

# Anomaly Detection with Variational Autoencoders

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**1. Introduction**

**2. VAEs**

**3. Applications**

# What is anomaly detection?

- Anomalies are deviations from **normal** behaviour.

- **Applications:**

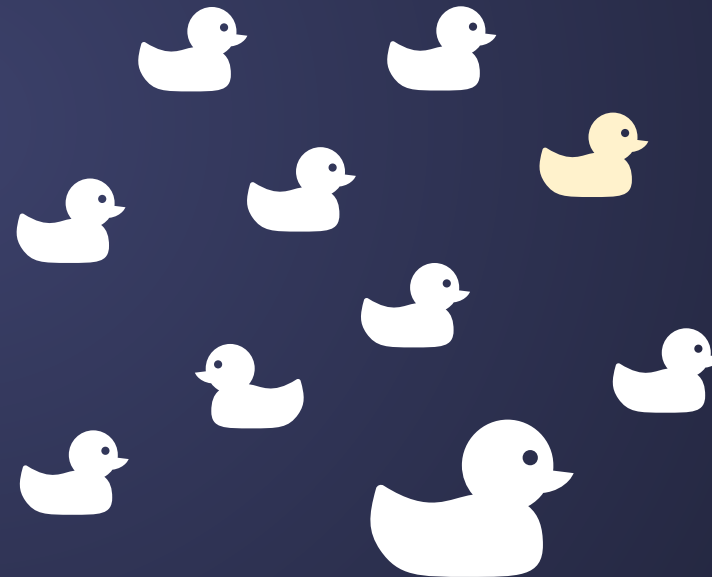
Fault detection

Fraud detection

Cyber intrusion detection

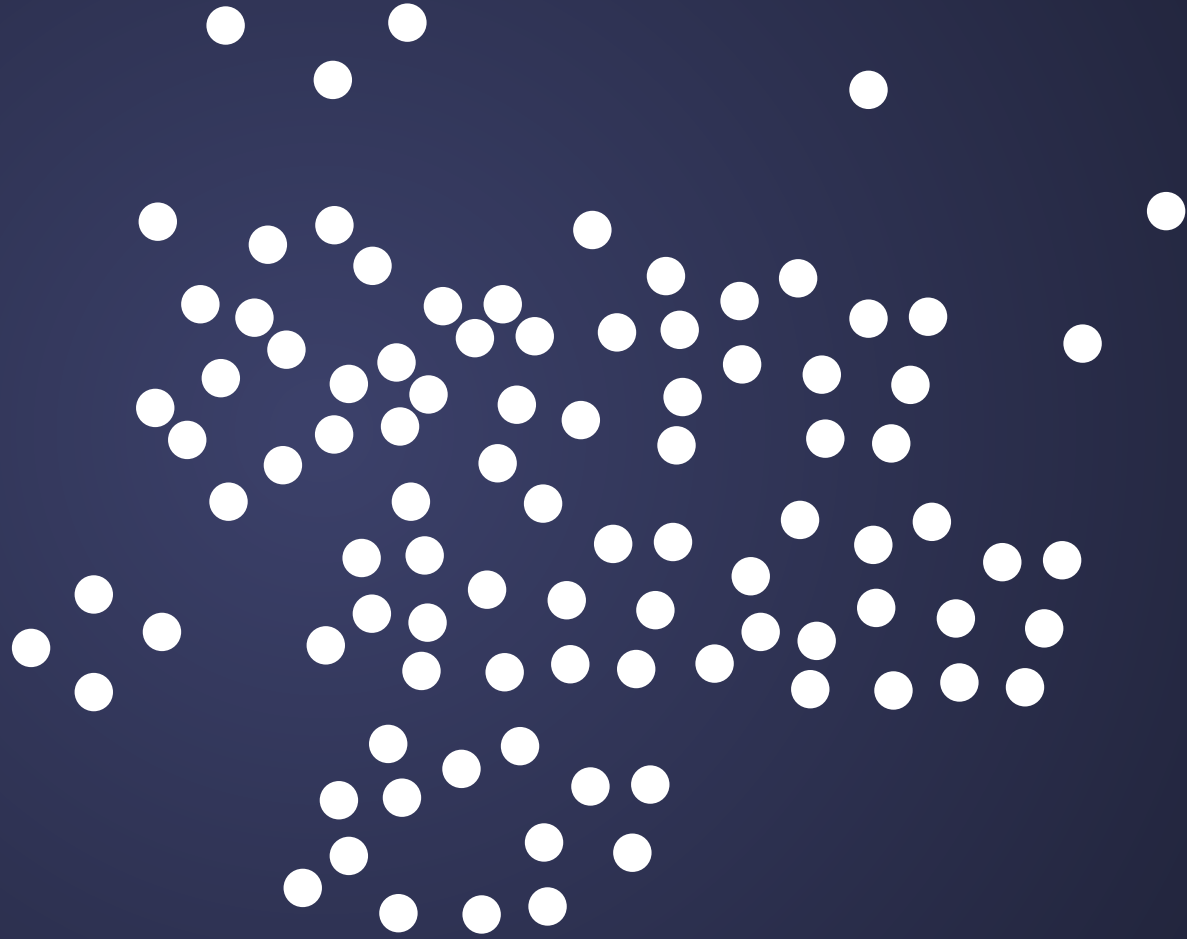
Video surveillance

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# Problem

$$\mathcal{X} = \{\mathbf{x}^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^N$$

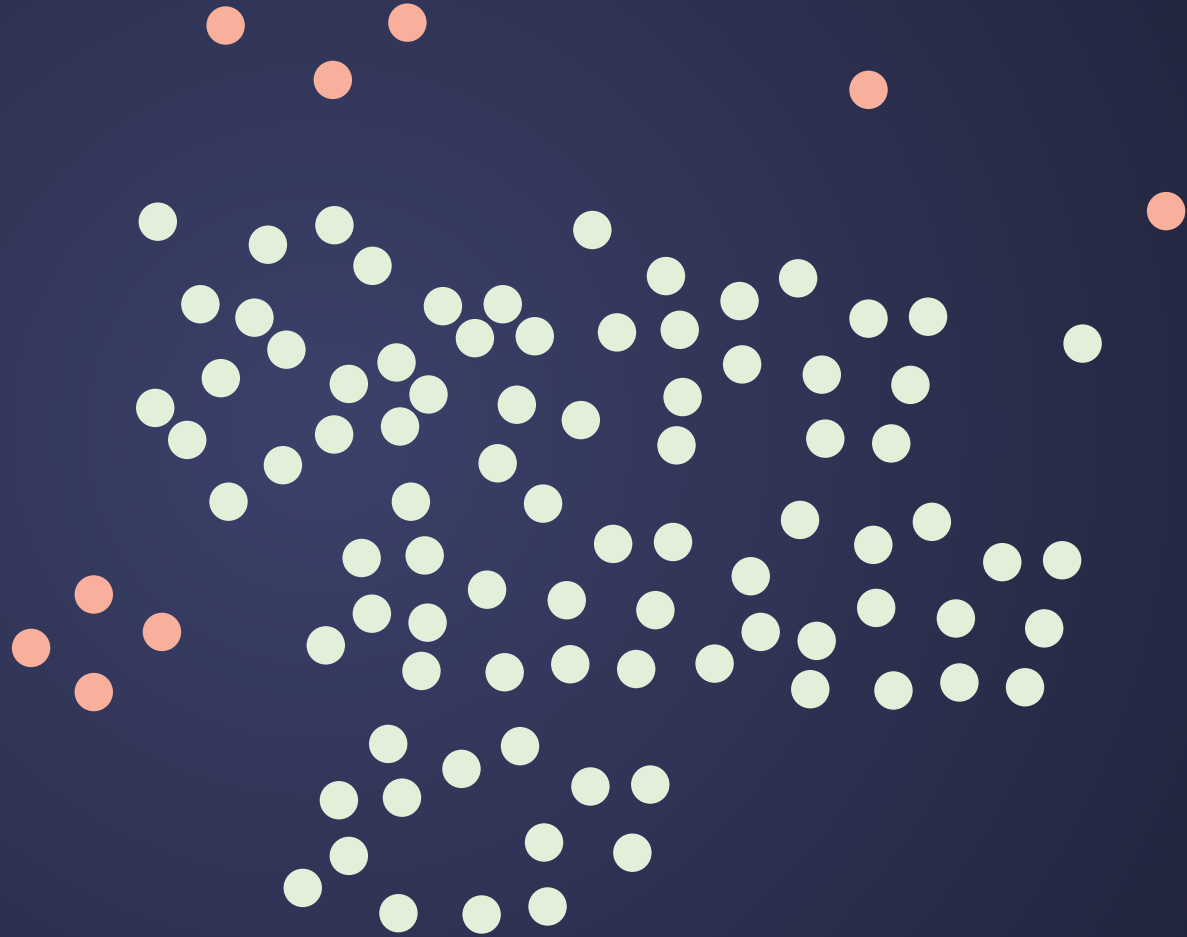


# Problem

$$\mathcal{X} = \{\mathbf{x}^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^N$$

