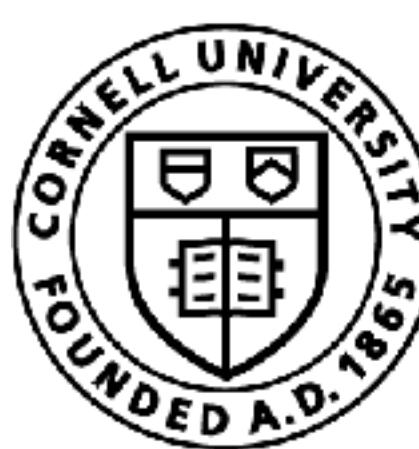


# Open Vocabulary

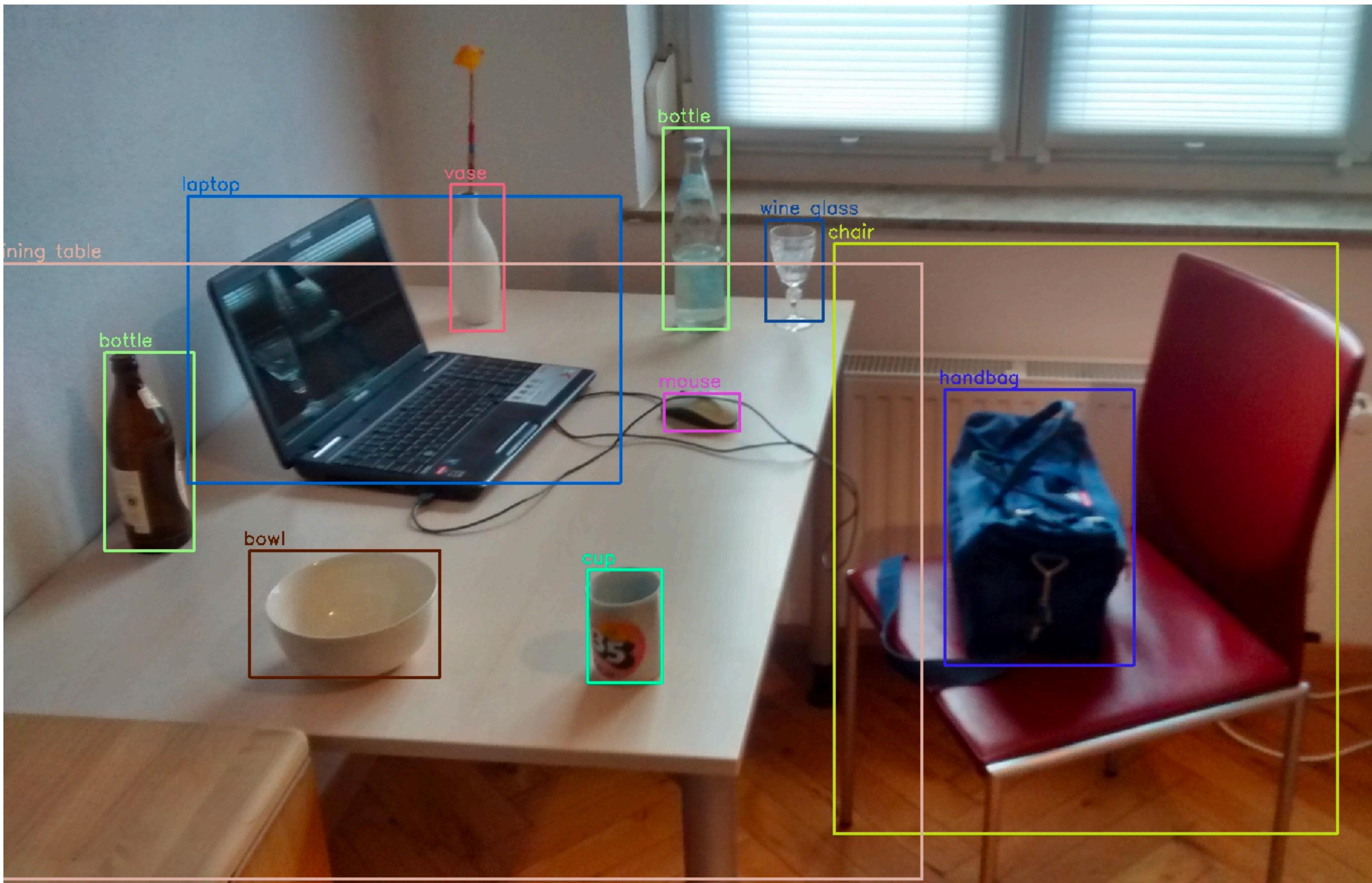
# Object Detection

Sanjiban Choudhury

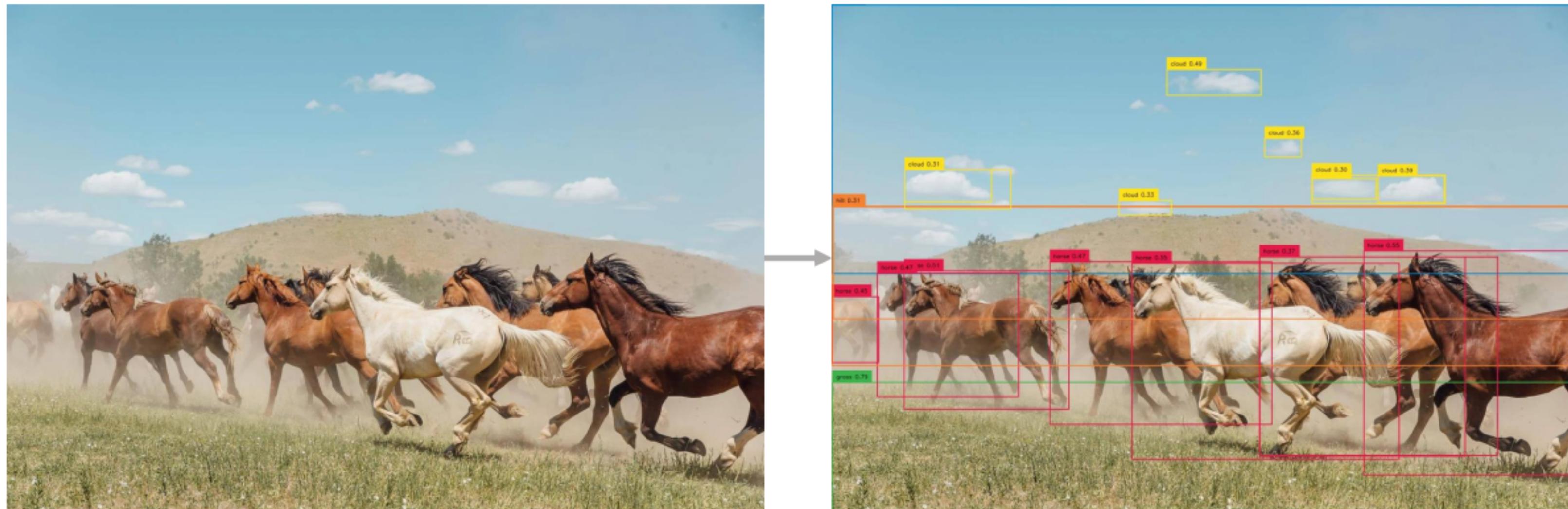


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# What is an object? Why should robots detect them?



# Rise of Open-Vocabulary Object Detectors



**Text Prompt:**

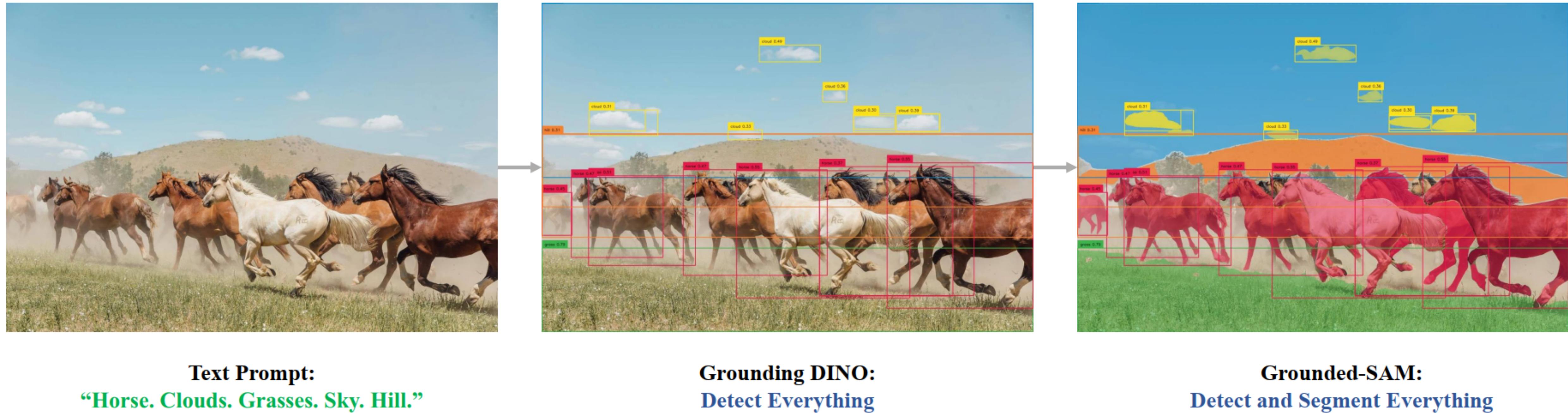
**“Horse. Clouds. Grasses. Sky. Hill.”**

**Grounding DINO:**

**Detect Everything**

Pre-trained models like **OWL-ViT** and **Grounding DINO** can take any image and text queries, and output bounding boxes with scores

# Rise of Open-Vocabulary Object Detectors



Pre-trained models like **Segment Anything (SAM)** can segment individual pixels to precisely identify where the object is

# Let's try it out!

<https://huggingface.co/spaces/johko/OWL-ViT>

[https://huggingface.co/spaces/merve/Grounding\\_DINO\\_demo](https://huggingface.co/spaces/merve/Grounding_DINO_demo)

Robots now use these models to  
detect and manipulate objects  
without requiring any further training!

# MOSAIC

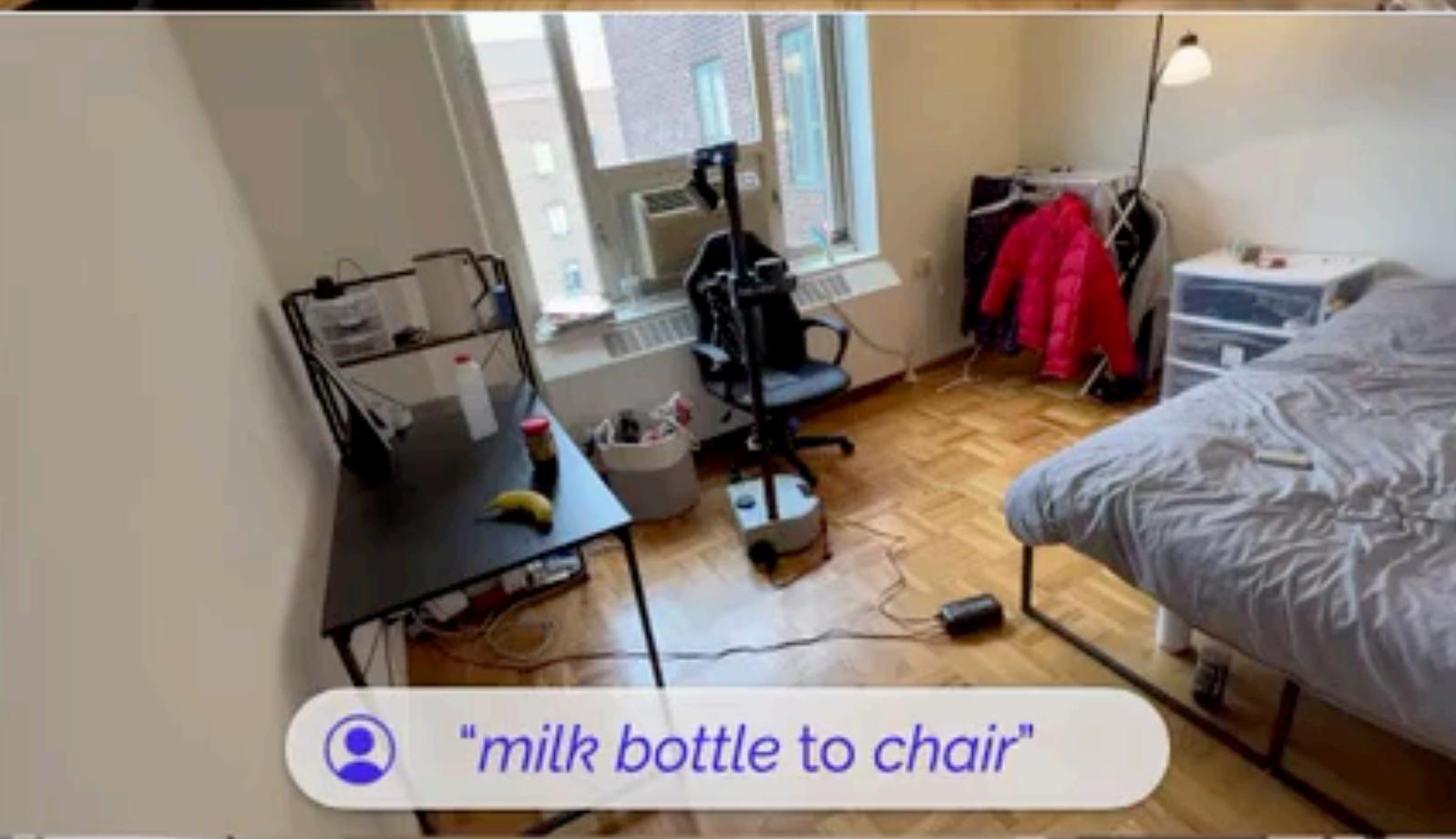
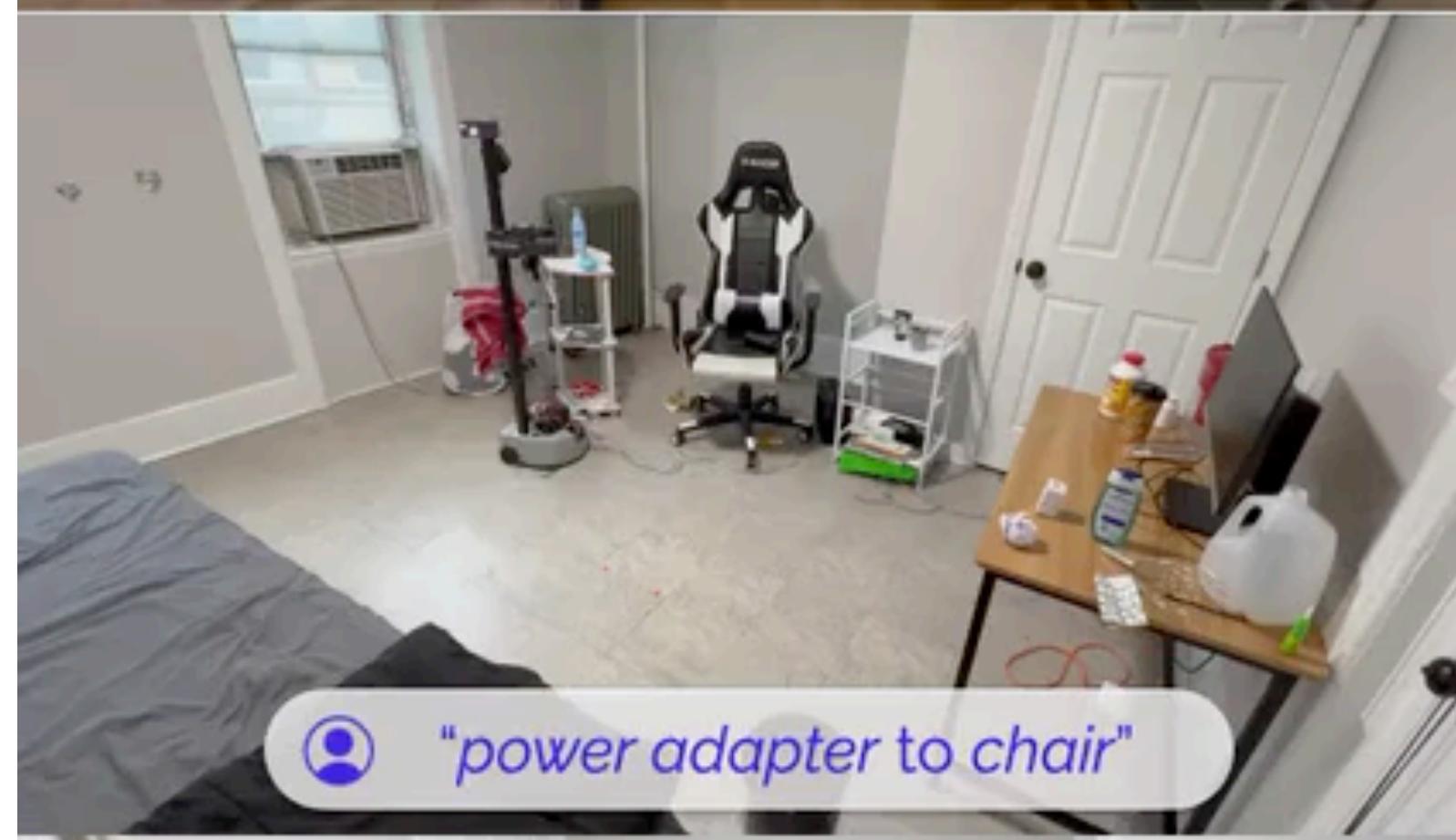
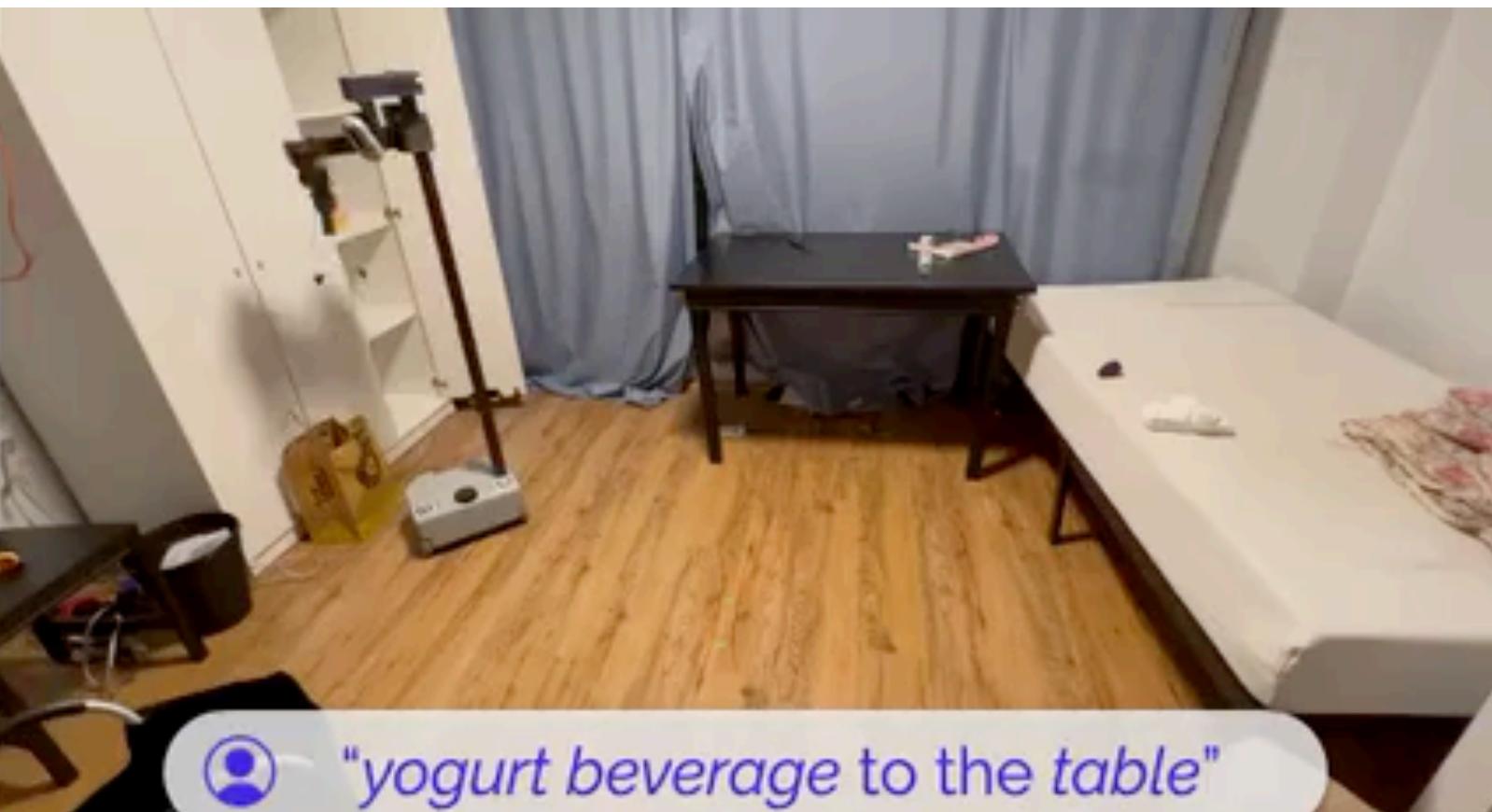
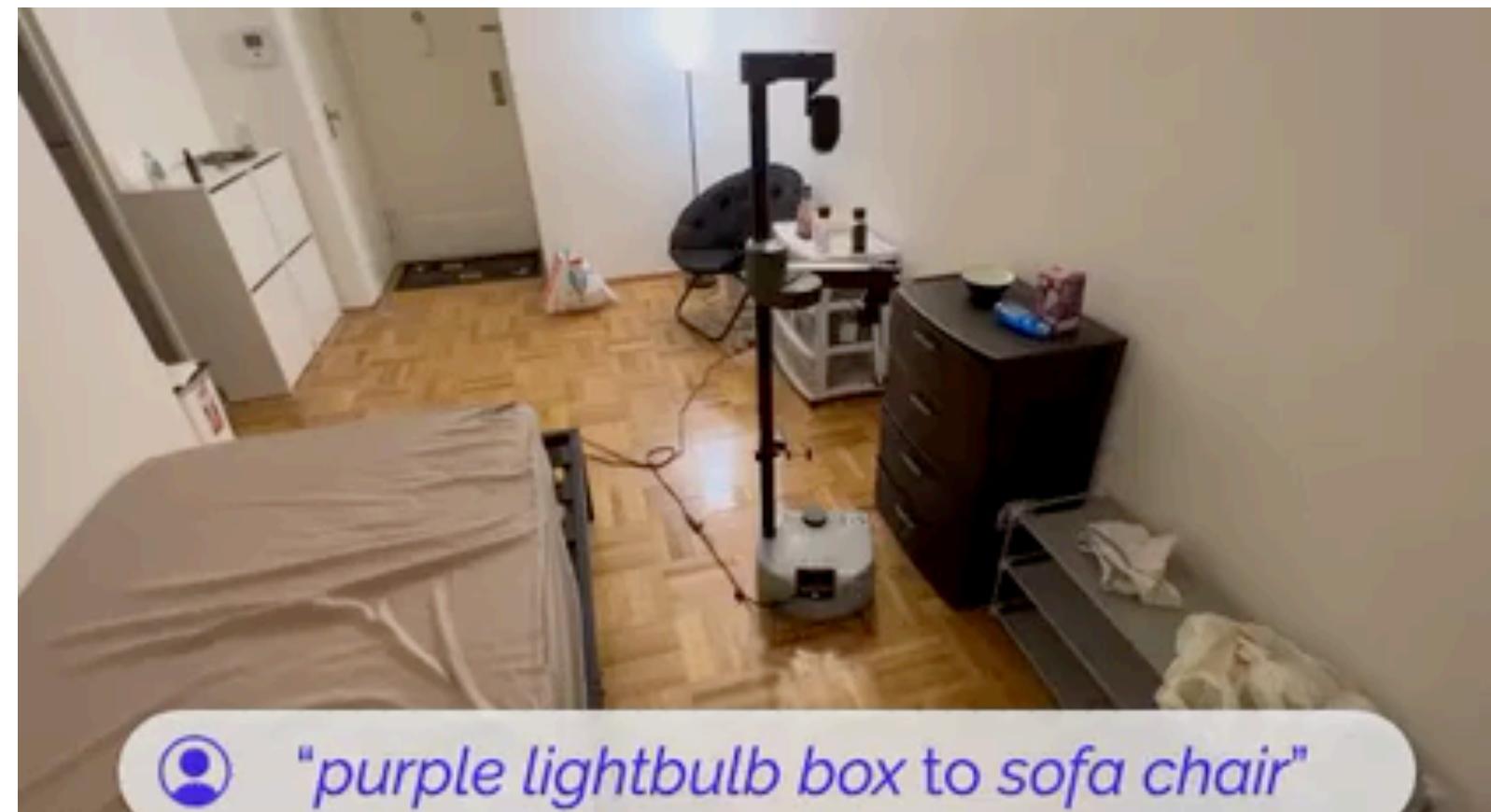
A Modular System  
for Assistive and Interactive Cooking

<https://portal-cornell.github.io/MOSAIC/>

# OK-Robot

*An open, modular framework for zero-shot, language conditioned pick-and-drop tasks in arbitrary homes.*





# Goal for Today's Class

Build fundamental understanding for  
object detection and semantic segmentation

# Activity!



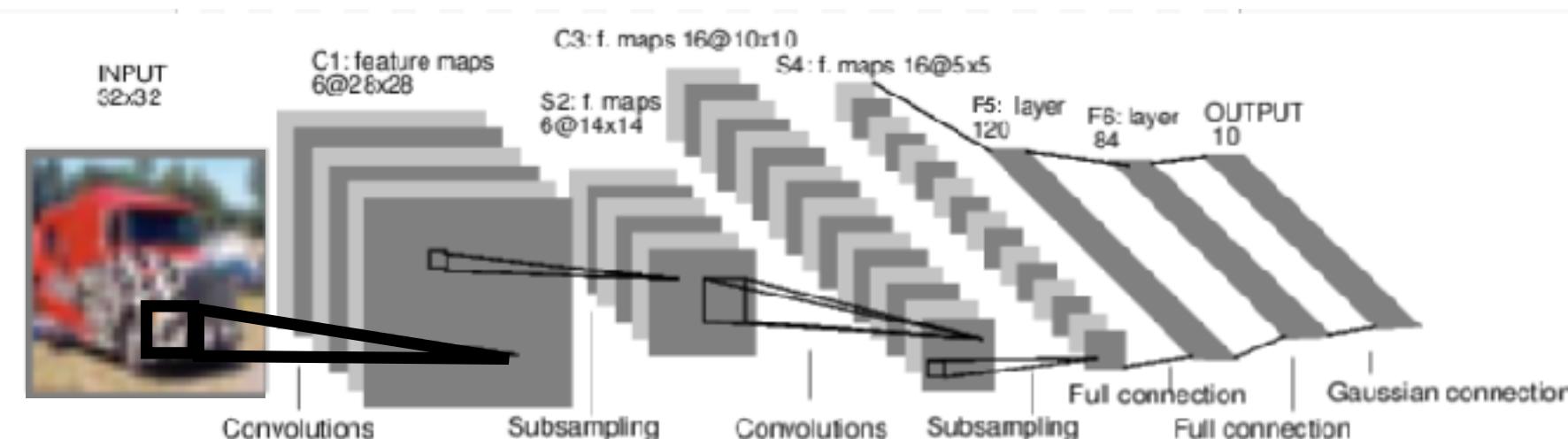
# Let's assume we have a really good image *classifier*



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(assume given a set of possible labels)  
{dog, cat, truck, plane, ...}

→ cat

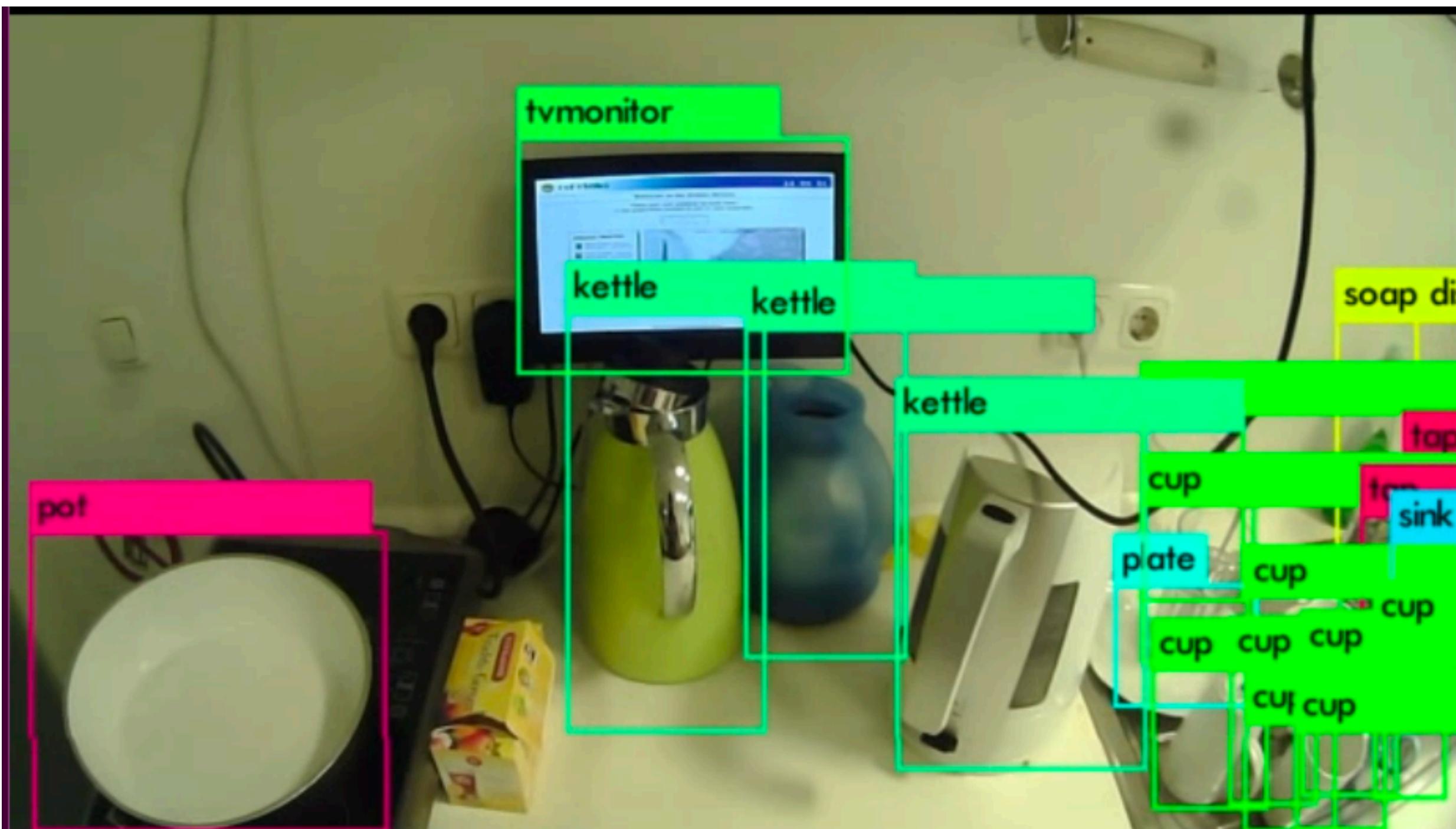


# Think-Pair-Share!

Think (30 sec): How can we extend our image classifiers to detect and classify objects in an image?

Pair: Find a partner

Share (45 sec): Partners exchange ideas



# Increasing complexity of computer vision tasks

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## Classification



CAT

No spatial extent

# Increasing complexity of computer vision tasks

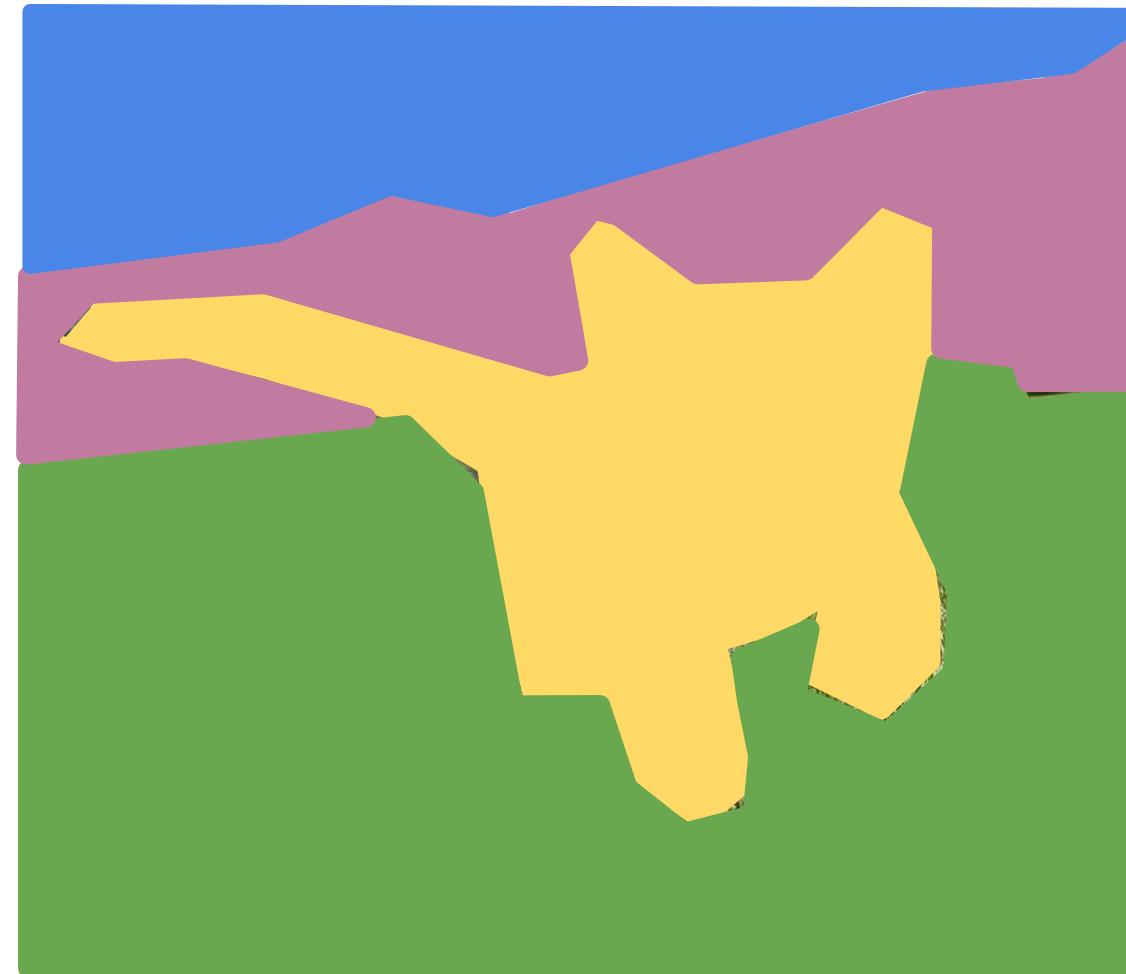
## Classification



CAT

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## Semantic Segmentation



GRASS, CAT,  
TREE, SKY

No objects, just pixels

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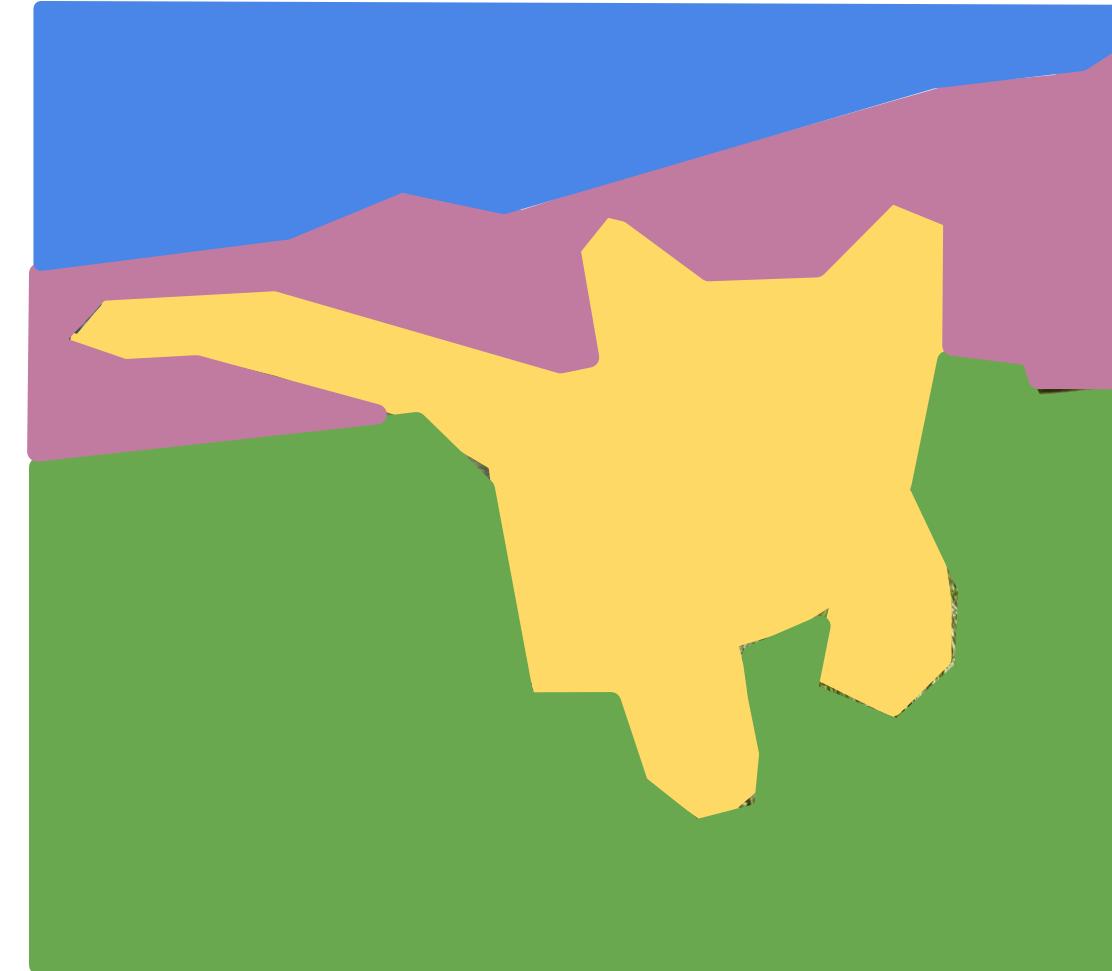
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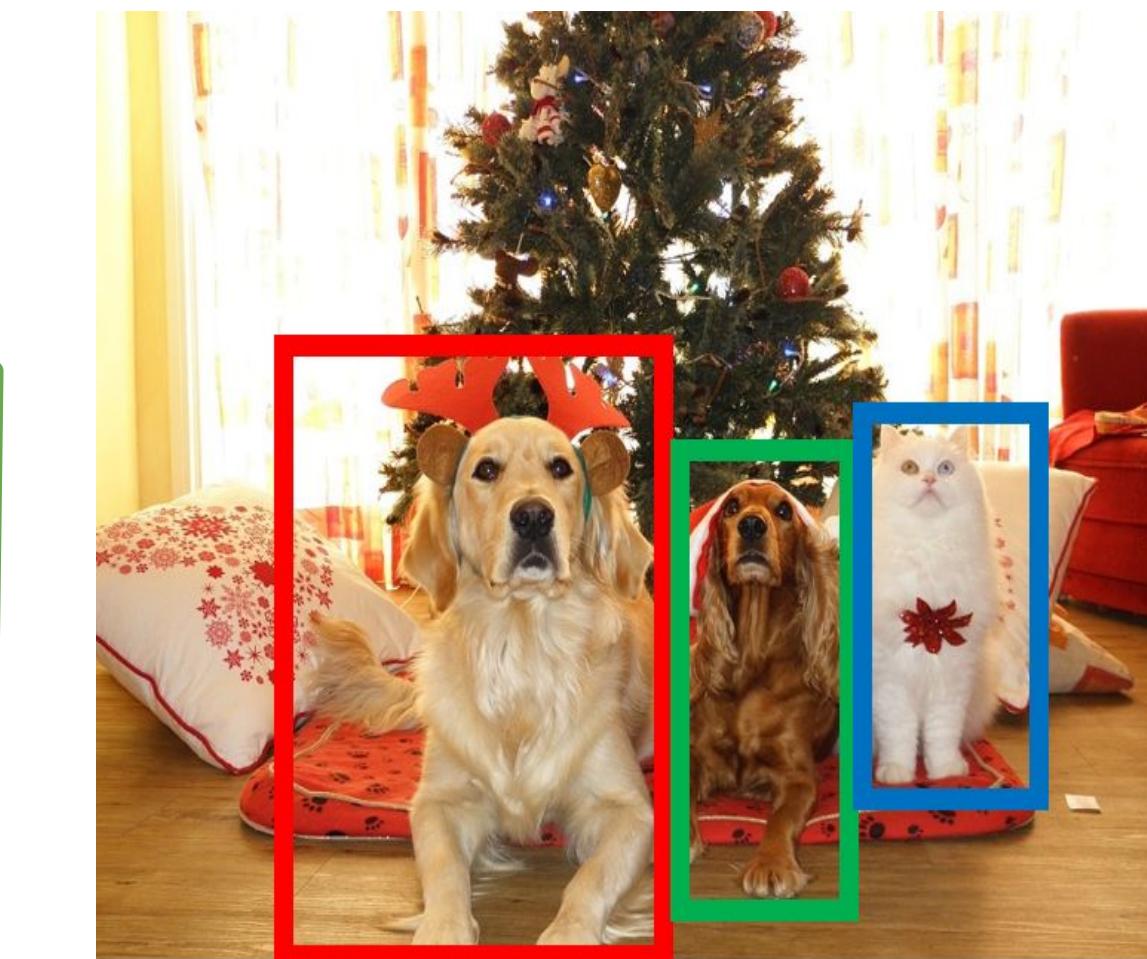
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## Object Detection



