Lecture 11
Training Neural Networks II
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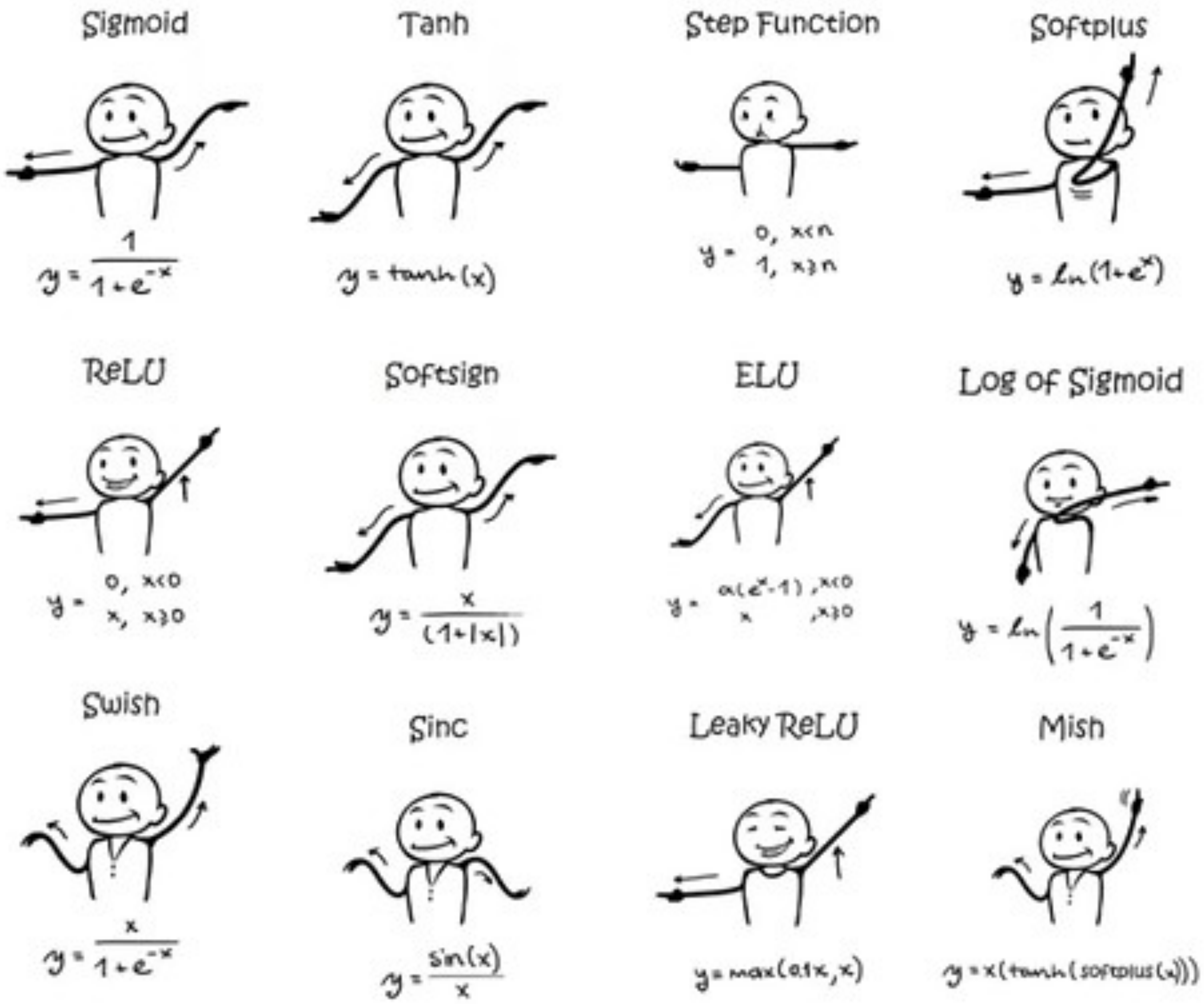
Recap: Activation Functions

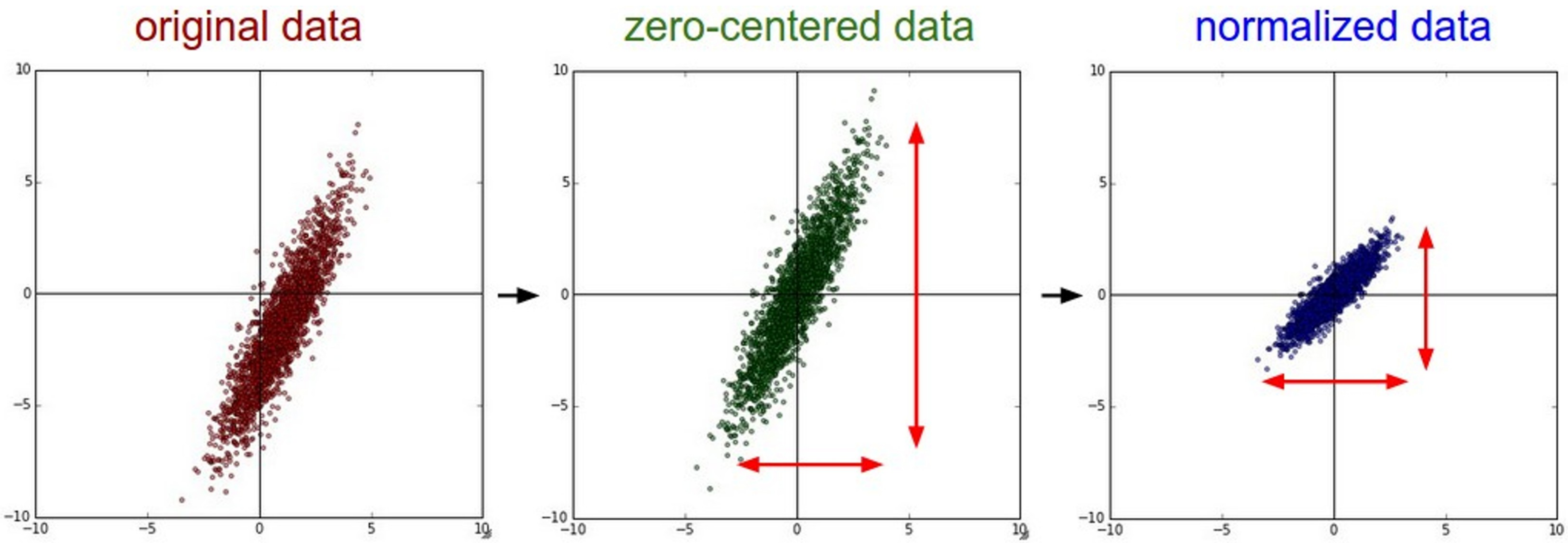
Sigmoid:
1. saturated neurons “kill” the gradients
2. not zero centered
3. exp() computationally expensive

ReLU:
1. does not saturate (in + region)
2. not zero centered
3. computationally efficient

Leaky ReLU: solve “the dying ReLU” problem



Recap: Data Preprocessing

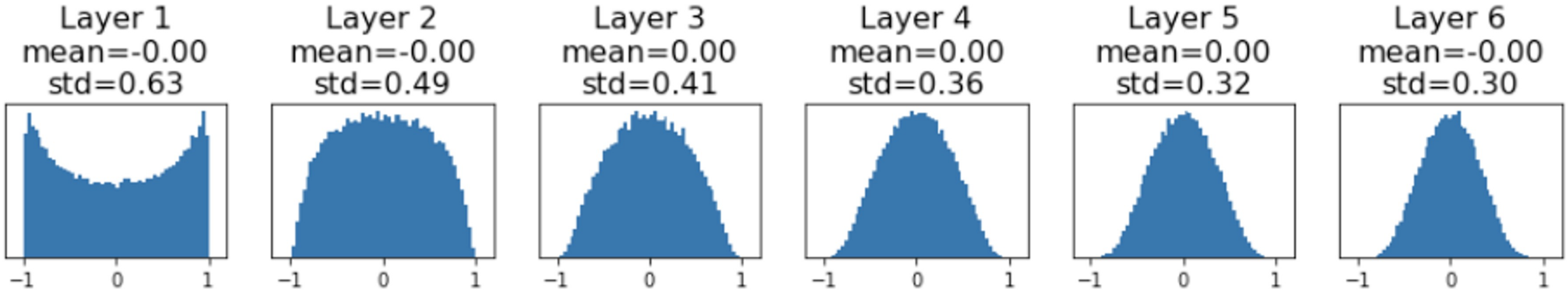


Recap: Weight initialization

```
dims = [4096] * 7
hs = []
x = np.random.randn(16, dims[0])
for Din, Dout in zip(dims[:-1], dims[1:]):
    W = np.random.randn(Din, Dout) / np.sqrt(Din)
    x = np.tanh(x.dot(W))
    hs.append(x)
```

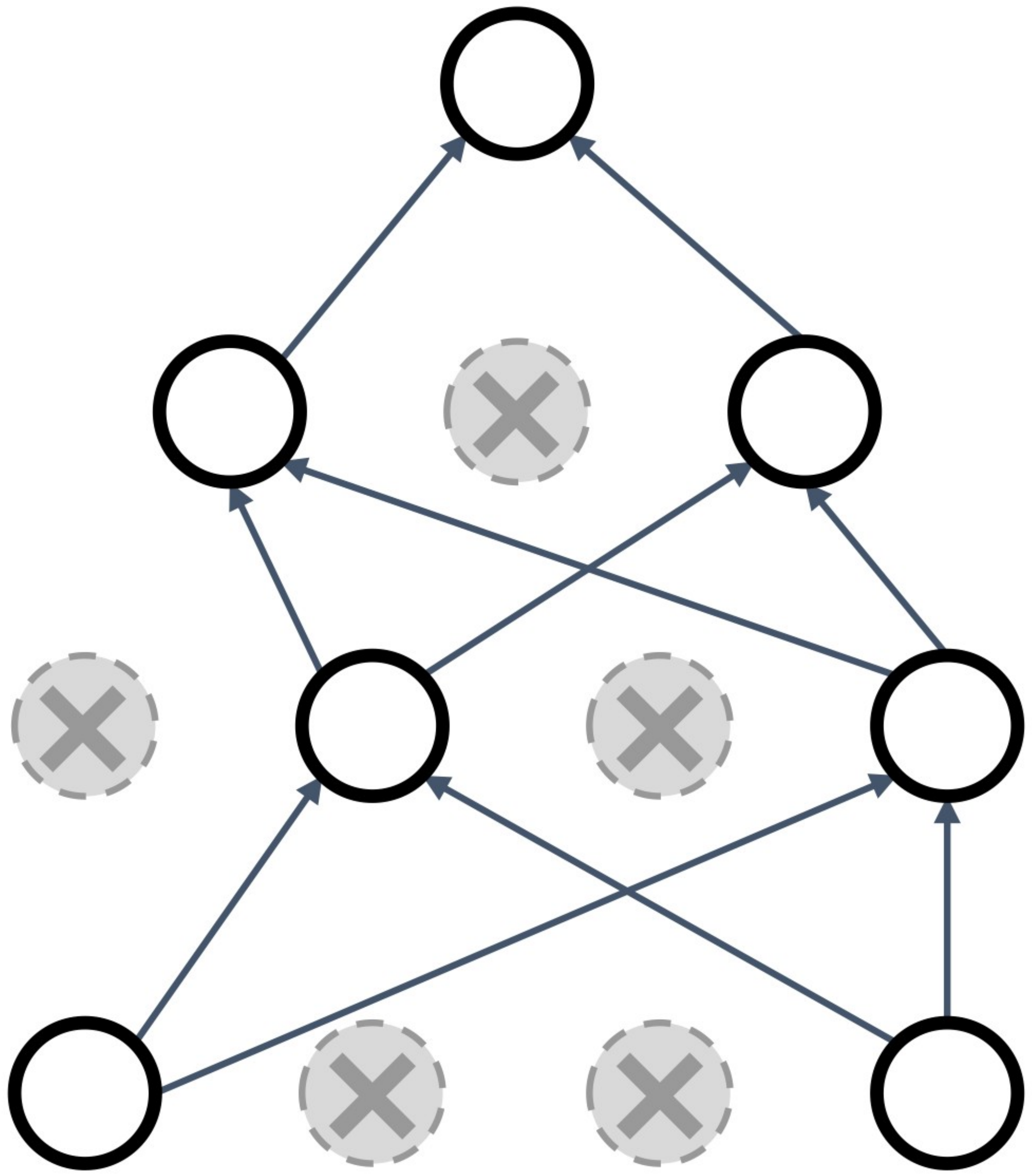
"Xavier" initialization:
std = 1/sqrt(Din)

"Just right": Activations are nicely scaled for all layers!



Glorot and Bengio, "Understanding the difficulty of training deep feedforward neural networks", AISTAT 2010

Recap: Regularization-- Dropout

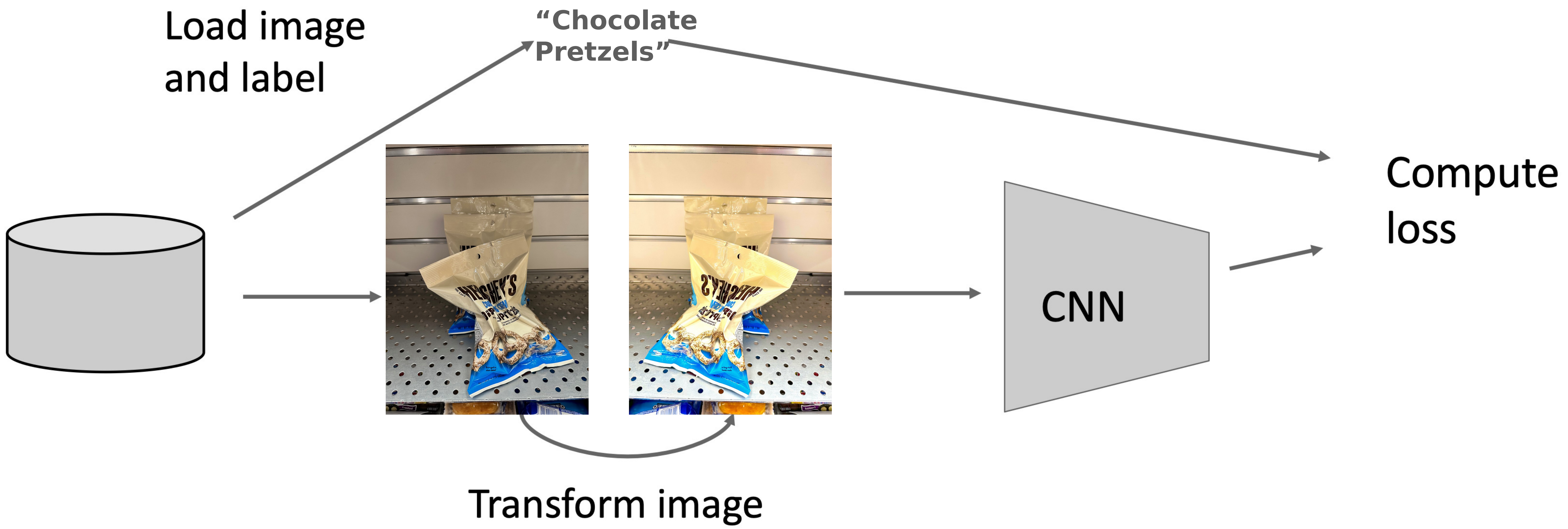


Forces the network to have a redundant representation; prevents co-adaptation of features

Dropout is training a large *ensemble* of models (that share parameters).

Usually, dropout p=0.5

Data Augmentation

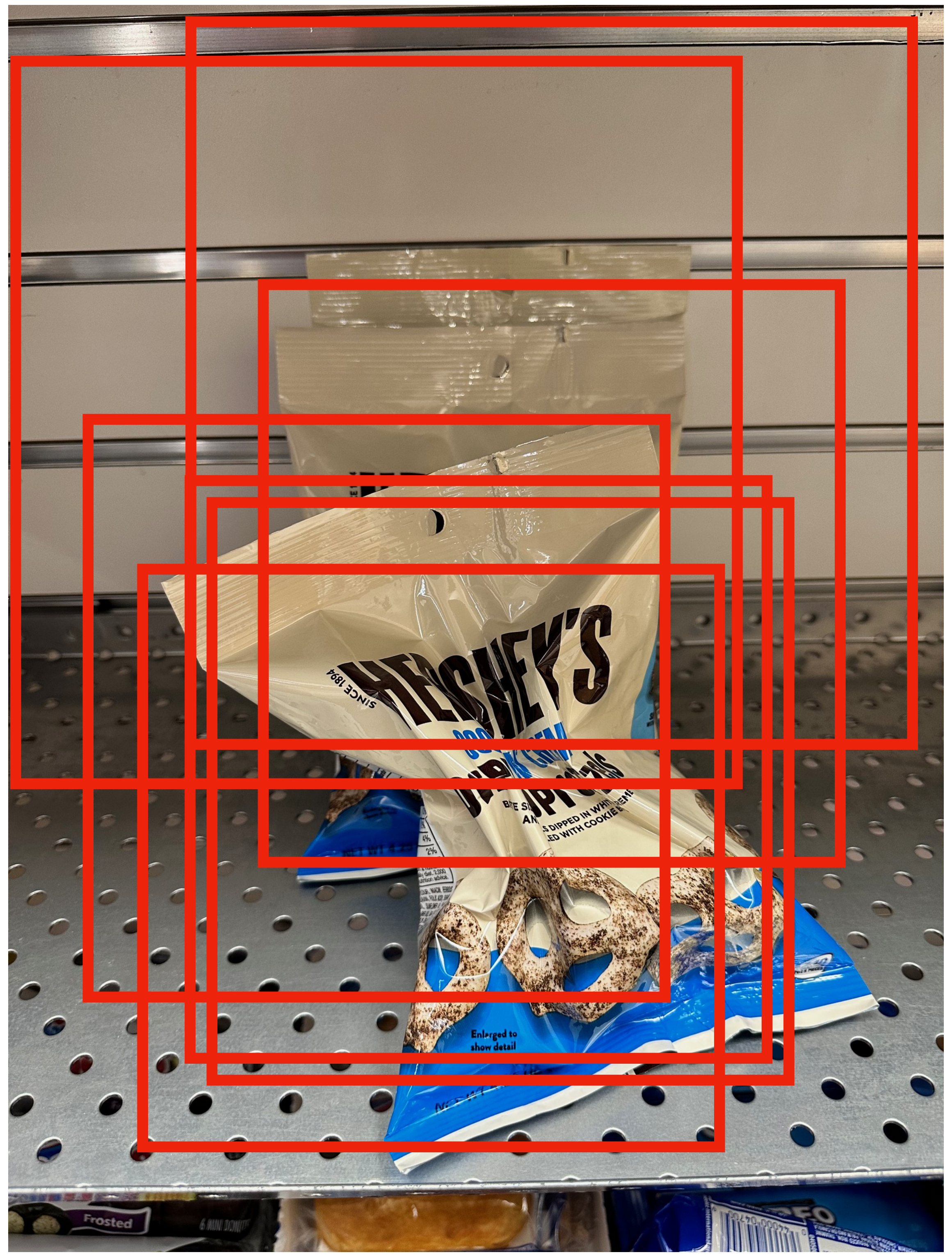


Data Augmentation: Horizontal Flips

Data Augmentation: Random Crops and Scales

Training: sample random crops / scales

ResNet:
1. Pick random L in range [256, 480]
2. Resize training image, short side = L
3. Sample random 224 x 224 patch

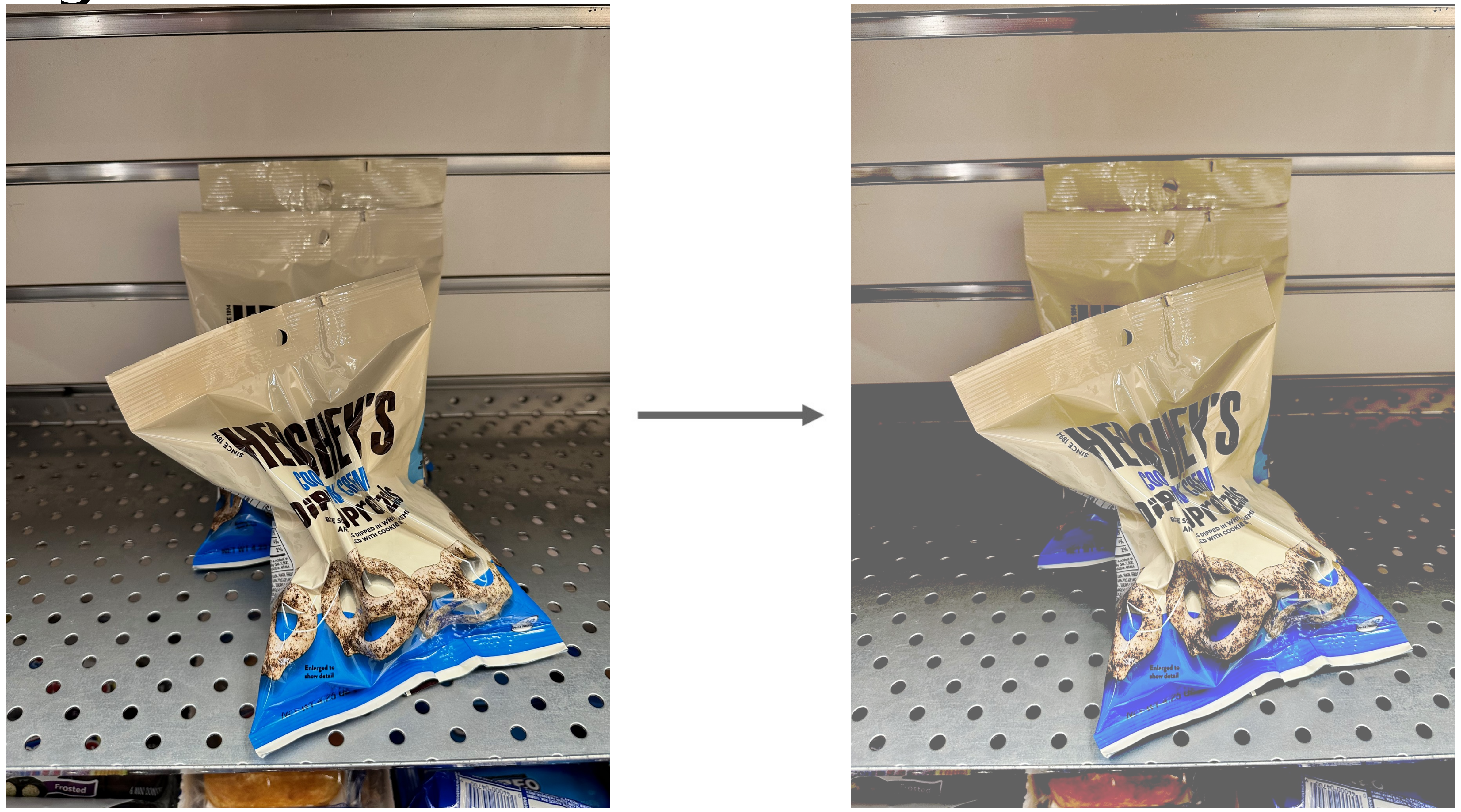


Testing: average a fixed set of crops

ResNet:
1. Resize image at 5 scales: {224, 256, 384, 480, 640}
2. For each size, use 10 224 x 224 crops: 4 corners + center, + flips

Data Augmentation: Color Jitter

Simple: Randomize contrast and brightness



More complex:

1. Apply PCA to all [R, G, B] pixels in training set
2. Sample a "color offset" along principal component directions
3. Add offset to all pixels of a training image

(Used in AlexNet, ResNet, etc)

Data Augmentation: RandAugment

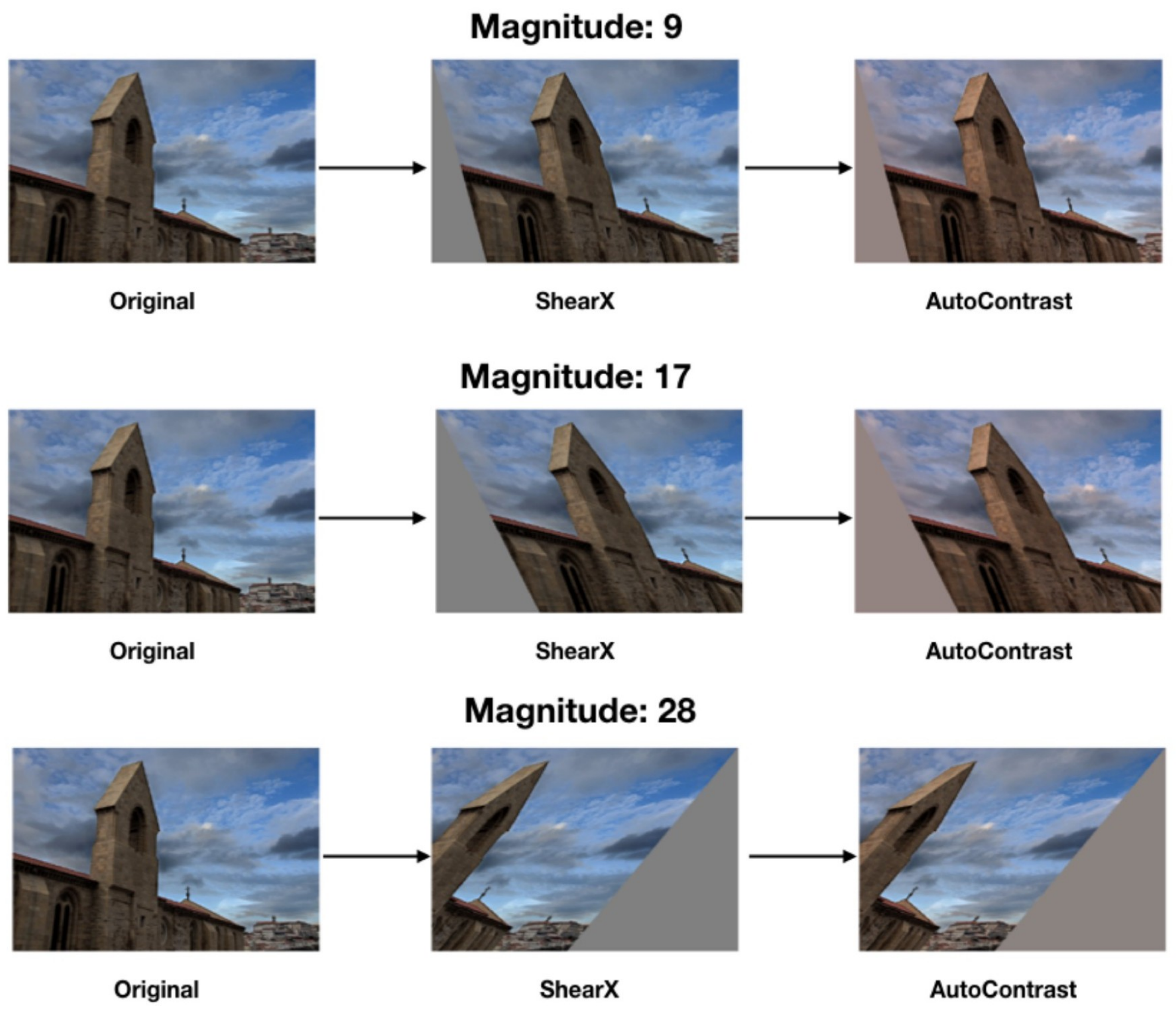
```
transforms = [
'Identity', 'AutoContrast', 'Equalize',
'Rotate', 'Solarize', 'Color', 'Posterize',
'Contrast', 'Brightness', 'Sharpness',
'ShearX', 'ShearY', 'TranslateX', 'TranslateY']

def randaugment(N, M):
"""Generate a set of distortions.

  Args:
    N: Number of augmentation transformations to
        apply sequentially.
    M: Magnitude for all the transformations.
"""

  sampled_ops = np.random.choice(transforms, N)
  return [(op, M) for op in sampled_ops]
```

Apply random combinations of transforms:

- **Geometric:** Rotate, translate, shear
- **Color:** Sharpen, contrast, brightness, solarize, posterize, color

Cubuk et al, "RandAugment: Practical augmented data augmentation with a reduced search space", NeurIPS 2020

Data Augmentation: RandAugment



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Data Augmentation: Get creative for your problem!

Data augmentation encodes **invariances** in your model

Think for your problem: what changes to the image should **not** change the network output?

Maybe different for different tasks!

Regularization: A common pattern

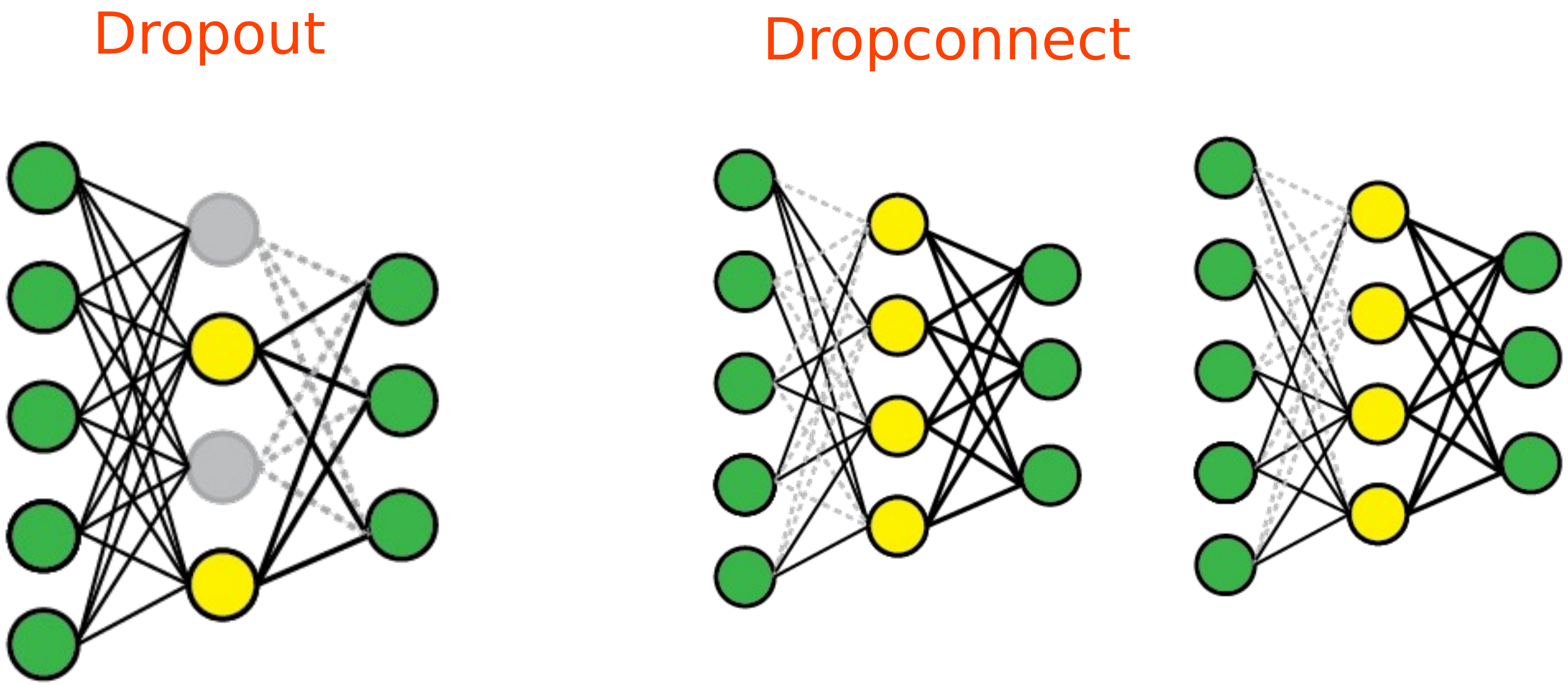
Training: Add some randomness
Testing: Marginalize over randomness

Examples:
Dropout
Batch Normalization
Data Augmentation

Regularization: DropConnect

Training: Drop random connections between neurons (set weight=0)
Testing: Use all the connections
Goal: prevent "co-adaptation" of features

Examples:
Dropout
Batch Normalization
Data Augmentation
DropConnect



Wan et al, "Regularization of Neural Networks using DropConnect", ICML 2013

Regularization: Fractional Pooling

Training: Use randomized pooling regions
Testing: Average predictions over different samples

Examples:
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Batch Normalization
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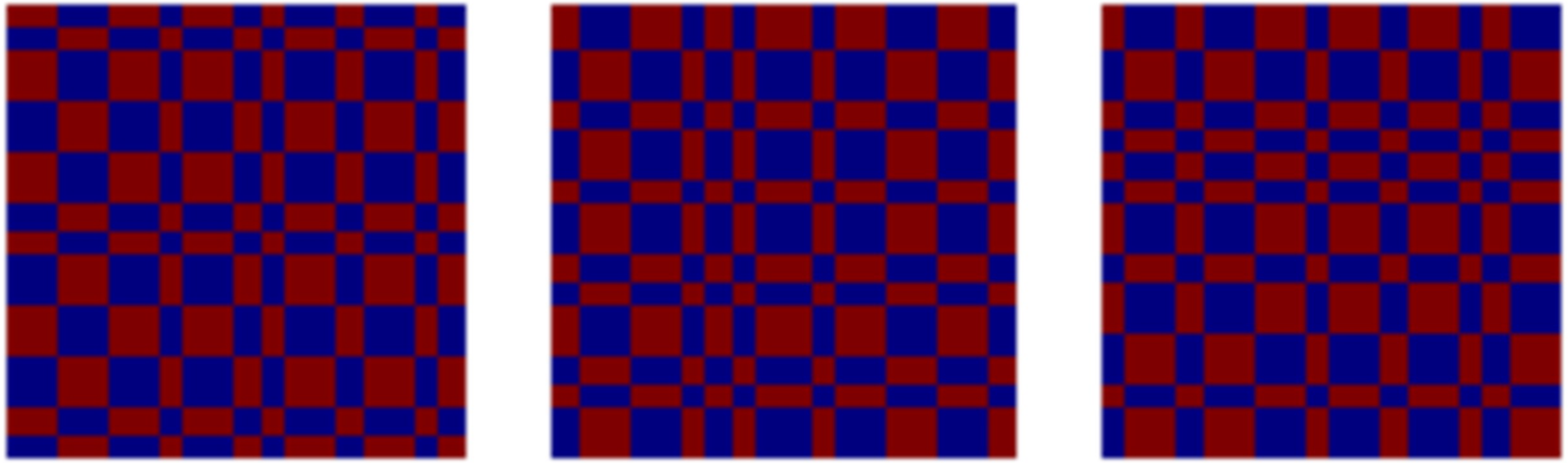
DropConnect
Fractional Max Pooling



Graham, “Fractional Max Pooling”, arXiv 2014

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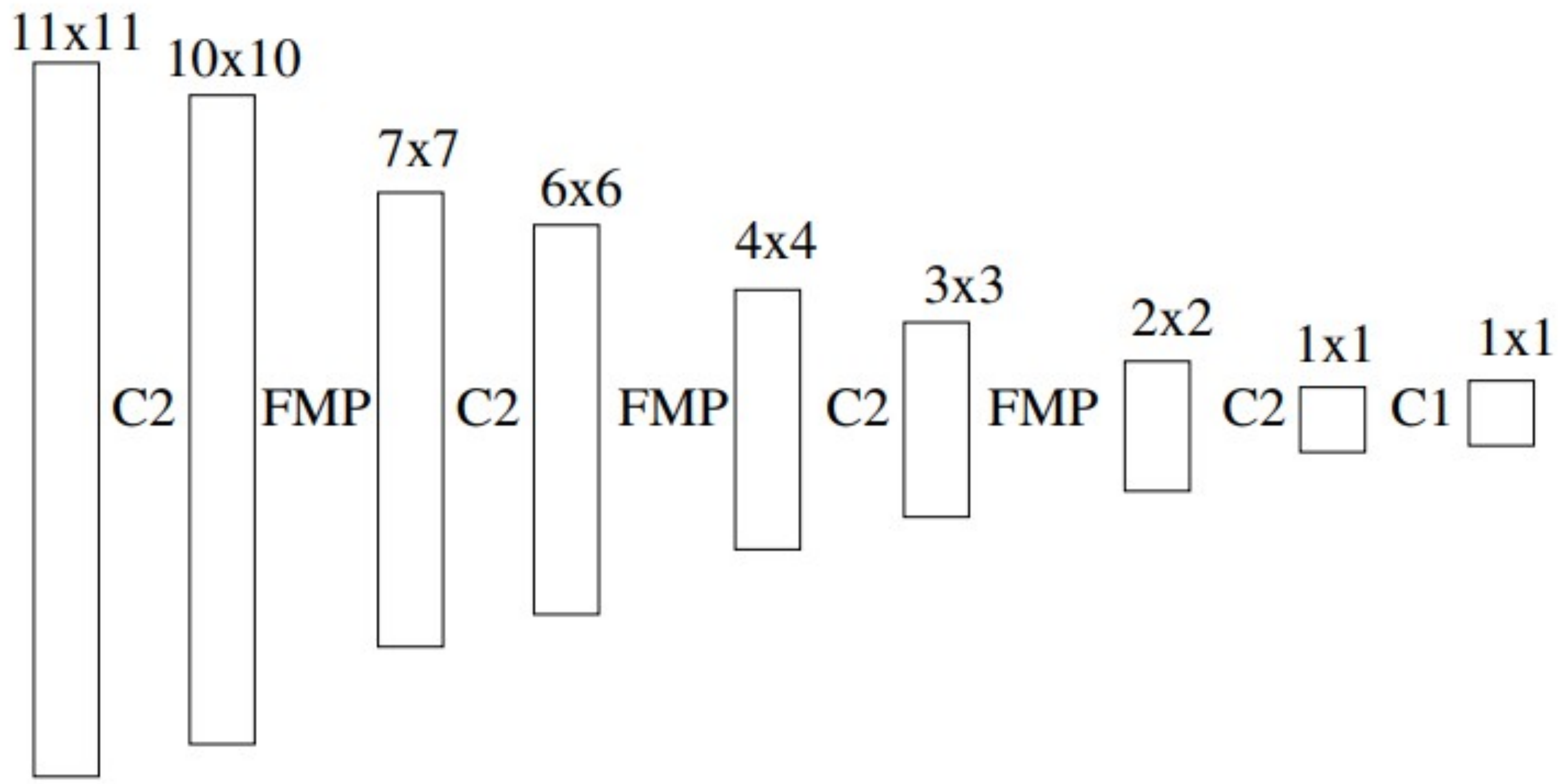
Fractional Max Pooling

Figure 2: Top left, 'Kodak True Color' parrots at a resolution of 384×256. The other five images are one-eighth of the resolution as a result of 6 layers of average pooling using disjoint random FMP$\sqrt{2}$-pooling regions.



