Learning Discriminative Representations to Interpret Image Recognition Models

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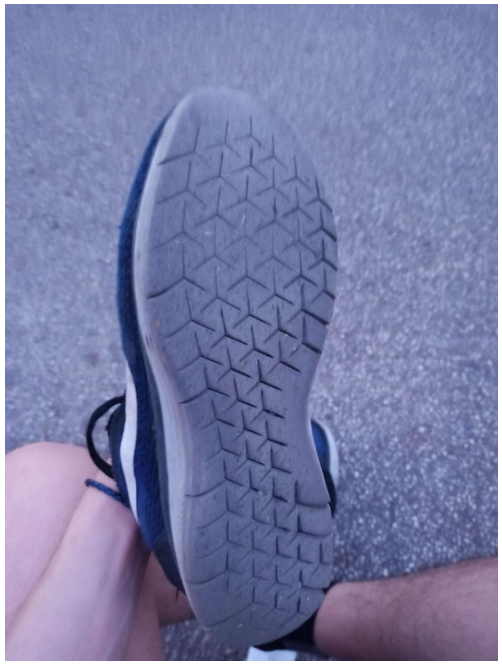

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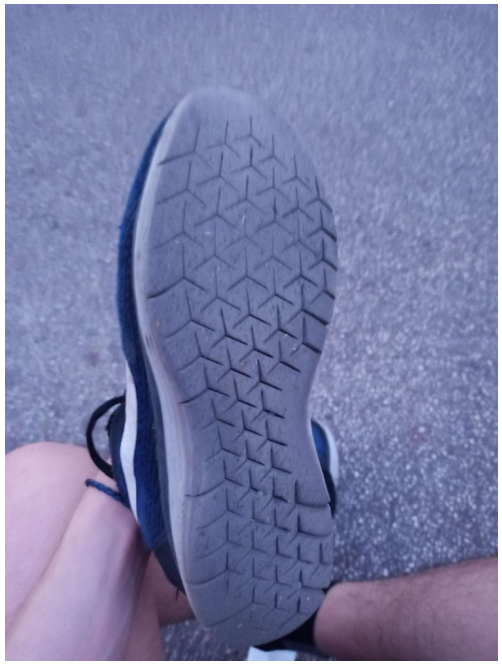

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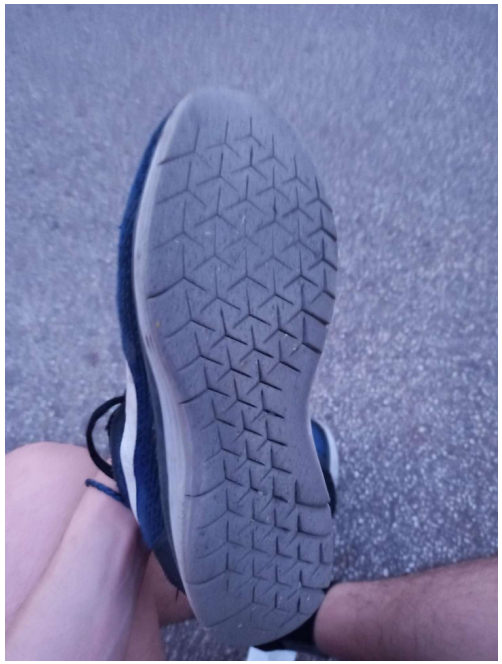

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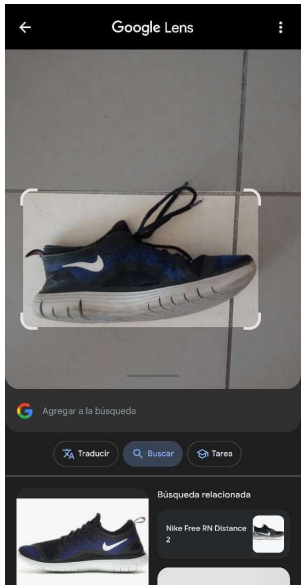

