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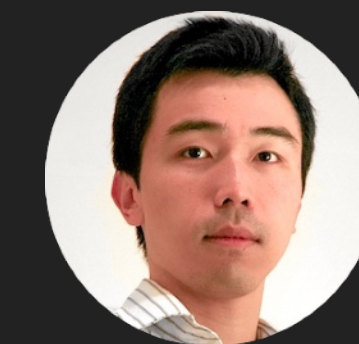
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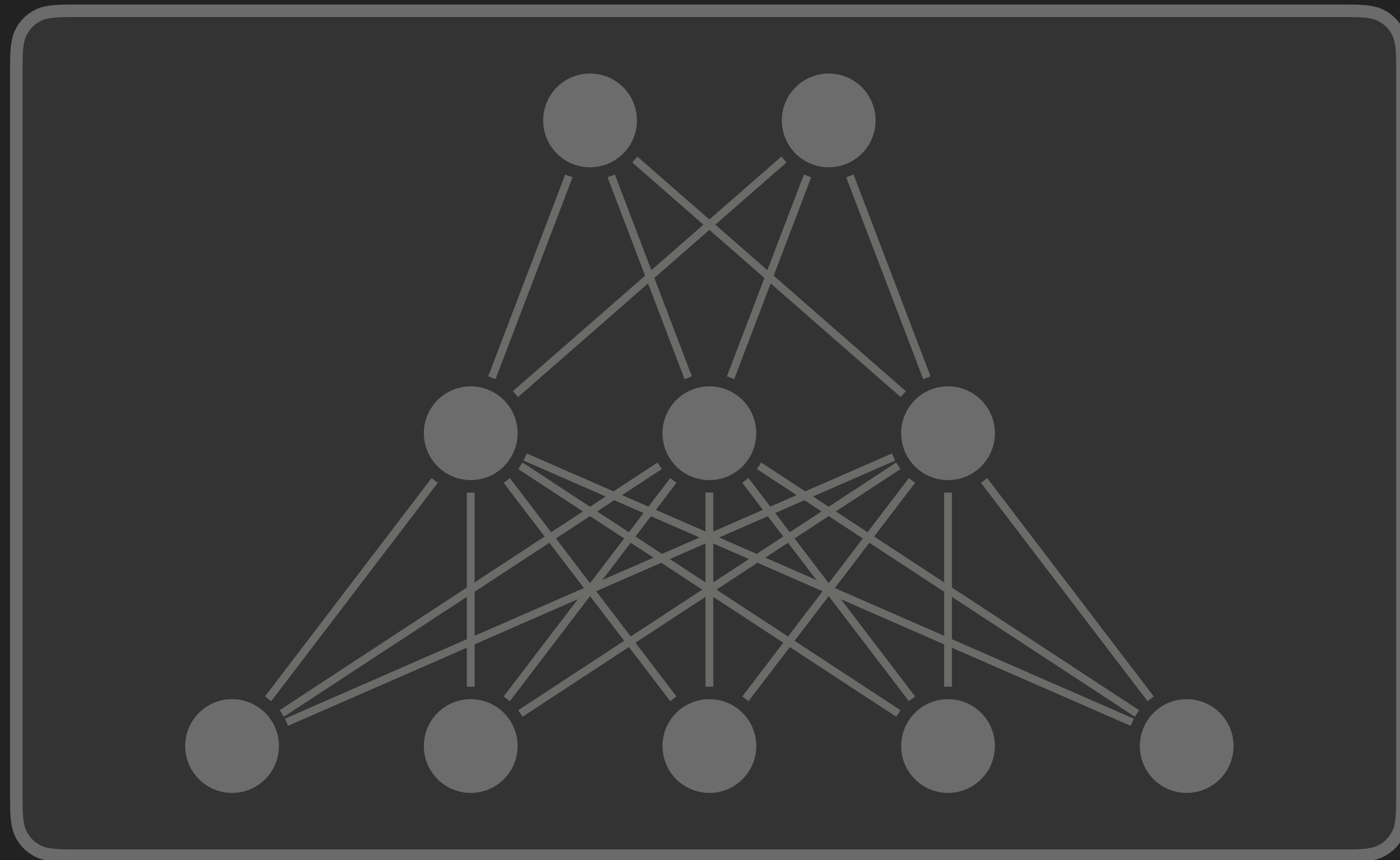
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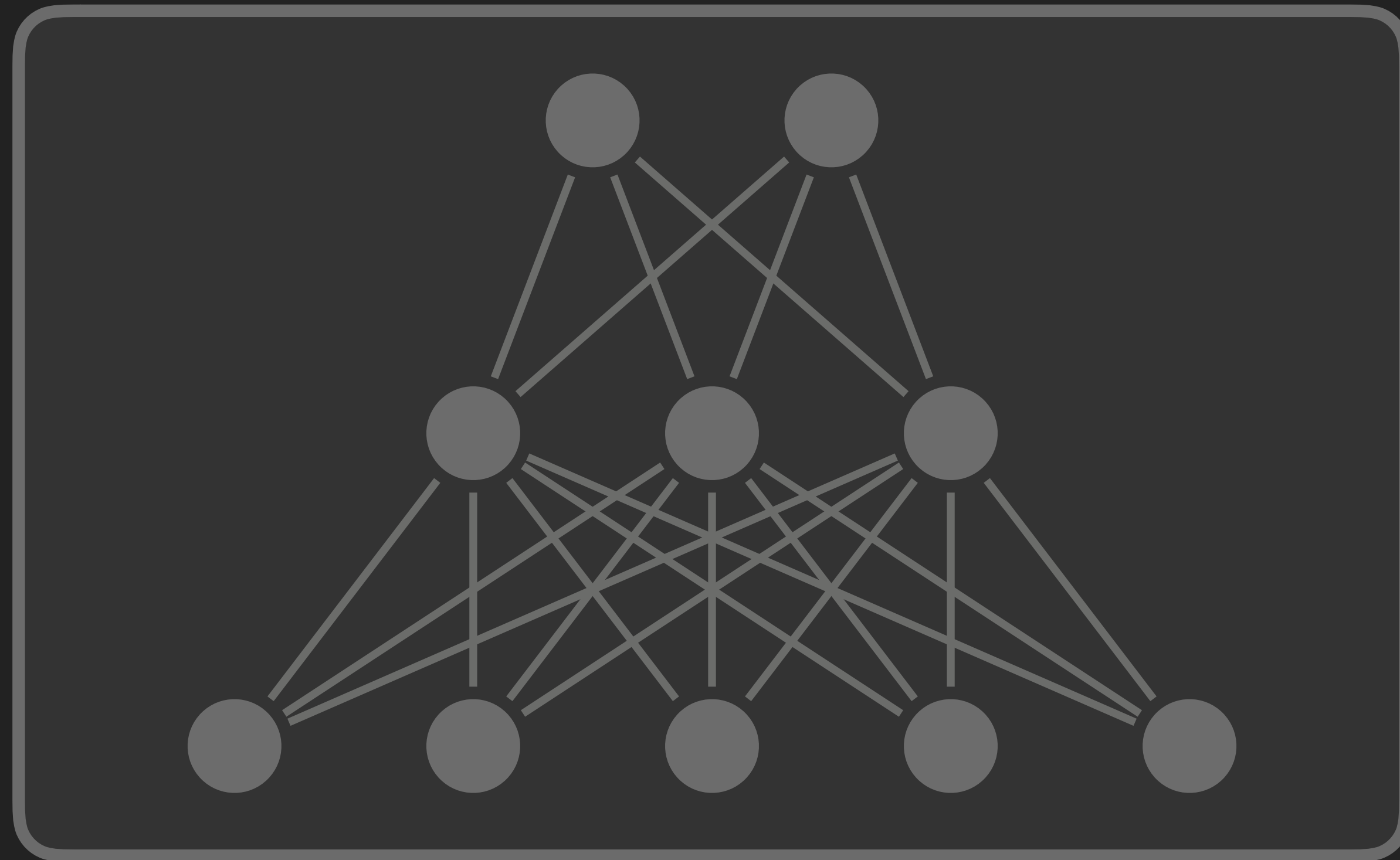
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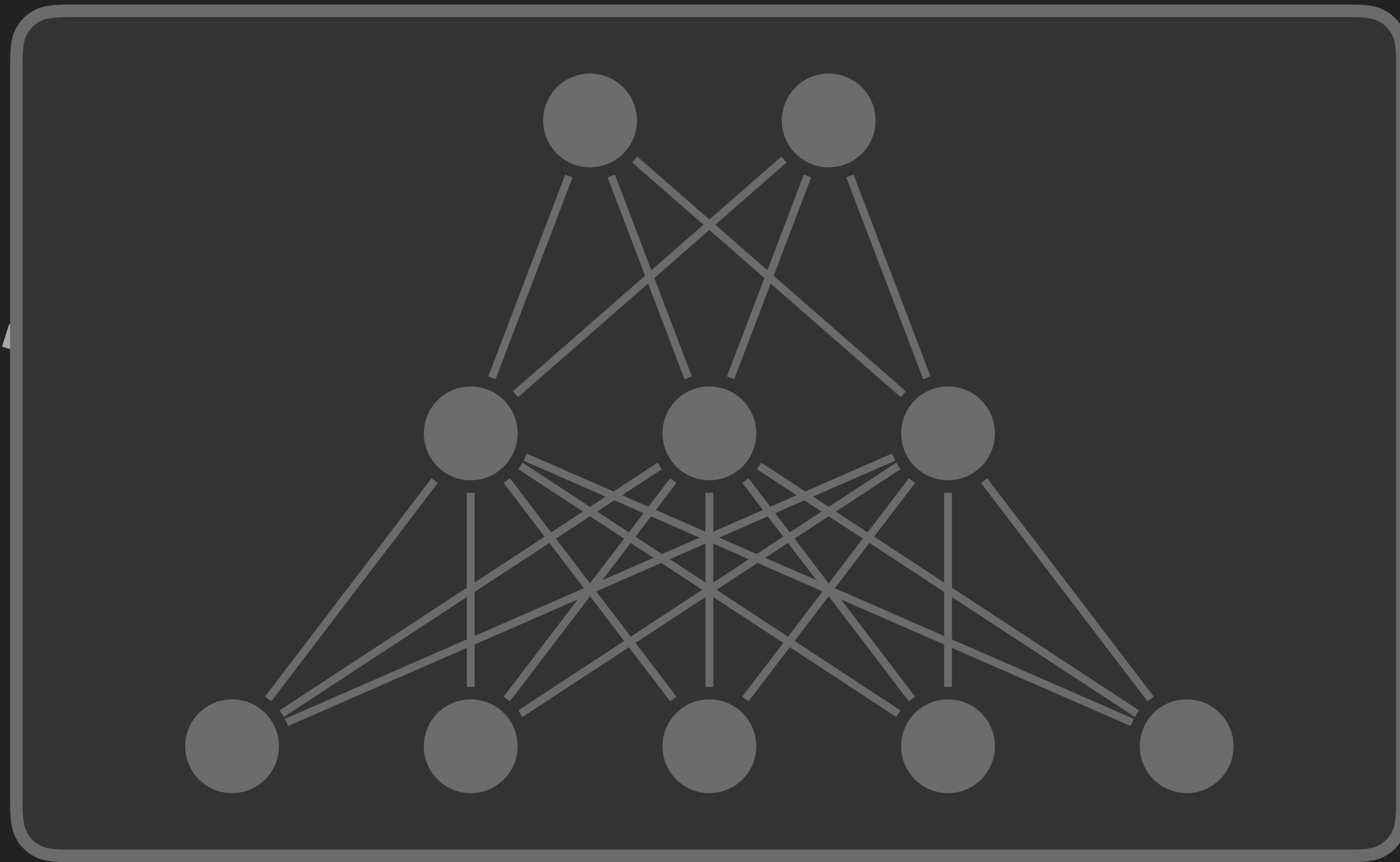




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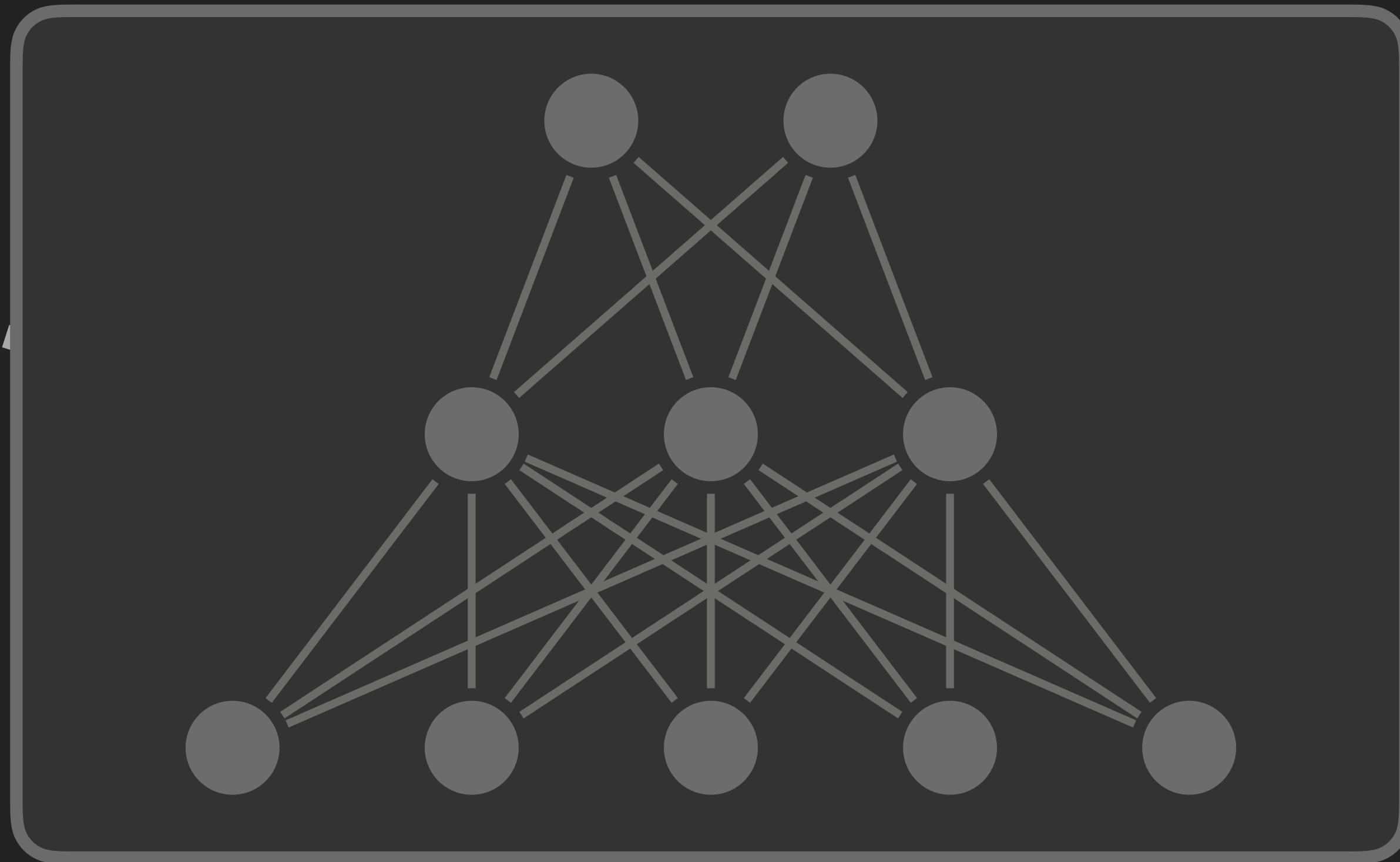
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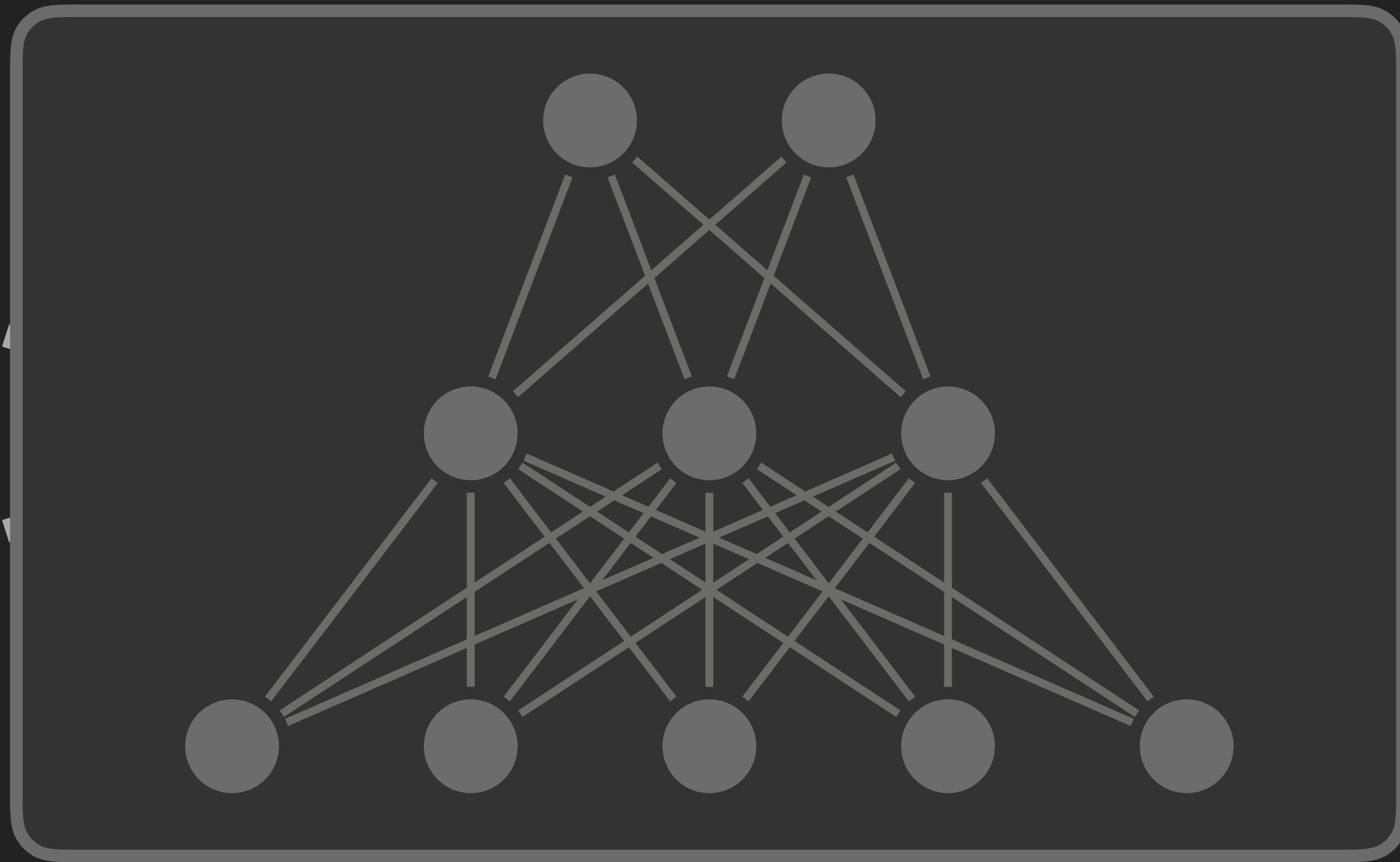


