

# Interpreting Deep Visual Representations

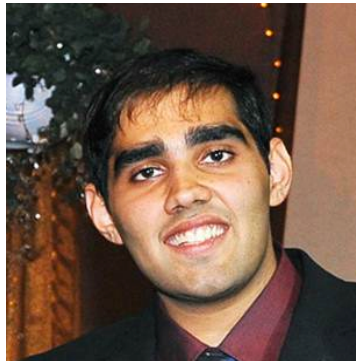
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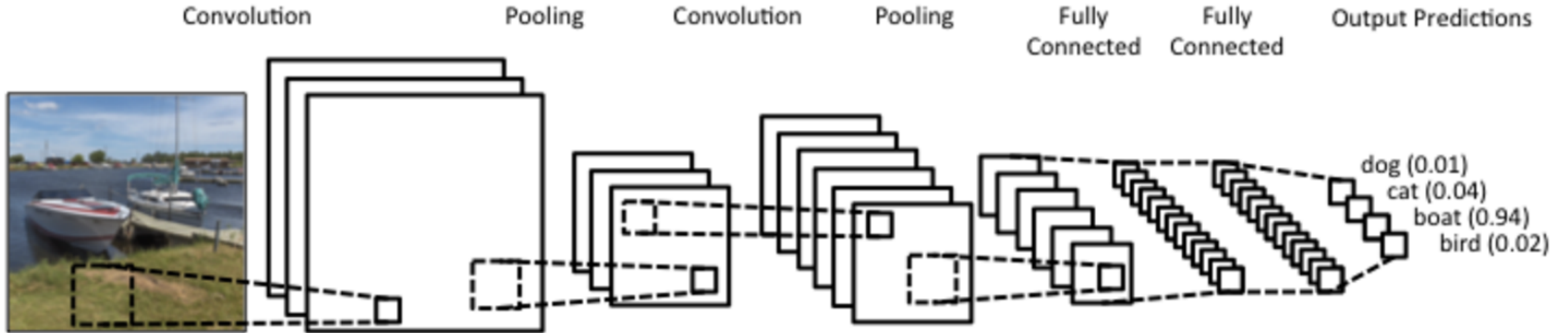


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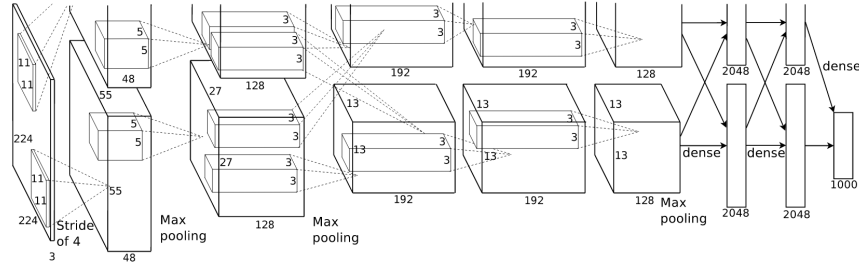


# Background

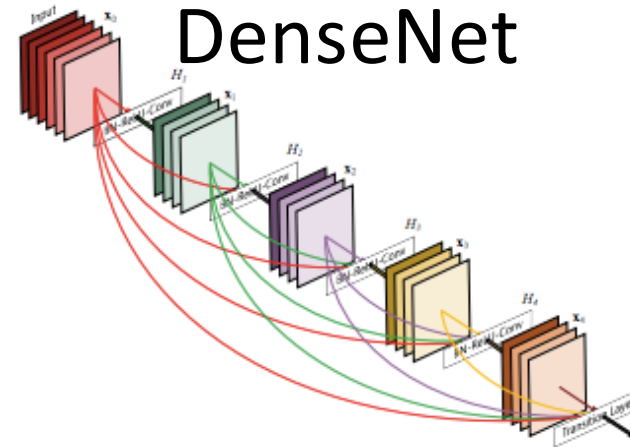
## Convolutional Neural Network (ConvNet)



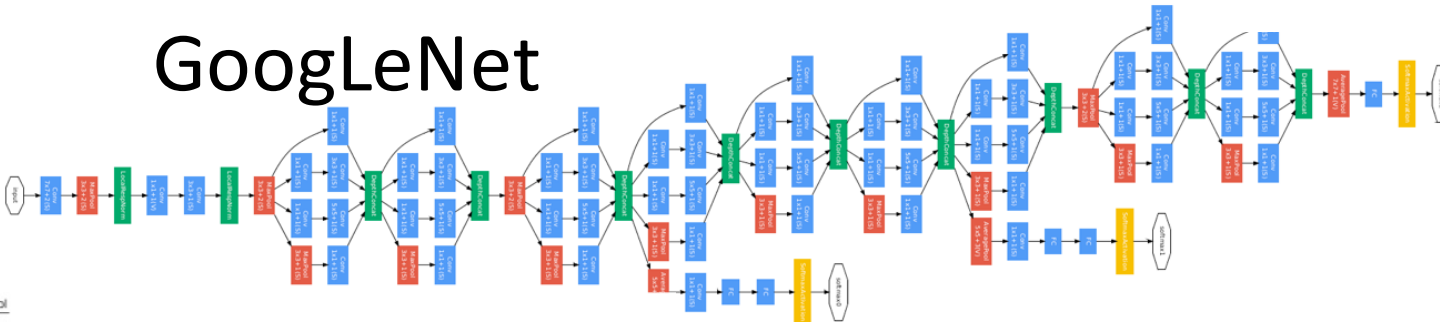
# AlexNet



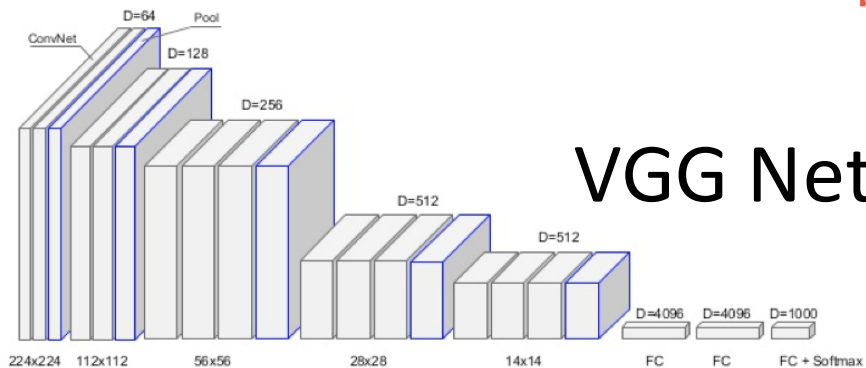
# DenseNet



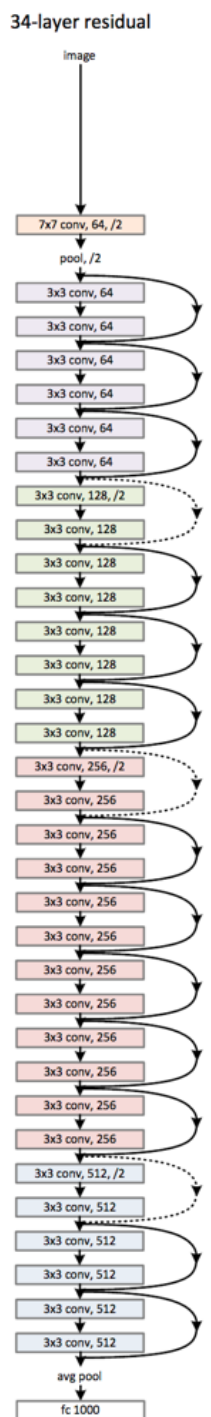
# GoogLeNet



# VGG Net



# ResNet




# Why works so well

●●●○ Vodafone ES 3G 10:35 PM 48%  
places.csail.mit.edu

Upload your image for scene recognition using [Places-CNN](#) from MIT.


Take/Choose a photo



**Predictions:**

- **type:** indoor
- **semantic categories:**  
hotel\_room:0.50, bedroom:0.47,

●●○○ Vodafone ES 3G 10:31 PM 49%  
places.csail.mit.edu



**Predictions:**

- **type:** indoor
- **semantic categories:**  
hotel\_room:0.35, bedroom:0.15,  
living\_room:0.09, dorm\_room:0.06,  
basement:0.05



# When it fails, why is it?



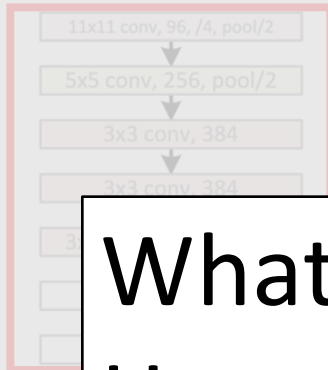
Output: cutting vegetables.  
Correct label: gardening



Output: washing dishes.  
Correct label: brushing

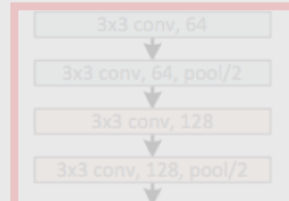
# Deep ConvNet for Visual Recognition

2012: AlexNet  
5 conv. layers



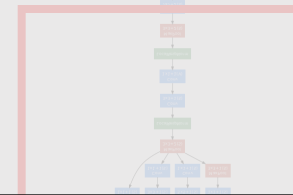
Error: 15.3%

2014: VGG  
16 conv. layers



Error: 8.5%

2015: GoogLeNet  
22 conv. layers



Error: 7.8%

2016: ResNet  
>100 conv. layers



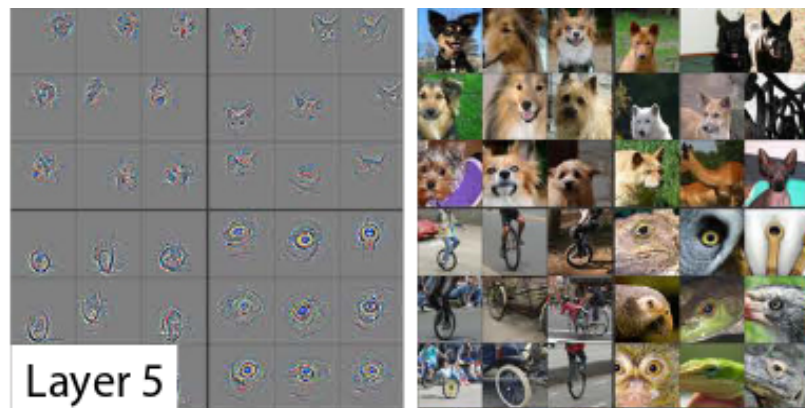
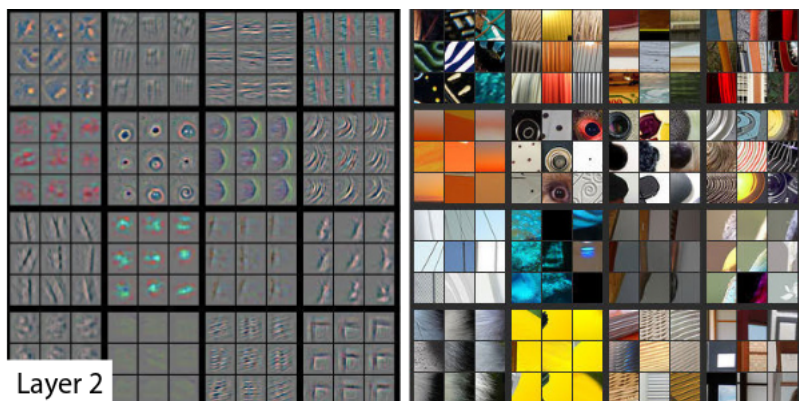
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What have been learned inside?

How to compare the internal representations?

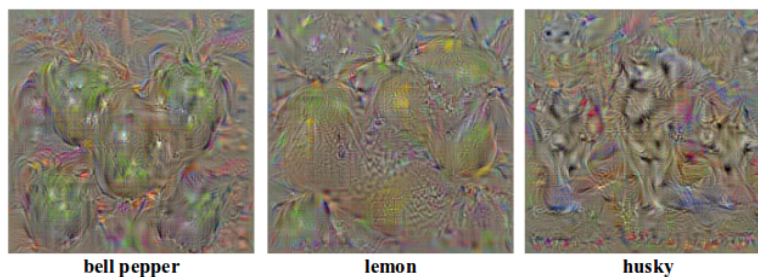
# Work on Network Visualization

## Deconvolution

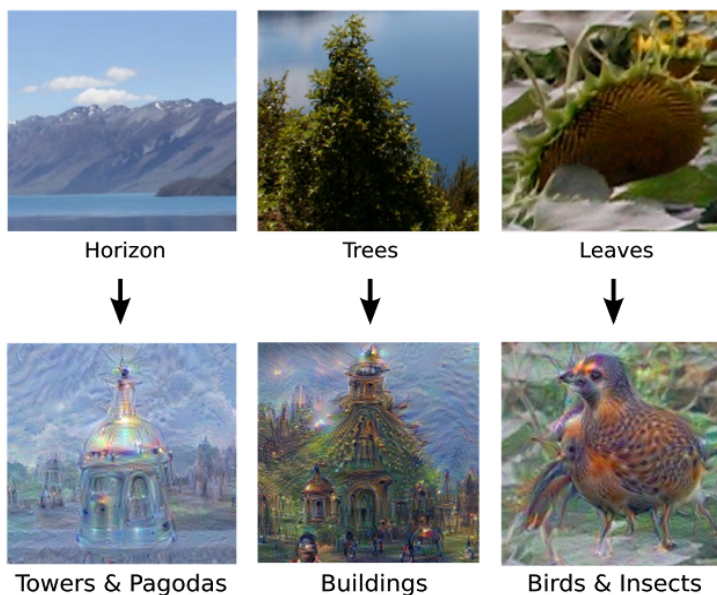


Zeiler et al., ECCV 2014.

## Back-propagation

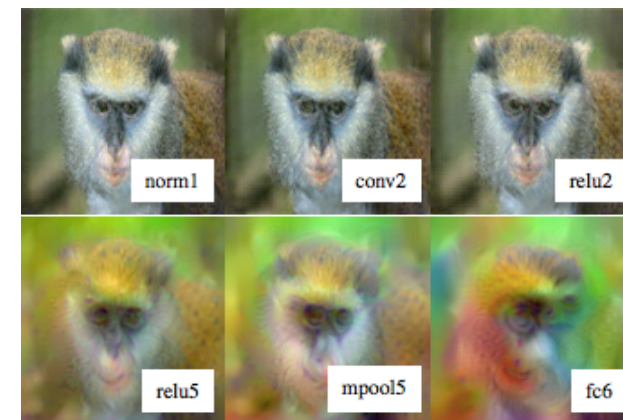


Simonyan et al., ICLR 2015



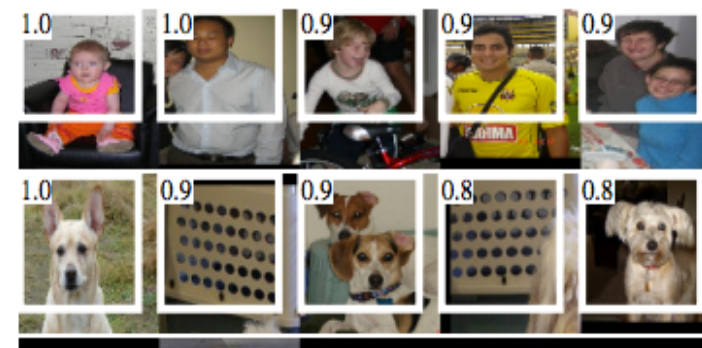
Inceptionism. Google Blog. June 2015

## Feature inversion



Mahendran et al, CVPR 2015

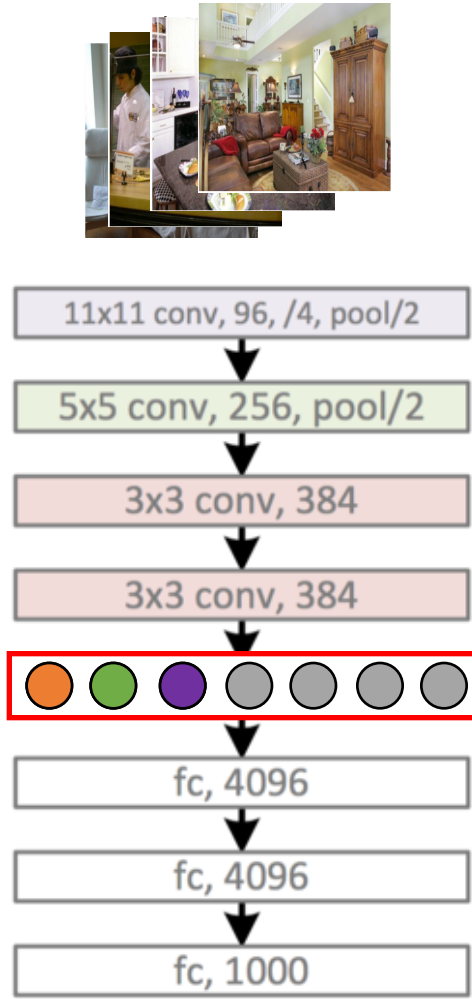
## Top activated images



Girshick et al., CVPR 2014



# Going From Visualization to Interpretation



Unit 1

Top Activated Images

Interpretation: head

Score: 0.23

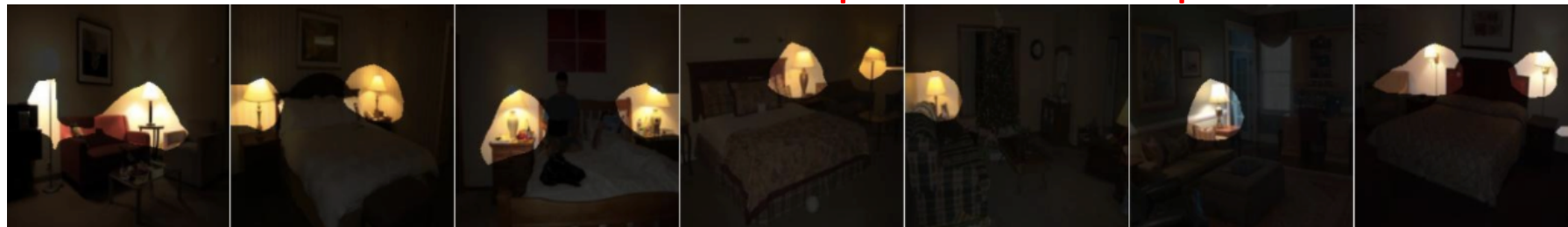


Unit 2

Top Activated Images

Interpretation: lamp

Score: 0.15

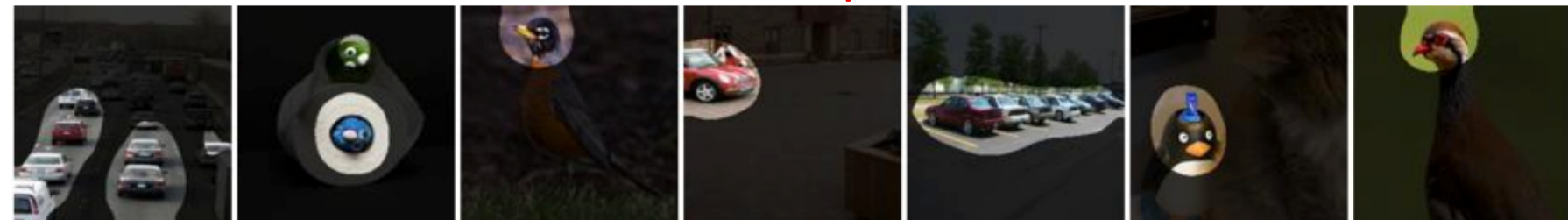


Unit 3

Top Activated Images

Interpretation: car

Score: 0.02



# Solution: Evaluate units for semantic segmentation


Unit 1

Top activated images



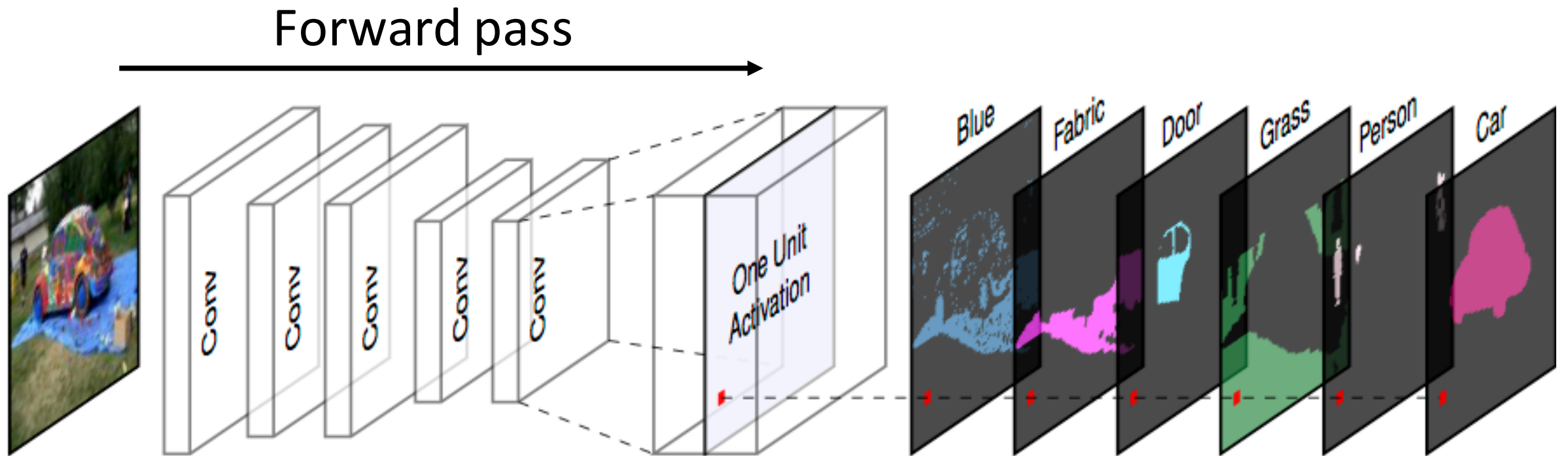
Lamp, Intersection over Union (IoU)= 0.12



$$\text{IoU} = \frac{\text{Area of Overlap}}{\text{Area of Union}}$$


# Network Dissection

Framework to interpret the deep visual representations





# Broadly and Densely (**Broden**) Annotated Dataset

## ADE20K

Zhou et al, CVPR'17

## Pascal Context

Mottaghi et al, CVPR'14

## Pascal Part

Chen et al, CVPR'14

## Open-Surfaces

Bell et al, SIGGRAPH'14

## Describable Textures

Cimpoi et al, CVPR'14

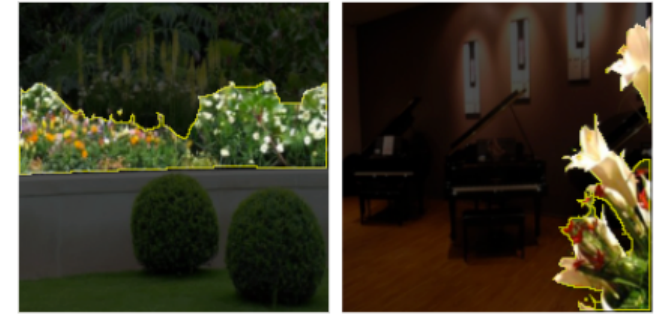
## Colors

Total = **63,305** images  
**1,197** visual concepts

street (scene)



