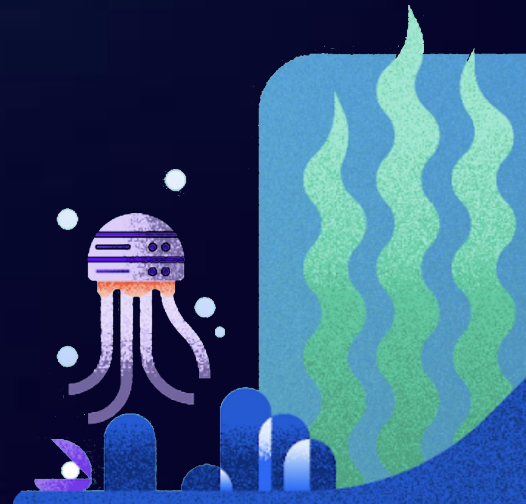


# Explaining the Unexplainable

## Python Tools for AI Transparency Using Captum

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- Are you Human or an AI?
- I want 5 Kubernetes
- Virtual Machines are Real
- Cloudy, cloudy, cloudy...
- There is storage for that!

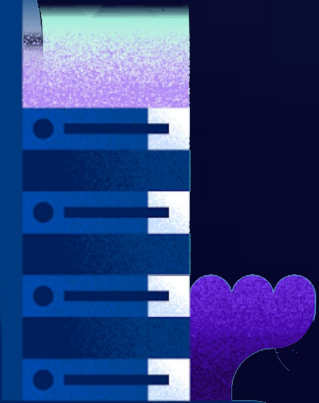
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# Agenda

- **What is Explainable AI?**
- **Understanding Data Inconsistencies**
- **Dataset Observability and Diagnostics**
  - **Demos, Demos, Demos**
- **Adversarial Attacks for Good... & Bad**
  - **Demos, Demos, Demos**
- **Q&A**

# What is Explainable AI?



# Flawed Data

- AI/ML Only As Good As the Data
  - What If the Data is Flawed?
- Real-World Examples:
  - Recruiter AI + Male Skewed
  - Offensive AI Chatbot
  - Court Case Hallucinations
  - Home Purchasing Spree
  - Scan Sitting Up or Down
  - Many, Many, Many More





# Explainable AI

## Why Do We Care?

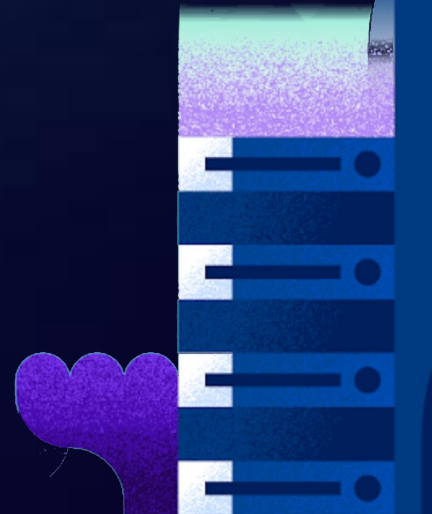
- Trust and Transparency
- Debugging + Improvement
- Compliance and Ethics

