

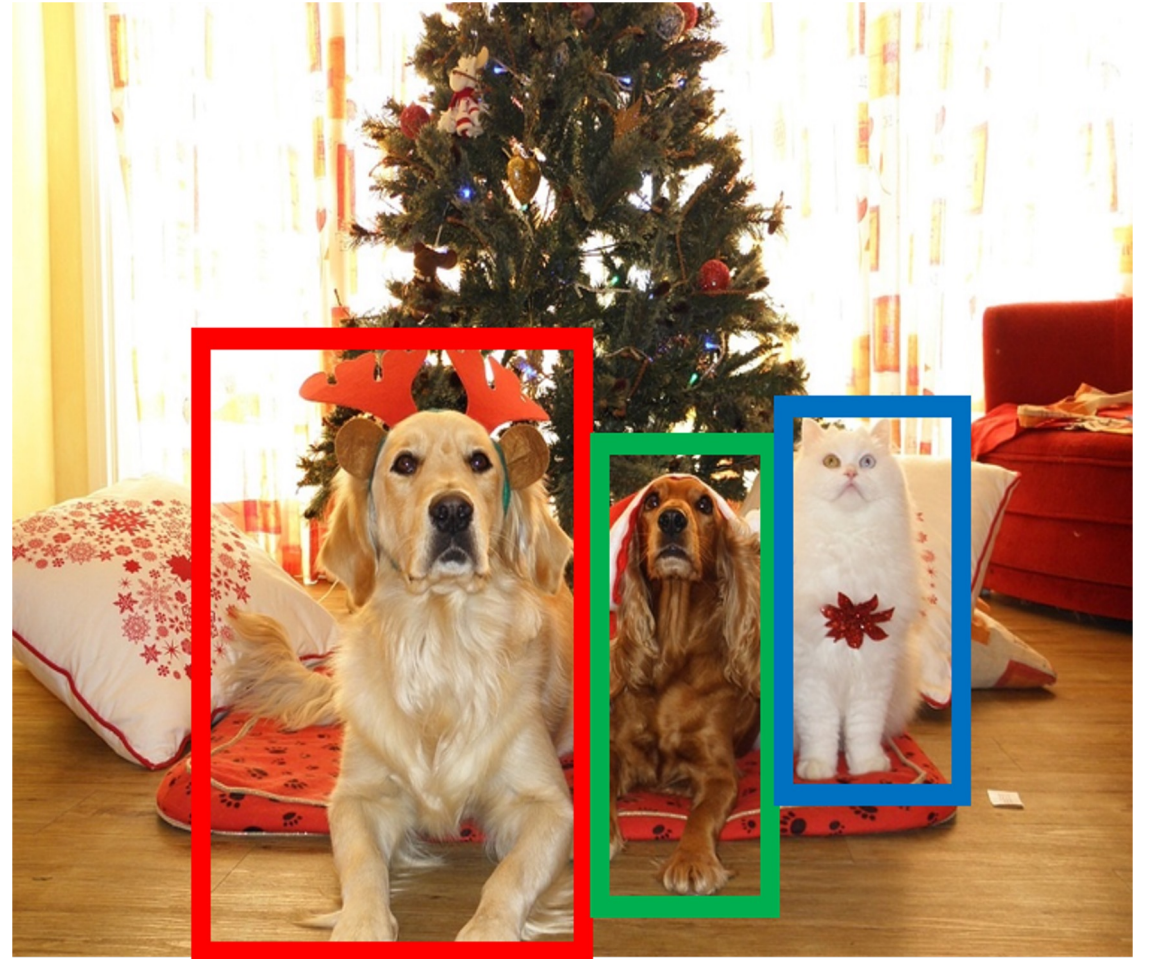
# Object Detection

# Object Detection: Task Definition

**Input:** Single RGB Image

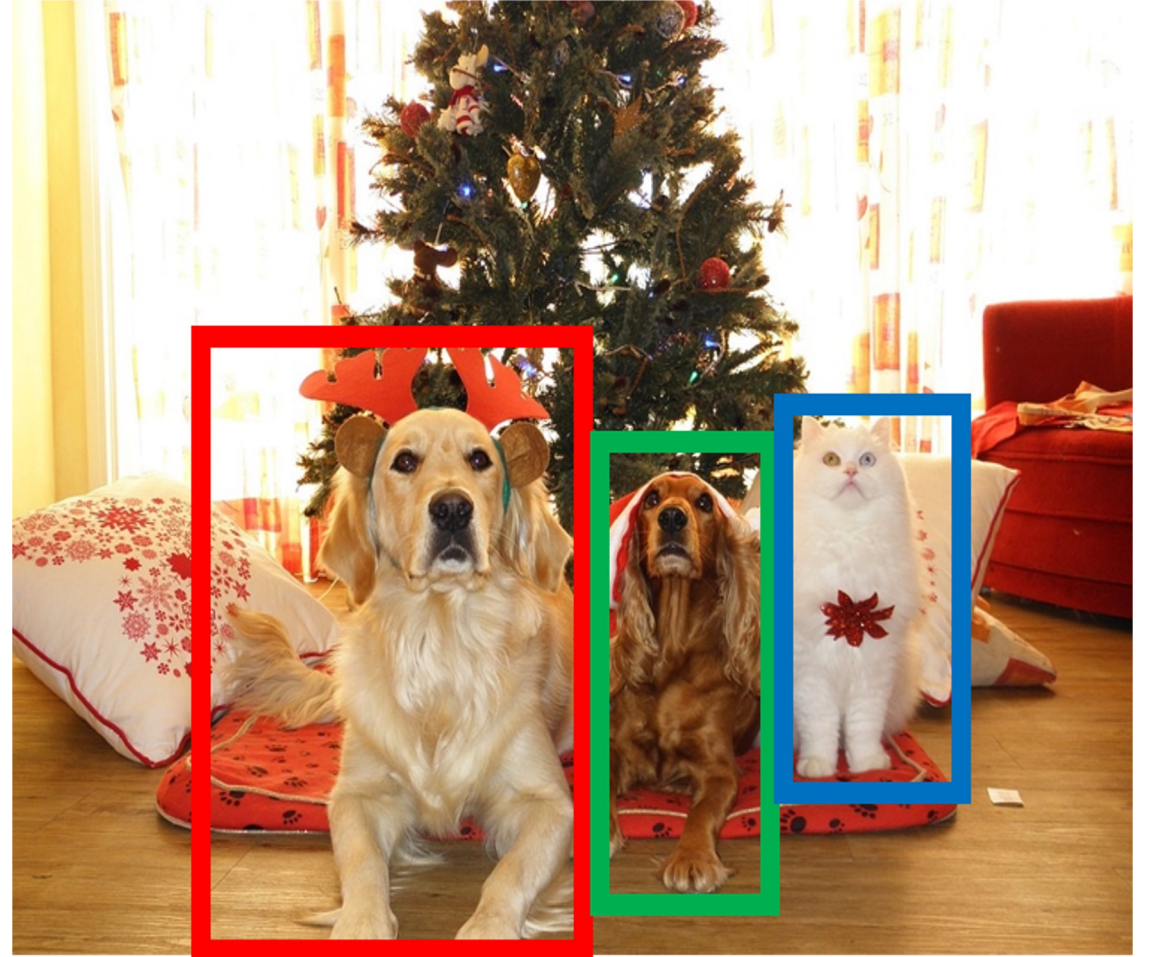
**Output:** A set of detected objects;  
For each object predict:

1. Category label (from fixed, known set of categories)
2. Bounding box (four numbers: x, y, width, height)



# Object Detection: Challenges

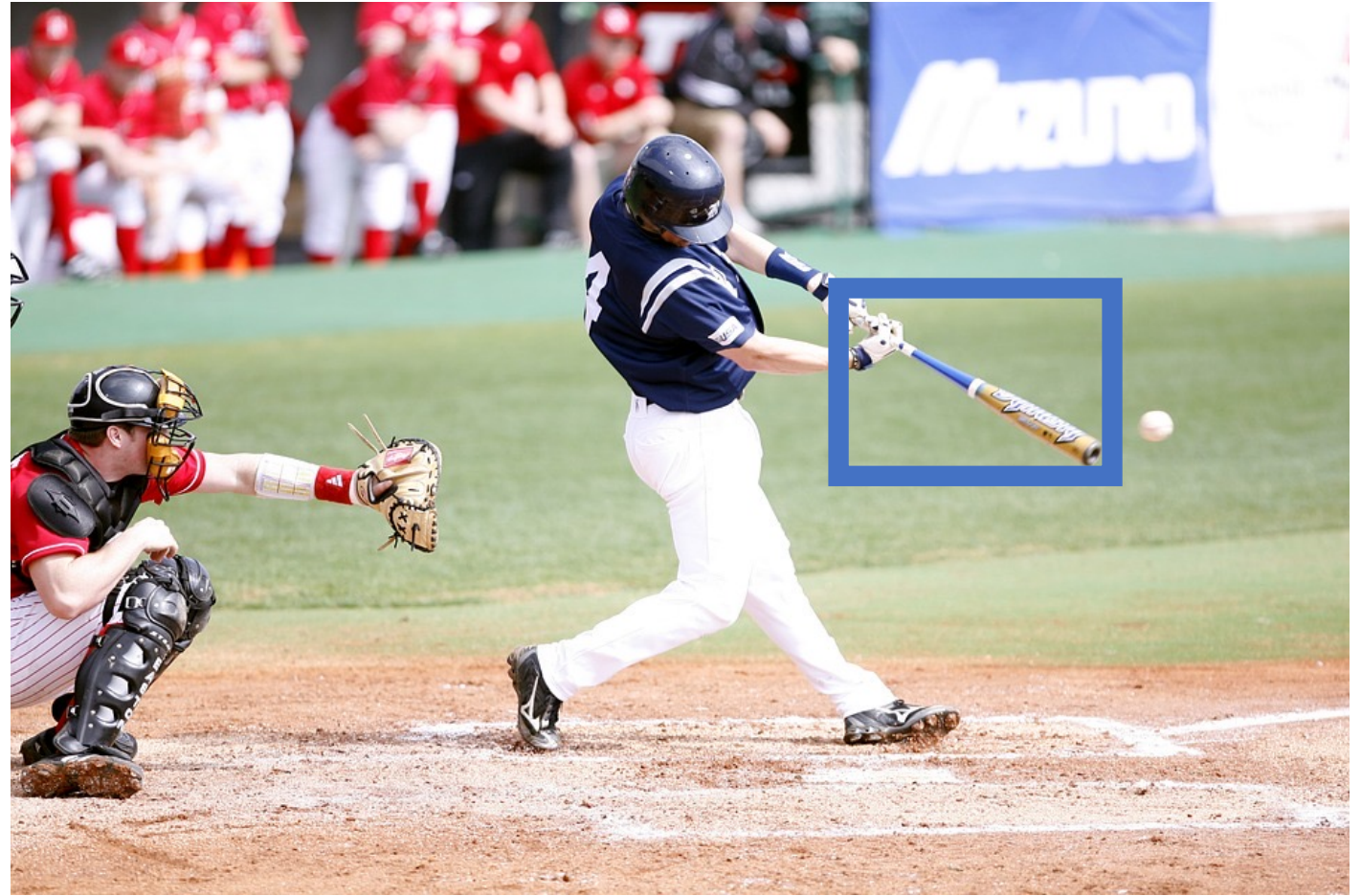
- **Multiple outputs:** Need to output variable numbers of objects per image
- **Multiple types of output:** Need to predict "what" (category label) as well as "where" (bounding box)
- **Large images:** Classification works at 224x224; need higher resolution for detection, often ~800x600





# Bounding Boxes

Bounding boxes are typically *axis-aligned*

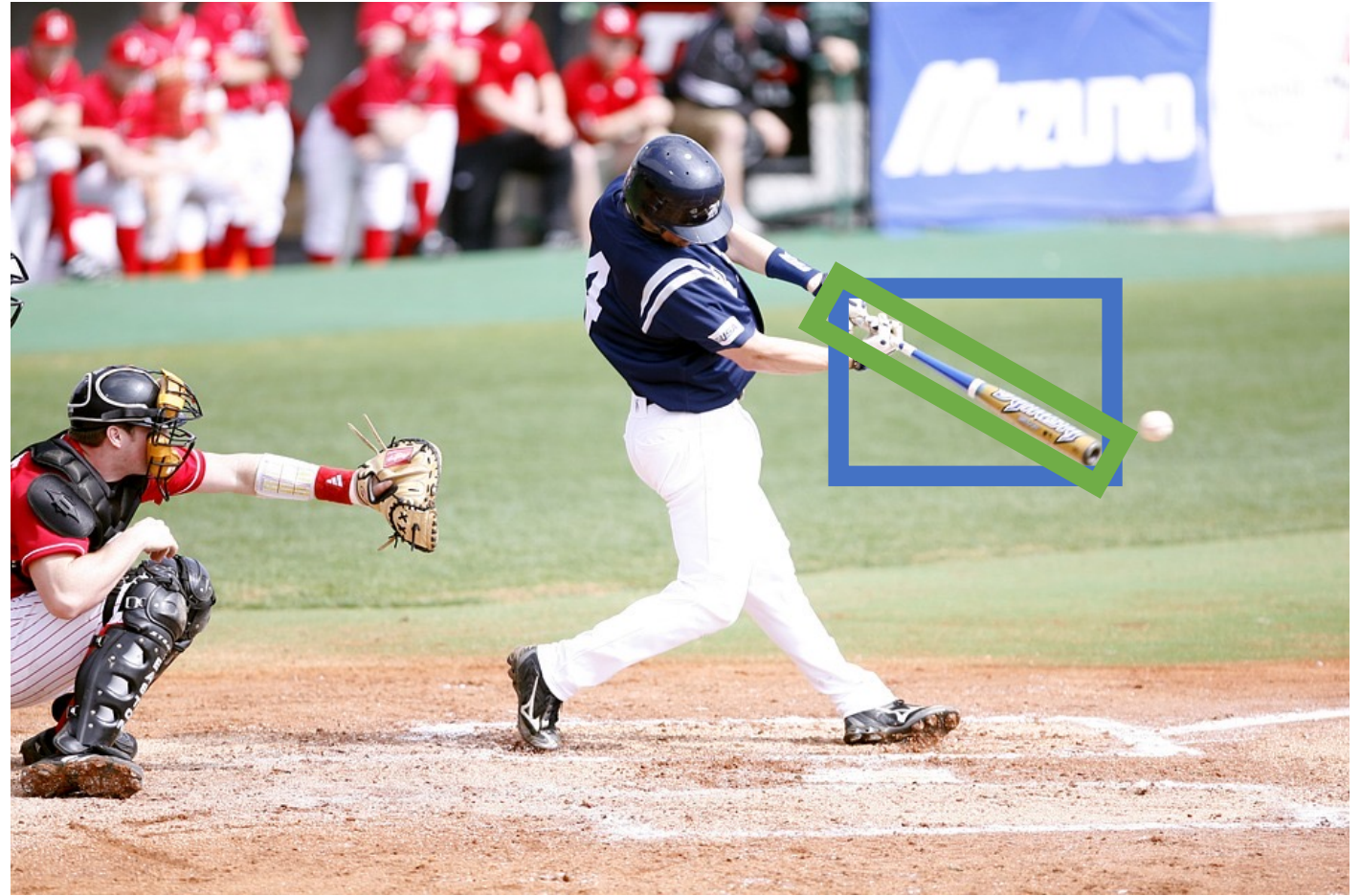




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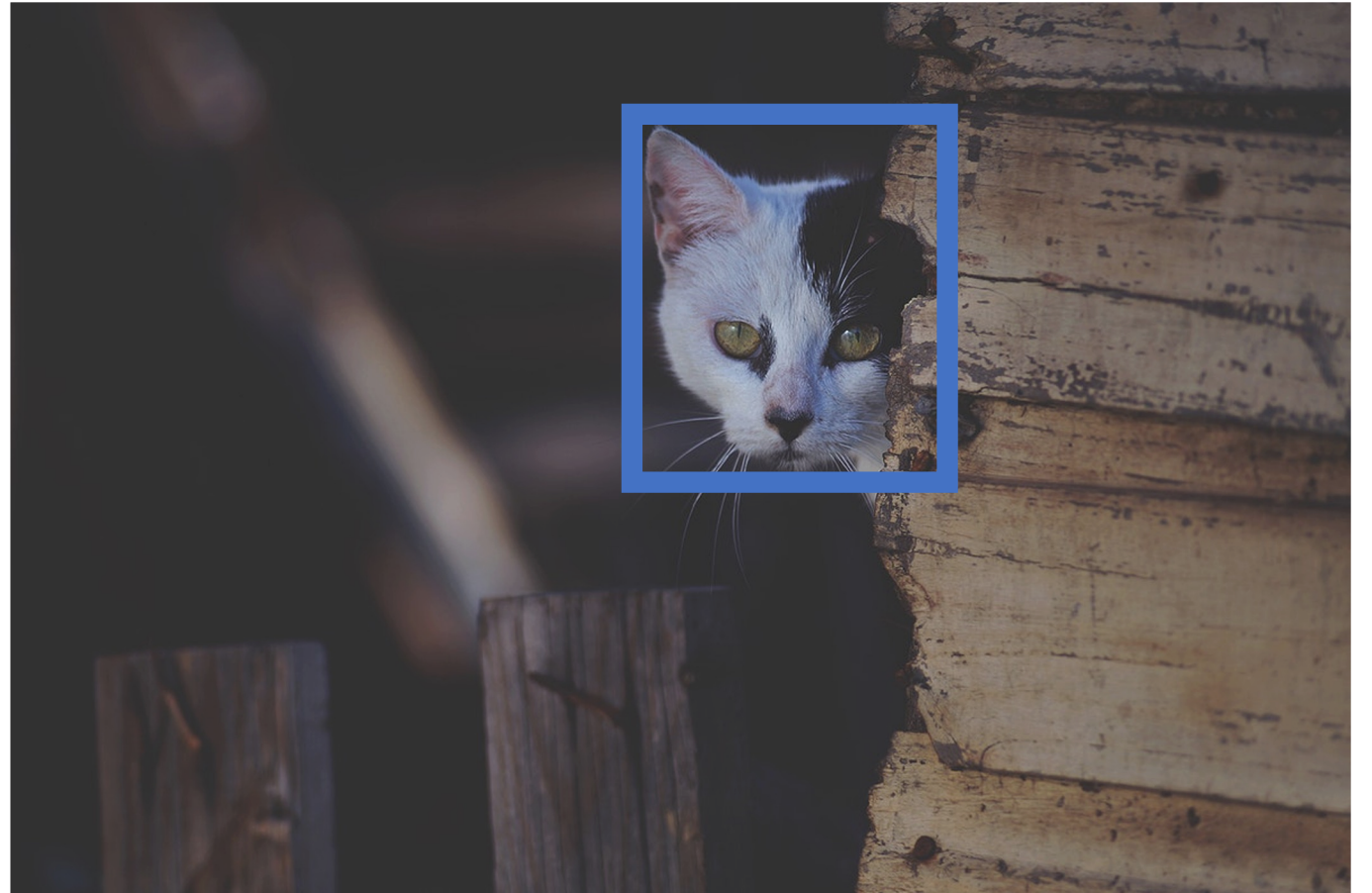
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*Oriented* boxes are much less common



# Object Detection: Modal vs Amodal Boxes

Bounding boxes (usually) cover only the visible portion of the object



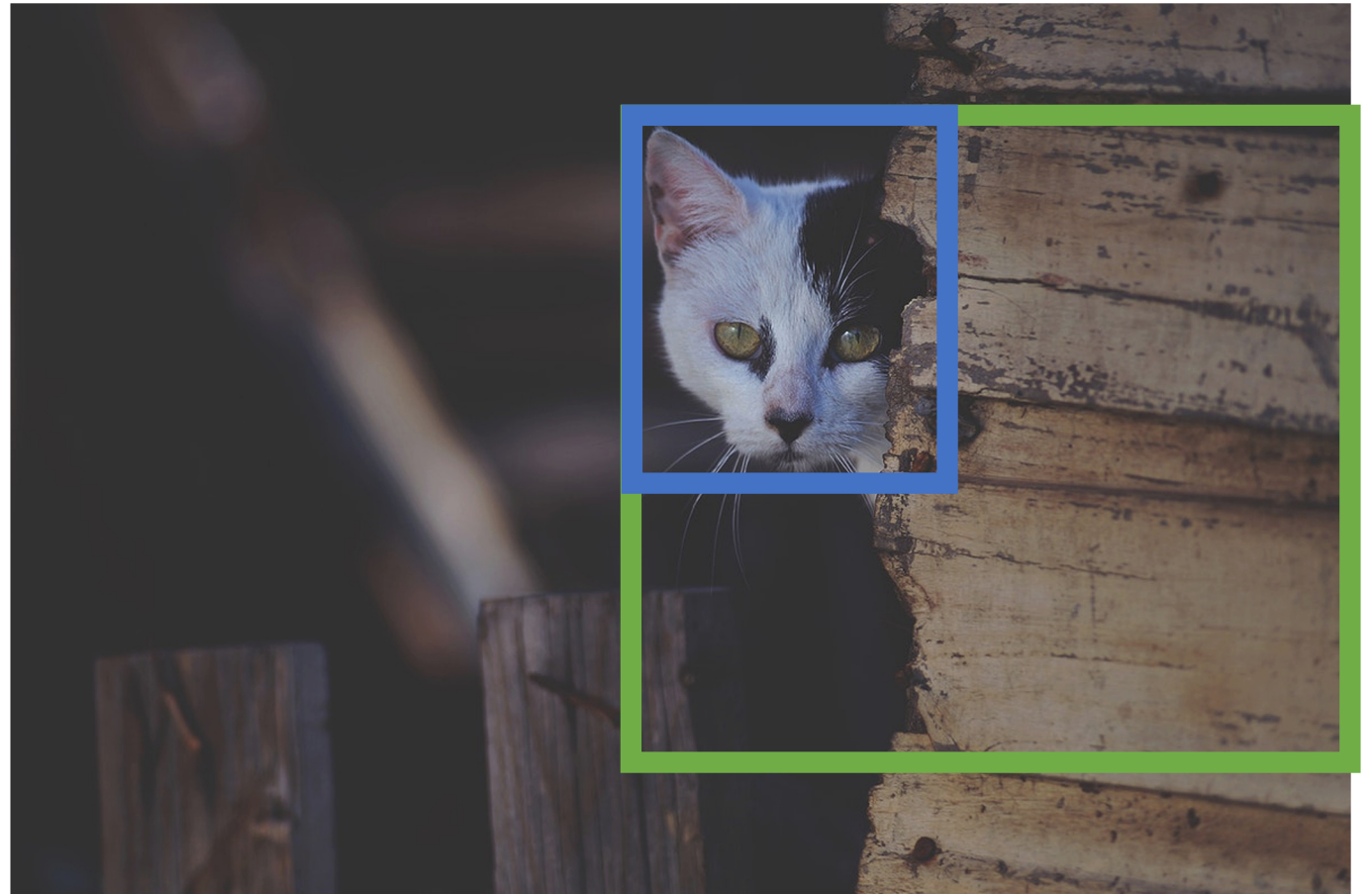
Zhu et al, "Semantic Amodal Segmentation", CVPR 2017

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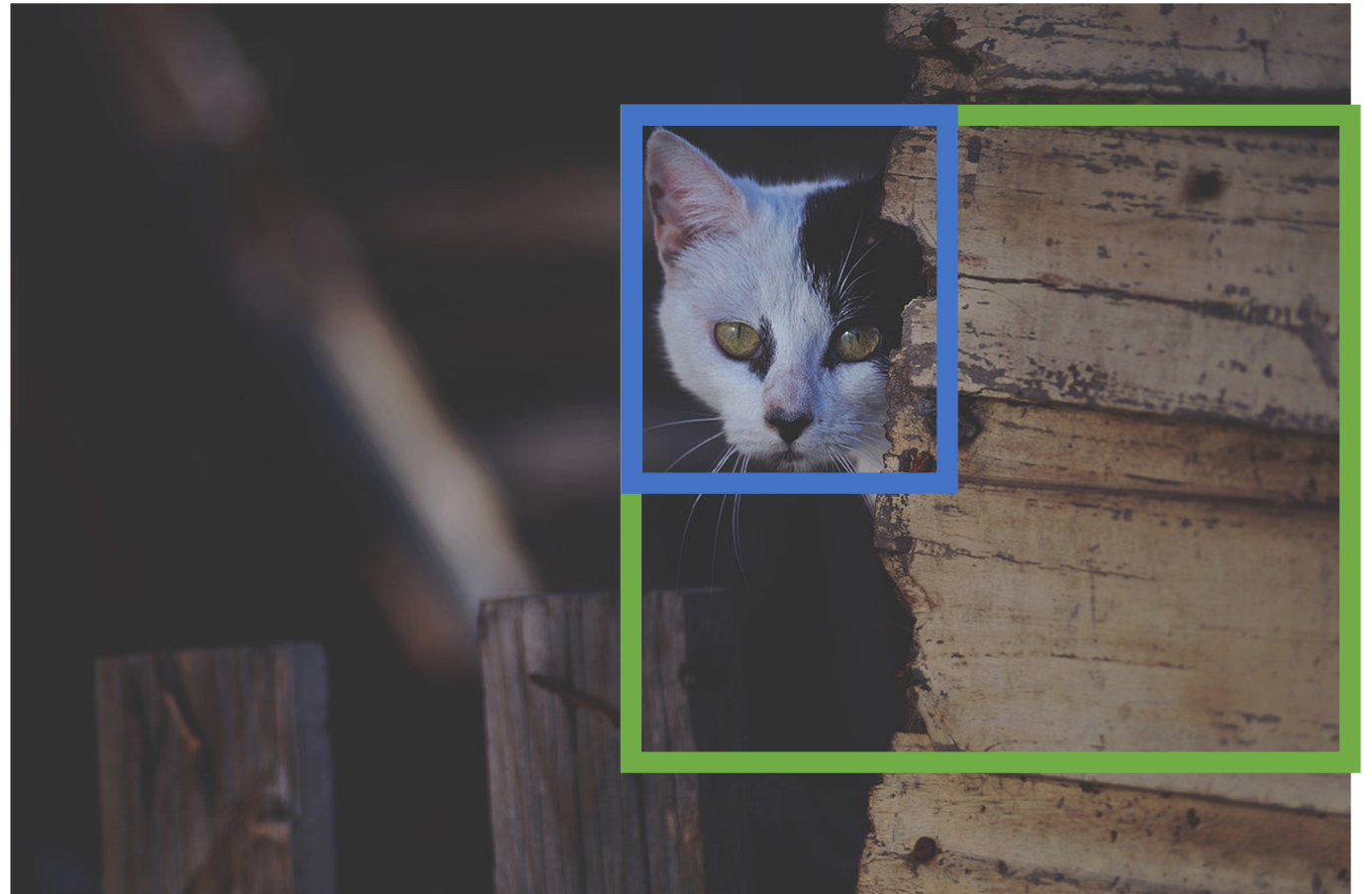




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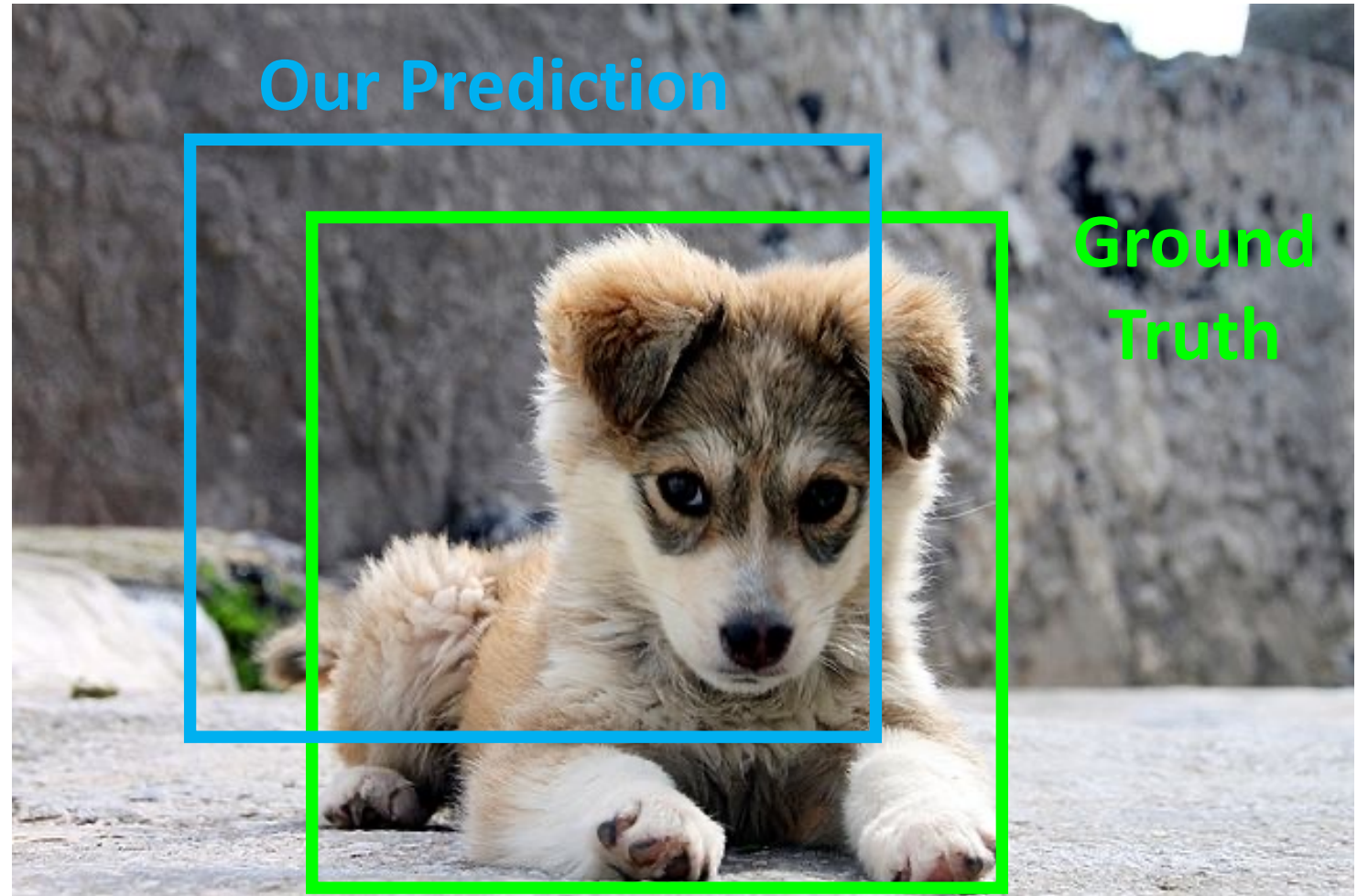
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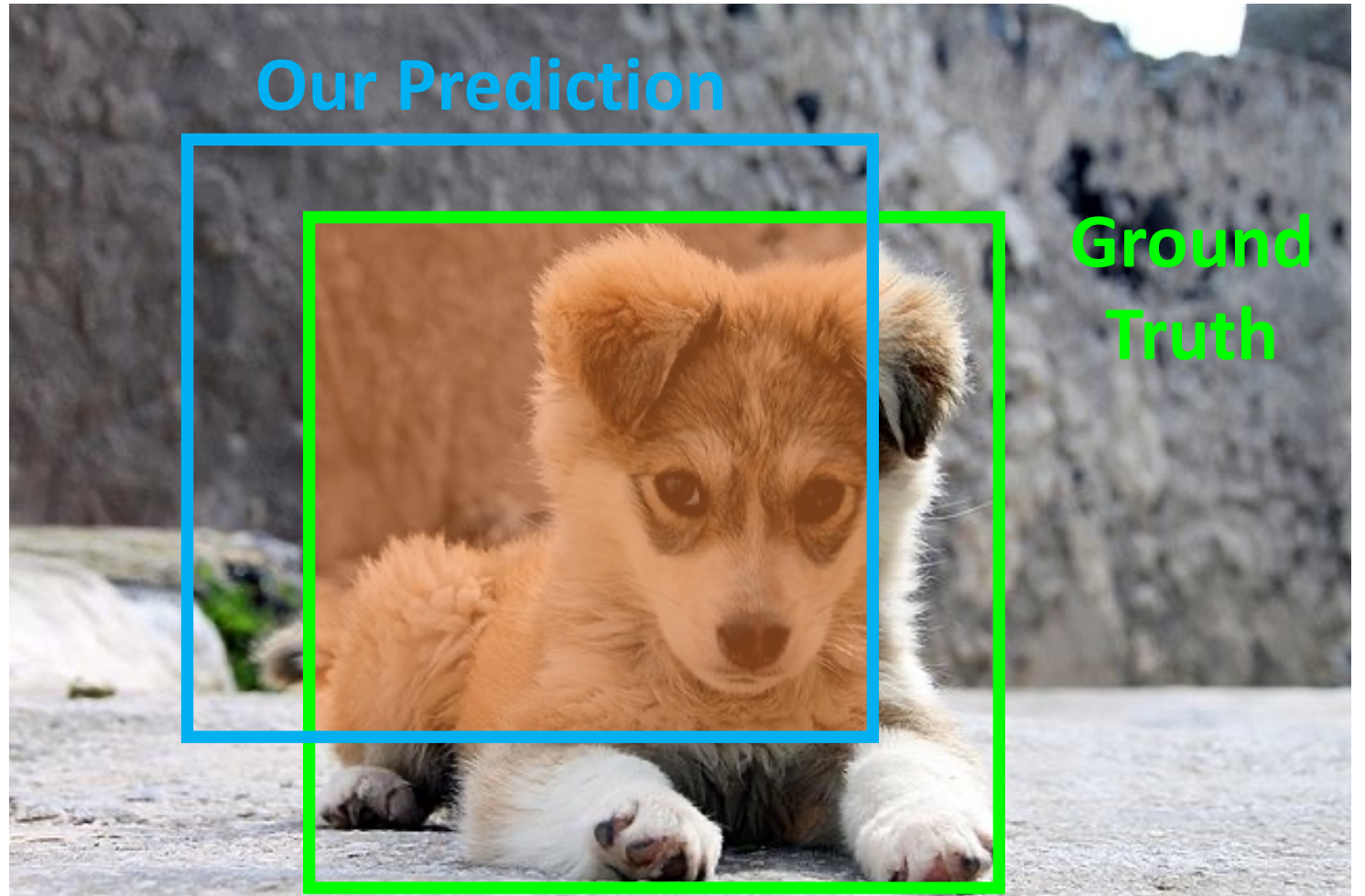
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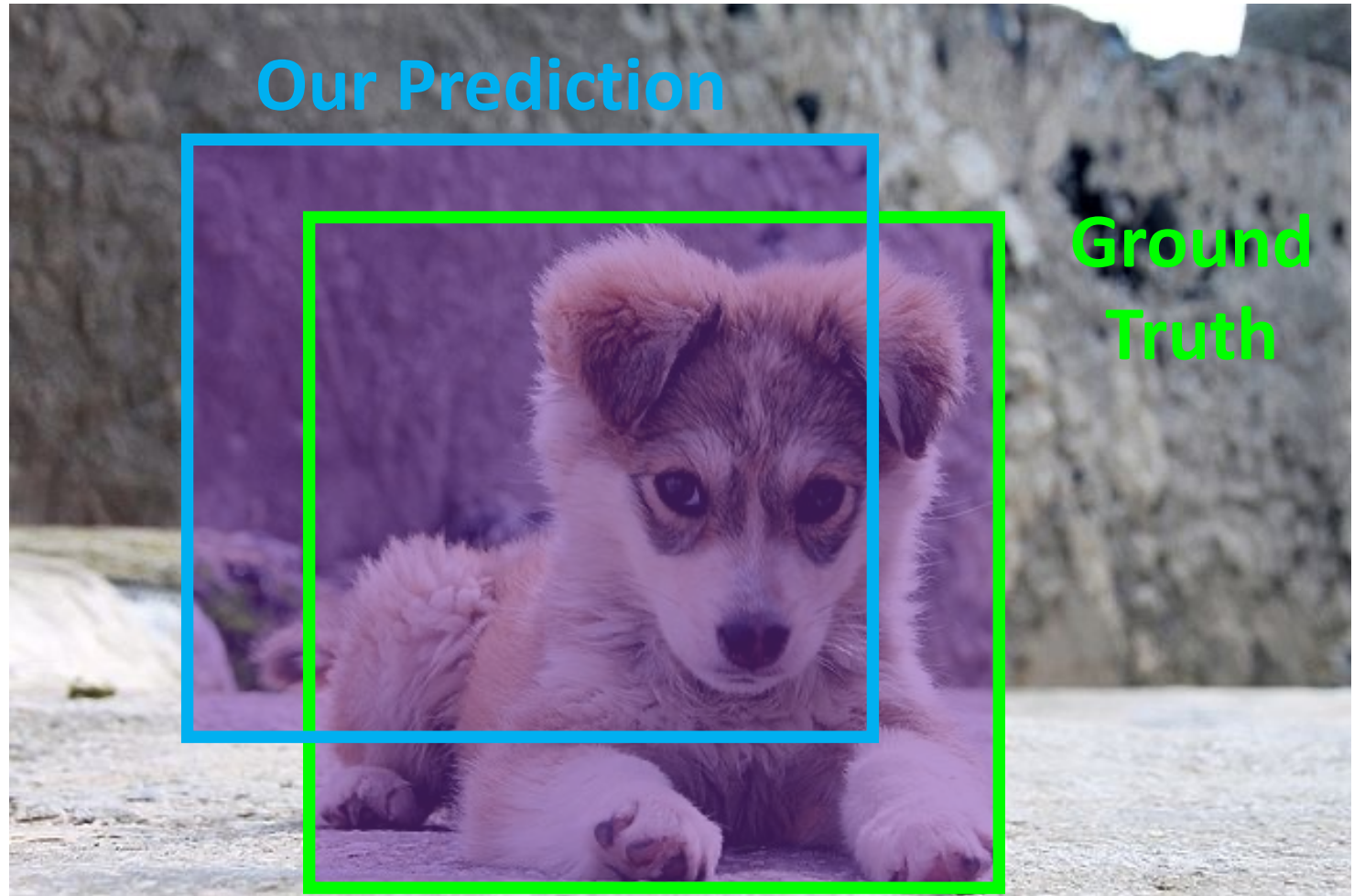


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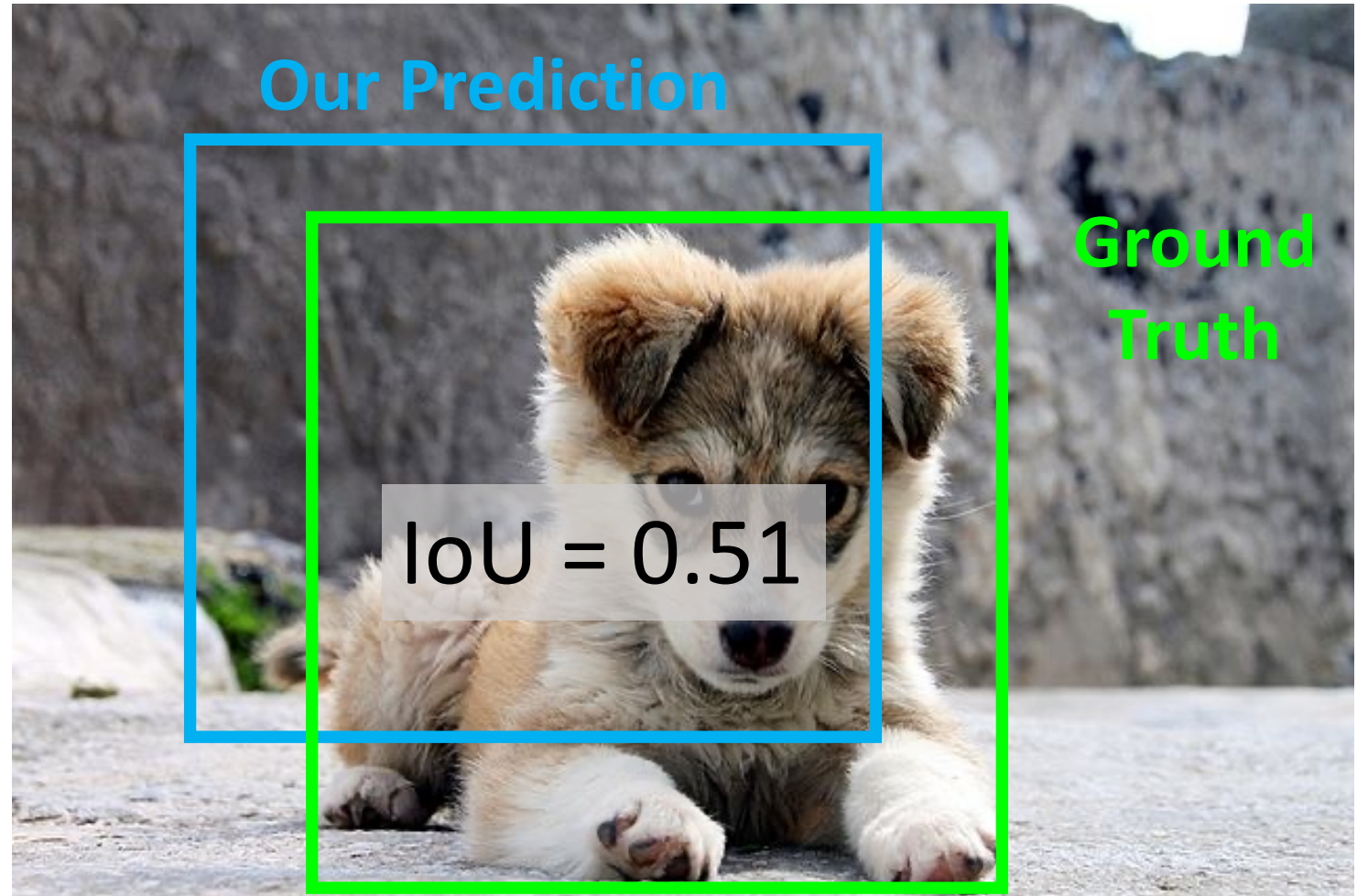
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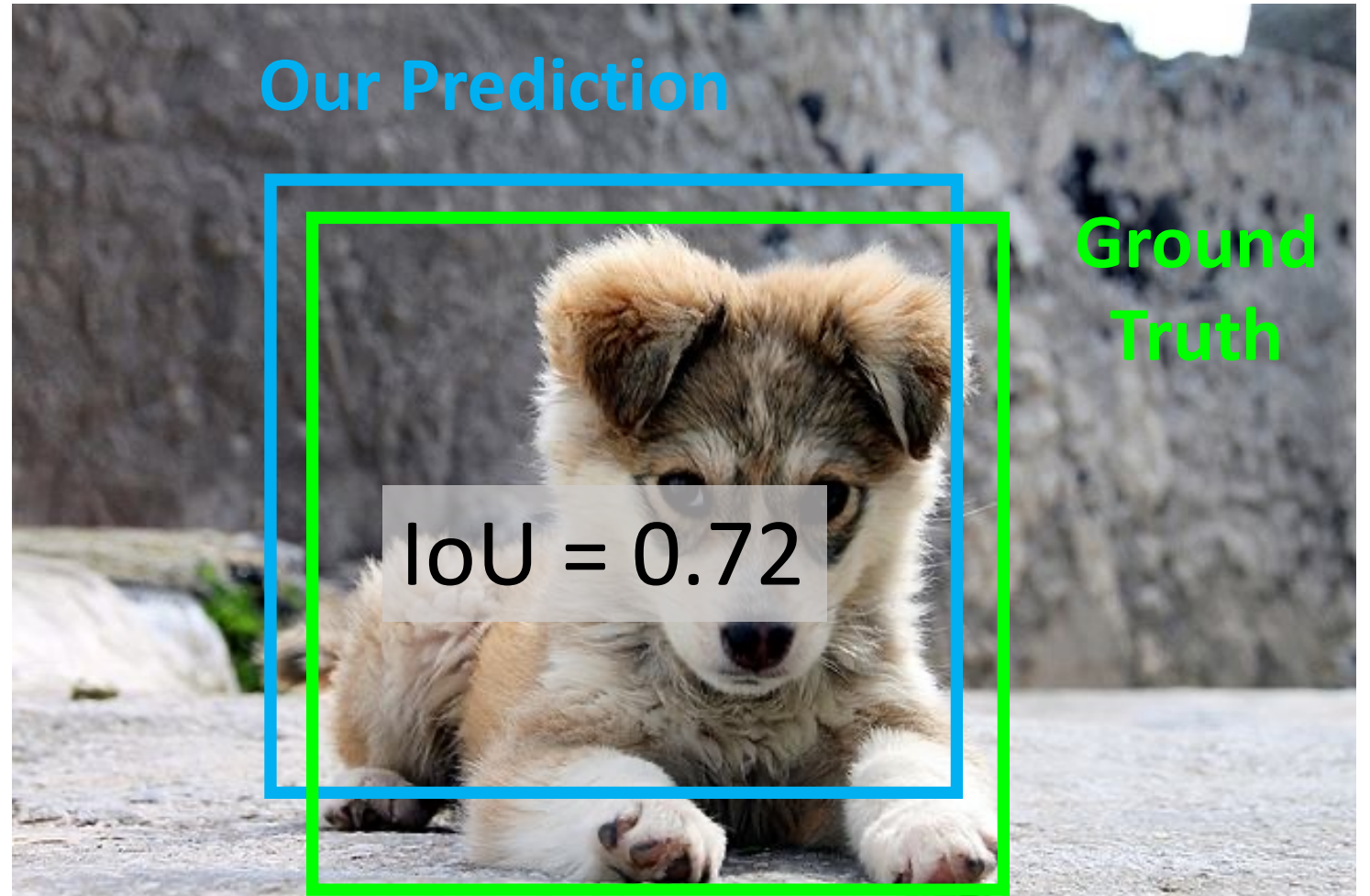
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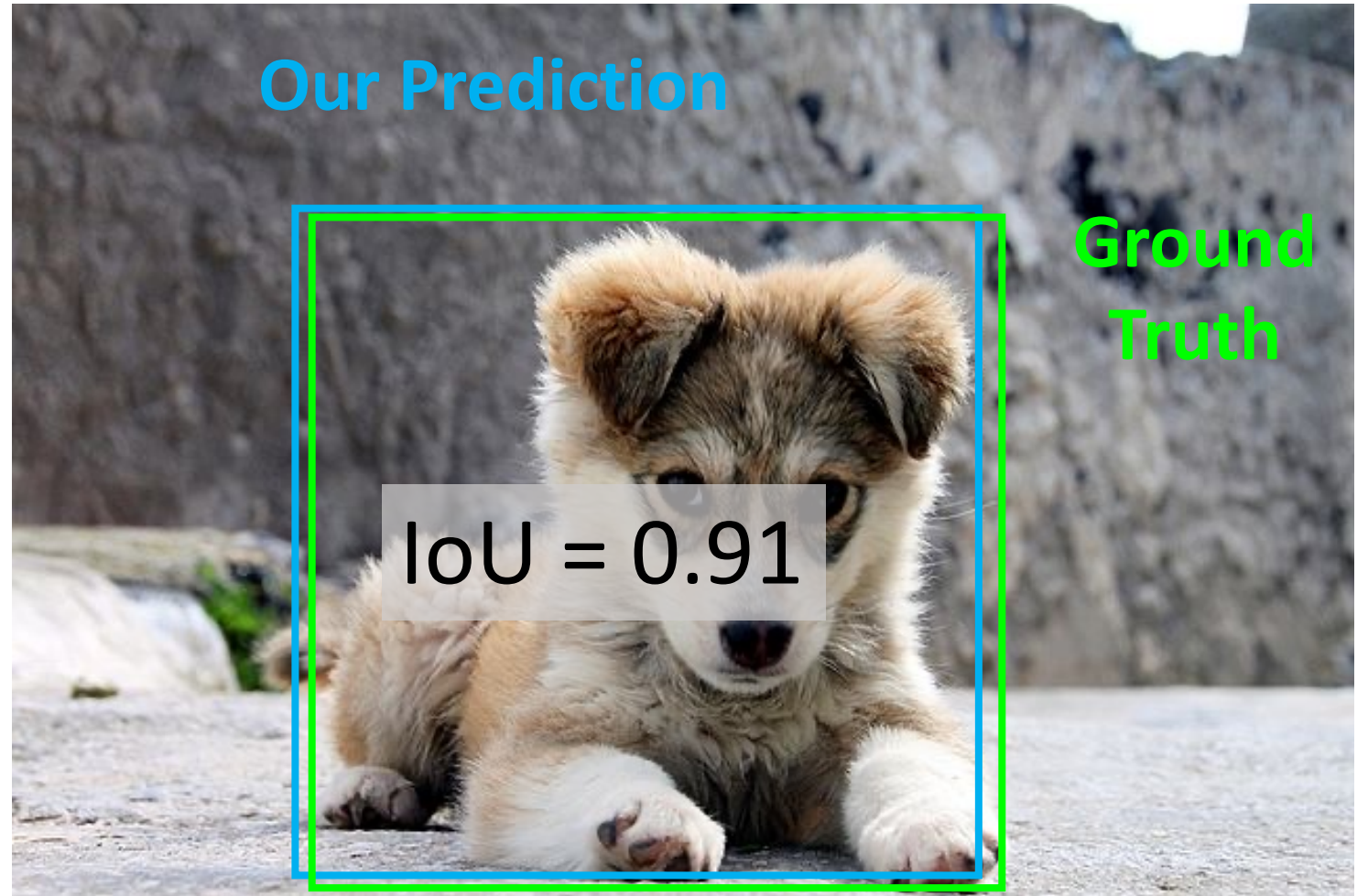
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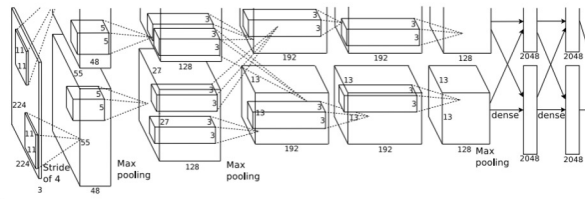


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# Detecting a single object



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**Vector:**  
4096

Treat localization as a regression problem!

# Detecting a single object “What”

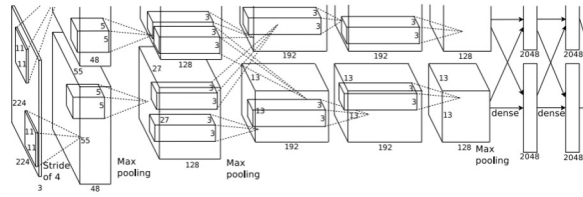
Correct label:  
Cat

↓  
**Softmax  
Loss**

**Class Scores**

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

Fully  
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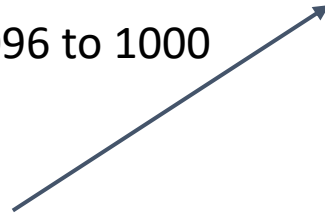


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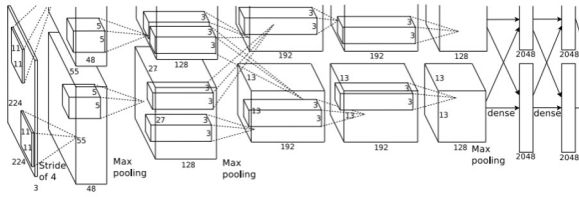
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Vector:  
4096

Fully  
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4096 to 4



Box  
Coordinates  
(x, y, w, h)



L2 Loss



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

“Where”

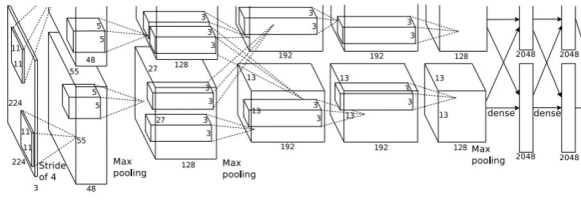
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**Multitask  
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**Weighted  
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**L2 Loss**

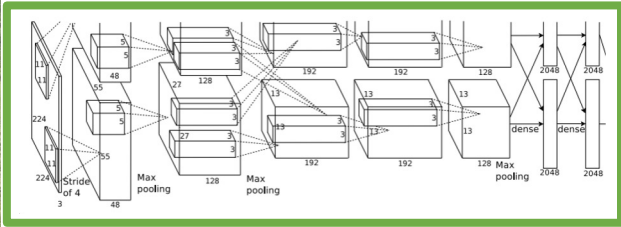
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Often pretrained on ImageNet (Transfer learning)



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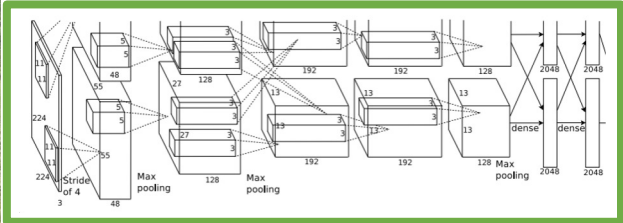


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Vector: 4096

Fully Connected: 4096 to 1000

Class Scores

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Box Coordinates (x, y, w, h)

L2 Loss

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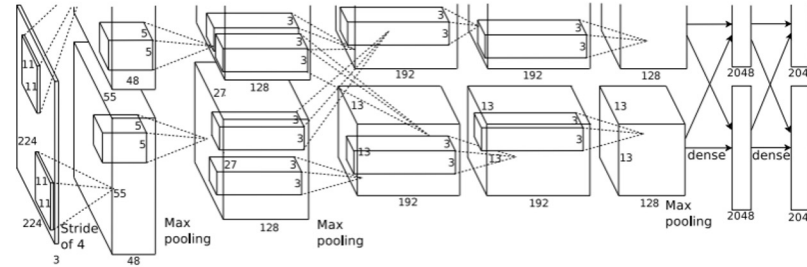
Treat localization as a regression problem!

Problem: Images can have more than one object!

“Where”

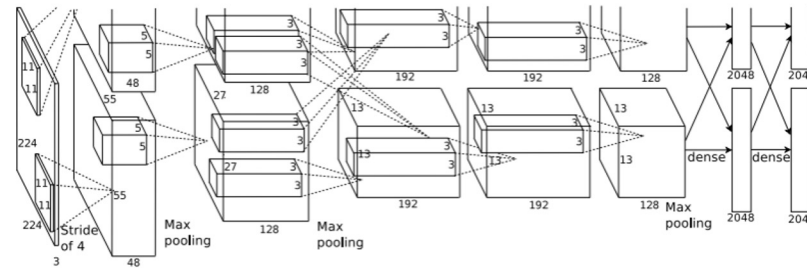
# Detecting Multiple Objects

Need different numbers of outputs per image



CAT:  $(x, y, w, h)$

4 numbers

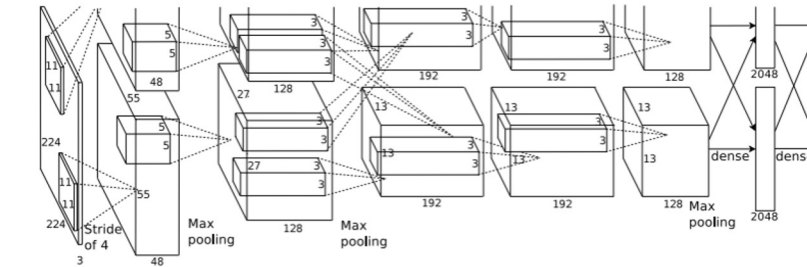


DOG:  $(x, y, w, h)$

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CAT:  $(x, y, w, h)$

12 numbers



DUCK:  $(x, y, w, h)$

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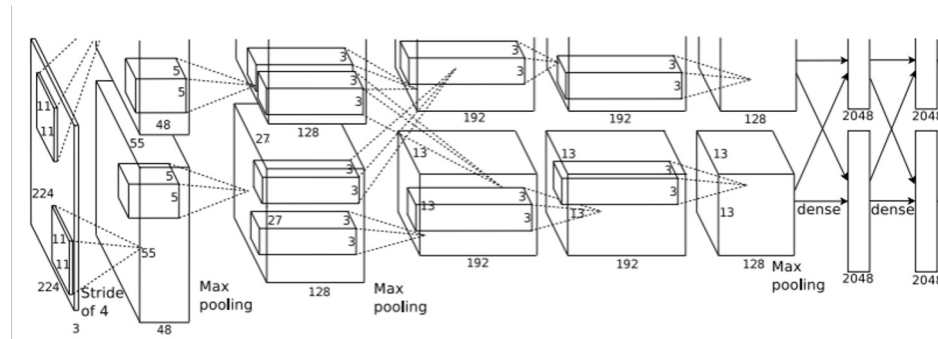
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Many numbers!

