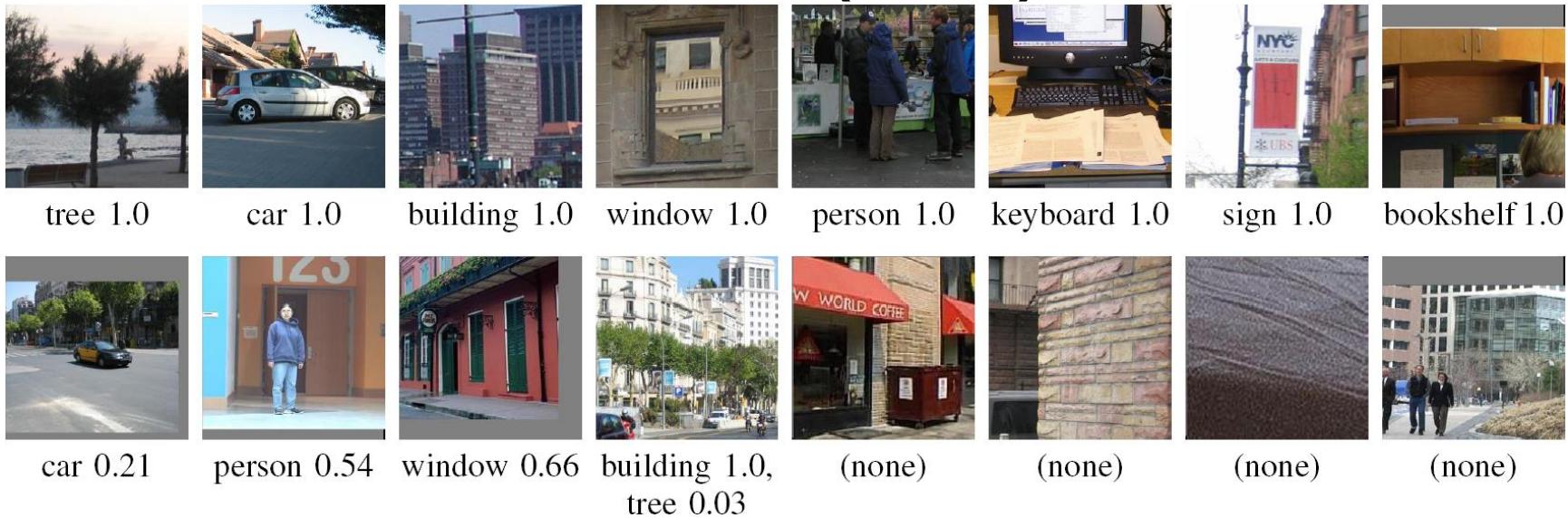


- Test error: 5,6% (LeNet7: 7.8%)

[Scherer, Müller, Behnke, ICANN'10]

# Image Categorization: LabelMe

- 50,000 color images (256x256)
- 12 classes + clutter (50%)



- Error TRN: 3.77%; TST: 16.27%
- Recall: 1,356 images/s

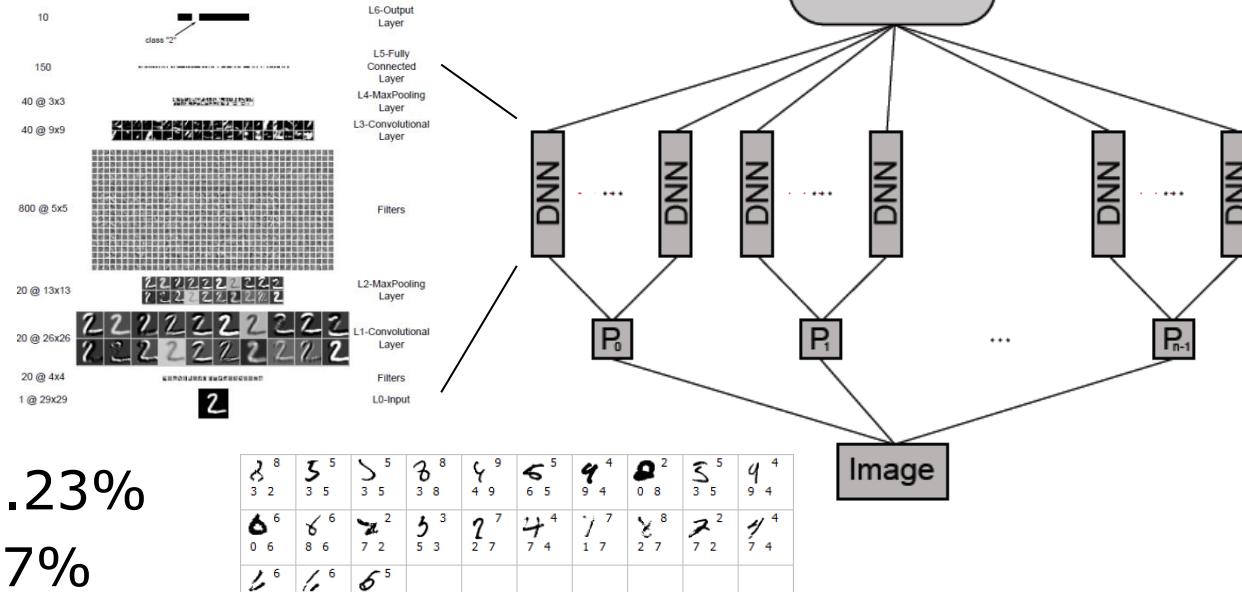
[Uetz, Behnke, ICIS2009]

# Multi-Column Deep Convolutional Networks

- Different preprocessings
- Trained with distortions
- Bagging deep networks



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- MNIST: 0.23%
- NORB: 2.7%
- CIFAR10: 11.2%
- Traffic signs: 0.54% test error

[Ciresan et al. CVPR 2012]

# ImageNet Challenge

- 1.2 million images
- 1000 categories, no overlap
- Subset of 11 million images from 15.000+ categories
- Hierarchical category structure (WordNet)

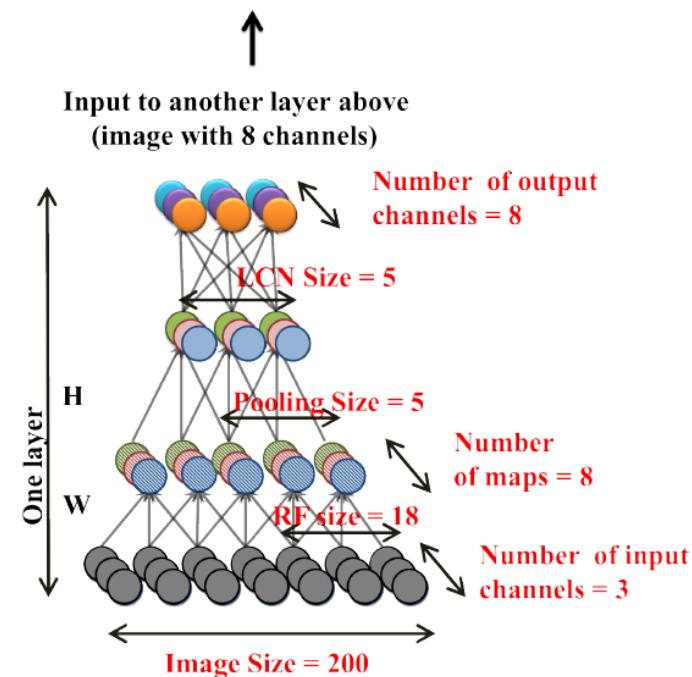
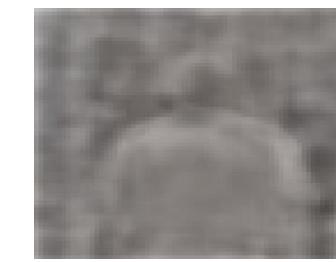
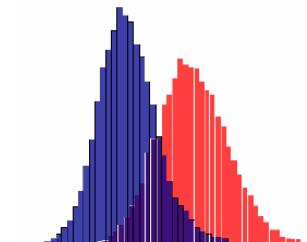
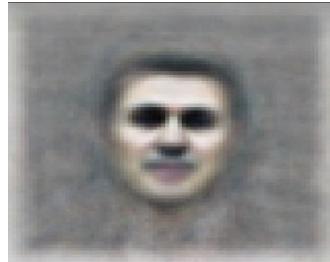


