

Inference Graphs for CNN Interpretation

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Motivation for CNN interpretation

The current state –

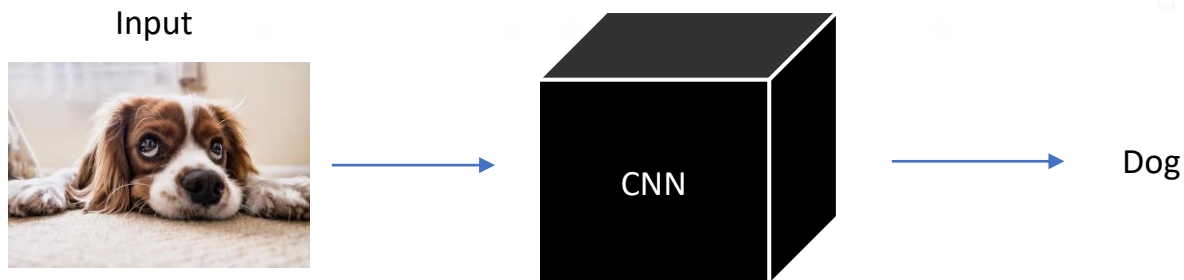
State-of-the-art results for a variety of computer domains.

The problem –

Reasoning of their decision-making process is lacking.

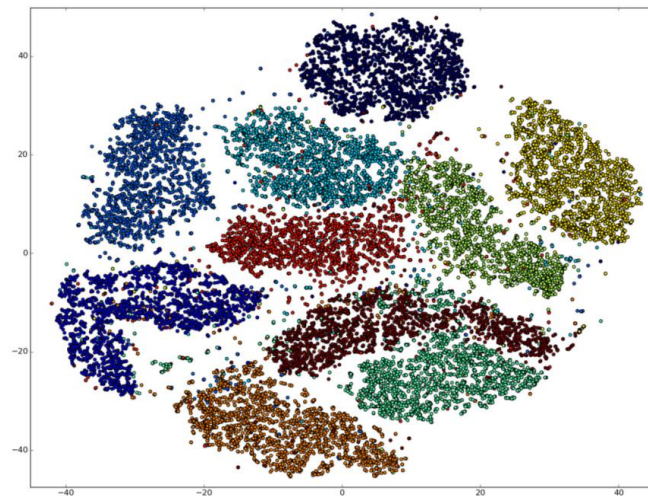
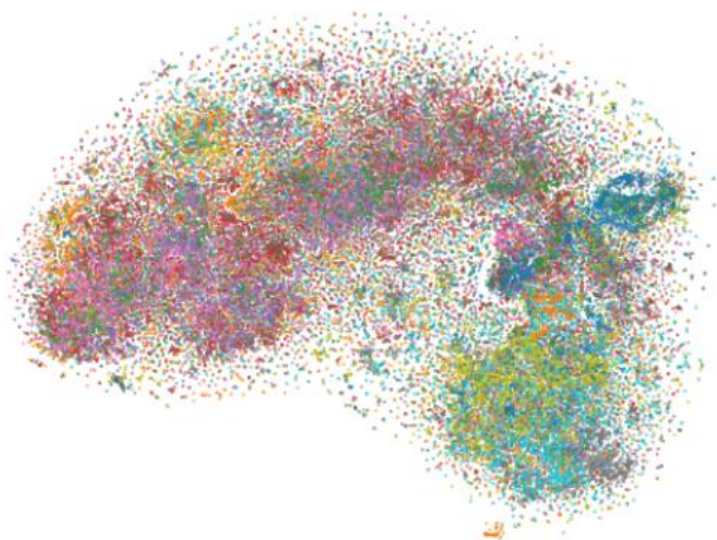
Our main challenge –

Improving interpretability of the network inference process.