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# Detecting Multiple Objects: Sliding Window

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

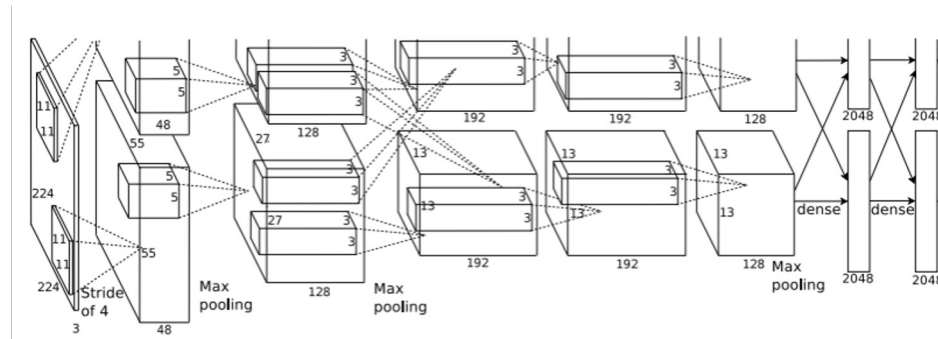
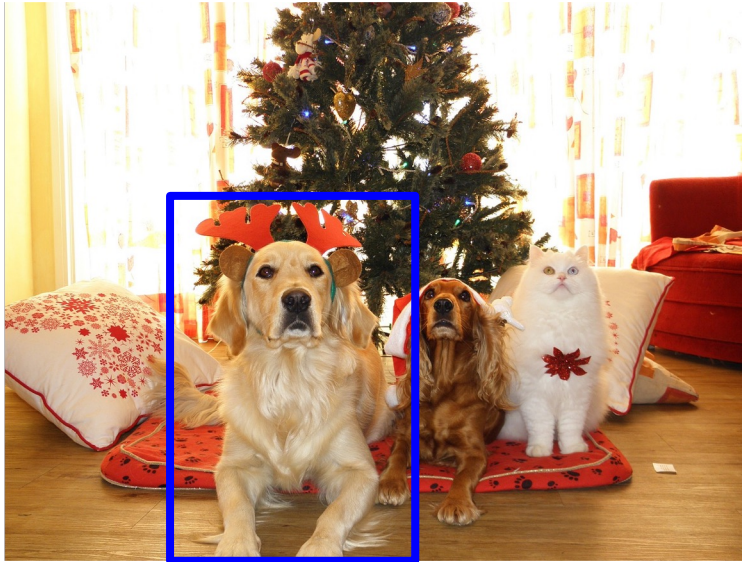


Dog? **NO**  
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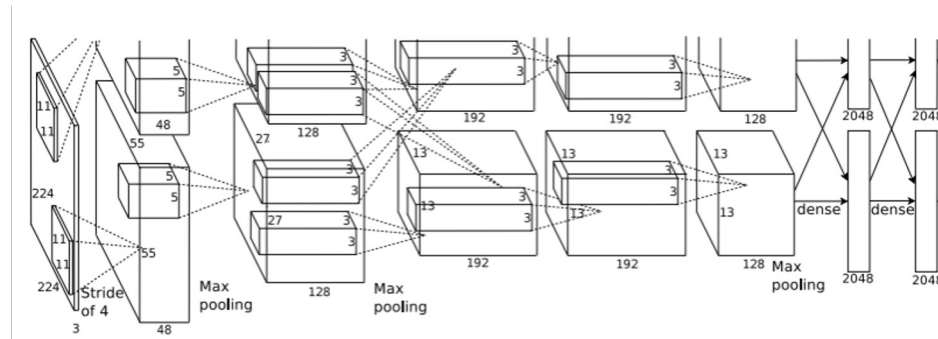
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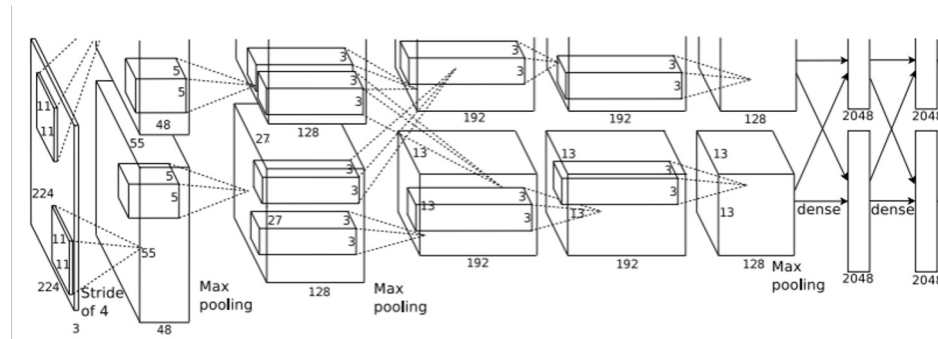
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800 x 600 image  
has ~58M boxes!  
No way we can  
evaluate them all



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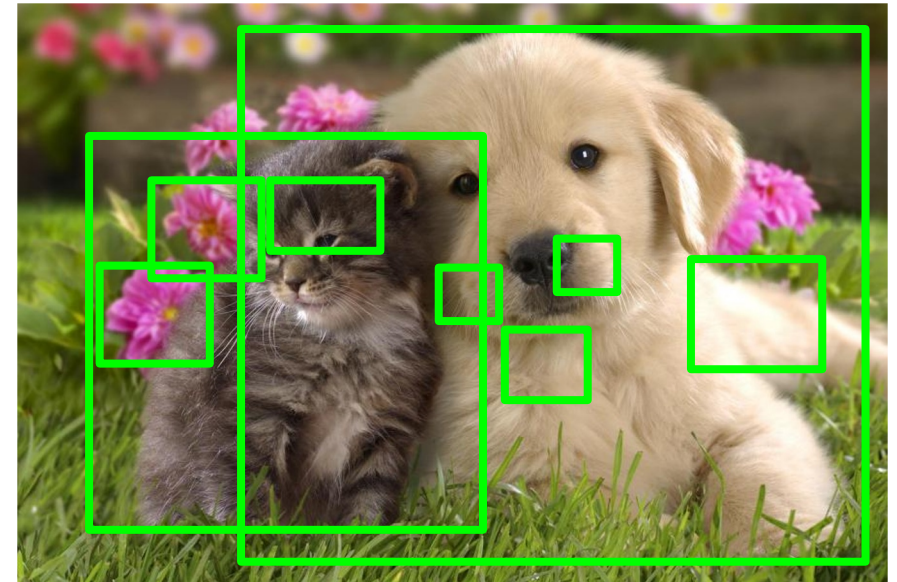
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# Region Proposals

- Find a small set of boxes that are likely to cover all objects
- Often based on heuristics: e.g. look for “blob-like” image regions
- 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: Region-Based CNN

Input  
image



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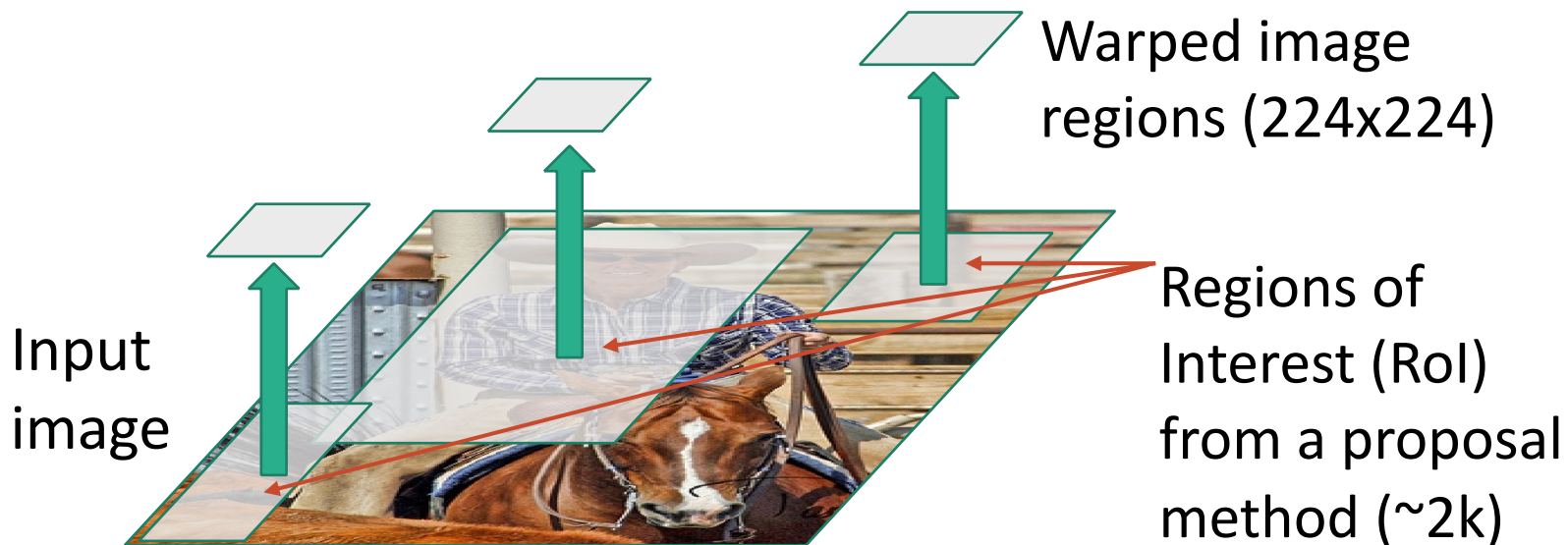


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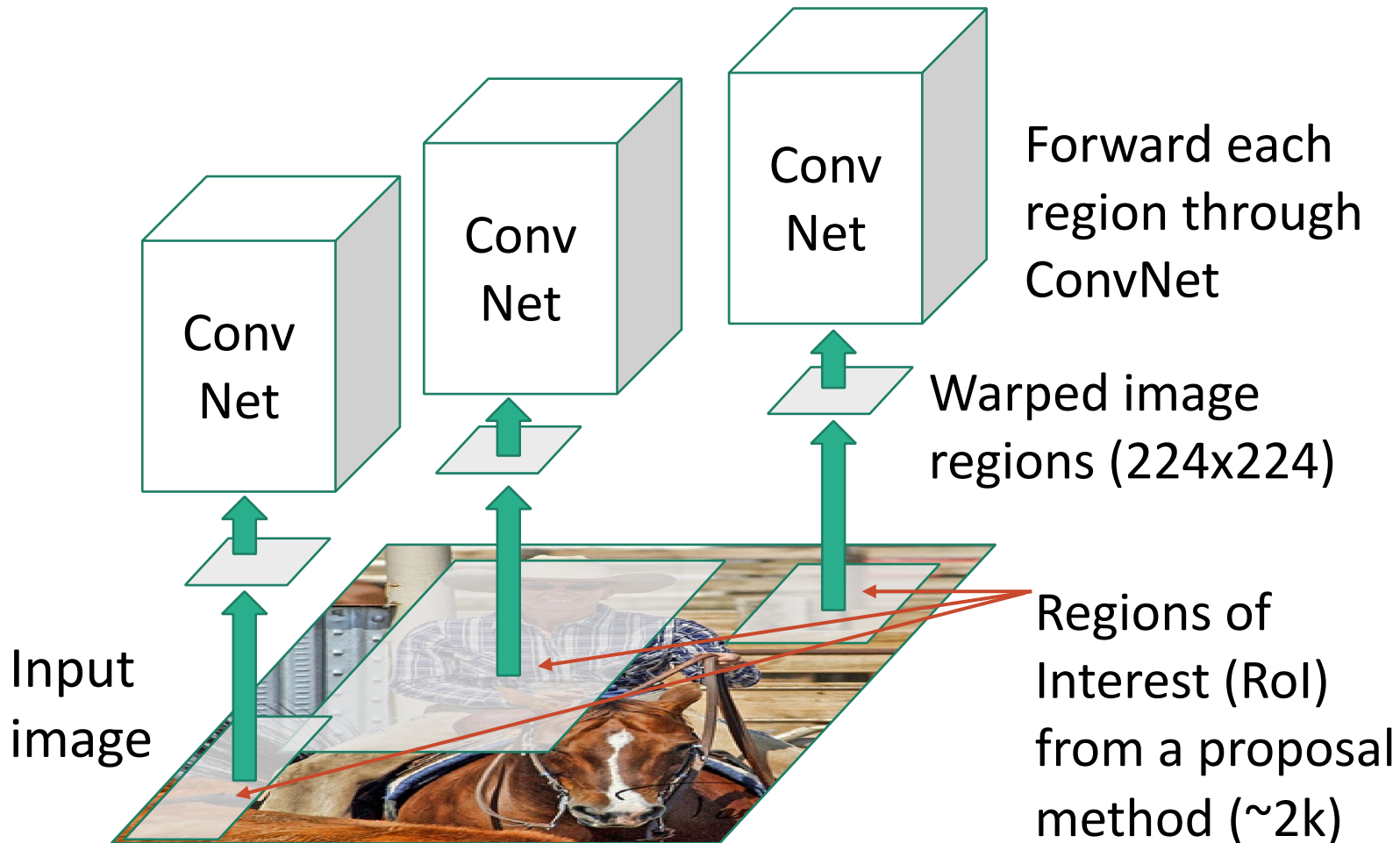
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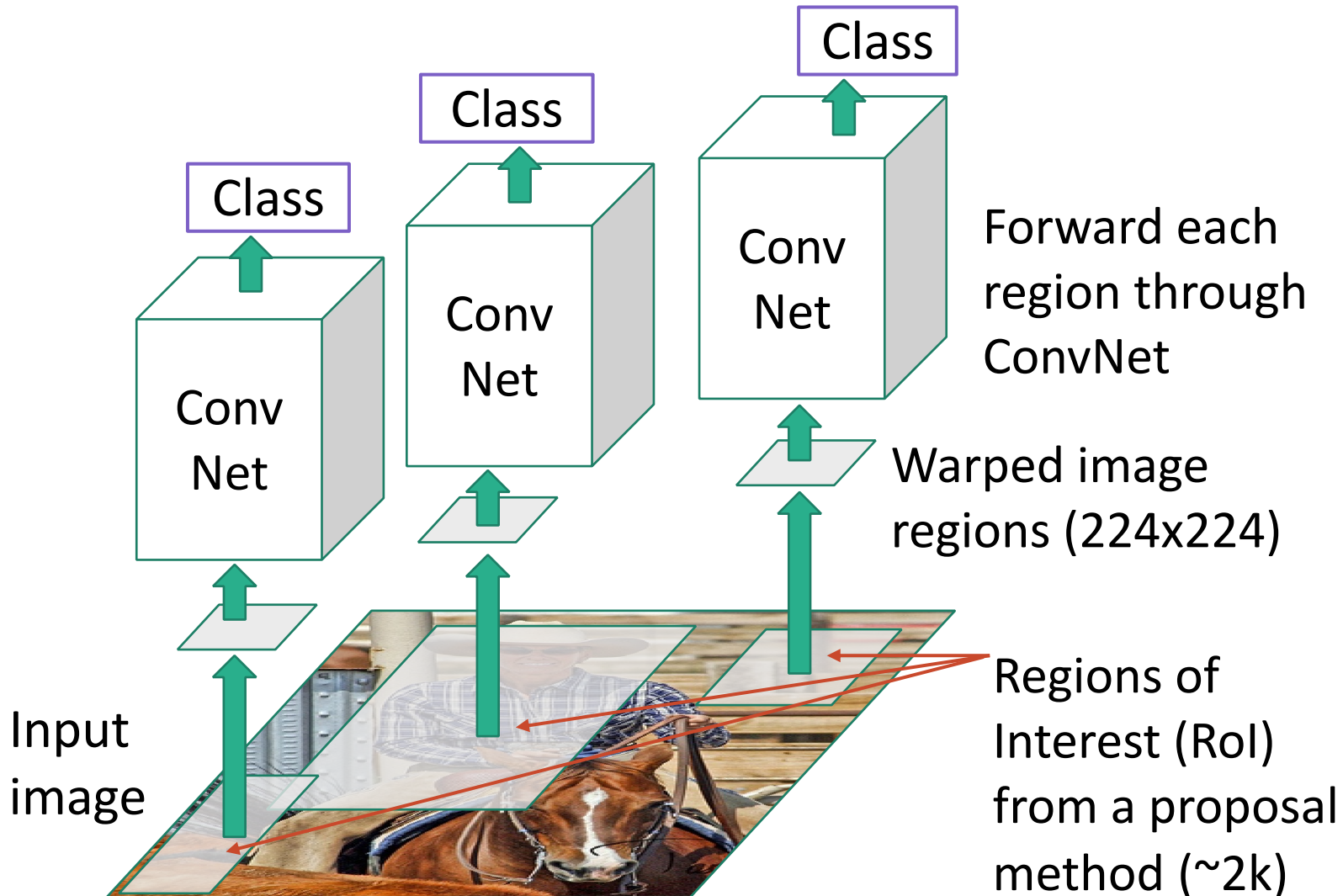


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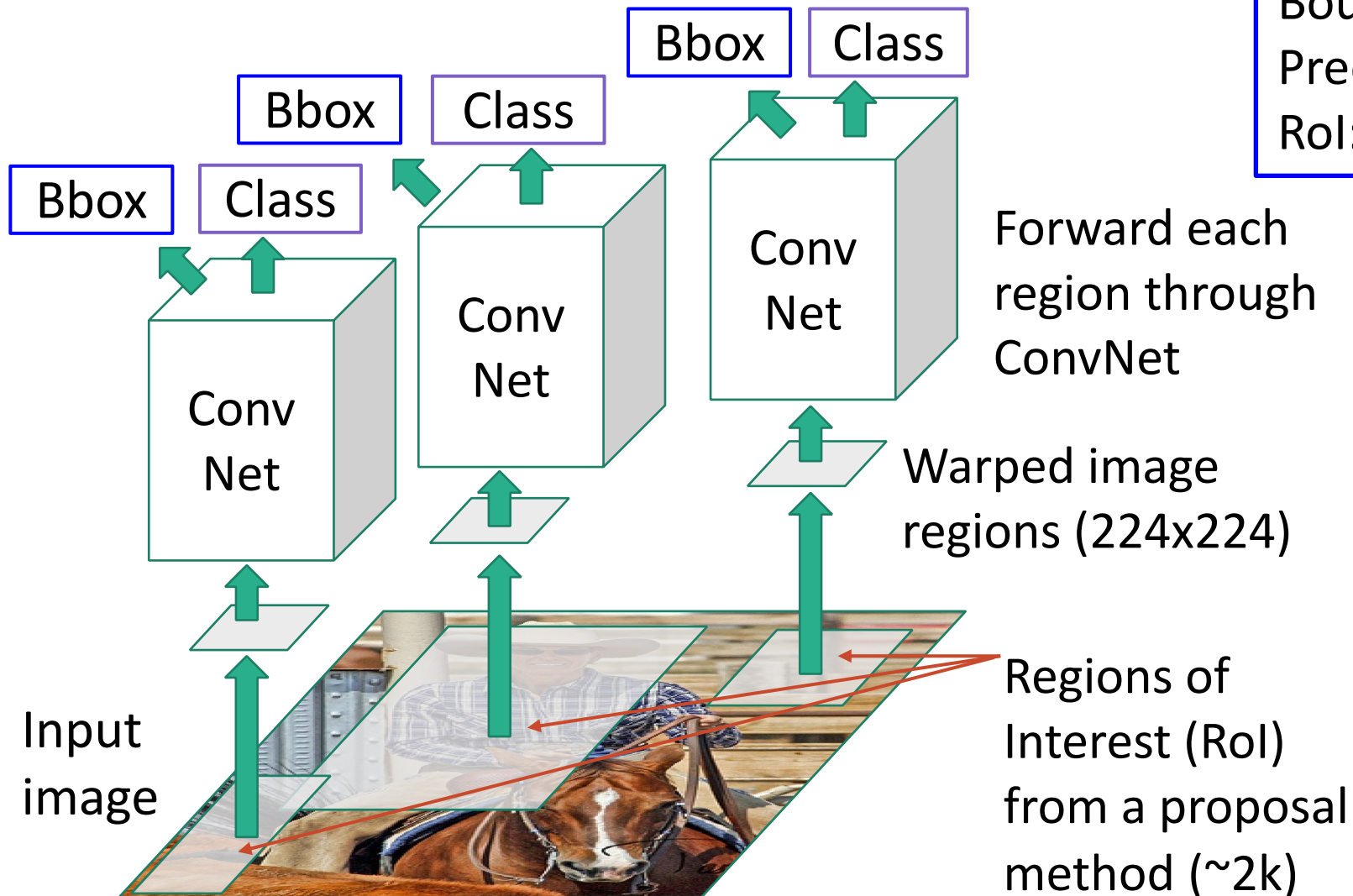
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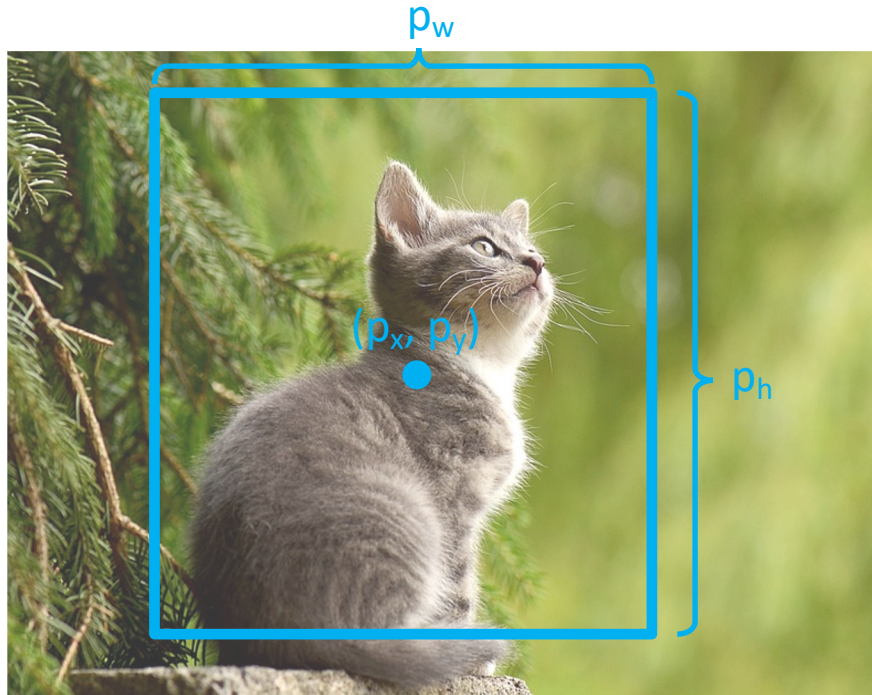
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Bounding box regression:  
Predict "transform" to correct the  
RoI: 4 numbers ( $t_x, t_y, t_h, t_w$ )

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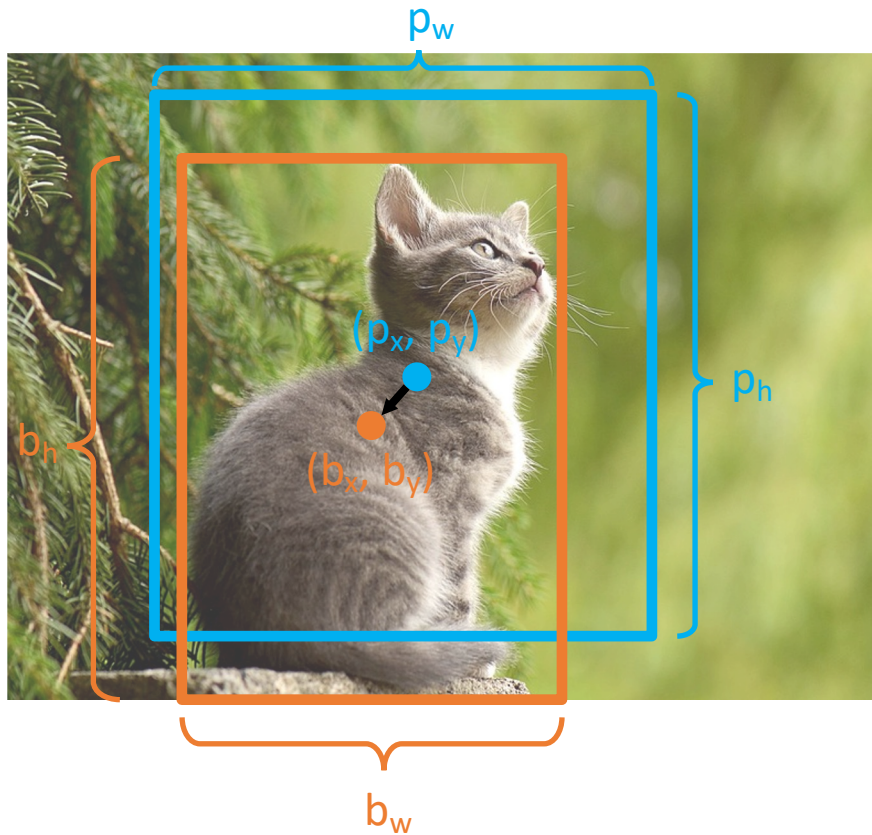
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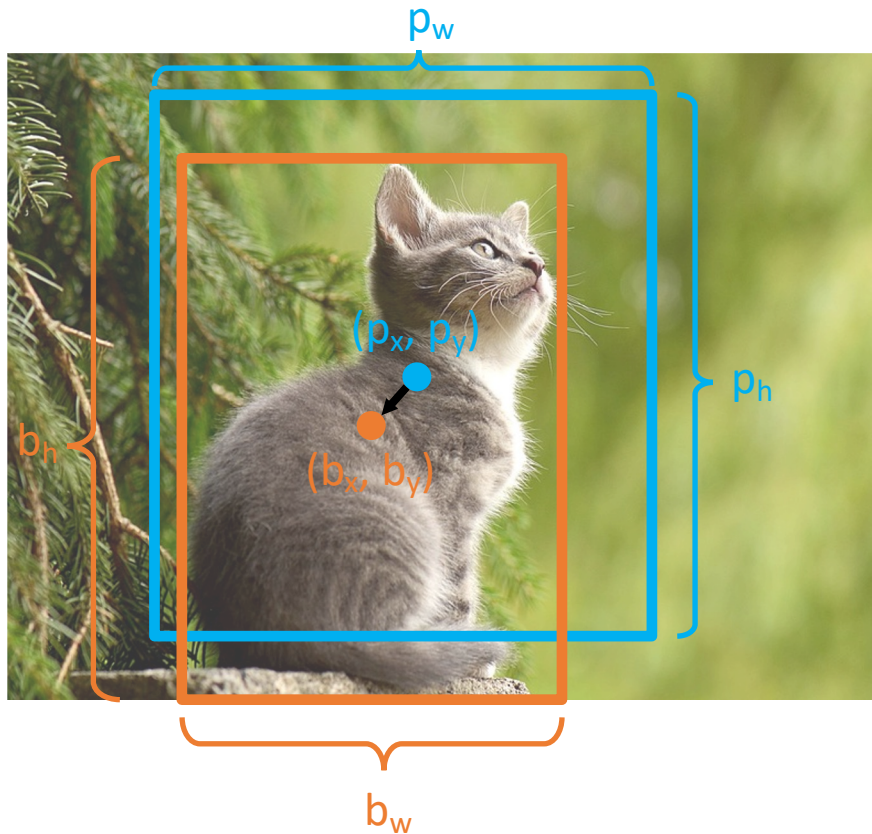
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The **output box** is defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} b_x &= p_x + p_w t_x && \text{Shift center by amount relative to proposal size} \\ b_y &= p_y + p_h t_y \\ b_w &= p_w \exp(t_w) && \text{Scale proposal; exp ensures that scaling factor is } > 0 \\ b_h &= p_h \exp(t_h) \end{aligned}$$

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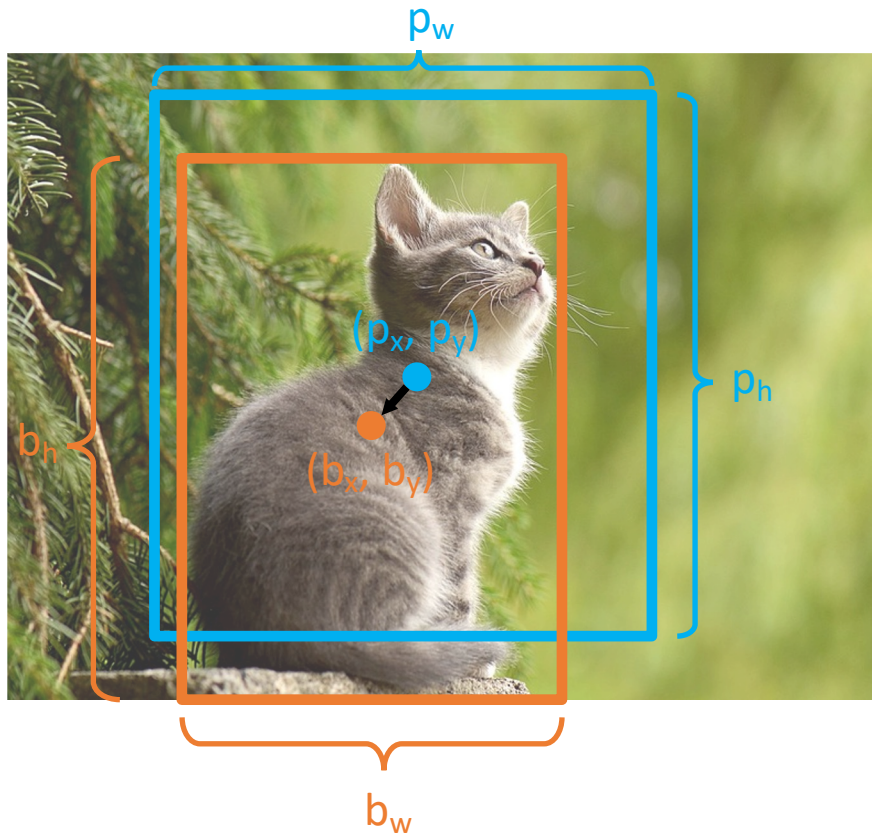
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When transform is 0, output = proposal

L2 regularization encourages leaving proposal unchanged

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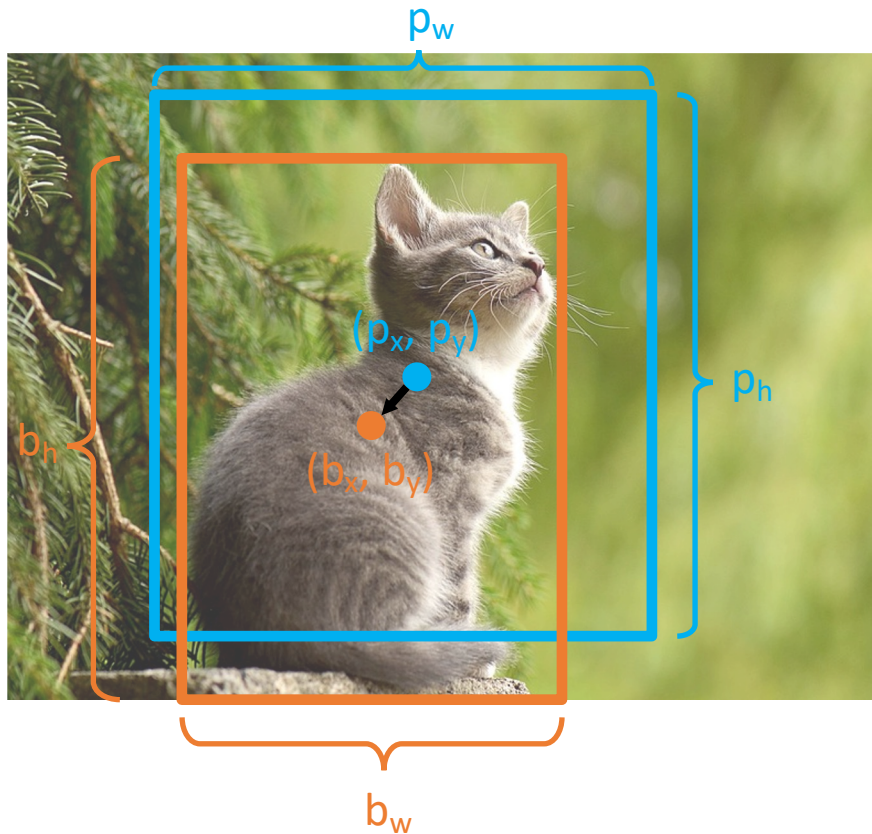
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Scale / Translation invariance:  
Transform encodes *relative* difference between proposal and output; important since CNN doesn't see absolute size or position after cropping



# R-CNN: Box Regression



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Given **proposal** and **target output**, we can solve for the **transform** the network should output:

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$$b_y = p_y + p_h t_y$$

$$b_w = p_w \exp(t_w)$$

$$b_h = p_h \exp(t_h)$$

$$t_x = (b_x - p_x) / p_w$$

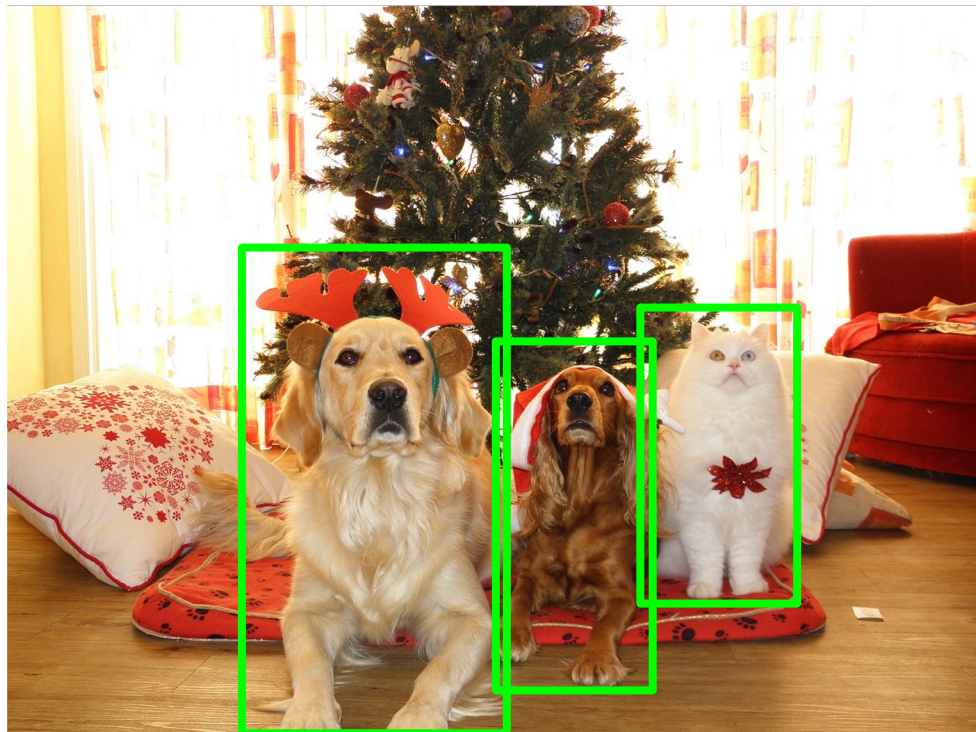
$$t_y = (b_y - p_y) / p_h$$

$$t_w = \log(b_w / p_w)$$

$$t_h = \log(b_h / p_h)$$

# R-CNN Training

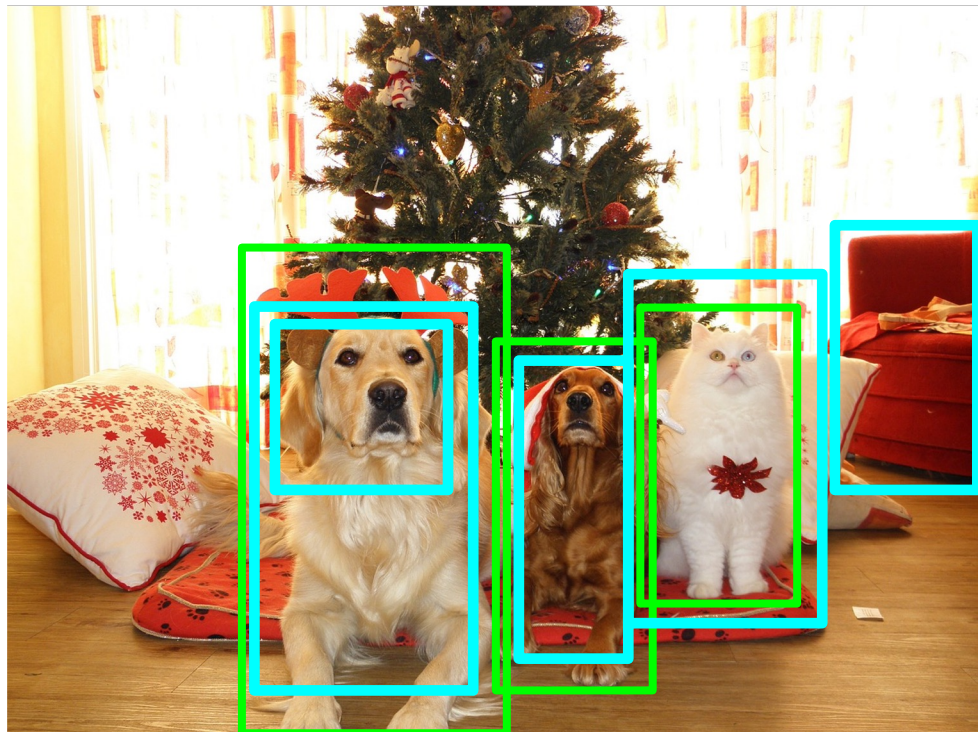
Input Image



Ground-Truth boxes

# R-CNN Training

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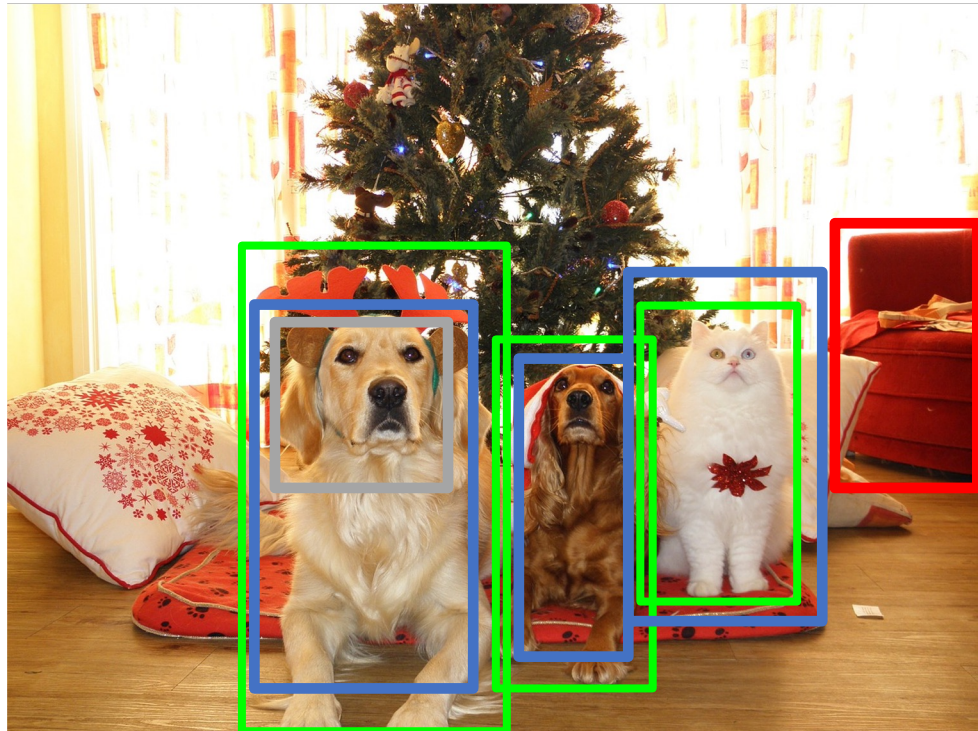
Ground-Truth boxes

Region Proposals



# R-CNN Training

## Input Image



GT Boxes

Positive

Neutral

Negative

Categorize each region proposal as **positive**, **negative**, or neutral based on overlap with ground-truth boxes:

**Positive:**  $> 0.5$  IoU with a GT box

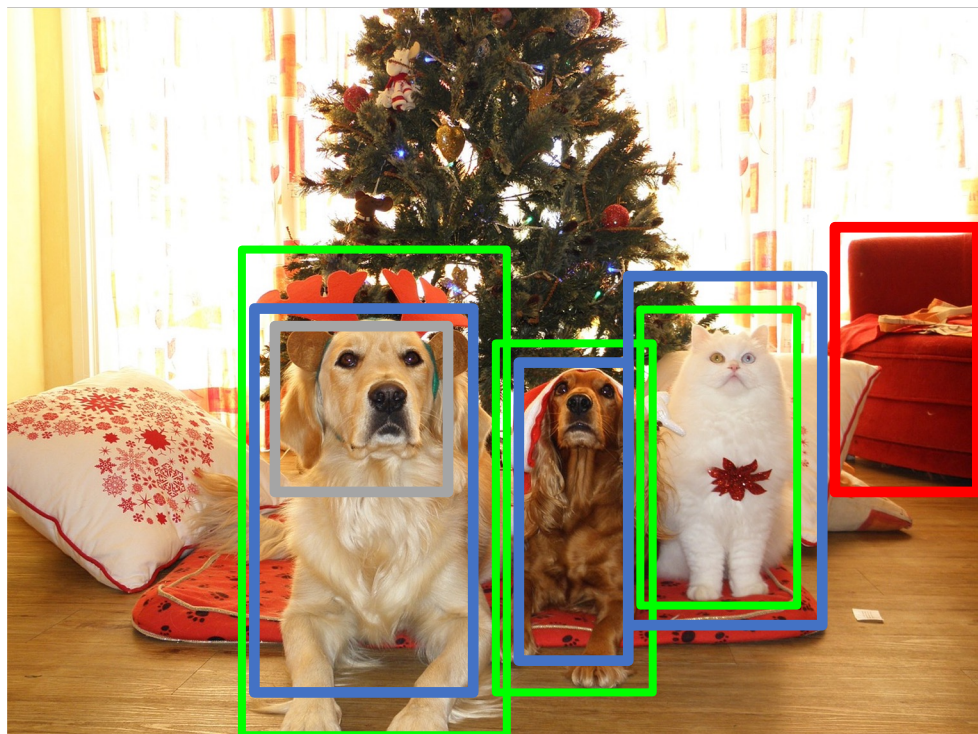
**Negative:**  $< 0.3$  IoU with all GT boxes

**Neutral:** between 0.3 and 0.5 IoU with GT boxes



# R-CNN Training

Input Image

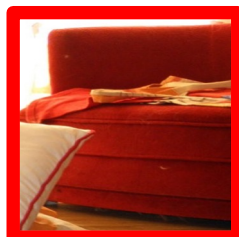
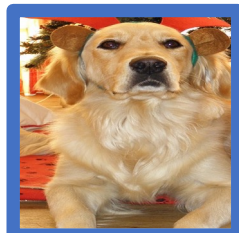


GT Boxes

Positive

Neutral

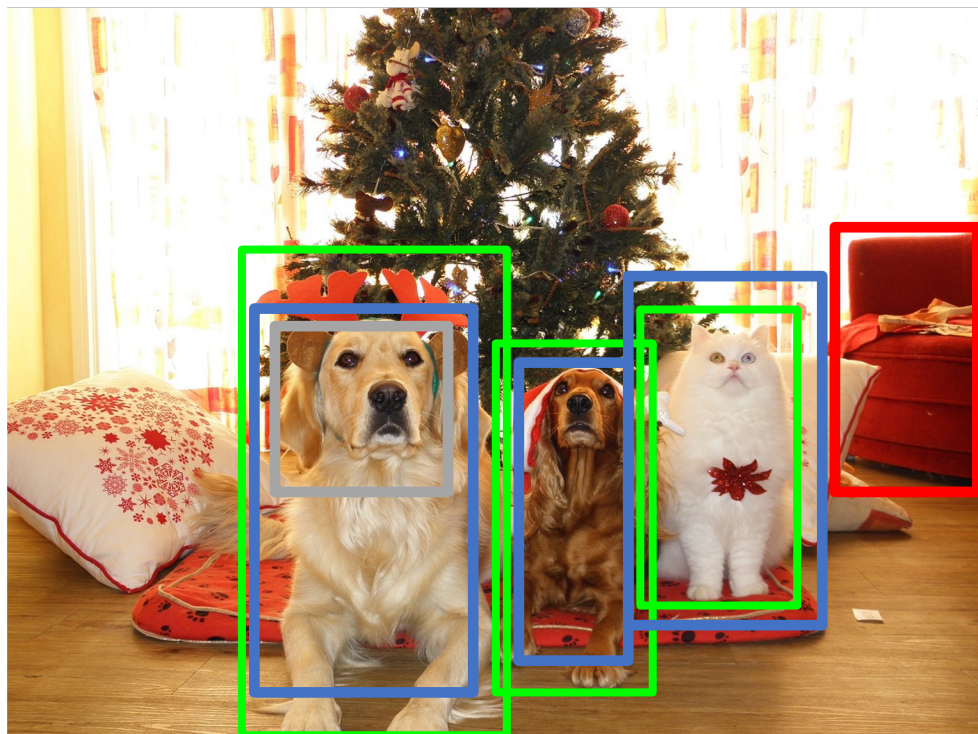
Negative



Crop pixels from  
each positive and  
negative proposal,  
resize to 224 x 224

# R-CNN Training

Input Image



GT Boxes

Positive

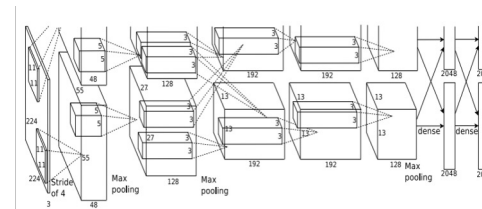
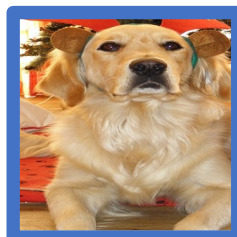
Neutral

Negative

Run each region through CNN

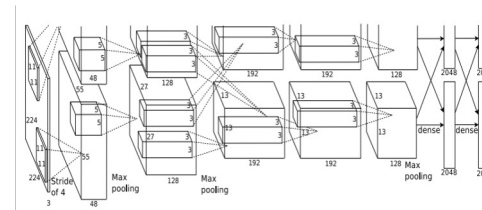
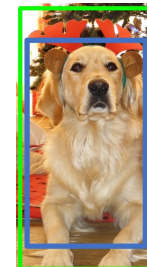
Positive regions: predict class and transform

Negative regions: just predict class



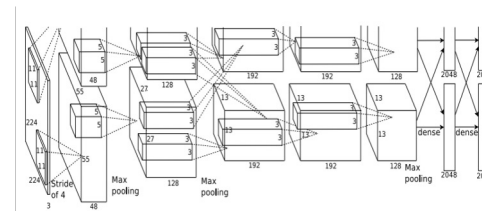
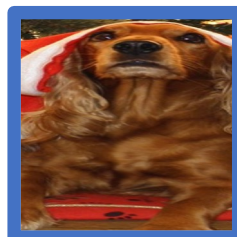
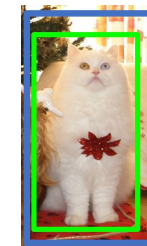
Class target: Dog

Box target: →



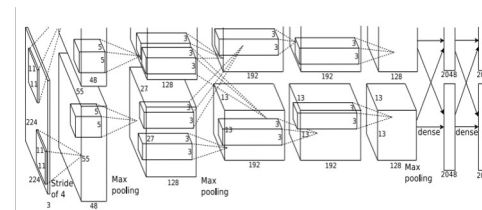
Class target: Cat

Box target: →



Class target: Dog

Box target: →



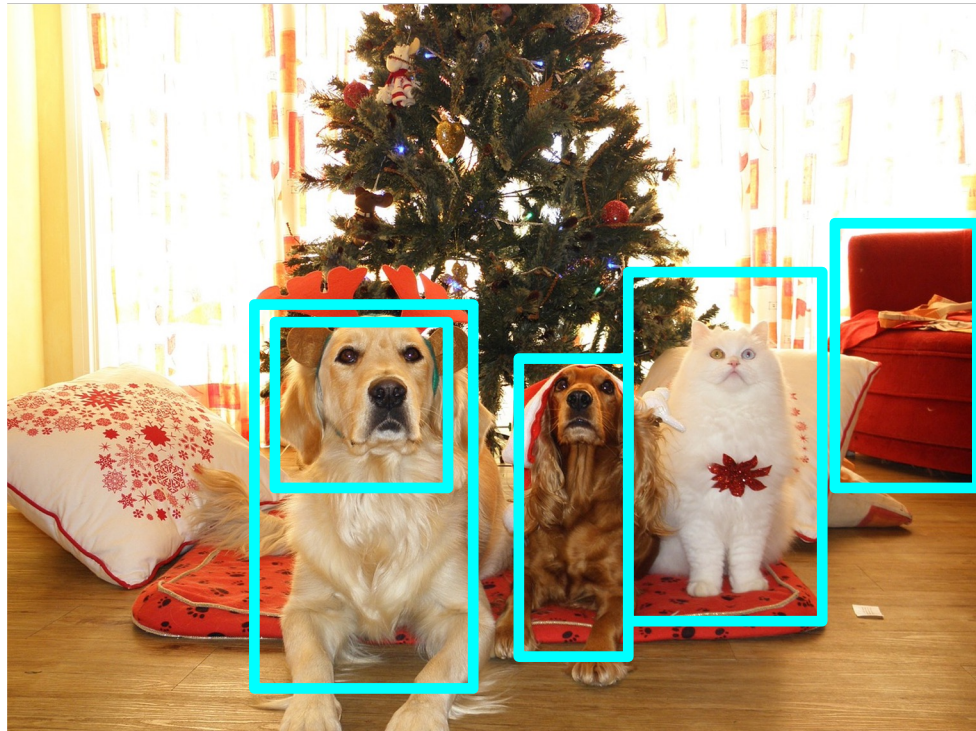
Class target: Background

Box target: None



# R-CNN Test-Time

Input Image



Region Proposals

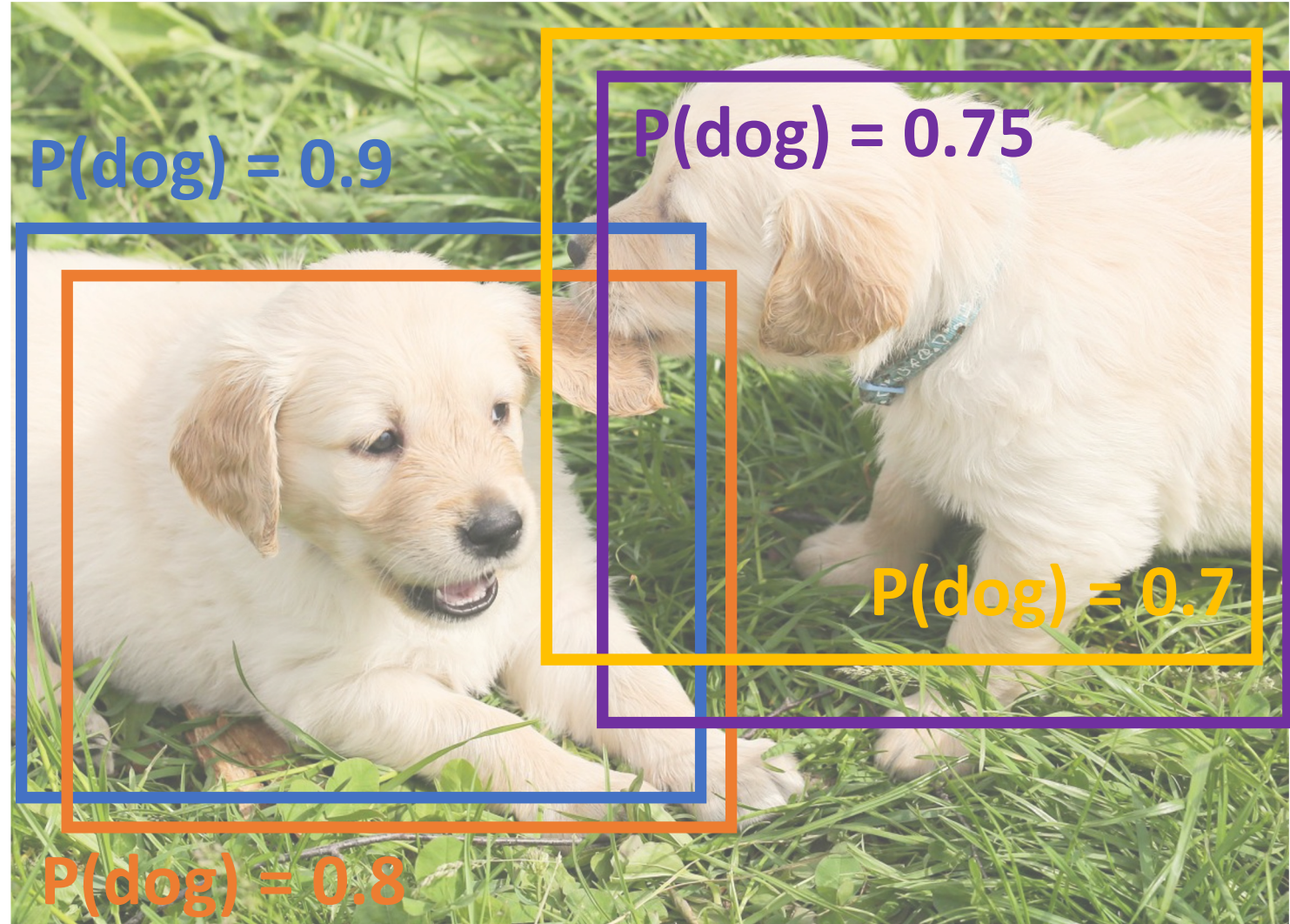
1. Run proposal method
2. Run CNN on each proposal to get class scores, transforms
3. Threshold class scores to get a set of detections

2 problems:

- CNN often outputs overlapping boxes
- How to set thresholds?

# Overlapping Boxes

**Problem:** Object detectors often output many overlapping detections:



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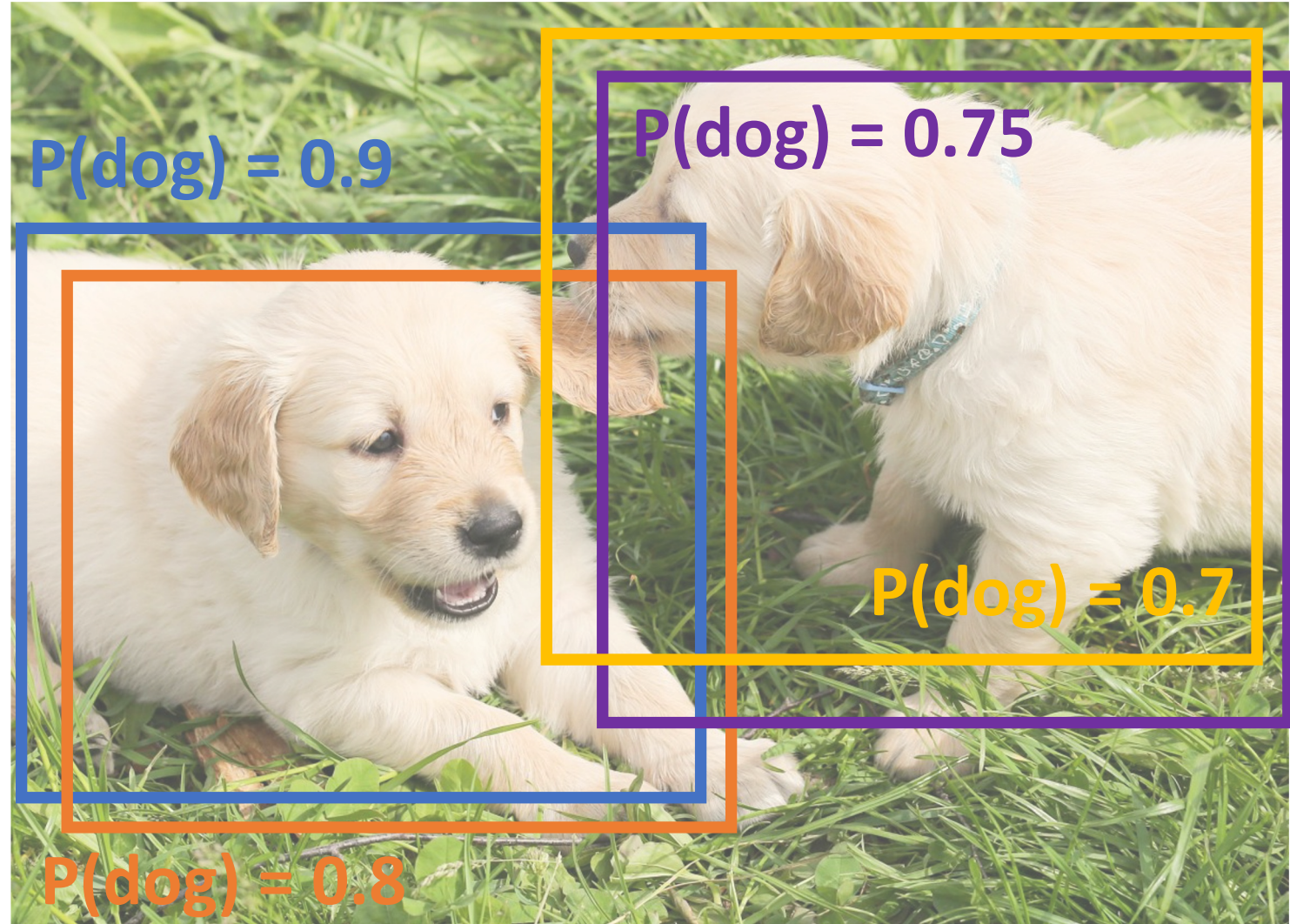


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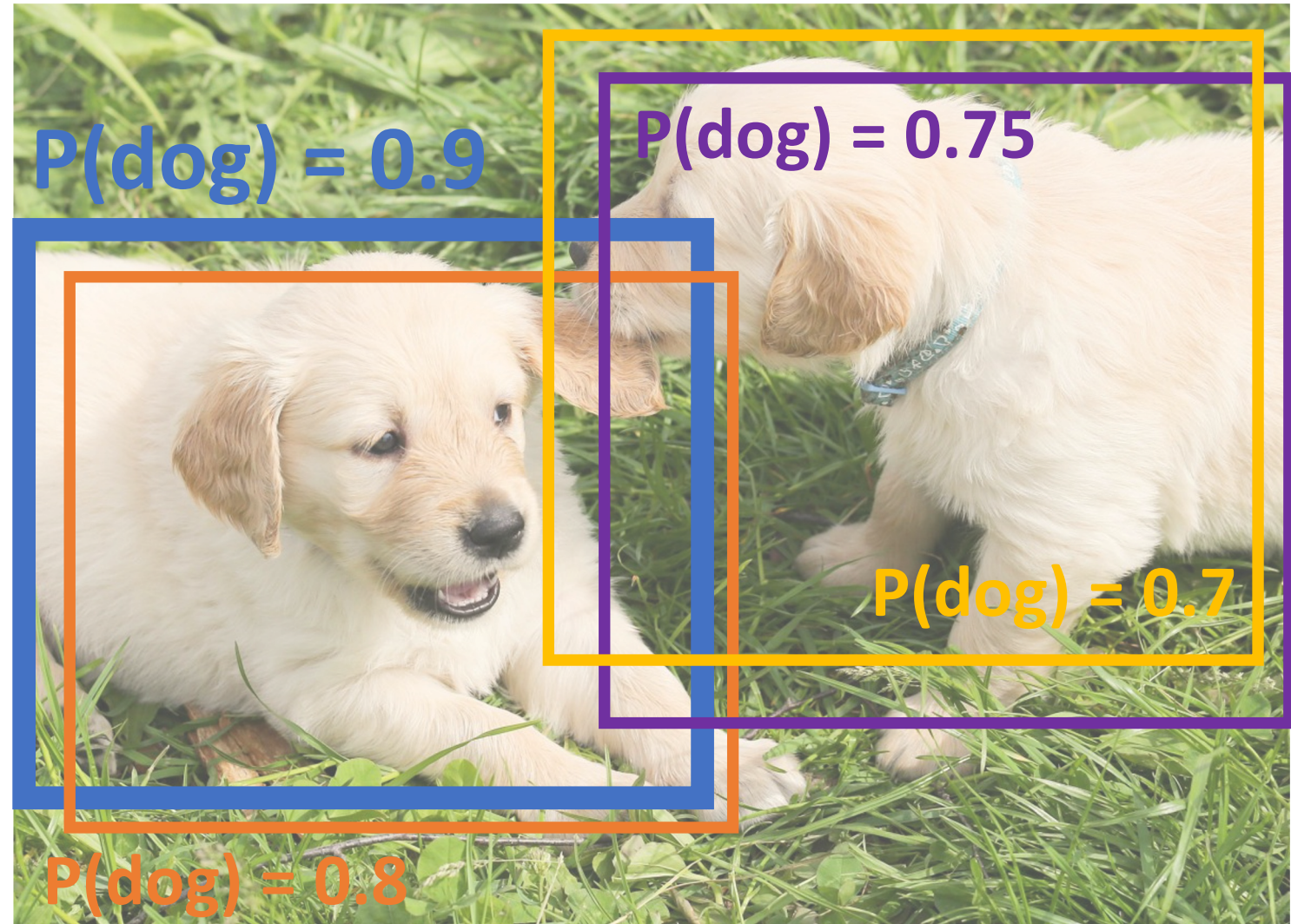
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$$\text{IoU}(\blacksquare, \blacksquare) = 0.05$$

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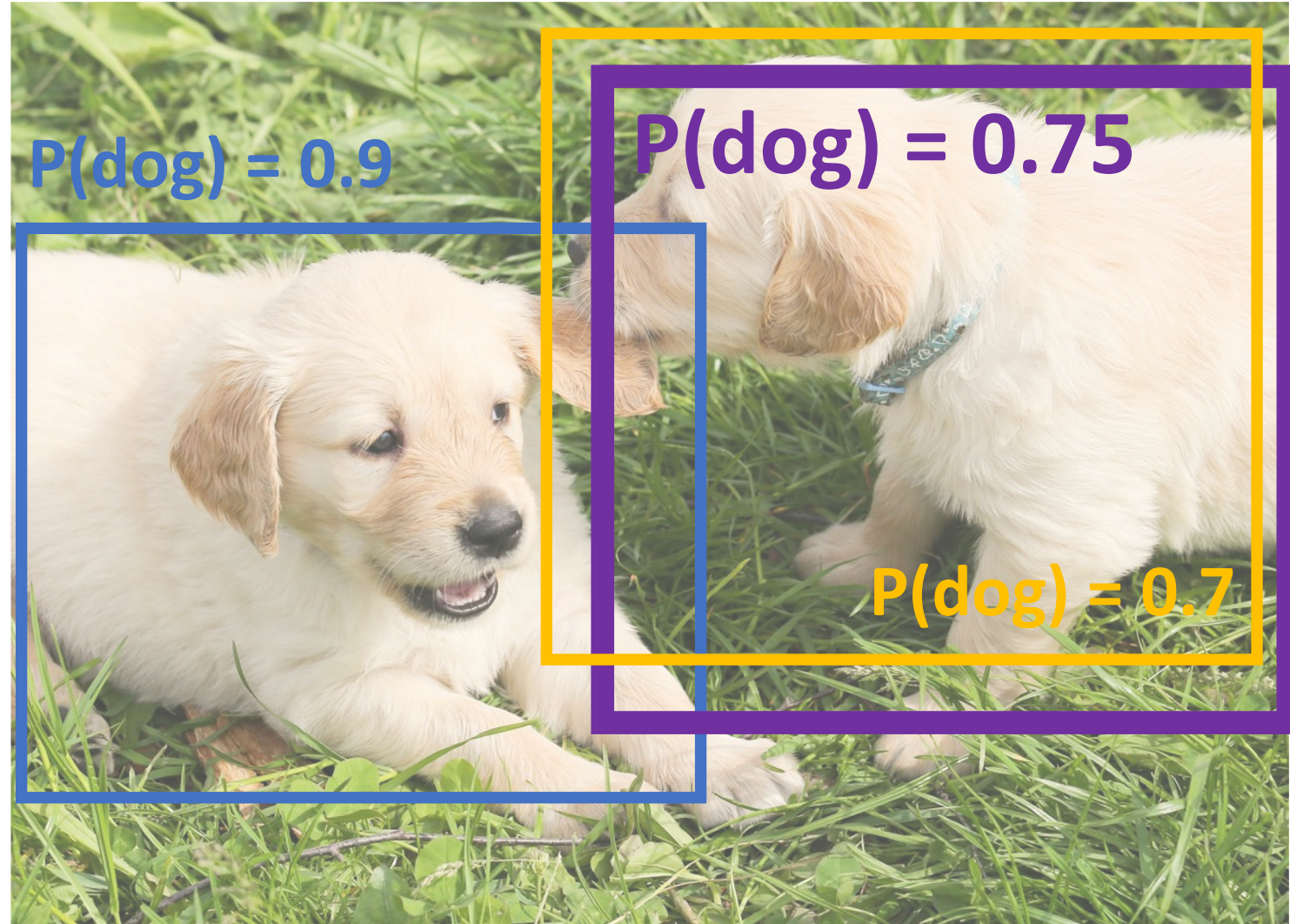
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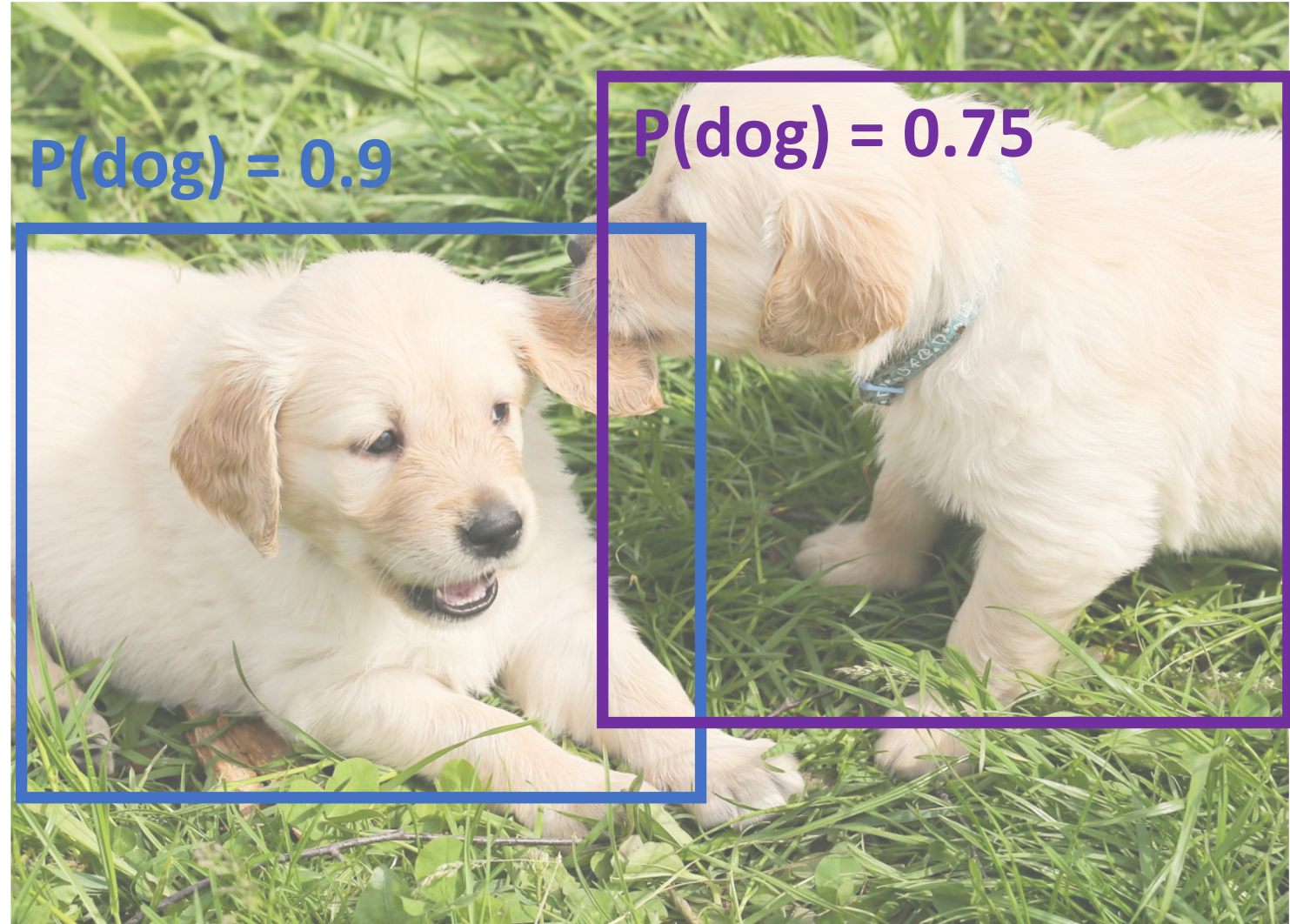


