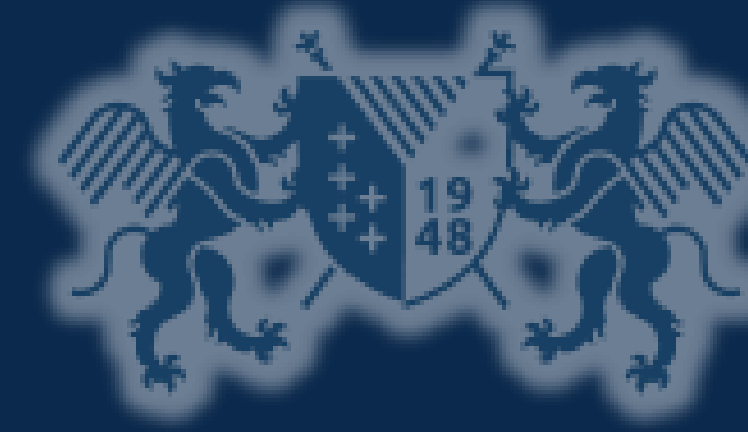




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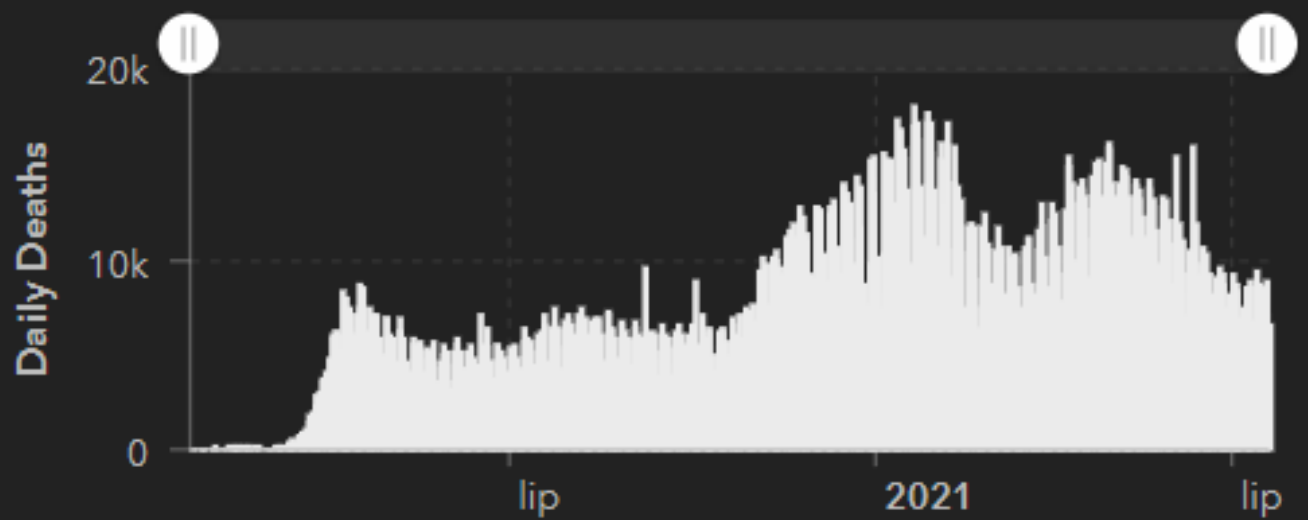
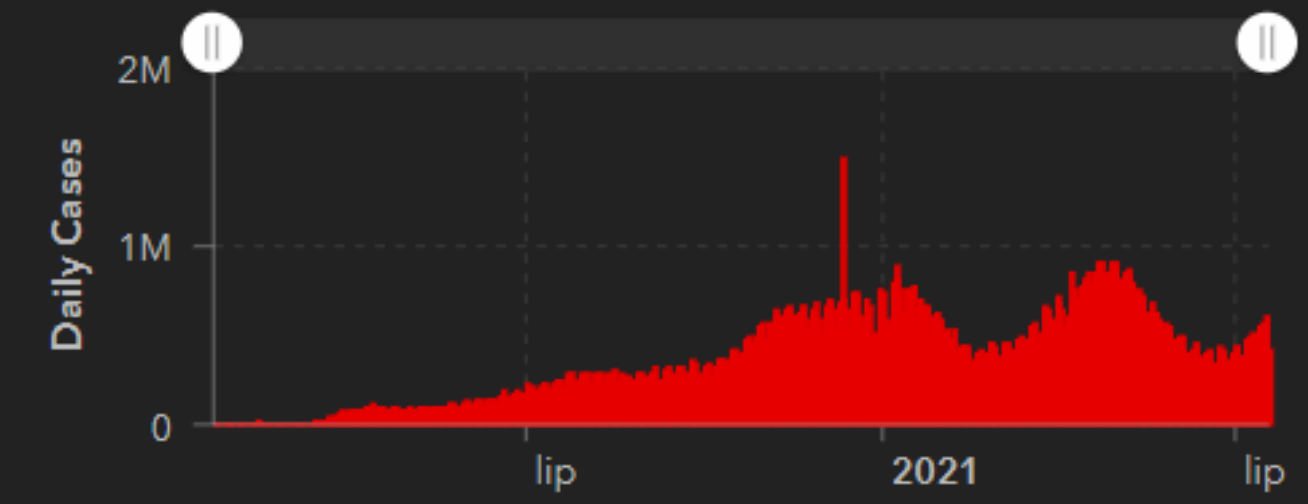
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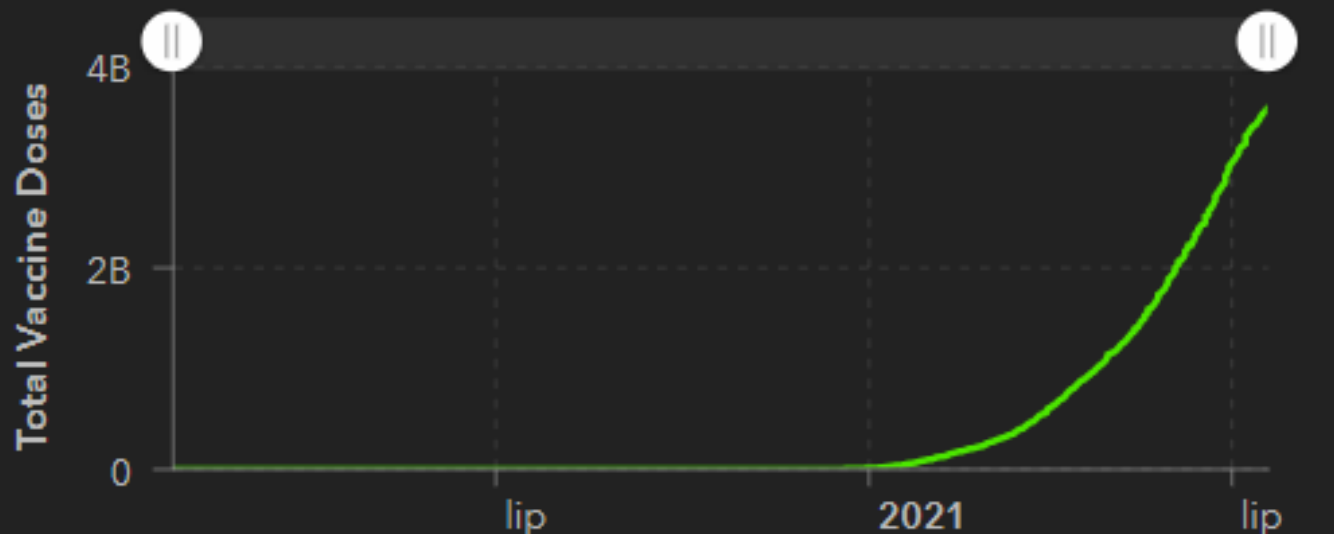
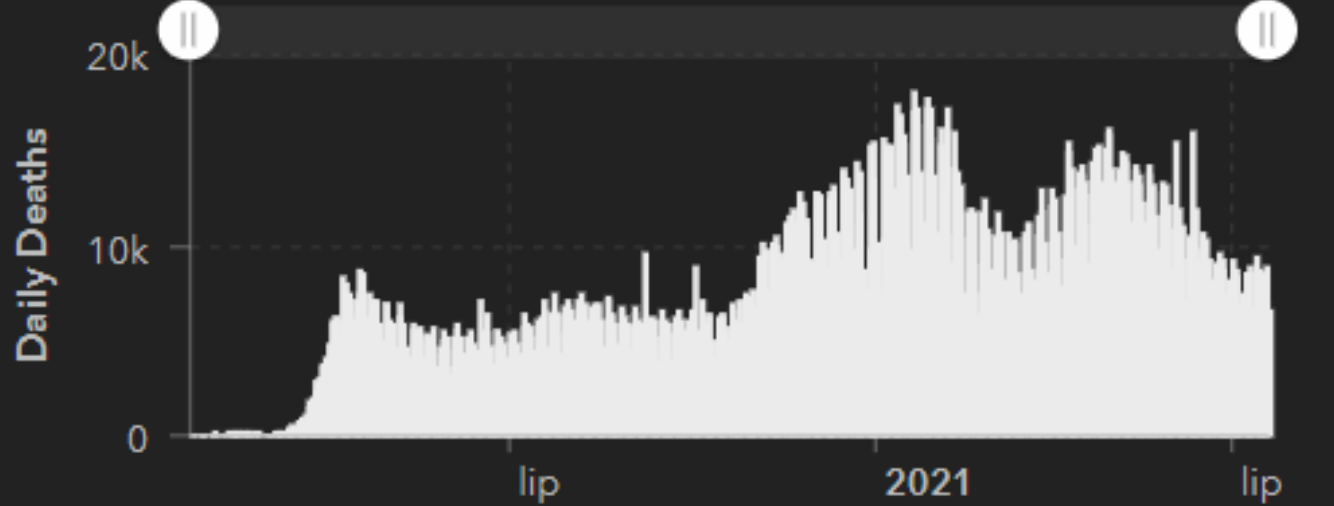
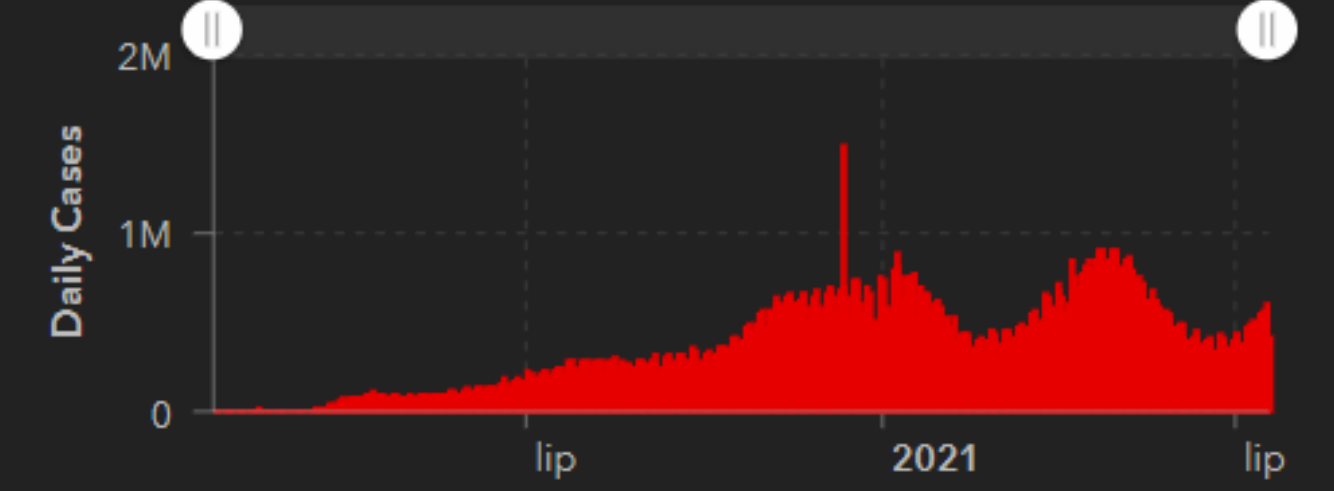
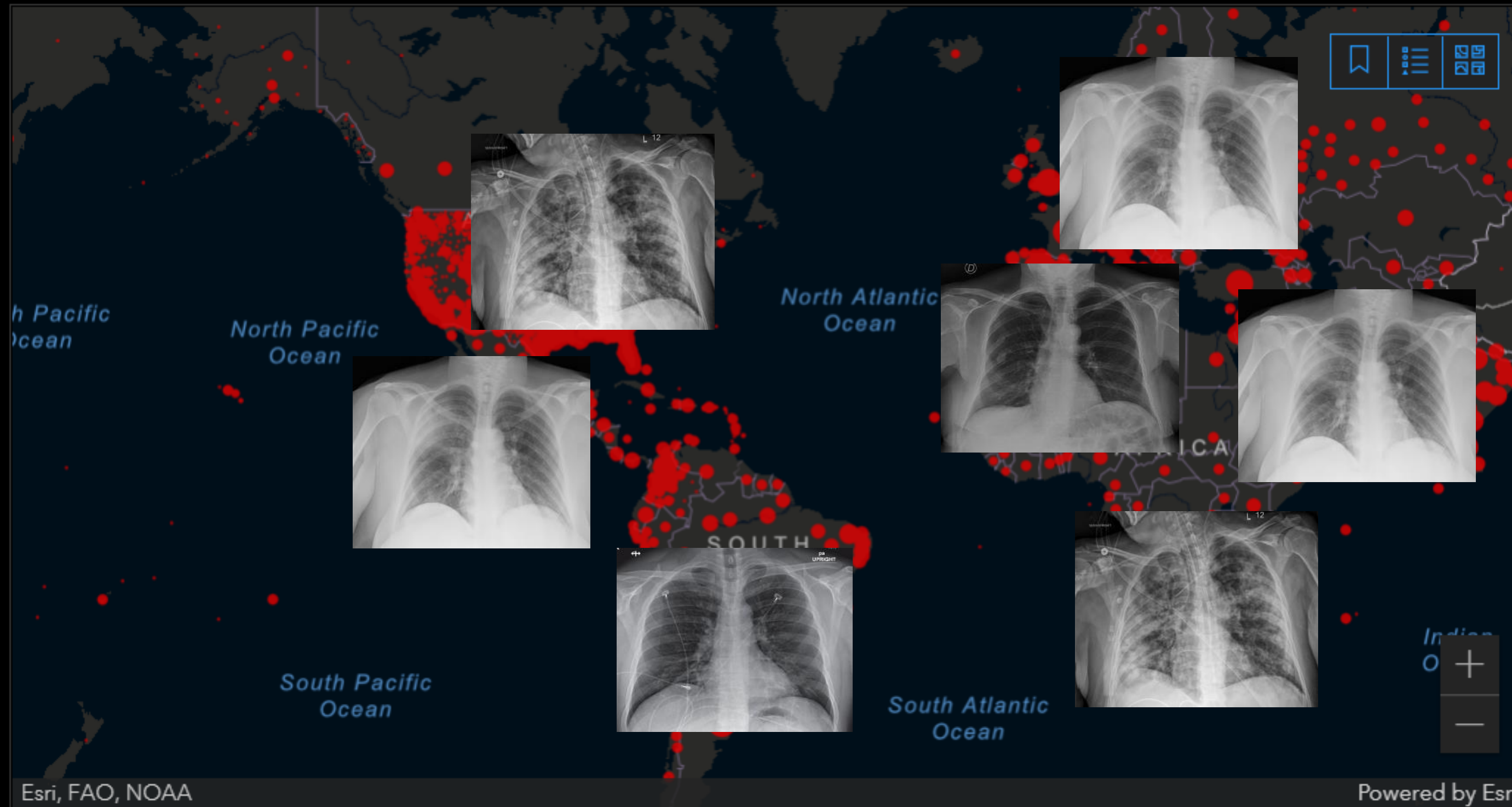
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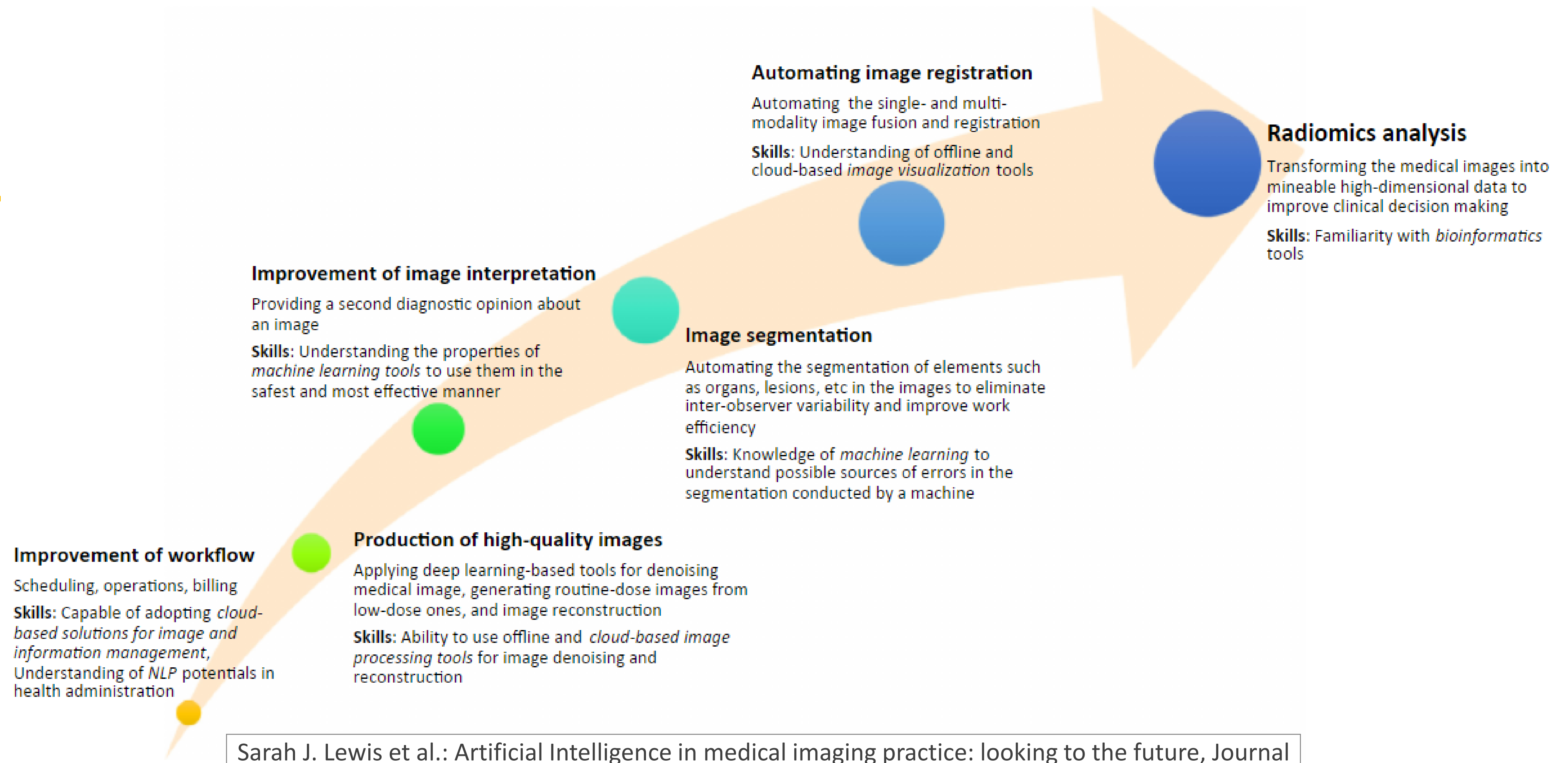
