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Meta-Explanations, Interpretable Clustering & Other Recent Developments

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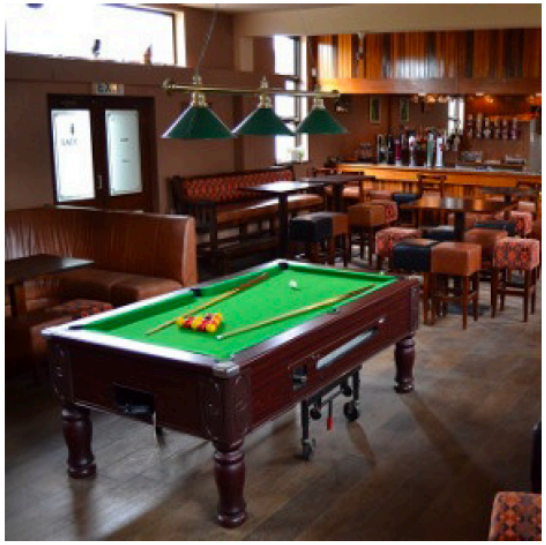
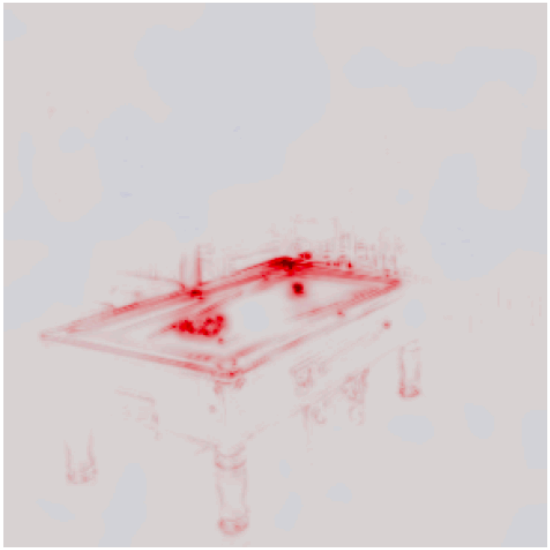
Explaining Predictions

"why a given image is classified as a pool table"



some pool table



why it is classified as a pool table

Today's Talk


Which one to choose ?
Baehrens'10 Gradient
Sundarajan'17 Int Grad
Zintgraf'17 Pred Diff
Ribeiro'16 LIME
Haufe'15 Pattern
Zurada'94 Gradient
Symonian'13 Gradient
Zeiler'14 Occlusions
Fong'17 M Perturb
Kindermans'17 PatternNet
Poulin'06 Additive
Lundberg'17 Shapley
Bazen'13 Taylor
Montavon'17 Deep Taylor
Shrikumar'17 DeepLIFT
Landecker'13 Contrib Prop
Zeiler'14 Deconv
Bach'15 LRP
Zhang'16 Excitation BP
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Caruana'15 Fitted Additive
Zhou'16 GAP
Selvaraju'17 Grad-CAM

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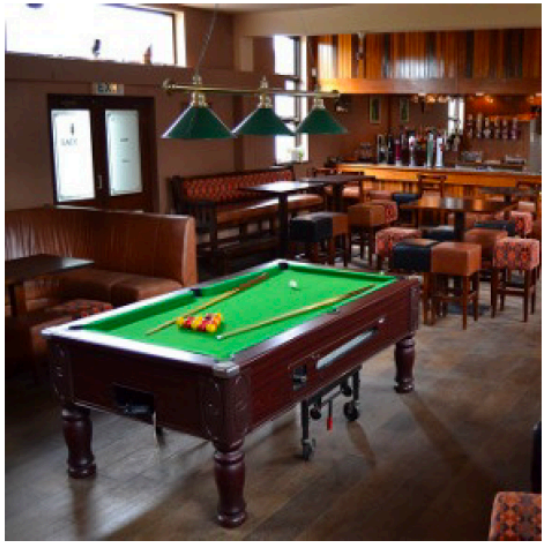
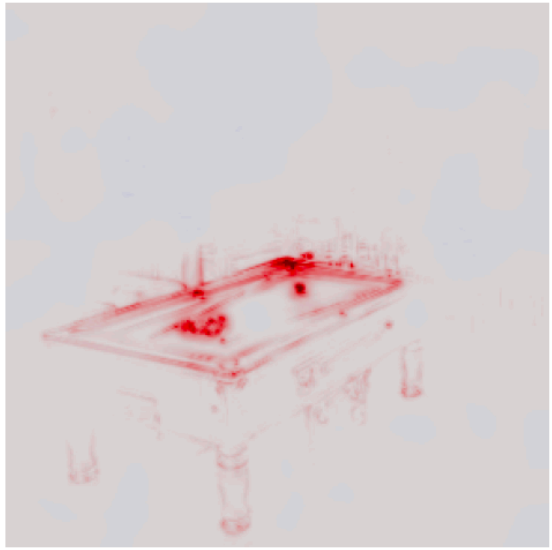
From individual explanations to common prediction strategies





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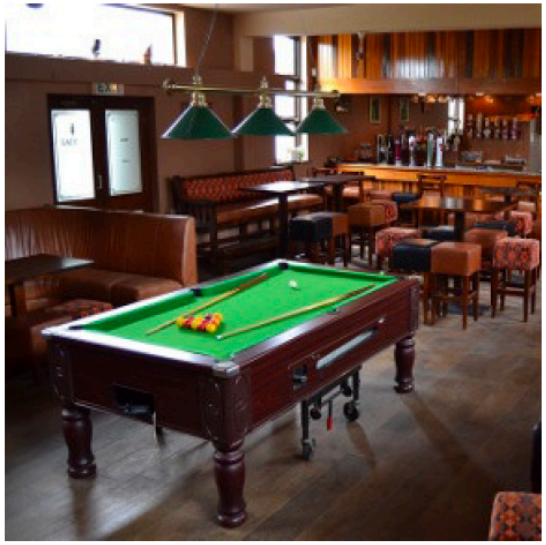
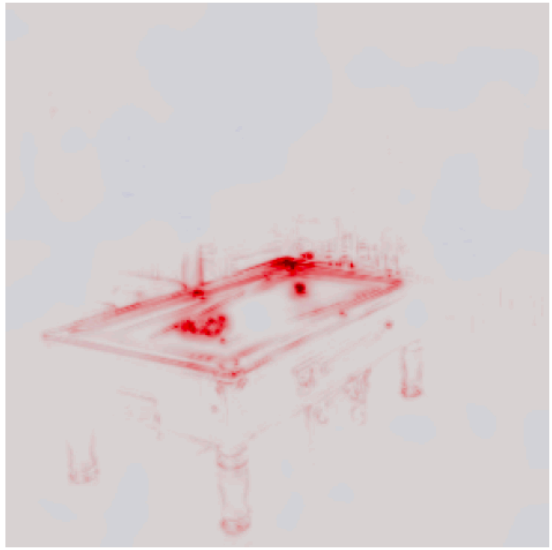
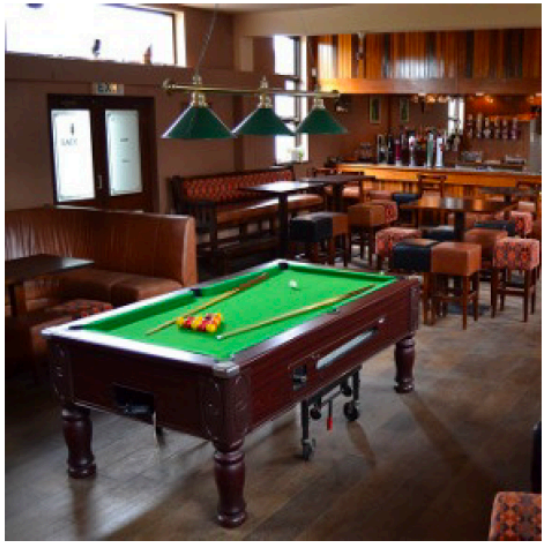
What can we do with it ?

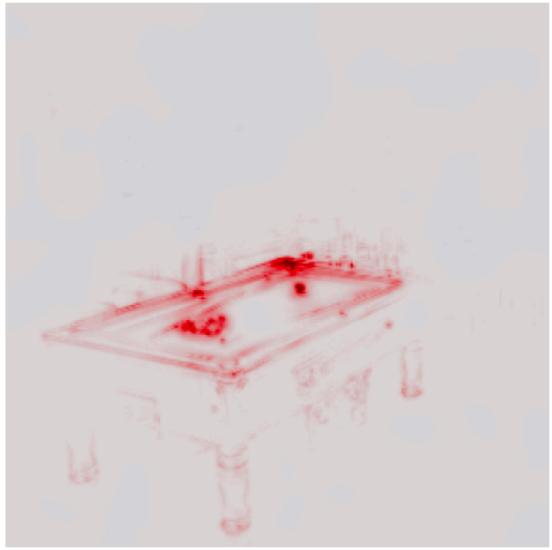




Today's Talk

Explaining more than classifiers





Explanation Methods

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Perturbation-Based

Occlusion-Based (Zeiler & Fergus 14)

Meaningful Perturbations (Fong & Vedaldi 17)

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Function-Based

Sensitivity Analysis (Simonyan et al. 14)

(Simple) Taylor Expansions

Gradient x Input (Shrikumar et al. 16)

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Surrogate- / Sampling-Based

LIME (Ribeiro et al. 16)

SmoothGrad (Smilkov et al. 16)

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Structure-Based

LRP (Bach et al. 15)

Deep Taylor Decomposition (Montavon et al. 17)

Excitation Backprop (Zhang et al. 16)

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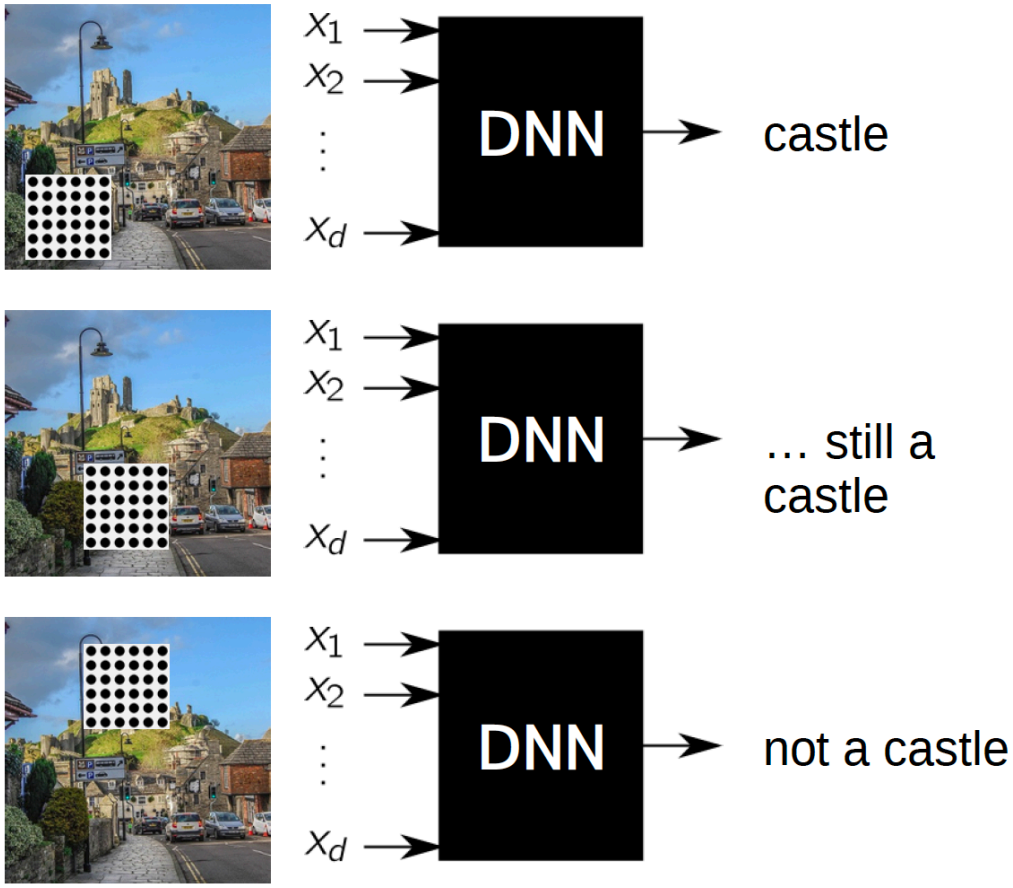

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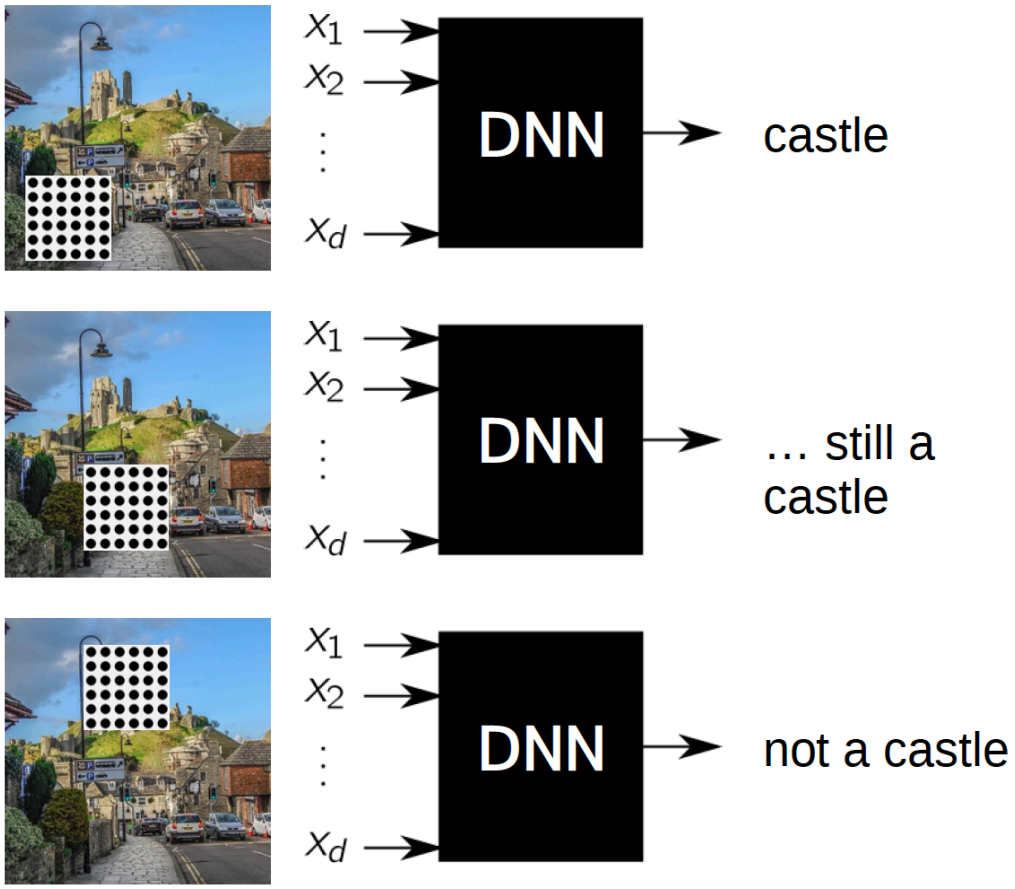


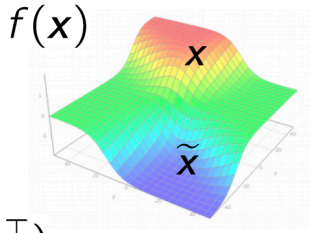
Disadvantages

- slow
- assumes locality
- perturbation may introduce artefacts

—> unreliable

Approach 2: (Simple) Taylor Expansions

Idea: identify the contribution of input features as the first-order terms of a Taylor expansion



Taylor Expansion

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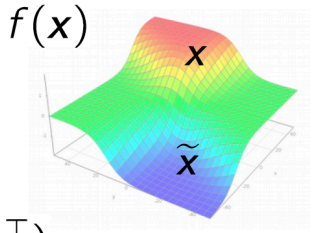

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Advantages

- Can be applied to *any* (differentiable and mildly nonlinear) ML model.