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**Problem:** NMS may eliminate "good" boxes when objects are highly overlapping... no good solution =(

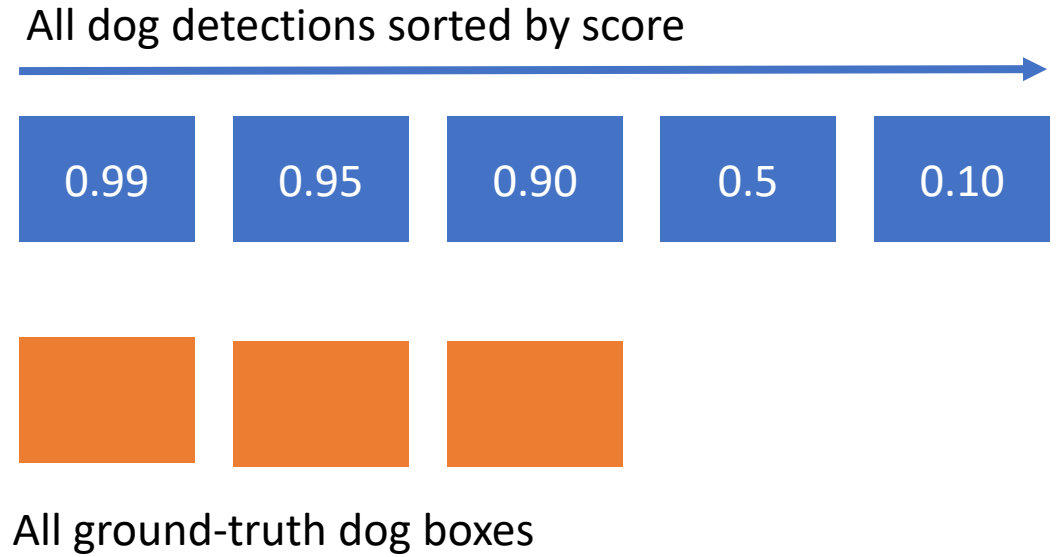


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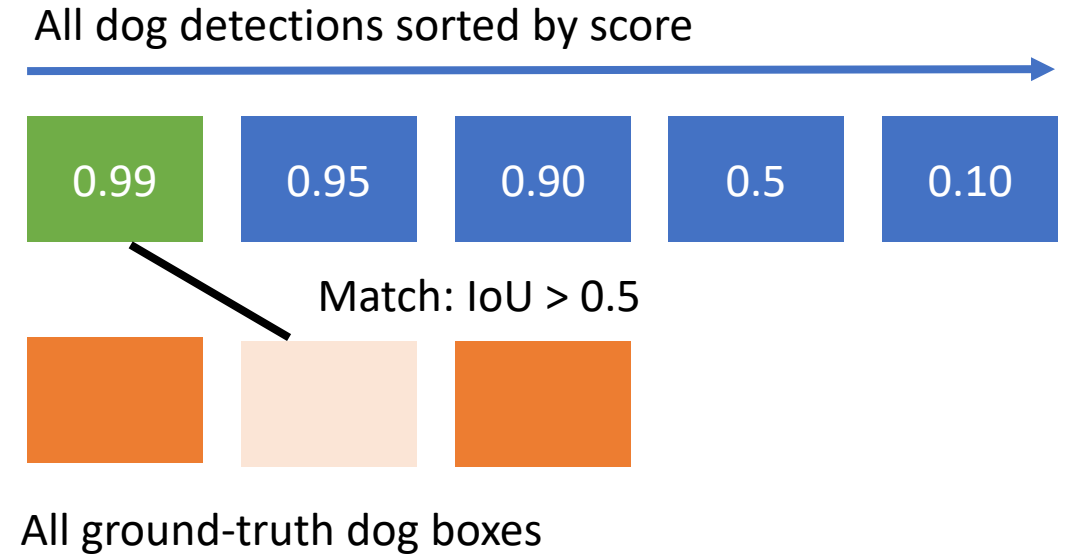
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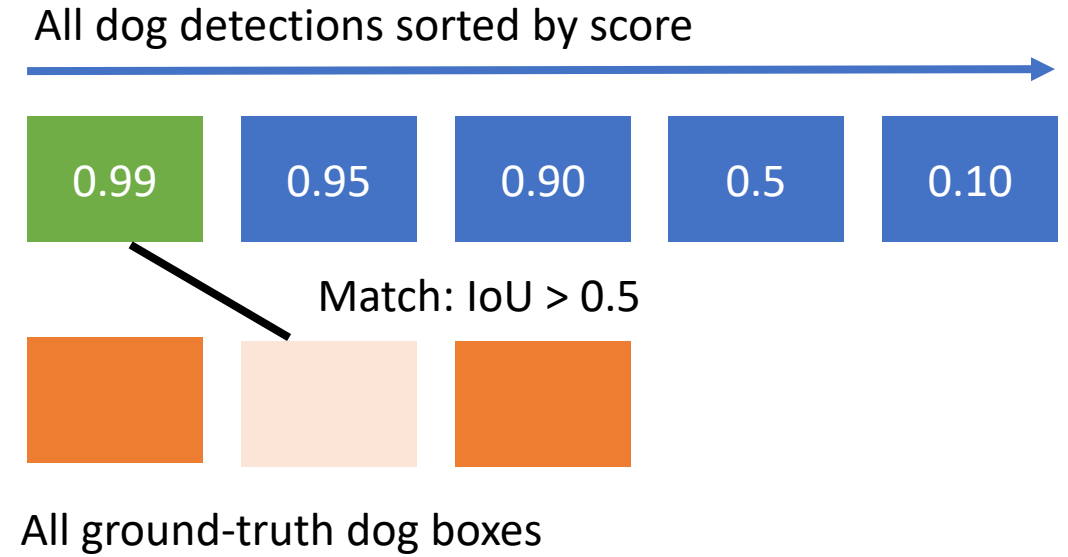
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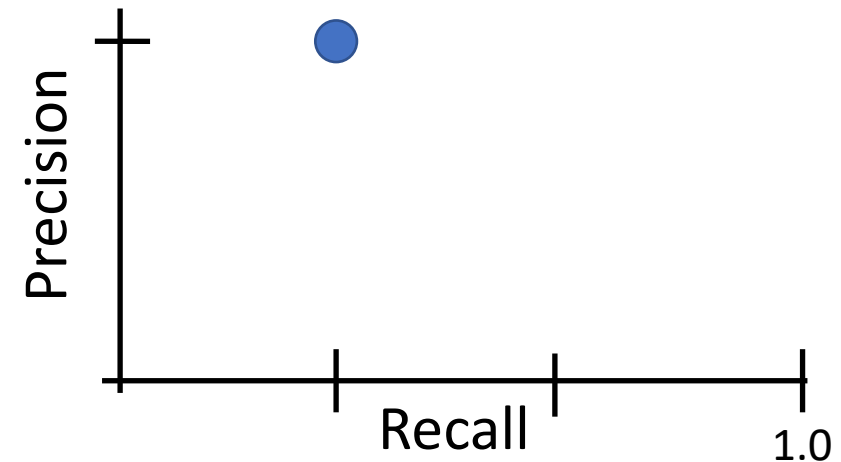


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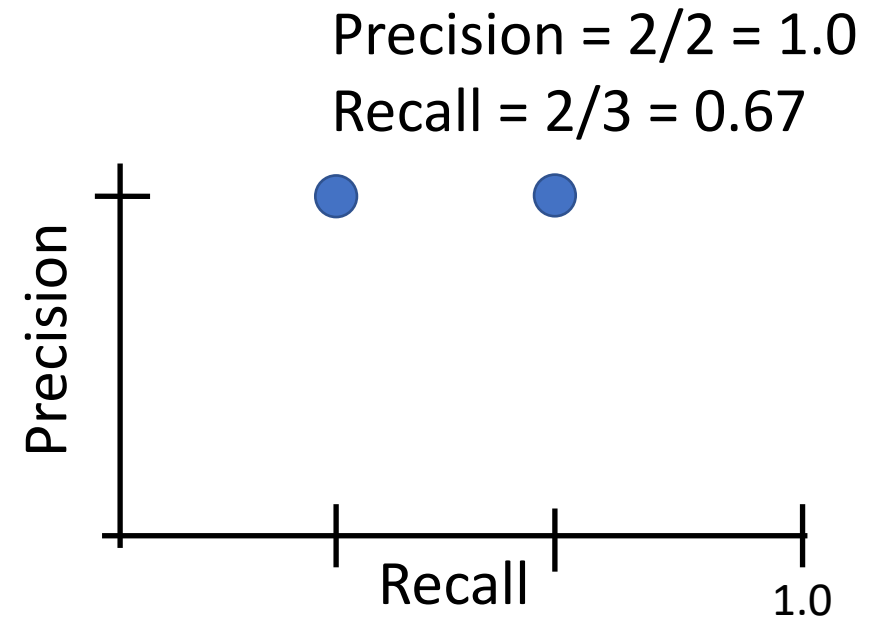
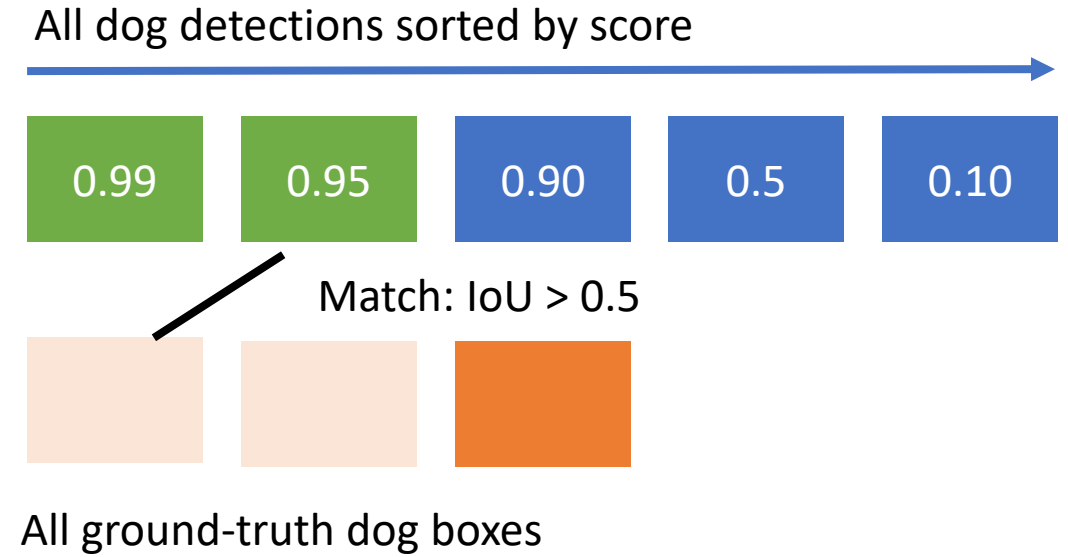


$$\text{Precision} = 1/1 = 1.0$$
$$\text{Recall} = 1/3 = 0.33$$



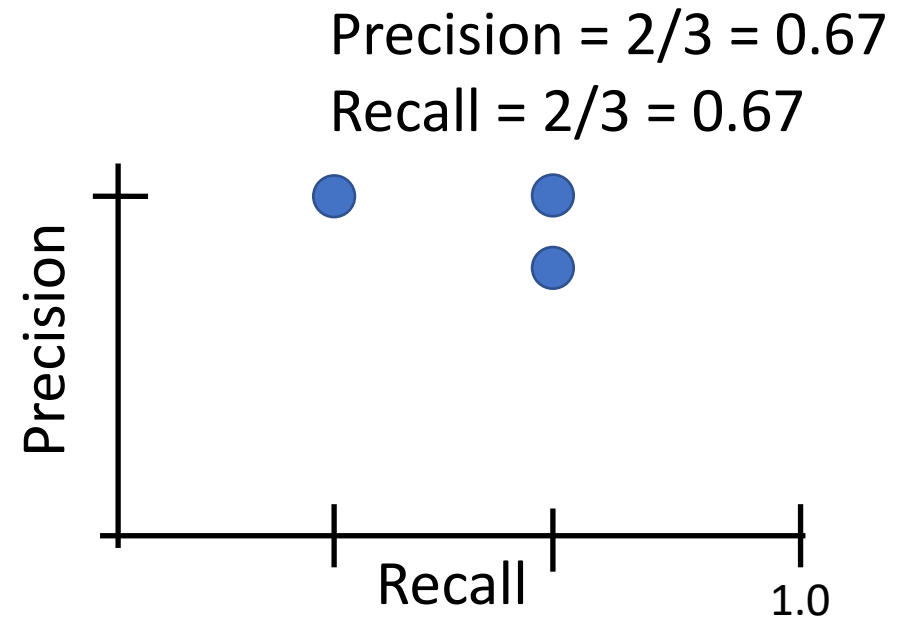
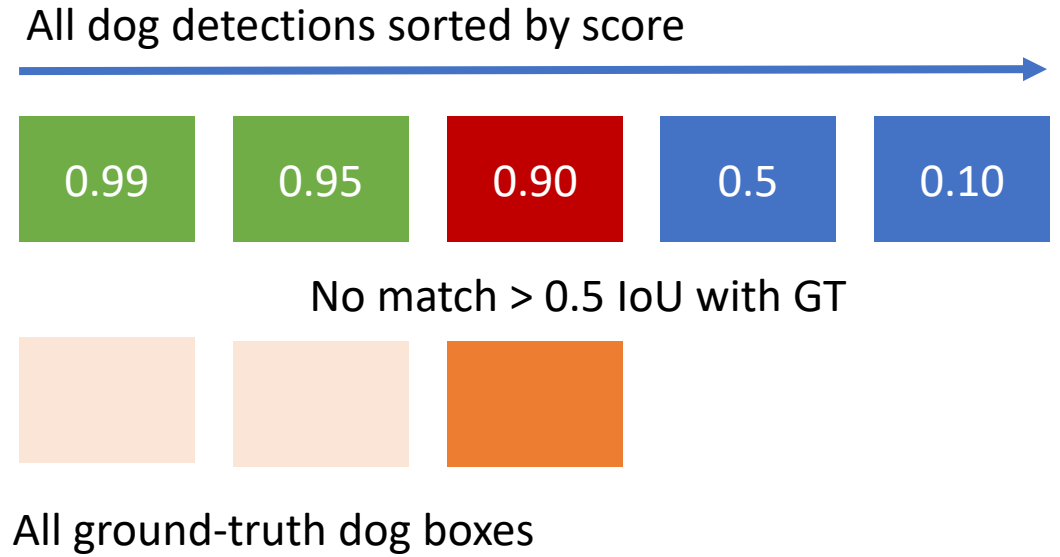
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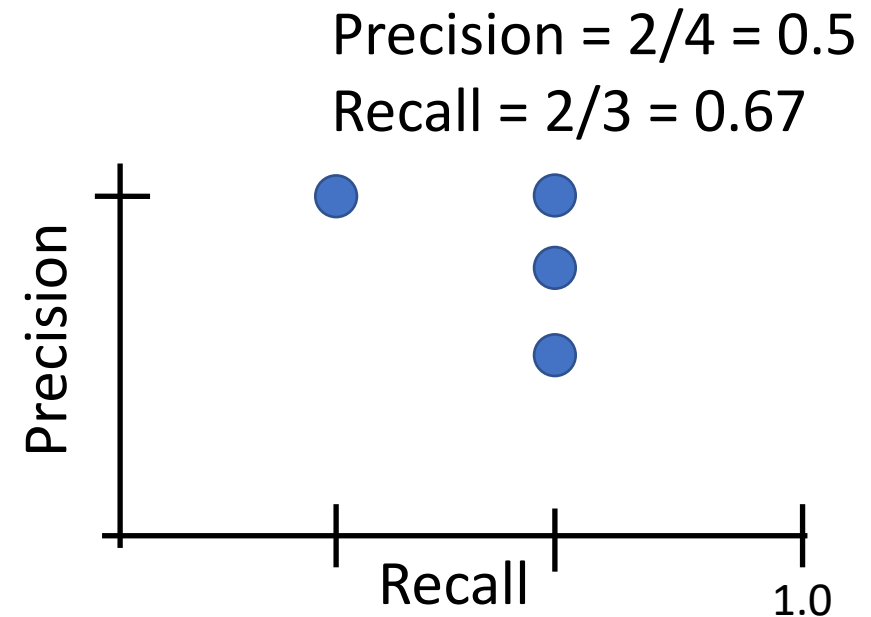
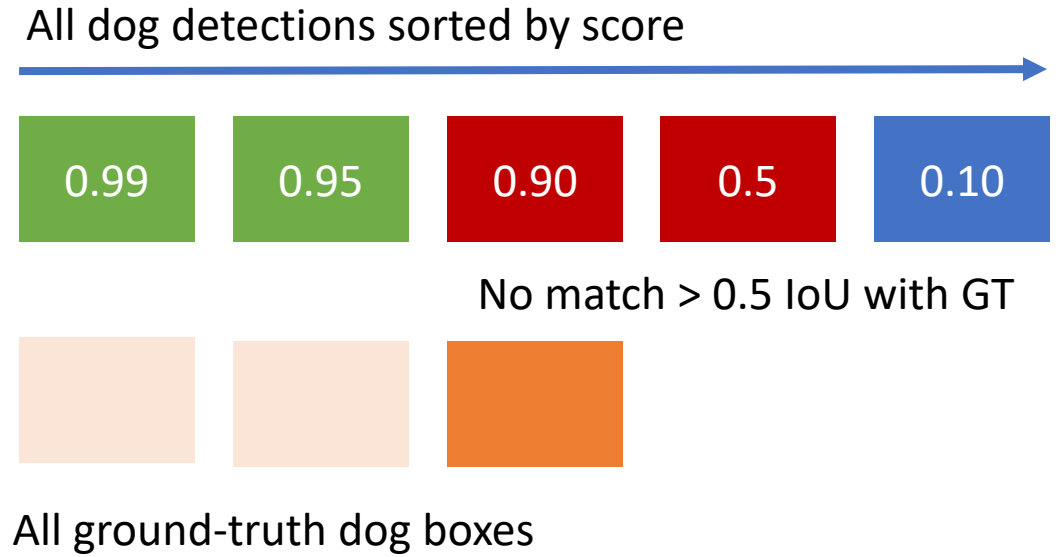
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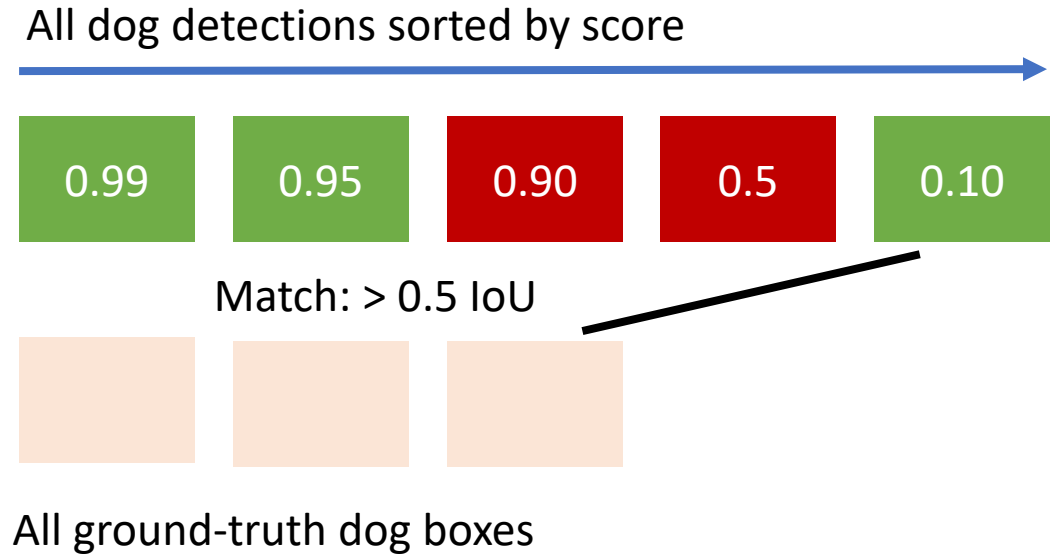
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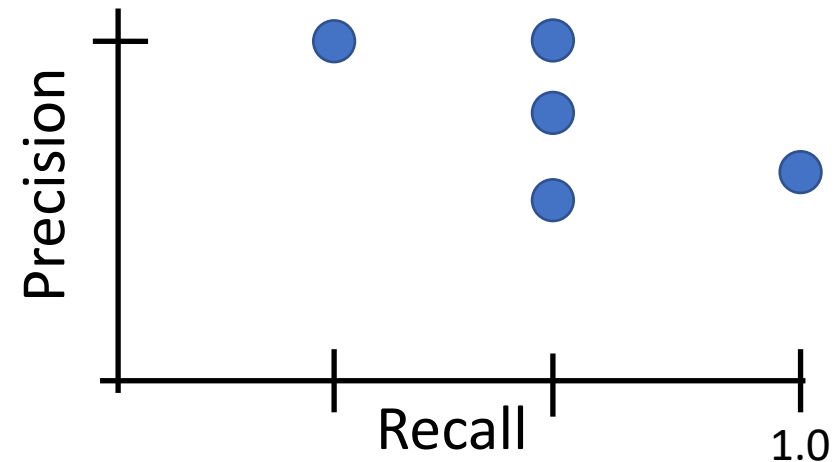


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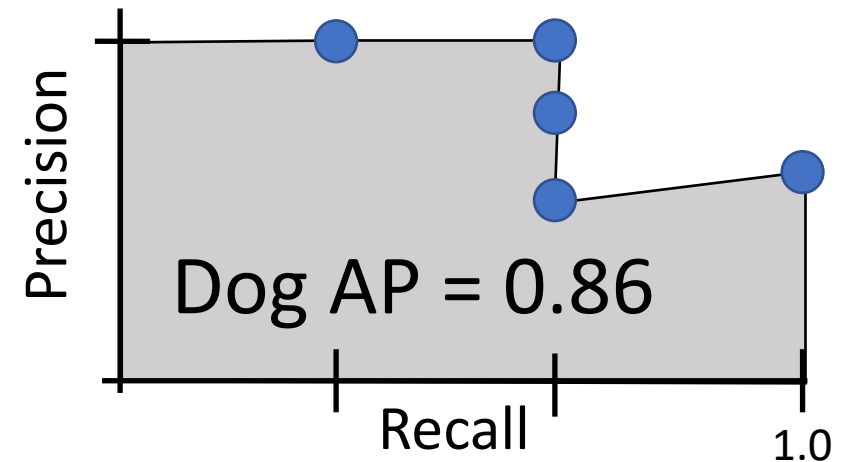
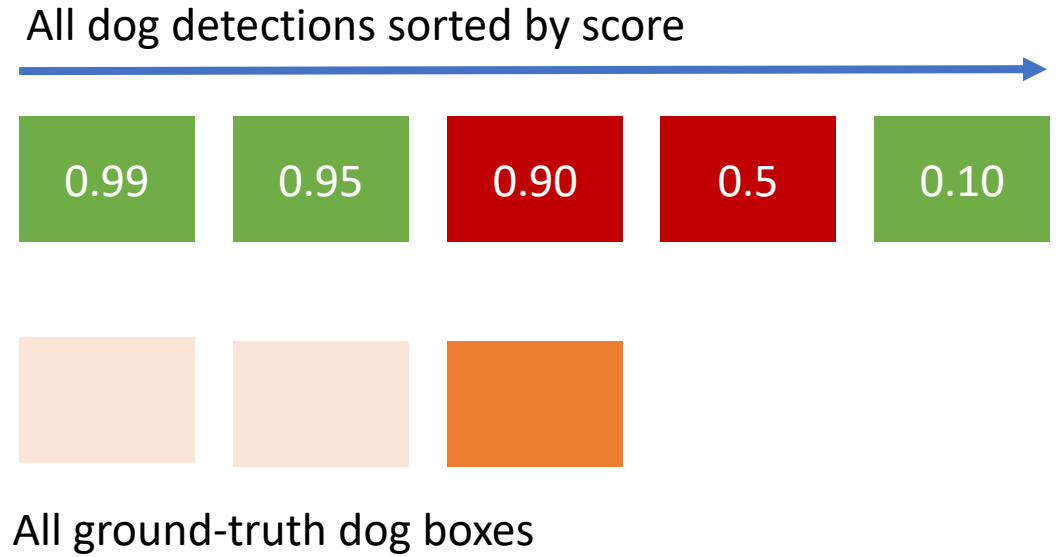


$$\text{Precision} = 3/5 = 0.6$$
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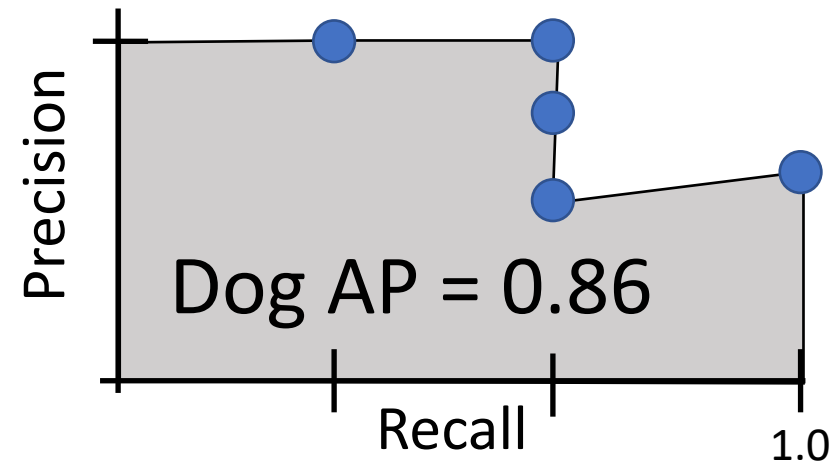
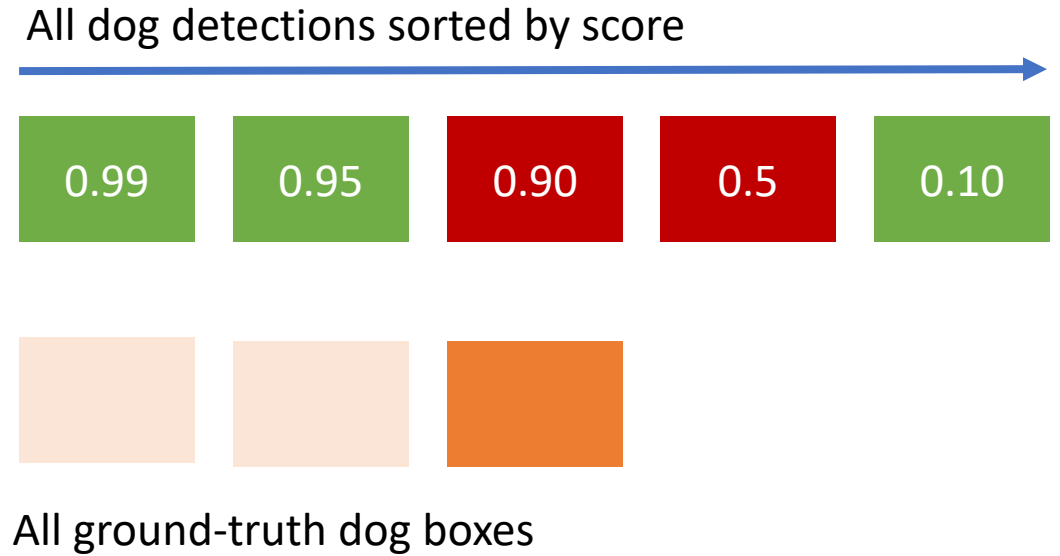
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**How to get AP = 1.0: Hit all GT boxes with IoU > 0.5, and have no “false positive” detections ranked above any “true positives”**





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Car AP = 0.65

Cat AP = 0.80

Dog AP = 0.86

mAP@0.5 = 0.77

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4. For “COCO mAP”: Compute mAP@thresh for each IoU threshold (0.5, 0.55, 0.6, ..., 0.95) and take average

$$\text{mAP}@0.5 = 0.77$$

$$\text{mAP}@0.55 = 0.71$$

$$\text{mAP}@0.60 = 0.65$$

...

$$\text{mAP}@0.95 = 0.2$$

$$\text{COCO mAP} = 0.4$$

# RCNN Results

VOC 2010 test	mAP
DPM v5 [20] <sup>†</sup>	33.4
UVA [39]	35.1
Regionlets [41]	39.7
SegDPM [18] <sup>†</sup>	40.4
R-CNN	50.2
R-CNN BB	<b>53.7</b>

VOC 2007 test	mAP
R-CNN pool <sub>5</sub>	44.2
R-CNN fc <sub>6</sub>	46.2
R-CNN fc <sub>7</sub>	44.7
R-CNN FT pool <sub>5</sub>	47.3
R-CNN FT fc <sub>6</sub>	53.1
R-CNN FT fc <sub>7</sub>	54.2
R-CNN FT fc <sub>7</sub> BB	<b>58.5</b>
DPM v5 [20]	33.7
DPM ST [28]	29.1
DPM HSC [31]	34.3

VOC 2007 test	mAP
R-CNN T-Net	54.2
R-CNN T-Net BB	58.5
R-CNN O-Net	62.2
R-CNN O-Net BB	<b>66.0</b>

# Summary: Beyond Image Classification

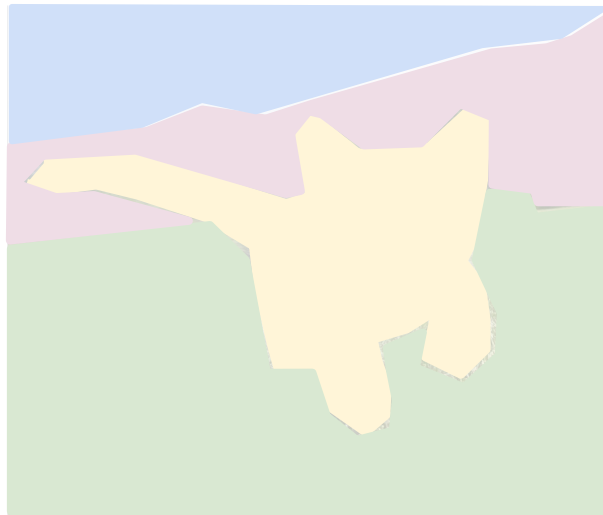
## Classification



**CAT**

No spatial extent

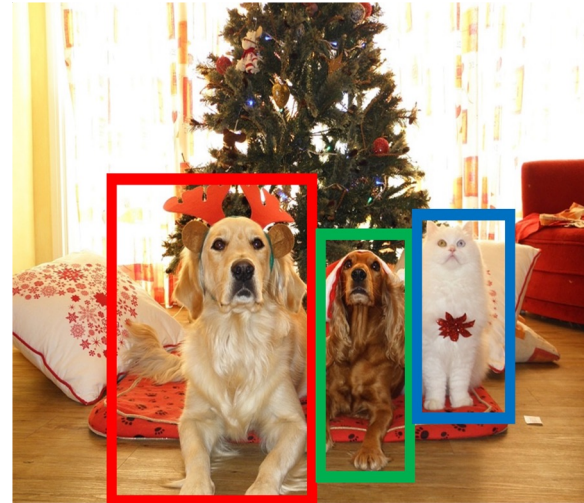
## Semantic Segmentation



**GRASS, CAT, TREE, SKY**

No objects, just pixels

## Object Detection



**DOG, DOG, CAT**

Multiple Objects

## Instance Segmentation

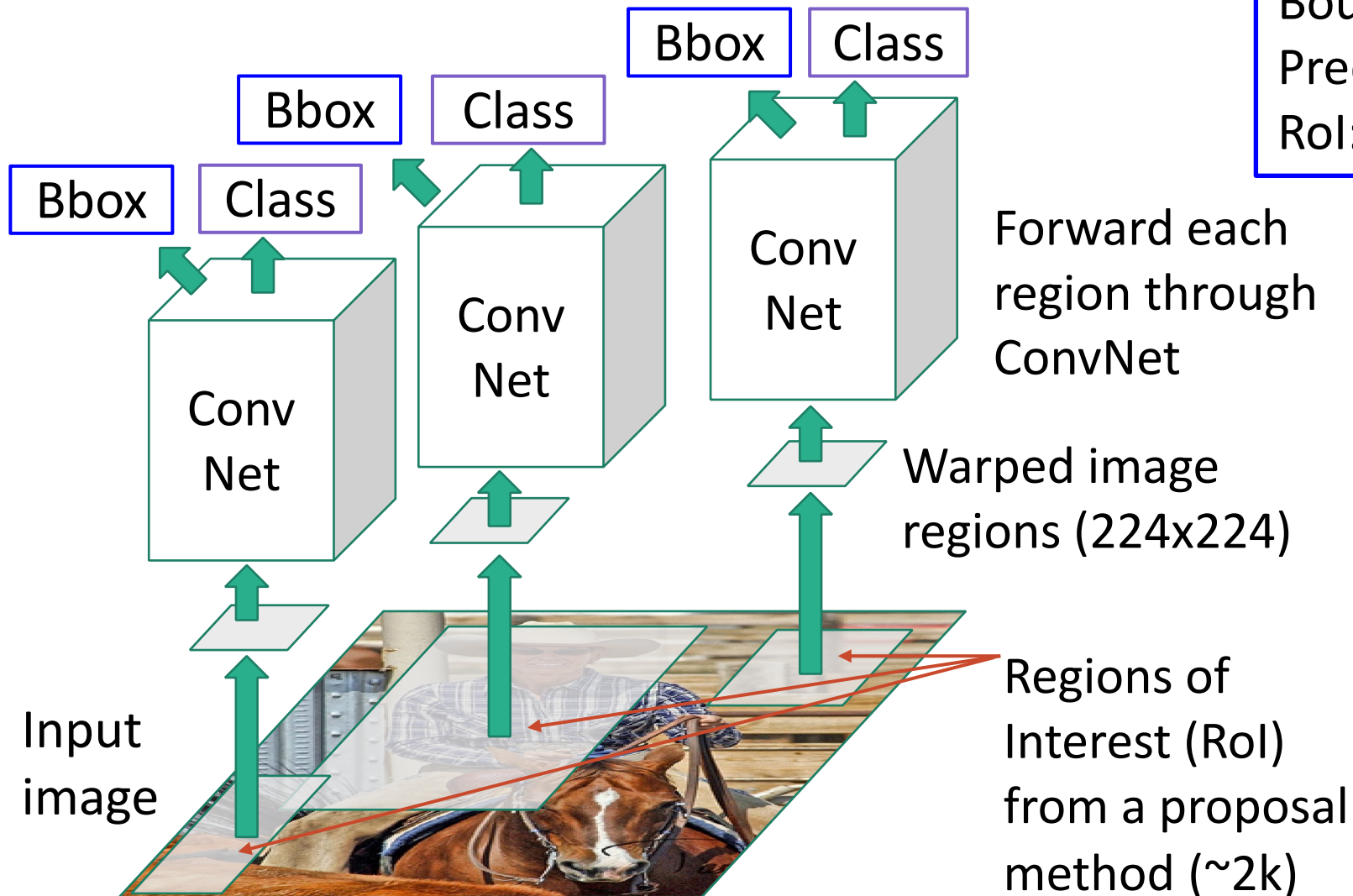


**DOG, DOG, CAT**

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# Last Time: R-CNN

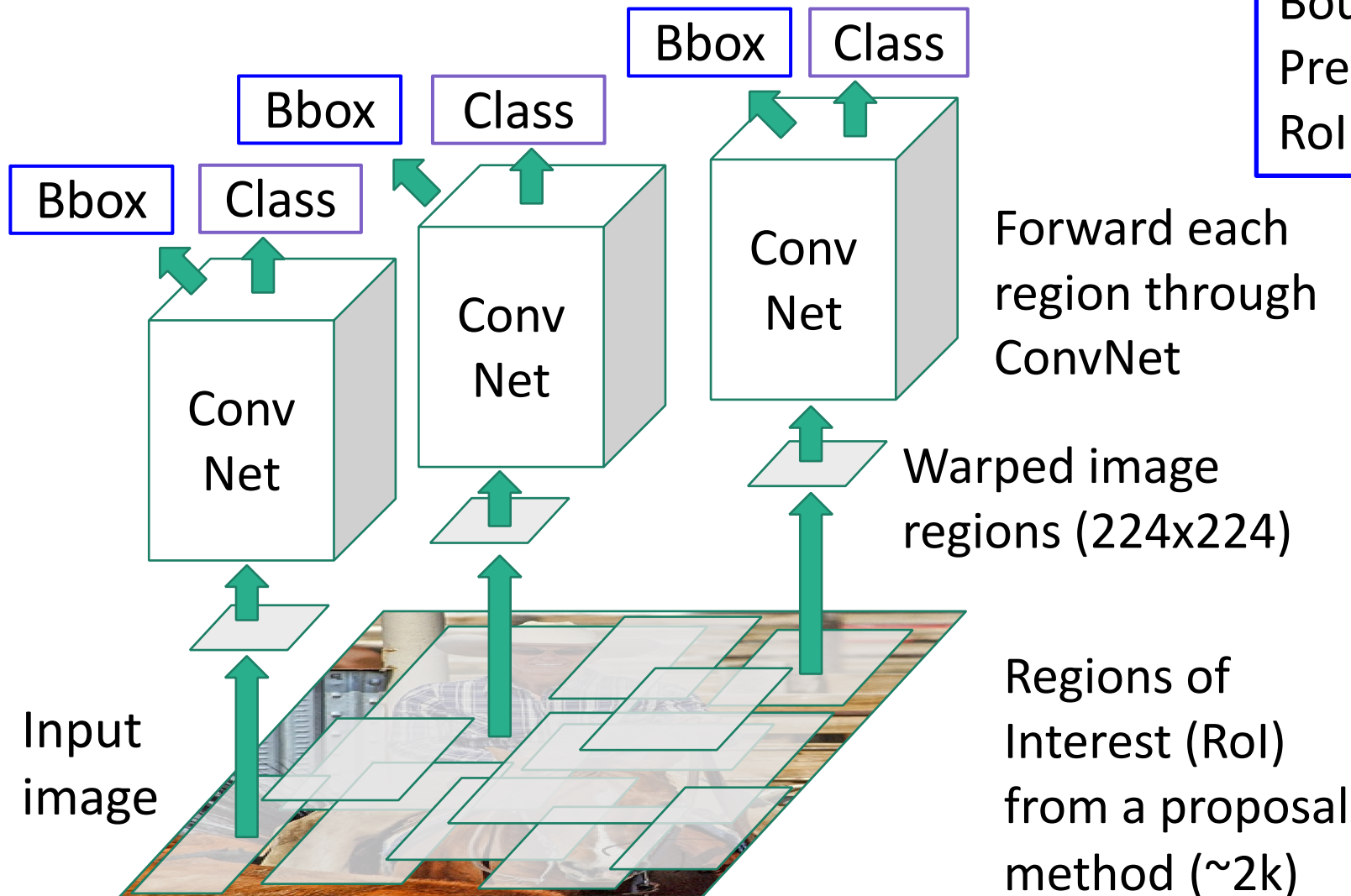


Classify each region

Bounding box regression:  
Predict "transform" to correct the  
RoI: 4 numbers ( $t_x, t_y, t_h, t_w$ )

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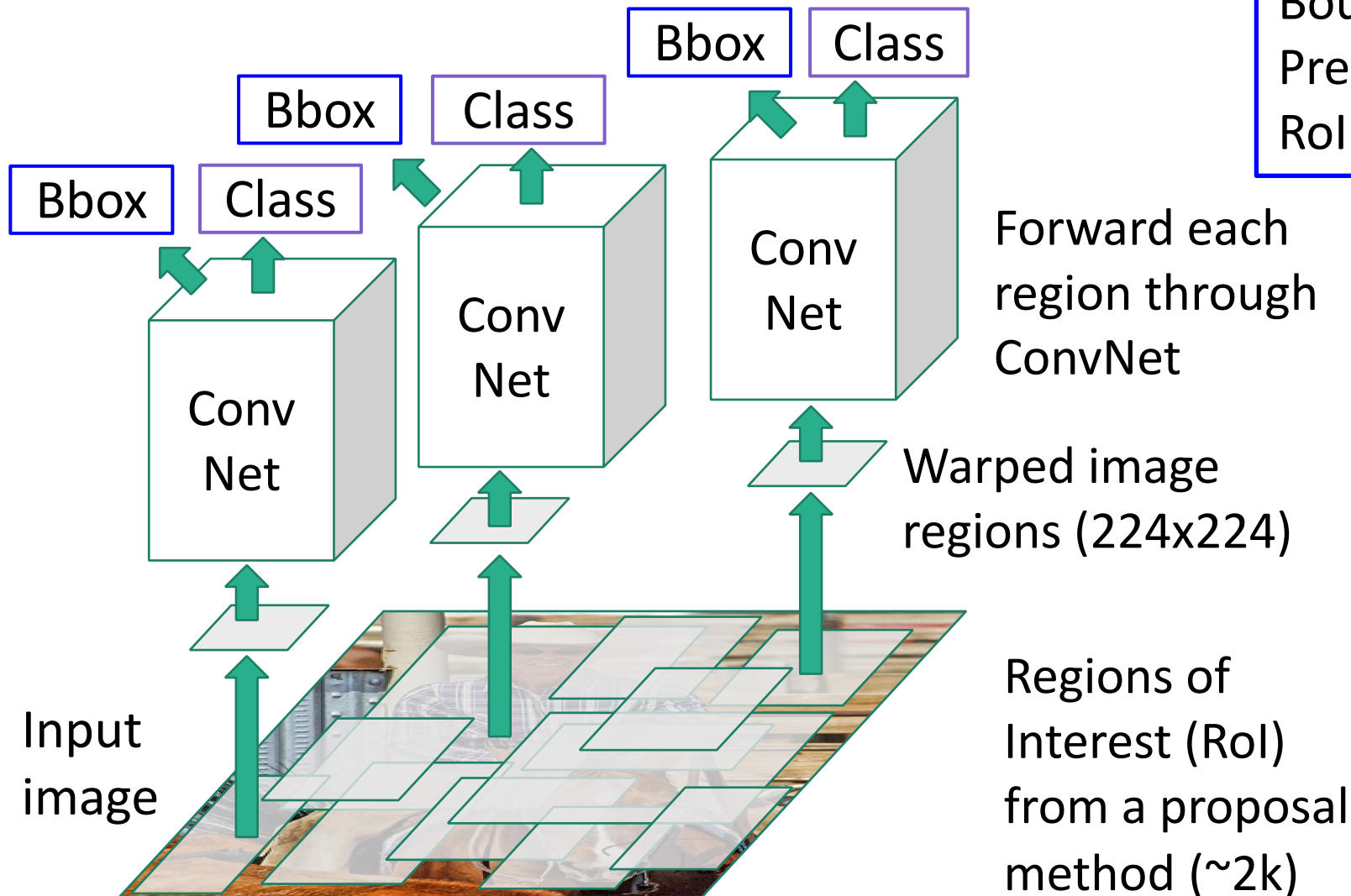
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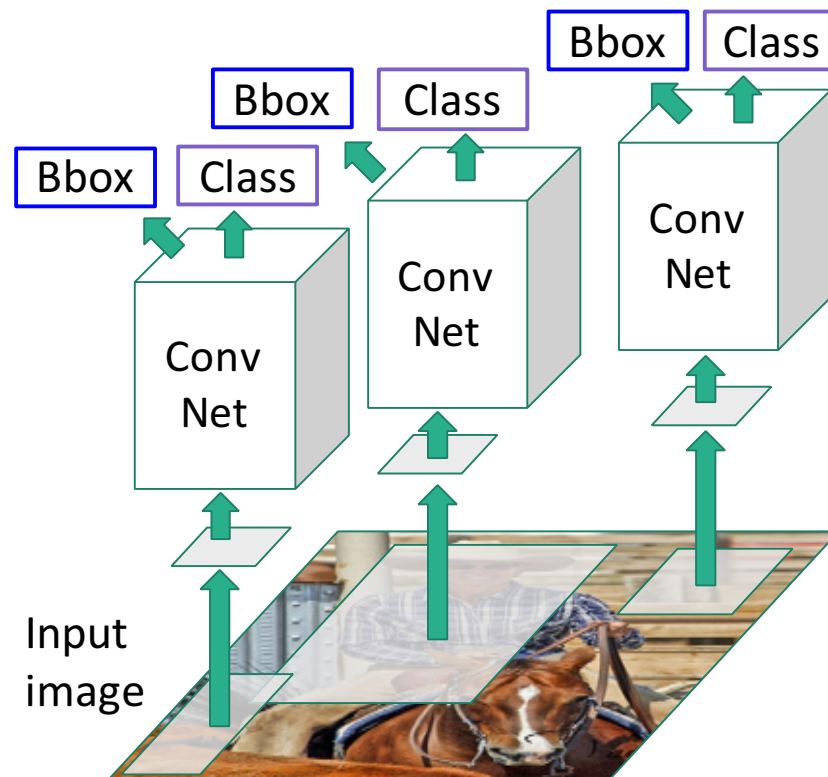
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**Idea: Overlapping proposals cause a lot of repeated work: same pixels processed many times. Can we avoid this?**

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“Slow” R-CNN  
Process each region  
independently



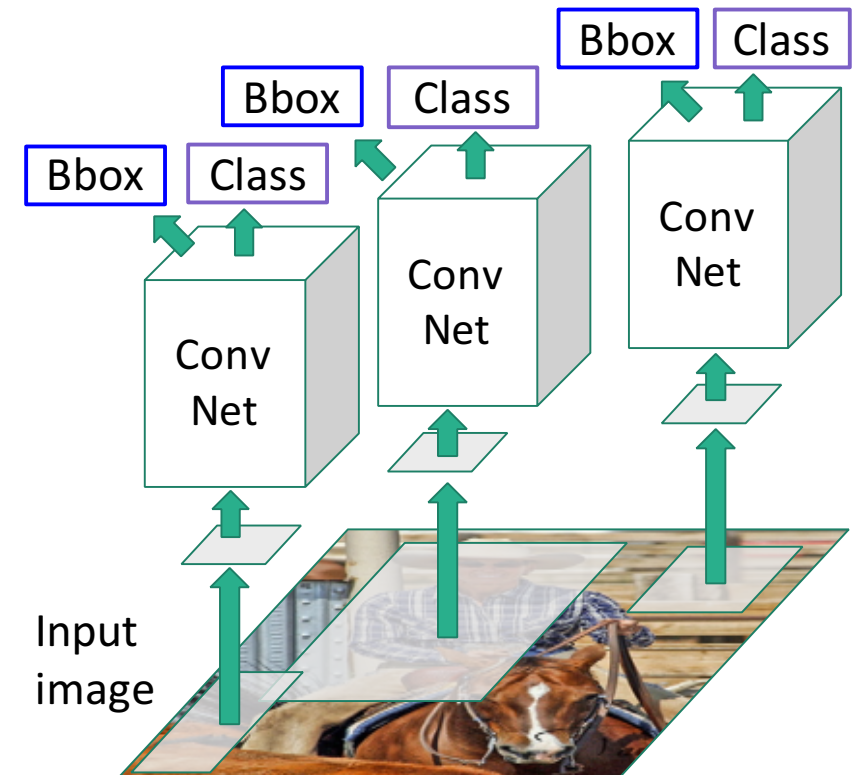


# Fast R-CNN



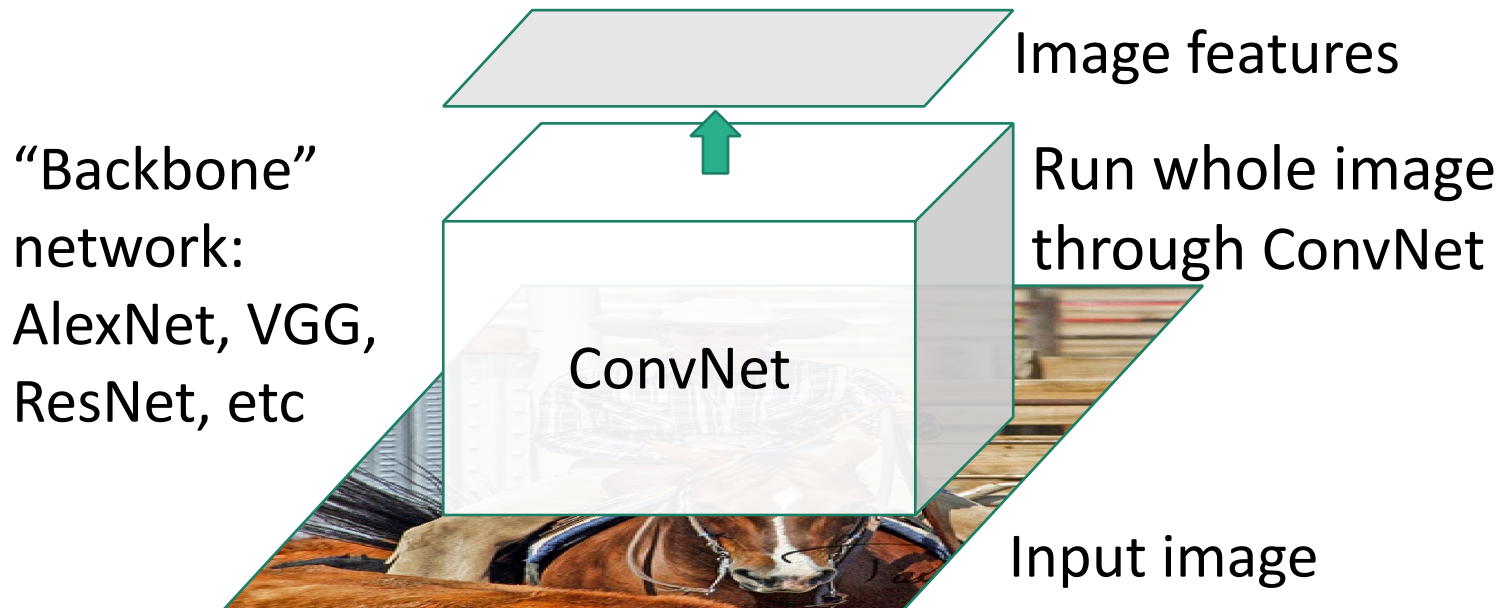
Input image

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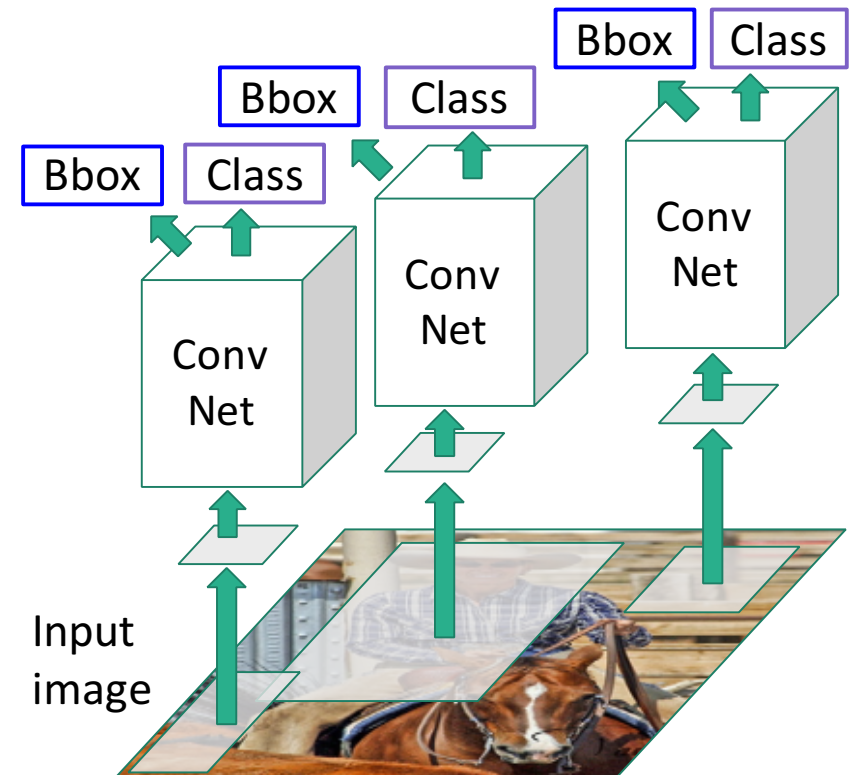


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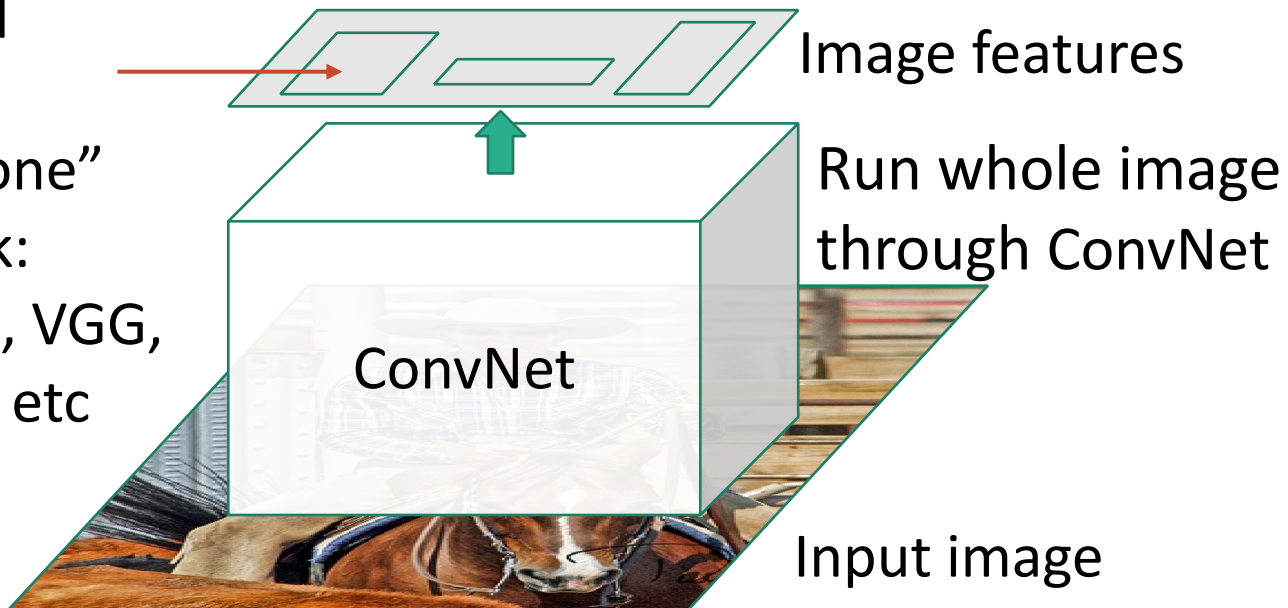


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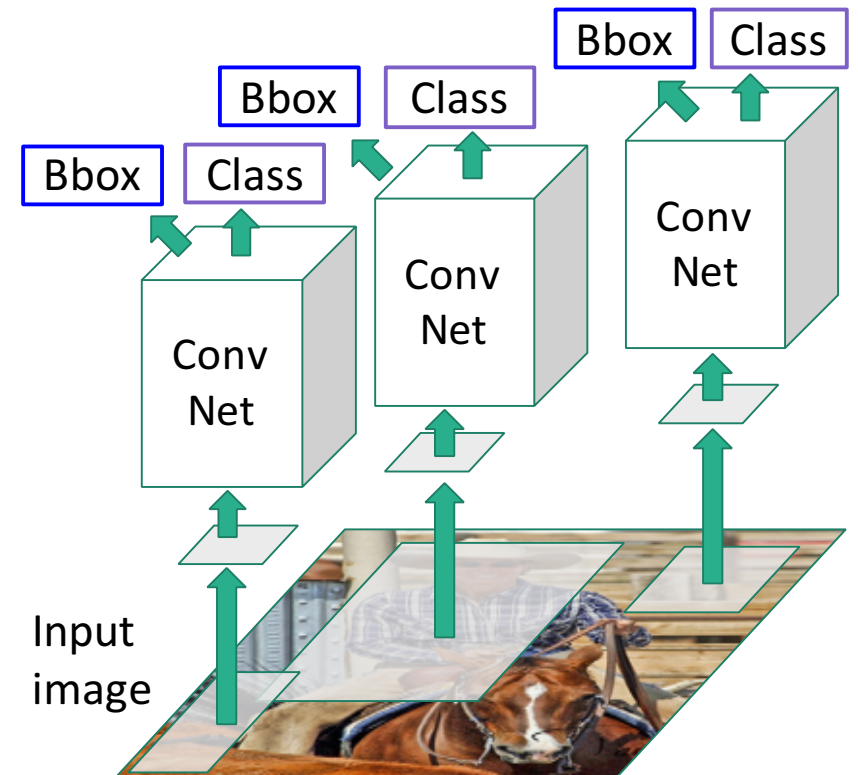
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Regions of Interest (Rois) from a proposal method

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AlexNet, VGG, ResNet, etc



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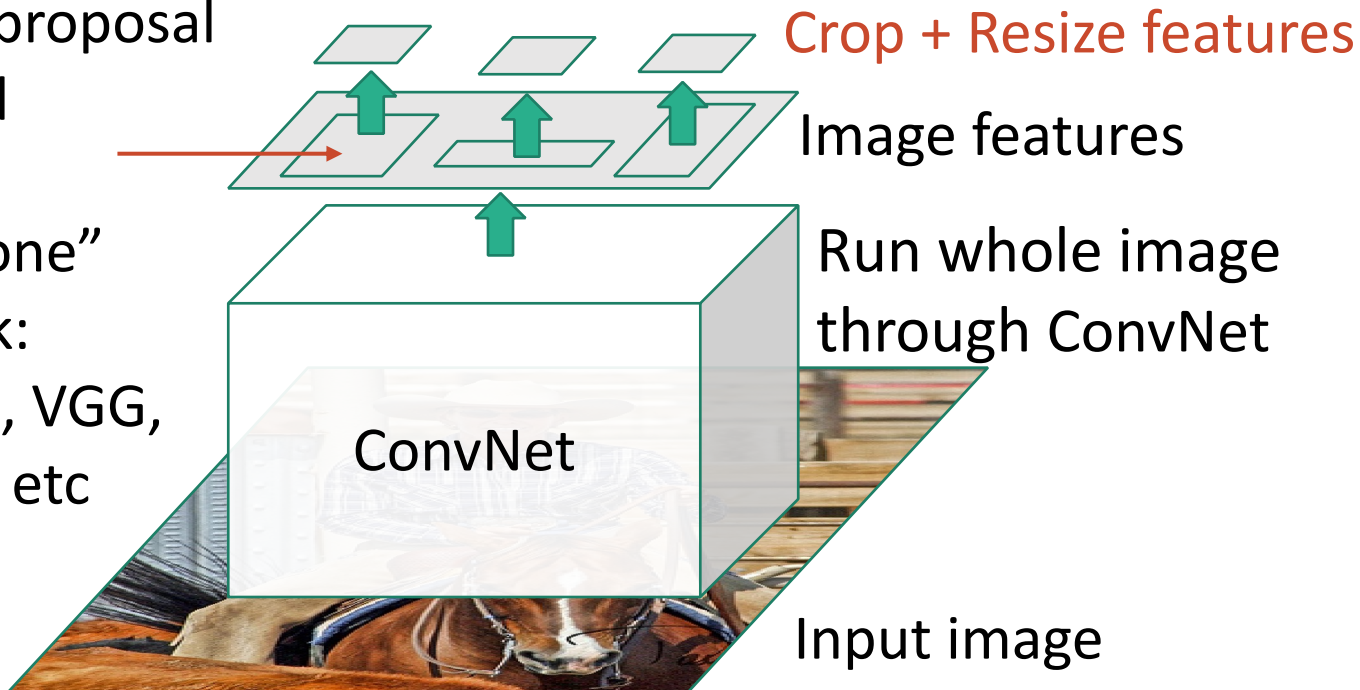


