Densely Connected Convolutional Networks (DenseNet)

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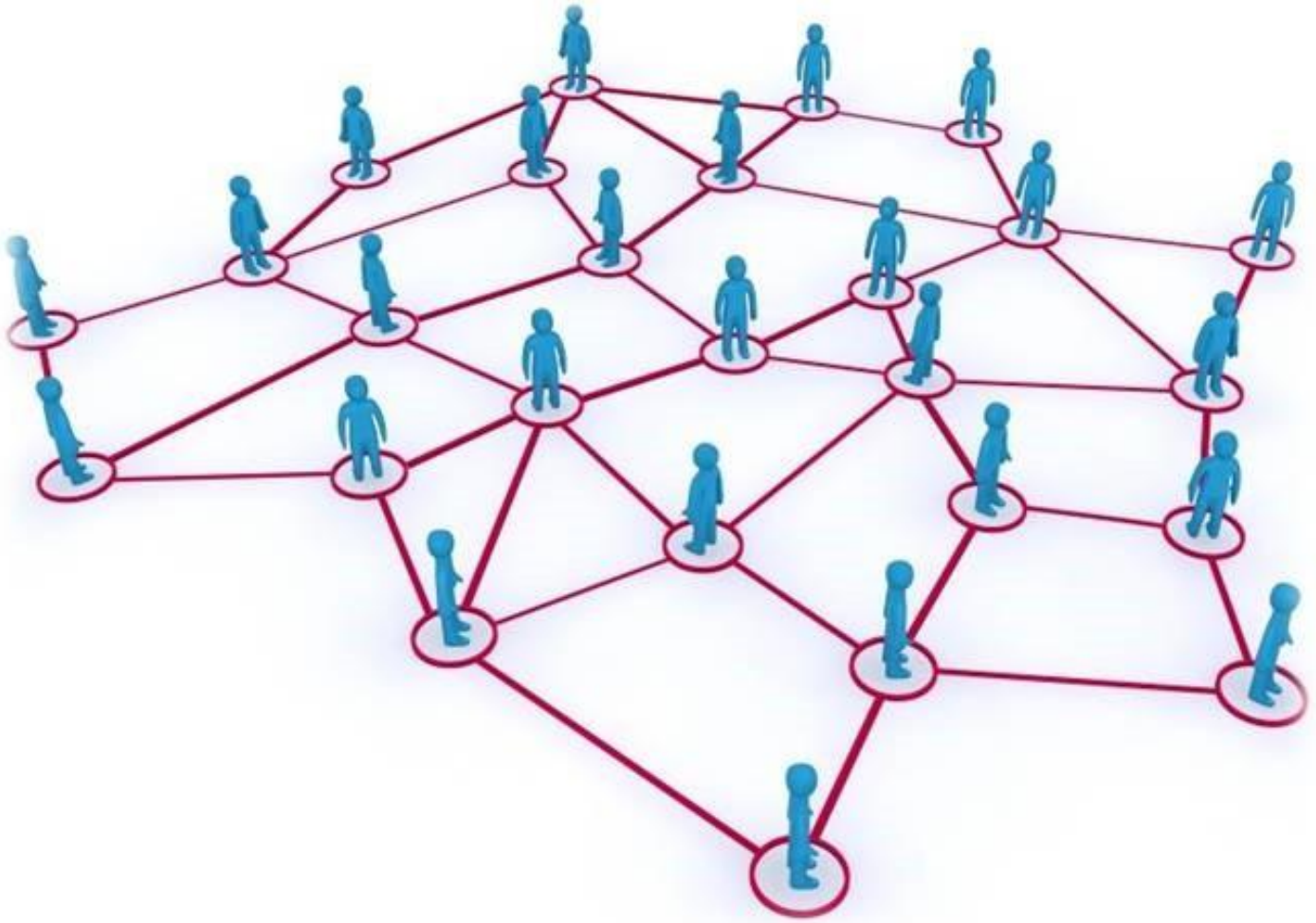
I. What is DensNet?



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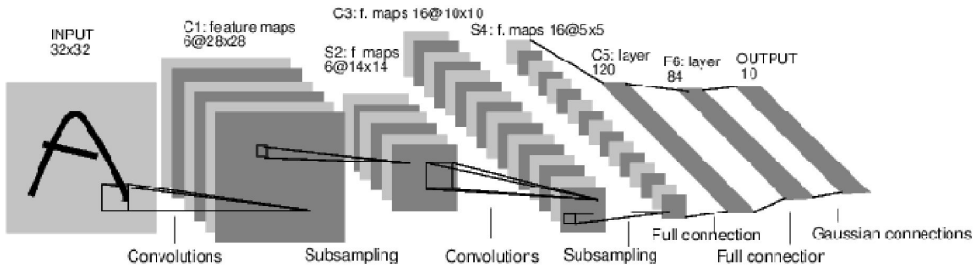

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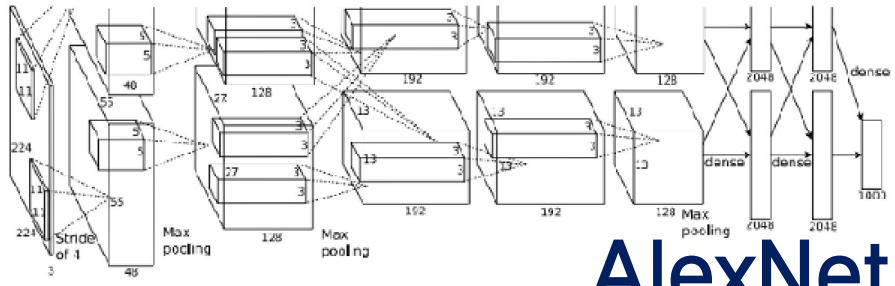

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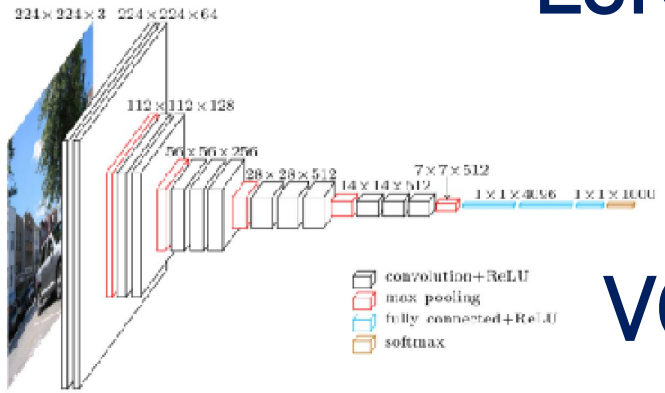

