

# Self-Supervision

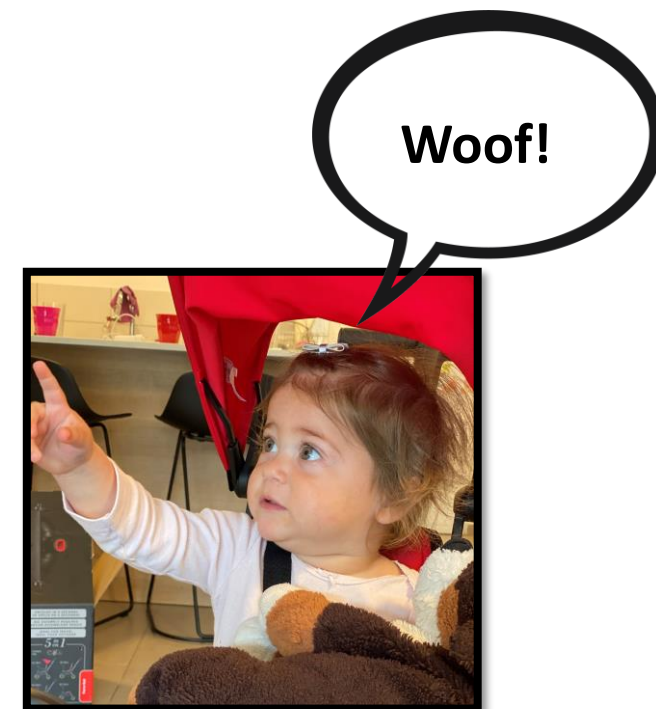
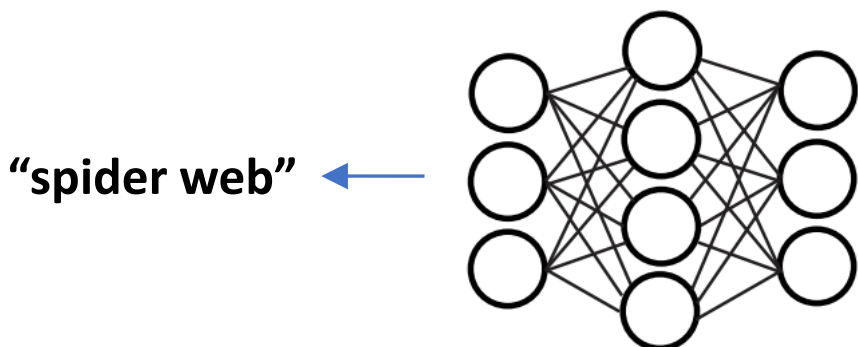
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# Supervised Learning

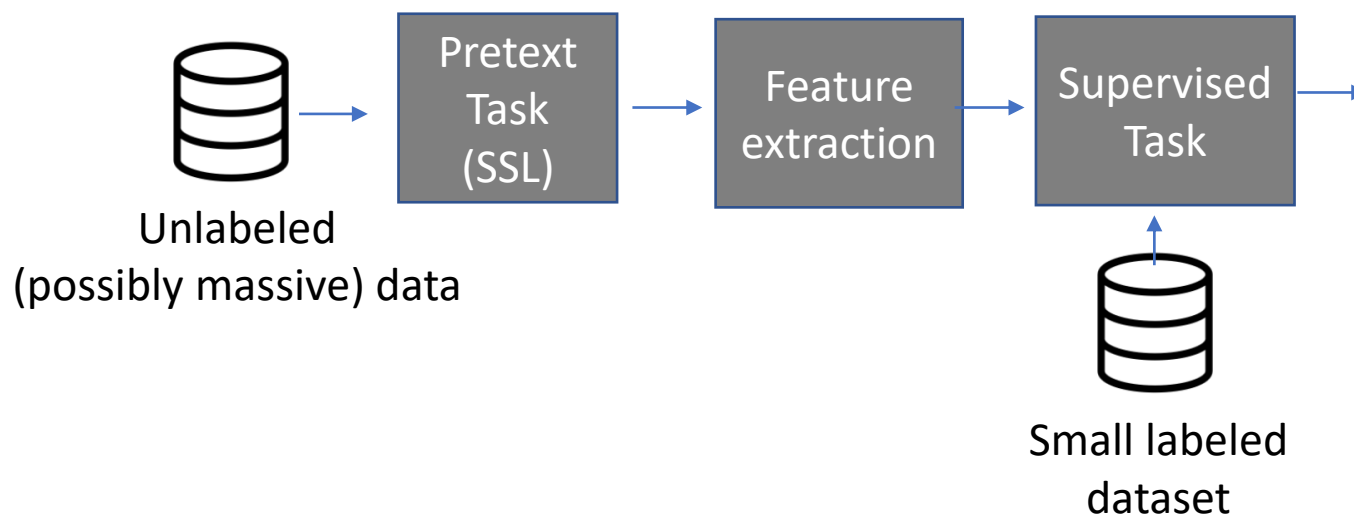
1. It's impossible to label everything in the world
2. Not enough labeled data
3. More intelligent models wouldn't need massive labeled data



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**Task-Specific Models → Foundation Models**

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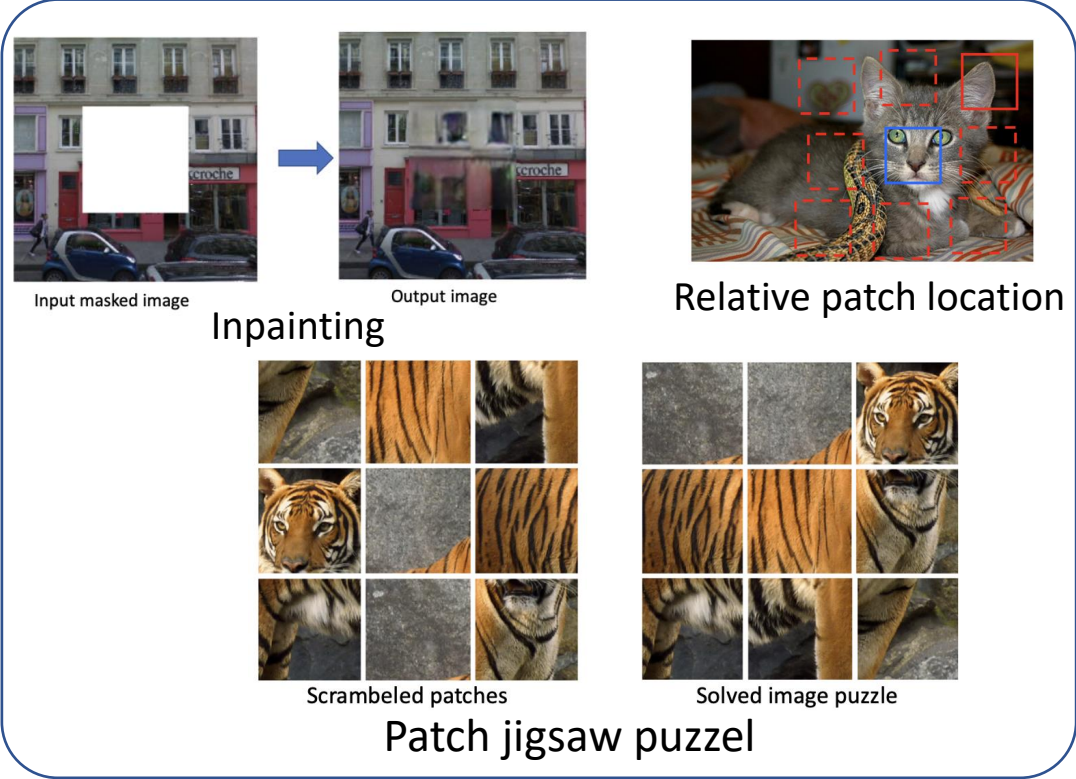
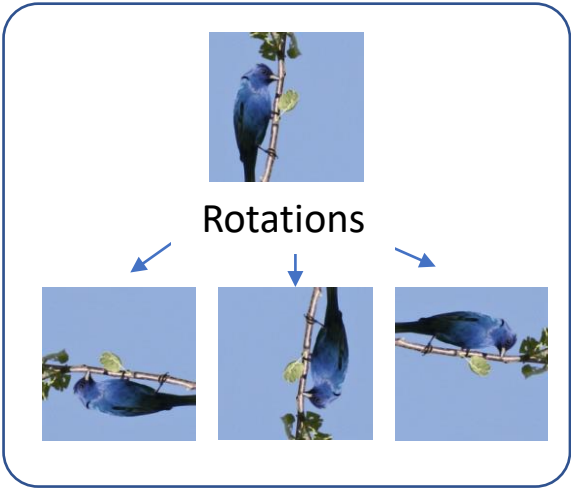
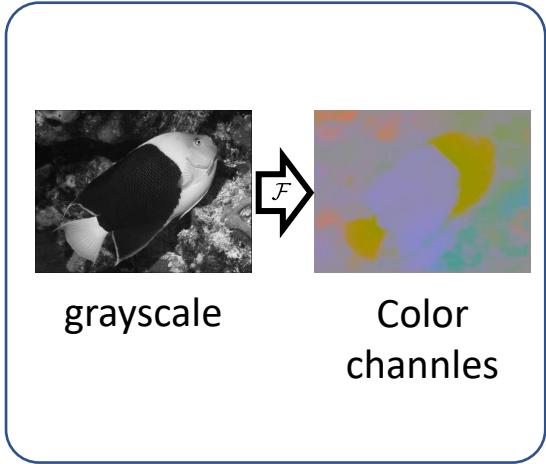


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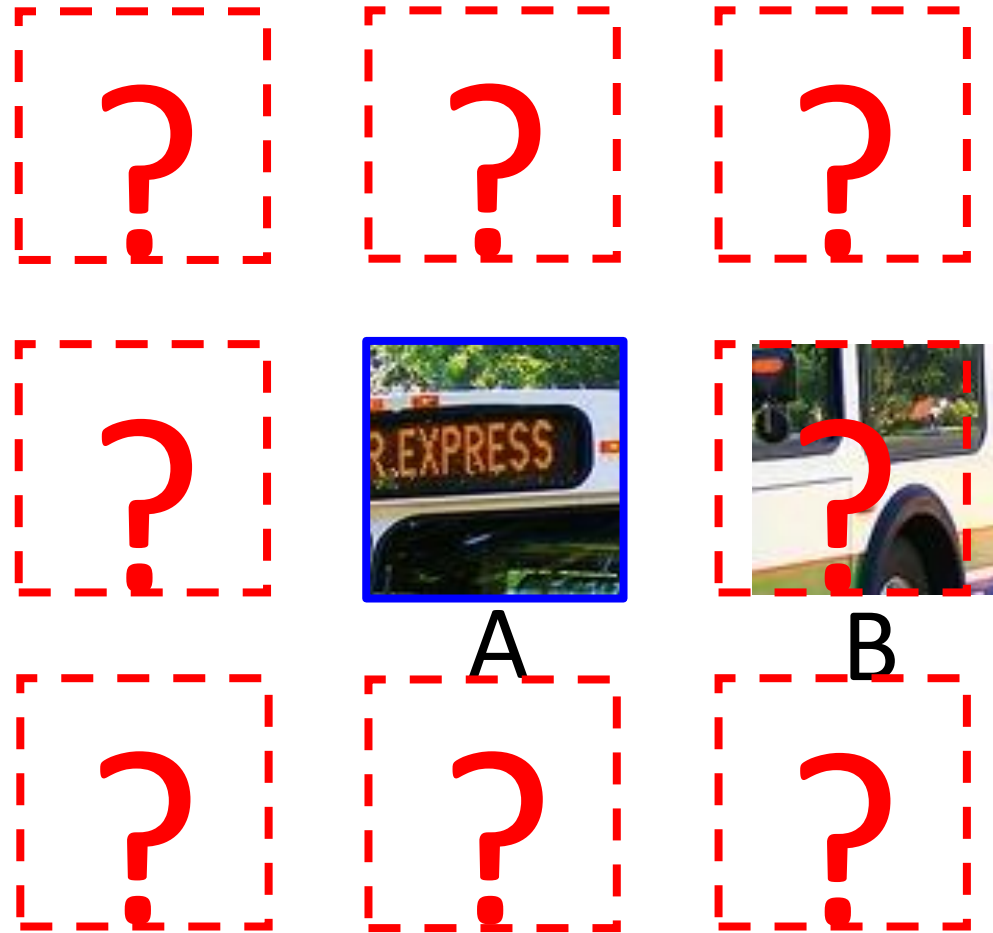
# Context as Supervision

[Collobert & Weston 2008; Word2Vec by Mikolov et al. 2013]

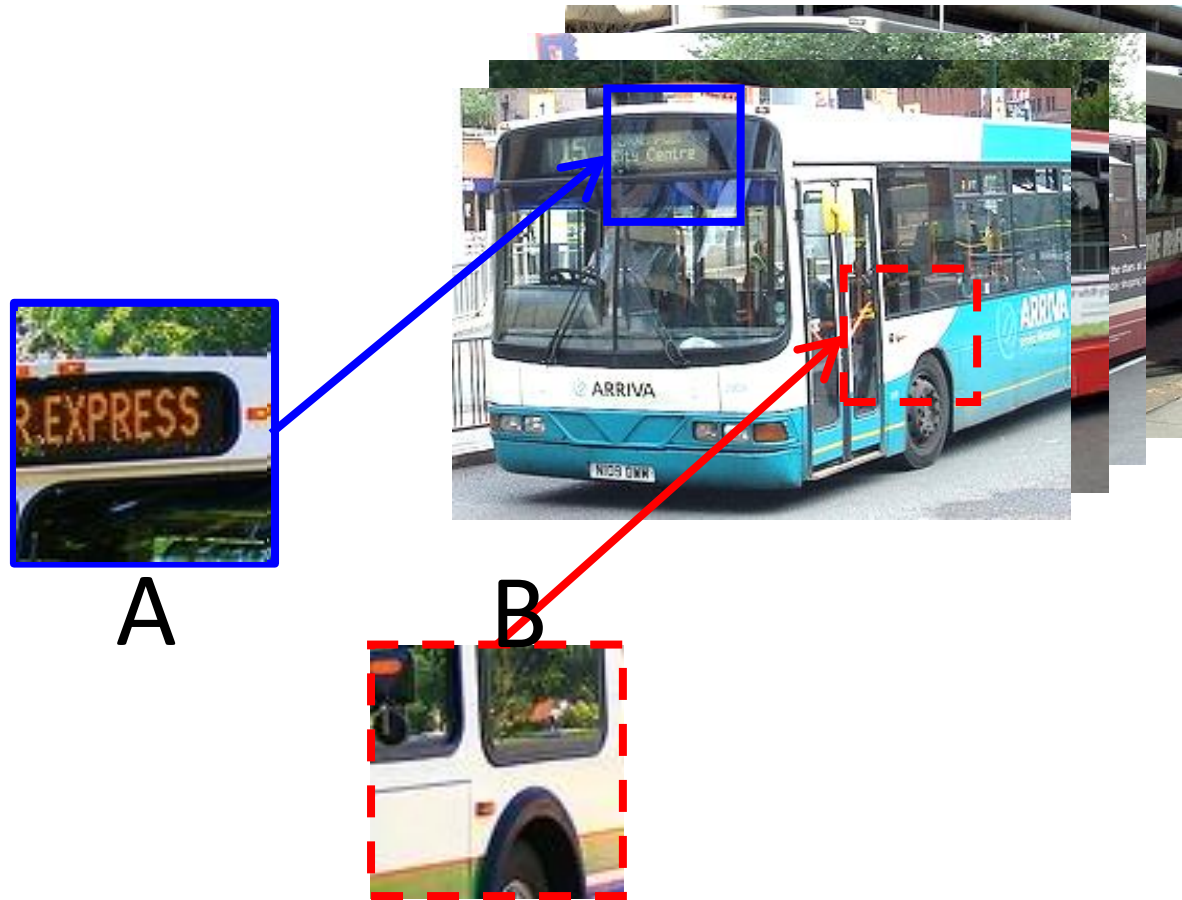
house, where the professor lived without his wife and child; or so he said jokingly sometimes: "Here's where I live. My house." His daughter often added, without resentment, for the visitor's information, "It started out to be for me, but it's really his." And she might reach in to bring forth an inch-high table lamp with fluted shade, or a blue dish the size of her little fingernail, marked "Kitty" and half full of eternal milk, but she was sure to replace these, after they had been admired, pretty near exactly where they had been. The little house was very orderly, and just big enough for all it contained, though to some tastes the bric-à-brac in the parlor might seem excessive. The daughter's preference was for the store-bought gimmicks and appliances, the toasters and carpet sweepers of Lilliput, but she knew that most adult visitors would

