



# Inductive bias transfer between brains and machines

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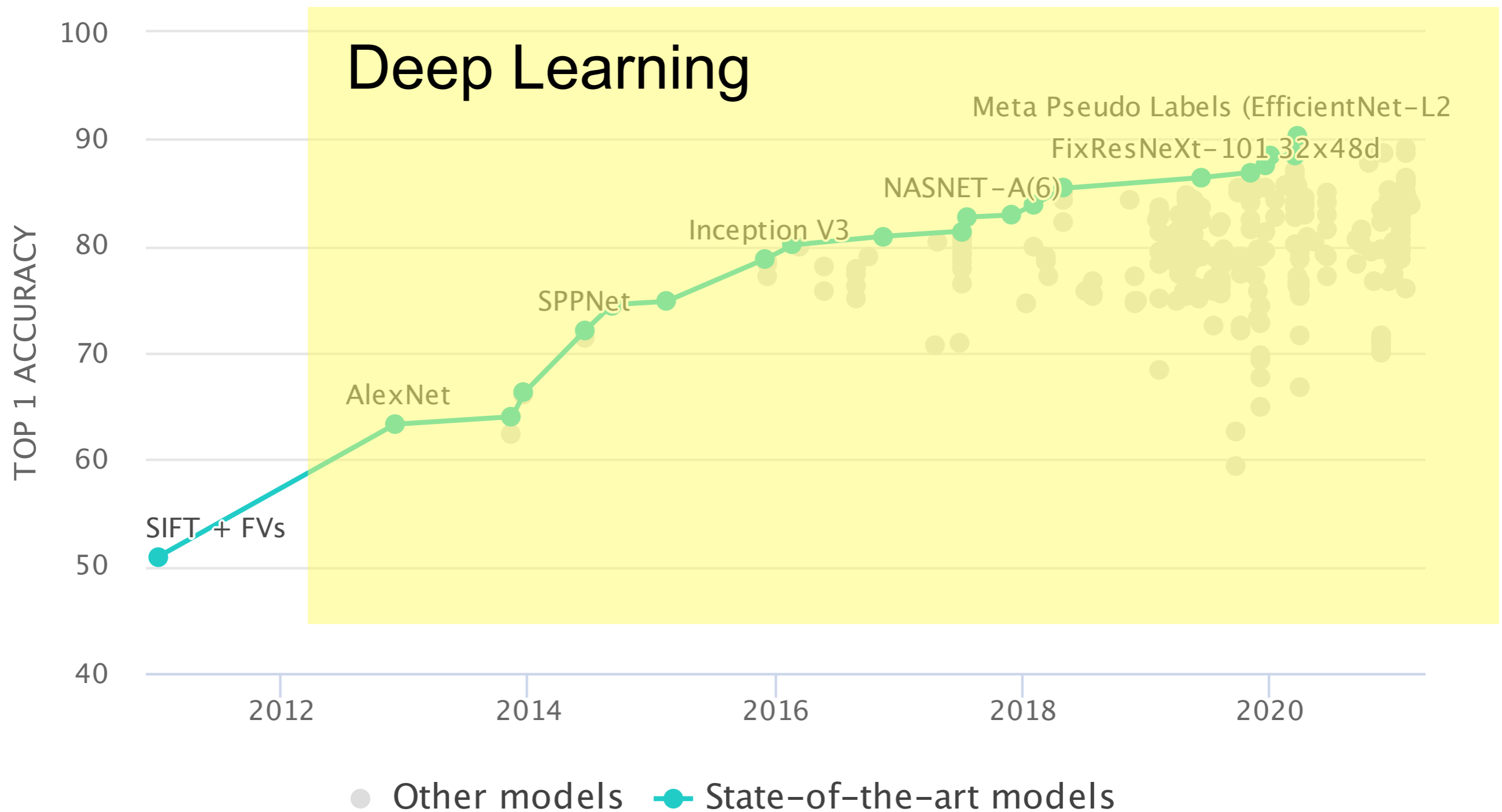
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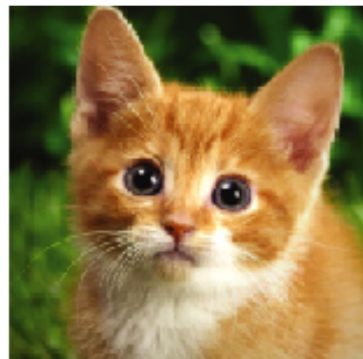
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# Success of deep learning



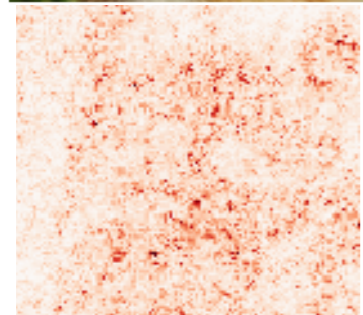
# Current state-of-the-art is brittle

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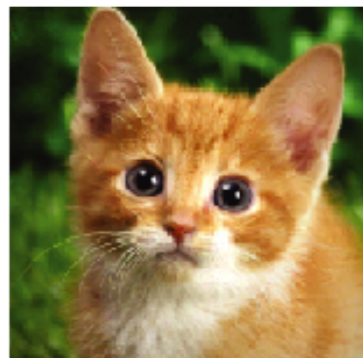
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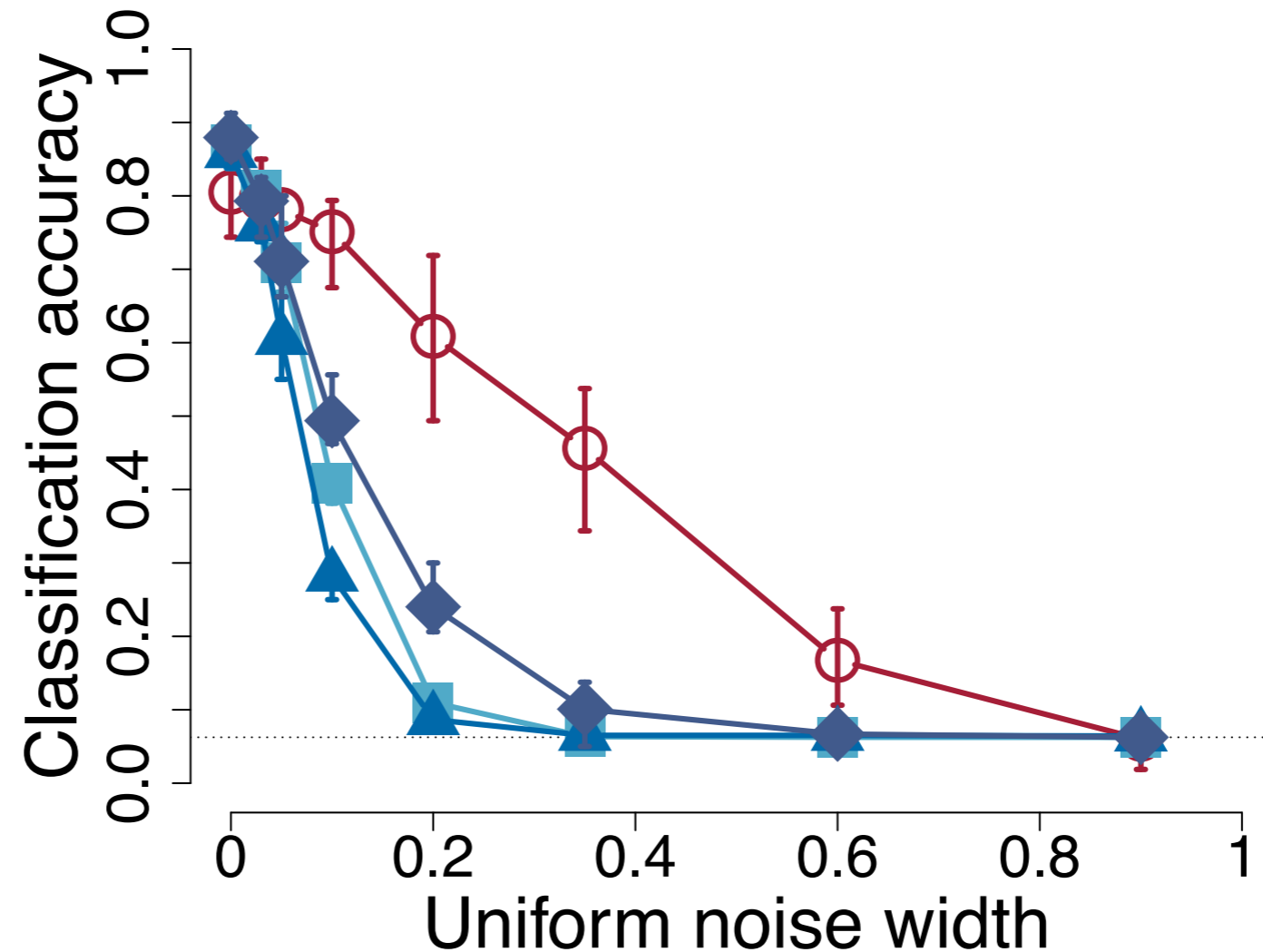
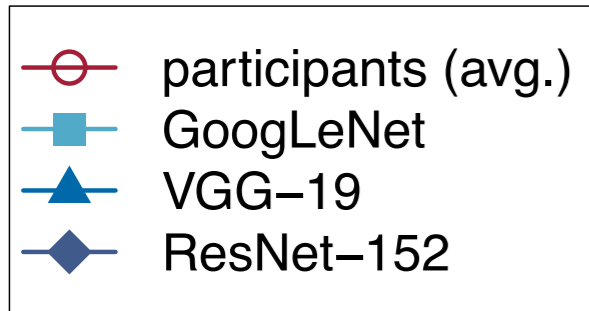
adversarial  
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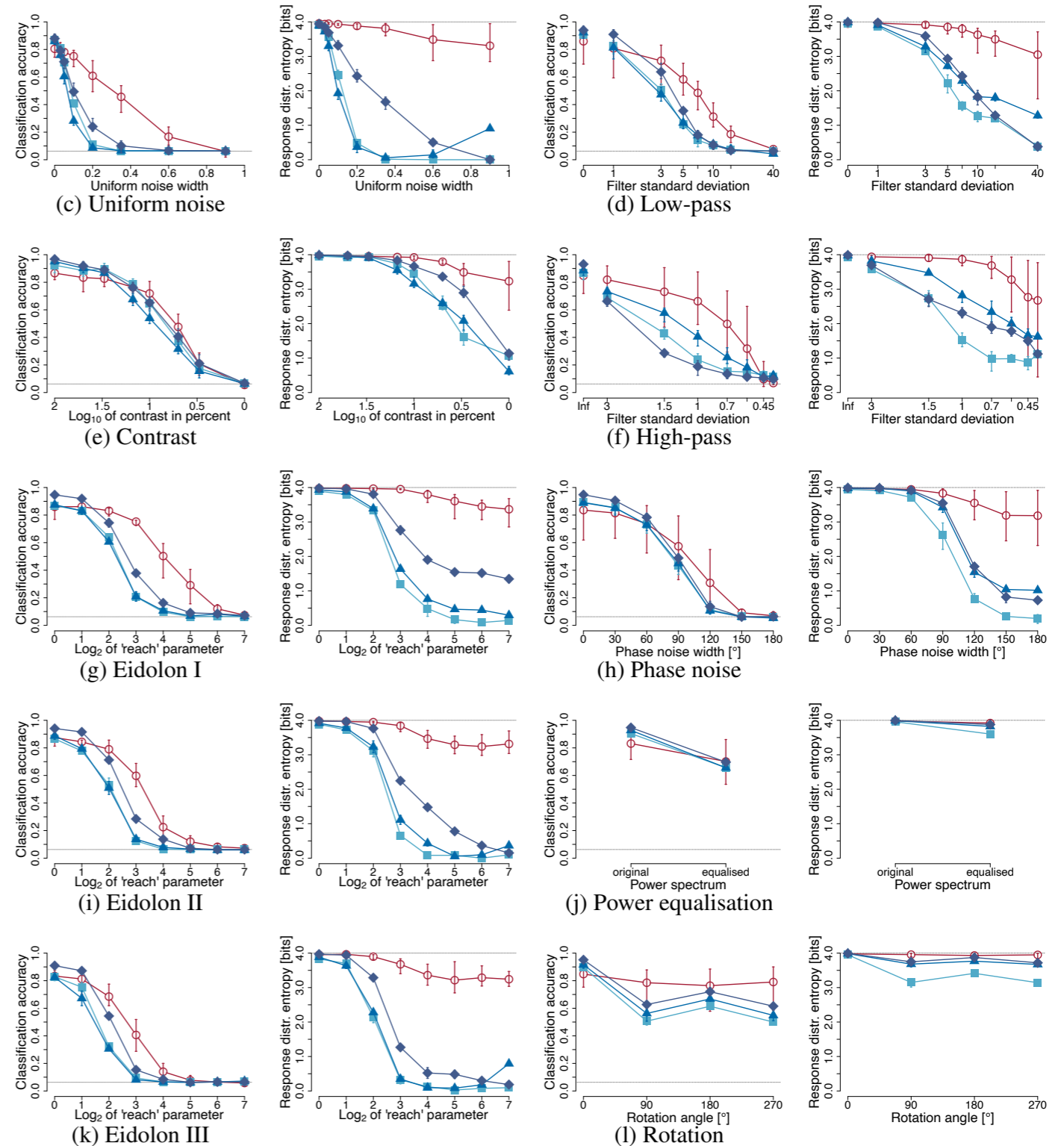
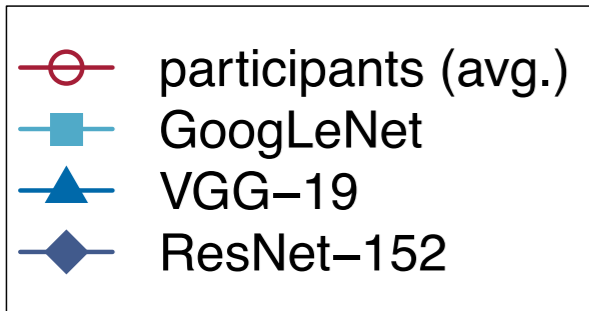
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# Human visual system is robust