## Key Goals:

- Interpretability
- Accountability
- Fairness + Bias Detection

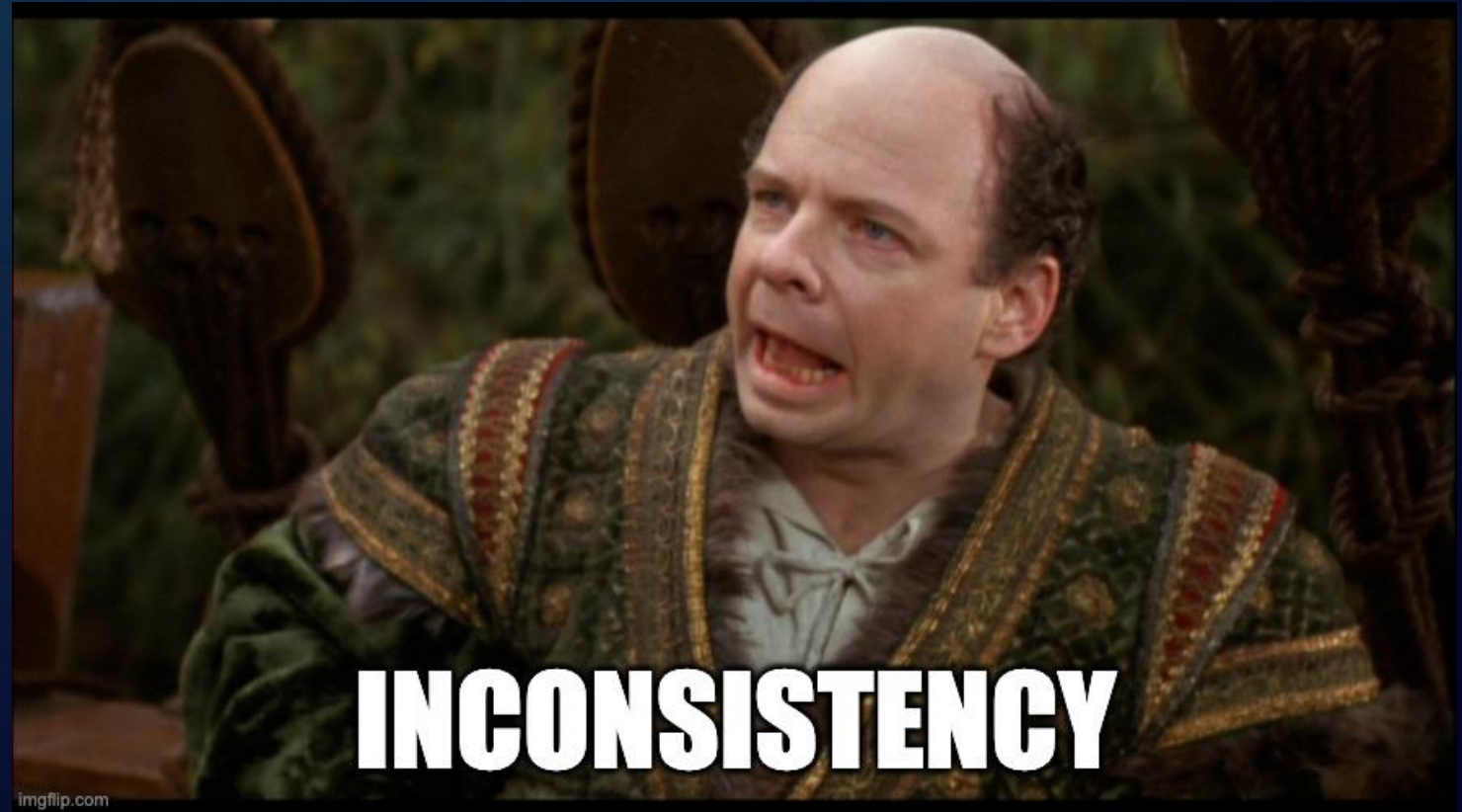


# Understanding Data Inconsistencies



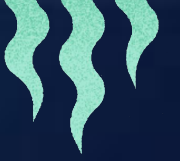
# Data Inconsistencies Matter

- Impacts AI "Decision Making"
  - Annotation Errors
  - Data Bias
  - Distribution Drift
  - Adversarial Input
- Accidental, Unintended Consequences





