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Prior Work and (Partial) Bibliography

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- MC is based on theoretical models
- There are free parameters in the theory

Constraining these parameters to take on values that are consistent with existing data is call "MC tuning".

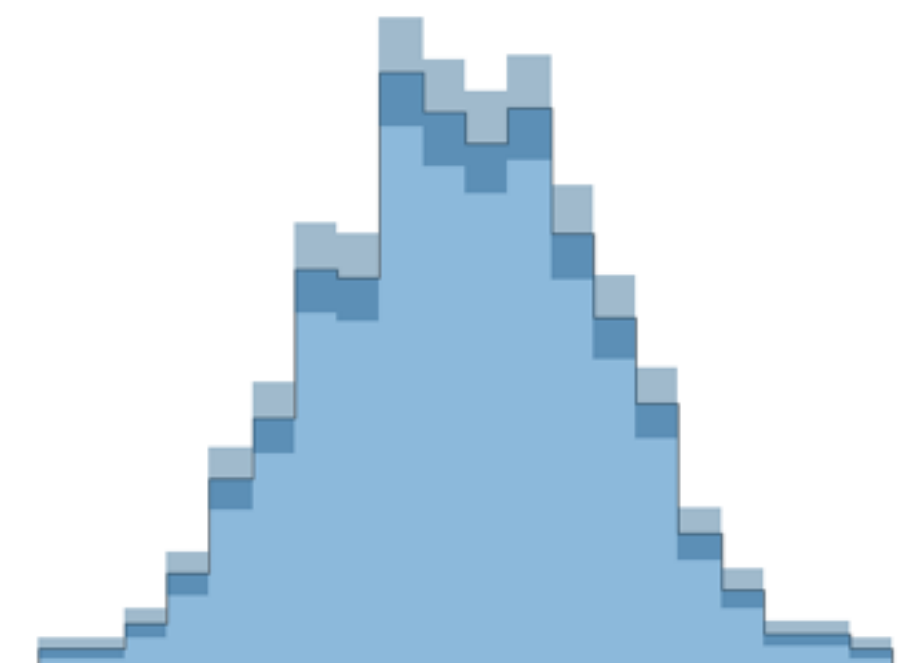
Basic MC tuning recipe



1. Pick set of parameter values

2. Generate MC events

3. Plot 1D observables from MC and reference data events



4. Calculate
$$\chi^2(\mathbf{p}) = \sum_{\mathcal{O}} \sum_{b \in \mathcal{O}} w_b \frac{(f^{(b)}(\mathbf{p}) - \mathcal{R}_b)^2}{\Delta_b^2}$$

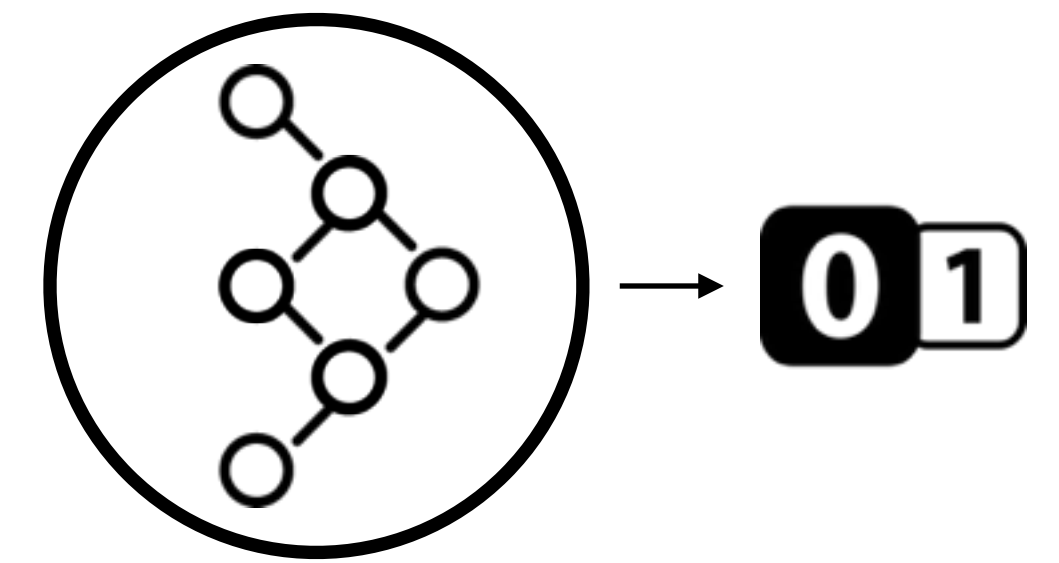
This work: Ideas and Contributions

- I. Replace **data-MC comparison** based on χ^2 agreement of 1D histograms with **NN-based high-dimensional discrimination**
- II. Use the **full radiation pattern** inside jets as input, instead of a handful of observables
- III. **Learn event reweighting function** to avoid several expensive generation calls
- IV. **Tune generator parameters by back-propagation**

*NN-based high-dimensional
data-MC comparison.*

Fundamental Approach

- Question: does $p_{\text{generator}}(x|\theta)$ match $p_{\text{data}}(x)$?
- Instead of checking 1D histograms, let a NN do this for you in high-dimensions (accounts for correlations)