Deep  
Net

# Context as Supervision: relative patch position



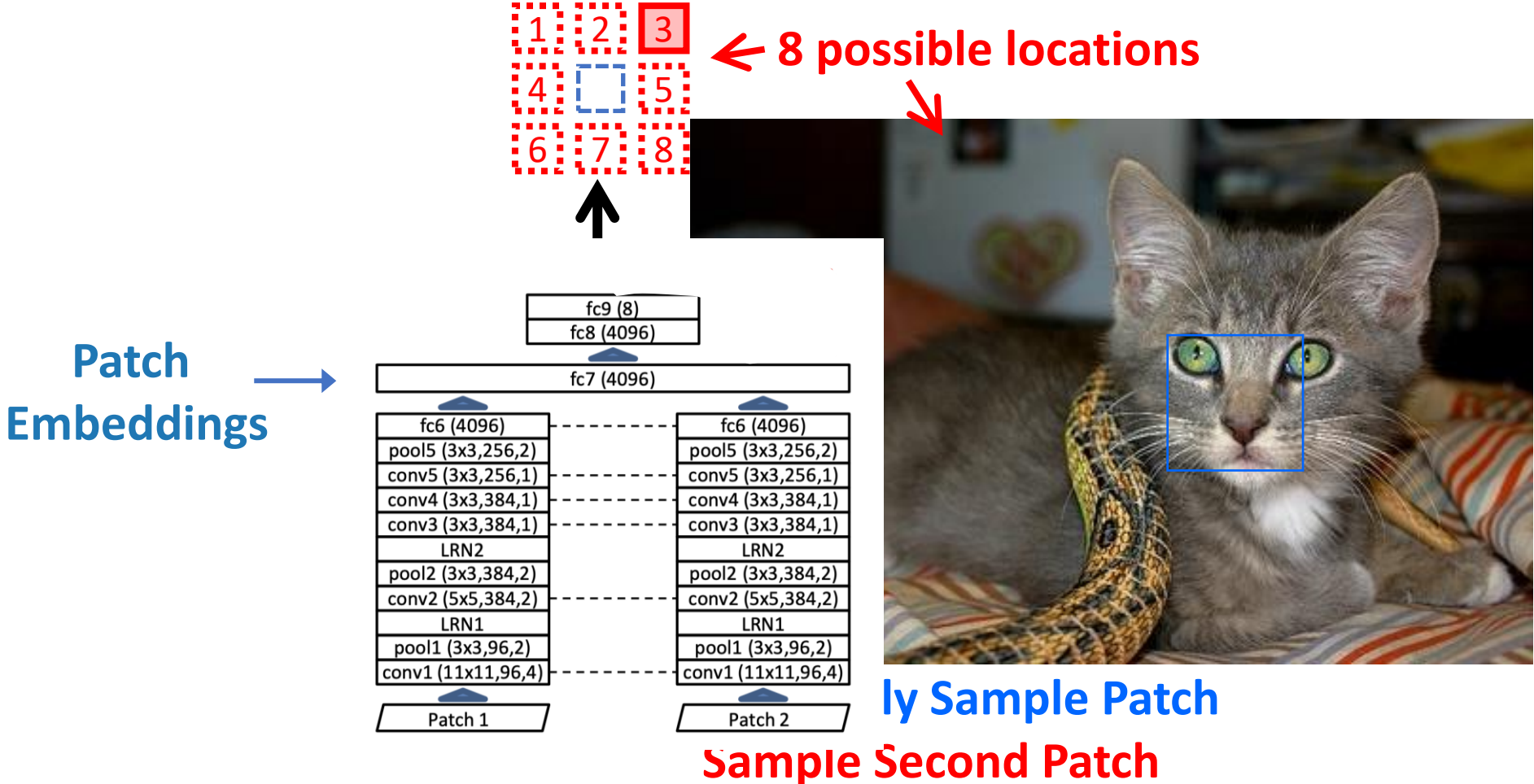
# Semantics from a non-semantic task





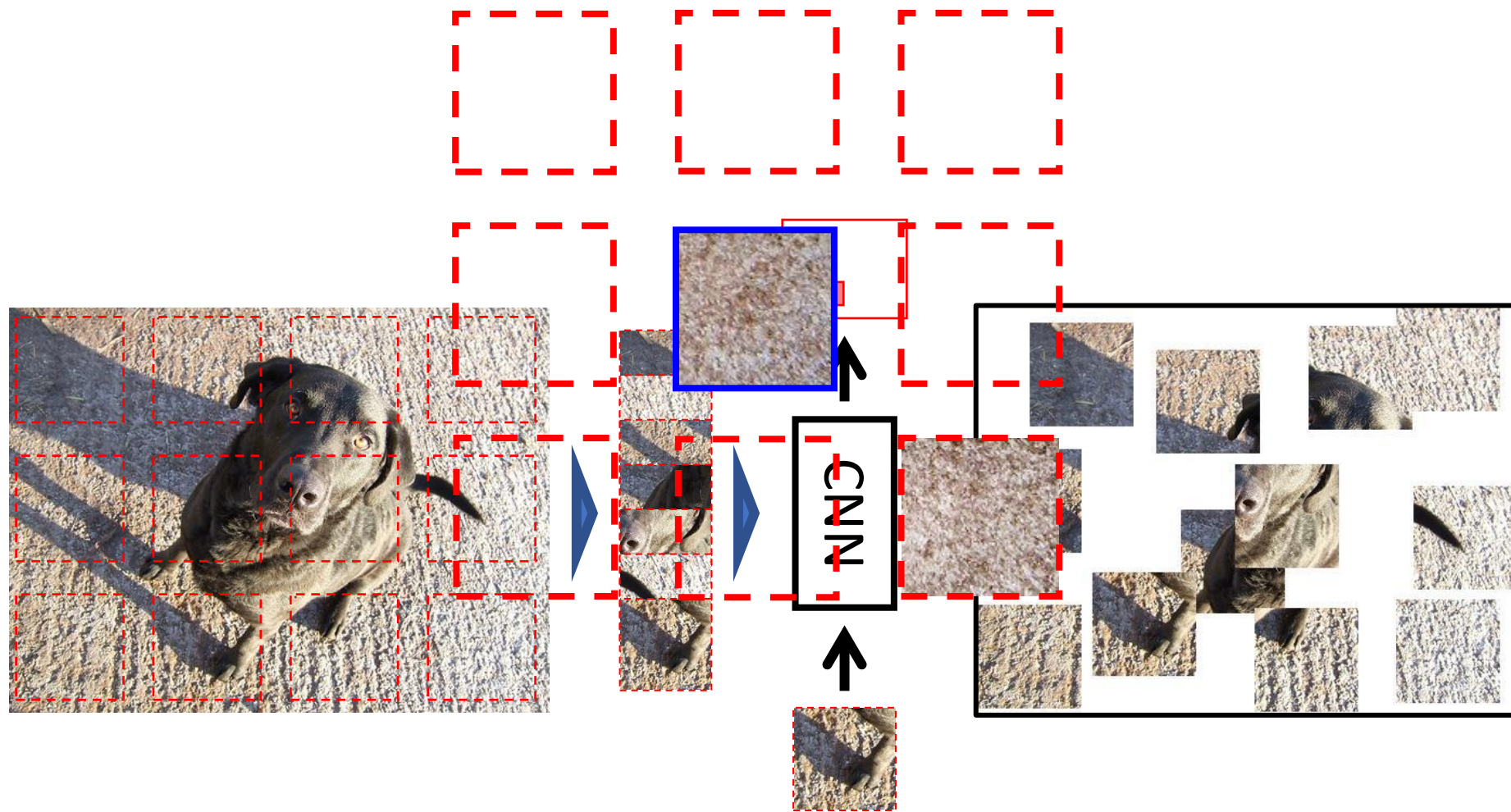
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Avoid “cheats” (low-level “trivial solutions”) → gaps between patches + random jitter

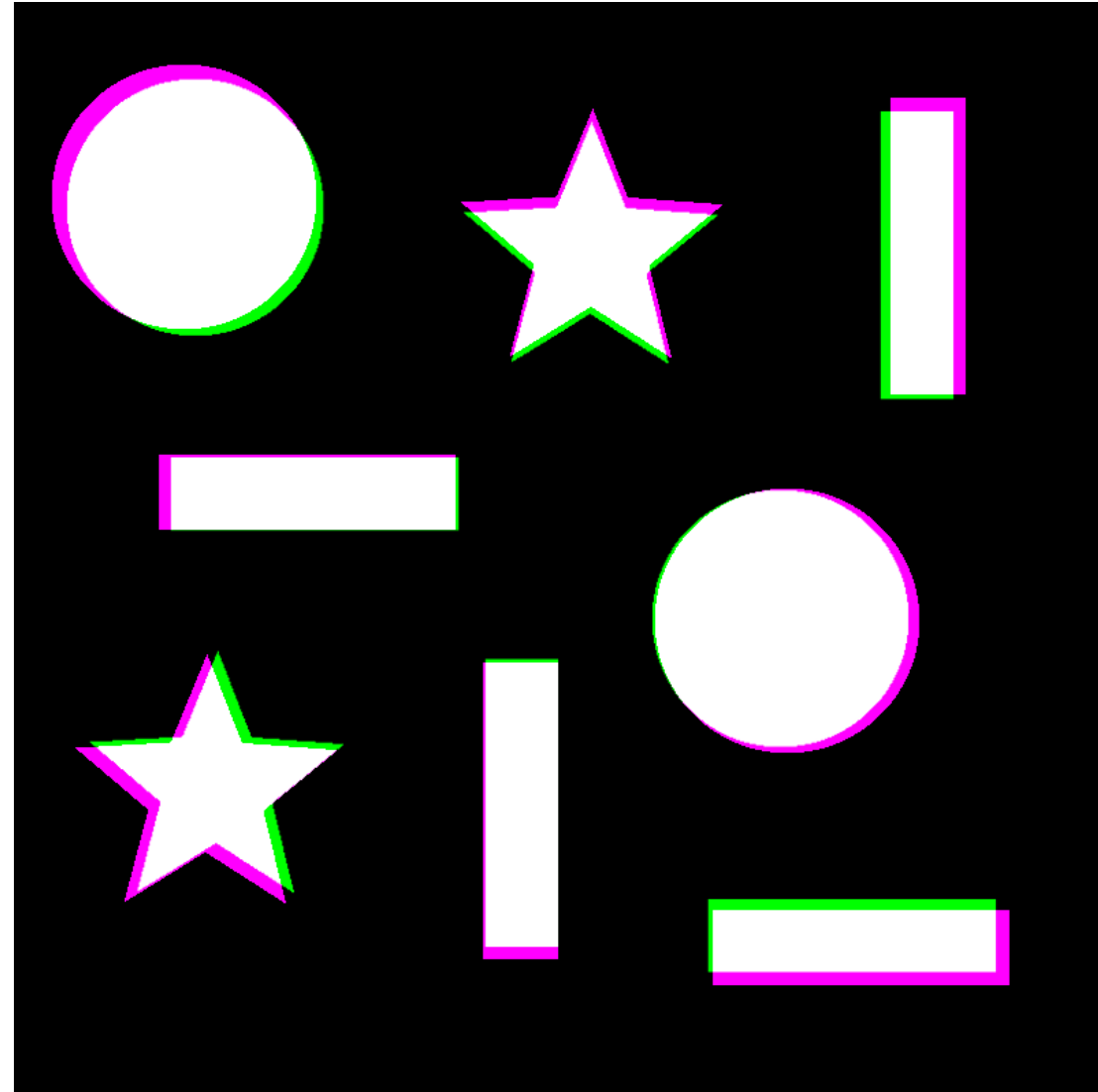
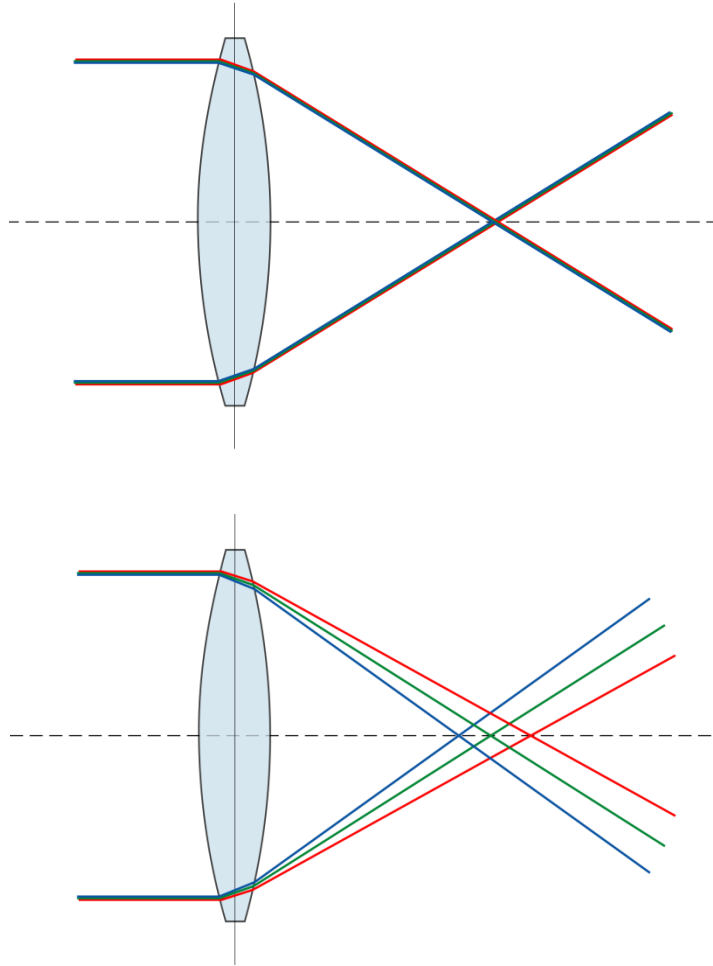




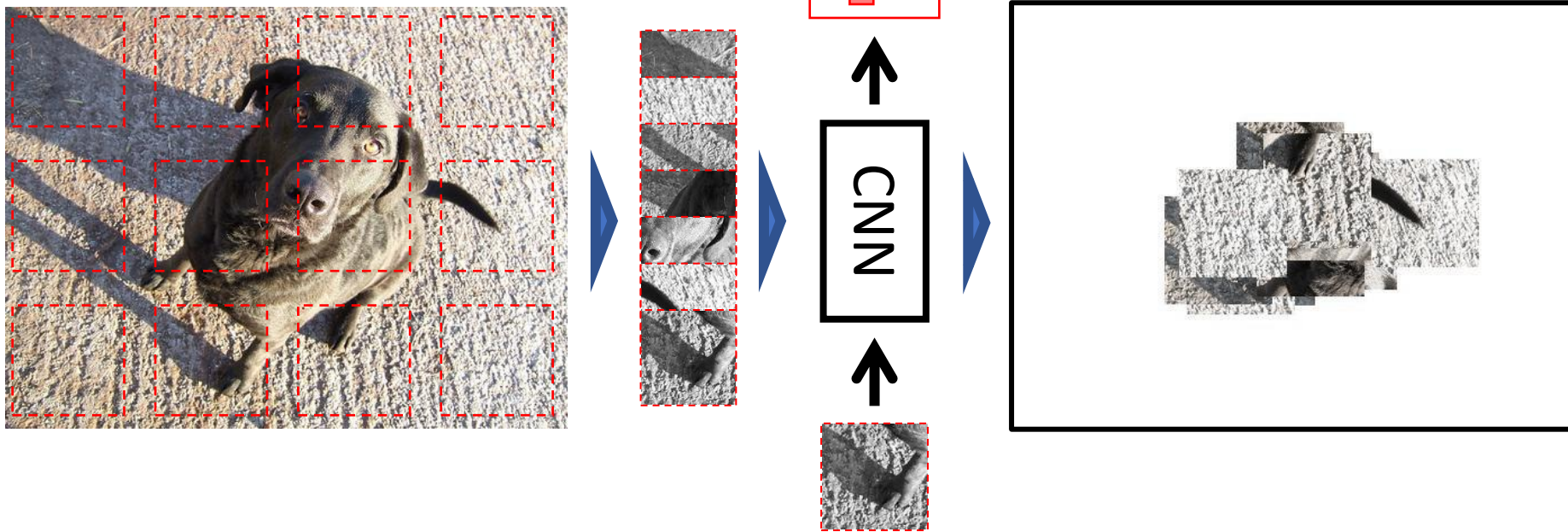
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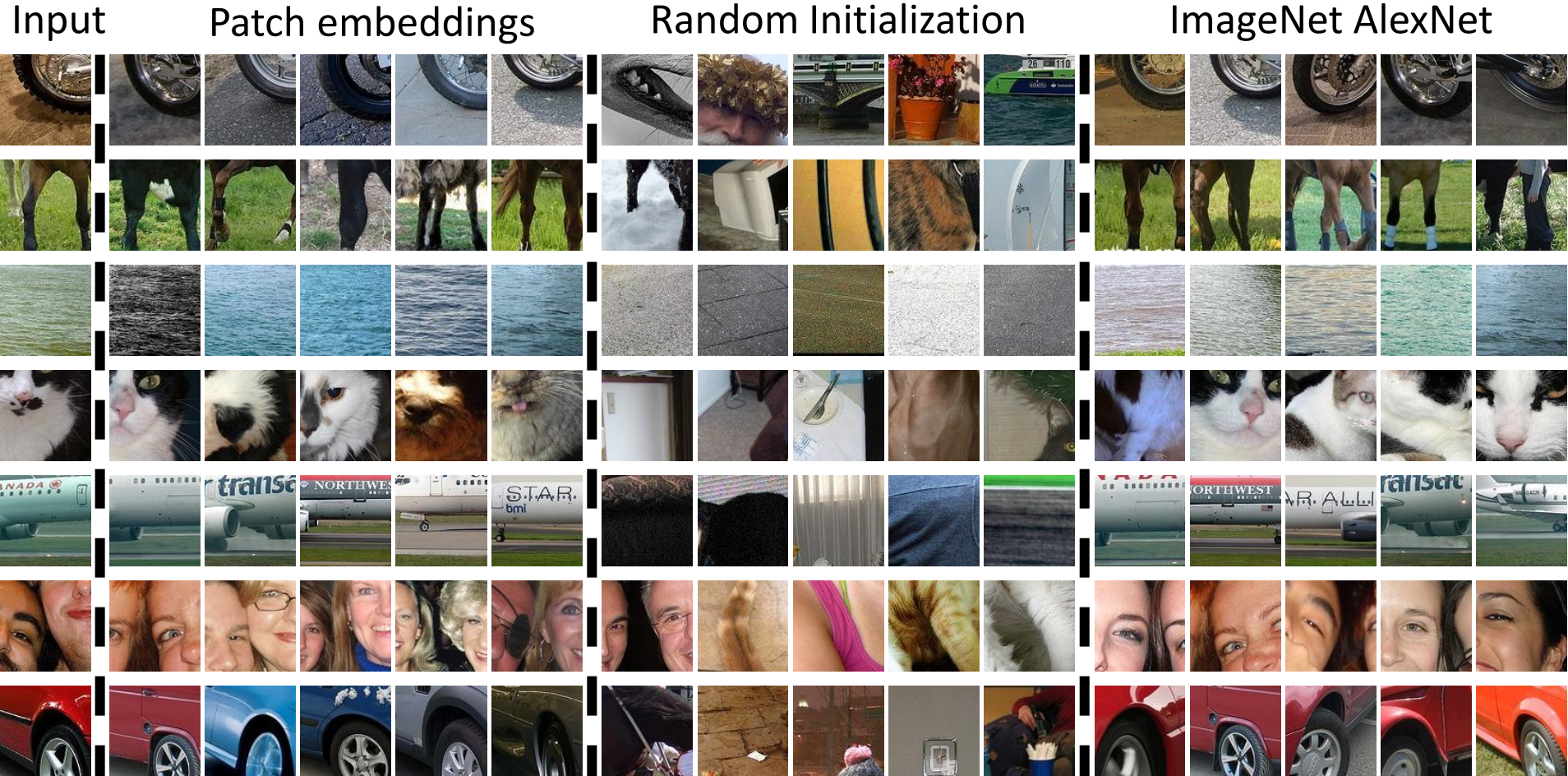


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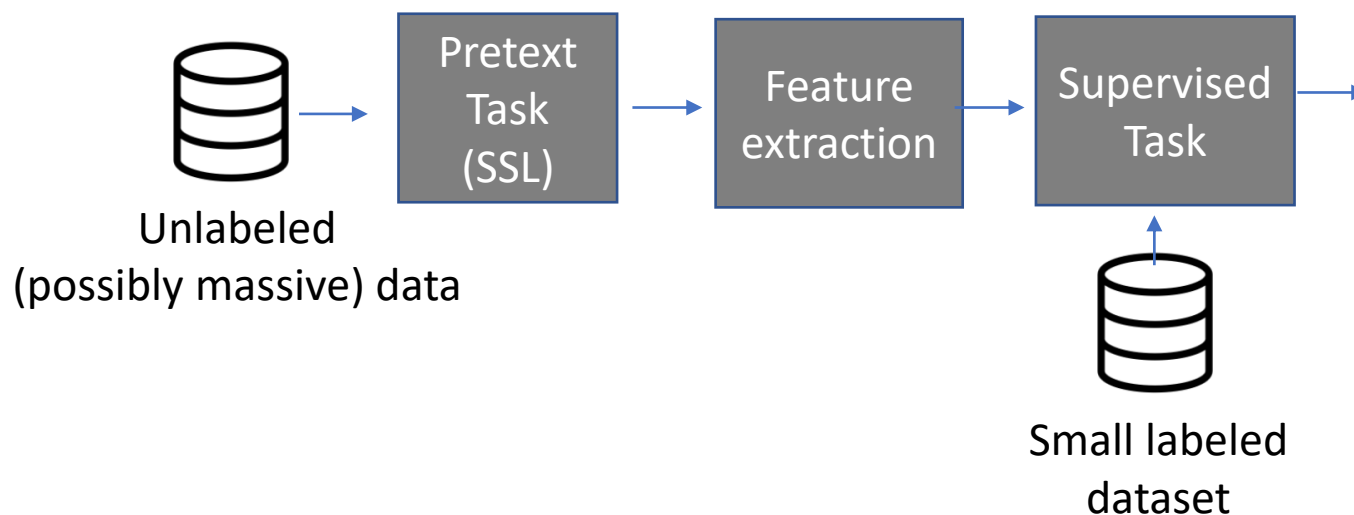
# Learned Patch Embedding



