

CapsNets Continuing the Convolutional Quest

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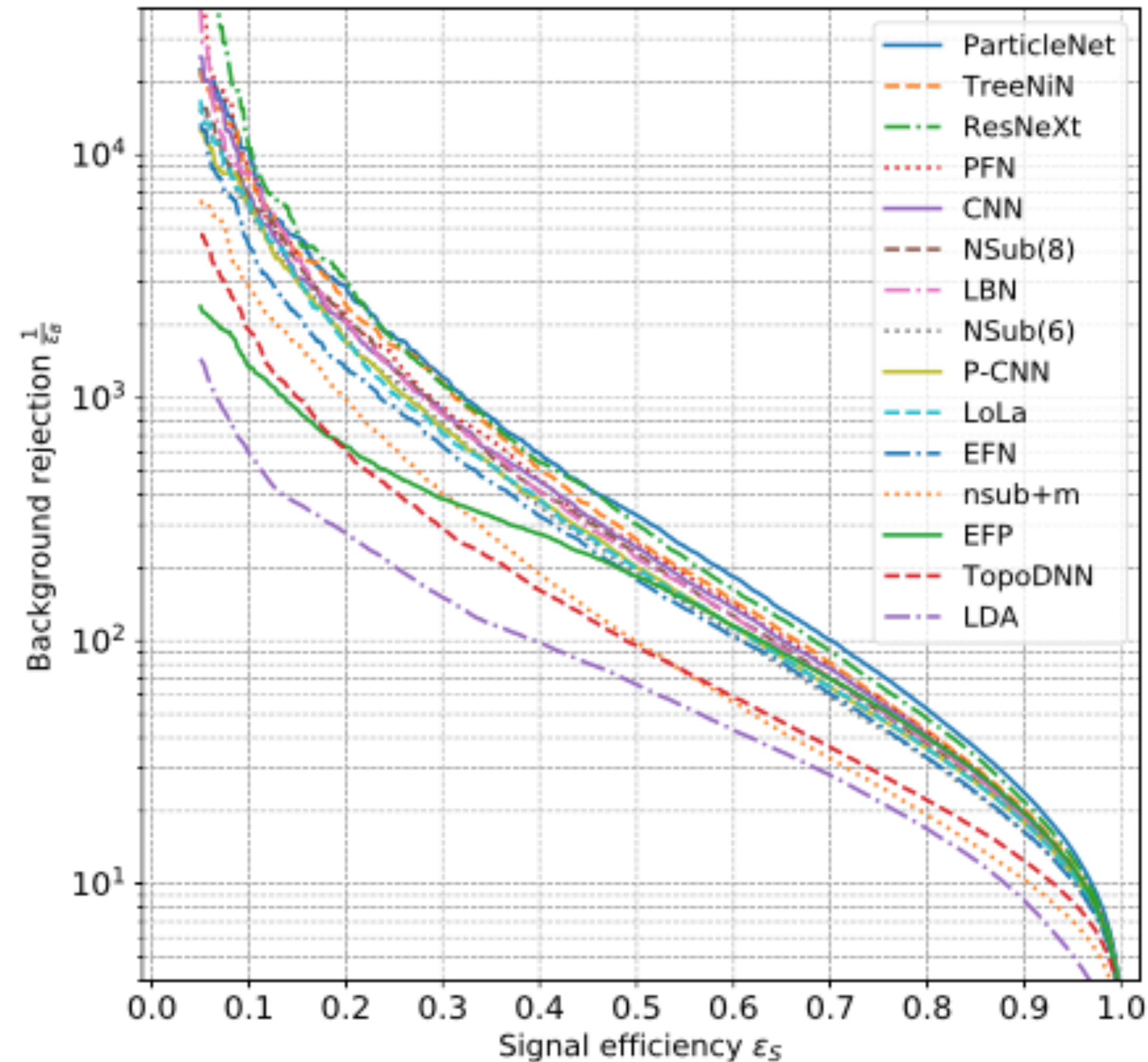


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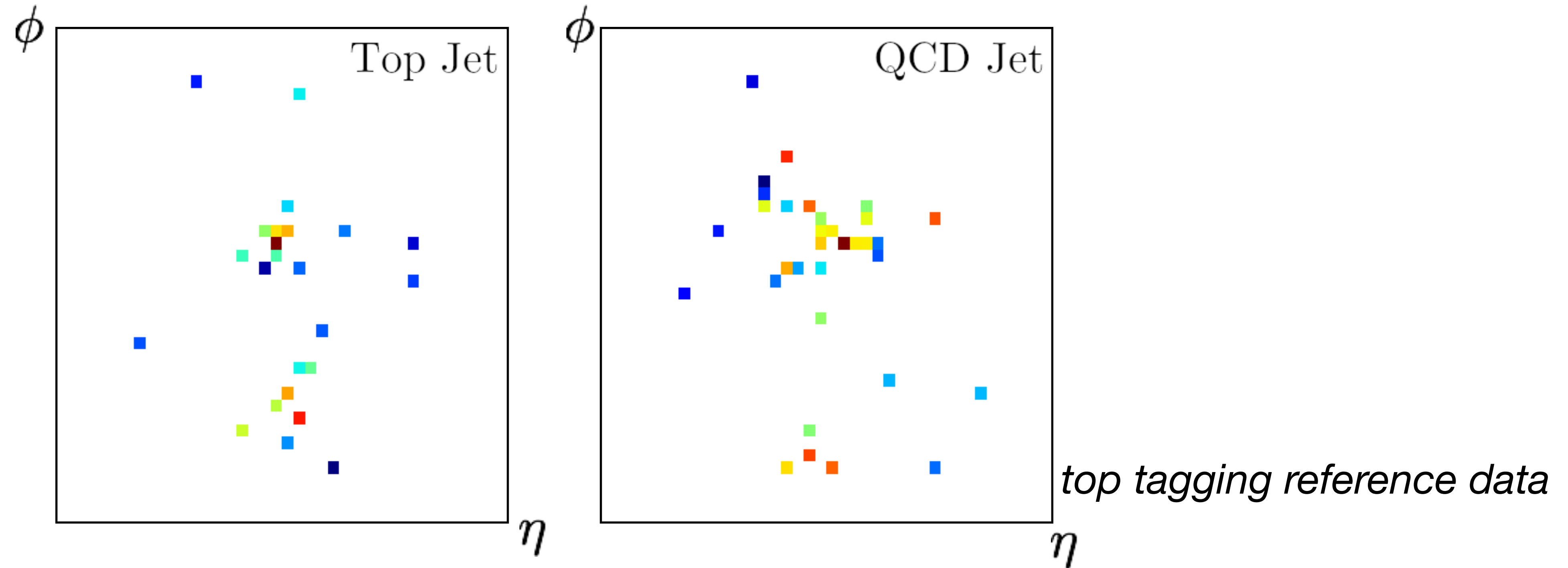
Beyond Performance



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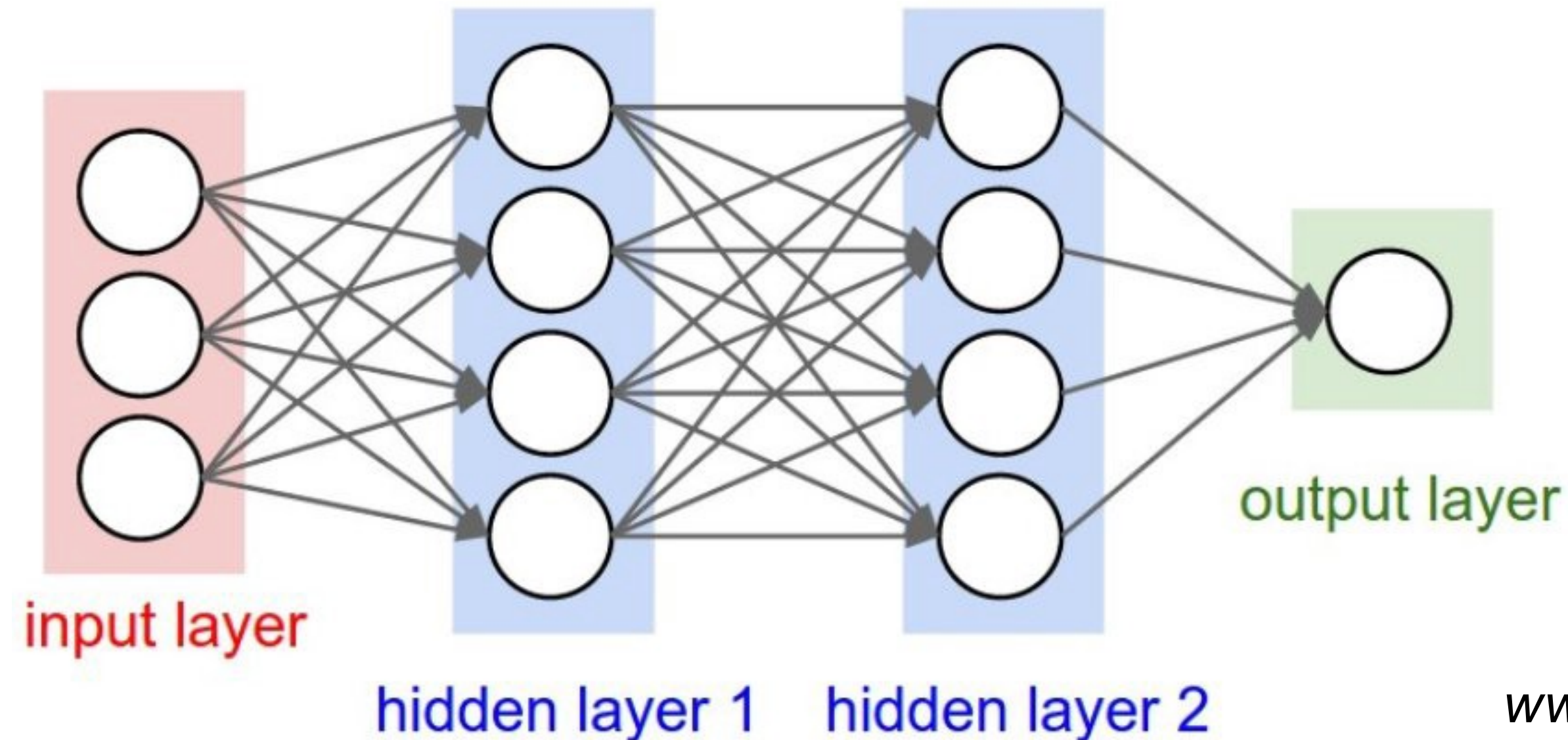
- Neural network classifiers proven and invaluable tool in particle physics
- Movement towards calibration, stability and **insight**

Beyond Performance



- Understanding network decision process
➔ Insight into underlying physics

Understanding Decisions



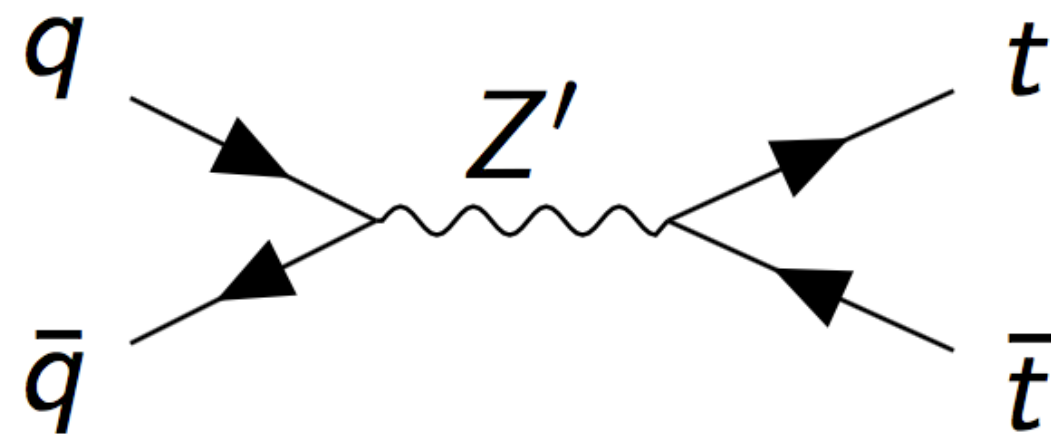
- Standard DNN: Only value of the output has meaning
- Intermediate not individually expressive
 - ➔ Difficult to interpret
 - ➔ **New approach: Capsule Networks**

Full Event Tagging

- Capsules well suited for full events
- Event level kinematics easier to understand than jet variables

Signal:

Z' (1 TeV) decaying to top pairs



Background:

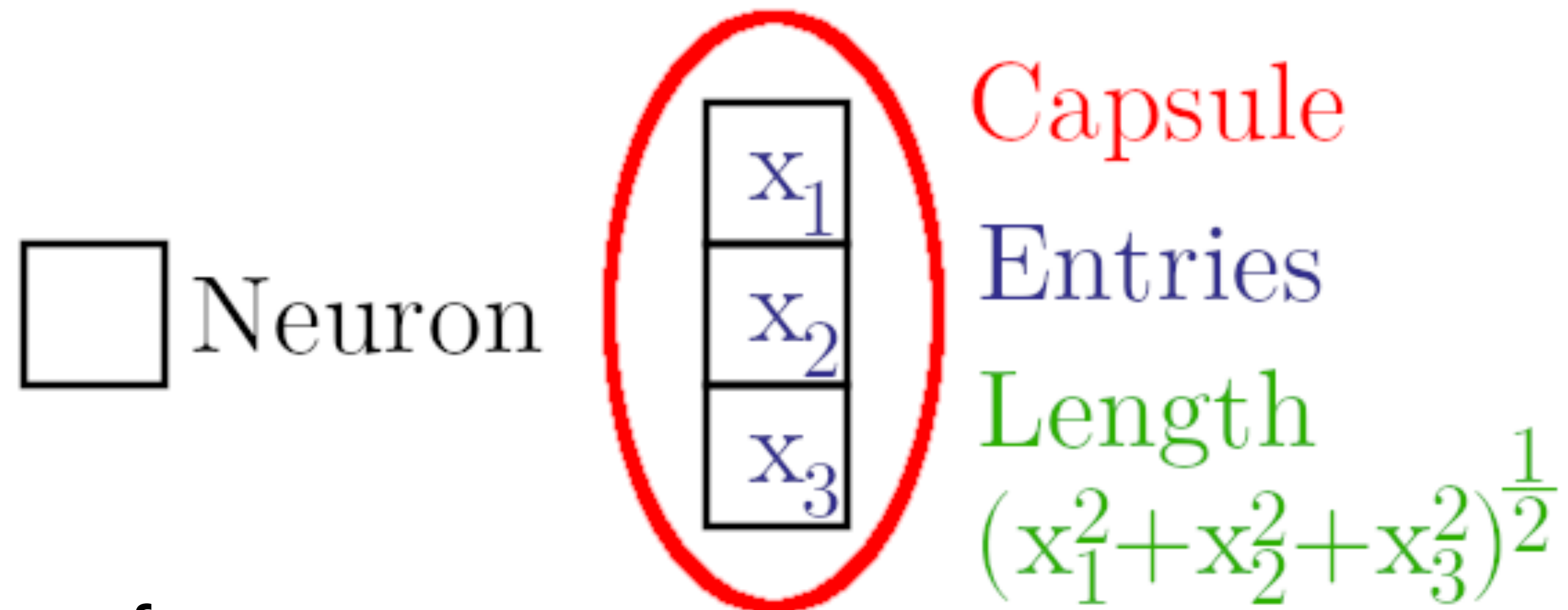
QCD di-top processes

$$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} [QCD]$$

- Preselection:
 - Number of jets ≥ 2 (anti k_t , $\Delta R = 1.0$)
 - $p_{Tjet1,2} > 350$ GeV
 - $|\eta_{jet1,2}| < 2.0$