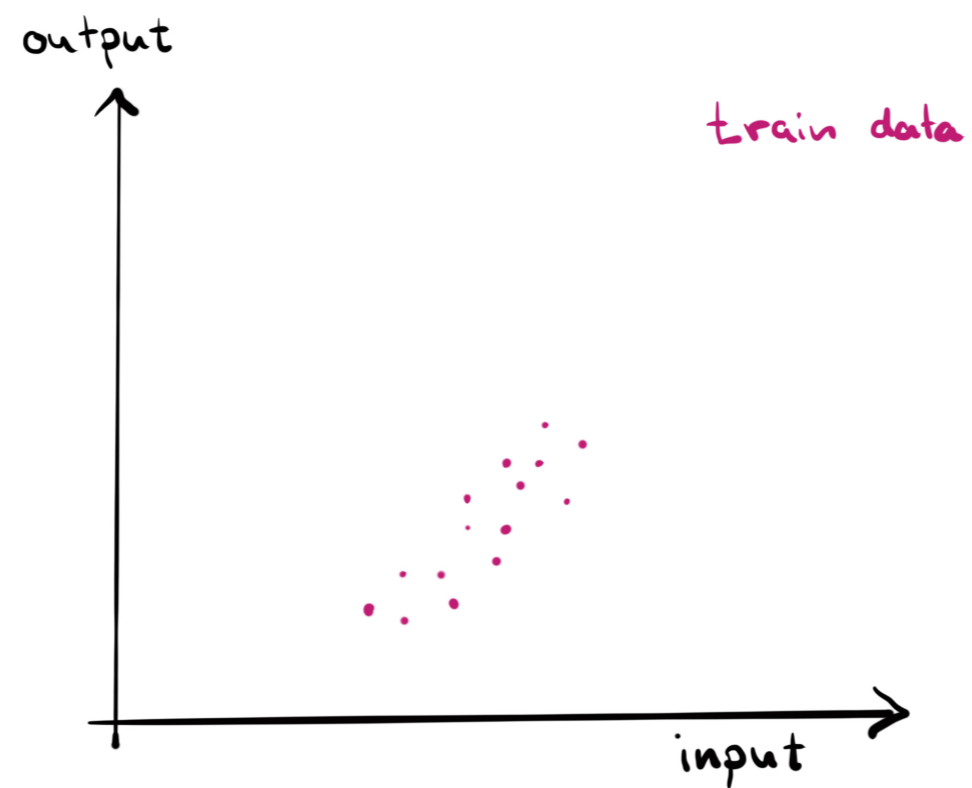


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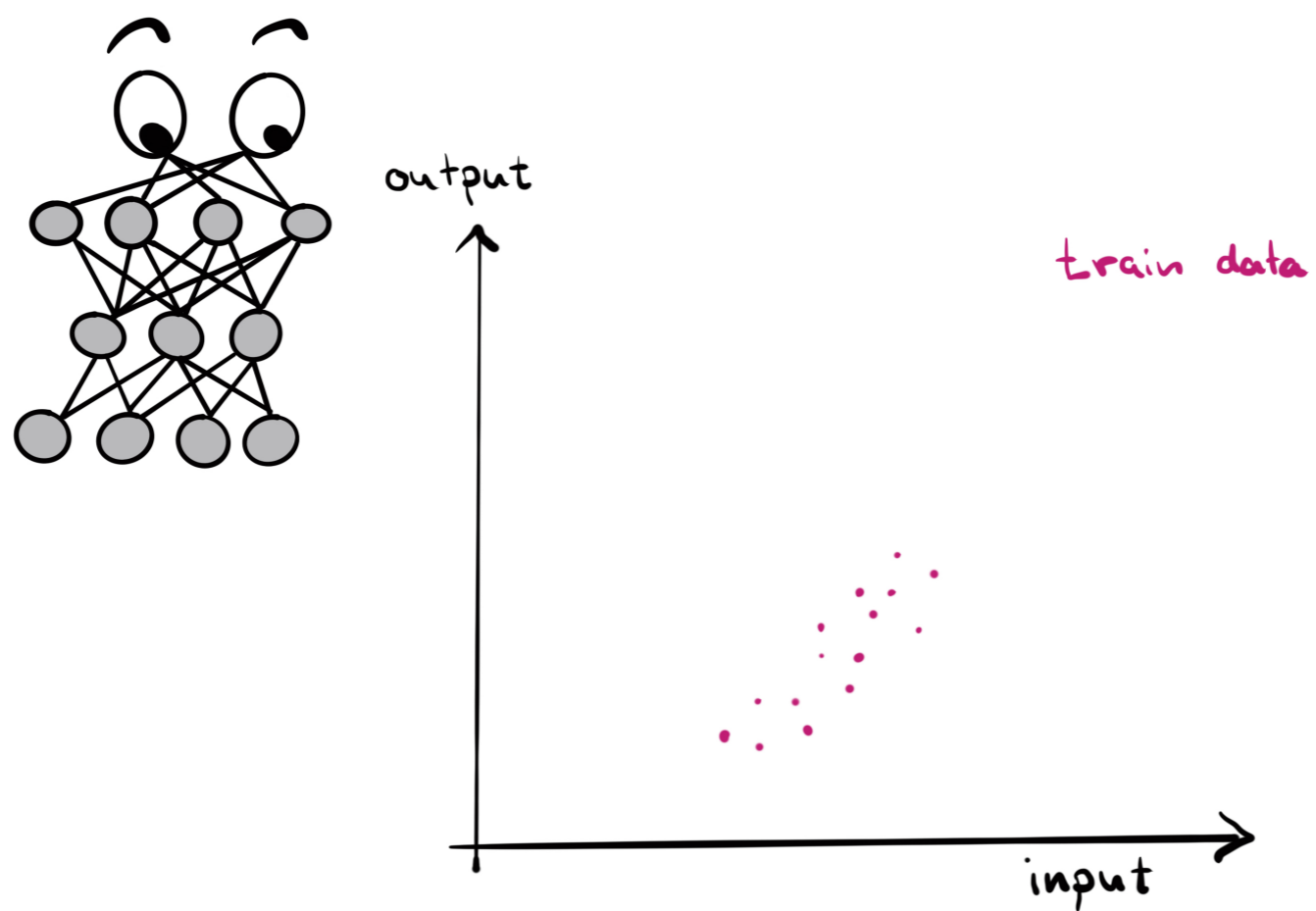
# Inductive Bias - Implicit Assumptions

