



INTERPRETABLE MACHINE LEARNING

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WHY DO WE NEED INTERPRETABILITY?

And what it is?

'AI IS THE NEW ELECTRICITY'



“Just as electricity transformed almost everything 100 years ago, today I actually have a hard time thinking of an industry that I don’t think AI will transform in the next several years.”

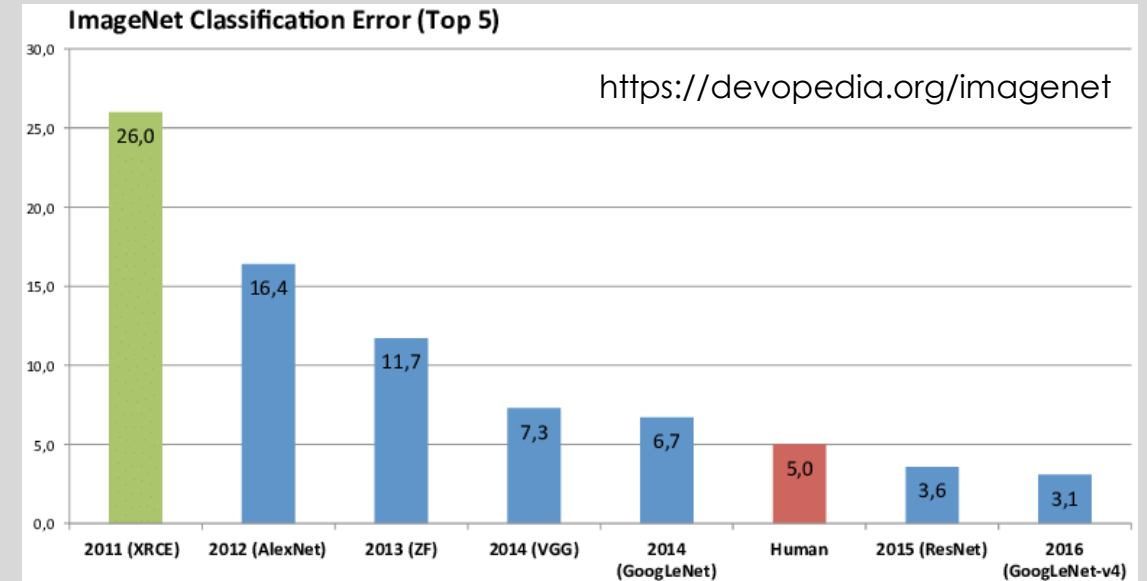
Andrew Ng

Former chief scientist at Baidu, Co-founder at Coursera



Computer vision for self-driving cars

Super-human performance
on image classification



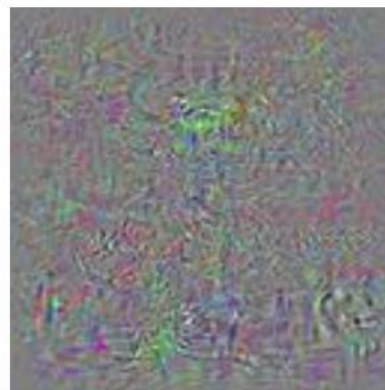
All is well?

What humans see:



Schoolbus

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Perturbation
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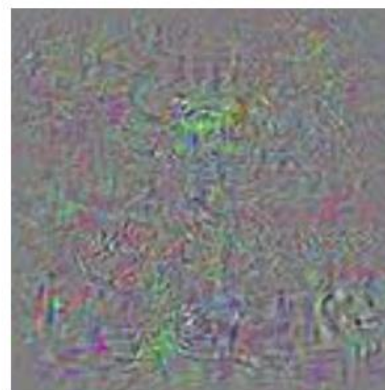
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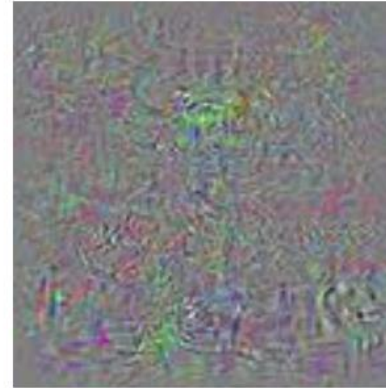


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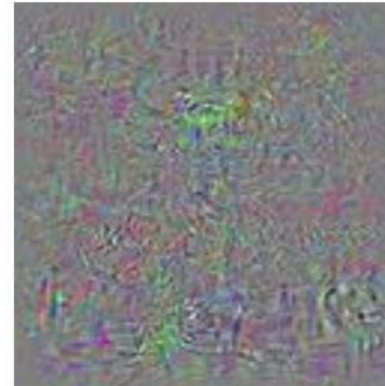
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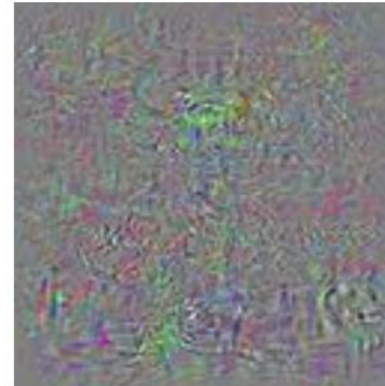
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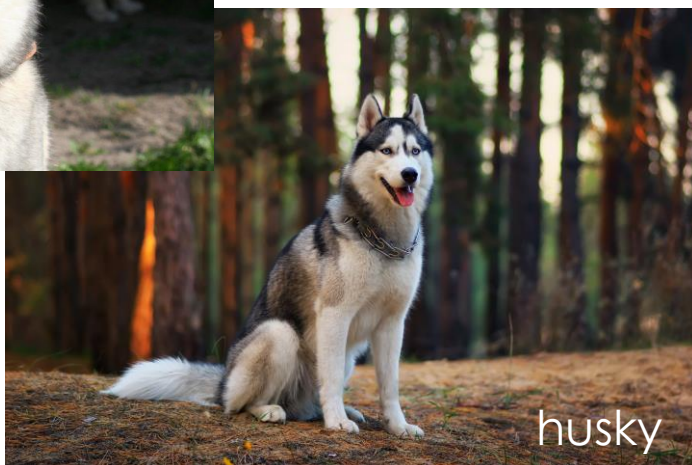