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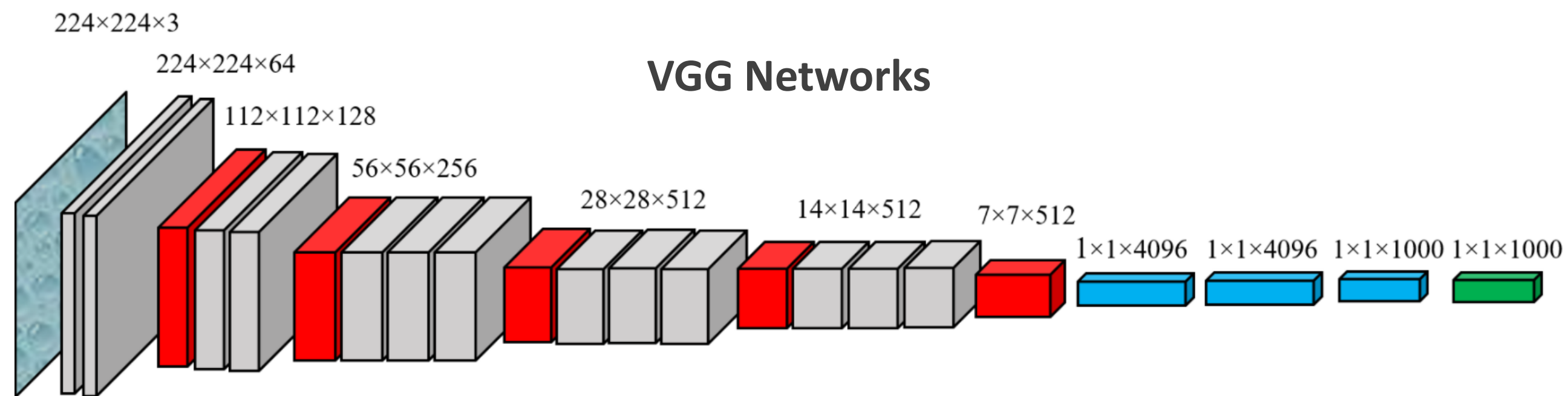
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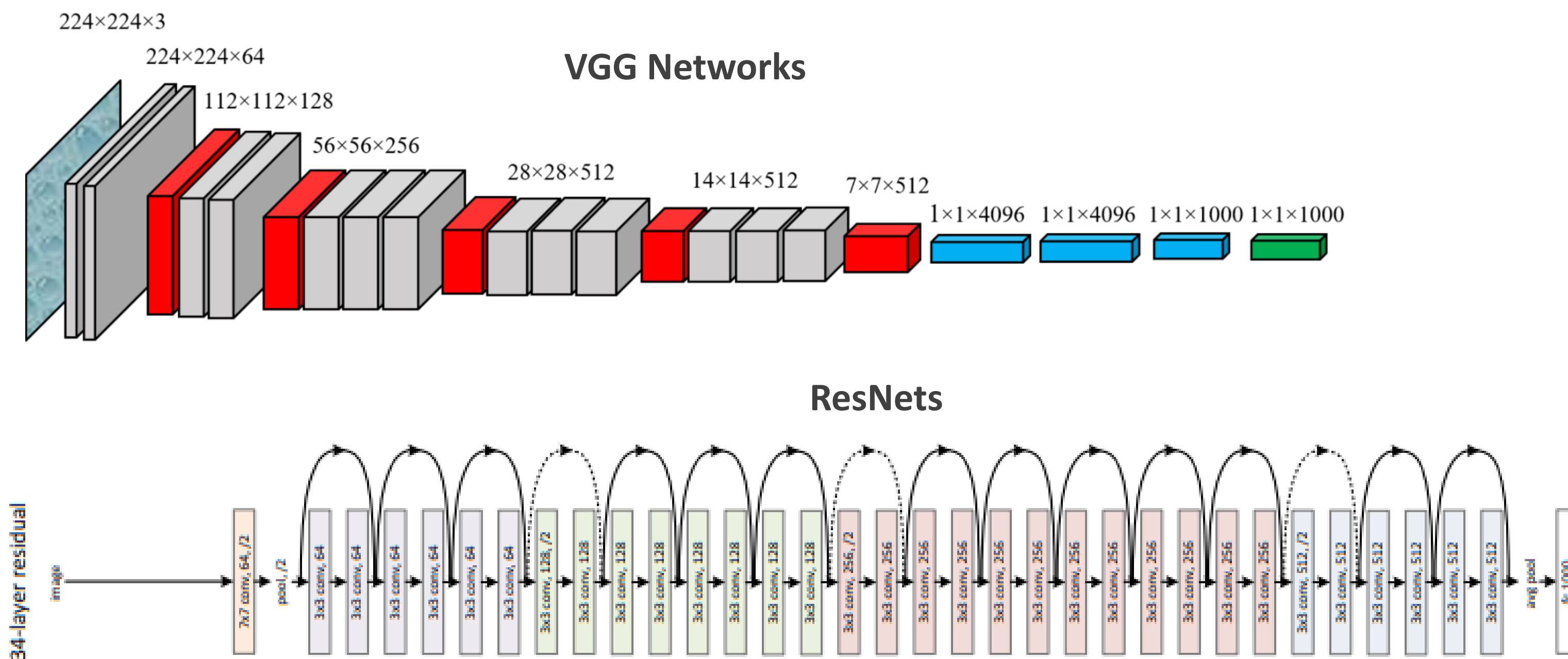
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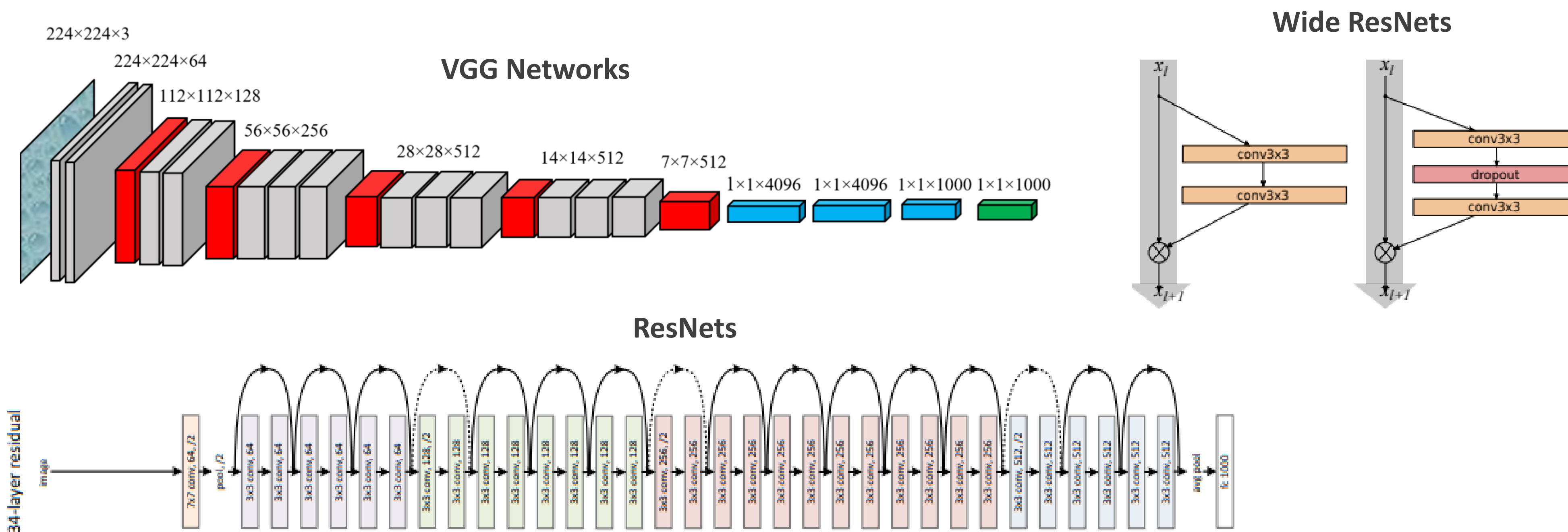


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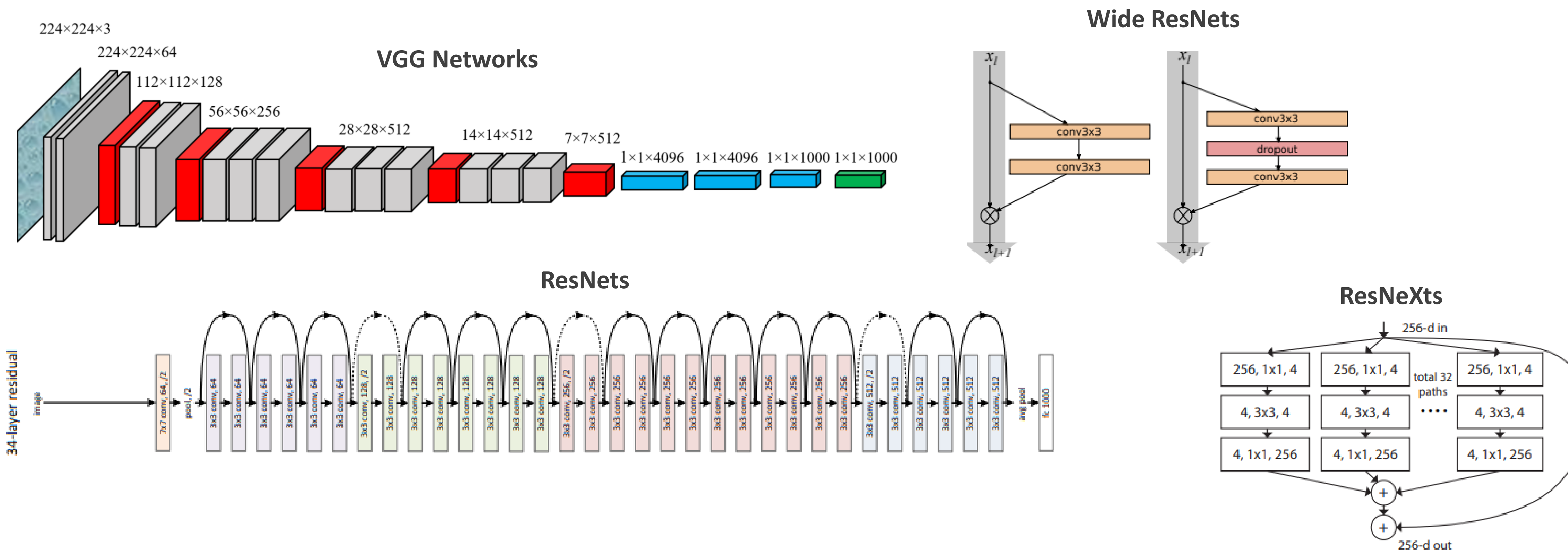


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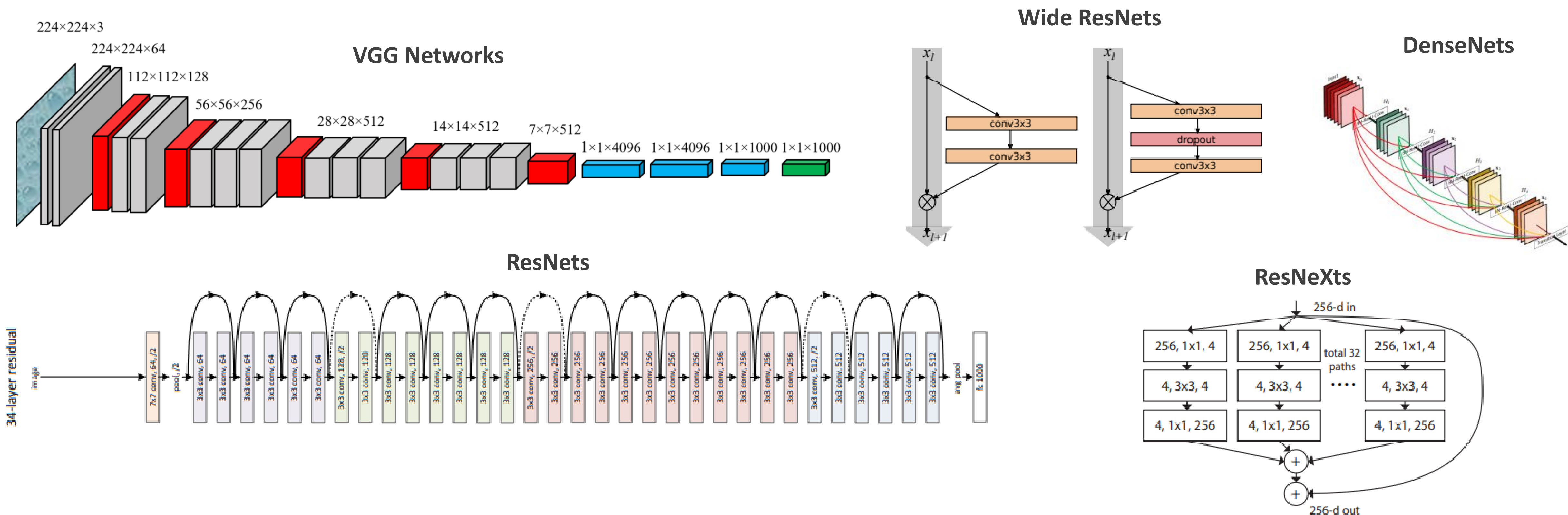




