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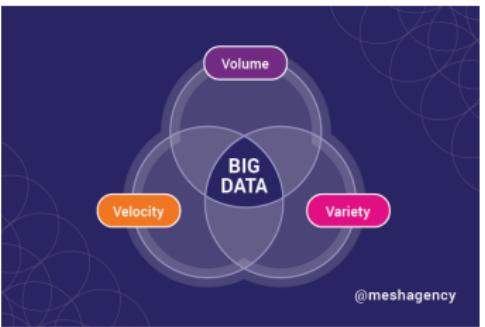
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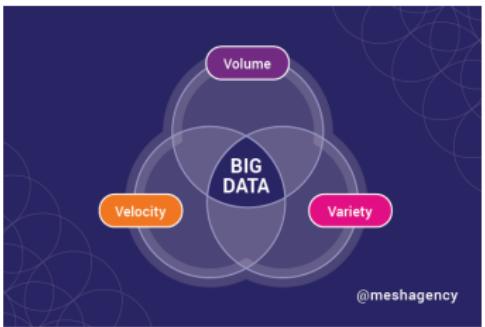
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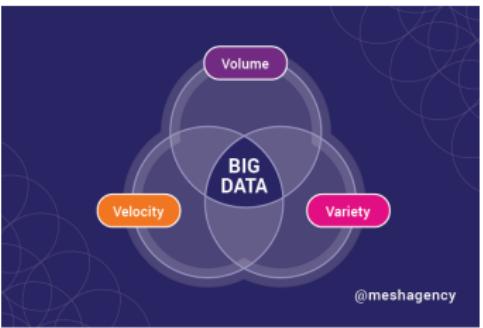
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- ▶ Volume: larger quantities of data by the advent of better telescopes and surveys
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- ▶ Variety: multi-wavelength spectroscopic and photometric data from versatile astronomical objects

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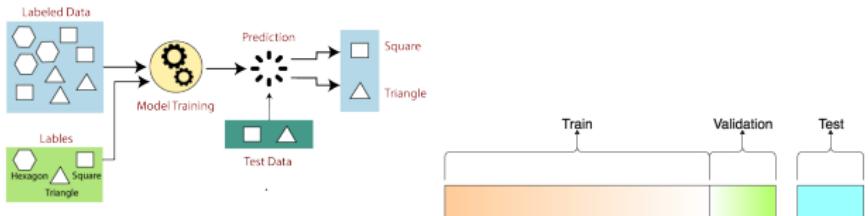
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GBT (Green Bank Telescope)	20 PB
GALEX (The Galaxy Evolution Explorer)	30 TB
SDSS (The Sloan Digital Sky Survey)	40 TB
SkyMapper Southern Sky Survey	500 TB
PanSTARRS (The Panoramic Survey Telescope and Rapid Response System)	40 PB expected
LSST (The Large Synoptic Survey Telescope)	200 PB expected
SKA (The Square Kilometer Array)	4.6 EB expected



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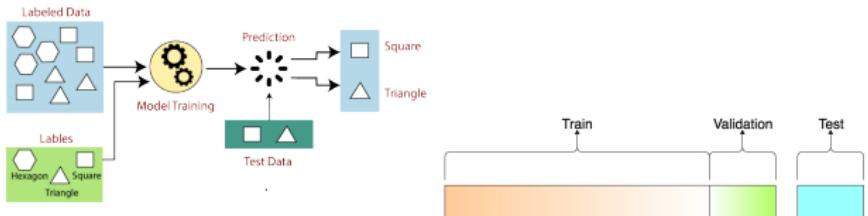