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Regularization: Stochastic Depth

Training: Skip some residual blocks in ResNet
Testing: Use the whole network

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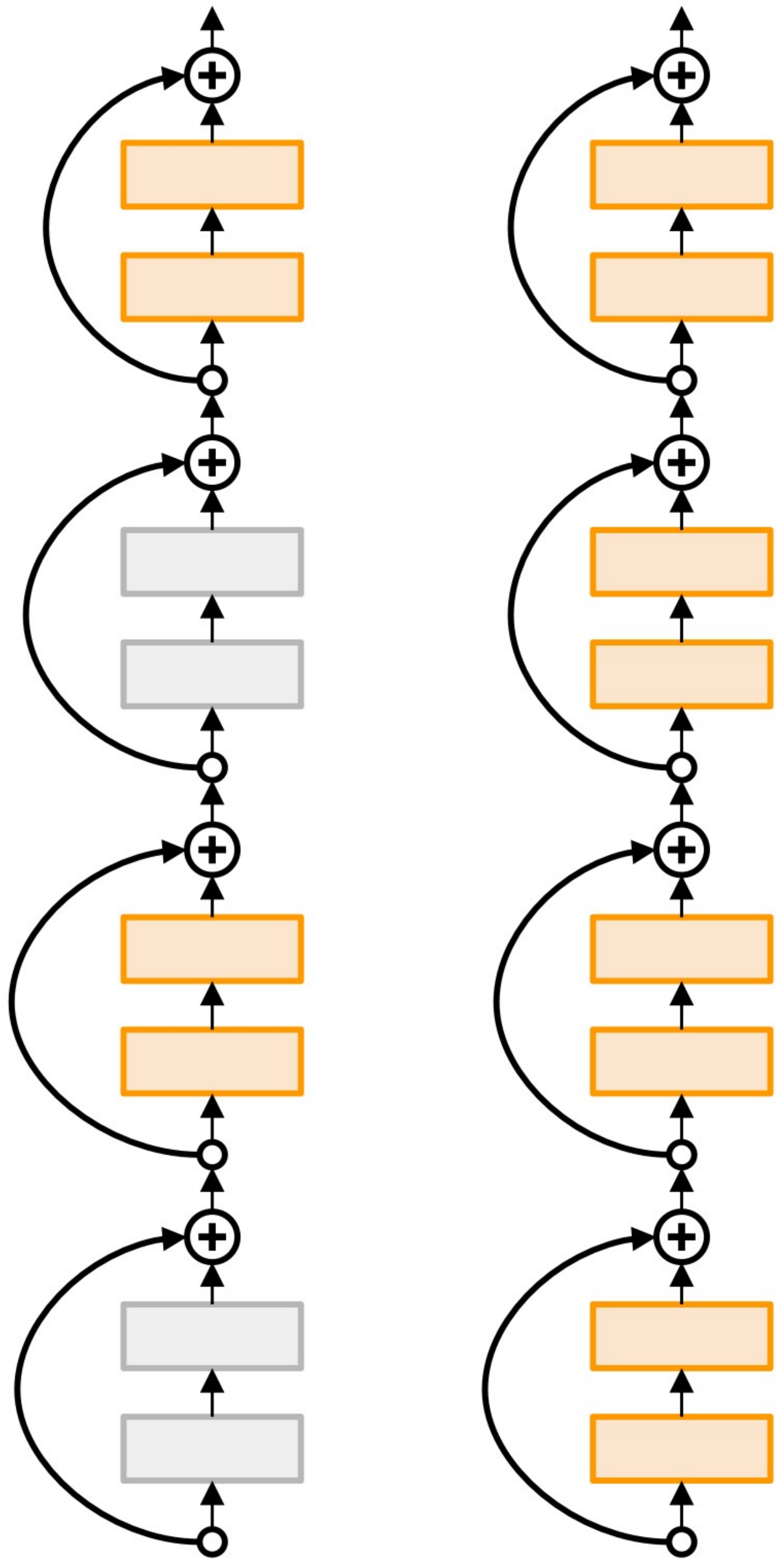
Stochastic Depth

$$H_\ell = \mathtt{ReLU}(b_\ell f_\ell(H_{\ell-1}) + \mathrm{id}(H_{\ell-1}))$$

Starting to become common in recent architectures:

- Pham et al, "Very Deep Self-Attention Networks for End-to-End Speech Recognition", INTERSPEECH 2019
- Tan and Le, "EfficientNetV2: Smaller Models and Faster Training", ICML 2021
- Fan et al, "Multiscale Vision Transformers", ICCV 2021
- Bello et al, "Revisiting ResNets: Improved Training and Scaling Strategies", NeurIPS 2021
- Steiner et al, "How to train your ViT? Data, Augmentation, and Regularization in Vision Transformers", arXiv 2021



Huang et al, "Deep Networks with Stochastic Depth", ECCV 2016

Regularization: CutOut

Training: Set random image regions to 0
Testing: Use the whole image

Examples:
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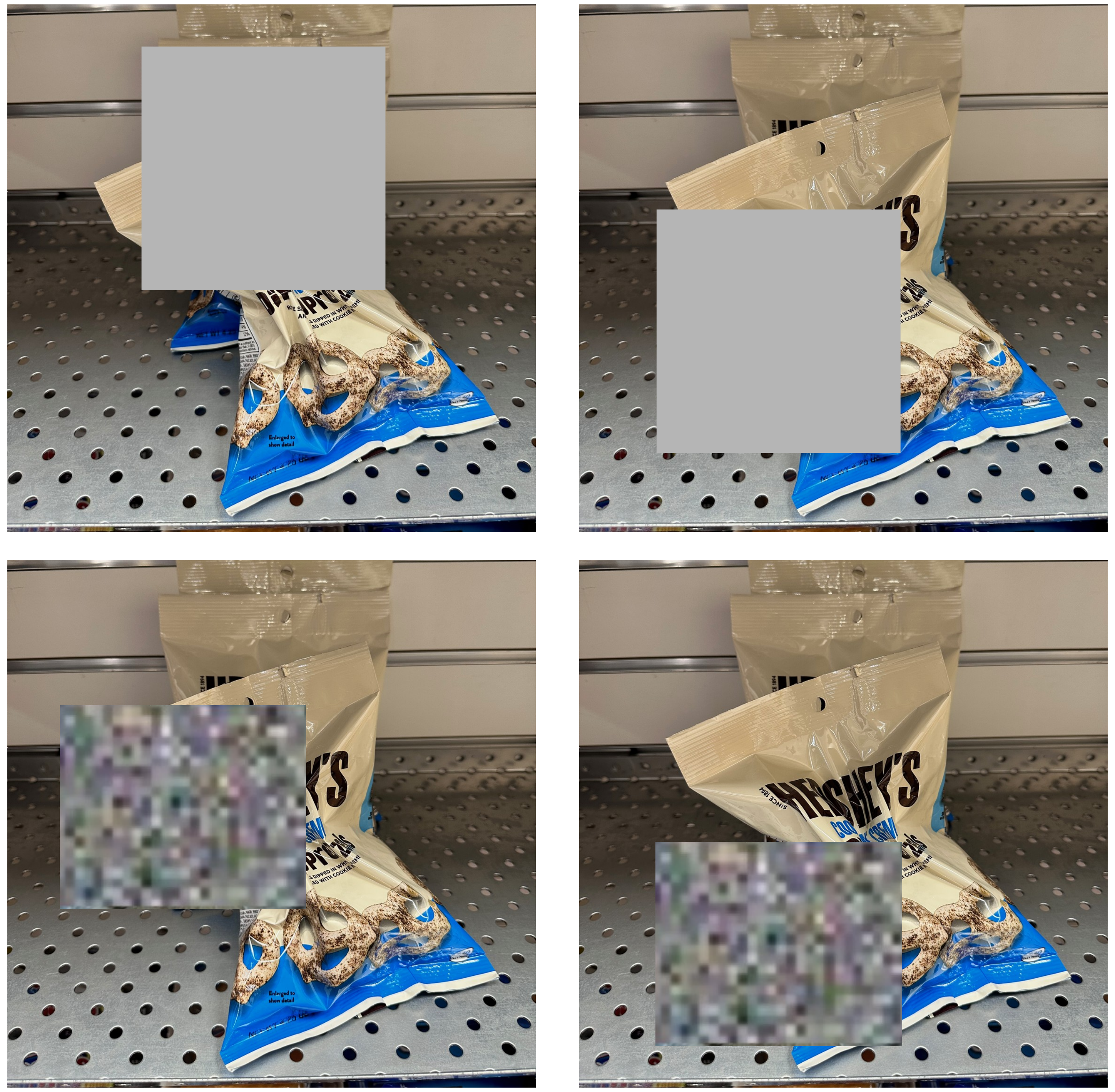
DropConnect
Fractional Max Pooling
Stochastic Depth
Cutout / Random Erasing



Replace random regions with mean value or random values

DeVries and Taylor, "Improved Regularization of Convolutional Neural Networks with Cutout", arXiv 2017
Zhong et al, "Random Erasing Data Augmentation", AAAI 2020

Regularization: Mixup

Training: Train on random blends of images
Testing: Use original images

Examples:
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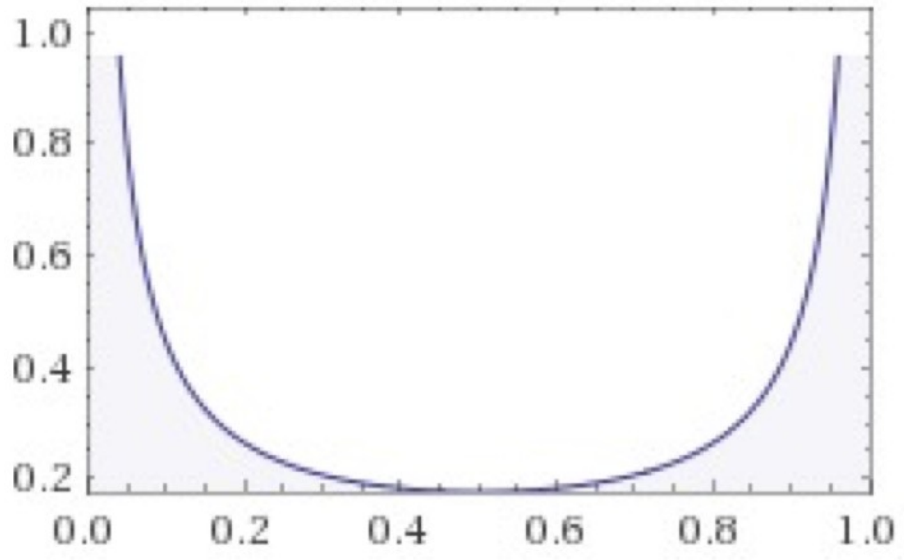
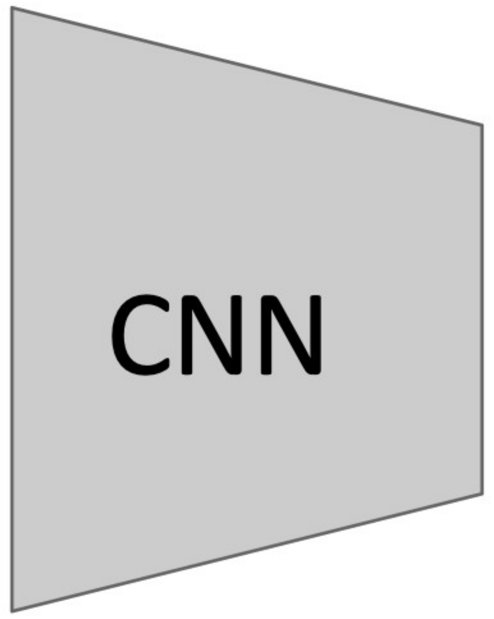
Mixup



Sample blend probability from a beta distribution Beta(a, b) with a=b=0 so blend weights are close to 0/1



Target label:
Pretzels: 0.6
Robot: 0.4

Randomly blend the pixels of pairs of training images, e.g. 60% pretzels, 40% robot

Zhang et al, "*mixup*: Beyond Empirical Risk Minimization", ICLR 2018

Regularization: CutMix

Training: Train on random blends of images
Testing: Use original images

	Mixup	Cutout	CutMix
Usage of full image region	✔	✘	✔
Regional dropout	✘	✔	✔
Mixed image & label	✔	✘	✔

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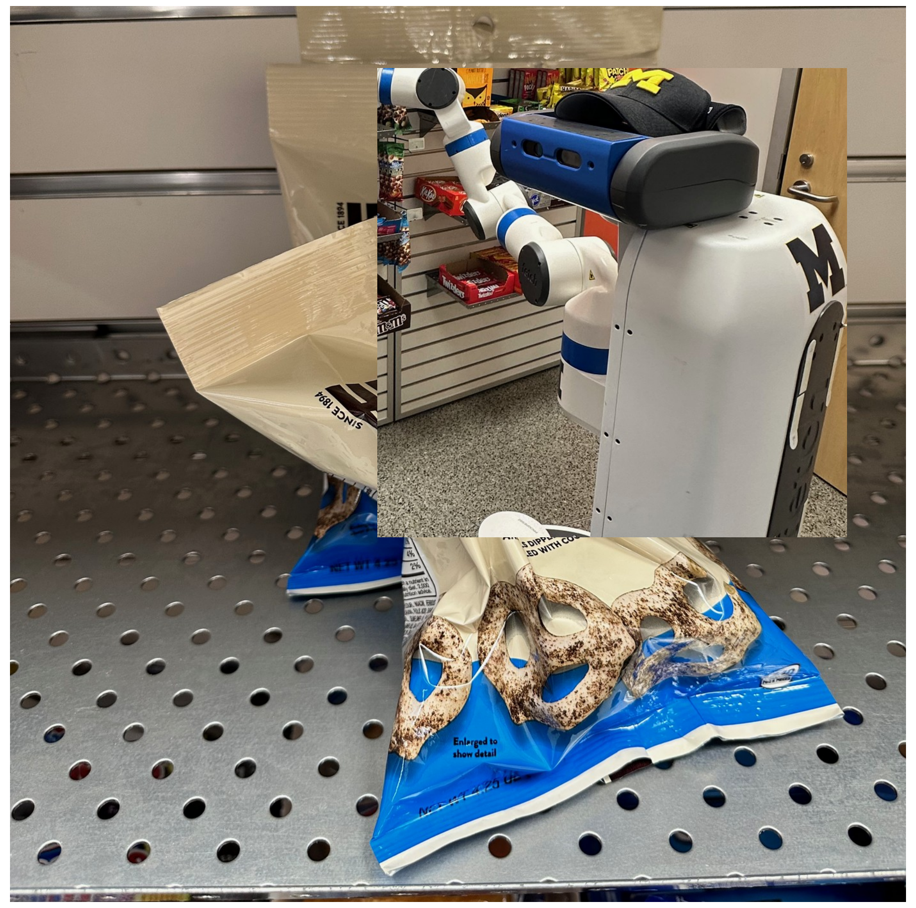

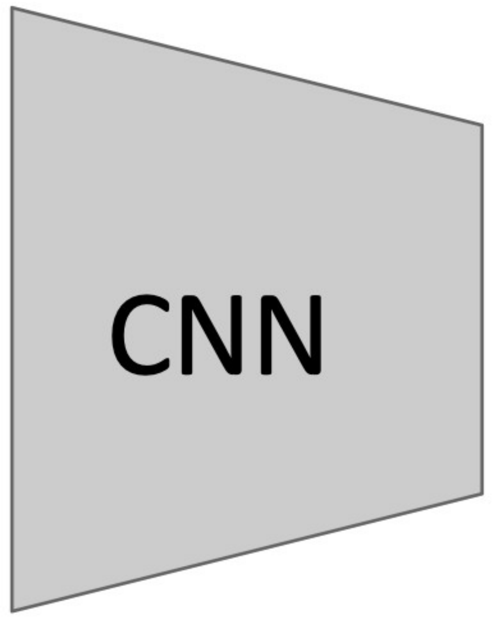

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Robot: 0.4

Replace random crops of one image with another, e.g. 60% of pixels from pretzels, 40% from robot

Yun et al, “CutMix: Regularization Strategies to Train Strong Classifiers with Localizable Features”, ICCV 2019

Regularization: Label Smoothing

Training: Train on random blends of images
Testing: Use original images

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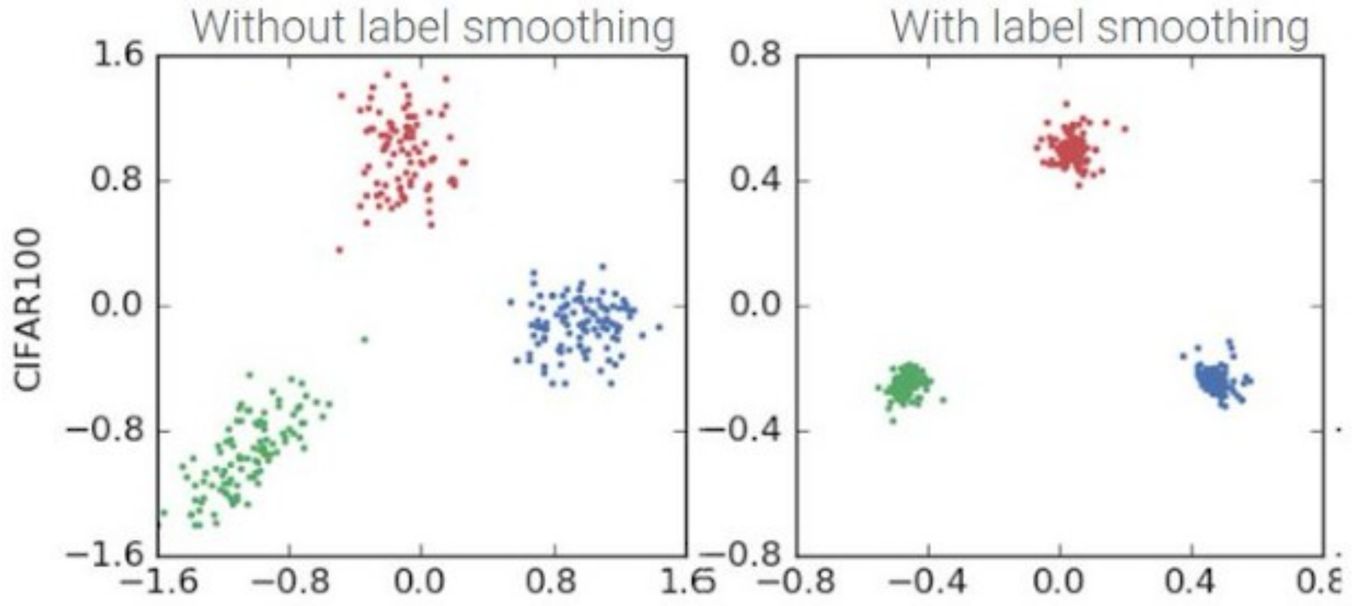

Standard Training	**Label Smoothing**
Pretzels: 100%	Pretzels: 90%
Robot: 0%	Robot: 5%
Sugar: 0%	Sugar: 5%

Set target distribution to be $1 - \frac{K-1}{K}\epsilon$ on the correct category and ϵ/K on all other categories, with K categories and $\epsilon \in (0,1)$

Loss is cross-entropy between predicted and target distribution.

Szegedy et al, "Rethinking the Inception Architecture for Computer Vision", CVPR 2015

Regularization: Summary

Training: Train on random blends of images
Testing: Use original images

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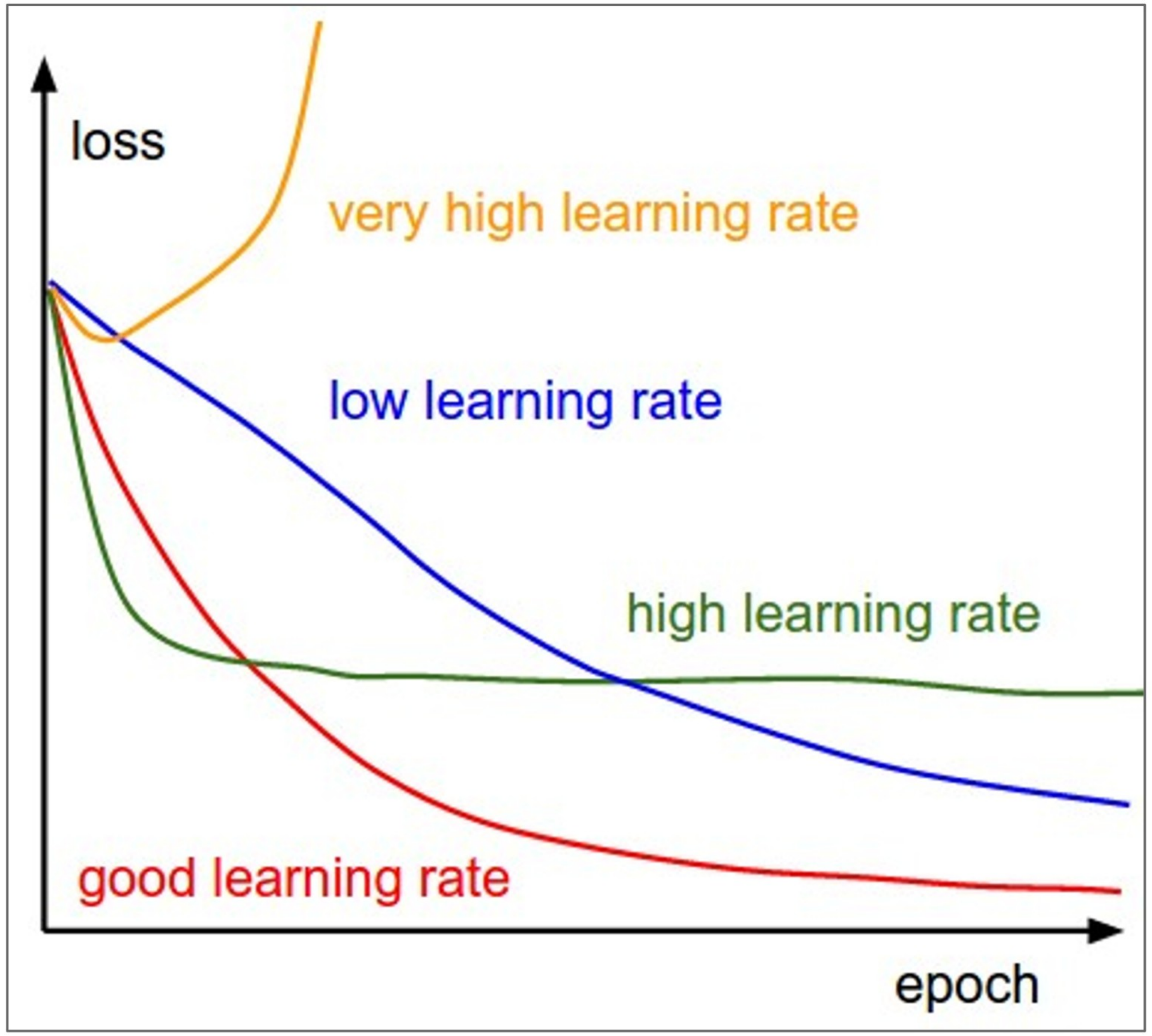
Label Smoothing

- Use DropOut for large fully-connected layers
- Data augmentation is always a good idea
- Use BatchNorm for CNNs (but not ViTs)
- Try Cutout, Mixup, CutMix, Stochastic Depth, Label Smoothing to squeeze out a bit of extra performance

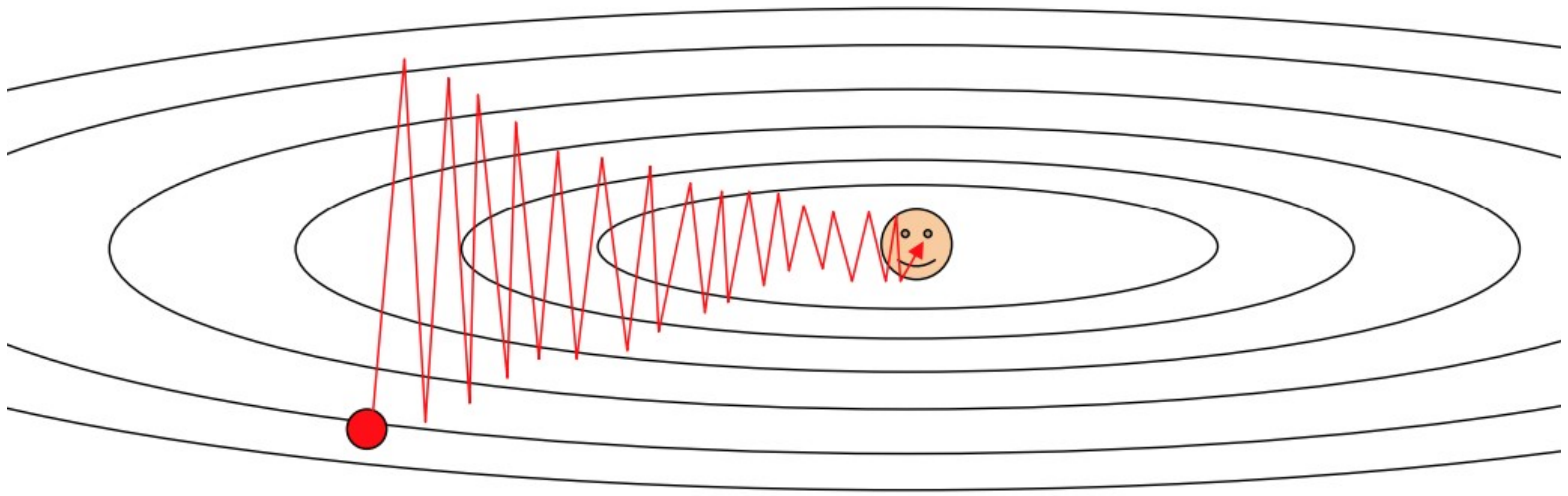
Recap

1. **One time setup:** **Last time**
   - Activation functions, data preprocessing, weight initialization, regularization
2. **Training dynamics:** **Today**
   - Learning rate schedules; large-batch training; hyperparameter optimization
3. **After training:**
   - Model ensembles, transfer learning

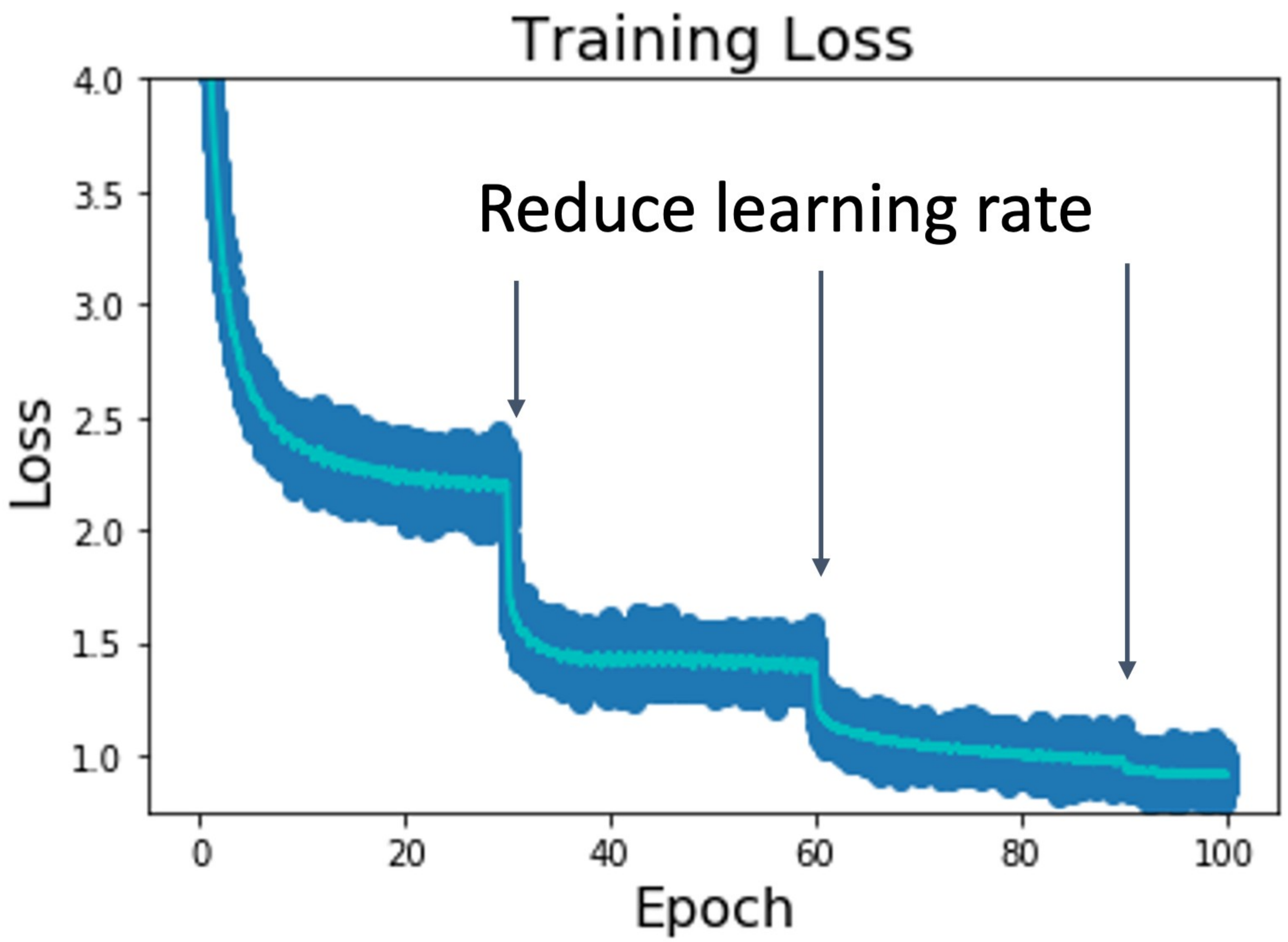
SGD, SGD+Momentum, Adagrad, RMSProp, Adam all have **learning rate** as hyper parameter



Q: Which one of these learning rates is best to use?



