

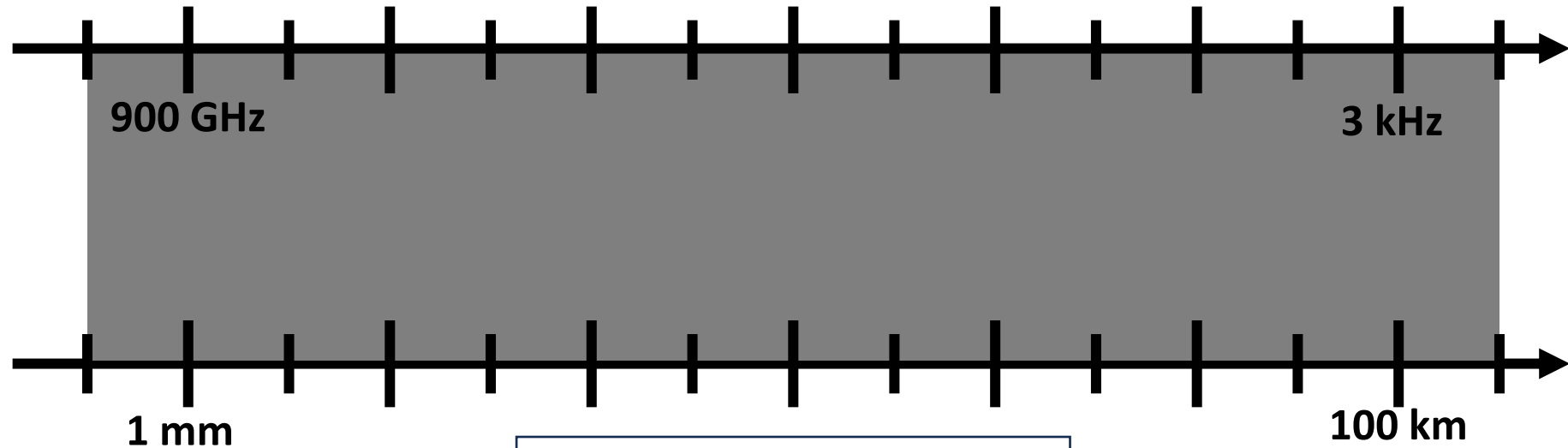
Deep Learning for real-time classification of astronomical radio signals

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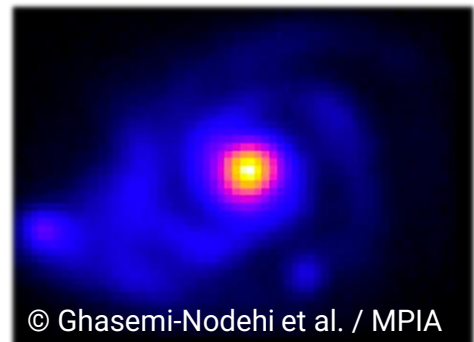
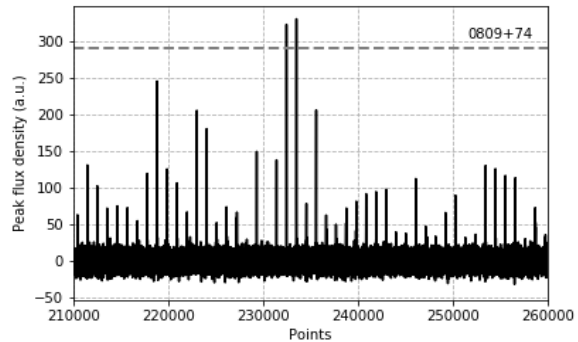
Radio astronomy



Radio emission

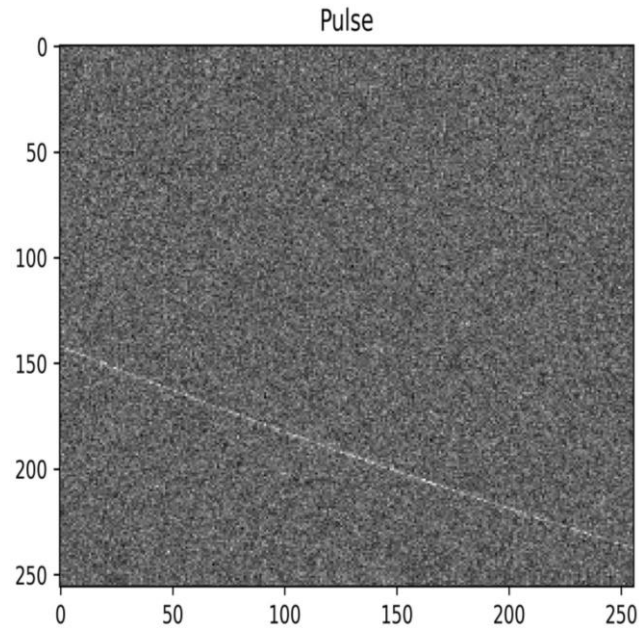
Pulses

Continuous



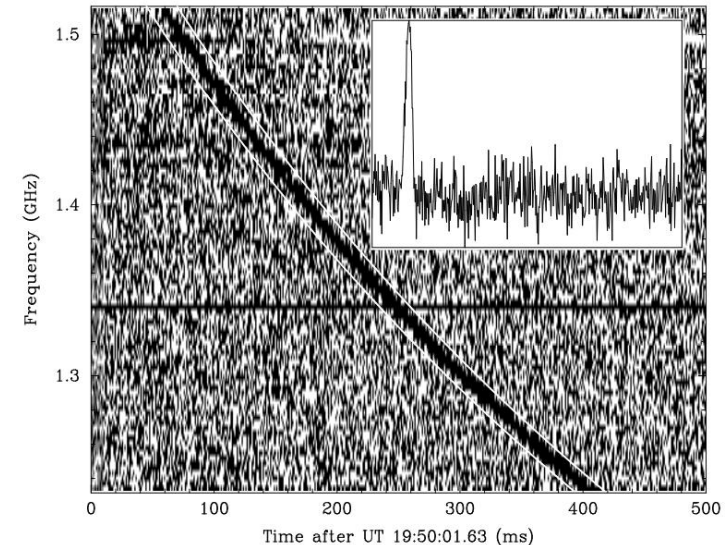
Pulsed radio emission

Pulsar signals show dispersion because they travel through the interstellar medium, which is filled with charged particles that affect the speed of the radio waves, causing signals of lower frequency to arrive later than those of higher frequency.



Pulsars

Fast rotating neutron stars whose pulsed emission is interesting both in itself and in its application to the study of the interstellar medium and the search for gravitational waves.

