

Explainable AI for Fairness and Accountability

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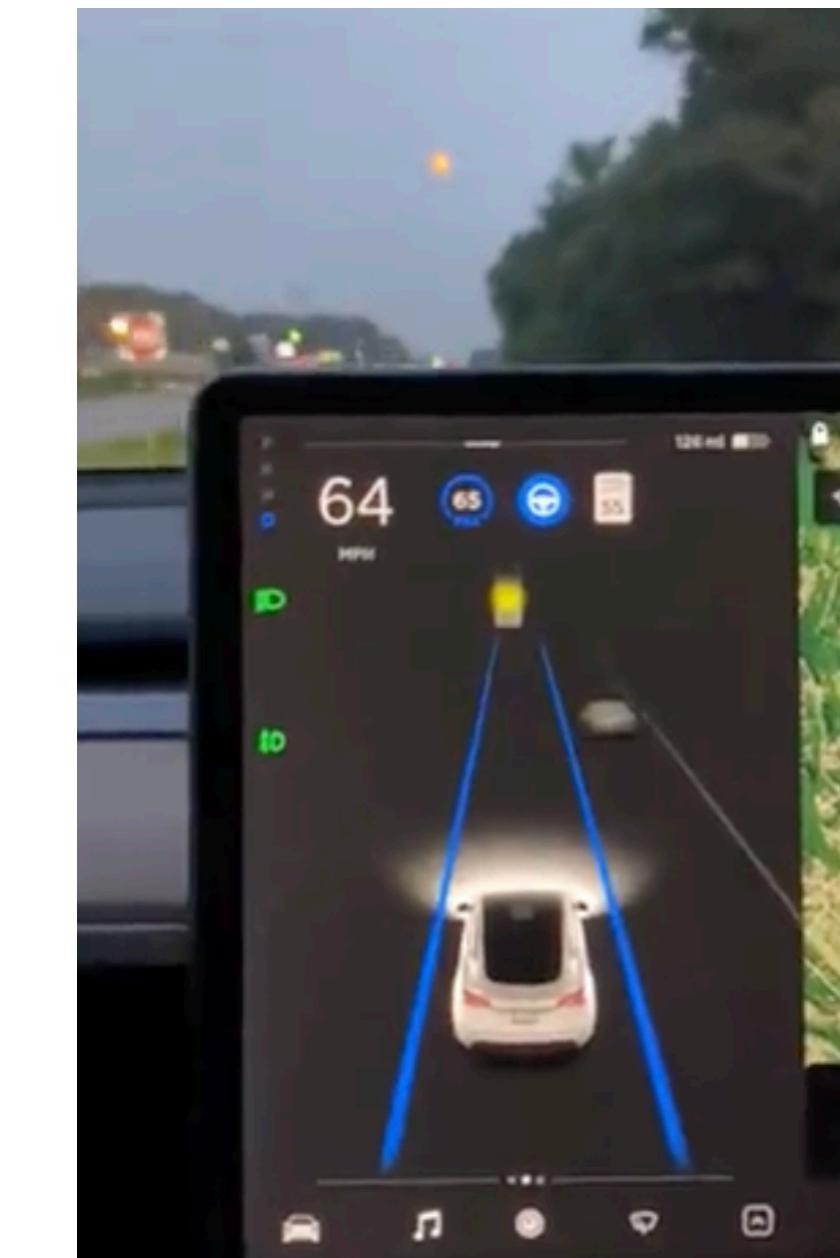
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About Me

- B.S in Computer Science, B.S. in Mathematics at UC San Diego
- M.S. in Computational Mathematics from Stanford University (2013), Ph.D. in EECS from MIT (2020).
- Industry experience
 - Xerox PARC
 - INRIA (France)
 - Sony AI
- Research: The methodologies and technologies for complex systems to explain themselves.