Capsule Networks

Capsule Networks

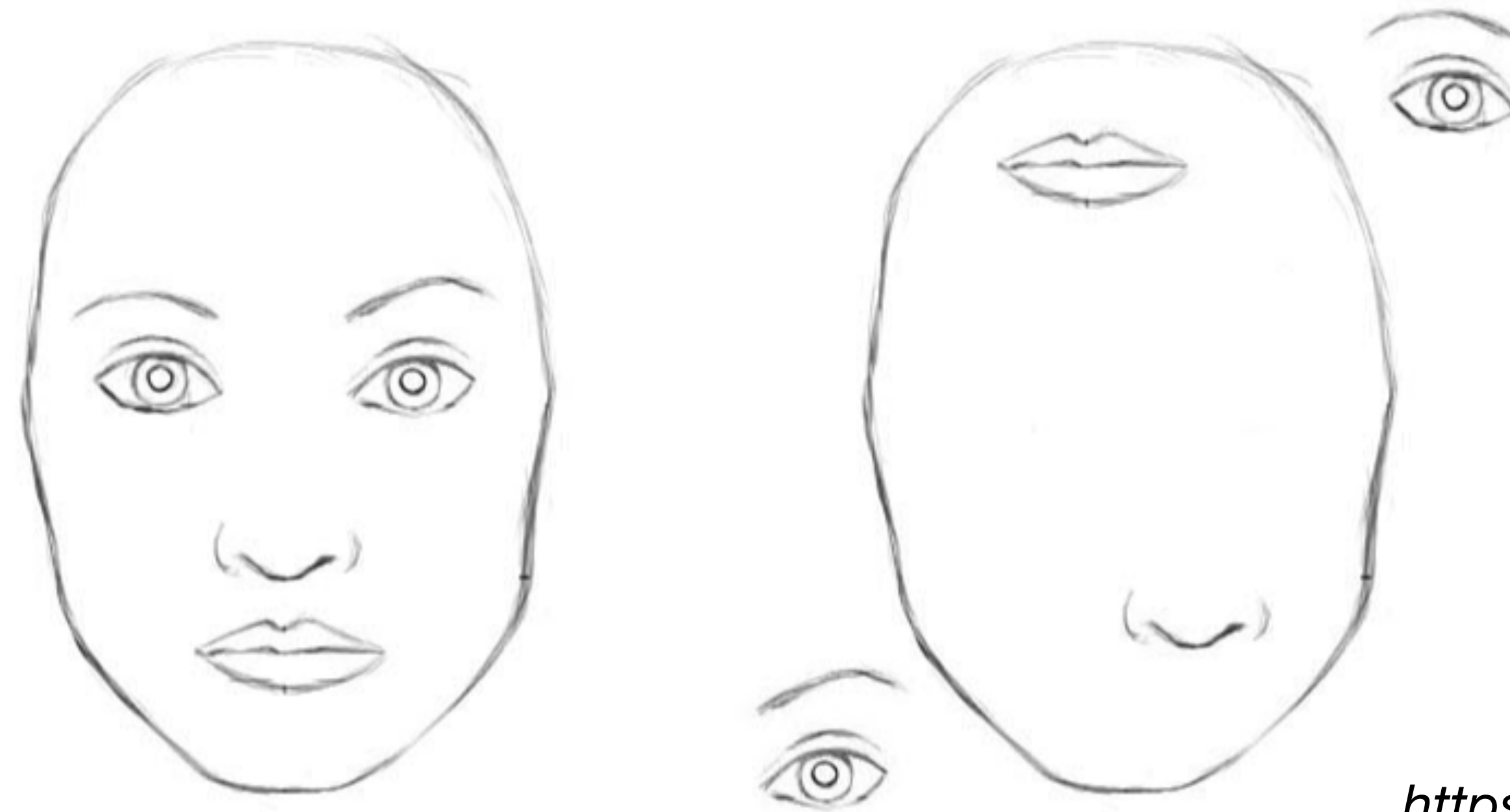


- Capsule: Group of neurons
 - Capsule outputs describe **instantiation vectors**
 - **Entries** of vector describes **properties of object**
 - Length corresponds to **probability of object existence**
- ➔ Interpretability through meaningful **entries**

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Dynamic Routing Between Capsules: 1710.09829

Further Features

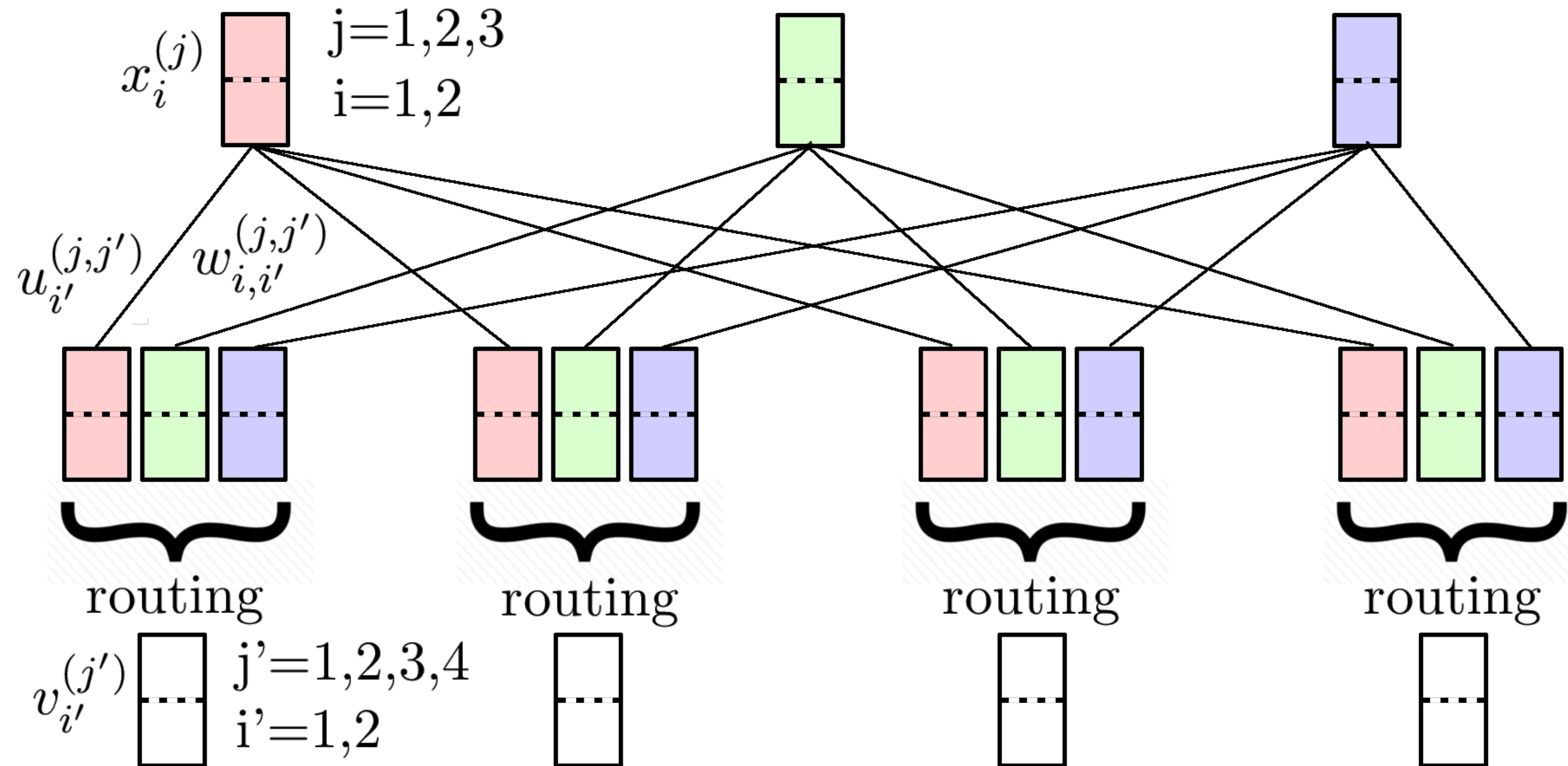
More information than just feature presence



<https://pechyonkin.me/capsules-1/>

- ➔ Relative position of features taken into account
- ➔ Can learn event level kinematics

Capsule Layers

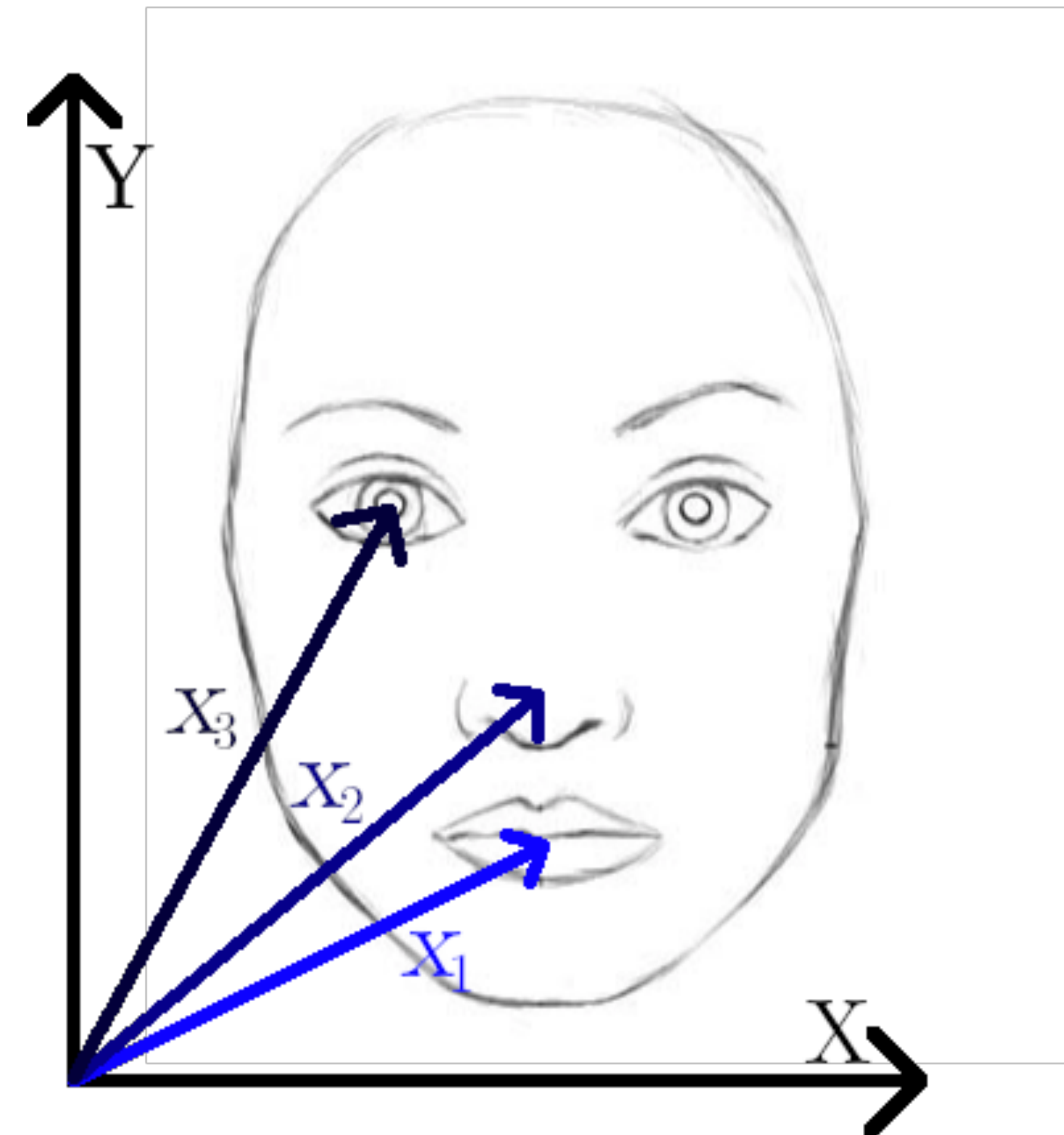


- Each vector weighted by matrix $w_{i,i'}$
- Contributions combined through **dynamic routing**