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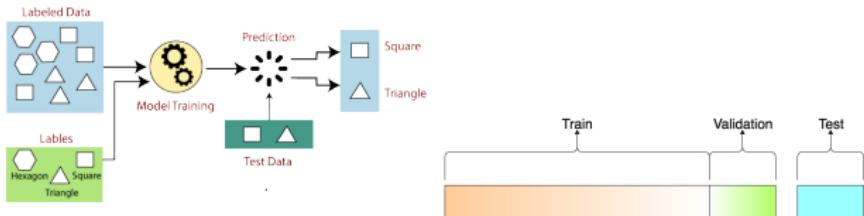
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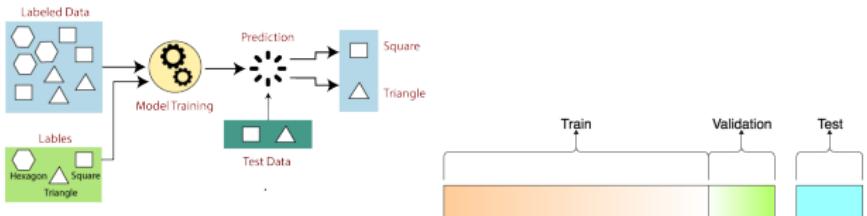
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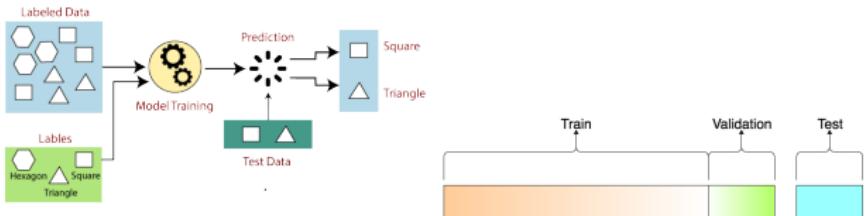
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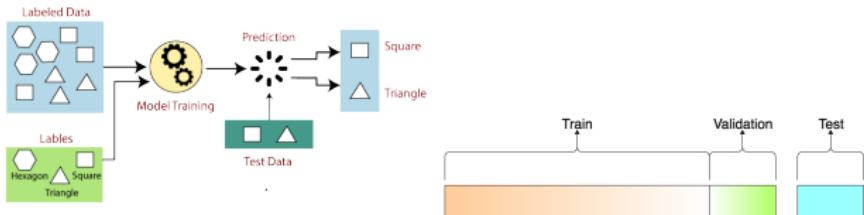
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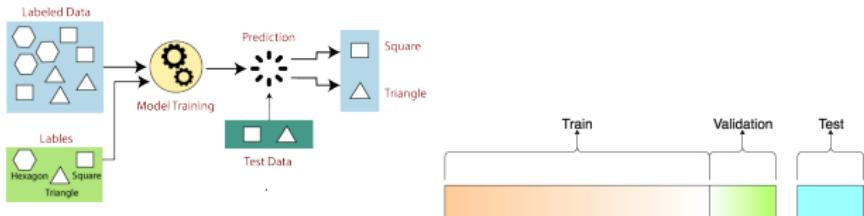
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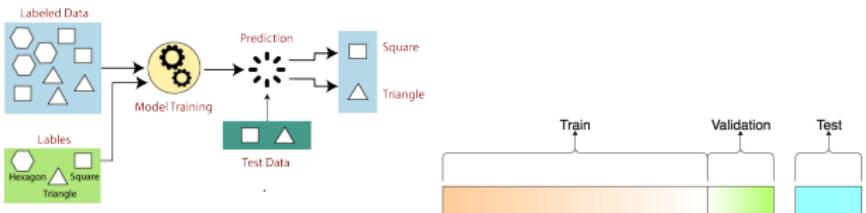
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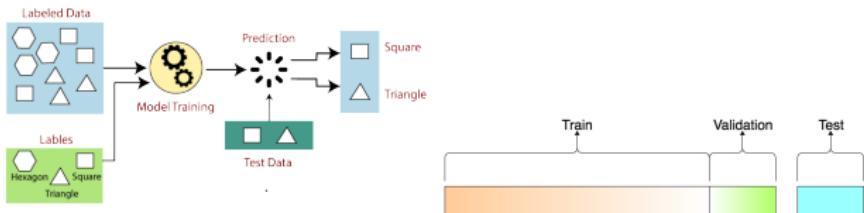
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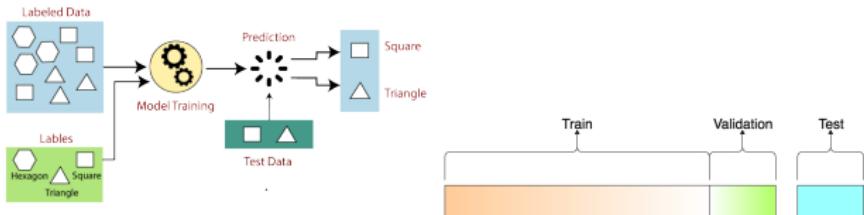
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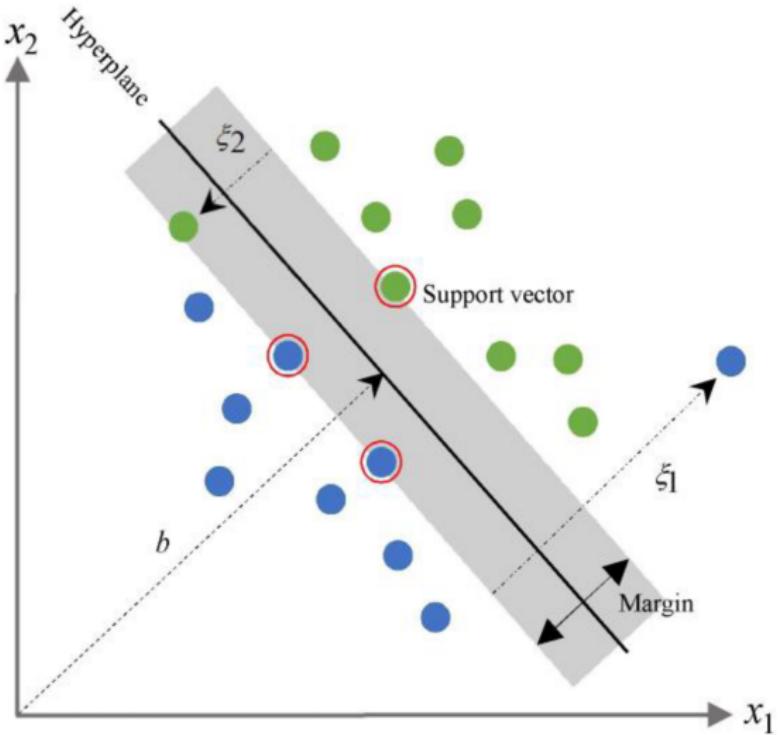
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## Hubble Tarantula Treasury Project – VI. Identification of Pre-Main-Sequence Stars using Machine Learning techniques

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### ABSTRACT