Golf cart (motor vehicle, self-propelled vehicle, wheeled vehicle, ... Egyptian cat (domestic cat, domestic animal, animal)

- Task: recognize object category
- Low penalty for extra detections
- Hierarchical error computation

# Large Unsupervised Feature Learning

- 9 layer model
- Locally connected
- Sparse auto-encoder
- L2 pooling
- Local contrast normalization
- 1 billion connections
- Trained on 10 million images
- Unsupervised learned detectors

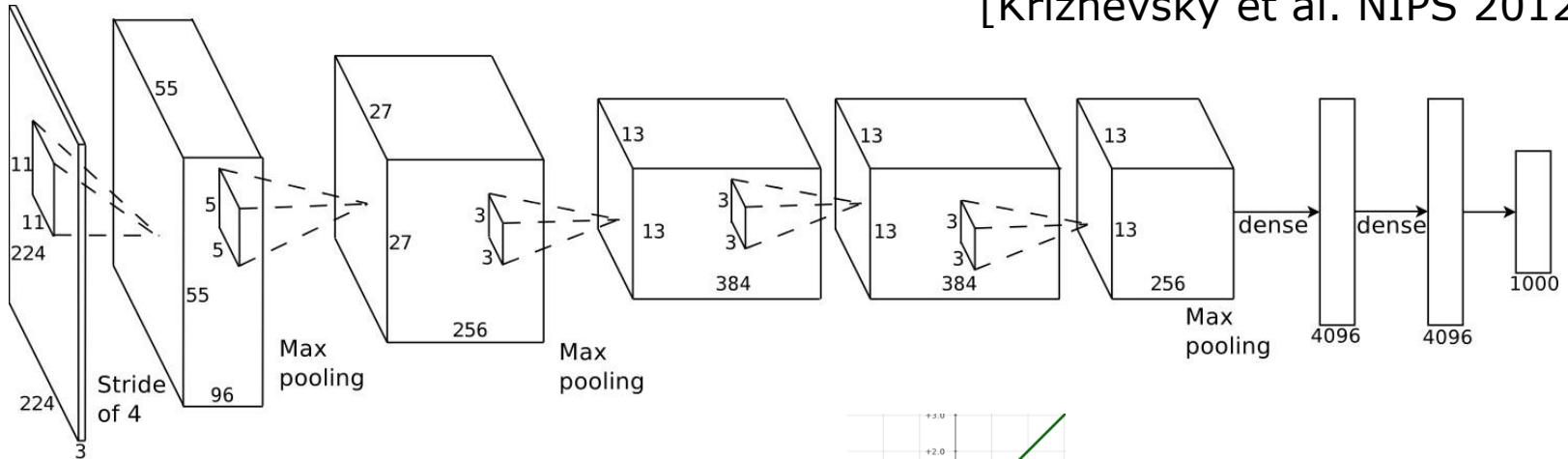


- Supervised ImageNet 2011 results (14M images, 22K categories): 15.8%

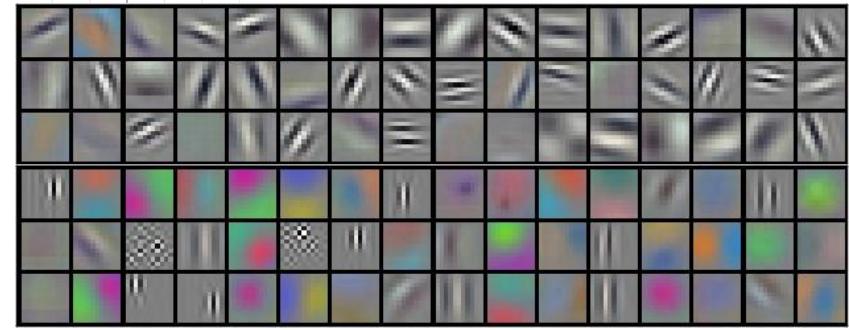
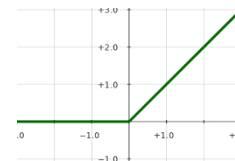
[Le et al. 2012]

# Large Convolutional Network

[Krizhevsky et al. NIPS 2012]