Routing Intuition

Example: Human Face

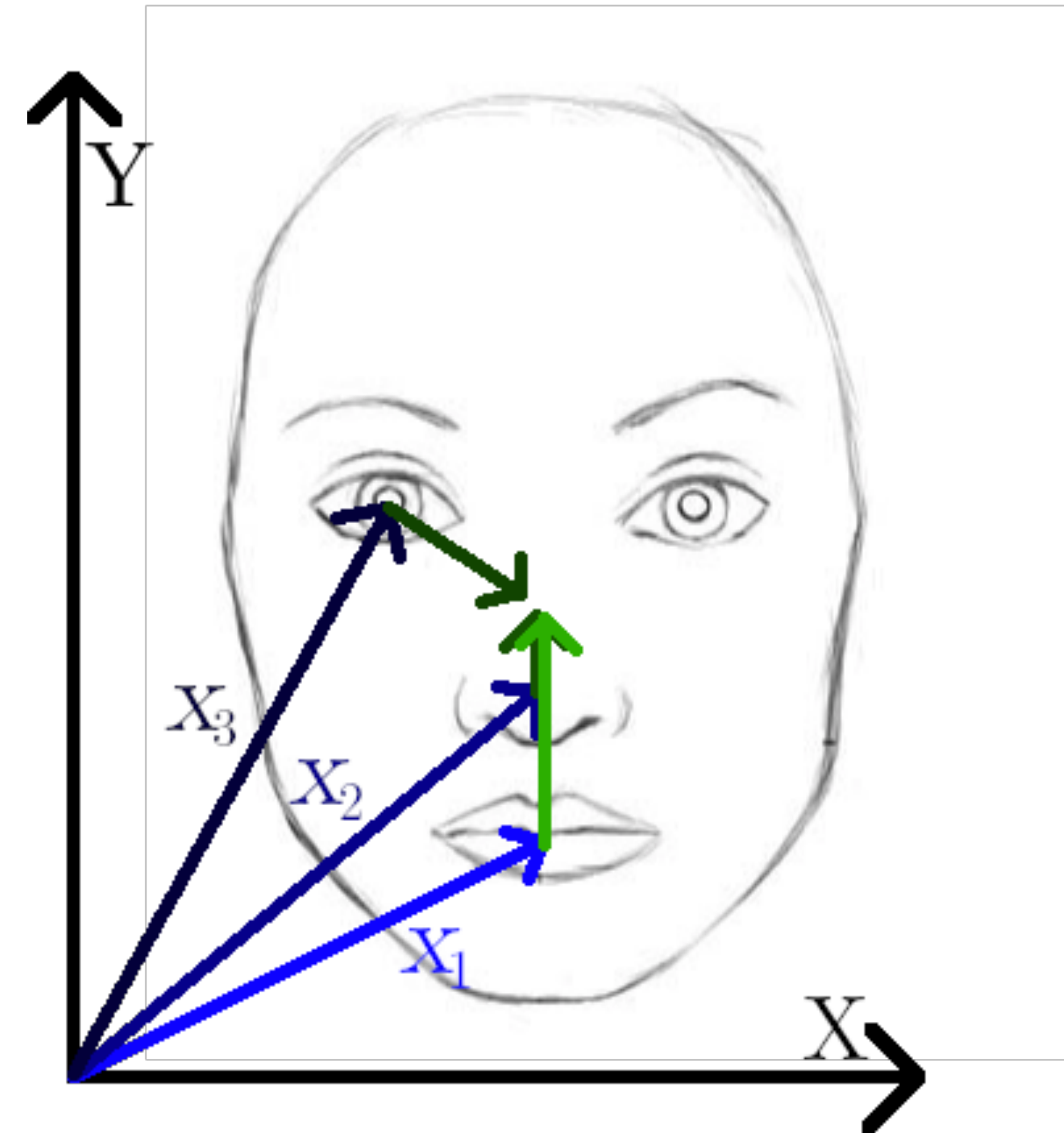
- 3 Input capsules describe
 1. Mouth
 2. Nose
 3. Left eye
- Entires: X and Y positions
- Aim: Combine into face capsule



Routing Intuition

Example: Human Face

- Capsules make **prediction** about face position



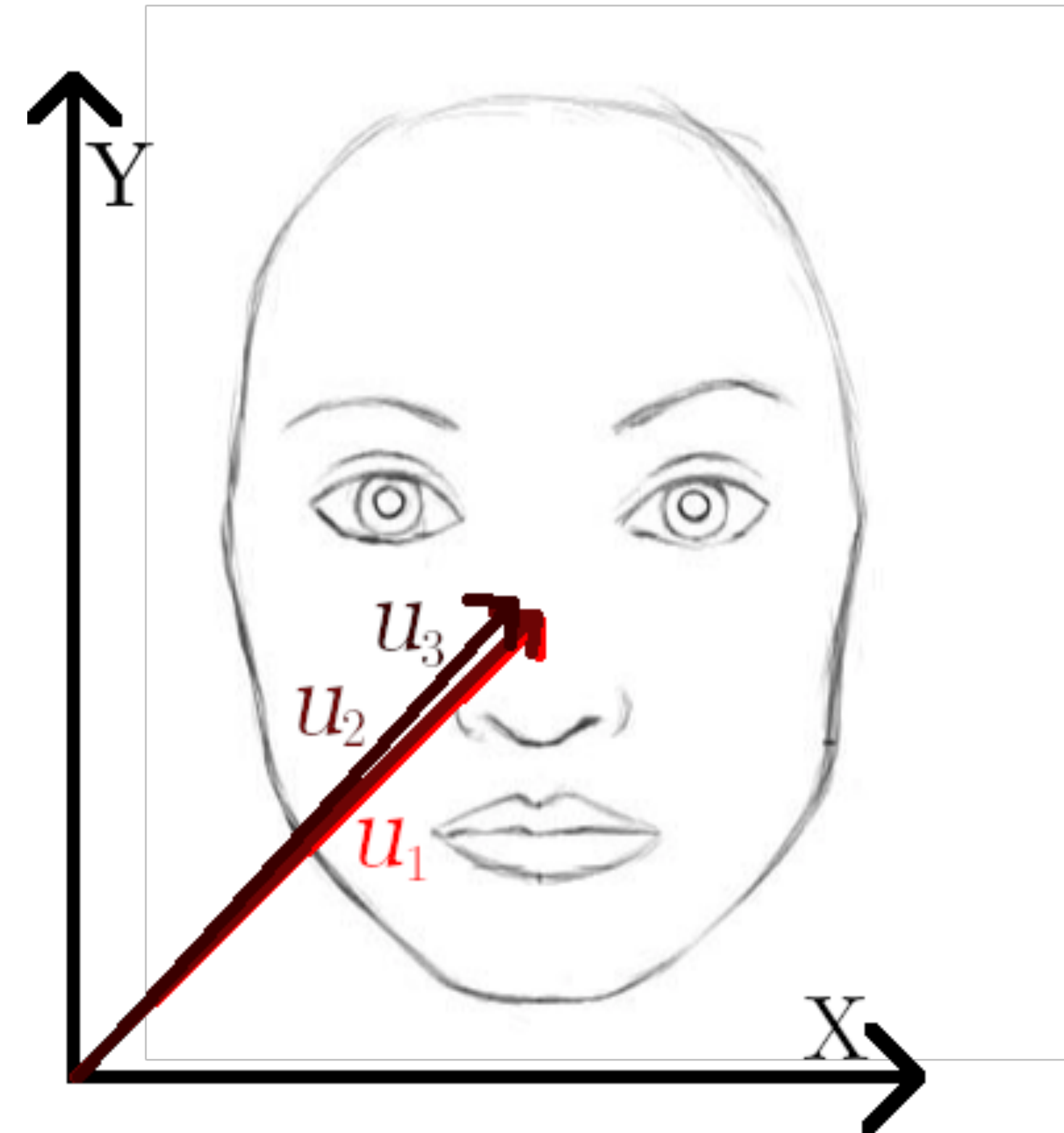
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Example: Human Face

- Capsules make **prediction** about face position
- **Predicted positions** given by Capsule times weight matrix

$$u_j = W_{j,1} x_j$$

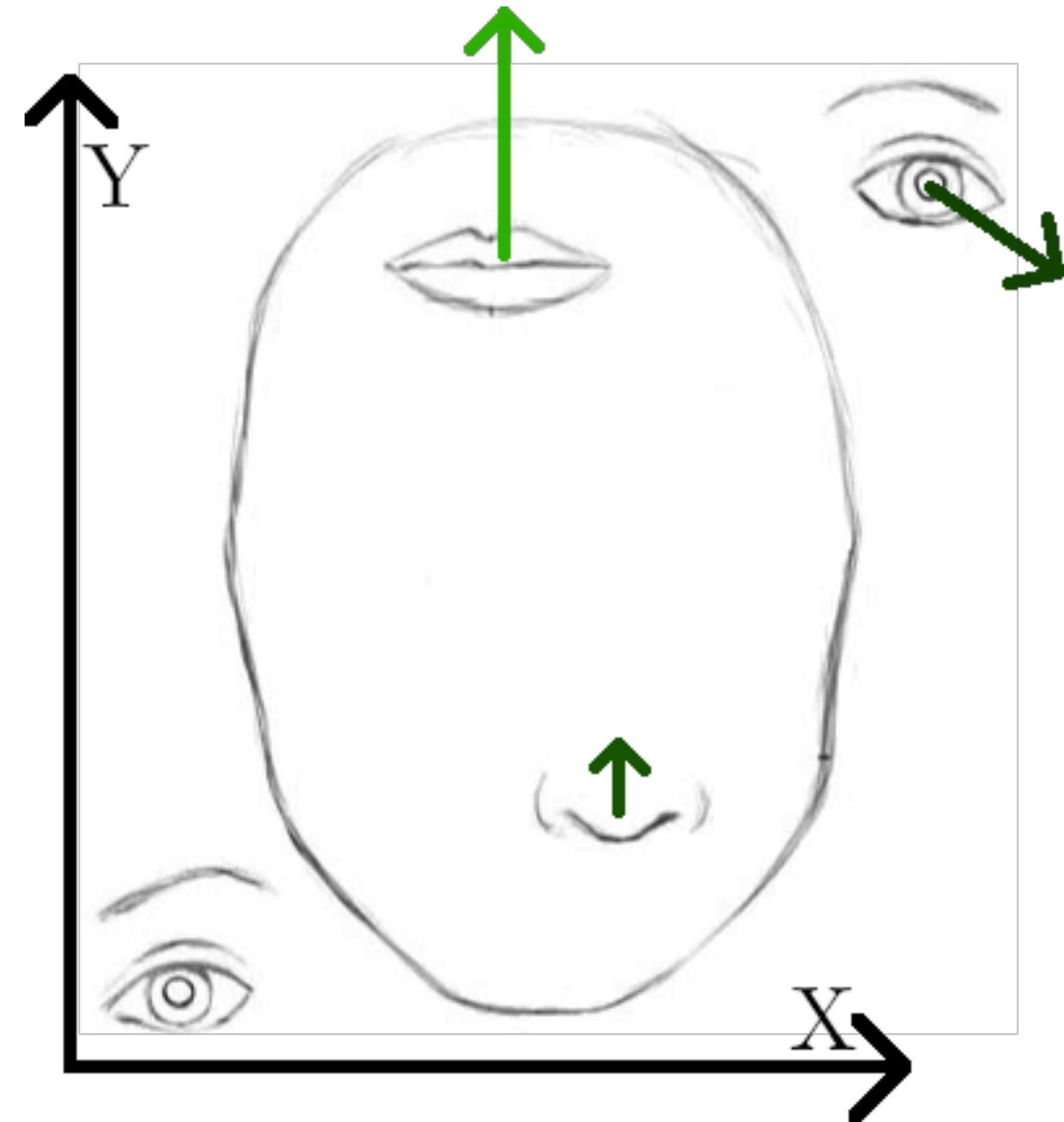
- ➔ Predictions agree
 - ➔ Combined face capsule large
- Classified as face