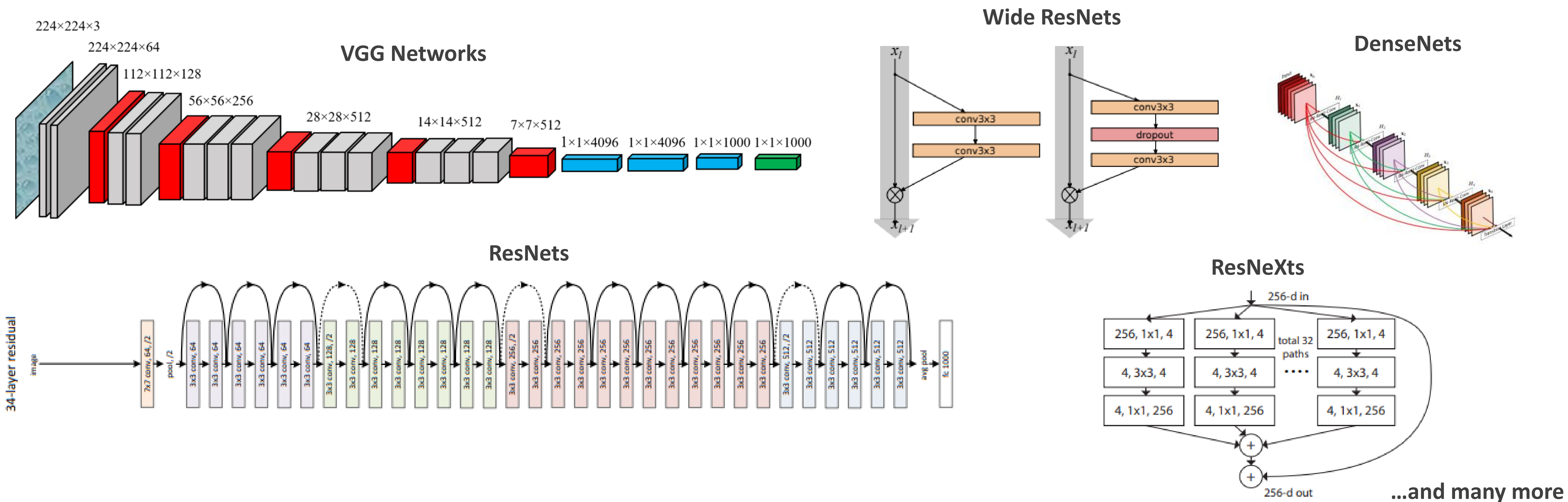
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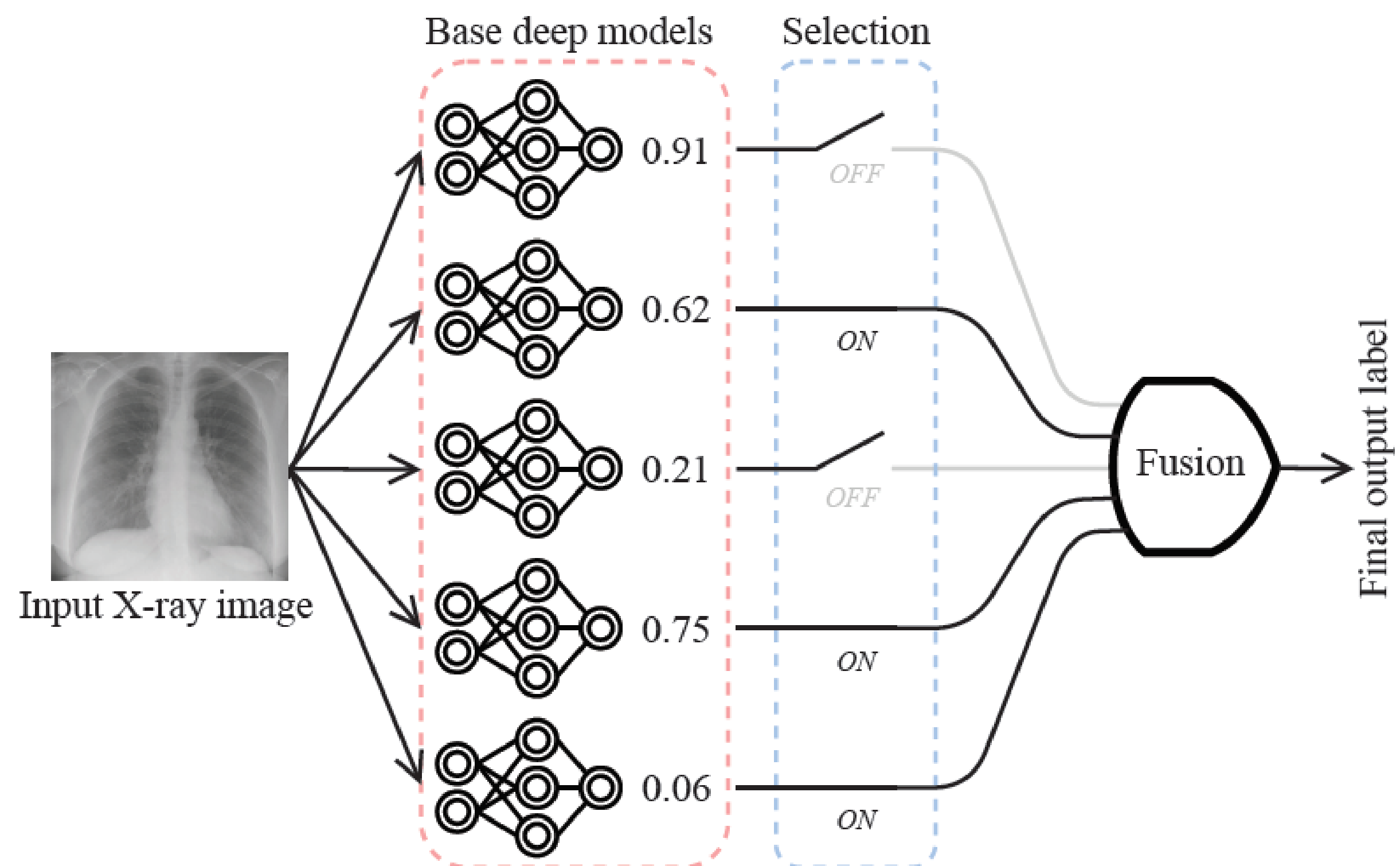


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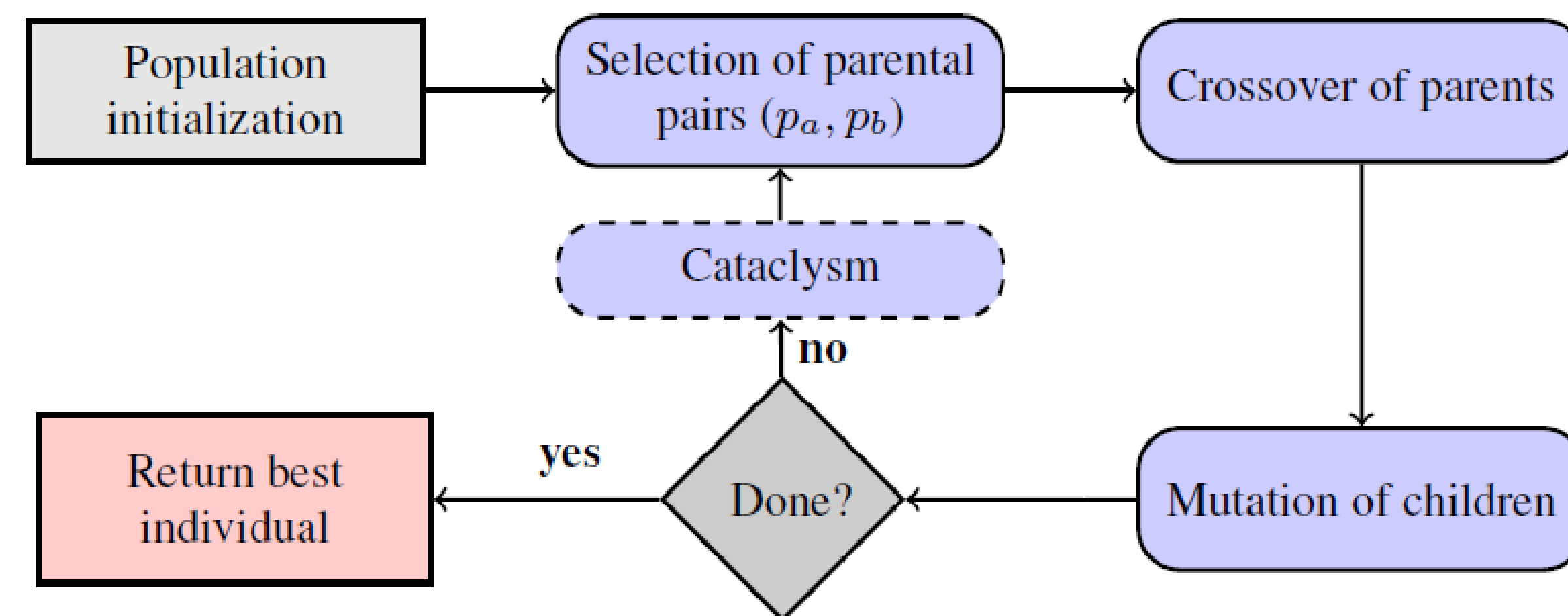
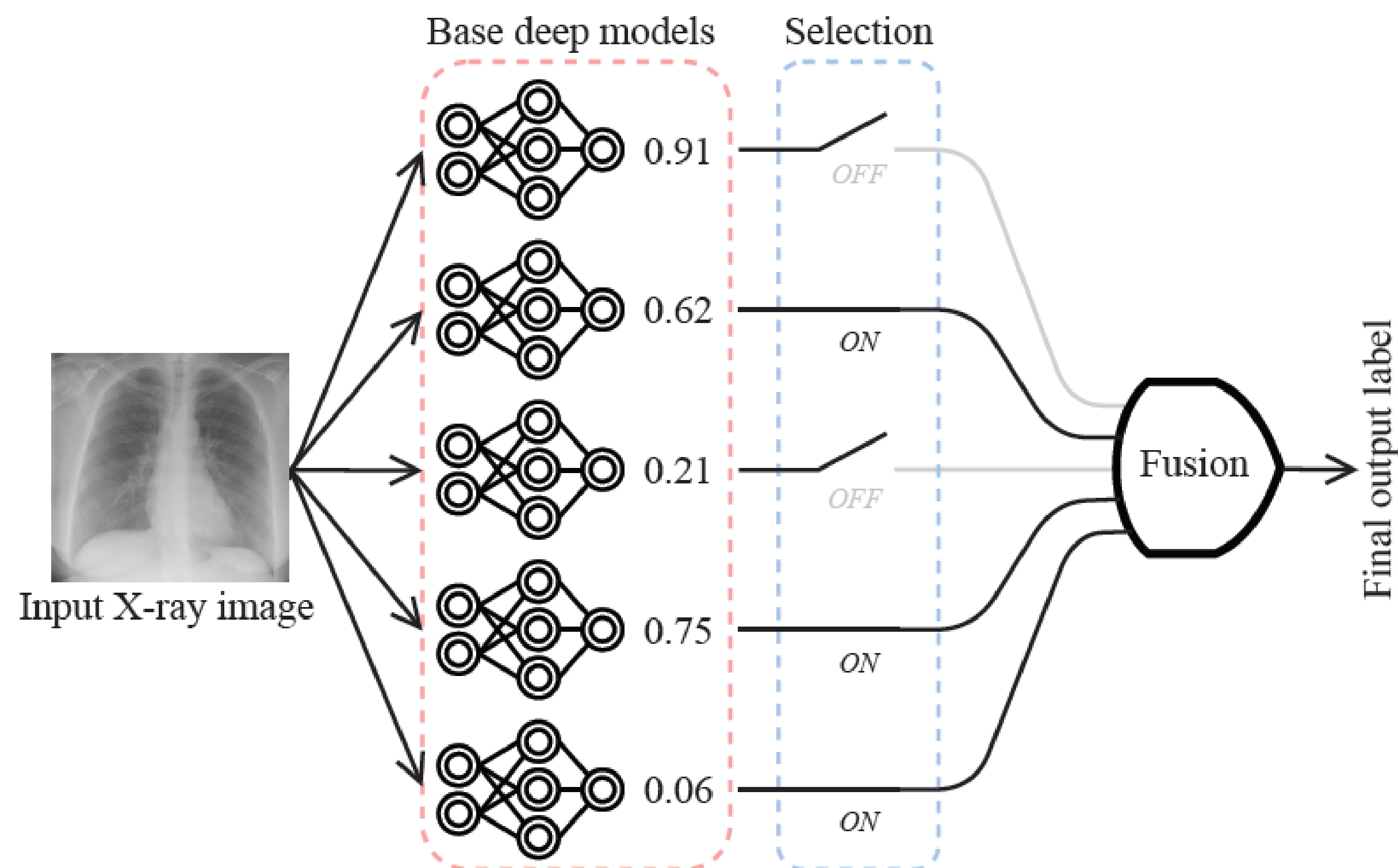


**OUR METHOD:  
DEEP ENSEMBLES FOR DETECTING COVID-19 FROM X-RAYS**

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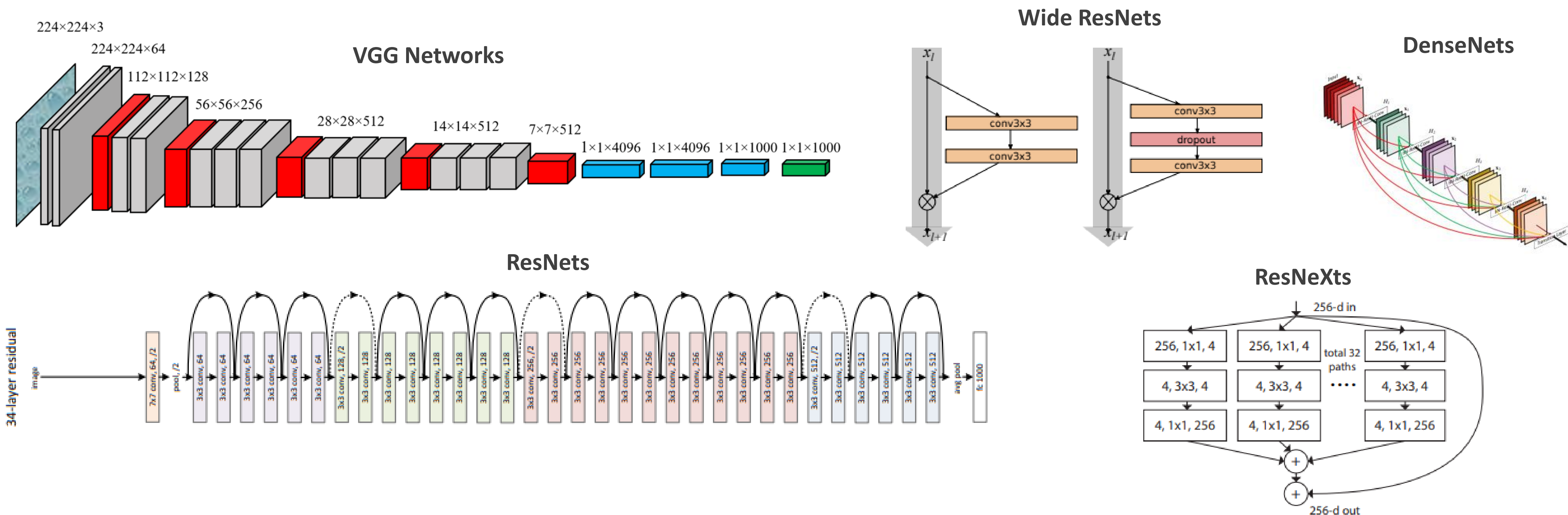