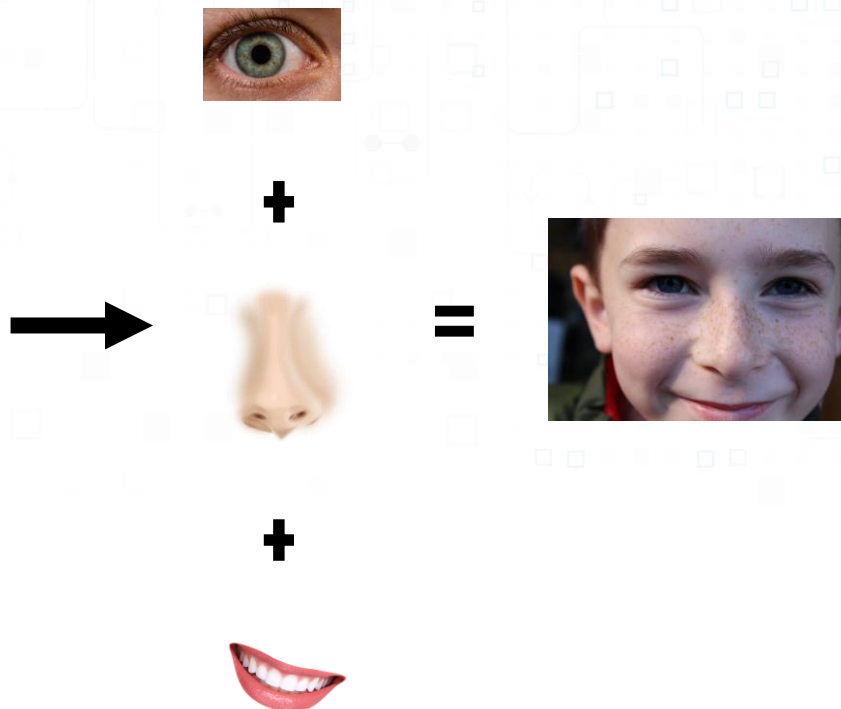
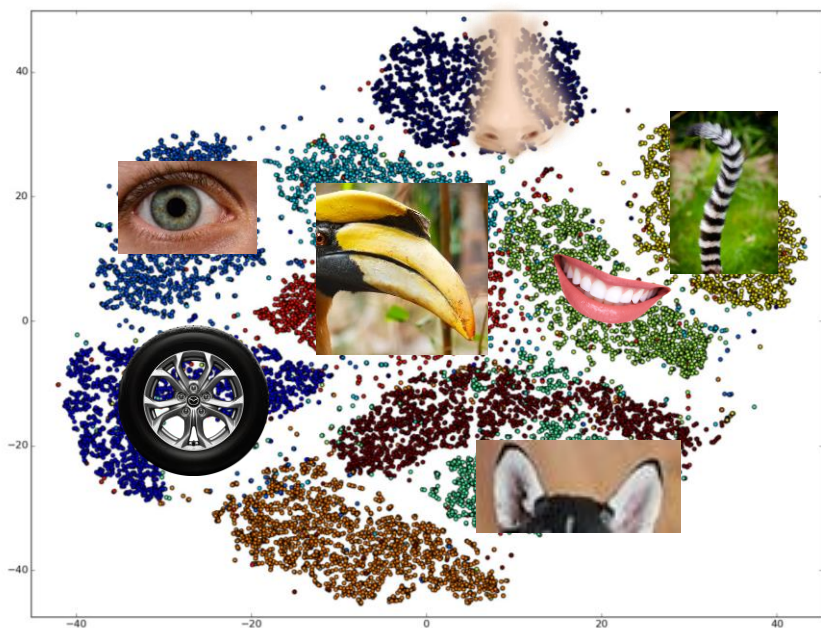
Our challenges

Can we convert *distributed representations* into a *human-oriented language*?