● “Normal”

● “Anomalous”



# Two ways to go...

Classification  
supervised

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x})$$

Density Estimation  
unsupervised

$$p(\mathbf{x})$$

Anomaly Score

$$\mathbf{y} \in \{\text{green dot}, \text{orange dot}\}$$



# Challenges



## High Imbalance

# anomalies  $\ll$  # normal



## Scarce Labels

expensive, time

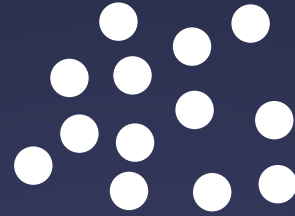


## Data Dimension and Size

curse of dimensionality



# Data is not i.i.d.

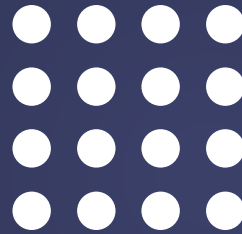


**Sequences**

e.g., time series, text



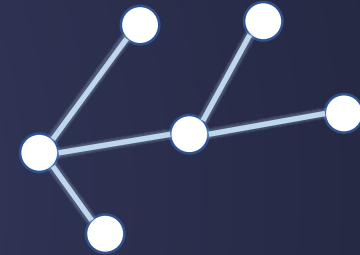
Temporal



**Images**



Spatial



**Graphs**

e.g., {social, transaction} networks



Relational

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# We learn a representation!



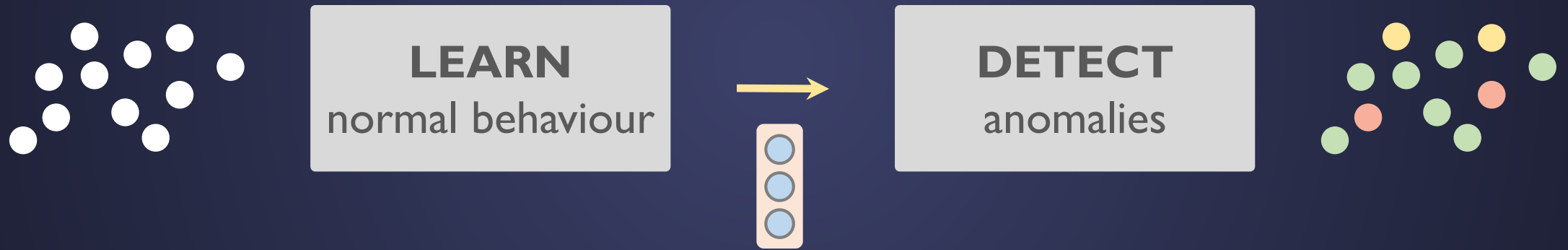
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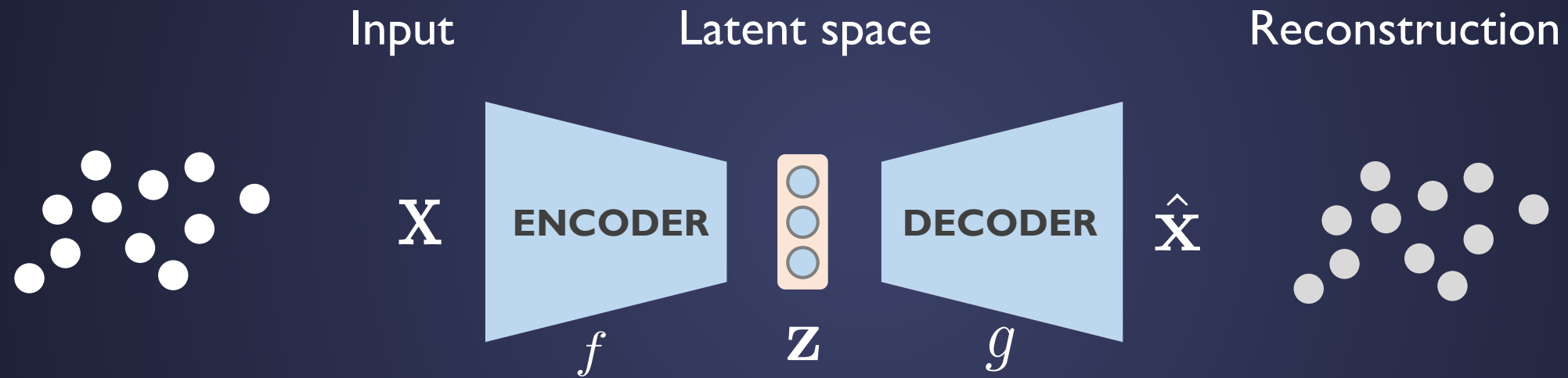
$$\mathcal{Z} = \{\mathbf{z}^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^N$$

Low-dimensional  
Structured  
Expressive

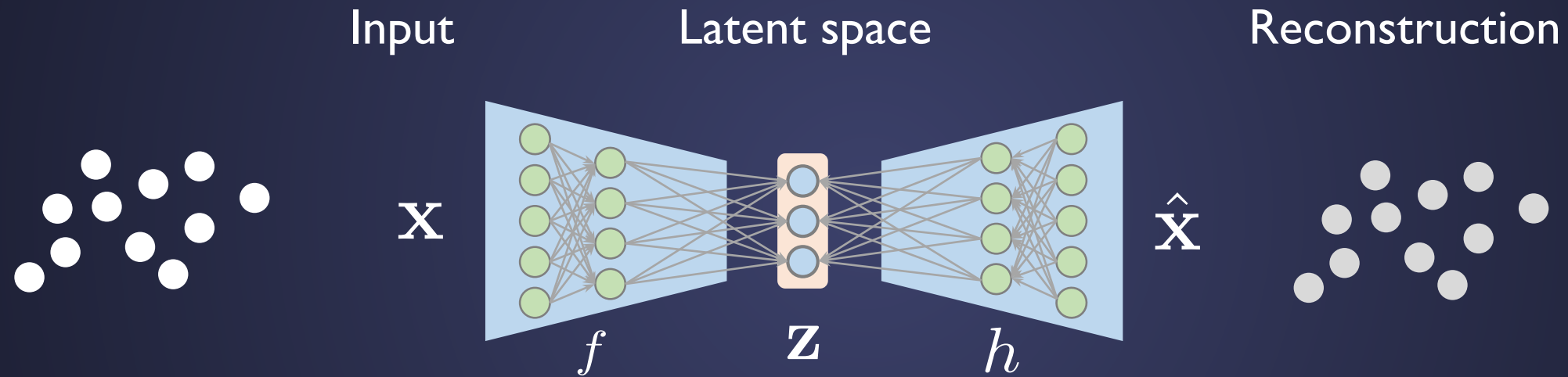
# Anomaly Detection Strategy



# Autoencoders



# Autoencoders



Loss function:  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{x}}) = ||\mathbf{x} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}||_2^2$