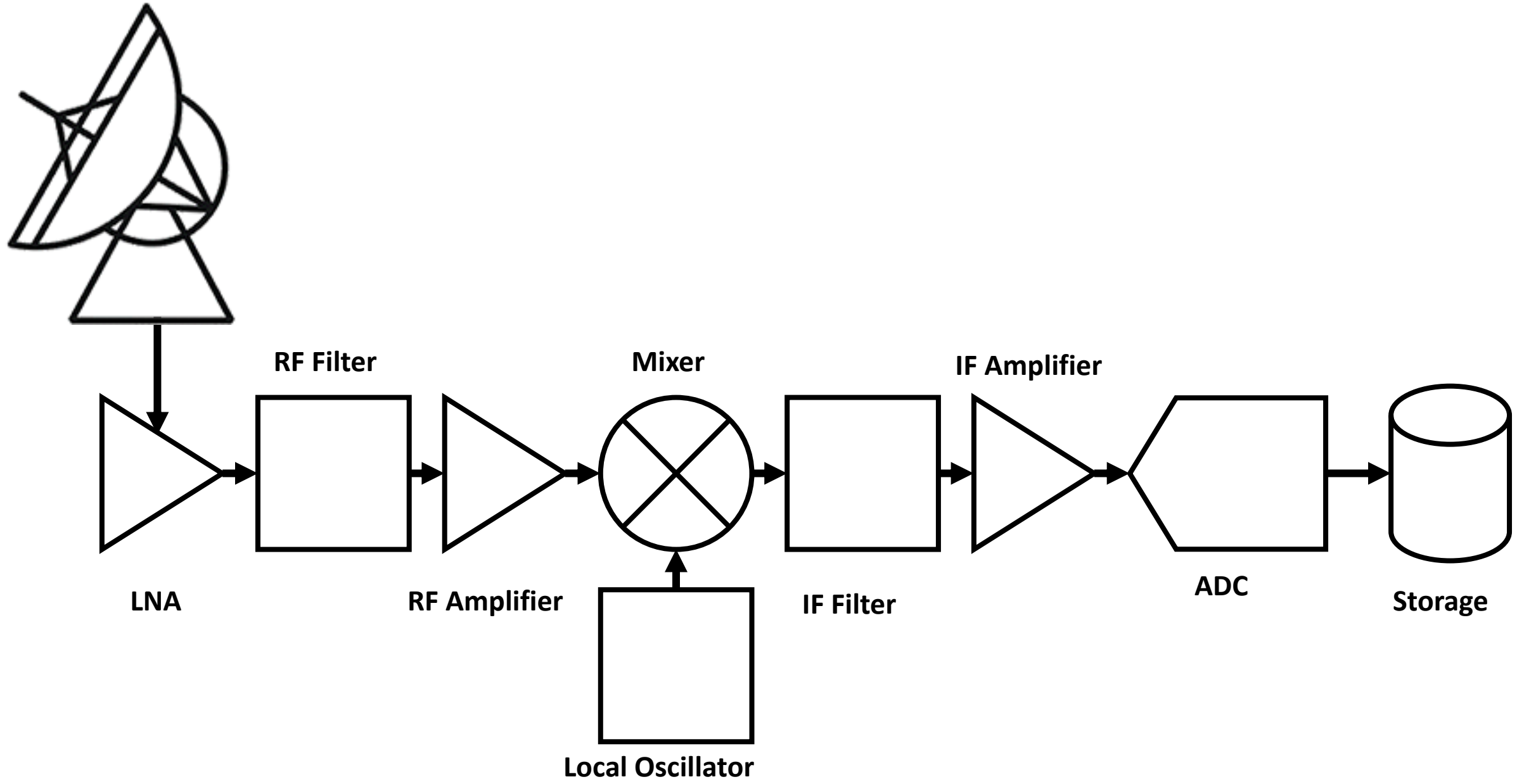


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Fast Radio Burst

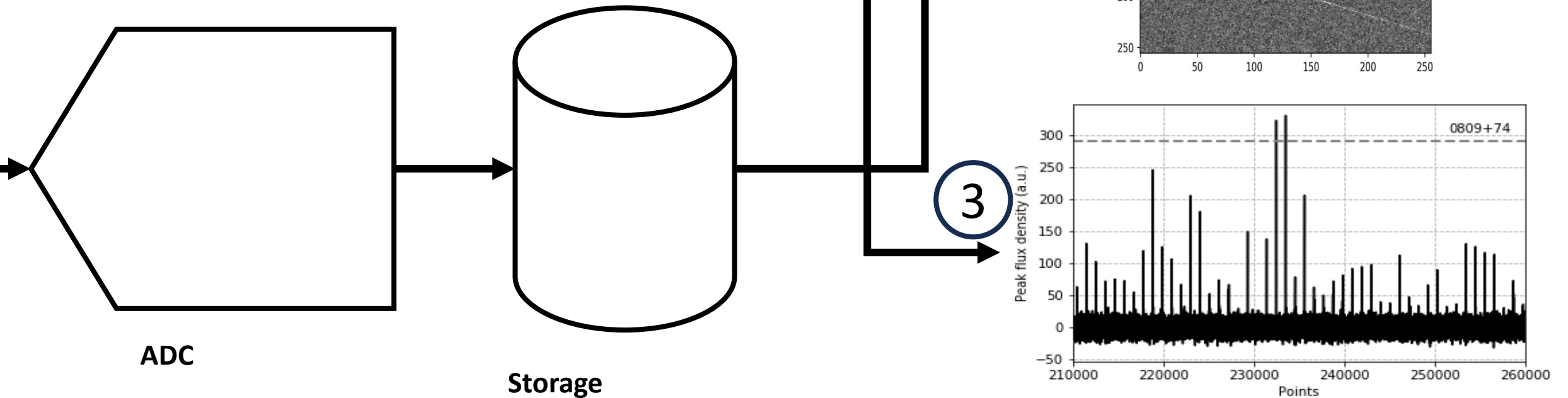
Pulsed radiation, the nature of which is still not fully understood.

Radio astronomy - signal



Data types in radioastronomy

1. Baseband data
2. Filterbank data
3. Time series



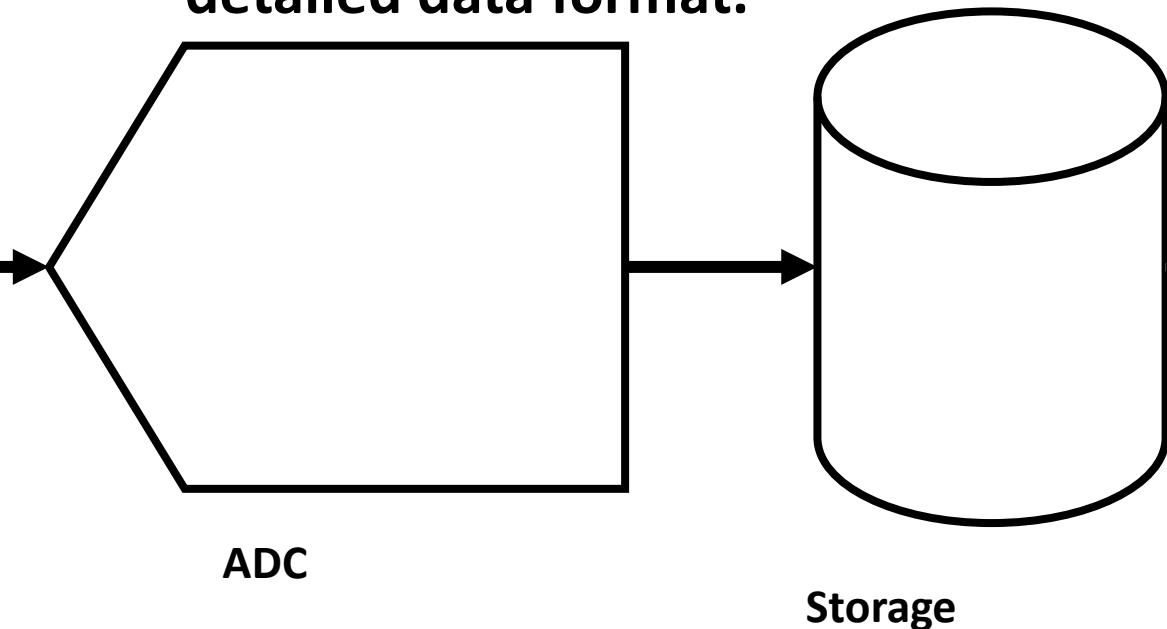
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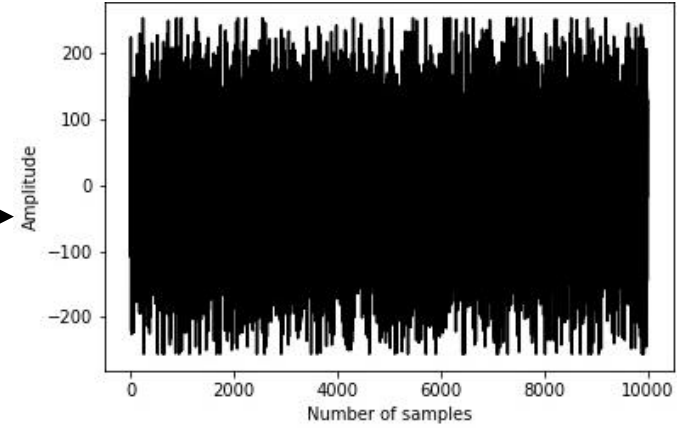
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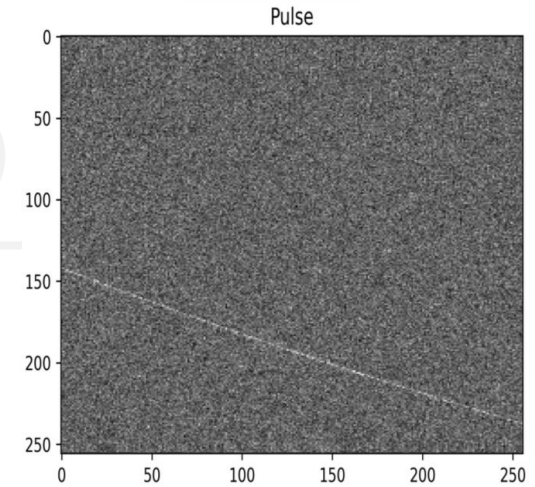
The stream of voltage data from a radio telescope. The most detailed data format.