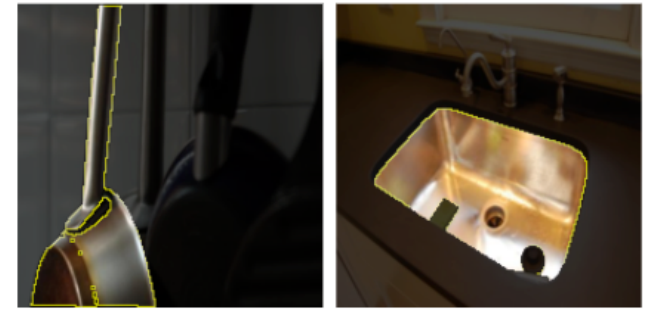
flower (object)



headboard (part)



metal (material)



swirly (texture)

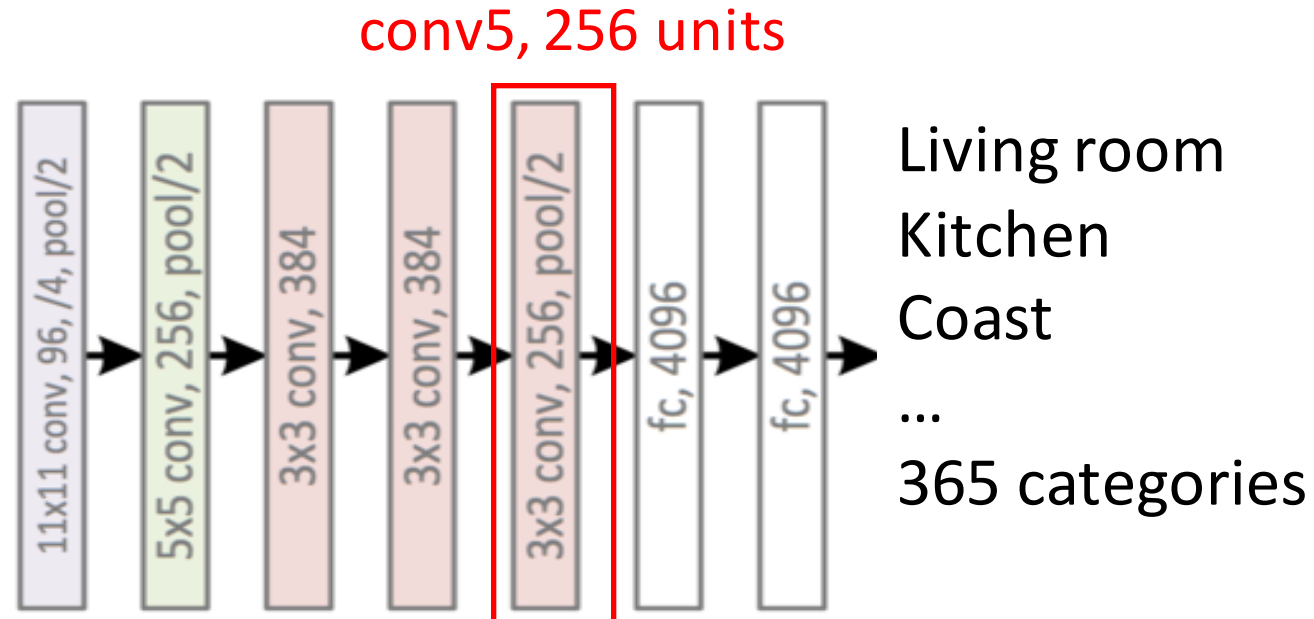


pink (color)

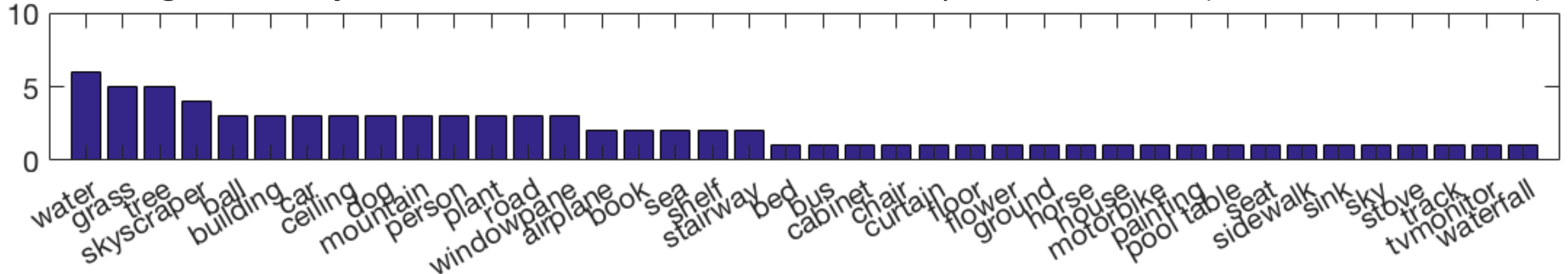


# Result of AlexNet trained on places

THE SCENE RECOGNITION DATABASE



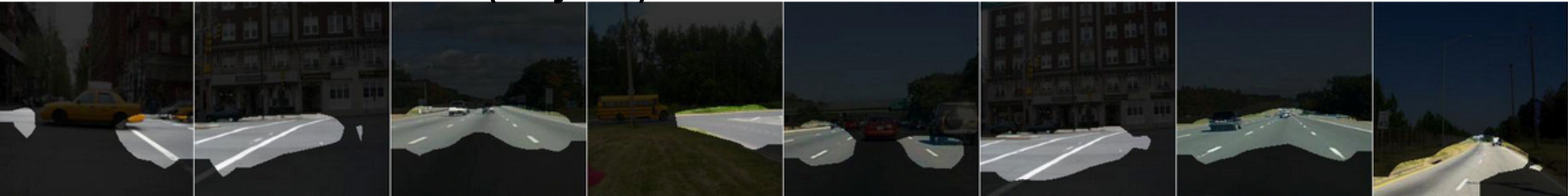
**Histogram of object detectors:** Detector:81/256, Unique Detector:40 (Units with IoU>0.04)



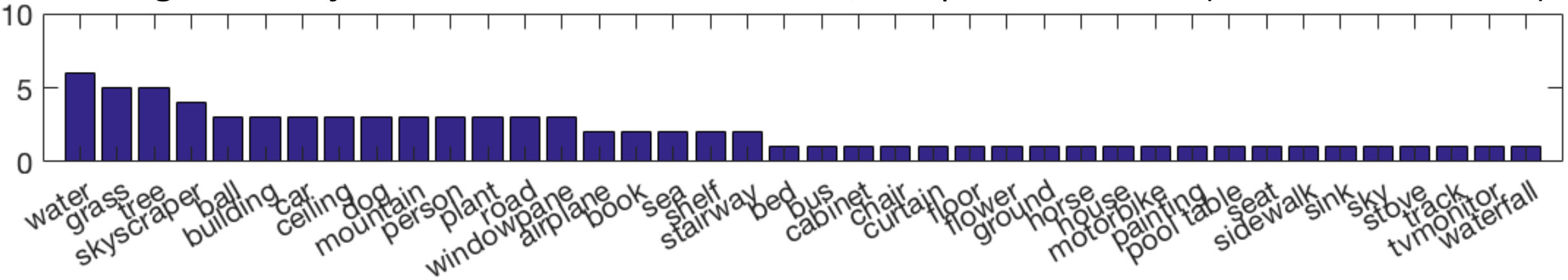
conv5 unit 79      car (object)      IoU=0.13



conv5 unit 107      road (object)      IoU=0.15



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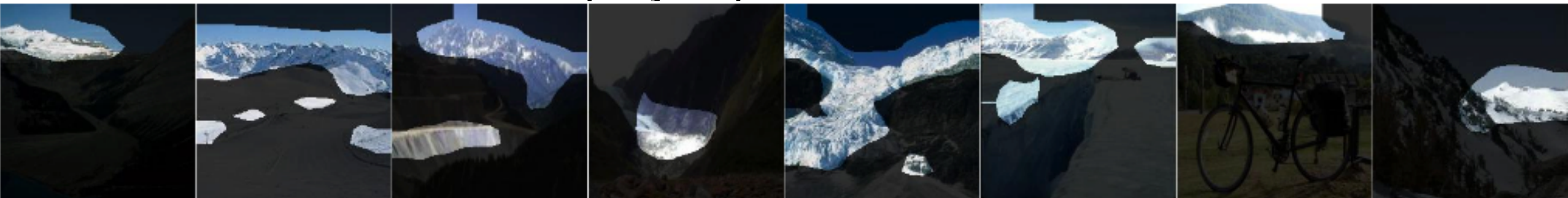




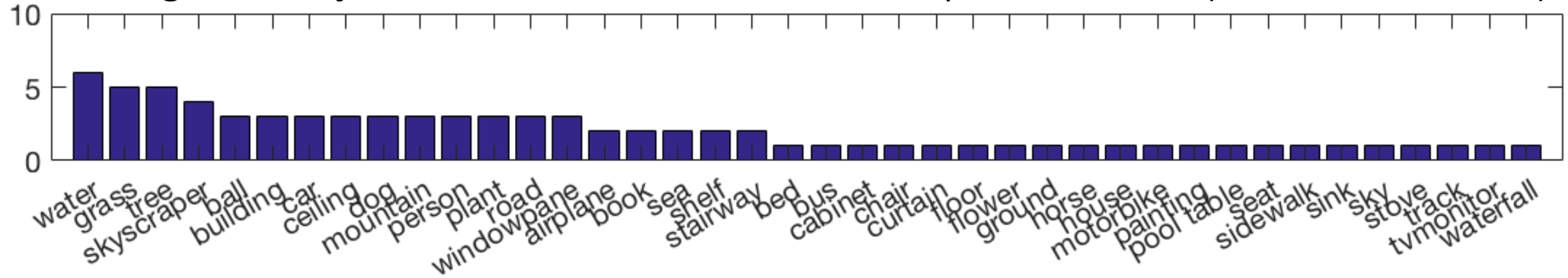
conv5 unit 144    mountain (object)    IoU=0.13



conv5 unit 200    mountain (object)    IoU=0.11

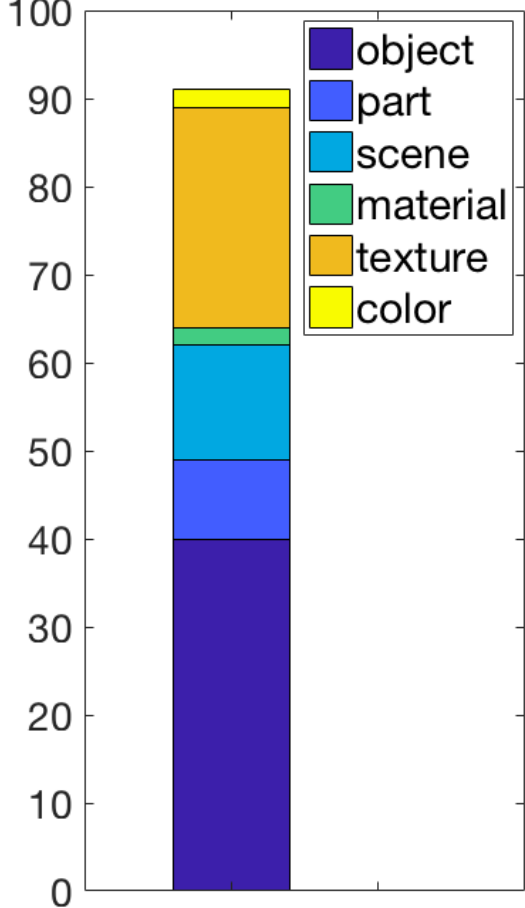


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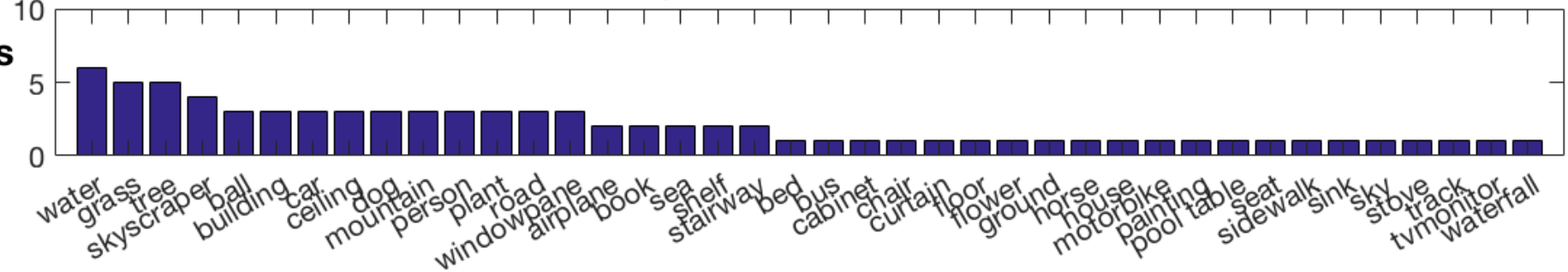


# Dissection Report

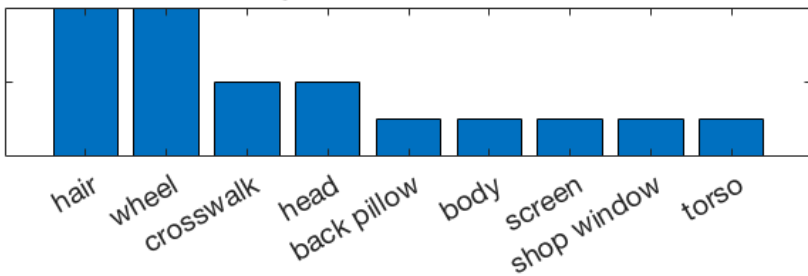
Number of Unique Detectors



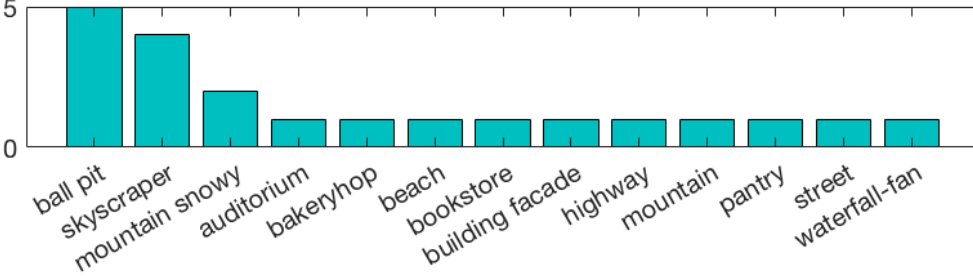
Histogram of Object Detectors



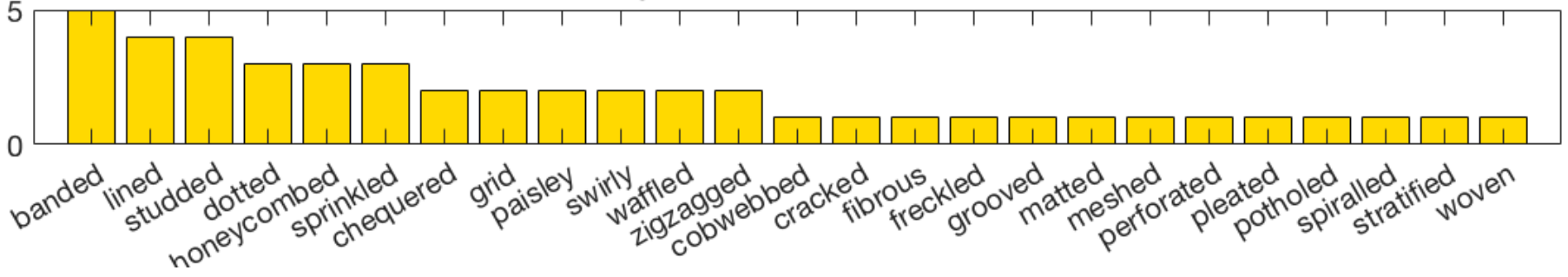
Histogram of Part Detectors



Histogram of Scene Detectors



Histogram of Texture Detectors



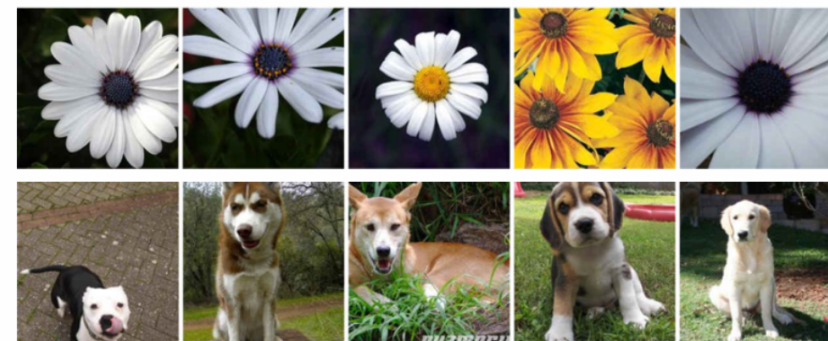
# Are the emerging concepts real?