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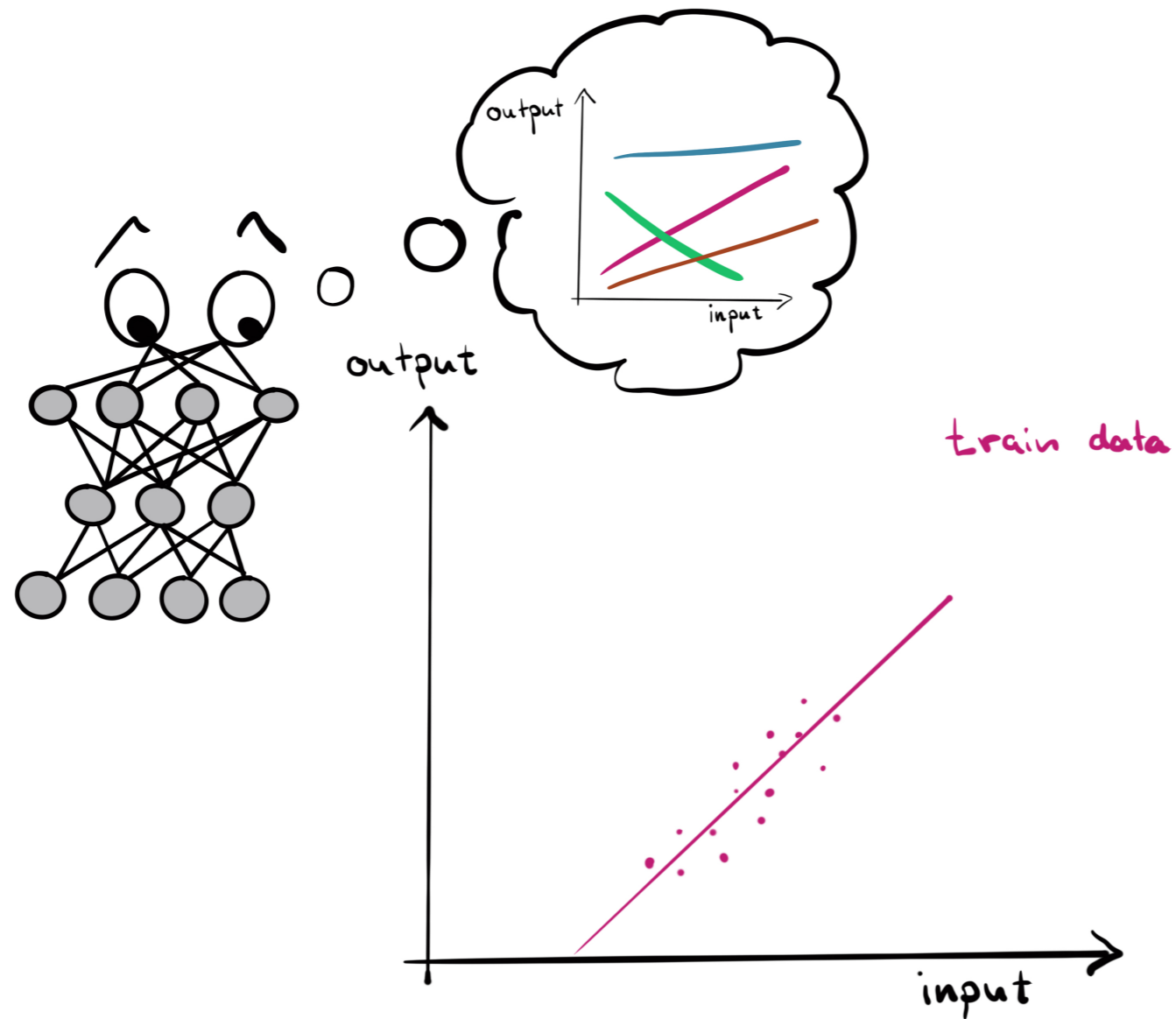
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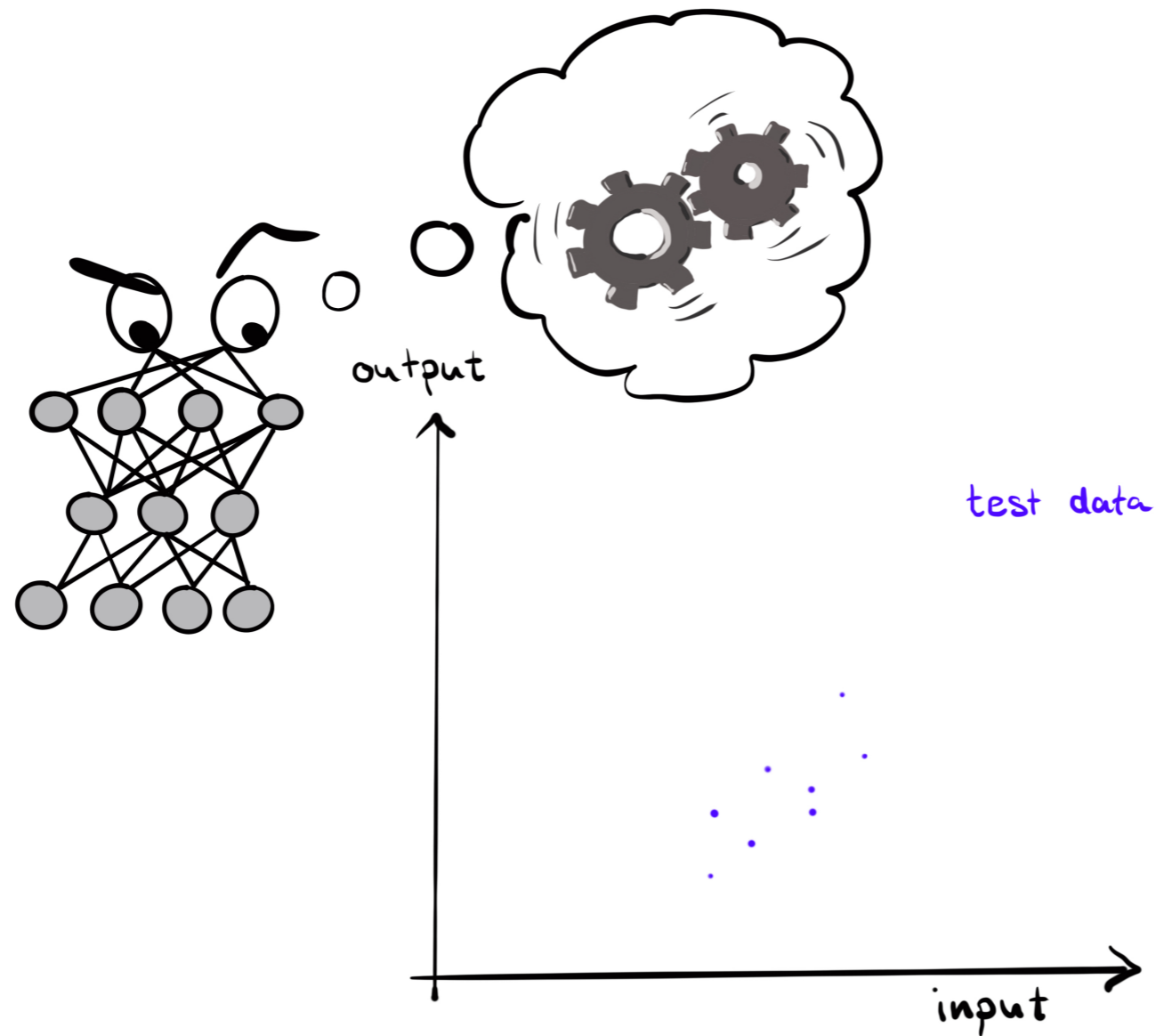
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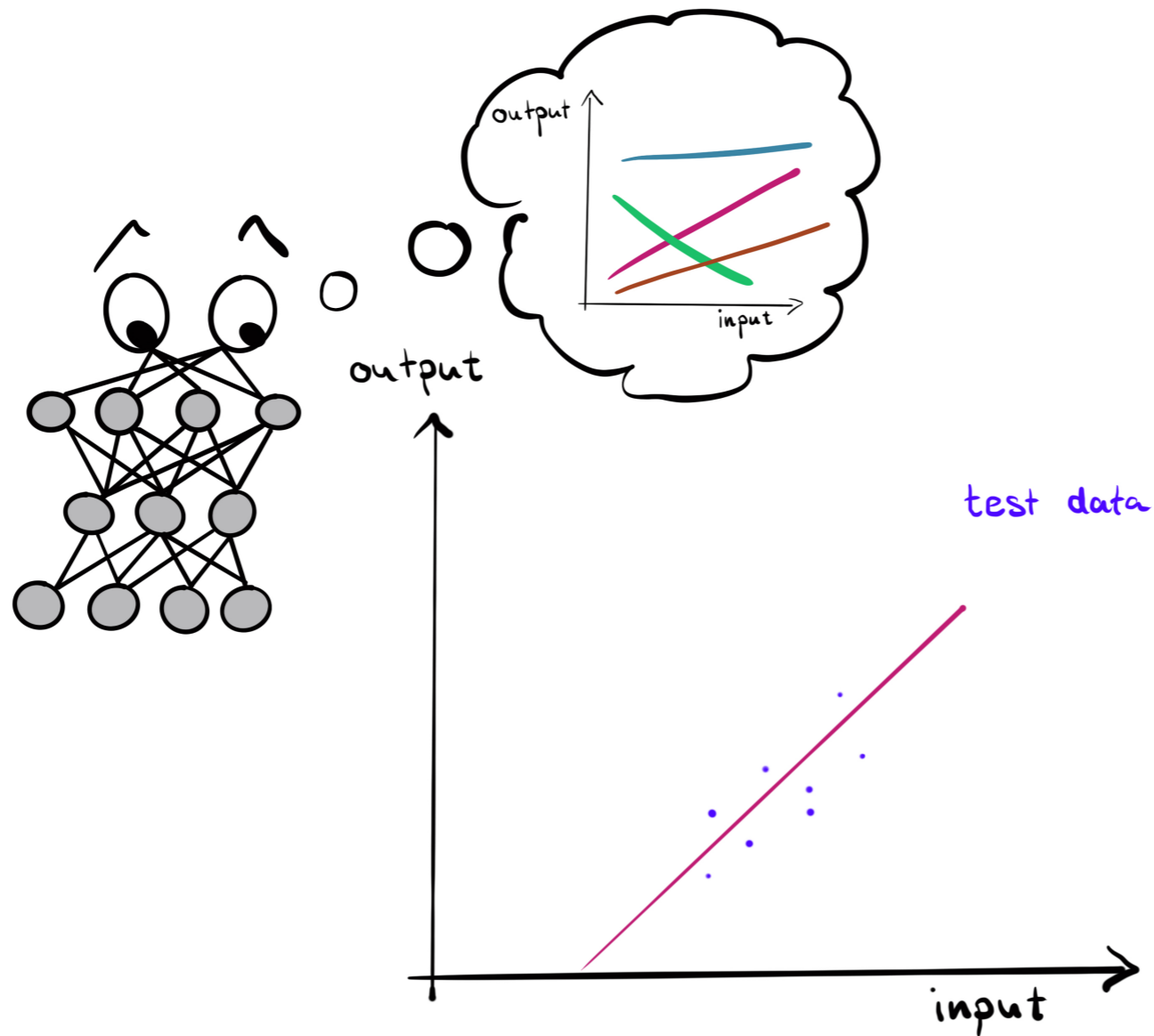
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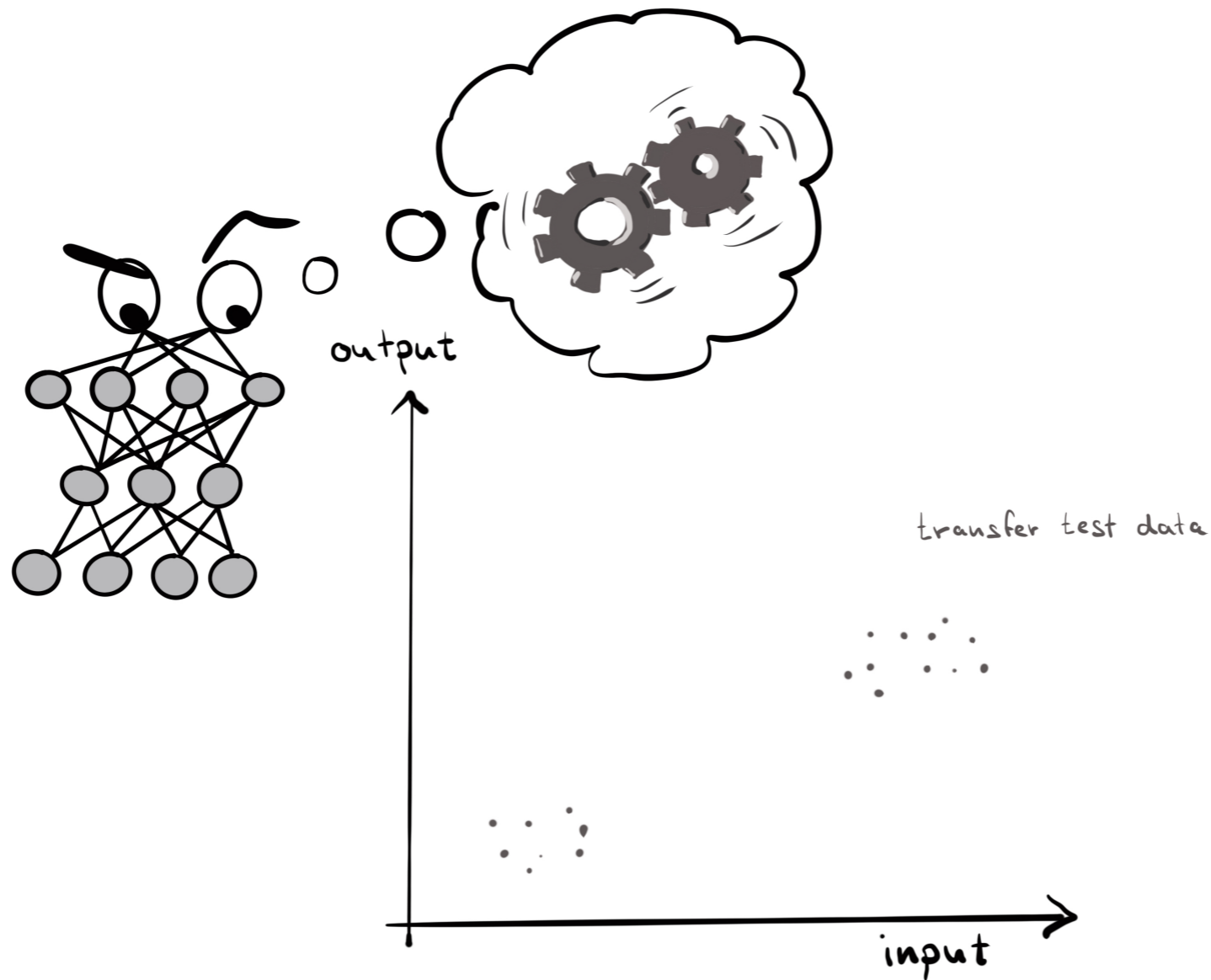
