

Deep Neural Network searching for an air shower radio signal

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Motivation

Future of ultra high energy (UHE) astroparticle physics

UHE neutrinos and photons, e.g. GZK ones

Sources

Particle physics

Neutrinos



Alliance for Astroparticle Physics



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Experiment: 10 x exposure of the Pierre Auger Observatory

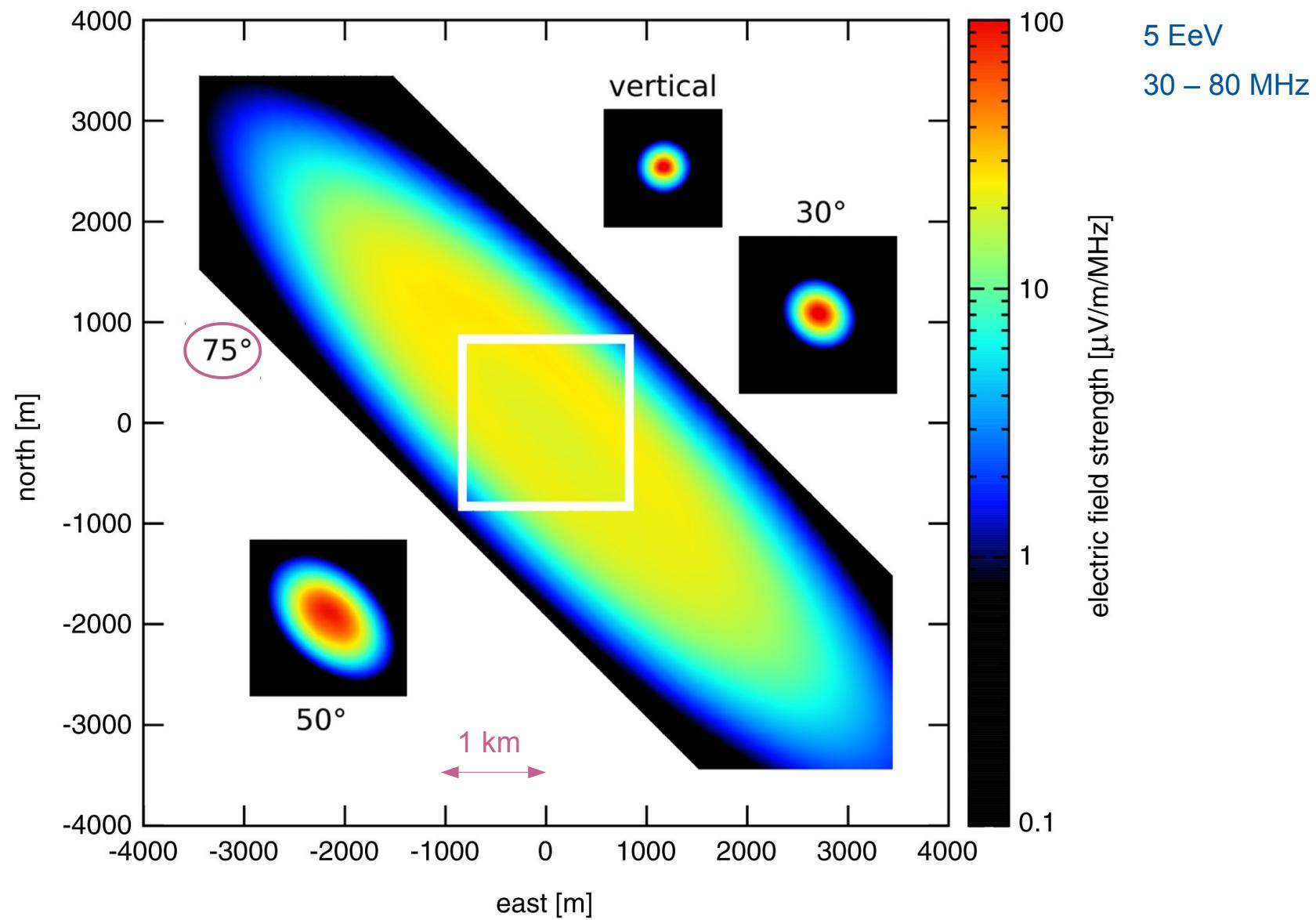
Energy and composition

A sparse array of self-triggering antennas

Online identification of air shower signals?