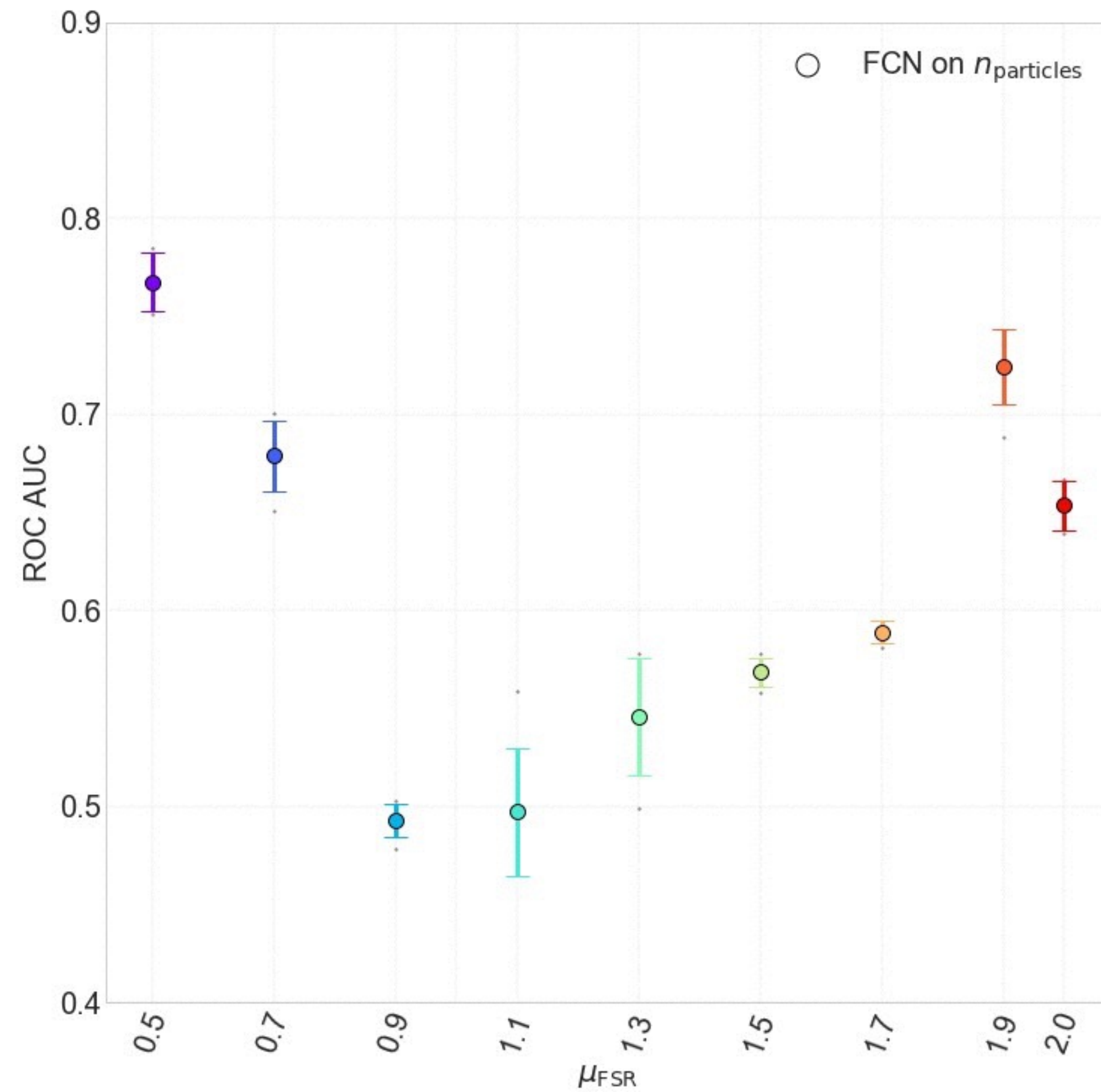
- ☑ Can still plot 1D distributions and calculate χ^2 to cross-check NN performance vs. your physics intuition

Experimental Setup



- Dijet events at in pp collisions at 13 TeV, produced with `Pythia 8.230` via the `numpythia` package in scikit-hep ($500 \text{ GeV} < p_T < 1000 \text{ GeV}$)
- Jet clustering with `FastJet` via the `pyjet` package in scikit-hep (anti- k_T $R=0.4$; jet $p_T > 10 \text{ GeV}$; select 2 leading jets)
- Specify μ_{FSR} variations
- Write out to HDF5
- Train a classifier using PyTorch
- Method sensitivity in terms of binary ROC AUC

