

# Deep Learning at Scale for Morphological Classification of Galaxies in DES

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# Motivation

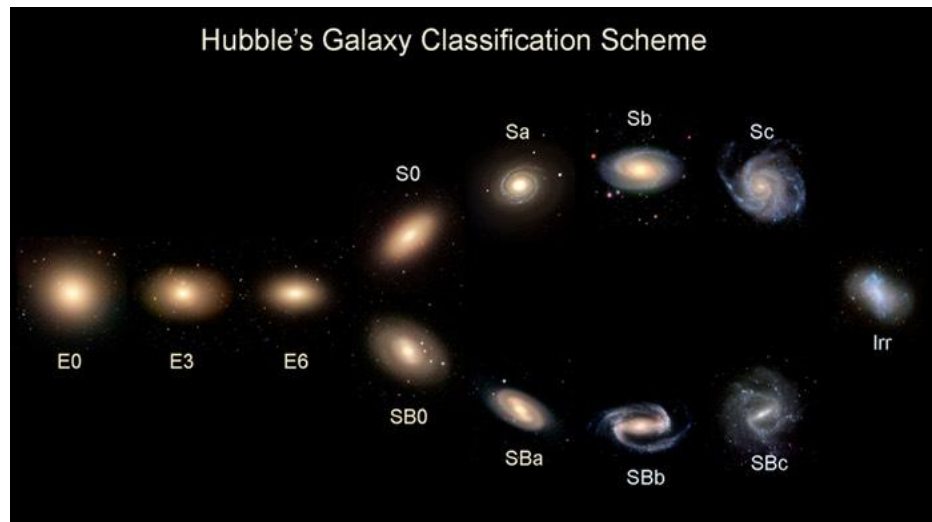
EM Surveys: key insights into Large Scale Structure, GW follow up, etc

As scale and depth continue to increase:  
need for low latency data analysis  
pipelines

Starting point of any large survey analysis:  
Object Classification.

For galaxies, broadly:

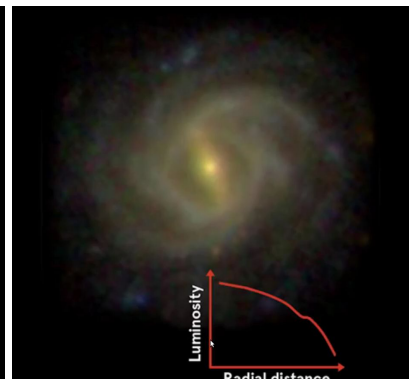
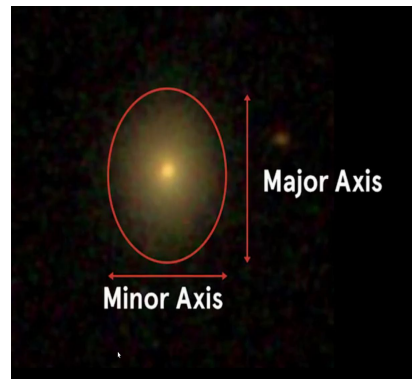
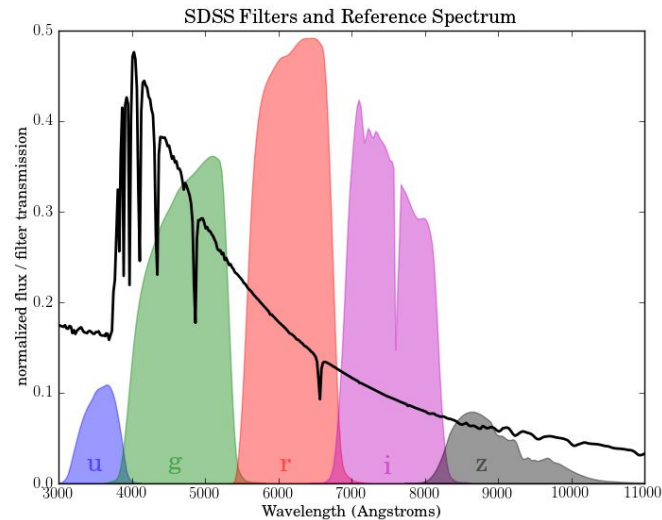
1. Elliptical
2. Spiral



# Traditional Methods

## Machine Learning:

- Domain Knowledge, Slow Feature Engineering:
  - Color indices, Eccentricity, Adaptive Moment, Concentration, etc
- Classification accuracies: ~85%  
(Significantly below Human Level Performance)

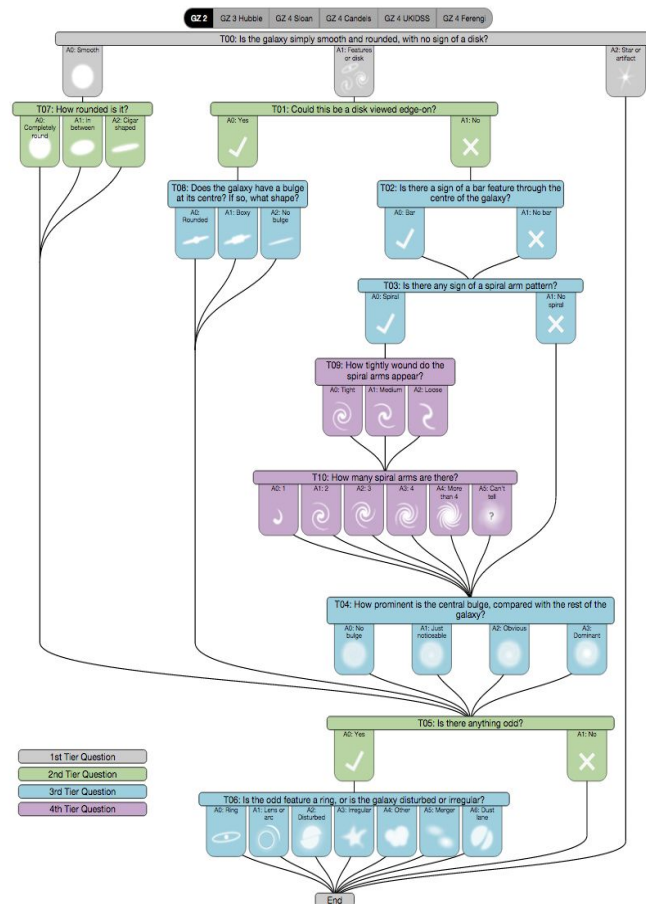


# Traditional Methods

## Citizen Science Approach:

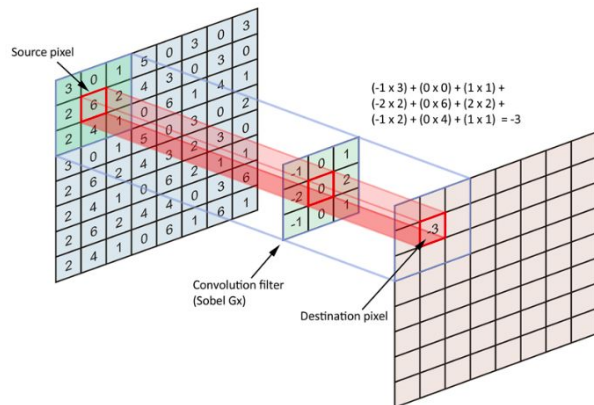
- Galaxy Zoo/Sloan Digital Sky Survey:
  - Crowd sourced Astronomy project, running since July, 2007
  - 50 million classifications received in the first year, contributed by 150,000 volunteers
- As electromagnetic surveys continue to increase depth and coverage, campaigns of this nature may lack scalability

