

# Weakly-supervised Learning for Detection and Segmentation

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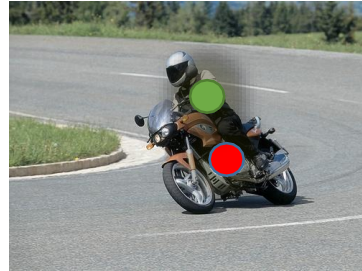
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# Manual supervision for object recognition



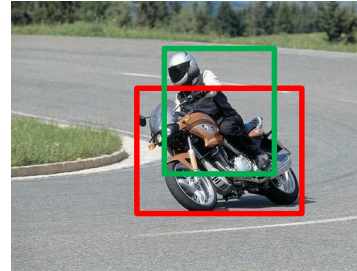
{motorbike, person}

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per class



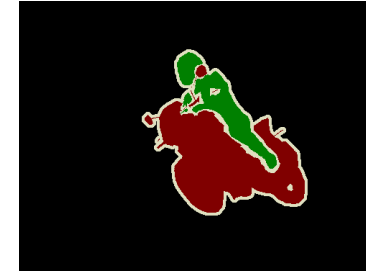
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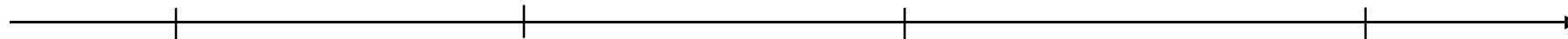
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per instance



{motorbike (pixel labels),  
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per instance

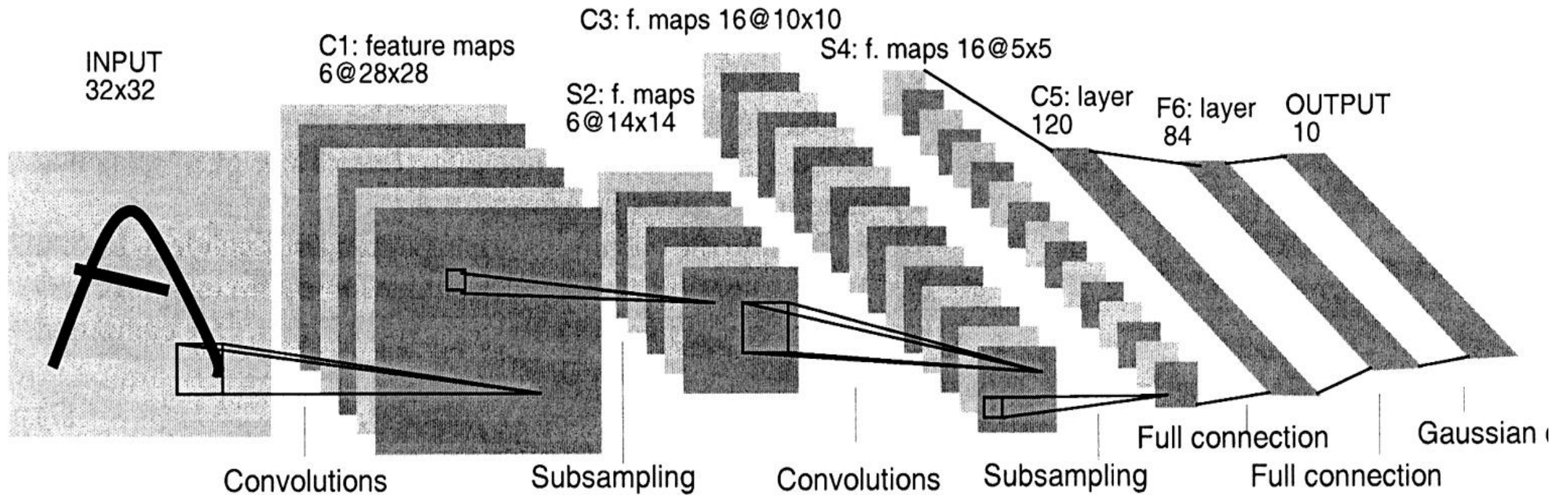


**Weak supervision**

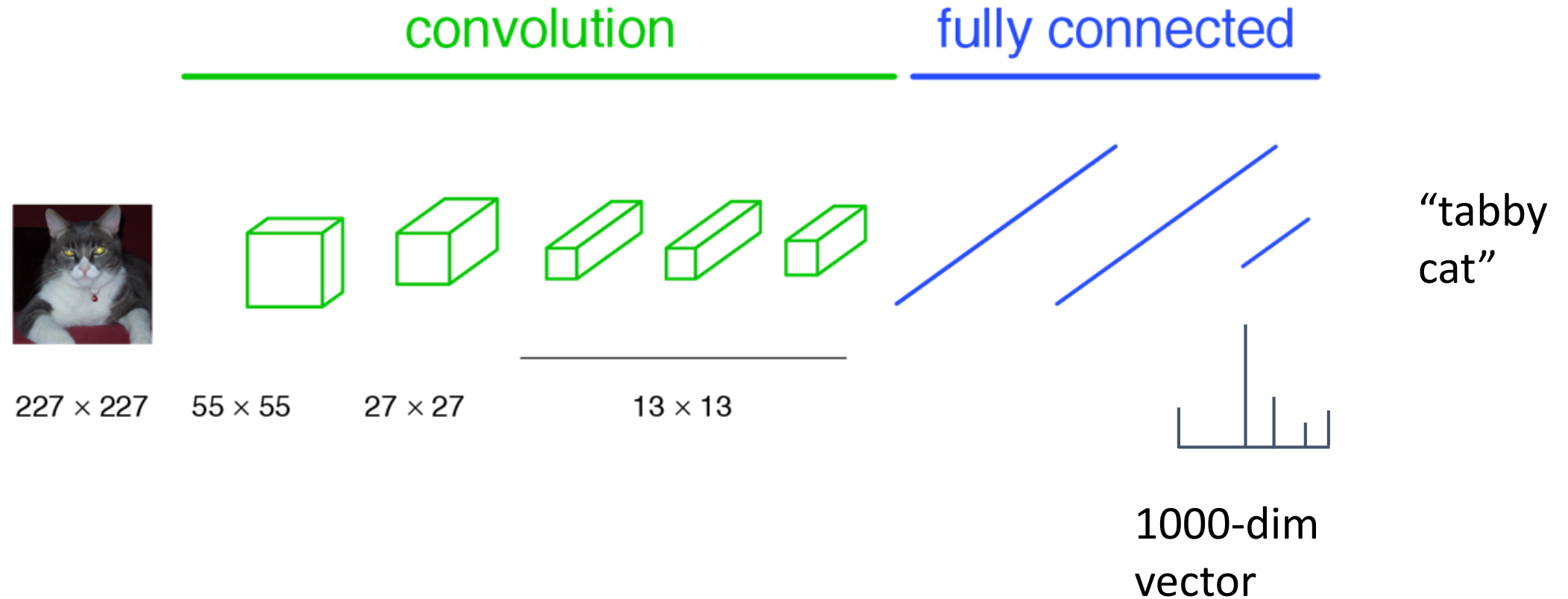
**Lower degree (or cheaper) annotation at train time than the required output at test time**

# Part I: Weakly-supervised Semantic Segmentation

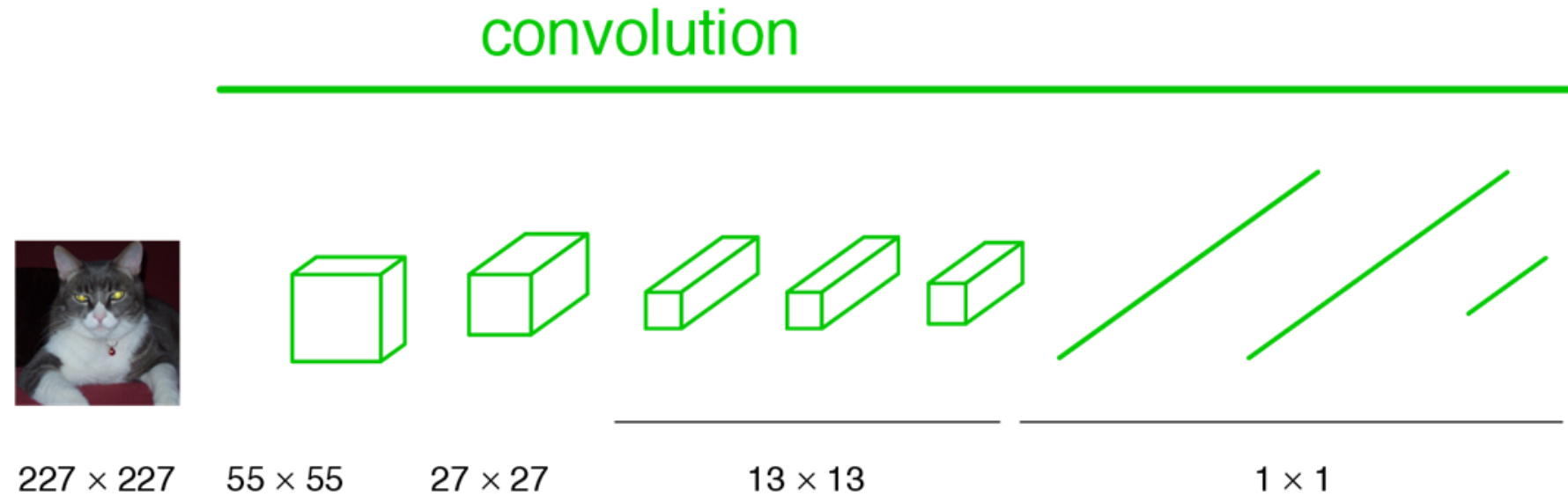
# The architecture of LeNet5



# a classification network



# becoming fully convolutional



# becoming fully convolutional

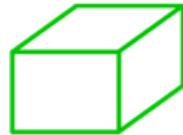
convolution



$H \times W$



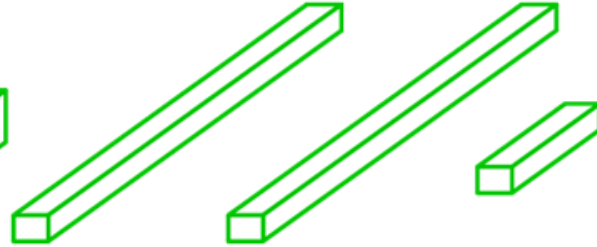
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$H/8 \times W/8$