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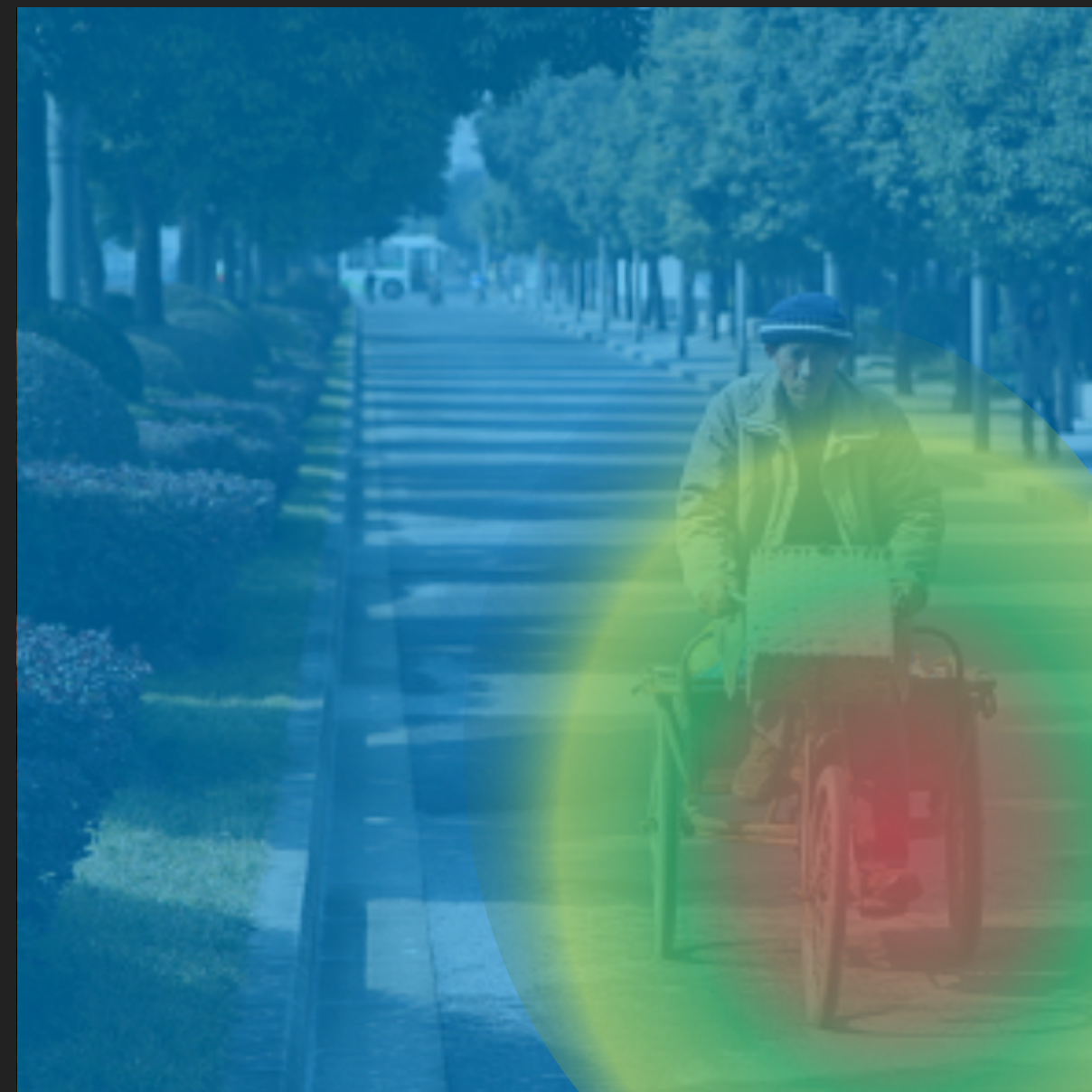
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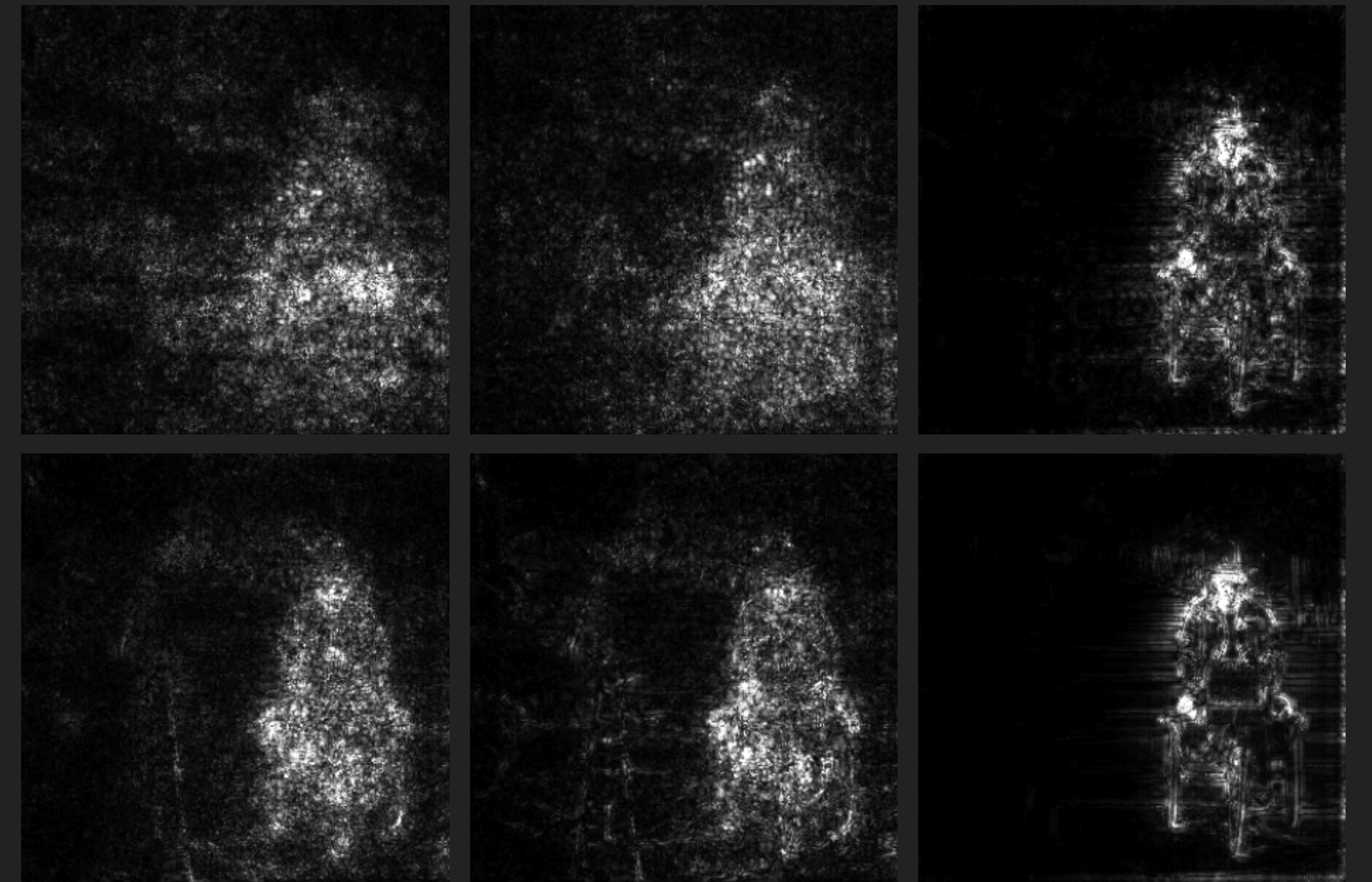
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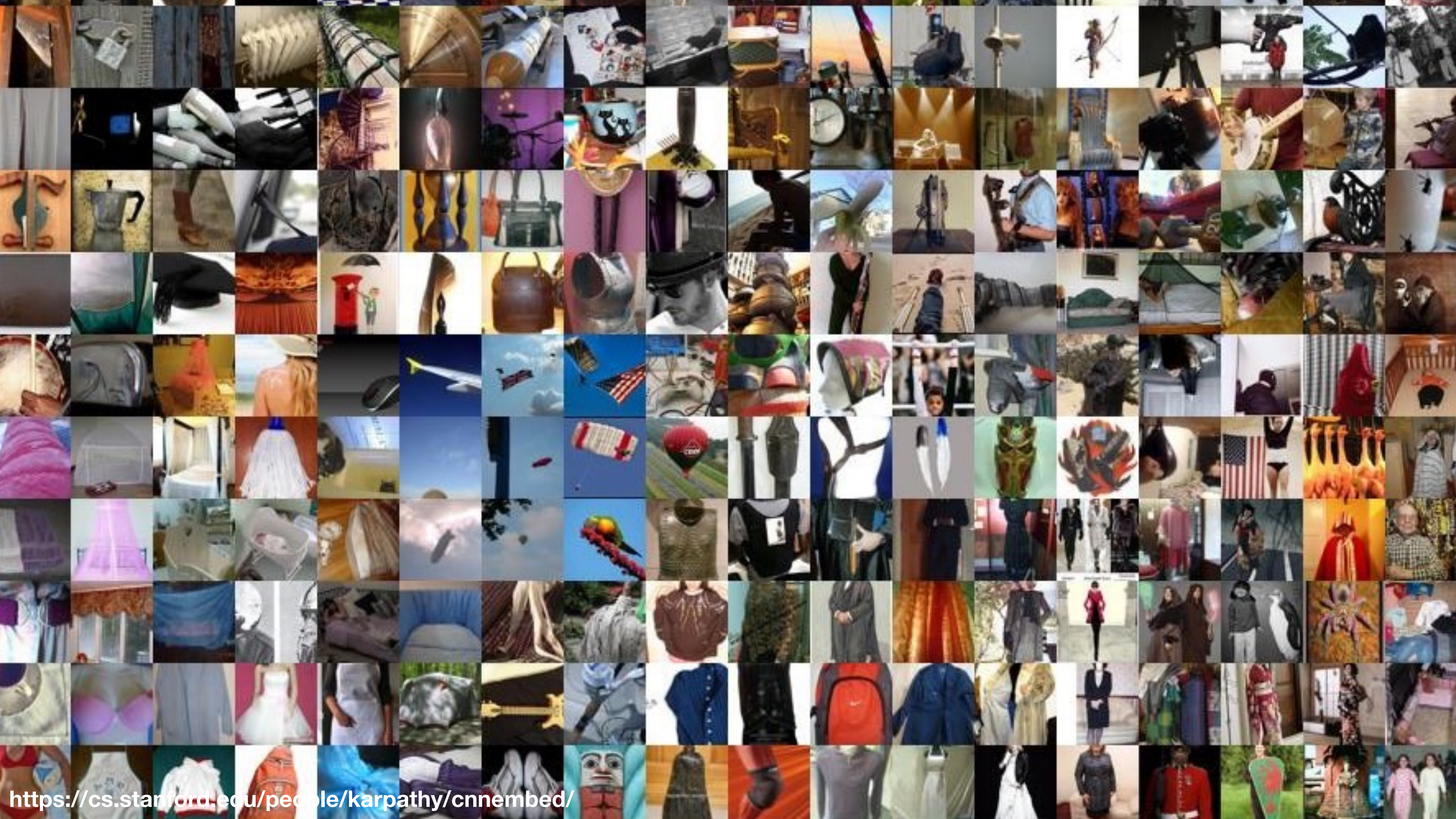
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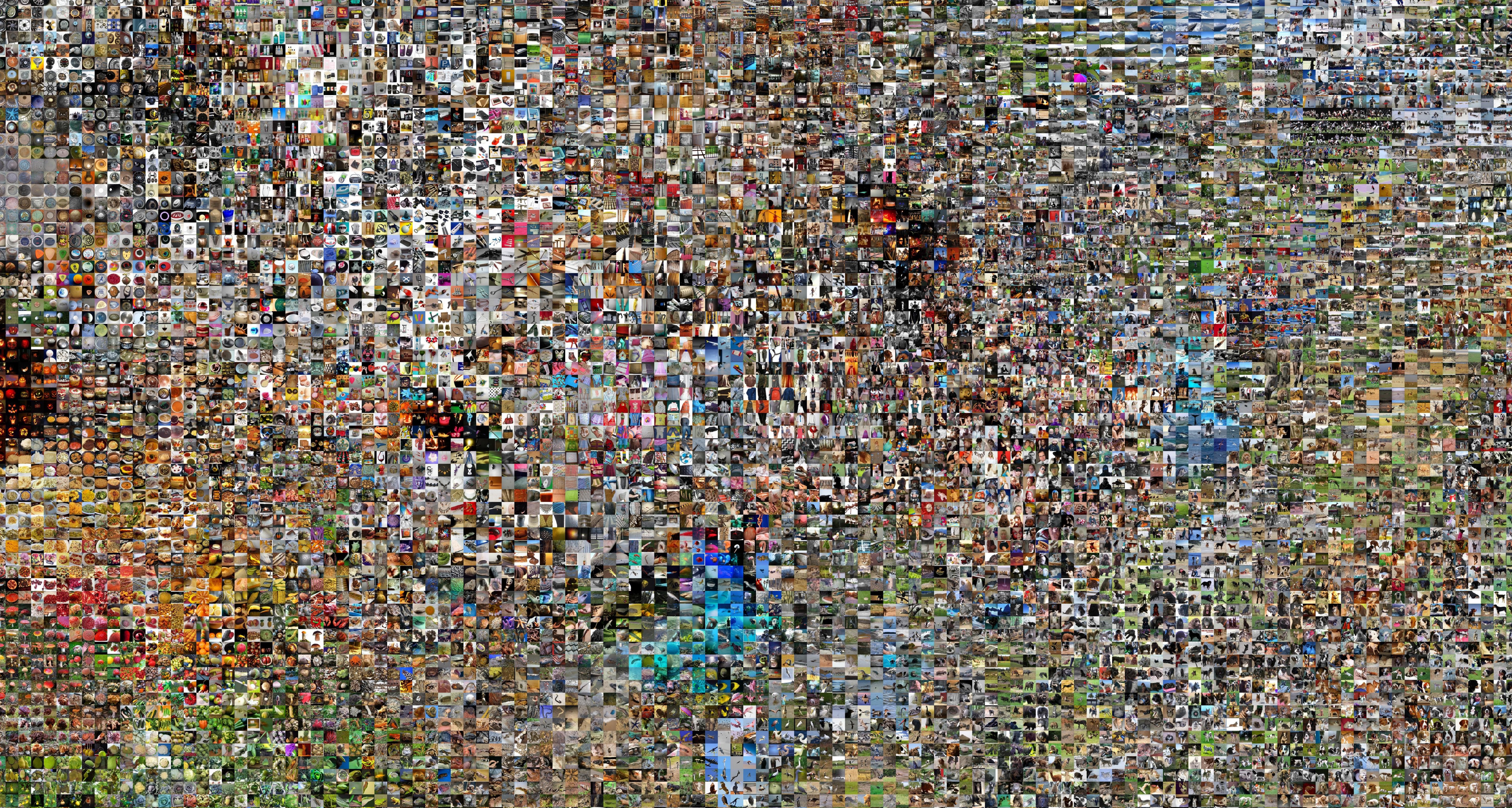


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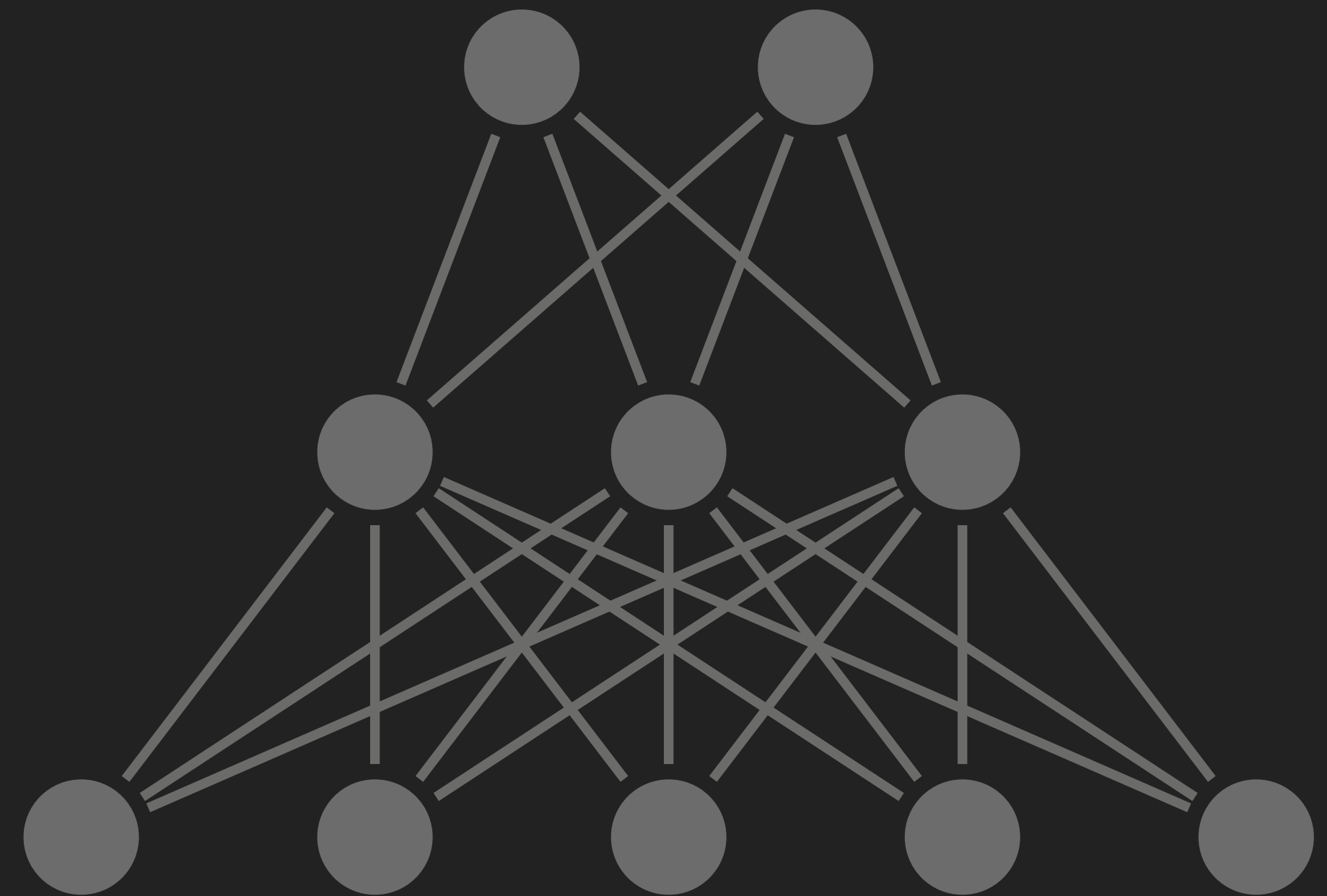
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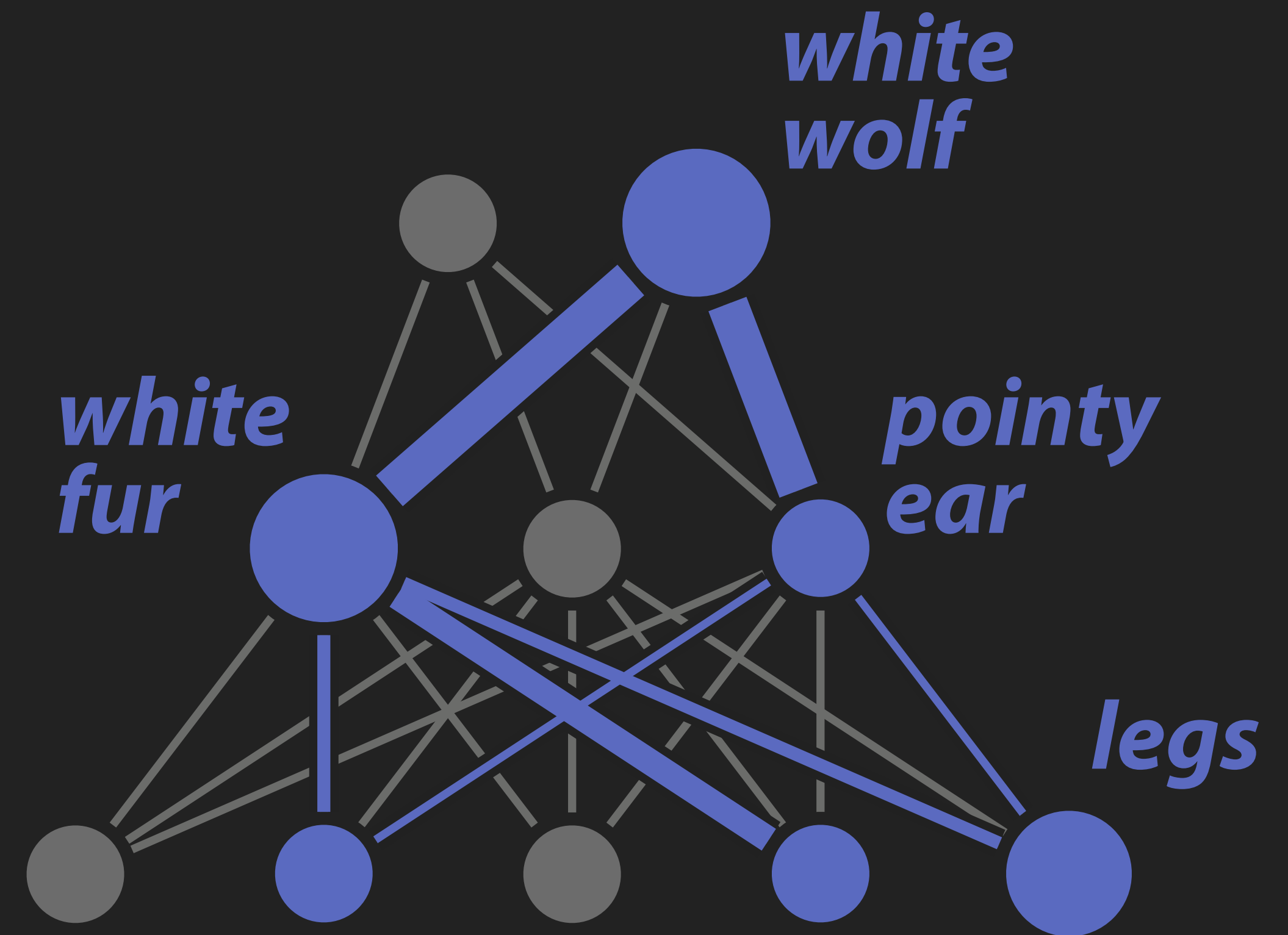


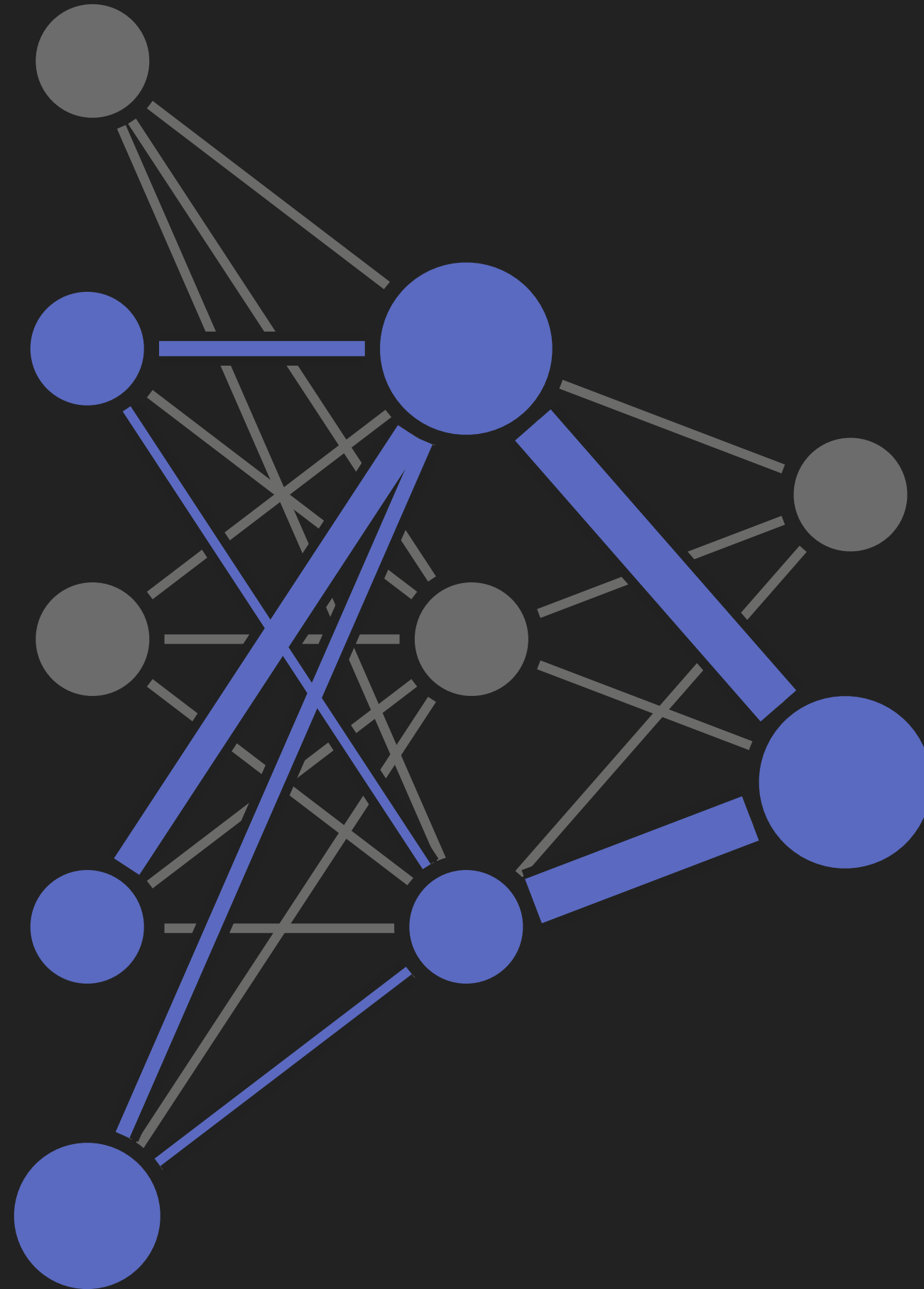
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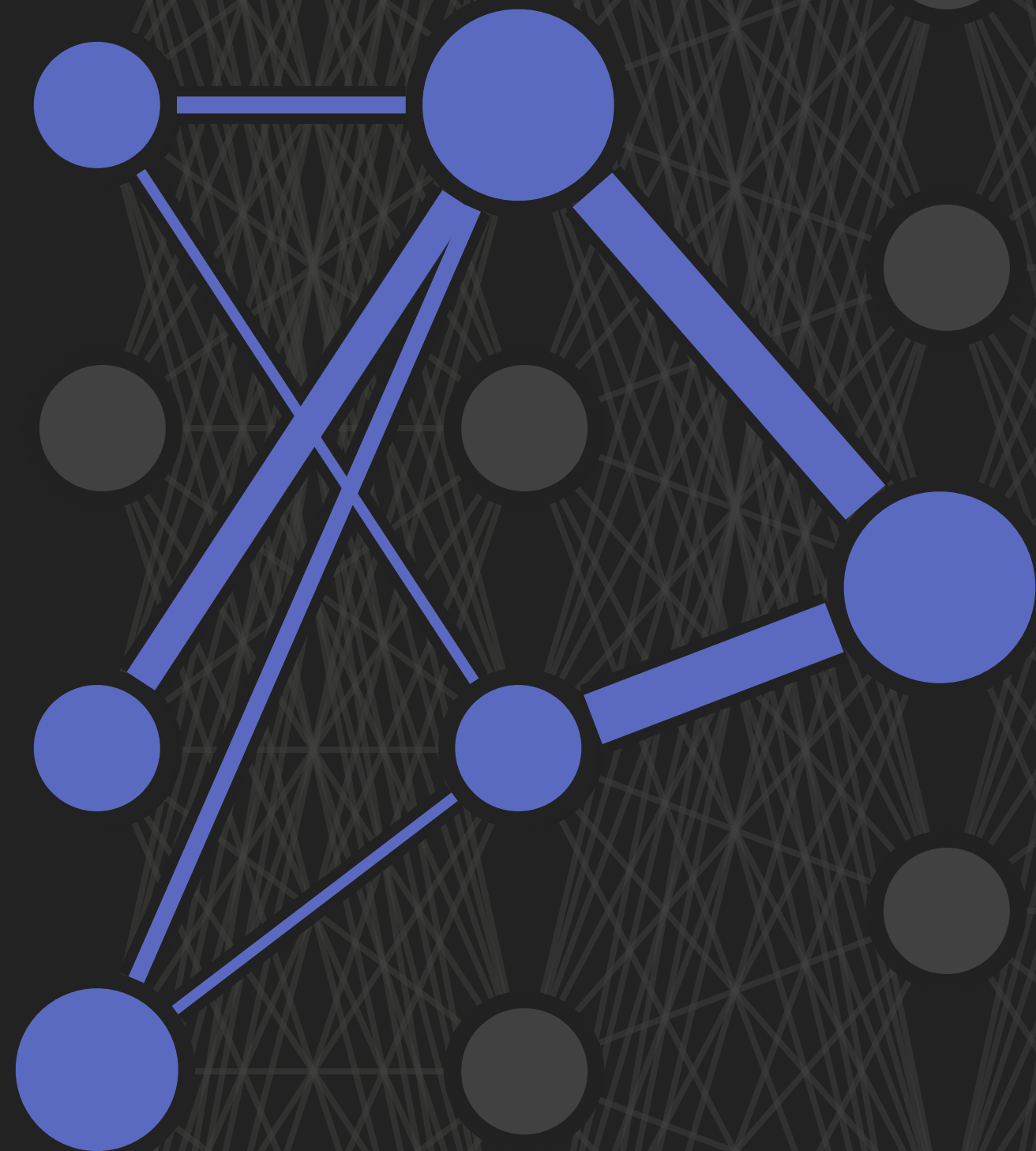


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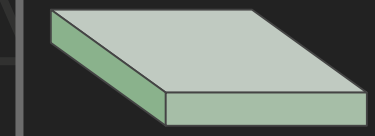
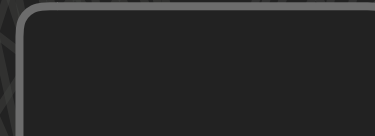
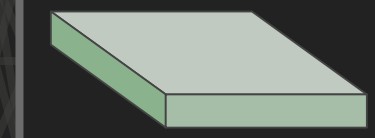
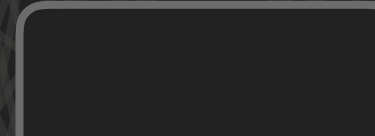
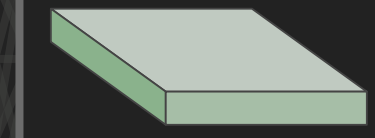
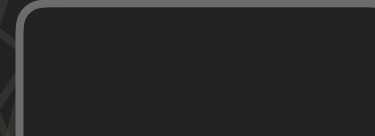
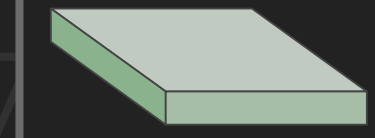
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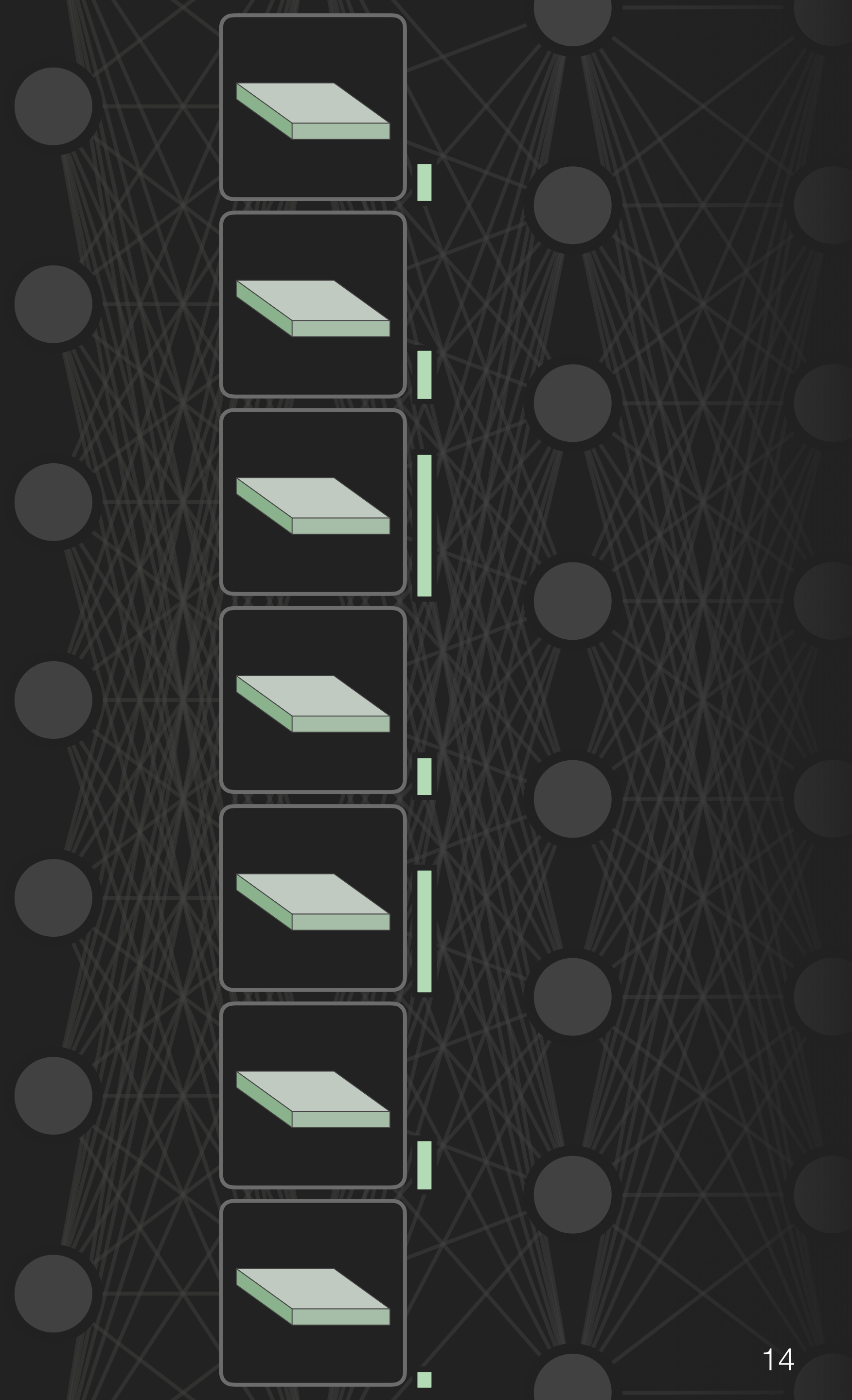