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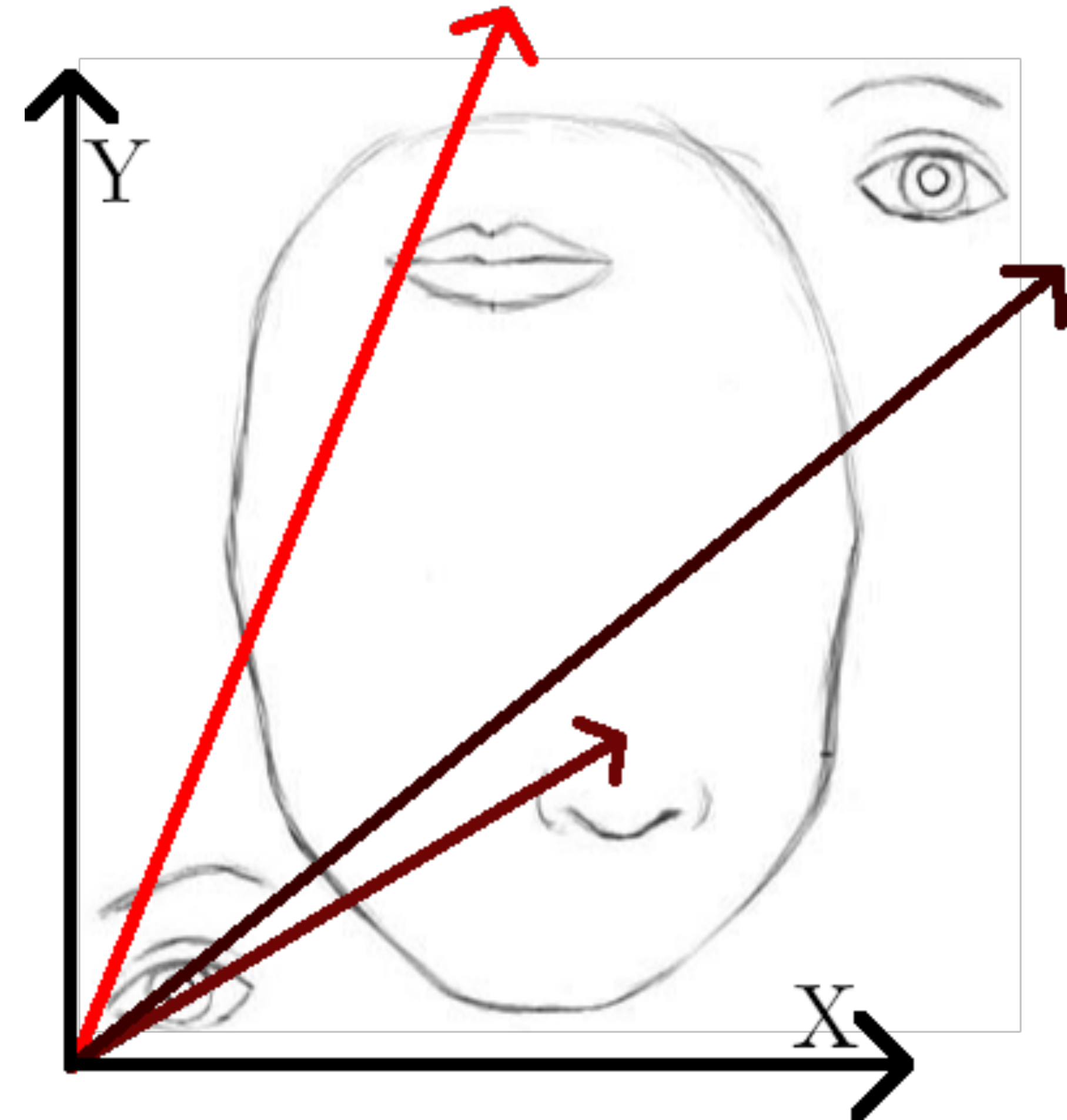
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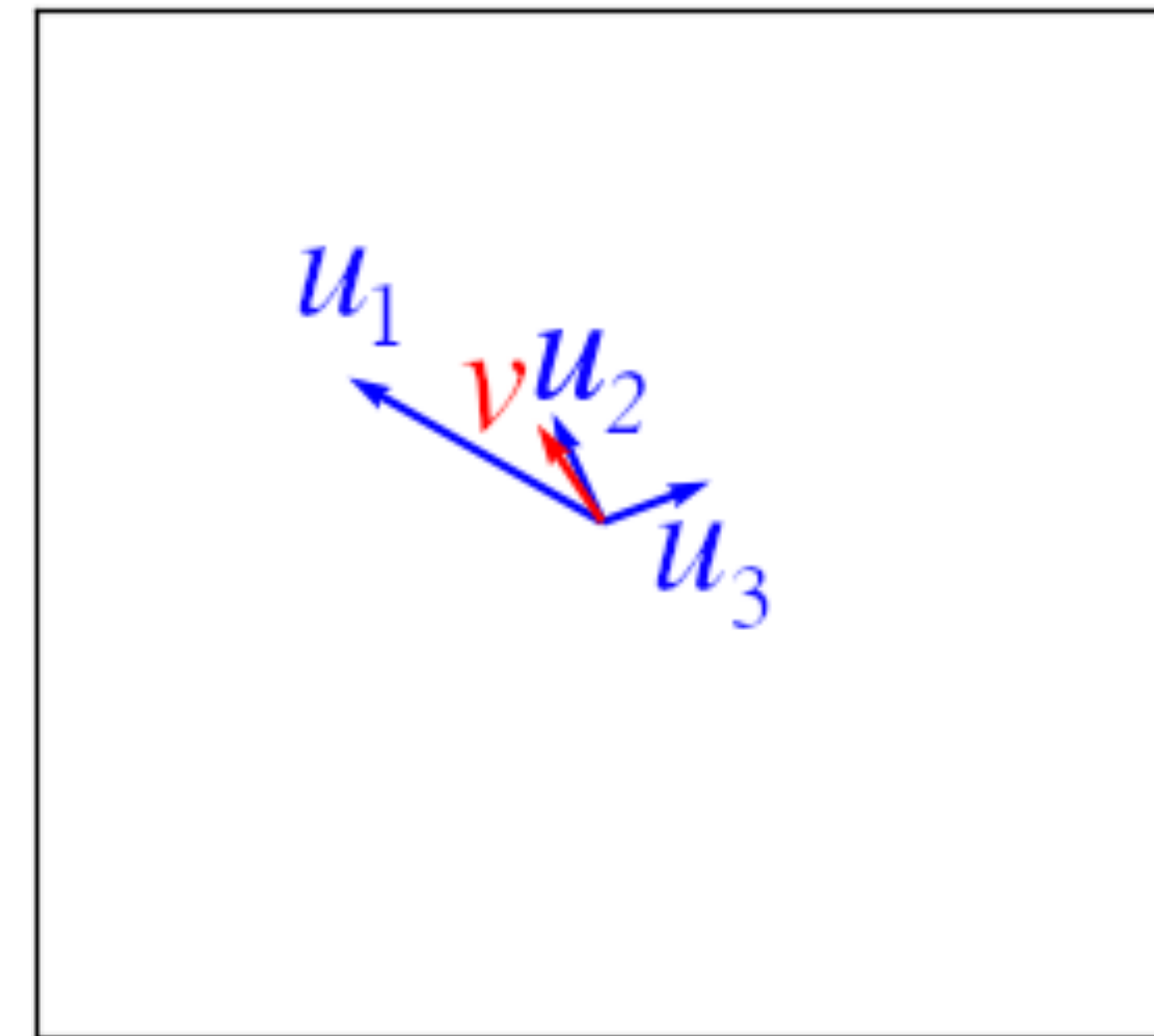
- **Predictions** are off if features at wrong relative positions
- **Predicted positions** do not agree
 - ➔ Face capsule should short
 - ➔ Classified as not-face



➔ Need algorithm that enhances agreeing contributions

Dynamic Routing

Before Routings



Routing by agreement algorithm:

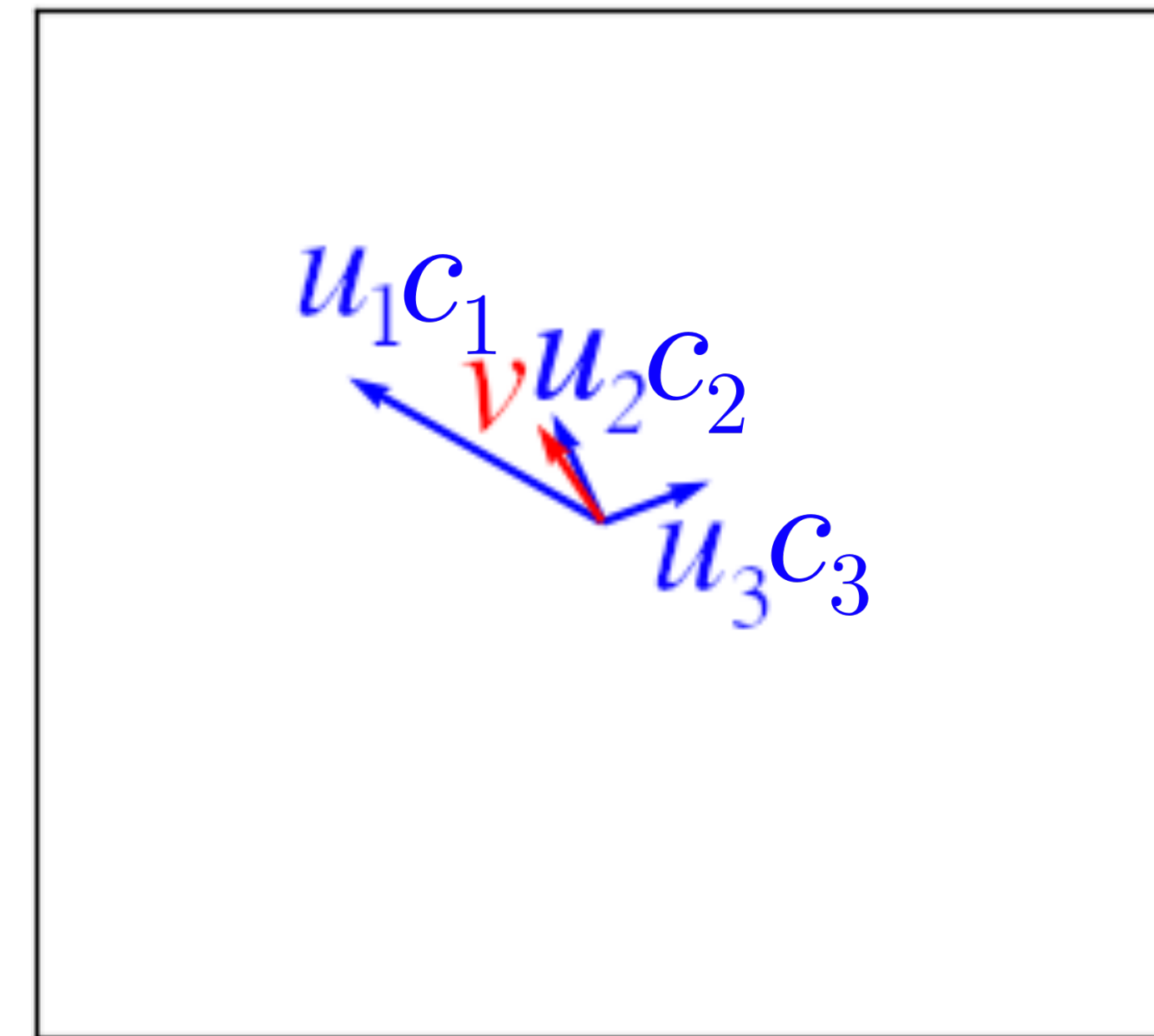
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$$v = \sum_j c_{(j)} u_{(j)}$$

- Update weights $c_{(j)}$ based on $v \cdot u_{(j)}$

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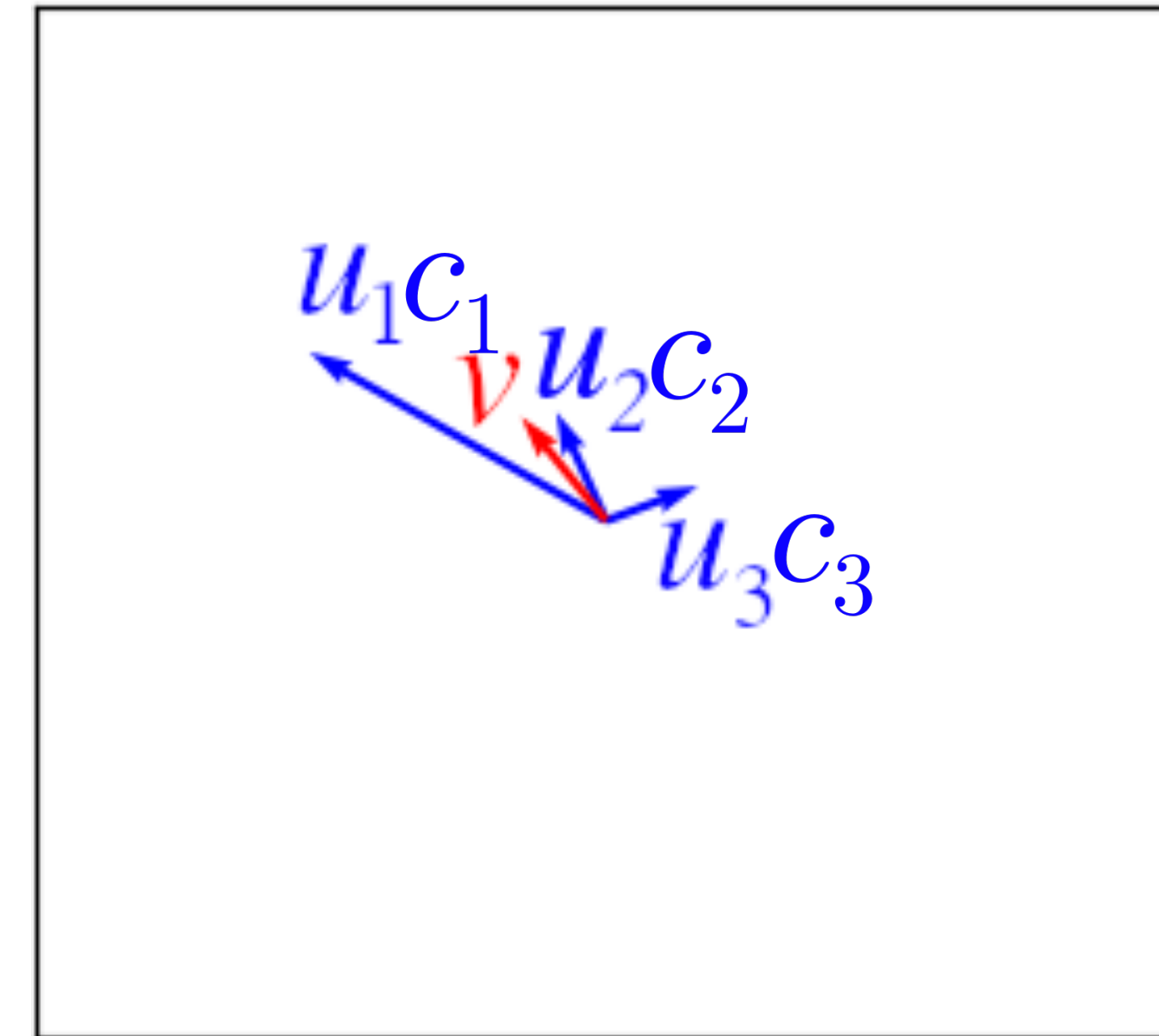
After 2 Routings

Routing by agreement algorithm:

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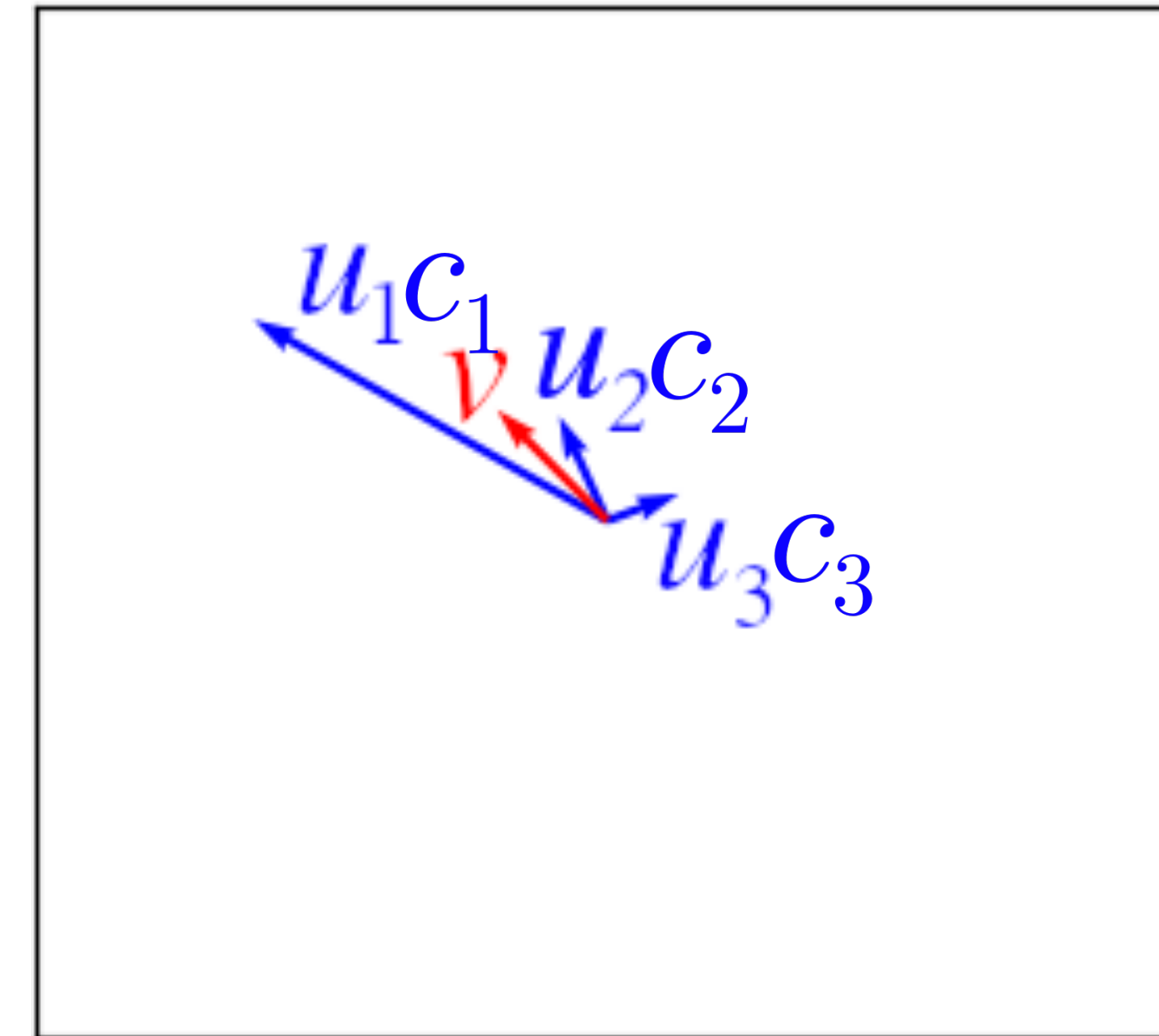
After 4 Routings