Binary Classification Tasks vs. $\mu_{\text{FSR}}=1.0$ Baseline

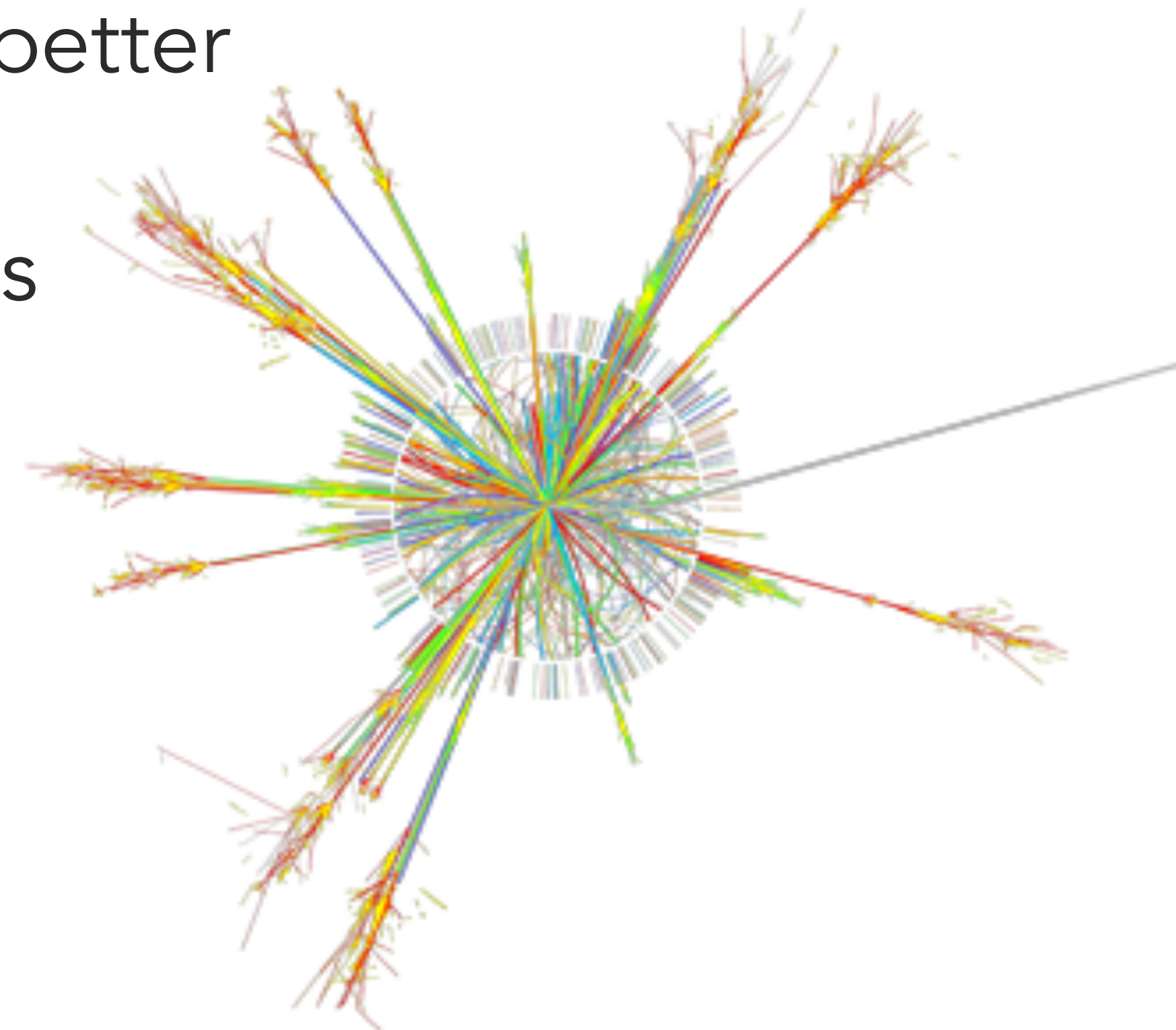


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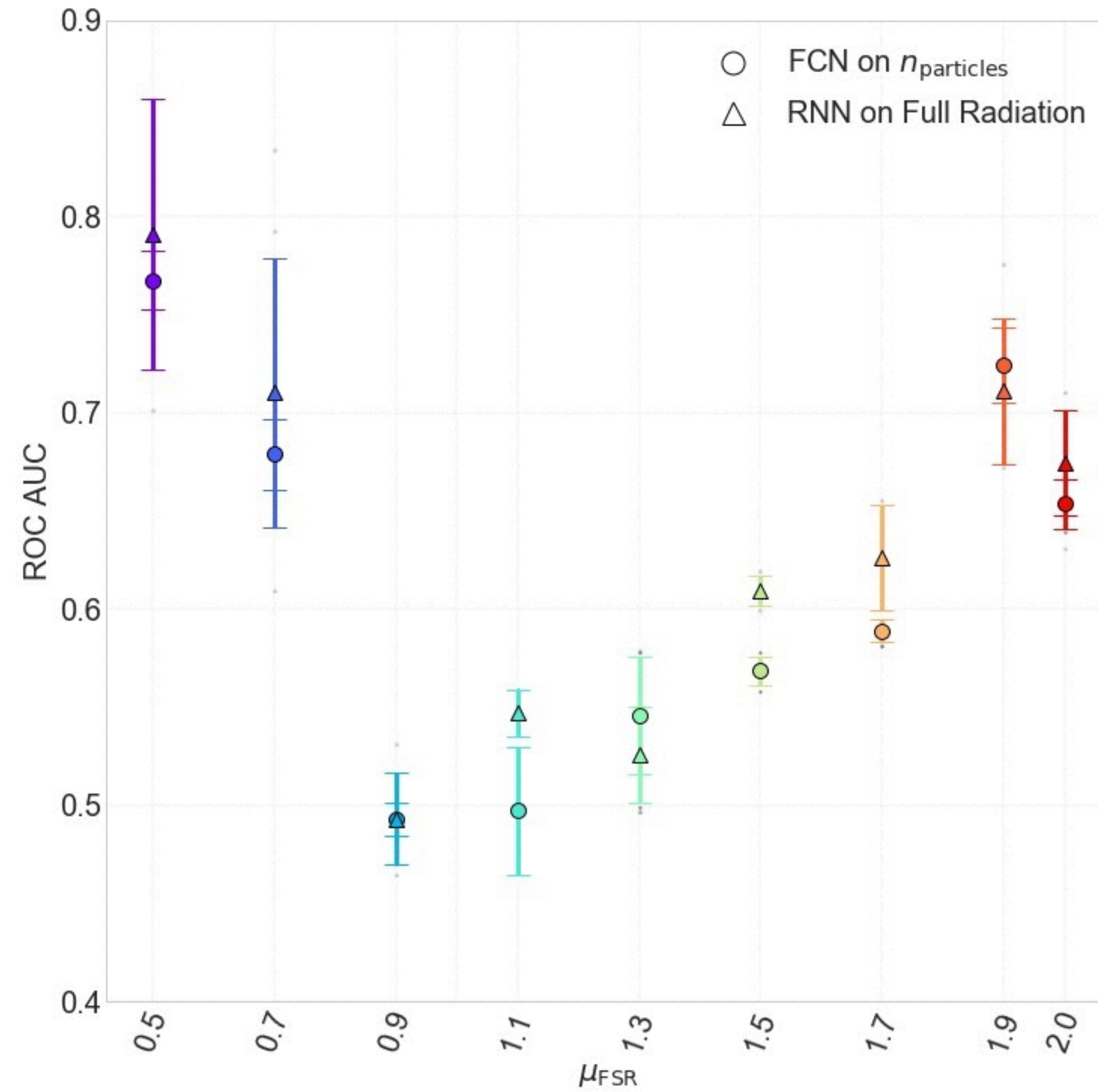
Use more complex input features



- Letting a NN compare distributions scales better
- Can use much more complex inputs such as properties of all particles in the event