$H/16 \times W/16$



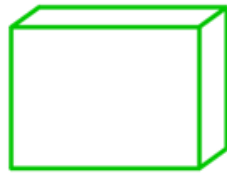
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# upsampling output

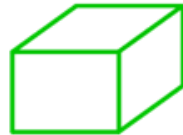
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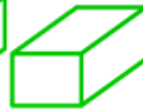
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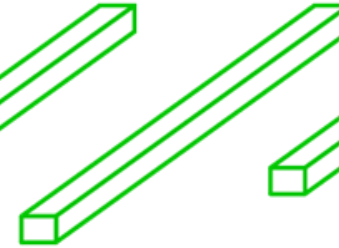
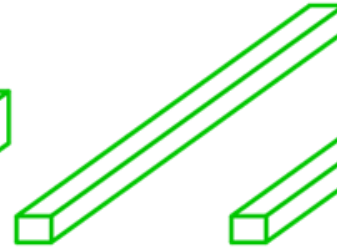
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$H \times W$



# end-to-end, pixels-to-pixels network

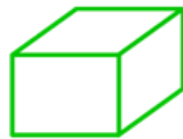
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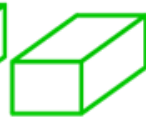
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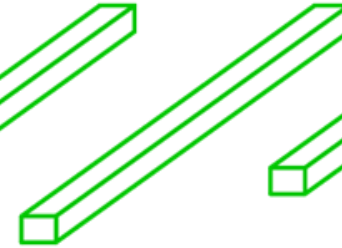
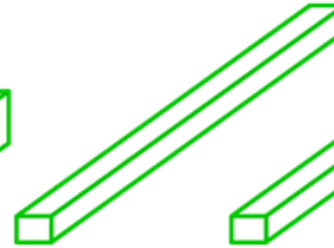
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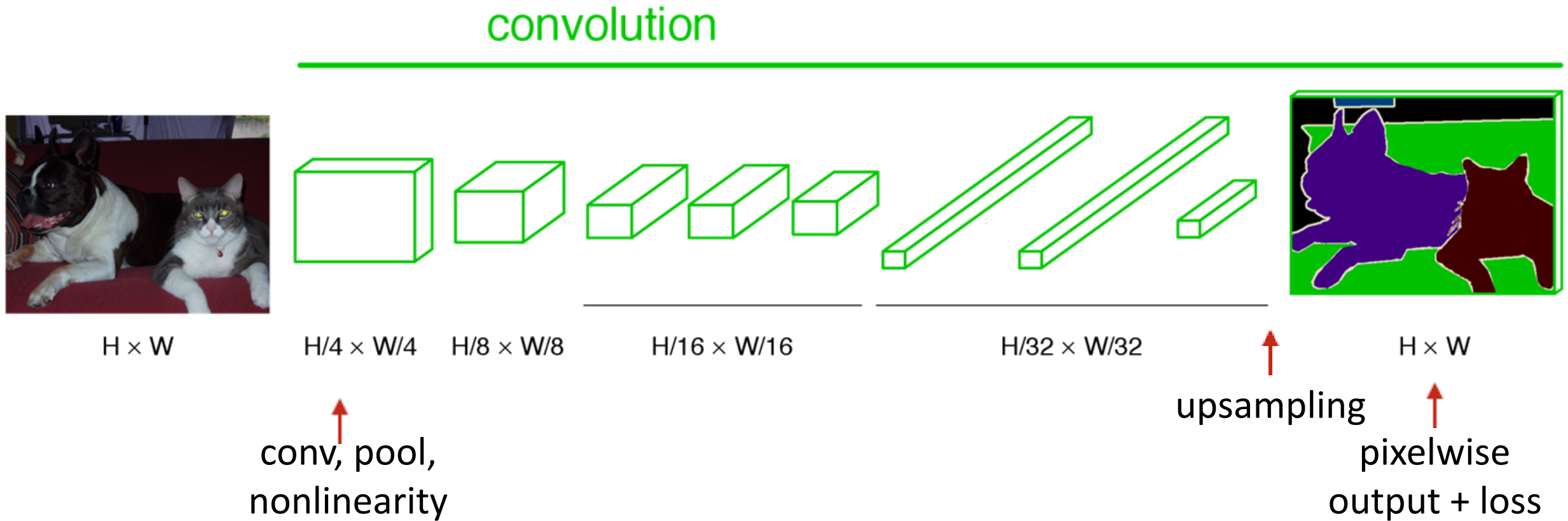


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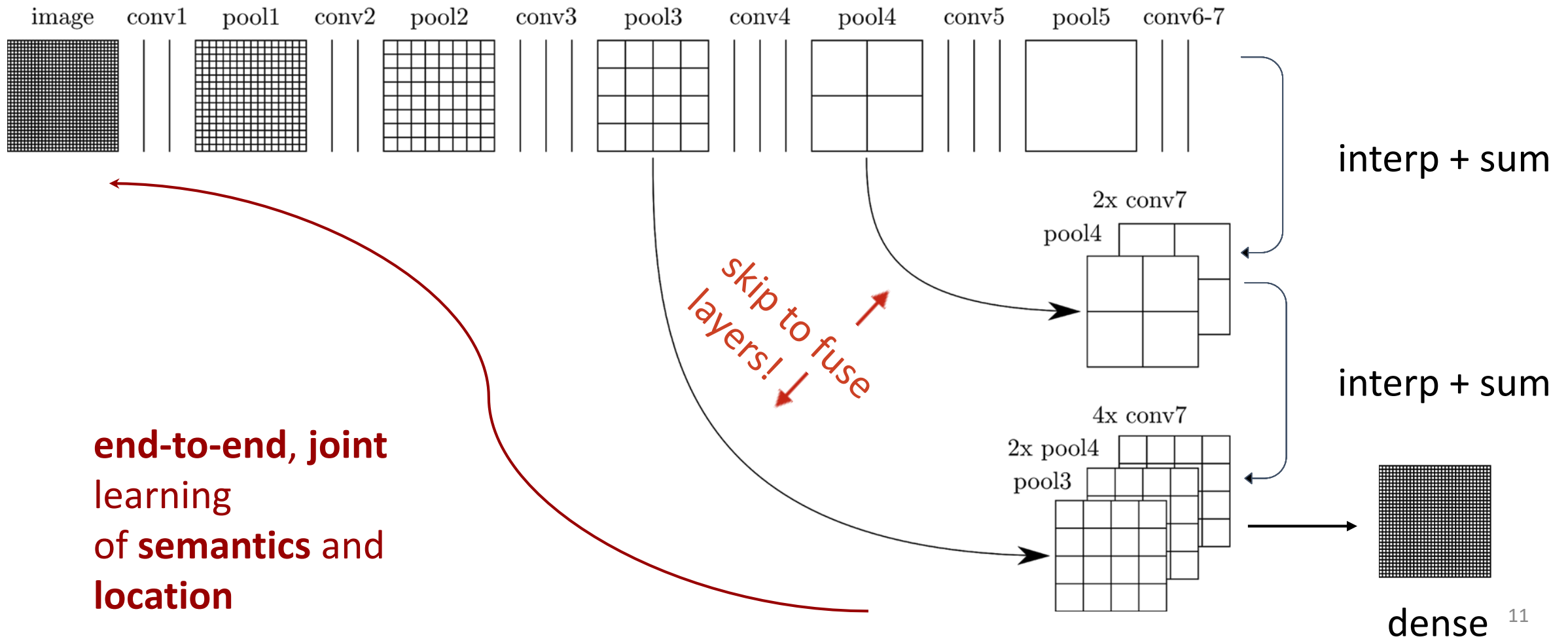