Limitations

- Need to find a meaningful root point where to perform the expansion.

Approach 3: Gradient x Input

Motivation

- Compute an explanation in a single pass without having to optimize or search for a root point.

Gradient x Input

$$\forall_i : \; R_i = [\nabla f(\boldsymbol{x})]_i \cdot x_i$$

$$\boldsymbol{R} = \nabla f(\boldsymbol{x}) \odot \boldsymbol{x}$$

Observation: Complex analyses reduce to gradient x input for simple cases.

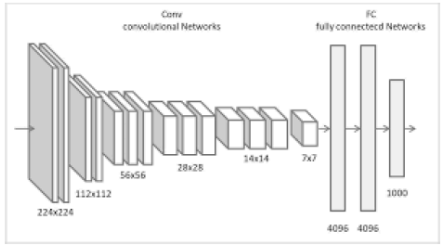
Approach 3: Gradient x Input

Input

x

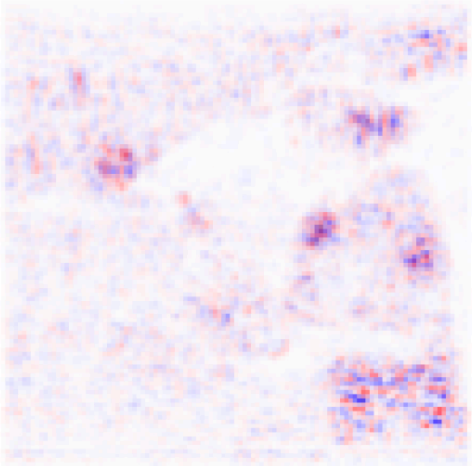
Prediction

(class: baseball)

x 

$f(x)$

Explanation



$$R = \nabla f(x) \odot x$$

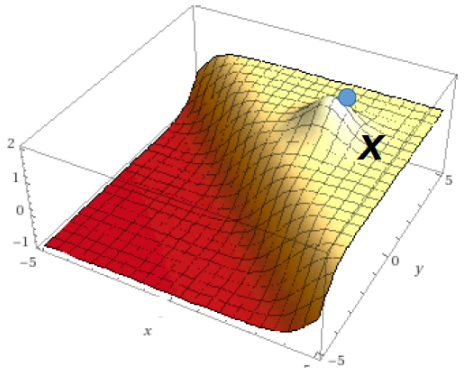
Observation: Explanations are noise

Approach 3: Gradient x Input

Two reasons why gradient-based explanation are noisy

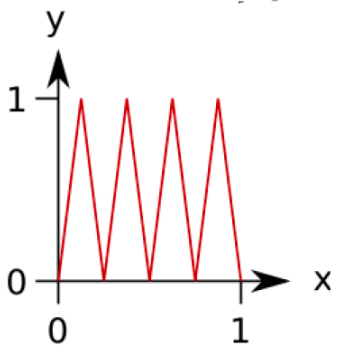
1. **Local vs. global variations**

   Global effects are not visible when looking at the function f(x) locally.



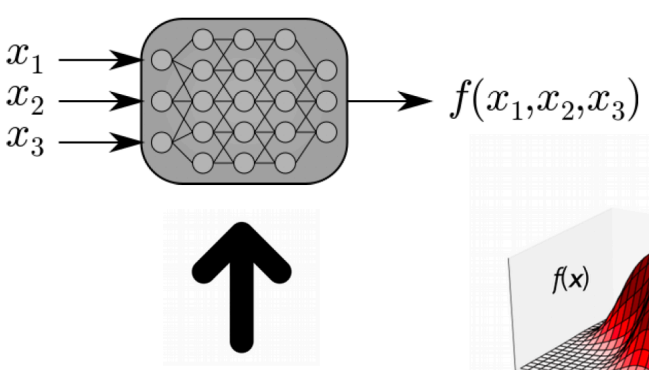
2. **Shattered gradients**

   Function local variations grows exponentially with depth.

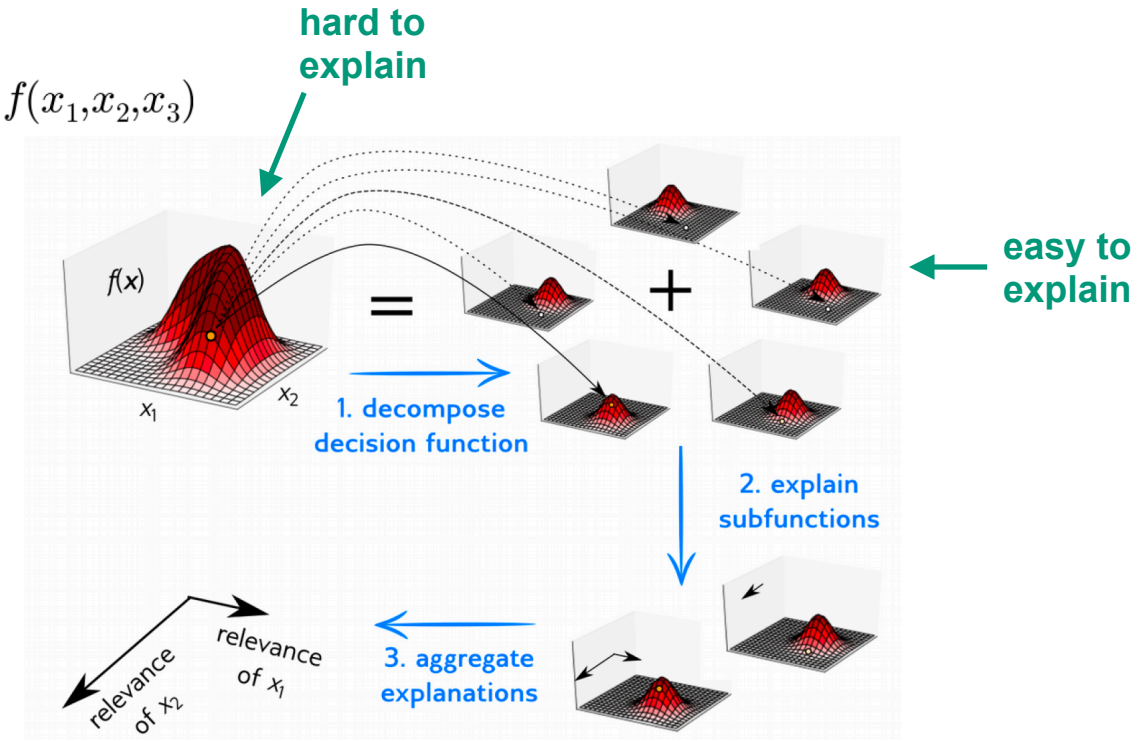


Layer-wise Relevance Propagation

LRP's idea: To robustly explain a model, leverage the neural network structure of the decision function.



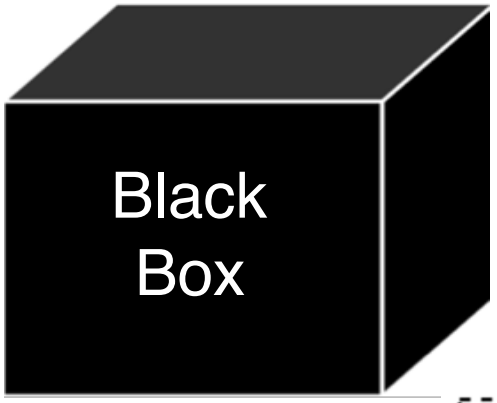
model is a composition of neurons. This can be exploited to make explanation easier.



(Bach et al., 2015
Montavon et al. 2017)

Layer-wise Relevance Propagation

input x

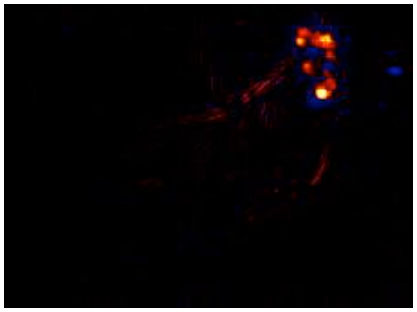


Rooster

prediction $f(x)$

Idea: Decompose function

$$\sum_i R_i = f(x)$$



heatmap

Explain prediction

(how much each pixel contributes to prediction)

Layer-wise Relevance Propagation (LRP)
(Bach et al., PLOS ONE, 2015)

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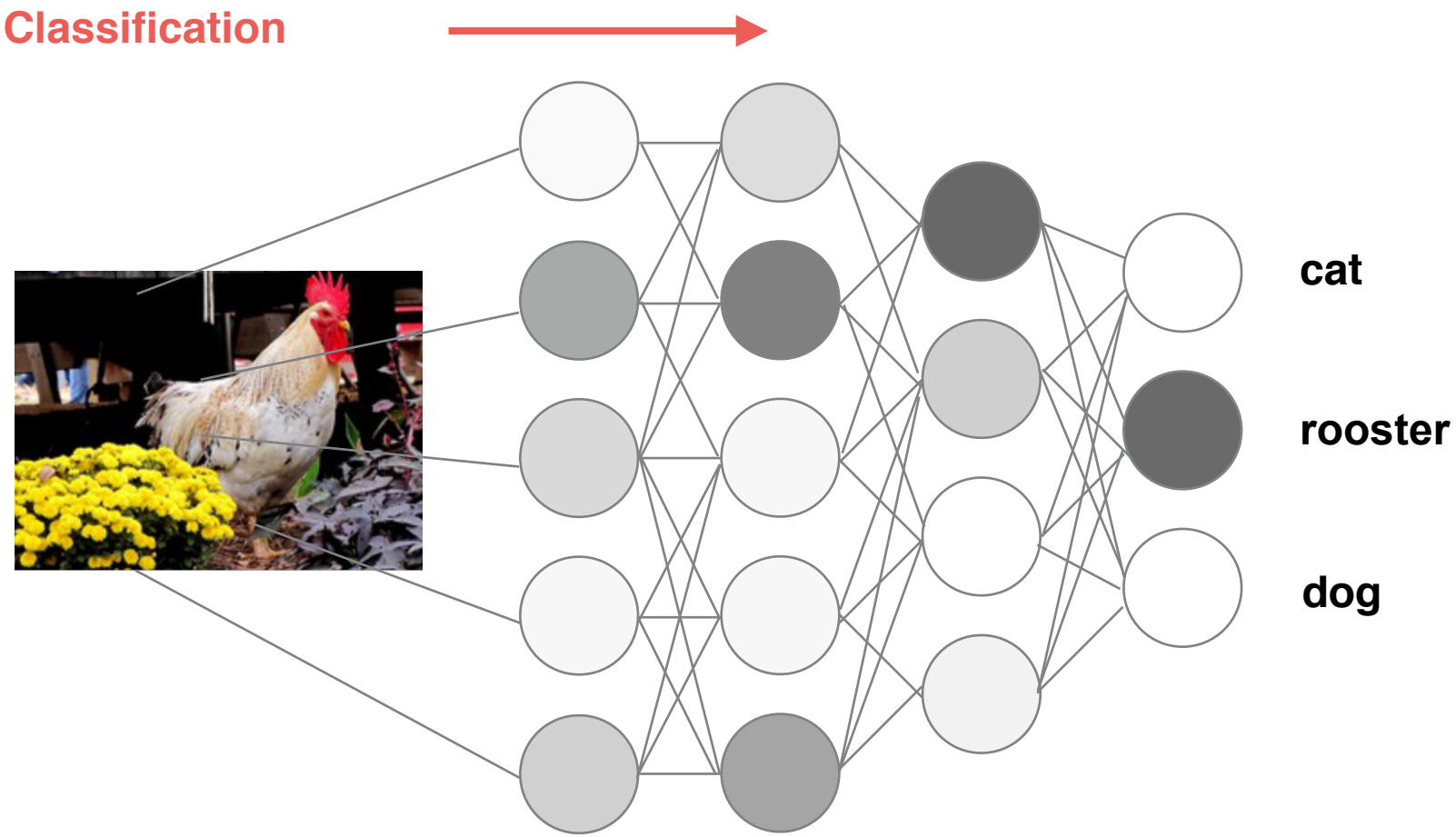

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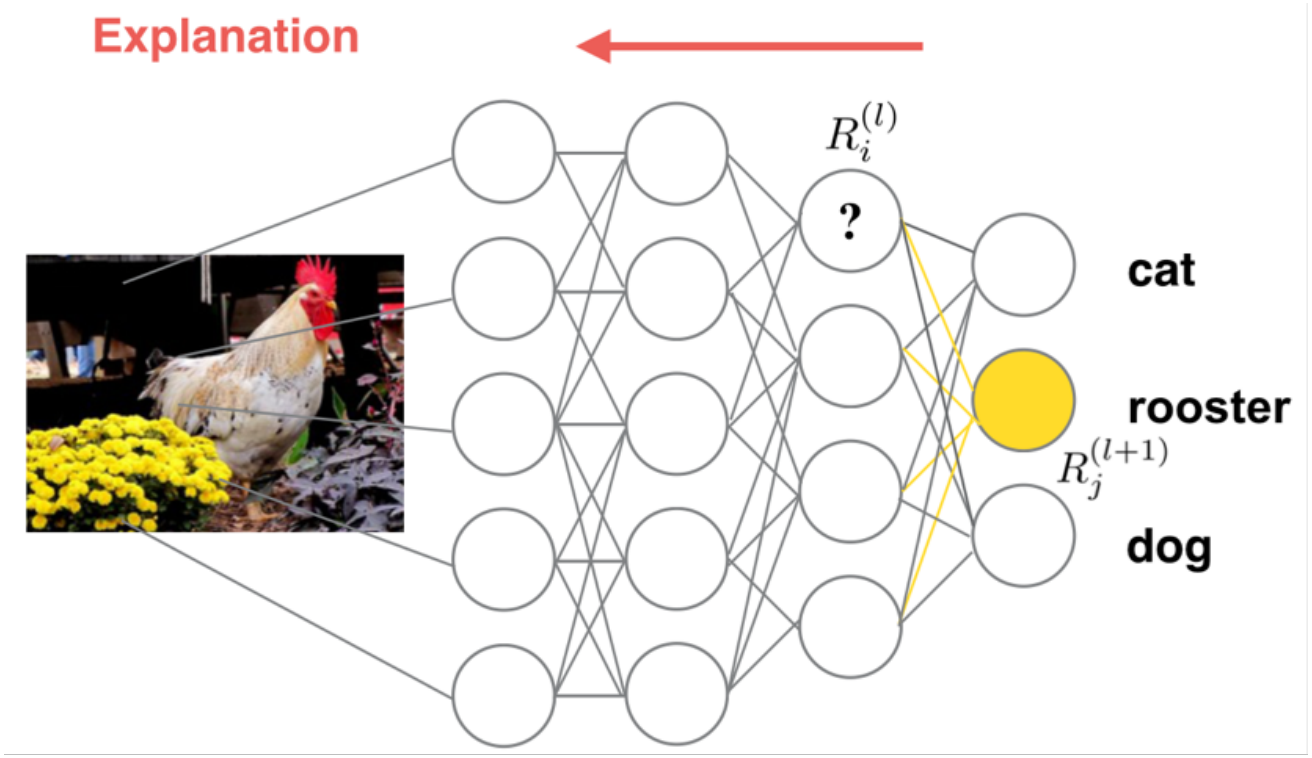


