

Deep learning in Astronomy and its application to transient detection within the **ALeRCE** system

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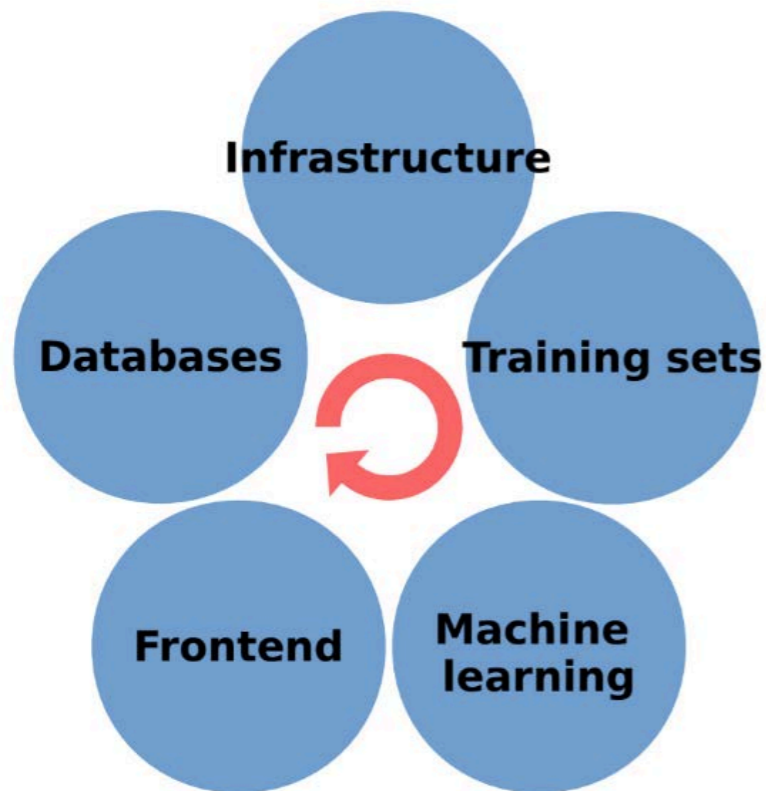


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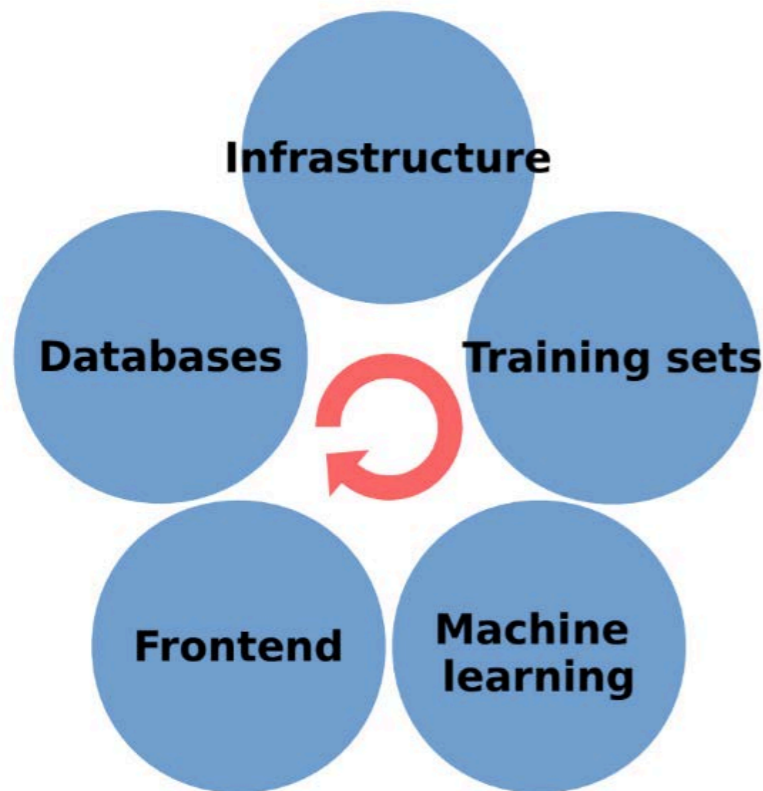
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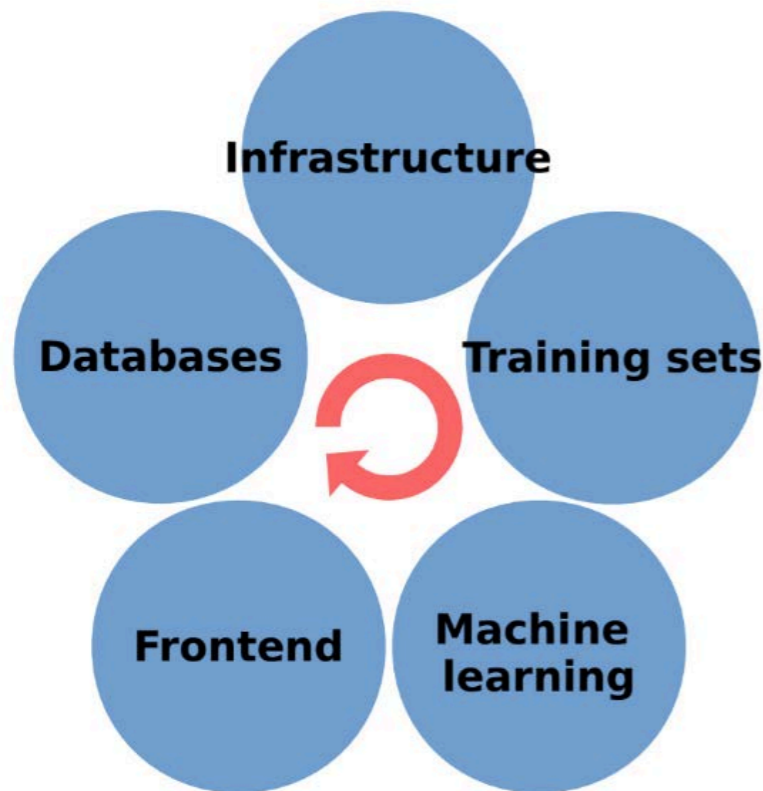


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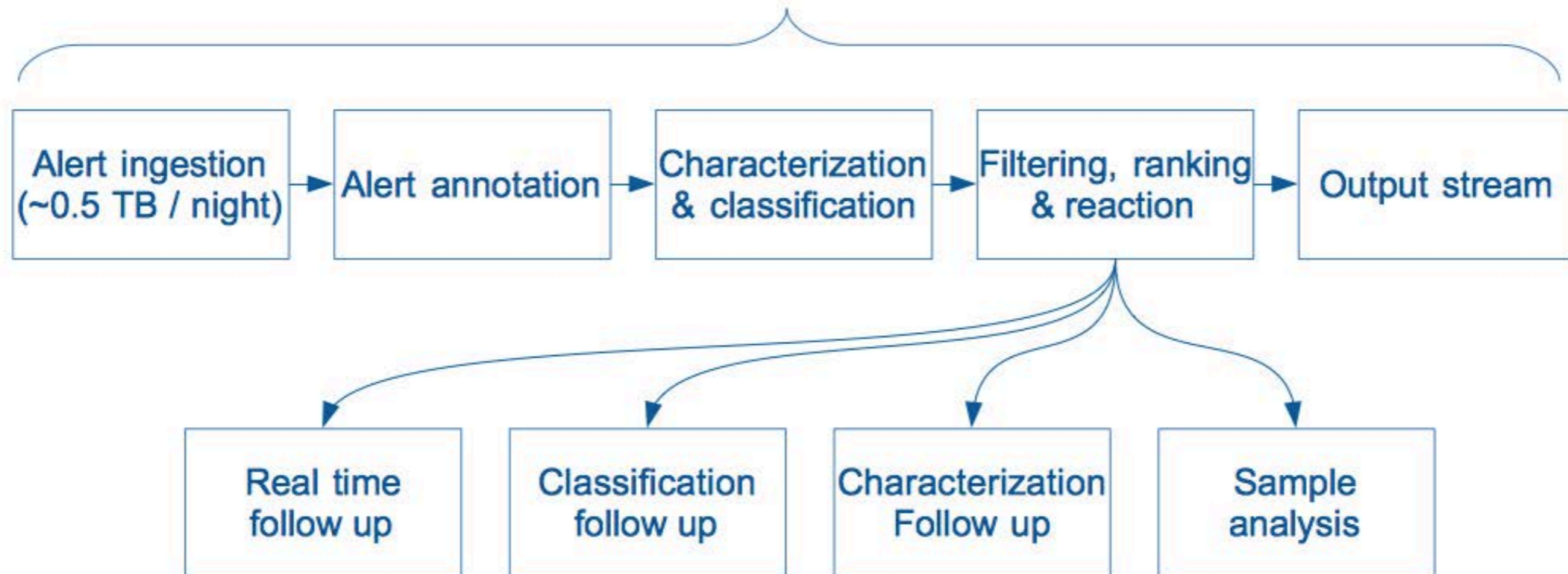
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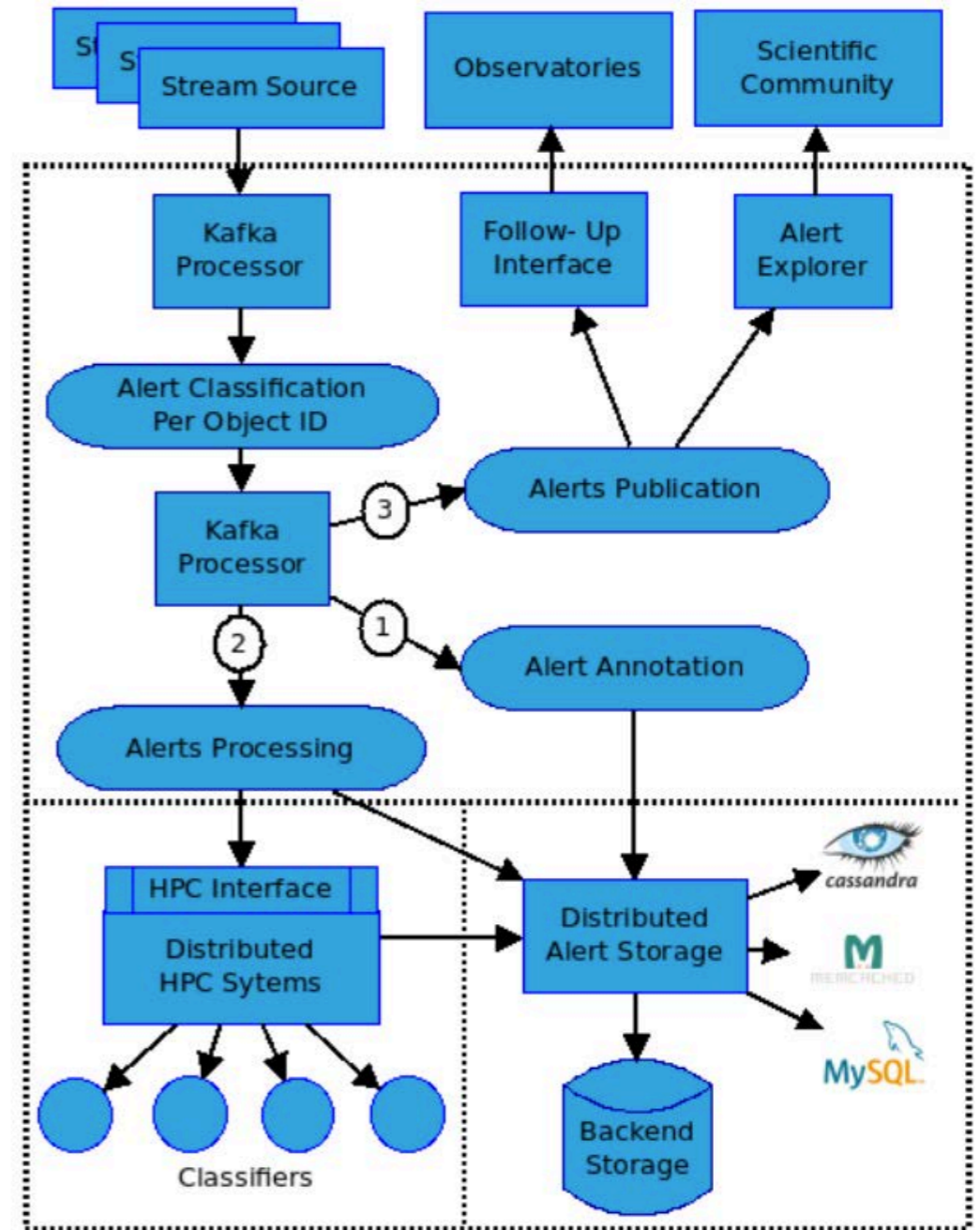
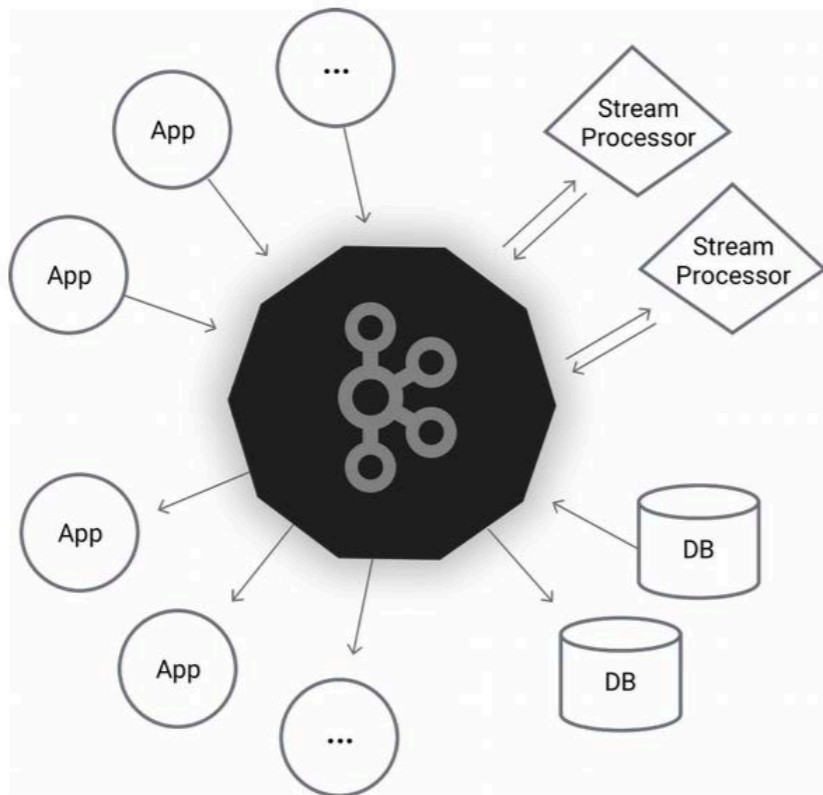
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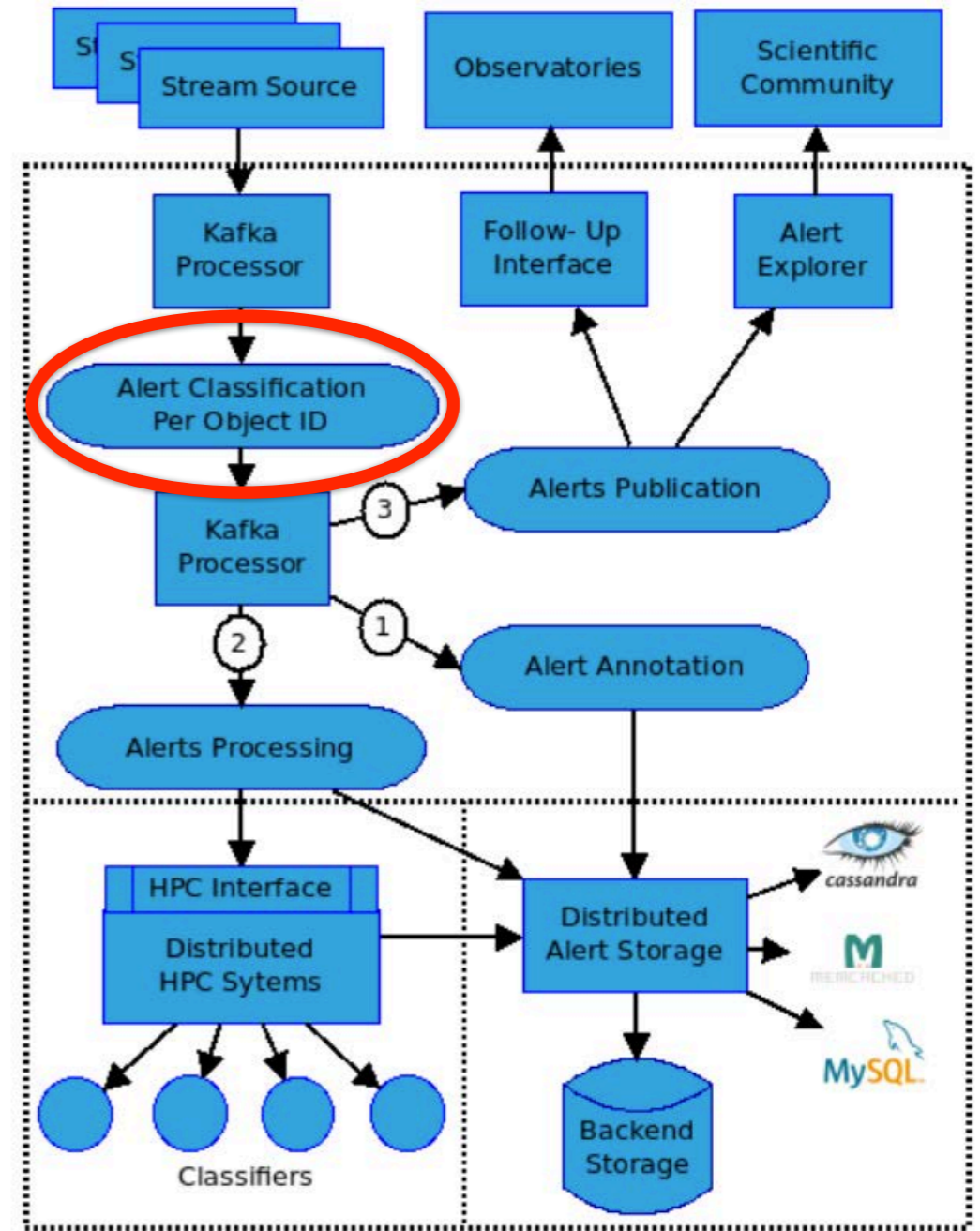
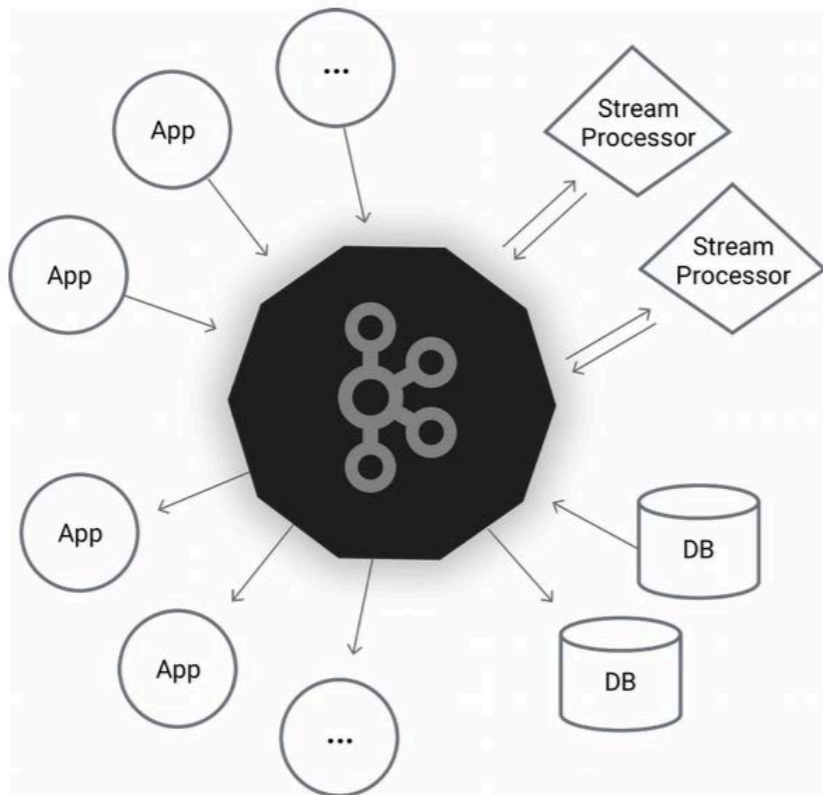
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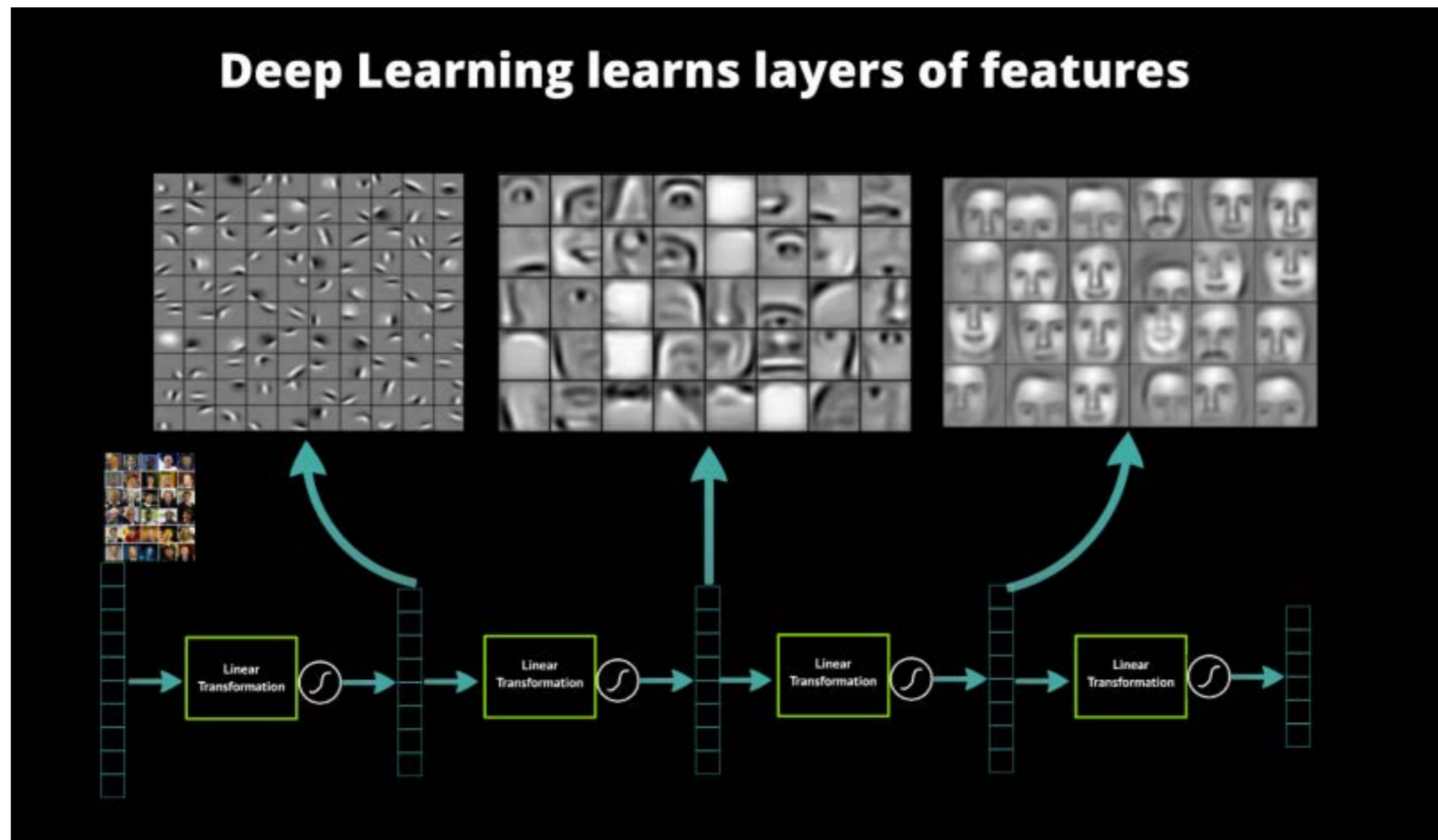
Deep Learning & ALeRCE

