

# A Neural Network Approach to Visualising Astronomical Time Series

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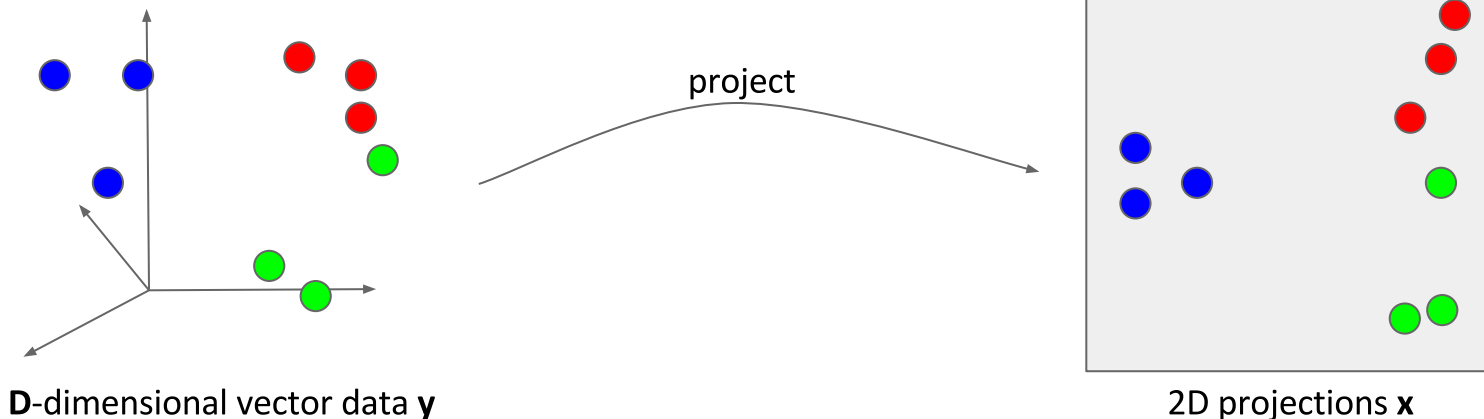


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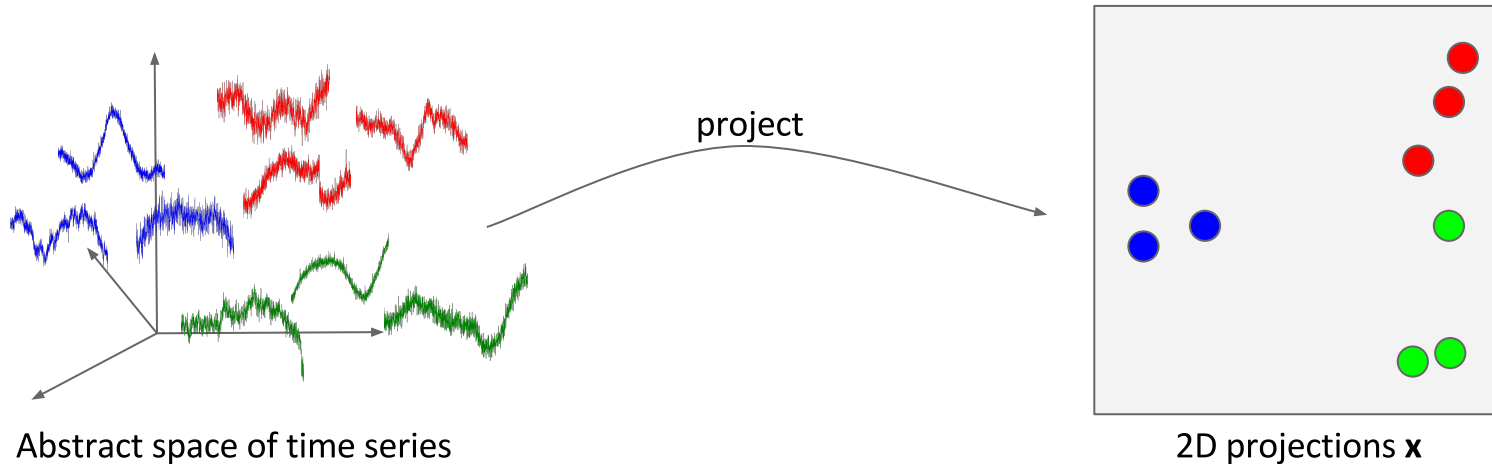
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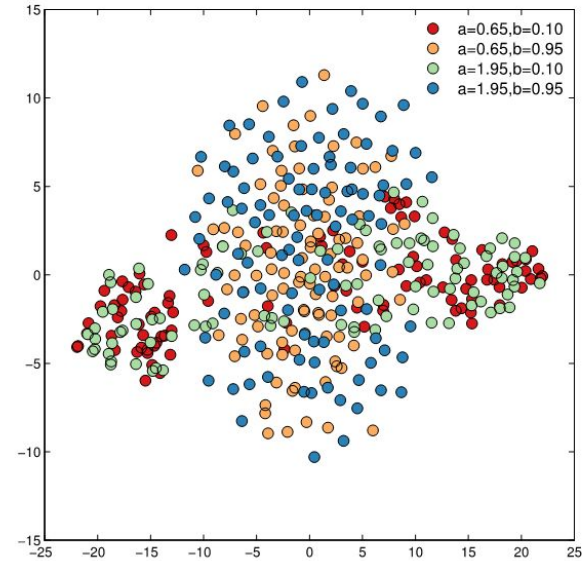
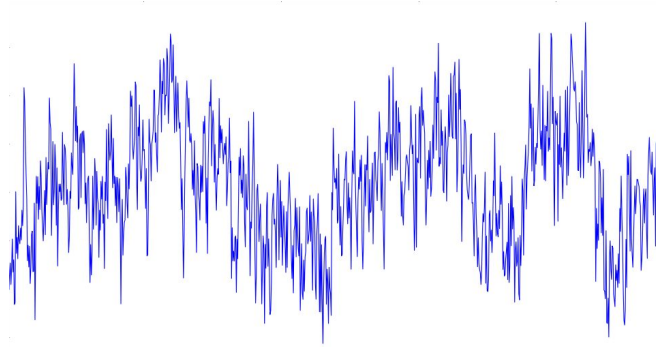


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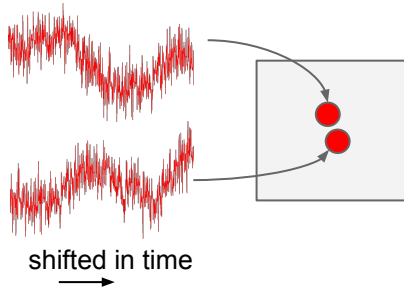


