Learning Discriminative Representations to Interpret Image Recognition Models Thèse de Doctorat

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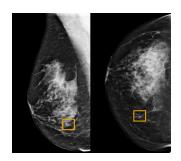
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How could my phone identify that model?

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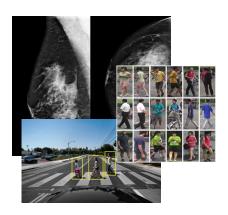


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- If a system fails, who is accountable?

We must **understand** the behaviour of these models.

Step by step

Computation,
Computer
Vision and Al

→ Explainable AI

Thesis objectives

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Study of:

- Algorithms.
- Data structures.
- Design of hardware and software.

Computer Vision

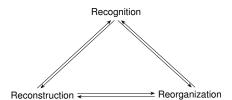
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Three fundamental tasks[1]:

- Recognition.
- Reconstruction.
- Reorganization.



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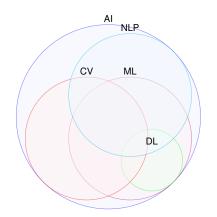
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Subfields:

- Machine Learning (ML) & Deep Learning (DL).
- Computer Vision(CV).
- Natural Language Processing (NLP).
- Robotics.



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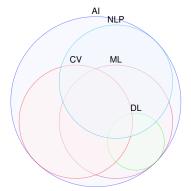
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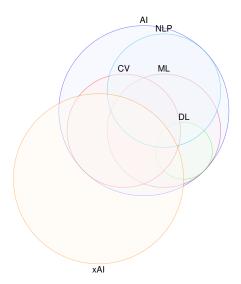
We want to *know why* $f(x) \rightarrow y$



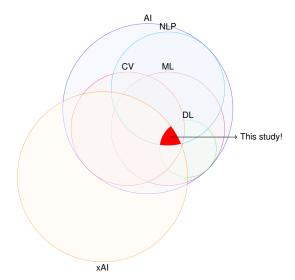
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In particular:

- Development of low cost/complexity explainability approaches.
- Establishment of a fixed evaluation protocol.
- Differenciation of human based and machine explanations.

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Preliminaries

- Approaching Vision.
- David Marr's approach.
- CV currently.
- Desiredata of Interpretability Study.

Image Recognition Models

- Traditional Models.
- Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN).
- The Current Landscape.

Interpretability

- Transparency.
- Post-Hoc Interpretability.
 - Class Activation Methods.
- Evaluating Interpretability.

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Computer Vision focuses on the last level.

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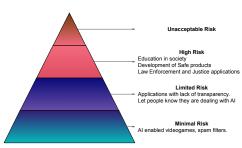
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Regulation planned with the European Al act[3]

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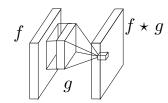
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Classifier Training:

Relying on *Machine Learning* methodologies.

Convolutional Neural Networks

Based on the **convolution operation**. A representation $f \star g$ is computed for a feature map f and a kernel g. First approach with *Neocognitron*[4]

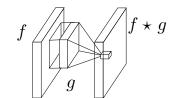


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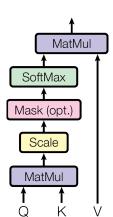




Self Attention Architectures

Updates a representation, using the relevance of each element relative to others in an embedding.

An input is projected to three spaces (QKV), the projection weights (W_Q, W_K, W_V) control the relevance of each element.

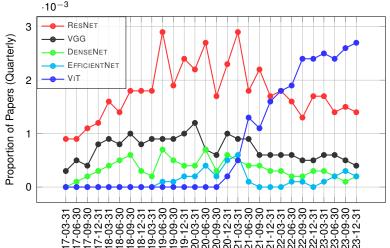


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The Current Landscape

Transformers had a strong impact on image recognition.





Transparency

Post-Hoc Interpretability

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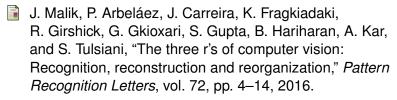
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