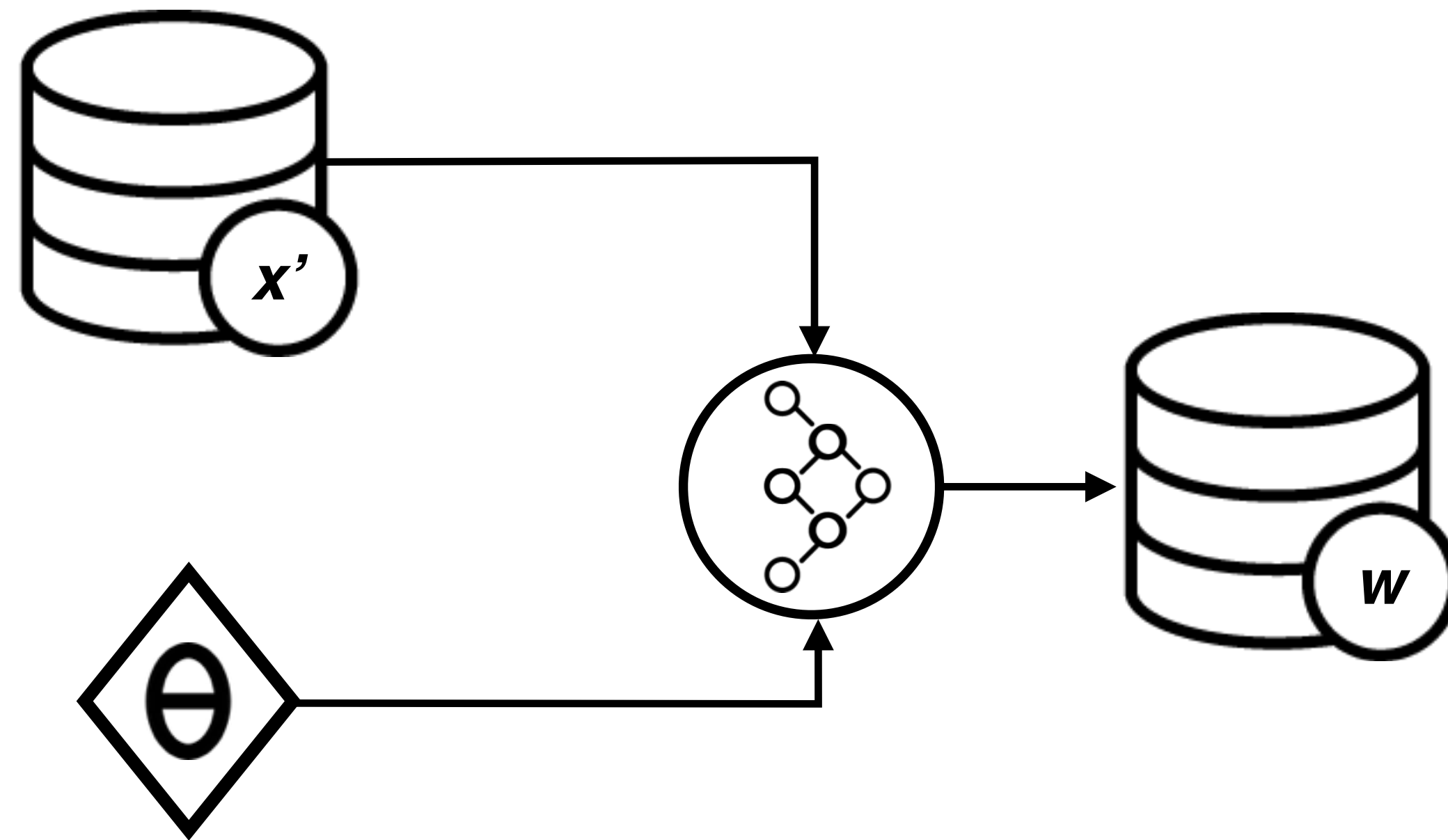


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Learning the MC Event Reweighting