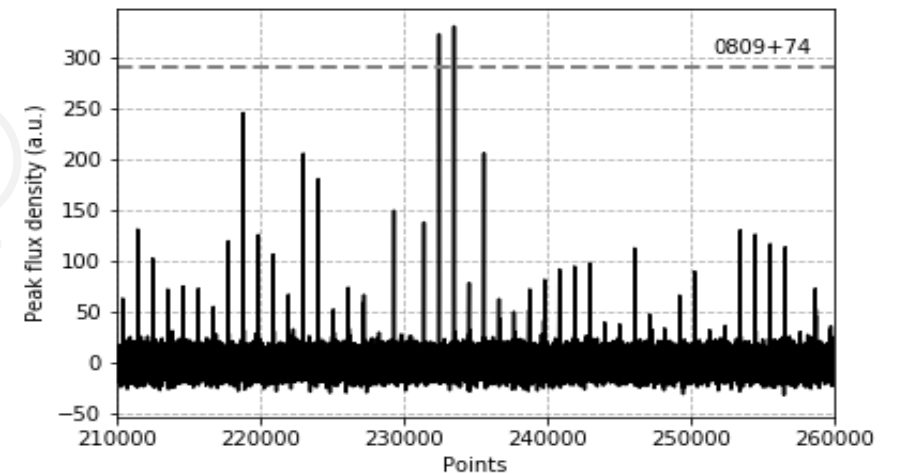
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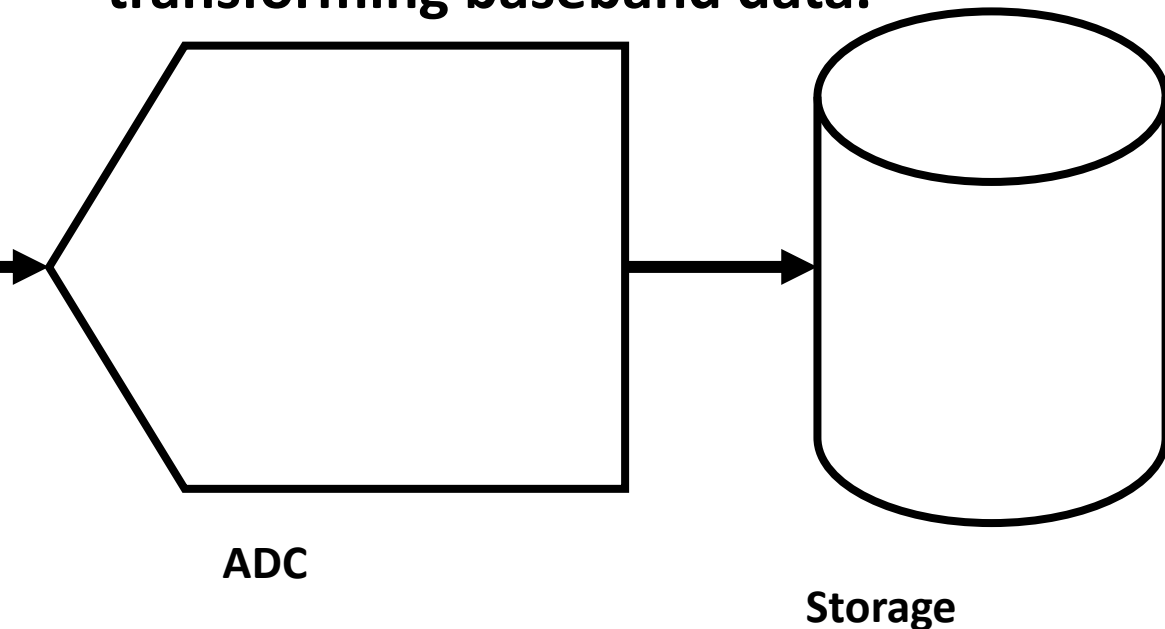
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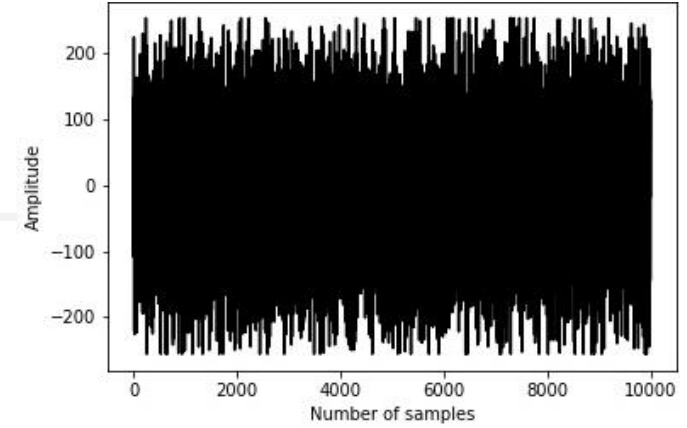
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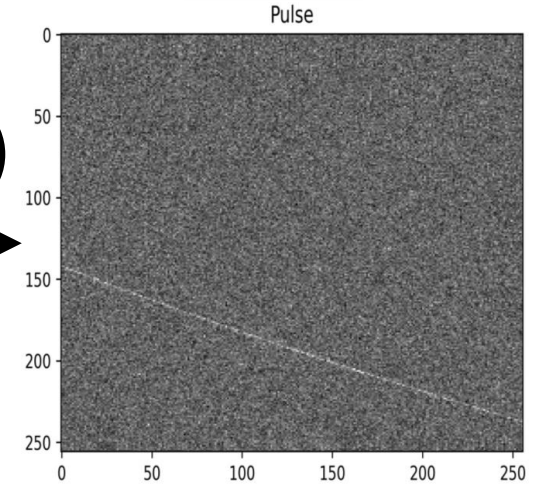
A spectrogram obtained by Fourier transforming baseband data.



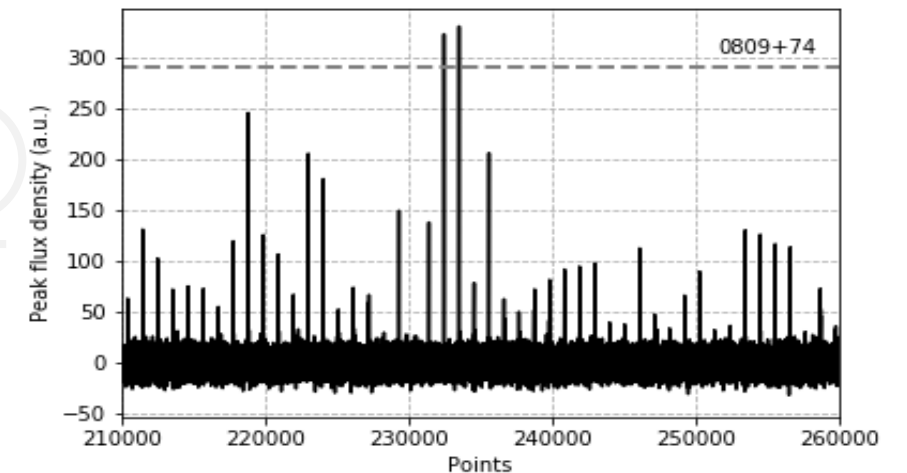
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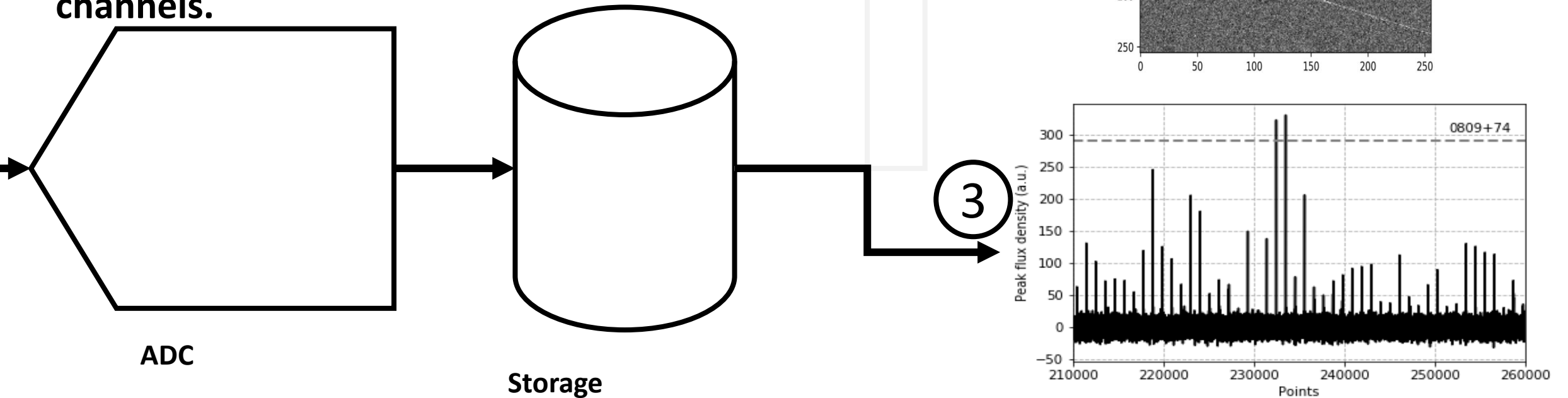


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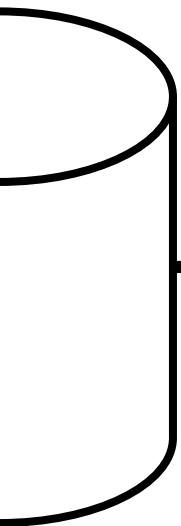
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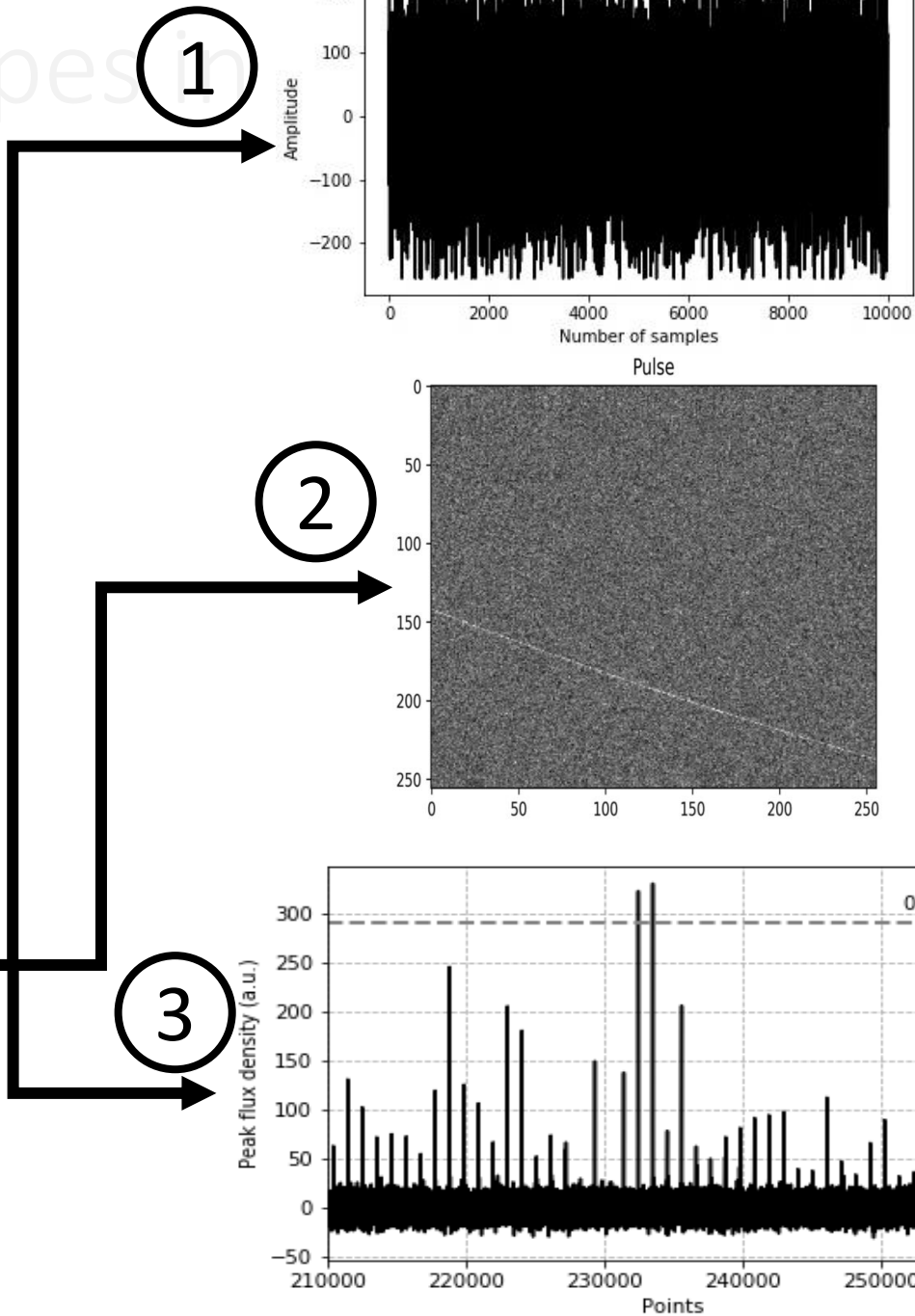
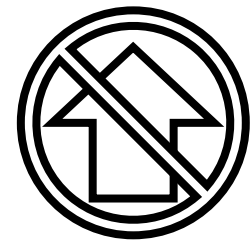
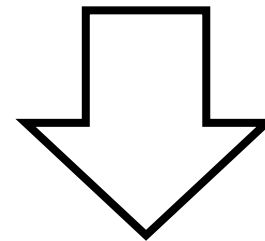
The sequence of pulsar pulses that has been dedispersed and summed across frequency channels.