DOG, DOG, CAT

Multiple Object

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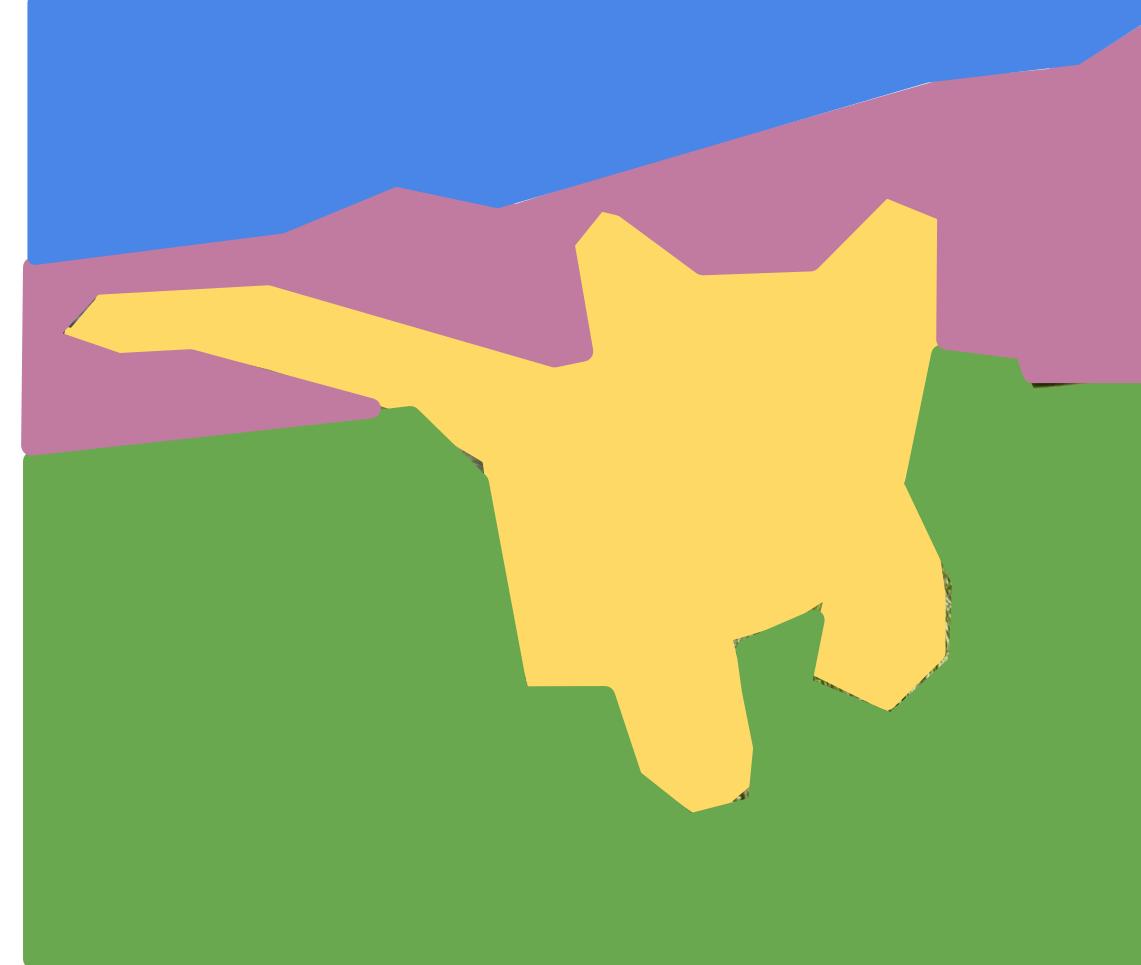
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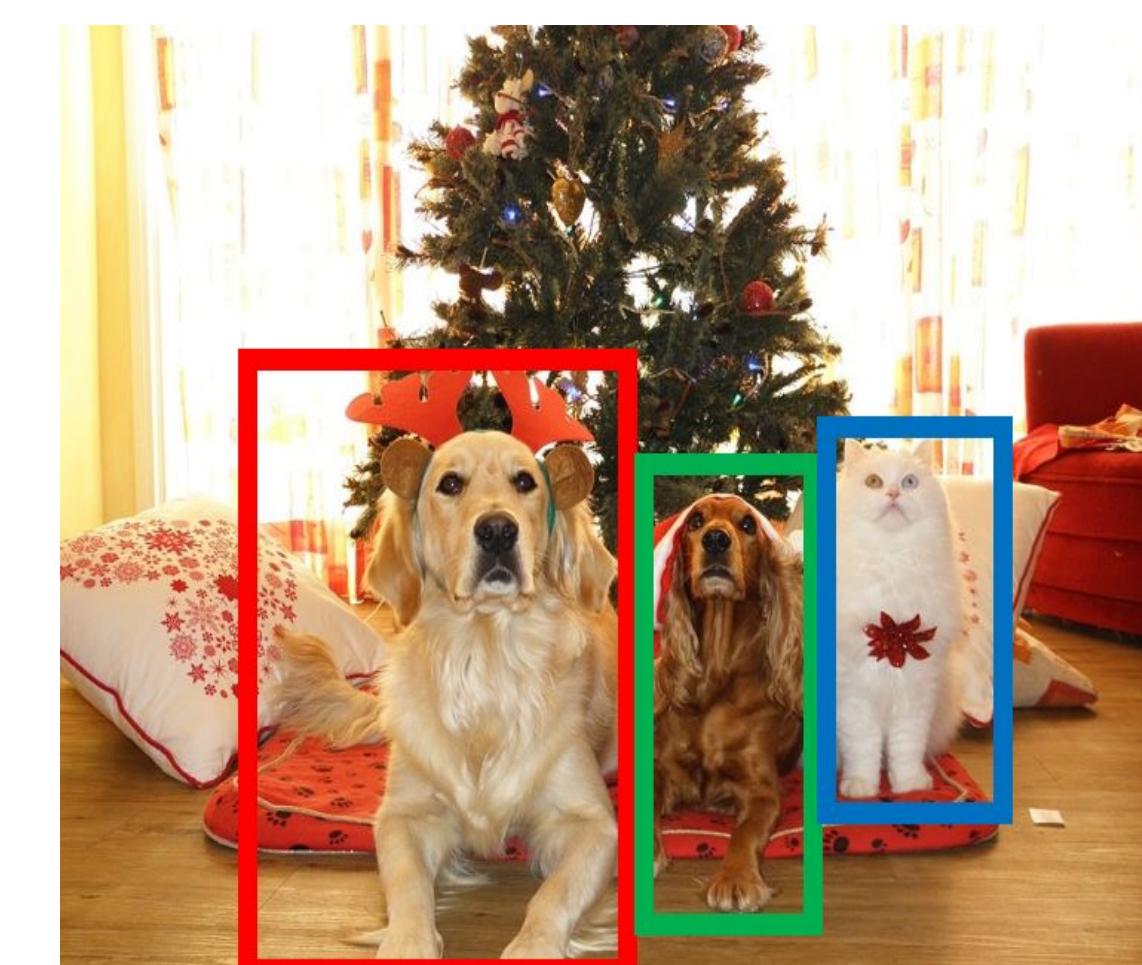
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## Object Detection



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Multiple Object

## Instance Segmentation



DOG, DOG, CAT

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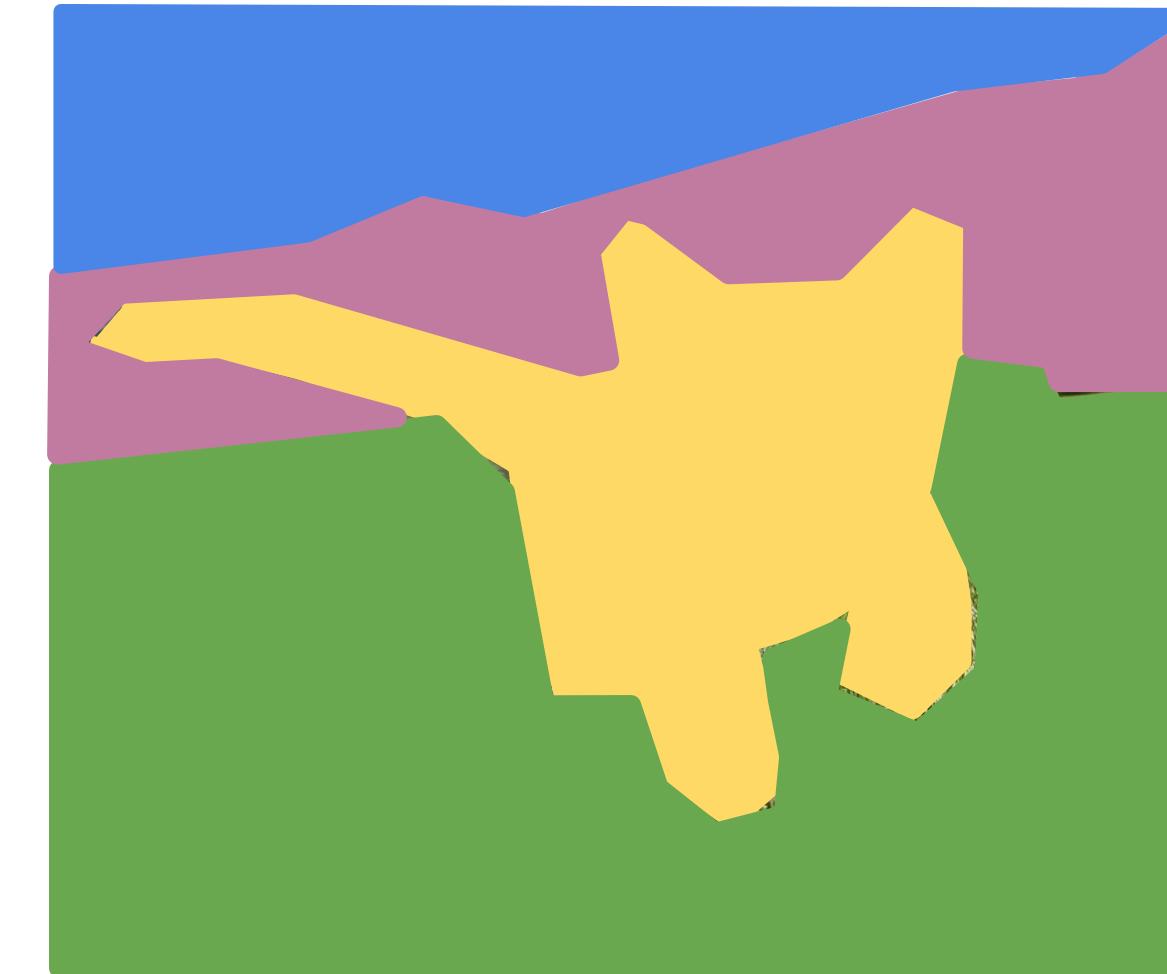
Classification



CAT

No spatial extent

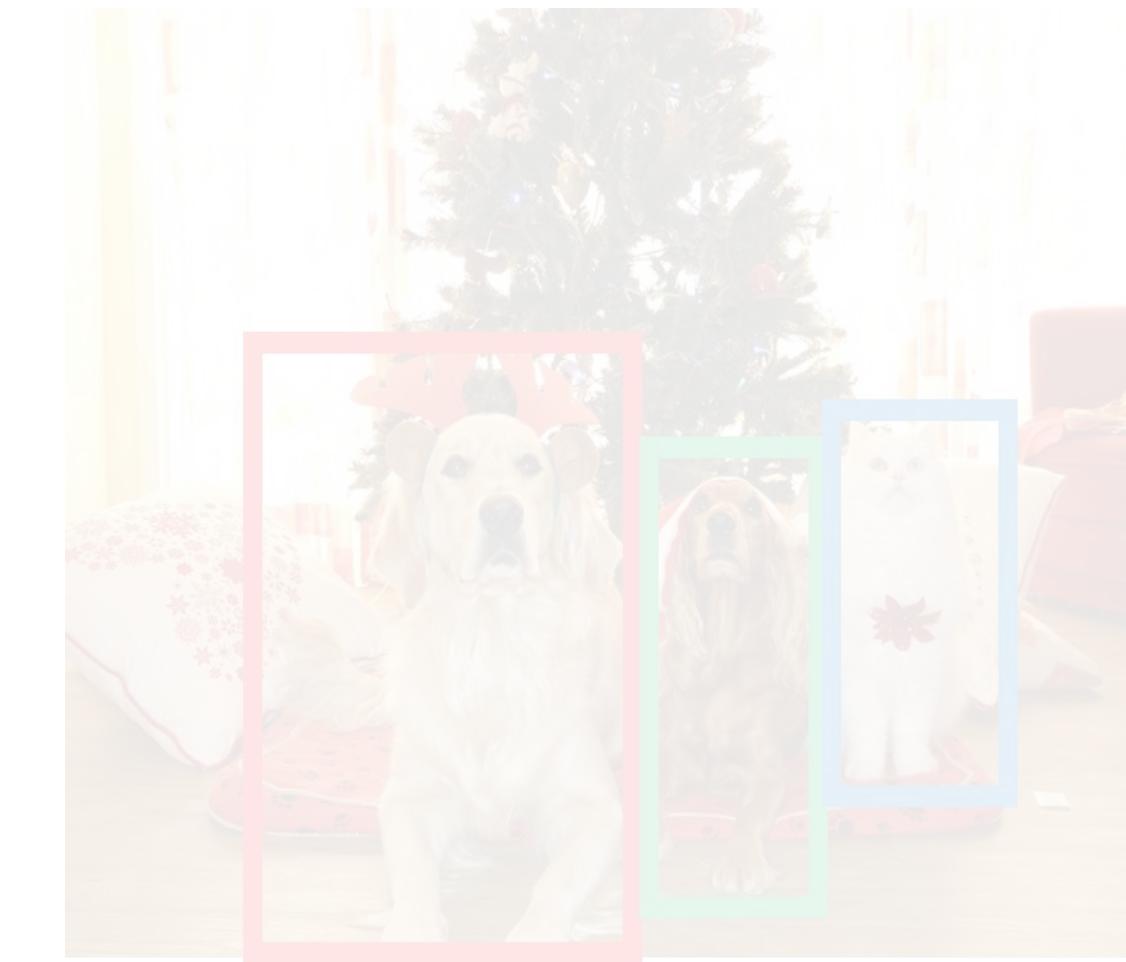
## Semantic Segmentation



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Object  
Detection



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Multiple Object

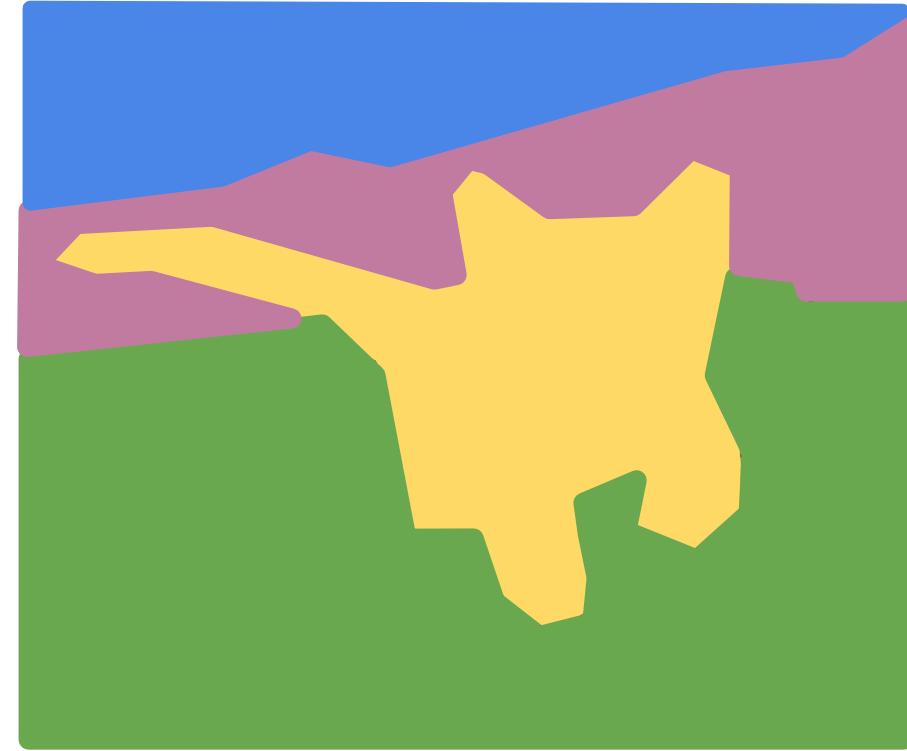
## Instance Segmentation



DOG, DOG, CAT

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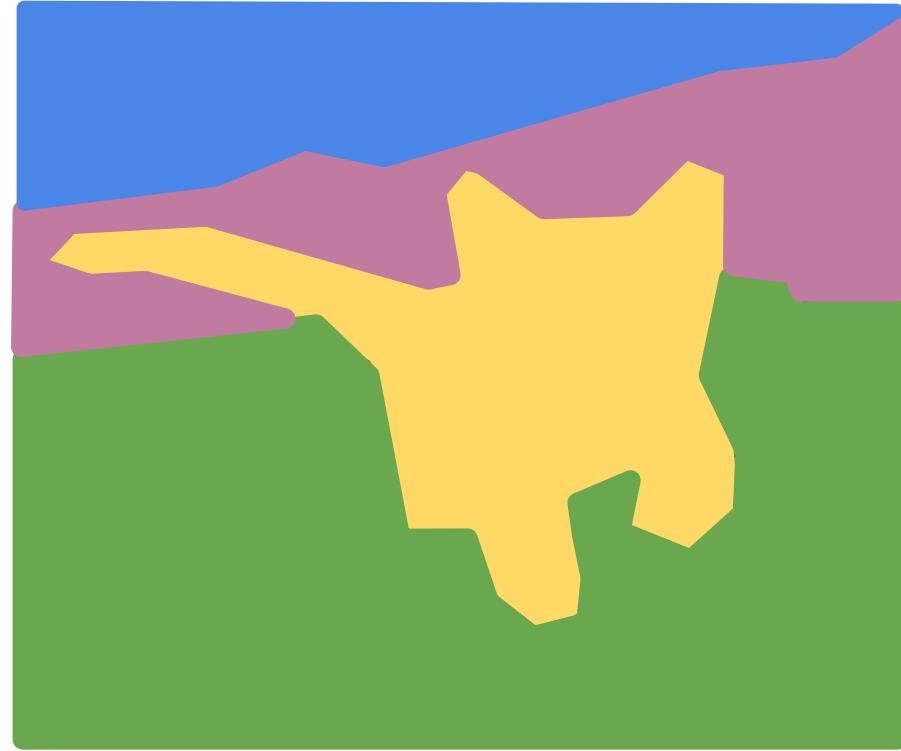
# Semantic Segmentation: The Problem



**GRASS, CAT,  
TREE, SKY, ...**

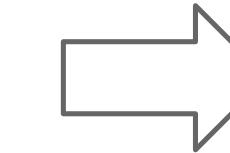
Paired training data: for each training image,  
each pixel is labeled with a semantic category.

# Semantic Segmentation: The Problem



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TREE, SKY, ...**

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At test time, classify each pixel of a new image.

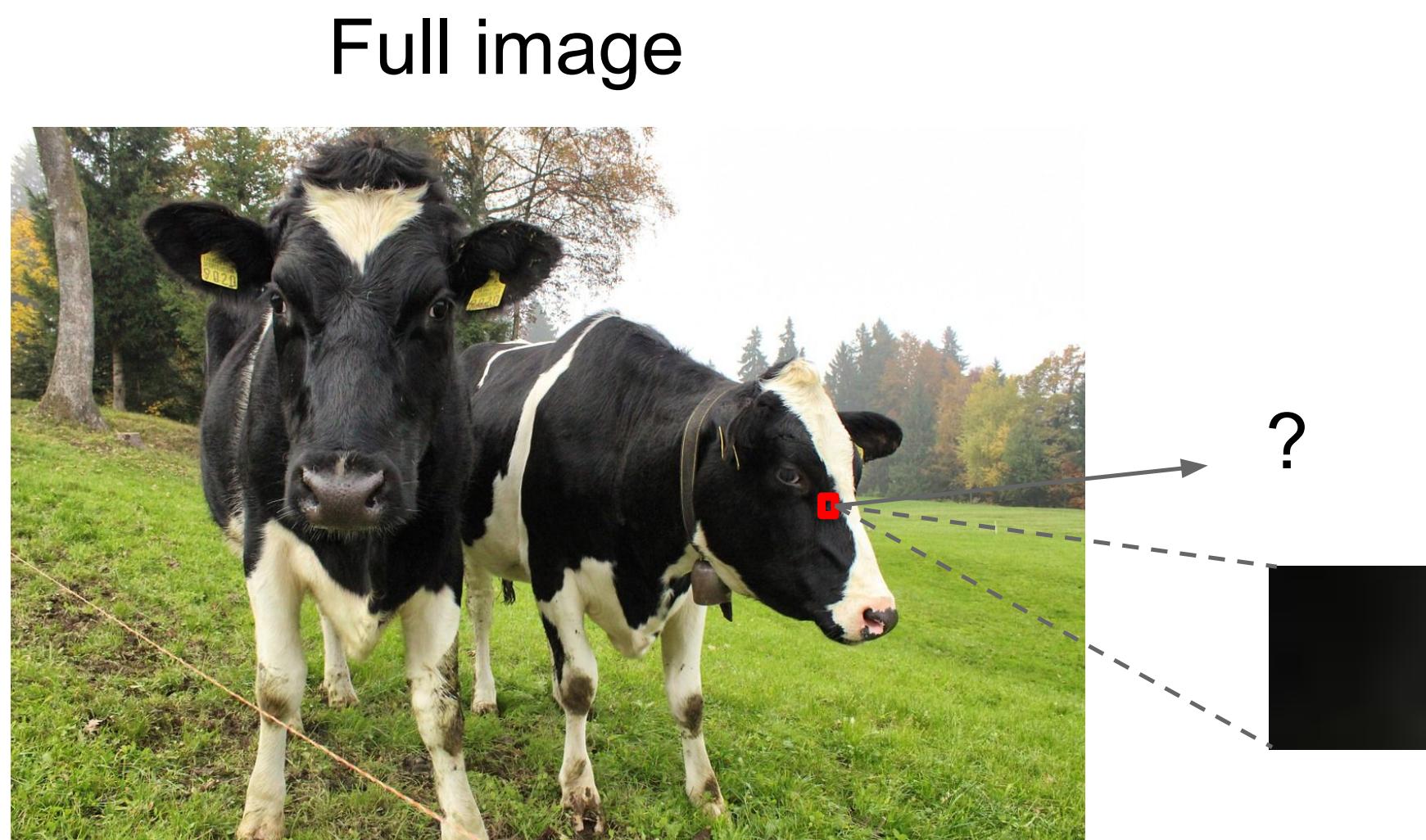
# Semantic Segmentation Idea: Sliding Window

Full image



Can you classify this pixel?

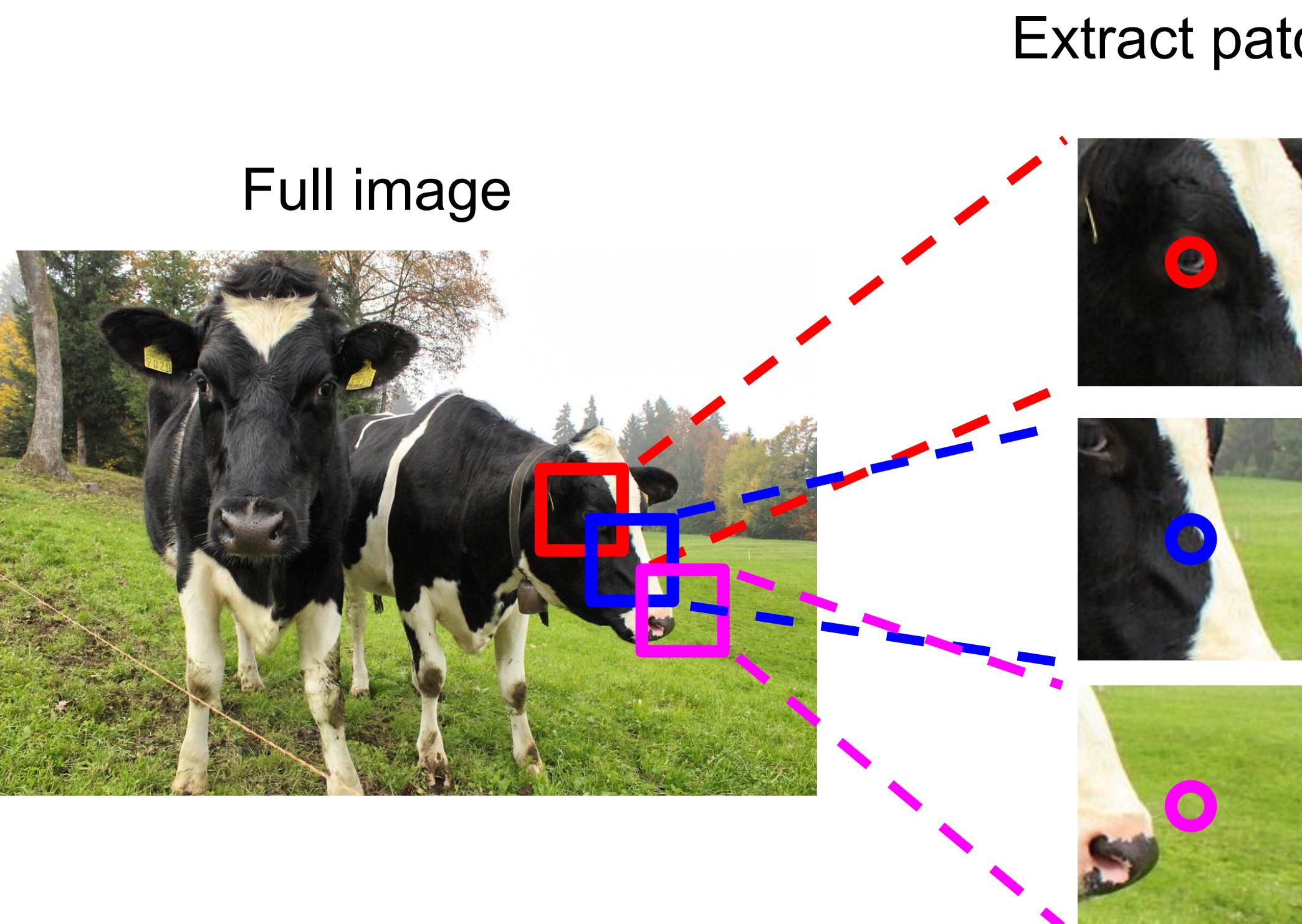
# Semantic Segmentation Idea: Sliding Window



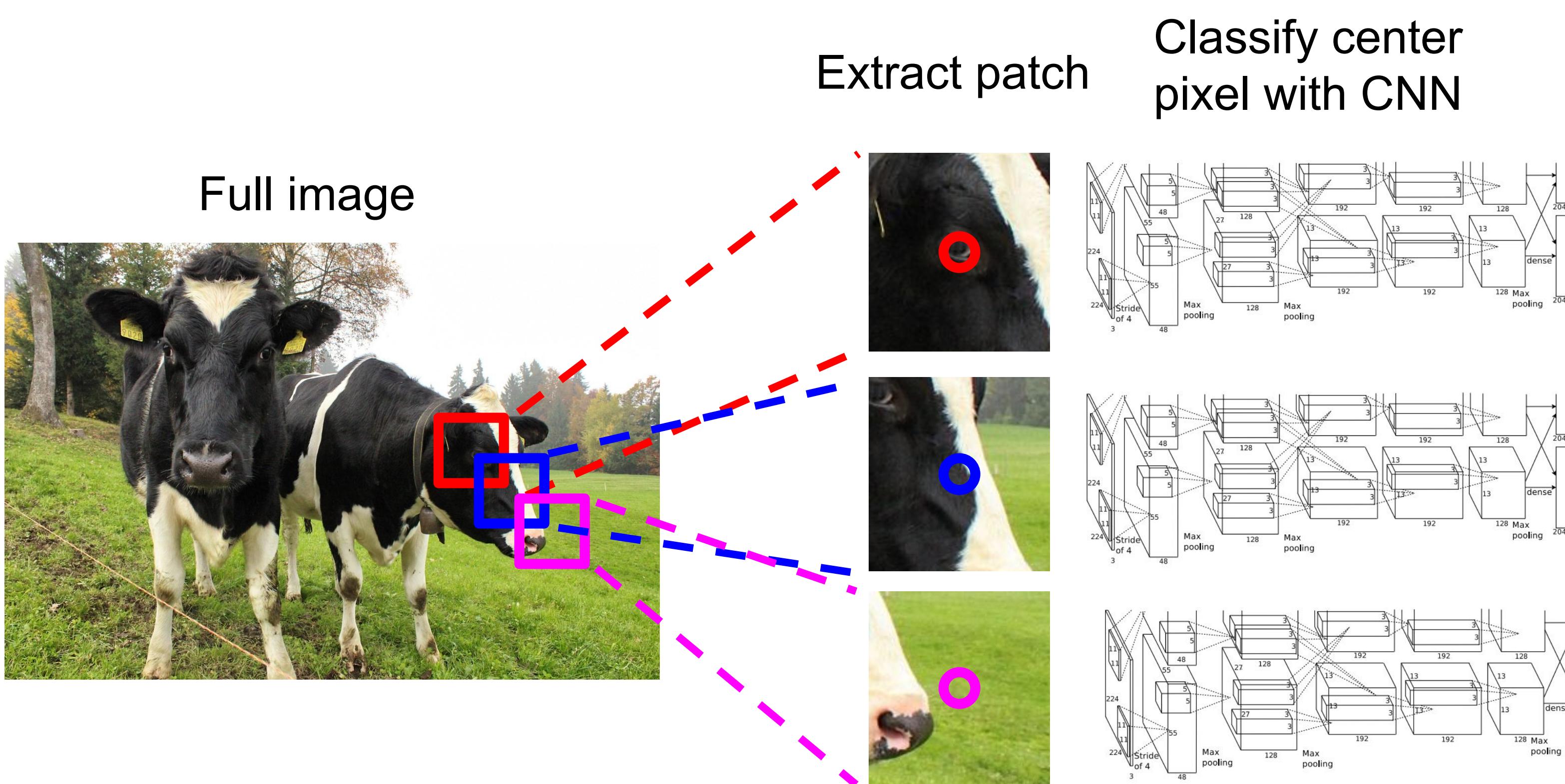
Can you classify this pixel?

Pretty hard without context!