Routing by agreement algorithm:

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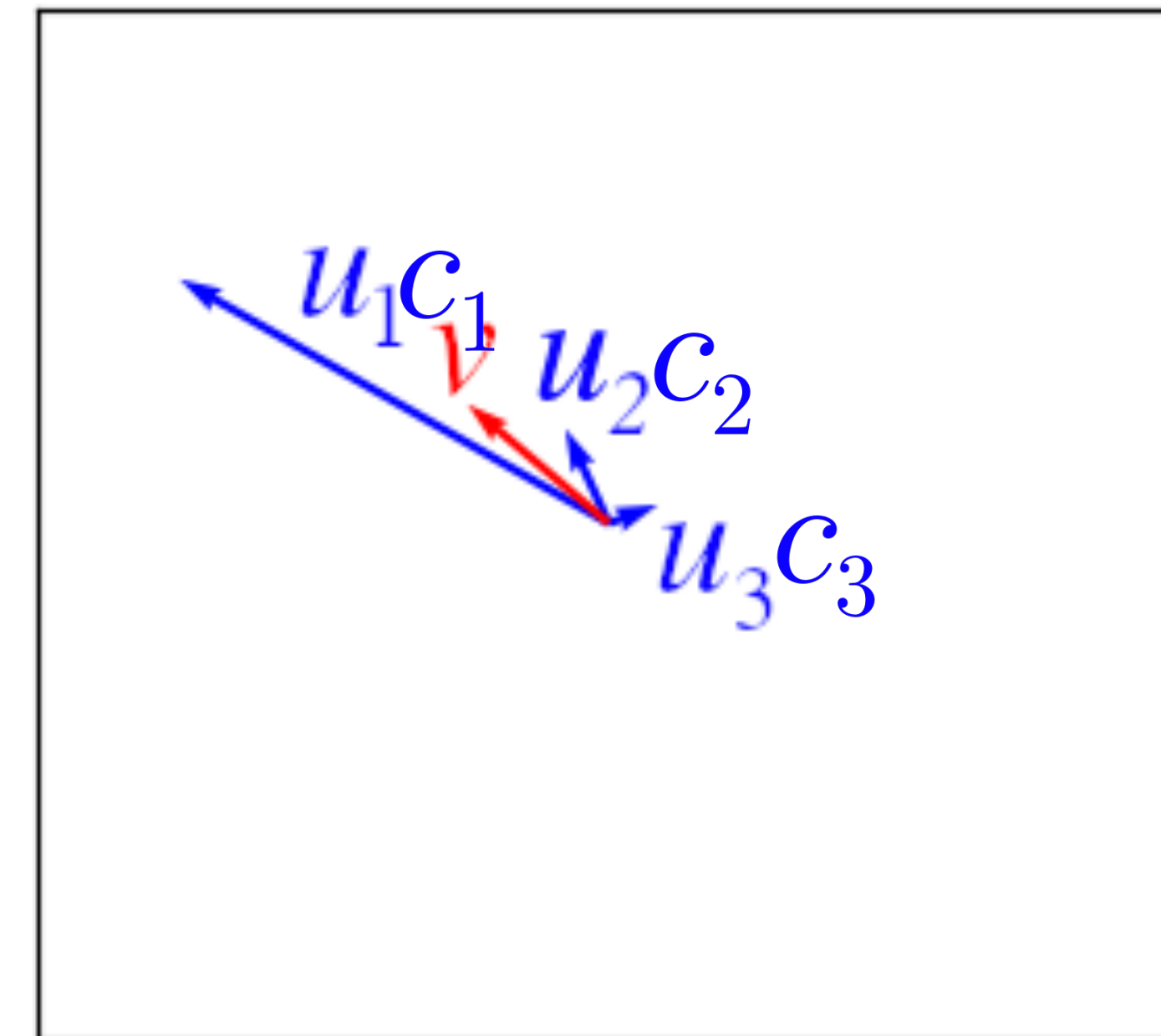
After 6 Routings

Routing by agreement algorithm:

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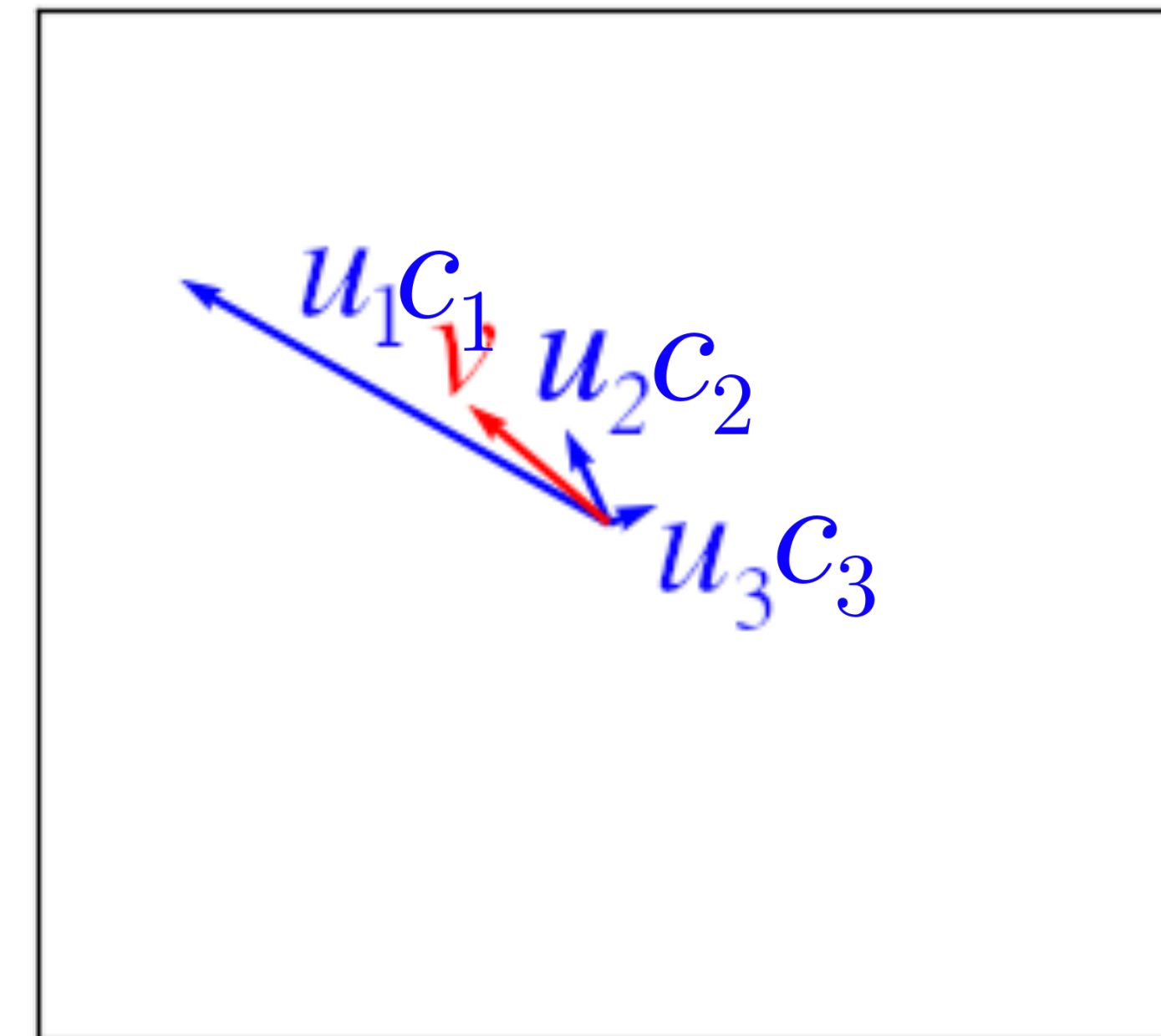
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- Contributions agreeing with overall consensus preferred

- Longer vectors weighted even more

➔ Enhances agreeing contributions

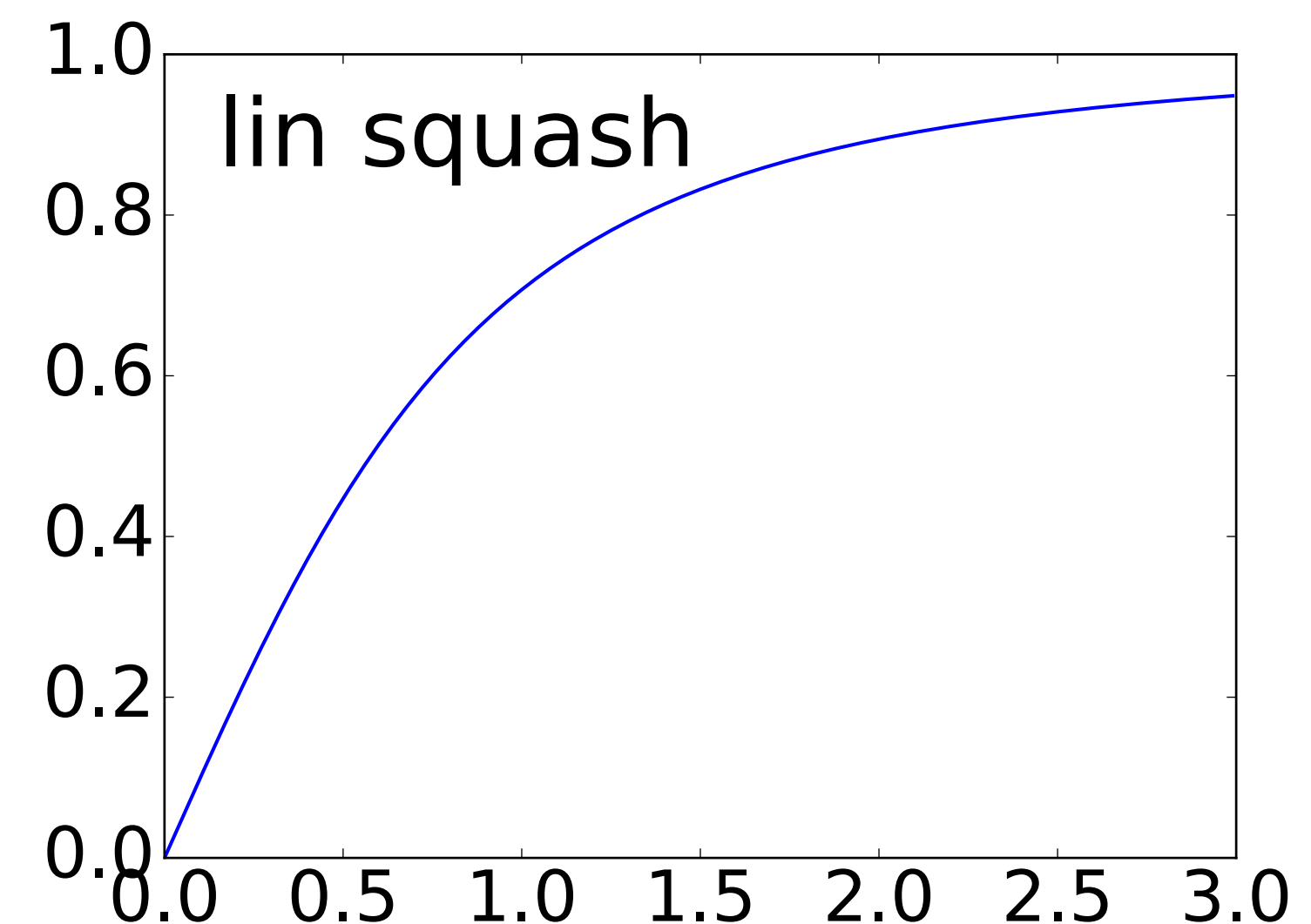
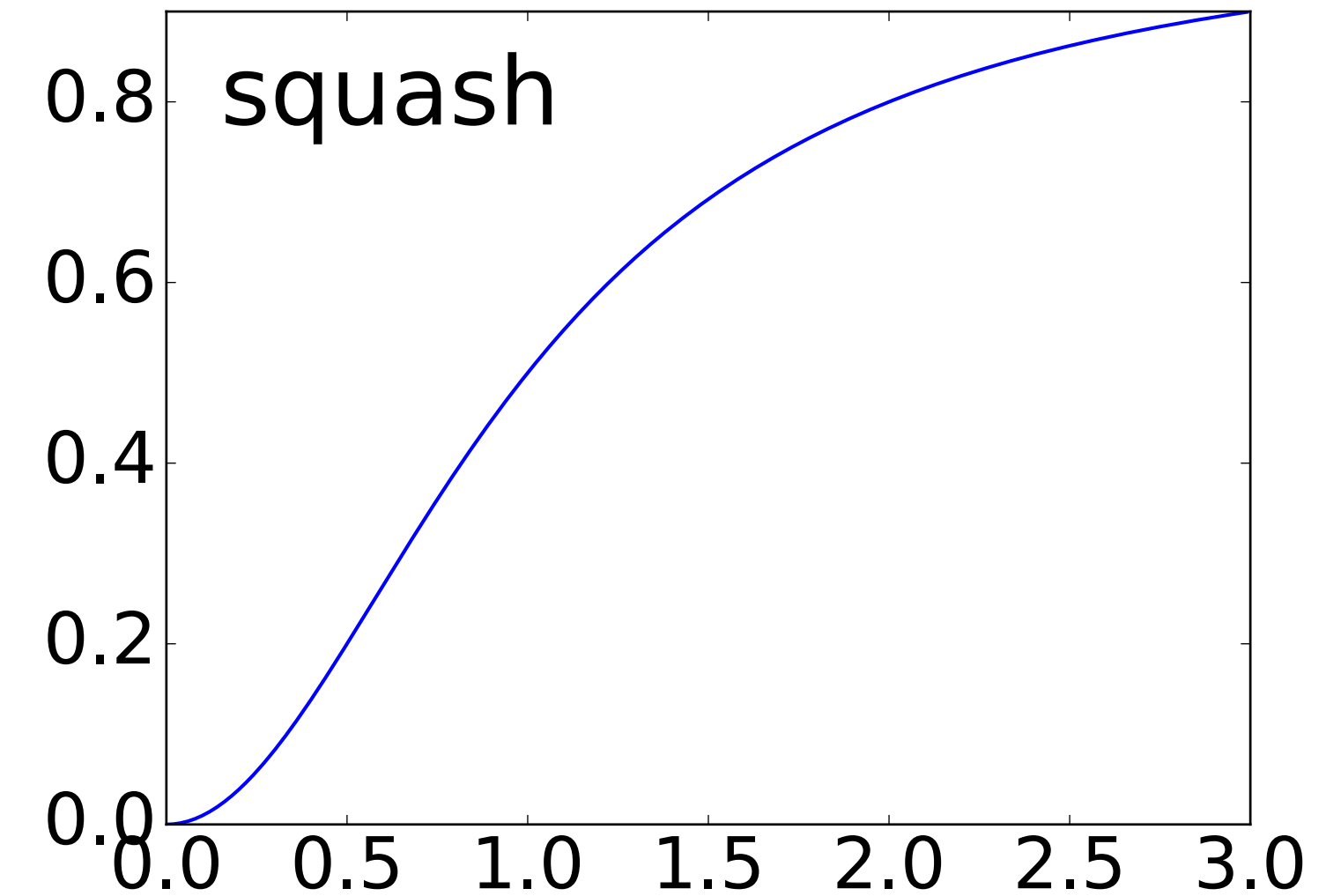
Activation Function