Learning Rate Decay: Step



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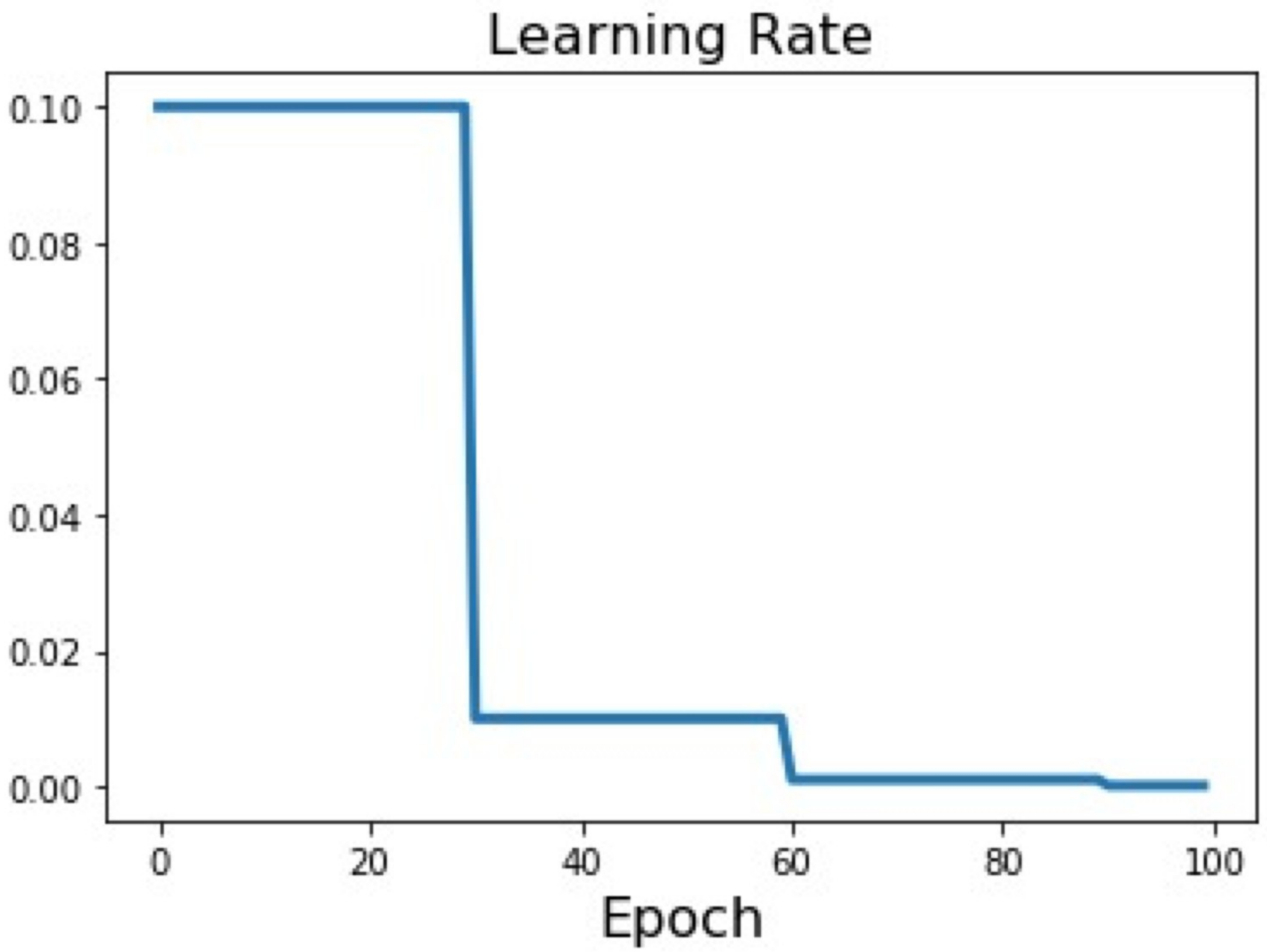
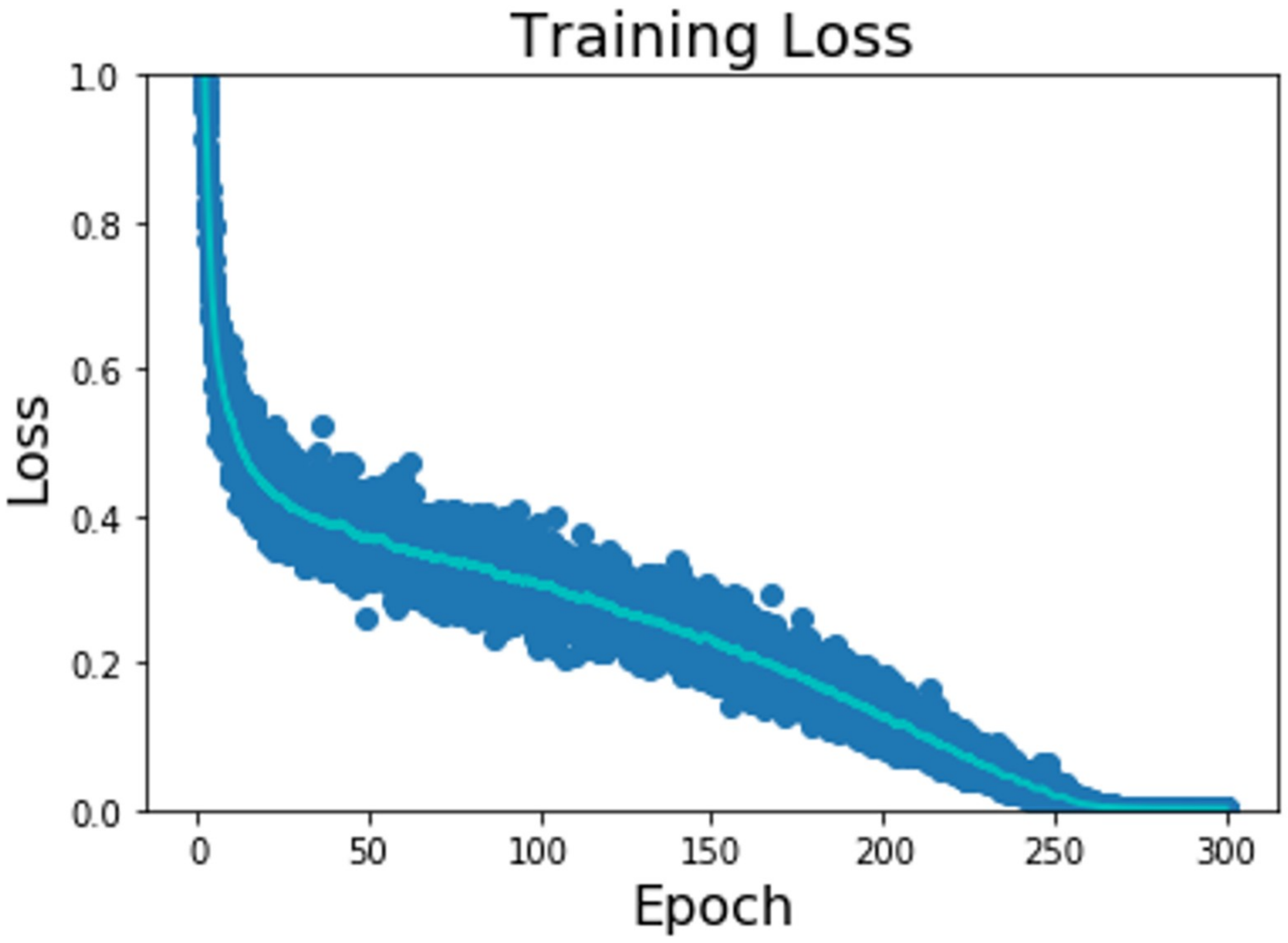


Learning Rate Decay: Cosine



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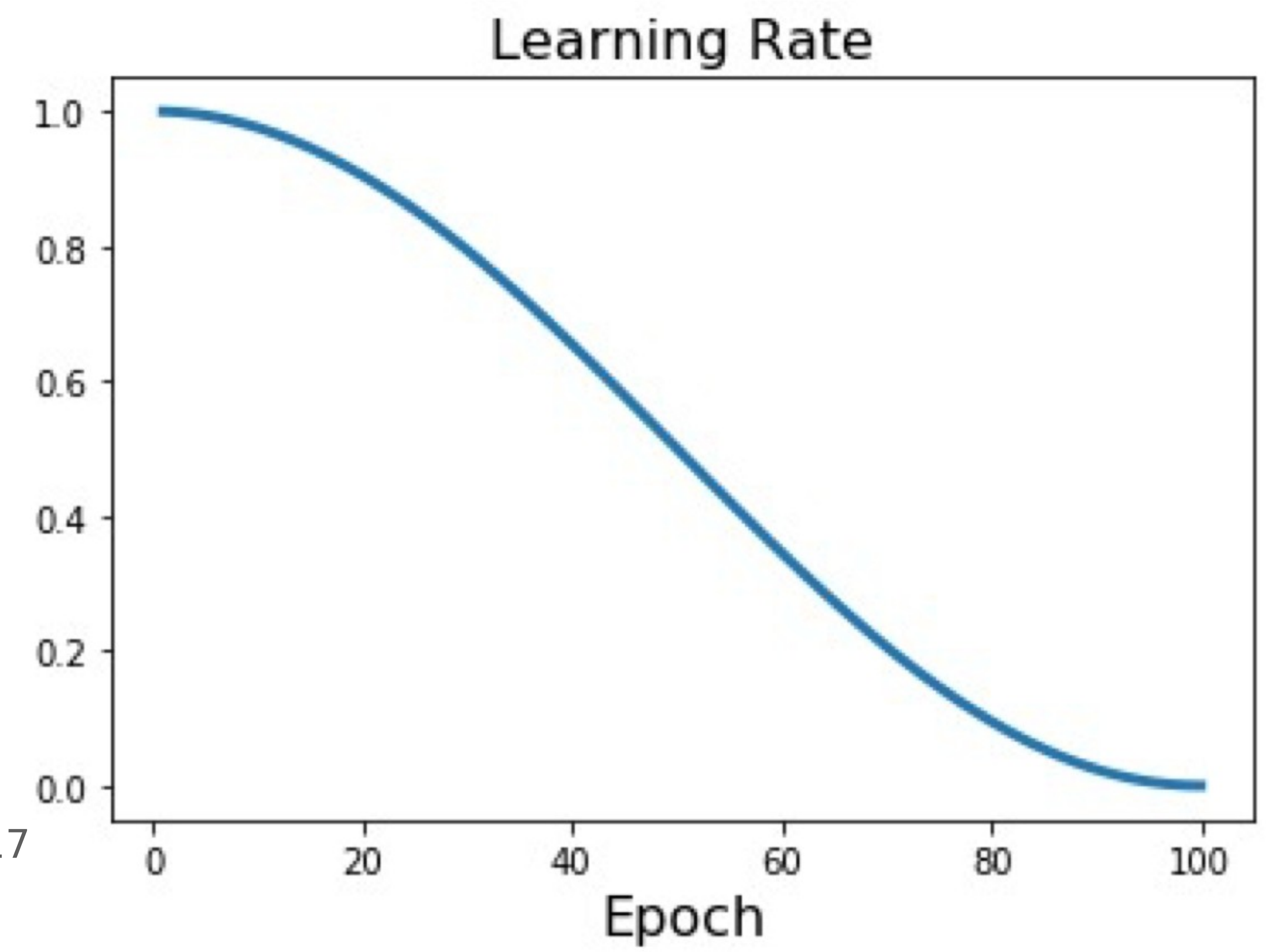
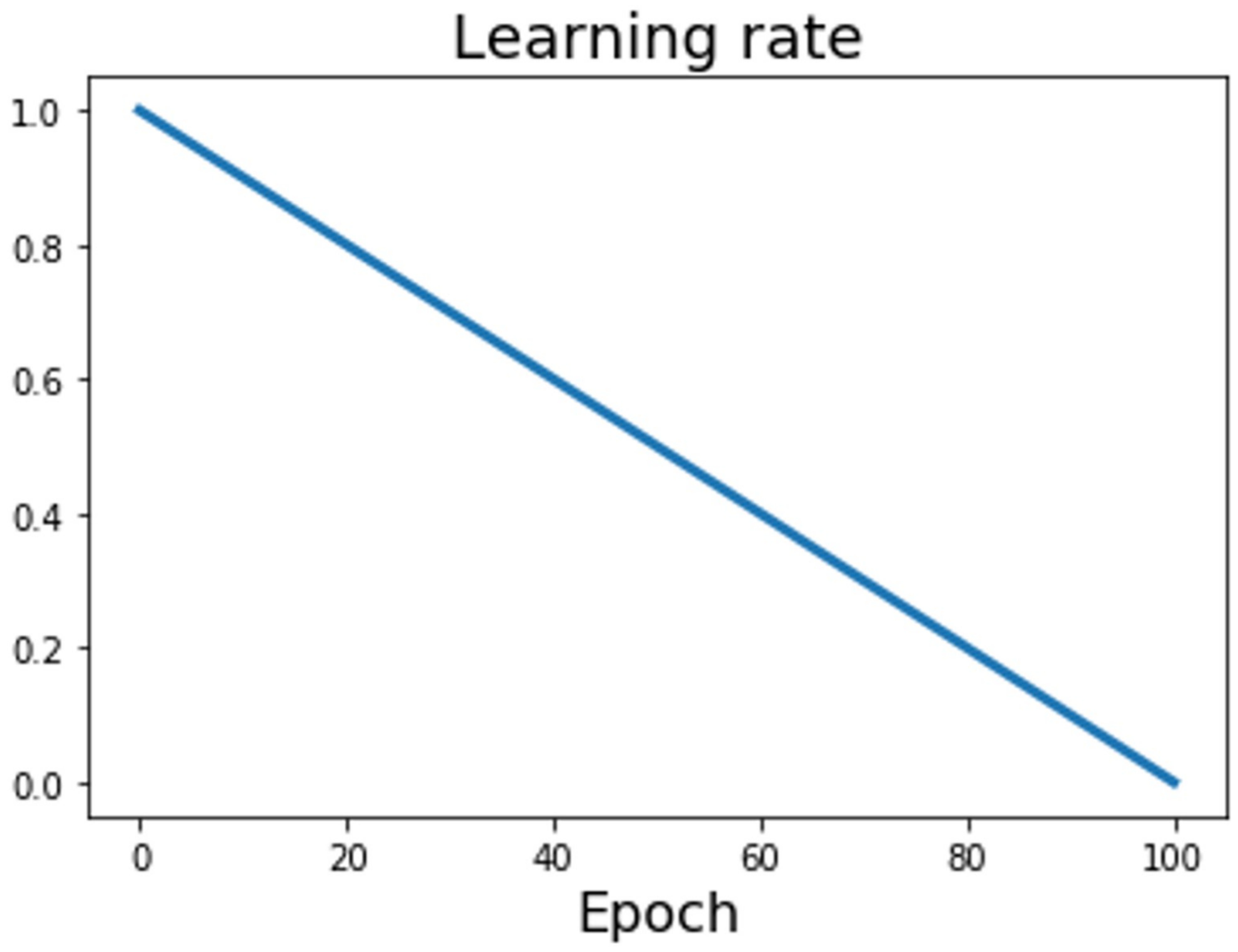
Cosine: $\alpha_t = \frac{1}{2}\alpha_0(1 + \cos(\frac{t\pi}{T}))$



Loshchilov and Hutter, “SGDR: Stochastic Gradient Descent with Warm Restarts”, ICLR 2017
Radford et al, “Improving Language Understanding by Generative Pre-Training”, 2018
Feichtenhofer et al, “SlowFast Networks for Video Recognition”, ICCV 2019
Radosavovic et al, “On Network Design Spaces for Visual Recognition”, ICCV 2019
Child at al, “Generating Long Sequences with Sparse Transformers”, arXiv 2019

Learning Rate Decay: Linear



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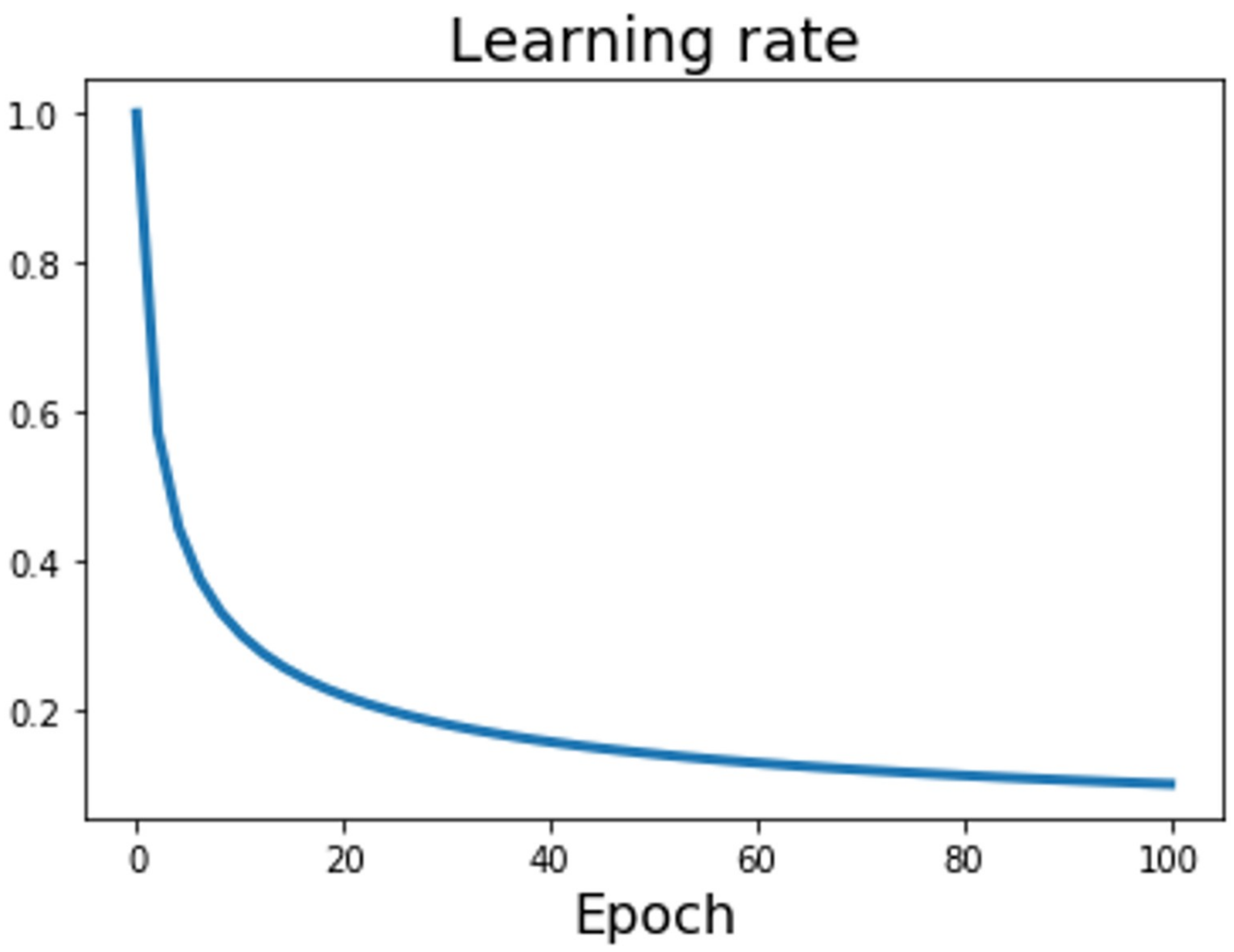
Devlin et al, "BERT: Pre-training of Deep Bidirectional Transformers for Language Understanding", NAACL 2018
Liu et al, "RoBERTa: A Robustly Optimized BERT Pretraining Approach", 2019
Yang et al, "XLNet: Generalized Autoregressive Pretraining for Language Understanding", NeurIPS 2019

Learning Rate Decay: Inverse Sqrt



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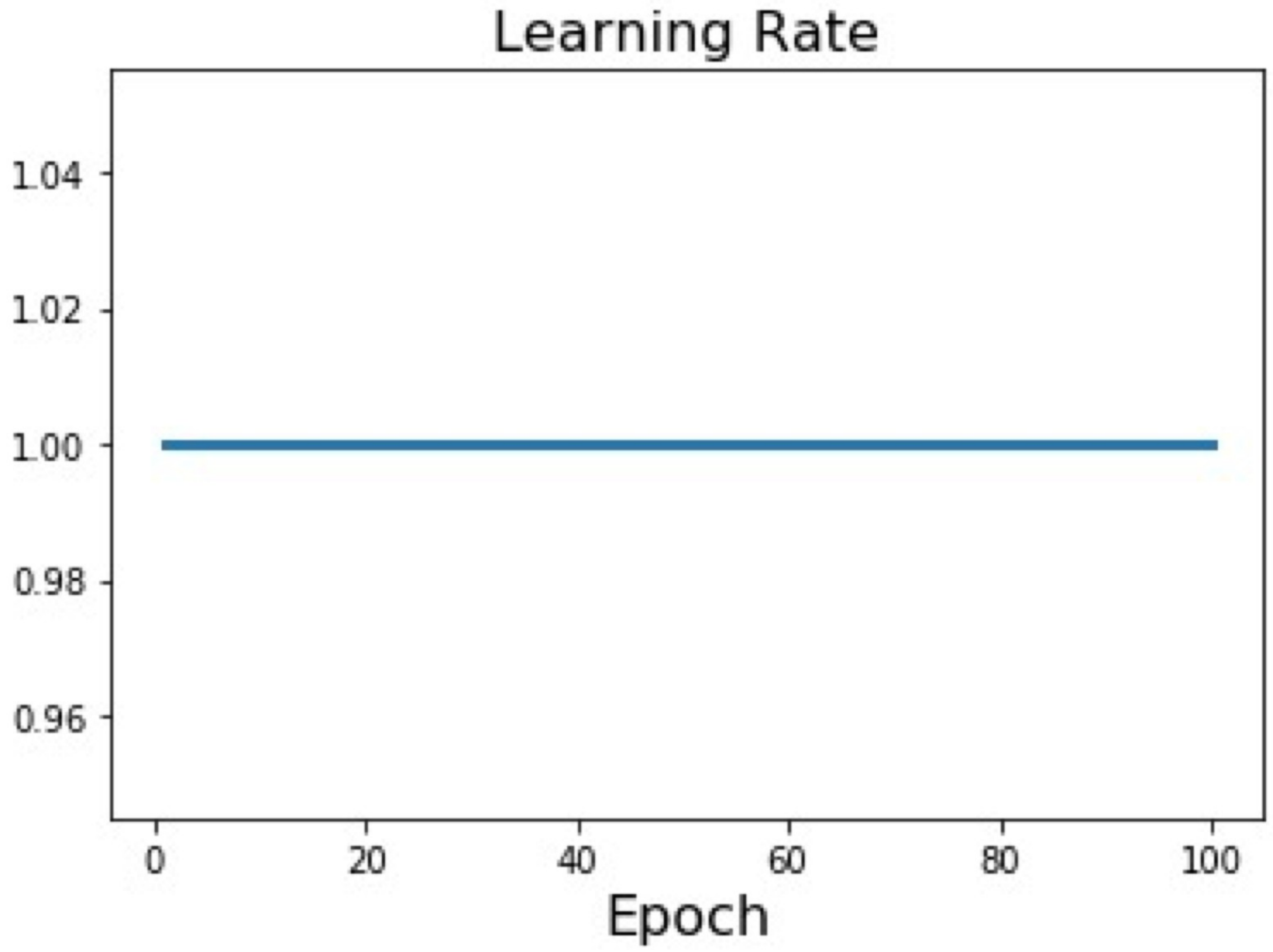
Linear: $\alpha_t = \alpha_0(1 - \frac{t}{T})$

Inverse sqrt: $\alpha_t = \alpha_0/\sqrt{t}$

Vaswani et al, "Attention is all you need", NIPS 2017

Learning Rate Decay: Constant!



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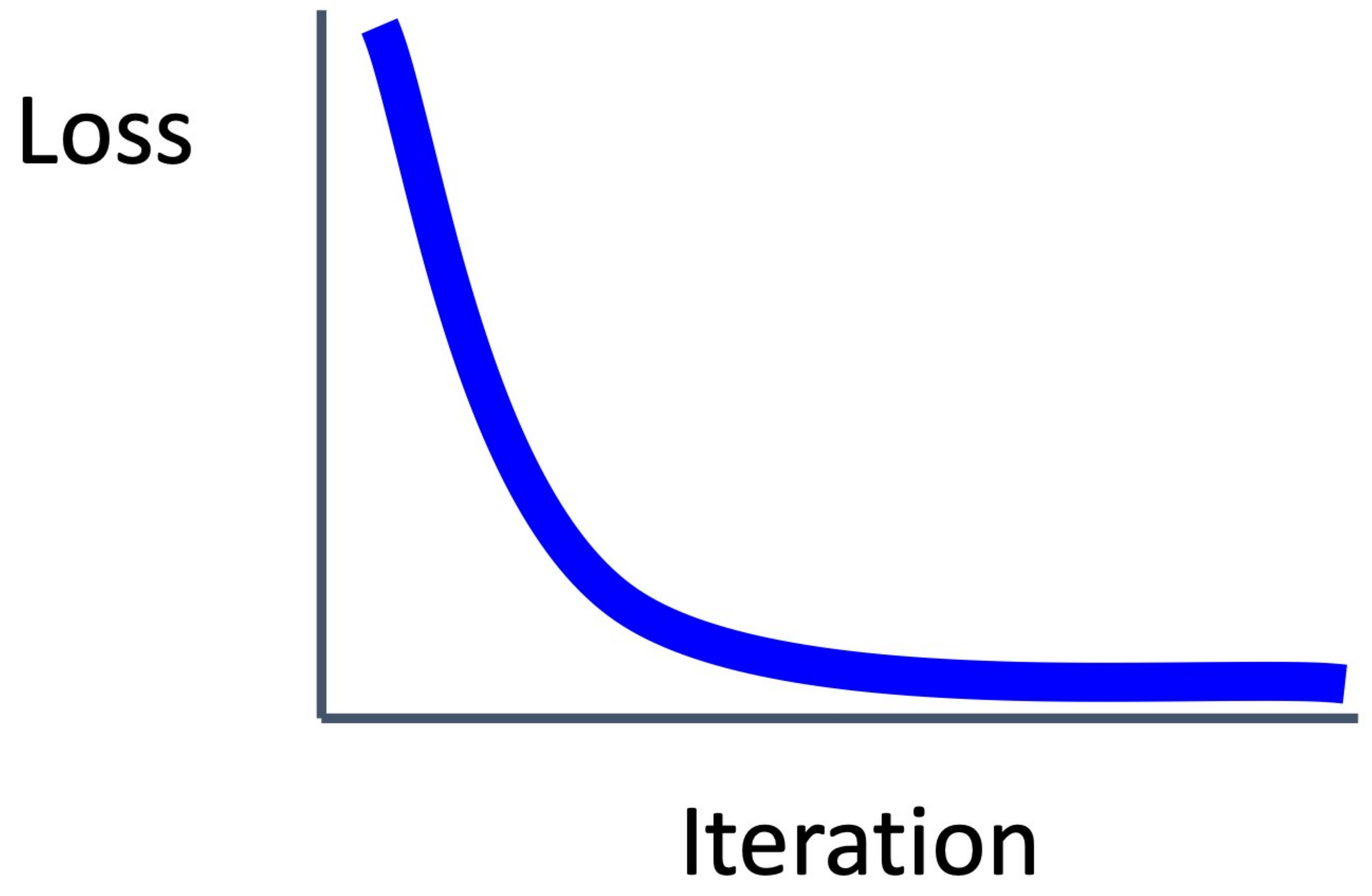
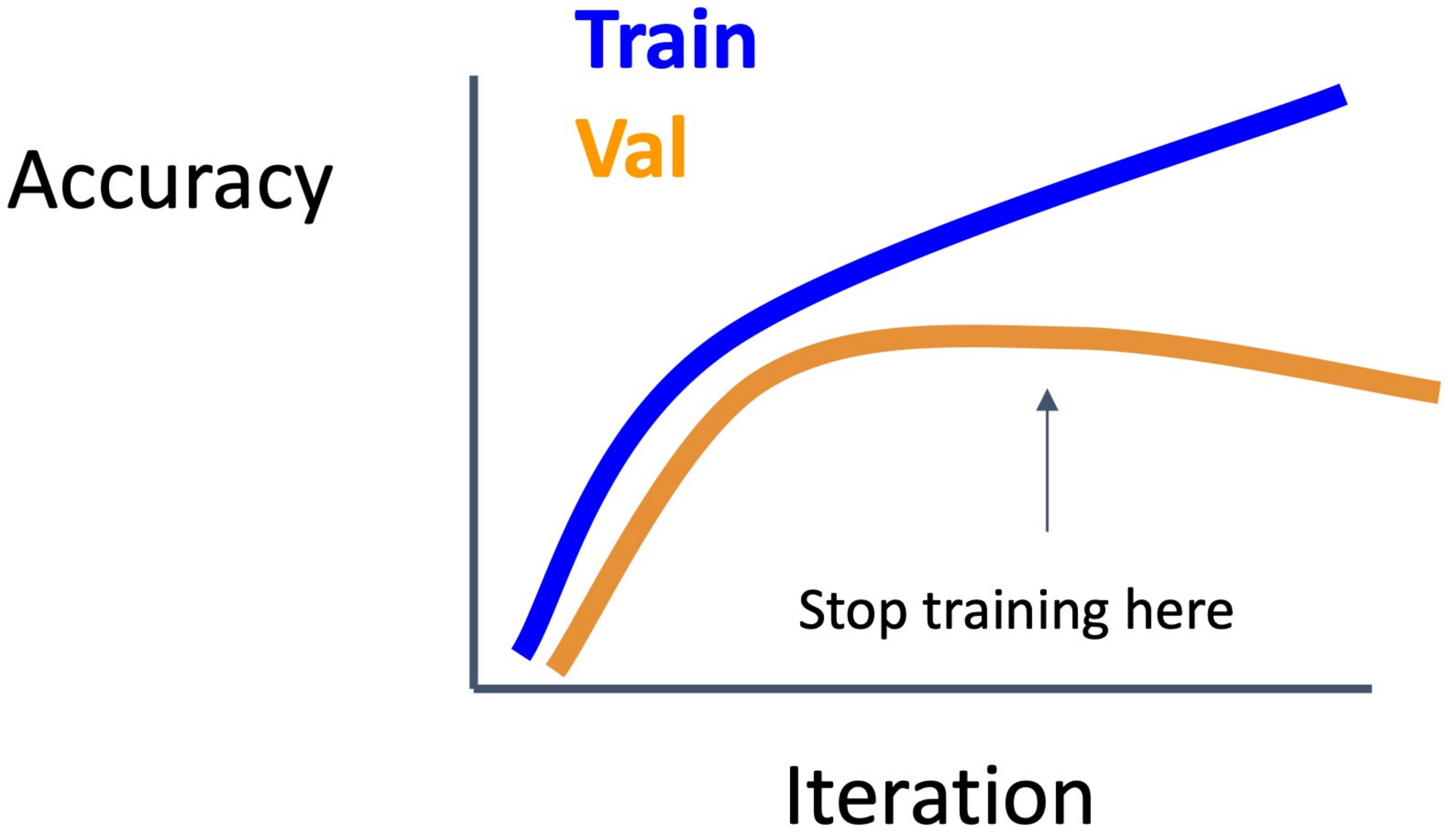
Constant: $\alpha_t = \alpha_0$

Brock et al, "Large Scale GAN Training for High Fidelity Natural Image Synthesis", ICLR 2019
Donahue and Simonyan, "Large Scale Adversarial Representation Learning", NeurIPS 2019

How long to train? Early Stopping





Stop training the model when accuracy on the validation set decreases Or train for a long time, but always keep track of the model snapshot that worked best on val. **Always a good idea to do this!**

Choosing Hyperparameters: Grid Search

Choose several values for each hyper parameter
(Often space choices log-linearly)

Example:
Weight decay: [1×10^{-4}, 1×10^{-3}, 1×10^{-2}, 1×10^{-1}]
Learning rate: [1×10^{-4}, 1×10^{-3}, 1×10^{-2}, 1×10^{-1}]

Evaluate all possible choices on this **hyperparameter grid**

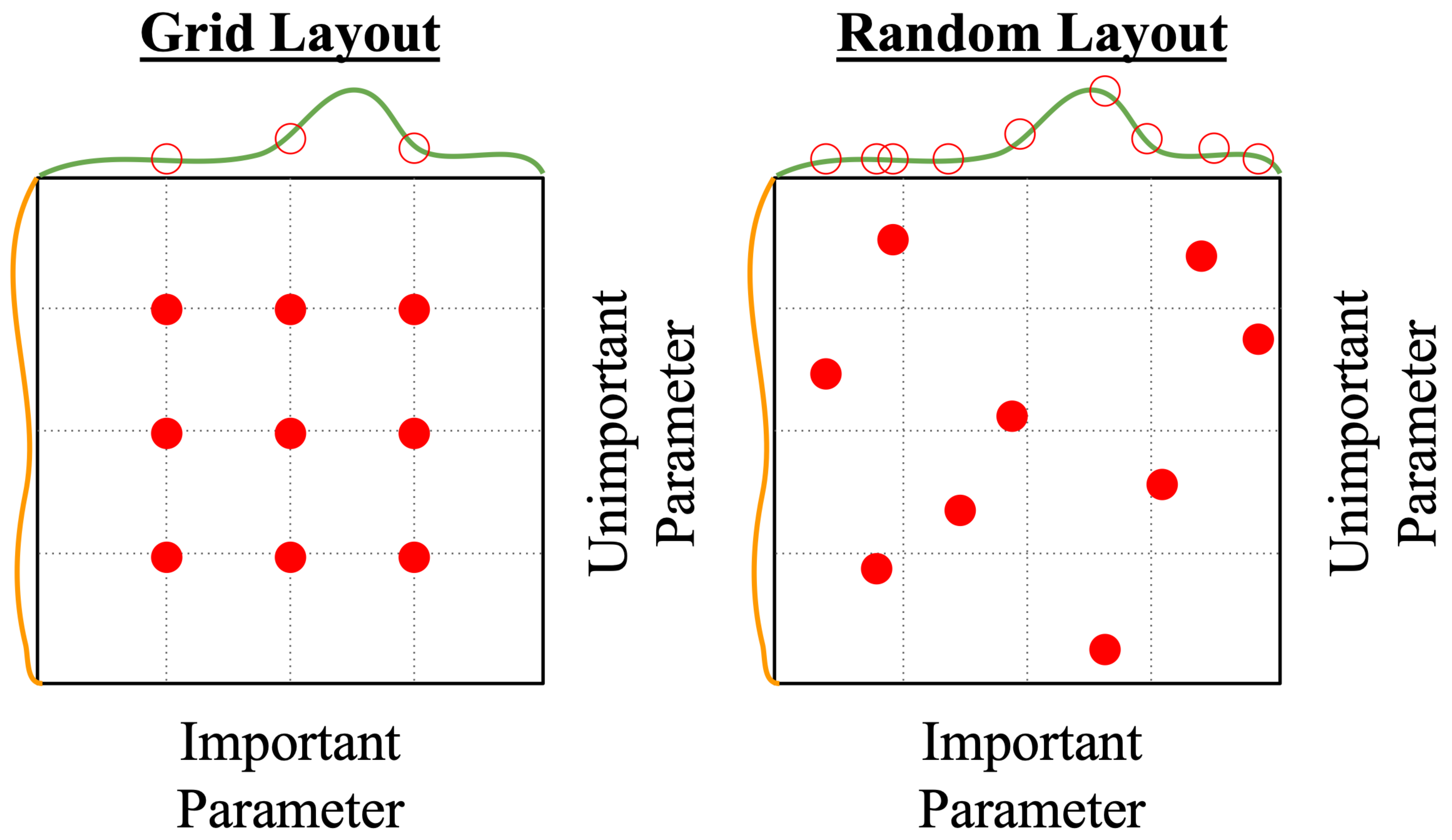
Choosing Hyperparameters: Random Search

Choose several values for each hyper parameter
(Often space choices log-linearly)

Example:
Weight decay: log-uniform on $[1 \times 10^{-4}, 1 \times 10^{-1}]$
Learning rate: log-uniform on $[1 \times 10^{-4}, 1 \times 10^{-1}]$

Run many different trials

Hyperparameters: Random vs Grid Search



Bergstra and Bengio, “Random Search for Hyper-Parameter Optimization”, JMLR 2012

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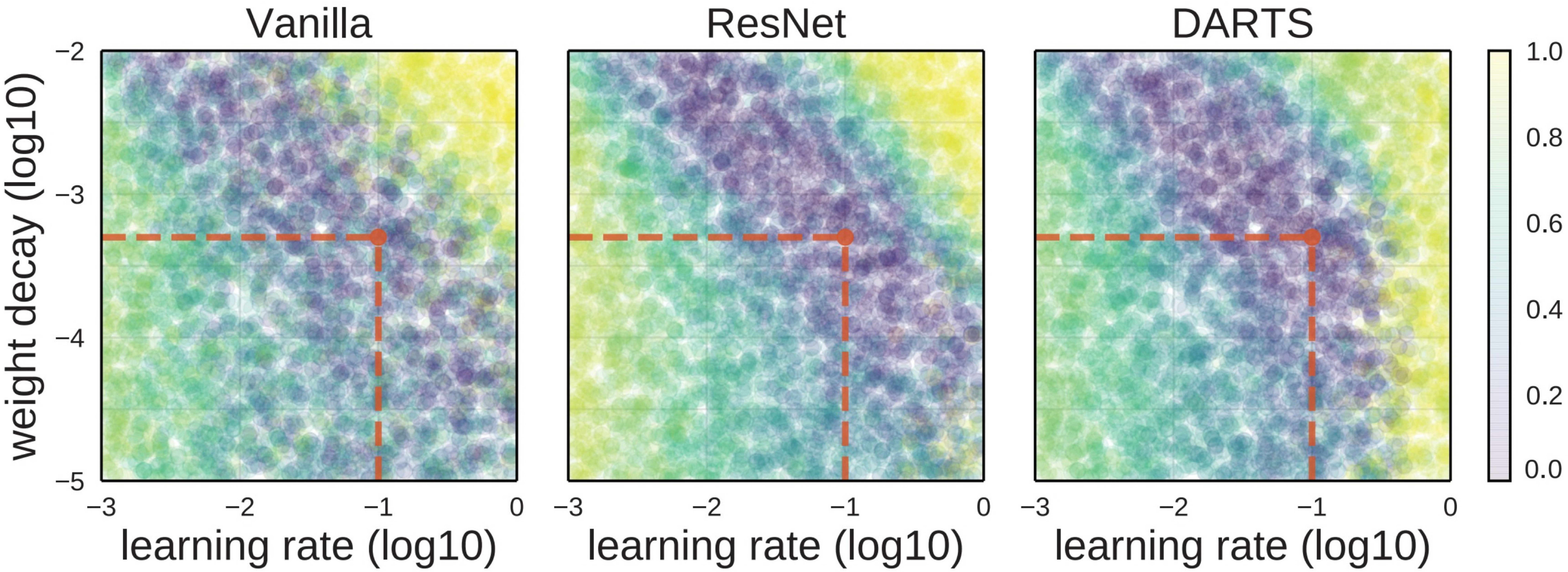

Radosavovic et al, “On Network Design Spaces for Visual Recognition”, ICCV 2019

Choosing Hyperparameters

Step 1: Check initial loss

Turn off weight decay, sanity check loss at initialization
e.g. log(C) for softmax with C classes

Choosing Hyperparameters

Step 1: Check initial loss

Step 2: Overfit a small sample

Try to train to 100% training accuracy on a small sample of training data (~5-10 mini batches); fiddle with architecture, learning rate, weight initialization. Turn off regularization.