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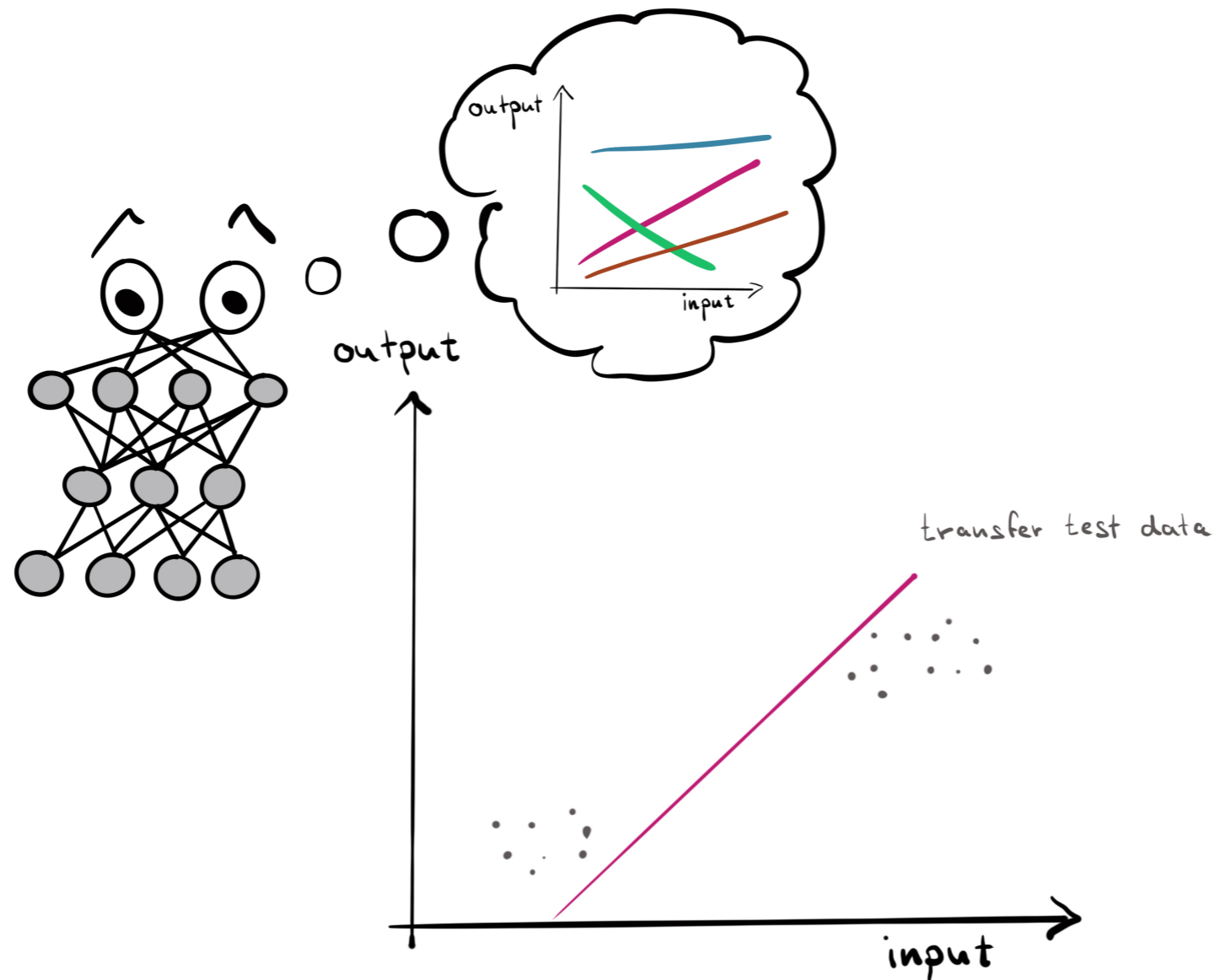
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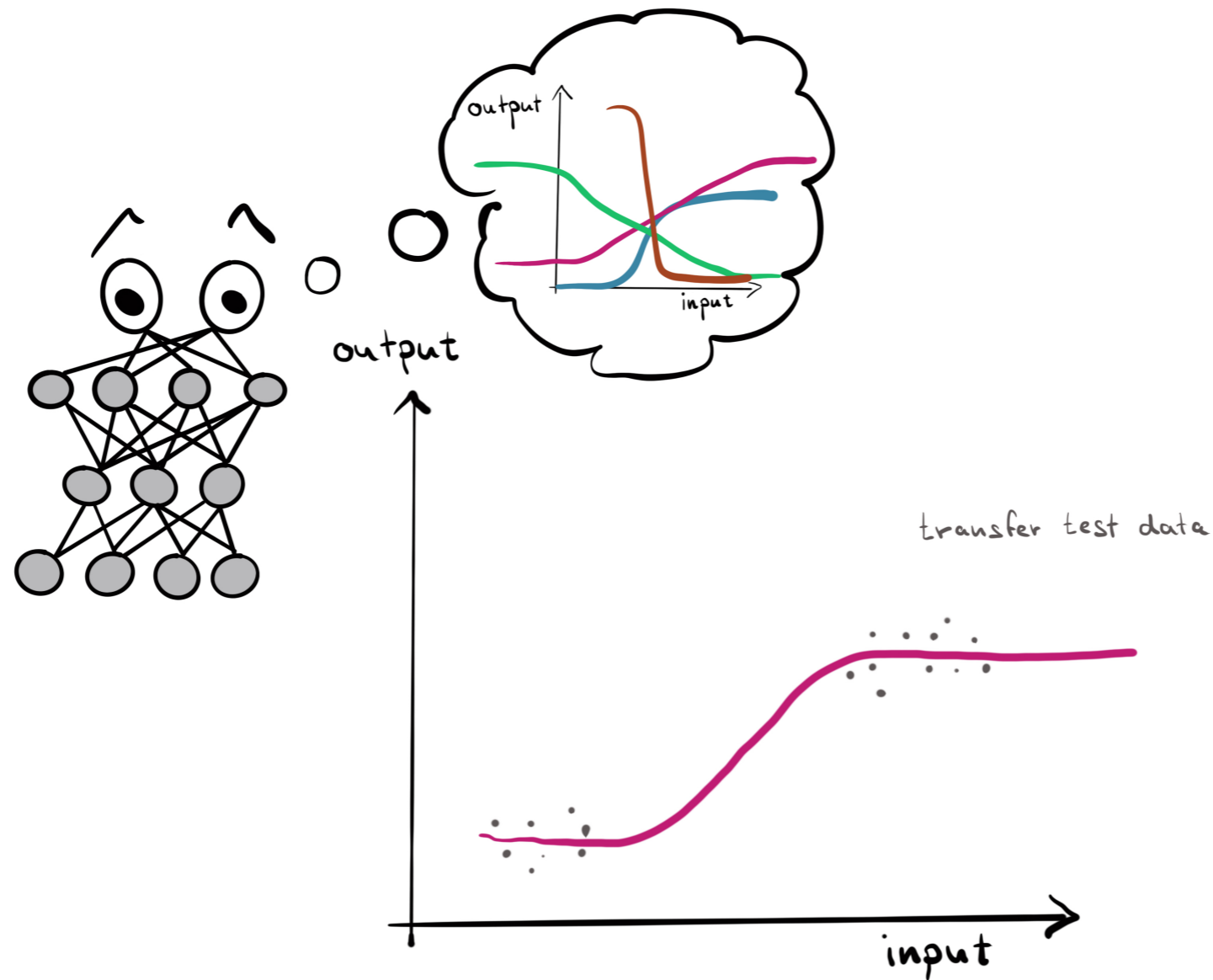
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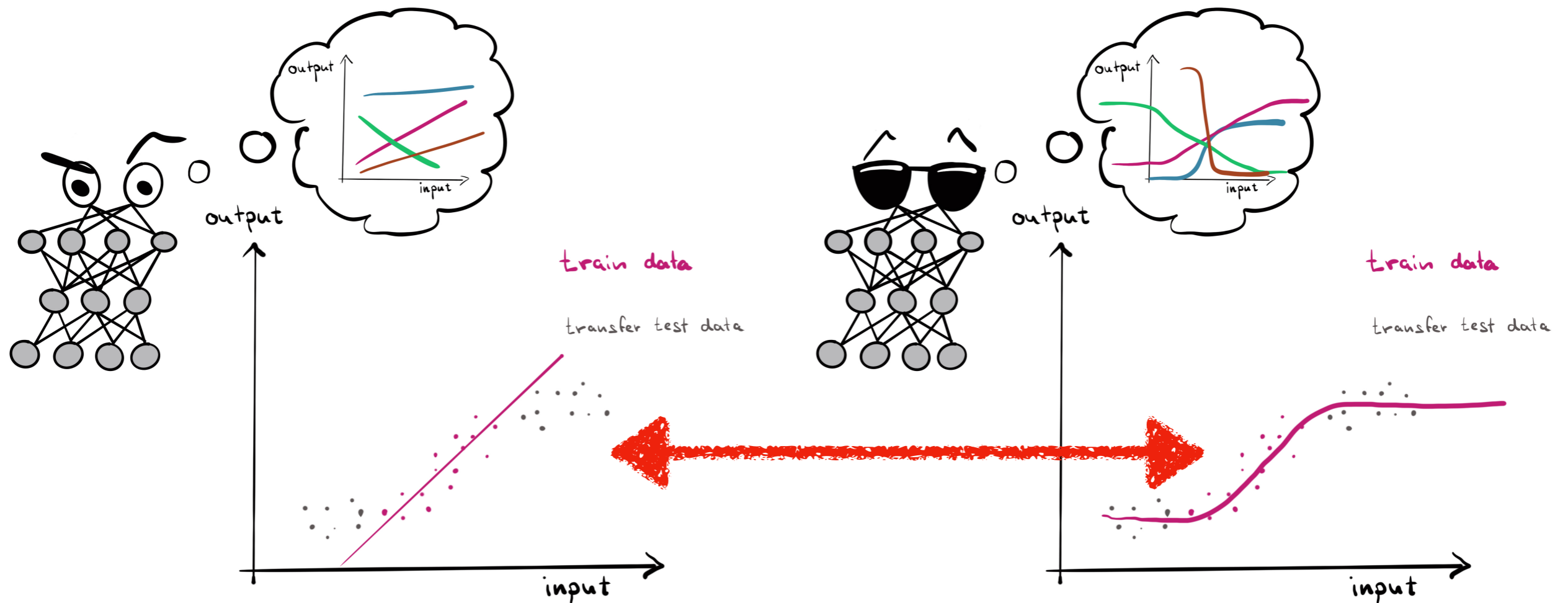
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Differences in extrapolation between two algorithms given the **same** training data.