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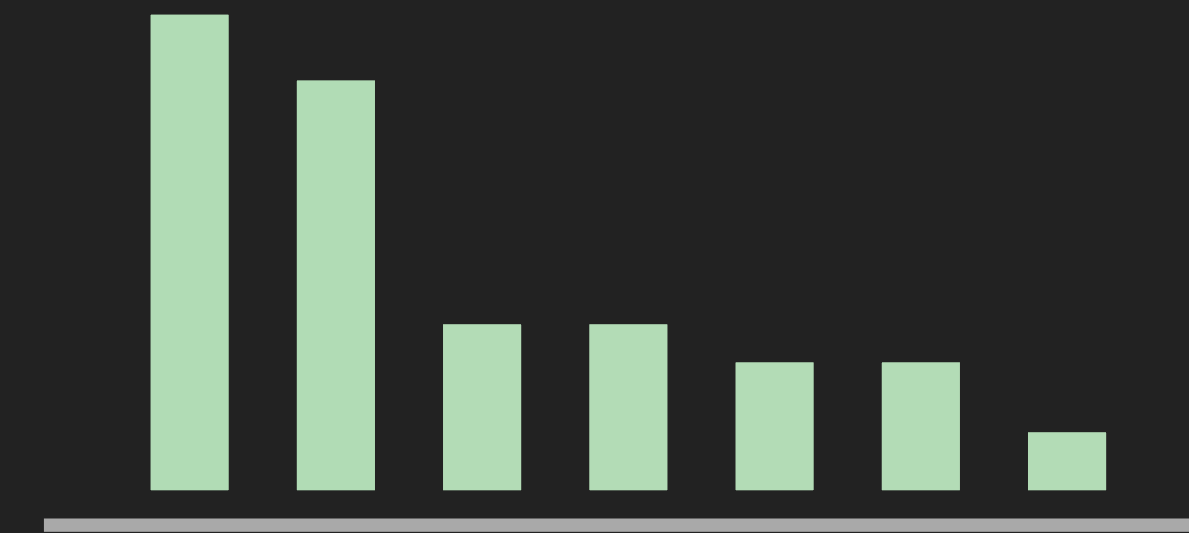
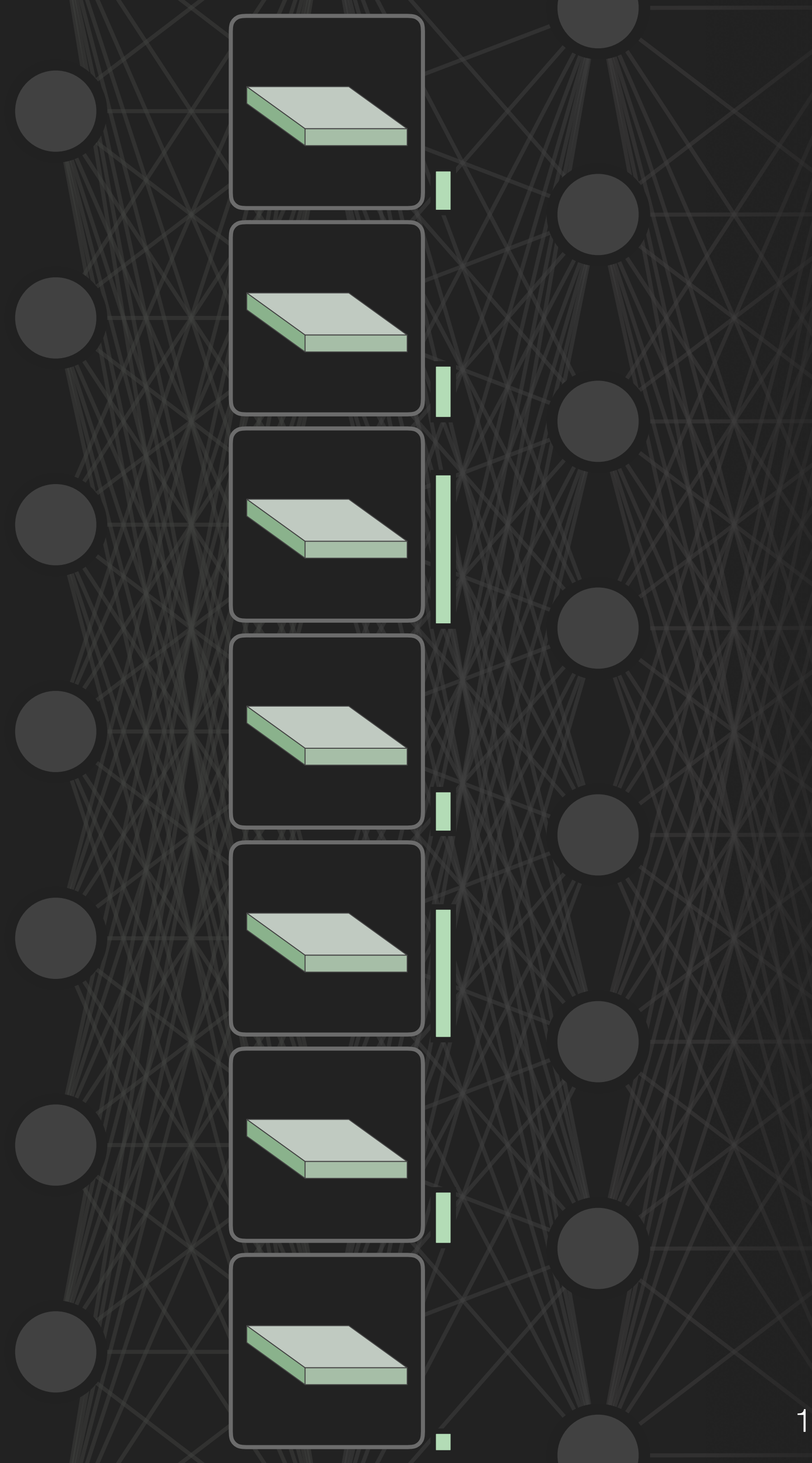