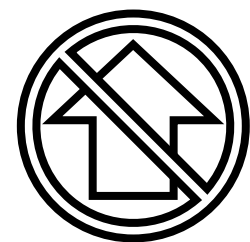
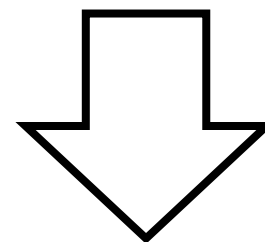
Data types



Storage

 $X(t)$ 

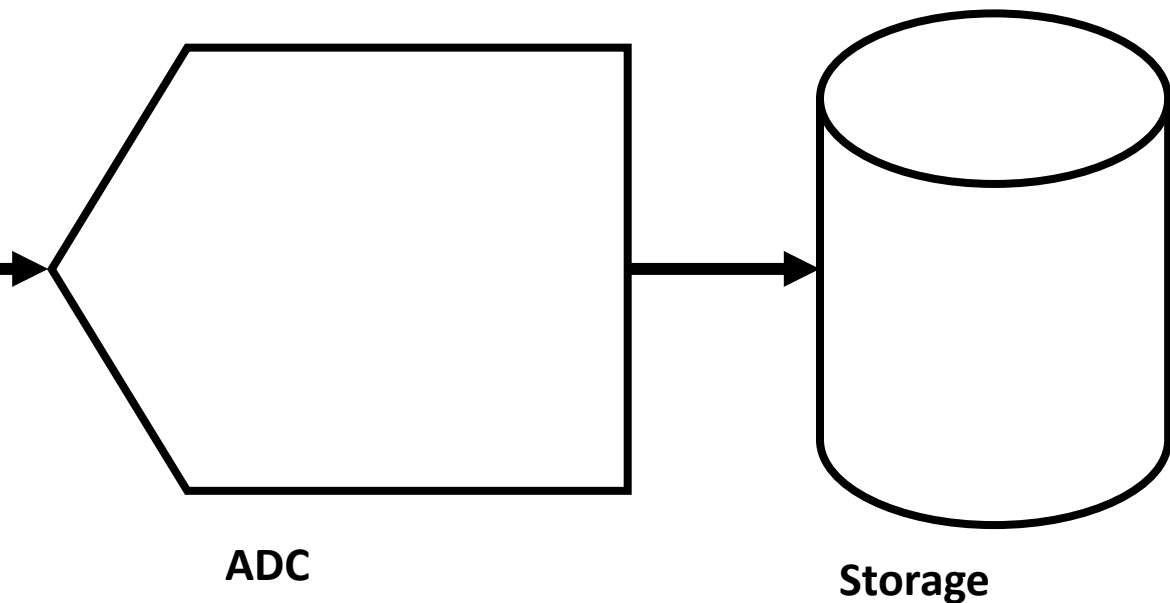
$$S(f, t) = \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(t) e^{-2\pi i f t} dt \right|$$



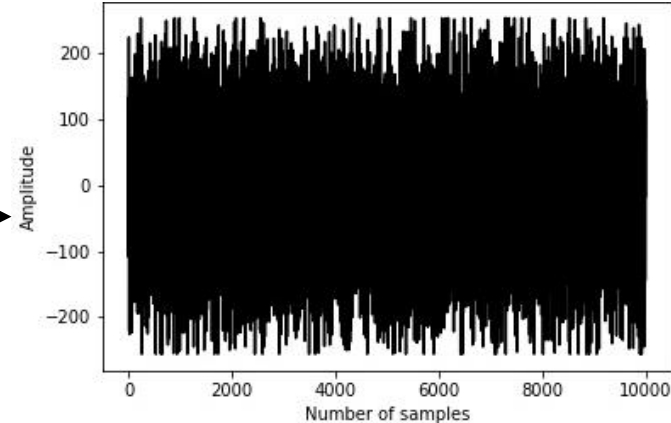
$$T(t) = \sum_f S(f, t)$$

The aim...

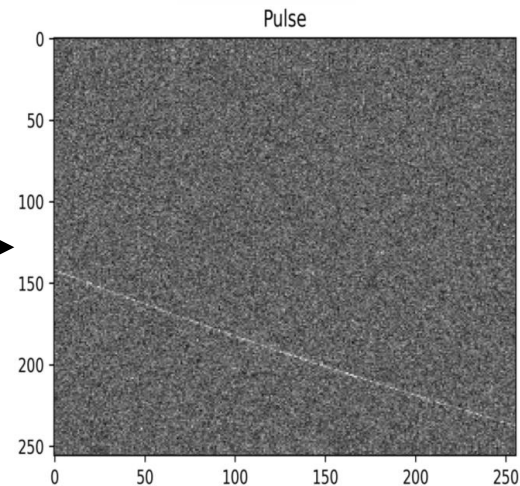
Real-time classification of radio telescope signals and storage of dispersed signals in baseband format.



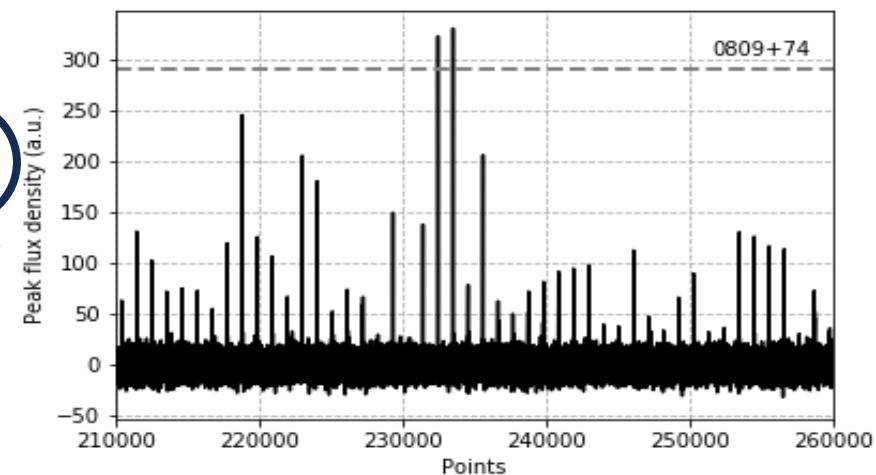
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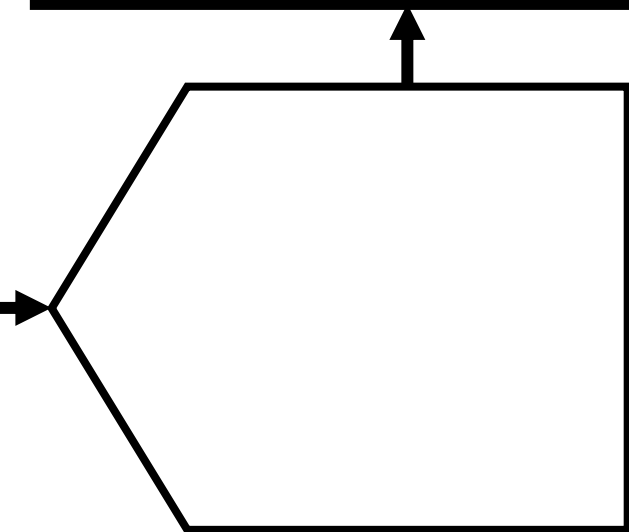
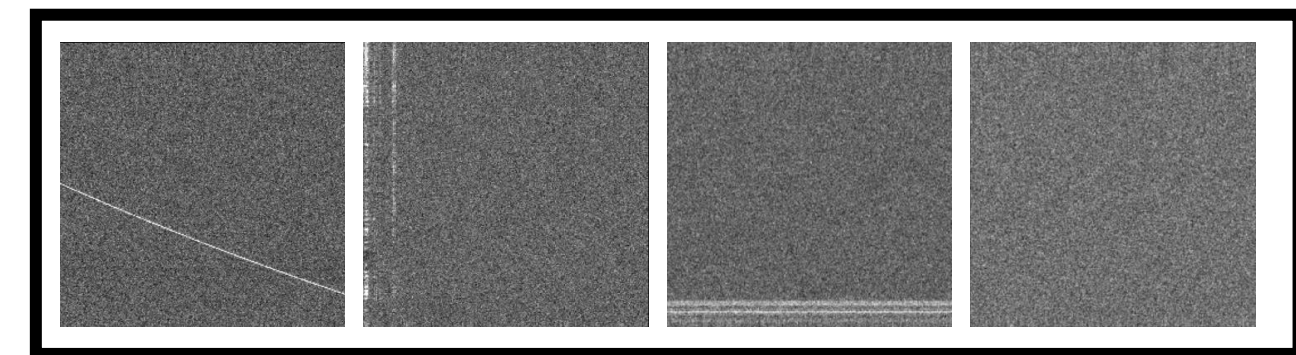