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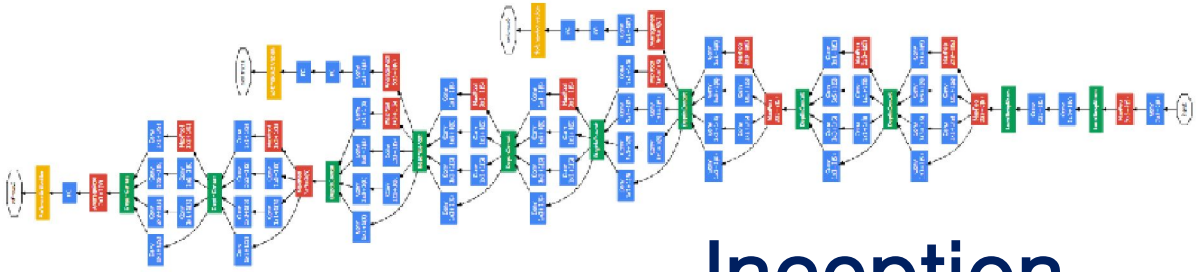

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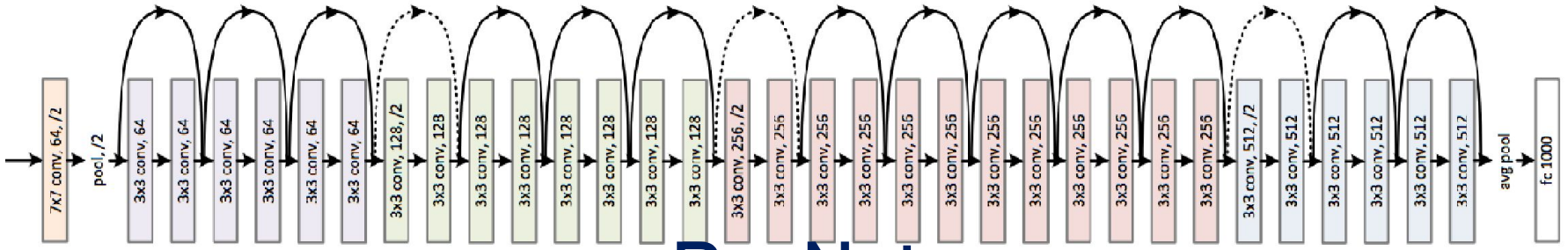
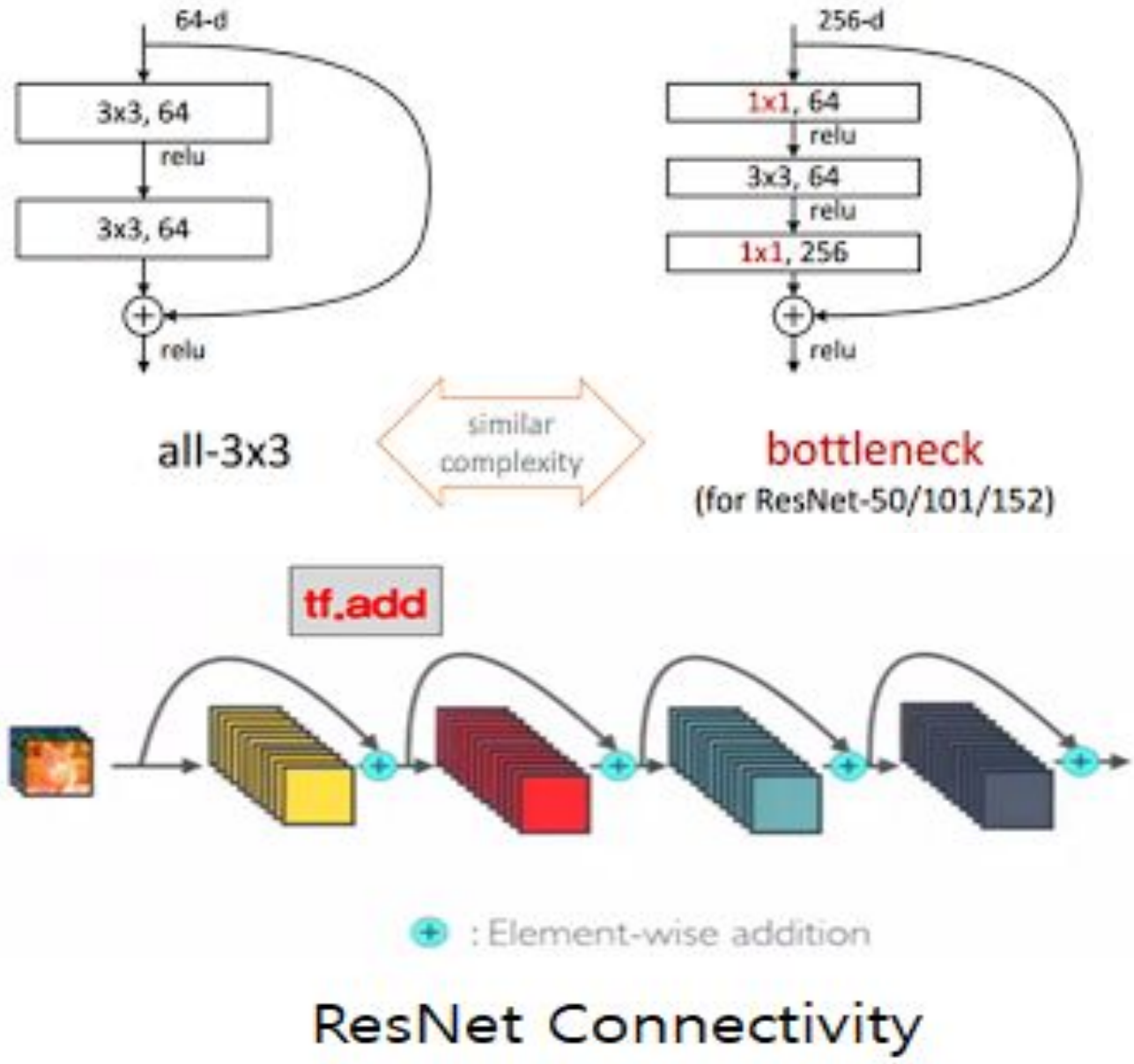
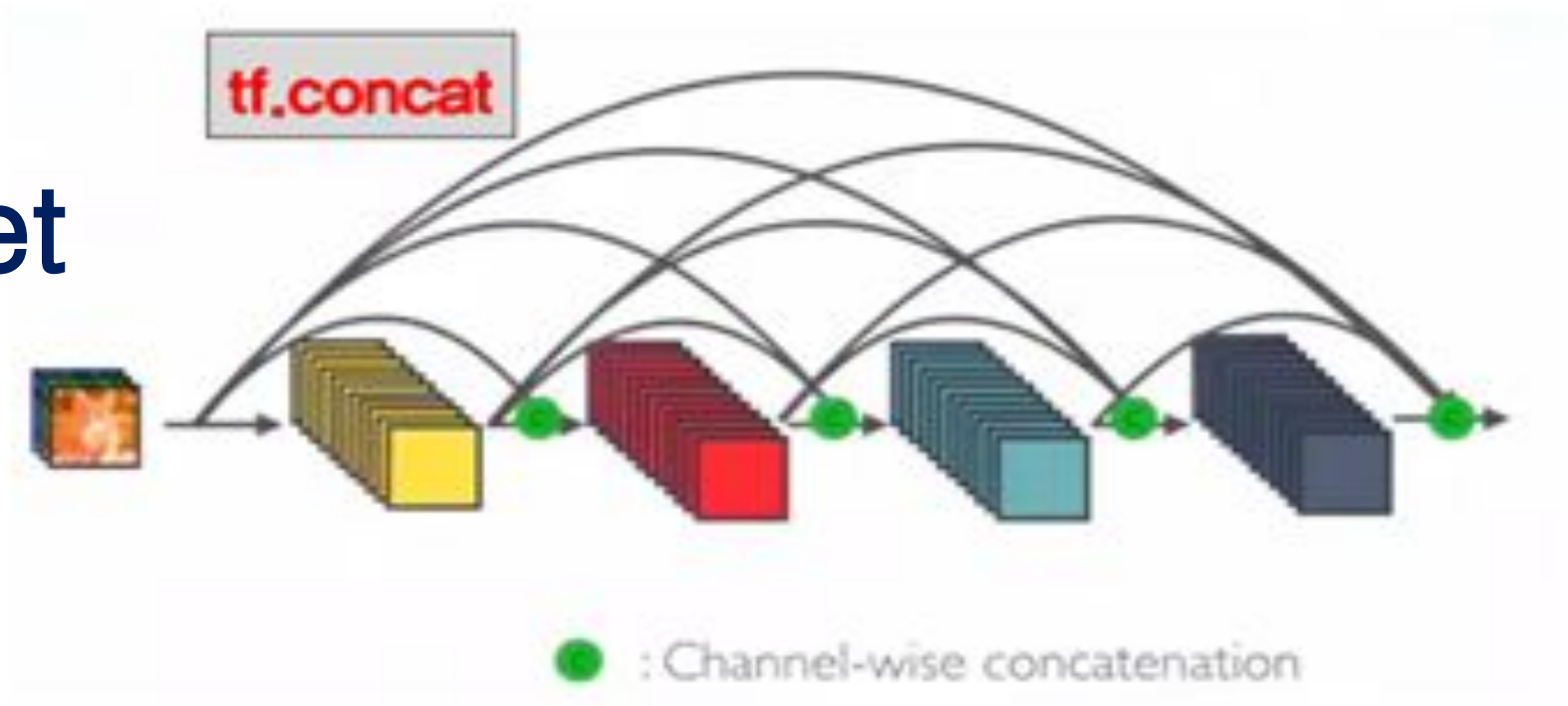