# Inductive Bias is Essential for Generalization

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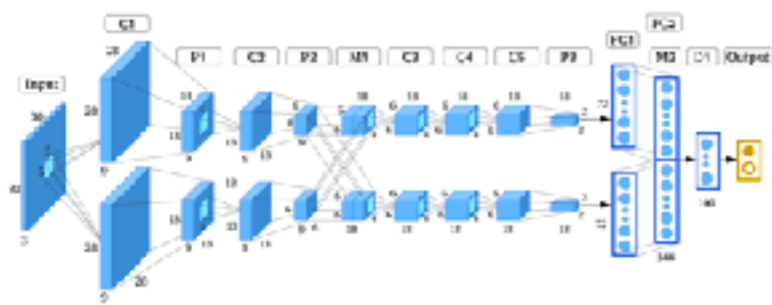
No inductive bias



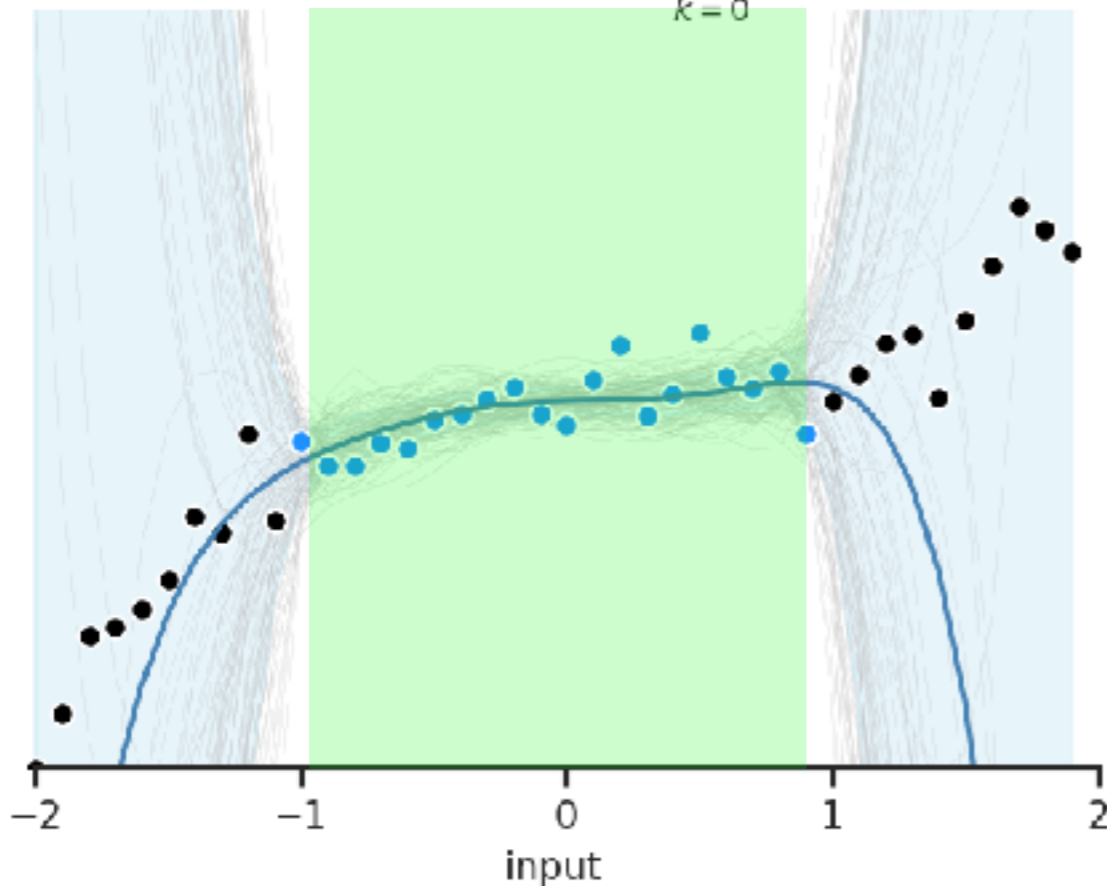
No free lunch

No generalization

# Inductive Bias

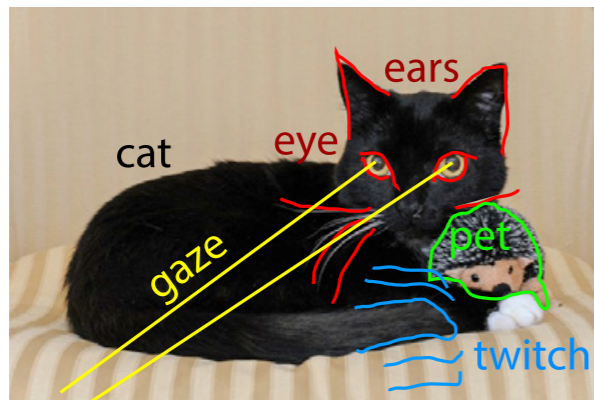


unrestricted class  $\sum_{k=0}^6 a_k x^k$



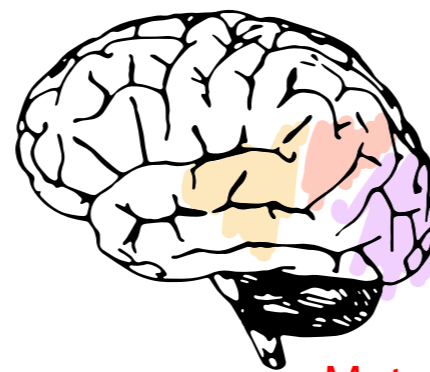
# Levels of Inductive Bias Transfer

## Computational level

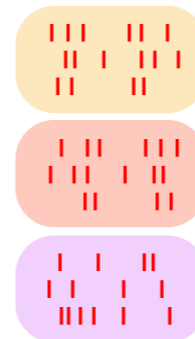


Multi-task training:  
act on causal variables

## Representational level

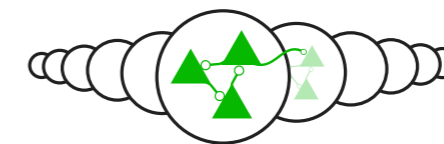
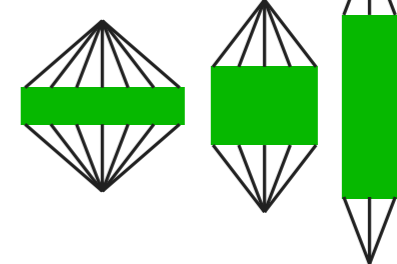


Match neural  
representations  
of latent variables



## Implementational level

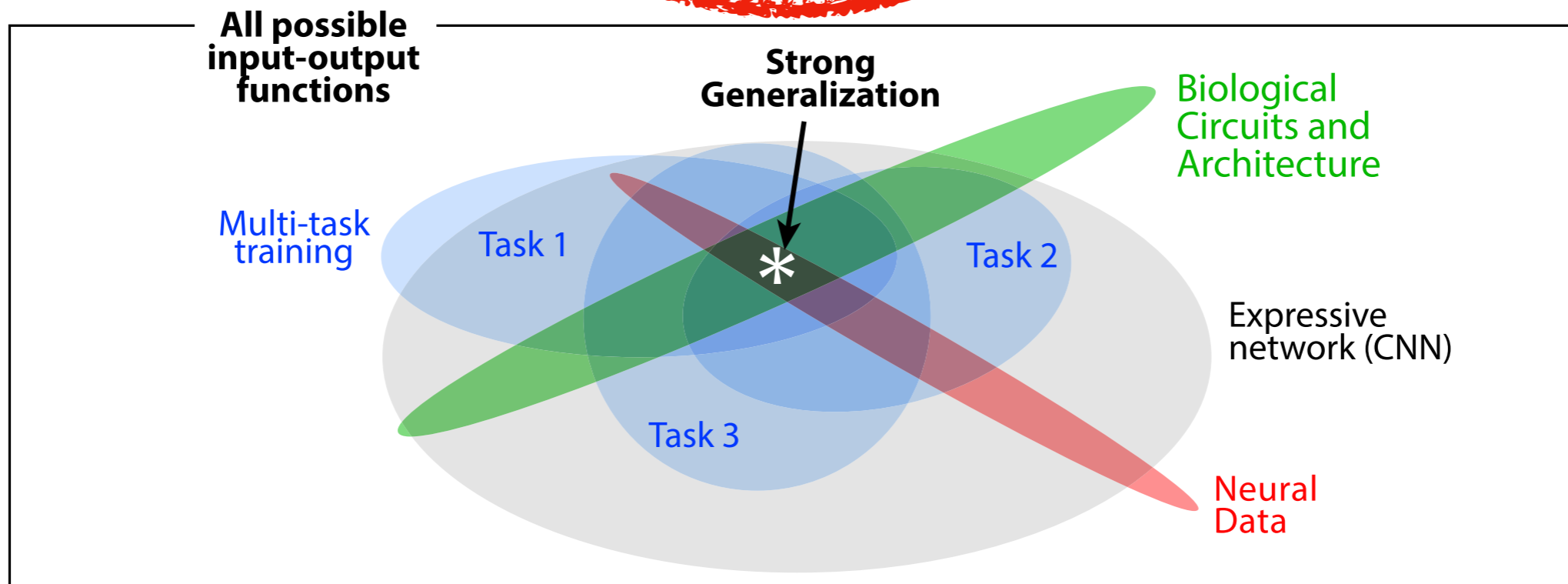
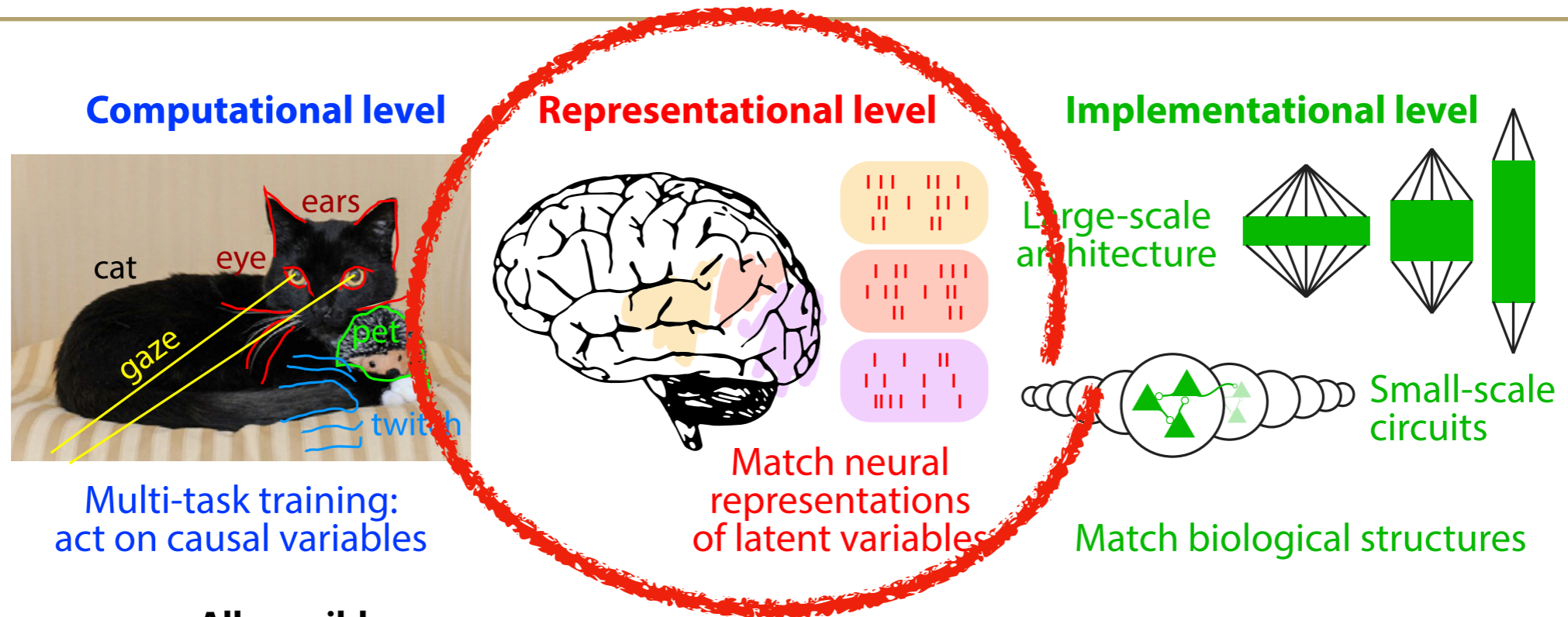
Large-scale  
architecture