## Galaxy Zoo Decision Trees

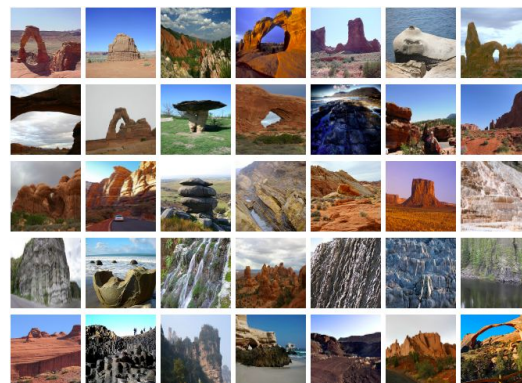
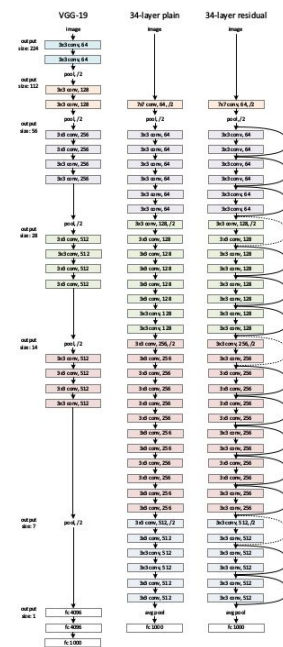


# Deep Learning

- Convolutional Neural Network (CNN):



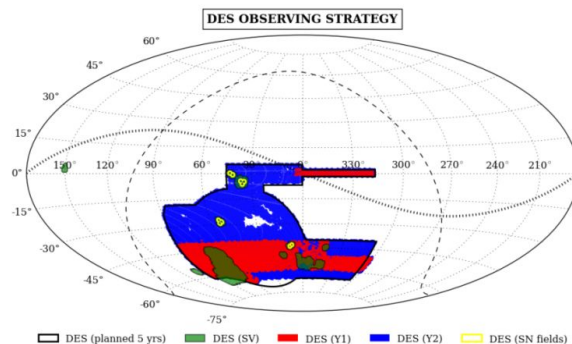
- ImageNet: 14 million images in 10,000 categories
  - Deep CNNs:  $\geq$  human-level performance on object classification tasks
  - SOA Top 5 Accuracy:  $\sim 96\%$





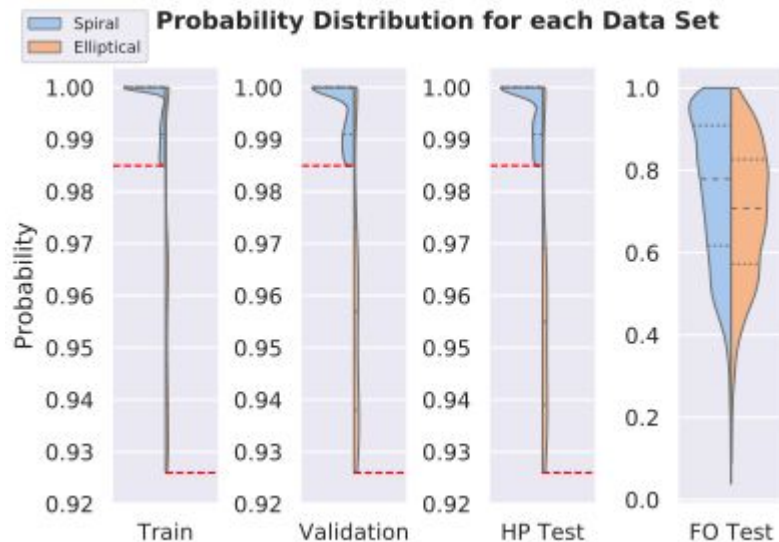
# Transfer Learning

- Deep Learning Algorithms: Data Hungry !
  - Transfer Learning: Domain adaptation with little re-learning/fine-tuning.
- Dark Energy Survey:
  - ~400 million catalogued objects
  - SDSS/Galaxy Zoo: seed dataset for fine-tuning
  - DES overlap with SDSS: Cross Validation

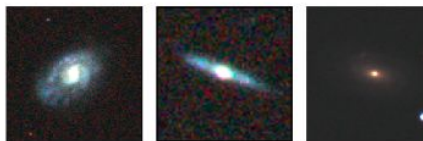


# Data Curation

- **Training/Validation Sets:** SDSS
- **Test Sets:** SDSS and DES crossmatched



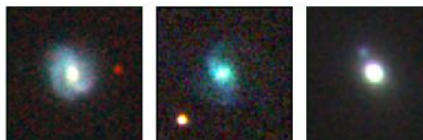
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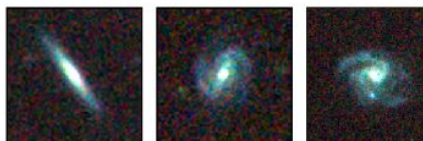
SDSS ellipticals



SDSS



DES



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Dataset	Spirals	Ellipticals
Training set	18,352	18,268
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HP DES Test Set	516	550
FO SDSS Test Set	6,677	5,904
FO DES Test Set	6,677	5,904