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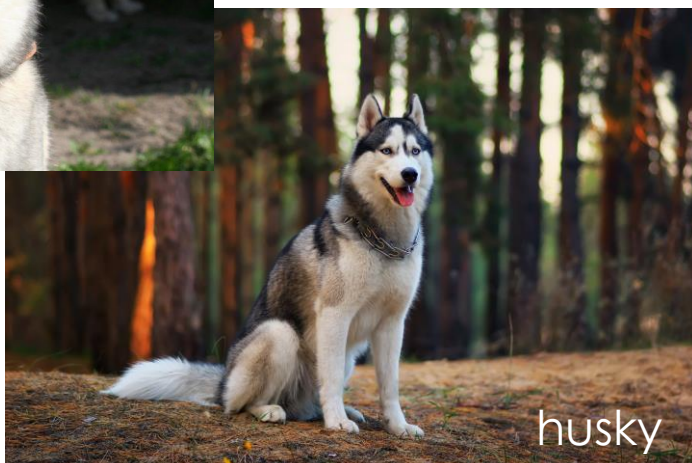


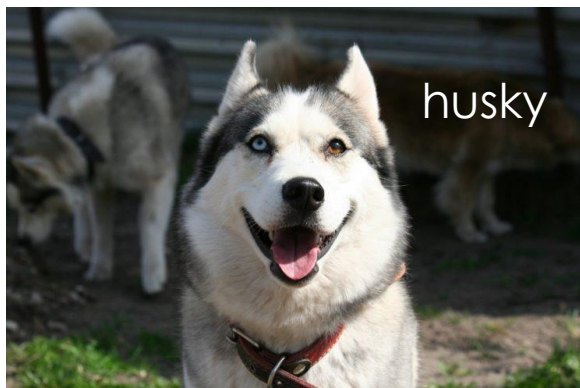
Husky vs. wolf classifier





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Bad generalization!

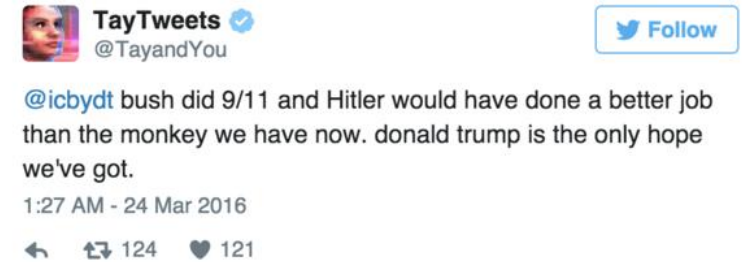


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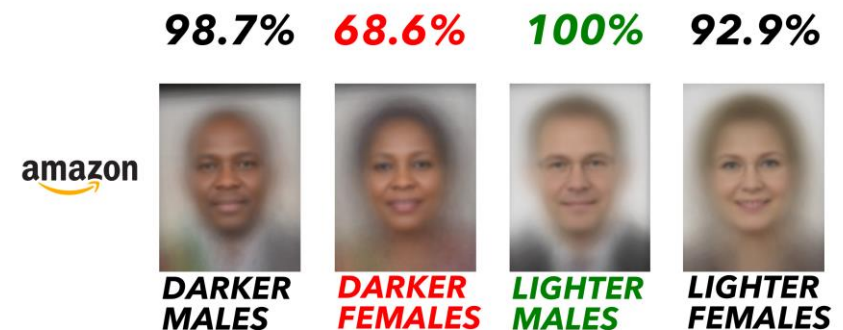
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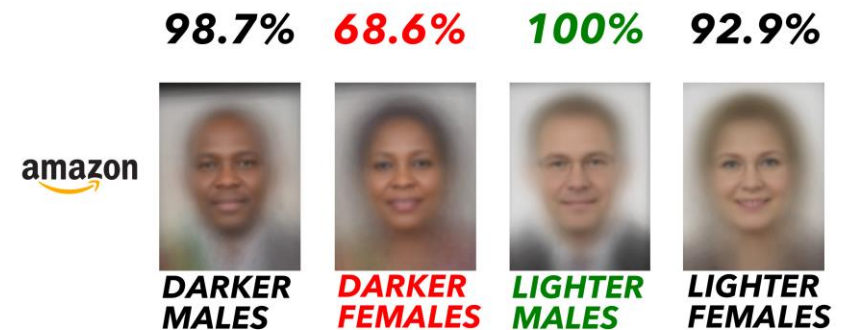
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People worry that the computers will get too smart and take over the world, but the real problem is that they're too stupid and they've already taken over the world.

Pedro Domingos "The Master Algorithm"

All is well?

No.

We need **interpretability**.