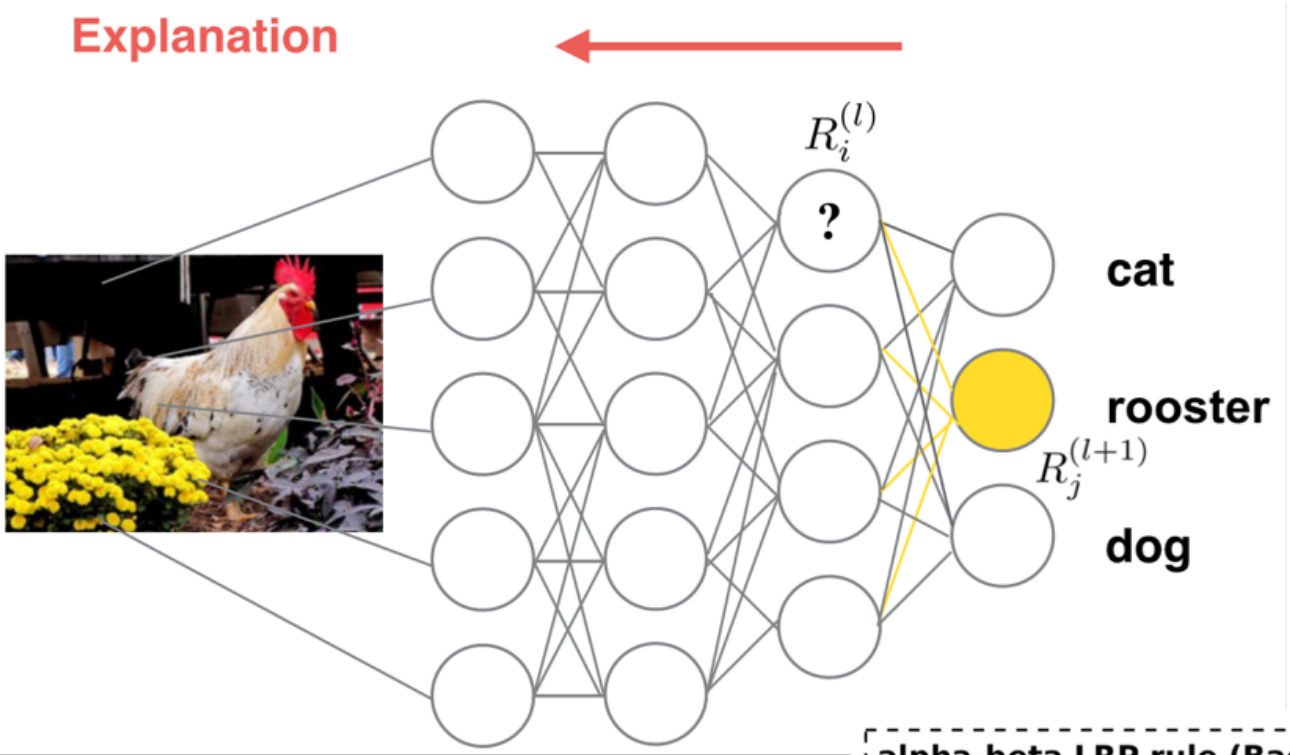
Theoretical interpretation
Deep Taylor Decomposition
(Montavon et al., 2017)

Simple LRP rule (Bach et al. 2015)

$$R_i^{(l)} = \sum_j \frac{x_i \cdot w_{ij}}{\sum_{i'} x_{i'} \cdot w_{i'j}} R_j^{(l+1)}$$

Every neuron gets its "share" of the redistributed relevance

Layer-wise Relevance Propagation



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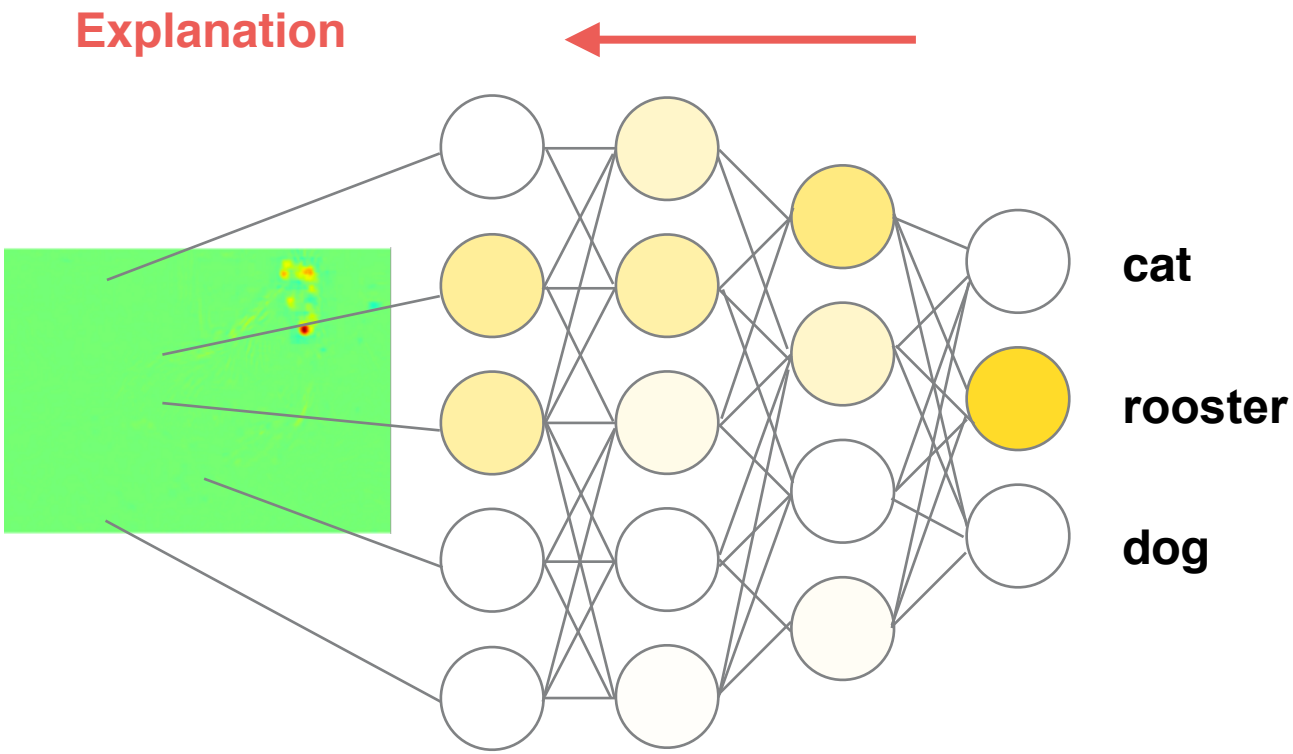
alpha-beta LRP rule (Bach et al. 2015)

$$R_i^{(l)} = \sum_j \left(\alpha \cdot \frac{(x_i \cdot w_{ij})^+}{\sum_{i'}(x_{i'} \cdot w_{i'j})^+} + \beta \cdot \frac{(x_i \cdot w_{ij})^-}{\sum_{i'}(x_{i'} \cdot w_{i'j})^-}\right) R_j^{(l+1)}$$

where $\alpha + \beta = 1$

Layer-wise Relevance Propagation



Layer-wise relevance conservation

$$\sum_i R_i = \ldots = \sum_i R_i^{(l)} = \sum_j R_j^{(l+1)} = \ldots = f(x)$$

Equivalence

LRP-$\alpha_1\beta_0$

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Layer-wise Relevance Propagation
(Bach'15)

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$\mathbf{DTD}-\mathbf{z}^+$

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Deep Taylor Decomposition
(Montavon'17, arXiv in 2015)

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Marginal Winning Probability

$$P(a_i) = \sum_{a_j \in \mathcal{P}_i} P(a_i|a_j)P(a_j) \qquad P(a_i|a_j) = \begin{cases} Z_j \widehat{a}_i w_{ij} & \text{if } w_{ij} \geq 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

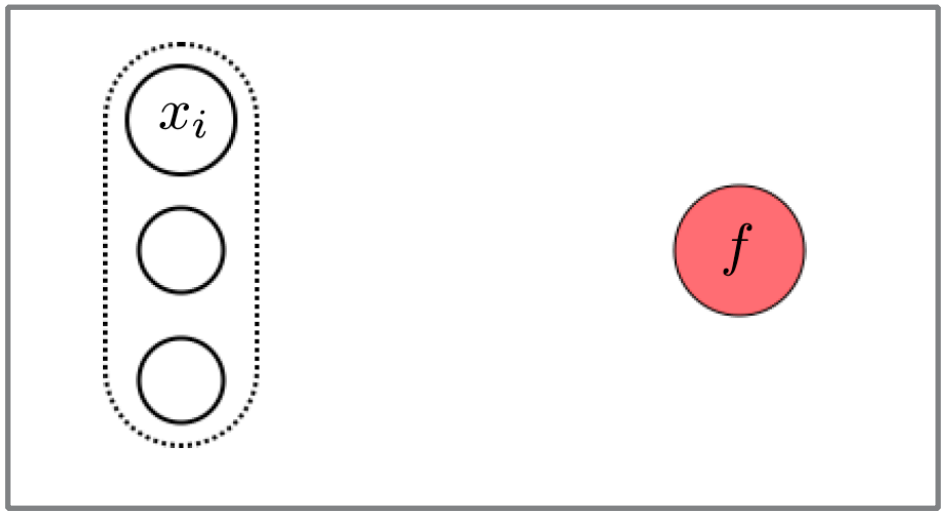
A1 activations non-negative

$$Z_j = 1/\sum_{i:w_{ij}\geq 0} \widehat{a}_i w_{ij}$$

Excitation Backprop
(Zhang'16)

Simple Taylor Decomposition

$$\boldsymbol{x} \mapsto f(\boldsymbol{x})$$



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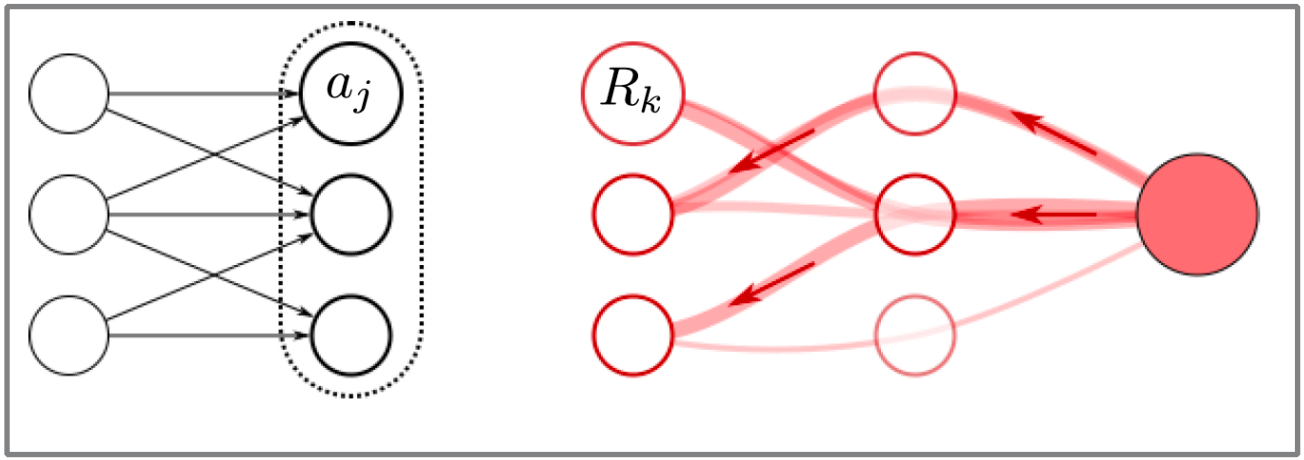
Idea: Use Taylor expansion to redistributed relevance from output to input

Limitations:
- difficult to find good root point
- gradient shattering

Deep Taylor Decomposition

$$\boldsymbol{a} \mapsto R_k(\boldsymbol{a})$$



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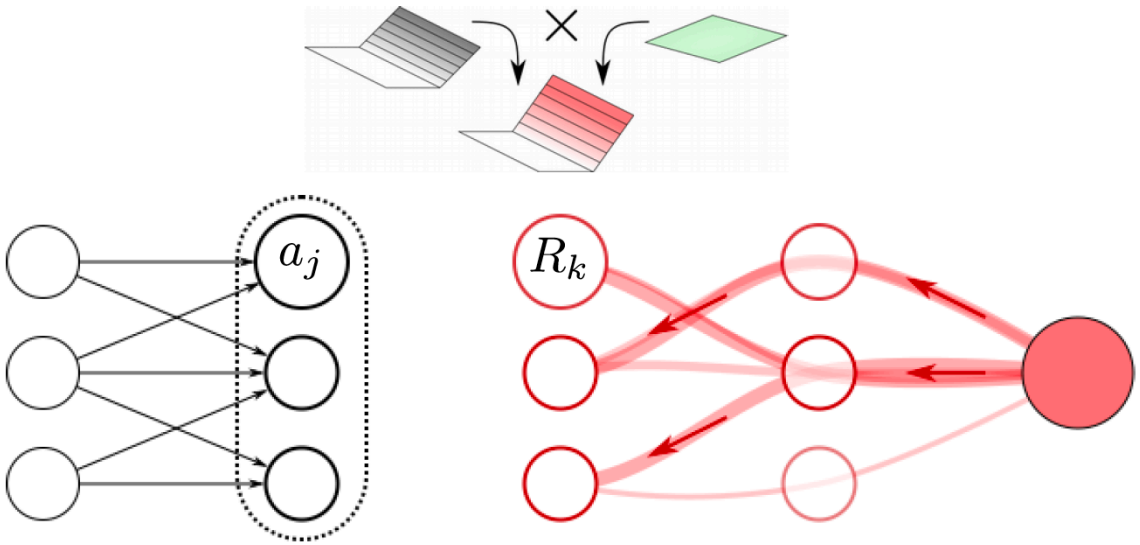
Idea: Use Taylor expansion to redistributed relevance from one layer to another

