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Finding optimal hyperparameters for cleaning algorithms for the Cherenkov Telescope Array

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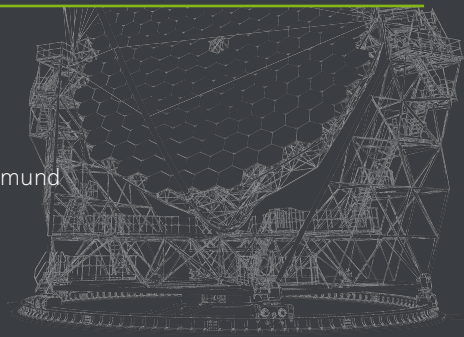

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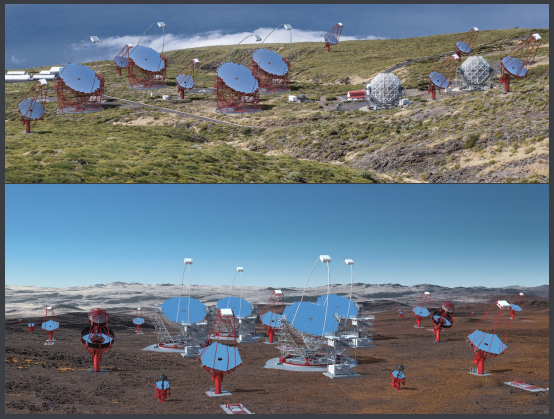
Introduction

The Cherenkov Telescope Array (CTA)

- 2 sites: CTA North and CTA South
- 3 types of telescopes:
  - Small-Sized Telescope (SST)
  - Medium-Sized Telescope (MST)
  - Large-Sized Telescope (LST)



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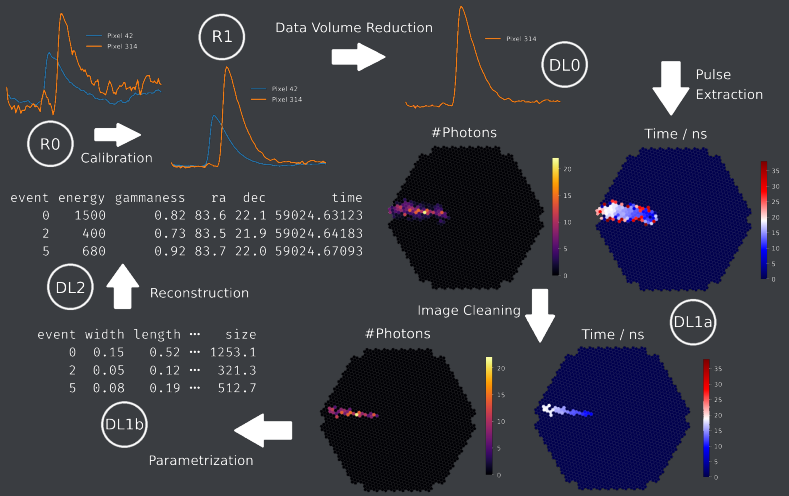

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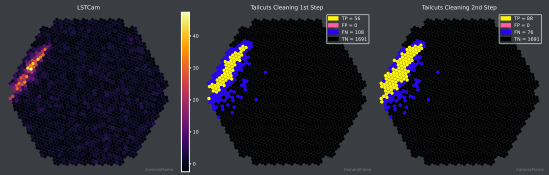
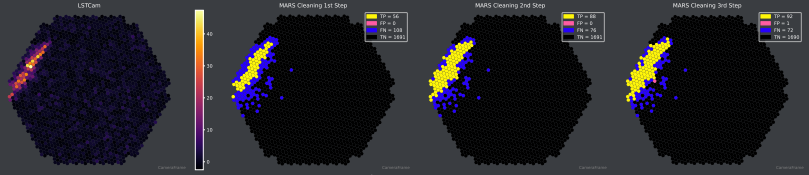
- Most basic implementation of the cleaning algorithms



Cleaning Algorithms

- TailcutsImageCleaner
- **MARSImageCleaner**
- FACTImageCleaner
- TimeConstrainedImageCleaner

- Selects pixels that pass a `picture` and `boundary threshold`, analogous to `TailcutsImageCleaner`
- Also selects pixels that are a neighbor of a neighbor of a core pixel, if they are above the `boundary threshold`