Some definitions

Black boxes

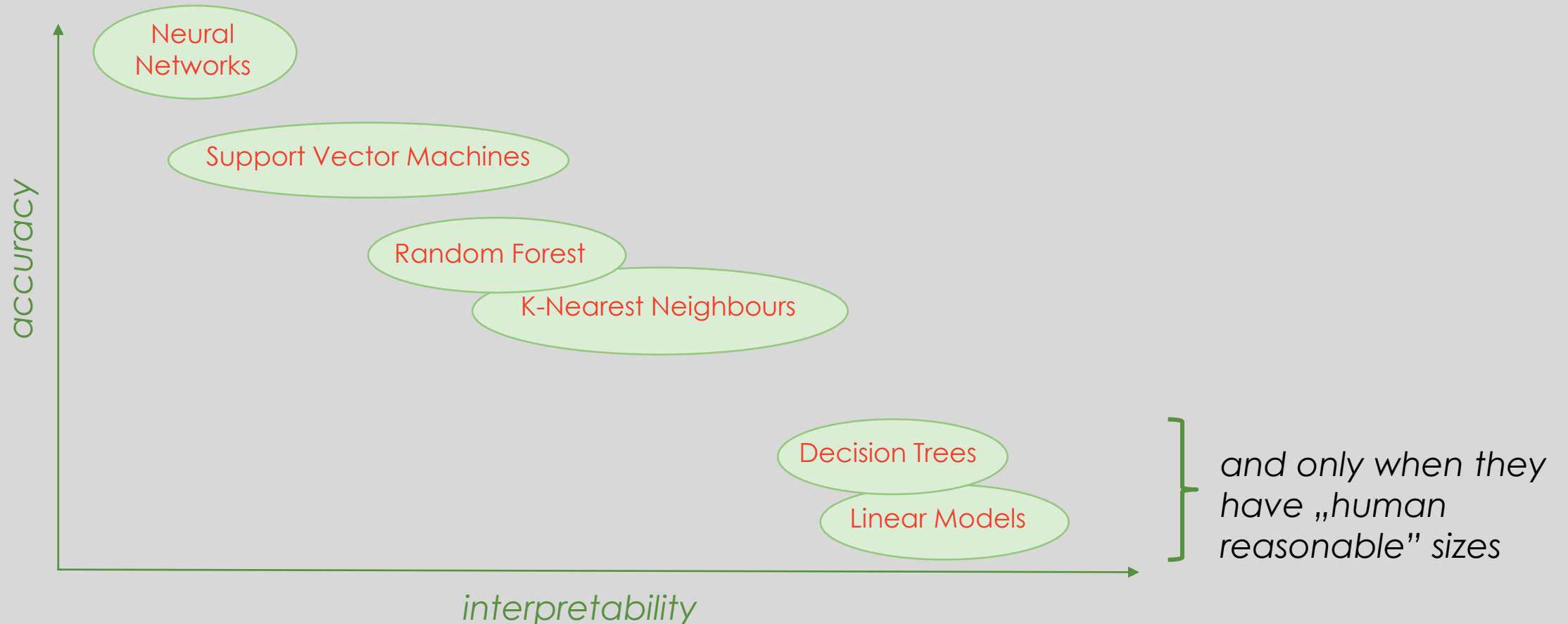
Systems that hide their internal logic to the user (either the internals are unknown or uninterpretable to humans)

Interpretability (also: comprehensibility)

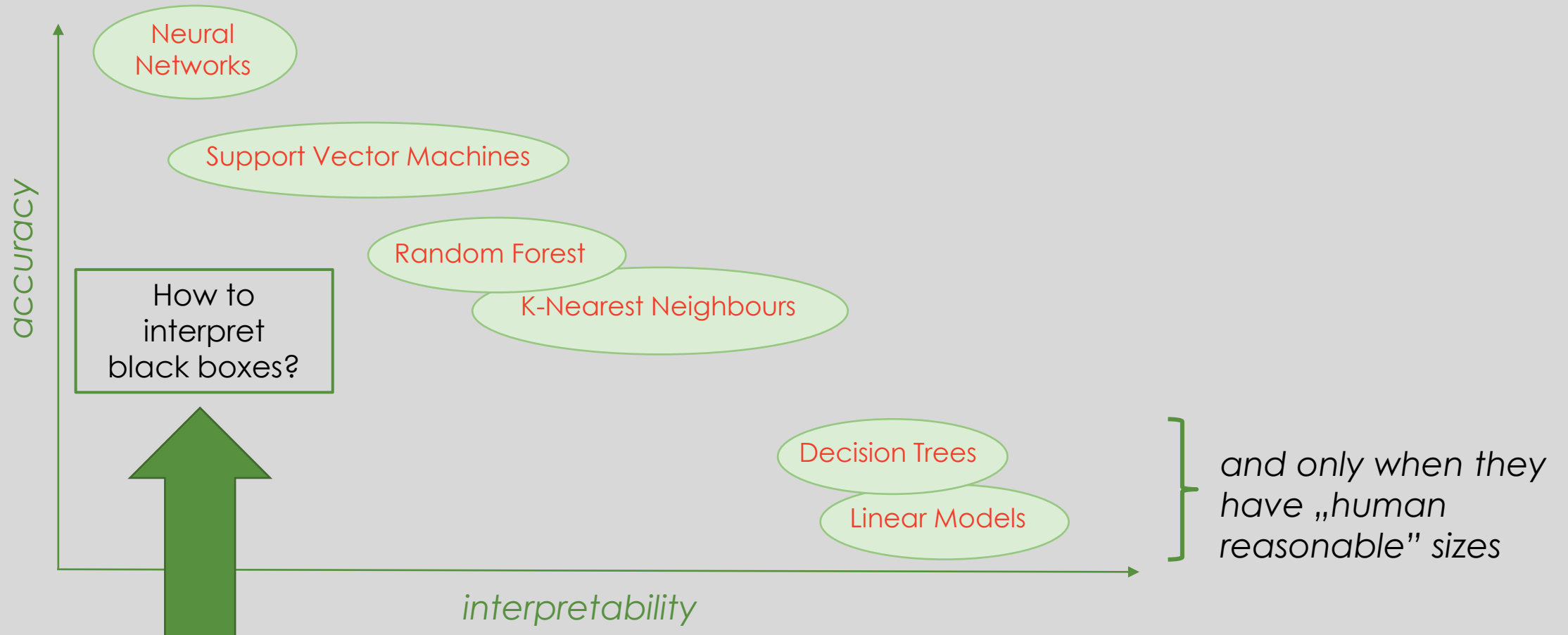
Ability to explain or to present in understandable terms to a human



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OVERVIEW OF INTERPRETABILITY METHODS

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EXAMPLES

subjective choice of mine!