**Szegedy et al. Intriguing properties of neural networks. arXiv.2014**

- “No distinction between individual high level units and random linear combinations of high level unit”
- “It suggests that it is the space, rather than the individual units, that contains the semantic information in network”



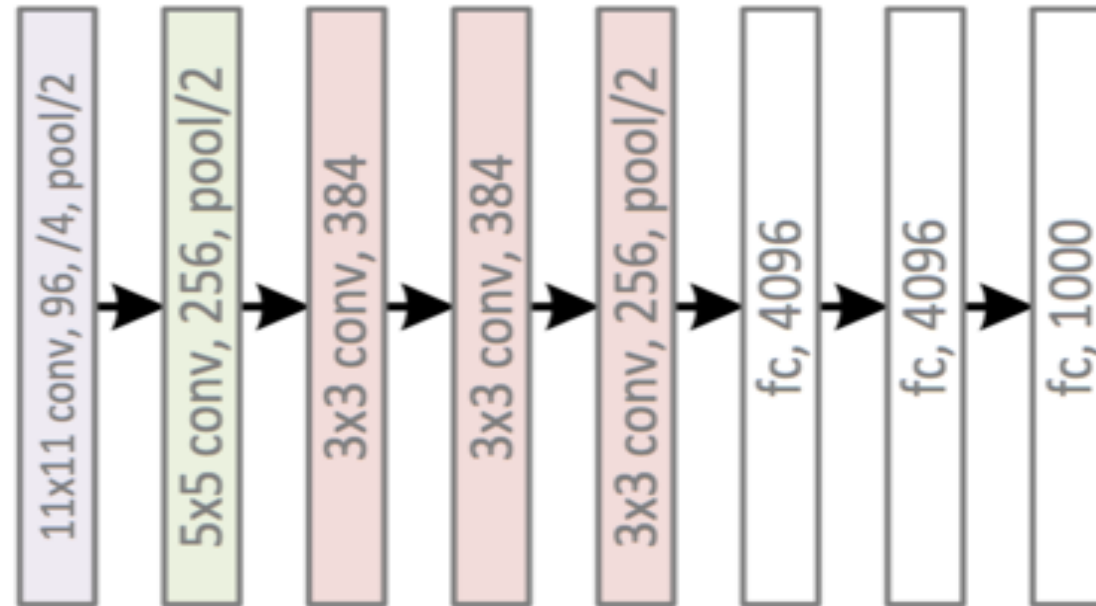
Single Neuron



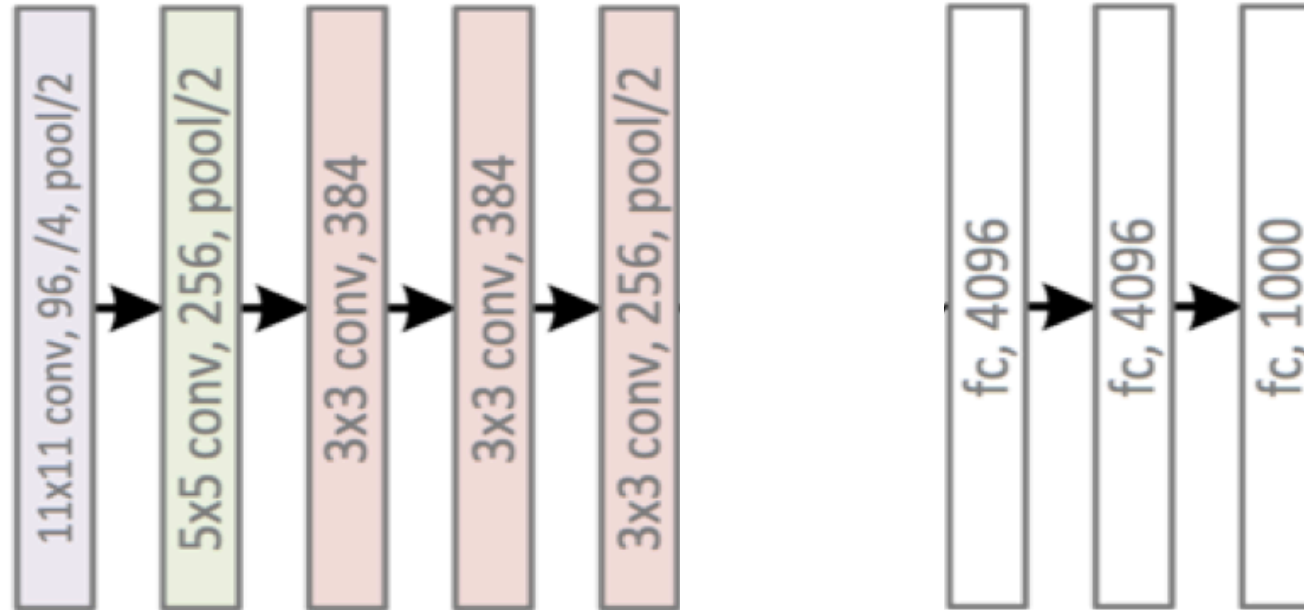
Random Projection



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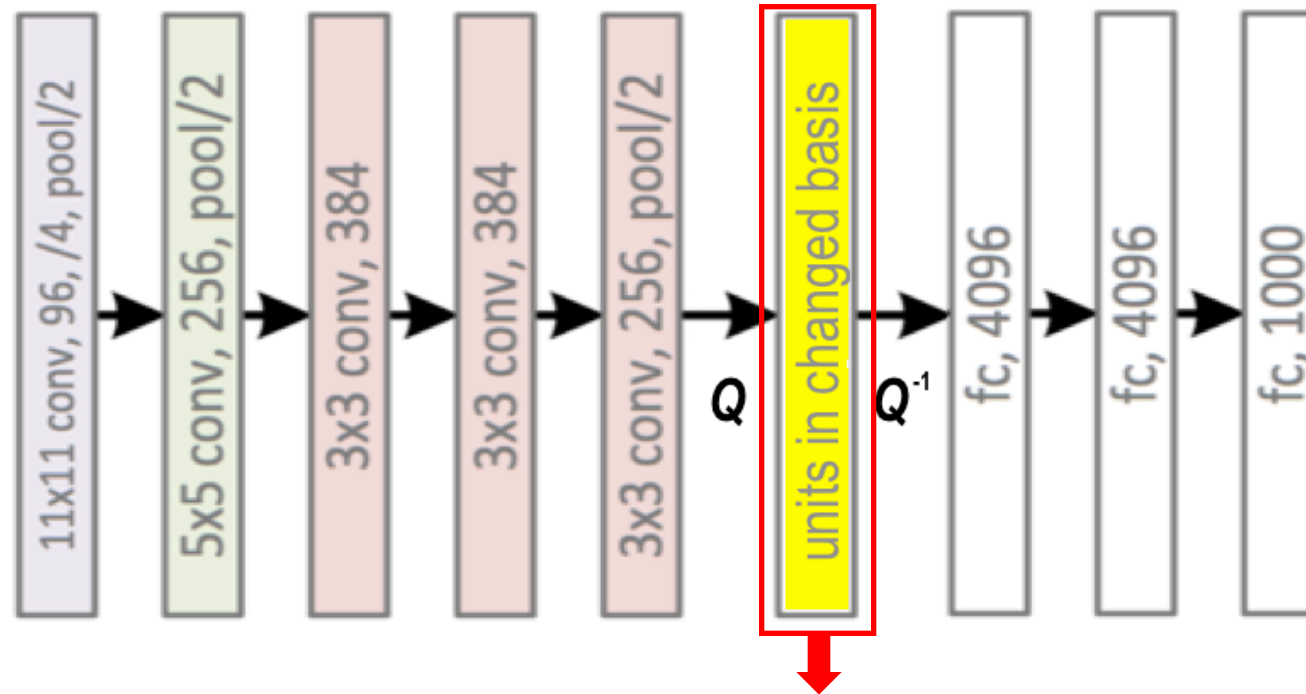


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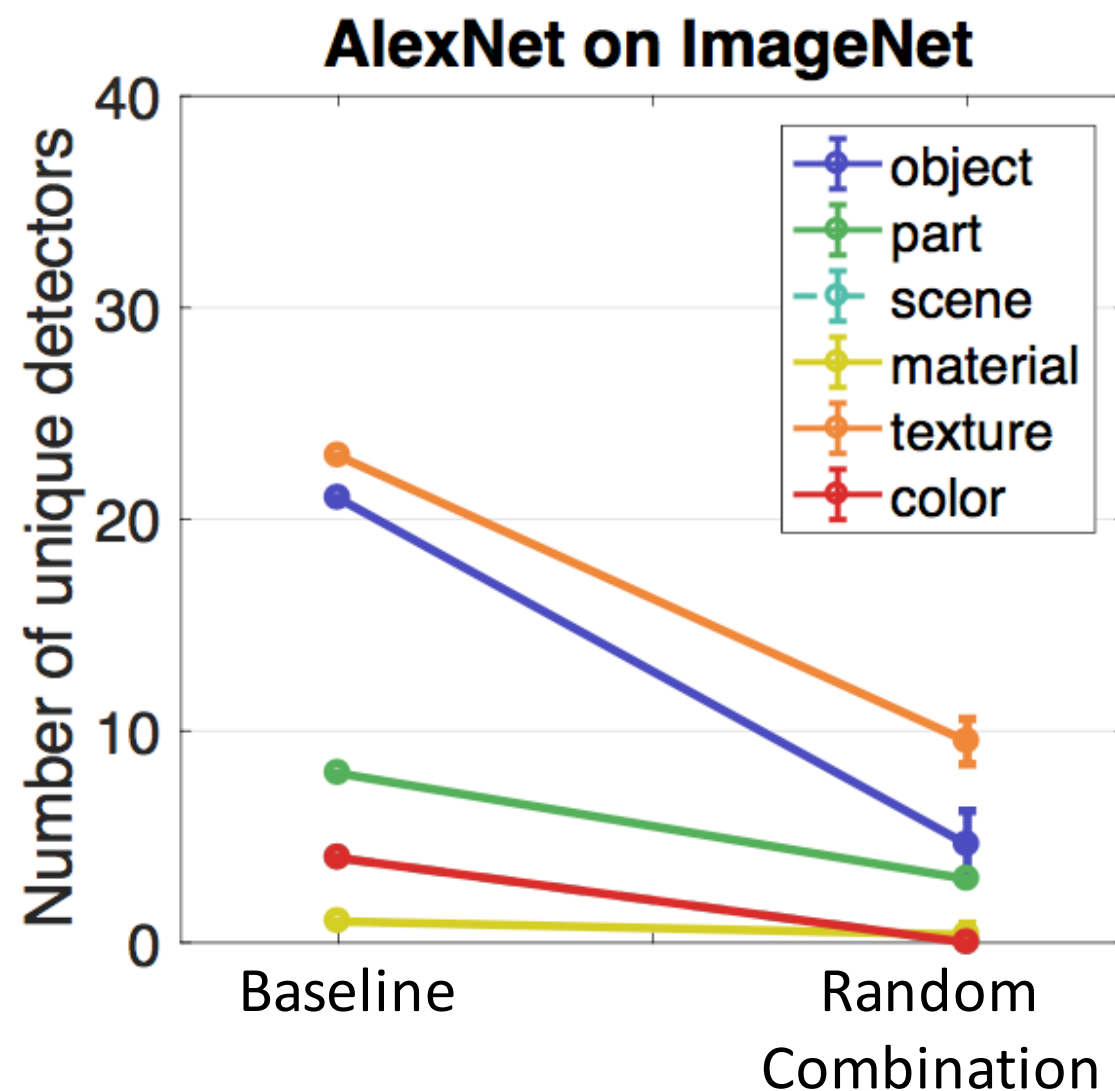
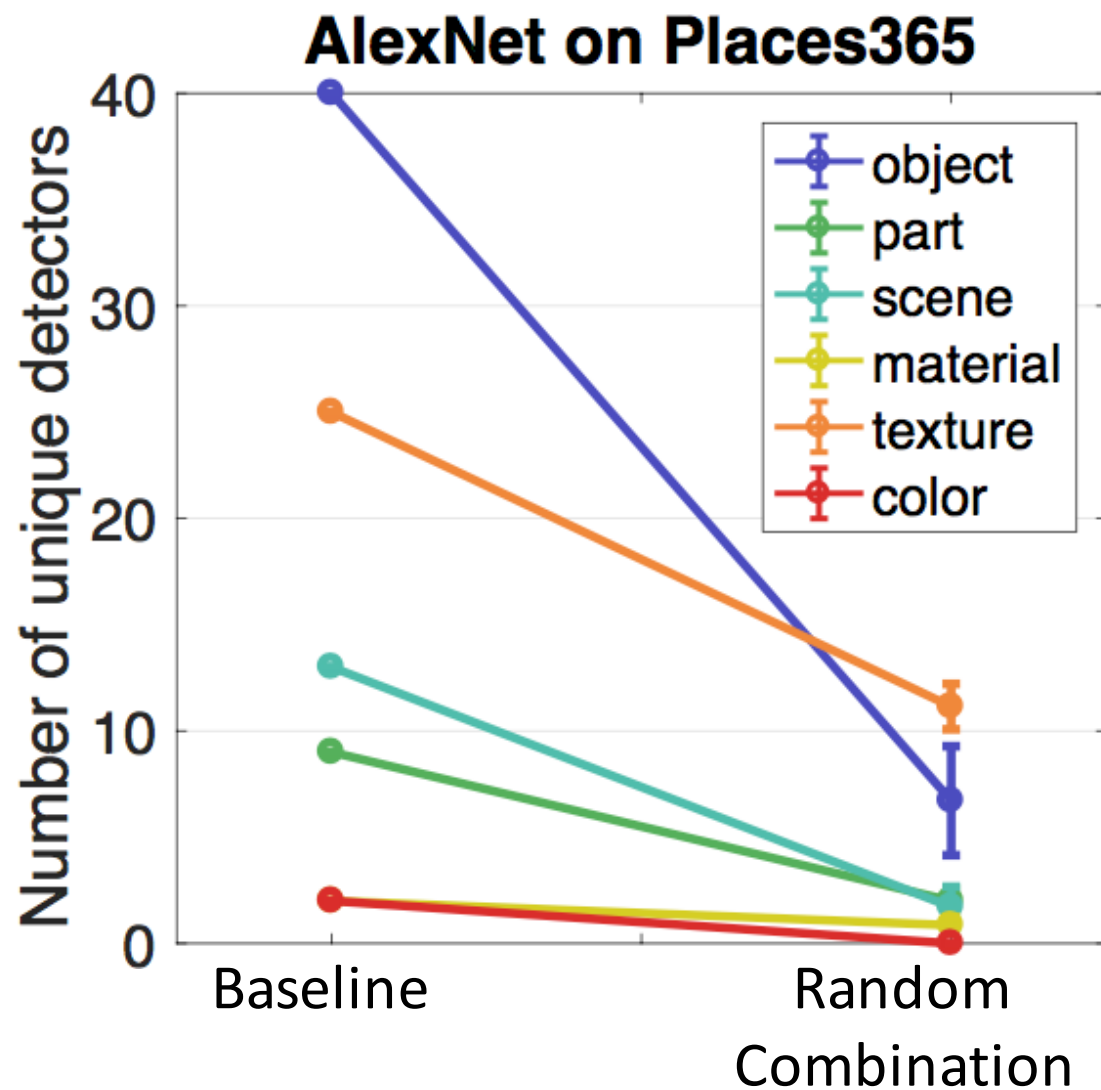
# Are the emerging concepts real?

Random combination of units



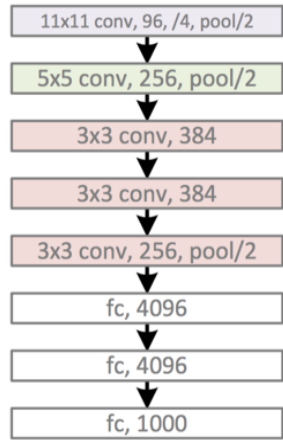
Do concepts associate with individual units or the whole feature space?