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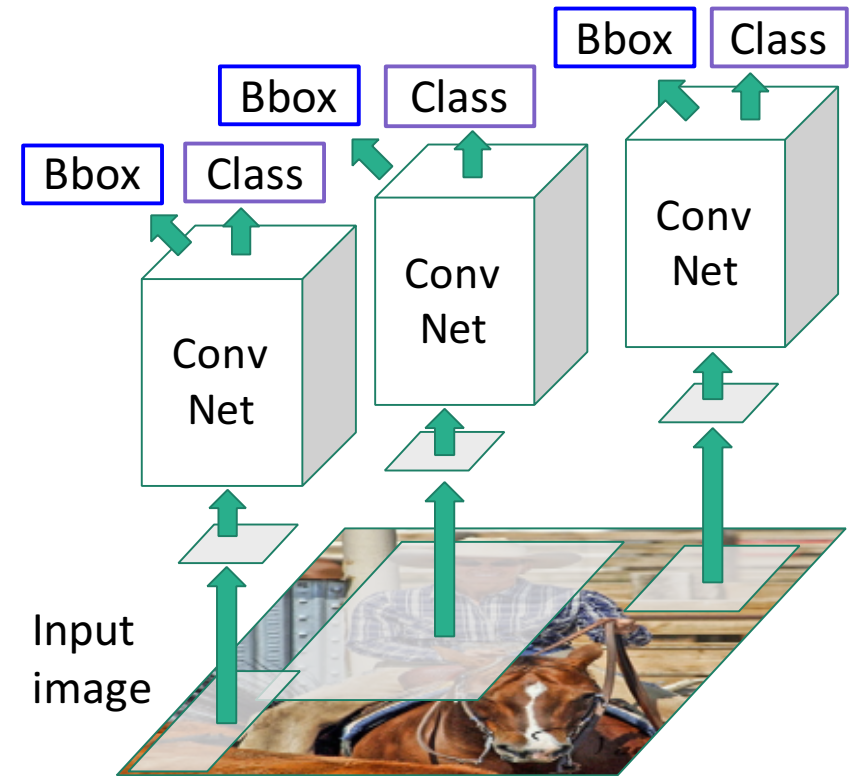
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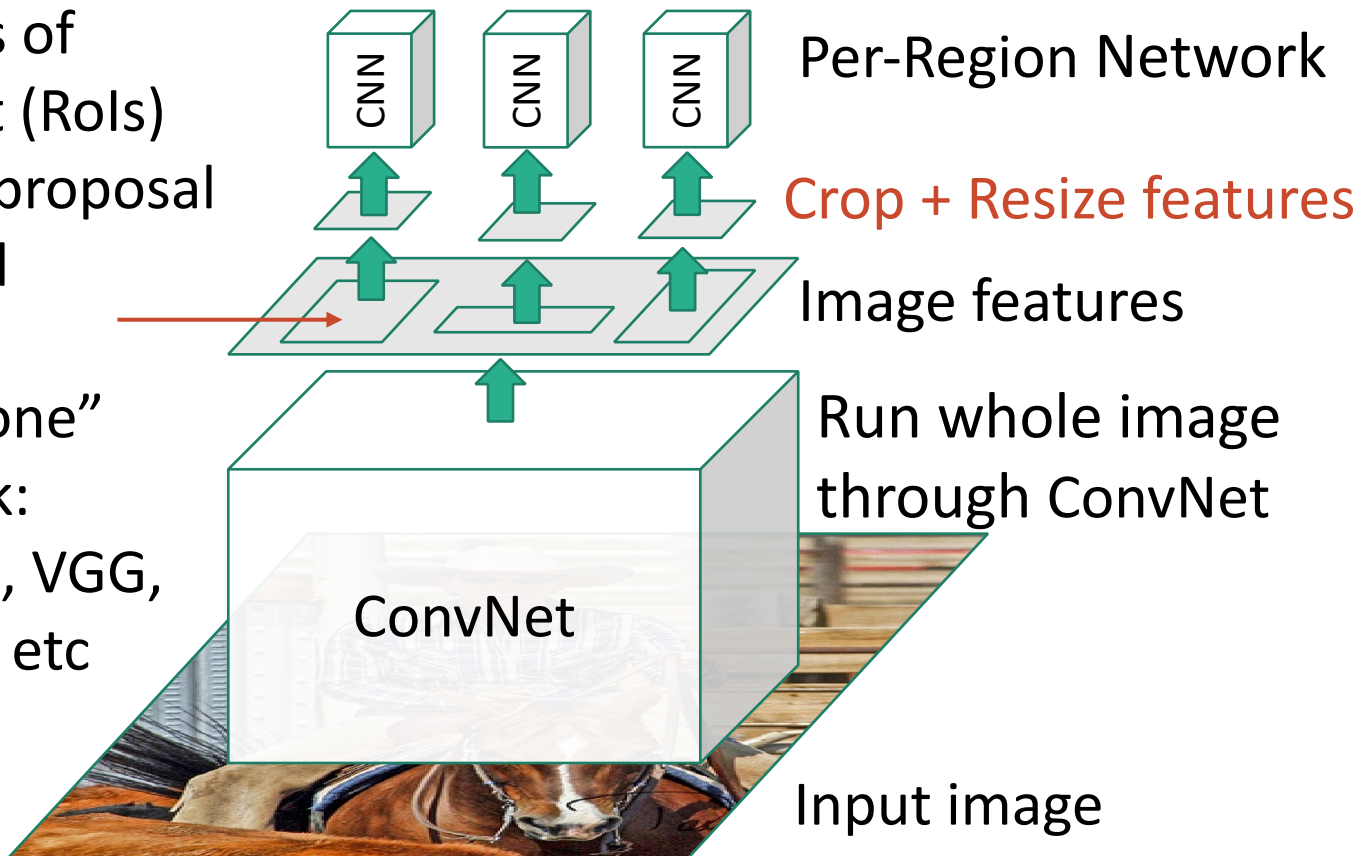
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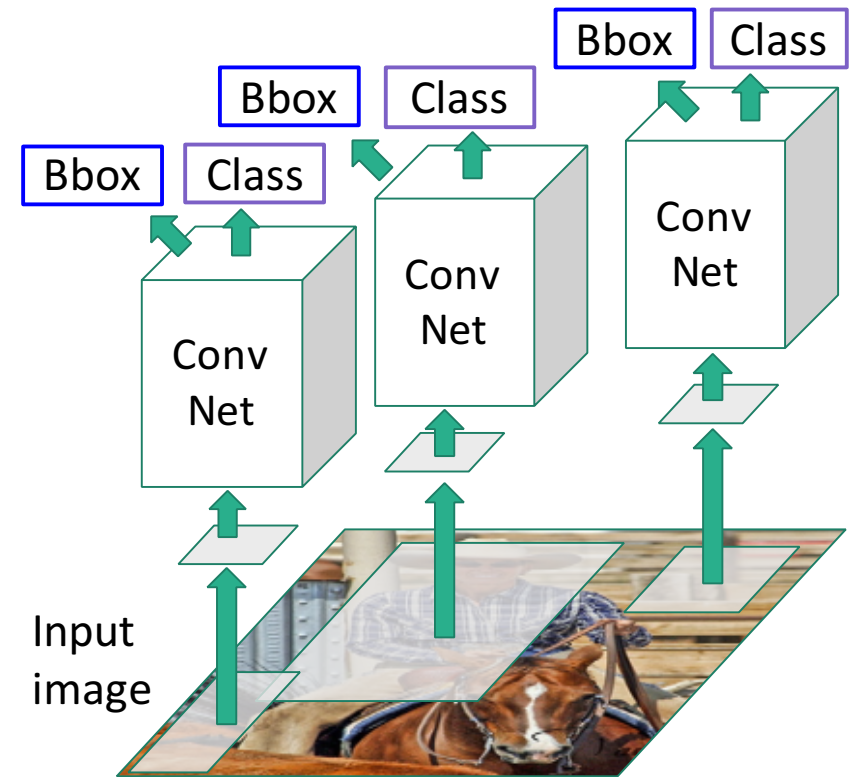
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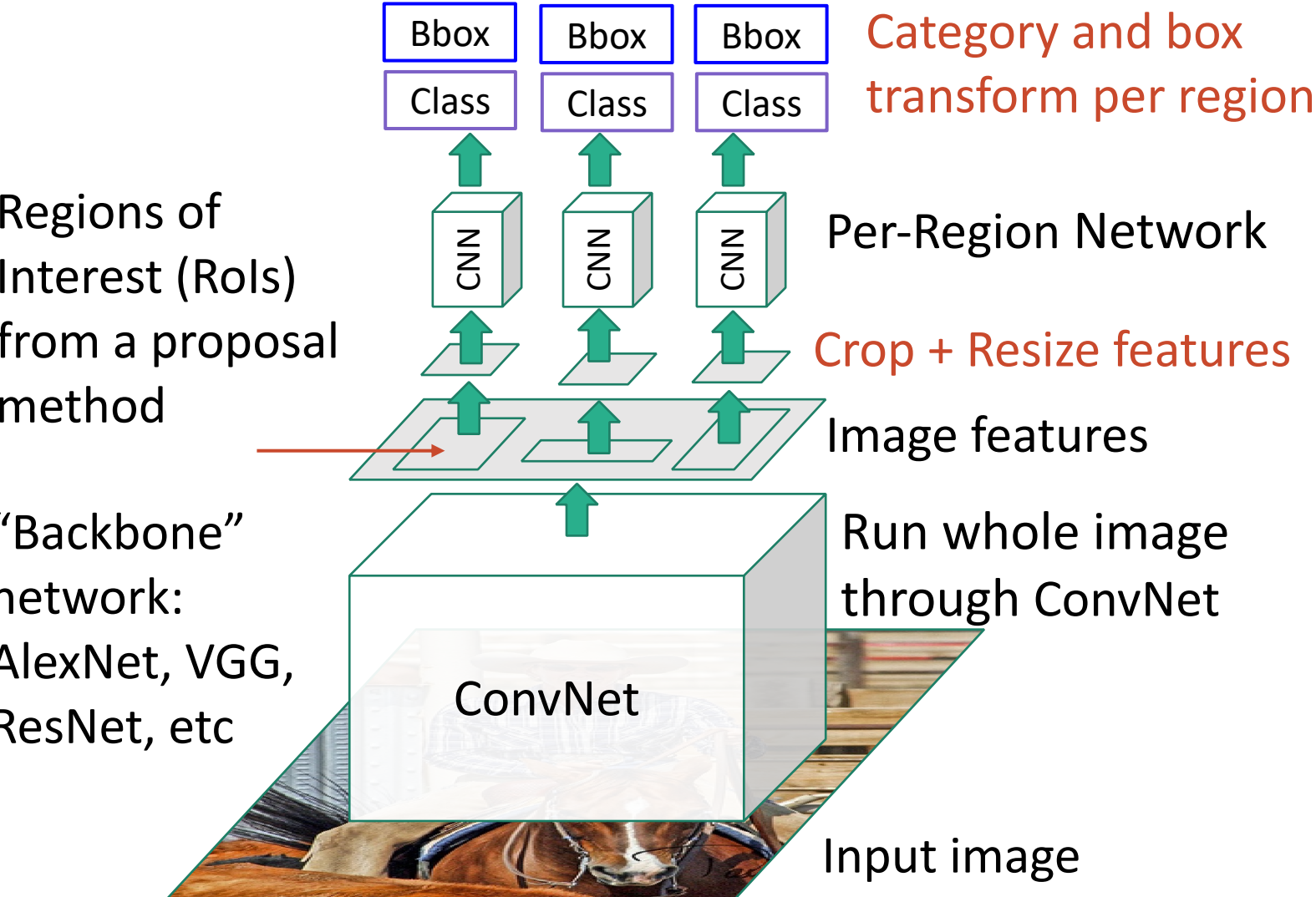


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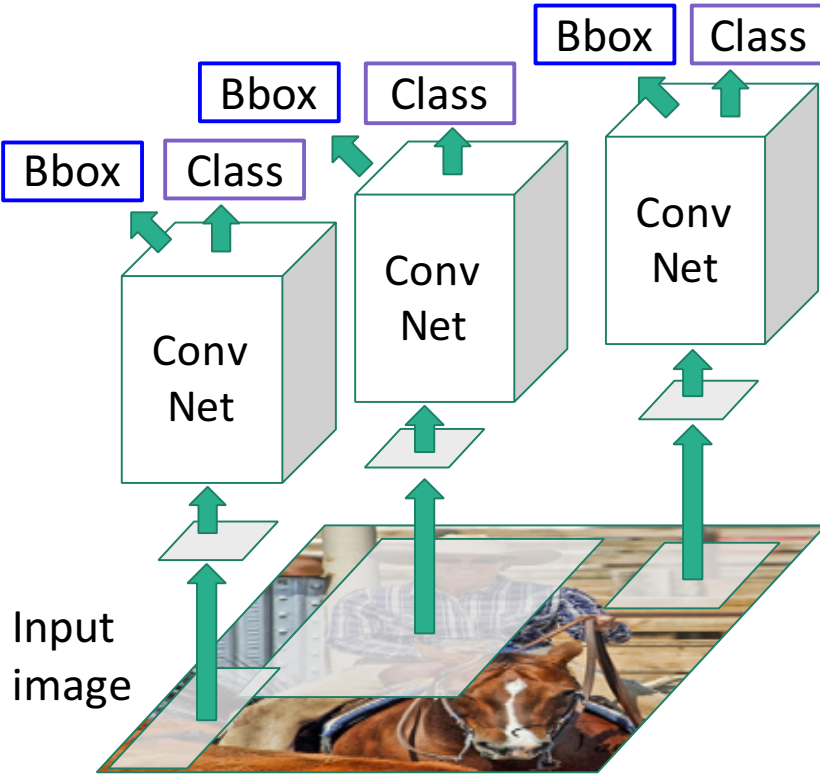


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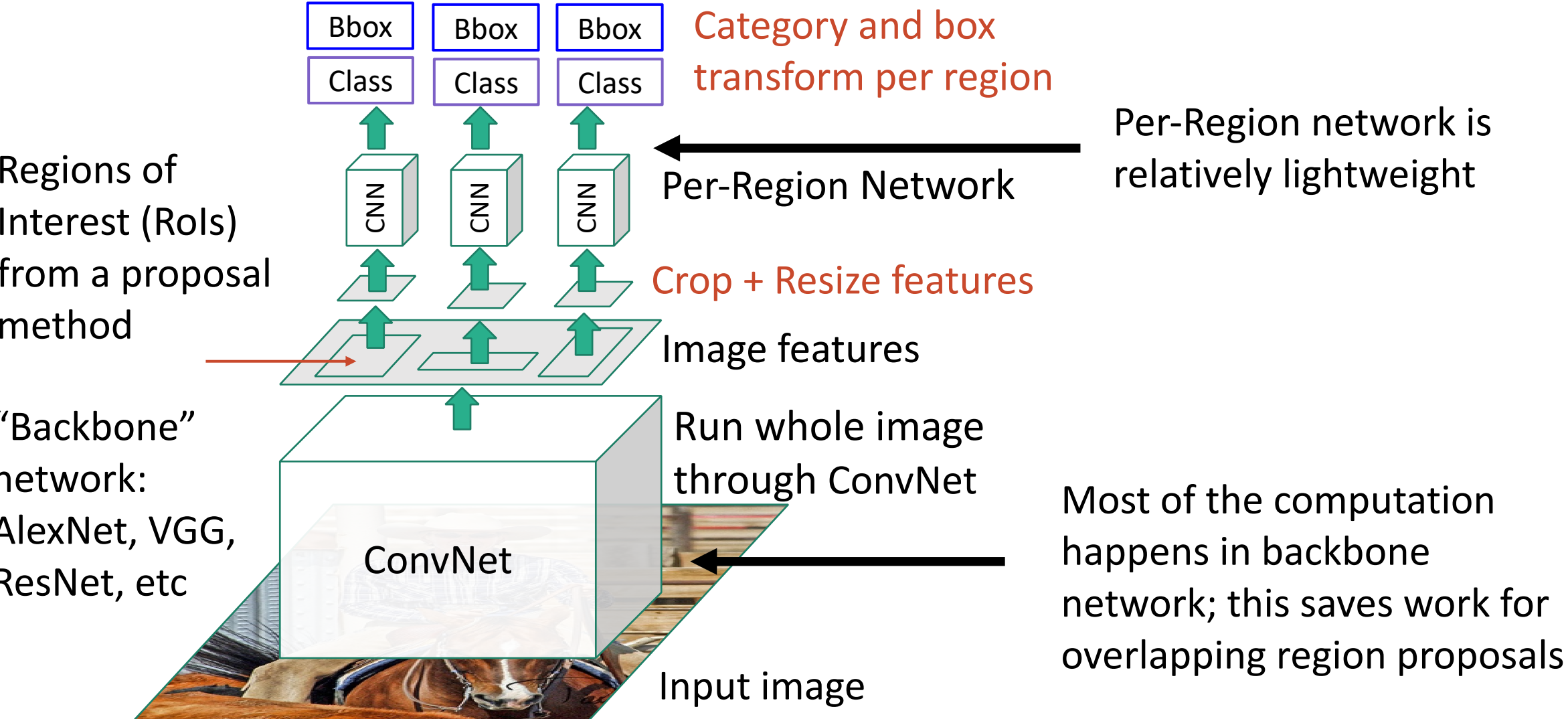


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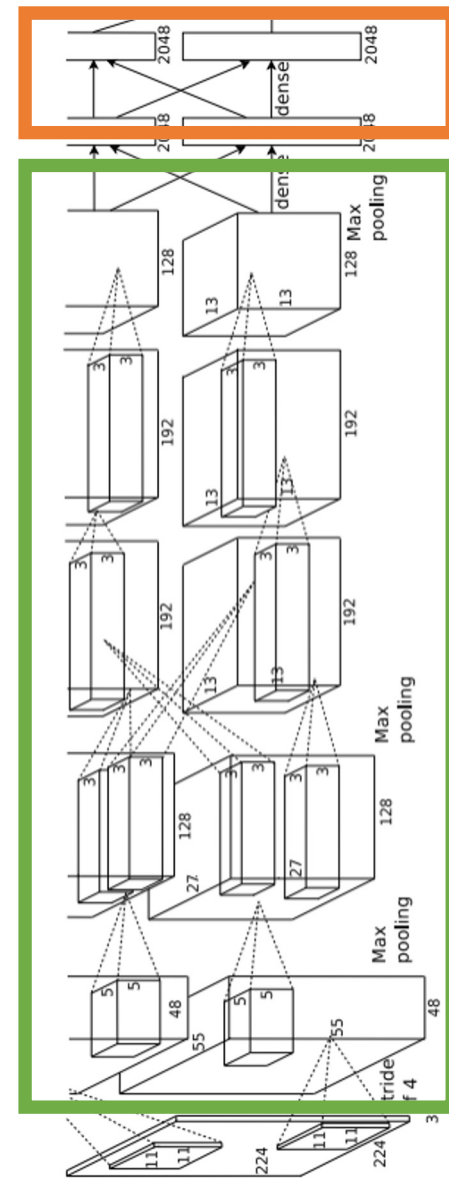
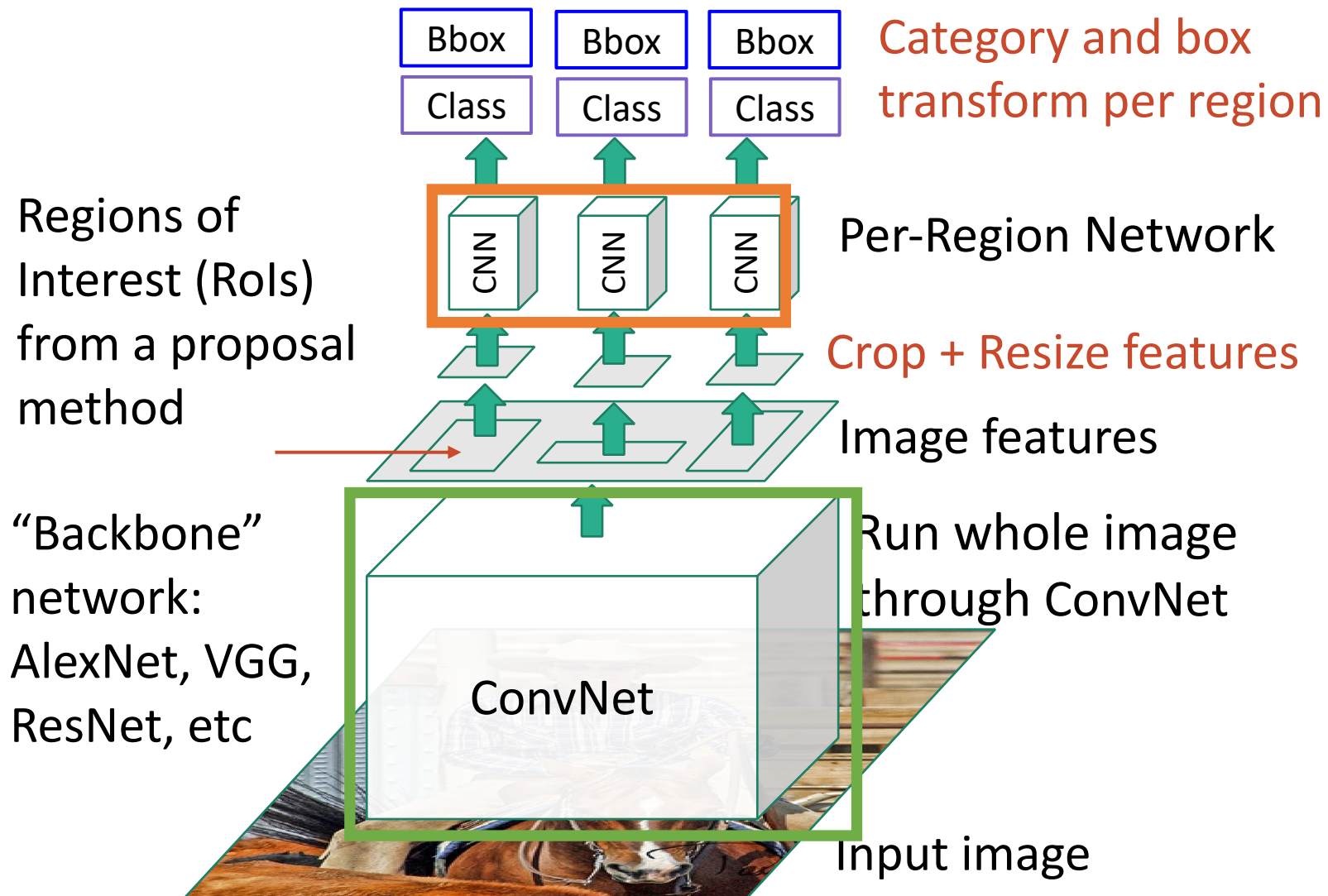
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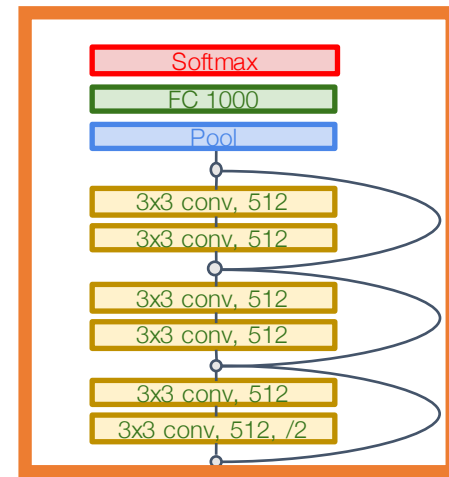
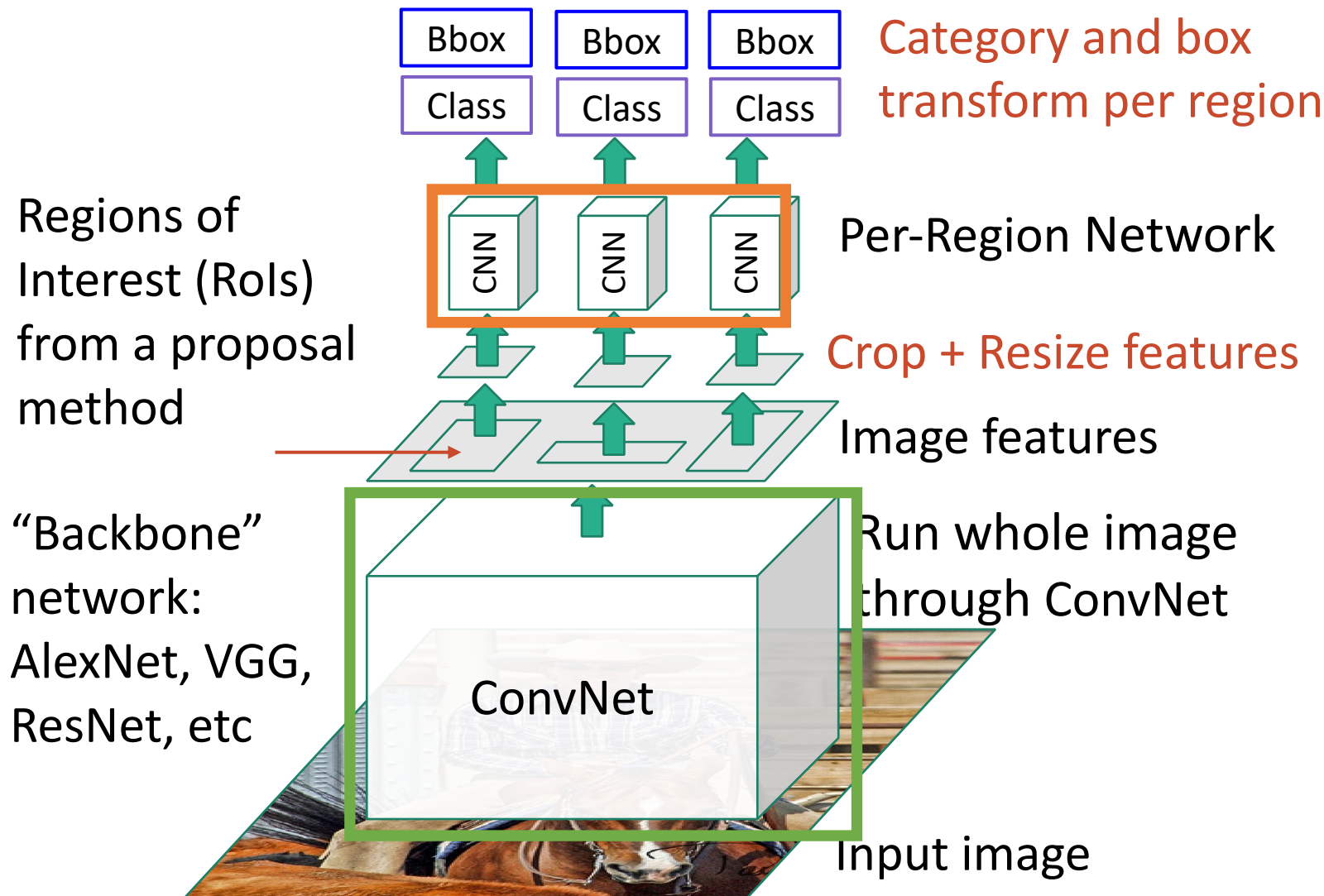


Example:  
When using AlexNet for detection, five conv layers are used for backbone and two FC layers are used for per-region network

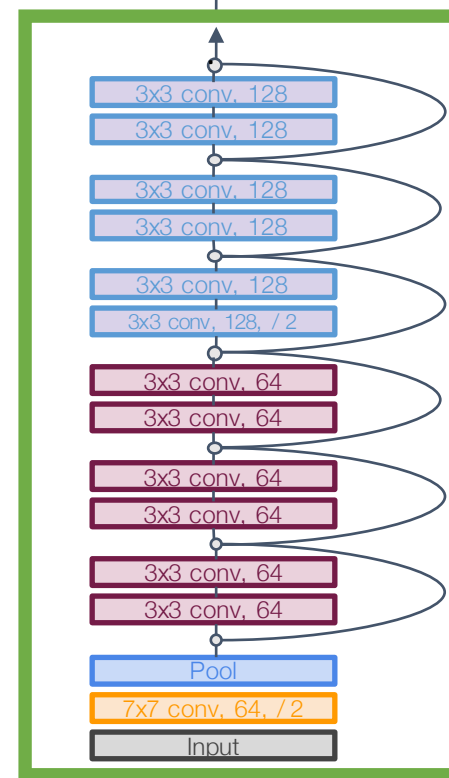
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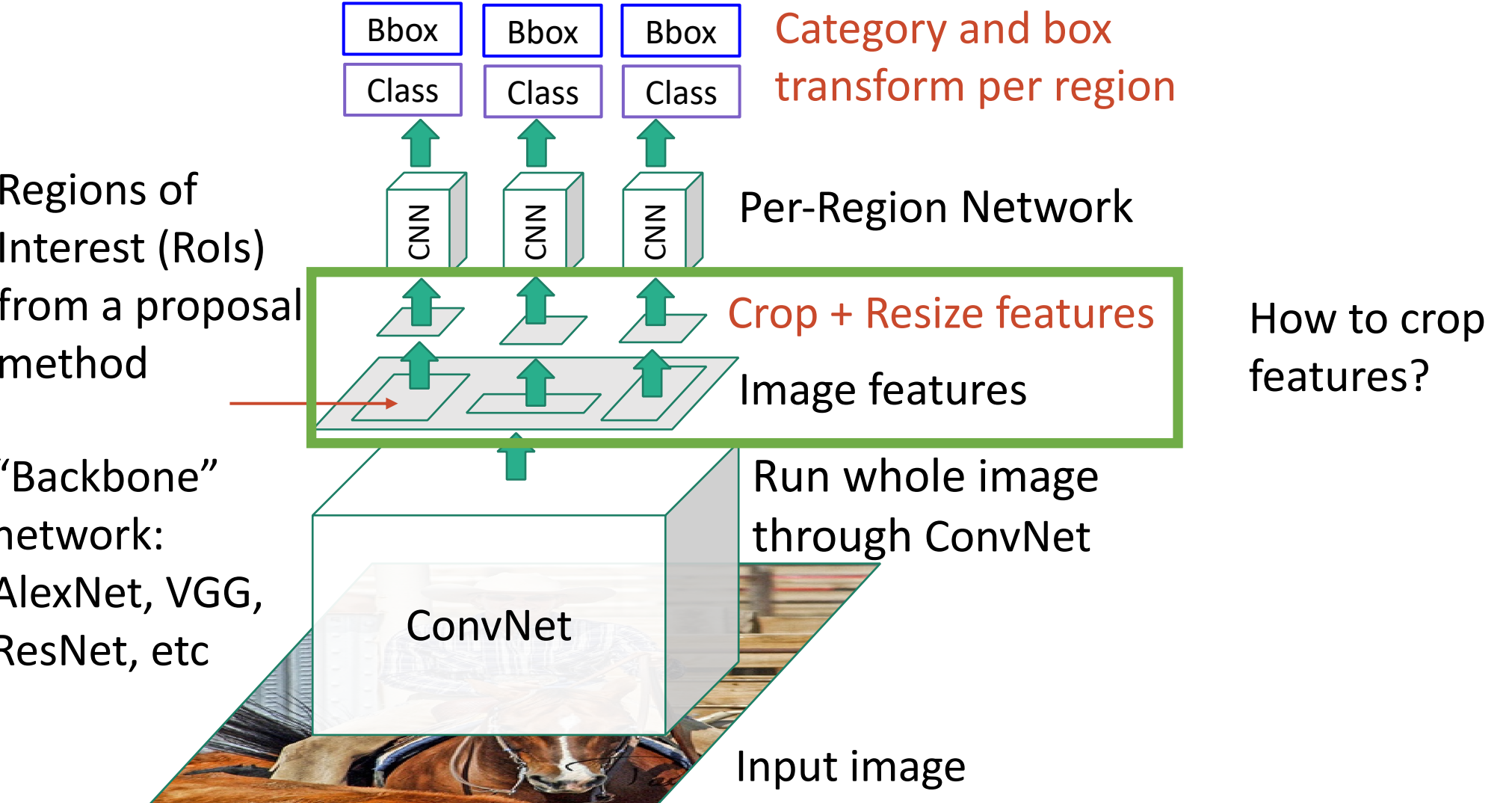


Example:  
For ResNet, last stage is used as per-region network; the rest of the network is used as backbone



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# Fast R-CNN

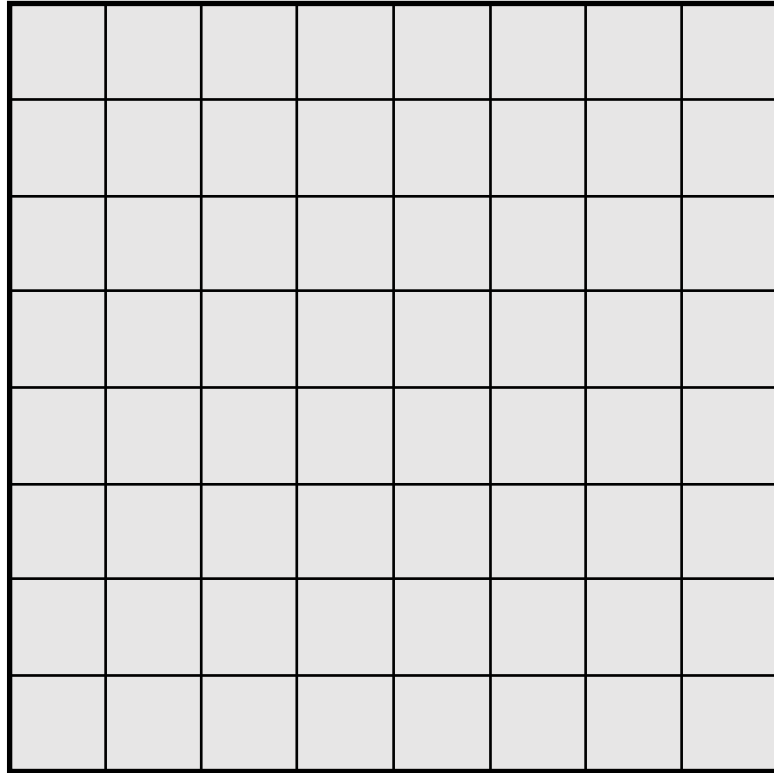


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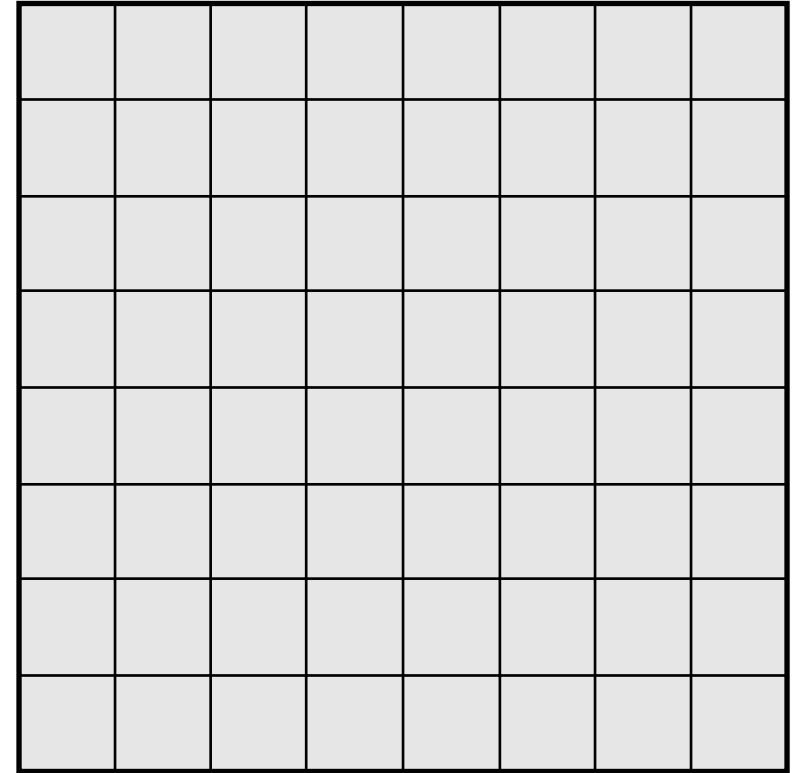
# Recall: Receptive Fields

Every position in the output feature map depends on a 3x3 receptive field in the input

3x3 Conv  
Stride 1, pad 1

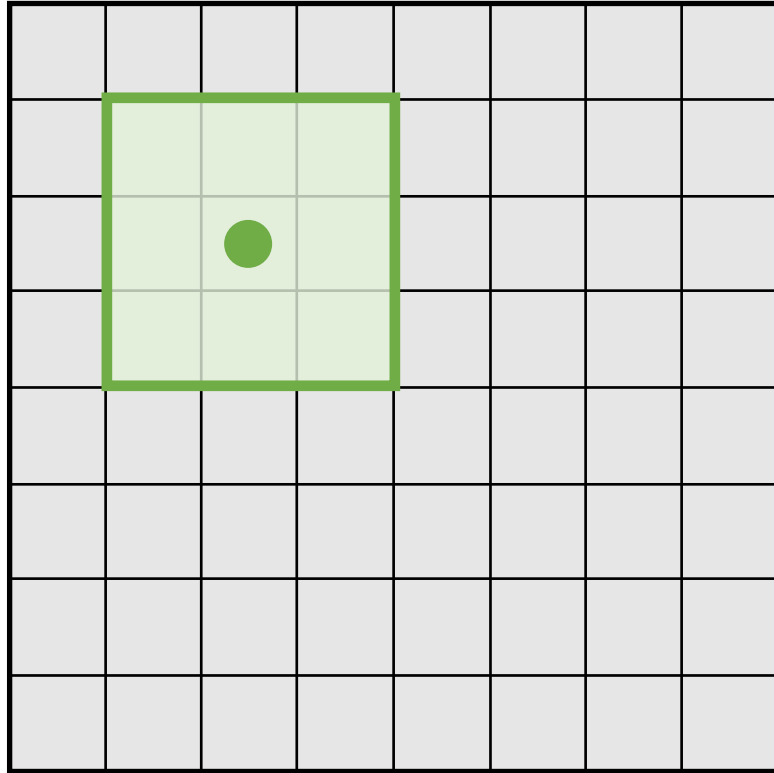


Input Image: 8 x 8



Output Image: 8 x 8

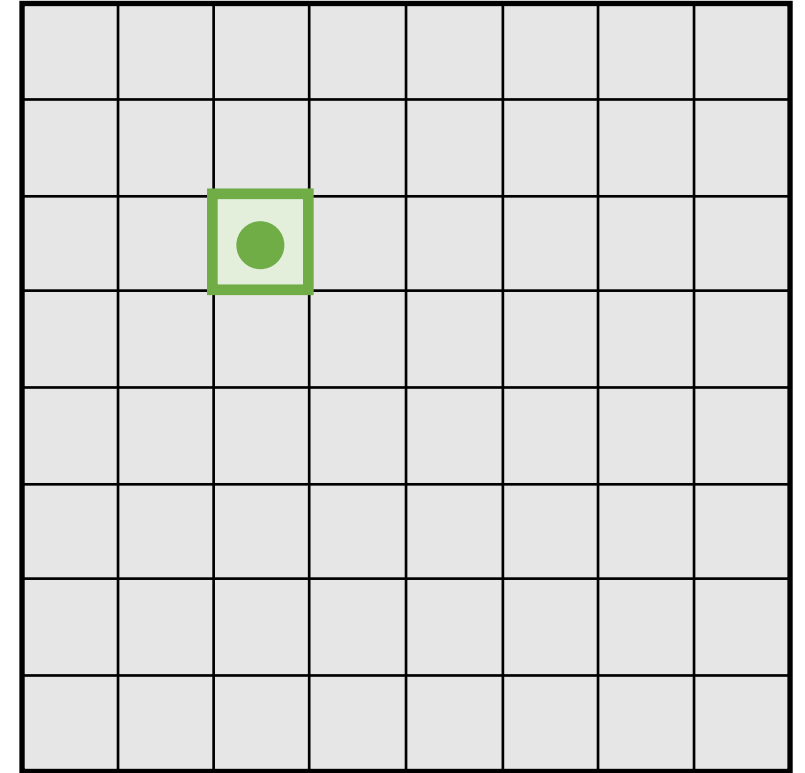
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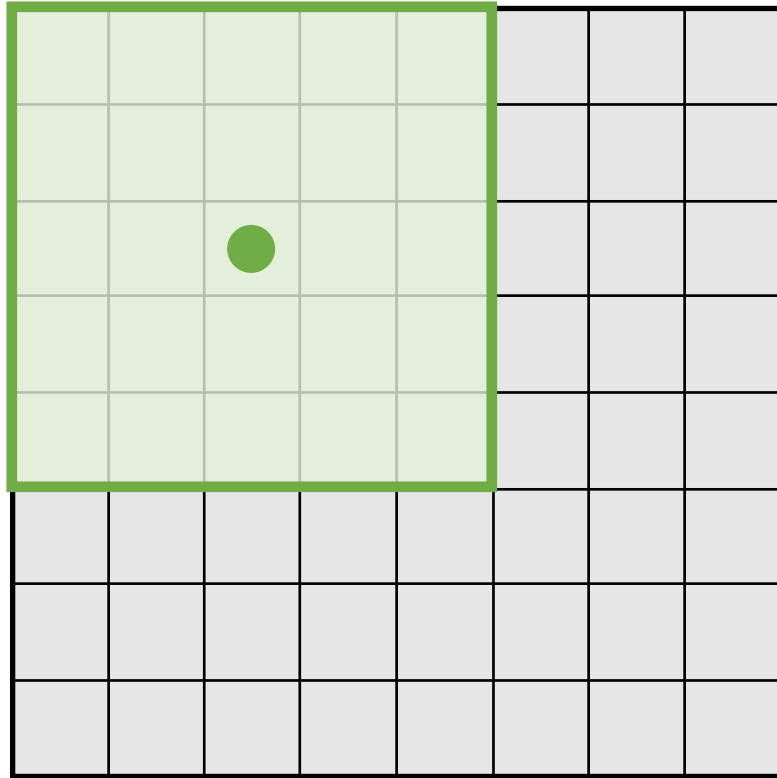
3x3 Conv  
Stride 1, pad 1



Output Image: 8 x 8



# Recall: Receptive Fields

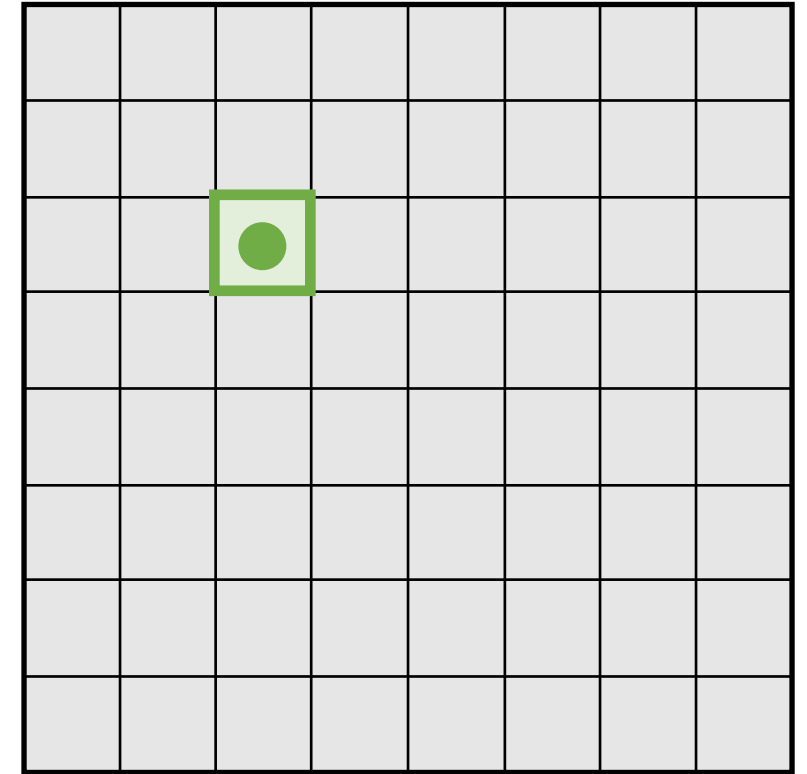


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Every position in the output feature map depends on a 5x5 receptive field in the input

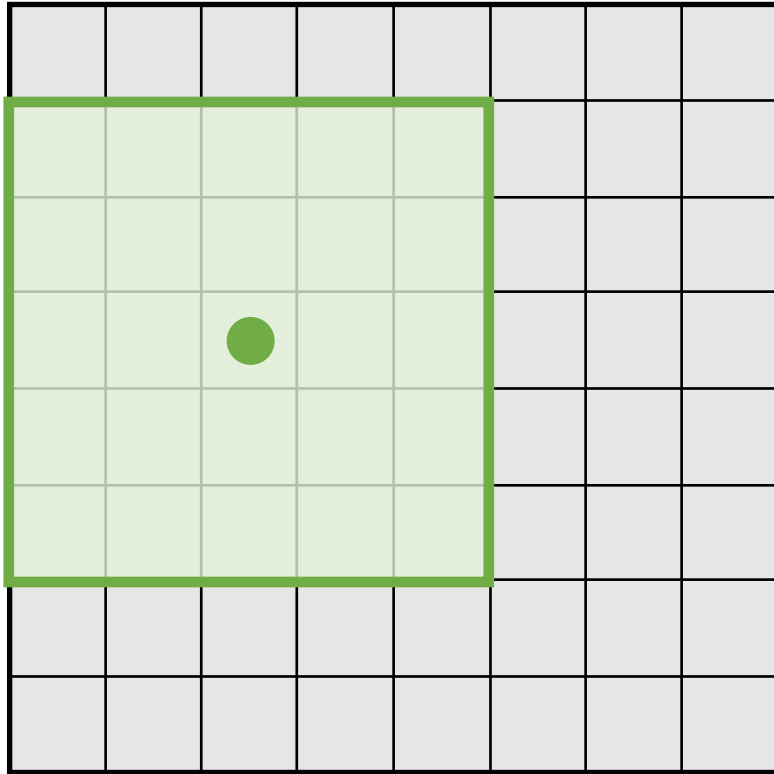
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Output Image: 8 x 8

# Recall: Receptive Fields

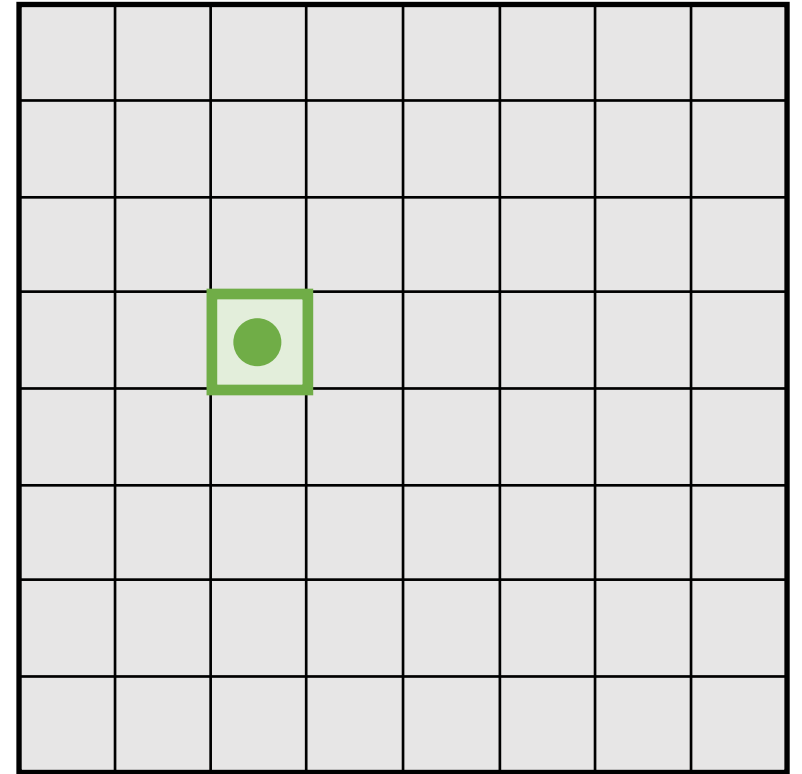


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Moving one unit in the output space also moves the receptive field by one

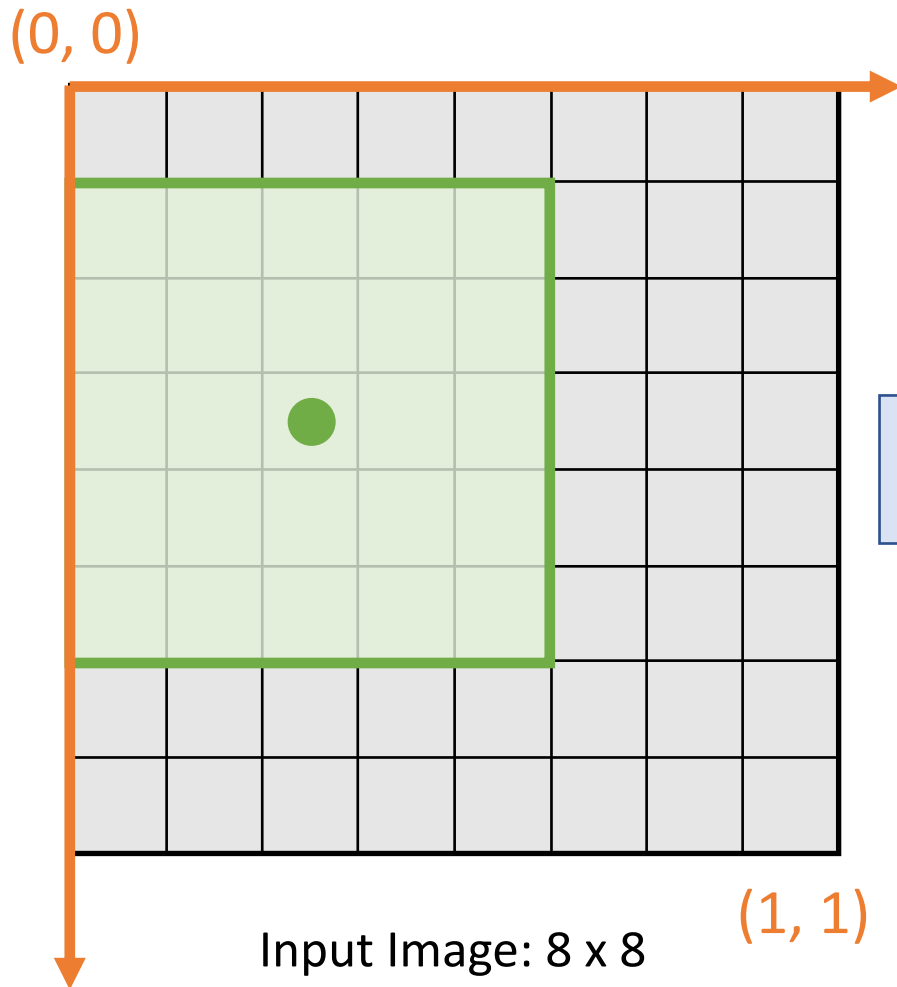
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Output Image: 8 x 8

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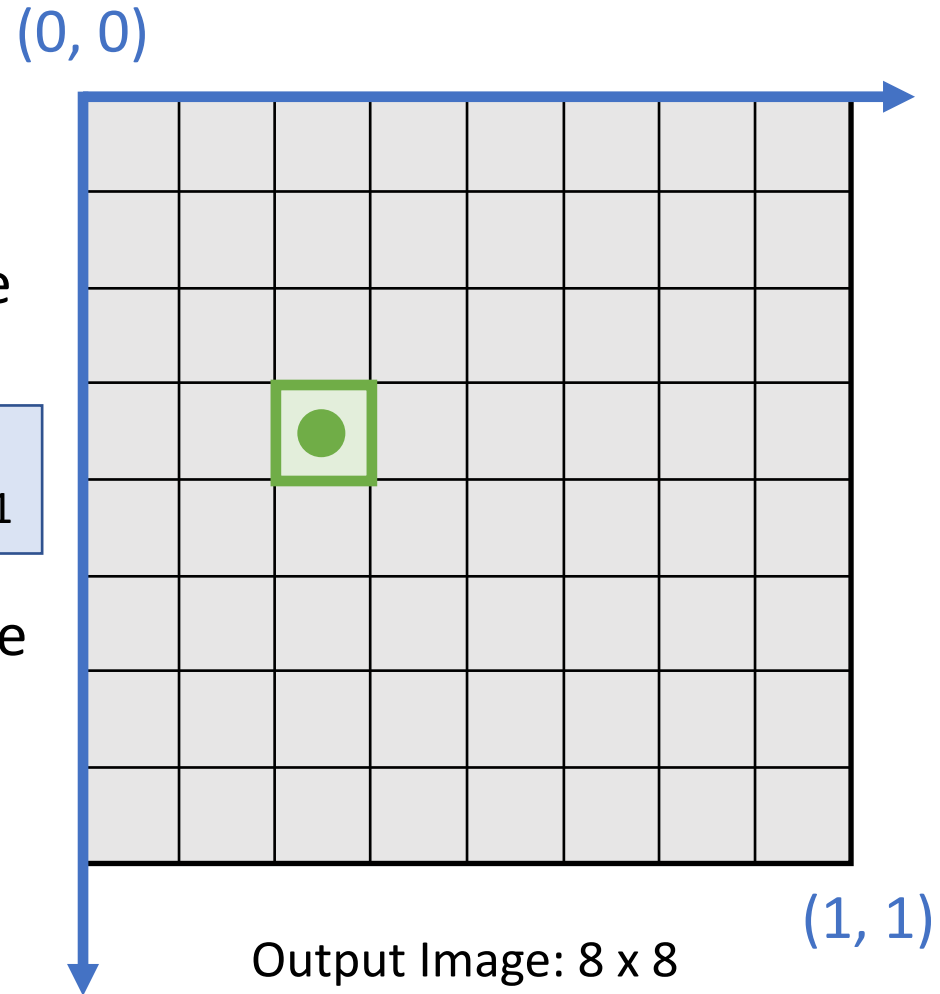


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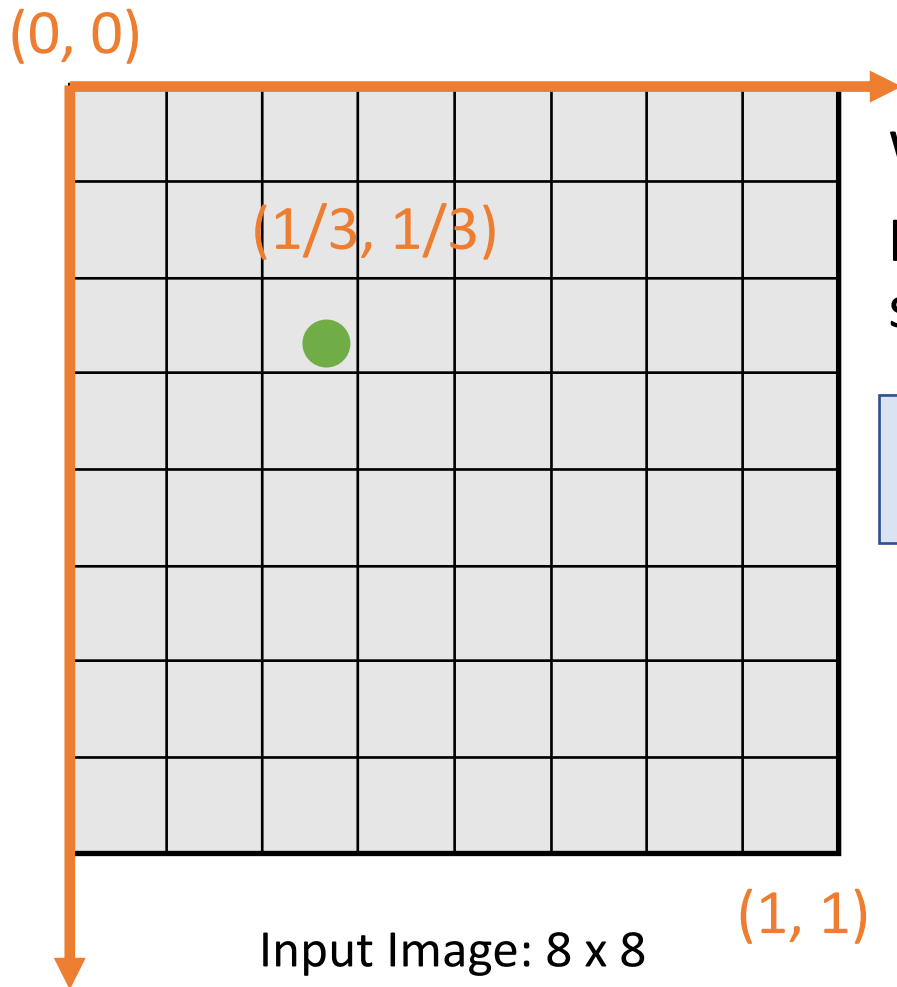
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Stride 1, pad 1

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Stride 1, pad 1

There is a correspondence between the **coordinate system of the input** and the **coordinate system of the output**



# Projecting Points



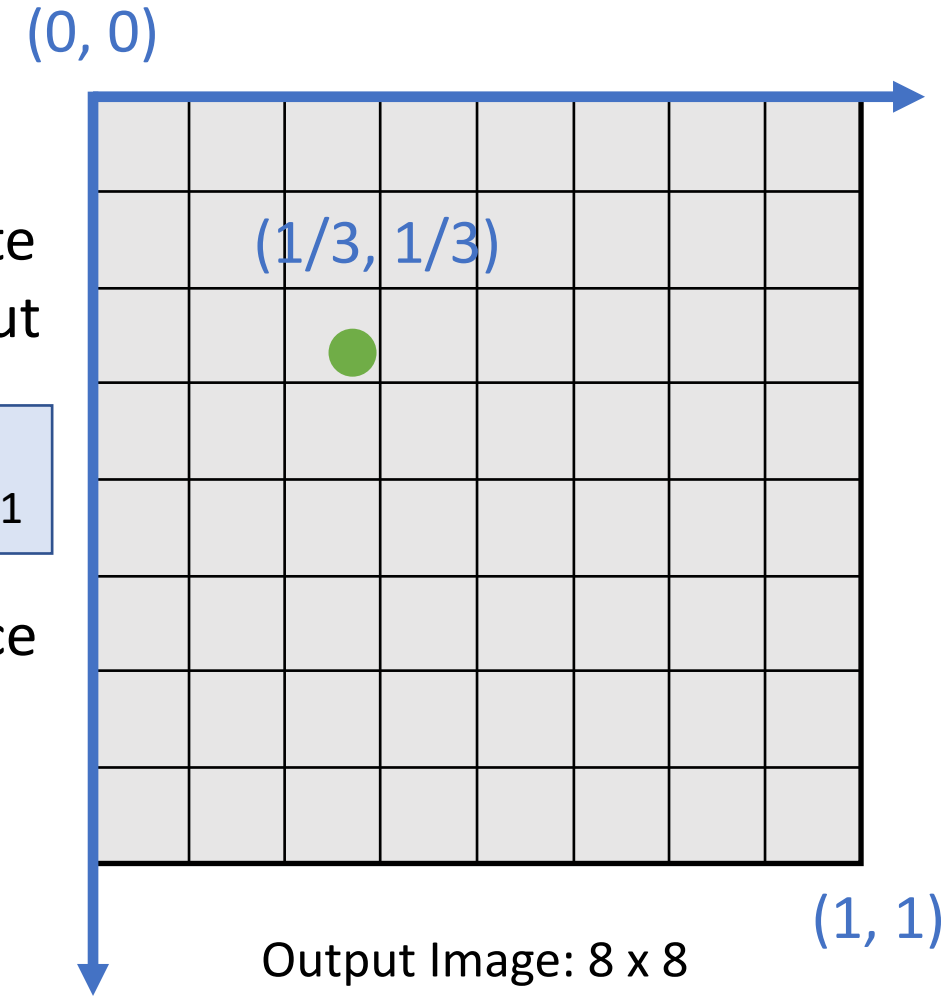
Input Image: 8 x 8

We can align arbitrary points between coordinate system of input and output

3x3 Conv  
Stride 1, pad 1

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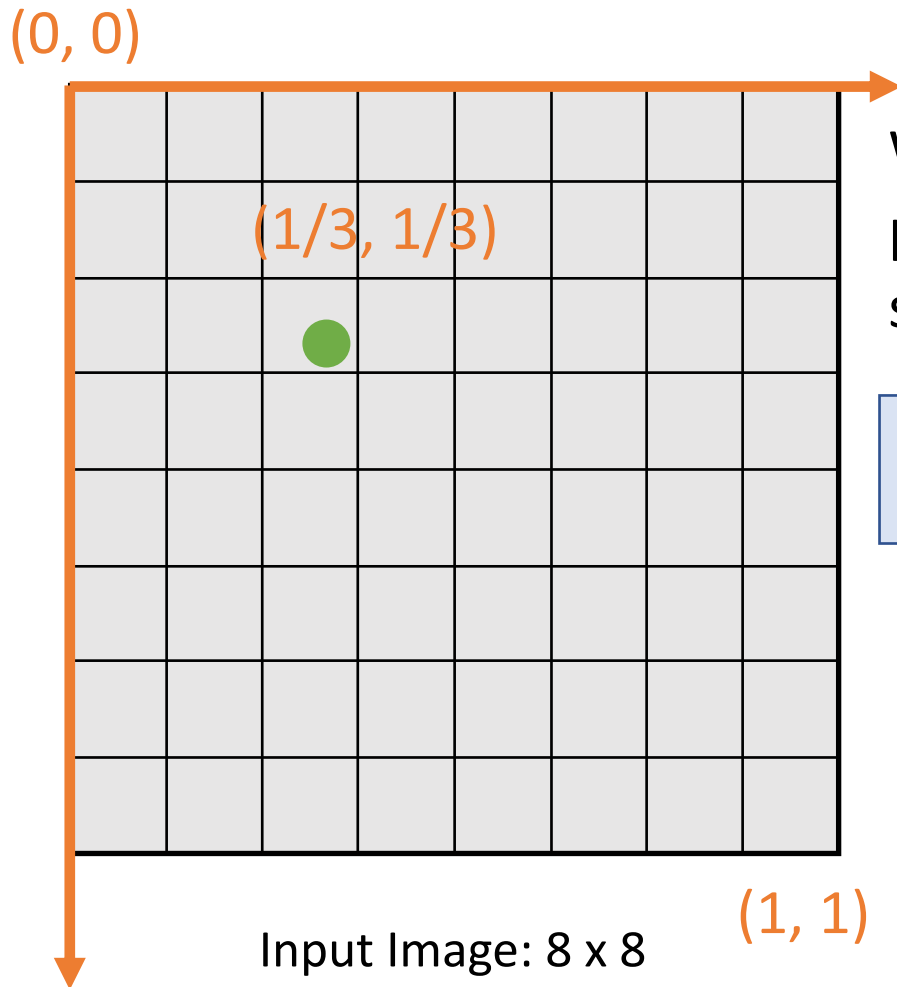


