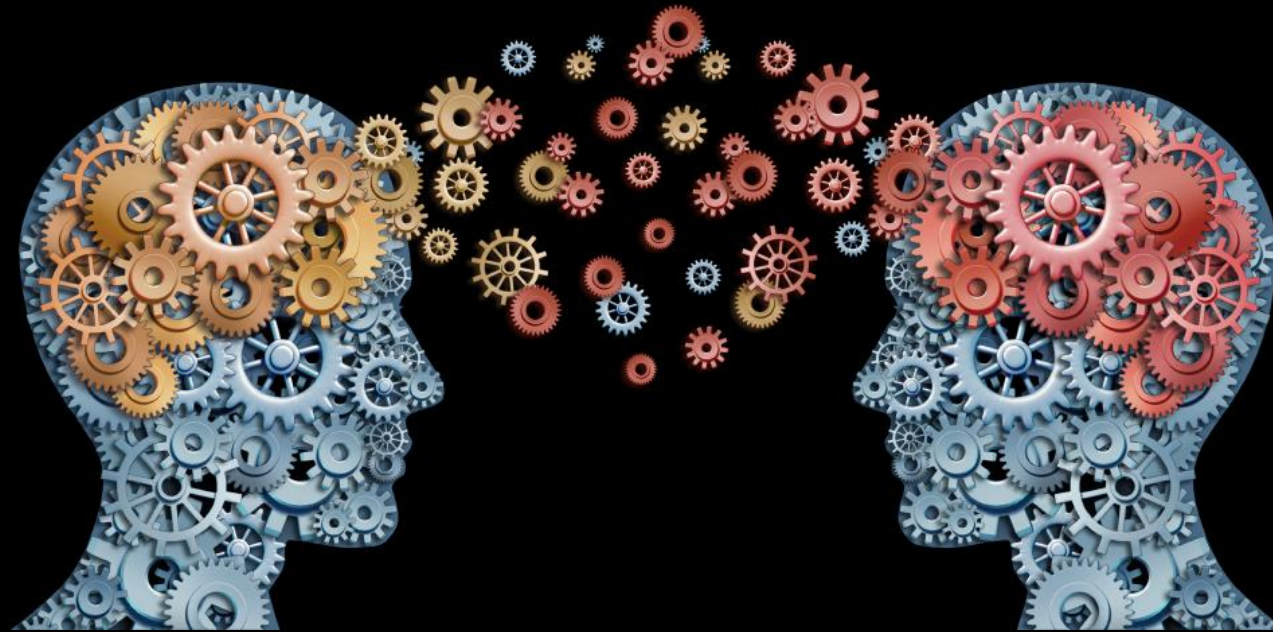


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Transfer learning tutorial



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Transfer Learning



“DON’T BE A HERO”

ANDREJ KARPATHY

Your first driving lesson

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Imagine learning to drive a car without knowing
absolutely nothing about anything

Your first driving lesson

Randomly initialized
Deep Neural Network



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We naturally reuse what we previously learnt to be able to solve a new task.

How transfer learning emerged



Image classification

- 1998 LeNet-5

Gradient-based learning applied to document recognition.
Yann LeCun, Léon Bottou, Yoshua Bengio, Patrick Haffner

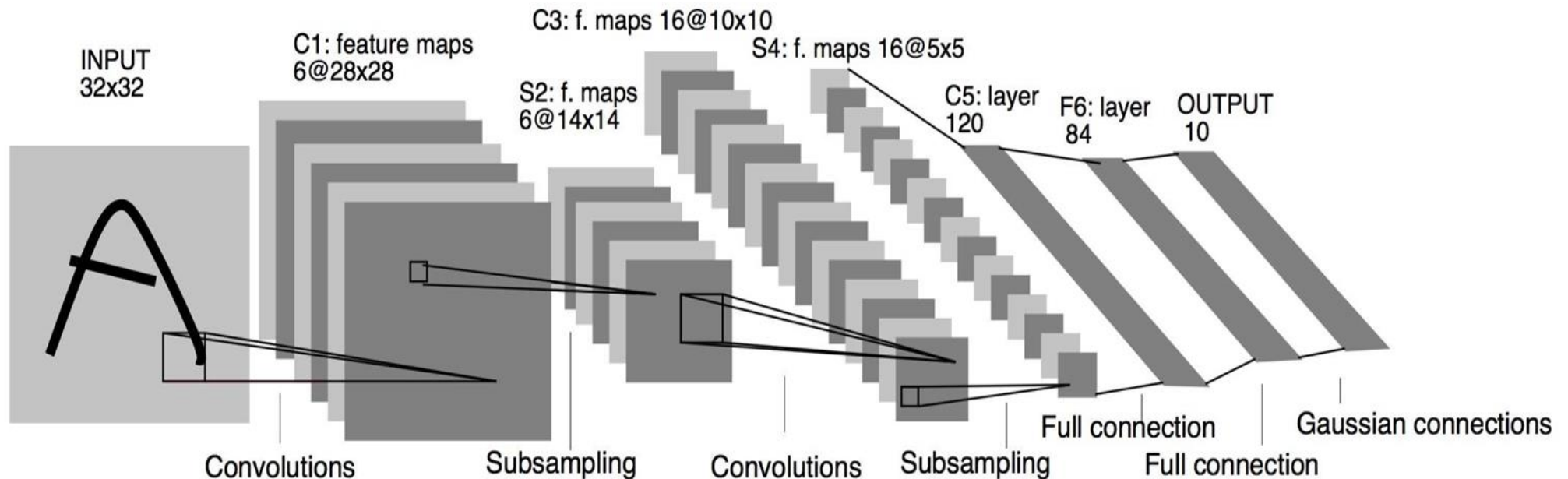
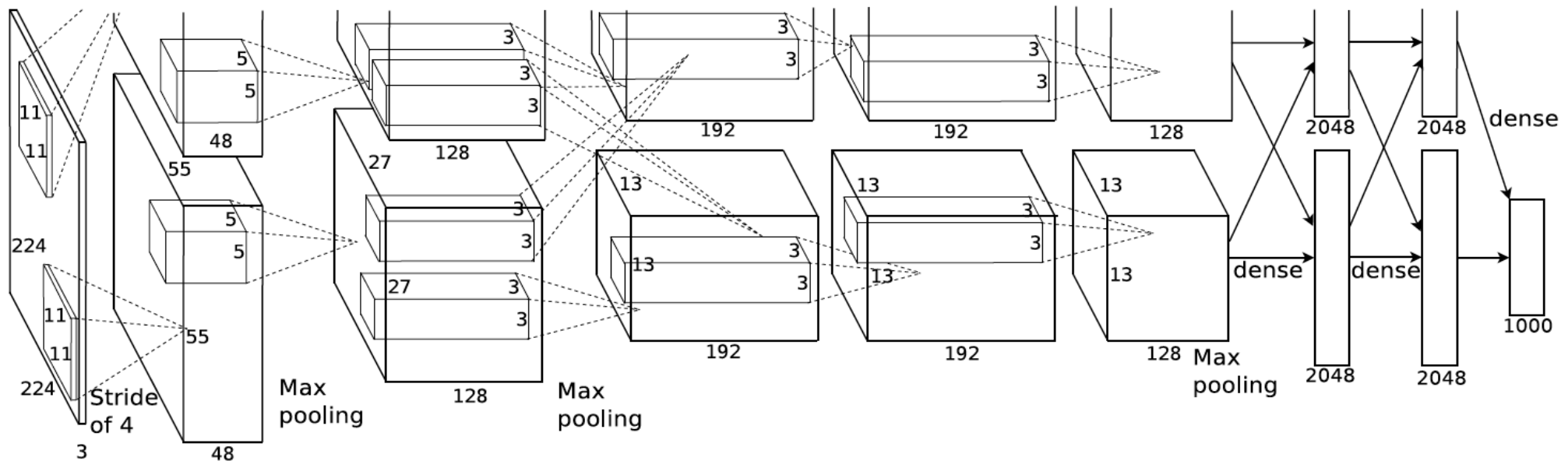


Image classification

- 2012 AlexNet

ImageNet Classification with Deep Convolutional Neural Networks
Alex Krizhevsky, Ilya Sutskever and Geoffrey Hinton



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2014 VGG19



2014 GoogLeNet



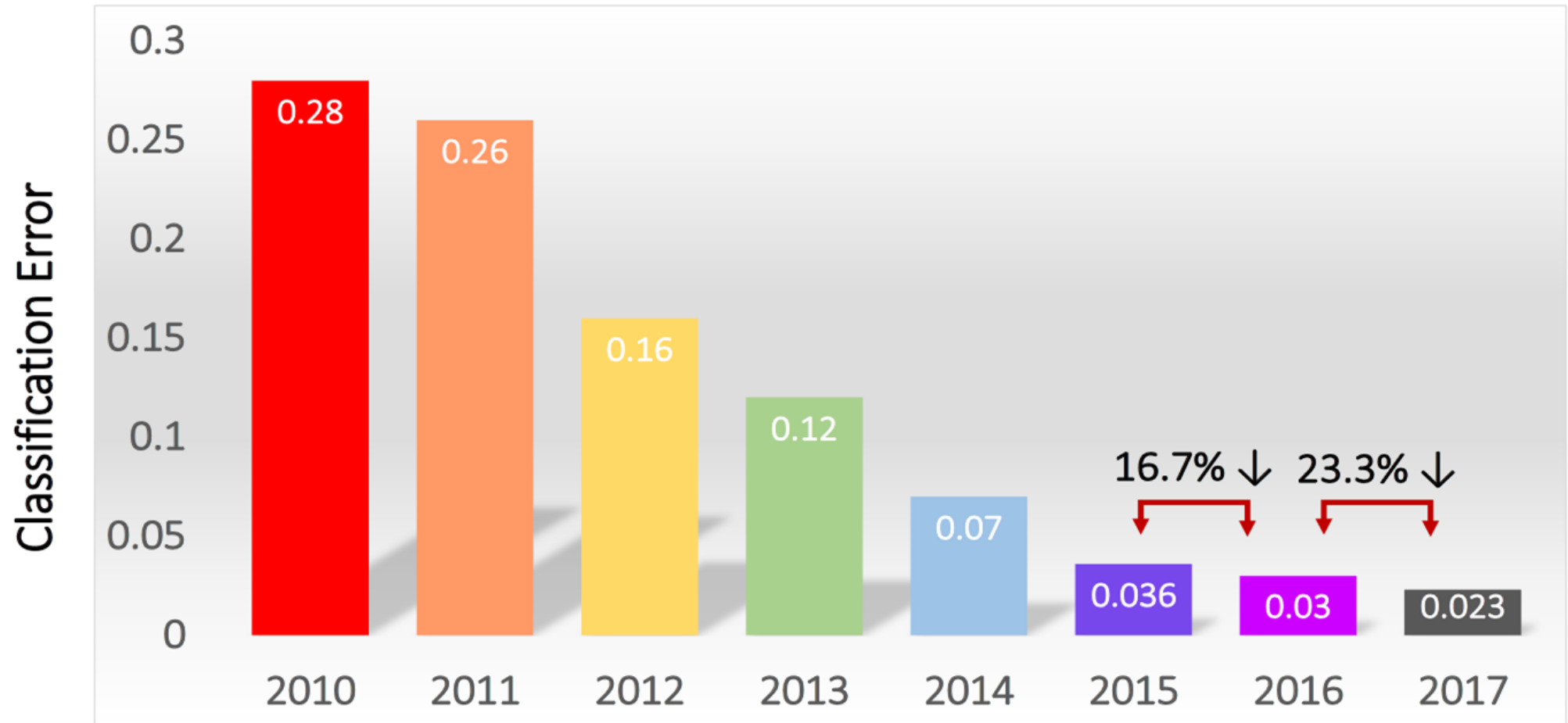
2015 Inception-V3



2015 ResNet-56



ImageNet classification results



From image-net.org

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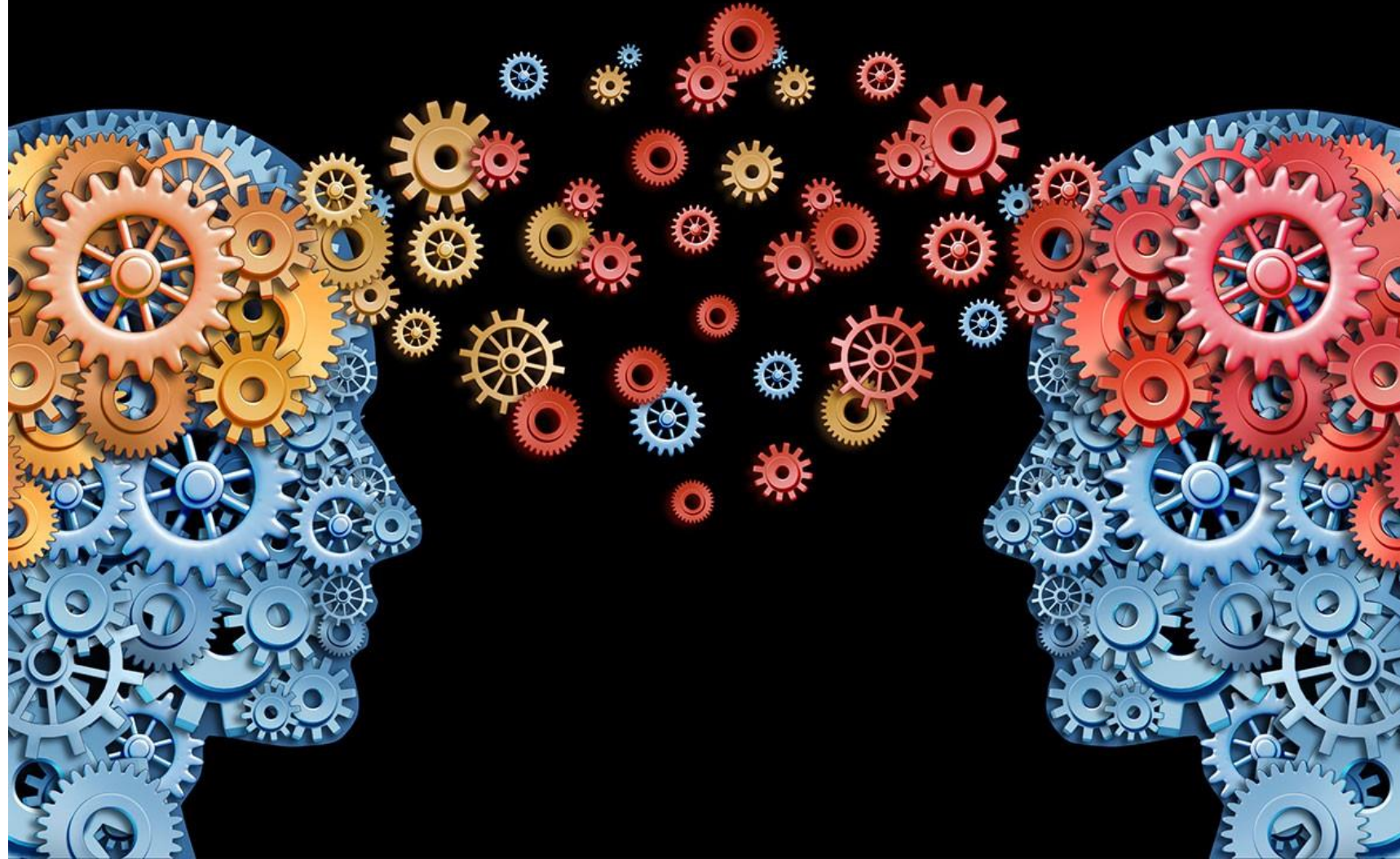
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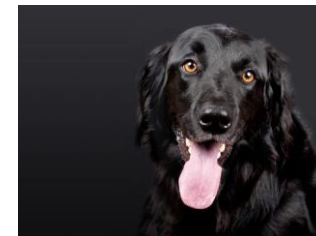
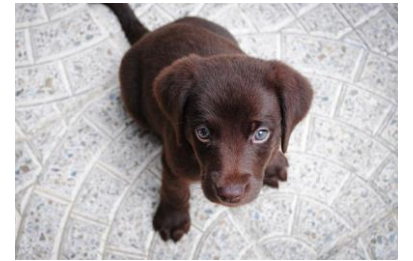
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→ **Transfer Learning to the rescue**

What is transfer learning?



What is learning about?



What is learning about?

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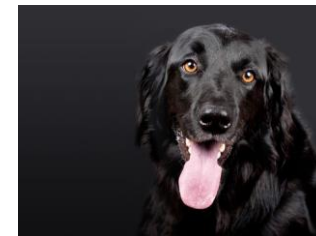
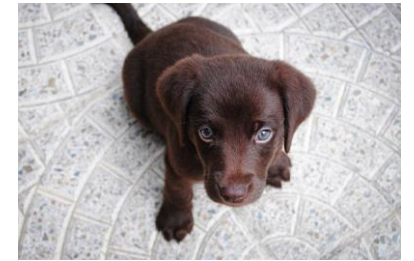
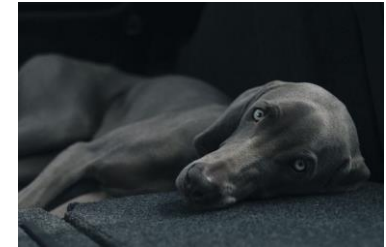


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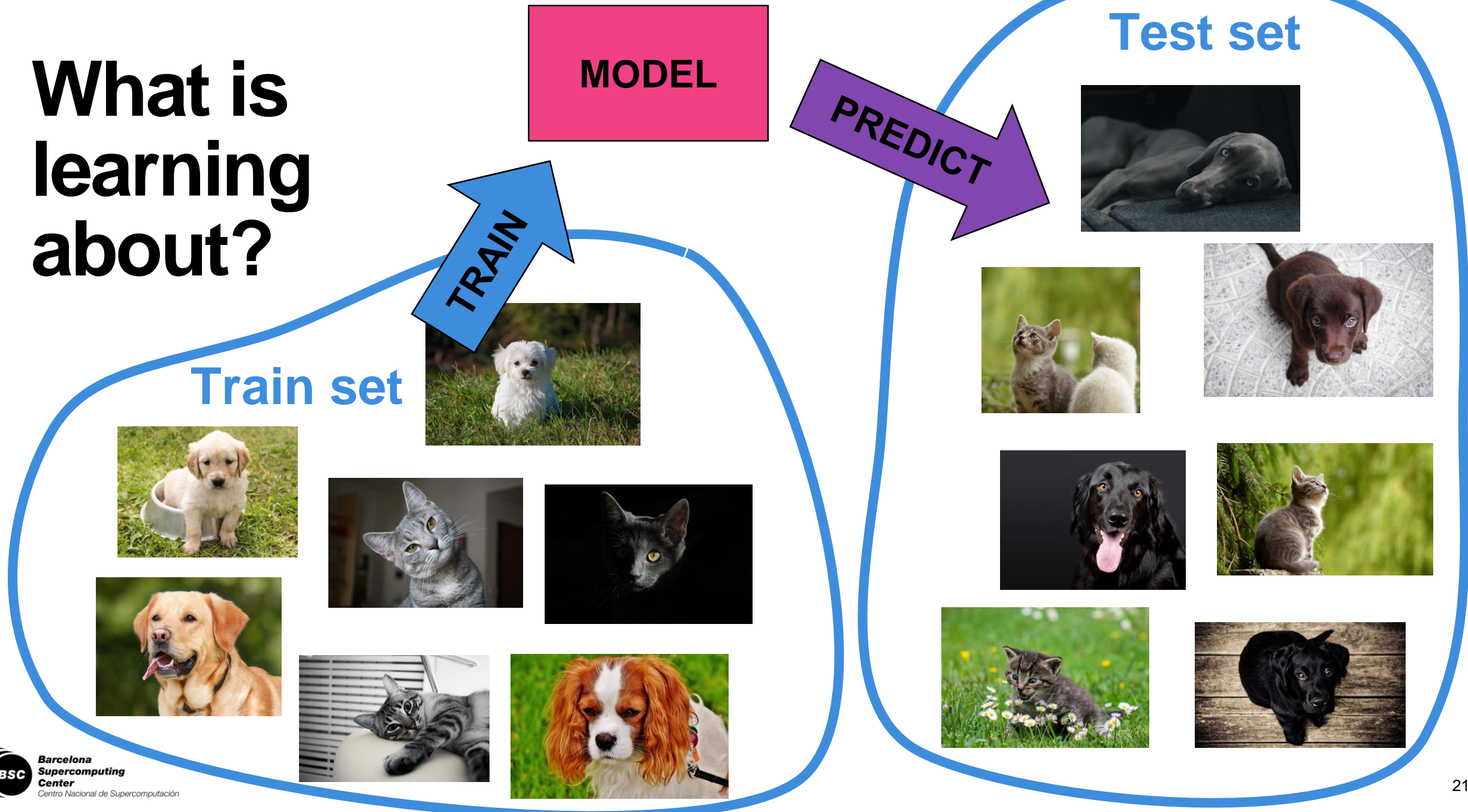
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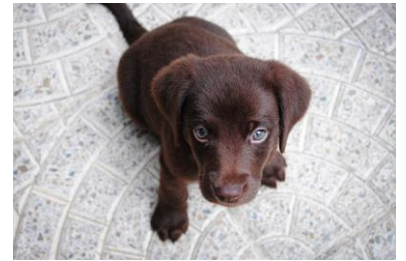
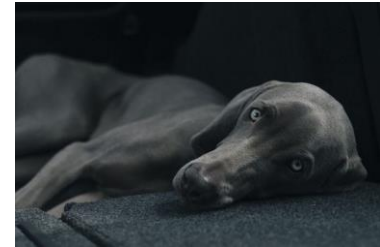
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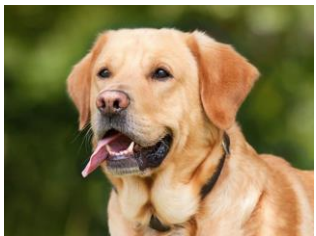
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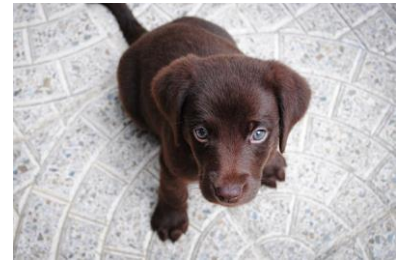
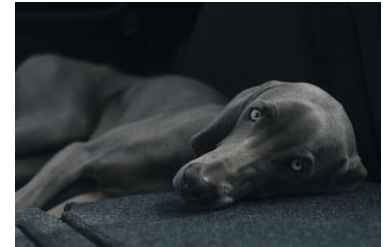
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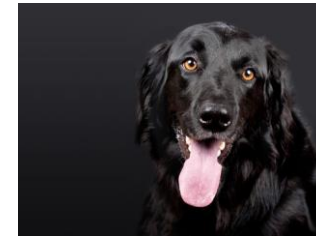
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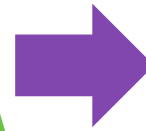


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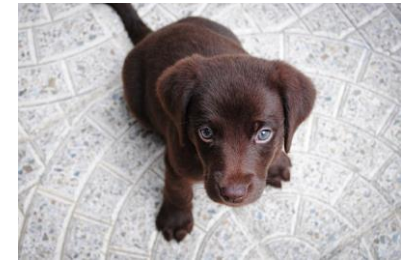
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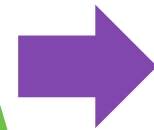
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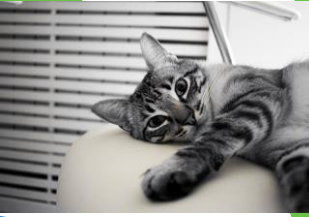
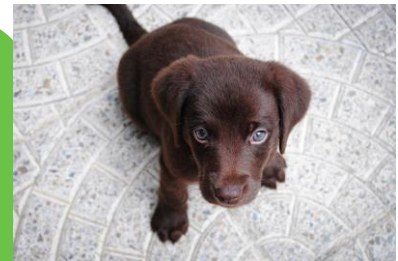
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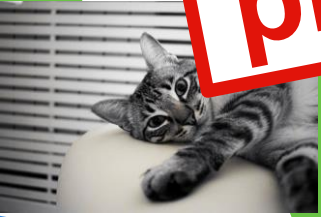
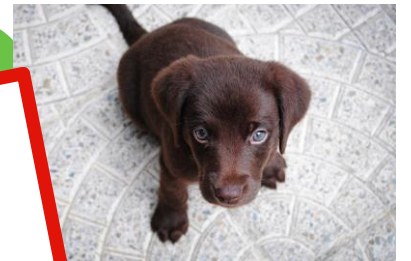
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Train and test sets have different conditional probability distributions

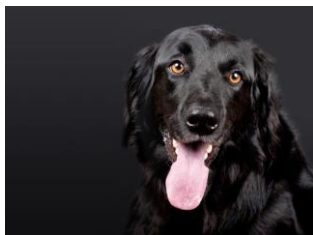
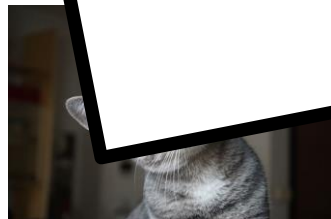


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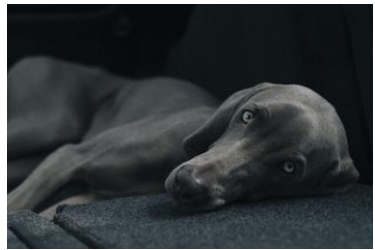
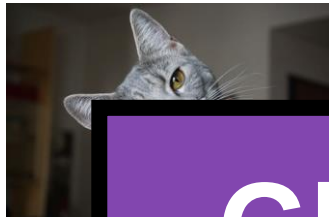


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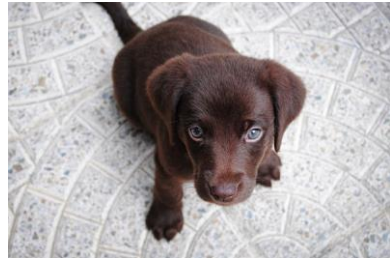
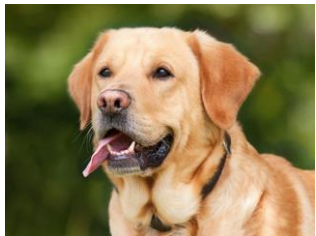
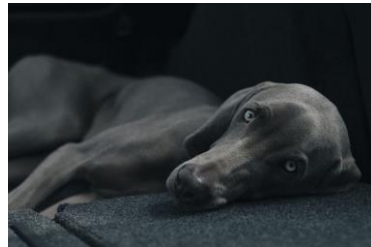
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What is transfer learning about?