Loss not going down? LR too low, bad initialization
Loss explodes to Inf or NaN? LR too high, bad initialization

Choosing Hyperparameters

Step 1: Check initial loss

Step 2: Overfit a small sample

Step 3: Find LR that makes loss go down

Use the architecture from the previous step, use all training data, turn on small weight decay, find a learning rate that makes the loss drop significantly within ~100 iterations

Good learning rates to try: 1e-1, 1e-2, 1e-3, 1e-4

Choosing Hyperparameters

Step 1: Check initial loss

Step 2: Overfit a small sample

Step 3: Find LR that makes loss go down

Step 4: Coarse grid, train for ~1-5 epochs

Choose a few values of learning rate and weight decay around what worked from Step 3, train a few models for ~1-5 epochs

Good learning rates to try: 1e-4, 1e-5, 0

Choosing Hyperparameters

Step 1: Check initial loss

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Step 4: Coarse grid, train for ~1-5 epochs

Step 5: Refine grid, train longer

Pick best models from Step 4, train them for longer (~10-20 epochs) without learning rate decay

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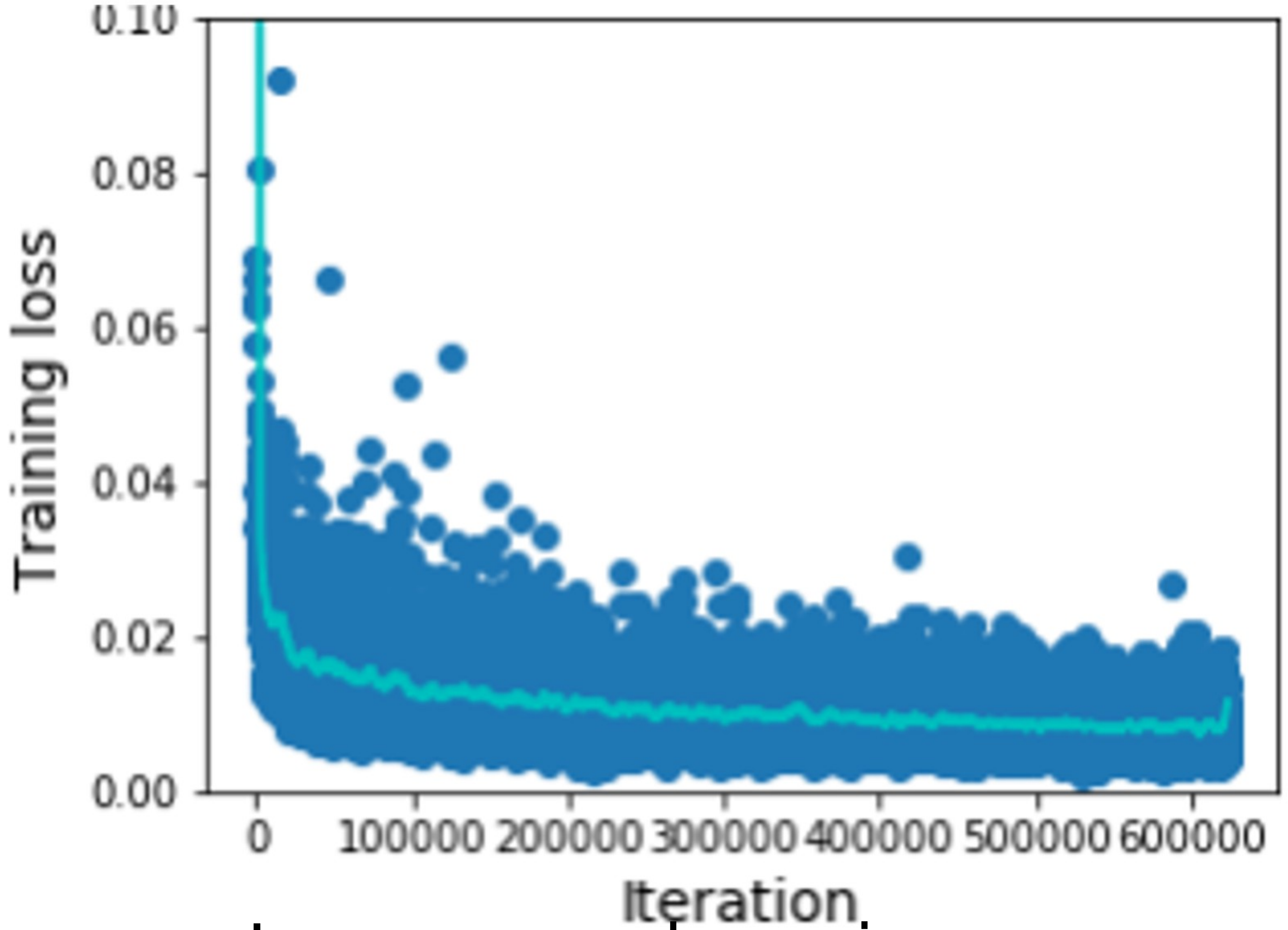
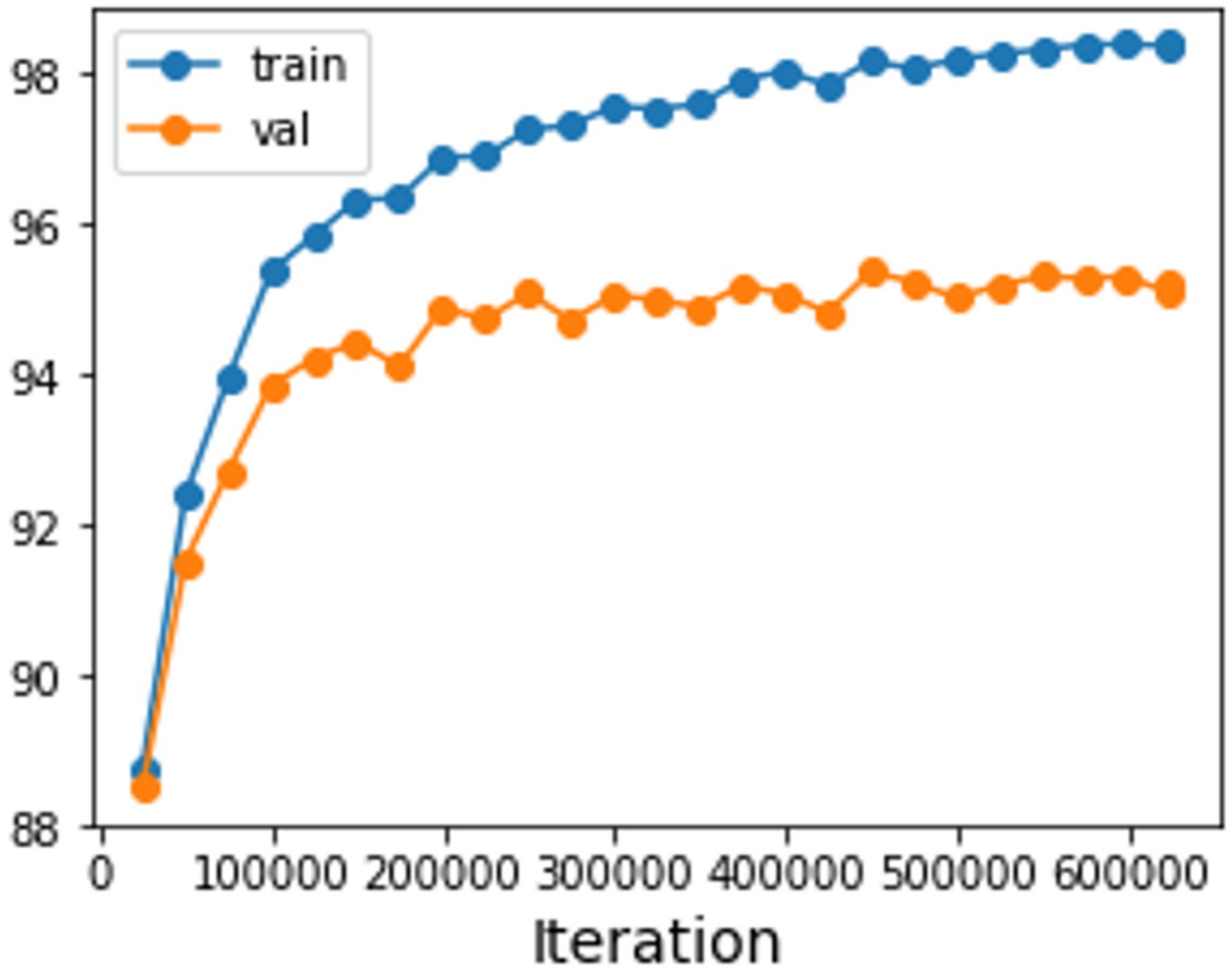
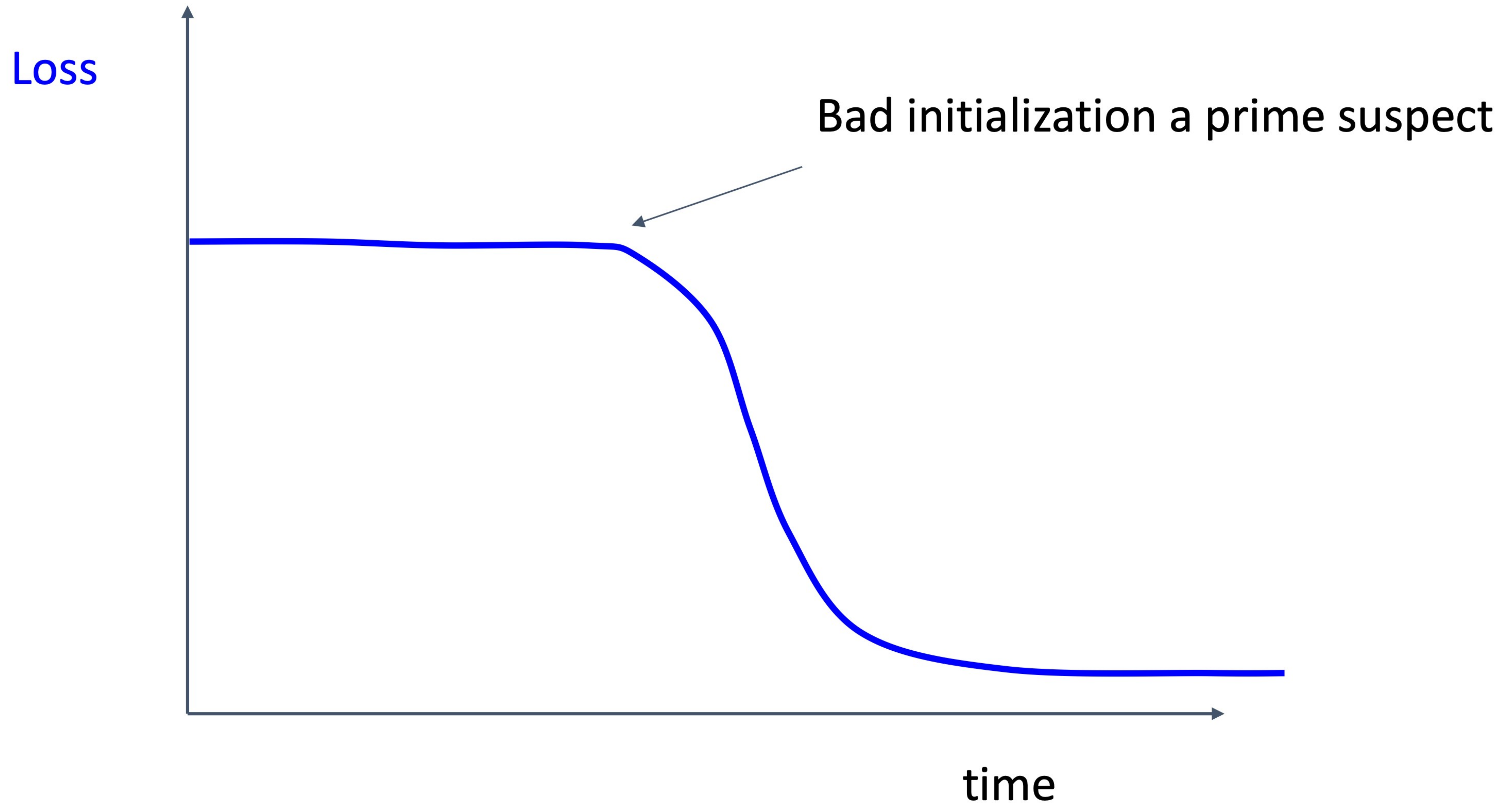
Step 6: Look at learning curves

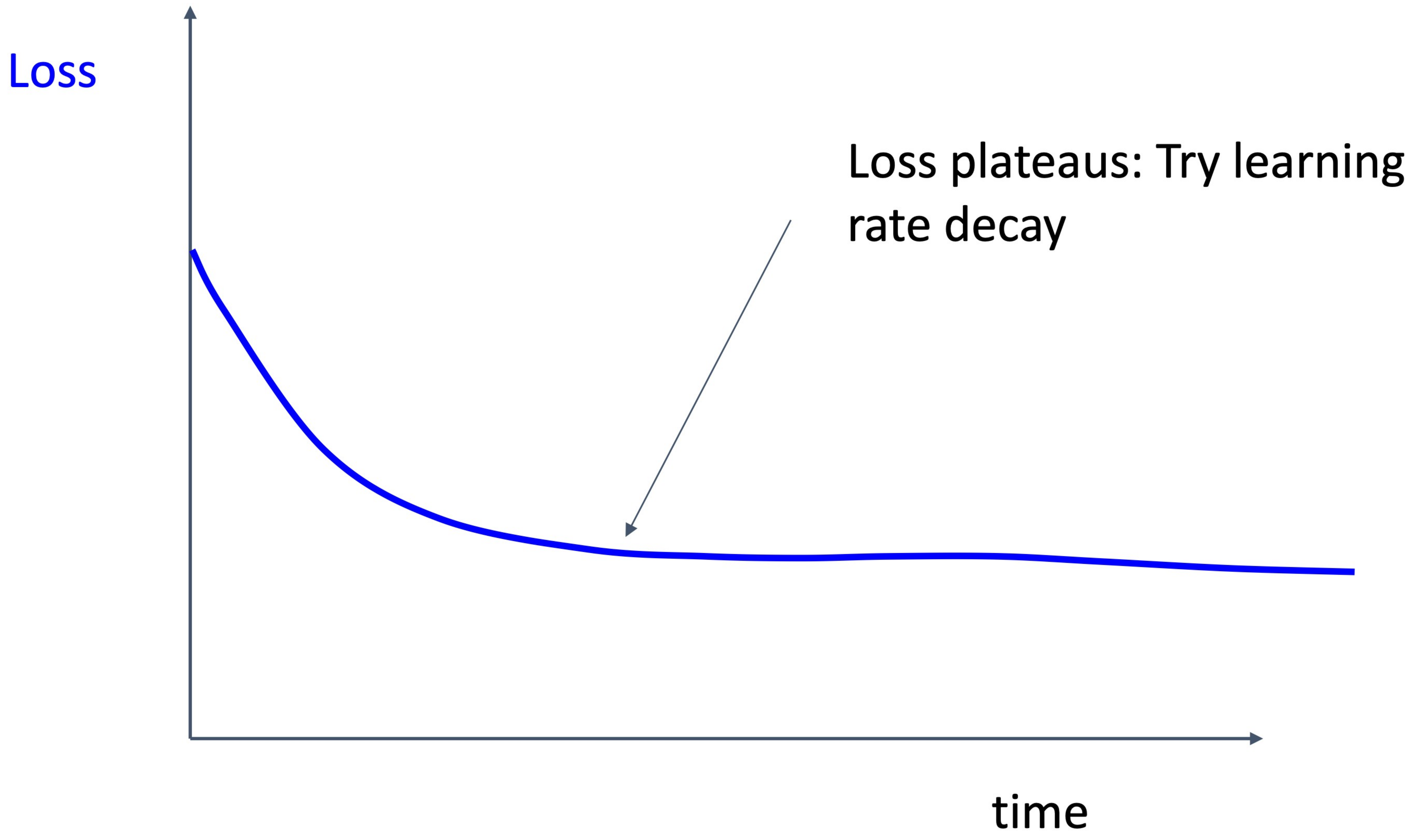
Look at Learning Curves!

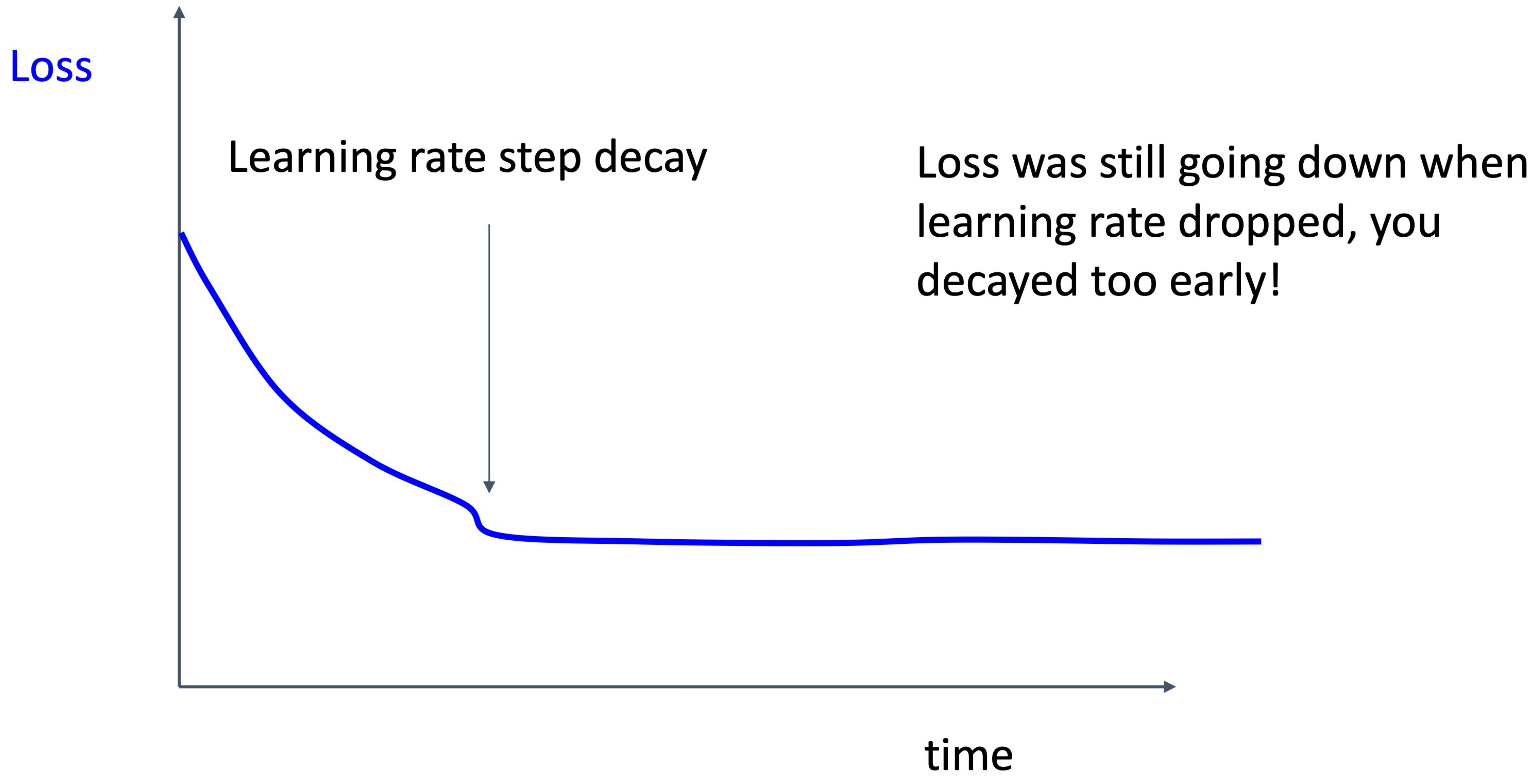


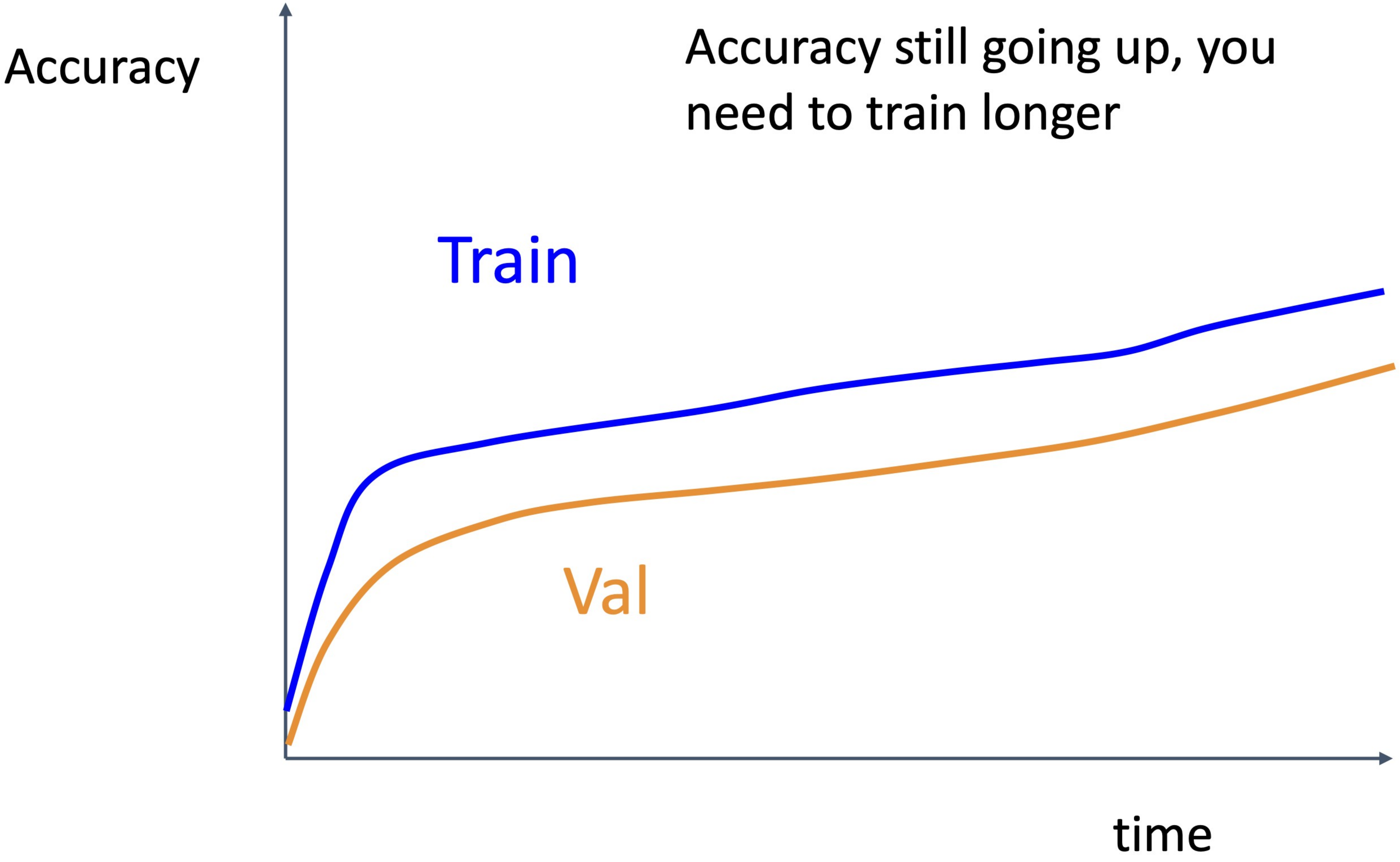
Losses may be noisy, use a scatter plot and also plot moving average to see trends better



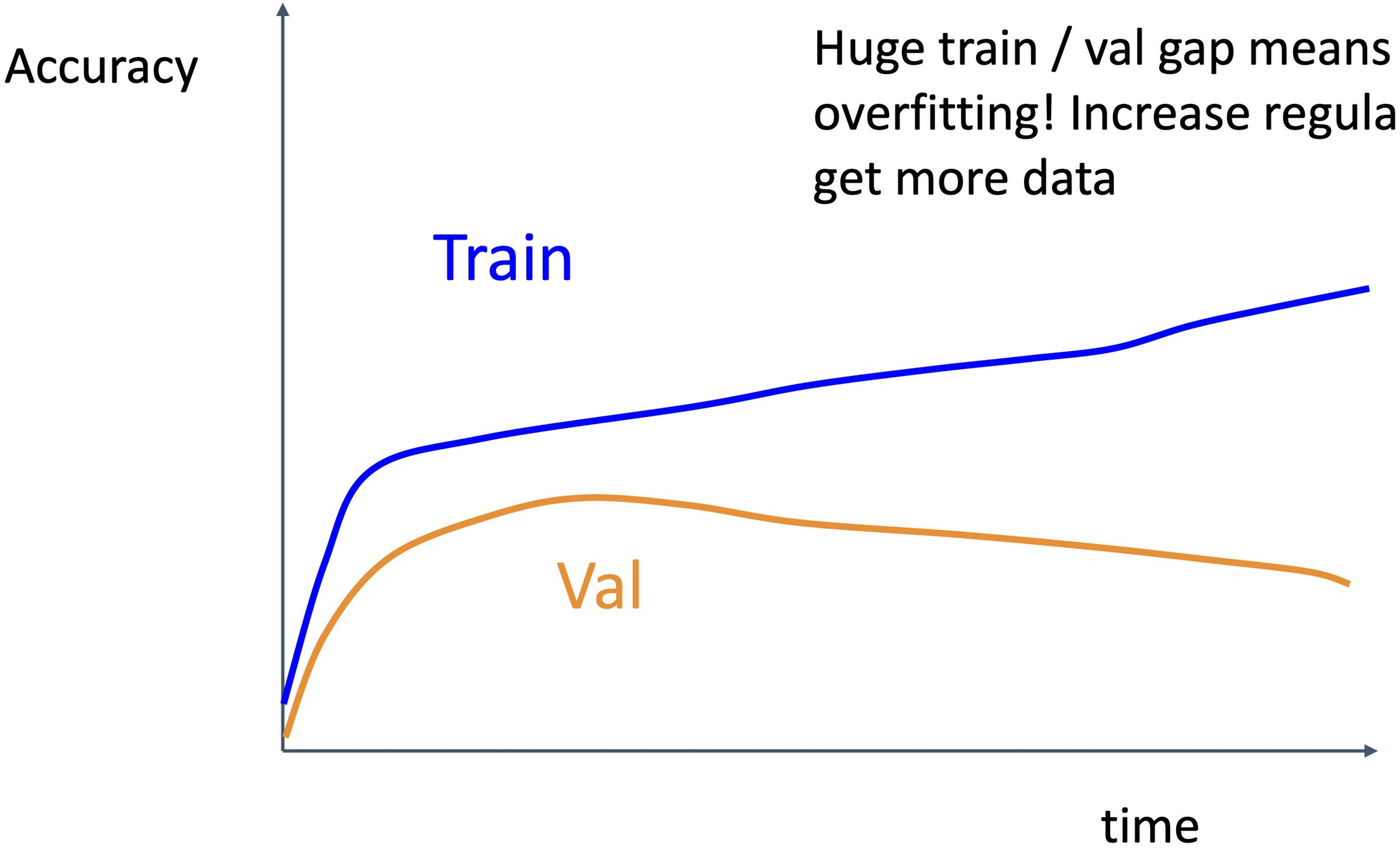

Loss
Bad initialization a prime suspect
time

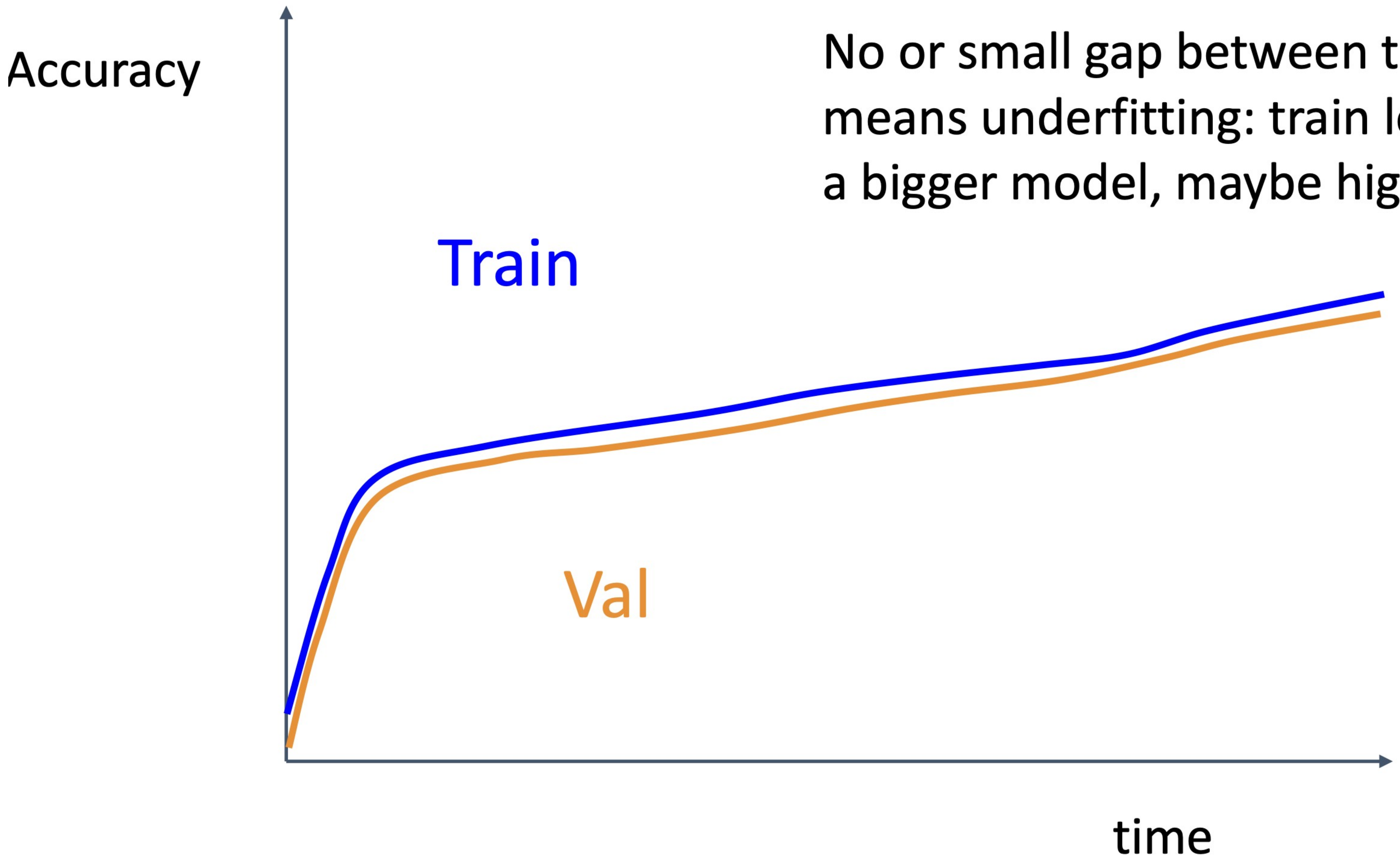

Loss
Loss plateaus: Try learning
rate decay
time


Loss
Learning rate step decay
Loss was still going down when learning rate dropped, you decayed too early!
time