Advantage:
- easy to find good root point
- no gradient shattering

Deep Taylor Decomposition



Key Idea: Use a "relevance model" that is easy to analyze

$$\widehat{R}_k(\boldsymbol{a}) = \max(0, \textstyle\sum_j a_j\, w_{jk})\, c_k$$

(Montavon et al., 2017)

Deep Taylor Decomposition

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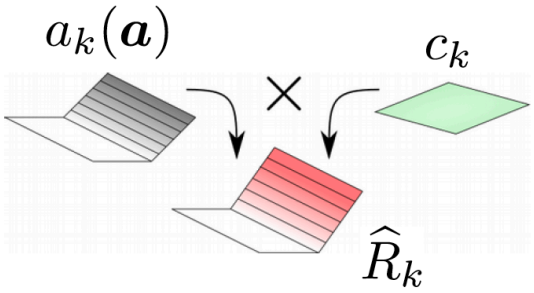
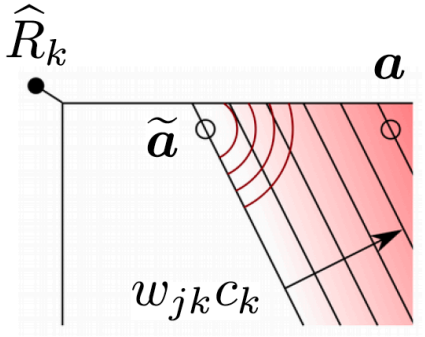


2. Taylor expansion

$$\widehat{R}_k(\boldsymbol{a}) = \widehat{R}_k(\widetilde{\boldsymbol{a}}) + \textstyle\sum_j \underbrace{(a_j - \widetilde{a}_j) \cdot w_{jk}\, c_k}_{R_{j \leftarrow k}} + 0$$



3. Choosing the reference point

$$\widetilde{\boldsymbol{a}}^{(k)} = \mathbf{0} \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \rho = (\cdot), \epsilon = 0 \qquad \text{(LRP-0)}$$

$$\widetilde{\boldsymbol{a}}^{(k)} = \boldsymbol{a} - t \cdot \boldsymbol{a} \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \rho = (\cdot), \epsilon = (t^{-1} - 1) \cdot a_k \qquad \text{(LRP-}\epsilon\text{)}$$

$$\widetilde{\boldsymbol{a}}^{(k)} = \boldsymbol{a} - t \cdot \boldsymbol{a} \odot \mathbf{1}_{\boldsymbol{w}_k \succ \mathbf{0}} \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \rho = \max(0, \cdot) \qquad \text{(LRP-}\gamma\text{)}$$

(Montavon et al., 2017)

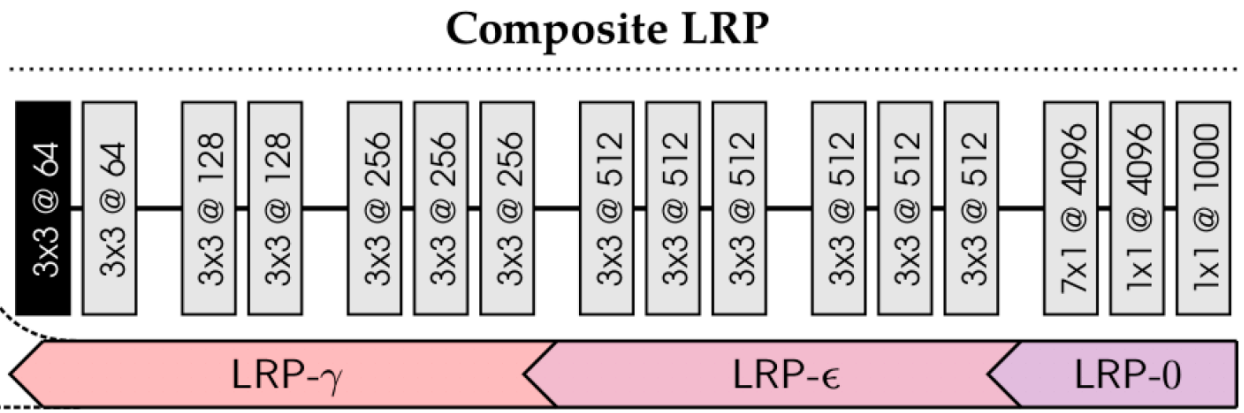
Various LRP Rules

Name	Formula	Usage	DTD
LRP-0 [7]	$R_j = \sum_k \frac{a_j w_{jk}}{\sum_{0,j} a_j w_{jk}} R_k$	upper layers	✓
LRP-ϵ [7]	$R_j = \sum_k \frac{a_j w_{jk}}{\epsilon + \sum_{0,j} a_j w_{jk}} R_k$	middle layers	✓
LRP-γ	$R_j = \sum_k \frac{a_j (w_{jk} + \gamma w_{jk}^+)}{\sum_{0,j} a_j (w_{jk} + \gamma w_{jk}^+)} R_k$	lower layers	✓
LRP-$\alpha\beta$ [7]	$R_j = \sum_k \left(\alpha \frac{(a_j w_{jk})^+}{\sum_{0,j} (a_j w_{jk})^+} - \beta \frac{(a_j w_{jk})^-}{\sum_{0,j} (a_j w_{jk})^-} \right) R_k$	lower layers	$\times^\star$
flat [30]	$R_j = \sum_k \frac{1}{\sum_j 1} R_k$	lower layers	$\times$
w^2-rule [36]	$R_i = \sum_j \frac{w_{ij}^2}{\sum_i w_{ij}^2} R_j$	first layer ($\mathbb{R}^d$)	✓
$z^\mathcal{B}$-rule [36]	$R_i = \sum_j \frac{x_i w_{ij} - l_i w_{ij}^+ - h_i w_{ij}^-}{\sum_i x_i w_{ij} - l_i w_{ij}^+ - h_i w_{ij}^-} R_j$	first layer (pixels)	✓

(* DTD interpretation only for the case $\alpha = 1, \beta = 0$.)

Best Practice for LRP

Principle: Explain each layer type (input, conv., fully connected layer) with the optimal rule according to DTD.



(Montavon et al., 2019)
(Kohlbrenner et al., 2019)

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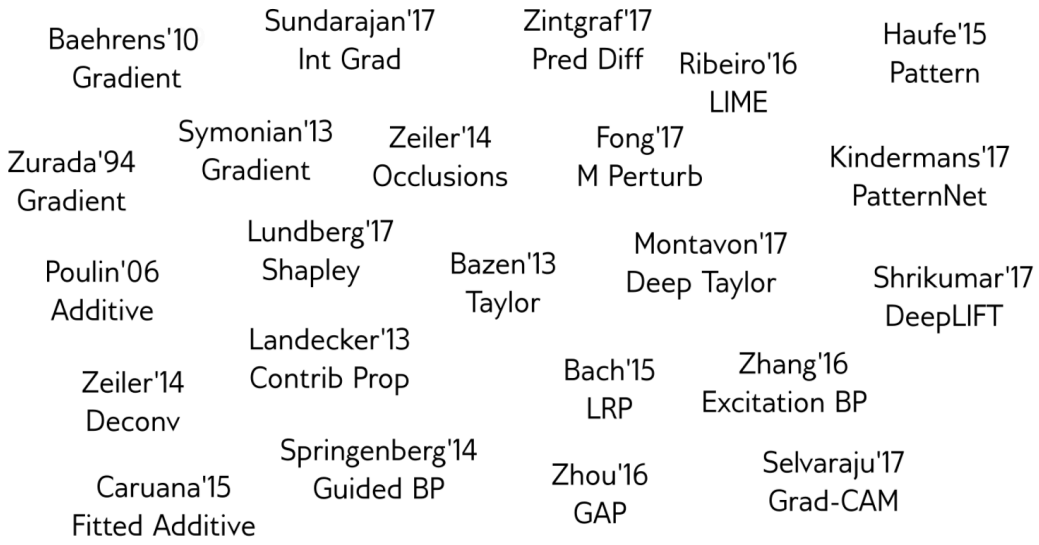


Evaluating Explanations

Perturbation Analysis
[Bach'15, Samek'17, Arras'17, …]

Pointing Game
[Zhang'16]

Using Axioms
[Montavon'17, Sundararajan'17, Lundberg'17, …]

Task Specific Evaluation
[Poerner'18]

Solve other Tasks
[Arras'17, Arjona-Medina'18, …]

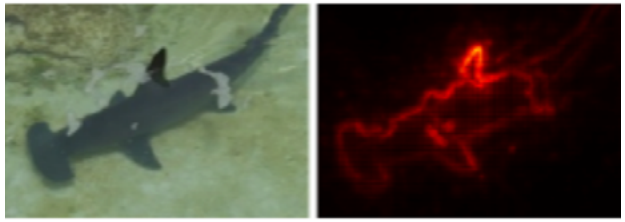
Using Ground Truth
[Arras'19]

Human Judgement
[Ribeiro'16, Nguyen'18 …]

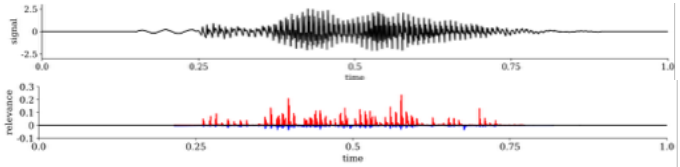
Applications of XAI

LRP Applied to Different Problems

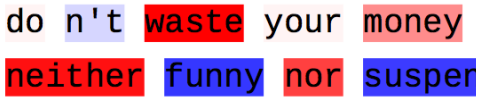
General Images (Bach' 15, Lapuschkin'16)



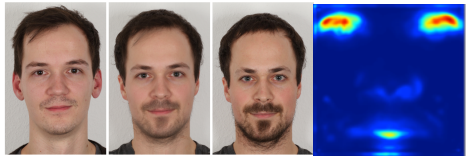
Speech (Becker'18)



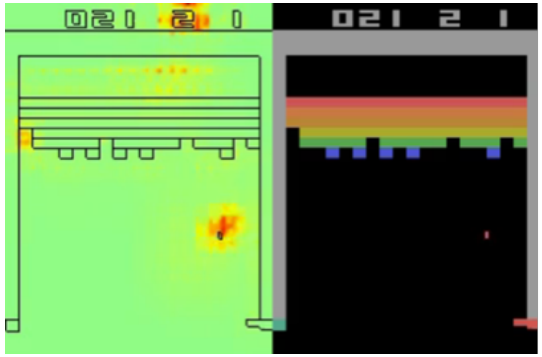
Text Analysis (Arras'16 &17)



Morphing Attacks (Seibold'18)



Games (Lapuschkin'19)



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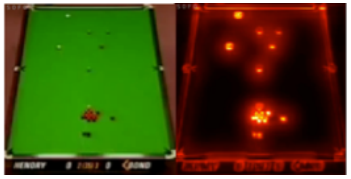

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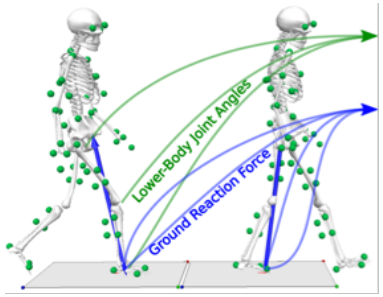

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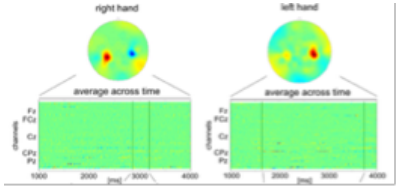
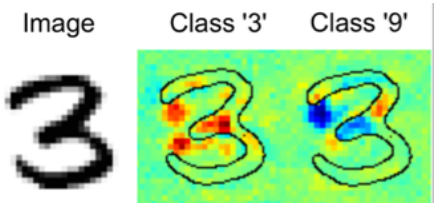
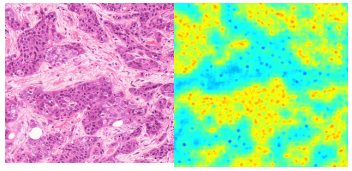


Faces (Lapuschkin'17)

Digits (Bach' 15)



Histopathology (Hägele'19)



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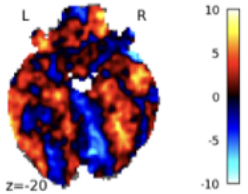
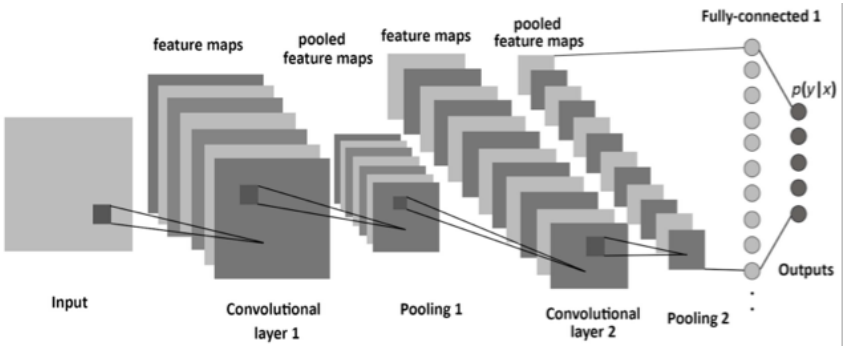
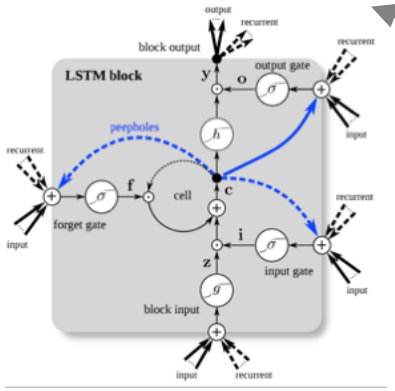


LRP Applied to Different Models

Convolutional NNs (Bach'15, Arras'17 …)

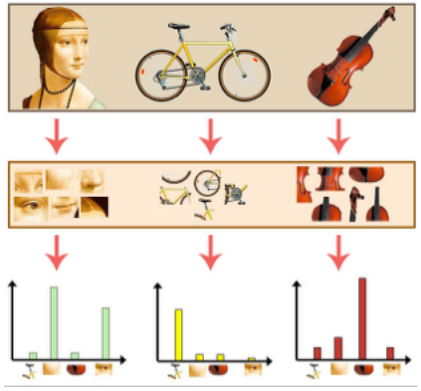


LSTM (Arras'17, Arras'19)