Complex Systems Fail in Complex Ways



Predictive Inequity in Object Detection

Benjamin Wilson¹ Judy Hoffman¹ Jamie Morgenstern¹

Societal Need for Explanation

BUSINESS NEWS OCTOBER 9, 2018 / 11:12 PM / 2 MONTHS AGO

Amazon scraps secret AI recruiting tool that showed bias against women

Jeffrey Dastin

8 MIN READ



Business Impact

An AI-Fueled Credit Formula Might Help You Get a Loan

Startup ZestFinance says it has built a machine-learning system that's smart enough to find new borrowers and keep bias out of its credit analysis.

by Nanette Byrnes February 14, 2017

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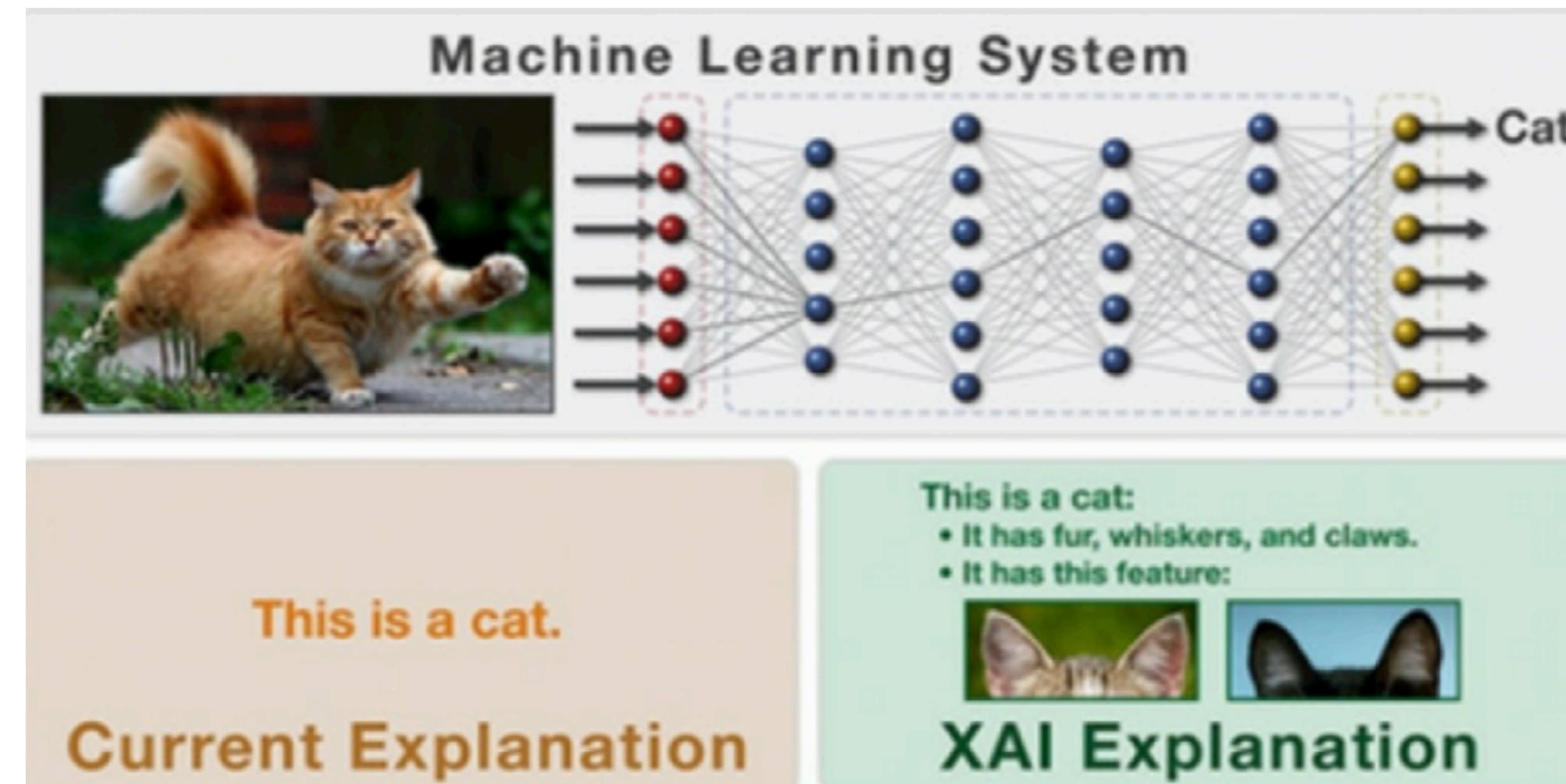
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What is Explainability?