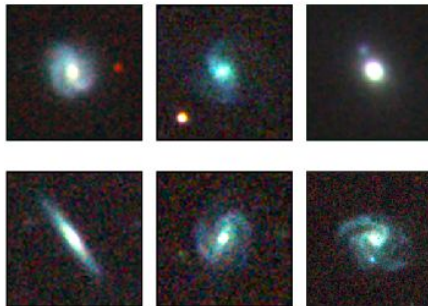
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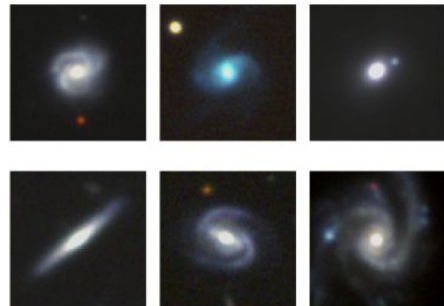
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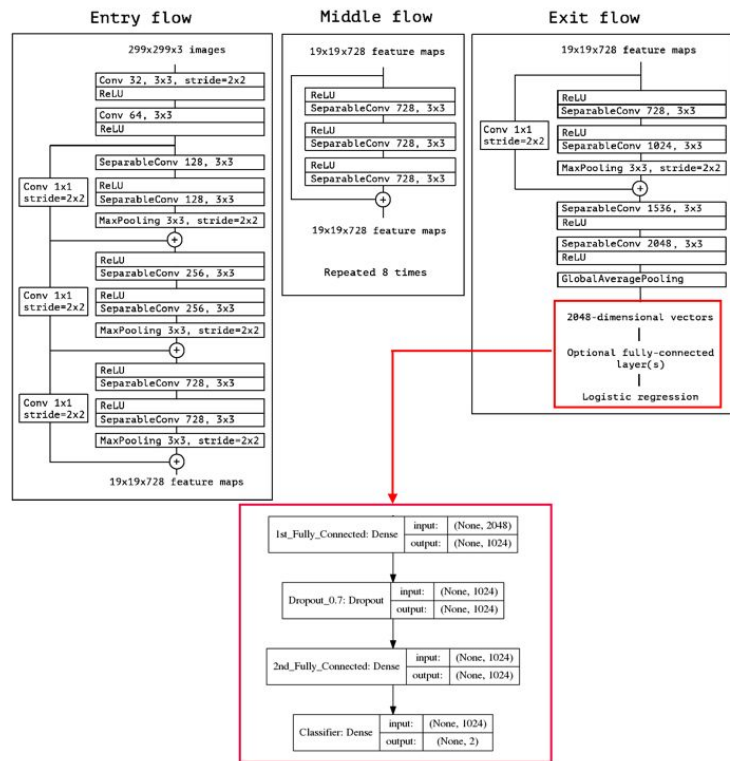
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# Model Selection

- Architectures with better ImageNet performance → Better transferrable representations.<sup>[1]</sup>
- Xception Model:
  - Best ImageNet performance at the time

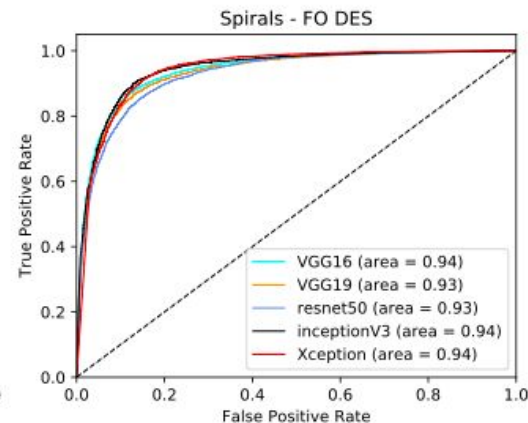
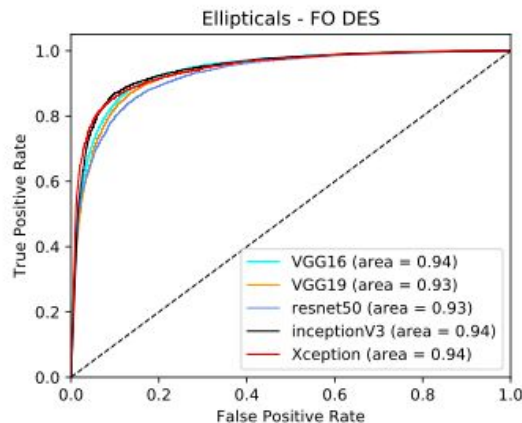
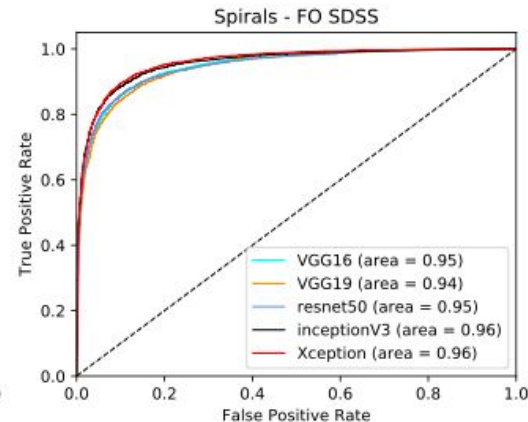
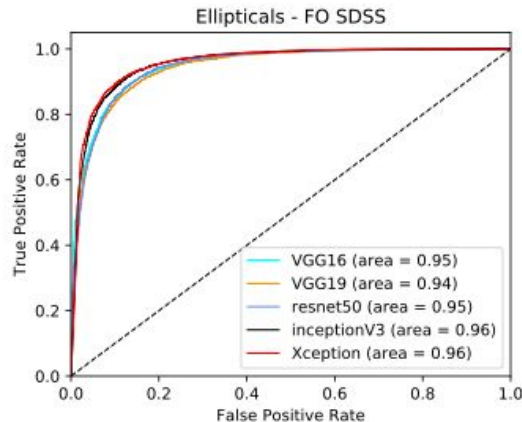


[1] S. Kornblith, J. Shlens, and Q. V. Le, "Do better imagenet models transfer better?" (2018), arXiv:1805.08974 .

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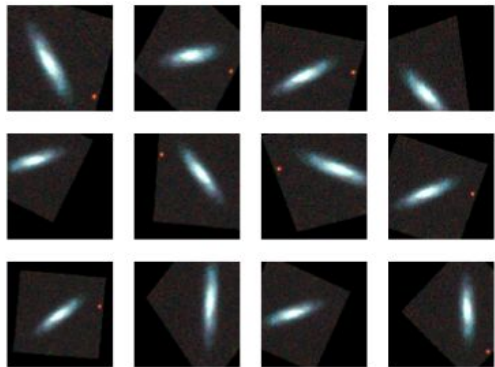
Case Studies:

Receiver Operating  
Characteristic (ROC) for several  
different fine-tuned state of the  
art architectures

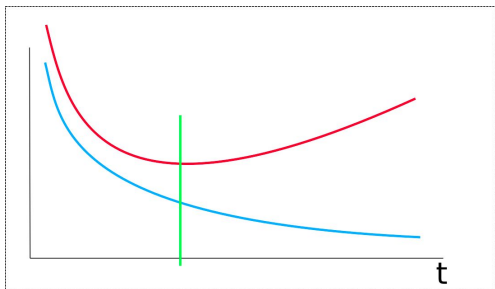


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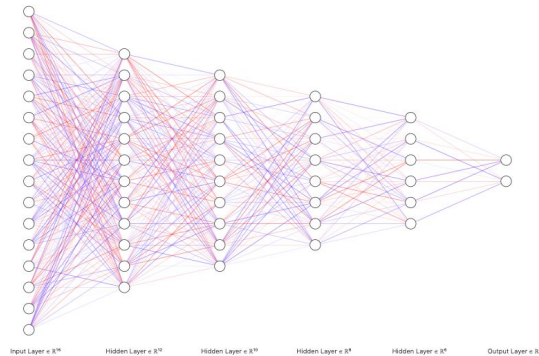
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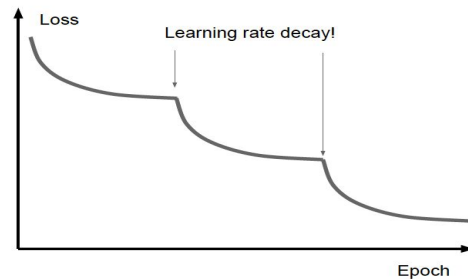
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- Progressive unfreezing