The Hubble Tarantula Treasury Project (HTTP) has provided an unprecedented photometric coverage of the entire star-burst region of 30 Doradus down to the half Solar mass limit. We use the deep stellar catalogue of HTTP to identify all the pre-main-sequence (PMS) stars of the region, i.e., stars that have not started their lives on the main-sequence yet. The photometric distinction of these stars from the more evolved populations is not a trivial task due to several factors that alter their colour-magnitude diagram positions. The identification of PMS stars requires, thus, sophisticated statistical methods. We employ Machine Learning Classification techniques on the HTTP survey of more than 800,000 sources to identify the PMS stellar content of the observed field. Our methodology consists of 1) carefully selecting the most probable low-mass PMS stellar population of the star-forming cluster NGC 2070, 2) using this sample to train classification algorithms to build a predictive model for PMS stars, and 3) applying this model in order to identify the most probable PMS content across the entire Tarantula Nebula. We employ Decision Tree, Random Forest and Support Vector Machine classifiers to categorise the stars as PMS and Non-PMS. The Random Forest and Support Vector Machine provided the most accurate models, predicting about 20,000 sources with a candidateness probability higher than 50 percent, and almost 10,000 PMS candidates with a probability higher than 95 percent. This is the richest and most accurate photometric catalogue of extragalactic PMS candidates across the extent of a whole star-forming complex.

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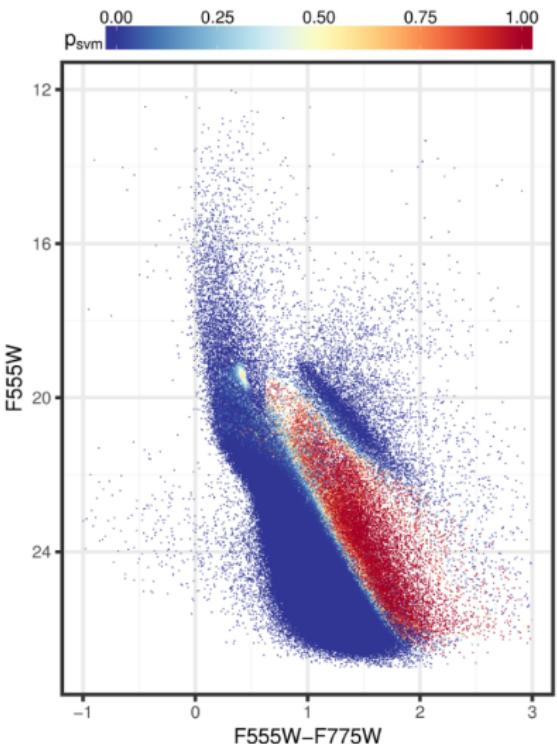
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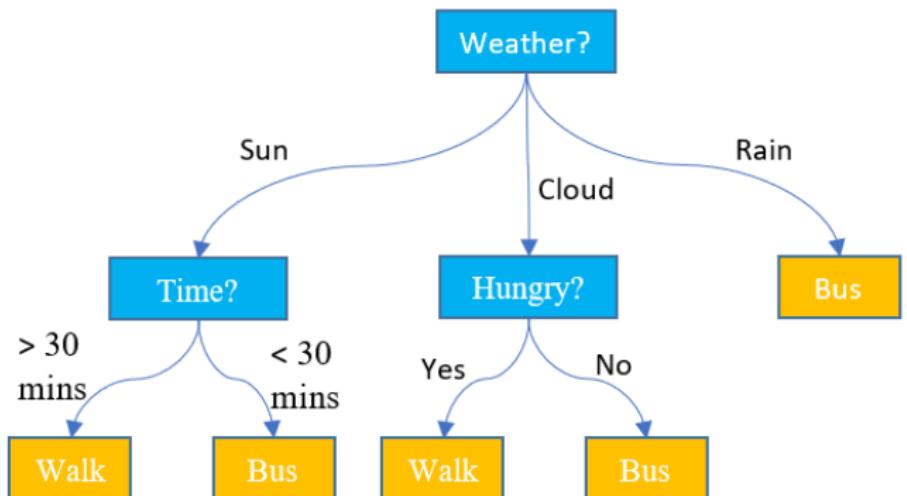
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## DECISION TREE CLASSIFIERS FOR STAR/GALAXY SEPARATION

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## ABSTRACT

We study the star/galaxy classification efficiency of 13 different decision tree algorithms applied to photometric objects in the Sloan Digital Sky Survey Data Release Seven (SDSS-DR7). Each algorithm is defined by a set of parameters which, when varied, produce different final classification trees. We extensively explore the parameter space of each algorithm, using the set of 884,126 SDSS objects with spectroscopic data as the training set. The efficiency of star-galaxy