# Semantic Segmentation Idea: Sliding Window



# Semantic Segmentation Idea: Sliding Window

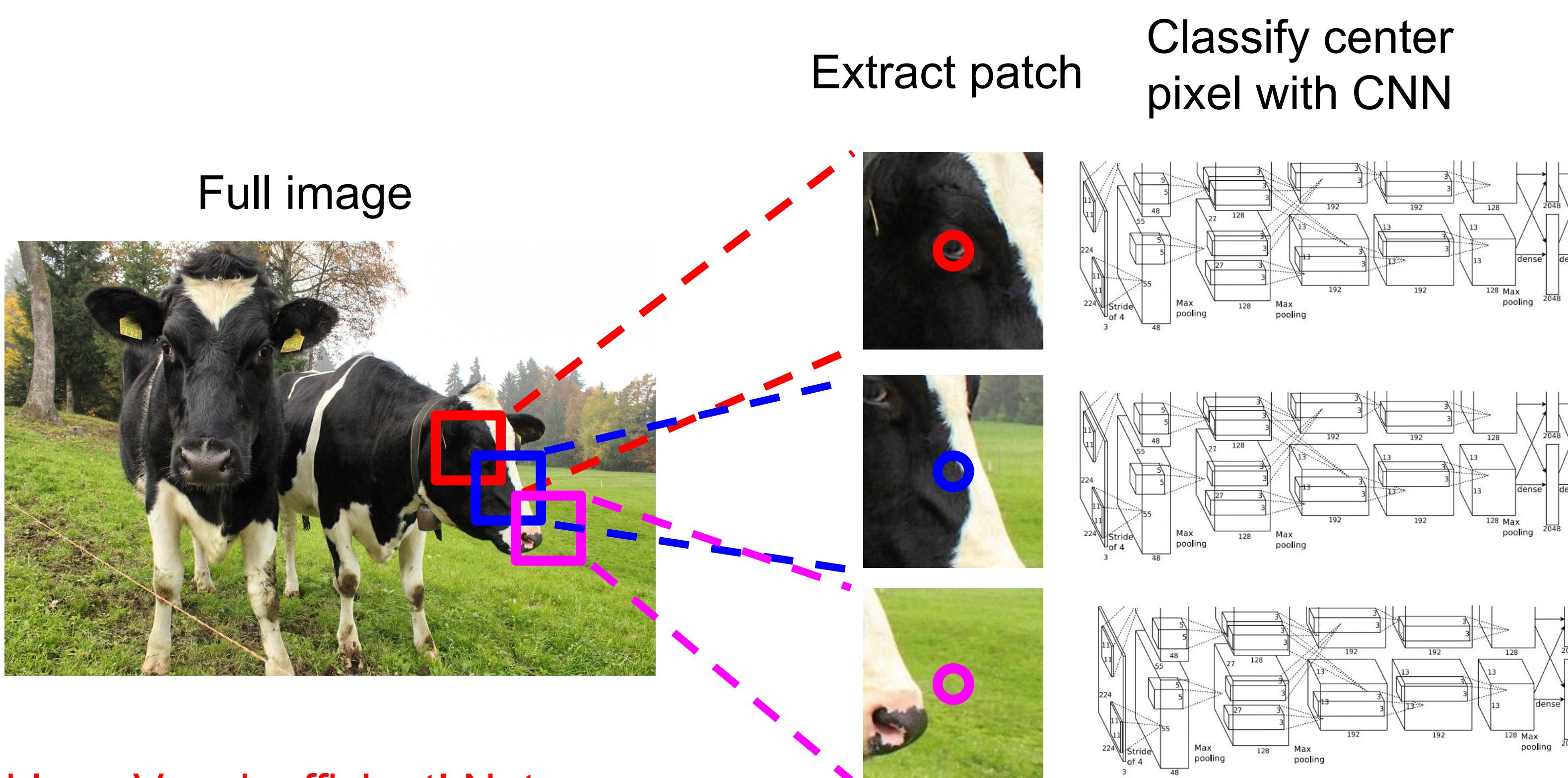


Classify each patch!

Farabet et al, "Learning Hierarchical Features for Scene Labeling," TPAMI 2013

Pinheiro and Collobert, "Recurrent Convolutional Neural Networks for Scene Labeling", ICML 2014

# Semantic Segmentation Idea: Sliding Window



Problem: Very inefficient! Not reusing shared features between overlapping patches

Farabet et al, "Learning Hierarchical Features for Scene Labeling," TPAMI 2013  
Pinheiro and Collobert, "Recurrent Convolutional Neural Networks for Scene Labeling", ICML 2014

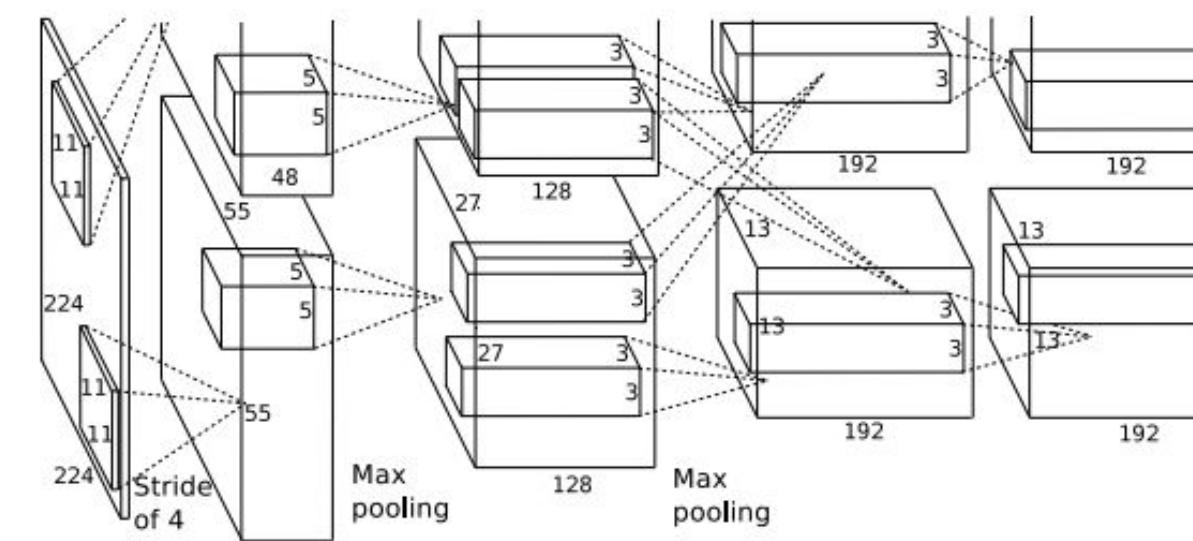
# Semantic Segmentation Idea: Convolution

Full image



# Semantic Segmentation Idea: Convolution

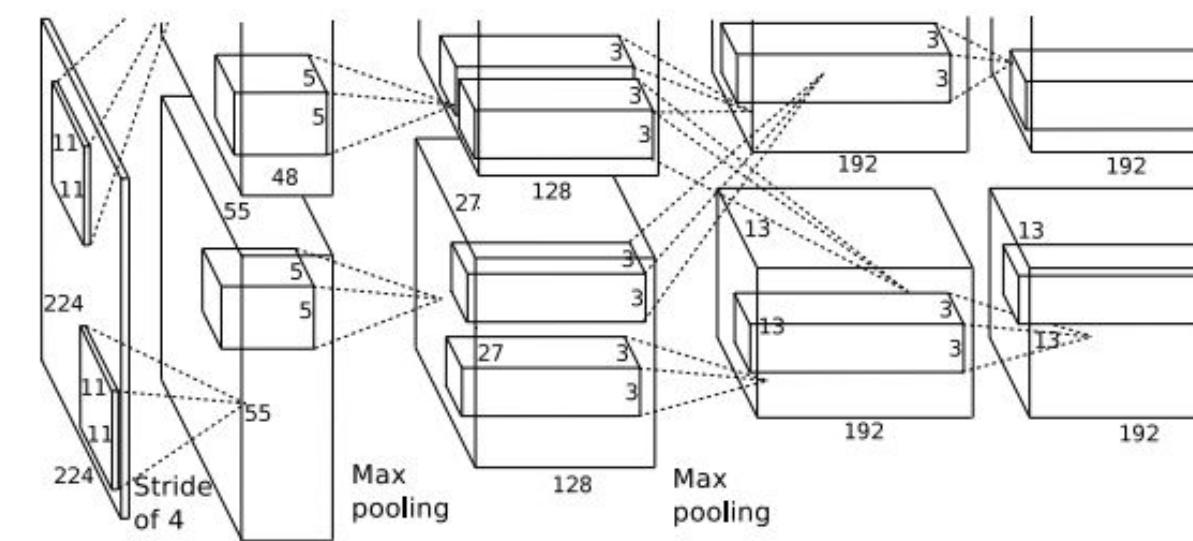
Full image



An intuitive idea: encode the entire image with conv net, and do semantic segmentation on top.

# Semantic Segmentation Idea: Convolution

Full image



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Problem: classification architectures often reduce feature spatial sizes to go deeper, but semantic segmentation requires the output size to be the same as input size.

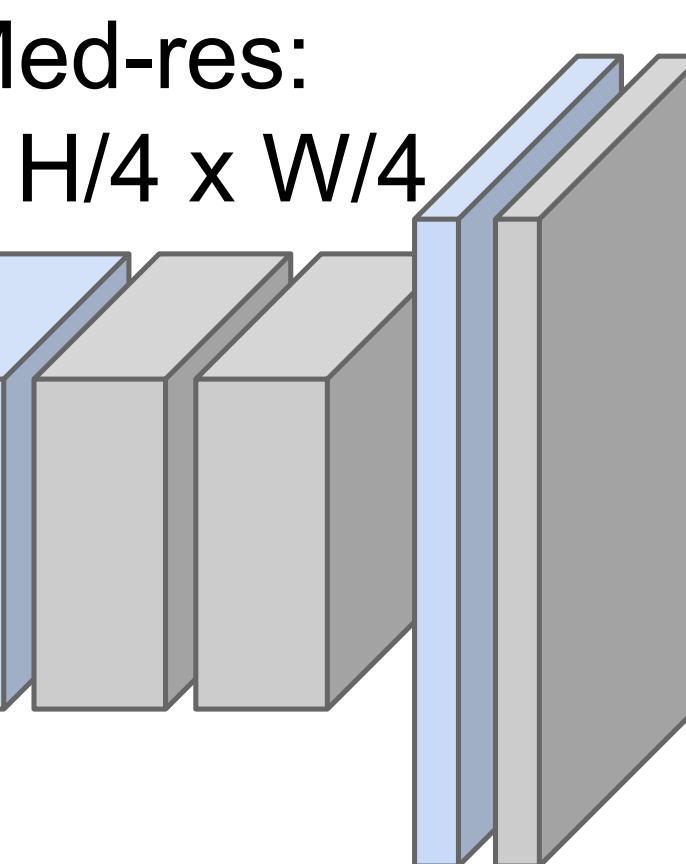
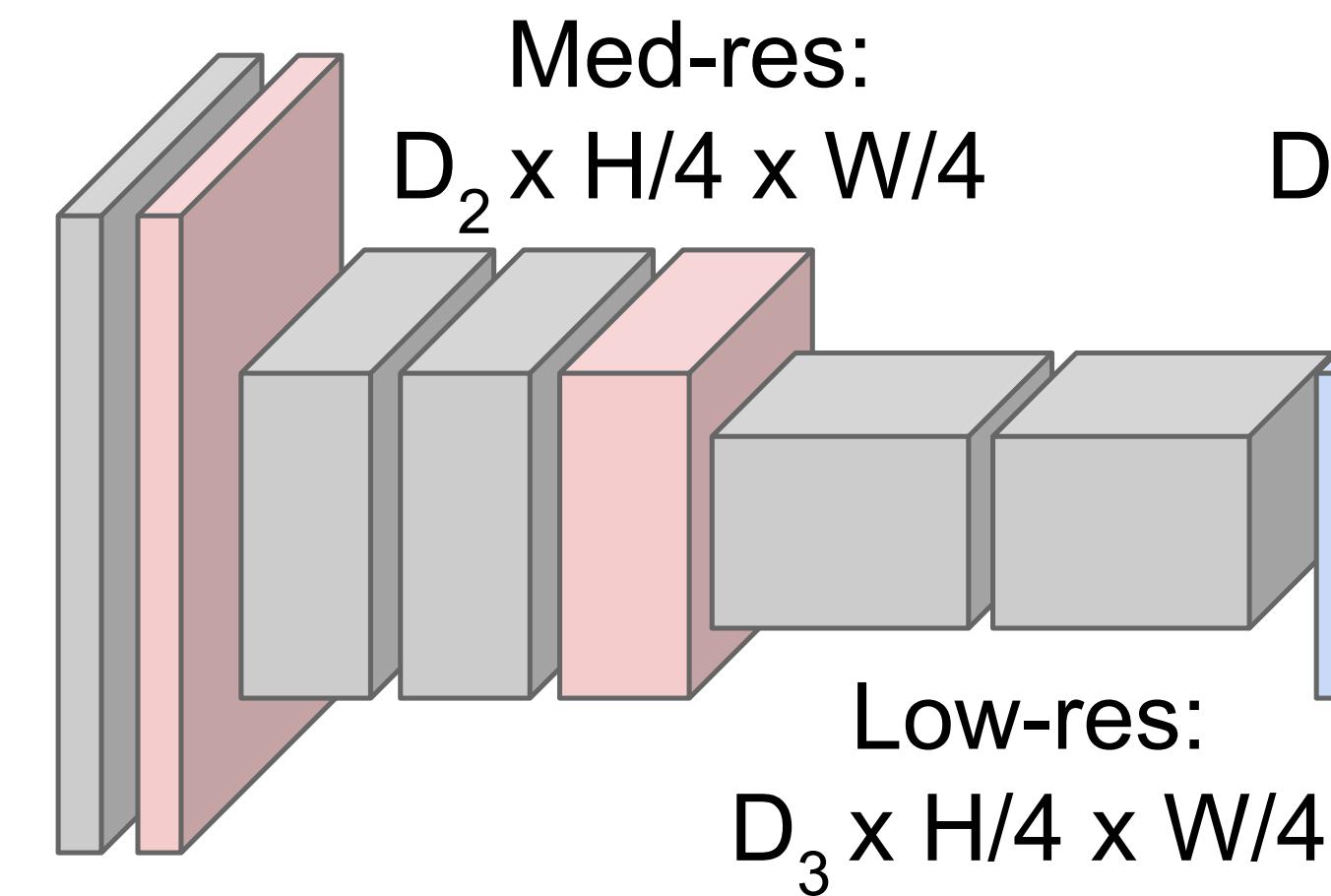
# Semantic Segmentation Idea: Fully Convolutional

Design network as a bunch of convolutional layers, with  
**downsampling** and **upsampling** inside the network!



Input:  
 $3 \times H \times W$

High-res:  
 $D_1 \times H/2 \times W/2$



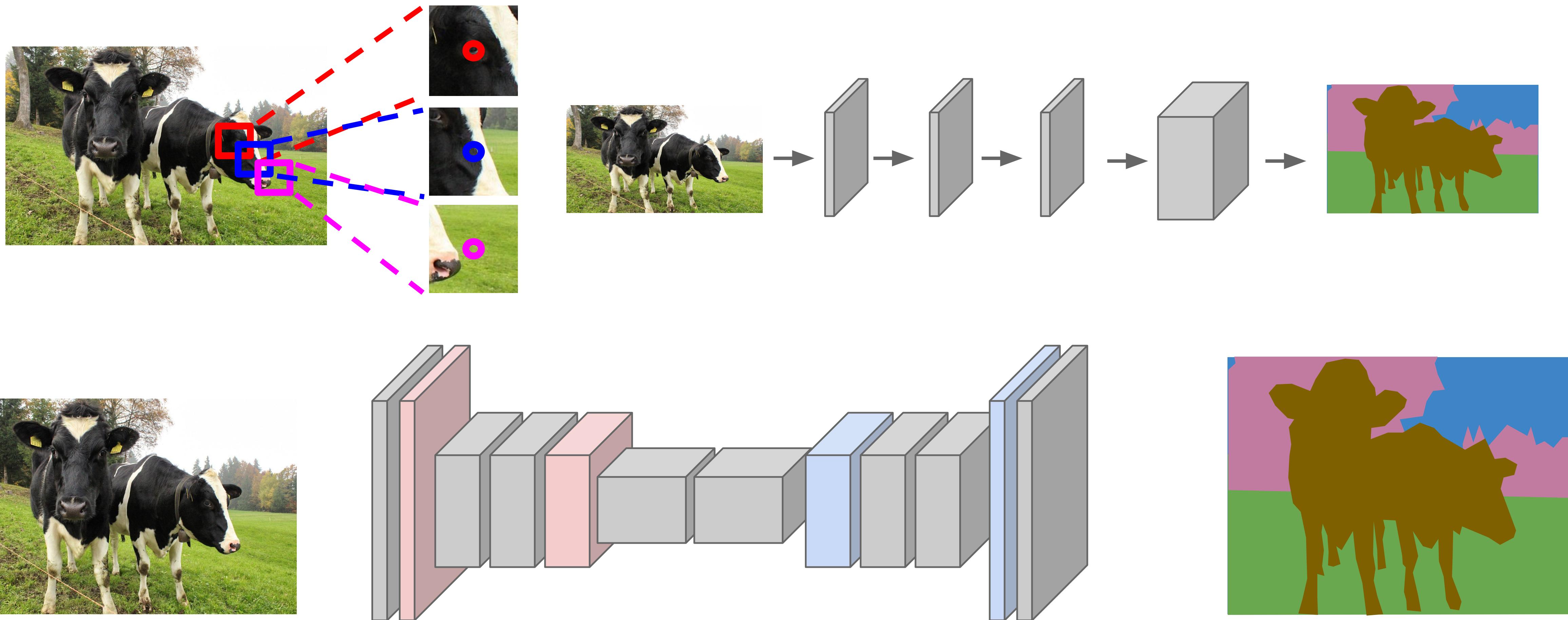
High-res:  $C \times H \times W$   
 $D_1 \times H/2 \times W/2$

Predictions:  
 $H \times W$



Long, Shelhamer, and Darrell, “Fully Convolutional Networks for Semantic Segmentation”, CVPR 2015  
Noh et al, “Learning Deconvolution Network for Semantic Segmentation”, ICCV 2015

# Semantic Segmentation: Summary



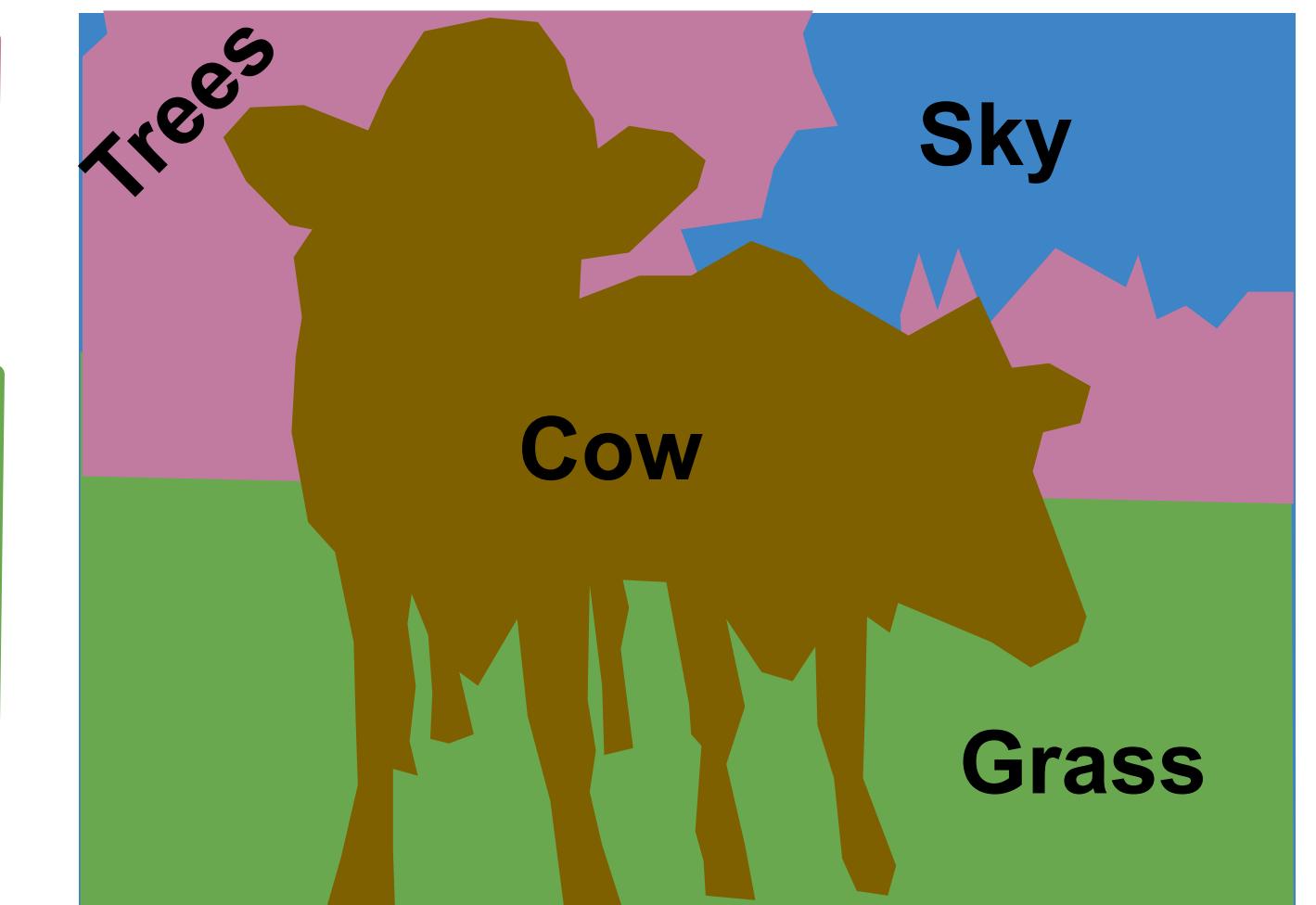
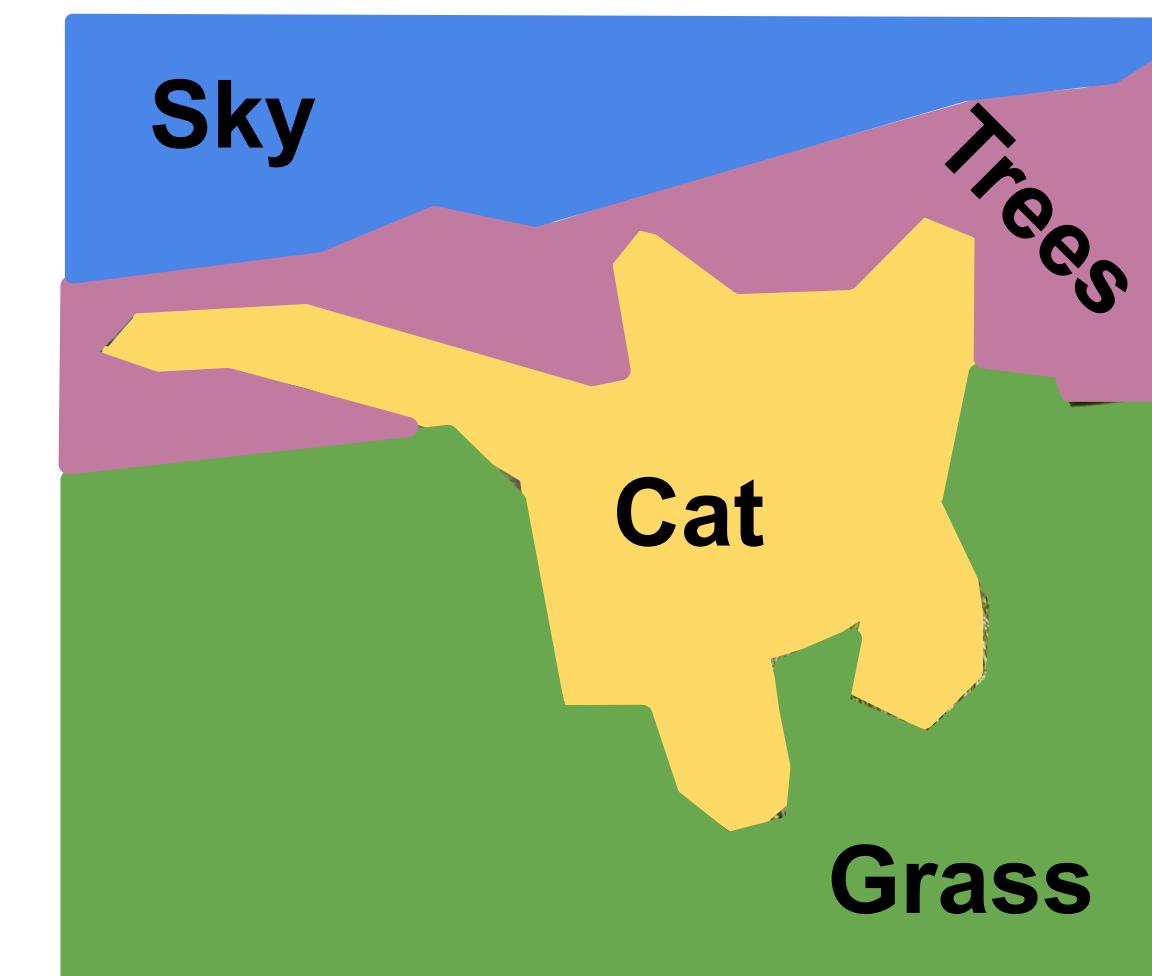
# Semantic Segmentation

Label each pixel in the image with a category label

Don't differentiate instances, only care about pixels



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# Increasing complexity of computer vision tasks

Classification



CAT

No spatial extent

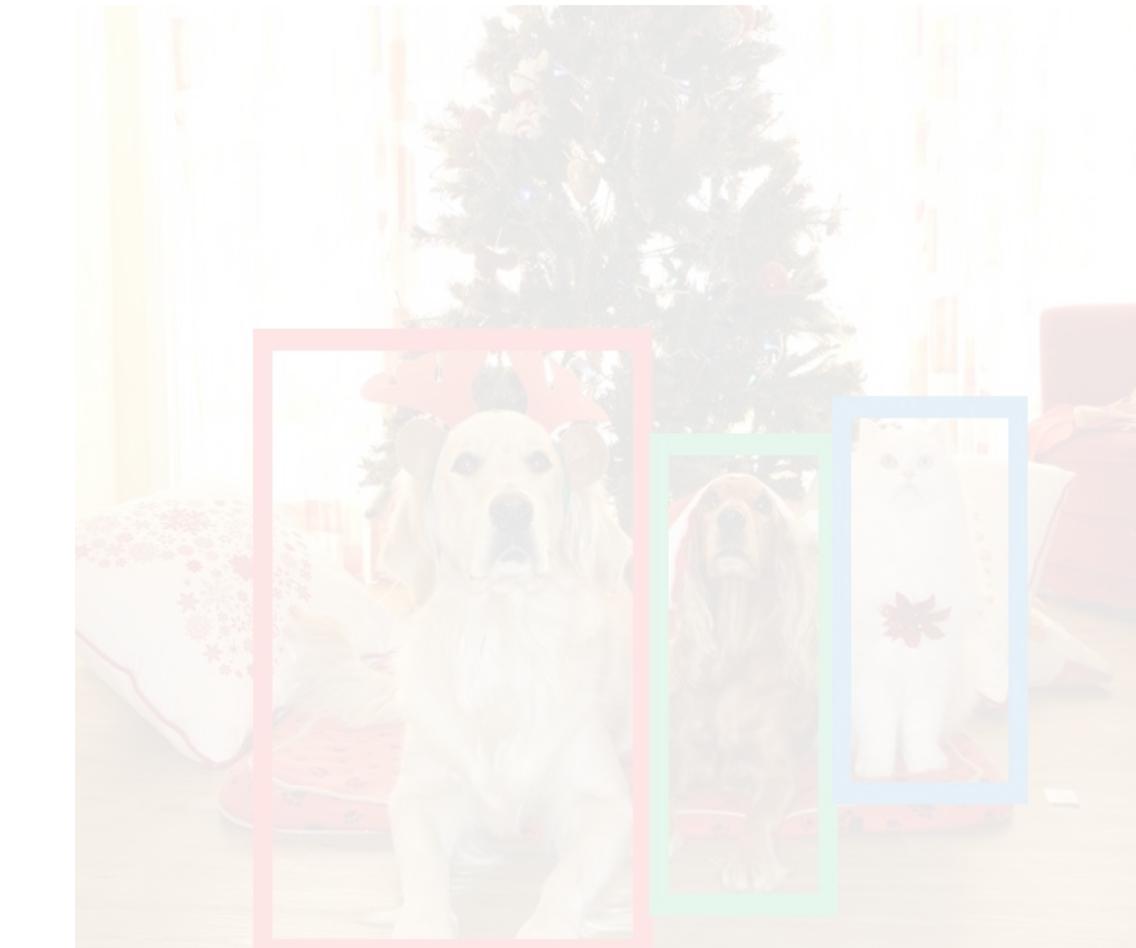
Semantic  
Segmentation



GRASS, CAT,  
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No objects, just pixels

Object  
Detection



DOG, DOG, CAT

Multiple Object

Instance  
Segmentation



DOG, DOG, CAT

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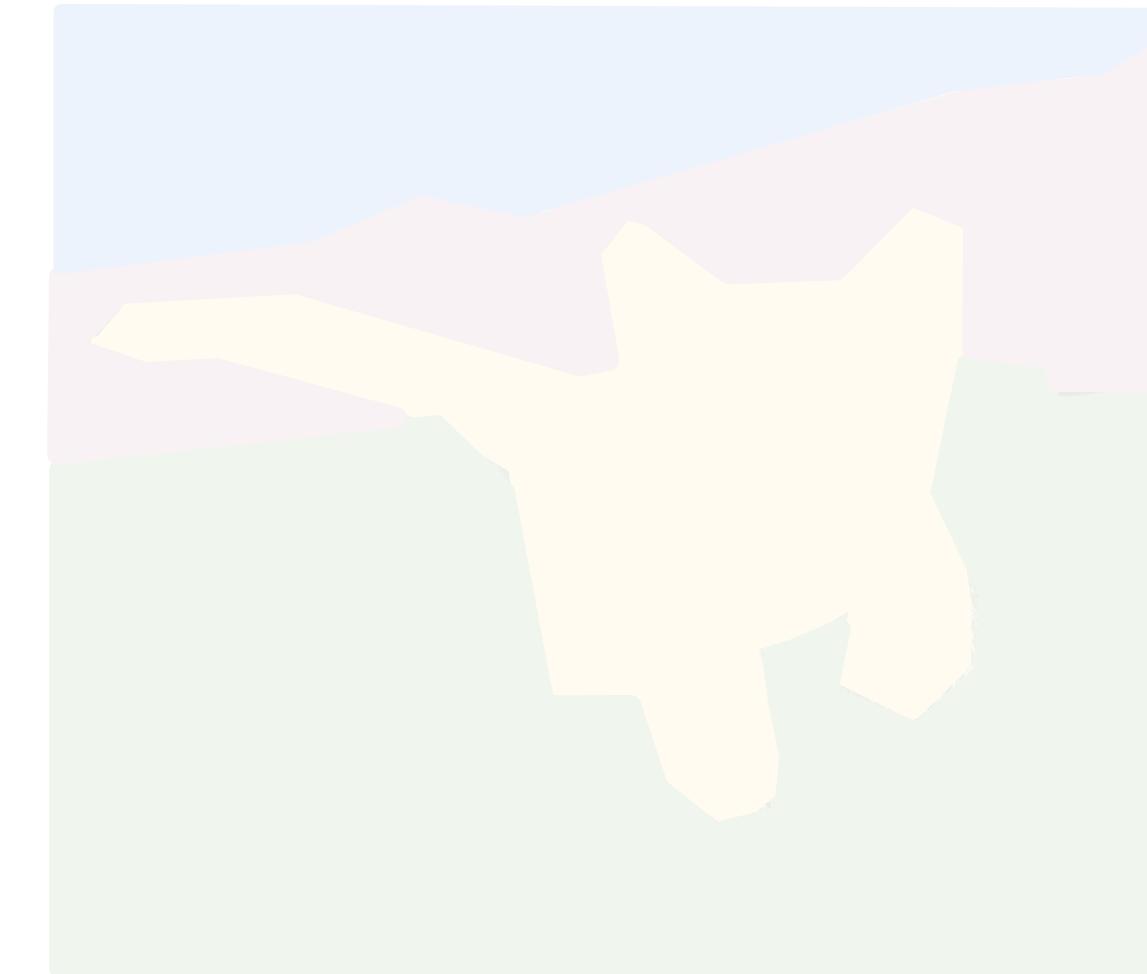
Classification



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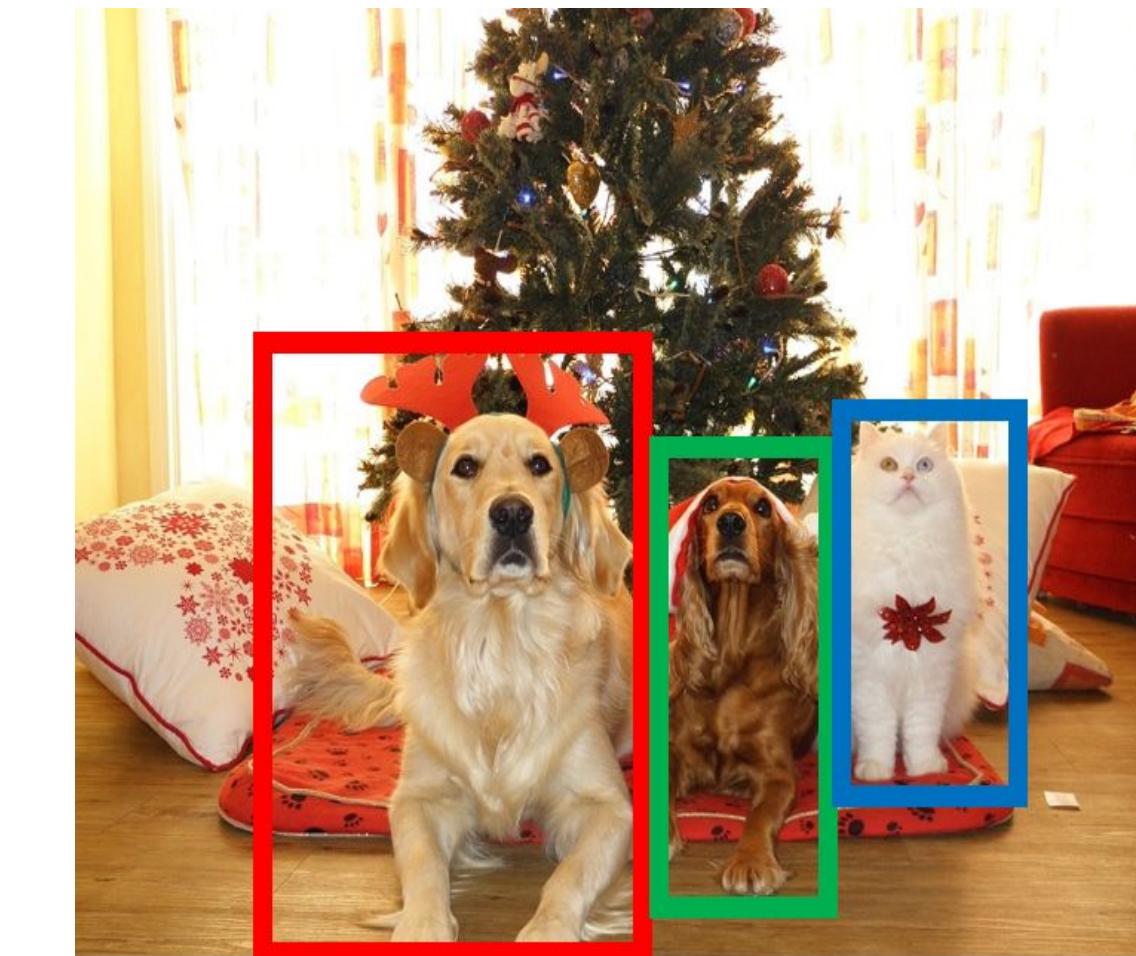
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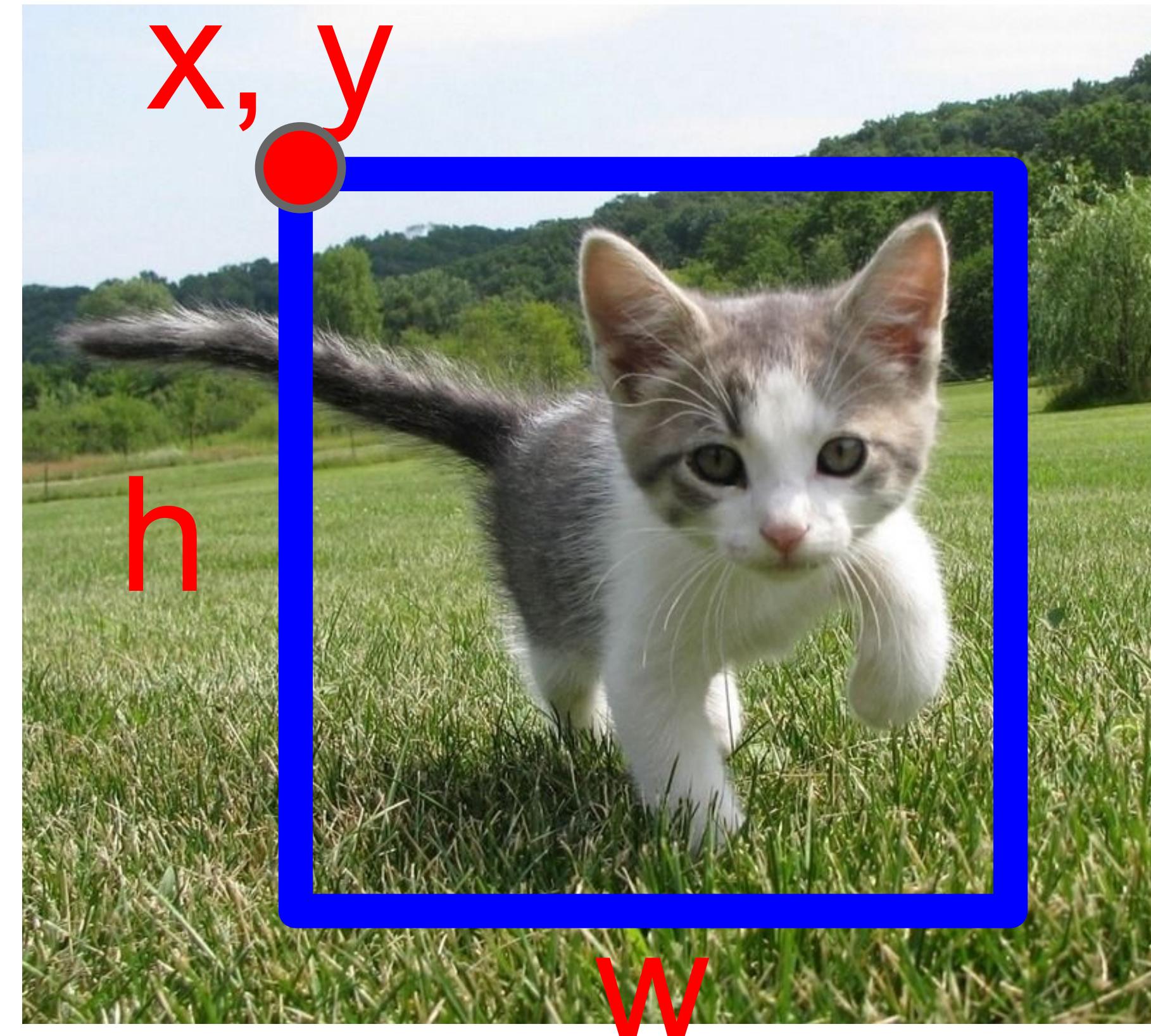


DOG, DOG, CAT

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# Object Detection: Single Object

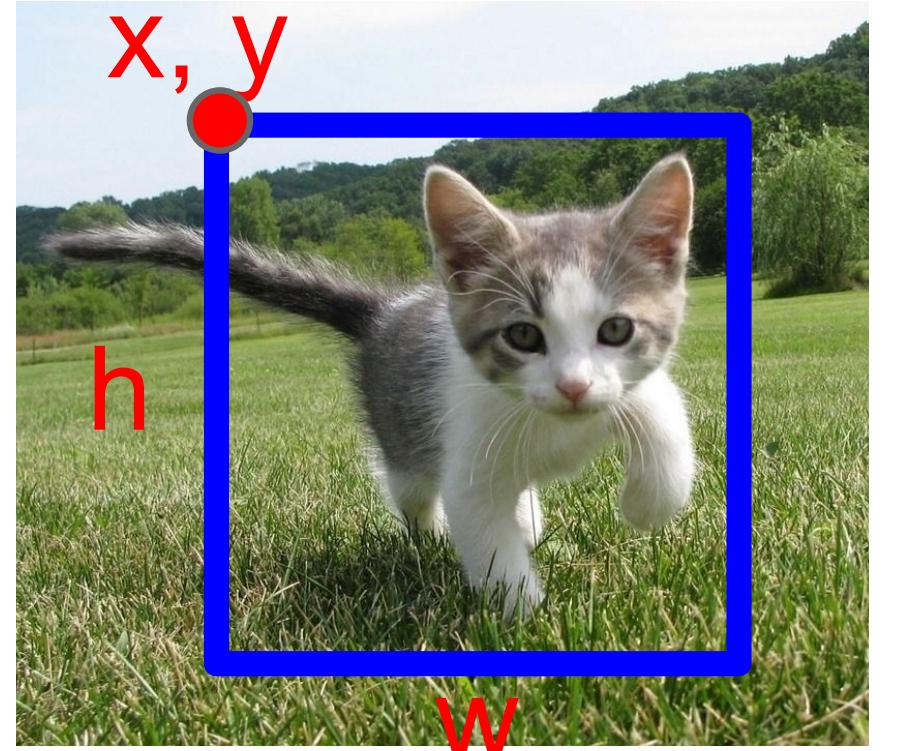
(Classification + Localization)



# Activity!



# Poll



Assume you have a dataset of images.