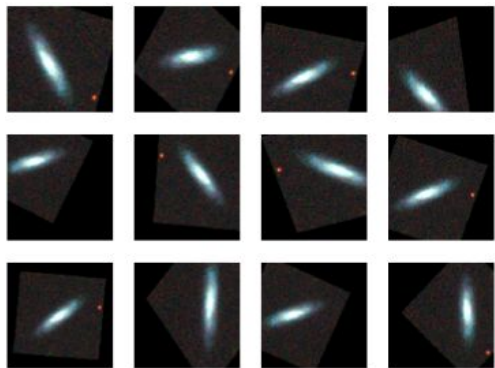


- Reduce Learning Rate on plateau

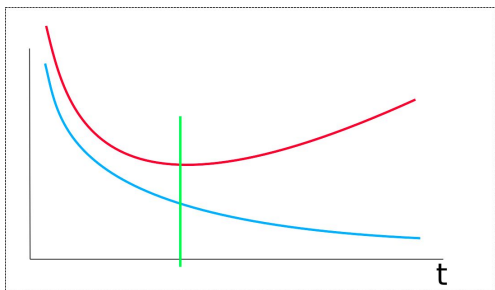


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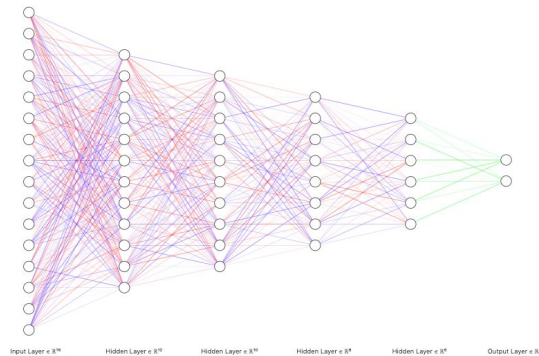
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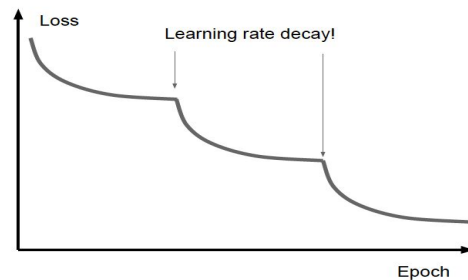
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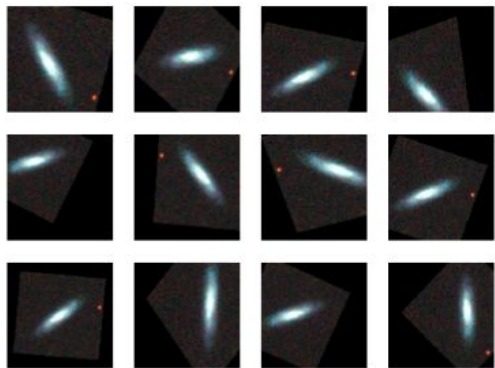


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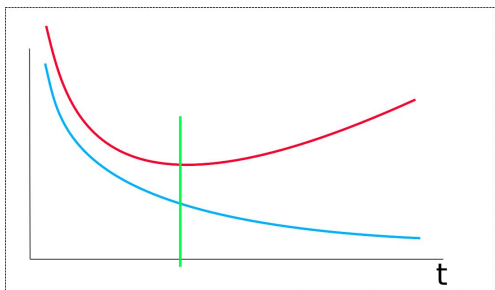


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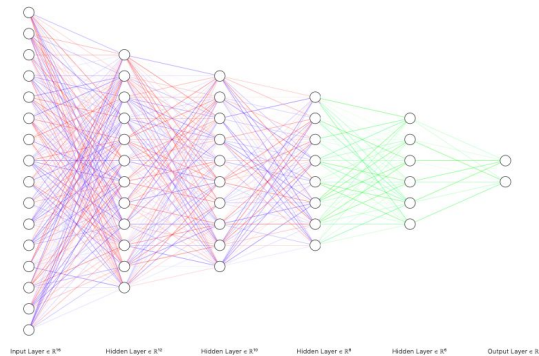
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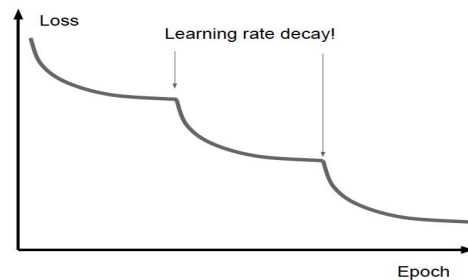
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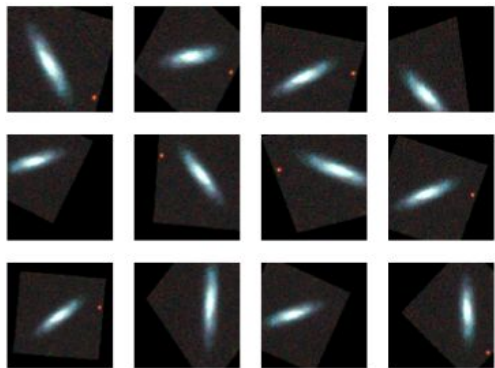
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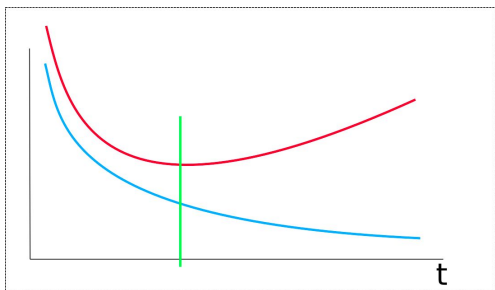


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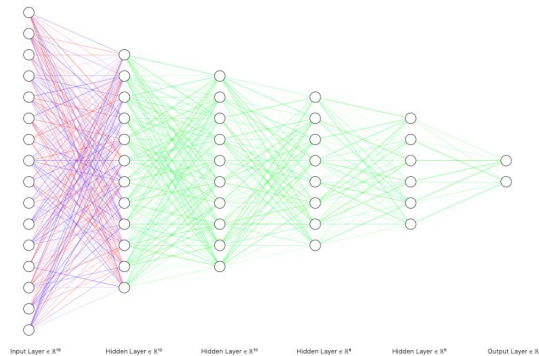
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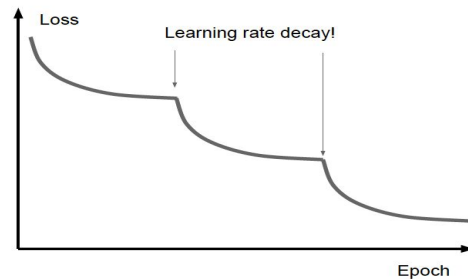
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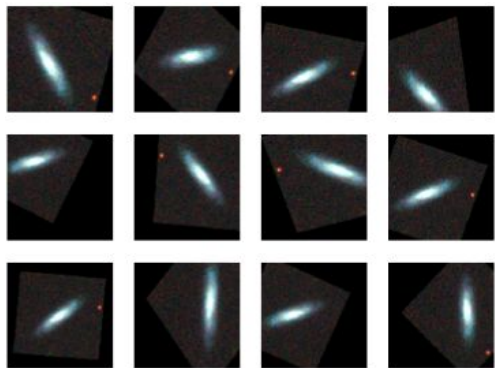