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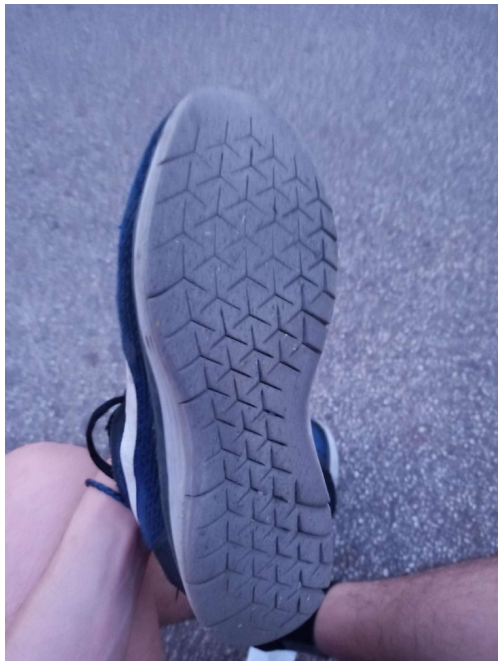

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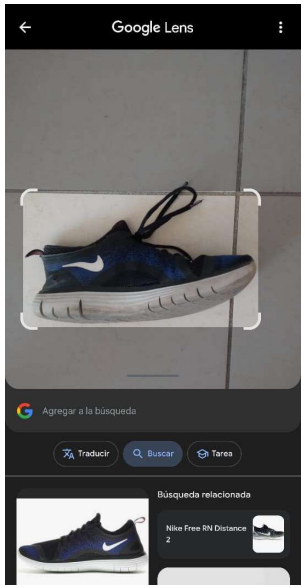

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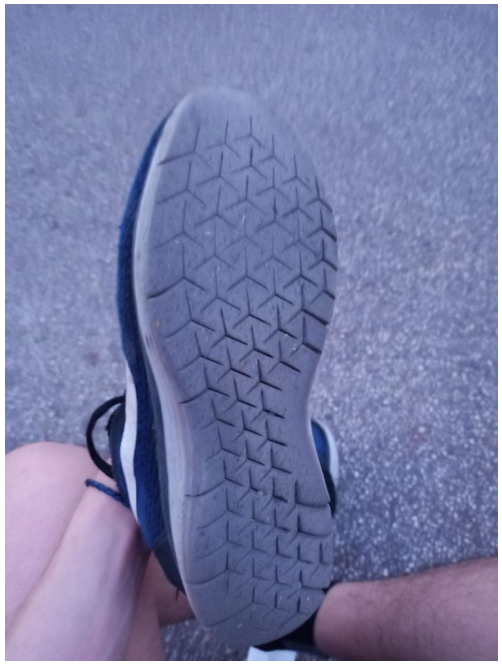

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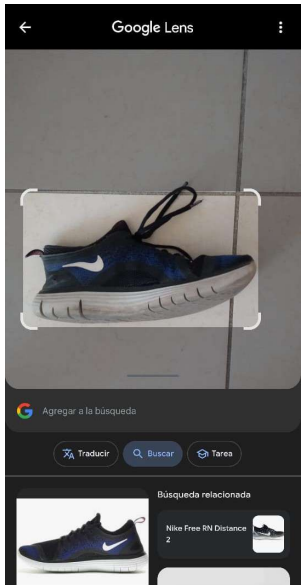

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***How* could my phone identify that model?**

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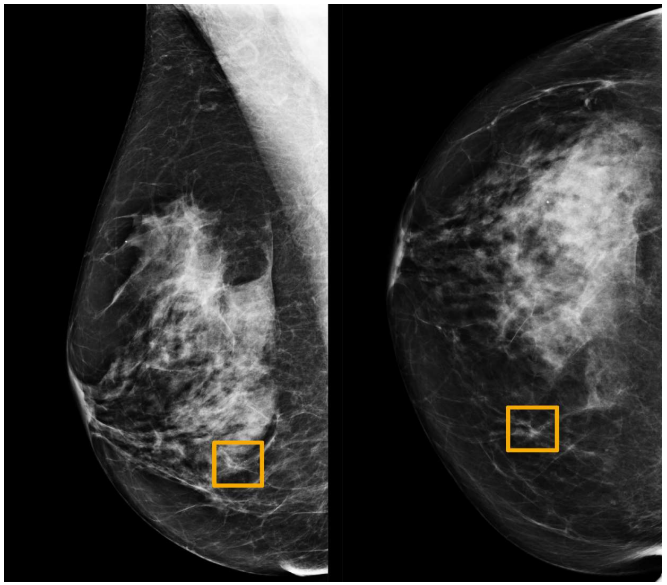

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- If a system fails, **who** is accountable?