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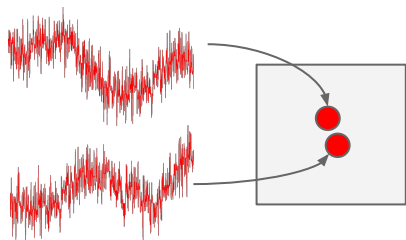


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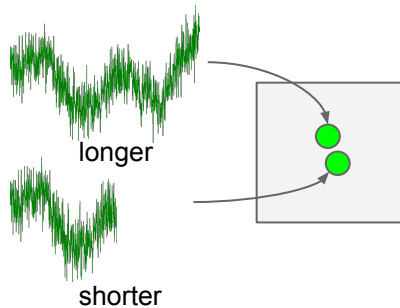
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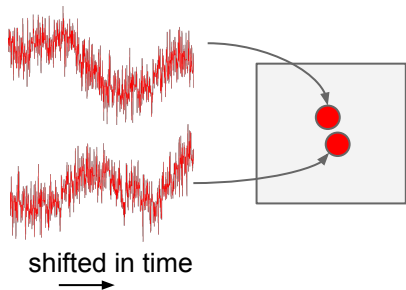
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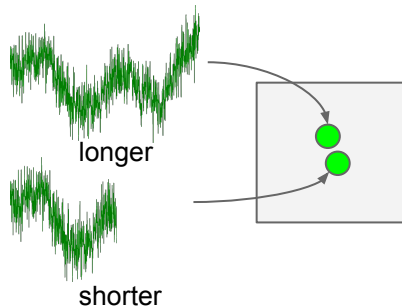
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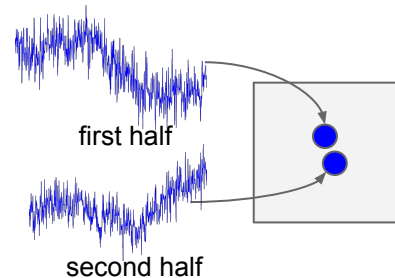
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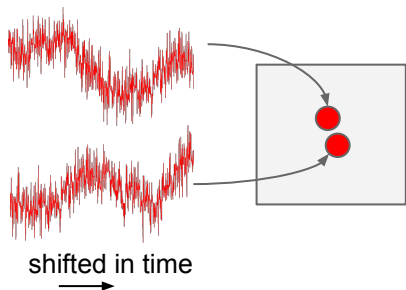


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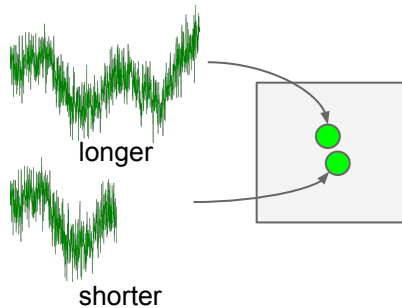


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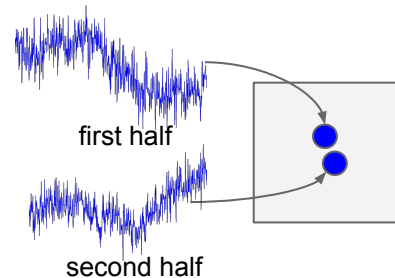
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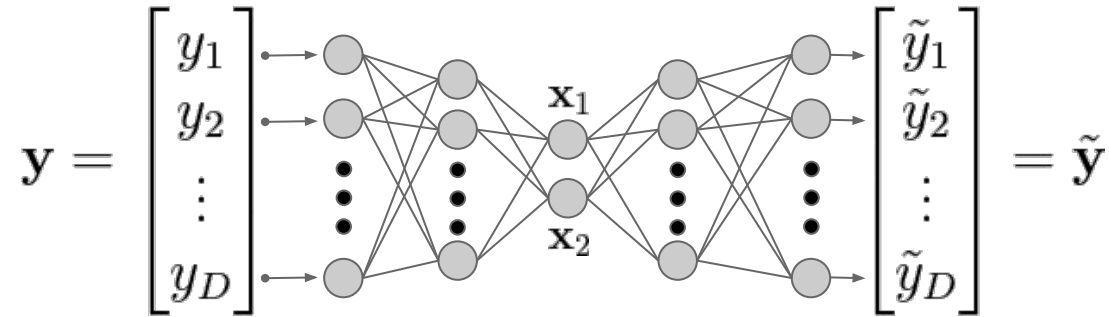
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## Proposed solution

- come up with a new representation for time series
- reduce dimensionality of new representation via autoencoder

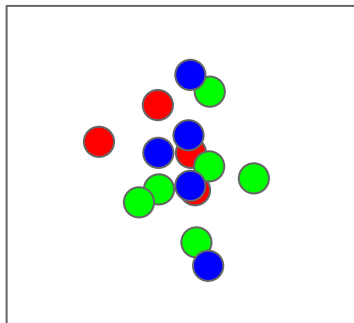
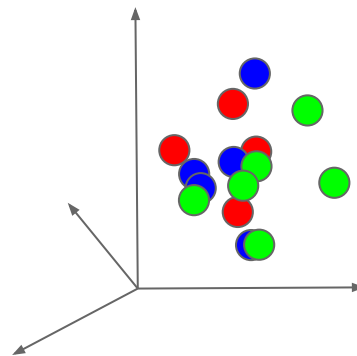
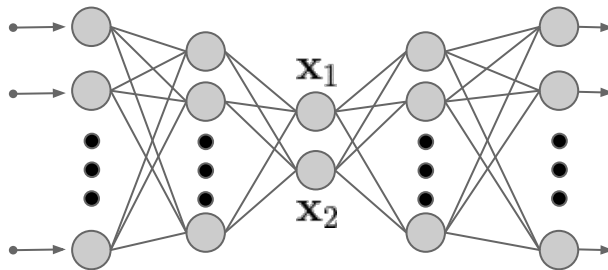
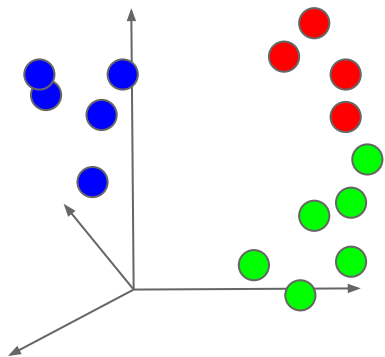
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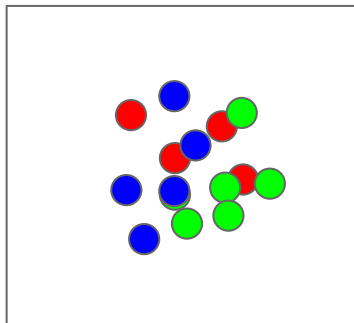
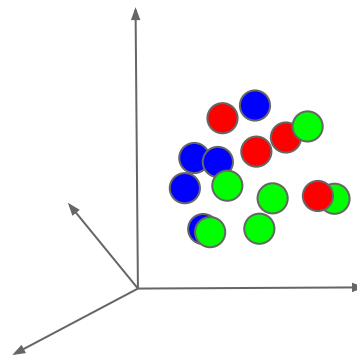
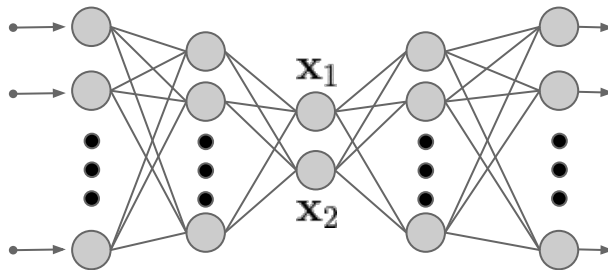
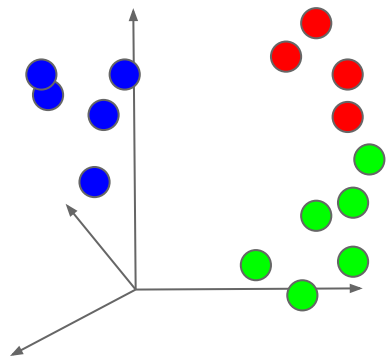