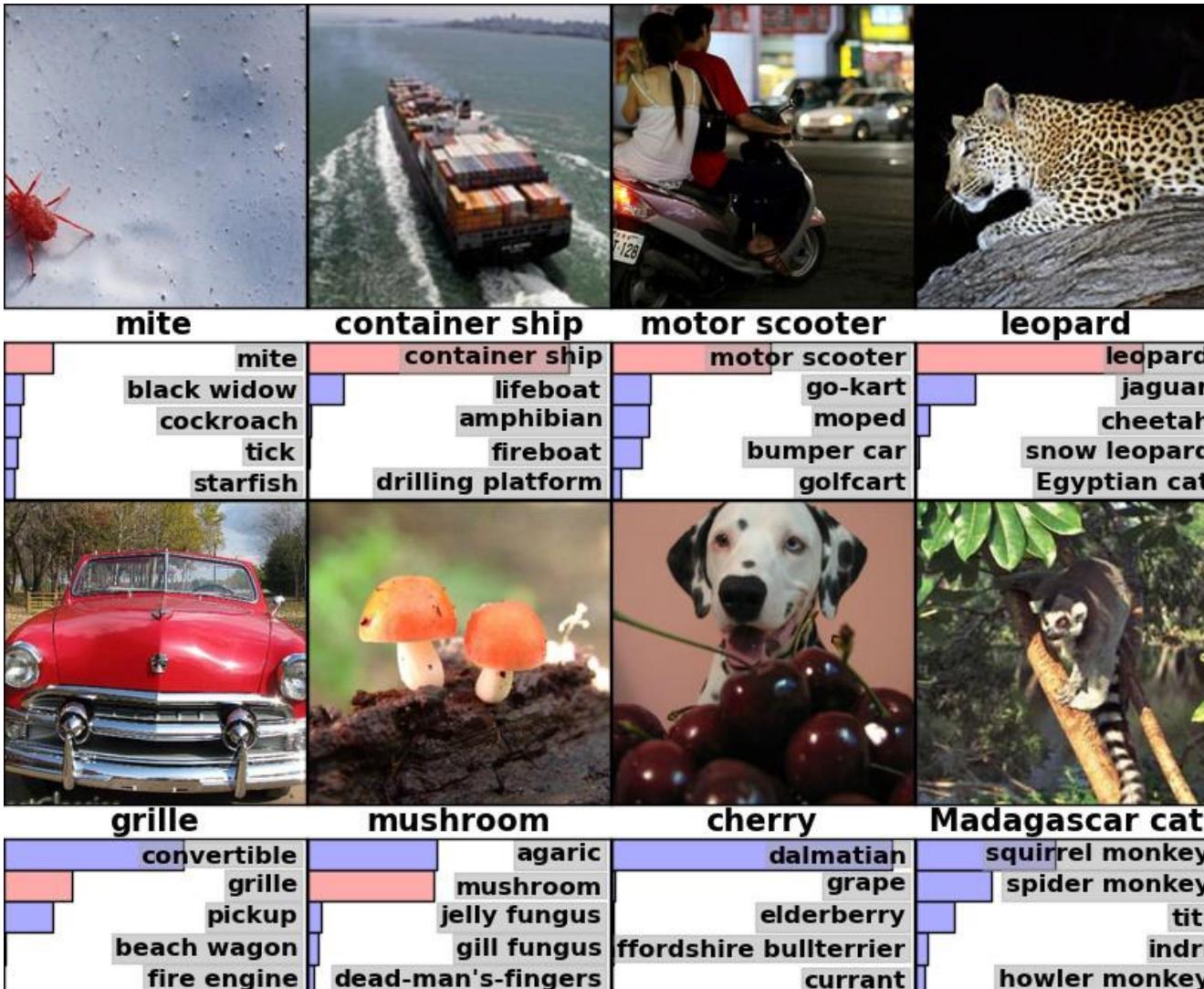


- Rectifying transfer functions
- 650,000 neurons
- 60,000,000 parameters
- 630,000,000 connections
- Trained using dropout and data augmentation
- Testing 10 sub-images
- ILSVRC-2012: top-5 error 15.3%



96 learned low-level filters

# Validation Classification



[Krizhevsky et al.  
NIPS 2012]

# Surpassing Human Performance



GT: horse cart

- 1: horse cart
- 2: minibus
- 3: oxcart
- 4: stretcher
- 5: half track



GT: birdhouse

- 1: birdhouse
- 2: sliding door
- 3: window screen
- 4: mailbox
- 5: pot



GT: forklift

- 1: forklift
- 2: garbage truck
- 3: tow truck
- 4: trailer truck
- 5: go-kart



GT: letter opener

- 1: drumstick
- 2: candle
- 3: wooden spoon
- 4: spatula
- 5: ladle



GT: coucal

- 1: coucal
- 2: indigo bunting
- 3: lorikeet
- 4: walking stick
- 5: custard apple



GT: komondor

- 1: komondor
- 2: patio
- 3: llama
- 4: mobile home
- 5: Old English sheepdog



GT: yellow lady's slipper

- 1: yellow lady's slipper
- 2: slug
- 3: hen-of-the-woods
- 4: stinkhorn
- 5: coral fungus



GT: spotlight

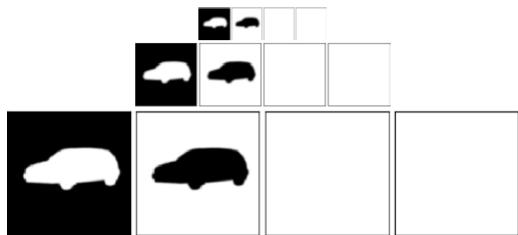
- 1: grand piano
- 2: folding chair
- 3: rocking chair
- 4: dining table
- 5: upright piano

[He et al. 2015]

Sven Behnke: Deep Learning for Visual Perception

# Object-class Segmentation

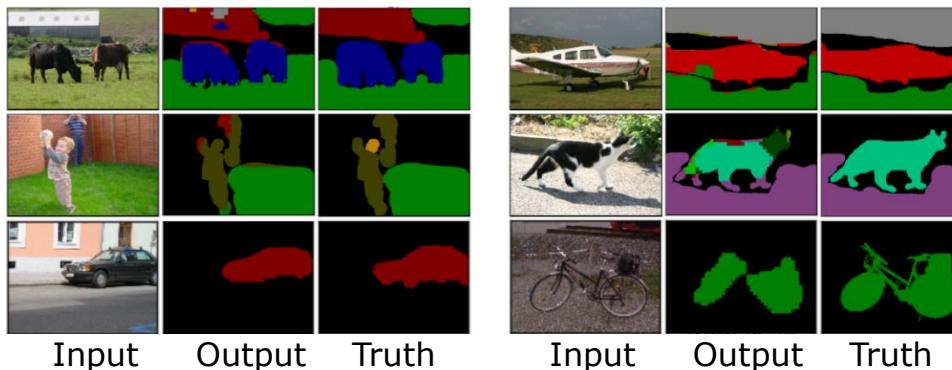
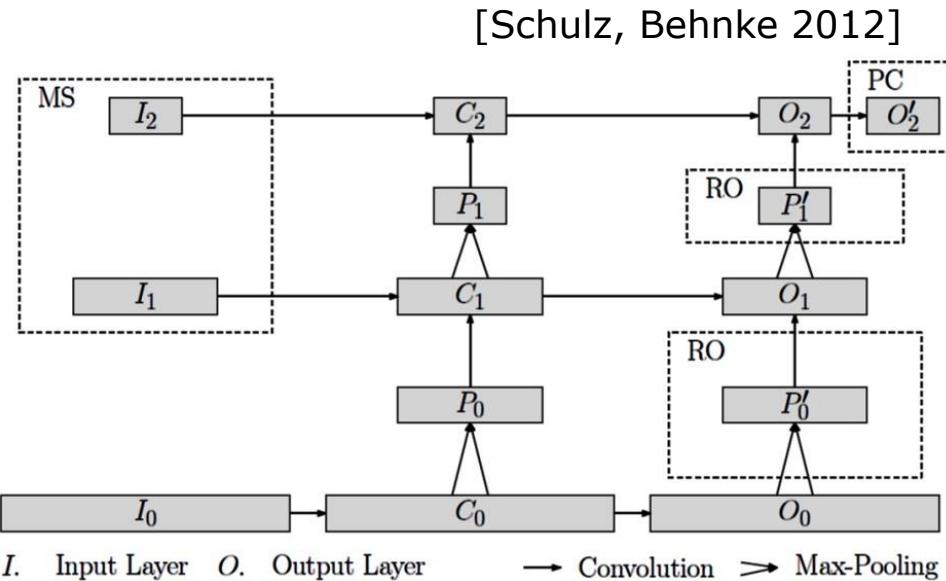
- Class annotation per pixel