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

Step by step

Computation, Computer Vision and AI → Explainable AI → Thesis objectives

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

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Three fundamental tasks[1]:

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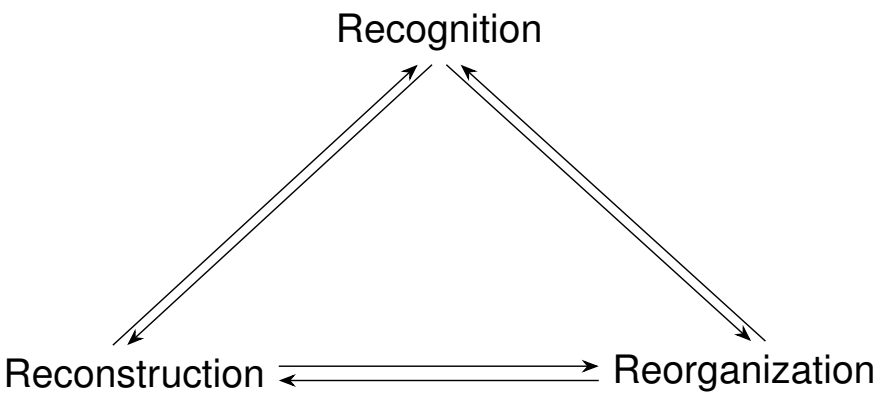
- Reconstruction.
- Reorganization.



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Subfields:

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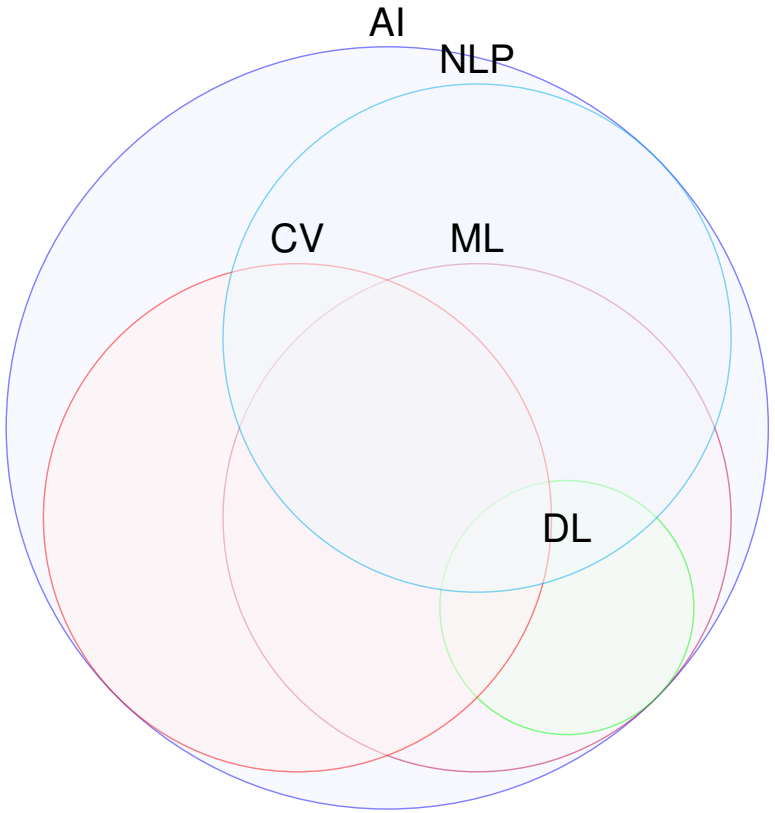
- Computer Vision(*CV*).
- Natural Language Processing (*NLP*).
- Robotics.