# Annotation Errors



RED

# Data Bias

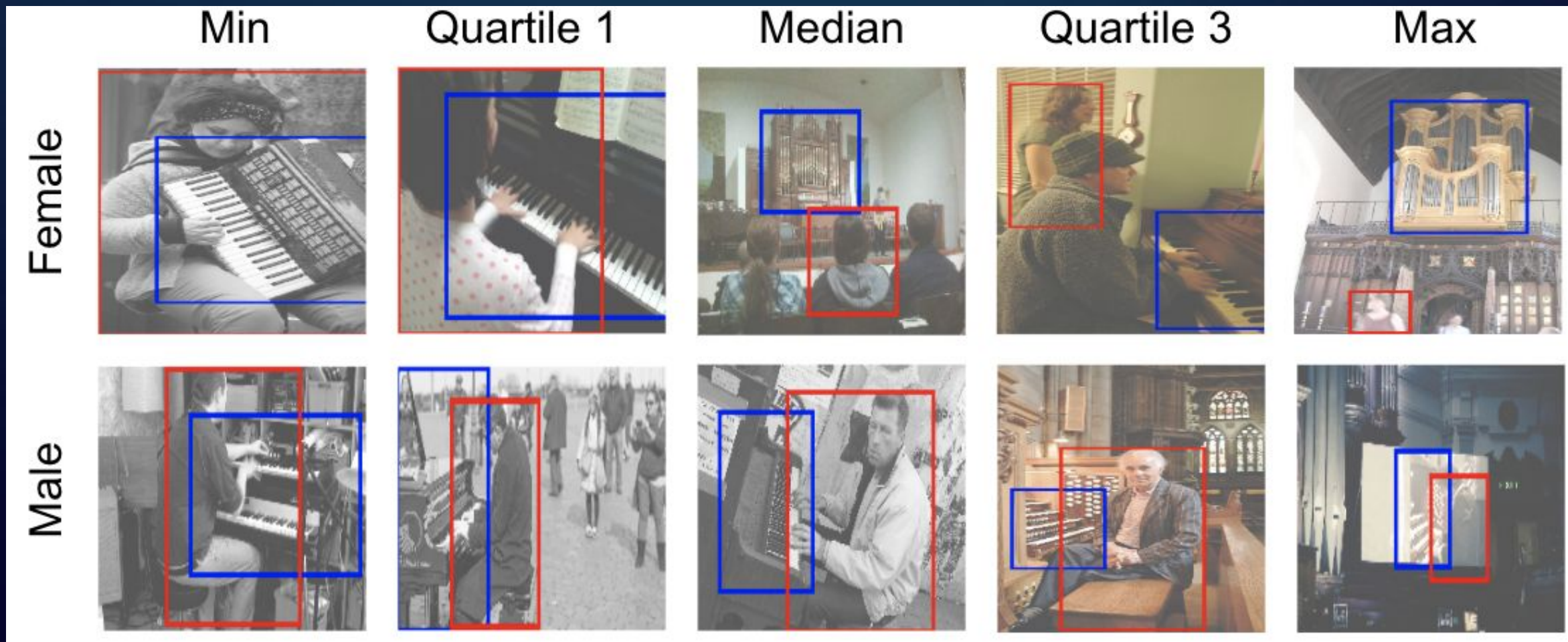


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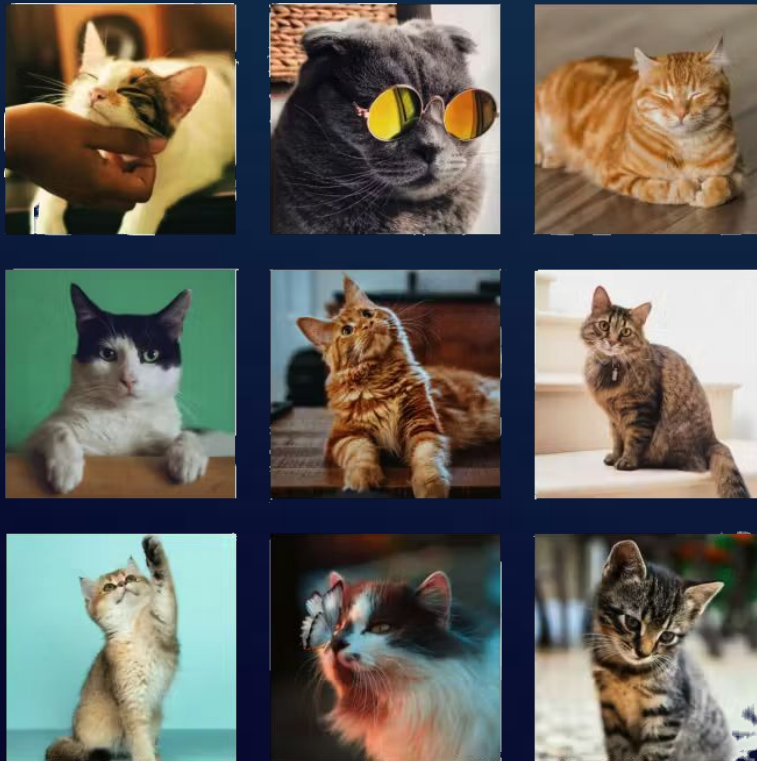
Princeton University Researcher - [Tool helps clear biases from computer vision](#)