*Tune generator parameters
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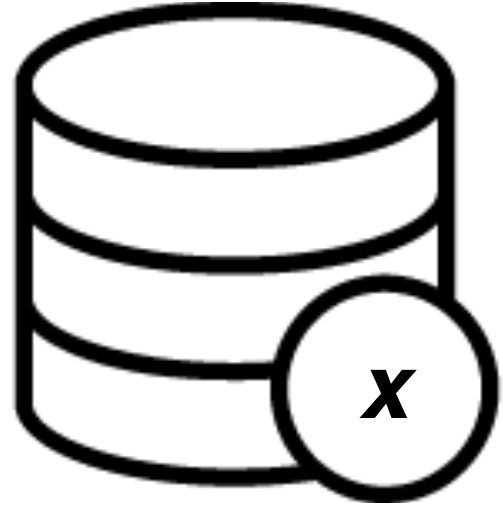
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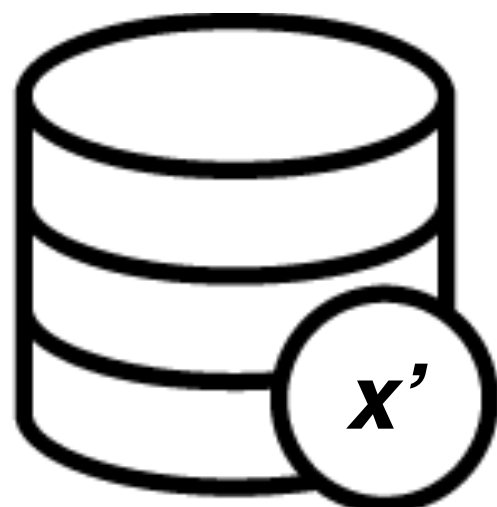
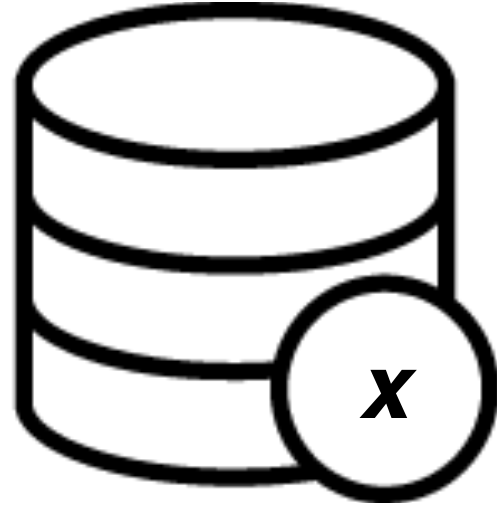
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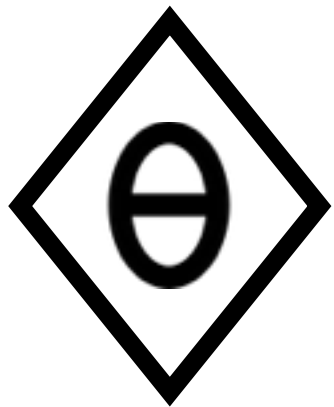