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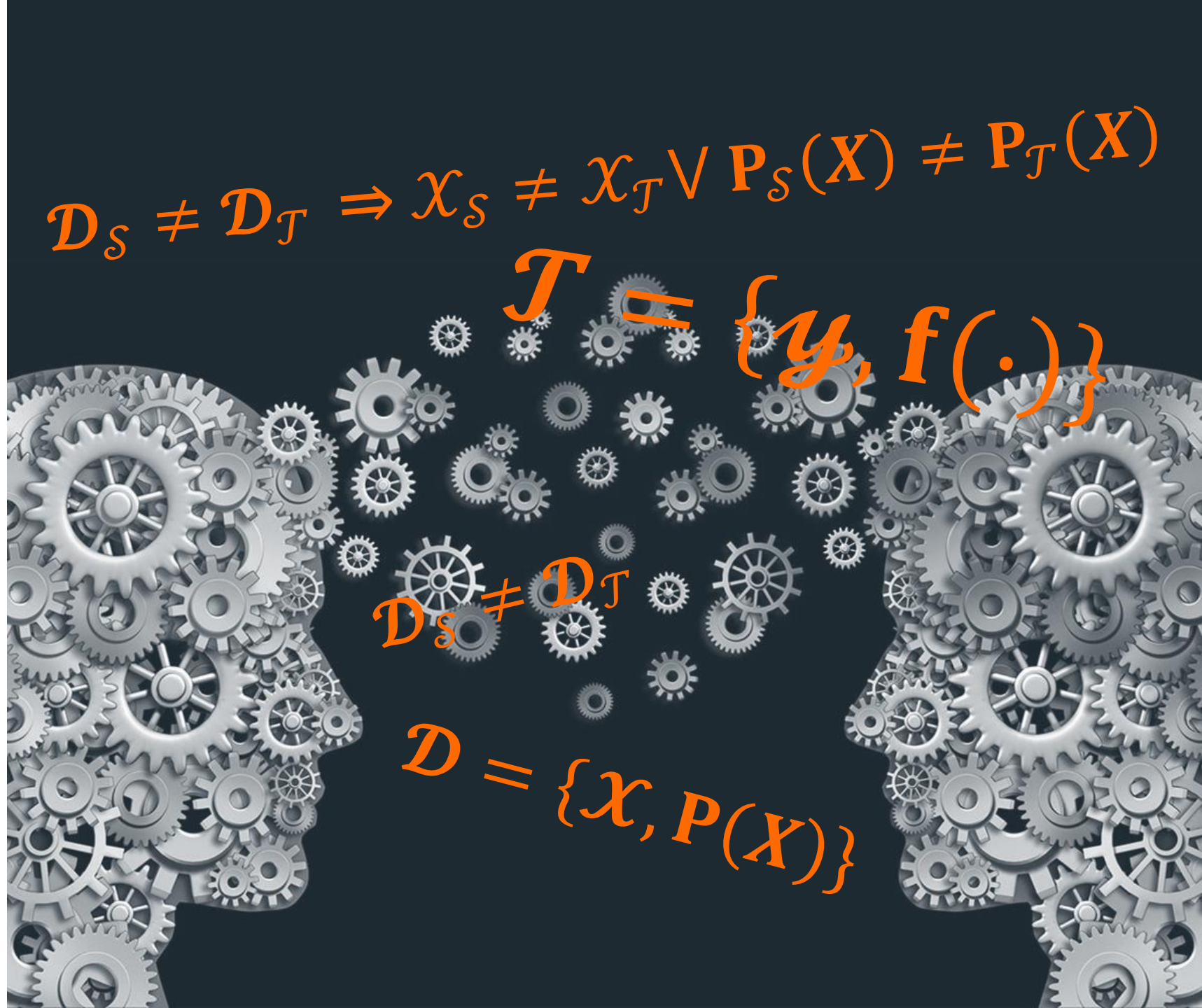
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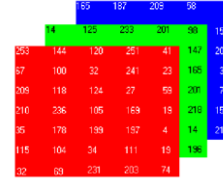
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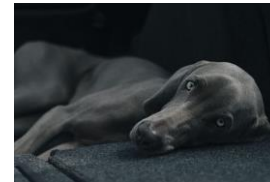
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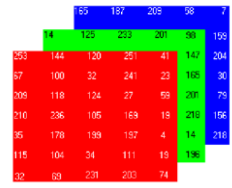


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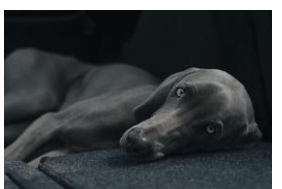


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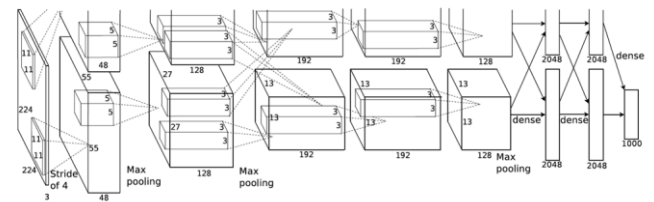


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CAT, DOG ≠ LION, WOLF

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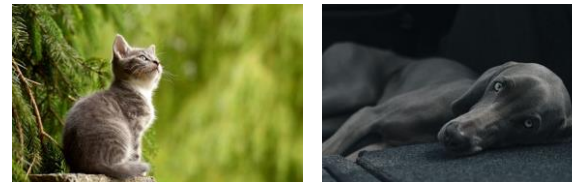
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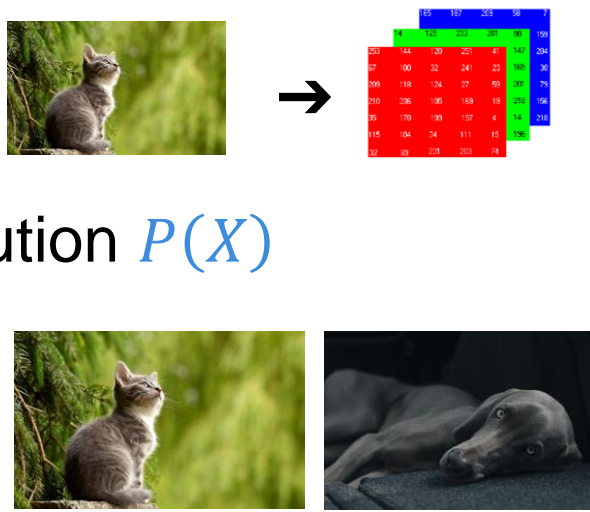
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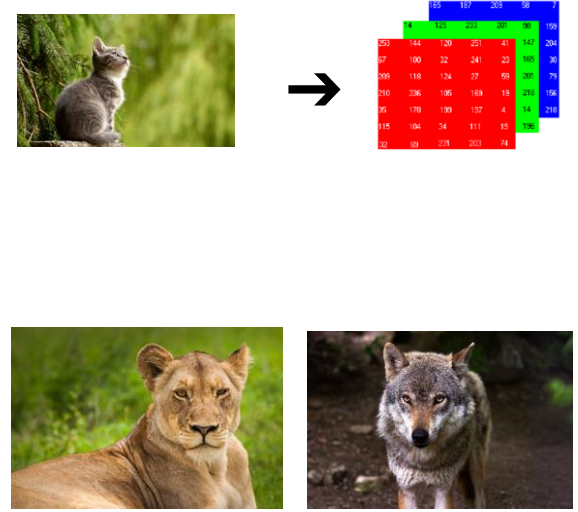
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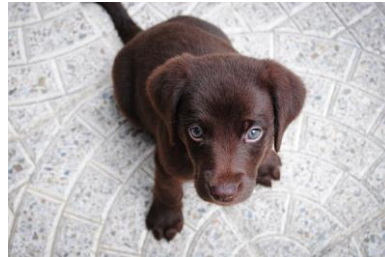
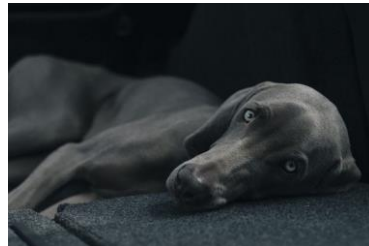
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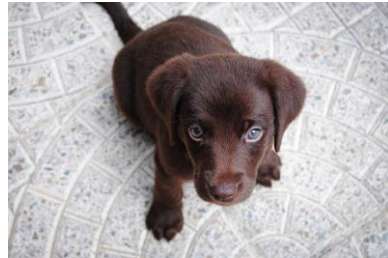
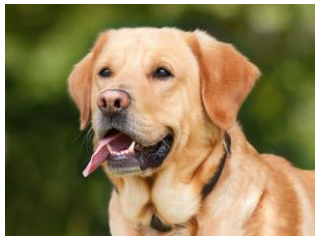


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Source Task $y = \{\text{CAT}, \text{DOG}\}, f_s(\cdot)$

Target domain



Target Task $y = \{\text{LION}, \text{WOLF}\}, f_T(\cdot)$

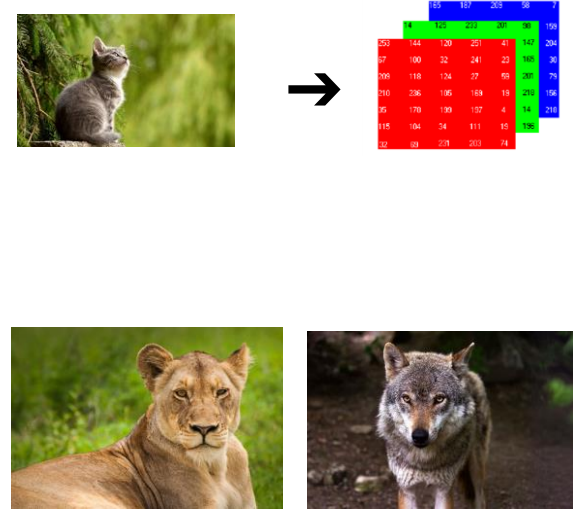
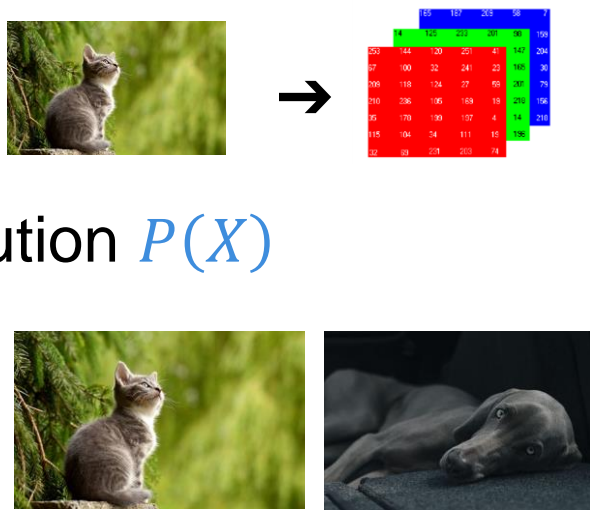
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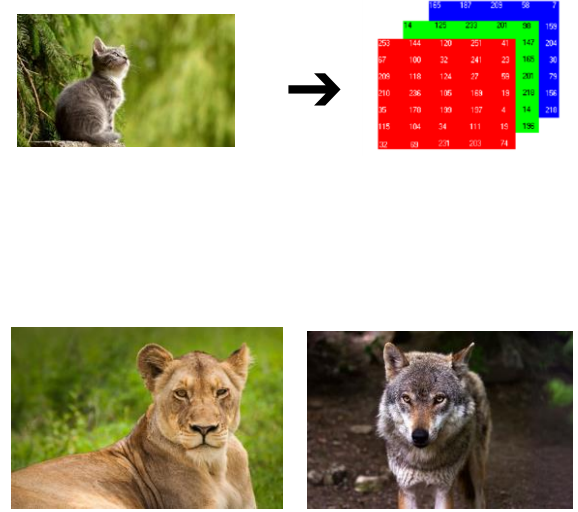
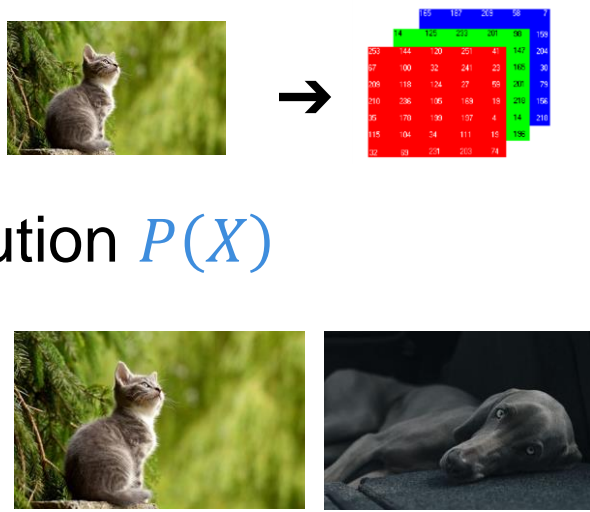
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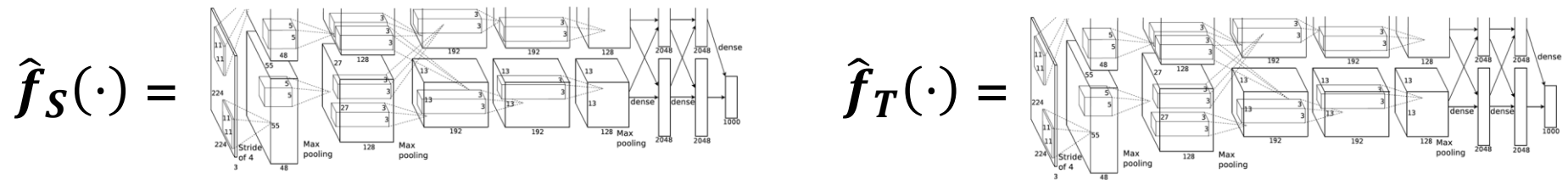
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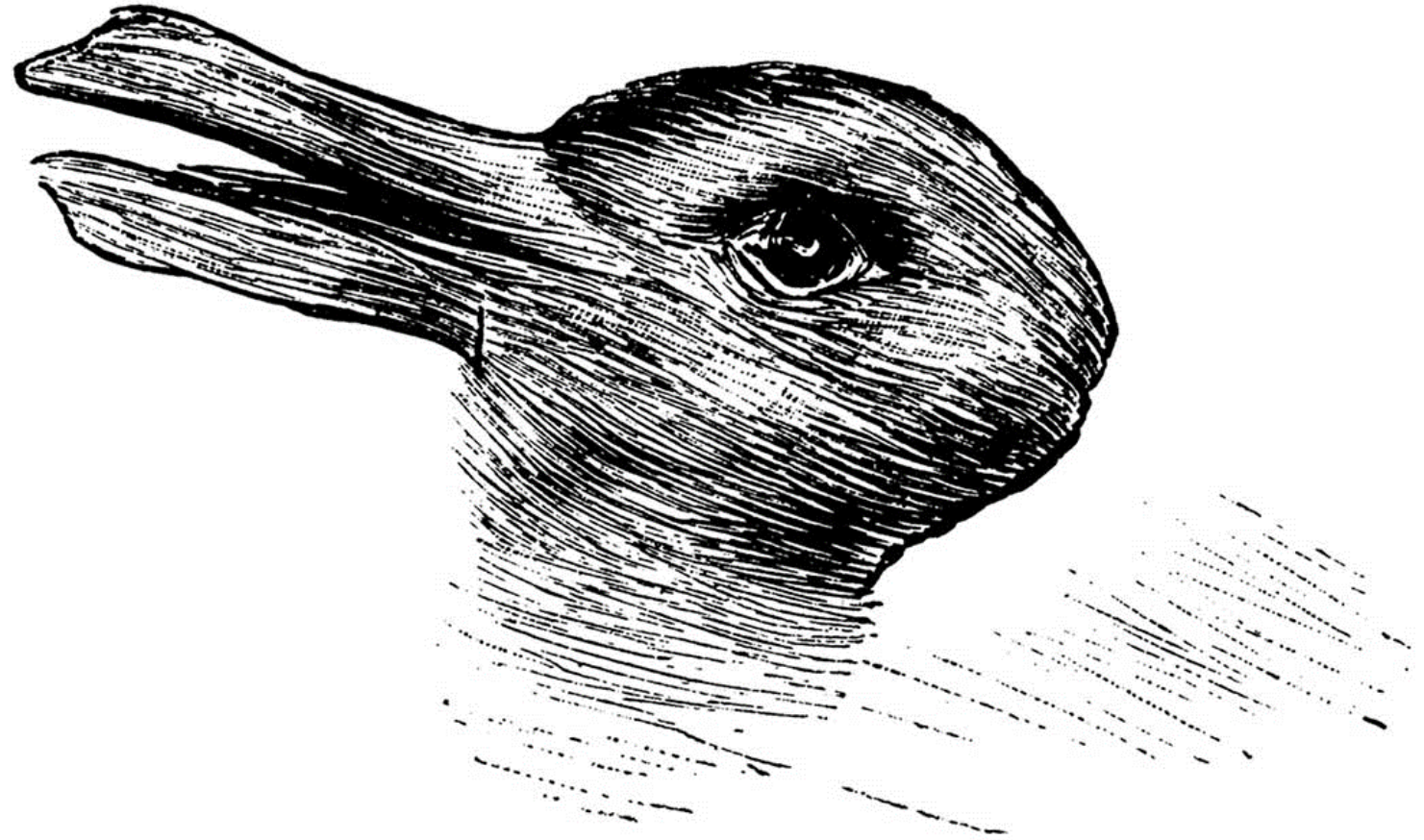
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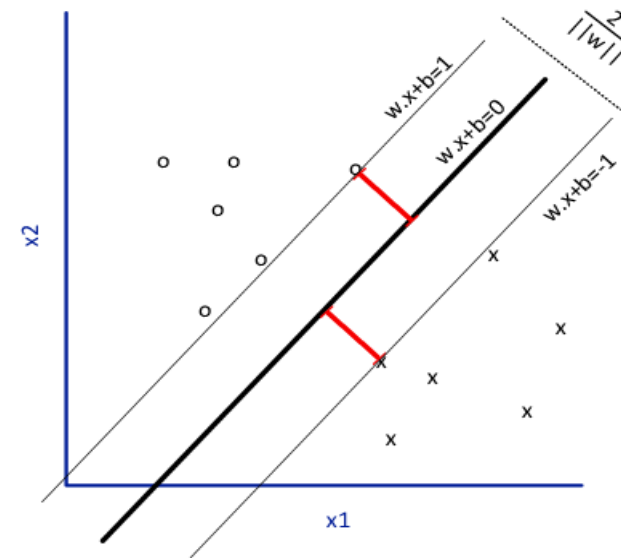
- Are they similar?
- Can we just use $\hat{f}_S(\cdot)$ to approximate $f_T(\cdot)$?
- Can we reuse part of it?

Representation learning



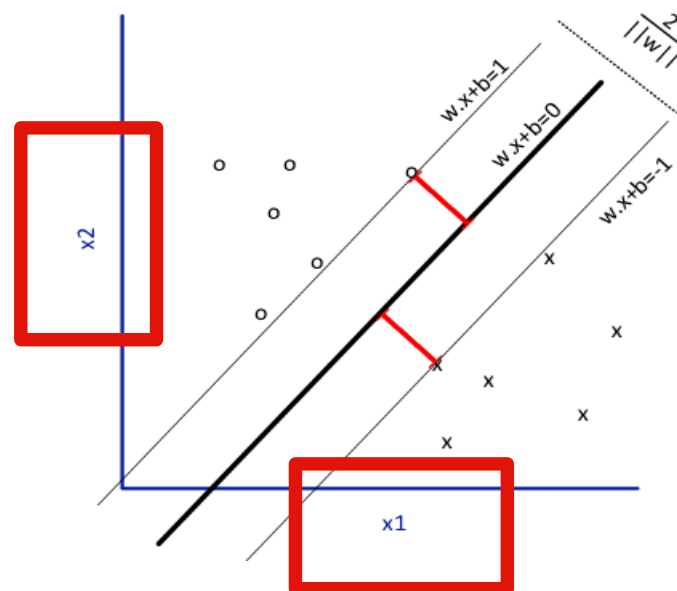
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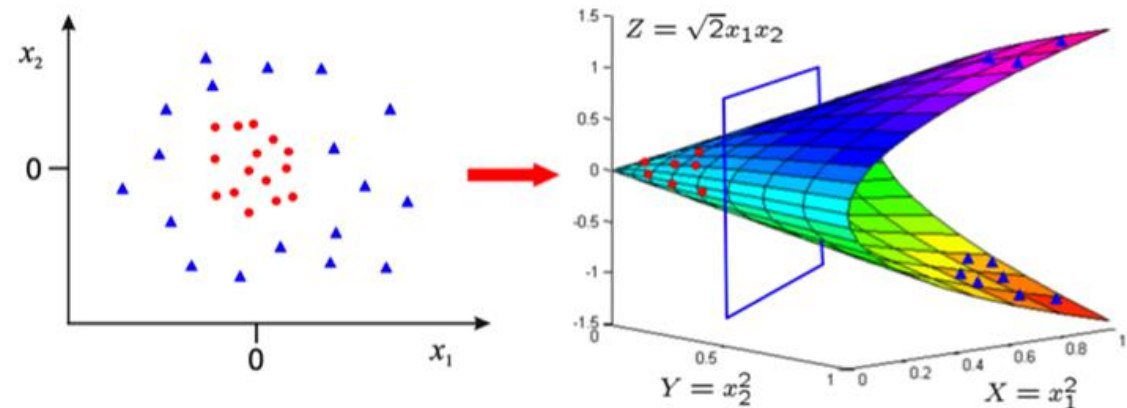
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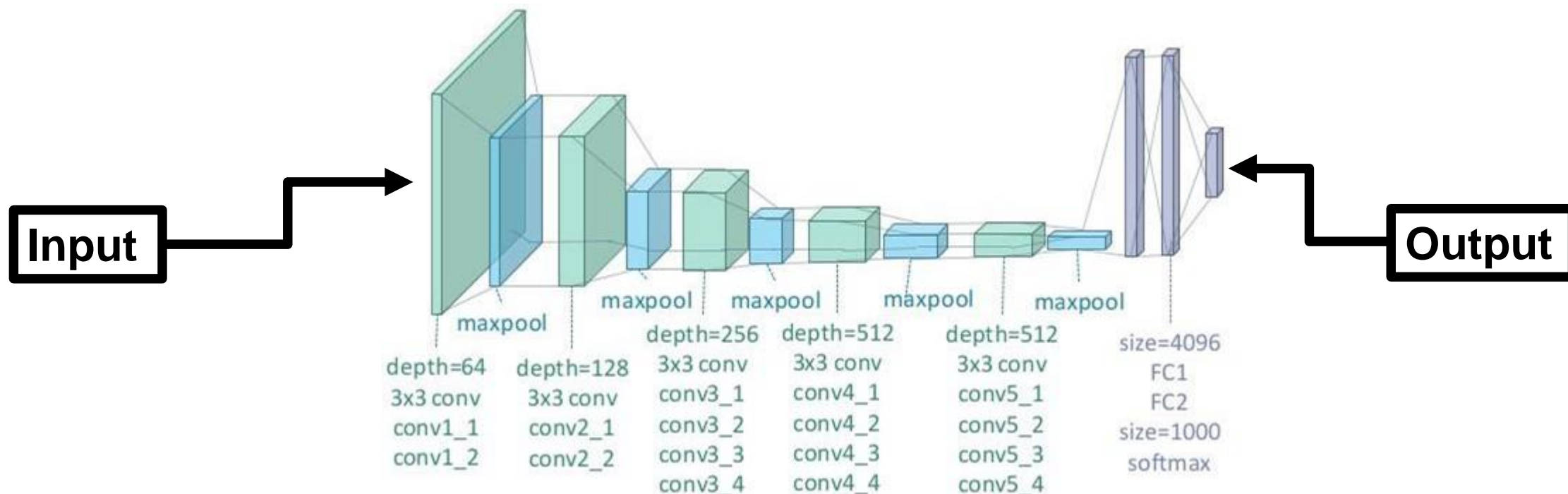


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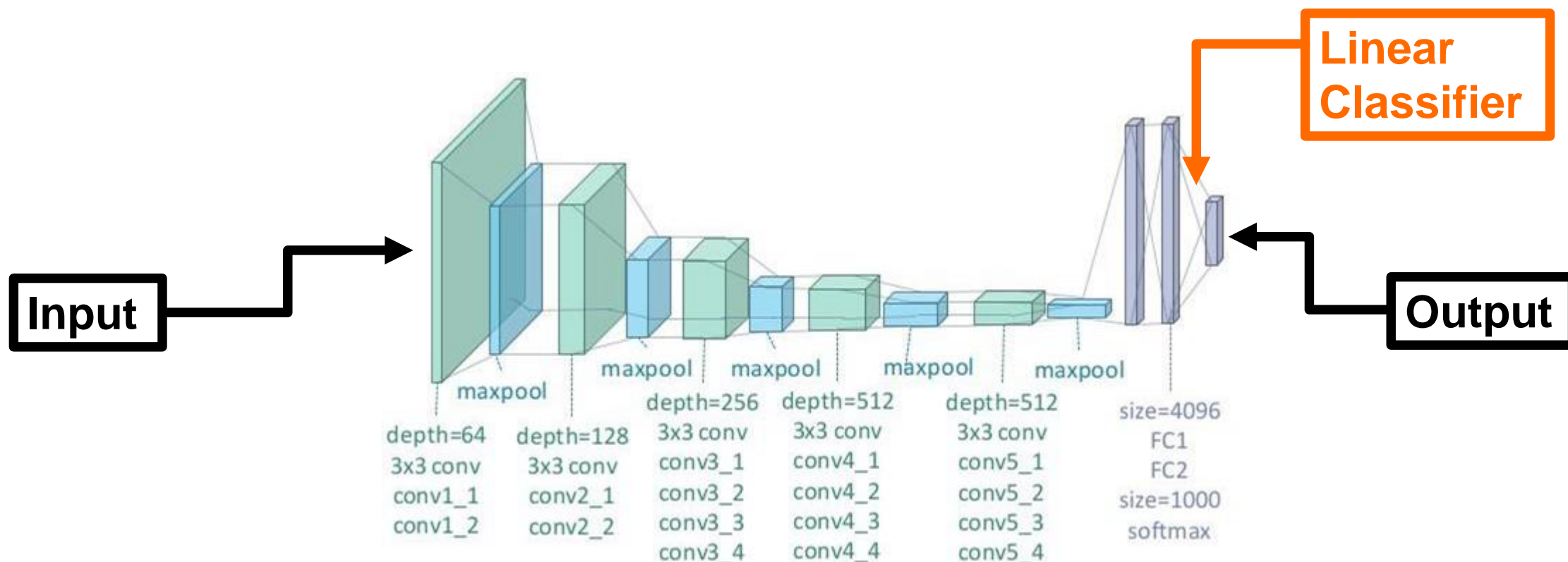
- SVMs using the **kernel trick** can overcome the linear limitation through an **implicit** mapping to a higher dimensional feature space



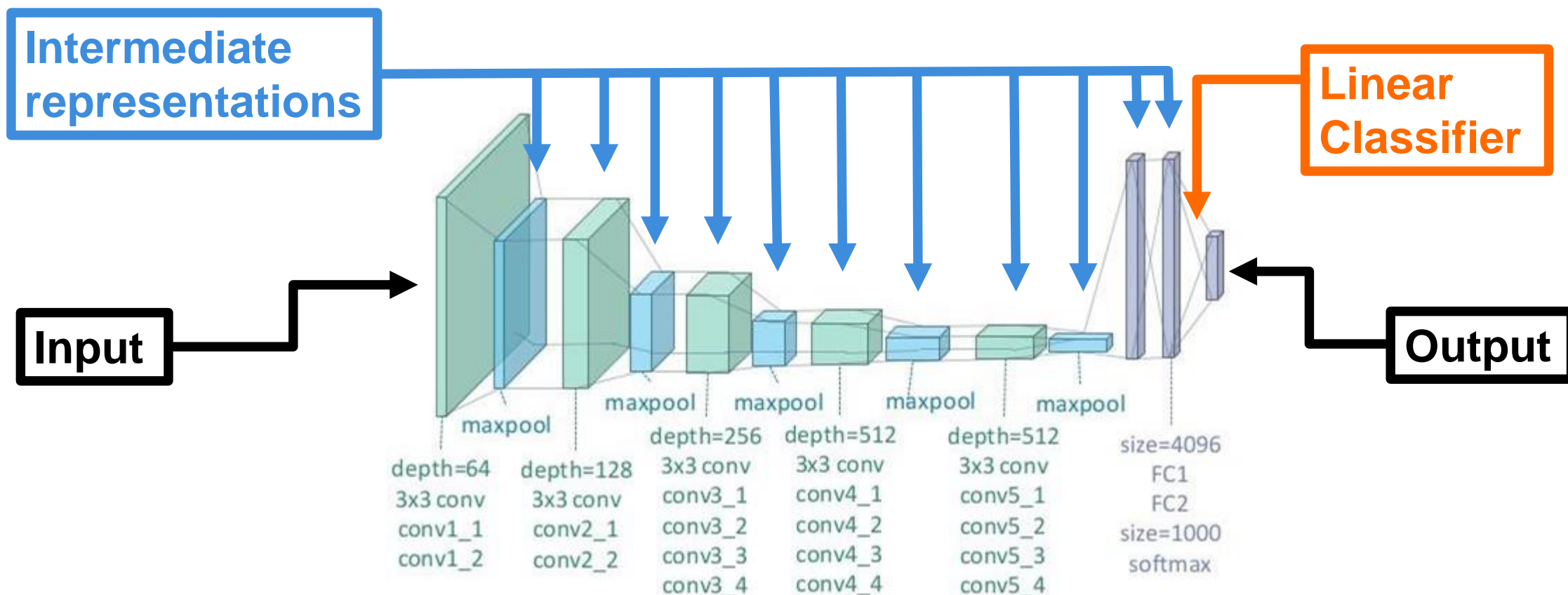
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**SAVE THE
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REUSE