# Bayesian Deep Learning

Graphical  
models

NPBayes

GPs

BayesOpt

Variational  
inference

Monte  
Carlo



Thomas Bayes

Bayesian  
NNs

Deep  
generative  
models

VAEs

GANs

Autoregressive  
models



Geoffrey Hinton

Neural  
nets

ConvNets

RNNs

Attention

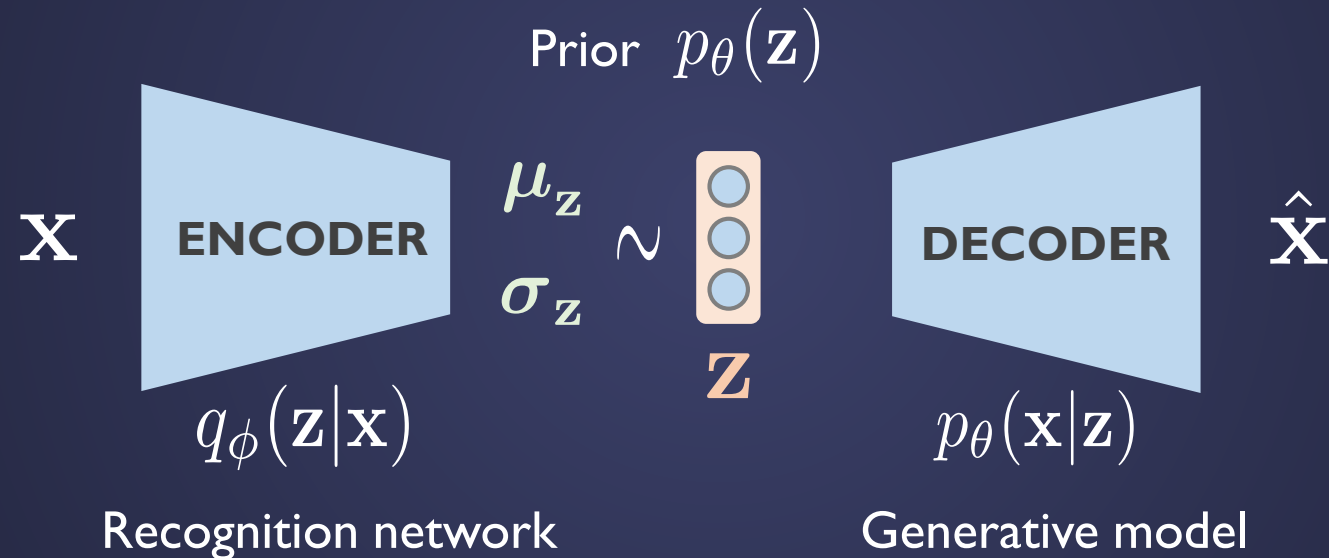
SGD

Dropout



# Variational Autoencoders

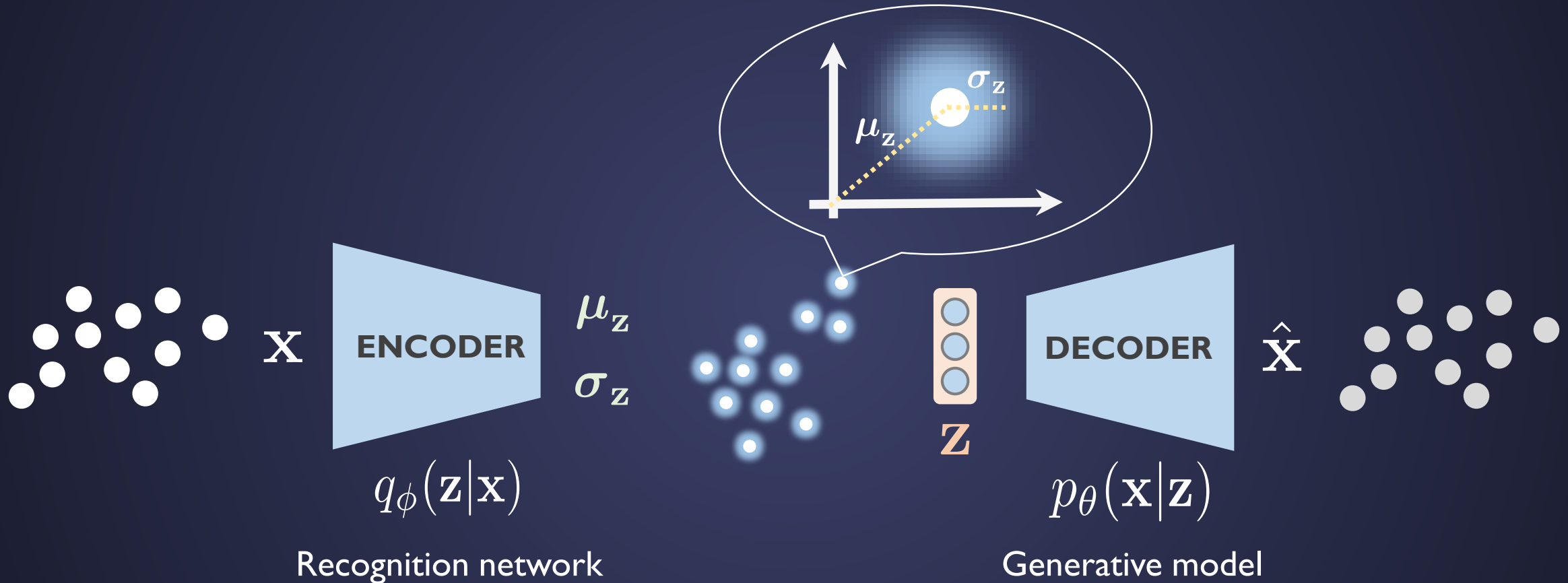
Kingma and Welling, 2014



$$\mathbf{z} = \mu_{\mathbf{z}} + \sigma_{\mathbf{z}}\epsilon$$
$$\epsilon \sim \text{Normal}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$$

Reparameterization trick

# Variational Autoencoders



# Variational Autoencoders

Kingma and Welling, 2014

We would like:

$$p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = \int_{\mathbf{z}} \underbrace{p_{\theta}(\mathbf{z})p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})}_{p(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{z})} d\mathbf{z} \longrightarrow \text{Intractable} \text{ 😞}$$

Build a tractable lower bound using *amortized variational inference*:

$$\log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})} [\log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})] - \mathcal{D}_{\text{KL}}(q_{\phi}(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) \| p_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}))}_{=\mathcal{L}_{\text{ELBO}}(\theta, \phi; \mathbf{x})} + \underbrace{\mathcal{D}_{\text{KL}}(q_{\phi}(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) \| p_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}))}_{\geq 0}$$

# Variational Autoencoder

Kingma and Welling, 2014

**Objective:** Maximize the Evidence Lower Bound (ELBO)

$$\log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) \geq \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})} [\log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})]}_{\text{Reconstruction term}} - \underbrace{\mathcal{D}_{\text{KL}}(q_{\phi}(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) || p_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}))}_{\text{Regularization term}}$$

$\mathcal{L}_{\text{ELBO}}(\theta, \phi; \mathbf{x})$

Reconstruction term  
 $\propto -||\mathbf{x} - \mu_{\mathbf{x}}||^2$

Regularization term

# Which encoder/decoder?

~ iid



Feed-forward NN

**Sequences**



Recurrent NN (e.g., LSTM, GRU)

**Images**



Convolutional NN (e.g., ResNet, VGG16)

**Graphs**

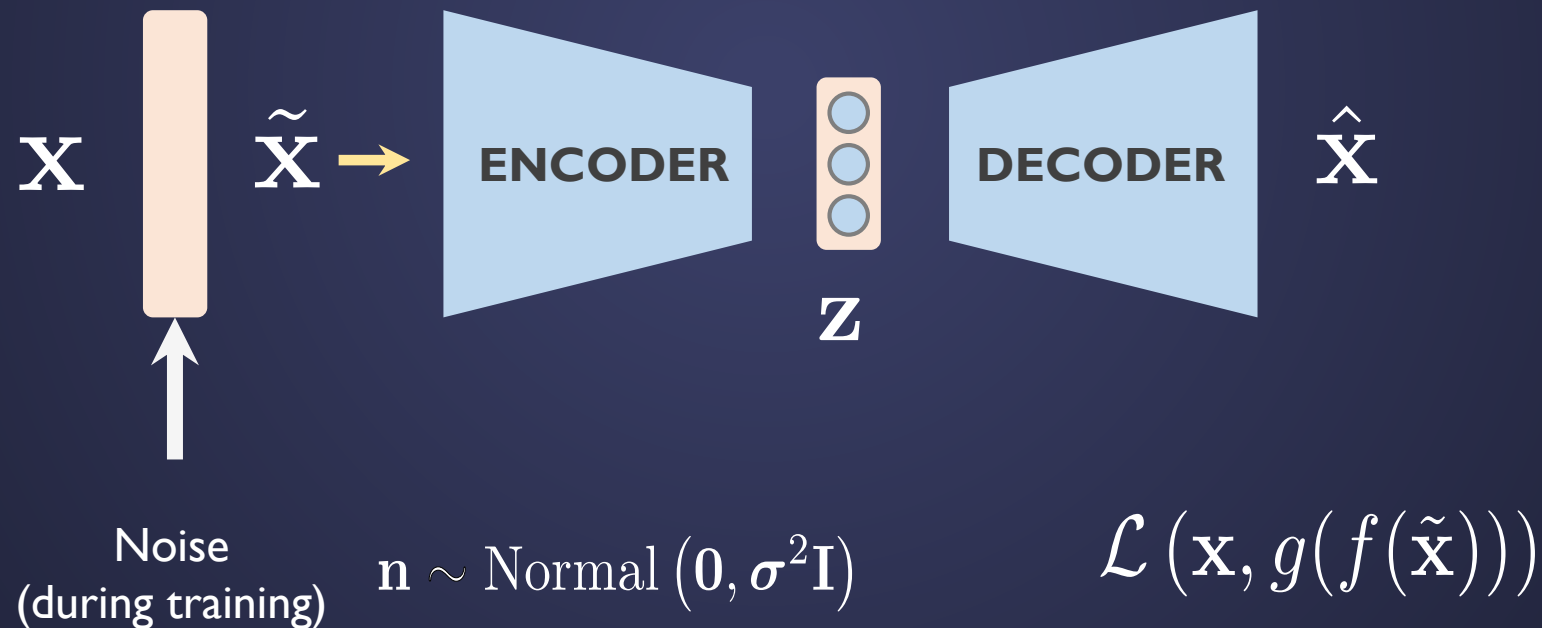


Graph NN (e.g., GCN)

# Regularization (I)

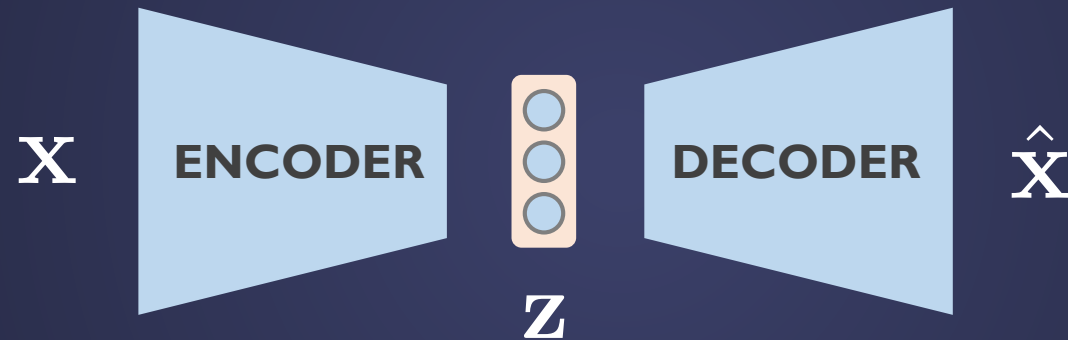
**Denoising criterion:** learn to reconstruct  $\mathbf{x}$  from a corrupted version  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$ .

