

# Explaining FogNet Using Channel-wise PartitionShap

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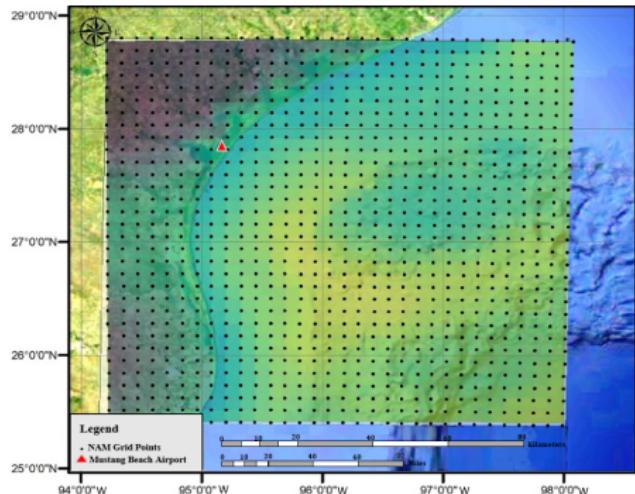
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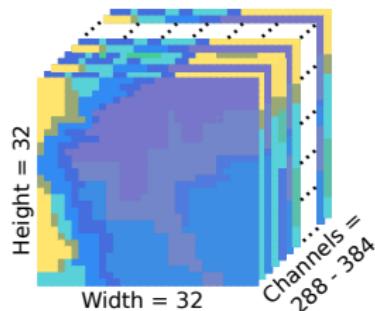
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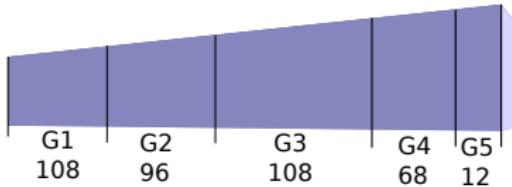
# FogNet data structure



## Input data



## Physics-based Channel Groups



G1 wind

G2 turbulence kinetic energy & humidity

G3 lower atmosphere thermodynamic profile

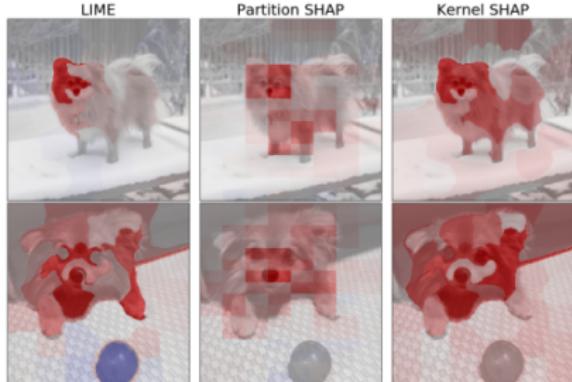
G4 surface atmospheric moisture & microphysics

G5 sea surface temperature

- ▶ FogNet: 3D CNN with attention, dense block, and dilated convolution
- ▶ Raster: physical meteorological data
- ▶ Model demonstrates high performance → beats operational HREF  
(High Resolution Ensemble Forecast)

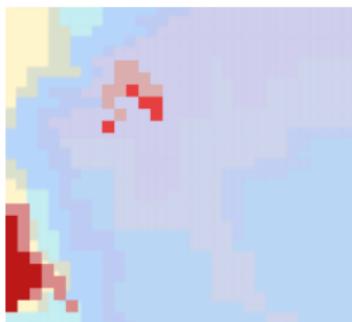
# Conventional image XAI

## Image classification heatmaps



- ▶ Highlight pixel/superpixel importance
- ▶ Usually only spatial explanation
- ▶ RGB: is the color important?
- ▶ Wide variety of XAI techniques  
→ no single best method

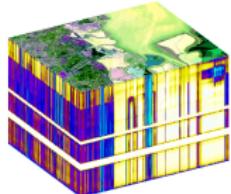
## FogNet XAI (fake illustrative example!)



- ▶ An onshore & offshore region increased fog probability
- ▶ But why? Which of the >200 physical variables?
- ▶ Would like explanations of the form:  
*higher than average SST values & turbulence kinetic energy at 2 meters above ground*
- ▶ Goal: calculate & visualize spatio-channel-wise XAI

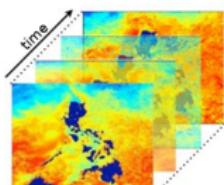
# Explaining arbitrary rasters

## Hyperspectral imagery



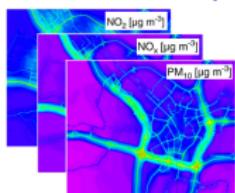
- ▶ Adjacent channels may be adjacent spectrum
- ▶ XAI example: looking at the NIR band to predict crop yield
- ▶ **Image:** <https://www.rdworldonline.com/what-is-hyperspectral-image-analysis/>

## Spatio-temporal rasters



- ▶ Channels are a time series
- ▶ XAI example: looking at SST pattern across three hours
- ▶ **Image:** Botin, Zolah T., et al. "Spatio-Temporal Complexity analysis of the Sea Surface Temperature in the Philippines." *Ocean Science* 6.4 (2010): 933-947.