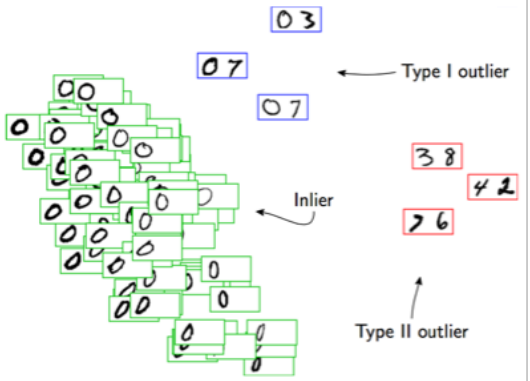


"Explaining and Interpreting LSTMs" (with S. Hochreiter)

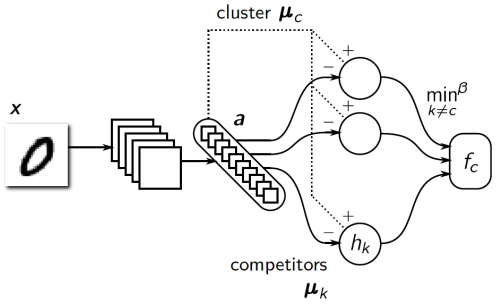
BoW / Fisher Vector models (Bach'15, Arras'16, Lapuschkin'16 …)



One-class SVM (Kauffmann'18)



Clustering (Kauffmann'19)



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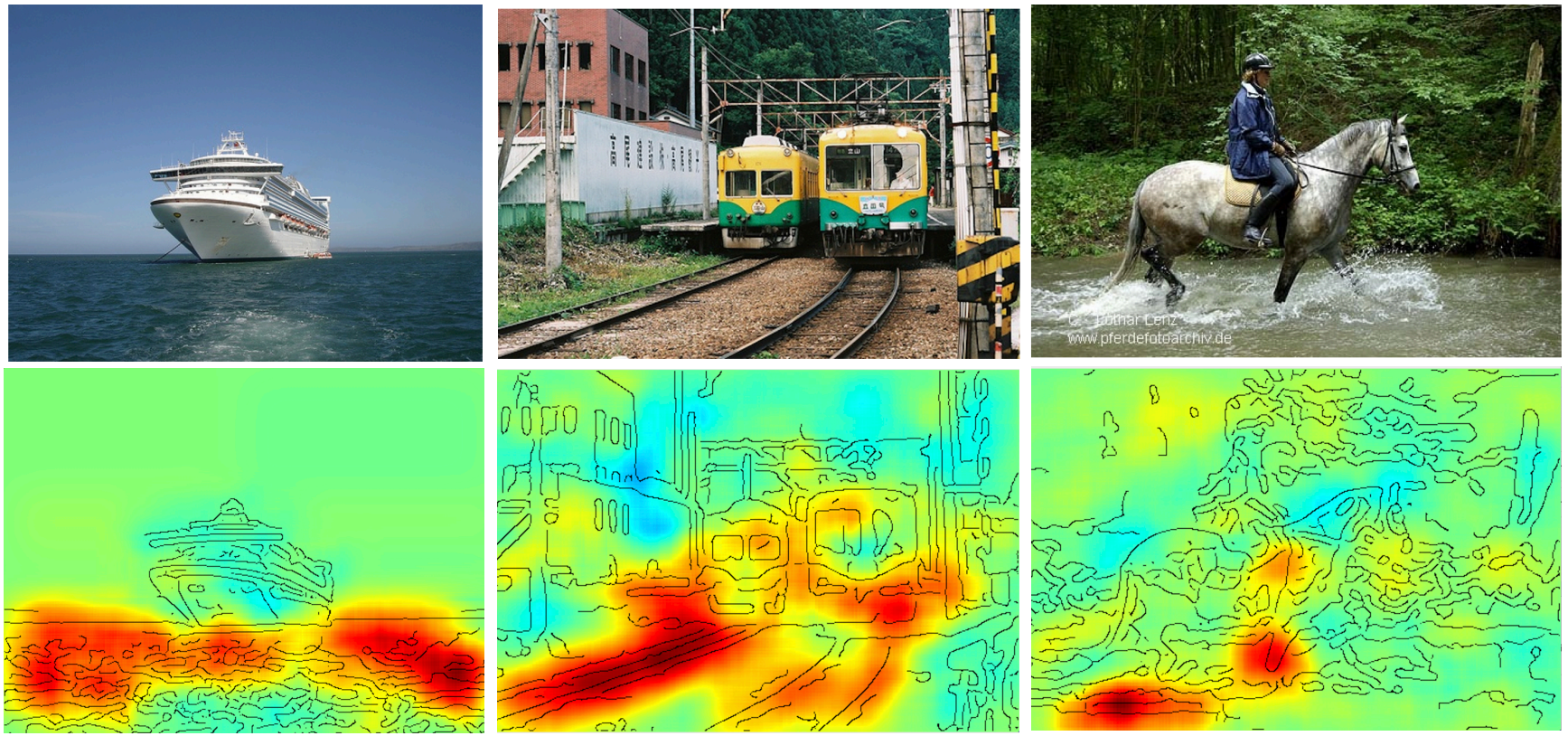

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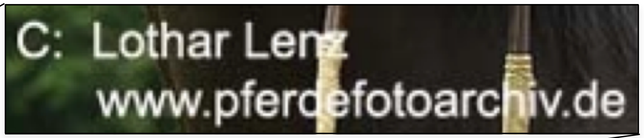
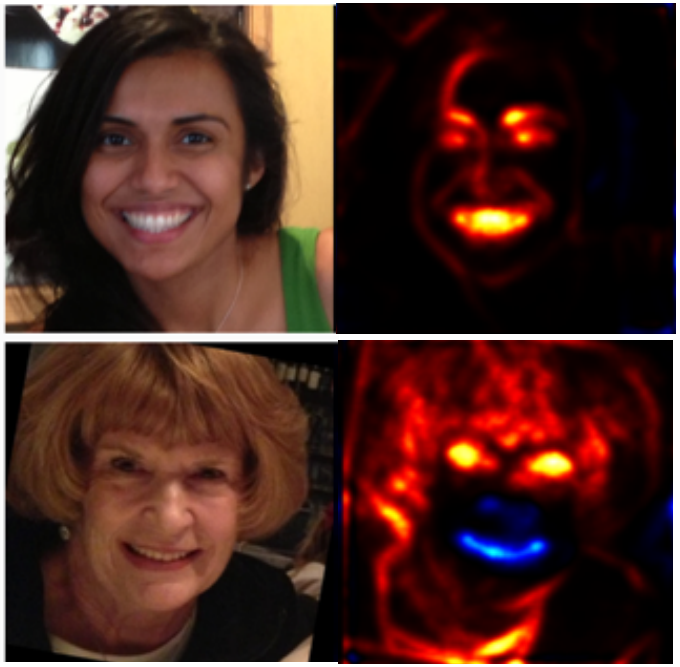
Unmasking Clever Hans Predictors

‘horse’ images in PASCAL VOC 2007



Identifying Biases

Smiling as a contradictor of age



Predictions

25-32 years old

Strategy to solve the problem:
Focus on the laughing …

60+ years old

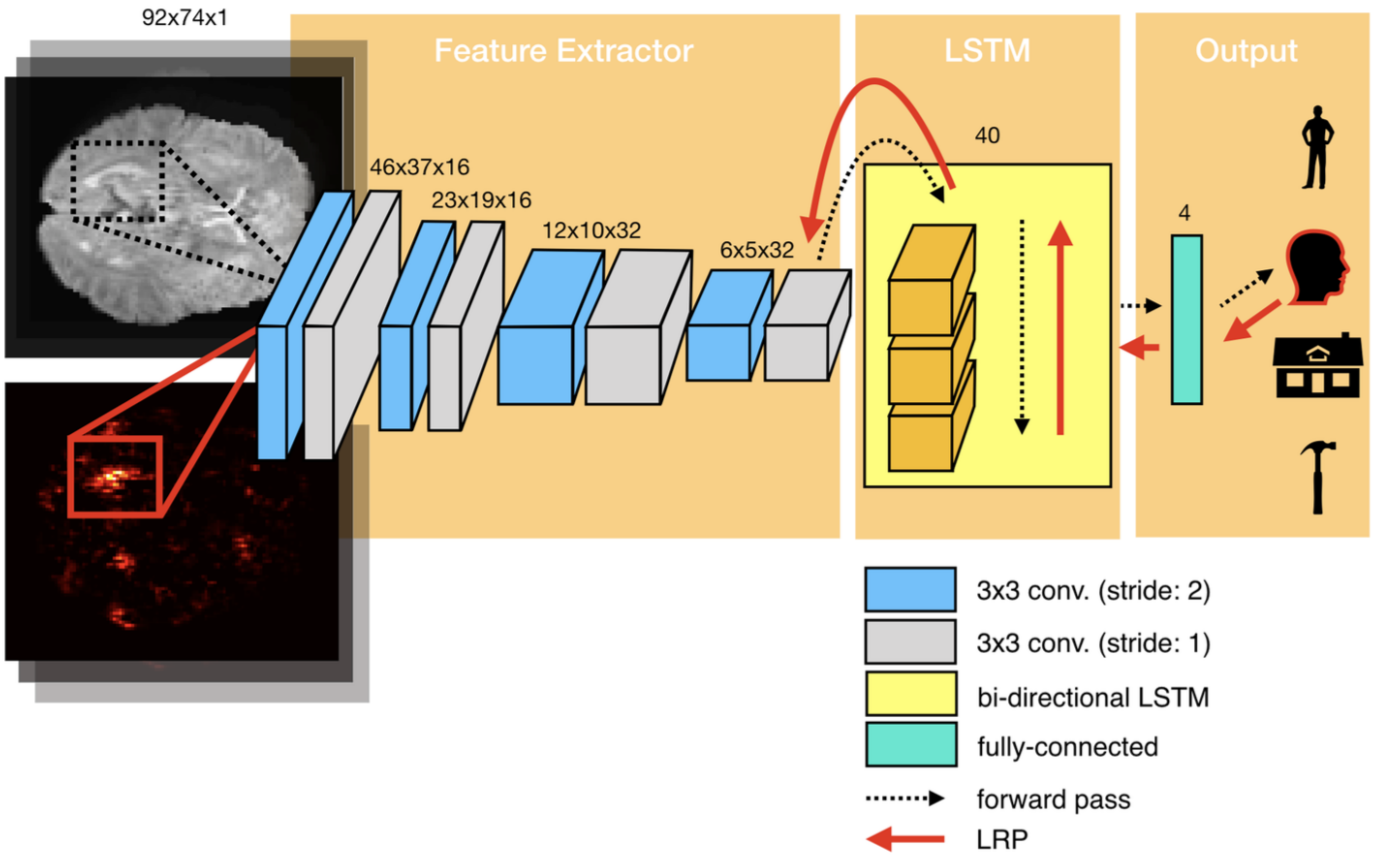
pretraining on ImageNet

laughing speaks against 60+ (i.e., model learned that old people do not laugh)

State-of-the-art DNN model, Adience Dataset (26k faces)

(Lapuschkin et al. 2017)

Scientific Insights



Our approach:

- Recurrent neural networks (CNN + LSTM) for whole-brain analysis
- LRP allows to interpret the results

(Thomas et al. 2018)

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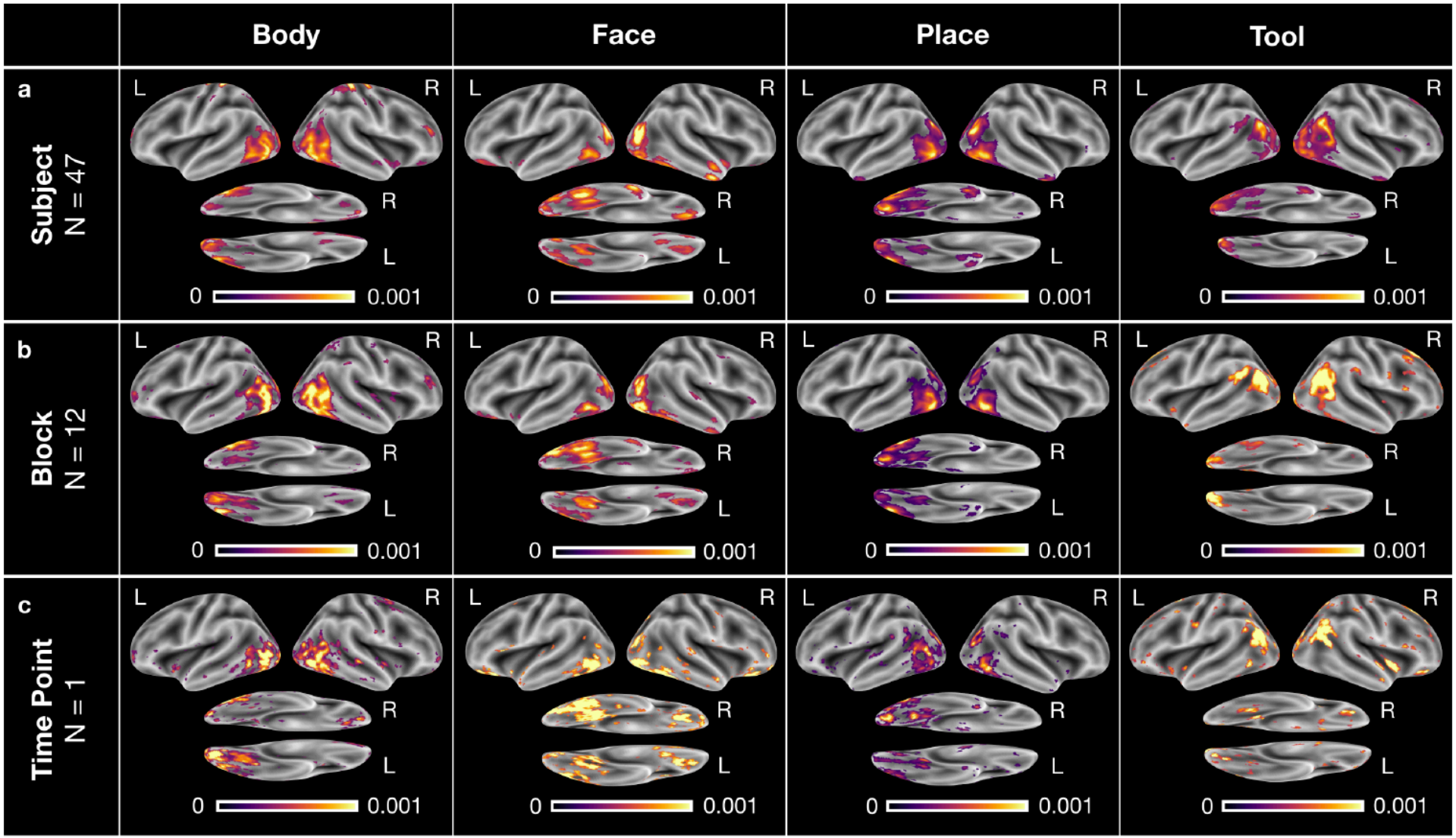

