

Visual Spike Coding Using a Statistically Optimized Overcomplete Representation

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 - Using Spiking Neural Networks [Gerstner et al., 1999]

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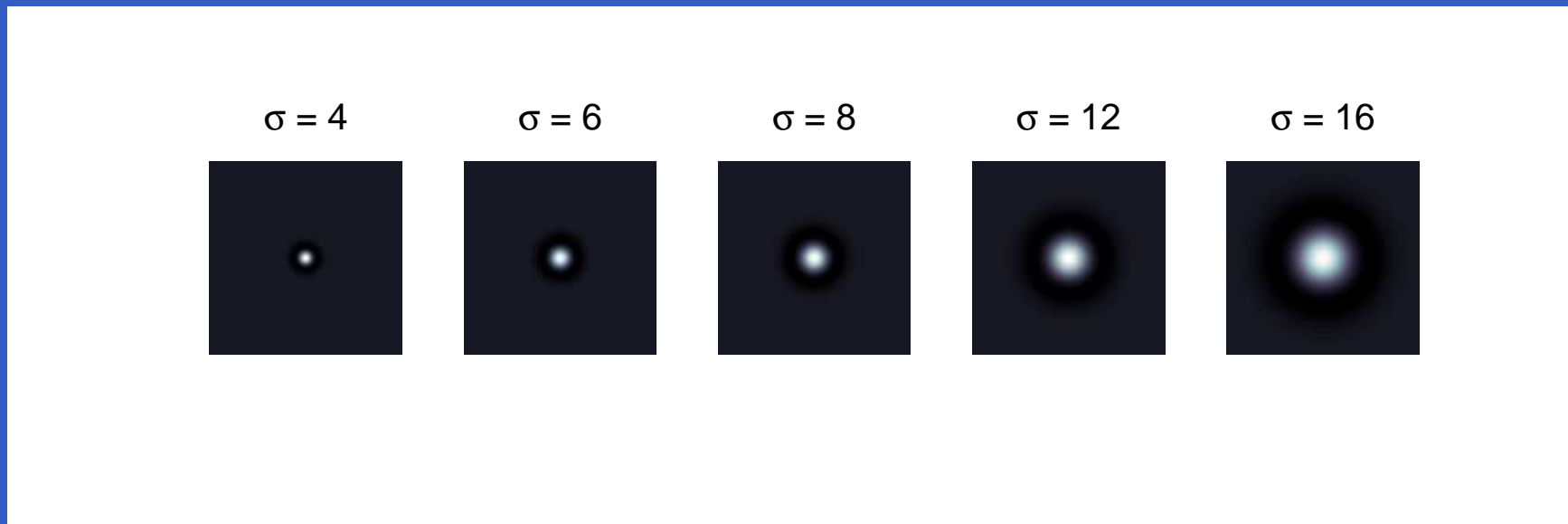
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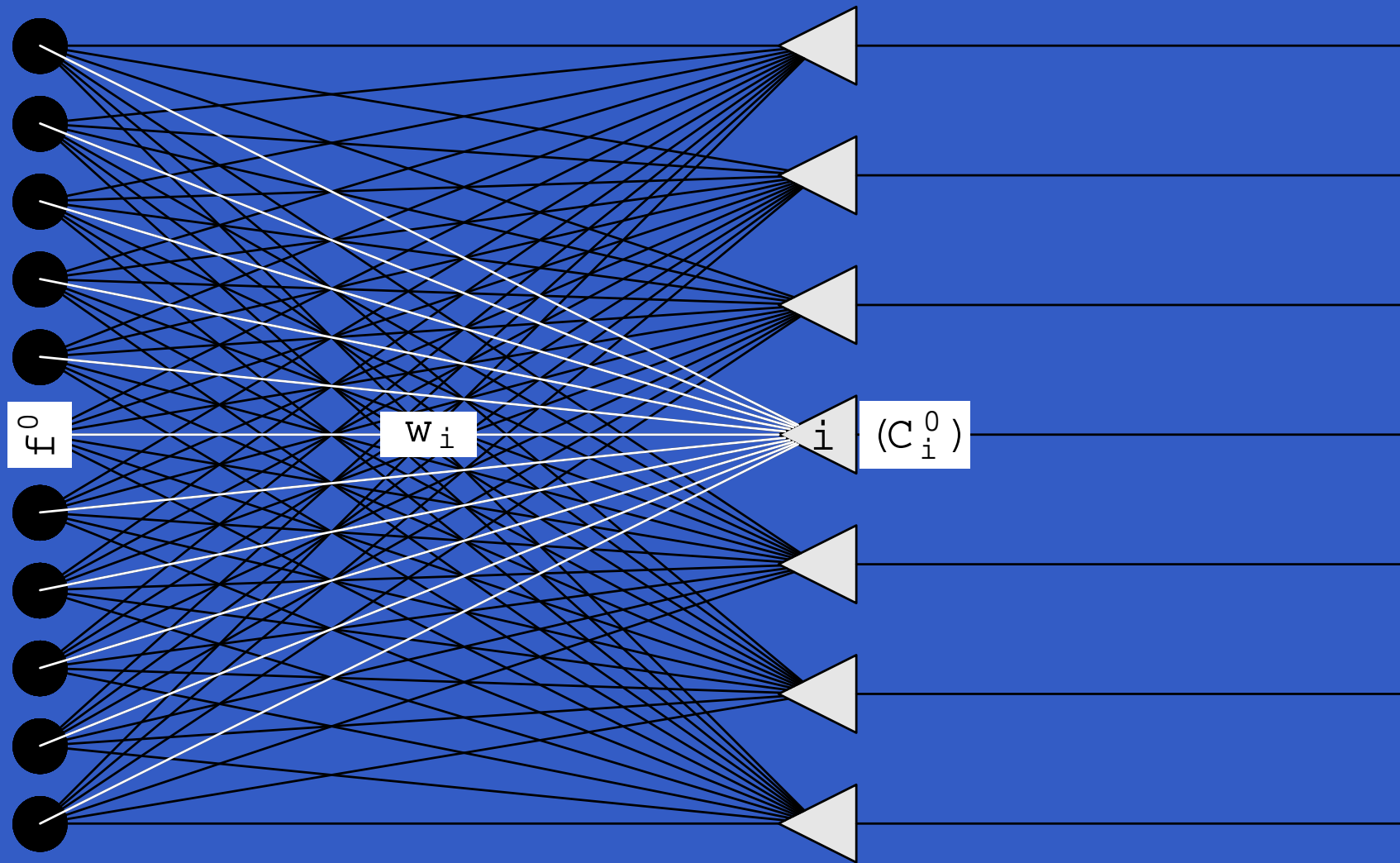
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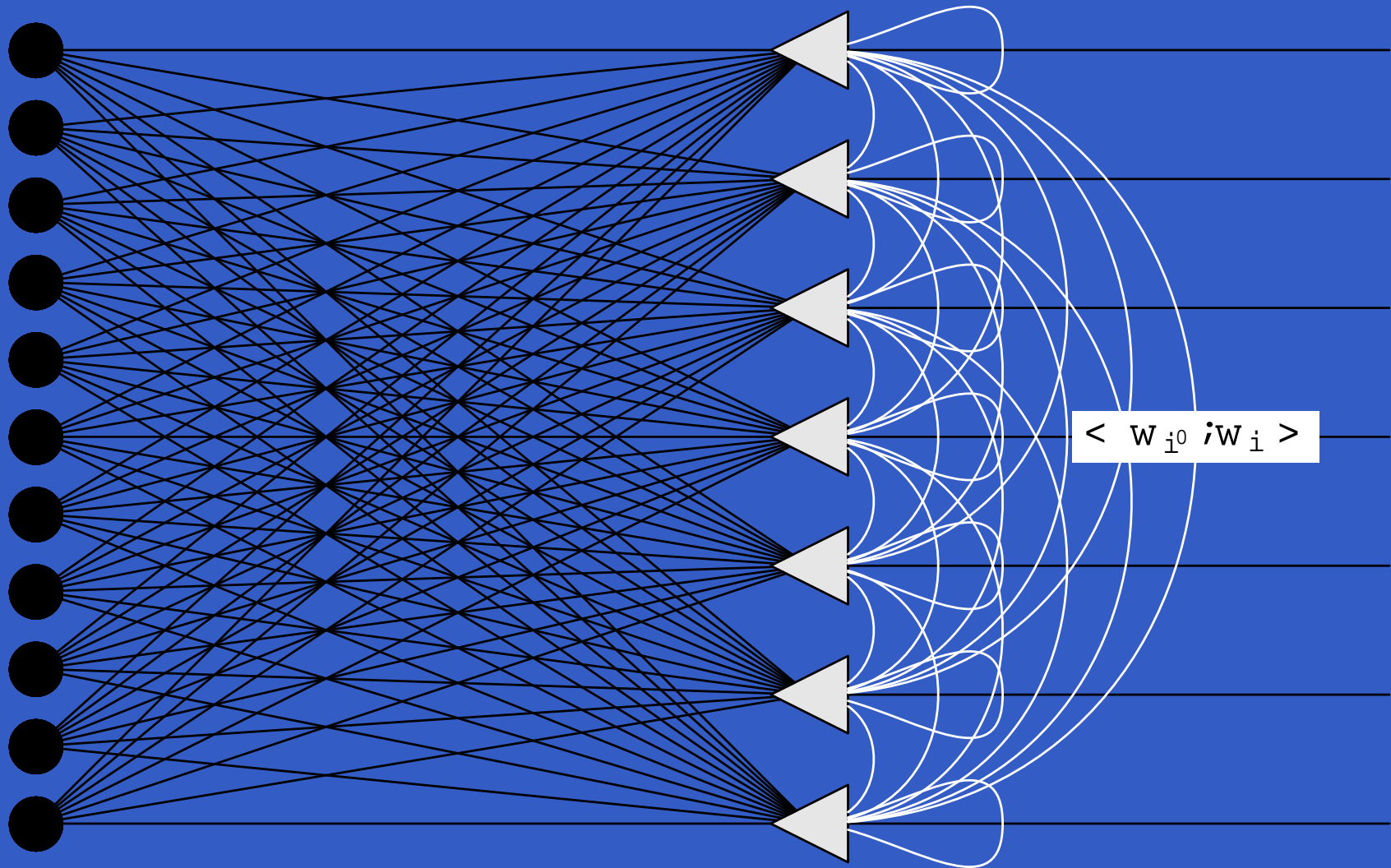