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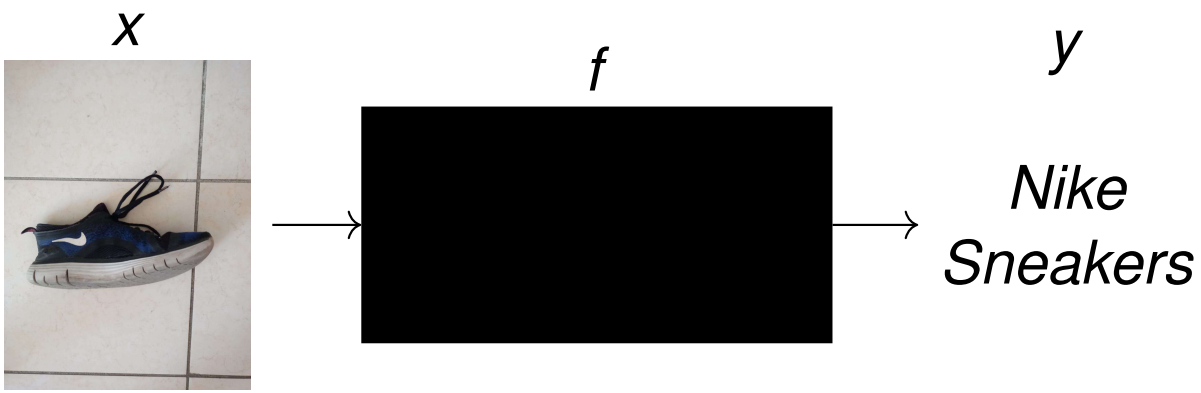

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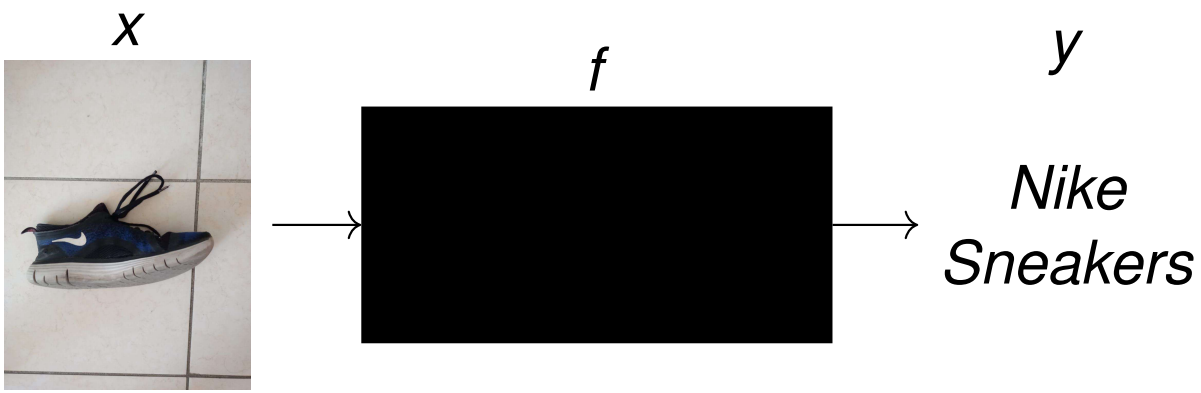

We want to *know why* $f(x) \rightarrow y$

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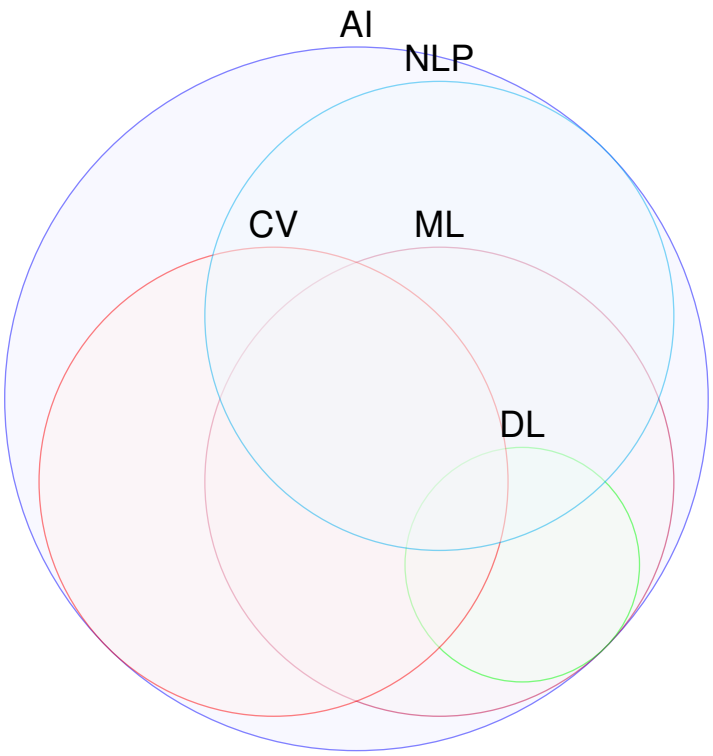