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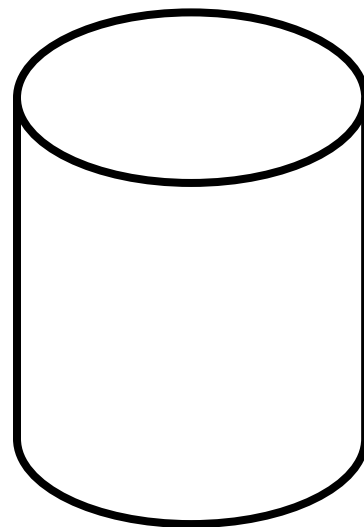


The idea

The model receives data from the telescope in real time

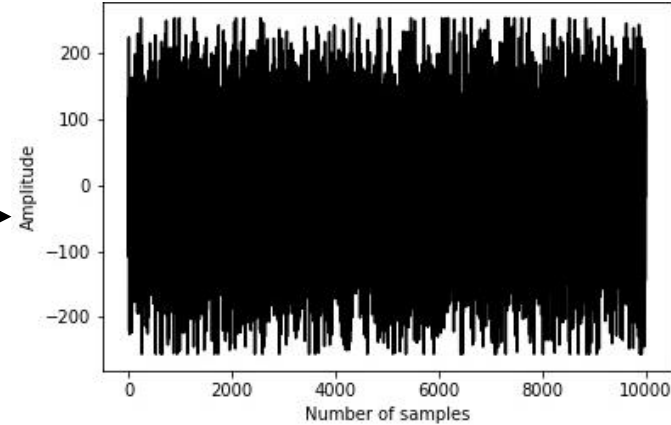


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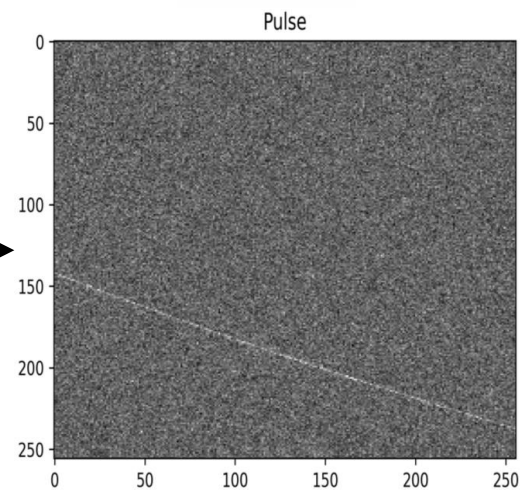


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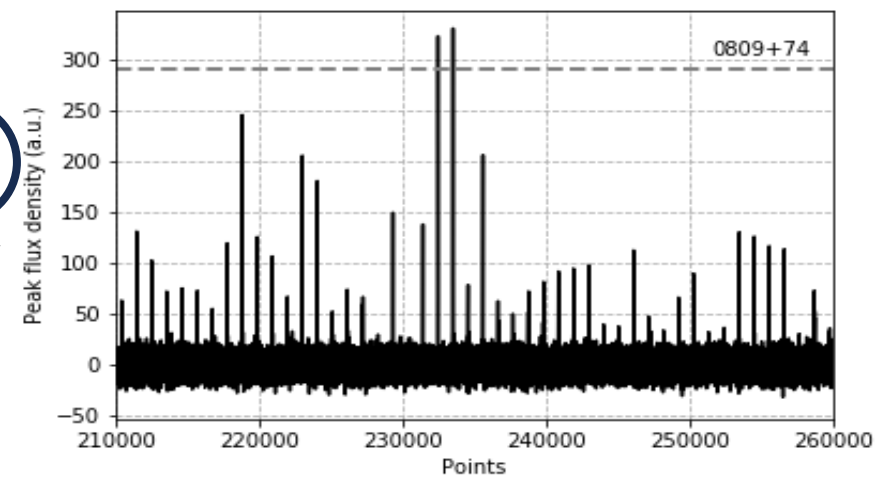
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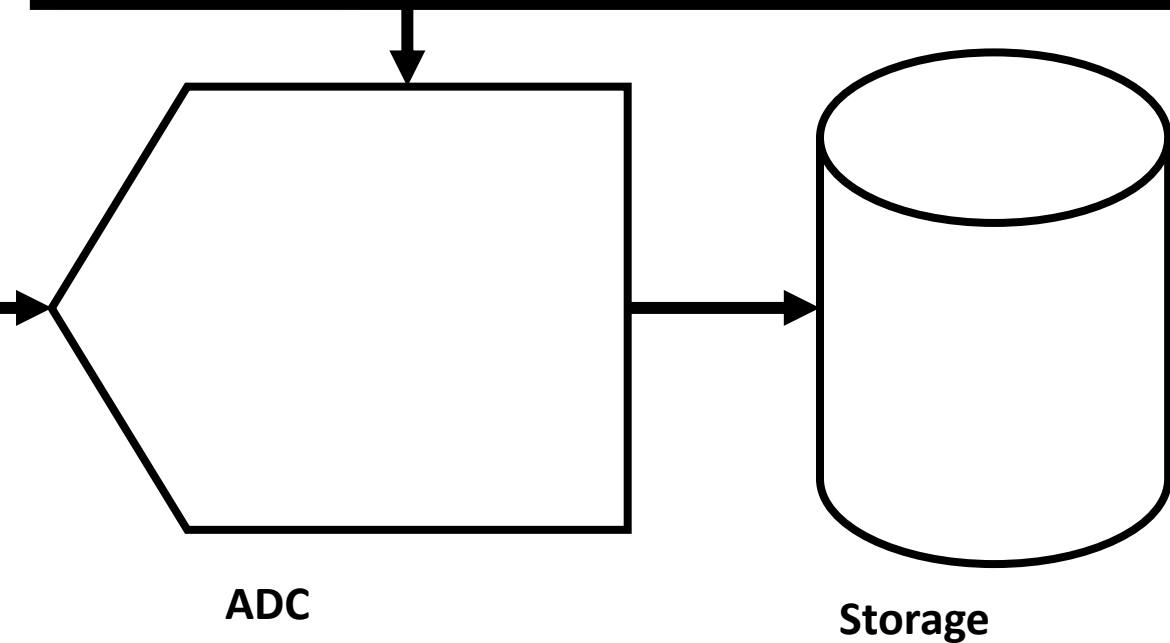
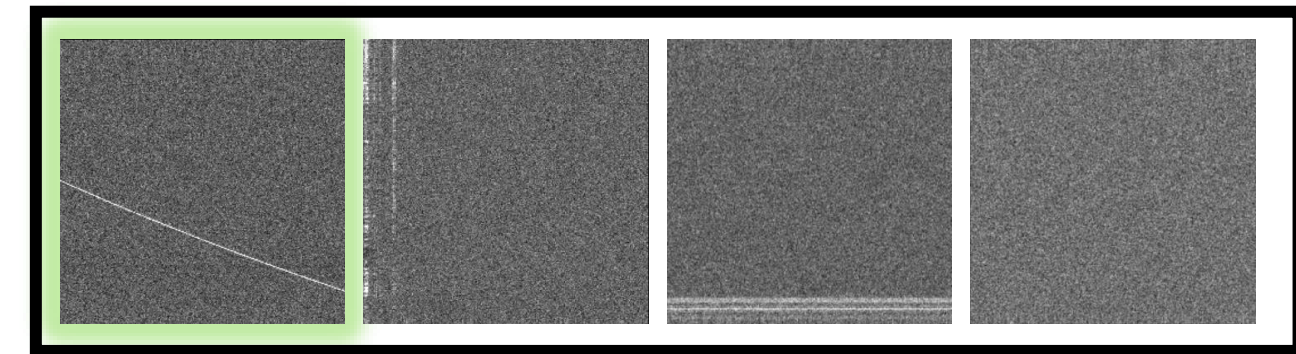