separation is measured using the completeness function. We find that the Functional Tree algorithm (FT) yields the best results as measured by the mean completeness in two magnitude intervals:  $14 \leq r \leq 21$  (85.2%) and  $r \geq 19$  (82.1%). We compare the performance of the tree generated with the optimal FT configuration to the classifications provided by the SDSS parametric classifier, 2DPHOT, and Ball et al. We find that our FT classifier is comparable to or better in completeness over the full magnitude range  $15 \leq r \leq 21$ , with much lower contamination than all but the Ball et al. classifier. At the faintest magnitudes ( $r > 19$ ), our classifier is the only one that maintains high completeness (> 80%) while simultaneously achieving low contamination (~2.5%). We also examine the SDSS parametric classifier (psfMag – modelMag) to see if the dividing line between stars and galaxies can be adjusted to improve the classifier. We find that currently stars in close pairs are often misclassified as galaxies, and suggest a new cut to improve the classifier. Finally, we apply our FT classifier to separate stars from galaxies in the full set of 69,545,326 SDSS photometric objects in the magnitude range  $14 \leq r \leq 21$ .

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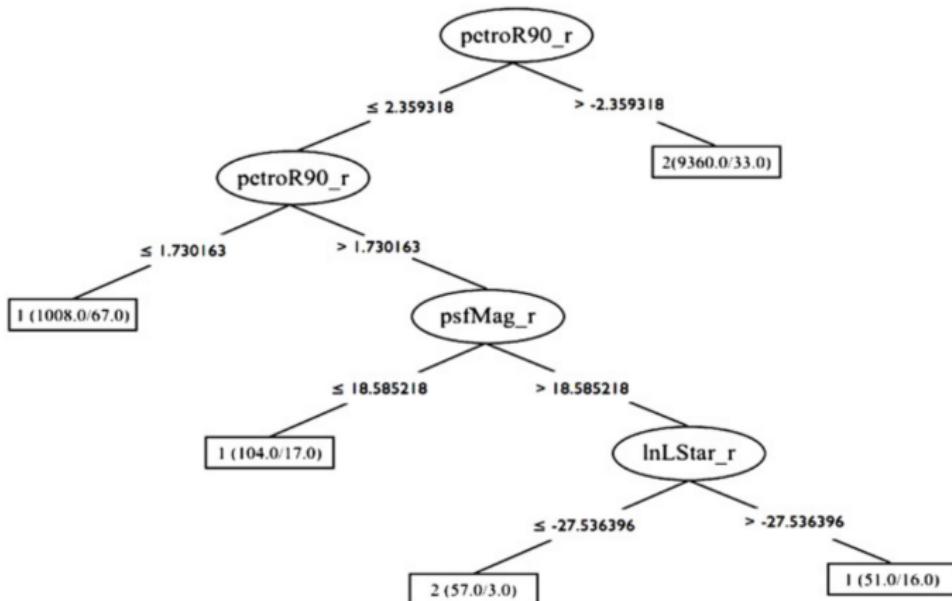
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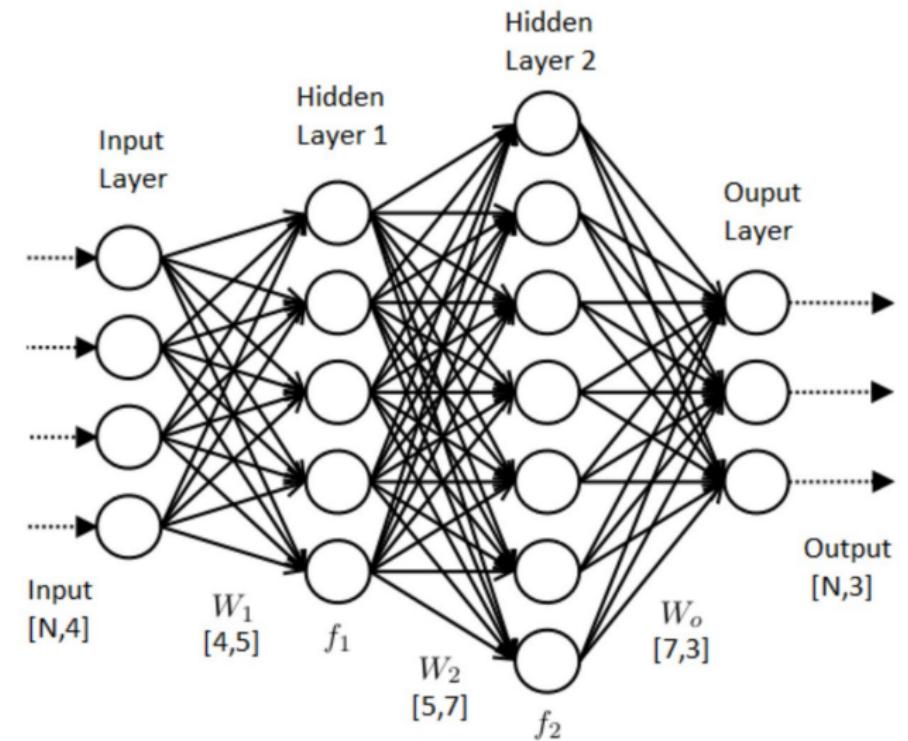
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## Deep Learning of Quasar Spectra to Discover and Characterize Damped Ly $\alpha$ Systems

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We have designed, developed, and applied a convolutional neural network (CNN) architecture using multi-task learning to search for and characterize strong HI Ly $\alpha$  absorption in quasar spectra. Without any explicit modeling of the quasar continuum nor application of the predicted line-profile for Ly $\alpha$  from quantum mechanics, our algorithm predicts the presence of strong HI absorption and estimates the corresponding redshift  $z_{\text{abs}}$  and HI column density  $N_{\text{HI}}$ , with emphasis on damped Ly $\alpha$  systems (DLAs, absorbers with  $N_{\text{HI}} \geq 2 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ ). We tuned the CNN model using a custom training set of DLAs