ResNet

ResNet before DenseNet !!

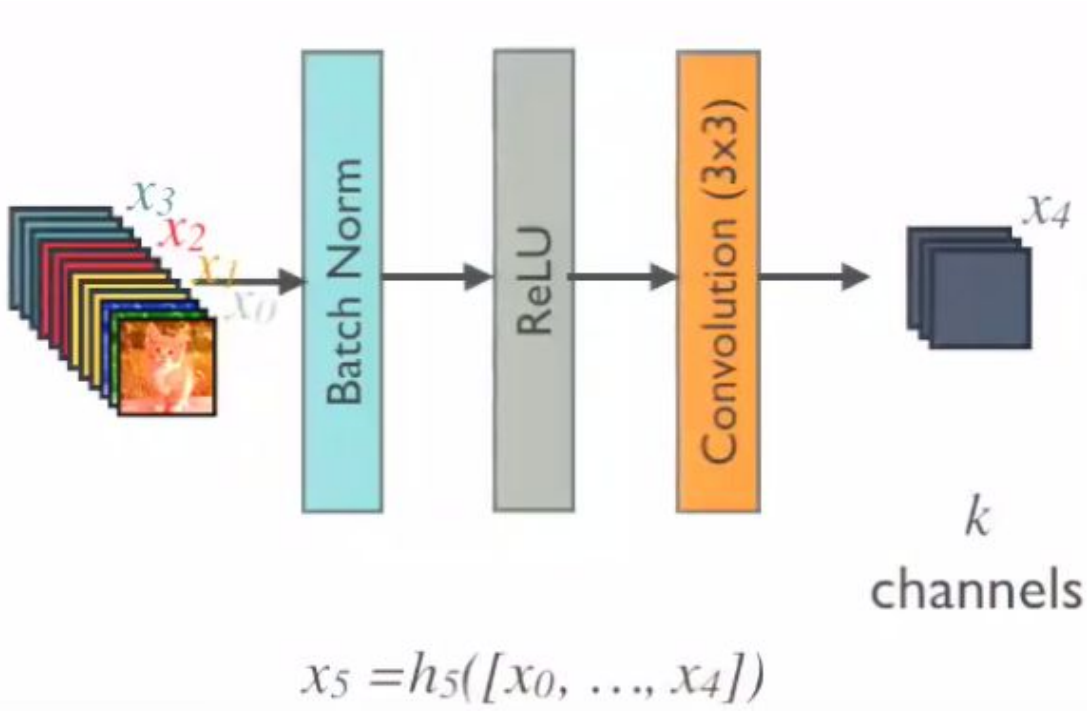


Now DenseNet

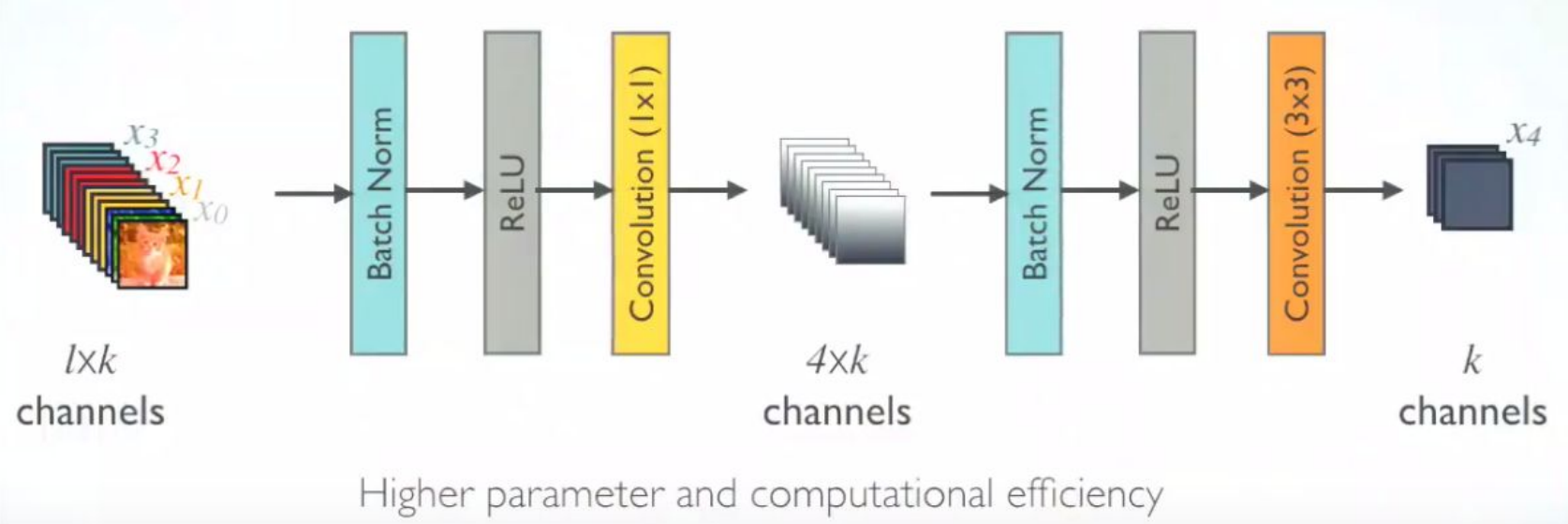


Dense Connectivity

What is DenseNet

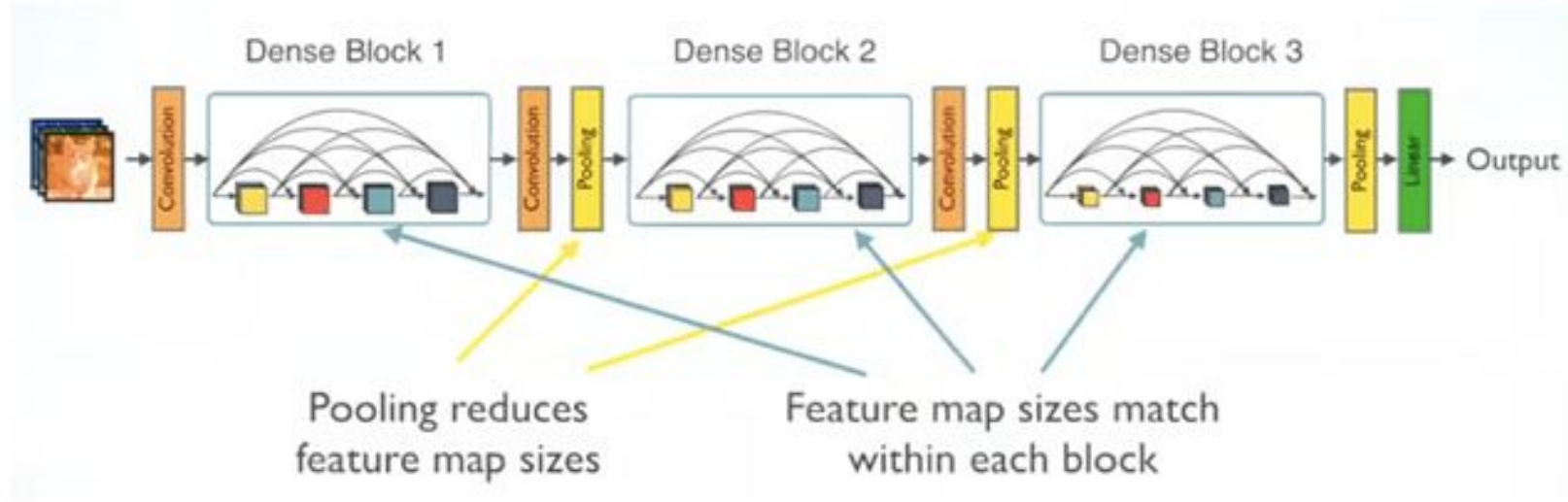


$$x_5 = h_5([x_0, \ldots, x_4])$$



Higher parameter and computational efficiency

What is DenseNet



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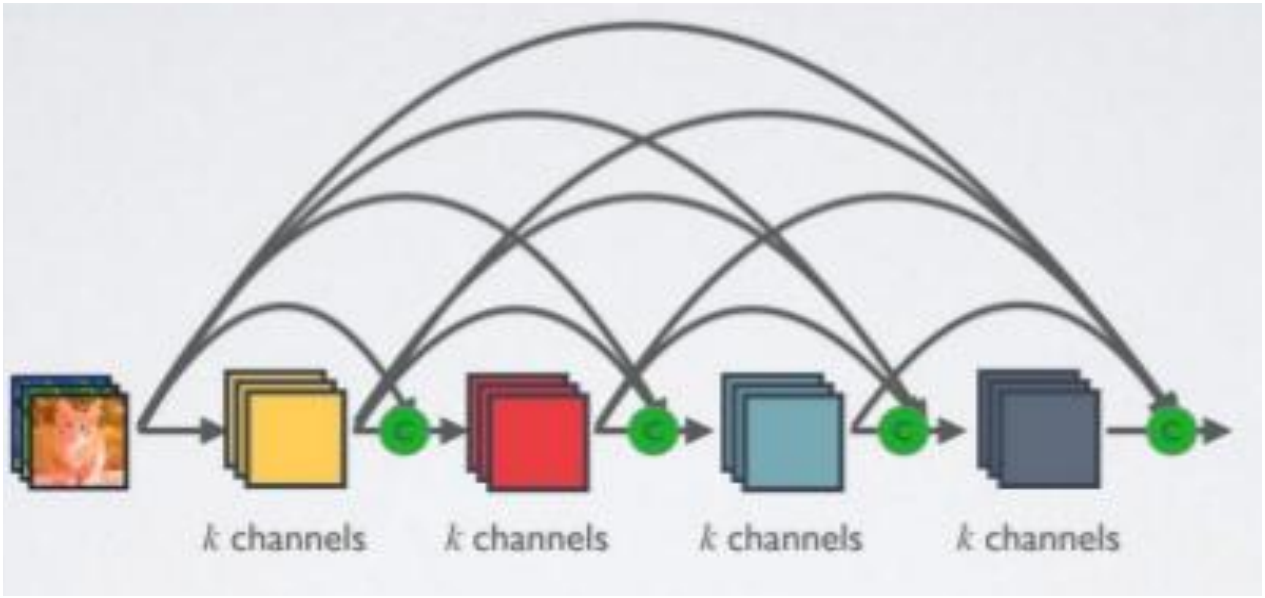