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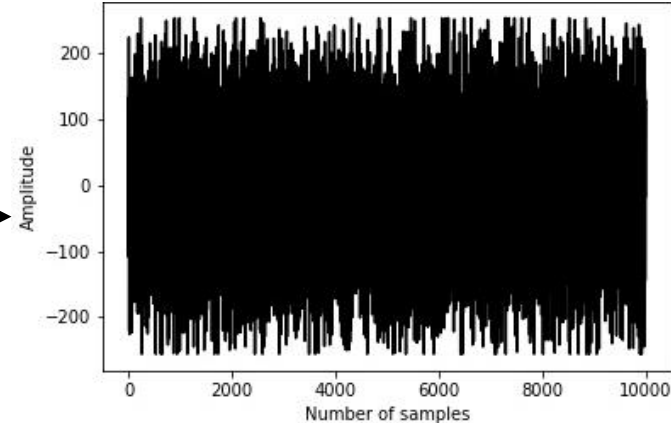


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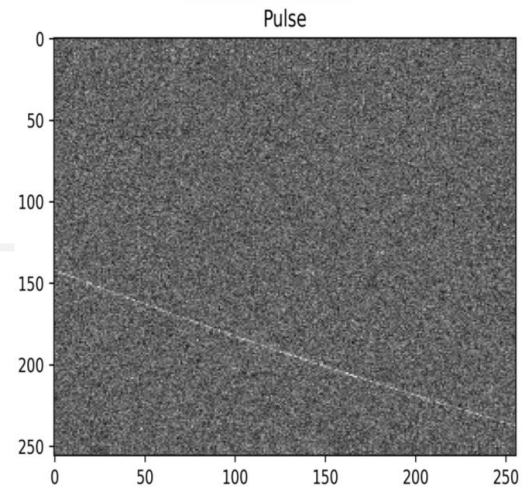
If there is a signal with dispersion in the analyzed data section, it is saved in baseband format.



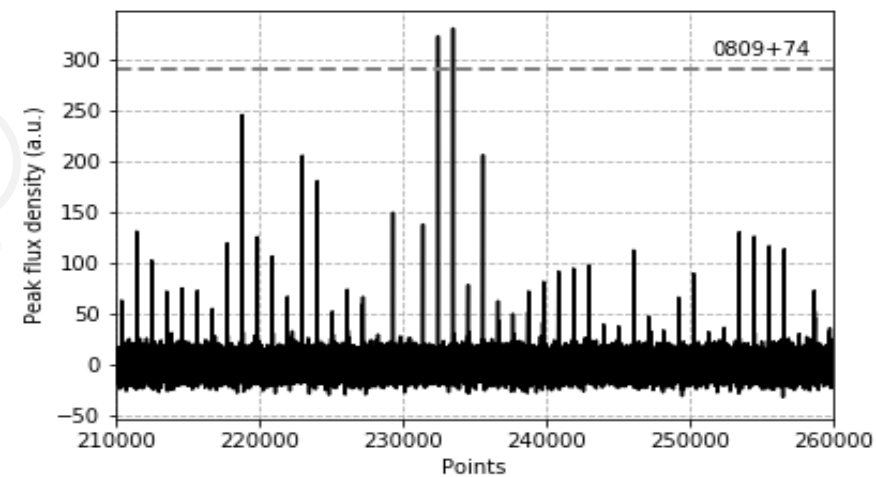
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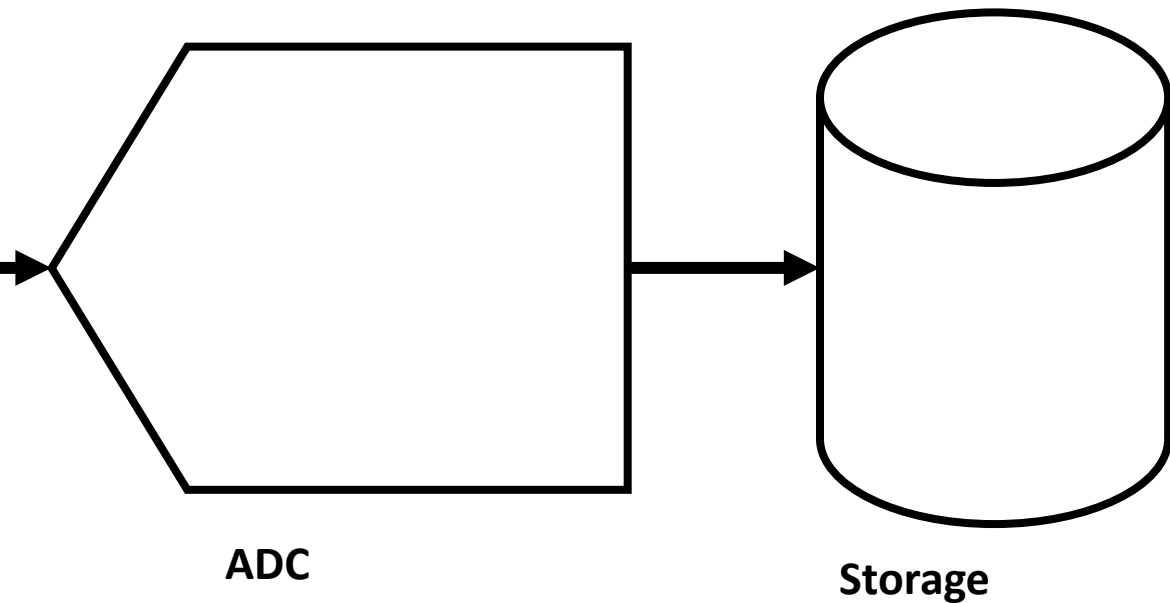
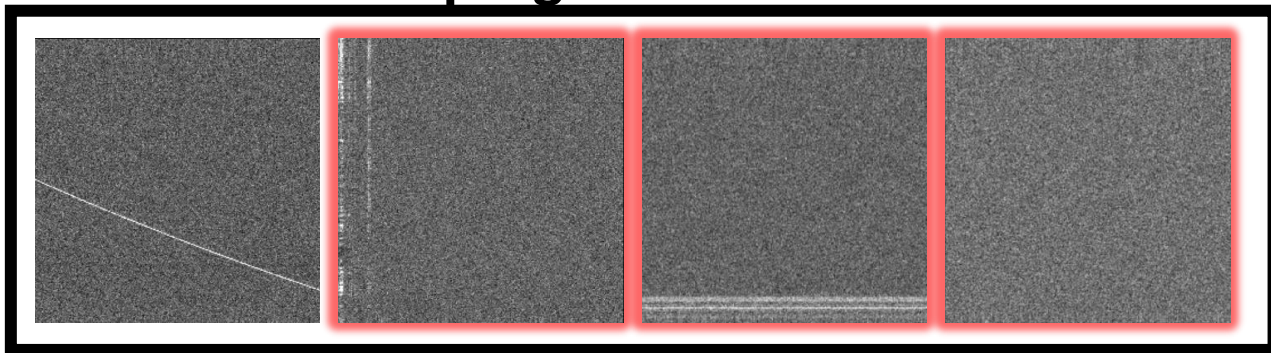


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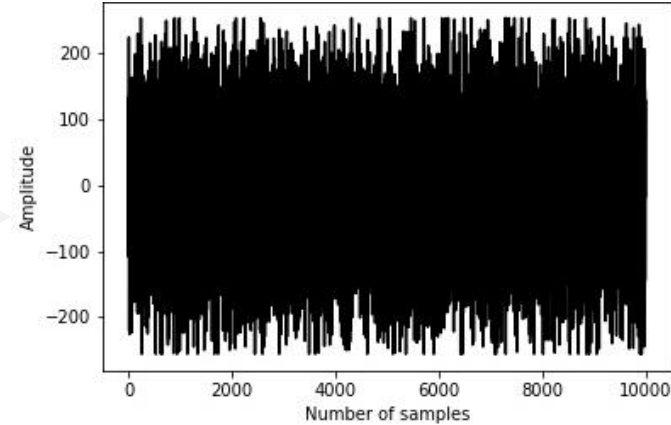


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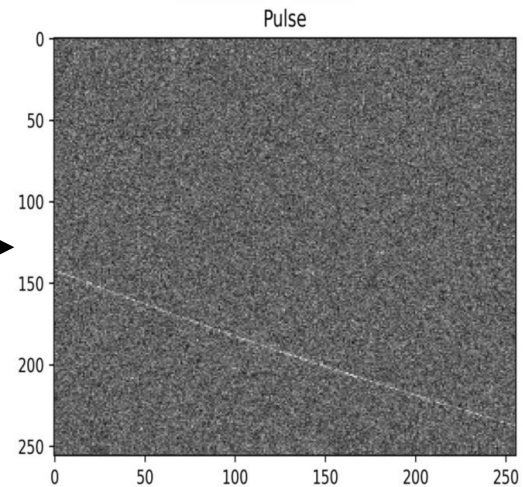
For other signals, they are stored according to the observation program