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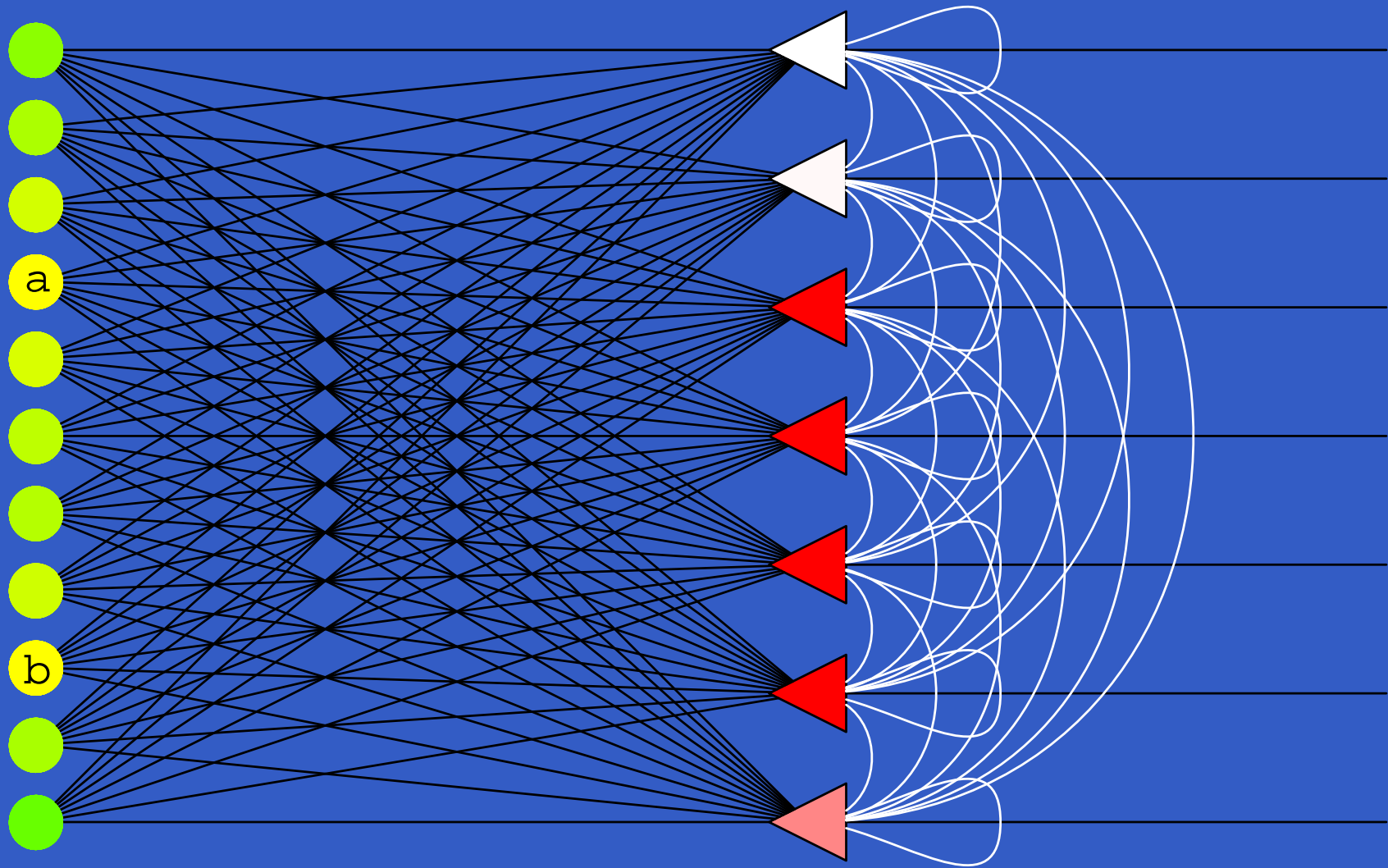
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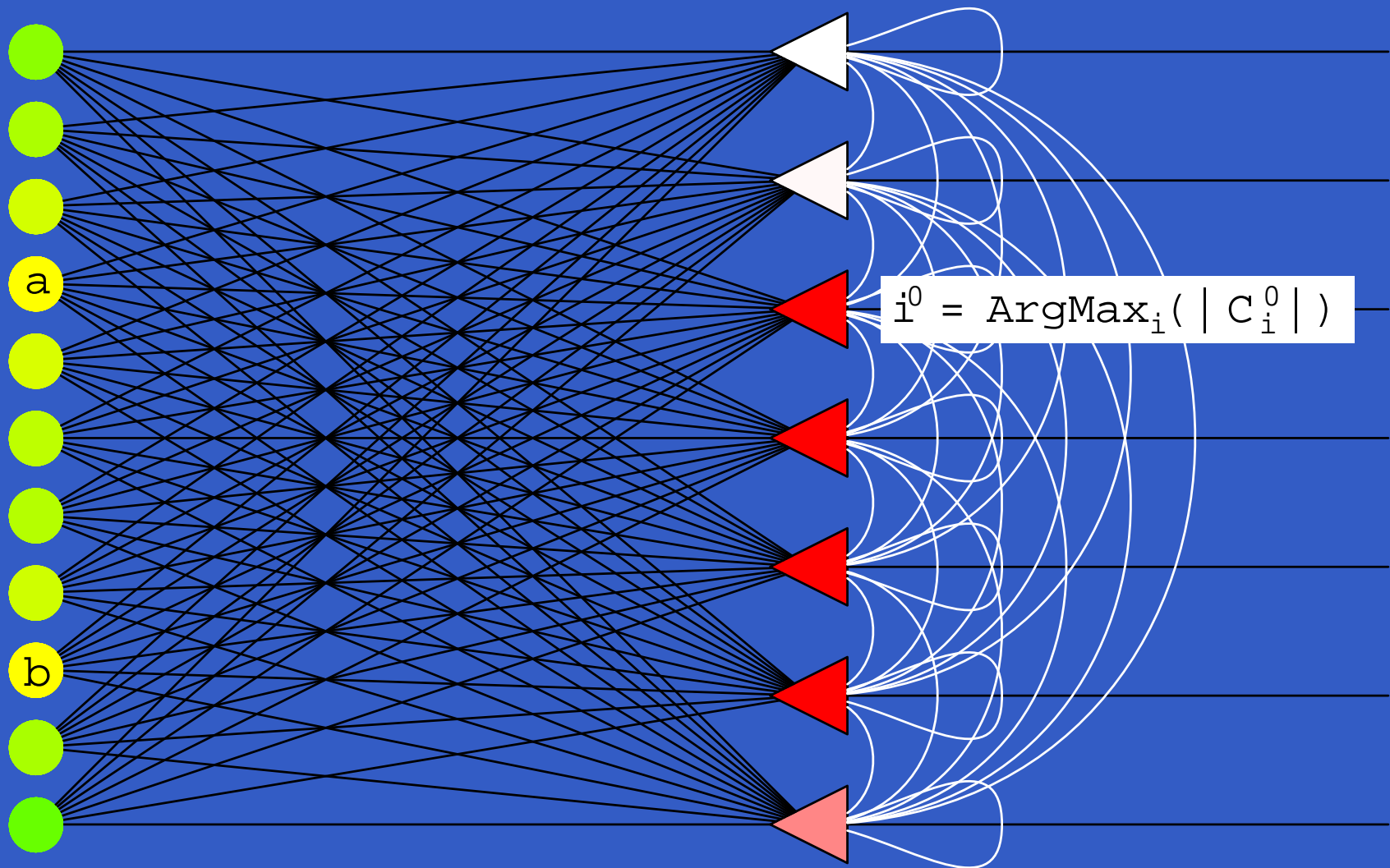
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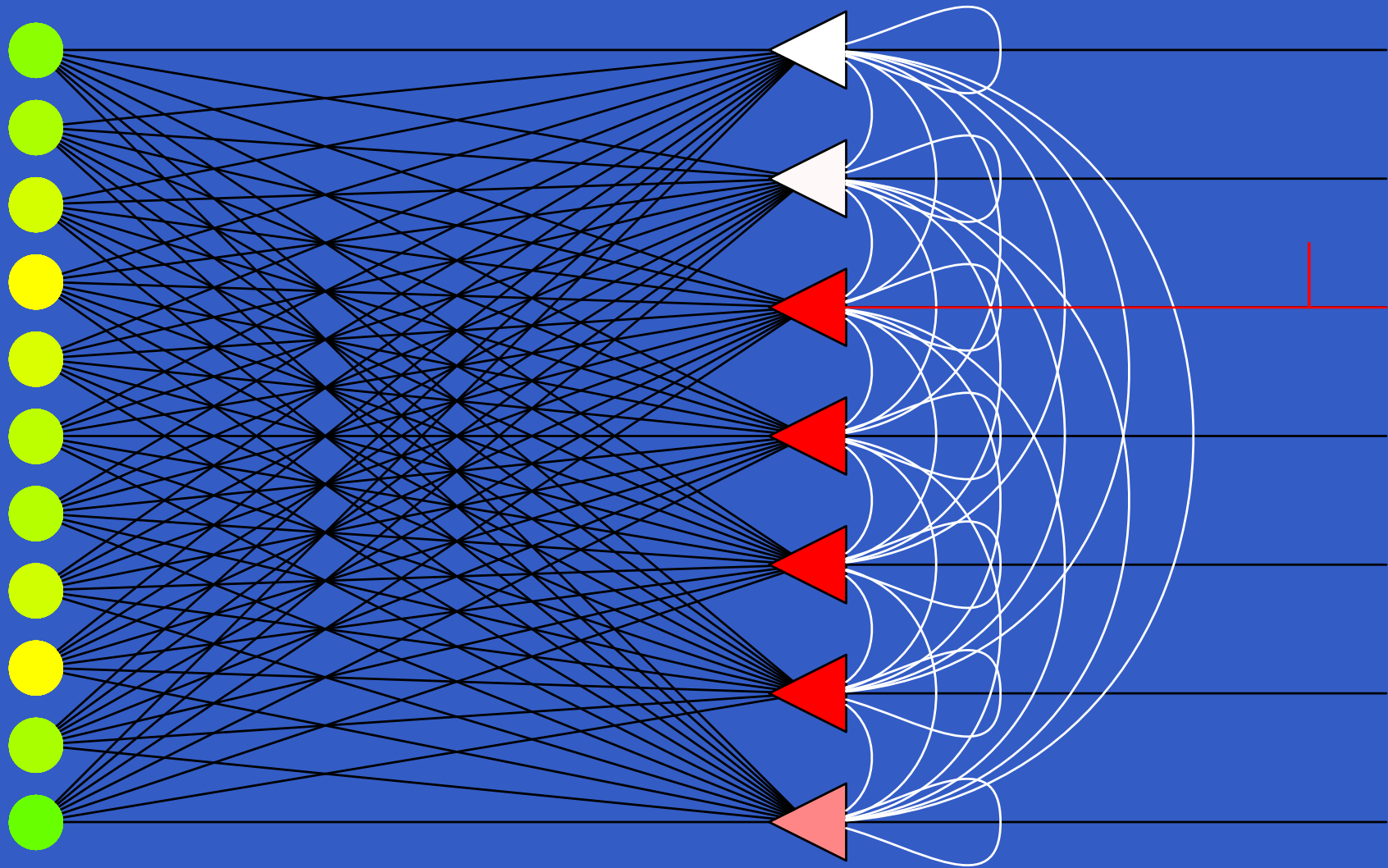
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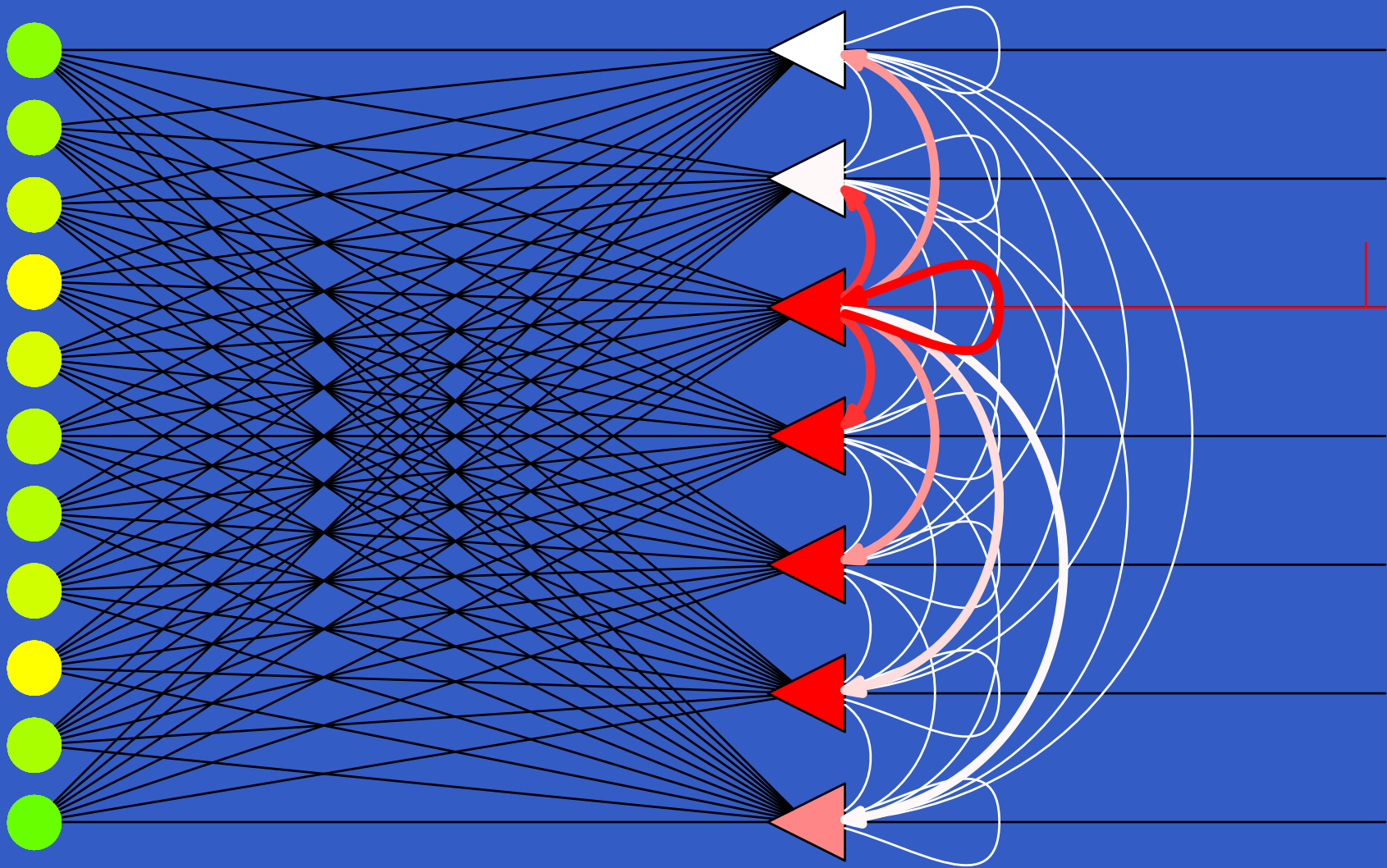
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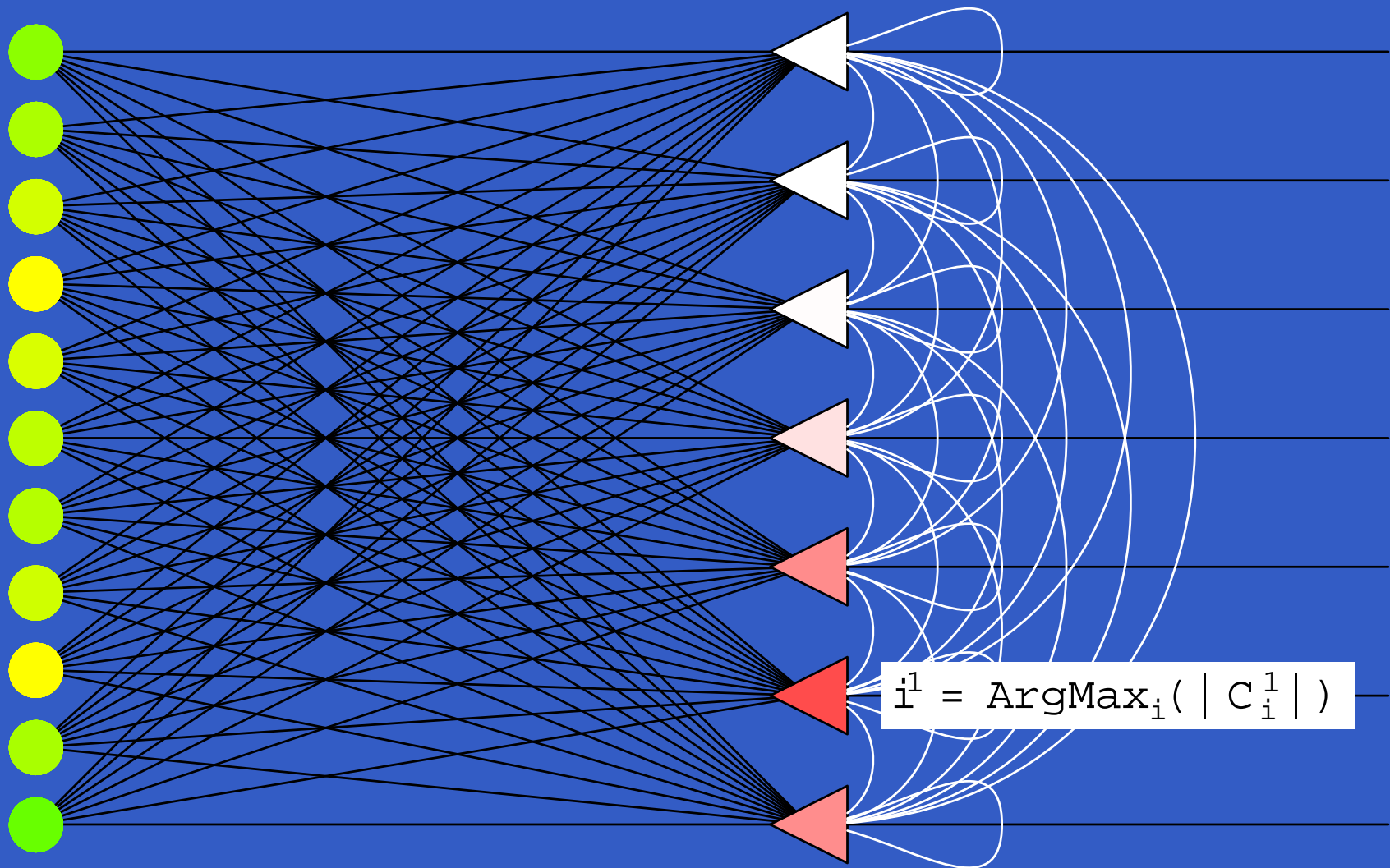
