

# Machine Learning for Medical Imaging

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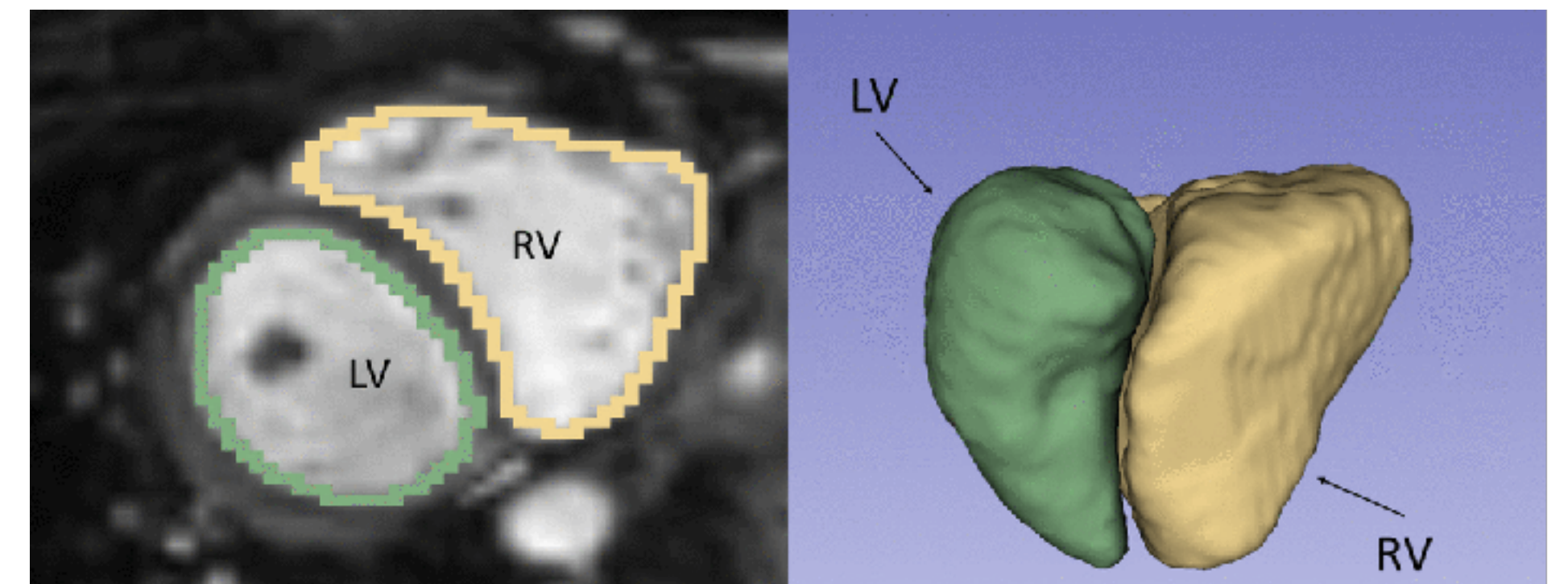
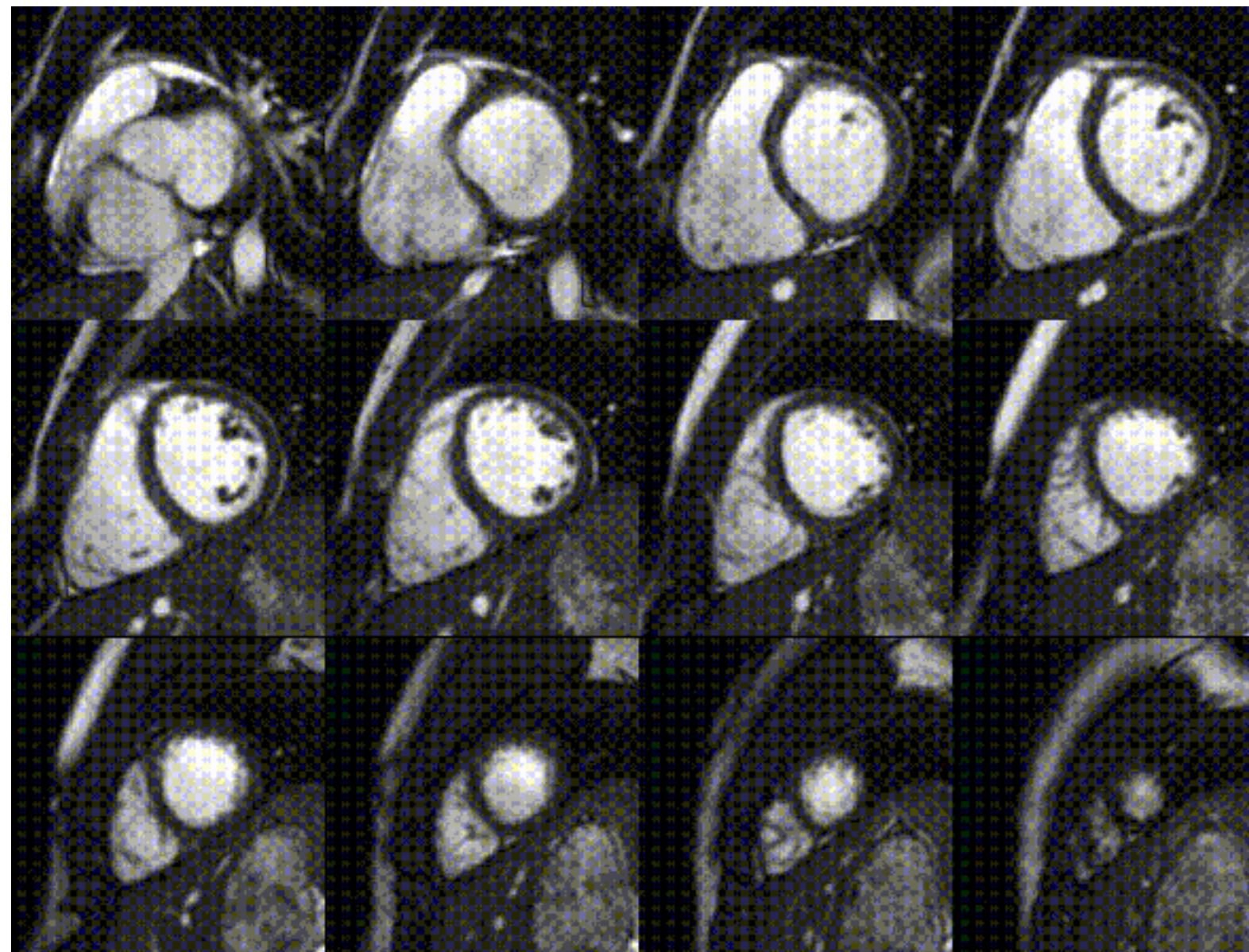
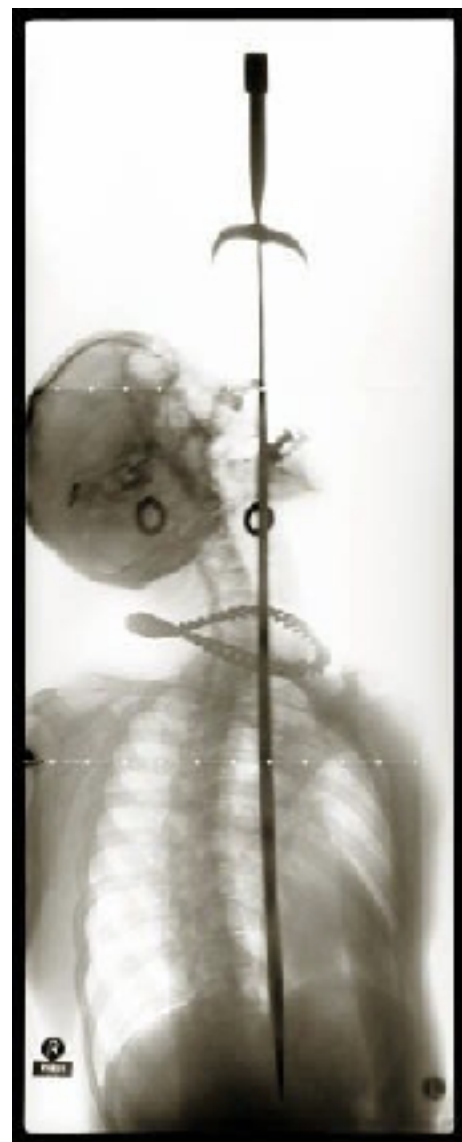
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# What is medical imaging?

- Medical imaging is the technique and process of imaging the interior of a body for clinical analysis and medical intervention.
- Critical for diagnosis, treatment, monitoring disease and more



# Fundamentals of medical imaging

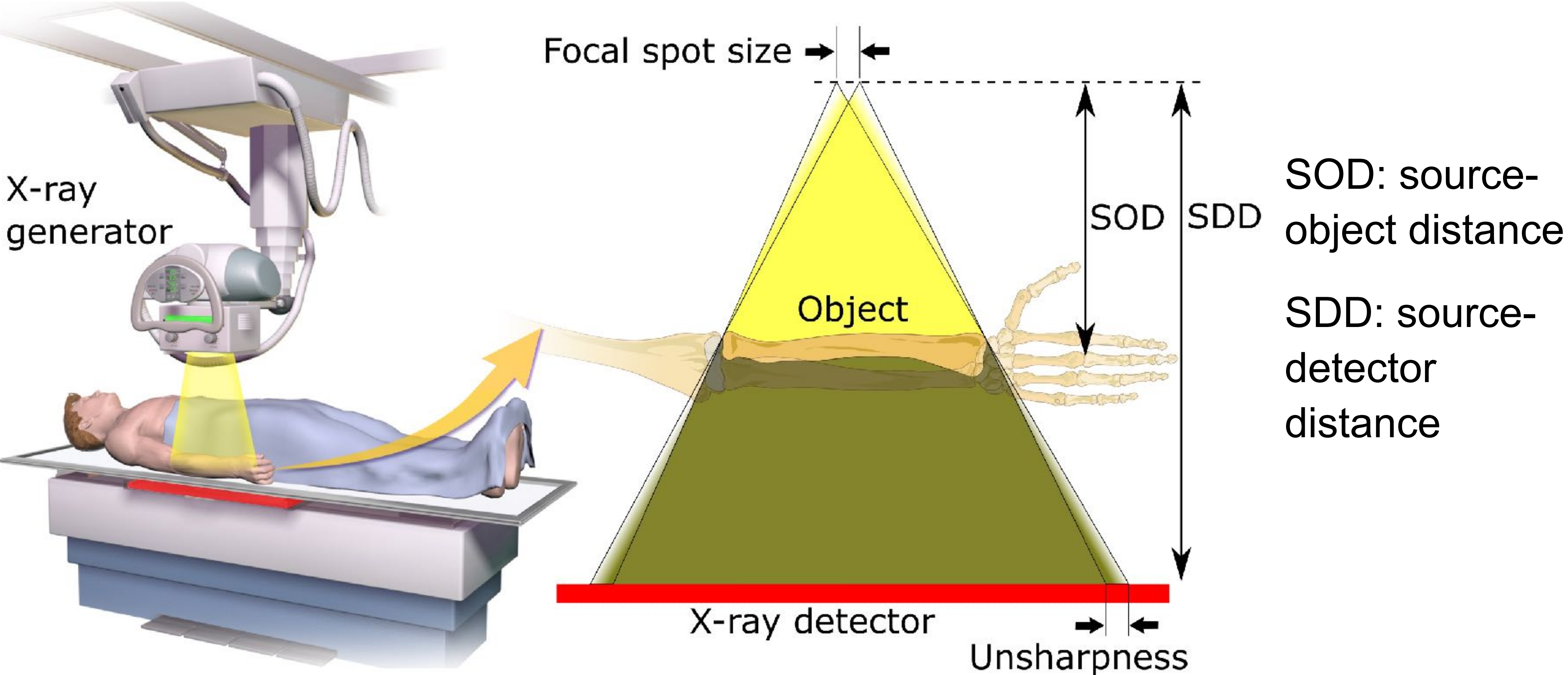
- A generator releases energy.
  - **Create “invisible light”**
- Body tissues interact with the energy.
- A receptor reconstructs an image based on the remaining/reflected energy.

## Examples:

- Projectional radiography (X-rays), CT: electromagnetic radiation
- MRI: perturbation of magnetic field
- Ultrasound: sound waves



# Projectional radiography / x-ray



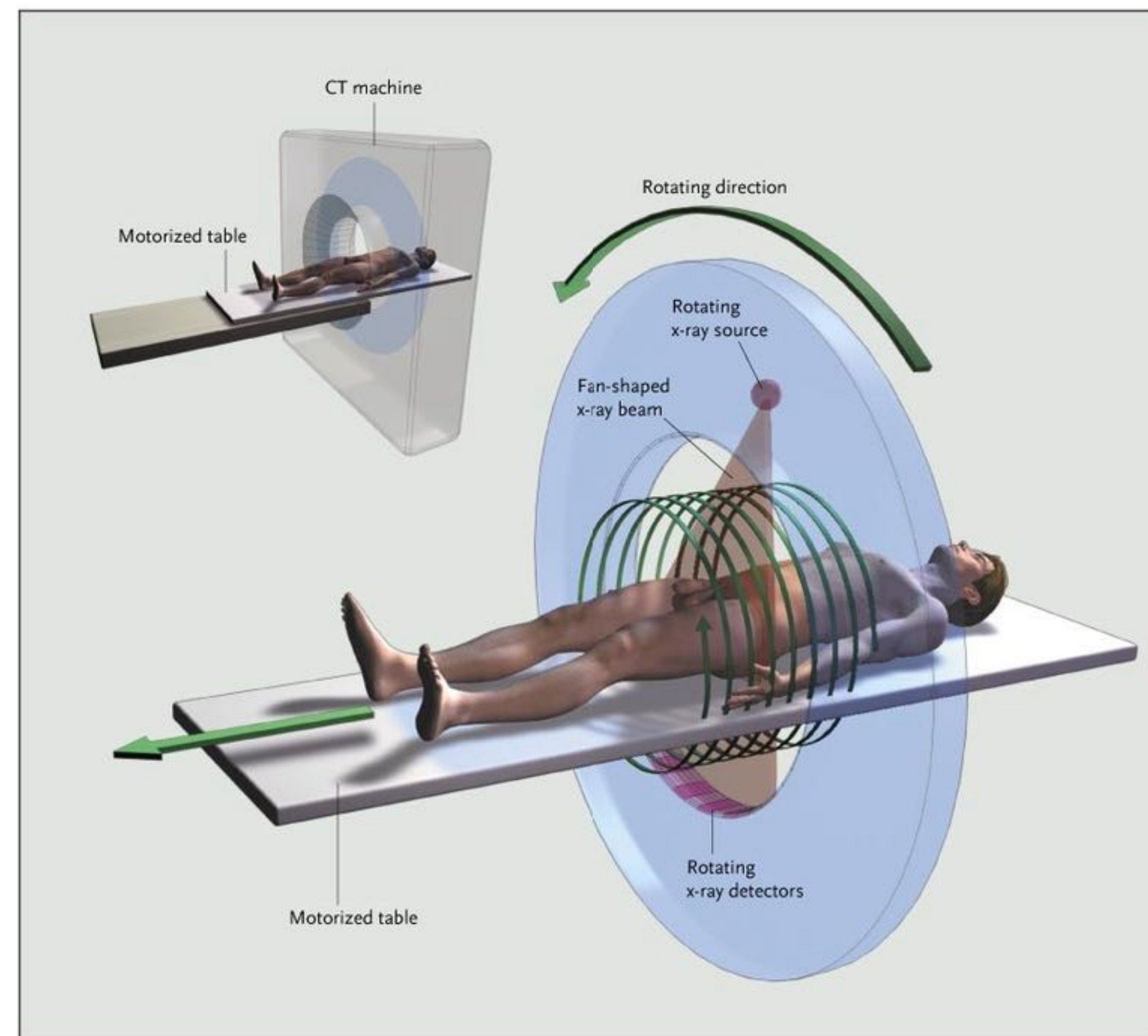
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Source: Ruizhi "Ray" Liao



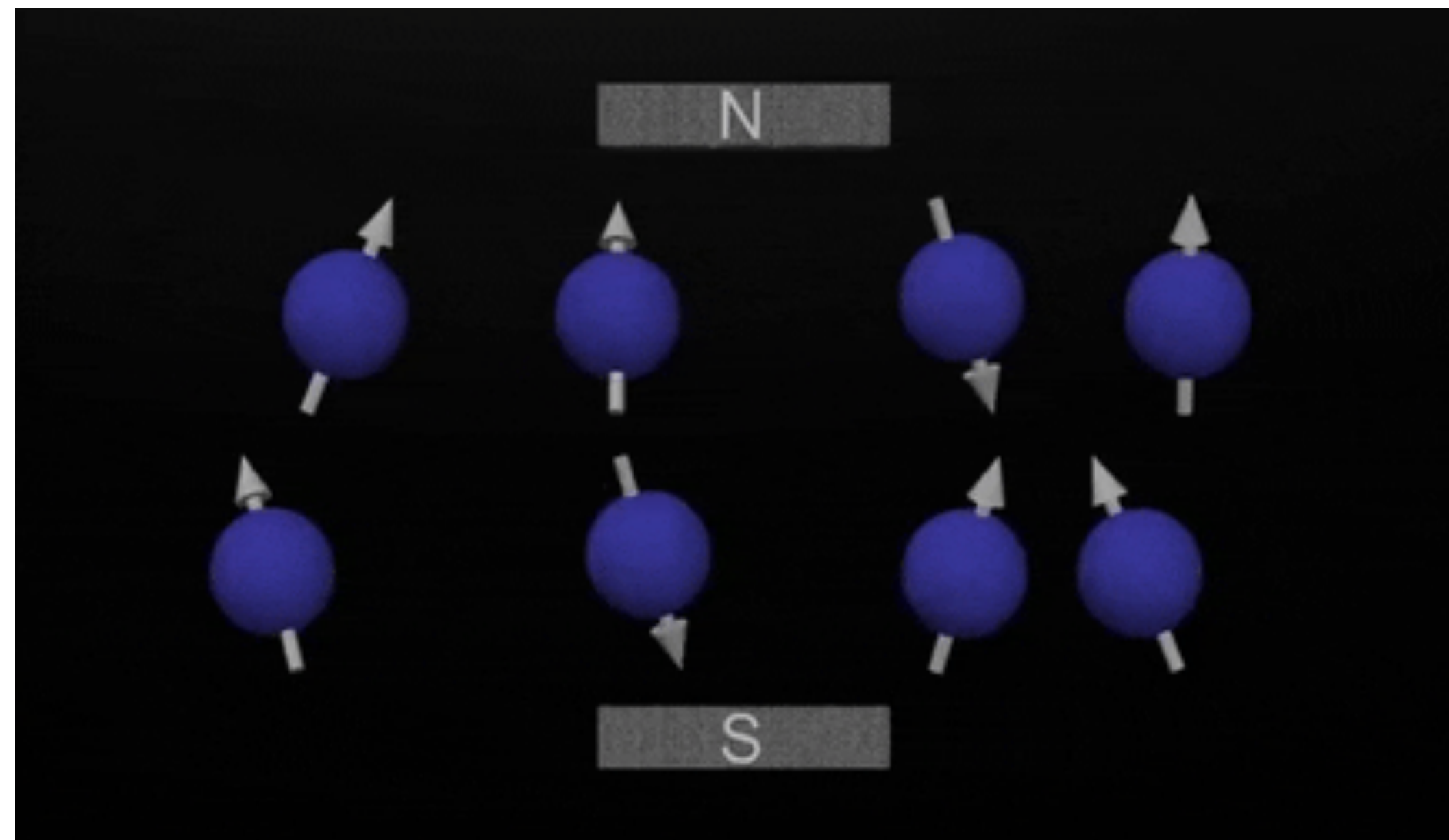
# Computed tomography (CT) scan

- Multiple x-ray measurements taken from different angles to produce tomographic images of a body.
- Advantages
  - Eliminating the superimposition of 2D x-ray images (due to its 3D nature)
  - High resolution (due to its high radiation energy)
- Adverse effect
  - One scan can have 100 to 1,000 times higher dose than 2D x-rays



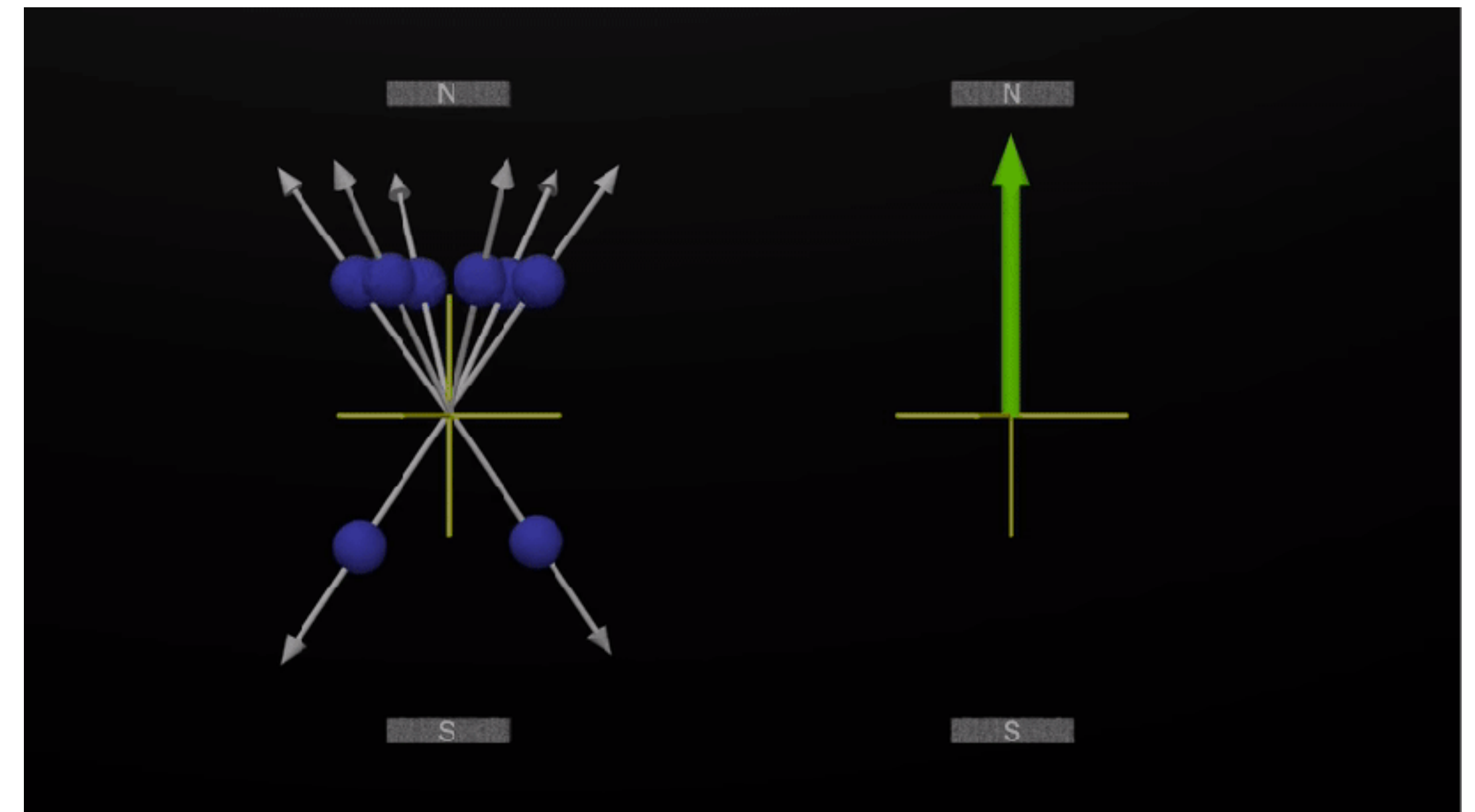
# Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)

- Nuclei with spin have a magnetic moments (spin magnetic moments). By itself, there is no energetic difference for any particular orientation of the nuclear magnet.



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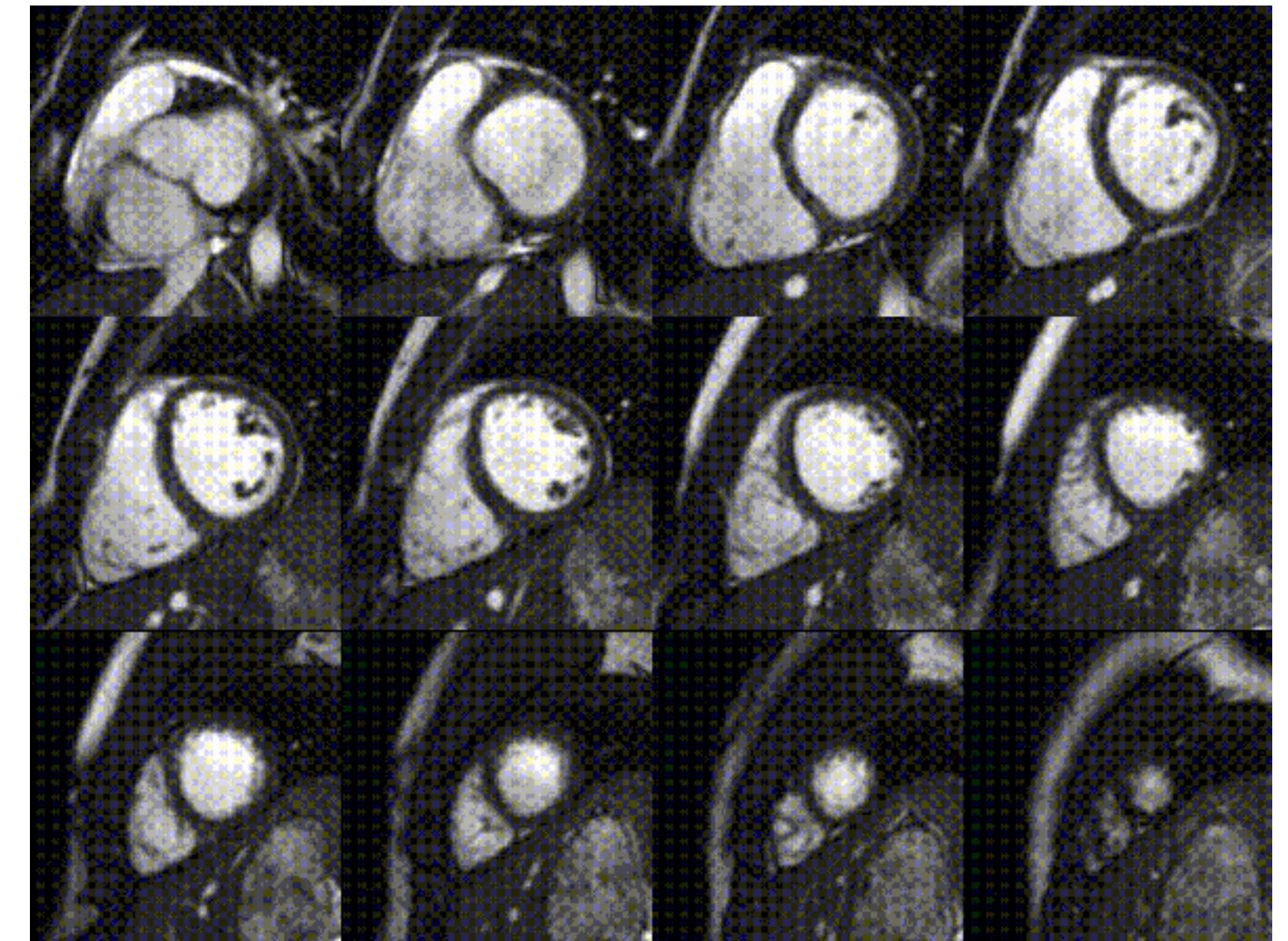
- A strong constant magnetic field is perturbed by a weak oscillating magnetic field.
- In response, the spin orientations of nuclei perturb from equilibrium.
- Nuclei return to their thermal equilibrium states of the spins. The receptor detects and characterizes the relaxation time to reconstruct MRI images.





# MRI captures chemical characteristics of body tissues

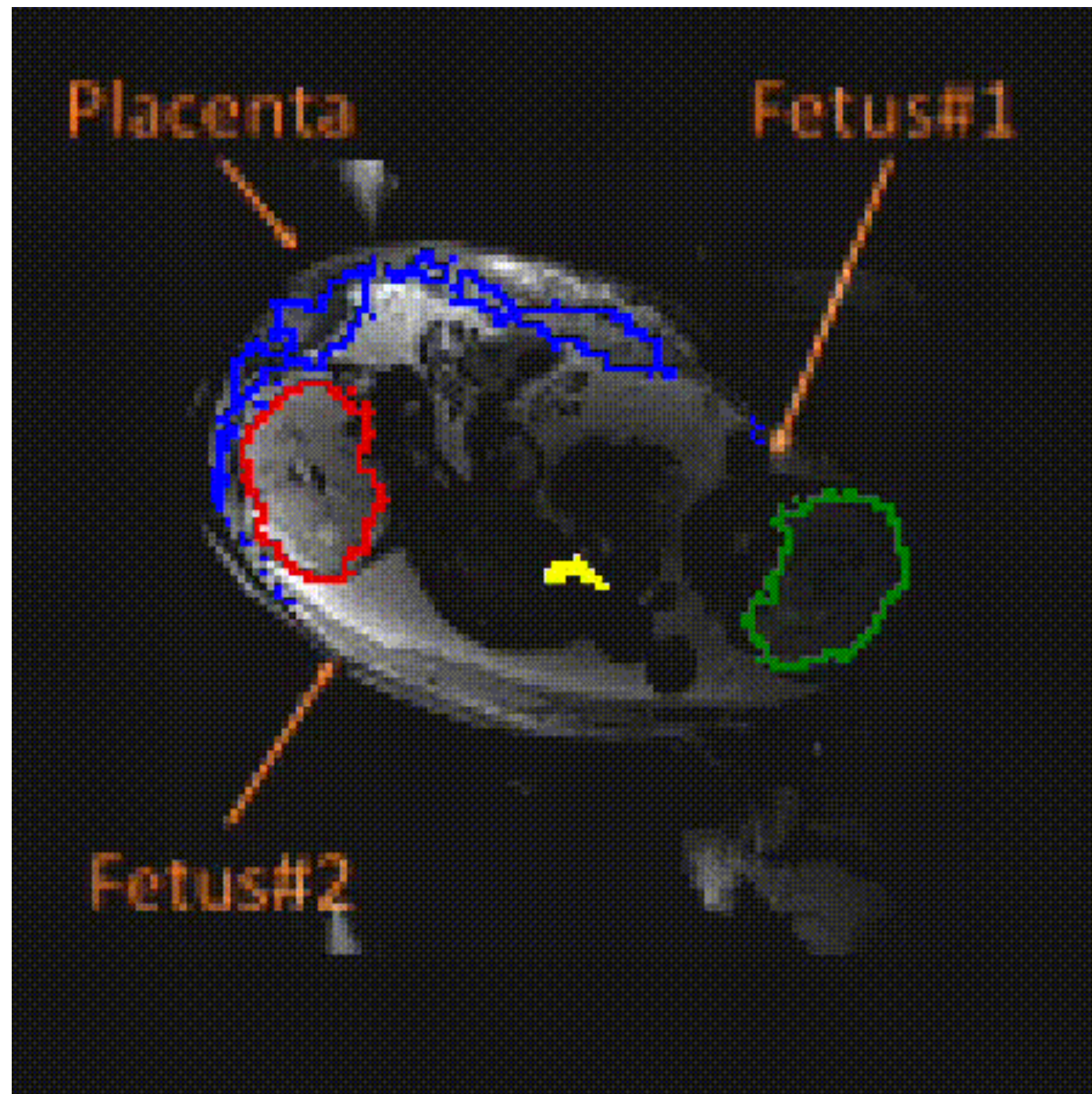
Tissue	T1 (ms)	T2 (ms)
Fat (adipose)	250	80
Liver	500	45
Kidney	650	60
White matter	800	90
Grey matter	900	100
Cerebrospinal fluid	2,400	280





# Why do we need to understand medical image modalities?

- Because the intensity values of different modalities may capture different characteristics of body tissues.



MRI



Ultrasound



# Why model medical images?

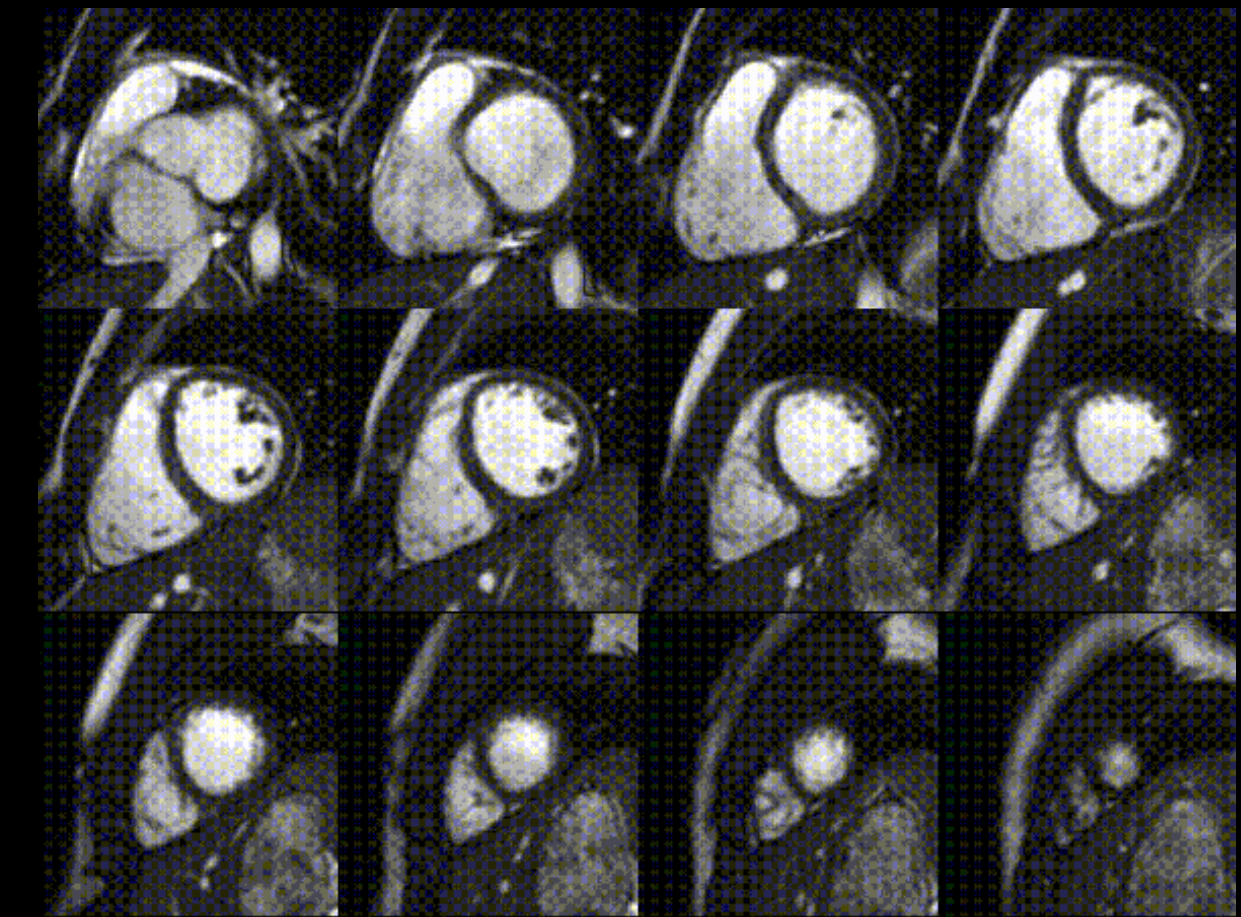
Images offer rich phenotype of tissue

## Opportunities:

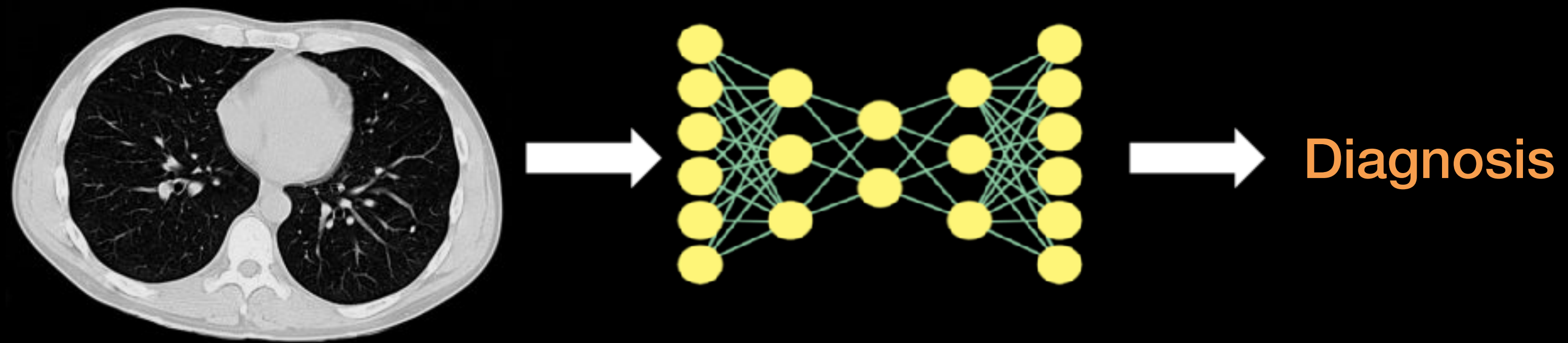
Improve diagnosis and procedures

Understanding of treatment response

Enable new treatments



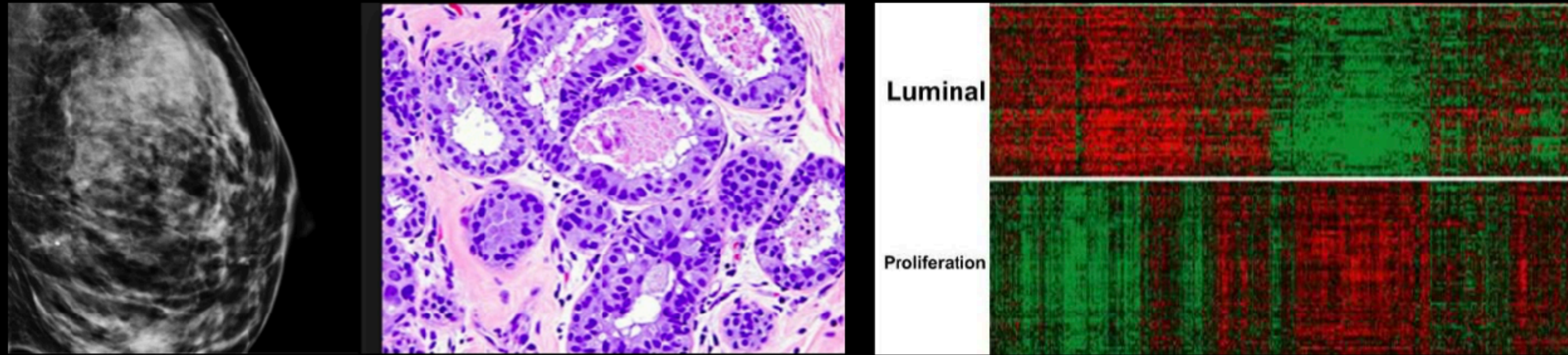
# A wealth of opportunities: Lower cost



**Improve global access to care**



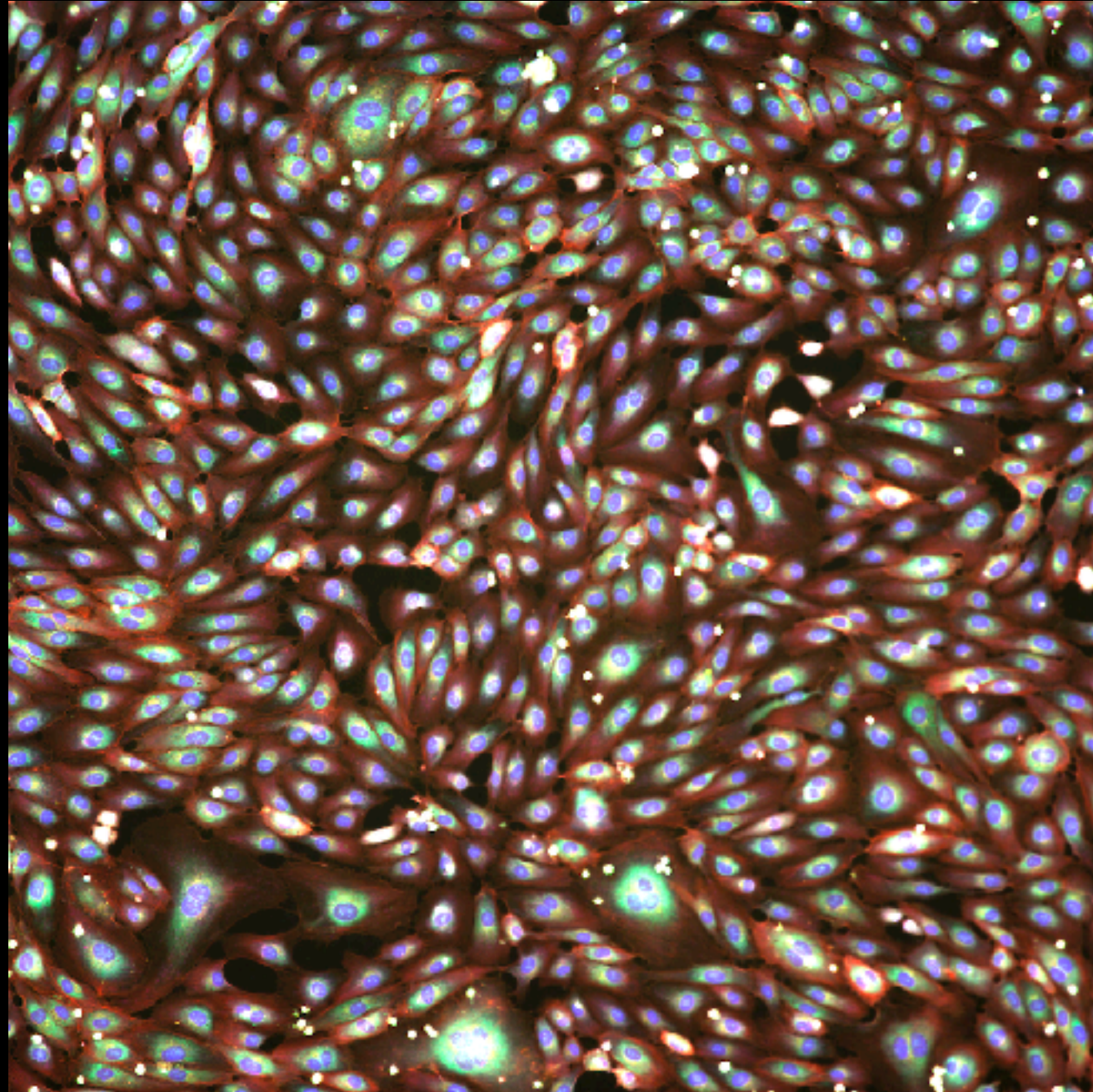
# A wealth of opportunities: Better outcomes