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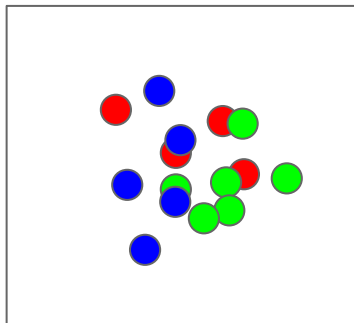
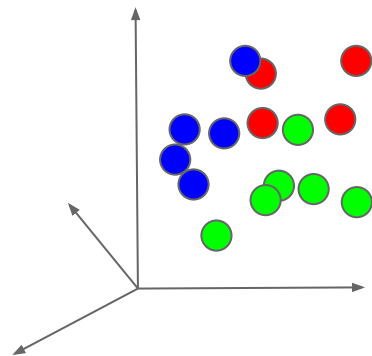
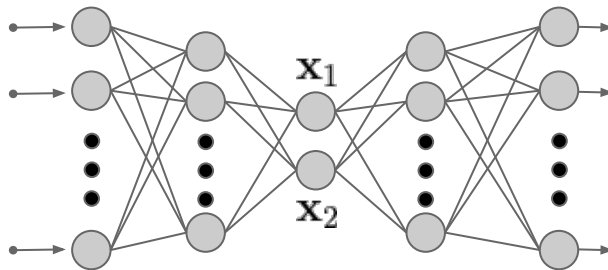
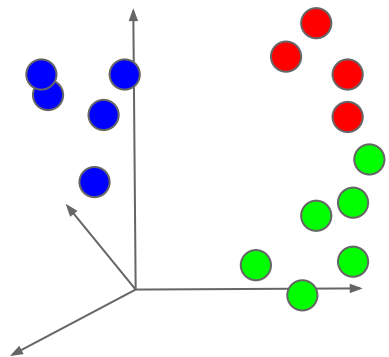


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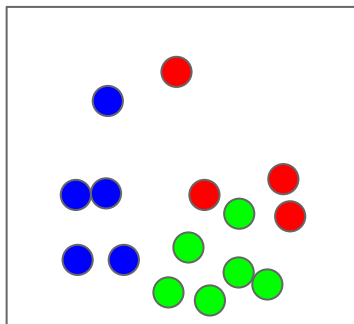
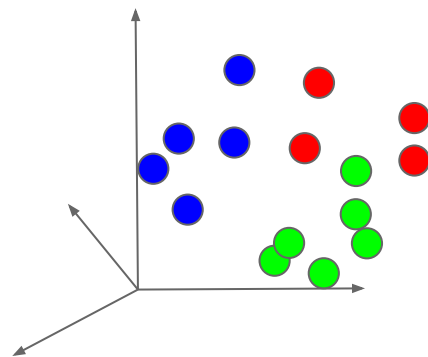
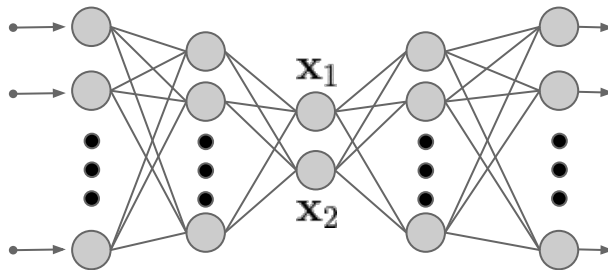
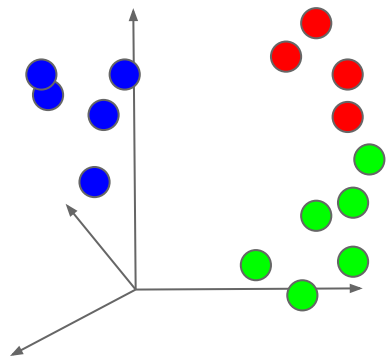


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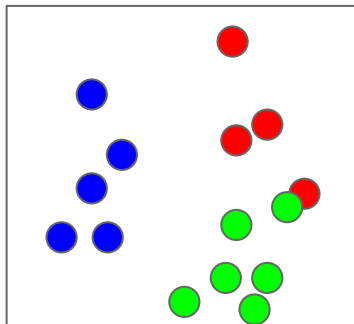
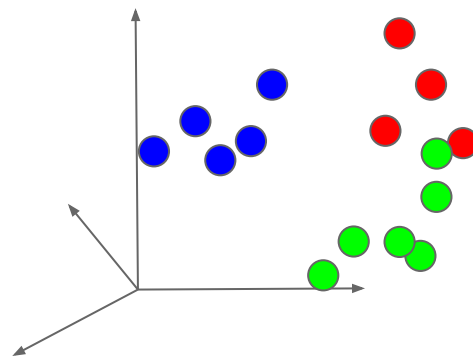
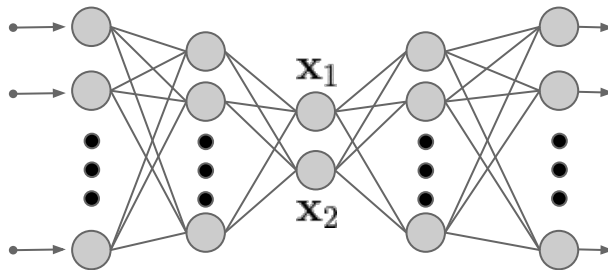
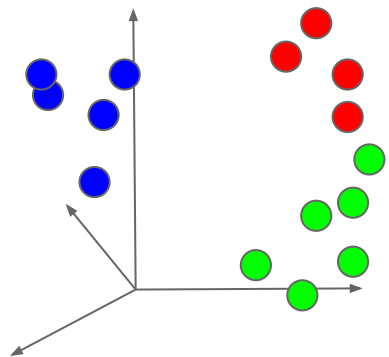