Small-scale  
circuits

Match biological structures

# How can we transfer good inductive biases?



# Neural co-training on monkey V1

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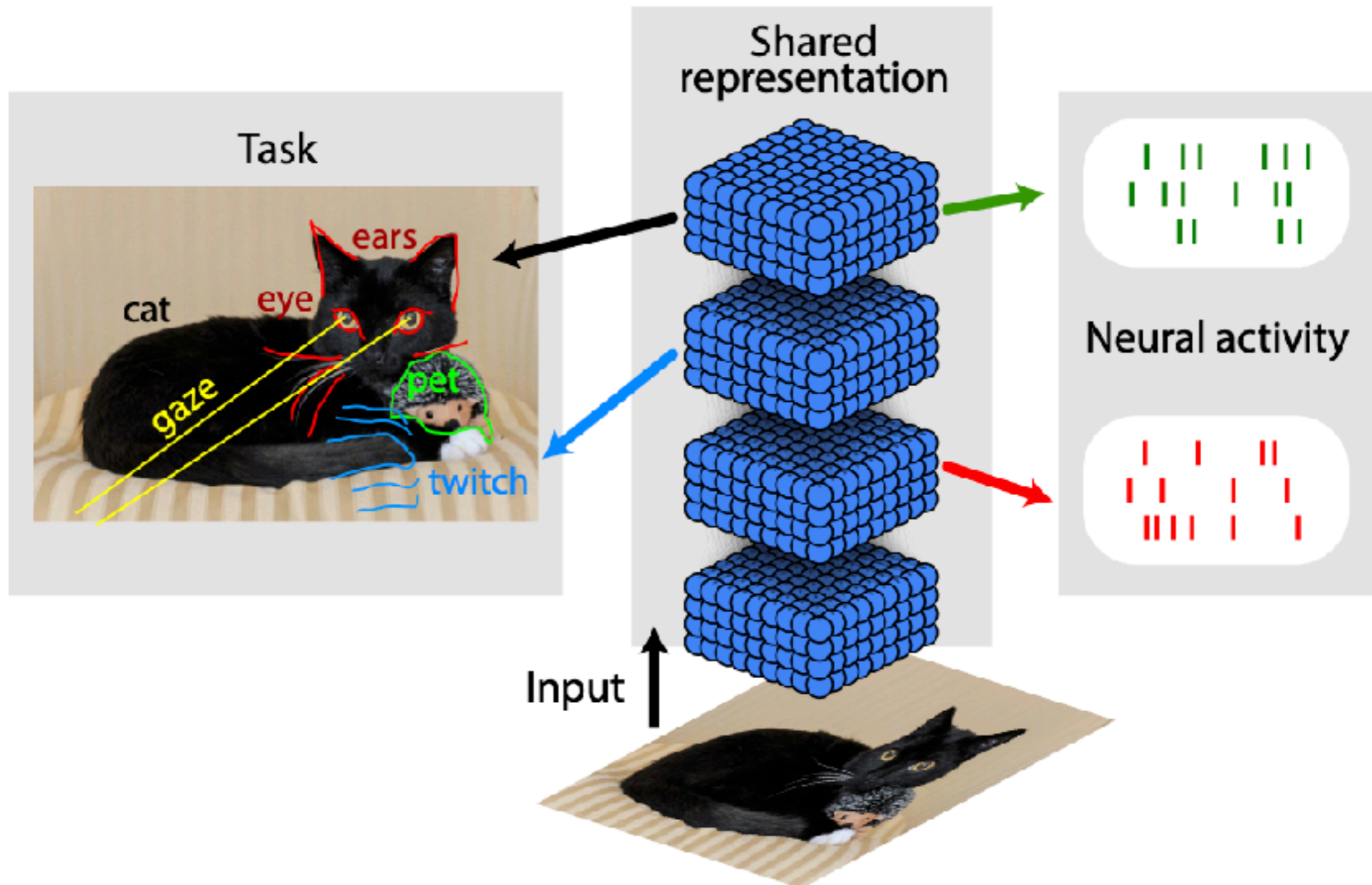


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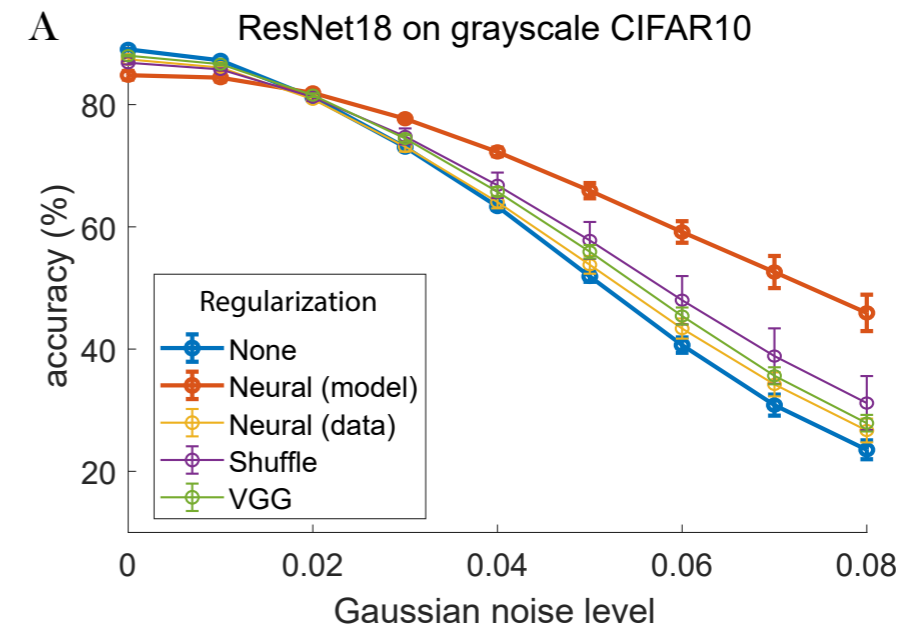
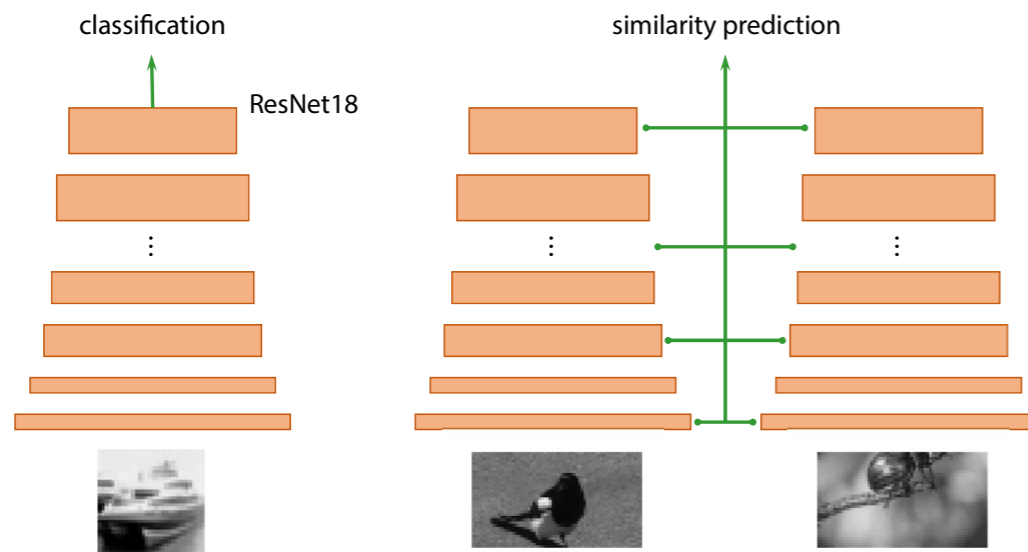
# Neural co-training hypothesis





# Do we expect it to work?

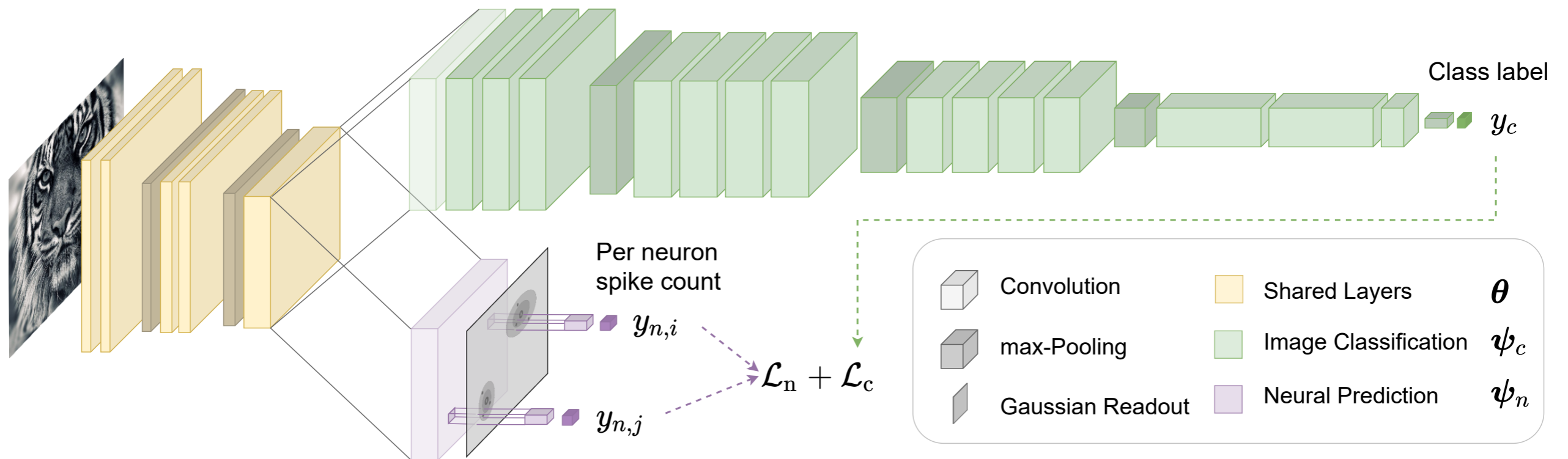
$$\text{loss} = \text{loss}_{\text{classification}} + \alpha \text{loss}_{\text{similarity}}$$