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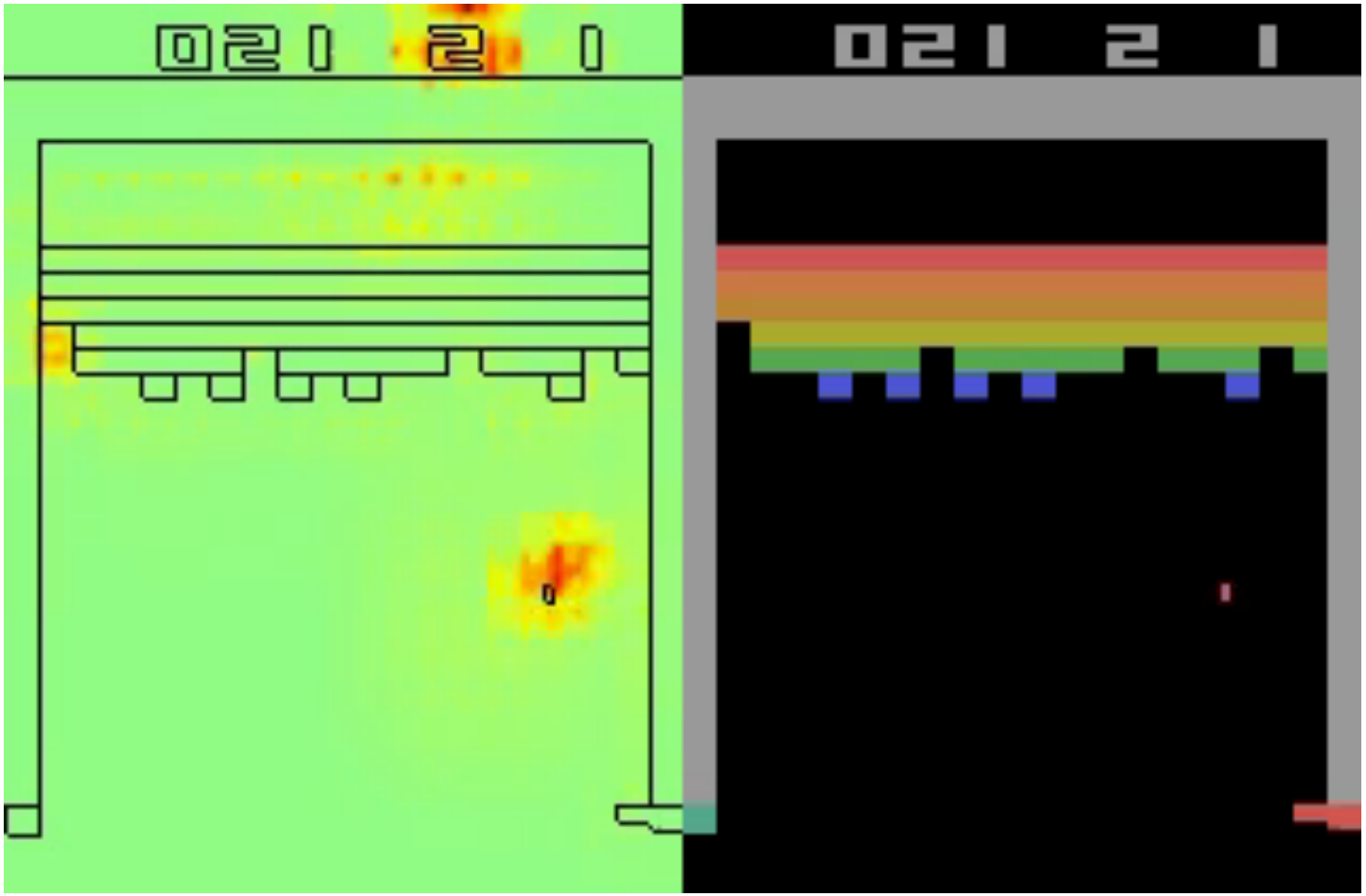

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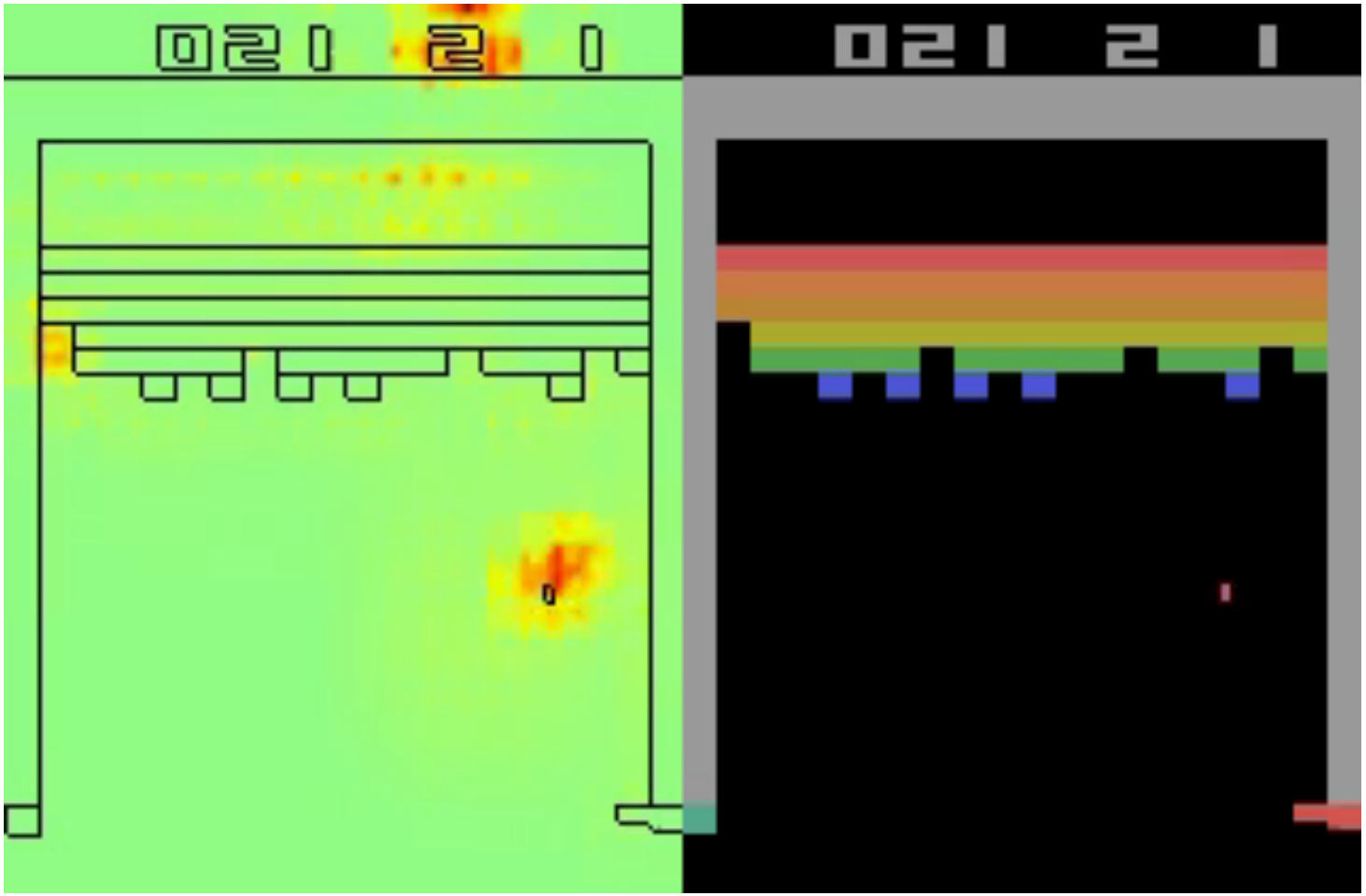

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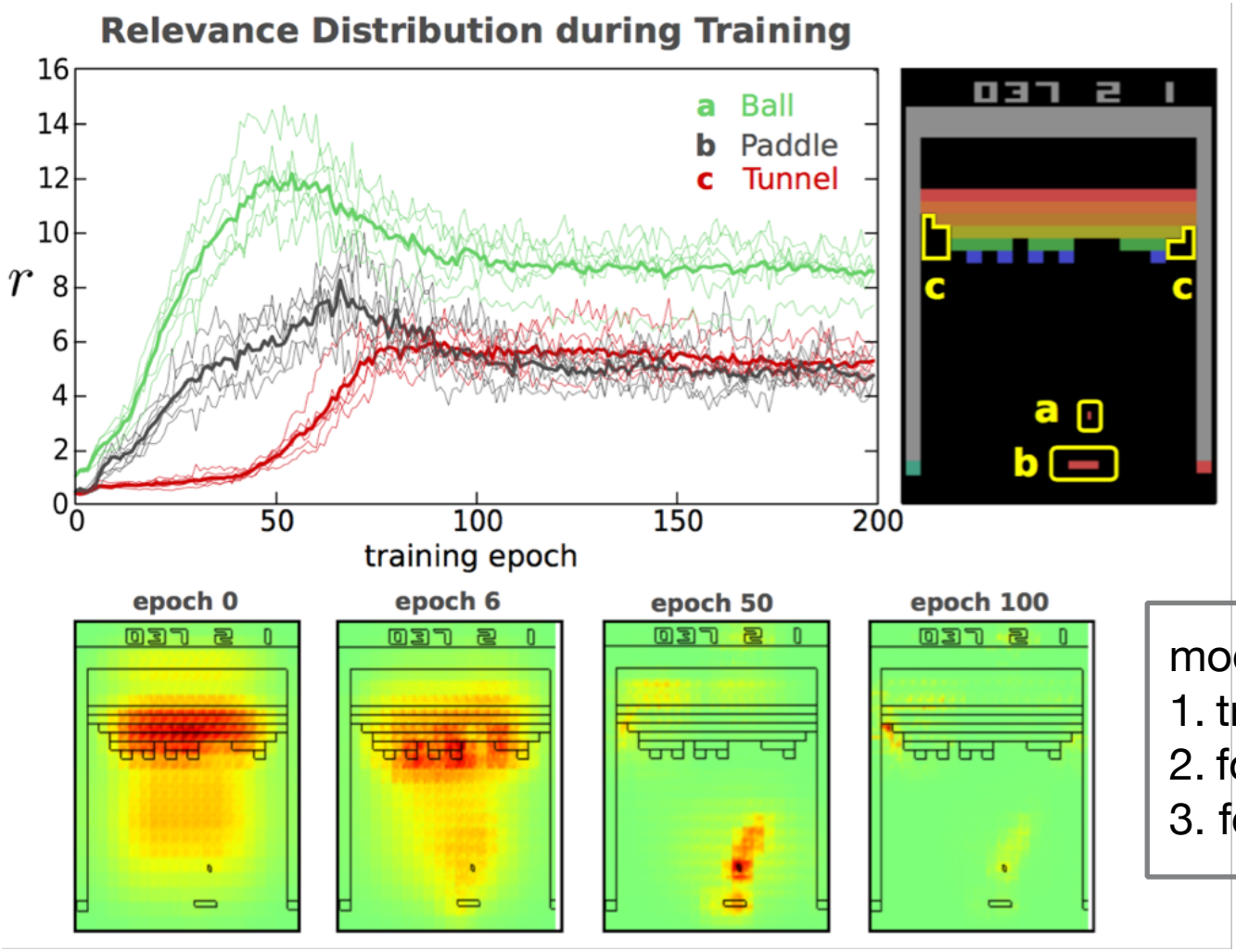

model learns
1. track the ball
2. focus on paddle
3. focus on the tunnel

(Lapuschkin et al., 2019)

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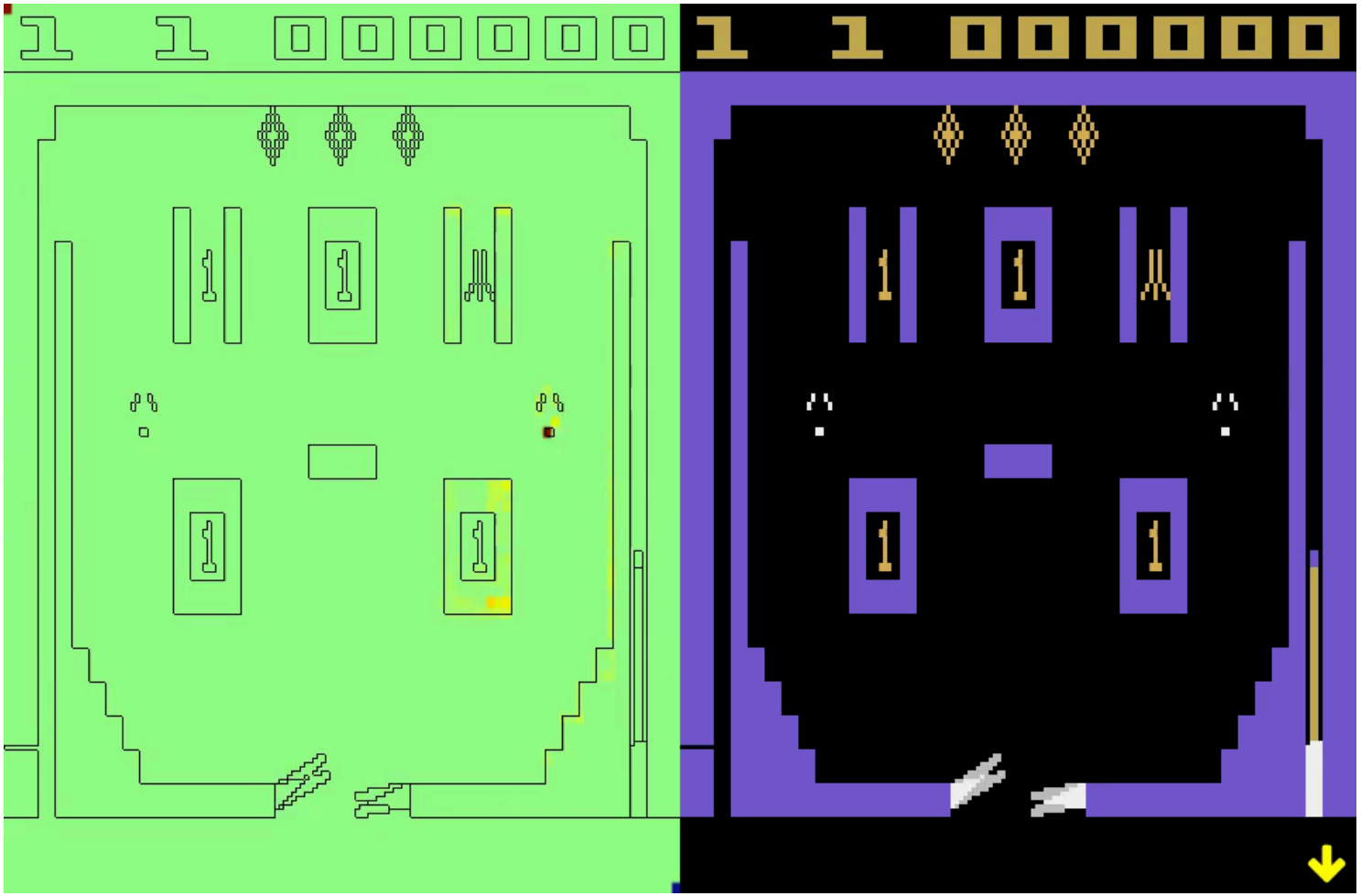