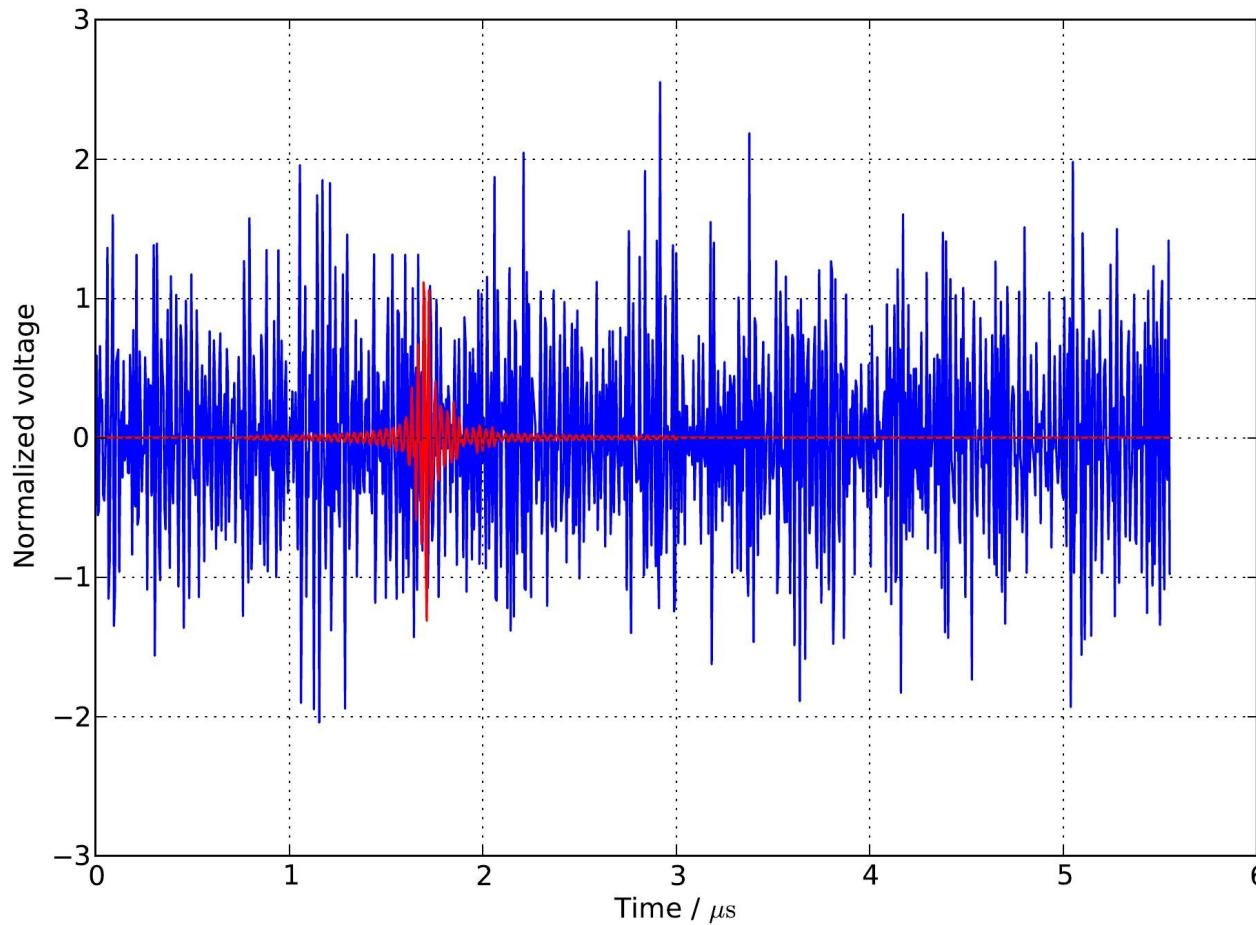
Electric field strength

Large footprint → low signal



T. Huege, arXiv:1601.07426

Data



Noise

Normal distribution

Different components

Bandpass filter

Air shower

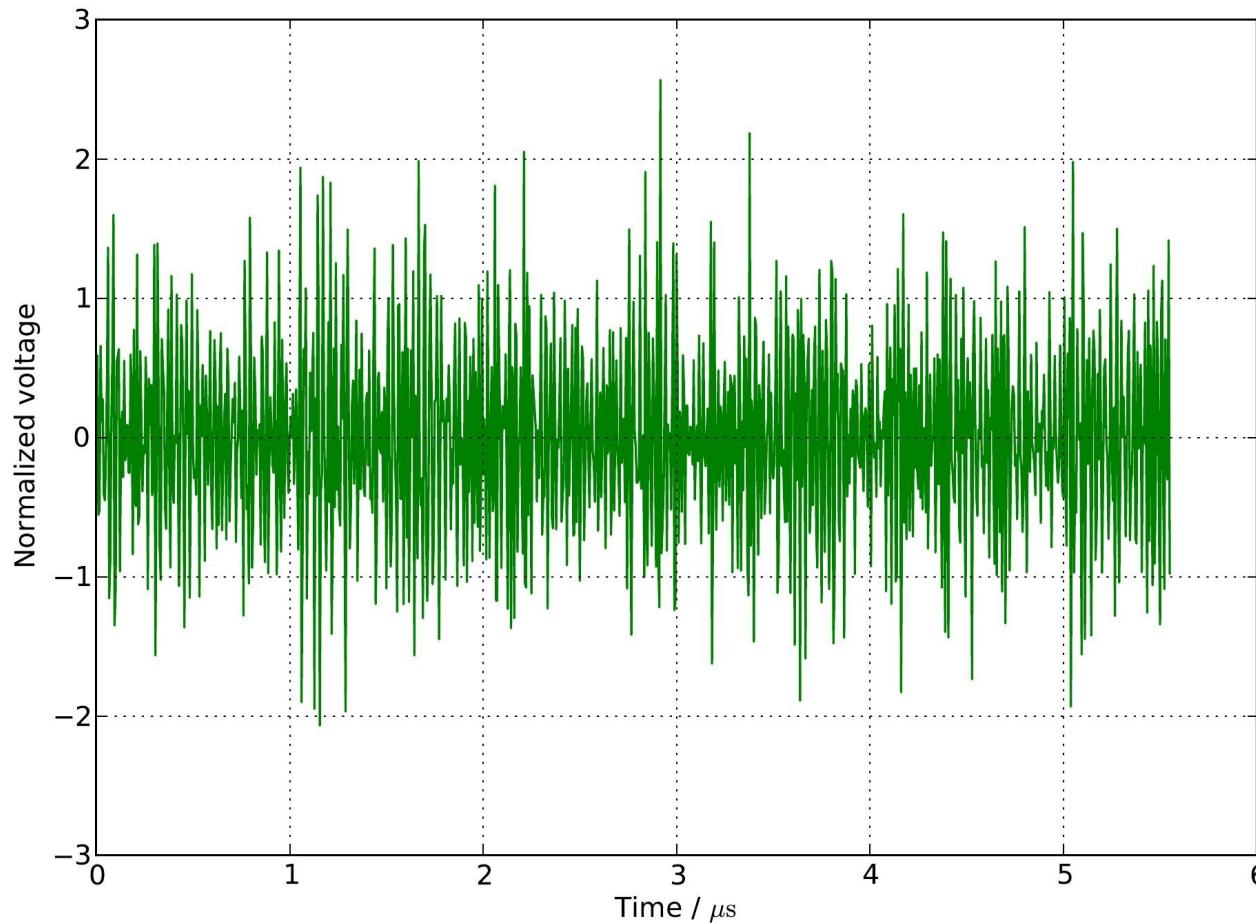
Simulated for AERA
(thanks to C. Glaser)