Molly Sharlach on October 1, 2020

# Data Imbalance

## Unbalanced Dataset

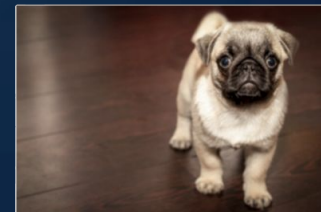
### CATS



### DOGS



# Distribution Shifts



Let's Input These





# Adversarial Samples



$x$

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57.7% confidence

$+ .007 \times$



$\text{sign}(\nabla_x J(\theta, x, y))$

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8.2% confidence

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99.3 % confidence

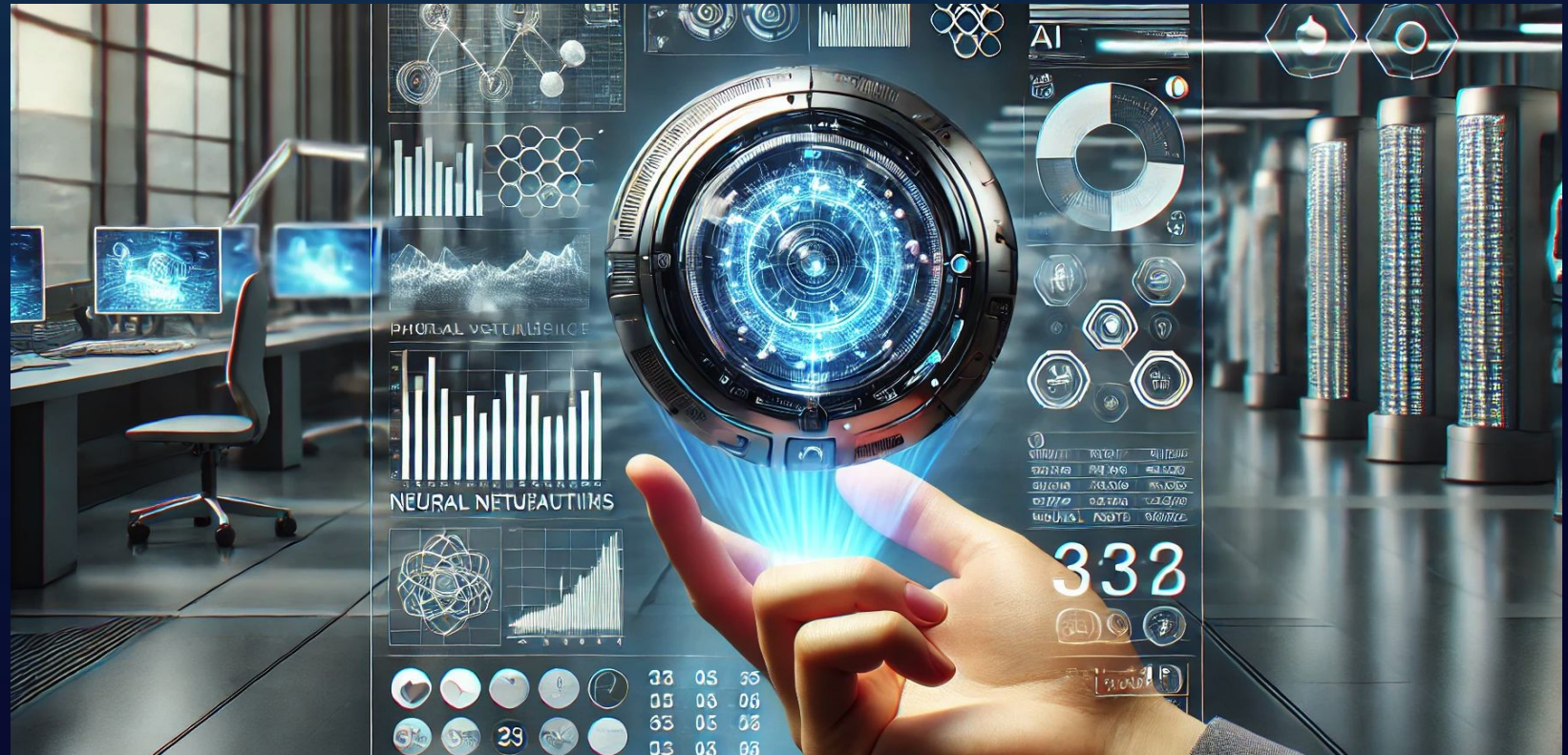


# Dataset Observability And Diagnostics



# What Tools Can I Use?

- Captum – <https://github.com/pytorch/captum>
- SHAP – <https://github.com/shap/shap>
- LIME
- ELI5
- AIX360
- Many...
- Many...
- More



# Let's Take a Look at Captum

- Open Source PyTorch Library
  - Gradients, Saliency Maps, SHAP
  - Layer/Neuron Contributions
  - NLP, Vision
- Detects:
  - Biases
  - Inconsistency
  - Hidden Patterns



# Captum

# Captum: Case Study

- Study: Urinary Incontinence
- Captum Revealed Findings:
  - Validated Contributions
  - Discovered 3 Features
- Future Application:
  - Update Surgical Protocols
  - Improved Techniques
  - Post-Op Therapy

## An artificial intelligence method for predicting postoperative urinary incontinence based on multiple anatomic parameters of MRI

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### Abstract

#### Background

Deep learning methods are increasingly applied in the medical field; however, their lack of interpretability remains a challenge. Captum is a tool that can be used to interpret neural network models by computing feature importance weights. Although Captum is an interpretable model, it is rarely used to study medical problems, and there is a scarcity of

Case Study Paper

[An artificial intelligence method for predicting postoperative urinary incontinence based on multiple anatomic parameters of MRI](#)



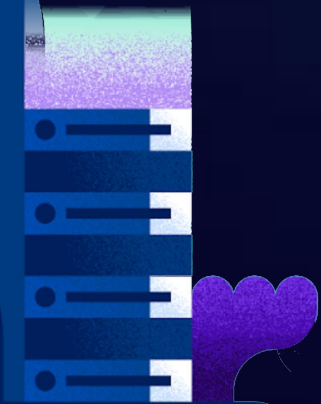
# Demo: Captum + NLP Classifier

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# Demo: Captum + Vision Classifier