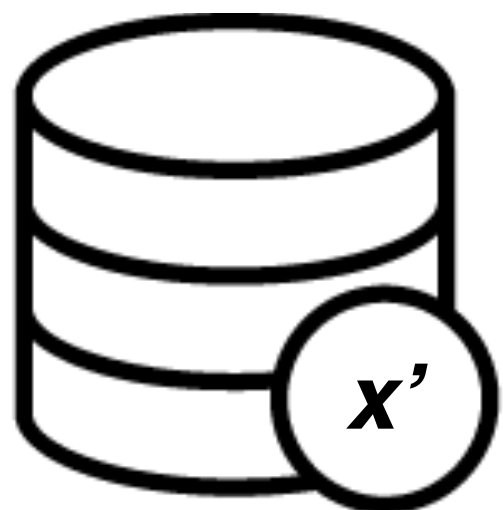
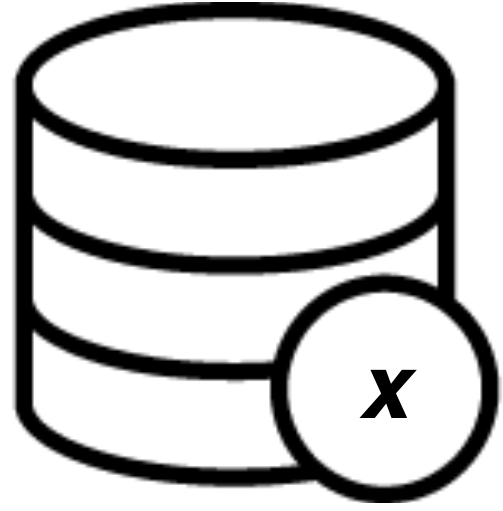
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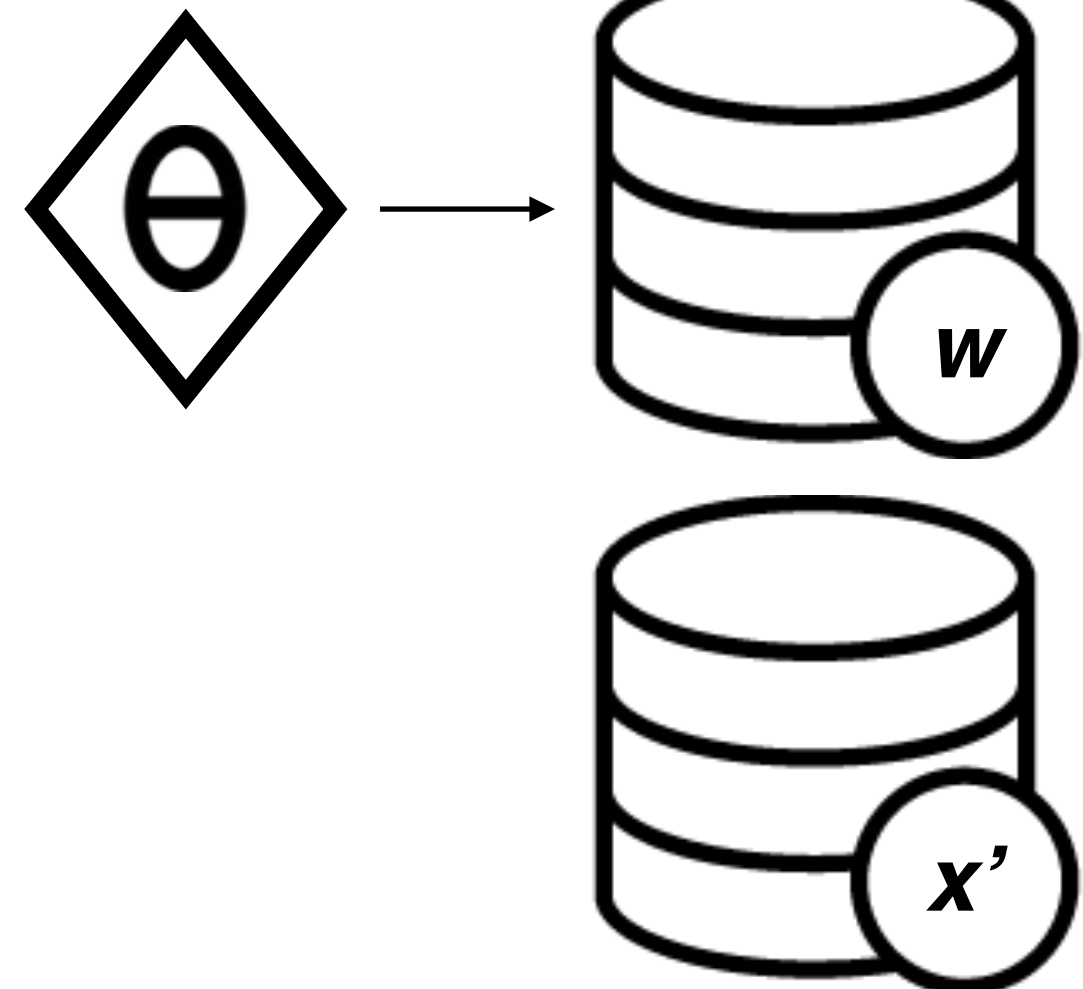
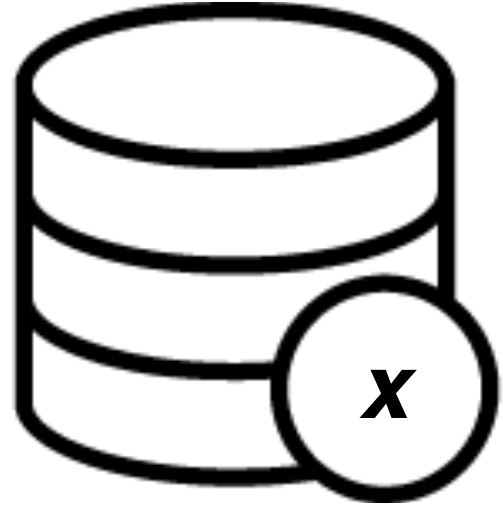
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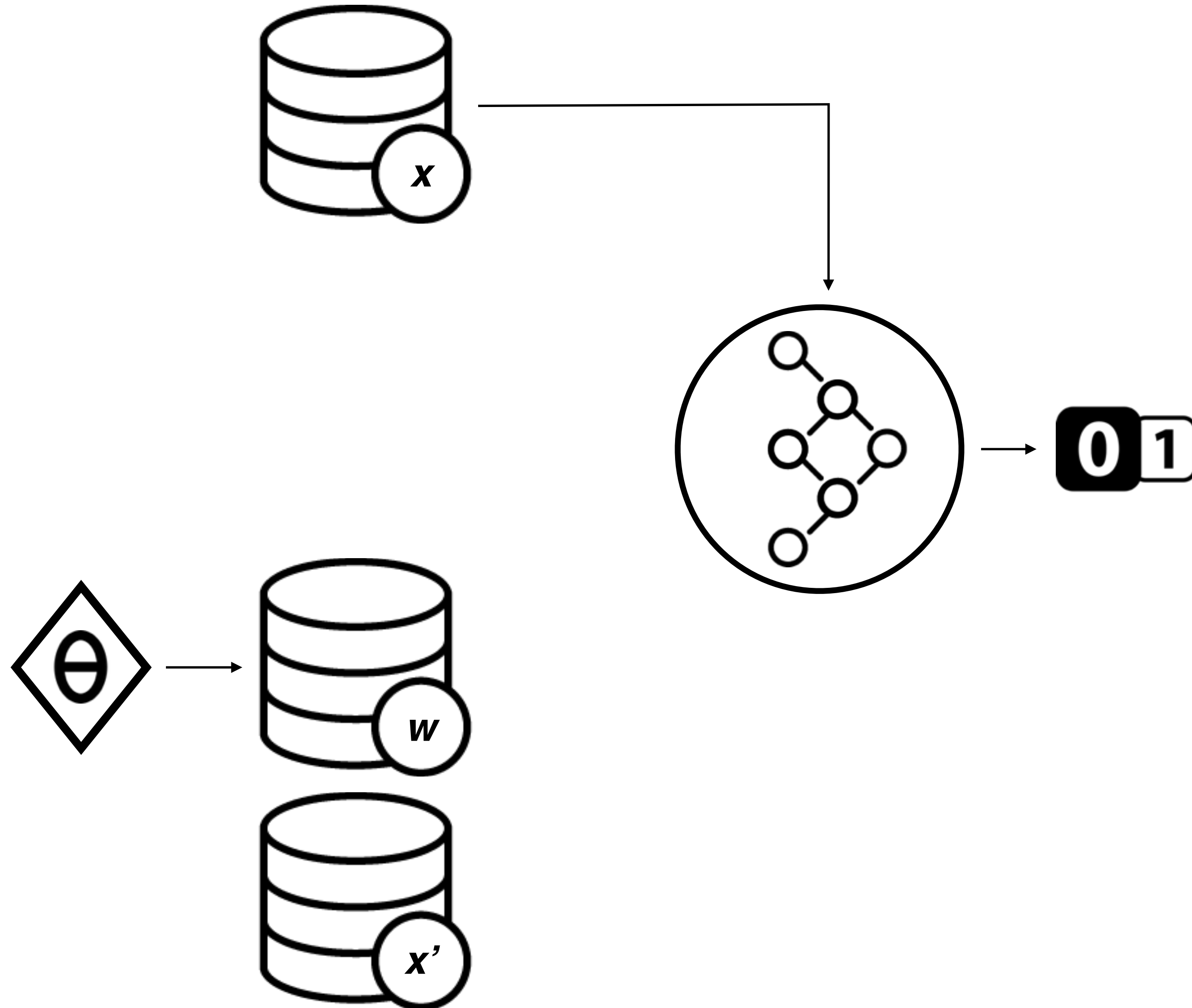
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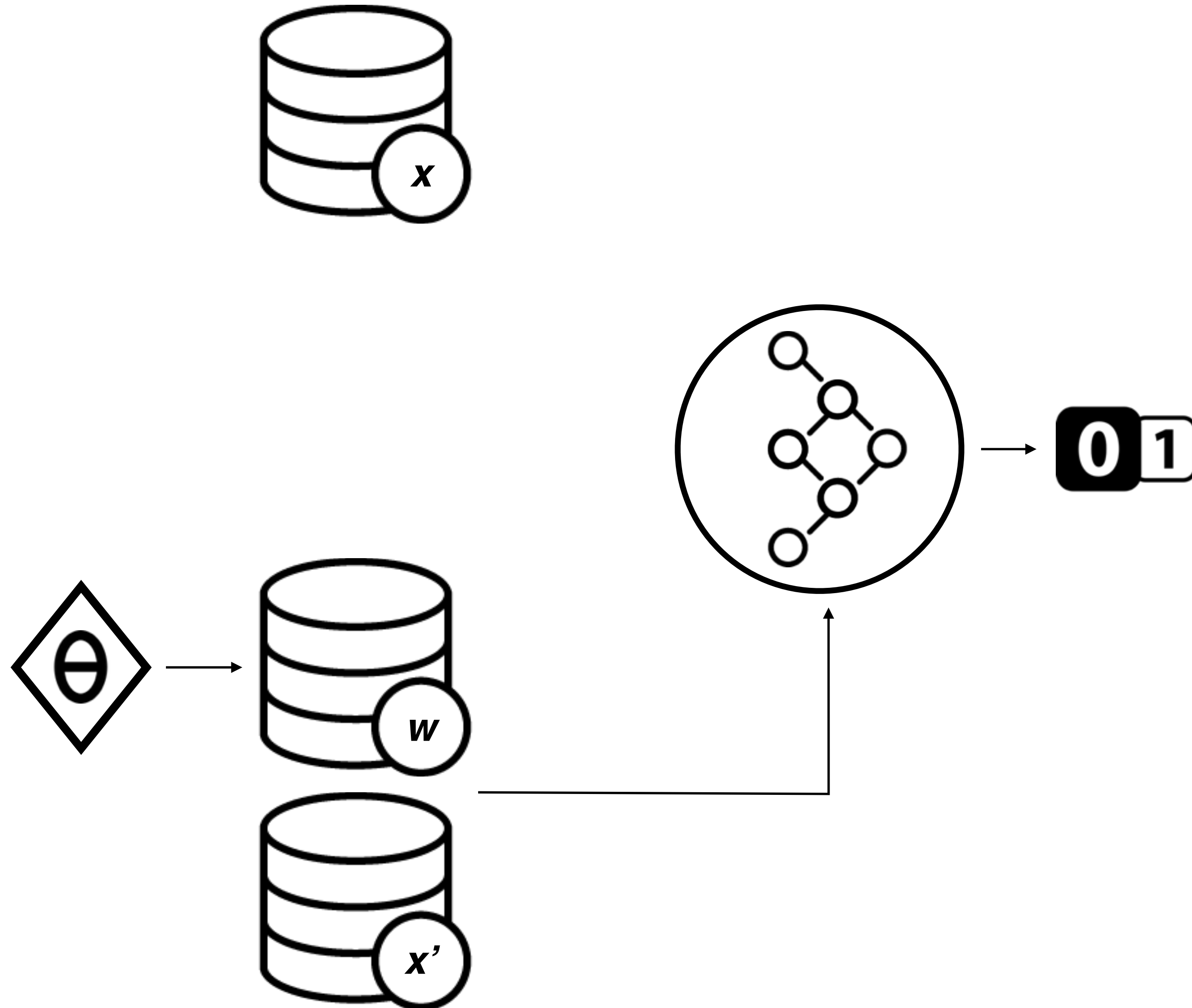