Predict Recurrences, Sensitivity to Treatment,  
Population at Risk



# A wealth of opportunities: New discoveries



Review Article | [Published: 22 December 2020](#)

## **Image-based profiling for drug discovery: due for a machine-learning upgrade?**

[Srinivas Niranj Chandrasekaran](#), [Hugo Ceulemans](#), [Justin D. Boyd](#) & [Anne E. Carpenter](#) ✉

**Identify drugs that perturb cells to  
“healthy” states**

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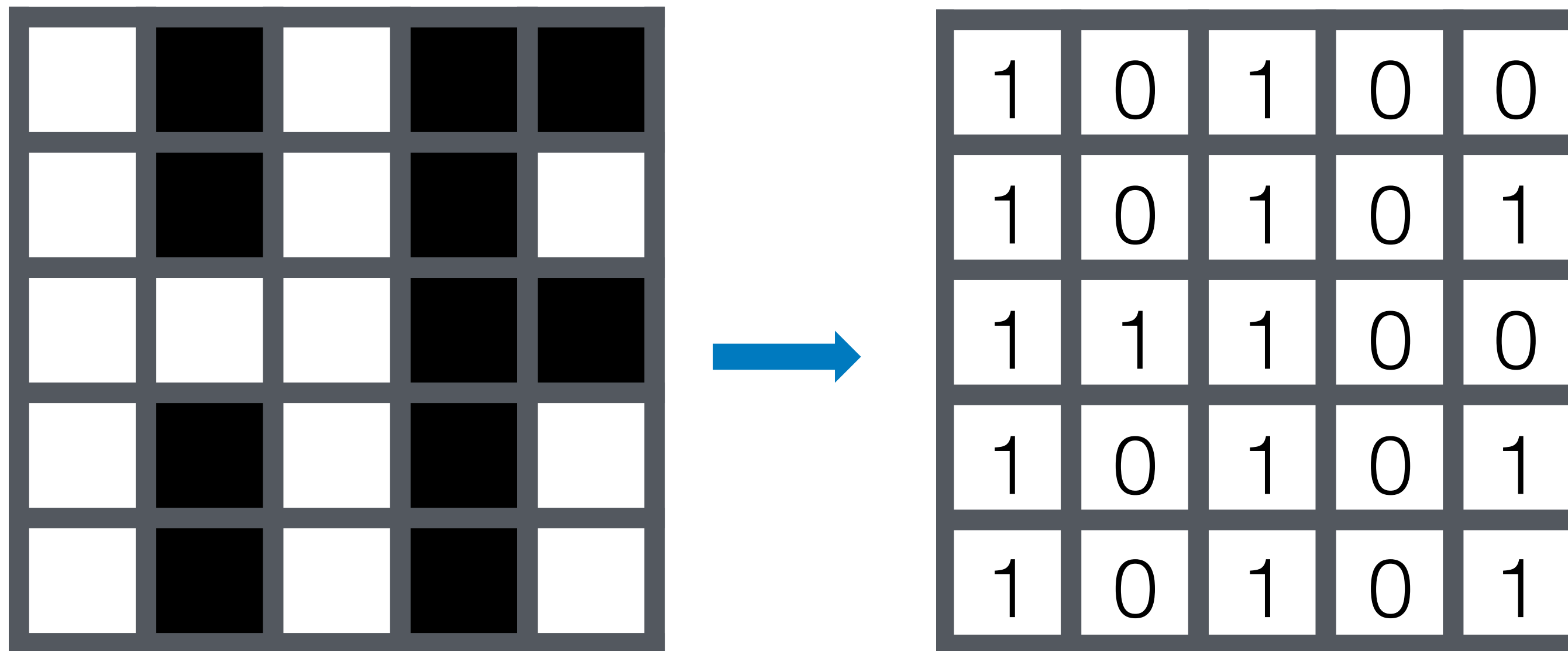
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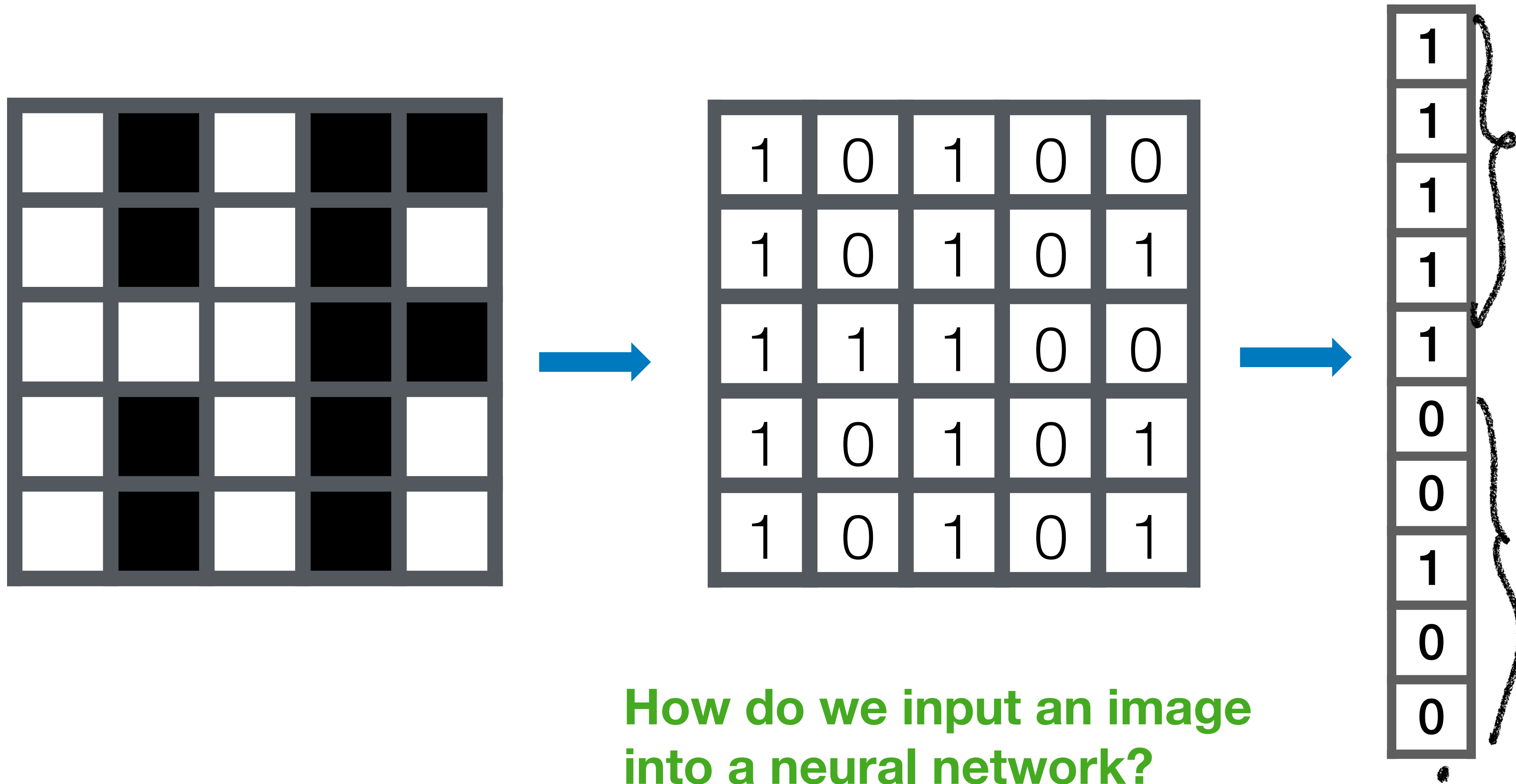


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*Image credit: Tamara Broderick*

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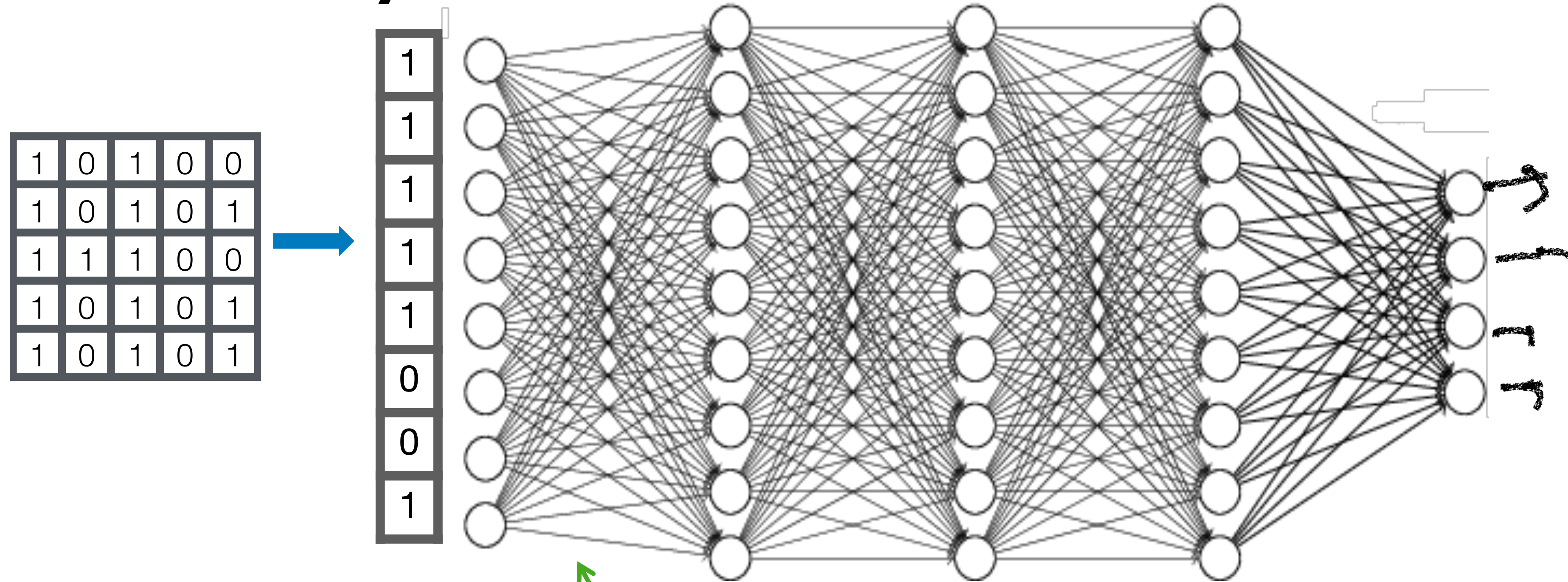


**How do we input an image into a neural network?**

Idea: make it a vector and use FNN!...



# Fully connected network?



Fully connected layer: every input is connected to every output



# Fully connected network?



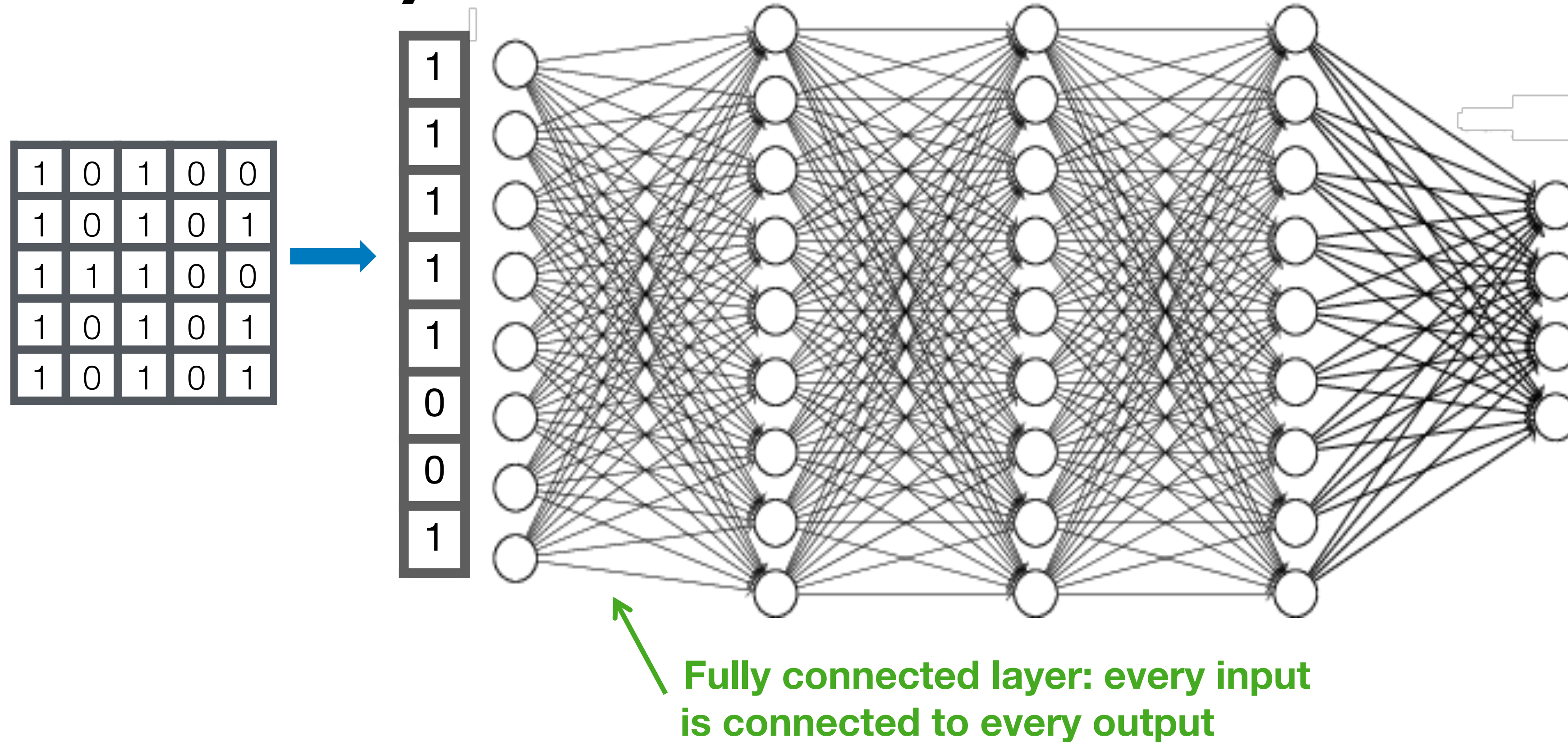
$$x^0 = [0, 1, 1, \dots, 0]$$



$$x^1 = [0, 0, 1, \dots, 0]$$

**Small padding, very different feature vectors!**

# Fully connected network?



**Example:**  
**200\*200 image**  
**40K hidden units**  
**2B parameters**

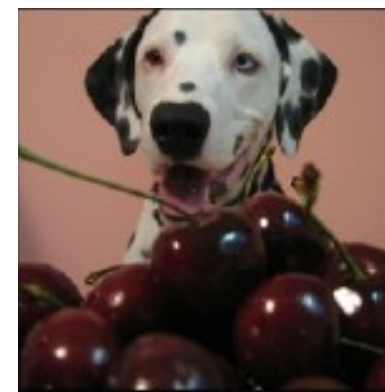


# Advanced Neural networks

- We need specialized architectures/approaches to effectively handle complex objects
  - RNNs, CNNs, GNNs, transformers, etc.

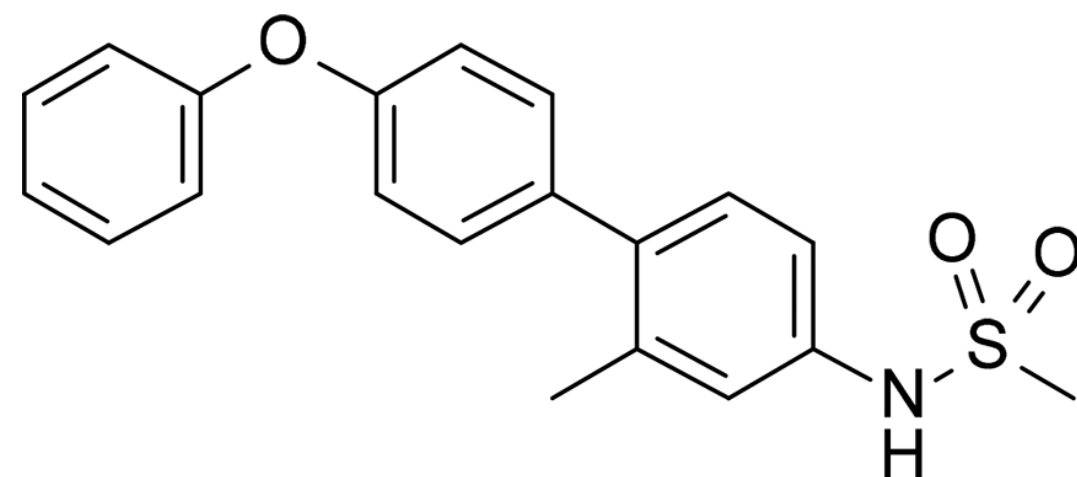


text / sequences (RNNs, transformers)



images / video (CNNs)

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graphs (GNNs)



# Locality and translation invariance







# Desiderata

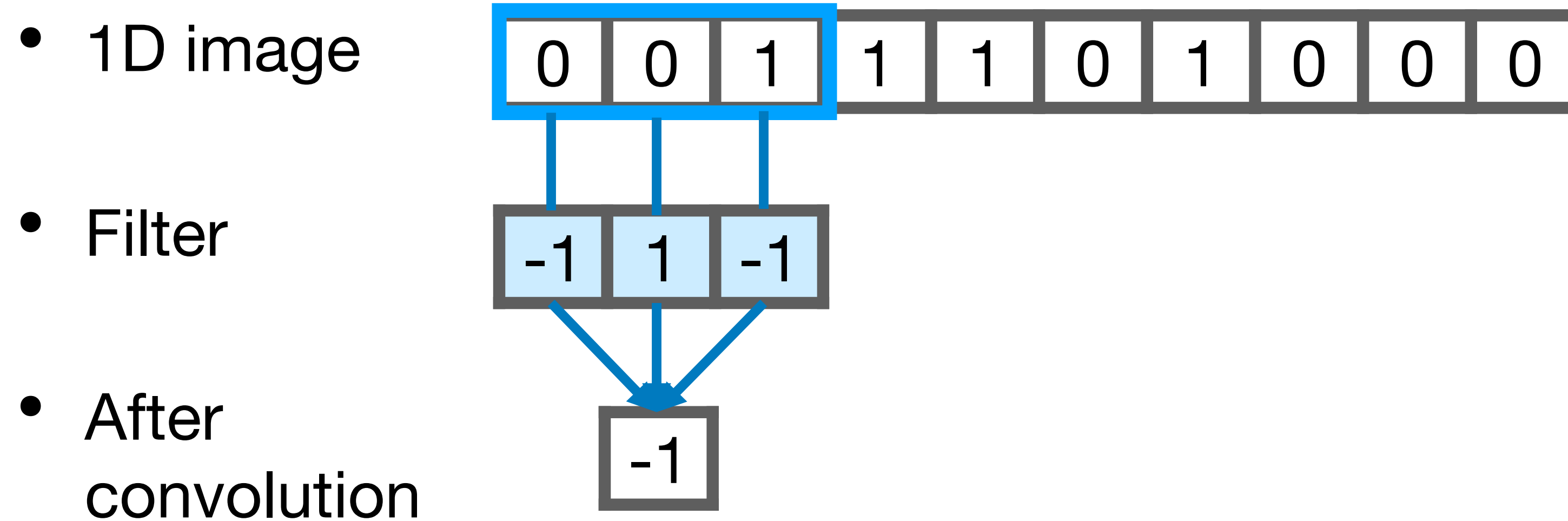
- Capture spatial dependencies: pixel position and neighborhood have semantic meaning
- Handle Translations: Elements of interest can appear anywhere in the image
- Robustly scale for large images



# CNN key ideas

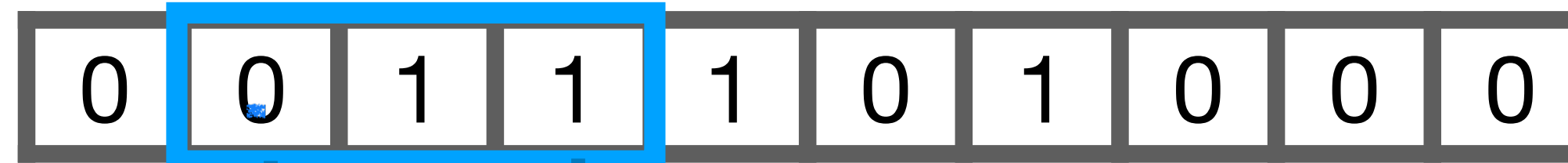
- **Capture spatial dependencies: convolutions**
  - **spatial locality**
  
- Handle Translations: pooling
  - abstract away locality
  
- Robustly scale for large images: weight sharing
  - apply the same detector to all the patches

# Convolutional Layer: 1D example

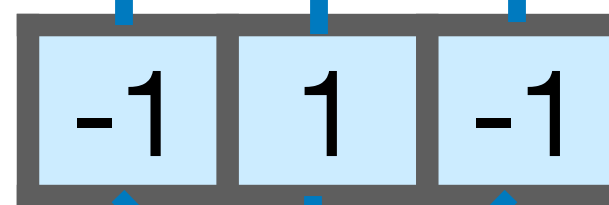


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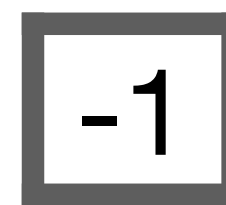
- 1D image



- Filter



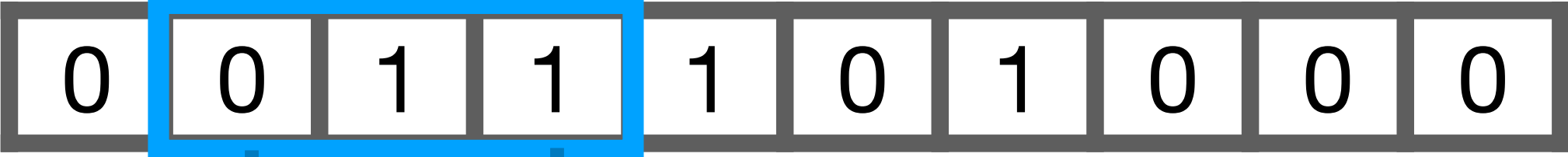
- After convolution





# Convolutional Layer: 1D example

- 1D image



- Filter



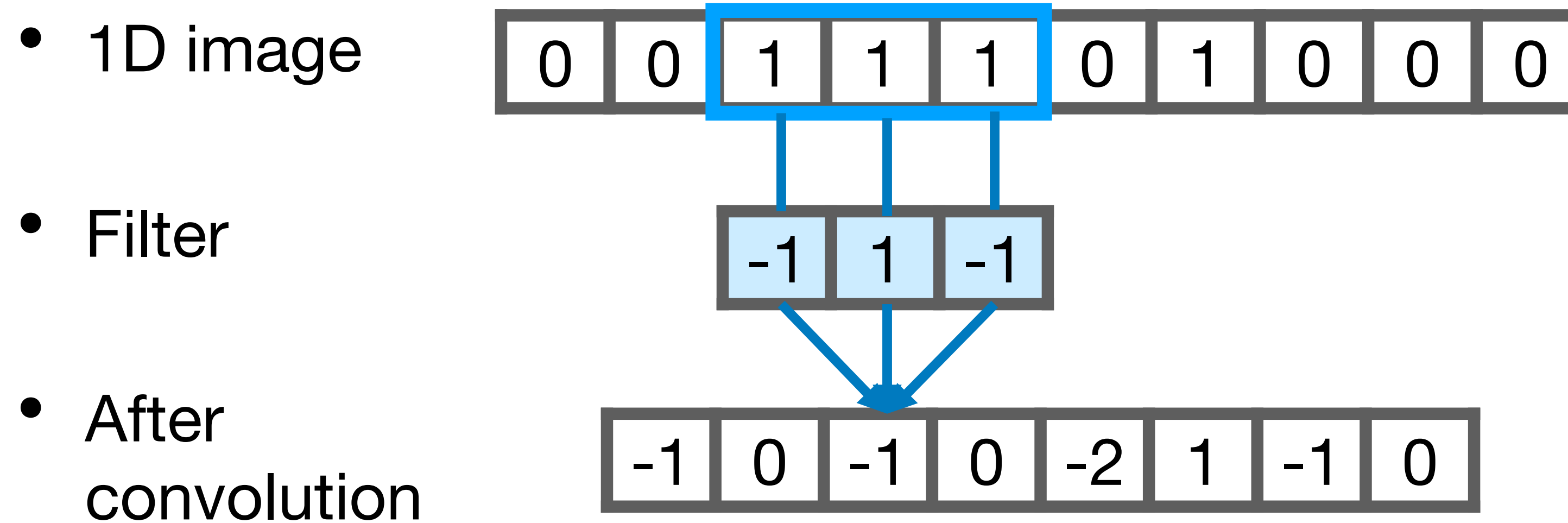
Stride: by how much do we shift the filter

- After convolution



Weight sharing: same filter applied to both (all) patches

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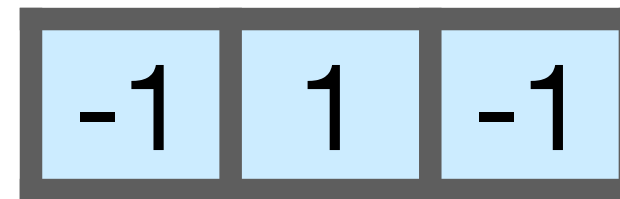
**Big advantage: due to weight sharing, needs much fewer weights than a fully connected network**

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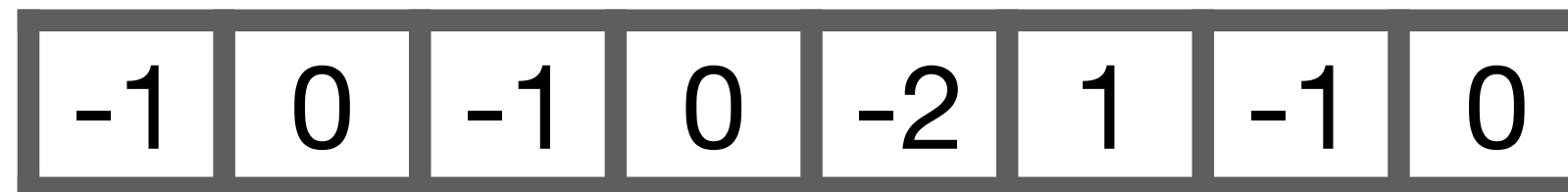
- 1D image



- Filter



- After convolution

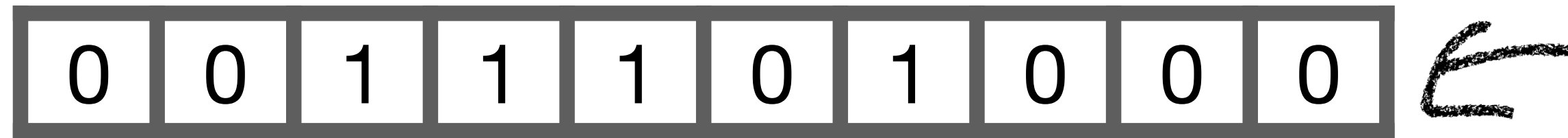


- After ReLu

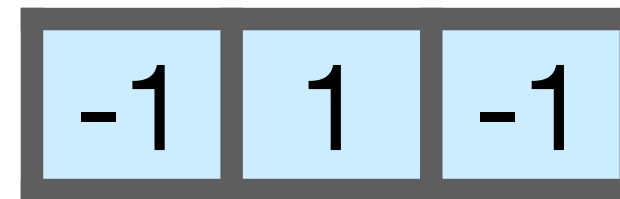


# Padding

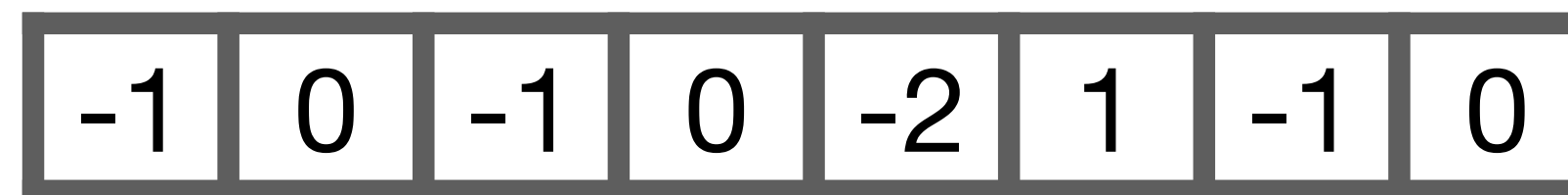
- 1D image



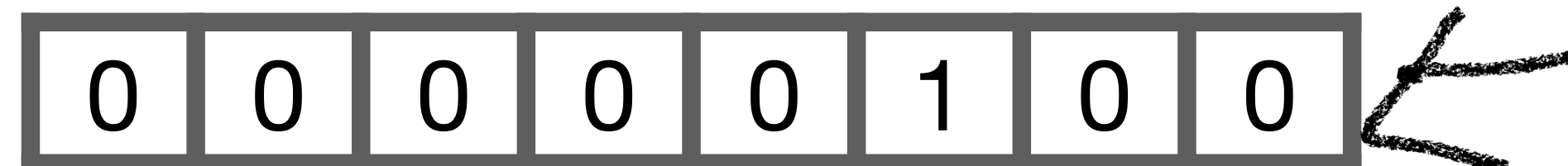
- Filter



- After convolution



- After ReLu

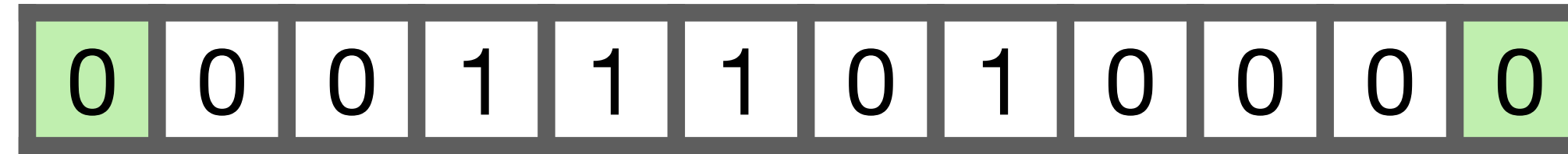


**Output is smaller! (why?)**

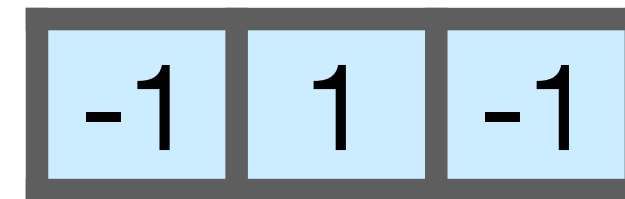
**Remedy: pad input with zeros**

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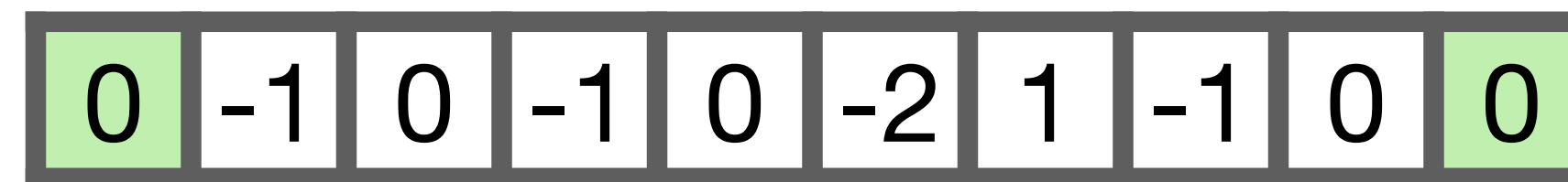
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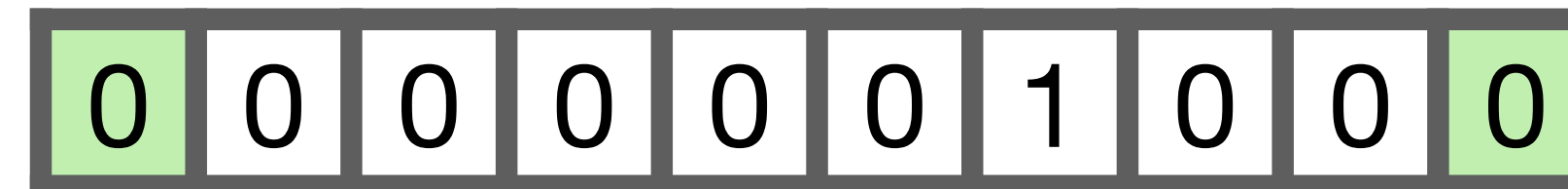
- Filter