## Raster of spatial maps



- ▶ Channel adjacency may be arbitrary
- ▶ XAI example: looking at high  $PM_{10}$  concentration region
- ▶ **Image:** Schmitz, Oliver, et al. "High resolution annual average air pollution concentration maps for the Netherlands." *Scientific data* 6.1 (2019): 1-12.

## Permutation-based XAI

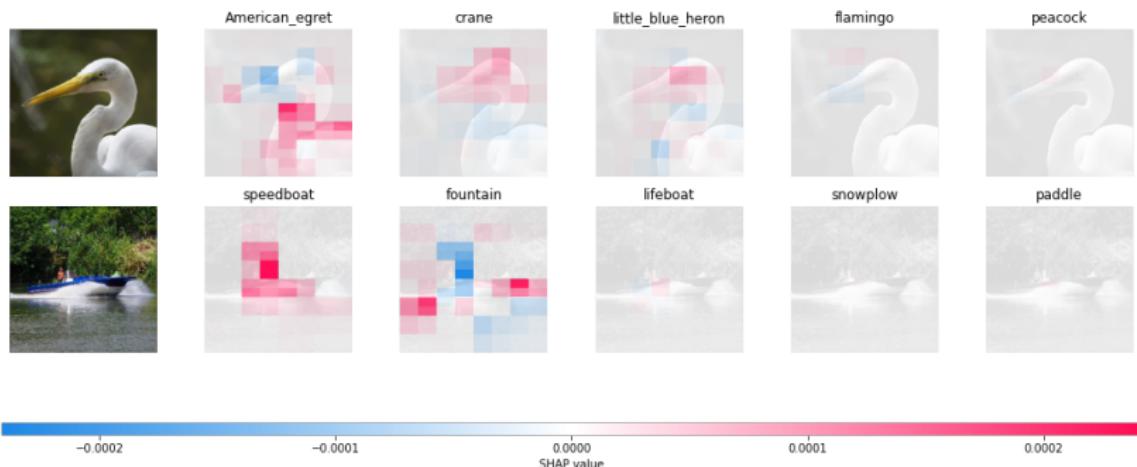
- ▶ Class of XAI methods that discover feature importance by permutation
- ▶ **Permutation feature importance**
  - ▶ Simply permute feature values to test importance
  - ▶ if important → prediction changes more
  - ▶ AI2ES/CIRA Short Course on XAI for Environmental Science  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lqpABwDl3kPe6ThE-NIDR64PimnltJEuKNkysDZuWKQ/edit>
- ▶ **Local Interpretable Model-agnostic Explanations (LIME)**
  - ▶ Perturb inputs → local approximate linear model
  - ▶ Not always reliable → multiple runs may give opposite explanations
  - ▶ <https://christophm.github.io/interpretable-ml-book/lime.html>
- ▶ **SHapley Additive exPlanations (SHAP)**
  - ▶ Like LIME, but principled (game-theoretic fairness guarantees)
  - ▶ A single optimal solution
  - ▶ Struggles with correlated features
  - ▶ <https://christophm.github.io/interpretable-ml-book/shap.html>

## Challenges for rasters

1. Explaining correlated features → spatial & channel-wise autocorrelation
2. Permuted rasters unrealistic → meaningful model output?

# PartitionShap: explain grouped features

- ▶ Grouping features may help with correlation
  - ▶ Permute a single pixel in bird's bill → noise, little affect
  - ▶ Remove bill superpixel → expect significant change in prediction
- ▶ Hamilton et al. → PartitionShap → SHAP on spatial superpixels



- ▶ Heatmap: regions that increase class probability (red) or decrease it (blue)
- ▶ Idea: extend to grouped channel-wise features

Paper: Hamilton, Mark, et al. "Model-Agnostic Explainability for Visual Search." arXiv preprint arXiv:2103.00370 (2021).

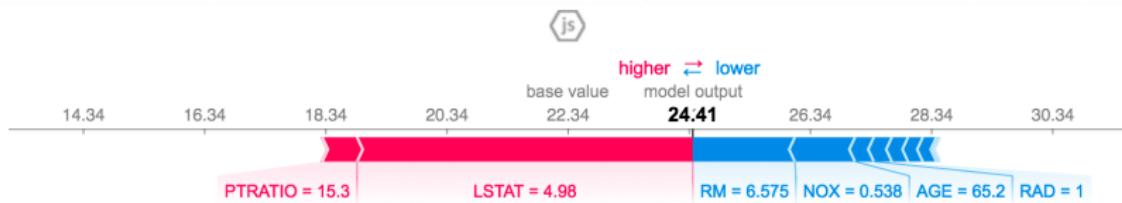
Part of SHAP library: <https://github.com/slundberg/shap>