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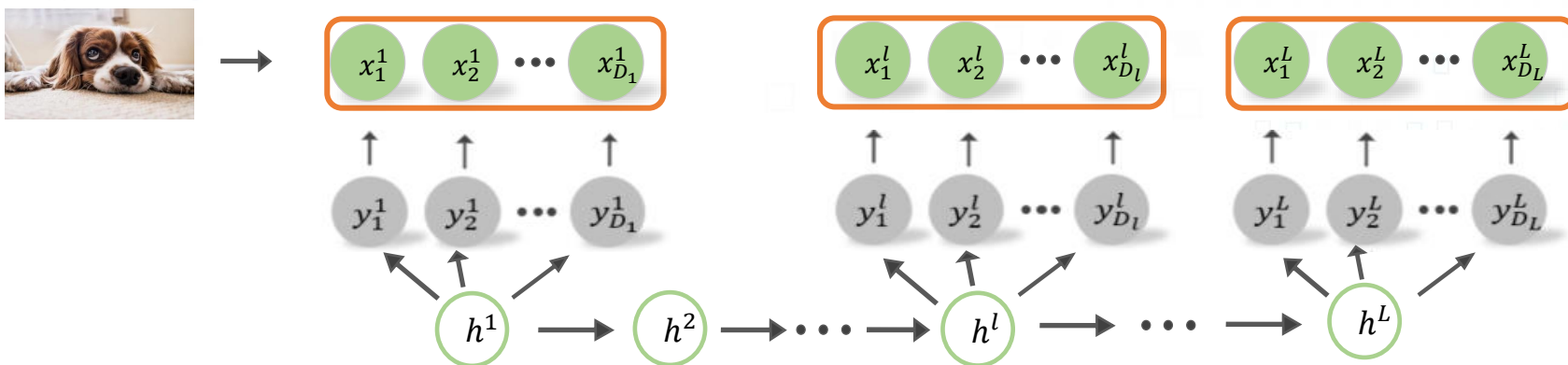
Can we learn a dictionary of visual words and model their interrelationships?



Generative modeling of MLPs

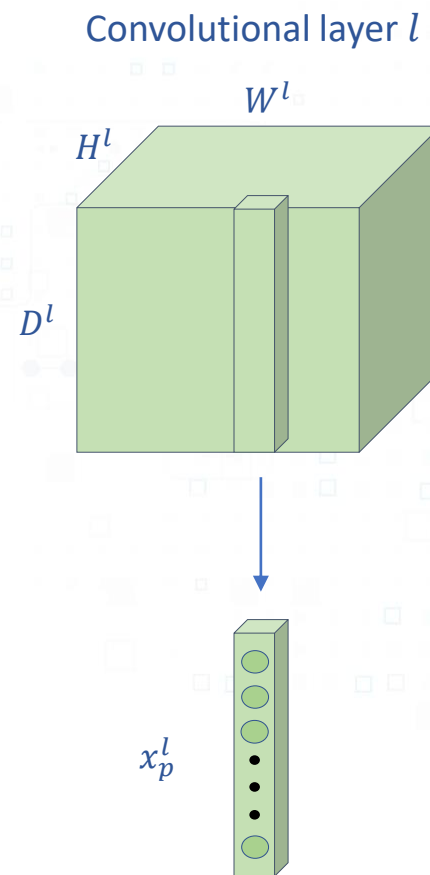
Trained MLP inference process as a Hidden Markov Model (HMM):

- **Single MLP layer distribution:** a mixture model of multivariate Gaussians (GMM).
- **Connections between layer representations:** conditional probability tables between GMM components of adjacent layers.
- **Post-Relu activations:** rectified Gaussians via additional hidden variables.
- **Optimization:** online Expectation Maximization (EM).



Layers Dictionaries for CNNs

- Each spatial location example vector x_p^l , located at $p = (i, j) \in \{1, \dots, H^l\} \times \{1, \dots, W^l\}$, is described as arising from a GMM of K^l components.
- Example x_p^l is assigned to cluster C_k^l iff $P(h_p^l = k | x_p^l)$ is the highest.
- Each cluster C_k^l represents a **visual word** (edge, texture, body part etc.), together forming the layer **dictionary**.