Scaling the amplitude



Signal-to-noise ratio (SNR)

Data



Deep neural network
is data hungry



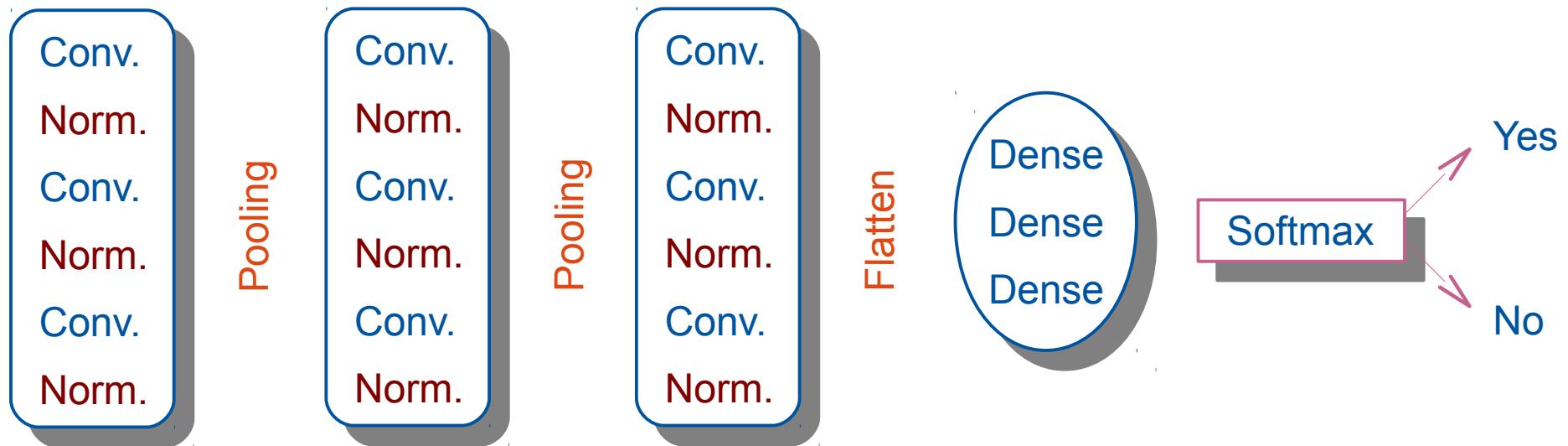
Data augmentation

Training:
100k traces
50% w/ signal

Testing:
20k traces
Only 1% w/ signal

Supervised learning → Binary classification

Deep Neural Network (DNN) model



Feedforward network

Data and batch normalization

Weights initialization: a truncated normal distribution centered on zero (he_normal)