injected into DLA-free quasar spectra from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS), data release 5 (DR5). Testing on a held-back validation set demonstrates a high incidence of DLAs recovered by the algorithm (97.4% as DLAs and 99% as an HI absorber with  $N_{\text{HI}} > 10^{19.5} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ ) and excellent estimates for  $z_{\text{abs}}$  and  $N_{\text{HI}}$ . Similar results are obtained against a human-generated survey of the SDSS DR5 dataset. The algorithm yields a low incidence of false positives and negatives but is challenged by overlapping DLAs and/or very high  $N_{\text{HI}}$  systems. We have applied this CNN model to the quasar spectra of SDSS-DR7 and the Baryonic Oscillation Spectroscopic Survey (BOSS, data release 12) and provide catalogs of 4,913 and 50,969 DLAs respectively (including 1,659 and 9,230 high-confidence DLAs that were previously unpublished). This work validates the application of deep learning techniques to astronomical spectra for both classification and quantitative measurements.

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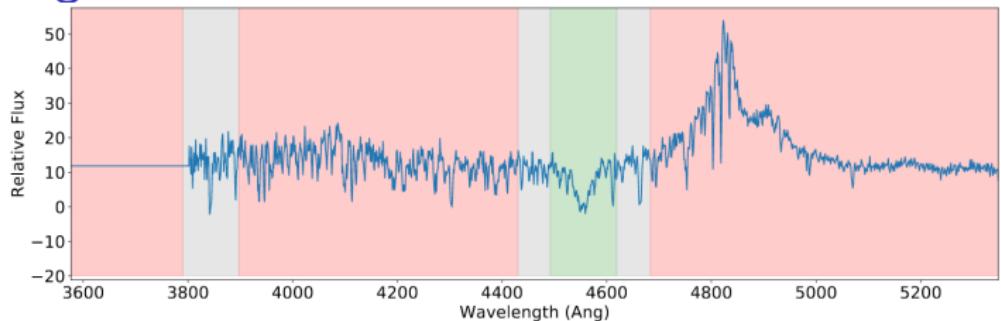