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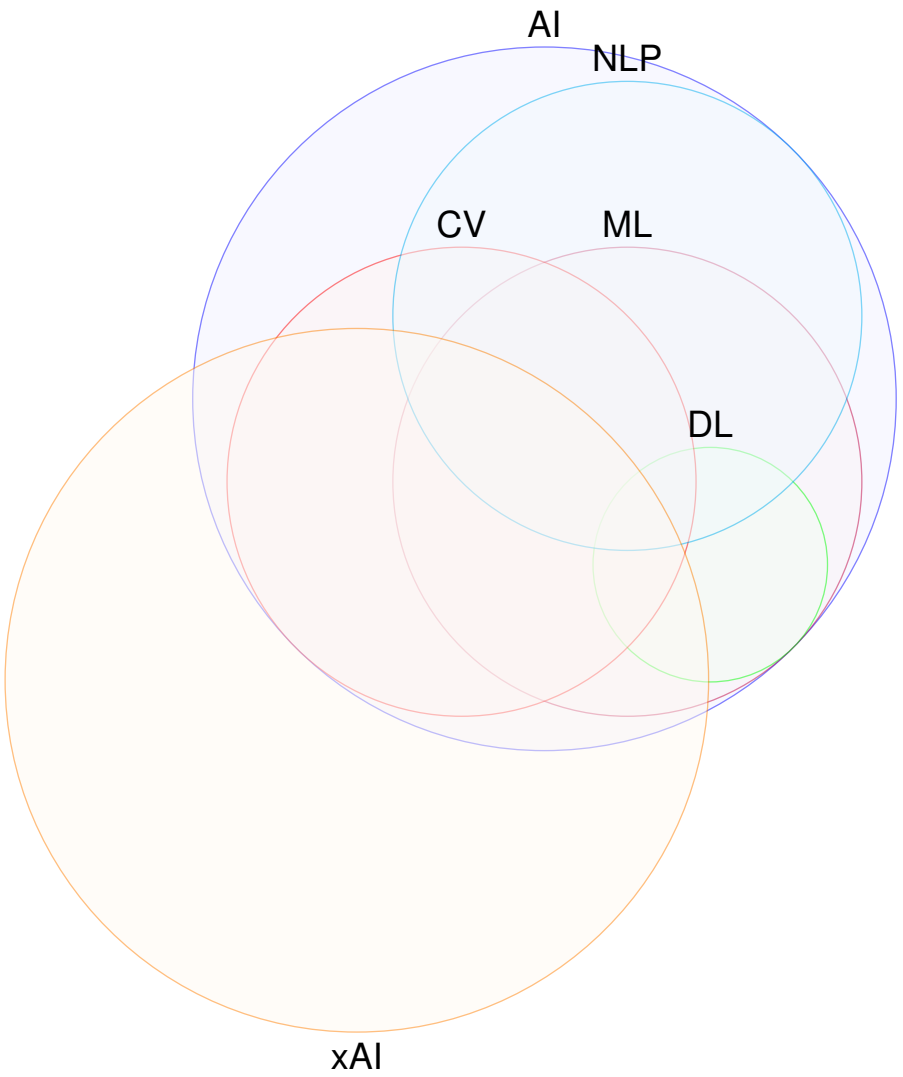