- After convolution



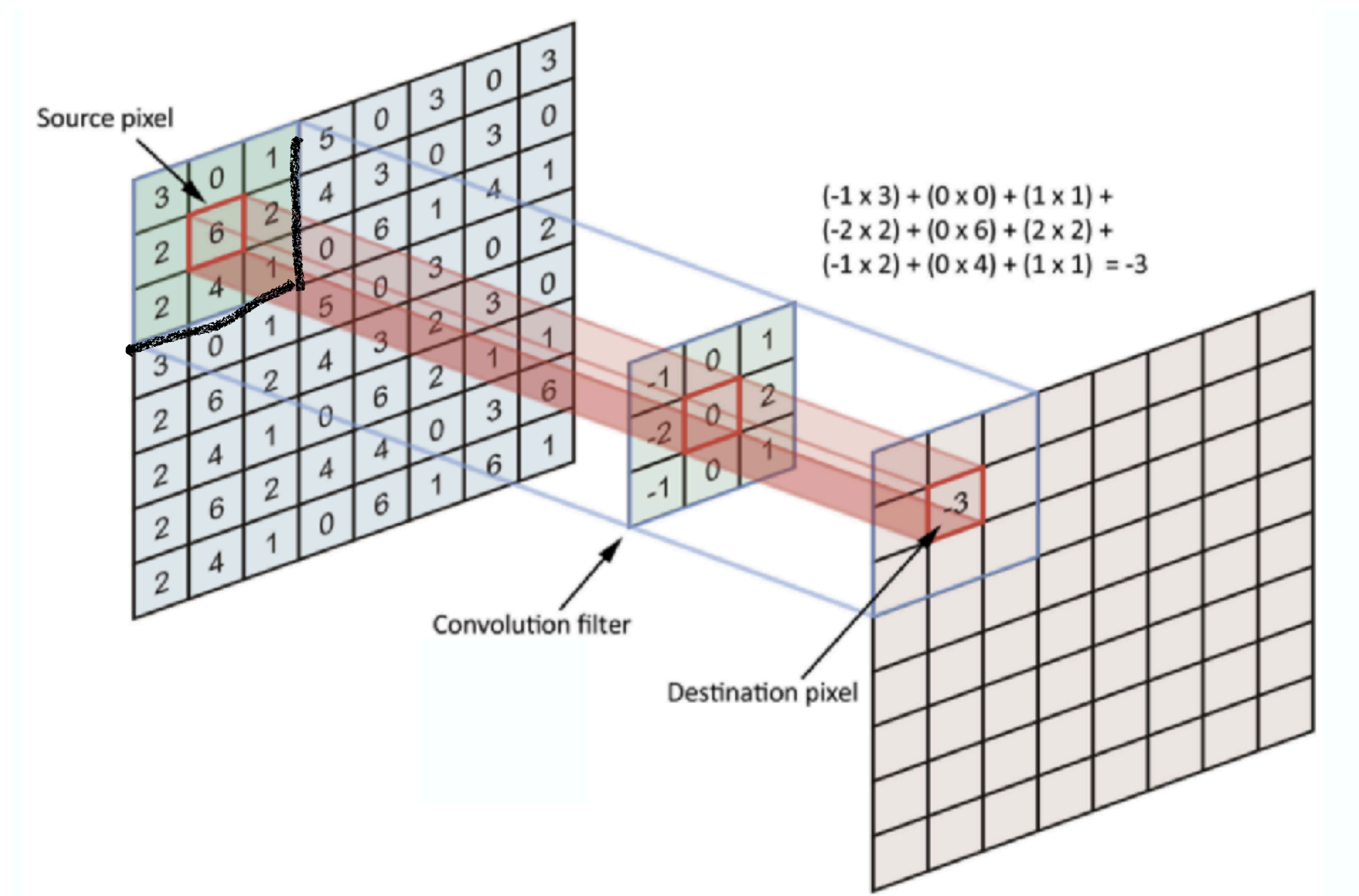
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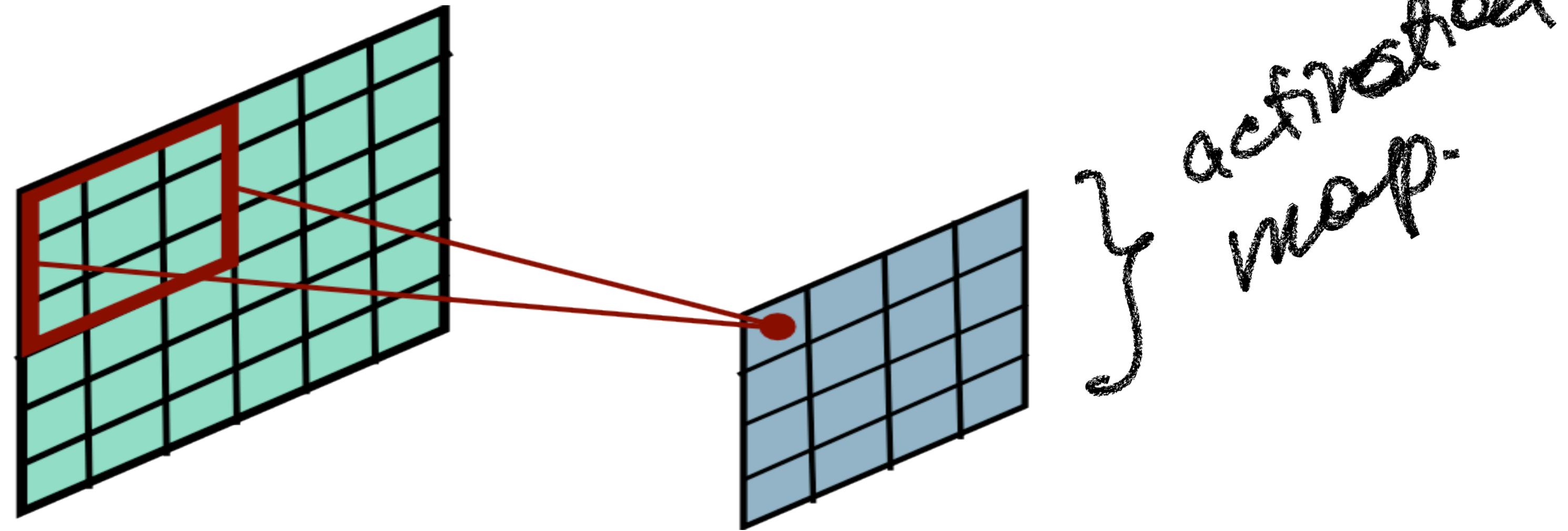
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# 2D Convolutions

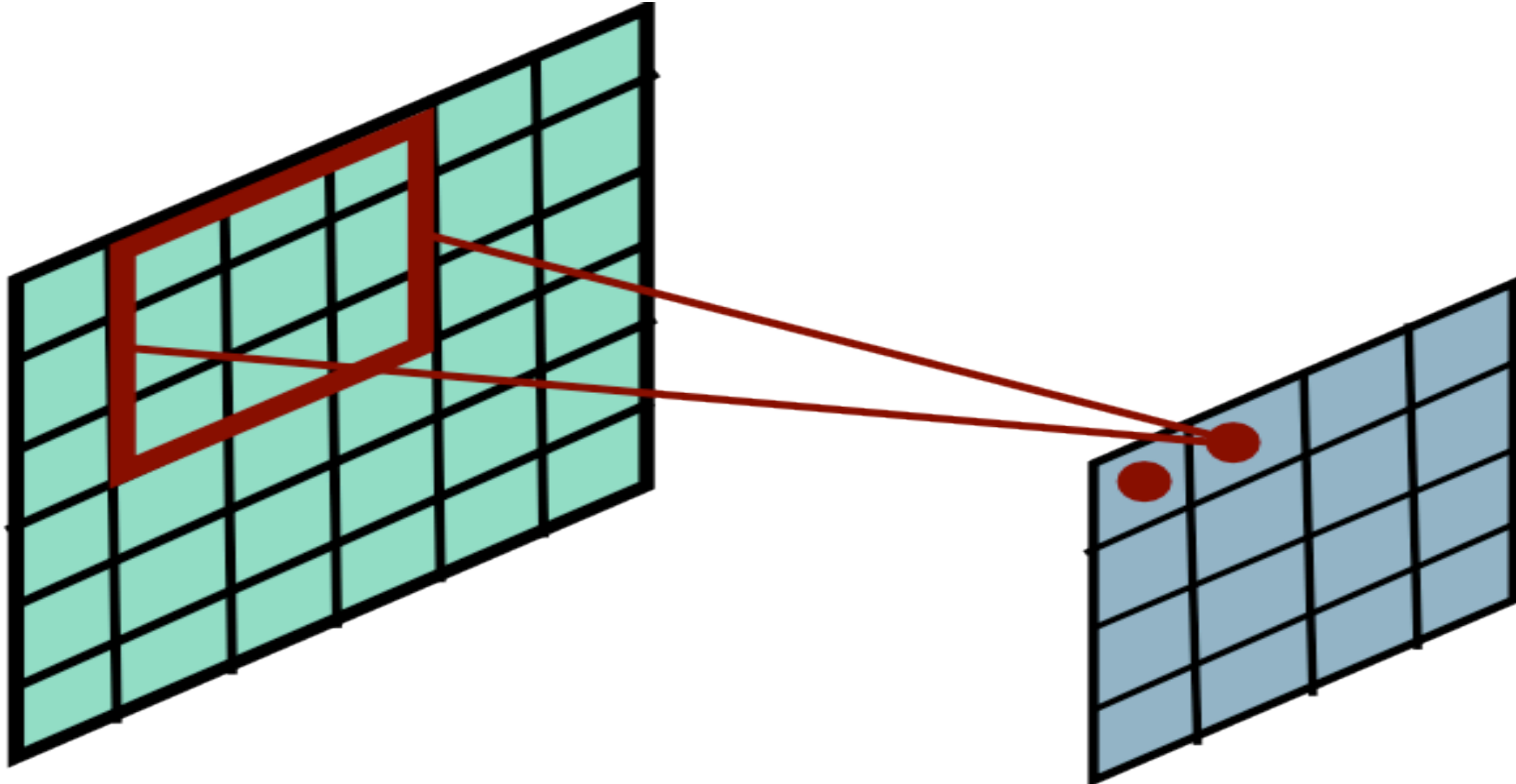


The convolution operation.

# Convolutional Layer

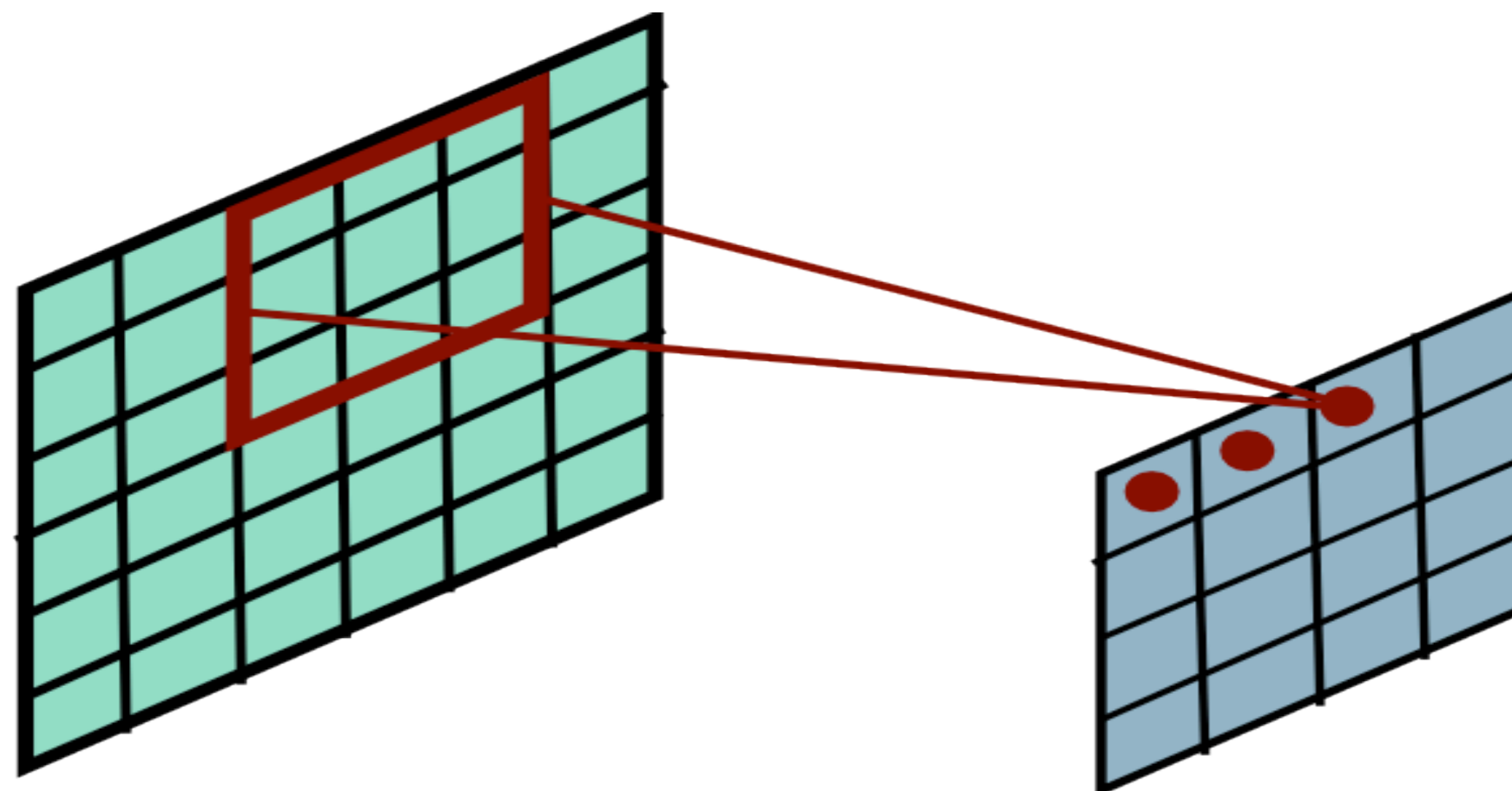


# Convolutional Layer

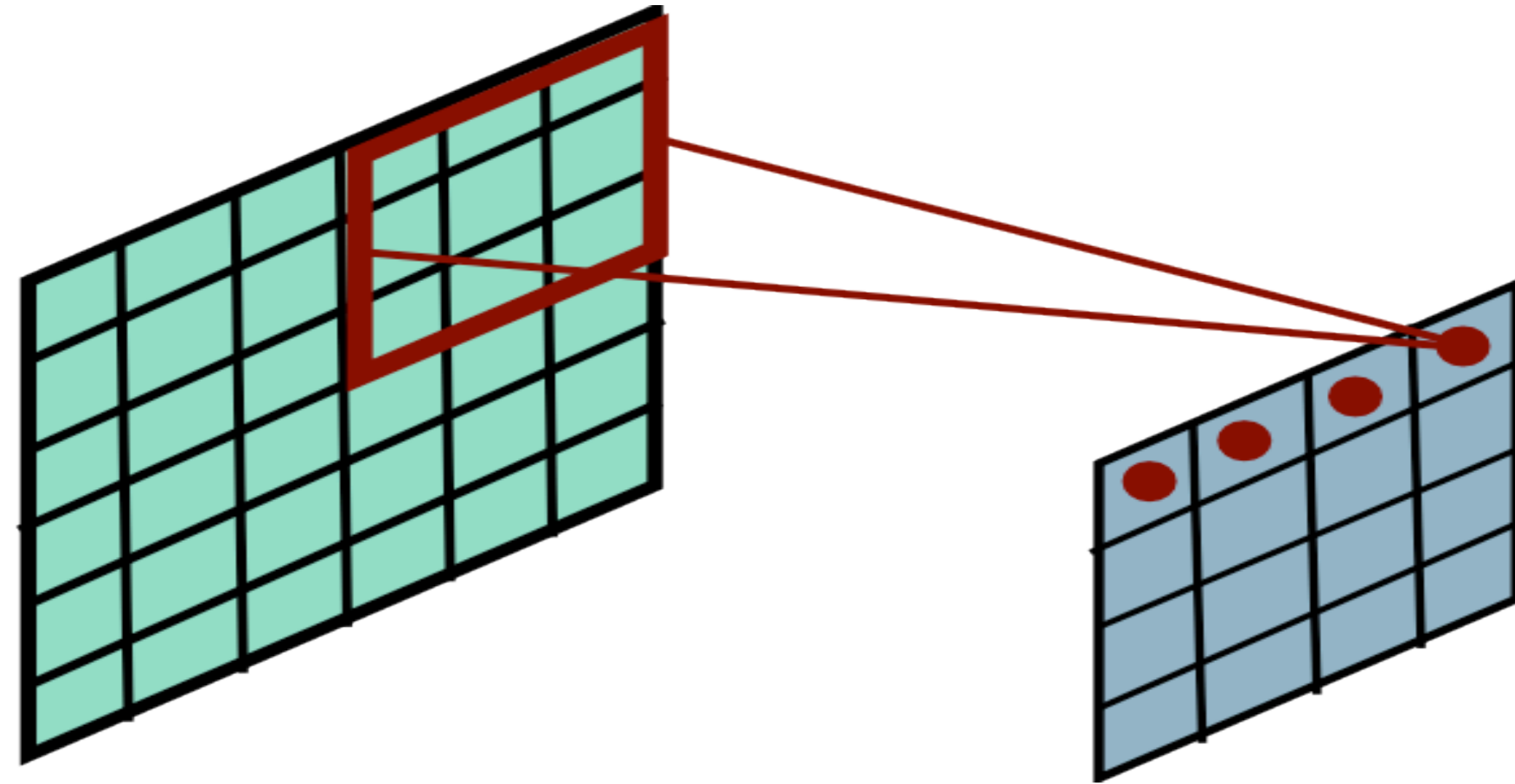




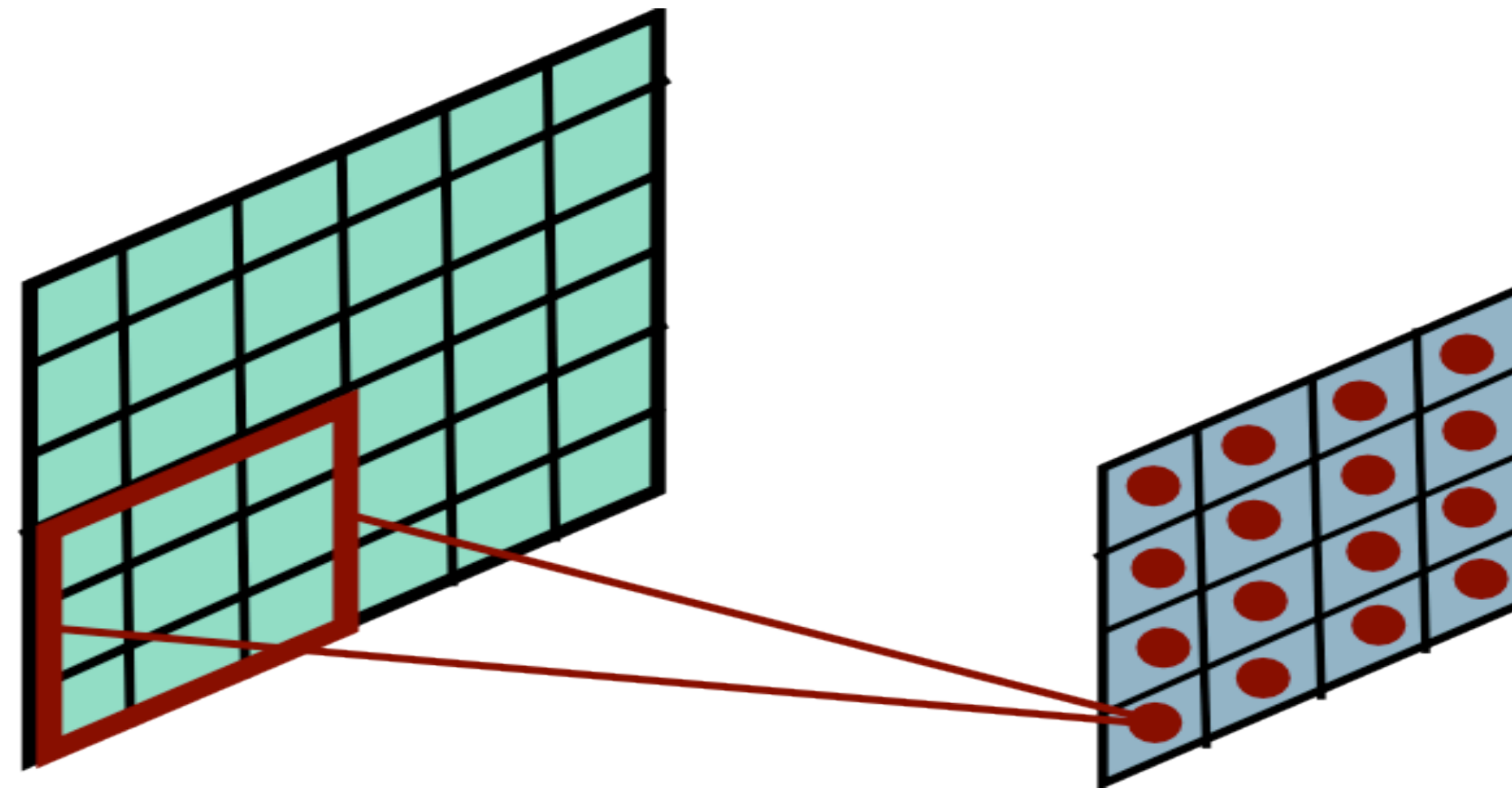
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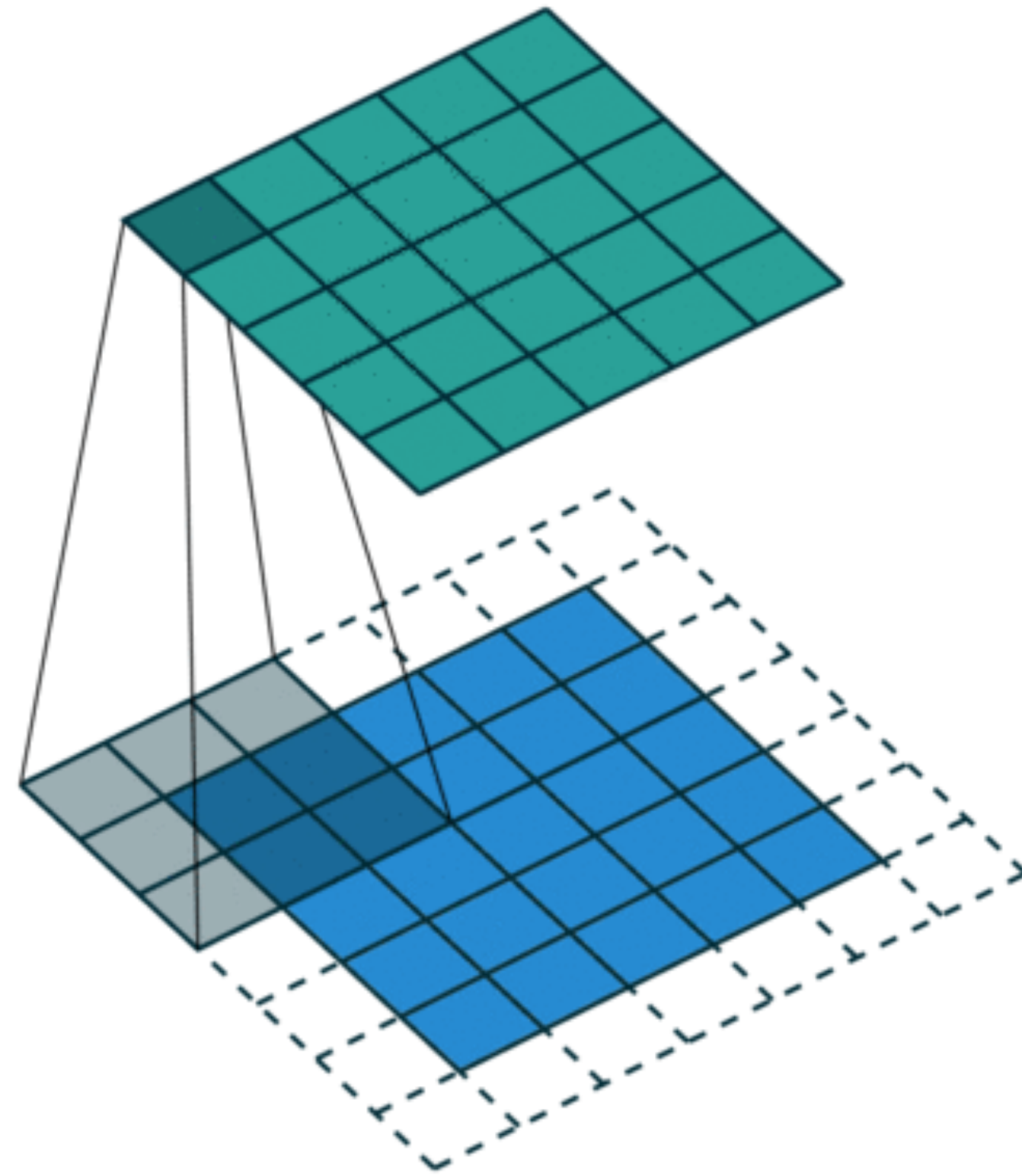


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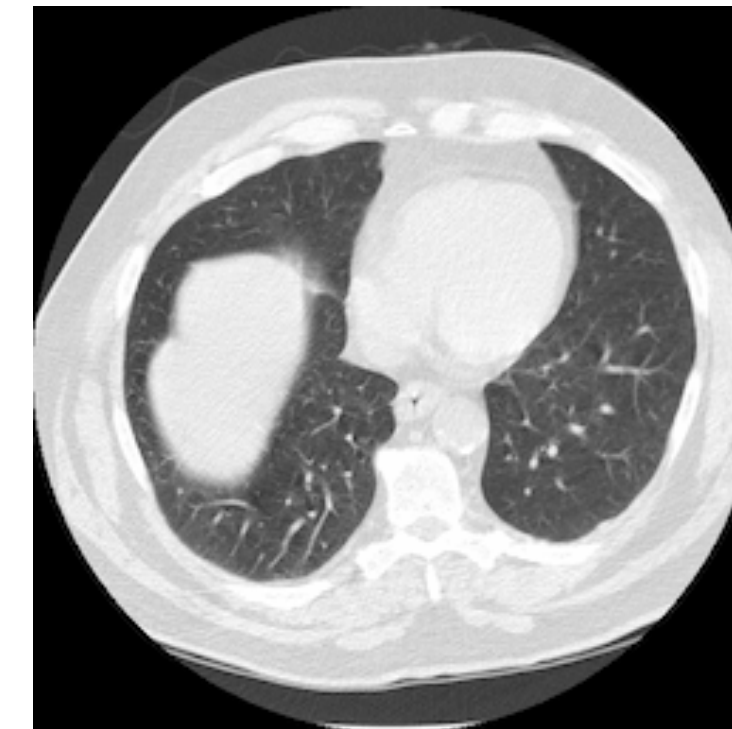
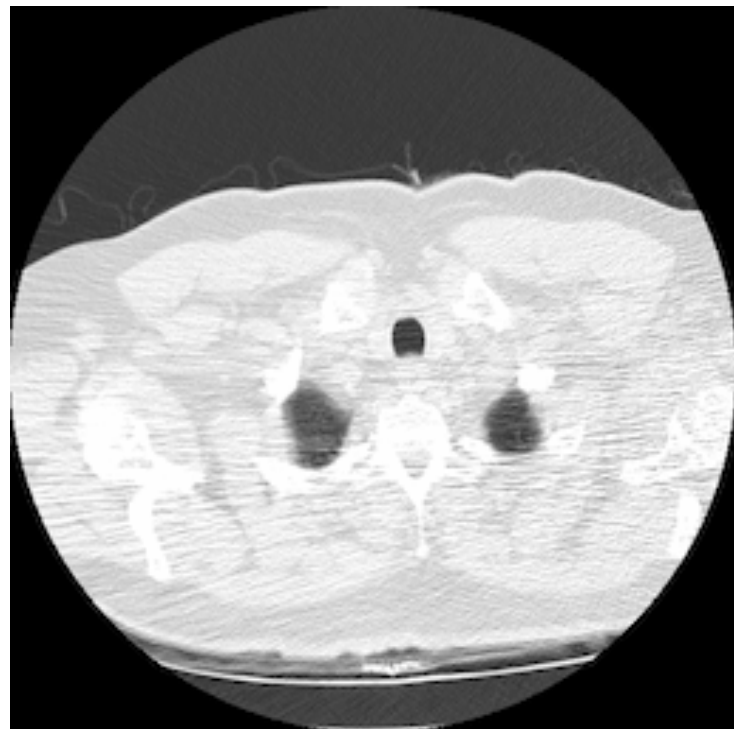
# Convolution with Padding



# Question: How would you apply this idea to a CT-scan?



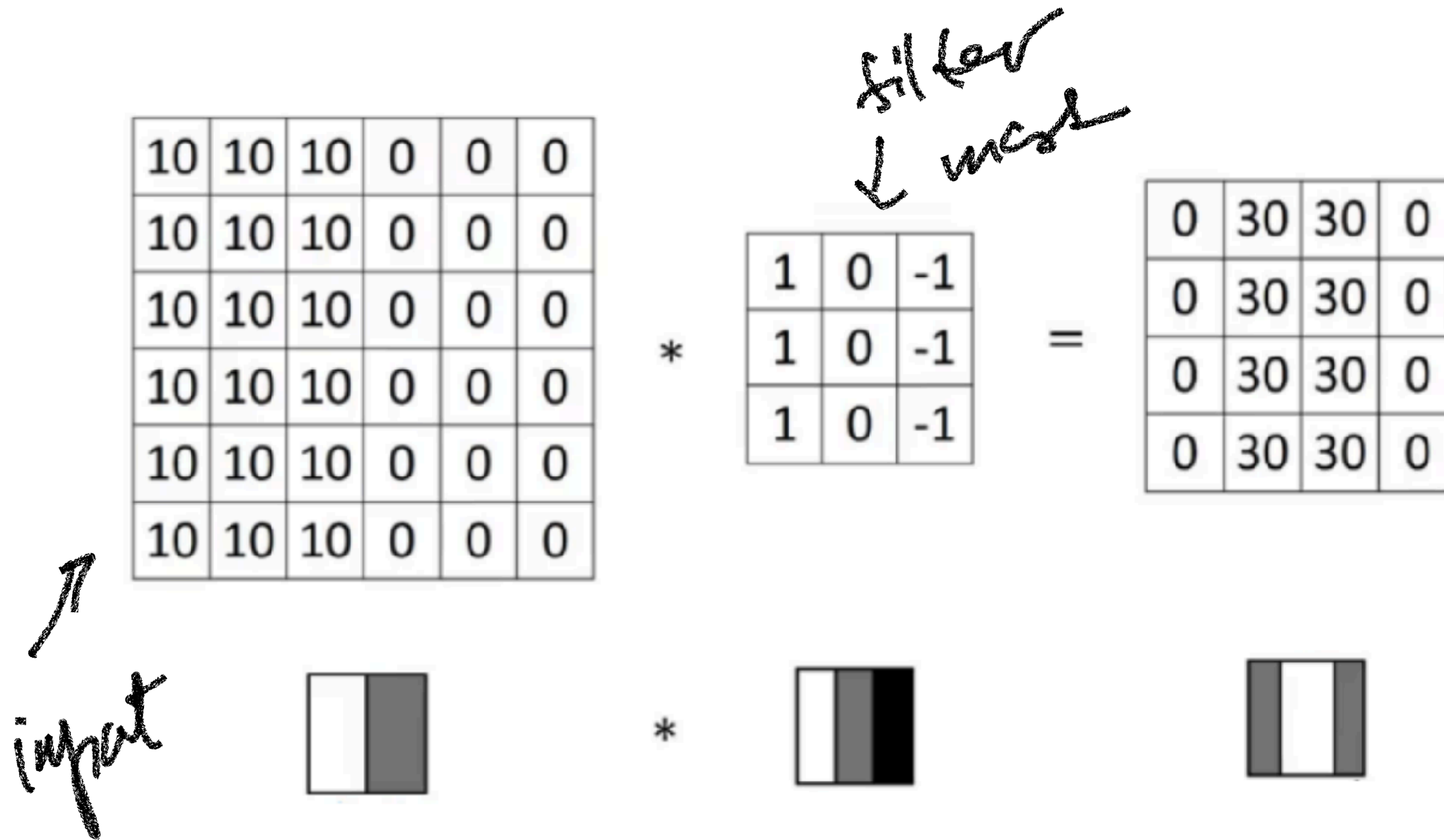
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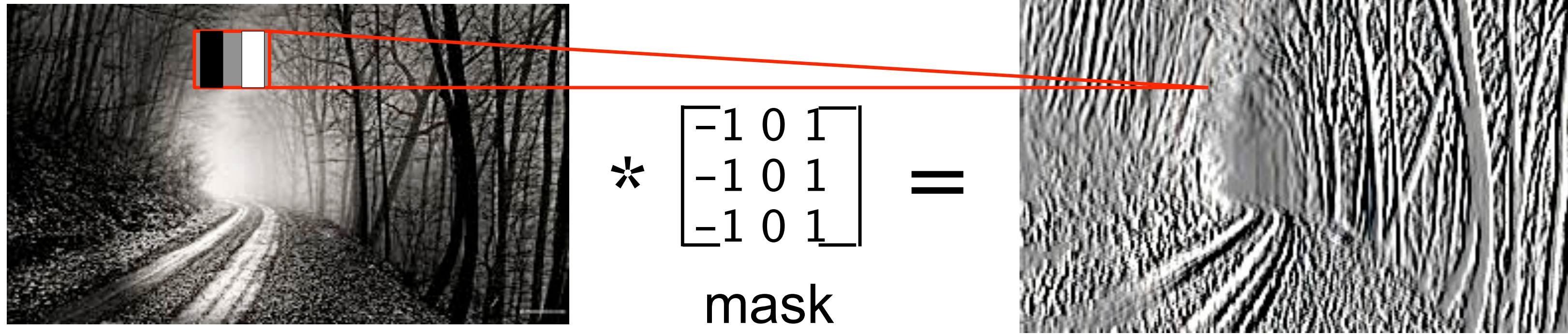
**3D Convolutions**



# Examples of Convolutions





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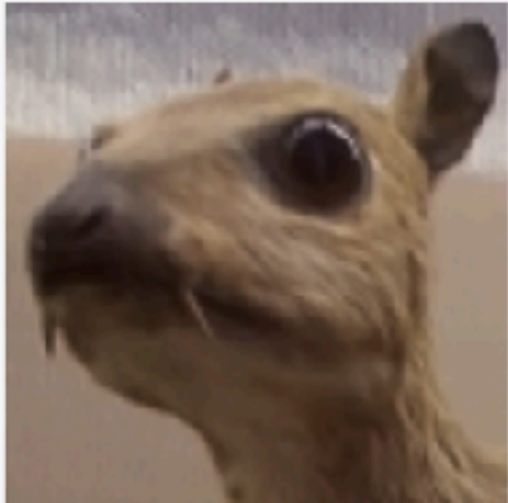
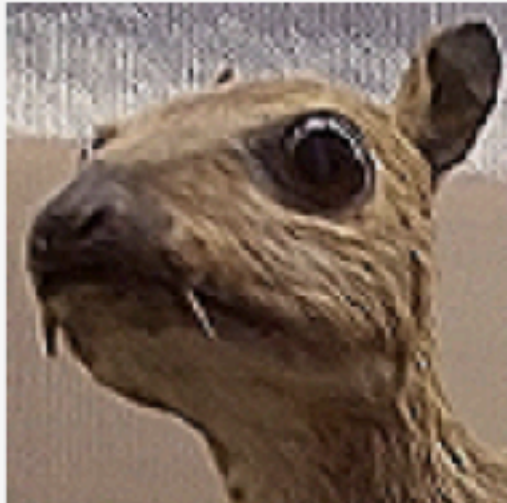
(vector, NOT a matrix!)

# Examples of Convolutions

*Edge detection*

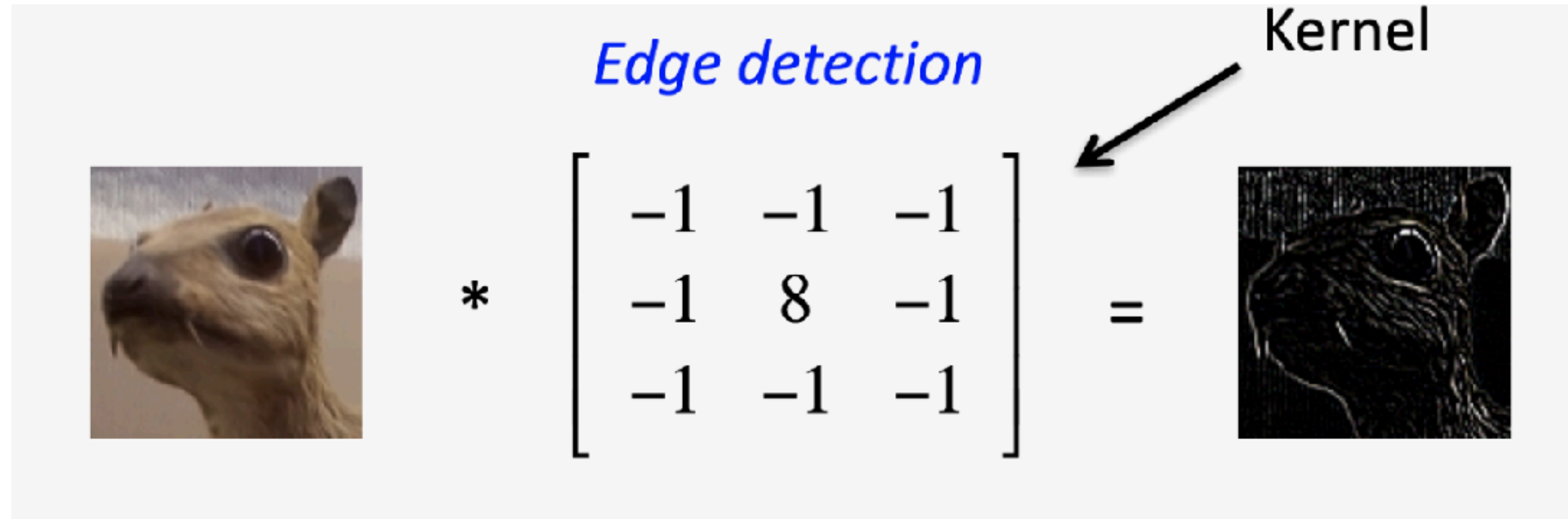
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*Sharpen*

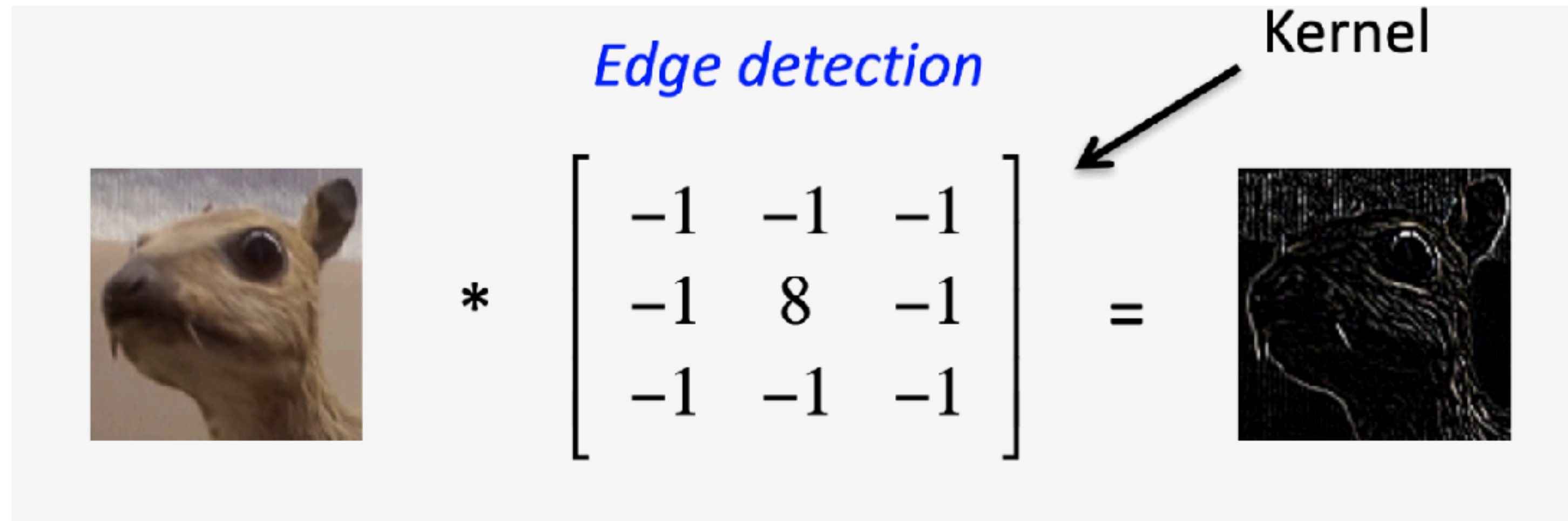
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# Question: How can we make convolutions more expressive?