Feature visualisation

finding the image that maximizes the activation of certain part of the model

Dataset Examples
show us what
neurons respond to
in practice



Optimization
isolates the causes
of behavior from
mere correlations. A
neuron may not be
detecting what you
initially thought.



Baseball—or stripes?
mixed4a, Unit 6



Animal faces—or snouts?
mixed4a, Unit 240



Clouds—or fluffiness?
mixed4a, Unit 453

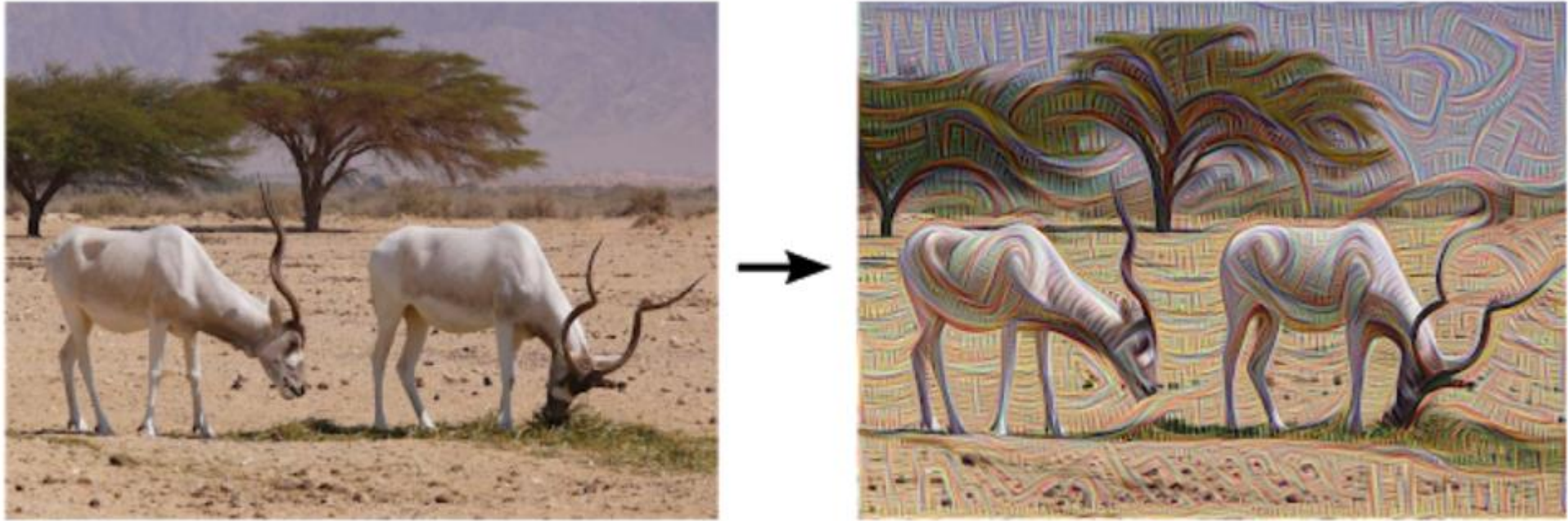


Buildings—or sky?
mixed4a, Unit 492

We can look at whole layers!

Deep Dream

enhance what was
detected by a chosen layer
and visualise

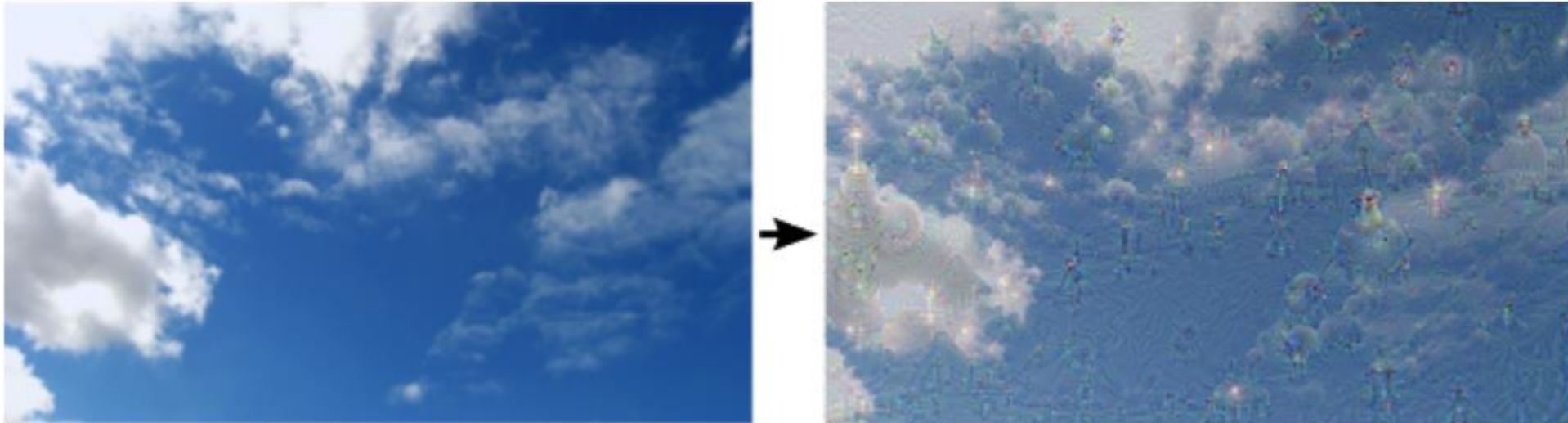


Left: Original photo by [Zachi Evenor](#). Right: processed by Günther Noack, Software Engineer

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"Admiral Dog!"