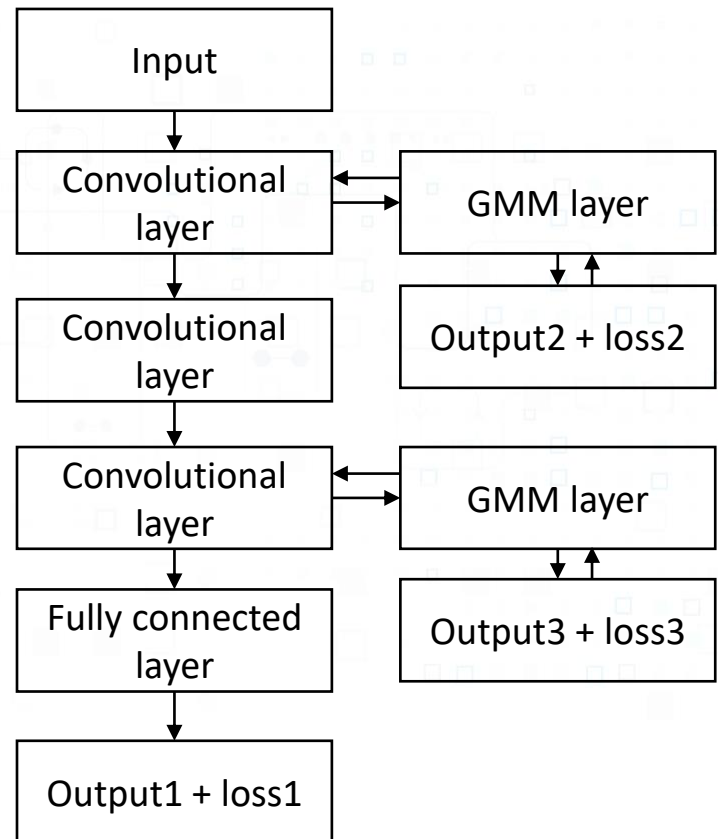
Layers Dictionaries for CNNs

Train a CNN-GMM model:

1. Get a pre-trained CNN.
2. For every modeled layer l , append to it a GMM layer with the GMM parameters

$\Theta^l = \{\pi_k^l, \mu_k^l, \Sigma_k^l\}_{k=1}^{K^l}$ as learning weights.

3. Train all GMM layers and estimate their parameters independently, using SGD.



Graph Node Selection Algorithm

Consider a graph in which visual words $\{C_k^l\}_{l=1, k=1}^{L, K^l}$ are the nodes, and transition probabilities between visual words of consecutive layers quantify edges.

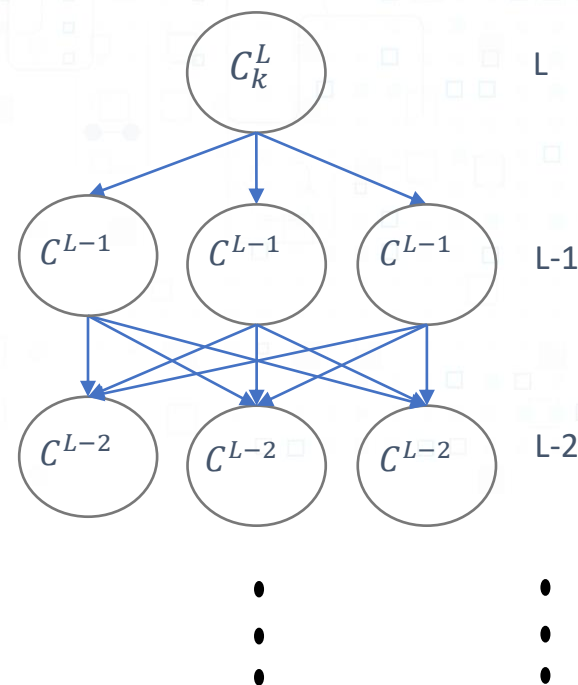
- Given a selected subset of images to be explained

$\Omega = \{I_n\}_{n=1}^N$ (e.g., class or a single image), a specific subgraph can have high explanatory value.

How can we find the most explanatory visual words?

- Node selection algorithm –**

iterative algorithm starting from “explaining” the classification decision node, then explaining layers backward, until outputting a subgraph.



Graph Node Selection Algorithm

Given an instance of a single visual word $h_p^l = s$ to “explain”, we look for the visual words T in its receptive field $R(p)$ most contributing to its likelihood:

$$\max_{T, |T|=Z} \log P(h_p^l = s | h_q^{l'} : q \in R(p), h_q^{l'} \in T)$$

Using location independence assumptions, a ‘ t –explains– s ’ score is derived:

