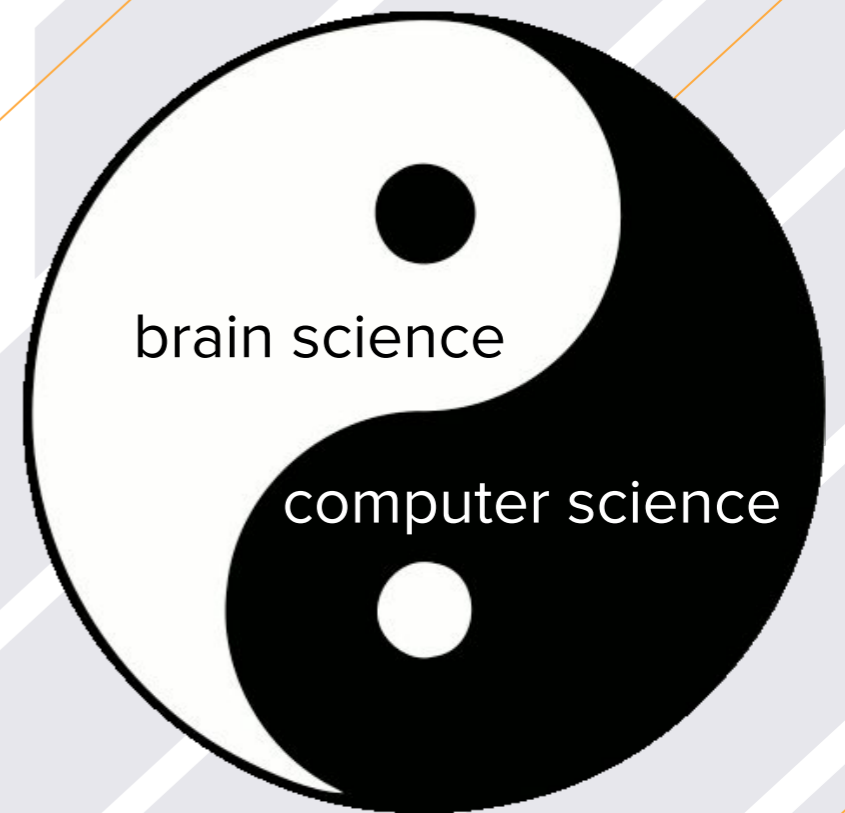


Can brain science help computer science and vice-versa?

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Deep nets:

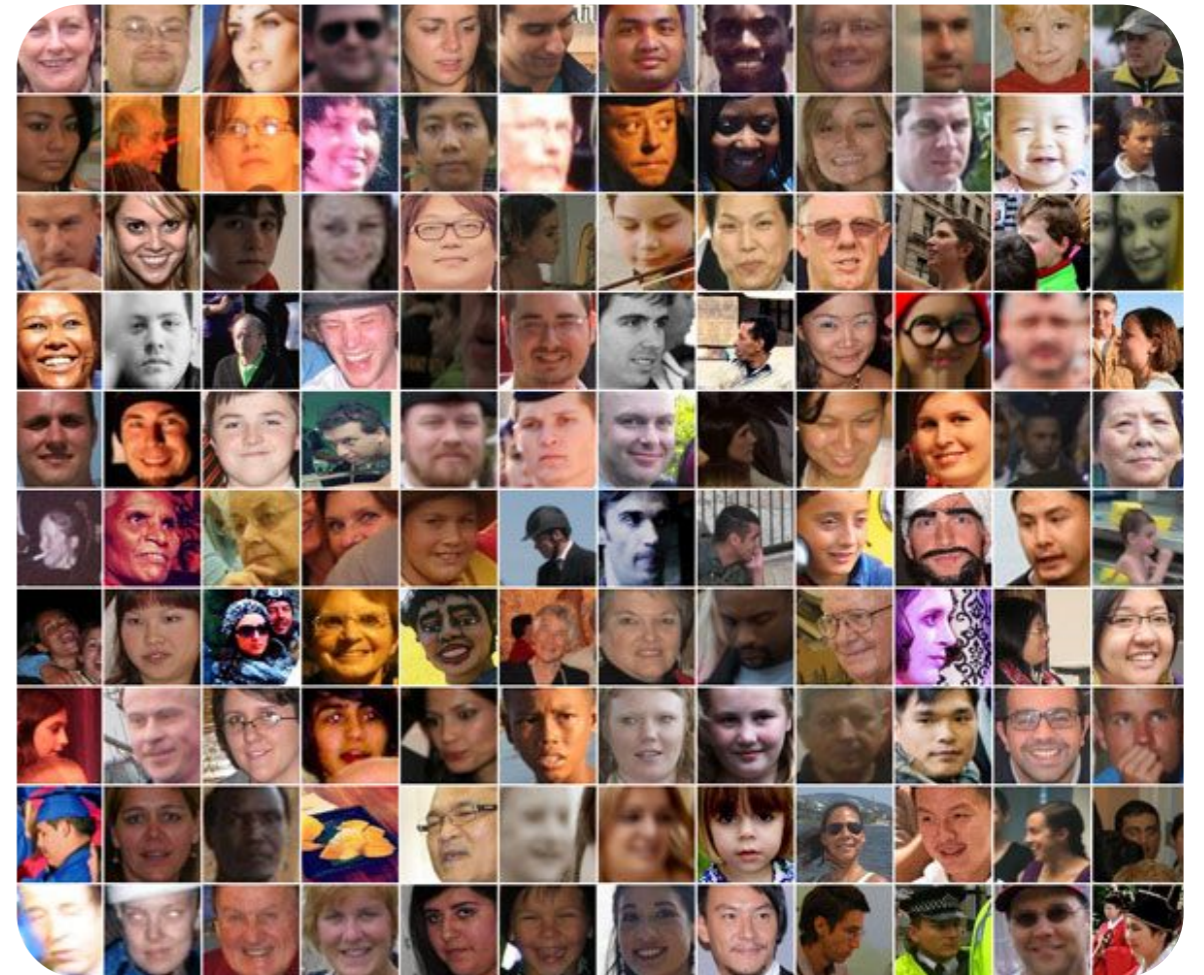
The good

—
“Superhuman” capabilities

**Object recognition
(ImageNet)**



**face recognition
(MegaFace)**

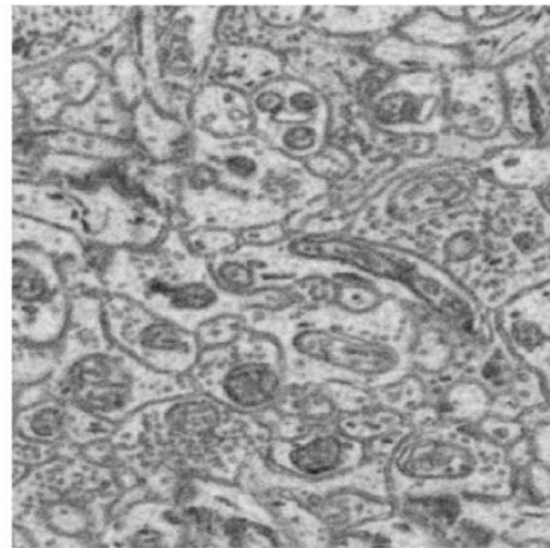


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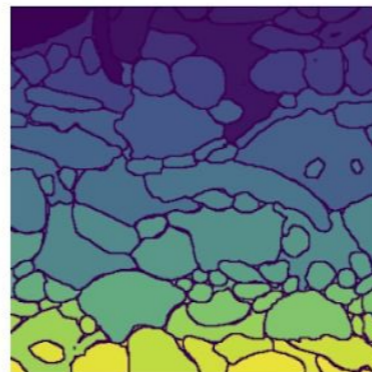
**Neural tissue segmentation
(connectomics)**