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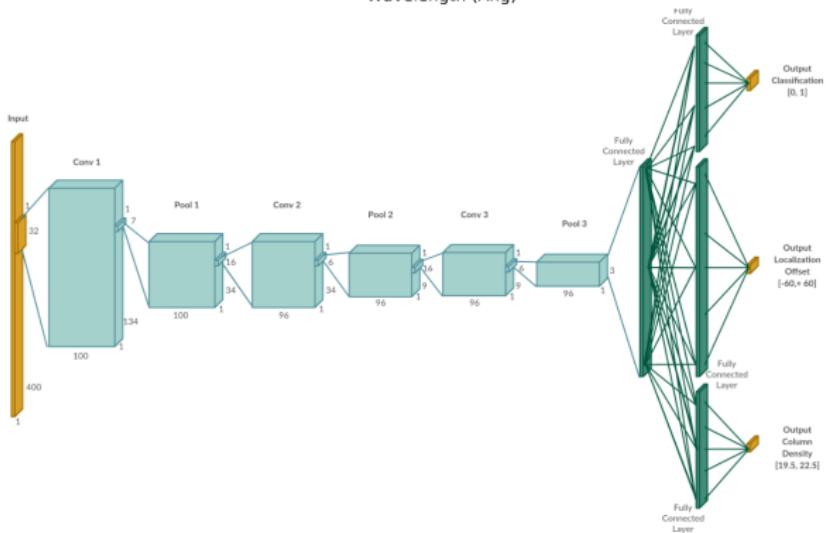
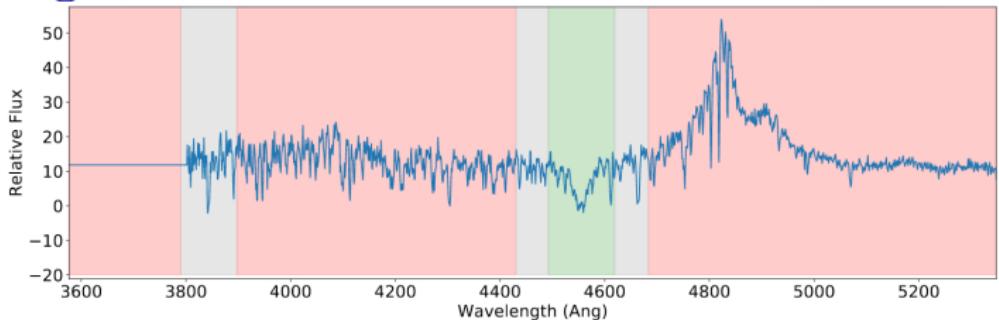
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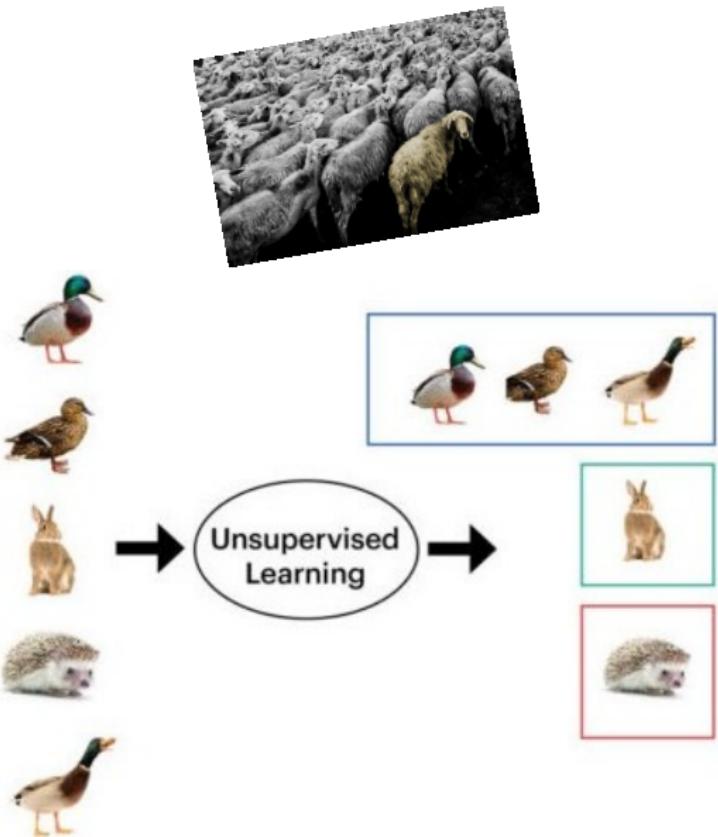
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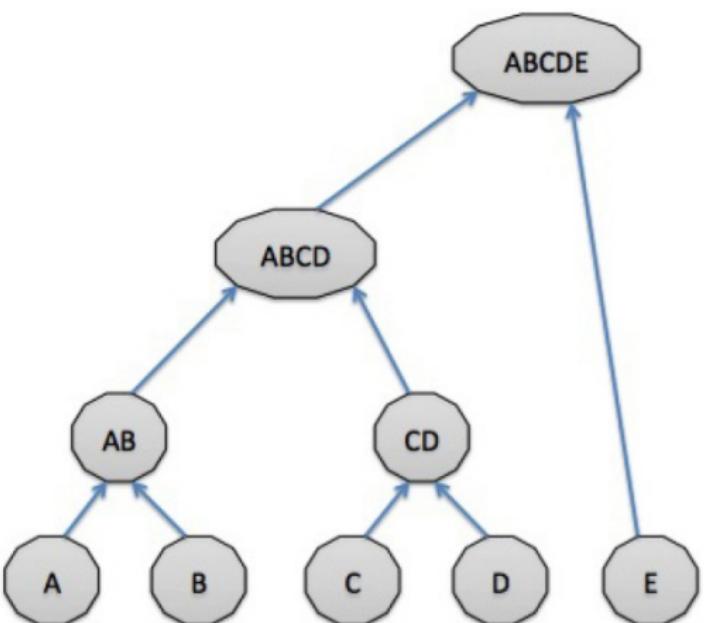
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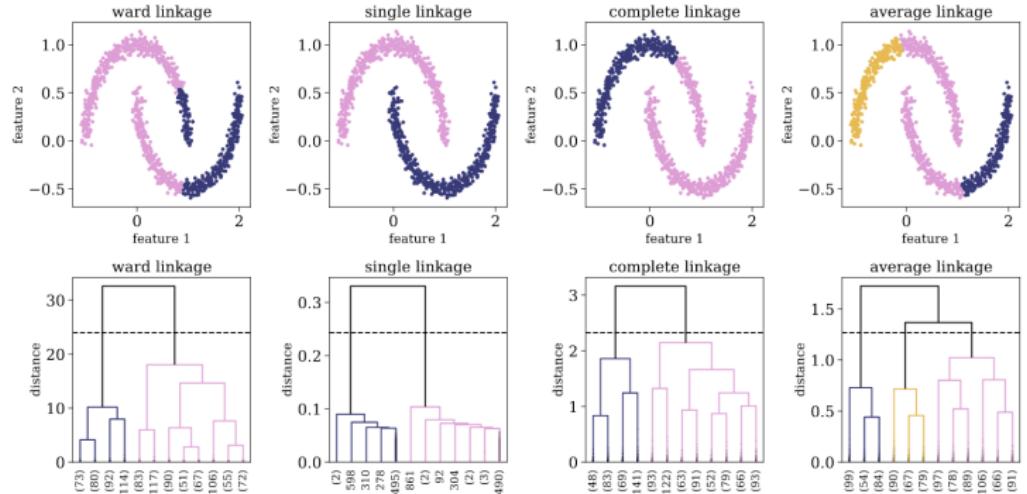
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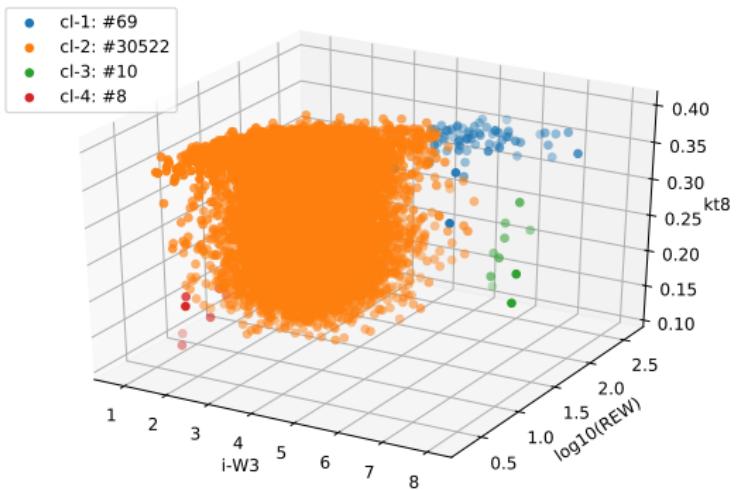
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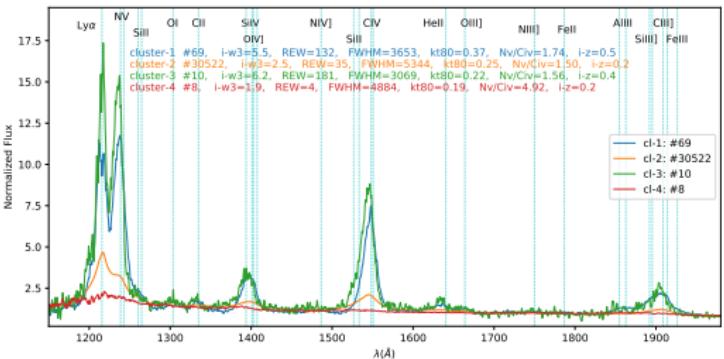
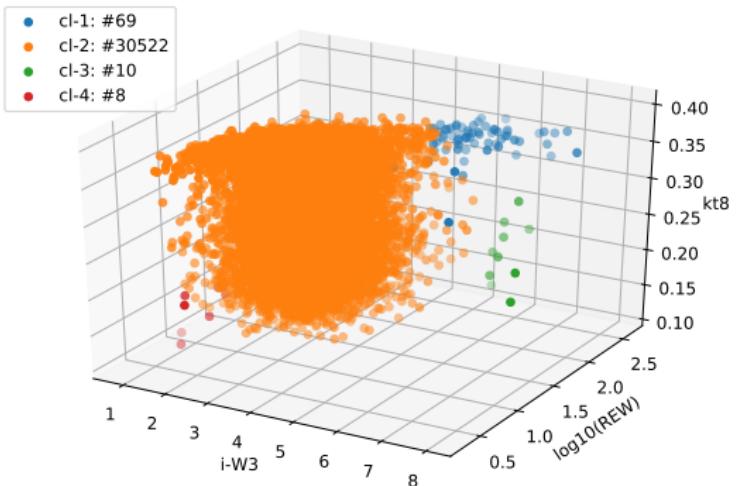
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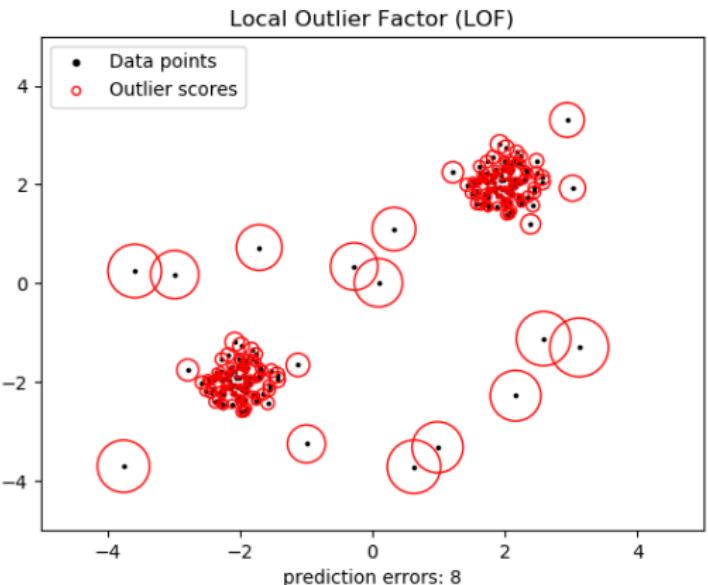
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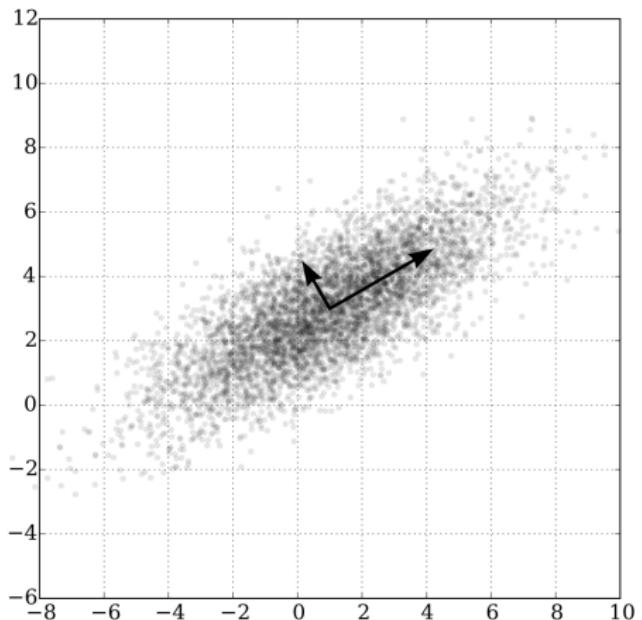
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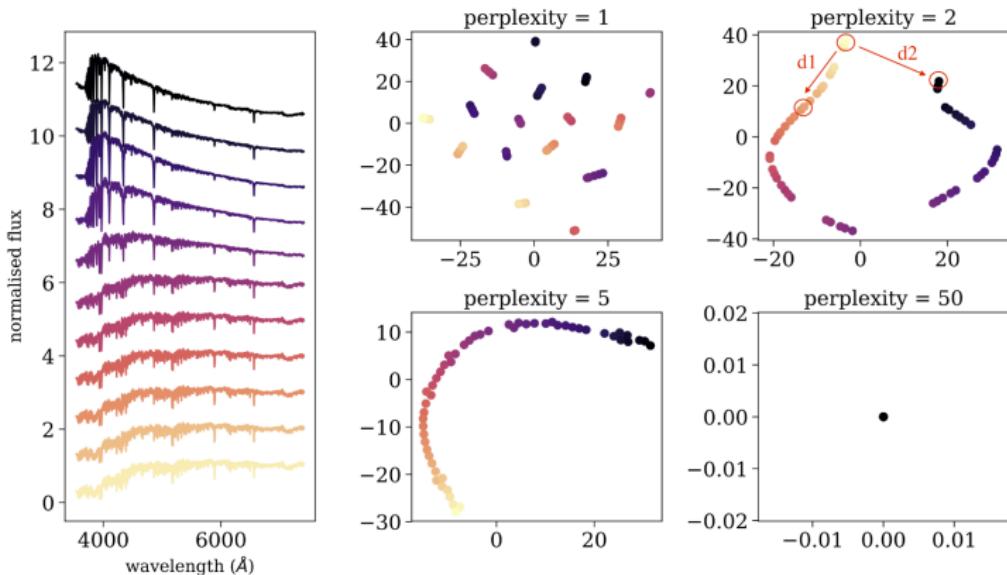
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- ▶ Lack of Pre-processing and normalization can end up with misleading/wrong results
- ▶ ML algorithms are mostly designed for industry not science.

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