# Are the emerging concepts real?

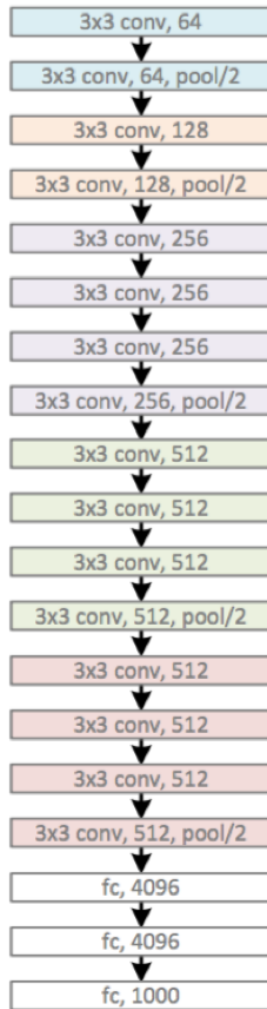


# Architectures

# Datasets



AlexNet



VGG

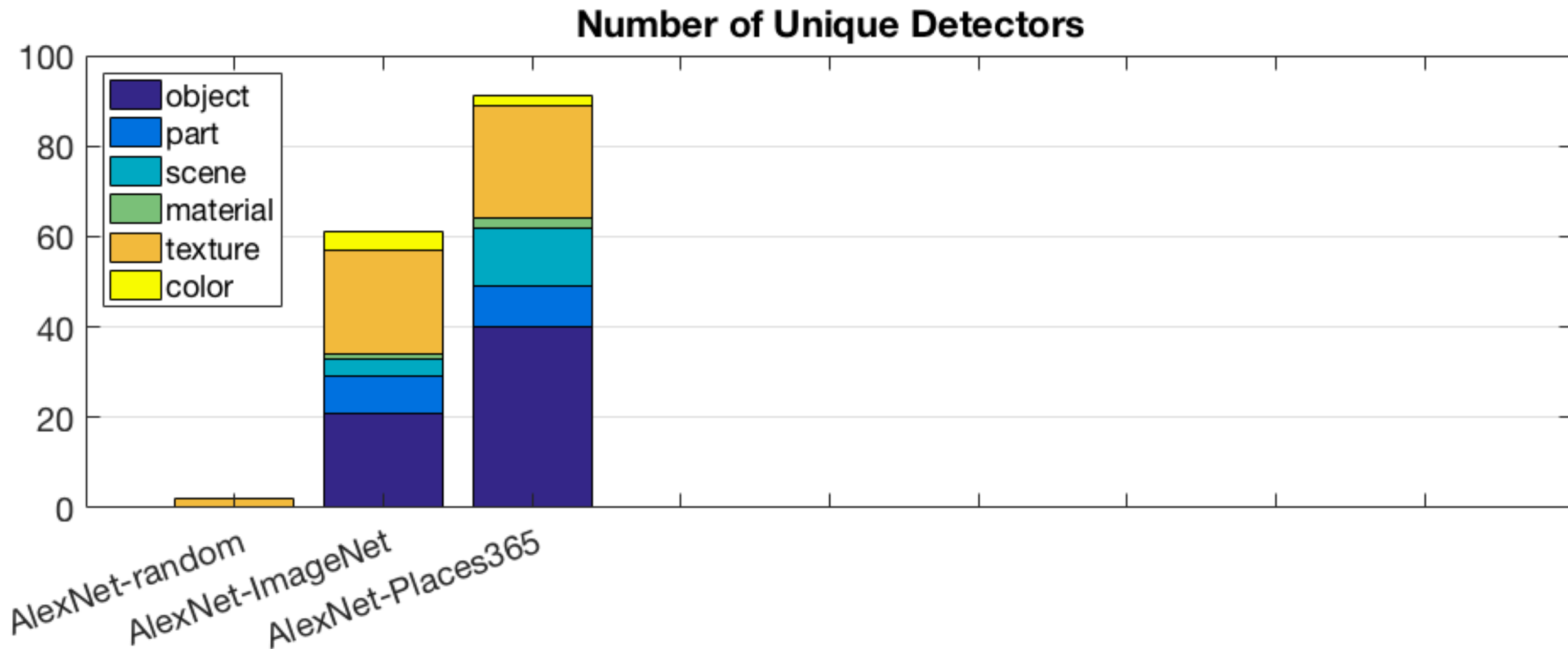


GoogLeNet

ResNet

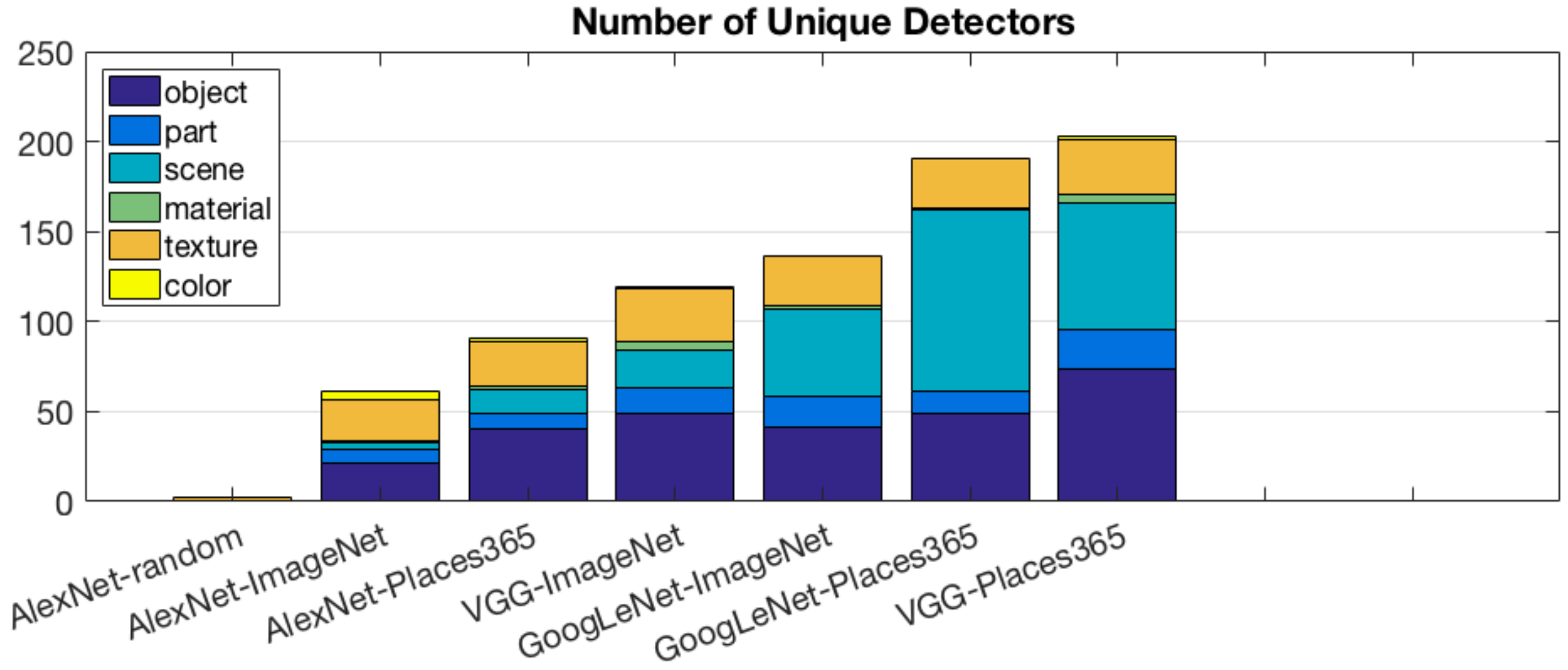


# Interpretable Units in Different Architectures

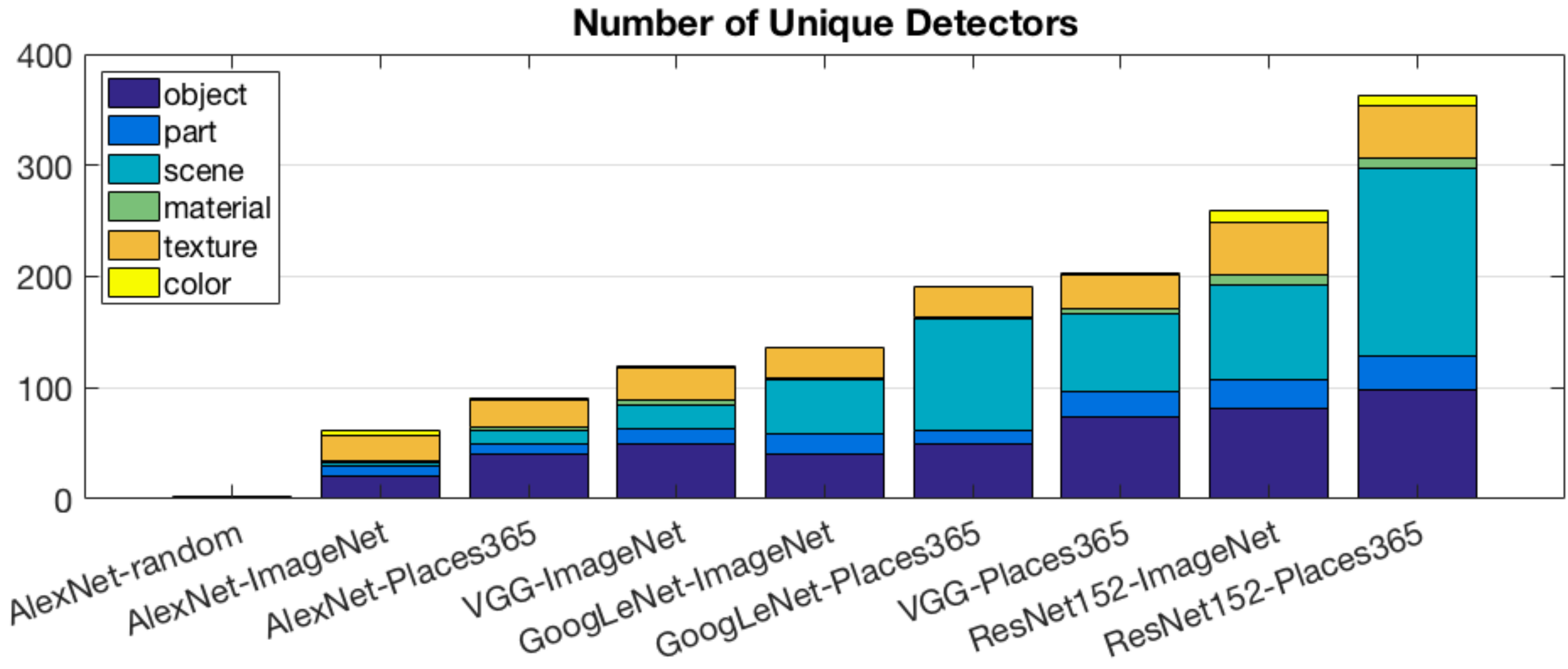




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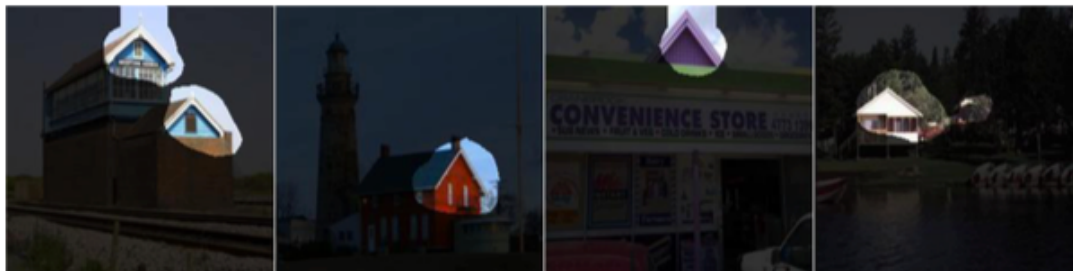