Volume



Membrane

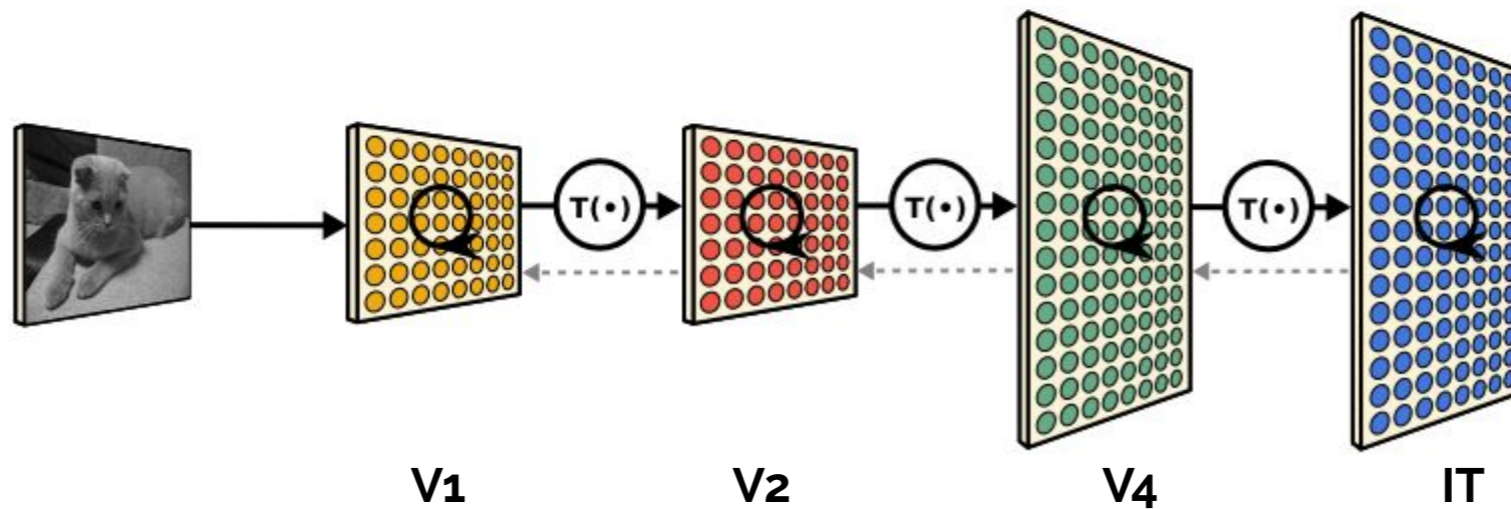
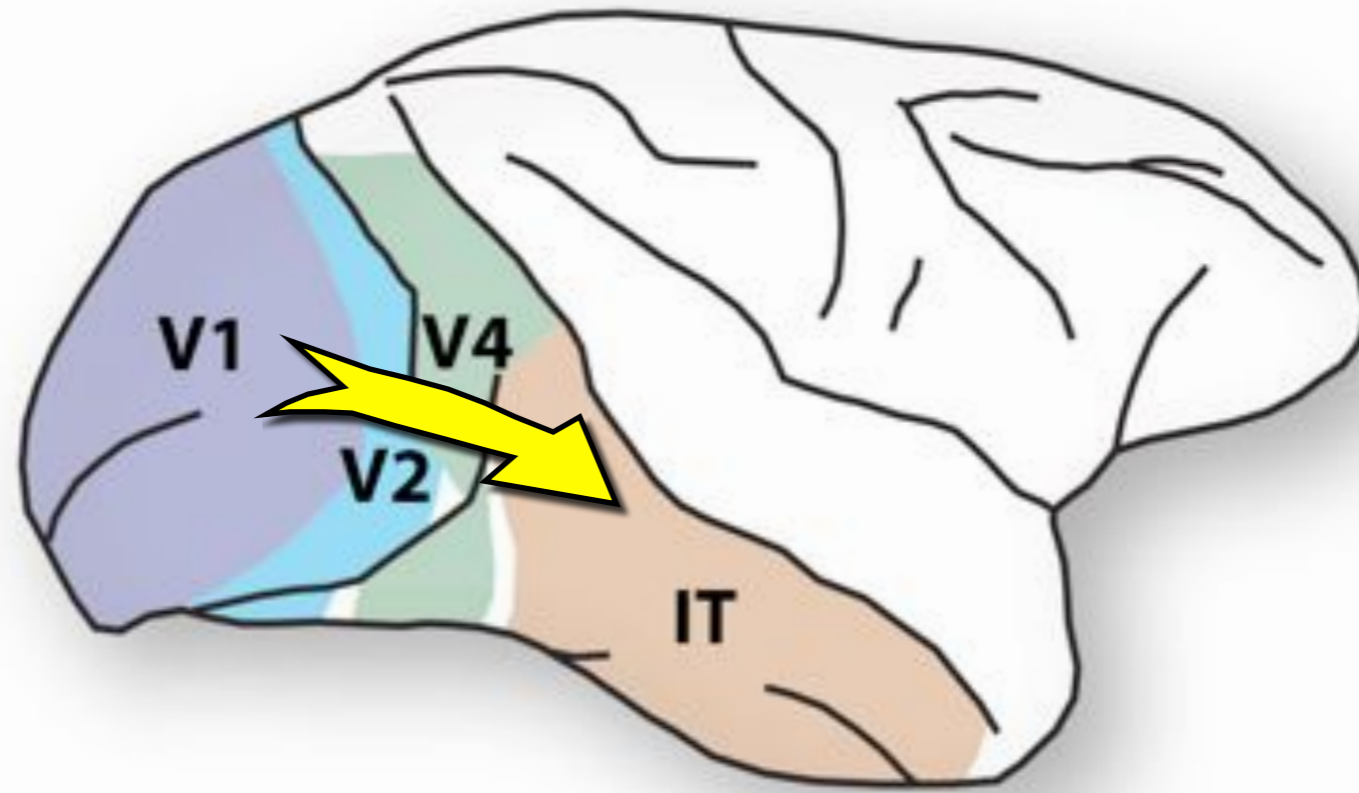


Segments

Deep nets:

The good

—
Feedforward sweep, passive viewing



Deep nets:

The bad

Systematic differences w | humans

- Shape similarity judgments
(Kubilius et al. 2016, Pramod & Arun 2016, Erdogan & Jacobs 2017, Baker et al 2018)
- Illusory contours
(Kellman et al 2017)
- Sensitivity to image perturbations + temporal changes to image sequences
(Berardino et al 2017, Hénaff et al 2019)
- **Leverage different visual features**
(Linsley et al 2017, 2019)

Deep nets:

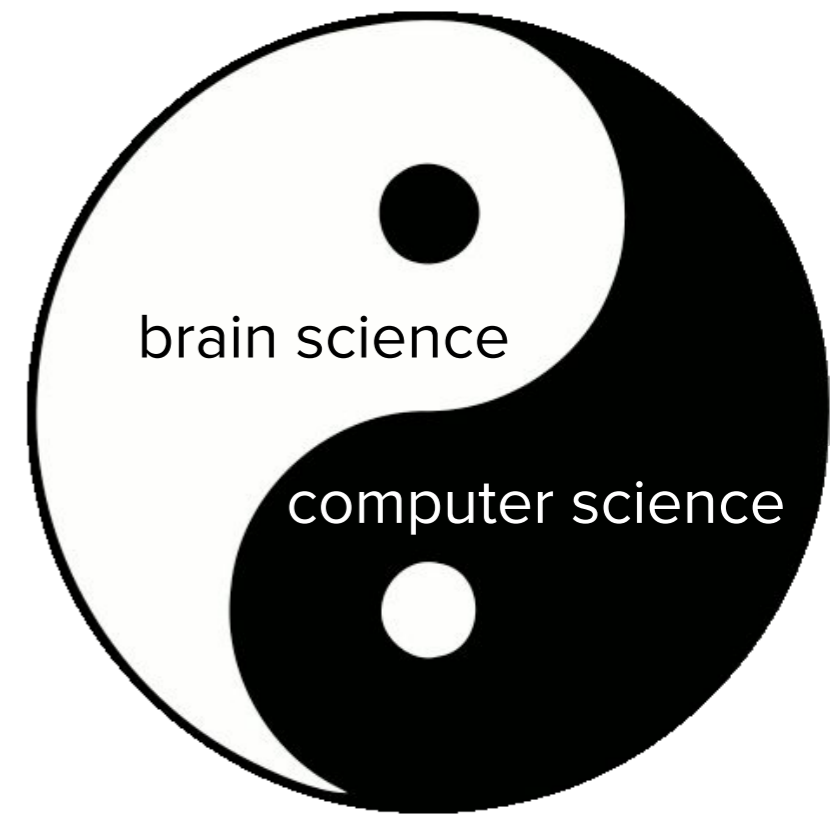
The ugly

“Out-of-distribution” sample

- DNNs shatter ImageNet
(Zhang et al 2017)
- DNNs overfit to (excessively) re-used test sets
(Recht et al 2019)
- DNNs do not generalize to out-of-distribution samples, e.g.:
 - out-of-context objects, clutter and occluders
(Saleh et al 2016, Rosenfeld et al 2018, Tang et al 2018, Wang et al 2018)
 - subtle changes in the type of noise used for train vs. test
(Gheiros et al 2018)
 - **connectomics: different tissues used for train vs. test**
(Linsley et al 2018)
 - **limited abstraction beyond training data in vis reasoning**
(Kim et al 2018)

Neuroscience

as inspiration



- Feedback mechanisms
 - Attention
 - Grouping
 - Oscillations
 - etc
- Memory (working, episodic, etc)

Learning to attend



clickme

Your user name is: fancy couple

What's the point?

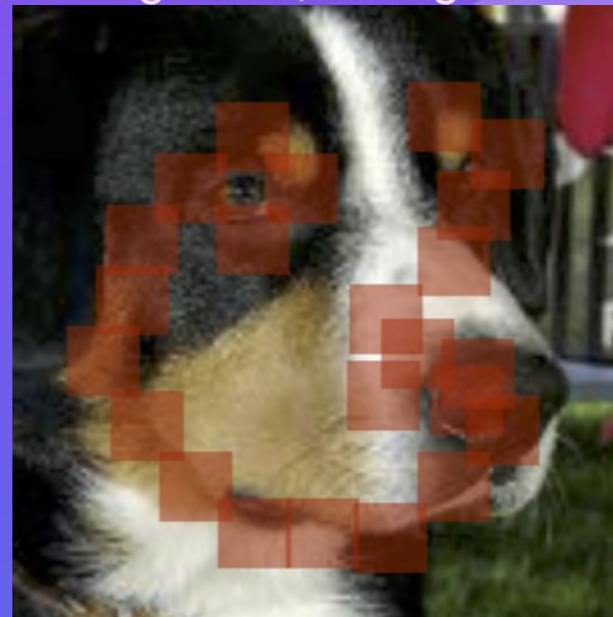
Instruc

Help the AI recognize this image before time runs out!

The top-5 scoring players by Sun Apr 23 2017 12:00:00 EST win a gift card! See the Scoreboard tab for details.

Click and then brush with your mouse to reveal image parts best describing a:

king snake, or kingsnake

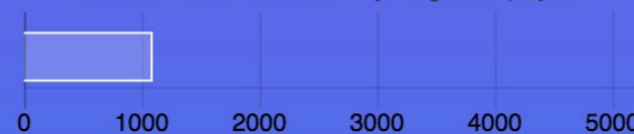


Skip this image: it has a strange label or poor quality.