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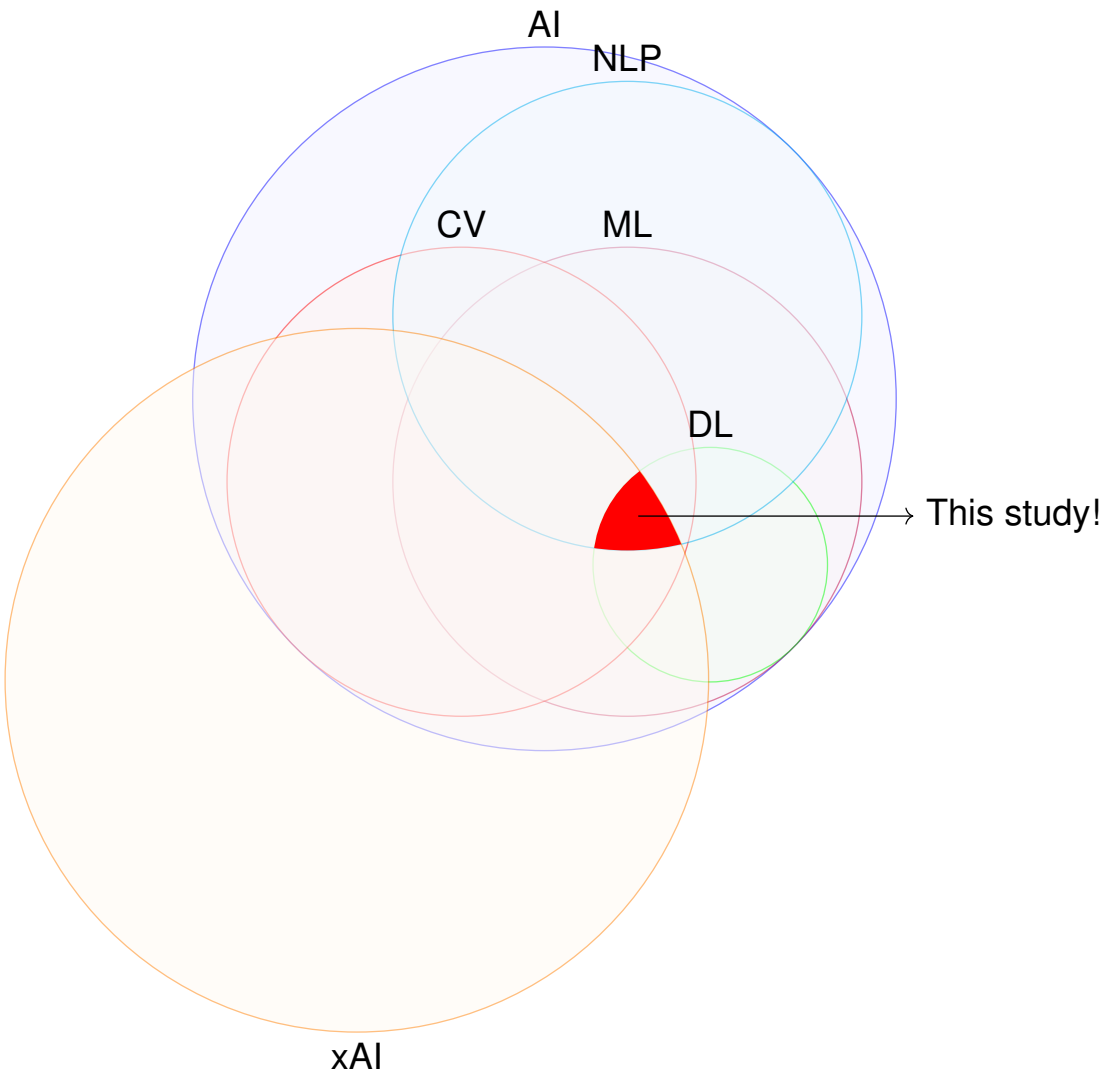

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In particular:

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

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

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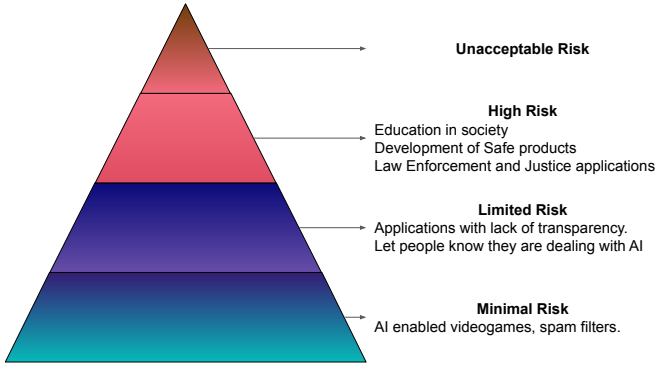

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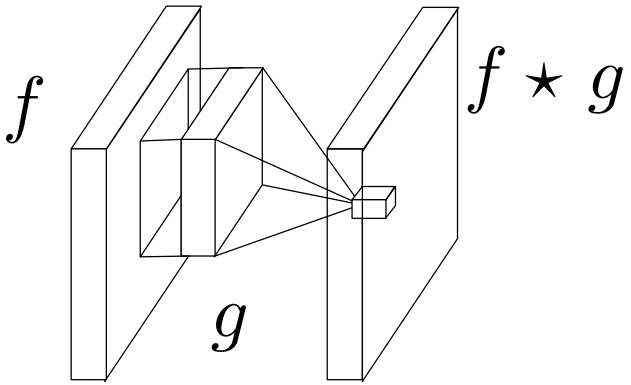