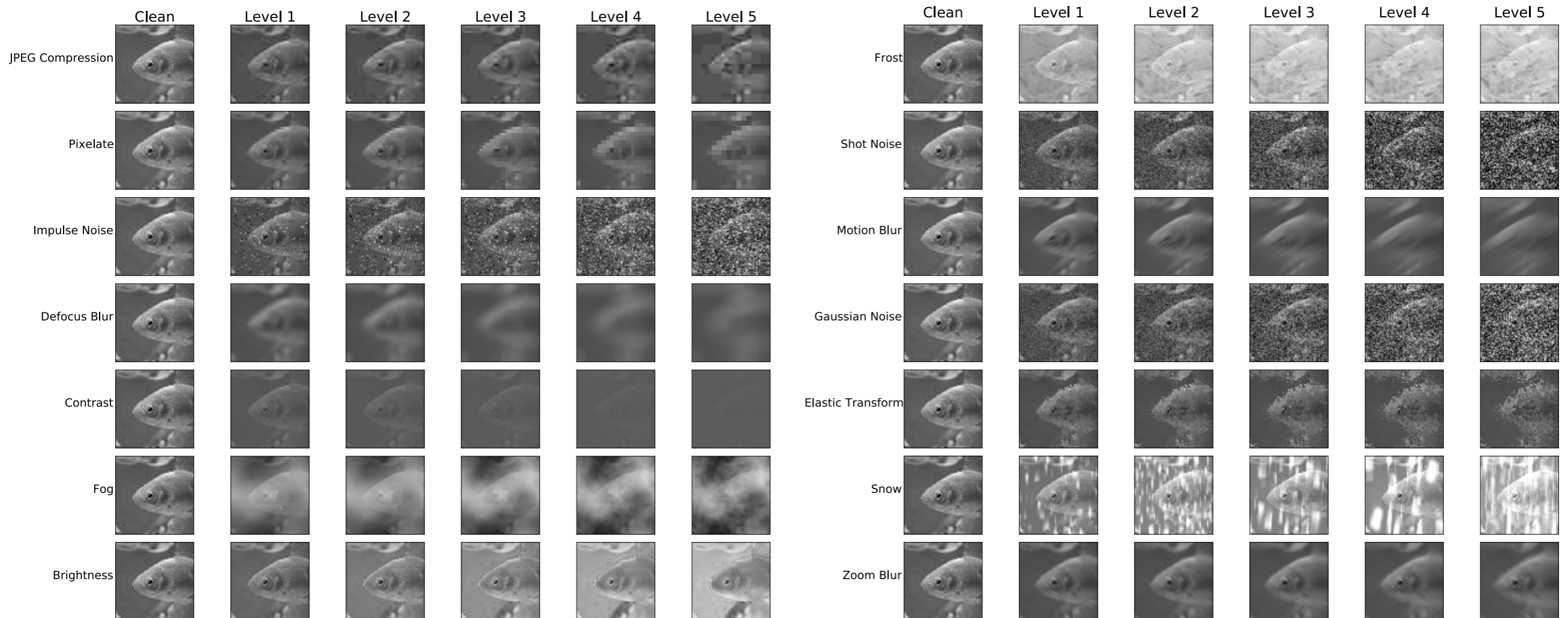
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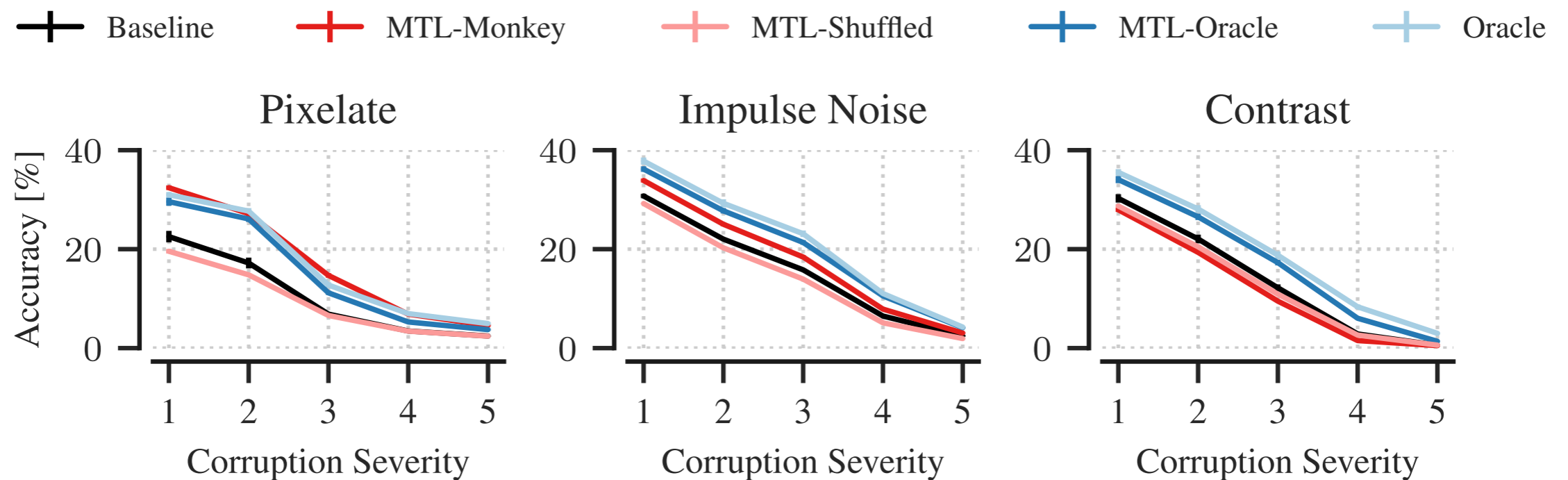
# Multi-Task-Learning with monkey V1



# How do we test inductive bias?

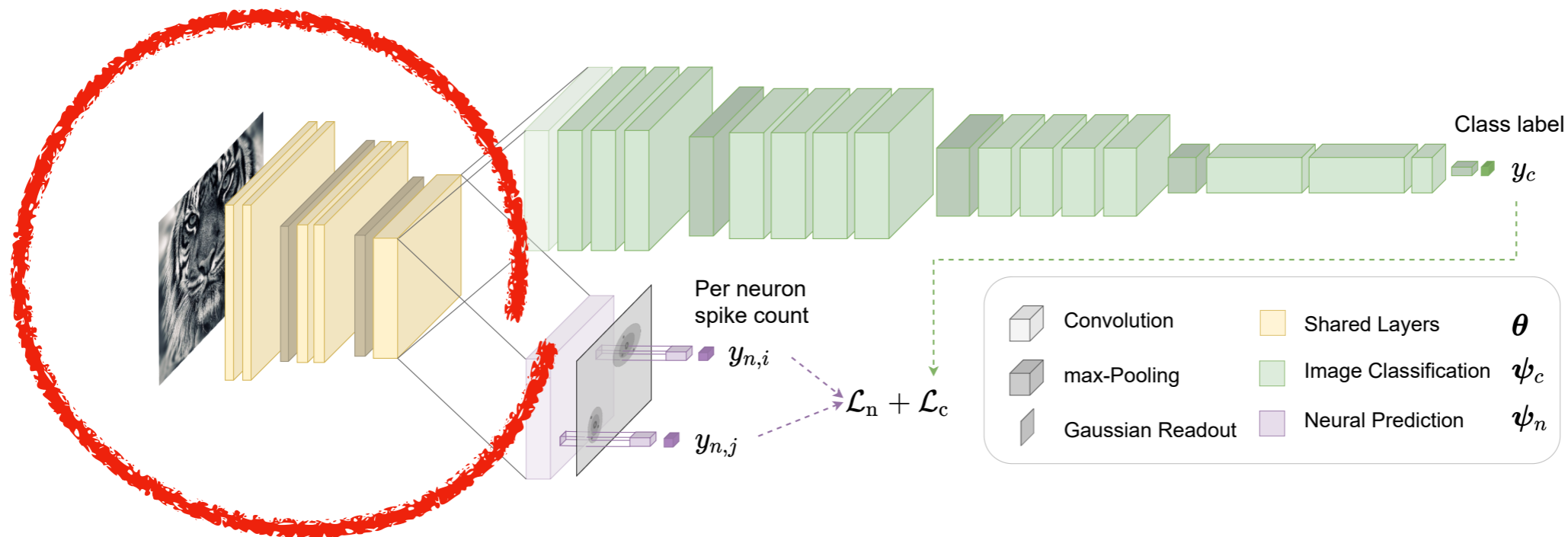
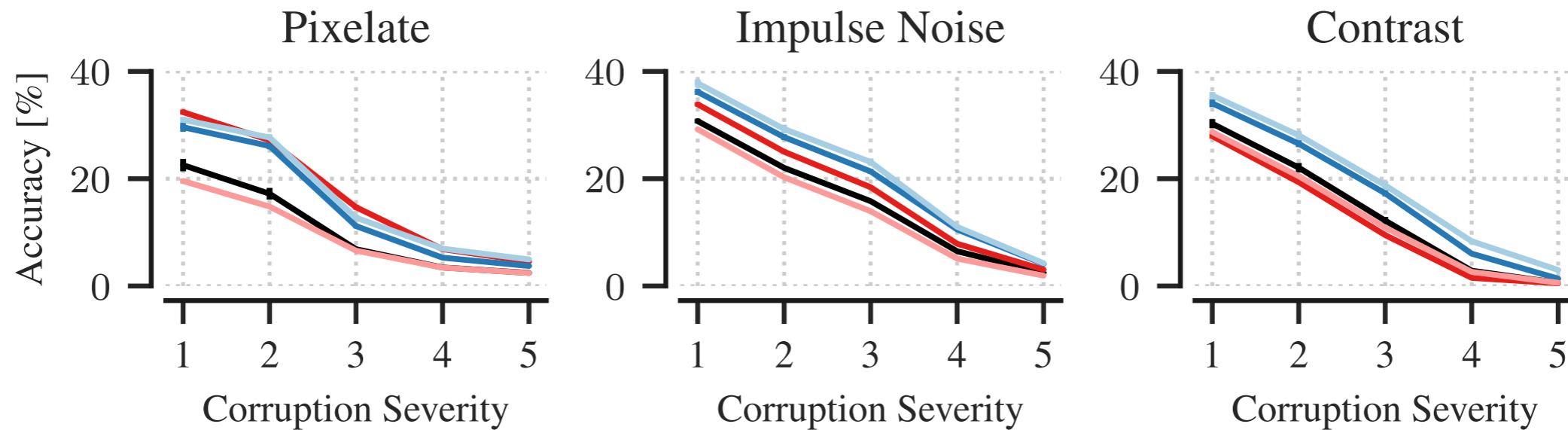