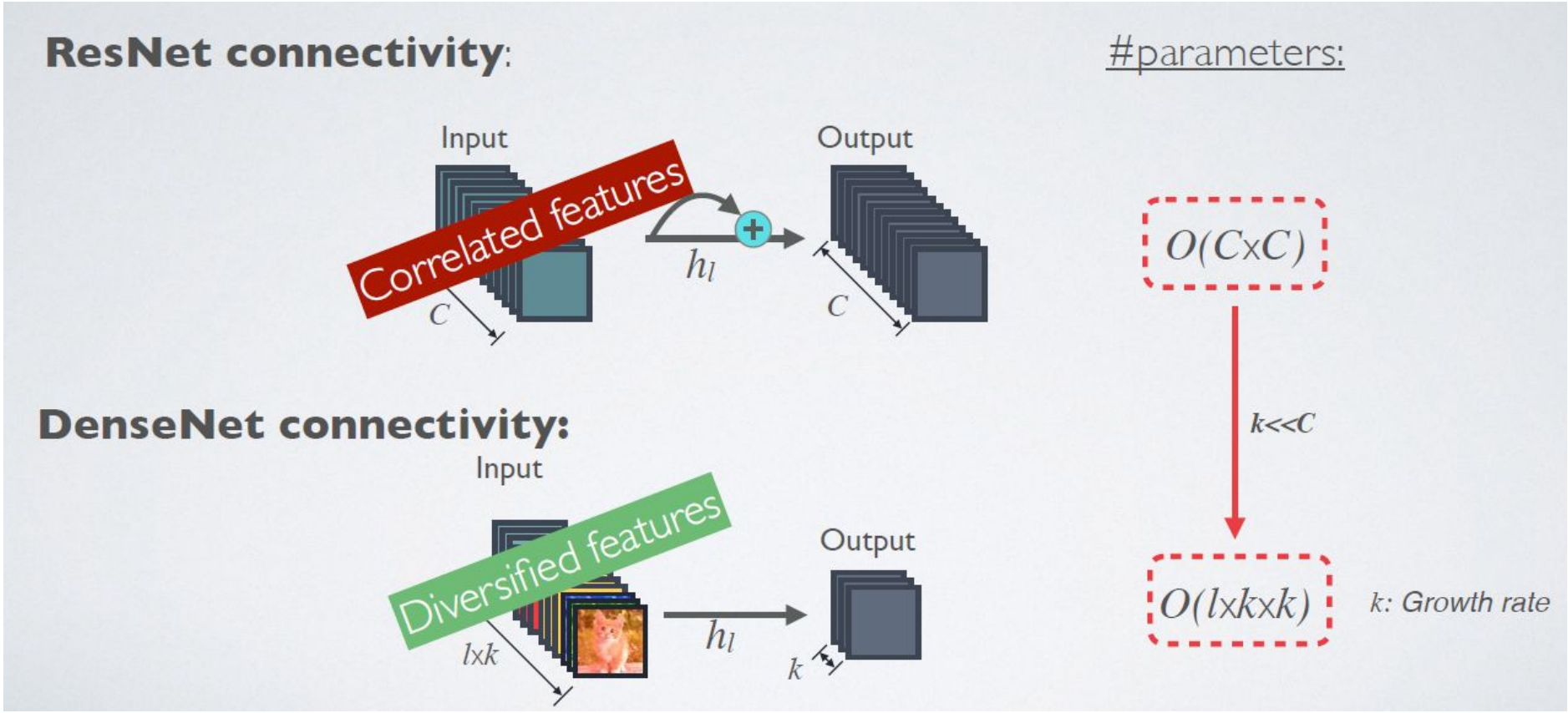
II. Advantages of DenseNet

into all subsequent layers. DenseNets have several compelling advantages: they alleviate the vanishing-gradient problem, strengthen feature propagation, encourage feature reuse, and substantially reduce the number of parameters. We evaluate our proposed architecture on four highly competitive object recognition benchmark tasks (CIFAR-10,