From Darpa XAI

**“Explanations...express answer to not just
any questions but to questions that
present the kind of intellectual difficulty...”**

Sylvain Bromberger, *On What We Know We Don’t Know*

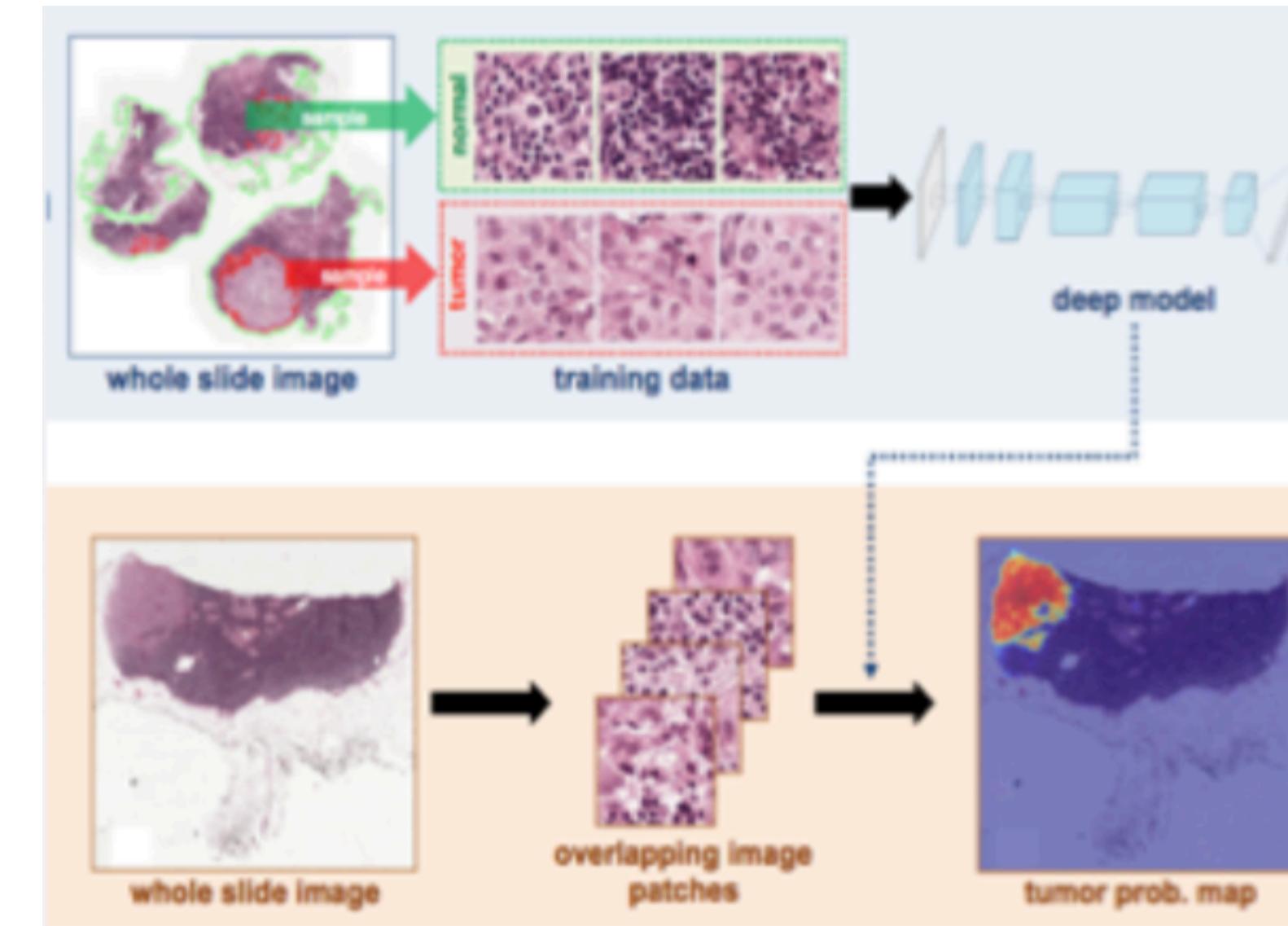
Deep Nets are Everywhere