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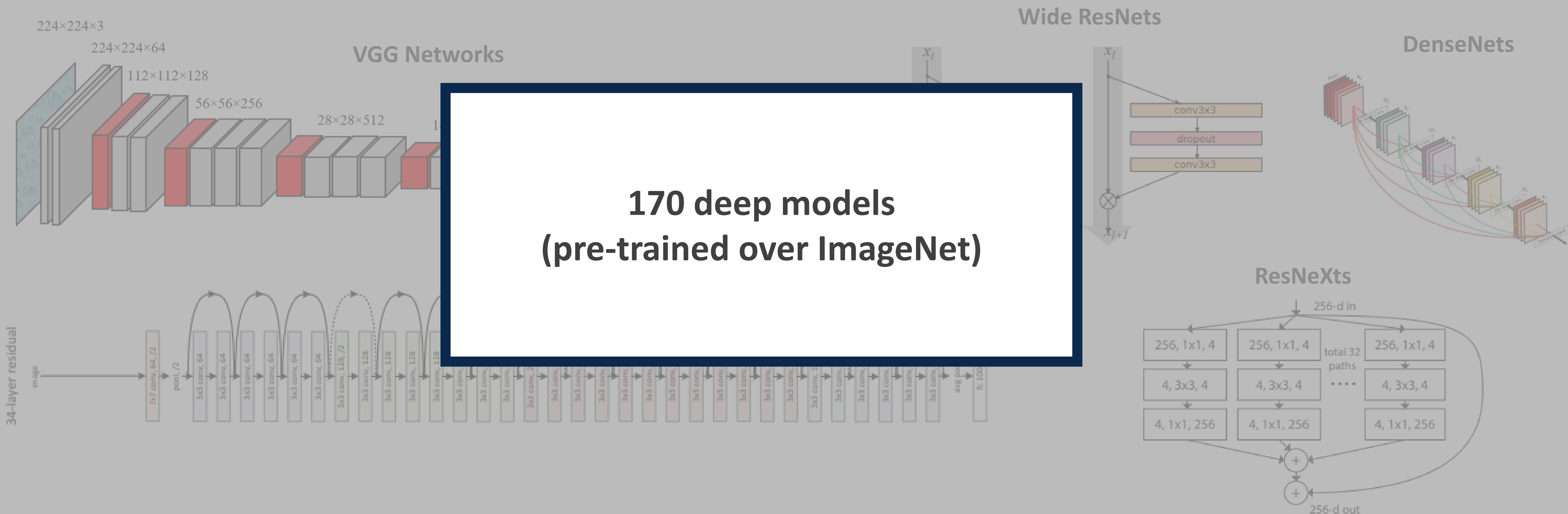
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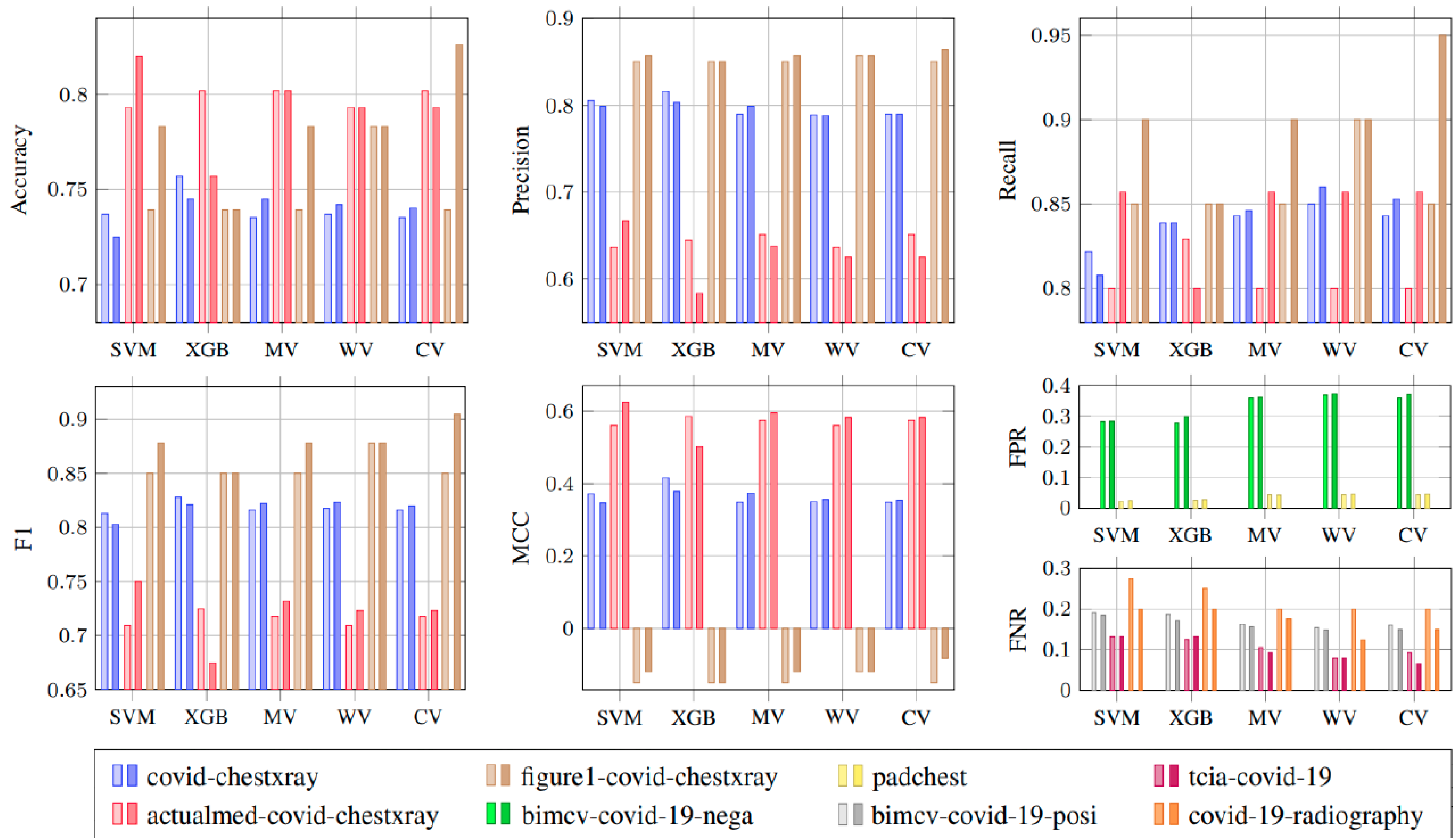
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# The results: quantitative analysis

Algorithm	Ensemble size	Train. Accuracy	Valid. Accuracy	Test				
				Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1	MCC
Wide ResNet-50	—	—	<b>0.8280</b>	0.8220	0.8130	<b>0.8370</b>	0.8240	0.6440
