

# Learning Discriminative Representations to Interpret Image Recognition Models

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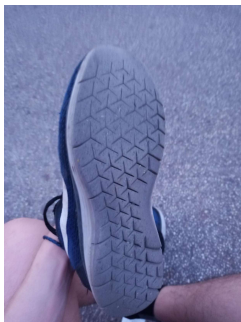
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I want a replacement,  
*but* I know about  
machines, not shoes!











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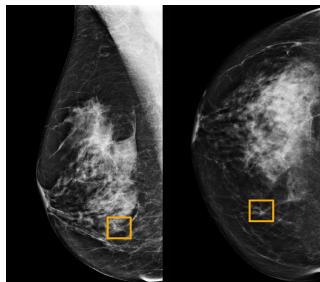
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- If a system fails, **who** is accountable?

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







# Computation, Computer Vision and AI

## Computation



*Alan Turing* forefather of current computer science.

Better known as *Computer Science*.

## Study of:

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

# Computation, Computer Vision and AI

## Computer Vision

Replication of human vision capabilities.

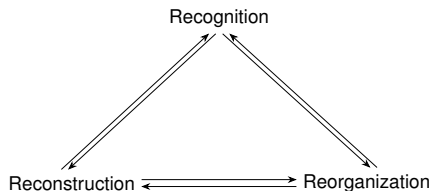
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Three fundamental tasks[1]:

- Recognition.
- Reconstruction.
- Reorganization.



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## Artificial Intelligence

Systems capable of performing tasks requiring human intelligence [2].

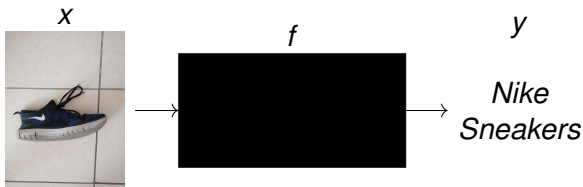






# Explainable AI

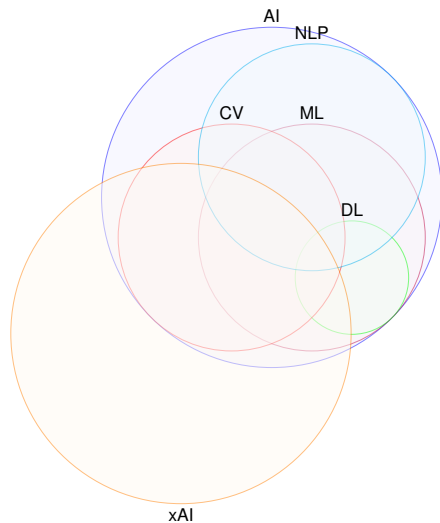
We are interested in understanding models, behaving like a black box model:



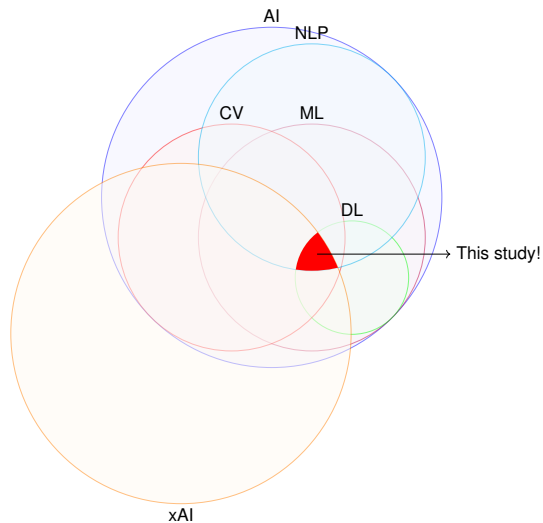
We want to *know why*  $f(x) \rightarrow y$



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- Differentiation of human based and machine explanations.



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

## Image Recognition Models

- Traditional Models.
- Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN).
- Hybrid Architectures.

## Interpretability

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

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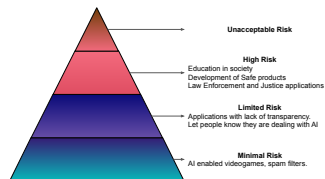
**Computer Vision focuses on the last level.**

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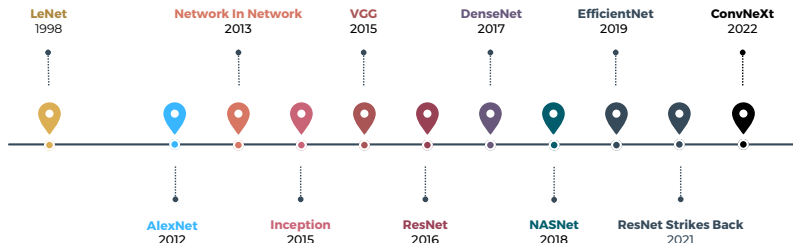


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