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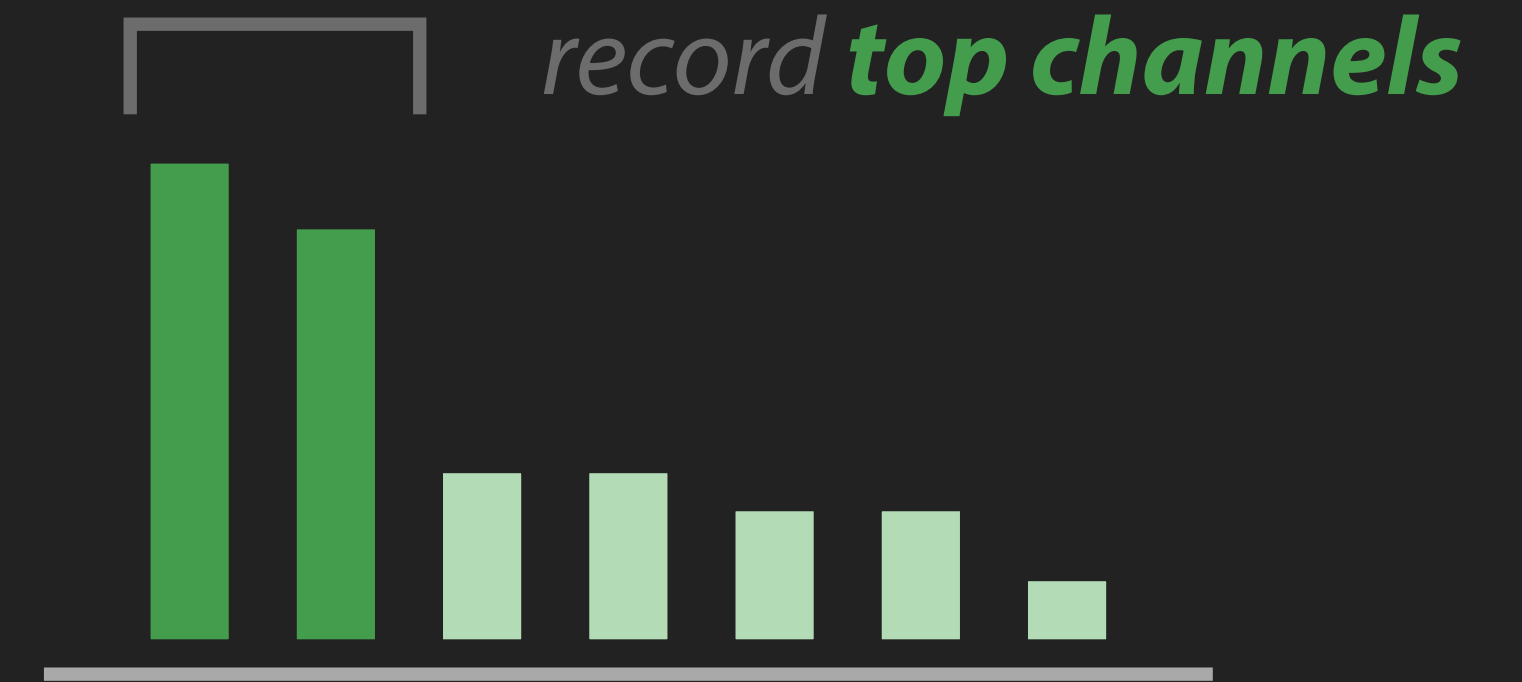
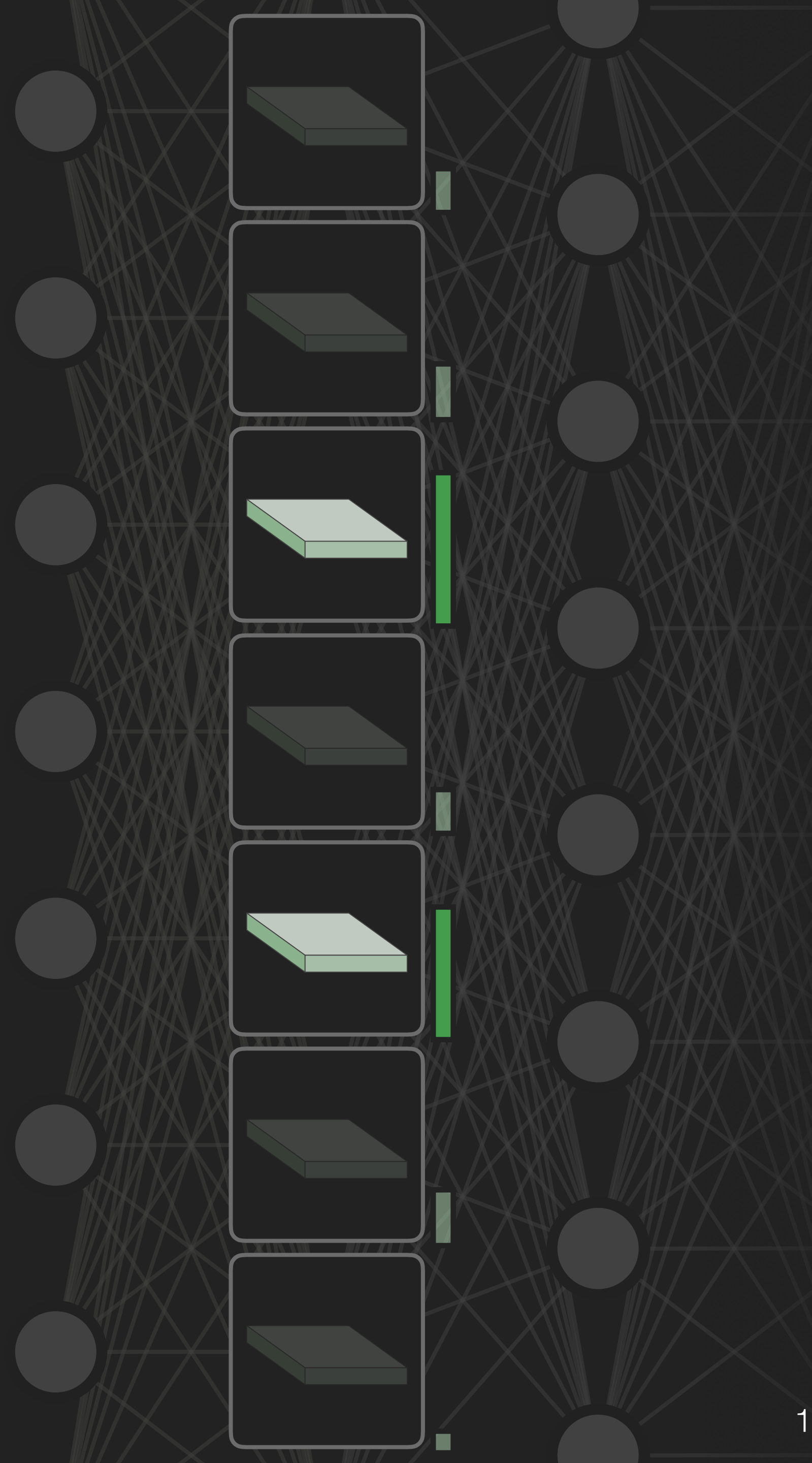
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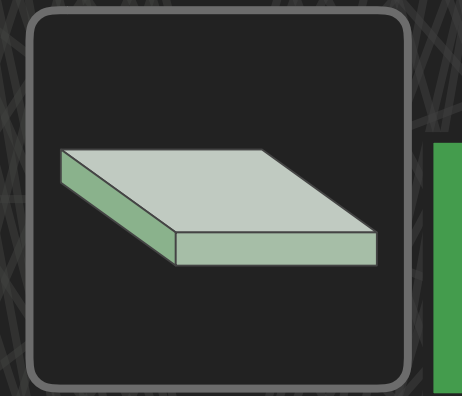
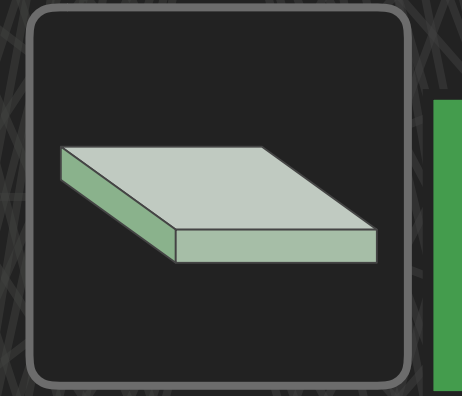
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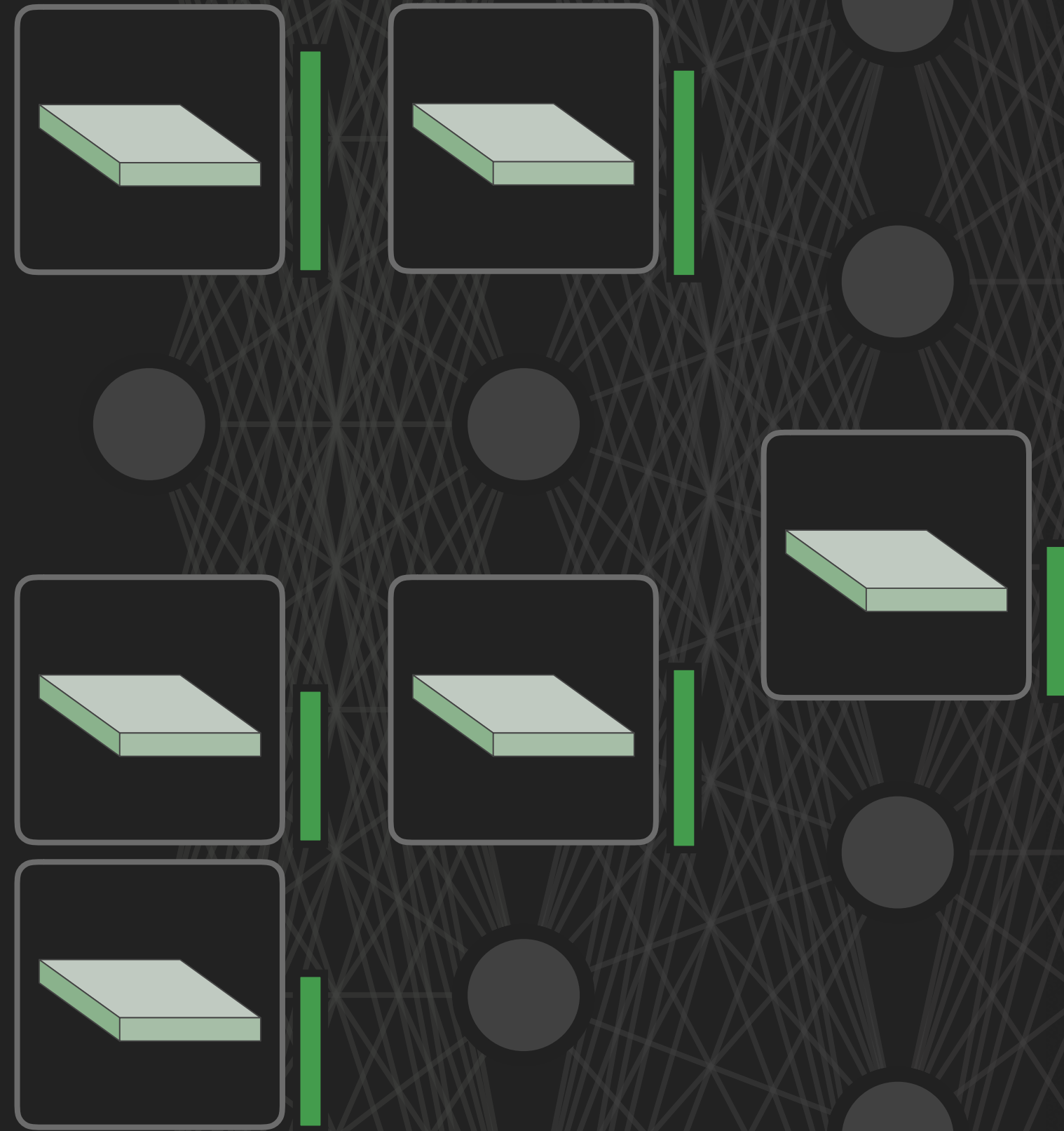
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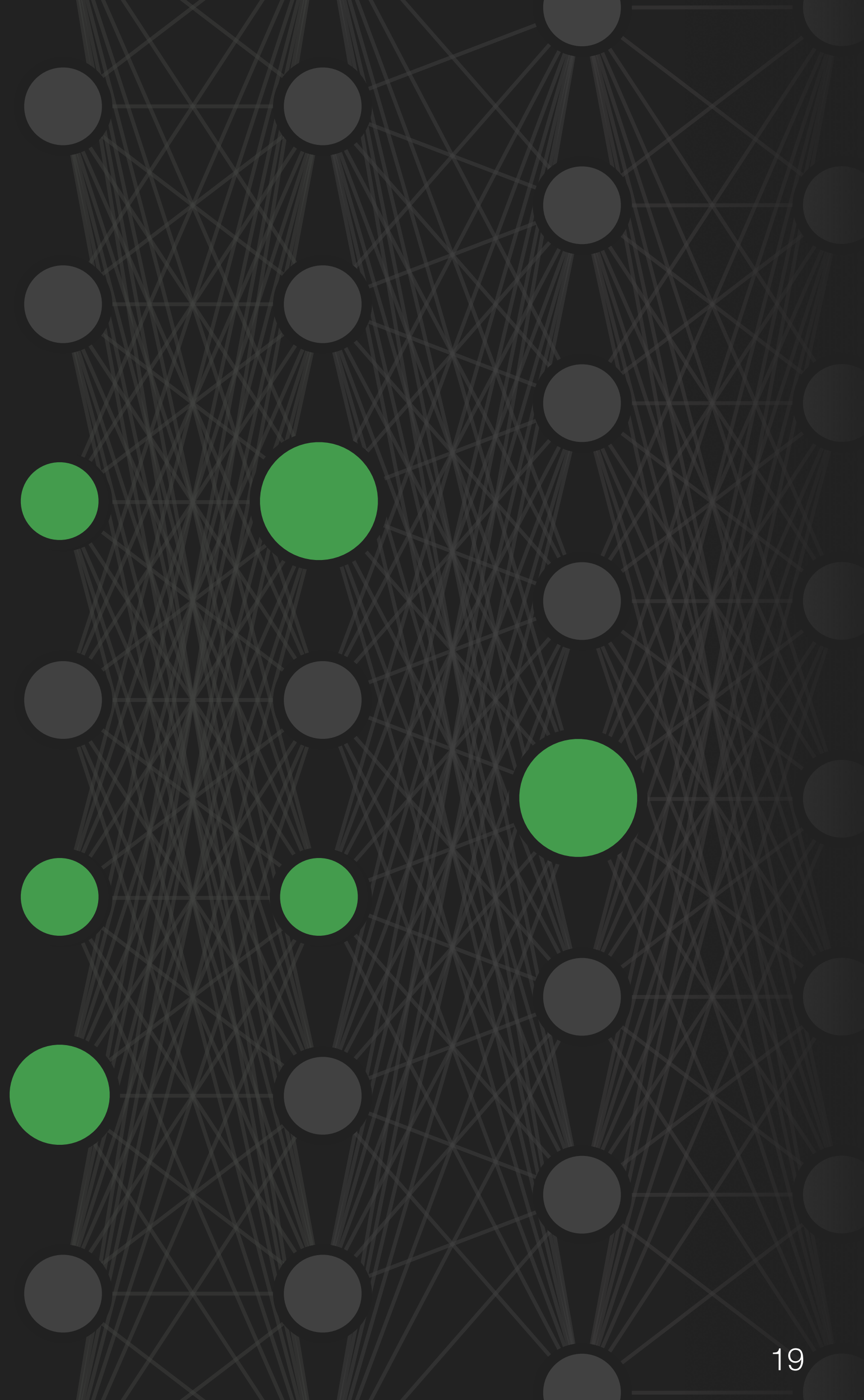
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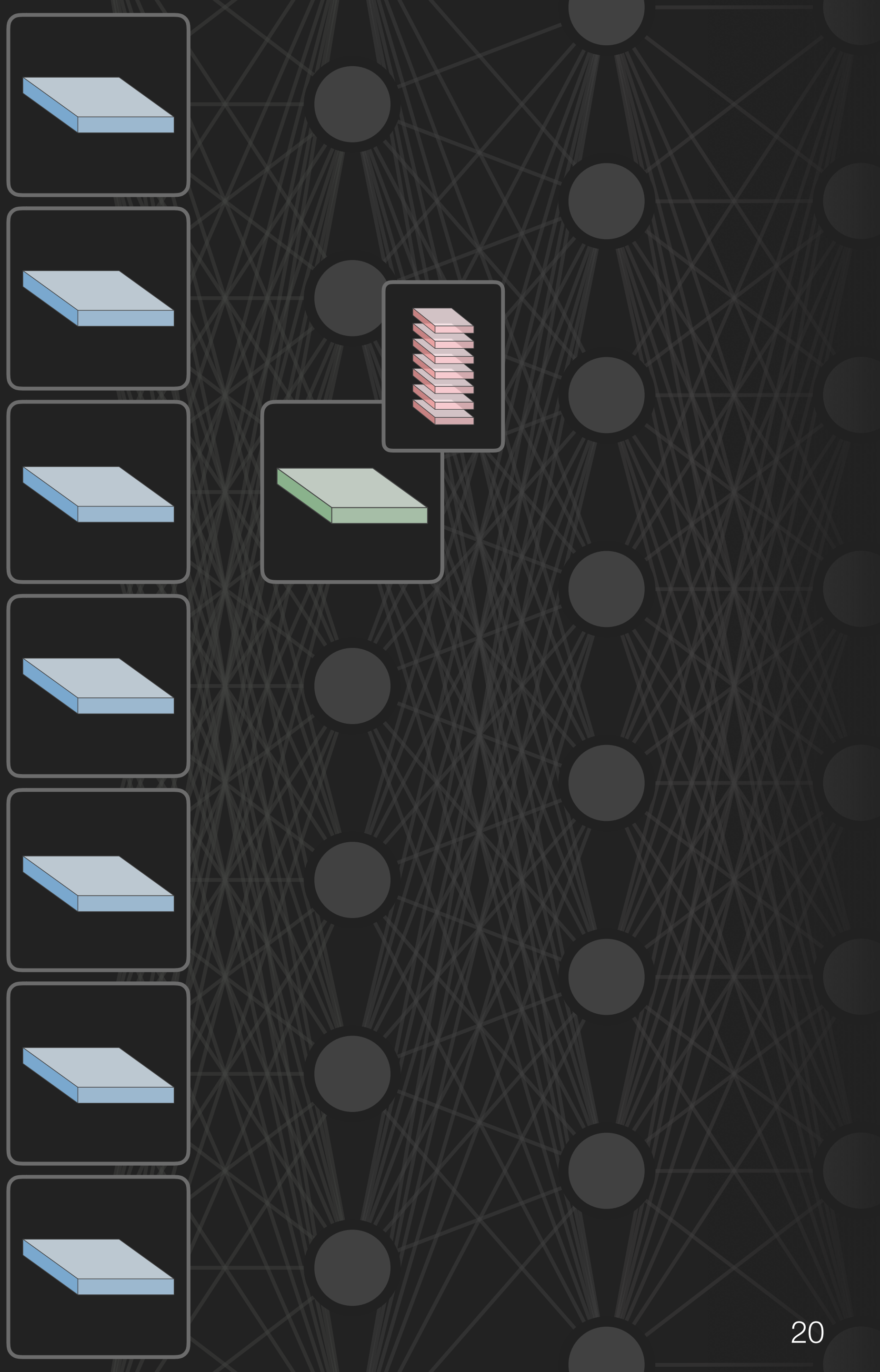
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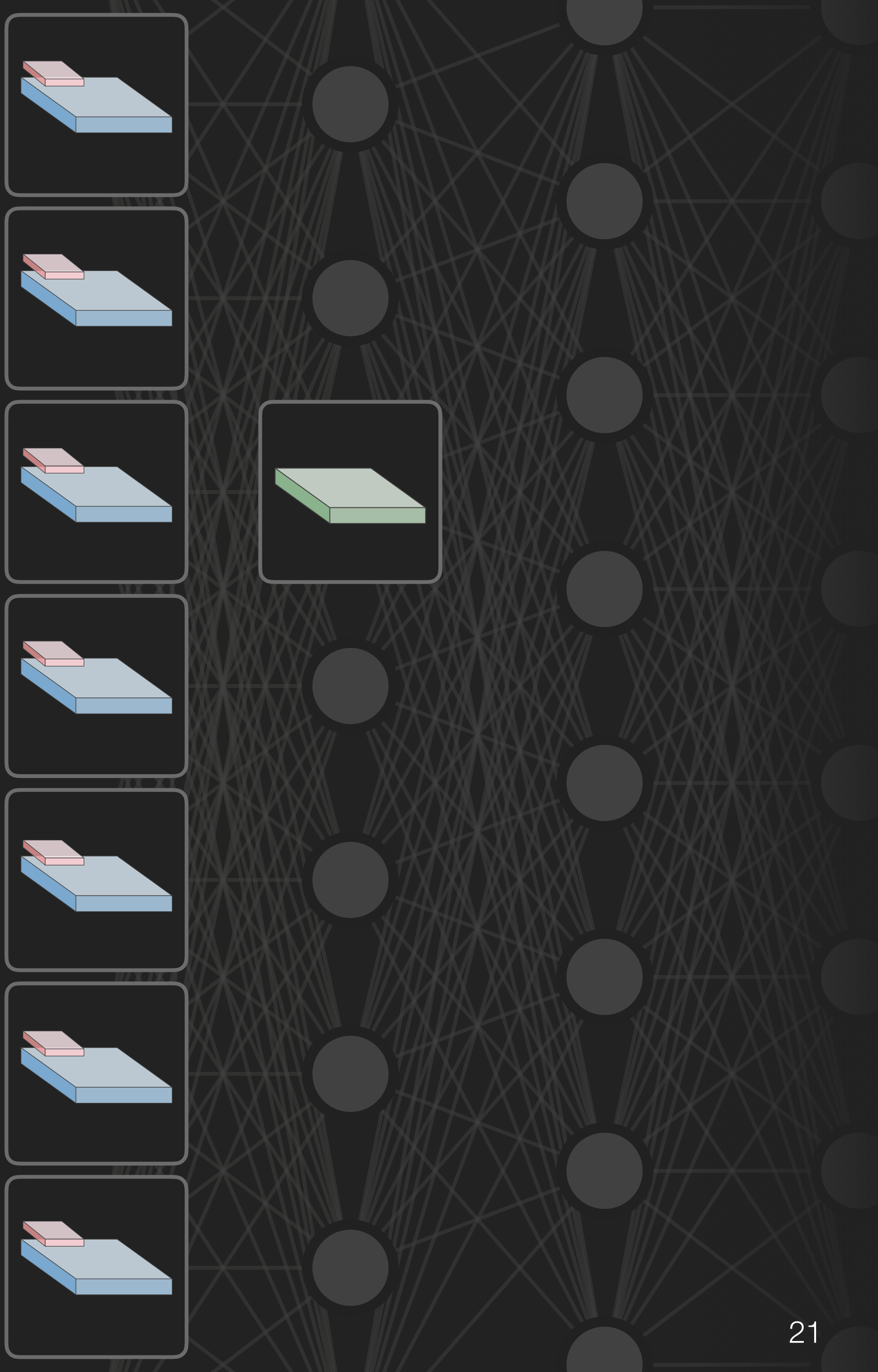
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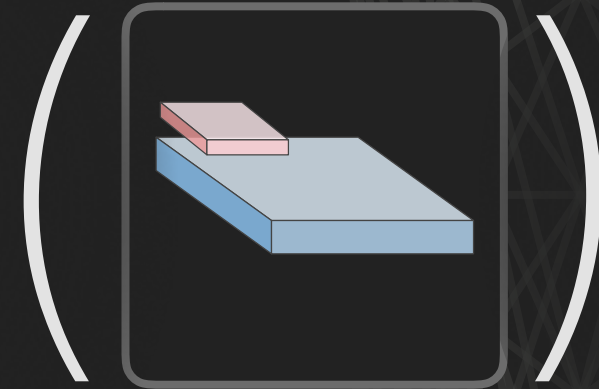
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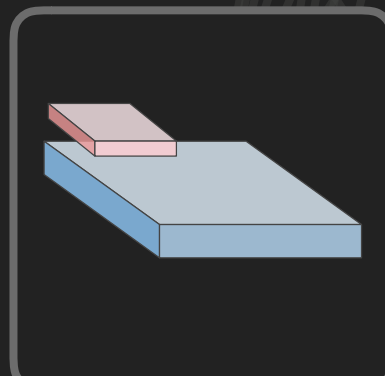
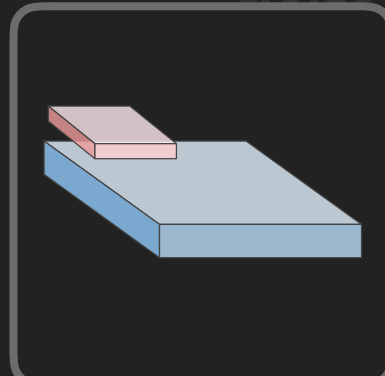
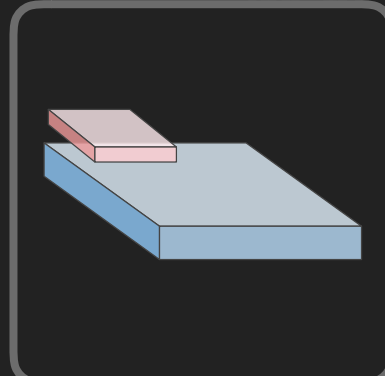
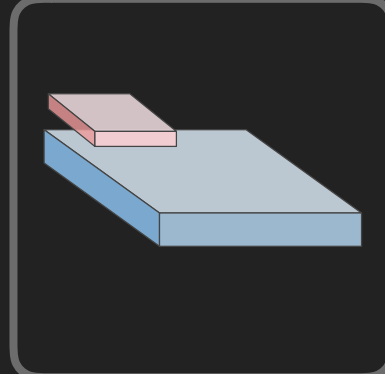
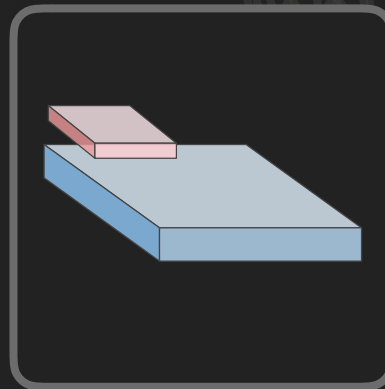
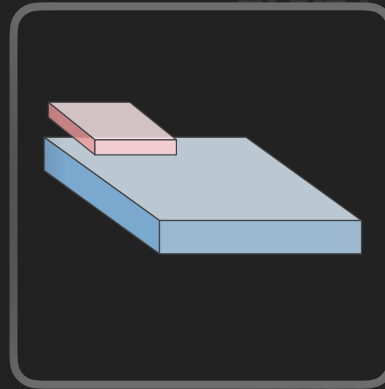
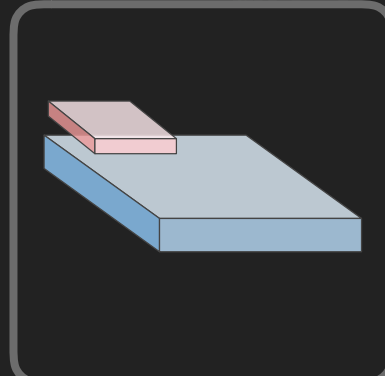
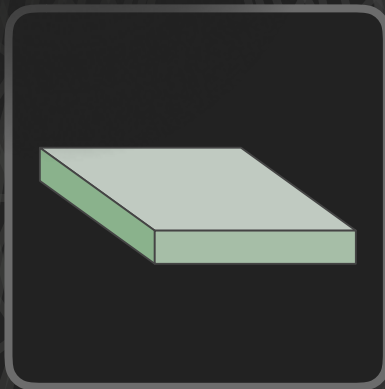
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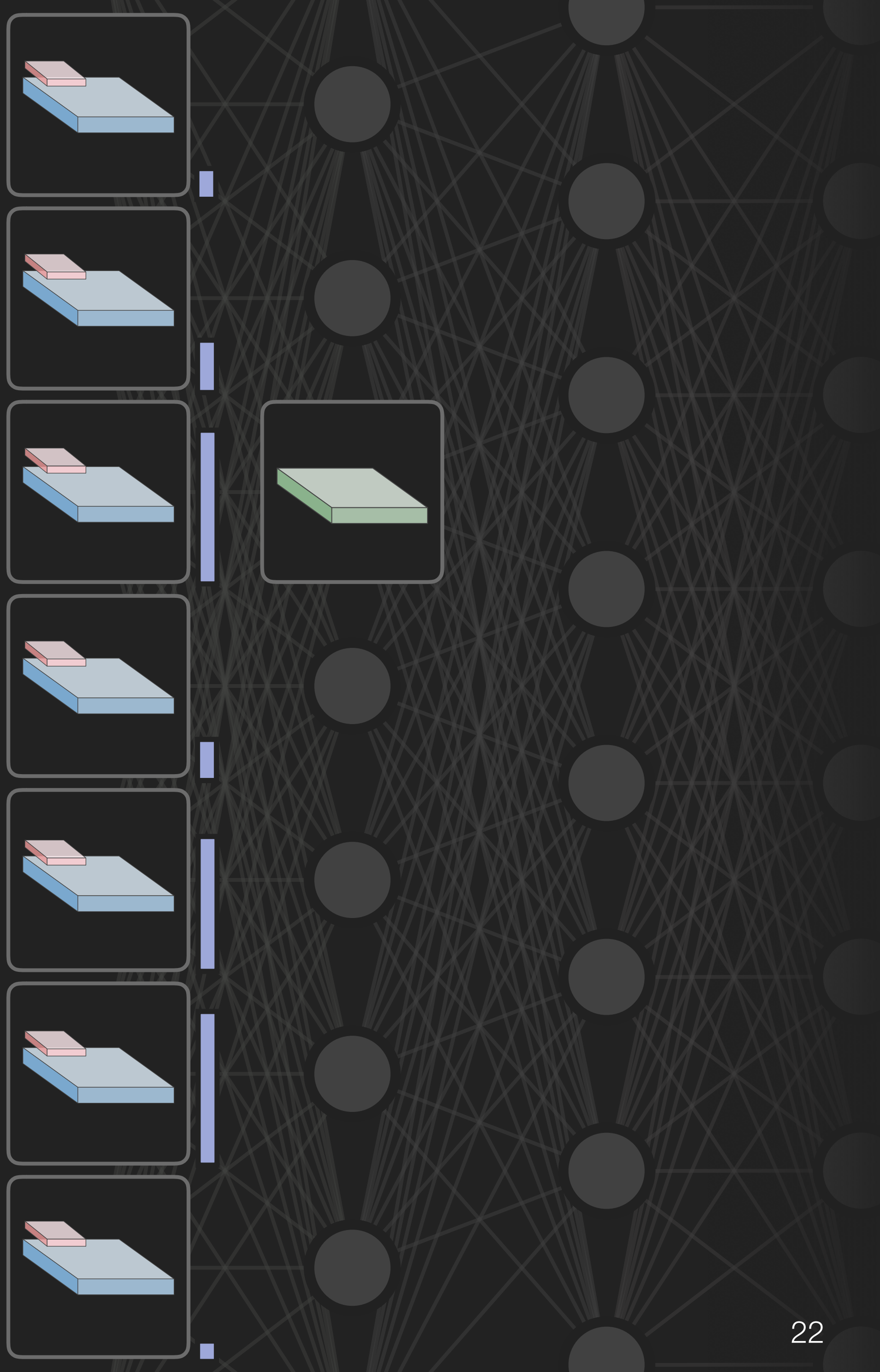
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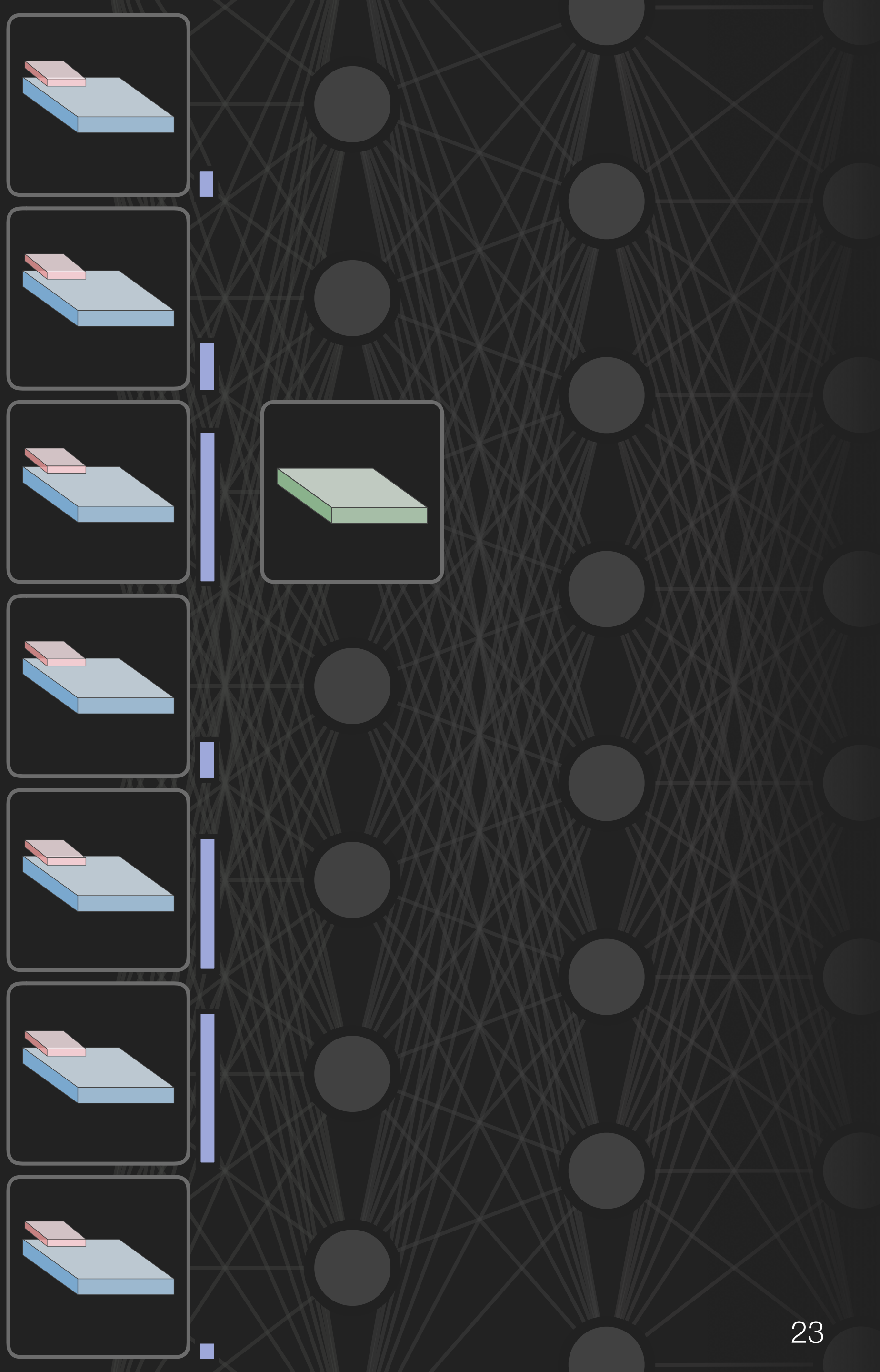
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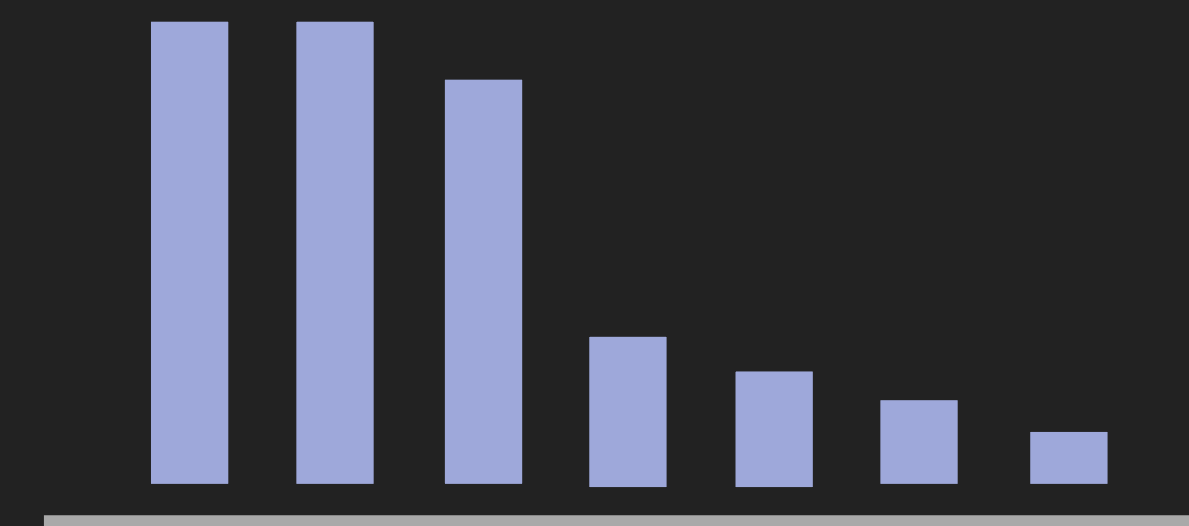
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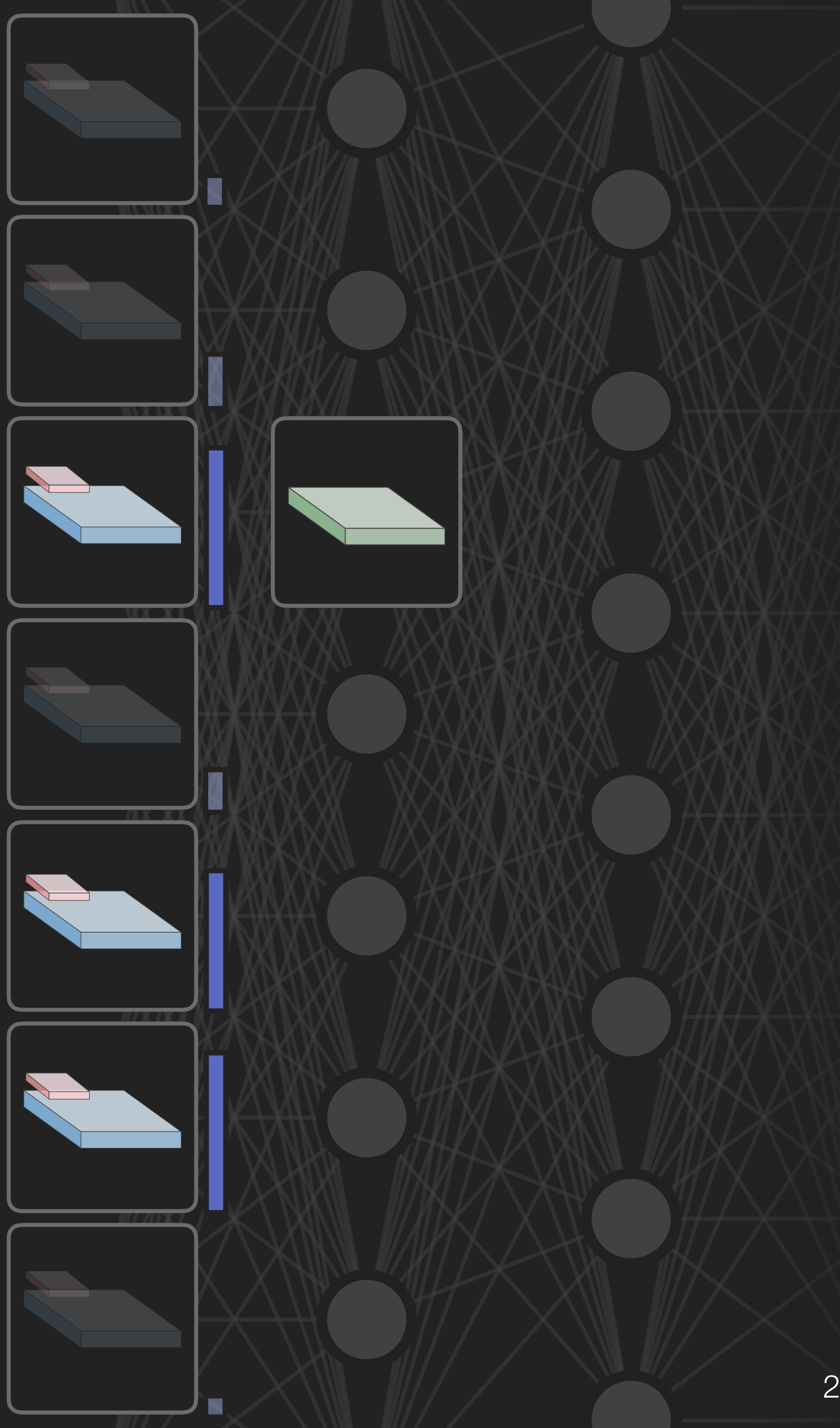


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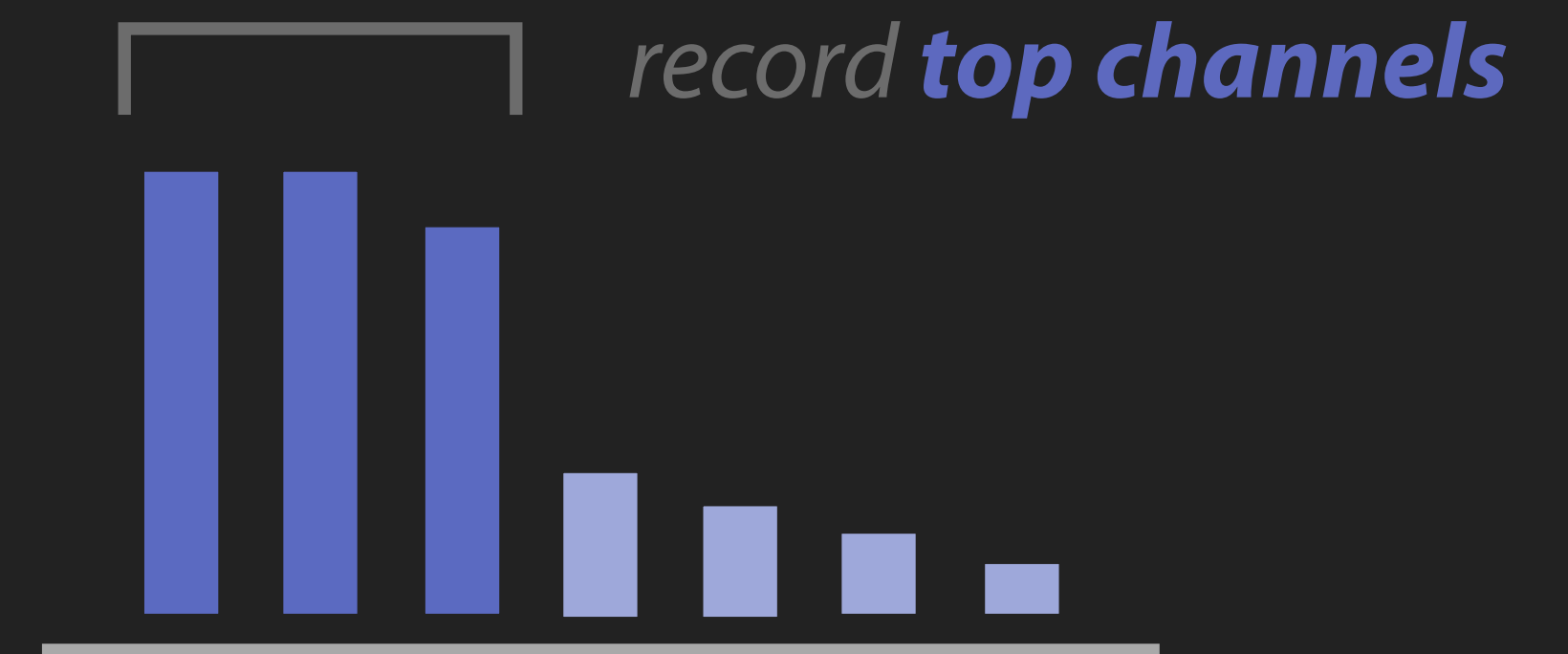