ResNeXt-101(32 × 8d)	—	—	0.8270	0.8190	0.8120	0.8290	0.8200	0.6370
DenseNet-161	—	—	0.8270	<b>0.8240</b>	<b>0.8190</b>	0.8310	<b>0.8250</b>	<b>0.6480</b>
ANN	170	0.8723	0.8380	0.8335	0.8371	0.8288	0.8327	0.6675
SVM	170	<b>0.8830</b>	0.8393	0.8322	<b>0.8472</b>	0.8107	0.8285	0.6651
Evolved SVM	59	0.8760	<b>0.8623</b>	<b>0.8345</b>	0.8470	<b>0.8165</b>	<b>0.8315</b>	<b>0.6694</b>
XGBoost	170	<u>0.9350</u>	0.8417	<u>0.8355</u>	<b>0.8492</b>	0.8158	0.8322	<u>0.6715</u>
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MV	170	0.8210	0.8260	0.8256	0.8177	0.8381	0.8278	0.6515
Evolved MV	31	<b>0.8240</b>	<b>0.8547</b>	<b>0.8294</b>	<b>0.8188</b>	<b>0.8459</b>	<b>0.8321</b>	<b>0.6591</b>
WV	170	0.8210	0.8323	0.8282	<b>0.8159</b>	0.8477	0.8315	0.6569
Evolved WV	33	<b>0.8270</b>	<b>0.8523</b>	<b>0.8299</b>	0.8148	<b>0.8538</b>	<b>0.8338</b>	<b>0.6605</b>
CV	170	0.8180	0.8277	0.8270	<b>0.8181</b>	0.8411	0.8295	0.6543