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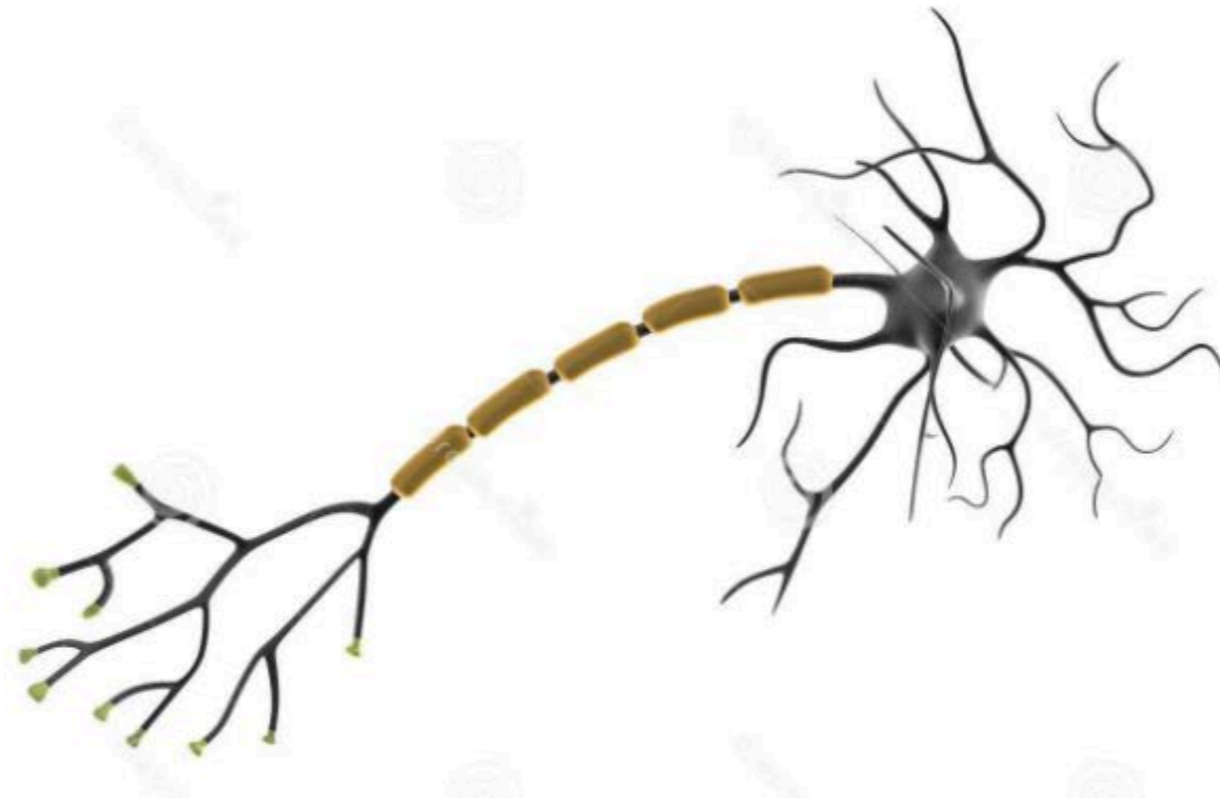
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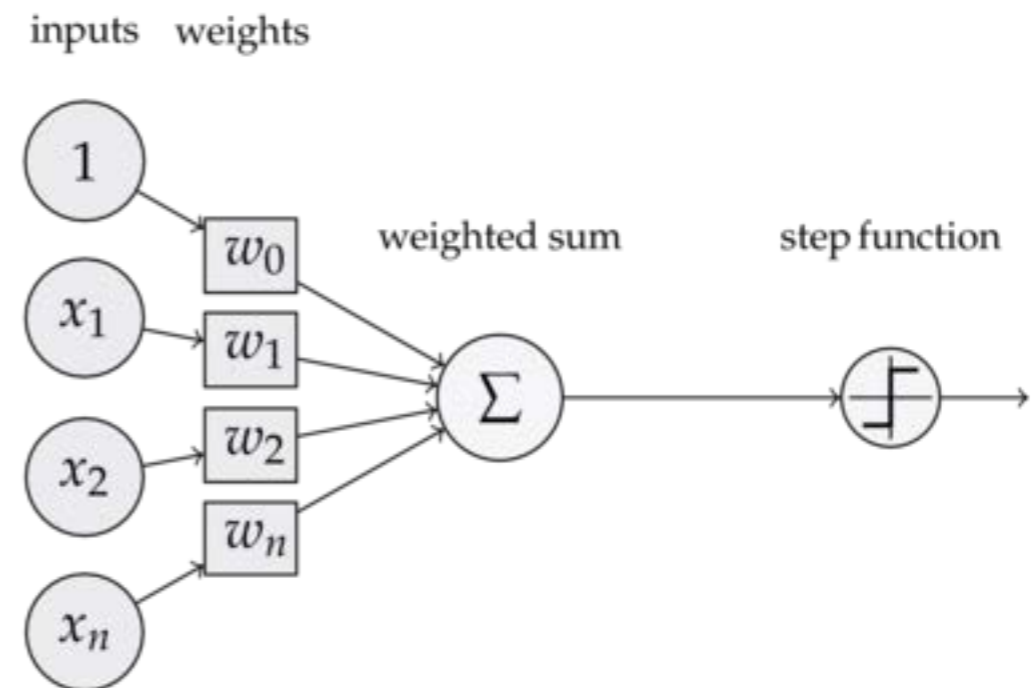
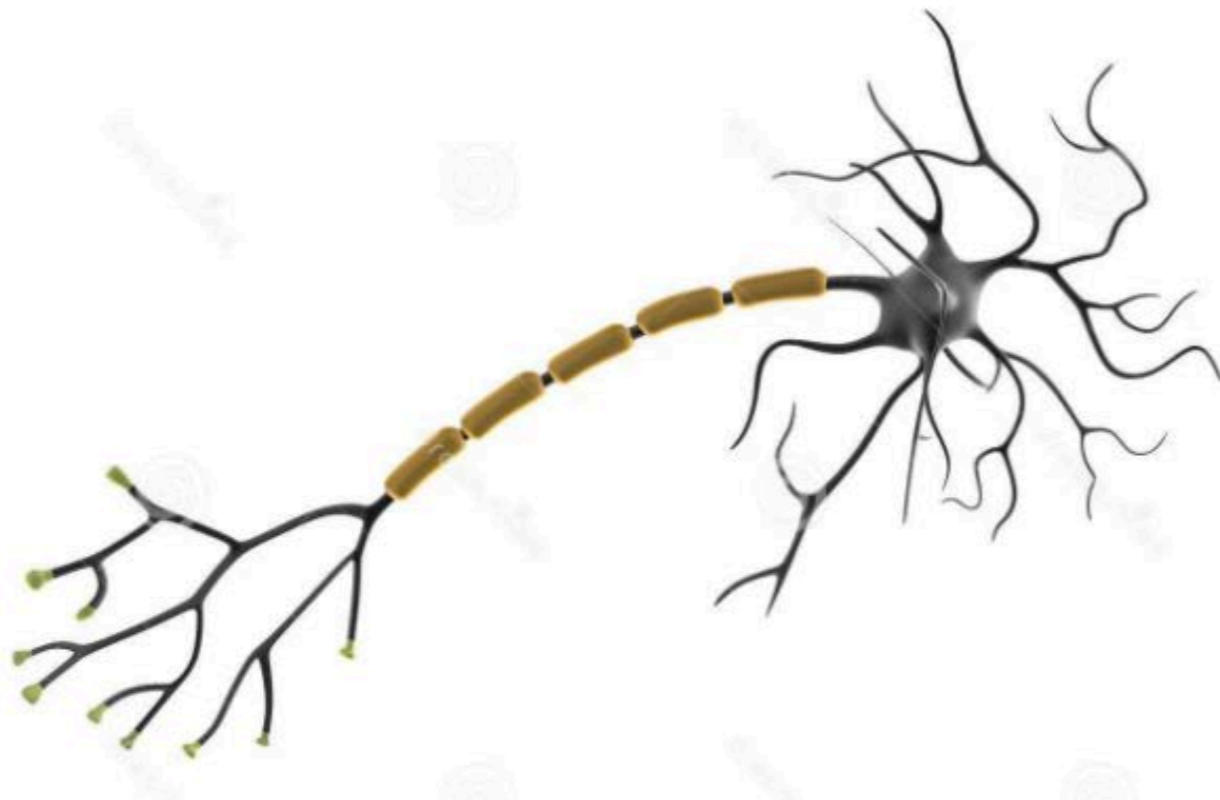
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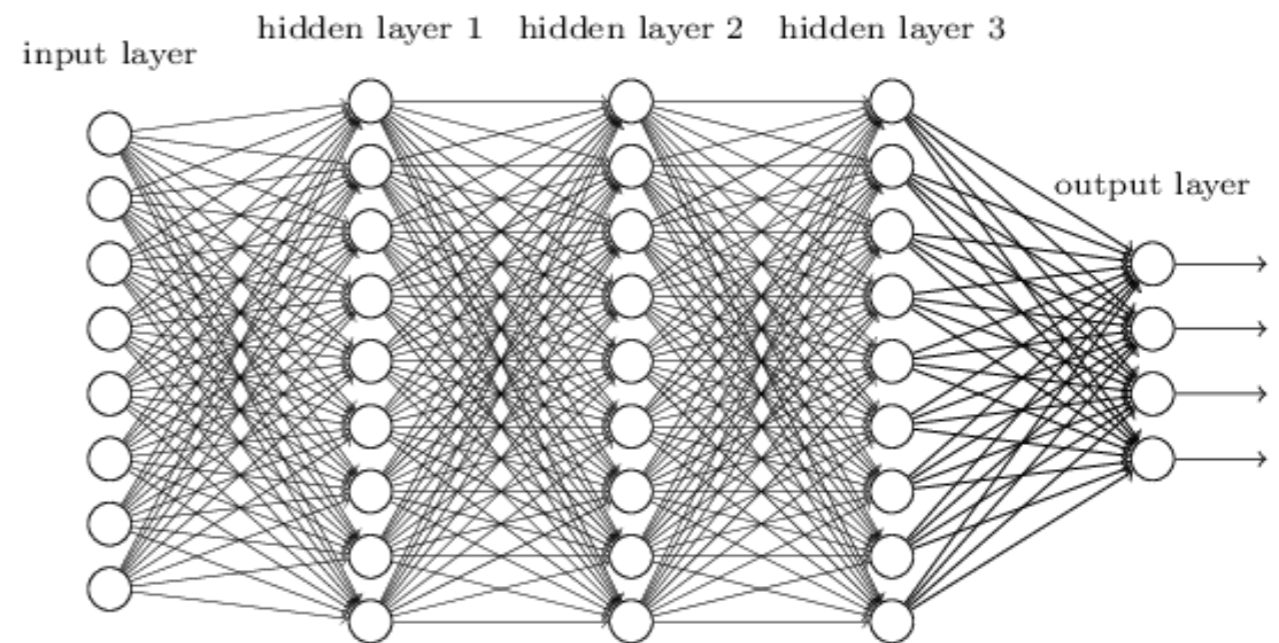
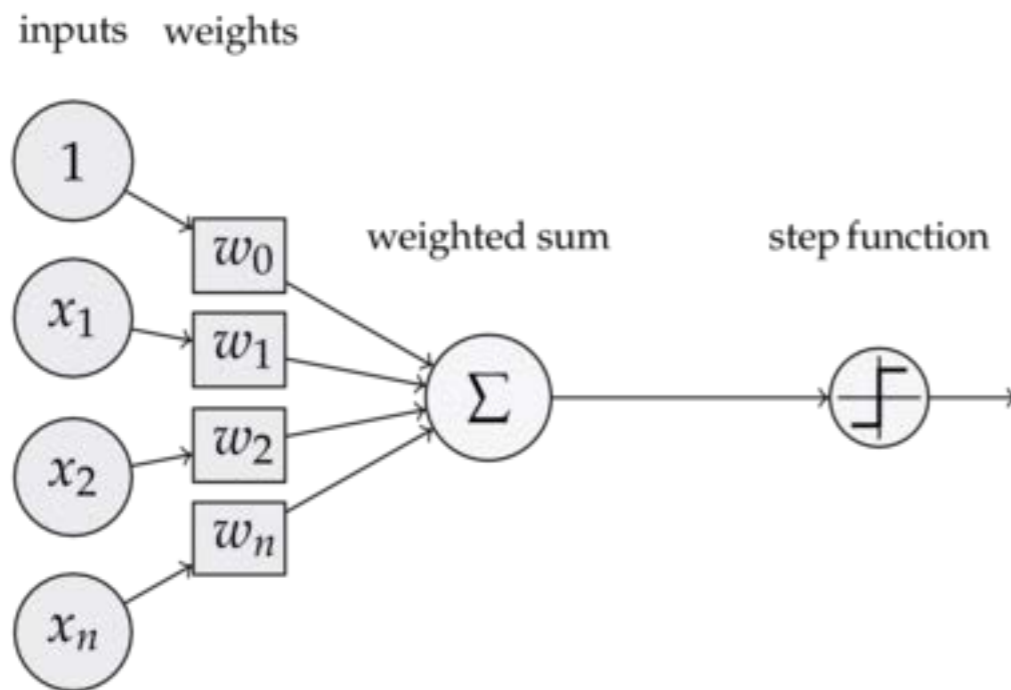
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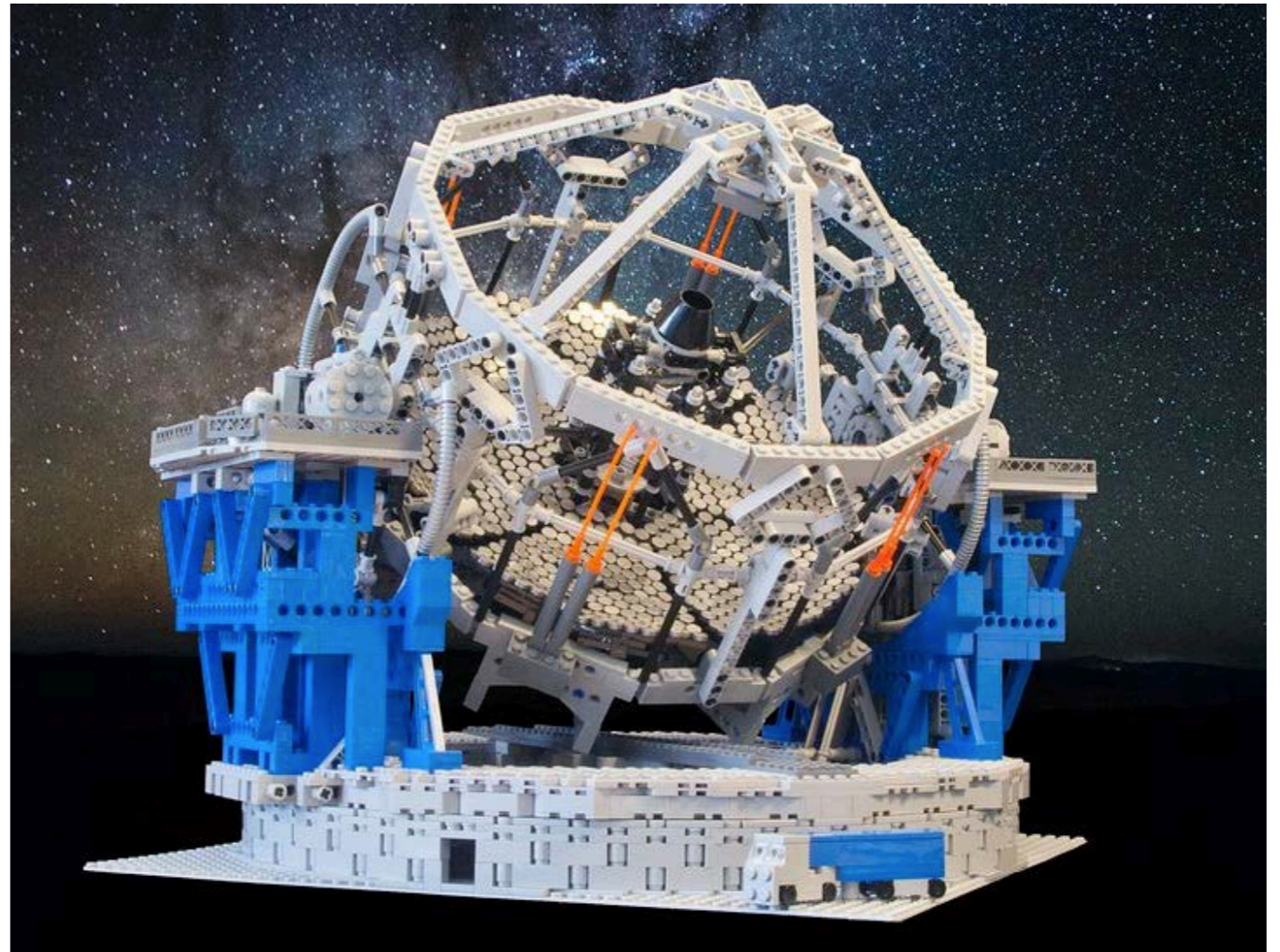
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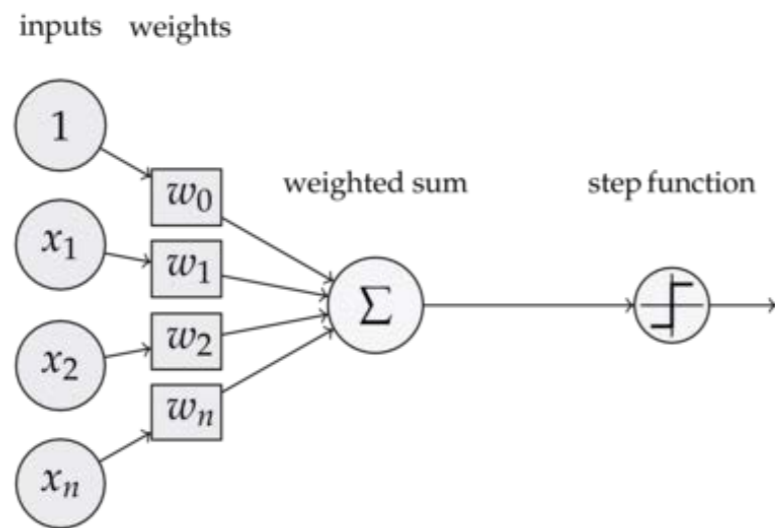
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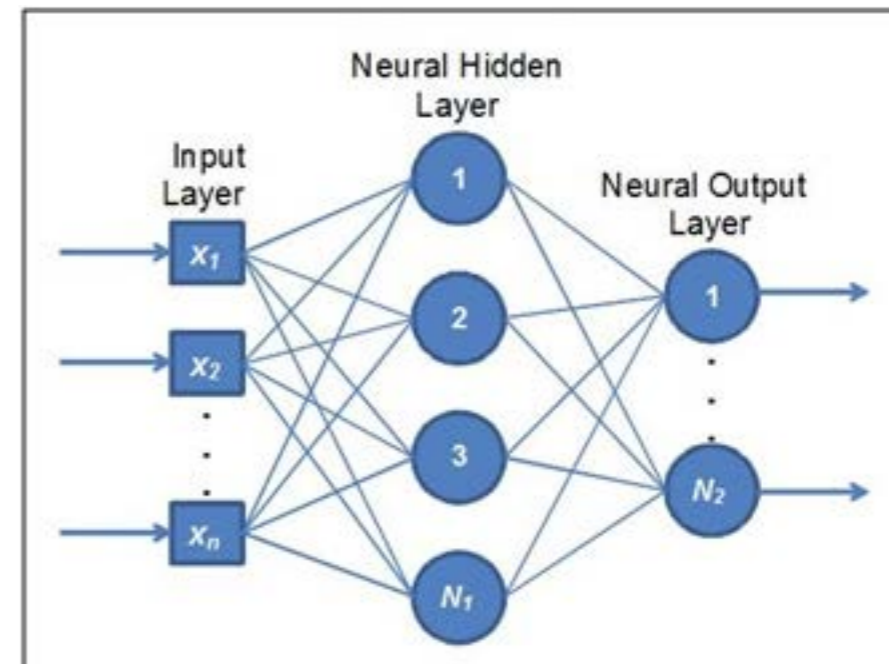
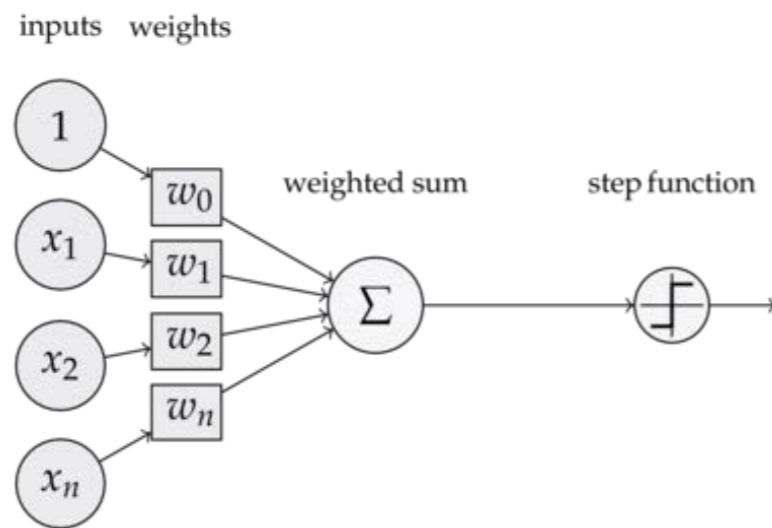
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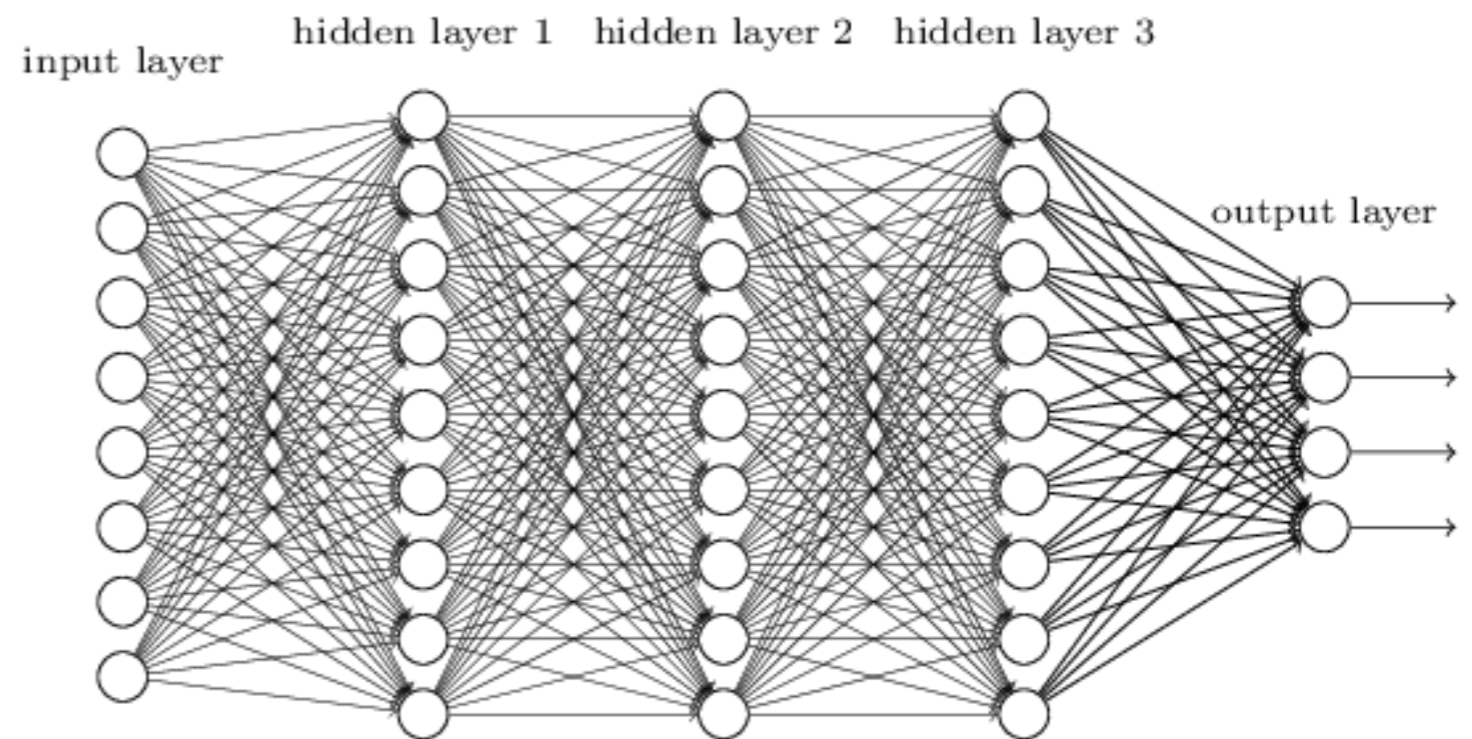
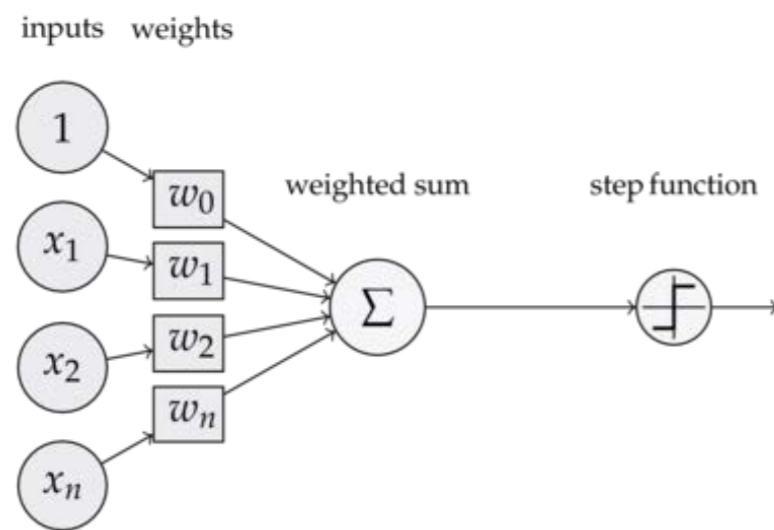