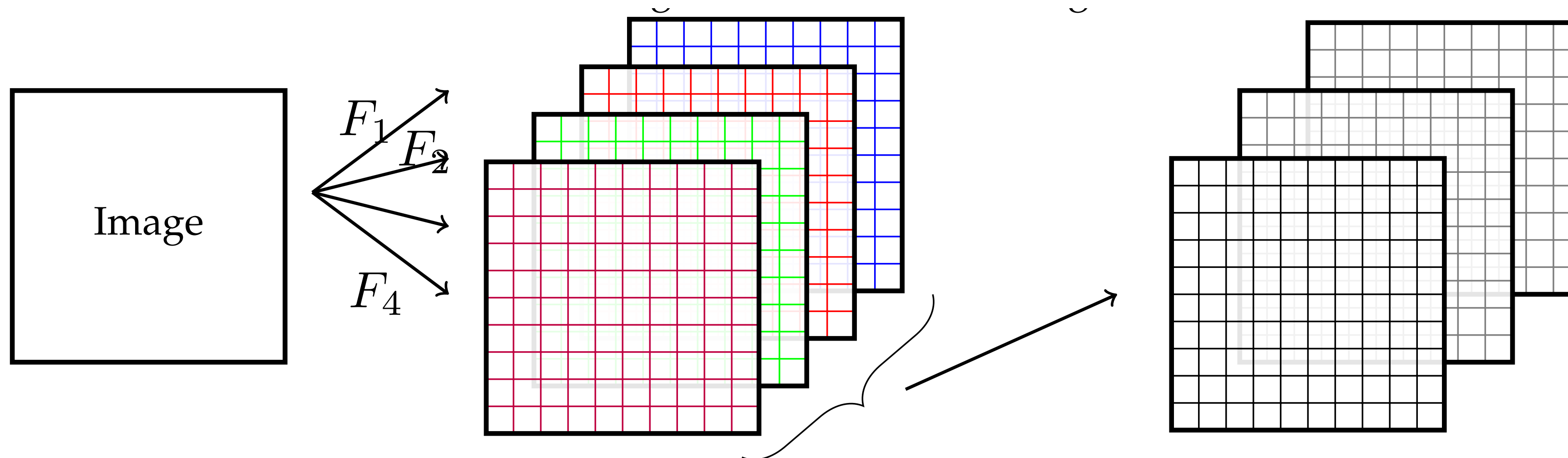


# Question: How can we make convolutions more expressive?



Width: Many kernels in parallel  
Depth: Composing kernels

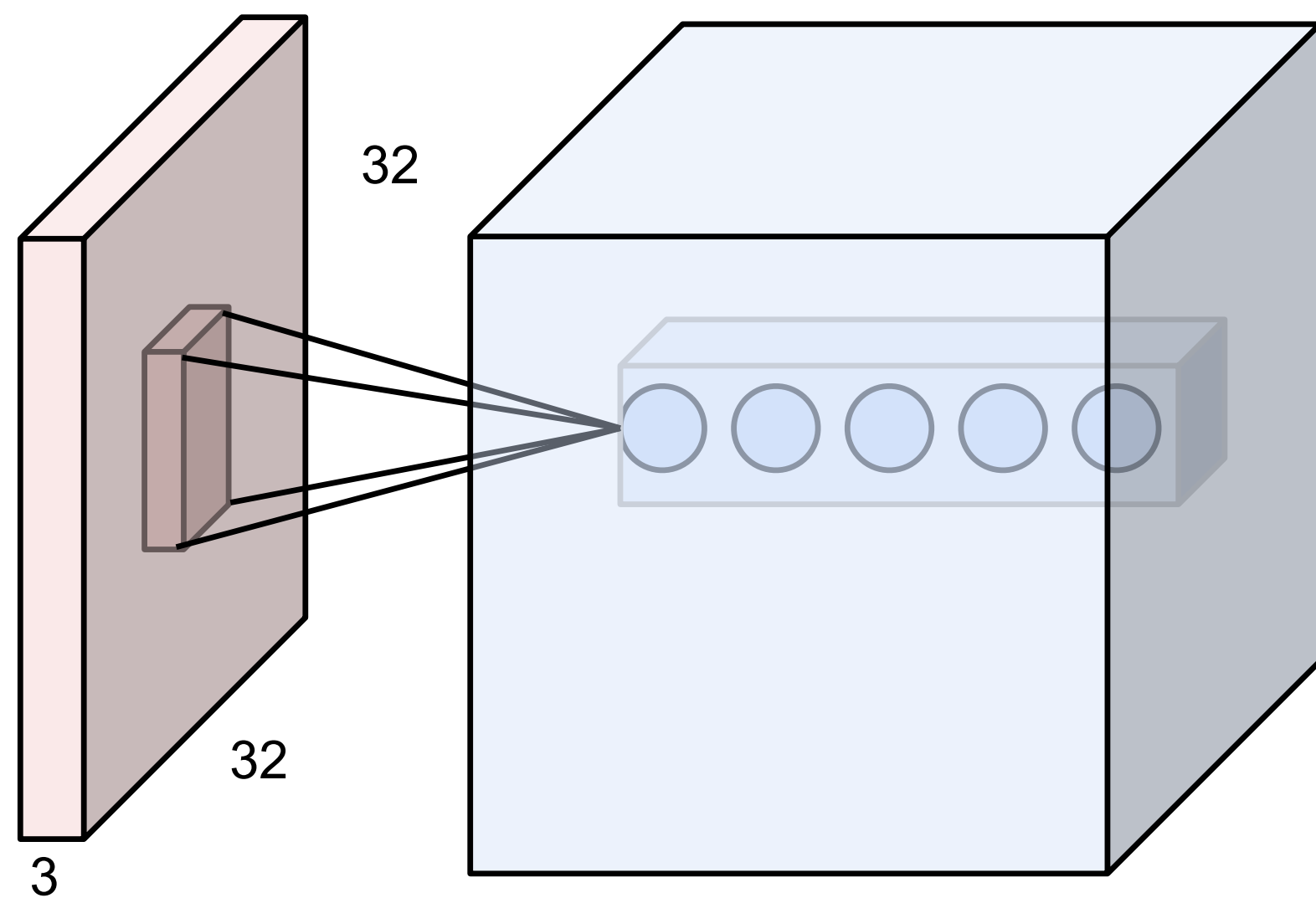
# Multiple channels/filters



**Channels:  
outputs of  
convolution**

**Filter bank:  
Collection of  
filters in a layer**





Hidden layer of “depth” 5:  
five neurons all looking at  
the same patch; five  
different masks.

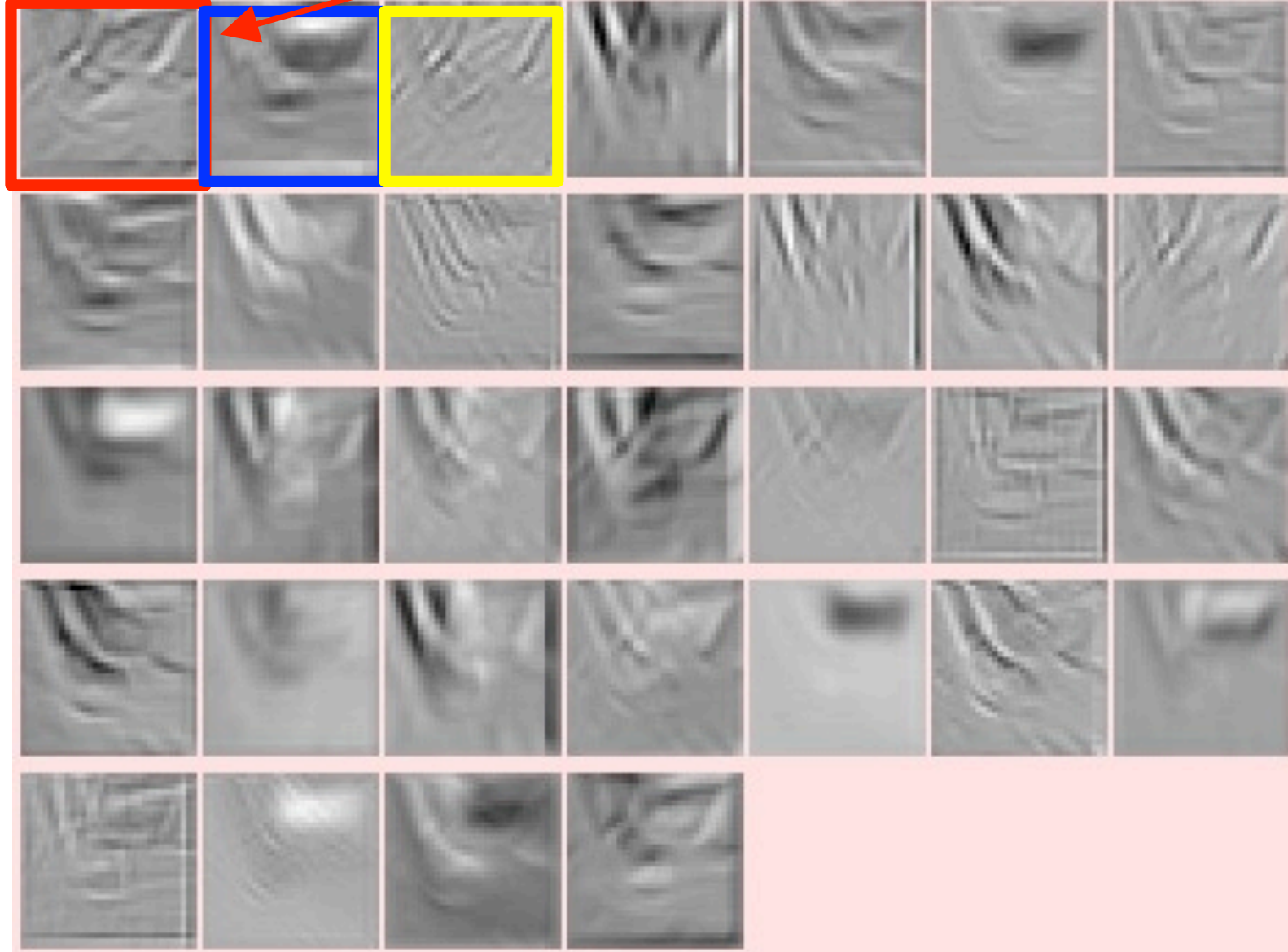
Apply the same 5 masks to  
each patch. Five neurons  
per patch.

Activations:

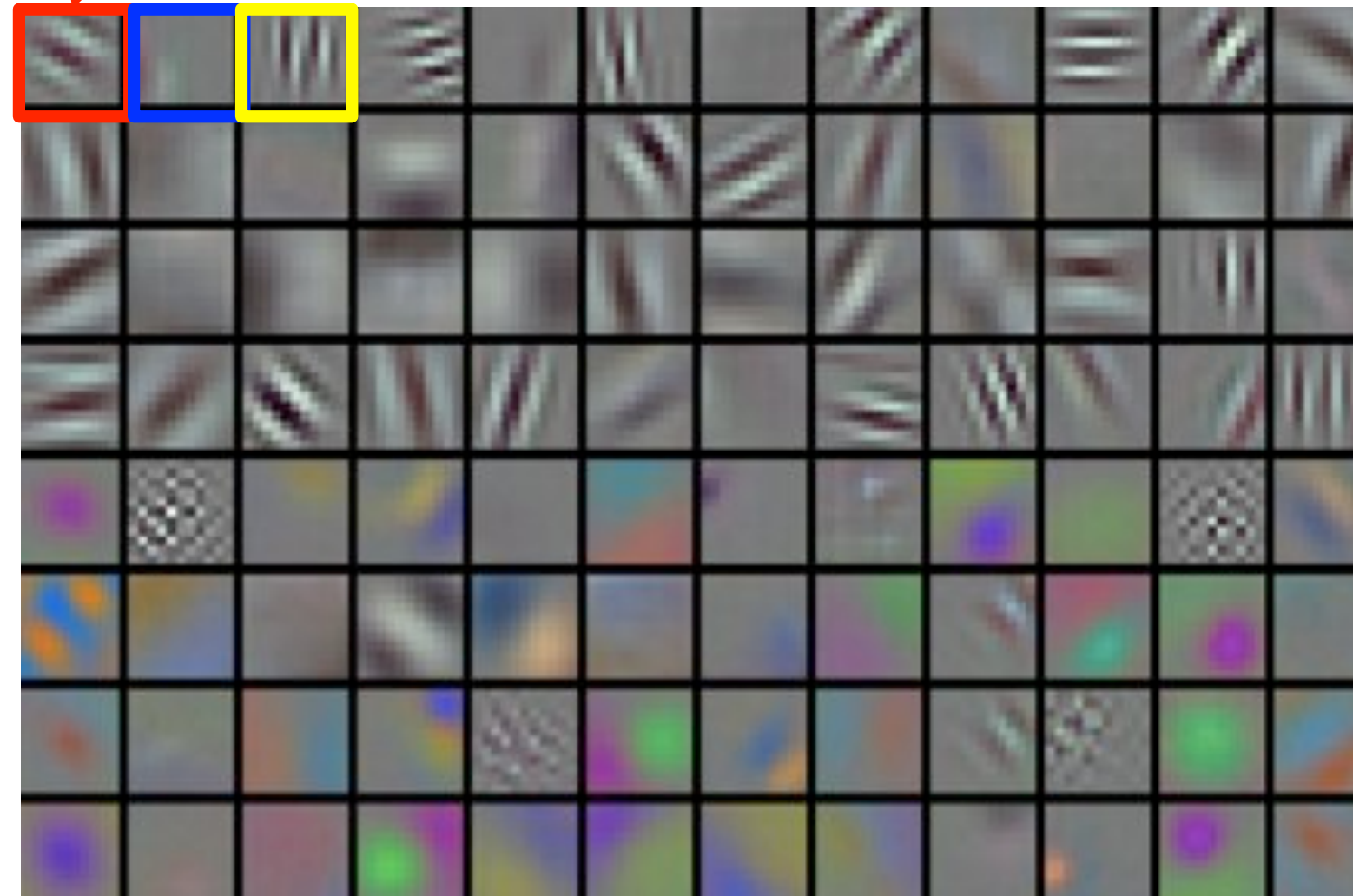
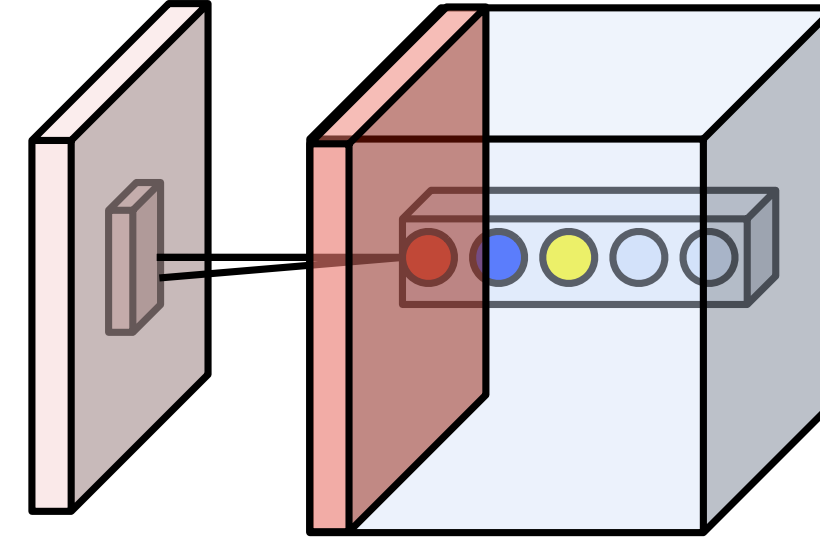


convolving the input with the first mask gives the first output slice

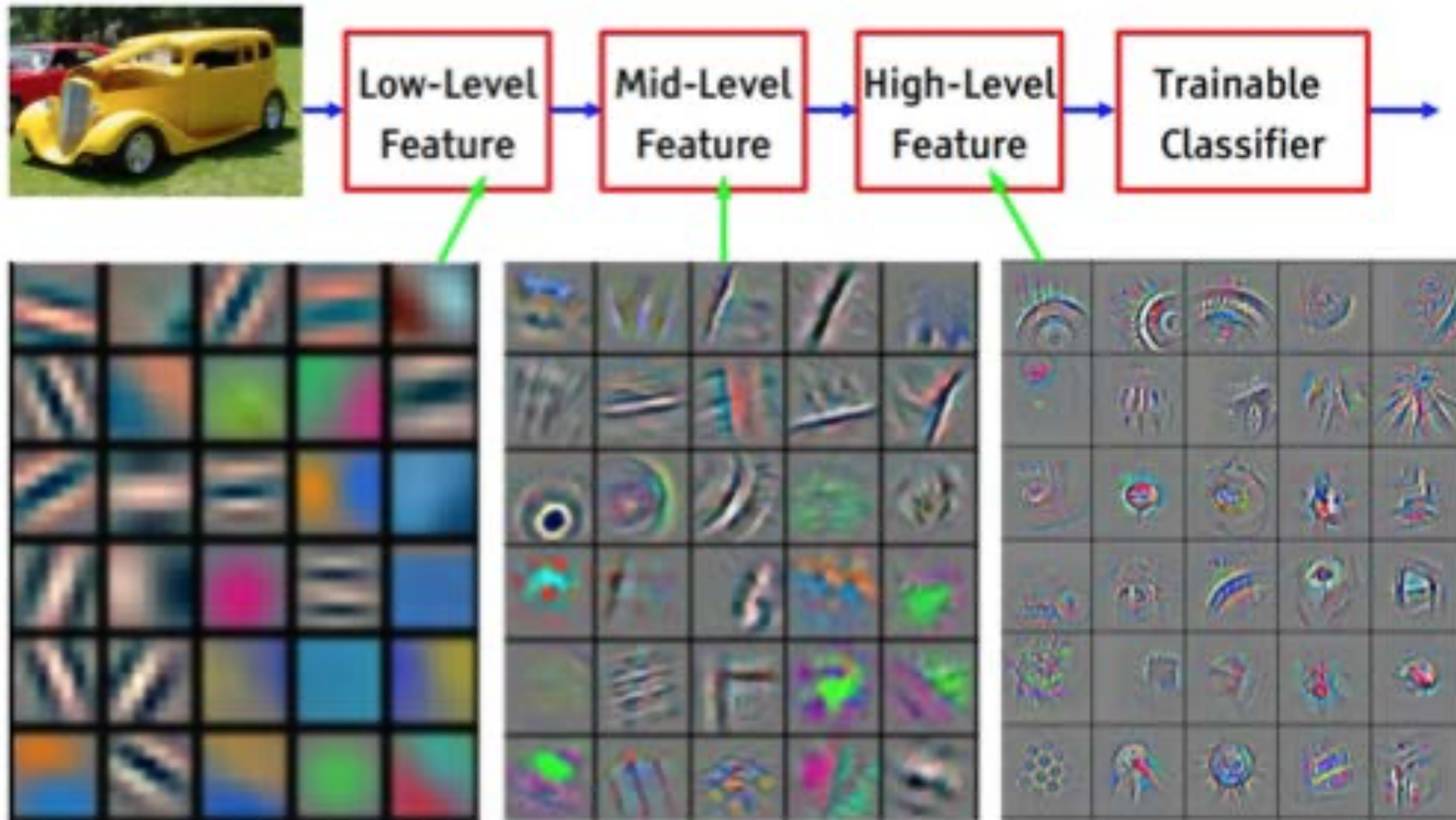
Activations:



*conv. filter*





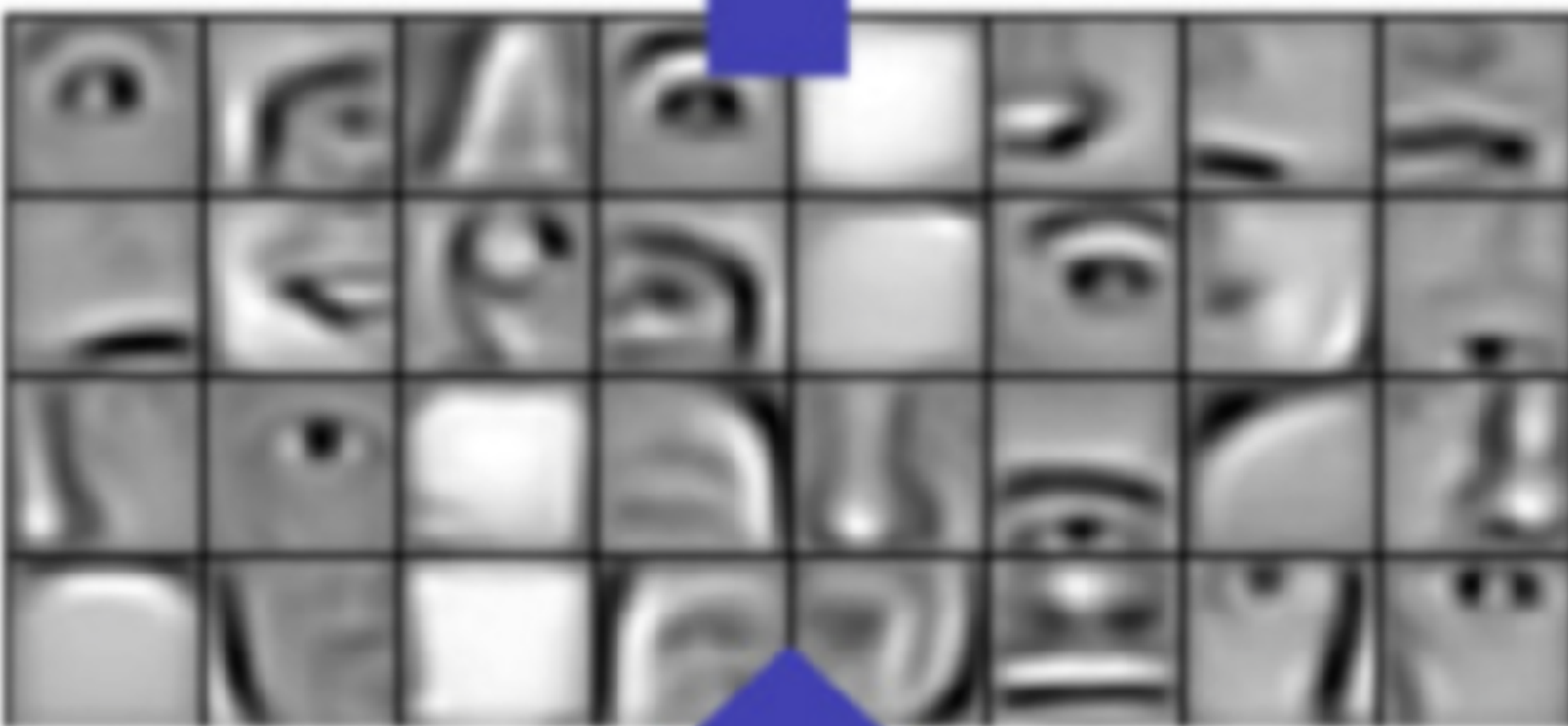


Feature visualization of convolutional net trained on ImageNet from [Zeiler & Fergus 2013]





Layer 3



Layer 2

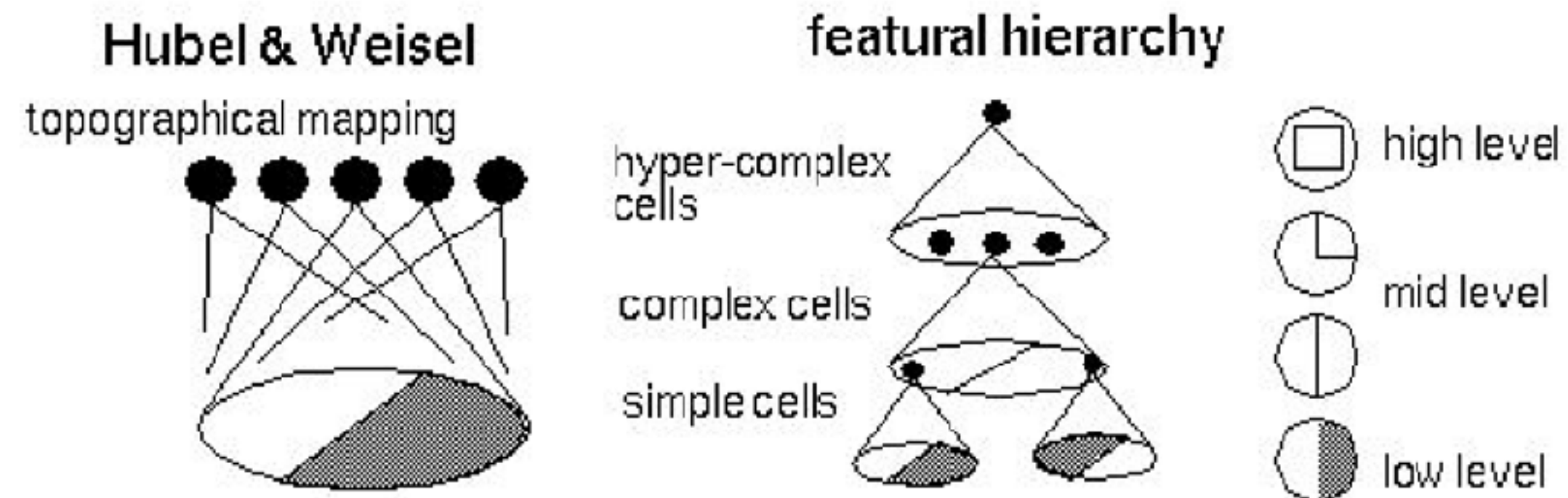


Layer 1



# What Humans Do?

- Hierarchical pattern recognition
  - edges -> simple parts-> parts -> objects -> scenes
- Hubel/Wiesel Architecture (1959, 1962, Nobel Prize, 1981)



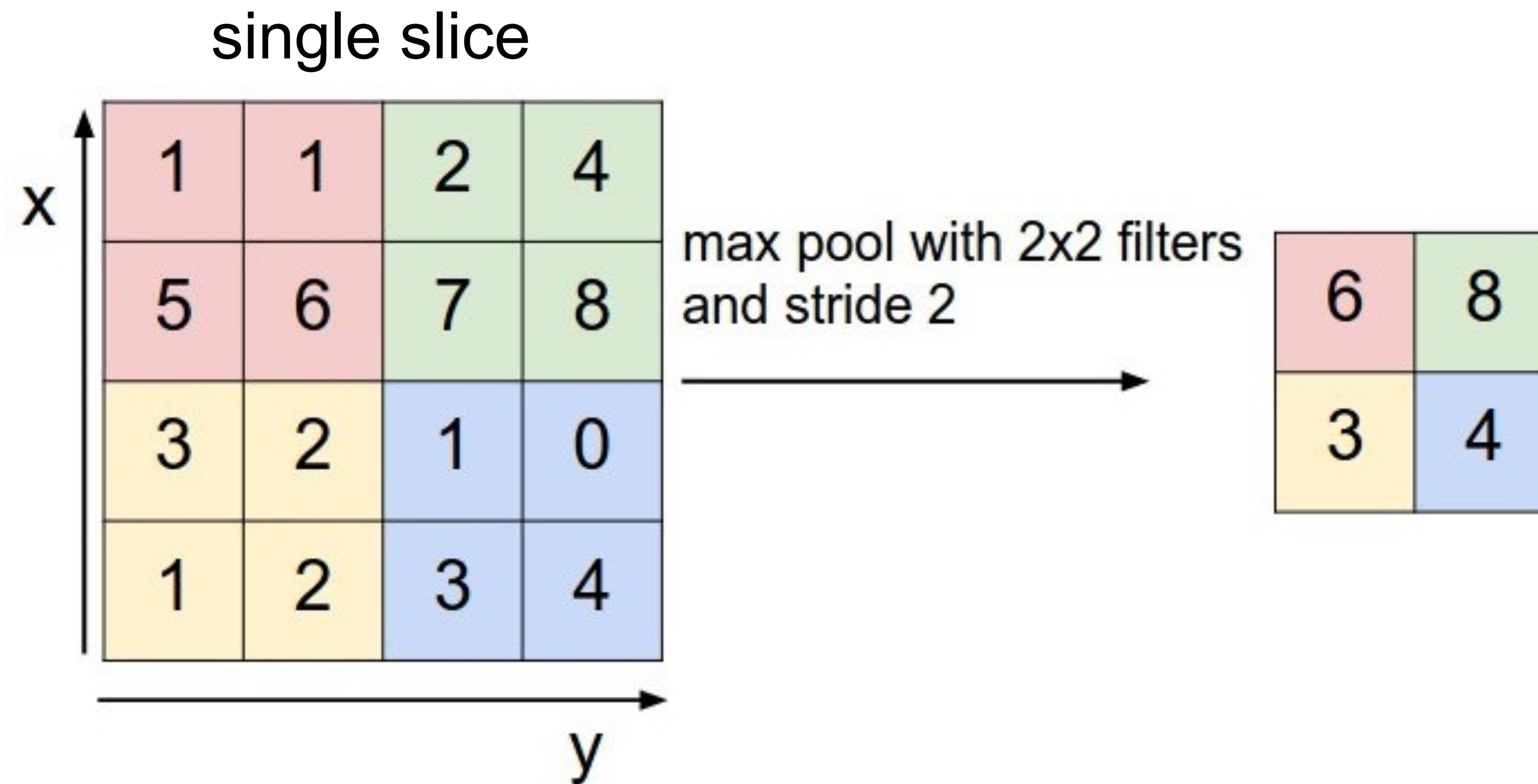


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- Robustly scale for large images: weight sharing
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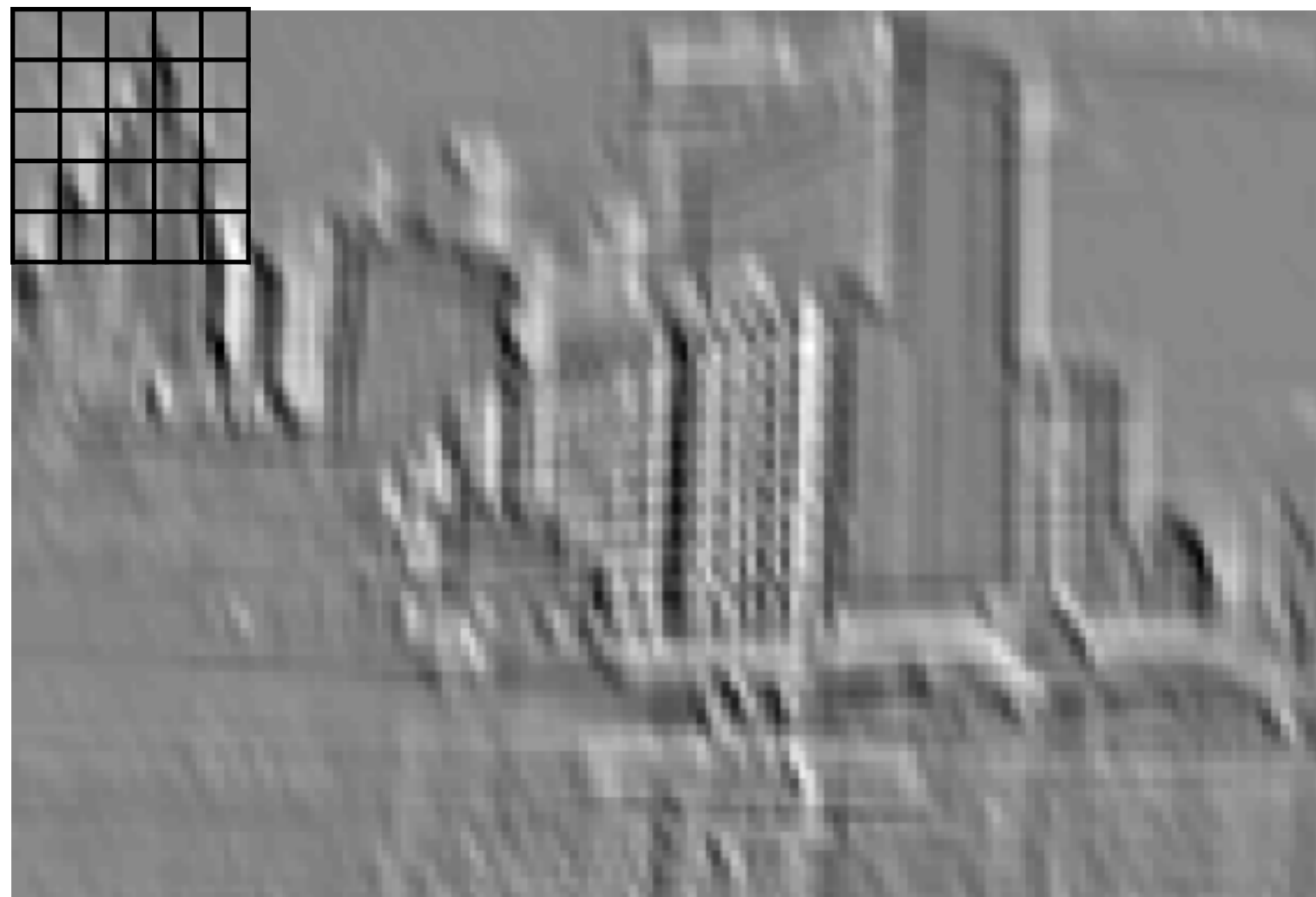
# Max Pooling



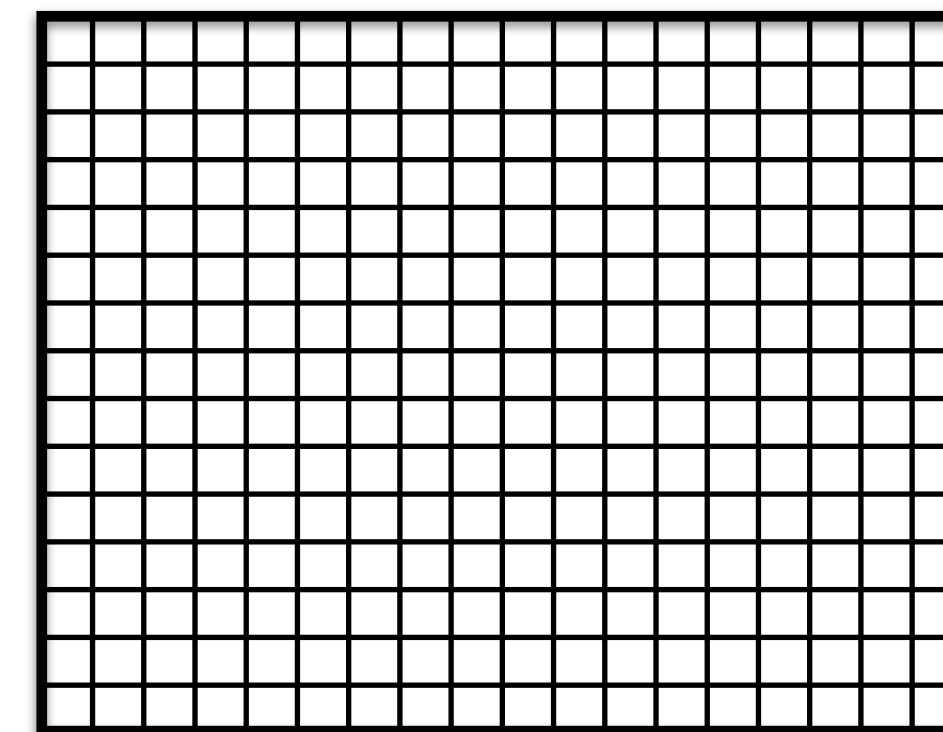
- Similar to filtering, but output the maximum entry instead of a weighted sum

# Pooling

- We wish to know whether a feature was there but not exactly where it was



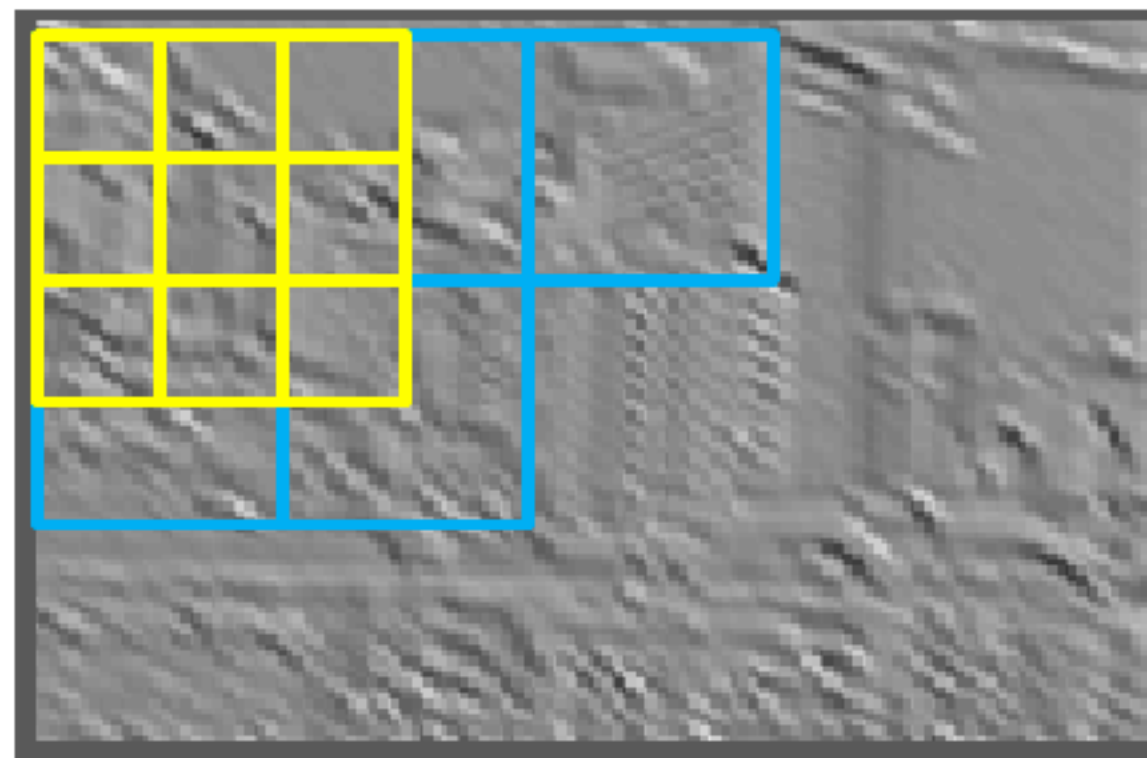
feature map



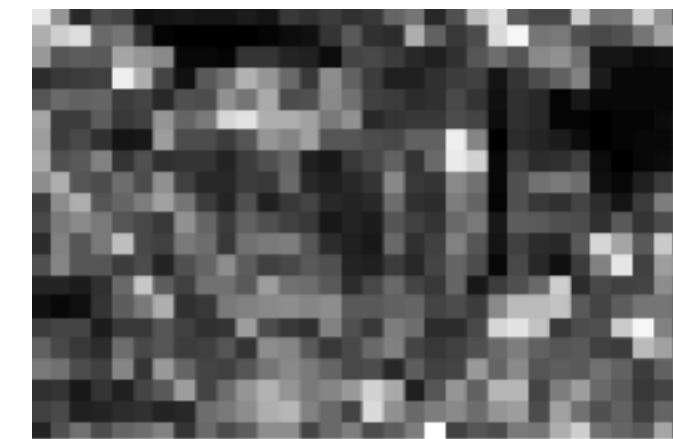
pooled map

# Pooling (max)

- Pooling region and “stride” may vary
  - pooling induces translation invariance at the cost of spatial resolution
  - stride reduces the size of the resulting feature map