Self-driving Cars

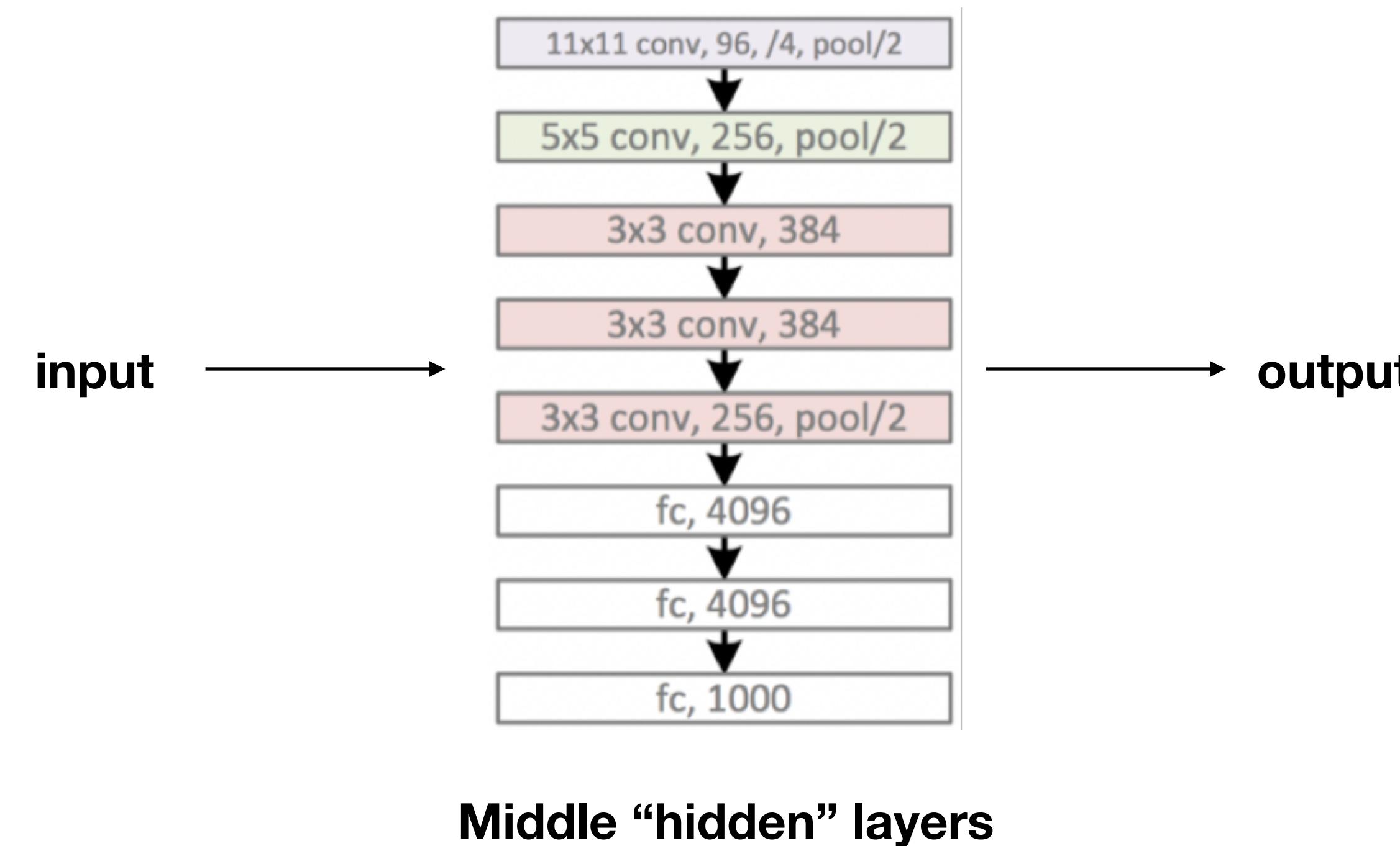


Playing Go



Making Medical Decisions

Deep Nets are Not Understandable



Whenever correct: “whatever you did in the middle, do more.”
Whenever wrong: “whatever you did in the middle, do less.”