# House

conv5 unit 36

IoU=0.053

AlexNet



conv5\_3 unit 243

IoU=0.070

VGG



inception\_4e unit 789

IoU=0.137

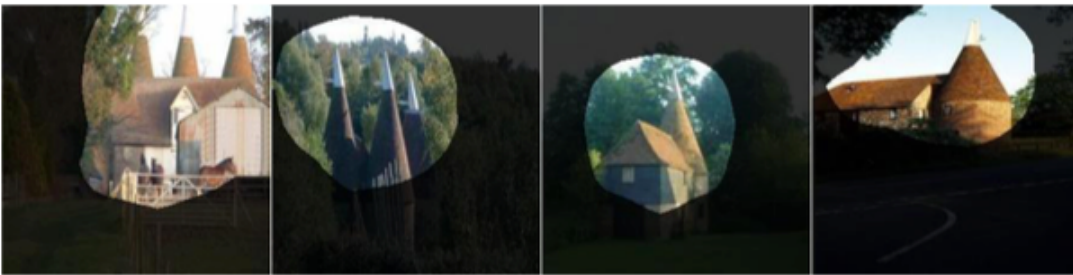
GoogLeNet



res5c unit 1410

IoU=0.142

ResNet



# Airplane

conv5 unit 13

IoU=0.101



conv5\_3 unit 151

IoU=0.150



inception\_4e unit 92

IoU=0.164



res5c unit 1243

IoU=0.172

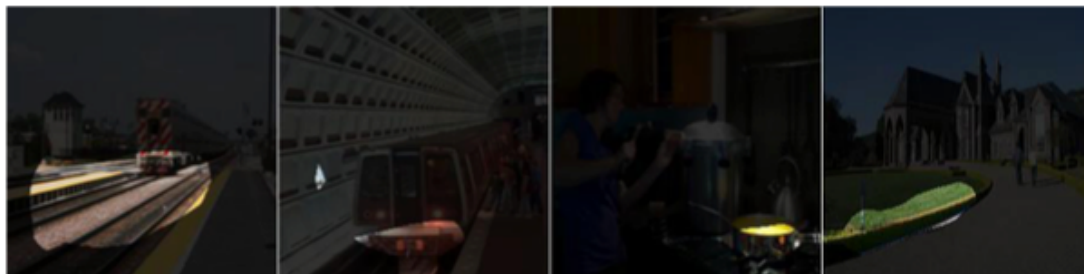




# Train

conv4 unit 180

IoU=0.047



conv5\_3 unit 463

IoU=0.126



inception\_5b unit 626

IoU=0.145



res5c unit 924

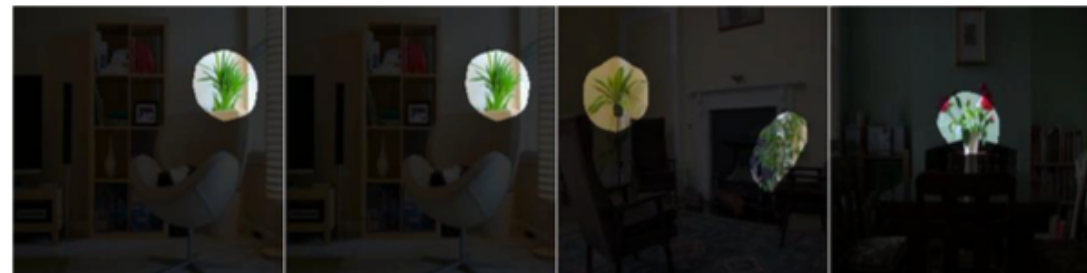
IoU=0.293



# Plant

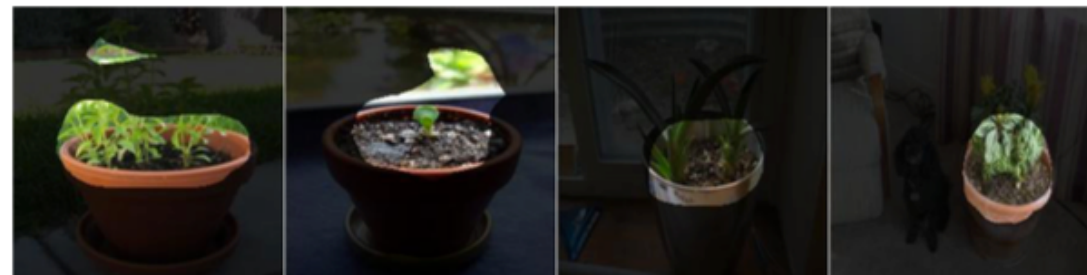
conv5 unit 55

IoU=0.087



conv5\_3 unit 85

IoU=0.086



inception\_4e unit 714

IoU=0.105



res5c unit 264

IoU=0.126



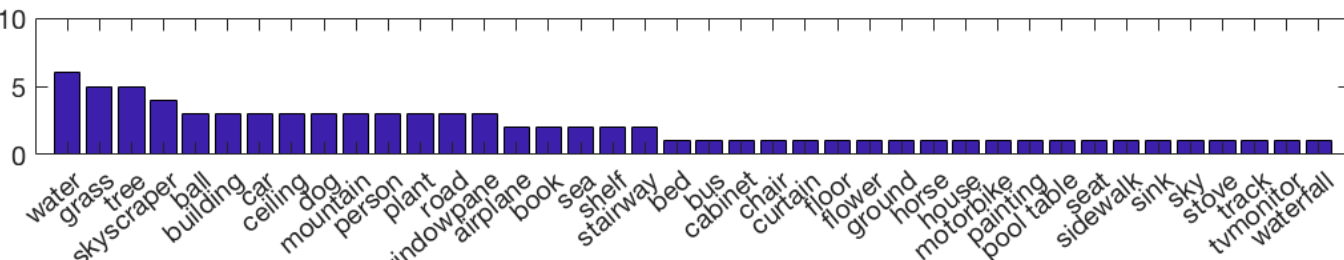
AlexNet

VGG

GoogLeNet

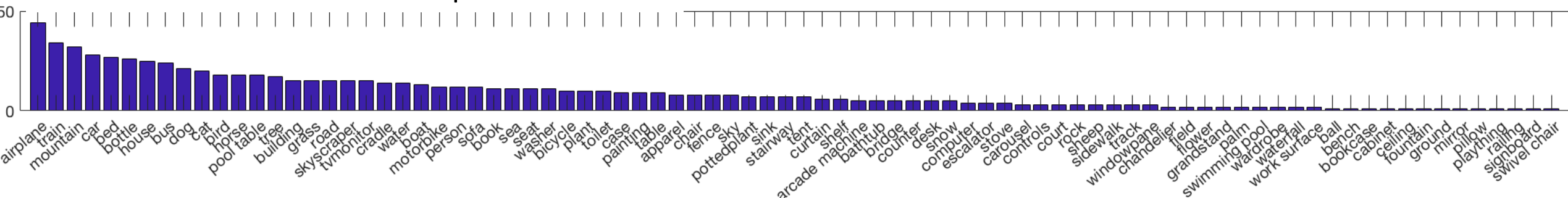
ResNet

**AlexNet** Detector: 81      Unique Detector: 40

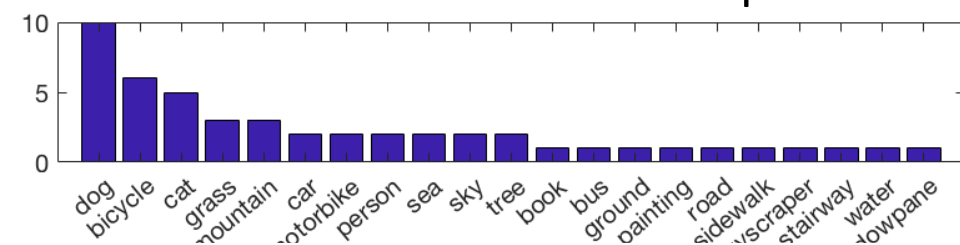


Object units built  
from Places

**ResNet** Detector: 774      Unique Detector: 84

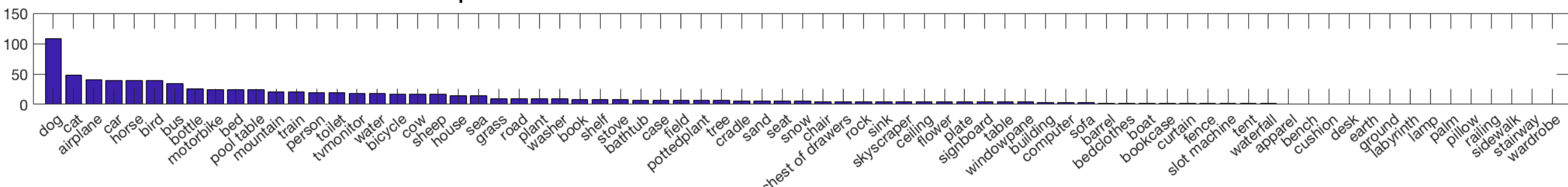


**AlexNet** Detector: 49      Unique Detector: 21

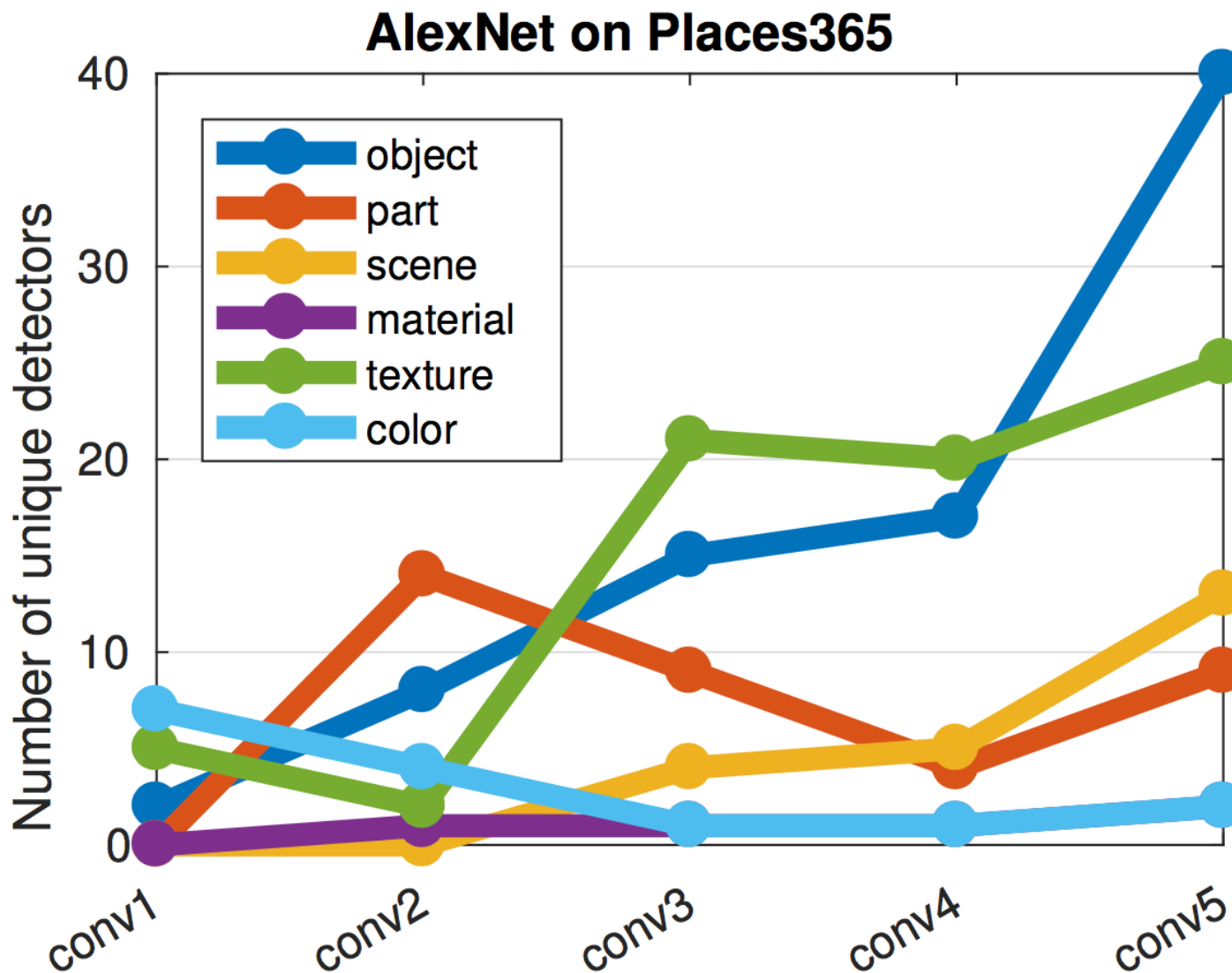


Object units built  
from ImageNet

**ResNet** Detector: 858      Unique Detector: 75

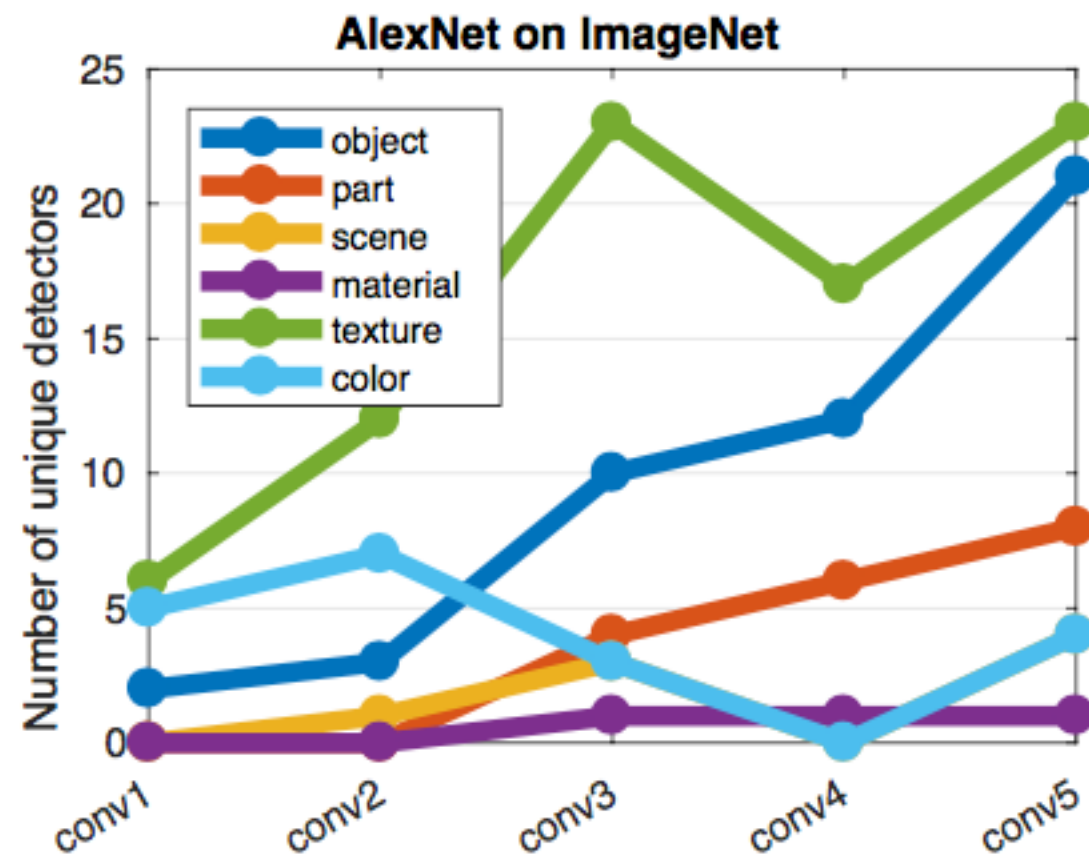
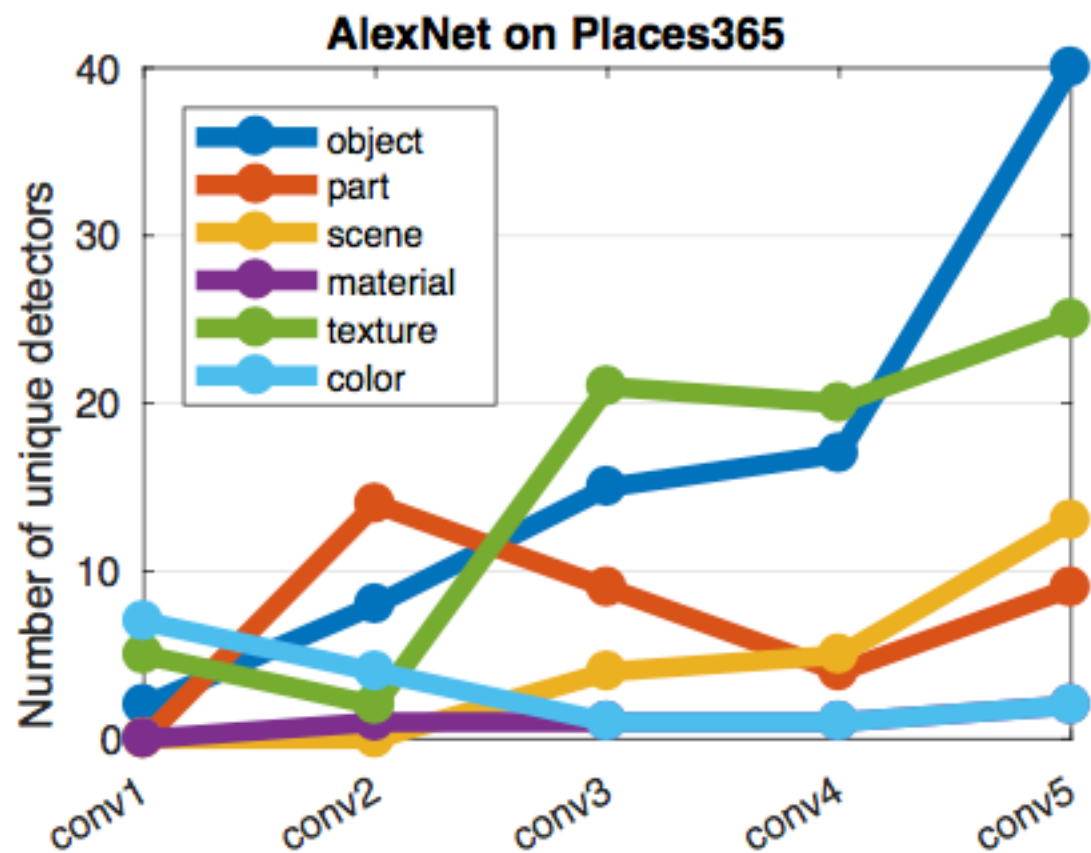


# Interpretable Units over Layers

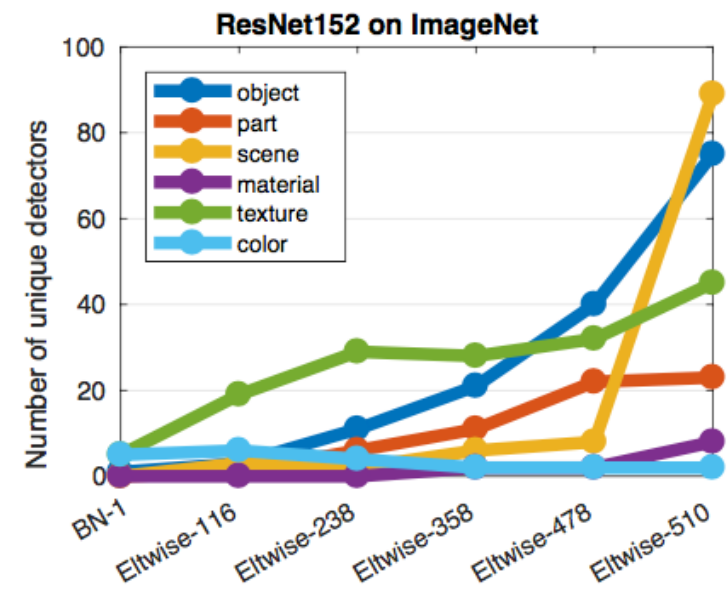
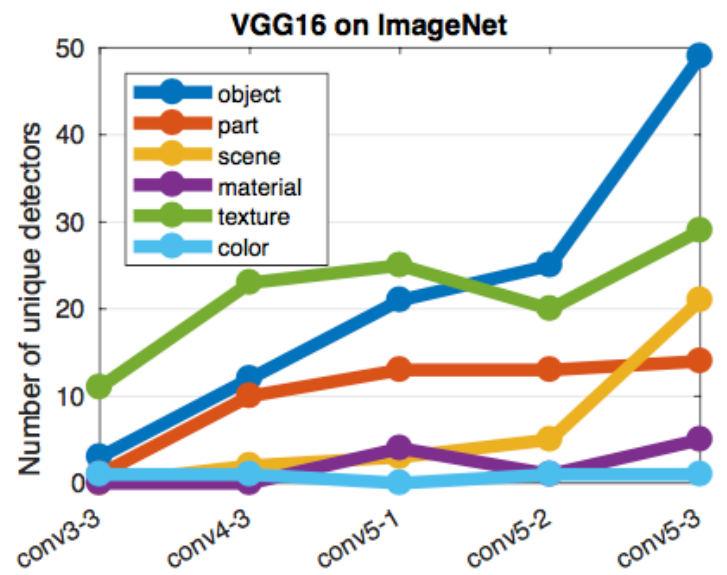
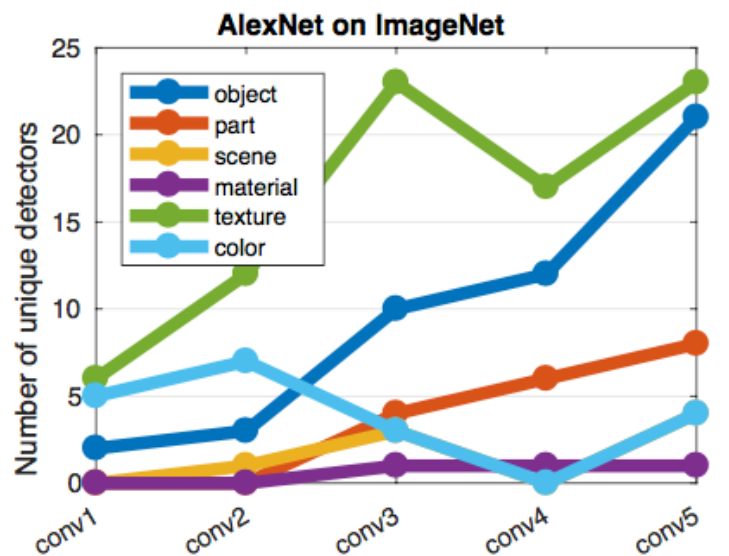
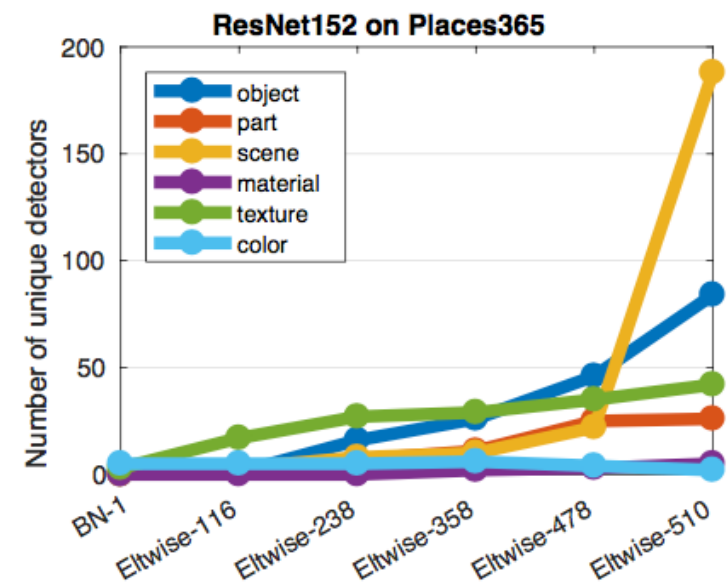
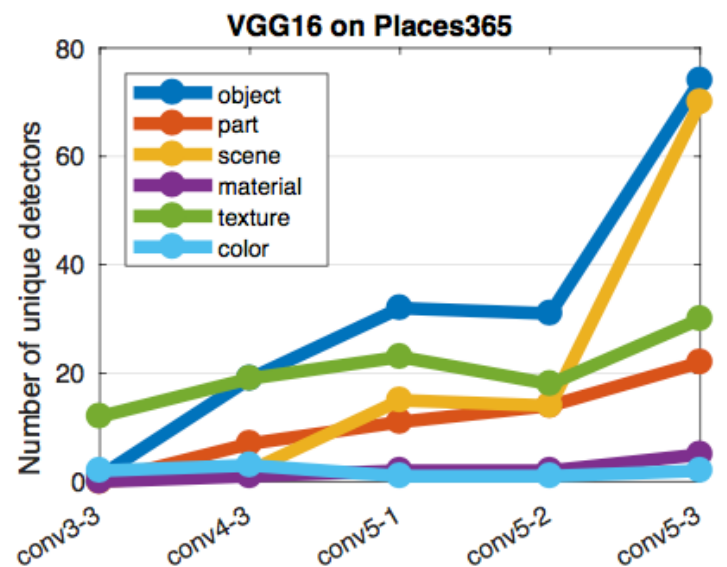
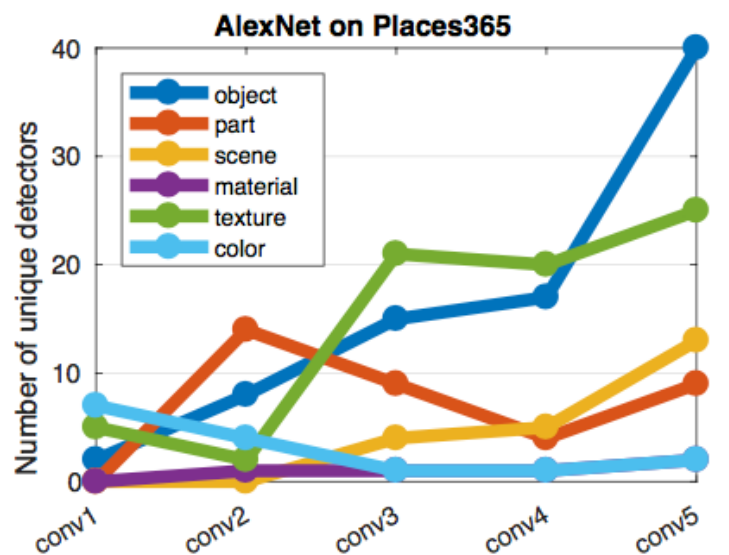




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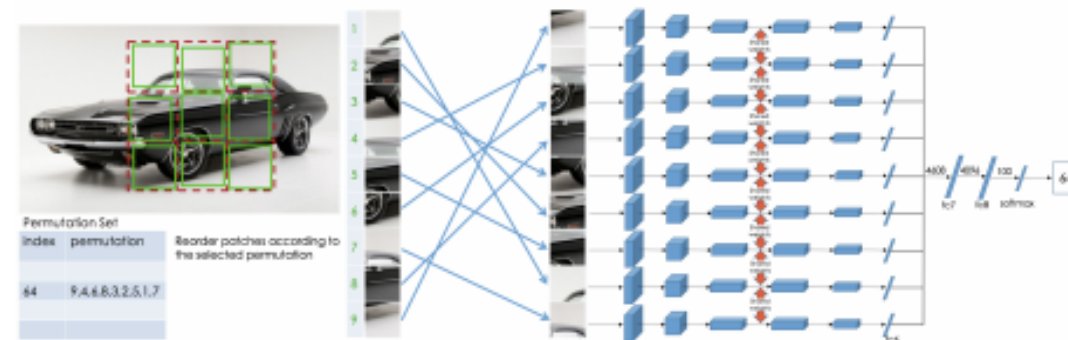


# CNNs Trained from Self-supervised Learning

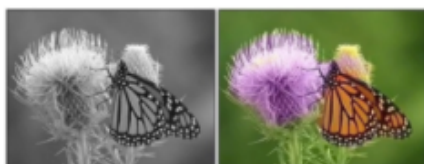
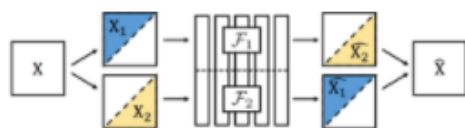
Training CNN without image labels.