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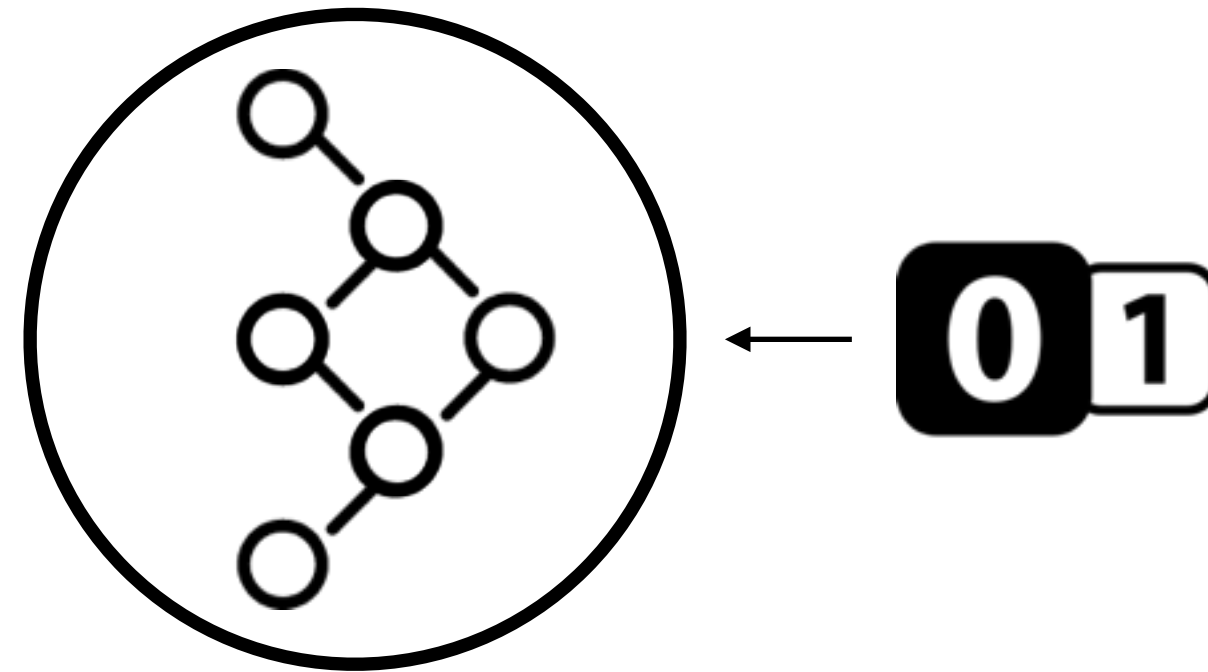
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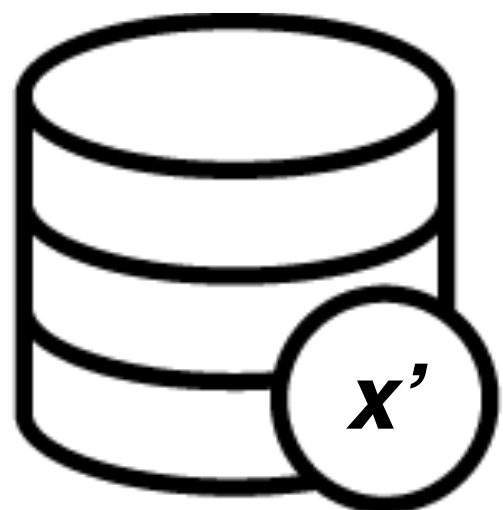
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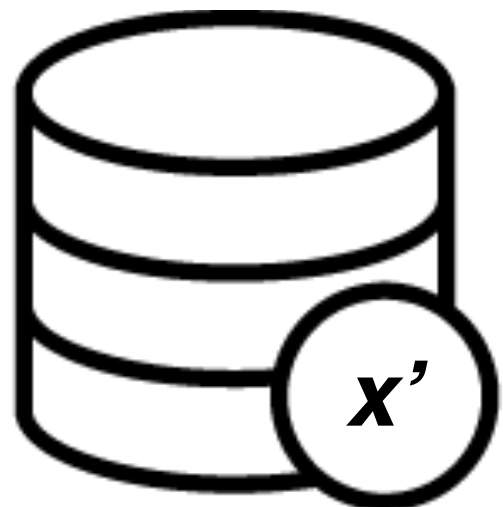
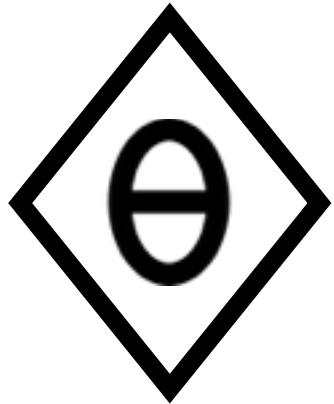