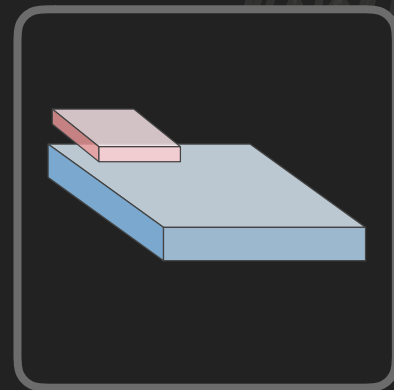
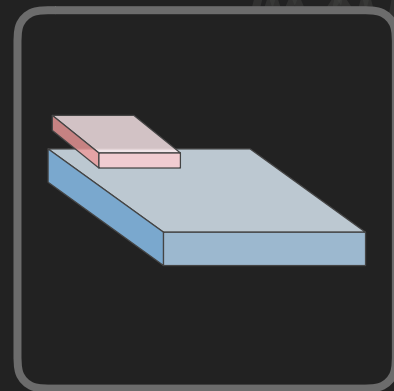
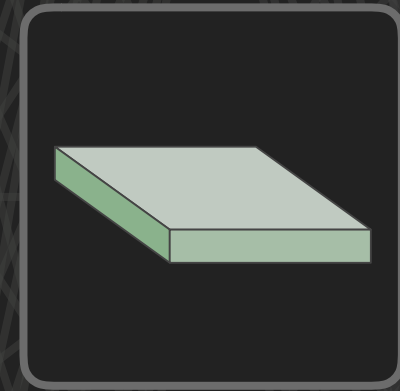
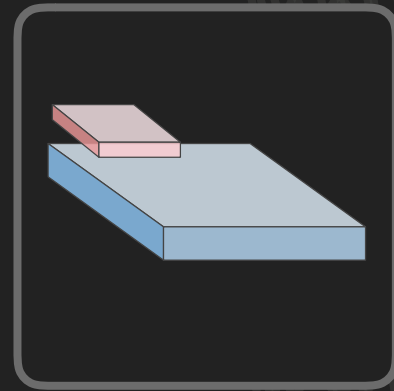
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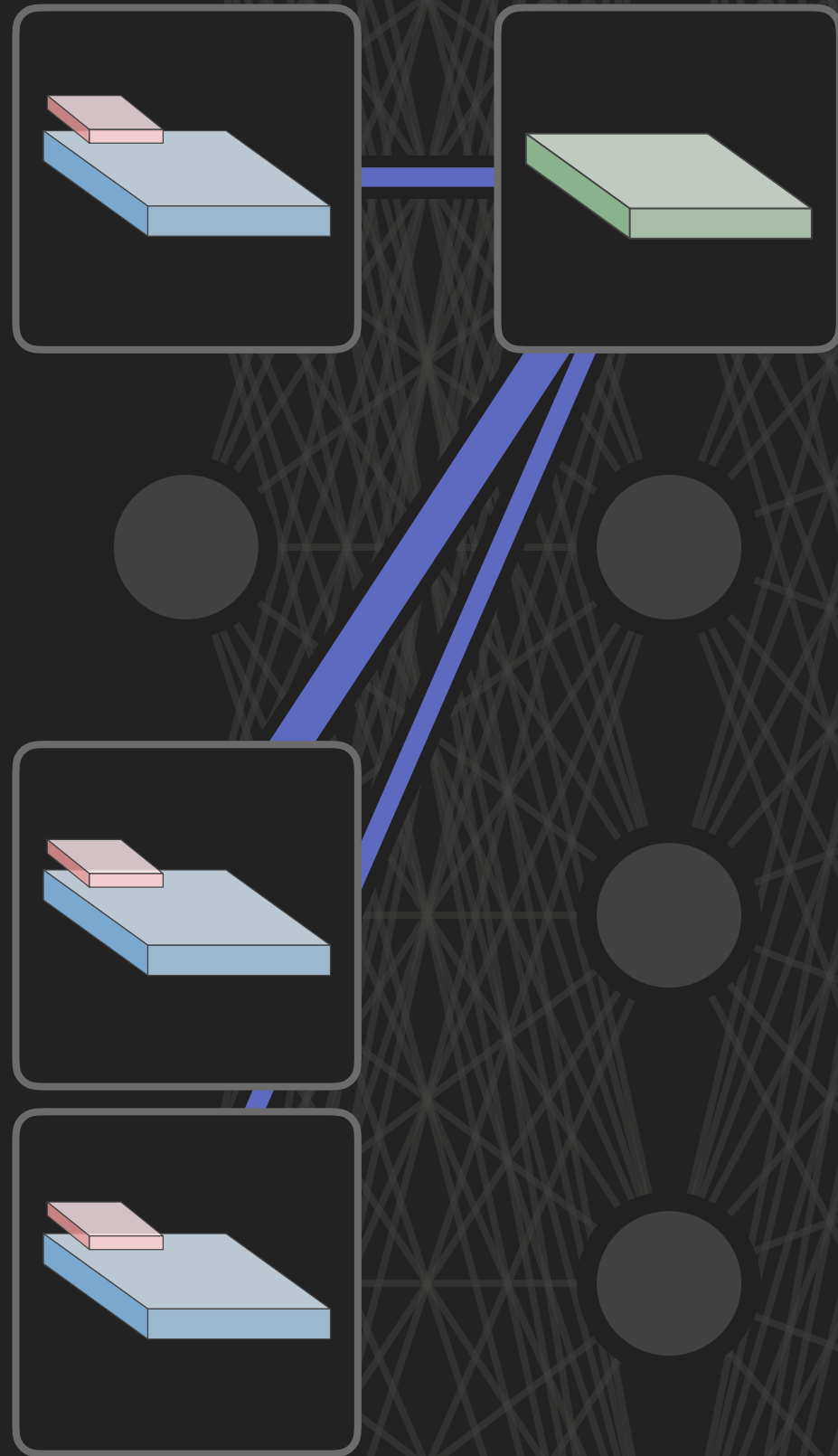


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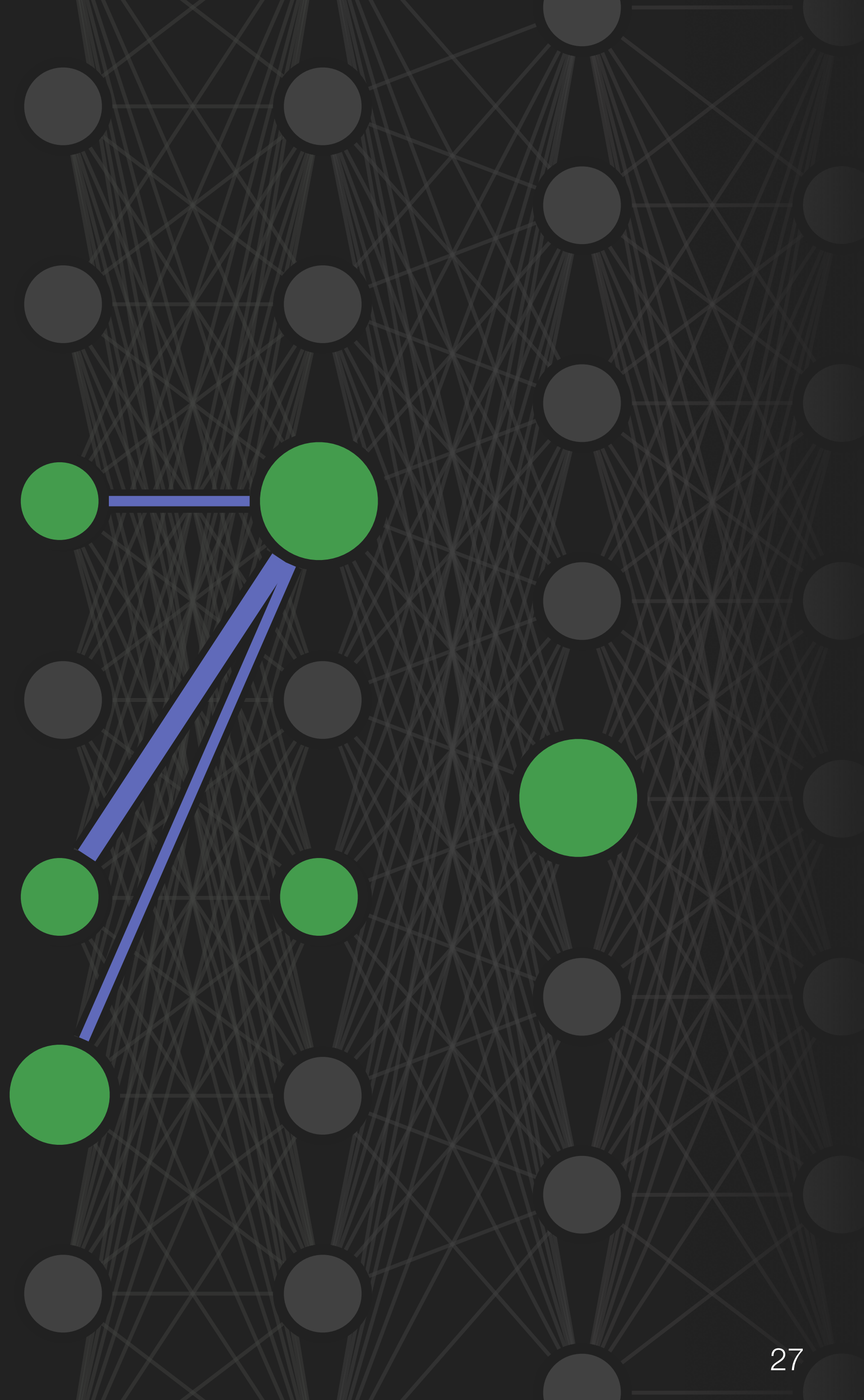




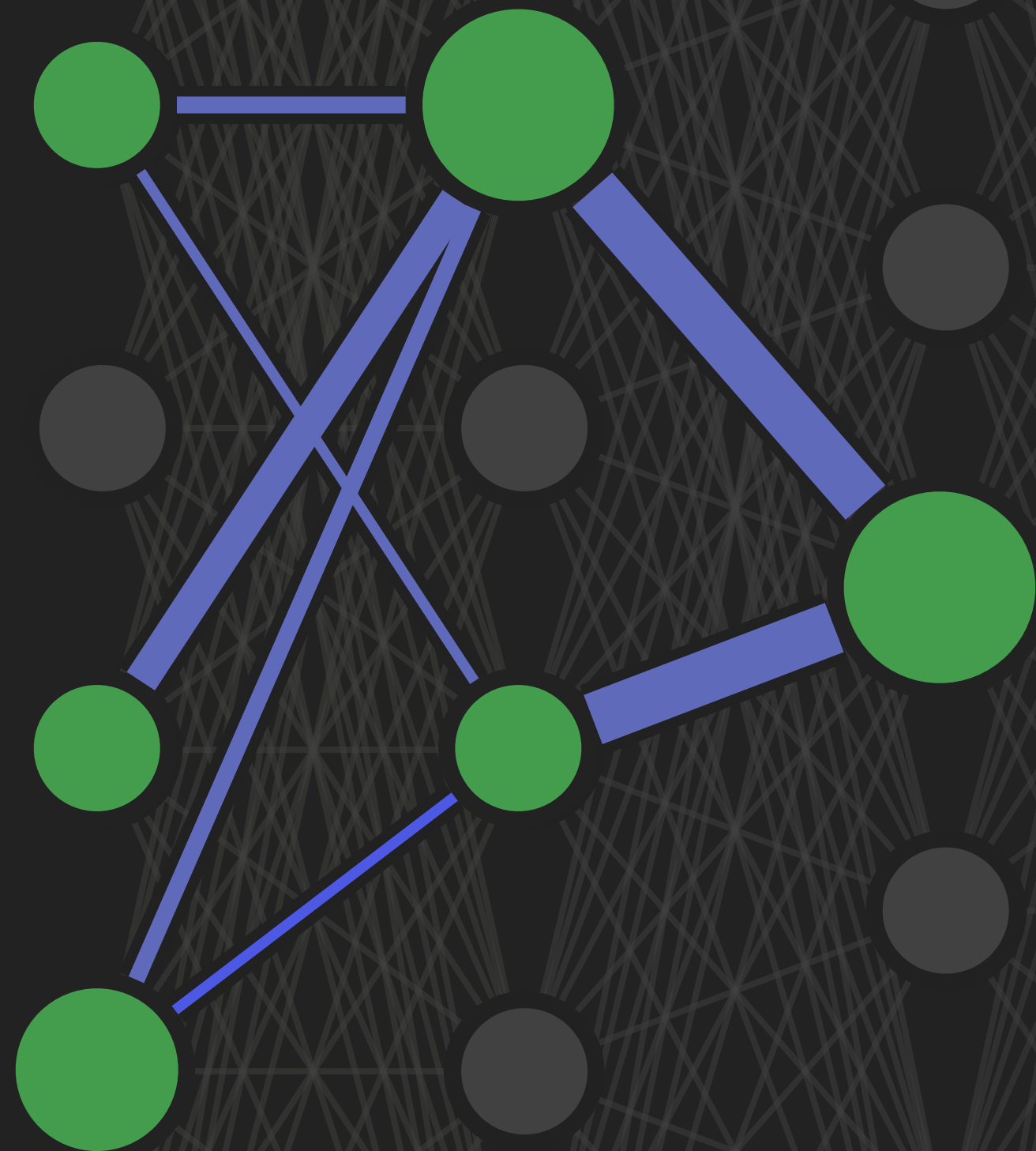
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Combine **activations**
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Further summarize graph
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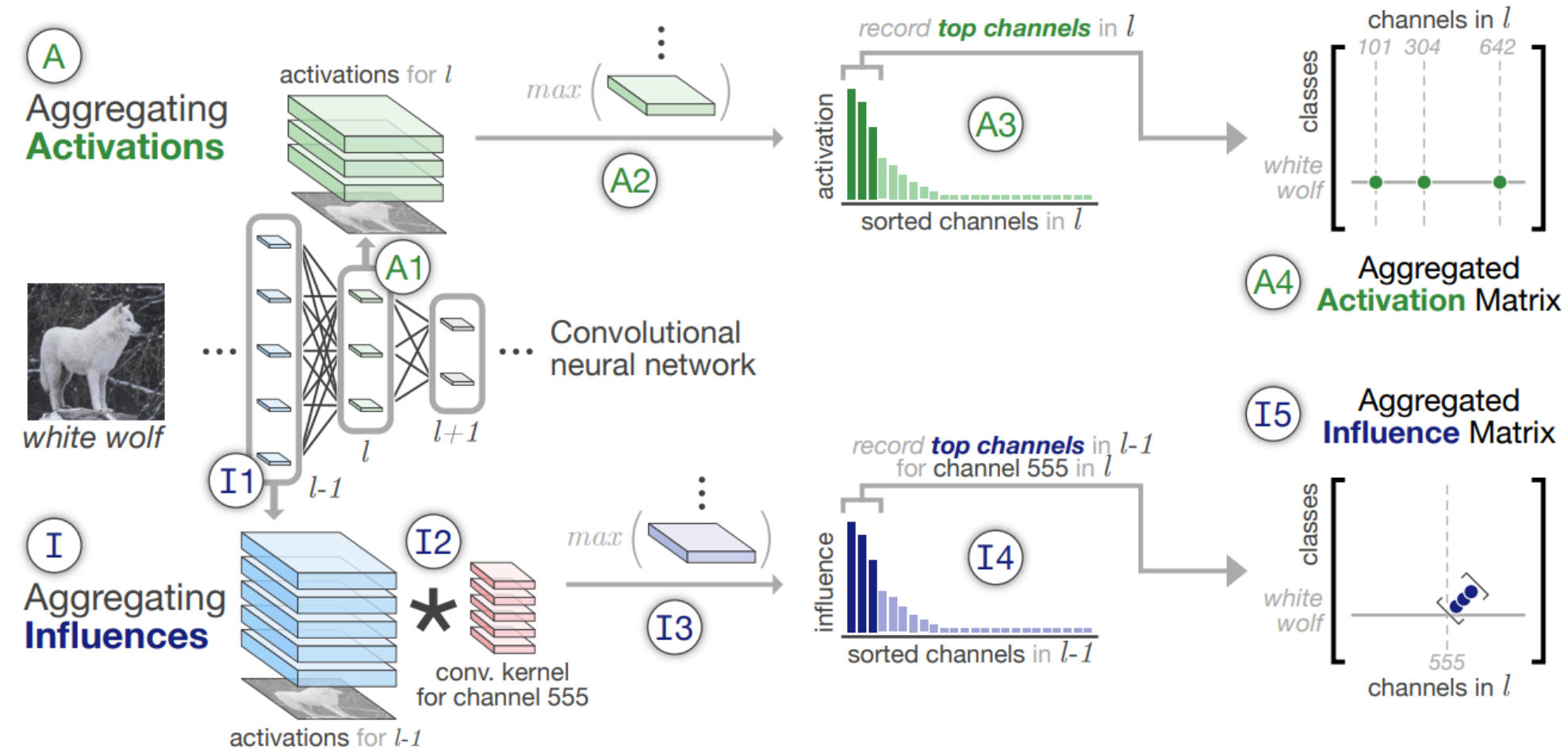


Fig. 4. Our approach for aggregating activations and influences for a layer l . **Aggregating Activations:** (A1) given activations at layer l , (A2) compute the max of each 2D channel, and (A3) record the top activated channels into an (A4) aggregated activation matrix, which tells us which channels in a layer most activate and represent every class in the model. **Aggregating Influences:** (I1) given activations at layer $l-1$, (I2) convolve them with a convolutional kernel from layer l , (I3) compute the max of each resulting 2D activation map, and (I4) record the top most influential channels from layer $l-1$ that impact channels in layer l into an (I5) aggregated influence matrix, which tells us which channels in the previous layer most influence a particular channel in the next layer.

6.2 Aggregating Inter-layer Influences

Aggregating activations at each convolutional layer in a network will only give a local description of which channels are important for each class, i.e., from examining A^l we will not know *how* certain channels come to be the most representative for a given class. Thus, we need a way to calculate how the activations from the channels of a previous layer, $l-1$, influence the activations at the current layer, l . In dense layers, this influence is trivial to compute: the activation at a neuron in l is computed as the weighted sum of activations from neurons in $l-1$. The influence of a single neuron from $l-1$ is then proportional to the activation of that neuron multiplied by the associated weight to the neuron being examined from l . In convolutional layers, calculating this influence is more complicated: the activations at a channel in l are computed as the 3D convolution of all of the channels from $l-1$ with a learned kernel tensor. This operation can be broken down (shown formally later in this section) as a summation of the 2D convolutions of each channel in $l-1$ with a corresponding slice of the appropriate kernel. The summations of 2D convolutions are similar in structure to the weighted-summations performed by dense layers, however the corresponding “influence” of a single channel from $l-1$ on the output of a particular channel in l is a 2D feature map. We can summarize this feature map into a scalar influence value by using any type of reduce operation, which we discuss further below.

We propose a method for (1) quantifying the *influence* a channel from a previous layer has on the activations of a channel in a following layer, and (2) aggregating influence into a matrix I^l that can be interpreted

the j^{th} kernel, and the resulting maps are summed to produce a single channel in Y . We care about the 2D quantity $X_{:,i} * K_{:,i}^{(j)}$ as it contains exactly the contributions of a *single* channel from the previous layer to a channel in the current layer.

Second, we must summarize the quantity $X_{:,i} * K_{:,i}^{(j)}$ into a scalar influence value. Similarly discussed in Sect. 6.1, this can be done in many ways, e.g., by summing all values, applying the Frobenius norm, or taking the maximum value. Each of these summarization methods (i.e., 2D to 1D reduce operations) may lend itself well to exposing interesting connections between channels later in our pipeline. We chose to (I3) take the maximum value of $X_{:,i} * K_{:,i}^{(j)}$ as our measure of influence for the image classification task, since this task intuitively considers the largest magnitude of a feature, e.g., how strongly a “dog ear” or “car wheel” feature is expressed, instead of summing values for example, which might indicate how many places in the image a “dog ear” or “car wheel” is being expressed. Also, this mirrors our approach for aggregating activations above.

Lastly, we must aggregate these influence values between channel pairs in consecutive layers, for all images in a given class, i.e., create the proposed I^l matrix from the pairwise channel influence values. This process mirrors the aggregation described previously (Sect. 6.1), and we follow the same framework. Let L_{ij}^l be the scalar influence value computed by the previous step for a single image in class c , between channel i in layer $l-1$ and channel j in layer l . We increment an entry

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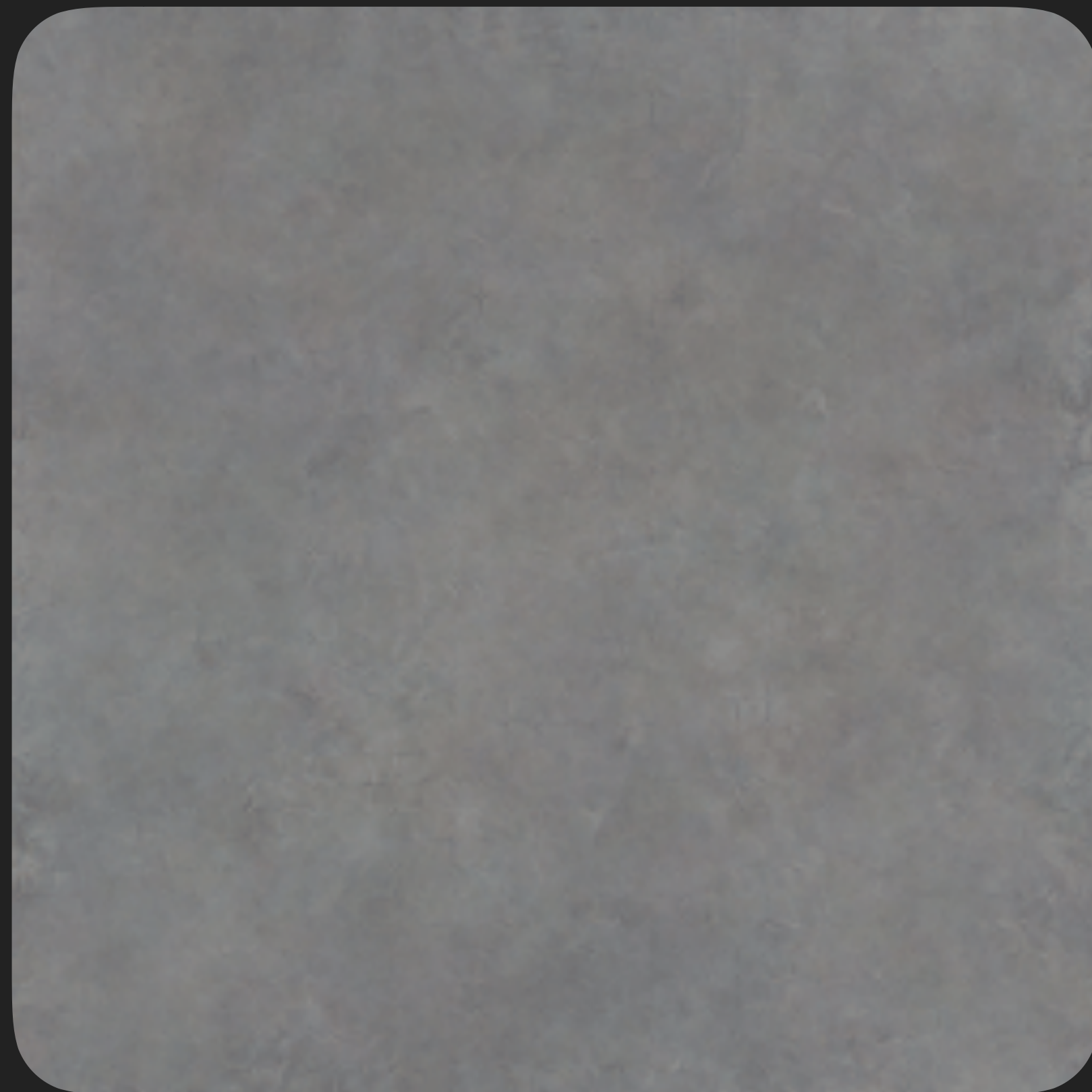
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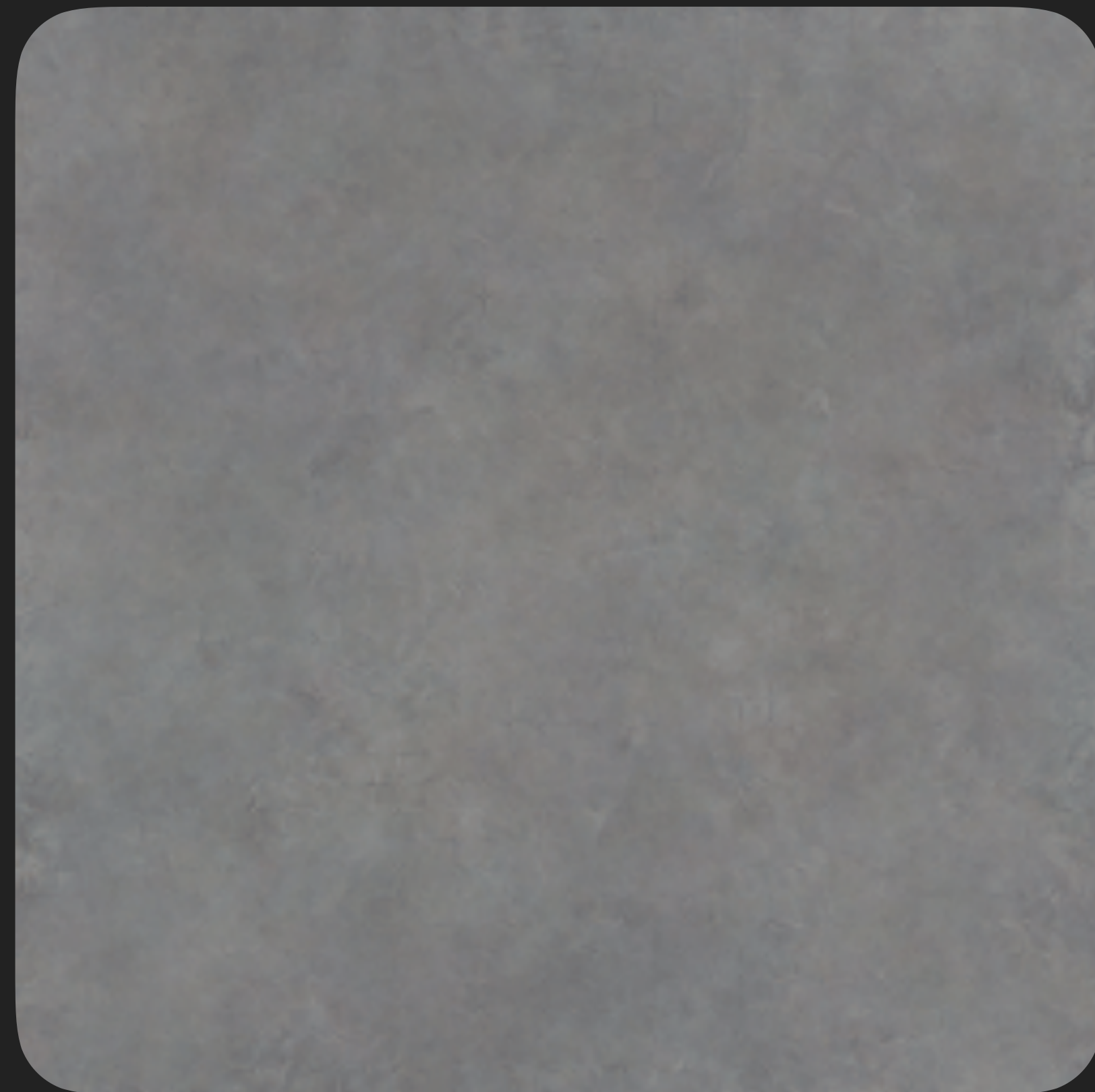
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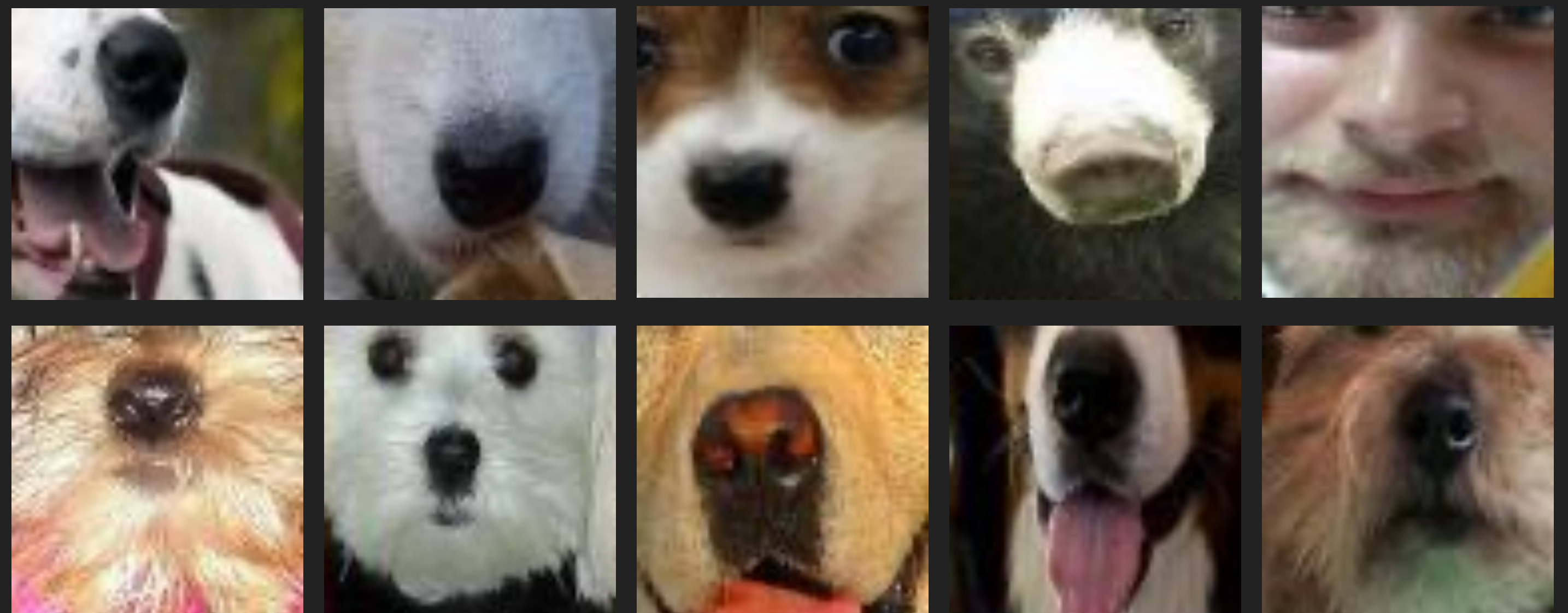
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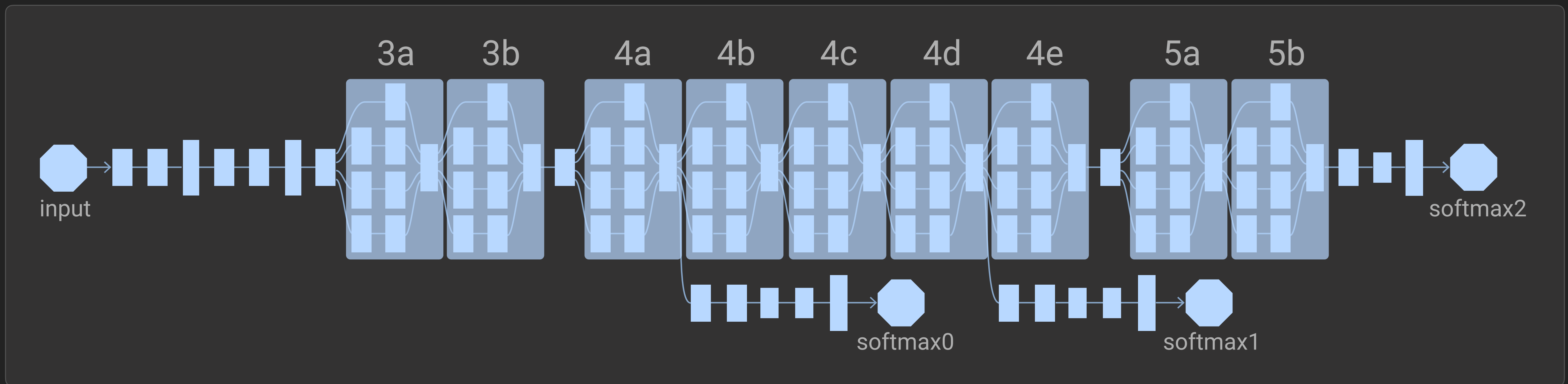
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Demo