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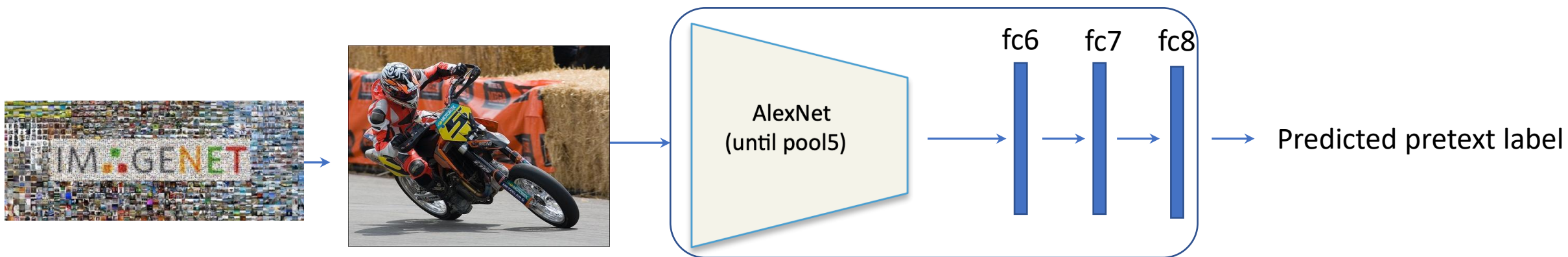


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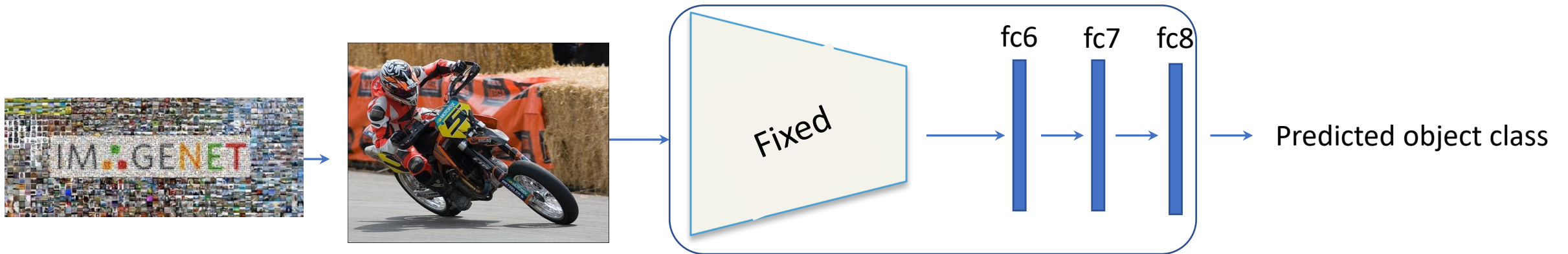




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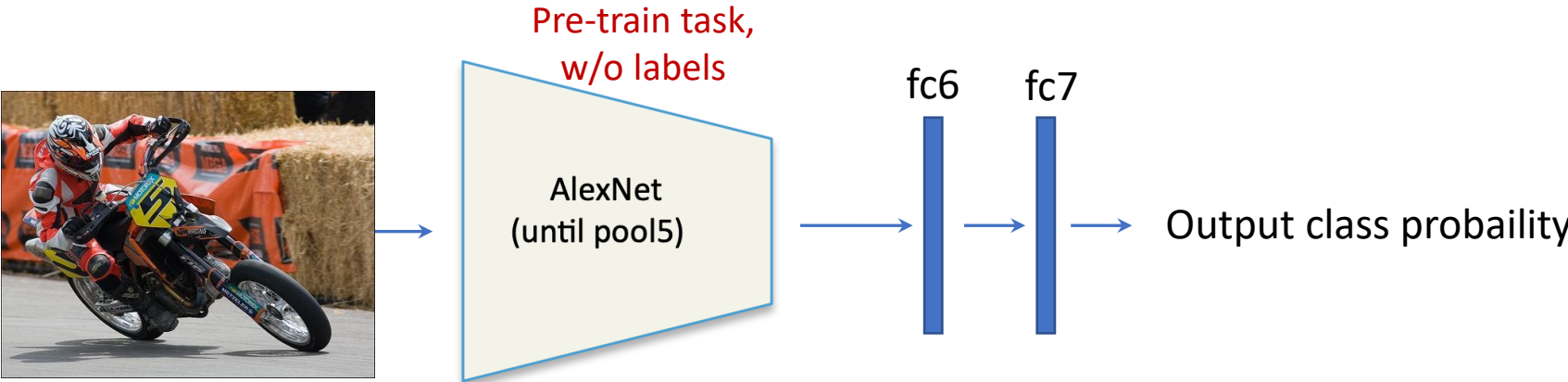
2. Train for classification on PASCAL VOC 2007

- Fine-tune the entire model, train fully connected layers
- Freeze Conv layers, train fully connected layers

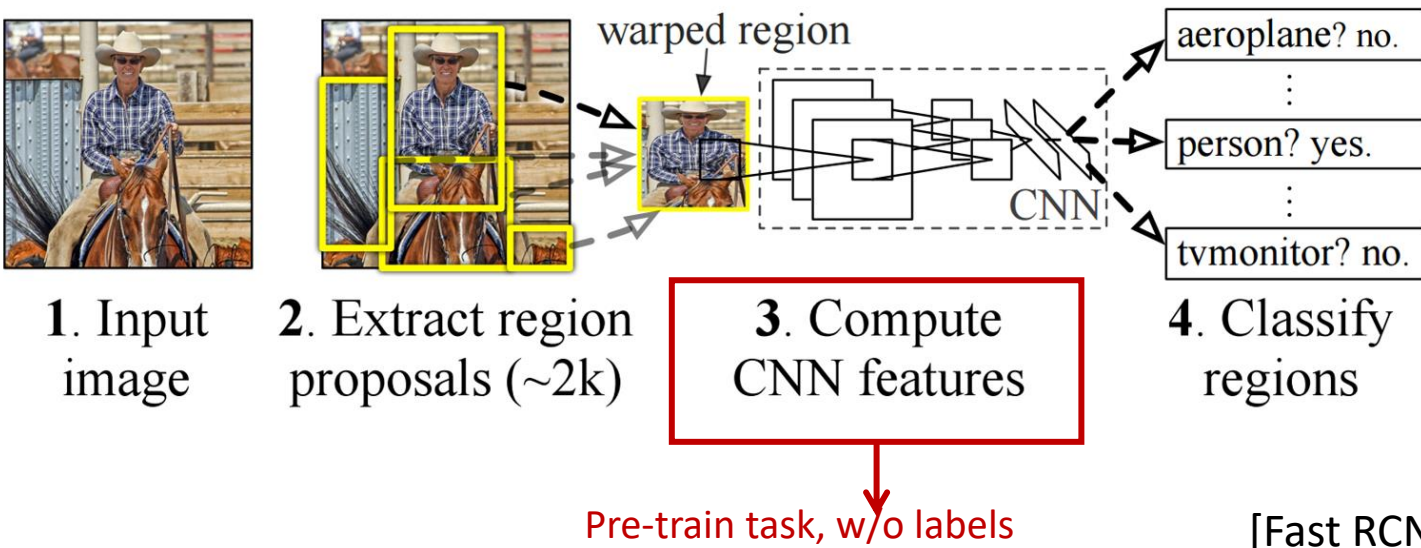
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## Classification:



## Detection:



[Fast RCNN, Girshick et al. 2014]



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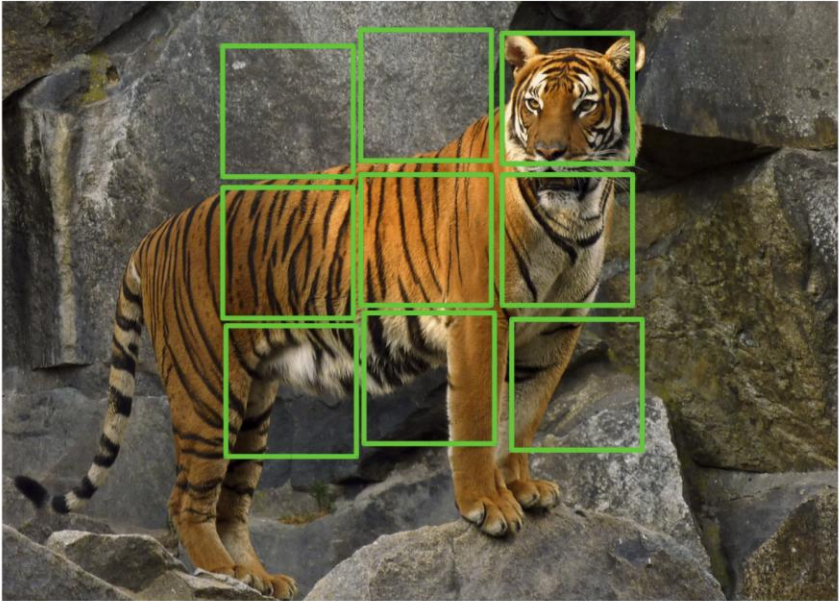
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Supervised Pre-training  
on ImageNet

No pre-training

Pre-training with relative  
patch location

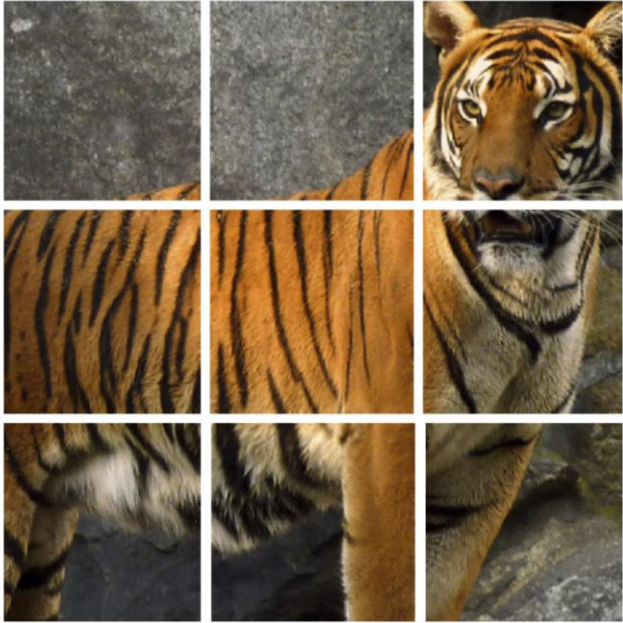
# Context as Supervision: solving Jigsaw puzzles



Input Image



Scrambled patches



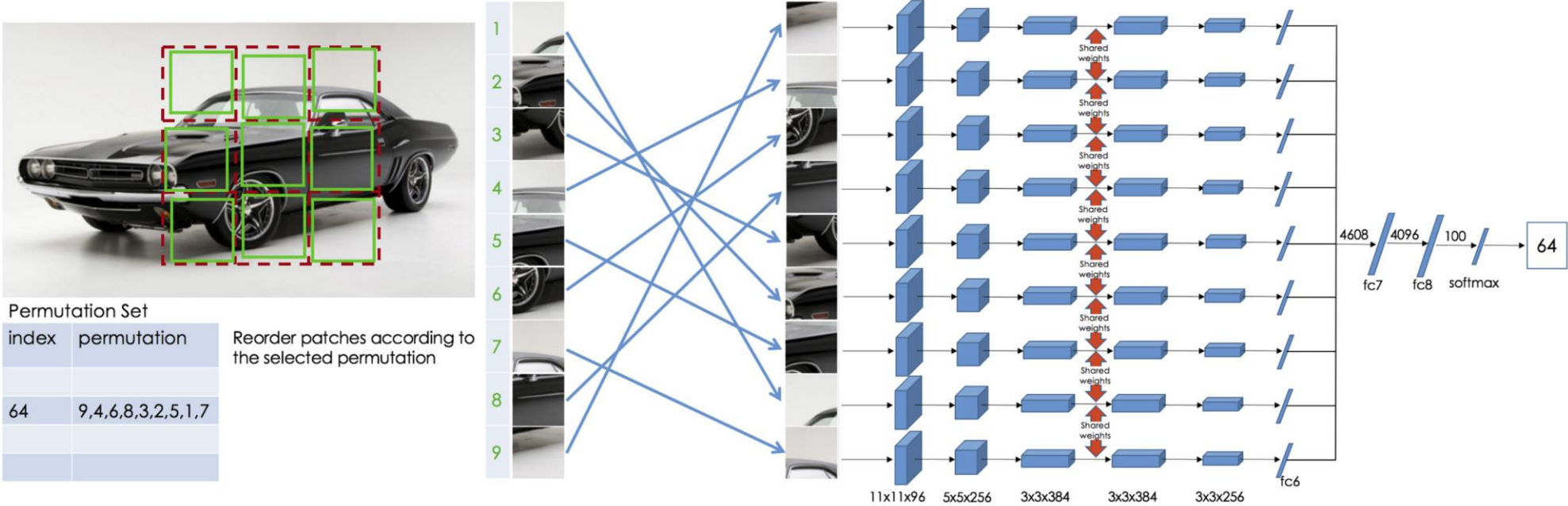
Solved image puzzle

$$9! = 362,880$$



# Context as Supervision: solving Jigsaw puzzles

- **Training data:** 9 tiles, shuffled by a random ordering, sampled from set of permutations
- **Output:** permutation index (1 hot vector)
- **Training loss:** cross entropy w.r.t. ground truth permutation index



# Context as Supervision: solving Jigsaw puzzles

*A good self-supervised task is neither simple nor ambiguous.*

The solution space is too big → select a permutation set

- Permutation set size
- Distance between permutations

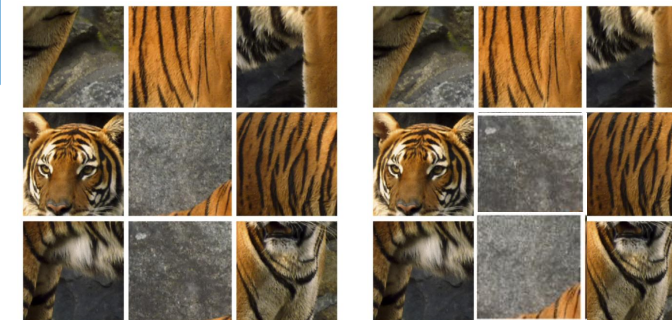


Table 4: Ablation study on the impact of the permutation set.

| Number of permutations | Average hamming distance | Minimum hamming distance | Jigsaw task accuracy | Detection performance |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1000                   | 8.00                     | 2                        | 71                   | <b>53.2</b>           |
| 1000                   | 6.35                     | 2                        | 62                   | 51.3                  |
| 1000                   | 3.99                     | 2                        | 54                   | 50.2                  |
| 100                    | 8.08                     | 2                        | 88                   | 52.6                  |
| 95                     | 8.08                     | 3                        | 90                   | 52.4                  |
| 85                     | 8.07                     | 4                        | 91                   | 52.7                  |
| 71                     | 8.07                     | 5                        | 92                   | 52.8                  |
| 35                     | 8.13                     | 6                        | 94                   | 52.6                  |
| 10                     | 8.57                     | 7                        | 97                   | 49.2                  |
| 7                      | 8.95                     | 8                        | 98                   | 49.6                  |
| 6                      | 9                        | 9                        | 99                   | 49.7                  |

- Smaller permutation set → higher accuracy
- Smaller permutation set → Lower detection performance
- Larger distance between permutations → higher accuracy
- Larger distance between permutations → higher detection performance



# Image Content as Supervision: Image Inpainting

Pretext task: fill in the missing region

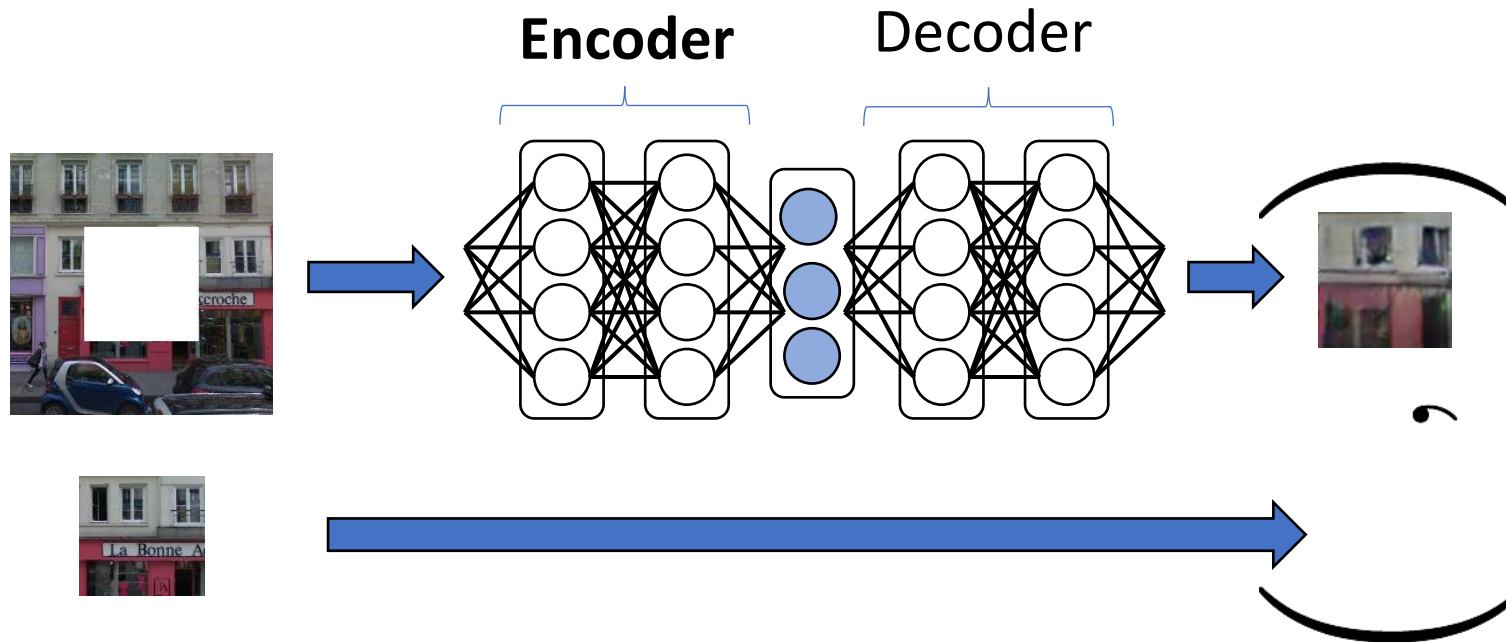


Input masked image



Output image

# Pretext Task: Image Inpainting



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$$\mathcal{L} = \lambda_{rec} \mathcal{L}_{rec} + \lambda_{adv} \mathcal{L}_{adv}.$$