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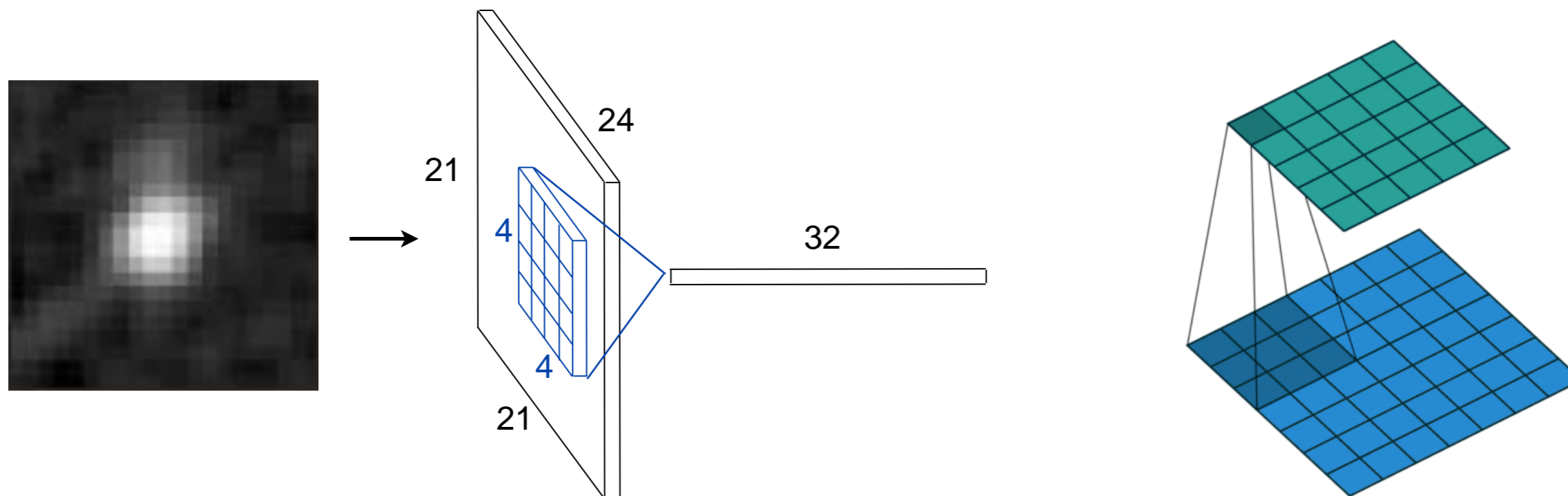