$H \times W$

# end-to-end, pixels-to-pixels network



# skip layers



# skip layer refinement

input image



stride 32



stride 16



stride 8



ground truth



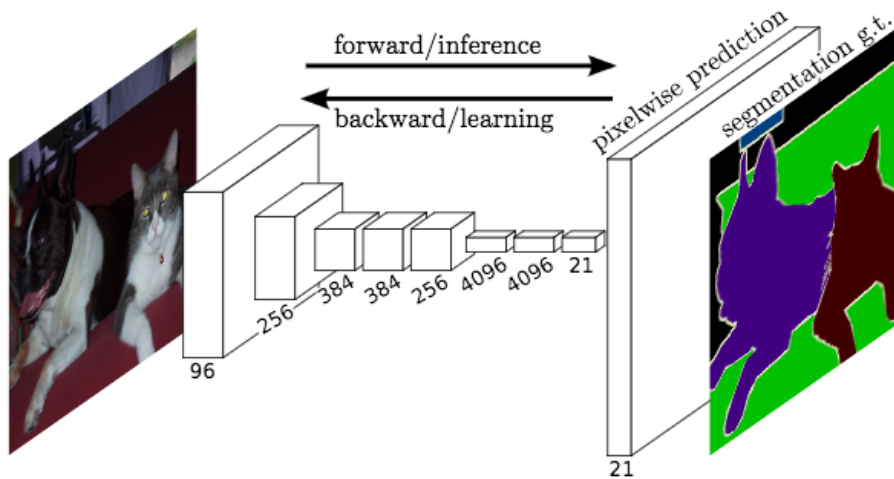
no skips

1 skip

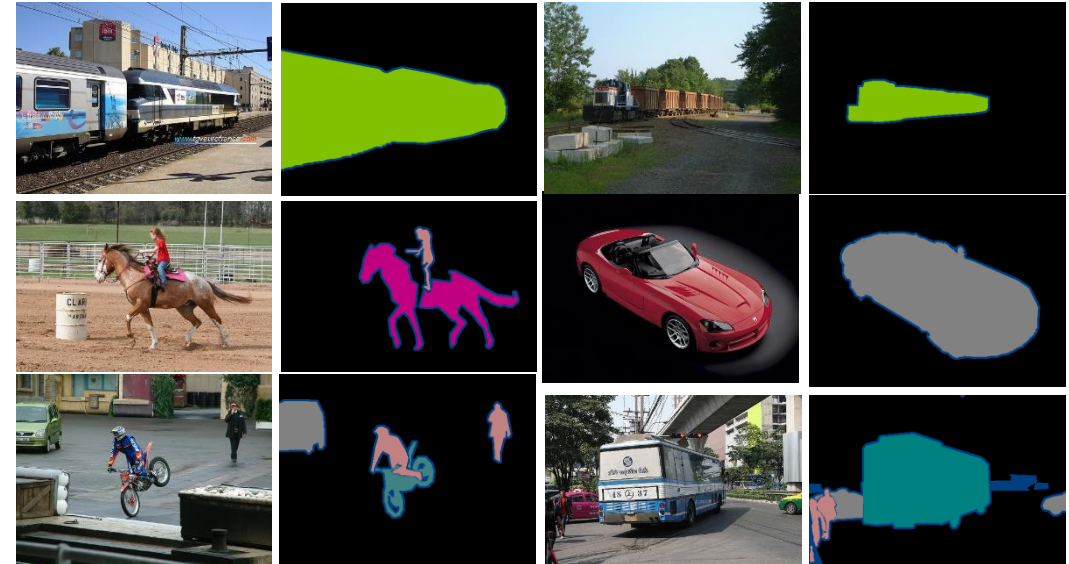
2 skips

# Fully-supervised CNN Segmentation

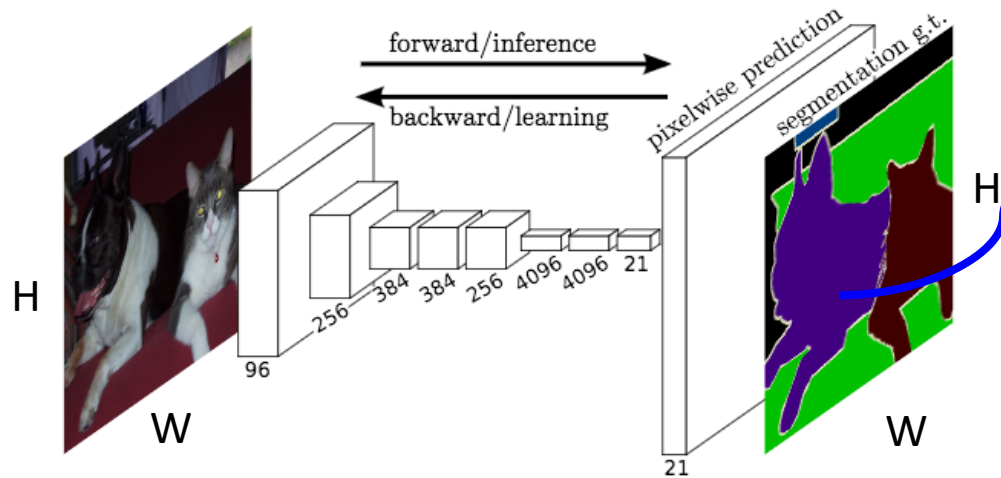
Network



Training Data



# Losses for CNN Segmentation



Ground truth    Output distribution

cat	0	0.1
dog	1	0.8
sofa	0	0.05
...	...	...

pixel-wise Cross Entropy (CE) loss:

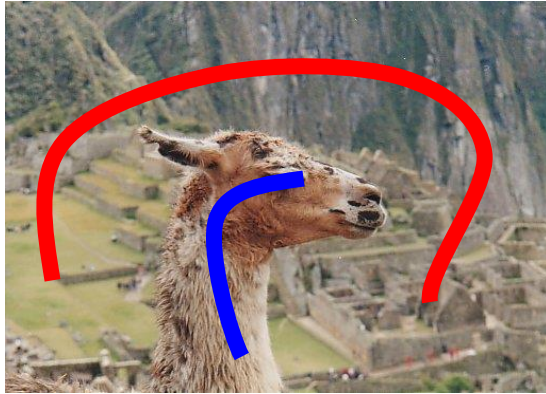
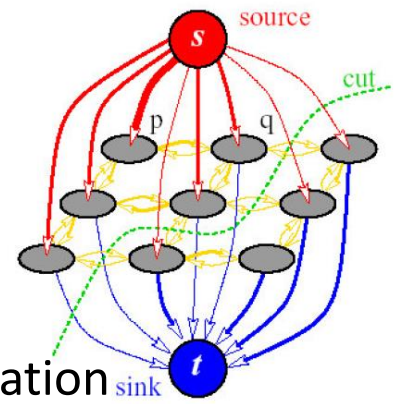
$$- 0 \times \log 0.1 - 1 \times \log 0.8 - 0 \times \log 0.05 \dots$$

# Scribbles Supervised Semantic Segmentation

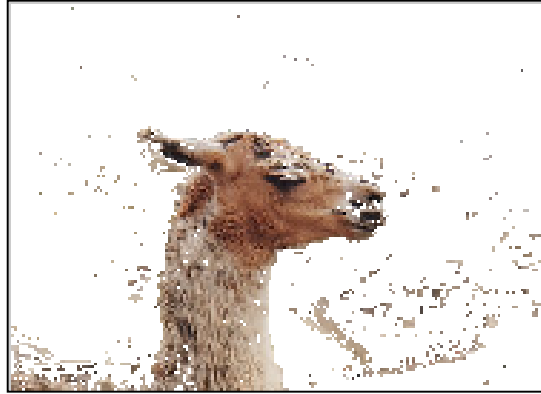




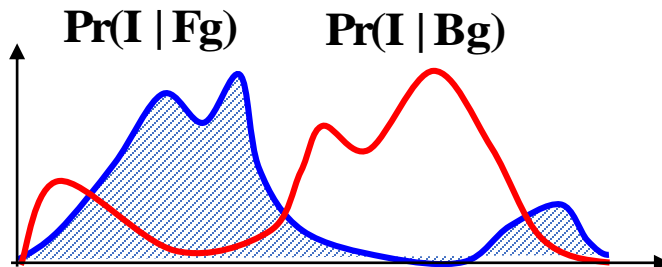
# Markov Random Field for Segmentation



Without Regularization



With Regularization



$$E(S, \theta_0, \theta_1) = \sum_{k=0,1} \sum_{p \in S^k} -\ln P(I_p | \theta_k) + \lambda \cdot \sum_{pq \in \mathcal{N}} w_{pq} \cdot [s_p \neq s_q]$$

MRF regularization



# Pipeline of previous work

[Dai *et al.* ICCV 2015]  
[Khoreva *et al.* CVPR 2017]  
[Kolesnikov *et al.* ECCV 2016]  
[Lin *et al.* CVPR 2016]

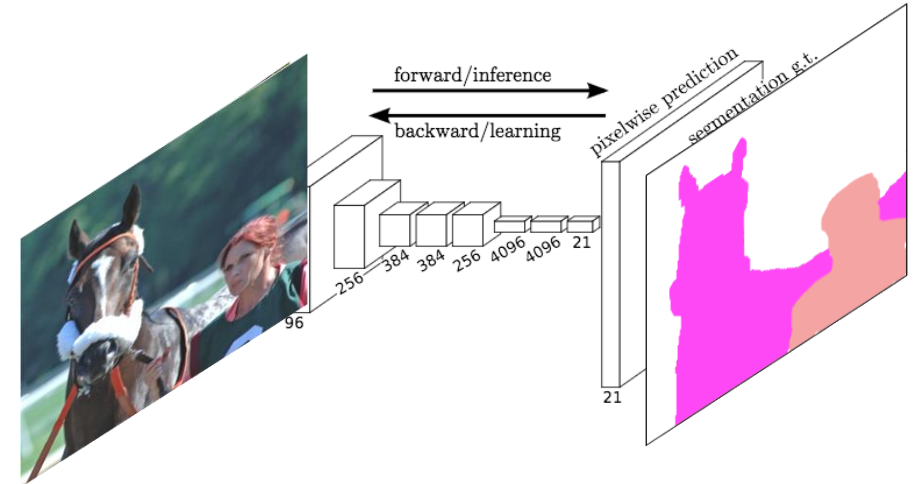


Interactive  
Segmentation



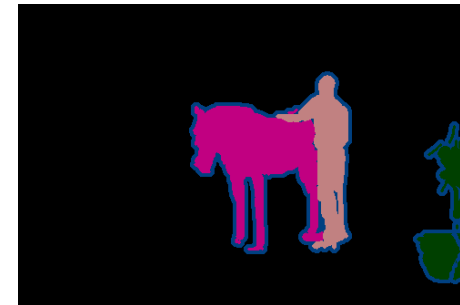
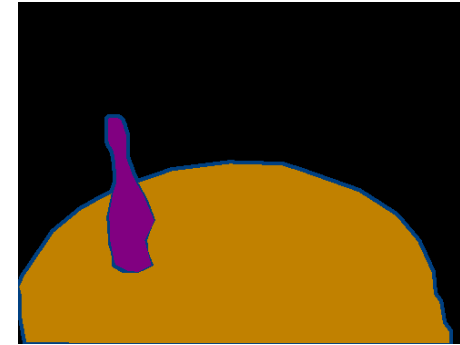
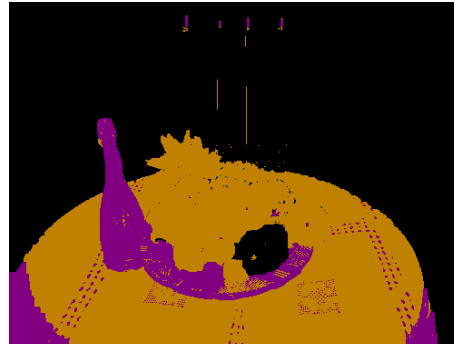
proposals