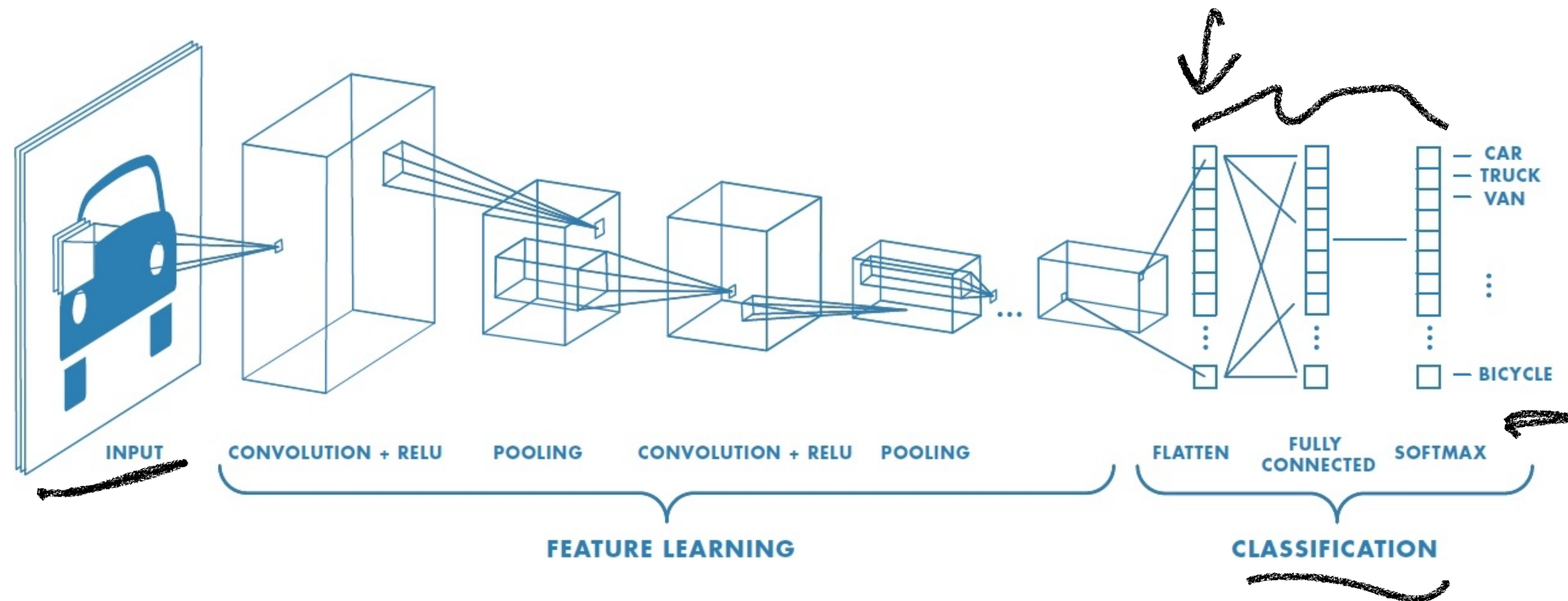
feature map



feature map  
after max pooling



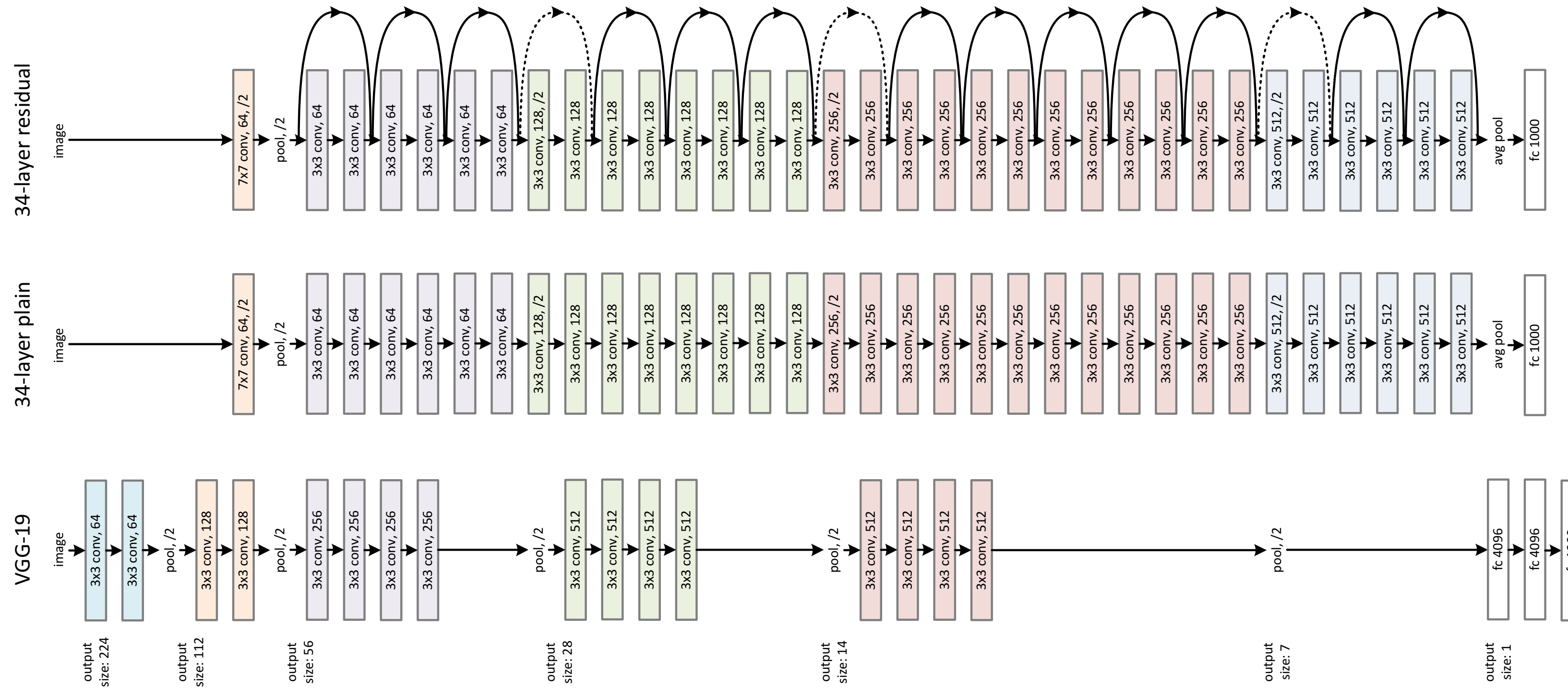
# Example Architecture



- Trainable via SGD and back-propagation

# Resnet (2015)

- A bit more modern...



[He et al. 2015]



# IMAGENET Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge

The Image Classification Challenge:  
1,000 object classes  
1,431,167 images



Output:  
Scale  
T-shirt  
Steel drum  
Drumstick  
Mud turtle



Output:  
Scale  
T-shirt  
Giant panda  
Drumstick  
Mud turtle







# Example: computer vision '12-

- ImageNet classification (what's it about)
  - over a million images, 1K image categories

2012 Teams	%error	2013 Teams	%error	2014 Teams	%error
Supervision (Toronto)	15.3	Clarifai (NYU spinoff)	11.7	GoogLeNet	6.6
ISI (Tokyo)	26.1	NUS (singapore)	12.9	VGG (Oxford)	7.3
VGG (Oxford)	26.9	Zeiler-Fergus (NYU)	13.5	MSRA	8.0
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[Figure by Yann LeCun]

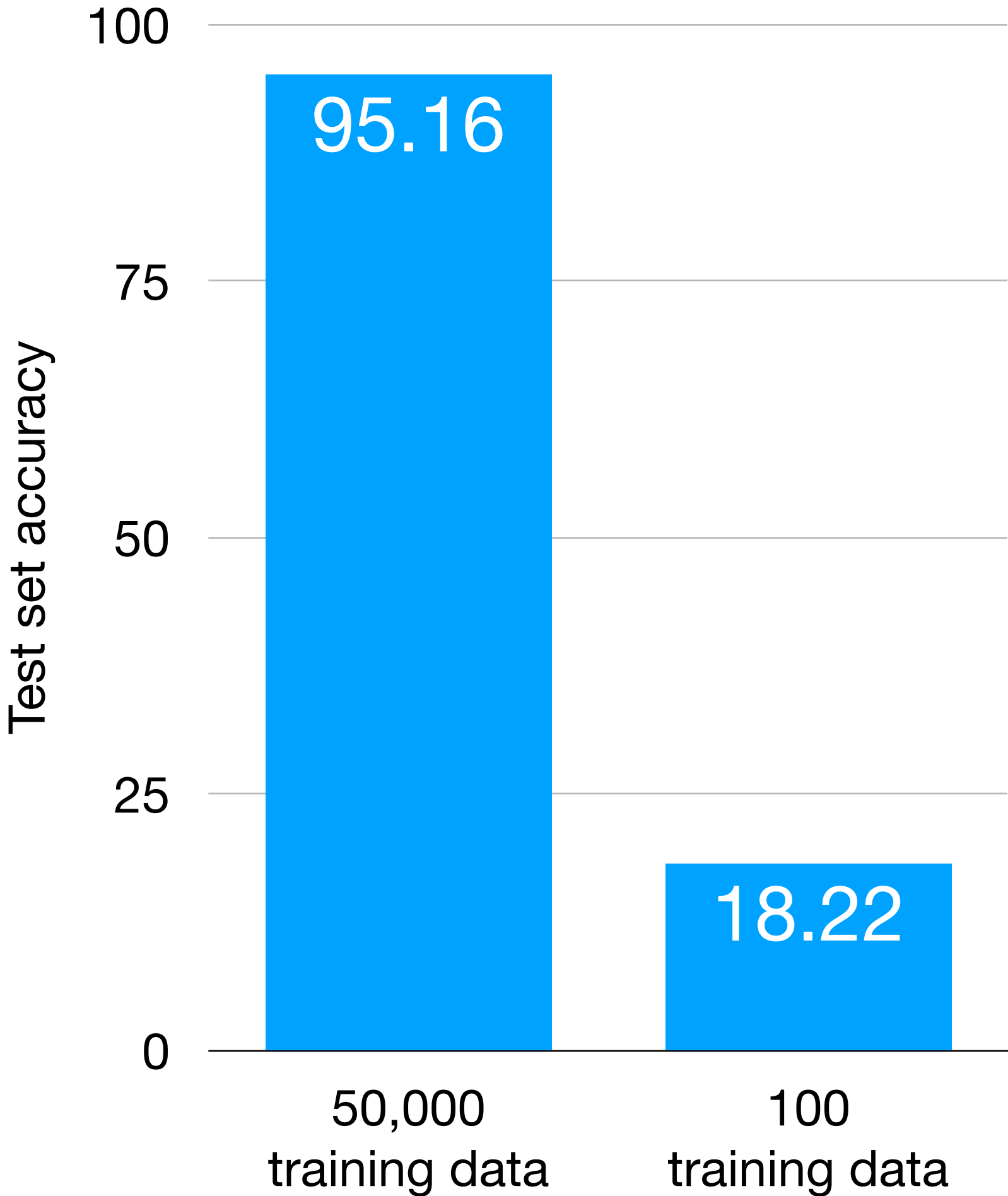
# Models are Data Hungry



**CIFAR-10 dataset**

# classes: 10

# img per class: 5000





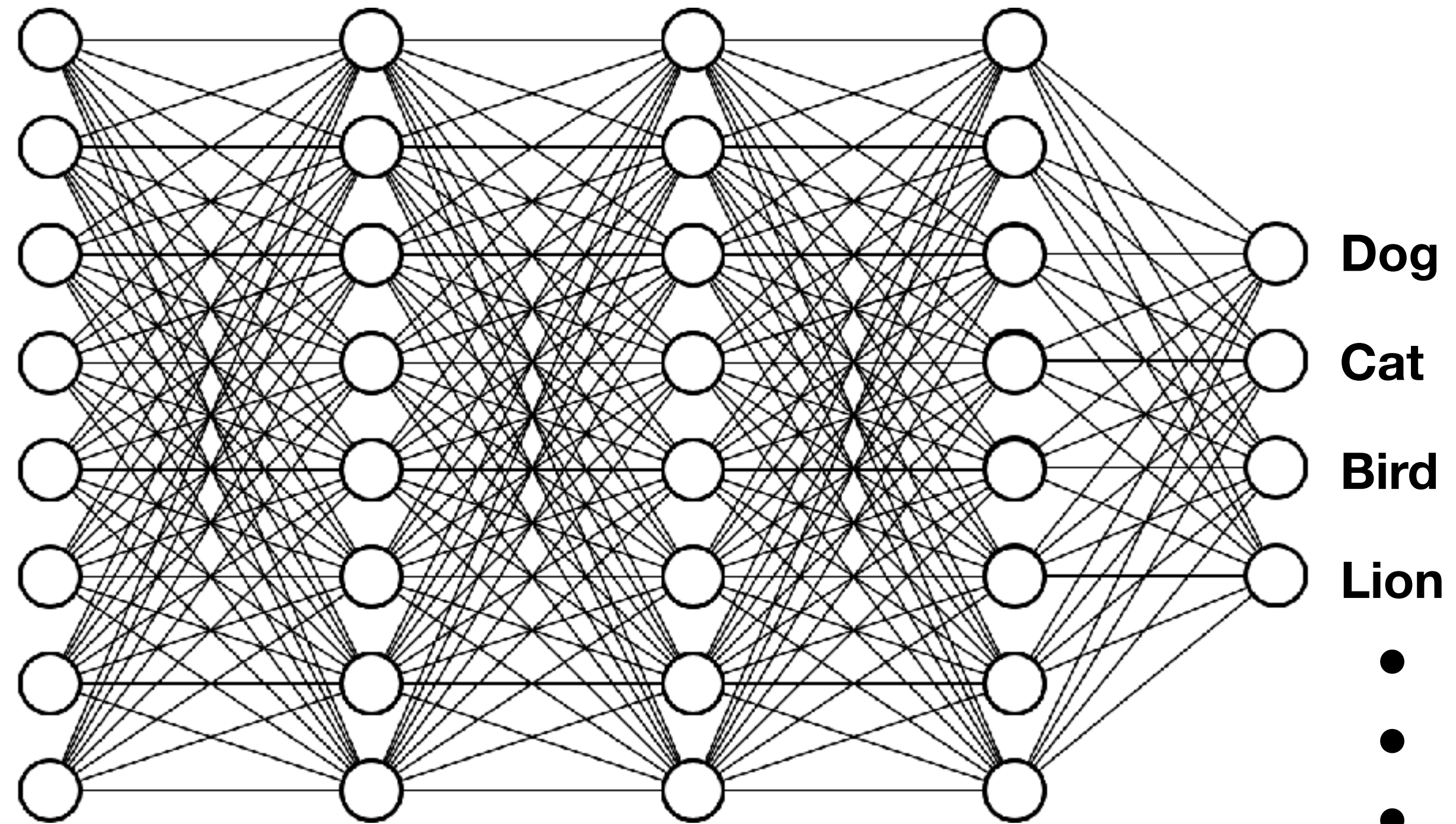
# Initialization via Pre-Training

*Transfer knowledge acquired from other dataset*



ImageNet dataset:  
1.2M labeled images

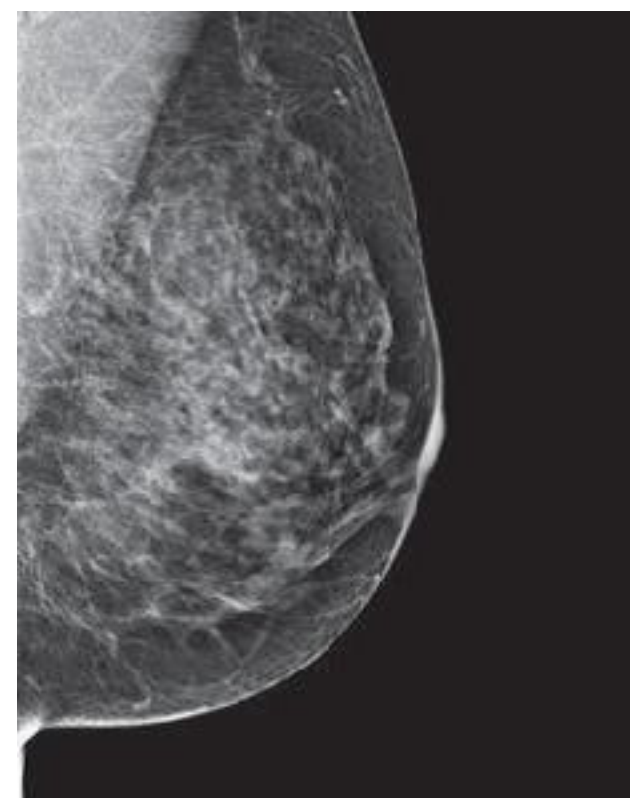
Training  
→





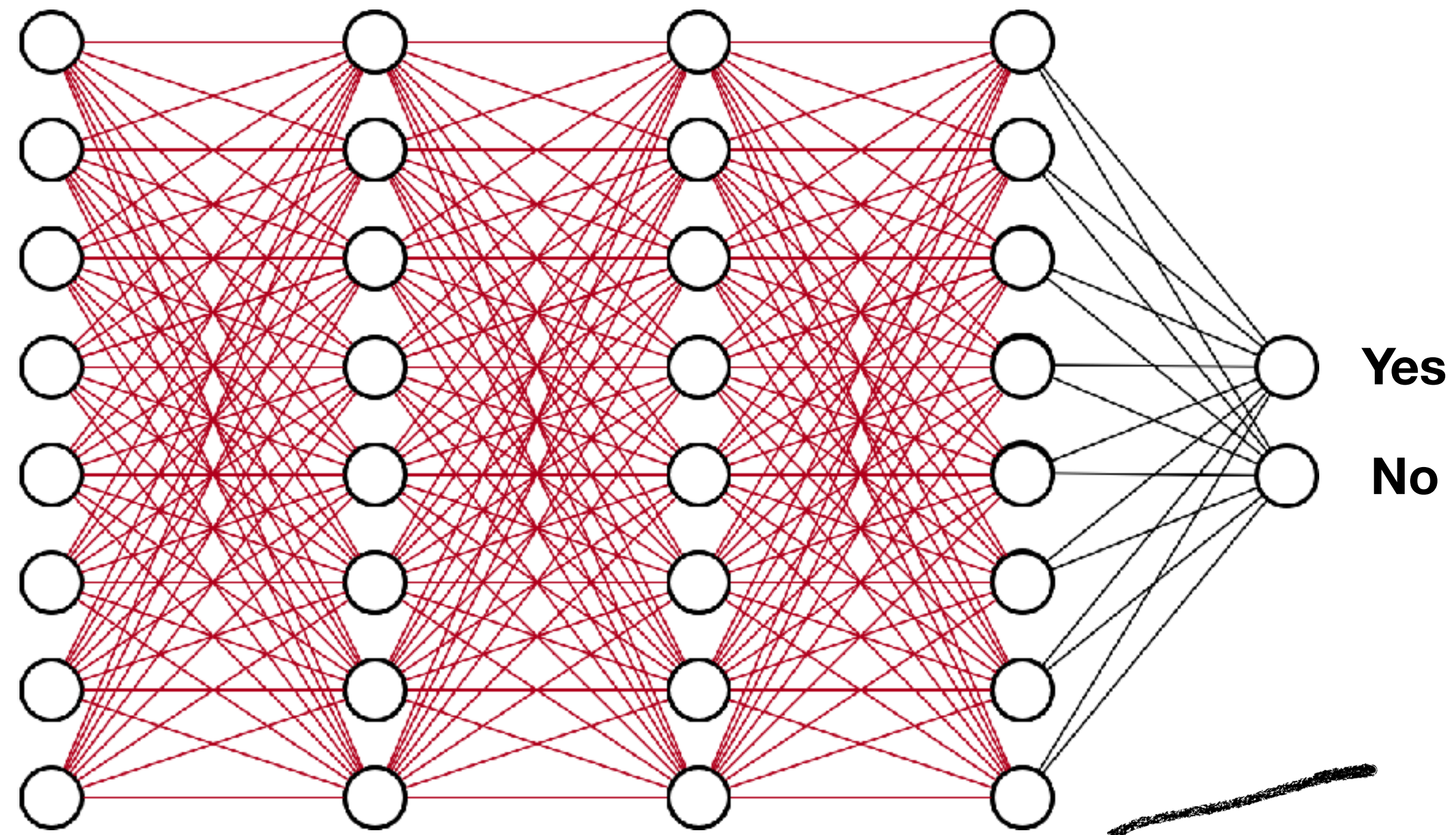
# Initialization via Pre-Training

Weights in red are initialized from the pre-trained model.



Breast cancer  
detection dataset

Fine tuning  
→



Weights in black are initialized from scratch and are updated by SGD during fine tuning stage.

# Summary: CNNs

- **Convolution: “local detectors”**  
spatial locality
- **Weight sharing:**  
**apply same detector to all image patches**  
efficiency: much fewer parameters!, translation invariance
- **Pooling**  
abstract away locality

# Agenda

**Data:** What is medical imaging?

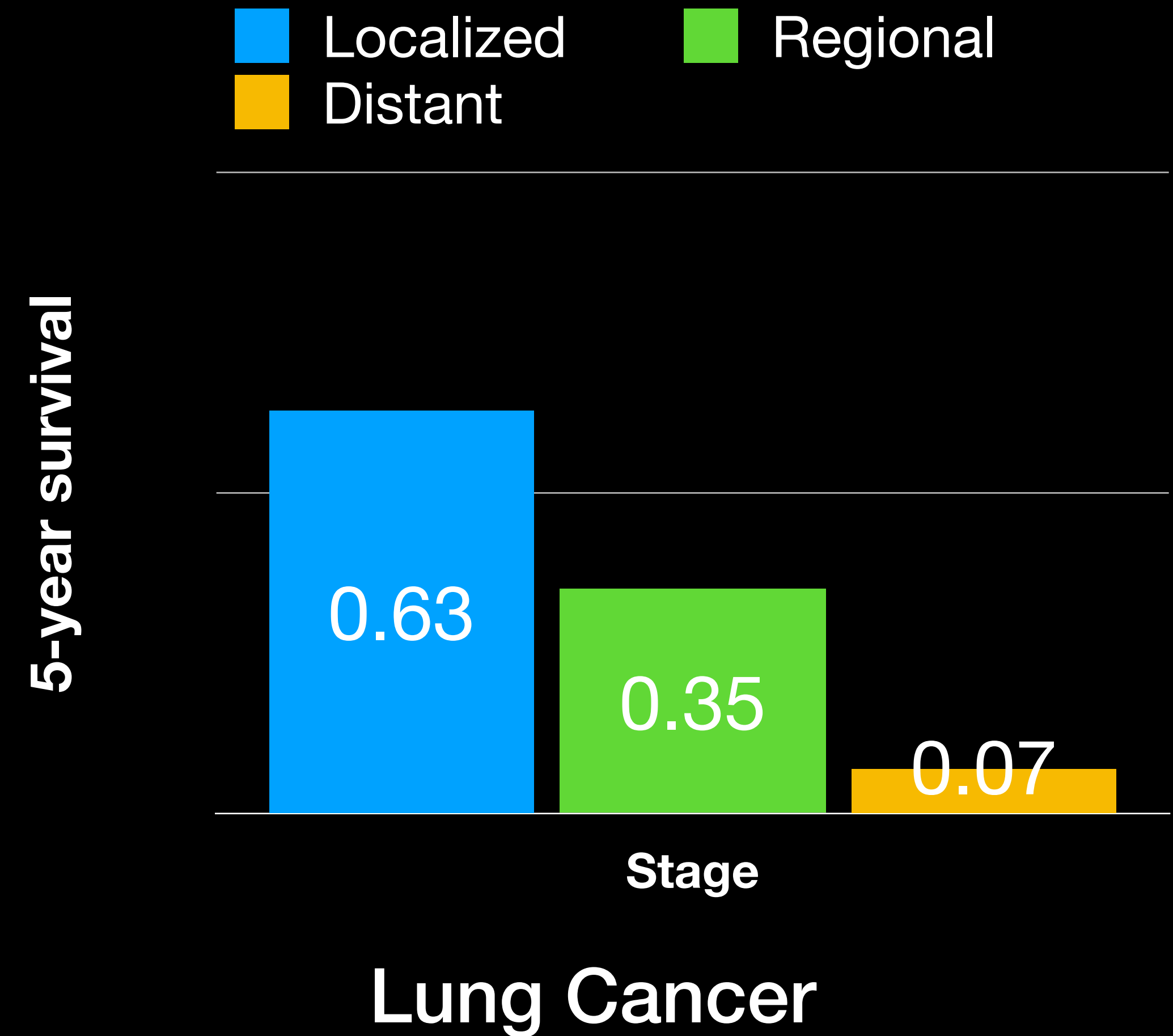
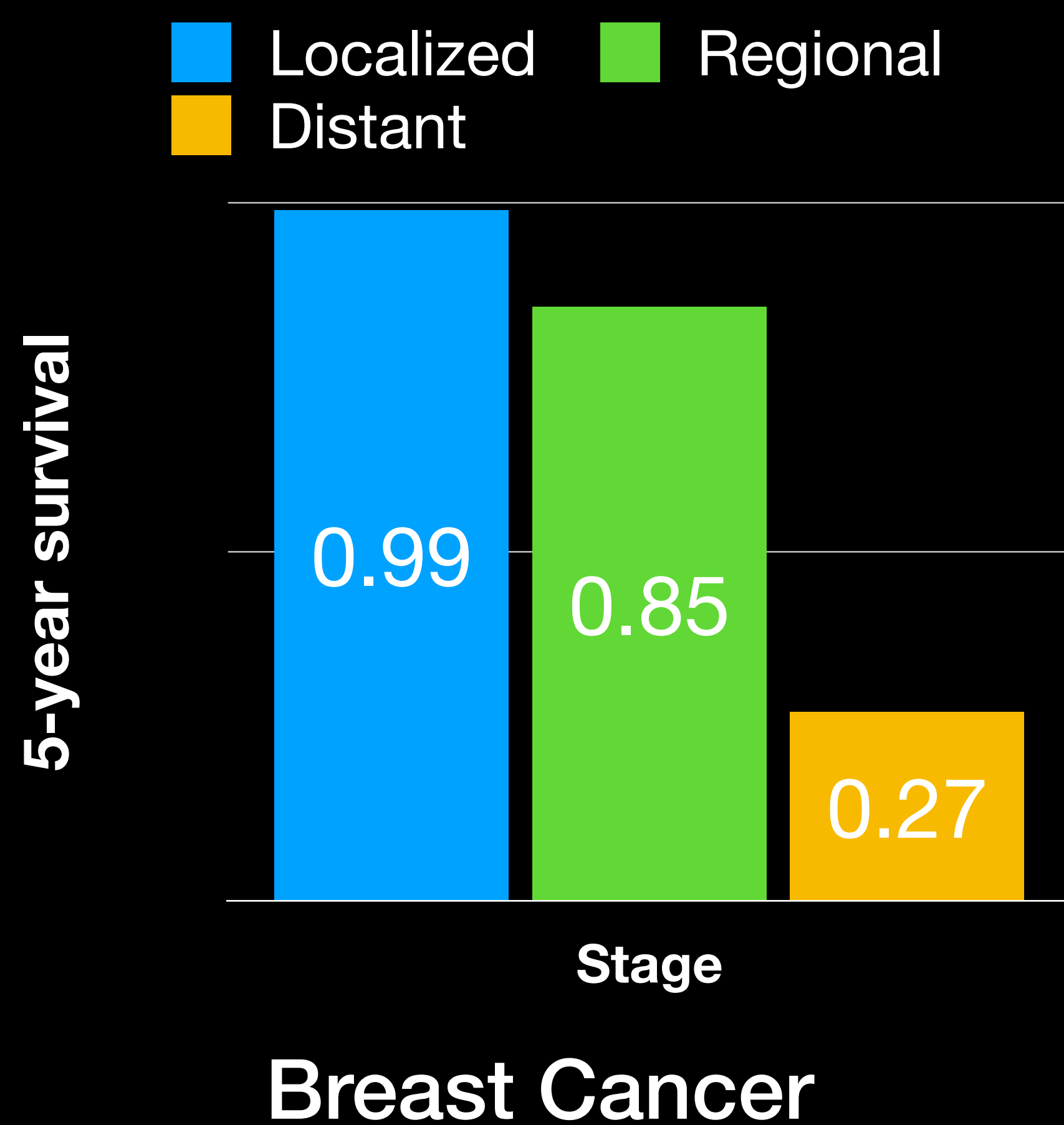
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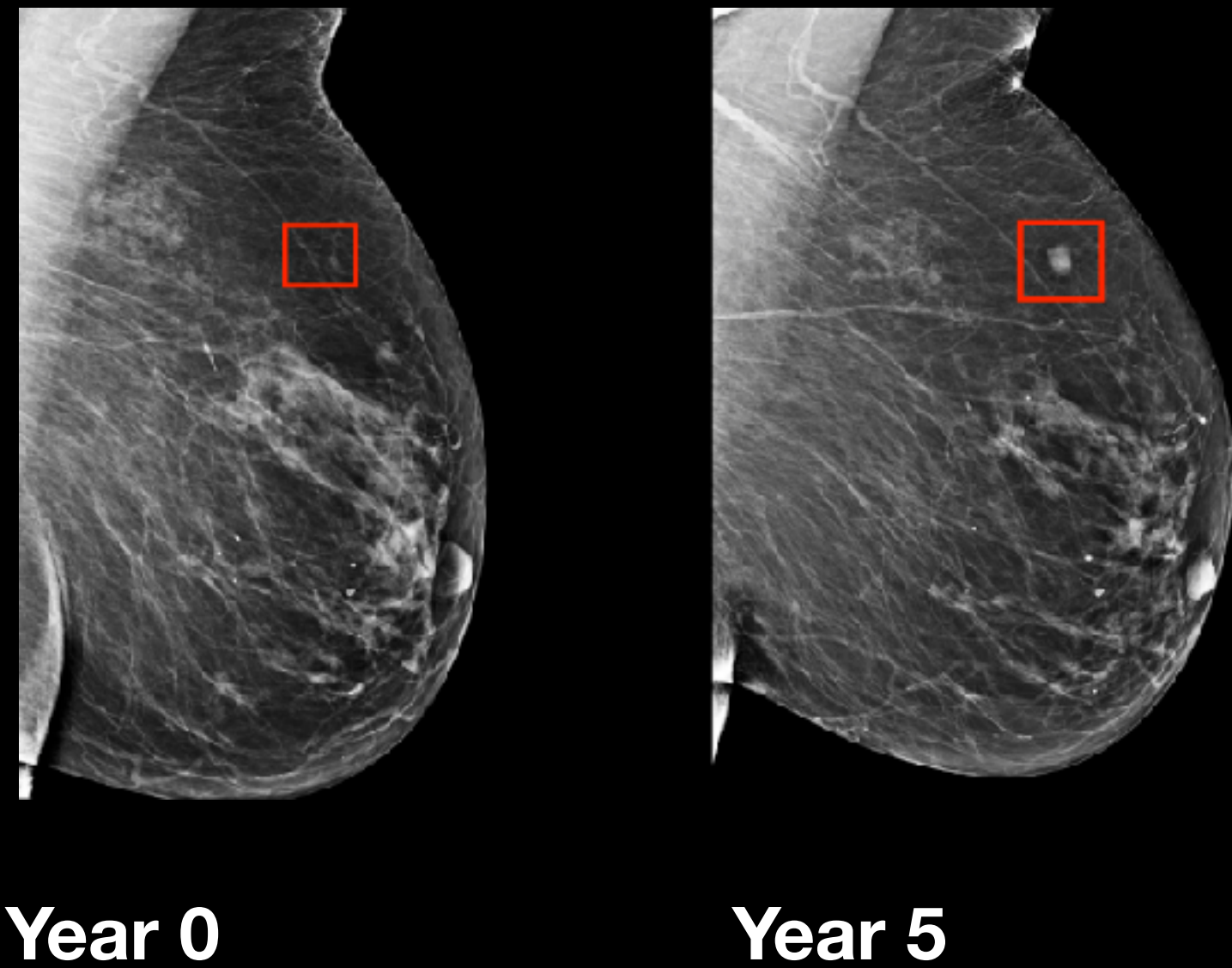