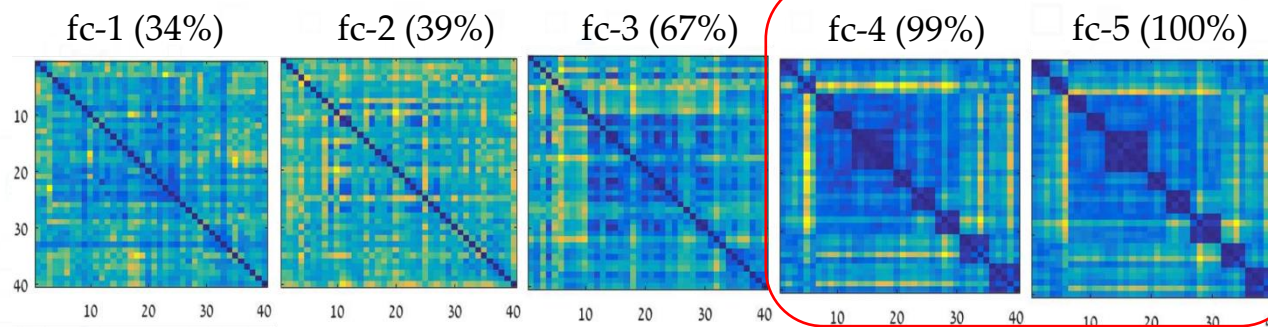
$$s^{l'}(s, t) = \sum_{t=1}^{K^{l'}} \underbrace{\left| \{q : h_q^{l'} = t, q \in R(p)\} \right|}_{\text{the number of times visual word } t \text{ appears in the receptive field of location } p} \log \frac{P(h_q^{l'} = t | h_p^l = s, q \in R(p))}{\underbrace{P(h_q^{l'} = t)}_{\text{how likely it is to see word } t \text{ in the receptive field of } s \text{ compared to seeing it in general}}}$$

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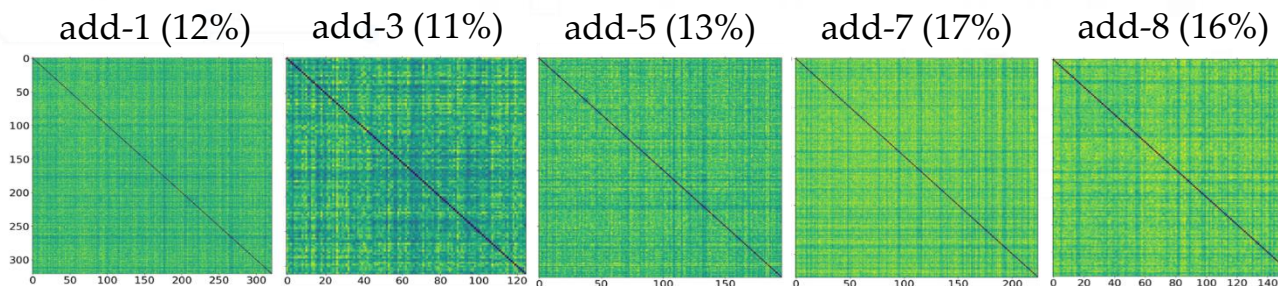
Cluster Similarity Across Layers

MLP



increasing similarity
between clusters
representing the
same class.