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- `MARSImageCleaner`
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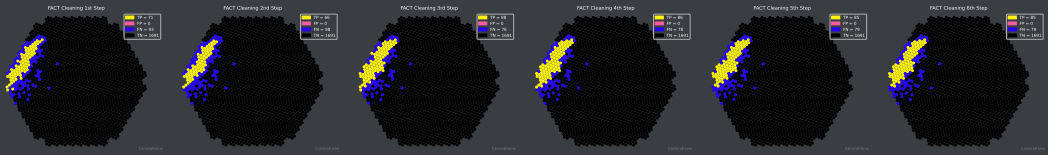
- `TimeConstrainedImageCleaner`

1. Finds all pixels that contain more photons than the `picture threshold`
2. Removes pixels with less than ***N*** neighbors
3. Adds remaining neighbors that are above the `boundary threshold`
4. Removes pixels that have less than ***N*** neighbors, that arrive within a given timeframe
5. Removes pixels that have less than ***N*** neighbors
6. Removes pixels that have less than ***N*** neighbors, arriving within a given timeframe



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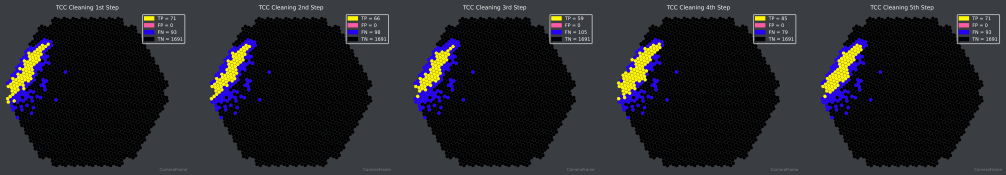
1. Finds all core pixels above the `picture threshold`
2. Removes pixels with less than ***N*** neighbors
3. Removes all pixels that arrive within a time limit of the average arrival time
4. Finds all neighbboring pixels above the `boundary threshold`
5. Removes all pixels with less than ***N*** neighbors arriving within a given timeframe