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InceptionV1
Large-scale,
prevalent CNN

ImageNet (ILSVRC)
~1.3M images
1,000 classes



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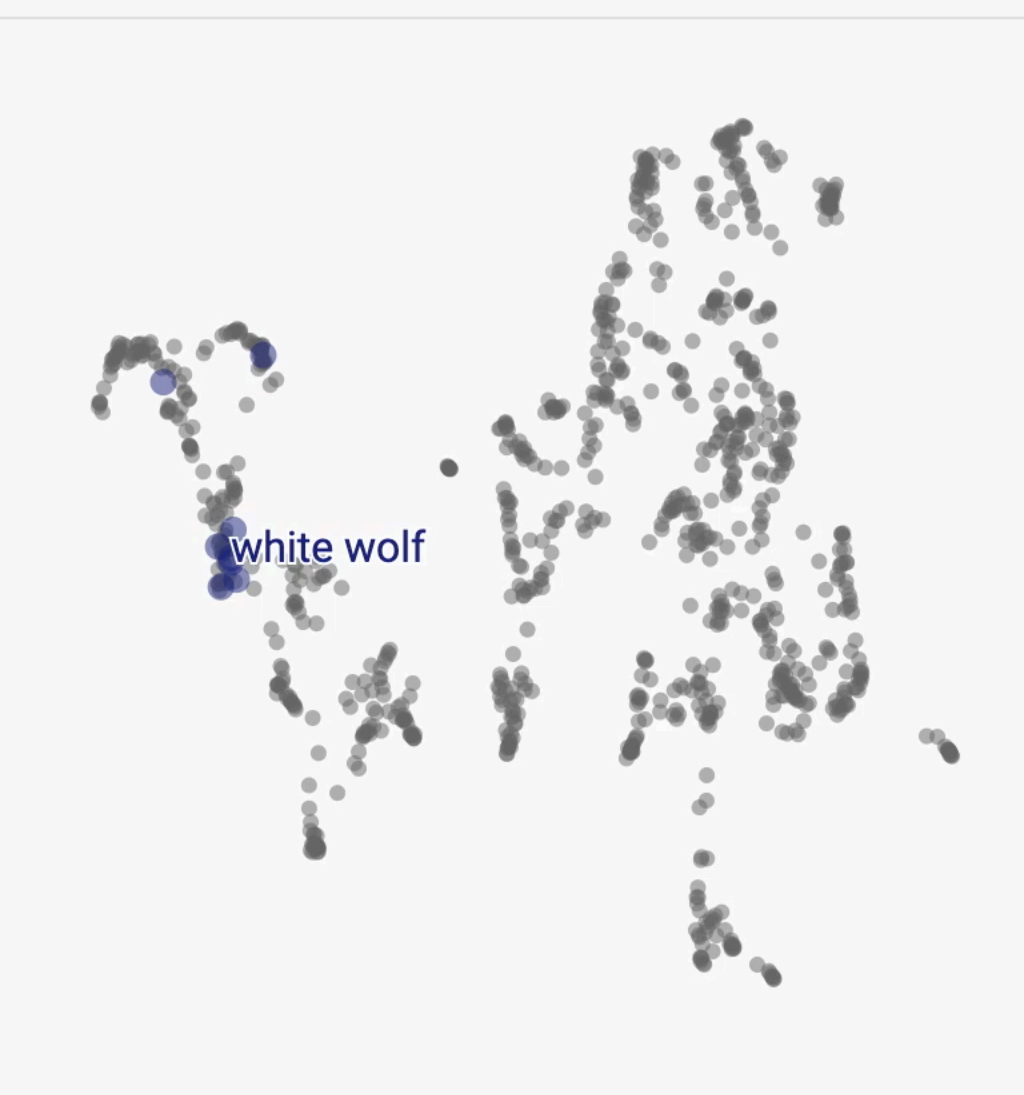
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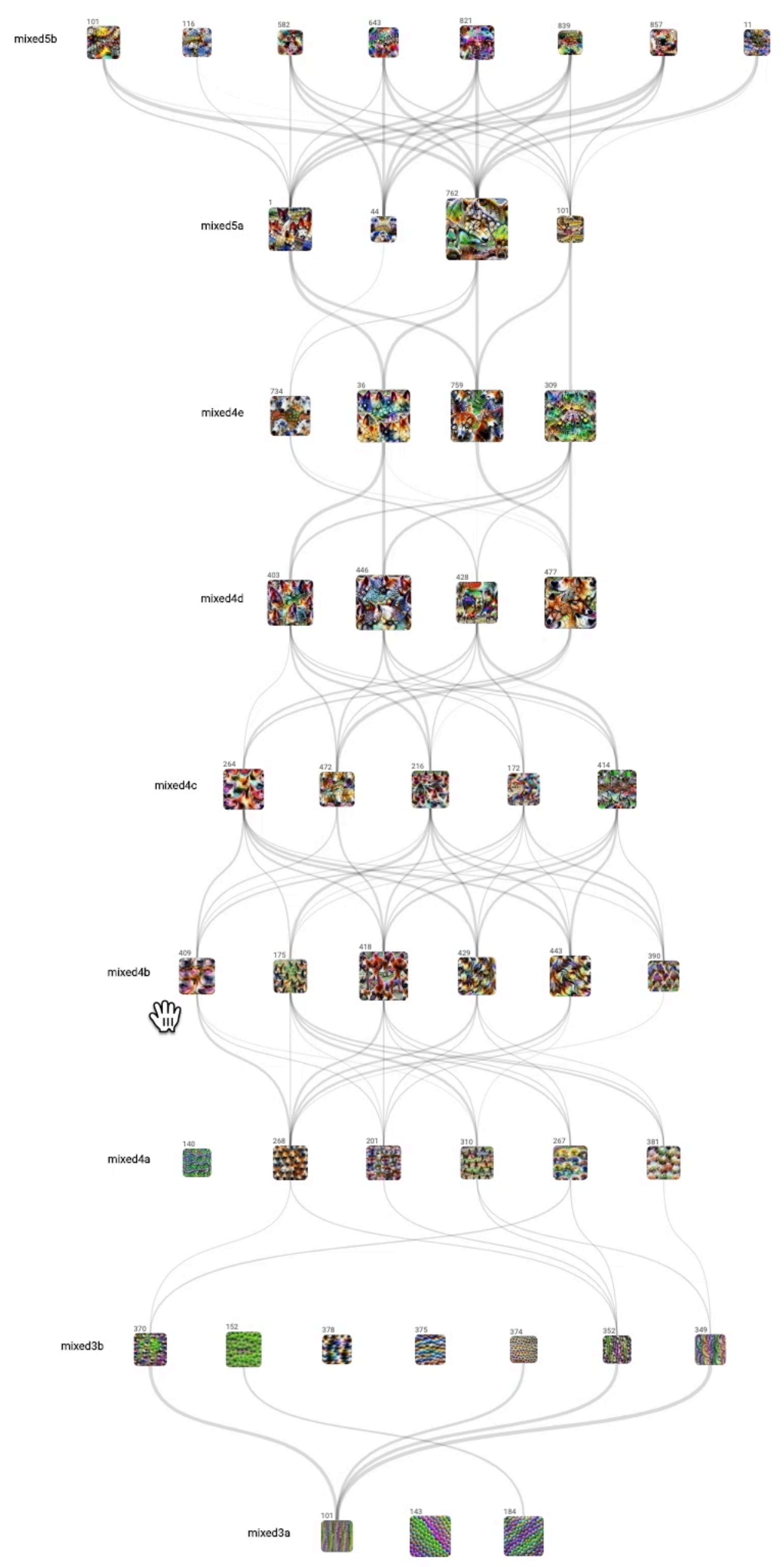
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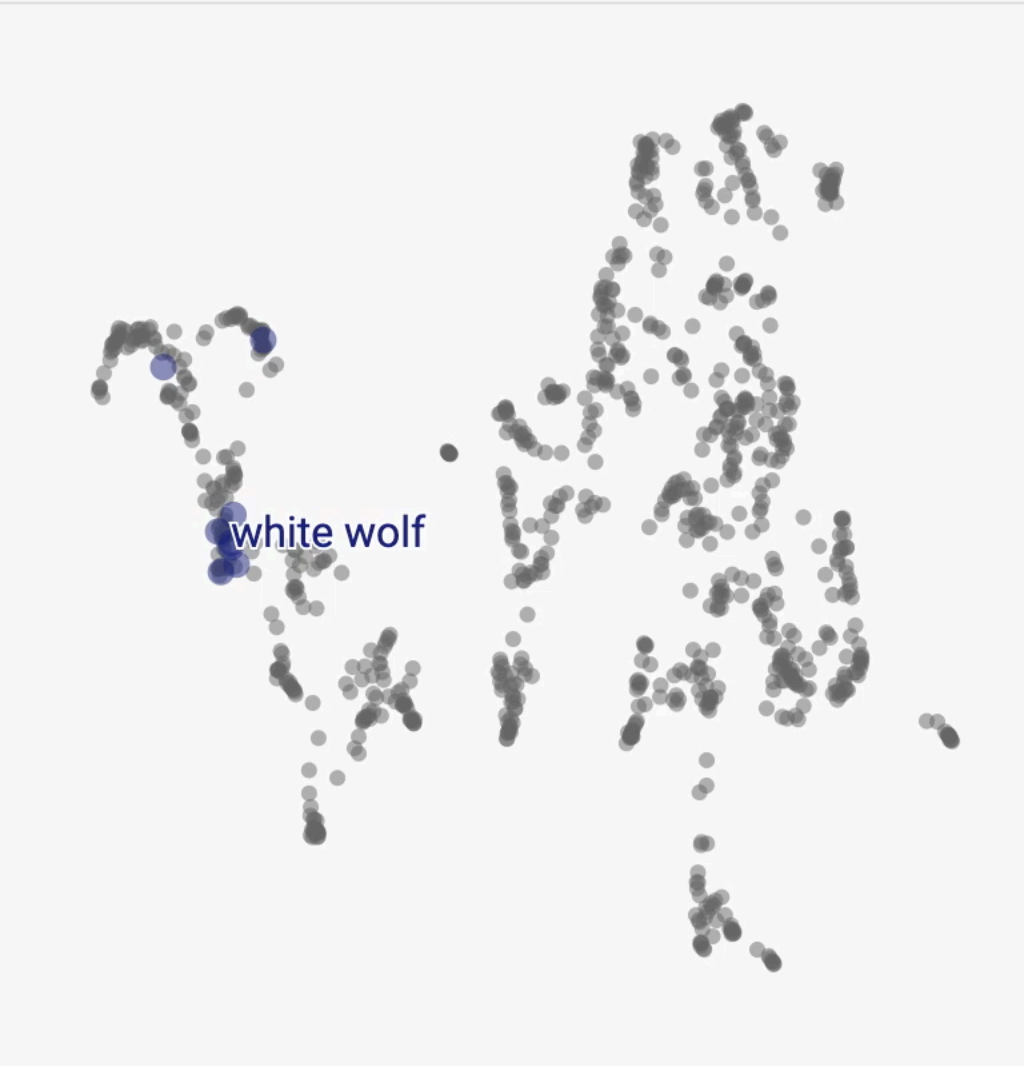
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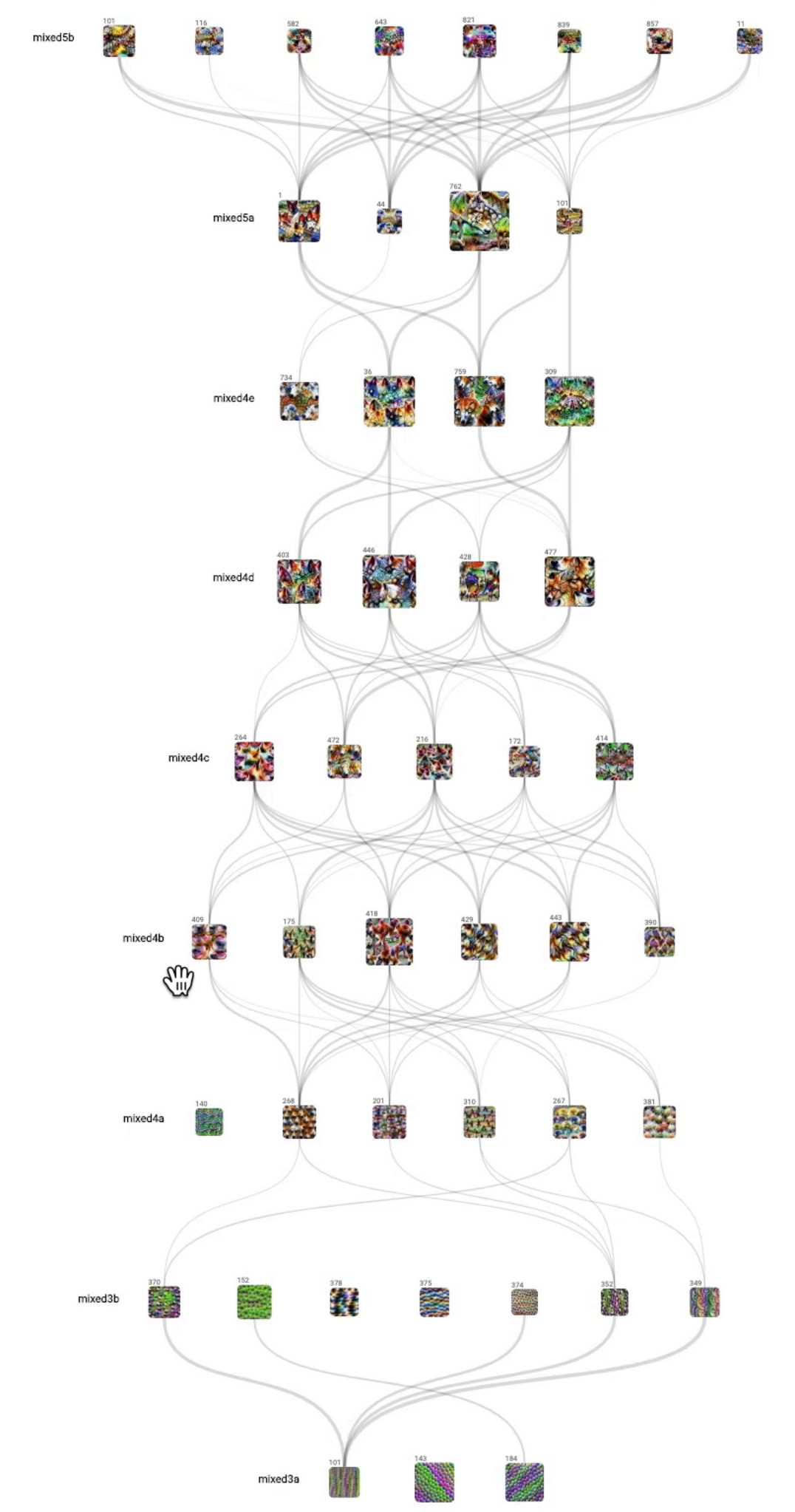
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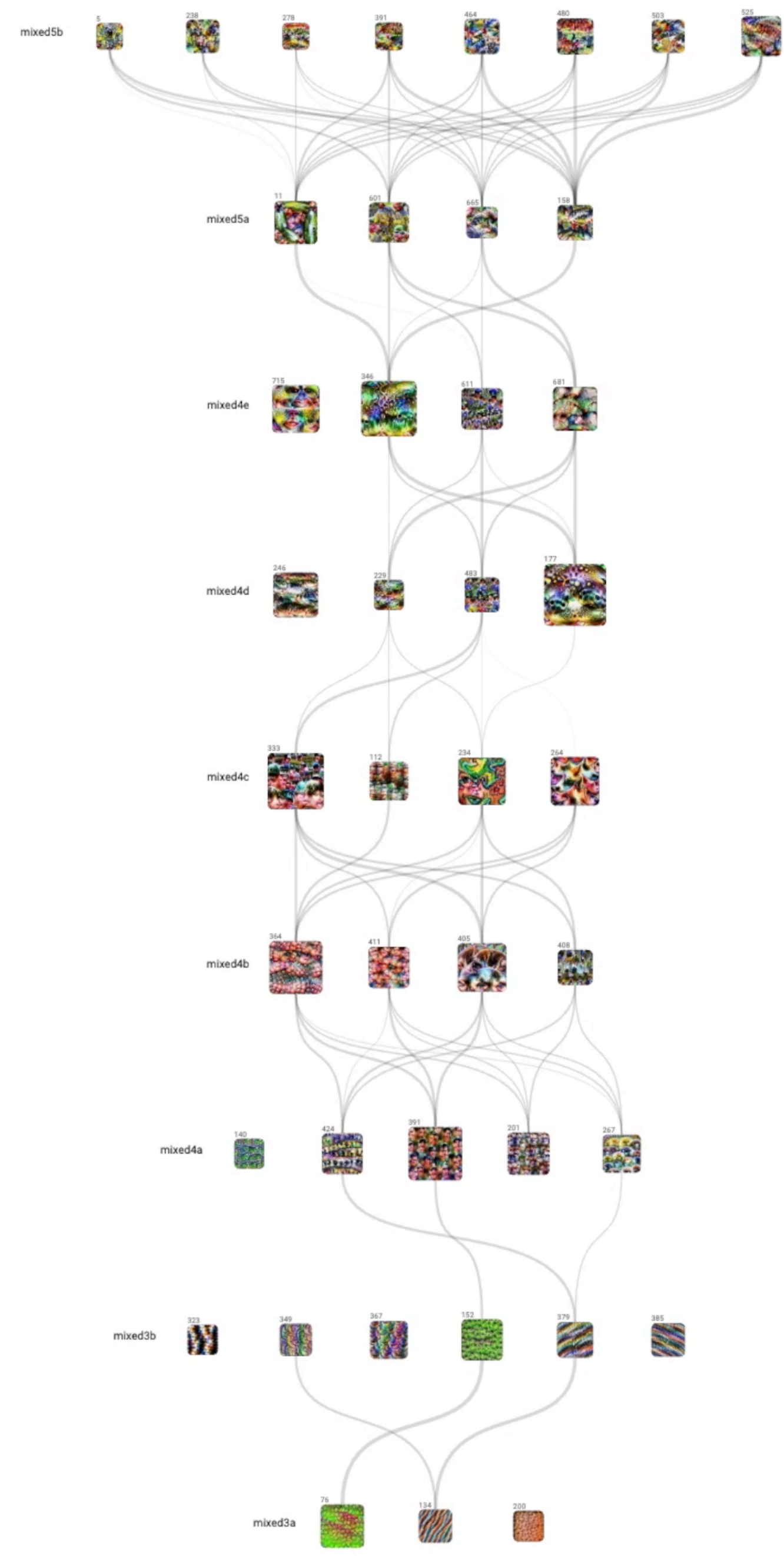


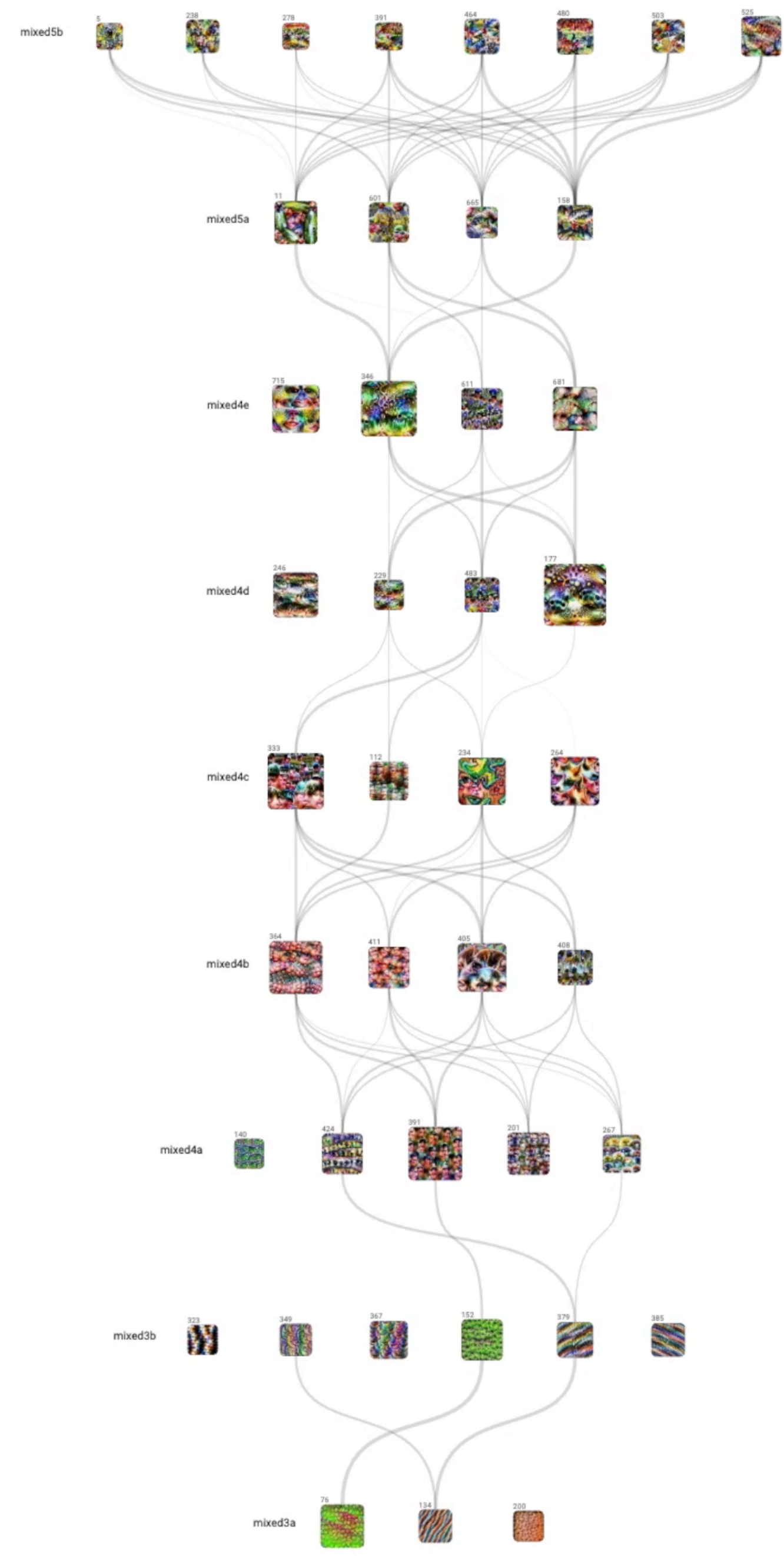
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What features has a neural network learned for *tench*?

How are those features related?