- Multi-scale input channels

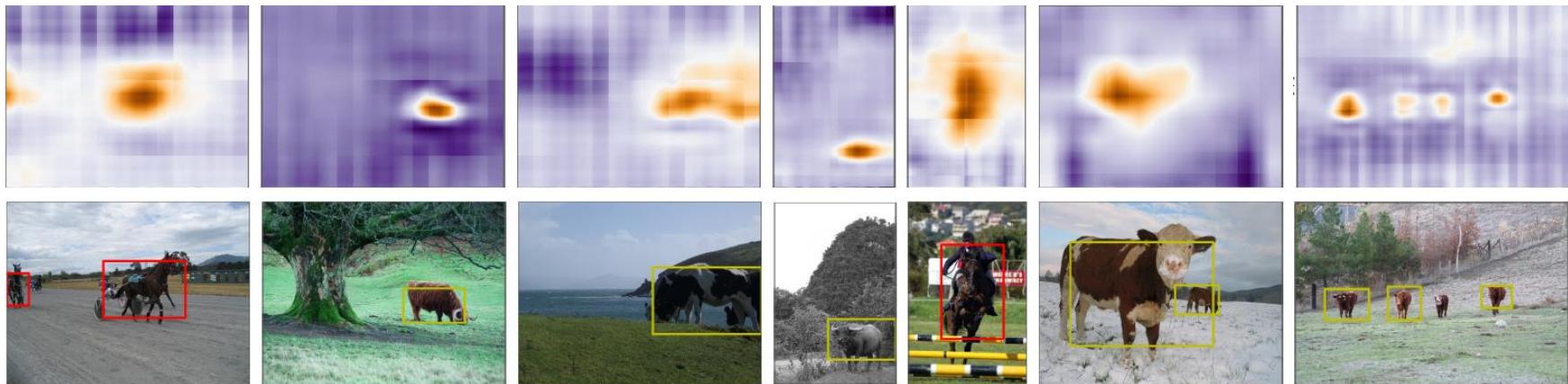


- Evaluated on MSRC-9/21 and INRIA Graz-02 data sets



# Object Detection in Images

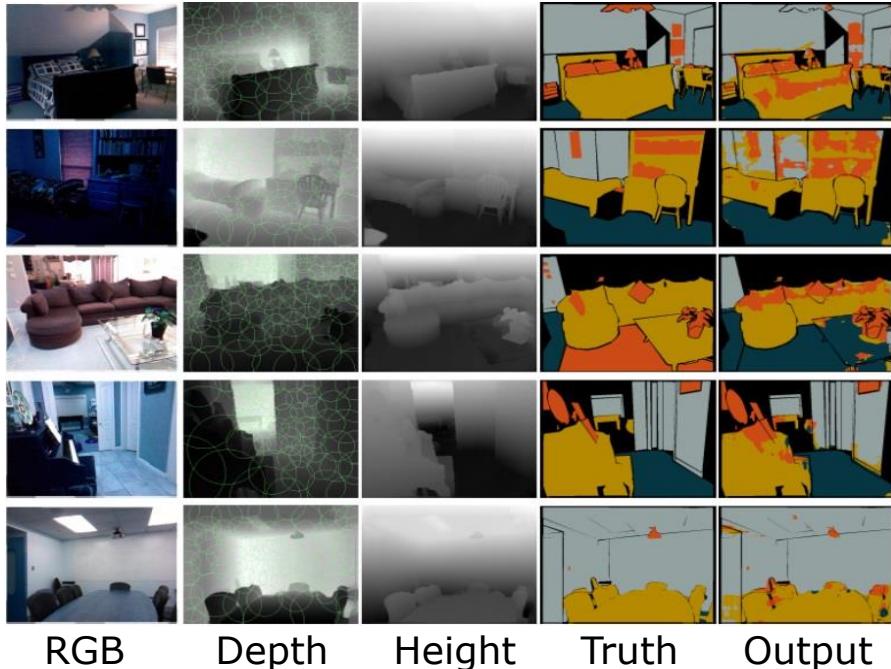
- Bounding box annotation
- Structured loss that directly maximizes overlap of the prediction with ground truth bounding boxes
- Evaluated on two of the Pascal VOC 2007 classes



[Schulz, Behnke, ICANN 2014]

# RGB-D Object-Class Segmentation

- Kinect-like sensors provide dense depth
- Scale input according to depth, compute pixel height



NYU Depth V2

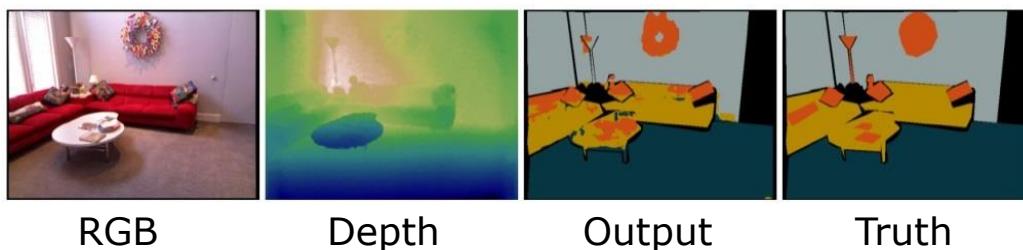
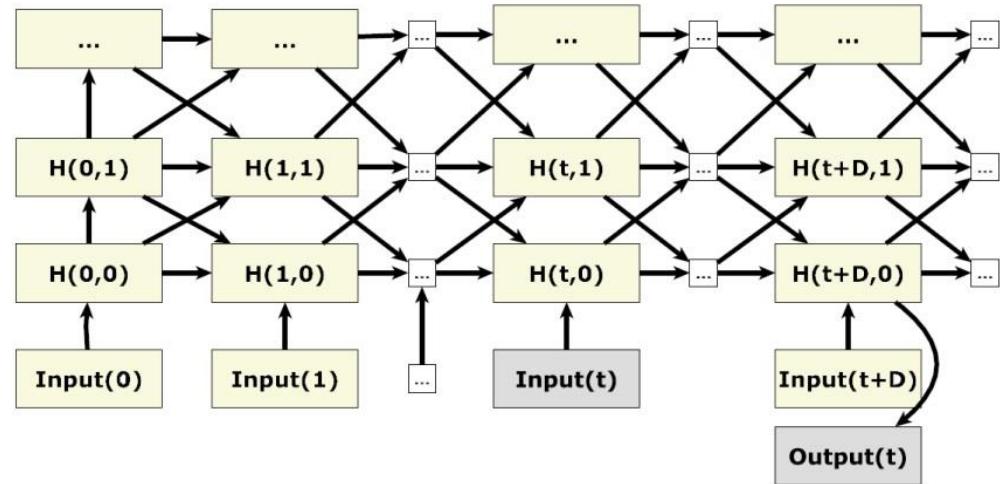
Method	floor	struct	furnit	prop	Class Avg.	Pixel Acc.
CW	84.6	70.3	58.7	52.9	66.6	65.4
CW+DN	87.7	70.8	57.0	53.6	67.3	65.5
CW+H	78.4	74.5	55.6	62.7	67.8	66.5
CW+DN+H	93.7	72.5	61.7	55.5	70.9	70.5
CW+DN+H+SP	91.8	74.1	59.4	63.4	72.2	71.9
CW+DN+H+CRF	93.5	80.2	66.4	54.9	<b>73.7</b>	<b>73.4</b>
Müller et al.[8]	94.9	78.9	71.1	42.7	71.9	72.3
Random Forest [8]	90.8	81.6	67.9	19.9	65.1	68.3
Couprise et al.[9]	87.3	86.1	45.3	35.5	63.6	64.5
Höft et al.[10]	77.9	65.4	55.9	49.9	62.3	62.0
Silberman [12]	68	59	70	42	59.7	58.6

CW is covering windows, H is height above ground, DN is depth normalized patch sizes. SP is averaged within superpixels and SVM-reweighted. CRF is a conditional random field over superpixels [8]. Structure class numbers are optimized for class accuracy.