Data Processing with **ctapipe**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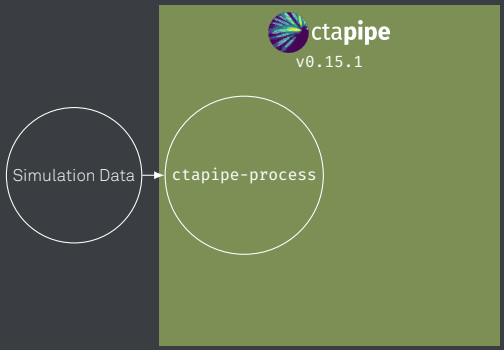
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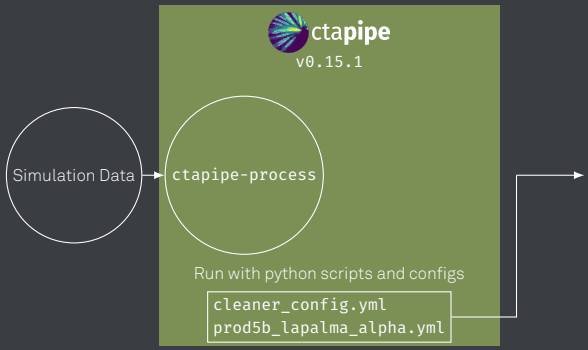
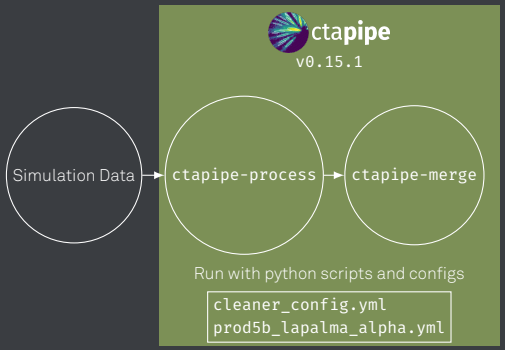



```yaml
ImageProcessor:
  image_cleaner_type: MARSImageCleaner

    MARSImageCleaner:
      picture_threshold_pe:
        - [type, "LST*", 8.5]
        - [type, "MST*NectarCam", 9.0]
      boundary_threshold_pe:
        - [type, "LST*", 4.75]
        - [type, "MST*NectarCam", 4.5]
      keep_isolated_pixels: false
      min_picture_neighbors: 2

    ImageQualityQuery:
      quality_criteria:
        - ["enough_pixels", "np.count_nonzero(image) > 2"]
        - ["enough_charge", "image.sum() > 50"]
```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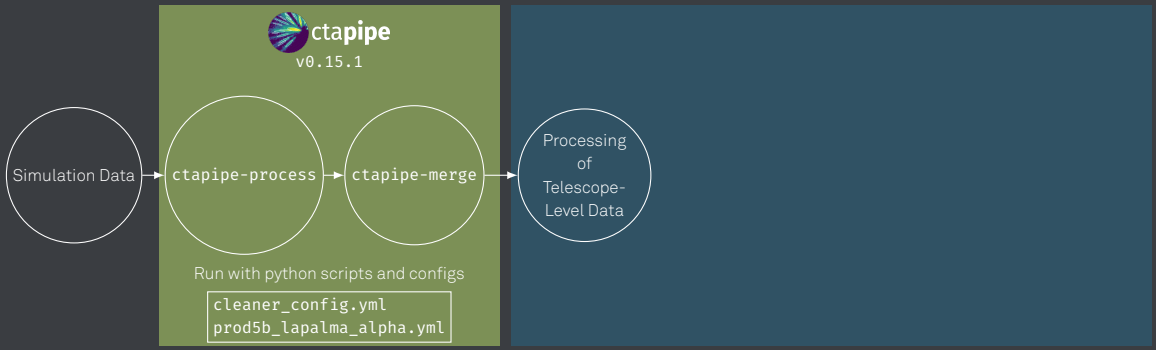
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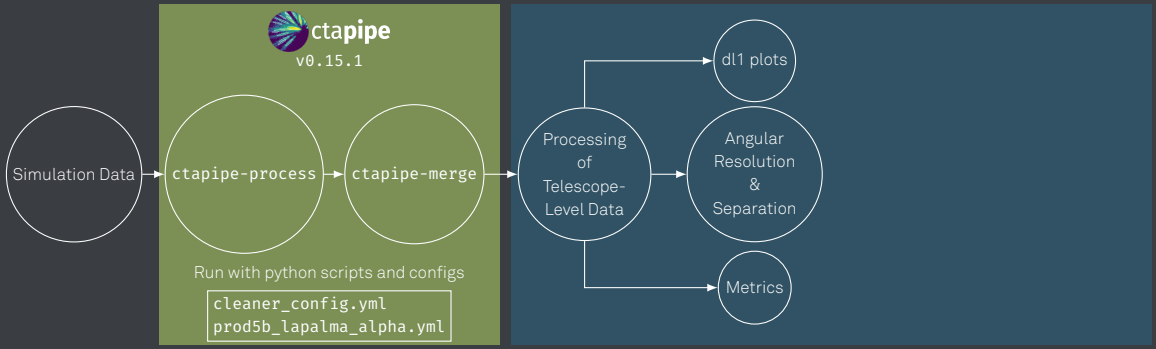
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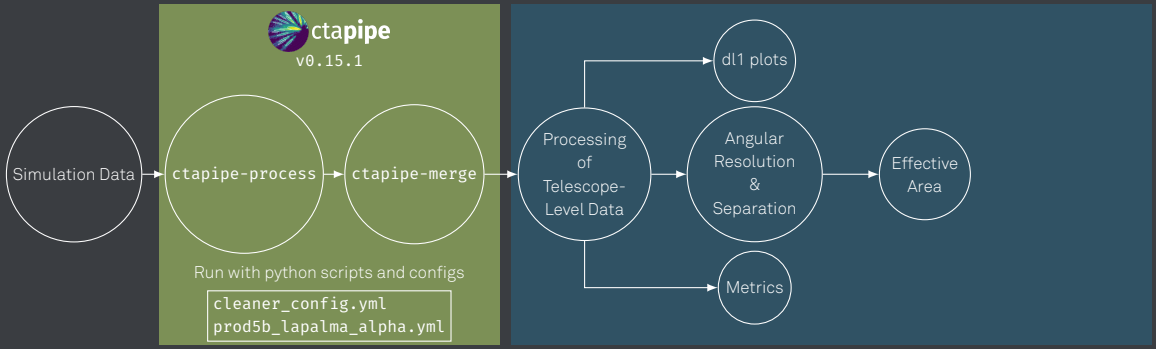
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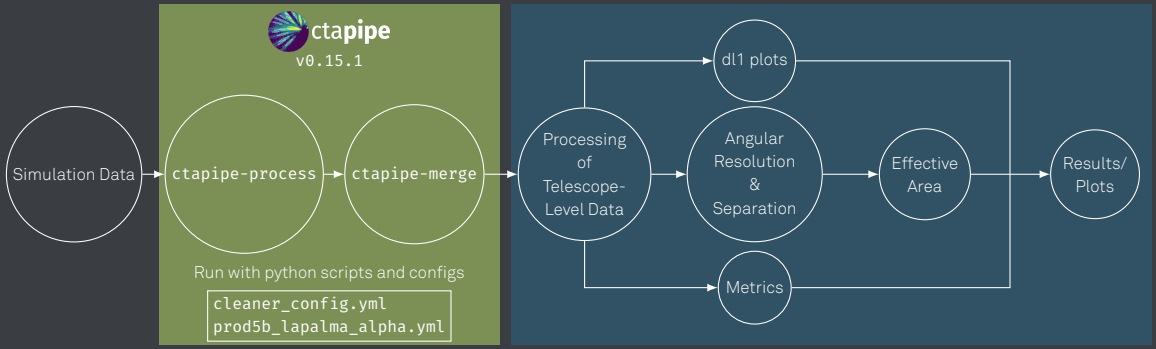
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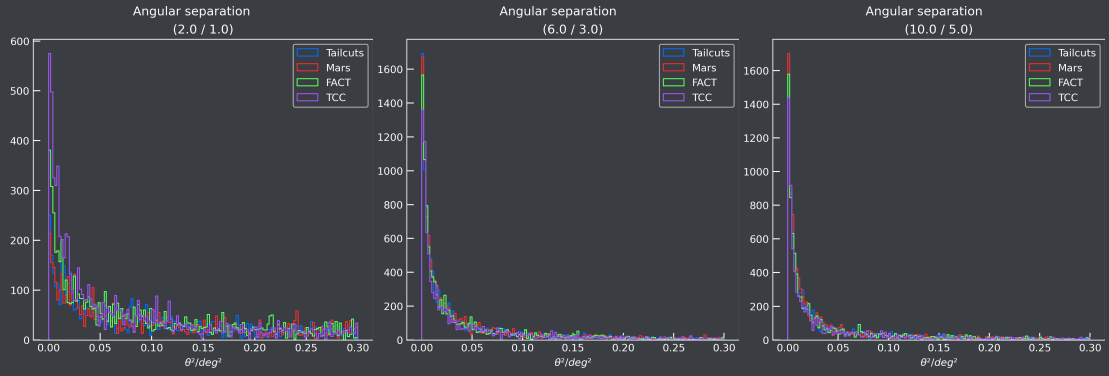
Results