Accuracy
Accuracy still going up, you need to train longer
Train
Val
time

Huge train / val gap means overfitting! Increase regularization, get more data





No or small gap between train / val means underfitting: train longer, use a bigger model, maybe higher LR

Choosing Hyperparameters

Step 1: Check initial loss

Step 2: Overfit a small sample

Step 3: Find LR that makes loss go down

Step 4: Coarse grid, train for ~1-5 epochs

Step 5: Refine grid, train longer

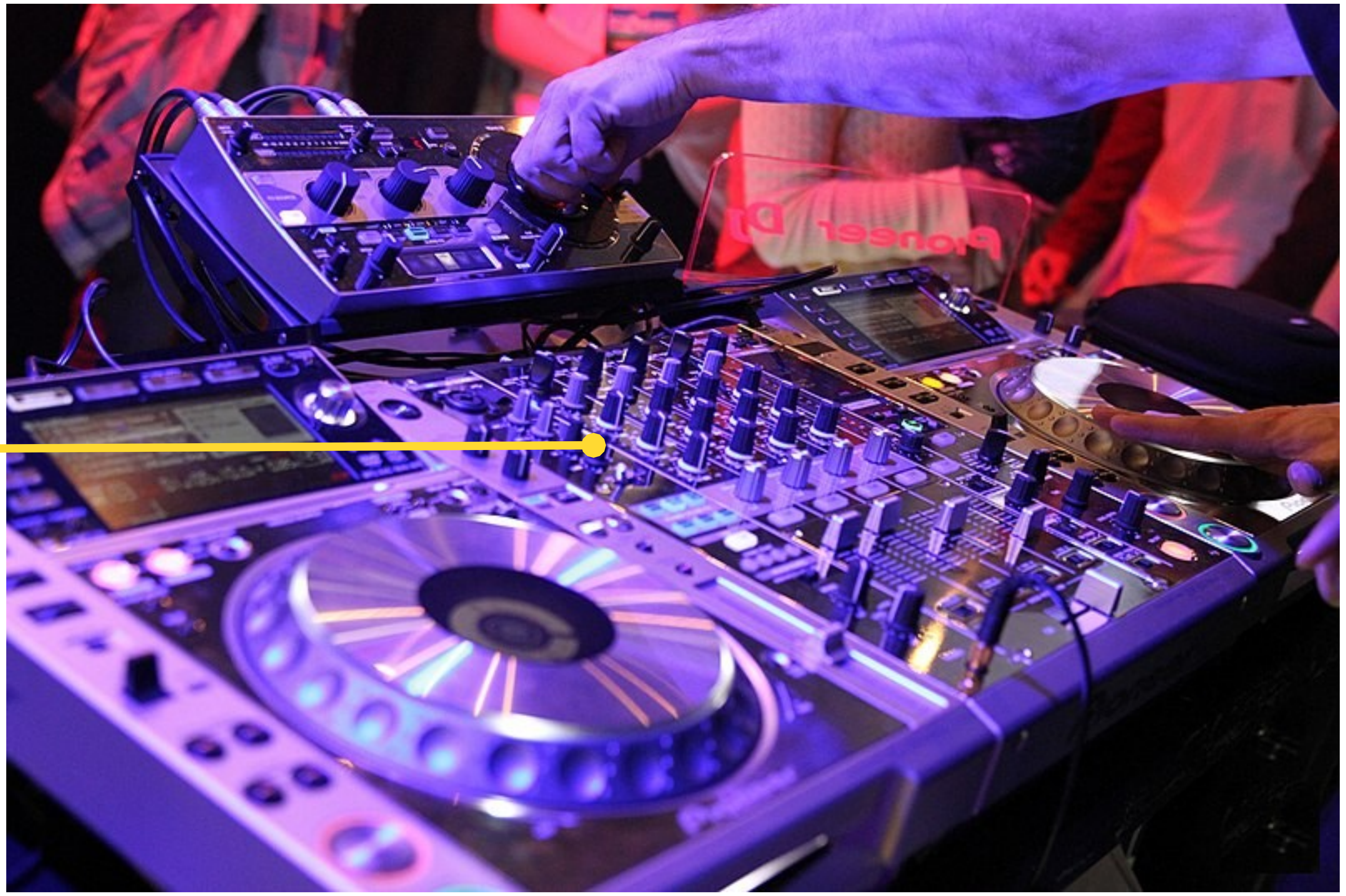
Step 6: Look at ~~learning curves~~ loss curves

Step 7: GOTO step 5

Hyperparameters to play with:

- Network architecture
- Learning rate, its decay schedule, update type
- Regularization (L2/ Dropout strength)

Neural networks practitioner
Music = loss function

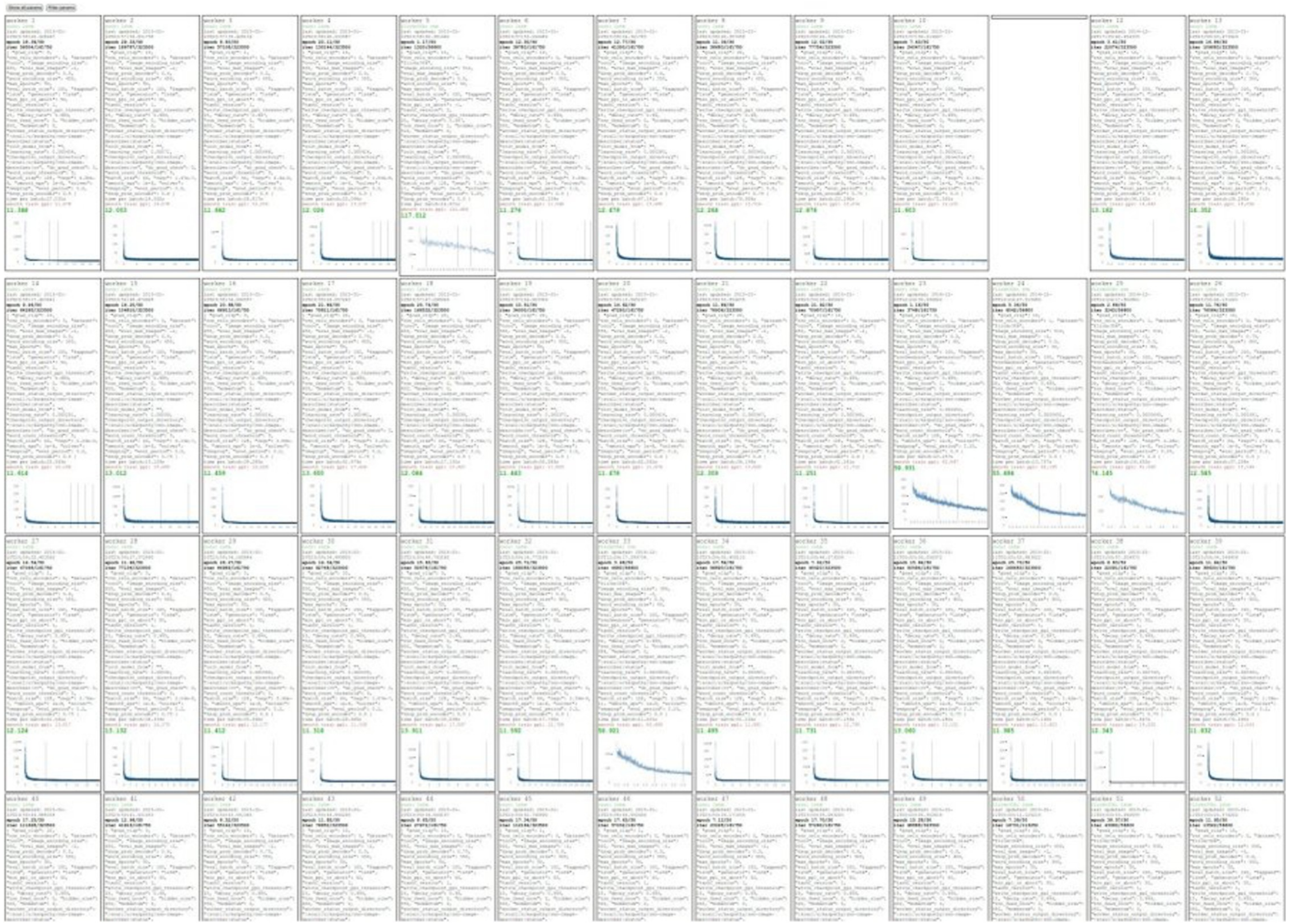


Cross-validation “command center”

https://wandb.ai/

Save all losses and plot

Tensorboard
(tensorflow)



Track ratio of weight update / weight magnitude

```
# assume parameter vector W and its gradient vector dW
param_scale = np.linalg.norm(W.ravel())
update = -learning_rate*dW # simple SGD update
update_scale = np.linalg.norm(update.ravel())
W += update # the actual update
print update_scale / param_scale # want ~1e-3
```

Ratio between the updates and values: ~0.0002 / 0.02 = 0.01 (about okay) **want this to be somewhere around 0.001 or so**

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Model Ensembles

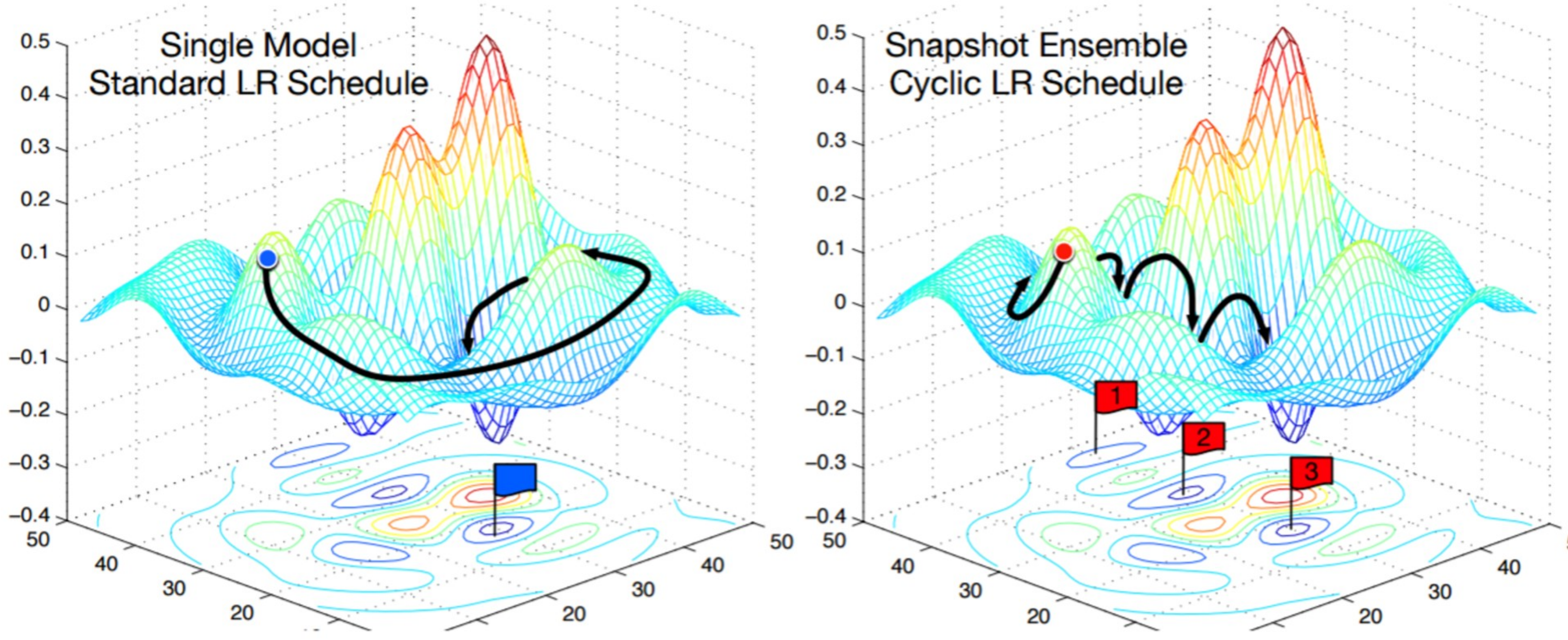
1. **Train multiple independent models**
2. **At test time average their results:**

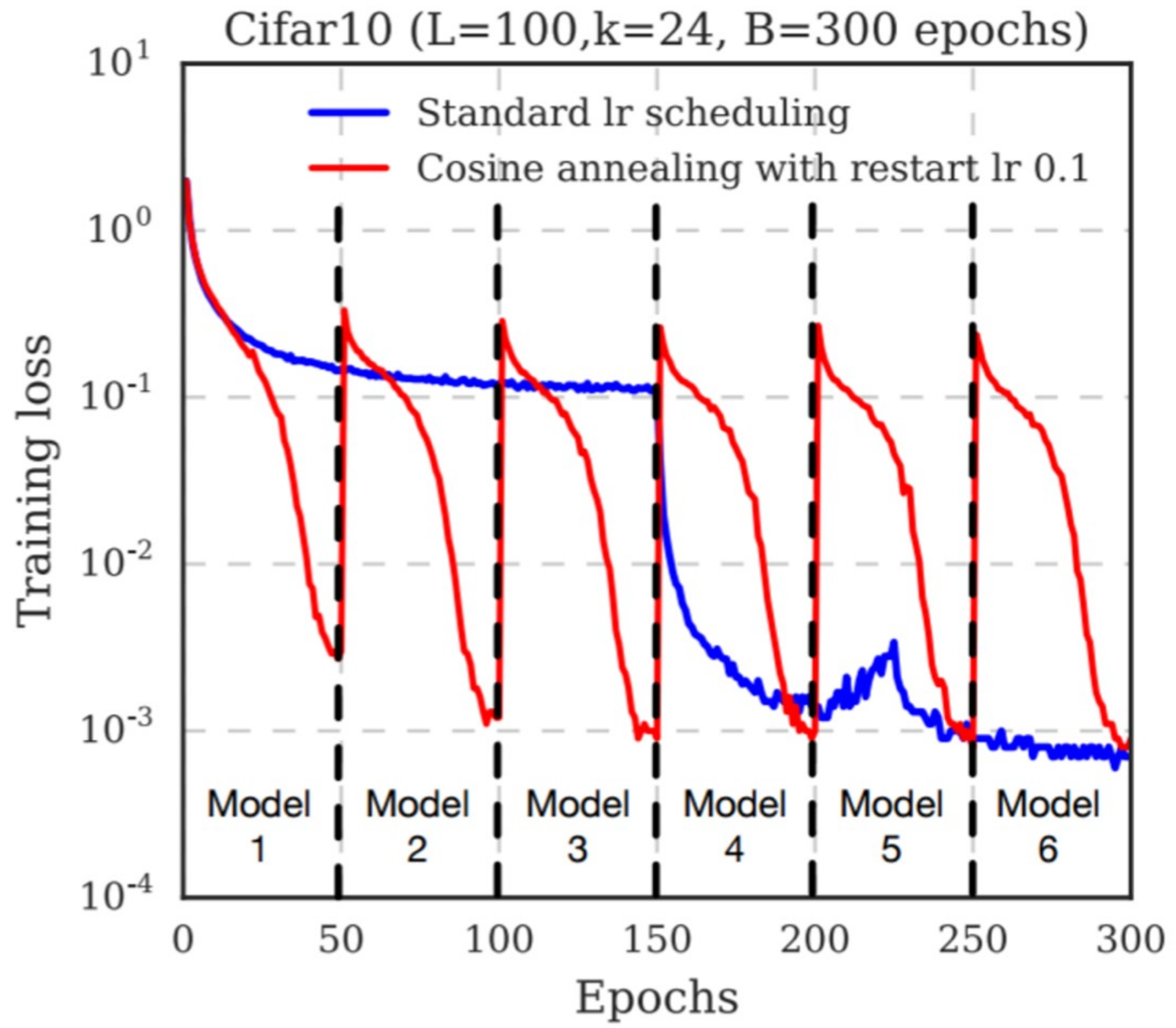
(Take average of predicted probability distributions, then choose argmax)

Enjoy 2% extra performance

Model Ensembles: Tips and Tricks

Instead of training independent models, use multiple snapshots of a single model during training!





Loshchilov and Hutter, "SGDR: Stochastic gradient descent with restarts", arXiv 2016
Huang et al, "Snapshot ensembles: train 1, get M for free", ICLR 2017

Cyclic learning rate schedules can make this work even better!

Model Ensembles: Tips and Tricks

Instead of using actual parameter vector, keep a moving average of the parameter vector and use that at test time (Polyak averaging)

```
while True:
  data_batch = dataset.sample_data_batch()
  loss = network.forward(data_batch)
  dx = network.backward()
  x += - learning_rate * dx
  x_test = 0.995*x_test + 0.005*x # use for test set
```

Polyak and Juditsky, “Acceleration of stochastic approximation by averaging”, SIAM Journal on Control and Optimization, 1992.
Karras et al, “Progressive Growing of GANs for Improved Quality, Stability, and Variation”, ICLR 2018
Brock et al, “Large Scale GAN Training for High Fidelity Natural Image Synthesis”, ICLR 201

Transfer Learning

"You need a lot of data if you want to train / use CNNs"

What if data is limited?

Transfer Learning with CNNs

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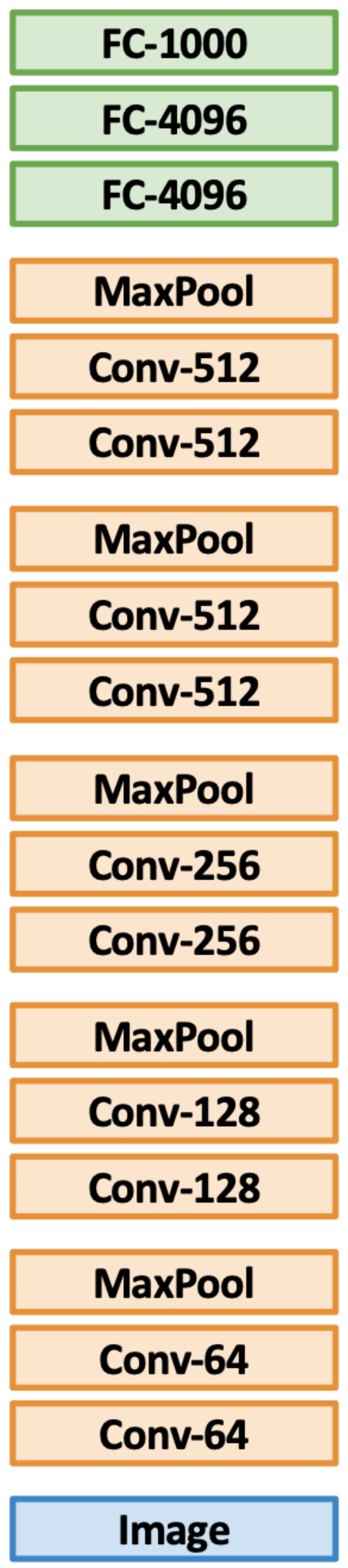

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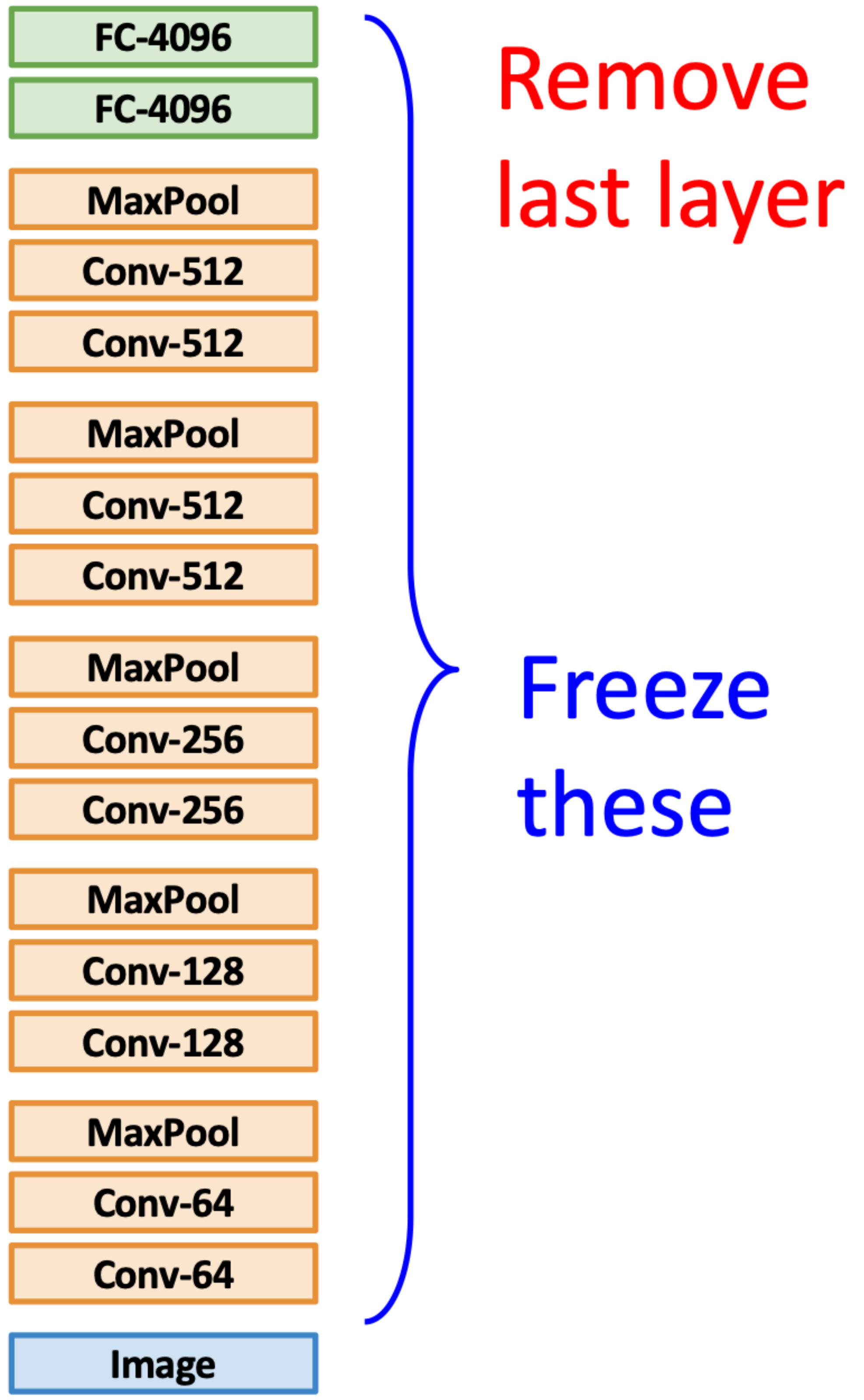

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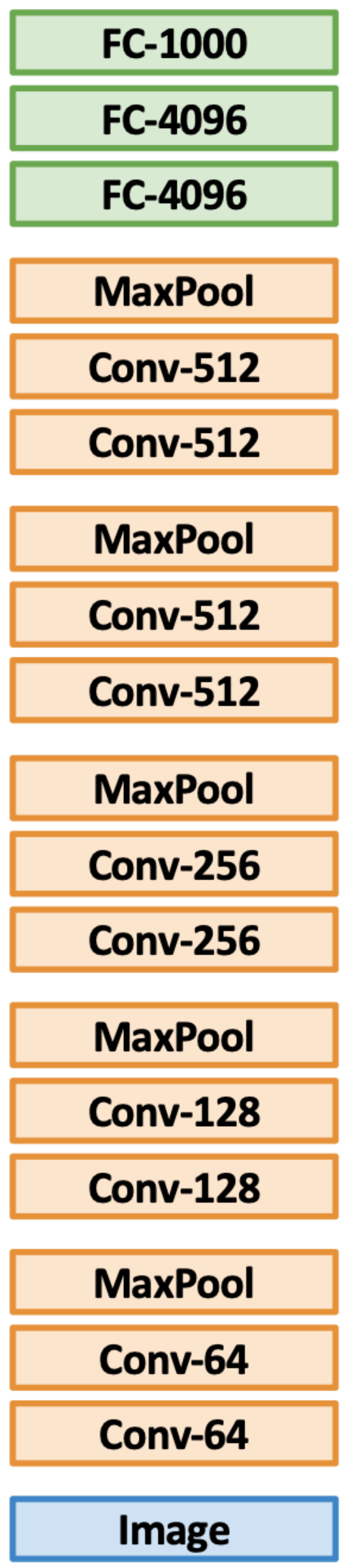

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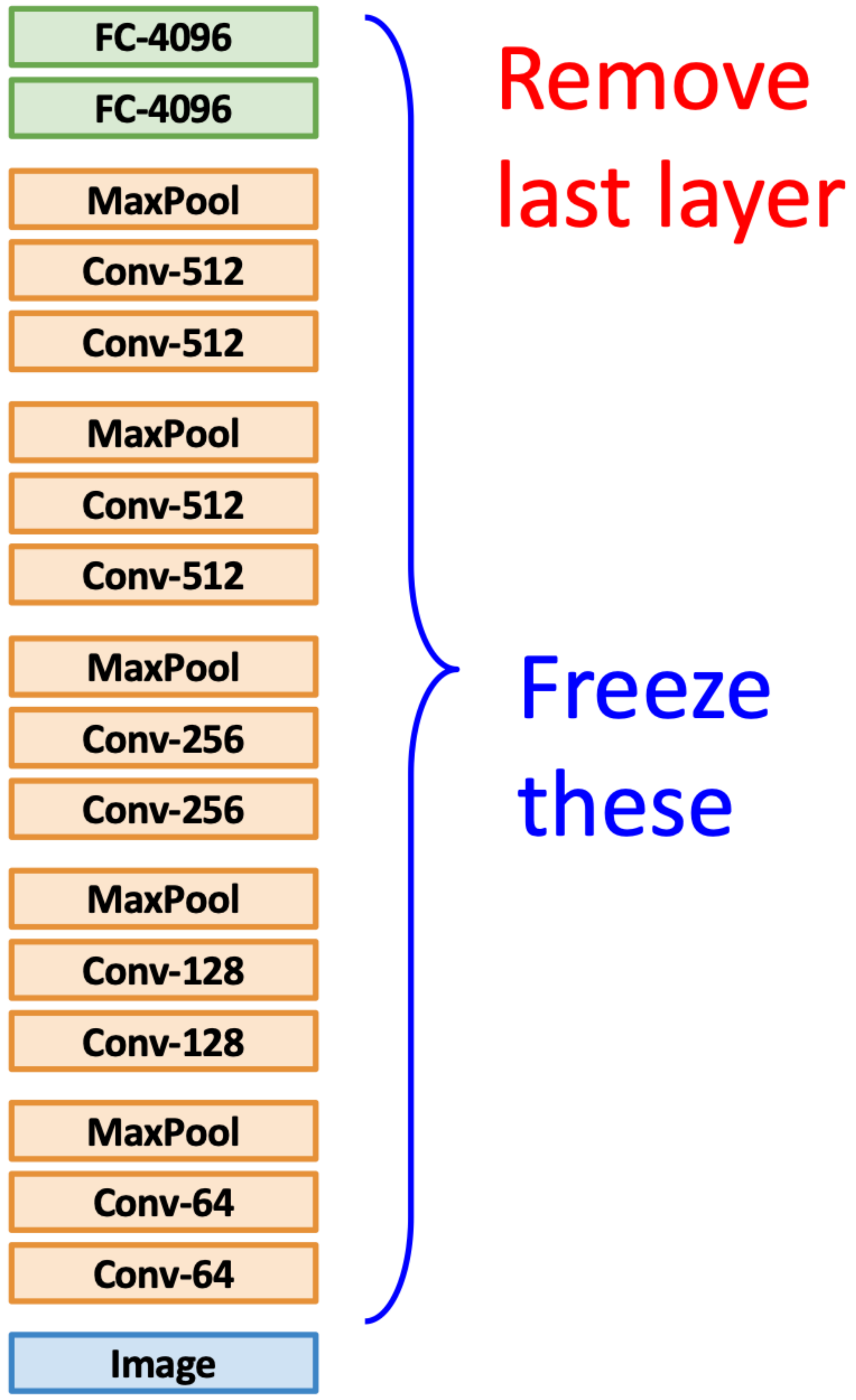
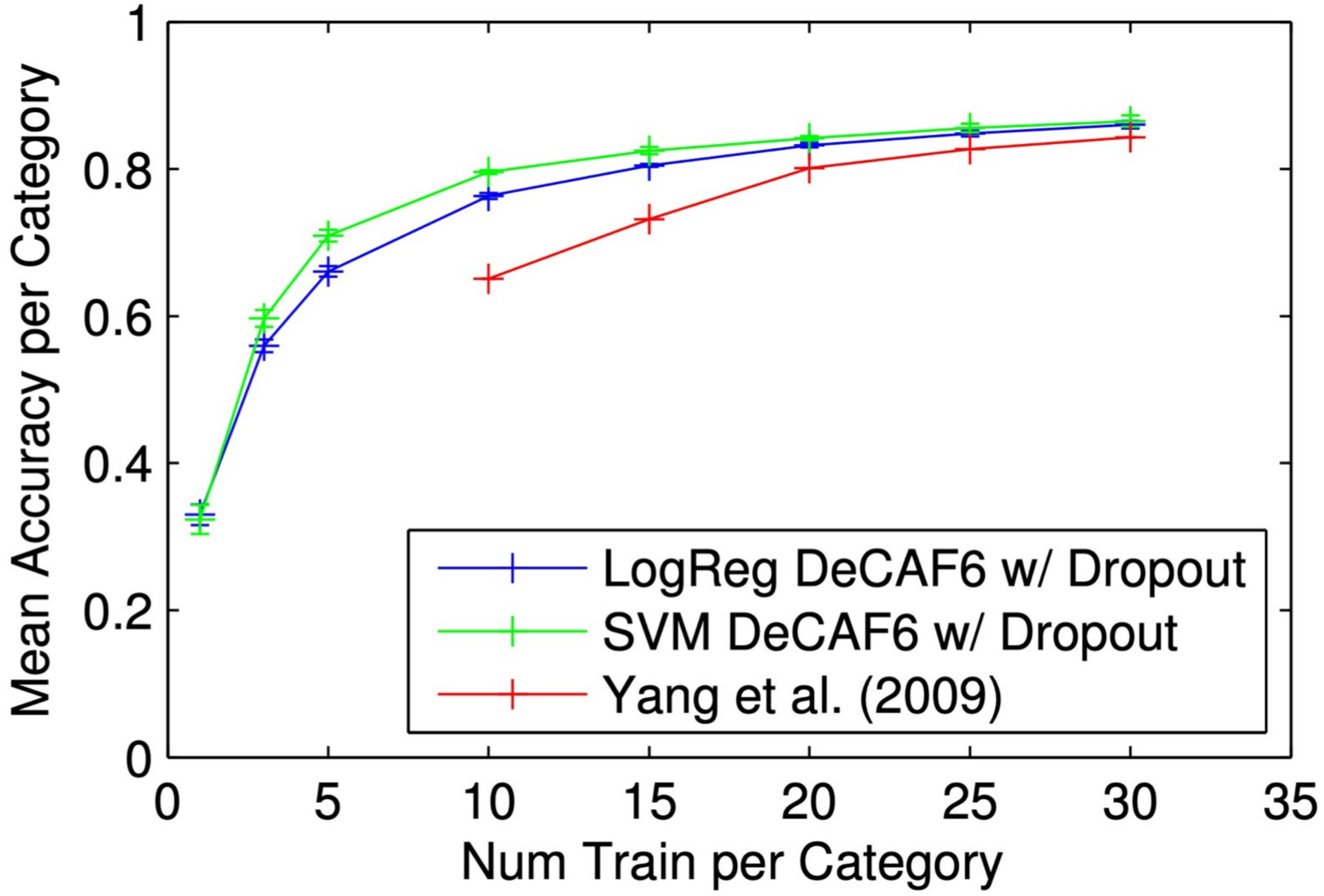


Classification on Caltech-101



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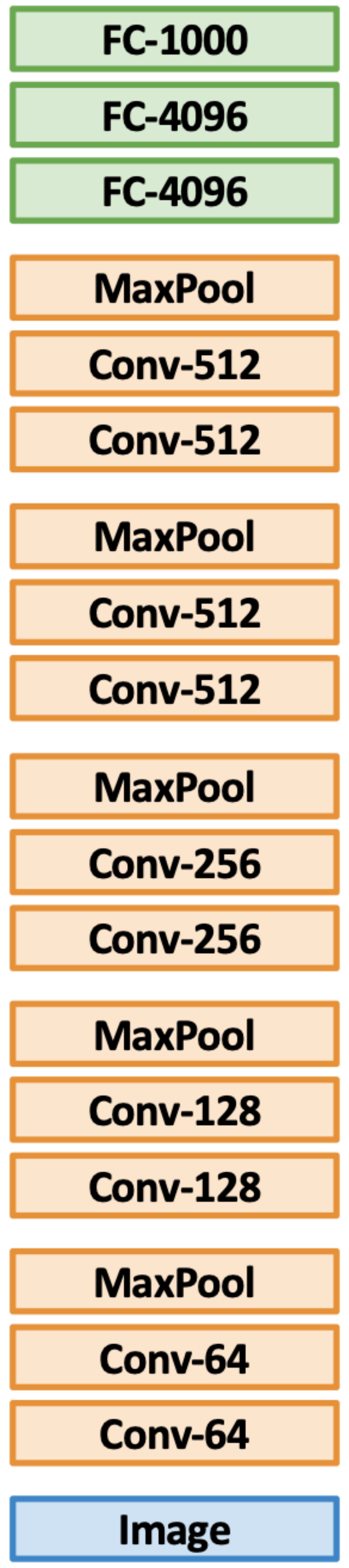