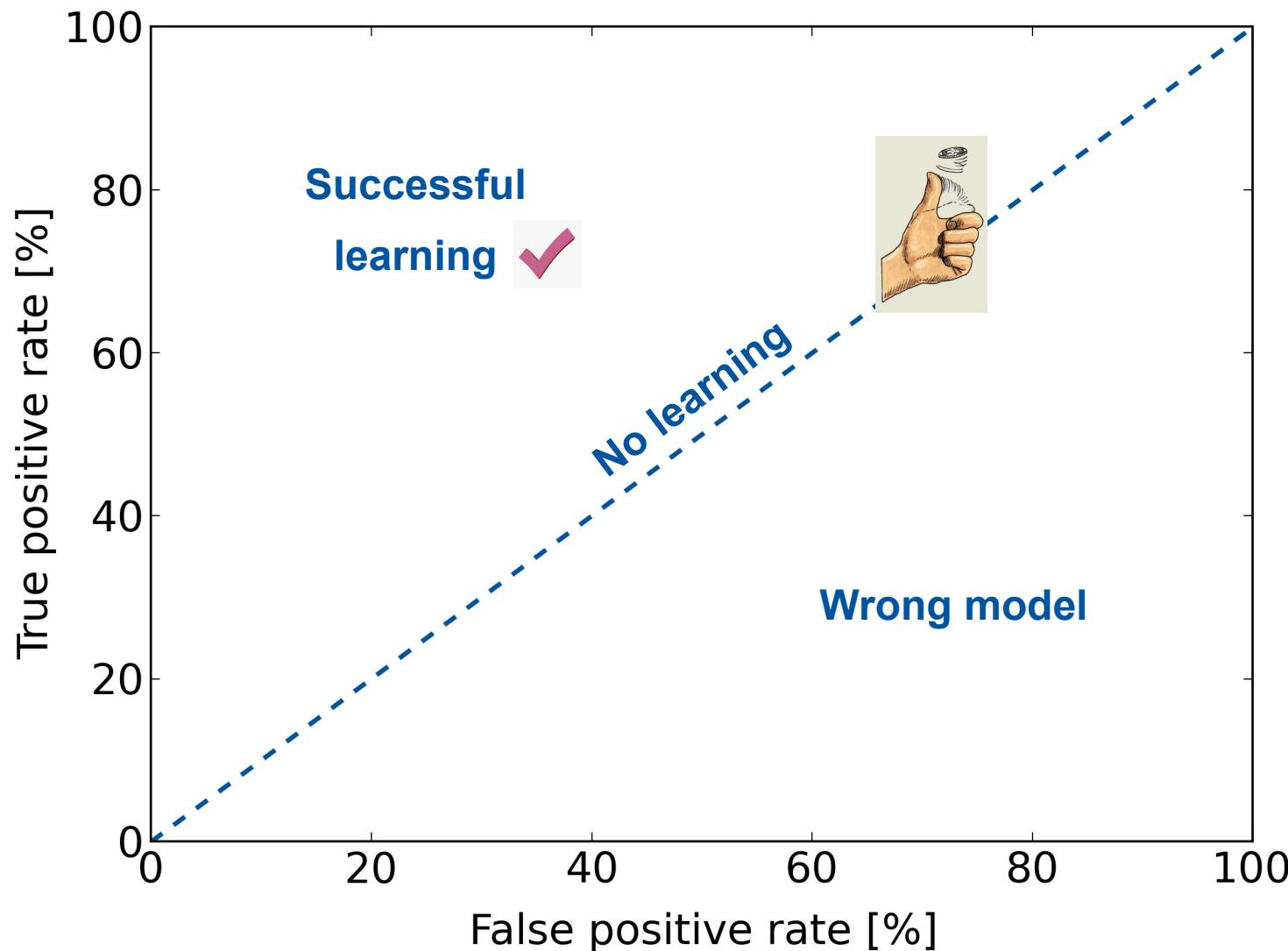
Activation: the rectified linear unit (ReLU) function

Cost function: the logarithmic loss function (binary_crossentropy)

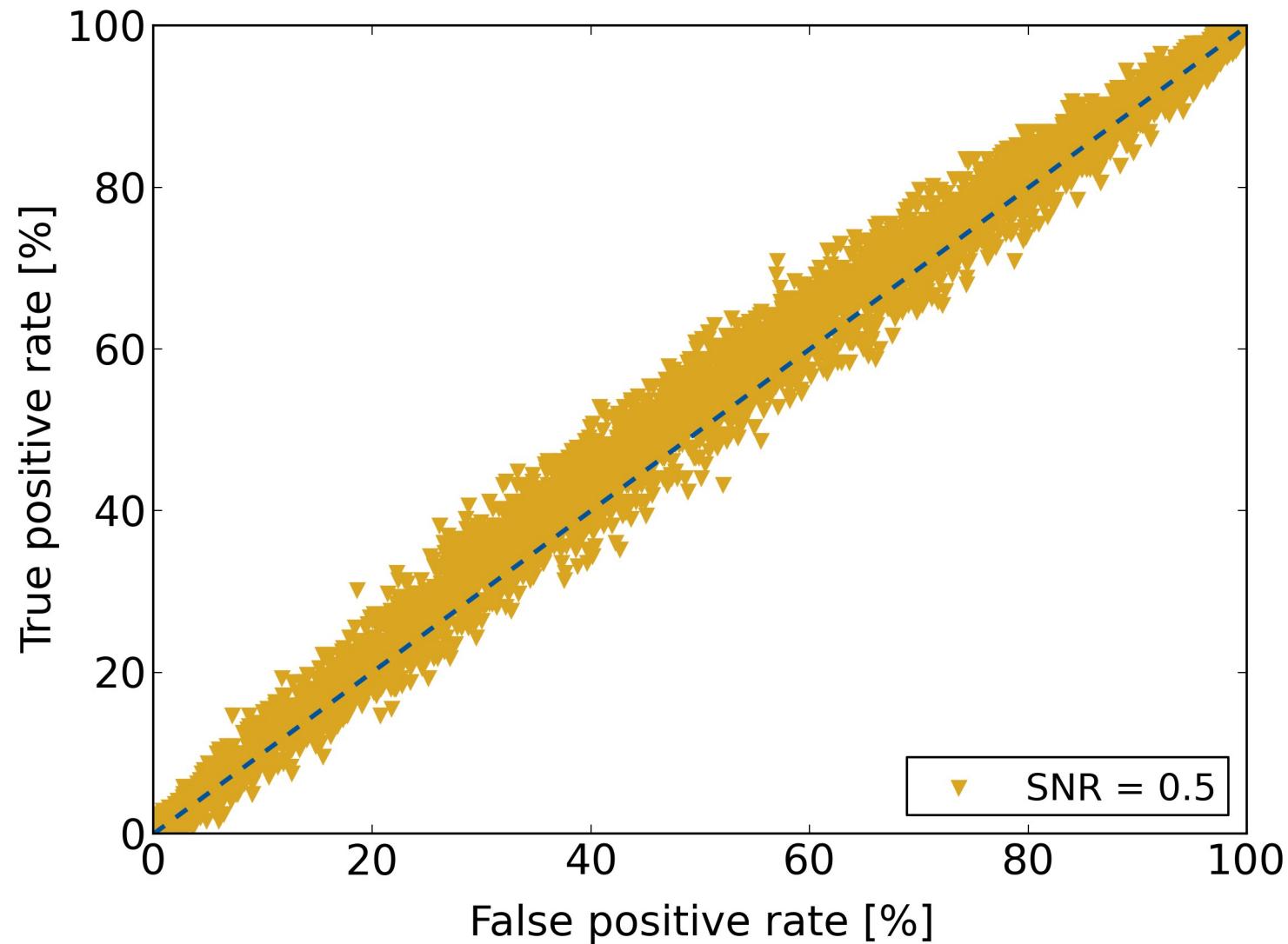
Training optimization: the Adam algorithm