# PartitionShap: algorithm overview

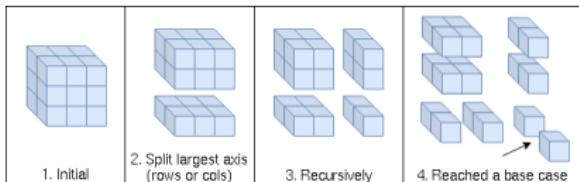
## Local explanation

- ▶ SHAP values calculated for a single prediction
- ▶ Each superpixel's SHAP values → units away from a base values
  - ▶ Base value: typically the original prediction for non-tabular
  - ▶ Positive SHAP: superpixel contributed towards original prediction
  - ▶ Negative SHAP: superpixel contributed away from original prediction

### tabular example:



## Generate partition tree

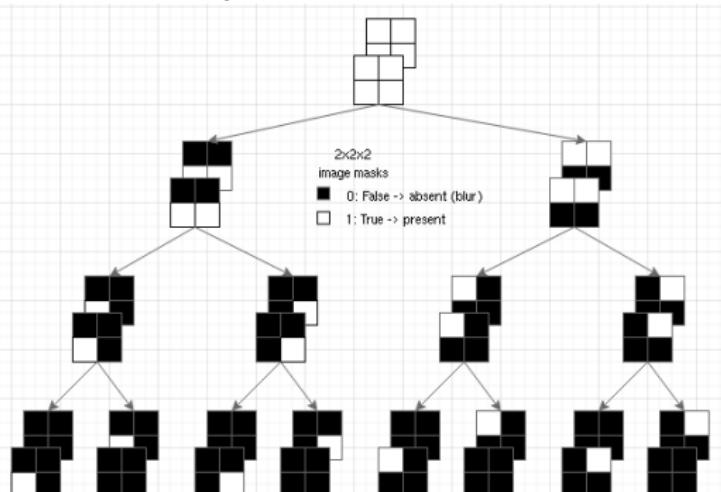


- ▶ Hierarchy of splits along rows, columns
- ▶ Reach single pixel → channel split
- ▶ Until **max evaluations** is reached  
controls **explanation granularity**  
& **computation time**

## PartitionShape: generate masks

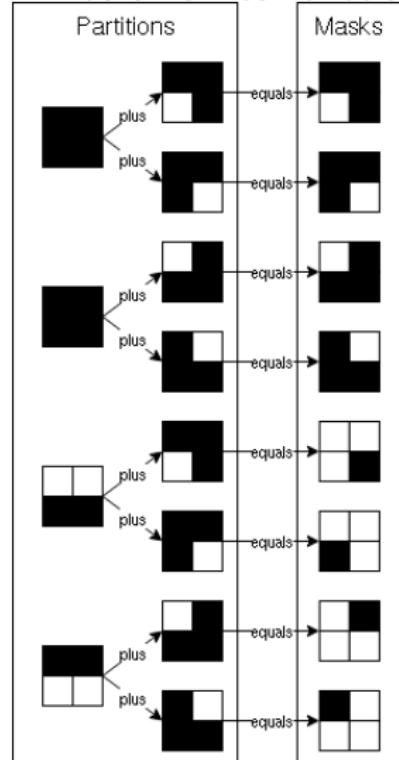
Calculate SHAP values, starting from root

## 1. masks from partitions



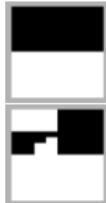
- ▶ By comparing model output of parent and child masks, can simulate feature removal
  - ▶ Must replace superpixel with *something*
  - ▶ SHAP values based on many such comparisons, weighted proportionally to partition size

## 2. masks from combinations



## PartitionShap: apply masking method

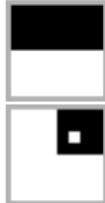
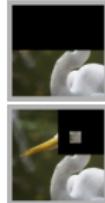
Inpaint Telea



Blur (10x10)



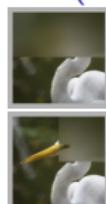
Black image



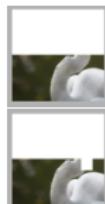
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Blur (100x100)



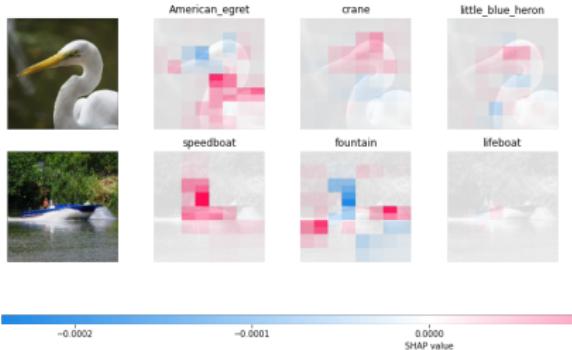
White image



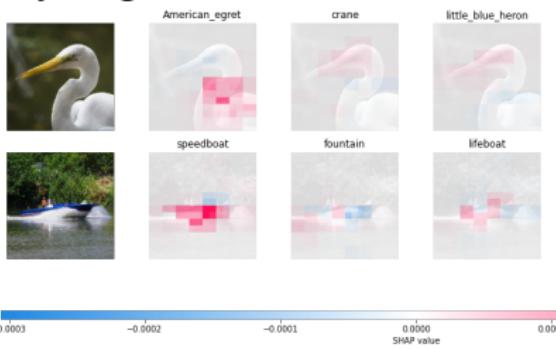
- ▶ Image feature removal trickier than tabular
- ▶ Many options → which to choose?
- ▶ No option for random values?