Output Image: 8 x 8



# Projecting Points

Same logic holds for more complicated CNNs, even if spatial resolution of input and output are different

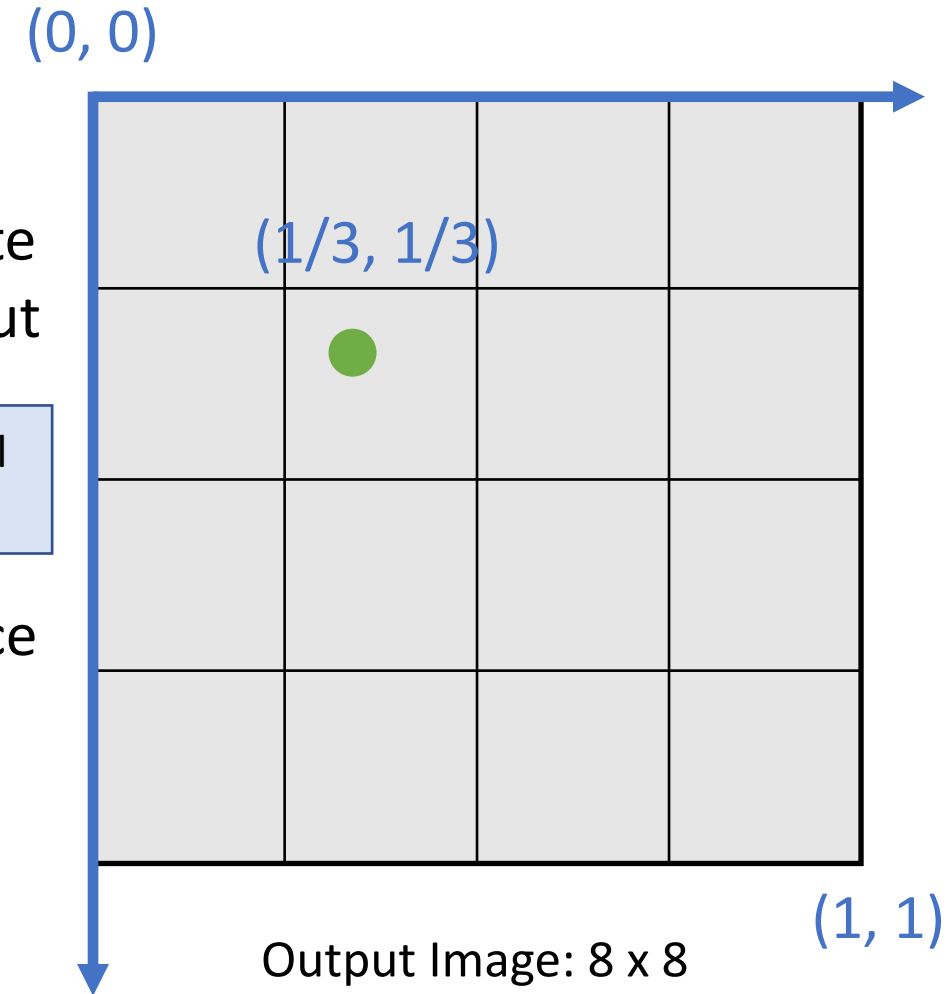


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3x3 Conv  
Stride 1, pad 1

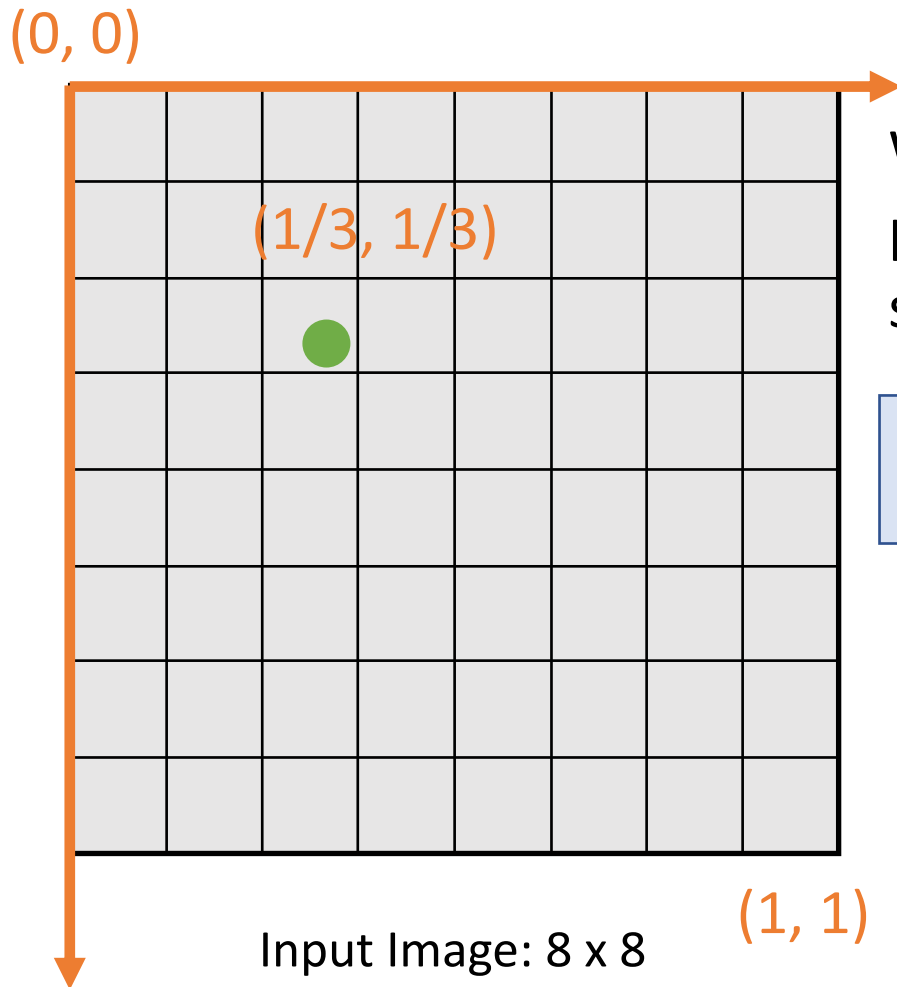
2x2 MaxPool  
Stride 2

There is a correspondence between the **coordinate system of the input** and the **coordinate system of the output**



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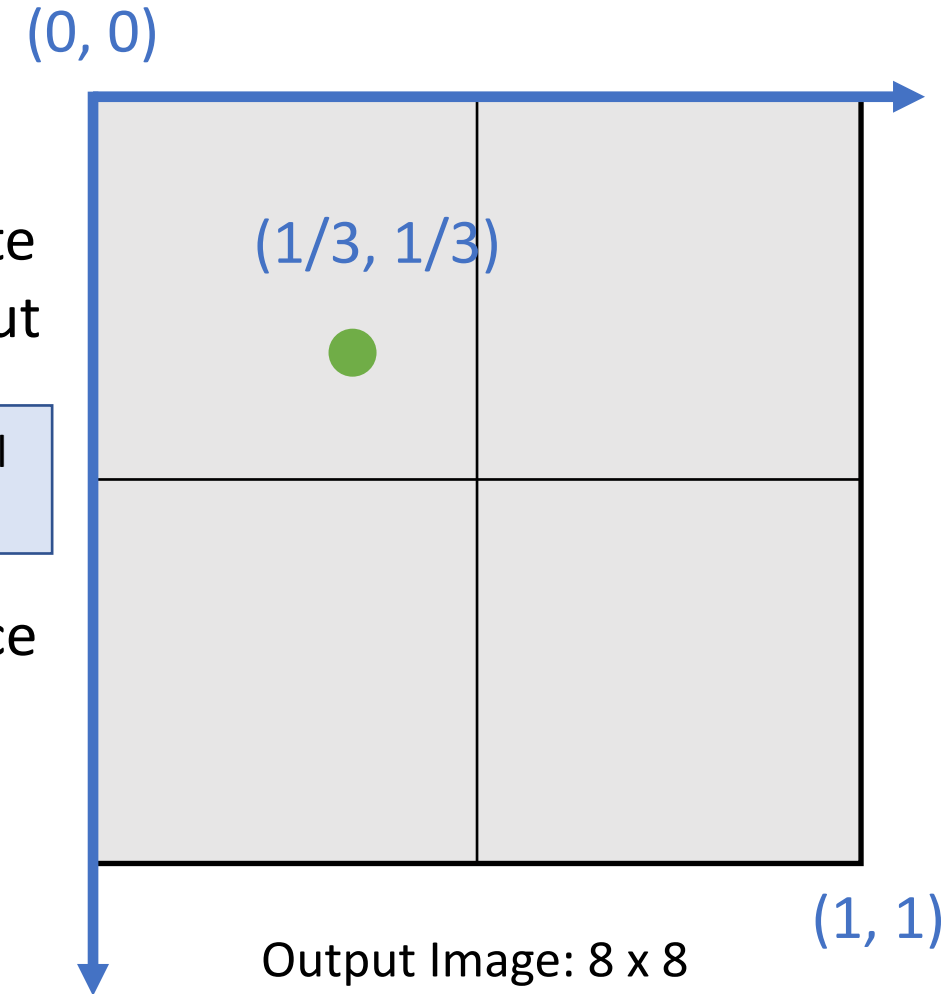
Input Image: 8 x 8

We can align arbitrary points between coordinate system of input and output

3x3 Conv  
Stride 1, pad 1

4x4 MaxPool  
Stride 4

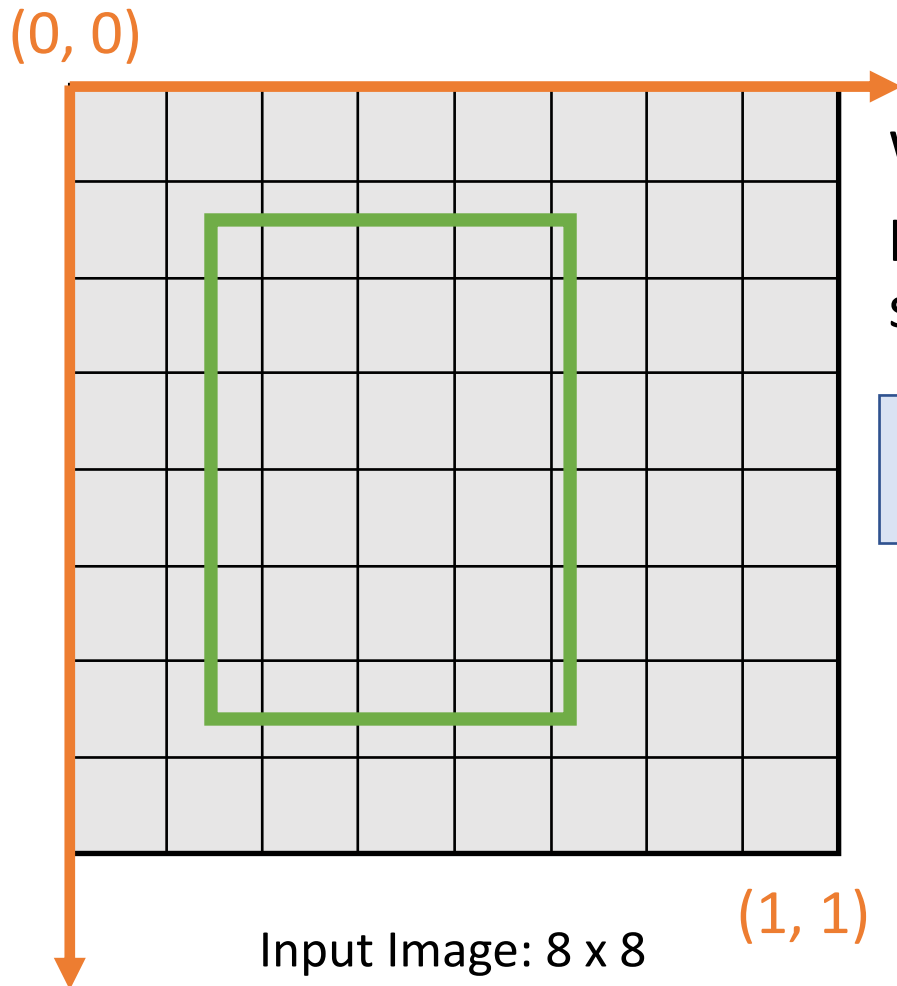
There is a correspondence between the **coordinate system of the input** and the **coordinate system of the output**



Output Image: 8 x 8

# Projecting Boxes

We can use this idea to project **bounding boxes** between an input image and a feature map

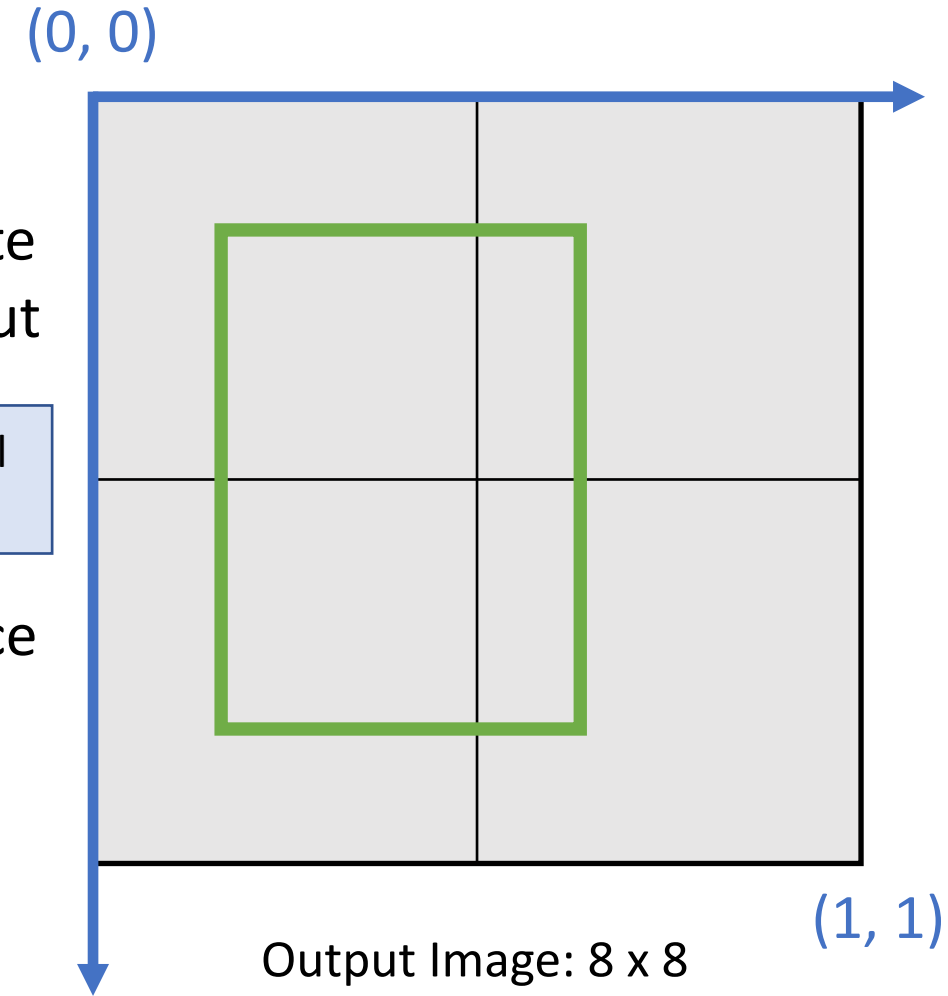


We can align arbitrary points between coordinate system of input and output

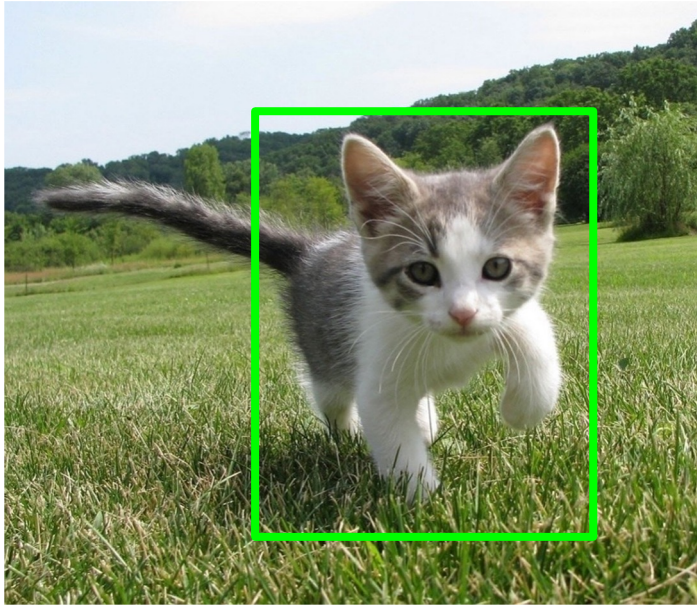
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Stride 4

There is a correspondence between the **coordinate system of the input** and the **coordinate system of the output**



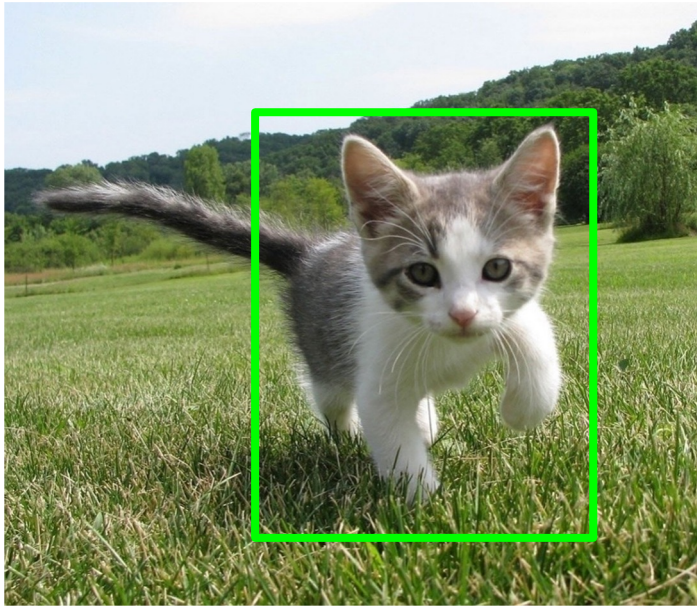
# Cropping Features: RoI Pool



Input Image  
(e.g. 3 x 640 x 480)



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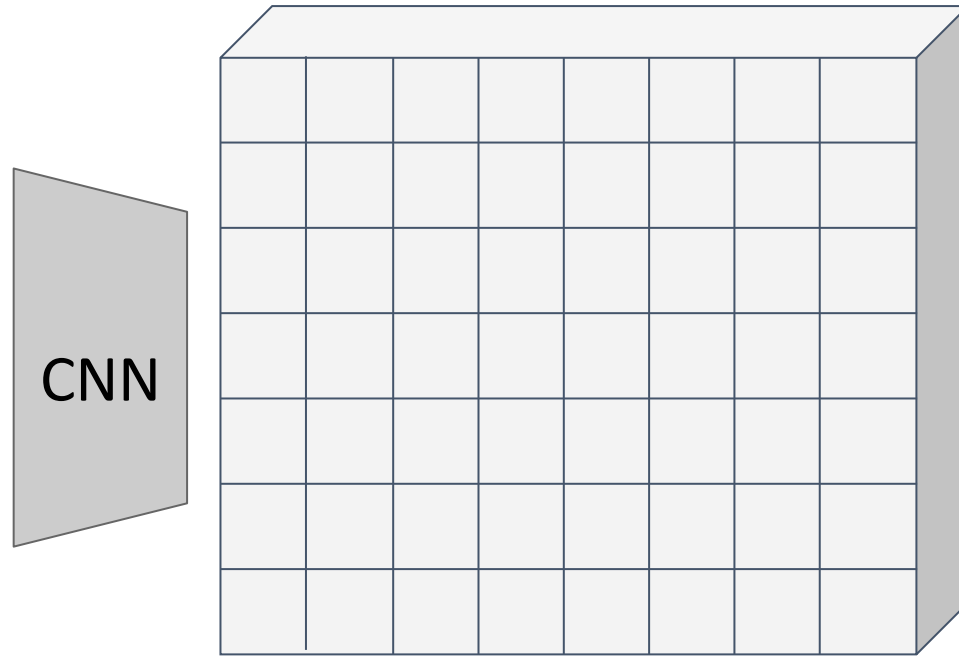
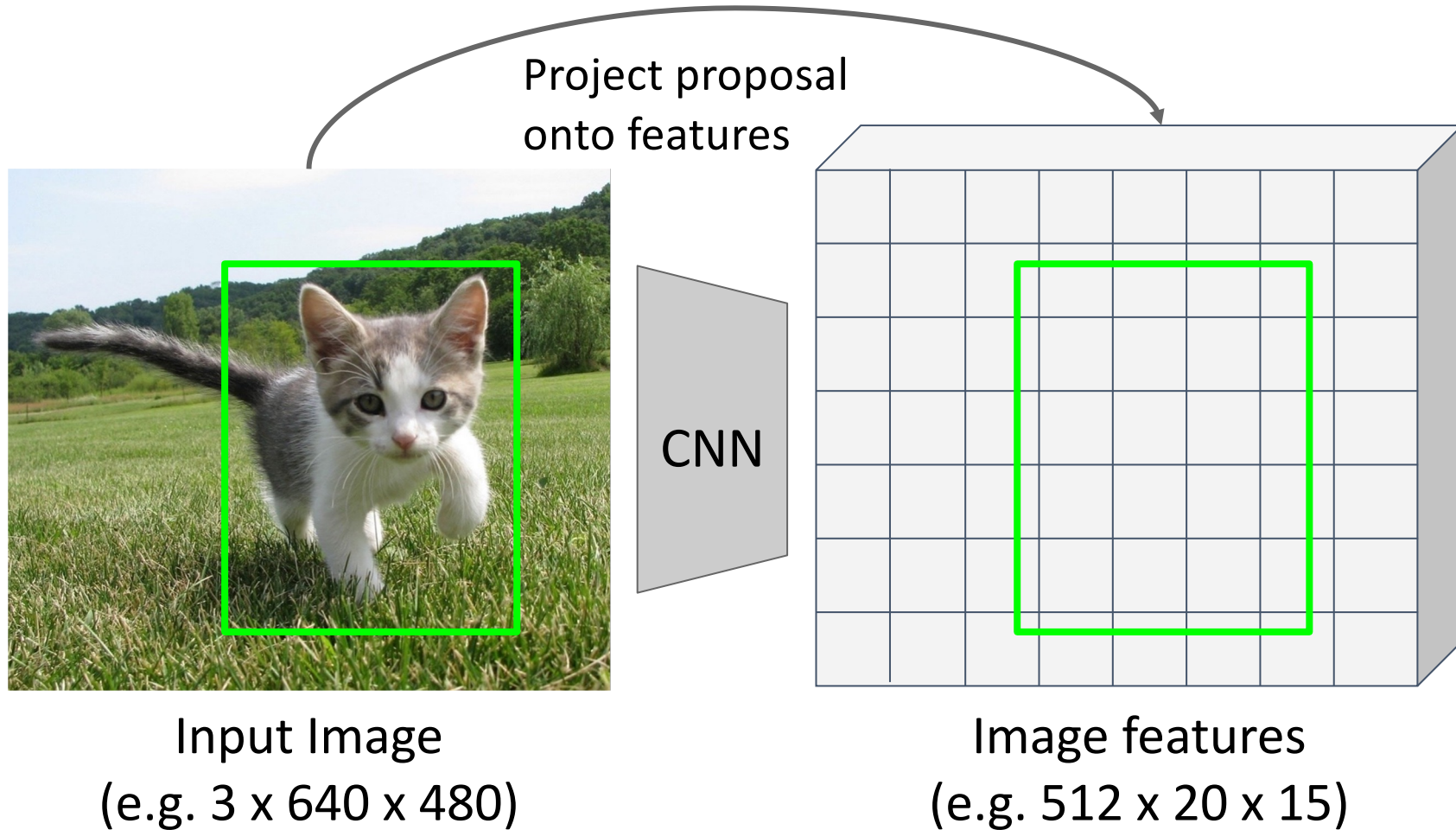


Image features  
(e.g. 512 x 20 x 15)

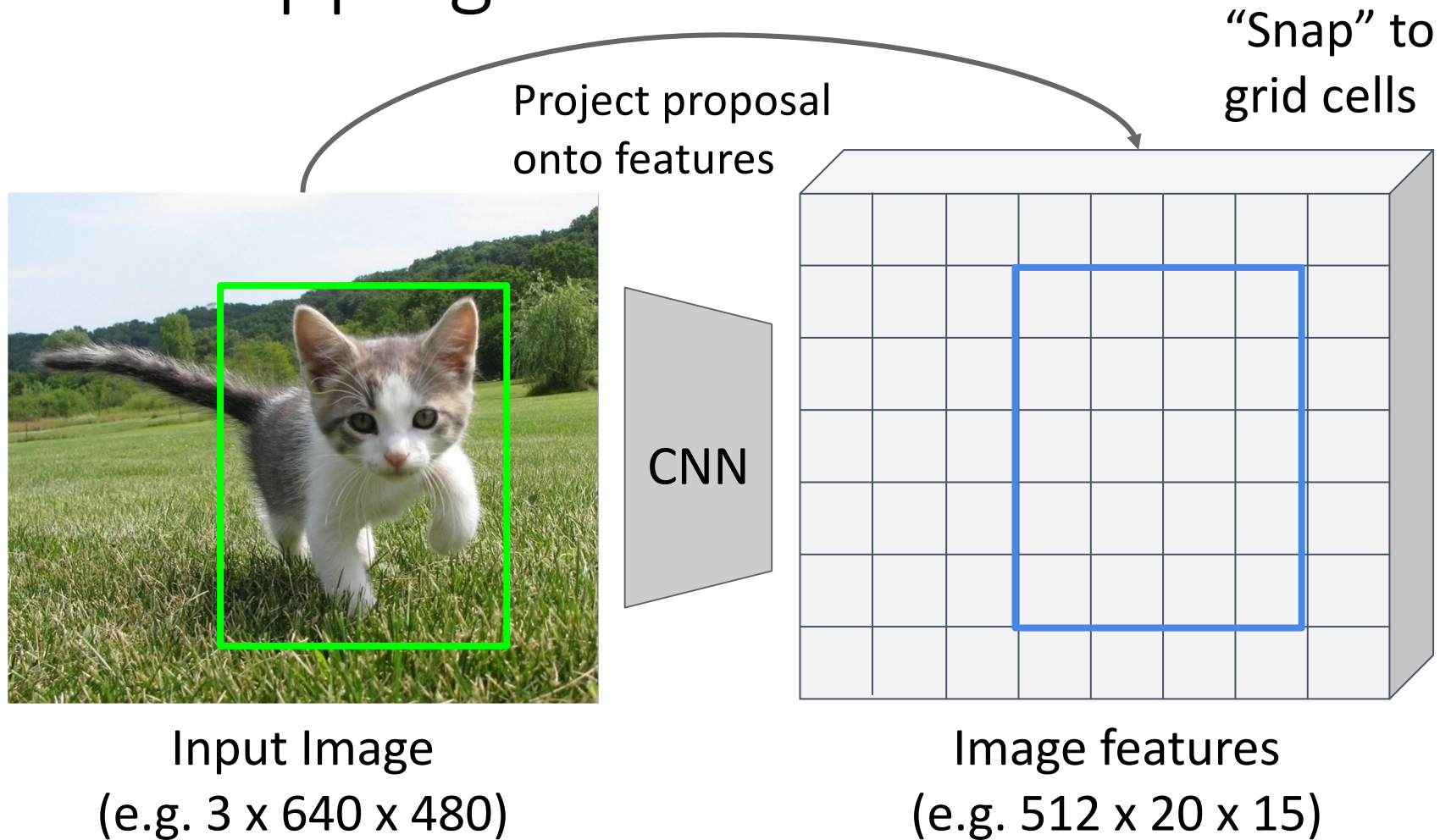
Want features for the  
box of a fixed size  
(2x2 in this example,  
7x7 or 14x14 in practice)

# Cropping Features: RoI Pool



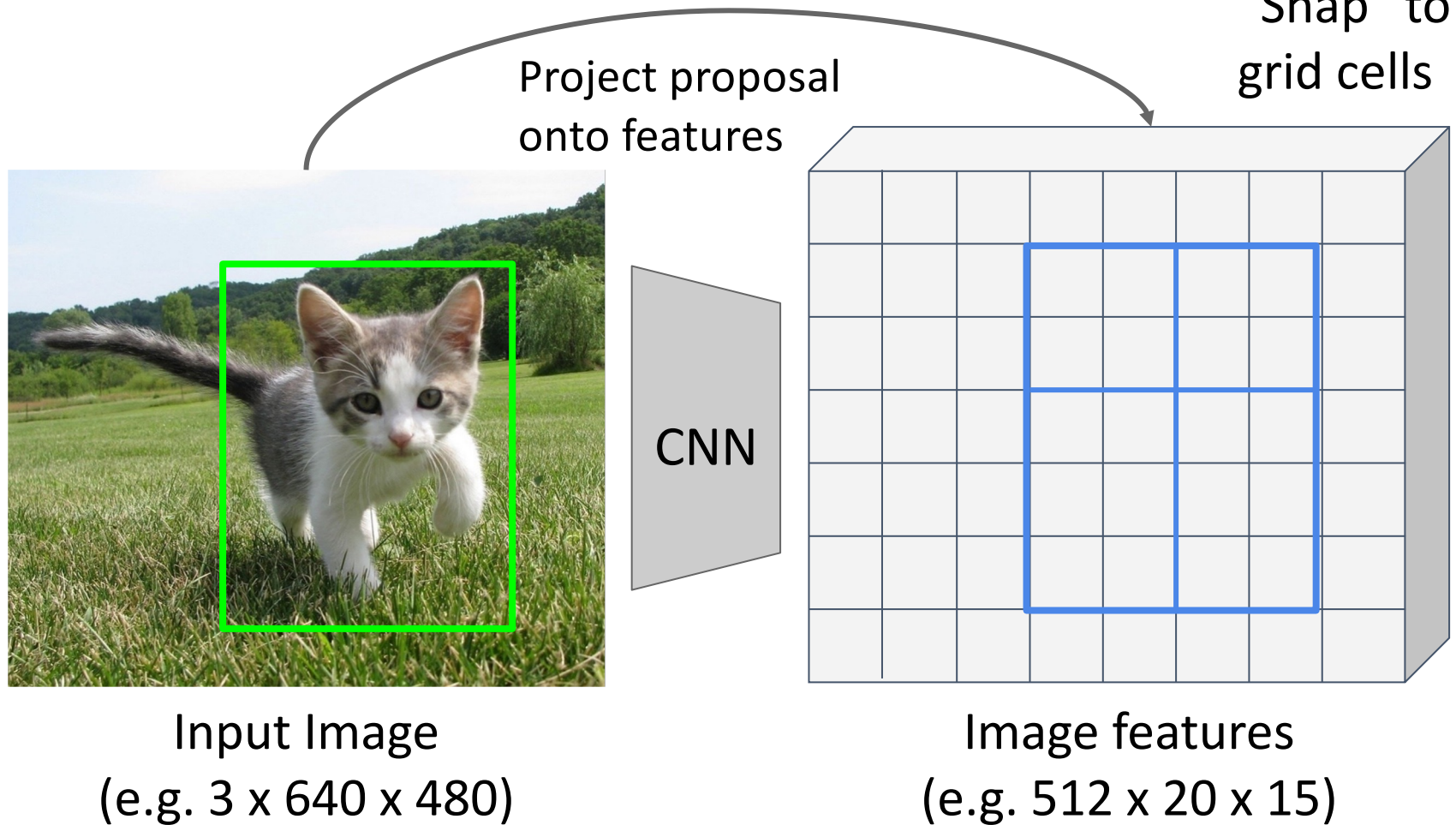
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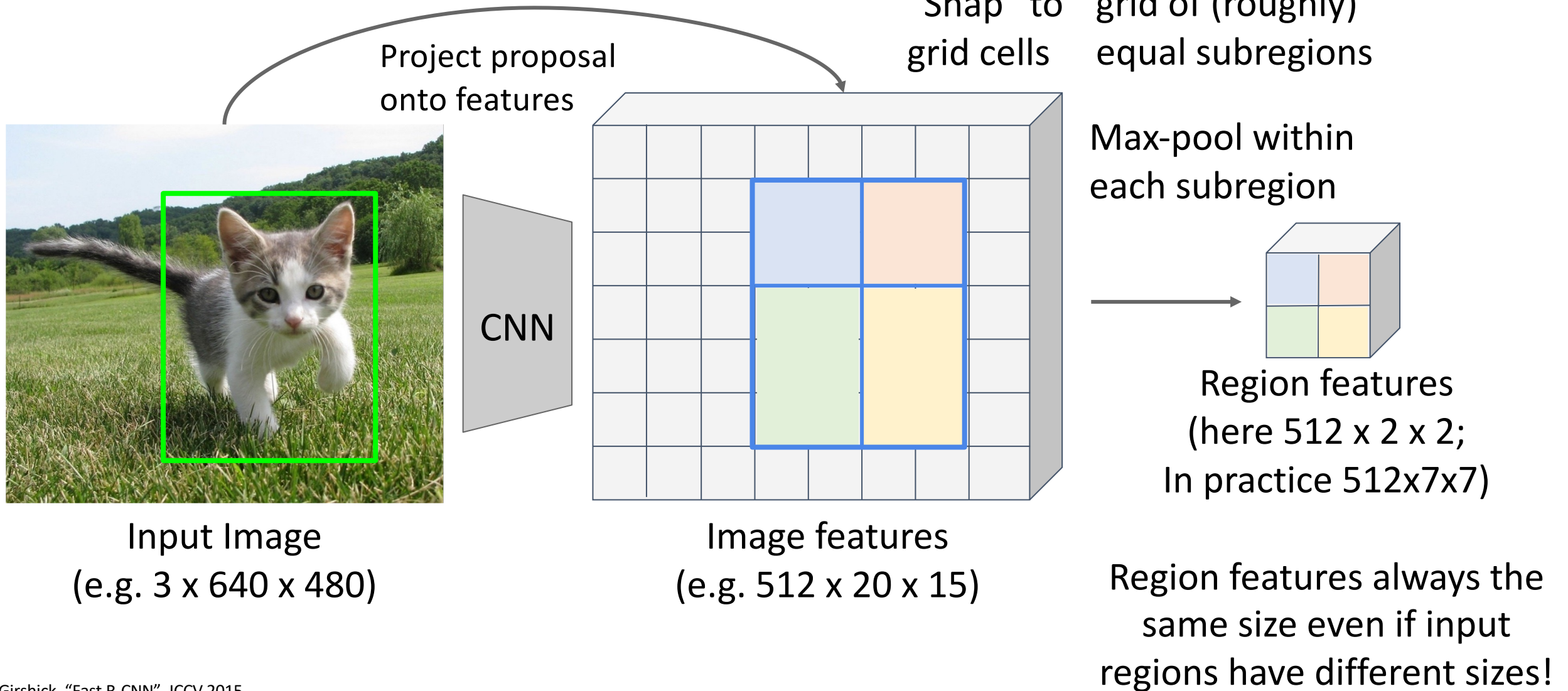


Divide into 2x2 grid of (roughly) equal subregions

Want features for the box of a fixed size (2x2 in this example, 7x7 or 14x14 in practice)

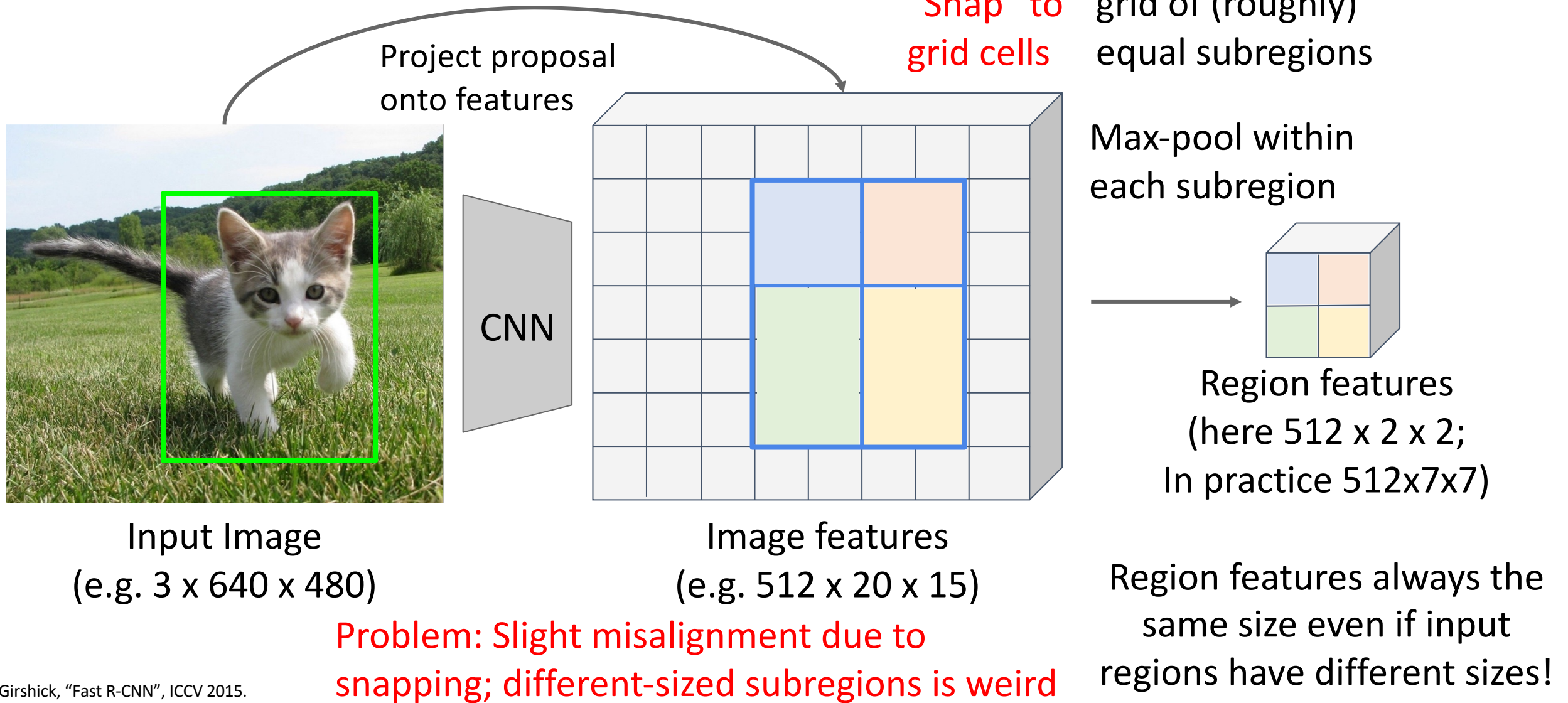


# Cropping Features: RoI Pool



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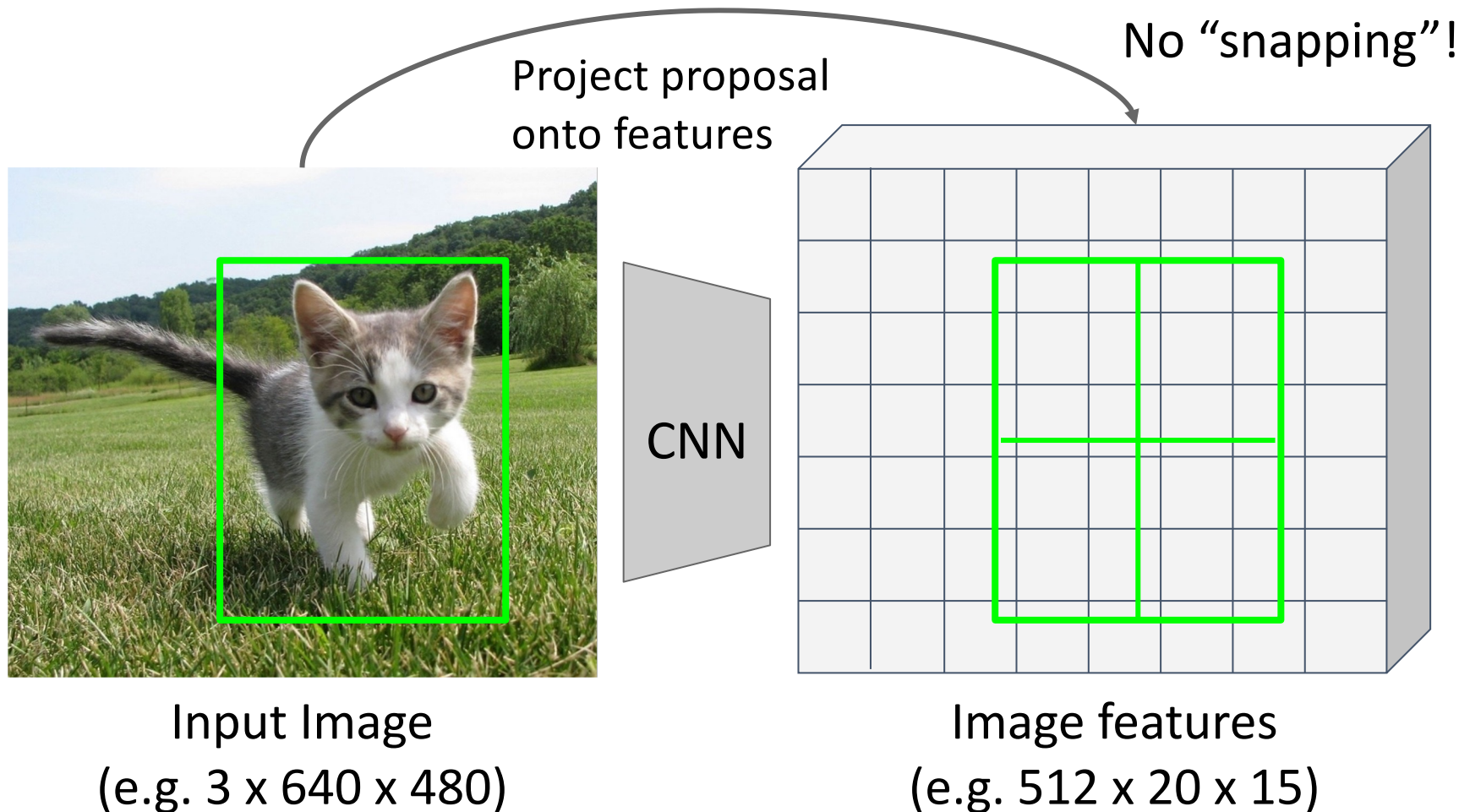
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# Cropping Features: RoI Align

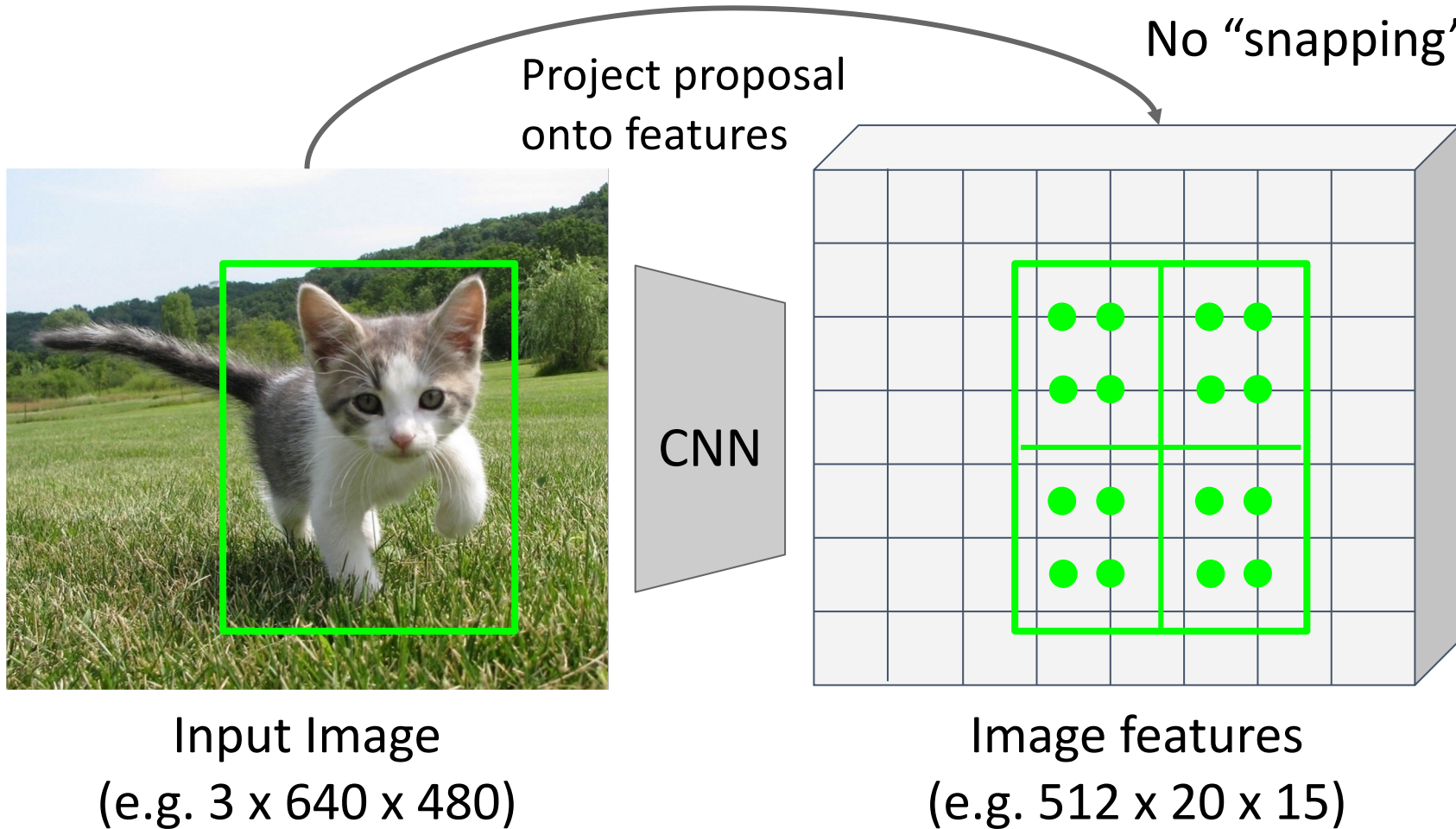
Divide into equal-sized subregions  
(may not be aligned to grid!)



Want features for the  
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7x7 or 14x14 in practice)

# Cropping Features: RoI Align

Divide into equal-sized subregions  
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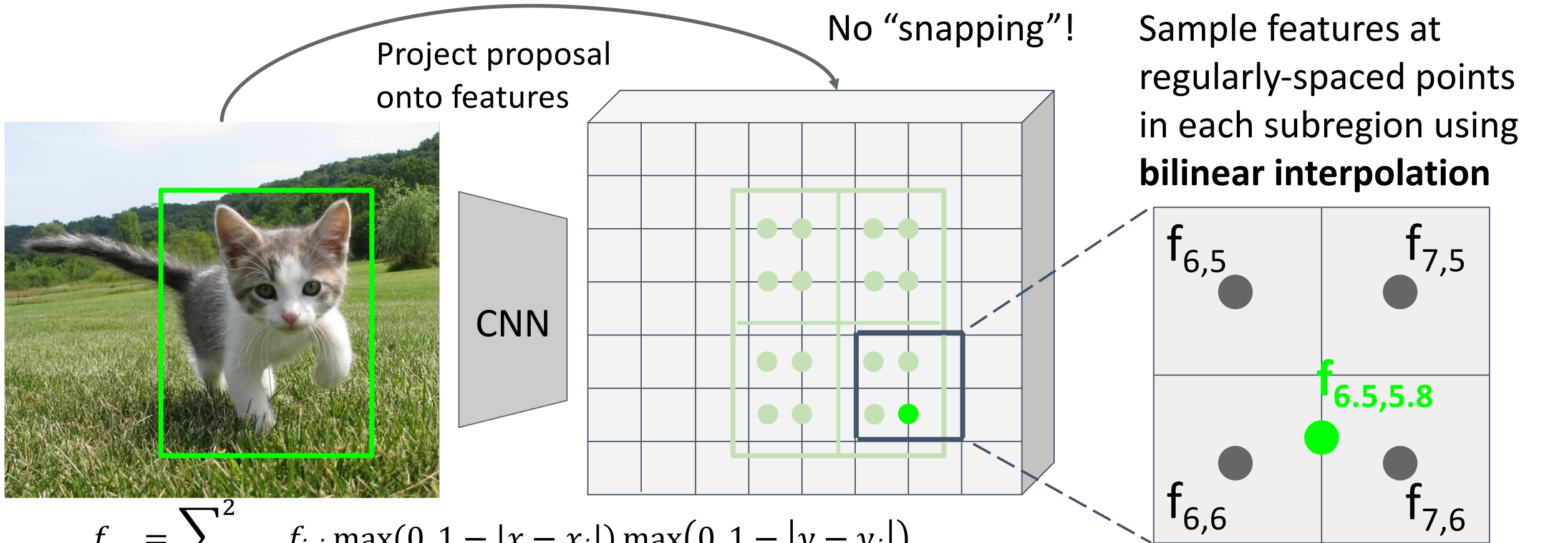


Sample features at regularly-spaced points in each subregion using **bilinear interpolation**



# Cropping Features: RoI Align

Divide into equal-sized subregions  
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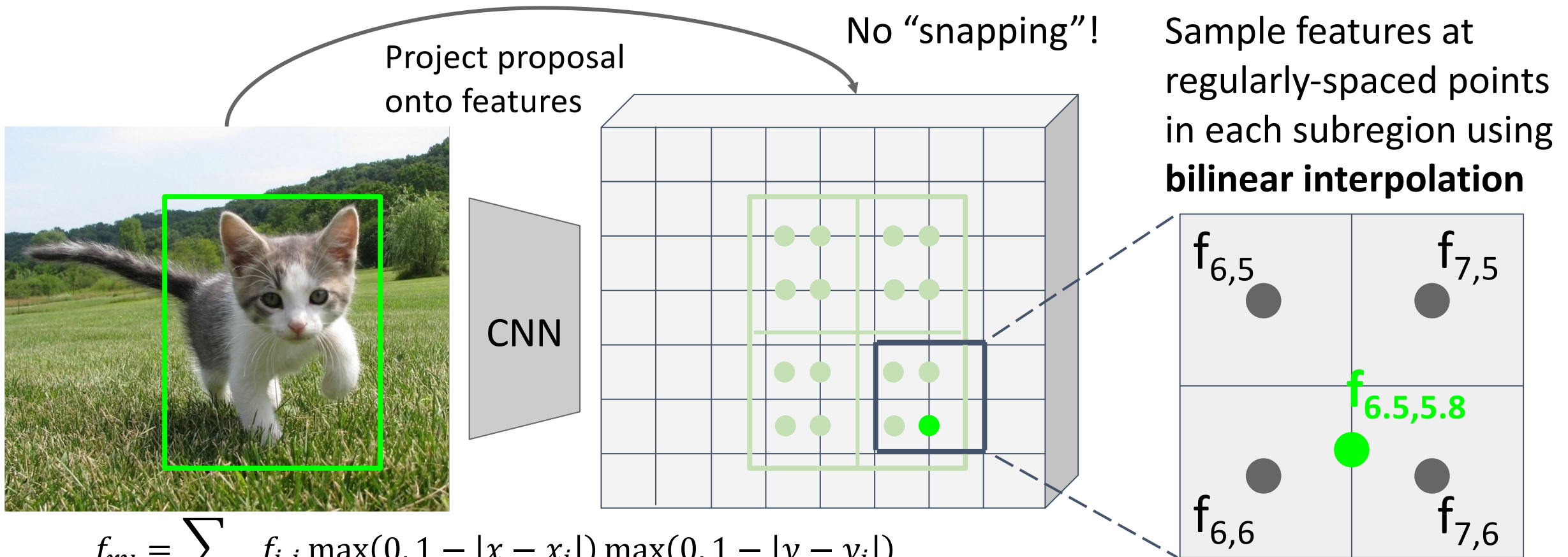


$$f_{xy} = \sum_{i,j=1}^2 f_{i,j} \max(0, 1 - |x - x_i|) \max(0, 1 - |y - y_j|)$$

Feature  $f_{xy}$  for point  $(x, y)$  is a linear combination of features at its four neighboring grid cells:

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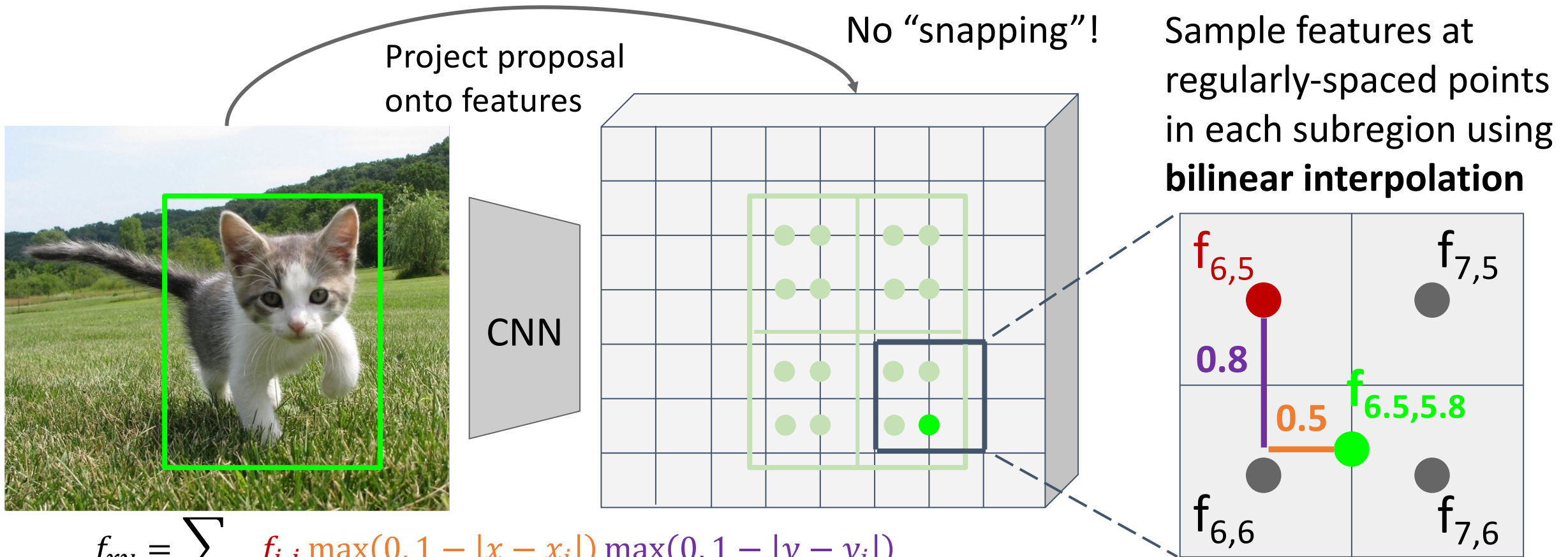


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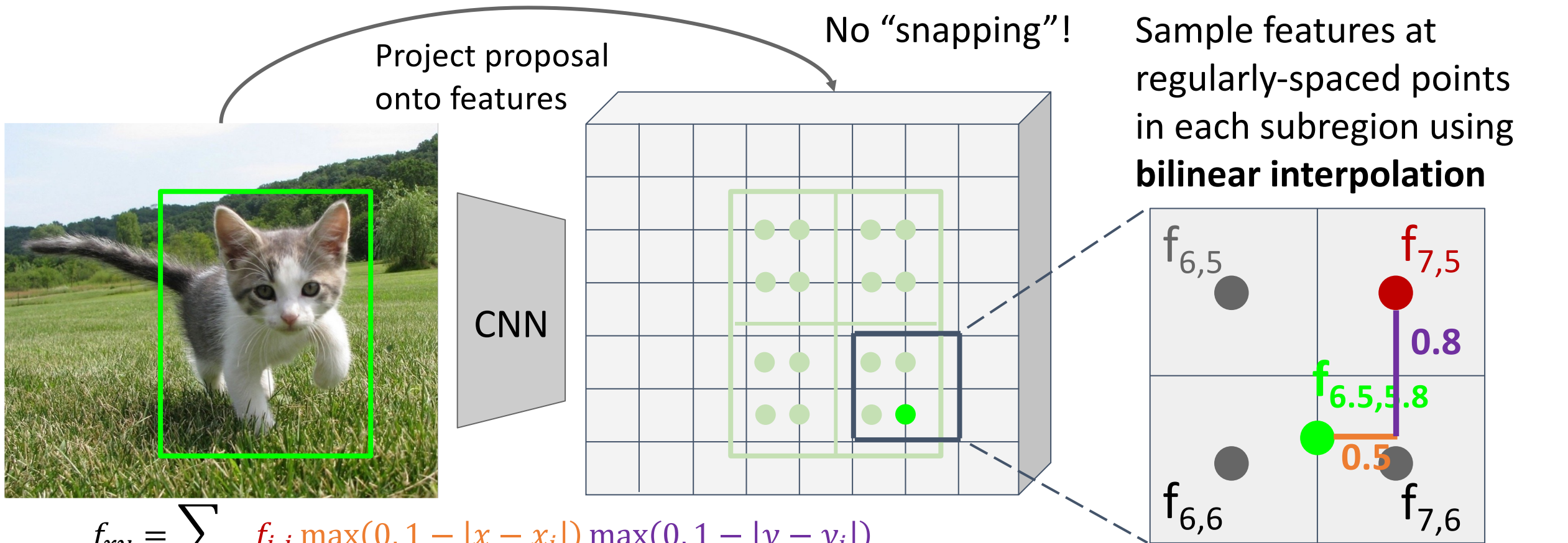
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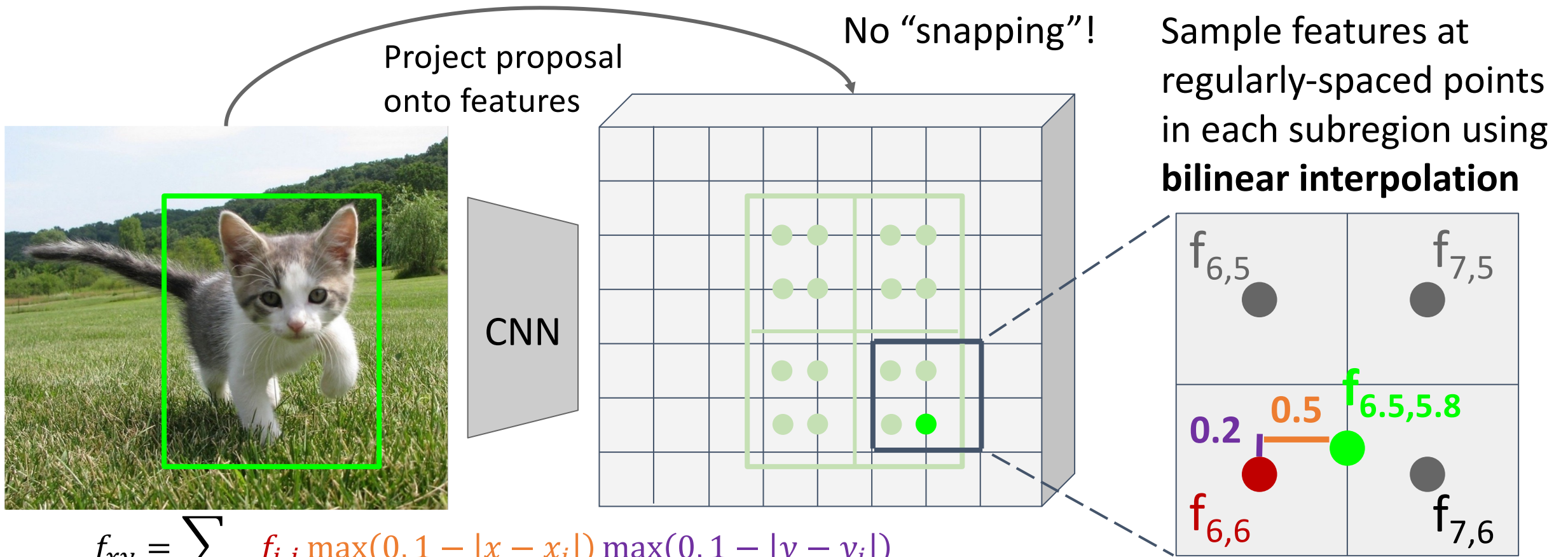
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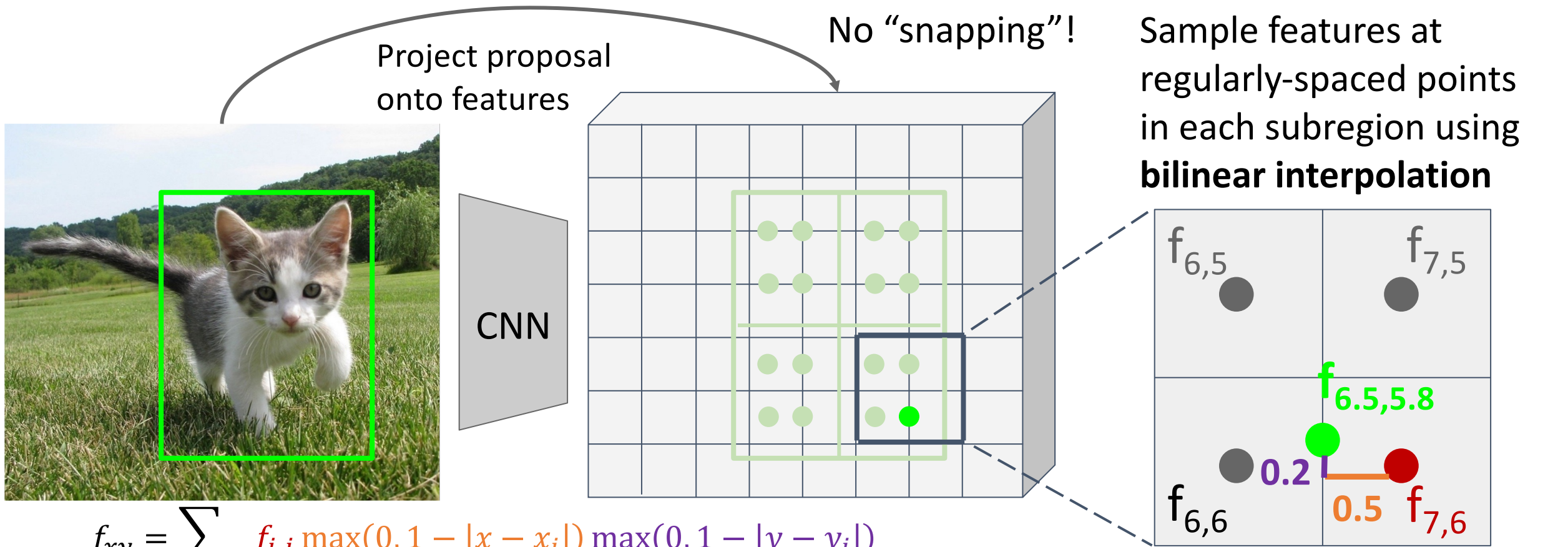