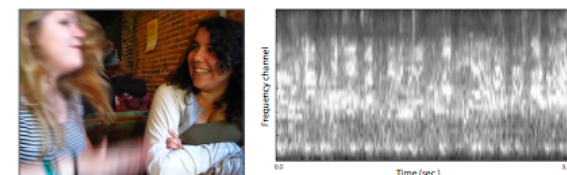
Context prediction, ICCV'15



Solving puzzle, ECCV'16



Colorization, ECCV'16 and CVPR'17

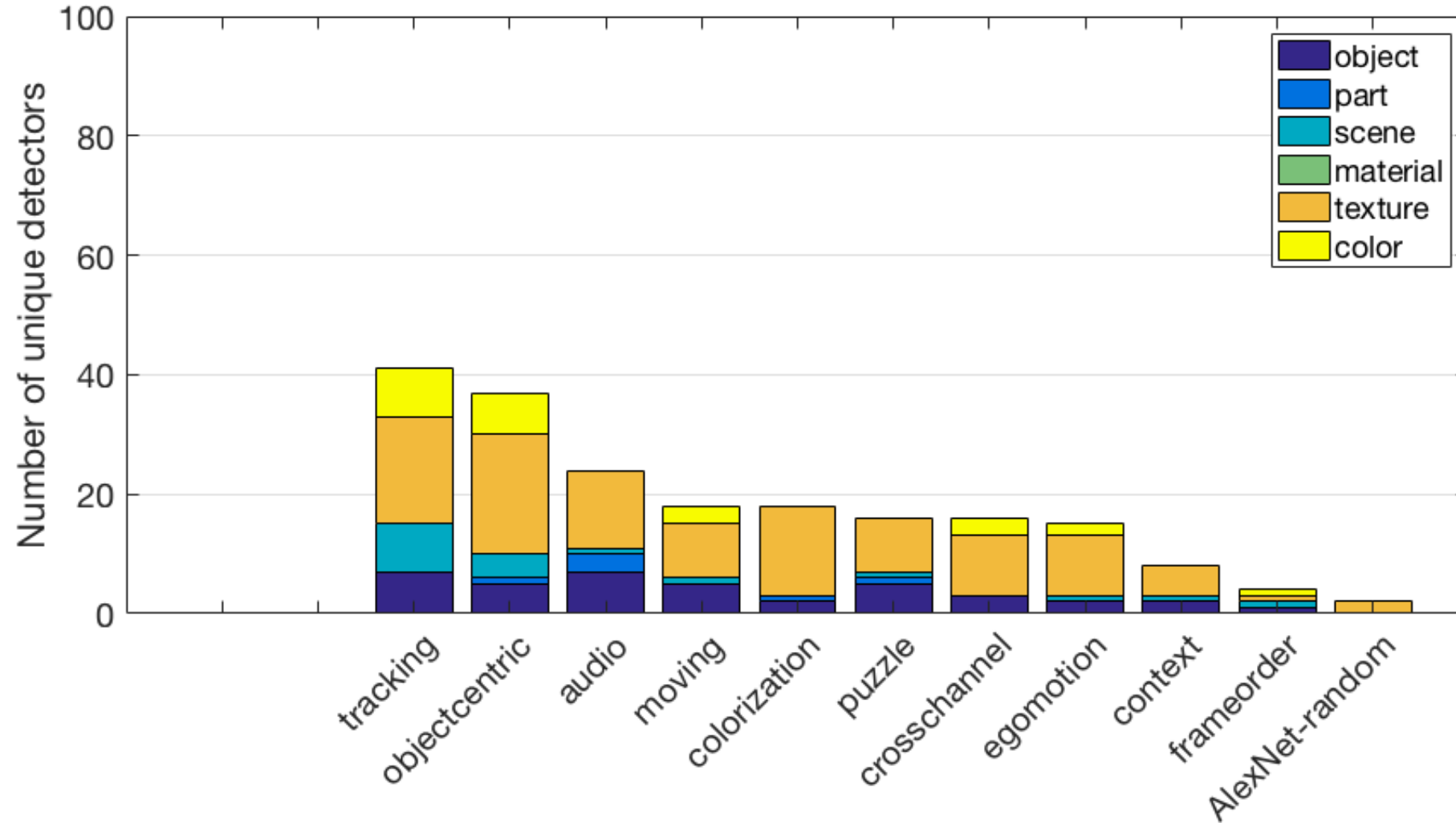


(a) Video frame

(b) Cochleagram

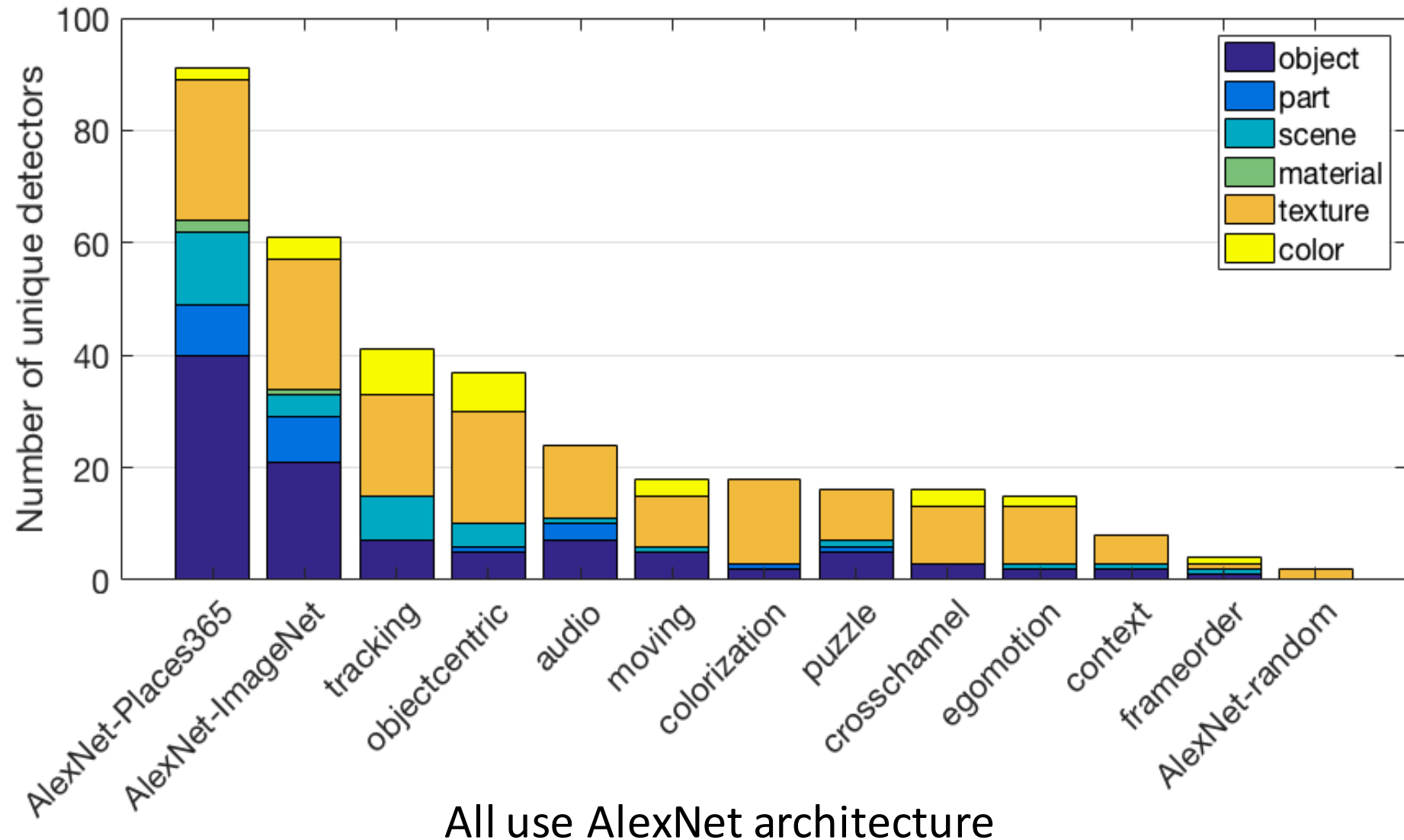
Audio prediction, ECCV'16

# Comparison of Supervisions



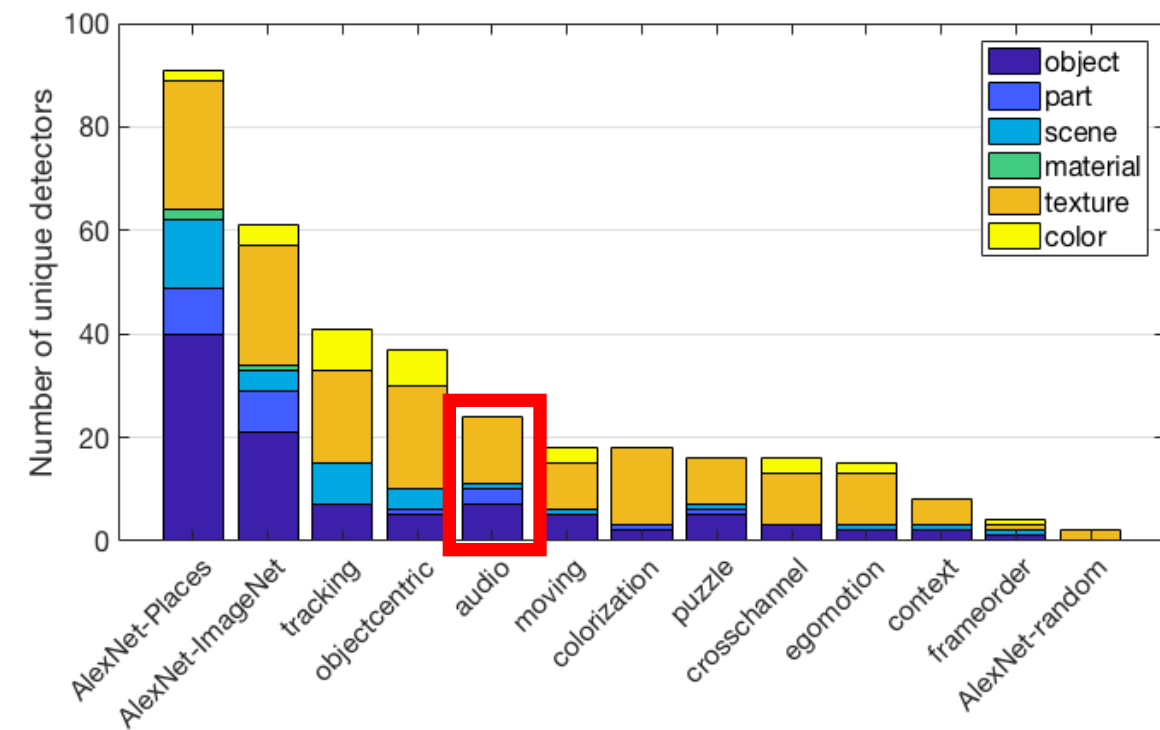
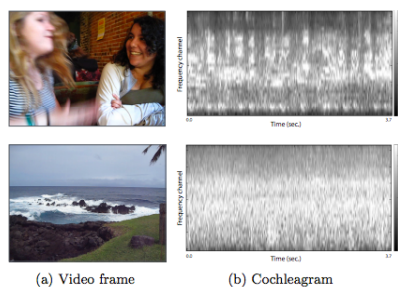
All use AlexNet architecture

# Comparison of Supervisions



# Interpretable Units in Self-supervised Networks

Predict audio from video frames. ECCV'16 Owens et al.



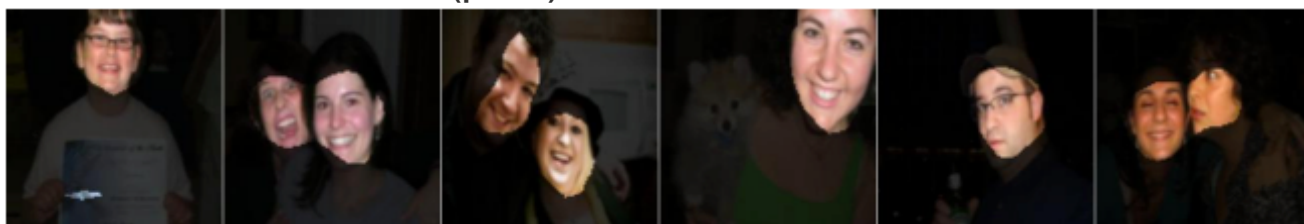
conv5 unit 205: car (object) IoU=0.063



conv5 unit 124: creek (scene) IoU=0.031

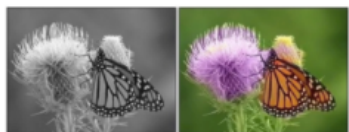
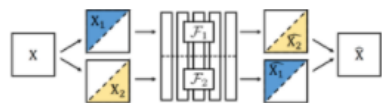


conv5 unit 51: head (part) IoU=0.061





# Interpretable Units in Self-supervised Networks



Colorize grey images  
ECCV'16. Zhang et al.

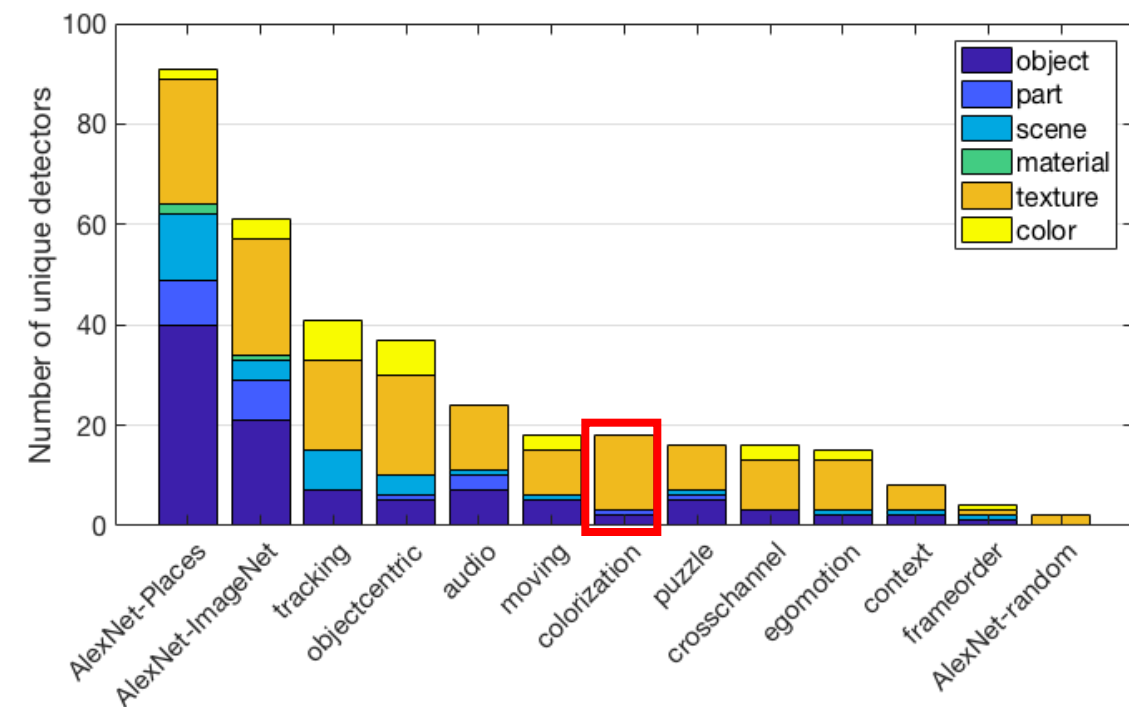
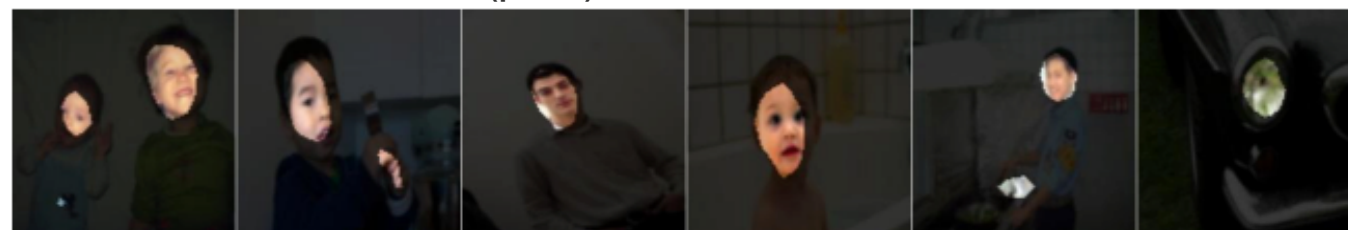
conv5 unit 15: banded (texture) IoU=0.13



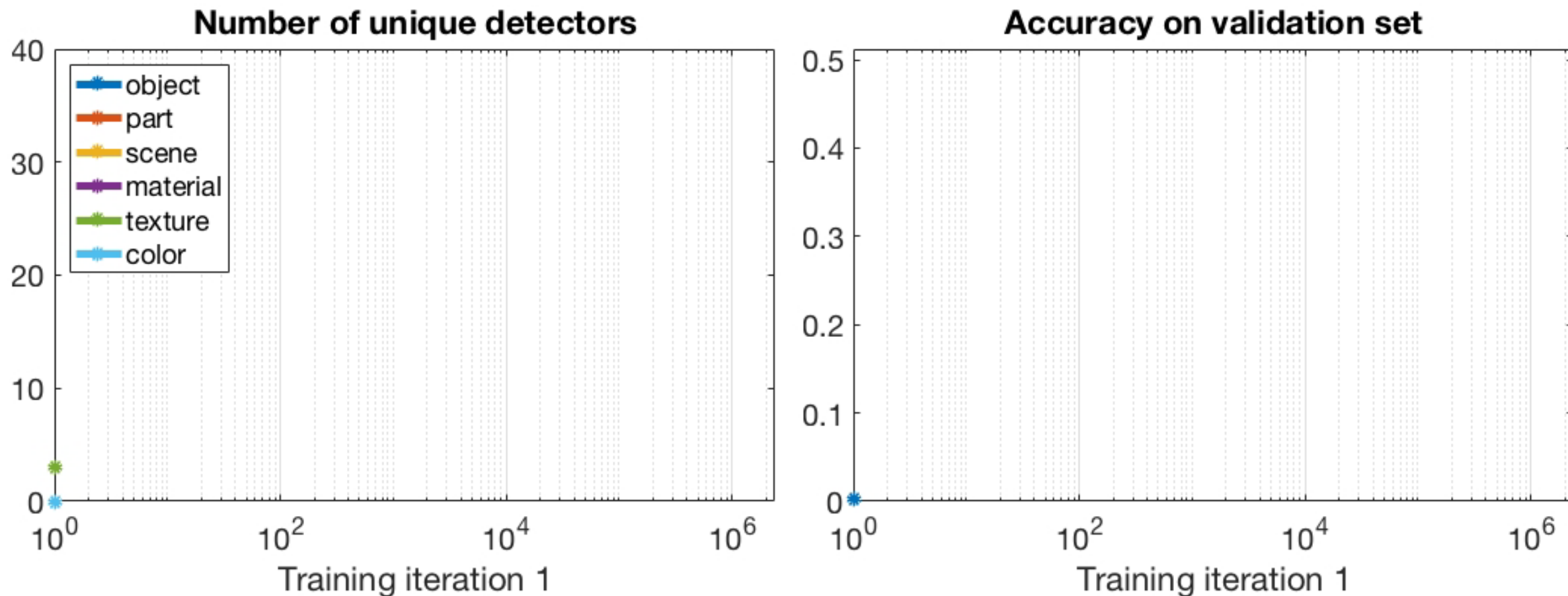
conv5 unit 159: tree (object) IoU=0.039



conv5 unit 210: head (part) IoU=0.038



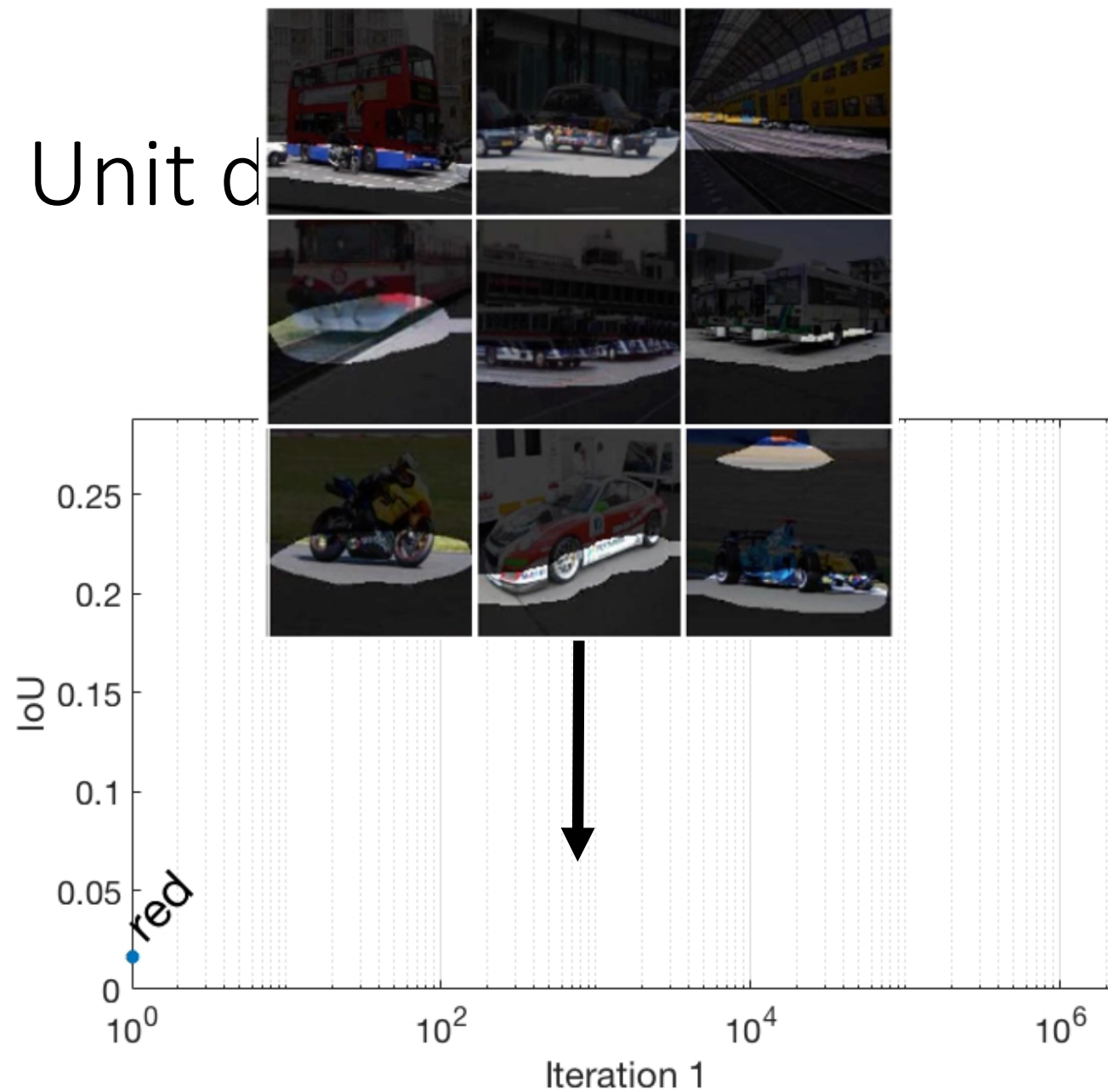
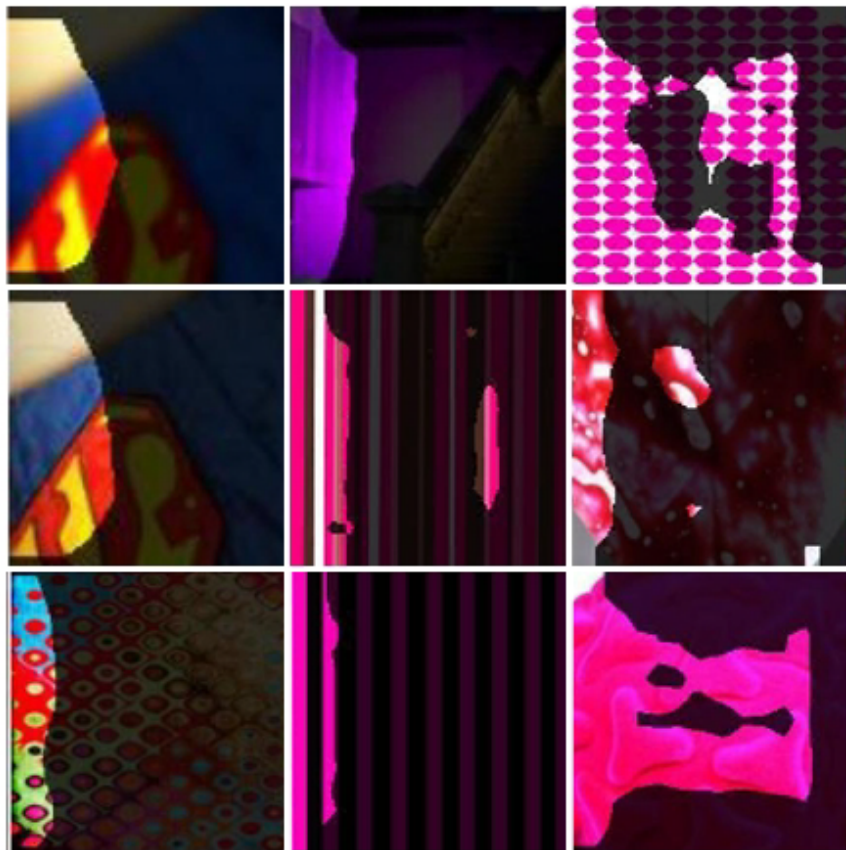
# Emergence of Interpretable Units during Training