Reconstruction  $L_2$  loss ensures “**correctness**”

Adversarial Loss ensures “**realness**”

$$\mathcal{L}_{rec}(x) = \|\hat{M} \odot (x - F((1 - \hat{M}) \odot x))\|_2^2,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{adv} = \max_D \mathbb{E}_{x \in \mathcal{X}} [\log(D(x)) + \log(1 - D(F((1 - \hat{M}) \odot x)))],$$

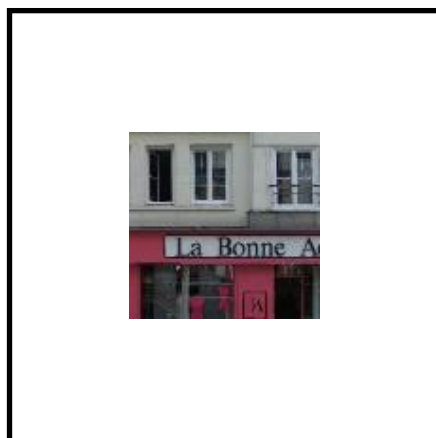


(c) Context Encoder  
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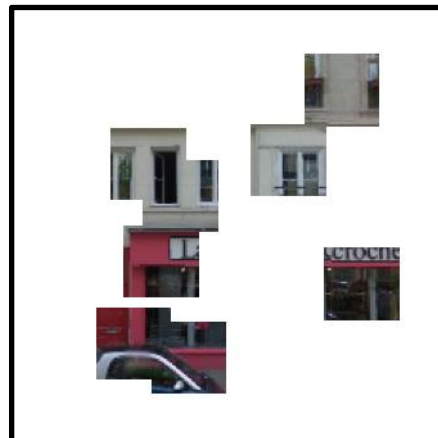
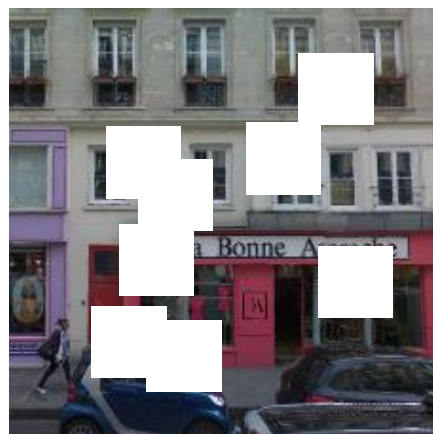


(d) Context Encoder  
( $L_2$  + Adversarial loss)

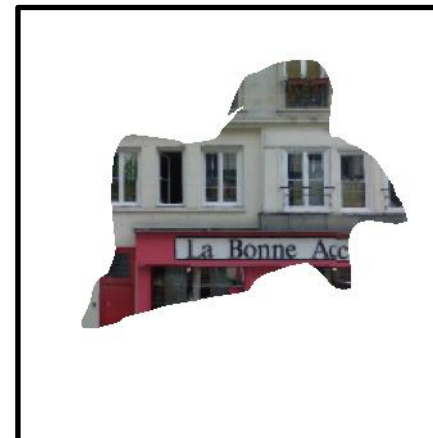
# Again... dealing with network's "cheats"



(a) Center Region



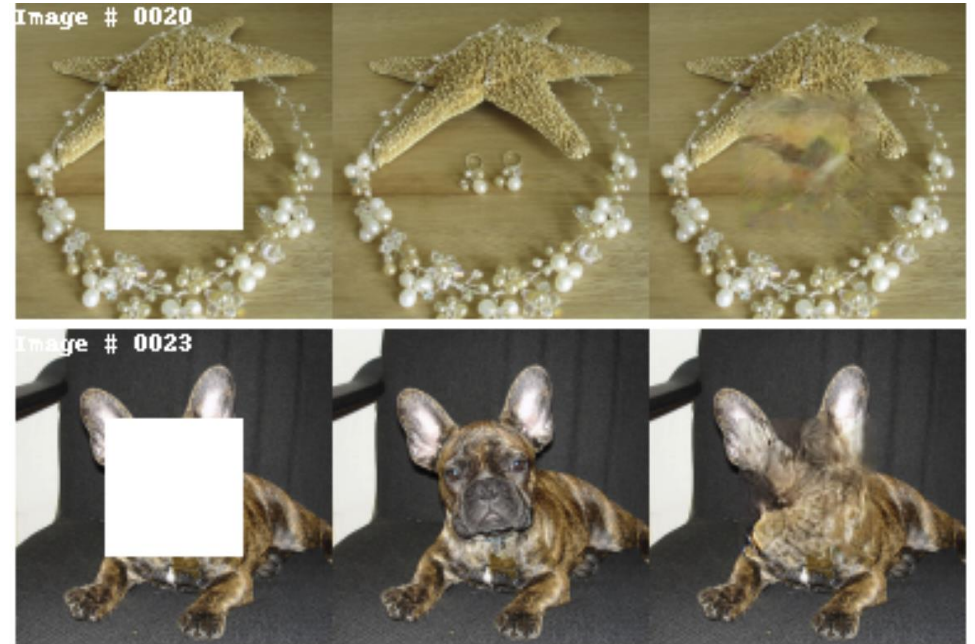
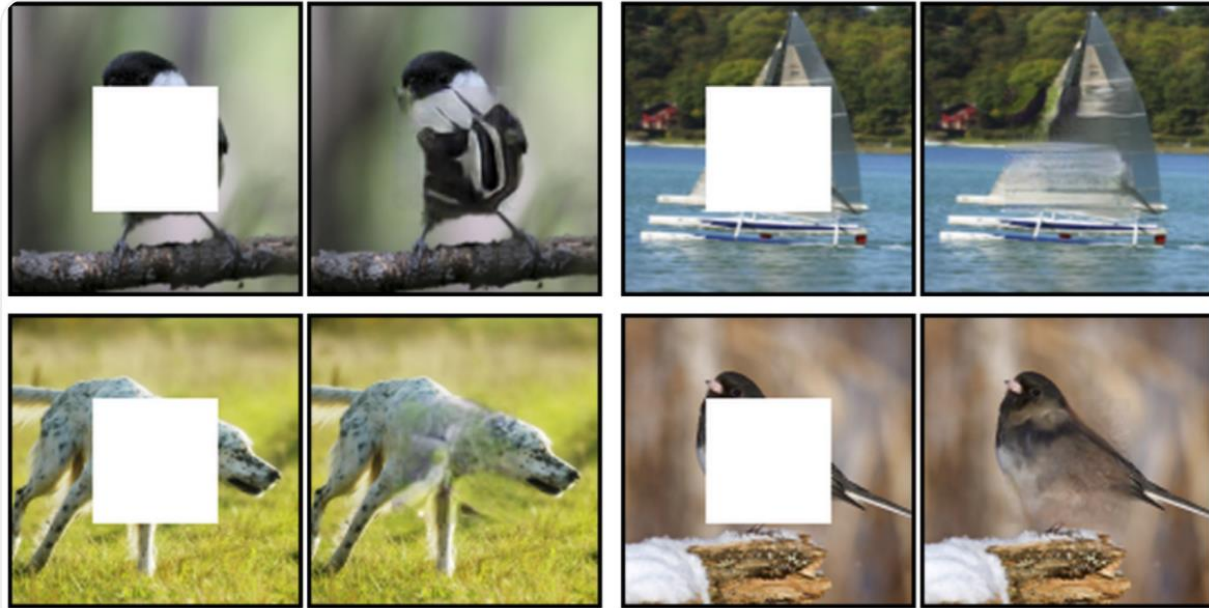
(b) Random Blocks



(c) Random Shapes



# Pretext Task: Image Inpainting



# Context as Supervision: transfer learning

Table 1: Results on PASCAL VOC 2007 Detection and Classification. The results of the other methods are taken from Pathak *et al.* [30].

| Method                        | Pretraining time | Supervision       | Classification | Detection    | Segmentation |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Krizhevsky <i>et al.</i> [25] | 3 days           | 1000 class labels | <b>78.2%</b>   | <b>56.8%</b> | <b>48.0%</b> |
| Relative Patch location       | 4 weeks          | context           | 55.3%          | 46.6%        | -            |
| Context encoders              | 14 hours         | context           | 56.5%          | 44.5%        | 29.7%        |
| Jigsaw puzzles                | 2.5 days         | context           | <b>67.6%</b>   | <b>53.2%</b> | <b>37.6%</b> |



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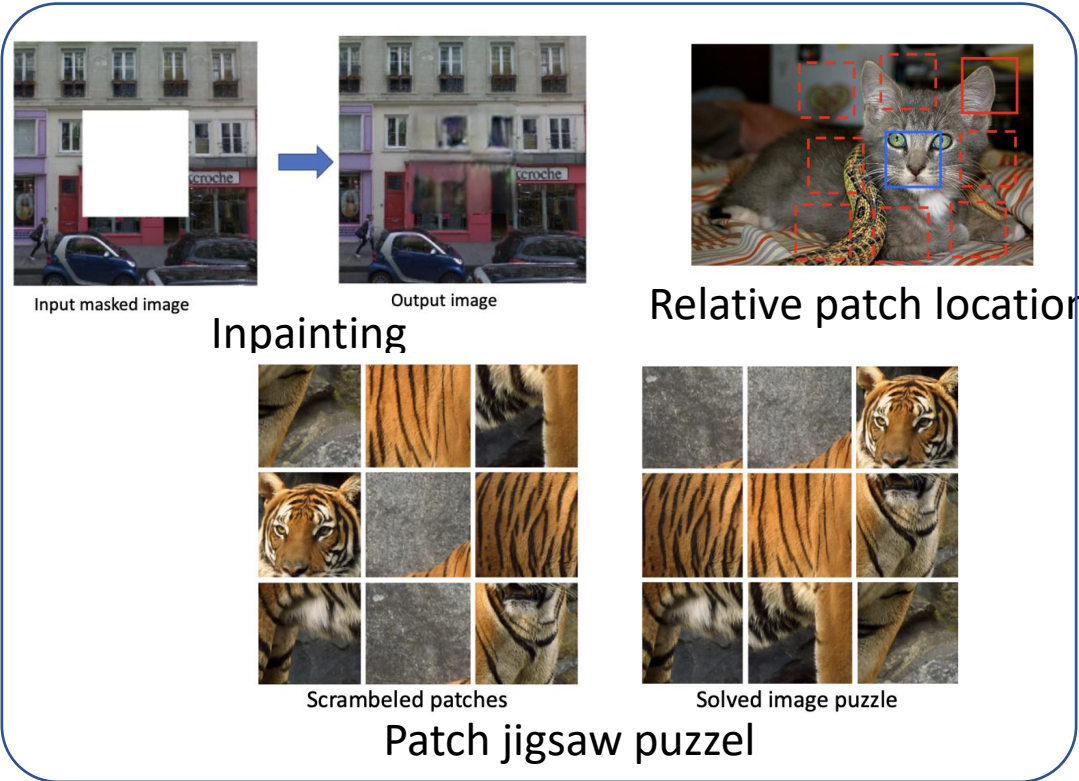
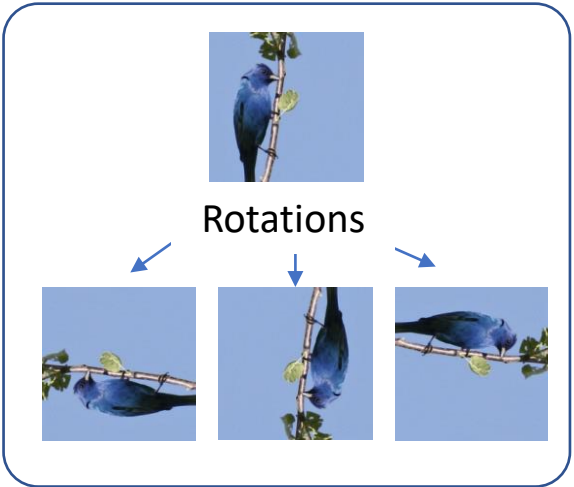
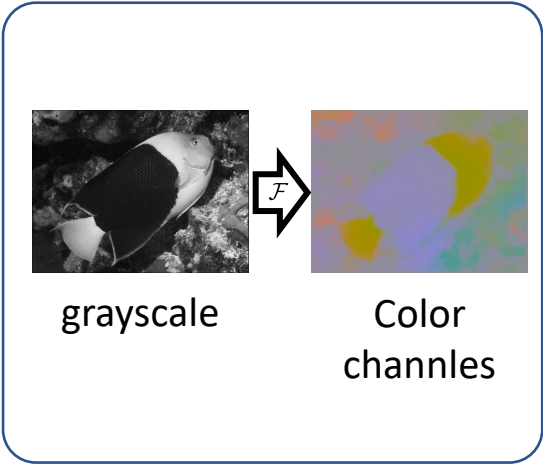


Image context as supervision



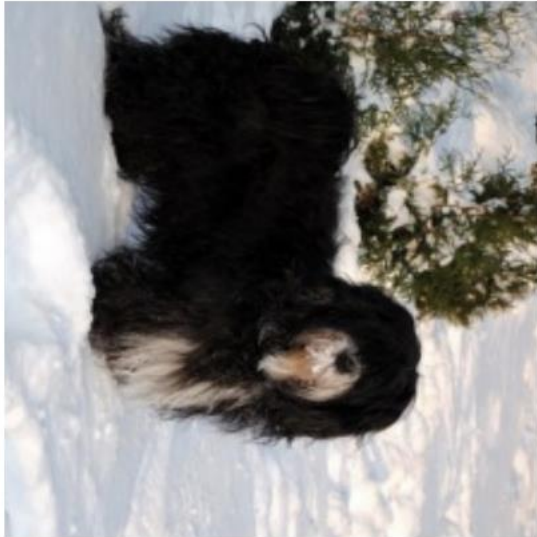
Geometric transformations



Color transformations

# Pretext task: predicting image rotations

To recognize rotations, the model has to learn concepts of the objects



270° rotation



180° rotation



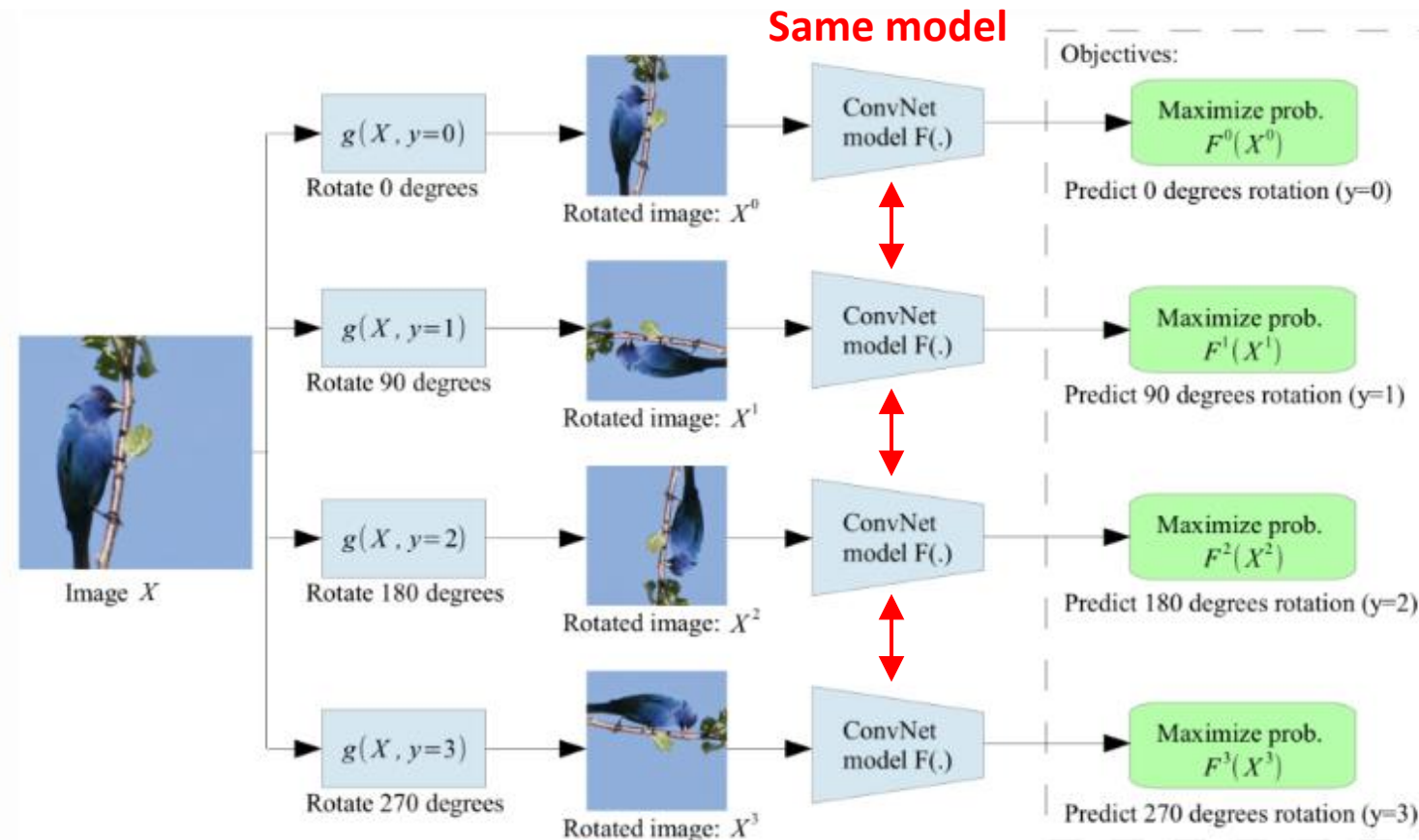
0° rotation



270° rotation

# Pretext task: predicting image rotations

- **Training data:** images rotated by:  $0^\circ$ ,  $90^\circ$ ,  $180^\circ$ , and  $270^\circ$  (via flip and transpose operations)
- **Task:** predict which rotation is applied; 4-way classification task
- **Training loss:** assign a “label” to each rotation; apply cross entropy loss w.r.t. ground truth