- Default functions ill suited
- ➔ Specialised 'squashing' function:

$$\vec{v} \rightarrow \vec{v}' = \frac{\vec{v}^2}{1 + \vec{v}^2} \hat{v}$$

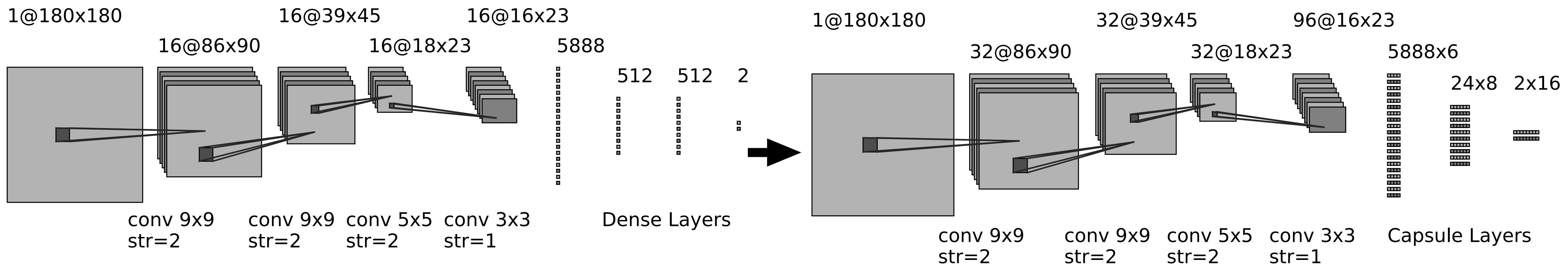
- Quadratic suppression problematic
 - Value underflow
 - Vanishing gradients
- ➔ Linearised squashing for deep Caps

$$\vec{v} \rightarrow \vec{v}' = \frac{|\vec{v}|}{\sqrt{1 + \vec{v}^2}} \hat{v}$$



CapsNet Architecture

- Convolutions still invaluable for feature extraction
- Replace dense layers of CNN with capsules



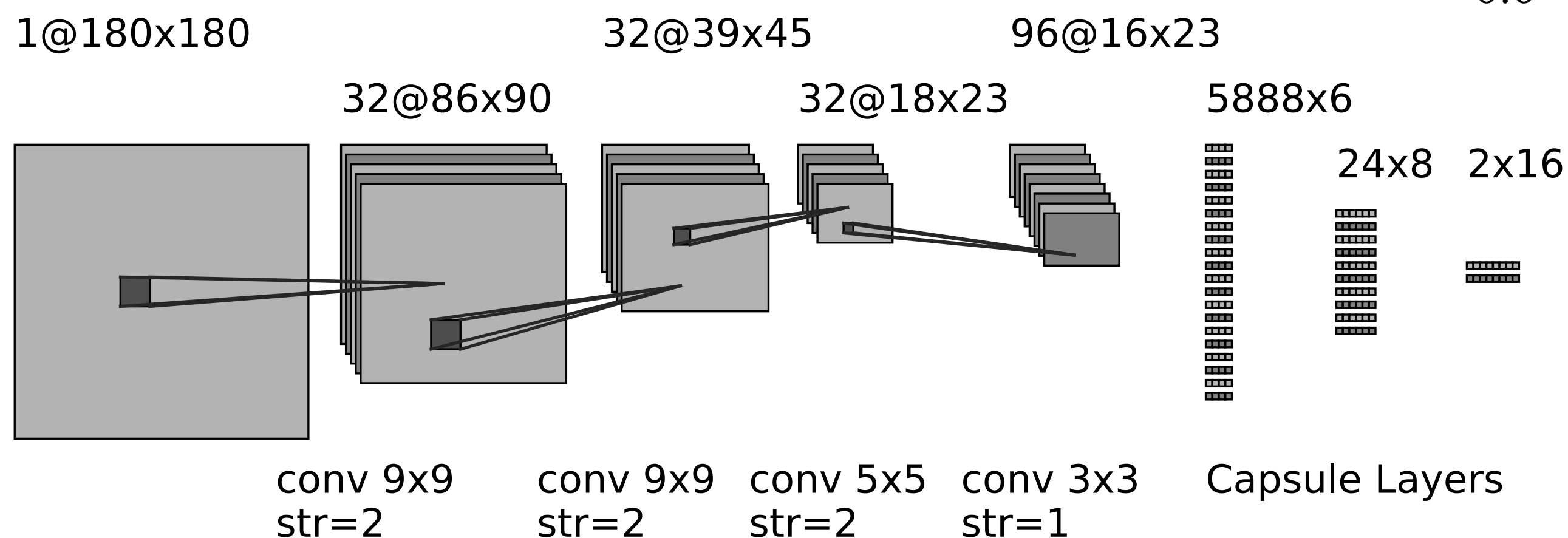
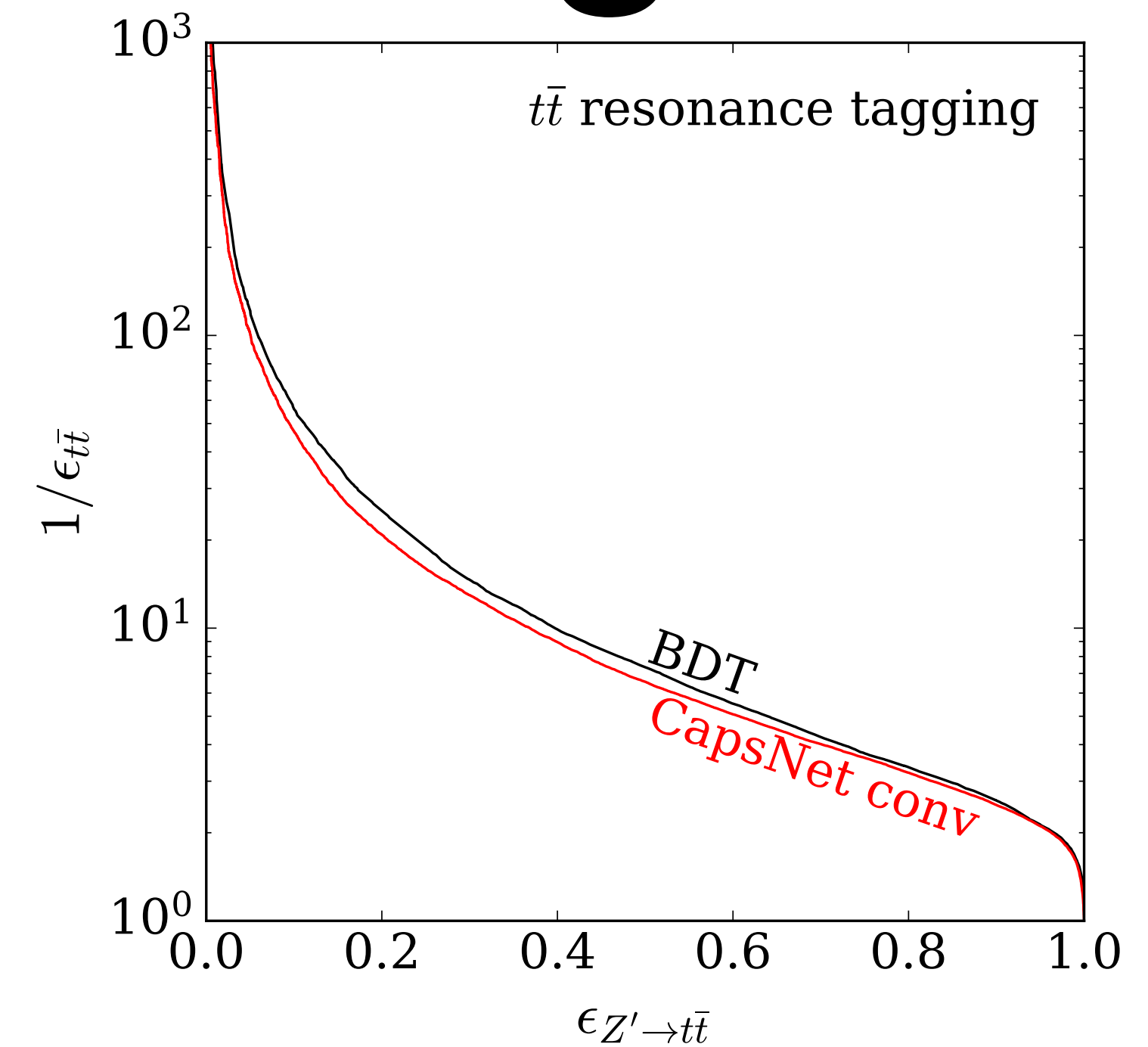
‘Conv’ Capsnet

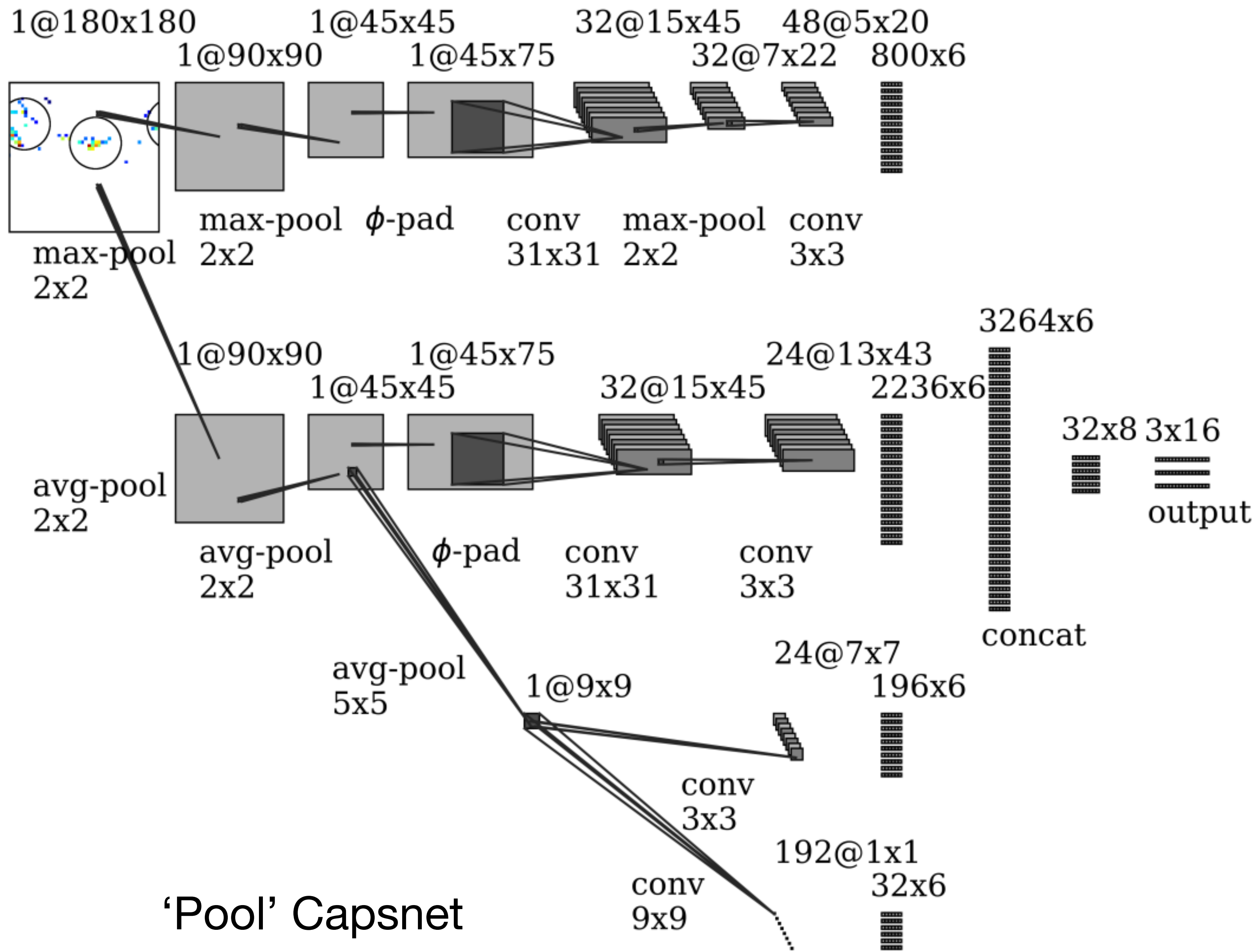
- Number of output capsules equal to classes in dataset
- Length of output capsules are used as classification scores
- Full event input: 180x180 pixels