# PartitionShap: explanation sensitivity

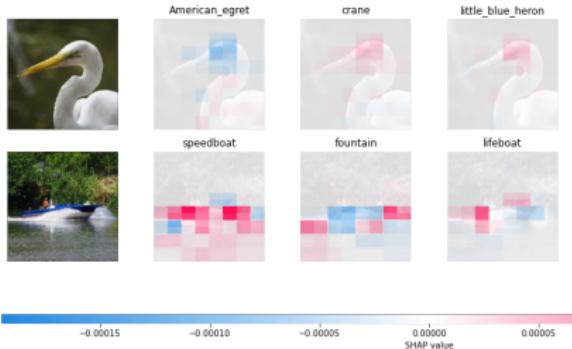
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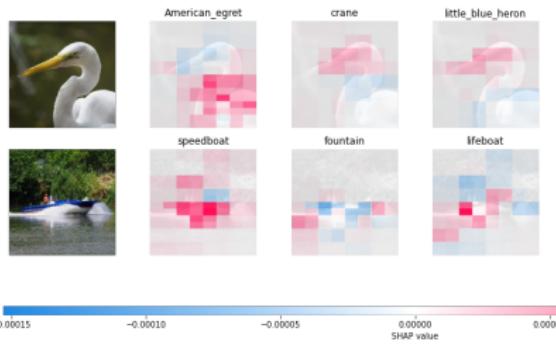
## Gray image



## Blur (10x10)



## Blur (100x100)

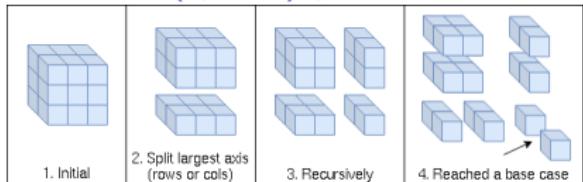


# Proposed technique: channel-wise PartitionShap

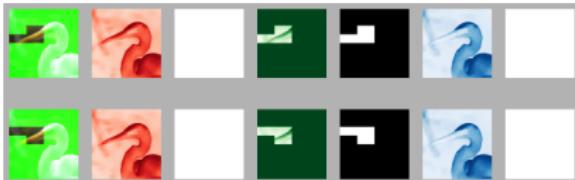
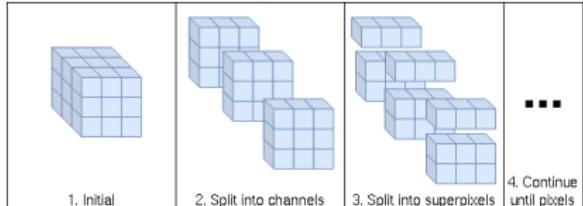
- ▶ SHAP values assigned based on hierarchical partitions
- ▶ To modify the behavior, modify partition algorithm
- ▶ Goal: SHAP values on the raster channels (bands)



## Default (spatial) partition scheme

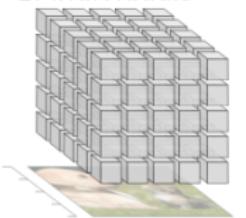


## Channel-wise partition scheme

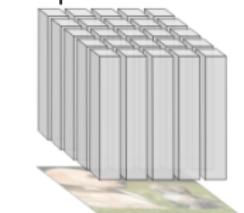


# Rasters to XAI features

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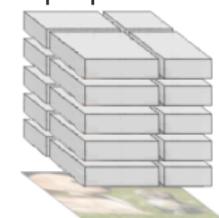
2. spatial-wise



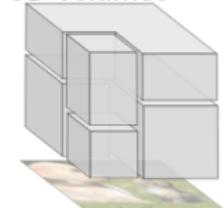
3. channel-wise



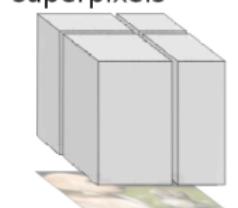
7. spatio-channel-wise superpixels



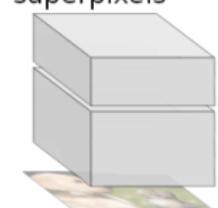
4. arbitrary 3D volumes



5. spatial-wise superpixels



6. channel-wise superpixels



1. Single variable at a coordinate → Ideal, but challenging to compute
2. A single coordinate? → But which of the >200 variables?
3. A single variable? → Useful, hard to explain correlated bands
4. Group of features in a spatial region? → How to choose the volumes?
5. A spatial region? → Again, which of the >200 variables?
6. Group of adjacent variables? → Useful for meaningful groups
7. A single variable in a region? → Expected to be very useful