[Schulz, Höft, Behnke, ESANN 2015]

# Neural Abstraction Pyramid for RGB-D Video Object-class Segmentation

- NYU Depth V2 contains RGB-D video sequences
- Recursive computation is efficient for temporal integration



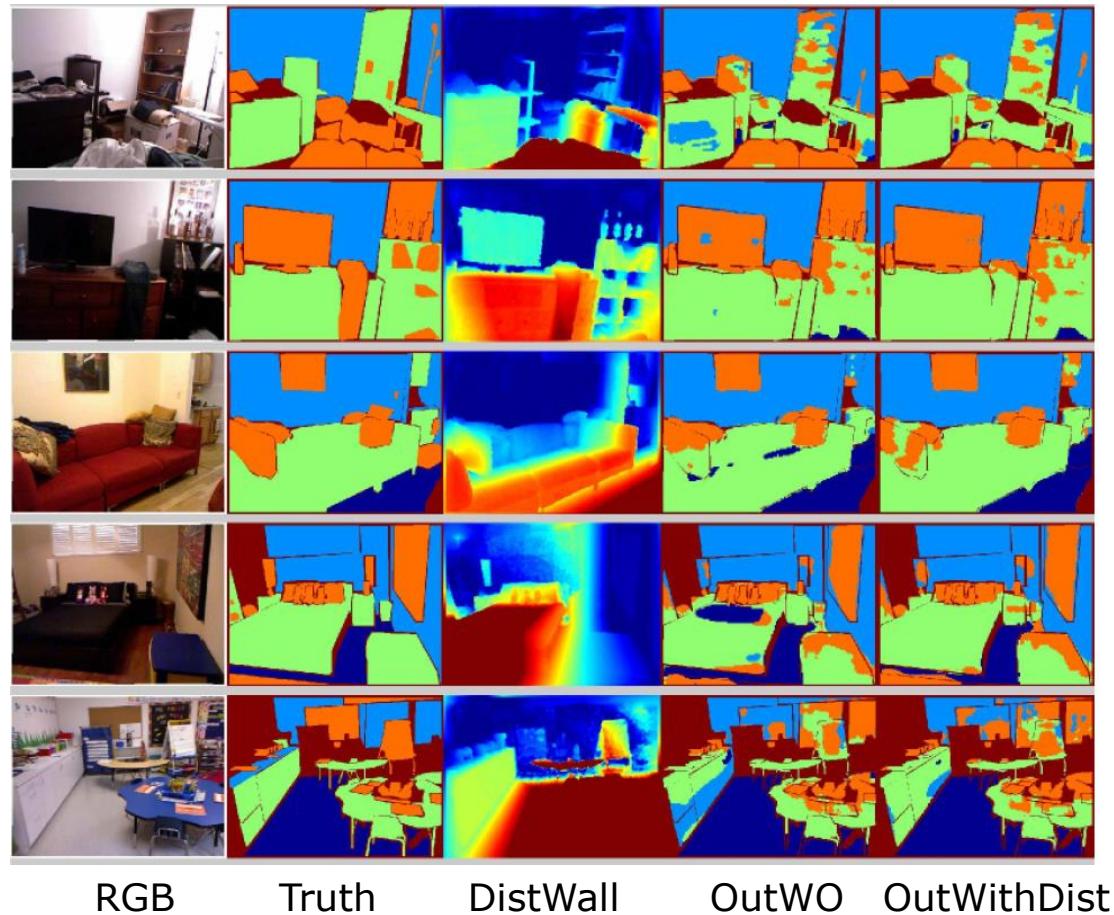
Method	Class Accuracies (%)				Average (%)	
	ground	struct	furnit	prop	Class	Pixel
Höft <i>et al.</i> [19]	77.9	65.4	55.9	49.9	62.0	61.1
Unidirectional + MS	73.4	66.8	<b>60.3</b>	49.2	62.4	63.1
Schulz <i>et al.</i> [20] (no height)	87.7	70.8	57.0	53.6	67.3	65.5
Unidirectional + SW	<b>90.0</b>	<b>76.3</b>	52.1	<b>61.2</b>	<b>69.9</b>	<b>67.5</b>

[Pavel, Schulz, Behnke, IJCNN 2015]

# Geometric and Semantic Features for RGB-D Object-class Segmentation

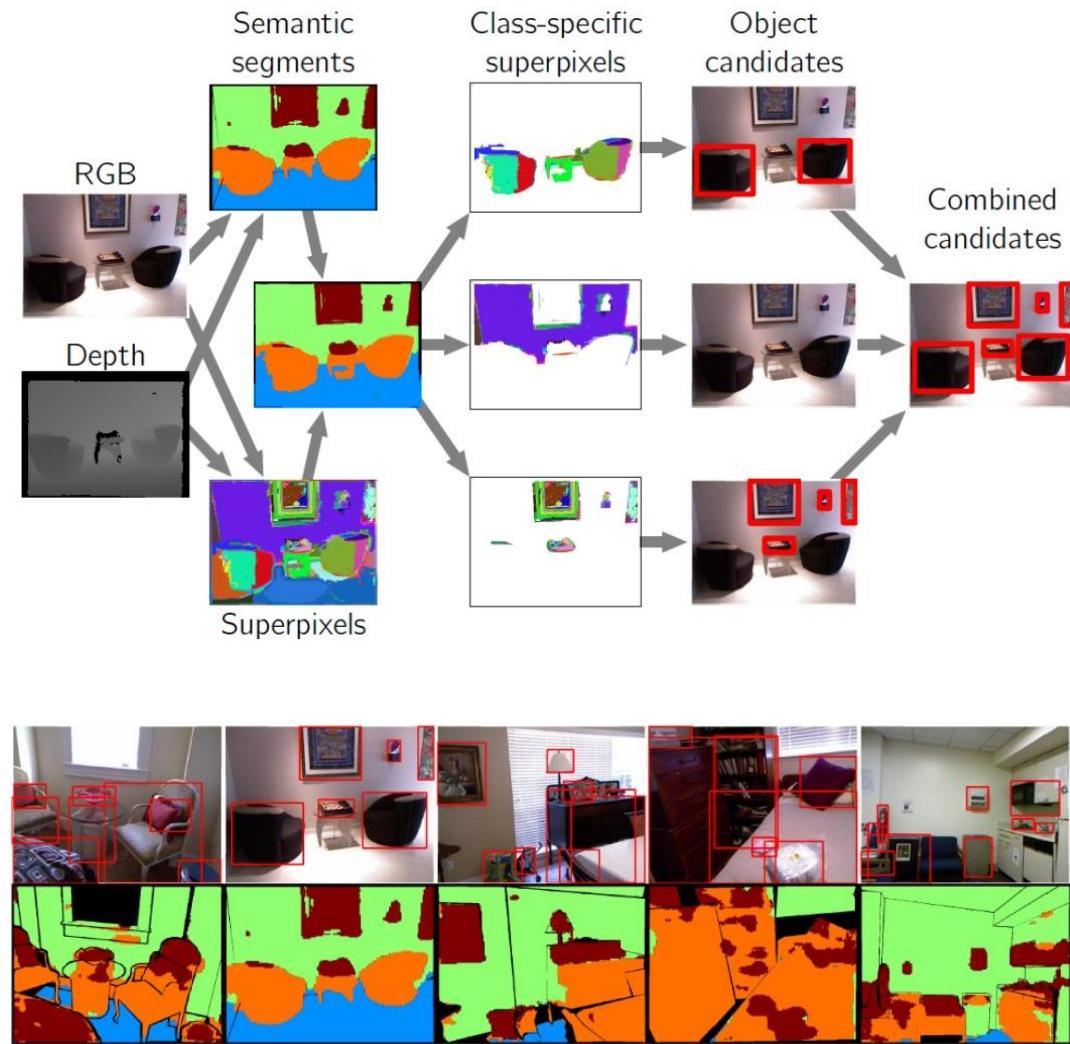
- New **geometric** feature: distance from wall
- **Semantic** features pretrained from ImageNet
- Both help significantly