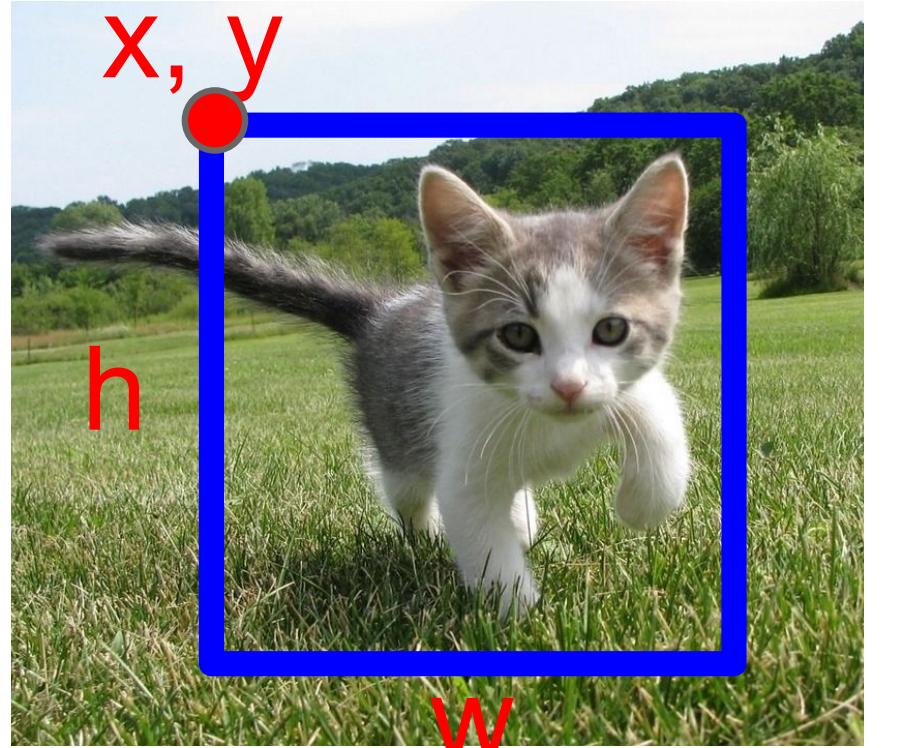
For each image, you have a target object and a bounding box.

You have a model to predict target objects and bounding boxes.

What loss will you use?

# Poll

What loss will you use?



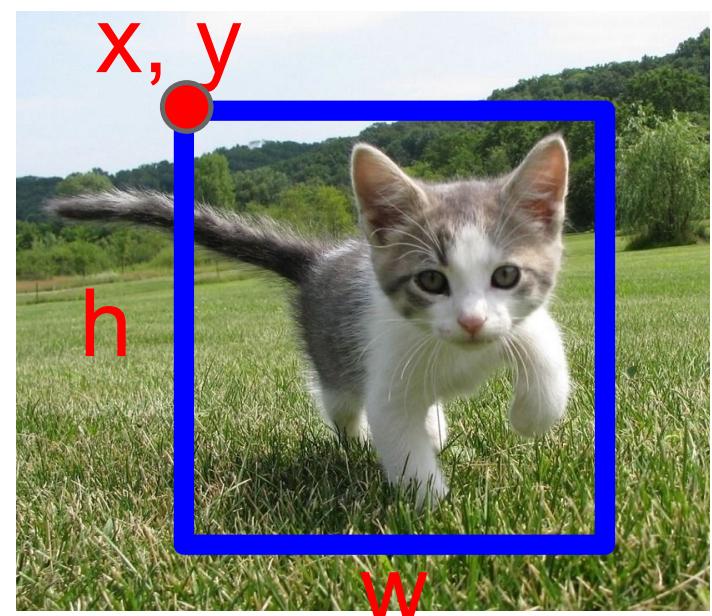
When poll is active respond at [PollEv.com/sc2582](https://PollEv.com/sc2582)

Send **sc2582** to **22333**

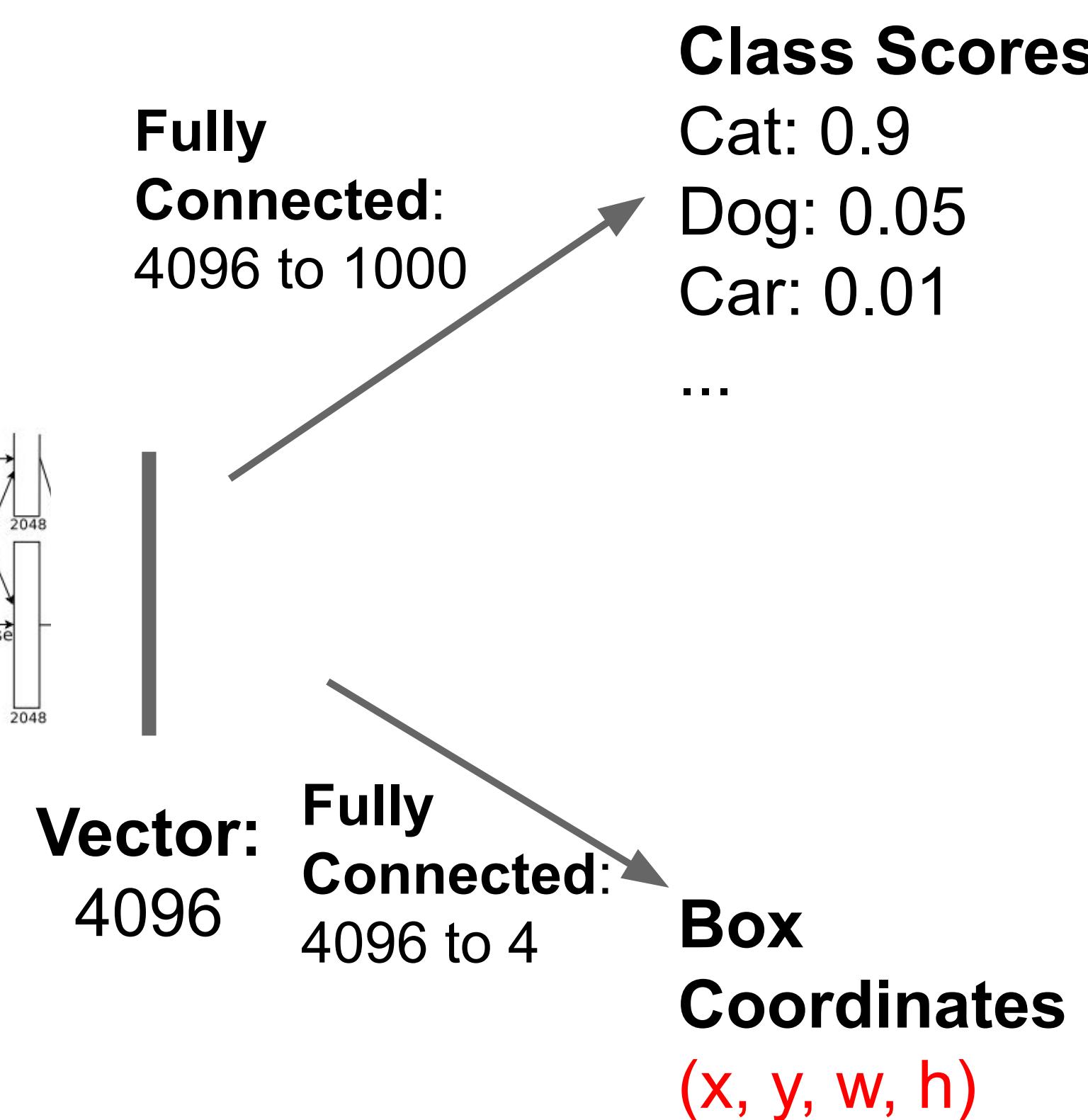
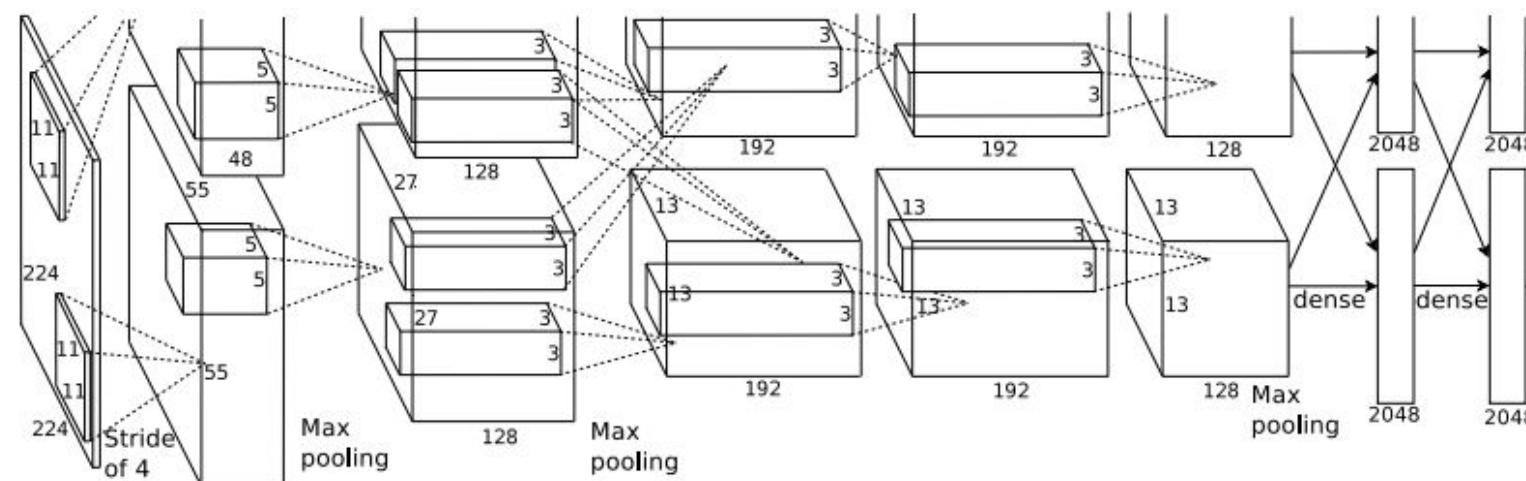


# Object Detection: Single Object

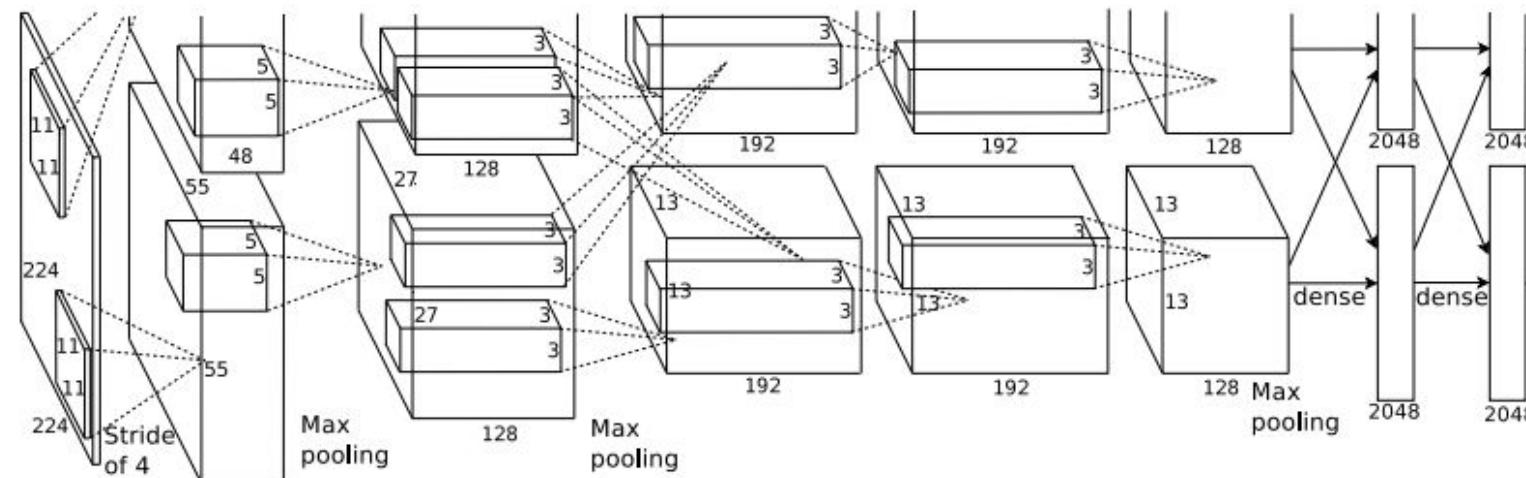
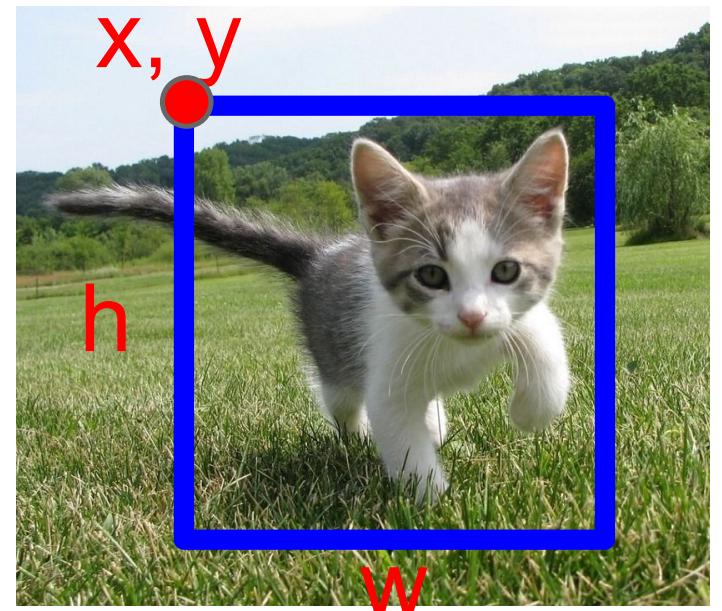
(Classification + Localization)



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# Object Detection: Single Object (Classification + Localization)



Treat localization as a  
regression problem!

**Fully Connected:**  
4096 to 1000

**Class Scores**

Cat: 0.9  
Dog: 0.05  
Car: 0.01  
...

**Vector:** Fully  
Connected:  
4096 to 4

**Box  
Coordinates** → **L2 Loss**  
( $x, y, w, h$ )

**Correct label:**  
Cat

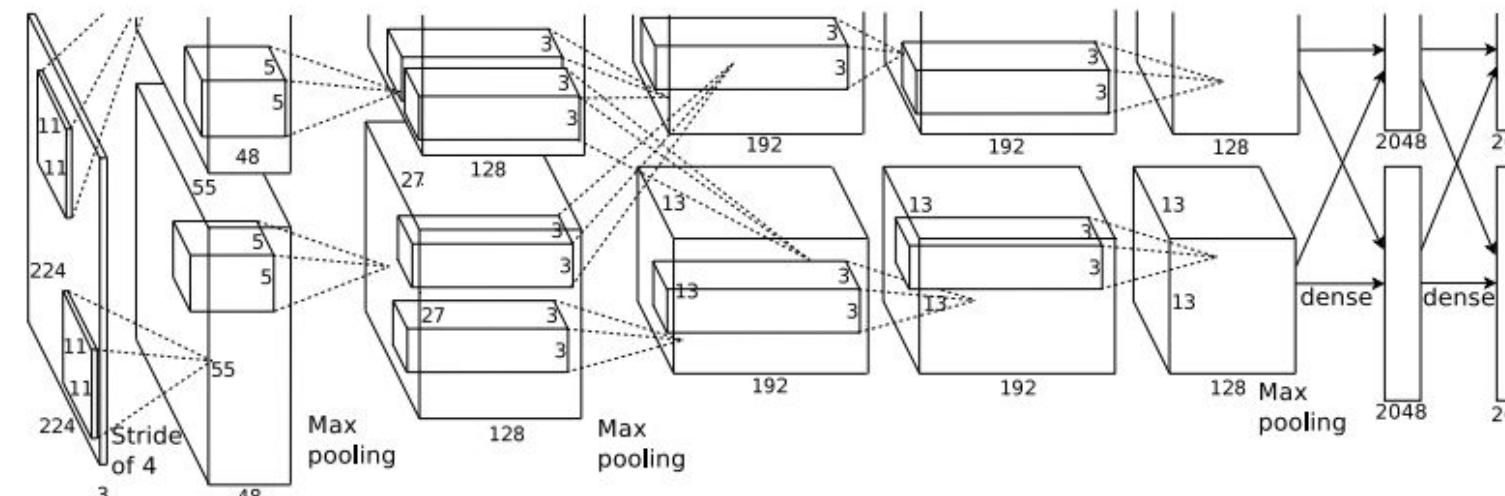
**Softmax  
Loss**

**Correct box:**  
( $x', y', w', h'$ )

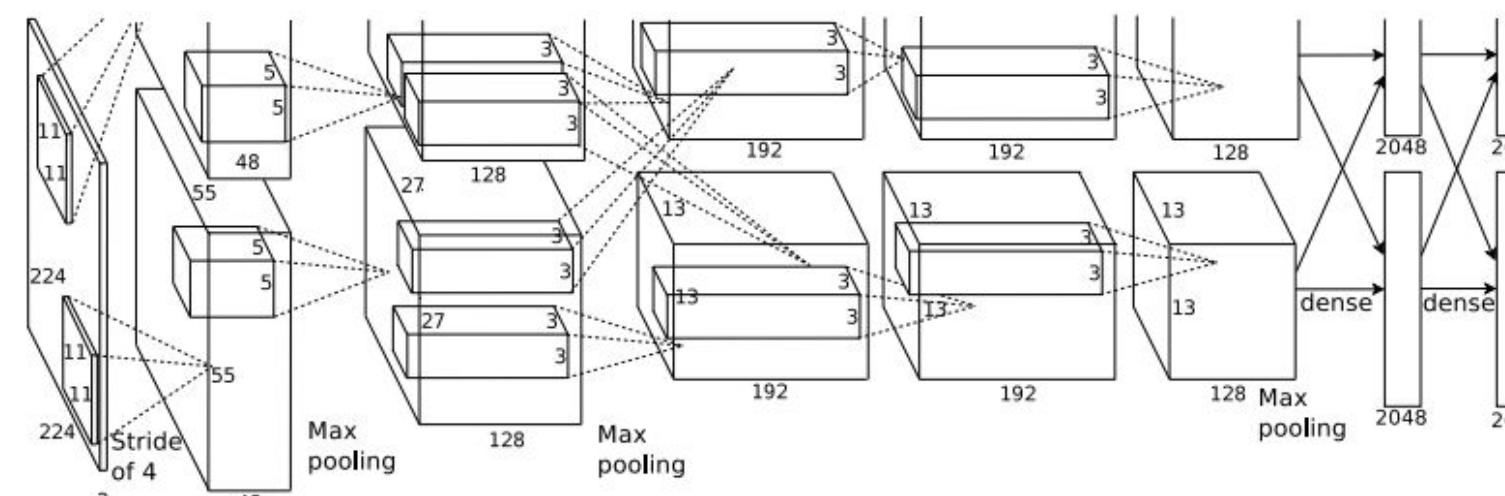
What about multiple objects? Would this idea work?



# Object Detection: Multiple Objects



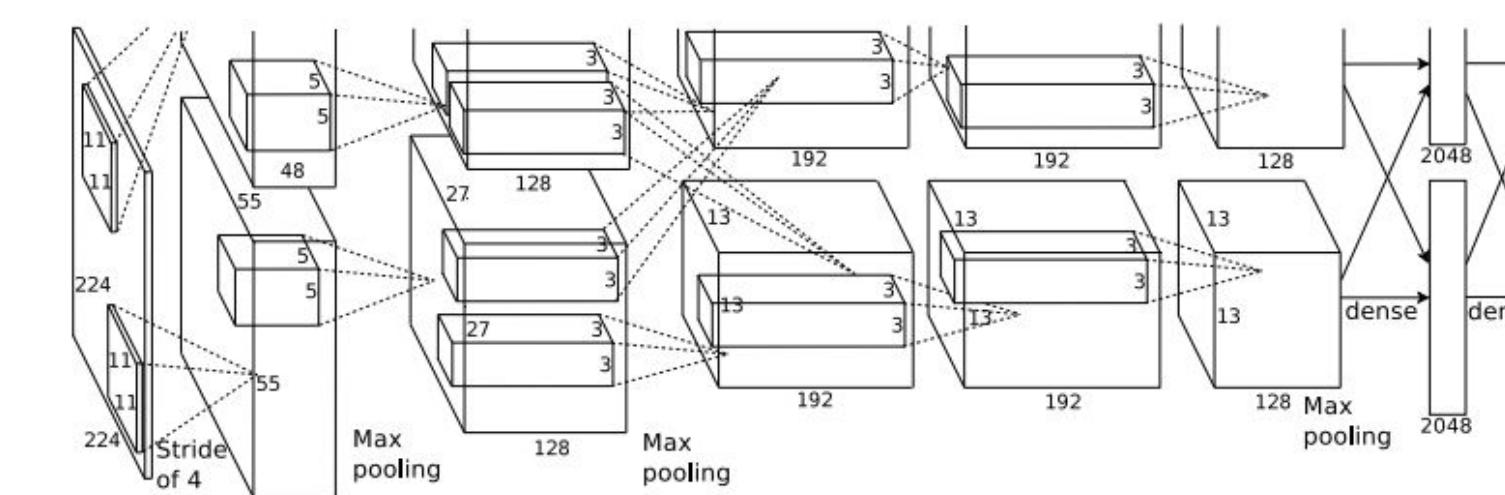
CAT: (x, y, w, h)



DOG: (x, y, w, h)

DOG: (x, y, w, h)

CAT: (x, y, w, h)



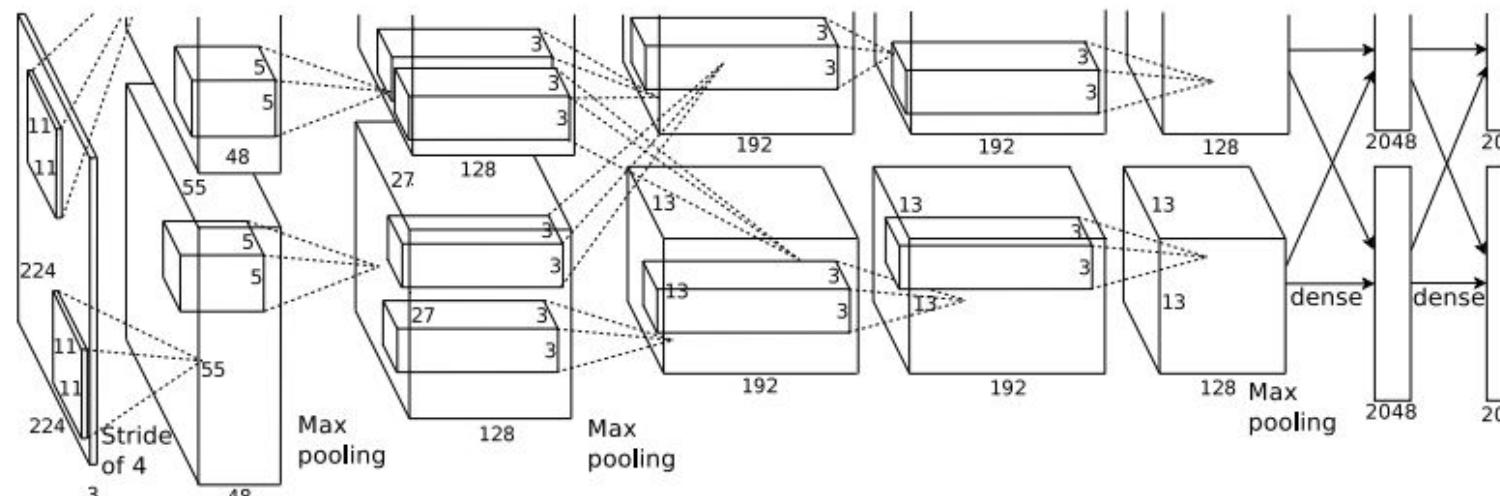
DUCK: (x, y, w, h)

DUCK: (x, y, w, h)

...

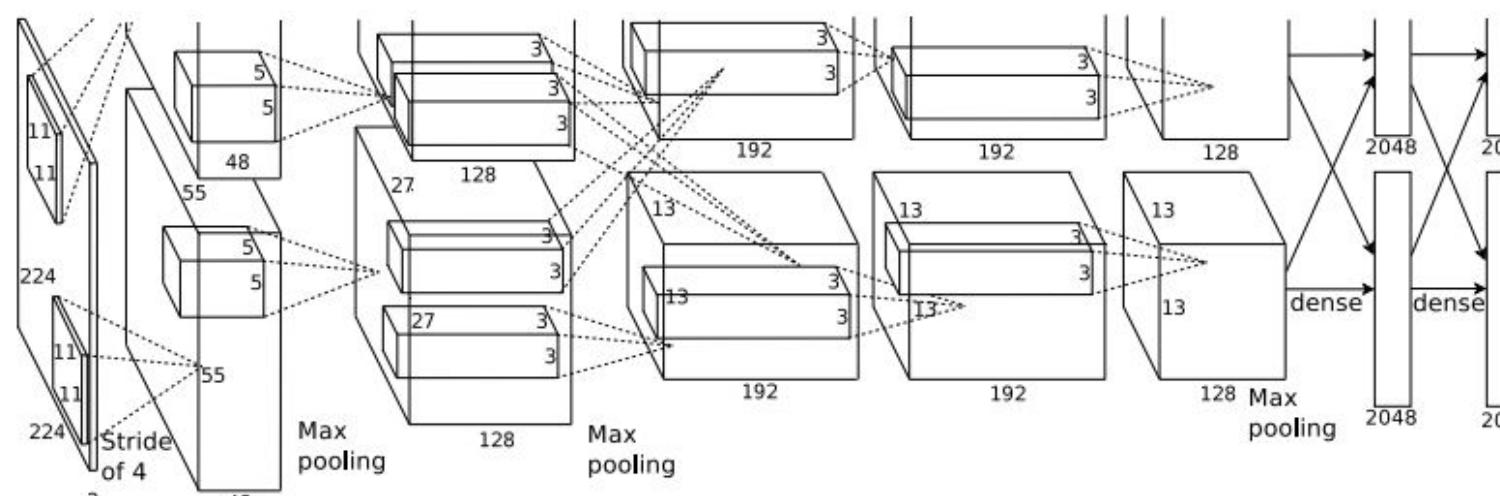
# Object Detection: Multiple Objects

Each image needs a different number of outputs!



CAT: (x, y, w, h)

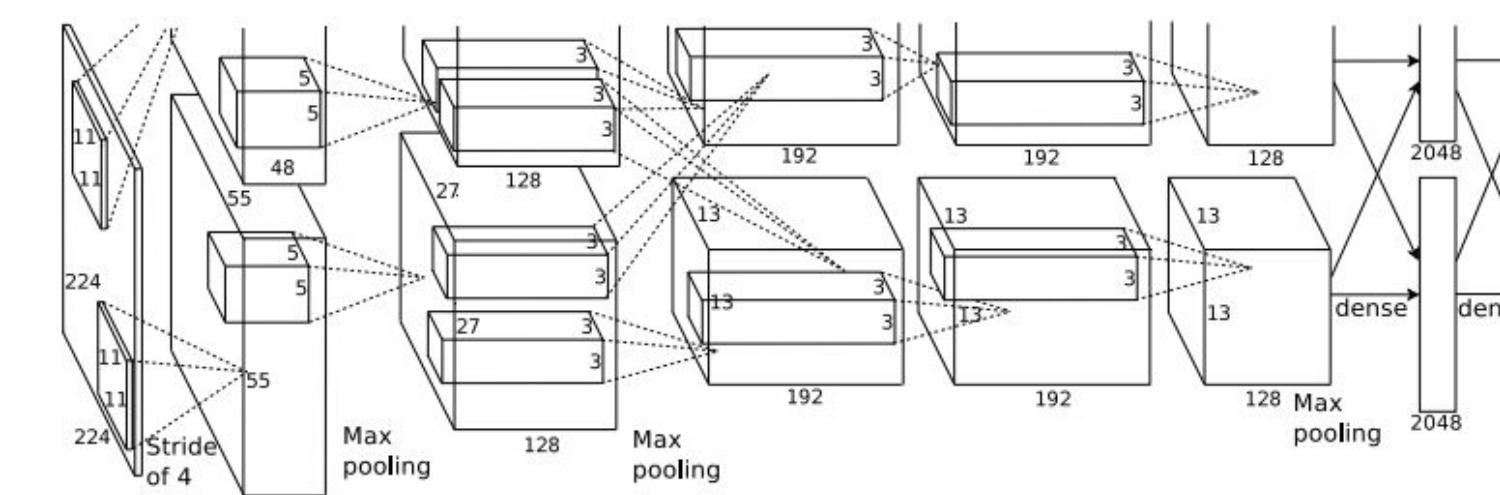
4 numbers



DOG: (x, y, w, h)

12 numbers

CAT: (x, y, w, h)



DUCK: (x, y, w, h)

Many  
numbers!

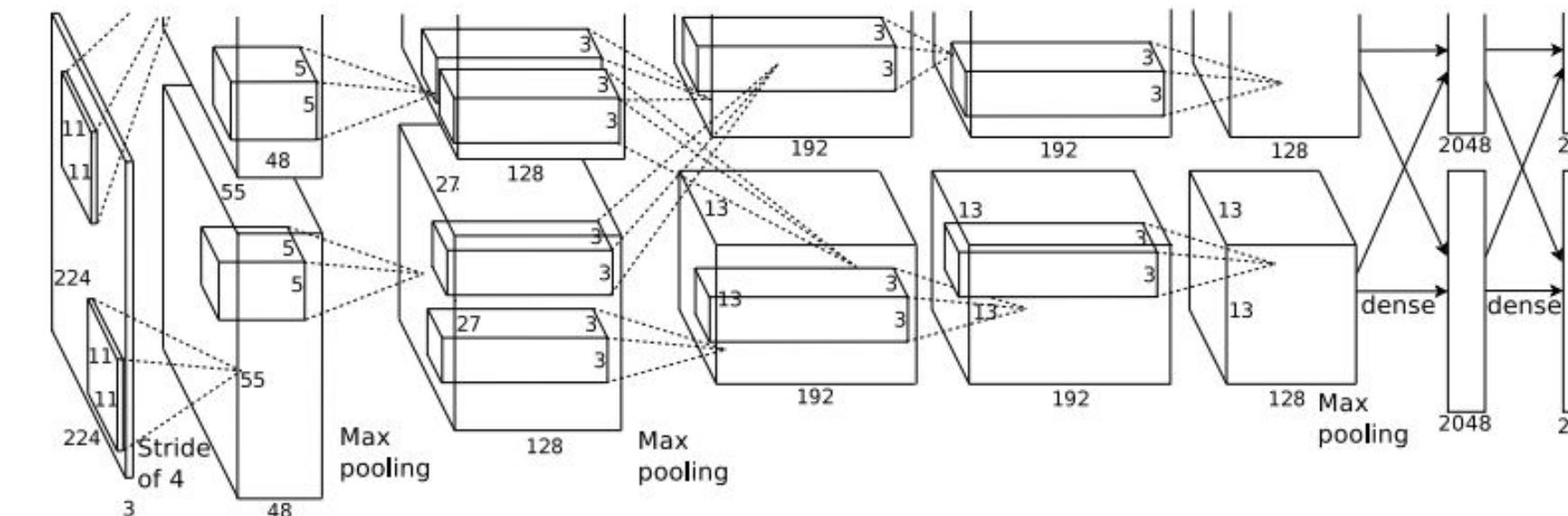
....

What if we tried to  
detect a **SINGLE** object  
in a **PATCH**?