Review of Research in XAI

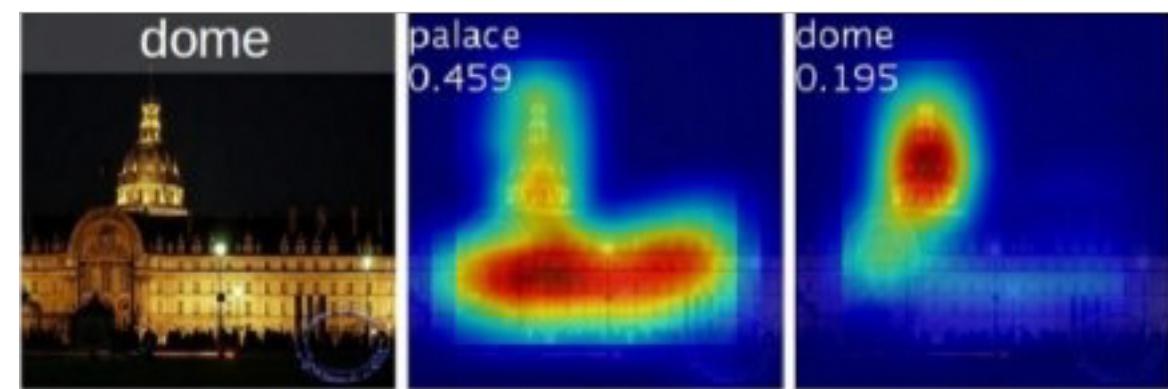
- Definitions
- Taxonomy
 - Survey: Literature review (87 papers) in computer science, artificial intelligence, and philosophy.
 - Recommendations for Evaluation
 - How can explanations help (e.g. anomaly detection).
 - Contributions and Future Work

Definitions

- Explainability != Interpretability
- **Interpretability** describes the internals of a system that is *understandable* to humans.
- **Completeness** describes operation in an *accurate* way.
- An explanation needs both.