[Husain et al. under review]



# Semantic Segmentation Priors for Object Discovery

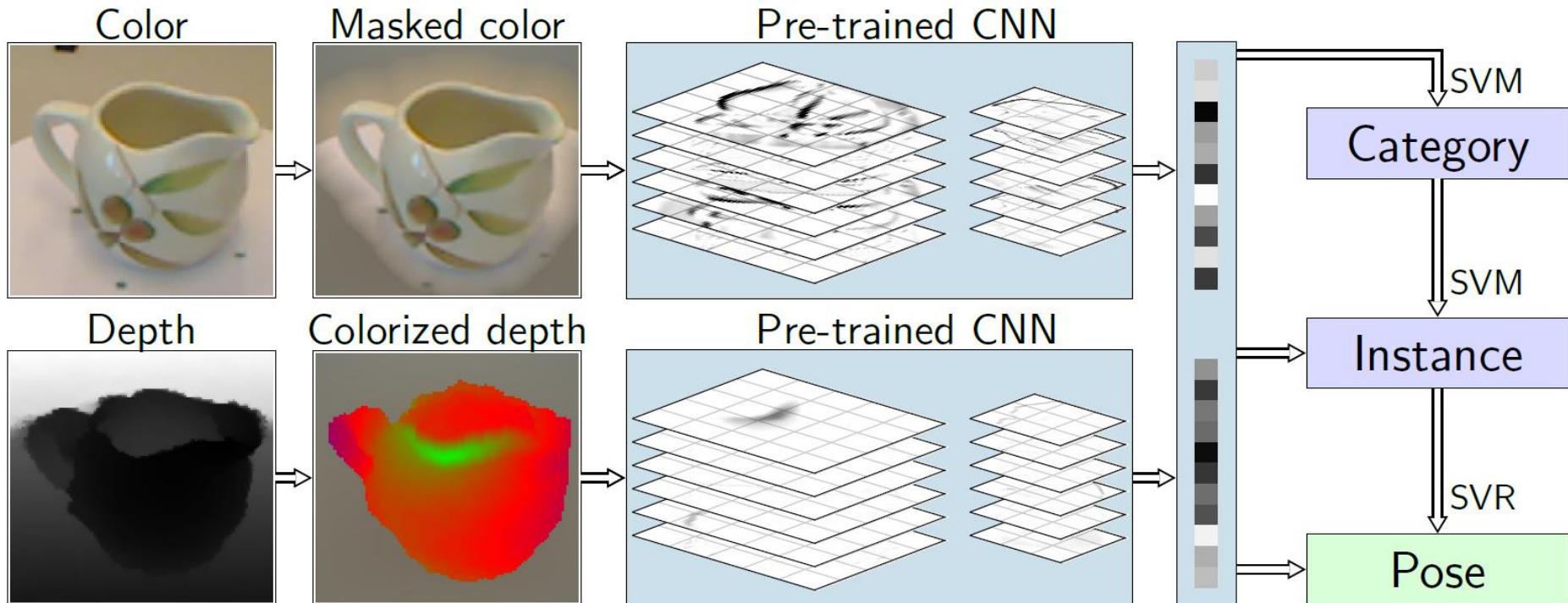
- Combine bottom-up object discovery and semantic priors
- Semantic segmentation used to classify color and depth superpixels
- Higher recall, more precise object borders



[Garcia et al. under review]

# RGB-D Object Recognition and Pose Estimation

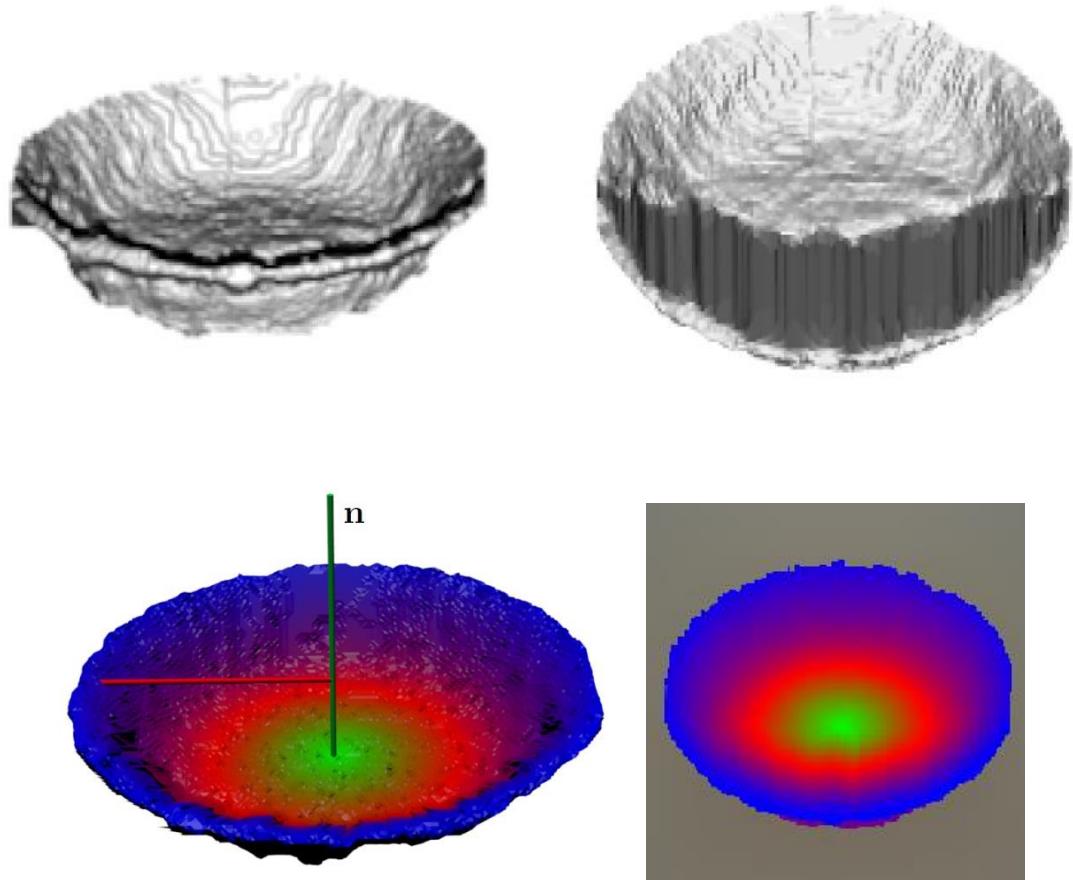
- Use pretrained features from ImageNet



[Schwarz, Schulz, Behnke, ICRA2015]