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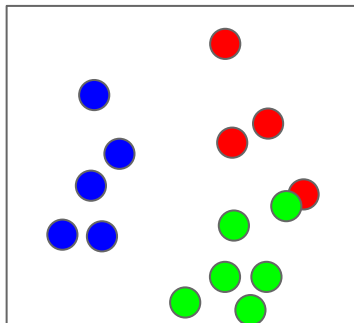
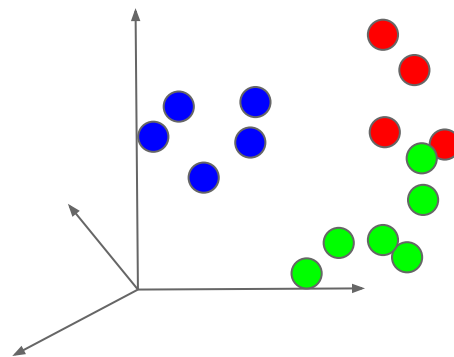
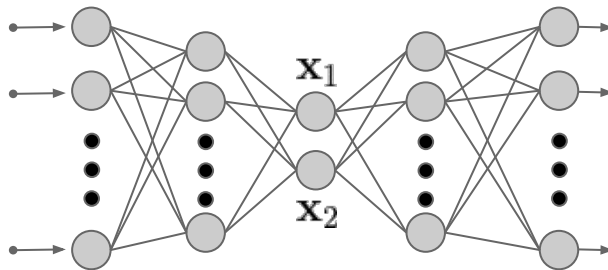
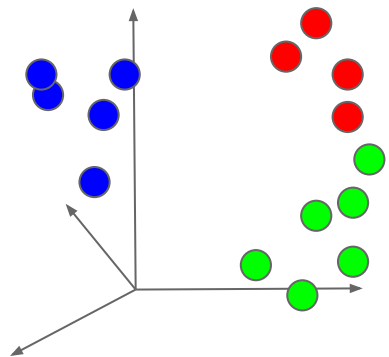


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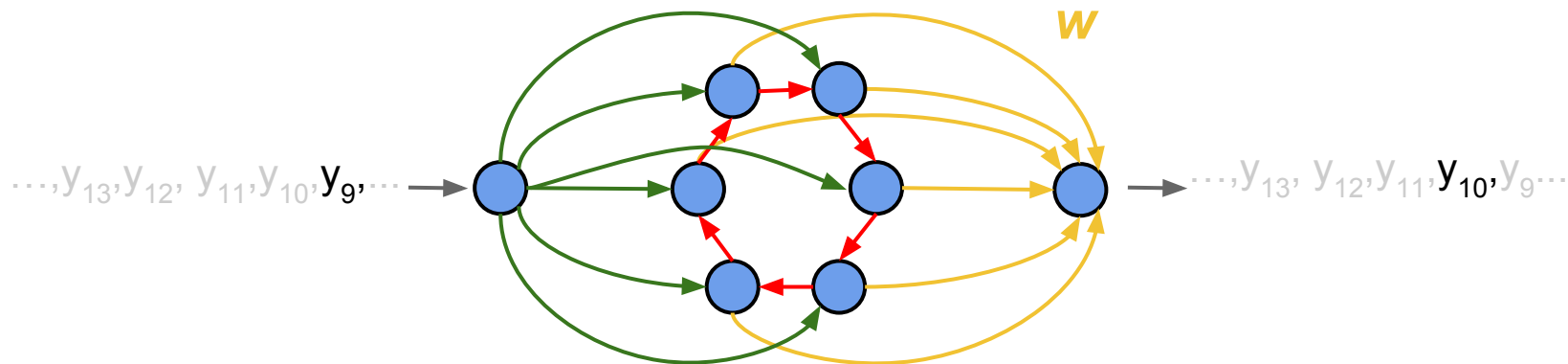