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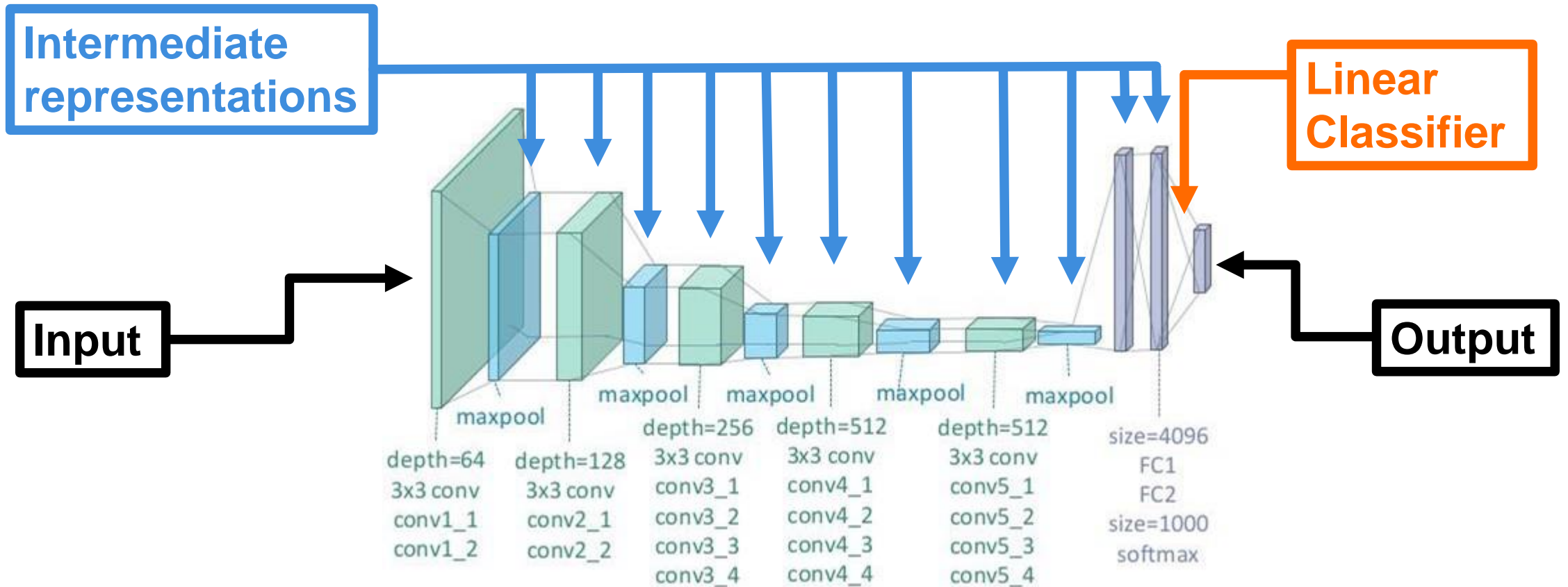
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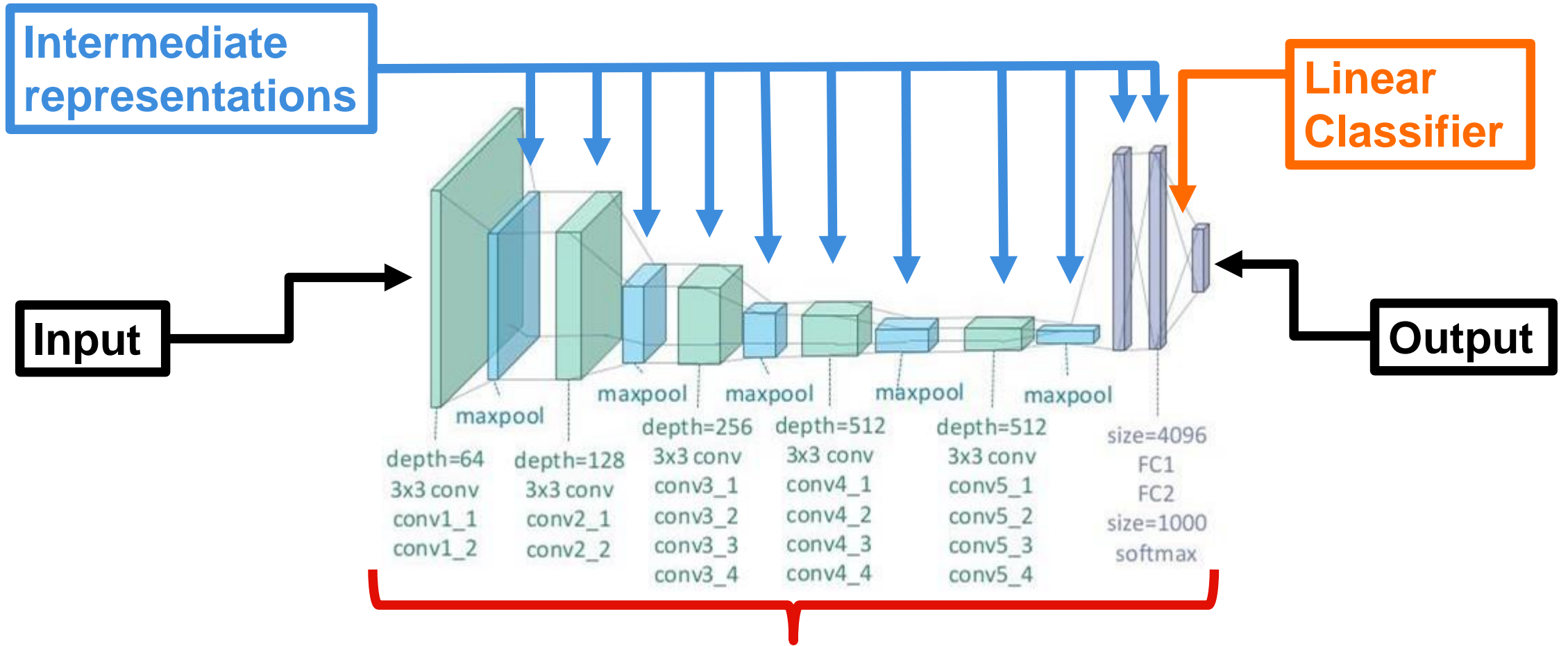
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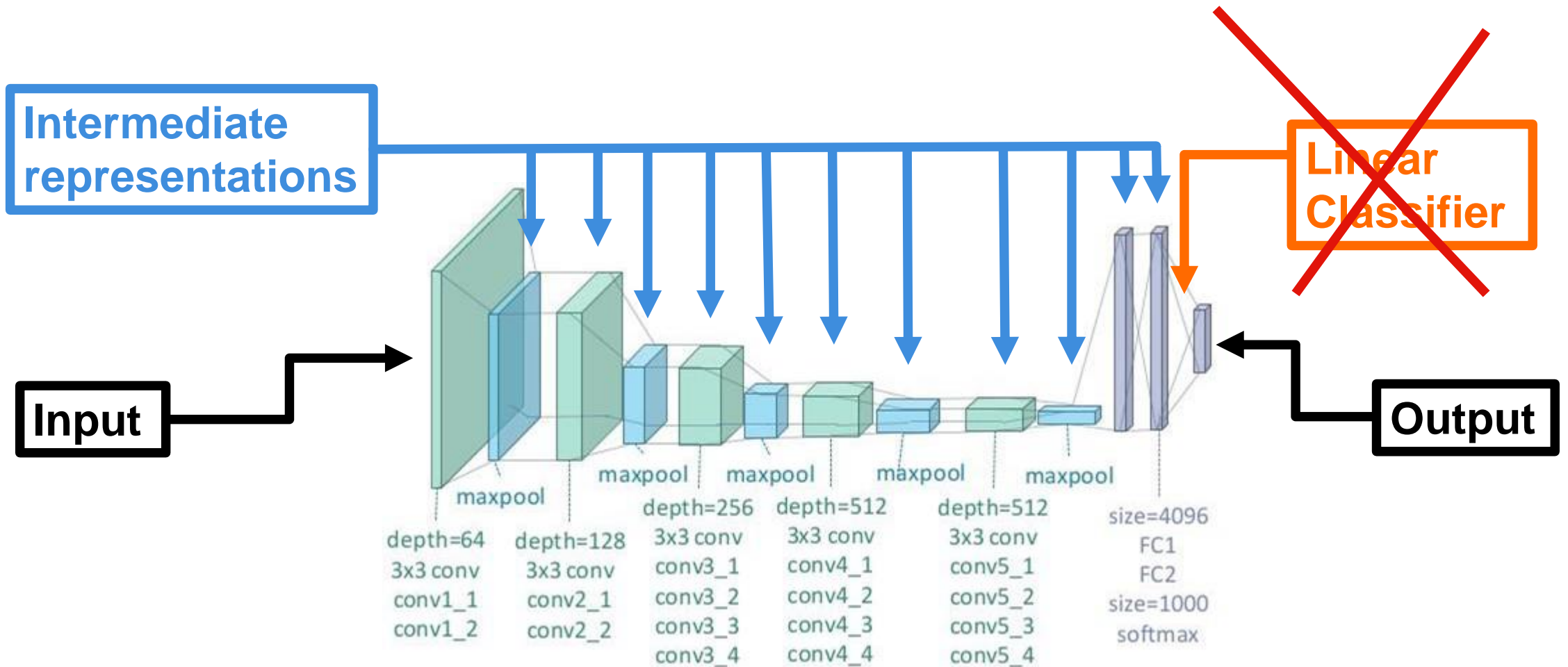


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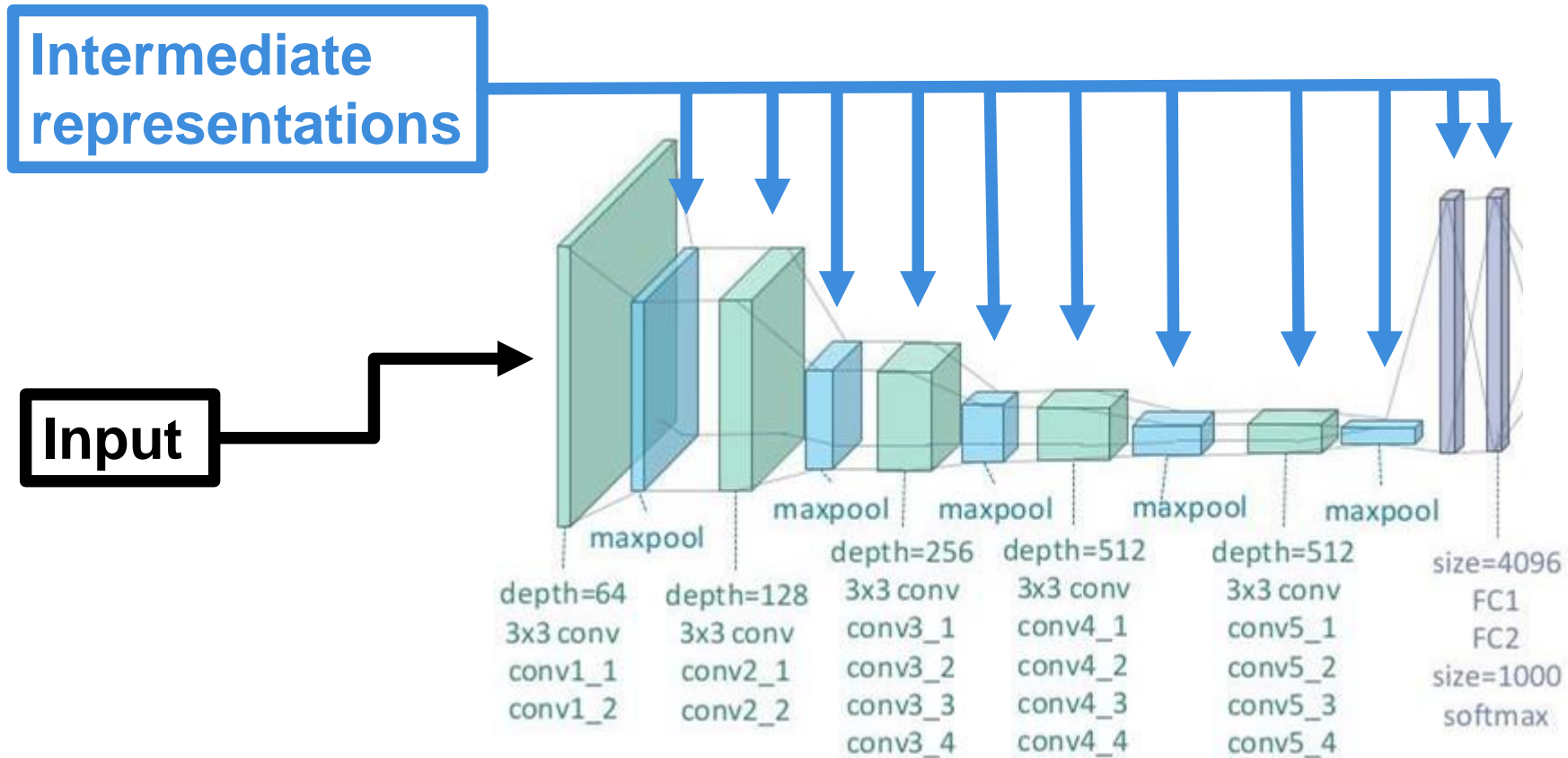


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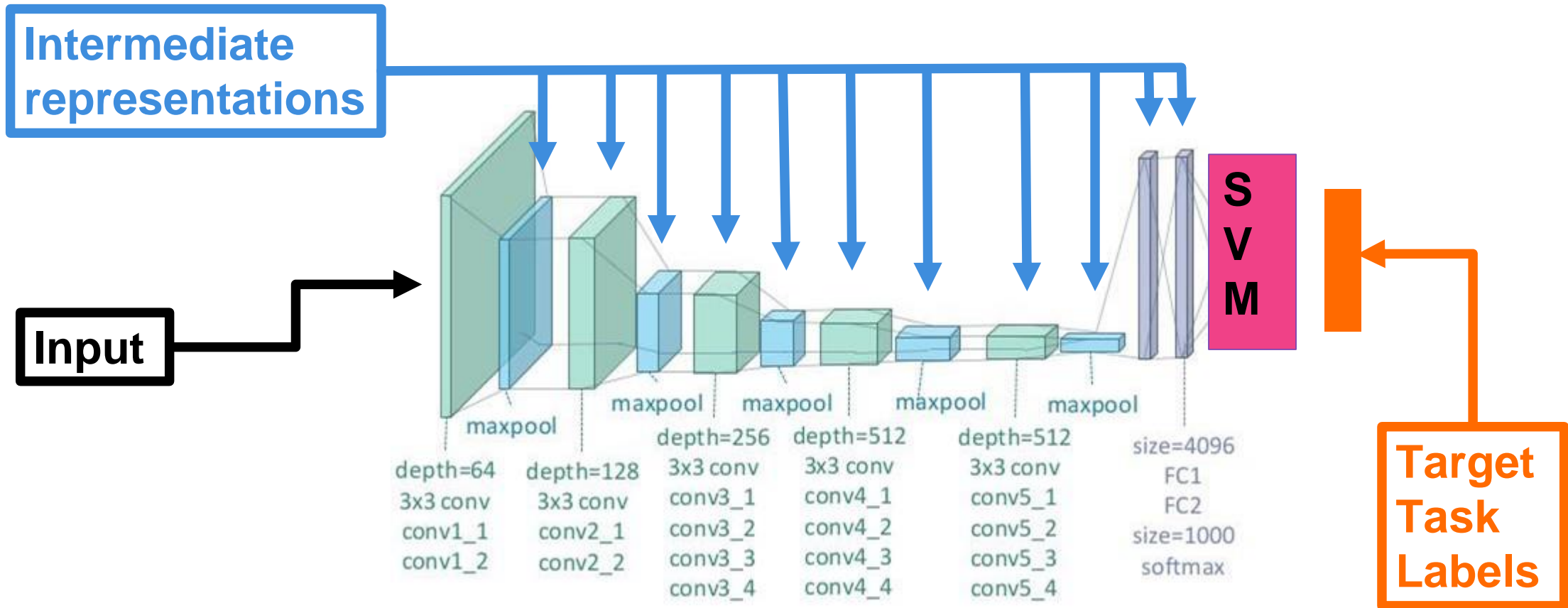
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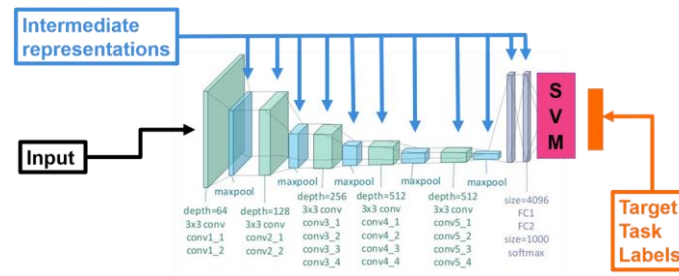


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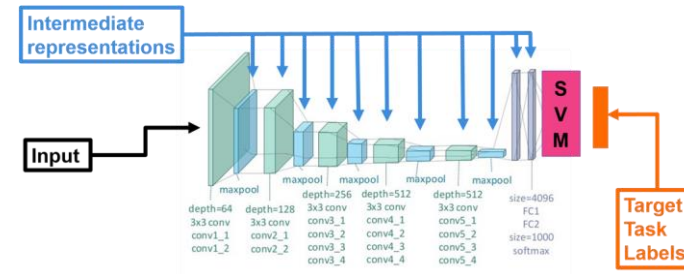
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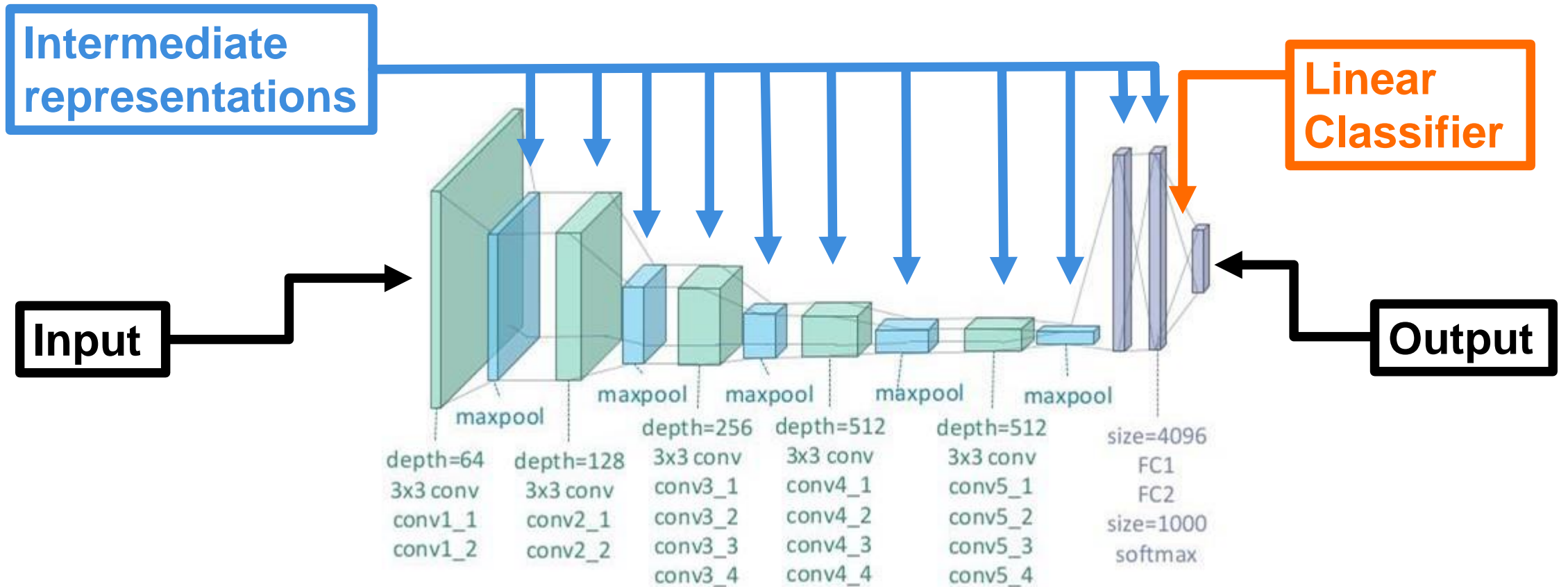
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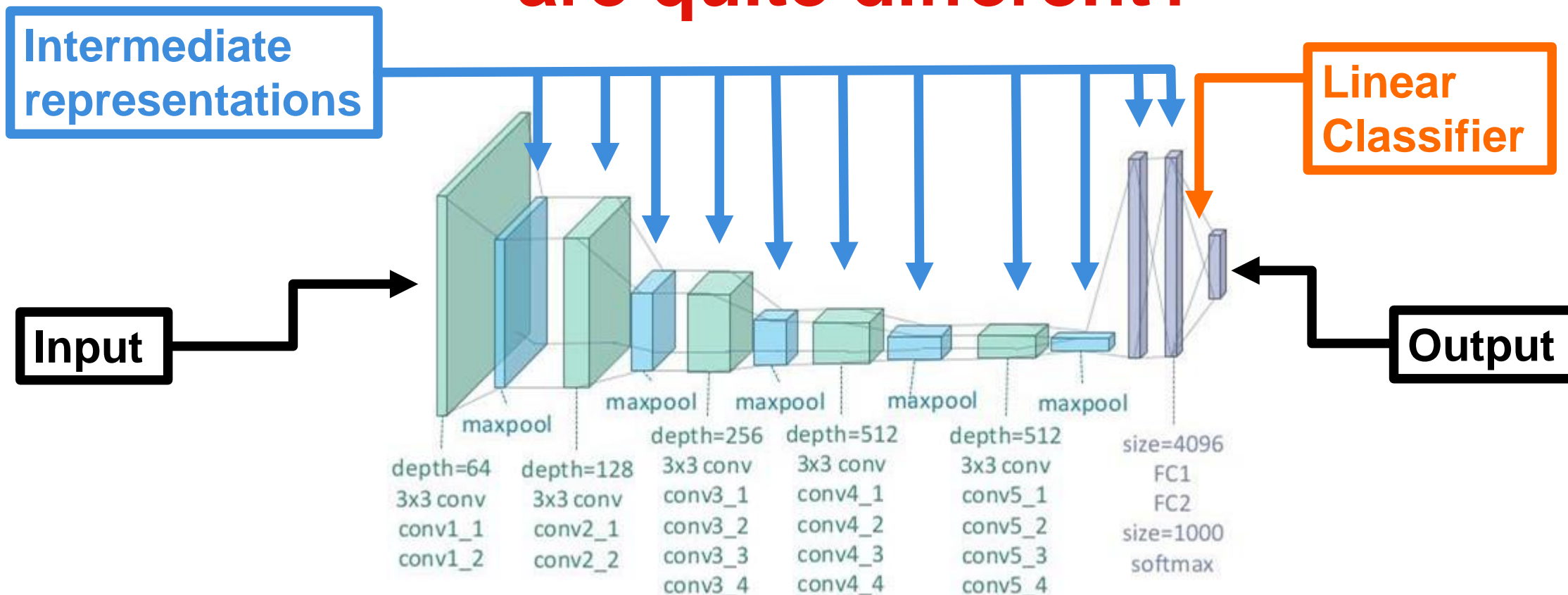
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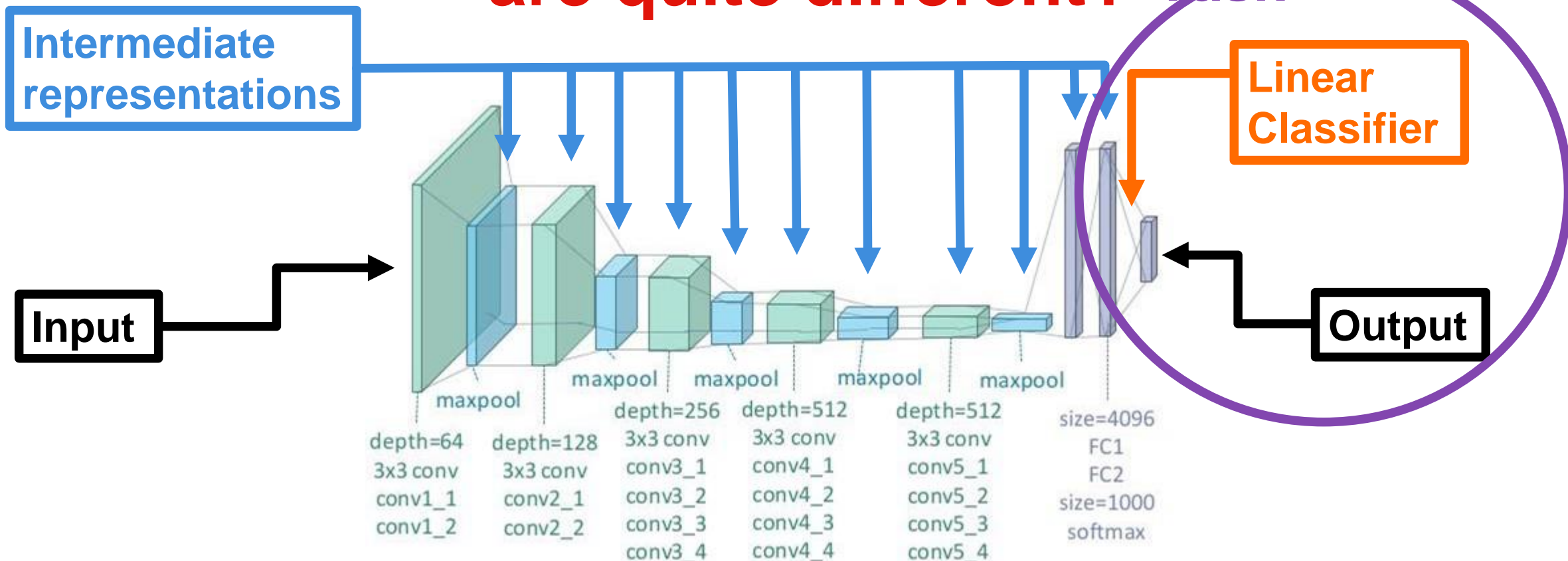
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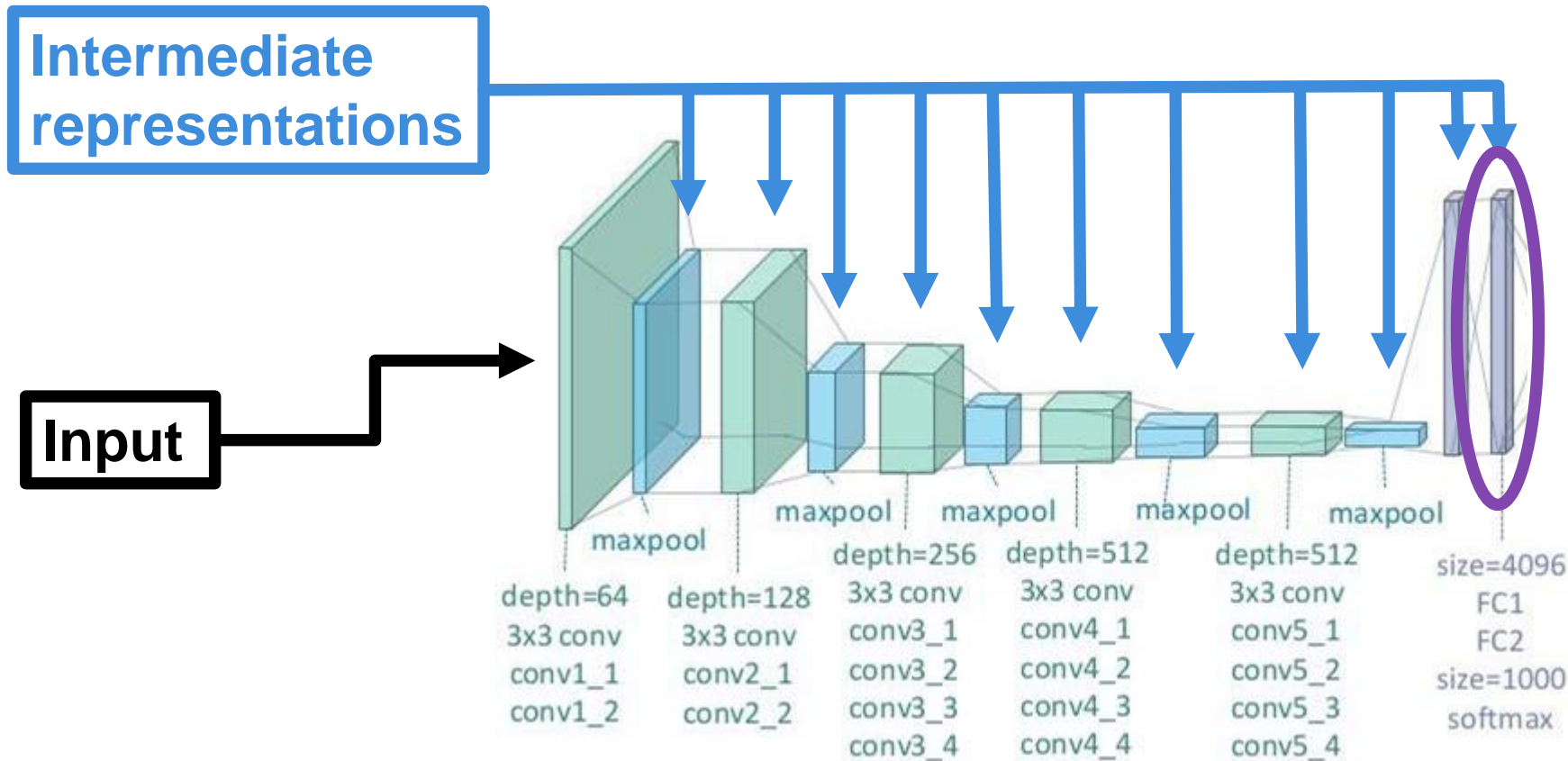
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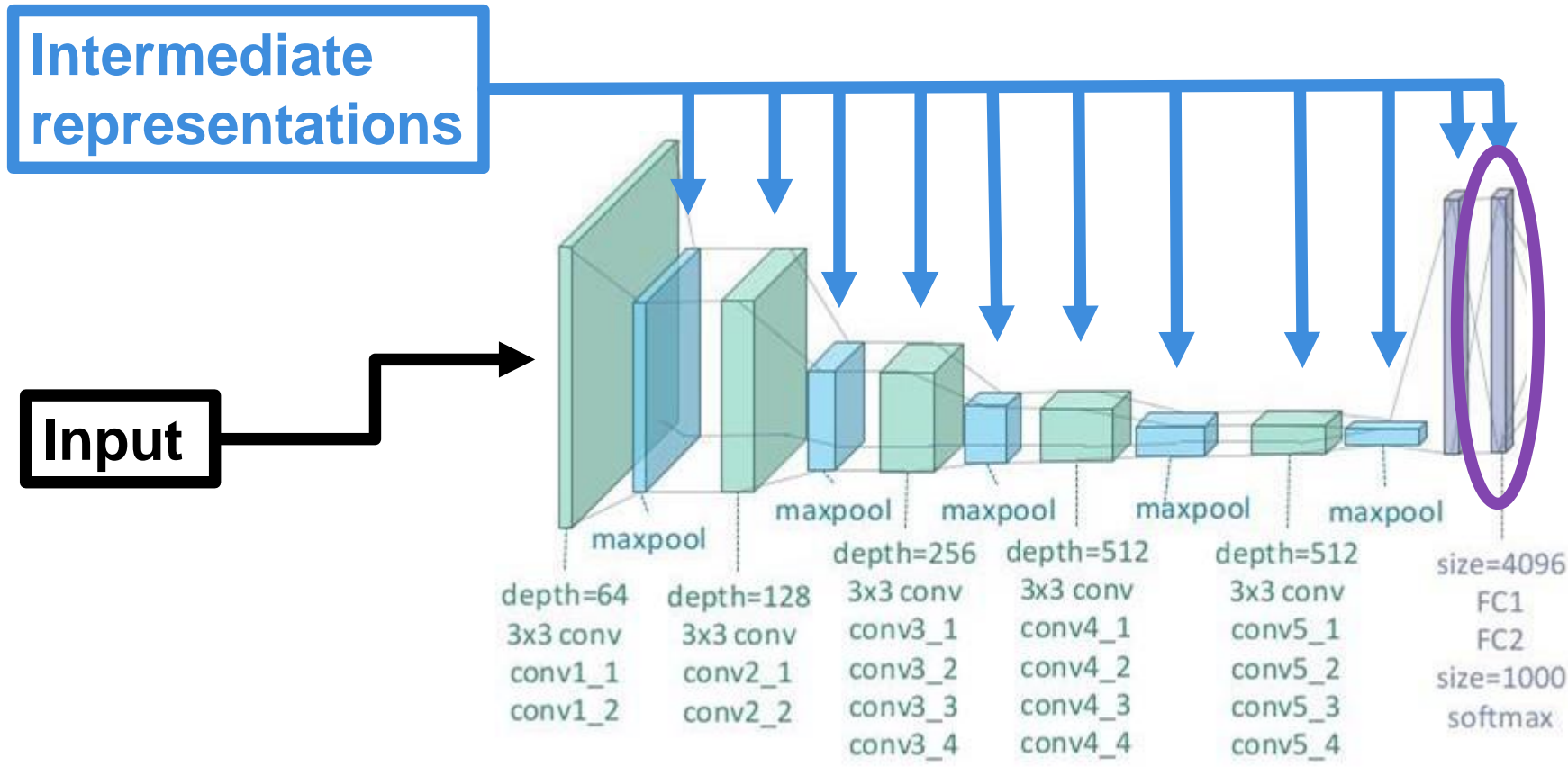