Network  
Training



# Proposal Generation

All weak supervision method generates “fake” proposals



Input scribbles

GraphCut

Ground Truth

# What's wrong with proposal generation?

- Training is sensitive to the quality of proposals
- How to obtain good proposals?
- Mistakes mislead training to fit errors

# Train without (Full but Fake) Proposals?

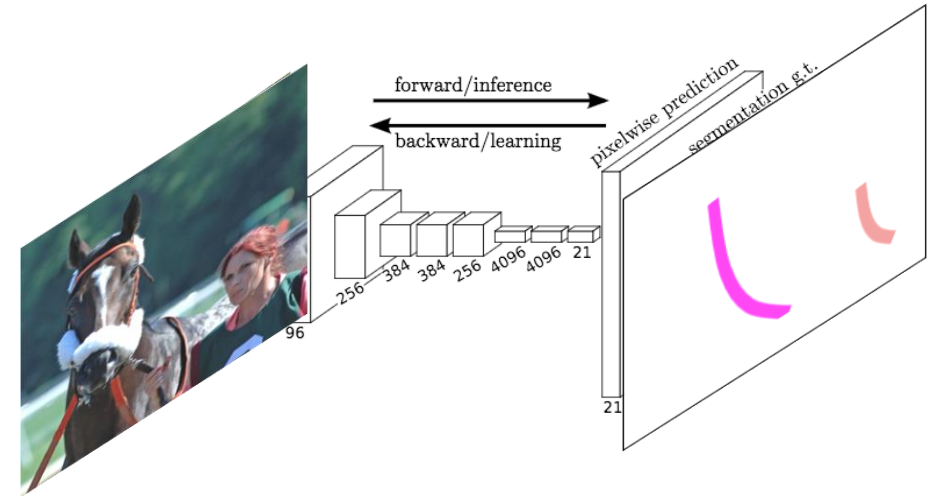
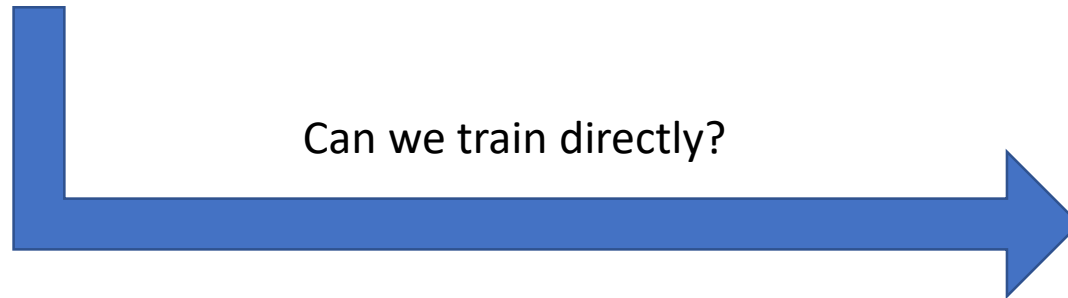
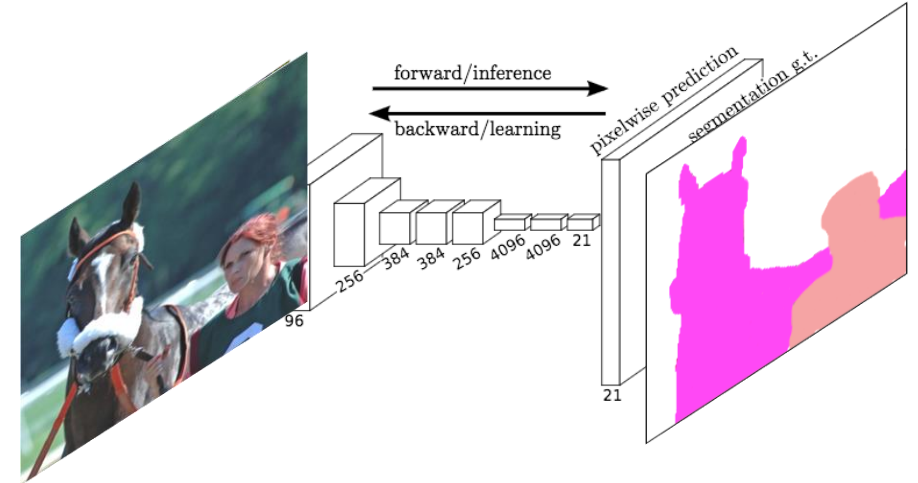


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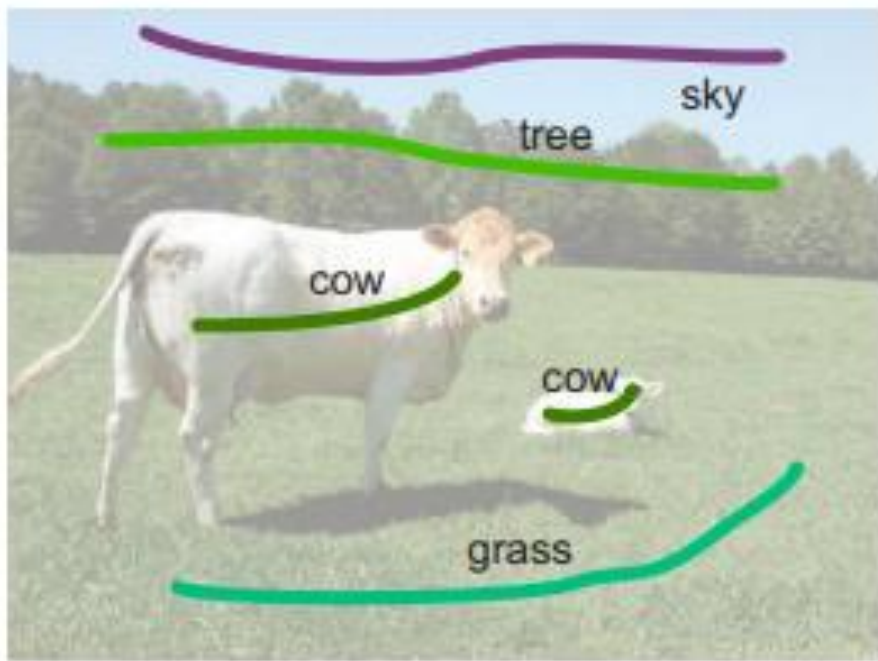


proposals

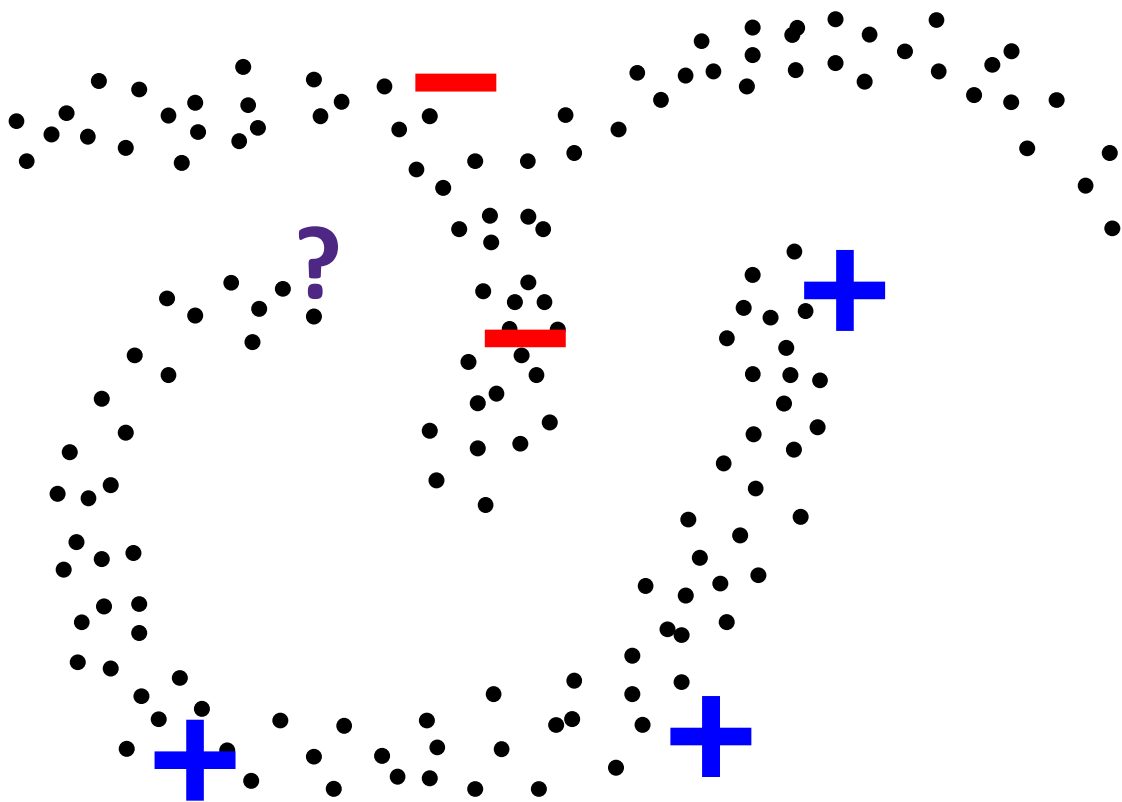
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## Weakly-supervised segmentation

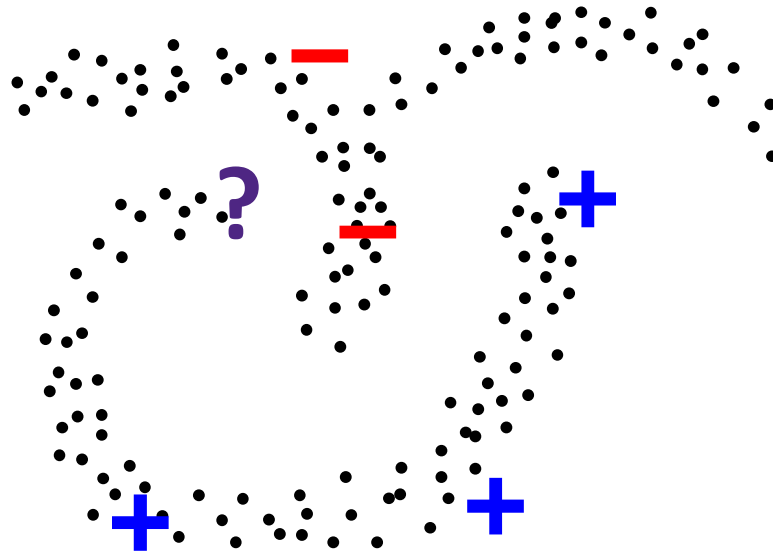


## Semi-supervised learning



# Semi-supervised learning

**Definition** Given  $M$  labeled data  $(x_i, y_i) \in (\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}), i = 1, \dots, M$  and  $U$  unlabeled data  $x_i, i = M + 1, \dots, M + U$ , learn  $f(x) : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ .