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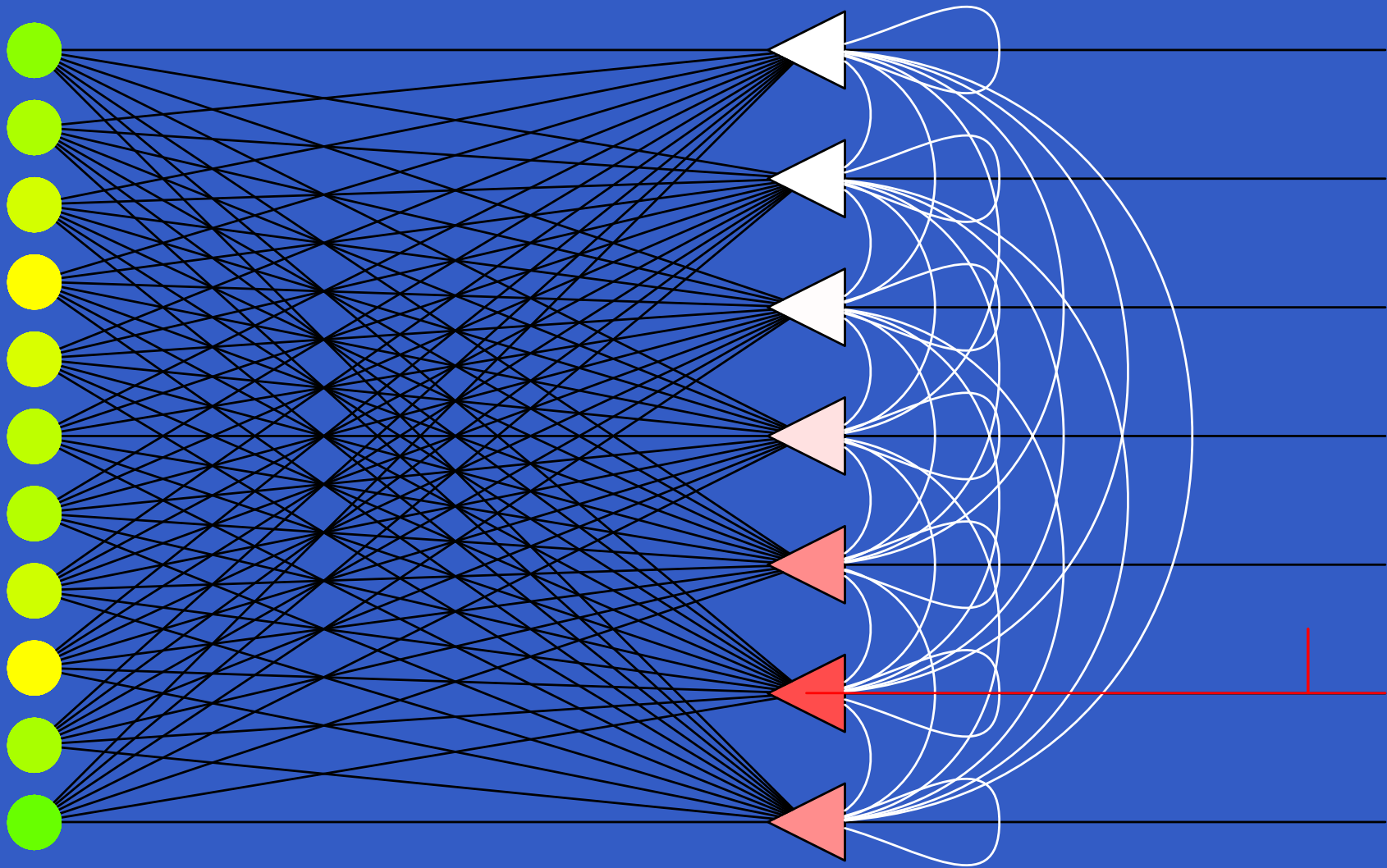
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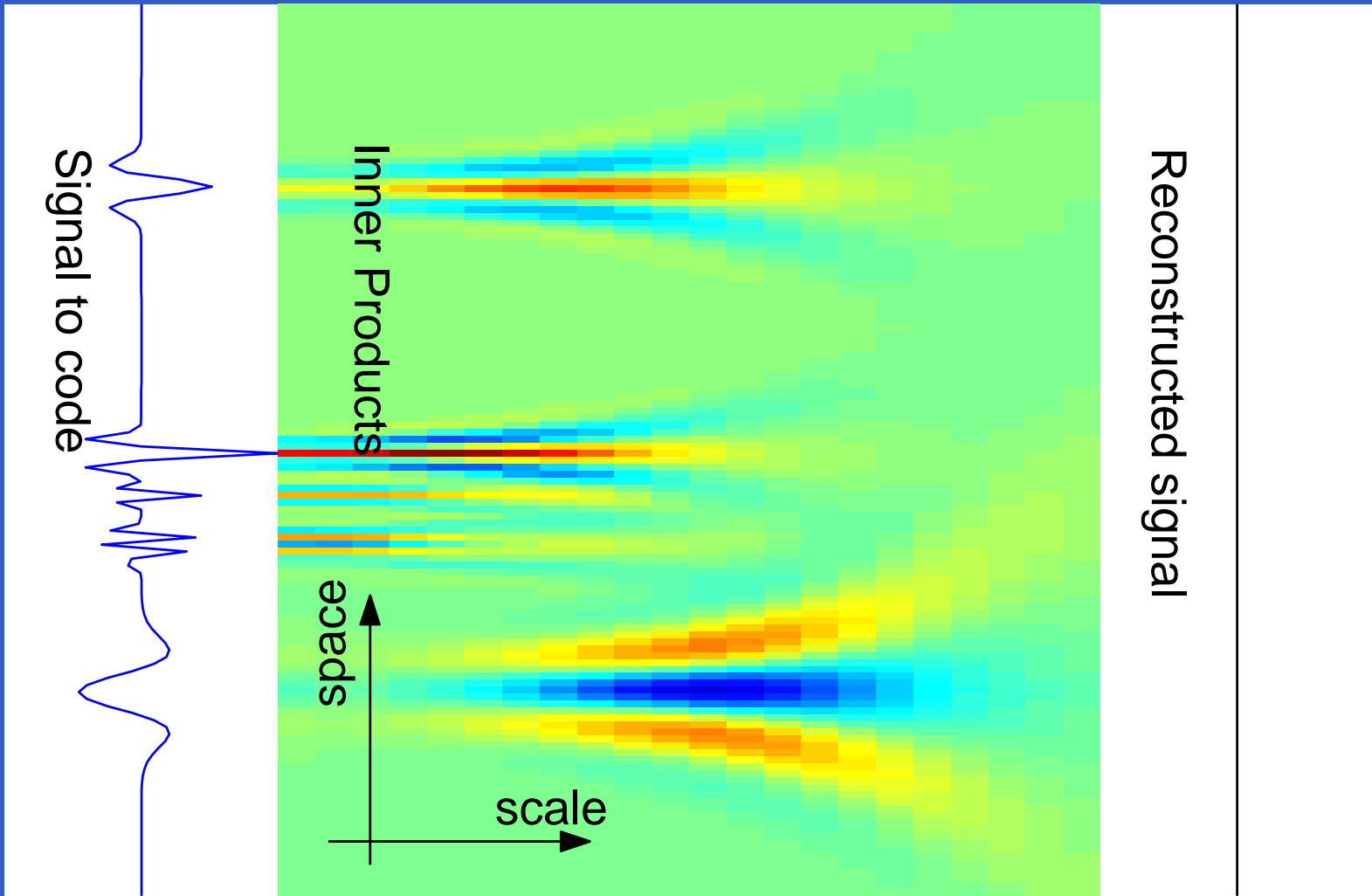
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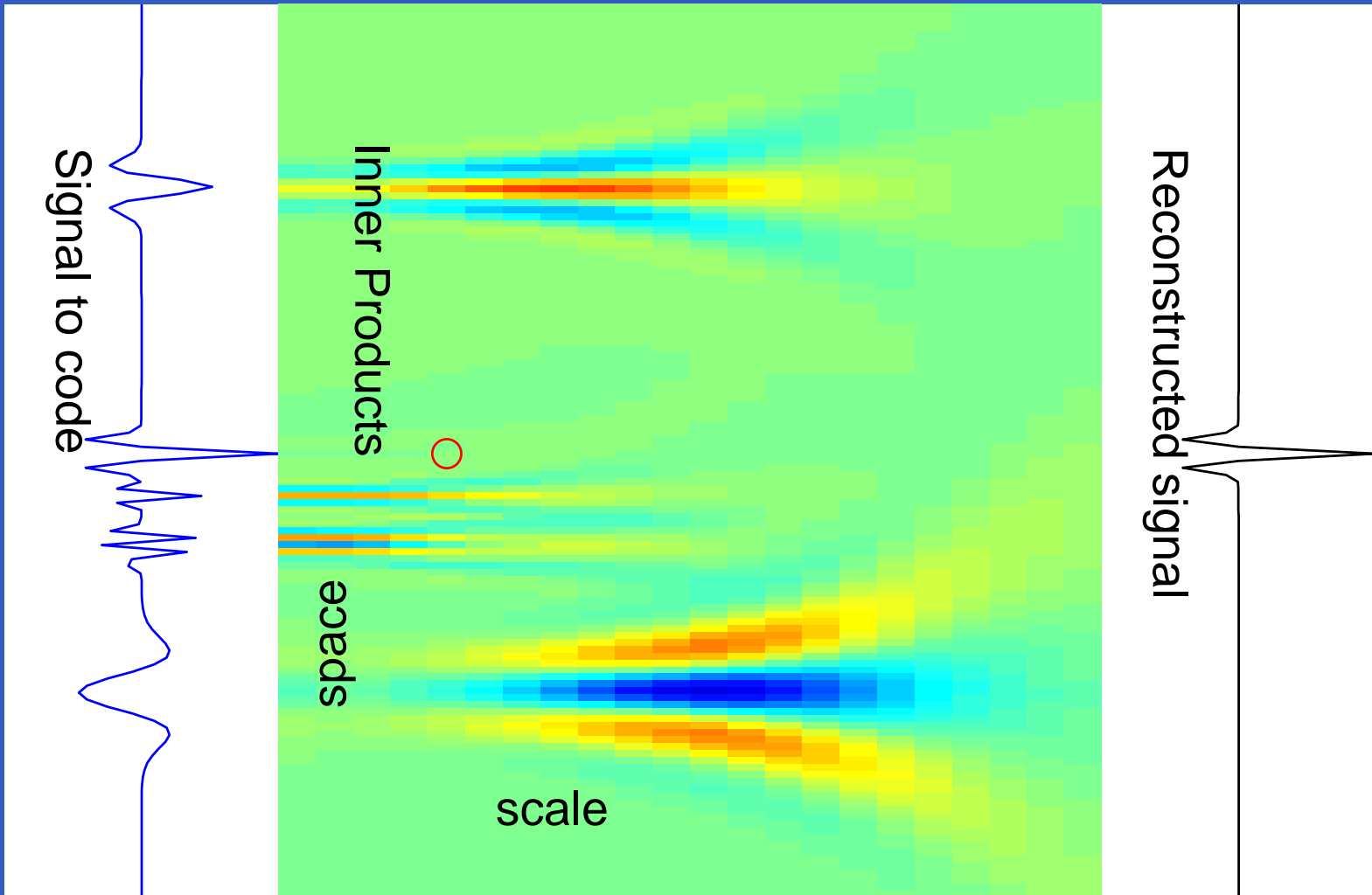
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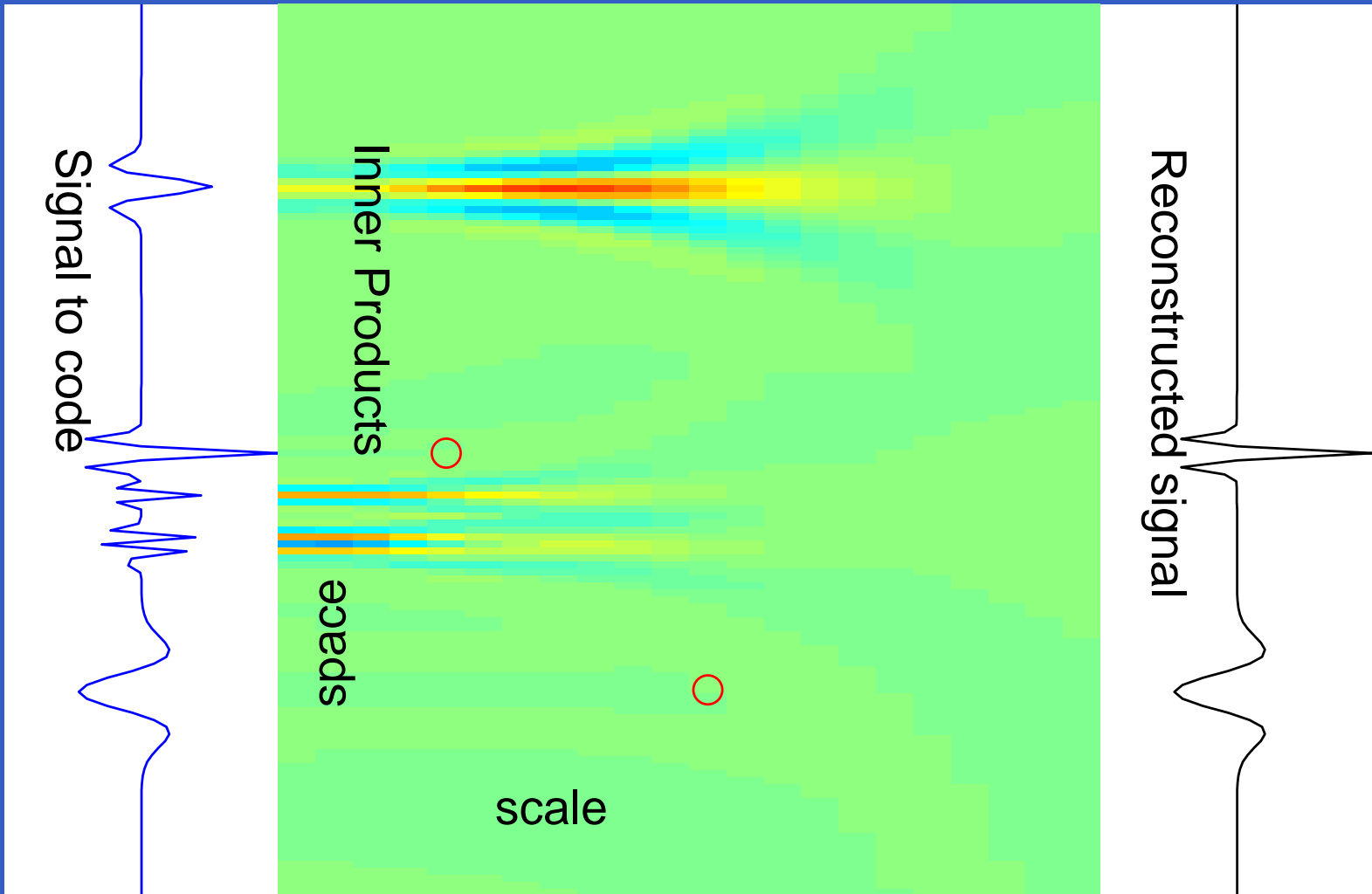