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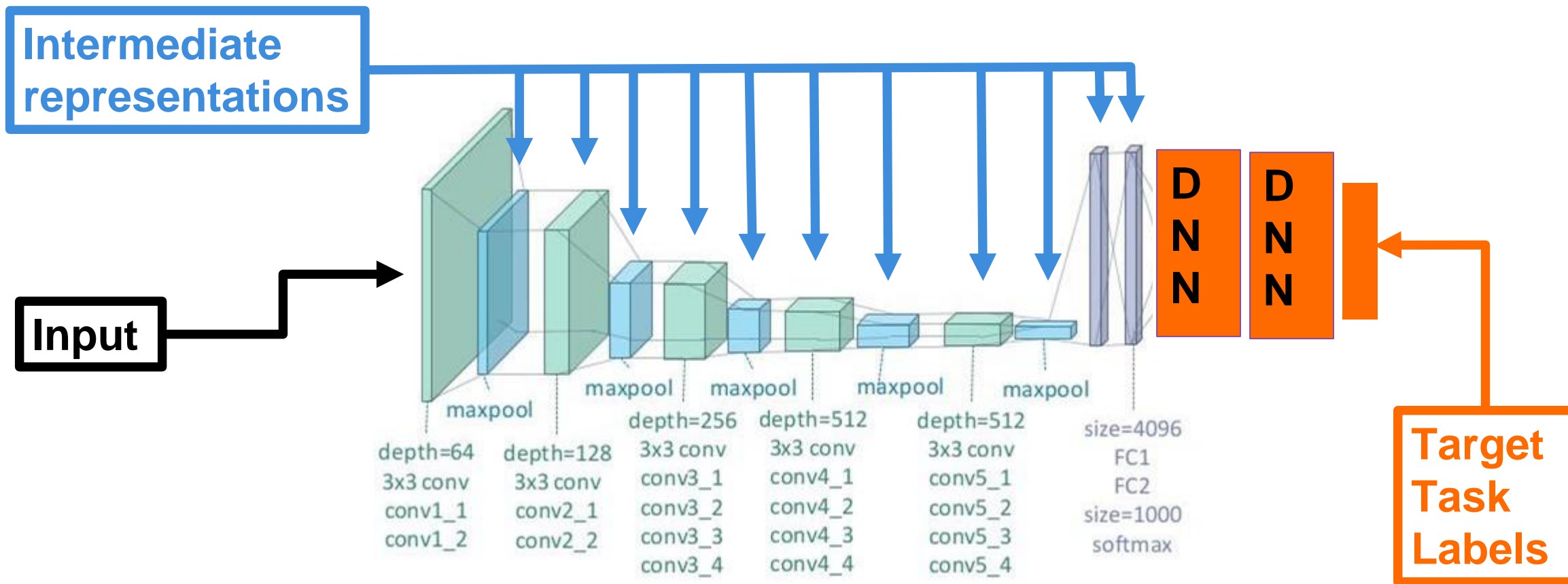
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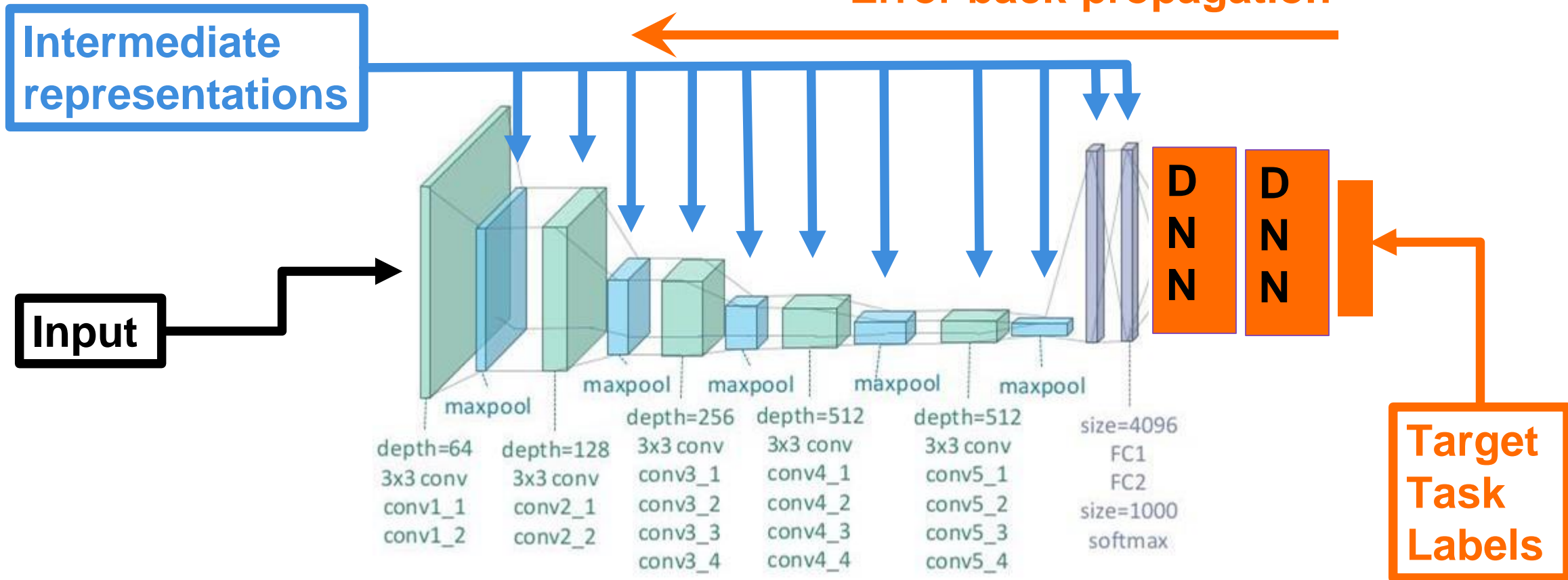
Can we make them better?

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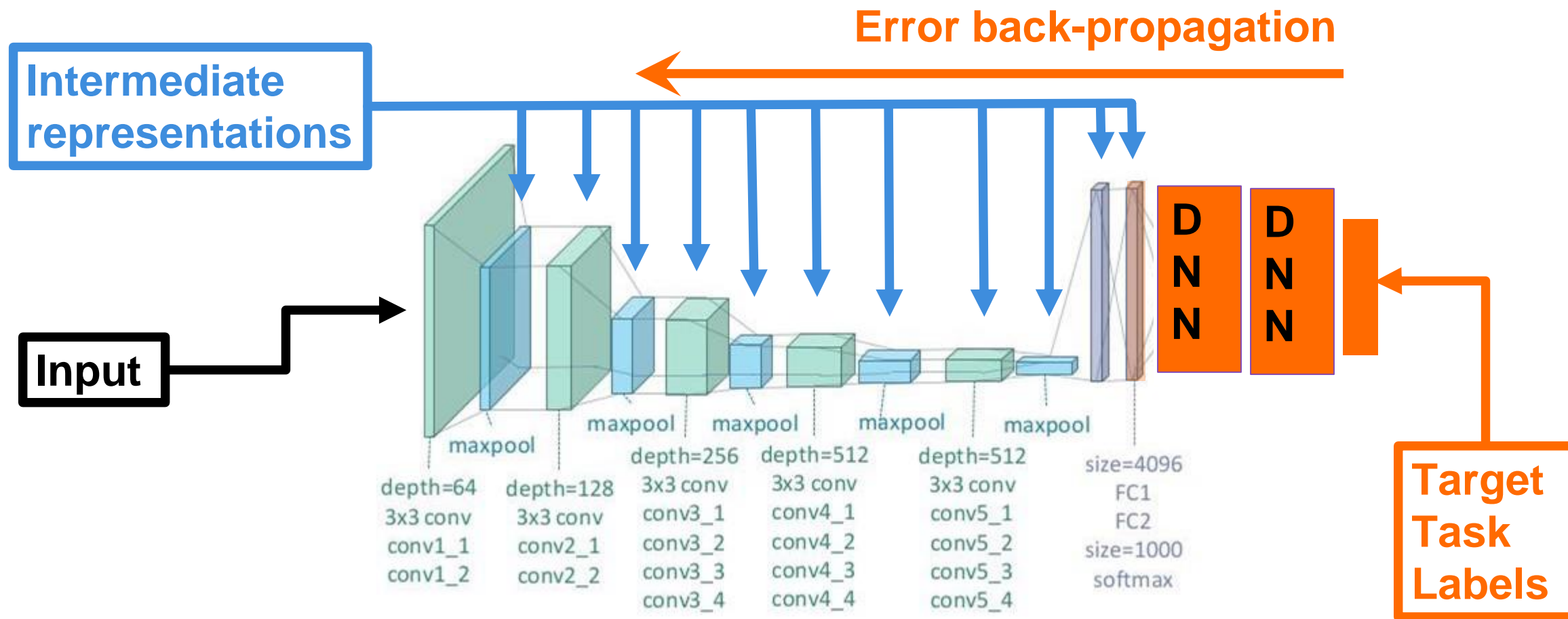


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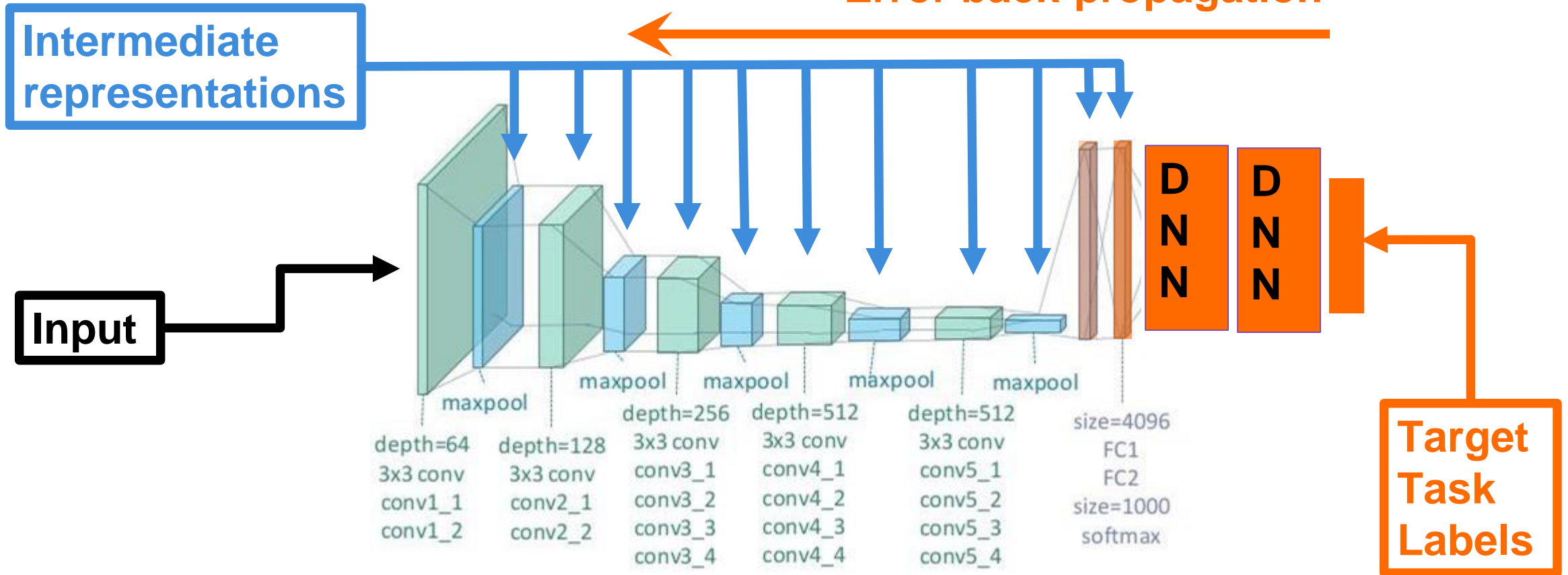


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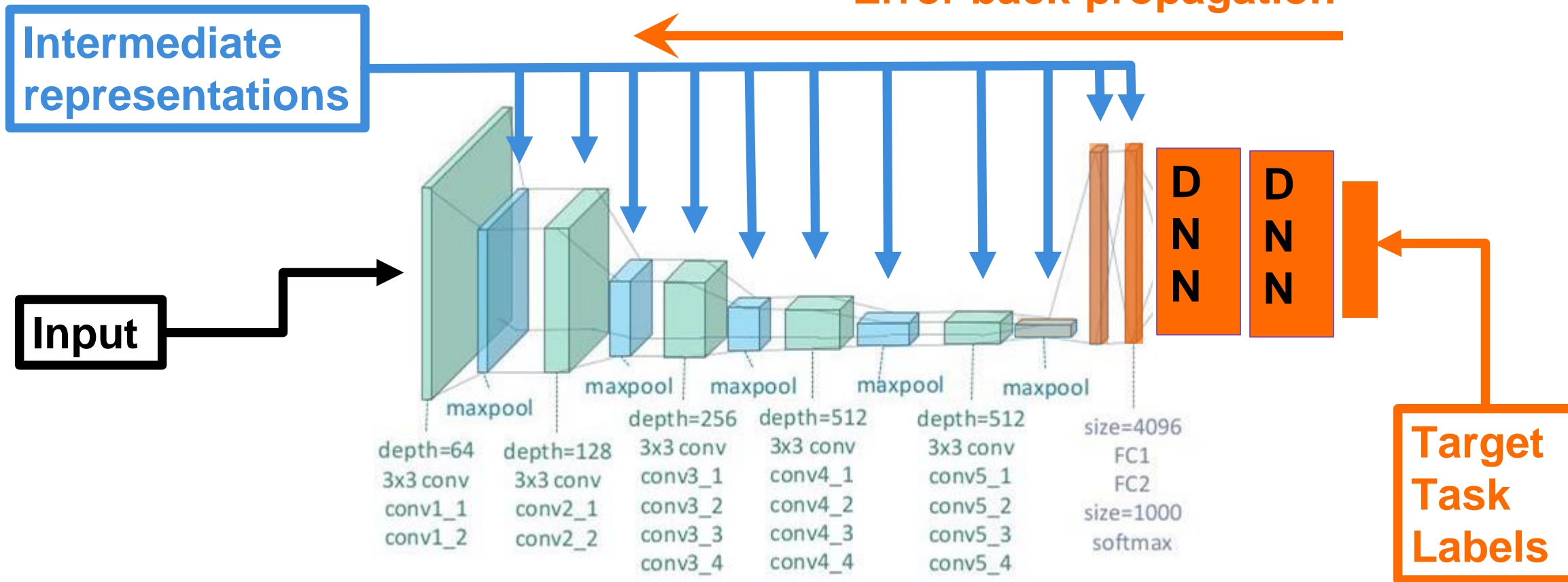
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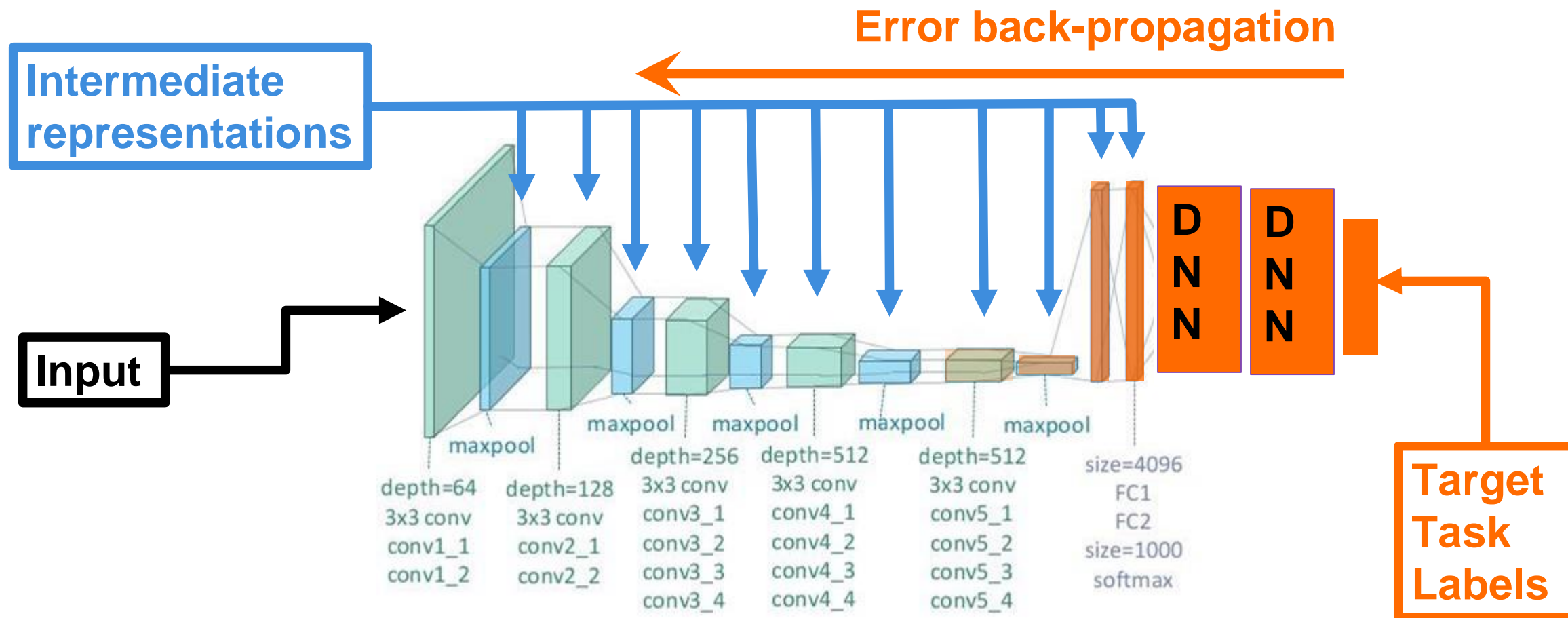


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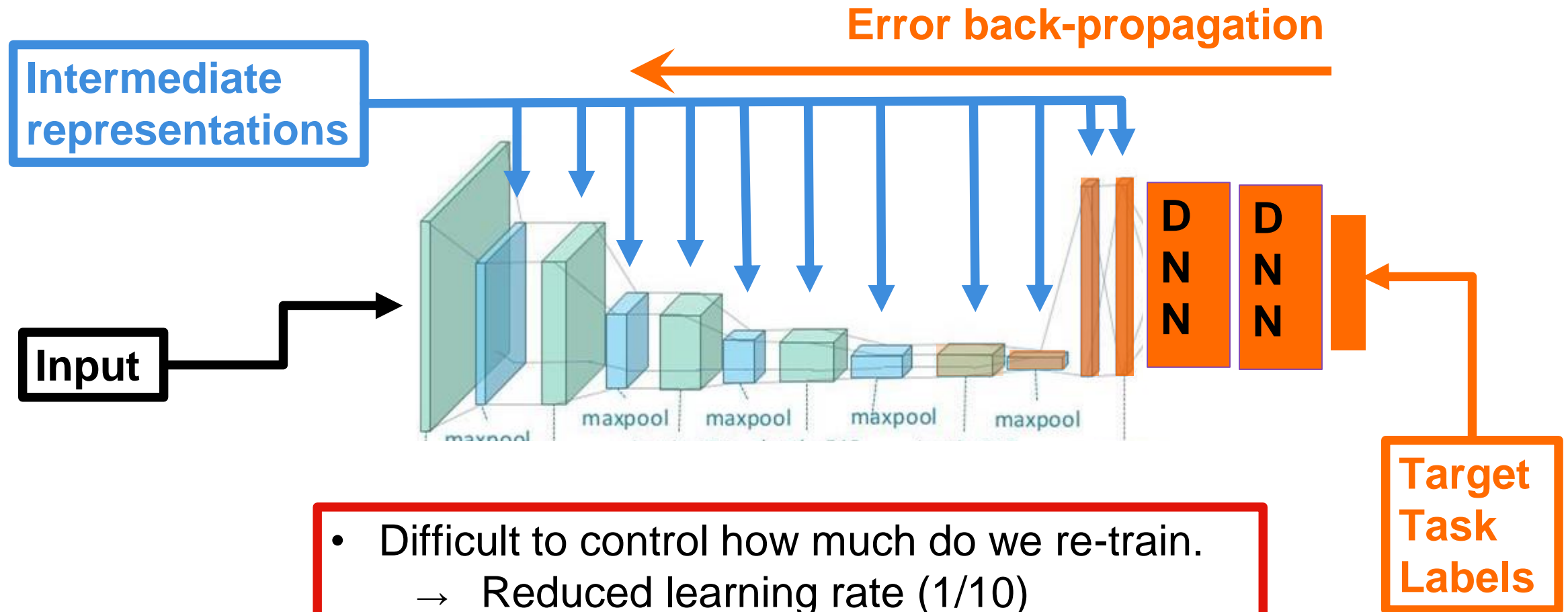
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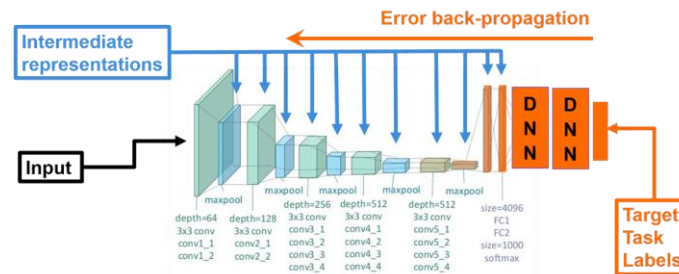
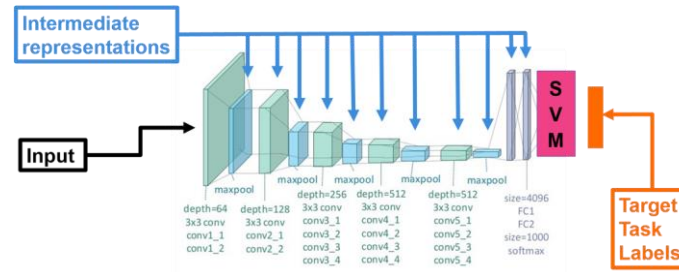
Fine tuning



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 - Reduced learning rate (1/10)
 - Early stopping
 - Alternate source/target sampling

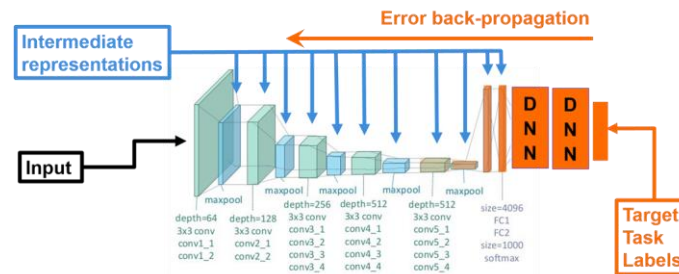
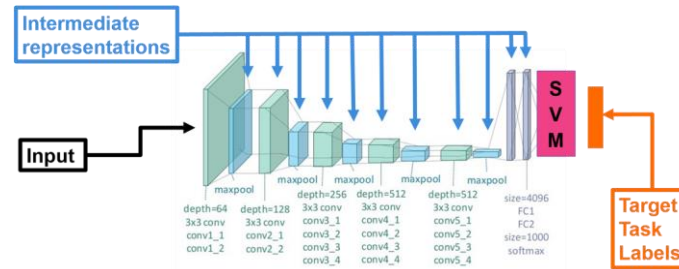
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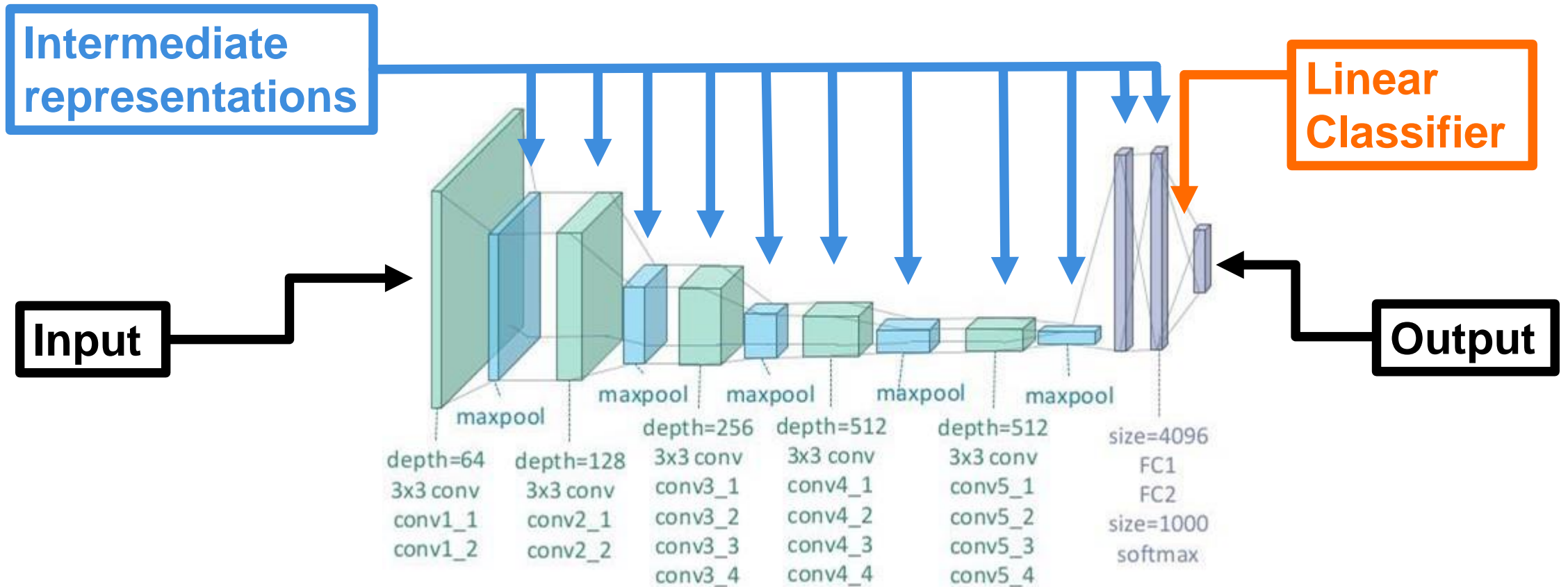