# Object Detection: Multiple Objects

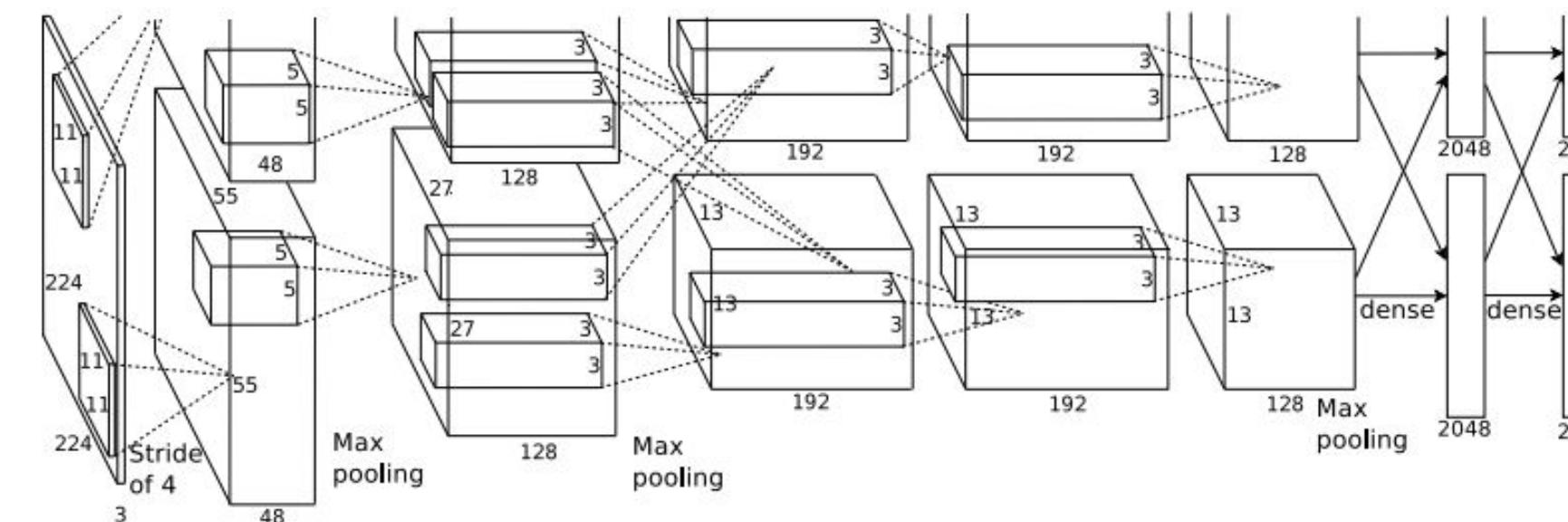
Apply a CNN to many different crops of the image, CNN classifies each crop as object or background



Dog? NO  
Cat? NO  
Background? YES

# Object Detection: Multiple Objects

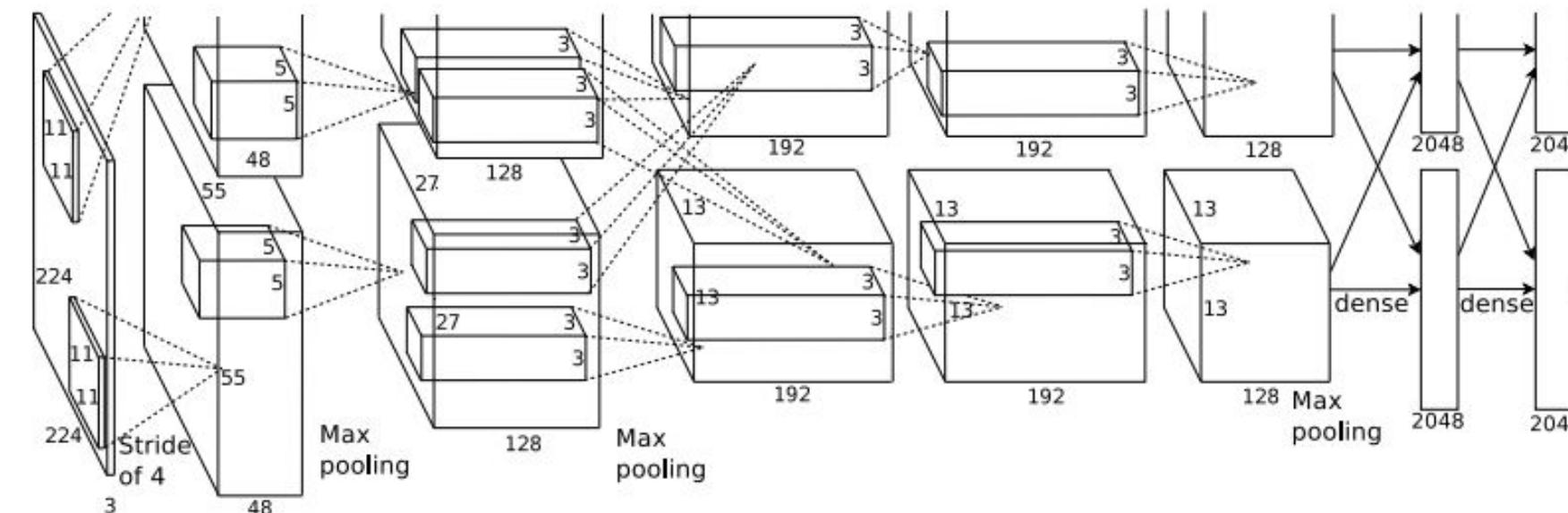
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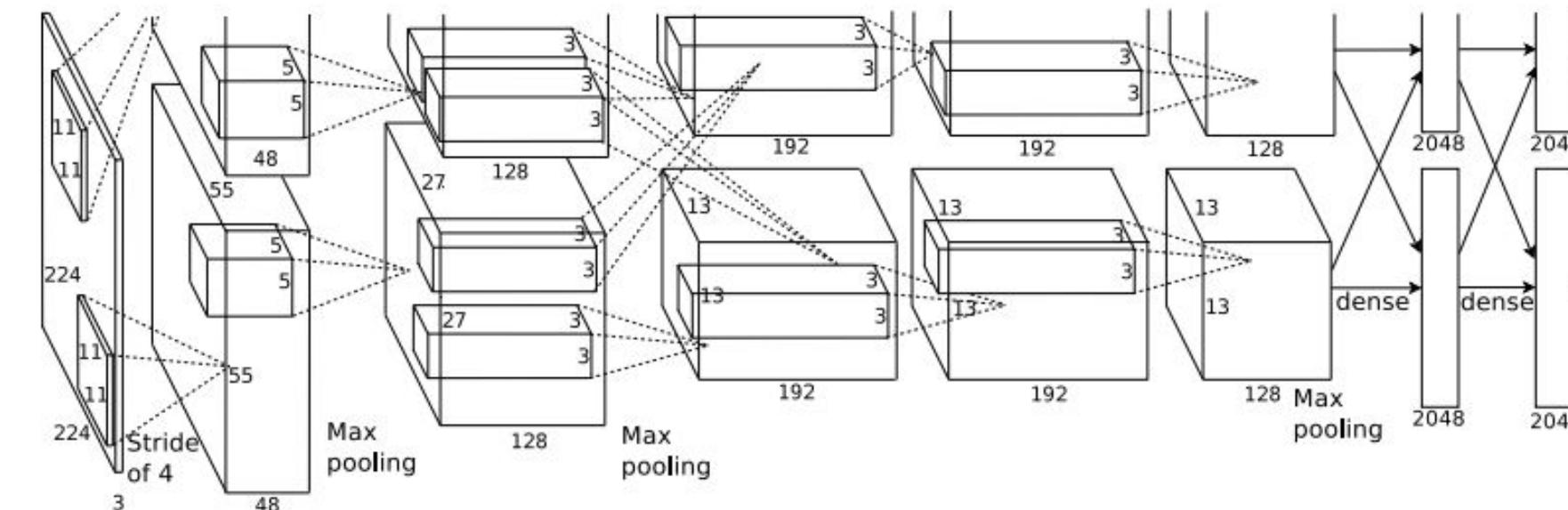
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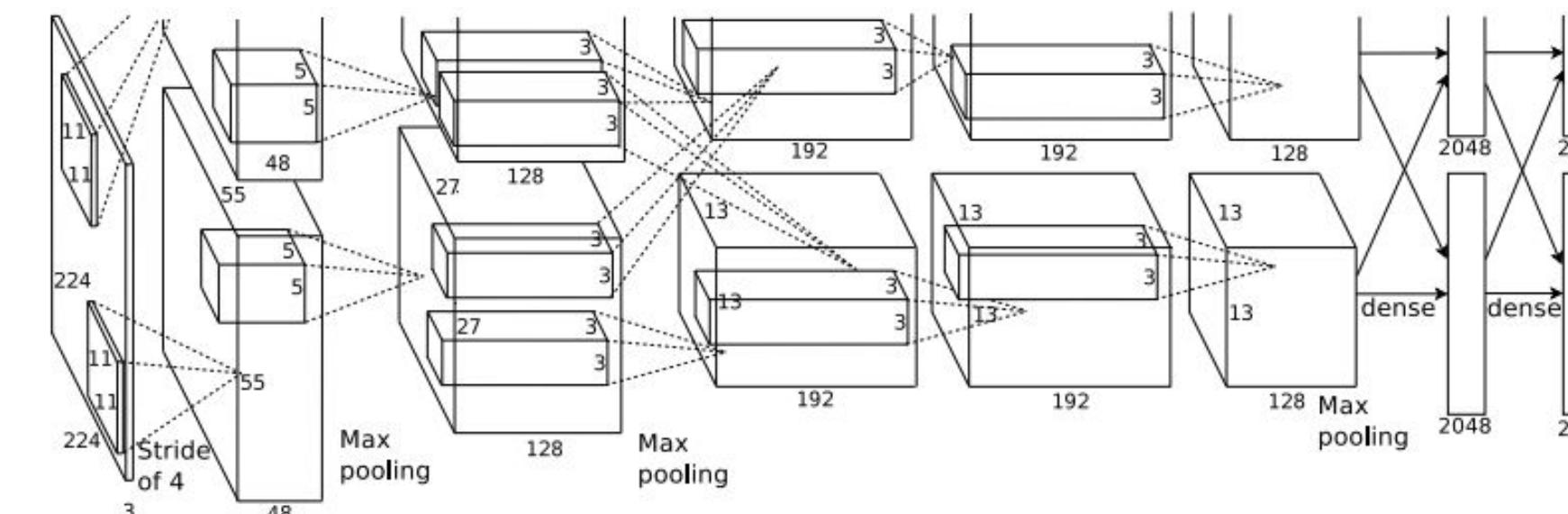
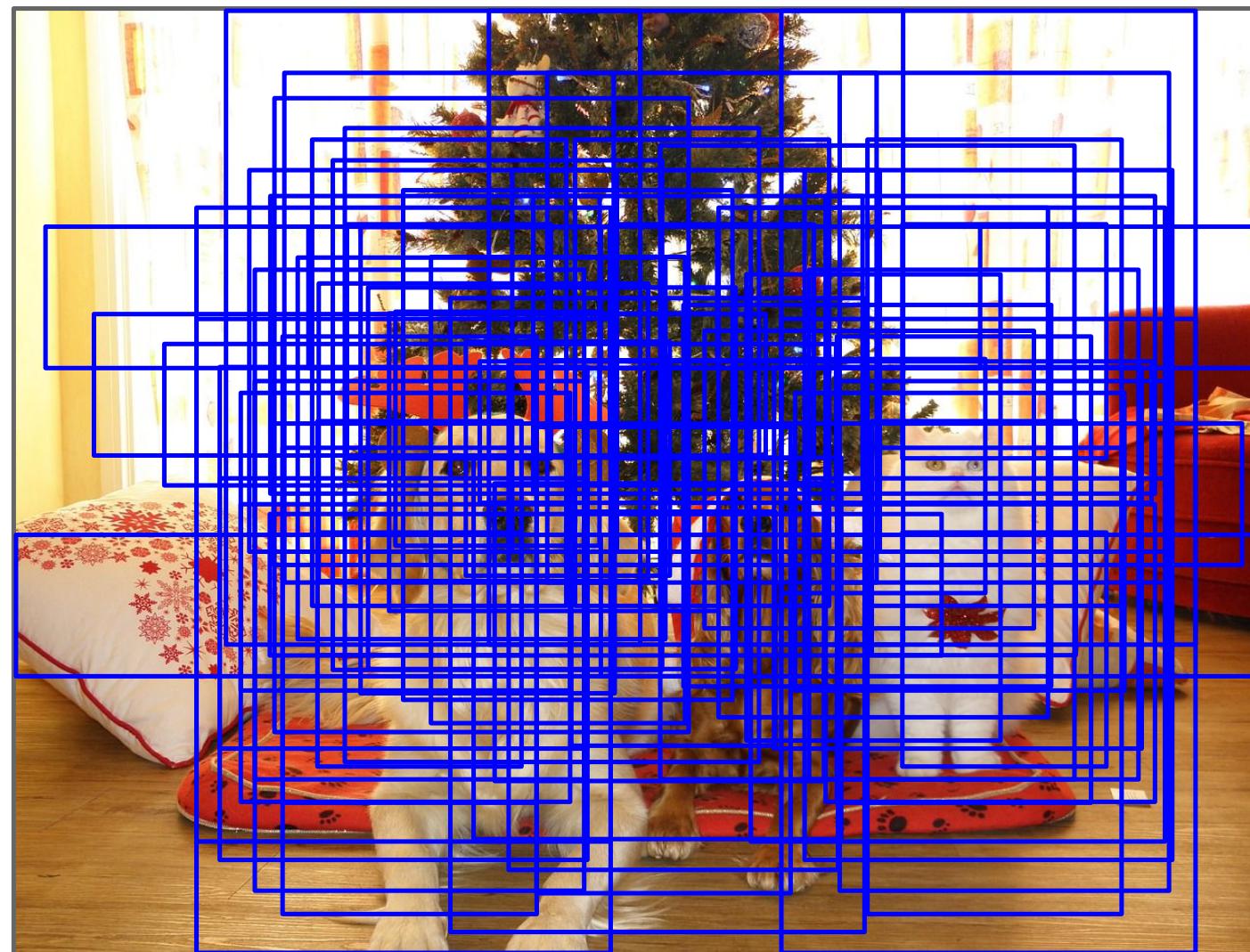


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Cat? YES  
Background? NO

Q: What's the problem with this approach?

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Cat? YES  
Background? NO

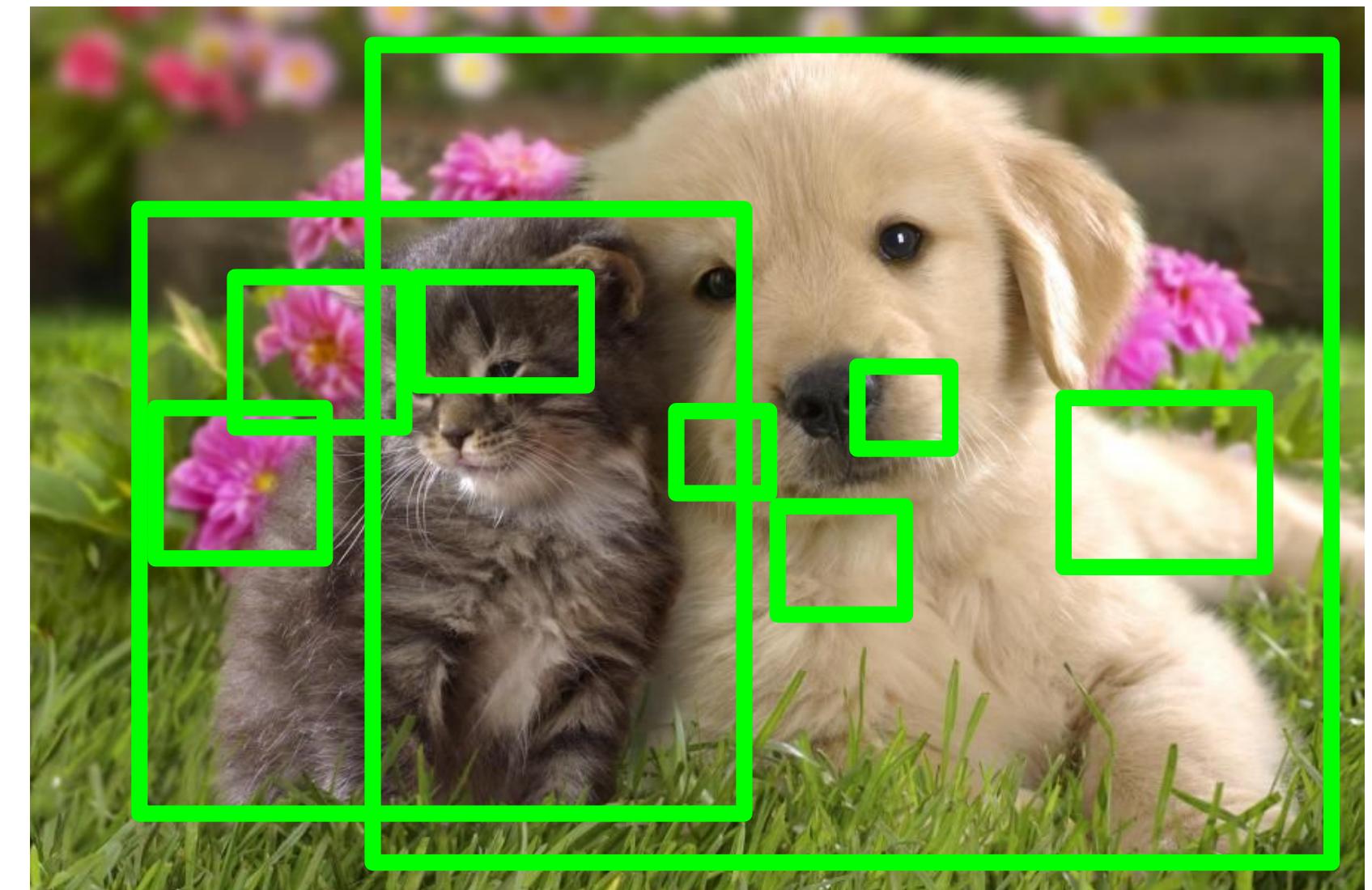
Problem: Need to apply CNN to huge number of locations, scales, and aspect ratios, very computationally expensive!

What if we had a  
SMART patch proposer?



# Region Proposals: Selective Search

- Find “blobby” image regions that are likely to contain objects
- Relatively fast to run; e.g. Selective Search gives 2000 region proposals in a few seconds on CPU



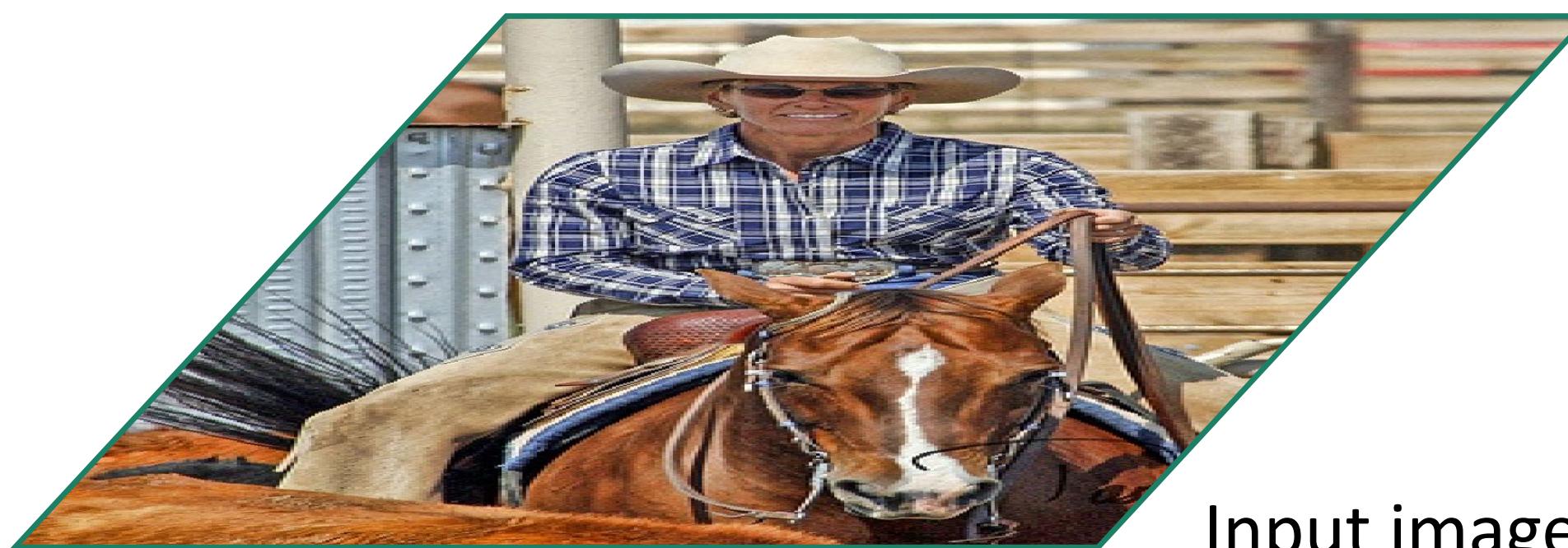
Alexe et al, “Measuring the objectness of image windows”, TPAMI 2012

Uijlings et al, “Selective Search for Object Recognition”, IJCV 2013

Cheng et al, “BING: Binarized normed gradients for objectness estimation at 300fps”, CVPR 2014

Zitnick and Dollar, “Edge boxes: Locating object proposals from edges”, ECCV 2014

# R-CNN



Input image

Girshick et al, “Rich feature hierarchies for accurate object detection and semantic segmentation”, CVPR 2014.  
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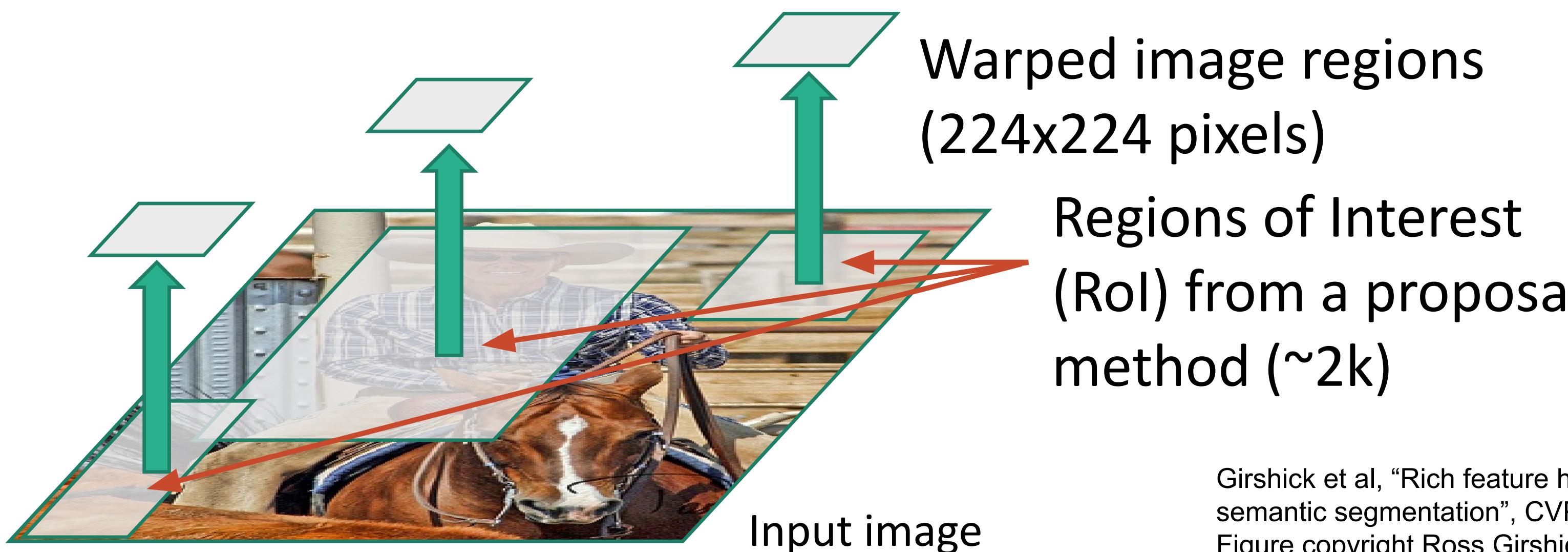
# R-CNN



Regions of Interest  
(RoI) from a proposal  
method (~2k)

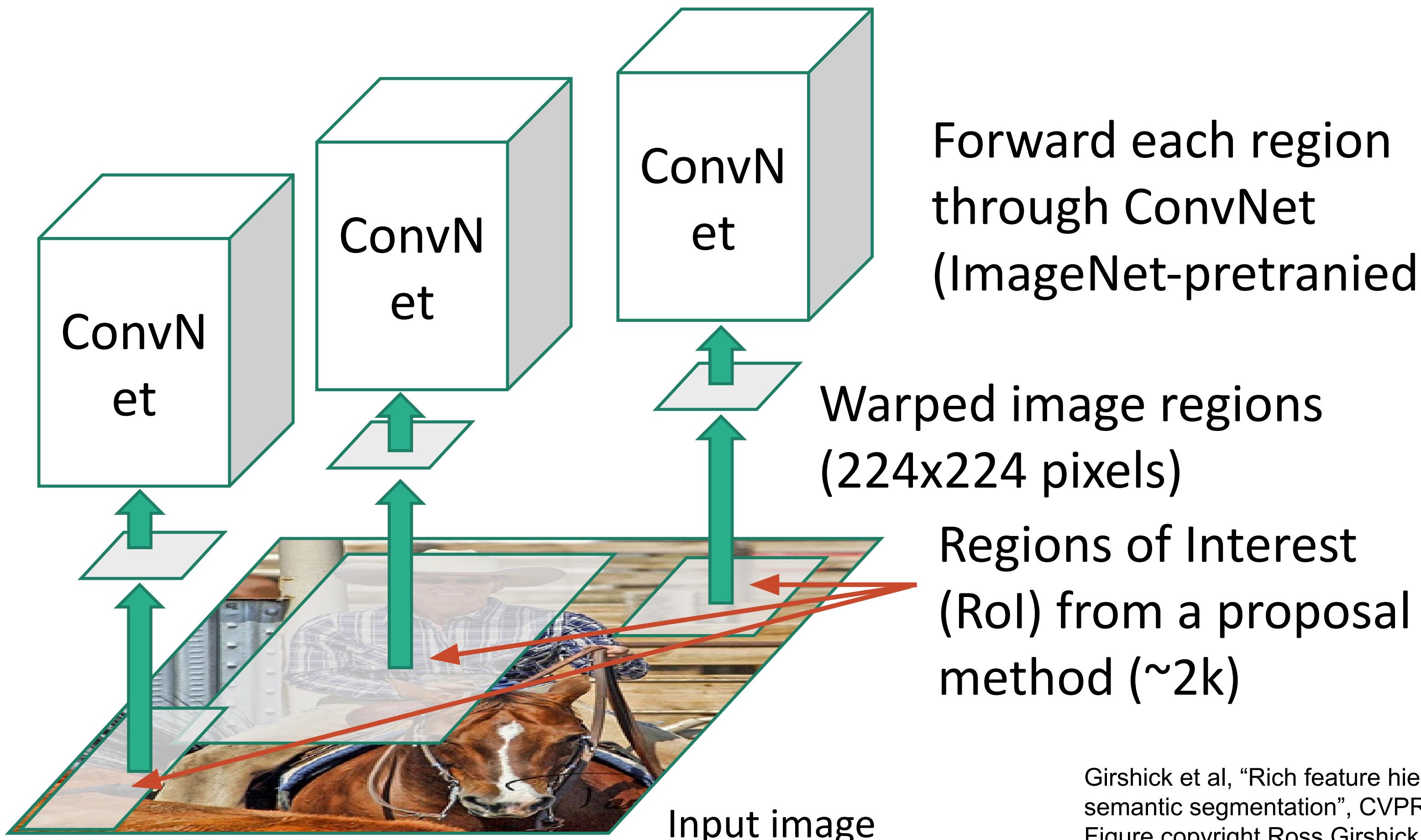
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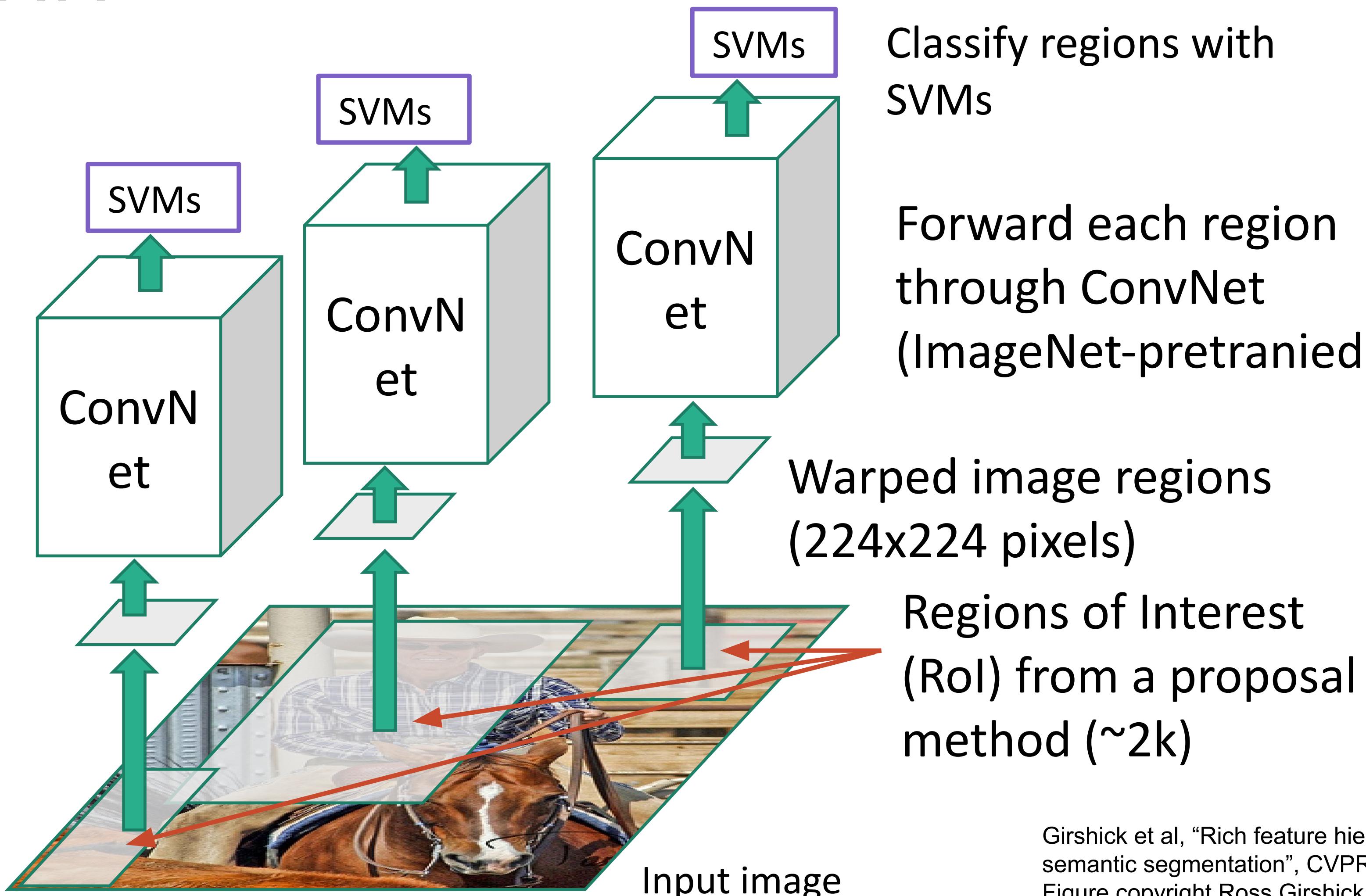
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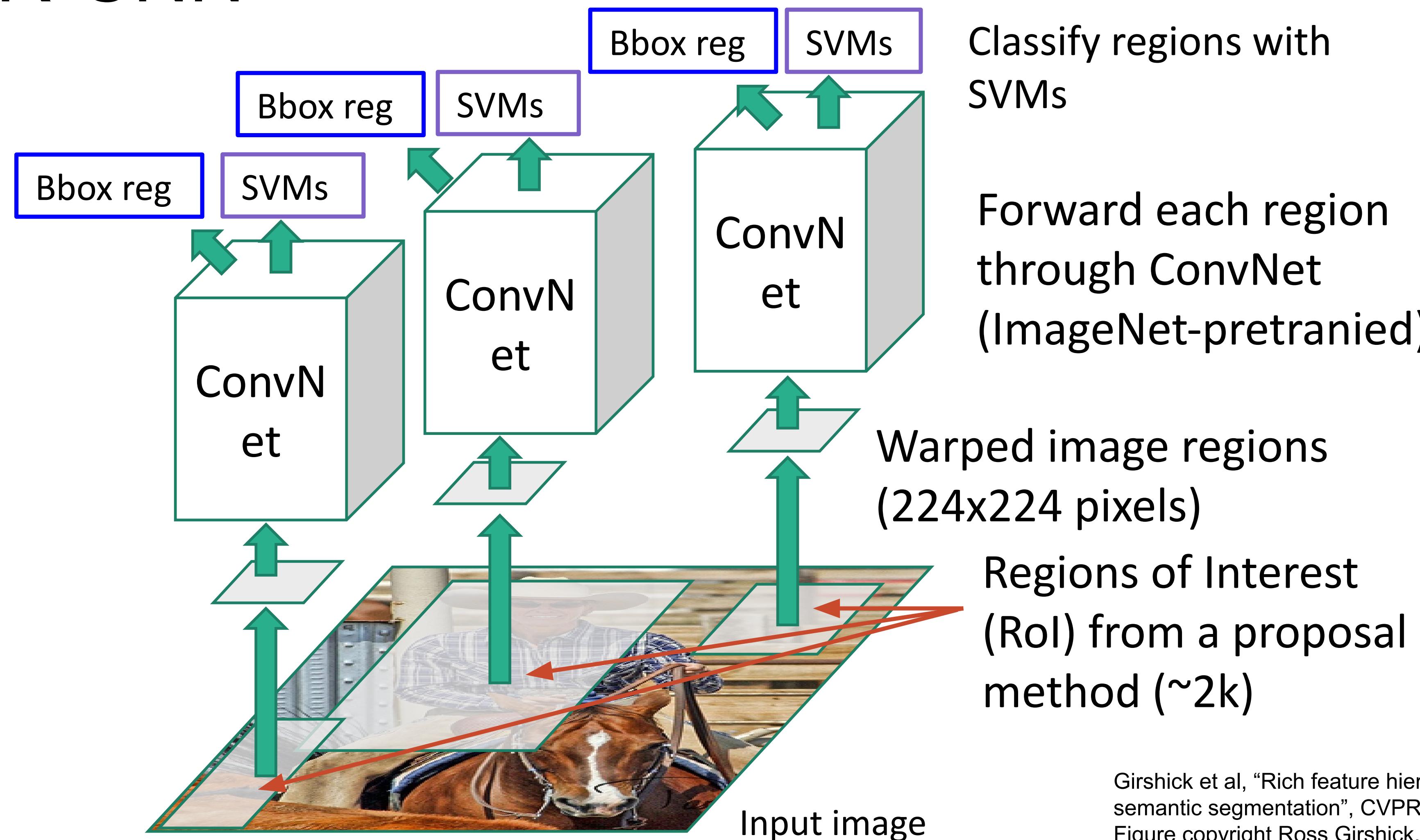
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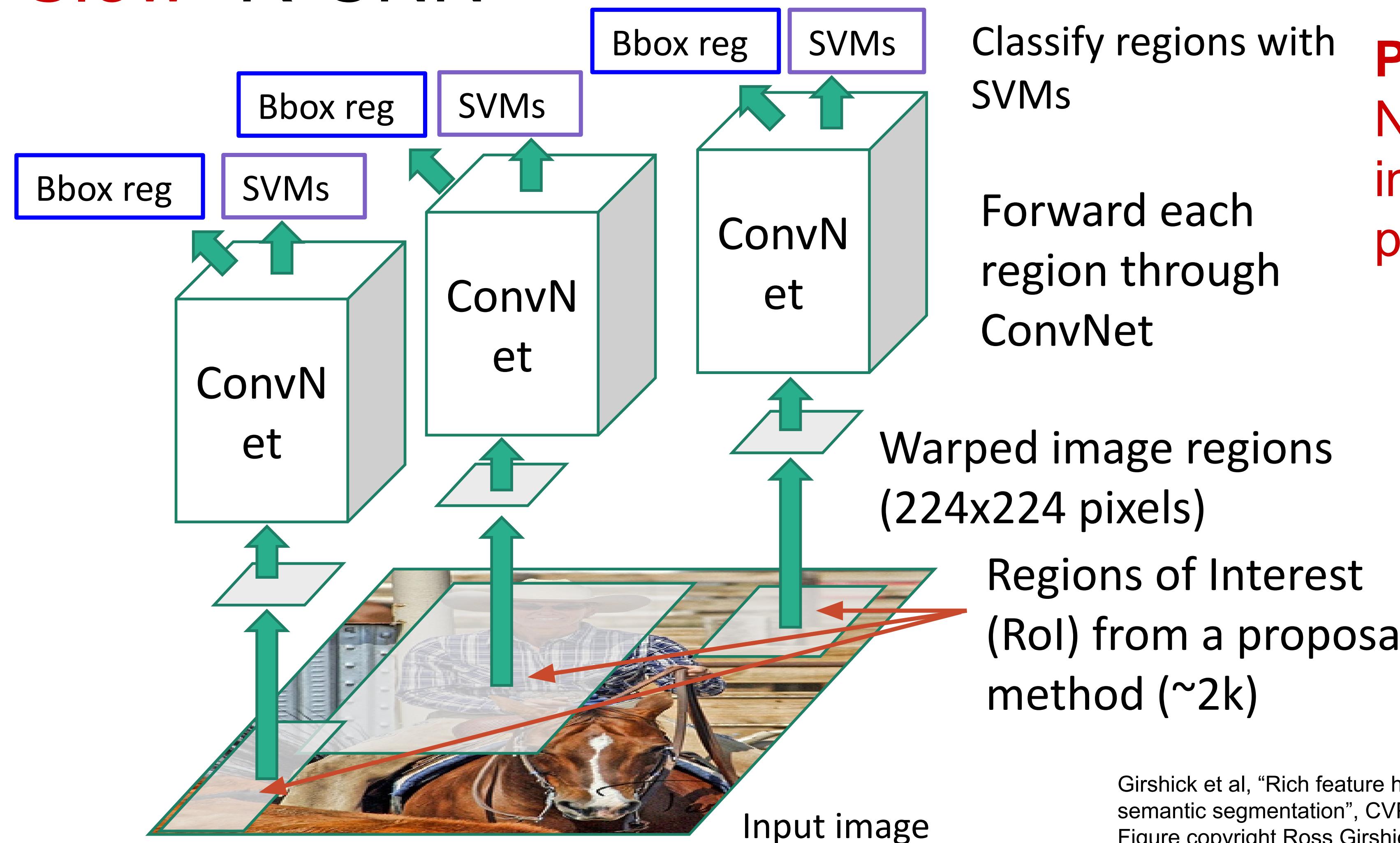
# R-CNN



Isn't calling a CNN for  
each patch super duper  
slow?