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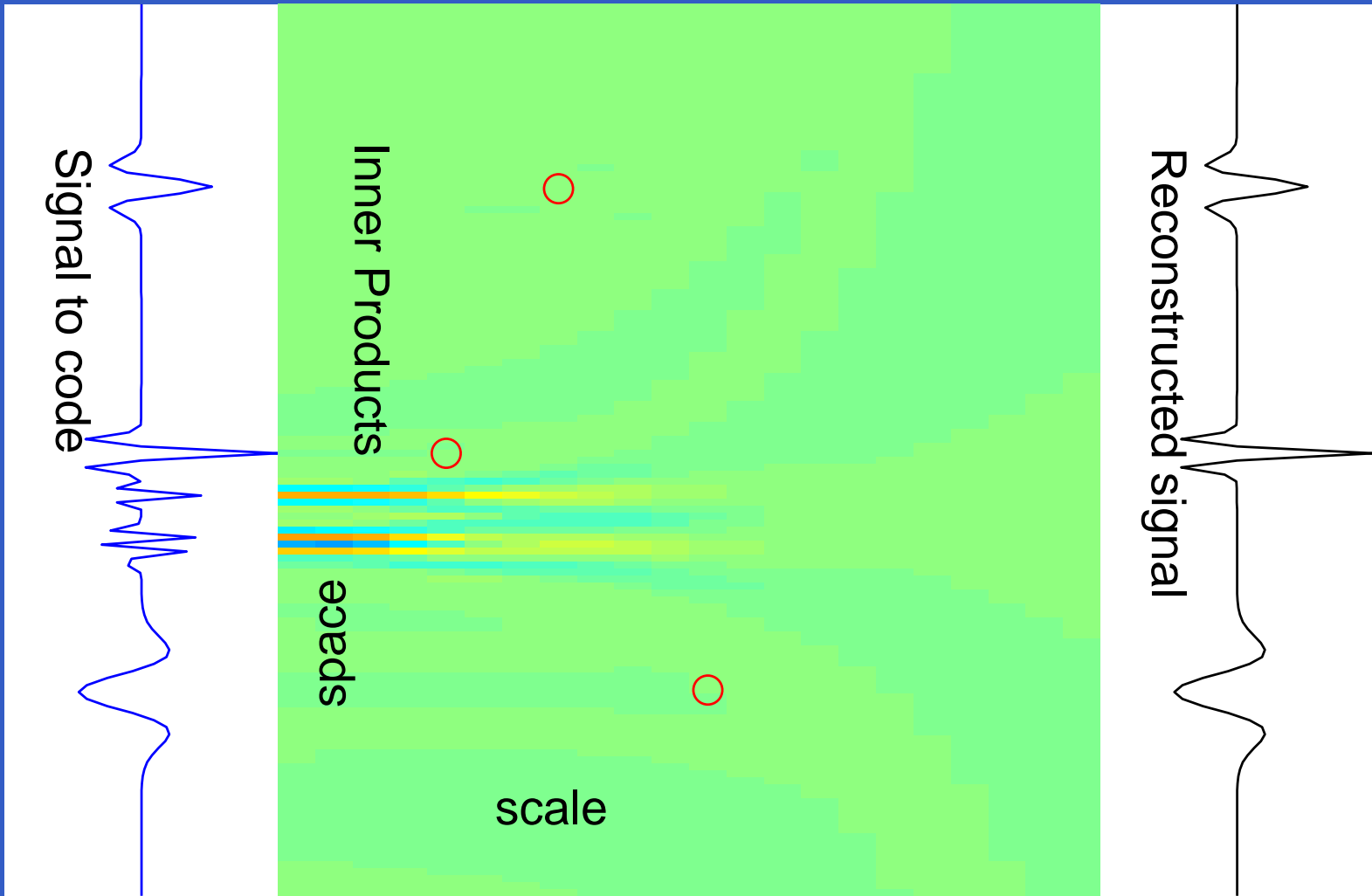
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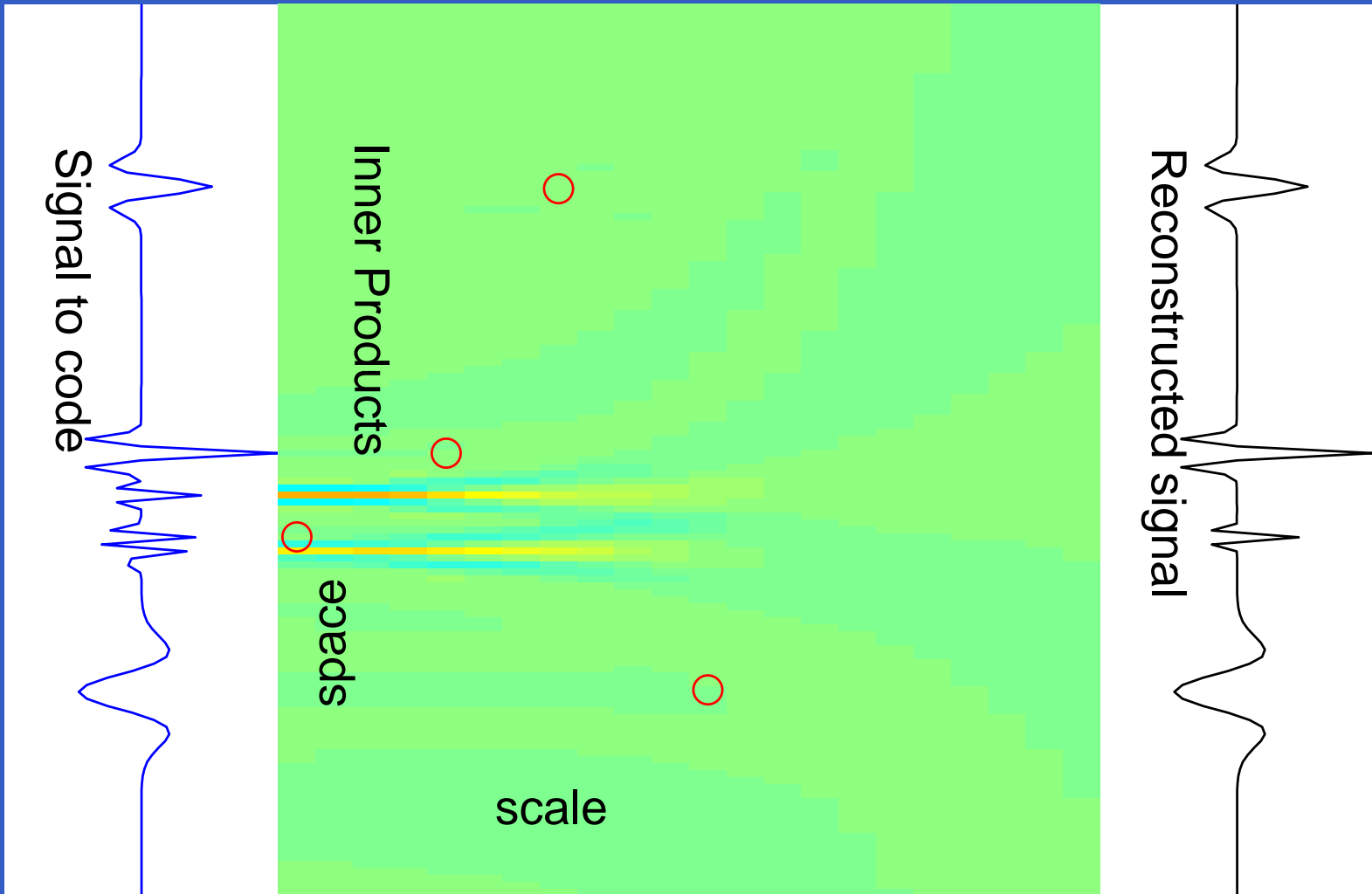
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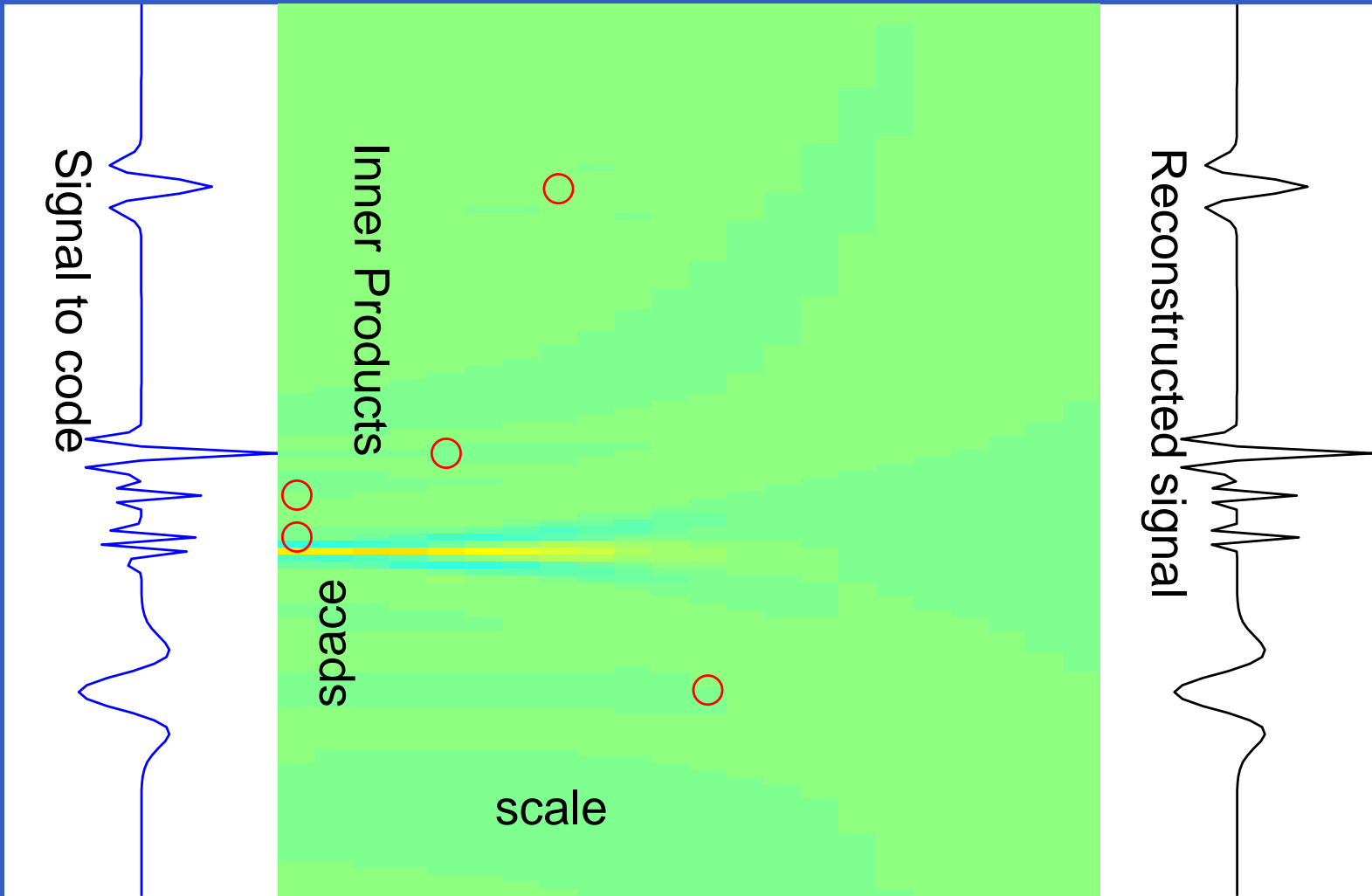
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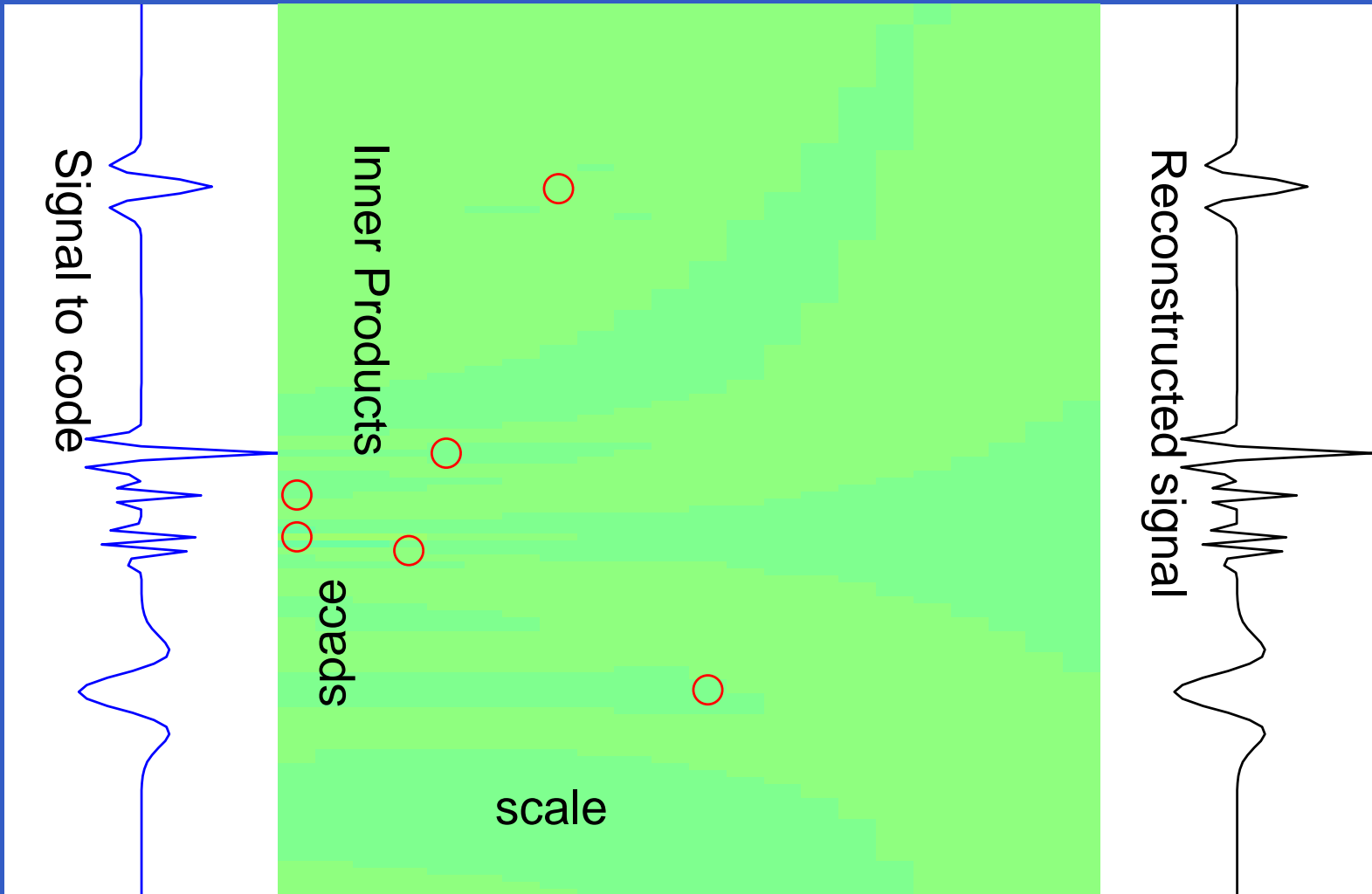
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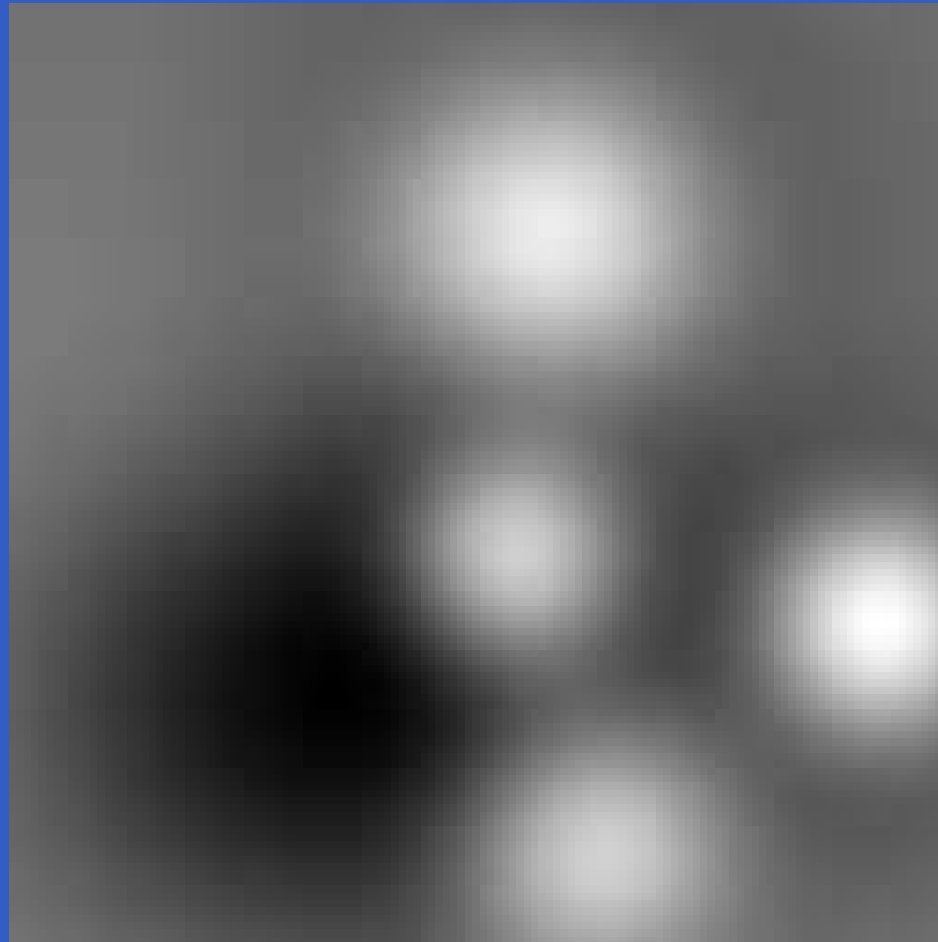