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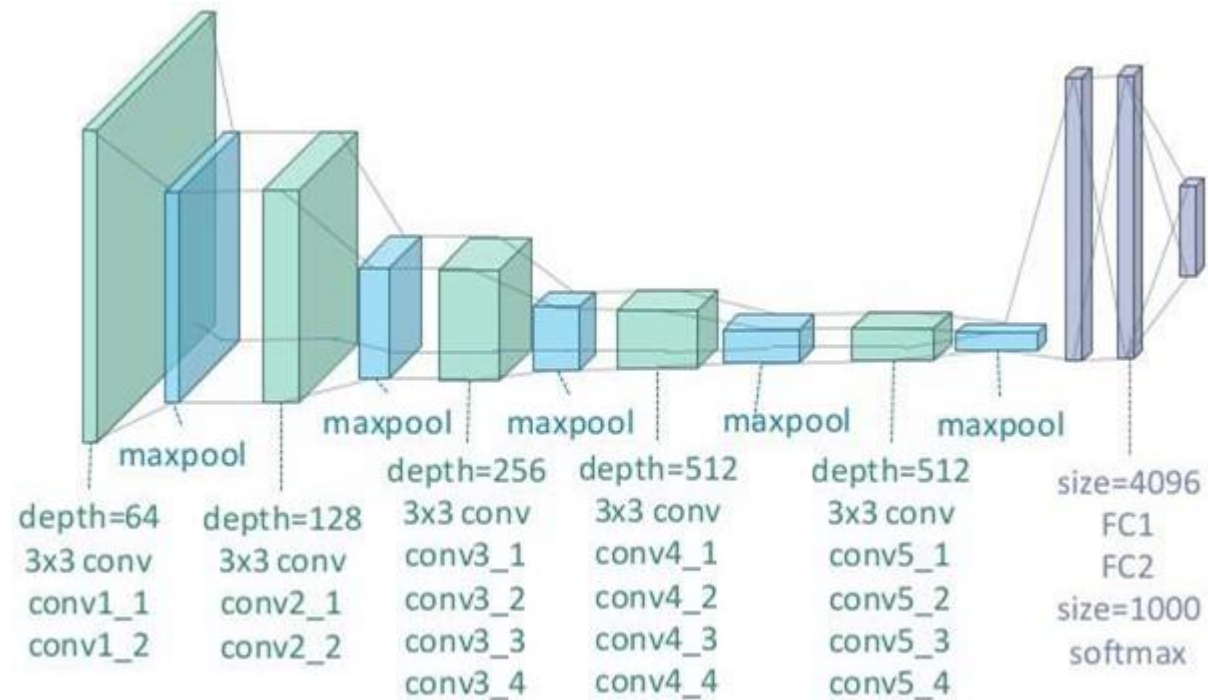
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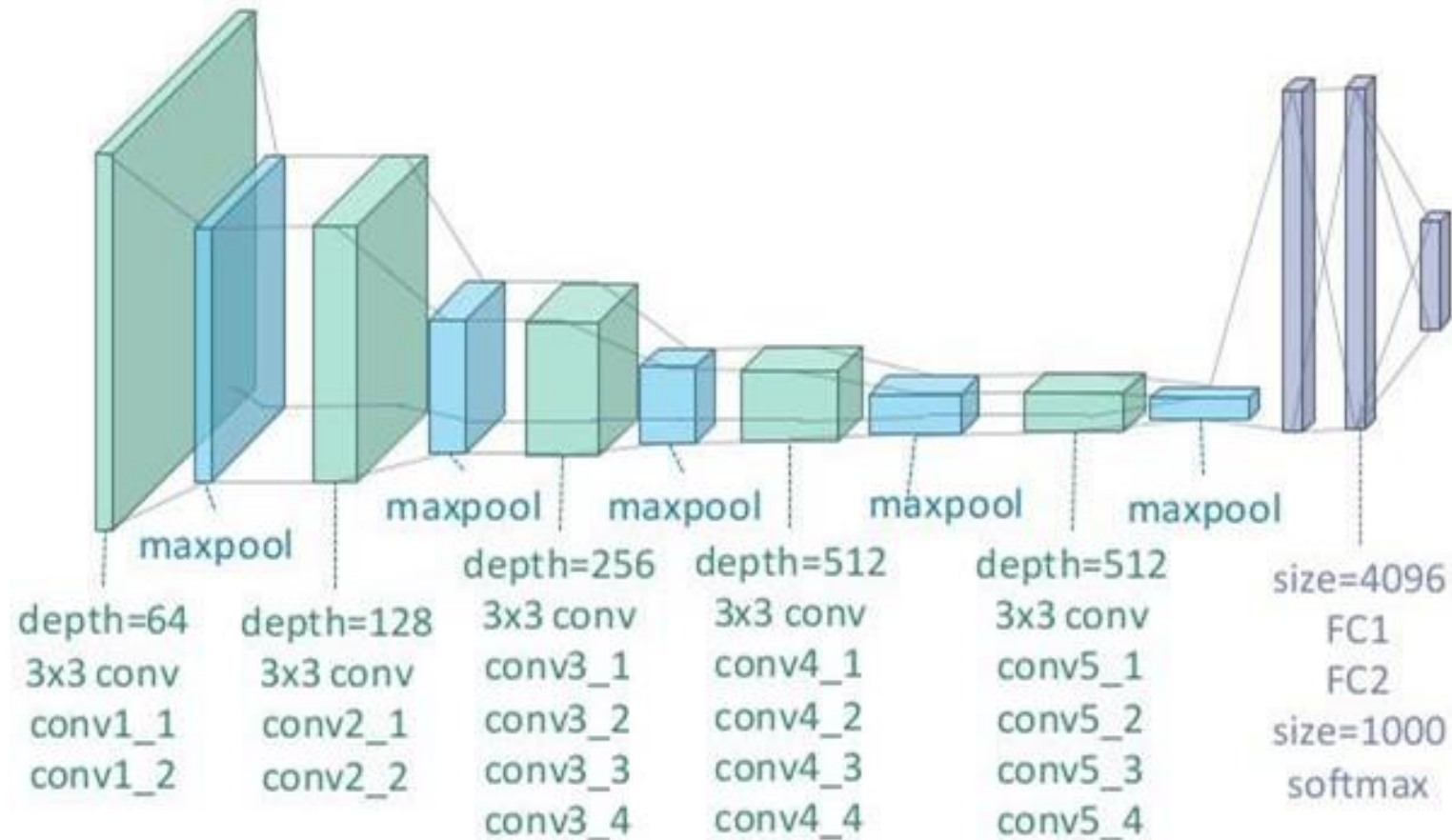
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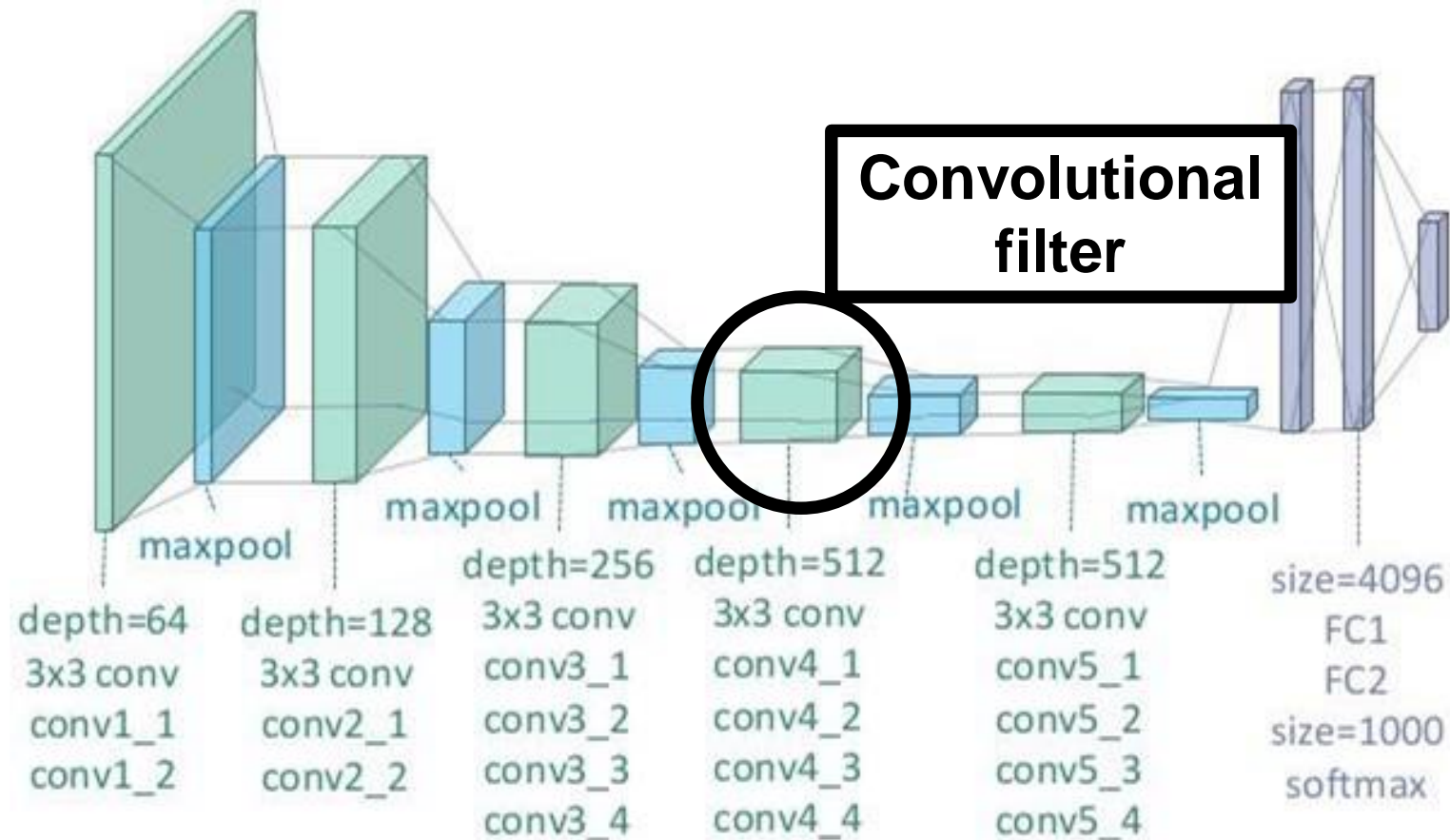
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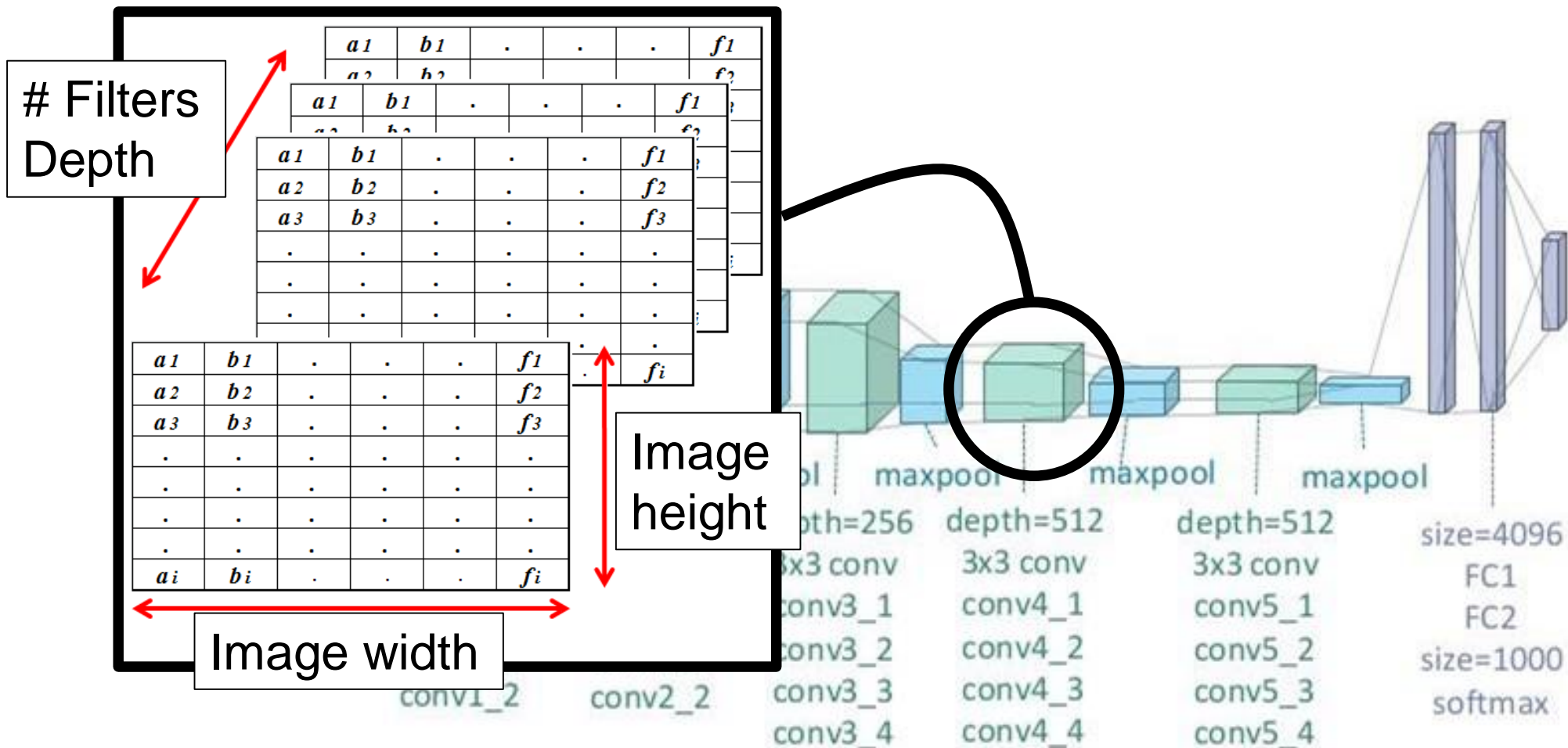
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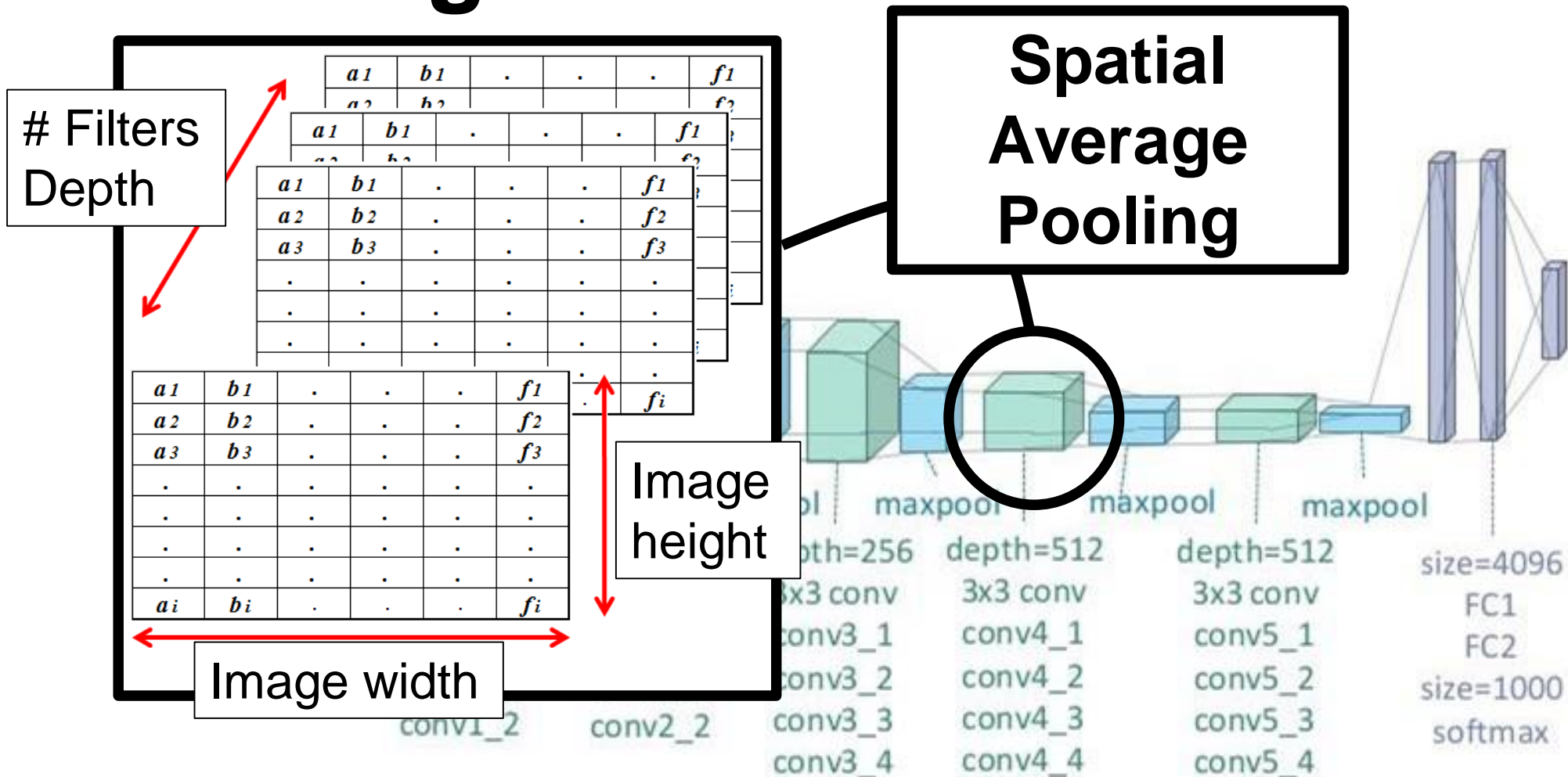
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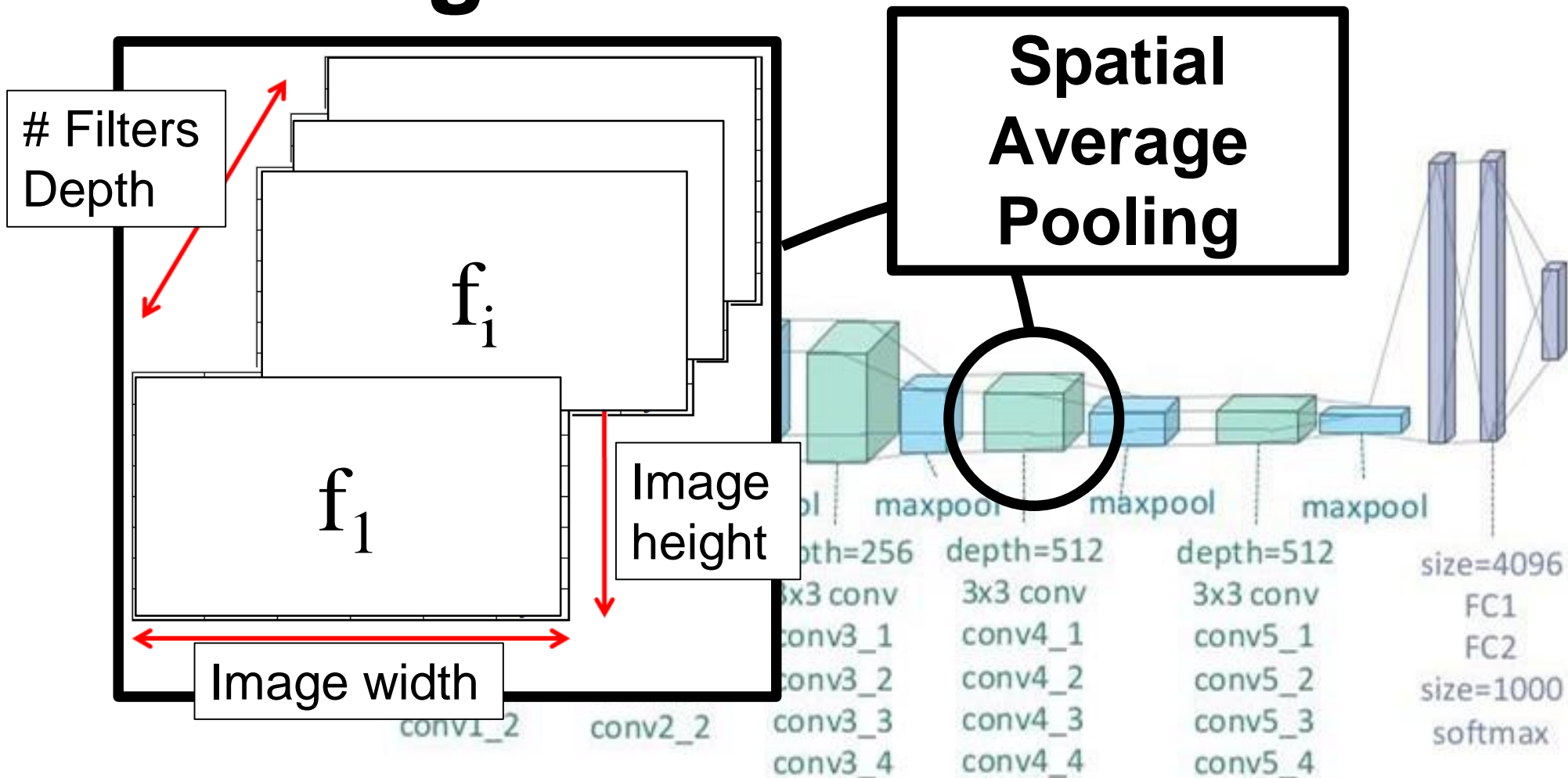
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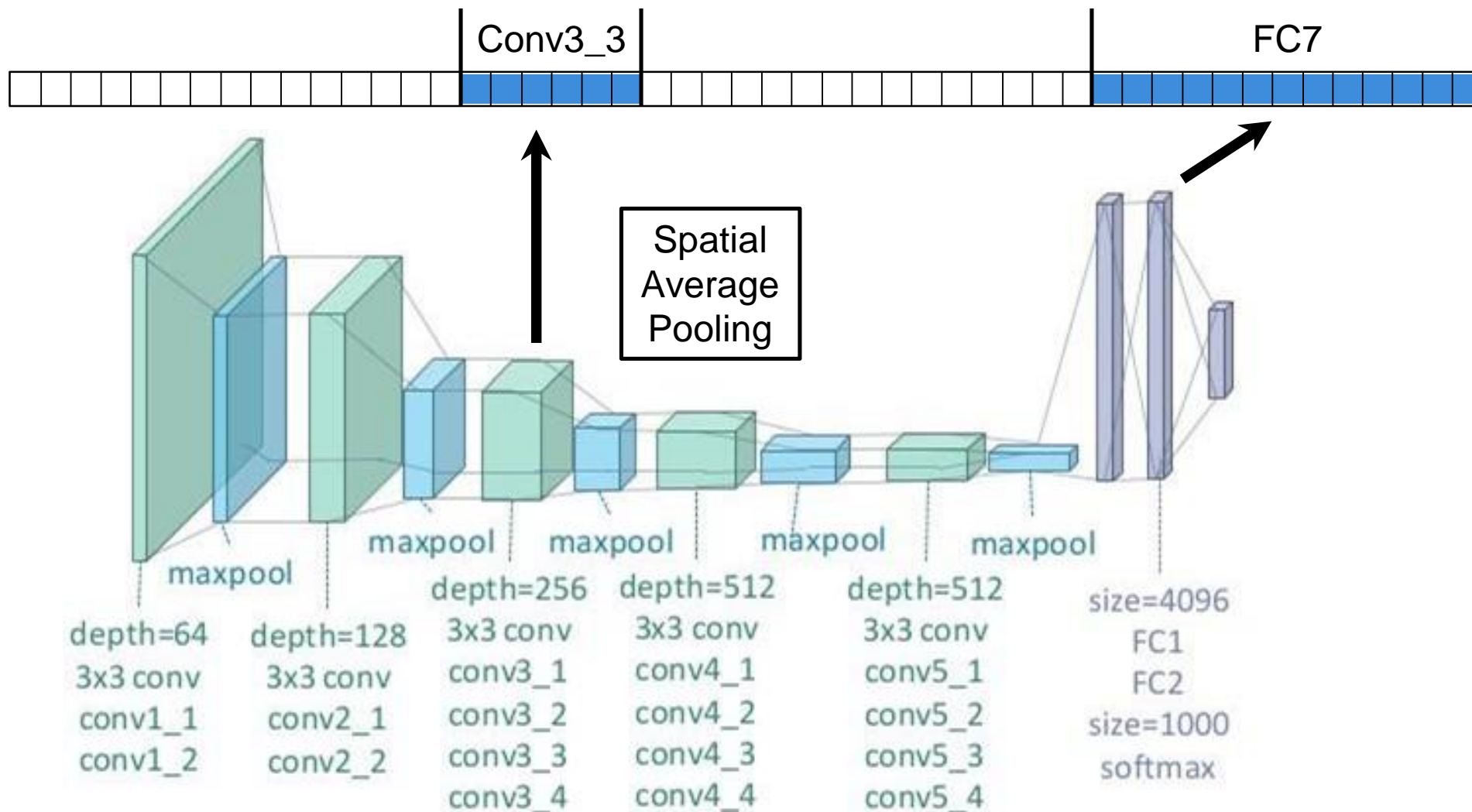
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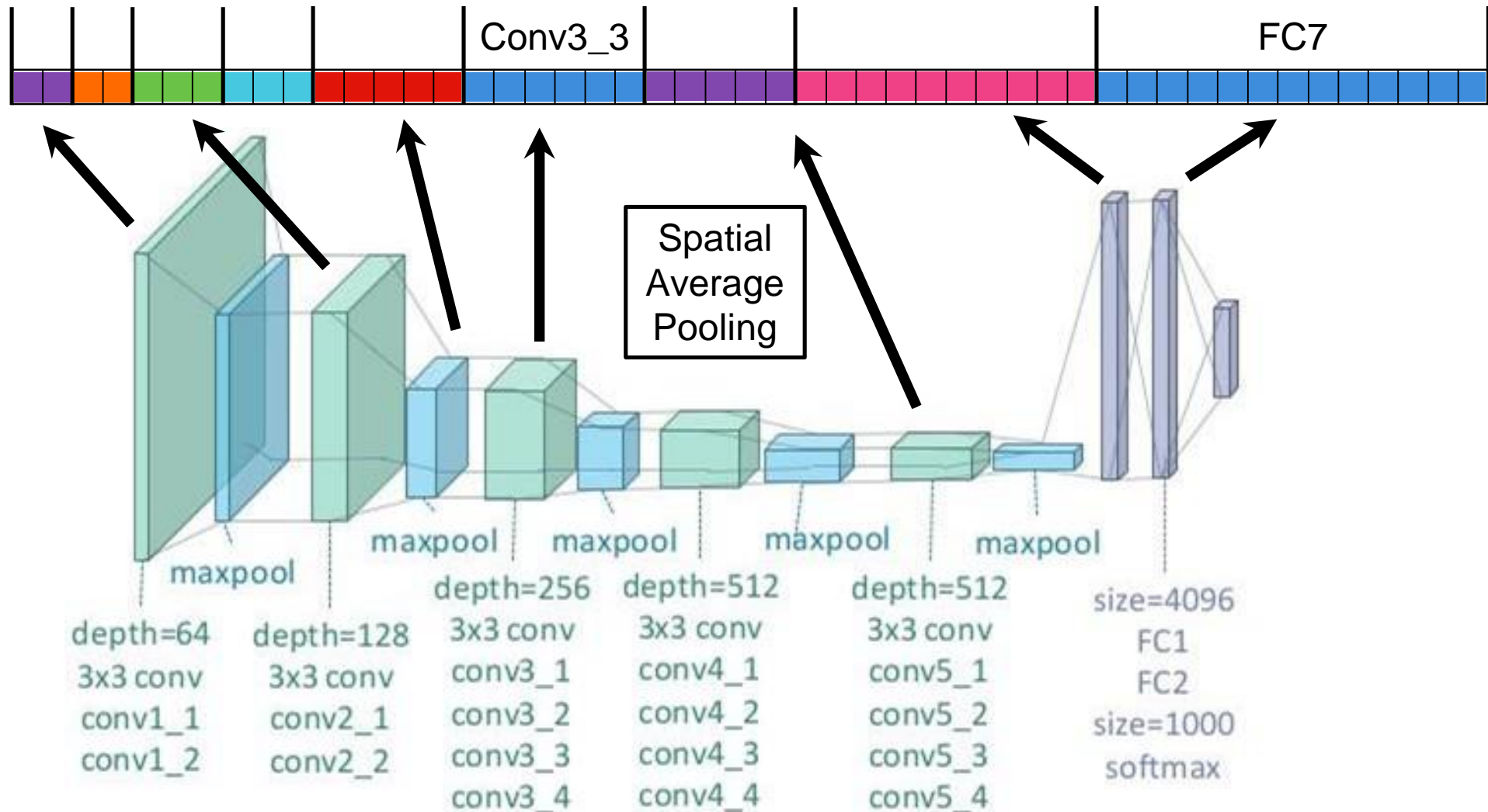
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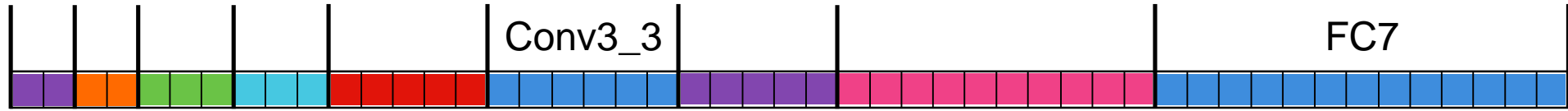
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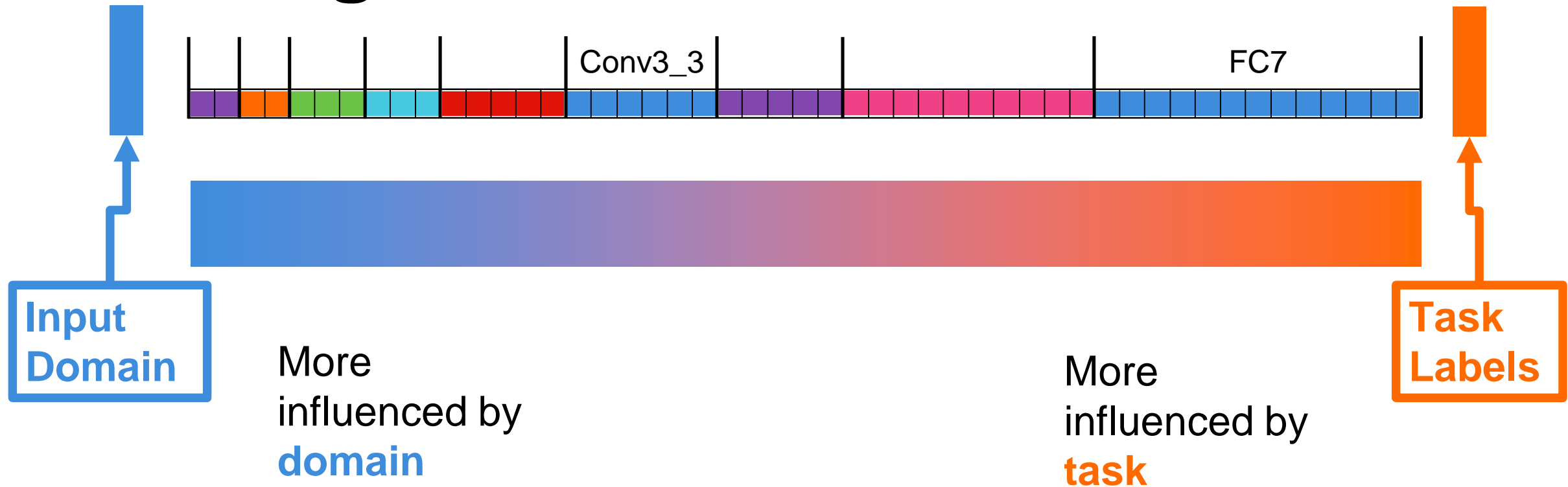
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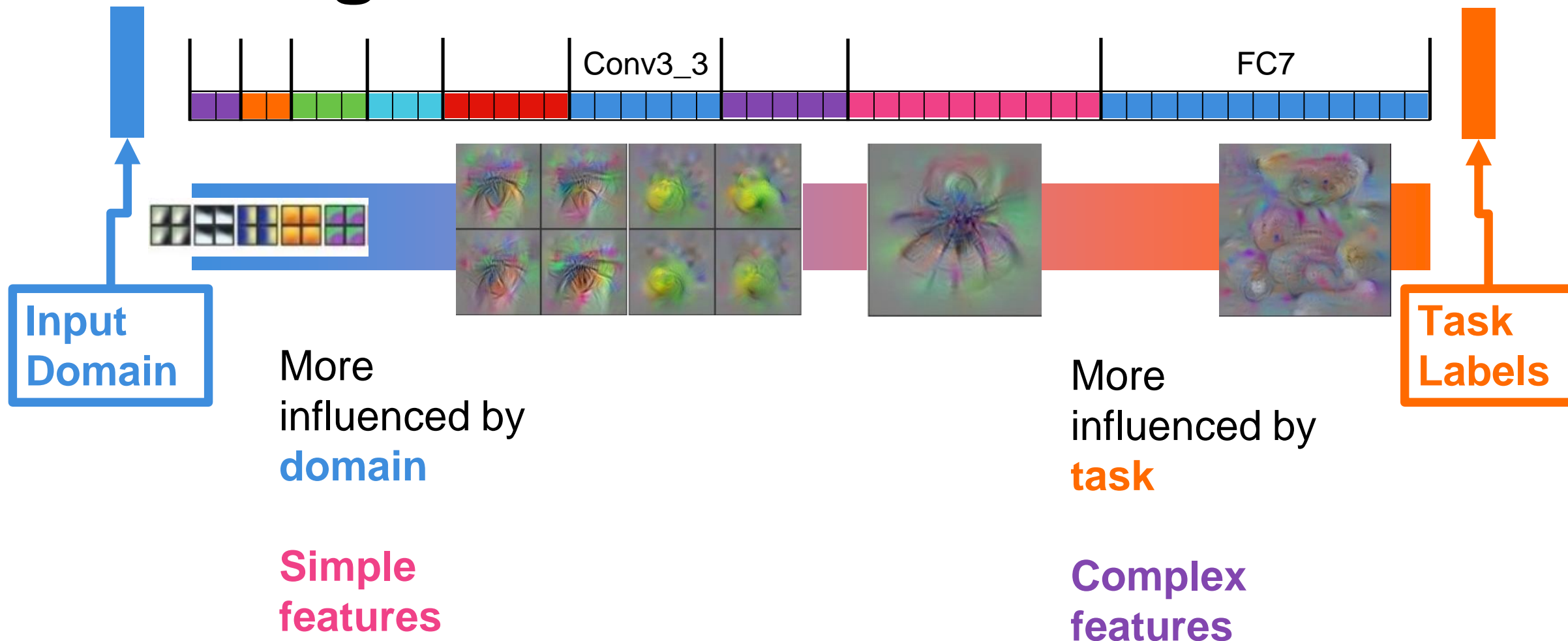
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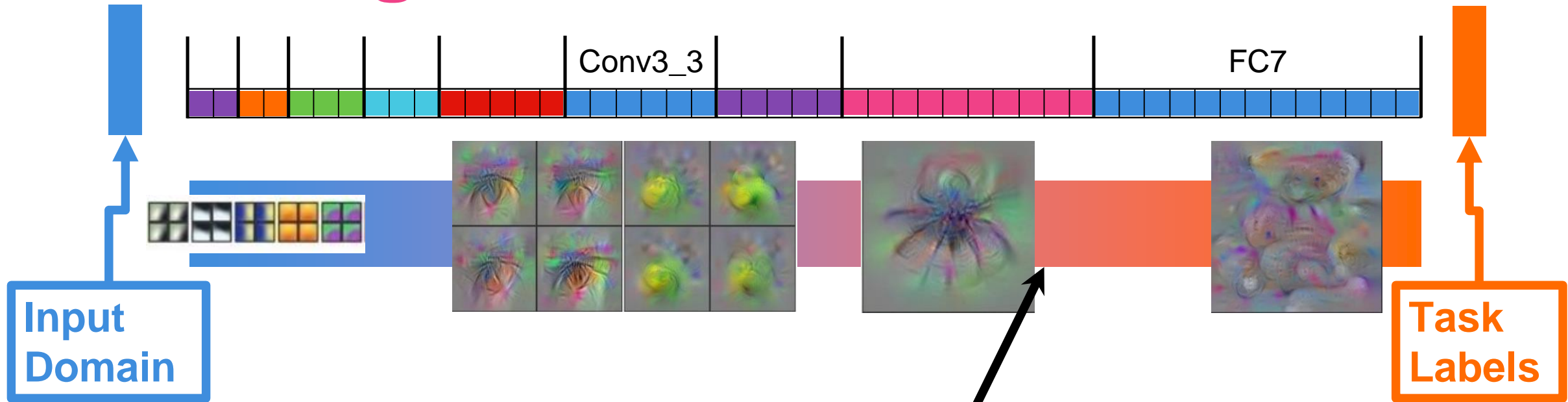