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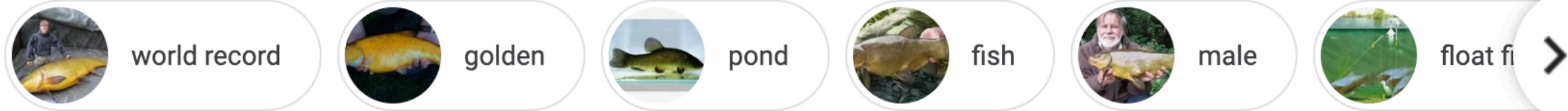


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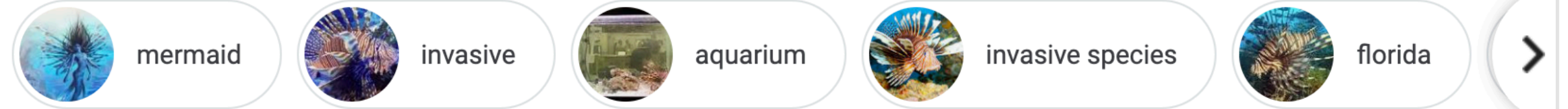
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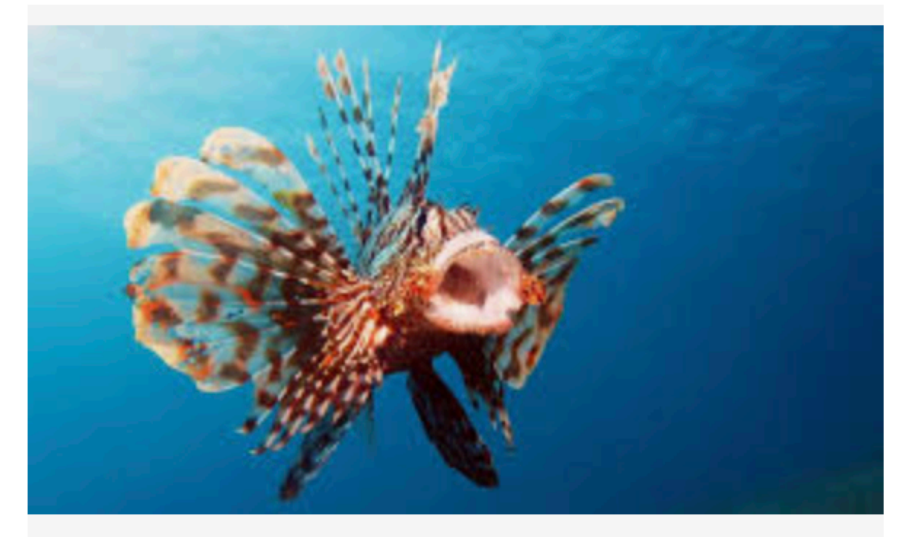
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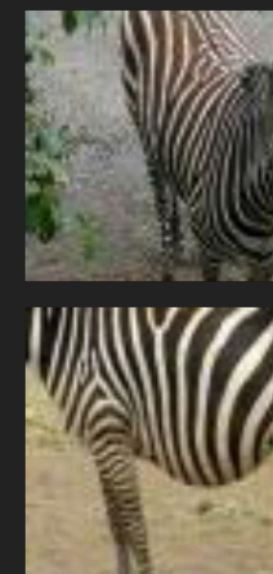
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No more people features.
But few "fish" features! Mostly textures.



quill
mixed4e,
unit 791



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orange fish
mixed5a,
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Attribution graph substructure from *lionfish* class.

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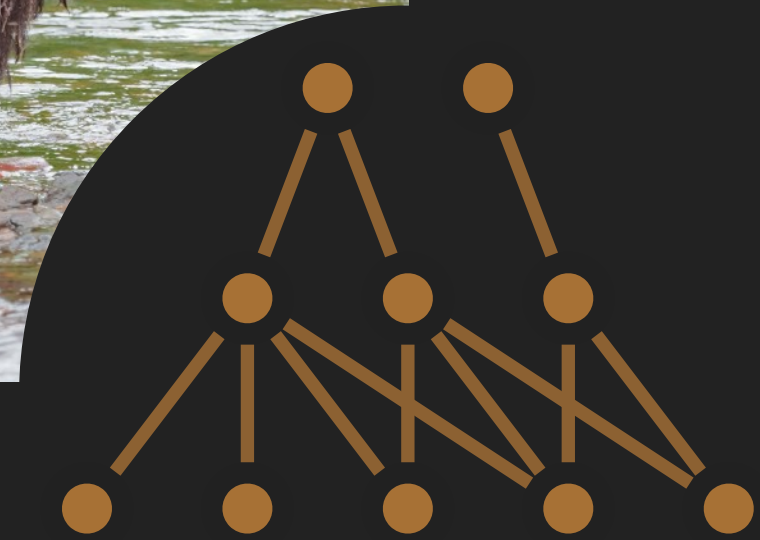
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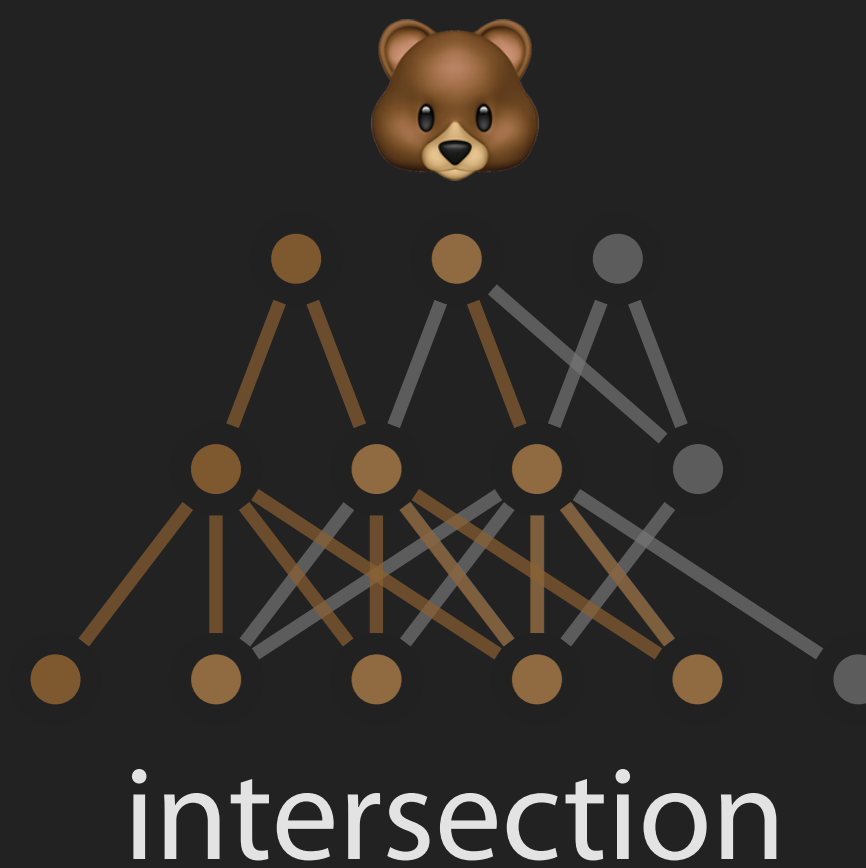
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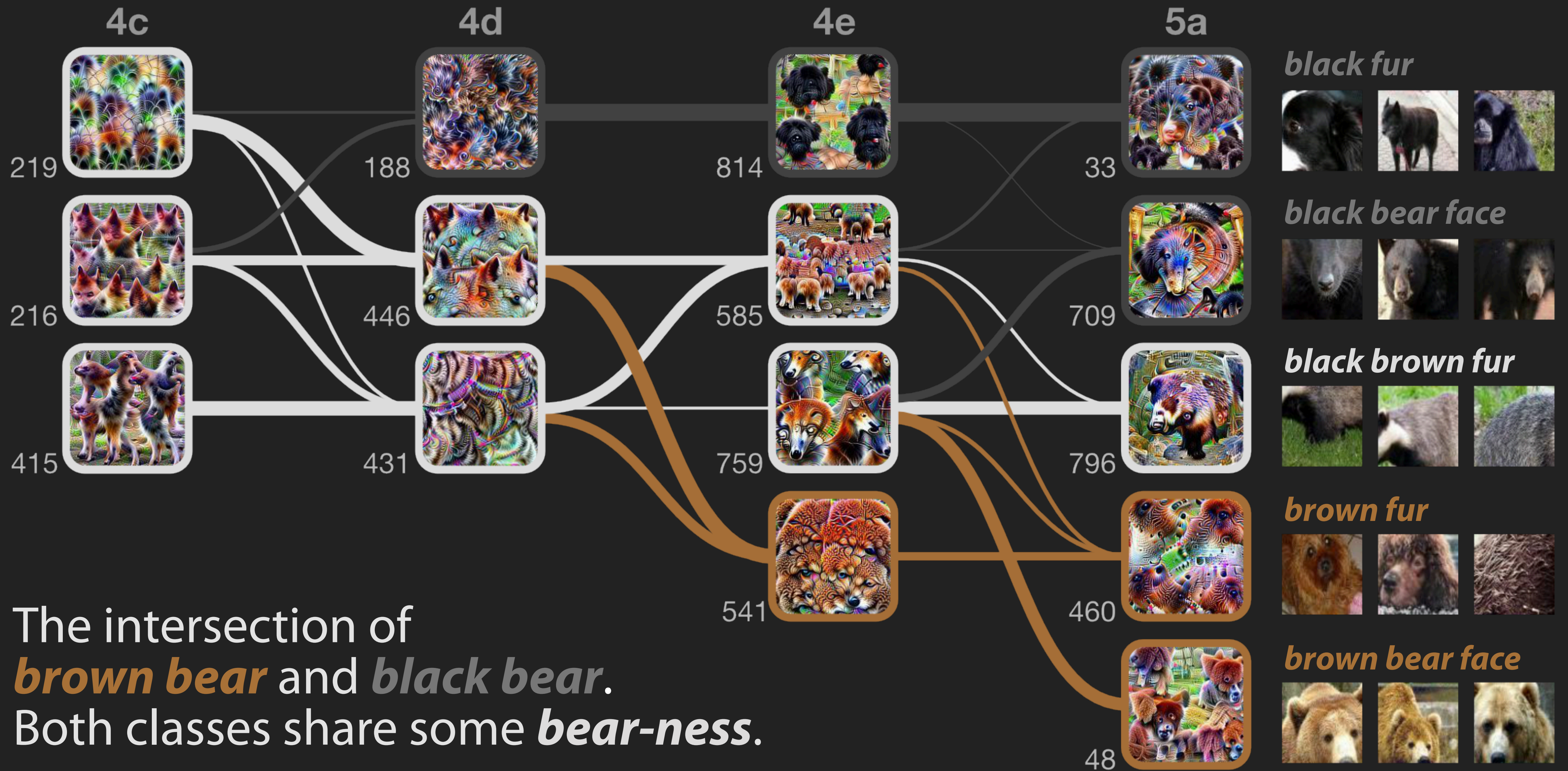
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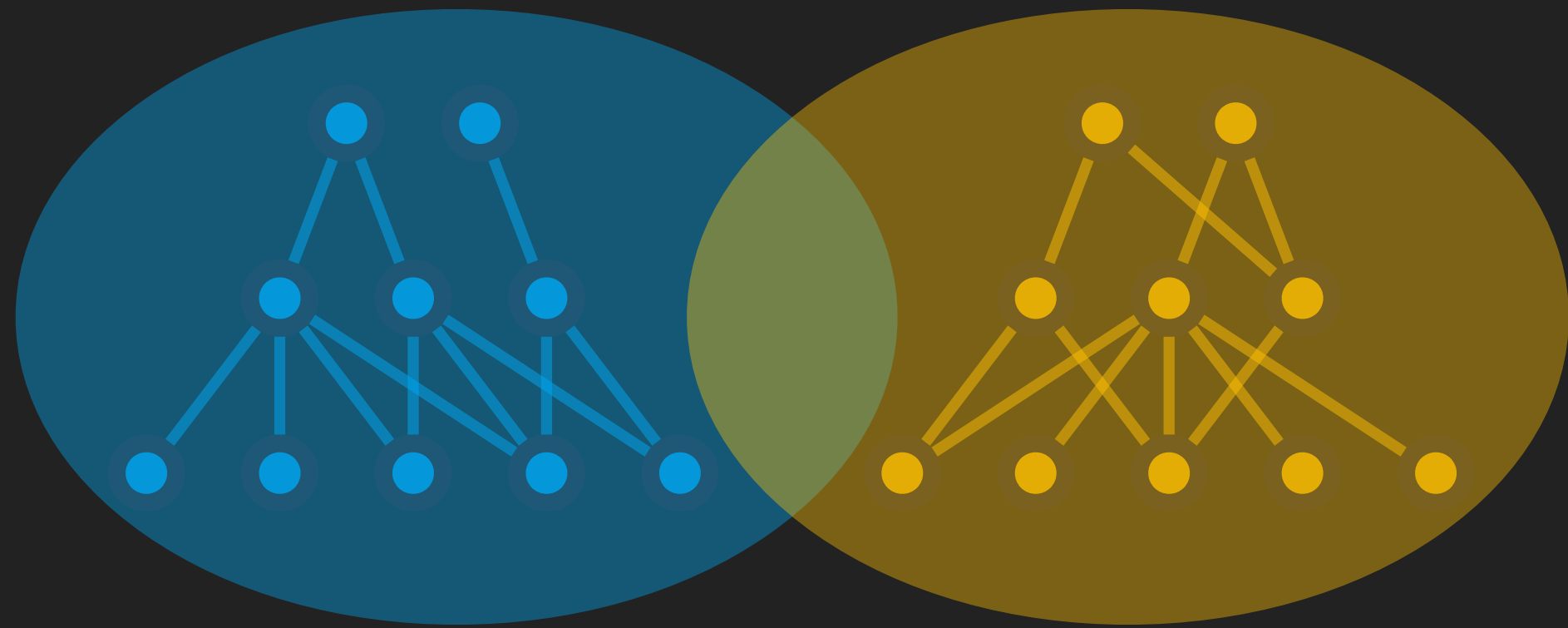


The intersection of **brown bear** and **black bear**. Both classes share some **bear-ness**.