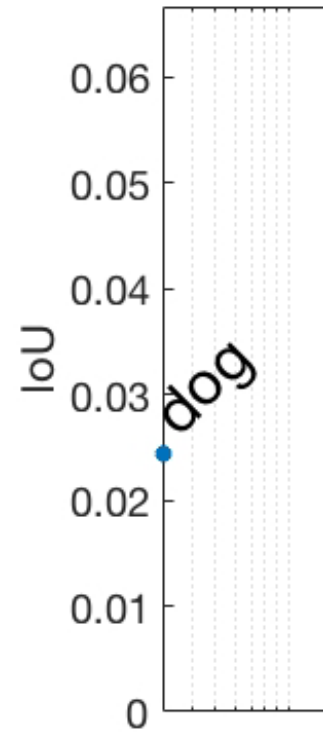
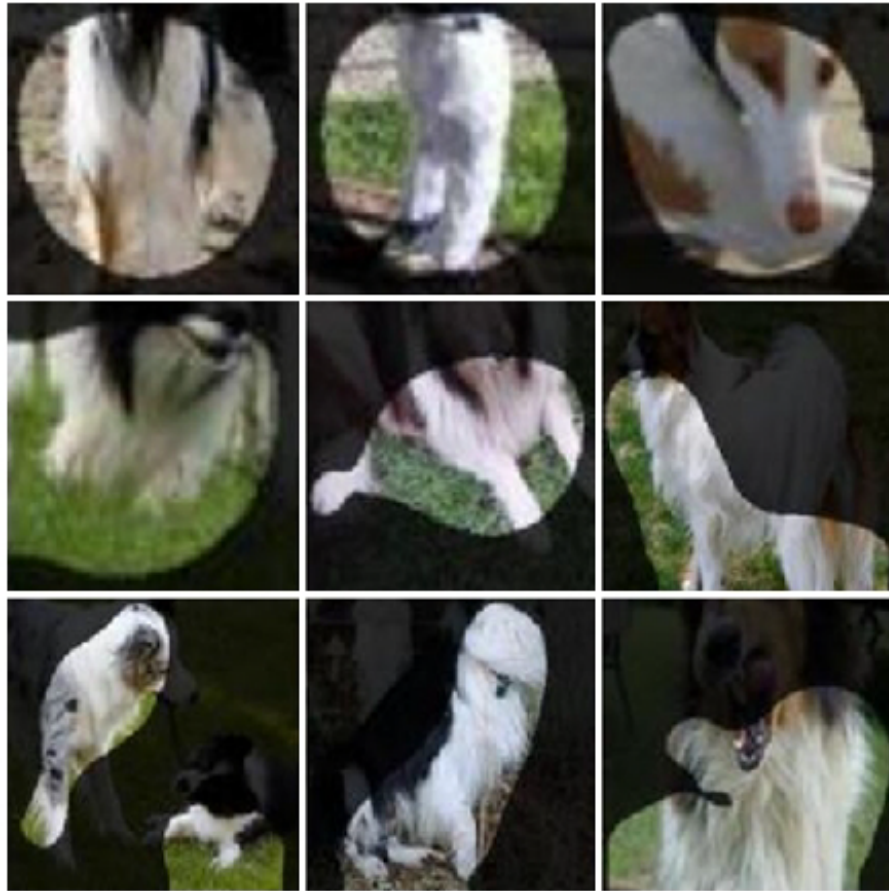
# Individual Unit d

Unit 23 at conv5 layer



# Fine-tuning from ImageNet to Places

Unit 8 at conv5 layer



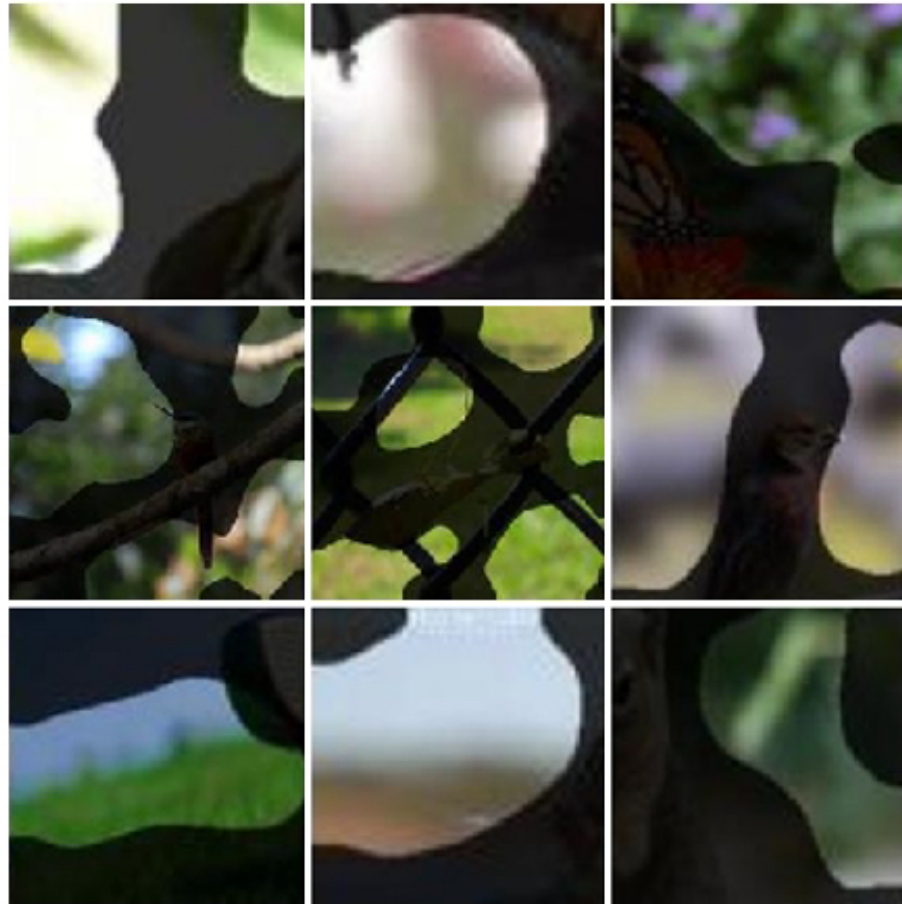
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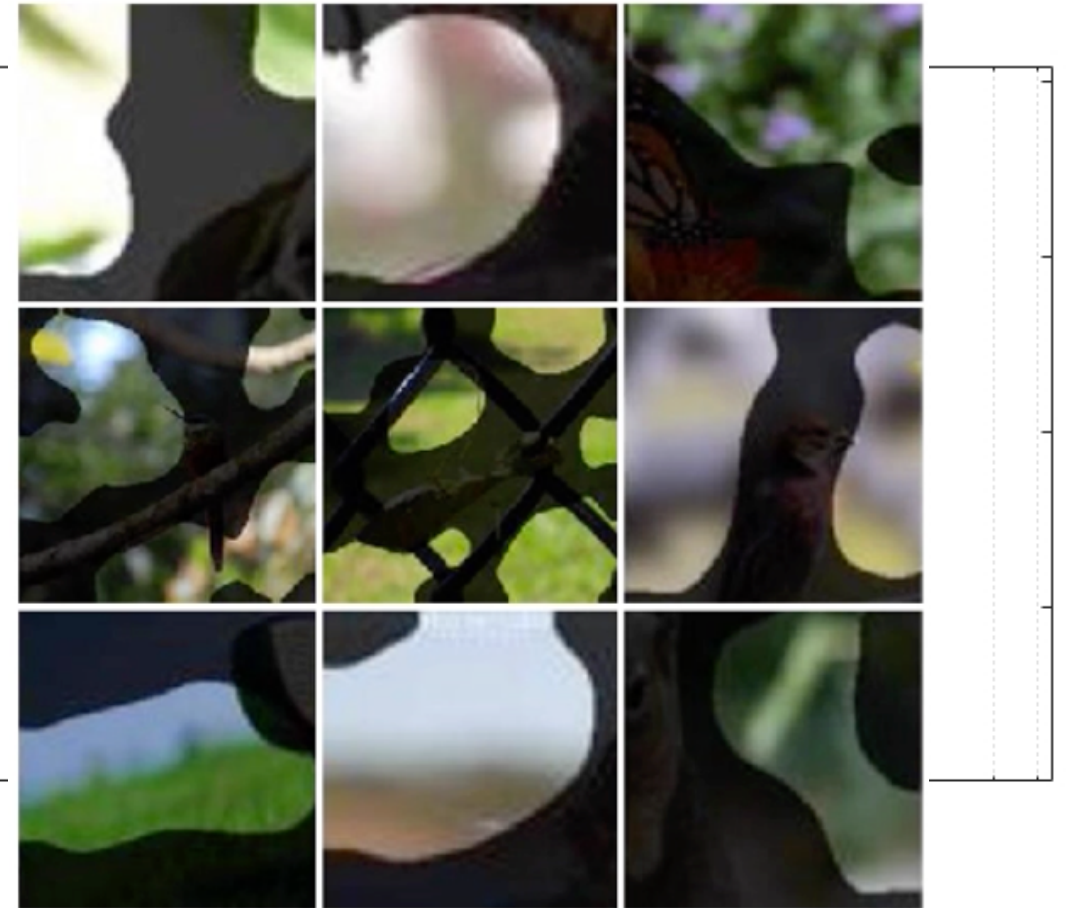
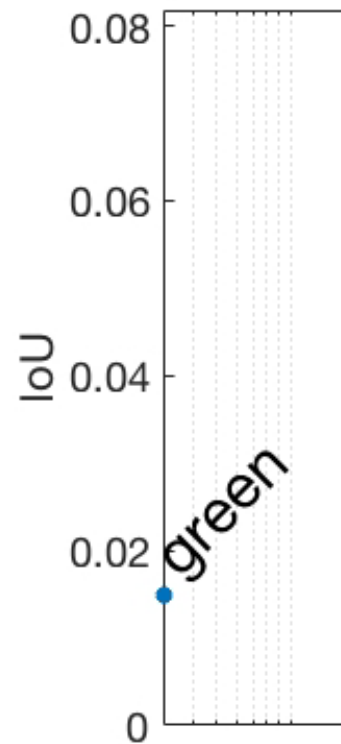


# Fine-tuning from ImageNet to Places

Unit 52 at conv5 layer



Before fine-tuning



# Fine-tuning from Places to ImageNet

Unit 35 at conv5 layer



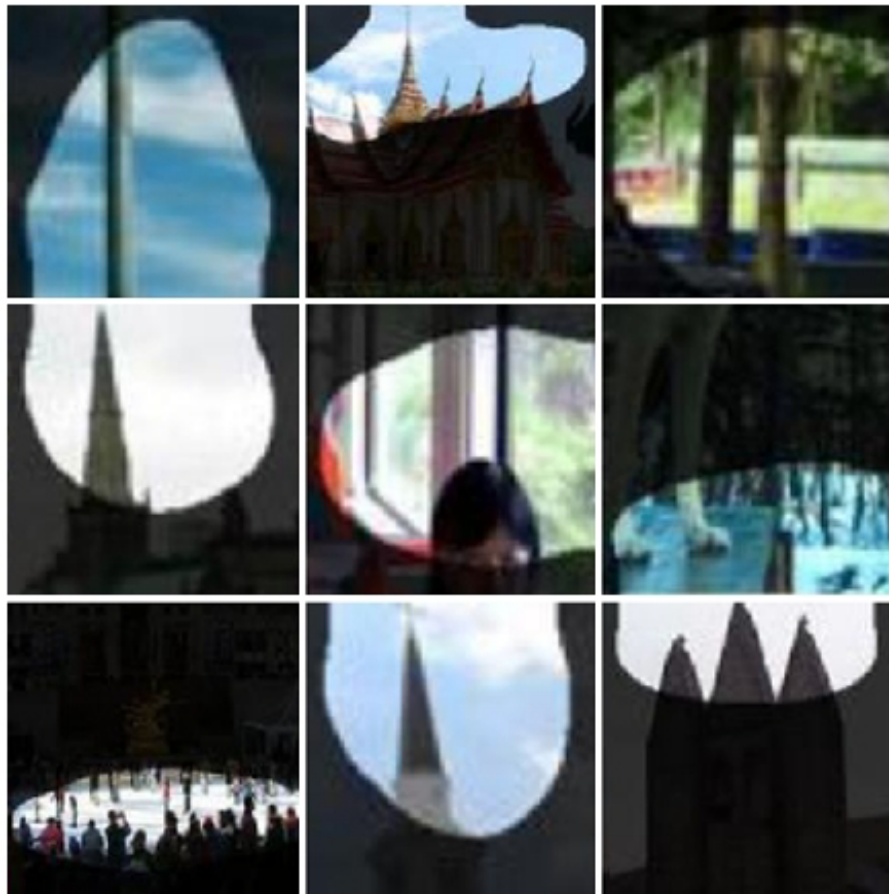
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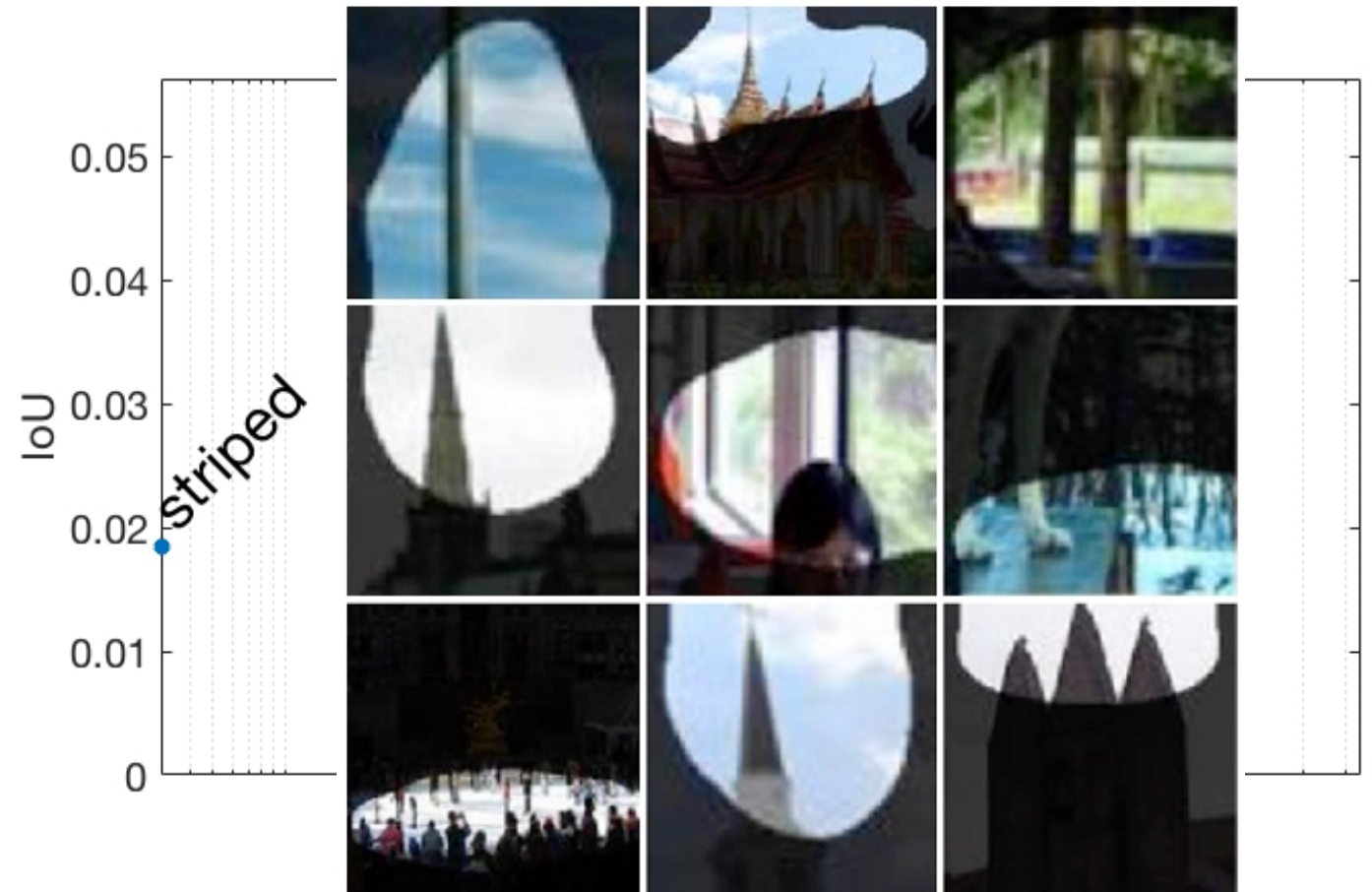


# Fine-tuning from Places to ImageNet

Unit 103 at conv5 layer



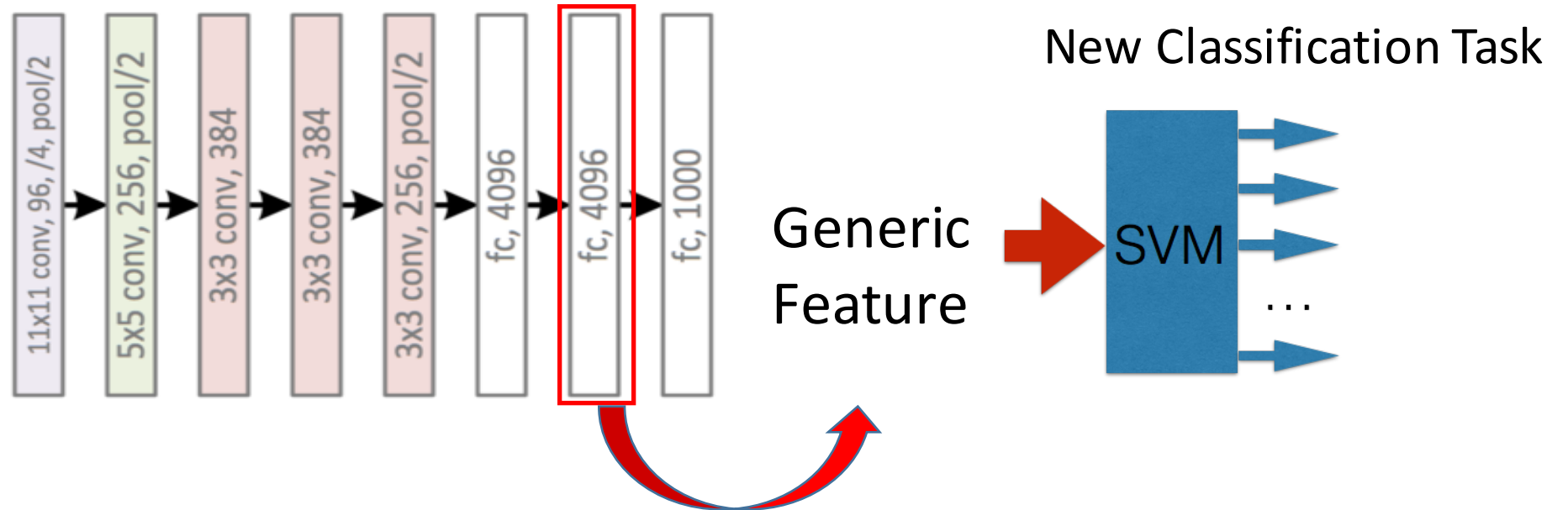
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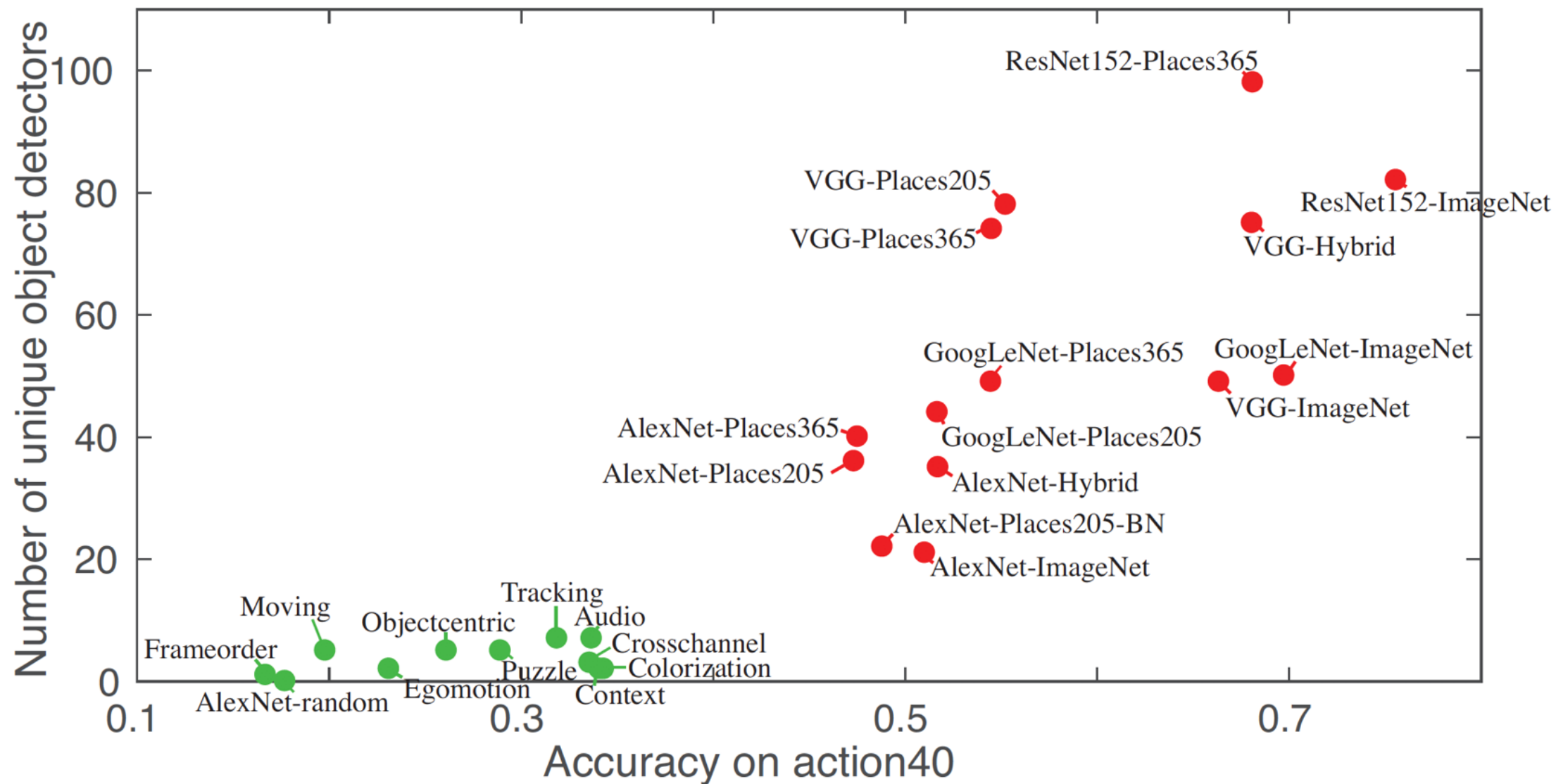