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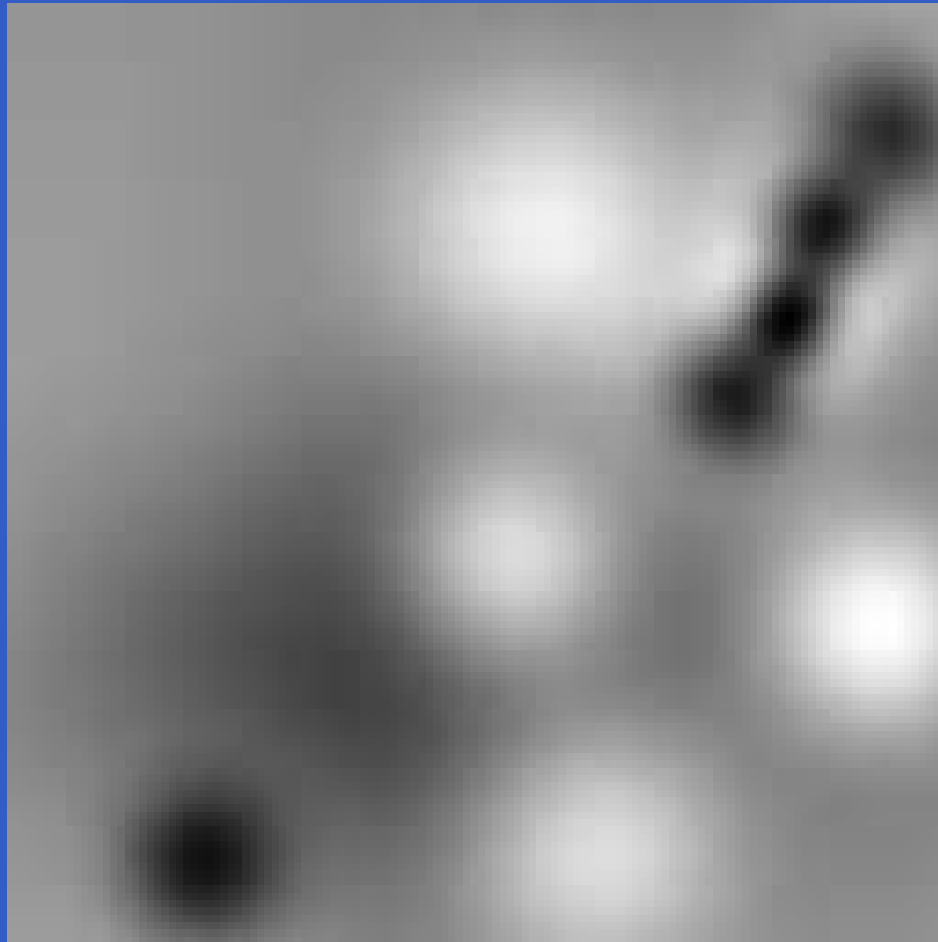


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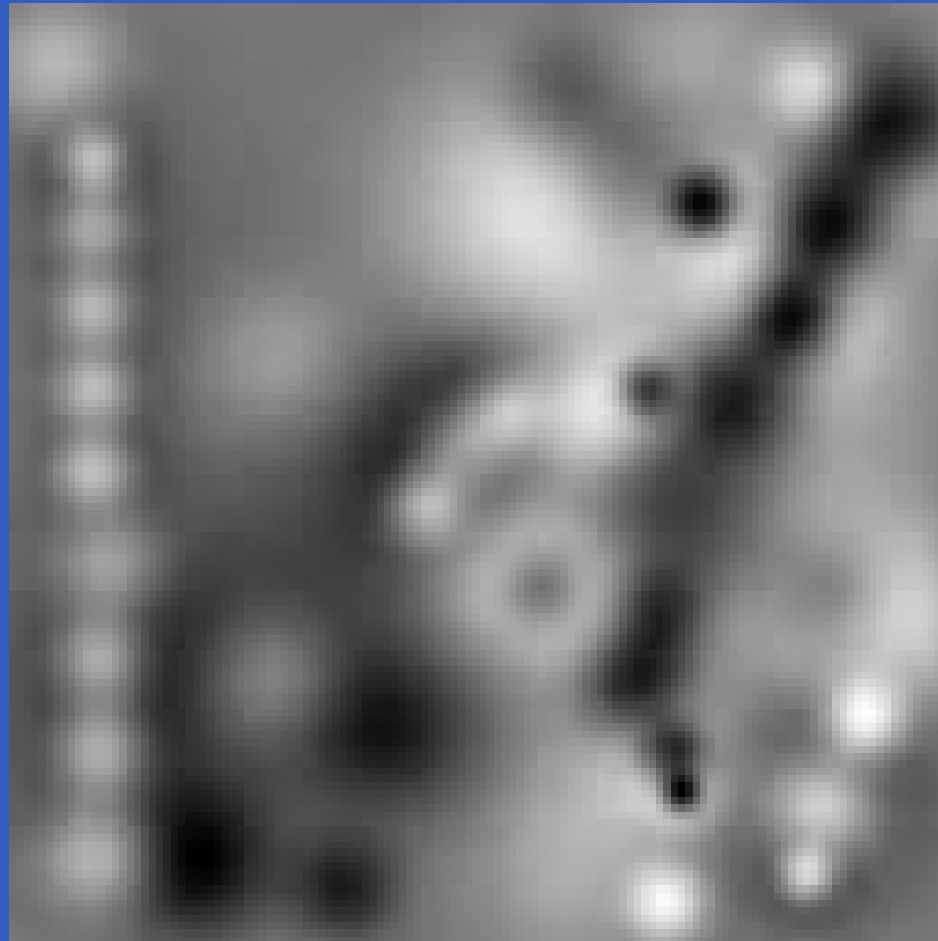
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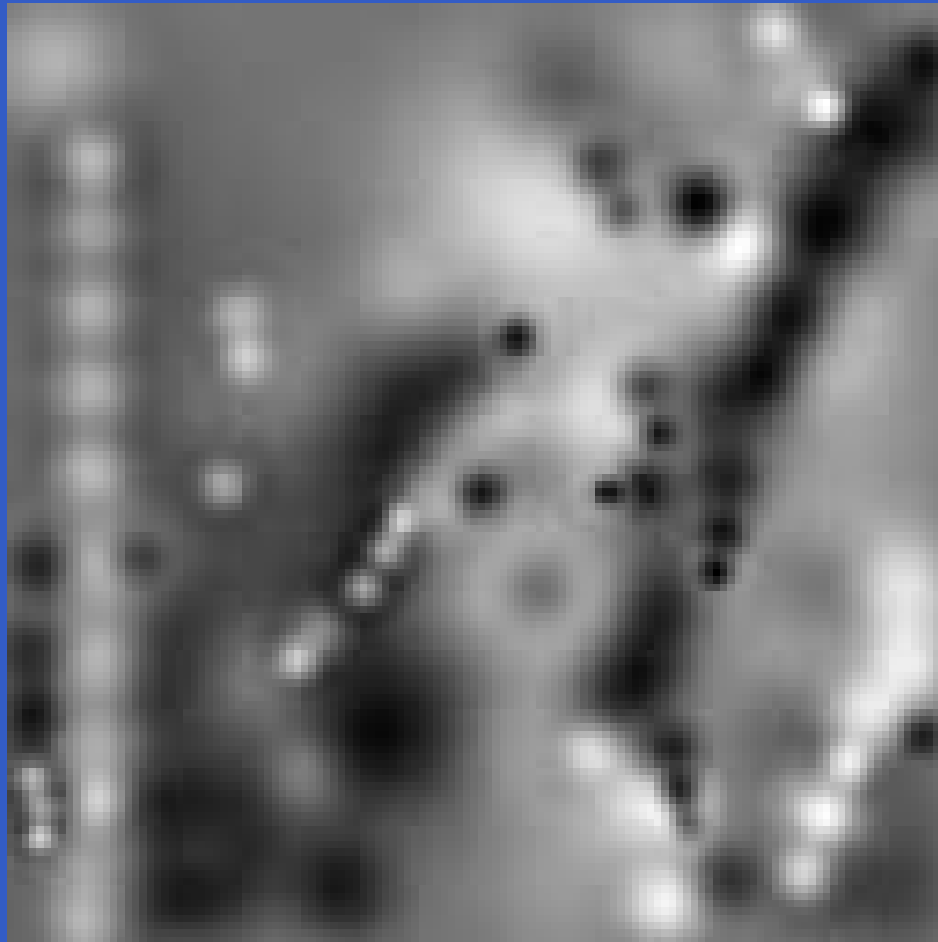
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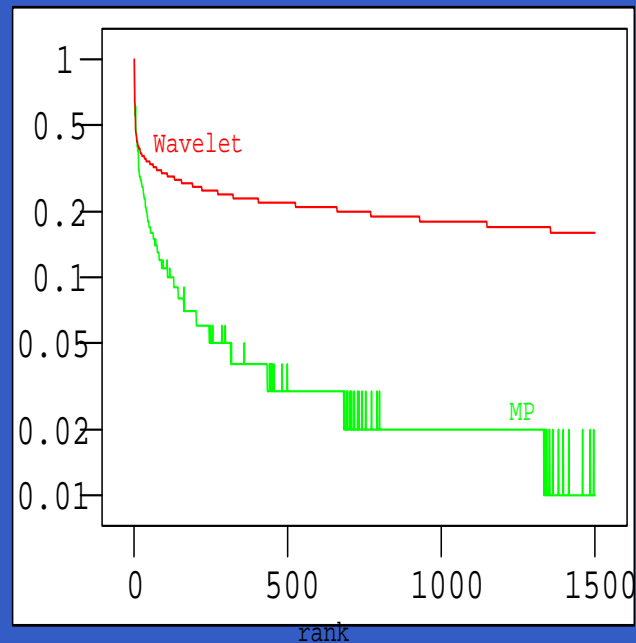
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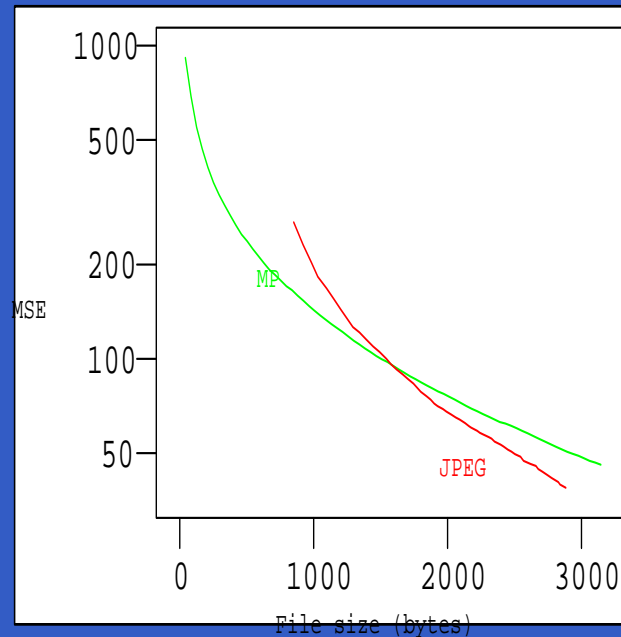