Angular Separation



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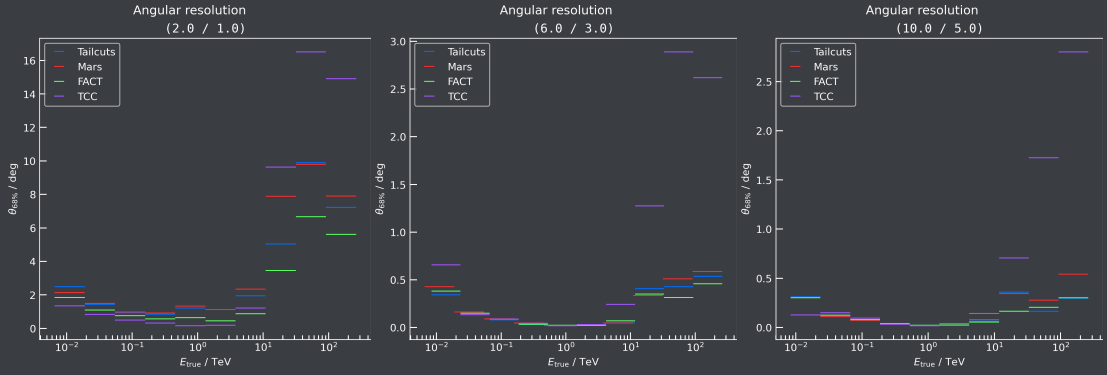
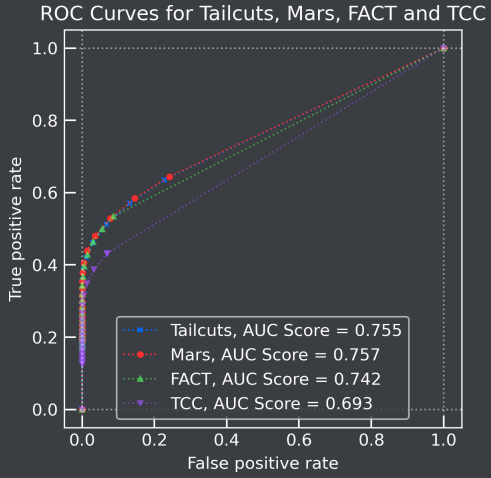
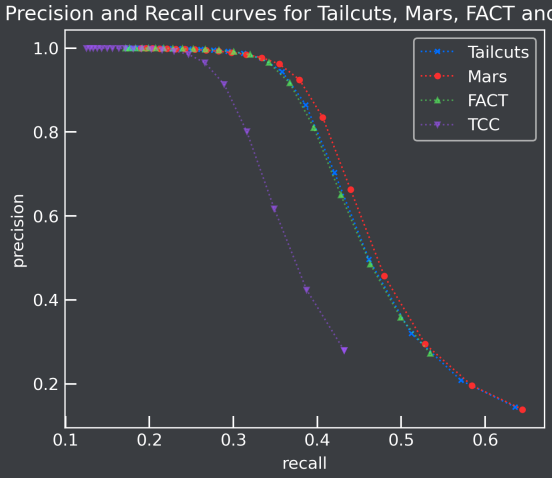


ROC curves and precision and recall curves





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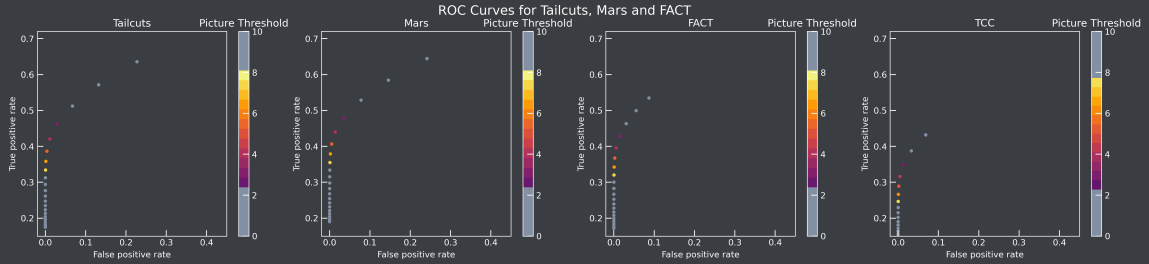
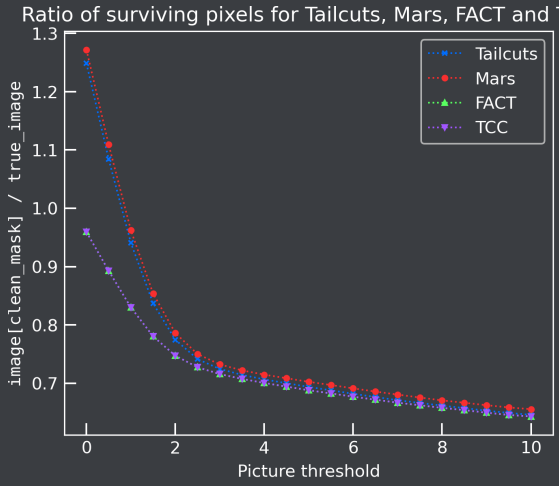
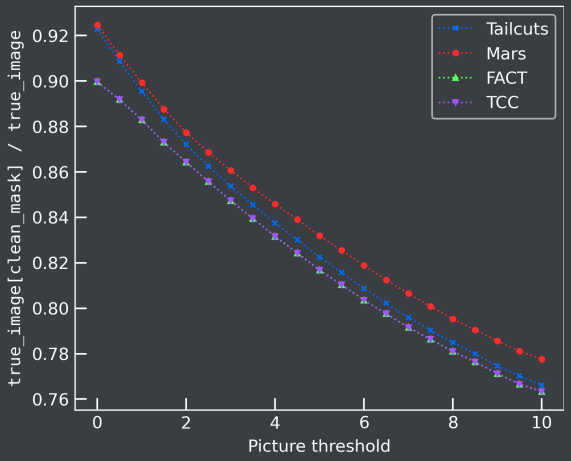