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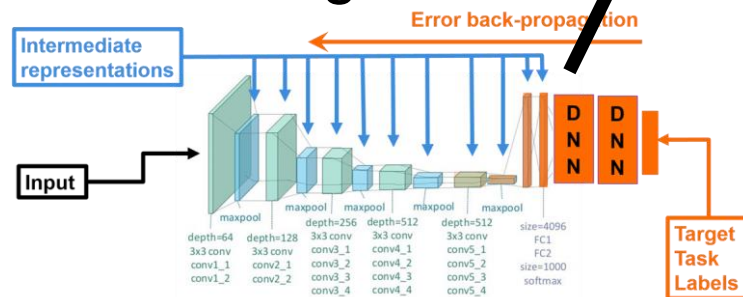


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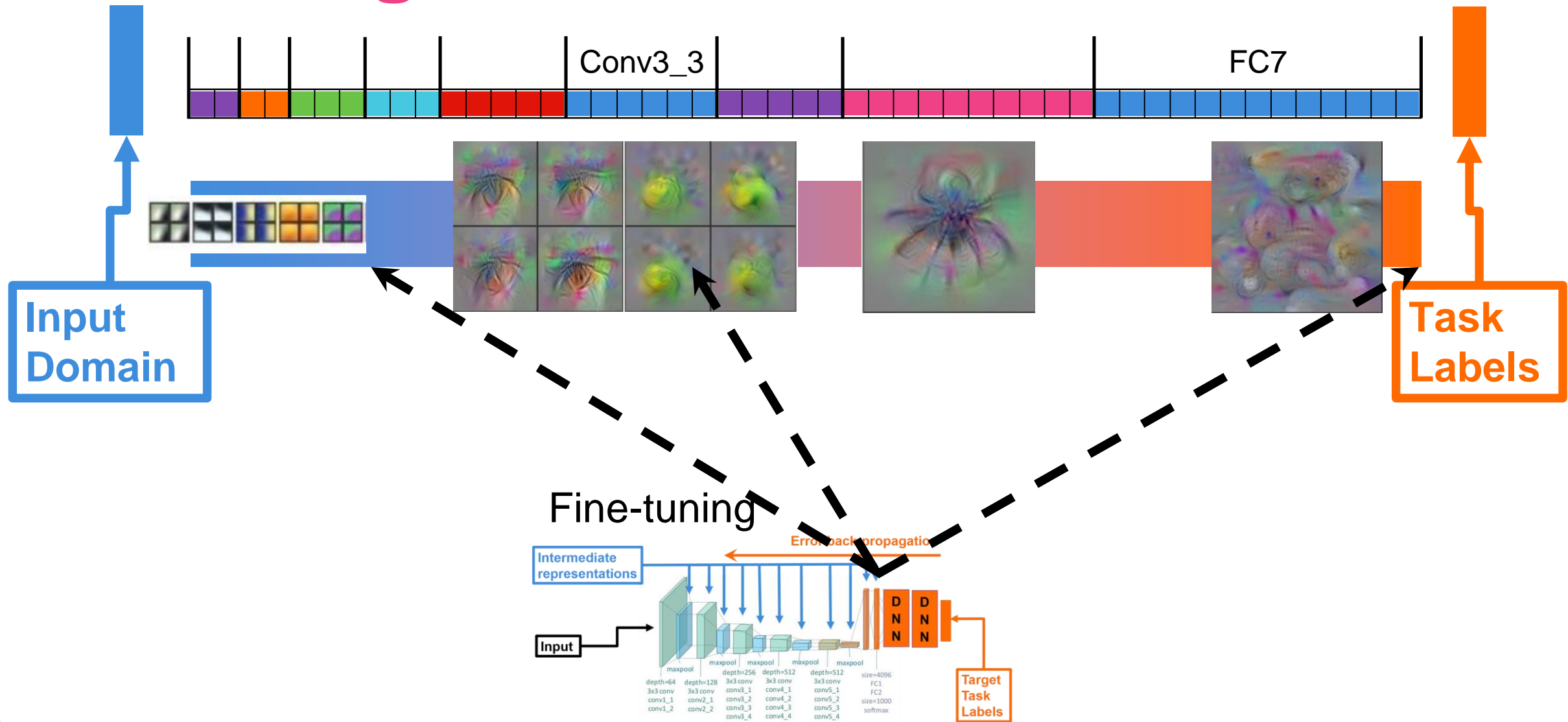
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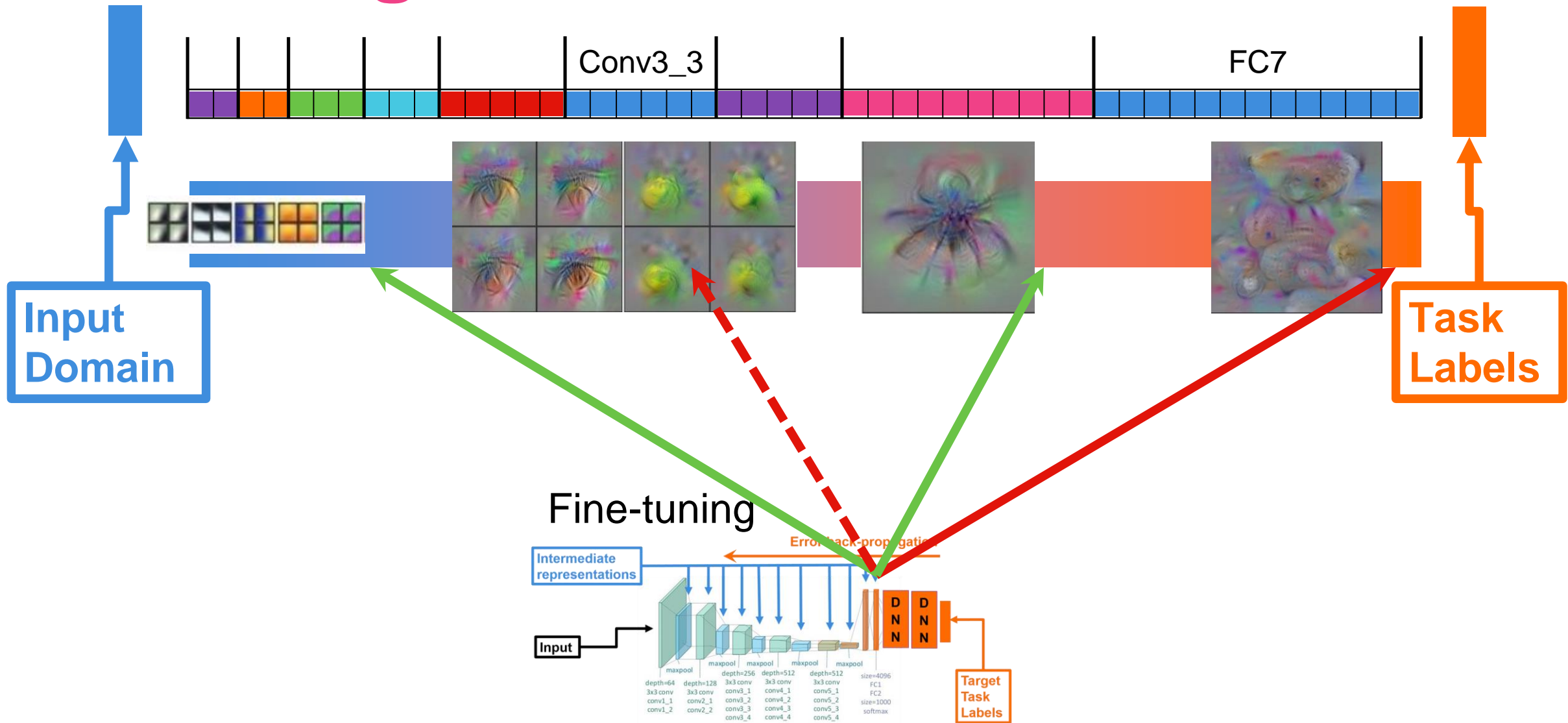
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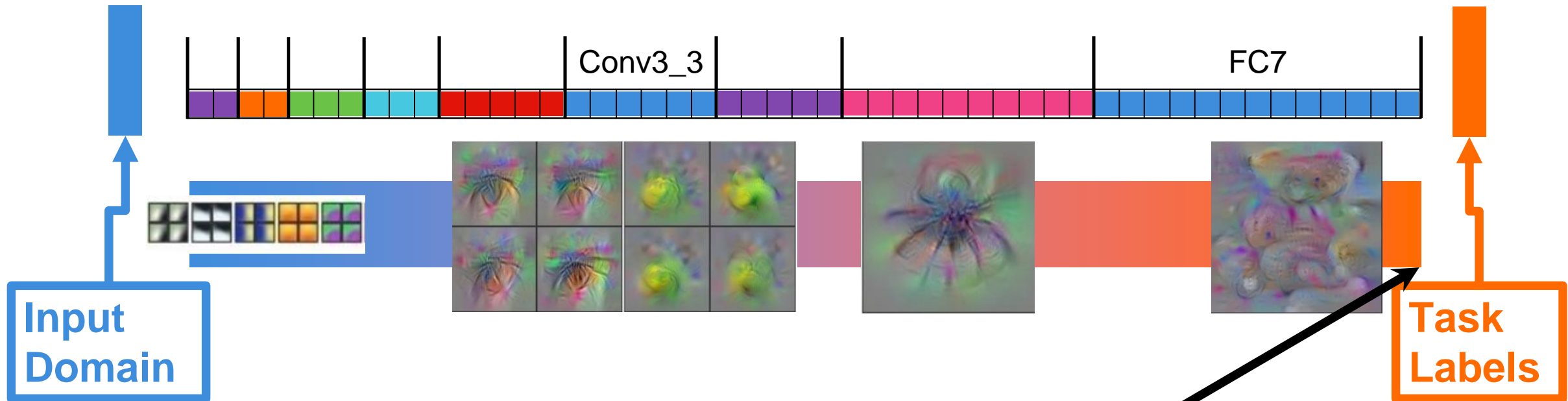
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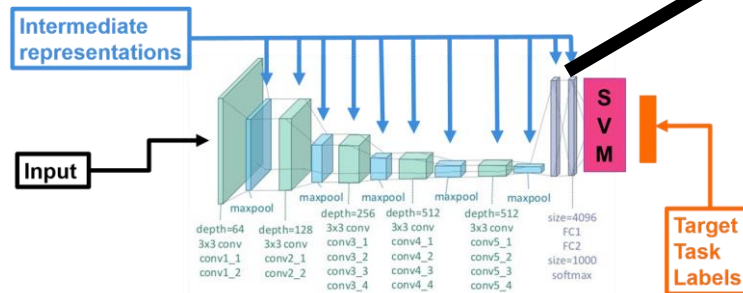
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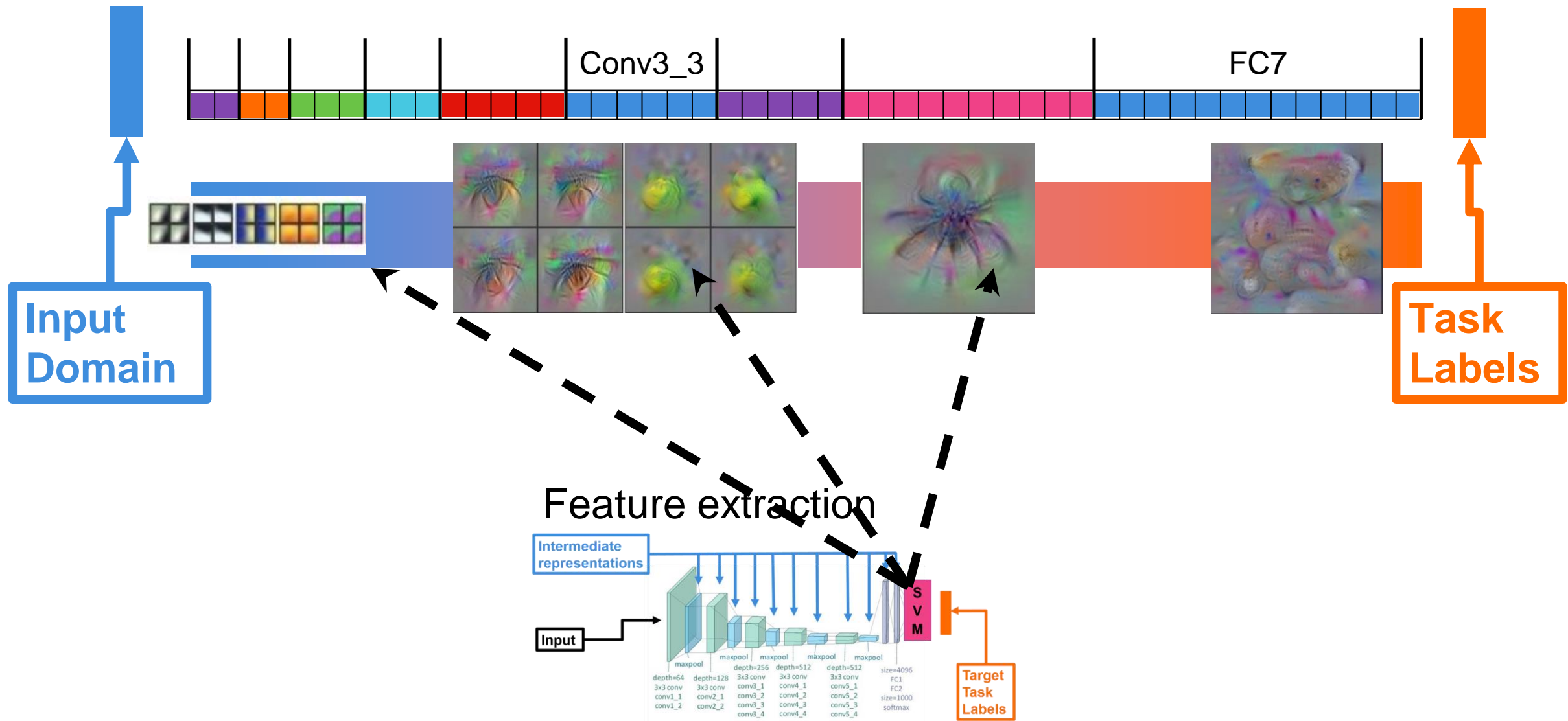
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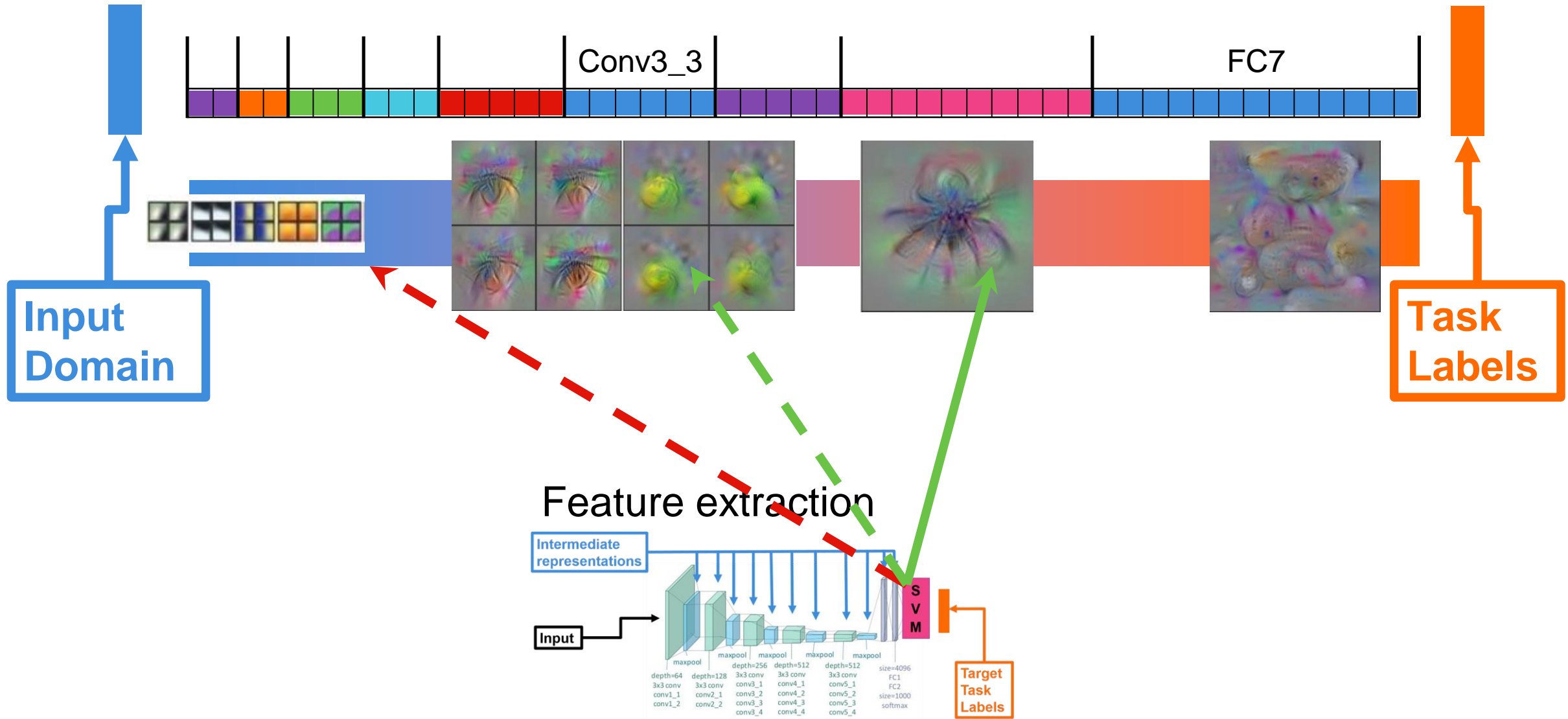
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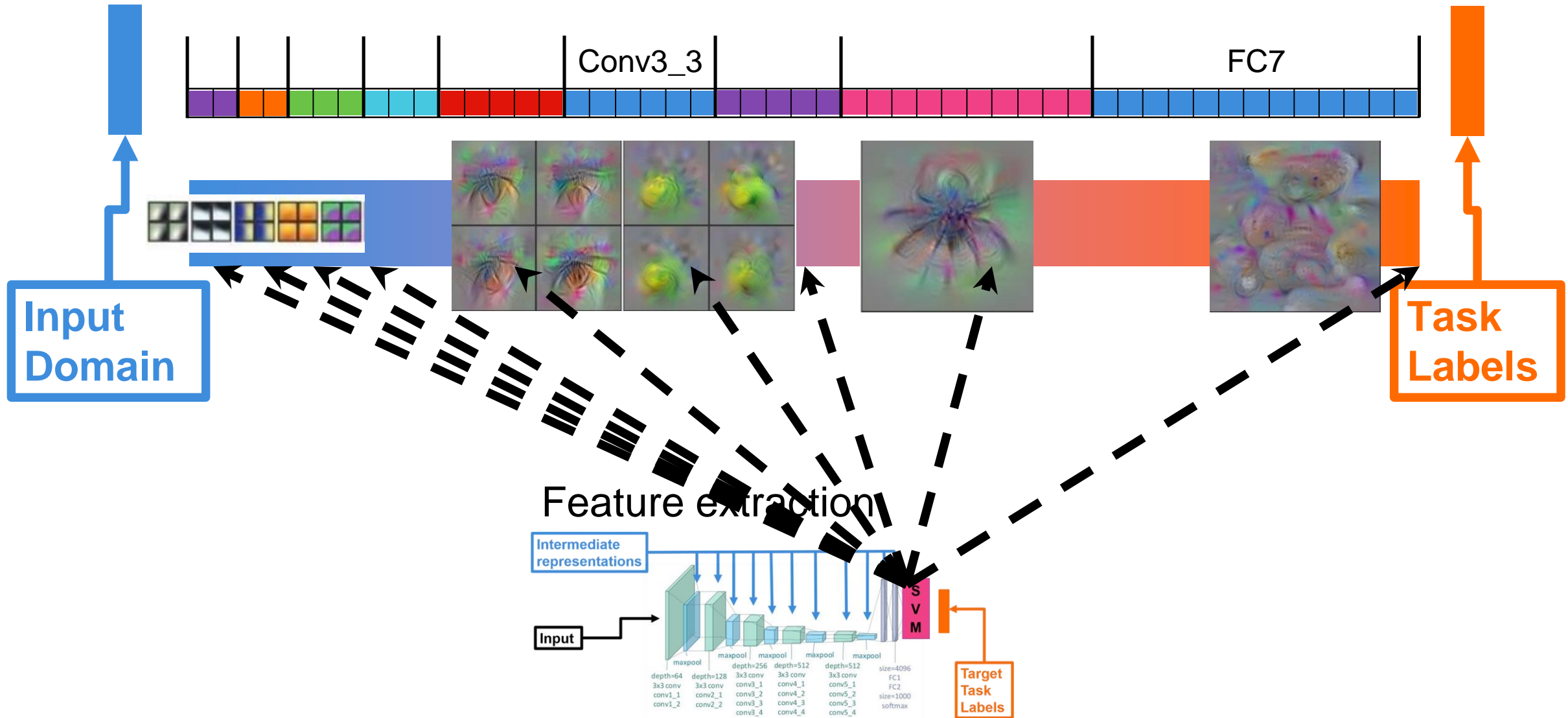
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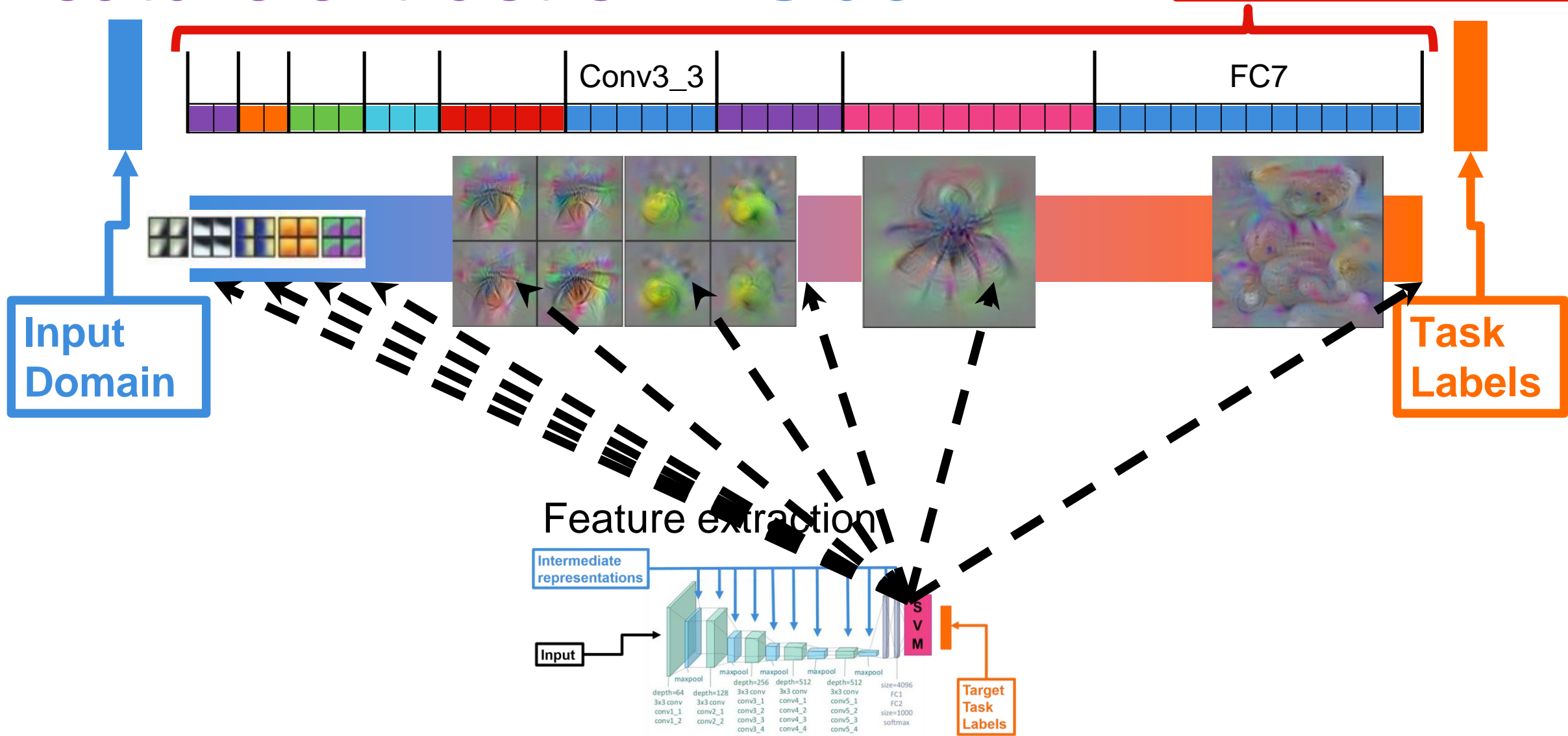


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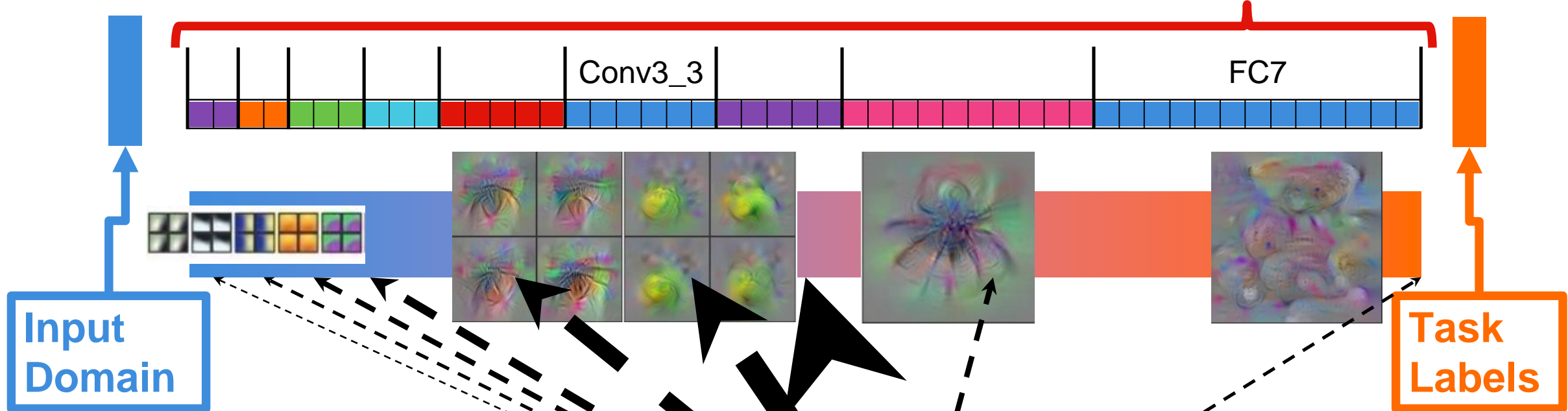
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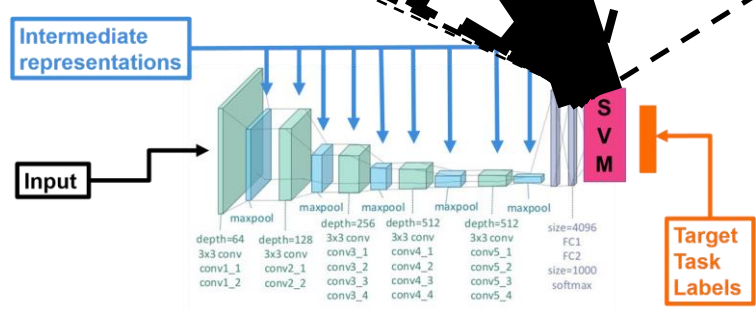