"The Pig-Snail"

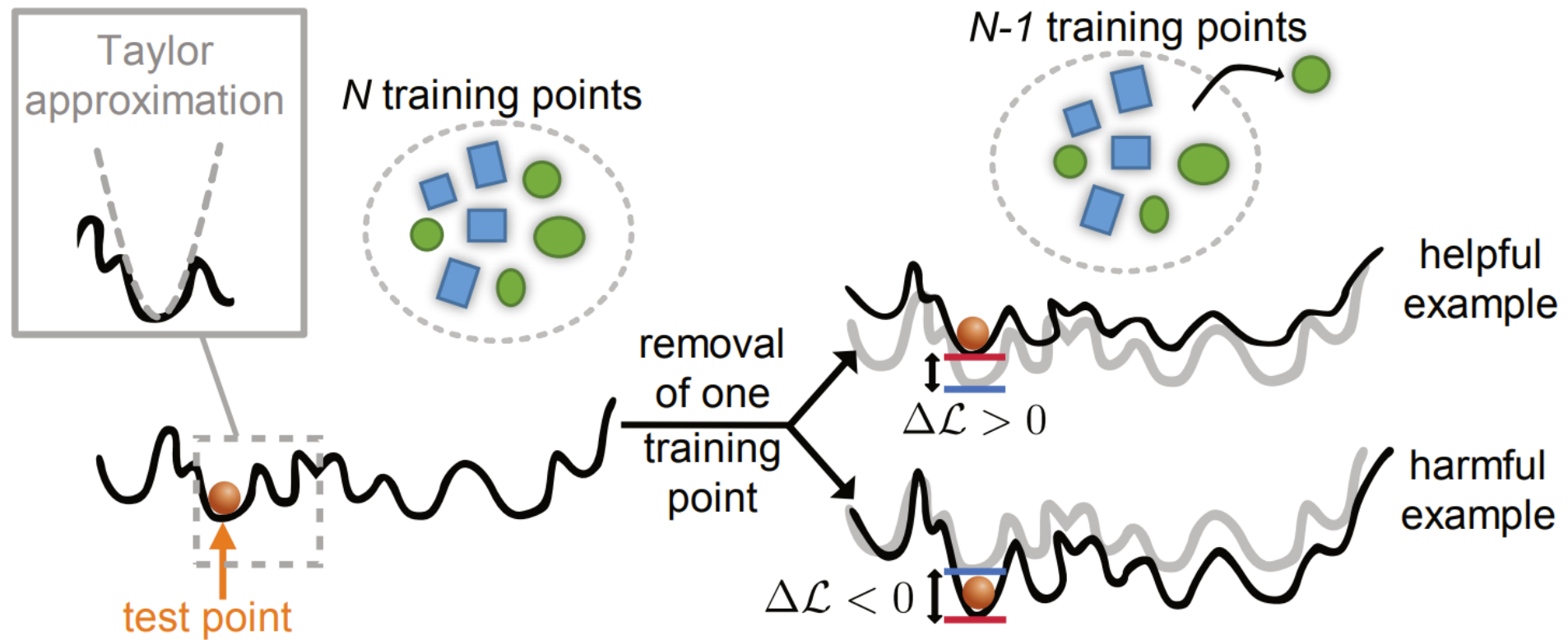


"The Camel-Bird"

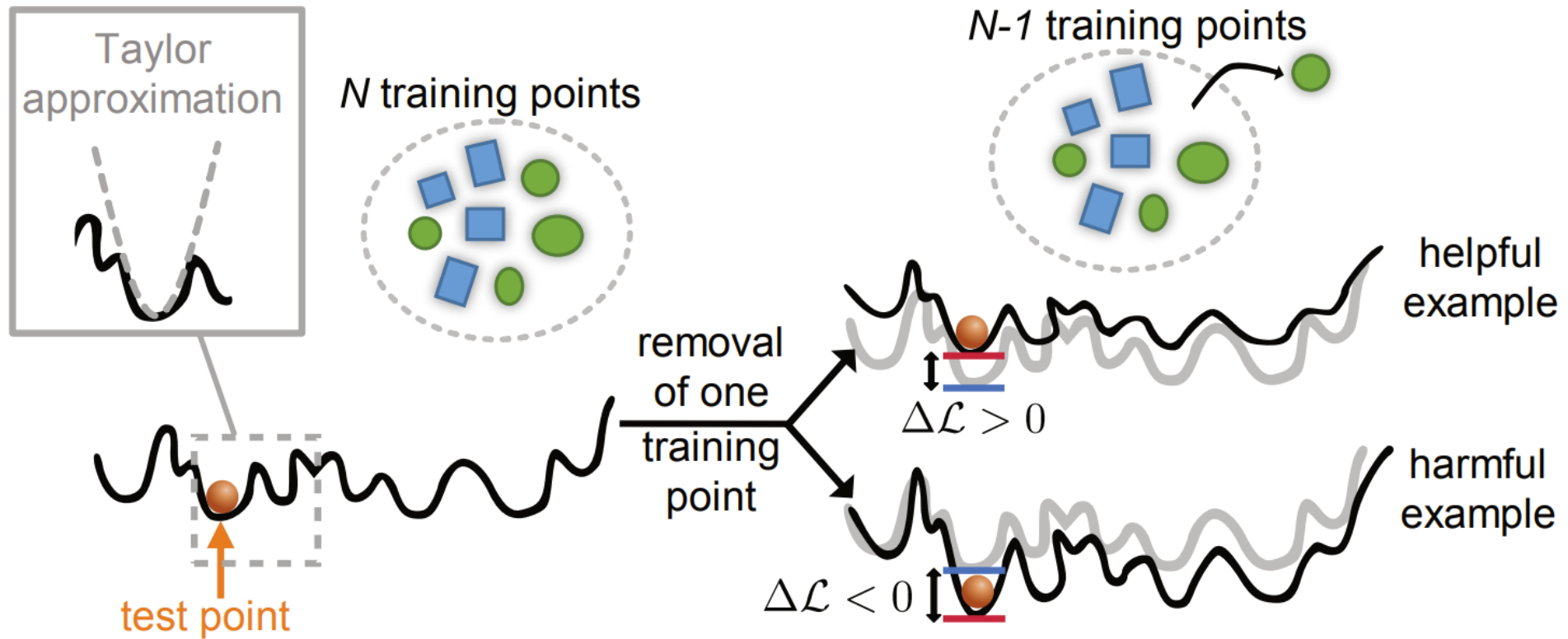


"The Dog-Fish"

Leave-one-out training



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super expensive!