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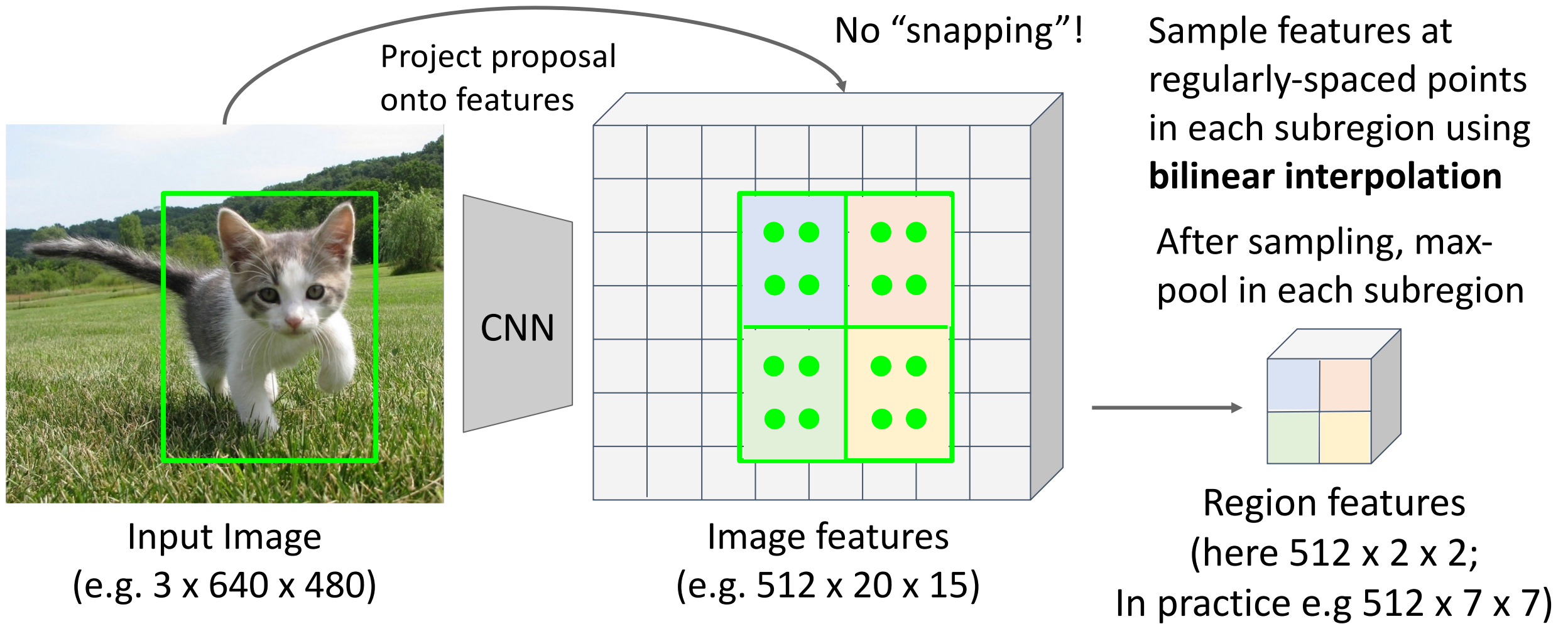


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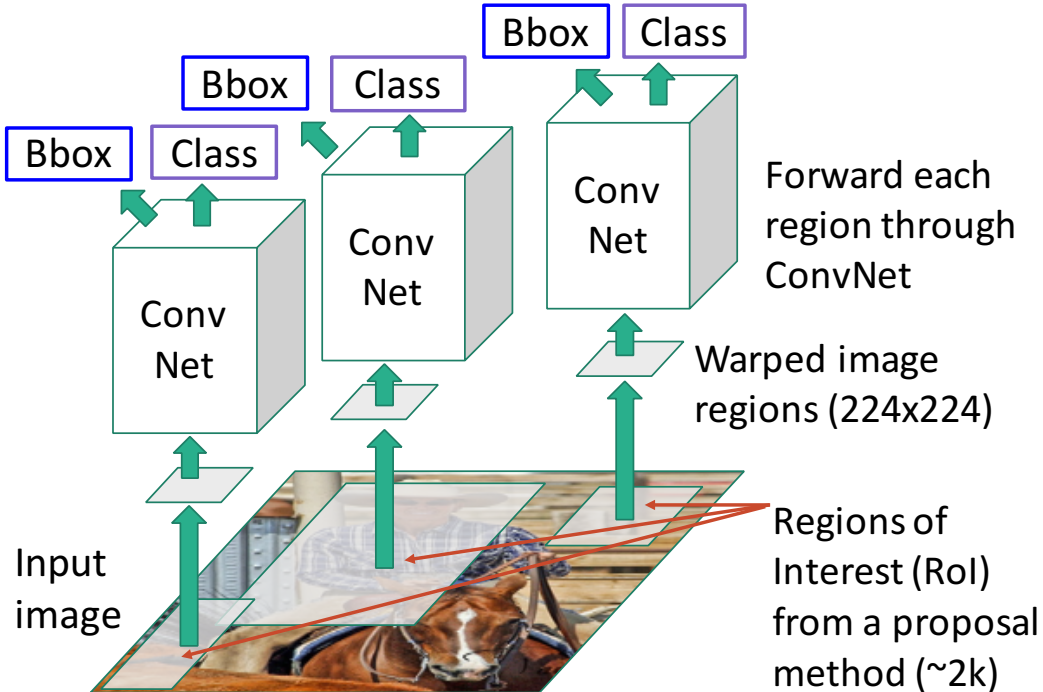
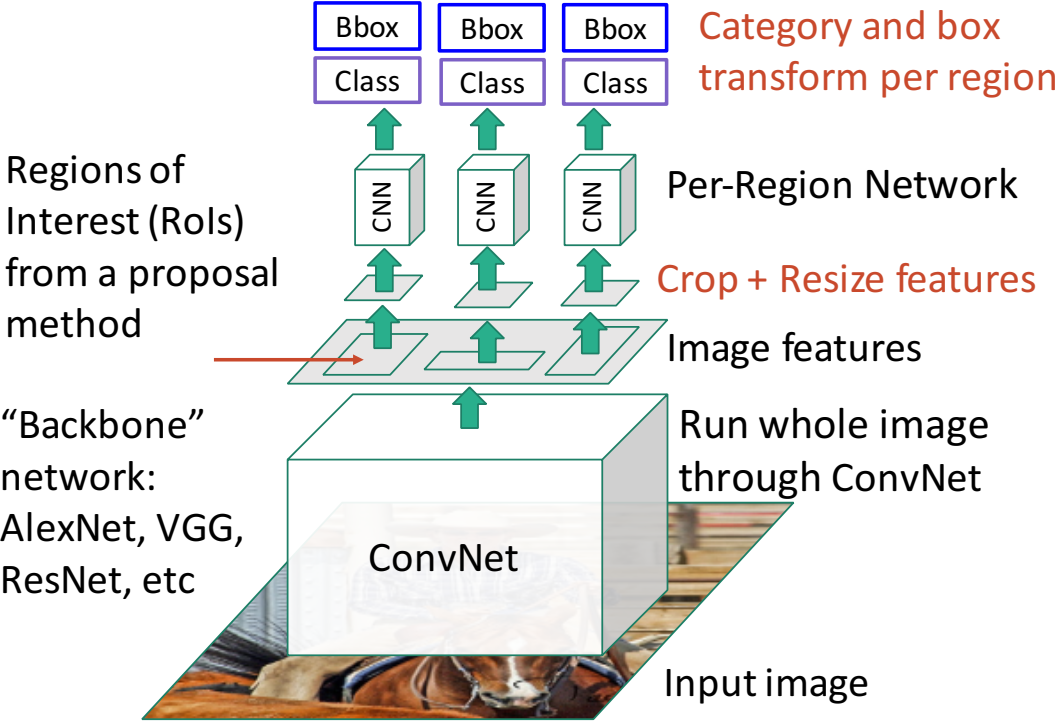
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# Fast R-CNN vs “Slow” R-CNN

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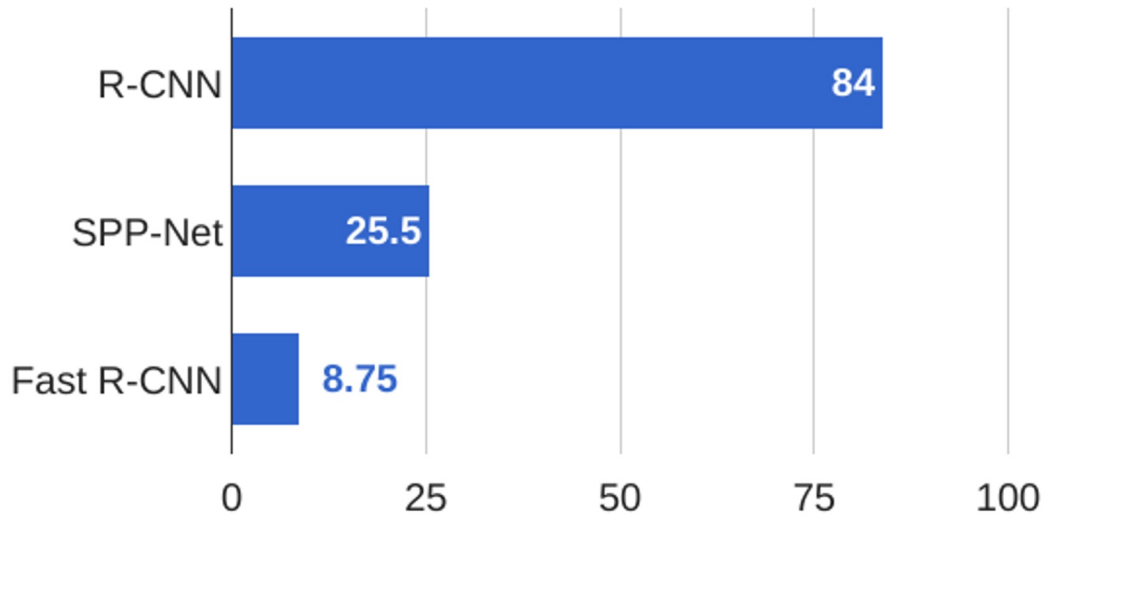
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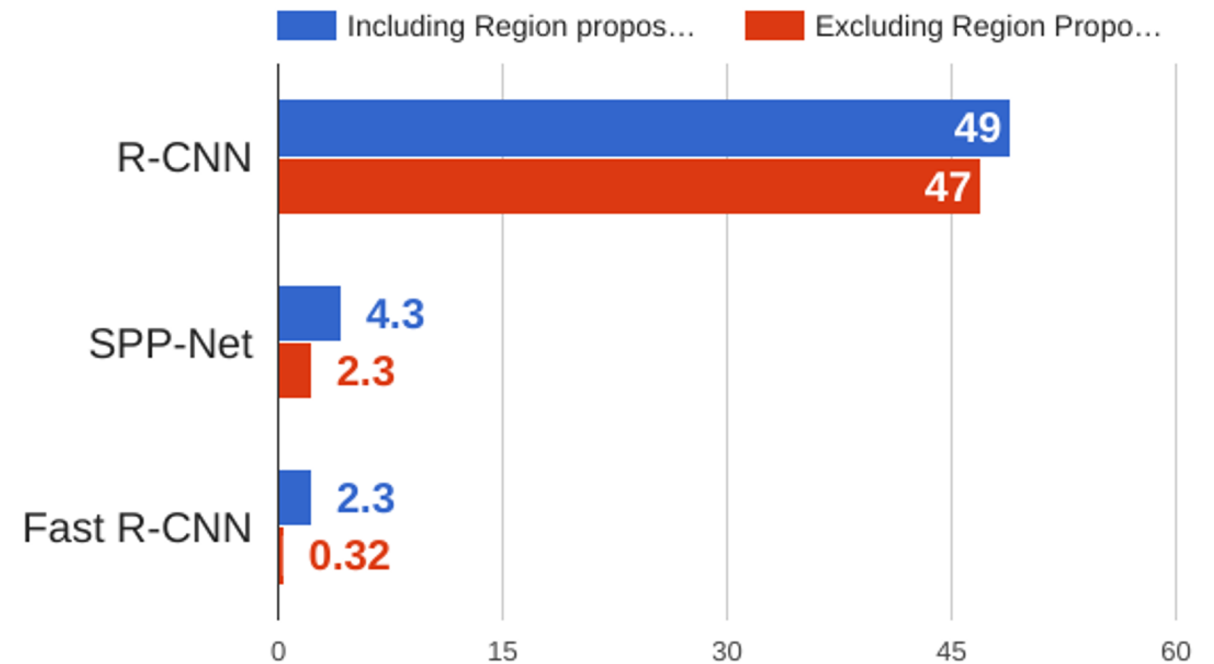


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## Training time (Hours)



## Test time (seconds)



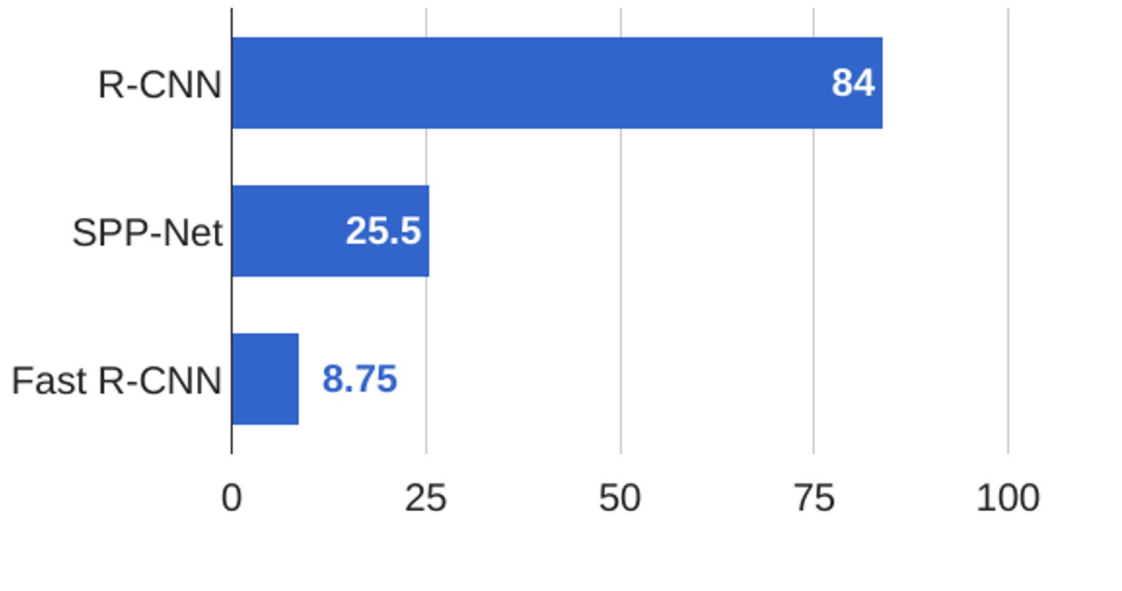
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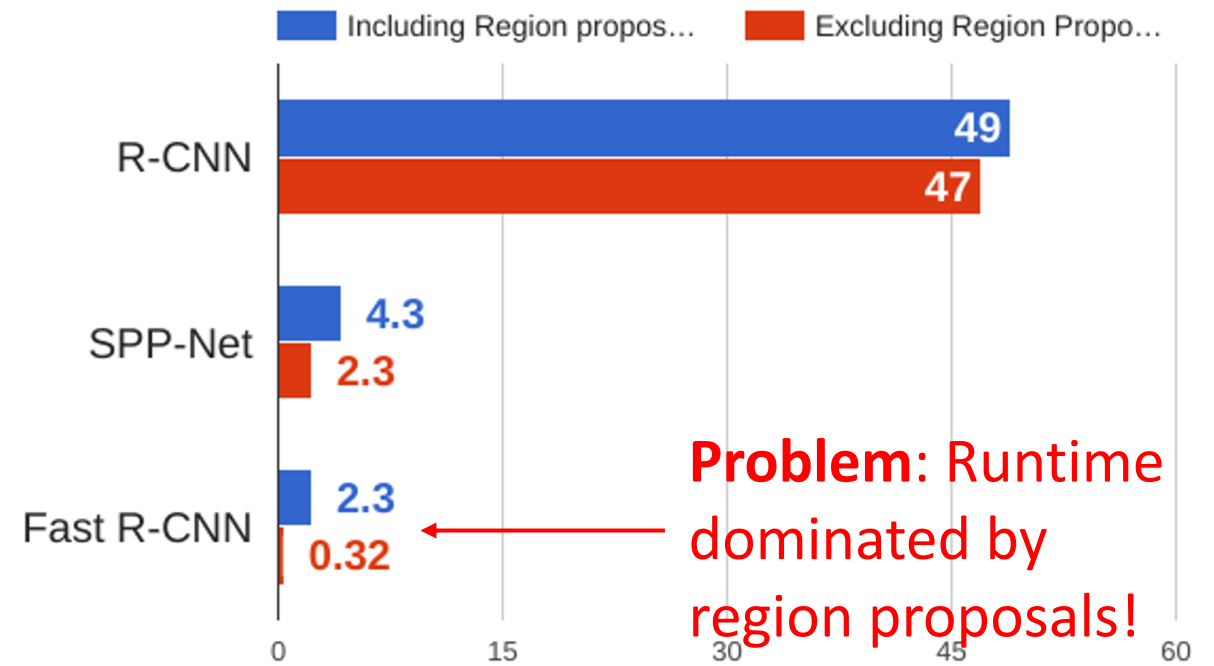
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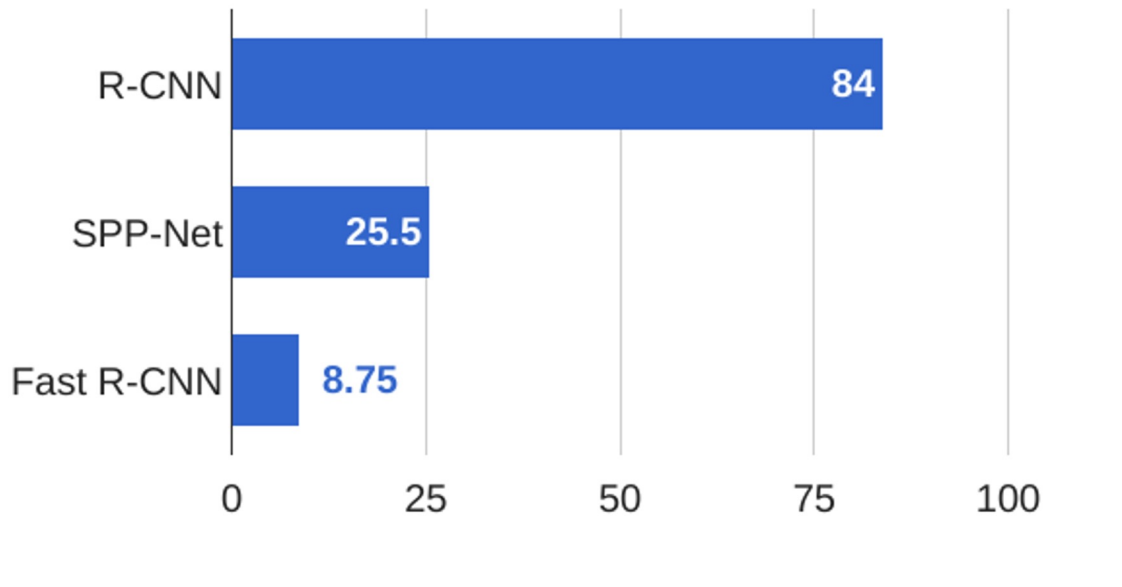
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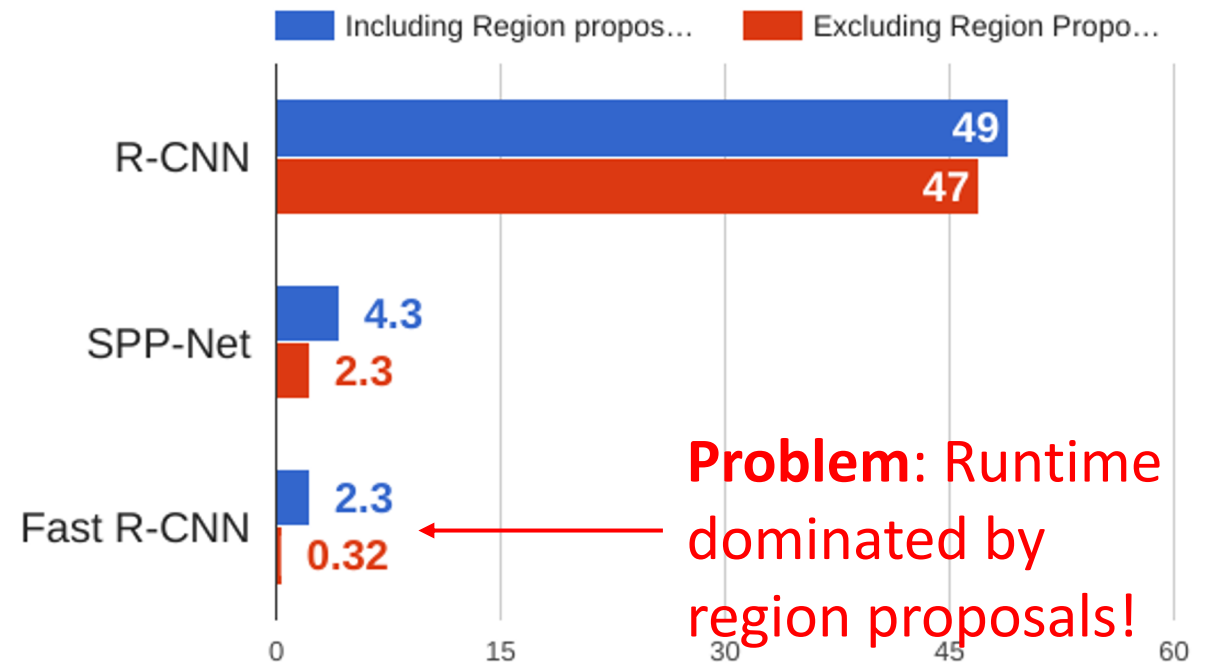
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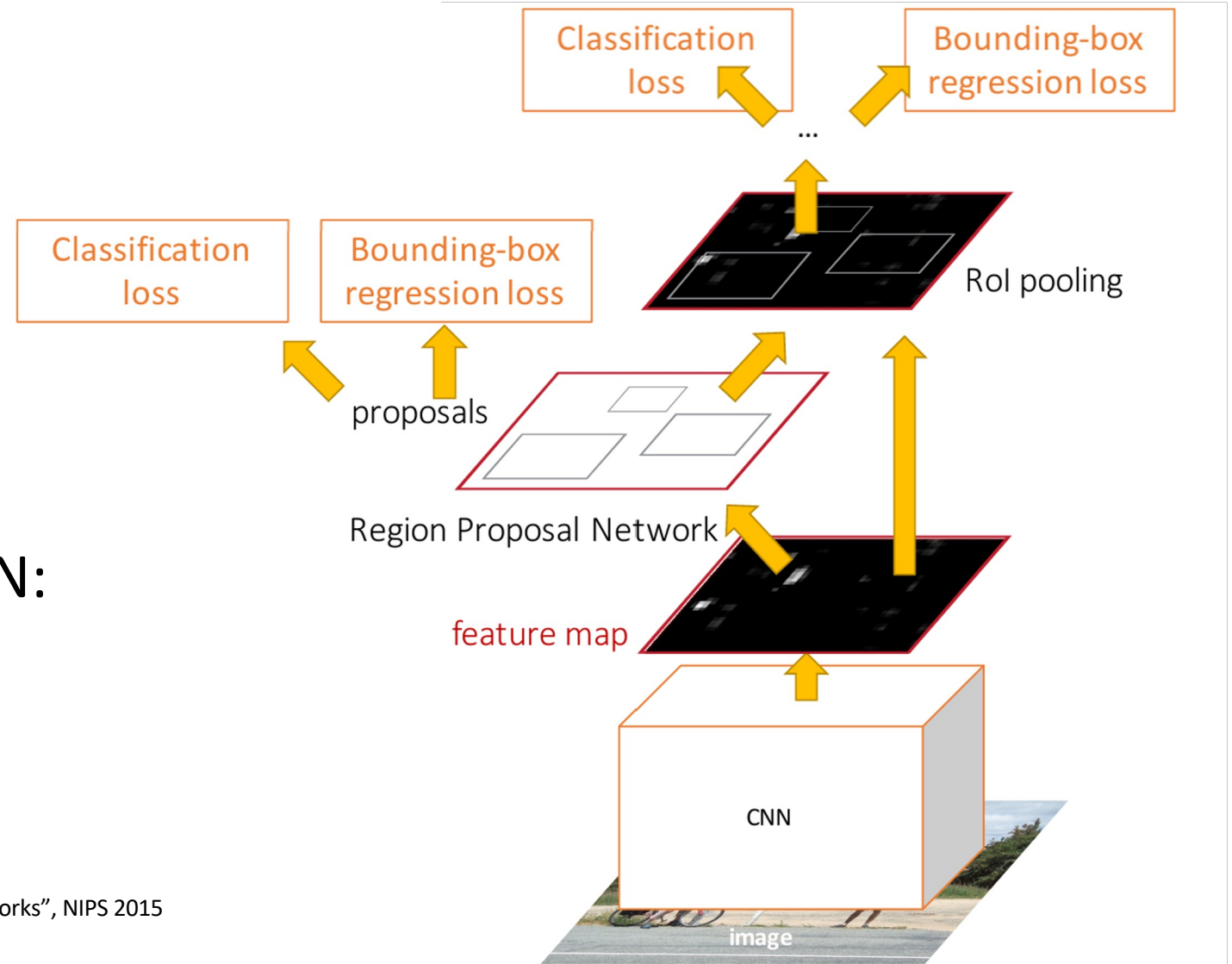
**Recall:** Region proposals computed by heuristic “Selective Search” algorithm on CPU -- let’s learn them with a CNN instead!

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# Faster R-CNN: Learnable Region 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



Ren et al, "Faster R-CNN: Towards Real-Time Object Detection with Region Proposal Networks", NIPS 2015  
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# Region Proposal Network (RPN)

Run backbone CNN to get features aligned to input image



Input Image  
(e.g. 3 x 640 x 480)

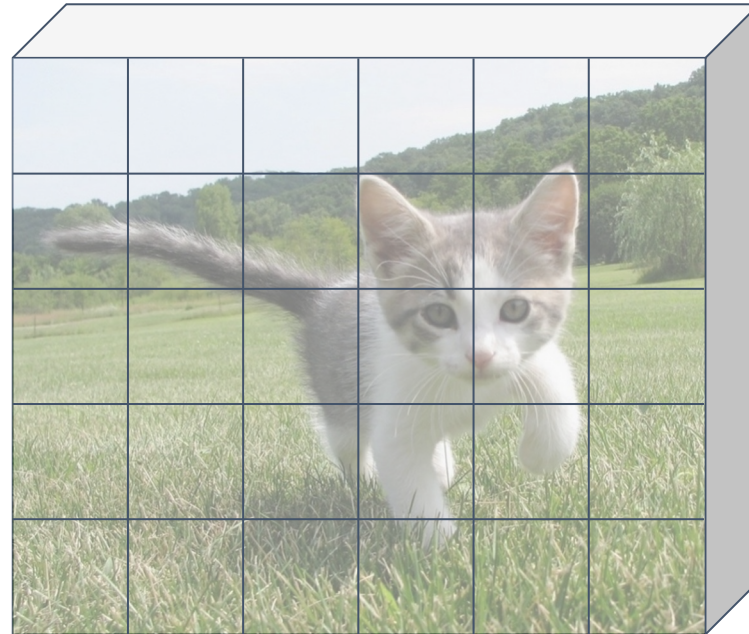


Image features  
(e.g. 512 x 5 x 6)

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Each feature corresponds to a point in the input

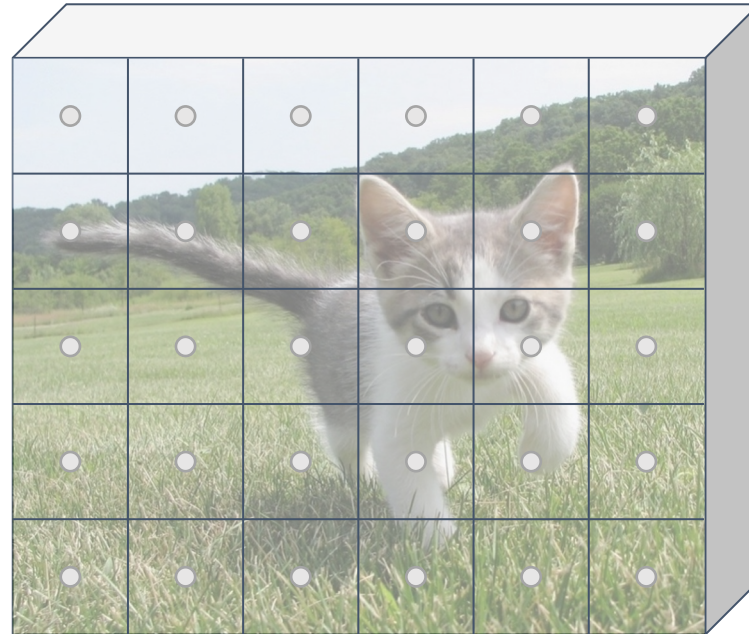


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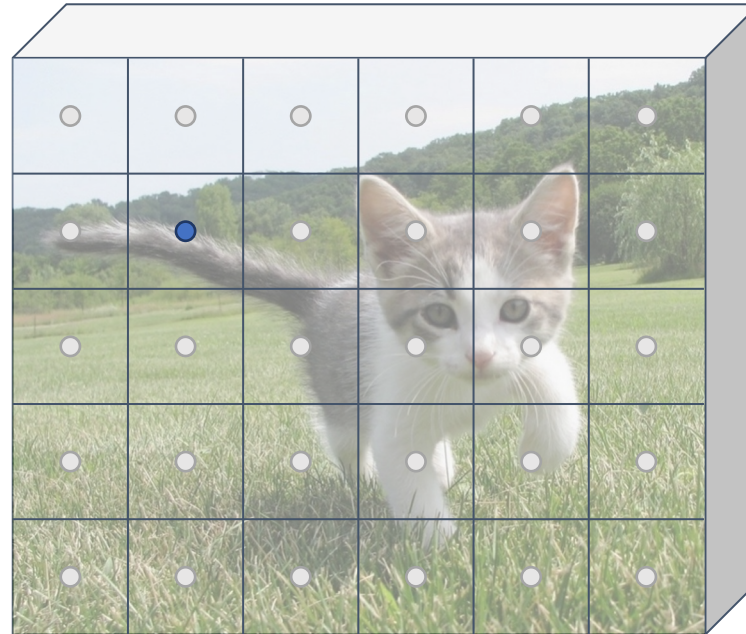
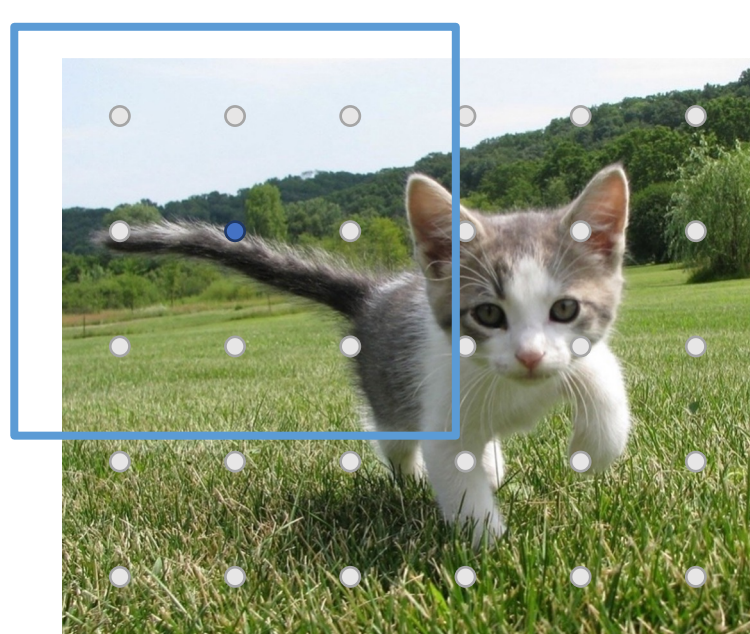


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Imagine an **anchor box** of fixed size at each point in the feature map

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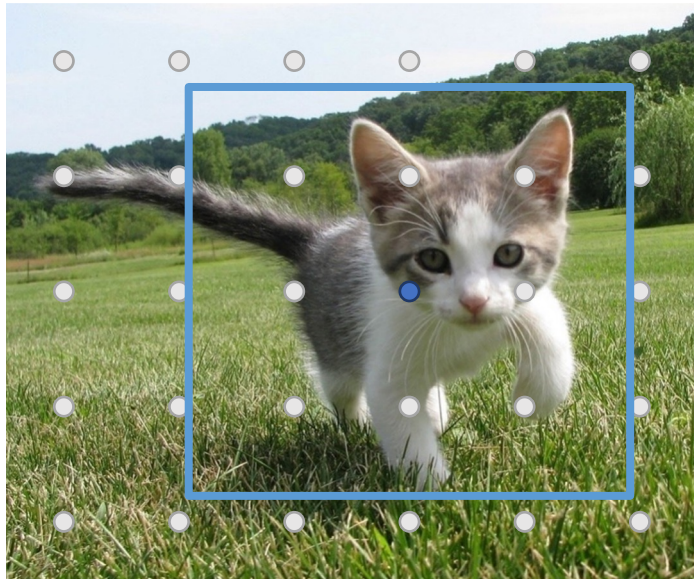
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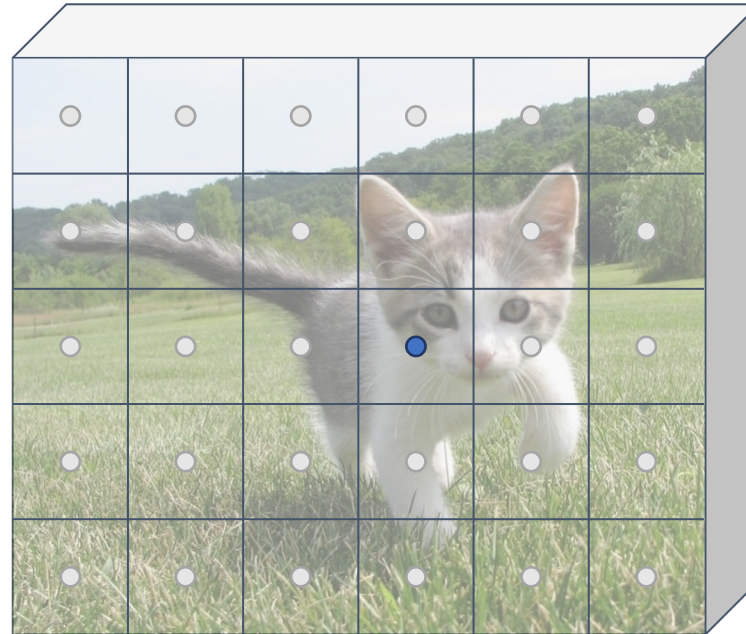


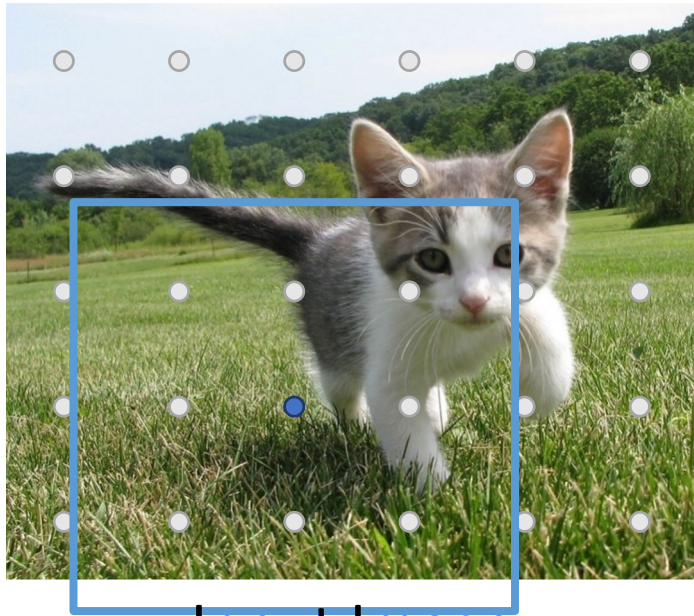
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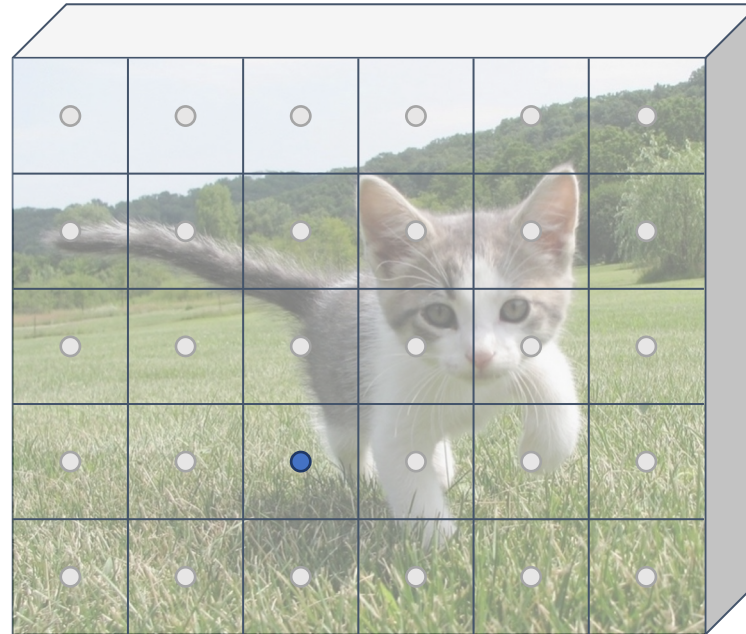
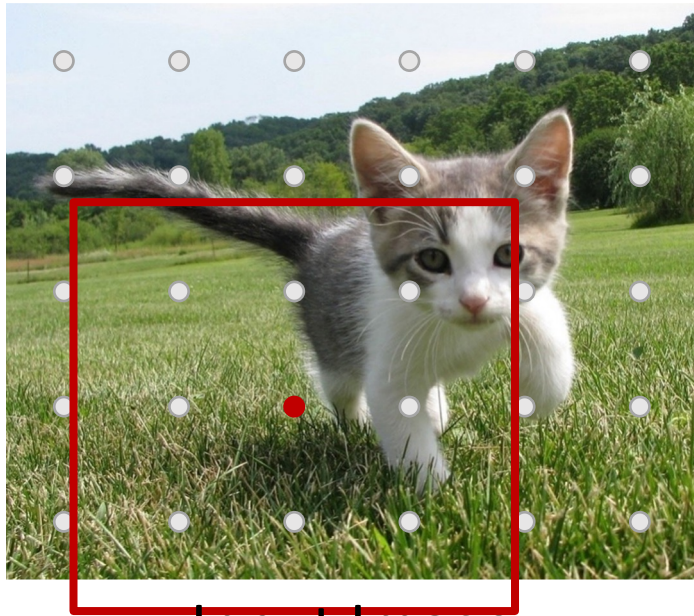


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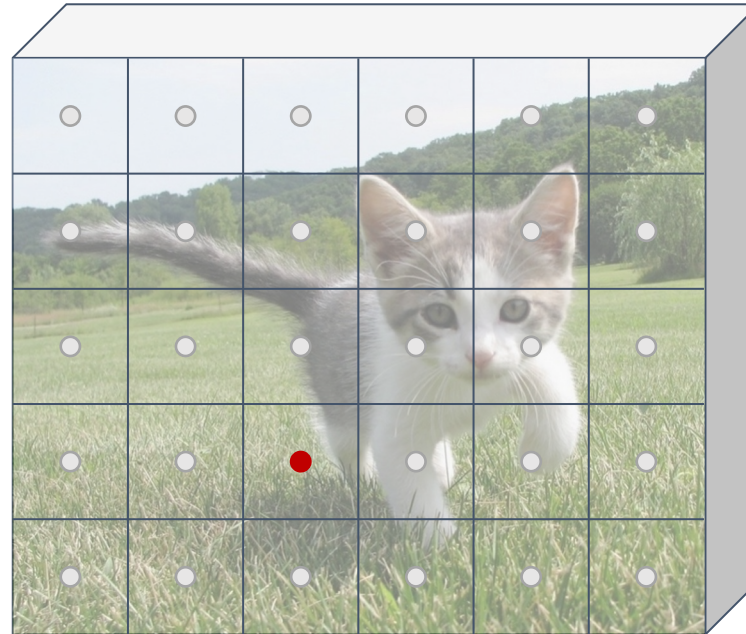


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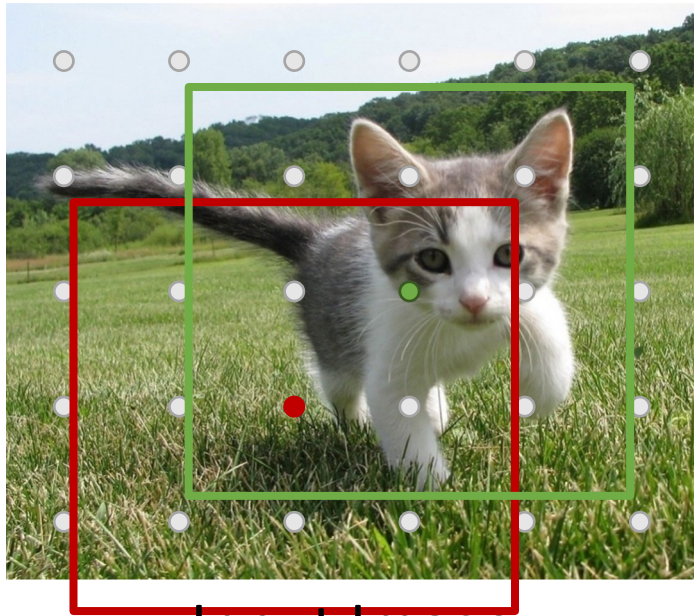
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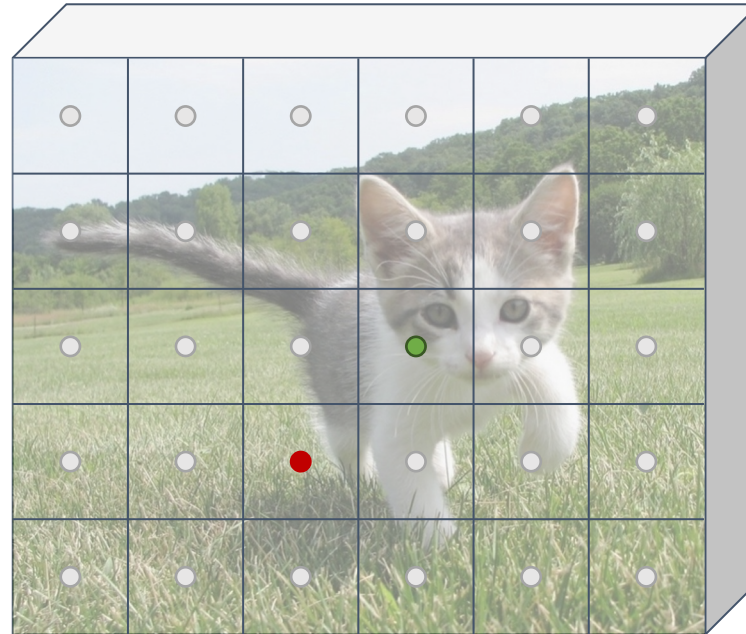
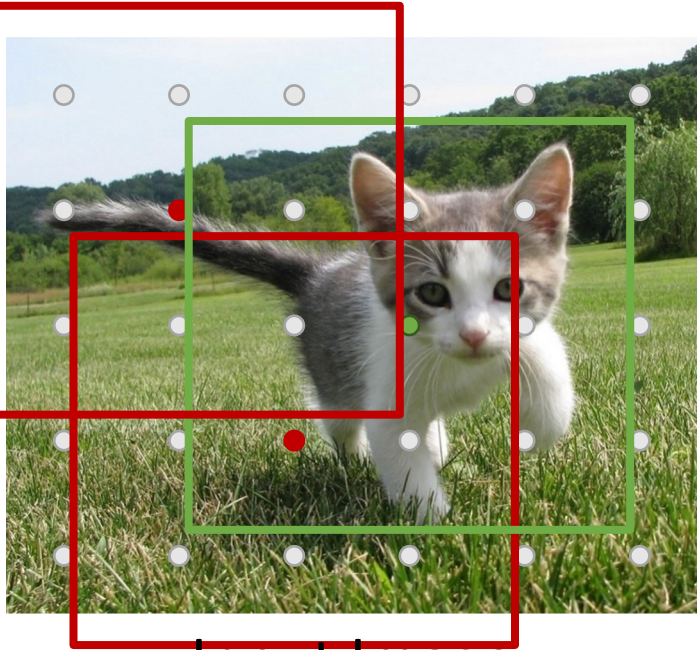


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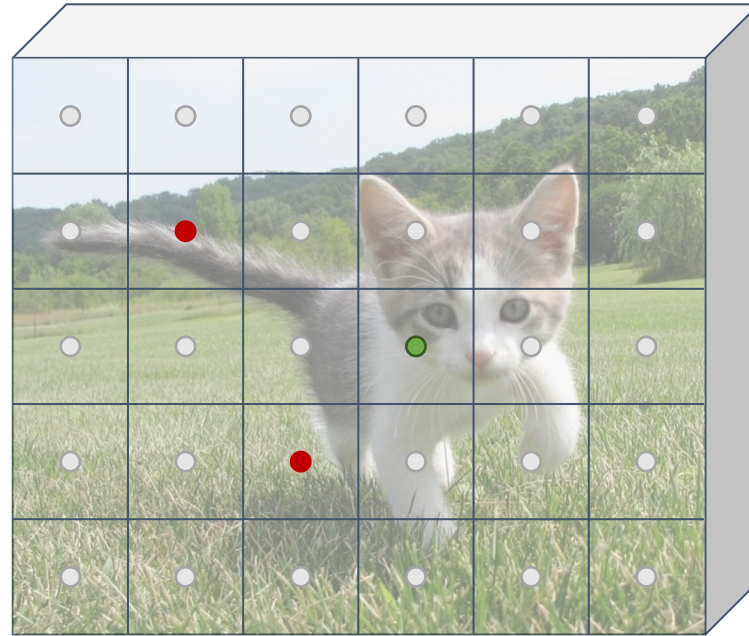


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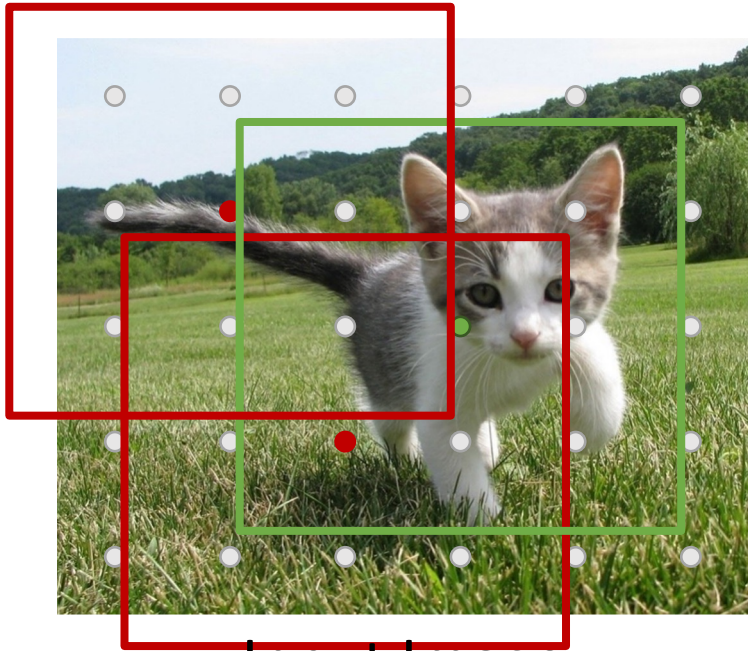
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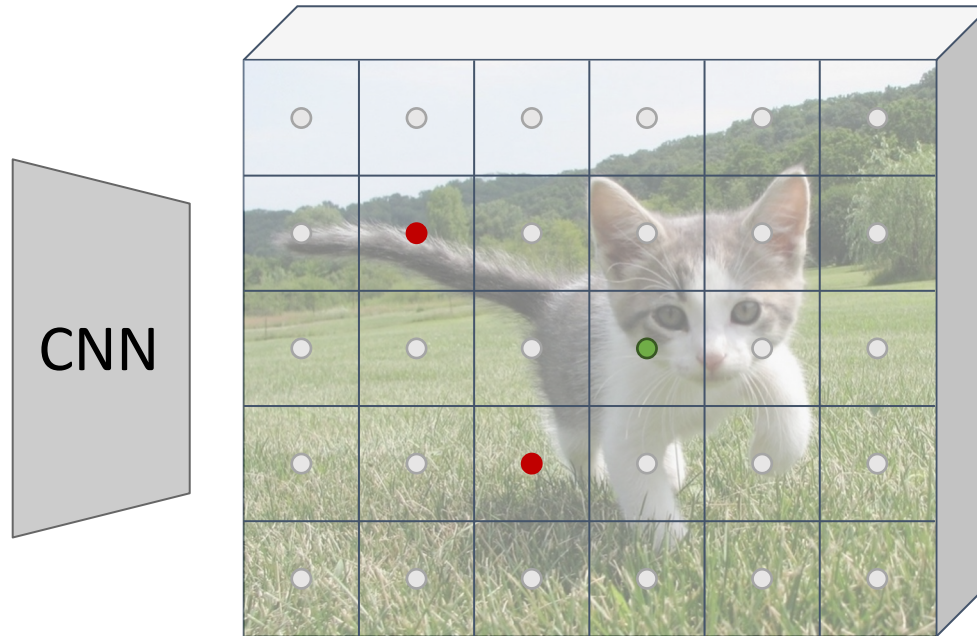


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Predict object vs not object scores for all anchors with a conv layer (512 input filters, 2 output filters)

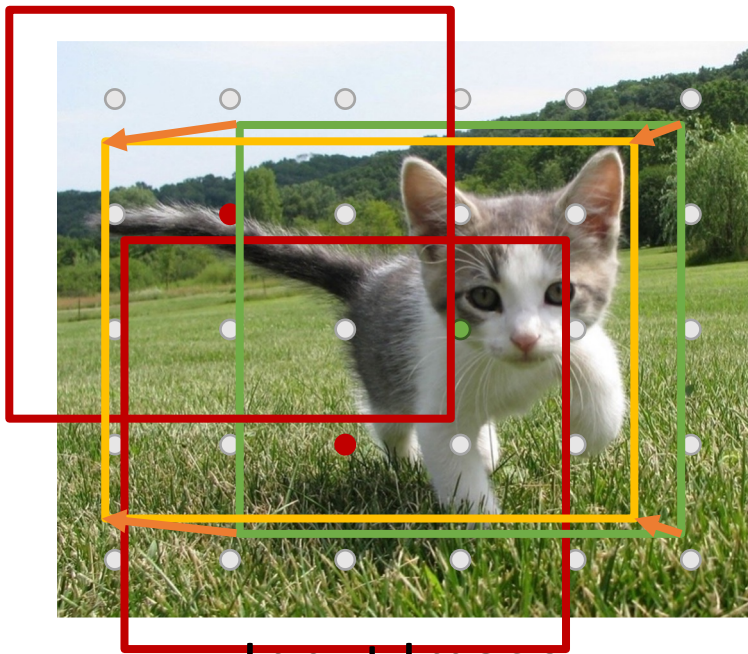


Anchor is object?  
2 x 5 x 6

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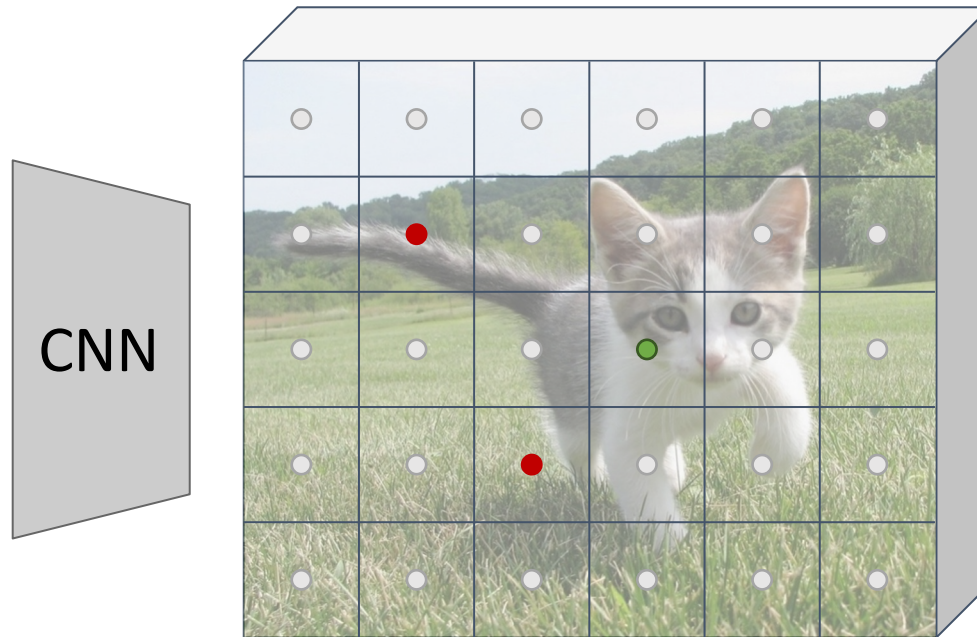


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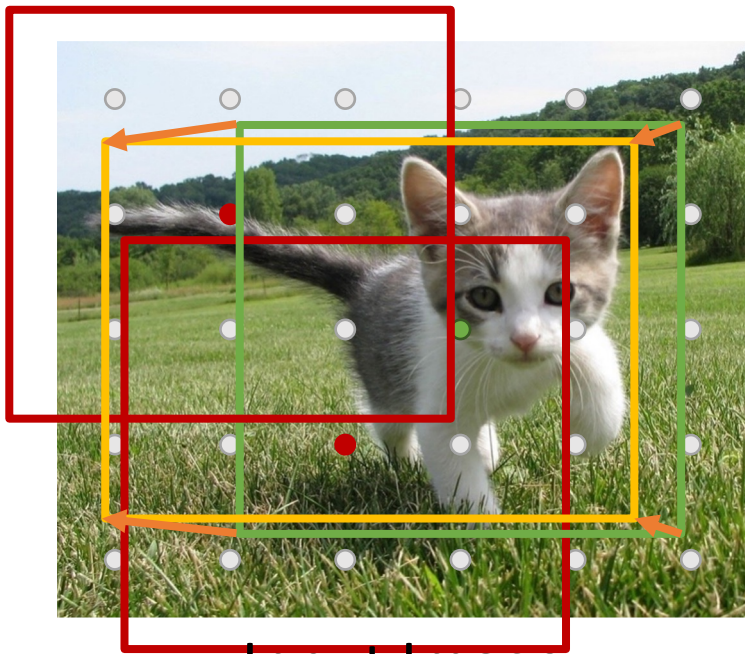
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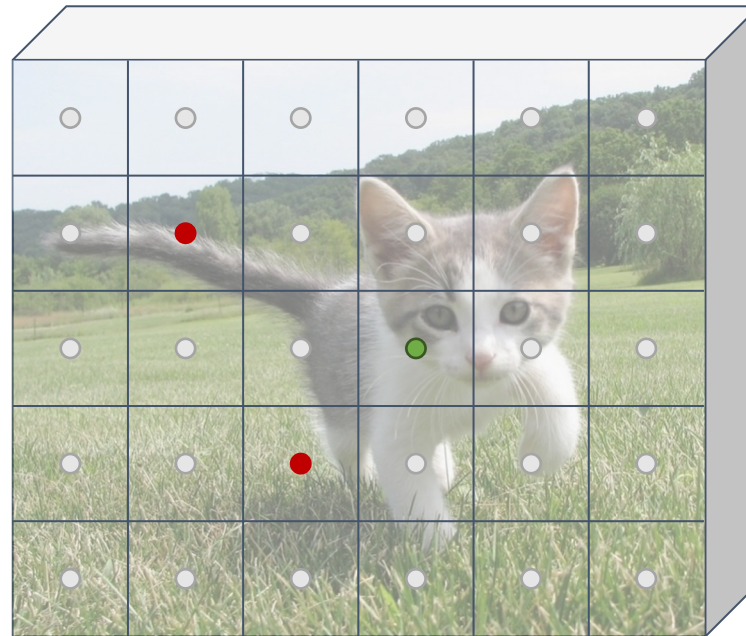


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Predict transforms with conv

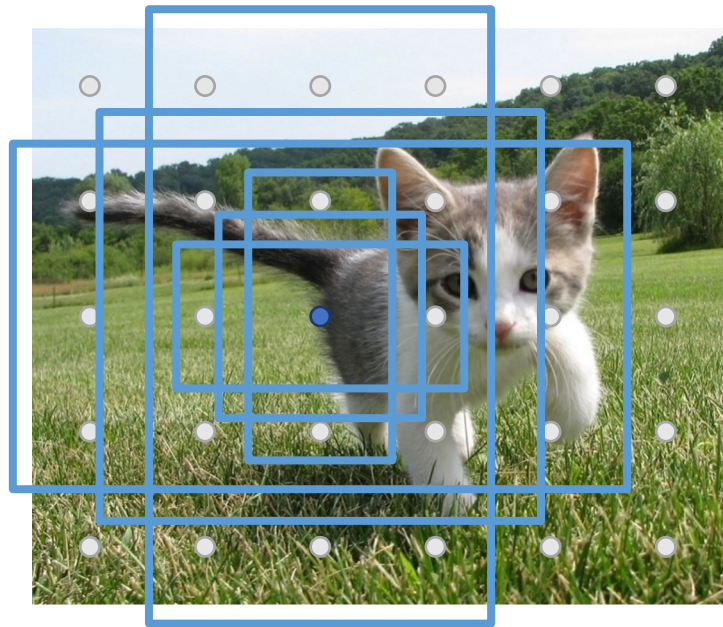


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Anchor transforms  
4 x 5 x 6

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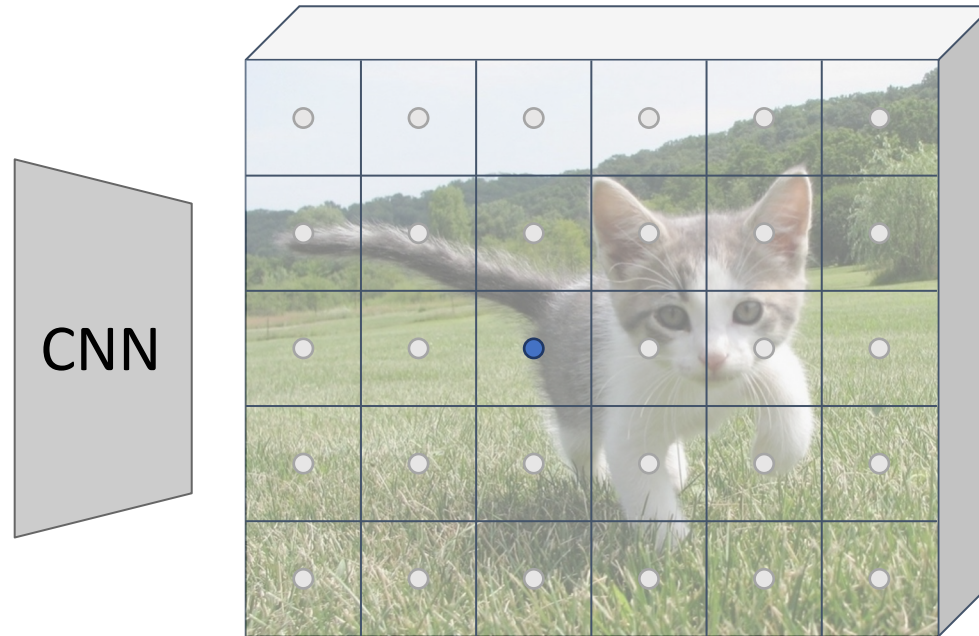
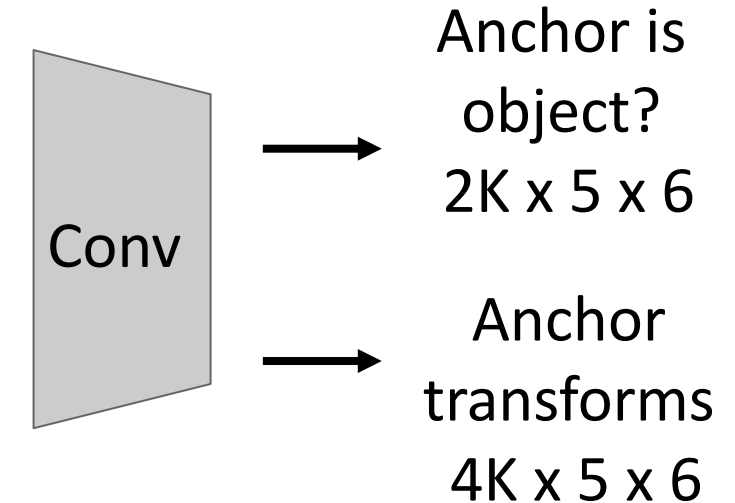