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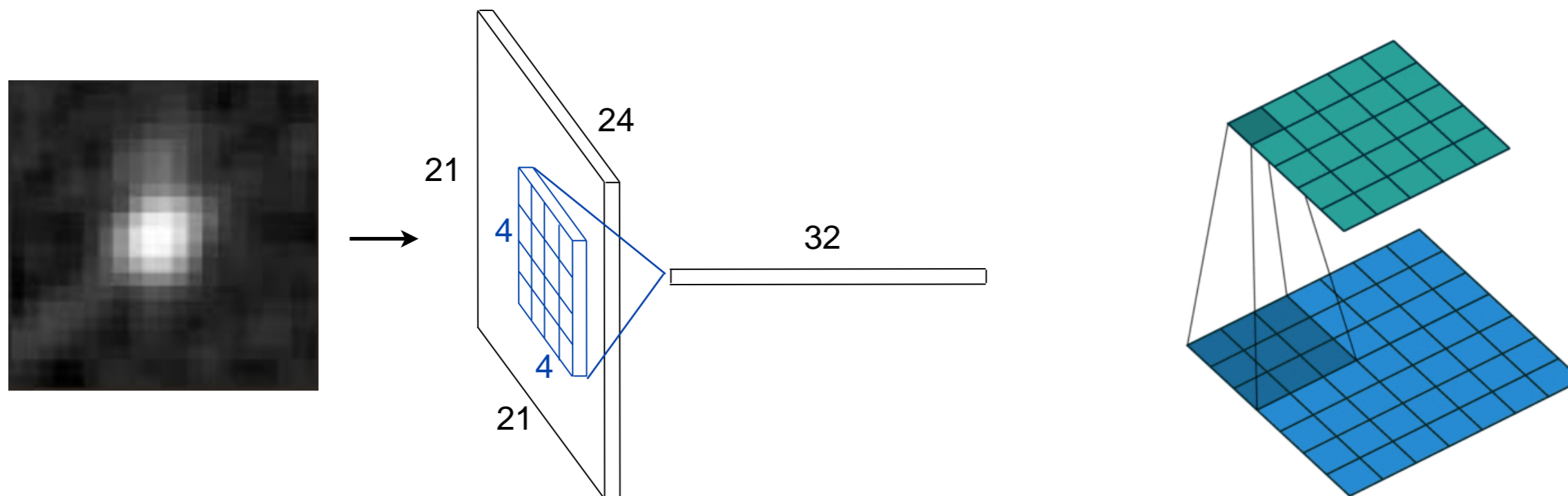
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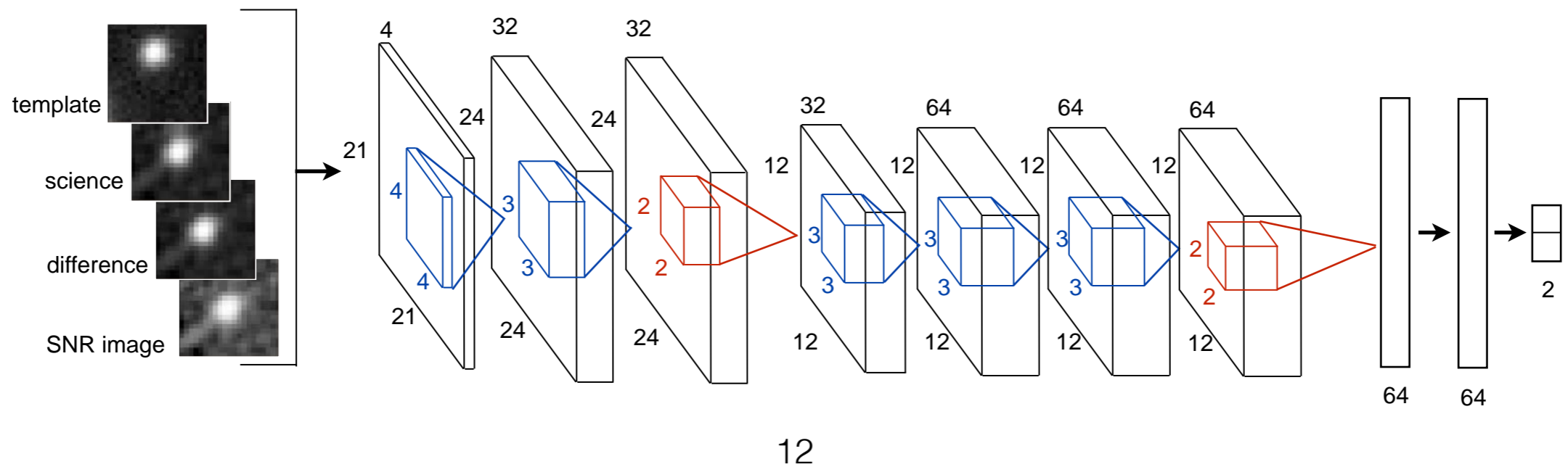
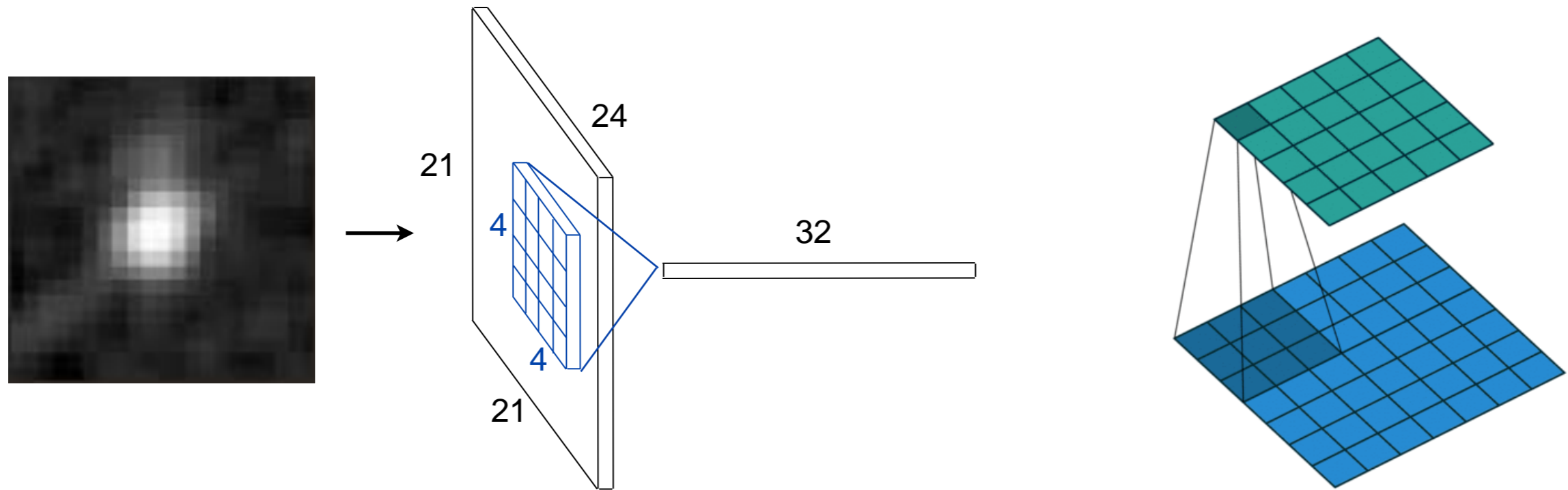
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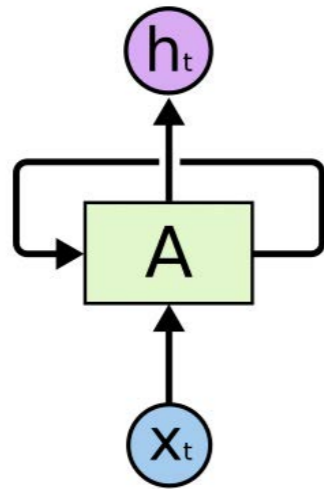
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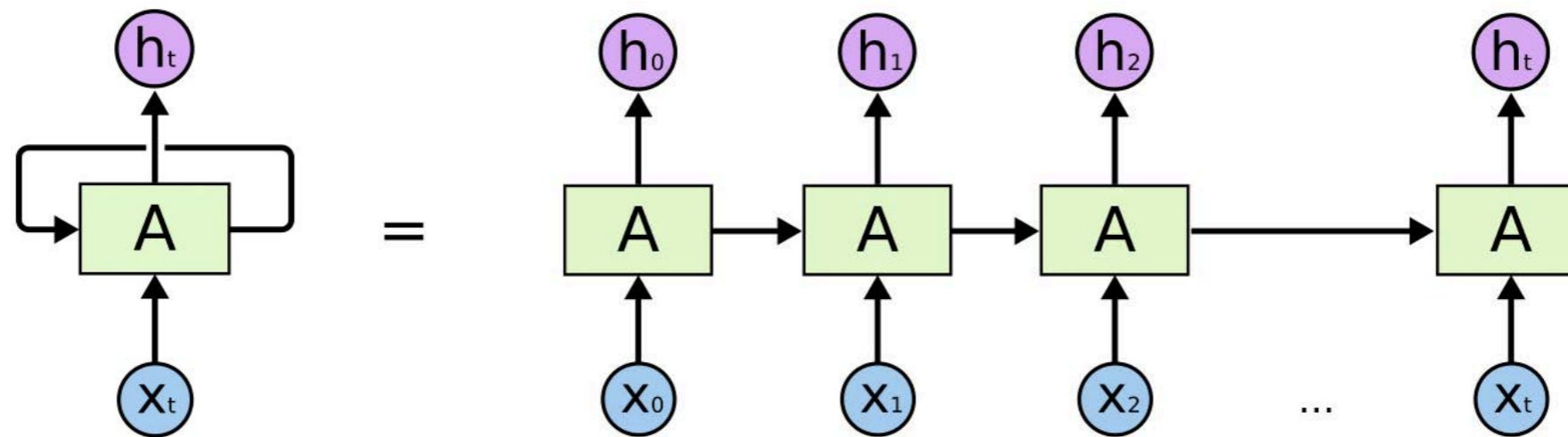
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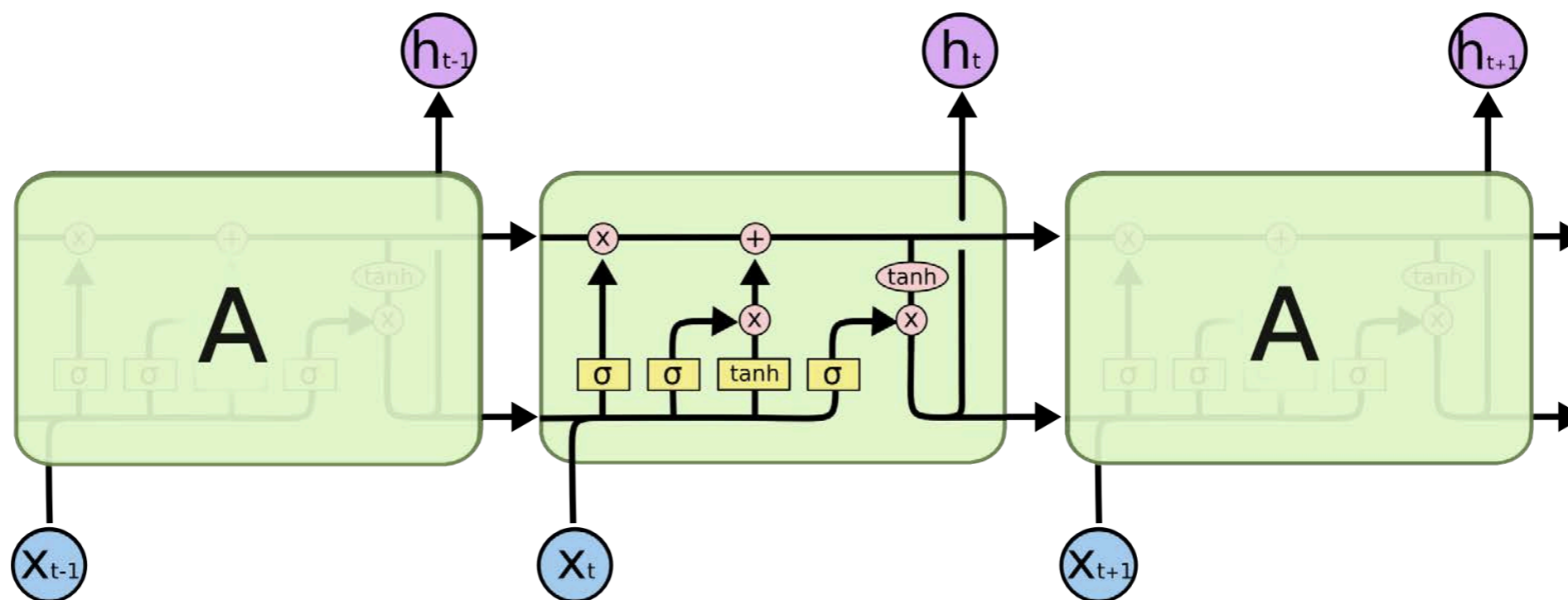
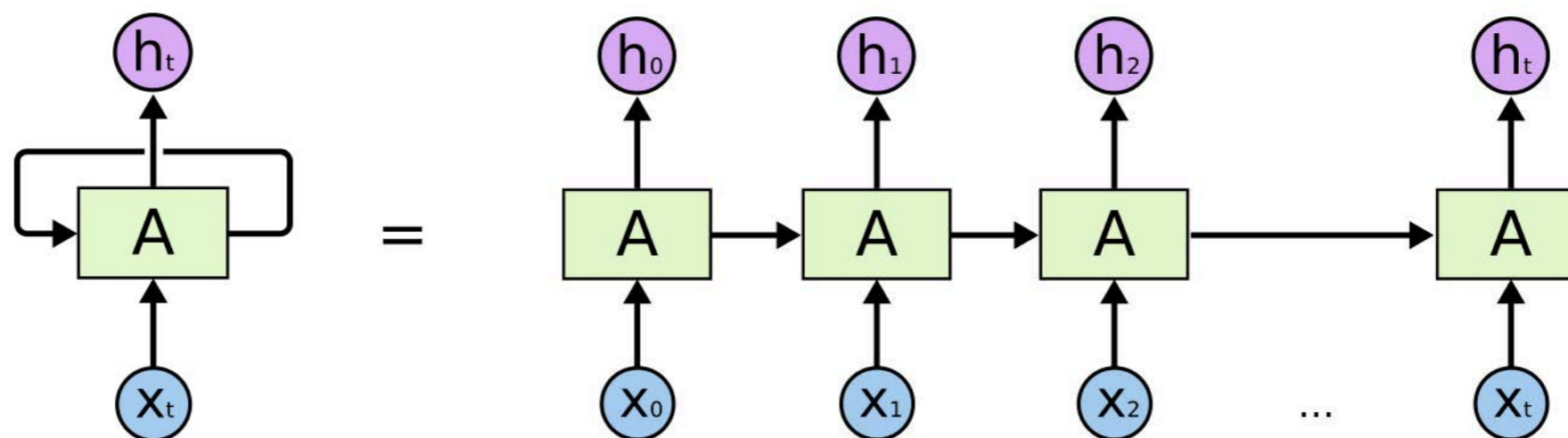
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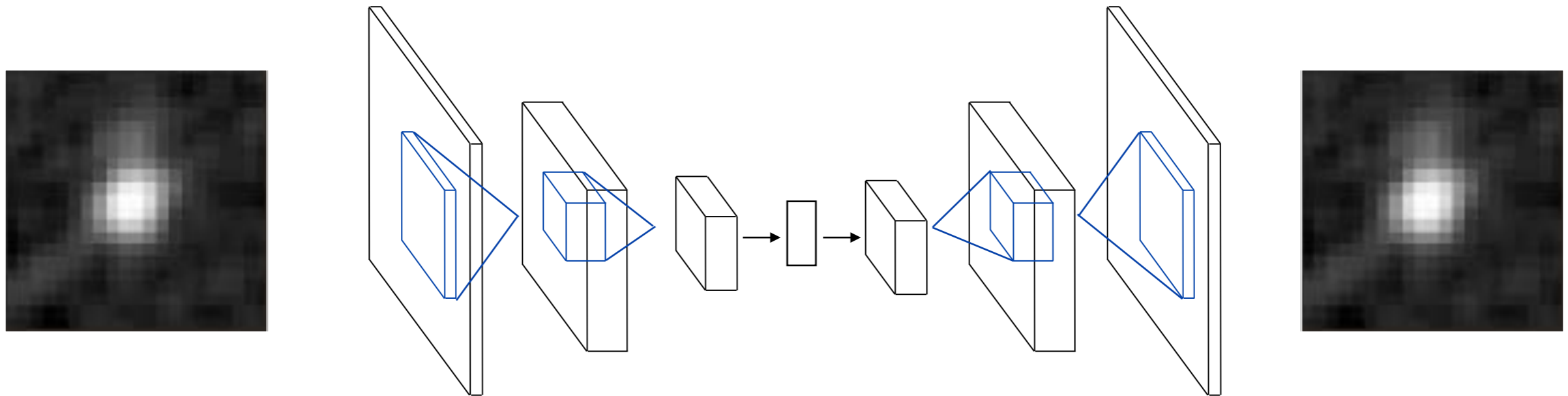
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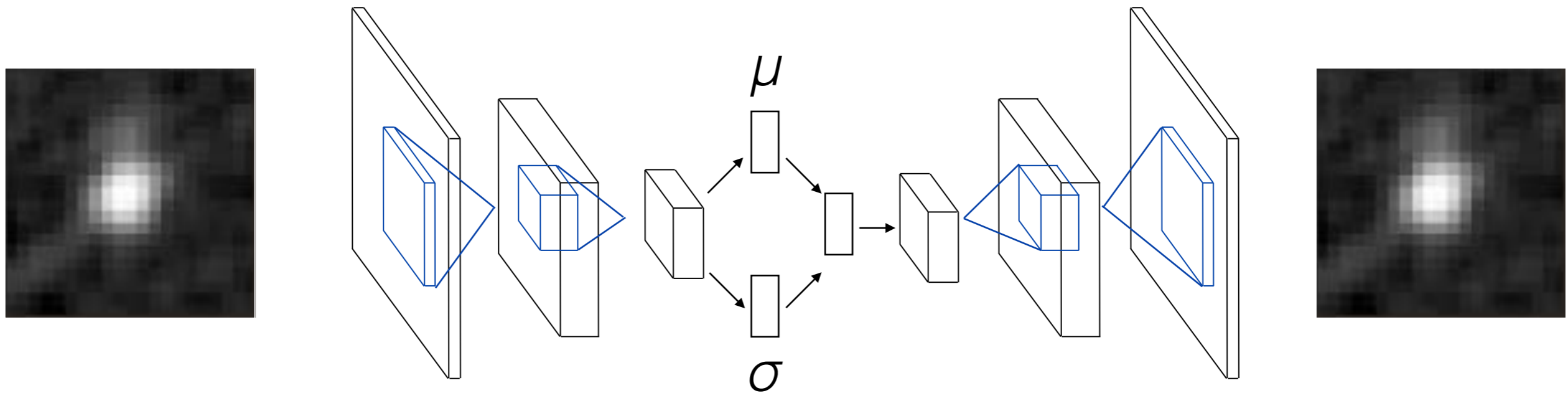
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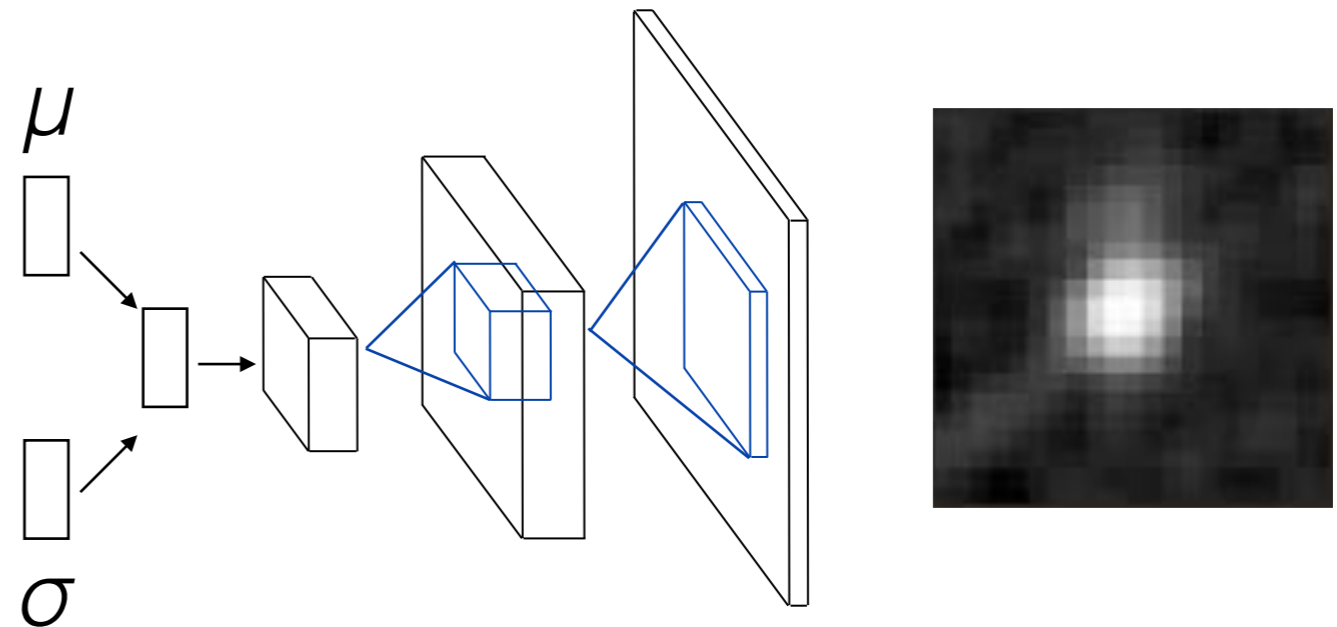


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CNN: Galaxy Morphologies

- Galaxy Zoo Challenge (2014)
- Top solutions used CNNs
- Winner: Rotation-invariant convolutional Neural Networks (Dieleman et.al., MNRAS, 2015)