Input Domain

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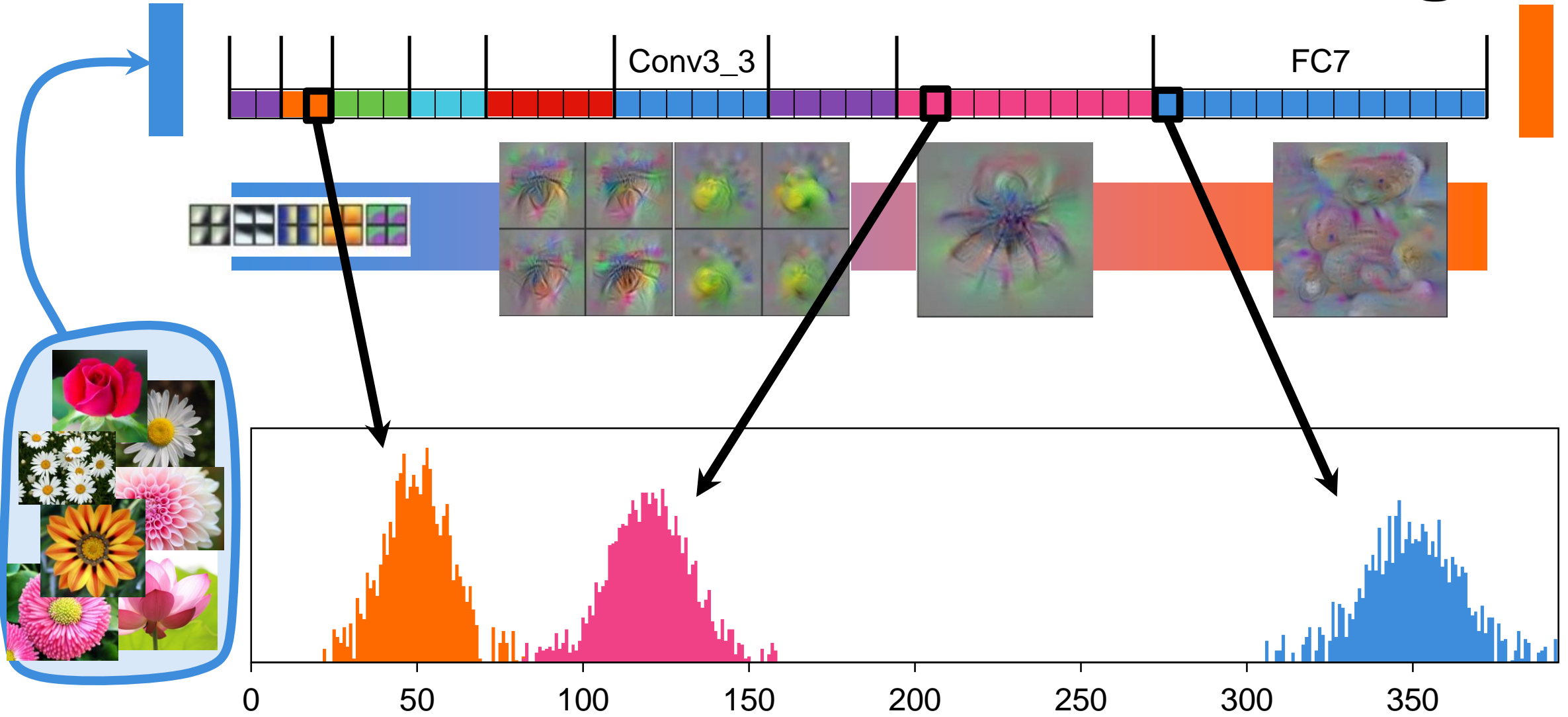
Feature extraction

Different range of values



Target Task Labels

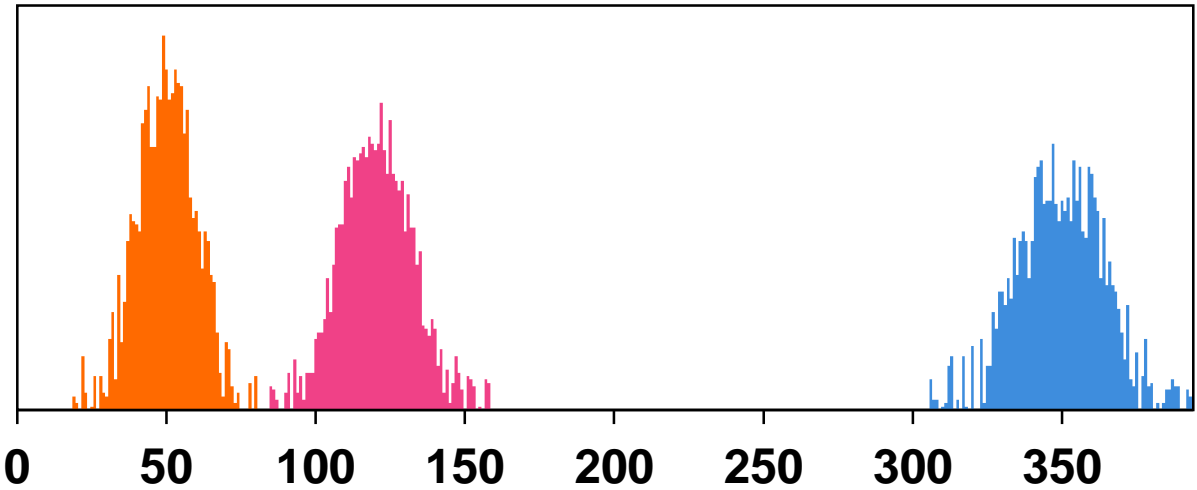
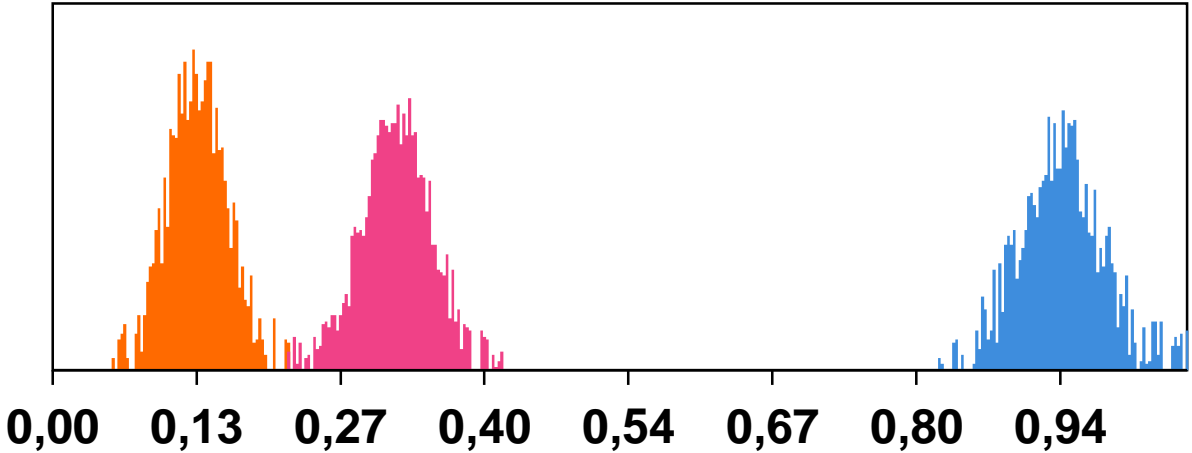
Feature behavior in Transfer Learning



Standardization: features in same range

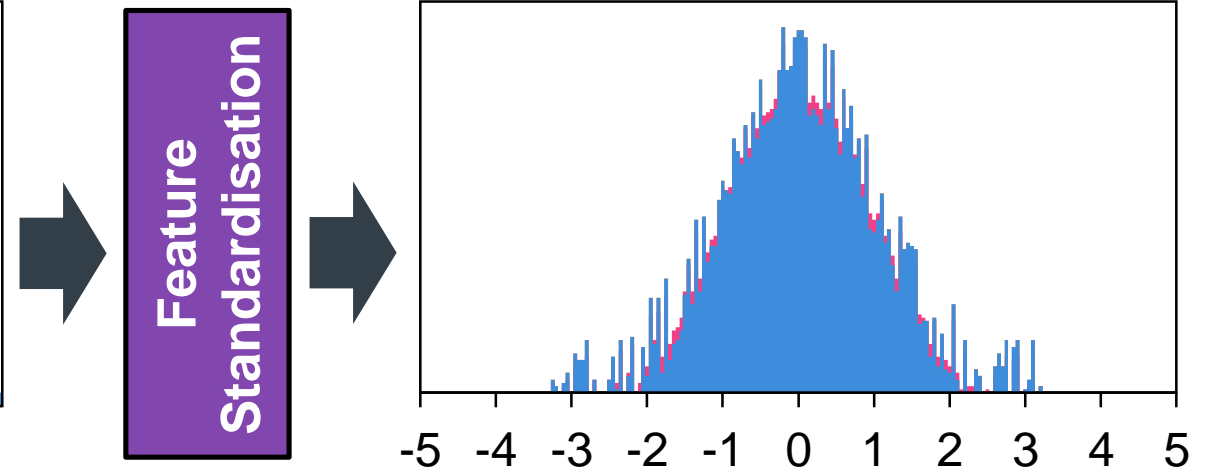
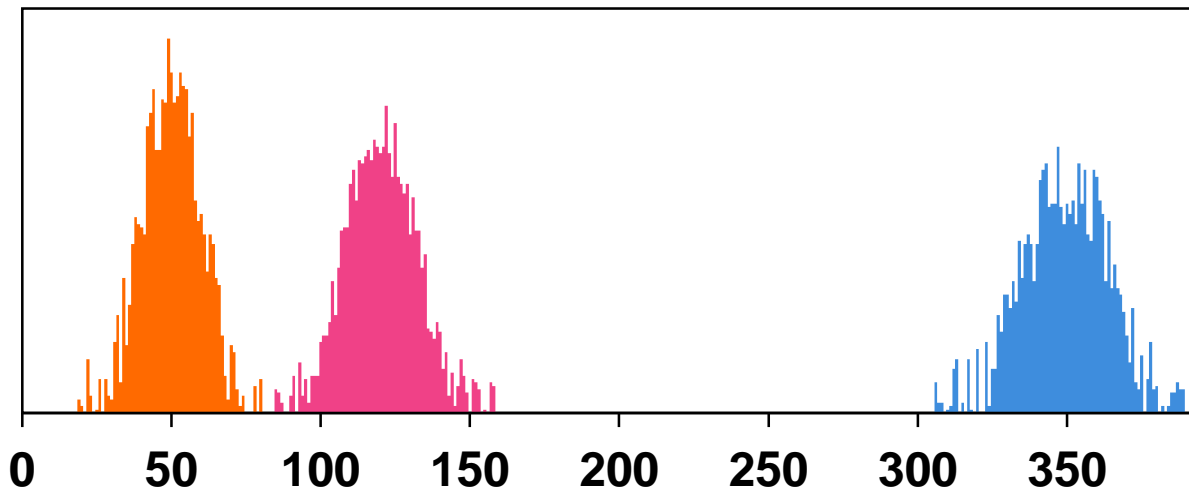
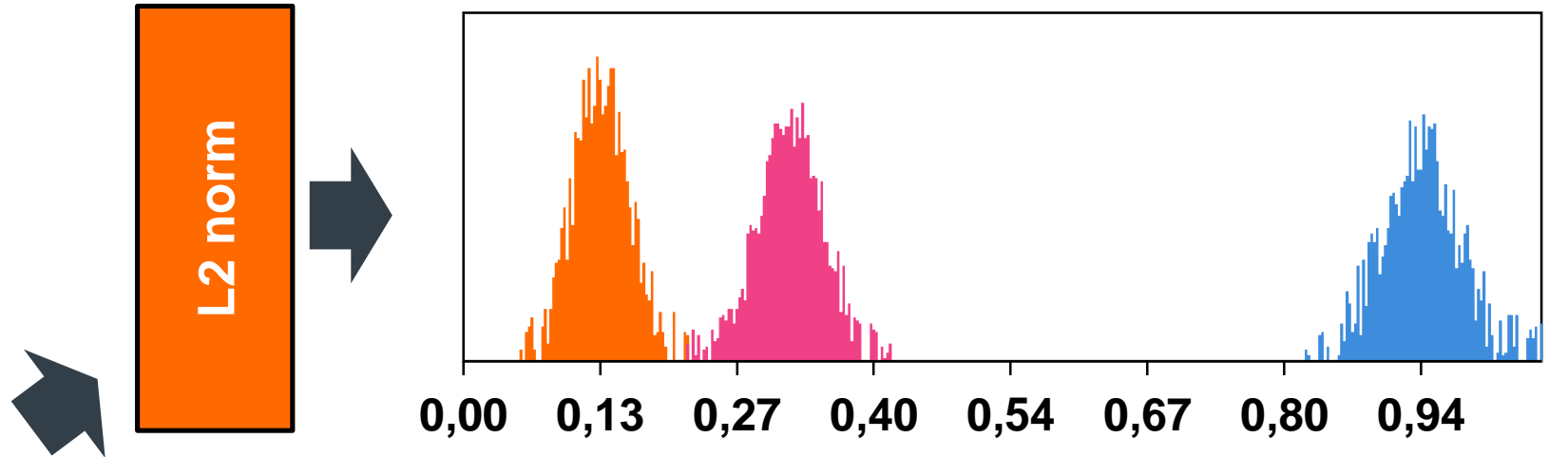
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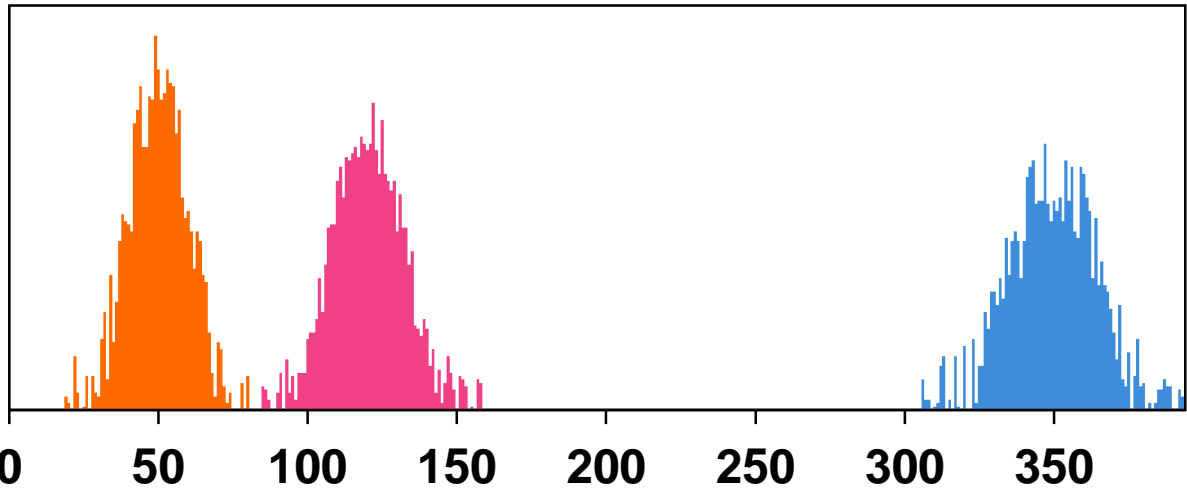
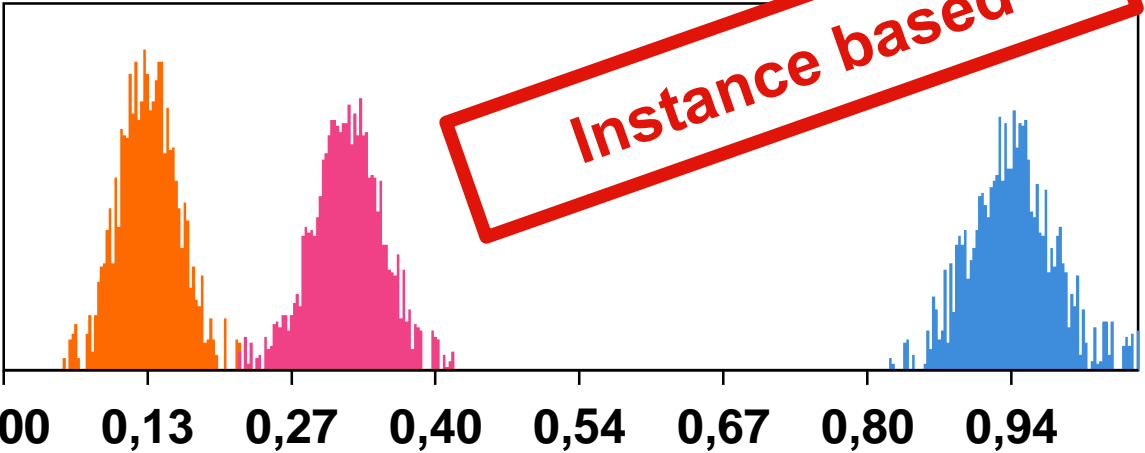


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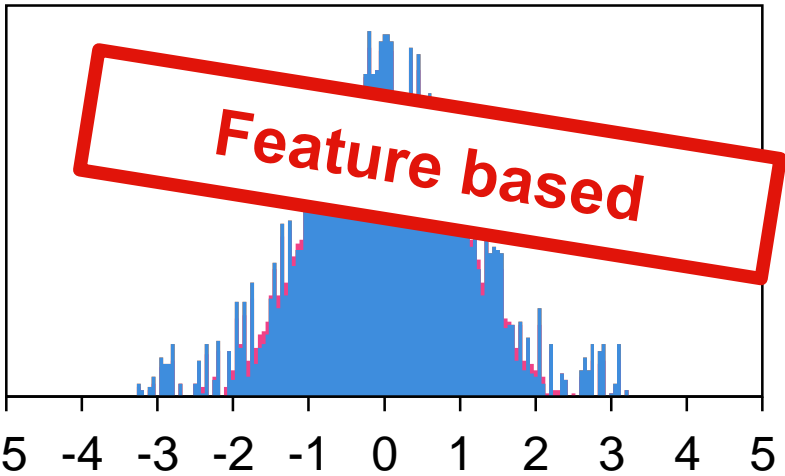
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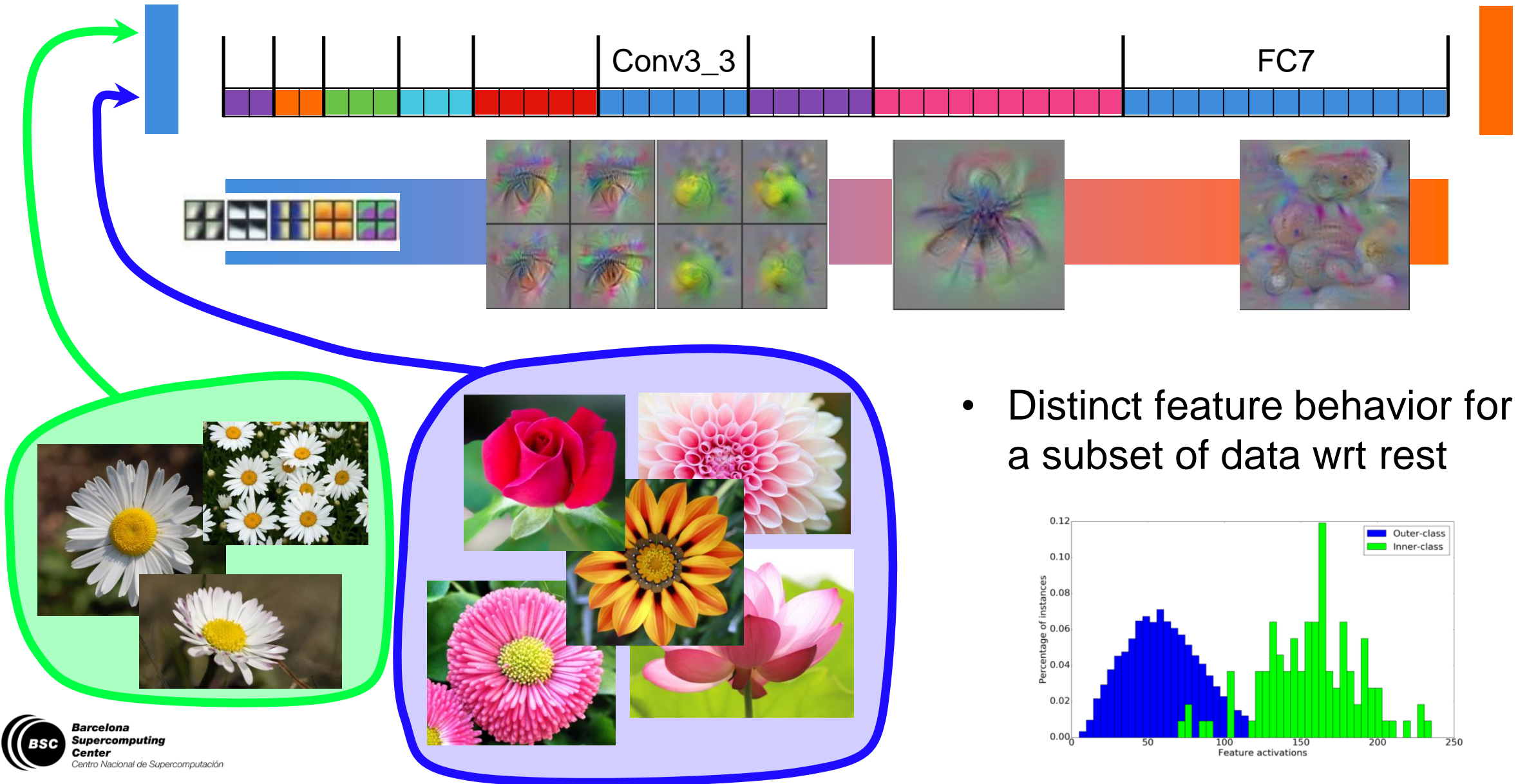


Feature Standardisation



Each feature independently

Standardization: features in context



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Garcia-Gasulla et al.
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Gadwall



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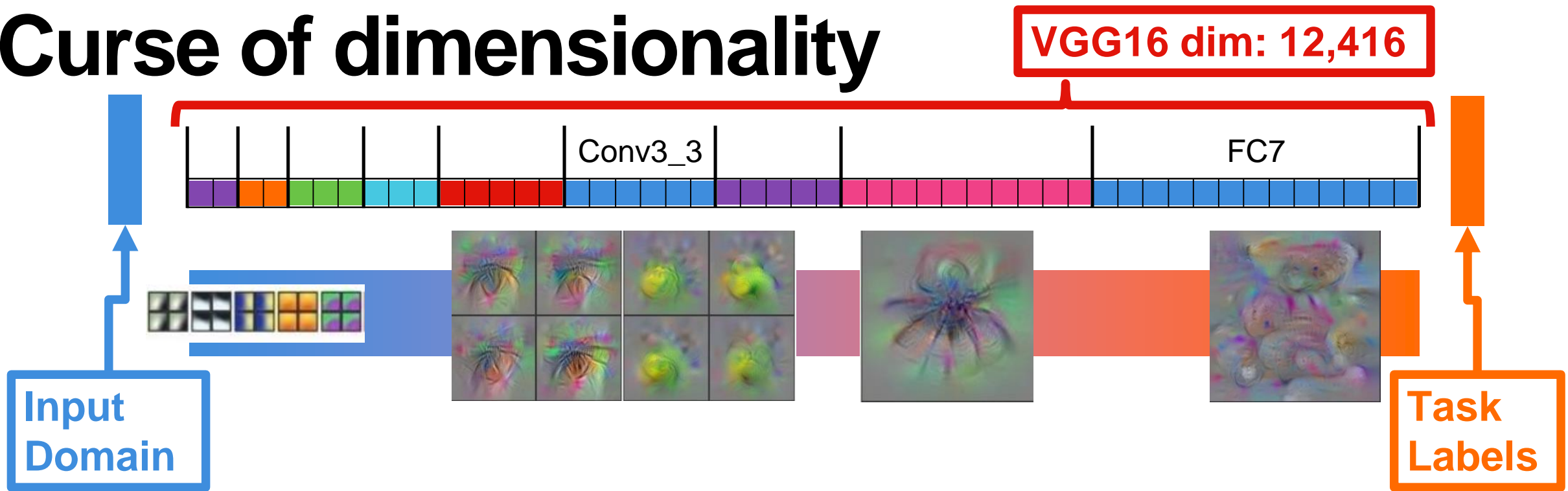
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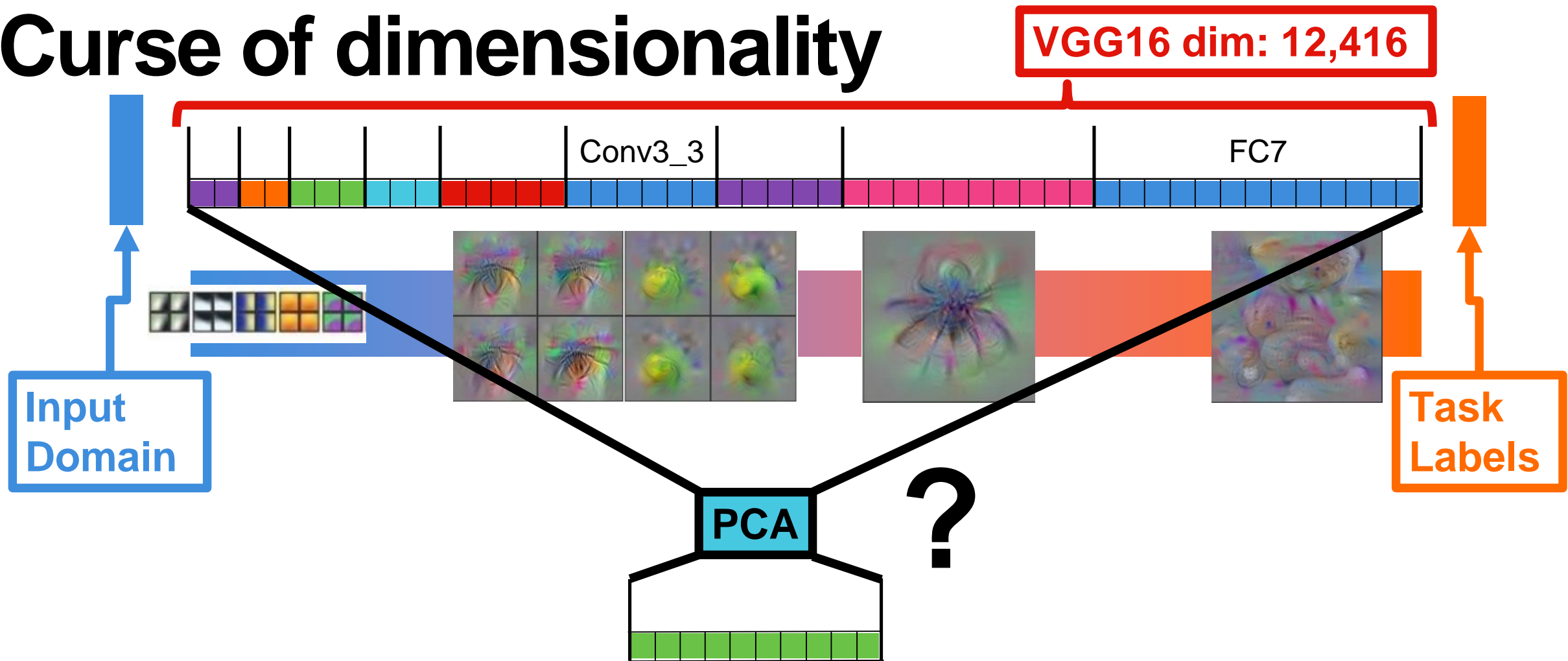
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CUB-200 - birds