# Implementation: channel-wise PartitionShap

## PartitionShap modifications

- ▶ SHAP fork: <https://github.com/conrad-blucher-institute/shap>
  1. Partition scheme options (default & channel-wise)  
`masker = shap.maskers.Image("blur(3, 3)", shape, partition_scheme=1)`
  2. Plotting option to plot SHAP values on selected bands:  
`shap.image_plot(shap_values, plotchannels=[0, 1, 2], hspace=0.5)`



## Three model demonstrations

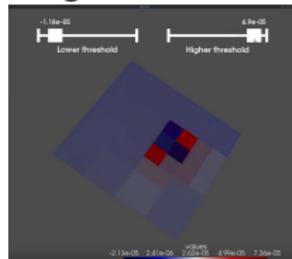
- ▶ Jupyter notebooks: <https://github.com/conrad-blucher-institute/partitionshap-multiband-demo>
  1. **ImageNet (RGB)** (*used in PartitionShap documentation*)  
Used ResNet-50 with pretrained weights
  2. **EuroSAT (RGB)** — Helber et al., 2019  
Trained ResNet-50 using PyTorch & TorchSat — 100 epochs
  3. **EuroSAT (multispectral, 13 bands)** — Helber et al., 2019  
Trained ResNet-50 using PyTorch & TorchSat — 100 epochs

Manuscript in progress. For now, cite this GitHub repository if used!

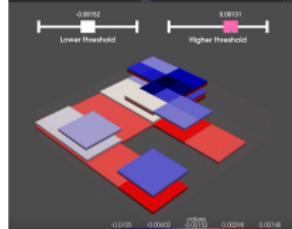
# 3D SHAP visualization

- ▶ Plotting each band → hard to visualize across-channel patterns
- ▶ FogNet has meaningfully adjacent bands → 3D SHAP regions?
- ▶ Visualize SHAP values as interactive 3D grid
- ▶ Implementation: python, using PyVista volume rendering library

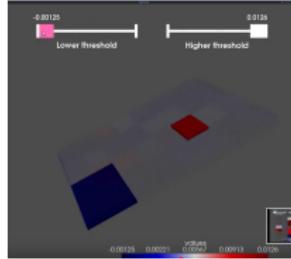
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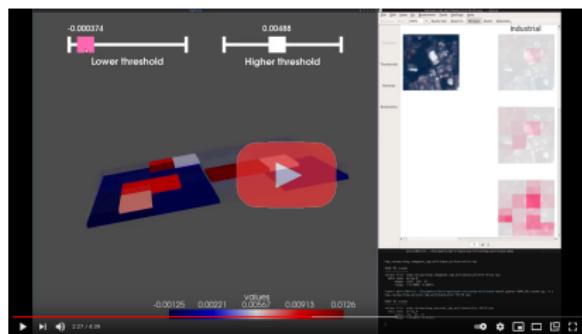
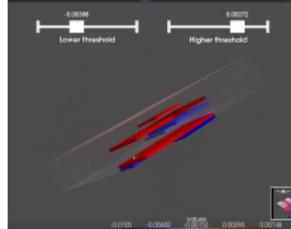
EuroSAT 13-band



EuroSAT RGB

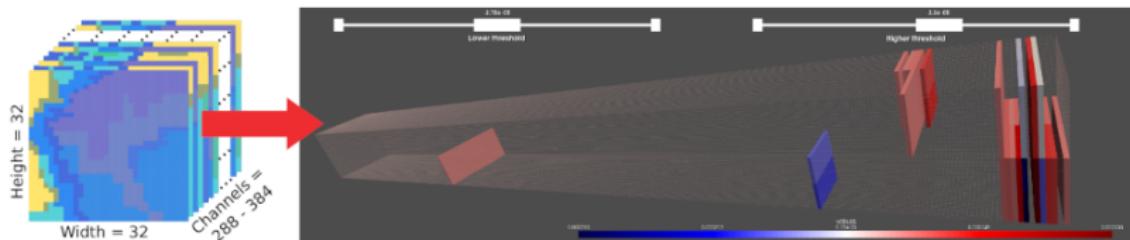


EuroSAT 13-band



<https://youtu.be/kNFY6ff996E>

# Channel-wise PartitionShap: FogNet



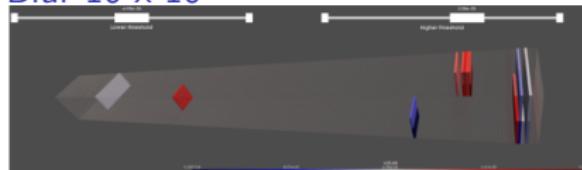
- ▶ Run channel-wise PartitionShap on 2019 test instances all 131 fog predictions, randomly selected 131 non-fog predictions
- ▶ 50000 evaluations → divides each channel into quadrants Each instance takes ~10 minutes
- ▶ Masking method: replacement with value 0.5 ← why? next slide... All FogNet values in range [0, 1]