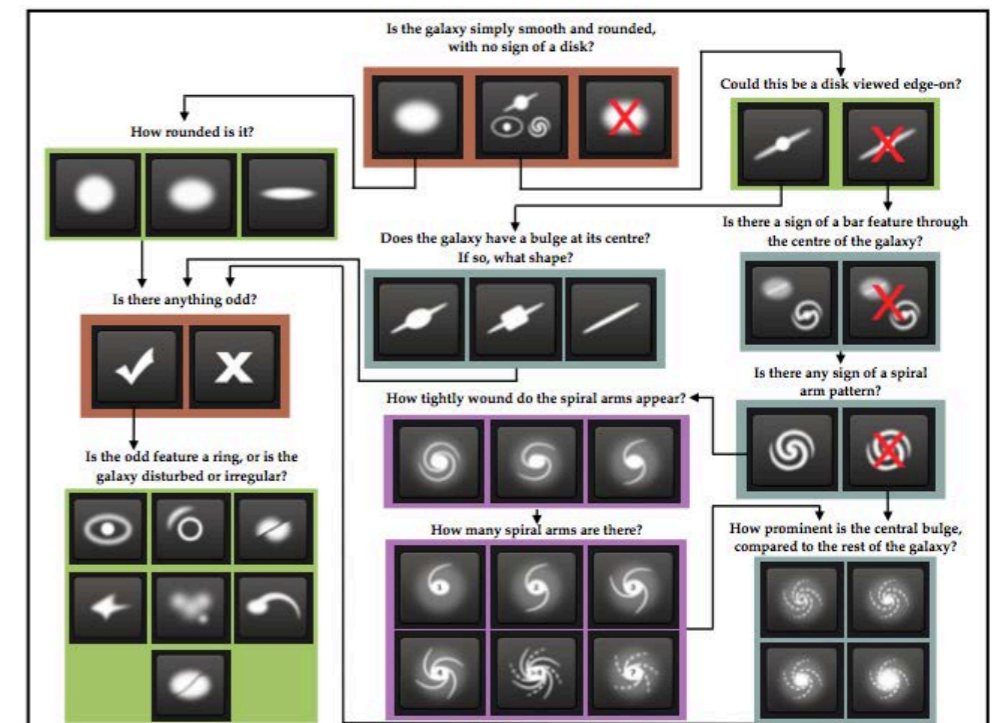


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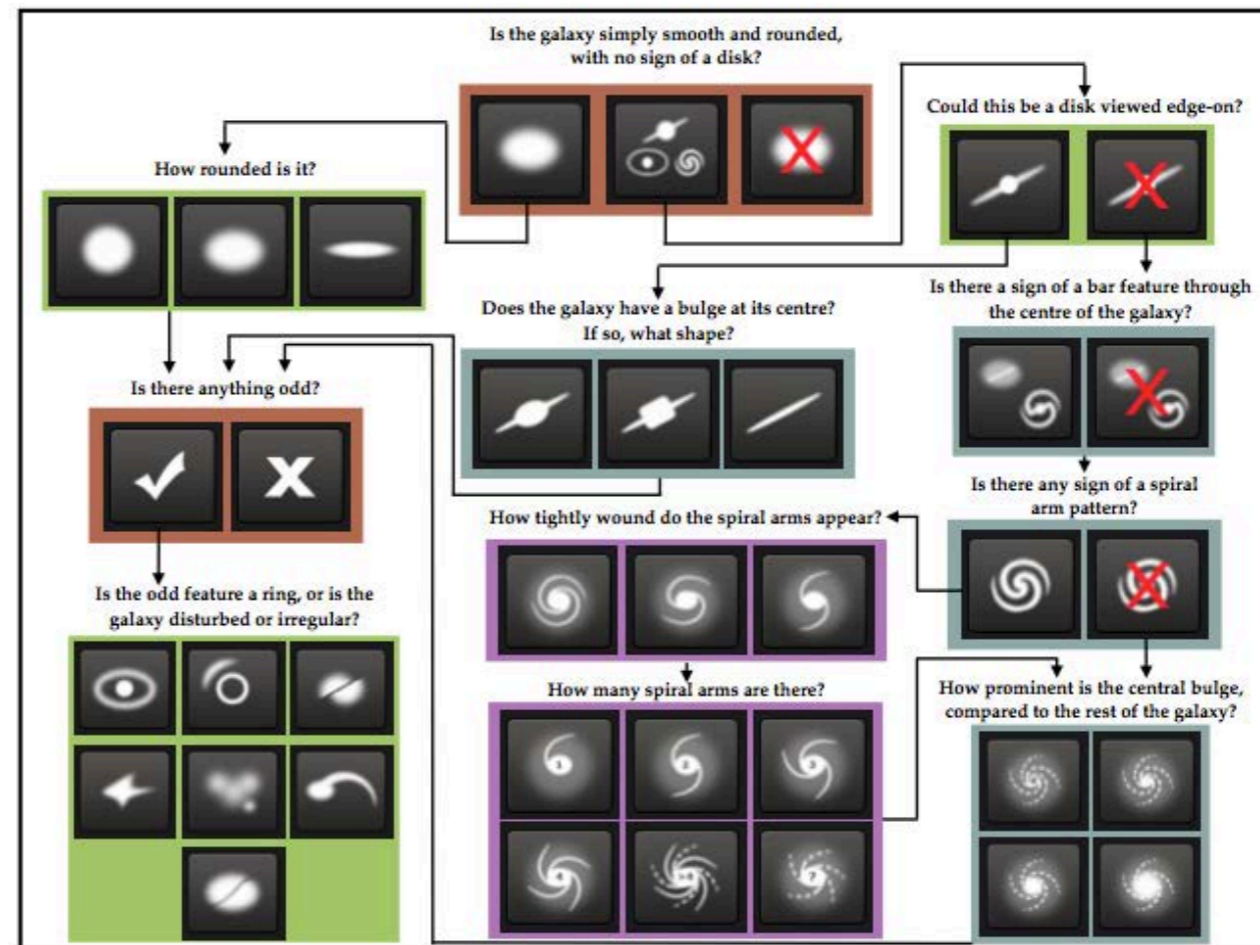
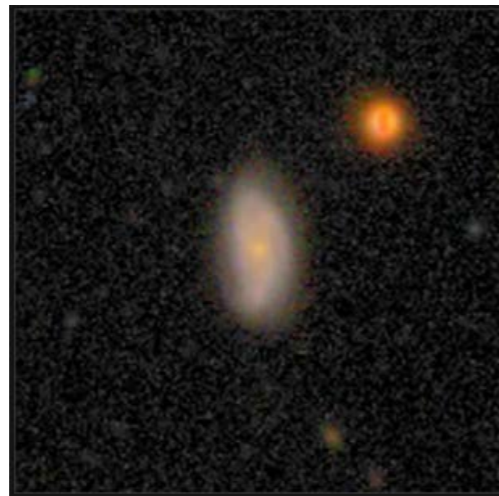
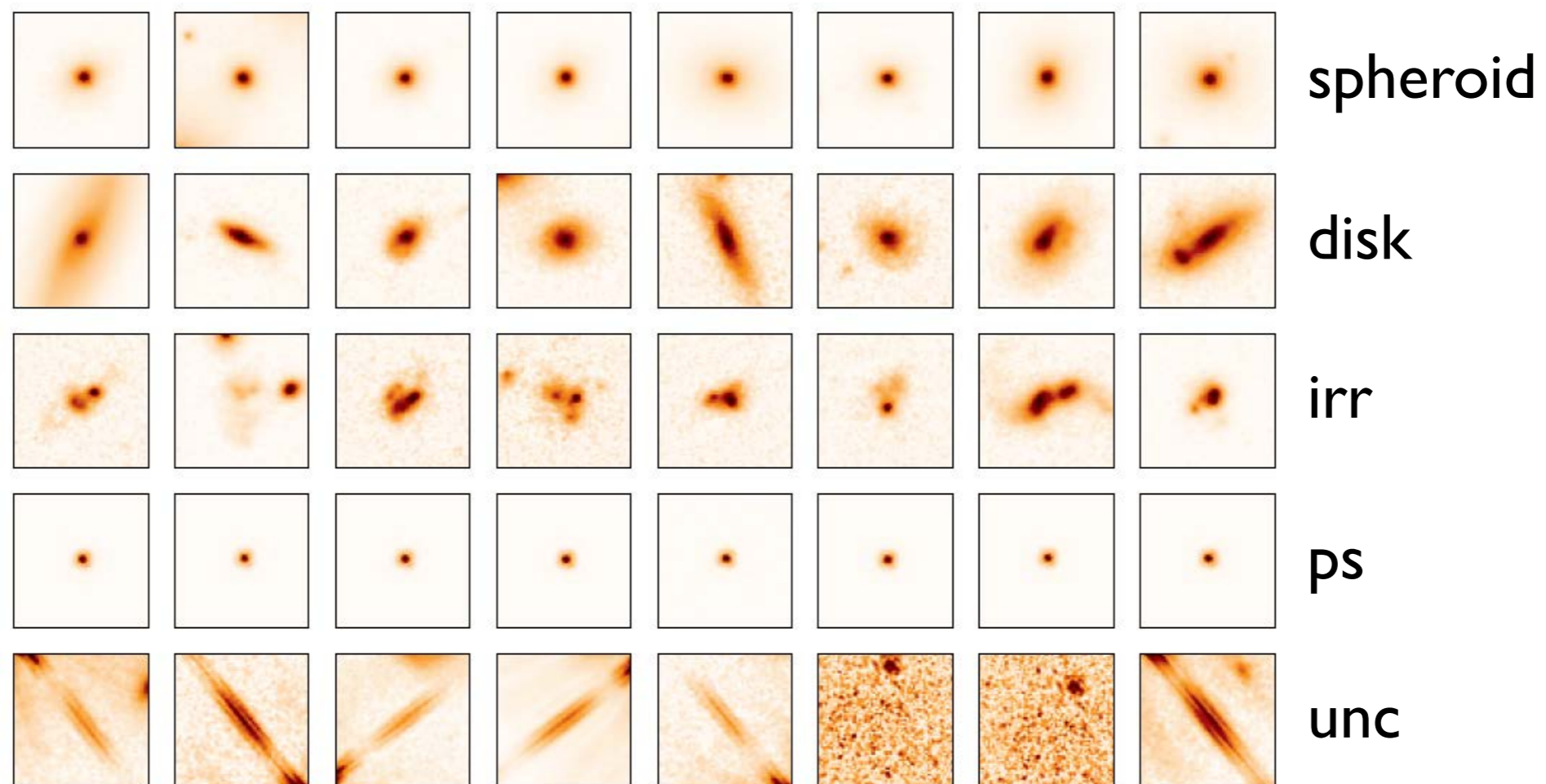


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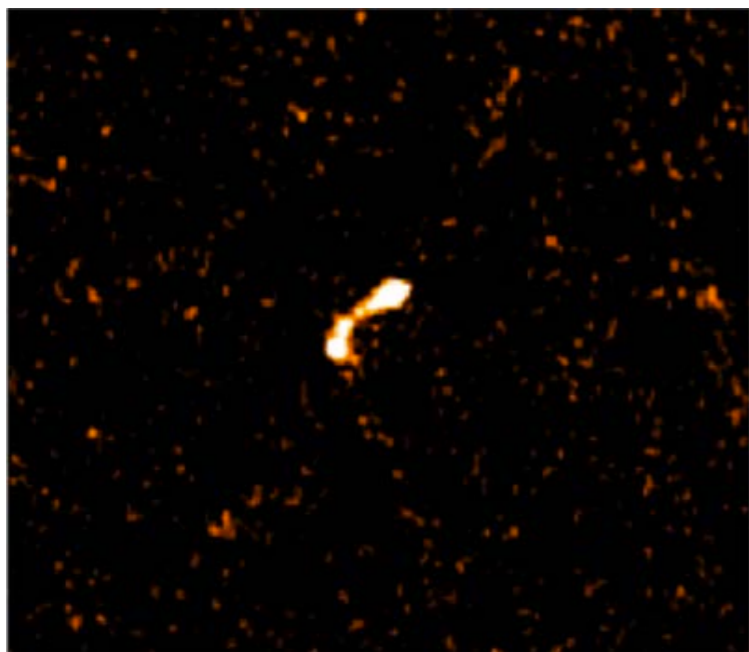