Your score: 0.00

High score: 113950.85

Our AI will evolve after this many images are played:



ClickMe maps

Semi



Bus



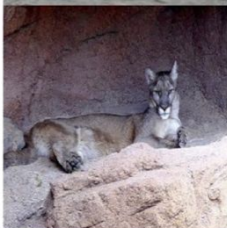
Plane



Boat



Lion



Horse



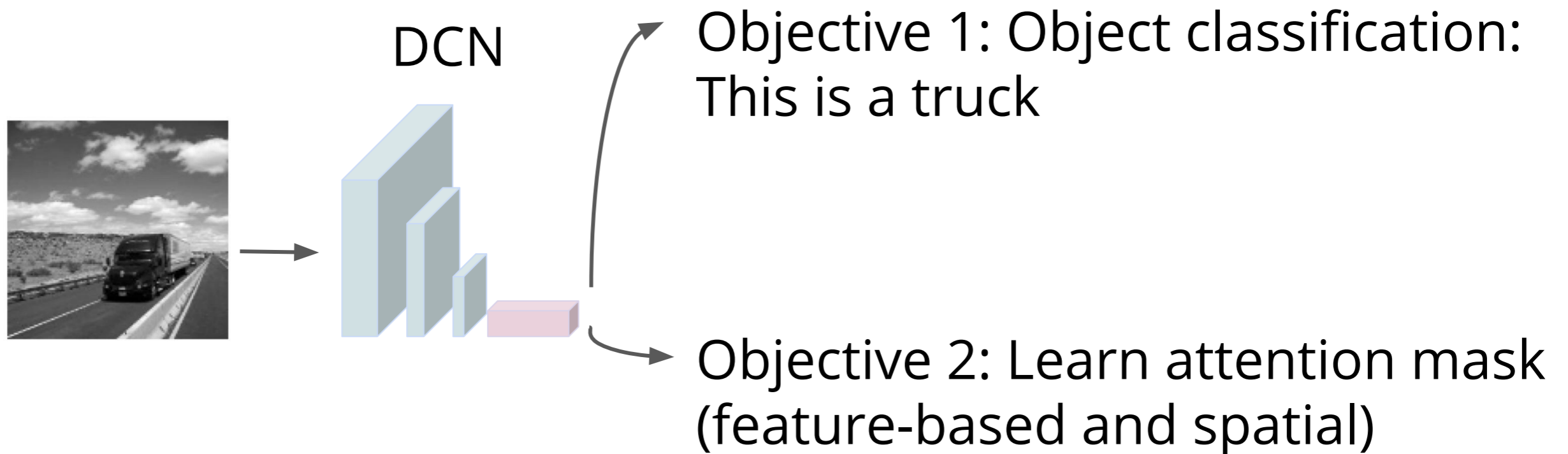
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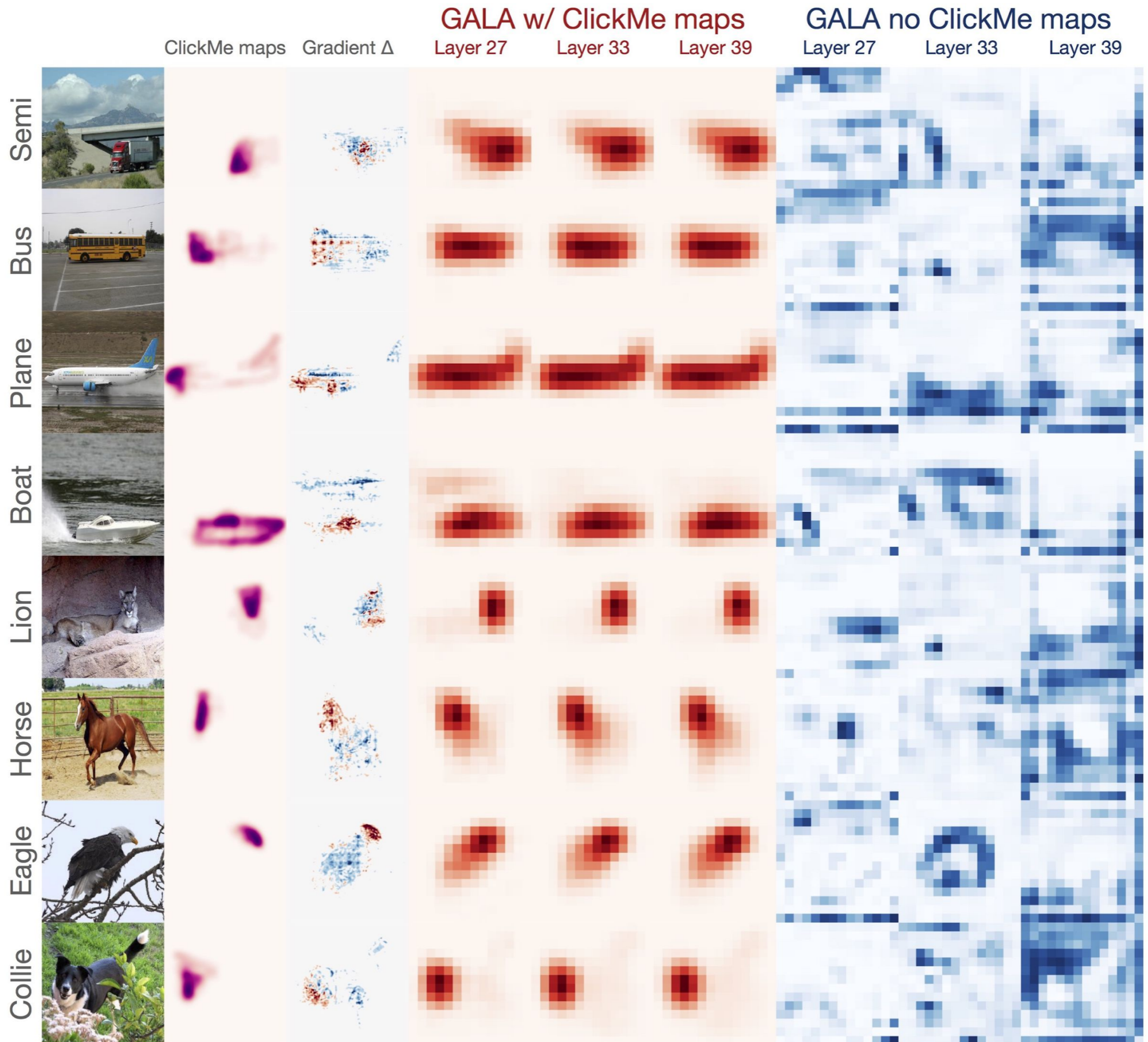
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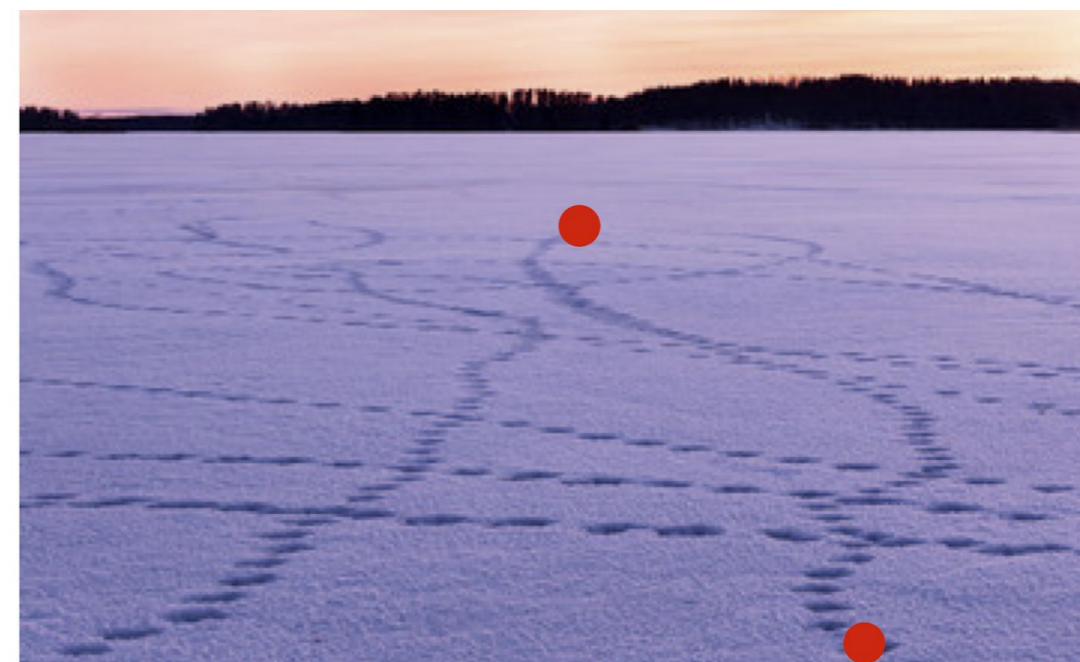