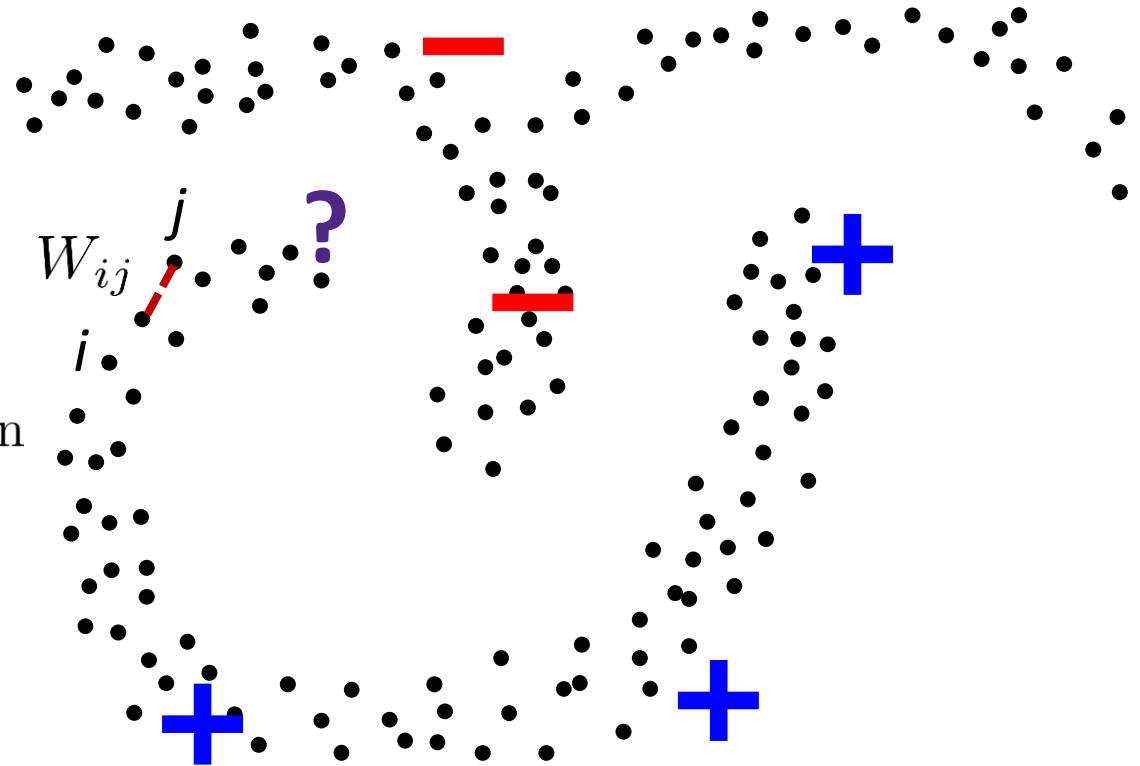
[Zhu & Goldberg, "Introduction to semi-supervised learning", 2009]

[Chapelle, Scholkopf & Zien, "Semi-supervised learning", 2009]

# Graph-Based Semi-supervised Learning

labelled points  $\rightarrow$  target labeling  
e.g.  $\sum_{i=1}^M \delta(f(x_i) \neq y_i)$

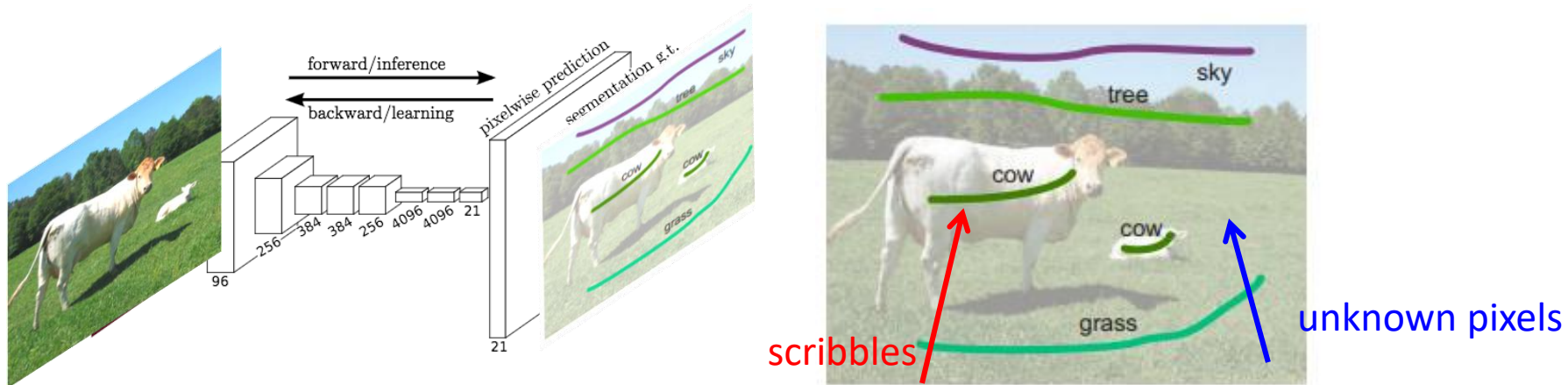
unlabelled points  $\rightarrow$  pairwise regularization  
e.g.  $\sum_{ij} W_{ij} \cdot \|f(x_i) - f(x_j)\|^2$



[Tang, Djelouah, Perazzi, Boykov, Schroers, *CVPR* 2018]

[Tang, Perazzi, Djelouah, Ben Ayed, Schroers, Boykov, *ECCV* 2018]

# Regularized loss for weakly-supervised CNN segmentation



*empirical risk Loss  
for labeled data*

*regularization Loss  
for unlabeled data*

$$\sum_{i=1}^M \ell(f_{\theta}(x_i), y_i) + \lambda \cdot R(f)$$

partial Cross Entropy (PCE)

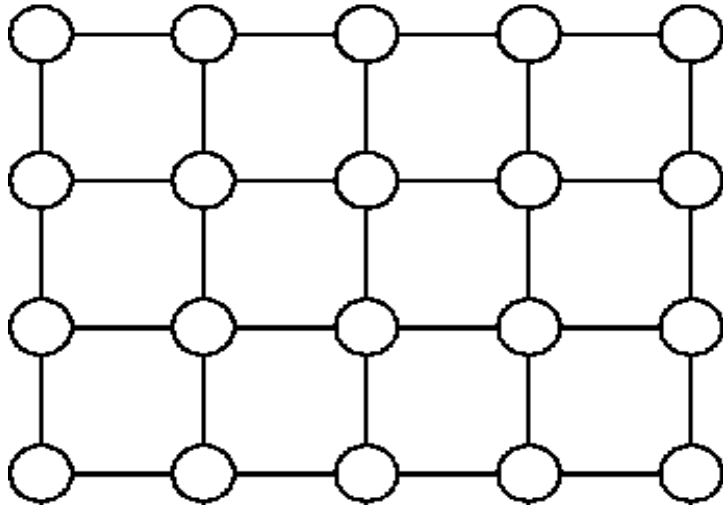
e.g. MRF, NC or both

$$\sum_{ij} W_{ij} \cdot ||f(x_i) - f(x_j)||^2$$



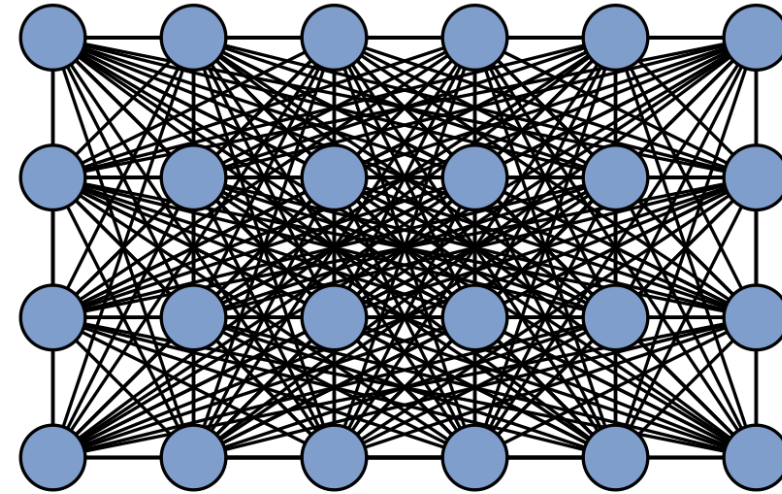
# Pairwise MRF regularization as loss

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Sparse Connected Potts

[Boykov and Jolly, ICCV 2001]