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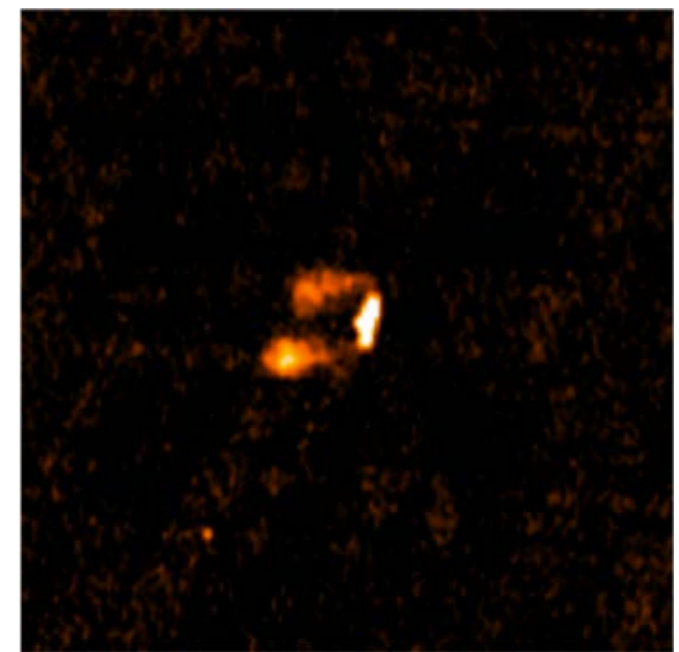
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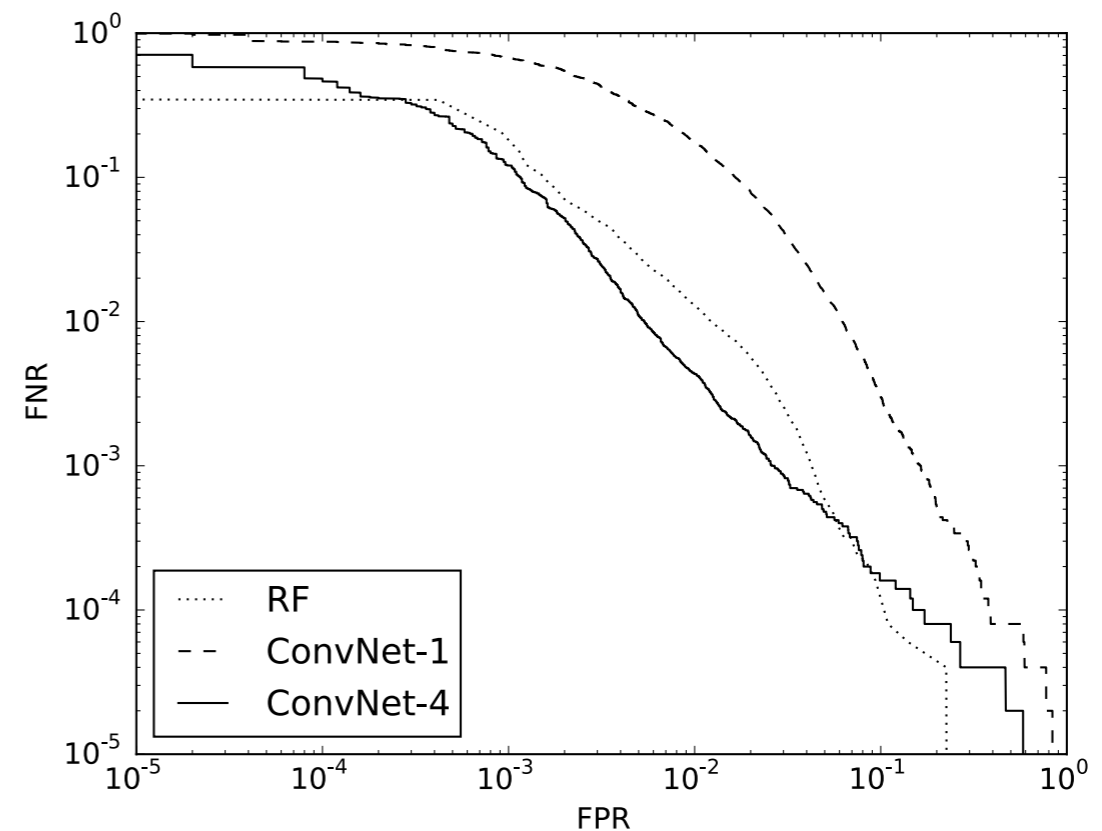
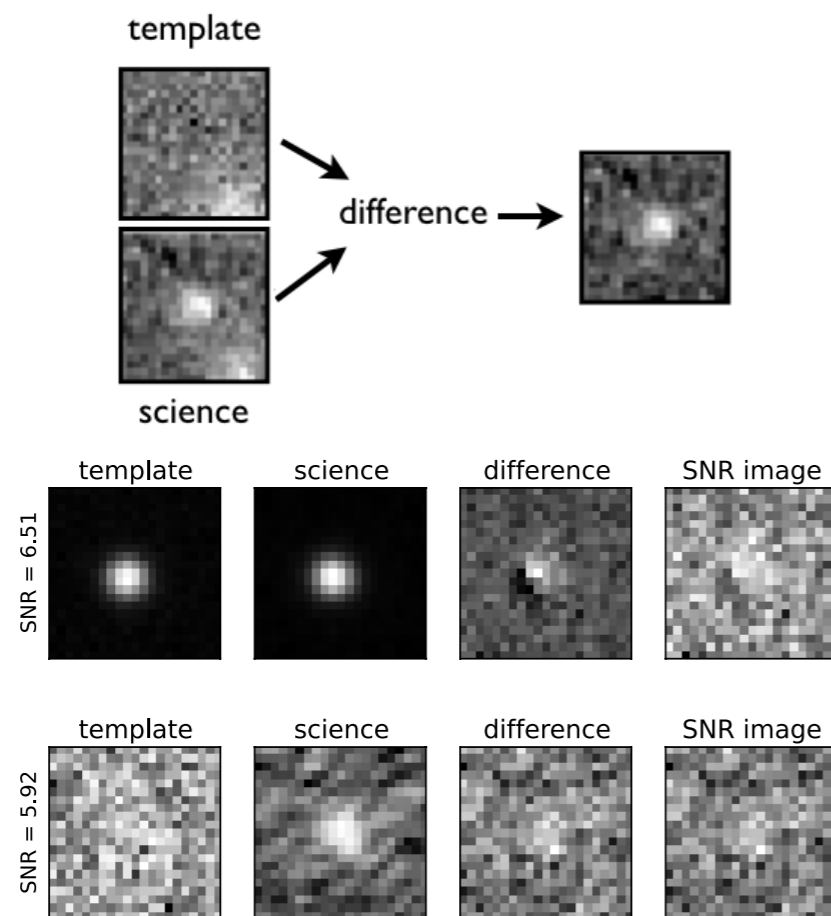
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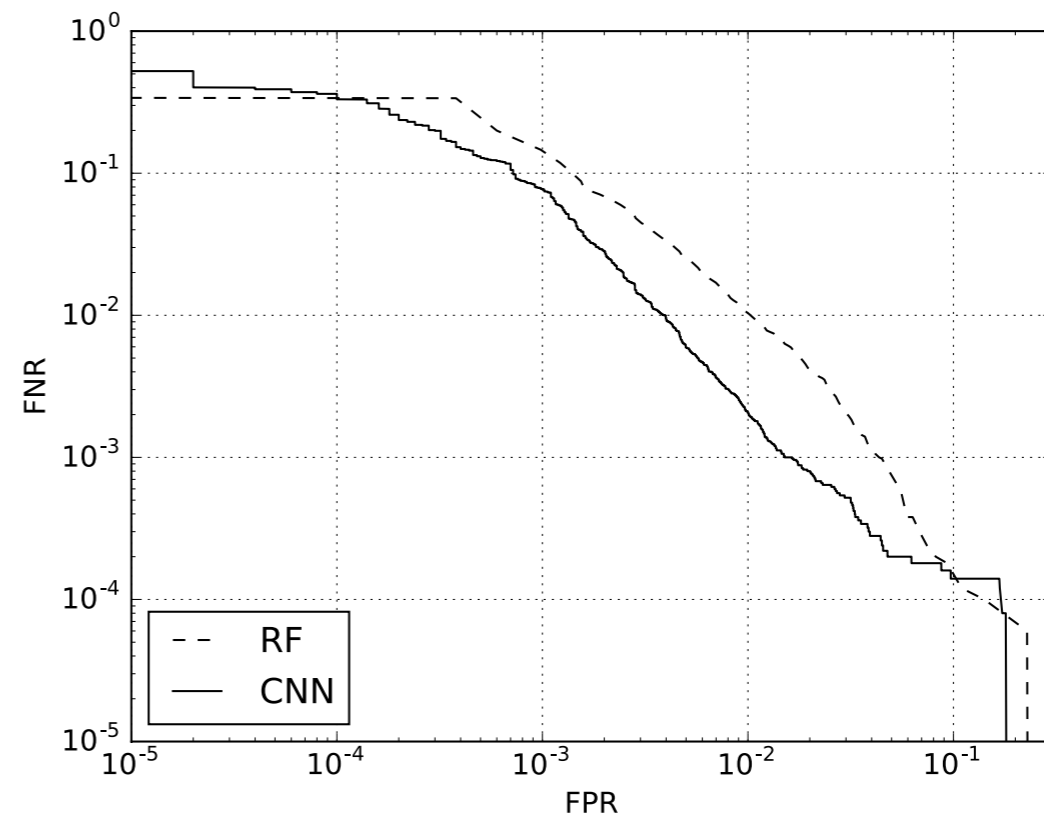
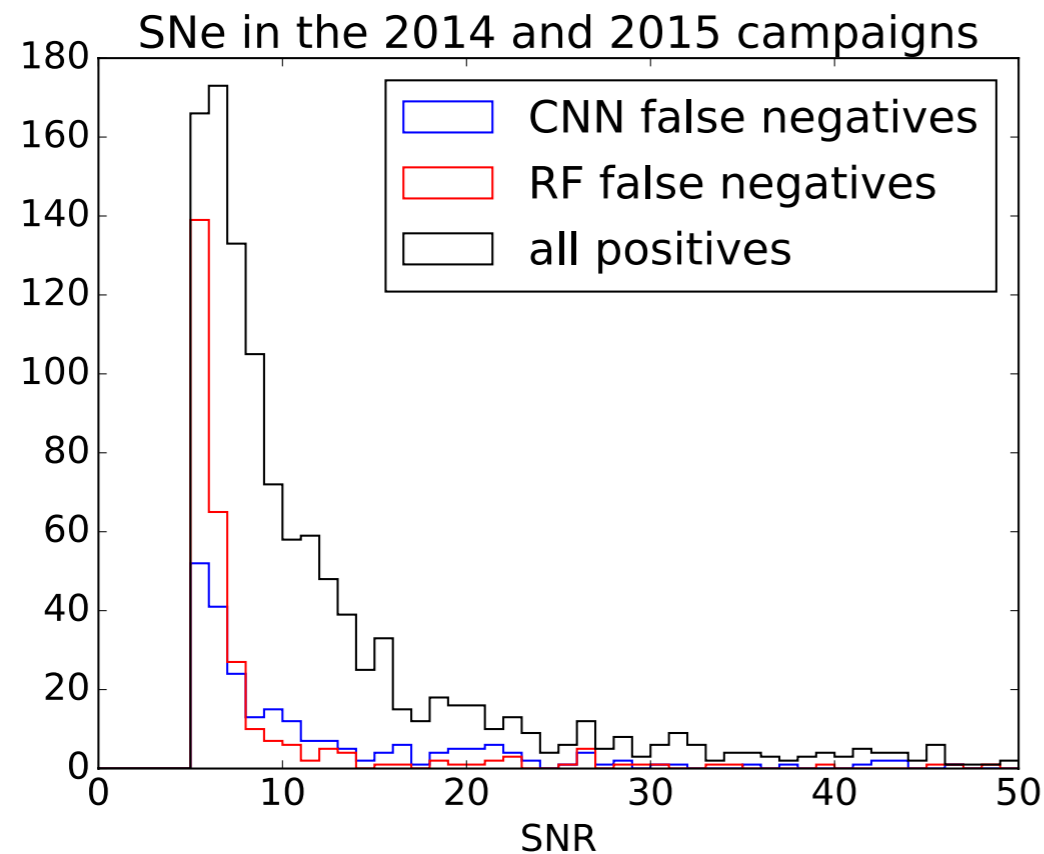
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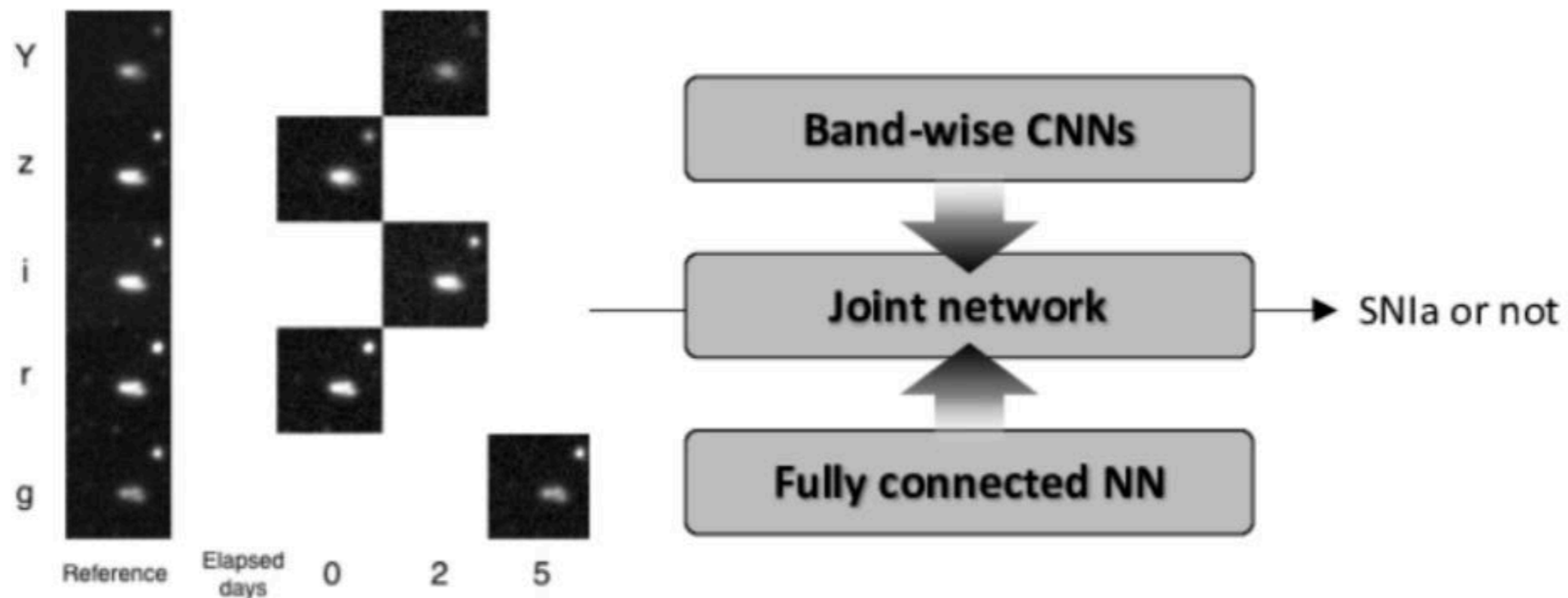
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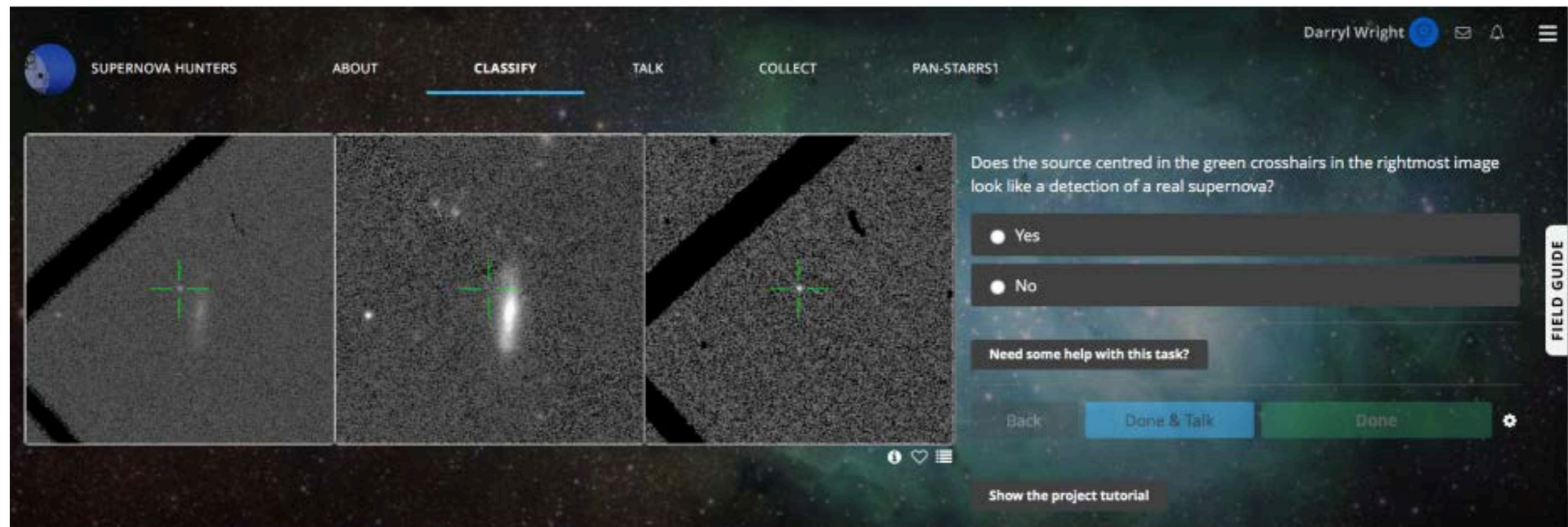
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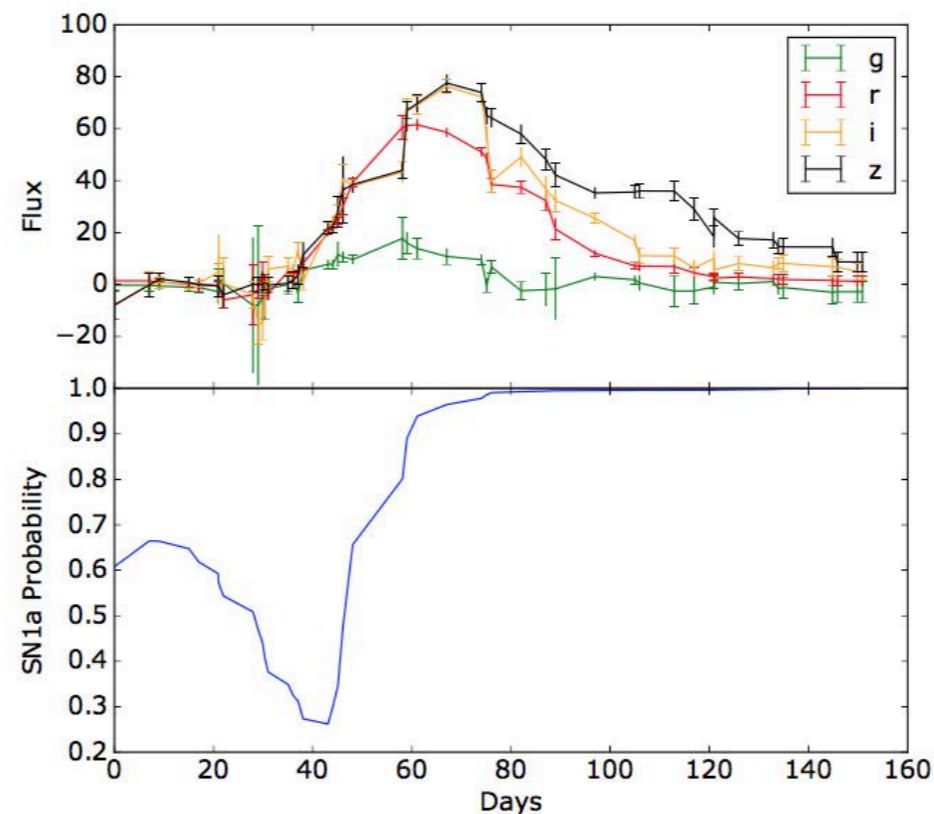
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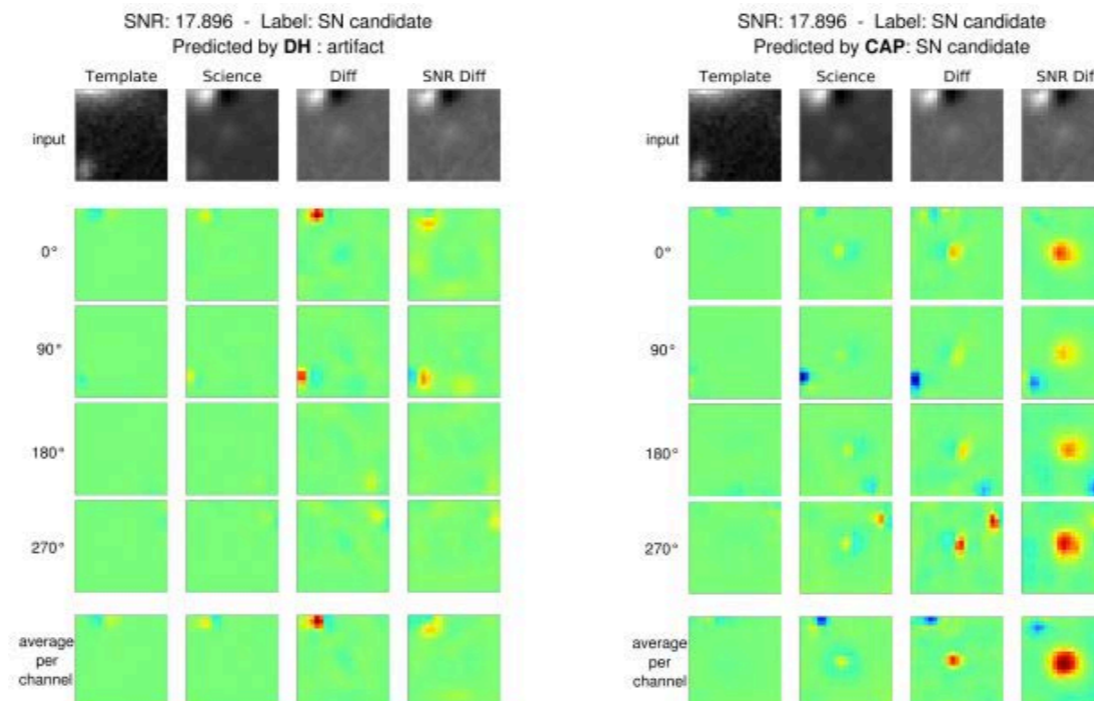
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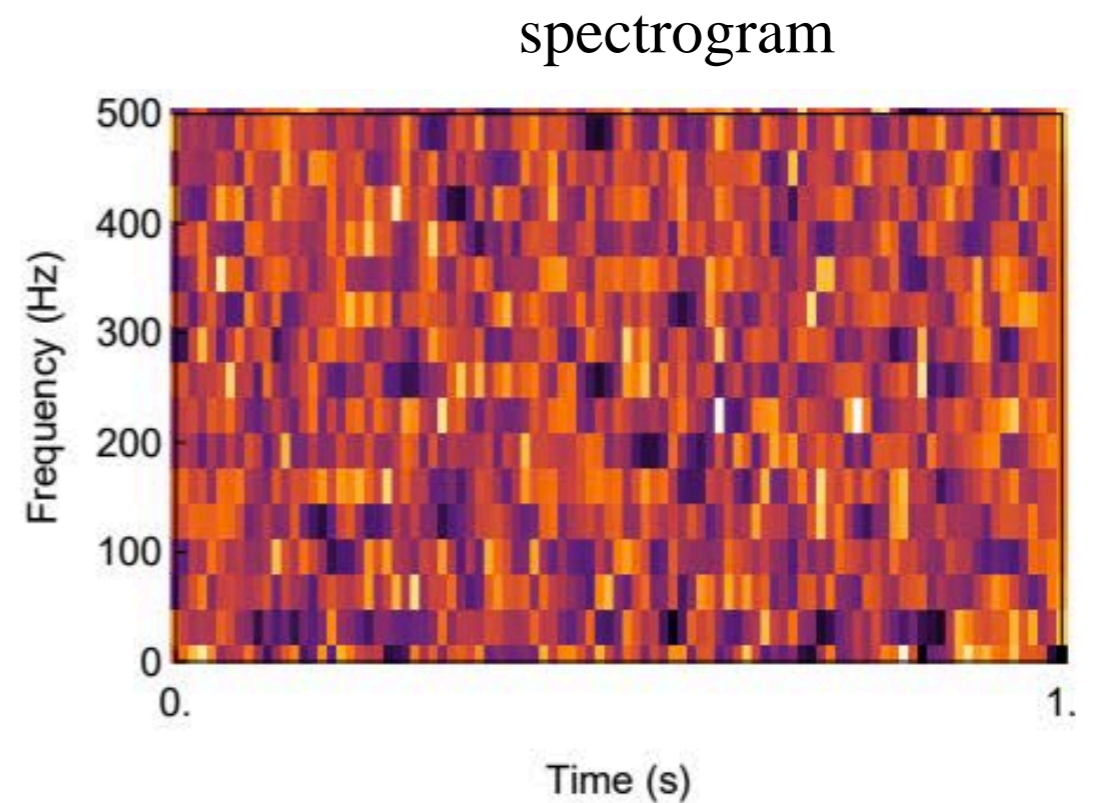
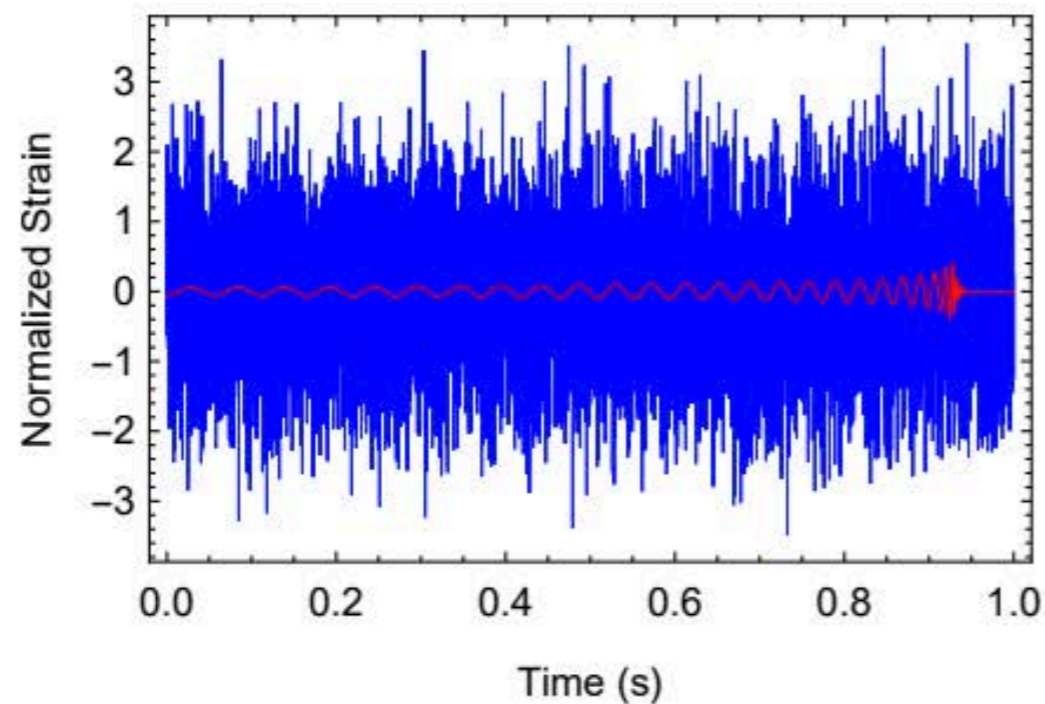
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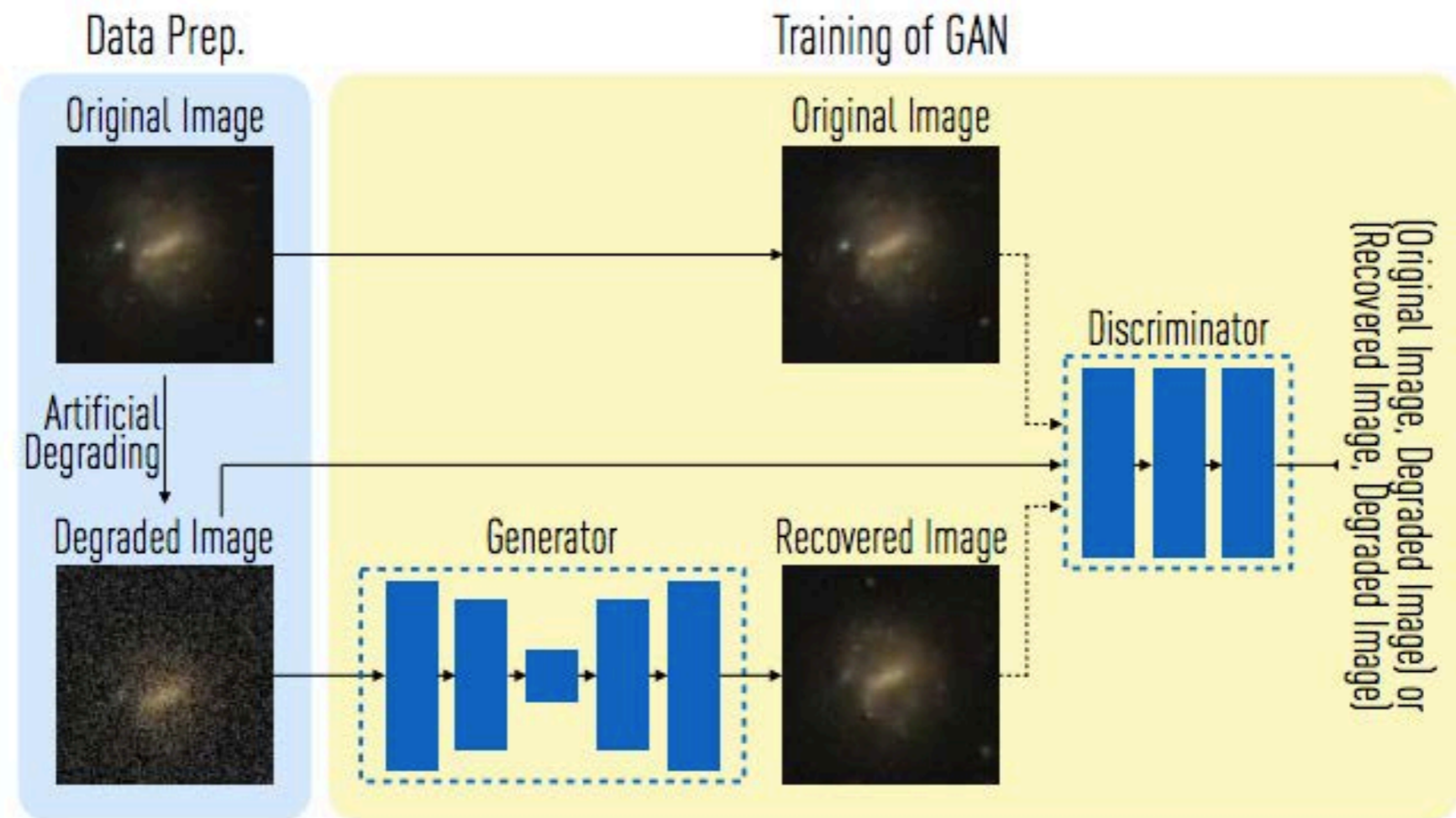
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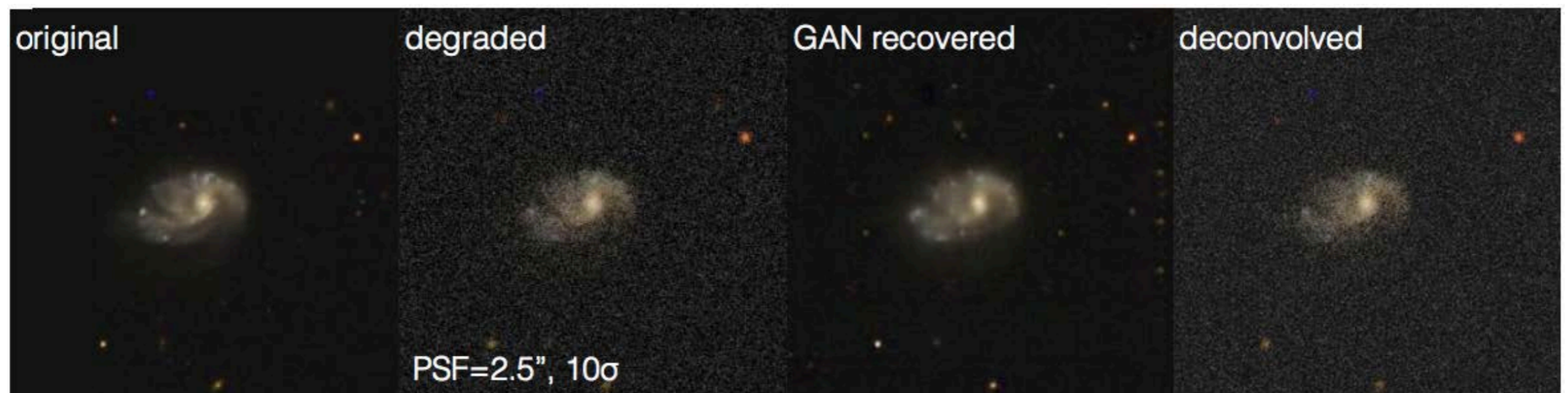
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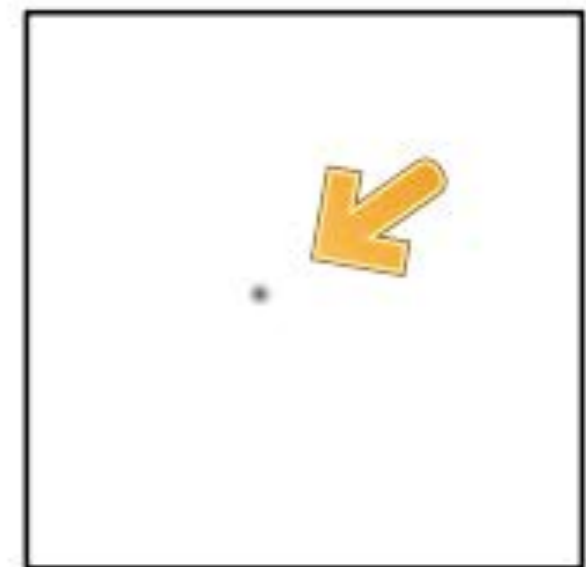
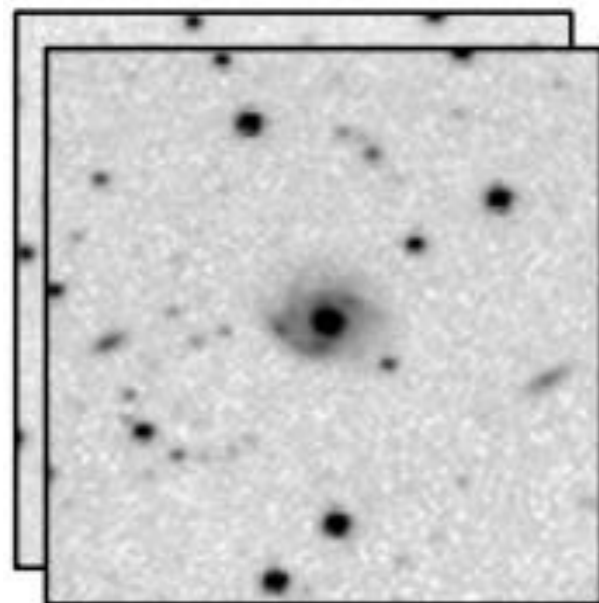
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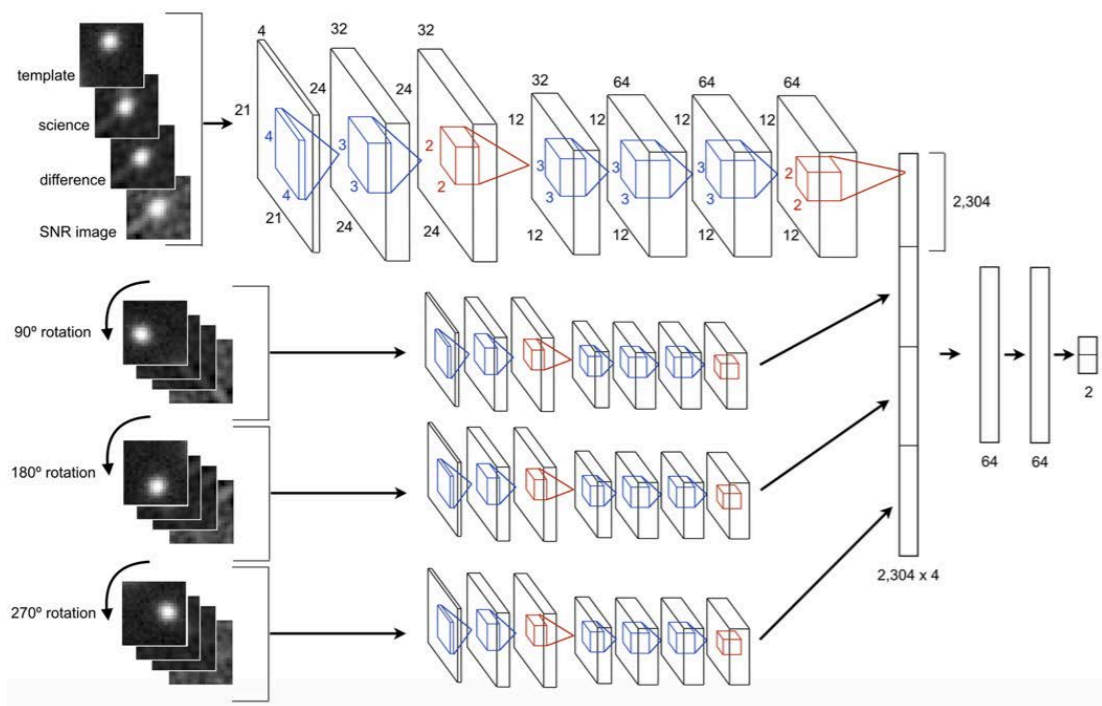
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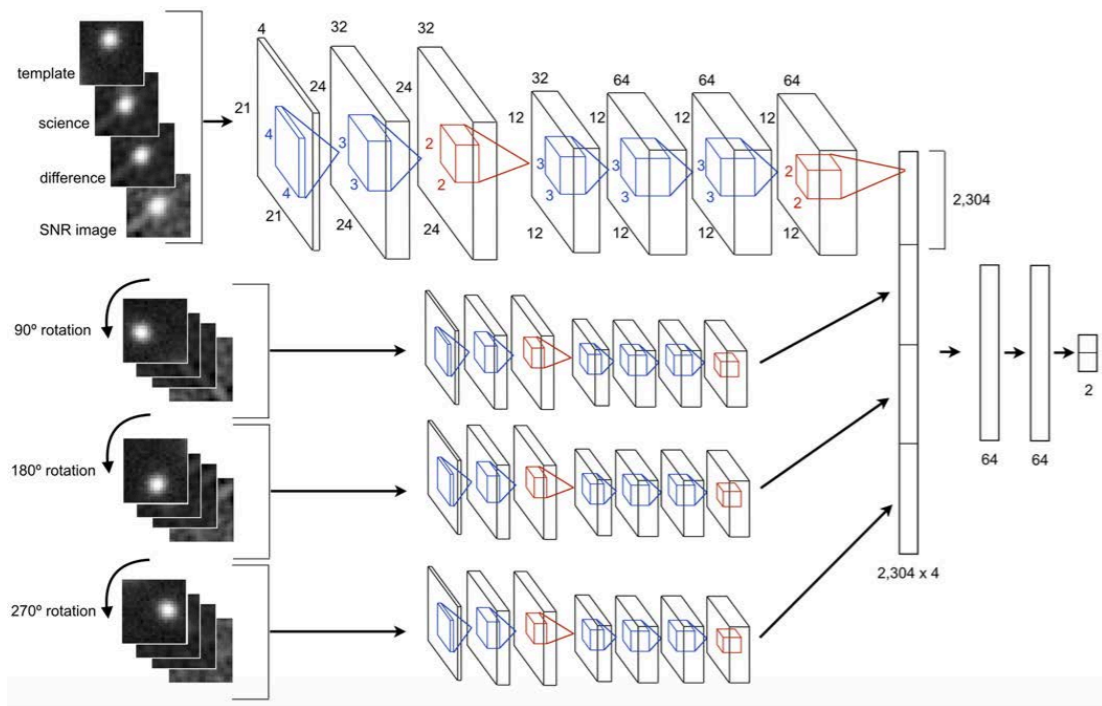