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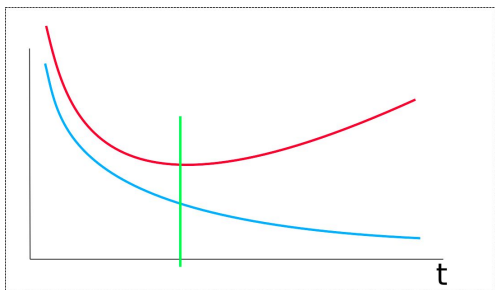


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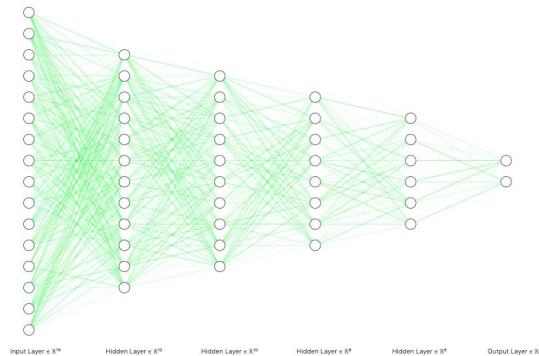
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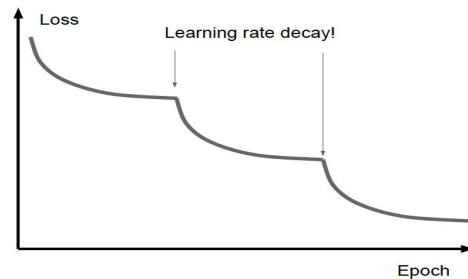
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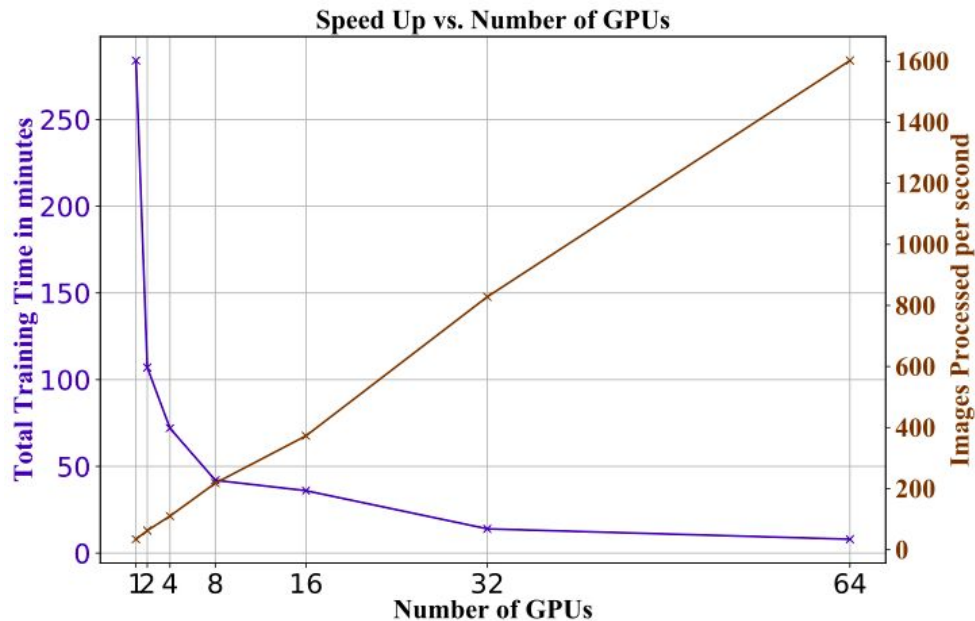


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# Training

- **Single GPU:** 5 hours on a Tesla P100 GPU on XSEDE for 36,500 images
- **Distributed Learning:** 8 minutes on 64 K80 GPUs on Cooley Supercomputer at Argonne



# Results

Dataset	Precision	Recall	FPR	Accuracy	F1 score
Training set				99.81%	0.9998
HP SDSS Test Set	0.996	1	0.004	99.81%	0.9980
HP DES Test Set	0.998	0.995	0.002	99.62%	0.9961
FO SDSS Test Set	0.945	0.991	0.055	96.76%	0.9675
FO DES Test Set	0.965	0.946	0.025	96.32%	0.9685

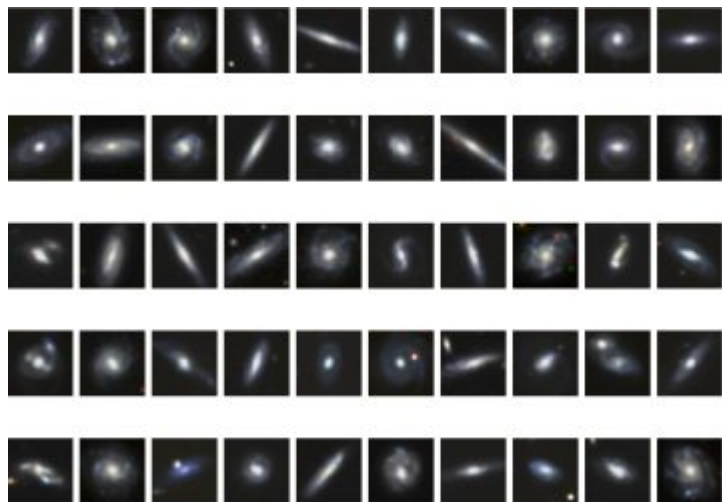
- Examples of misclassifications

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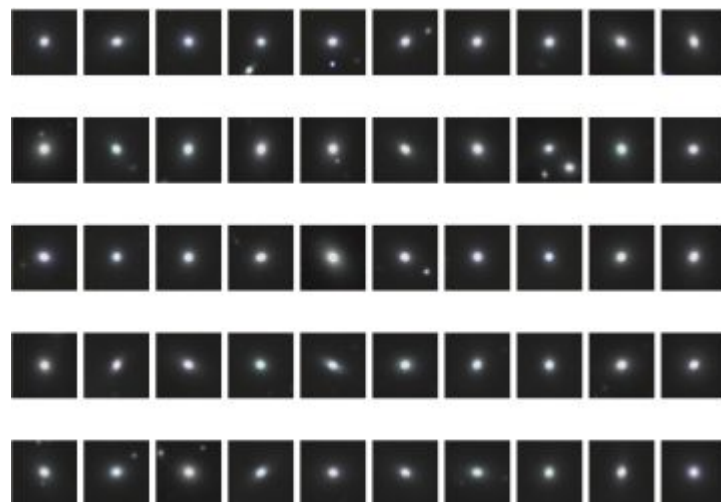