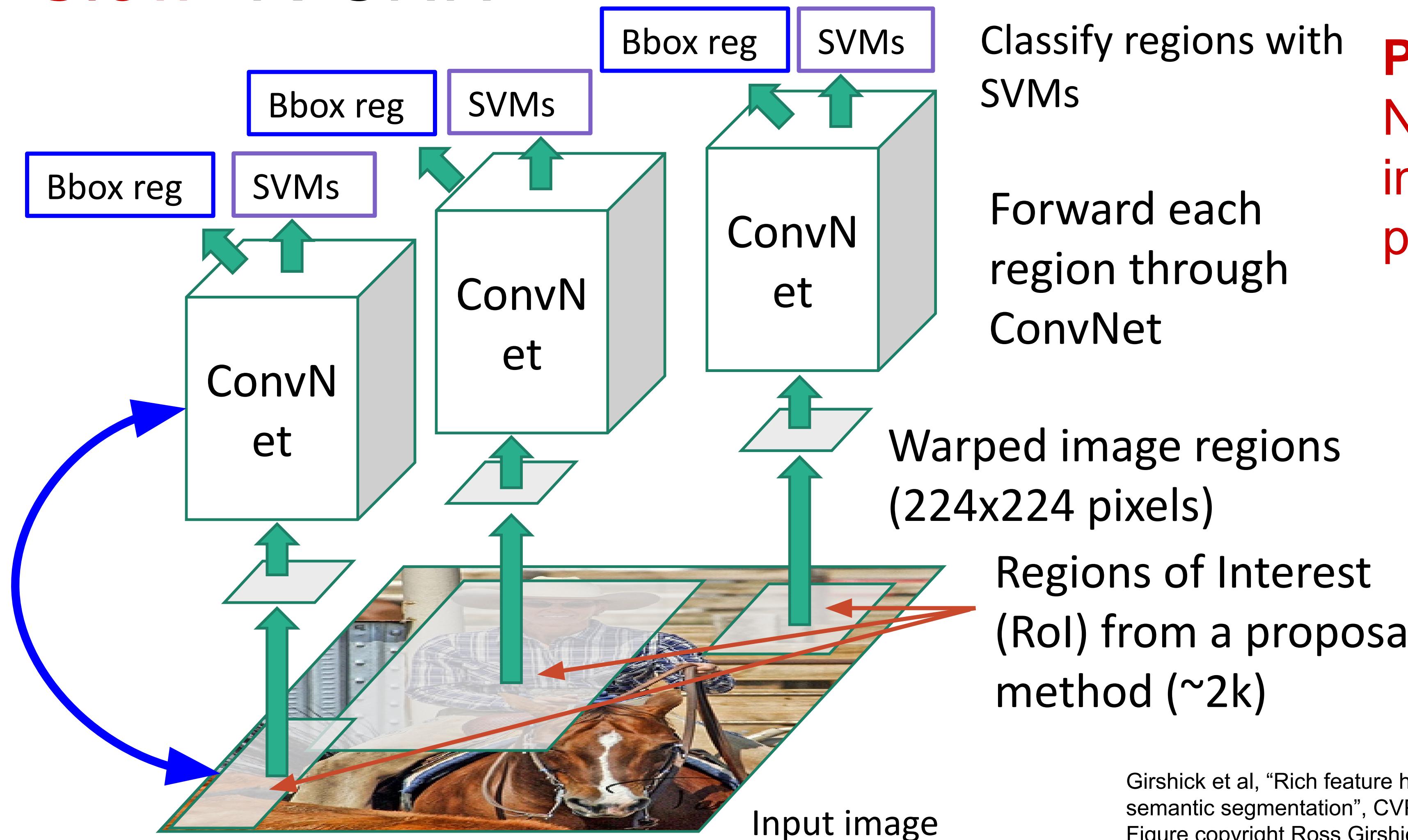
# “Slow” R-CNN



**Problem:** Very slow!  
Need to do  $\sim 2k$  independent forward passes for each image!

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# “Slow” R-CNN



**Problem:** Very slow!  
Need to do ~2k independent forward passes for each image!

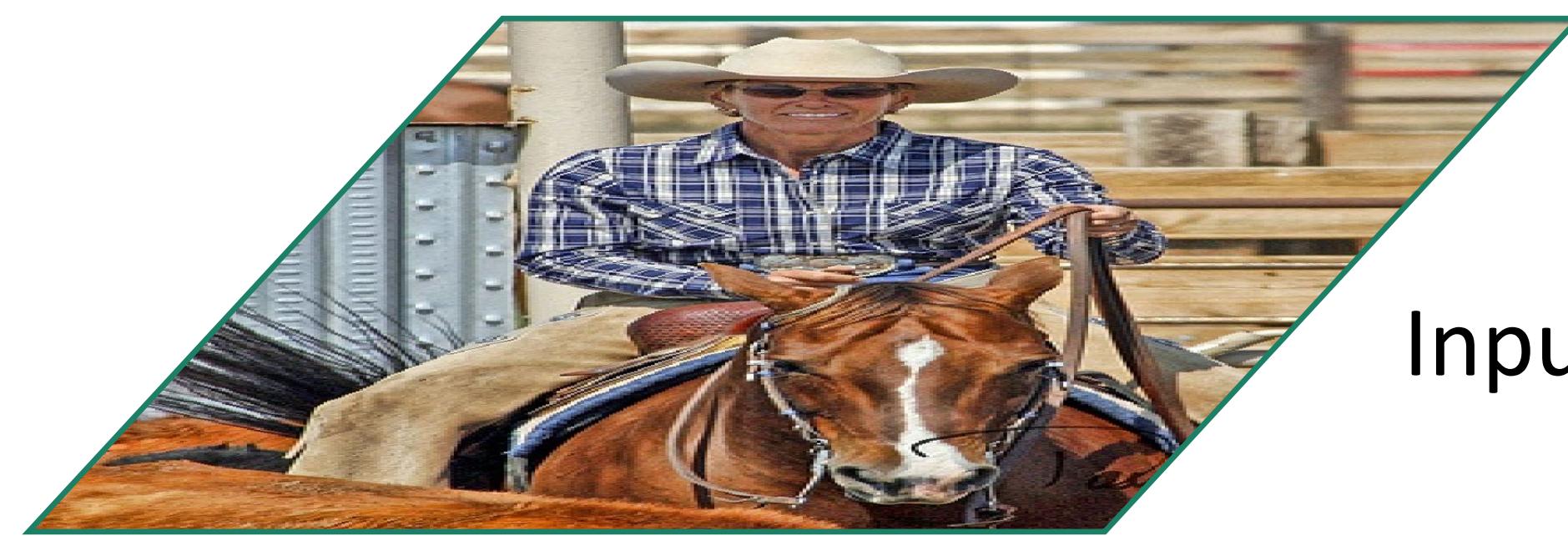
**Idea:** Pass the image through convnet before cropping! Crop the conv feature instead!

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Instead of running N  
ConvNets, run just ONE!

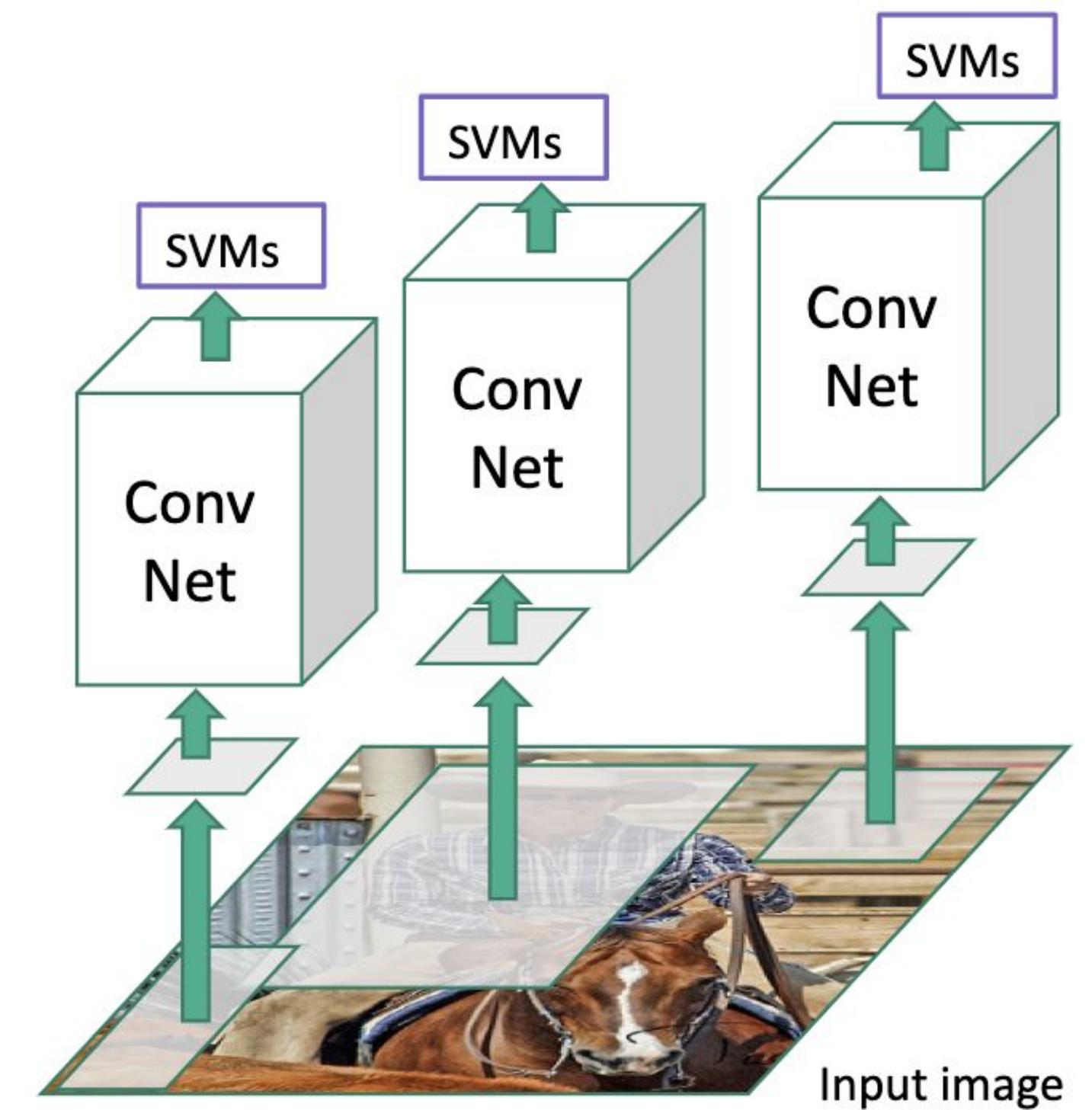


# Fast R-CNN



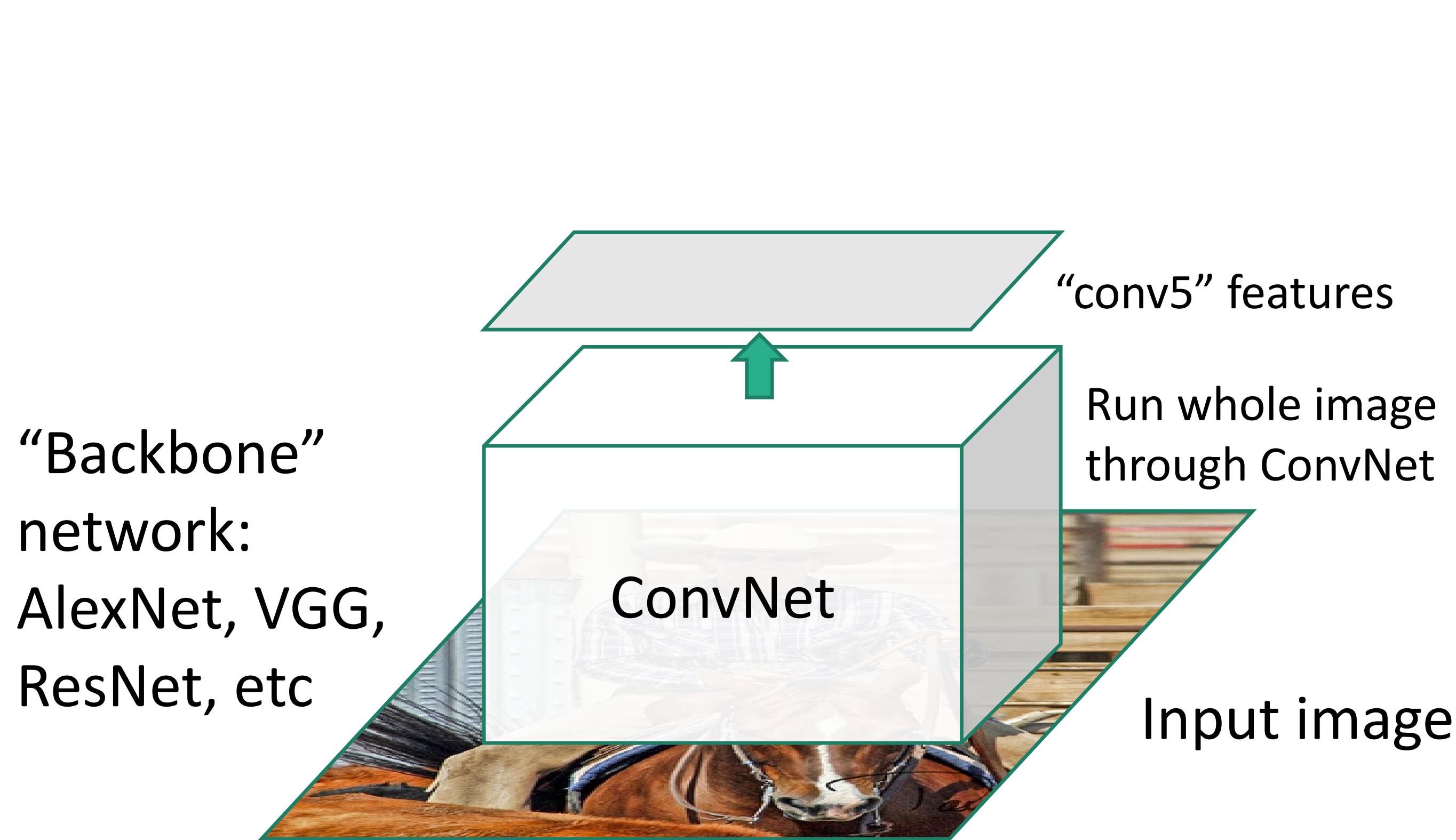
Input image

## “Slow” R-CNN



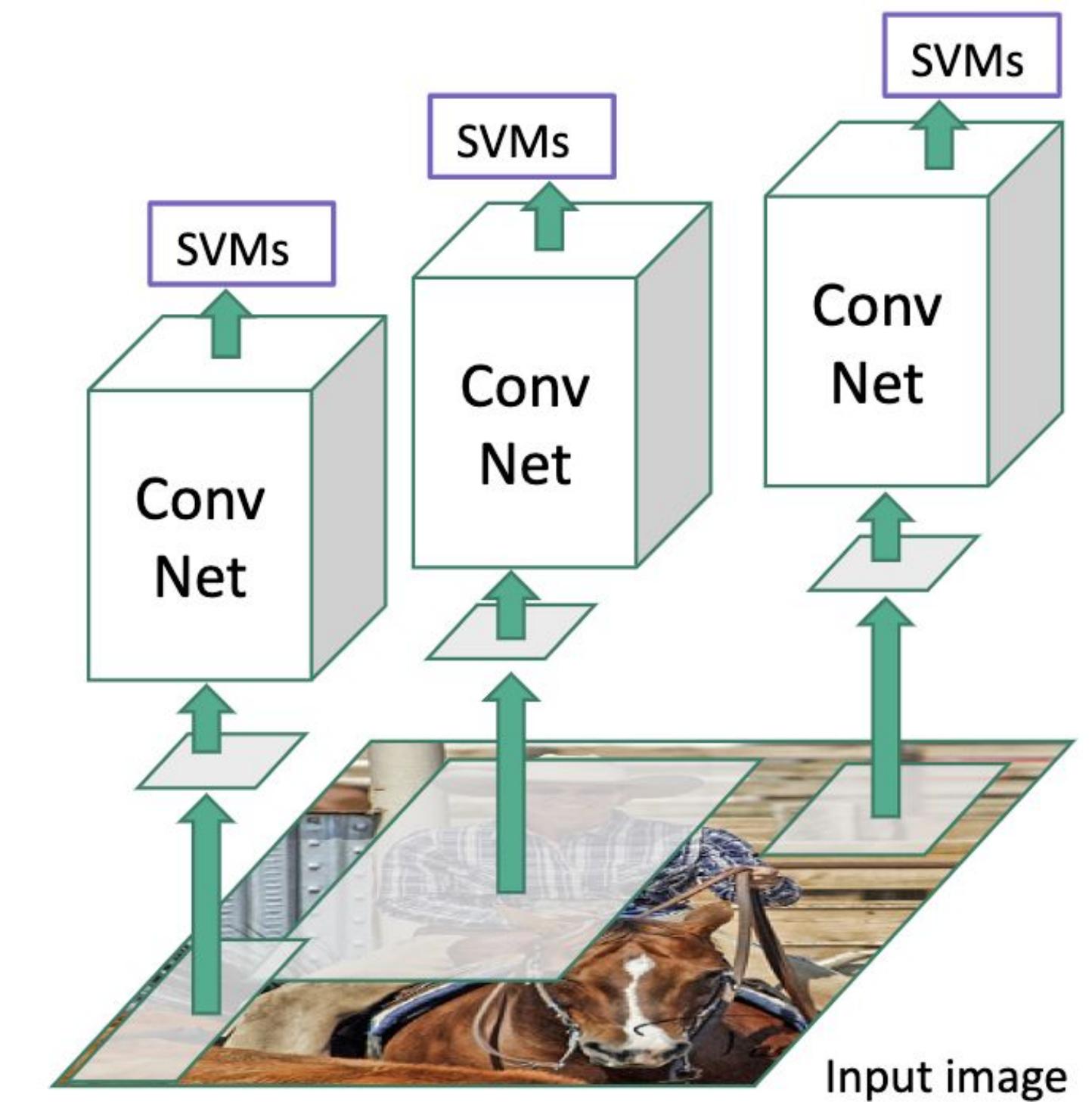
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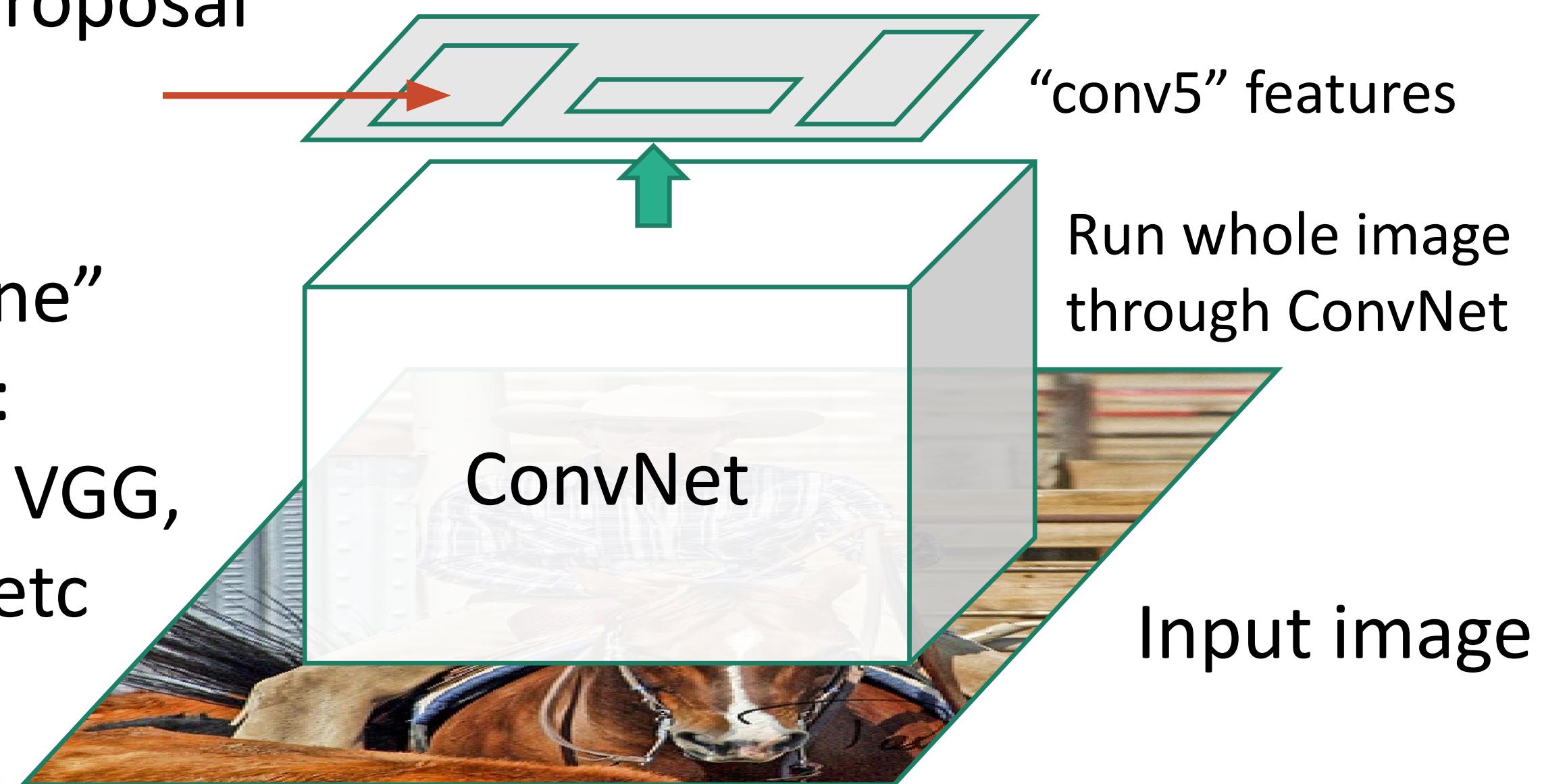
## "Slow" R-CNN



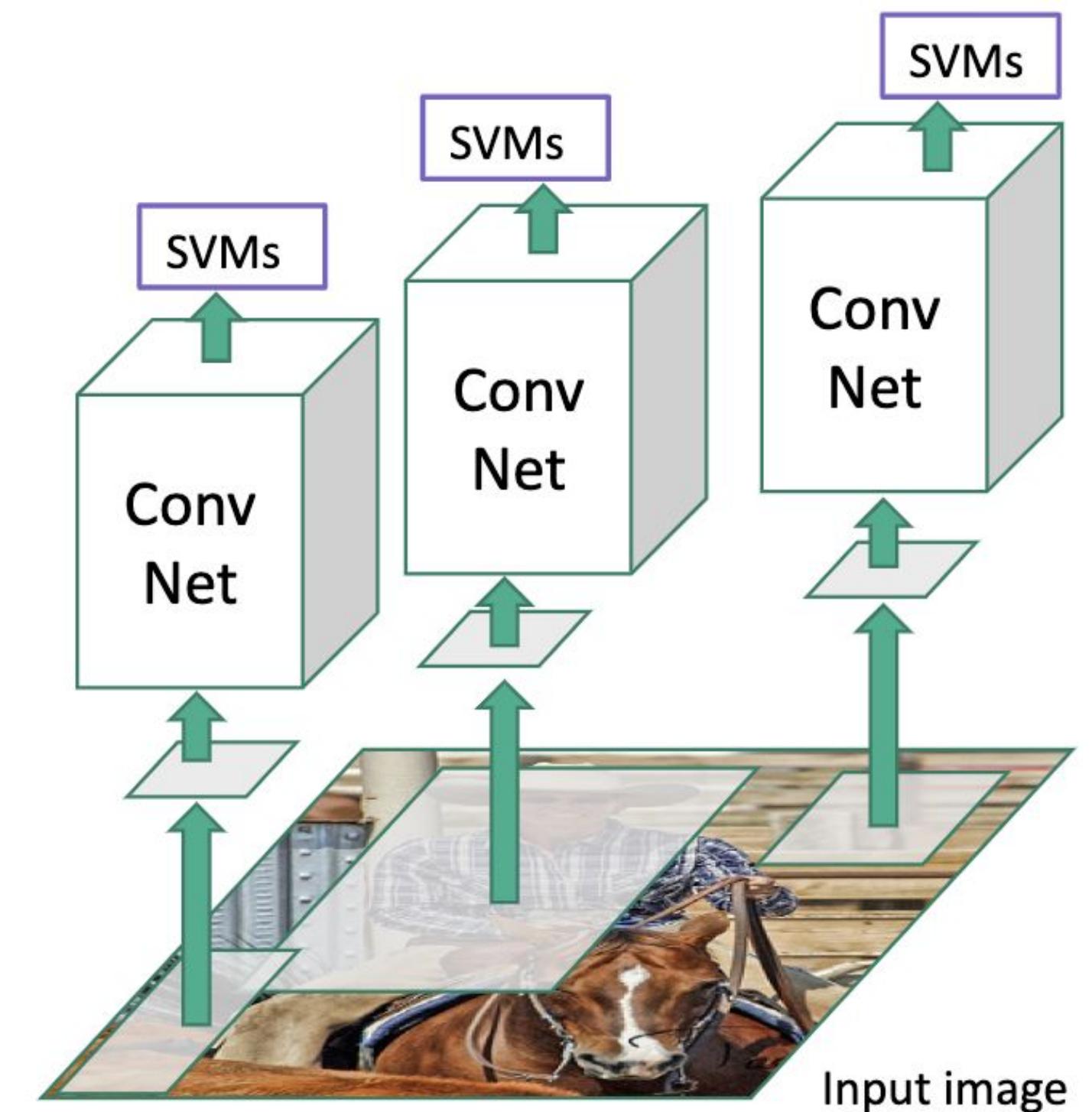
# Fast R-CNN

Regions of Interest (Rois)  
from a proposal  
method

“Backbone”  
network:  
AlexNet, VGG,  
ResNet, etc



## “Slow” R-CNN

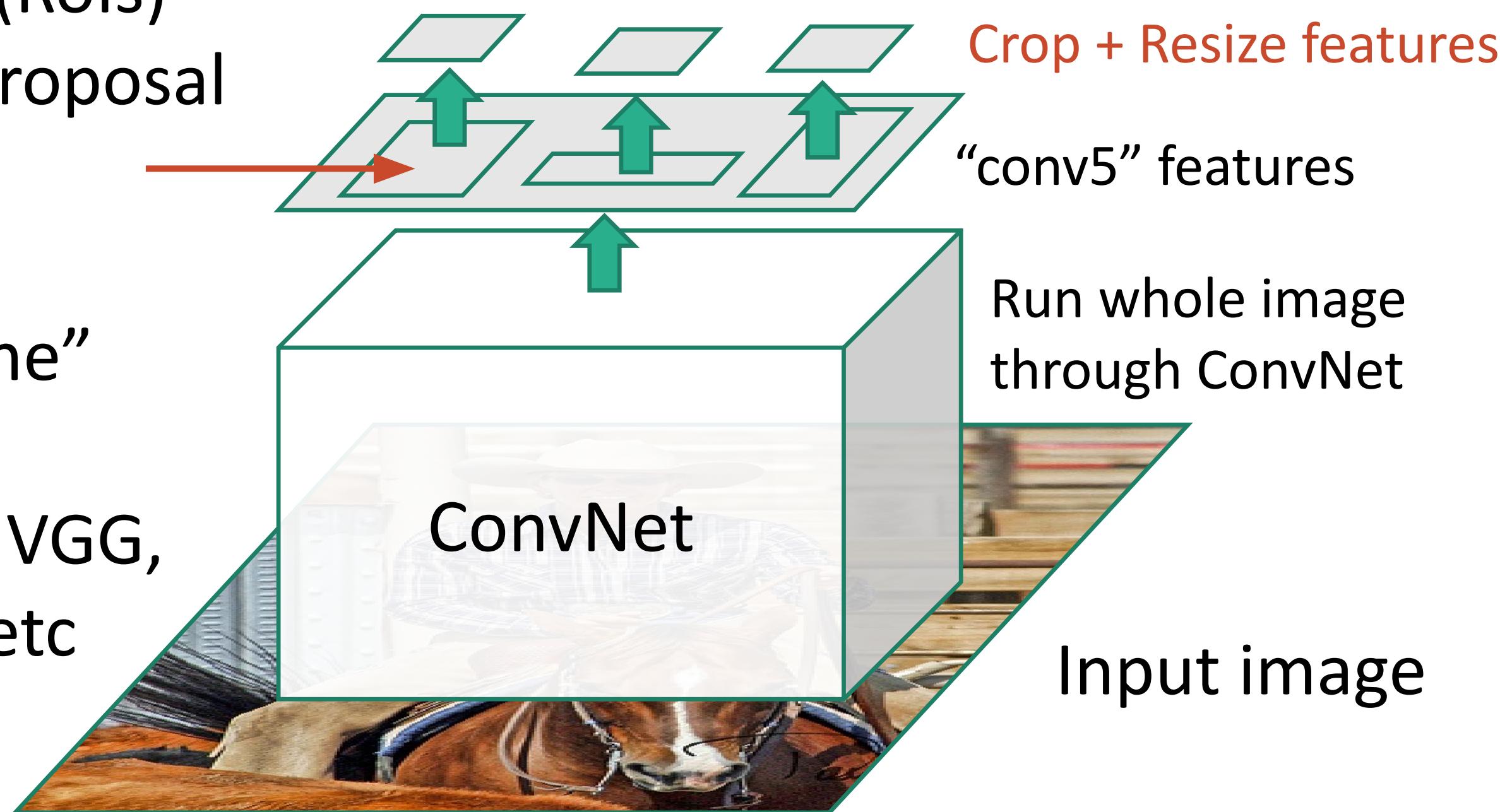


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# Fast R-CNN

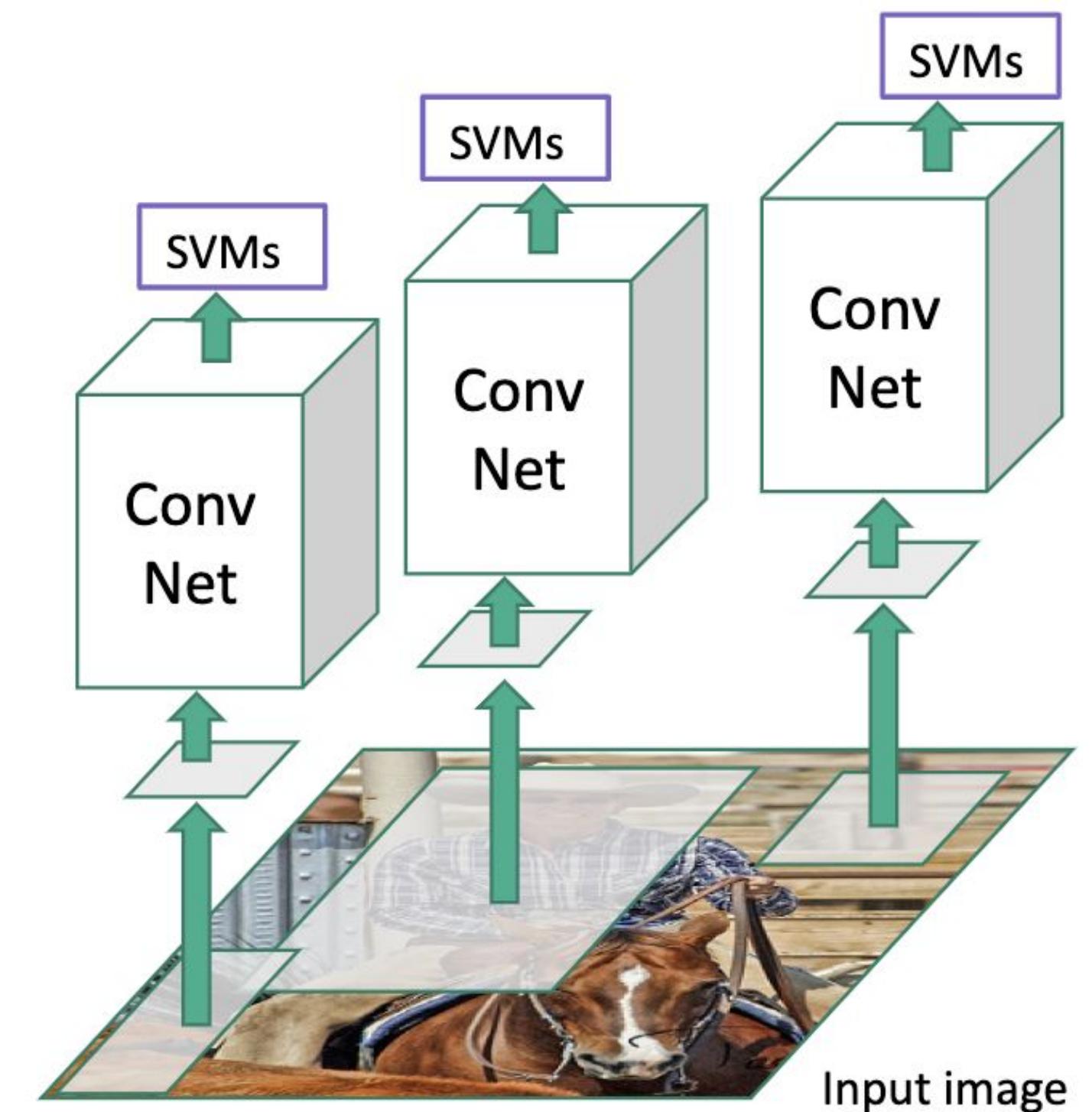
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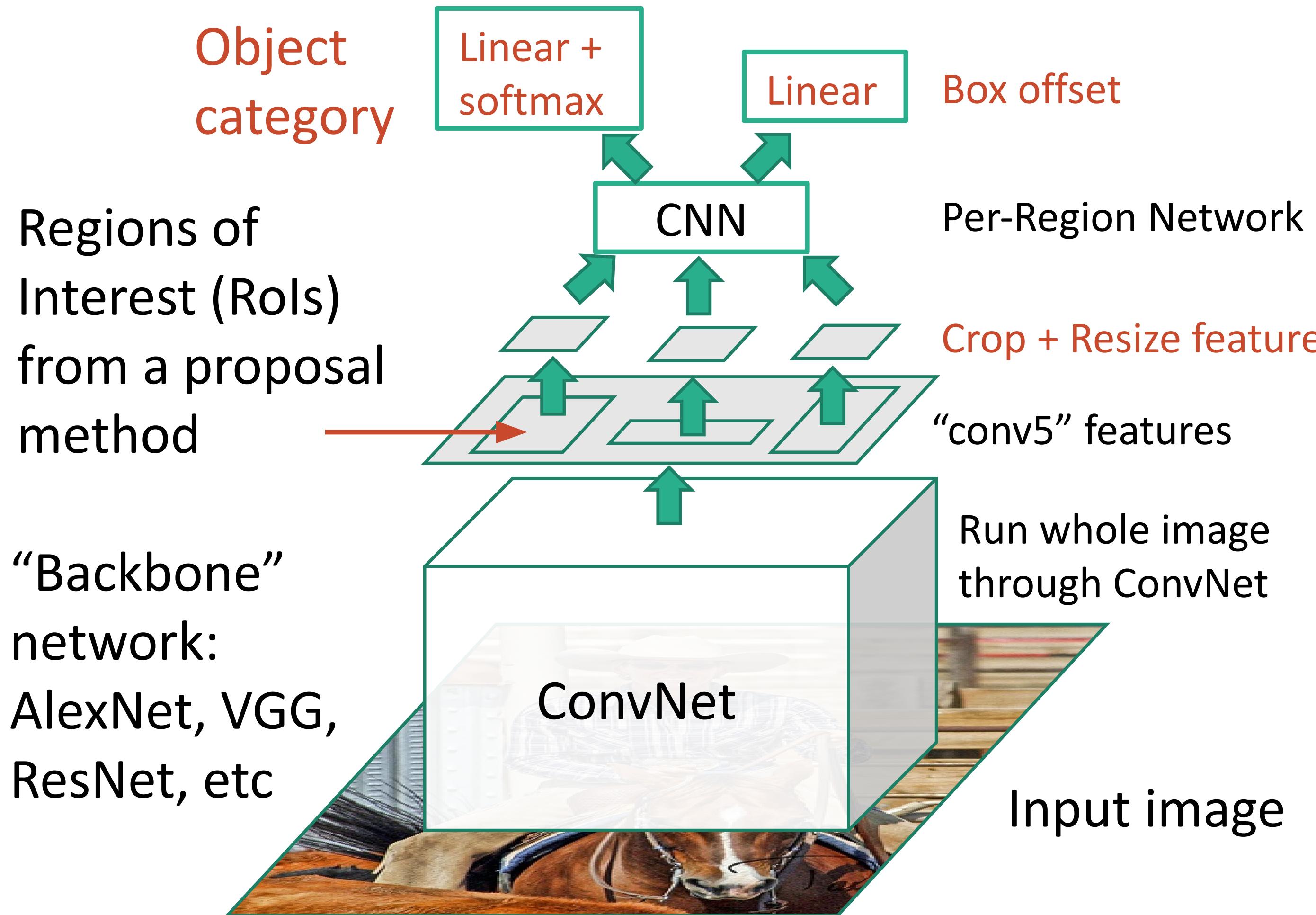