Ratio of Surviving Pixels





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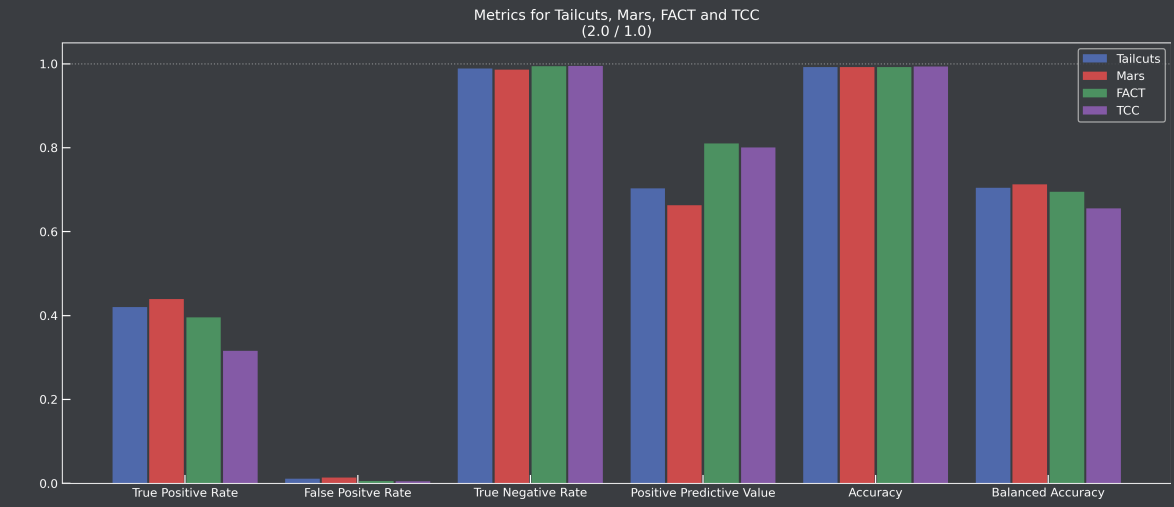
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(2.0 / 1.0)
Tailcuts
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1.0
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Positive Predictive Value
Accuracy
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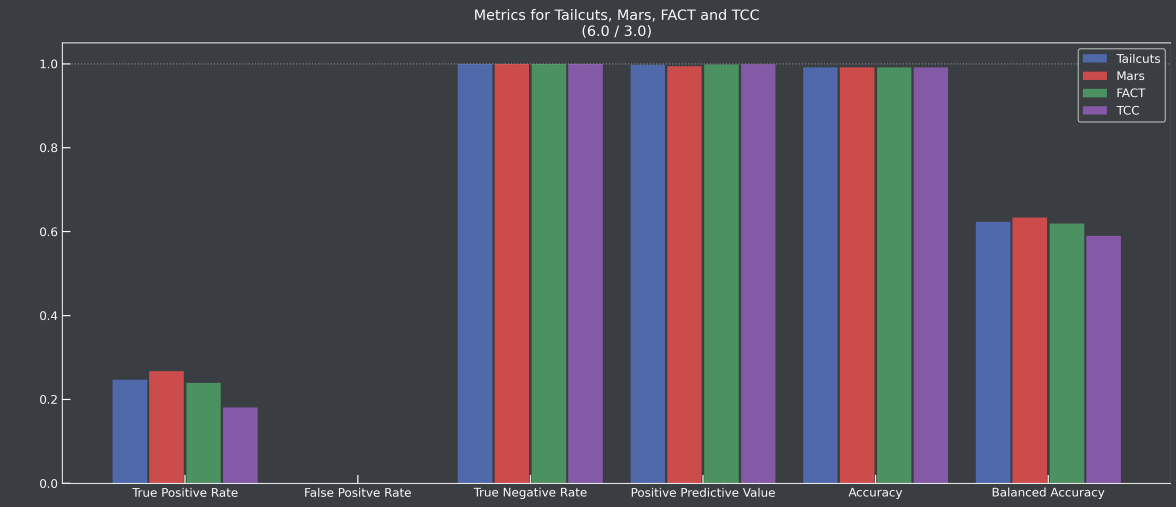
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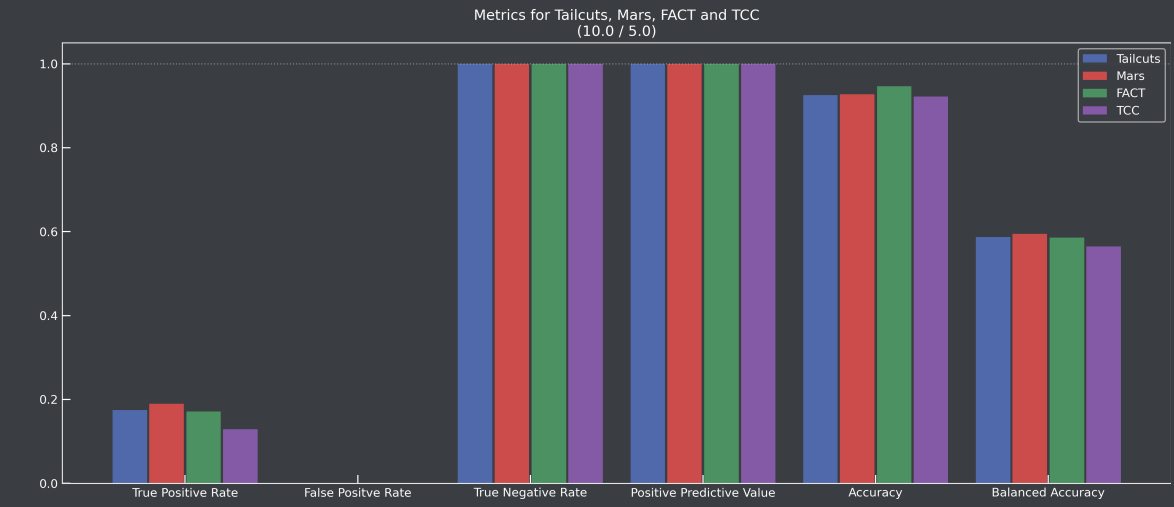
Metrics for Tailcuts, Mars, FACT and TCC
(10.0 / 5.0)
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Outlook and Summary