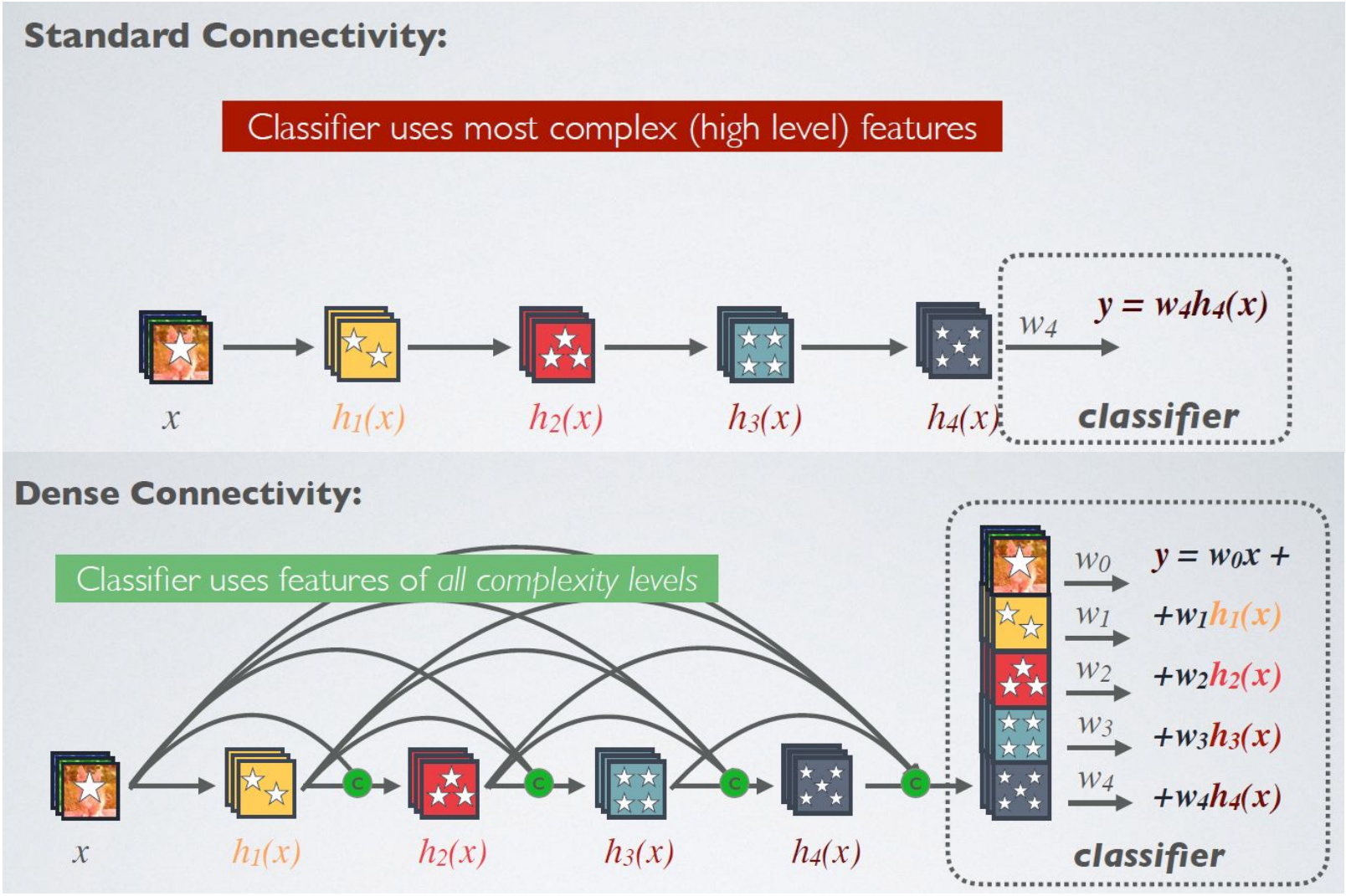
Advantages of DenseNet

1. Strong gradient flow

2. Parameter & Computational Efficiency



3. Maintains Low Complexity Features



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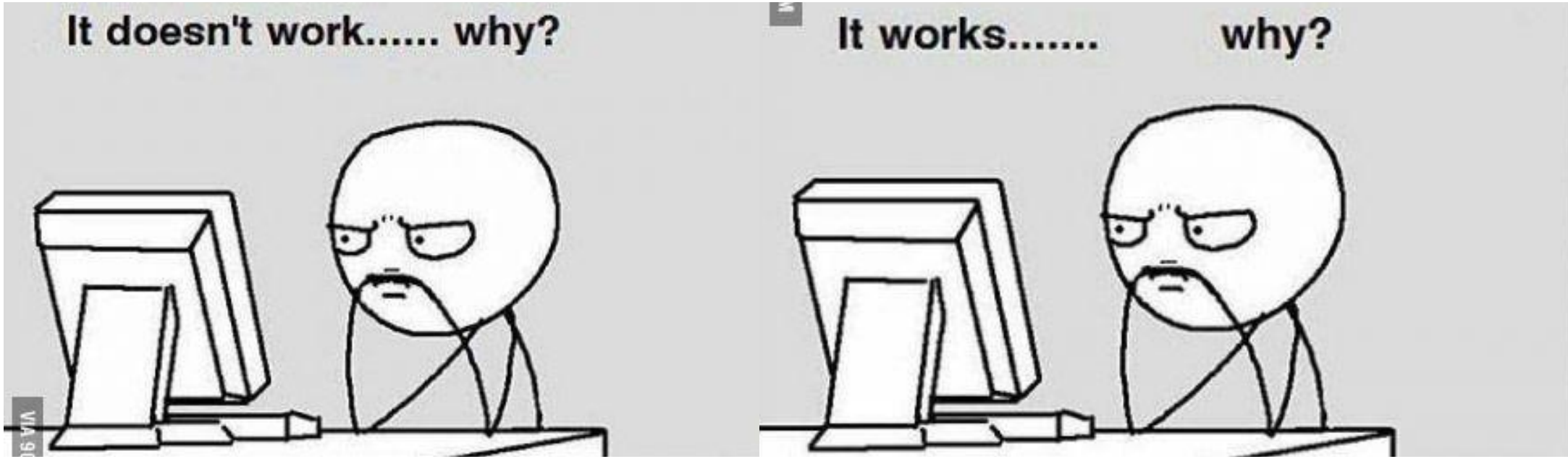
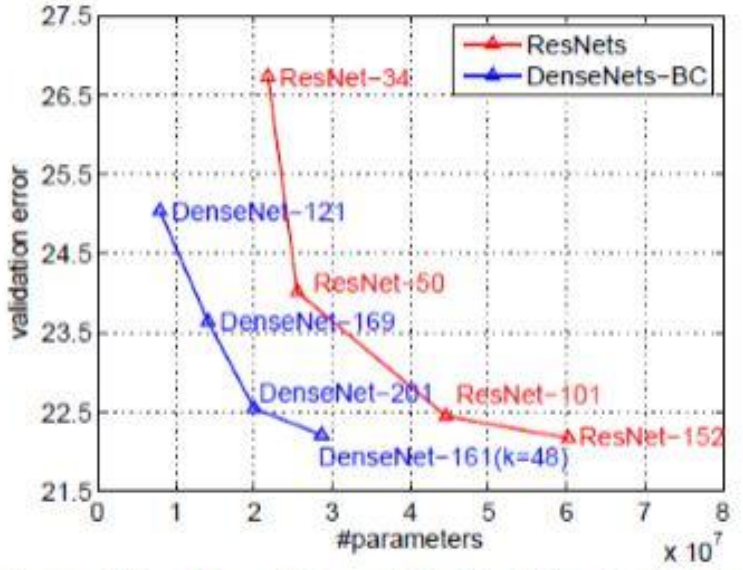