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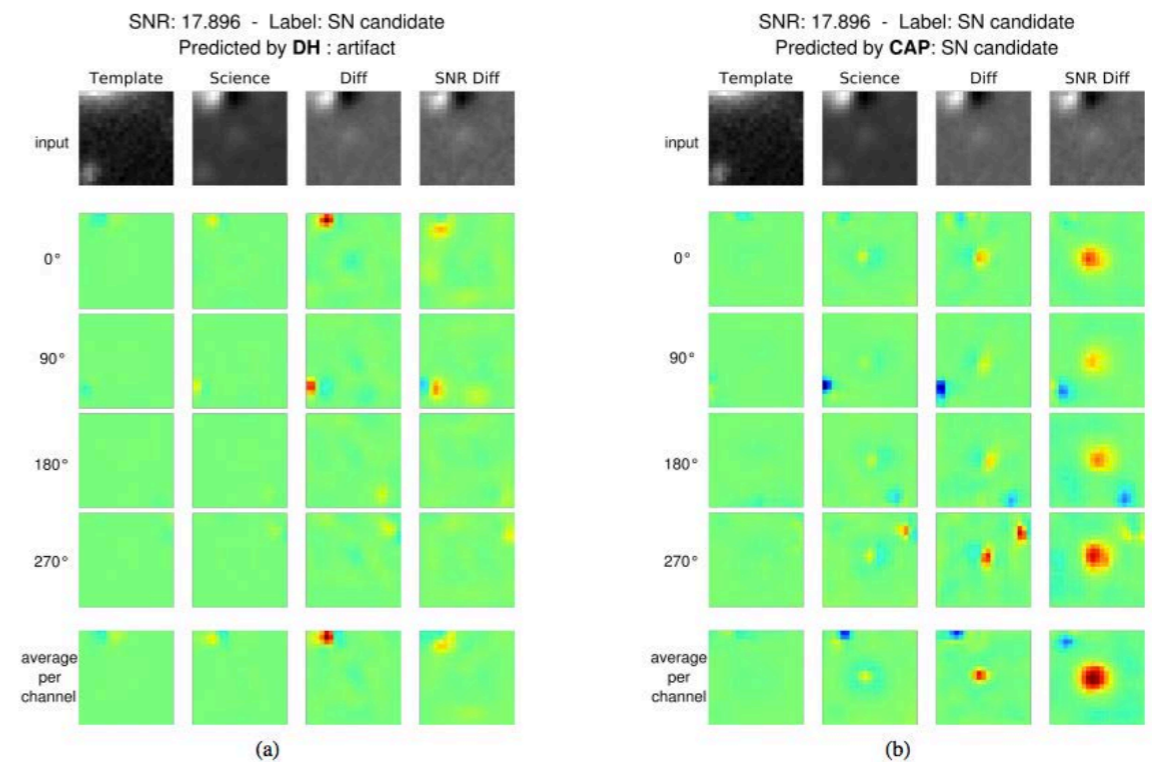
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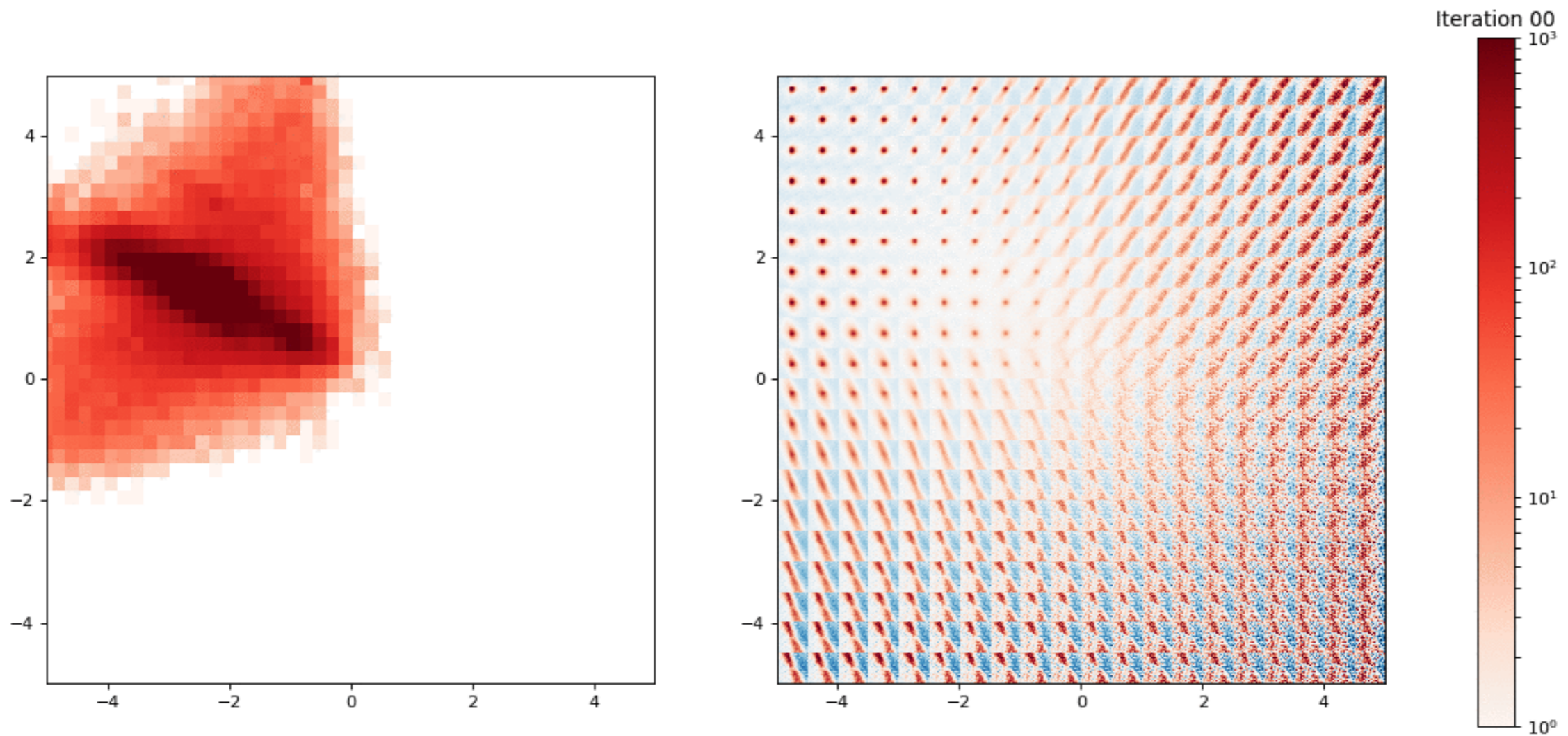
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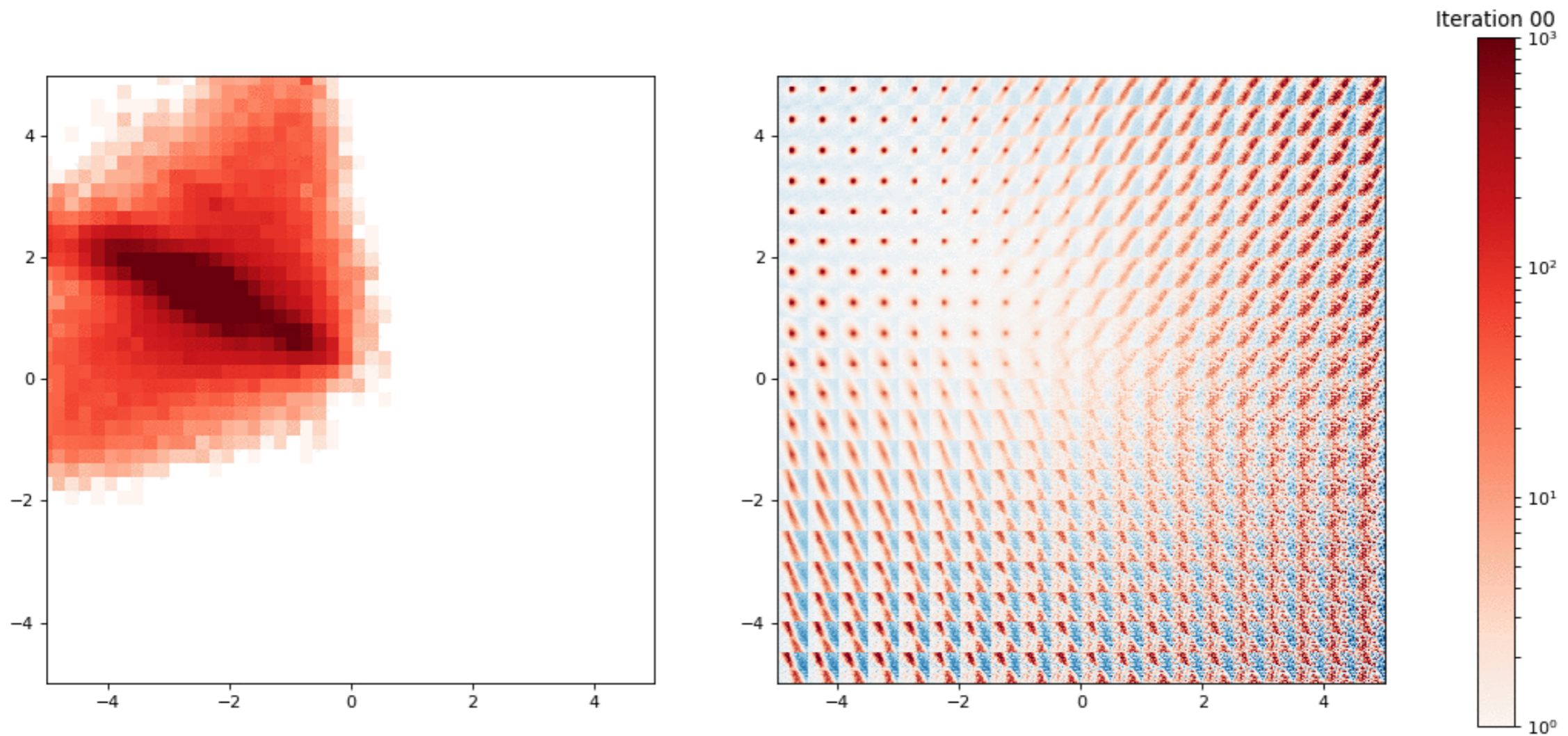
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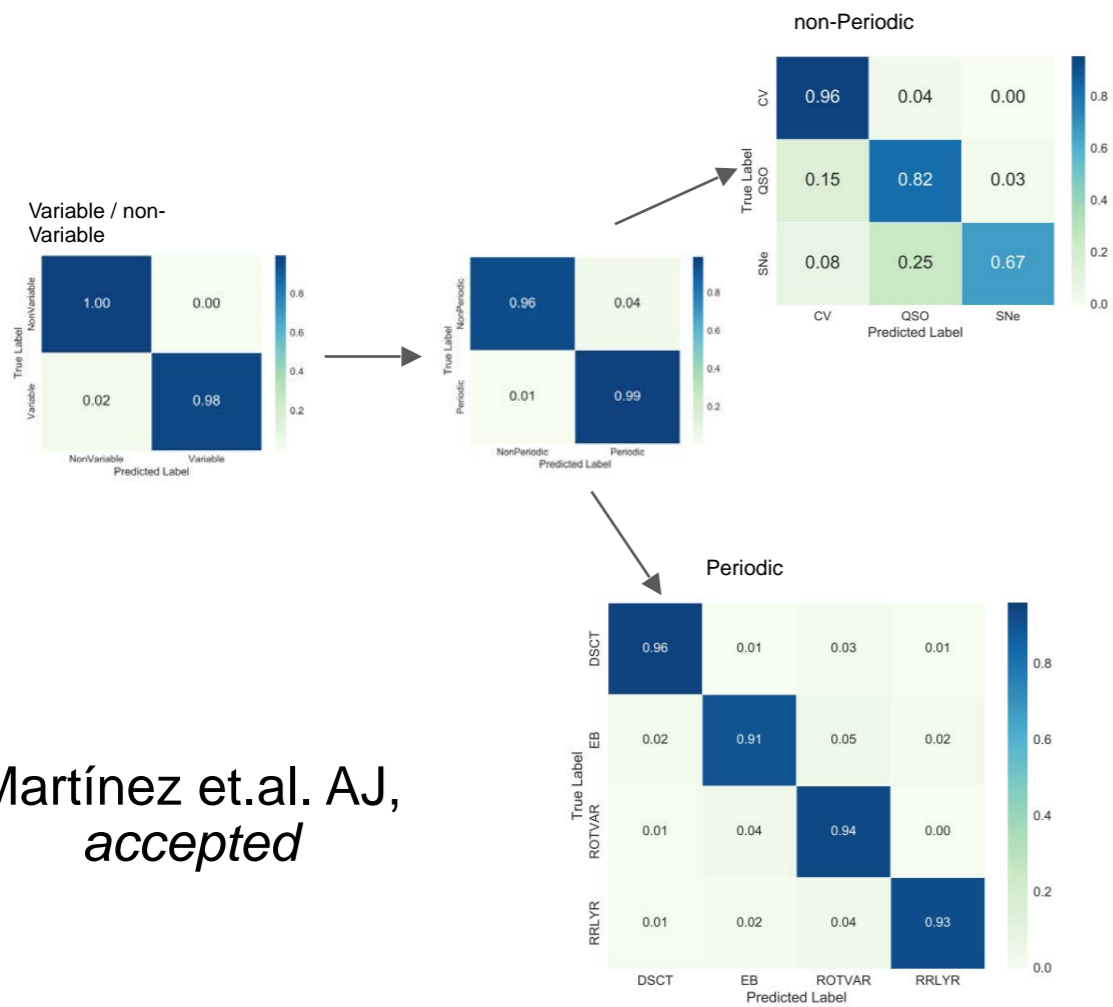
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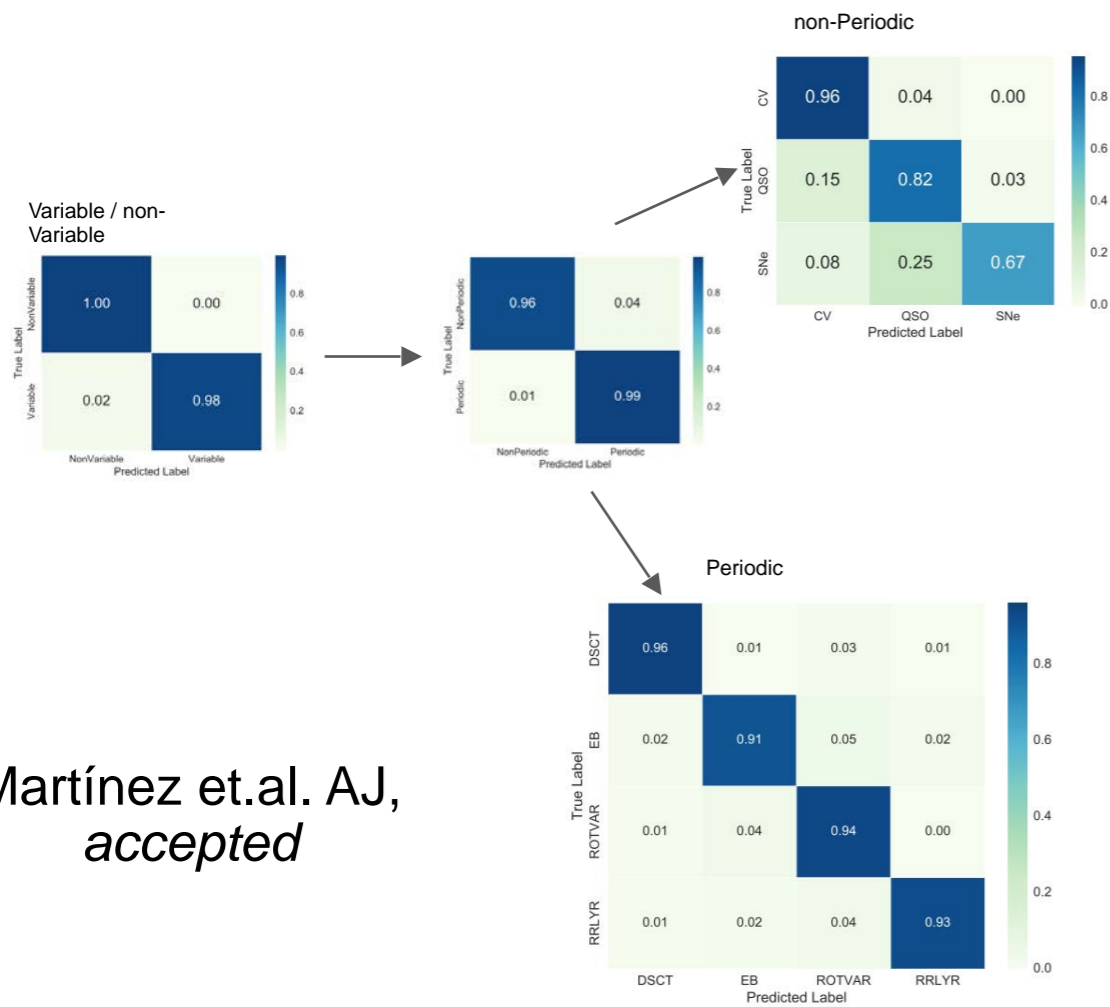