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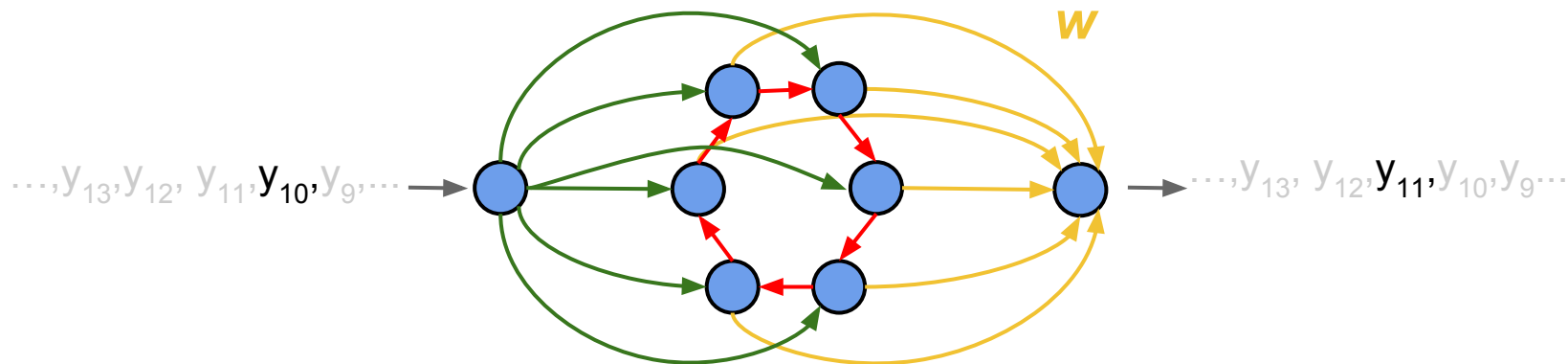
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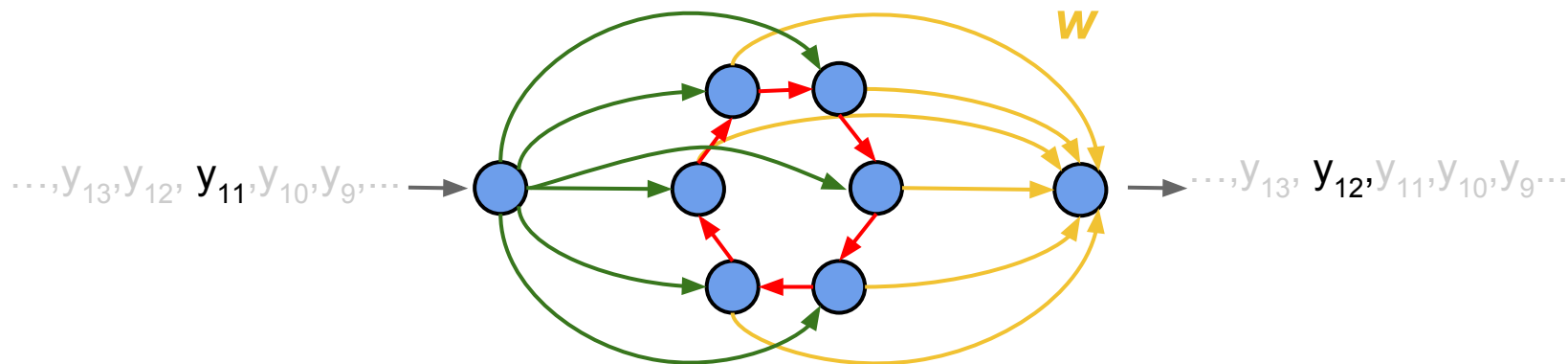
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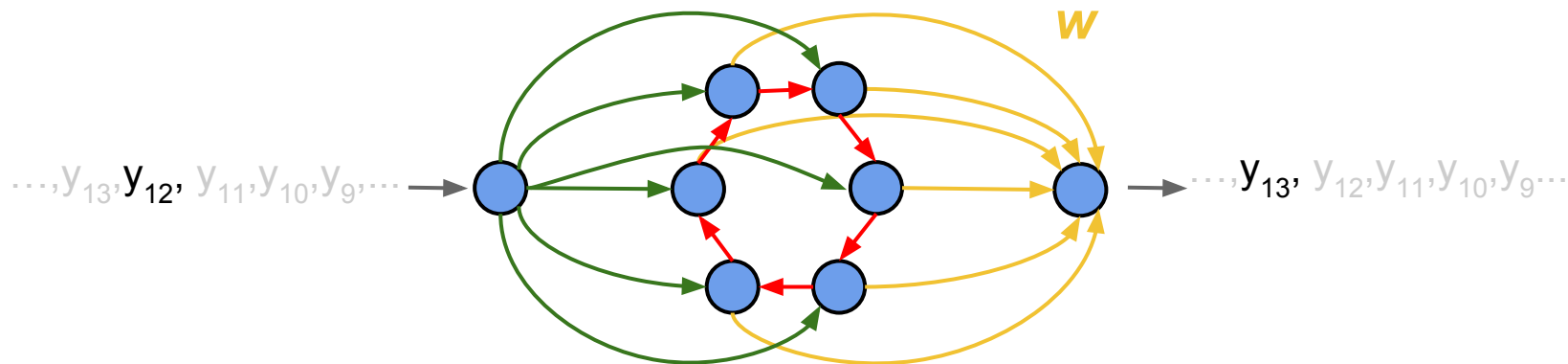
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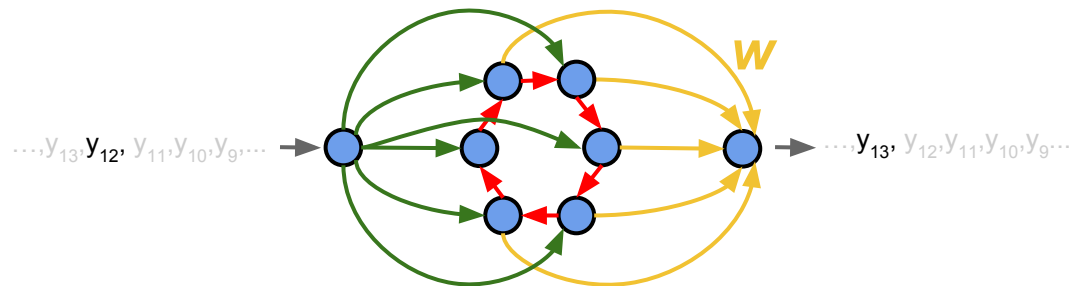