## Interpreting the explanations

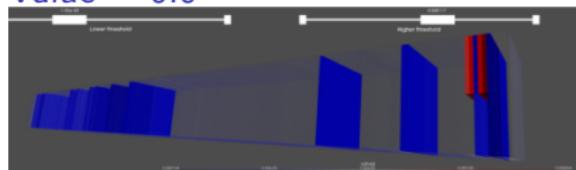
- ▶ Visual output still complex to interpret
- ▶ First, focus on important channels
- ▶ But use the quads to break up potential correlations Order channel importance based on maximum quad value

# FogNet XAI: choice of masker

Blur 10 x 10



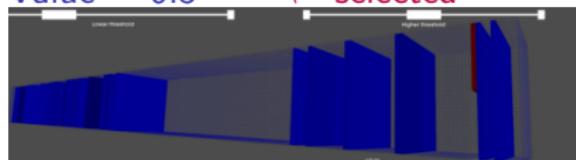
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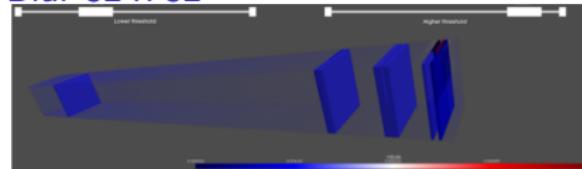
Blur 20 x 20



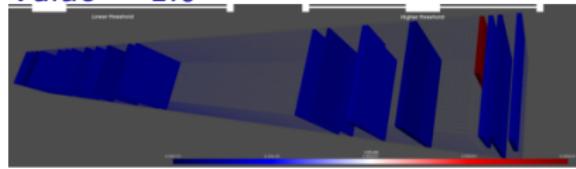
Value = 0.5 ← selected



Blur 32 x 32



Value = 1.0

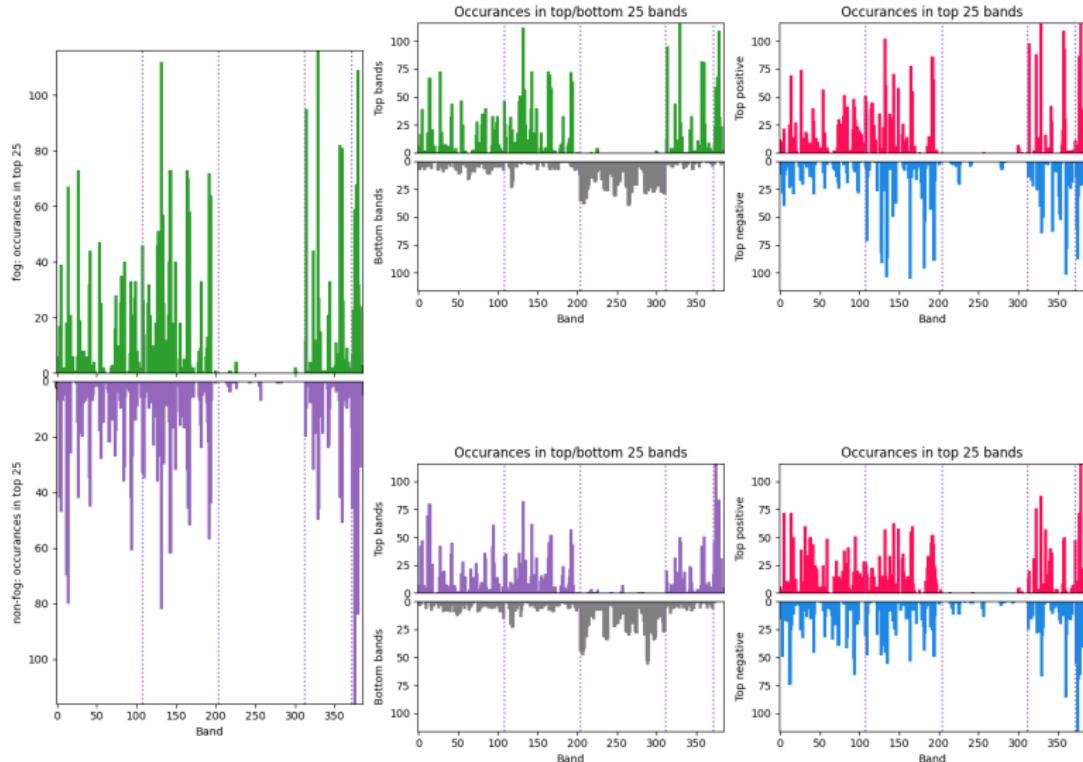


- ▶ Blurring results inconsistent
- ▶ Largest blur closer to value replacement
- ▶ Hypothesis: blurring does not sufficiently remove features
  - ▶ Images: blurring removes important edge information
  - ▶ Here, averages out SST, temp, etc.