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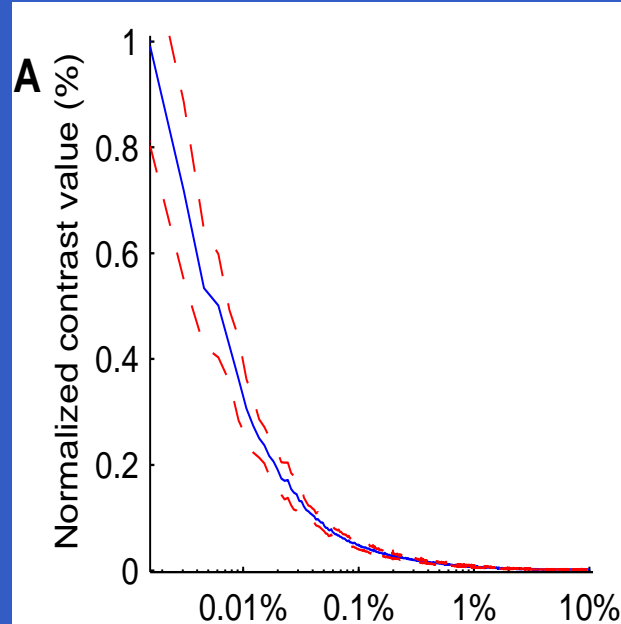
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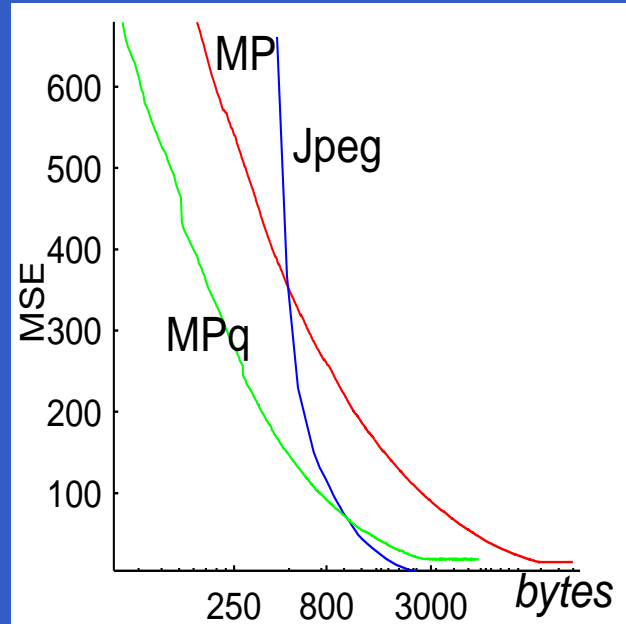
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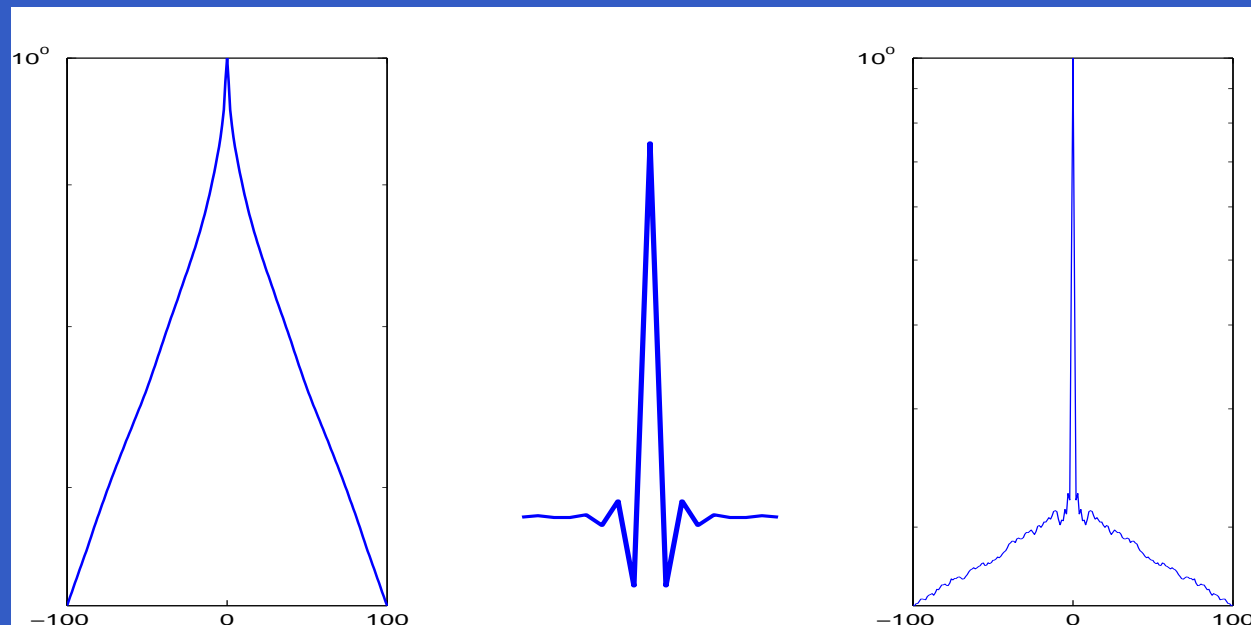
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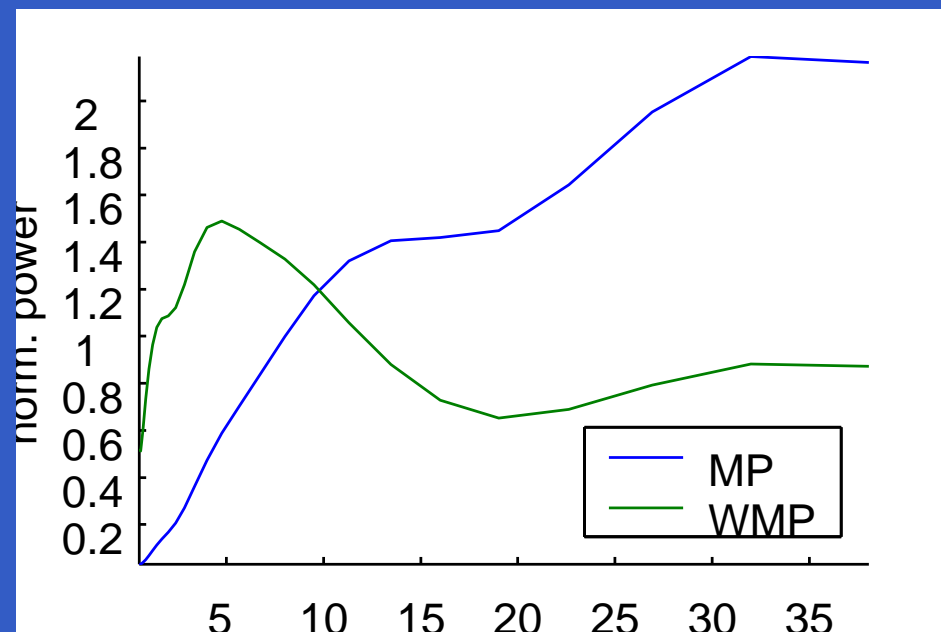


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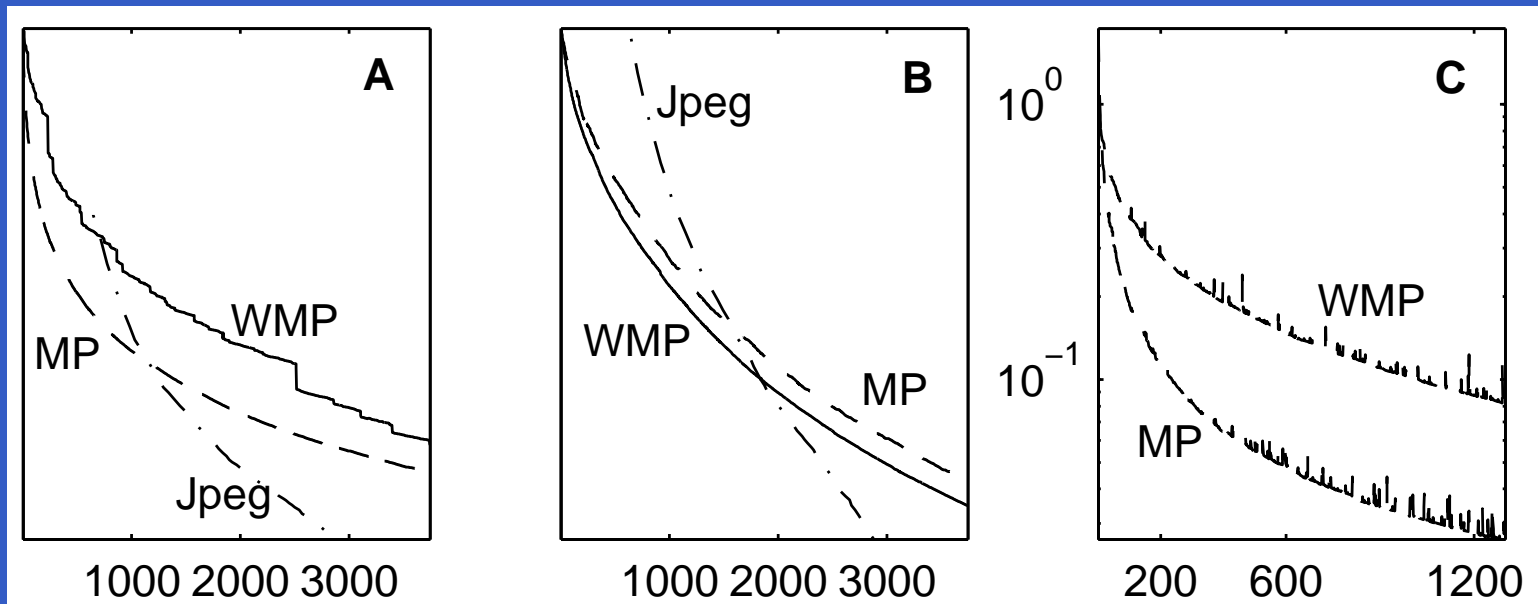