# Results

- Unlabelled DES



Predicted Spirals

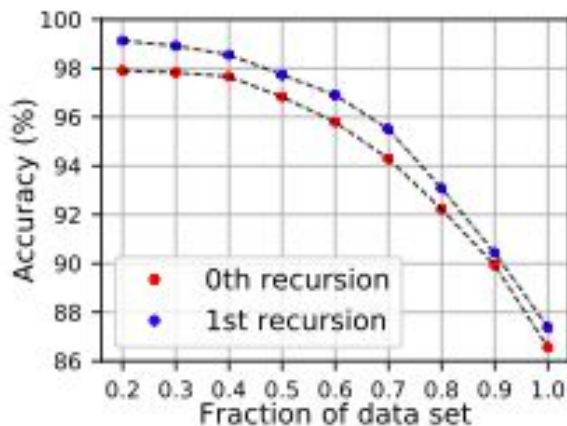


Predicted Ellipticals

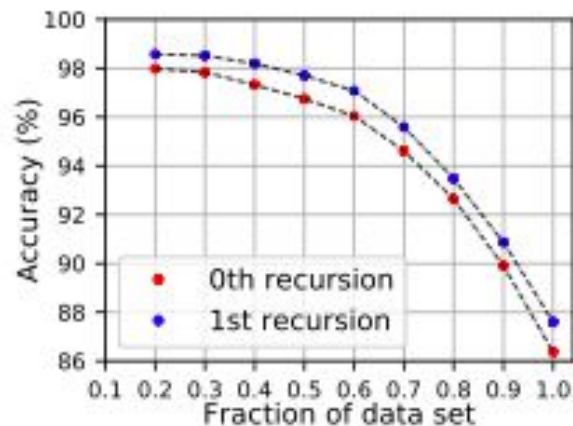


# Recursive Training:

- Accuracy vs. N high confidence predictions as a fraction of total FO test datasets

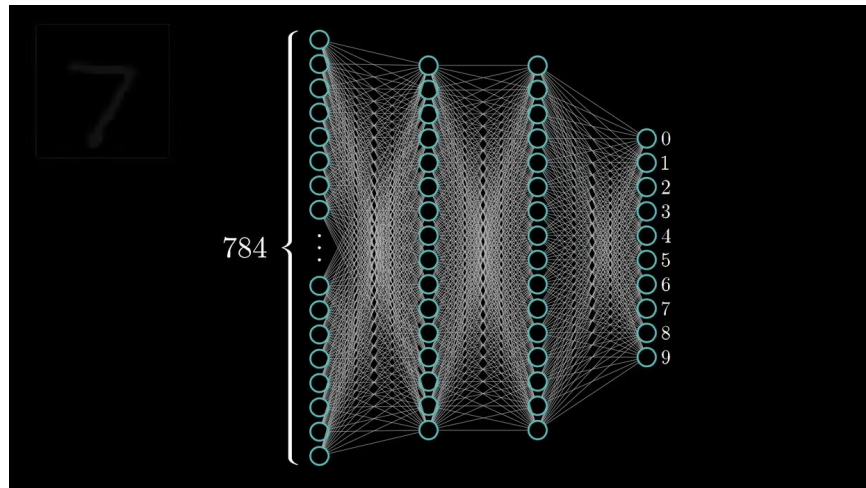


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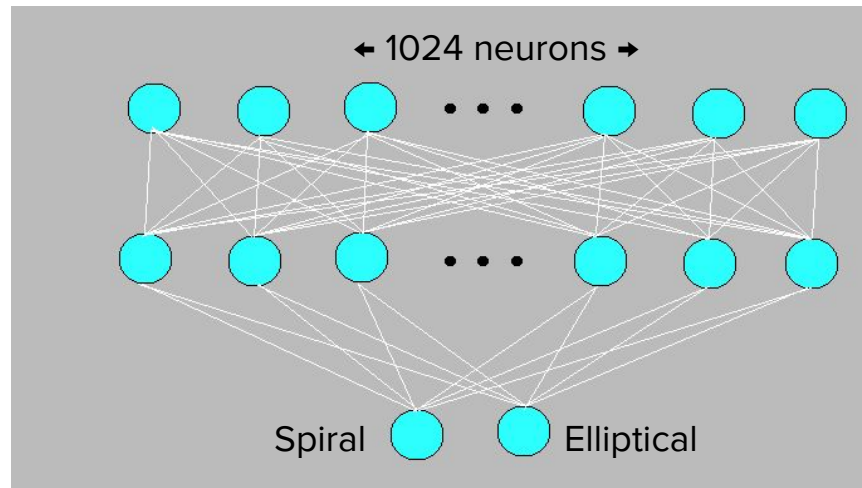