What we Have

Visual cues



Interpretable,
not complete

Role of individual
units



Complete,
not interpretable

Attention based

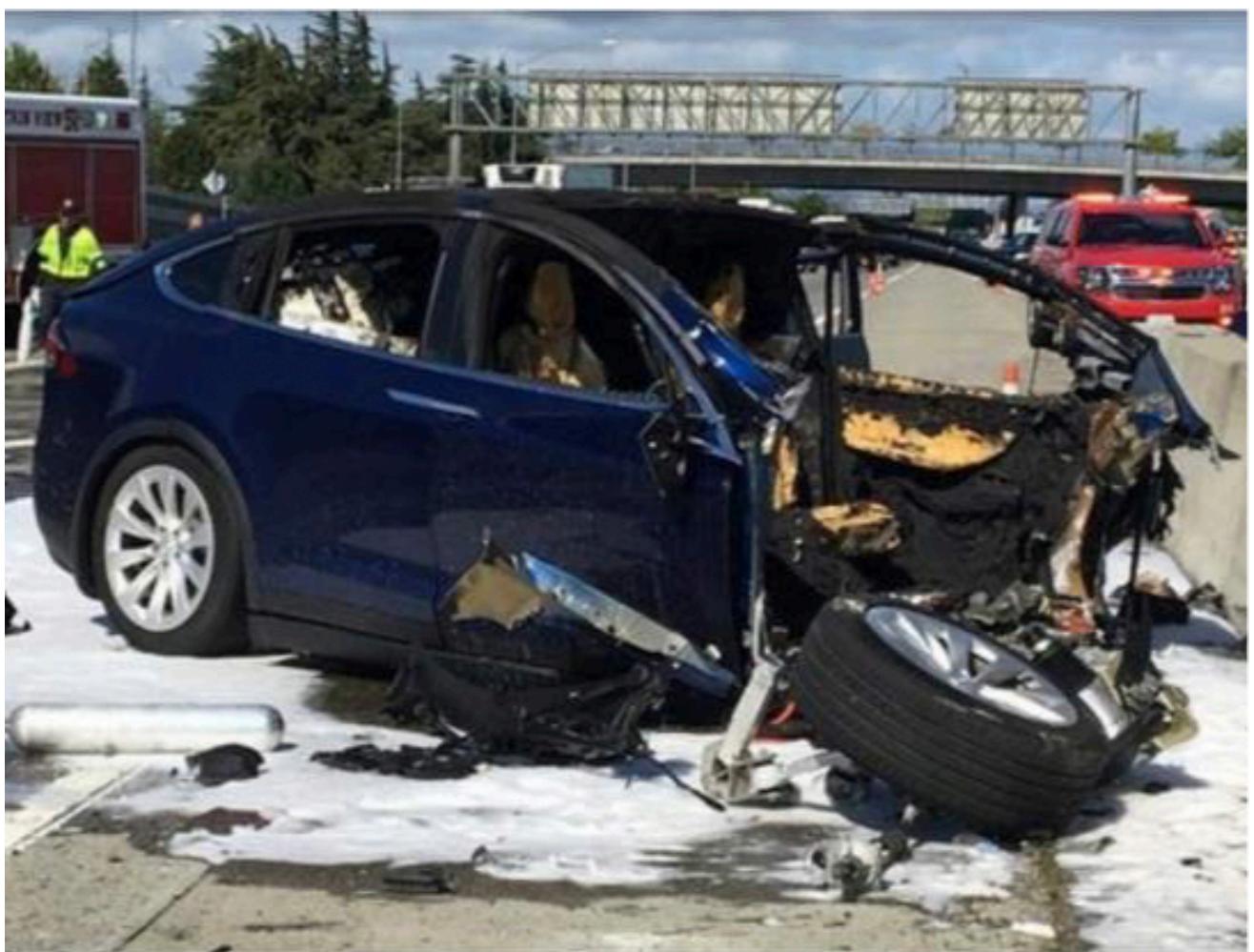
<i>Q: Is this a healthy meal?</i>	Textual Justification	Visual Pointing
<i>A: No</i>	<i>...because it is a hot dog with a lot of toppings.</i>	
<i>A: Yes</i>	<i>...because it contains a variety of vegetables on the table.</i>	

Interpretable,
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Why this Matters

Interpretability

- GDPR
- Liability for decision making



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Completeness

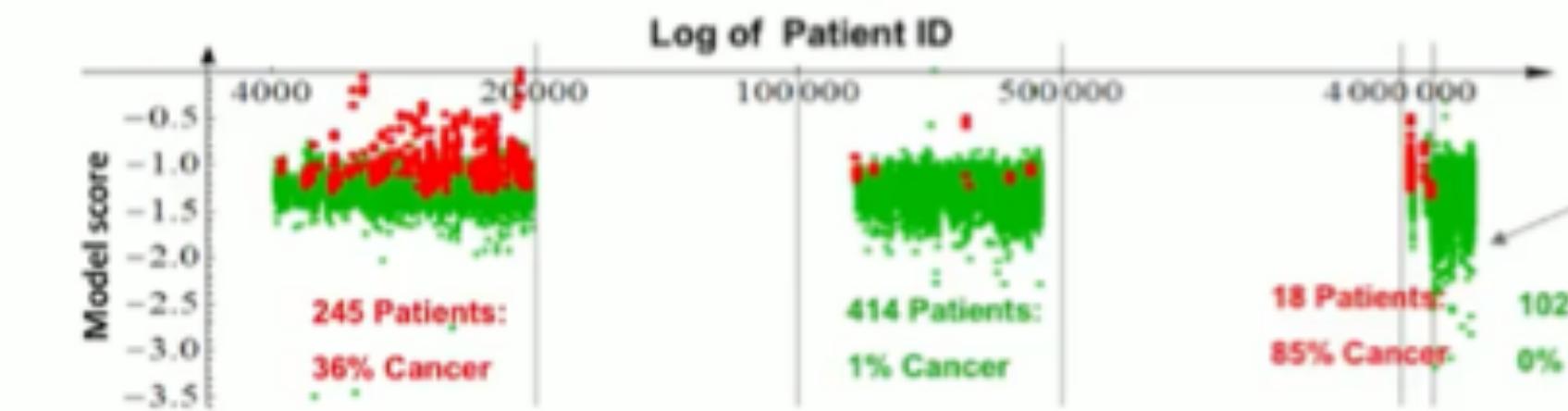
- Explaining the wrong thing.
- Making decisions for the wrong reasons.