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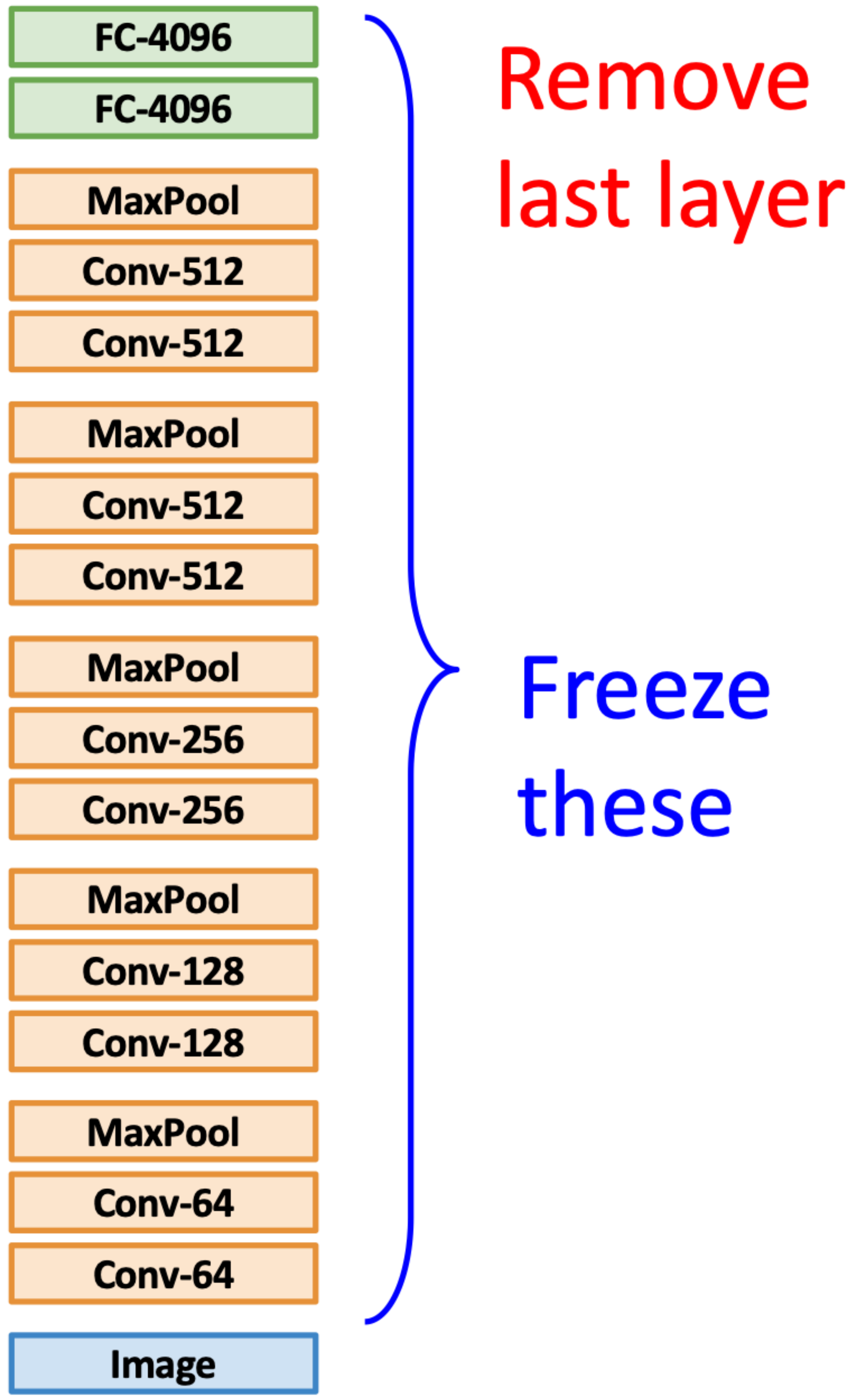

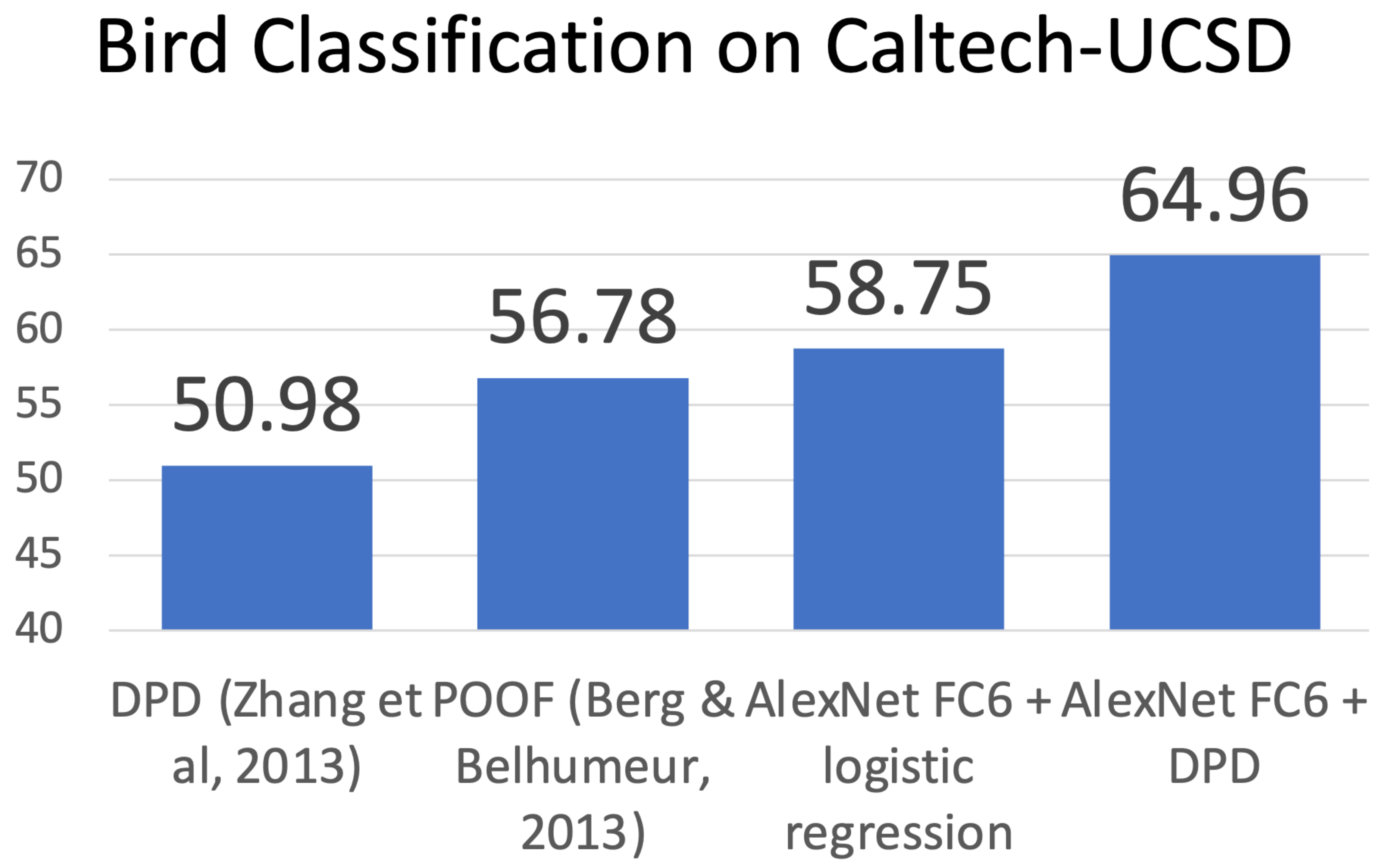

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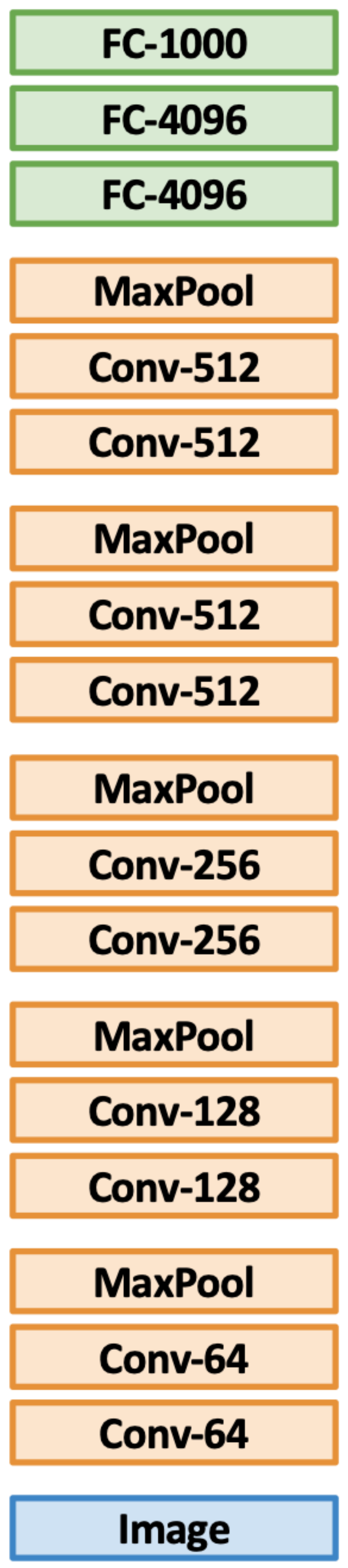

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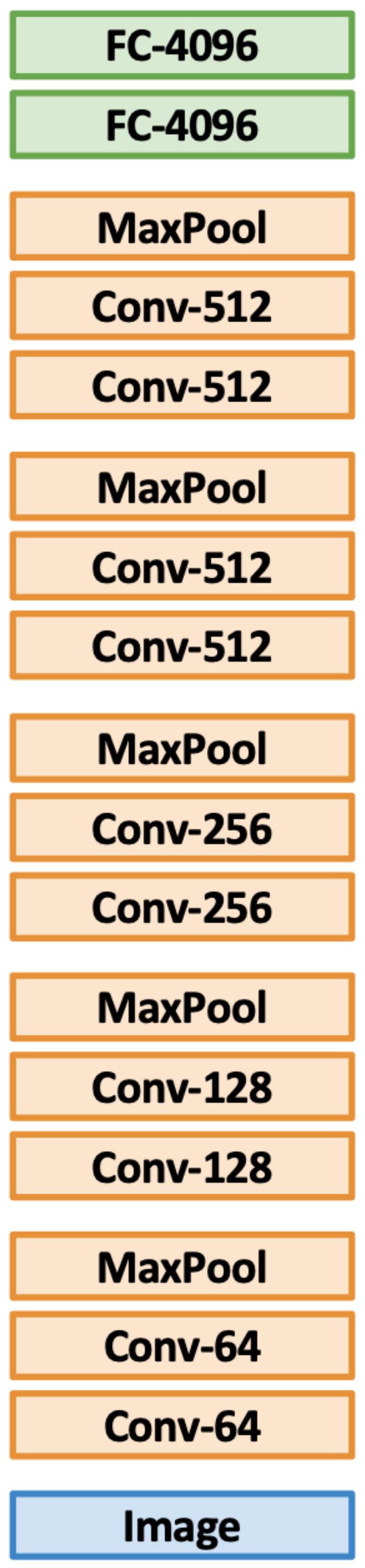

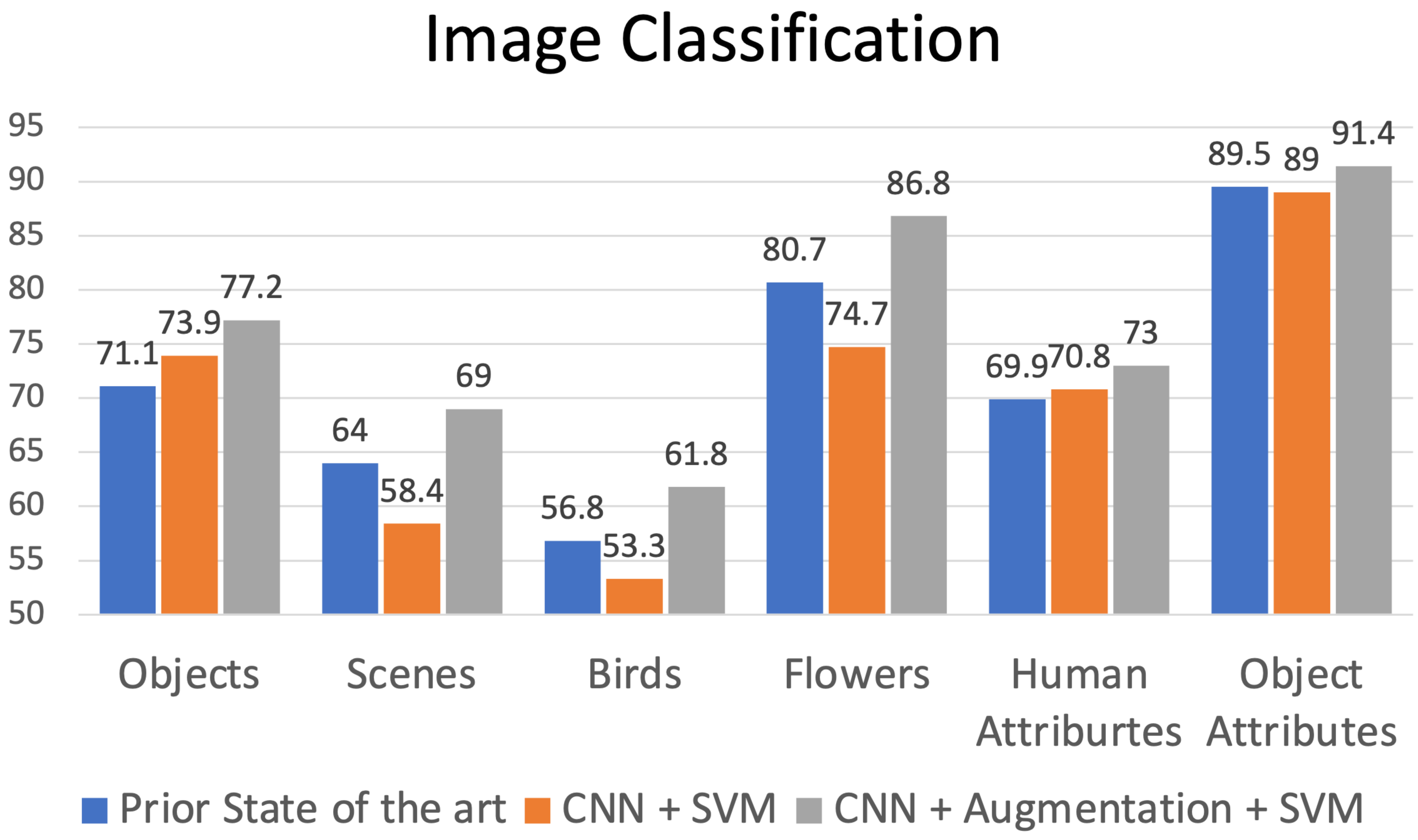

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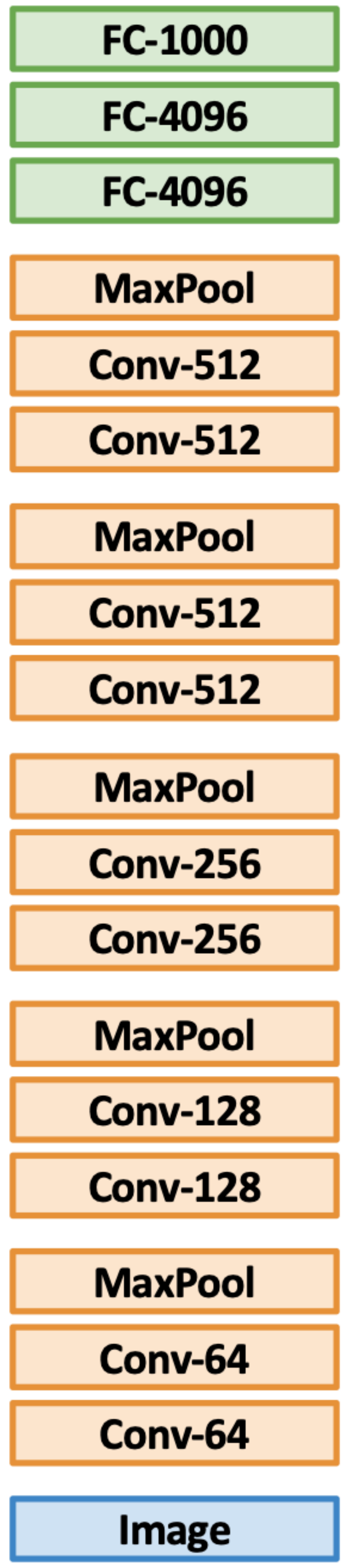

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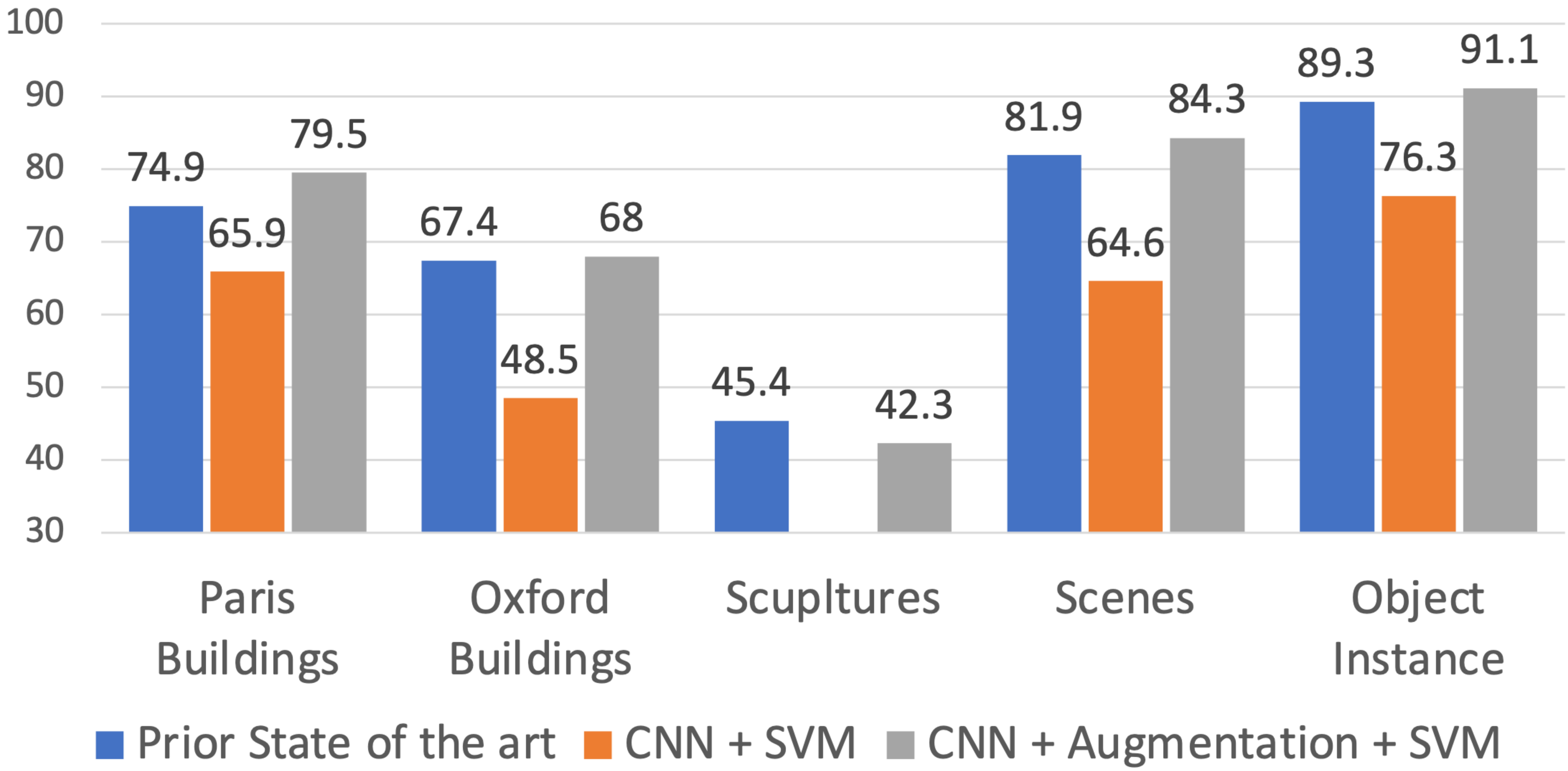
Image Retrieval: Nearest-Neighbor



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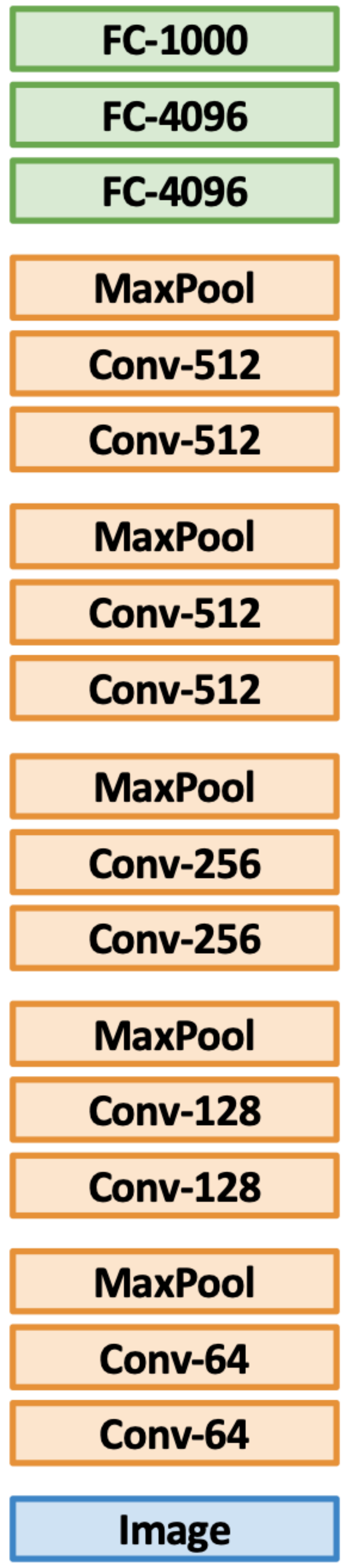

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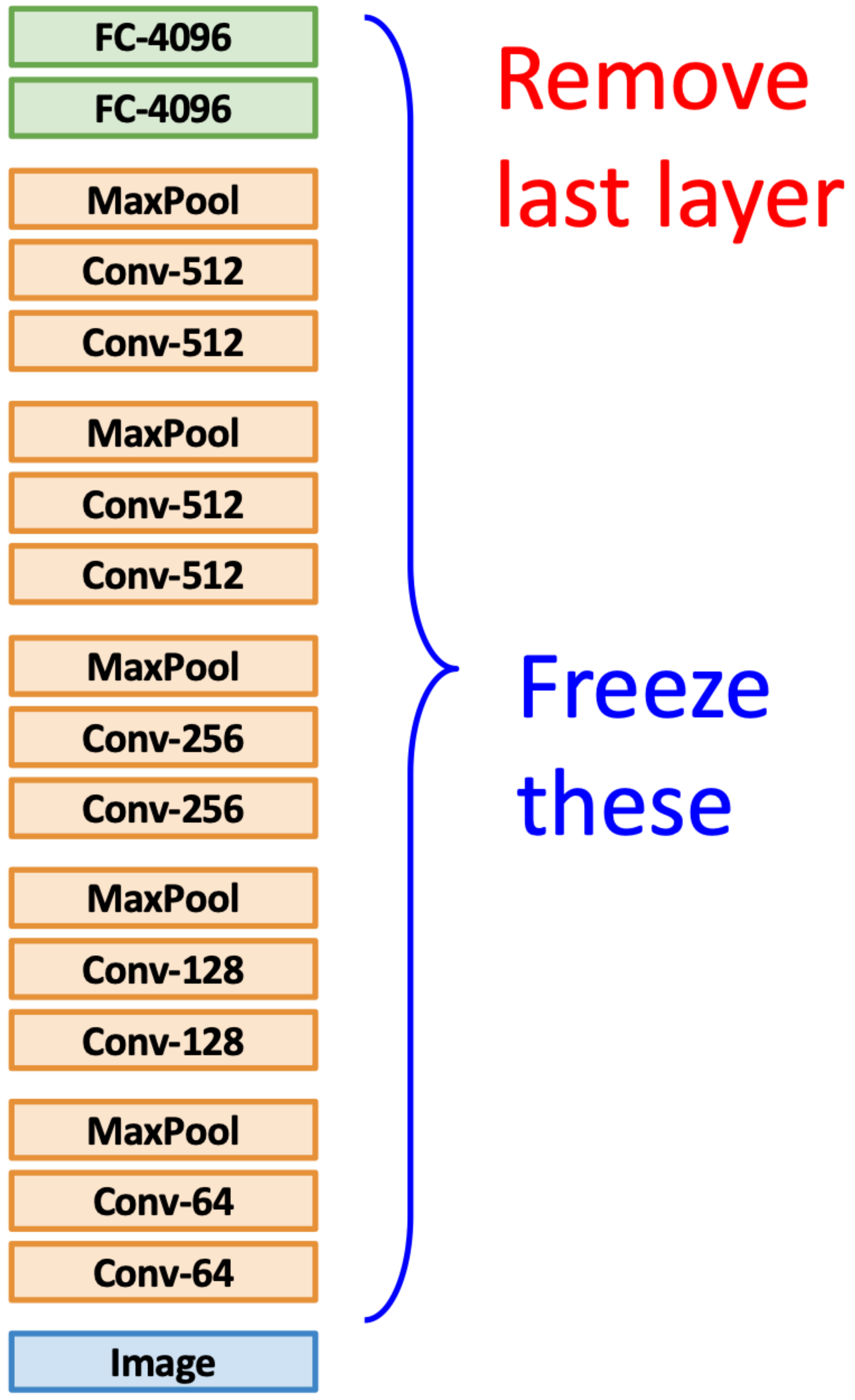

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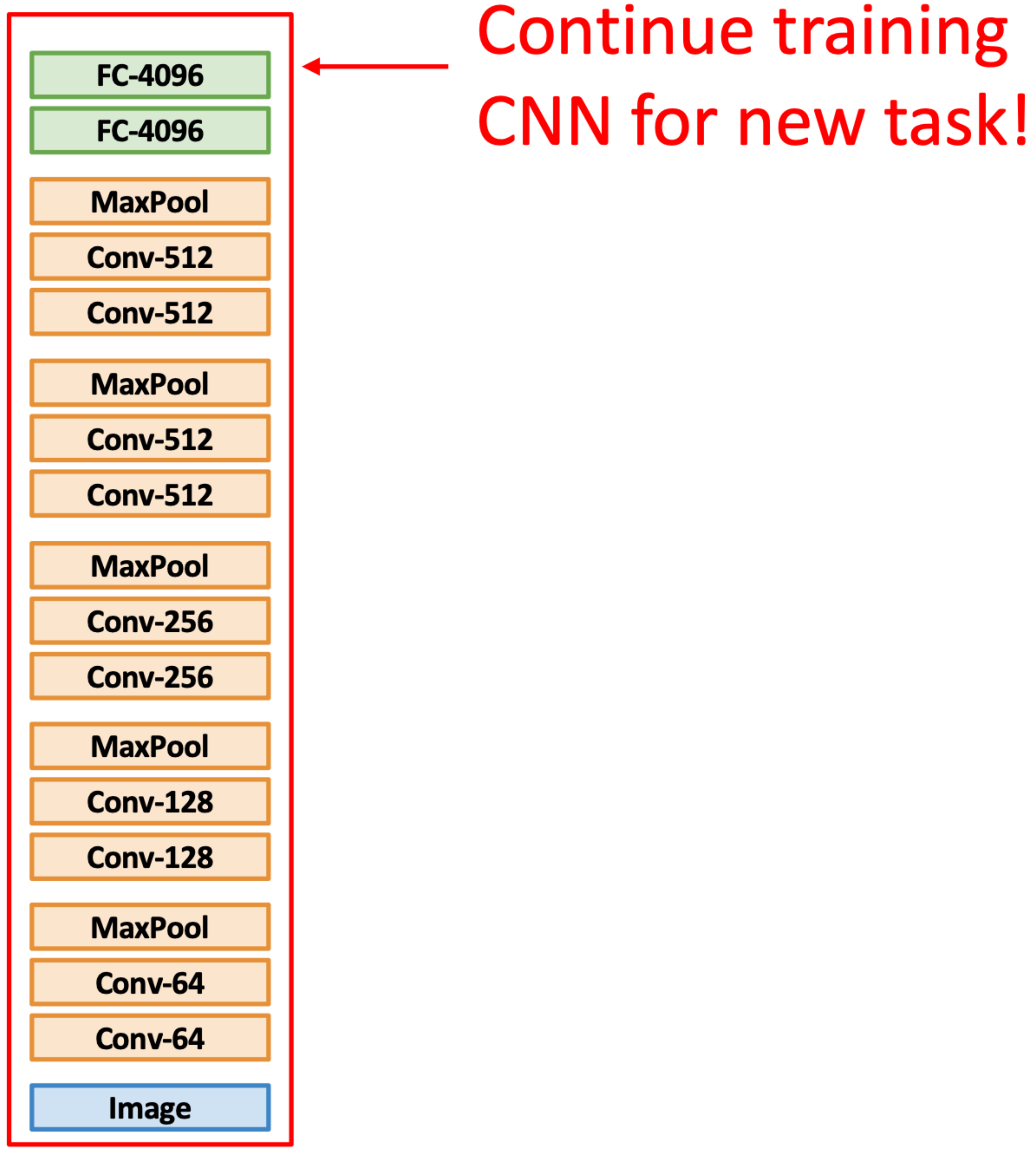

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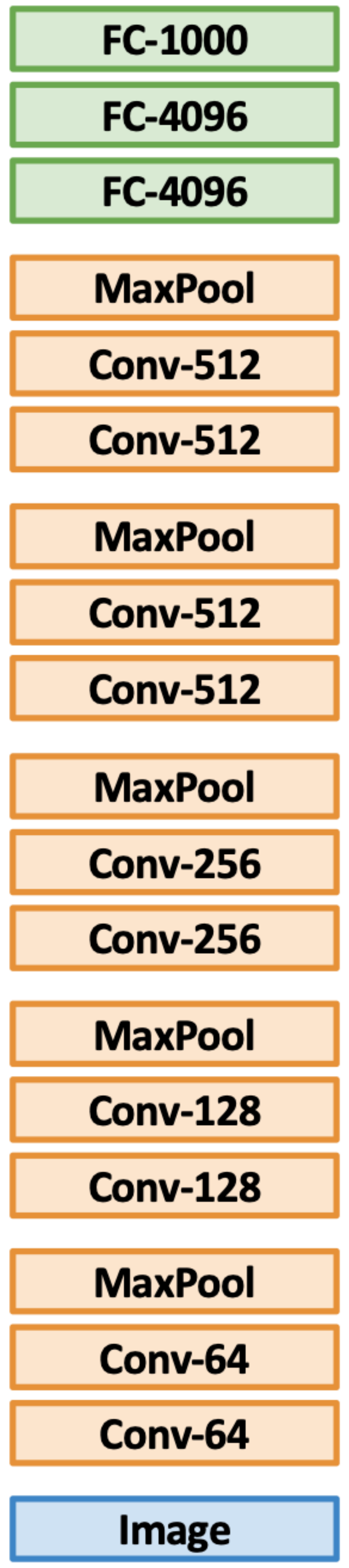

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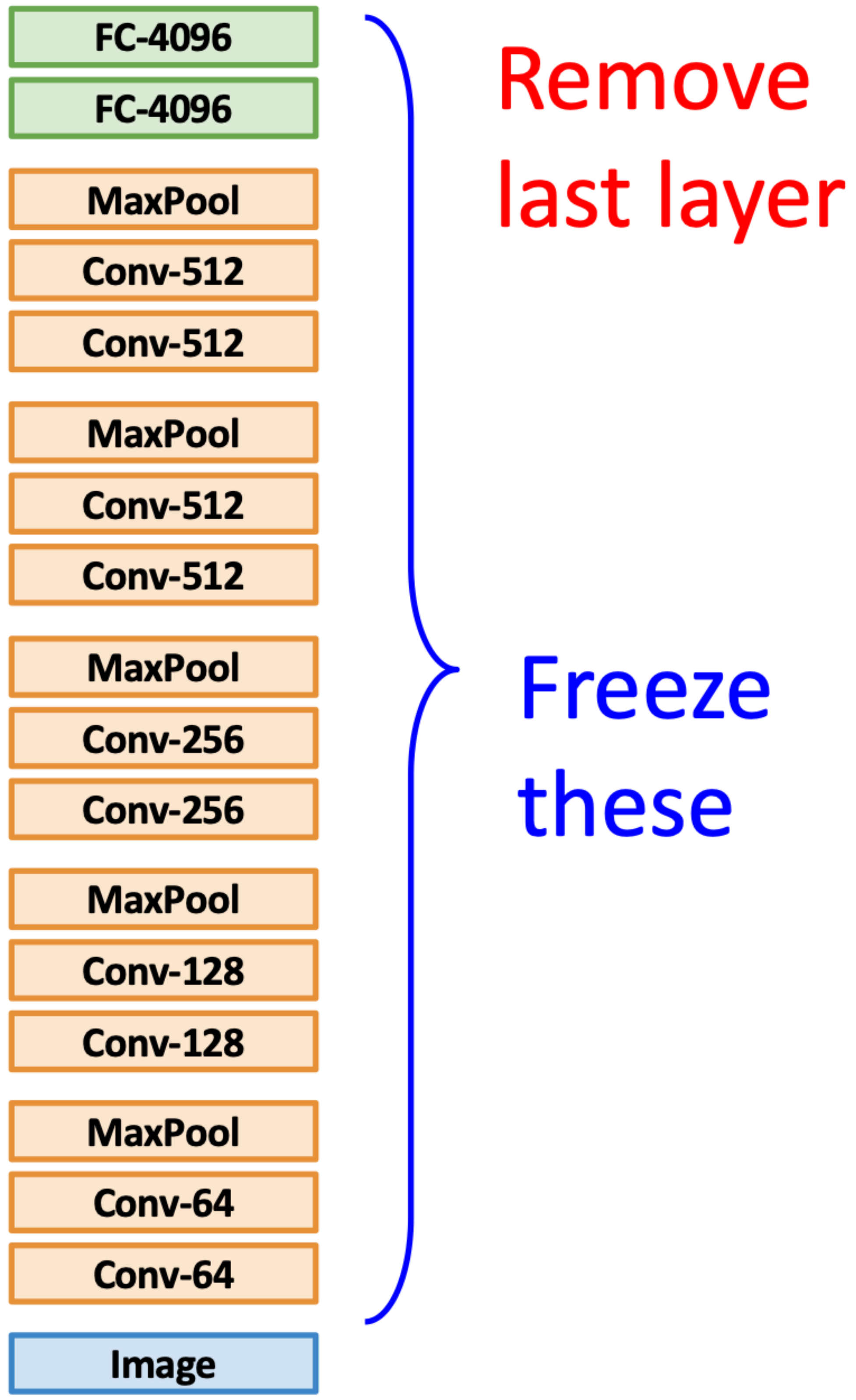

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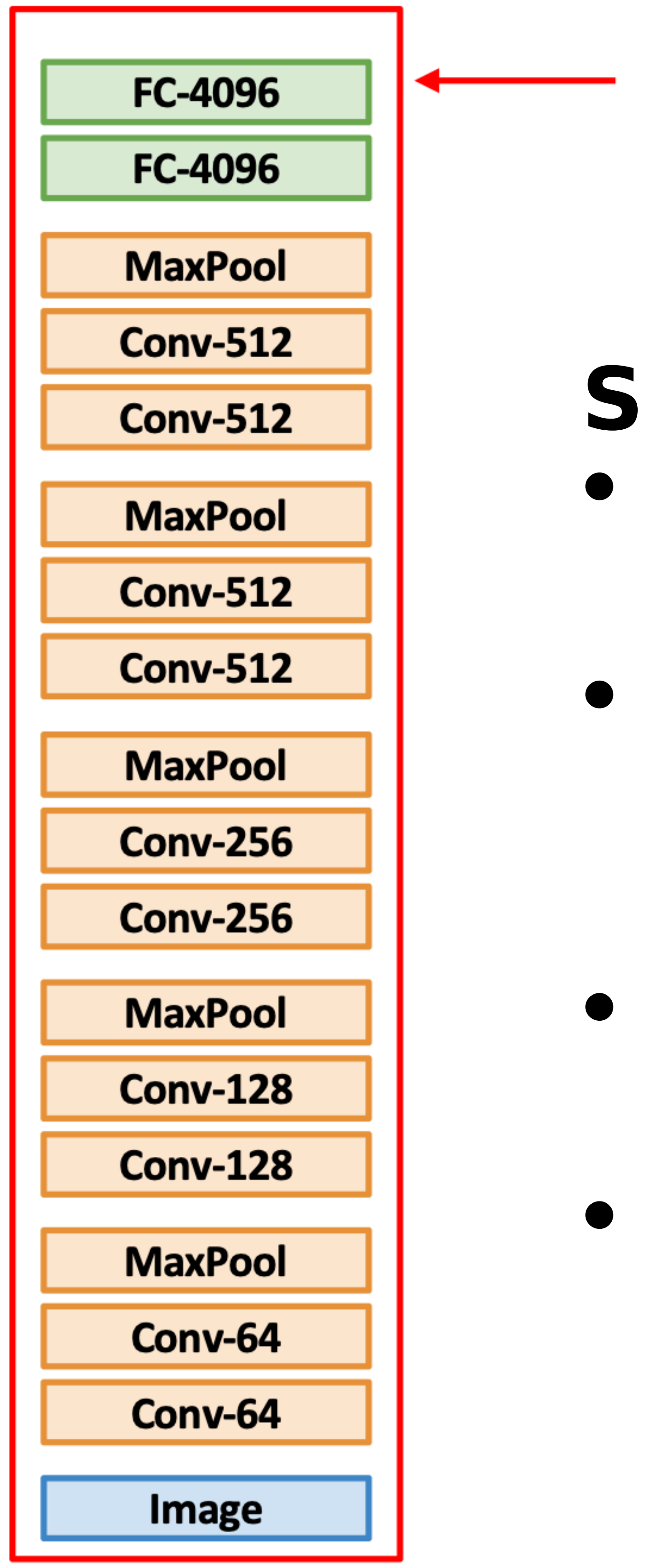

Continue training CNN for new task!