Outlook

- Compare cleaners for other parameters than the `picture` and `boundary thresholds`
  - → Use `sklearn.model_selection.Parametergrid` to find the best parameters for each cleaner
- Instead of letting the `picture threshold` vary from **0** to **10**, use quantiles
- Vary the `boundary thresholds` as **0.25**, **0.33**, **0.5** and **0.75** of the `picture threshold`

Problems

- Run time and number of datasets increase with the number of parameters
  - → For `TailcutsImageCleaner` and `MarsImageCleaner` alone, this results in **32** possible combinations of parameters:

```
params = {
    "picture_quantiles": (0.9, 0.99, 0.995, 0.999),
    "boundary_threshold_ratio": (0.25, 0.33, 0.5, 0.75),
    "min_number_picture_neighbors": (1, 2)
    }
```

  - → Add only two parameters for `FACTImageCleaner` and this number increases to 64 possible combinations

```
fact_params["time_limit"] = (2, 5)
```

Summary

- So far, a `picture threshold` of ≈ **6.0** seems to be the best choice w.r.t. the metrics
  - → Has to be tested again for combinations with other parameters
- Testing other ratios than **0.5** for the `boundary thresholds` seems to be a rational next step
- With `sklearns ParameterGrid`, it is hopefully possible to find the best parameters for each cleaner