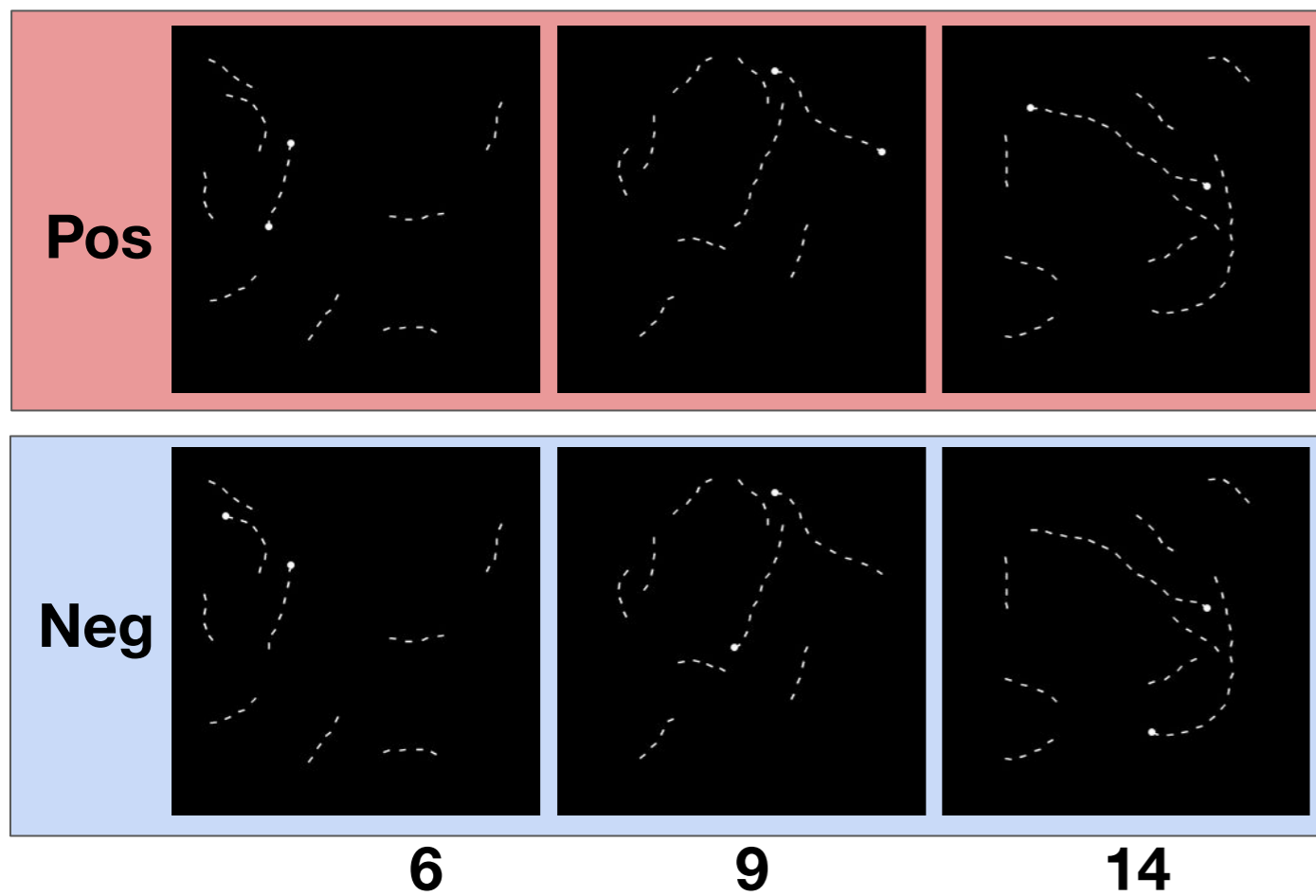
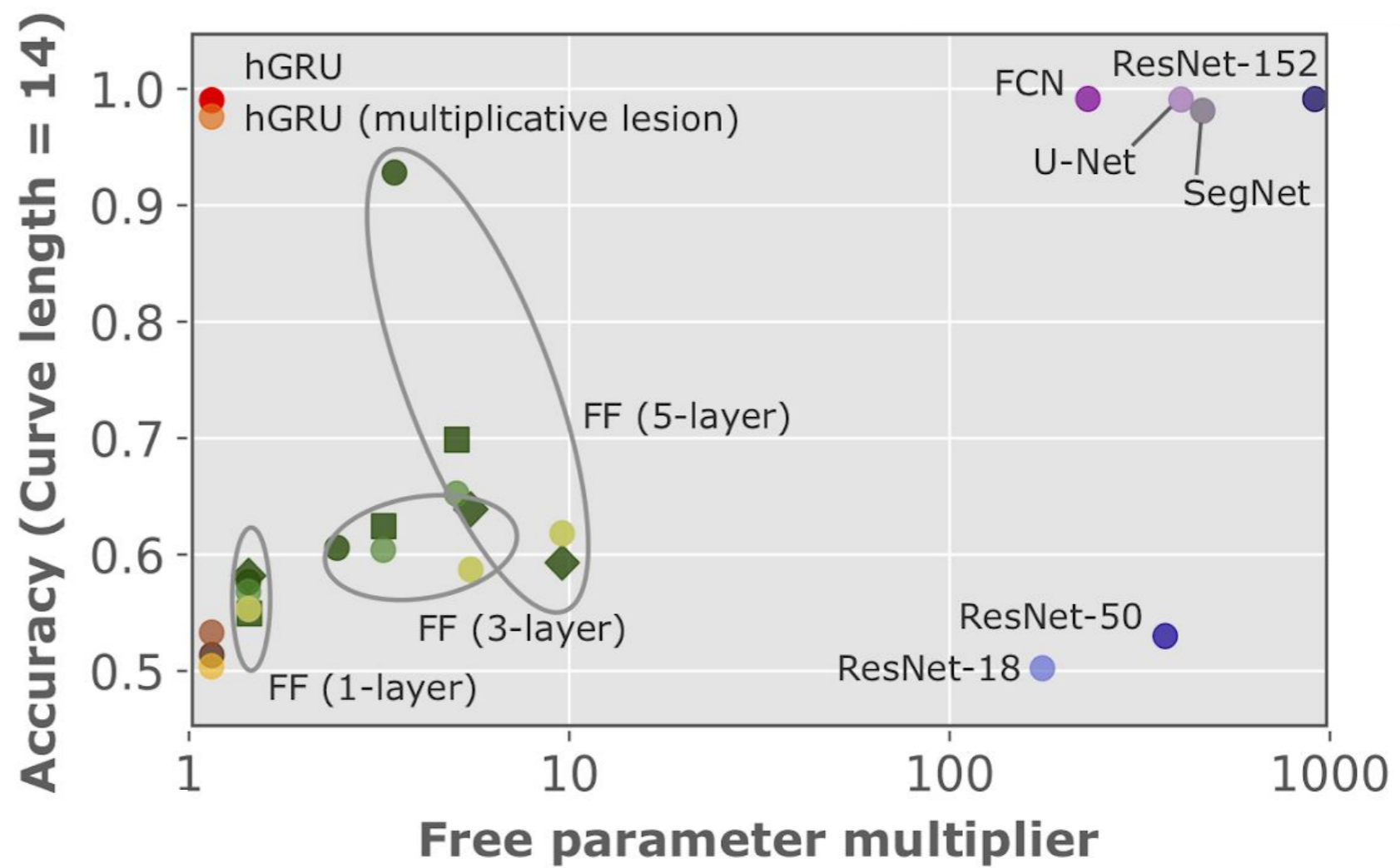
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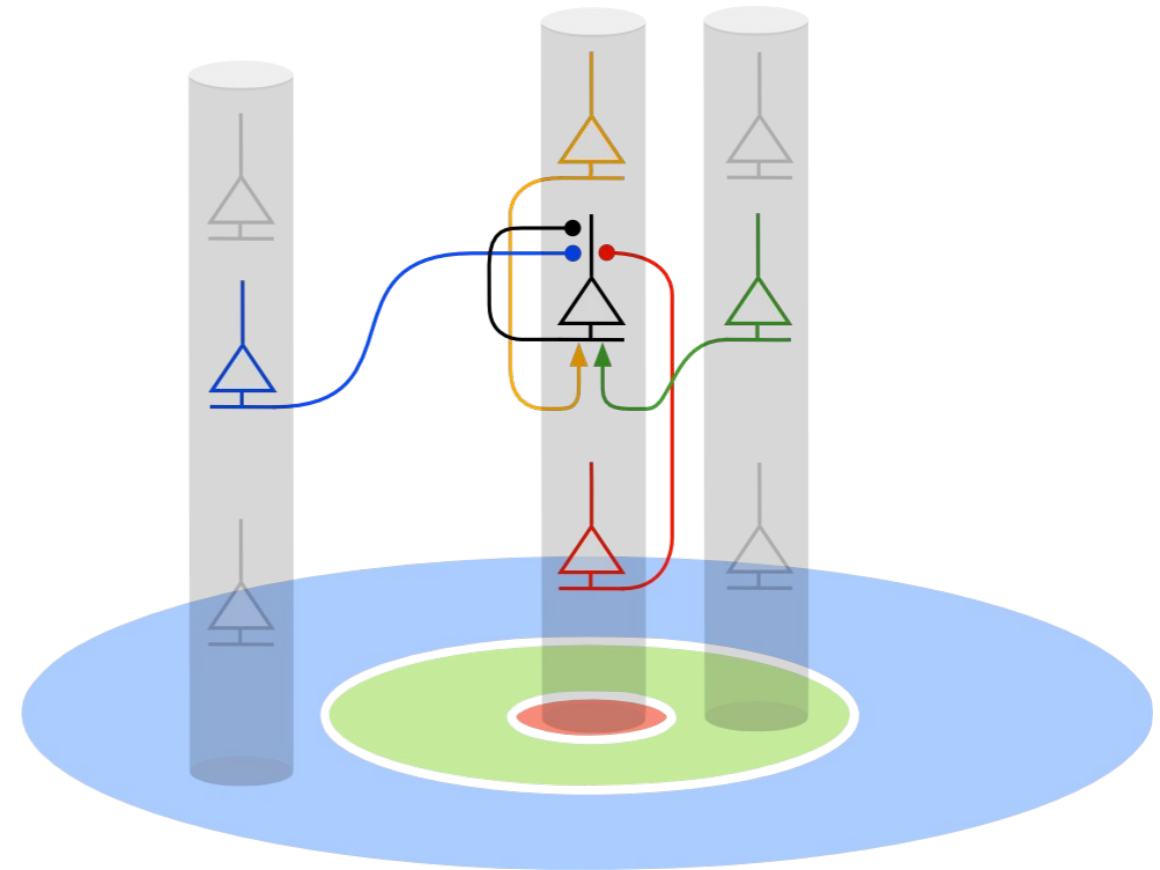
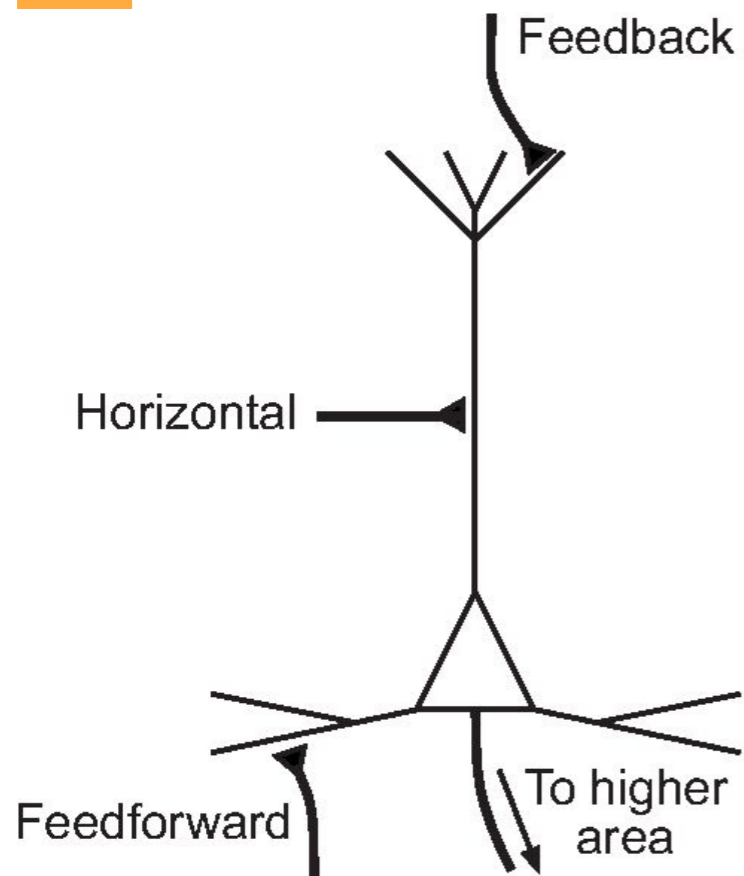
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ResNet-50	63.68	40.65	43.61
GALA-ResNet-50 no ClickMe	53.90	31.04	64.21**
GALA-ResNet-50 w/ ClickMe	49.29	27.73	88.56**