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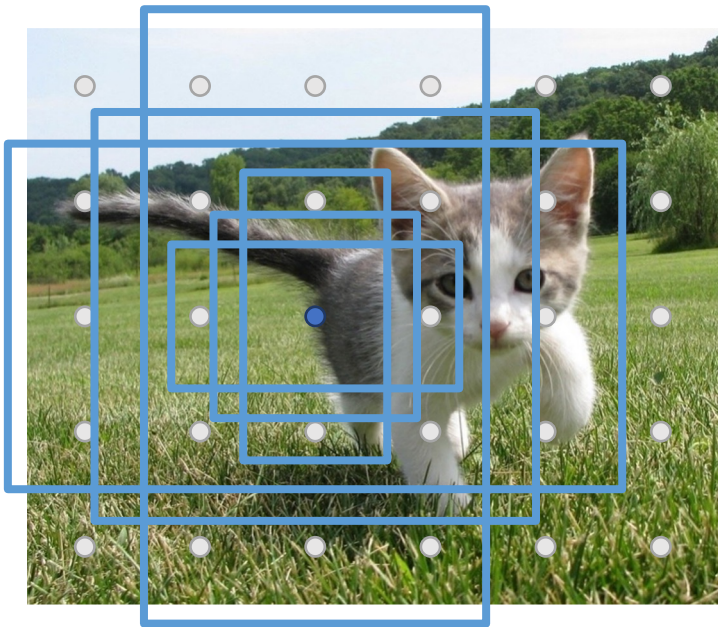
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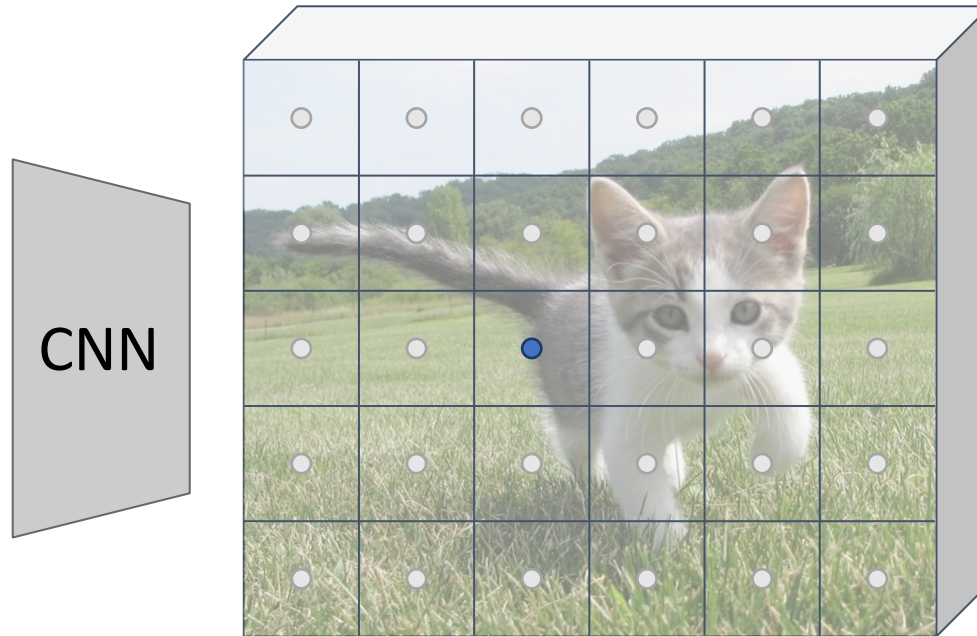


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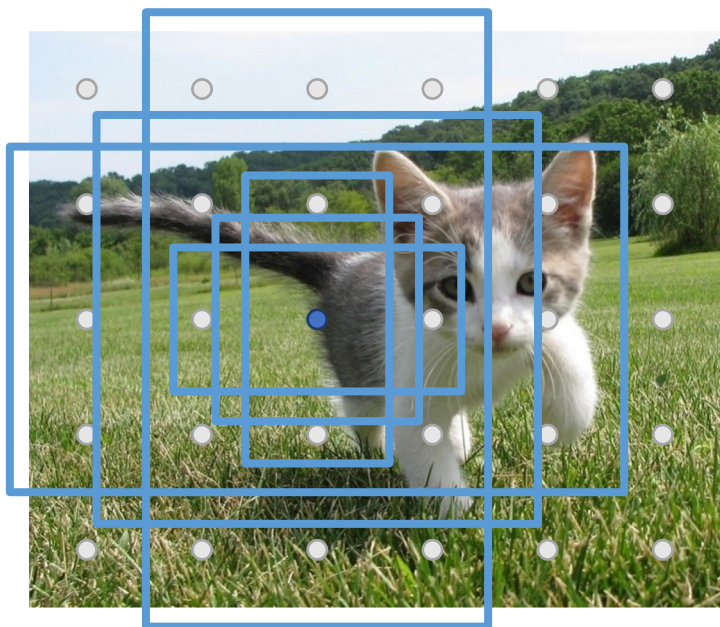
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Anchor transforms  
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During training, supervised positive / negative anchors and box transforms like R-CNN

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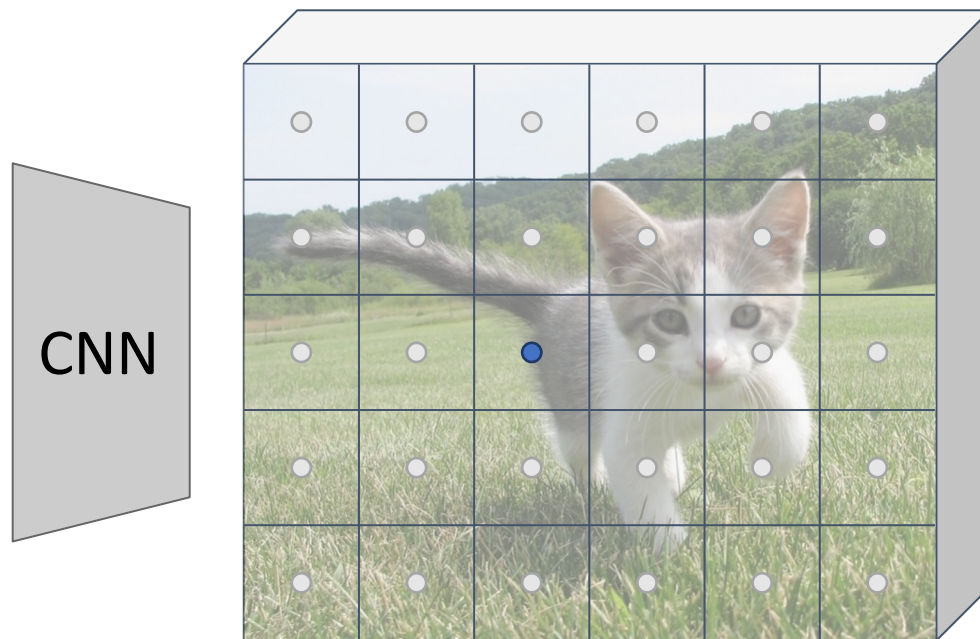


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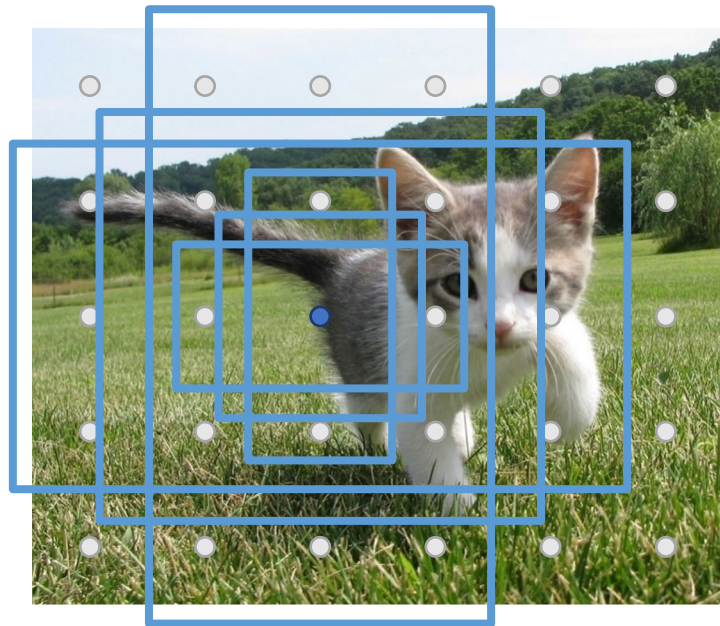
Anchor transforms  
4K x 5 x 6

Positive anchors:  $\geq 0.7$  IoU with some GT box (plus highest IoU to each GT)



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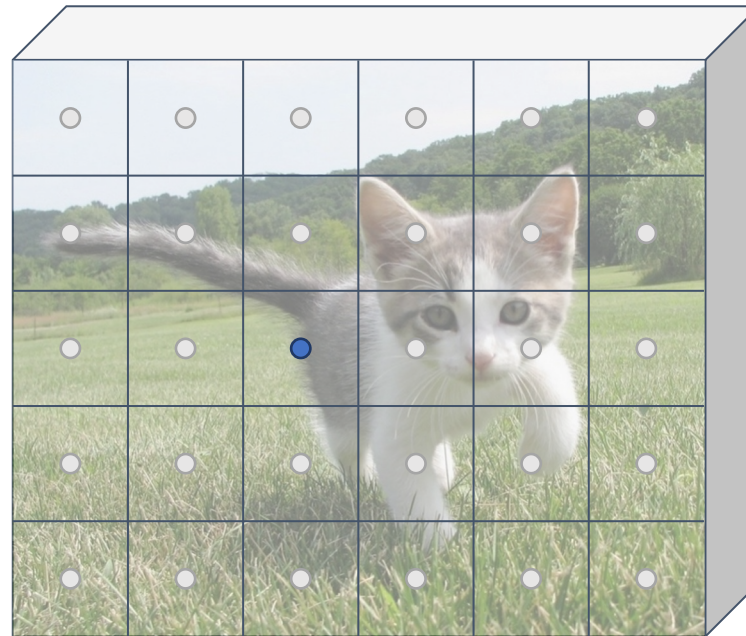


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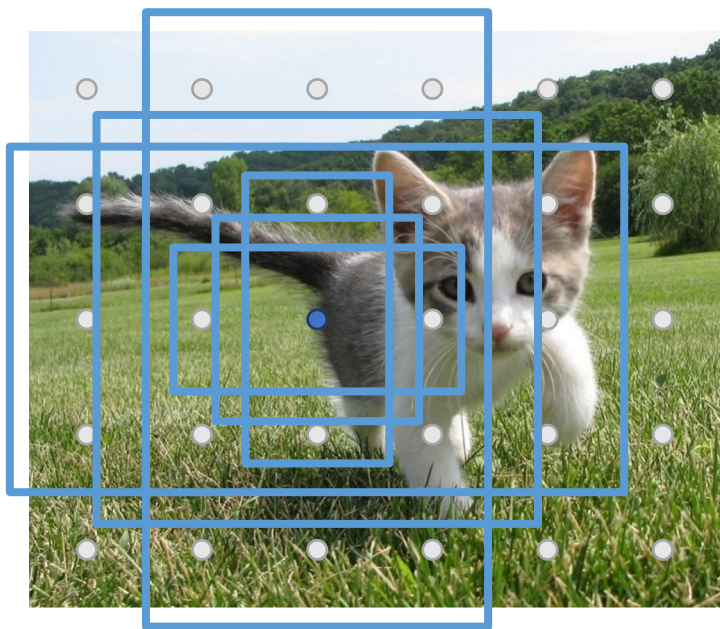
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Negative anchors: < 0.3 IoU with all GT boxes. Don't supervised transforms for negative boxes.

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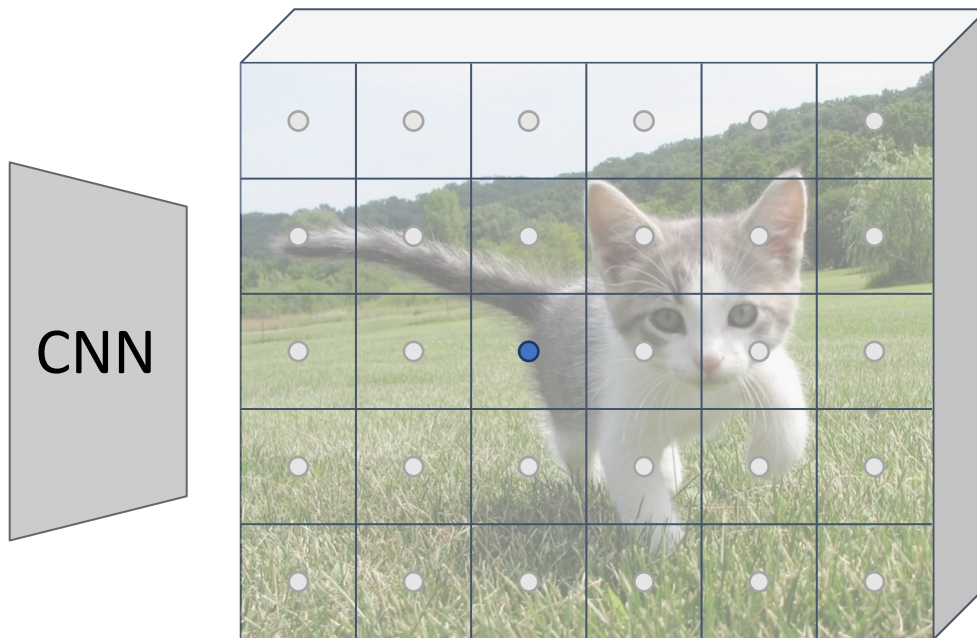


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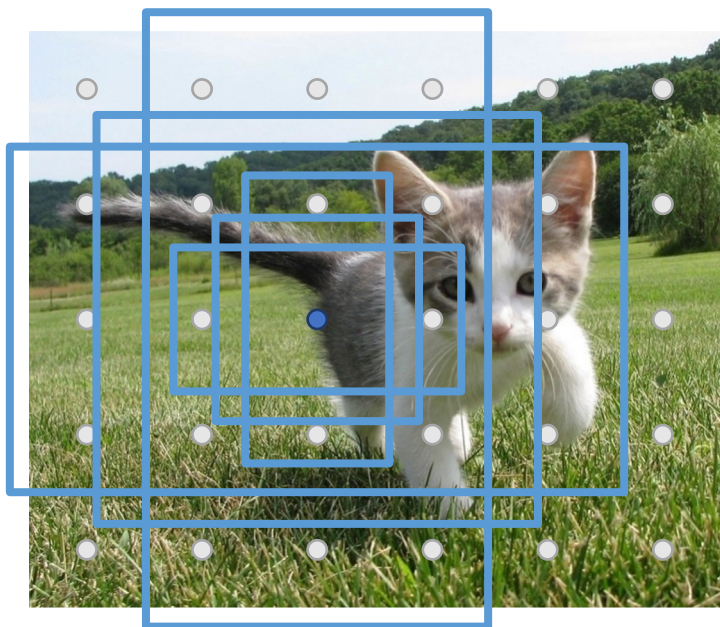
Anchor transforms  
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Neutral anchors: between 0.3 and 0.7 IoU with all GT boxes; ignored during training



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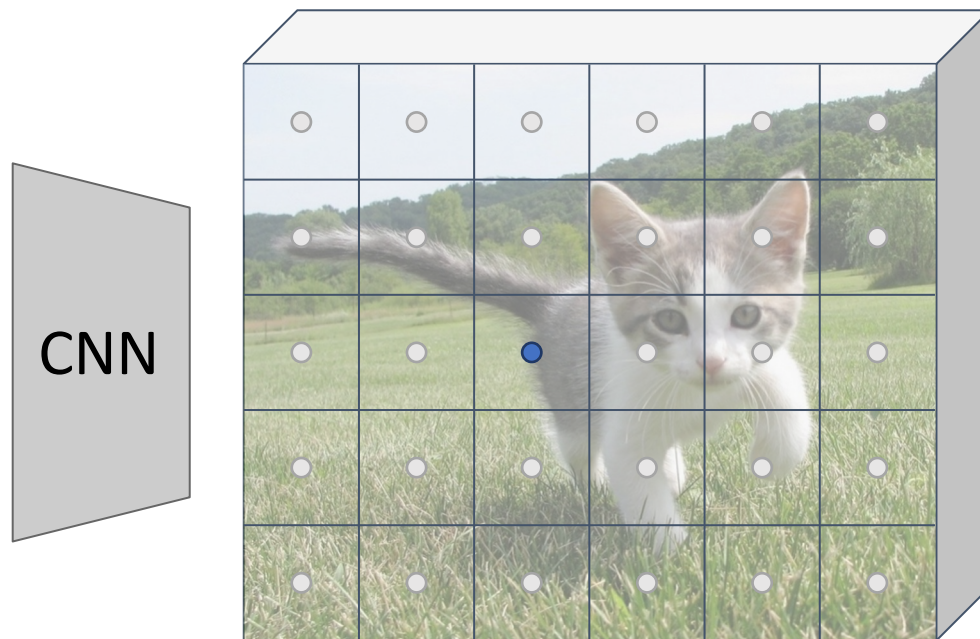
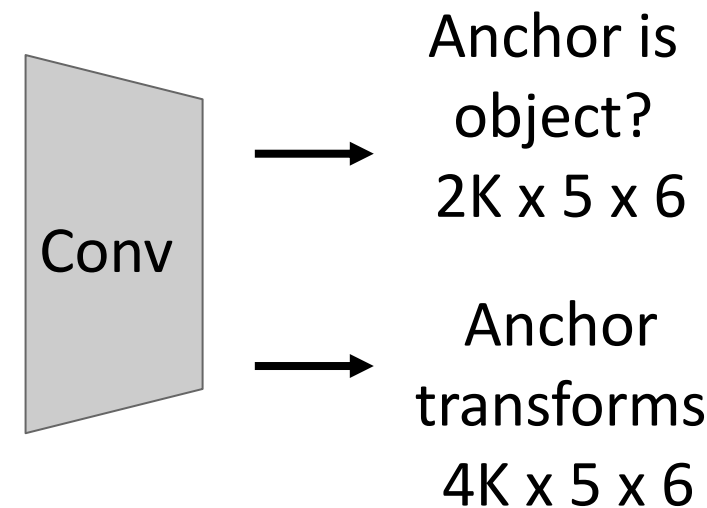


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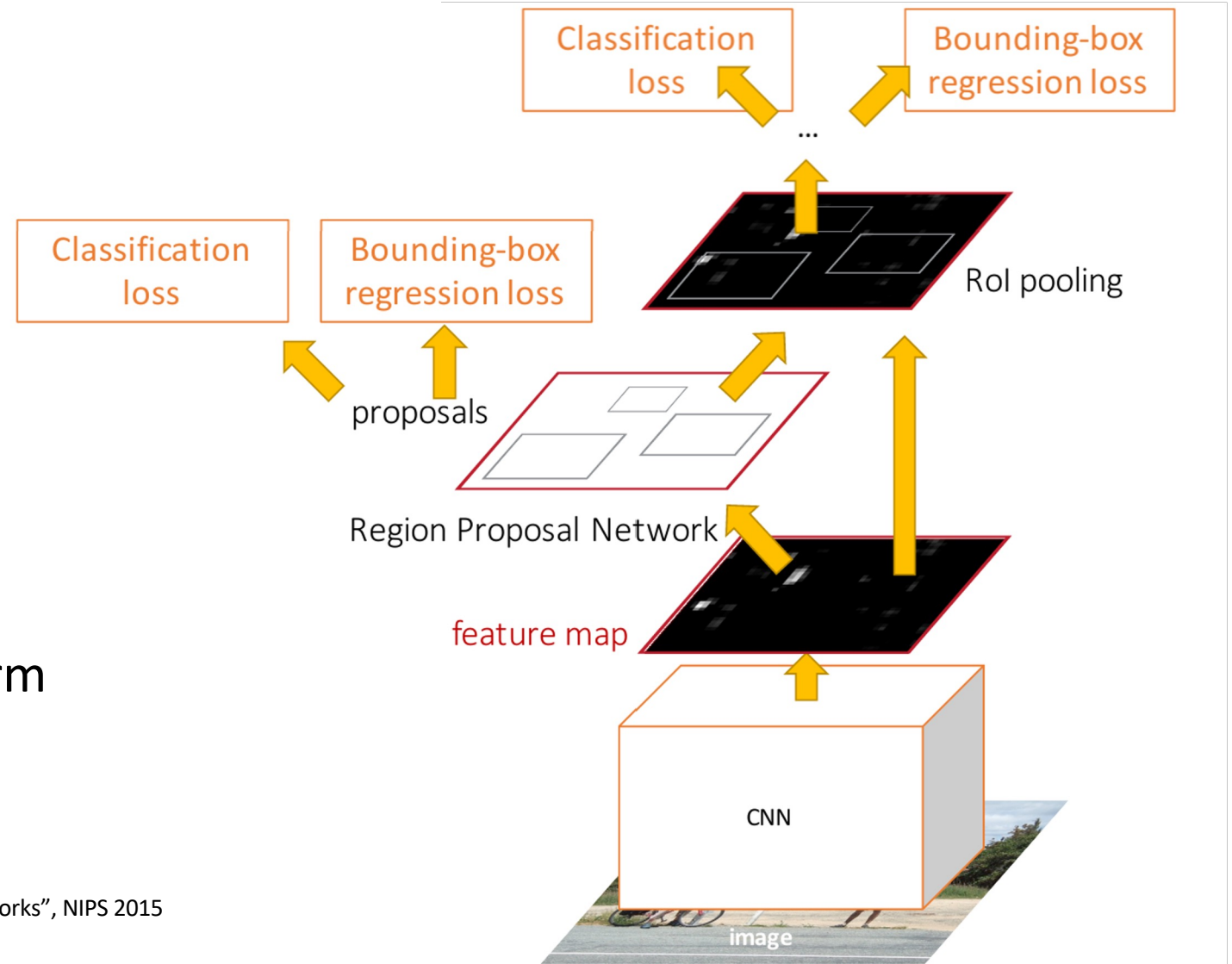


At test-time, sort all  $K*5*6$  boxes by their positive score, take top 300 as our region proposals

# Faster R-CNN: Learnable Region Proposals

Jointly train with 4 losses:

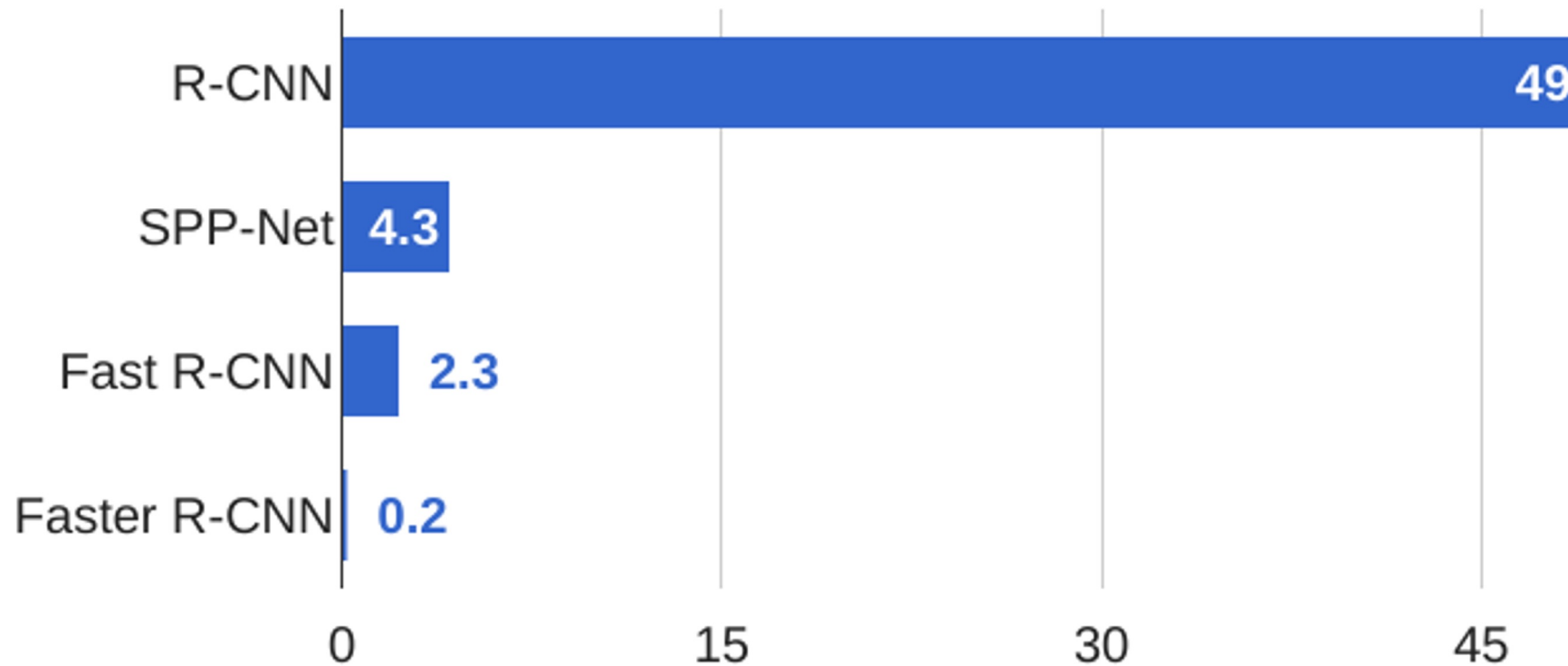
1. **RPN classification:** anchor box is object / not an object
2. **RPN regression:** predict transform from anchor box to proposal box
3. **Object classification:** classify proposals as background / object class
4. **Object regression:** predict transform from proposal box to object box



Ren et al, "Faster R-CNN: Towards Real-Time Object Detection with Region Proposal Networks", NIPS 2015  
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# Faster R-CNN: Learnable Region Proposals

## R-CNN Test-Time Speed



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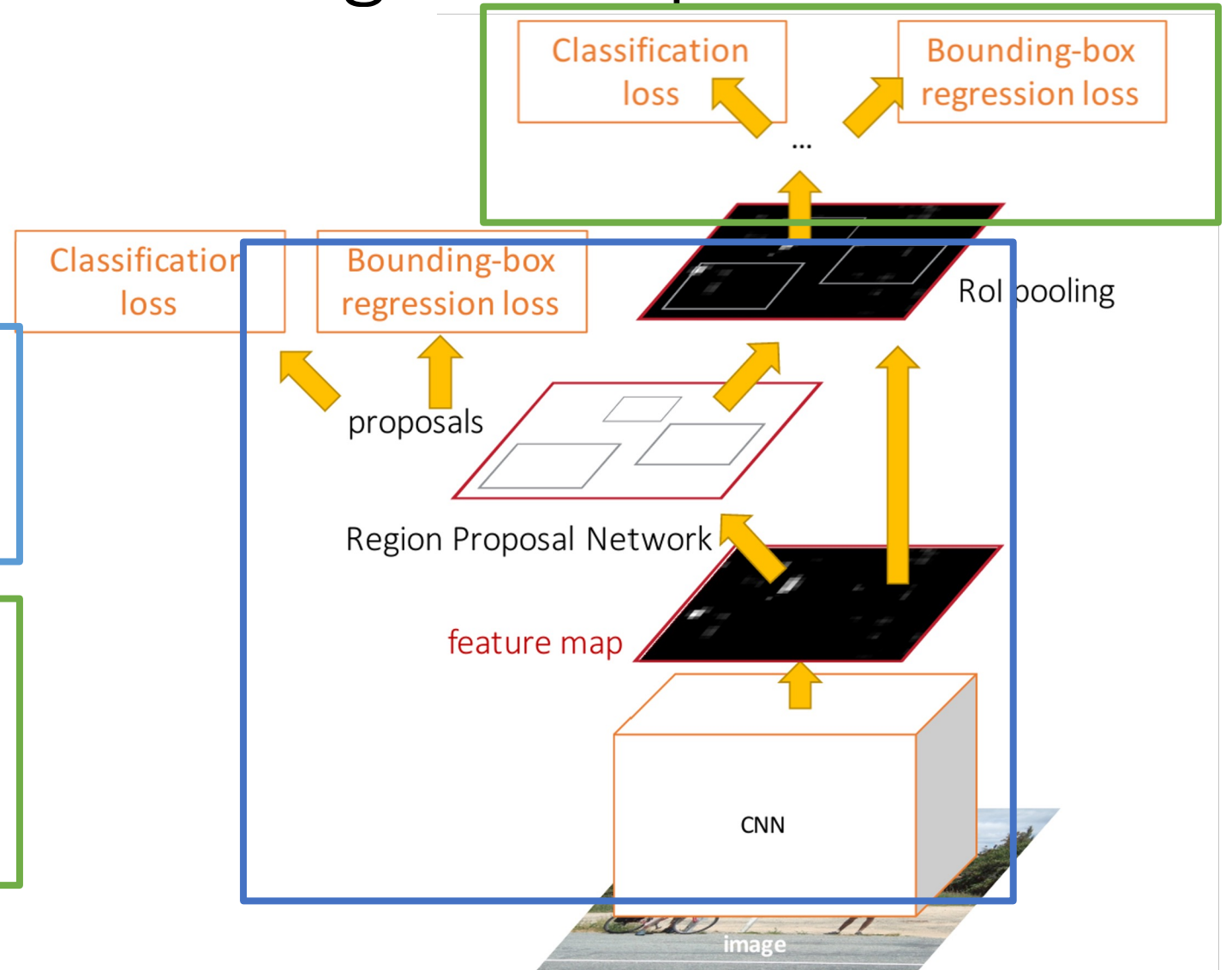
Faster R-CNN is a **Two-stage object detector**

First stage: Run once per image

- Backbone network
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# Faster R-CNN: Learnable Region Proposals

Question: Do we really need the second stage?

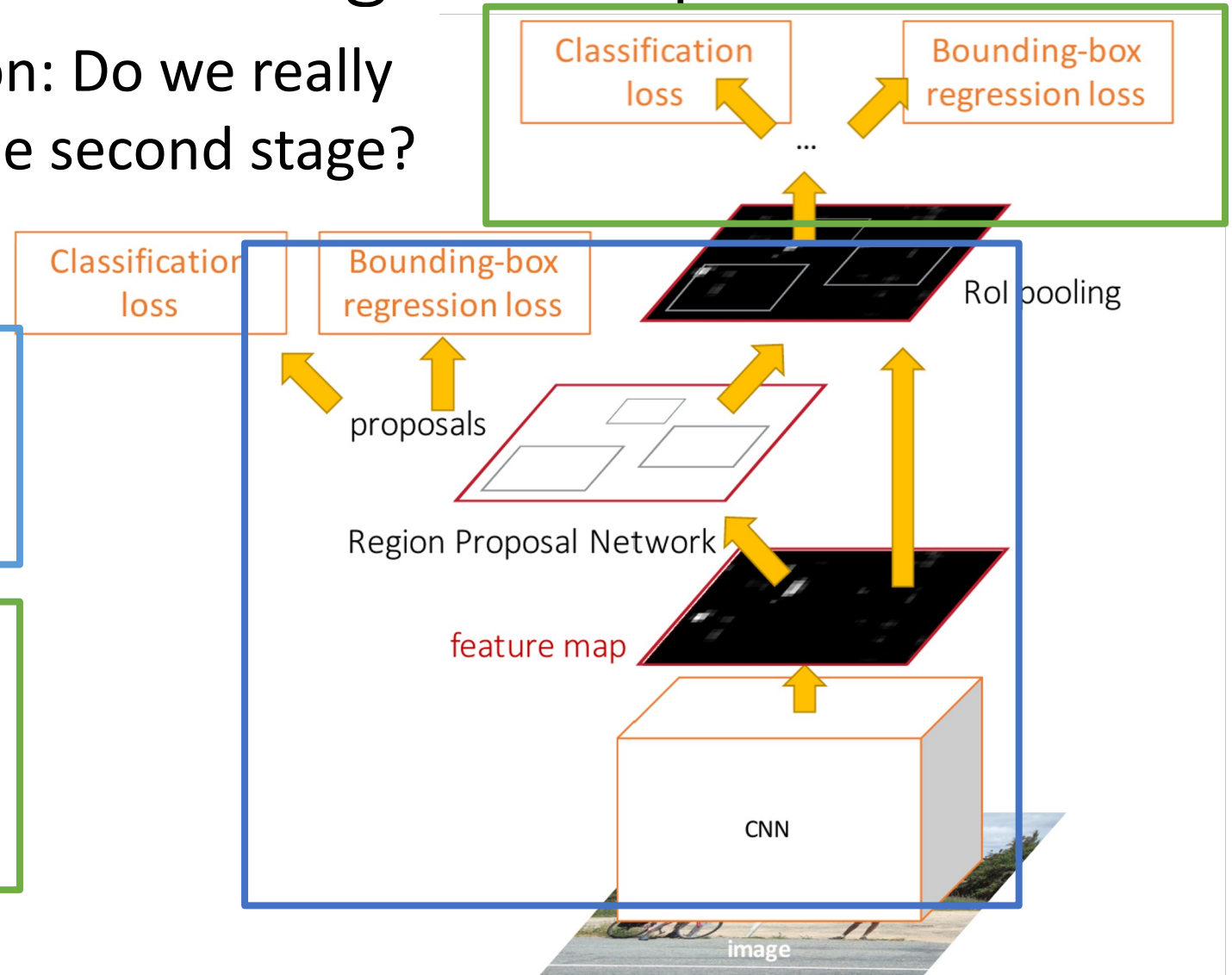
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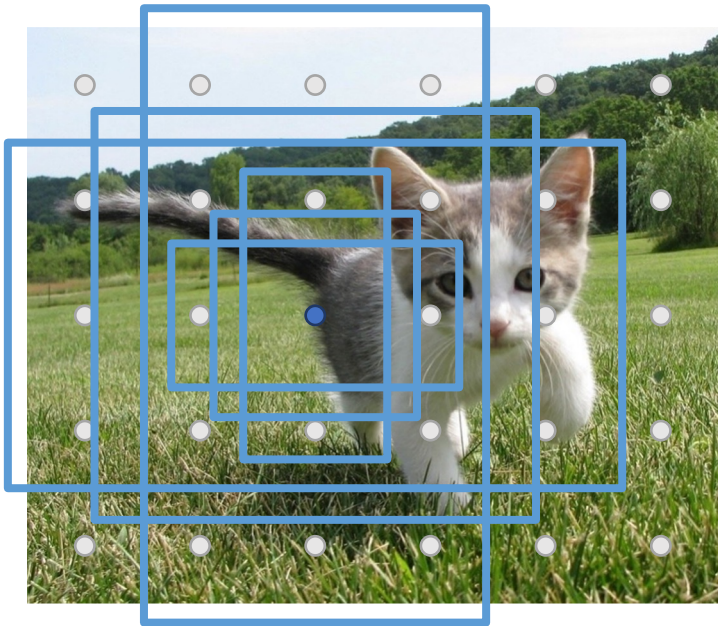
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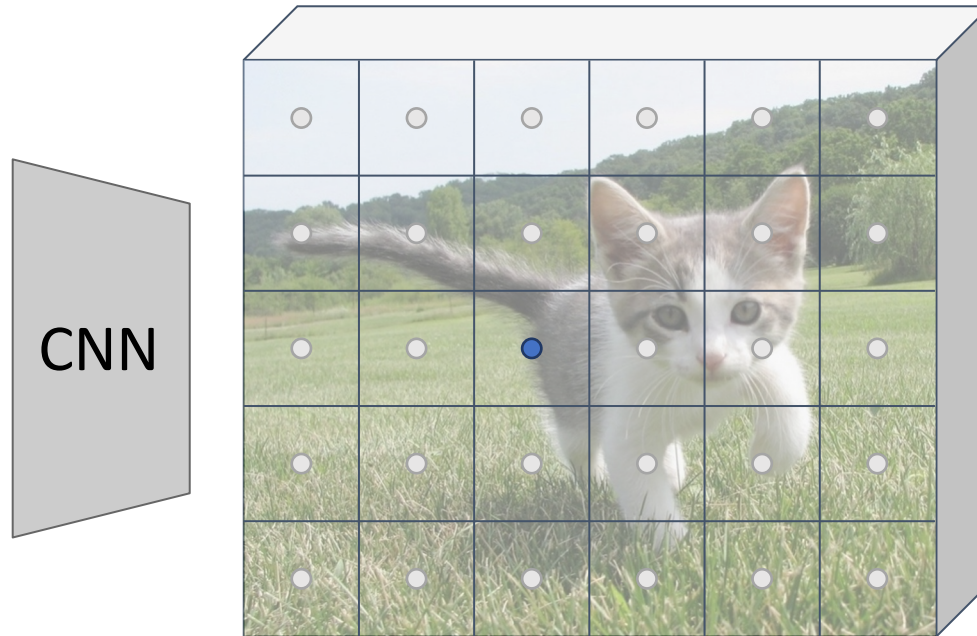


Image features  
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Similar to RPN – but rather than classify anchors as object/no object, directly predict object category (among C categories) or background



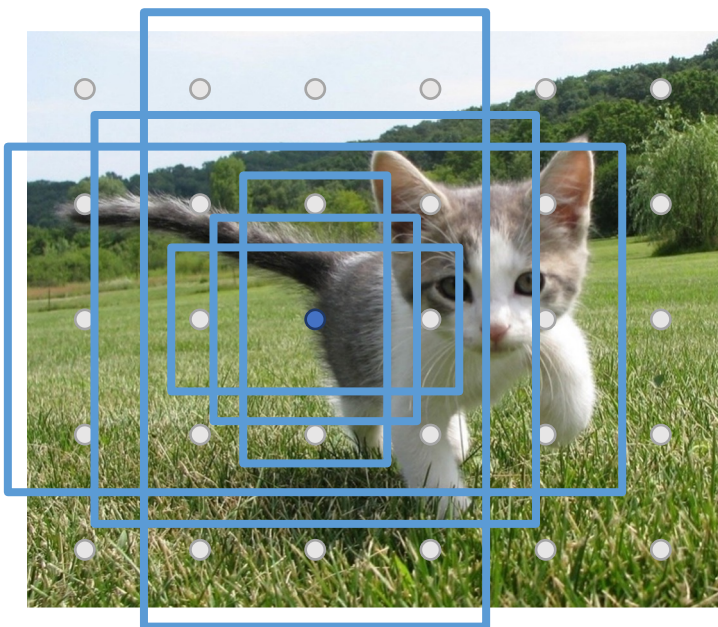
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Anchor  
→ transforms  
 $4K \times 5 \times 6$

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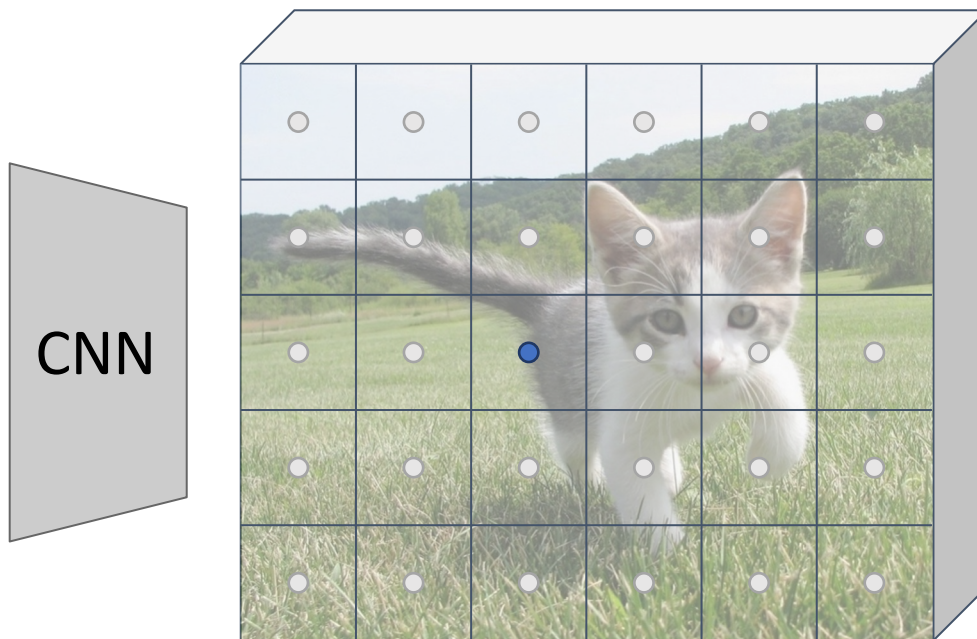


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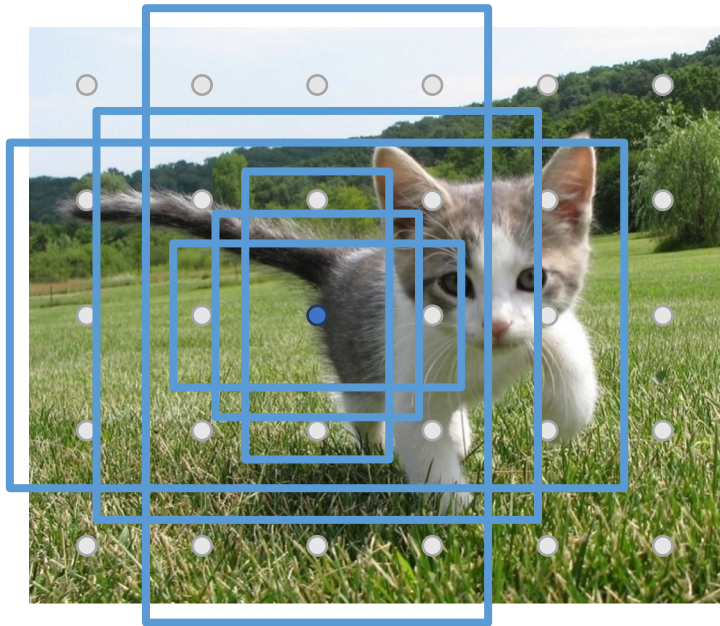
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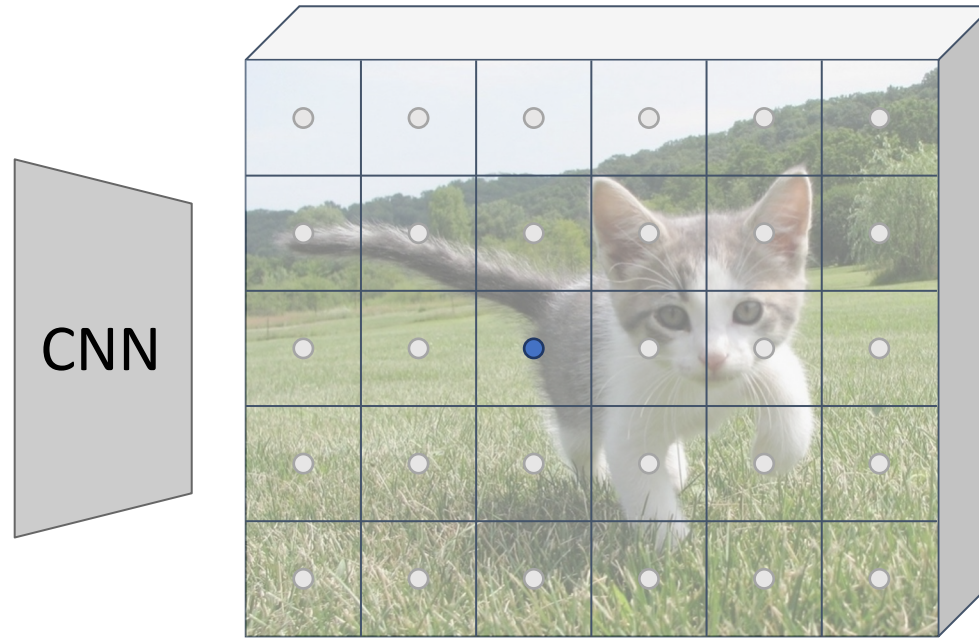


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Solution: new loss function (Focal Loss); see paper

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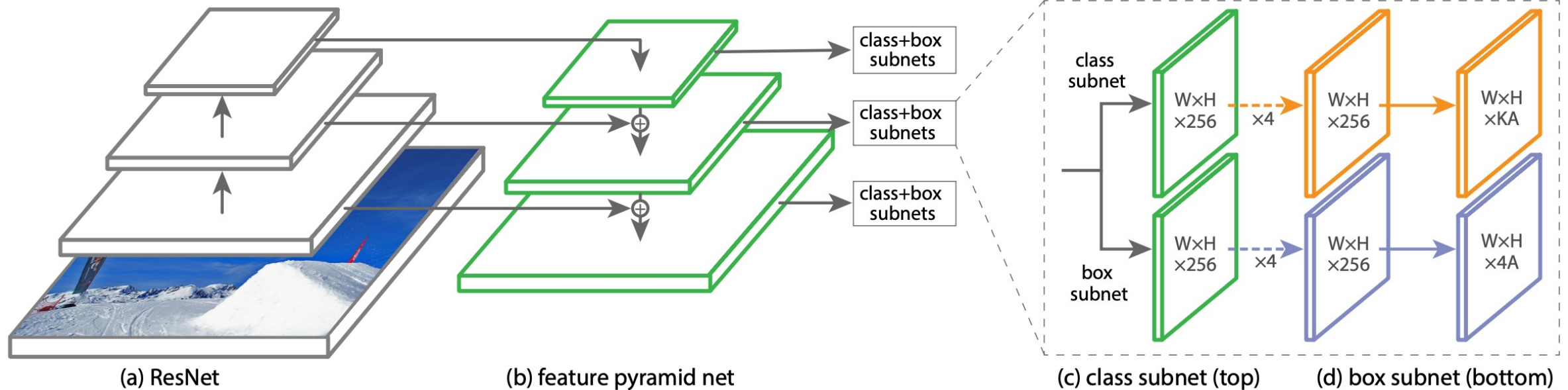
$$CE(p_t) = -\log(p_t)$$

$$FL(p_t) = -(1 - p_t)^\gamma \log(p_t)$$



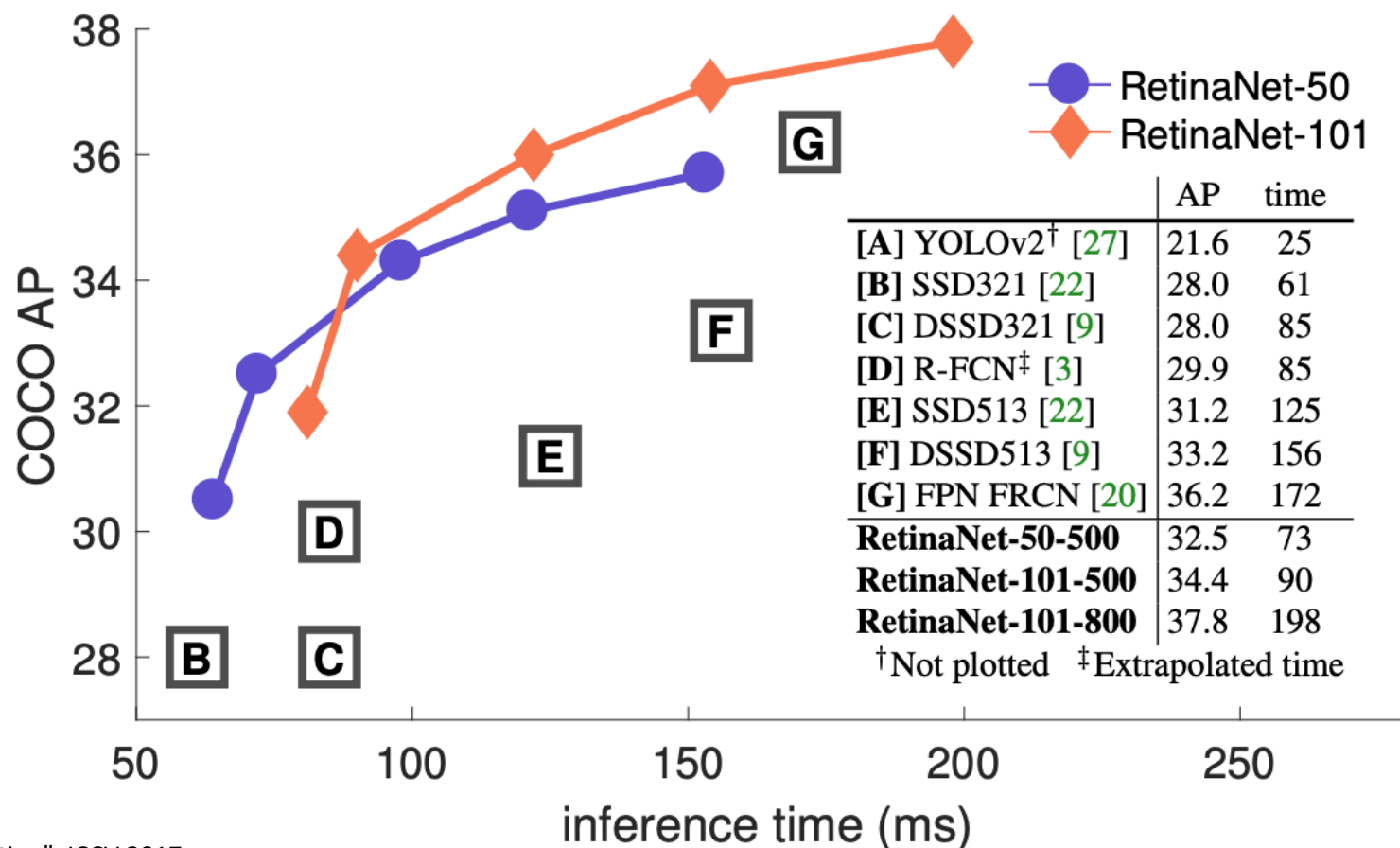
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In practice, RetinaNet also uses Feature Pyramid Network to handle multiscale



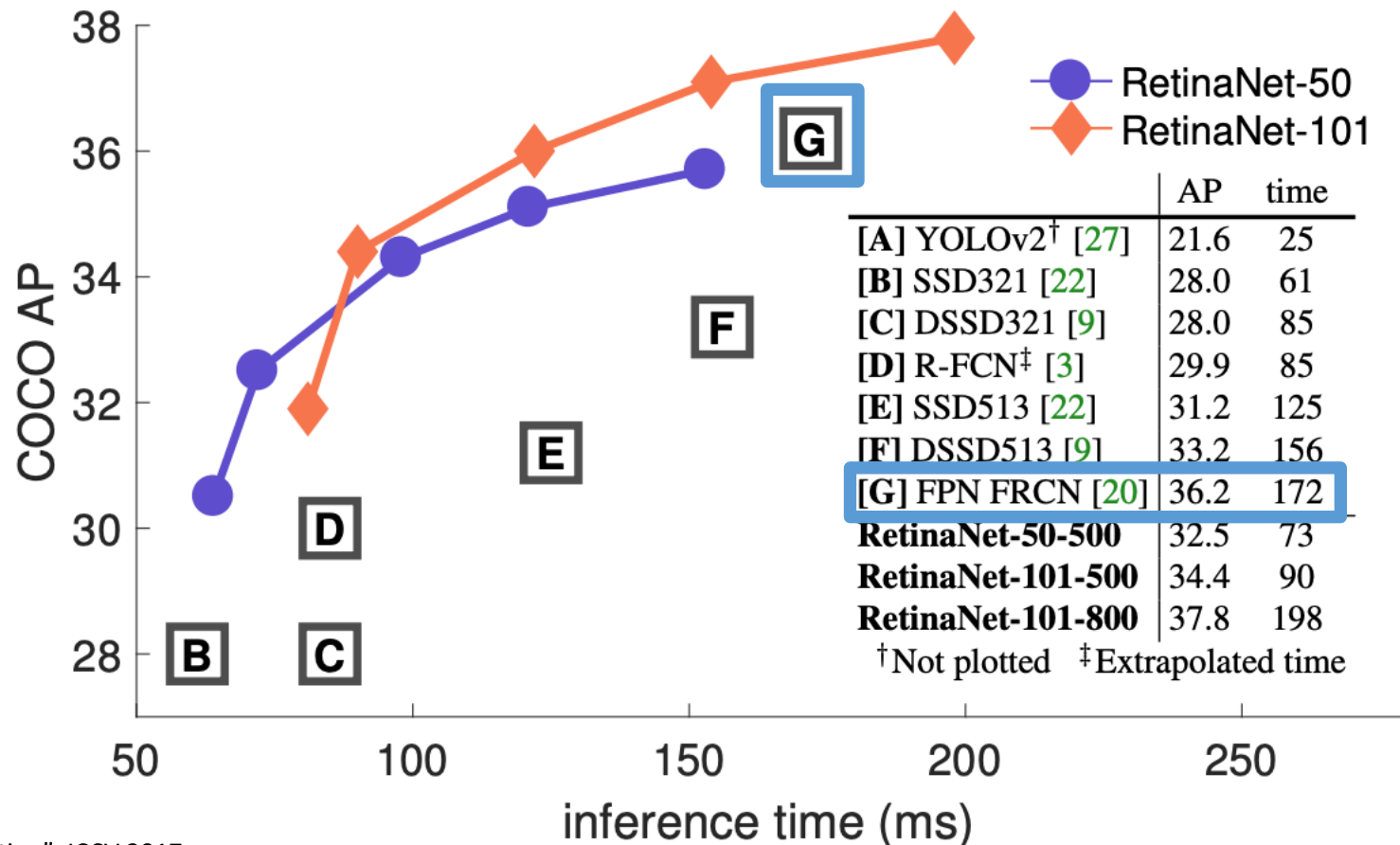
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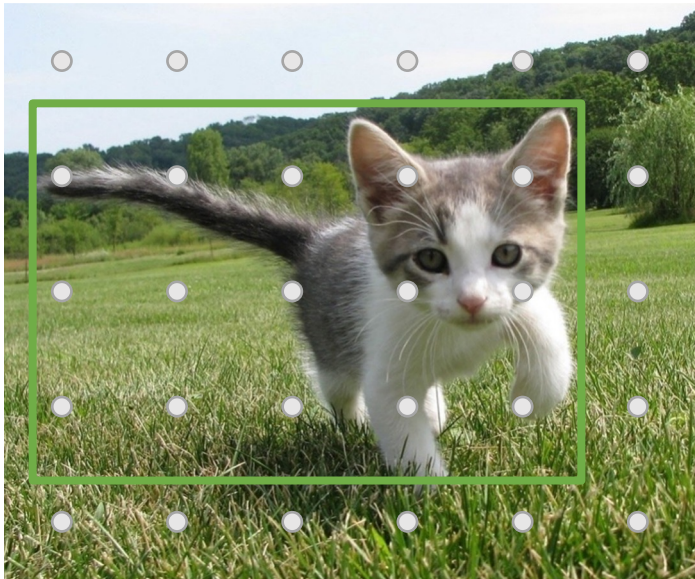


Faster R-CNN  
with Feature  
Pyramid  
Network

# Single-Stage Detectors: FCOS

“Anchor-free” detector

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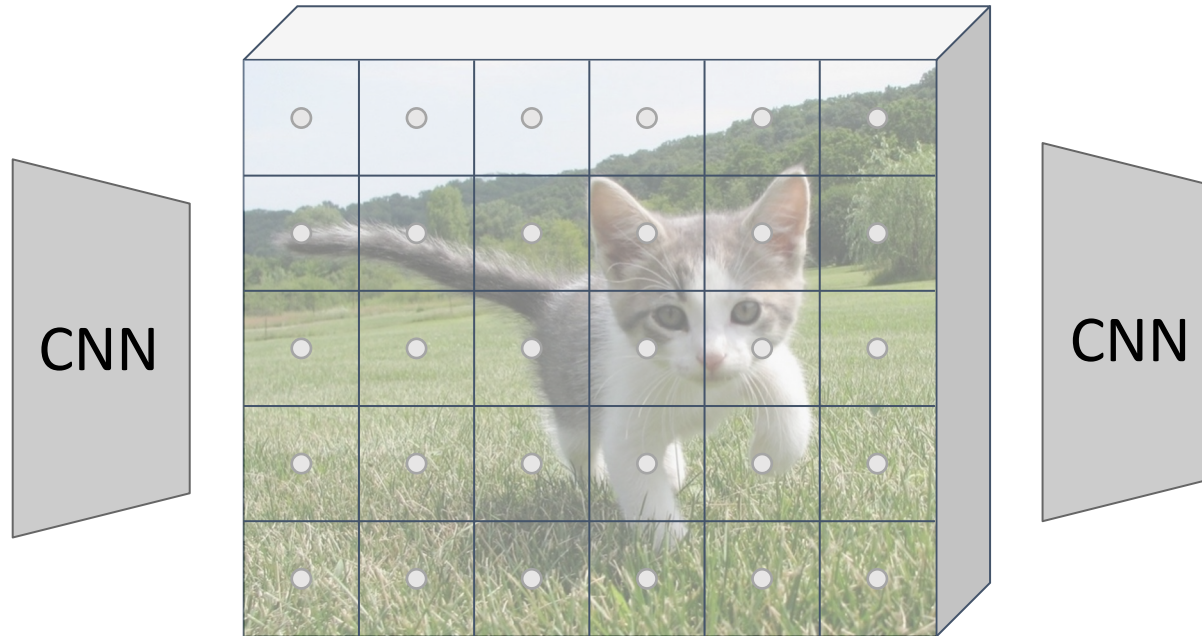


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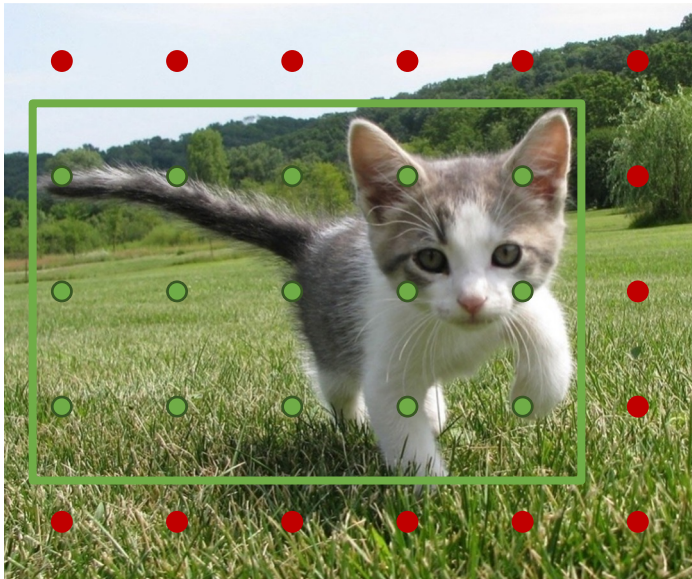
## “Anchor-free” detector

Classify points as positive if they fall into a GT box, or negative if they don't

Train independent per-category logistic regressors

Class scores  
 $C \times 5 \times 6$

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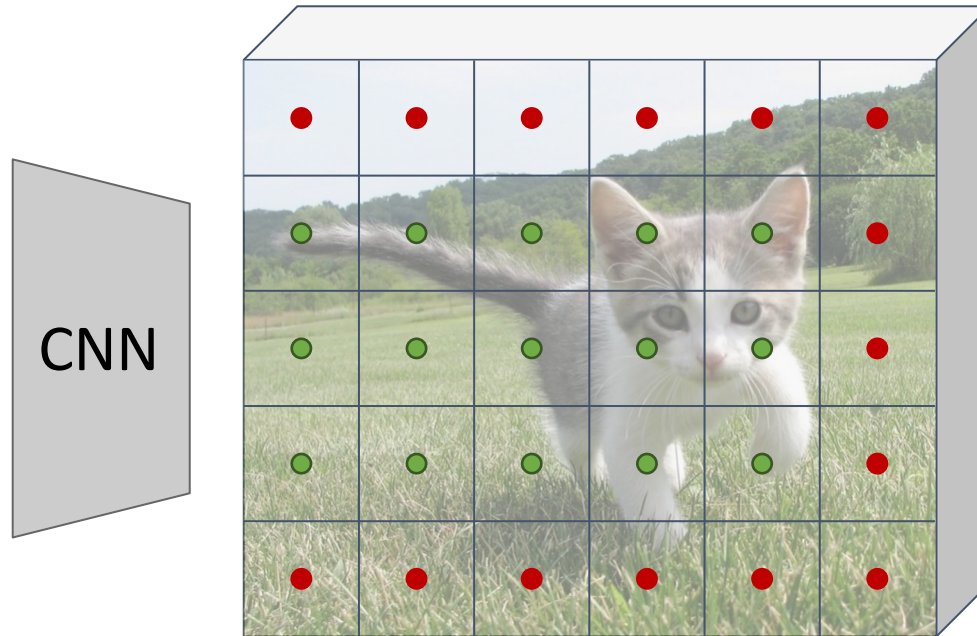