# V1 co-training yields benefits

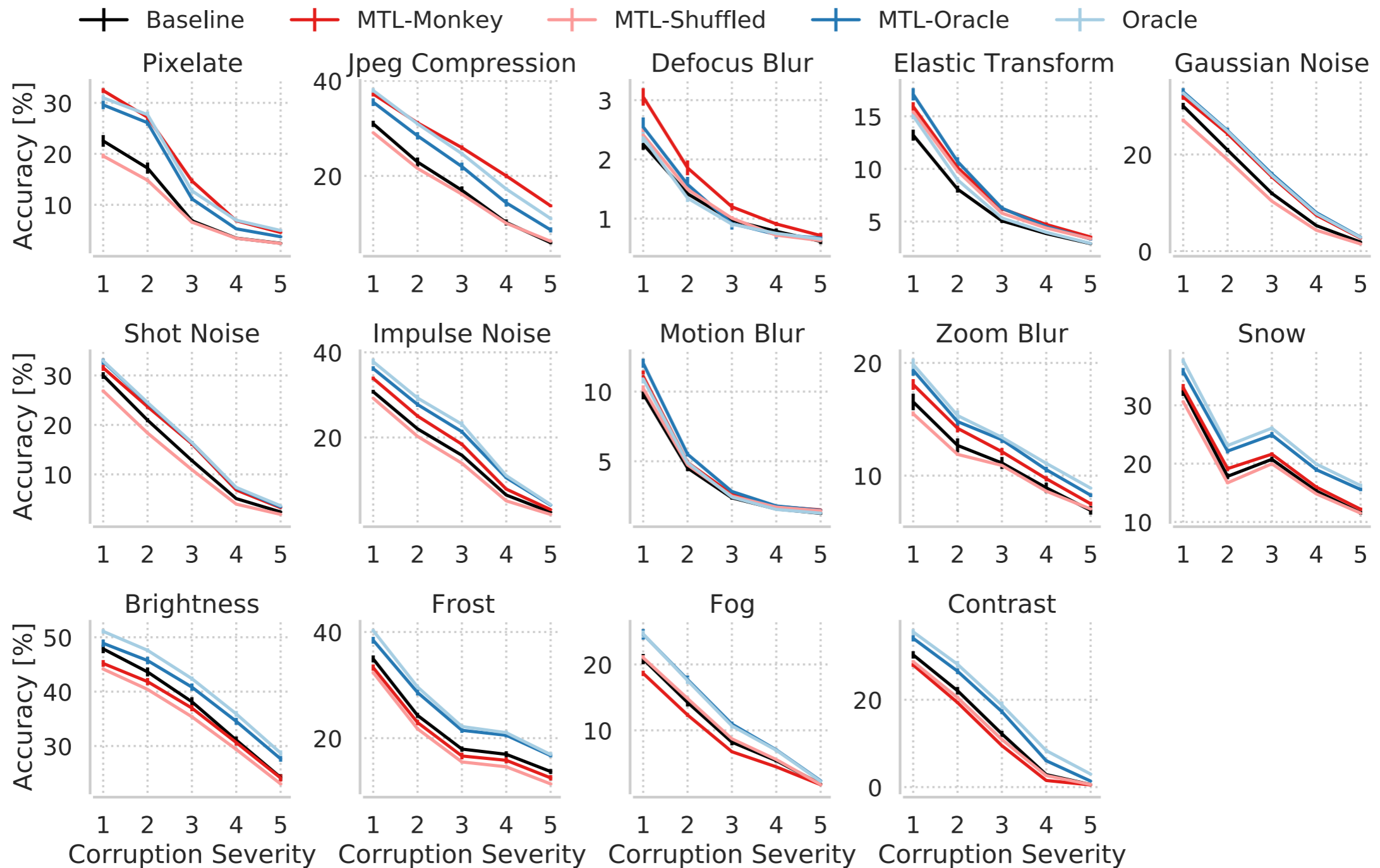


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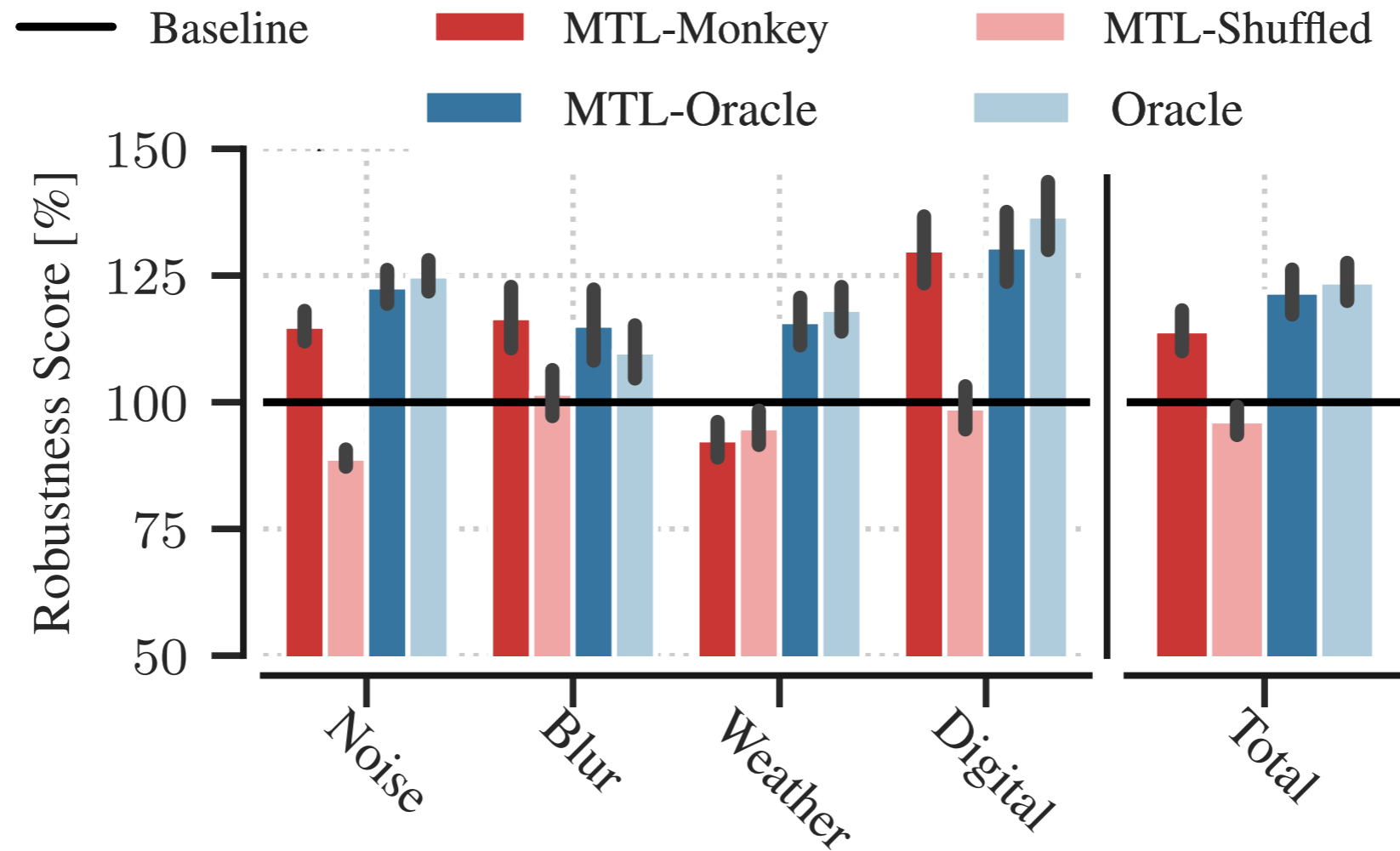
+ Baseline    
 + MTL-Monkey    
 + MTL-Shuffled    
 + MTL-Oracle    
 + Oracle



# V1 co-training yields benefits



# No all distortions show the same effect

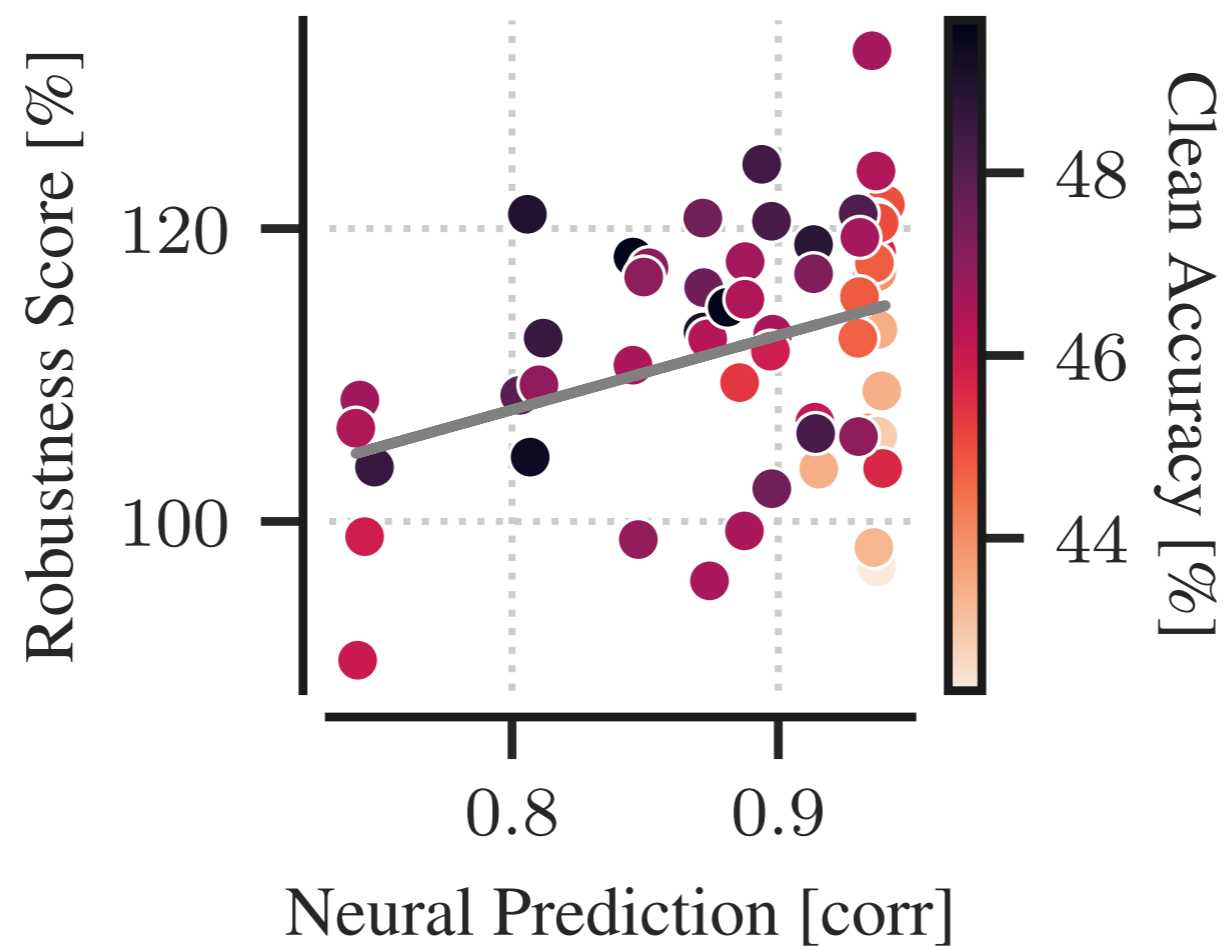


$$\frac{1}{C} \sum_{c=1}^C \frac{A_c^{\text{robust}}}{A_c^{\text{baseline}}}$$

$$A_c = \frac{1}{5} \sum_{l,s=1}^5 A_{l,c,s}$$



# Robustness correlates with “brain-likeness”





# Summary

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- Mammalian visual systems have a better inductive bias than deep networks
- Multi task learning can be one avenue to improve inductive biases of models
- Co-training on monkey V1 yields improves robustness classification models
- Brain-likeness correlates with robustness



# Funding

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# Thanks for listening! Questions?

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