Bengio et al., 2015



# Regularization (2)

**Representation sparsity:** promote a sparse  $\mathbf{Z}$ .

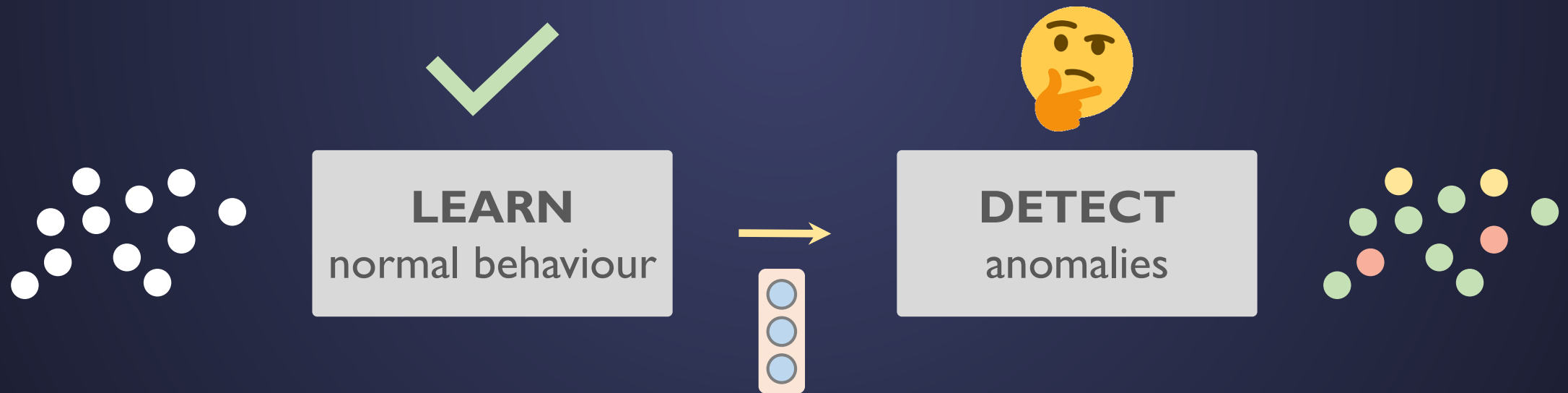


$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}, g(f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}))) + \Omega(\mathbf{z}) \quad \text{e.g., } \Omega(\mathbf{z}) = \lambda \|\mathbf{z}\|_1$$



Now, we have a data representation ( $z$ )...

How do we detect anomalies?

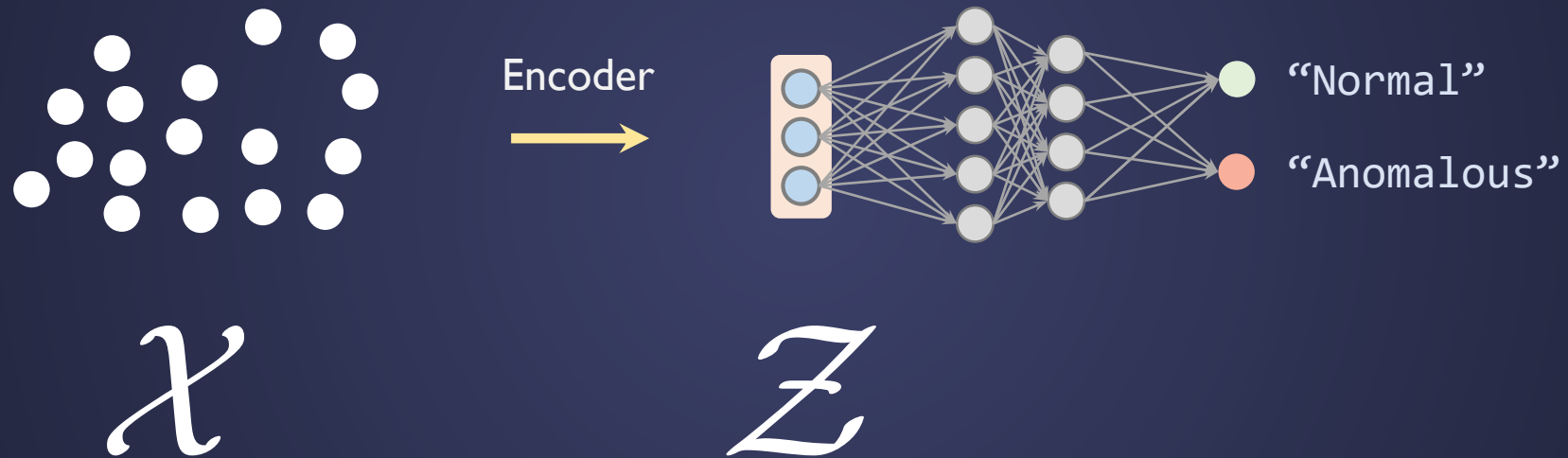


# Detection Strategy

## Availability of labels



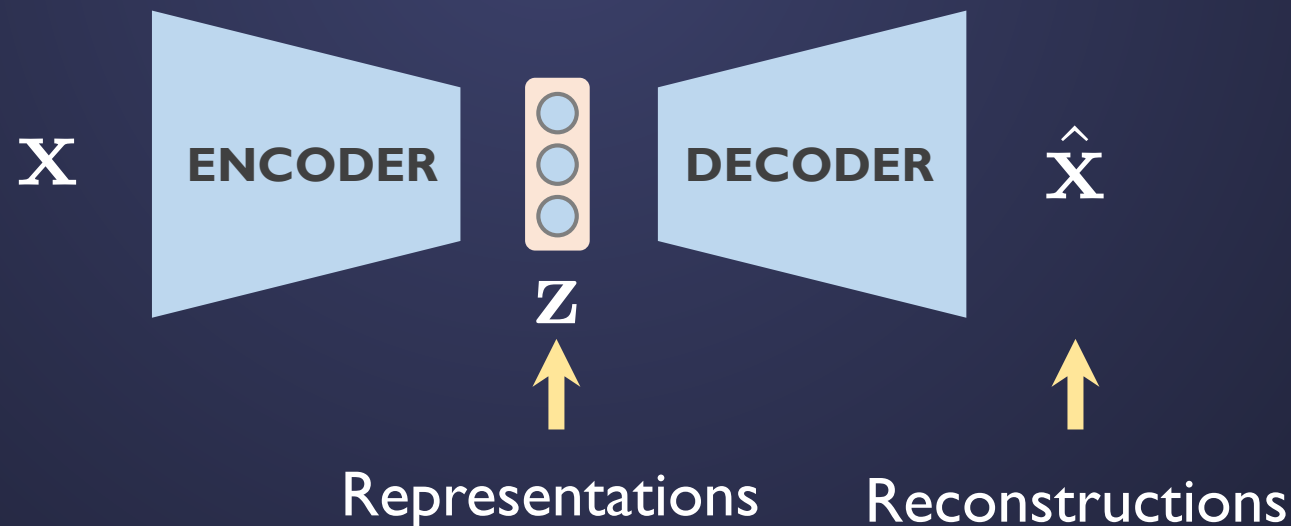
# Supervised Detection



# Unsupervised Detection

## Philosophy:

- VAE trained on mostly normal data
- **Reconstruction quality** for anomalies is **worst** → **Method 1**
- Anomalies are **represented differently** in  $\mathcal{Z}$  → **Method 2**



# Unsupervised Detection

## Method I – Reconstruction Quality

Reconstruction Error

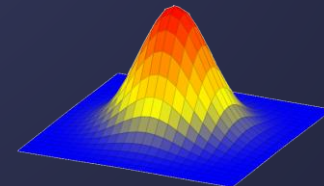
$$\frac{1}{L} \sum_{l=1}^L \left\| \mathbf{x} - \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}_l)]}_{\mu_{\mathbf{x}}} \right\|_1$$

L Monte Carlo samples

“Reconstruction Probability”

$$\frac{1}{L} \sum_{l=1}^L \log p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}_l)$$