Hyperparameters → random search → V/SPA

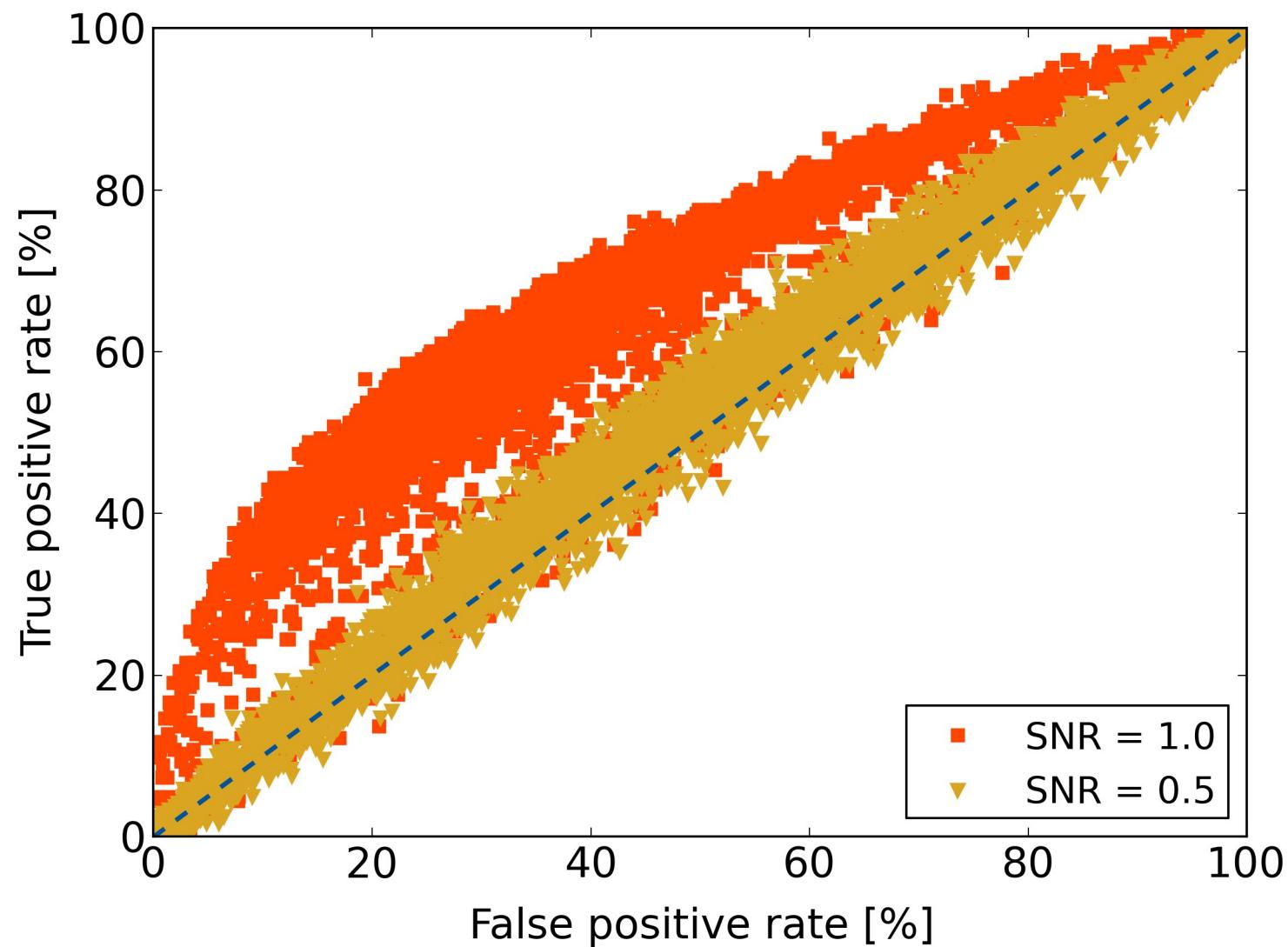
Receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curve