Performance & Insight

Di-Top Benchmarking

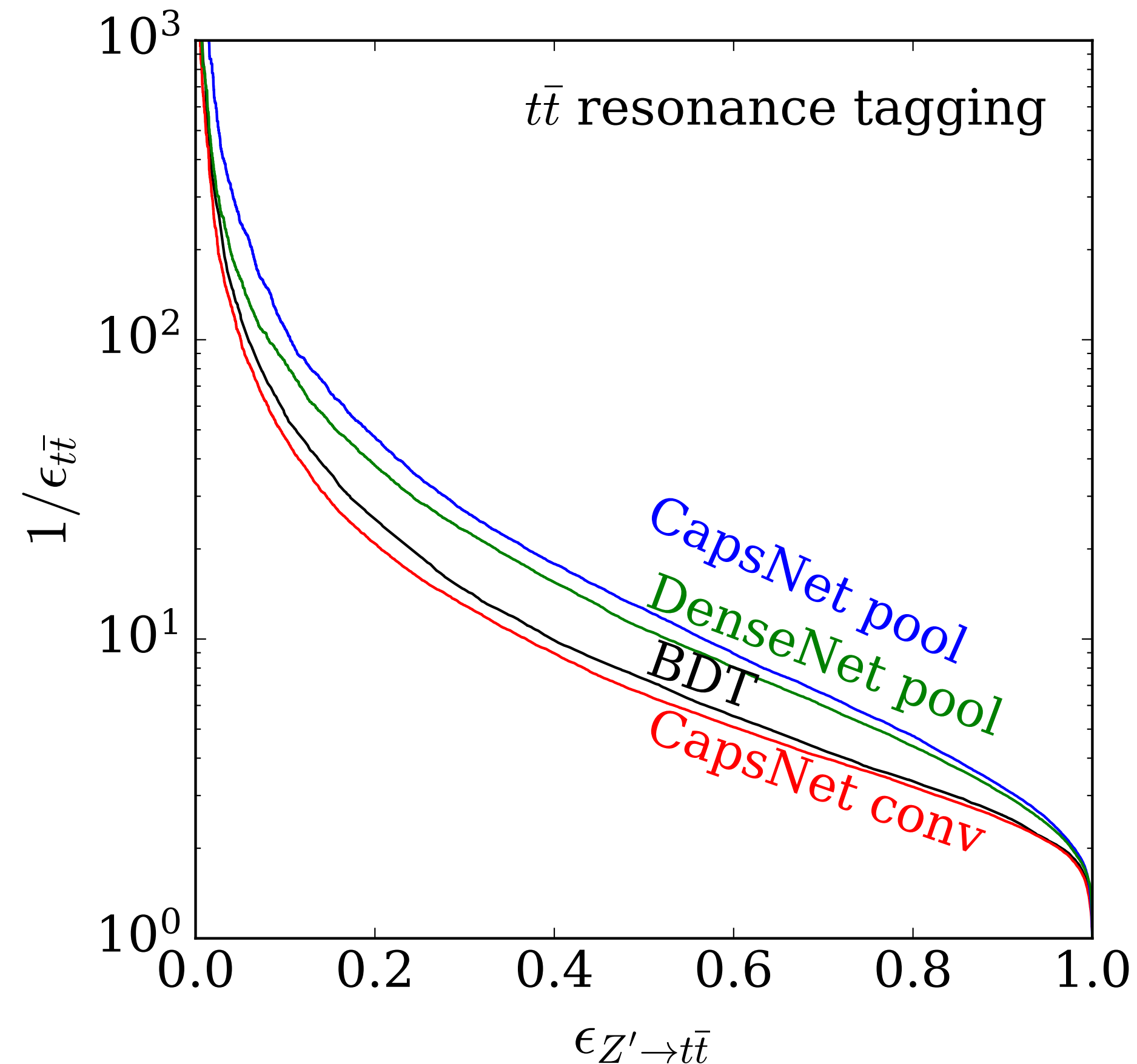
- Initial comparison againsts BDT
 - BDT Input: $m_{jj}, p_{T1}, p_{T2}, \eta_1, \eta_2$
 - Convolution structure insufficient
 - Can't learn event level features
- ➔ Specialised architecture needed





'Pool' Capsnet

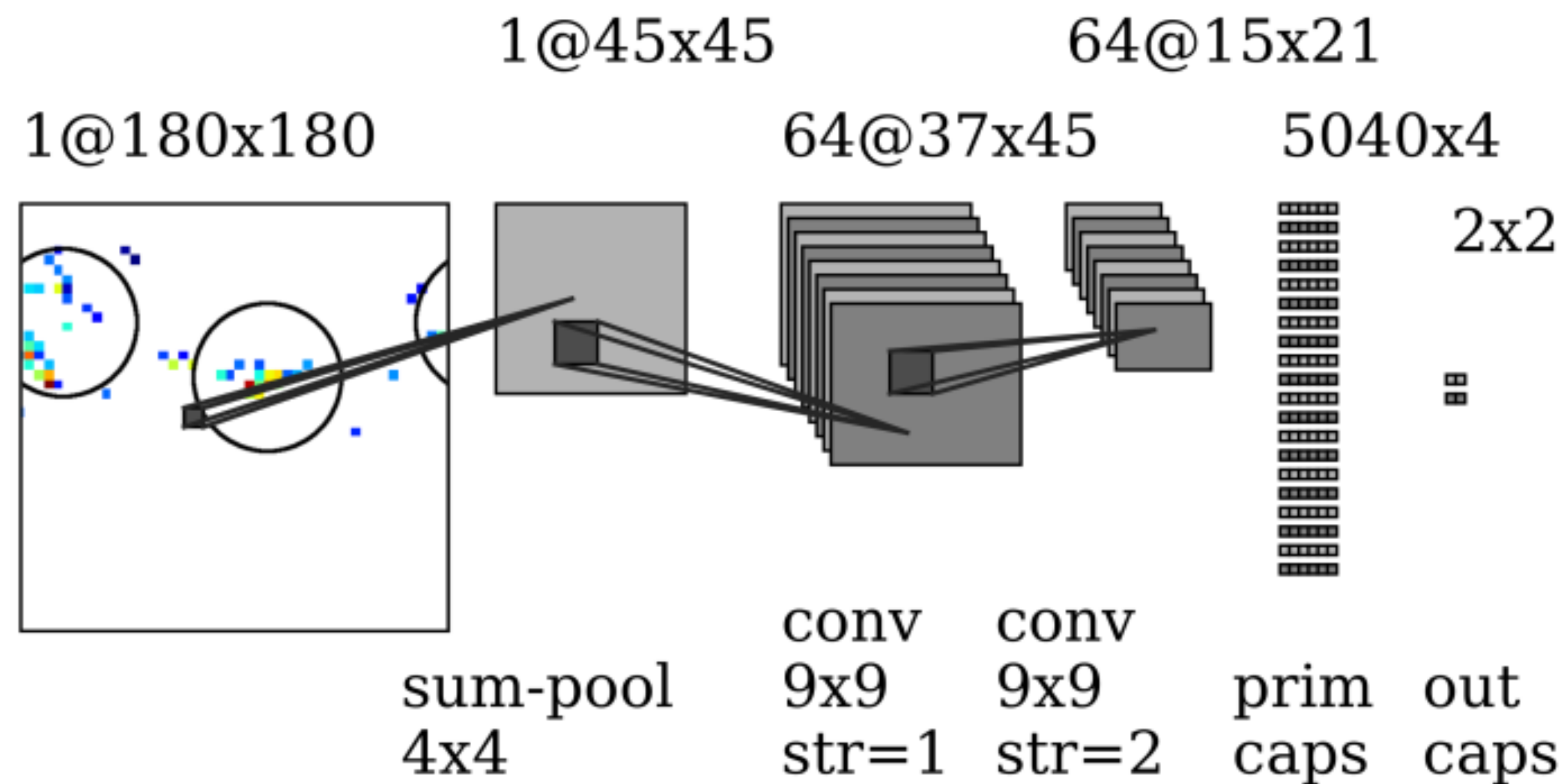
Di-Top Benchmarking



- ‘Pool’-Caps architecture beats both BDT and CNN
➔ Capsule network maintain competitive performance

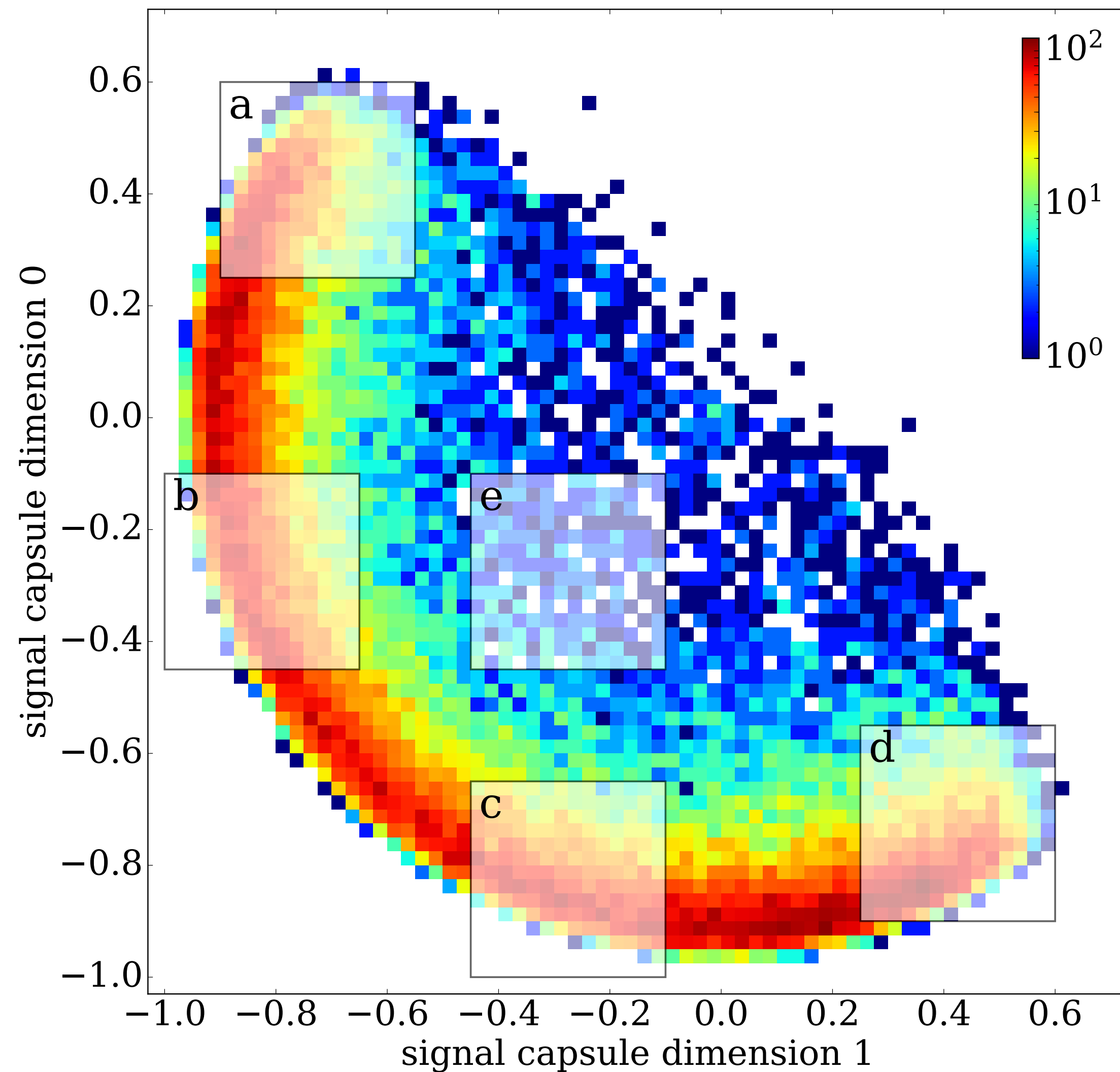
Understanding Capsules

- Proof on concept, performance less important
 - ➔ Simplified architecture for ease of understanding