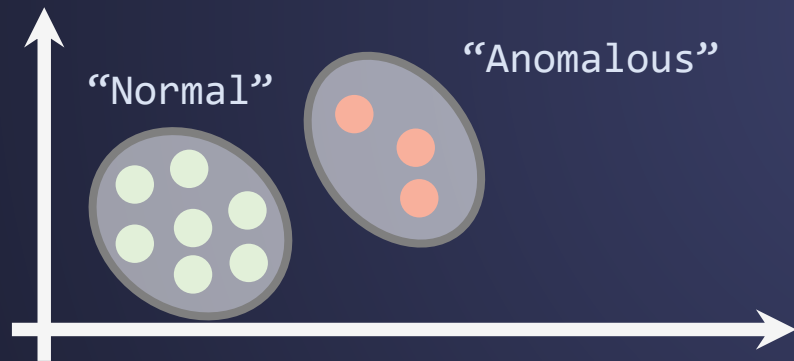
$$\mathbf{z}_l \sim q_{\phi}(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})$$



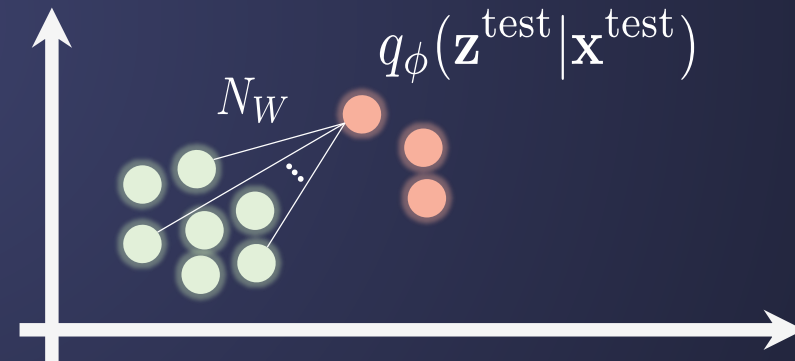
# Unsupervised Detection

## Method 2 – Latent Space

Clustering

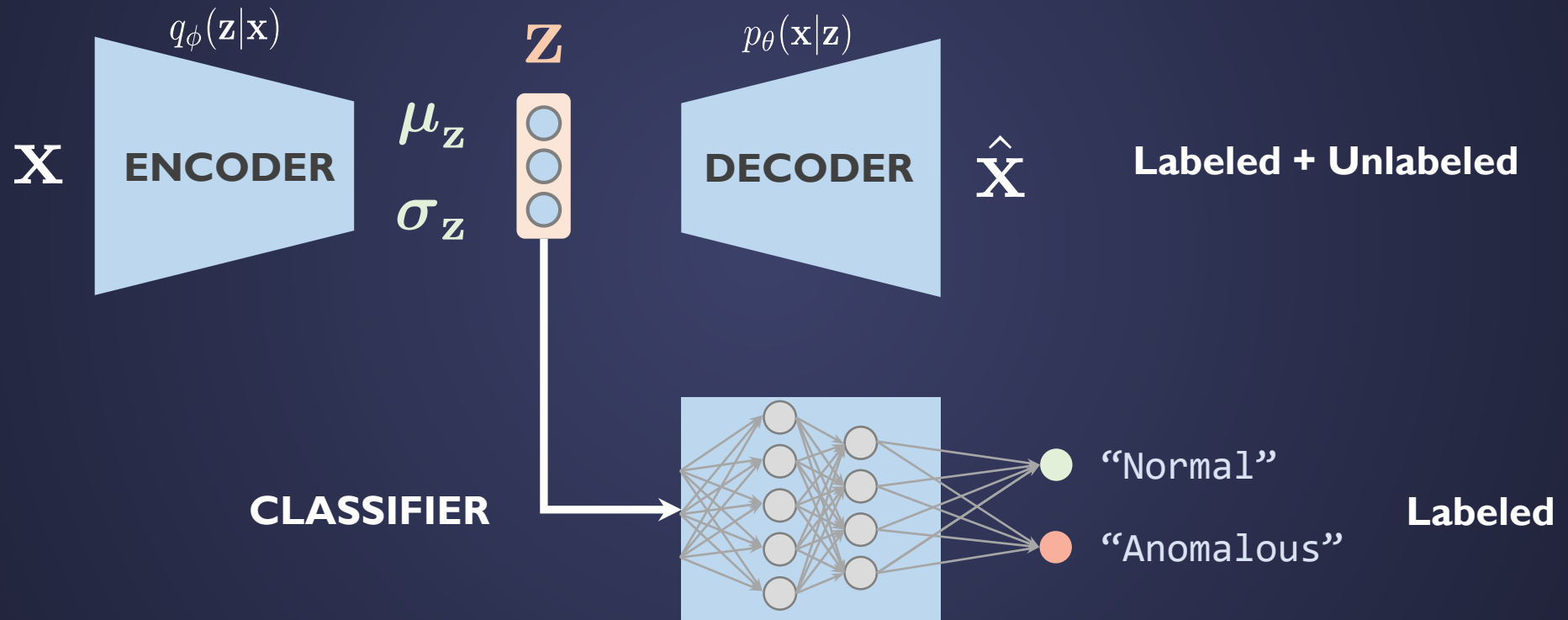


Wasserstein distance



$$\text{median}\{W(\mathbf{z}^{\text{test}}, \mathbf{z}^i)^2\}_{i=1}^{N_W}$$

# Semi-supervised learning with VAEs





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# Applications

Sensor time series

Brain images

Network graphs

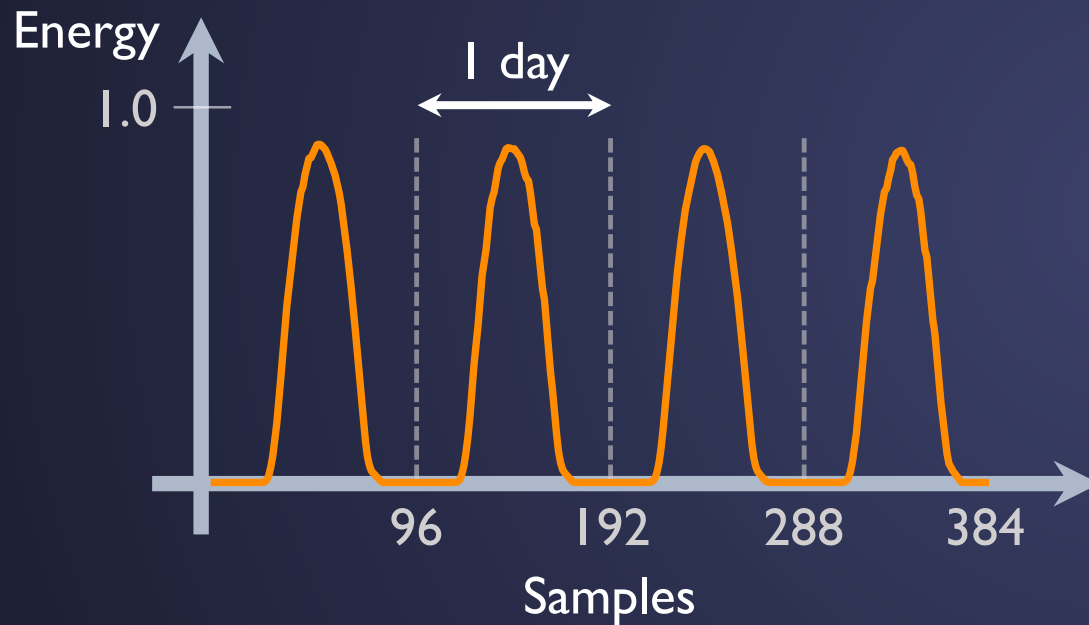
# Example I

## Sensor Time Series

# Example I – Sensor Time Series

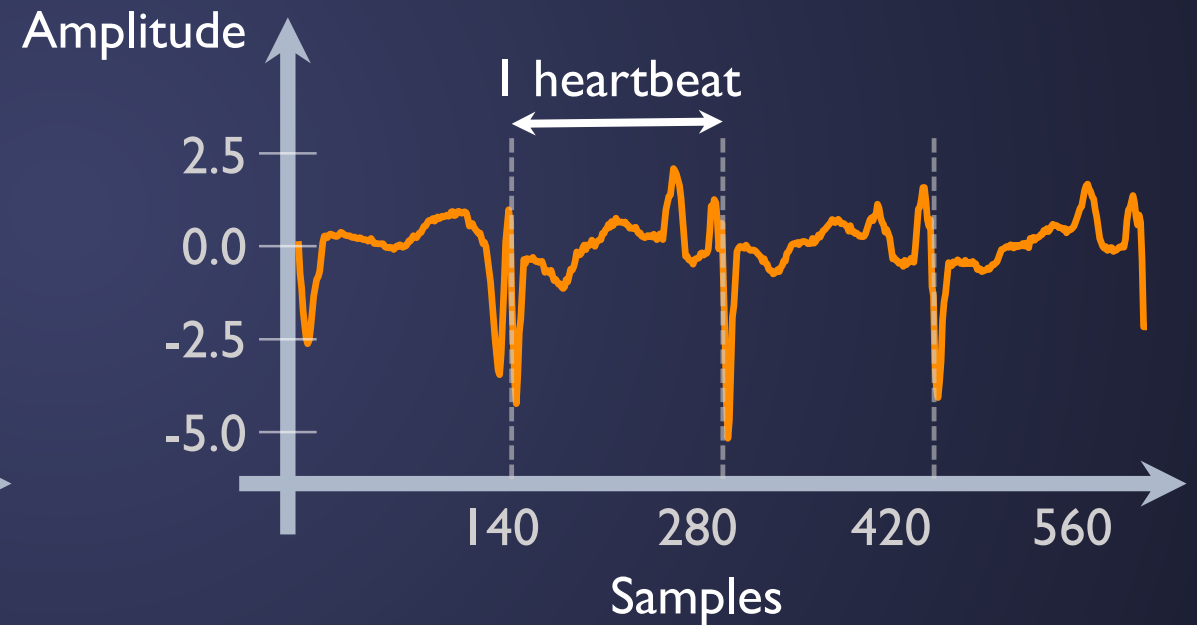