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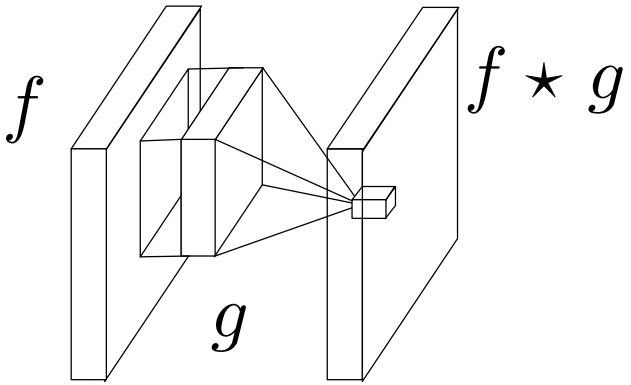

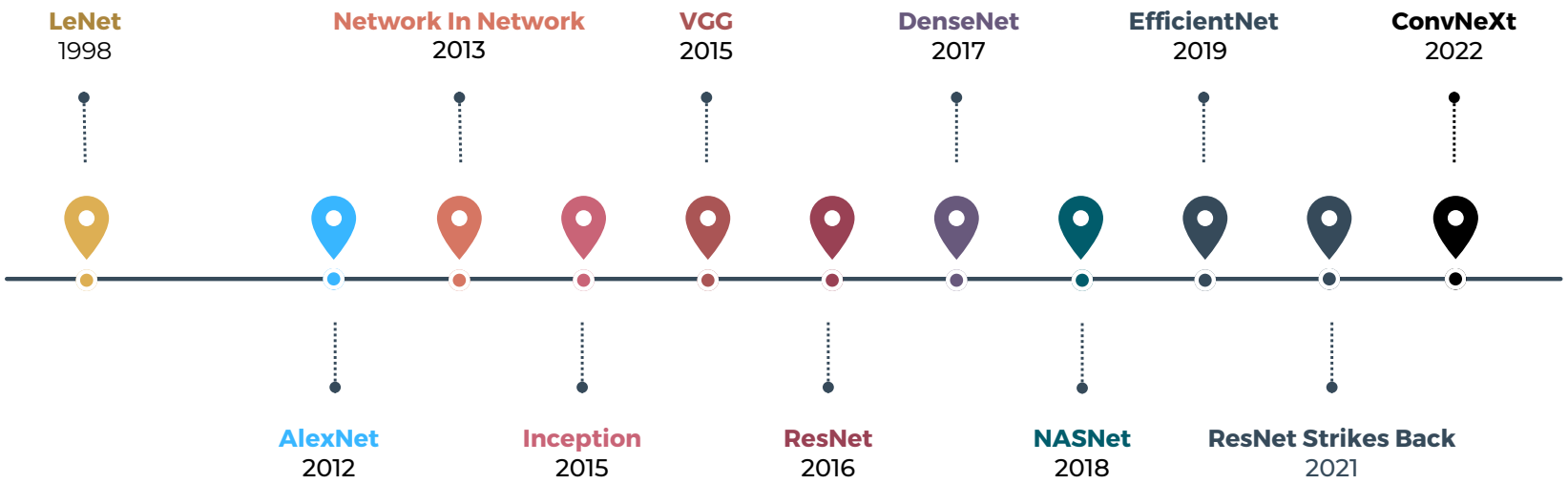

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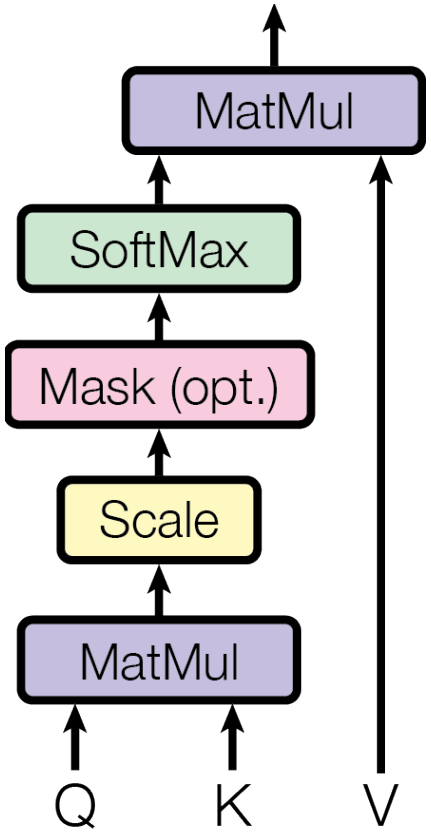
Self Attention Architectures