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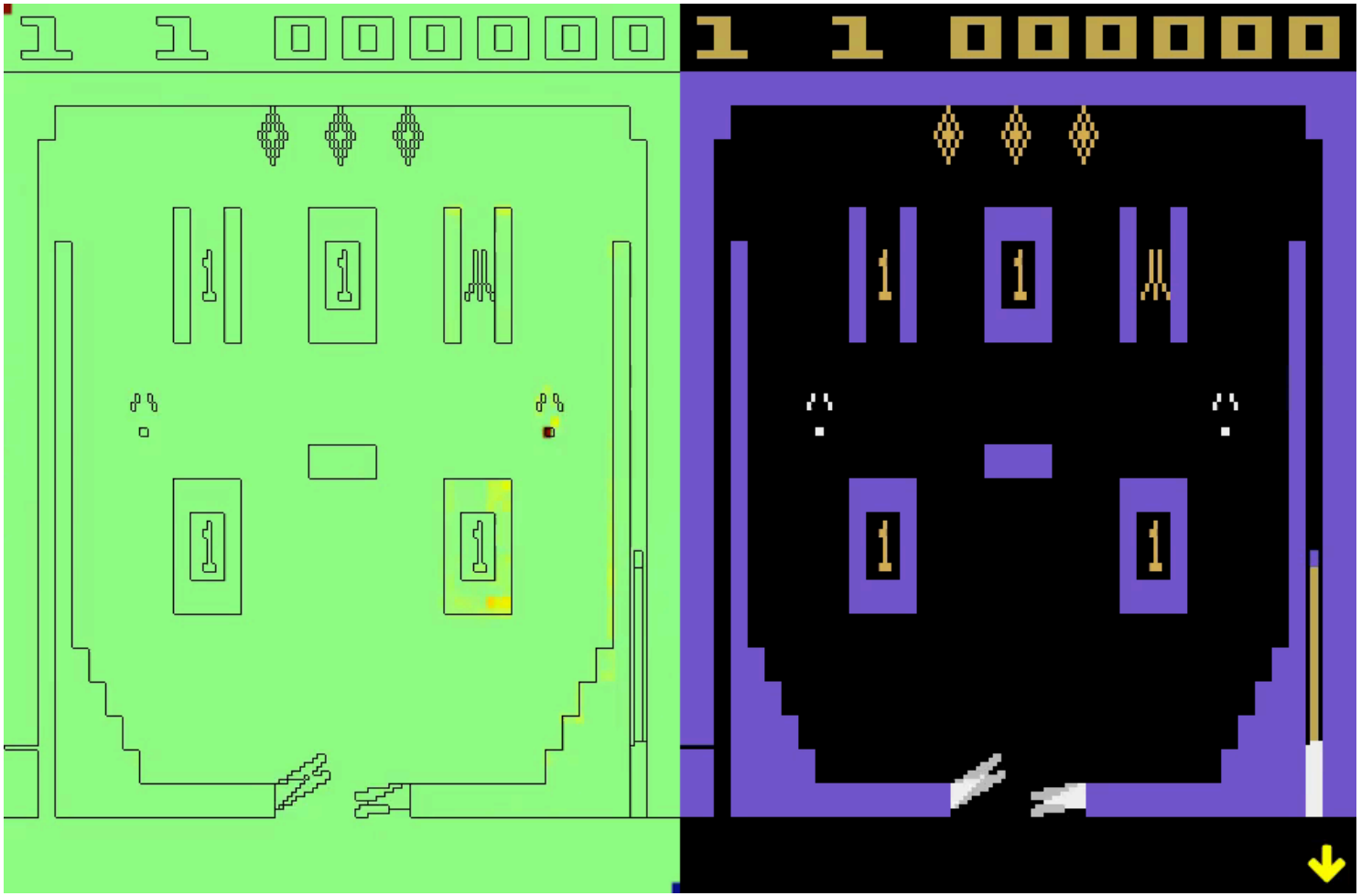

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Meta-Explanations

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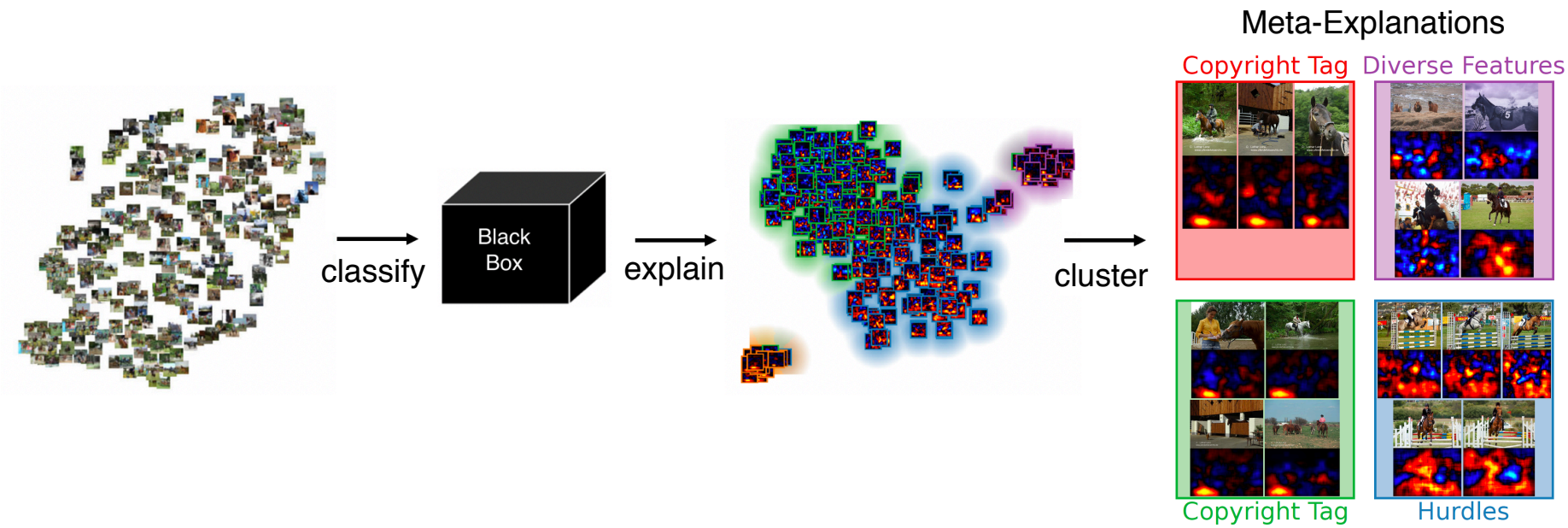
SpRAy's idea: Explain *whole dataset* decisions of a ML model by systematically analyzing distributions of LRP heatmaps.



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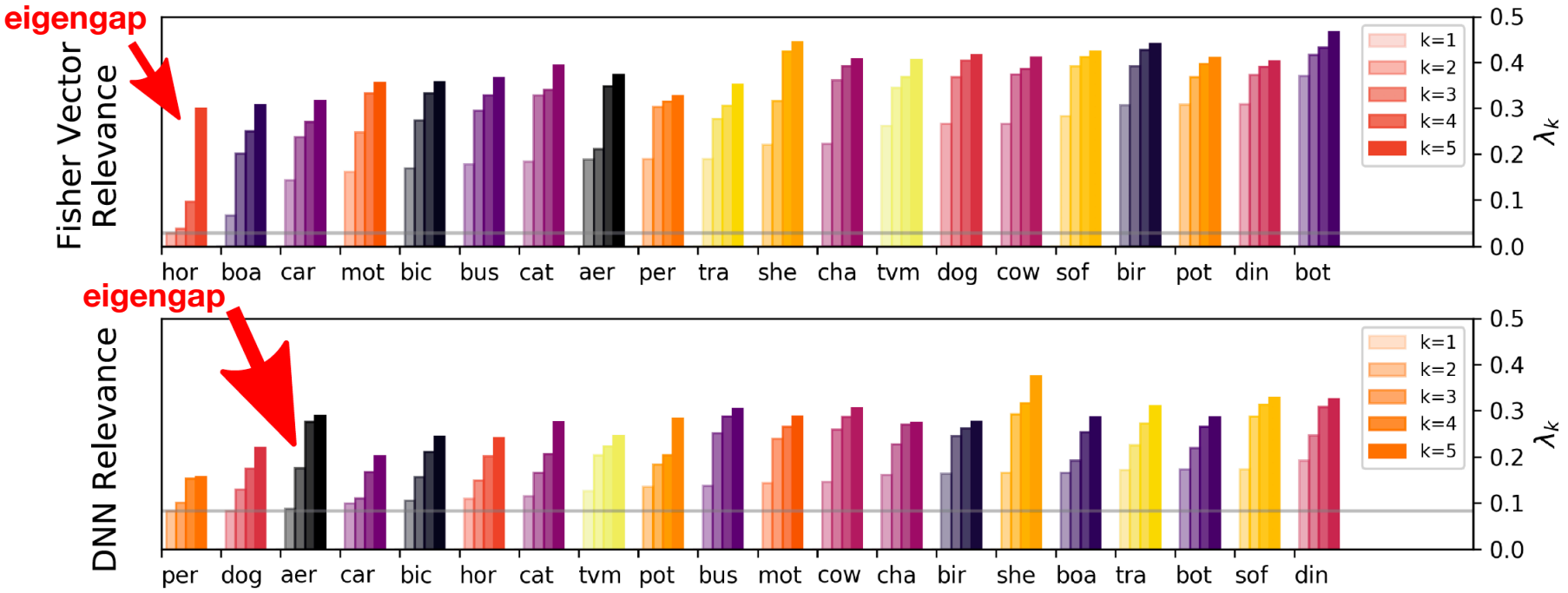
Spectral Relevance Analysis (SpRAy)

SpRAy for Fisher Vector and DNN classifiers on PASCAL VOC 2017.



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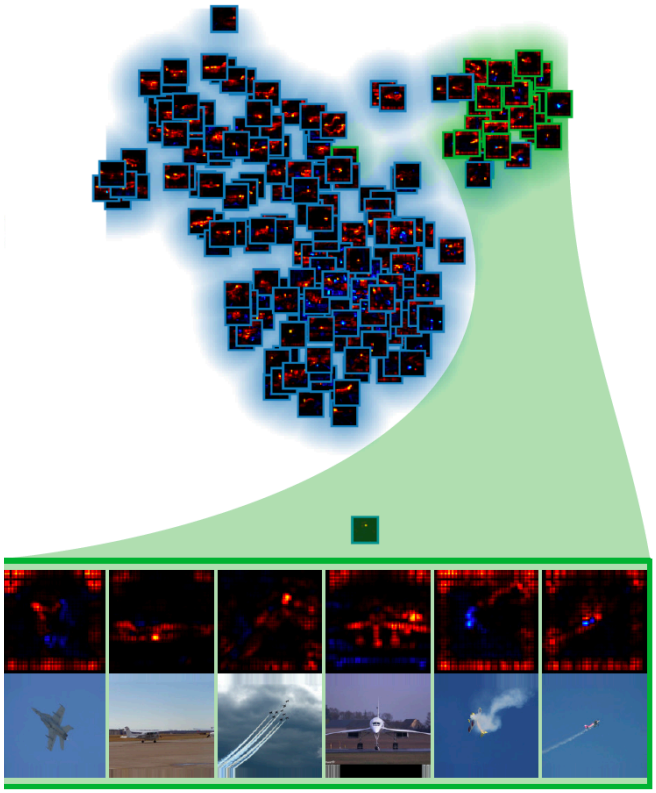

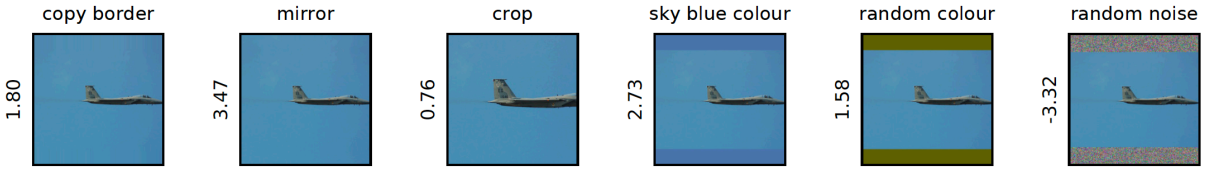

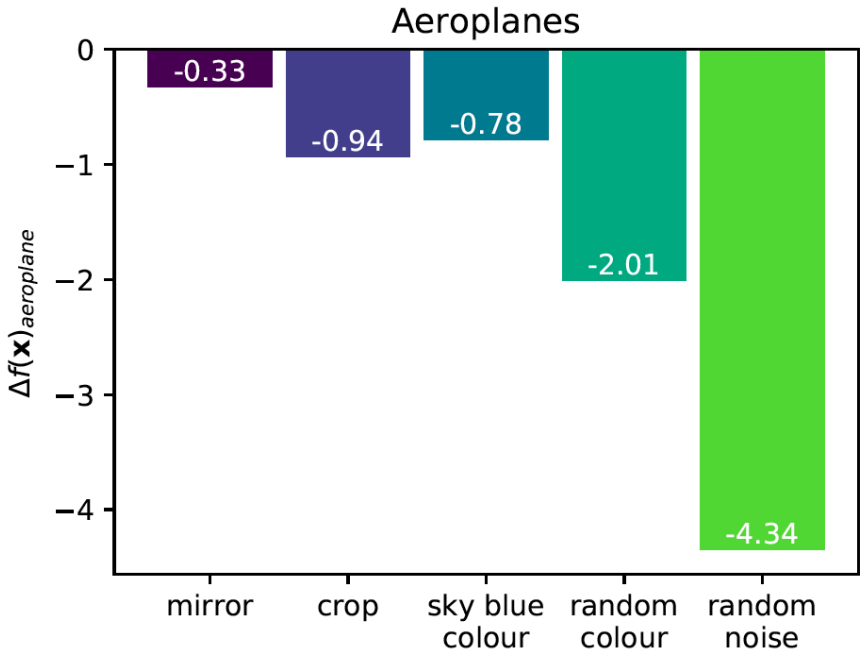

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Beyond Explaining Classifiers