# Predicting image rotations vs. supervised classification

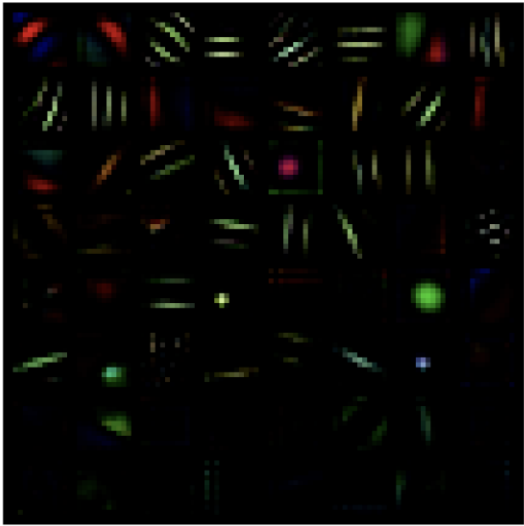


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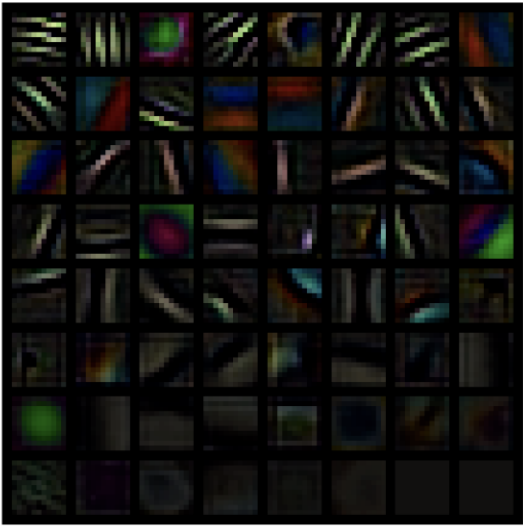
(a) Attention maps of supervised model

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(b) Attention maps of our self-supervised model



(a) Supervised



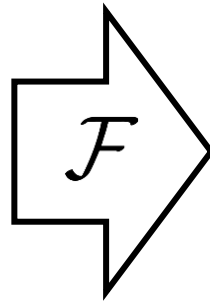
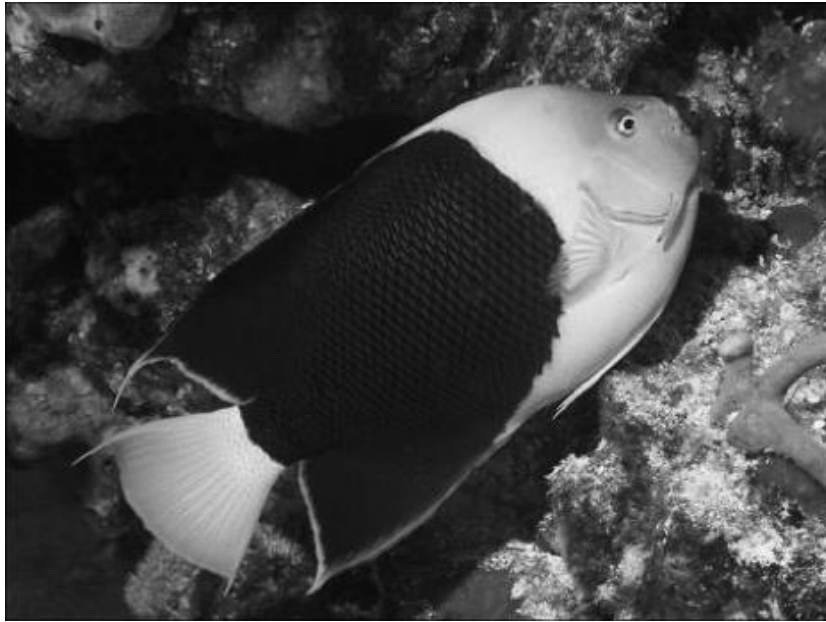
(b) Self-supervised to recognize rotations

# Pretext task: colorization

- **Training data:** grayscale images (and their ground truth color images)
- **Task:** generate a plausible color image



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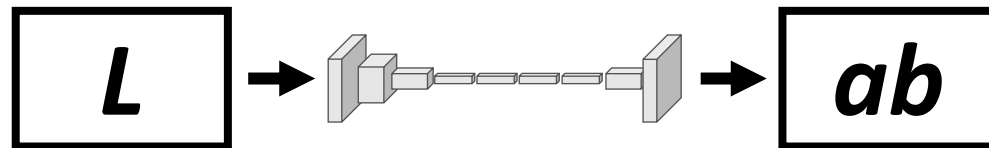


Grayscale image:  $L$  channel

$$\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{H \times W \times 1}$$

Color information:  $ab$  channels

$$\hat{\mathbf{Y}} \in \mathbb{R}^{H \times W \times 2}$$





# Loss Function

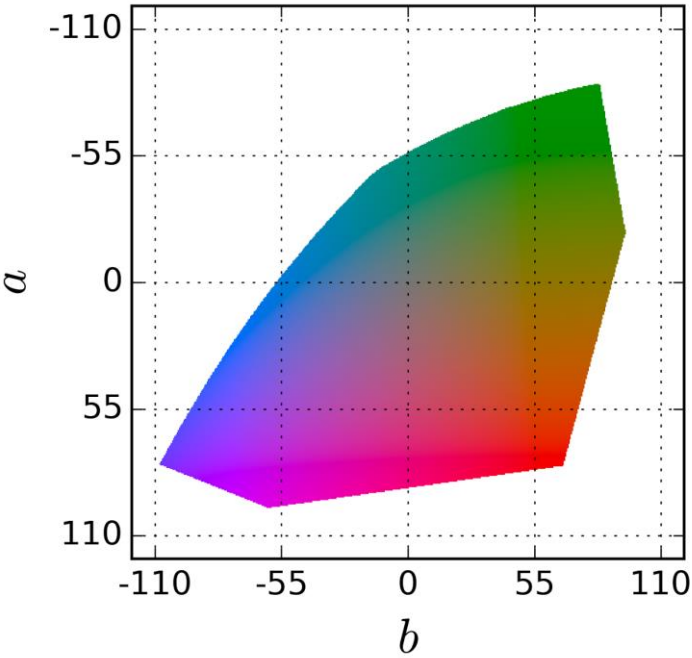
- Regression with L2 loss inadequate

$$L_2(\hat{Y}, Y) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{h,w} \|Y_{h,w} - \hat{Y}_{h,w}\|_2^2$$

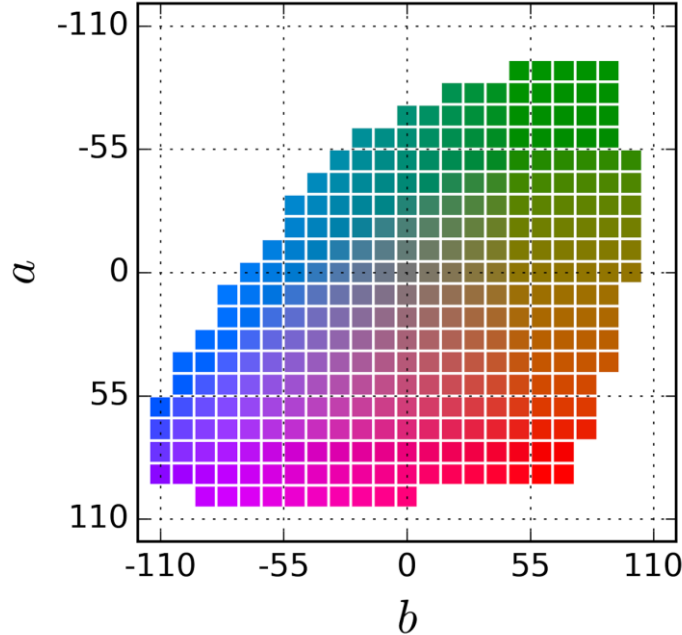
Ground Truth

L2 Regression

Multimodal class loss



Colors in *ab* space (continuous)



Colors in *ab* space (discrete)

# Transfer Learning

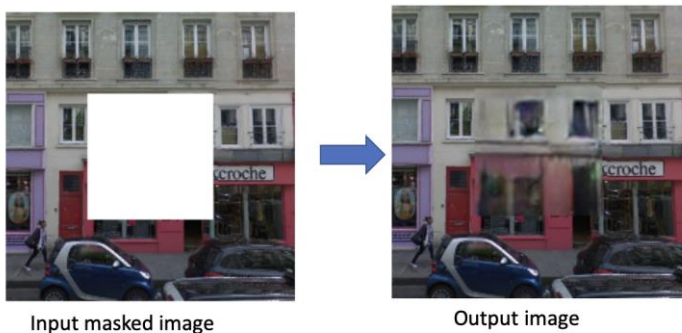
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| BIGAN (Donahue et al., 2016)             | 52.3                     | 60.1         | 46.9                | 34.9                    |  |
| Jigsaw Puzzles (Noroozi & Favaro, 2016)  | -                        | 67.6         | 53.2                | 37.6                    |  |
| NAT (Bojanowski & Joulin, 2017)          | 56.7                     | 65.3         | 49.4                |                         |  |
| Split-Brain (Zhang et al., 2016b)        | 63.0                     | 67.1         | 46.7                | 36.0                    | Colorization                             |
| ColorProxy (Larsson et al., 2017)        |                          | 65.9         |                     | 38.4                    |  |
| Counting (Noroozi et al., 2017)          | -                        | 67.7         | 51.4                | 36.6                    |  |
| <b>RotNet</b>                            | <b>70.87</b>             | <b>72.97</b> | <b>54.4</b>         | <b>39.1</b>             | Pre-training with rotation<br>prediction |

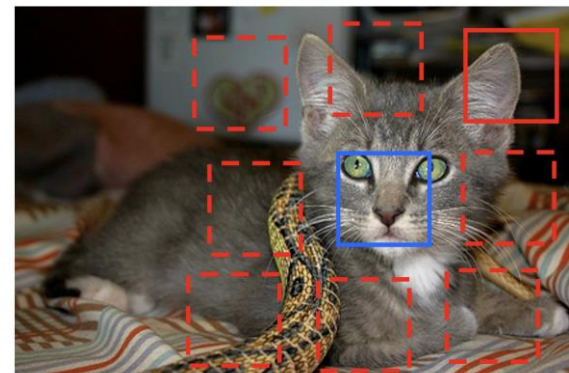
# Self-Supervised Learning via **Specific** Pretext Task

Learned representations are task specific!

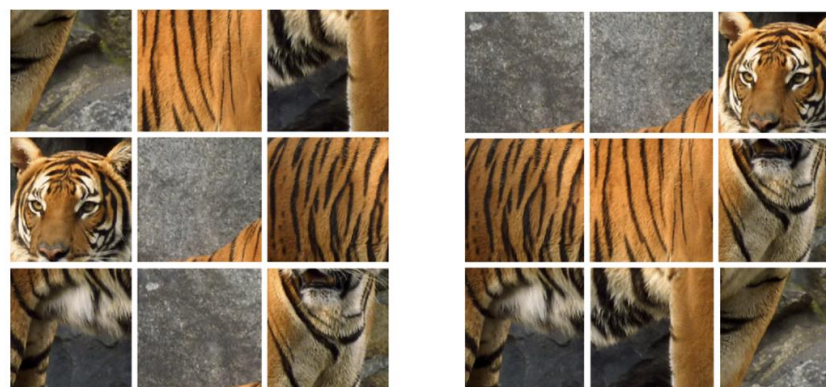
*Can we define a more general pretext task?*



Inpainting



Relative patch location



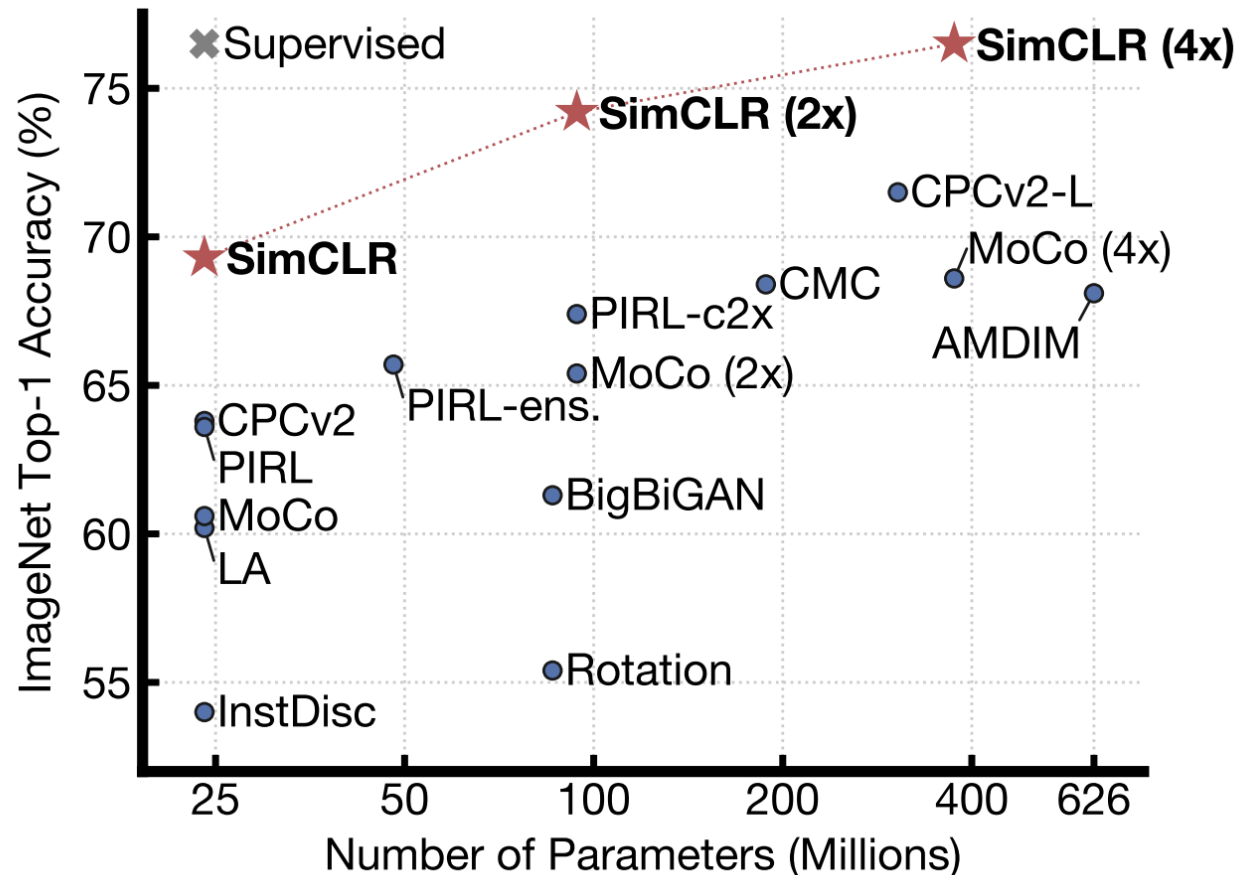
Scrambled patches

Solved image puzzle

Patch jigsaw puzzle

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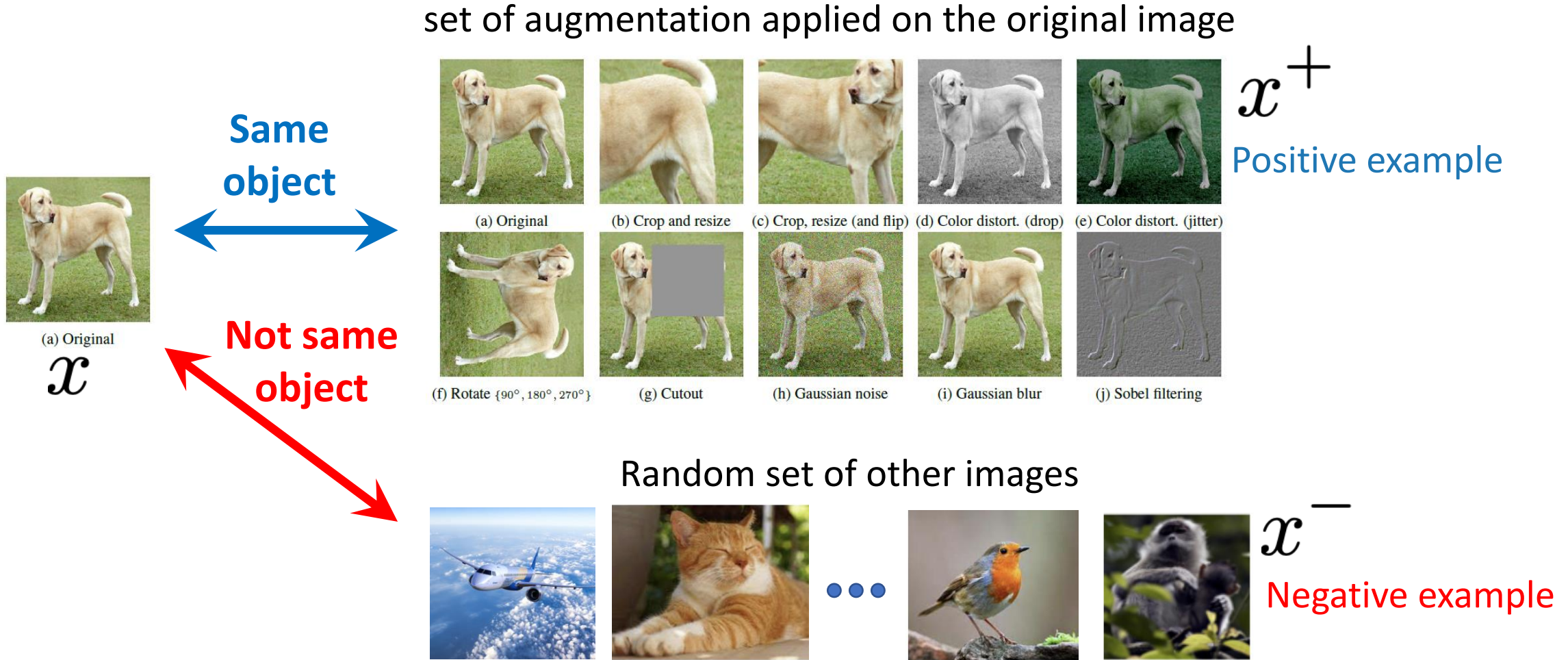
a Simple framework for Contrastive Learning of Representations



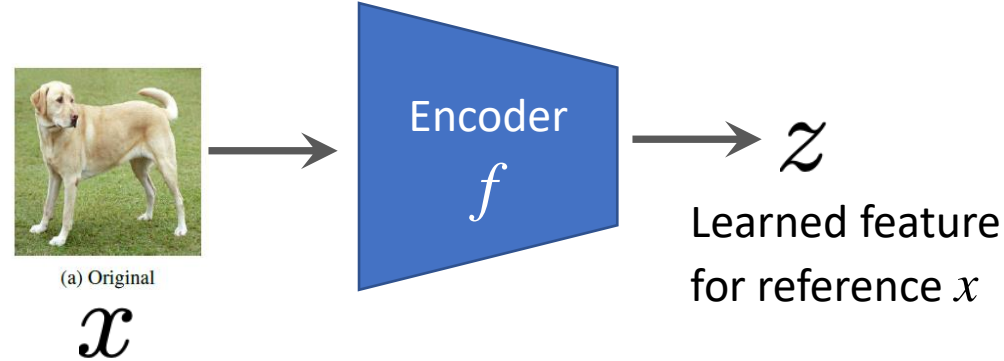
- Train feature encoder on ImageNet using SimCLR
- Freeze feature encoder
- Train a linear classifier on top with labeled data