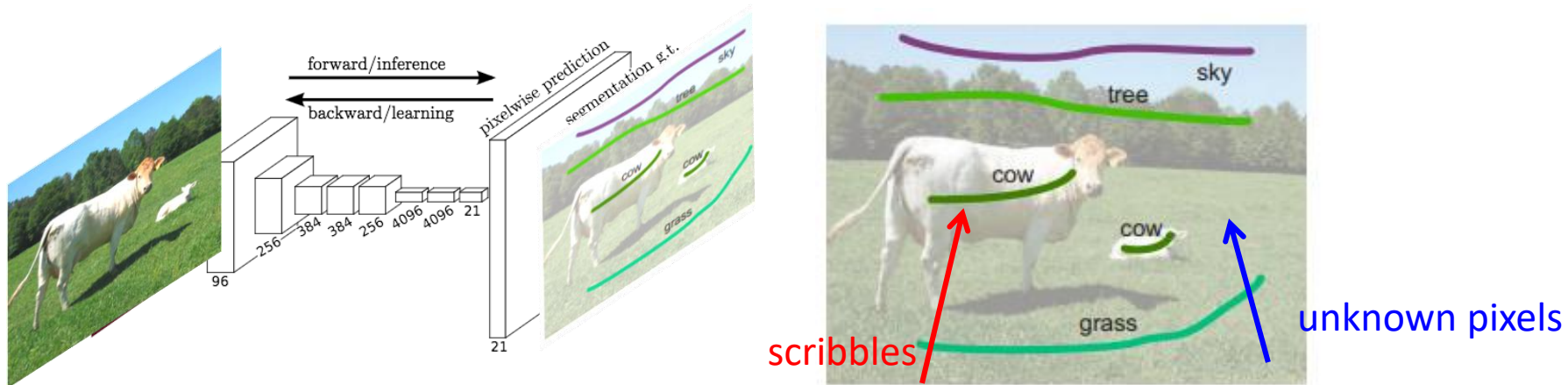
Fully Connected DenseCRF

[Krähenbühl and Vladlen Koltun, NIPS 2011]

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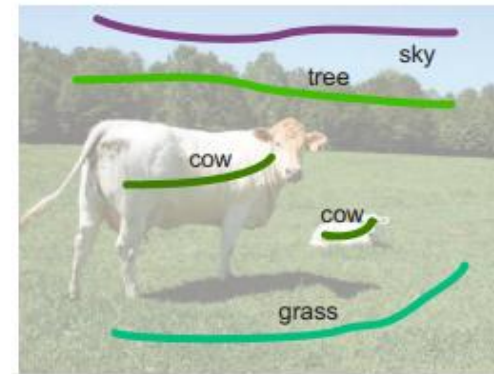
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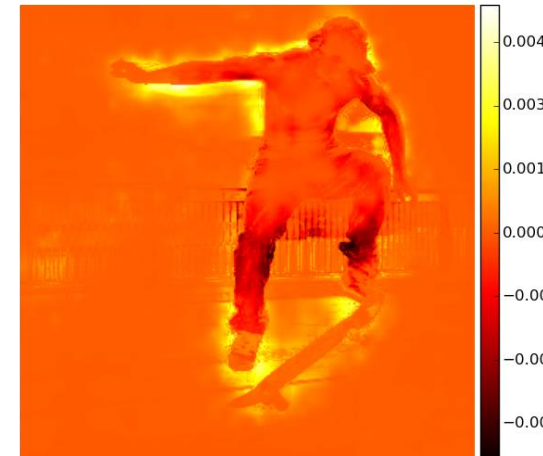
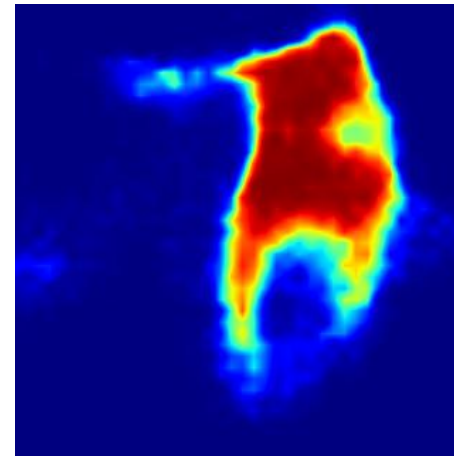
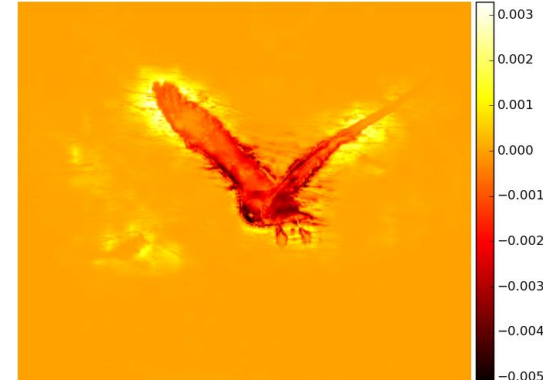
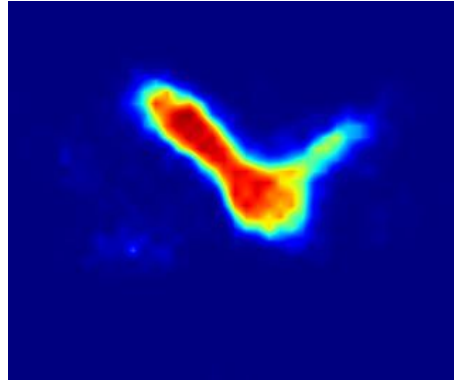
$$\sum_{ij} W_{ij} \cdot ||f(x_i) - f(x_j)||^2$$

# Experiments

- PASCAL VOC 2012 Segmentation Dataset
  - 10K training images (full masks)
  - 1.5K validation images
  - 1.5K test images
- ScribbleSup Dataset [Dai *et al.* ICCV 2015]
  - scribbles for each object
  - ~3% of pixels labelled



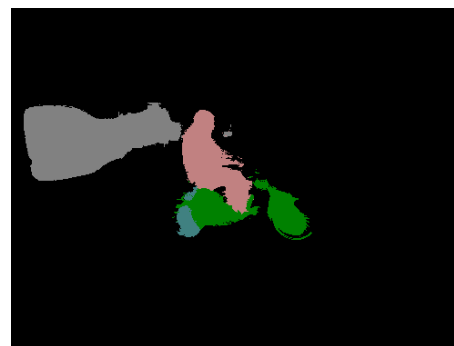
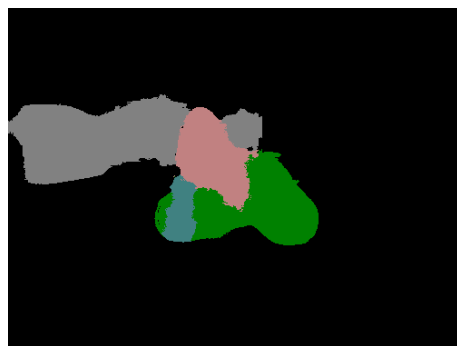
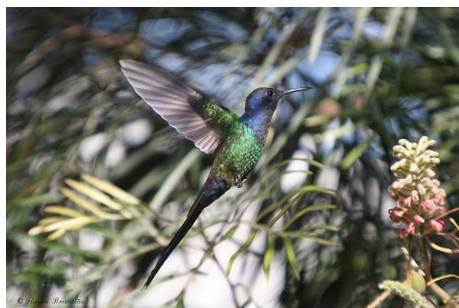
# Visualization of Gradients



input

network output  $f_\theta$  gradient of regularization loss  $\frac{\partial R(f)}{\partial f}$

# Training with regularized losses

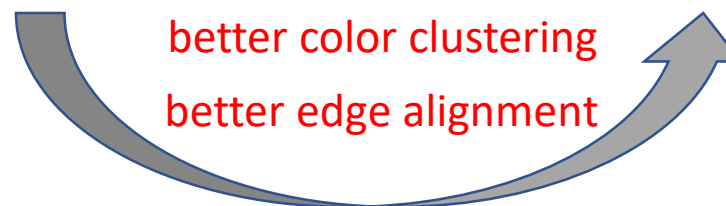


Test image

pCE loss (unregularized)