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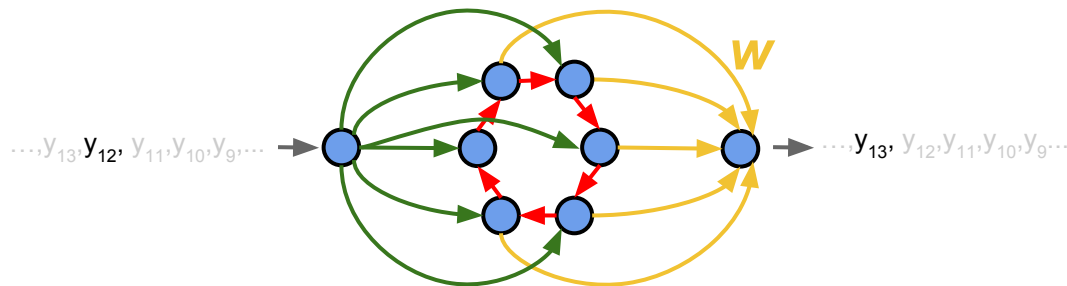
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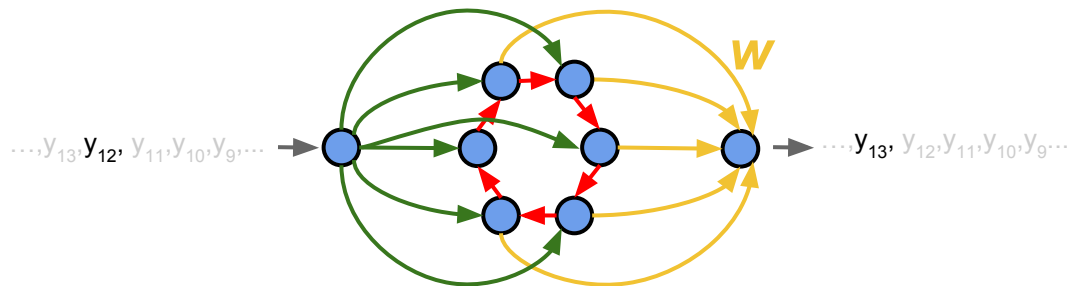
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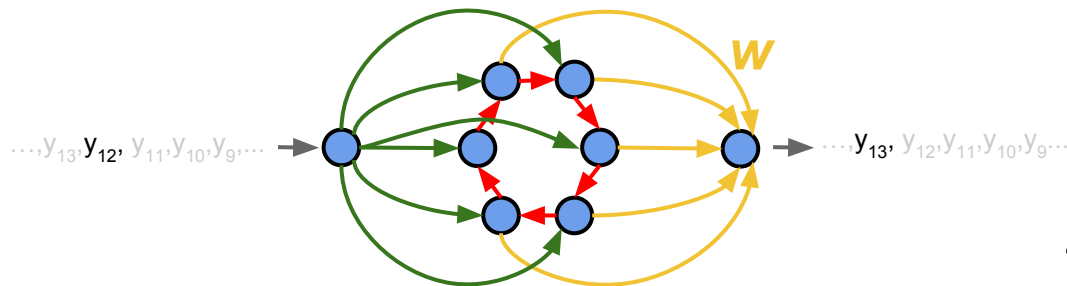
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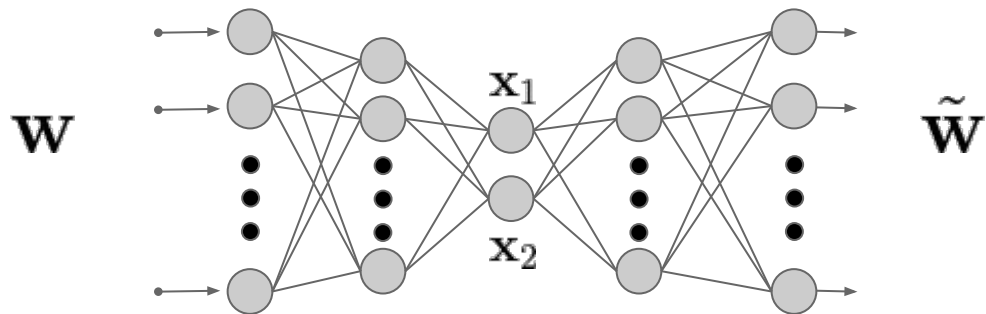
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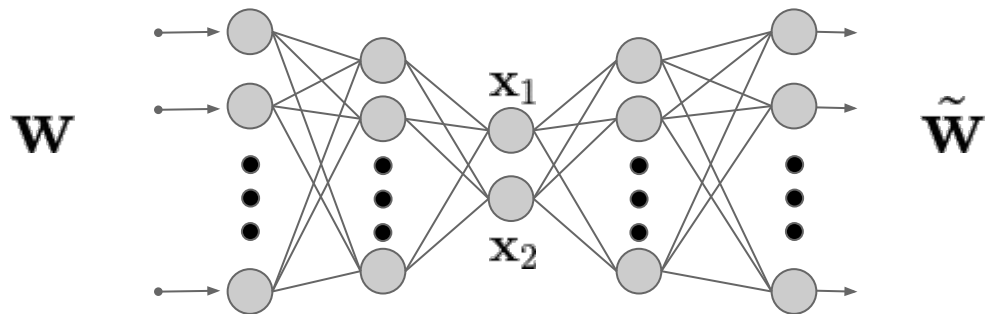
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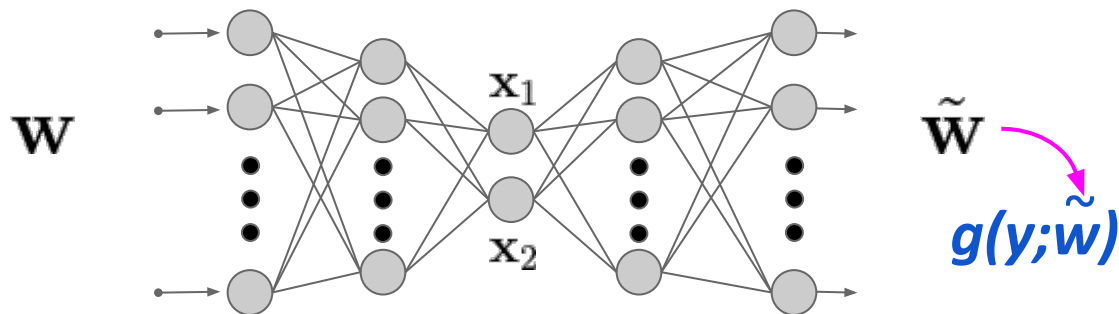
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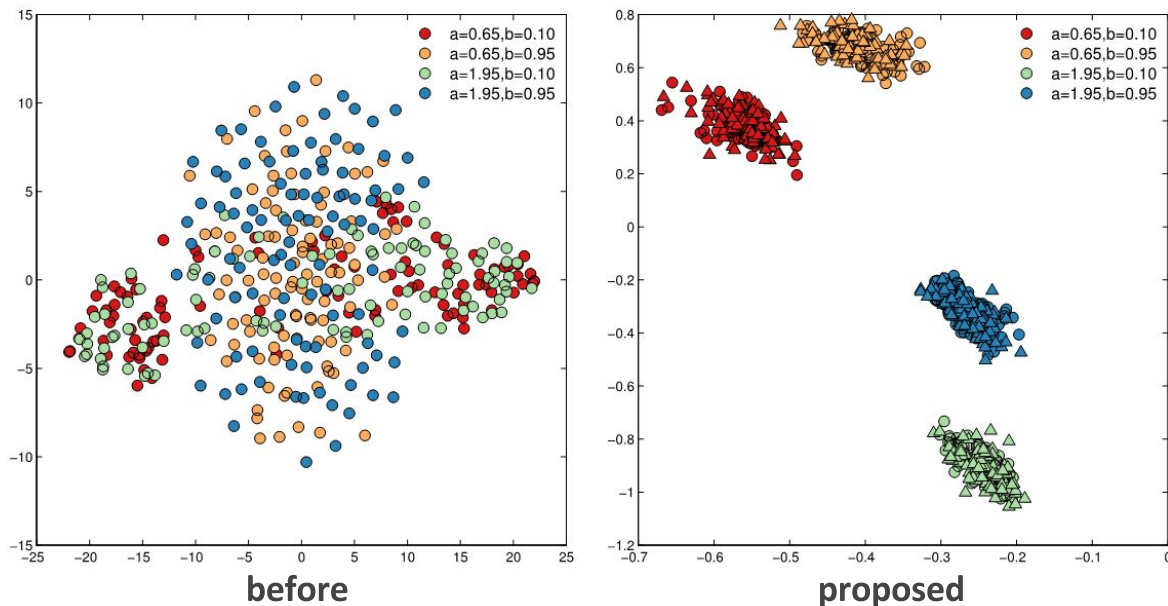
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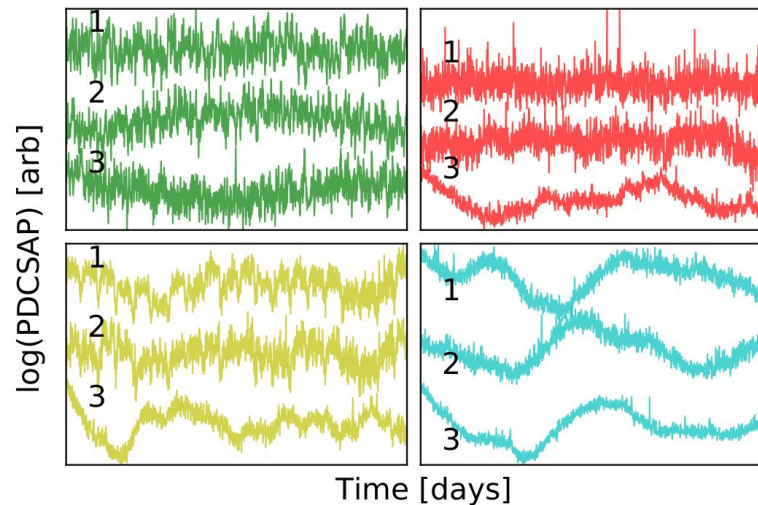
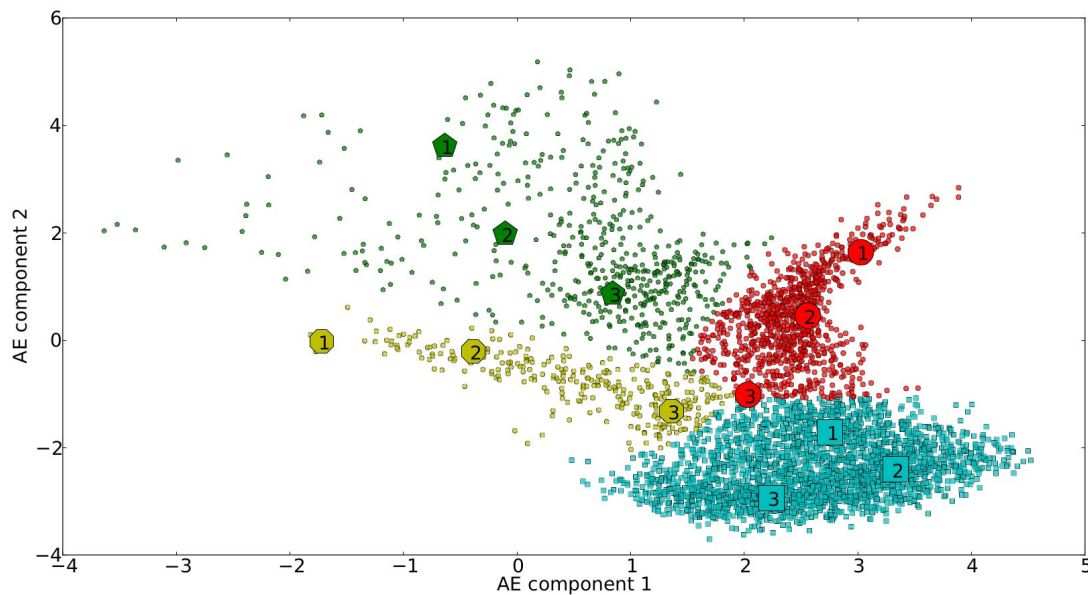
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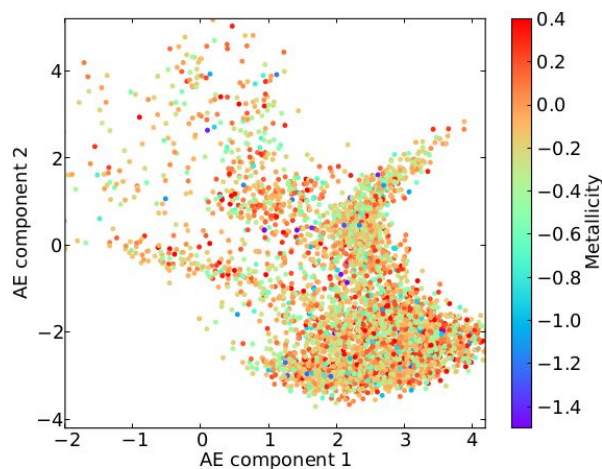