Learning to group



Highly-recurrent network model



$$C_{xyk}^{(1)} = (\mathbf{W}^I * \mathbf{H}^{(2)})_{xyk}$$

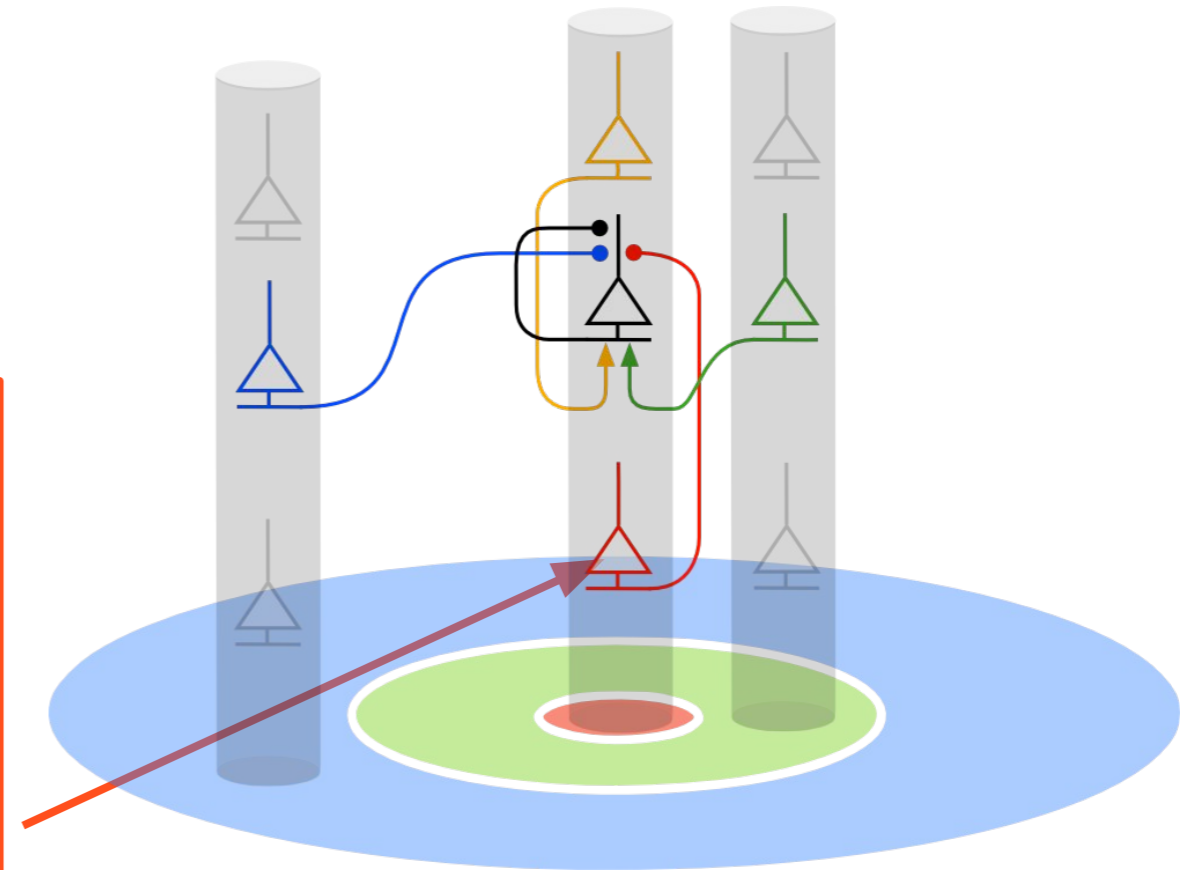
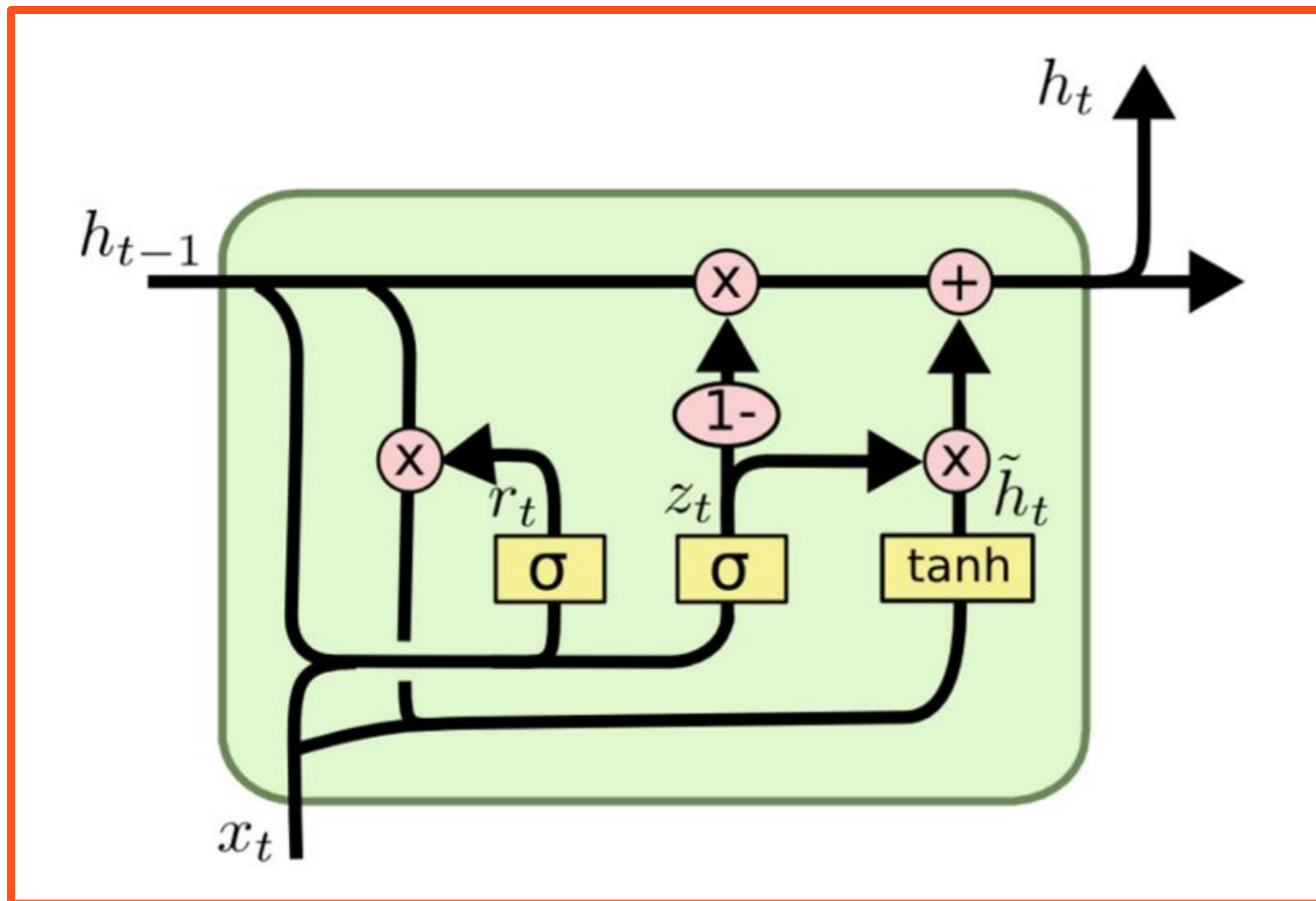
$$C_{xyk}^{(2)} = (\mathbf{W}^E * \mathbf{H}^{(1)})_{xyk}$$

$$\eta \dot{H}_{xyk}^{(1)} + \epsilon^2 H_{xyk}^{(1)} = \left[\xi X_{xyk} - (\alpha H_{xyk}^{(1)} + \mu) C_{xyk}^{(1)} \right]_+$$