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Learn an encoder function  $f$  such that:

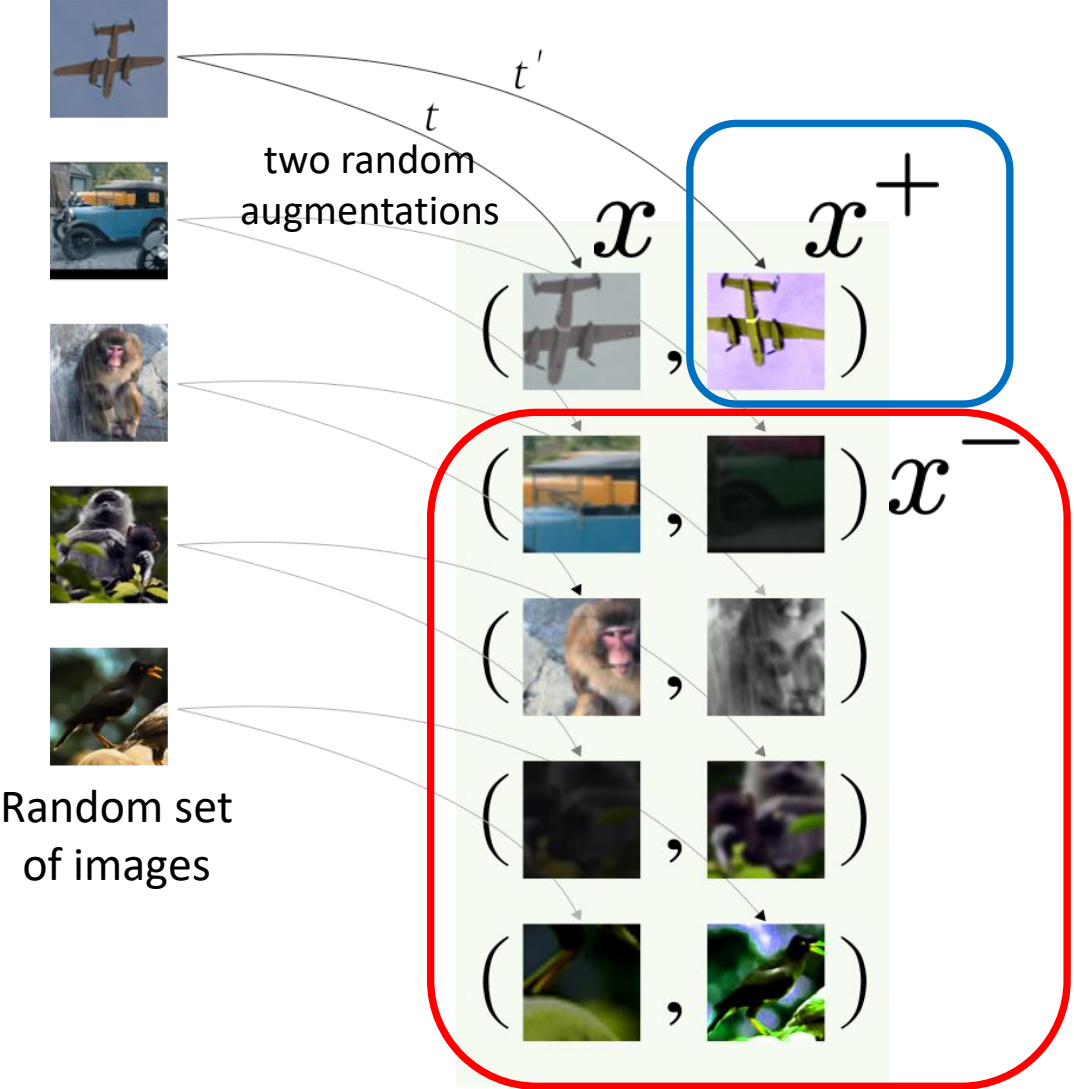
$$\text{sim}(z, z_i^+) \gg \text{sim}(z, z_j^-)$$

$$f(x_i^+) = z_i^+ \quad \text{Learned feature for positive example}$$

$$f(x_j^-) = z_j^- \quad \text{Learned feature for negative example}$$

# SimCLR: working with mini-batches

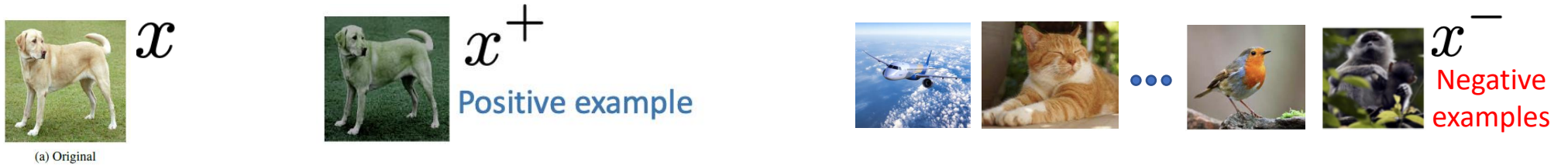
For each example  $x$ , we take 1 positive example and  $2(N-1)$  negative examples:



Source: <https://sthalles.github.io/simple-self-supervised-learning/>

# Training Loss: Contrastive Learning formulation

For each example  $x$ , we take 1 positive example and  $2(N-1)$  negative examples:



$$\mathcal{L} = -E_X \left[ \log \frac{\exp(\text{sim}(z, z_i^+))}{\exp(\text{sim}(z, z_i^+)) + \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \exp(\text{sim}(z, z_j^-))} \right]$$

$f(x) = z$  Learned feature for the reference

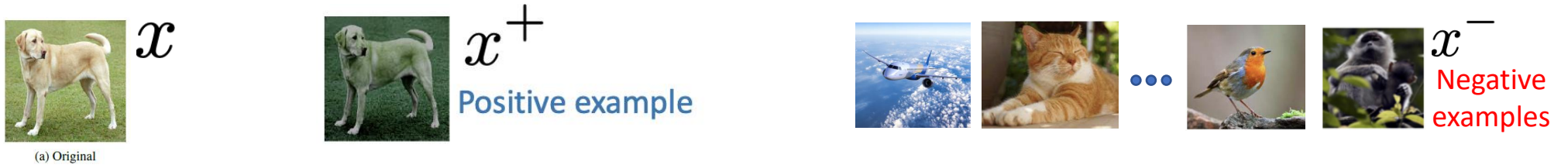
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Score for positive pair
Scores for all negative pairs

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Cross entropy loss for N-way softmax classifier  
("classes" are the positive and negative examples)

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Commonly used loss in **Contrastive Learning**, also known as:

- Noise-Contrastive Estimation (NCE) loss
- InfoNCE loss
- Contrastive cross-entropy loss

$$\text{sim}(\mathbf{z}_i, \mathbf{z}_j) = \frac{\mathbf{z}_i^T \mathbf{z}_j}{\|\mathbf{z}_i\| \|\mathbf{z}_j\|}$$

Cosine similarity between the features

# SimCLR Framework

**Repeat:**

Randomly sample a N size mini batch  
**for each sample  $\mathbf{x}$  do:**

**(1) Apply two augmentations  $t, t'$  on  $\mathbf{x}$ :**

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i = t(\mathbf{x}) \text{ and } \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_j = t'(\mathbf{x})$$

**(2) Compute latent representation:**

$$\mathbf{h}_i = f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i) \text{ and } \mathbf{h}_j = f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_j)$$

**(3) Project using projection head  $g$ :**

$$\mathbf{z}_i = g(\mathbf{h}_i) \text{ and } \mathbf{z}_j = g(\mathbf{h}_j)$$

**end for**

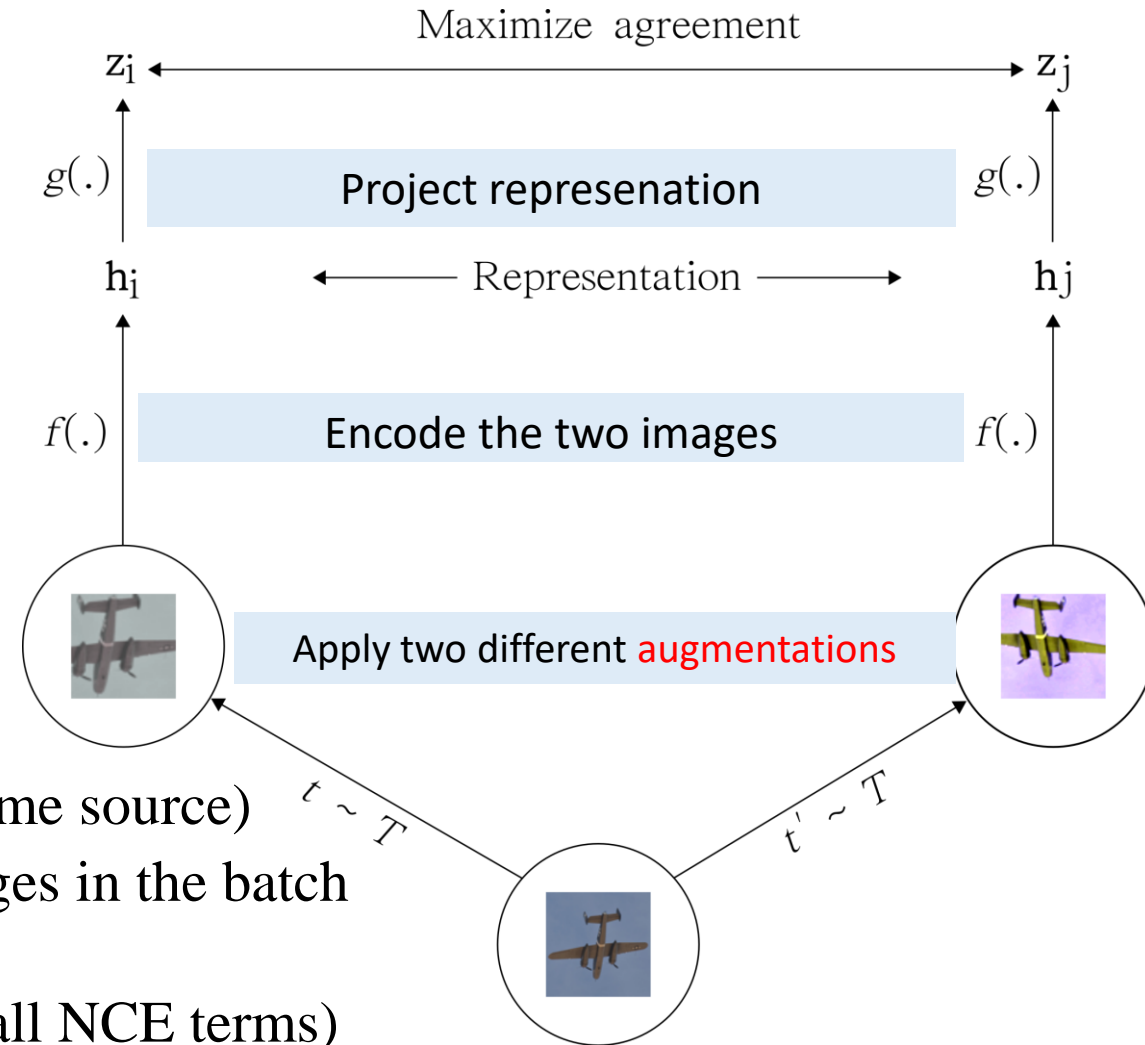
**Positive example:**  $\mathbf{z}_i$  and  $\mathbf{z}_j$  (augmentations of the same source)

**Negative examples:** all other  $2(N-1)$  augmented images in the batch

**Compute the NCE loss for all positive pairs**

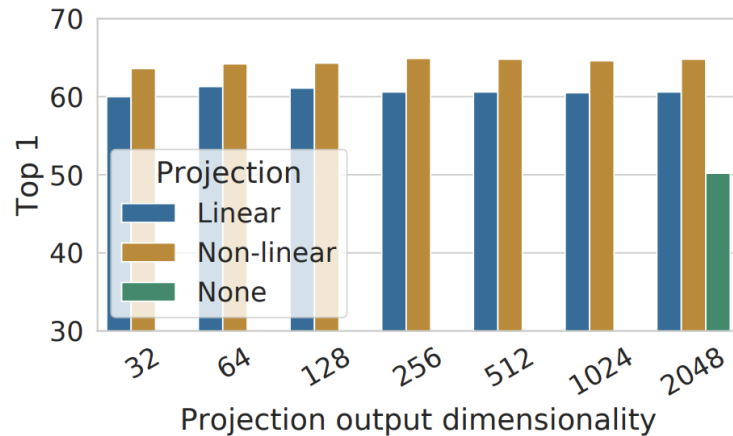
**Update  $g$  and  $f$**  to minimize the total loss (sum over all NCE terms)

**return** encoder network  $f(\cdot)$ , and throw away  $g(\cdot)$



# SimCLR Design Choices

- Projection head improves the learned representation for downstream tasks:

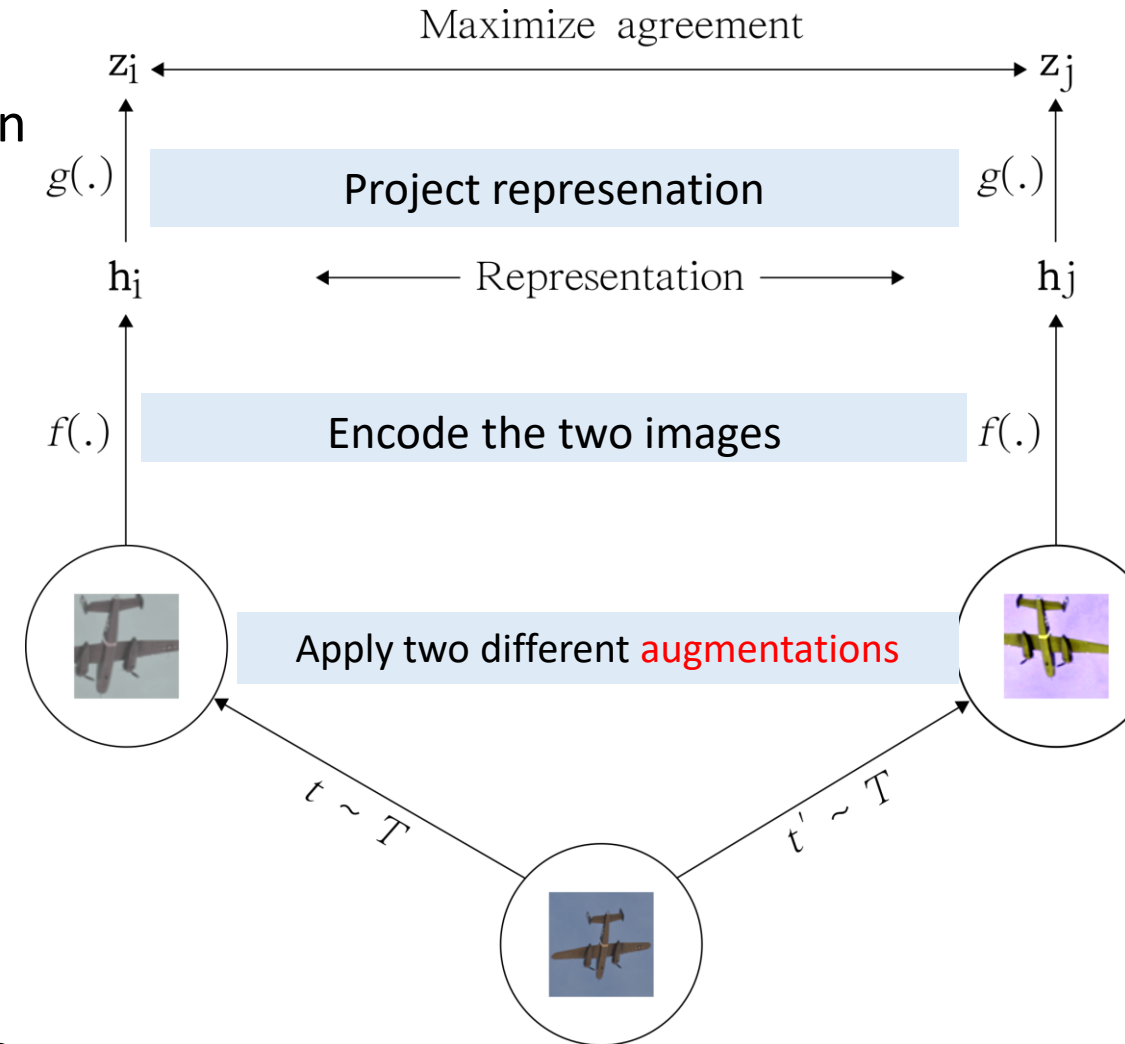


- Large training batch size is crucial  
Large memory; requires distributed training on TPUs

He et. al, **Momentum Contrast for Unsupervised Visual Representation Learning (MoCo)**, CVPR 2020

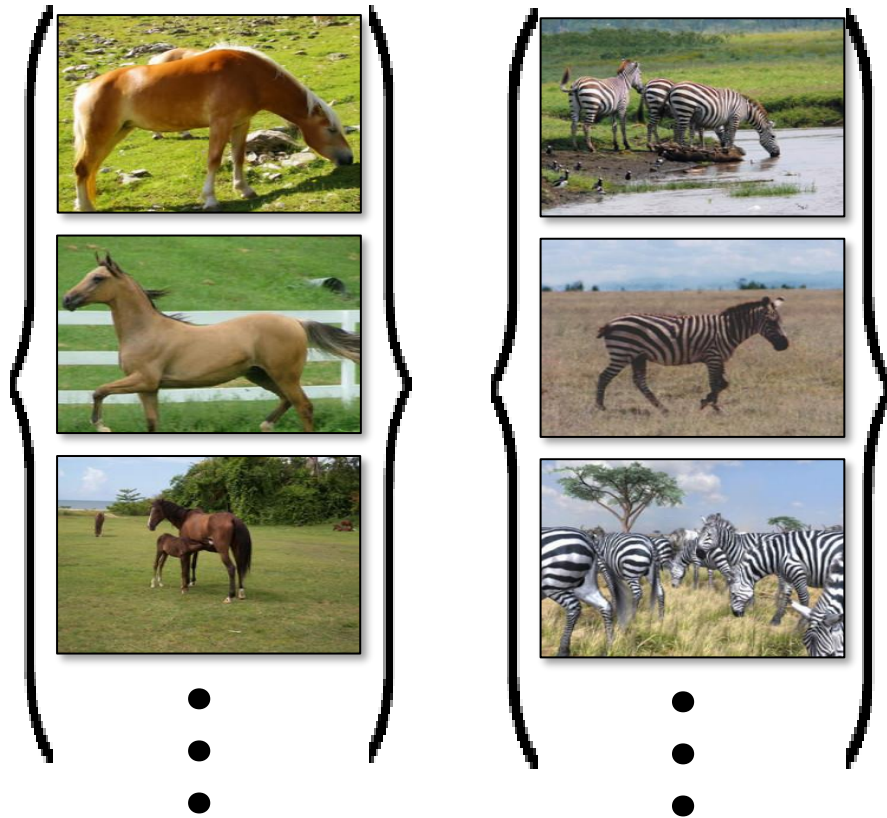
- Decouples batch size and number of negative samples
- Running queue of negative examples