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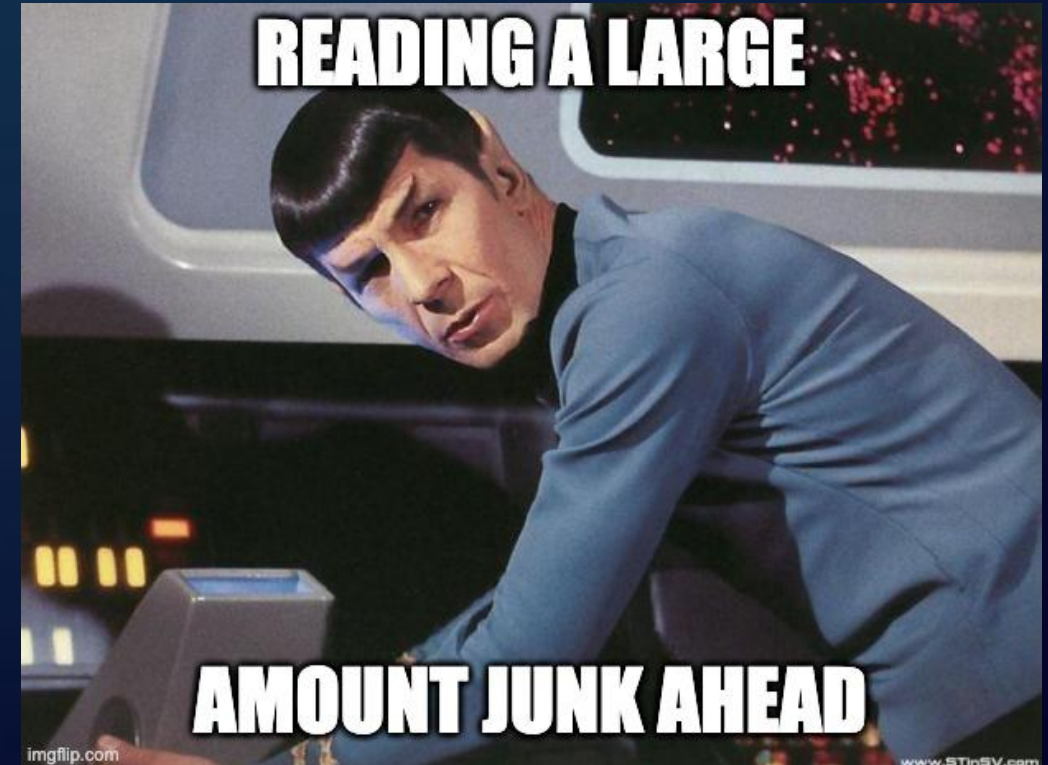
# Adversarial Attacks: For Good... and Bad

## Building Better Models via Intentional Disruption



# Turning Insights Into Action

- Why Explainable AI?
  - Question Rigid Assumptions
  - Finding Data Flaws
  - Expose Ethical Scenarios
  - Adversarial Testing
- Result
  - Why Exclude Data
  - Fix Problematic Data
  - Underrepresentation
  - Fairness



# What Else...

- Intentional Adversarial Attacks
  - Besides Finding Holes...
  - Disrupting Classification
    - Vision
    - NLP
- Why?
  - Unauthorized Surveillance
  - Protect Privacy
  - Obfuscation



# Adversarial Strategies

Ideas/Concepts in NLP to Disrupt

**Be Creative!!**

- Encoding/Formatting
- Homophones and Phonetics
- Code Switching
- Low-Resource Languages
  - Navajo – "Code Talkers"
- Adversarial Spelling
- Polysemy/Multiple Meanings
- Speaking in Metaphors



Resources for Next Slide

Video Credit: [Darmok, under 8 minutes \(Star Trek Abridged\)](#)

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# Creative Communication





# Attacking Vision



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## Demo: Read That Sentiment Wrong

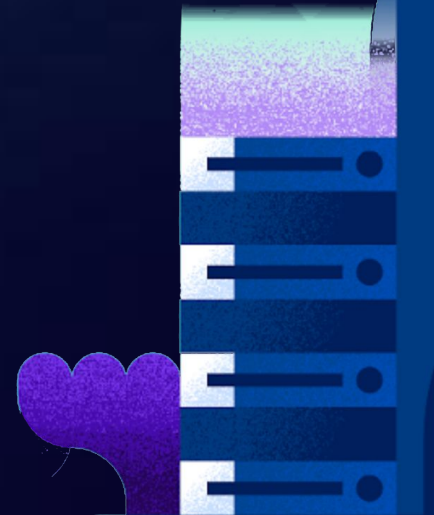
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## Demo: One Pixel Attack