# Canonical View, Colorization

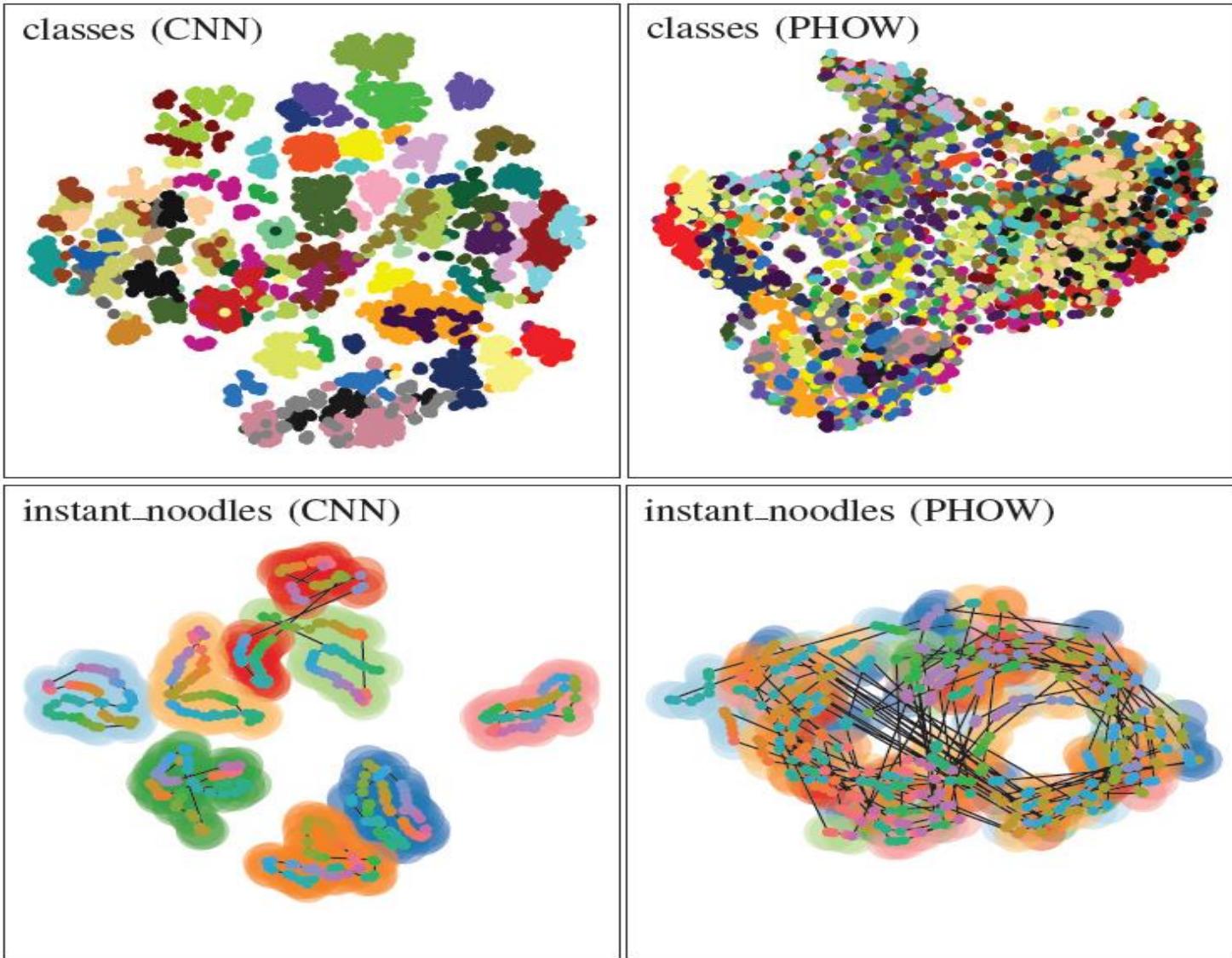
- Objects viewed from different elevation
- Render canonical view
- Colorization based on distance from center vertical



[Schwarz, Schulz, Behnke, ICRA2015]

# Features Disentangle Data

- t-SNE embedding



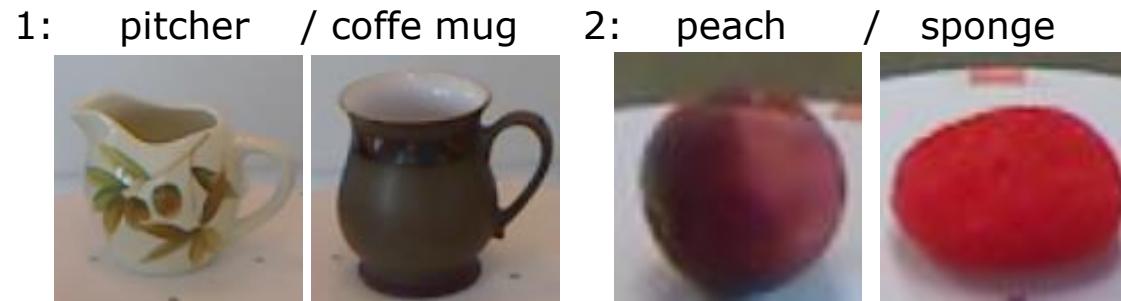
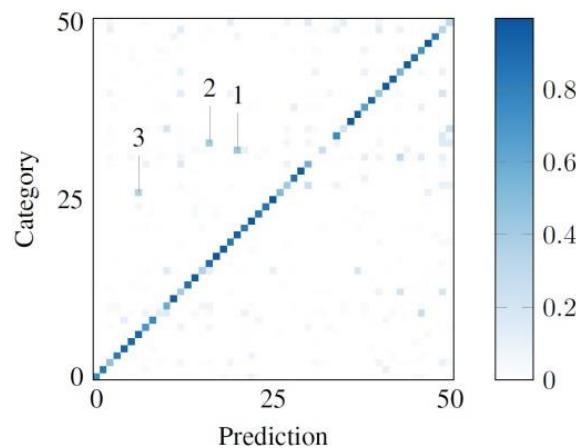
[Schwarz, Schulz,  
Behnke ICRA2015]

# Recognition Accuracy

- Improved both category and instance recognition

Method	Category Accuracy (%)		Instance Accuracy (%)	
	RGB	RGB-D	RGB	RGB-D
Lai <i>et al.</i> [1]	$74.3 \pm 3.3$	$81.9 \pm 2.8$	59.3	73.9
Bo <i>et al.</i> [2]	$82.4 \pm 3.1$	$87.5 \pm 2.9$	<b>92.1</b>	92.8
PHOW[3]	$80.2 \pm 1.8$	—	62.8	—
<b>Ours</b>	<b><math>83.1 \pm 2.0</math></b>	$88.3 \pm 1.5$	92.0	<b>94.1</b>
<b>Ours</b>	<b><math>83.1 \pm 2.0</math></b>	<b><math>89.4 \pm 1.3</math></b>	92.0	<b>94.1</b>

- Confusion

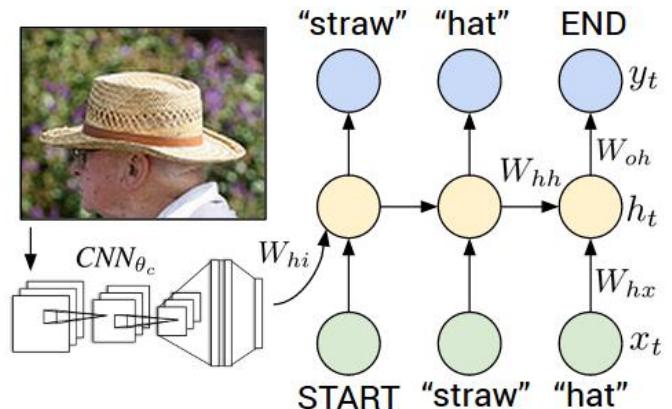


[Schwarz, Schulz, Behnke, ICRA2015]

# Generating Image Captions

- Multimodal recurrent neural network generative model

[Karpathy, Fei-Fei 2015]



man in black shirt is playing guitar.