**MoCo-V2, MoCo-V3...**

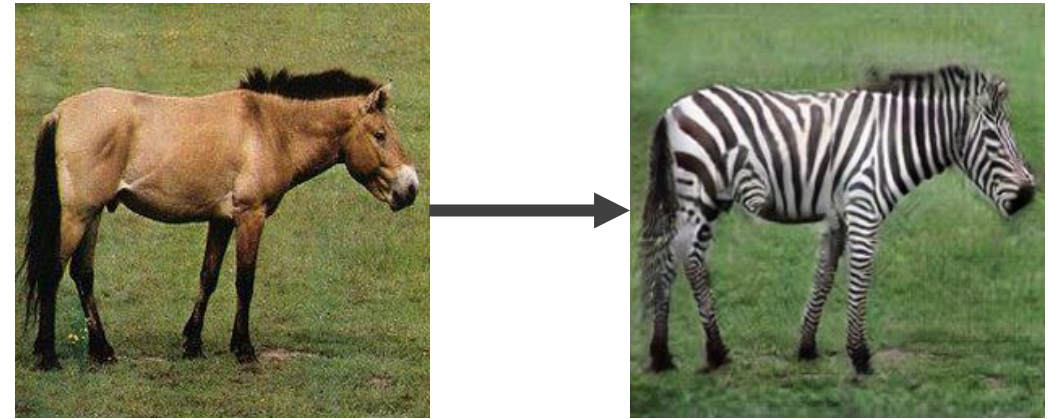




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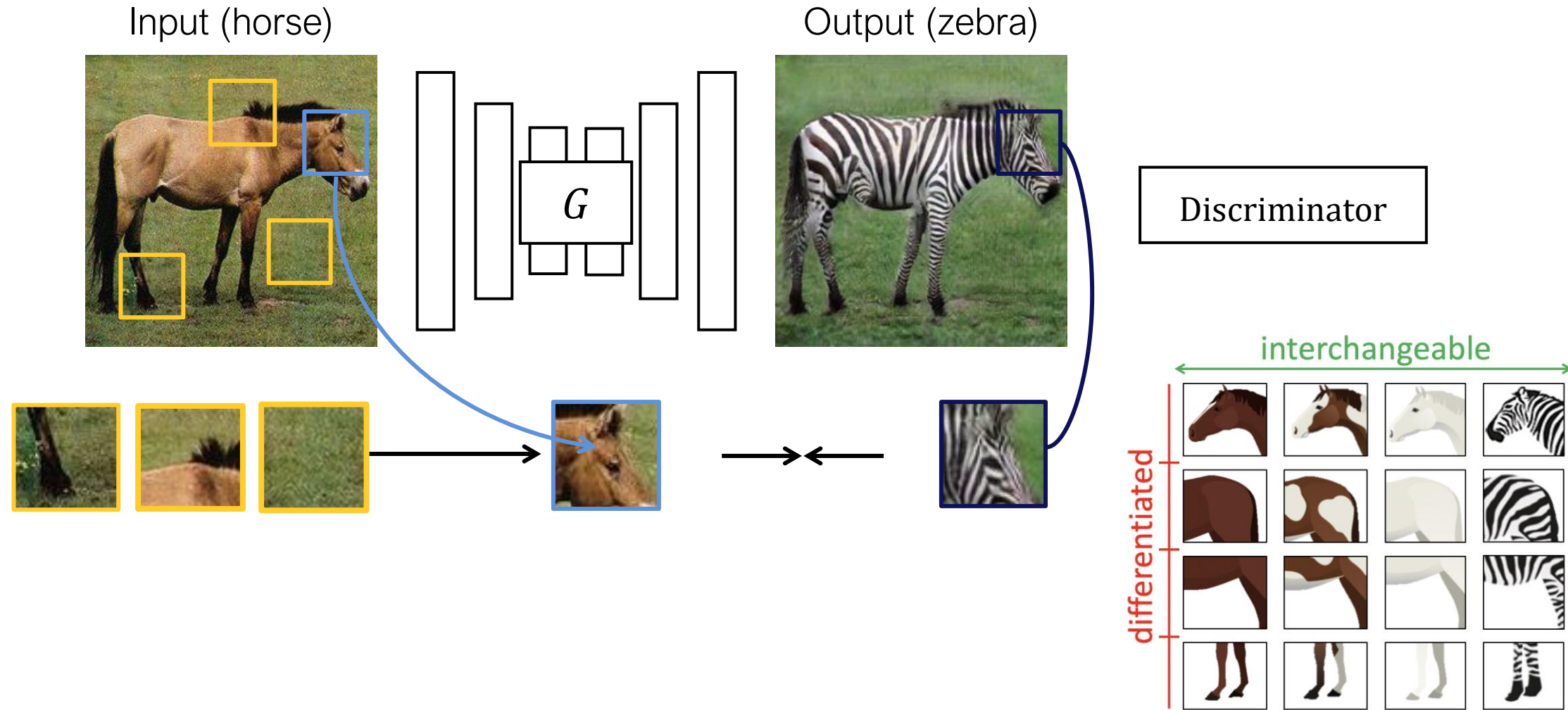


Training Set

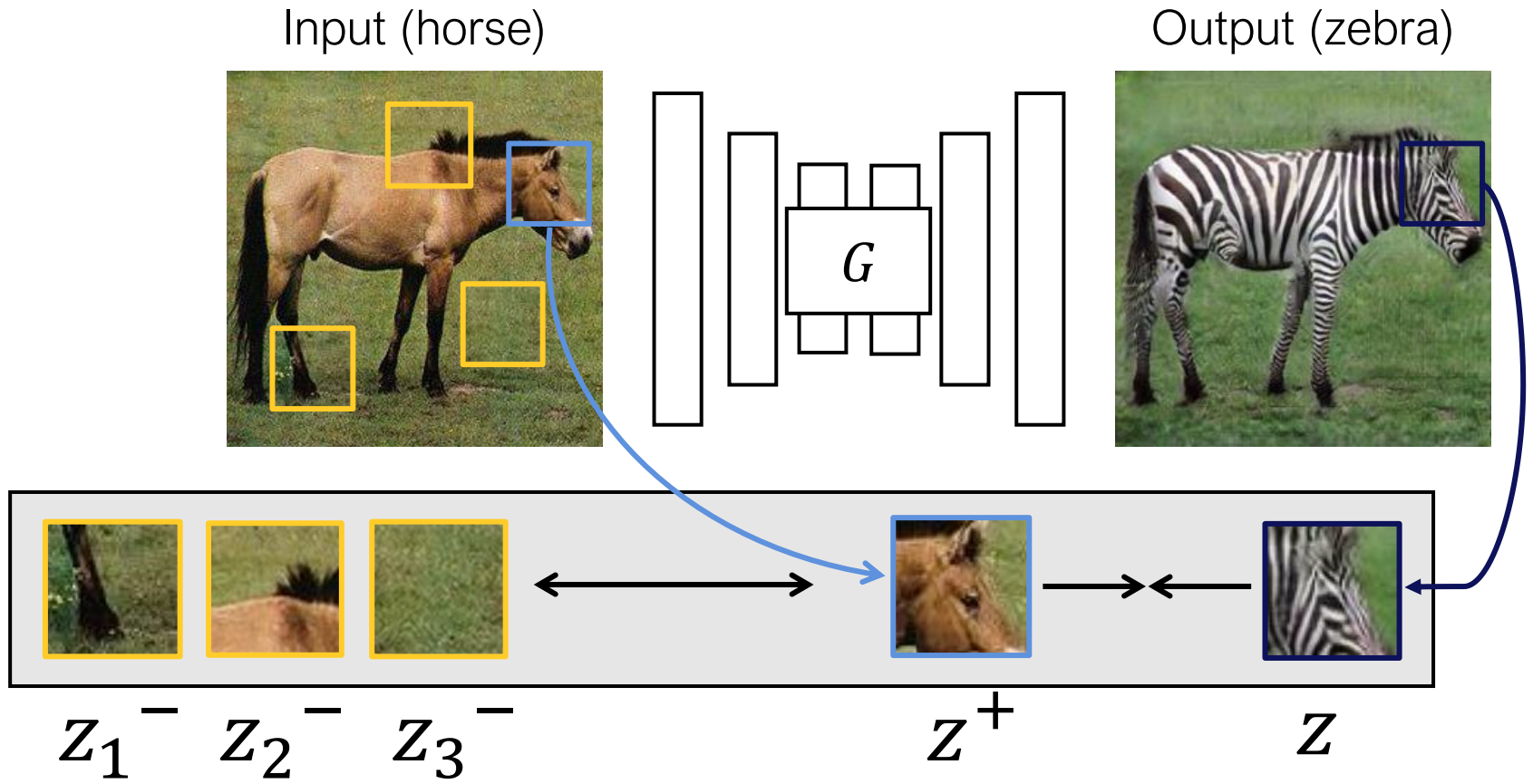


Test-time behavior

# Unpaired Image-to-Image Translation via Contrastive Learning

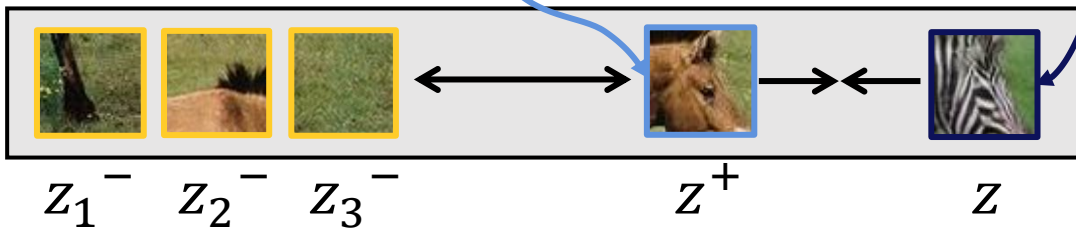
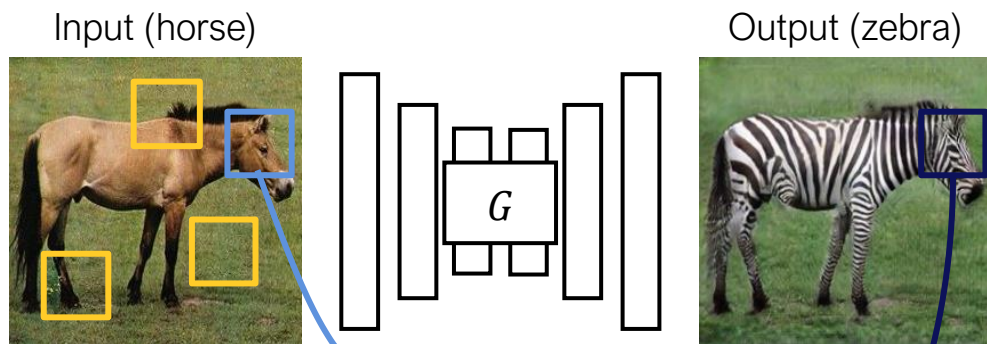


# Unpaired Image-to-Image Translation via Contrastive Learning



Corresponding patches should have **high similarity**

# Patch-based Contrastive Loss



$$\text{softmax} \left( \begin{array}{c} \uparrow z \cdot z^+ / \tau \\ \downarrow z \cdot z_1^- / \tau \\ \downarrow z \cdot z_2^- / \tau \\ \vdots \\ \downarrow z \cdot z_N^- / \tau \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{array}$$

softmax (cosine similarities /  $\tau$ )  
 $\tau=0.07$

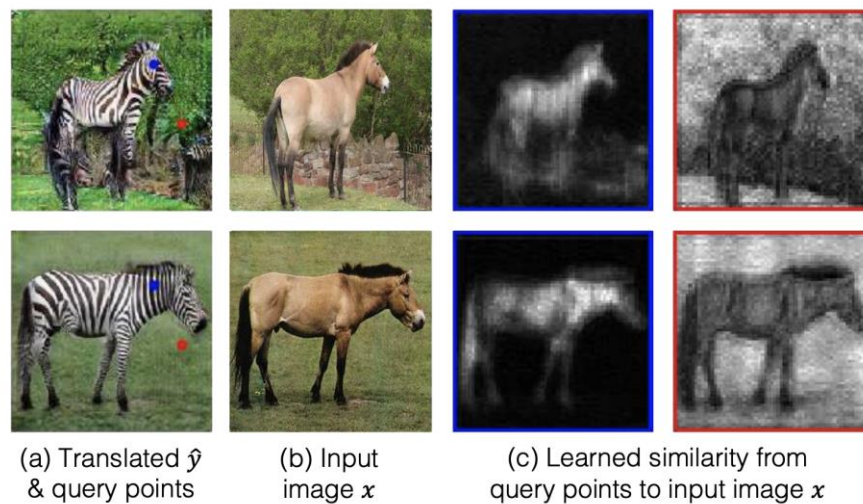
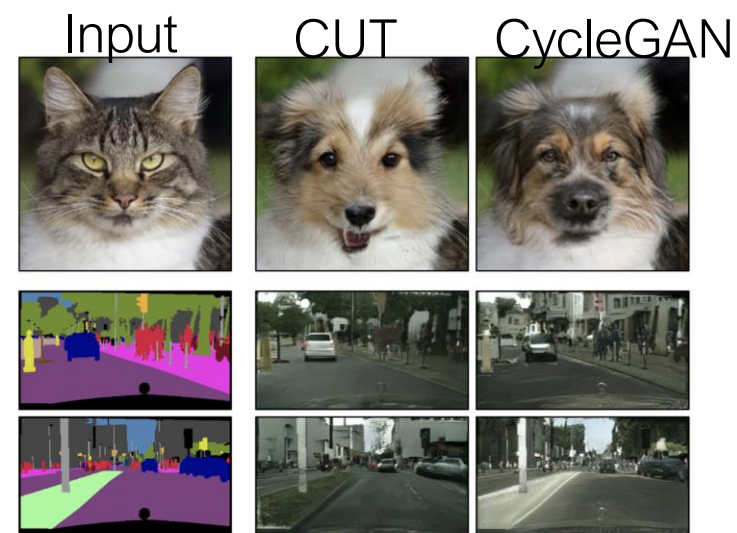
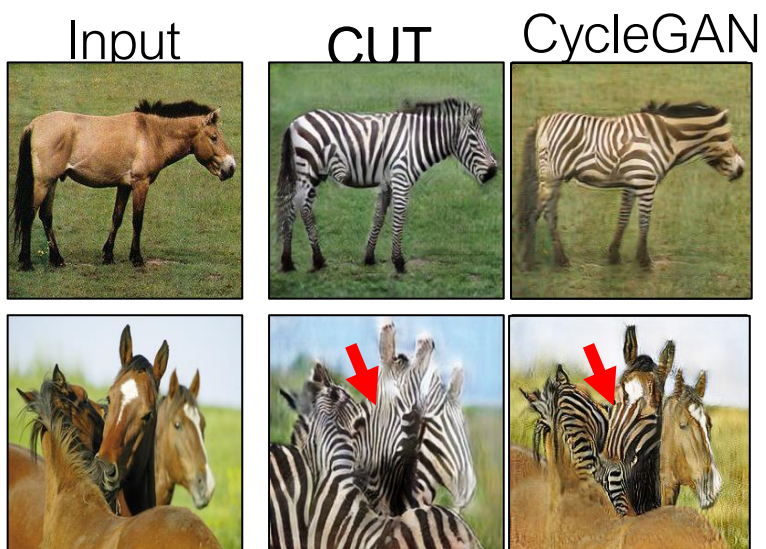
- Use the same InfoNCE loss as in MoCo and SimCLR

To produce positive pairs:

- Handcrafted data augmentation (MoCo, SimCLR, etc.) vs. Input and synthesized images