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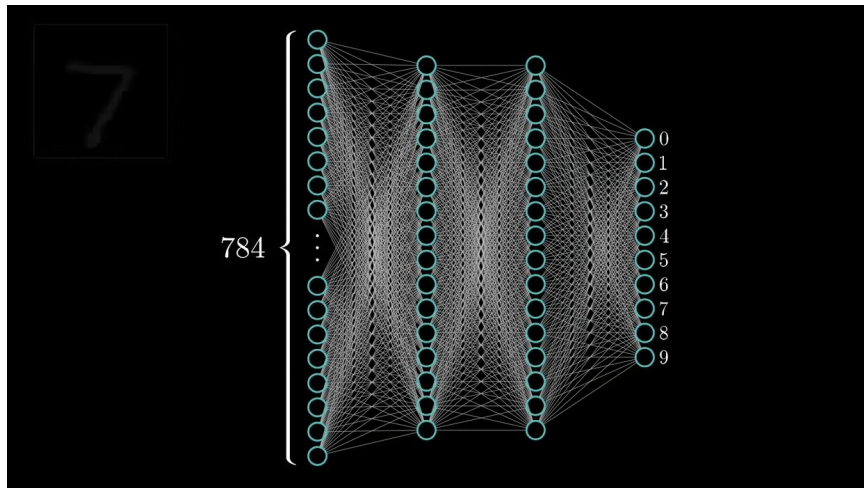
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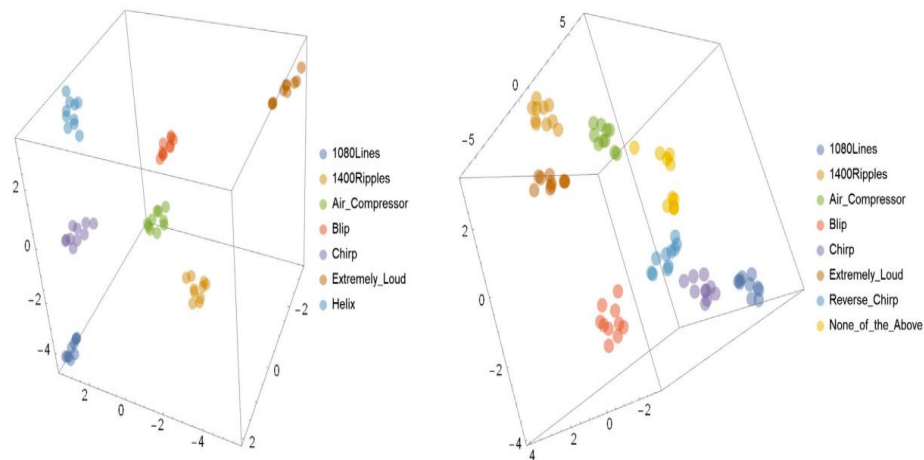
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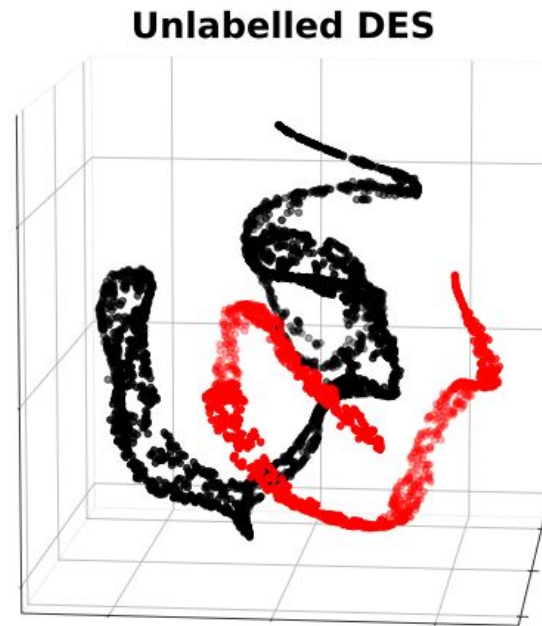
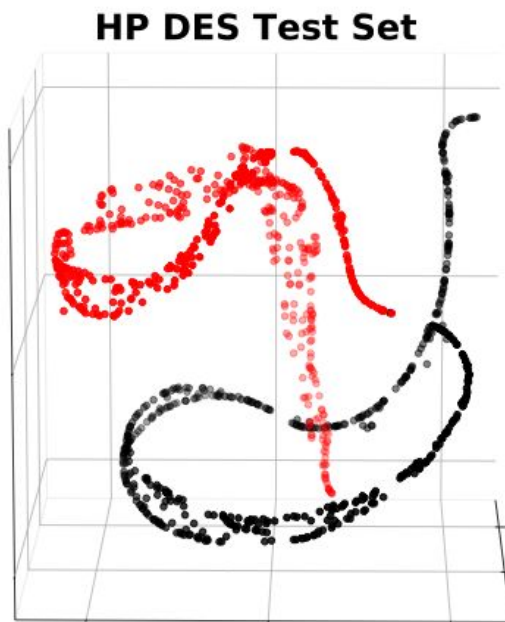
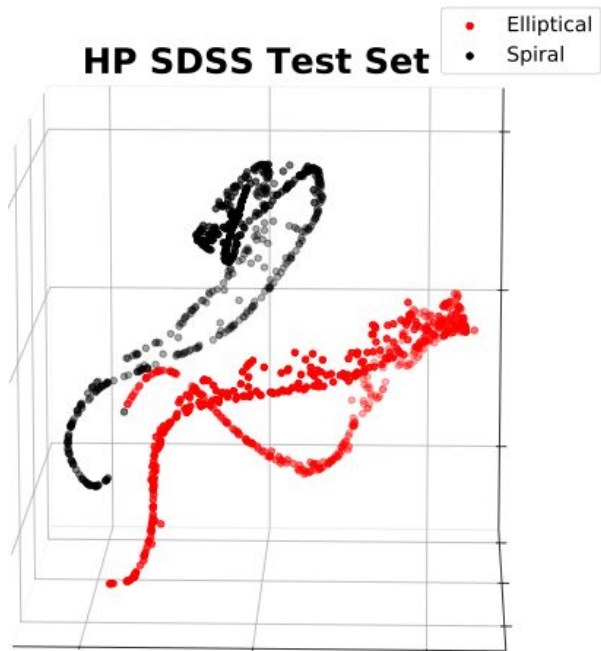
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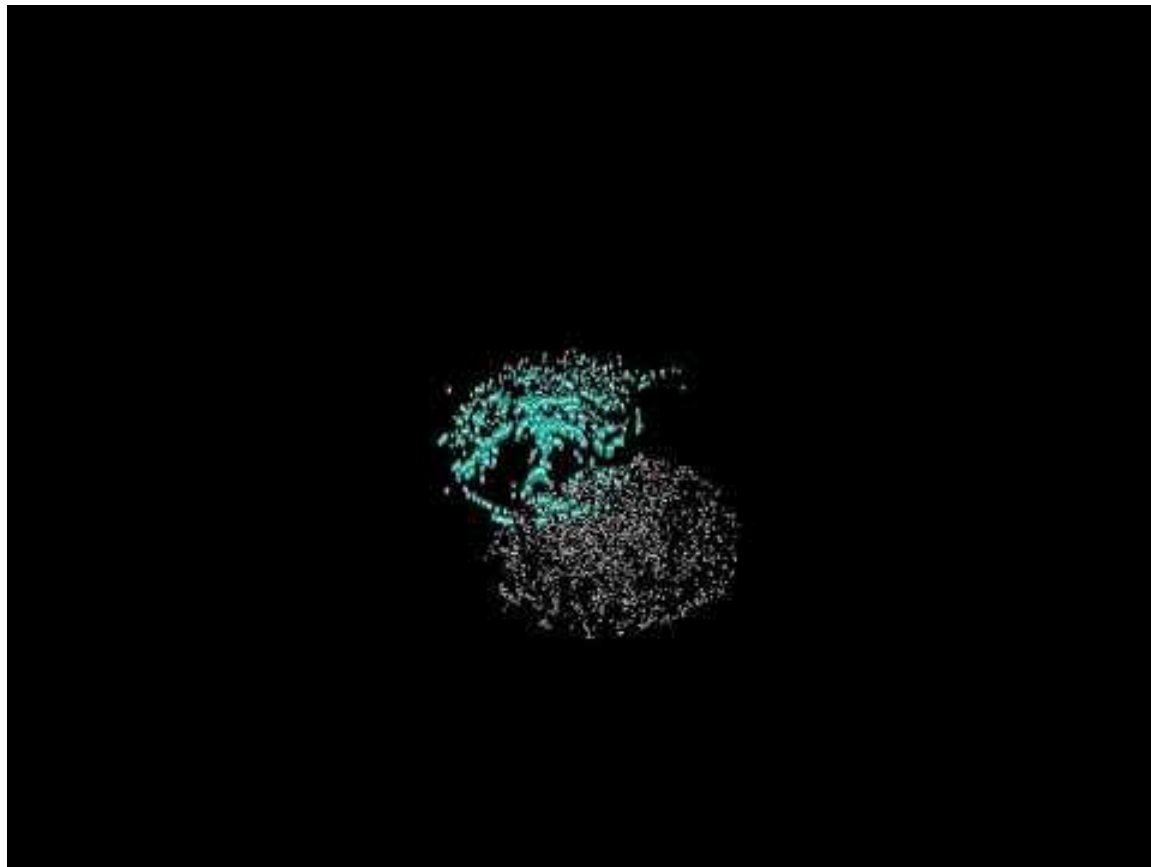
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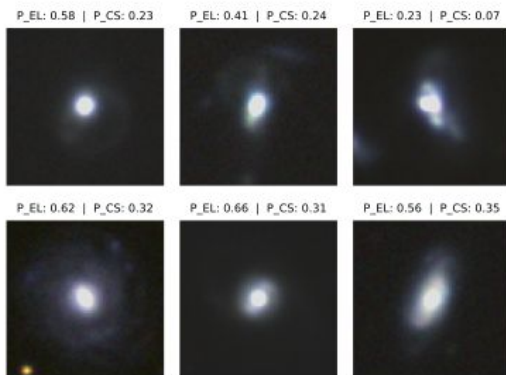