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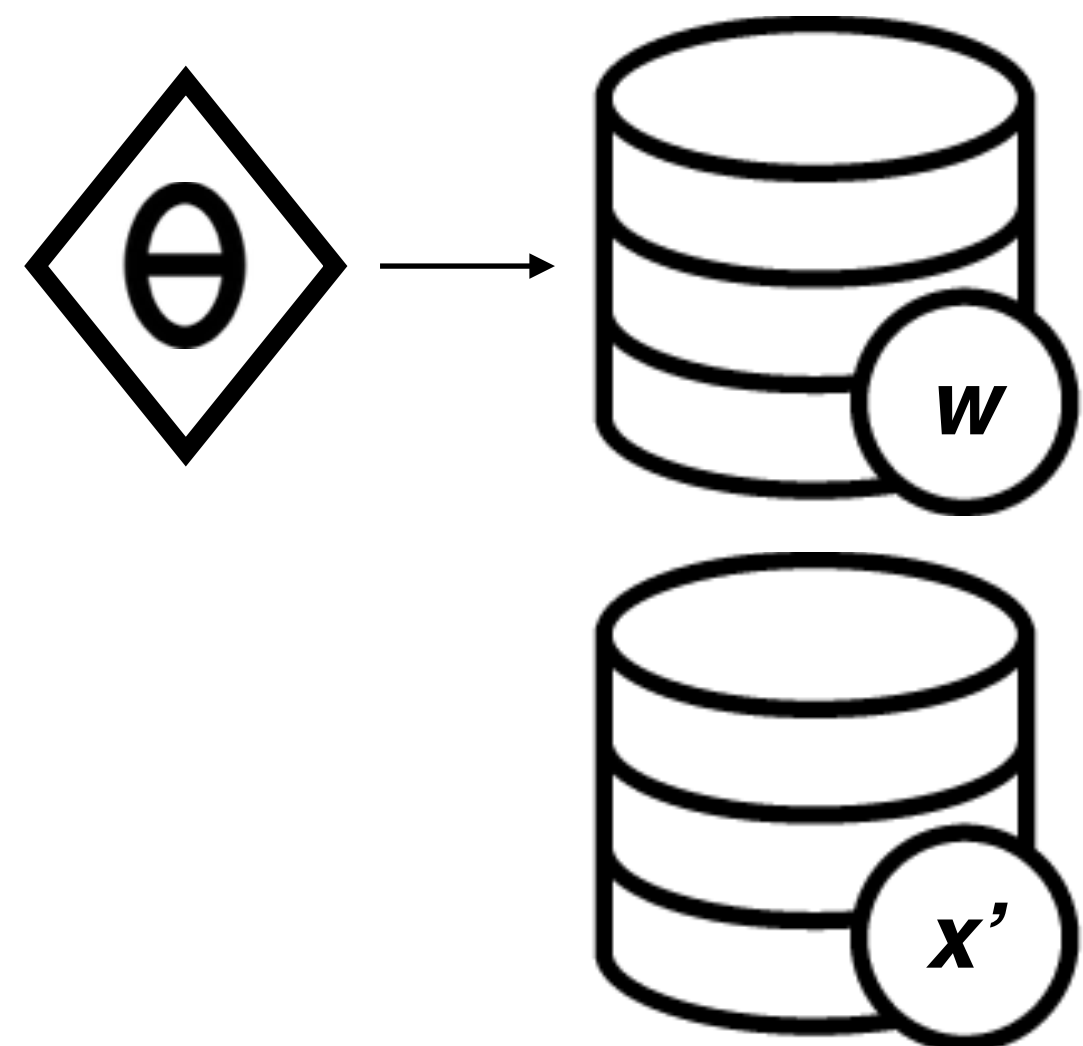
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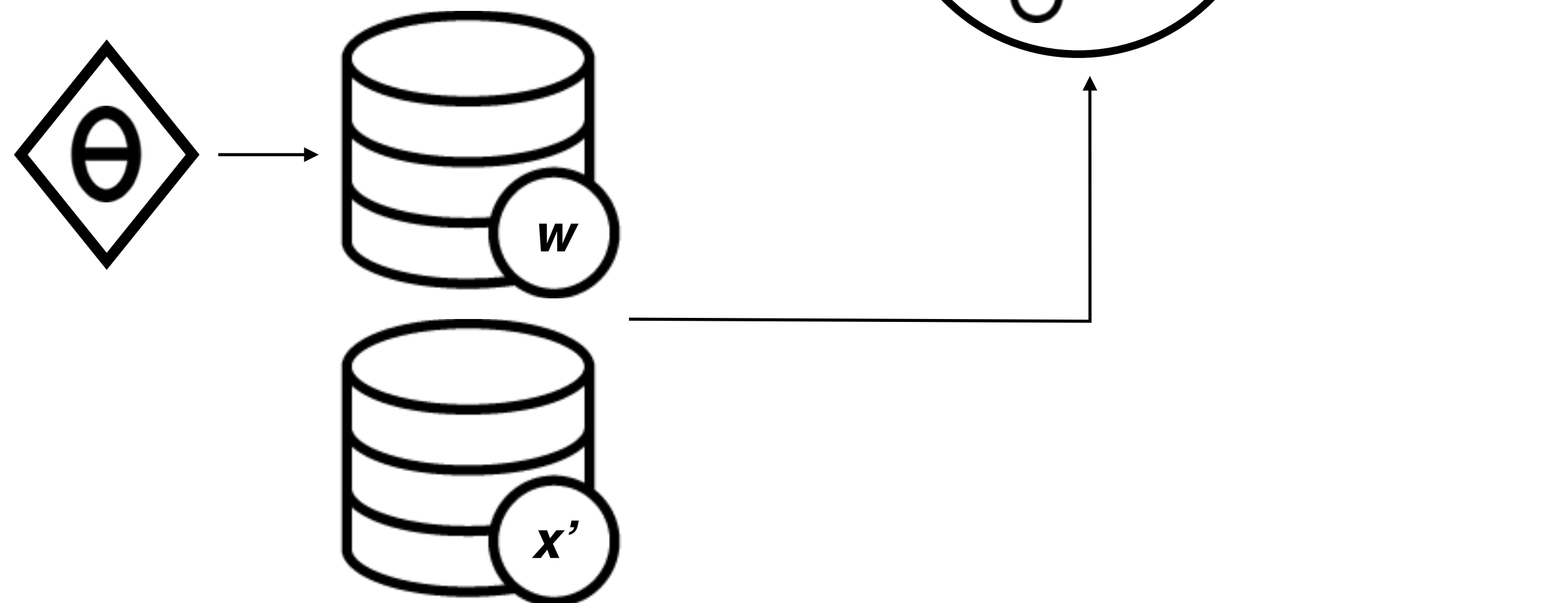
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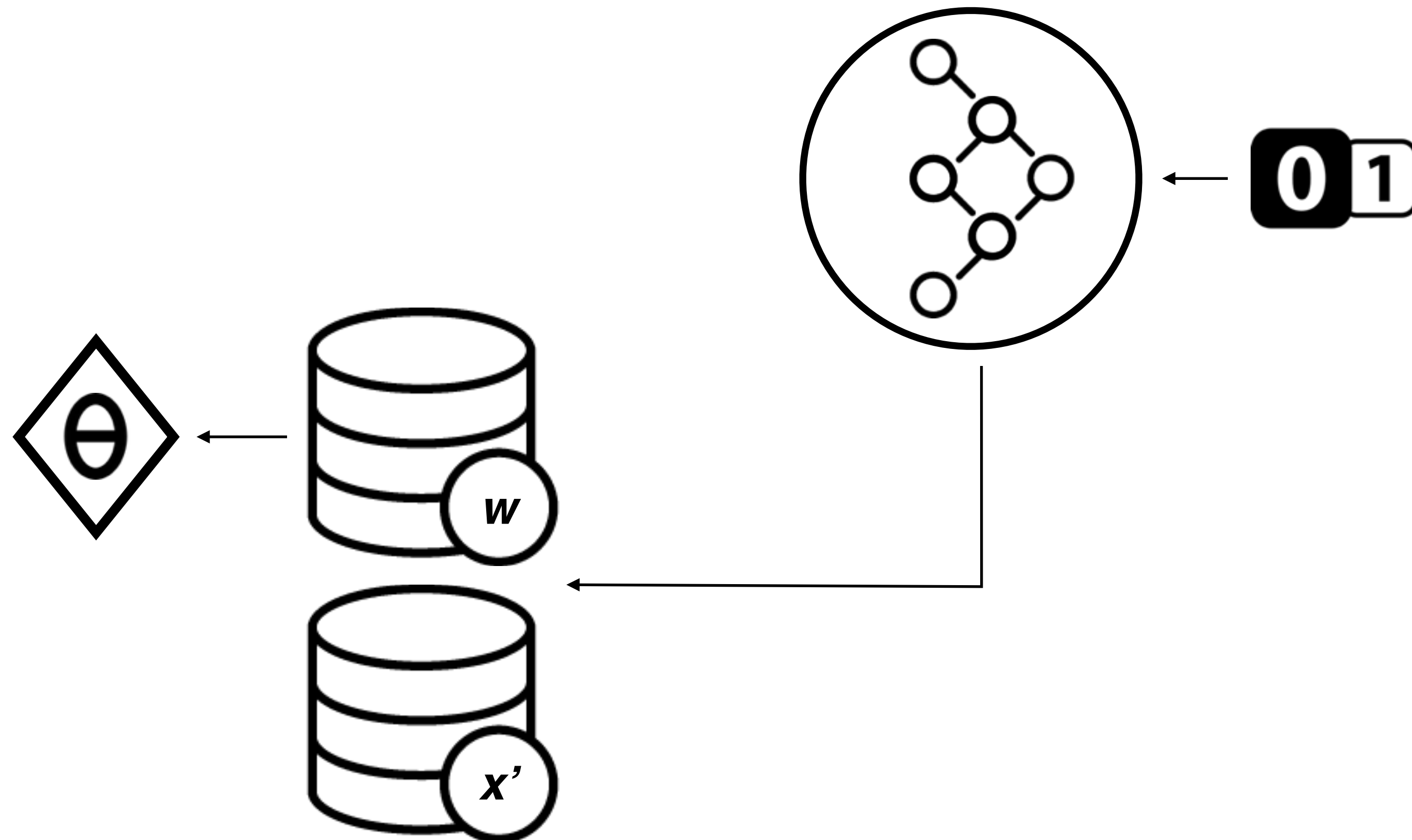
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Thank you!

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