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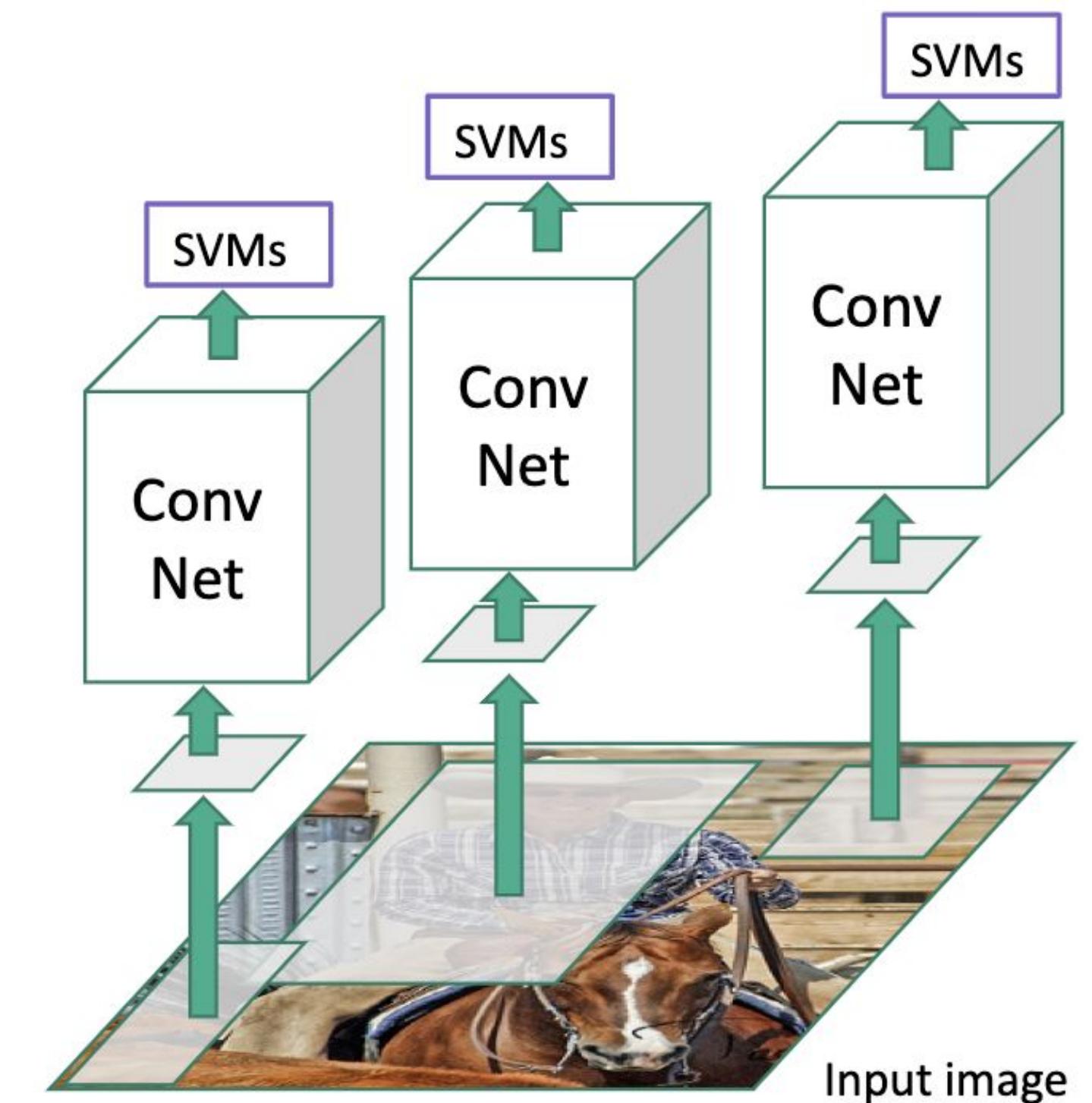
## “Slow” R-CNN



# Fast R-CNN

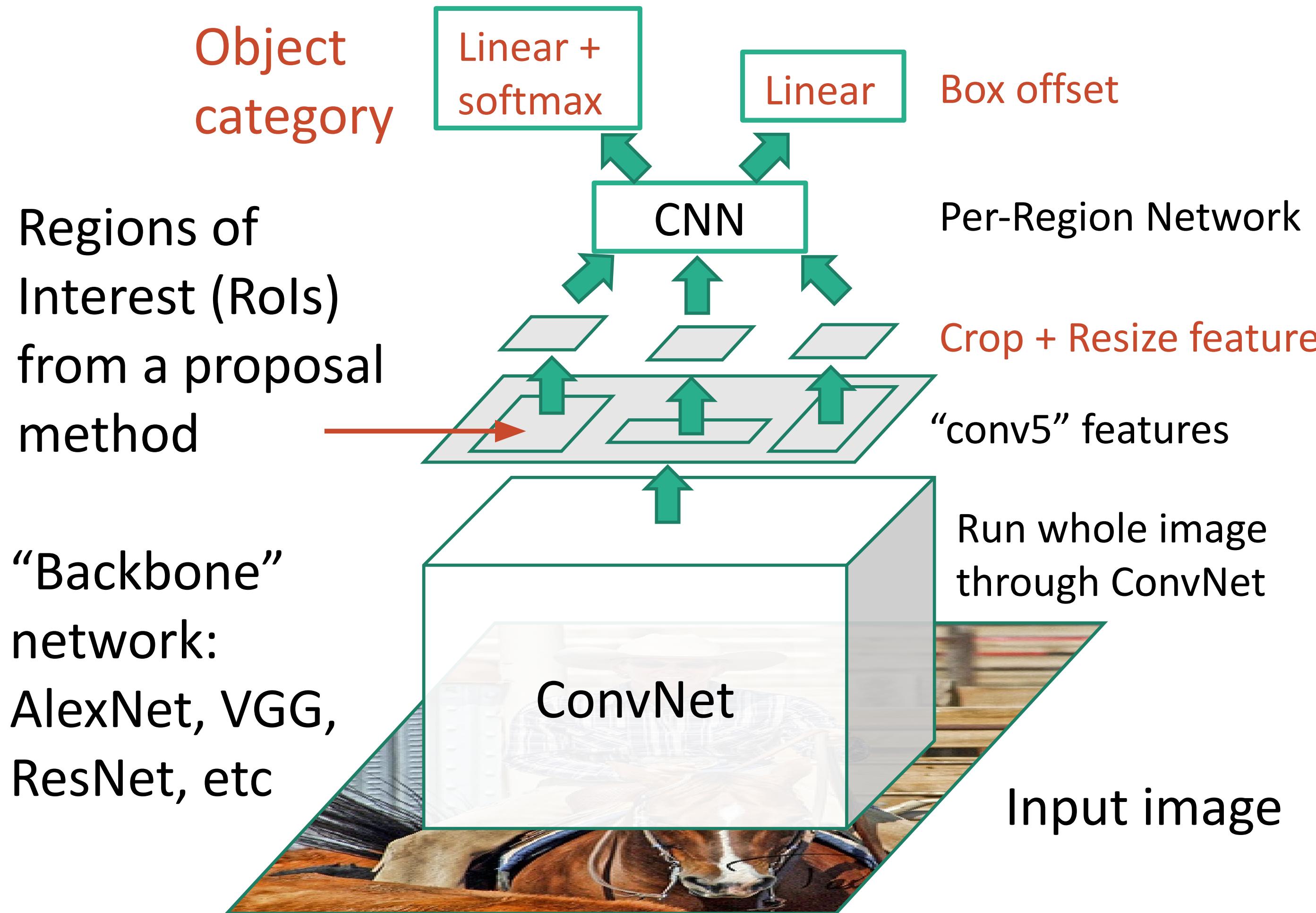


## “Slow” R-CNN



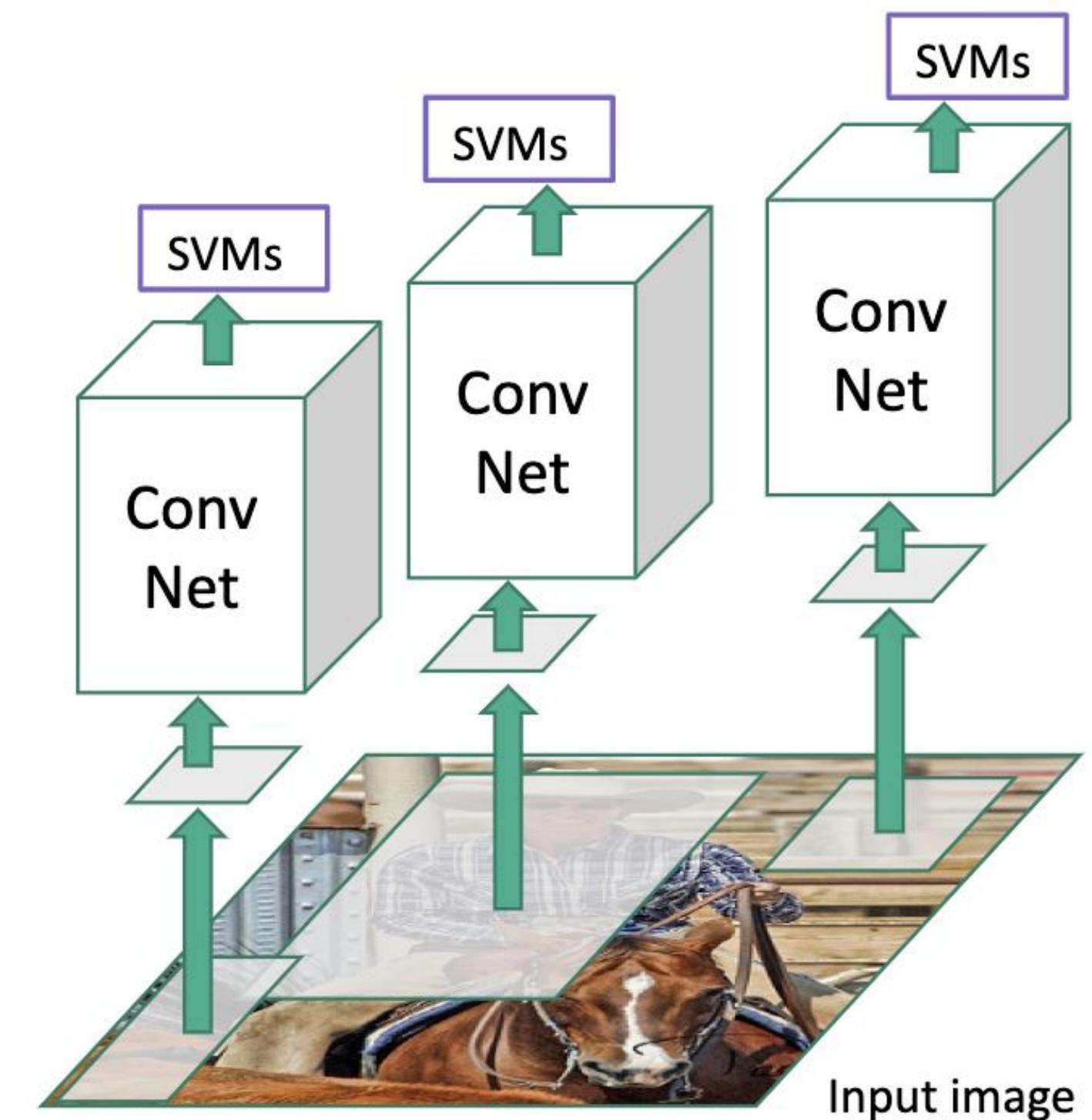
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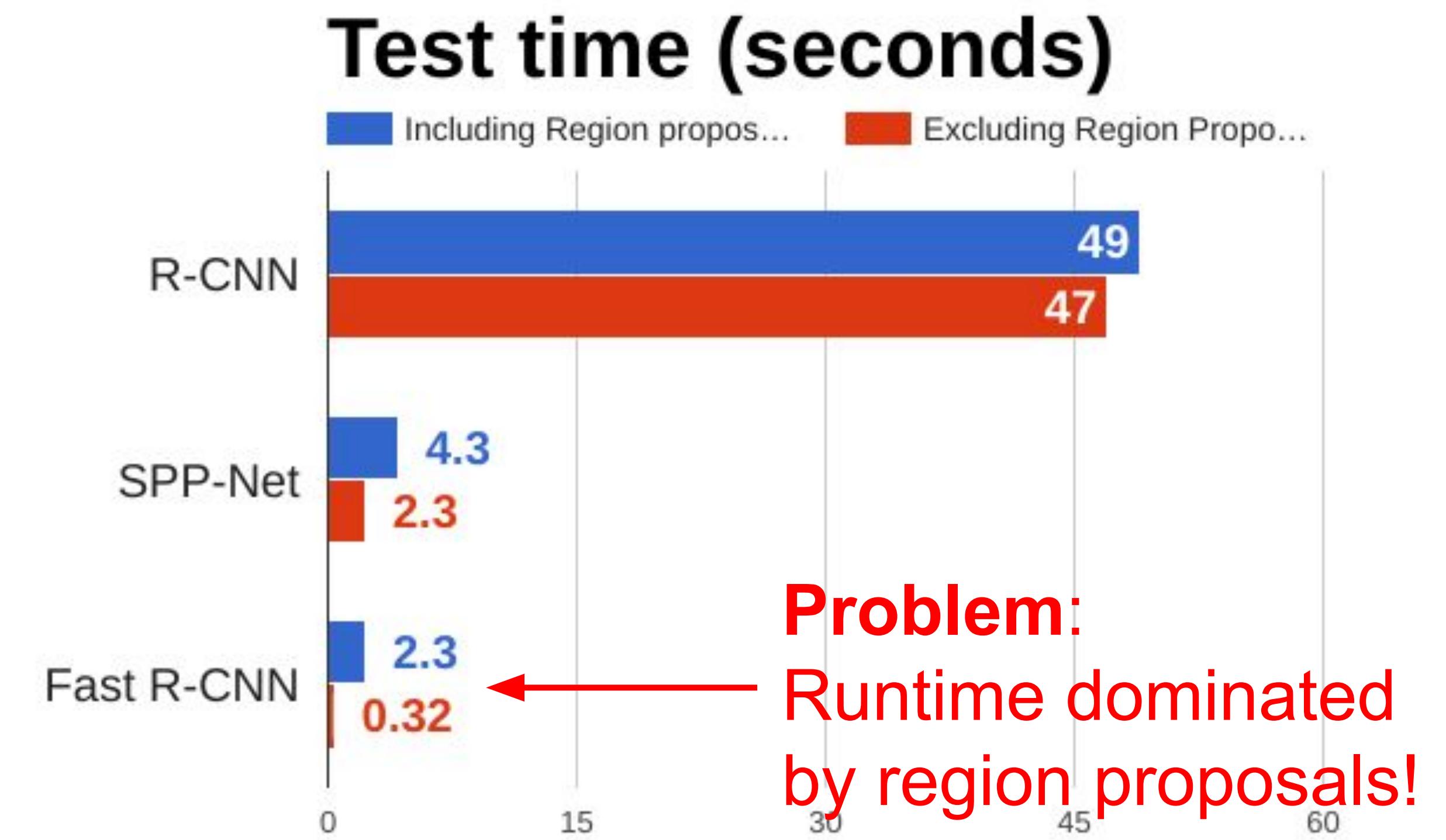
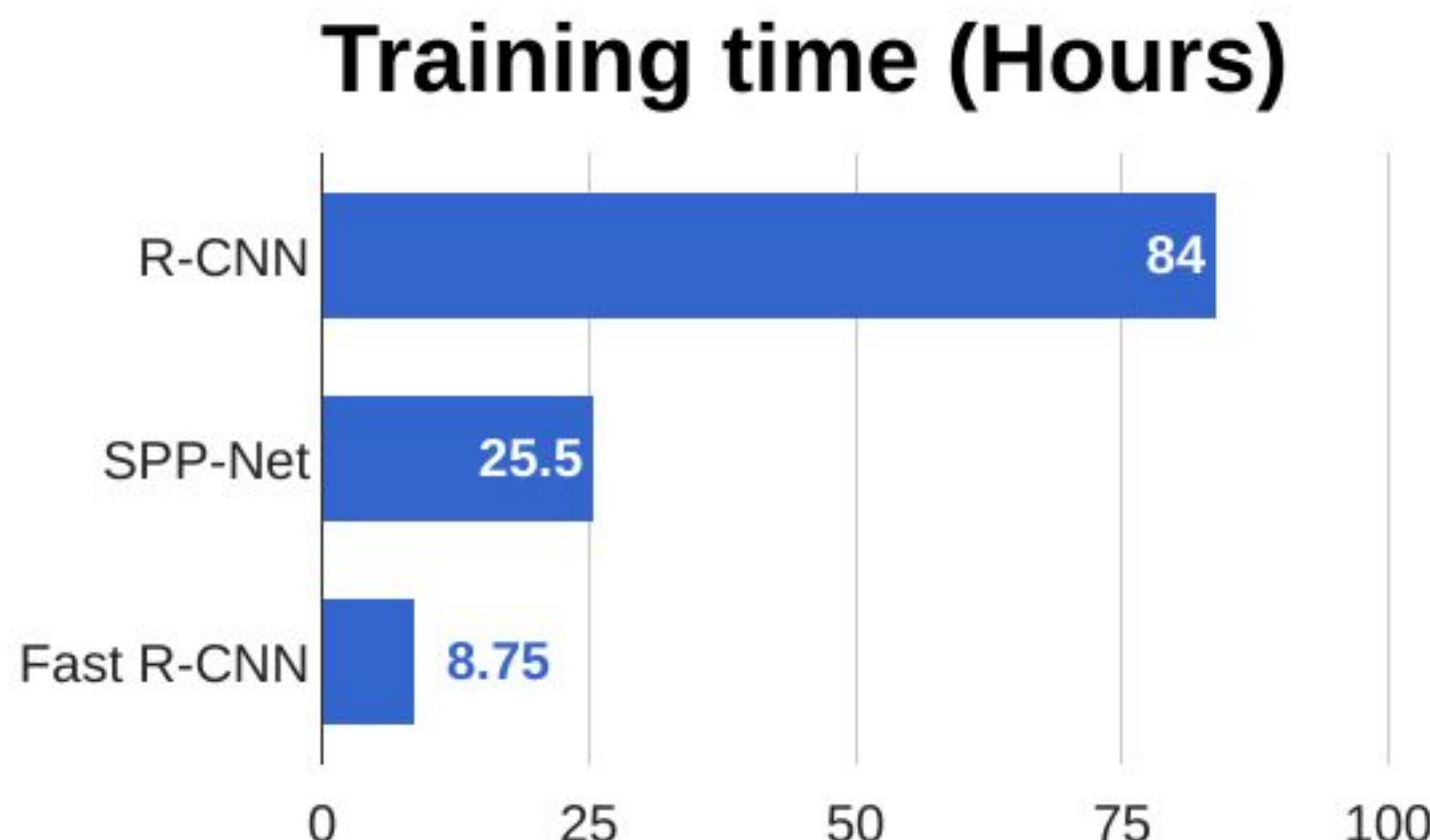


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## “Slow” R-CNN



# R-CNN vs Fast R-CNN



Girshick et al, "Rich feature hierarchies for accurate object detection and semantic segmentation", CVPR 2014.

He et al, "Spatial pyramid pooling in deep convolutional networks for visual recognition", ECCV 2014

Girshick, "Fast R-CNN", ICCV 2015

Can we get rid of the  
hacky region proposal  
algorithm?



Learn region proposal in  
an end to end manner!

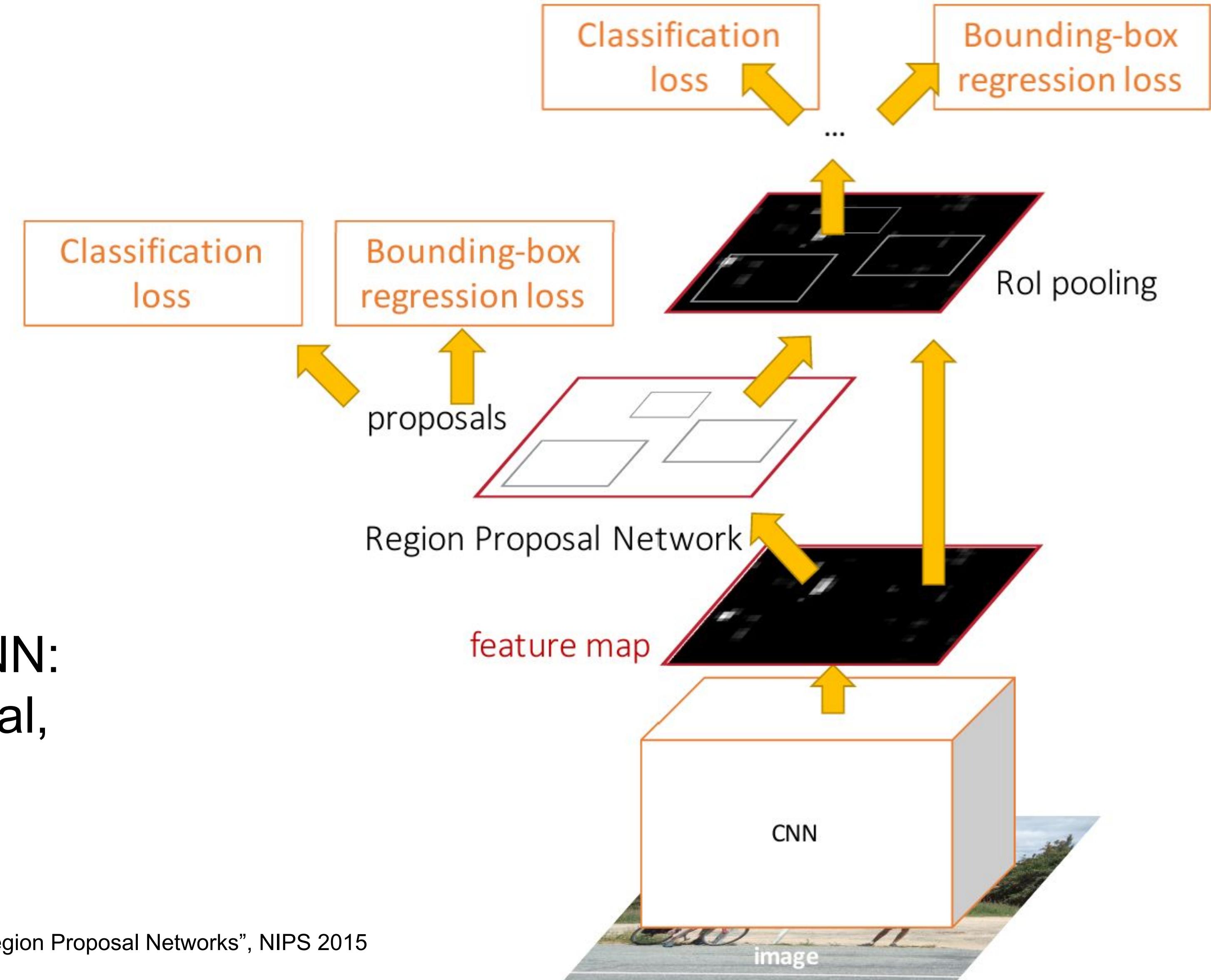


# Faster R-CNN:

Make CNN do proposals!

Insert **Region Proposal Network (RPN)** to predict proposals from features

Otherwise same as Fast R-CNN:  
Crop features for each proposal,  
classify each one



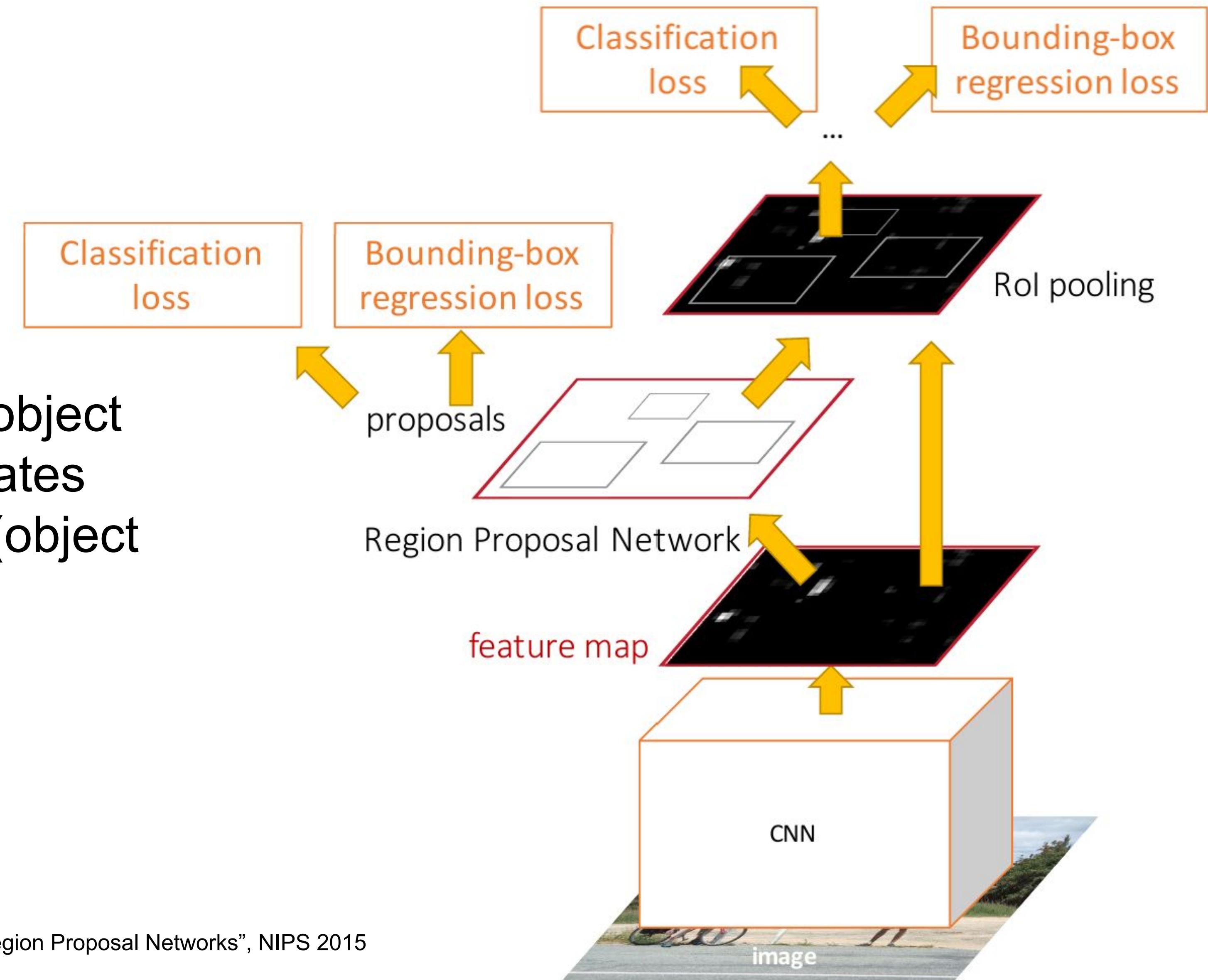
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# Faster R-CNN:

Make CNN do proposals!

Jointly train with 4 losses:

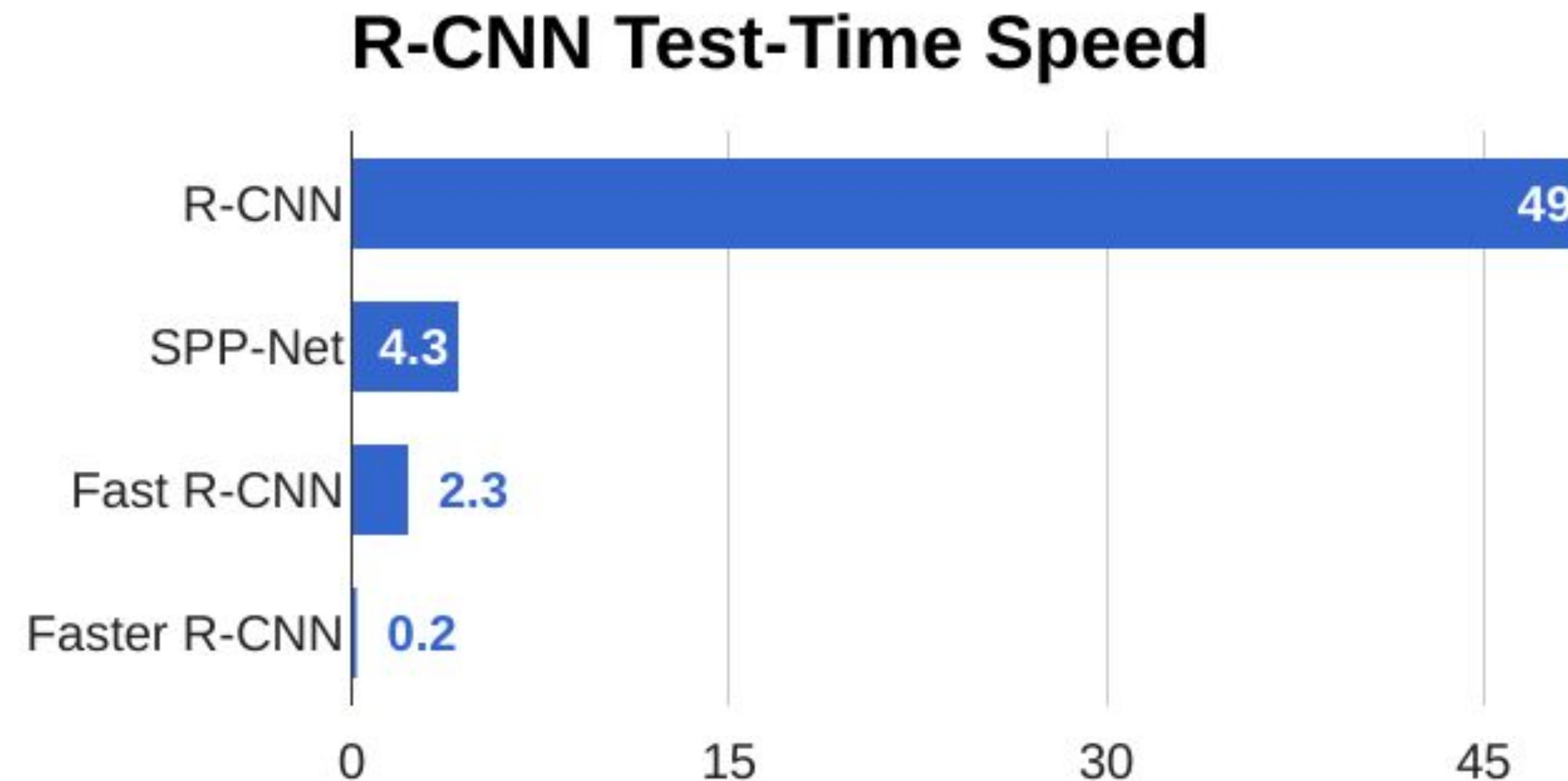
1. RPN classify object / not object
2. RPN regress box coordinates
3. Final classification score (object classes)
4. Final box coordinates



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# Faster R-CNN:

Make CNN do proposals!