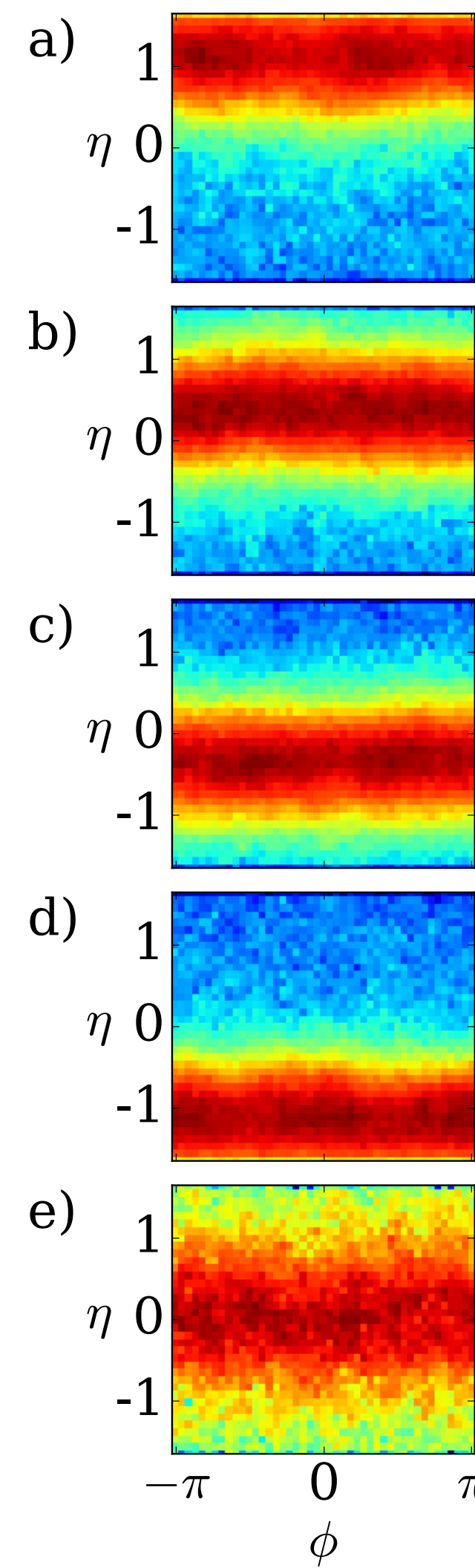
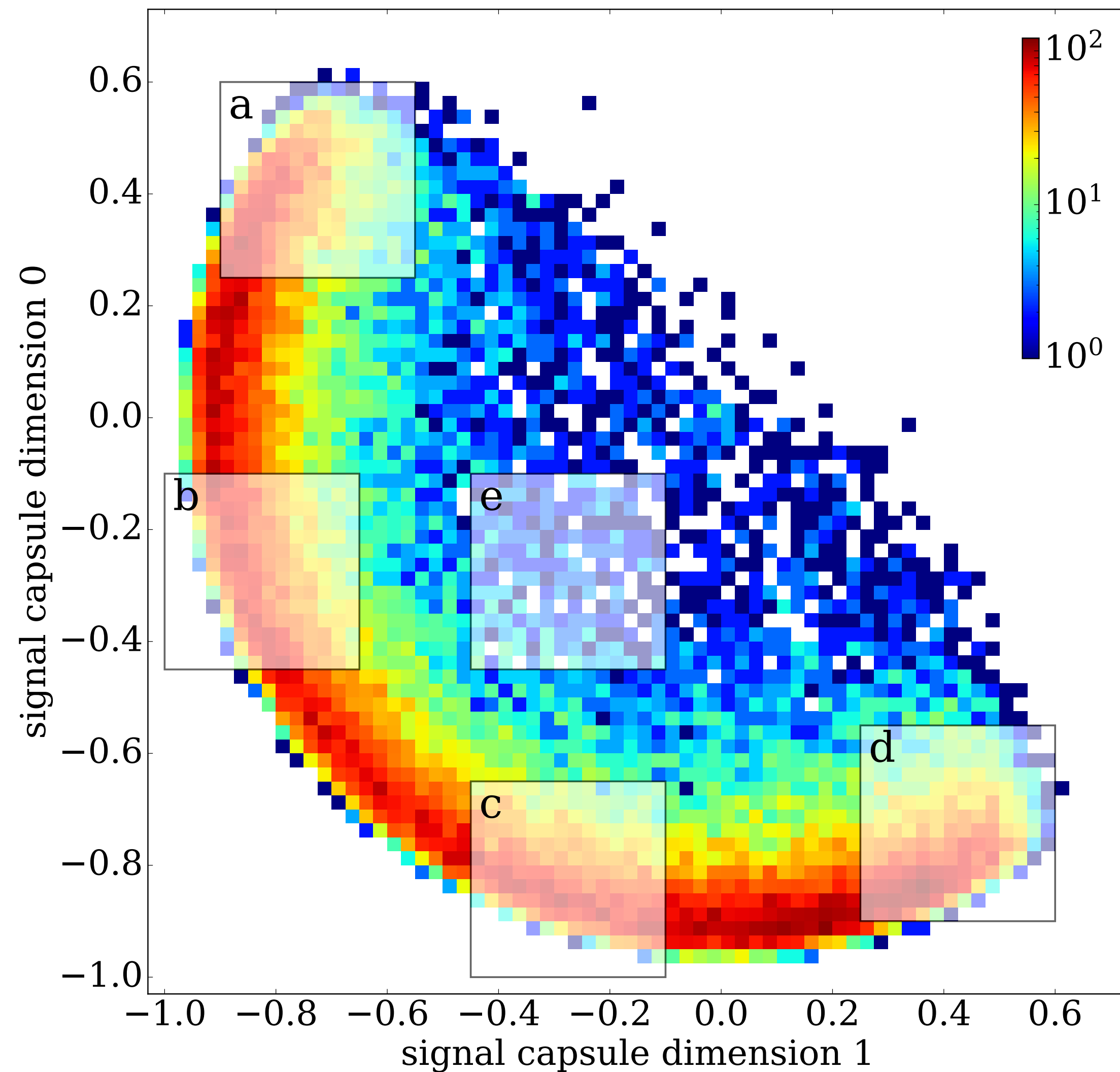
- Most important: Only two-dimensional output capsules
 - ➔ Instantiation vectors plot-able

Signal Cap for Signal



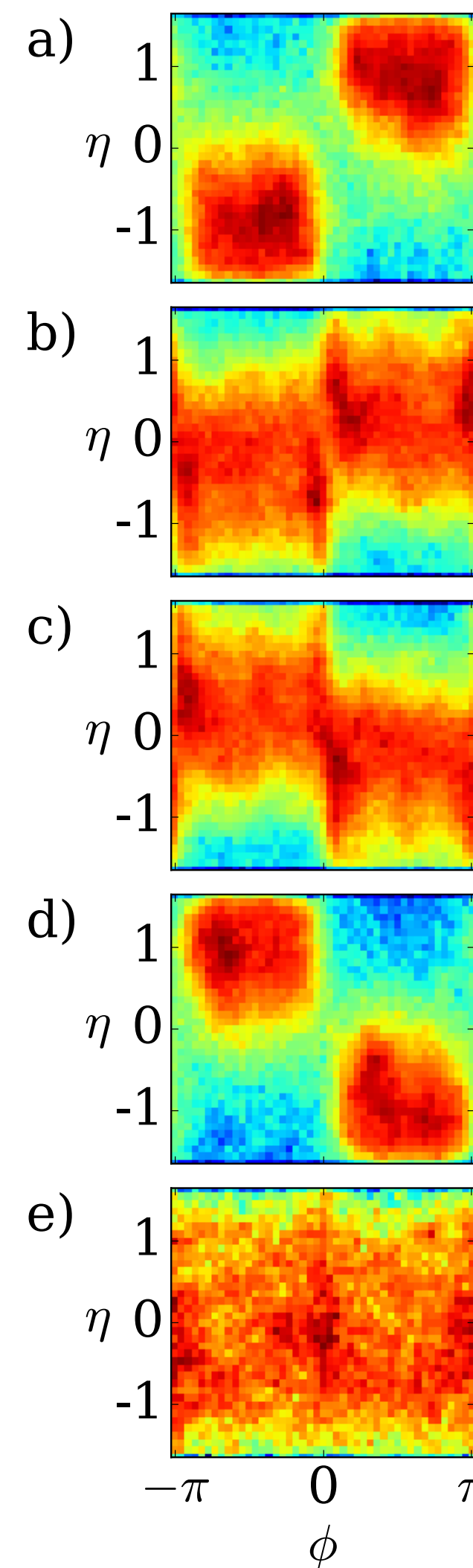
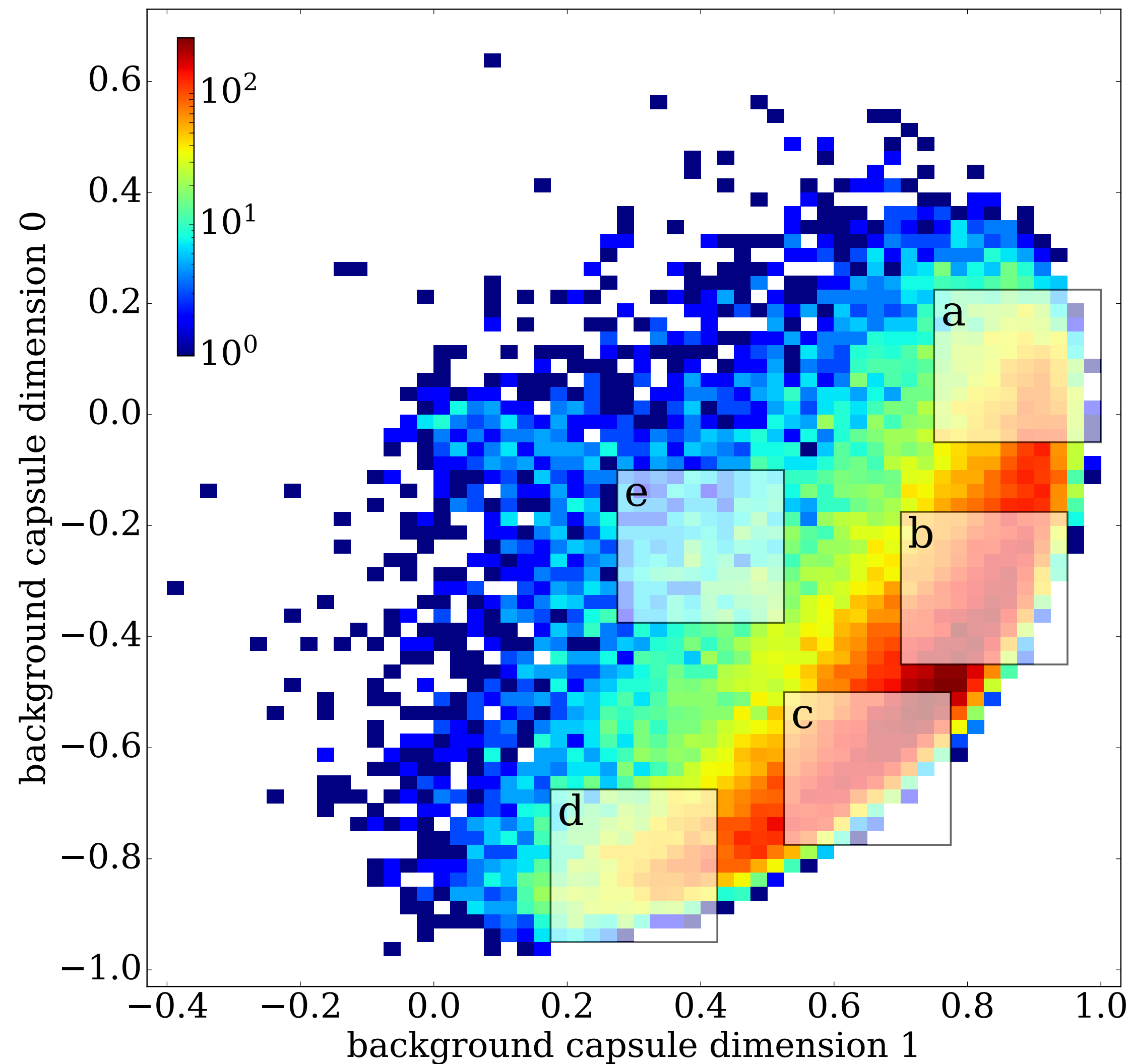
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- Tops from Z' decay are back-to-back in Z' rest frame
- ➔ Both jets have similar η

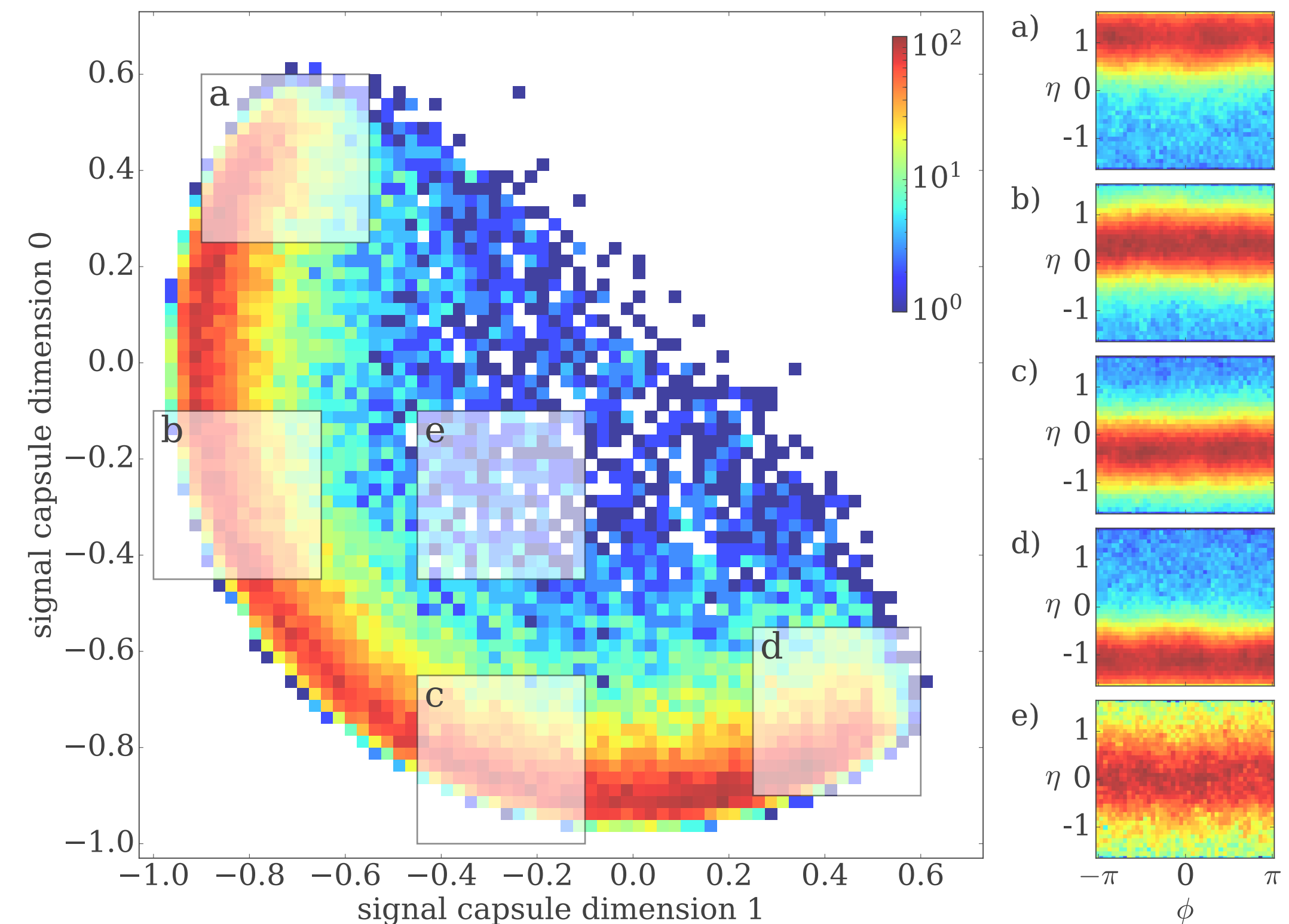
Background Cap for Background



- Capsule outputs plotted in 2d
- Vector length ~ 1.0
- ➔ Correct prediction
- Map back to event images
- Tops from Z' decay are back-to-back in Z' rest frame
- ➔ Both jets have similar η
- QCD jets are back to back in detector frame
- ➔ Jets have 'opposite' position
- ➔ Angle correlated to physics

Conclusion

- Capsules show great potential for explainability
 - Maintains CNN performance
 - Can handle whole event inputs
- Multi-classifier for Z' , di-top, di-light-jet
 - Works better than Z' vs (tt + light light)
- High activity events
 - Works on $t\bar{t}H$
- Full paper [1906.11265](https://arxiv.org/abs/1906.11265)



Thank you