# Explainable Deep Features

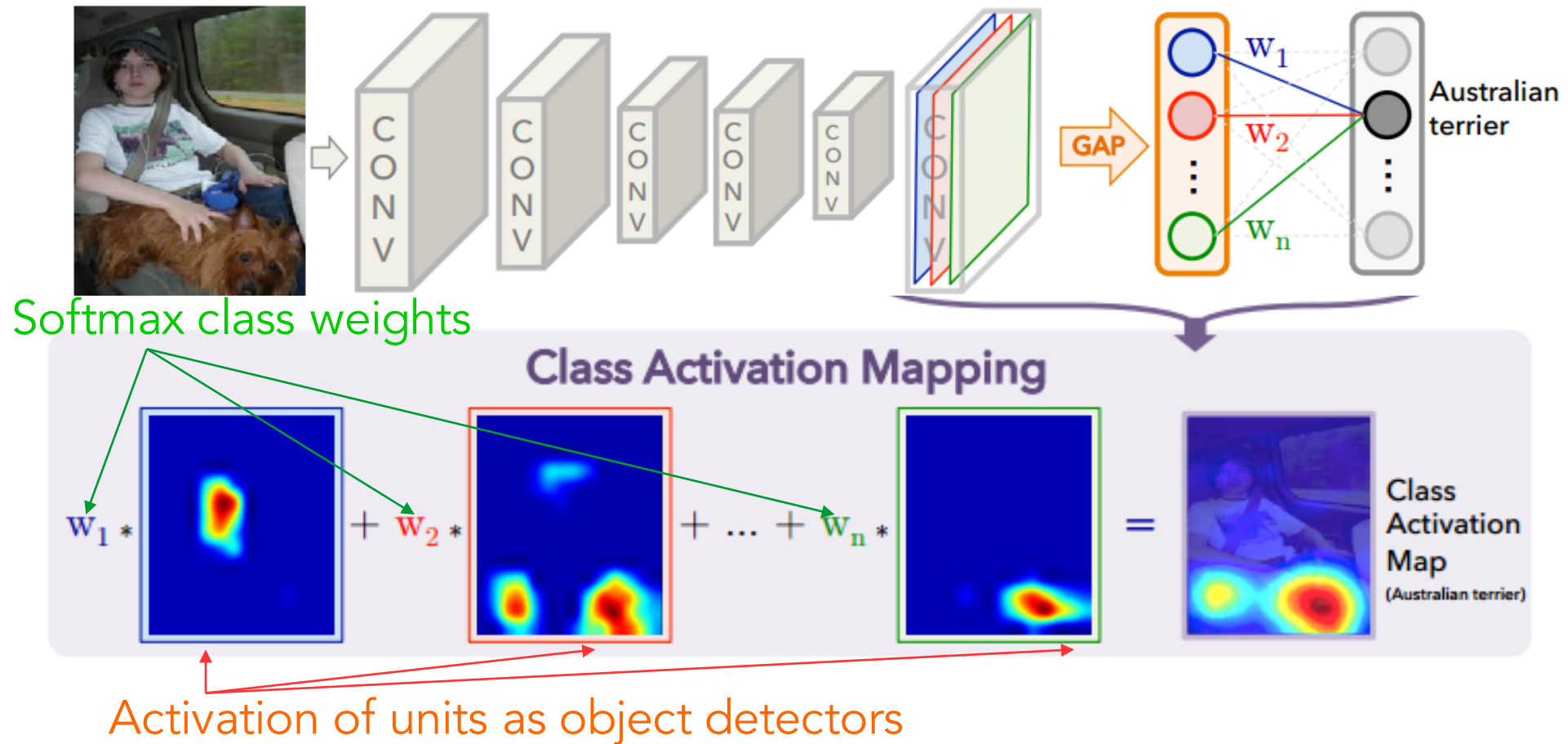
Activations from CNN as generic visual feature



# Deep features as generic visual descriptor

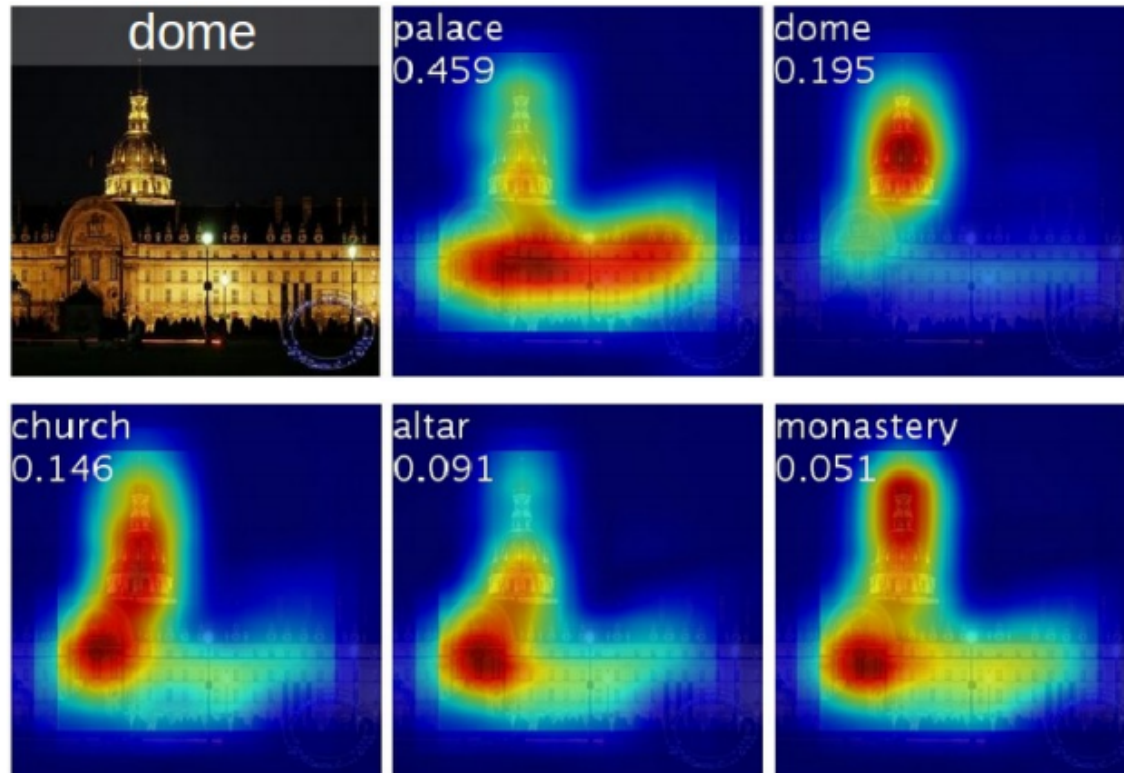


# Explaining the Output



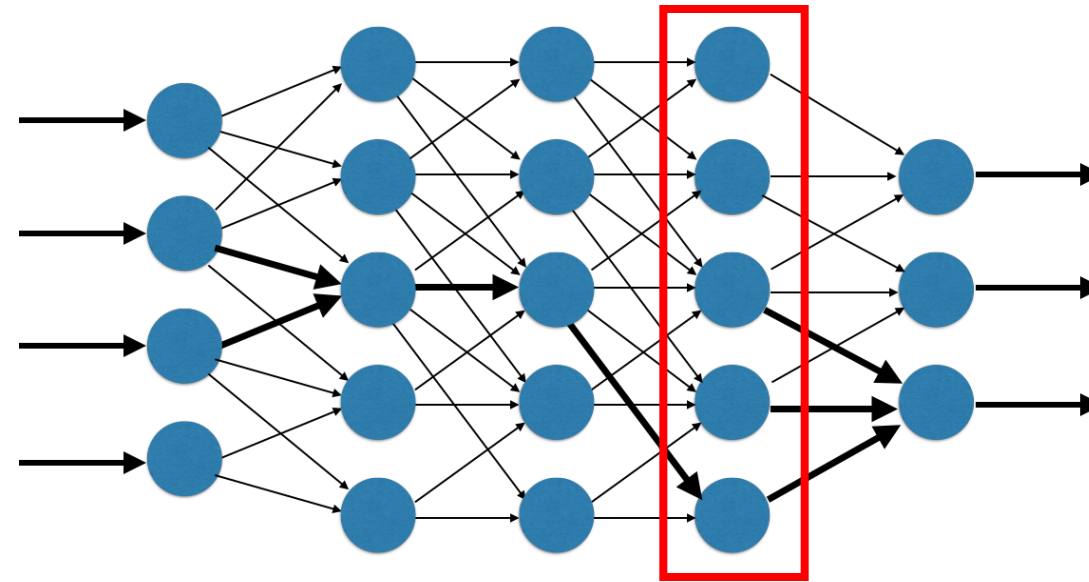
# Explaining the Output

- Class Activation Maps (CAM) for the top5 predictions:  
palace, dome, church, altar, monastery





# Explaining the Output by Unit Interpretations



Walking the dog

unit 20  
dog (object,0.04)



unit 1349  
leg (part,0.07)



unit 757  
person (object,0.10)



unit 25  
dog (object,0.09)

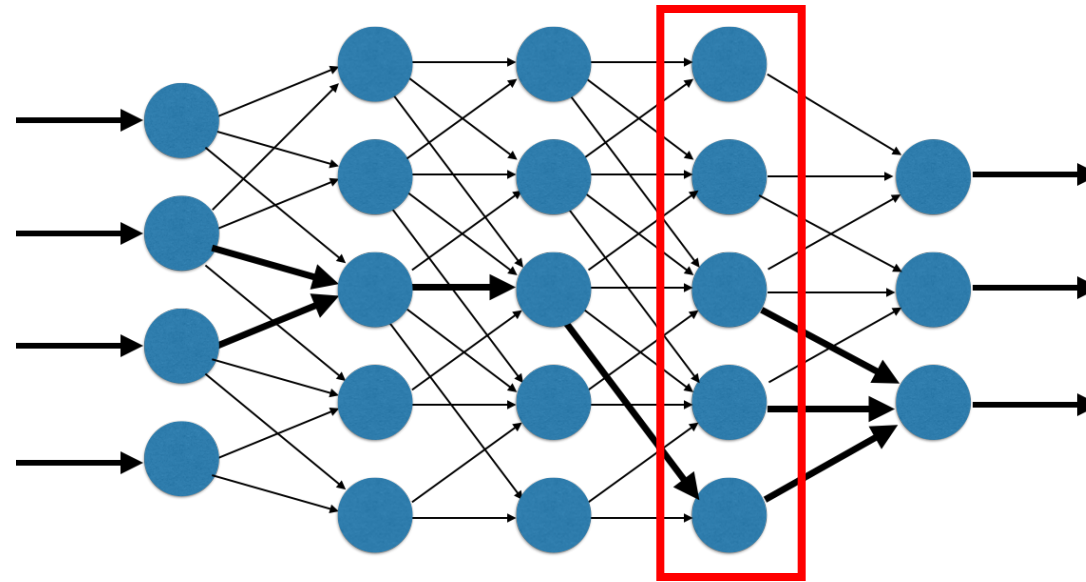


unit 1647  
dog (object,0.02)



Top activated units

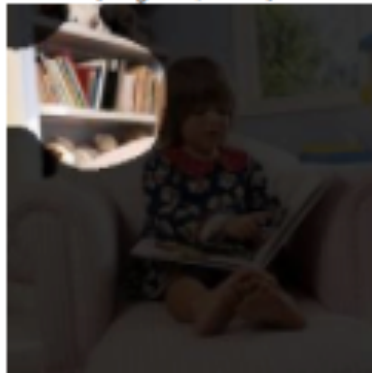
# Explaining the Output by Unit Interpretations



Reading

Top activated units

unit 362  
book (object,0.15)



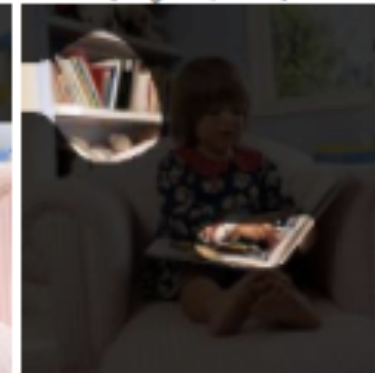
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person (object,0.13)



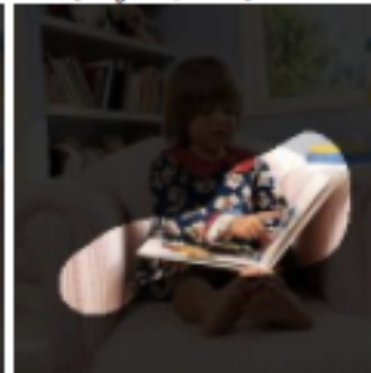
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back pillow (part,0.04)



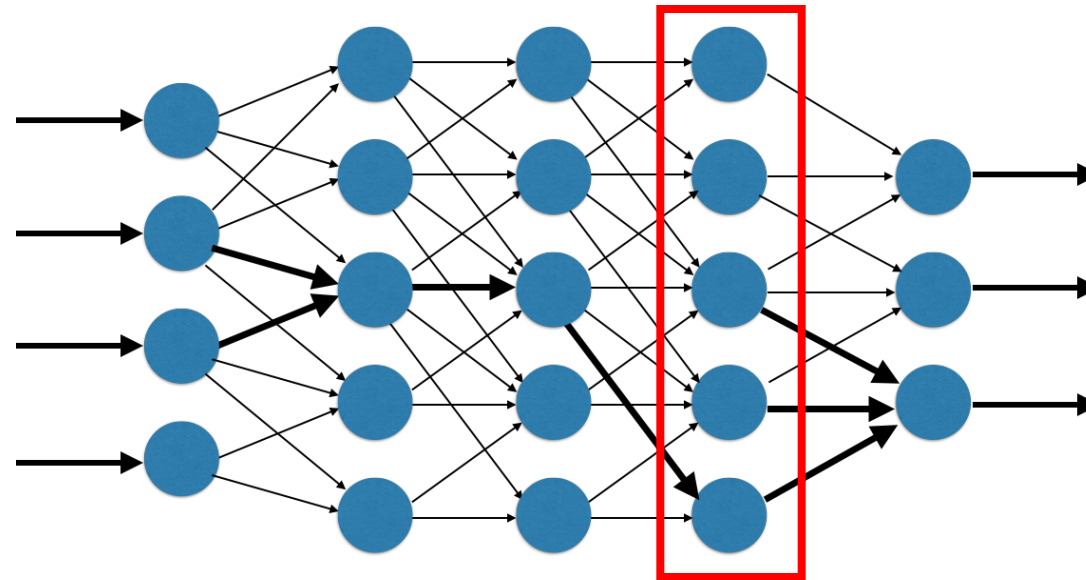
unit 365  
book (object,0.07)



unit 927  
car (object,0.18)



# Explaining the Output by Unit Interpretations



Correct label:  
Gardening

Cutting vegetables

unit 1927  
arm (part,0.06)



unit 575  
table (object,0.03)



unit 1230  
pottedplant (object,0.10)



unit 1618  
sandbox (scene,0.03)



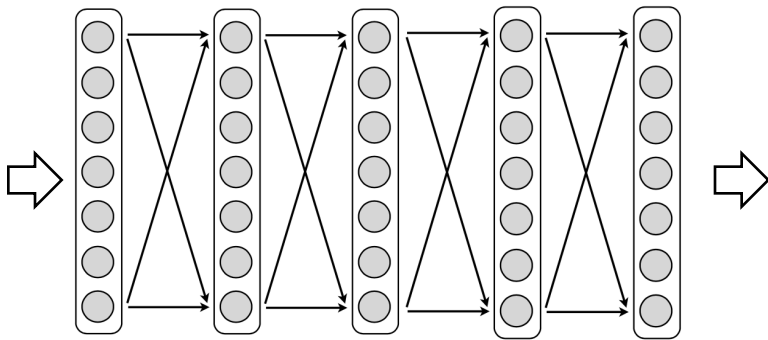
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sea (object,0.06)



Top activated units



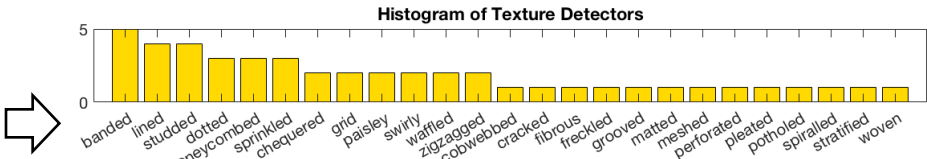
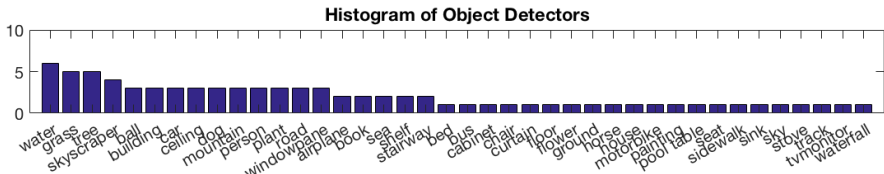
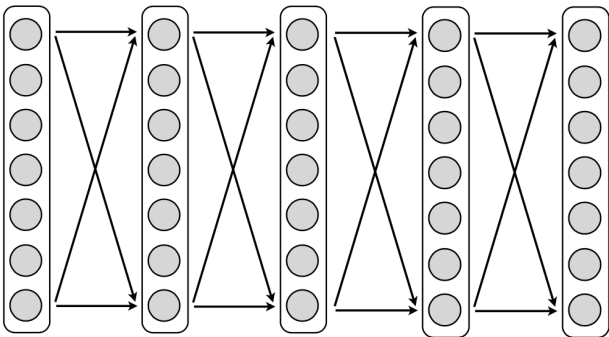
# Conclusion



Living room  
Kitchen  
Coast  
Theater  
...

## Interpretability Report

### Network Dissection



unit 79 car, IoU=0.13



unit 107 road, IoU=0.15