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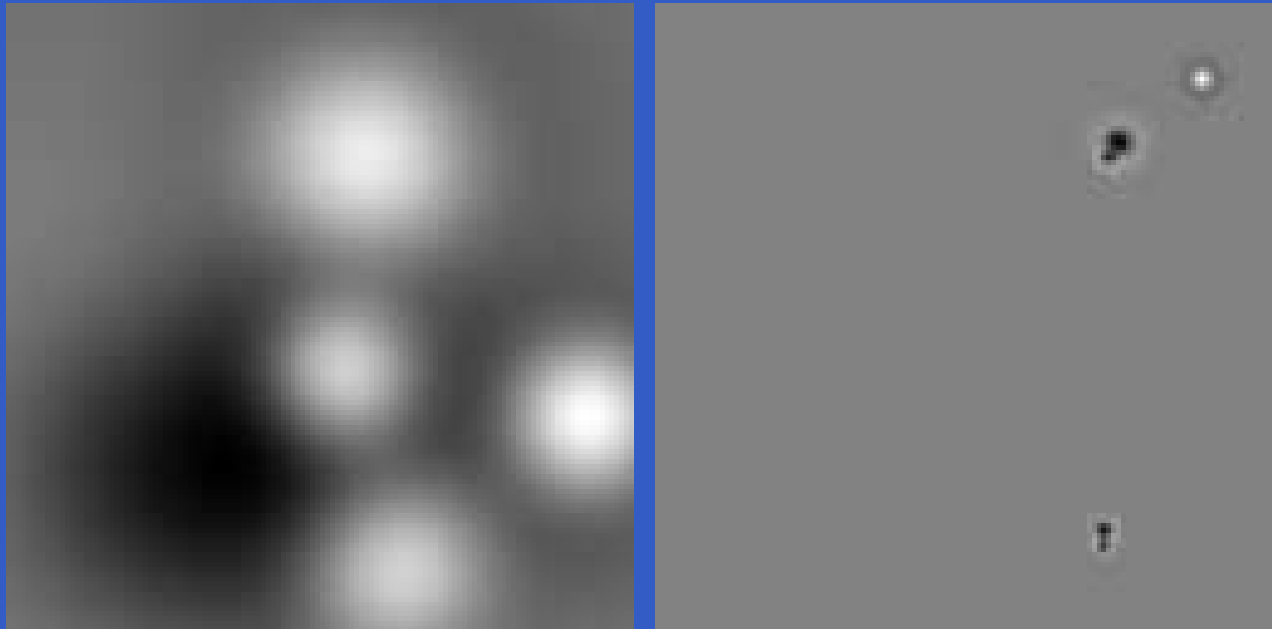
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(A,B) Comparison of MSE in function of the structure book size (in *bytes*) and compared to JPEG at different qualities (dashed line: MP, plain line: WMP, dot-dashed line: JPEG)

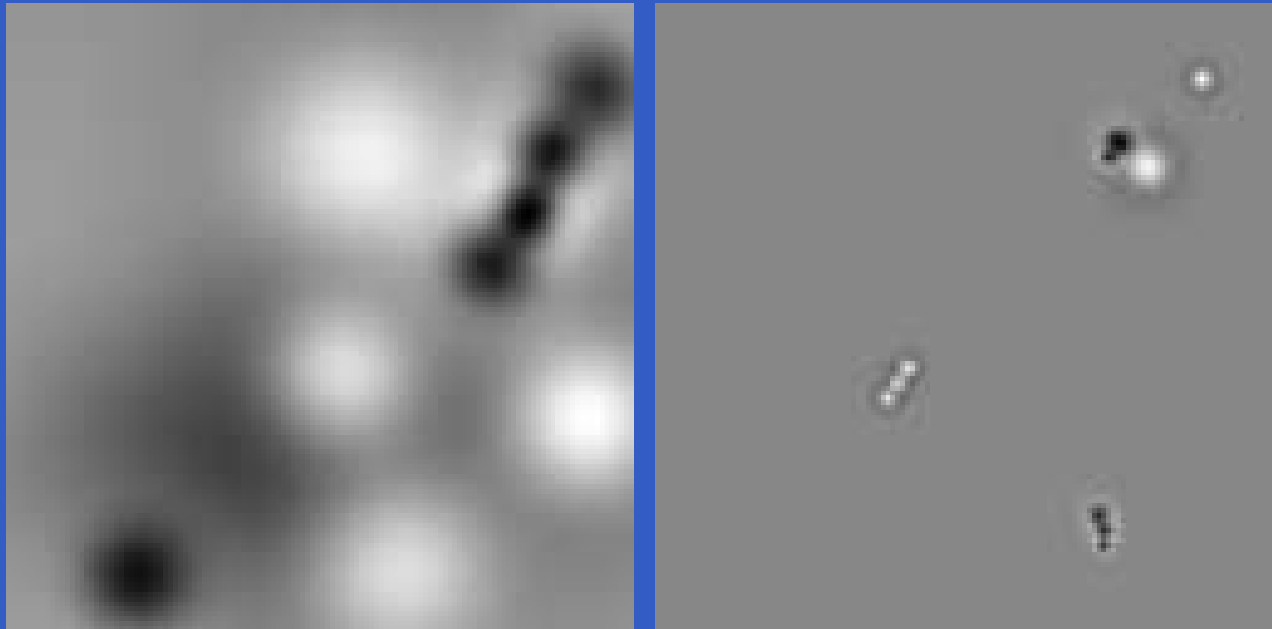
(A) Standard MSE, (B) Mahalanobis MSE; (C) Modulation function for MP and WMP in function of the spike's rank.