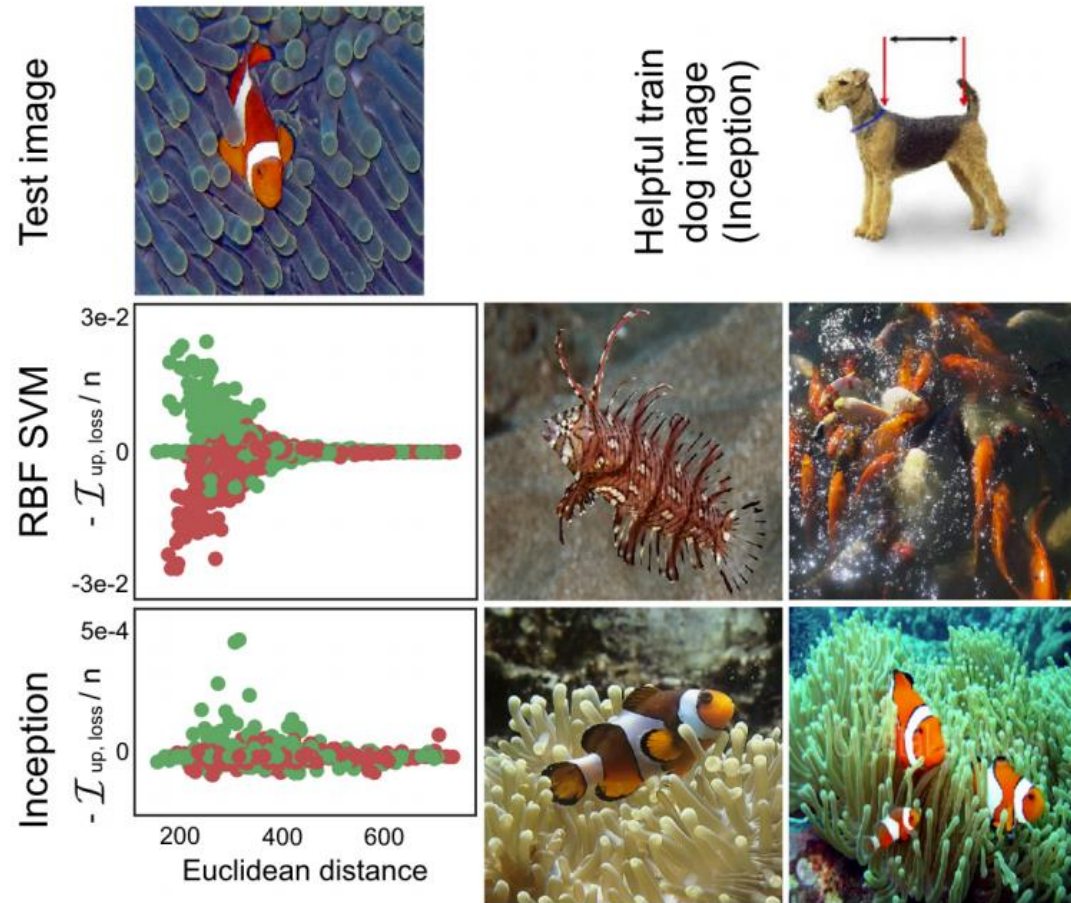


Figure 4. Inception vs. RBF SVM. Bottom left: $-\mathcal{I}_{\text{up,loss}}(z, z_{\text{test}})$ vs. $\|z - z_{\text{test}}\|_2^2$. Green dots are fish and red dots are dogs. **Bottom right:** The two most helpful training images, for each model, on the test. **Top right:** An image of a dog in the training set that helped the Inception model correctly classify the test image as a fish.

Its approximation are:
influence functions

(They can be used to NNs after generalizing to non-convex problems)