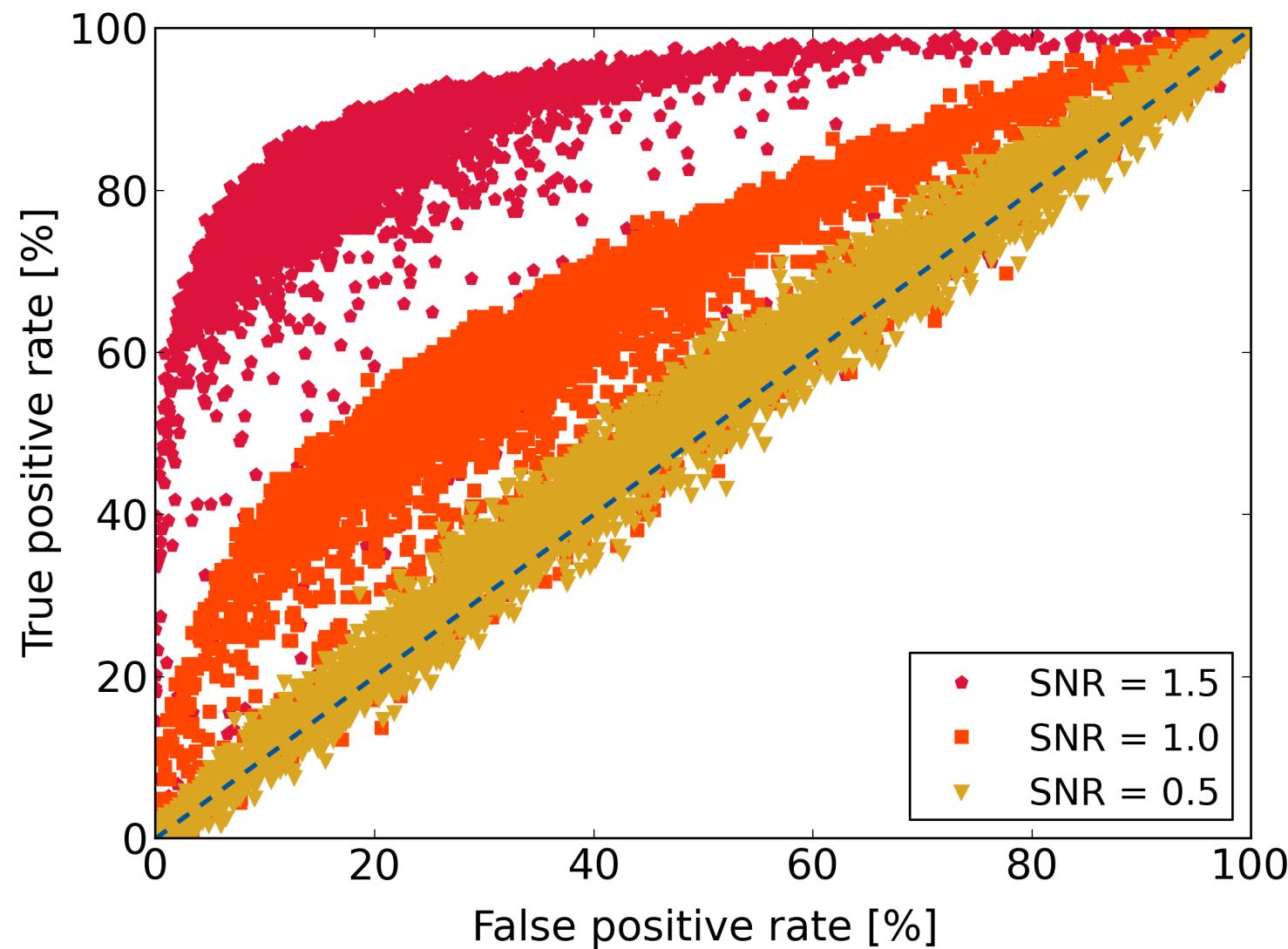
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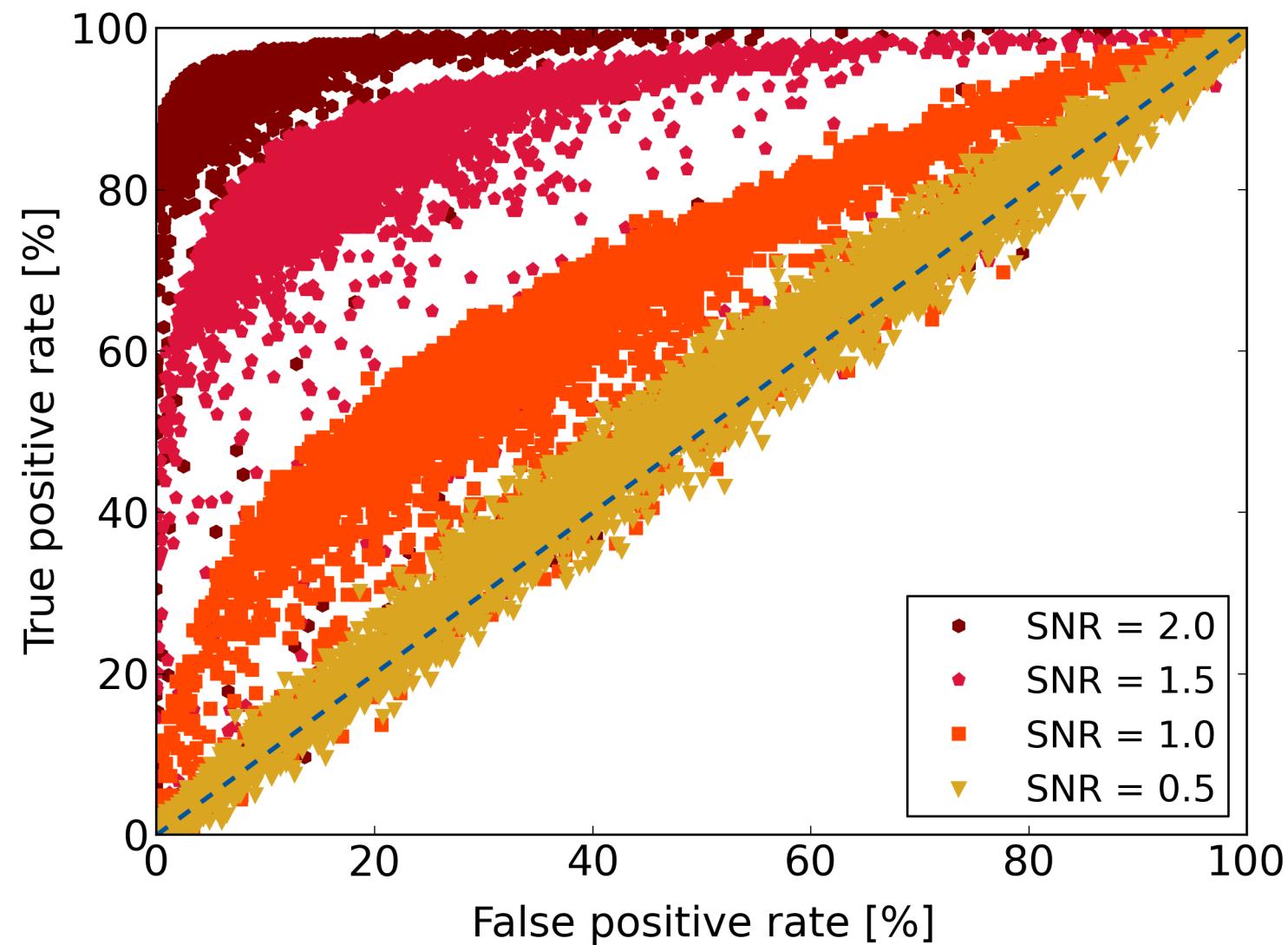
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