Value replacement very consistent

# FogNet: top channels

**Top 25 channels** (dotted lines divide the 5 groups)



But consistent? check all top  $N \rightarrow$  video: [https://youtu.be/mY\\_gbSoXvJY](https://youtu.be/mY_gbSoXvJY)

# FogNet: top channels

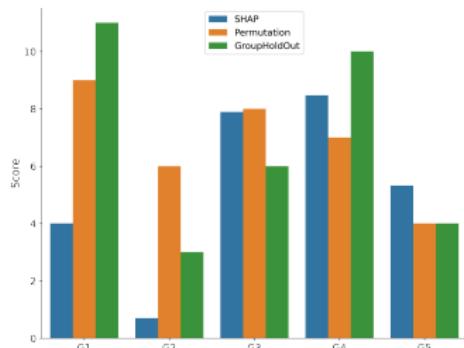
Ordered bands: fog & non-fog — SHAP absolute & signed

1	fog_shap	fog_shap_desc	fog_shap_abs_band	fog_shap_abs_desc	non-fog_shap_band	non-fog_shap_desc	non-fog_shap_abs_band	non-fog_shap_abs_desc
2	329	G4_VVEL_950m_t1	329	G4_VVEL_950m_t1	329	G4_VVEL_950m_t1	375	G5_TMPDP_t3
3	143	G2_TKE_775m_t3	143	G2_TKE_775m_t3	143	G2_TKE_775m_t3	375	G5_TMPDP_t3
4	314	G4_Q_t2	132	G2_TKE_825m_t0	165	G2_Q92_t1	12	G1_UGRD_950mb_t0
5	379	G5_TMPSS_t3	379	G5_TMPSS_t3	379	G5_TMPSS_t3	167	G2_Q92_t3
6	379	G5_TMPSS_t3	132	G2_TKE_825m_t0	379	G5_TMPSS_t3	375	G5_TMPDP_t3
7	14	G1_UGRD_950mb_t2	314	G4_Q_t2	379	G5_TMPSS_t3	132	G2_TKE_825m_t0
8	379	G5_TMPSS_t3	379	G5_TMPSS_t3	335	G4_VVEL_925m_t3	379	G5_TMPSS_t3
9	379	G5_TMPSS_t3	379	G5_TMPSS_t3	5	G1_UGRD_10m_t1	379	G5_TMPSS_t3
10	54	G1_UGRD_700mb_t2	379	G5_TMPSS_t3	32	G1_UGRD_825m_t0	376	G5_TMPSS_t0
11	192	G2_Q75_t0	142	G2_TKE_775m_t2	5	G1_UGRD_10m_t1	94	G1_VGRD_775m_t2
12	323	G4_VIS_t3	192	G2_Q75_t0	5	G1_UGRD_10m_t1	94	G1_VGRD_775m_t2
13	357	G4_VVEL_775m_t1	85	G1_VGRD_825m_t1	379	G5_TMPSS_t3	377	G5_TMPSS_t1
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18	133	G2_TKE_825m_t1	164	G2_Q92_t0	341	G4_VVEL_875m_t1	360	G4_VVEL_750m_t0
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22	78	G1_VGRD_875m_t2	182	G2_Q82_t2	329	G4_VVEL_950m_t1	17	G1_UGRD_925mb_t1
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25	102	G1_VGRD_725m_t2	323	G4_VIS_t3	95	G1_VGRD_775m_t3	17	G1_UGRD_925mb_t1

Need to go deeper

- Good to know what channels FogNet uses
- But most appear reasonable since chosen because they help predict fog
- Next: (*VVEL\_950m in range X, URGD\_825 in range Y*) is important  
We can evaluate if the more specific strategy is reasonable

- ▶ Three methods used to test importance of entire group
- ▶ **Permutation**
  - ▶ Randomly shuffle values within a group
- ▶ **SHAP**
  - ▶ KernelShap implementation → each group a feature
  - ▶ SHAP methodology → combinatorial based on number of groups
- ▶ **Group Hold Out**
  - ▶ Retrain FogNet, but with an entire group omitted
- ▶ **Out of sync: Hamid using newer, better version of FogNet**



Hamid's methods → Group 3 is important...

Waylon Collins' (NWS) comments

- ▶ Channels present in *top channels* table  
→ important for predicting fog
- ▶ Group 3 included to capture vertical structure:
  - ▶ Pattern across multiple channels
  - ▶ But individual channels not expected important

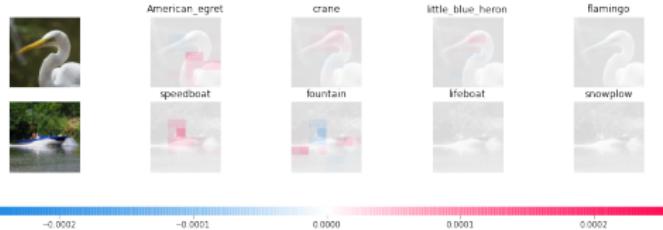
## Simplified algorithm

1. Get model, data
  2. Generate partition tree (hierarchical clustering) of image elements
  3. Calculate base value:  $\text{prediction} = \text{model}(\text{image})$ 