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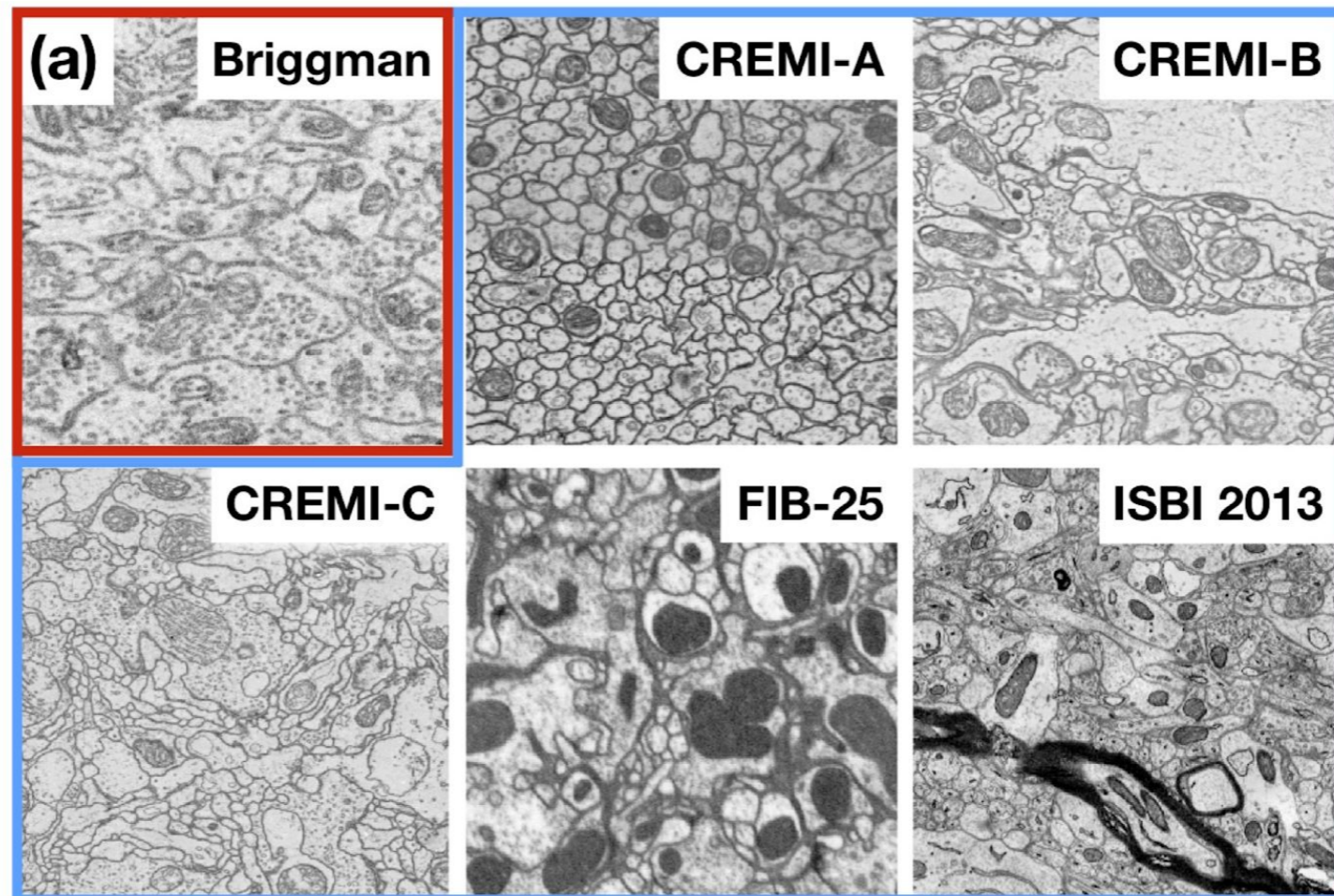
From a neural circuit...

... to an ML module

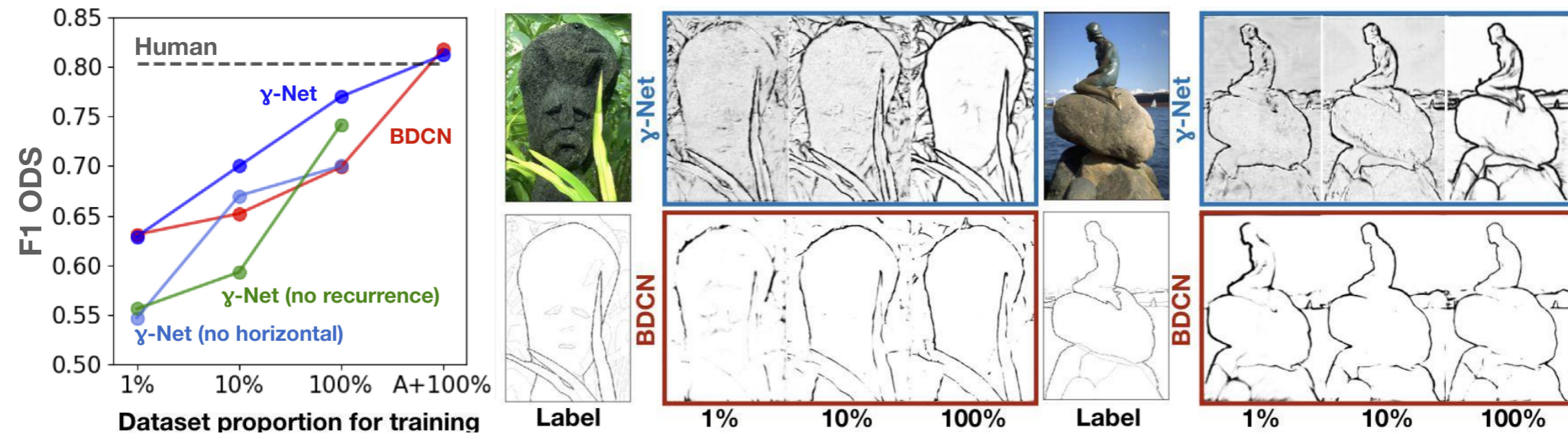


Feedback GRU (fGRU)

	mAP	Parameters
FF-Control	0.63	60K
fGRU-1	0.74	45K
fGRU-2	0.77	50K
3D U-Net [24]	0.78	1.4M