# Early Detection is critical

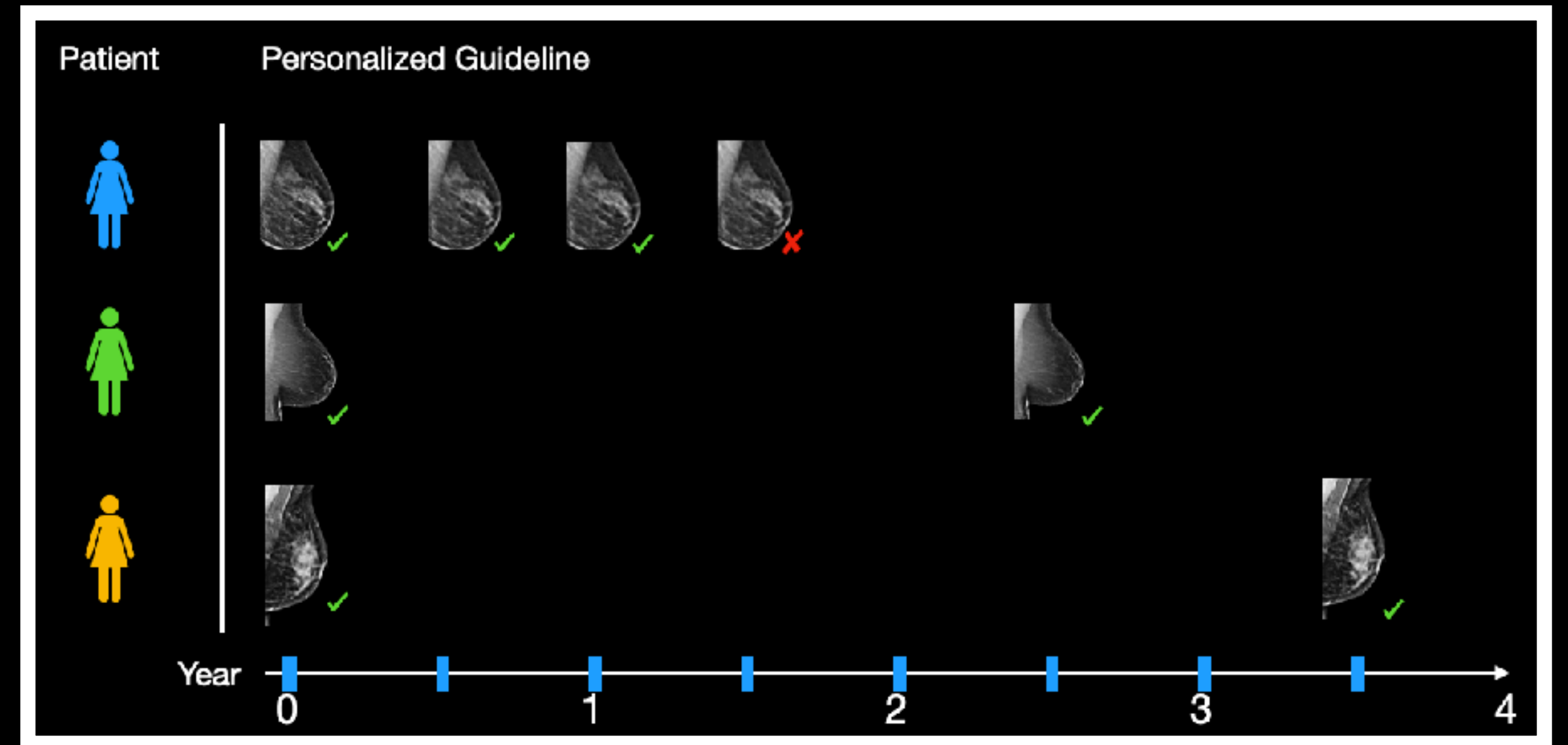


# How to catch cancer earlier

## Predict Cancer Risk



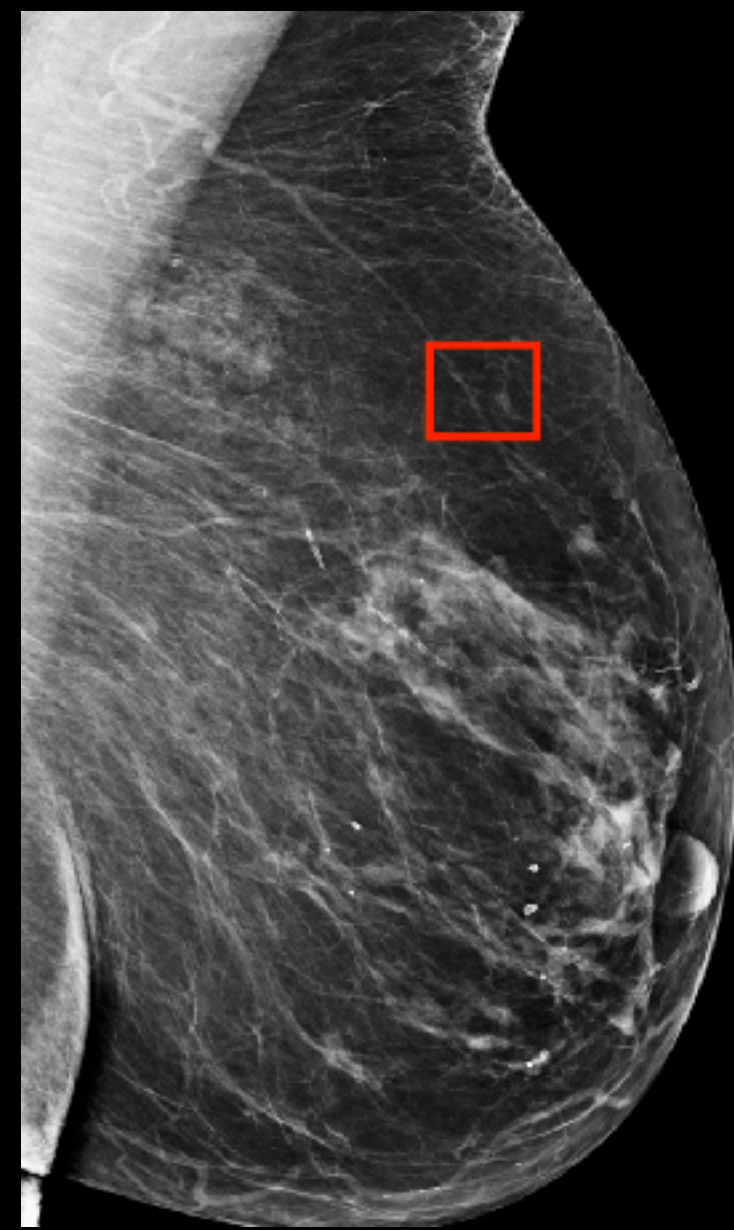
## Create personalized screening policy



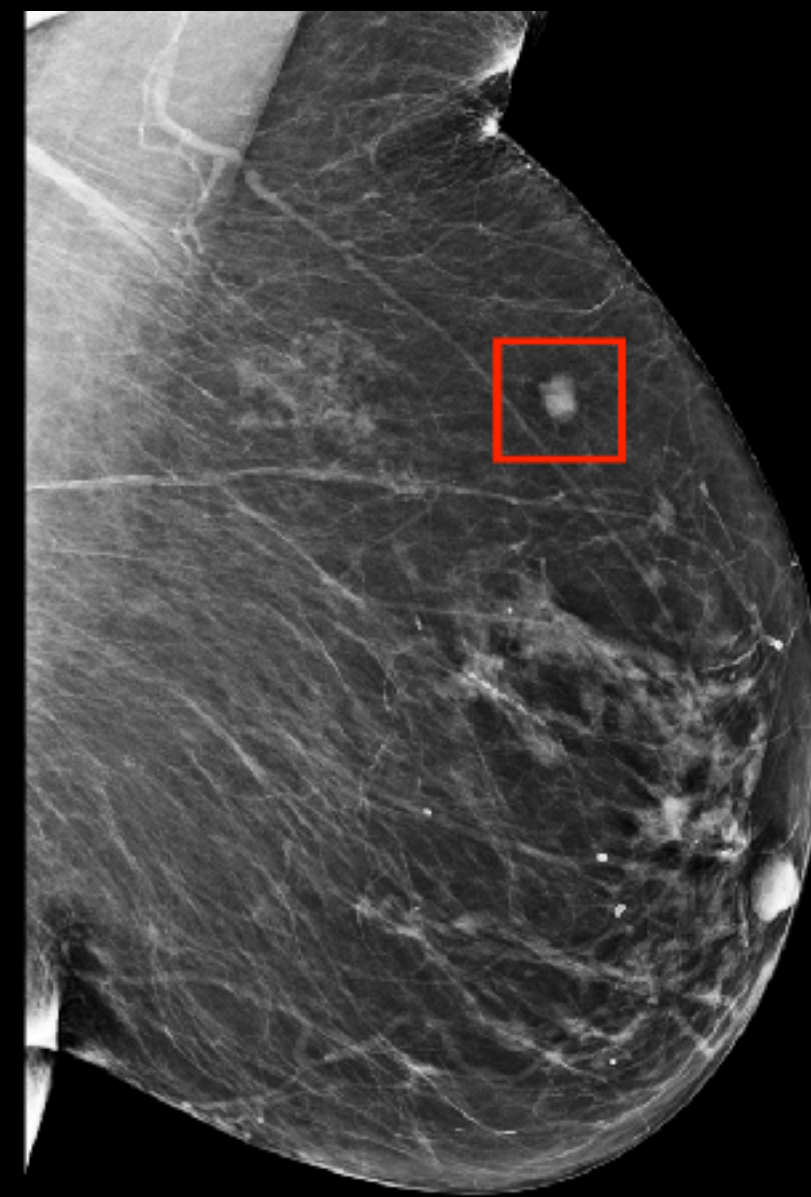
# How to catch cancer earlier

## Predict Cancer Risk

- Identify which population is at risk of developing cancer



Year 0



Year 5

Journal of Clinical Oncology®  
An American Society of Clinical Oncology Journal

### Multi-Institutional Validation of a Mammography-Based Breast Cancer Risk Model

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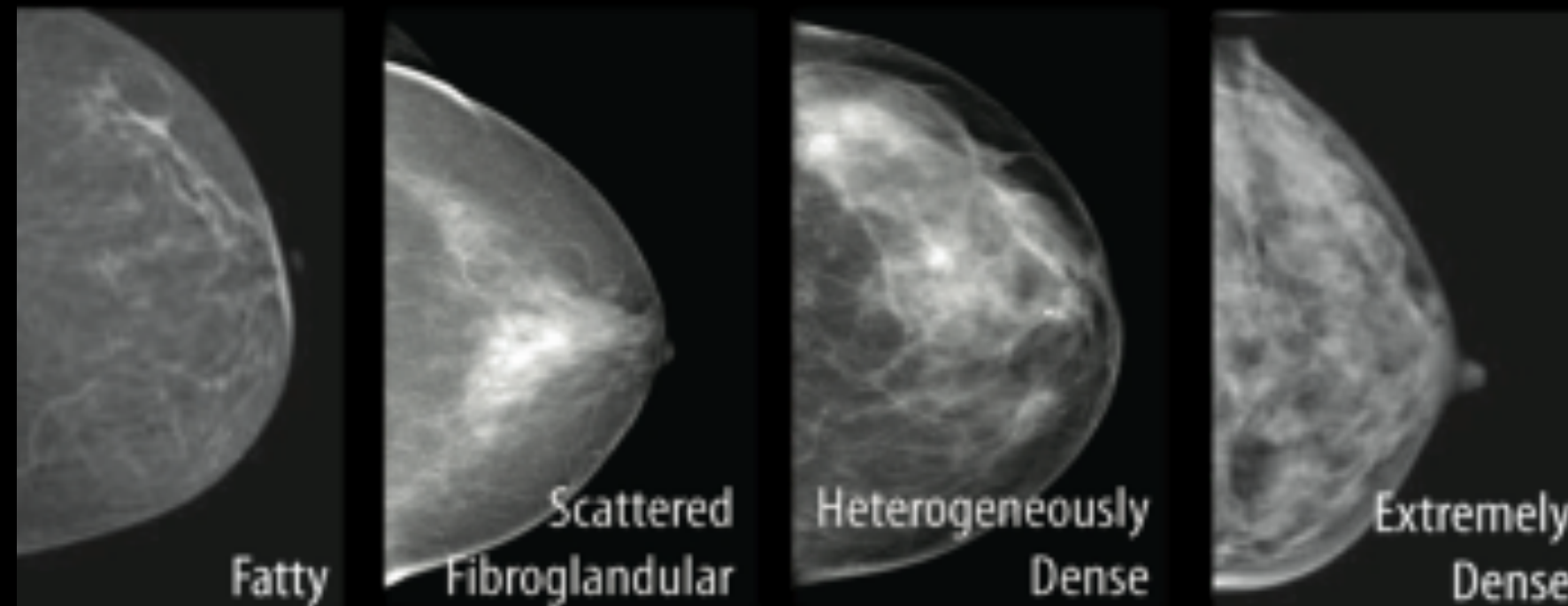
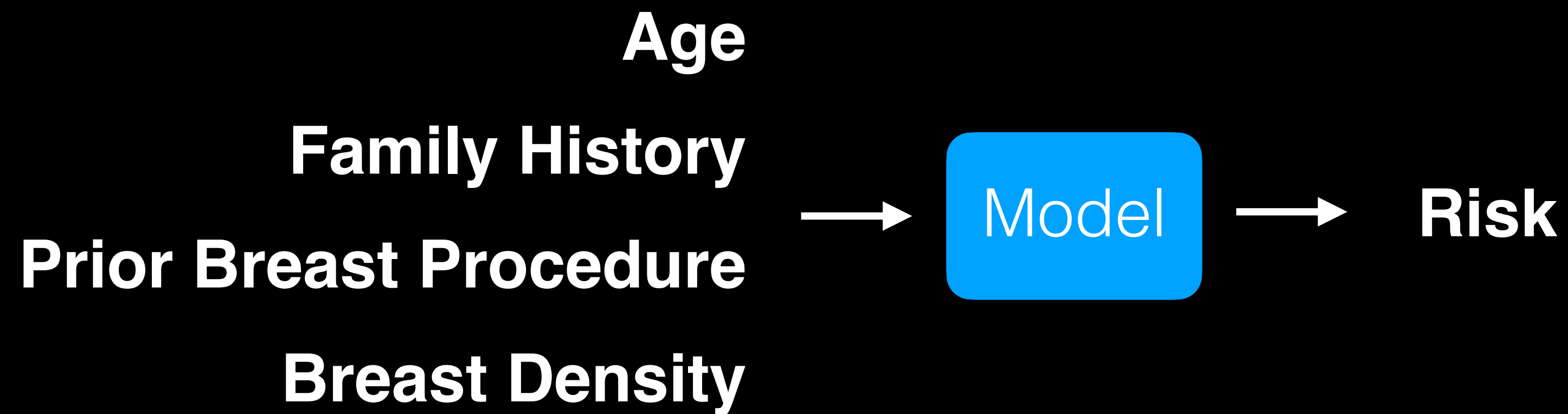
Radiology

### A Deep Learning Mammography-based Model for Improved Breast Cancer Risk Prediction

Adam Yala, MEng • Constance Lehman, MD, PhD • Tal Schuster, MS • Tally Portnoi, BS • Regina Barzilay, PhD



# Traditional approach: use expert knowledge



AUC: 0.63

AUC: 0.61 without Density

J Natl Cancer Inst. 2006 Sep 6;98(17):1204-14.

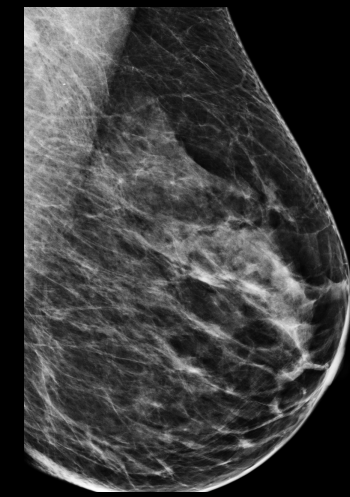
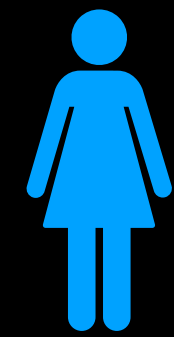
**Prospective breast cancer risk prediction model for women undergoing screening mammography.**

Barlow WE<sup>1</sup>, White E, Ballard-Barbash R, Vacek PM, Titus-Ernstoff L, Carney PA, Tice JA, Buist DS, Geller BM, Rosenberg R, Yankaskas BC, Kerlikowske K.

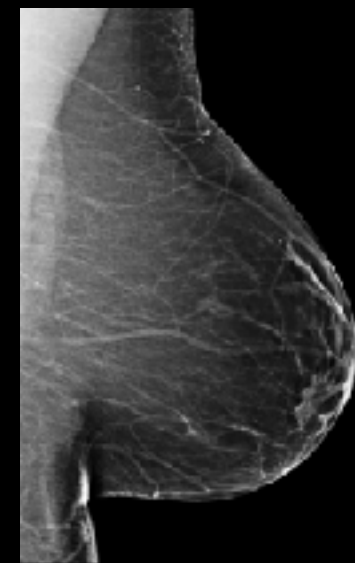
# Learning to predict future cancer from imaging

Patient

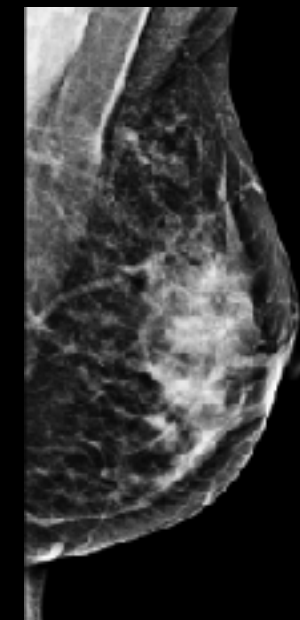
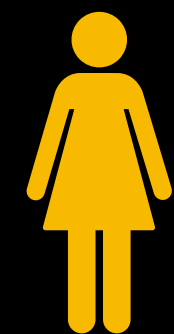
Future Outcome



3 year cancer



No cancer



5 year cancer

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**Standard Architecture  
Resnet-18**



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## 3. Image DL

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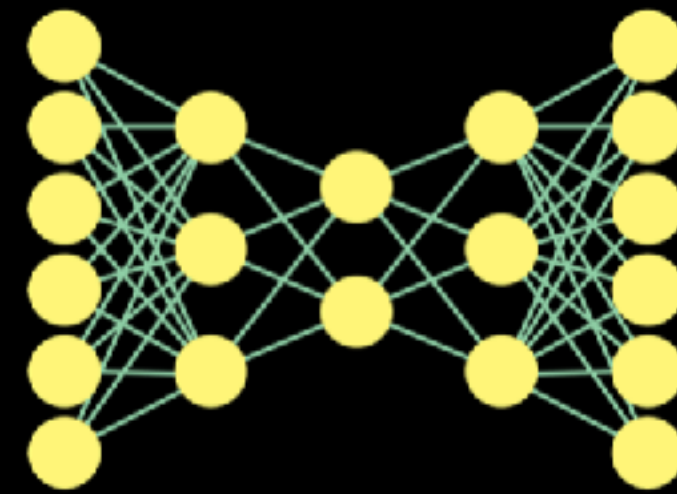
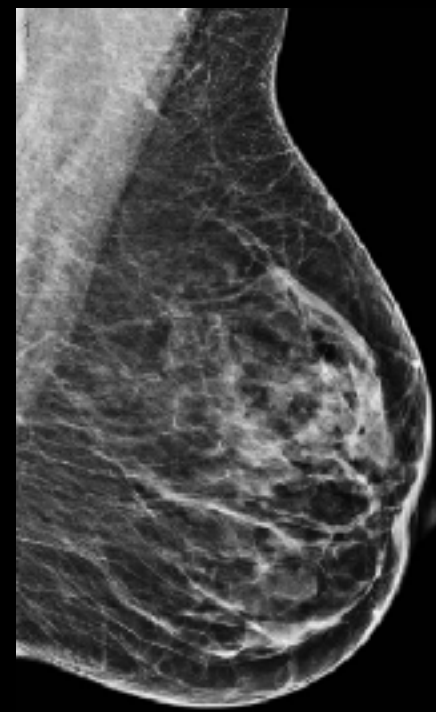
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**Advanced Modeling:  
New Objective, Predicting Risk Factors, Multi-  
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# MIRAI: Assessing Breast Cancer Risk

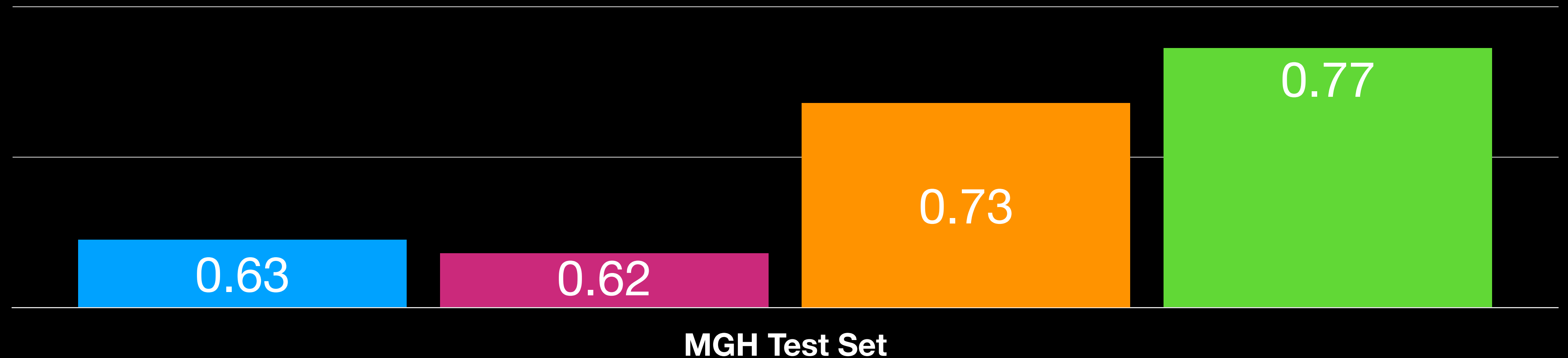


5 Year Breast Cancer Risk

Trained at MGH  
Tested on 26,000 holdout exams

■ Tyrer-Cuzick (Prior State of Art) ■ ResNet ■ Image DL (Ours) ■ MIRAI (Ours - New Result)

Uno's C-index

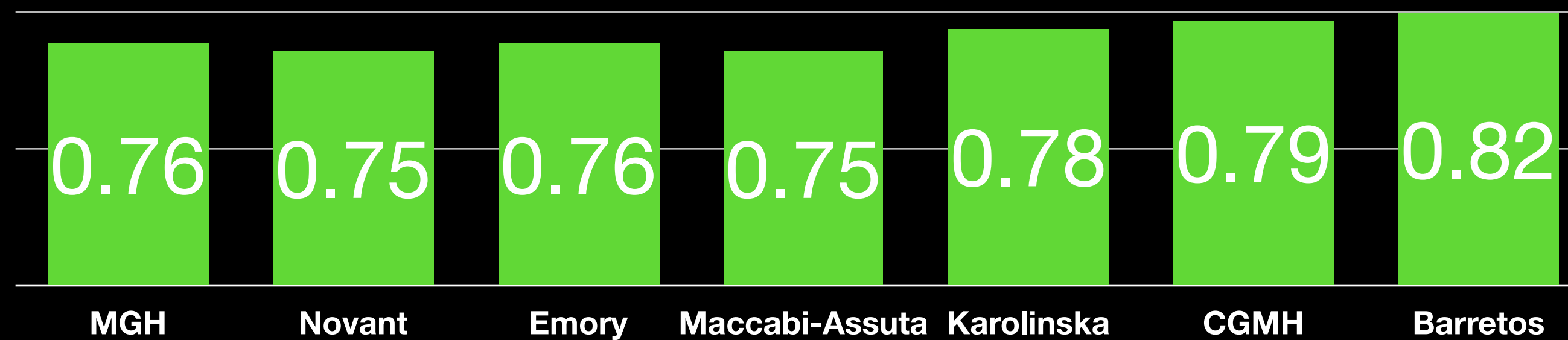
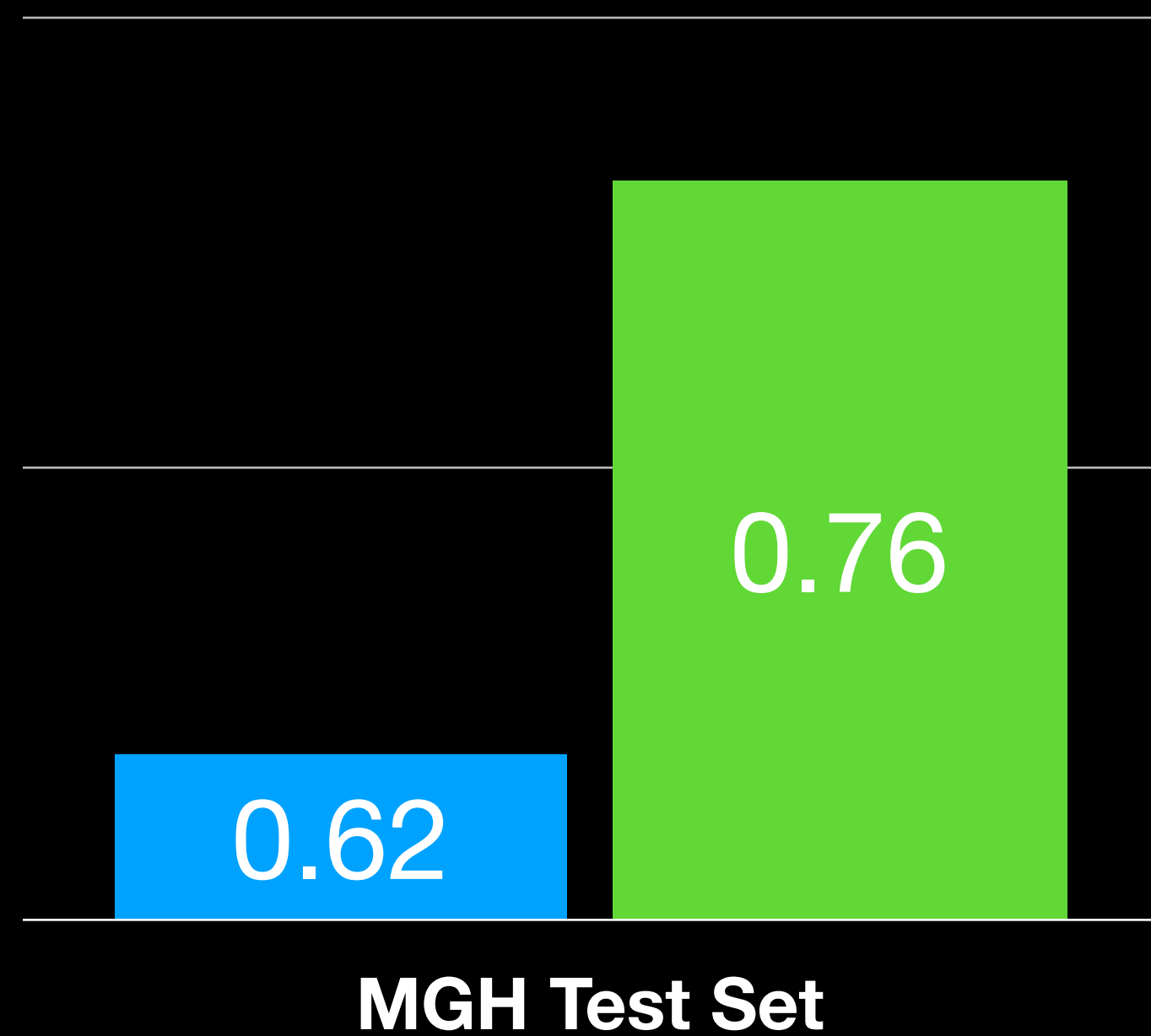




# Maintains accuracy across diverse populations

- Tyrer-Cuzick (Prior State of Art)
- MIRAI (Ours - New Result)

AUC



# Selecting patients for supplemental imaging

- Mirai Low but Tyrer-Cuzick High
- Mirai High but Tyrer-Cuzick Low

3-year cancer rate



1.7x higher cancer yield, same MRI volume as current care.

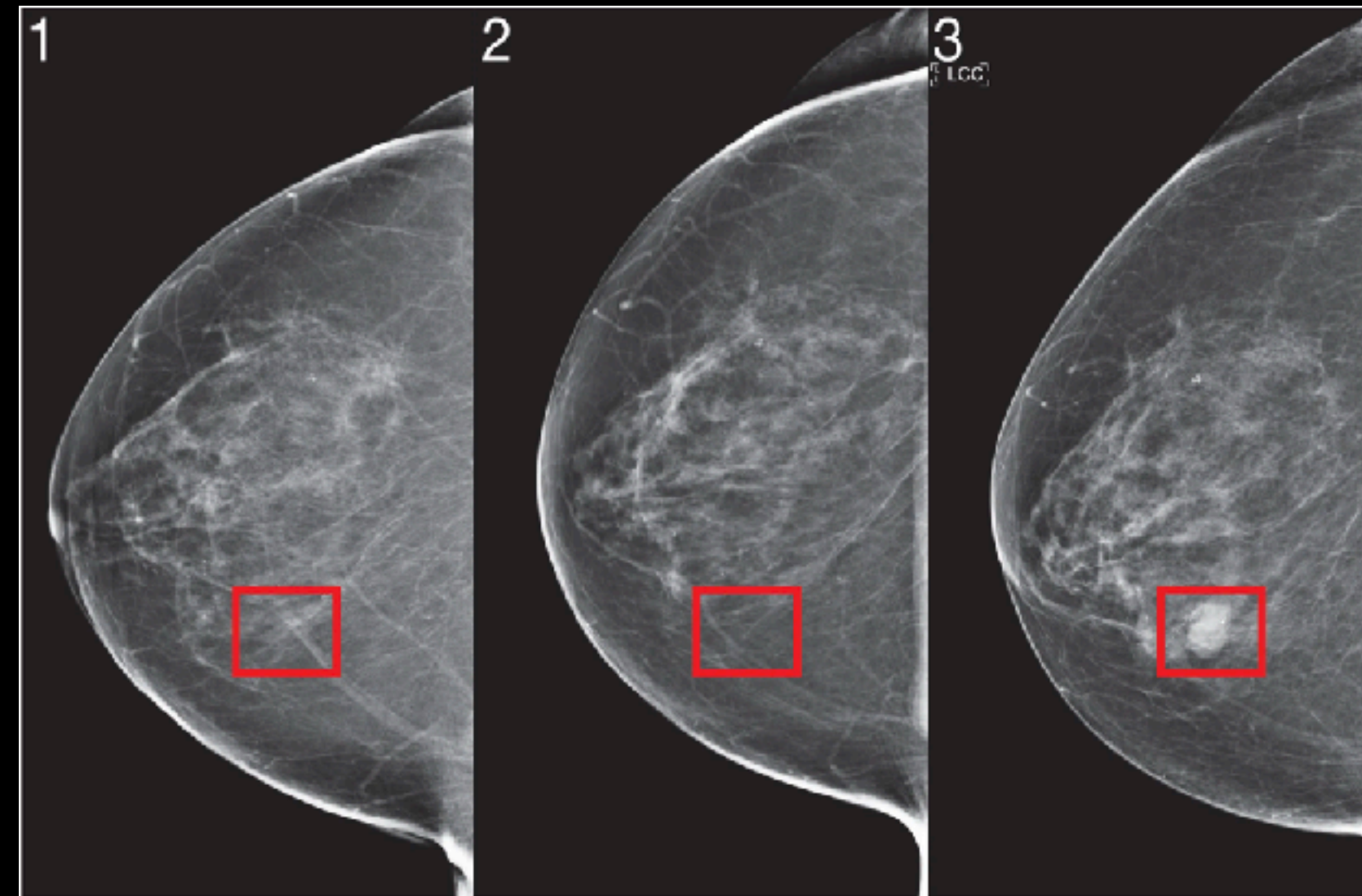
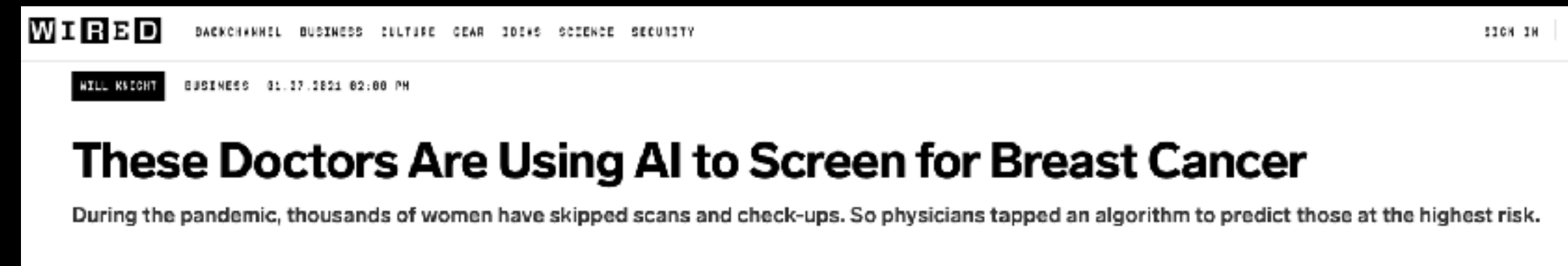
Better early detection, same cost.

Retrospective analysis

# Mirai Use Cases

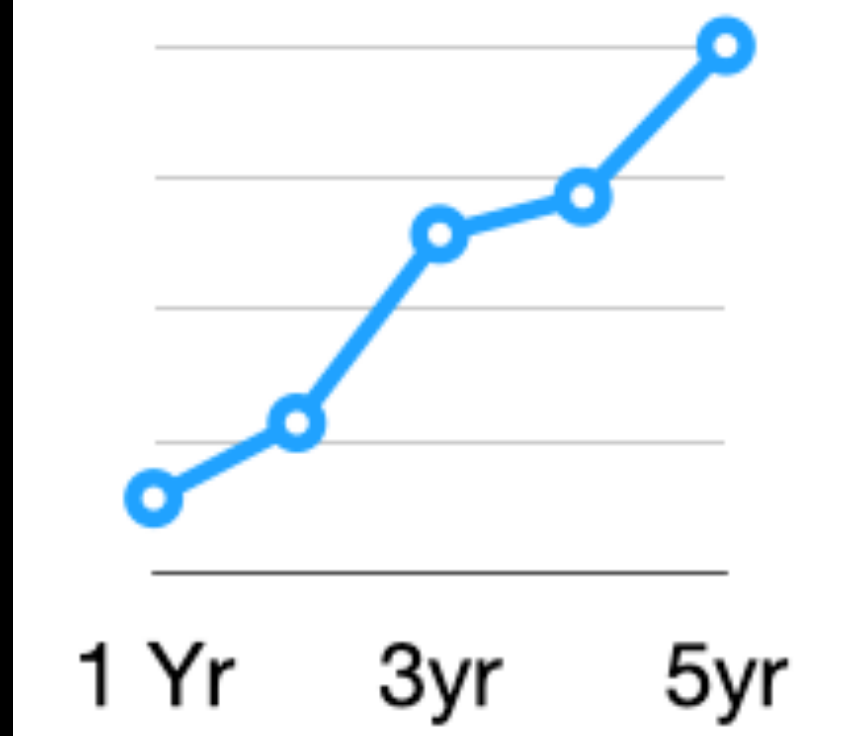
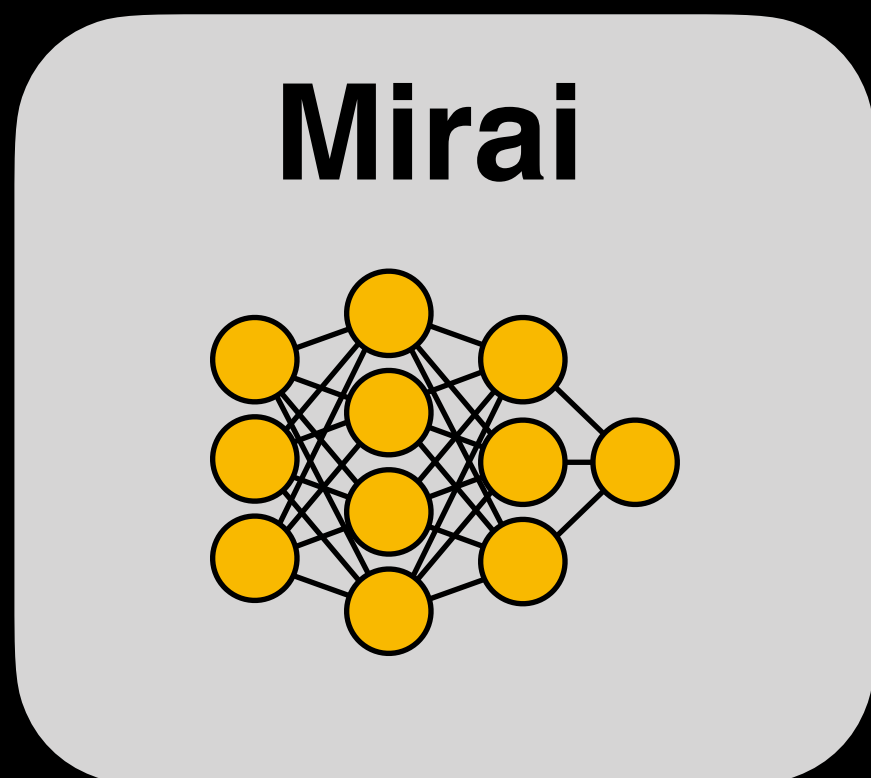
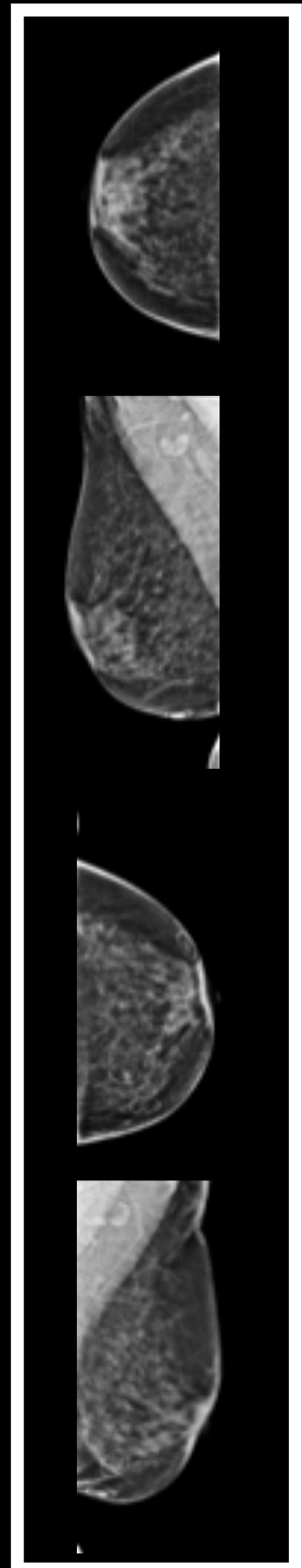
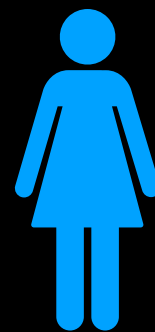
Organizing prospective trials for multiple use cases