CNN

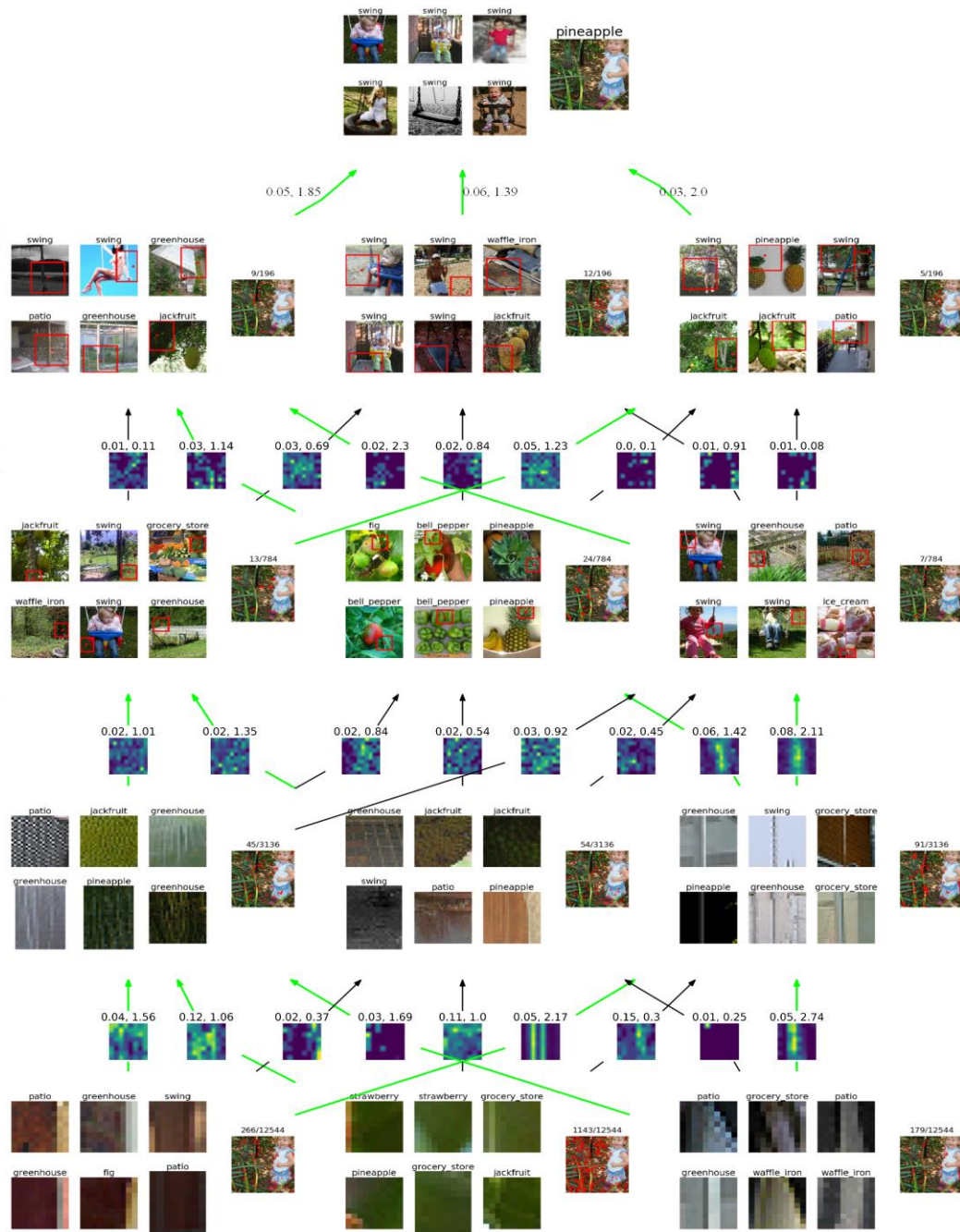


the clusters stay
local and diverse,
even at the
uppermost layers.