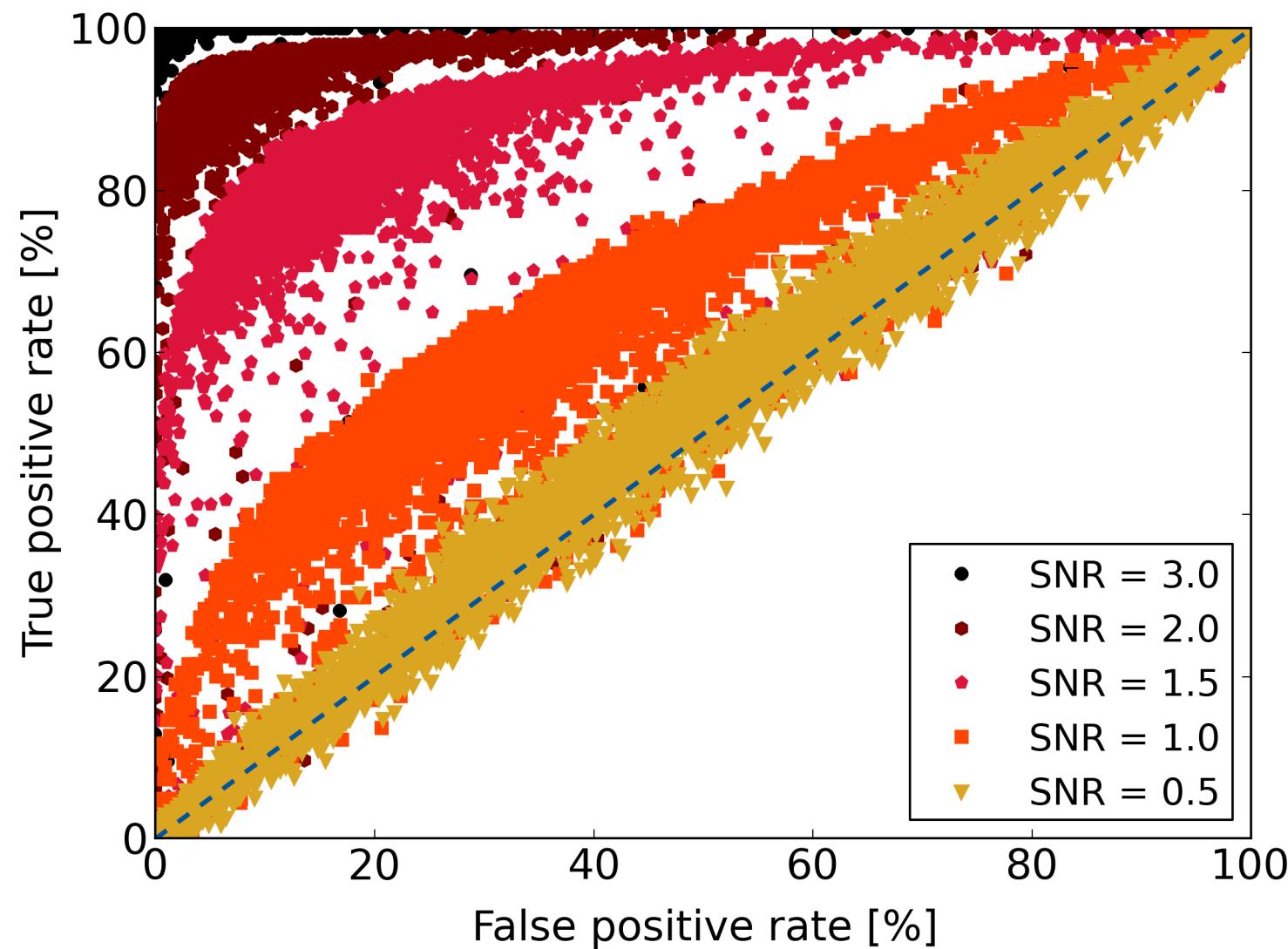
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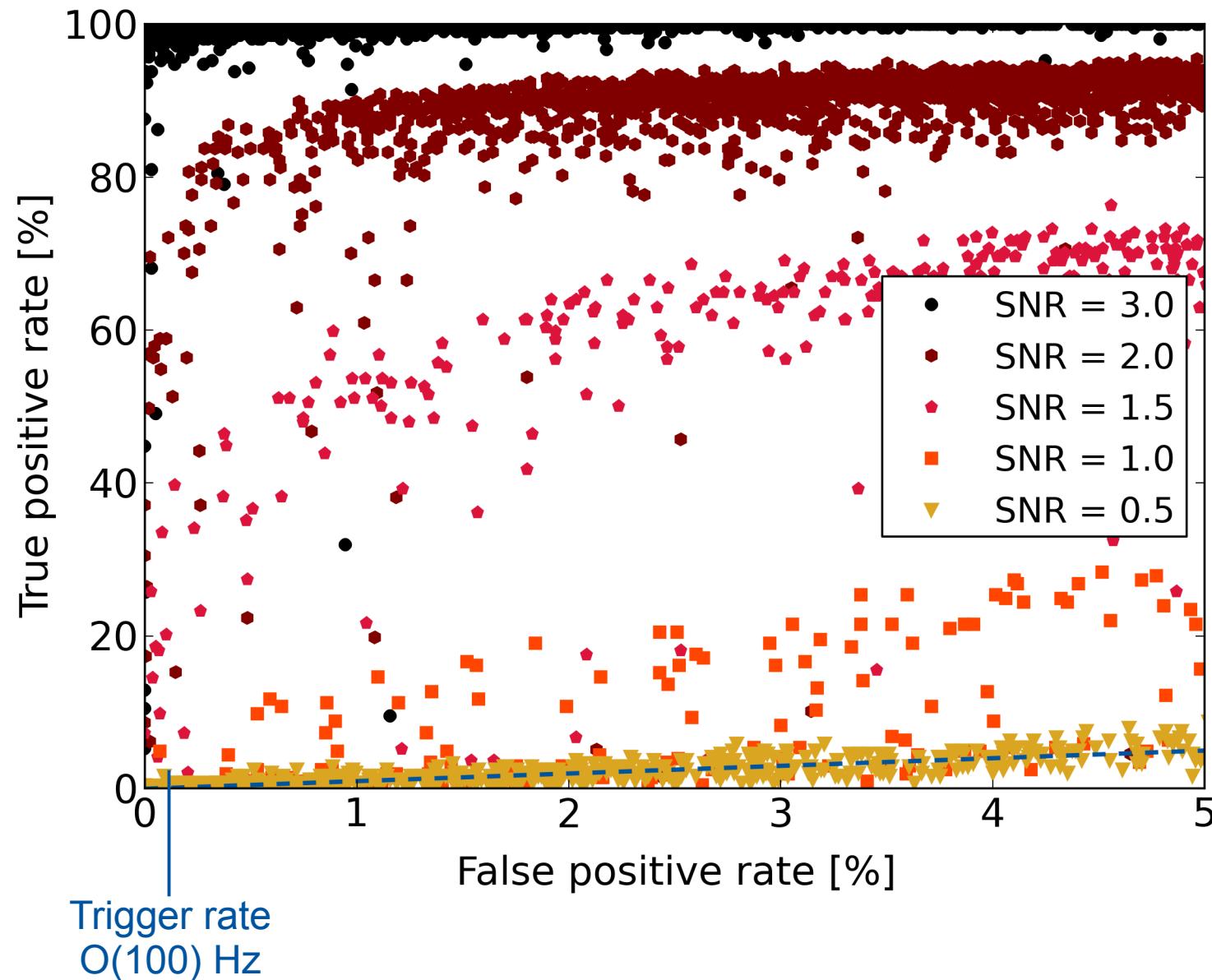
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Low FPR



Conclusion

Trained deep neural network model



Radio signal from extensive air showers



Self-triggering antennas in a future UHECR experiment