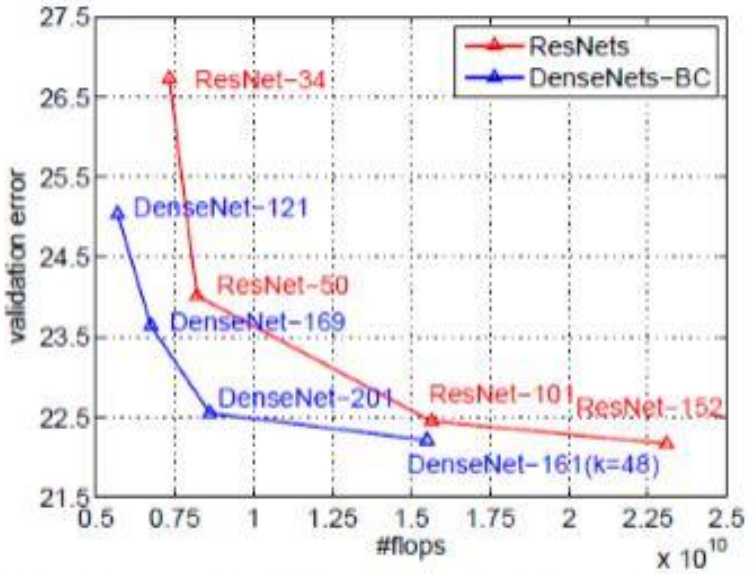
Experiments

1. Lower Errors

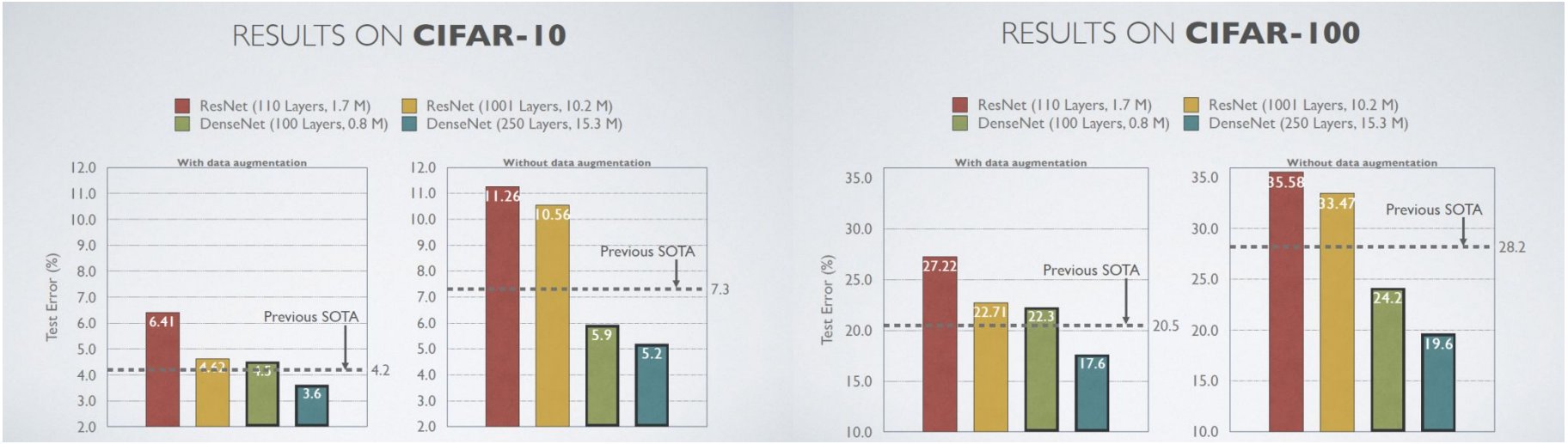
Method	Depth	Params	C10	C10+	C100	C100+	SVHN
Network in Network [22]	-	-	10.41	8.81	35.68	-	2.35
All-CNN [31]	-	-	9.08	7.25	-	33.71	-
Deeply Supervised Net [20]	-	-	9.69	7.97	-	34.57	1.92
Highway Network [33]	-	-	-	7.72	-	32.39	-
FractalNet [17]	21	38.6M	10.18	5.22	35.34	23.30	2.01
with Dropout/Drop-path	21	38.6M	7.33	4.60	28.20	23.73	1.87
ResNet [11]	110	1.7M	-	6.61	-	-	-
ResNet (reported by [13])	110	1.7M	13.63	6.41	44.74	27.22	2.01
ResNet with Stochastic Depth [13]	110	1.7M	11.66	5.23	37.80	24.58	1.75
	1202	10.2M	-	4.91	-	-	-
Wide ResNet [41]	16	11.0M	-	4.81	-	22.07	-
	28	36.5M	-	4.17	-	20.50	-
with Dropout	16	2.7M	-	-	-	-	1.64
ResNet (pre-activation) [12]	164	1.7M	11.26*	5.46	35.58*	24.33	-
	1001	10.2M	10.56*	4.62	33.47*	22.71	-
DenseNet ($k = 12$)	40	1.0M	**7.00**	5.24	**27.55**	24.42	1.79
DenseNet ($k = 12$)	100	7.0M	**5.77**	**4.10**	**23.79**	**20.20**	1.67