w/ regularized loss

Ground truth





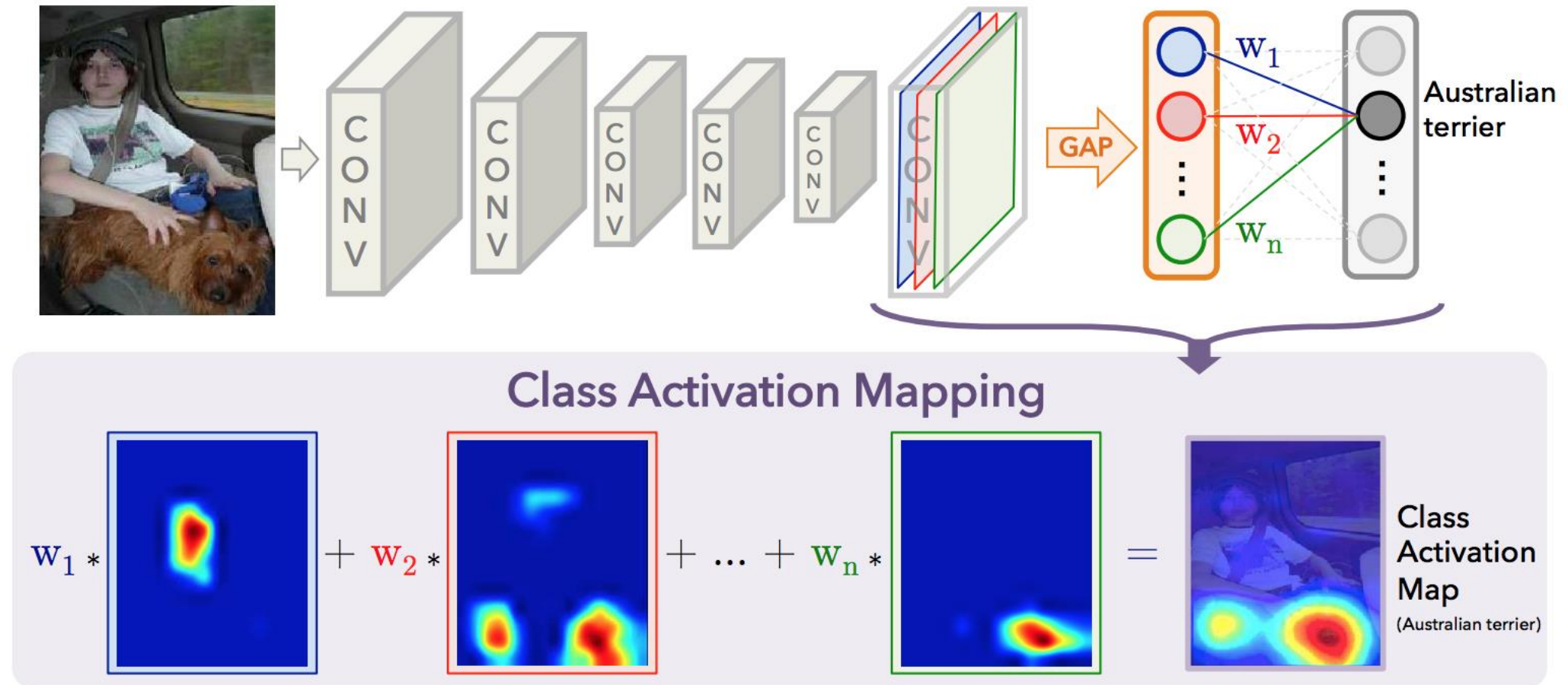
# Compare weak and full supervision

	Weak				Full
	CE only	w/ NC [68]	w/ CRF	w/ KernelCut	
DeepLab-MSc-largeFOV	56.0 (8.1)	60.5 (3.6)	63.1 (1.0)	<b>63.5 (0.6)</b>	64.1
DeepLab-VGG16	60.4 (8.4)	62.4 (6.4)	64.4 (4.4)	<b>64.8 (4.0)</b>	68.8
DeepLab-ResNet101	69.5 (6.1)	72.8 (2.8)	72.9 (2.7)	<b>73.0 (2.6)</b>	75.6

Table 2: mIOU on PASCAL VOC2012 *val* set. Our flexible framework allows various types of regularization losses for weakly supervised segmentation, e.g. normalized cut, CRF or their combinations (KernelCut [69]) as joint loss. We achieved the state-of-the-art with scribbles. In () shows the offset to the result with full masks.

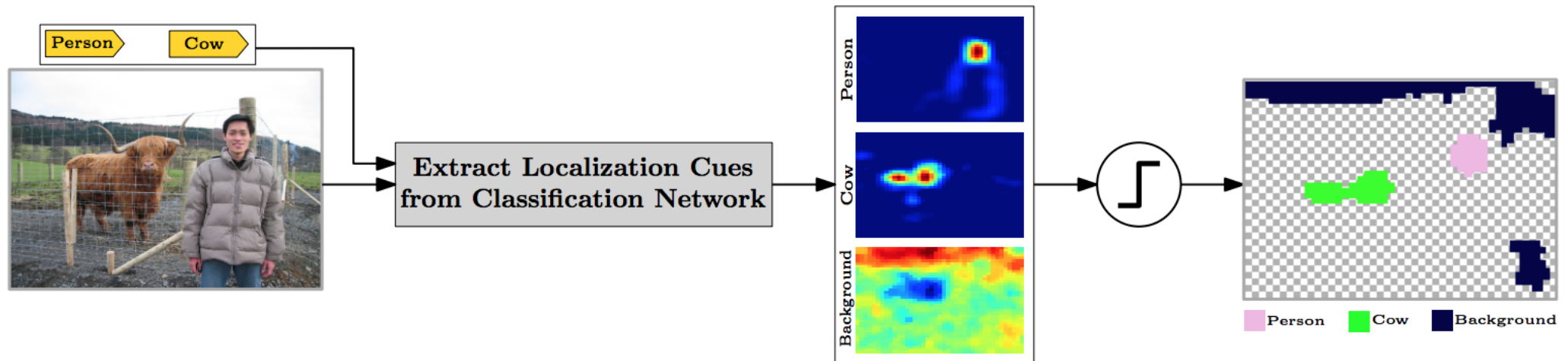
# Class Activation Map

[Zhou et al. CVPR16]



# Generating seeds using CAM

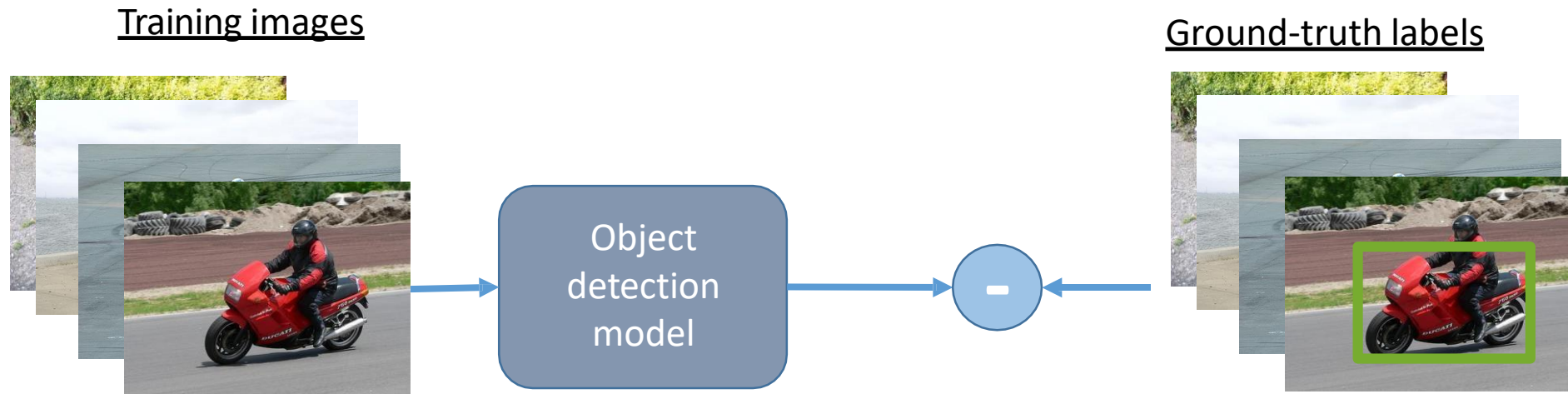
[Kolesnikov et al., ECCV16]





# Part II: Weakly-supervised Object Detection

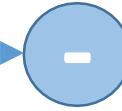
# Standard supervised object detection



Training images



Ground-truth labels



motorbike

What can we say at minimum?

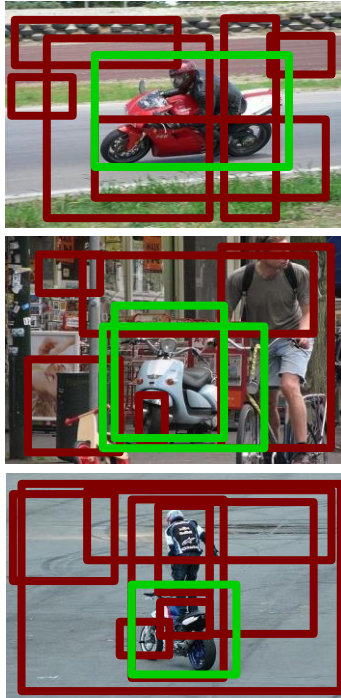
- 1- When image is positive, at least one object instance from target category is present
- 2- When image is negative, no object instance from target category is present

Assumptions

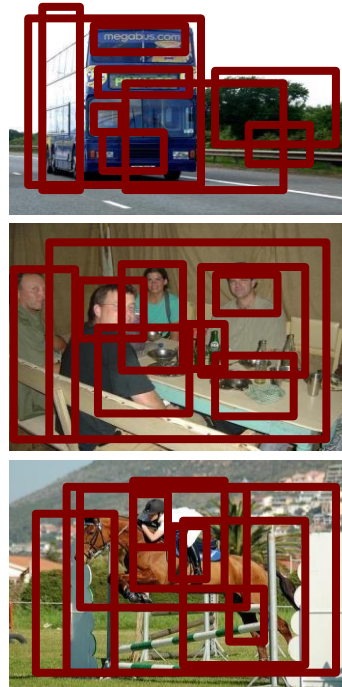
- 1- There exists a set of features present in positive images and absent in negative images
- 2- The same features are only present on the target object instances

Dietterich et al. Solving the multiple instance problem with axis-parallel rectangles.  
Artificial Intelligence

**Positive bags**



**Negative bags**



bags = images  
instances = windows

Goals:

- find true positive instances
- train window classifier

[Blaschko NIPS 10, Cinbis CVPR 14, Deselaers ECCV 10, Nguyen ICCV 09, Bilen BMVC 11, Russakovsky ECCV 12, Siva ICCV 11, Siva ECCV 12, Song NIPS 14, Song ICML 14, Bilen BMVC 14]

# Multiple Instance Learning

Serge's key-chain



Serge **cannot** enter  
the *Secret Room*

Sanjoy's key-chain



Sanjoy **can** enter  
the *Secret Room*

Lawrence's key-chain



Lawrence **can** enter  
the *Secret Room*

Supervised learning:

**Definition** Given  $n$  labeled data  $(x_i, y_i) \in (\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}), i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $\mathcal{X} = R^d$ ,  $\mathcal{Y} = \{0, 1\}$  learn  $f(x) : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ .

Multiple Instance learning:

**Definition** Given  $n$  bags  $\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$  and bag labels  $\{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$  where  $X_i = \{x_{i1}, \dots, x_{im}\}$ ,  $x_{ij} \in \mathcal{X}$  and  $y_i \in \{0, 1\}$ , learn classifier for a bag  $f(X) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ .