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

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



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The Current Landscape

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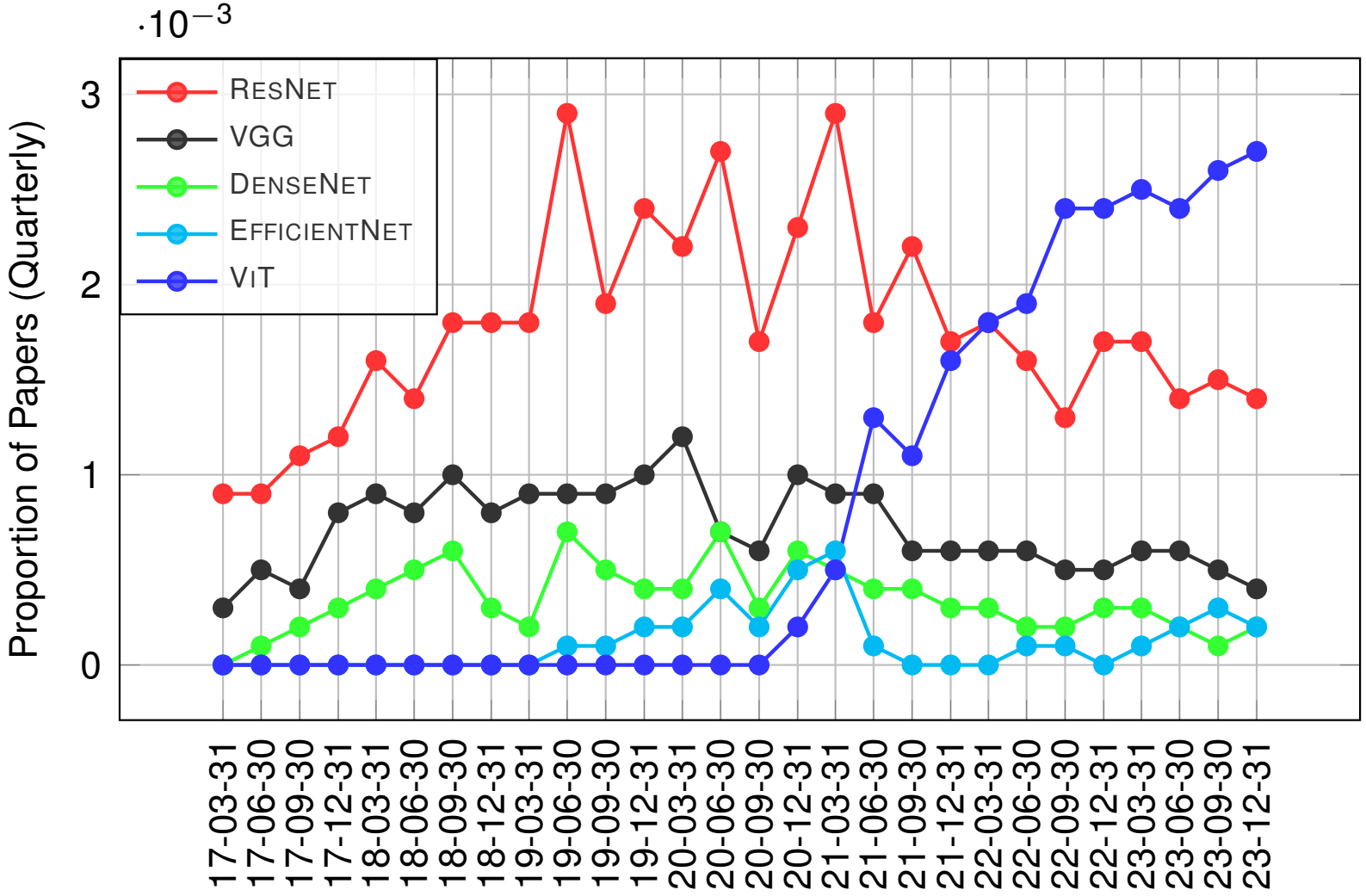

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