DenseNet ($k = 24$)	100	27.2M	**5.83**	**3.74**	**23.42**	**19.25**	**1.59**
DenseNet-BC ($k = 12$)	100	0.8M	**5.92**	4.51	**24.15**	22.27	1.76
DenseNet-BC ($k = 24$)	250	15.3M	**5.19**	**3.62**	**19.64**	**17.60**	1.74
DenseNet-BC ($k = 40$)	190	25.6M	-	**3.46**	-	**17.18**	-

Table 2. Error rates (%) on CIFAR and SVHN datasets. L denotes the network depth and k its growth rate. Results that surpass all competing methods are **bold** and the overall best results are **blue**. "+" indicates standard data augmentation (translation and/or mirroring). $*$ indicates results run by ourselves. All the results of DenseNets without data augmentation (C10, C100, SVHN) are obtained using Dropout. DenseNets achieve lower error rates while using fewer parameters than ResNet. Without data augmentation, DenseNet performs better by a large margin.





2. Parameter Efficiency



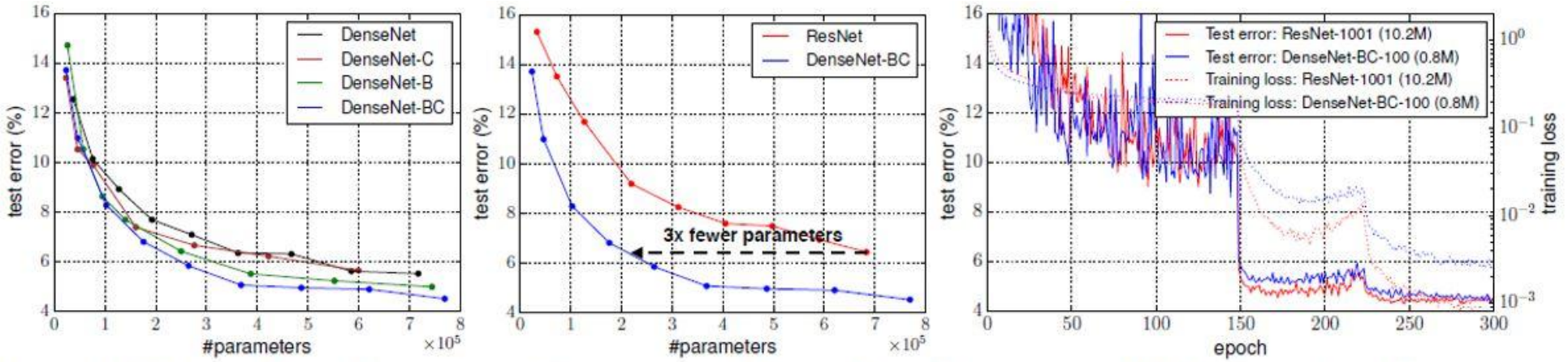
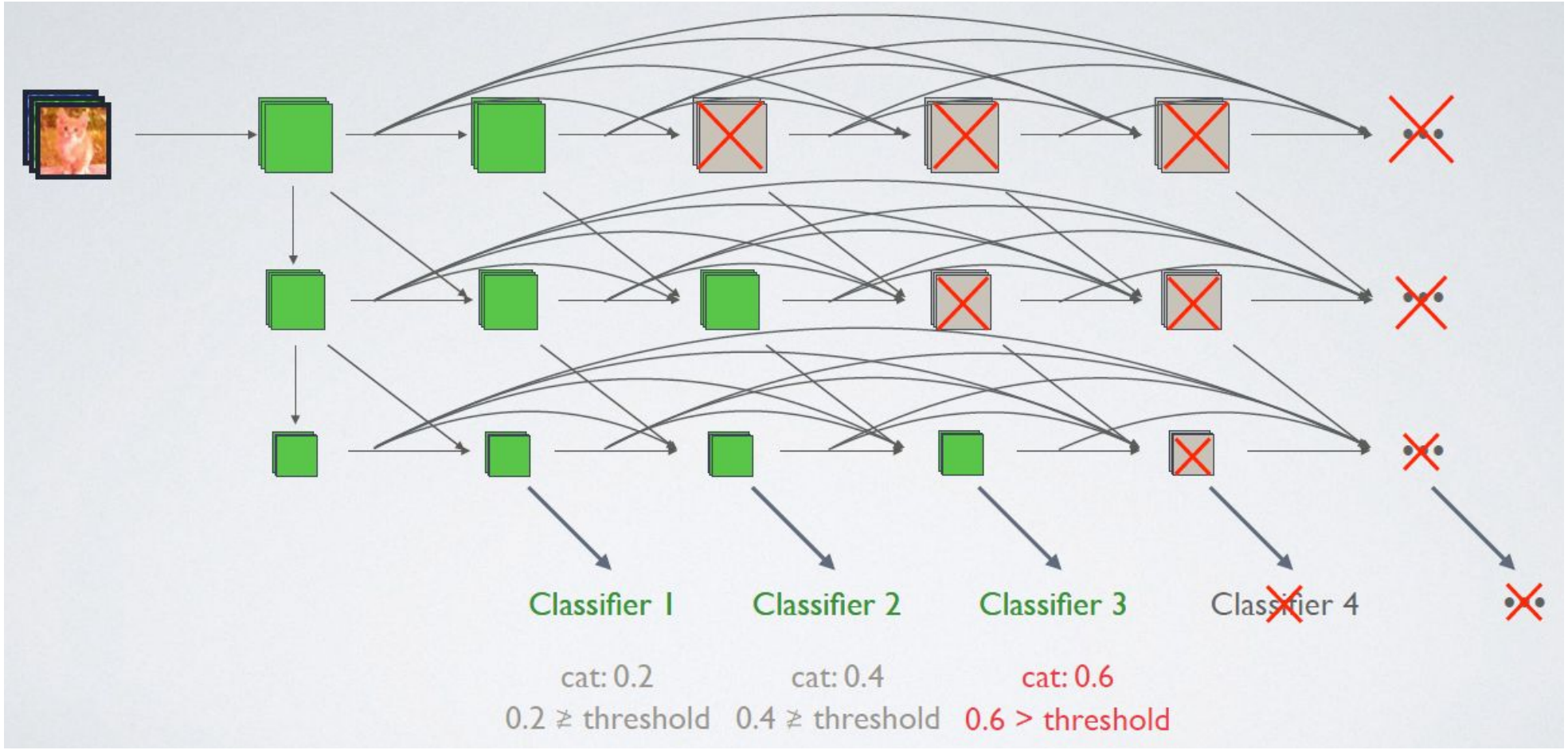