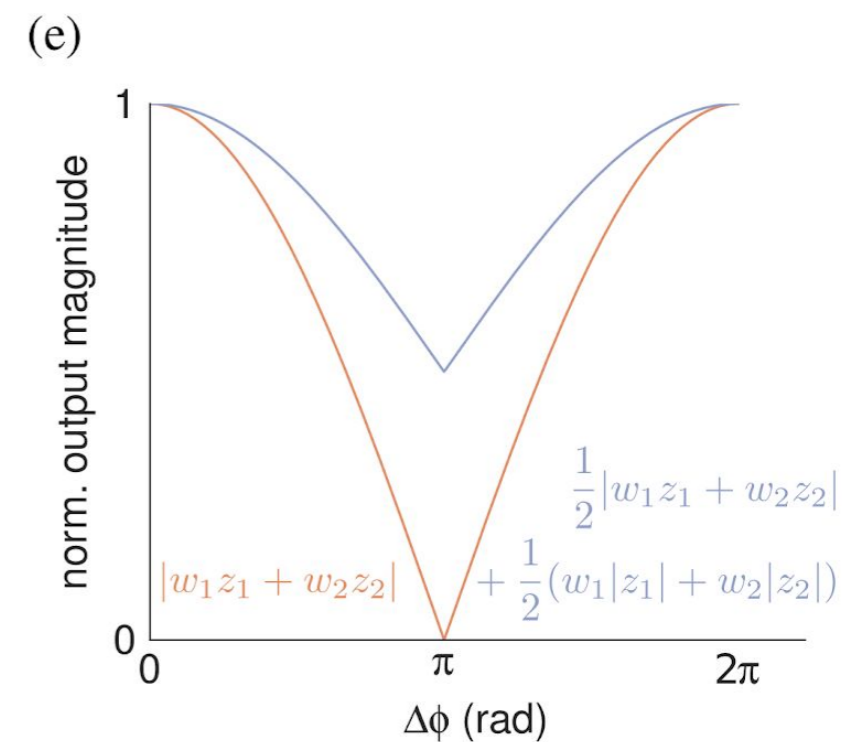
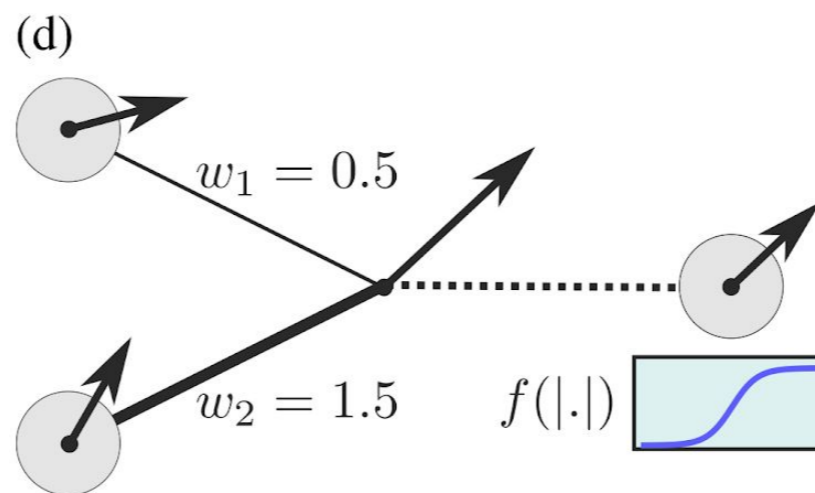
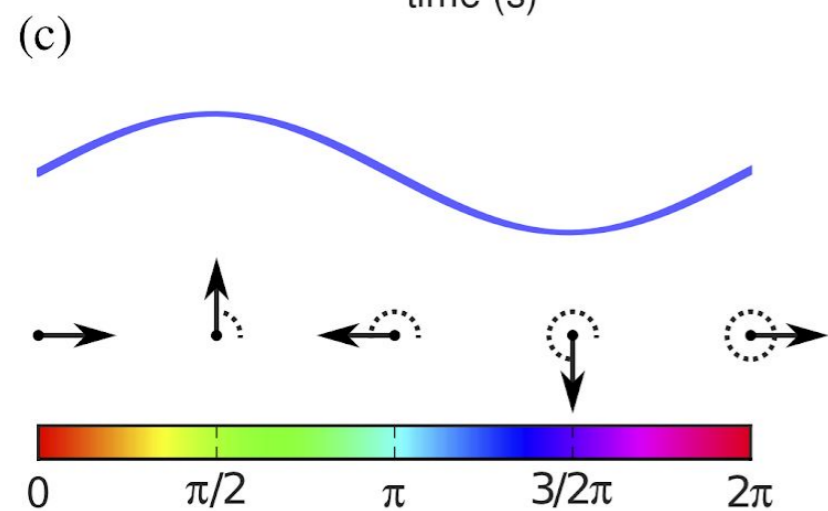
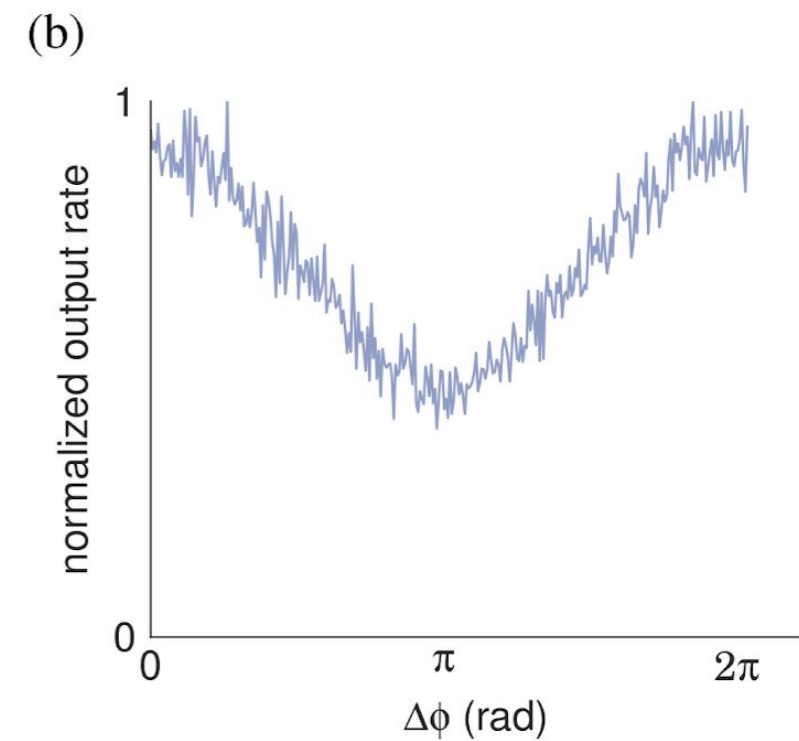
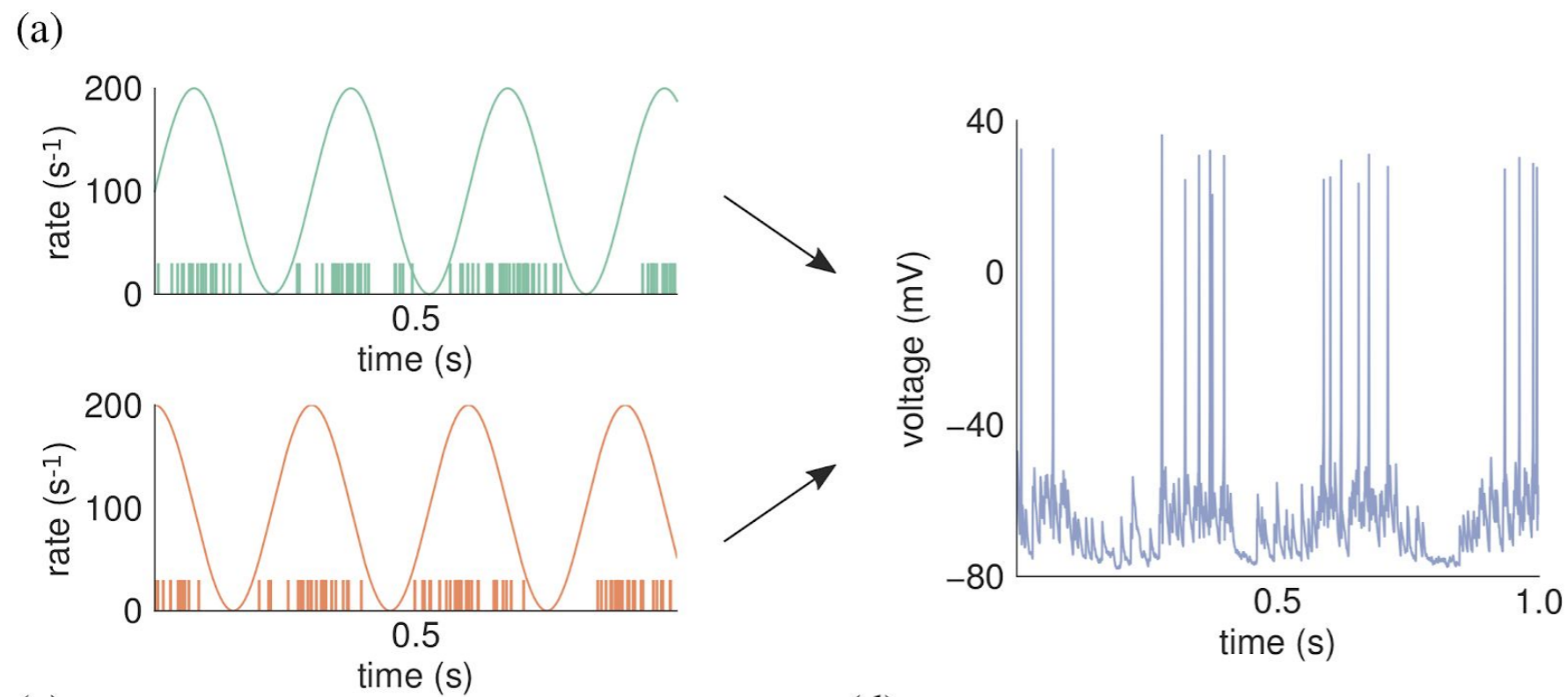