Go to www.menti.com and use the code: 40 91 76

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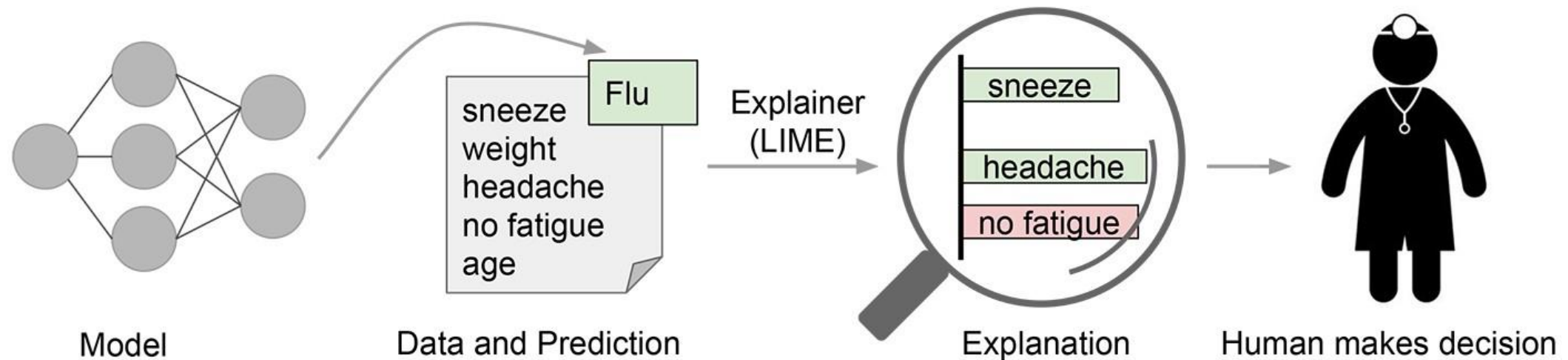
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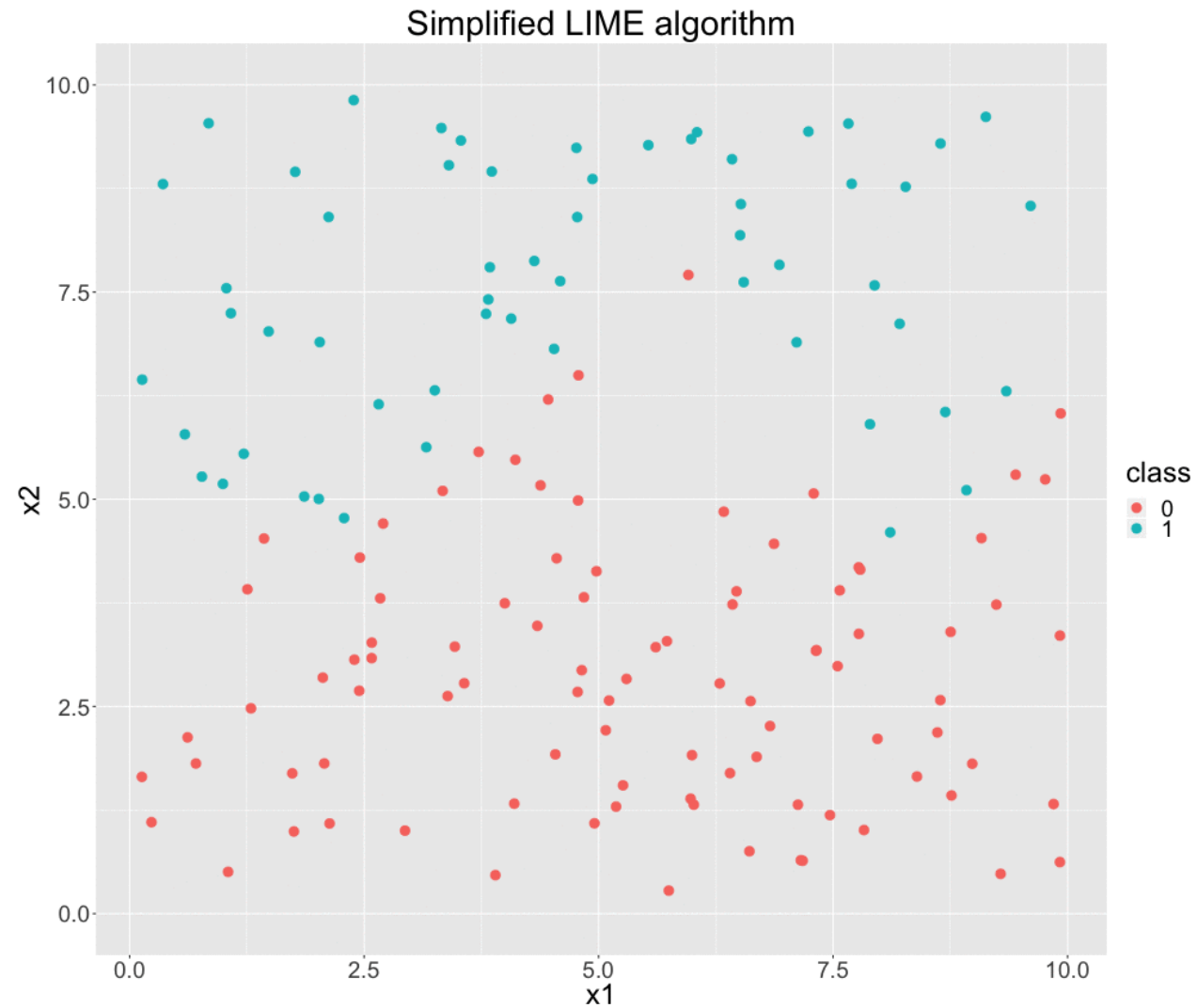
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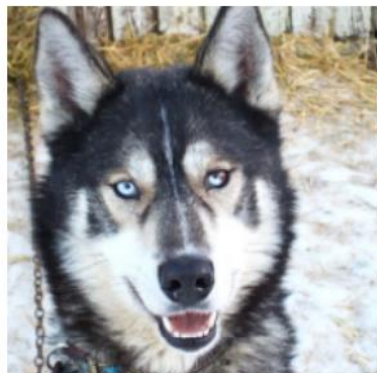
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LIME (Local Interpretable Model-Agnostic Explanations)

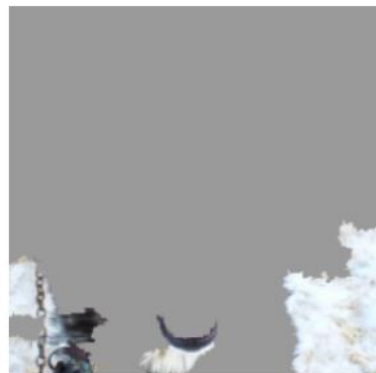


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(a) Husky classified as wolf

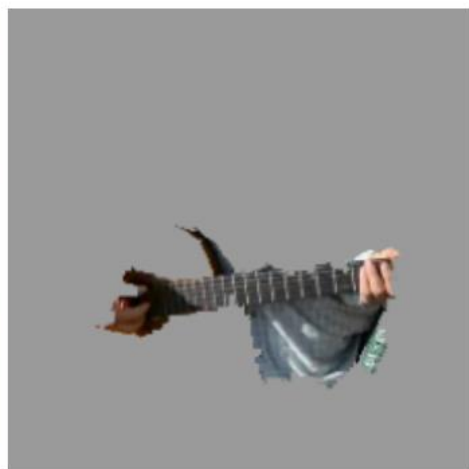


(b) Explanation

Figure 11: Raw data and explanation of a bad model's prediction in the "Husky vs Wolf" task.