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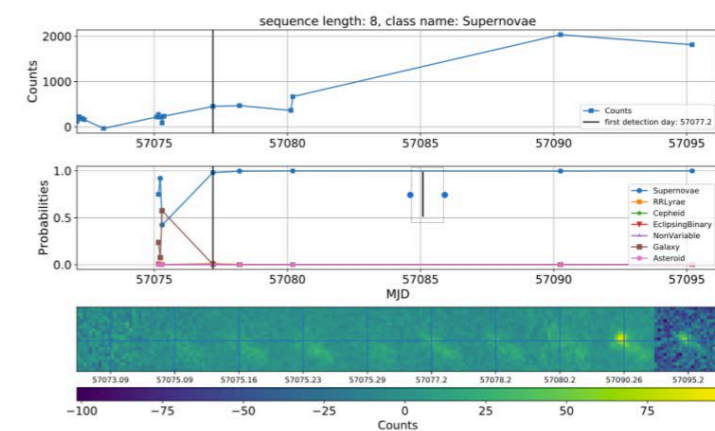
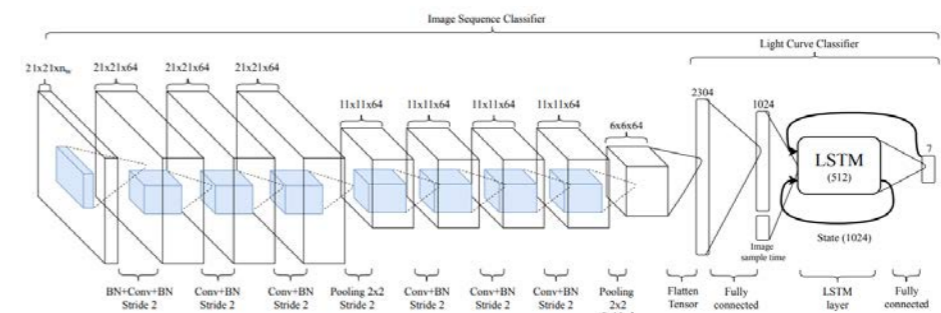
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Martínez et.al. AJ, *accepted*

Image sequences

Convolutional recurrent NN



Carrasco-Davis et.al. *submitted*

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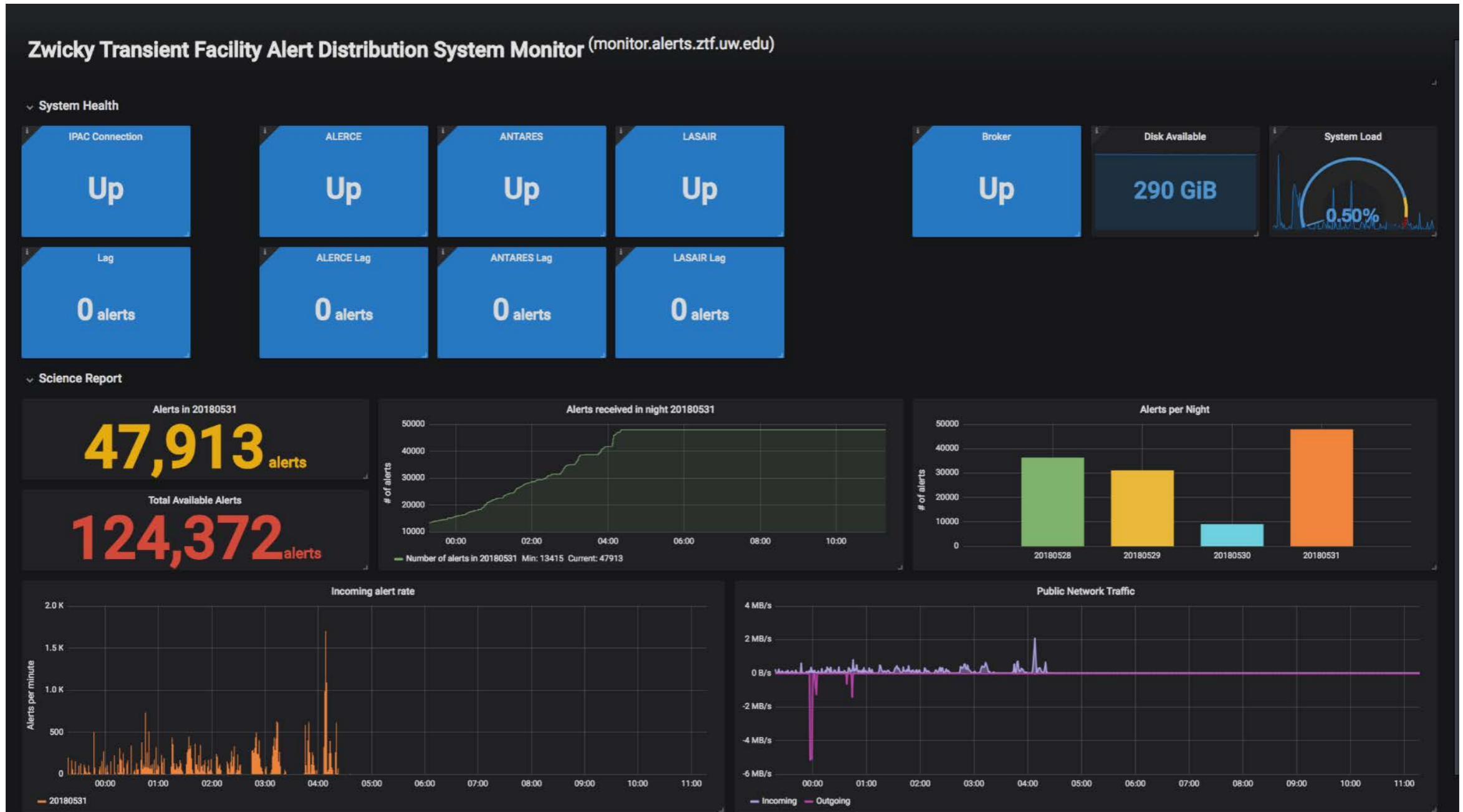
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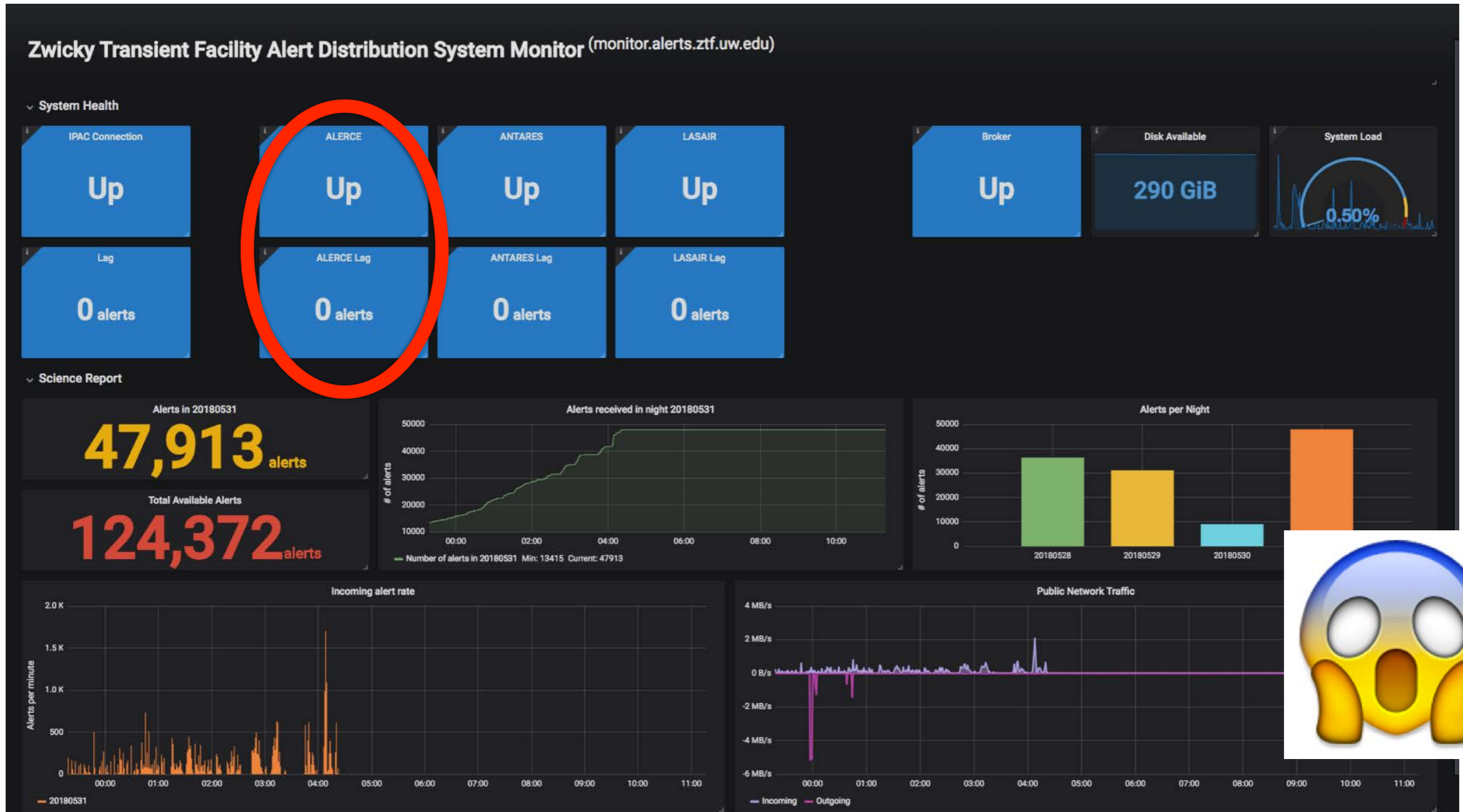
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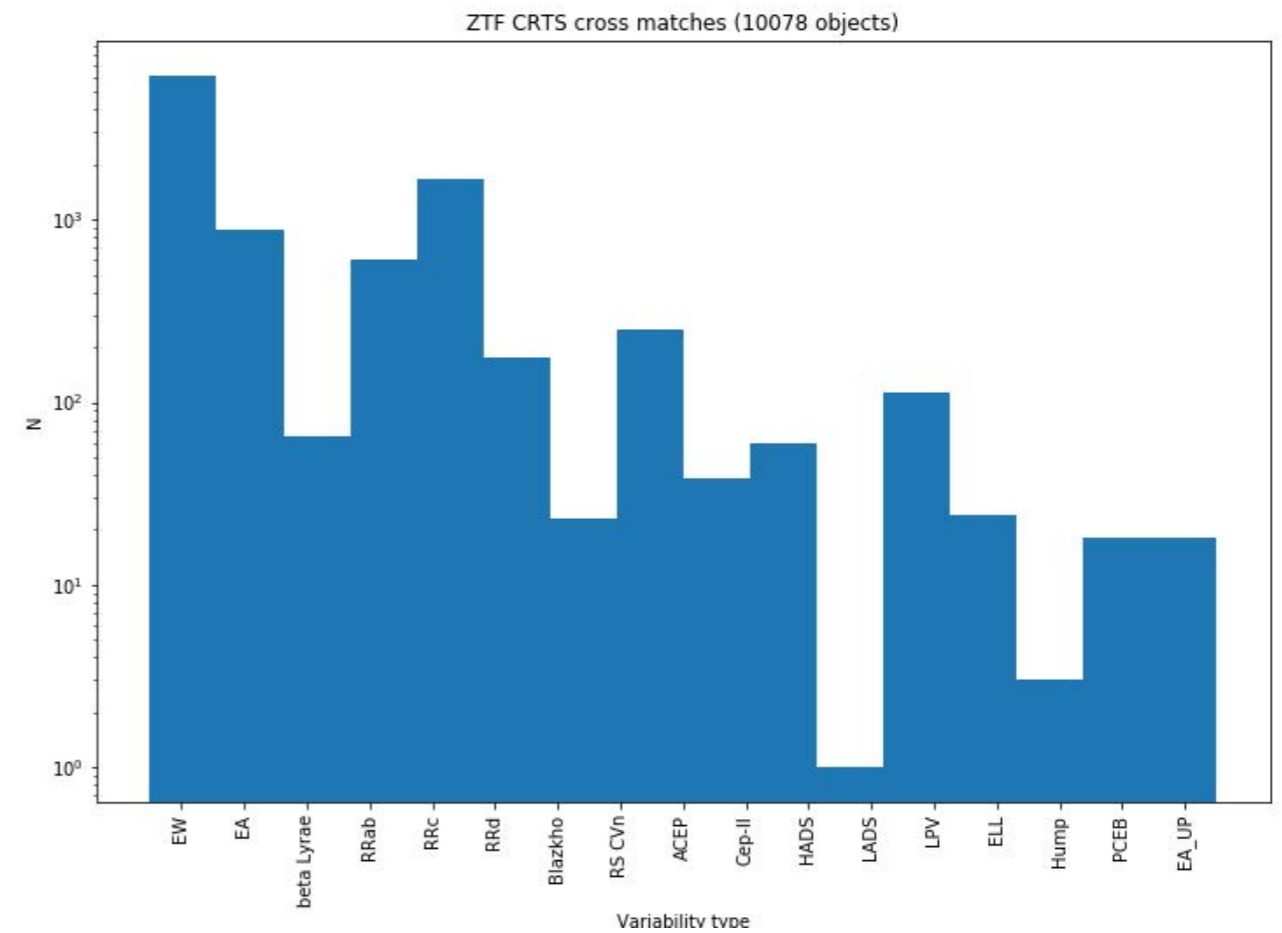
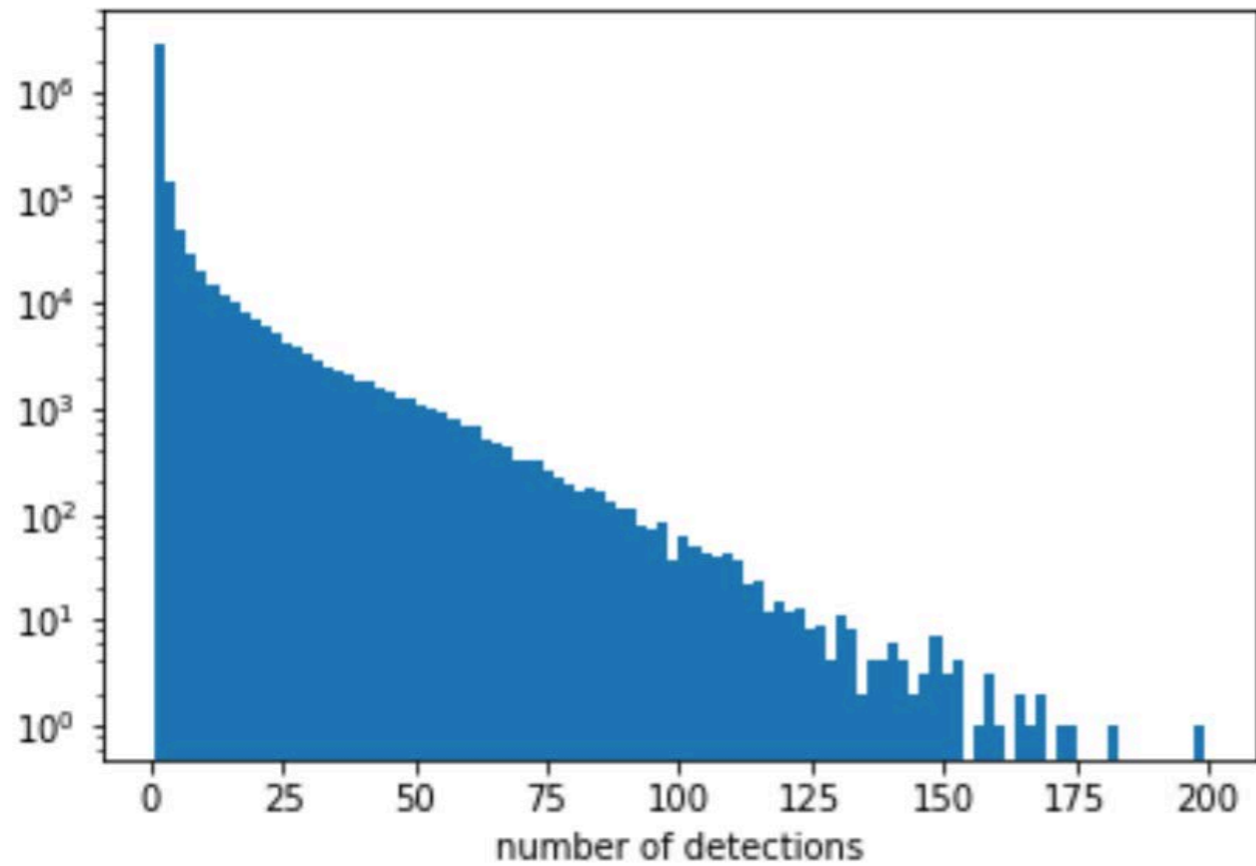
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