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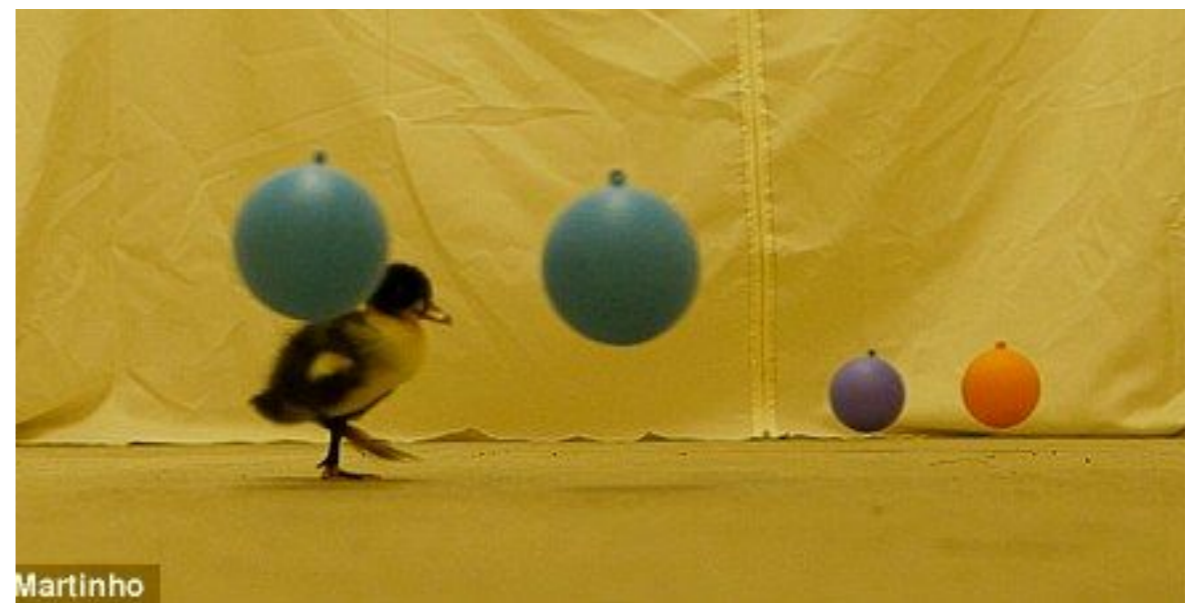
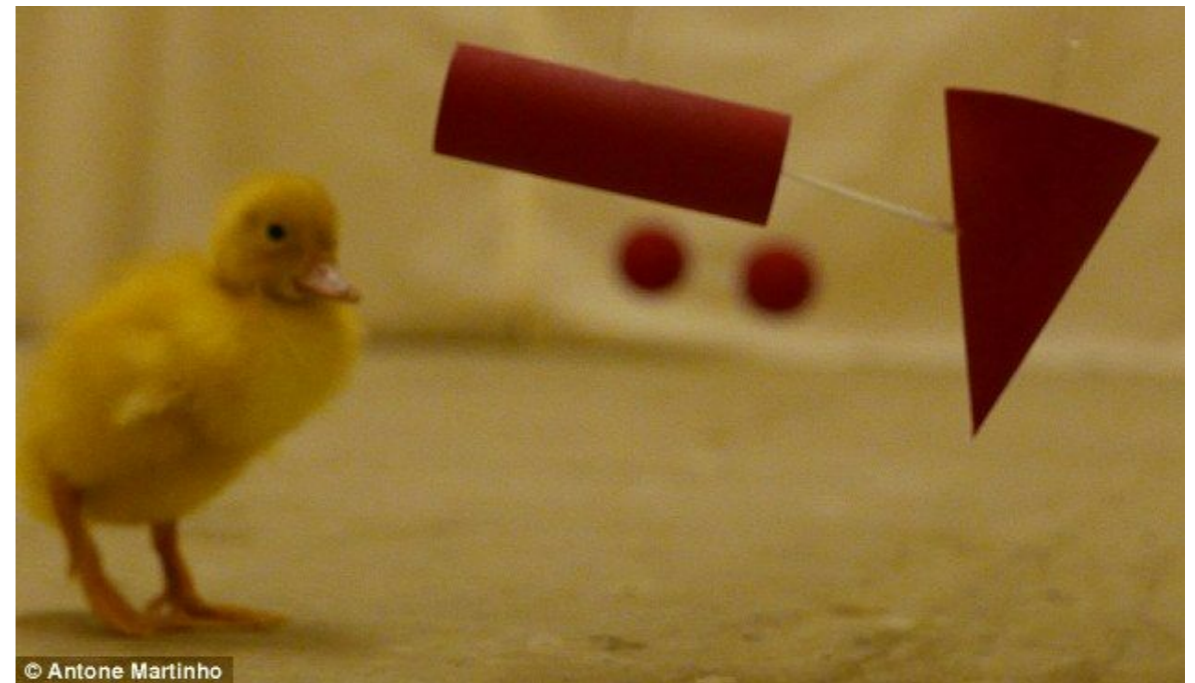
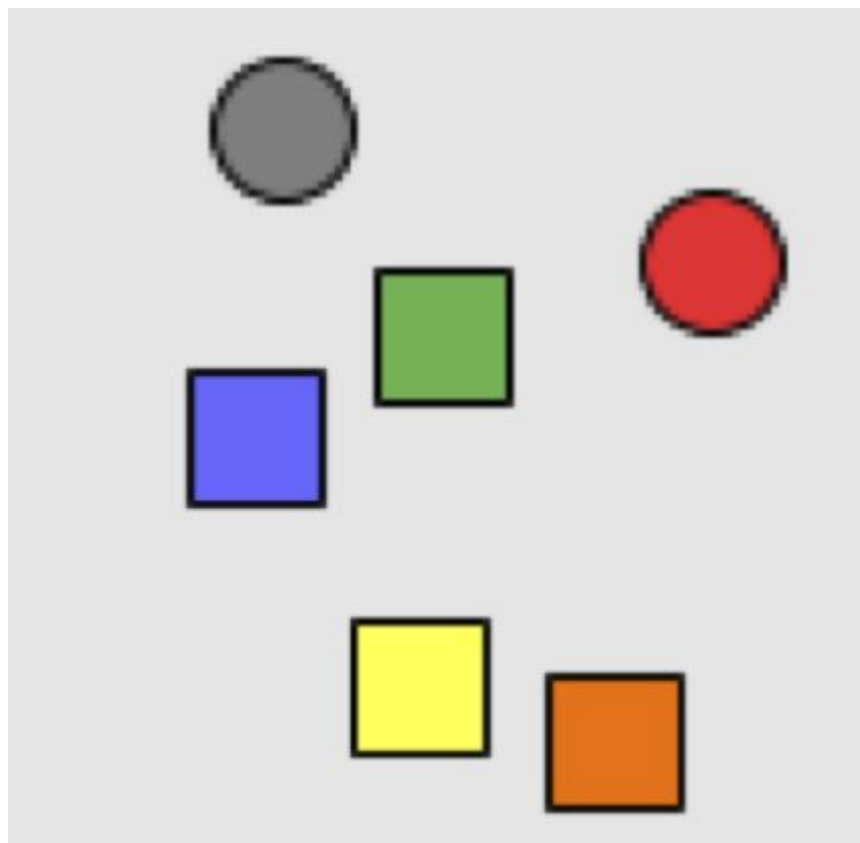
Need help to develop BPTT-alternatives which make more efficient use of memory!

Computing w | oscillations






Visual reasoning

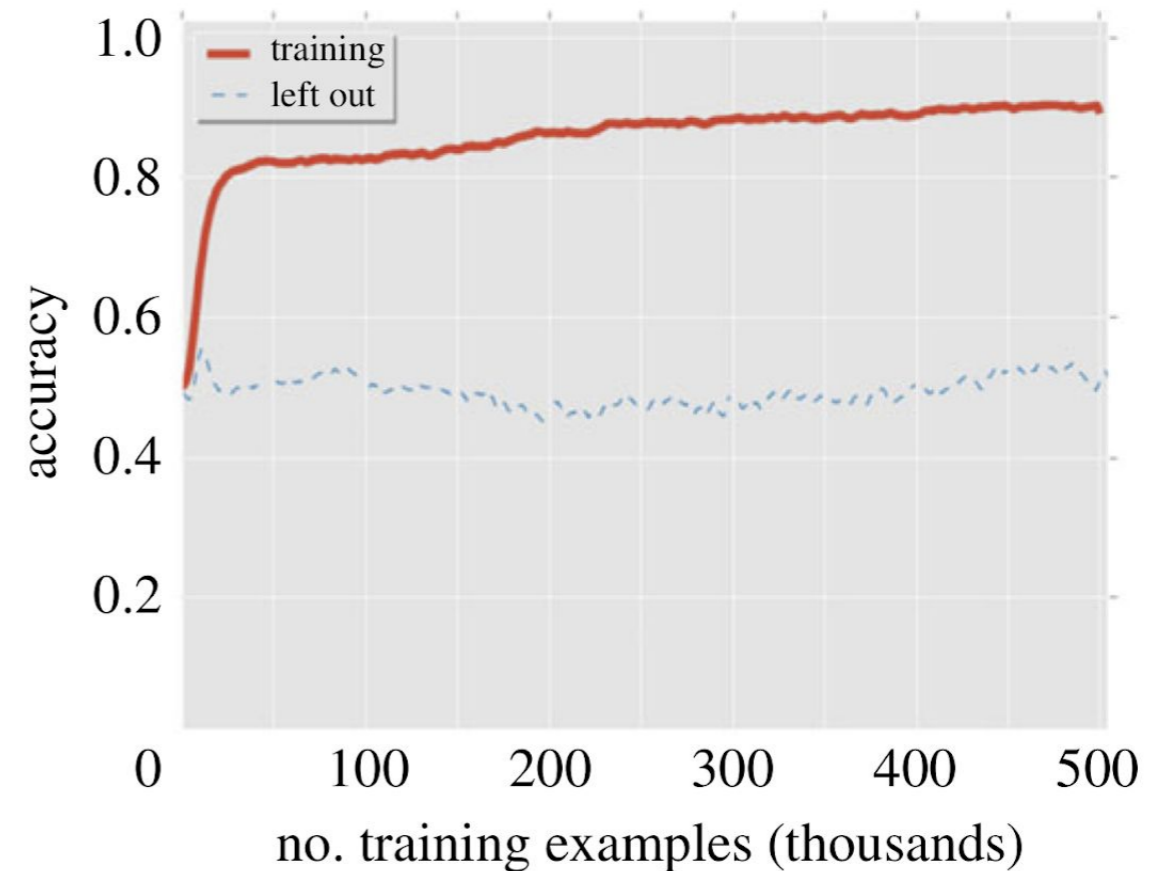
Sort-of-CLEVR dataset
(Santoro et al 2017)



Visual reasoning

	train: test colour (cyan) present
	train: test shape (square) present
	test: novel colour × shape combination (cyan square) present

“Relational network”
(Santoro et al 2017)



- Looking for potential collaborators for my wife (URI, nutrition, child obesity prevention)
- Contacts at the University?