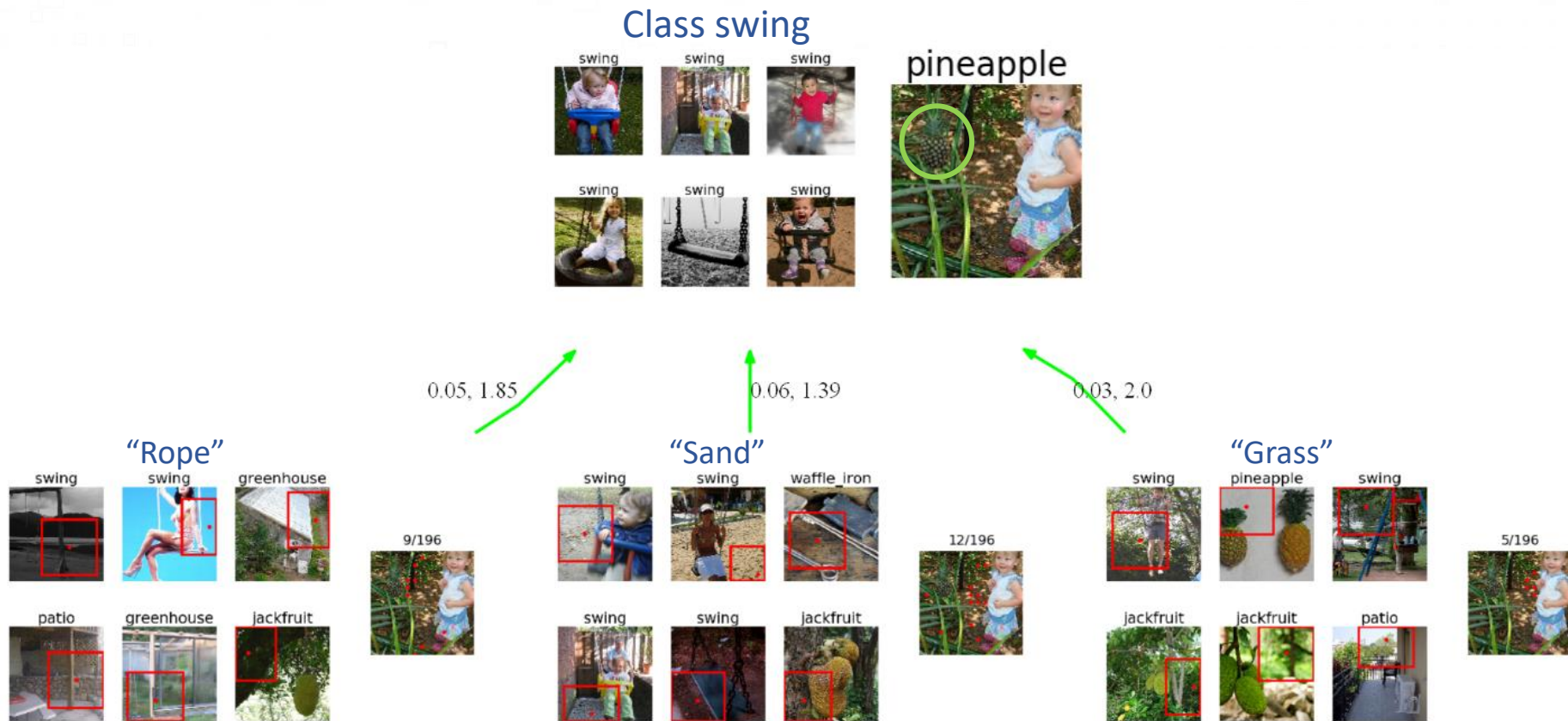
VGG-16 Image Inference Graph

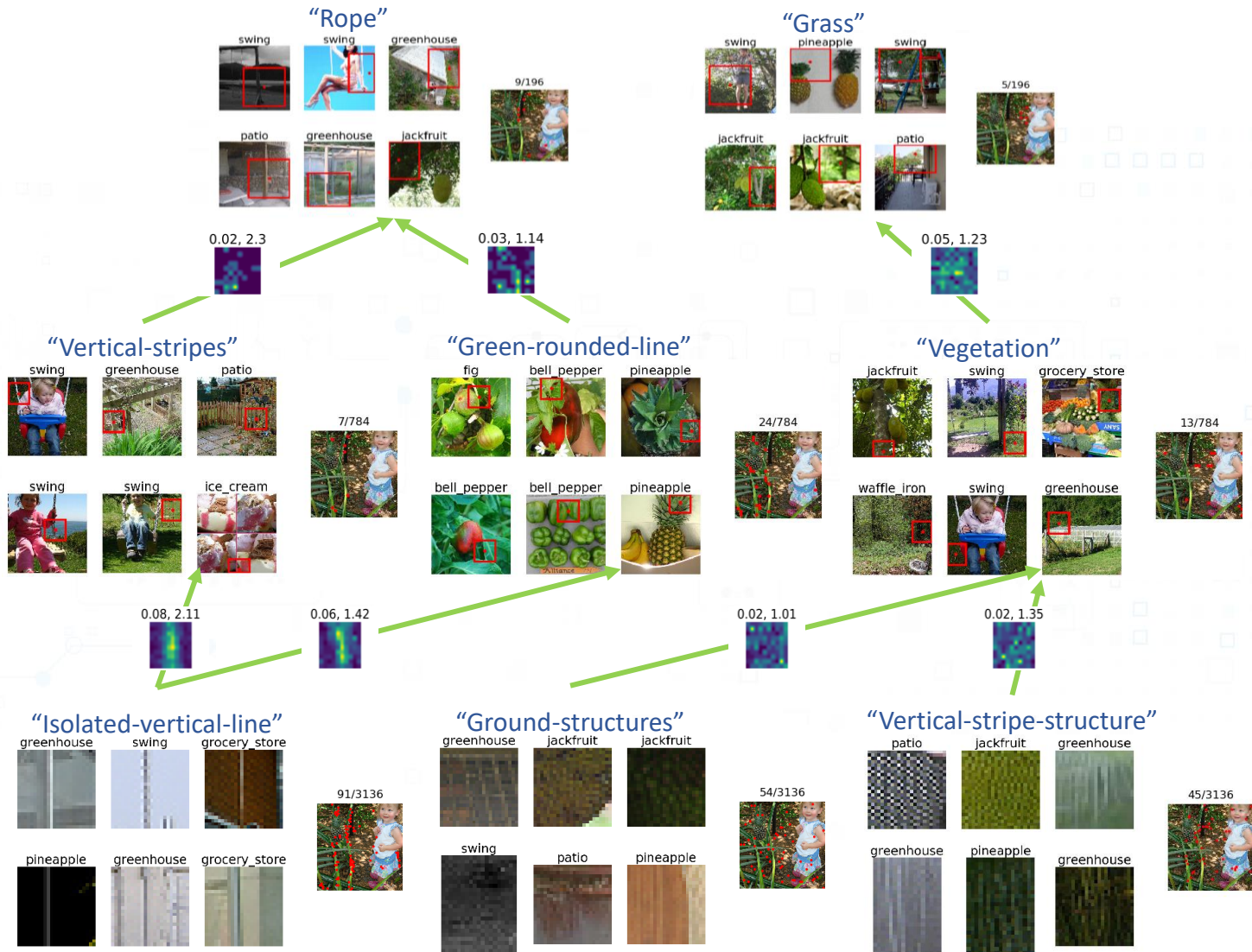
Ground truth: Pineapple

Network prediction: Swing



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