Evolved CV	26	<b>0.8280</b>	<b>0.8527</b>	<b>0.8298</b>	0.8154	<b>0.8527</b>	<b>0.8336</b>	<b>0.6602</b>





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- (b) An ill-defined area of increased density in the upper and mid zone of the right lung with air bronchogram and without volume reduction. (...) **COVID-19 not excluded, further diagnostics is necessary**
- (c) The left and right lungs are properly dilated with no visible consolidations. The boundaries of the heart are clear. There are no obvious signs of inflammation in the pulmonary parenchyma
- (d) Small round consolidation in the lower zone of the right lung—small nodule or summation of the shadows. Past fracture of the III, IV, V, VI, and VII ribs on the right side. No visible signs of pneumonia



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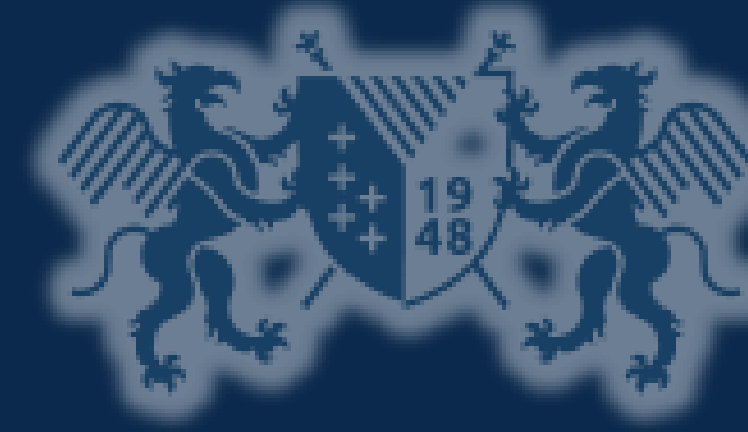
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