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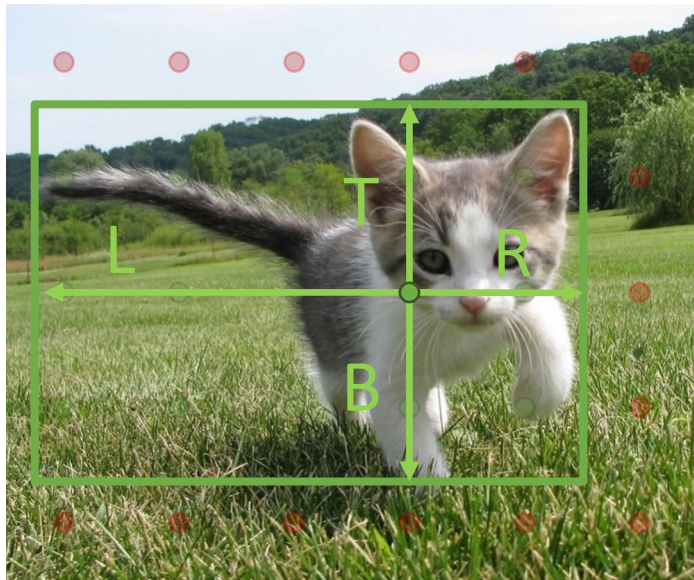
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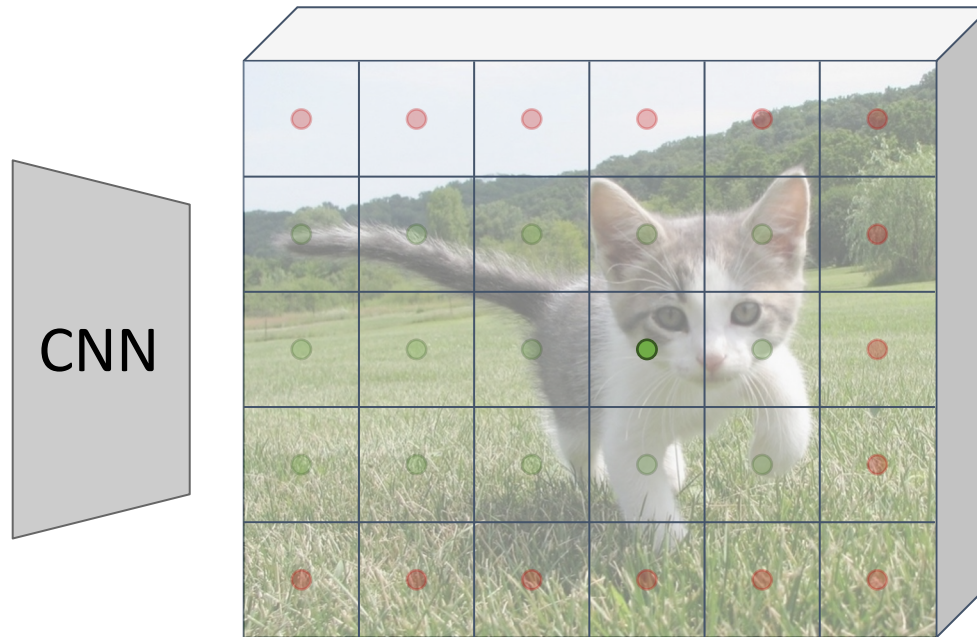


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For positive points, also regress distance to left, right, top, and bottom of ground-truth box (with L2 loss)



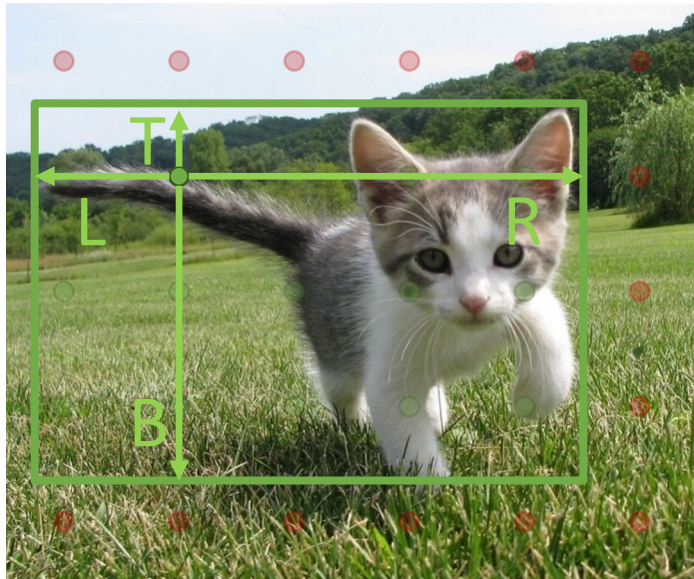
→ Class scores  
 $C \times 5 \times 6$   
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 $4 \times 5 \times 6$



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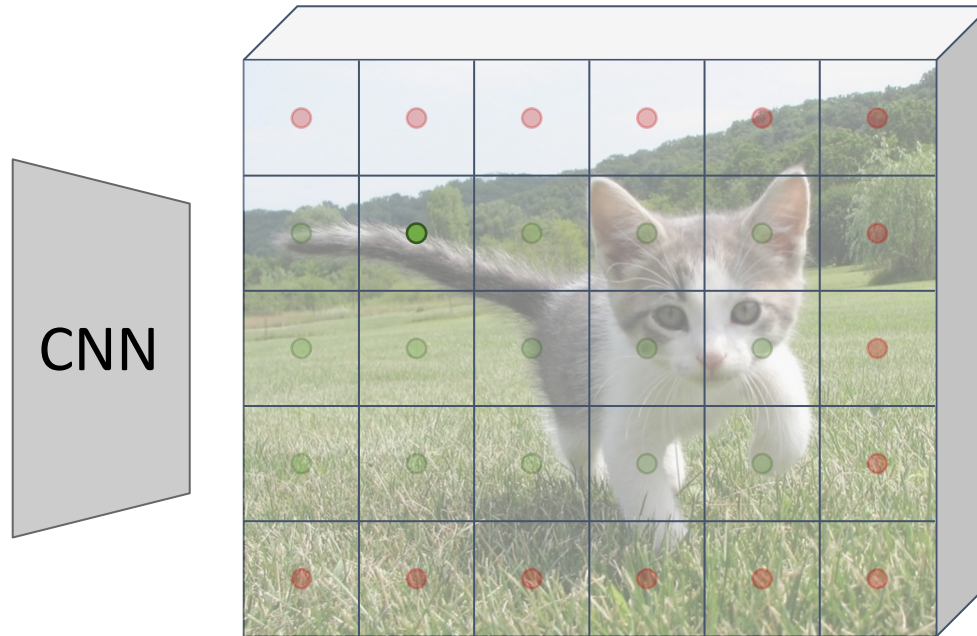


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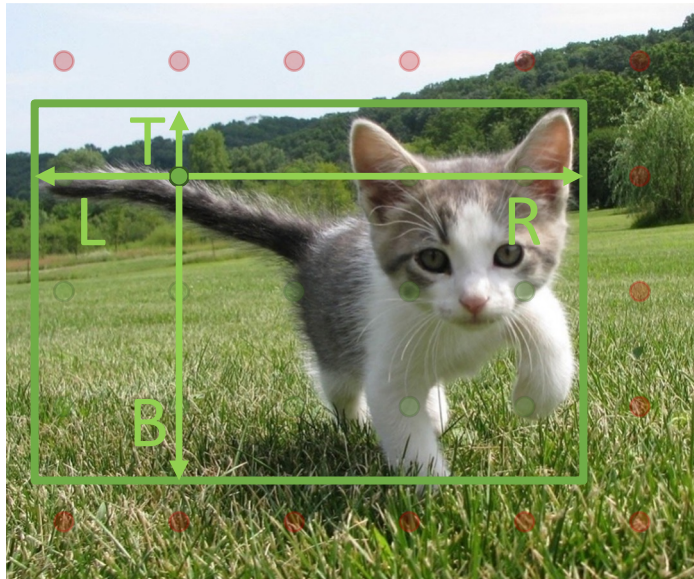
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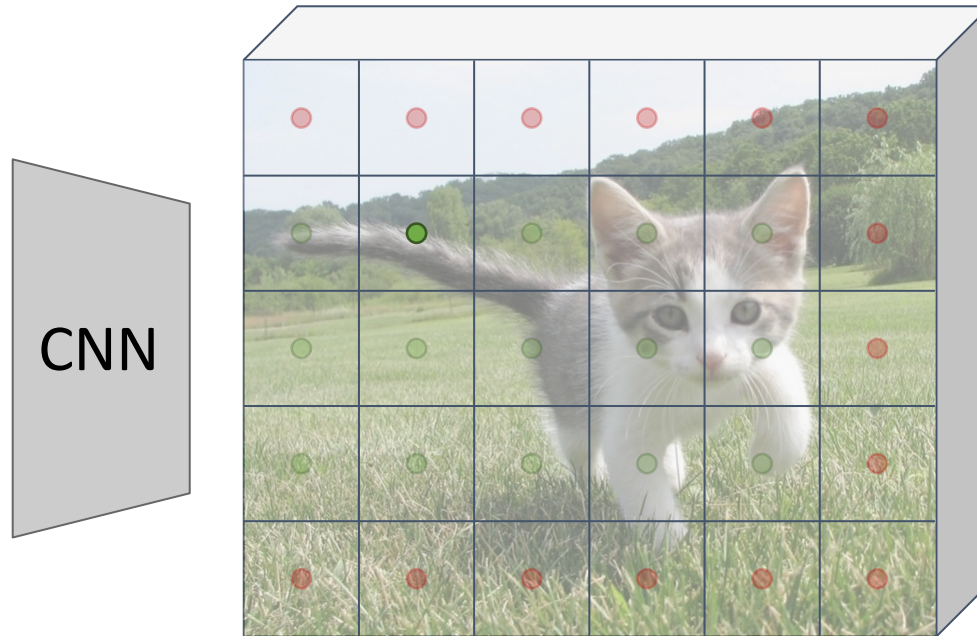
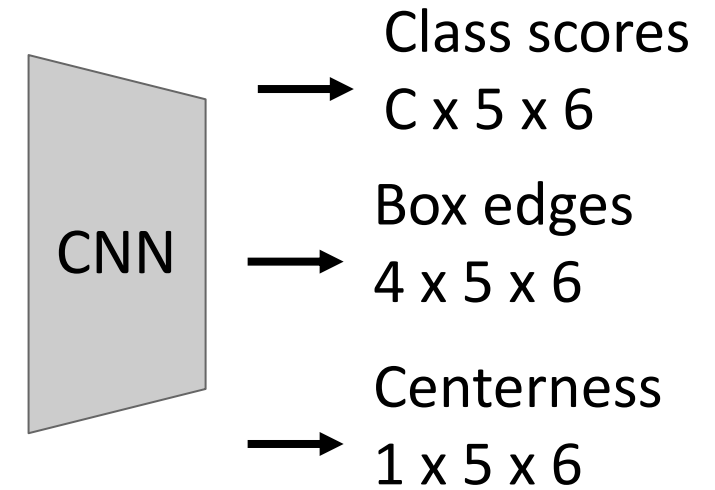


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Finally, predict “centerness” for all positive points (using logistic regression loss)



$$centerness = \sqrt{\frac{\min(L, R)}{\max(L, R)} \cdot \frac{\min(T, B)}{\max(T, B)}}$$

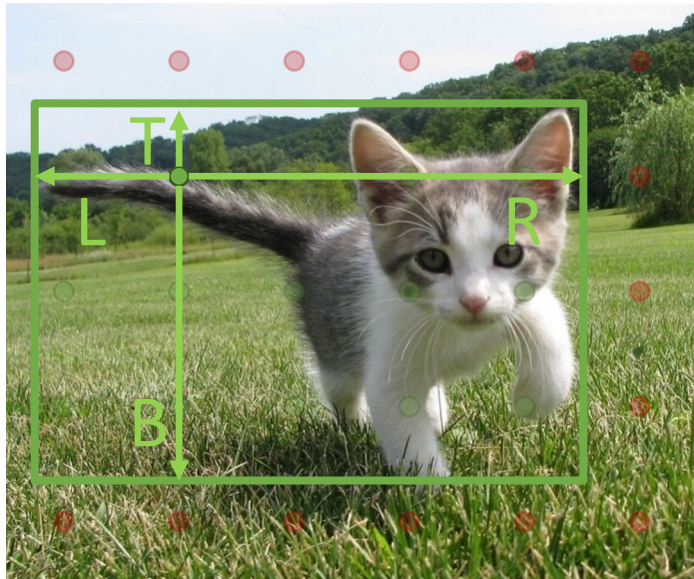
Ranges from 1 at box center to 0 at box edge



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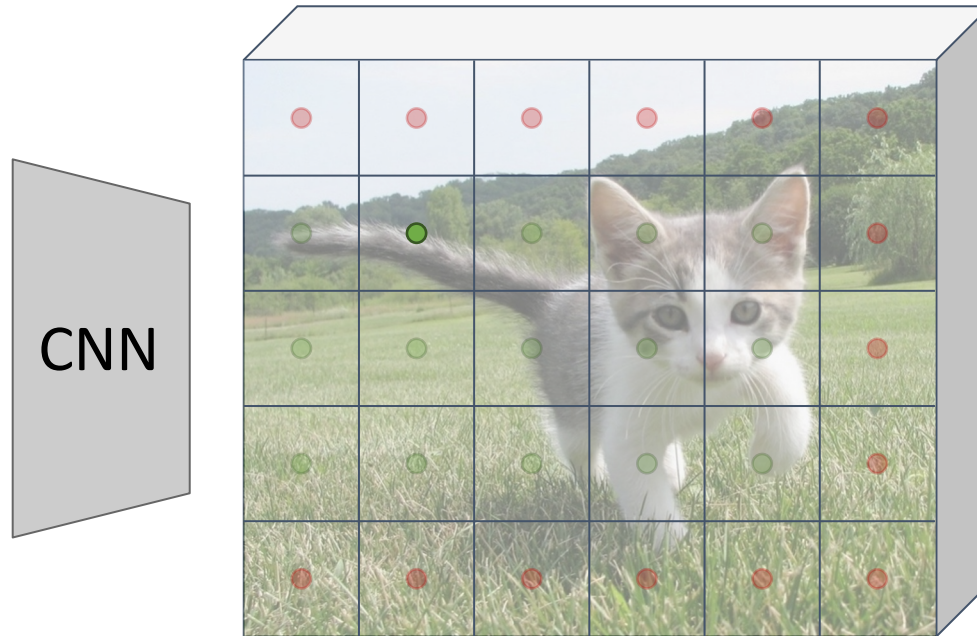
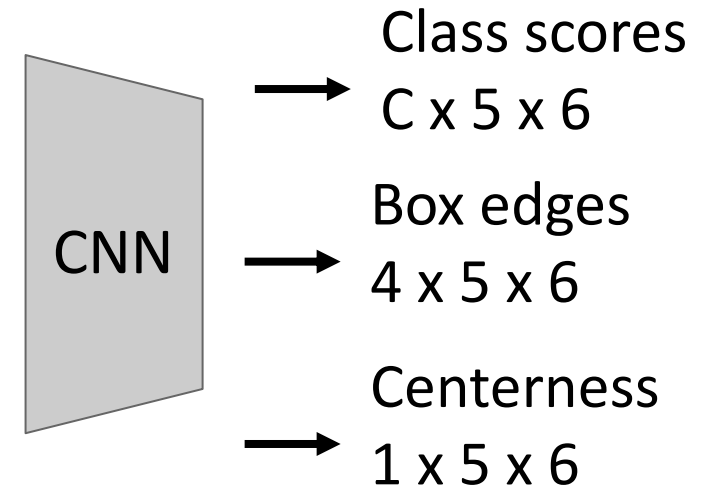


Image features  
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Test-time: predicted  
“confidence” for the box from  
each point is product of its  
class score and centerness



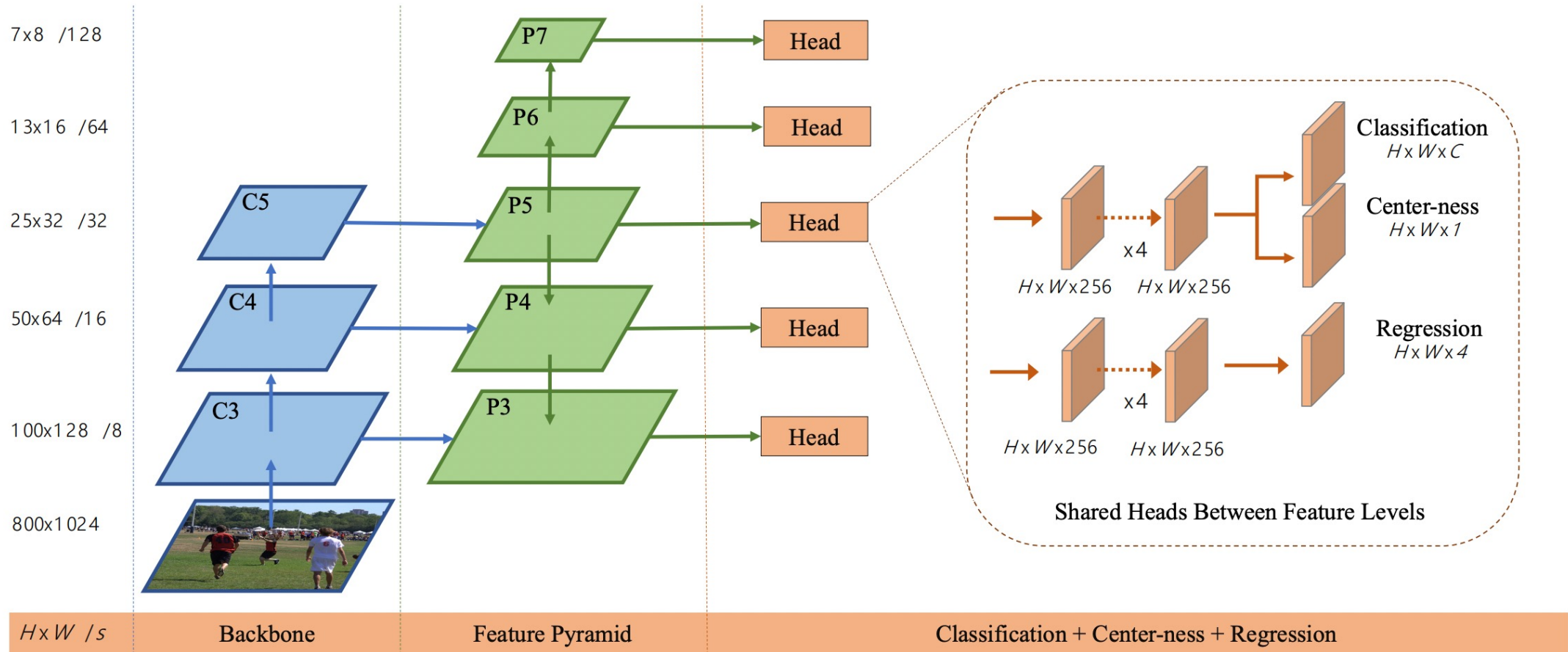
$$centerness = \sqrt{\frac{\min(L, R)}{\max(L, R)} \cdot \frac{\min(T, B)}{\max(T, B)}}$$

Ranges from 1 at box center to 0 at box edge

# Single-Stage Detectors: FCOS

“Anchor-free” detector

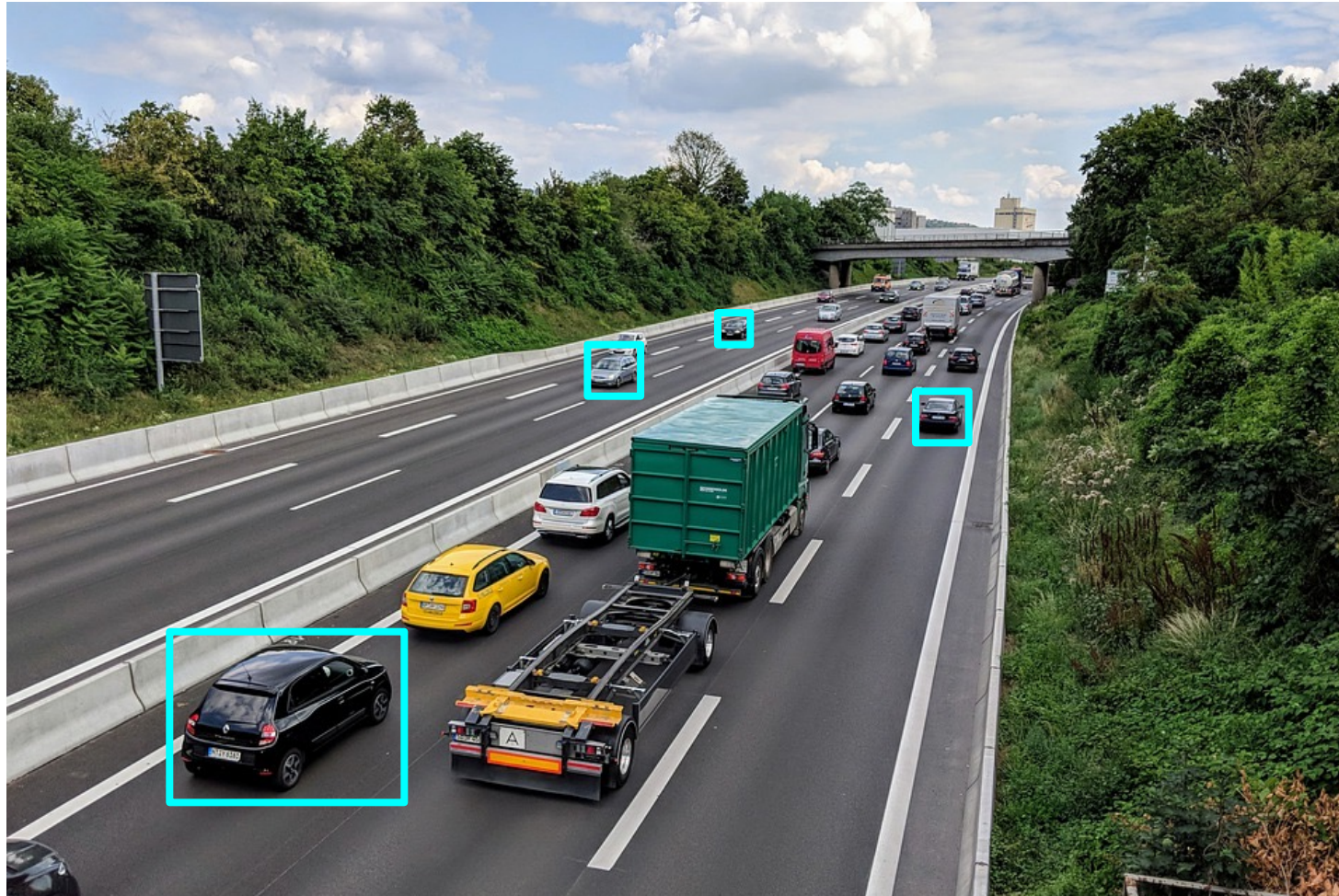
FCOS also uses a Feature Pyramid Network with heads shared across stages





# Dealing with Scale

We need to detect objects of many different scales.  
How to improve *scale invariance* of the detector?



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# Dealing with Scale: Image Pyramid

Classic idea: build an *image pyramid* by resizing the image to different scales, then process each image scale independently.



Object  
Detector



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Detector



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**Problem: Expensive! Don't share any computation between scales**



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Detector



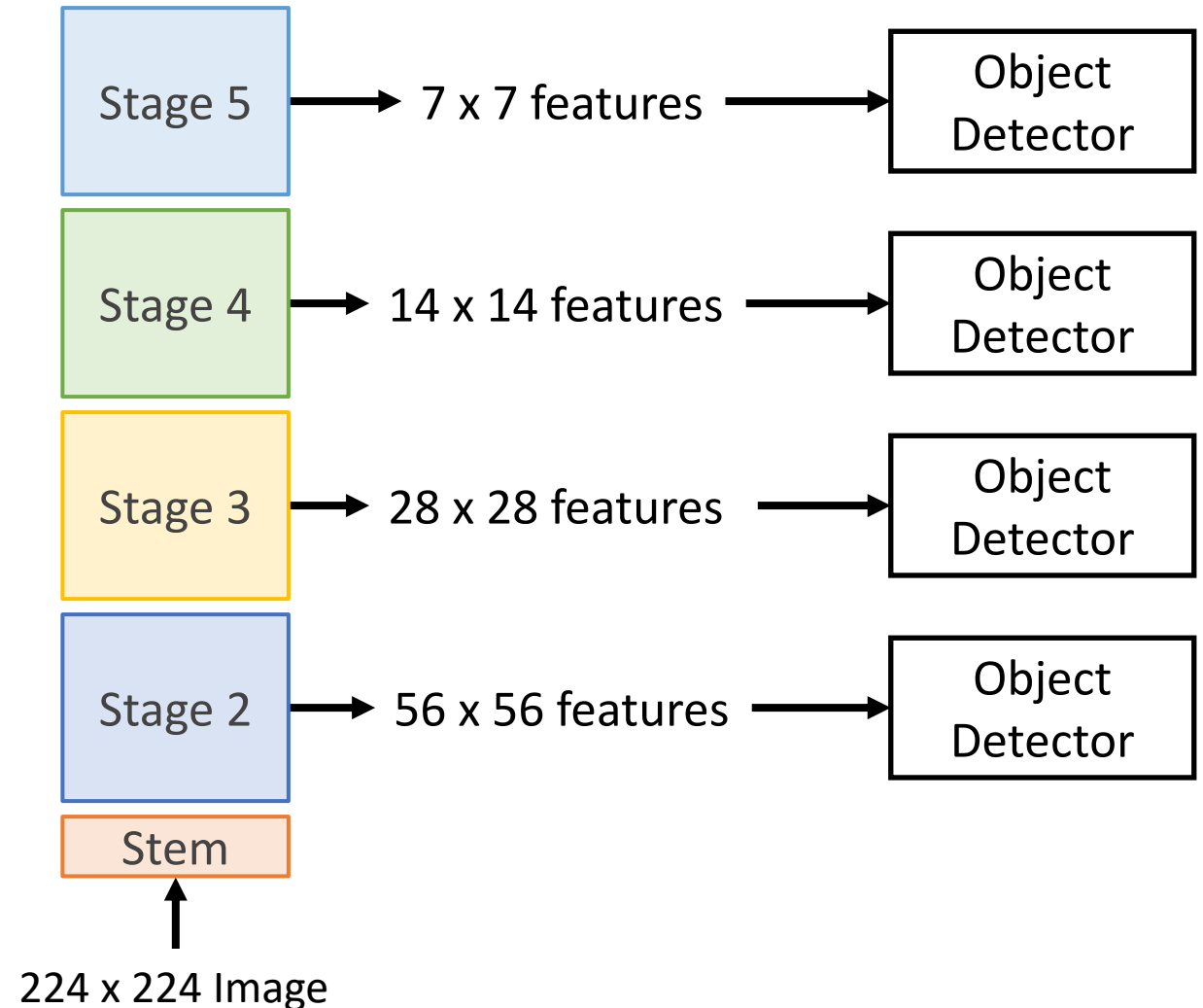
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# Dealing with Scale: Multiscale Features

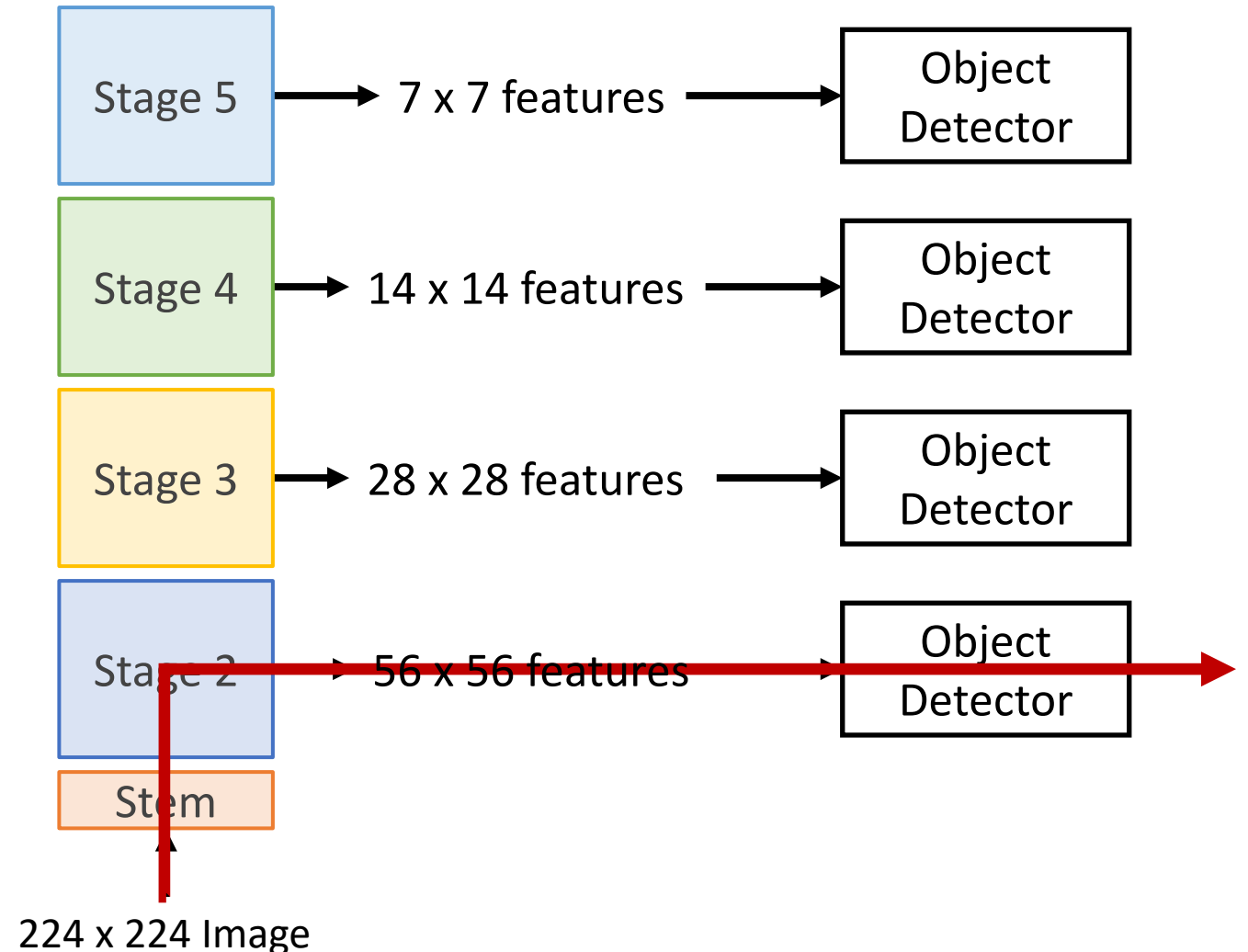
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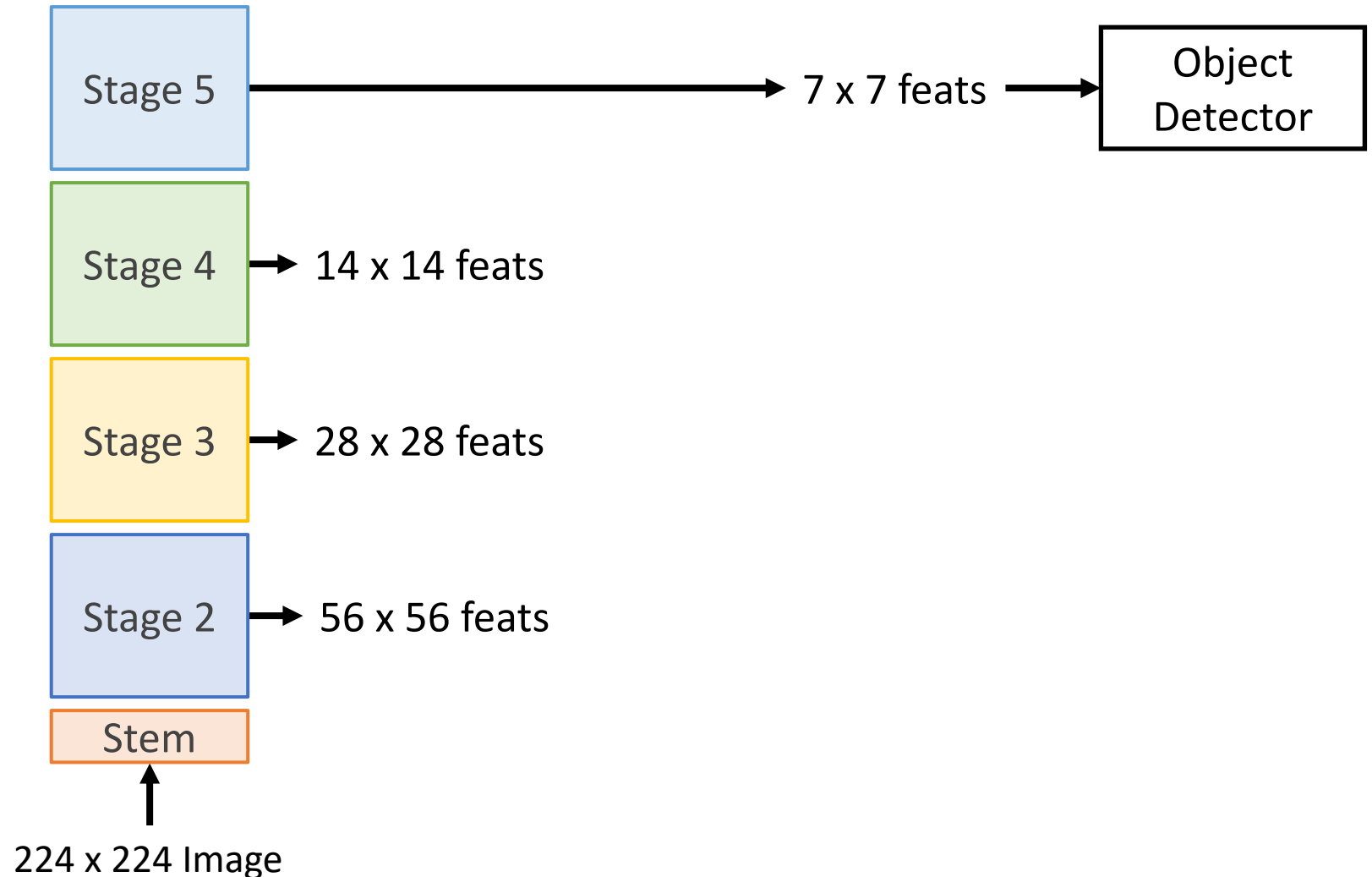
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**Problem: detector on early features doesn't make use of the entire backbone; doesn't get access to high-level features**



# Dealing with Scale: Feature Pyramid Network

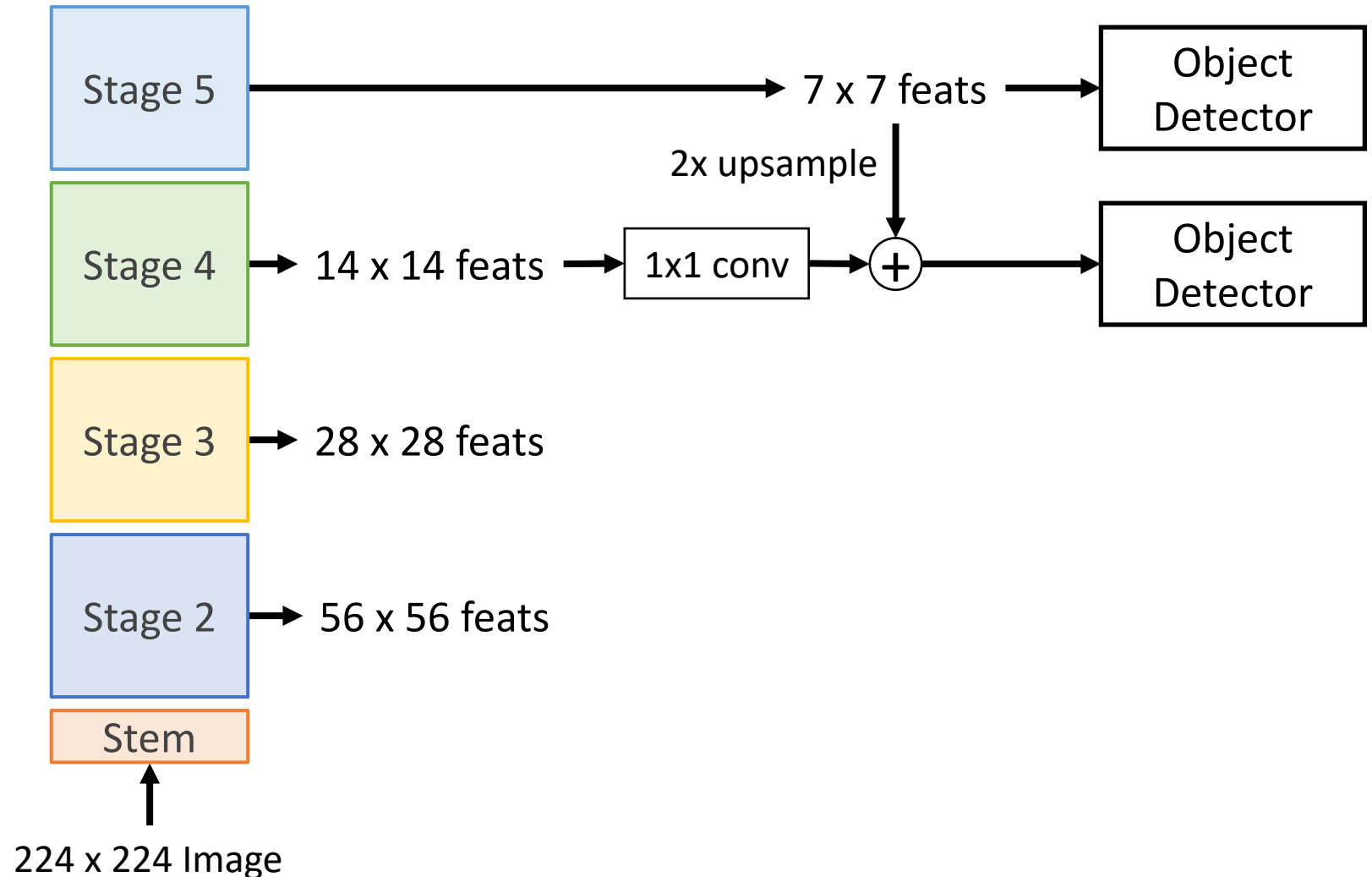
*Add top down connections* that feed information from high level features back down to lower level features





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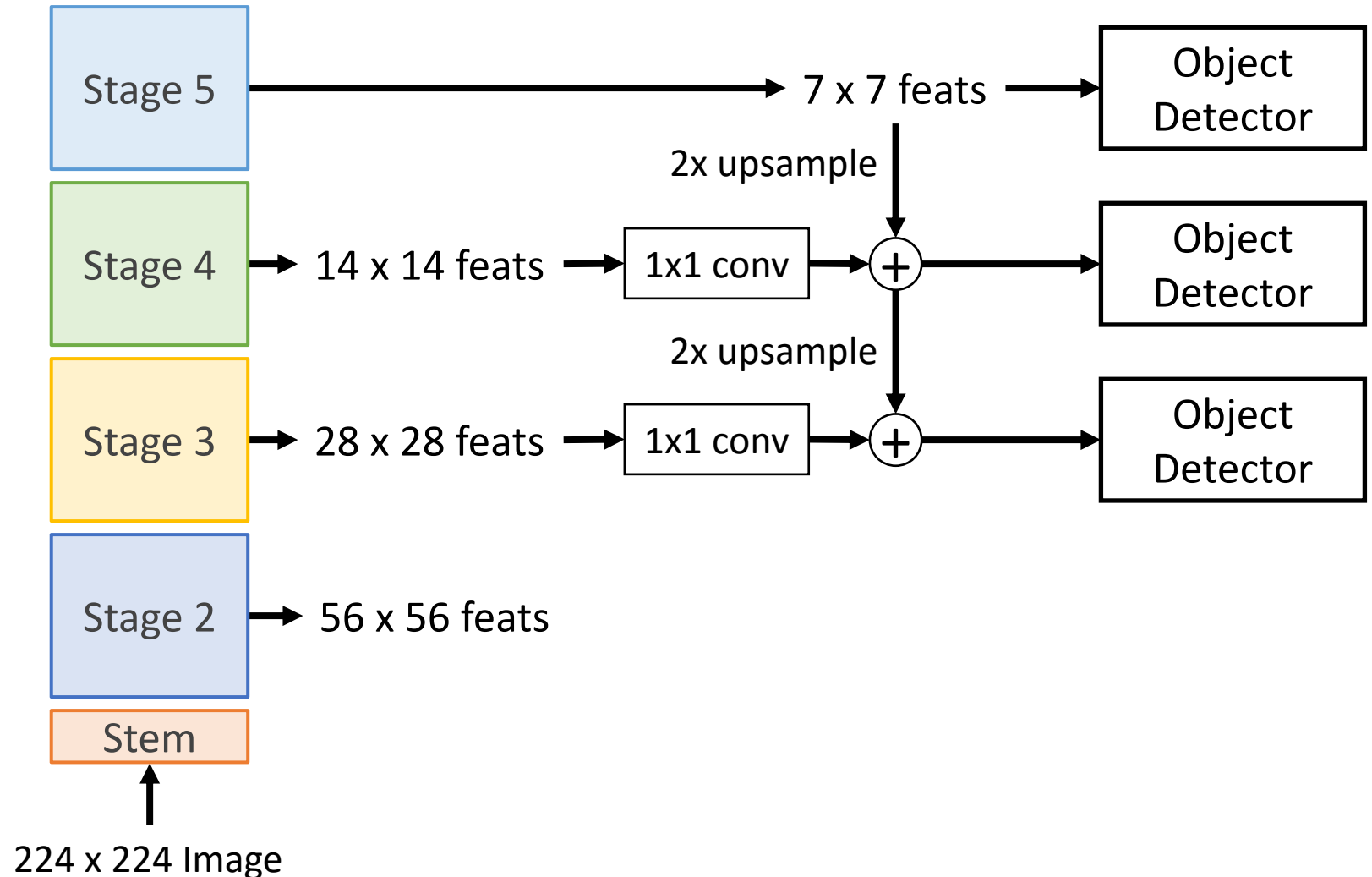
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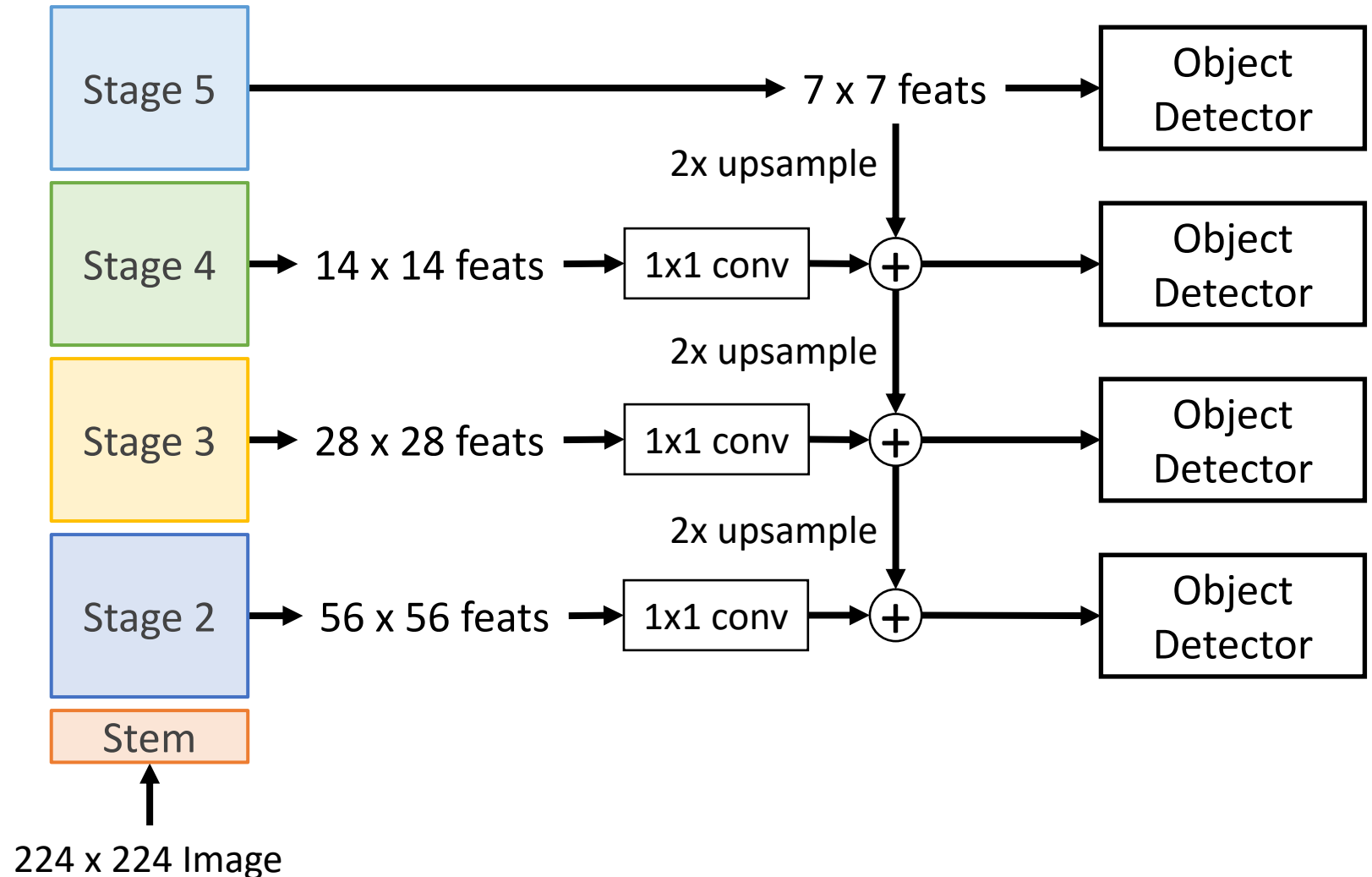
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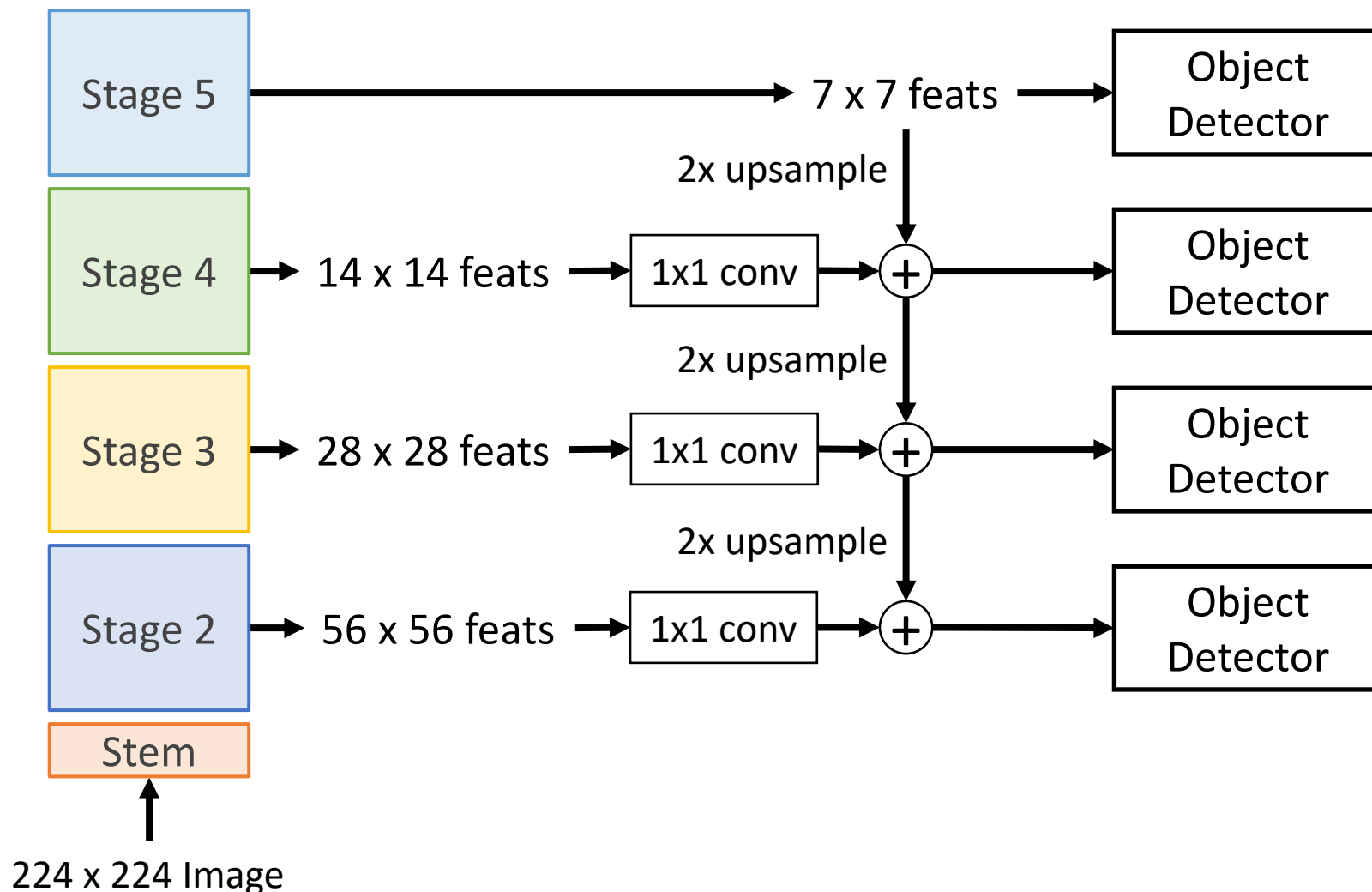


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Efficient multiscale features where all levels benefit from the whole backbone! Widely used in practice



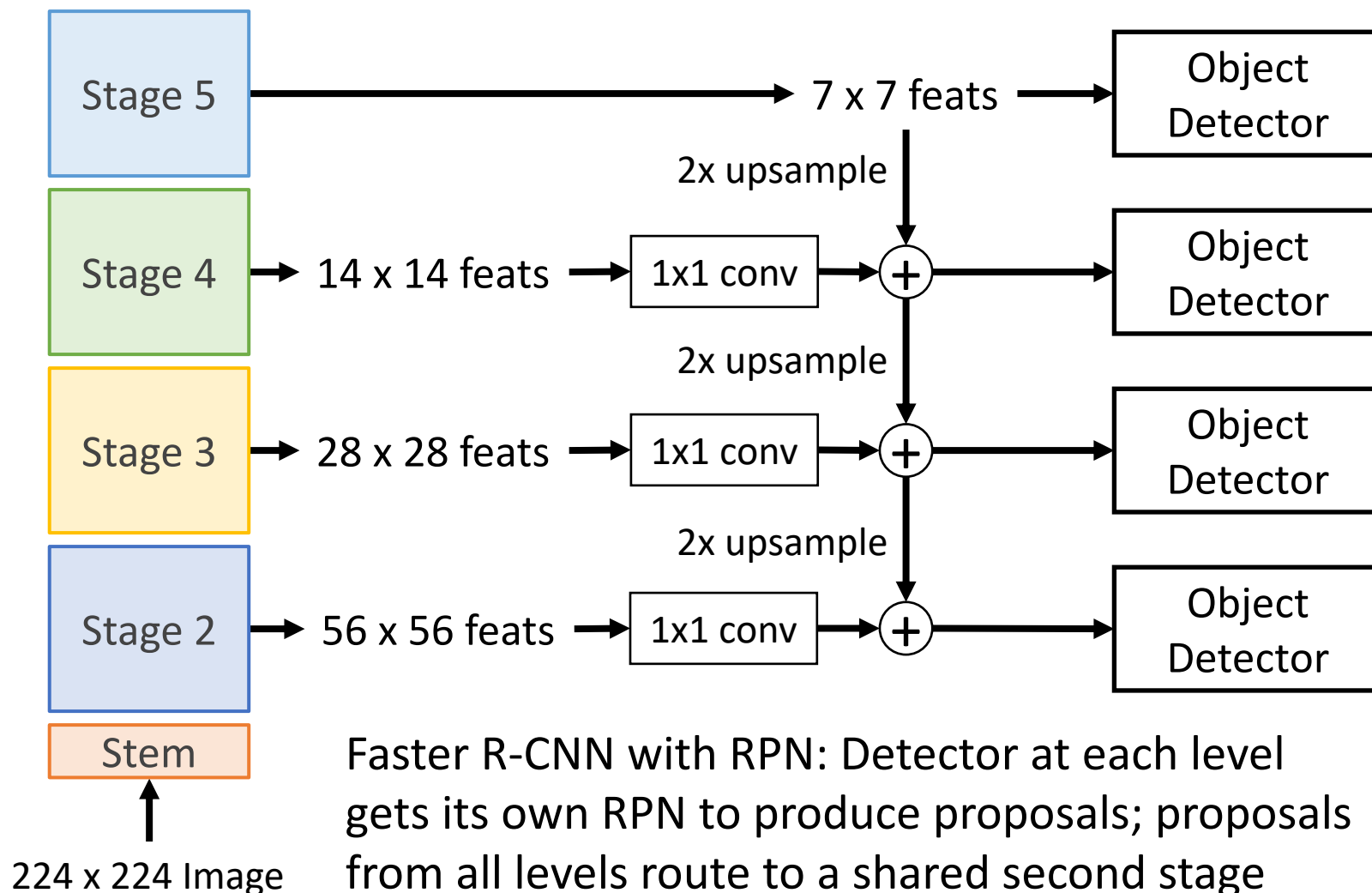
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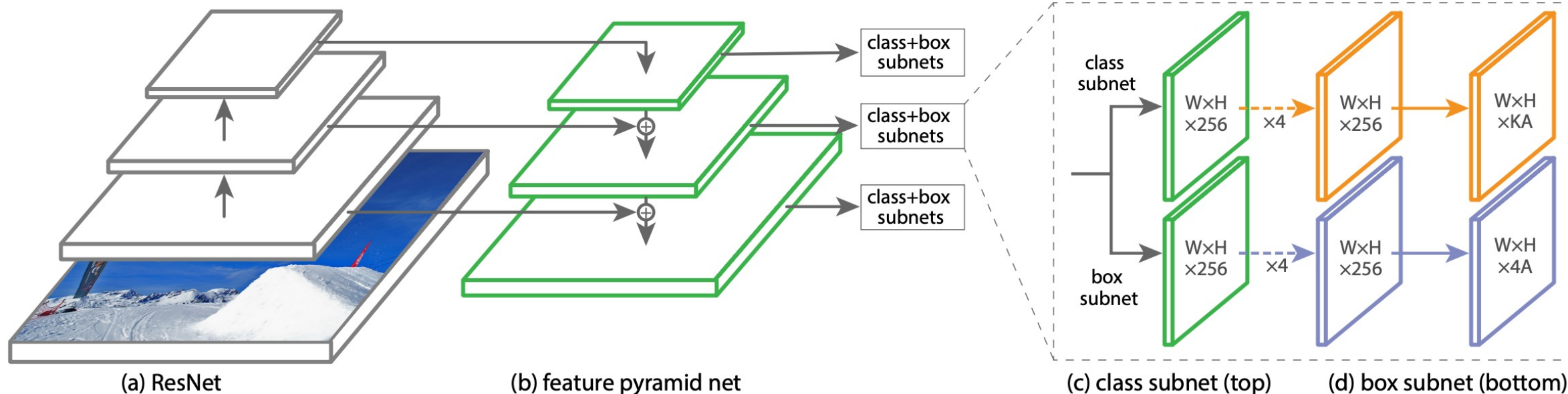
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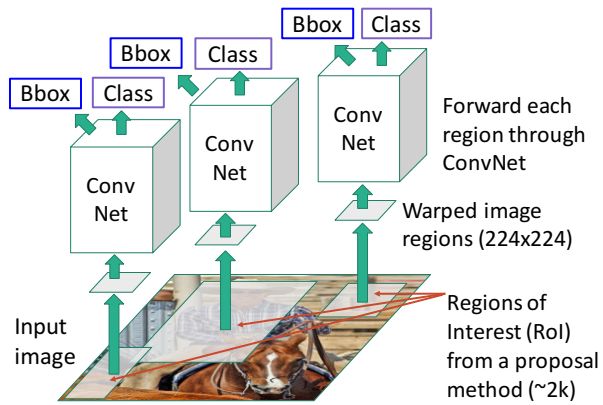
# Single-Stage Detectors: RetinaNet

In practice, RetinaNet also uses Feature Pyramid Network to handle multiscale



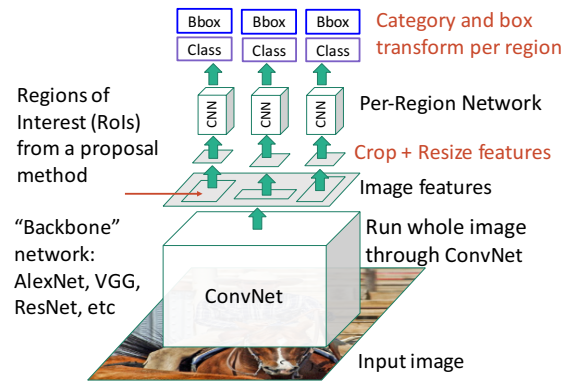
# Summary

**“Slow” R-CNN:** Run CNN independently for each region



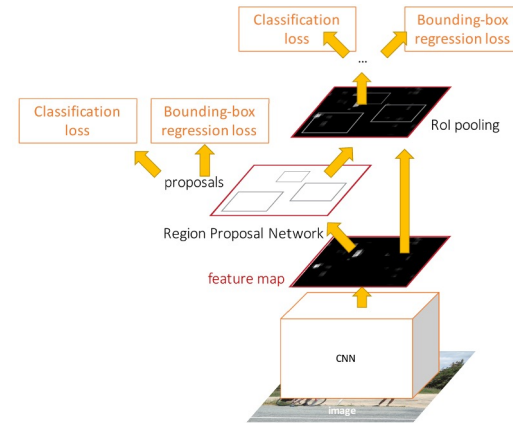
**Bounding Box Regression**

**Fast R-CNN:** Apply differentiable cropping to shared image features

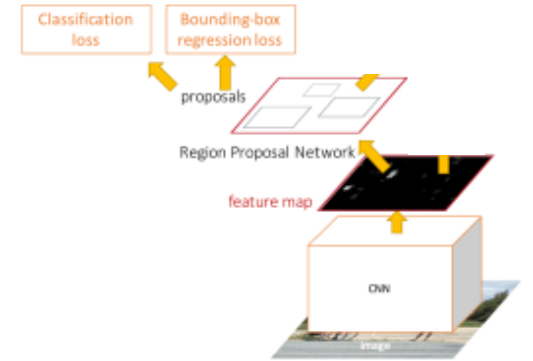


**RoIPool / RoIAlign**

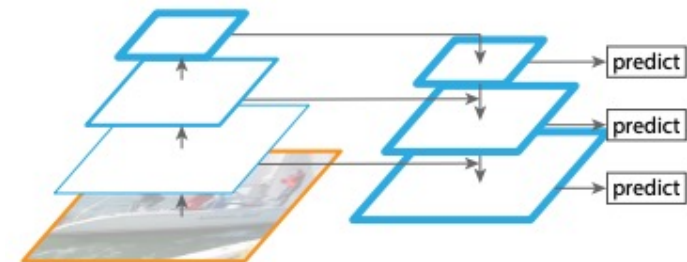
**Faster R-CNN:** Compute proposals with CNN



**Single-Stage:** Fully convolutional detector / RetinaNet



**Feature Pyramid Network**



# Summary

**RoIPool and RoIAlign operation:** Crop features inside a box

**Feature Pyramid Net**

**Object detection** is the task of localizing objects with bounding boxes

**Intersection over Union (IoU)** quantifies differences between bounding boxes

The **R-CNN** object detector processes **region proposals** with a CNN

At test-time, eliminate overlapping detections using **non-max suppression (NMS)**

Evaluate object detectors using **mean average precision (mAP)**



# Summary: Beyond Image Classification

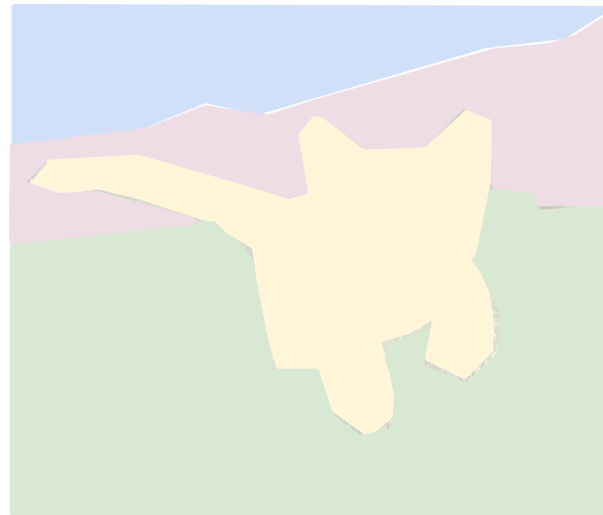
## Classification



**CAT**

No spatial extent

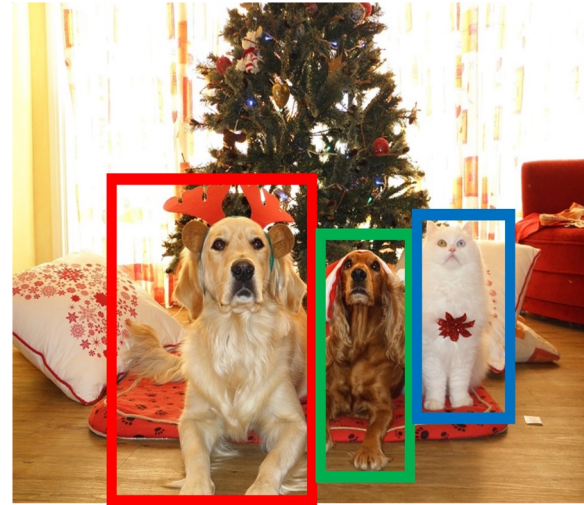
## Semantic Segmentation



**GRASS, CAT, TREE, SKY**

No objects, just pixels

## Object Detection



**DOG, DOG, CAT**

Multiple Objects

## Instance Segmentation



**DOG, DOG, CAT**