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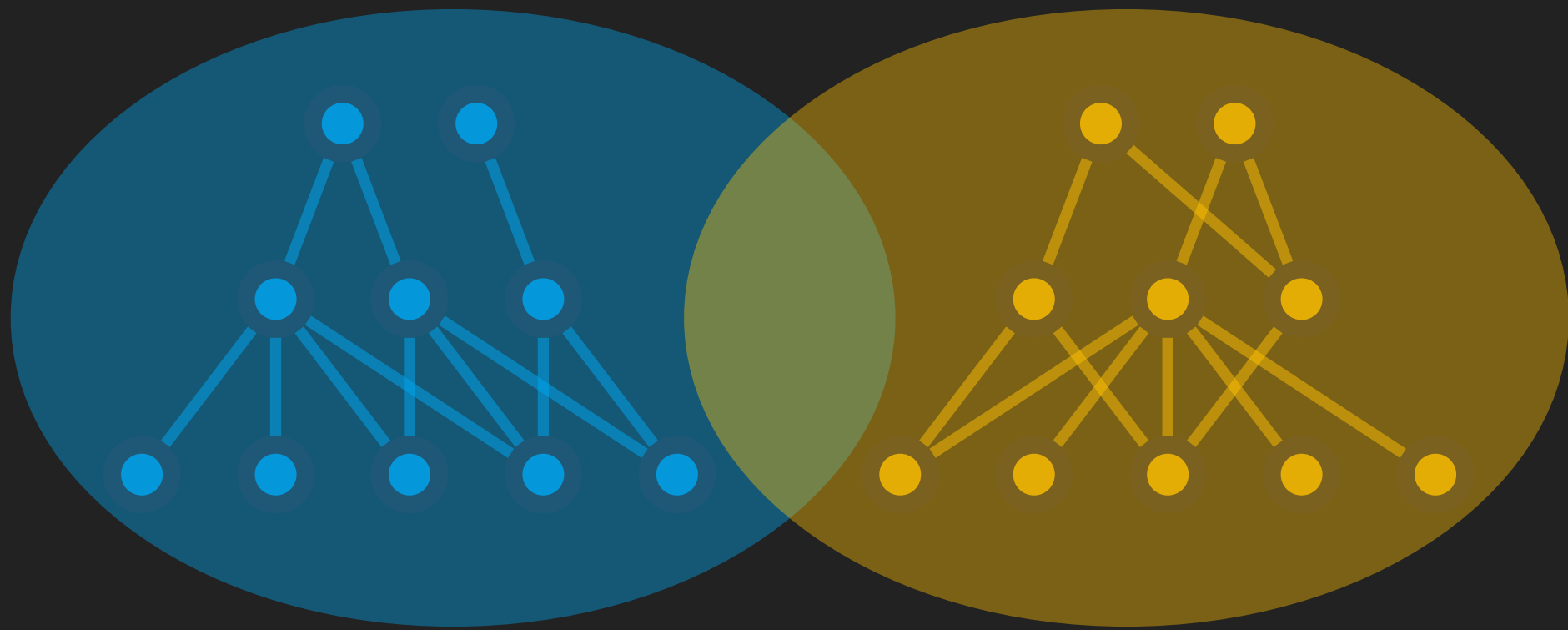
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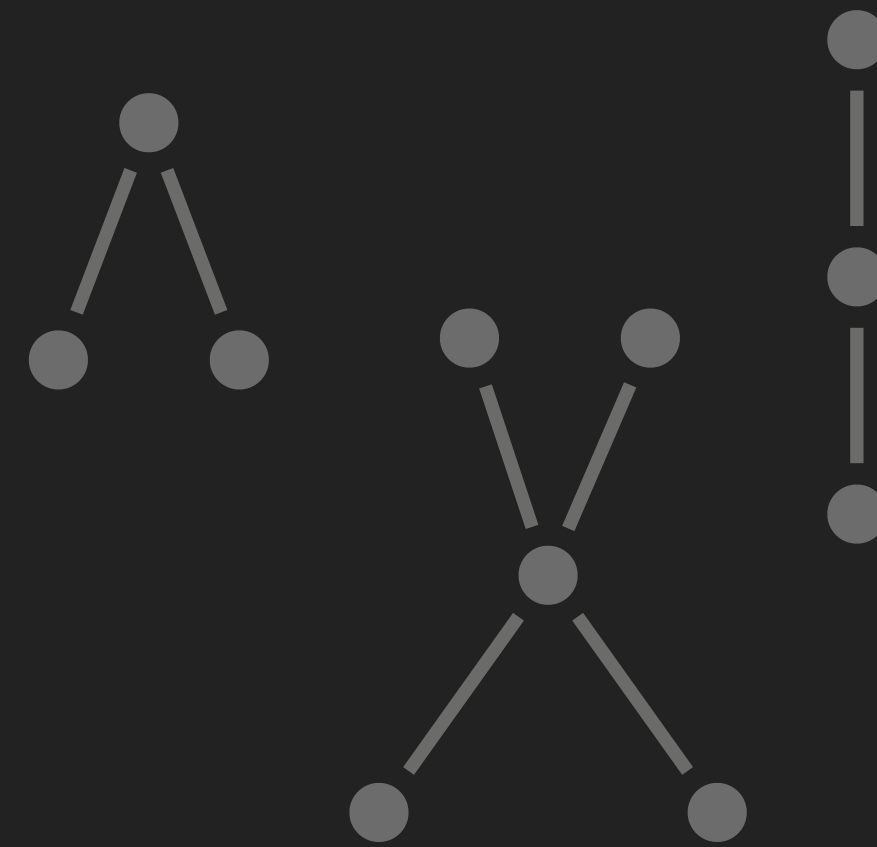
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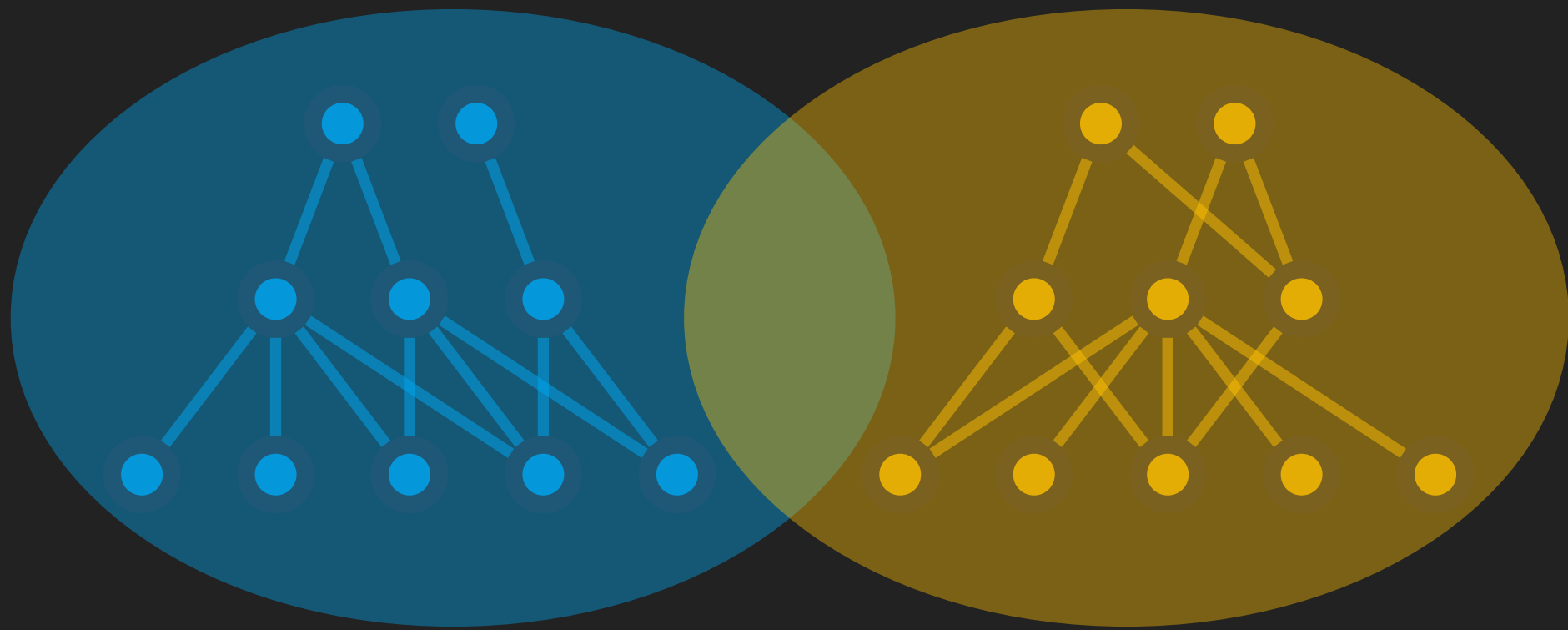
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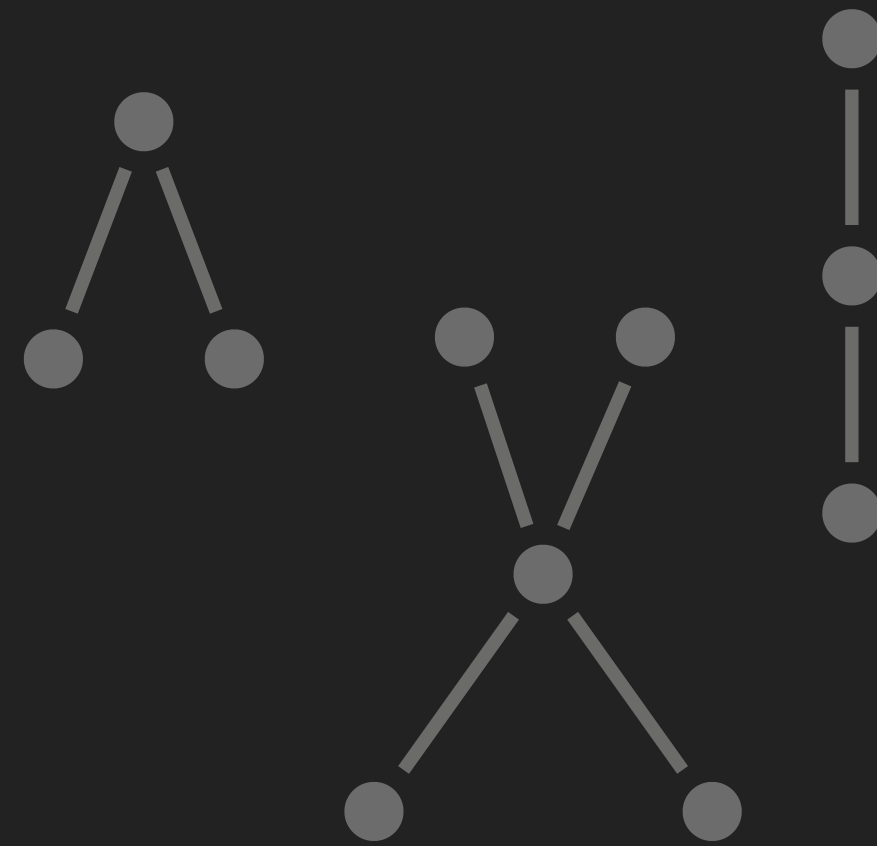
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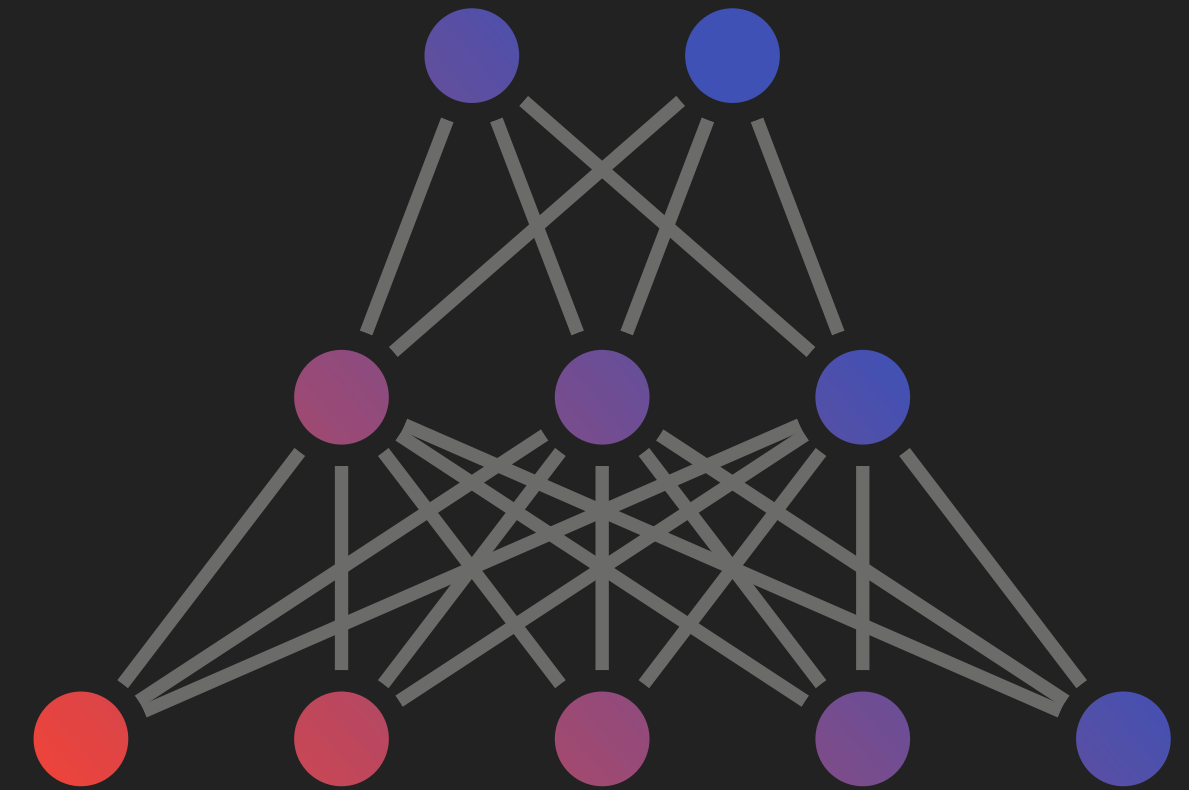
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Adversarial
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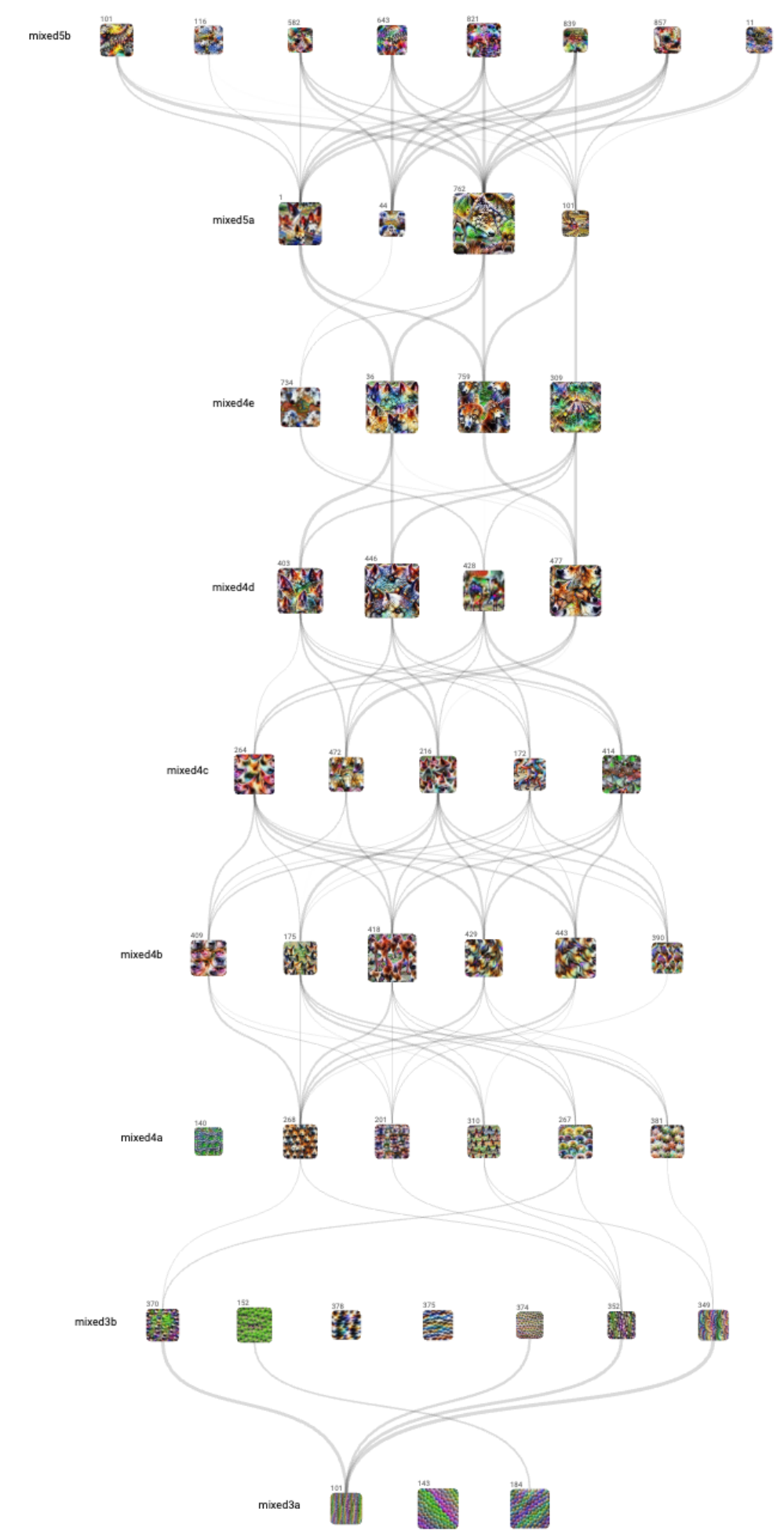
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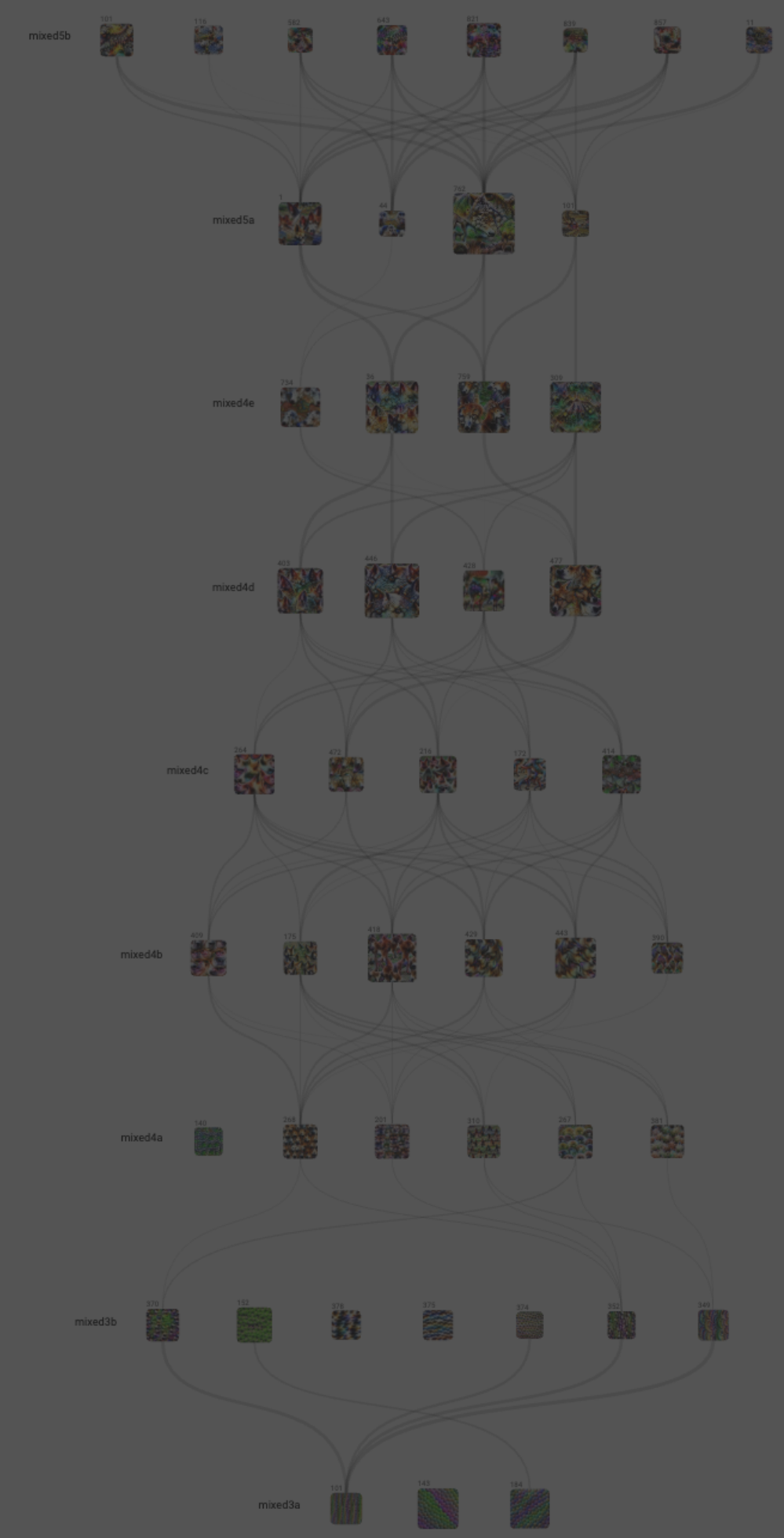
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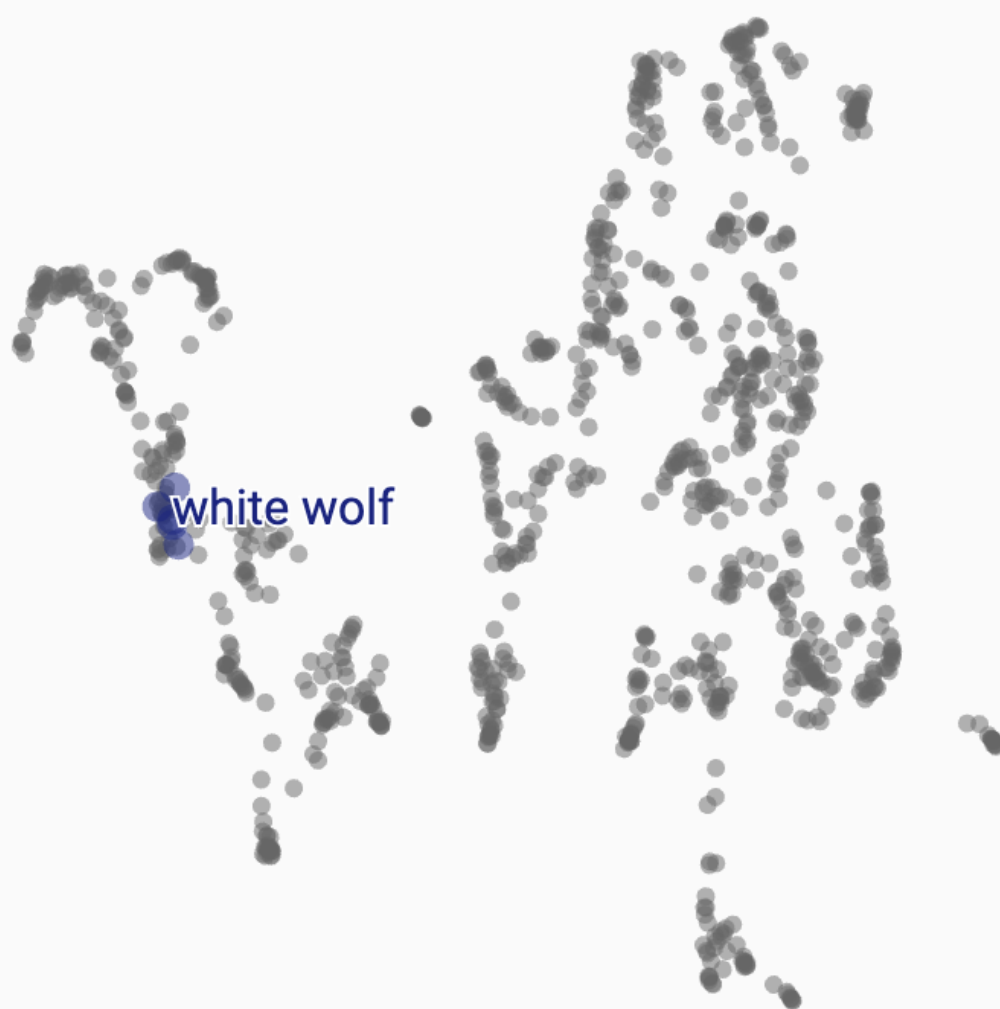
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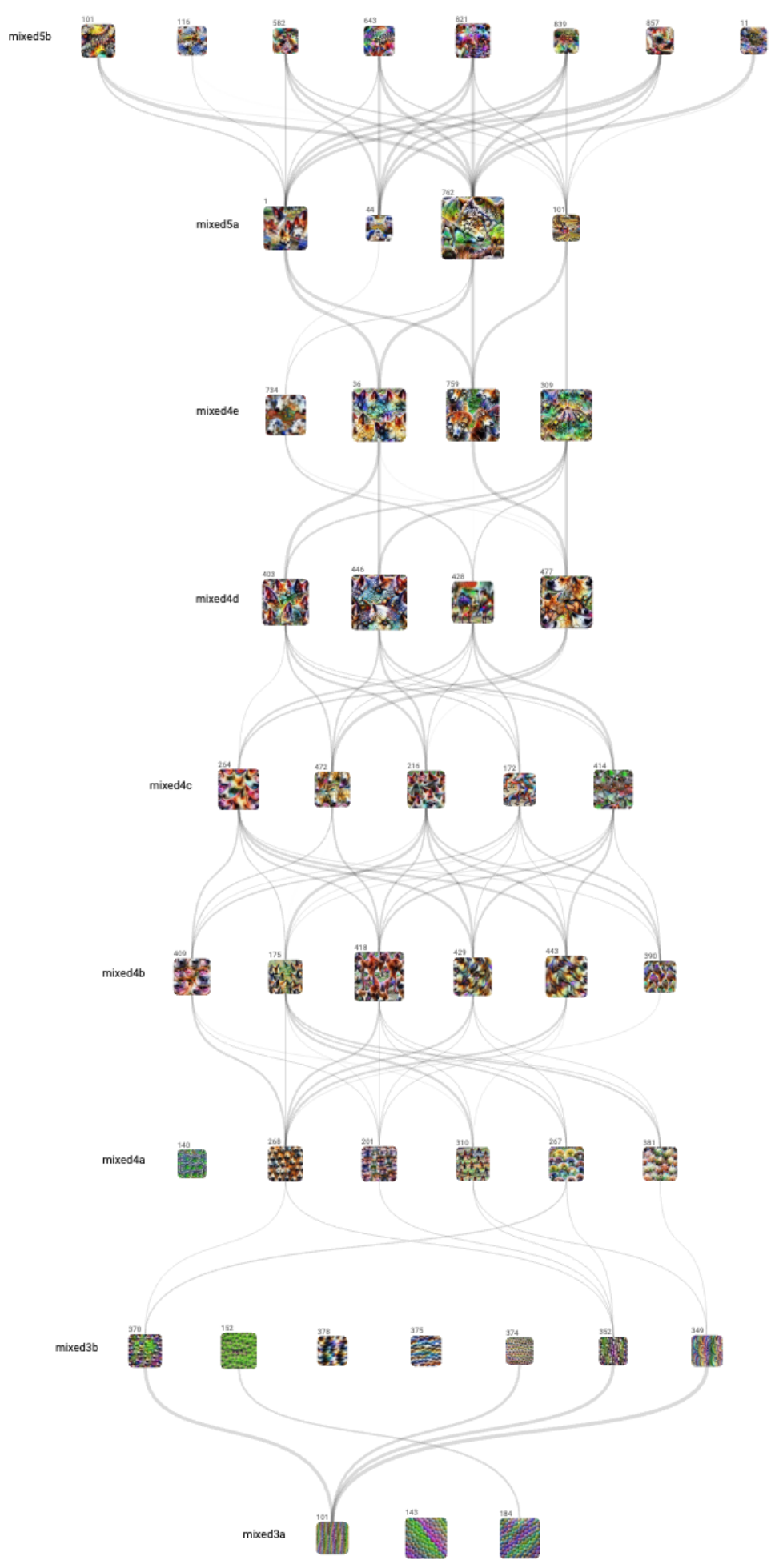
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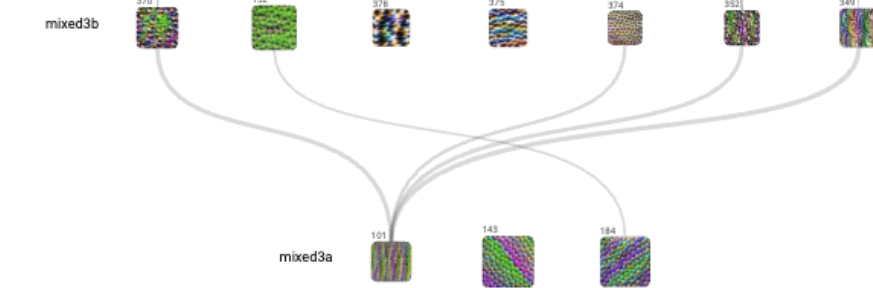
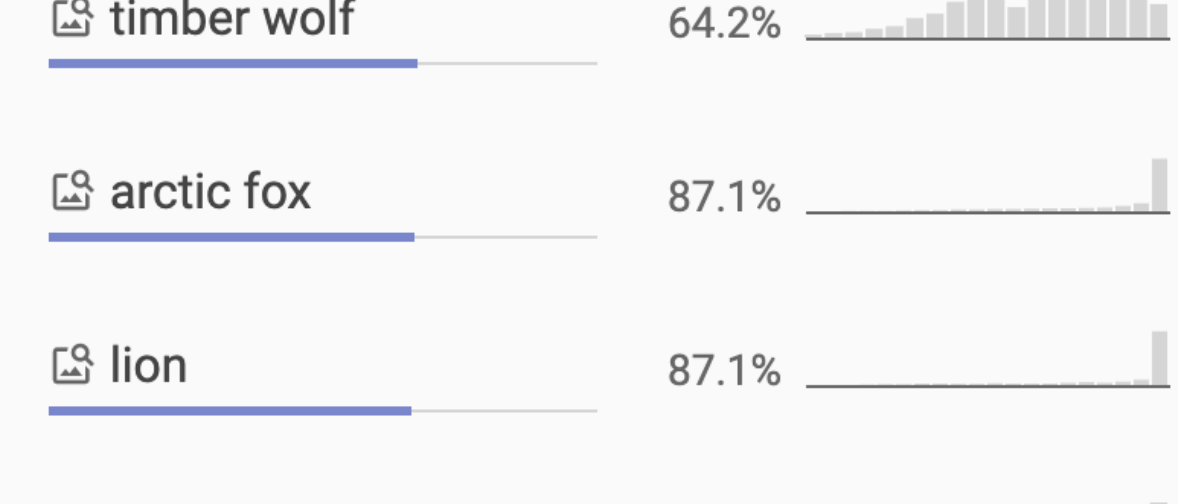
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Our work joins a growing body of open-access research that aims to use interactive visualization to explain complex inner workings of modern machine learning techniques. We believe our summarization approach that builds entire class representations is an important step for developing higher-level explanations for neural networks. We hope our work will inspire deeper engagement from both the information visualization and machine learning communities to further develop human-centered tools for artificial intelligence.

Credits

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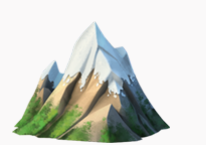
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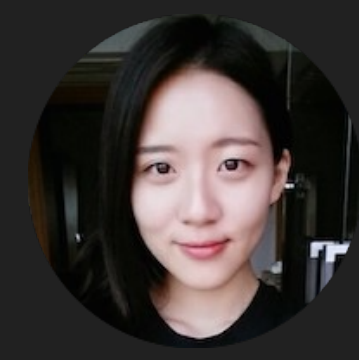

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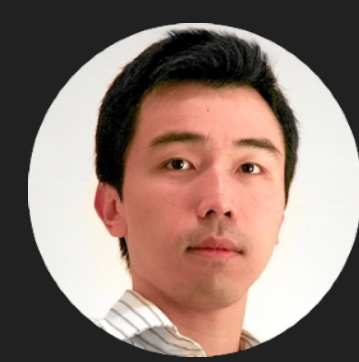
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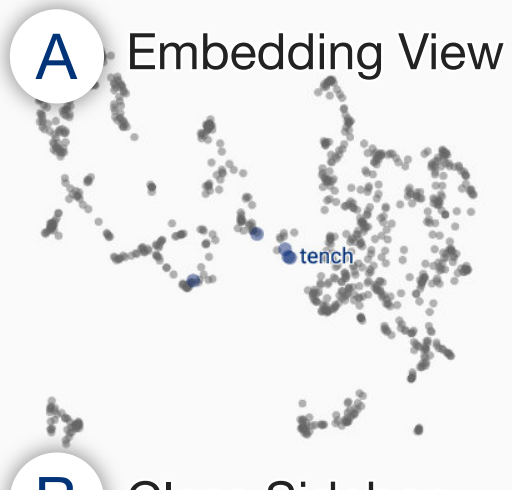


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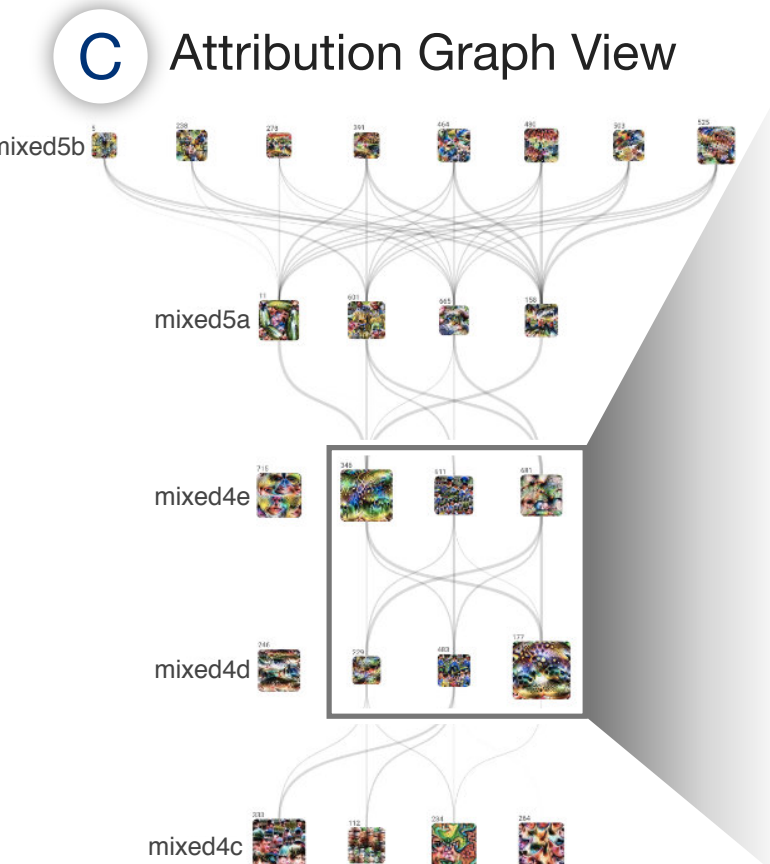
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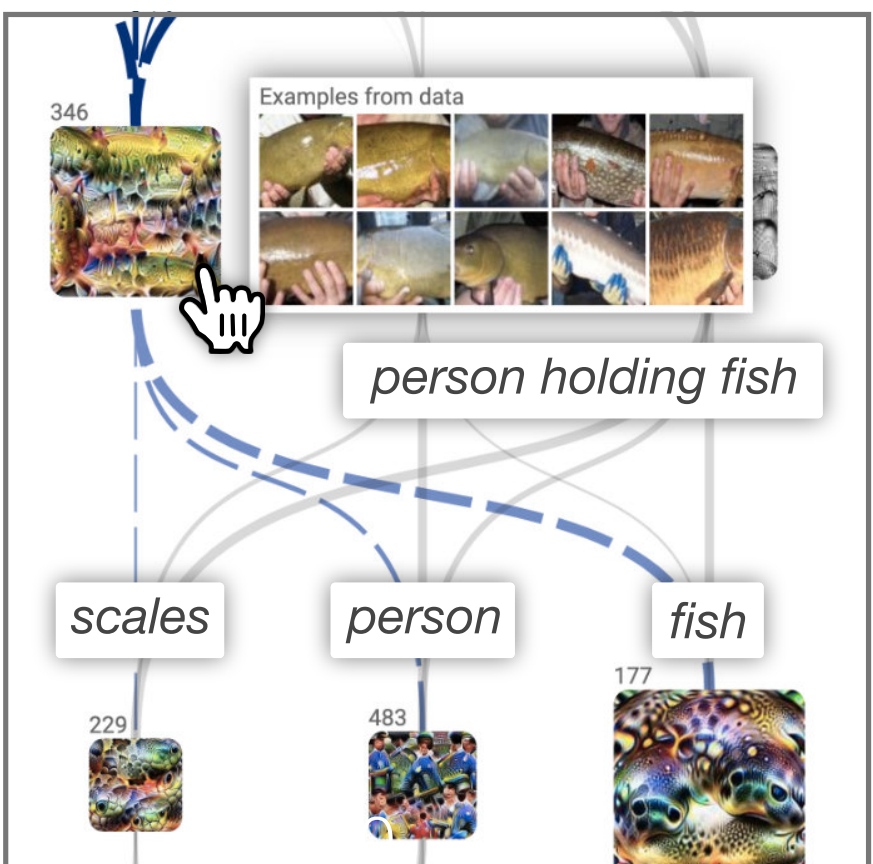
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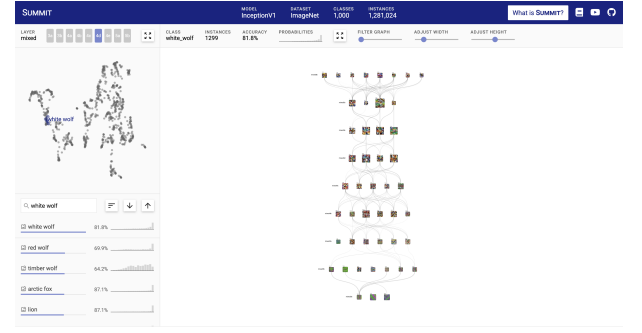


Examples from data





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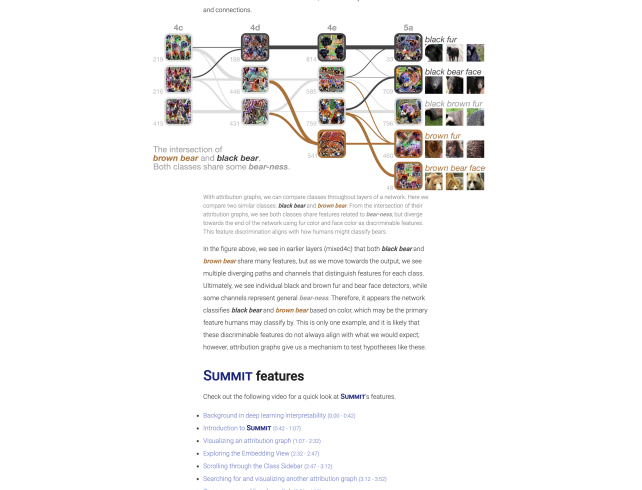
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Example 2: Discriminative features in similar classes

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