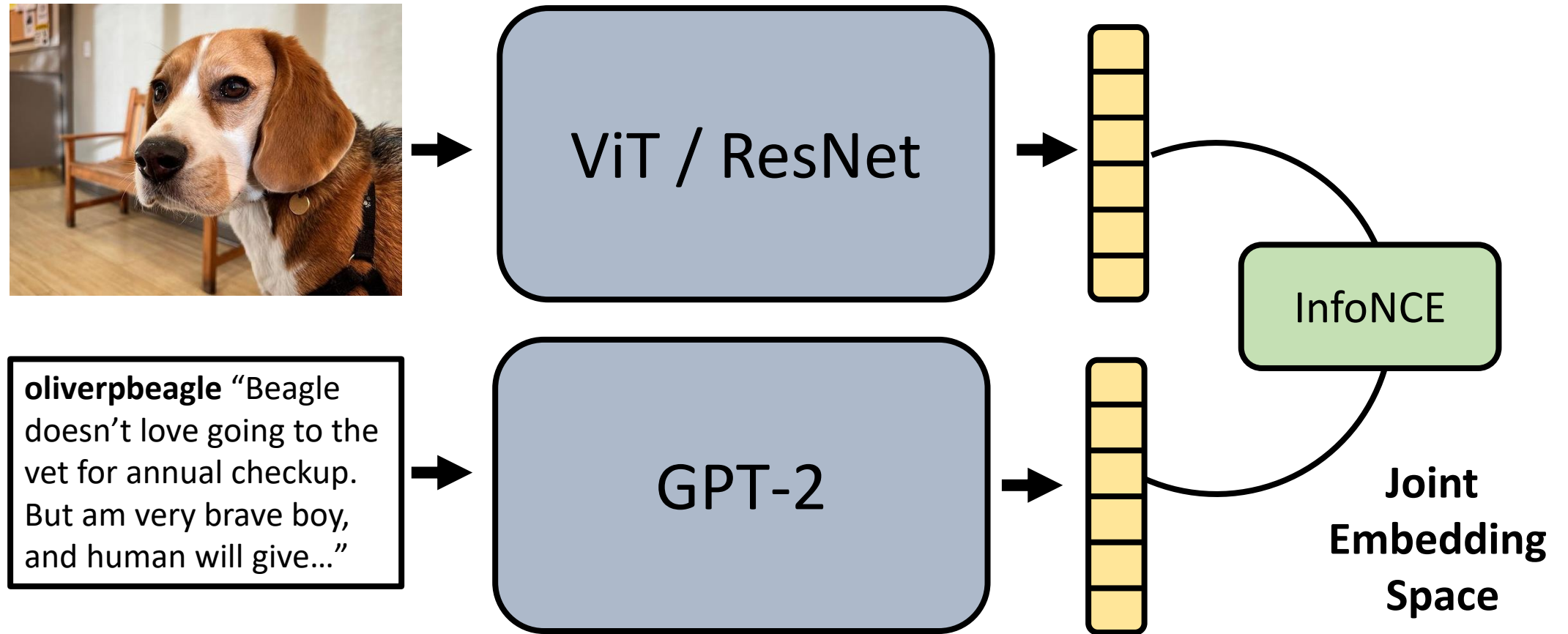


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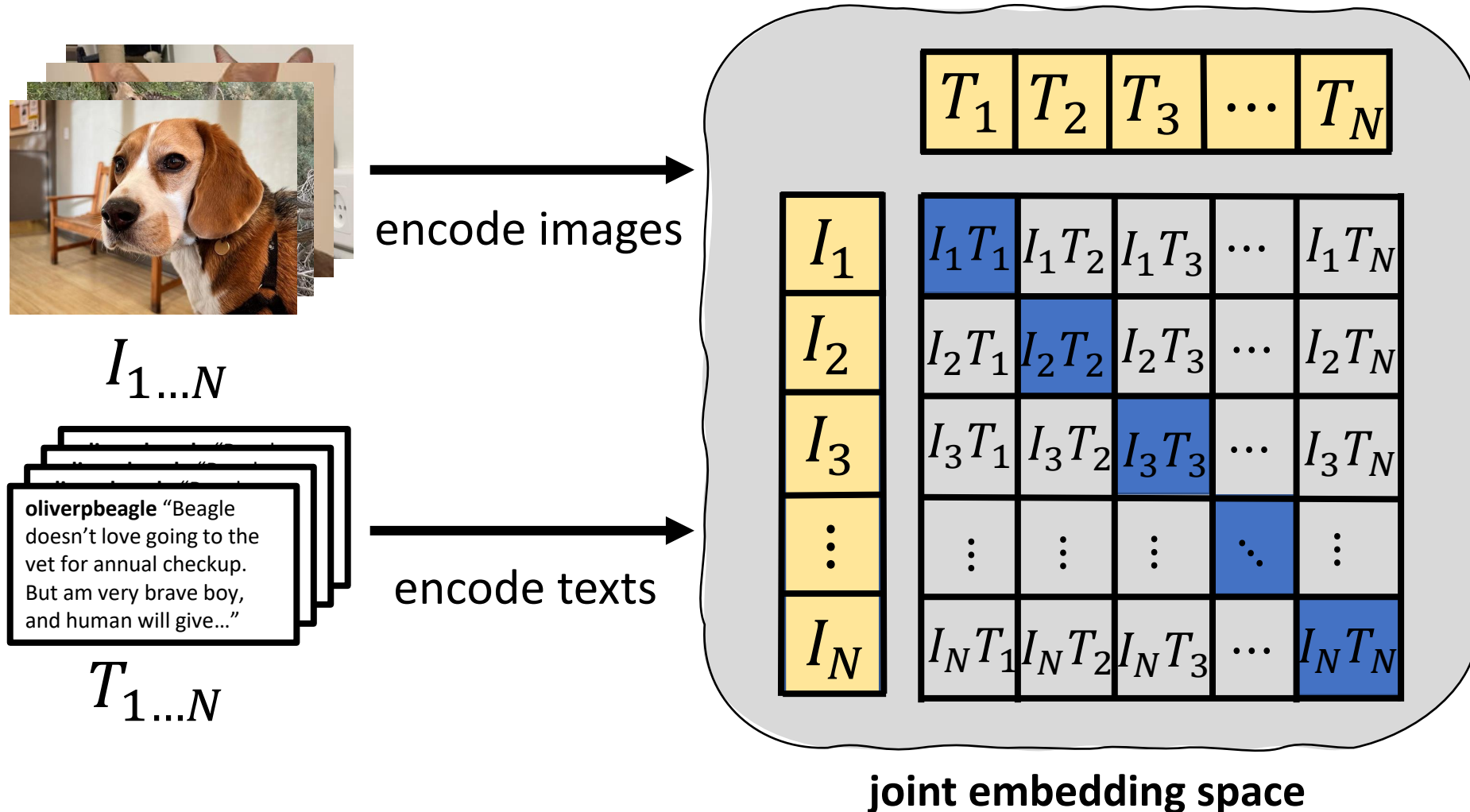




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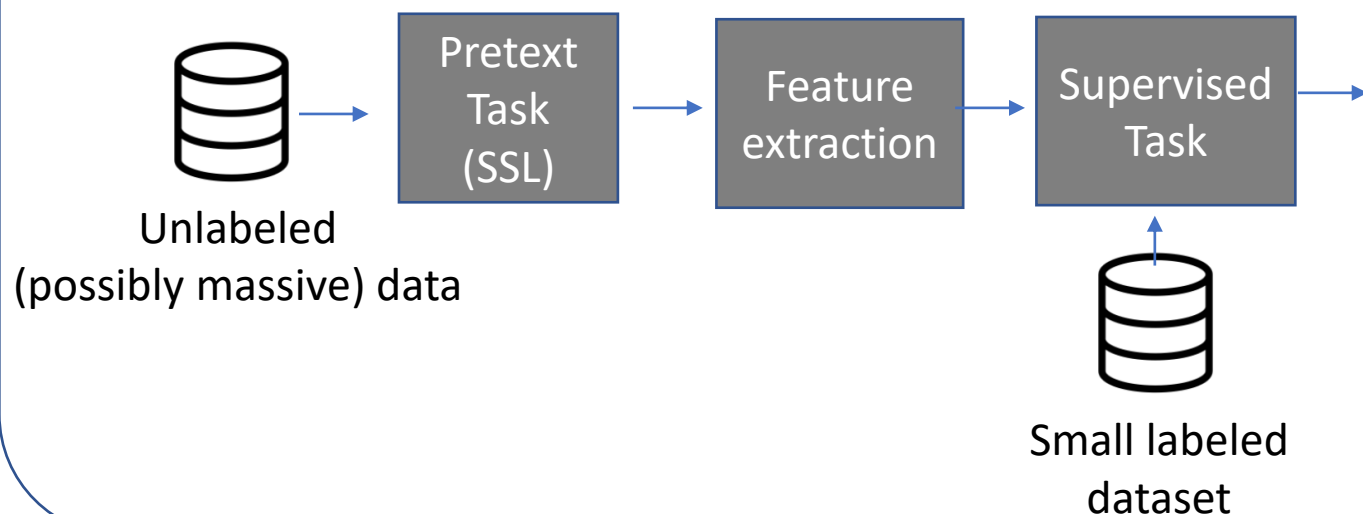


# Self-Supervised Learning (SSL)

No human labels; supervisory signals are **automatically** computed from data

## In-direct self-supervised methods

Solve a proxy, pretext task → extract learned features → finetune on a target supervised task  
(Transfer Learning)



## Direct self-supervised methods

Train directly for the task in hand:

Examples you've seen:

- Generative models
- ZSSR
- Cocourrance of signals (e.g., captions and images)

More advanced signals:

- Apply computer vision methodologies to extract supervision

# Goal: Predict depth when both camera and people are moving



**Input**



**Our depth predictions\***

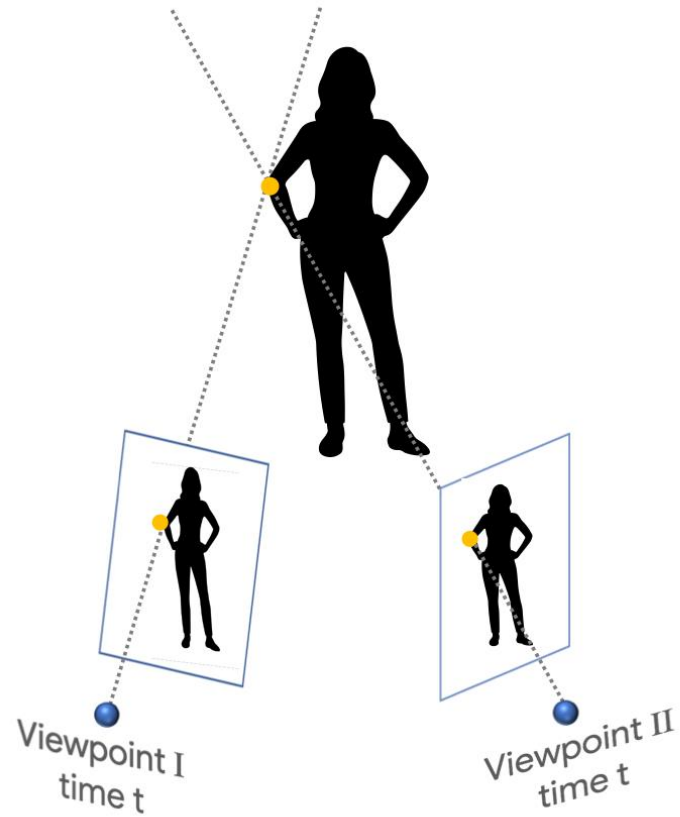
Joint work with: Zhengqi Li, Forrester Cole, Richard Tucker, Noah Snavely, Ce Liu, Bill Freeman



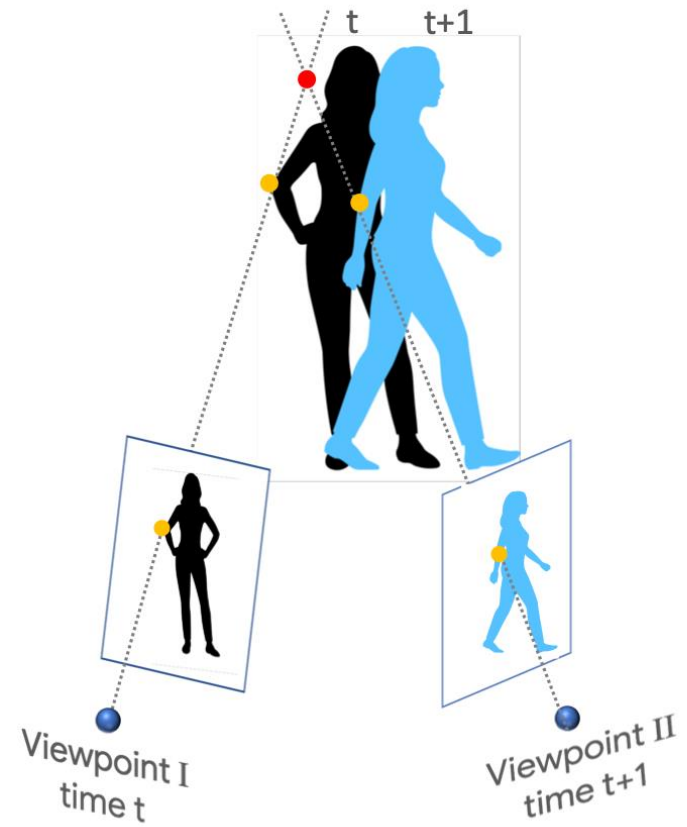
“Learning the Depths of Moving People by Watching Frozen People”, CVPR’19 , **Best Paper Honorable Mention**

# Challenge: geometric constraints do not hold

## Traditional Stereo



## Our use case





## Approach:

Learn the depths of **moving people** by watching **frozen people**

### MannequinChallenge Dataset:

- 2000 YouTube Videos
- People frozen while camera is moving
- Diverse scenes, natural human poses





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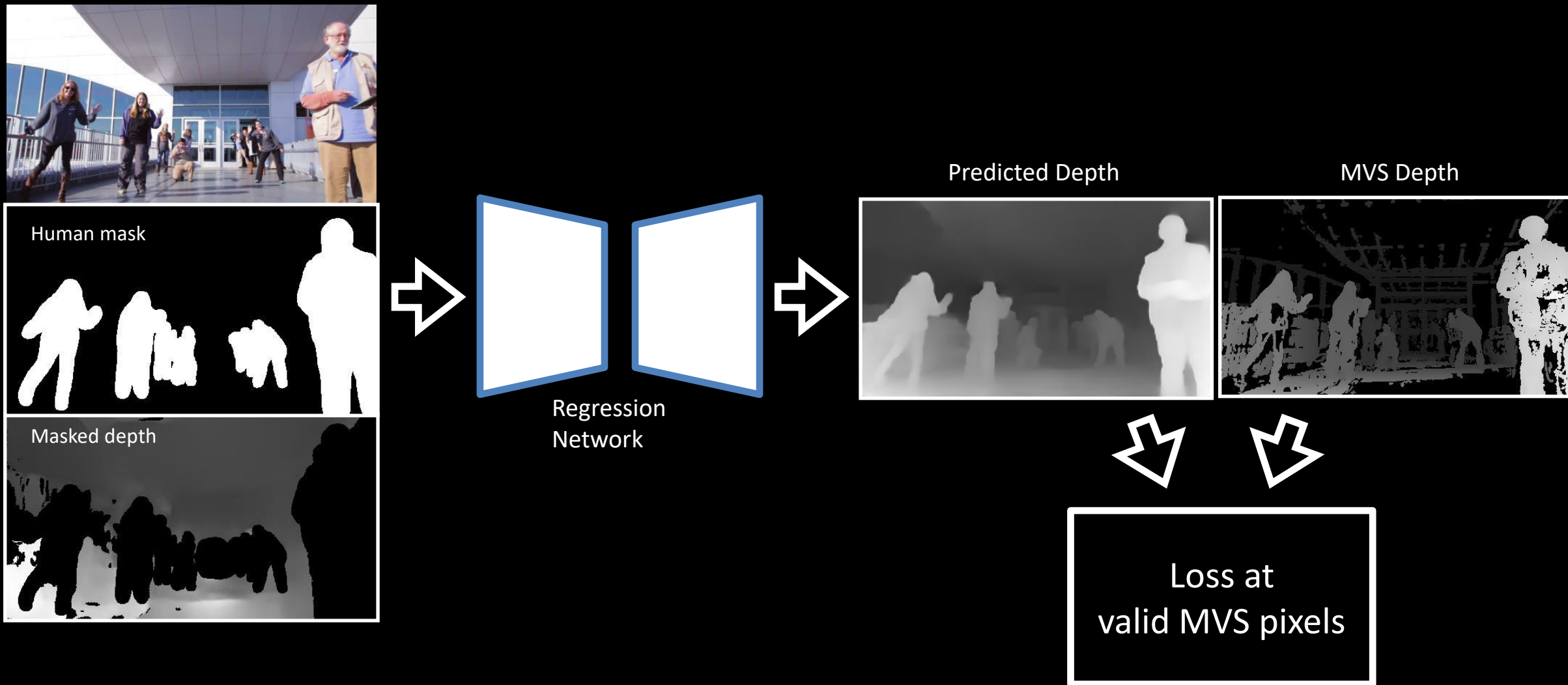
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# MannequinChallenge Training Data



“Ground truth” depth from SfM + Multi View Stereo (MVS)

# Training Setup





# Results and Comparison for Moving People



Input sequence



DORN (monocular)



Chen *et al.* (monocular)



DeMoN (stereo)



**Ours**



# Self-Supervised Learning

Solve a proxy, pretext task (large dataset)  $\rightarrow$  extract learned features  $\rightarrow$  finetune on a target supervised task (smaller dataset)

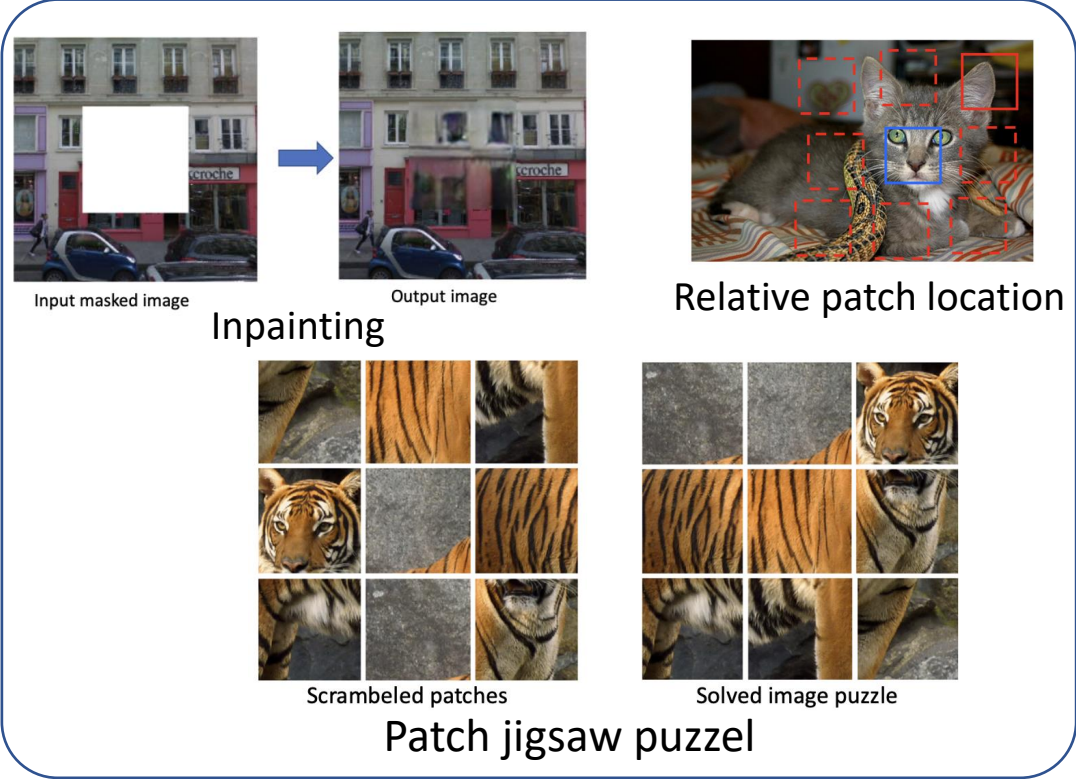
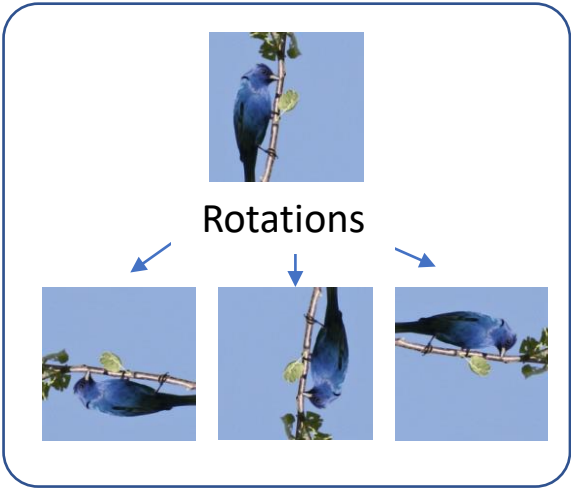
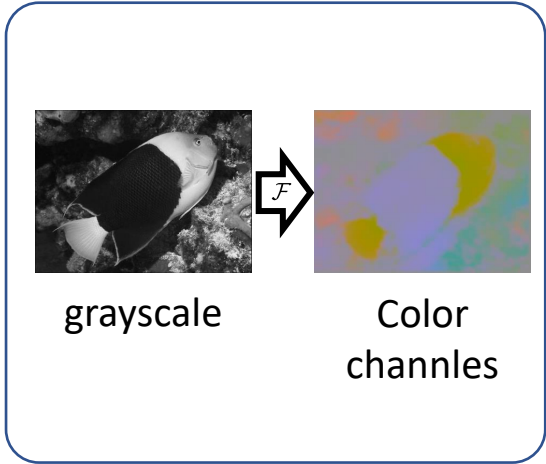


Image context as supervision



Geometric transformations



Color transformations

Next class:

“More self-supervision”