**Highlight:** Prioritize screening from covid backlog at MGH





# Mirai: Image-based Risk model



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**Standard Architecture  
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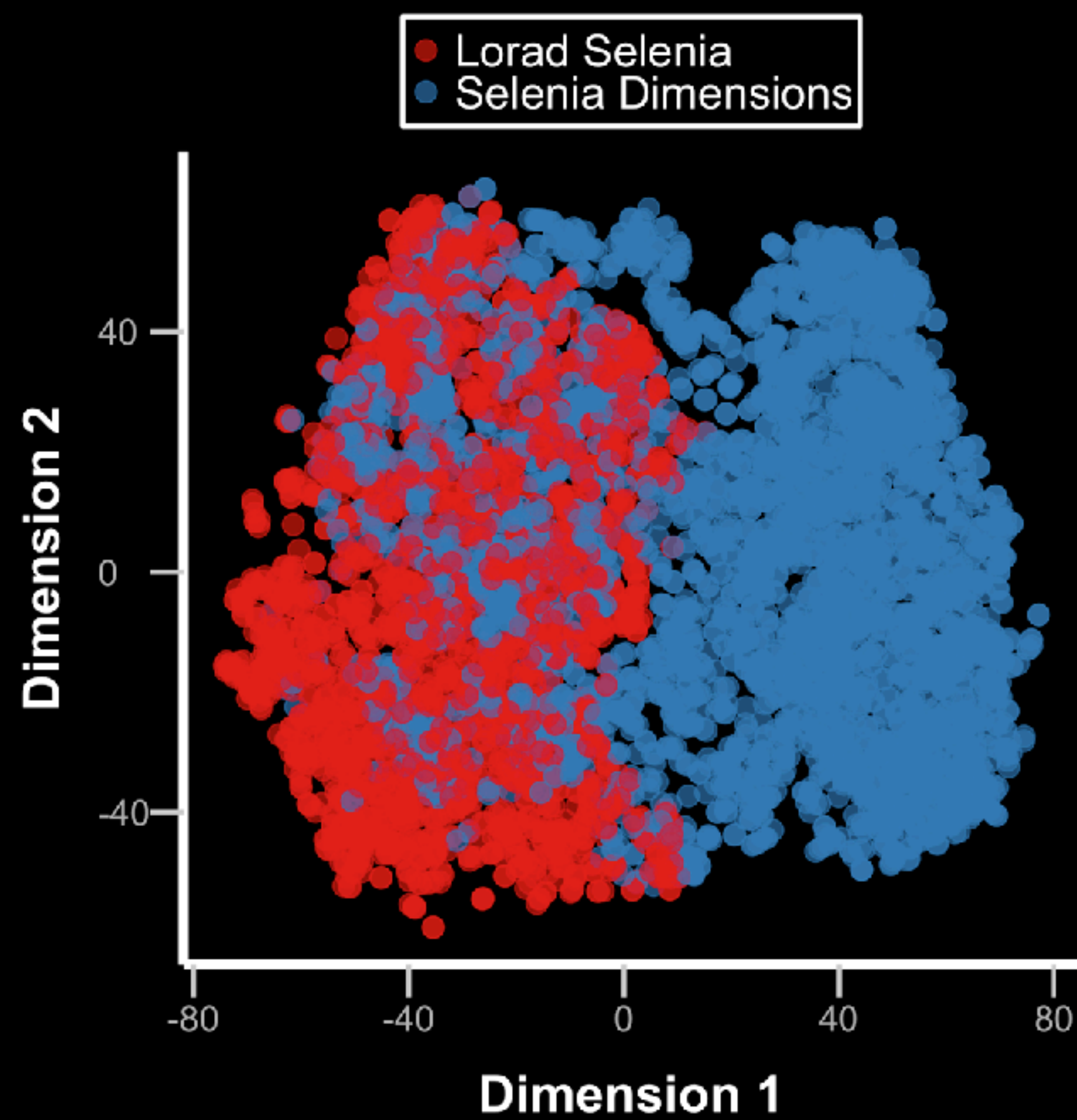
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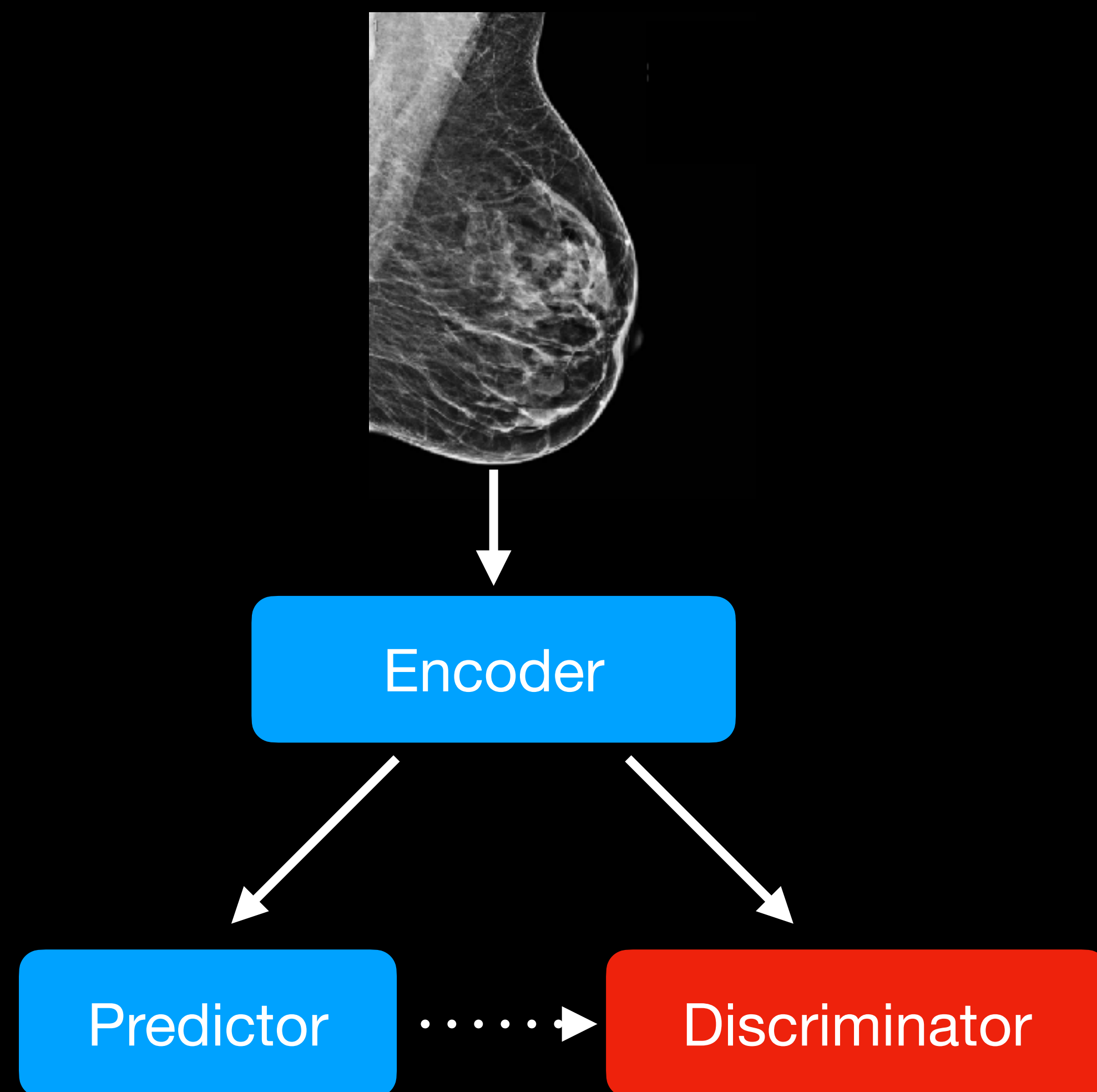
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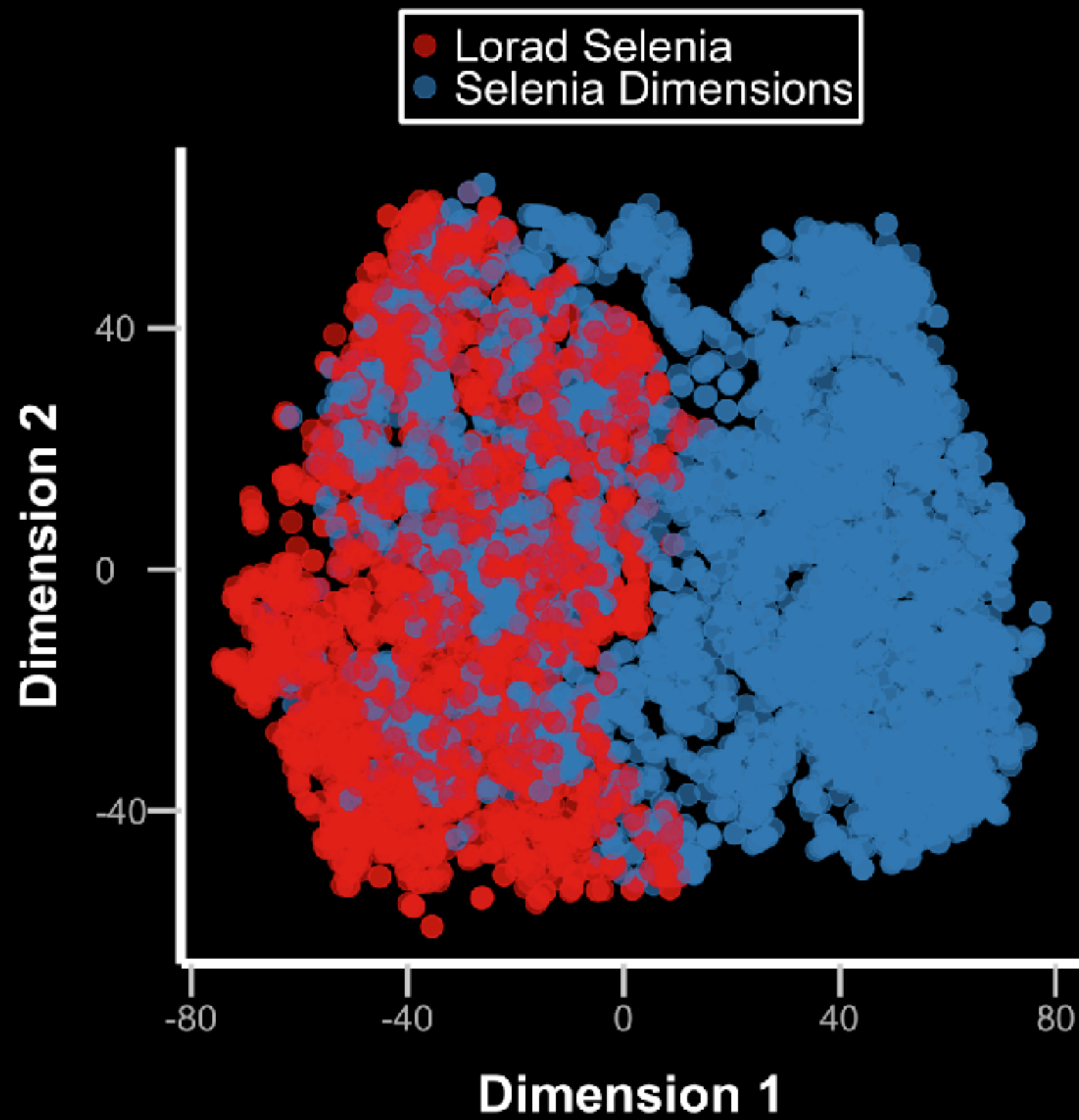


**Objective:**

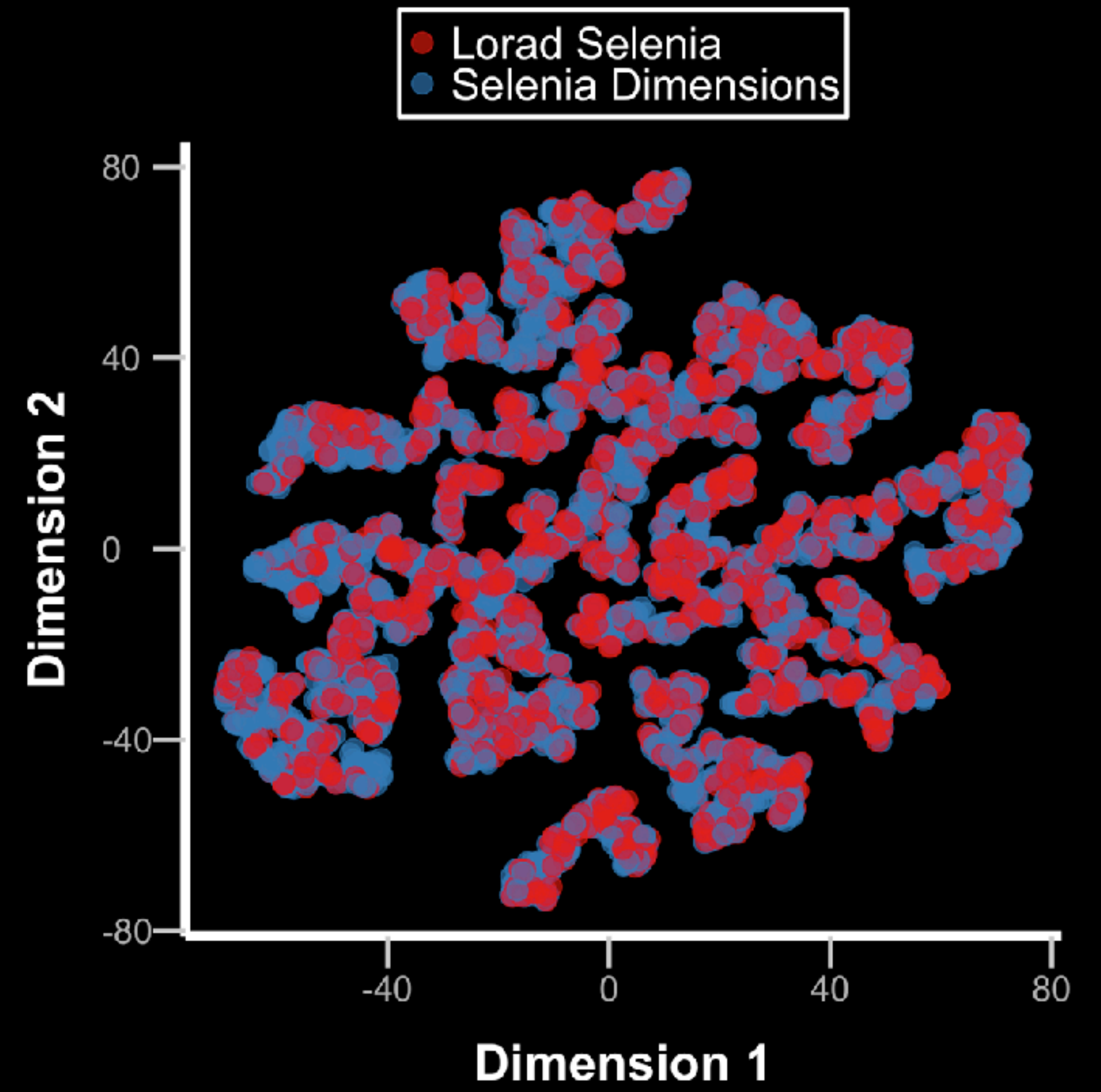
Max accuracy **Predictor**

Min accuracy **Discriminator**

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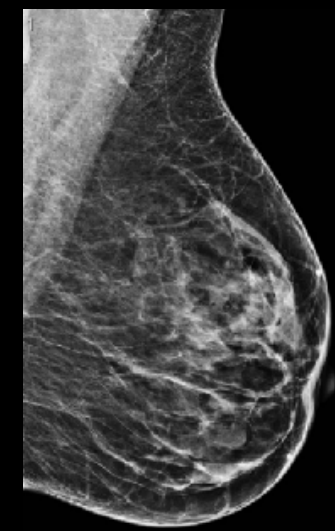


**Without Adversary**



**With Adversary**

# Problem 2: Missing risk factor data



Encoder



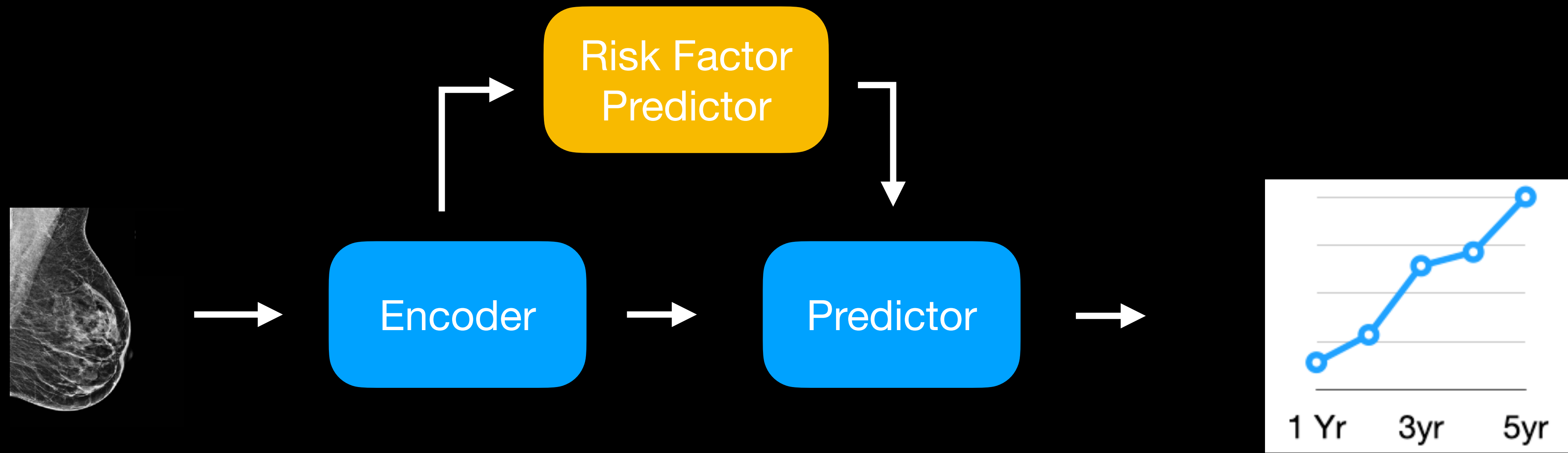
Risk Factor  
Predictor



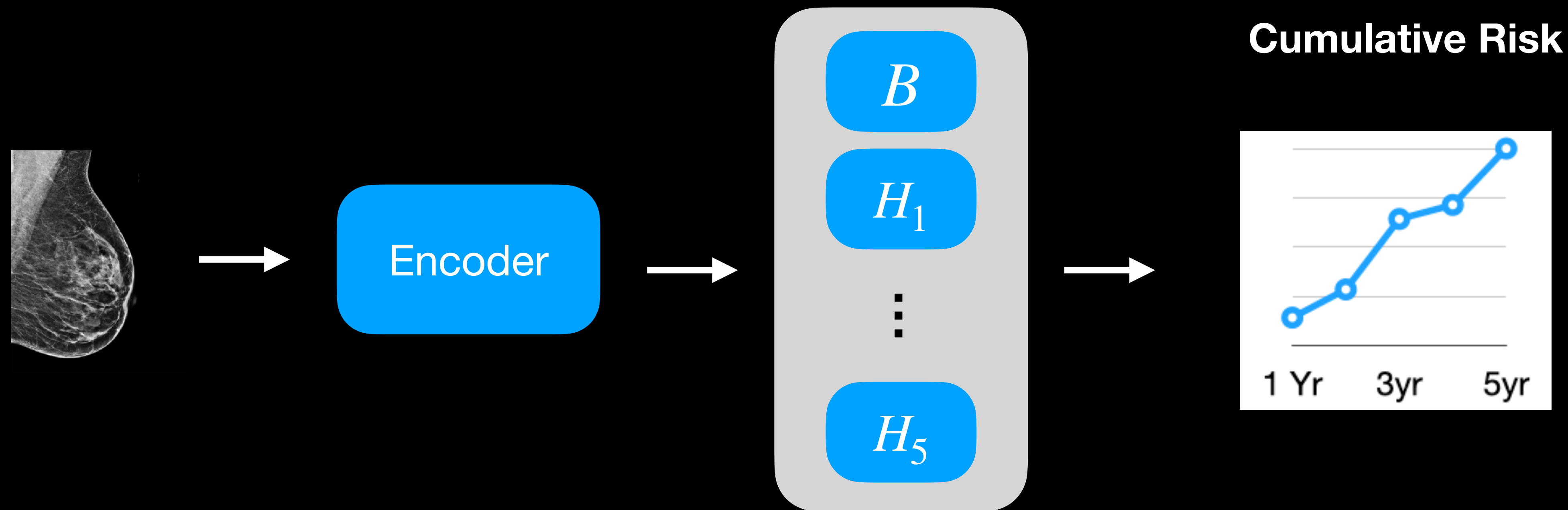
Risk Factors
Age
Family History
Prior biopsy
Num children
⋮
Menopause status



# Problem 2: Missing risk factor data



# Problem 3: Modeling risk over time

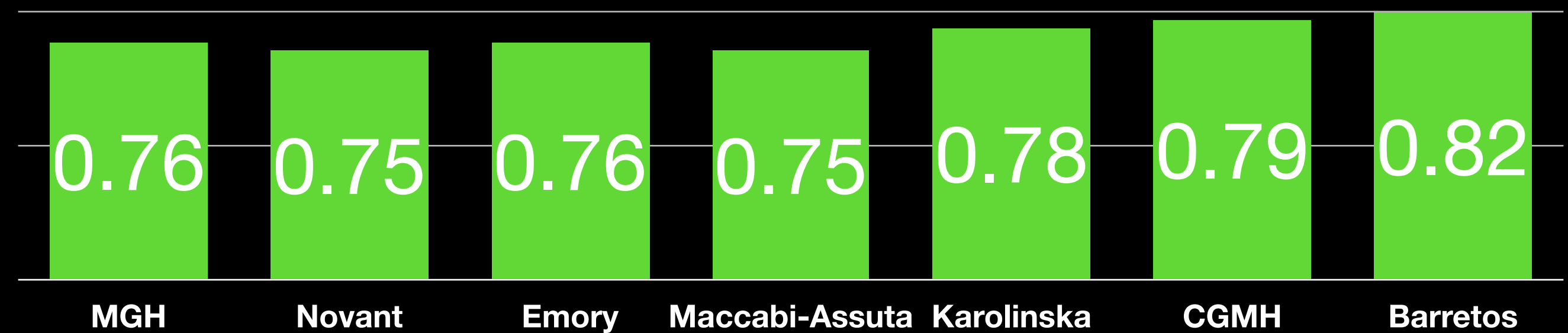
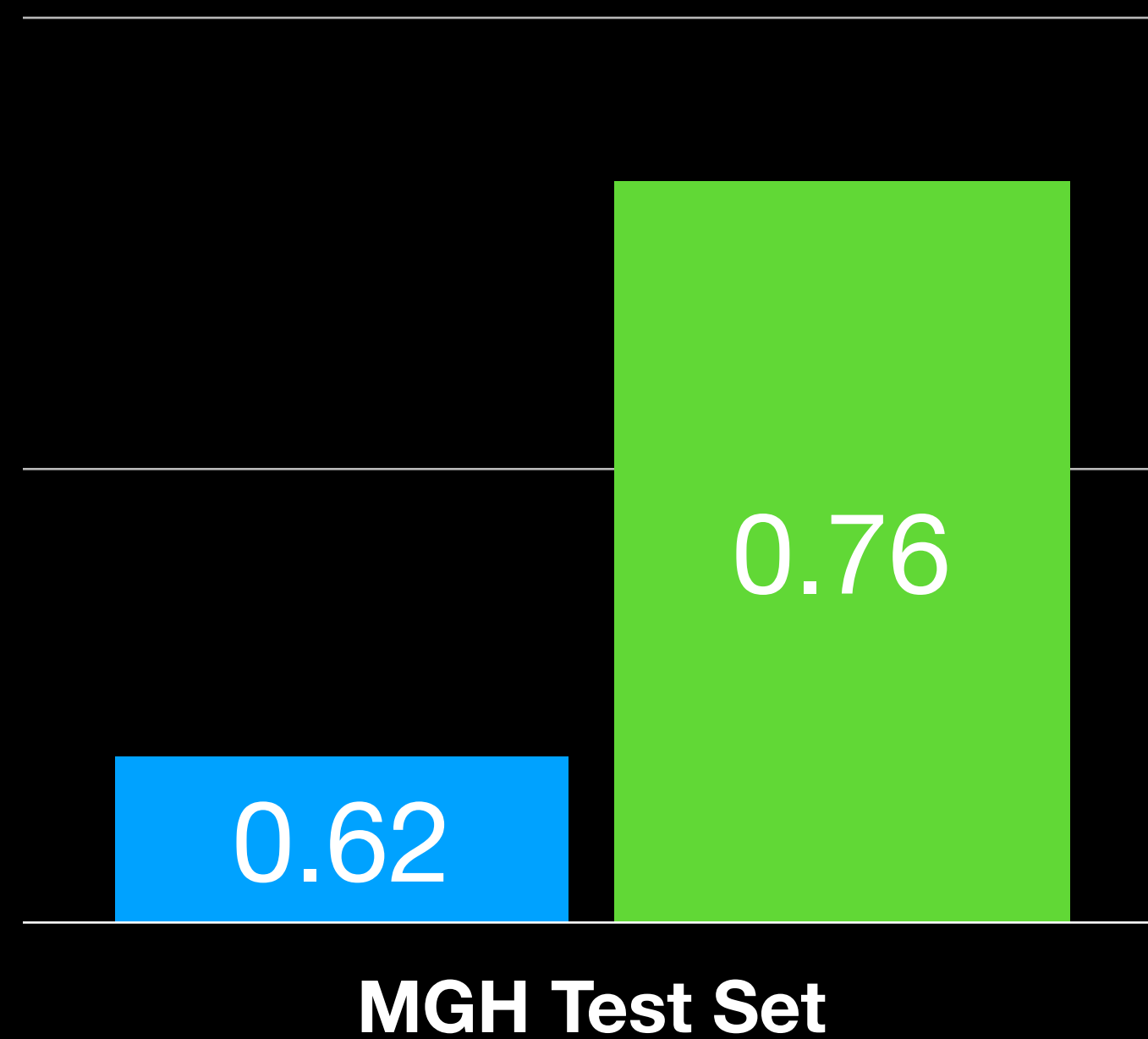


$$P(t_{cancer} = k | x) = B(E(x)) + \sum H_i(E(x))$$

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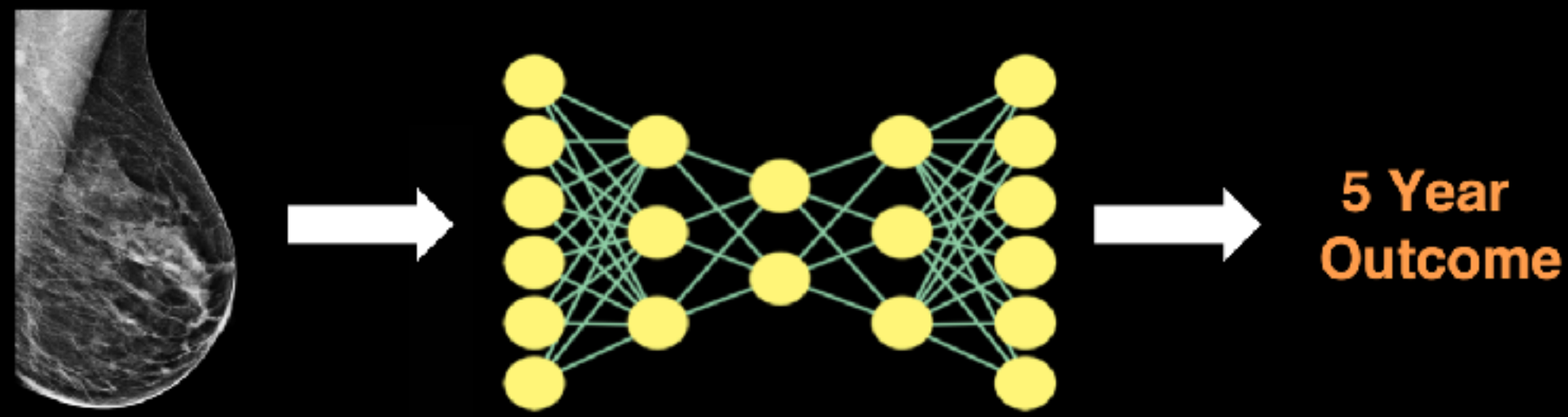




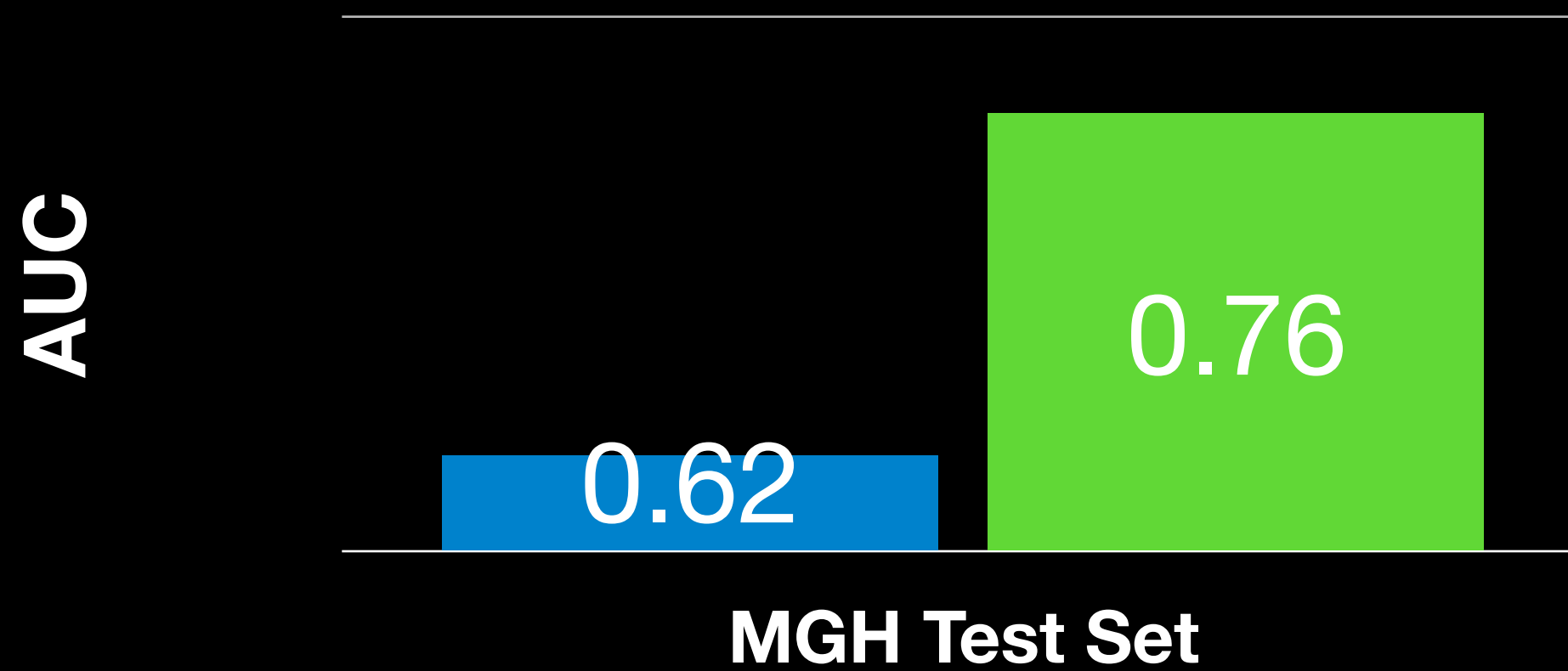
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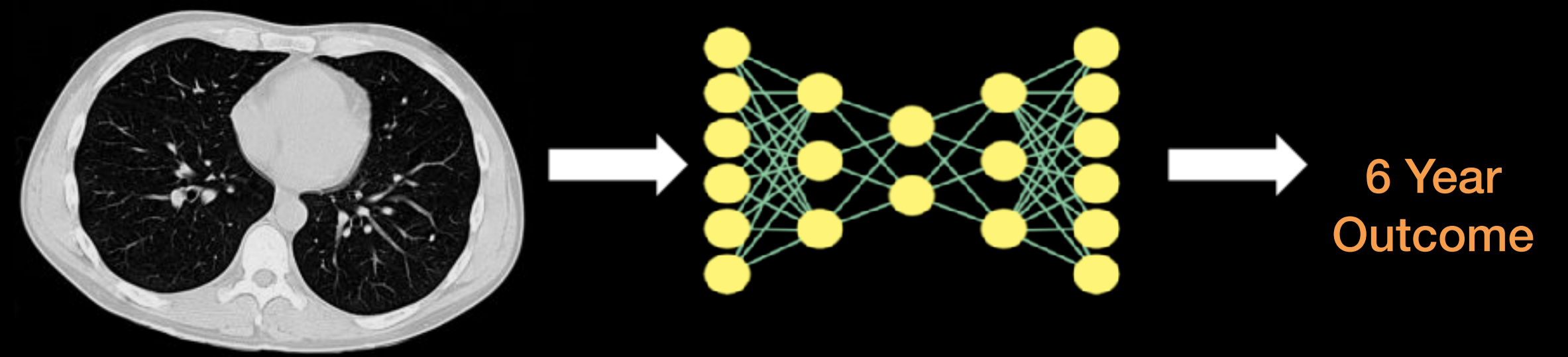
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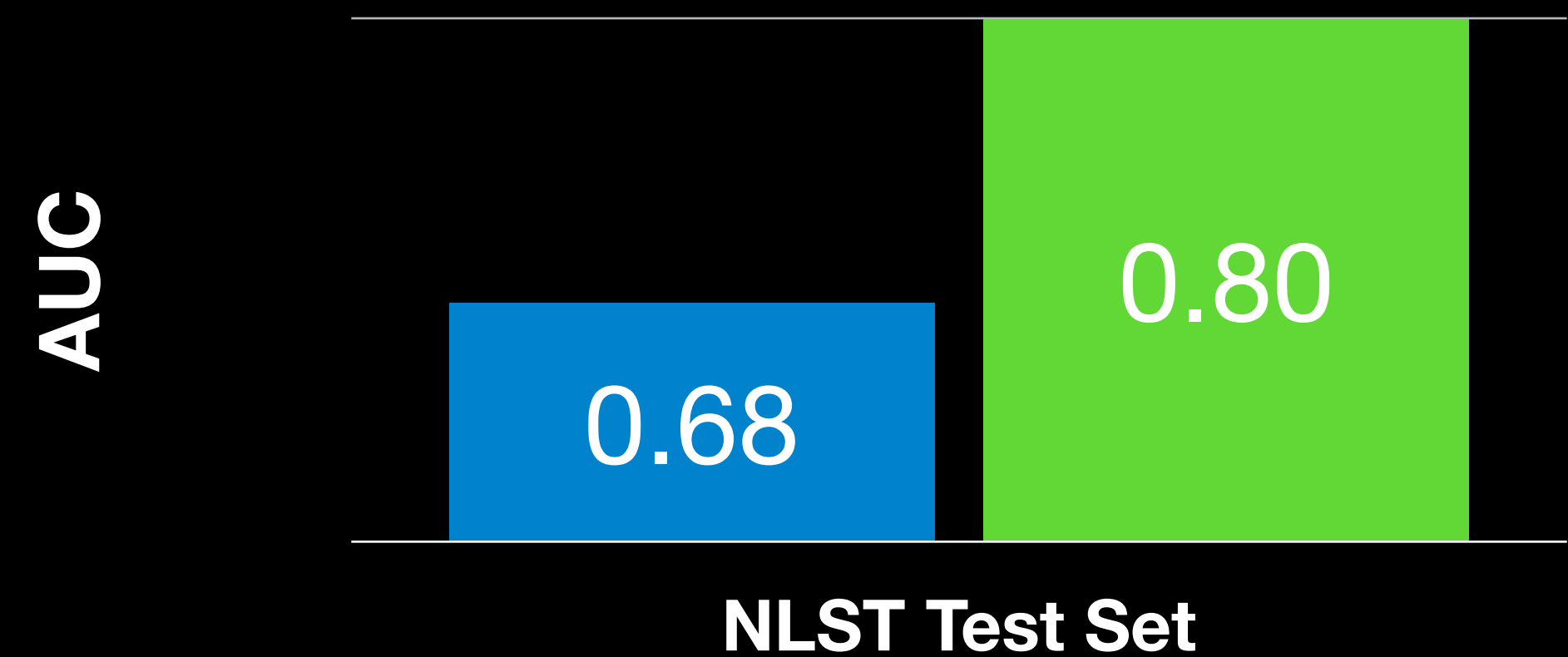
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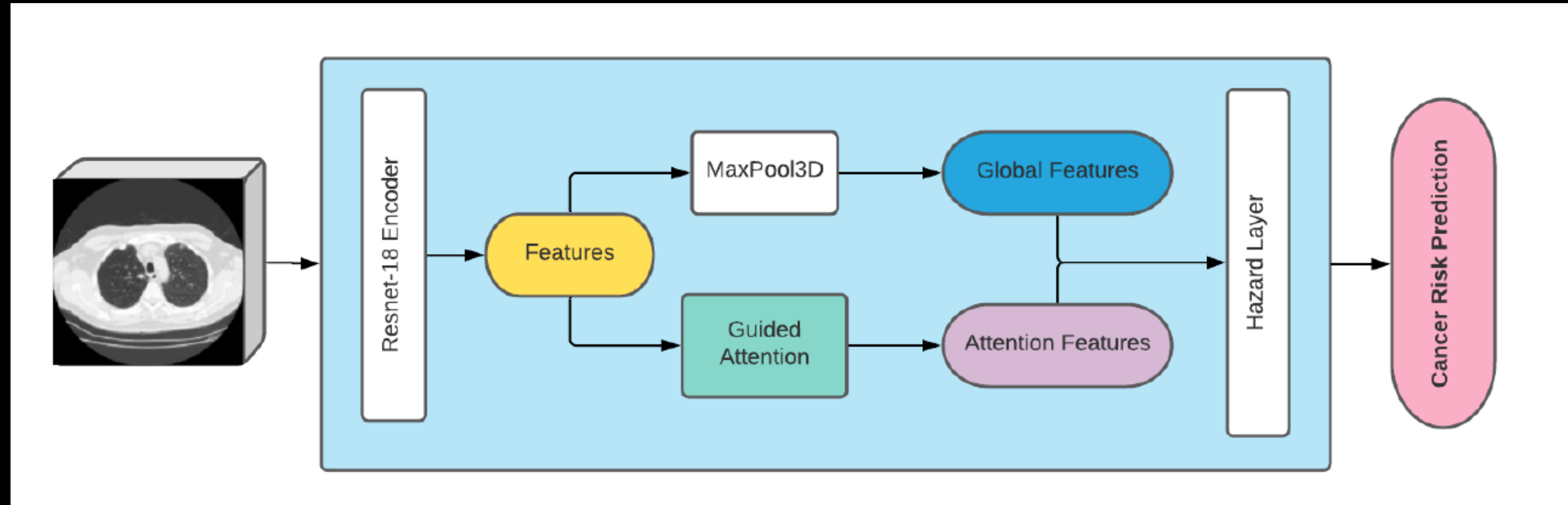
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■ PLCOm2012 (Prior State of Art)  
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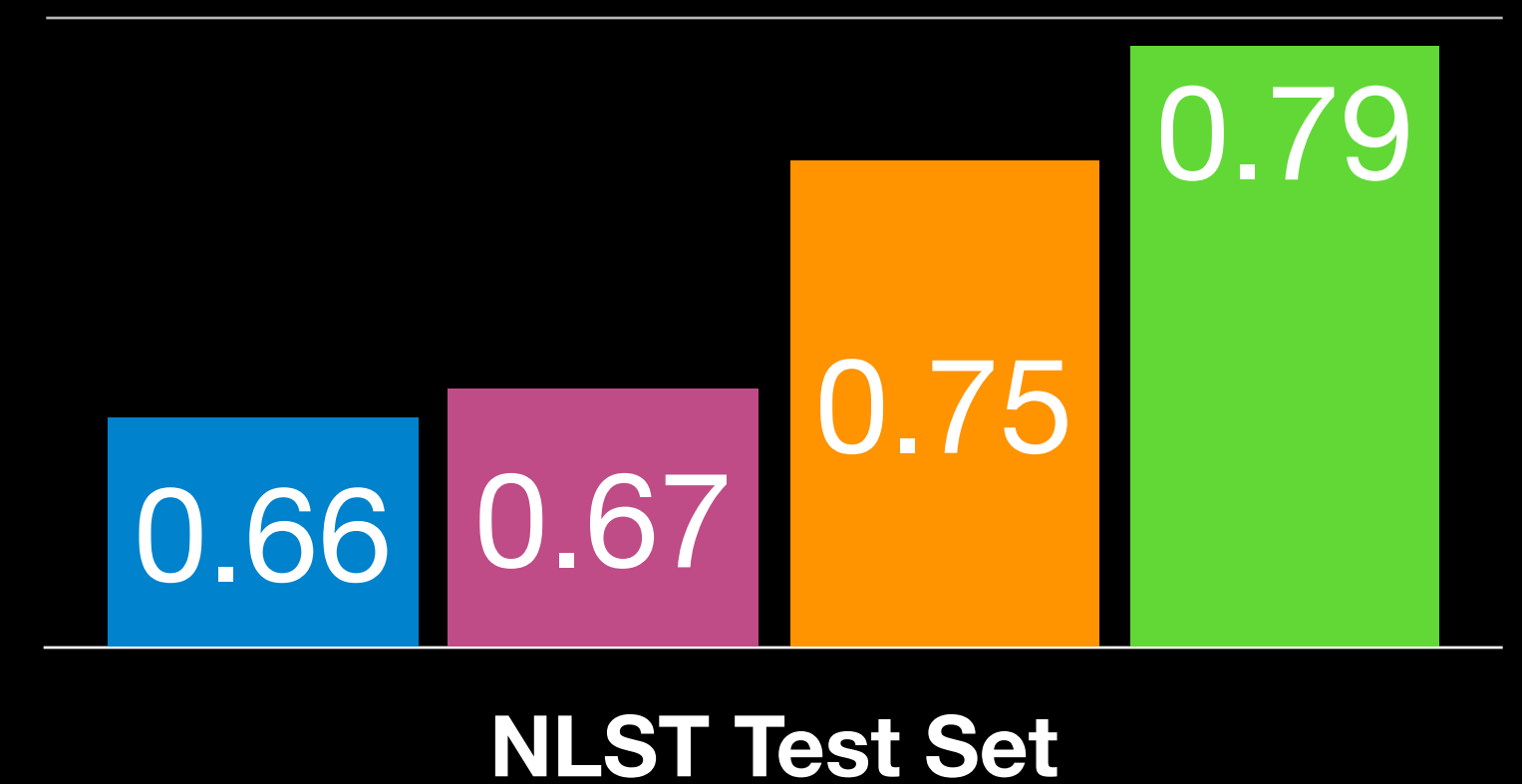