Here, prediction = [prob class 0, prob class 1, ...]  
Instead of average, SHAP values are relative to this  
Since each class has a prob, can calc SHAP values for each class
  4. While not **max evaluations**:
    - 4.1 Get partitions from tree, starting from root
    - 4.2 Generate binary masks from partitions
    - 4.3 Calculate *with and without feature* by simulating  
*with and without masking features*  
Multiple methods: blurring, inpainting, ...
    - 4.4 Weight the SHAP value by relative size of the partition  
Larger partition → higher weight
  5. Return SHAP values with lowest partitions reached  
Technically called *Owen values* since the weights are not SHAP's
- ▶ The plotted superpixels are the smallest reached within the evaluation limit
  - ▶ More evaluations → more granular explanation → more computation

# Demo 1: ImageNet (RGB)

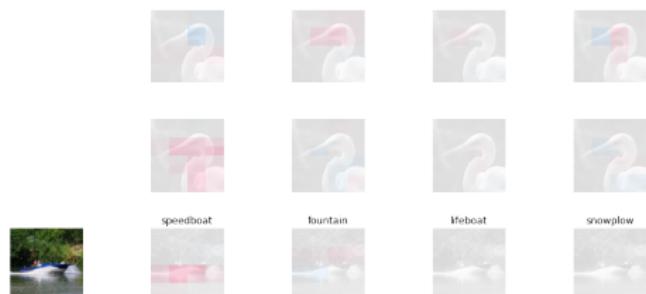
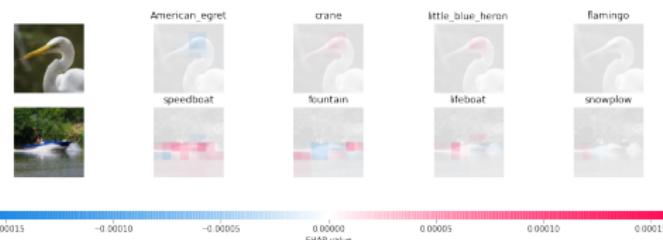
## Masker: inpainting (Telea)



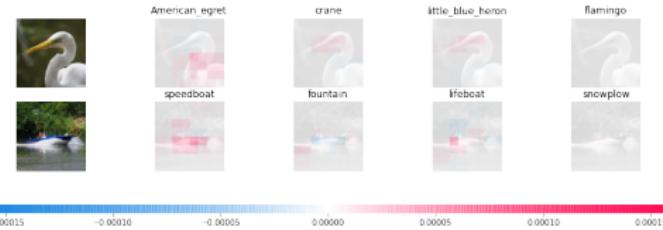
## Masker: 100×100 blur kernel



## Masker: 10×10 blur kernel

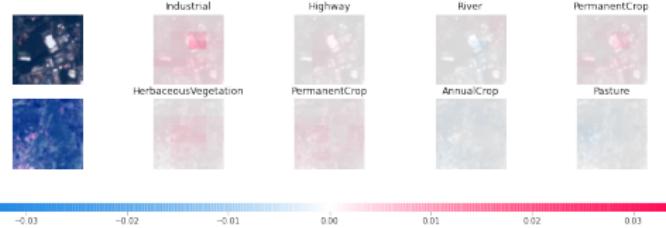


## Masker: 100×100 blur kernel



# Demo 2: EuroSAT (RGB)

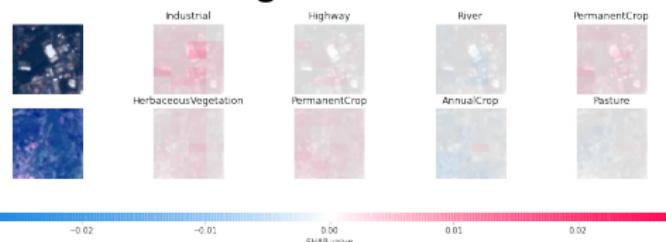
## Masker: $10 \times 10$ blur kernel



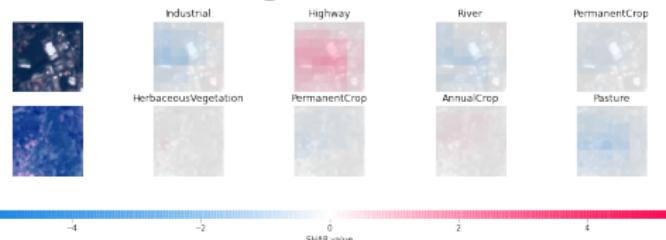
## Masker: $10 \times 10$ blur kernel



## Masker: black image



## Masker: white image

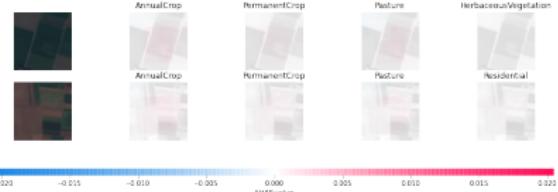


## Demo 3: EuroSAT (multispectral, 13 bands)

### Bands

Aerosols, Blue, Green, Red, Red edge 1, Red edge 2,  
Red edge 3, NIR, Red edge 4, Water vapor, Cirrus,  
SWIR 1, SWIR 2

### Masker: 10×10 blur kernel



All maskers → practically no SHAP

### Masker: 100×100 blur kernel