# Instance Segmentation

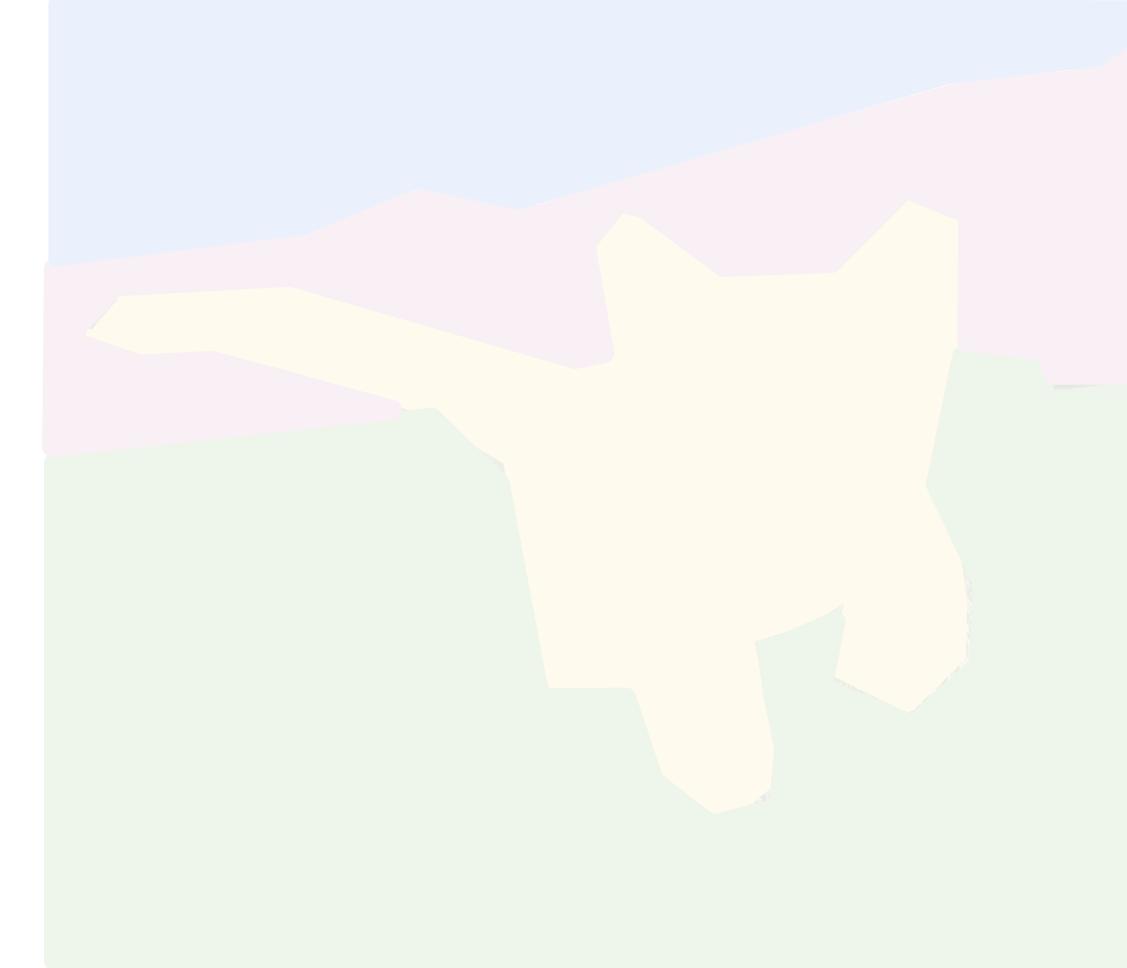
Classification



CAT

No spatial extent

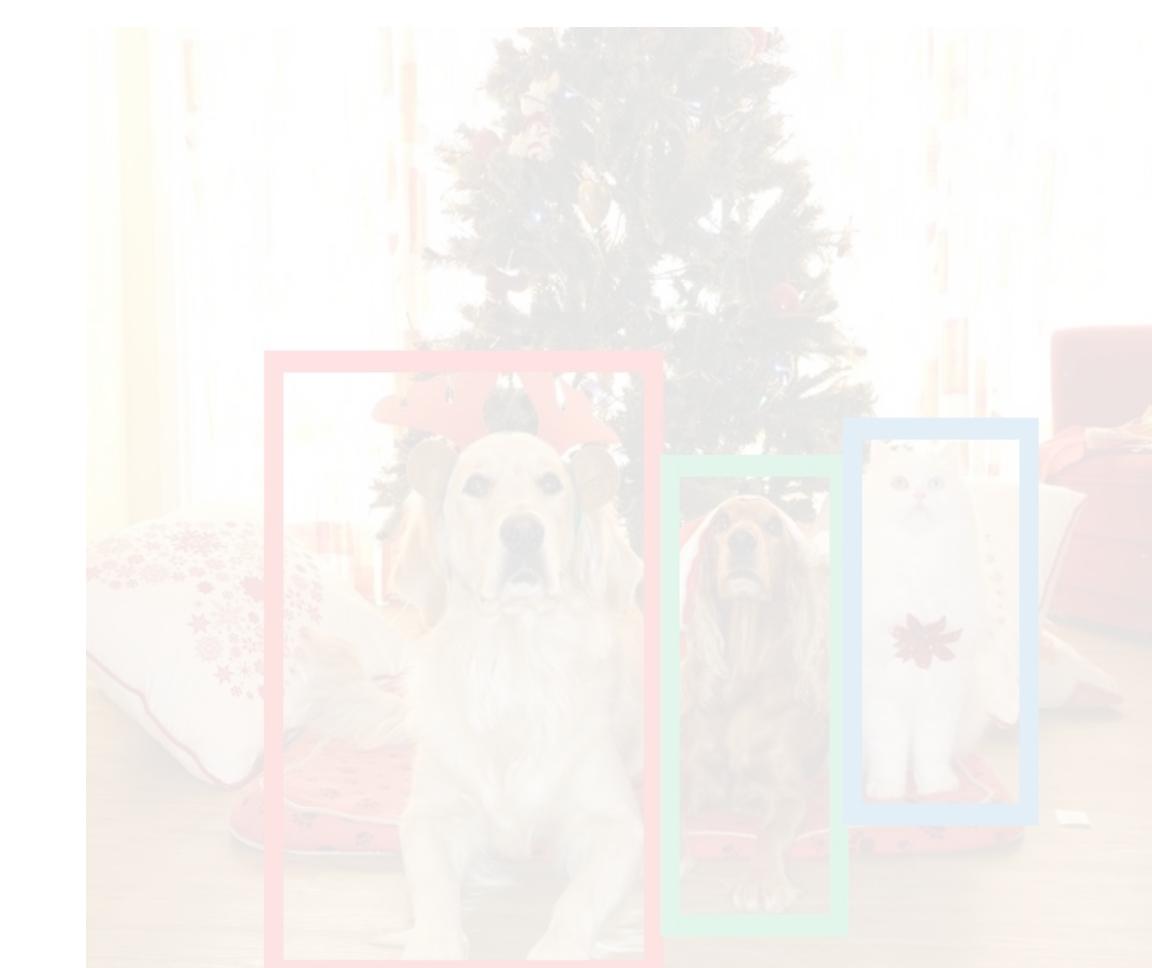
Semantic  
Segmentation



GRASS, CAT,  
TREE, SKY

No objects, just pixels

Object  
Detection



DOG, DOG, CAT

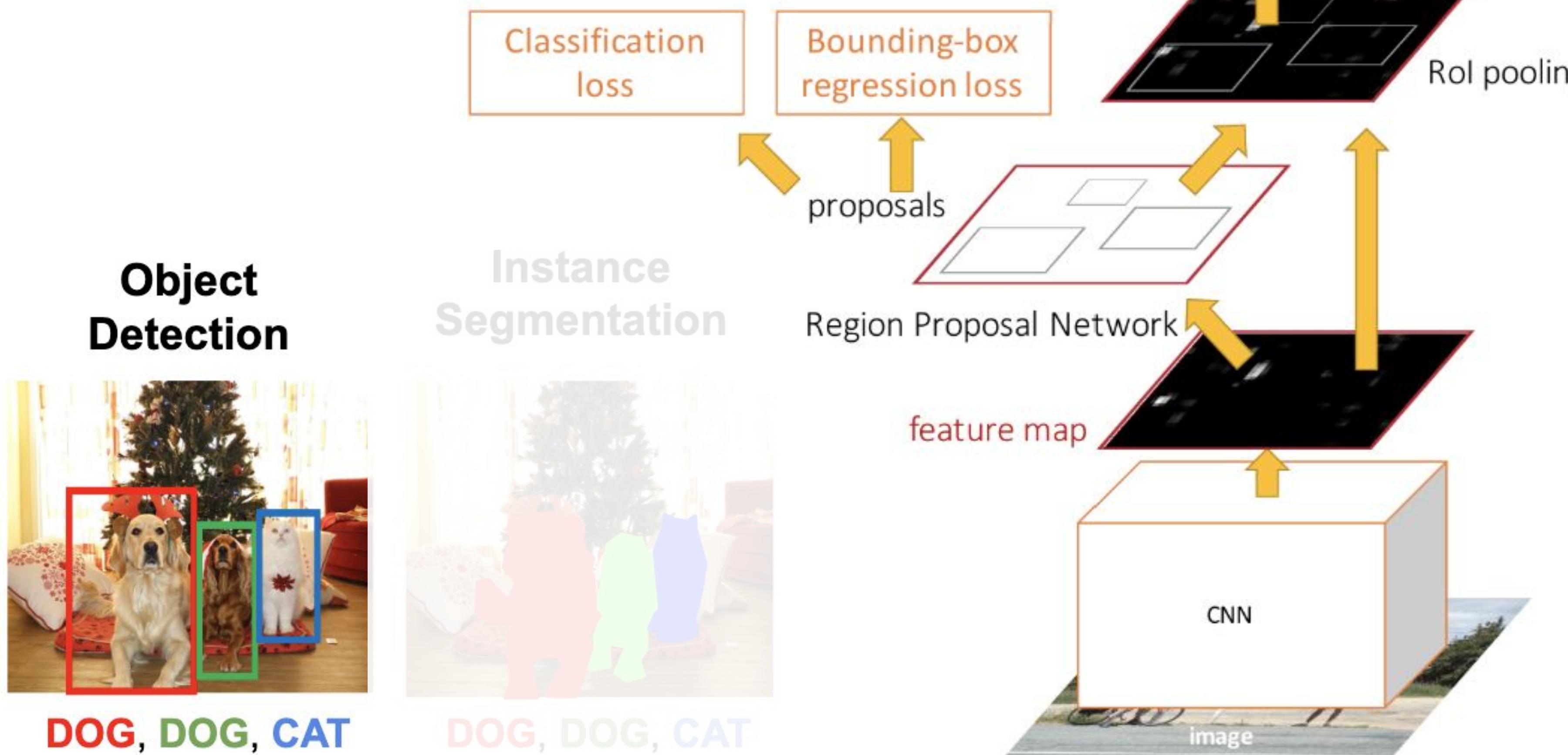
Multiple Object

Instance  
Segmentation



DOG, DOG, CAT

# Object Detection: Faster R-CNN



# Instance Segmentation: Mask R-CNN

Object  
Detection

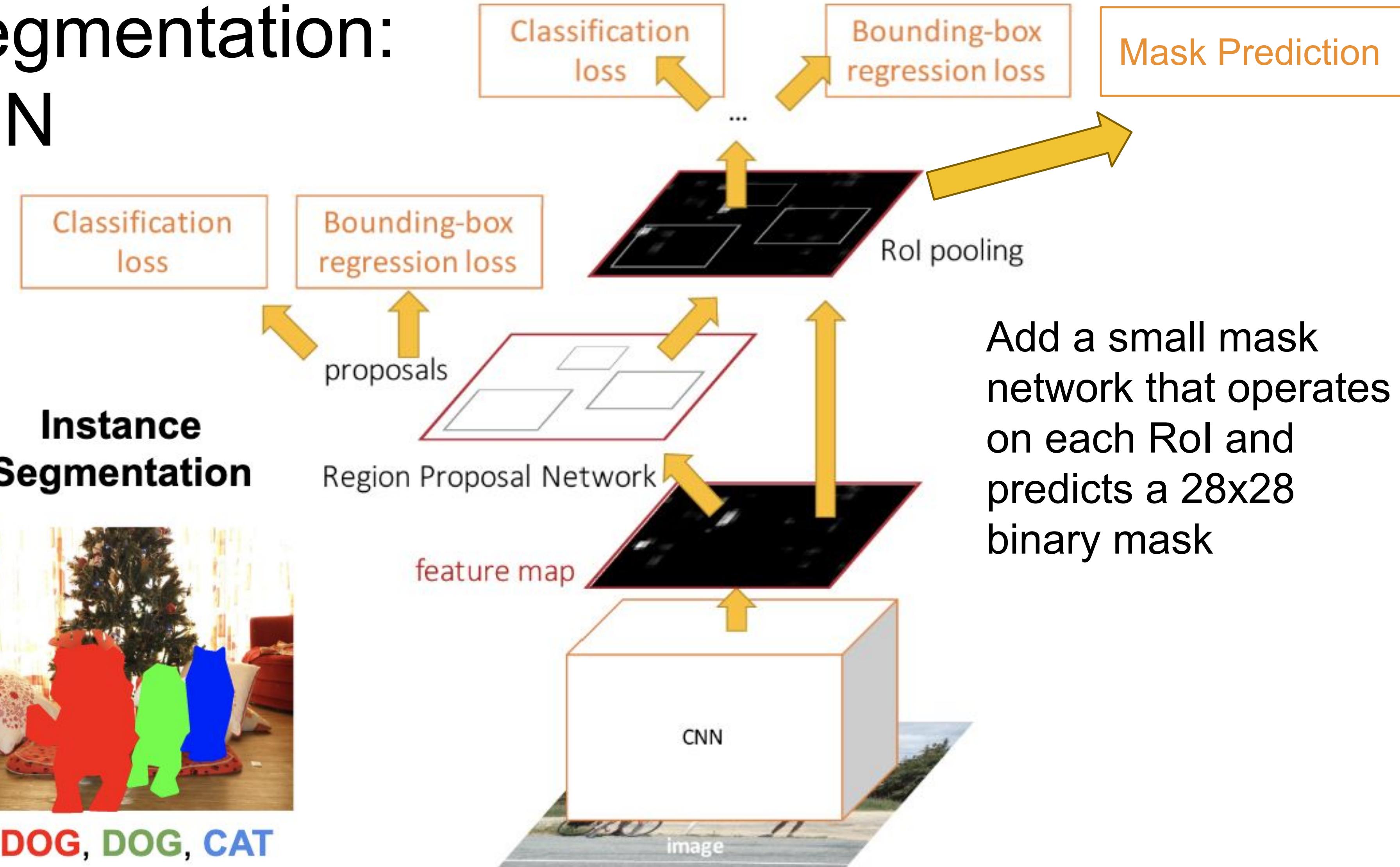


DOG, DOG, CAT

Instance  
Segmentation



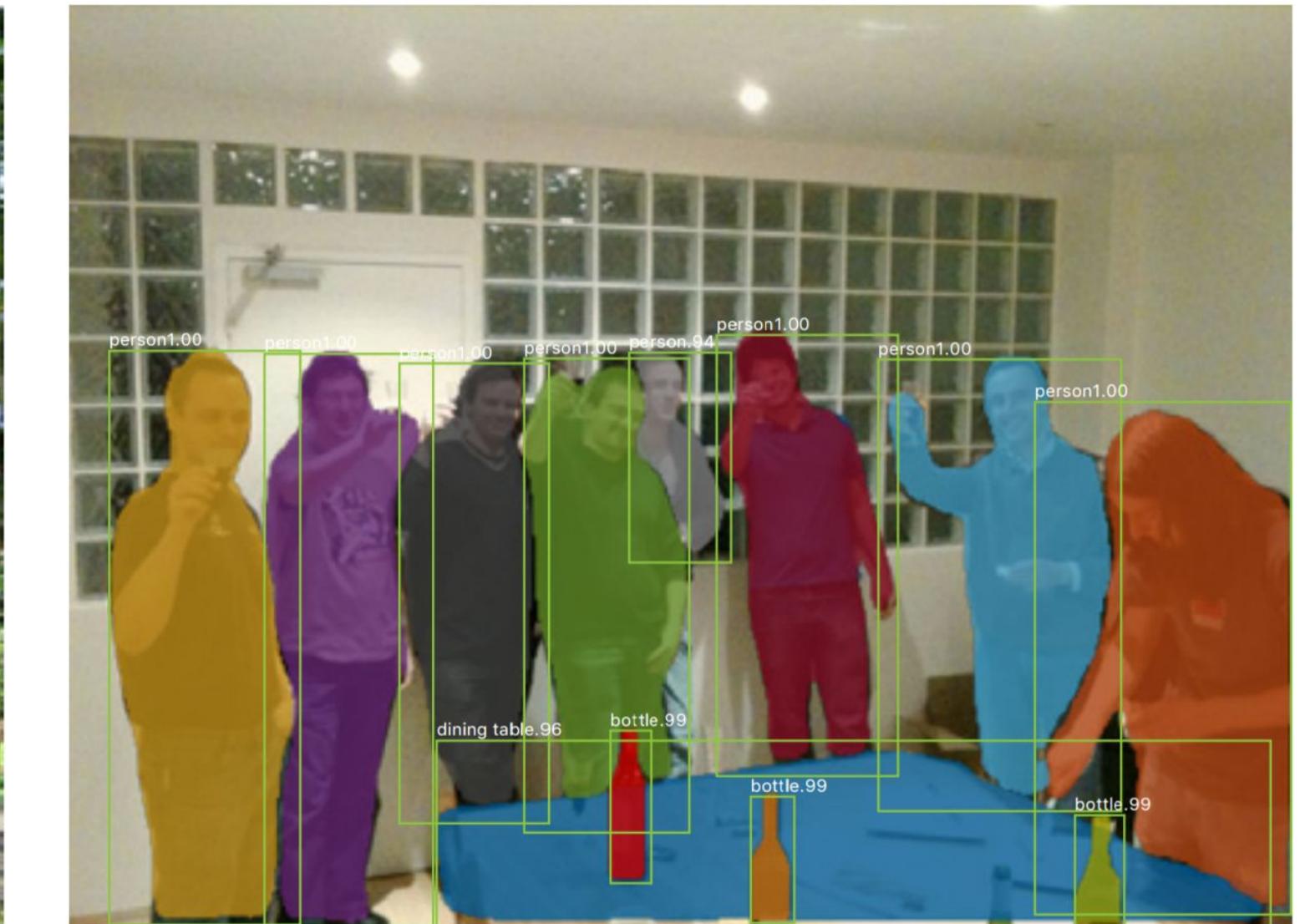
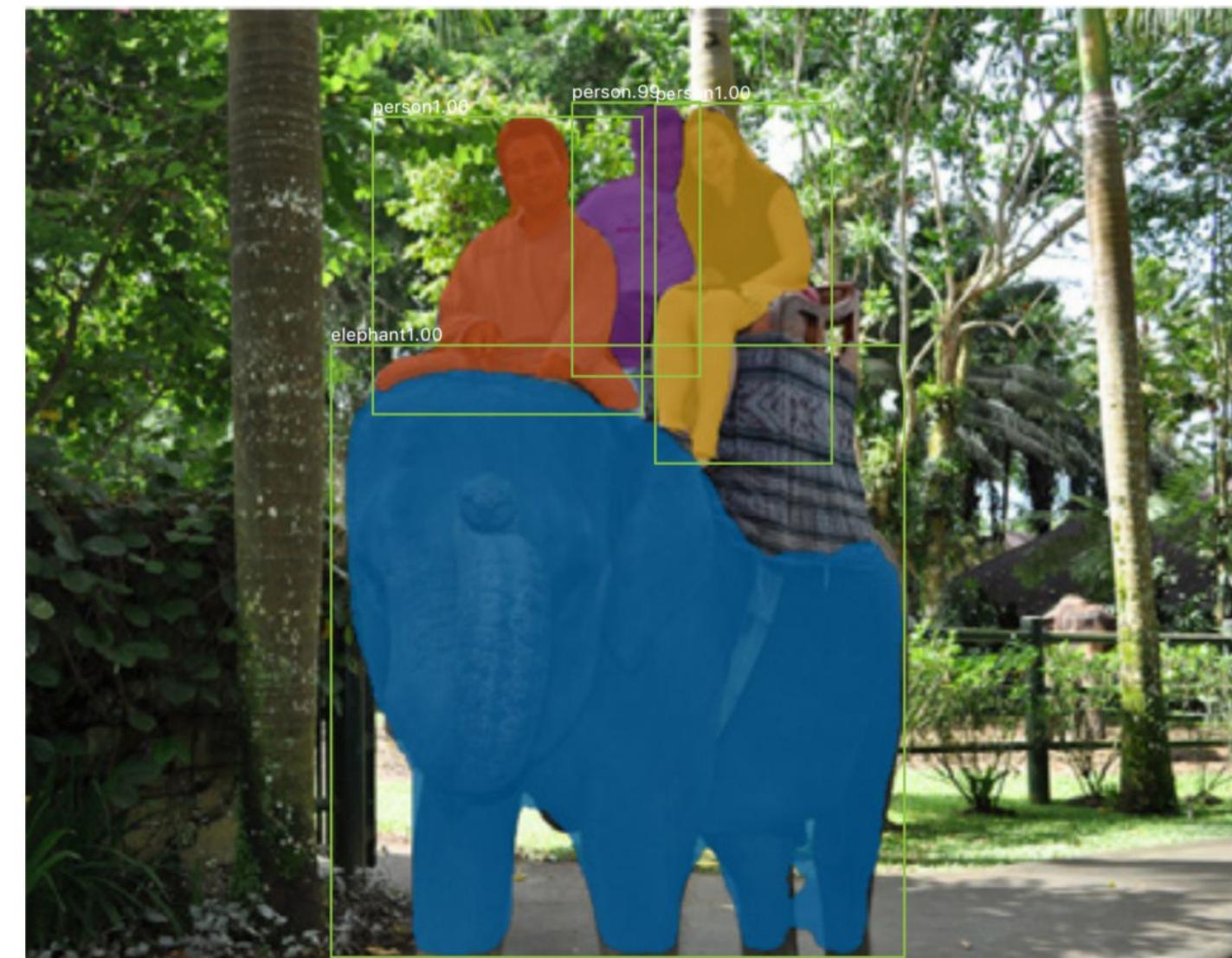
DOG, DOG, CAT



He et al, "Mask R-CNN", ICCV 2017

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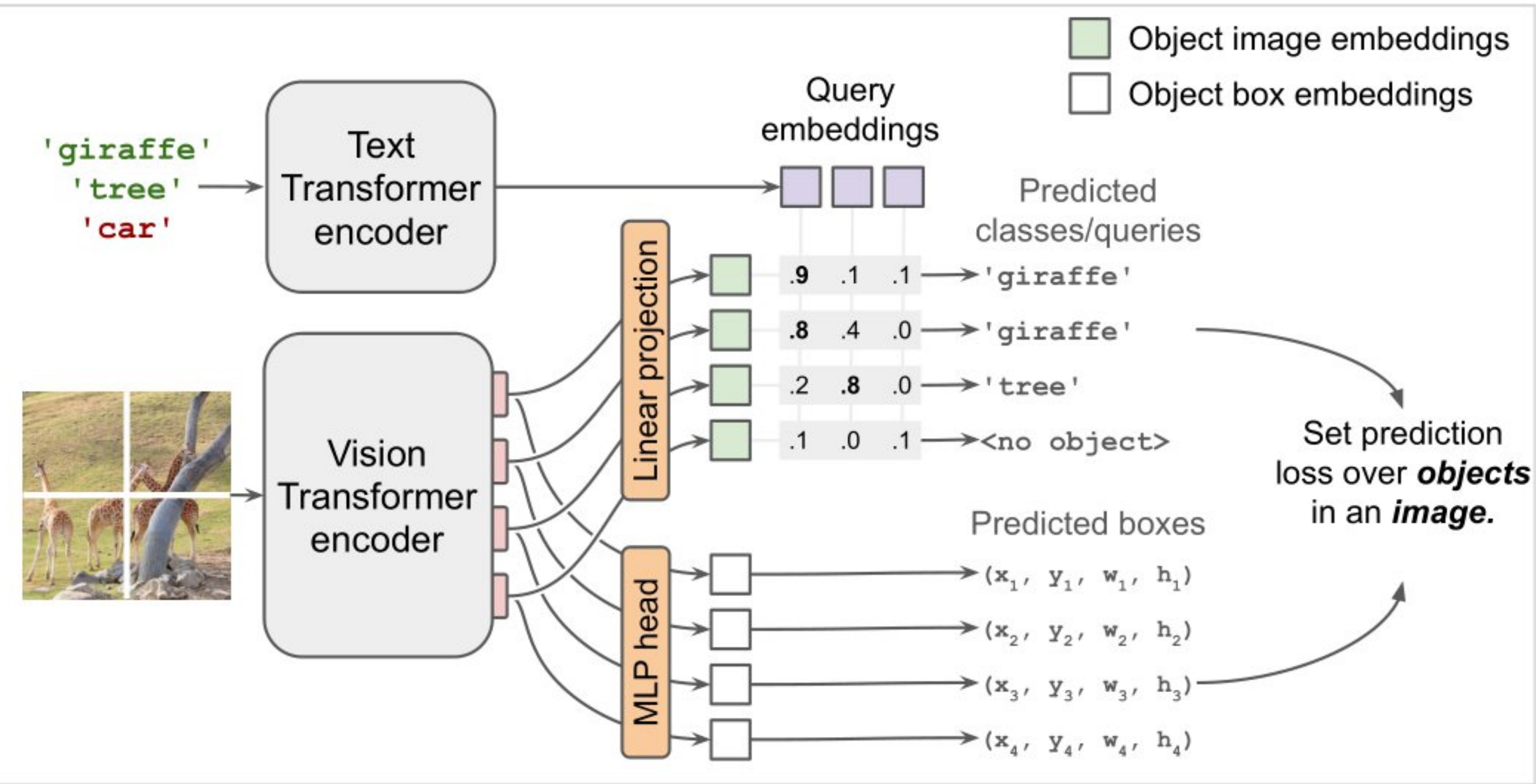
# Mask R-CNN: Very Good Results!



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# Modern Architectures (OWL-ViT)

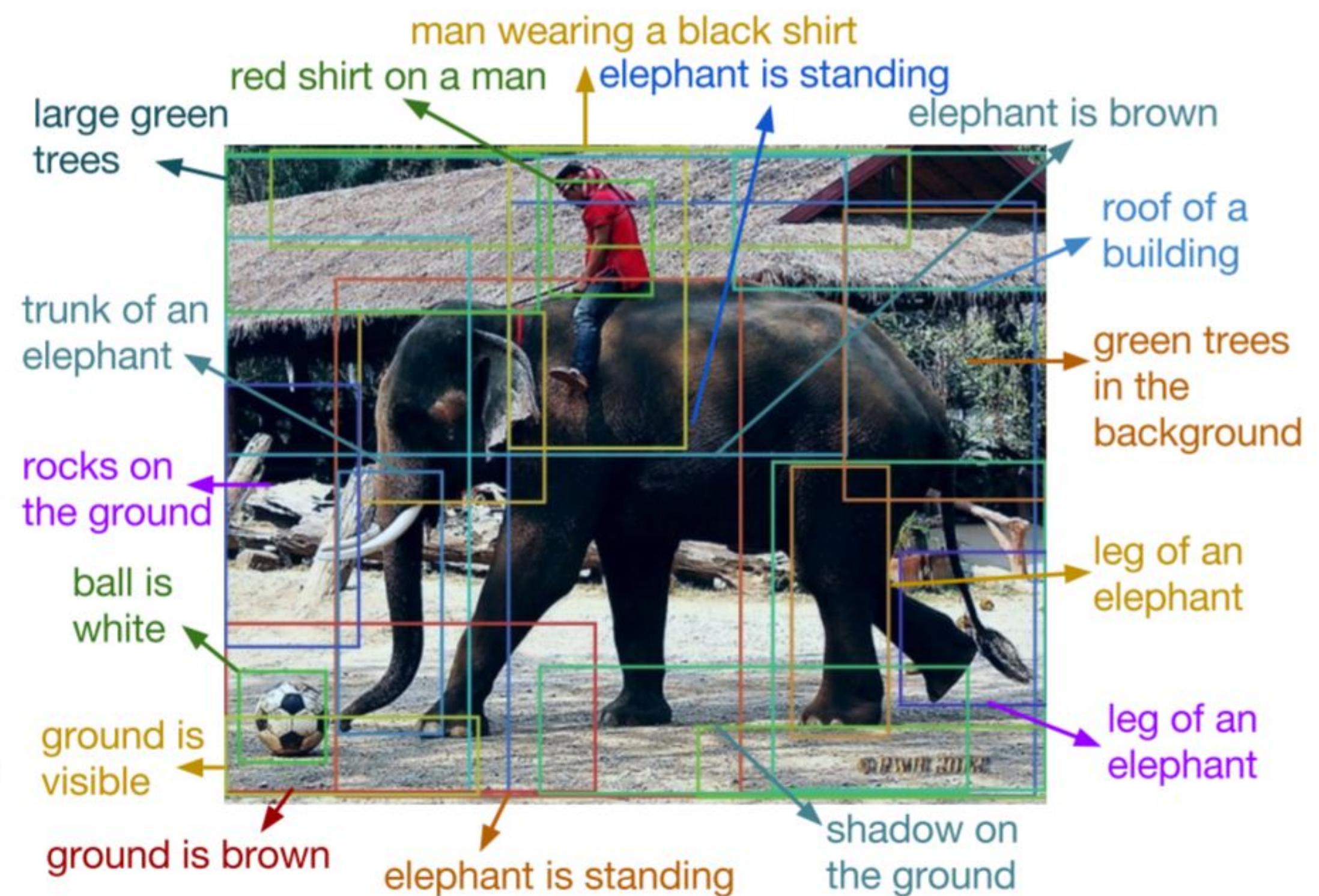
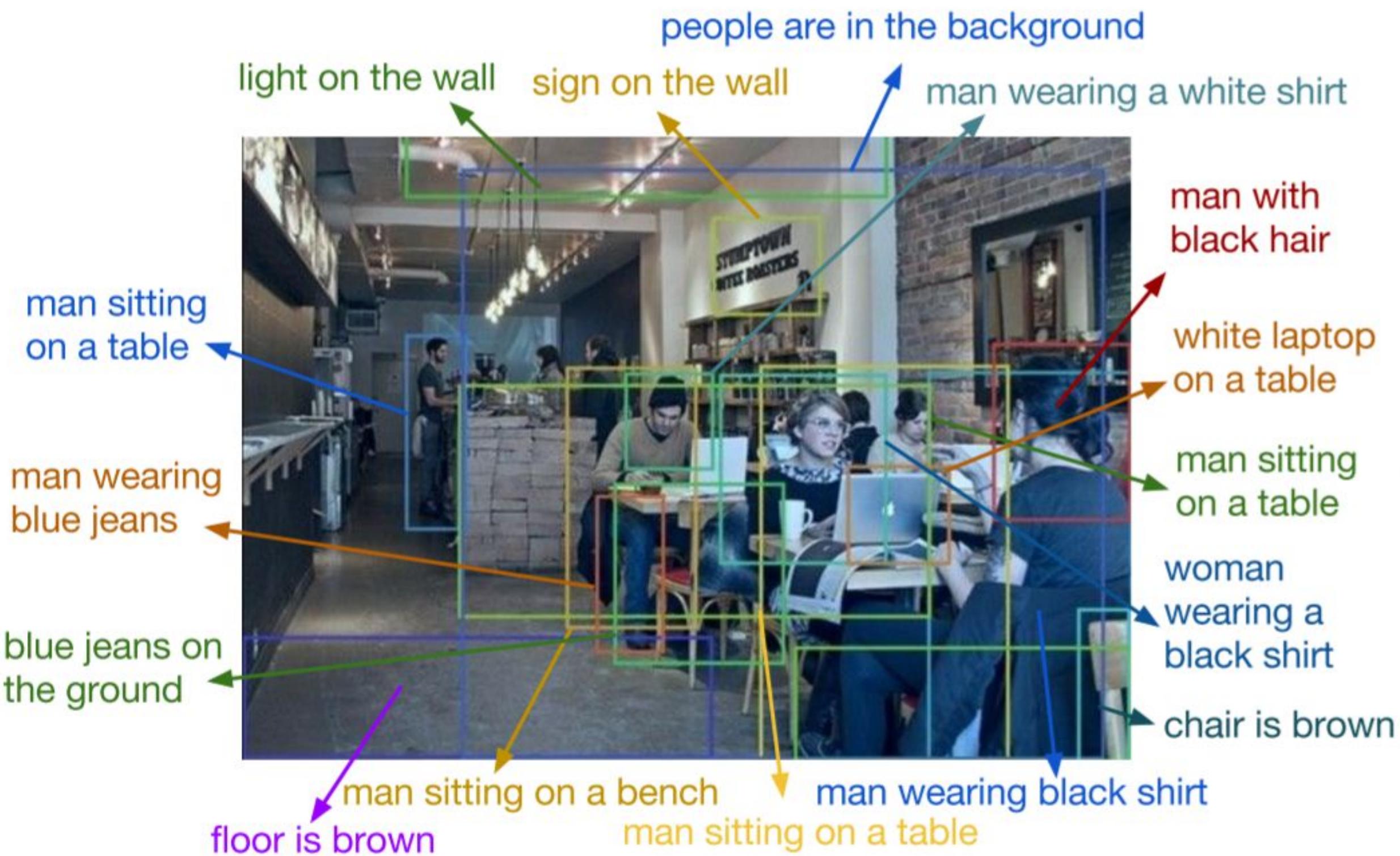


Is 2D instance  
segmentation enough for  
robots?

No!

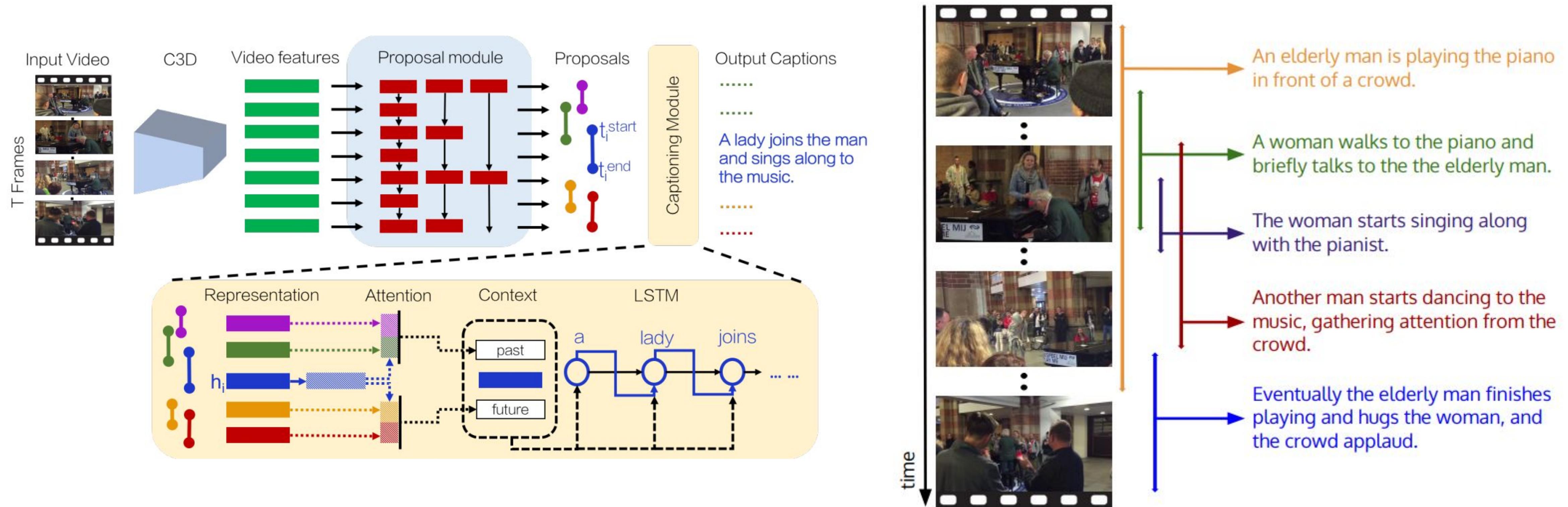


# Object Detection + Captioning = Dense Captioning



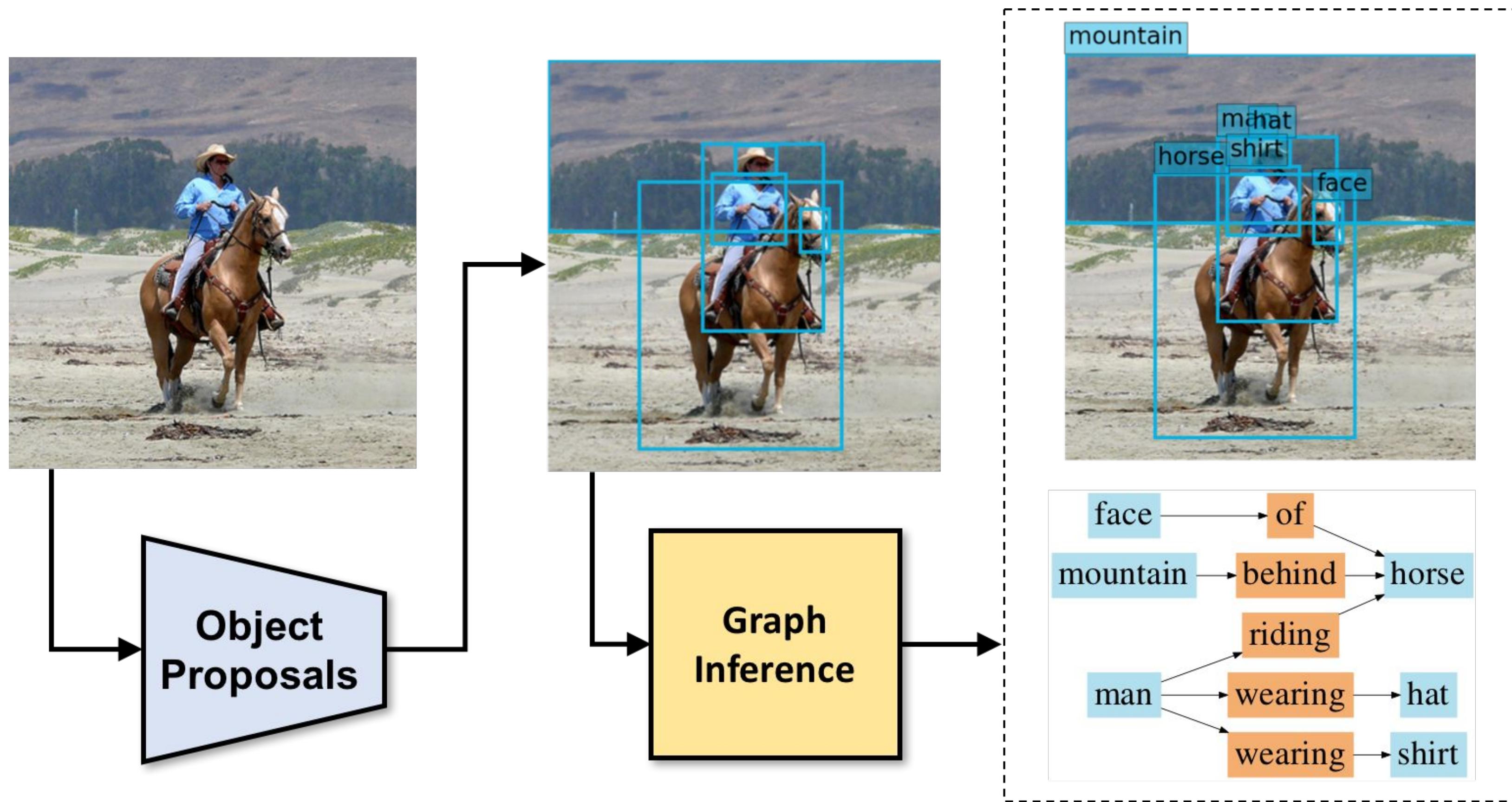
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# Dense Video Captioning



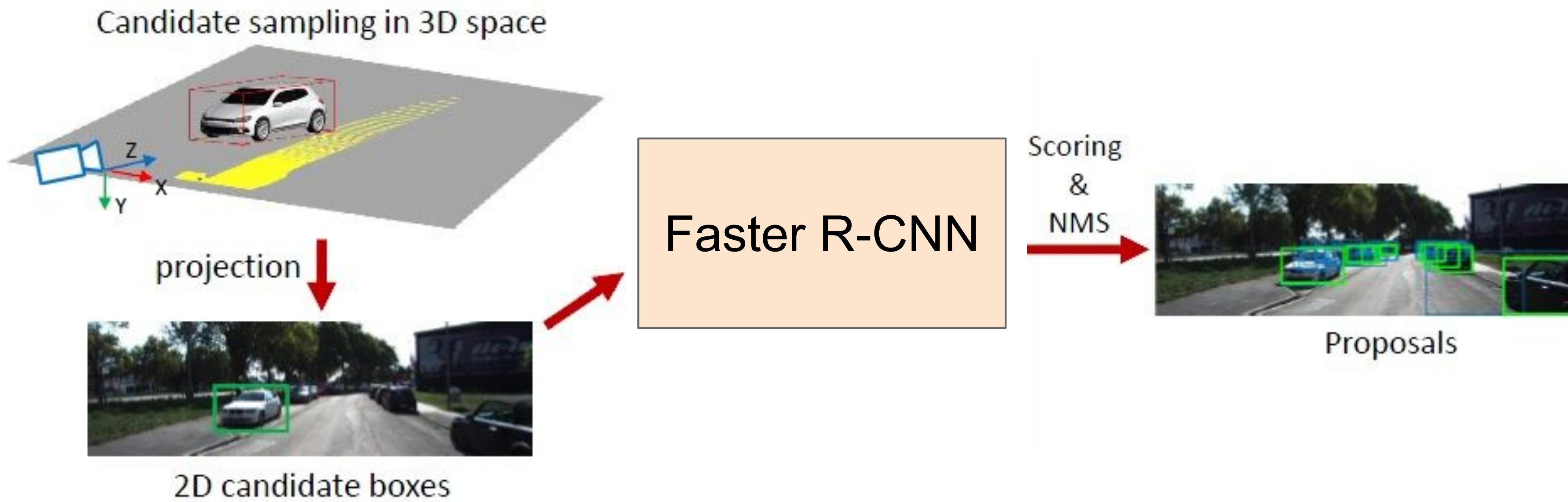
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# Scene Graph Prediction



Xu, Zhu, Choy, and Fei-Fei, "Scene Graph Generation by Iterative Message Passing", CVPR 2017  
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# 3D Object Detection: Monocular Camera



- Same idea as Faster RCNN, but proposals are in 3D
- 3D bounding box proposal, regress 3D box parameters + class score

Chen, Xiaozhi, Kaustav Kundu, Ziyu Zhang, Huimin Ma, Sanja Fidler, and Raquel Urtasun. "Monocular 3d object detection for autonomous driving." CVPR 2016.