Some tricks:

- Train with feature extraction first before fine-tuning
- Lower the learning rate: use ~1/10 of LR used in original training
- Sometimes freeze lower layers to save computation
- Train with BatchNorm in “test” mode

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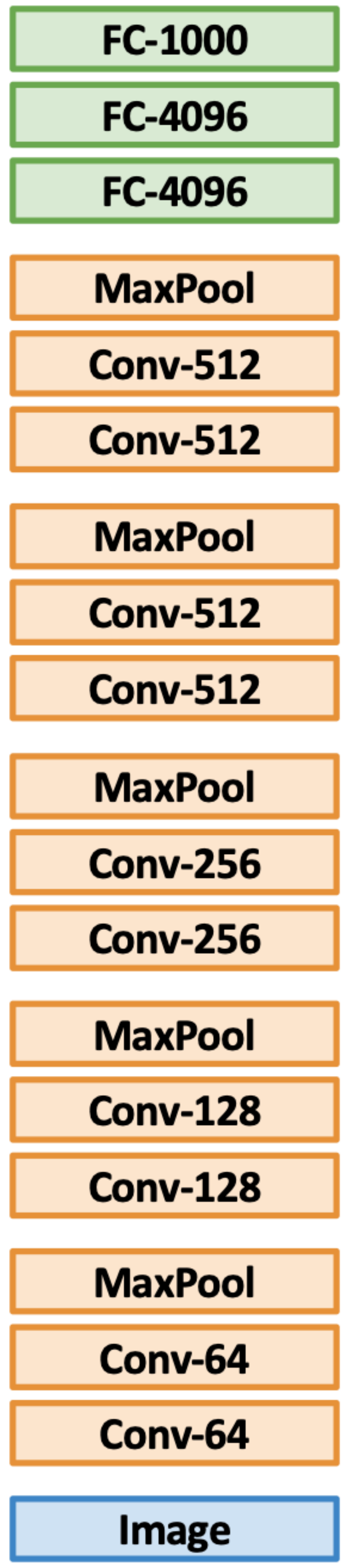

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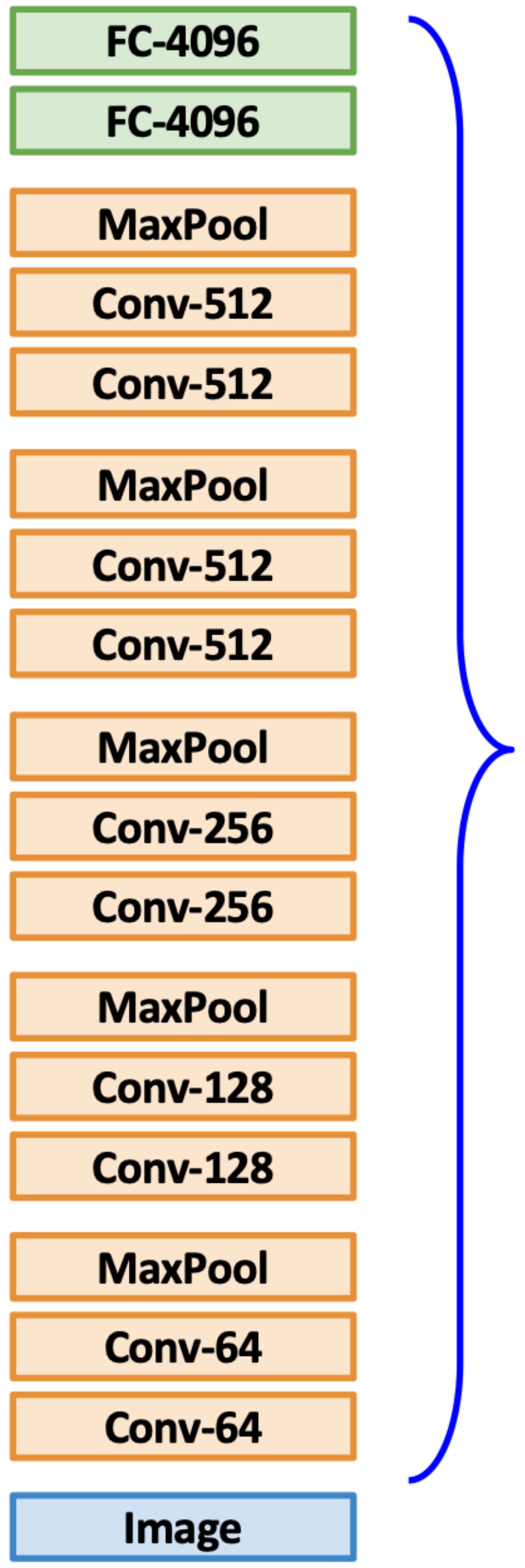

Remove last layer

Freeze these

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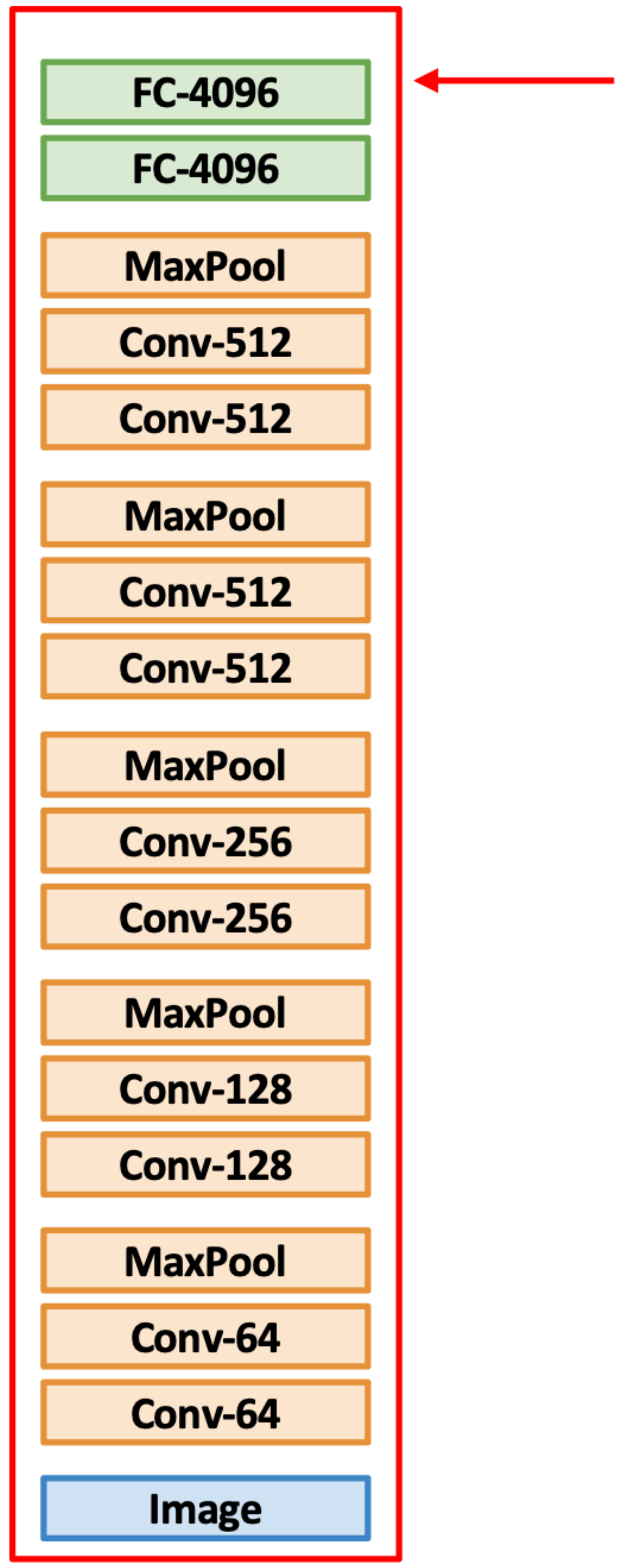

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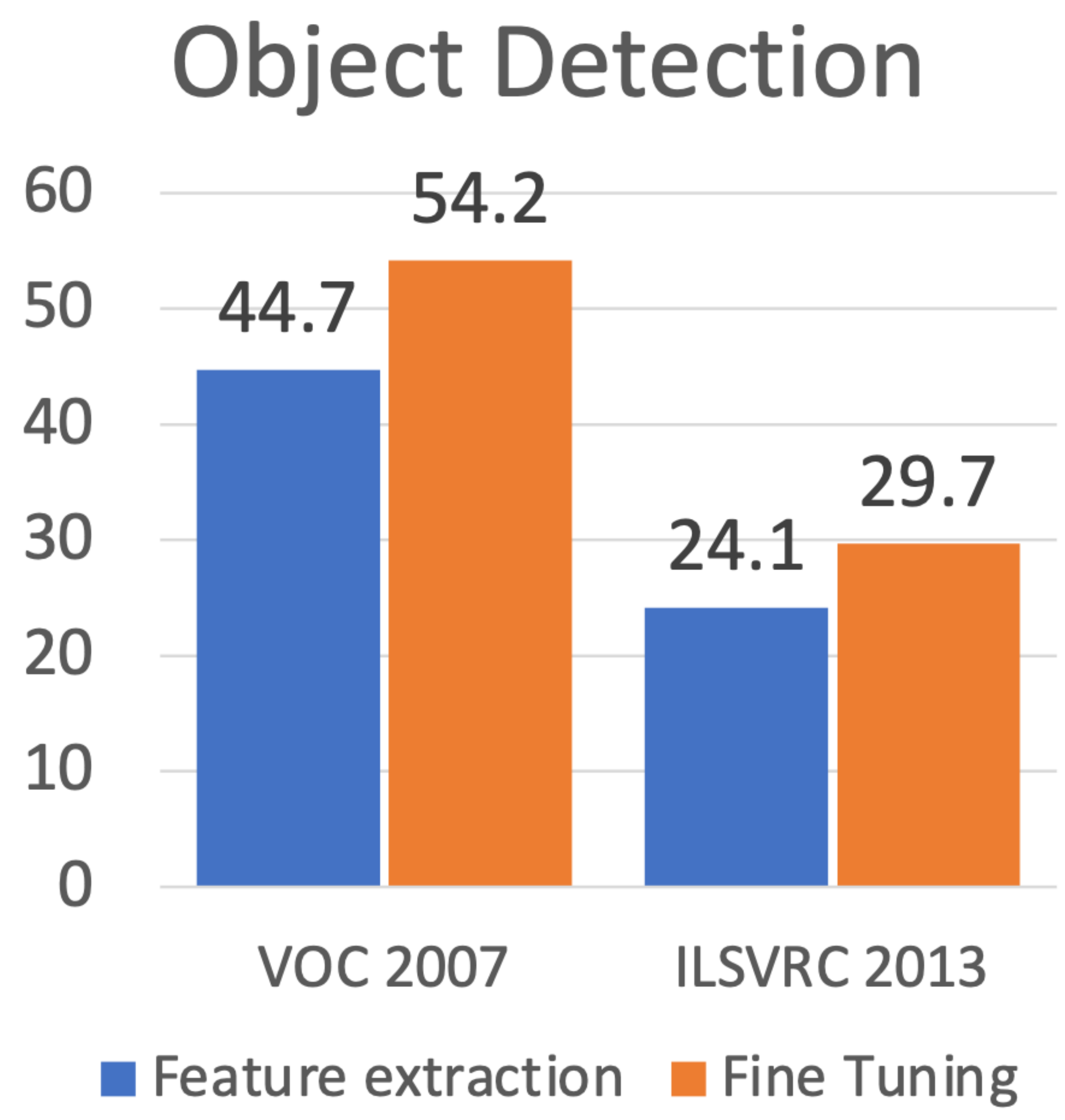

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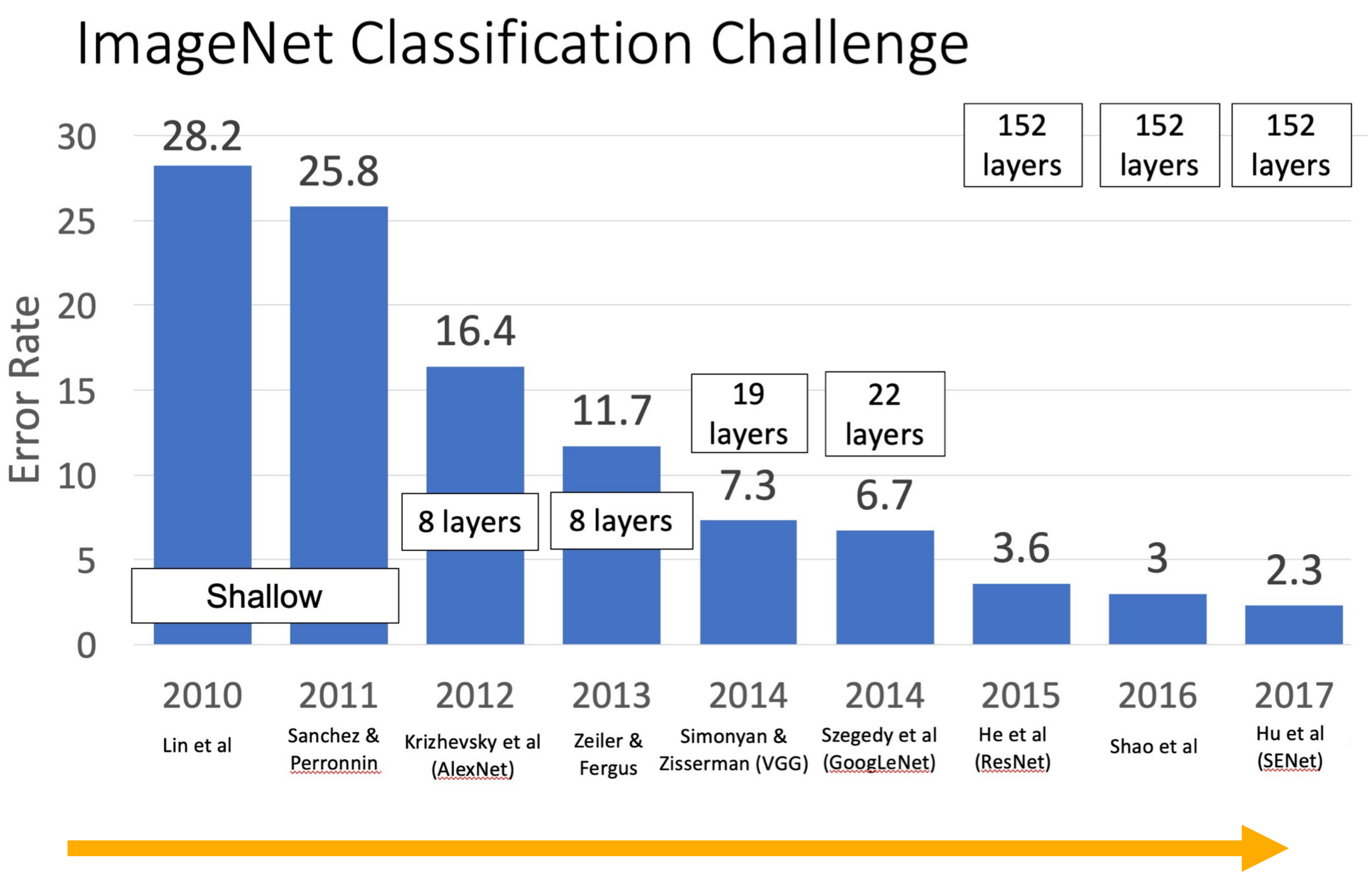

Improvements in CNN architectures lead to improvements in many downstream tasks thanks to transfer learning!

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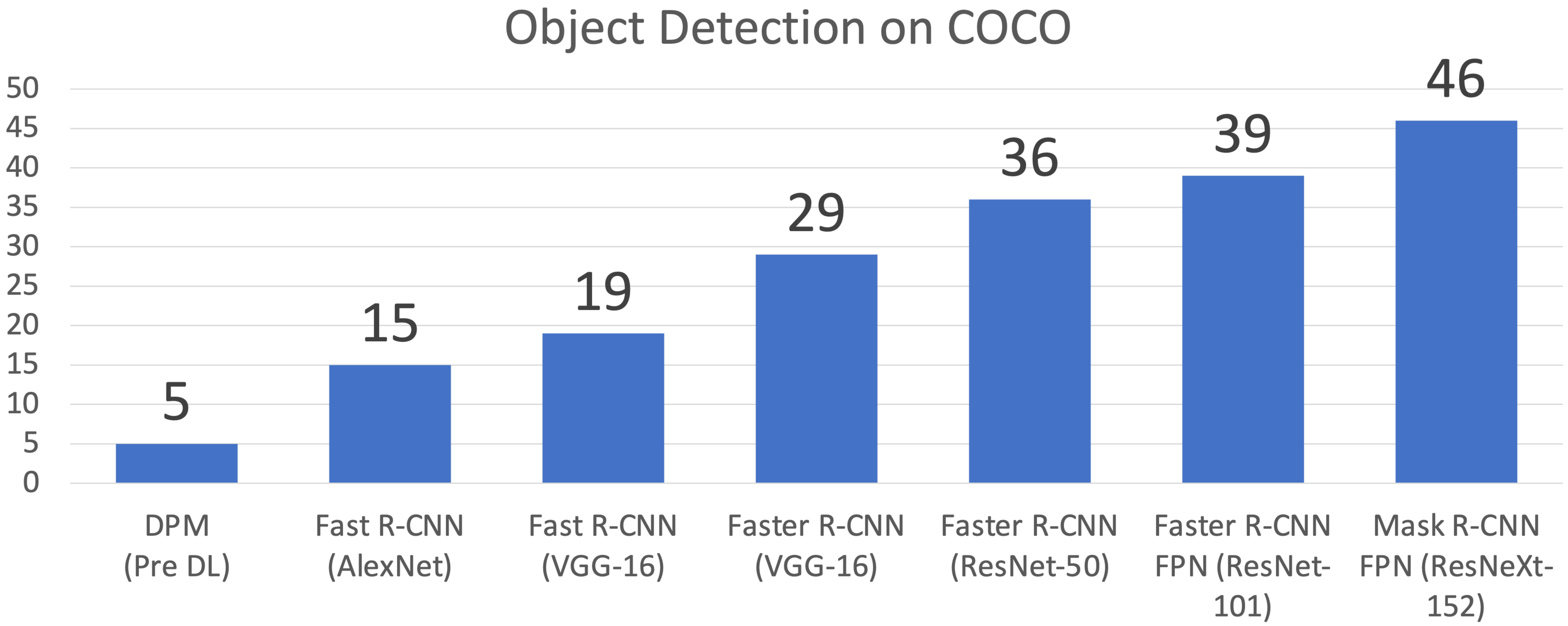

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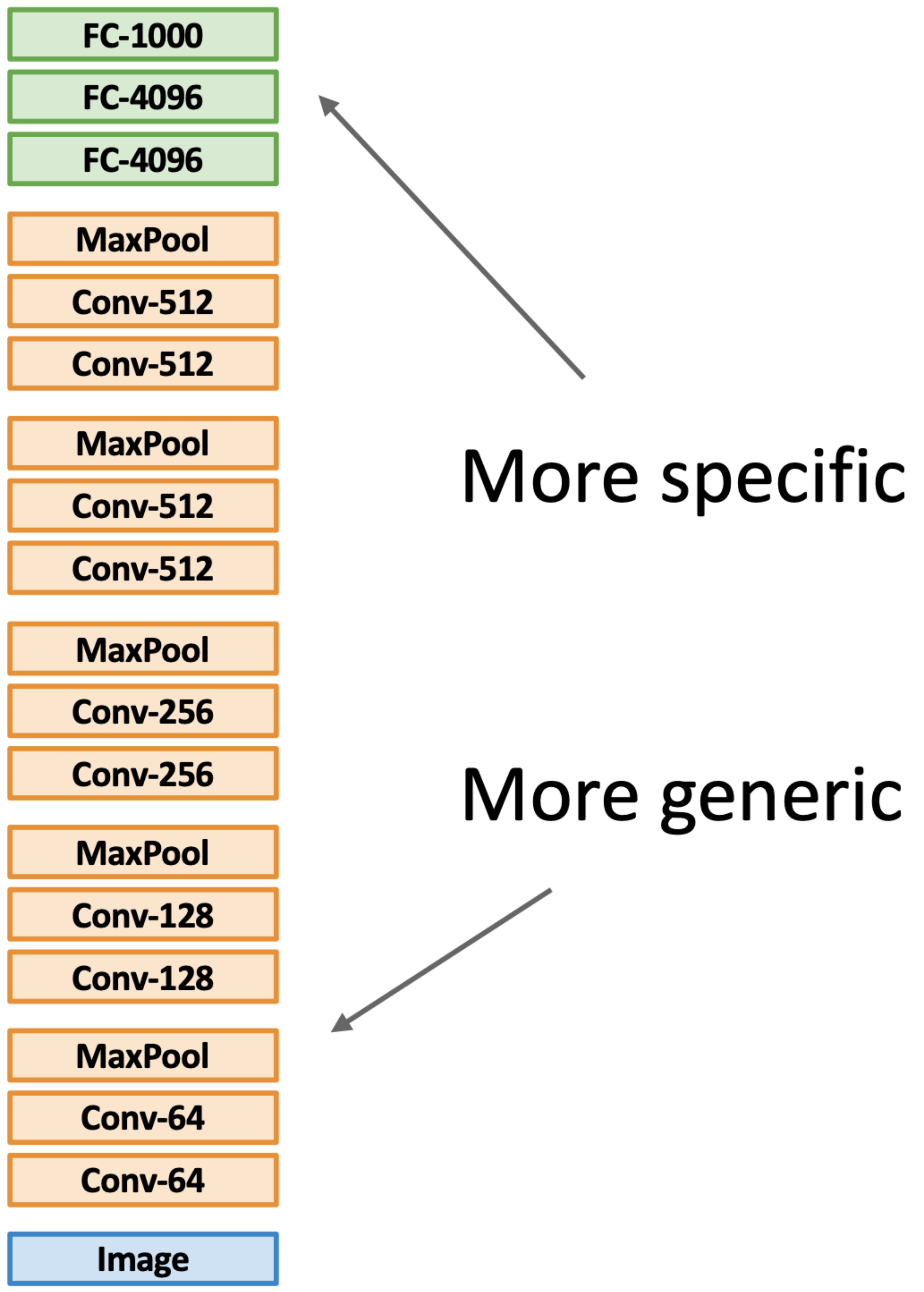

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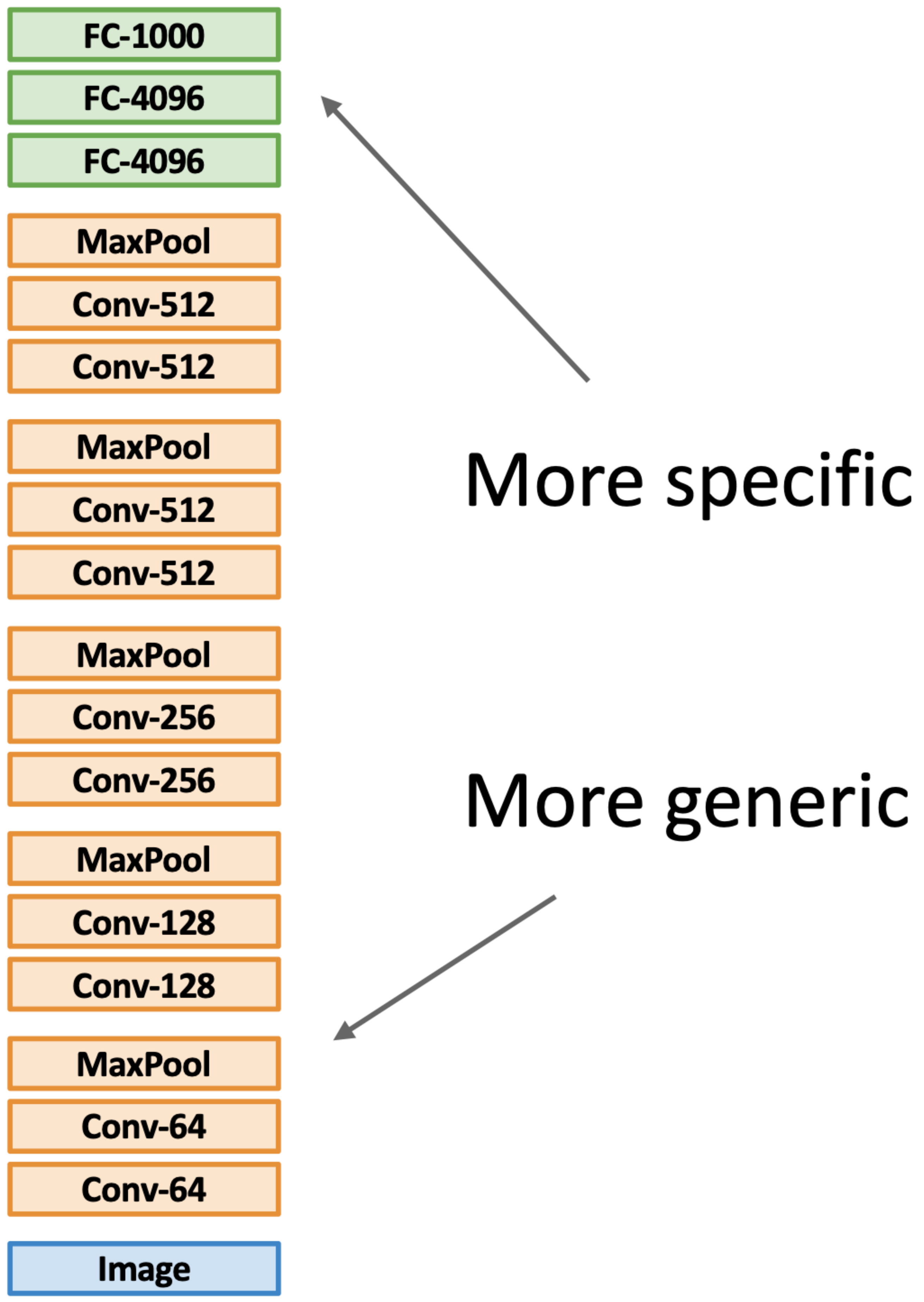

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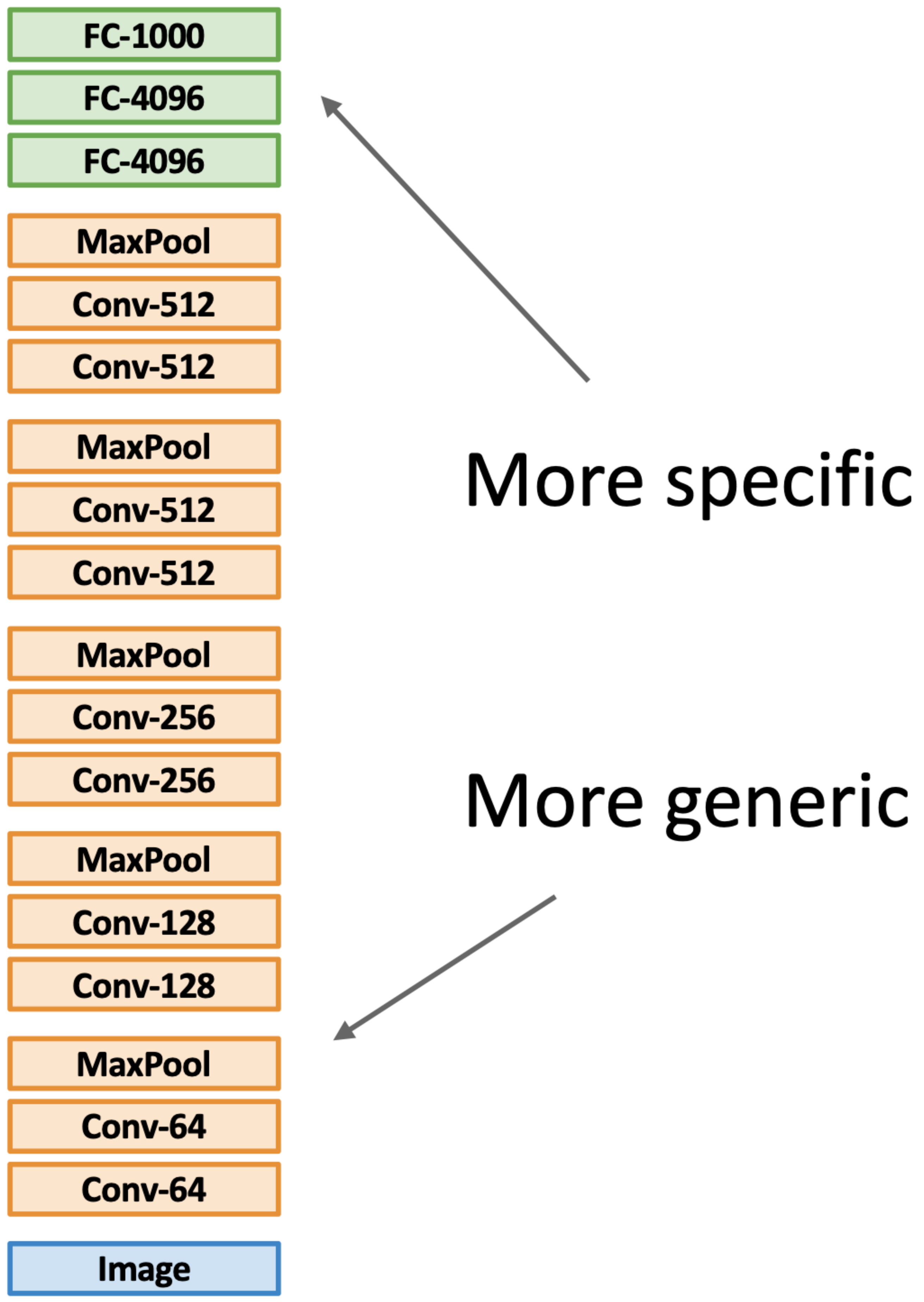