Figure 4. *Left:* Comparison of the parameter efficiency on C10+ between DenseNet variations. *Middle:* Comparison of the parameter efficiency between DenseNet-BC and (pre-activation) ResNets. DenseNet-BC requires about 1/3 of the parameters as ResNet to achieve comparable accuracy. *Right:* Training and testing curves of the 1001-layer pre-activation ResNet [12] with more than 10M parameters and a 100-layer DenseNet with only 0.8M parameters.

IV. Applications and prospects

Multiscale DenseNet



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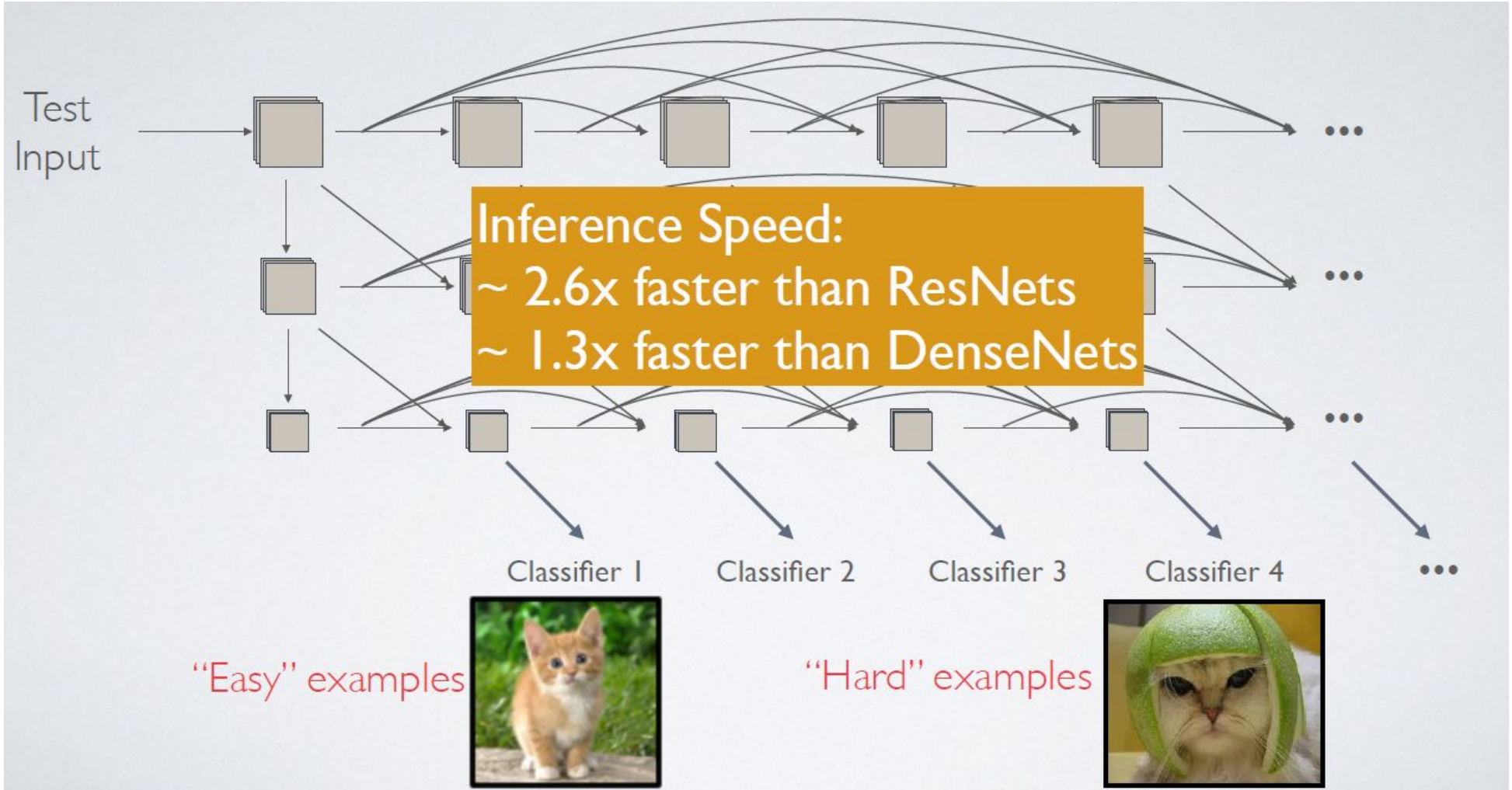

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