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$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{i|y_i=1} \log(p_i) + \sum_{i|y_i=0} \log(1 - p_i)$$

$$p_i = \max_j \{p_{ij}\}$$

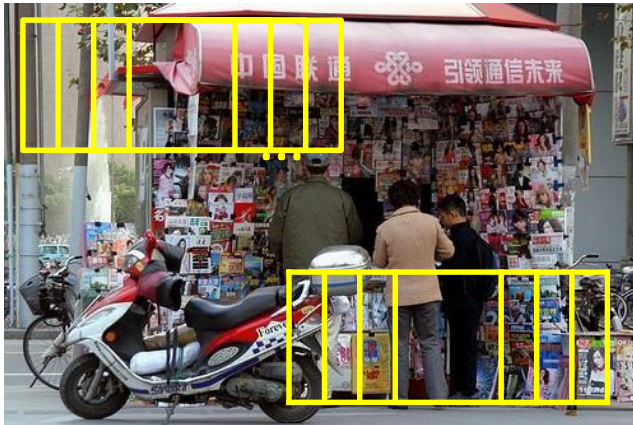
e.g. logistic regression:  $\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp\{-x\}}$   $p_{ij} = \sigma(w \cdot x_{ij})$

# How to generate bags?

## Sliding windows

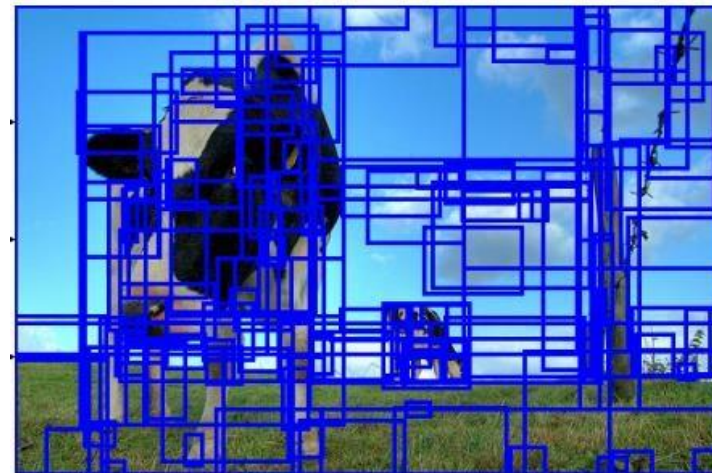
- >100k per image
- dense
- translations, scales and aspect-ratios (4D space)

[Chum CVPR 07, Nguyen ICCV 09, Pandey ICCV 11]



## Object proposals

- ~2k per image
- sparse
- [Alexe CVPR 10, van de Sande ICCV 11, Dollar ECCV 14]
- Commonly used in WSOD  
[Deselaers ECCV 10, Siva ICCV 11, Russakovsky ECCV 12, Cinbis CVPR 14, Wang ECCV 14, Bilen CVPR 16]



Slide credit: Vitto Ferrari



# Cascaded Object Detection [Diba CVPR17]

- Stage 1: Better class activation maps, provides a subset of windows
- Stage 2: Selects highest scoring proposal window
- Additional final step: Trains a Fast-RCNN
- Back to 64% of supervised counterpart (Fast-RCNN)

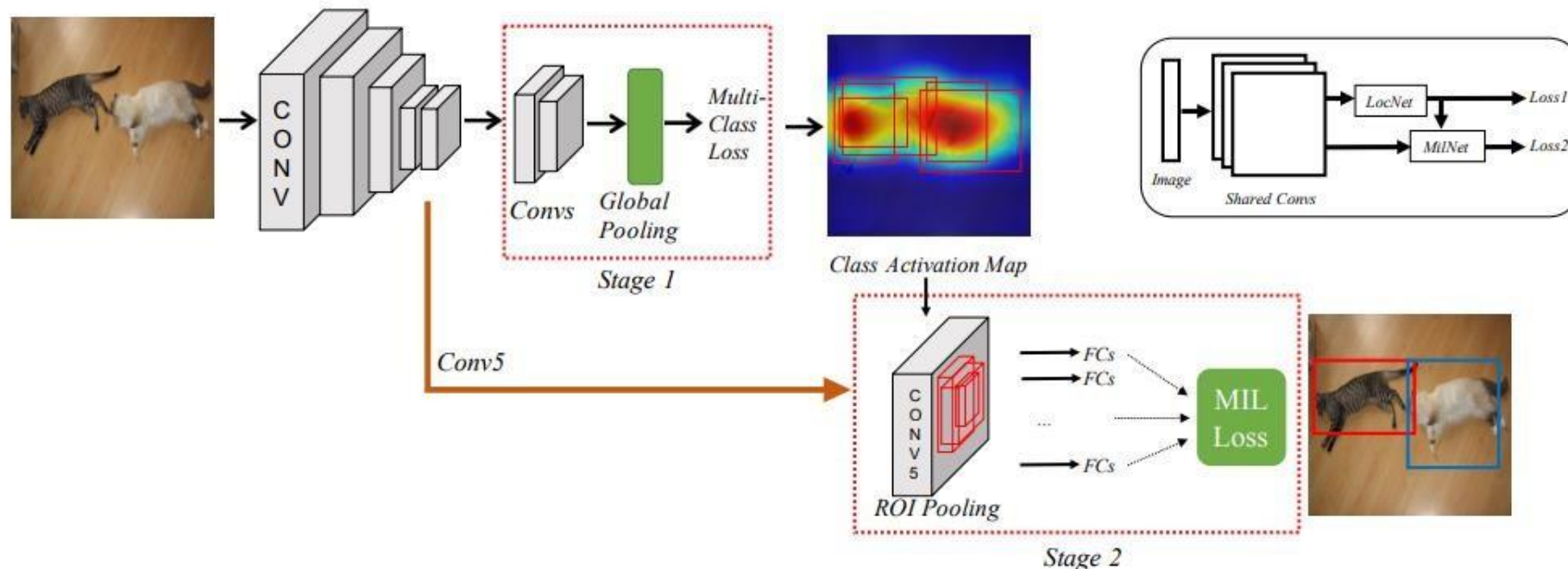
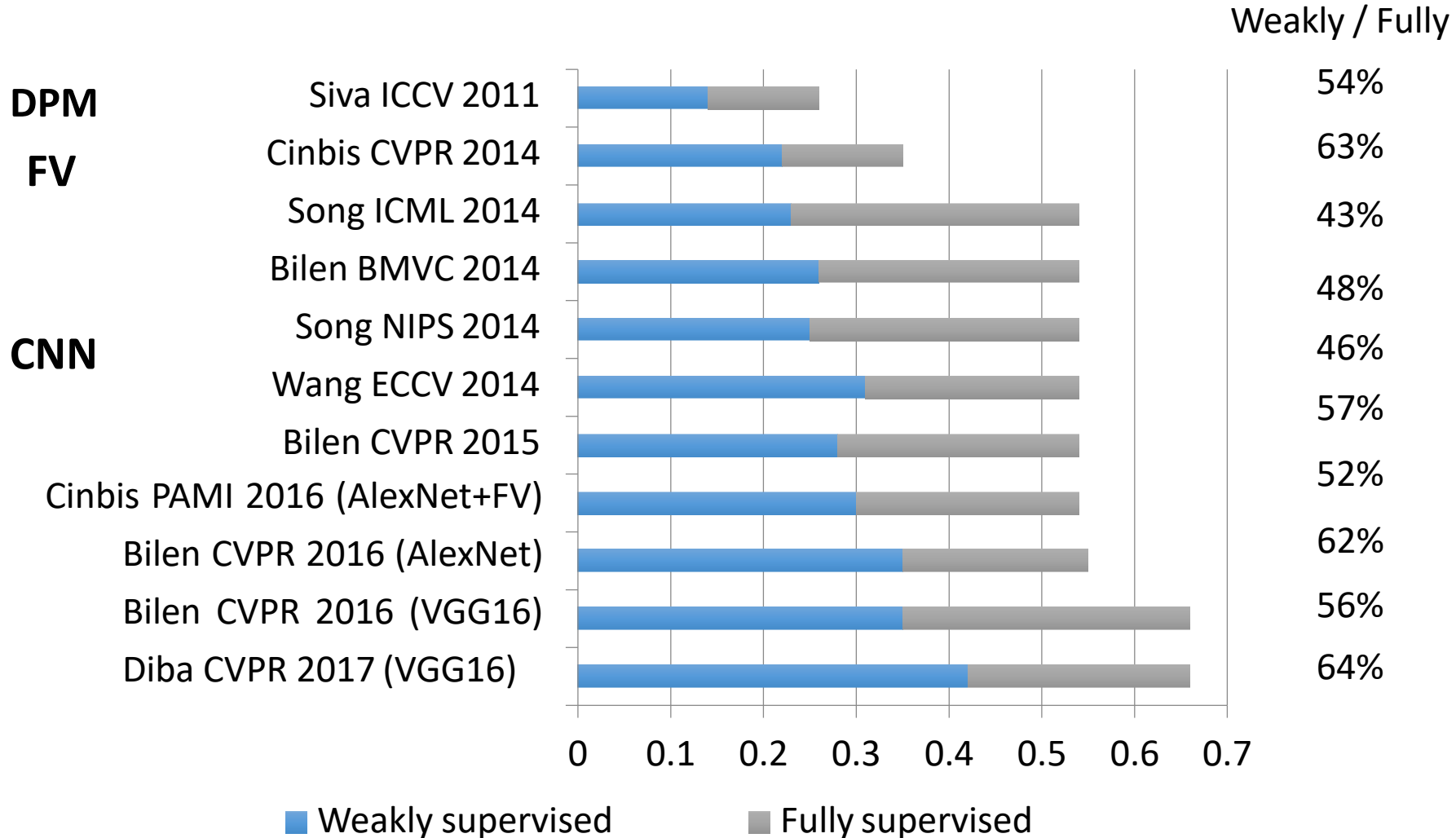


Figure [Diba CVPR 17]

# Performance at test time

WSL on PASCAL 07 trainval all views, test on test (mAP)



***Performance still far from fully supervised detector***

Slide credit: Hakan Bilen

# Conclusion

- Supervised learning of CNN is a great success but data is expensive
- A classification network implicitly encodes about localization, CAM
- Regularized losses for weakly-supervised segmentation
- Multiple Instance learning for weakly-supervised detection
- Other tasks such as single view 3D reconstruction and optical flow