# Sybil Architecture



- PLCOm2012 (Prior State of Art)
- ResNet Rand Init
- ResNet + Kinitics Init + Guided Attention
- Sybil (Ours - New Result)

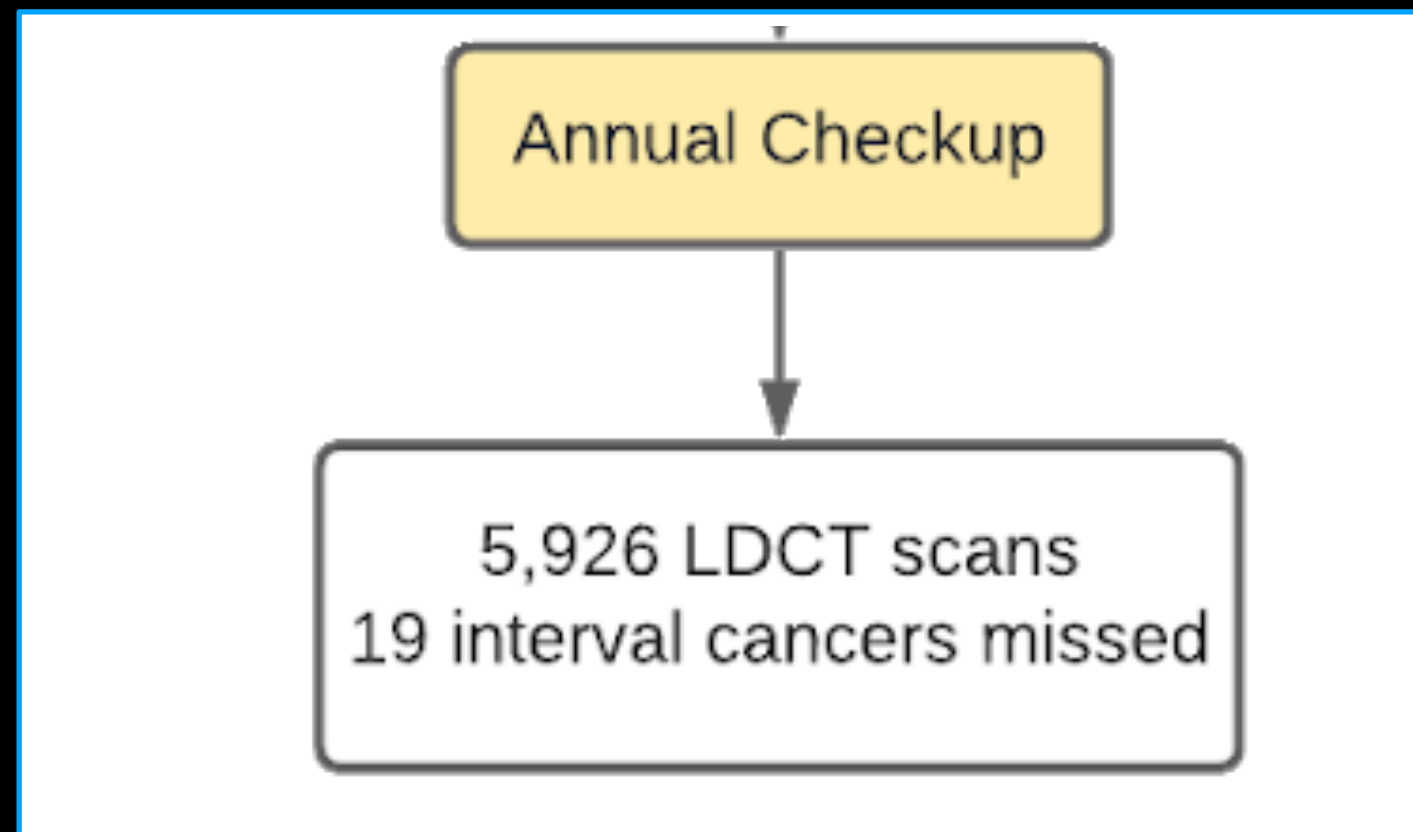
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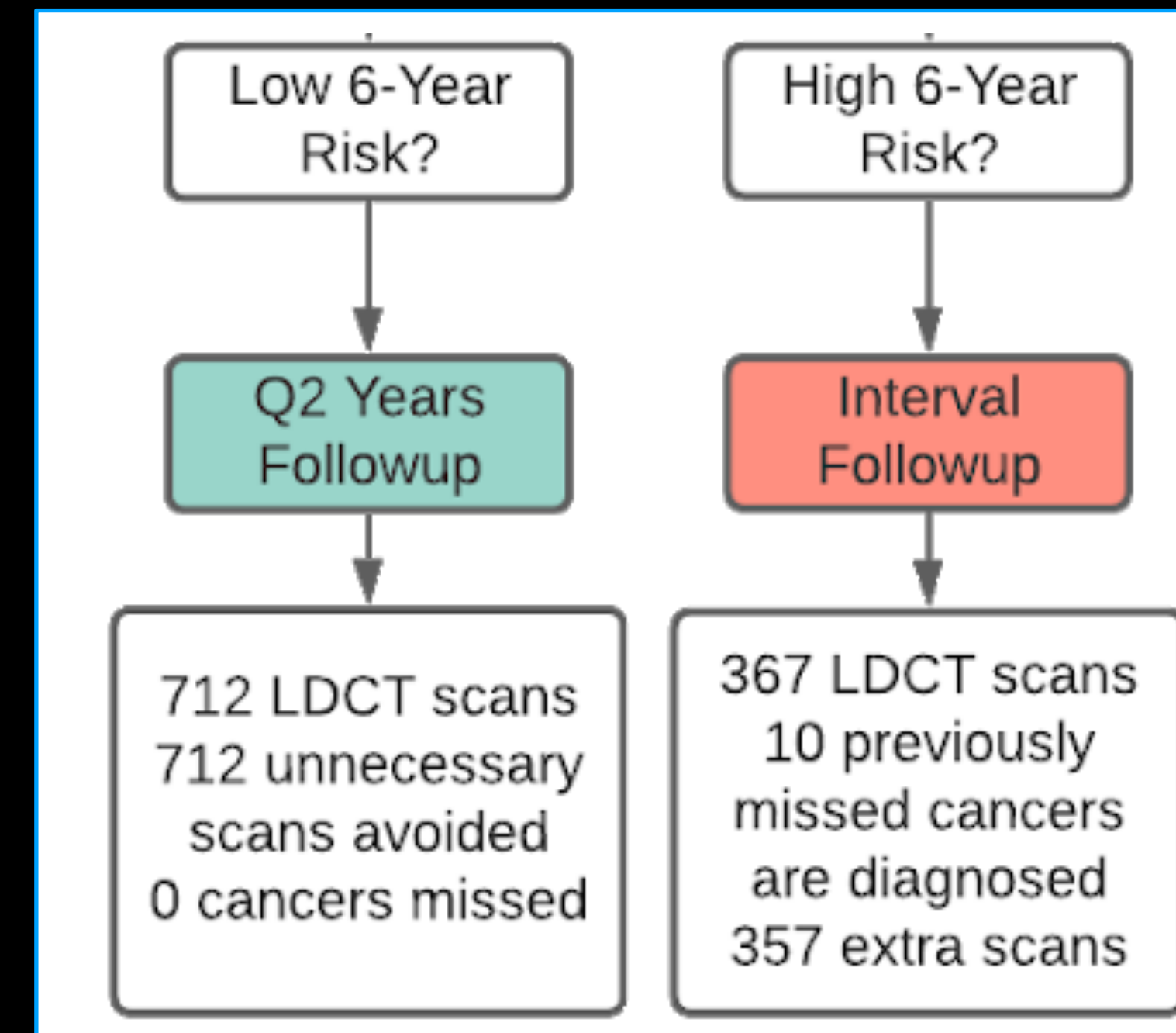
# Sybil Clinical Impact : Workflow

Improve early detection and lower screening cost with risk-based followup.

## Standard of Care



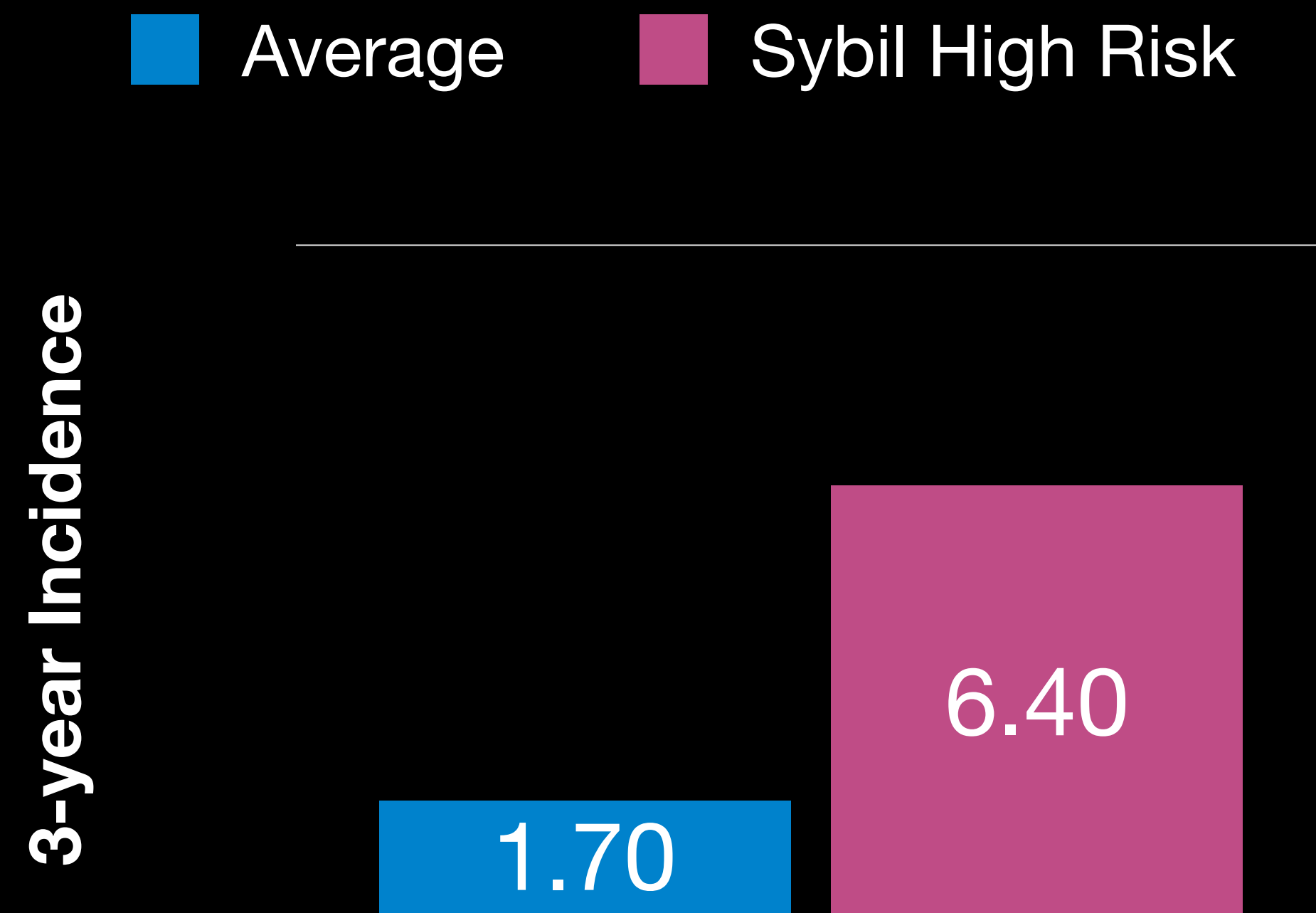
## Sybil risk based screening





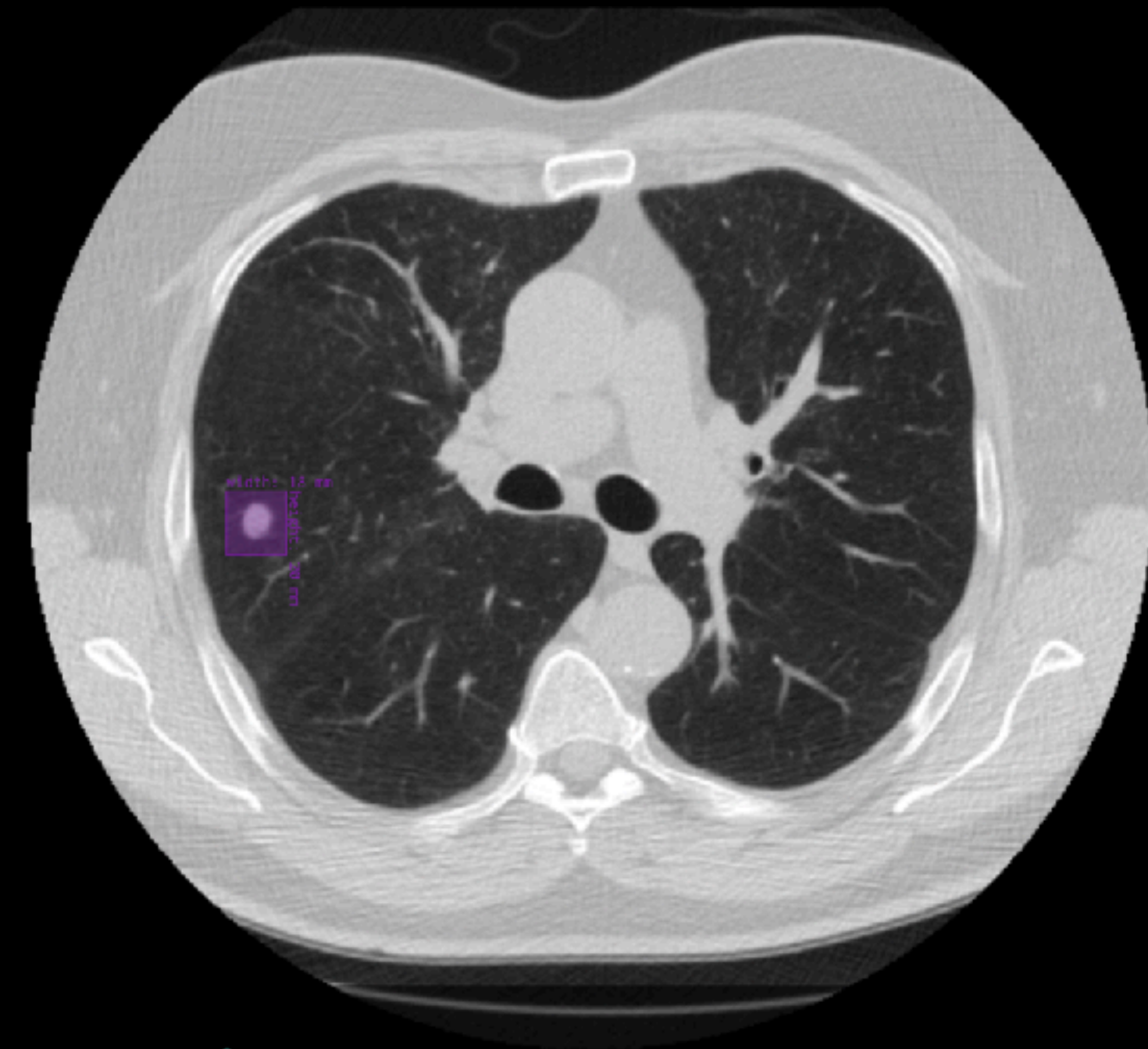
# Sybil Clinical Impact : Prevention

Identifying high risk cohorts for clinical trails



Identifying future cancer location

**83%** accurate predicting future cancer side



# Agenda

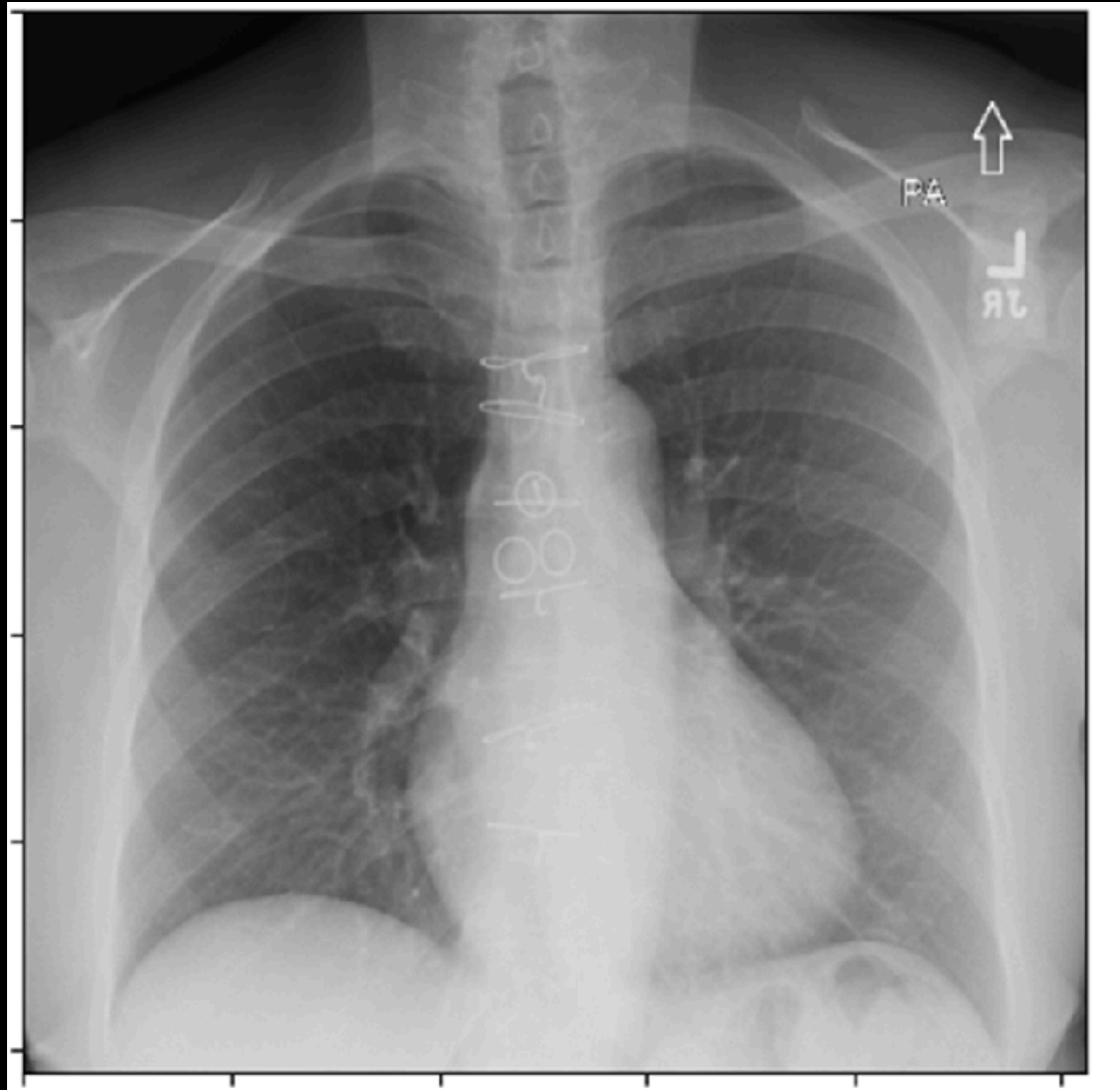
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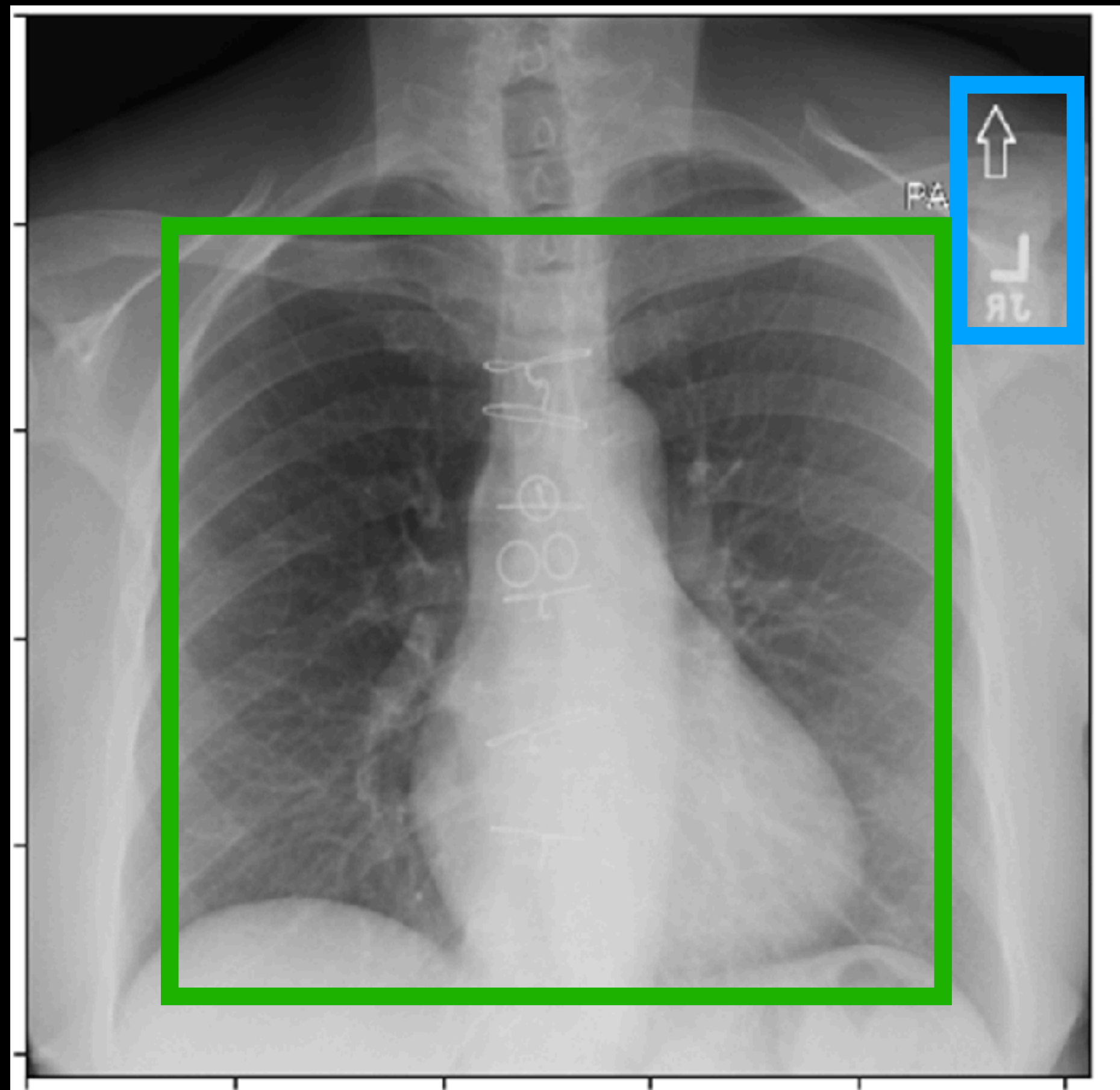


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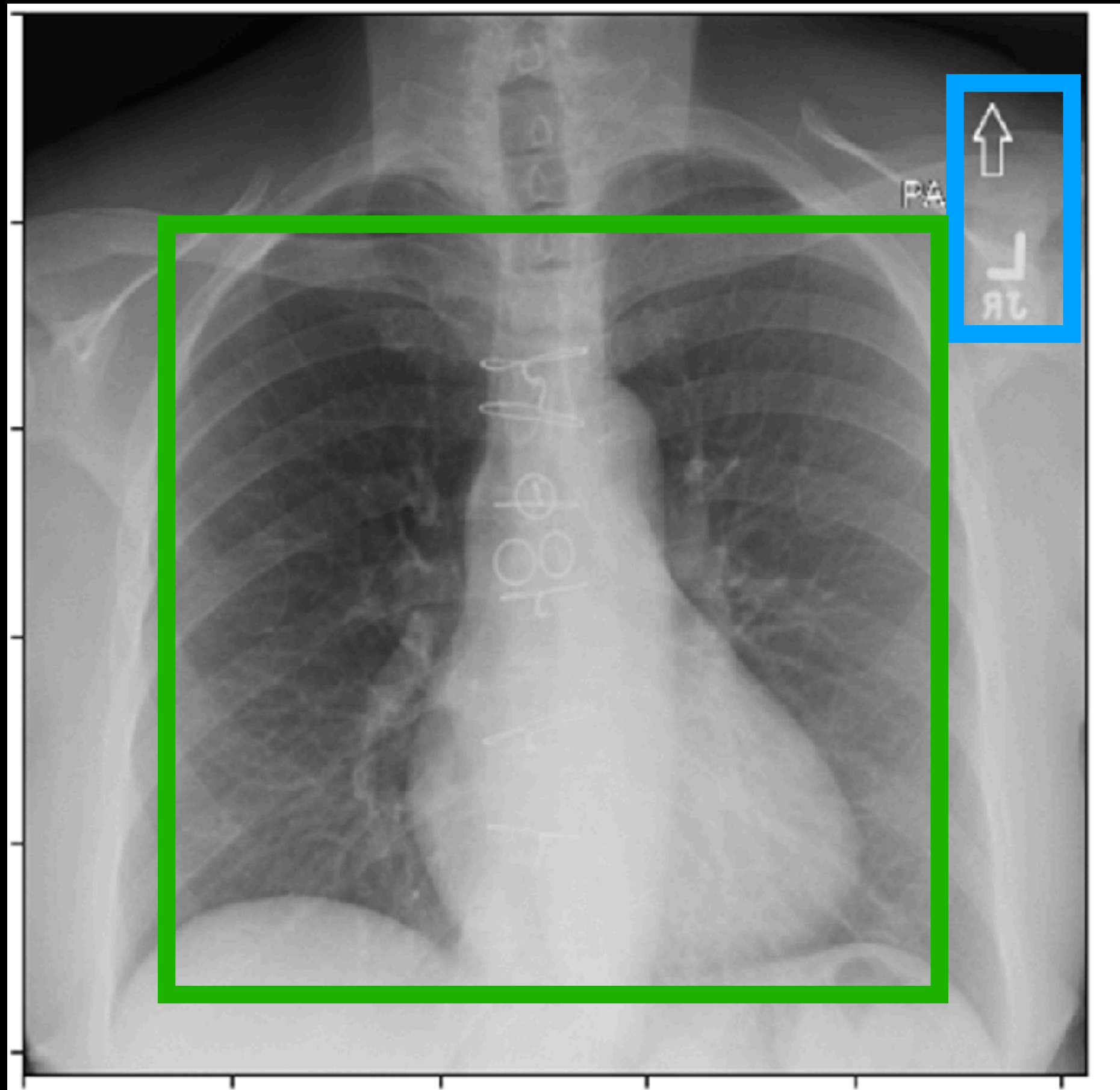
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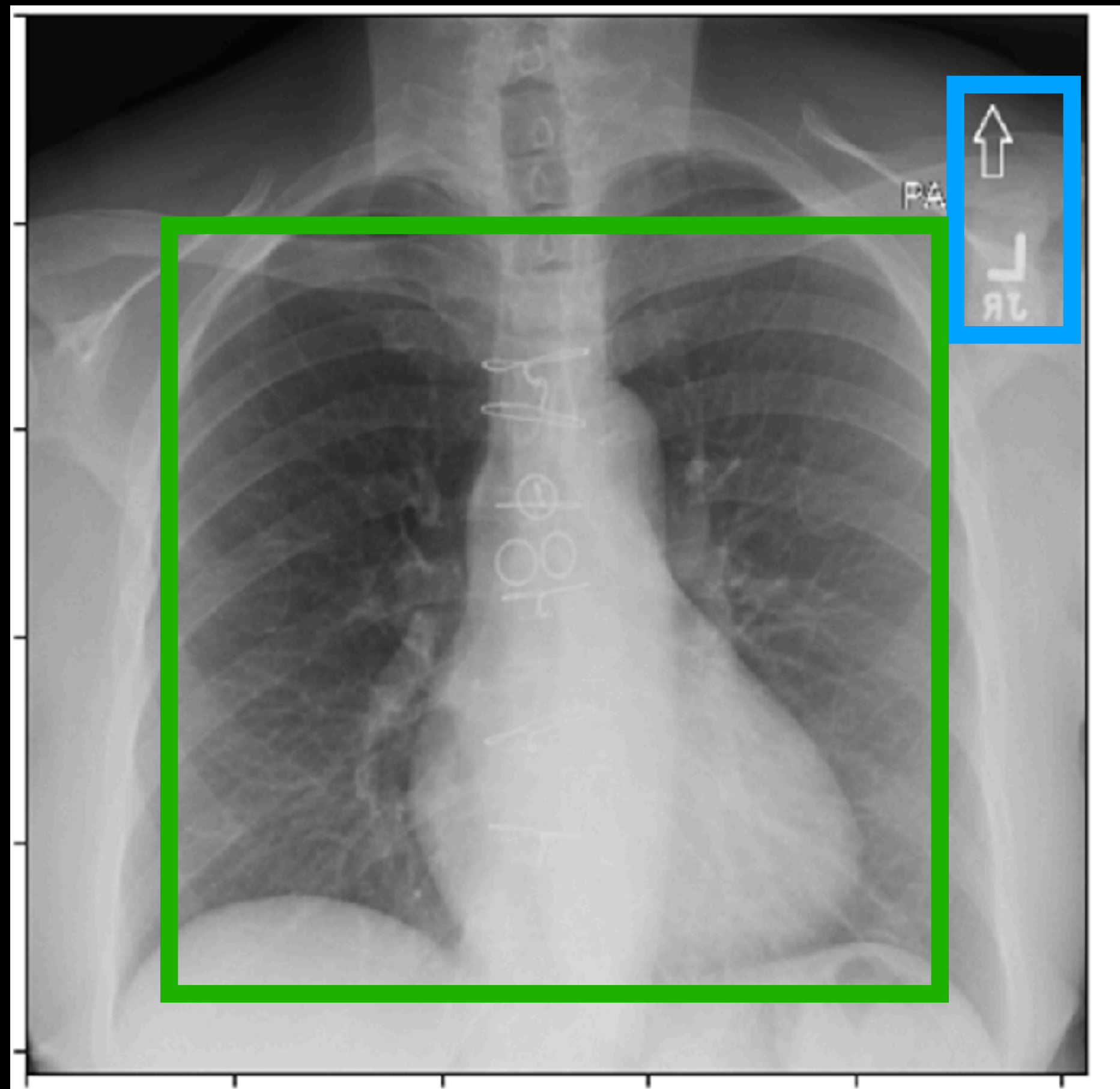
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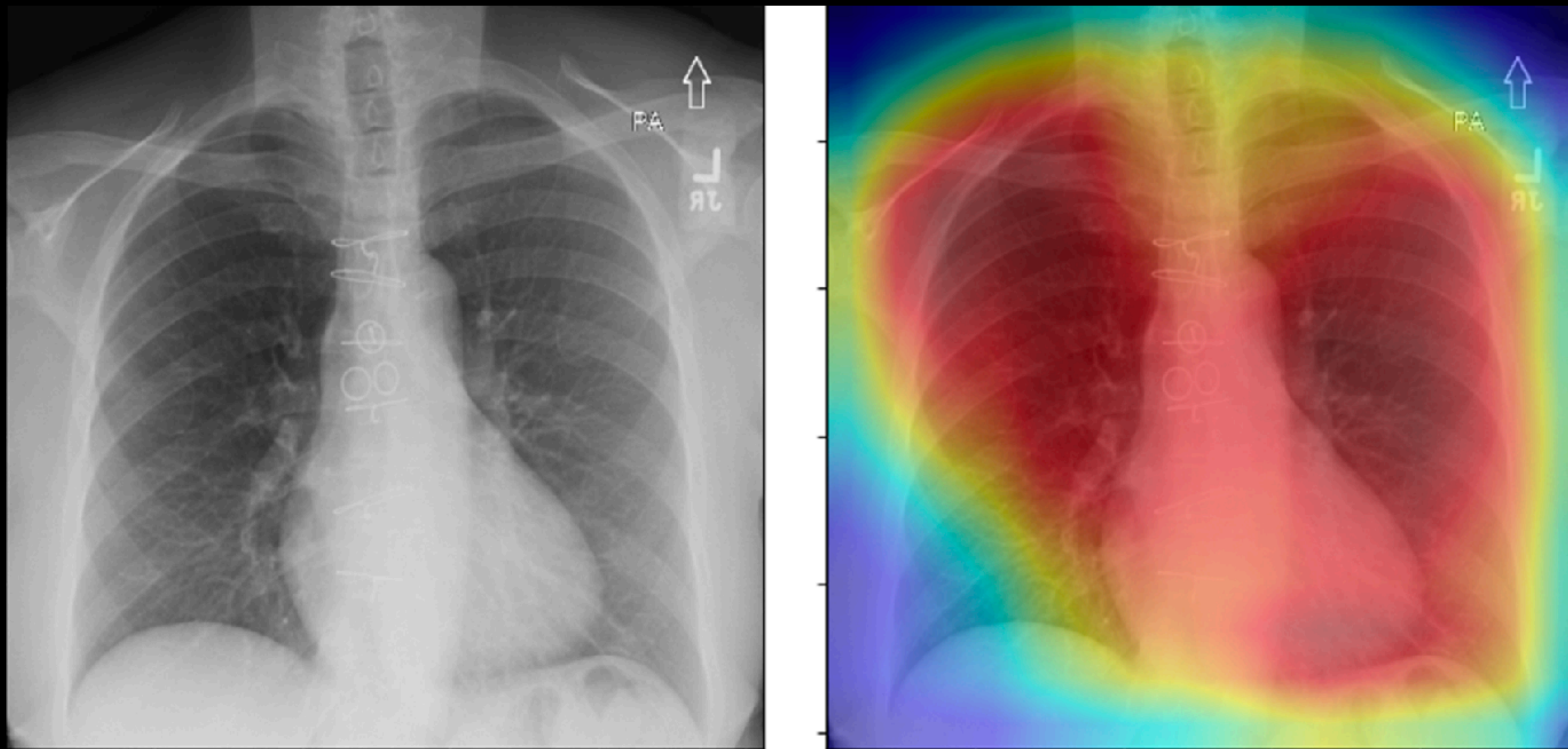
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Compute gradient of predict in respect to **input**



# Saliency Maps





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**What software was this?** The researchers didn't say, but the [Washington Post](#) identifies it as Optum, owned by insurer UnitedHealth. It says its product is used to "manage more than 70 million lives." Though the researchers only focused on one particular tool, they identified the same flaw in the 10 most widely used algorithms in the industry. Each year, these tools are collectively applied to an estimated 150 to 200 million people in the US.

# Handling Diversity

## A.I. Could Worsen Health Disparities

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By Dhruv Khullar

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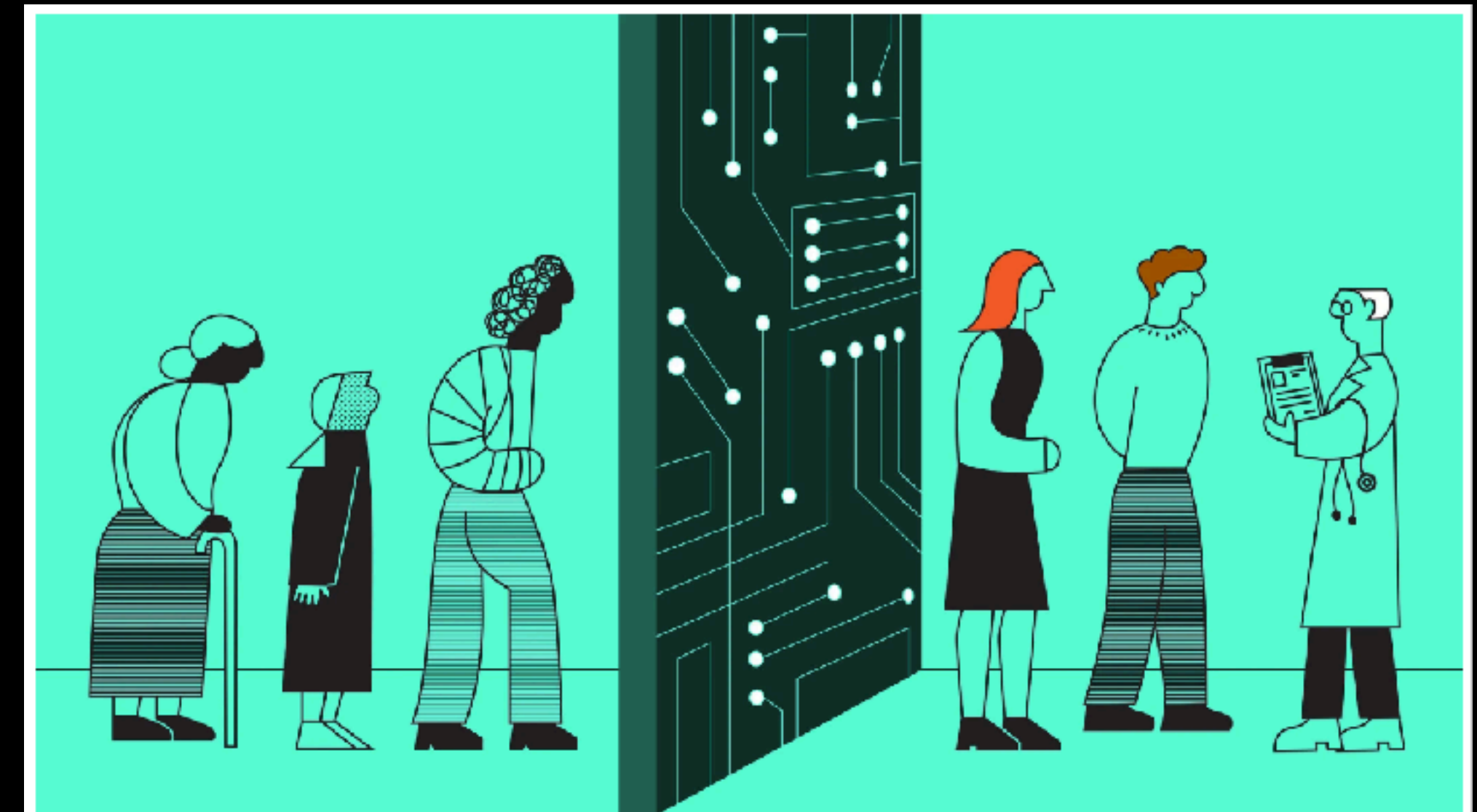
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# Performance Audits

Validate model performance across diverse populations

Test model performance by demographic group

Test model performance by imaging device, clinical setting, etc.

# Summary

**Data:** Tissue response to generator energy

**Method Foundations:** Convolutional Neural Networks

**Applications:** Predicting future disease in breast and lung cancer

**Interpretation:** Saliency Maps and Performance Audits

**Questions?**