Data taken from online repository of Kepler mission

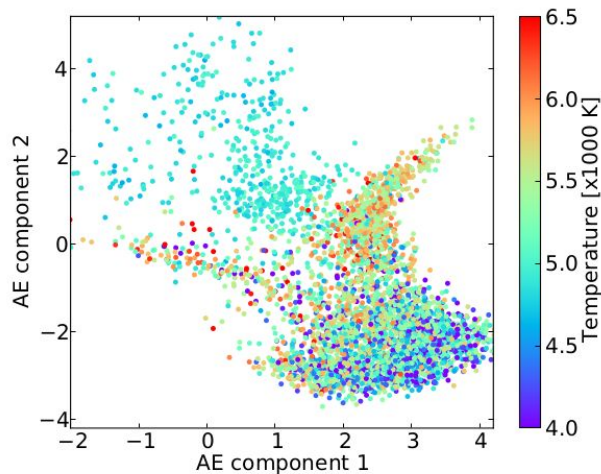
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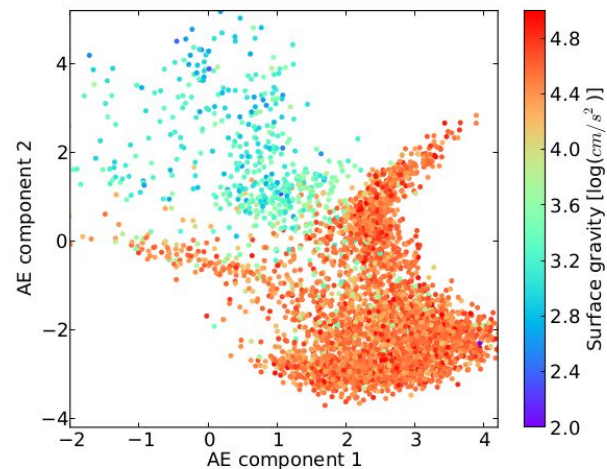
## Physical properties