Pereira & Silveira, 2018

**Solar PV energy generation**



Proprietary dataset  
Unlabeled

**Electrocardiogram**



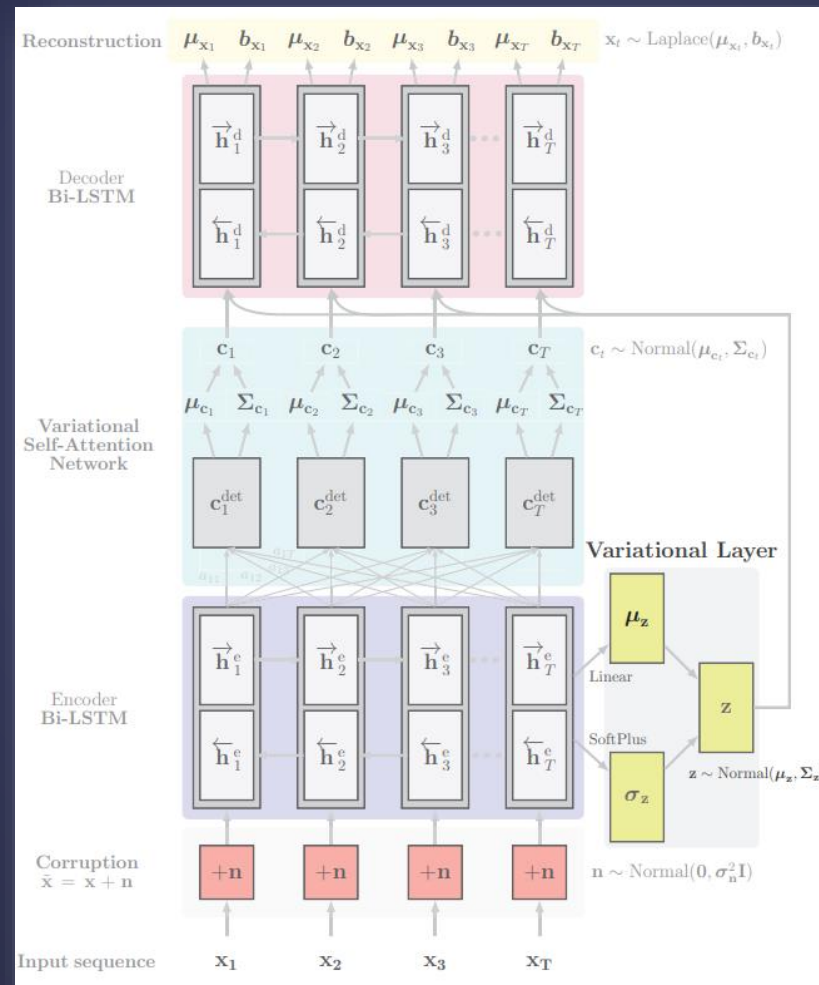
Public ECG5000  
Labeled

# Example I – Sensor Time Series

Pereira & Silveira, 2018

What does this  
reminds you of?!

Seq2Seq + attention



# Example I - Sensor Time Series

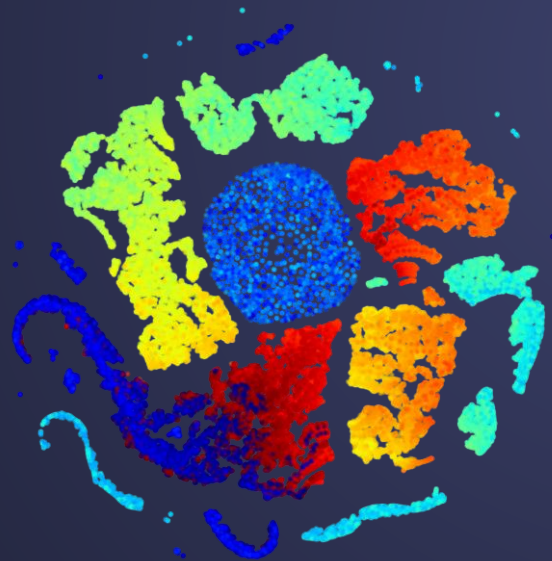
Pereira & Silveira, 2018

Solar Energy, Method I – Reconstruction Quality

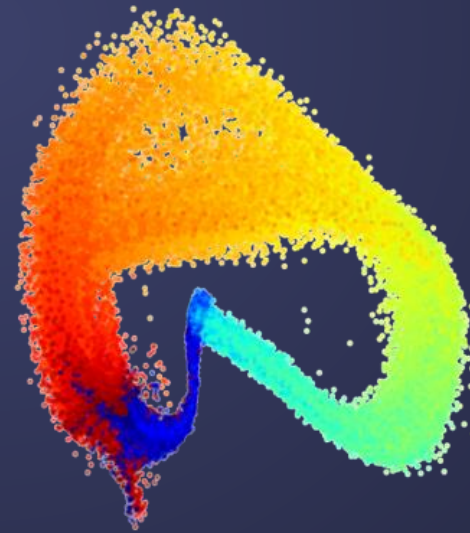
Variational Latent Space



$T=12 (<96)$   
 $\dim(z)=3$



t-SNE

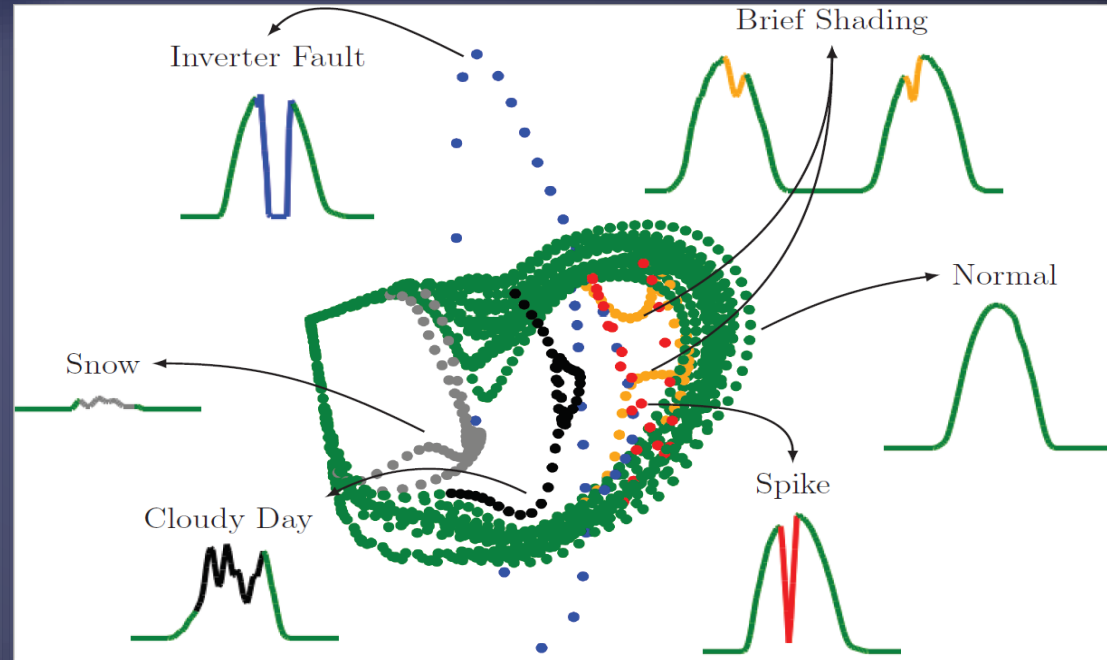
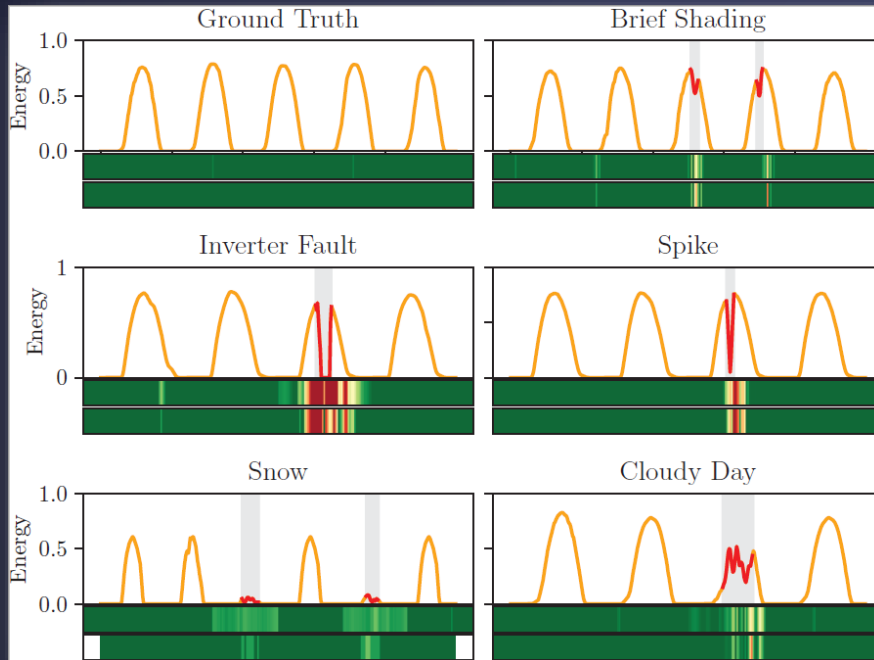