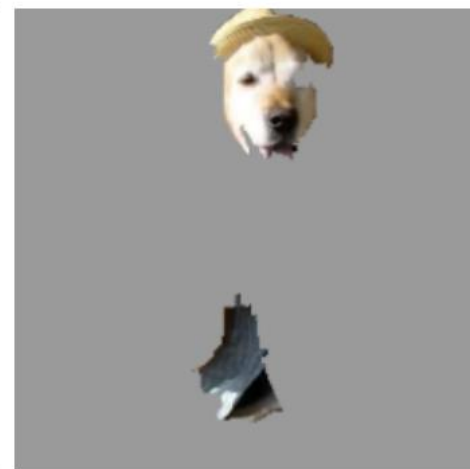
(a) Original Image



(b) Explaining *Electric guitar*



(c) Explaining *Acoustic guitar*



(d) Explaining *Labrador*

Figure 4: Explaining an image classification prediction made by Google's Inception neural network. The top 3 classes predicted are "Electric Guitar" ($p = 0.32$), "Acoustic guitar" ($p = 0.24$) and "Labrador" ($p = 0.21$)

TUTORIAL EXAMPLE

Class Activation Map (CAM)

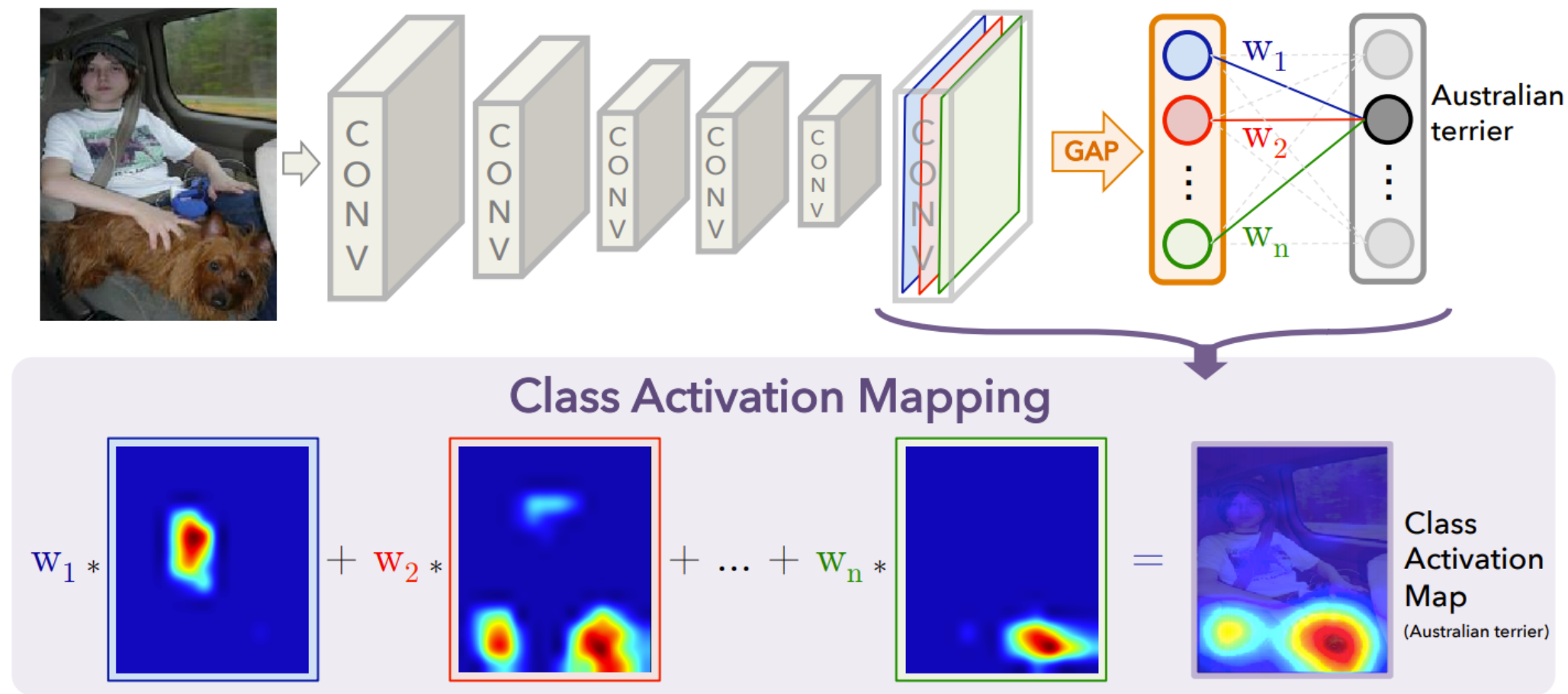


Figure 2. Class Activation Mapping: the predicted class score is mapped back to the previous convolutional layer to generate the class activation maps (CAMs). The CAM highlights the class-specific discriminative regions.



Figure 1. A simple modification of the global average pooling layer combined with our class activation mapping (CAM) technique allows the classification-trained CNN to both classify the image and localize class-specific image regions in a single forward-pass e.g., the toothbrush for *brushing teeth* and the chainsaw for *cutting trees*.

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Take-home messages

ML needs to be interpretable if it is to be trusted

Is it reliable? Is it fair? Does it generalize well? Can we extract the learnt knowledge?

Interpretability methods

Some look at the components of the model (CAM, feature visualisation), some are based on perturbing the data and looking at how it changed the model (LOO training), there are also surrogate approaches (LIME).

Class Activation Map (CAM)

Shows which parts of the image were decisive for the prediction of the given class.

Many other methods exist!