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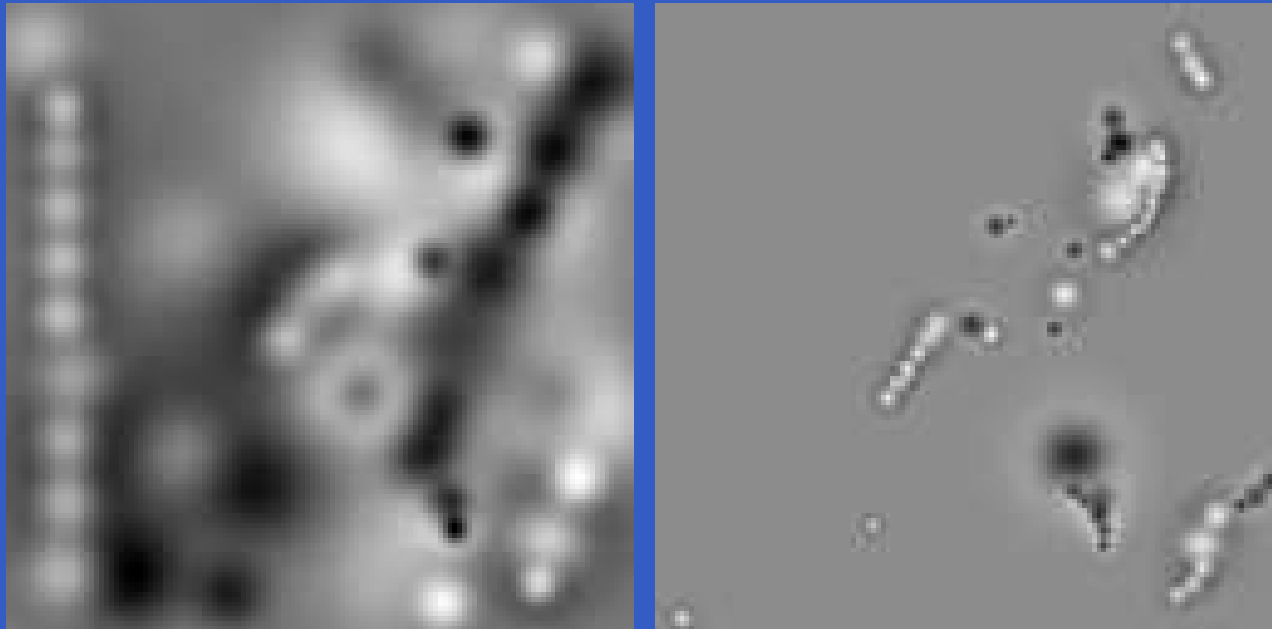
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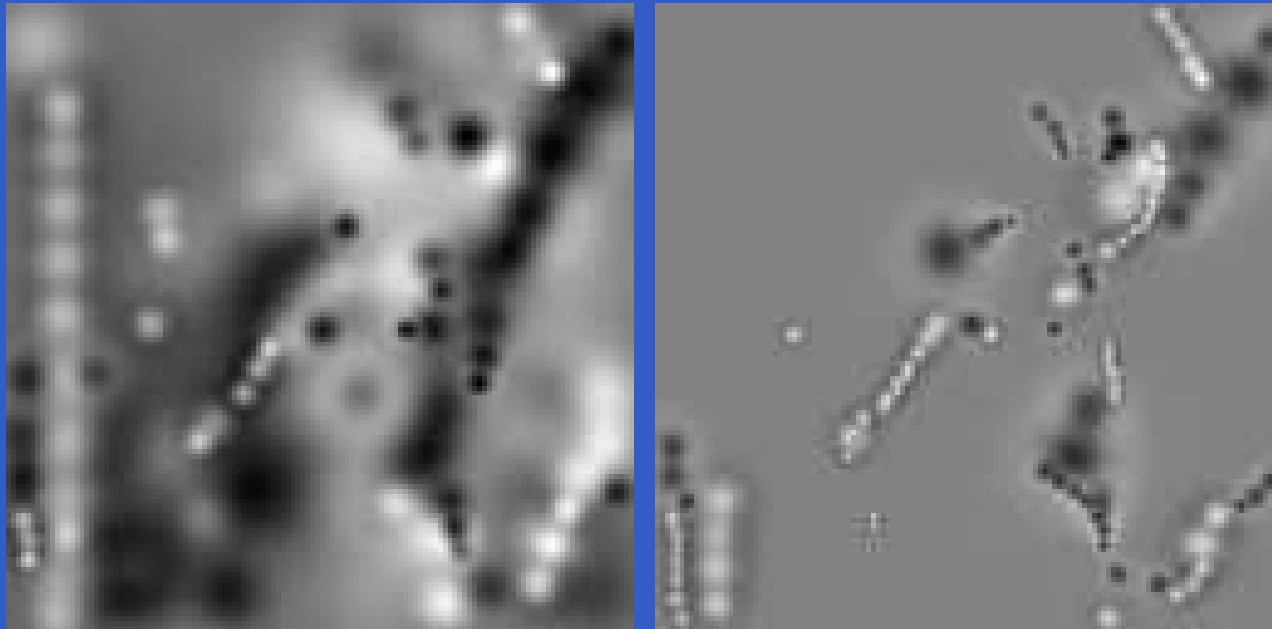
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Beyond this talk

All source code and documents available on:

`http://laurent.perrinet.free.fr/code/retina.html`

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