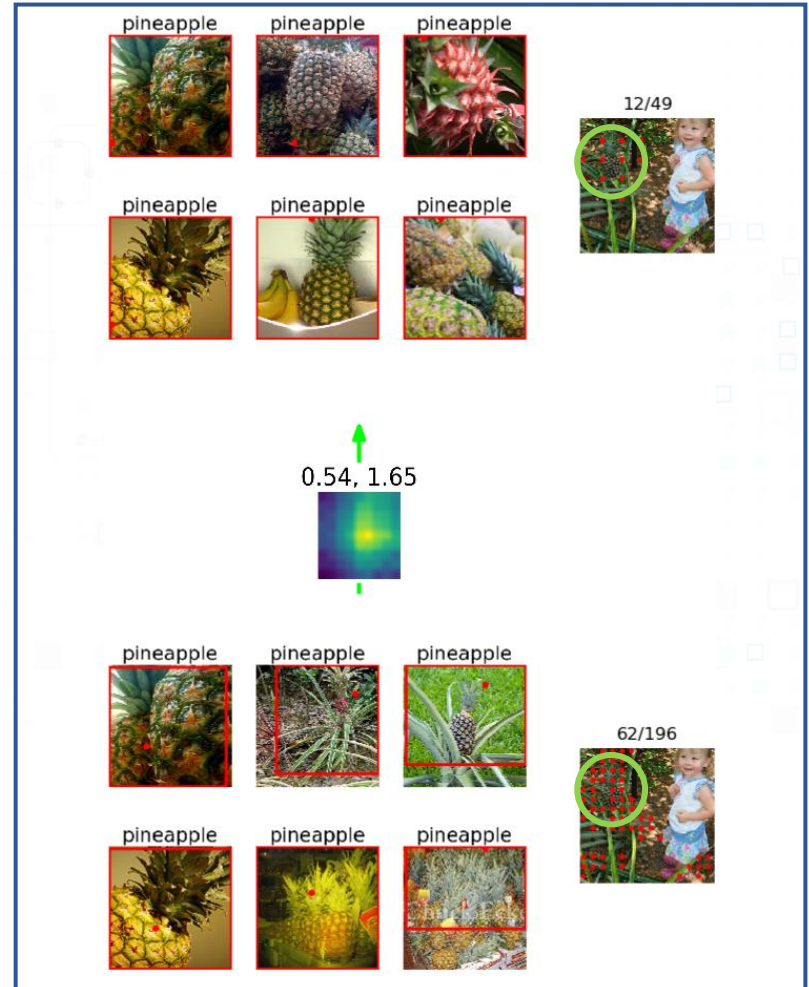




ResNet50 Image Inference Graph

Ground truth: Pineapple

Network prediction: Pineapple



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