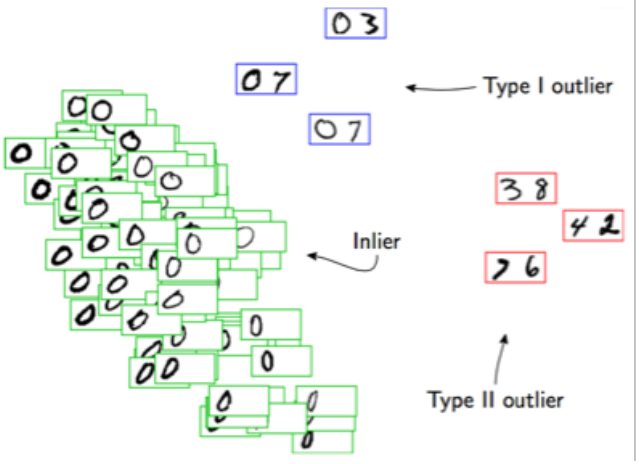
The "Neuralization" Trick

NEON (Neuralization-Propagation)

Explain ML algorithm (e.g., SVM, k-Means) in two steps:

1. Convert it into a neural network ('neuralize it')
2. Explain the neural network with propagation methods (LRP)

One-class SVM (Kauffmann'18)



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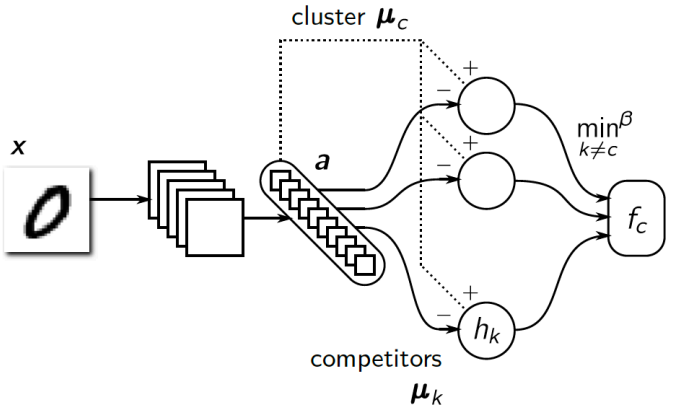
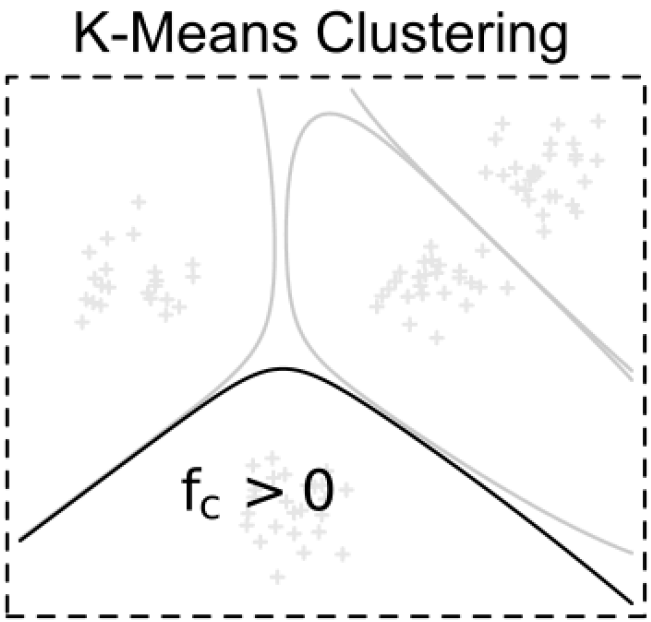


Neuralizing K-means



Represent evidence for cluster membership using logit

$$f_c(\boldsymbol{x}) = \log\left(\frac{P(\omega_c \mid \boldsymbol{x})}{1 - P(\omega_c \mid \boldsymbol{x})}\right)$$

with

$$P(\omega_c \mid \boldsymbol{x}) = \frac{\exp(-\beta \cdot o_c(\boldsymbol{x}))}{\sum_k \exp(-\beta \cdot o_k(\boldsymbol{x}))}$$

$$o_k(\boldsymbol{x}) = \|\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k\|^2$$

Proposition 1. *The logit that quantifies cluster membership can be written as a soft min-pooling layer*

$$f_c(\boldsymbol{x}) = \beta \cdot \min_{k \neq c}^{\beta} \{o_k(\boldsymbol{x}) - o_c(\boldsymbol{x})\},$$

where we define $\min^{\beta}\{\cdot\} = -\beta^{-1} \log \sum \exp(-\beta(\cdot))$.

(Kauffmann et al. 2019)

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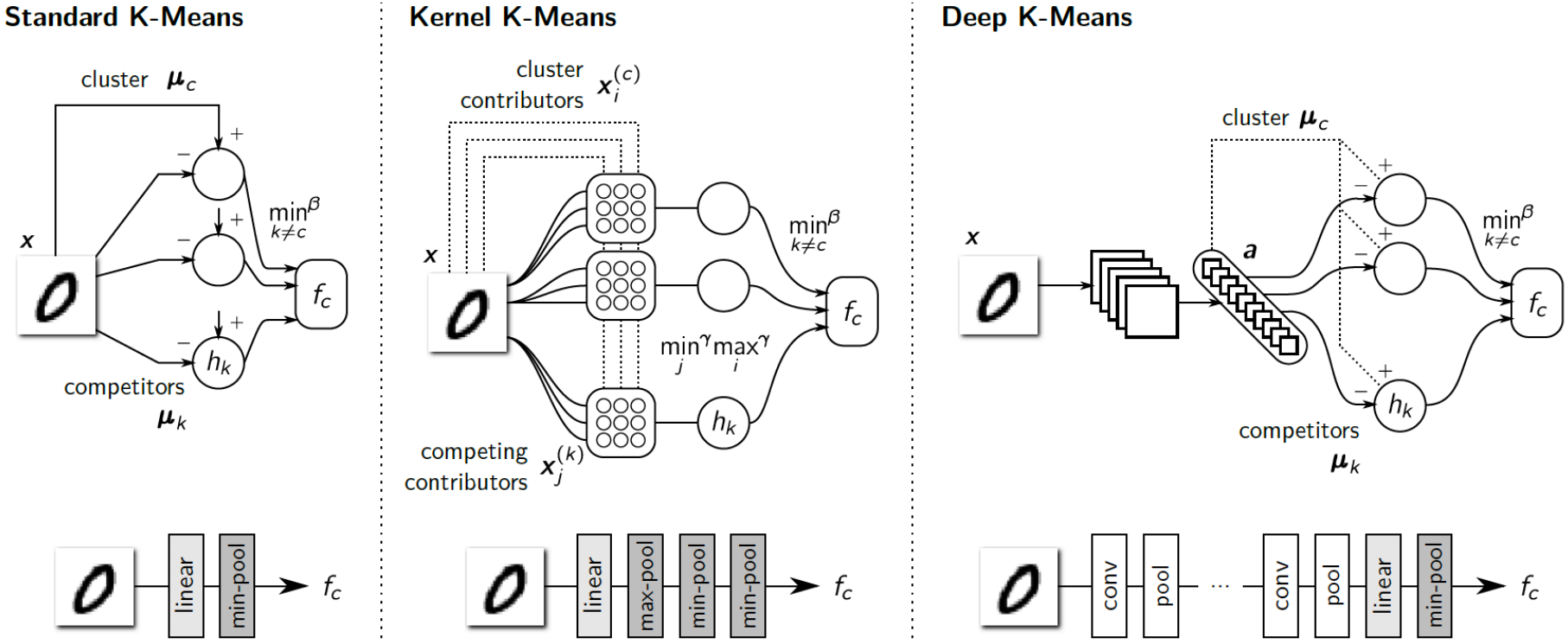

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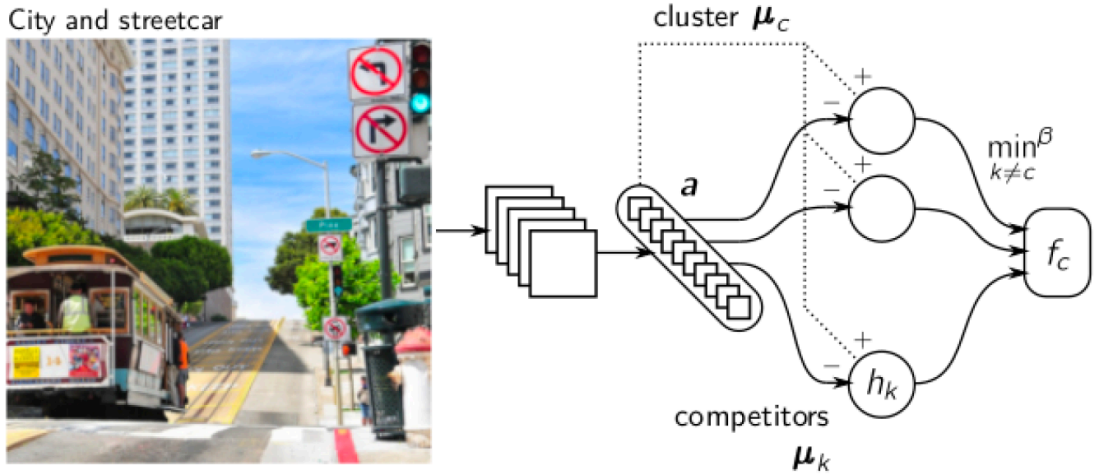
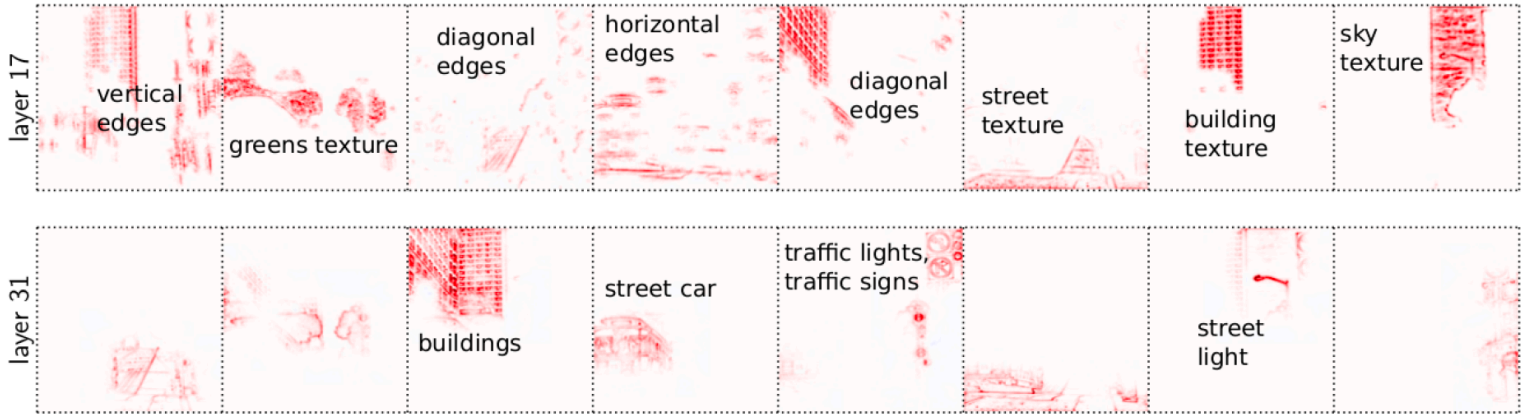
K-Means on VGG-16 Features





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Summary

Decisions functions of ML models are often complex, and analyzing them directly can be difficult.

Levering the model's structure largely simplifies the explanation problem.

Layer type dependent redistribution rules exist and should be used

Explanations and Meta-Explanations can be used for various purposes.

Common ML models (e.g. OC-SVM, k-means) can often be decomposed as a sequence of explainable layers ("neuralization").

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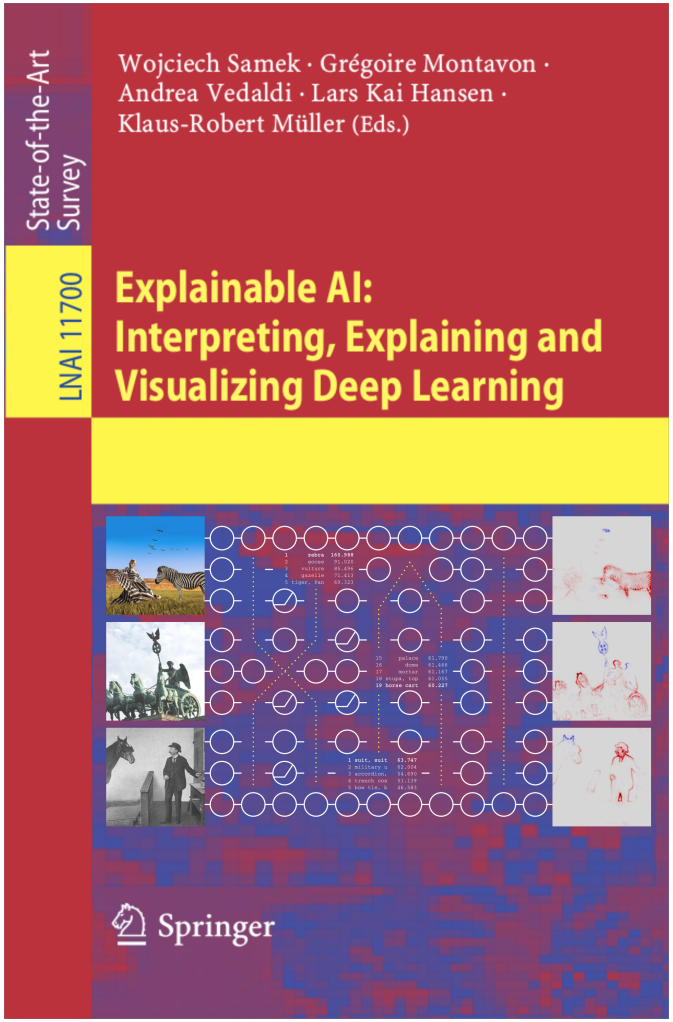

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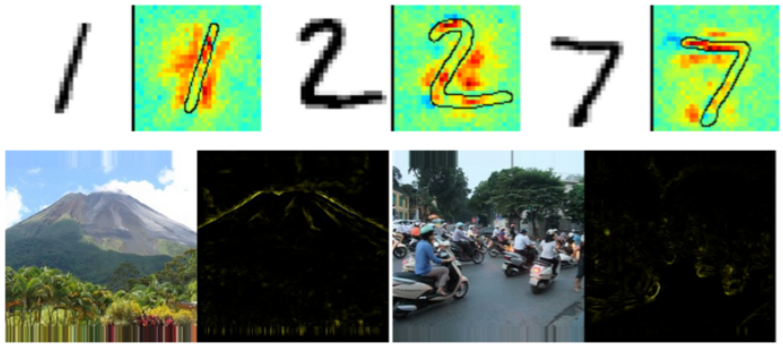

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