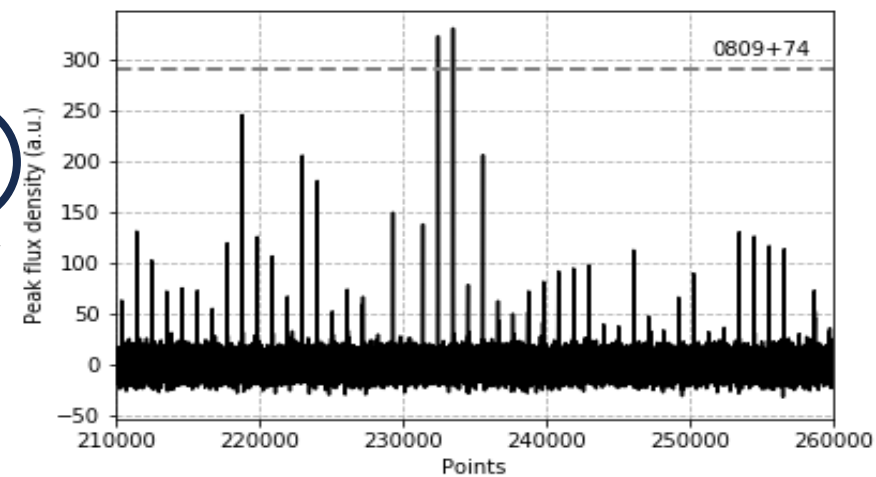
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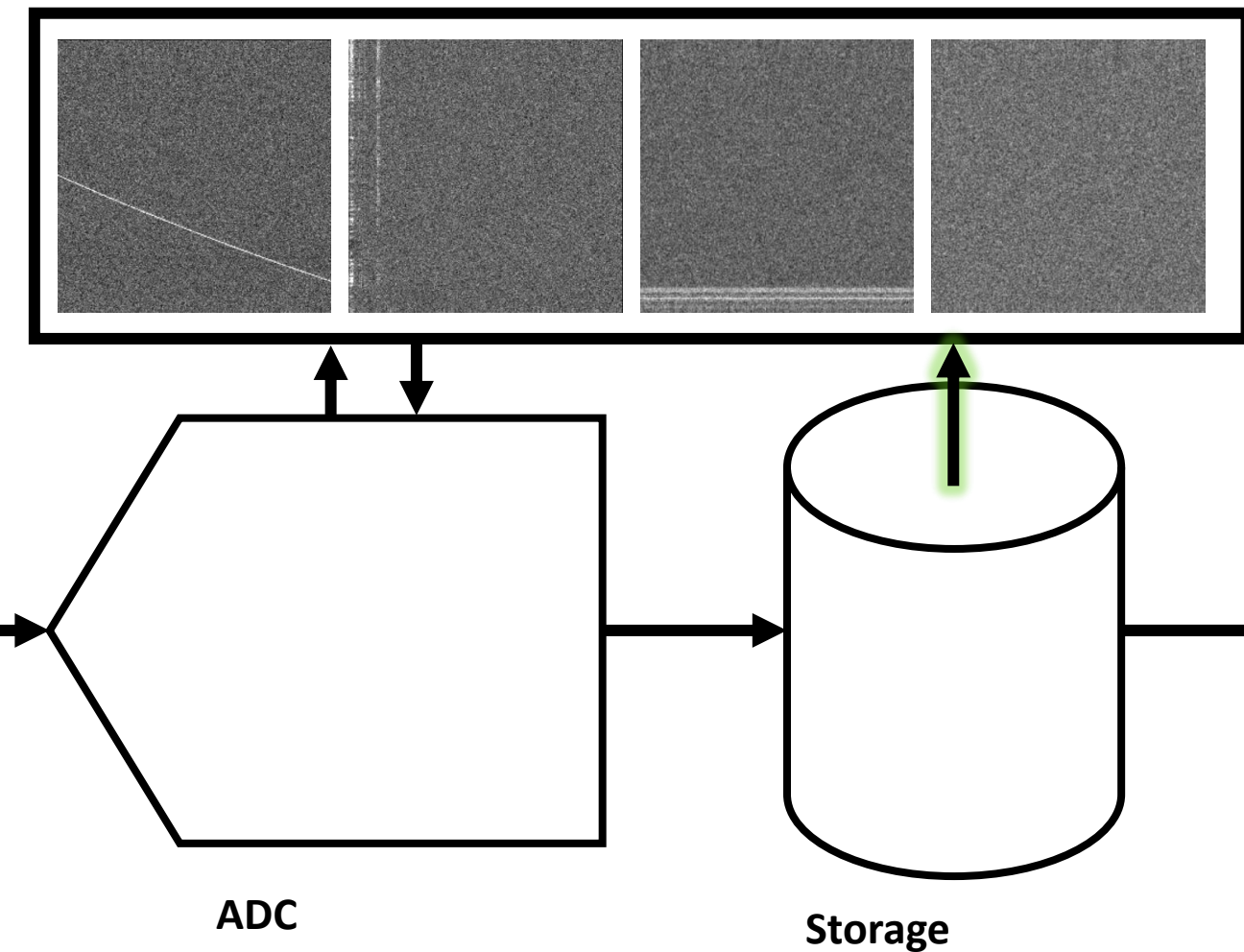


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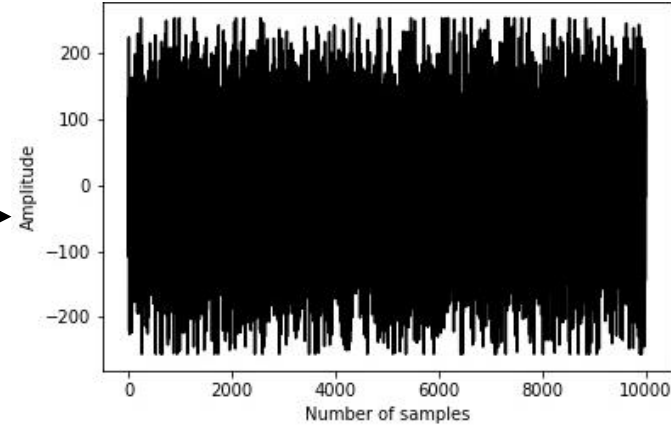


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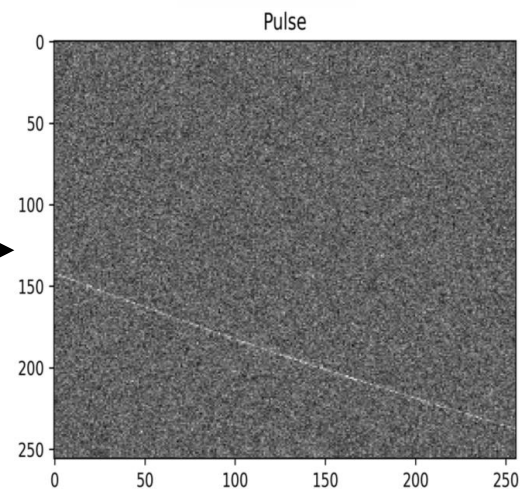
It is assumed that previously stored signals are used to retrain the model