(a) Metallicity



(b) Temperature



(c) Surface gravity

**Surface gravity correlates strongly with variability behaviour**

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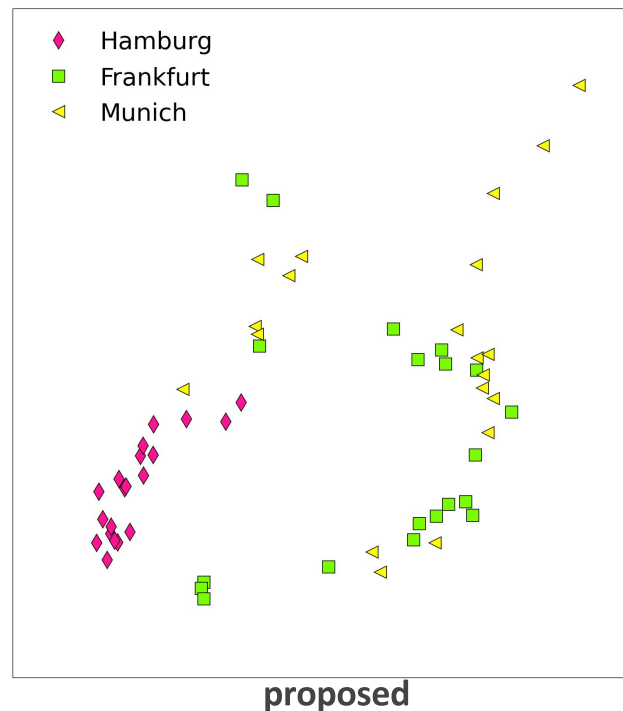
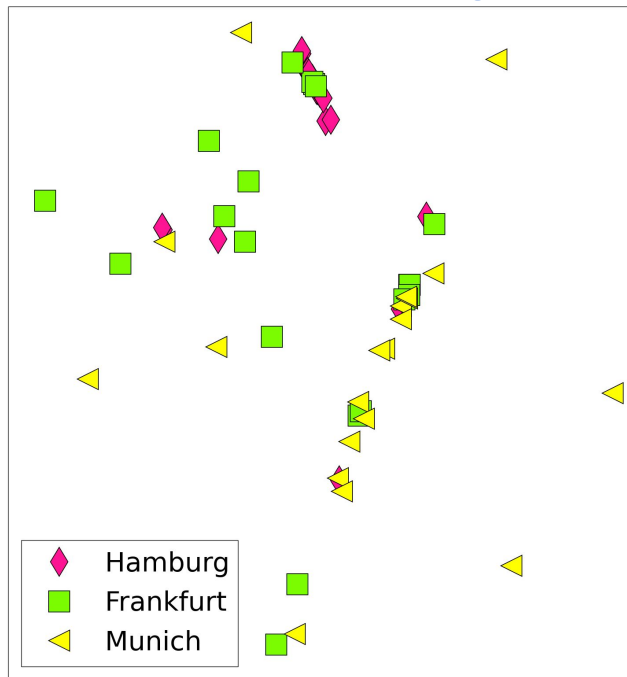
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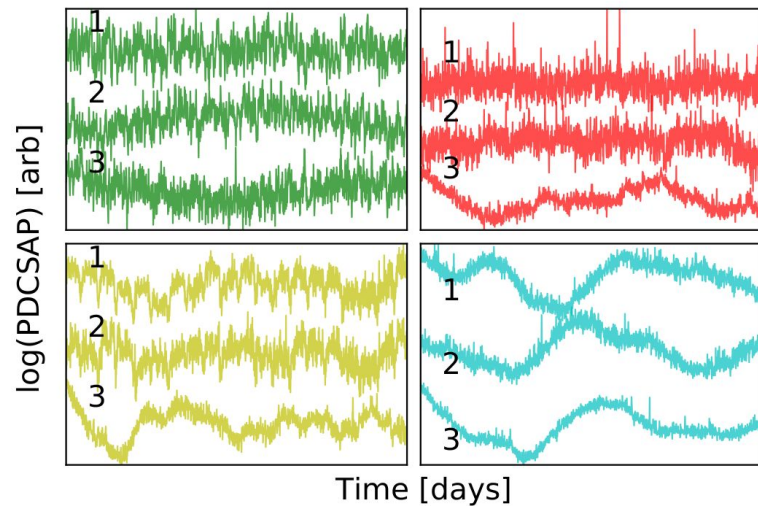
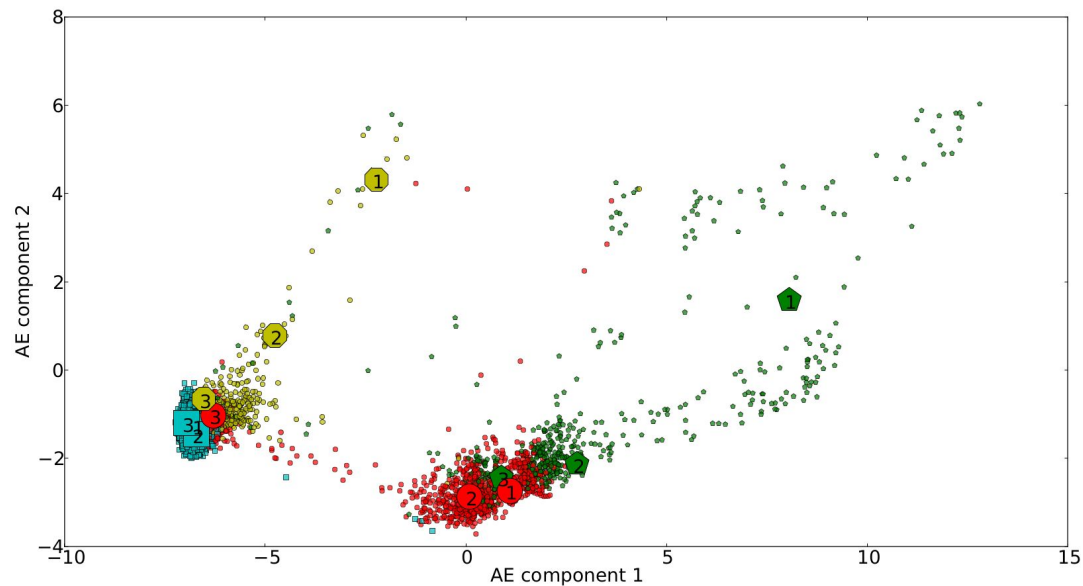
**Thank you for your attention!**

# Real data - Wind speed data



Data taken from 10 stations around Hamburg, Frankfurt and Munich  
Courtesy of Deutscher Wetterdienst

## Real data - Kepler light curves (2)



Time series autoencoded as vectors

# Autoencoding of new representation

Let us ask

Why is Euclidean distance on parameters meaningless?

- some components  $w_i$  have no effect
- some components  $w_i$  more sensitive
- some components in different scale
- ...

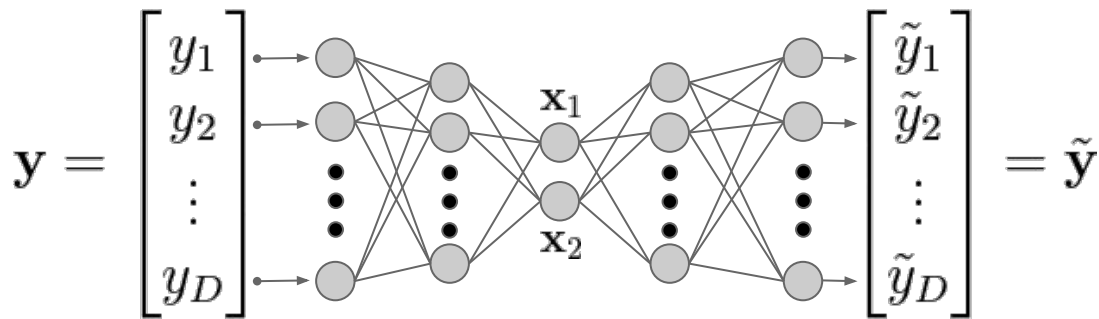
**Bad idea!**

▪ Now

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$$f_{enc}(\mathbf{y}) : \mathbb{R}^D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$f_{dec}(\mathbf{x}) : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^D$$