PCA



# Example I - Sensor Time Series

## Solar Energy, Method I – Reconstruction Quality



Top bar: reconstruction error  
Bottom bar: reconstruction probability

Reconstruction Error	"Reconstruction Probability"
$\frac{1}{L} \sum_{l=1}^L \left\  \mathbf{x} - \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x} \mathbf{z}_l)]}_{\mu_{\mathbf{x}}} \right\ _1$	$\frac{1}{L} \sum_{l=1}^L \log p(\mathbf{x} \mathbf{z}_l)$

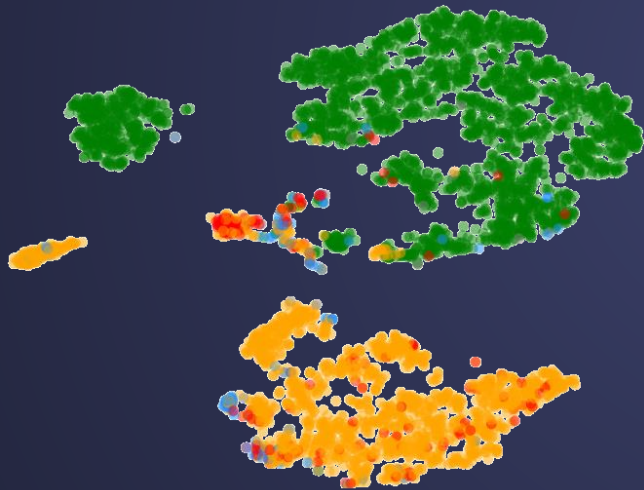


# Example I - Sensor Time Series

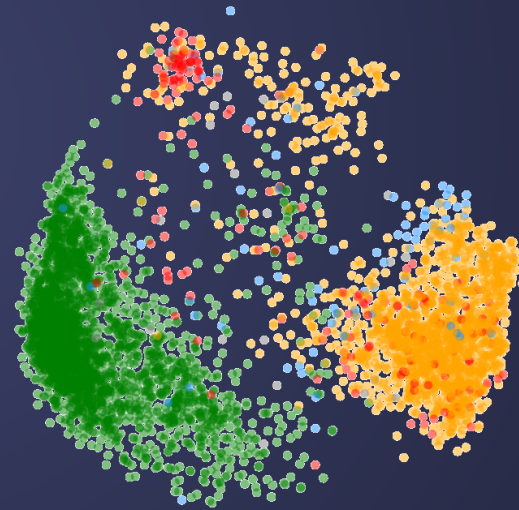
ECG5000, Method 2 – Latent Space

● “Normal”

$T=140$   
 $\dim(z)=5$



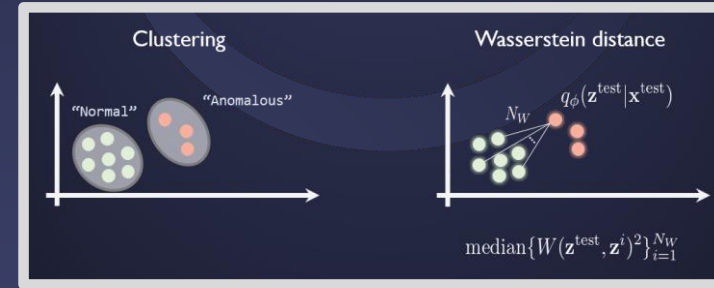
t-SNE



PCA

# Example I - Sensor Time Series

## ECG5000, Method 2 – Latent Space



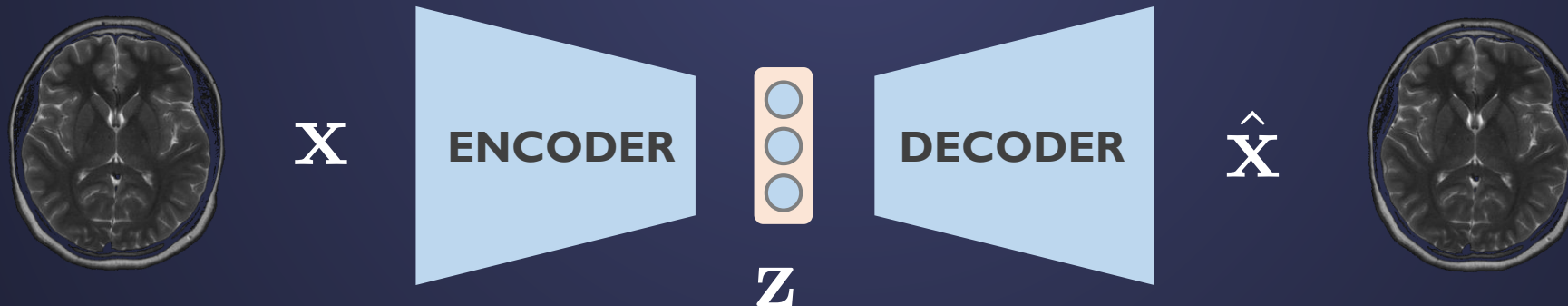
Source	S/U	Model	AUC	Acc	FI
Proposed	S	VRAE+SVM	0.9836	0.9843	0.9844
	U	<b>VRAE+Clust/W</b>	<b>0.9819</b>	<b>0.9596</b>	<b>0.9522</b>
Lei et al., 2017	S	SPIRAL-XGB	0.9100	-	-
Karim et al., 2017	S	F-t ALSTM-FCN	-	0.9496	-
Malhotra et al., 2017	S	SAE-C	-	0.9340	-
Liu et al., 2018	U	oFCMdd	-	-	0.8084

# Example 2

## Brain Images

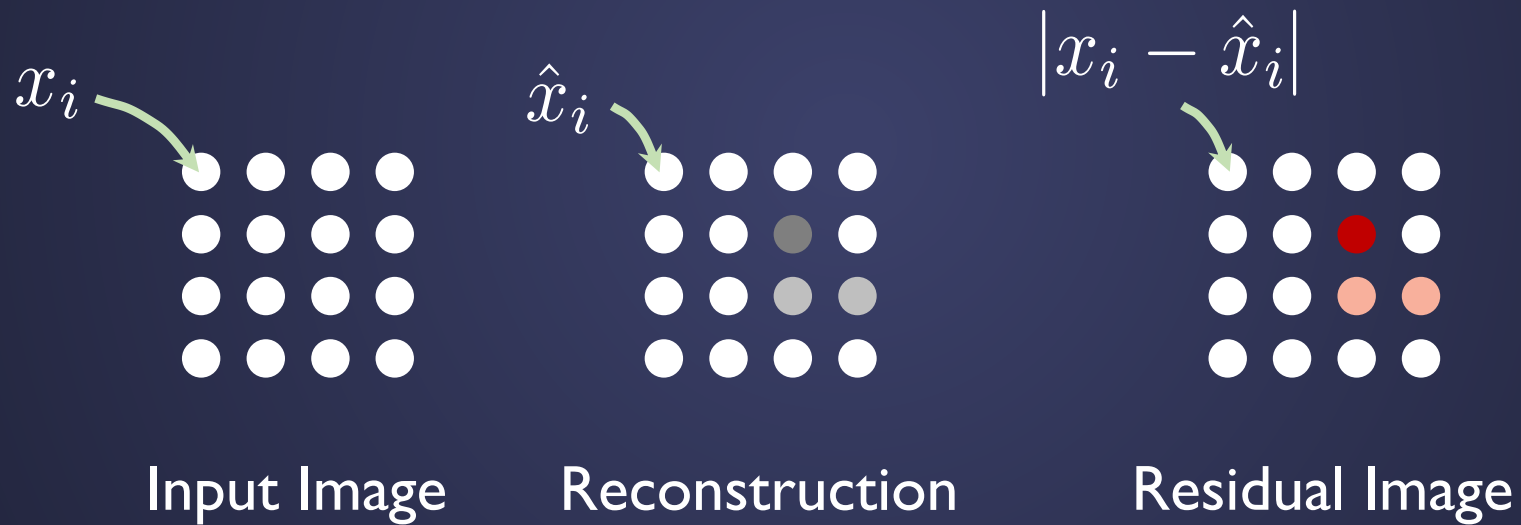
# Example 2 – Brain Images

- Detect **brain lesions**: trauma, infection, cancer...
- Early detection is crucial.
- Magnetic Resonance Images (MRI)