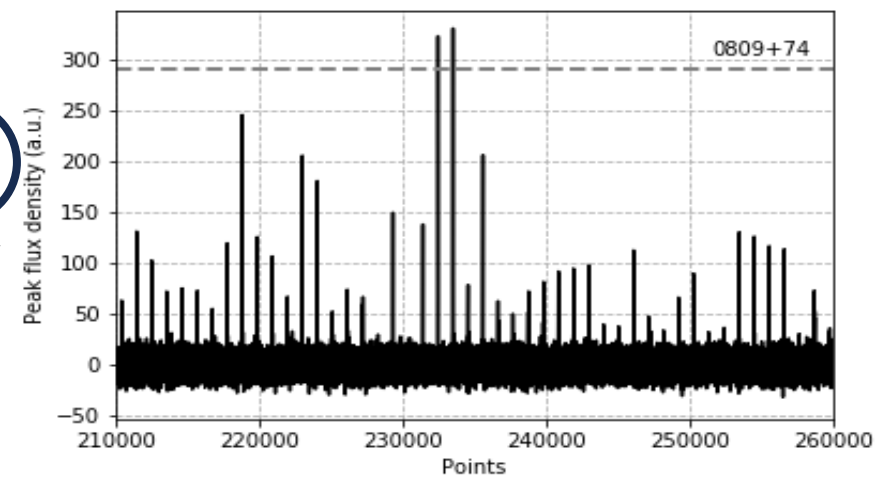
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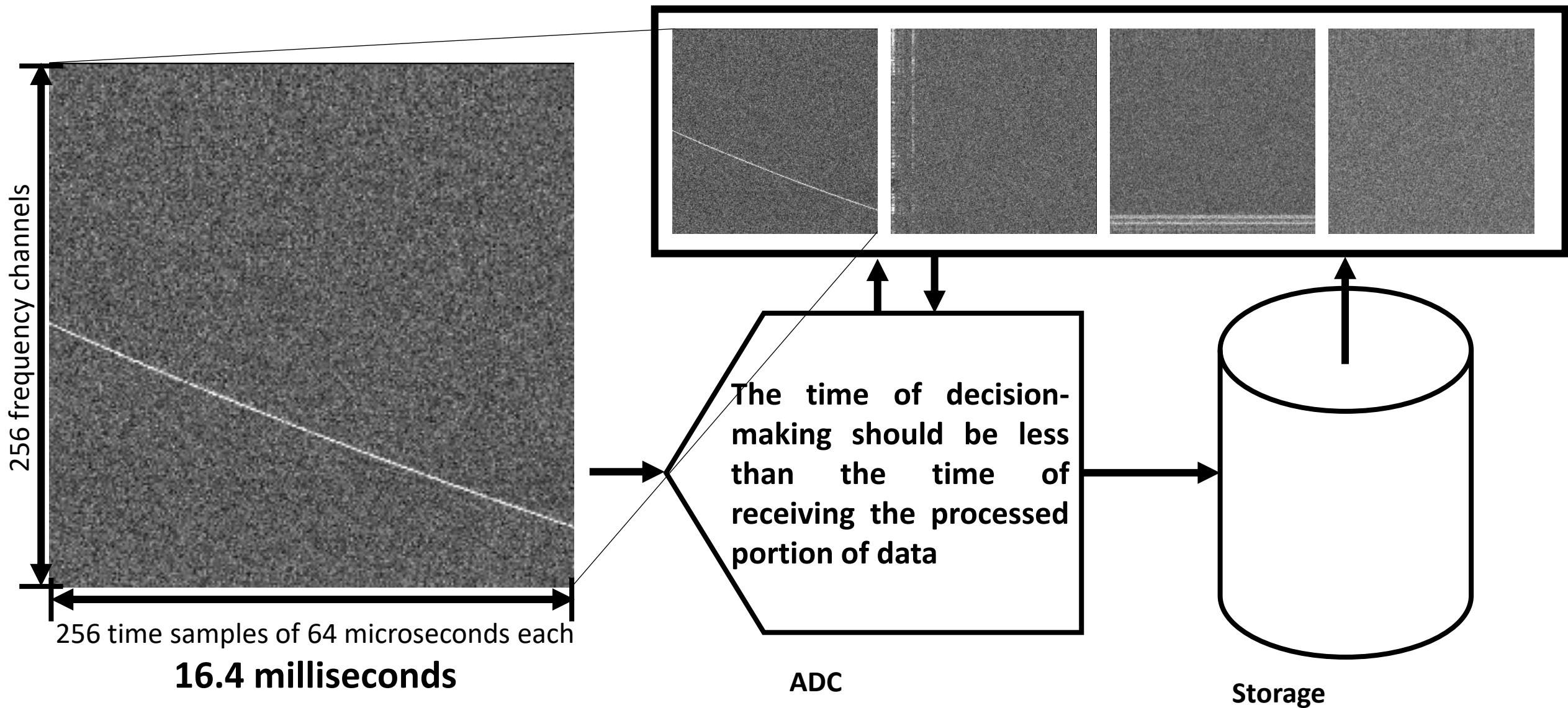
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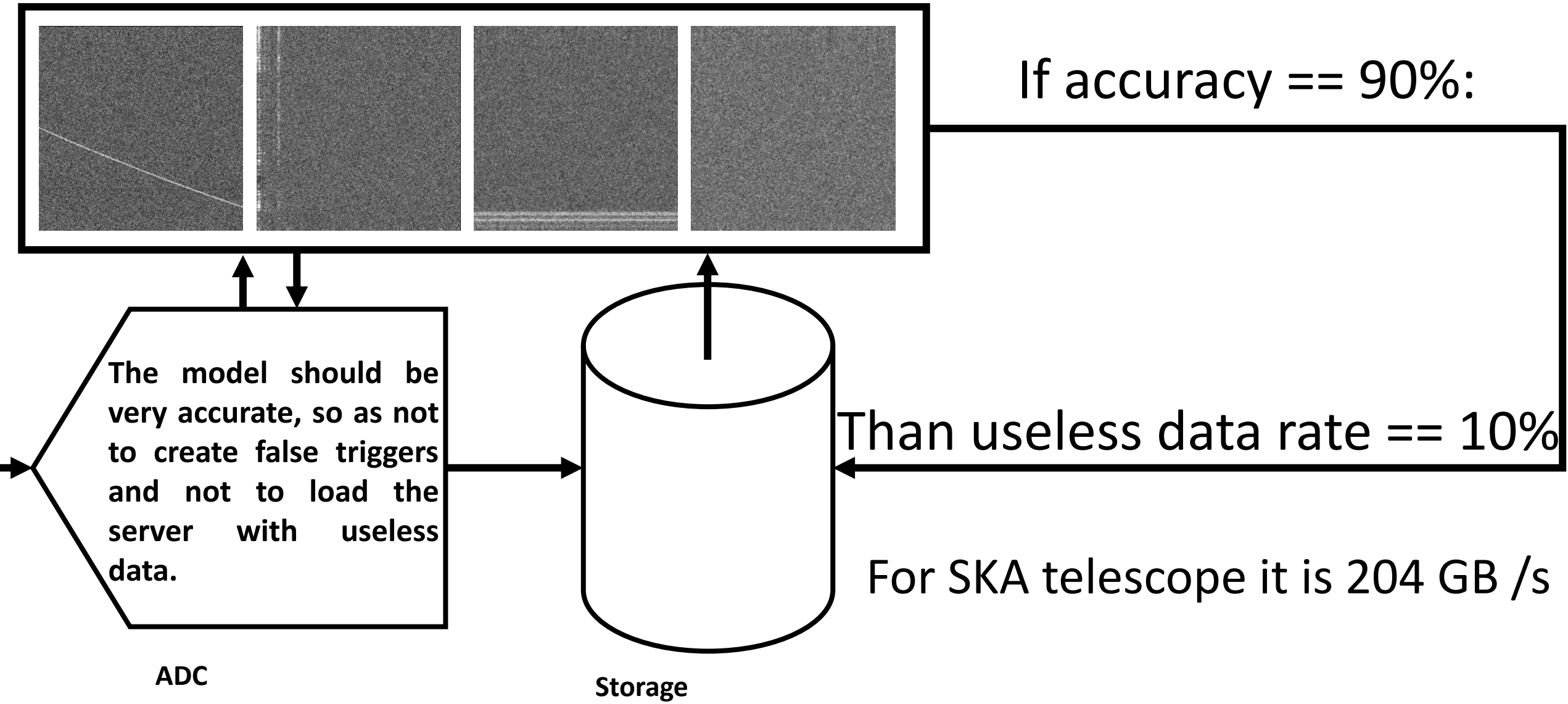
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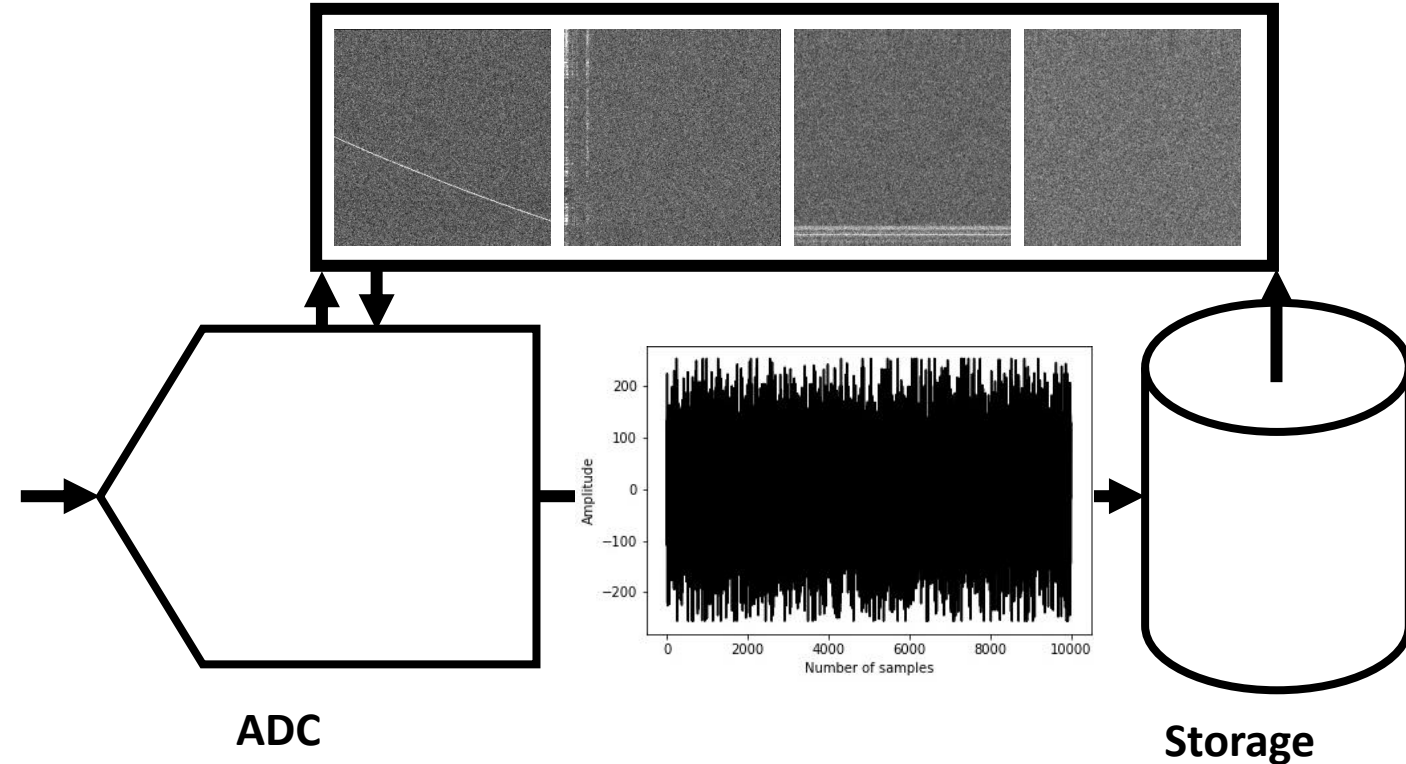
Model requirements - 2






The model – our idea

The project's goal is to classify signals received by a radio telescope in real-time.

- If the classified signal exhibits dispersion delay, this segment of data should be saved in the most detailed format possible.
- Classification must occur faster than the time it takes to receive the data segment being classified.
- The classification should be highly accurate to avoid storing large amounts of unnecessary information.



Radio telescopes and data rates

Radio telescope name	Radio telescope exterior	Bitrate per beam	Total bitrate
Effelsberg		P210-7: 11.04 Gb / s	77 Gb / s (7)
		UWB: 290 Gb / s	290 Gb / s (1)
MeerKAT		107 Mb / s	0.1 Tb / s (~1024 beams)
Square Kilometer Array		~ 1 Gb / s	20 Tb / s (>2200 beams)