# Conclusion:

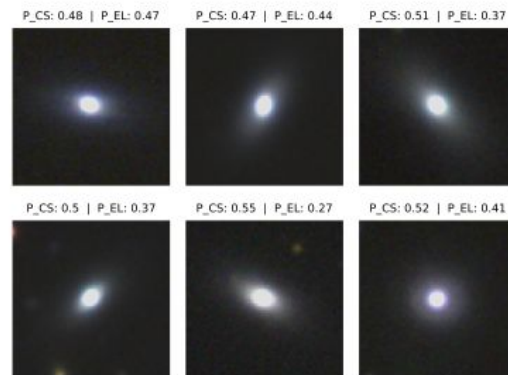
- First application of Deep Transfer Learning, using disparate datasets, combined with distributed training for galaxy classification.
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# Appendix: Misclassifications

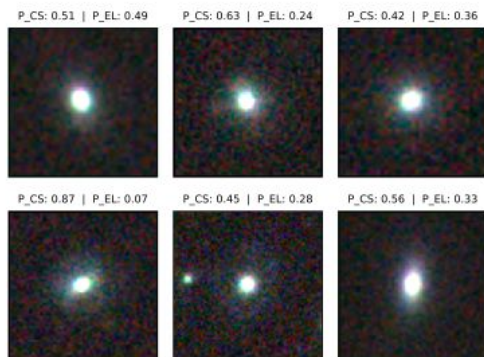
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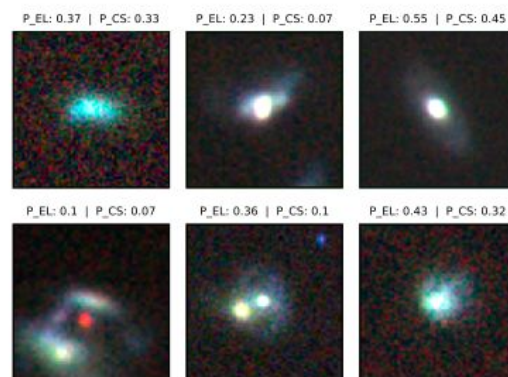
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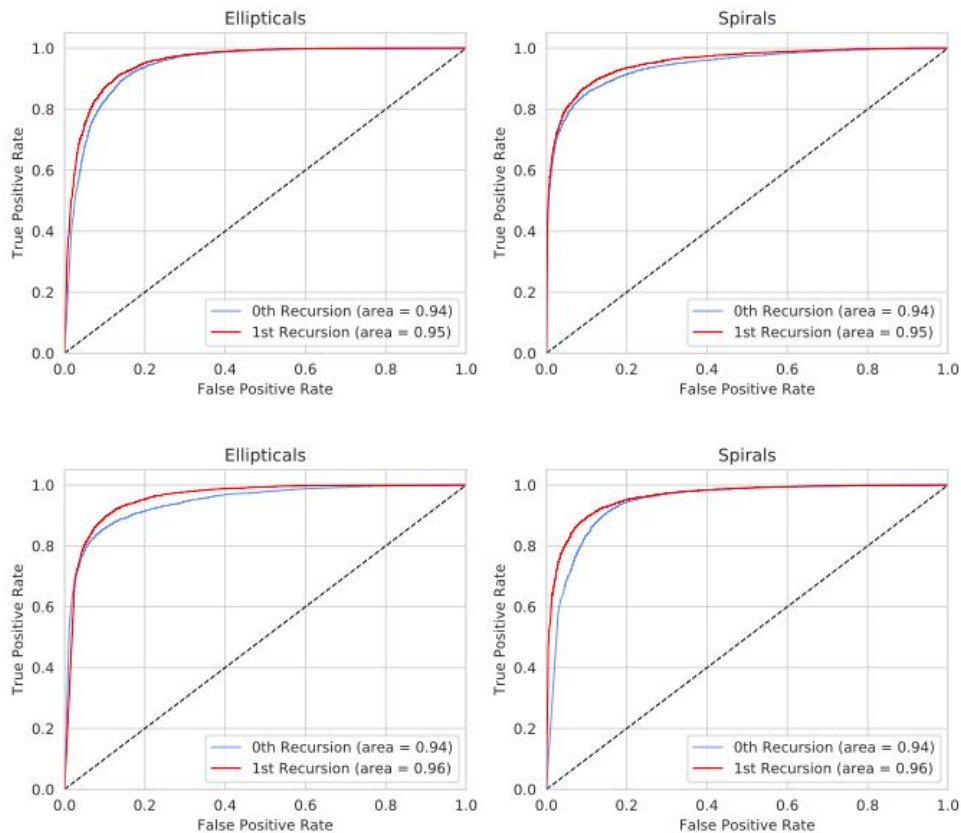


# Appendix: Scaling Results

GPUs	Time per epoch (s)	# epochs	Total time	Accuracy	Val Accuracy
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	1626	4			
2	231	1	1h 47m	0.9993	0.9990
	481	6			
	830	4			
4	119	1	1h 12m	0.9995	0.9990
	246	5			
	427	7			
8	64	1	42m	0.9991	0.9979
	124	6			
	214	8			
16	35	1	36m	0.9993	0.9980
	63	4			
	109	17			
32	20	1	14m	0.9993	0.9990
	31	6			
	53	12			
64	13	1	8m	0.9993	0.9990
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	27	15			

# Appendix: Recursive Training

(Top: SDSS, Bottom: DES)



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