# Example 2 – Brain Images

**Anomaly score:** pixel-wise reconstruction error



# Example 2 – Brain Images

Unsupervised Detection of Lesions in Brain MRI Using Constrained Adversarial Auto-encoders, Chen & Konukoglu, 2018

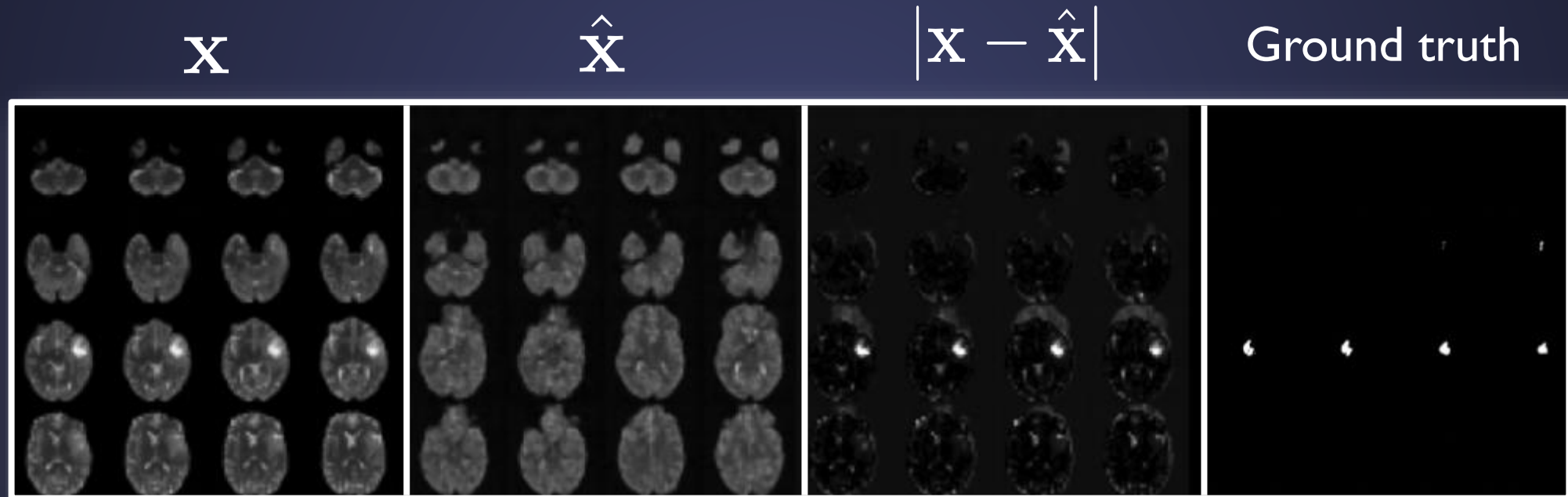
## Models

- Variational Autoencoder
- Adversarial Autoencoder

## Regularization

- “Representation consistency”  $\lambda \|z - \hat{z}\|^2$

## Example 2 – Brain Images



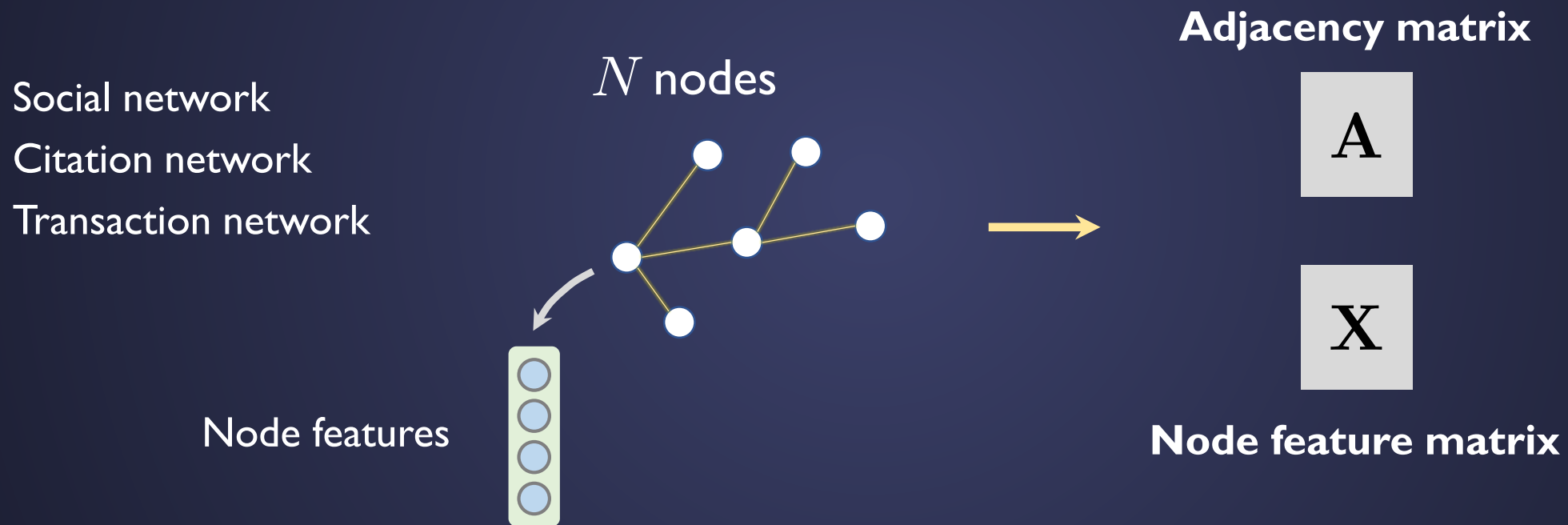
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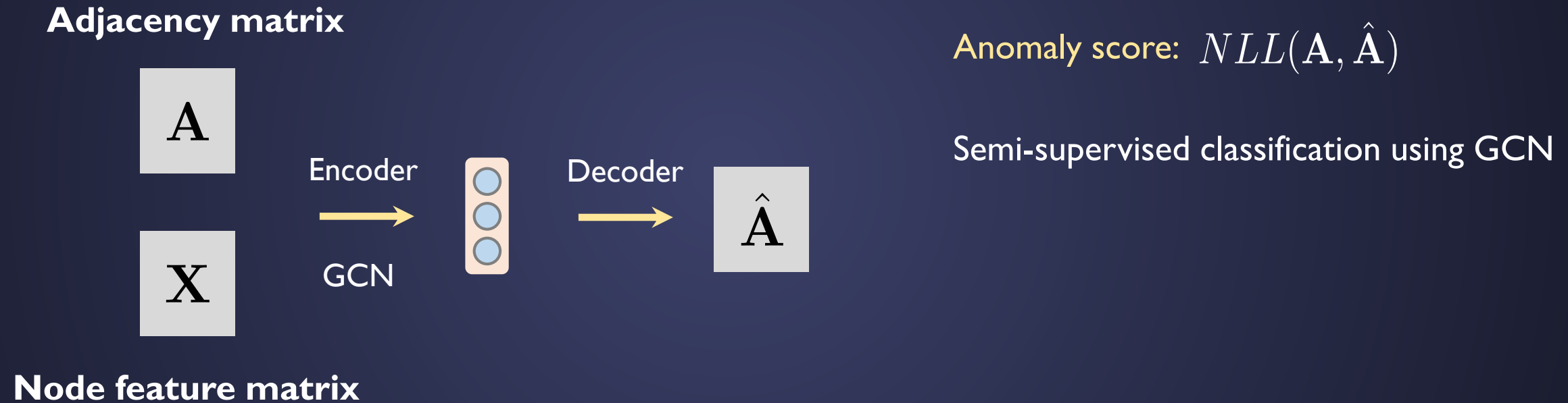
# Example 3

## Network Graphs

# Example 3 – Network Graphs



# Example 3 – Network Graphs



# Take home messages

- Deep learning is about representation learning
- Anomaly detection is not solved
- VAEs are flexible
- Scale well to big data
- Deal with class imbalance

# Take home messages

Anomaly Detection



Deep Learning

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## Anomaly Detection in Graphs

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## My works ([Link](#))

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