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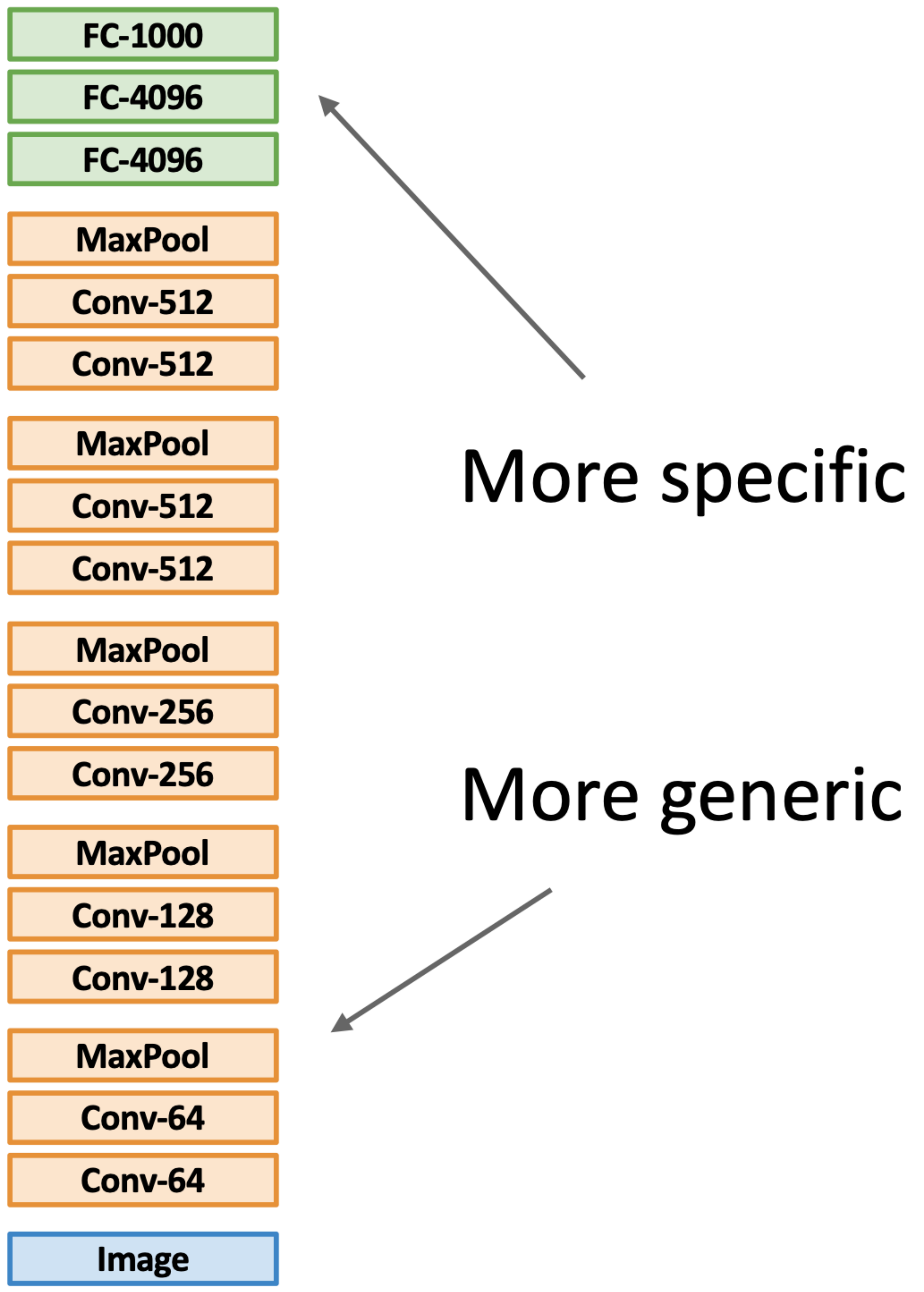

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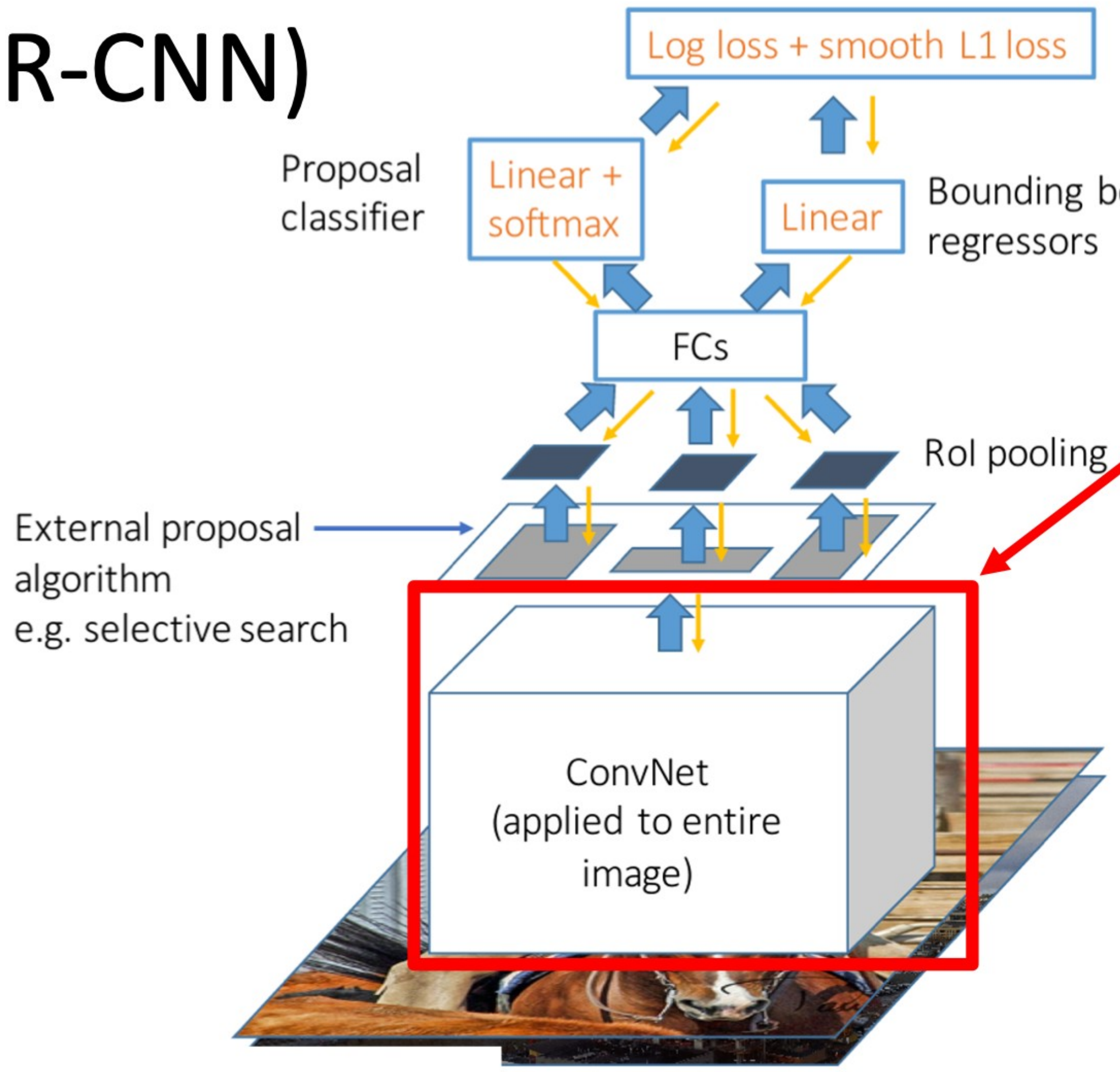

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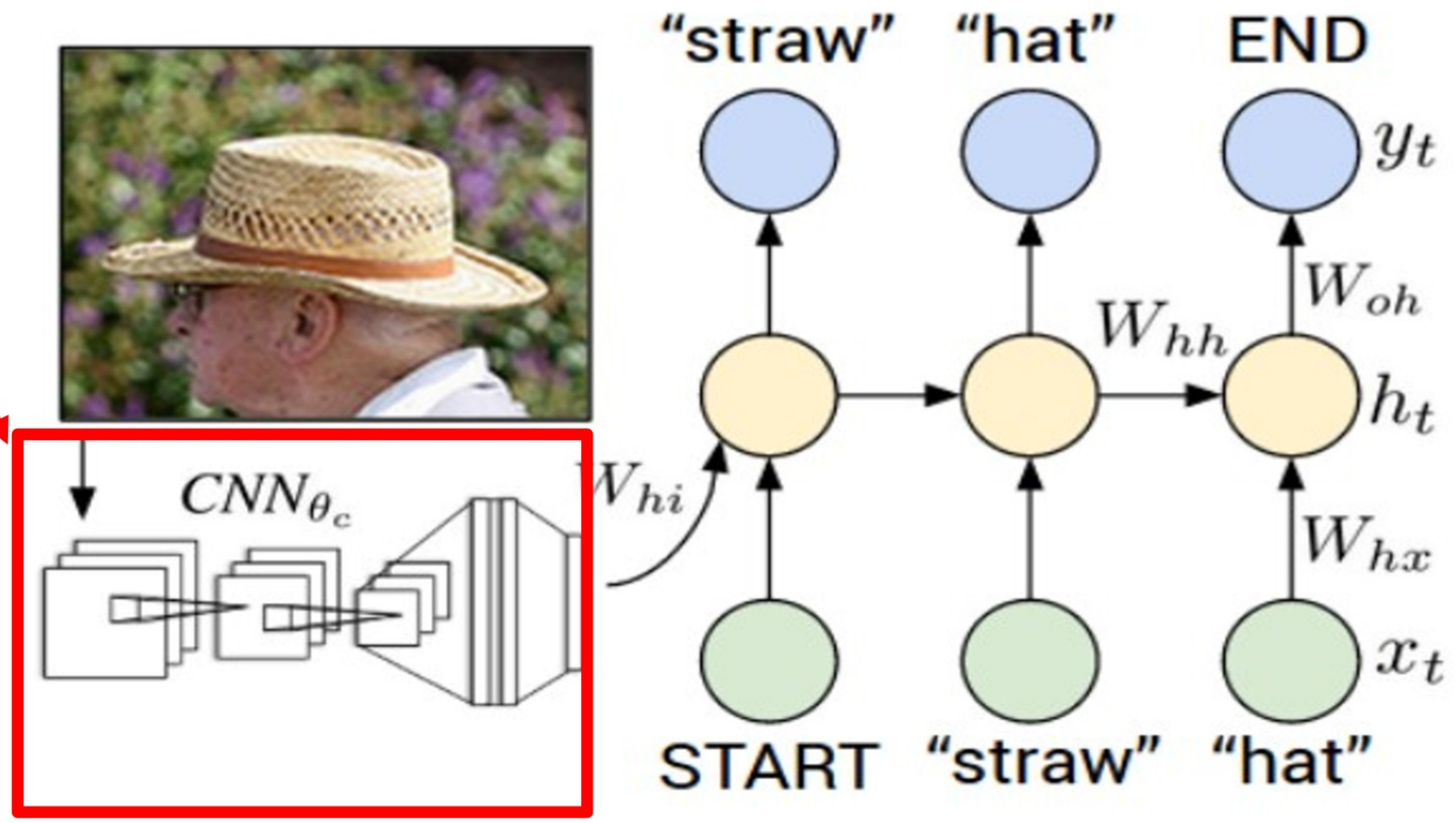

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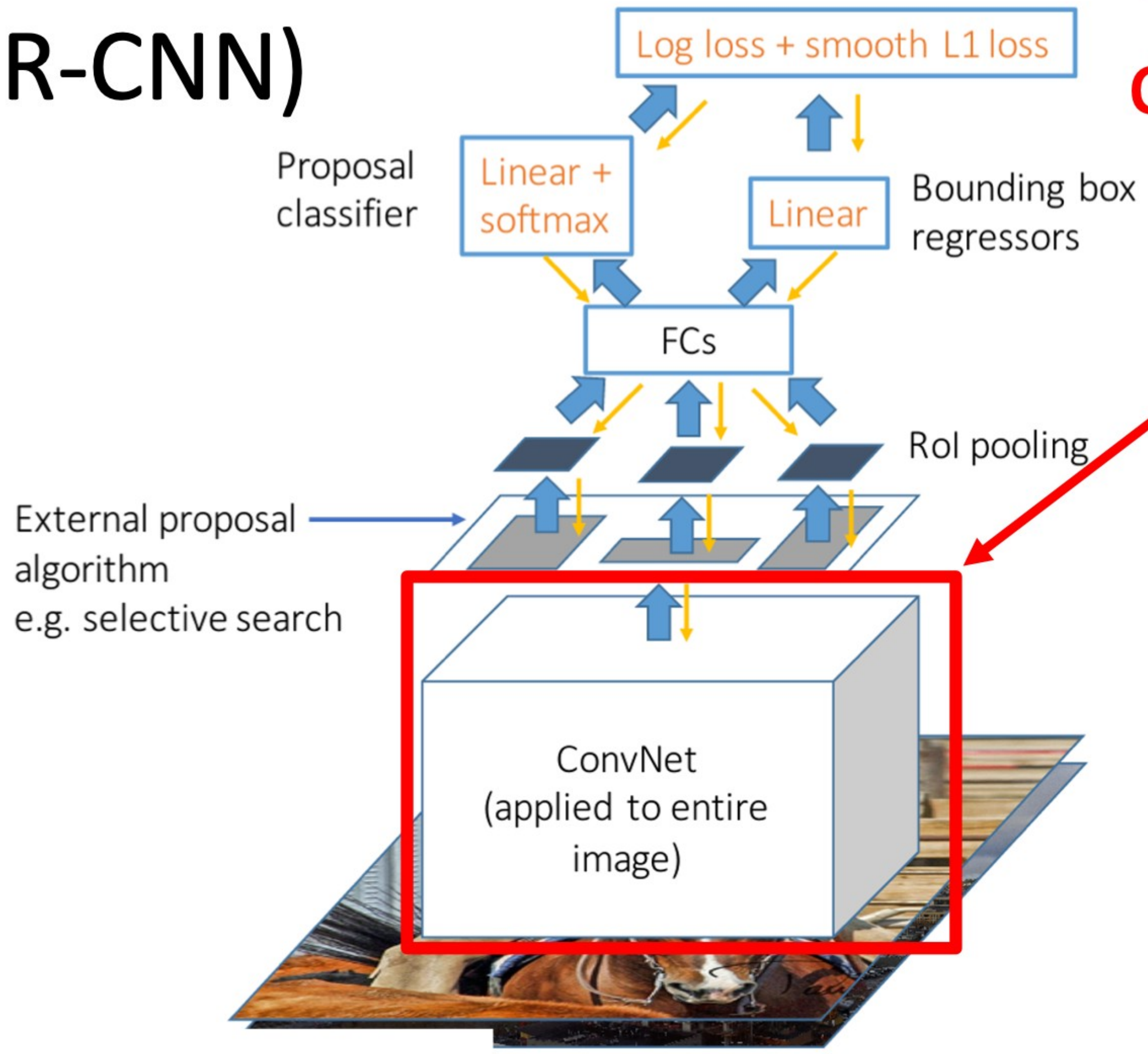

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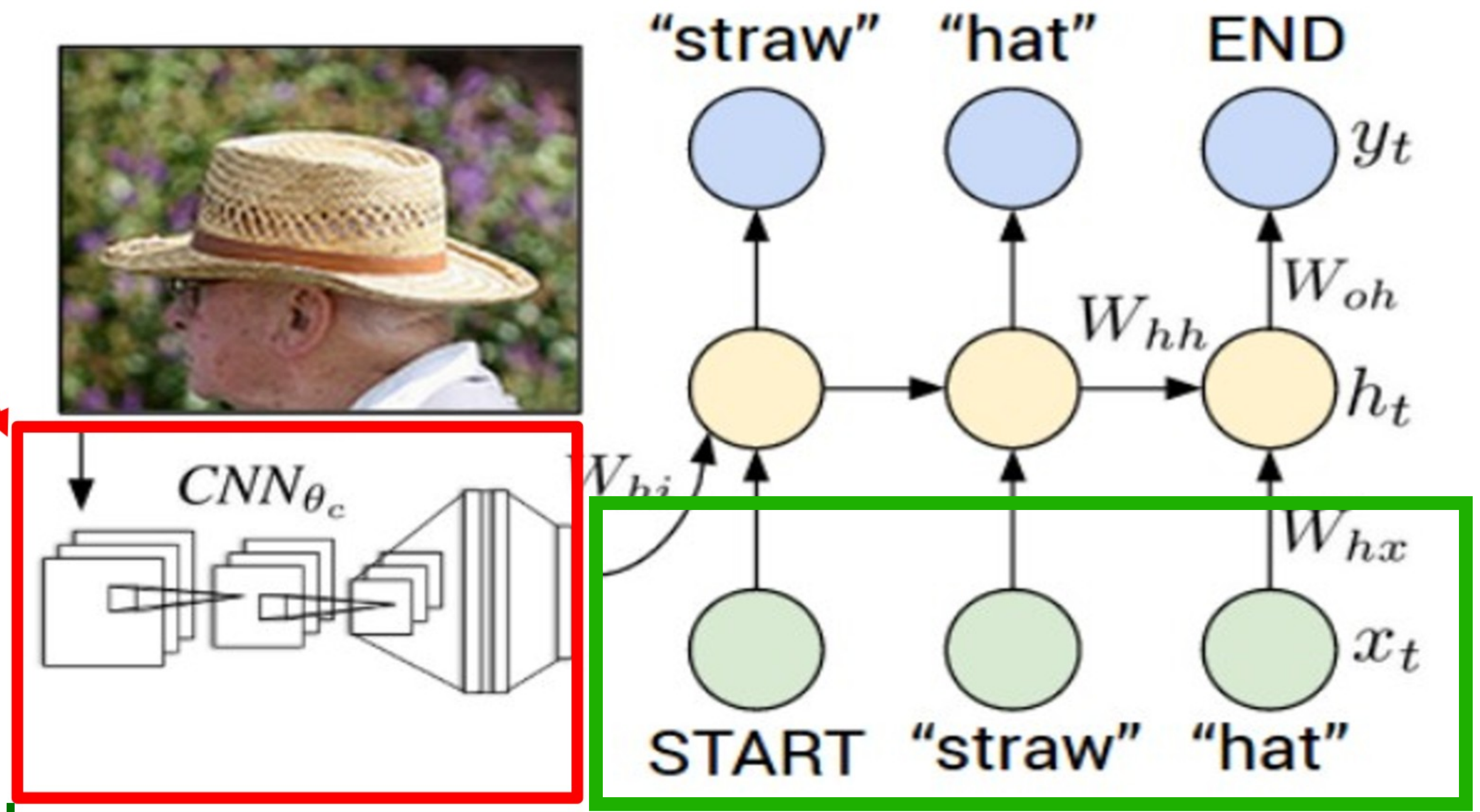

Word vectors pretrained with word2vec

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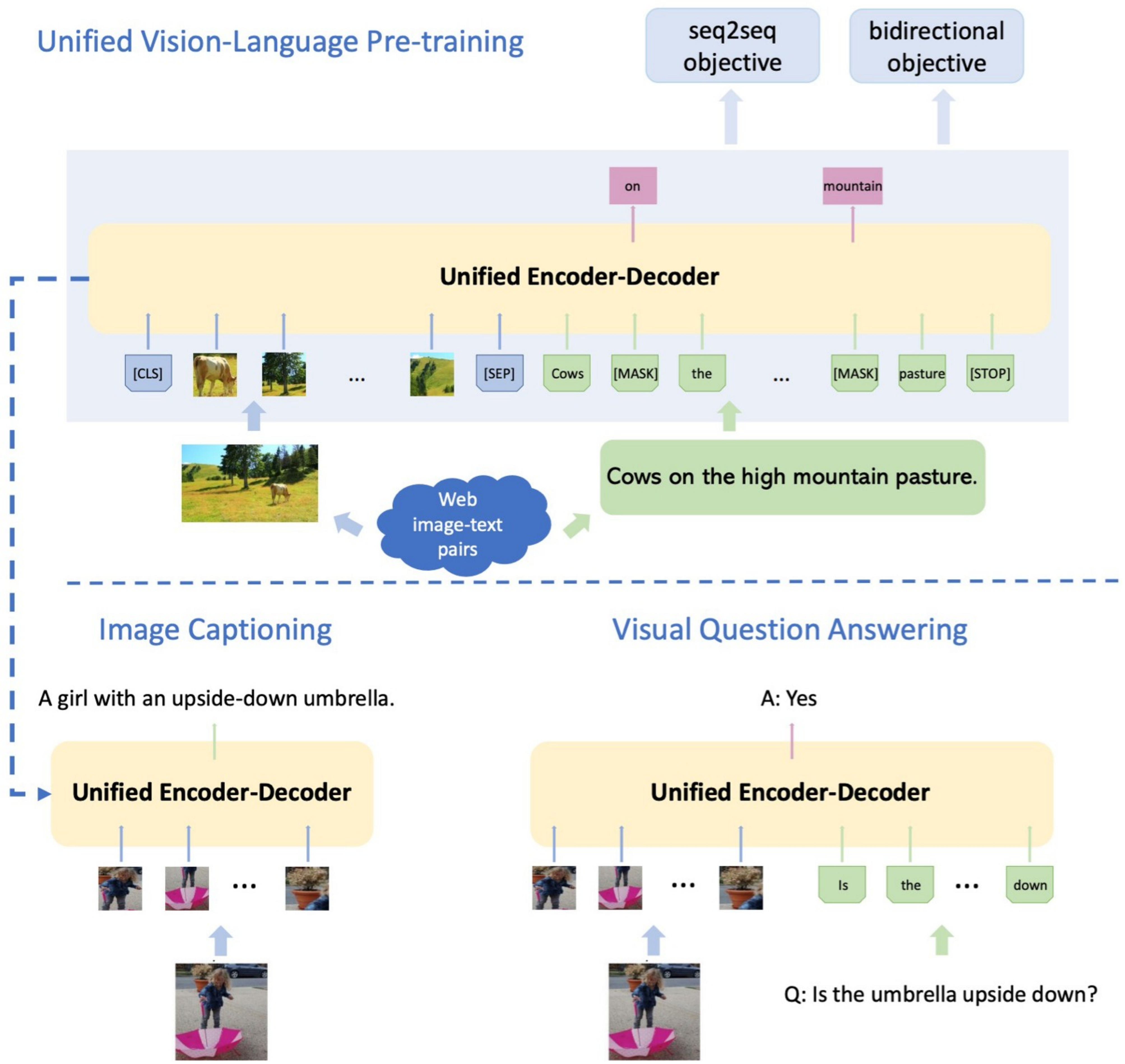

1. Train CNN on ImageNet
2. Fine-Tune (1) for object detection on Visual Genome
3. Train BERT language model on lots of text
4. Combine (2) and (3), train for joint image / language modeling
5. Fine-tune (5) for image captioning, visual question answering, etc.

Zhou et al, "Unified Vision-Language Pre-Training for Image Captioning and VQA", arXiv 2019

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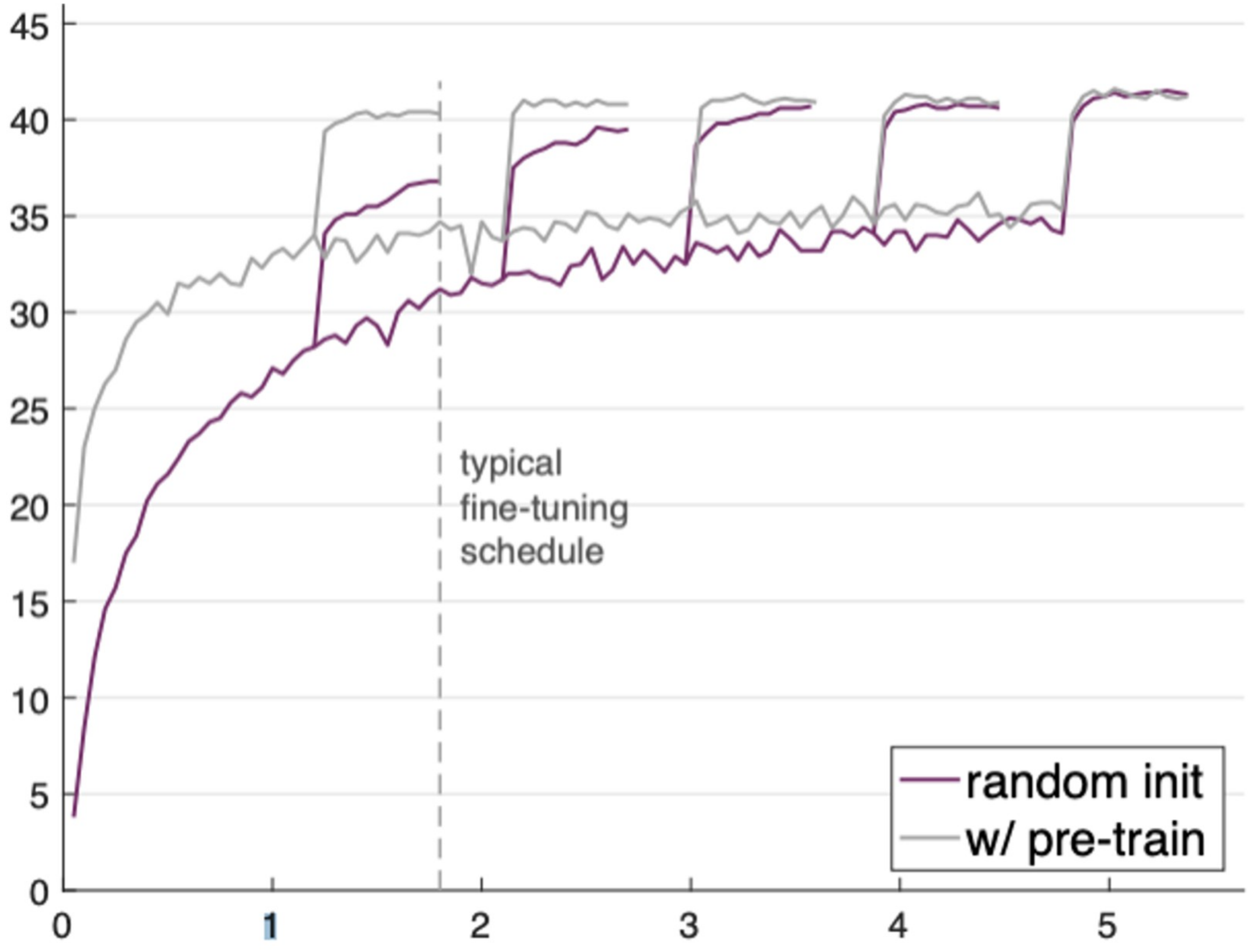
COCO object detection



Training from scratch can work as well as pertaining on ImageNet!

… if you train for 3x as long

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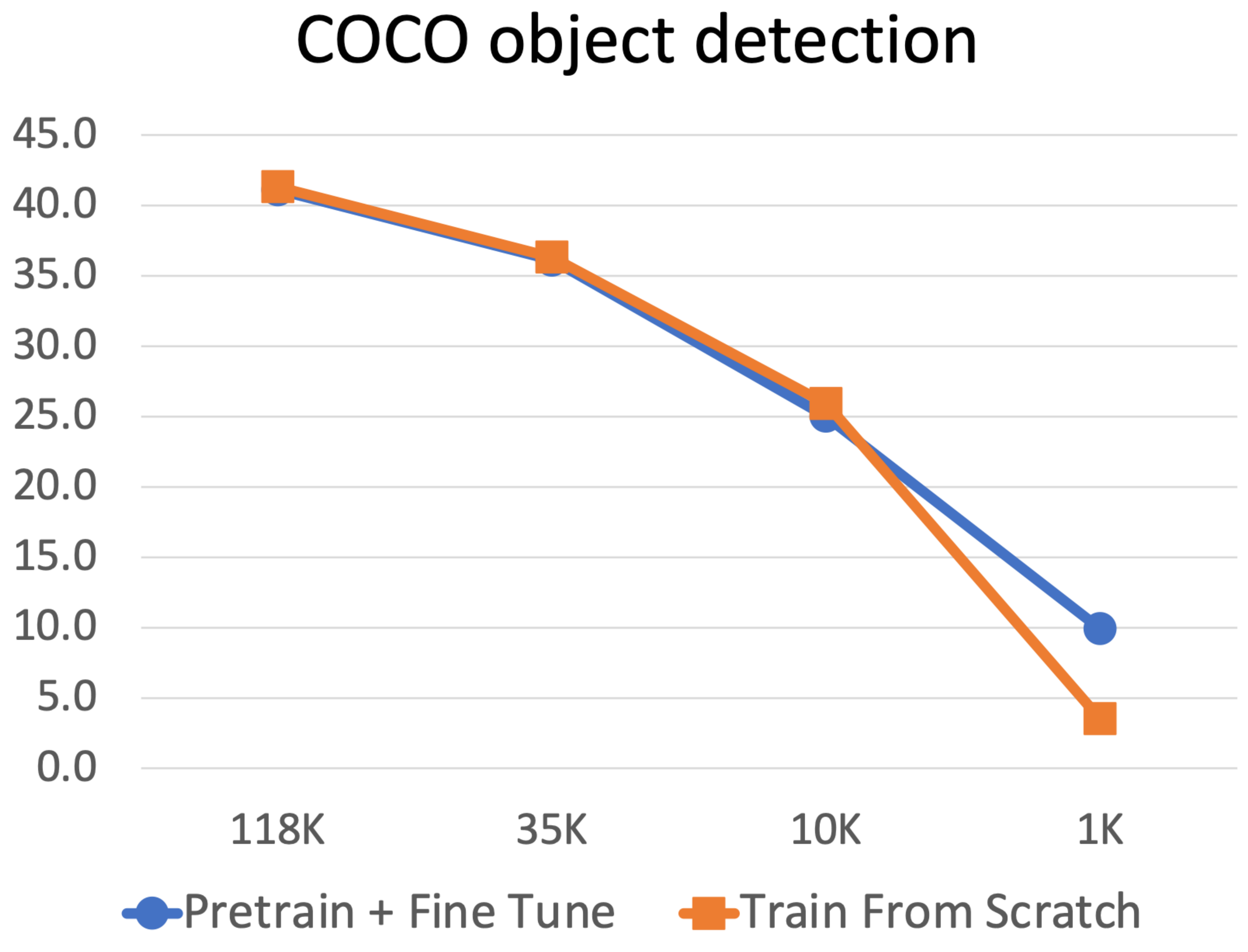

Pretraining + Finetuning beats training from scratch when dataset size is very small

Collecting more data is more effective than pretraining

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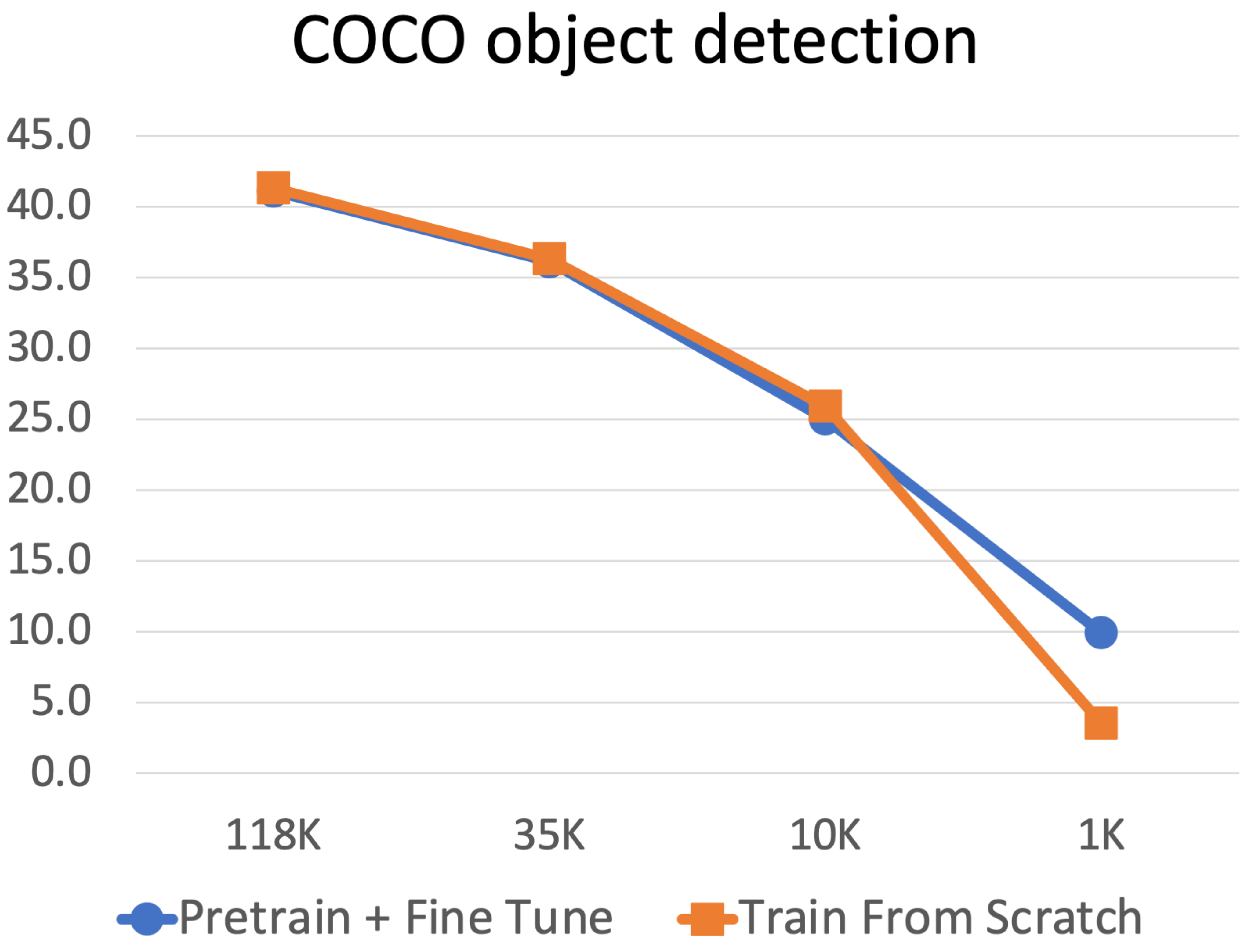

My current view on transfer learning:

- Pretrain + finetune makes your training faster, so practically very useful
- Training from scratch works well once you have enough data
- Lots of work left to be done

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