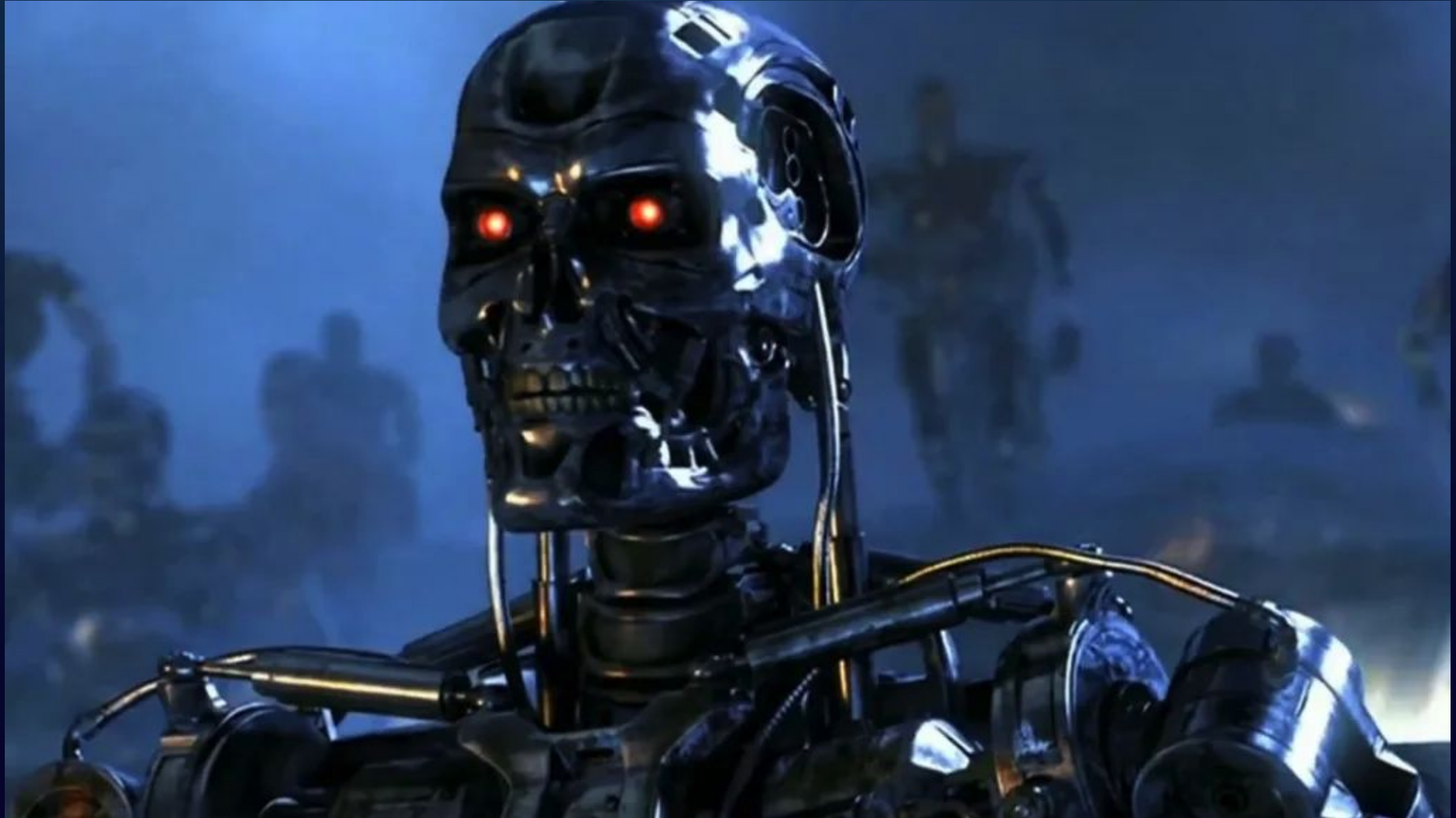
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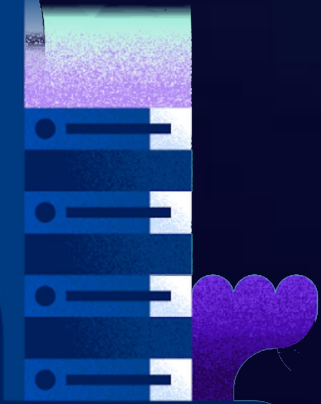
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# Just In Case...



# Resources





# Resources

All Materials/Demos: [TODO](#)

DigitalOcean AMD Bare Metal GPUs (MI300X) Availability

<https://www.digitalocean.com/blog/now-available-bare-metal-amd-instinct-mi300x-gpus>

Continue the Conversation – DigitalOcean Discord

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# Thank You!



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