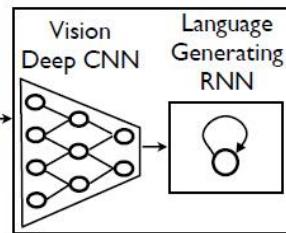


construction worker in orange safety vest is working on road.



two young girls are playing with lego toy.

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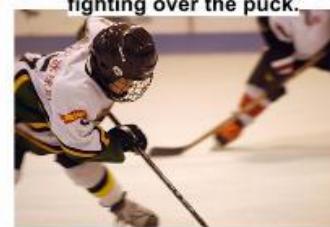


A group of people shopping at an outdoor market.

There are many vegetables at the fruit stand.



Two hockey players are fighting over the puck.



A skateboarder does a trick on a ramp.



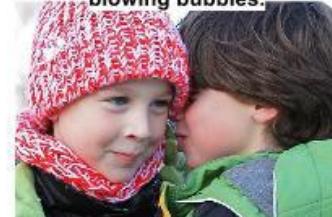
A dog is jumping to catch a frisbee.



A refrigerator filled with lots of food and drinks.



A little girl in a pink hat is blowing bubbles.



A red motorcycle parked on the side of the road.



A yellow school bus parked in a parking lot.



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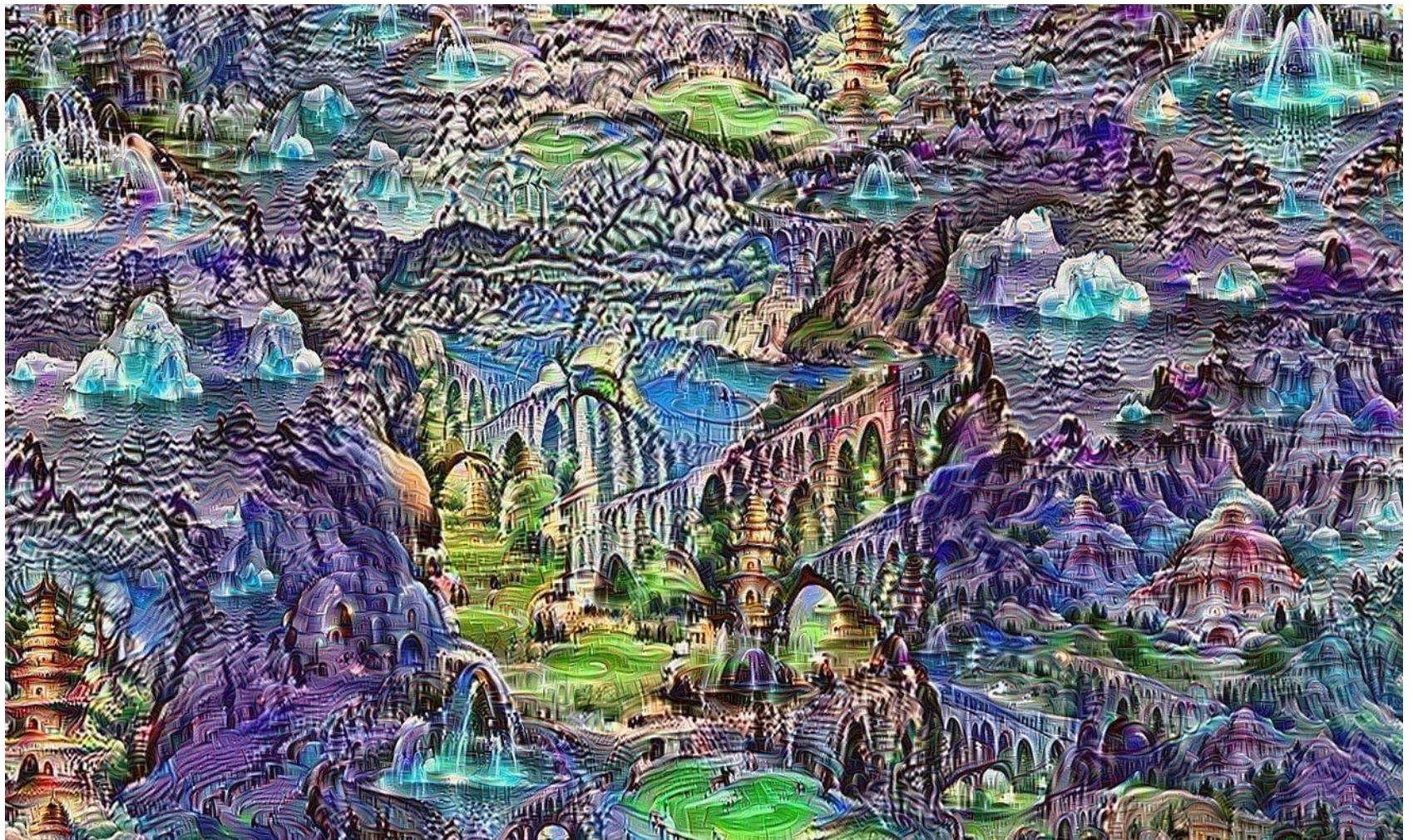
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Somewhat related to the image

Unrelated to the image

[Vinyals et al. 2015]

# Dreaming Deep Networks



[Mordvintsev et al 2015]

# Painting Style Transfer

Original



Turner



van Gogh



Munch



[Gatys et al. 2015]

# Conclusion

- Flat models do not suffice
- Jump from signal to symbols too large
- Deep learning helps here:
  - **Hierarchical, locally connected** models
  - **Non-linear** feature extraction
- **Structure** of learning machine does matter
- Proposed architectures map well to **GPUs**
- **Iterative interpretation** uses partial results as context to resolve ambiguities
- Many questions open
  - Graphical models vs. neural networks
  - Structured vs. unstructured modelling
  - Stability of recurrent networks

# **Presentation 1**

## **Gregoire Montavon (TU Berlin):**

### **Deep Learning of Molecular Properties in the Chemical Compound Space**

- Use deep neural networks as a non-linear function approximator in chemistry
- Targets computed by slow conventional method
- Can compute molecular properties of similar molecules quickly
- Application: Search compounds by property

# **Presentation 2**

## **Takayuki Okatani (Tohoku University): Deep Learning for Material Recognition**

- Material recognition is instance of image categorization
- Supervised training of deep convolutional networks
- Reaches human performance
- Seems to work different than human visual system