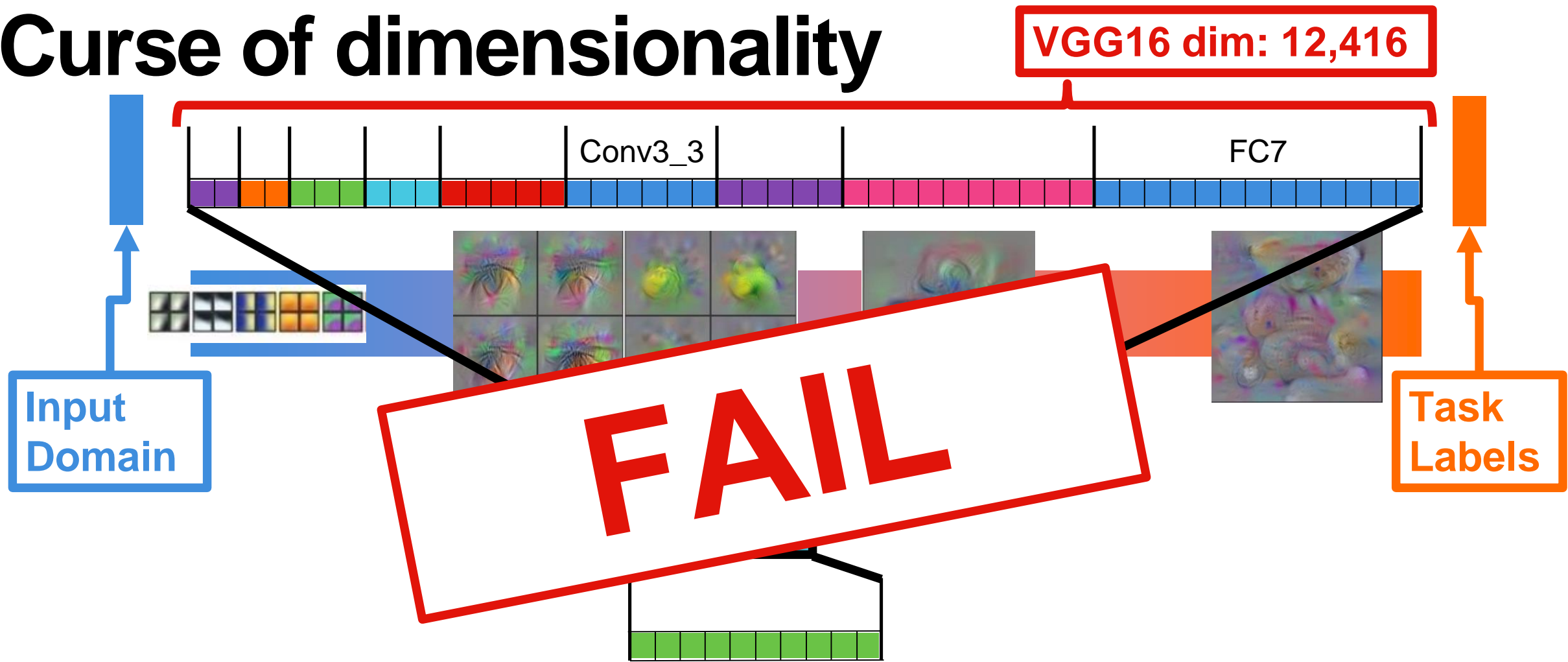
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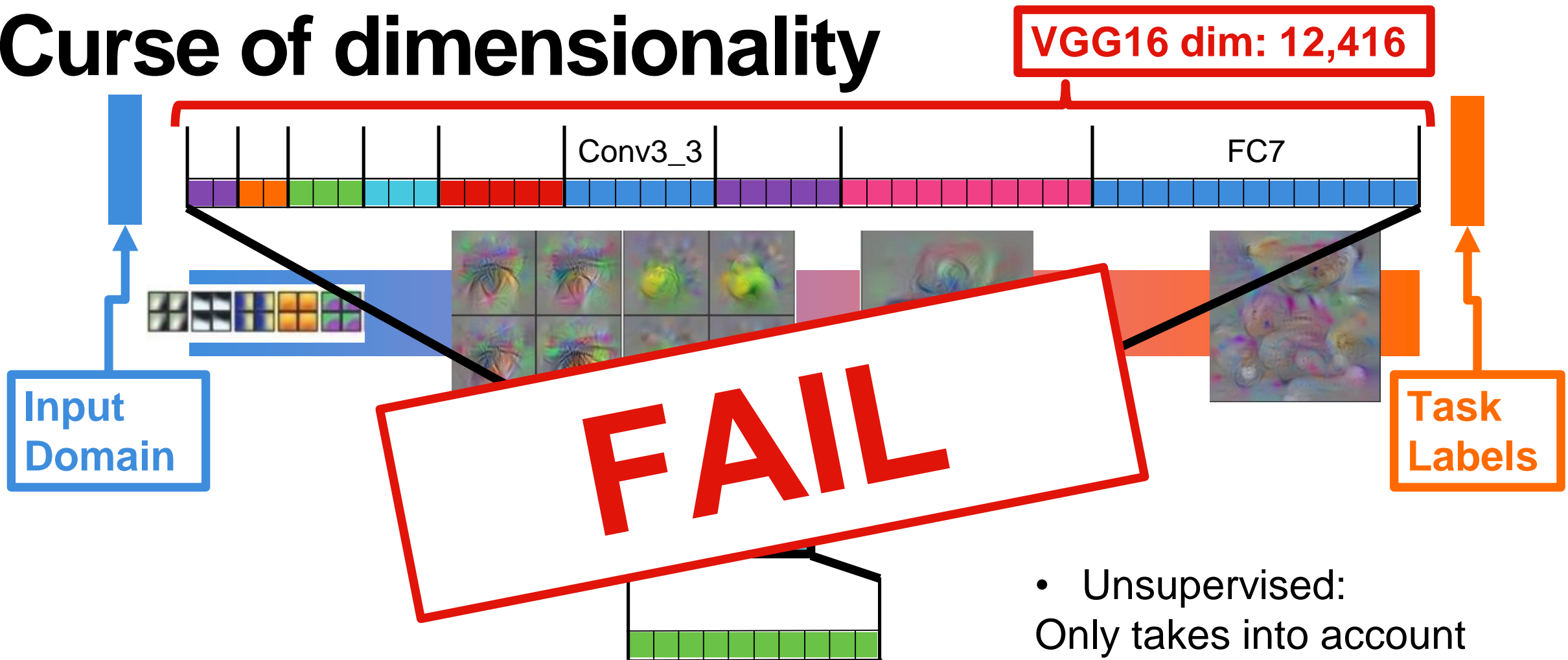
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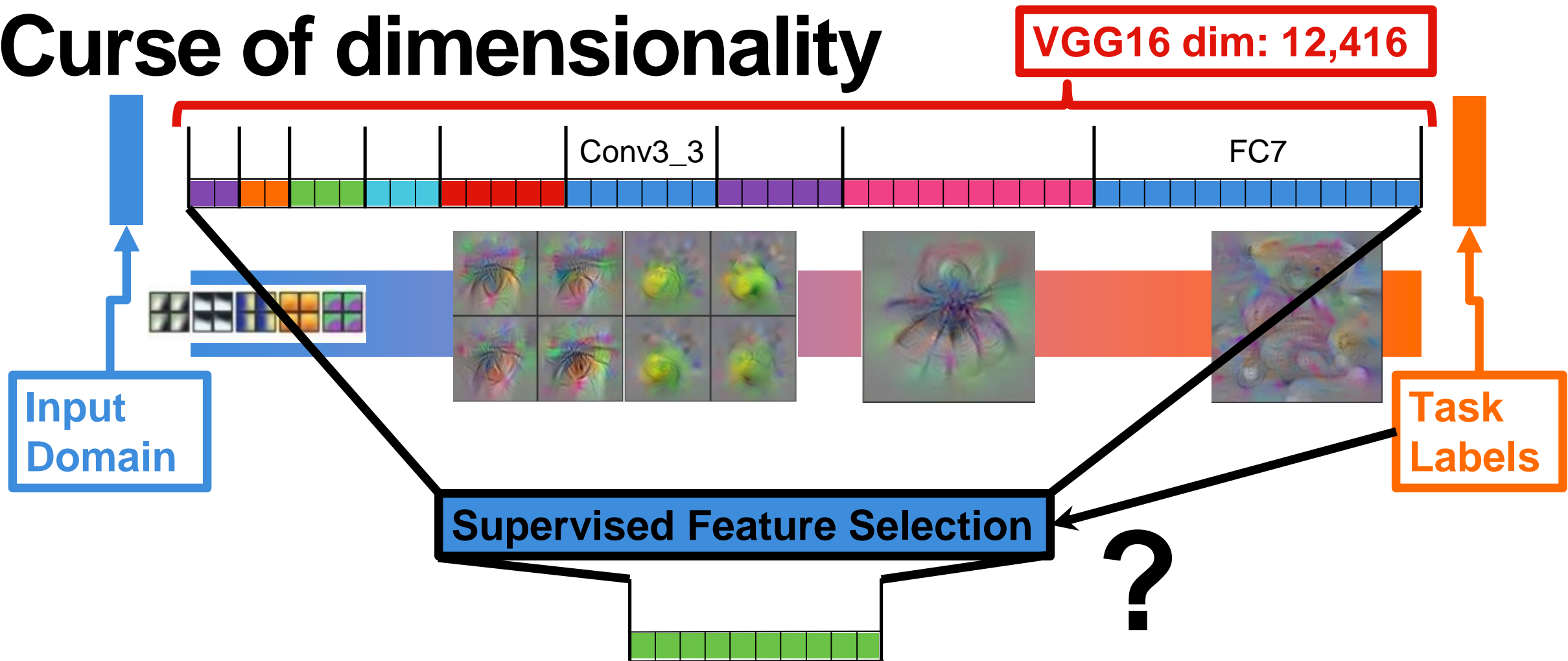


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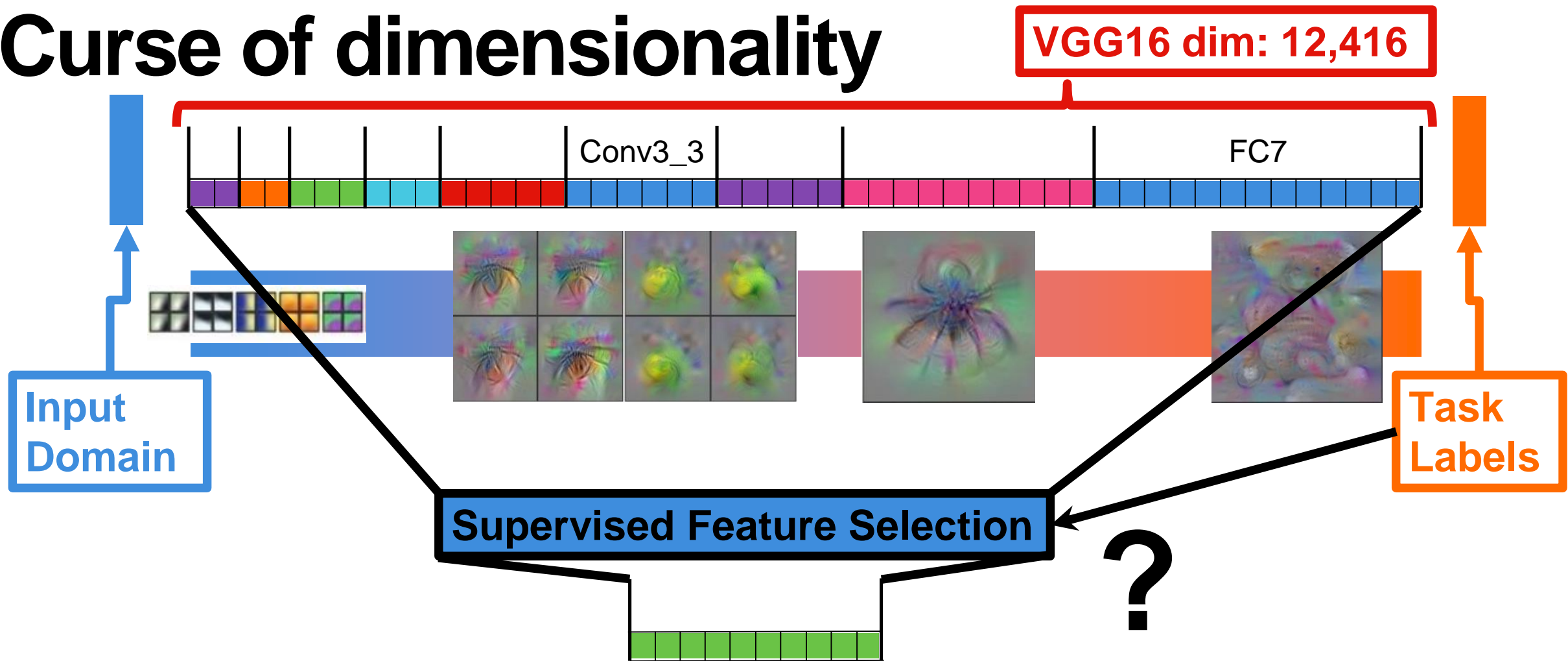


- Unsupervised:
Only takes into account the **domain**

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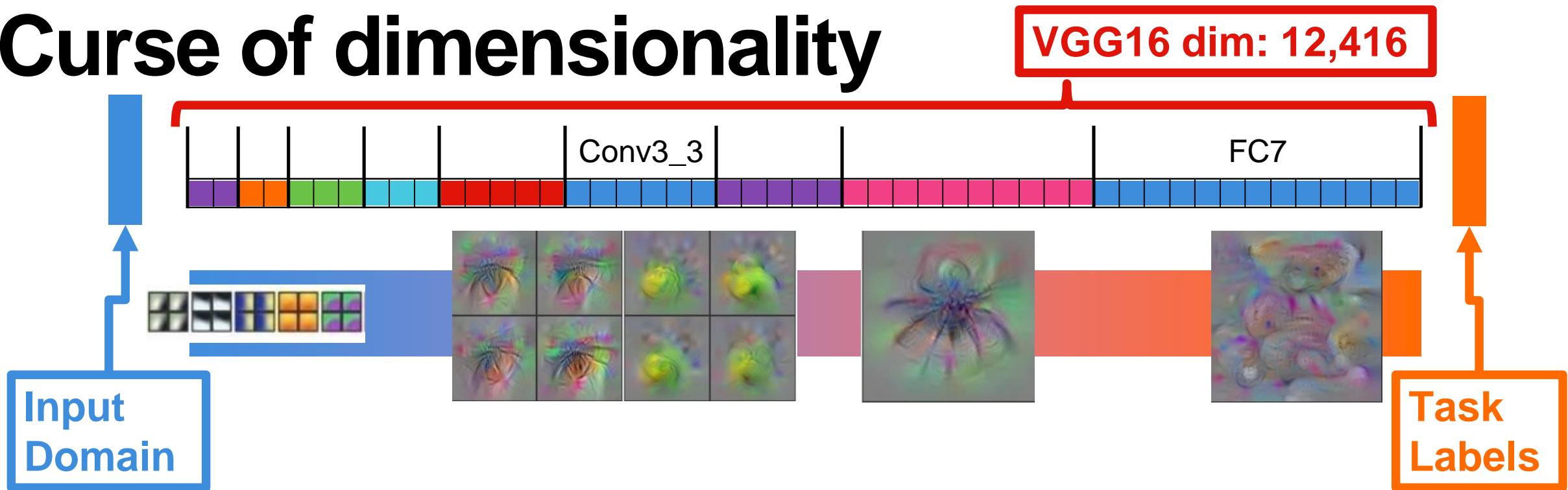


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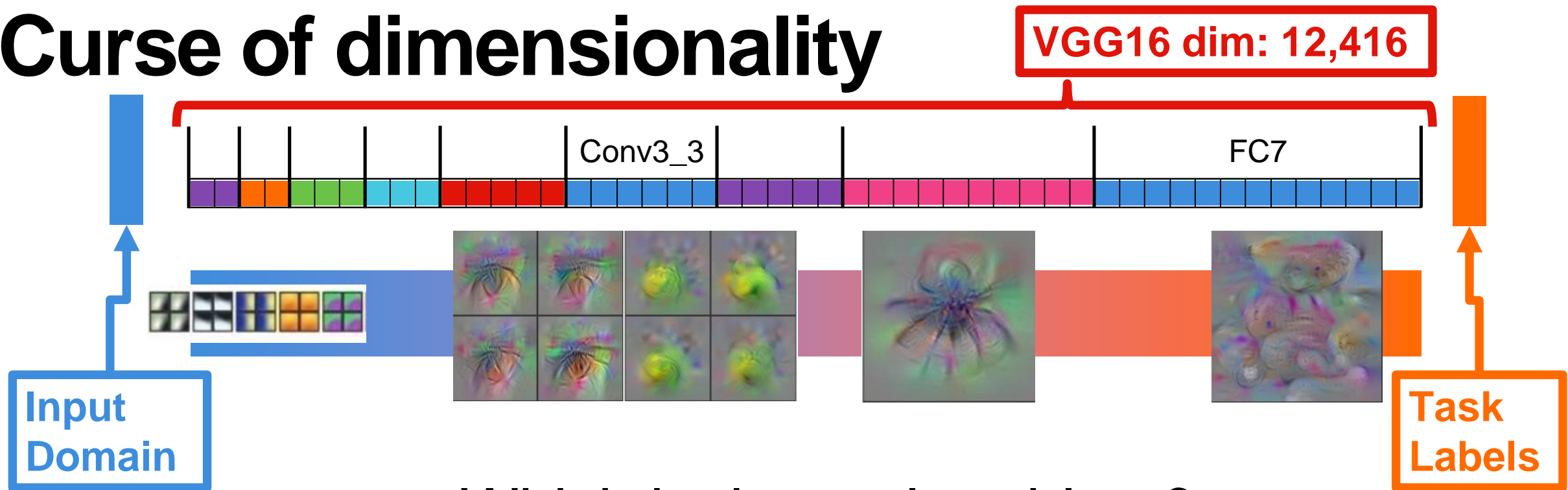


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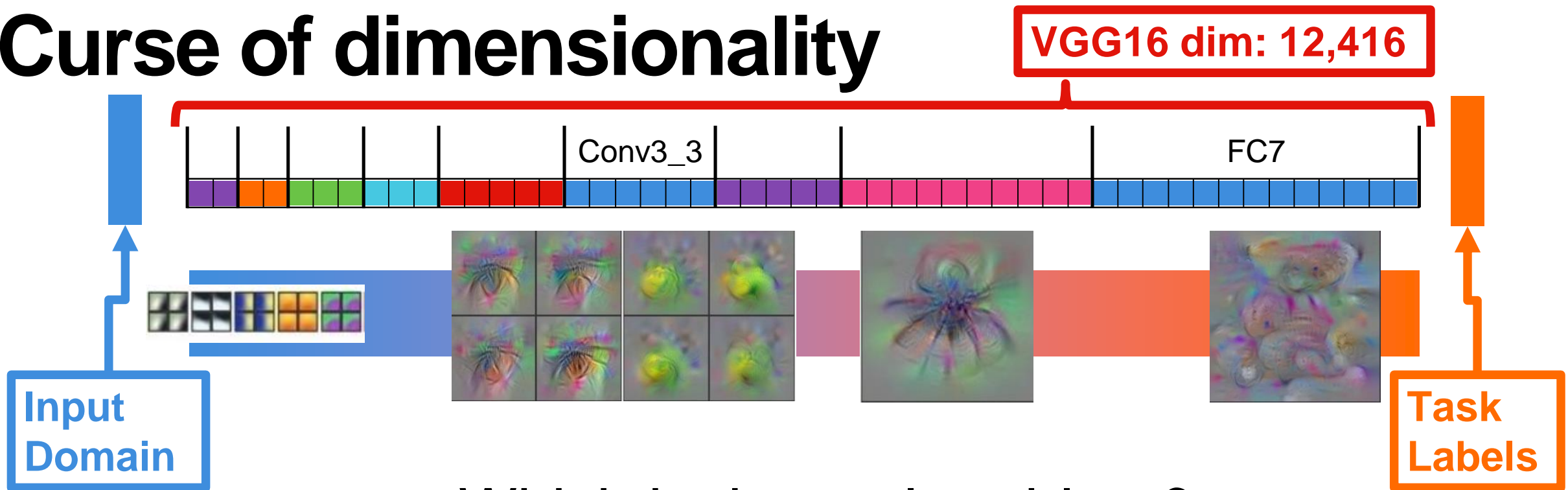


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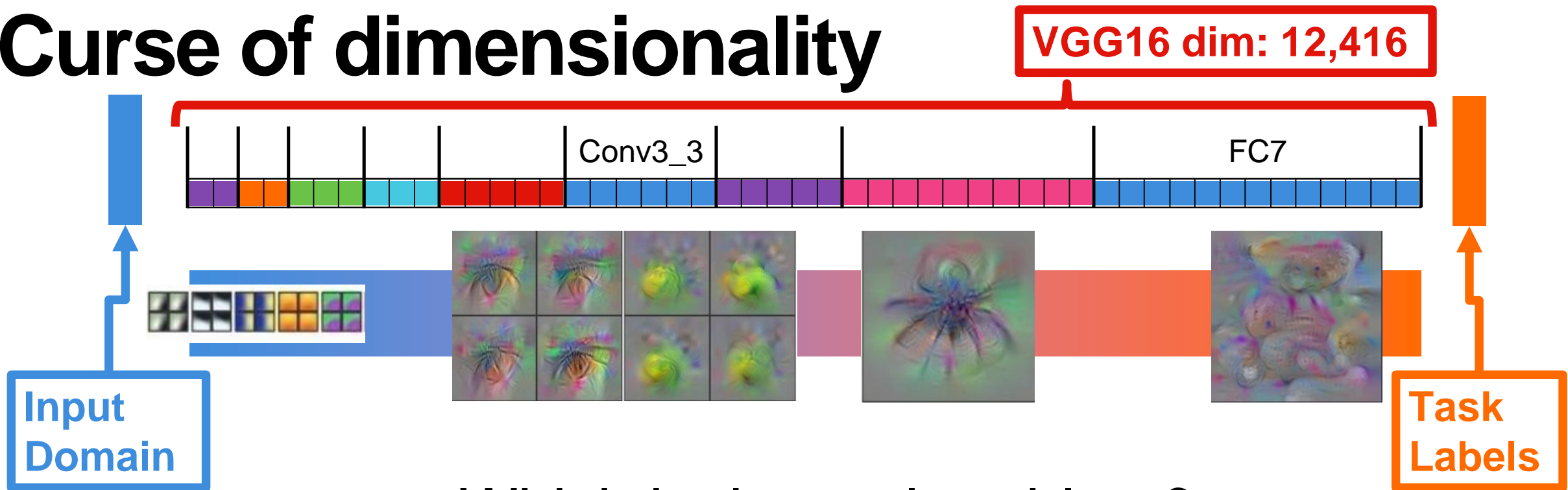
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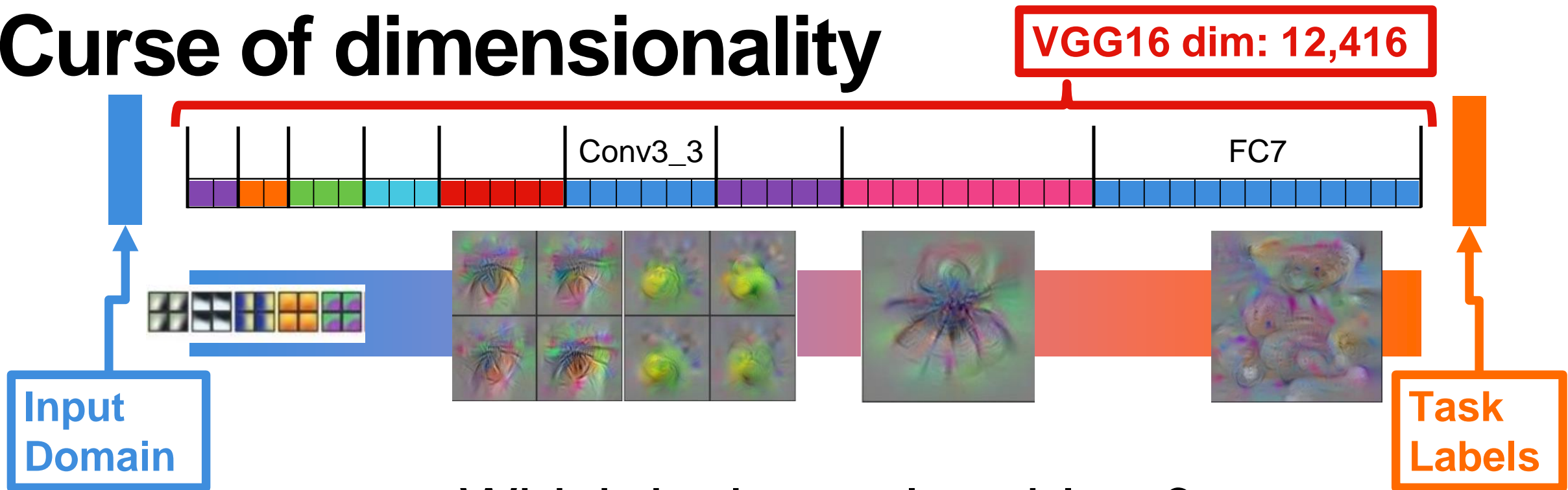
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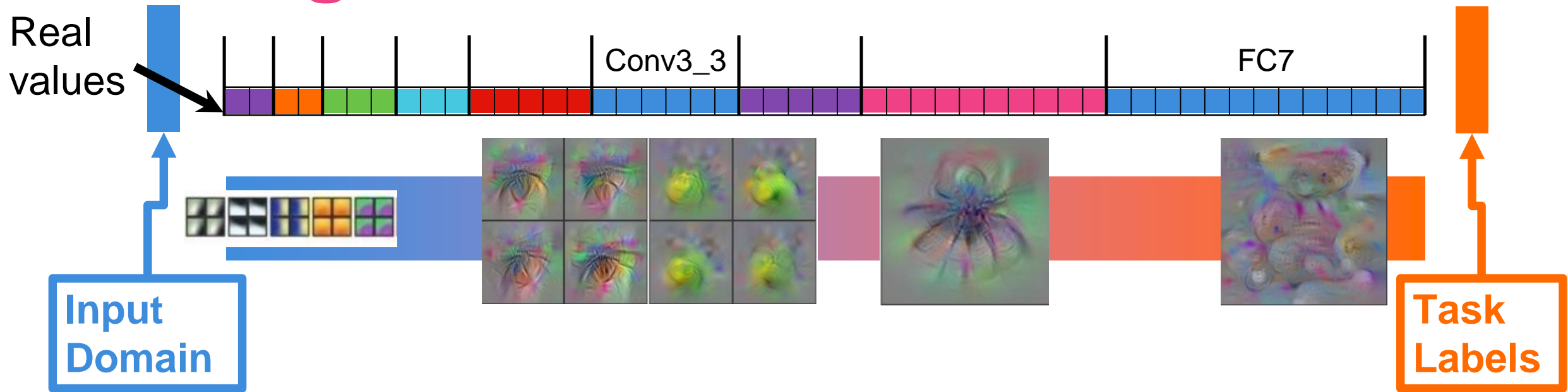
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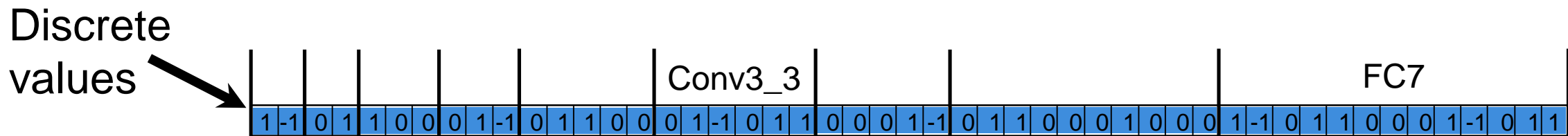


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Meaningful discretization



Quantitization to $\{-1,0,1\}$ based on feature values

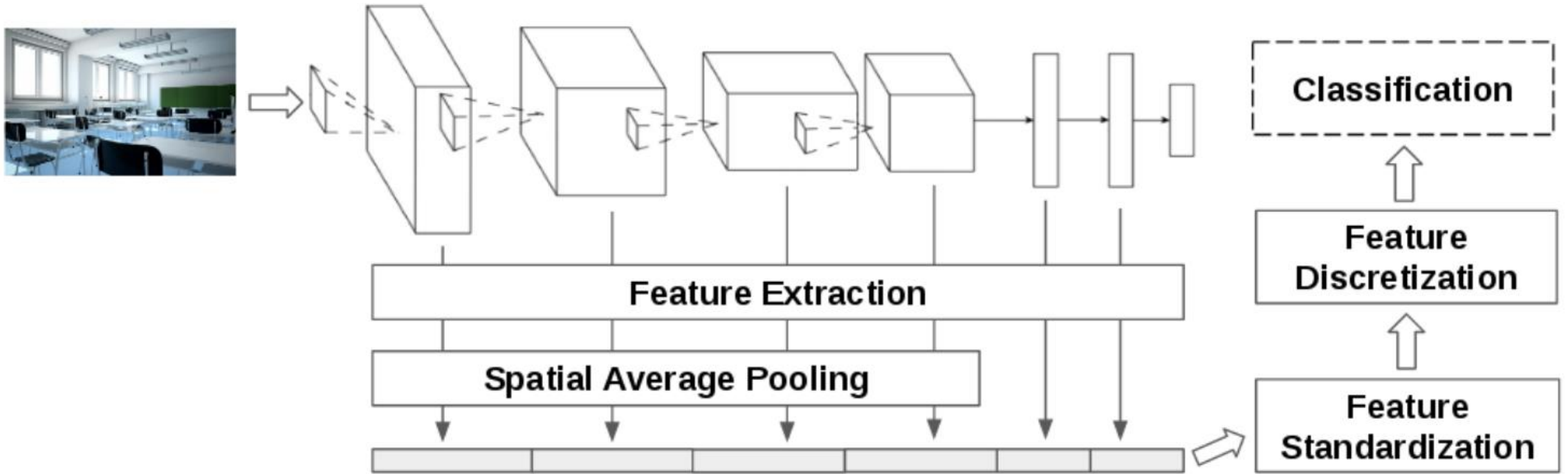


Full-Network Embedding Recipe

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1. Spatial Average Pooling
2. Standardisation
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Full Network embedding



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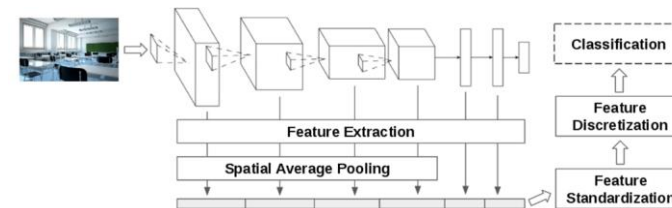
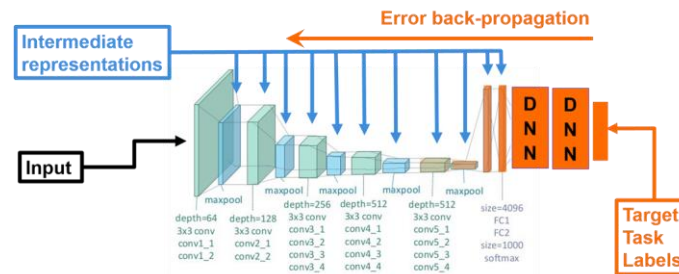
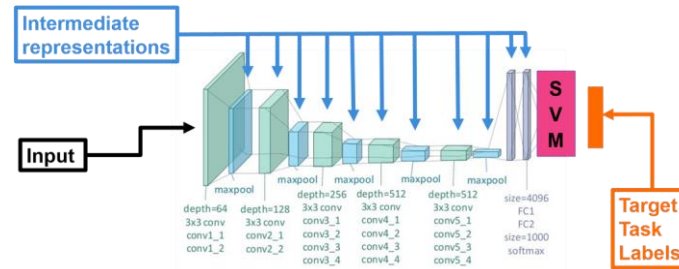
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