Billing amount



Procedure code

Something is strange about the Patient ID



Patient ID is extremely predictive

The model learned the implicit location of the fMRI...

From Claudia Perlich at *Women in Data Science 2018*.

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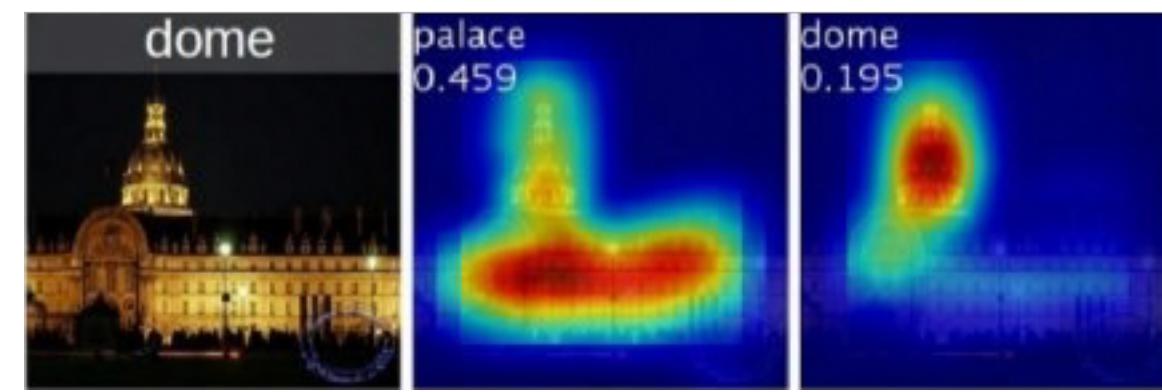
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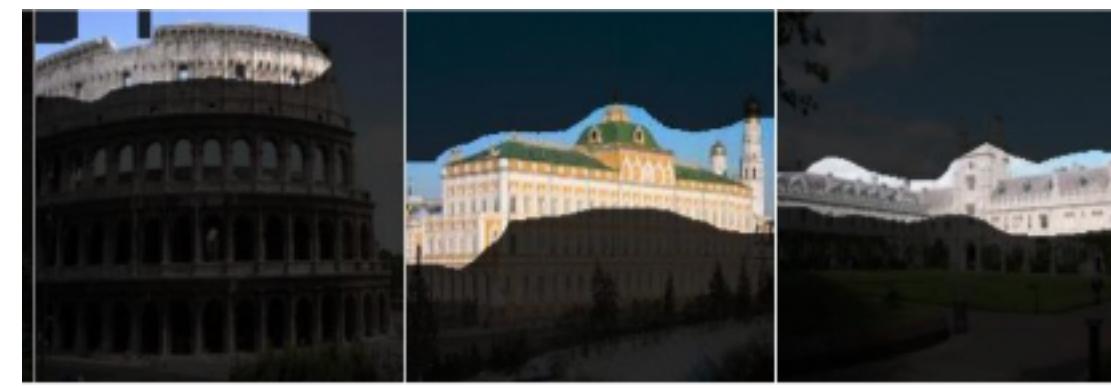
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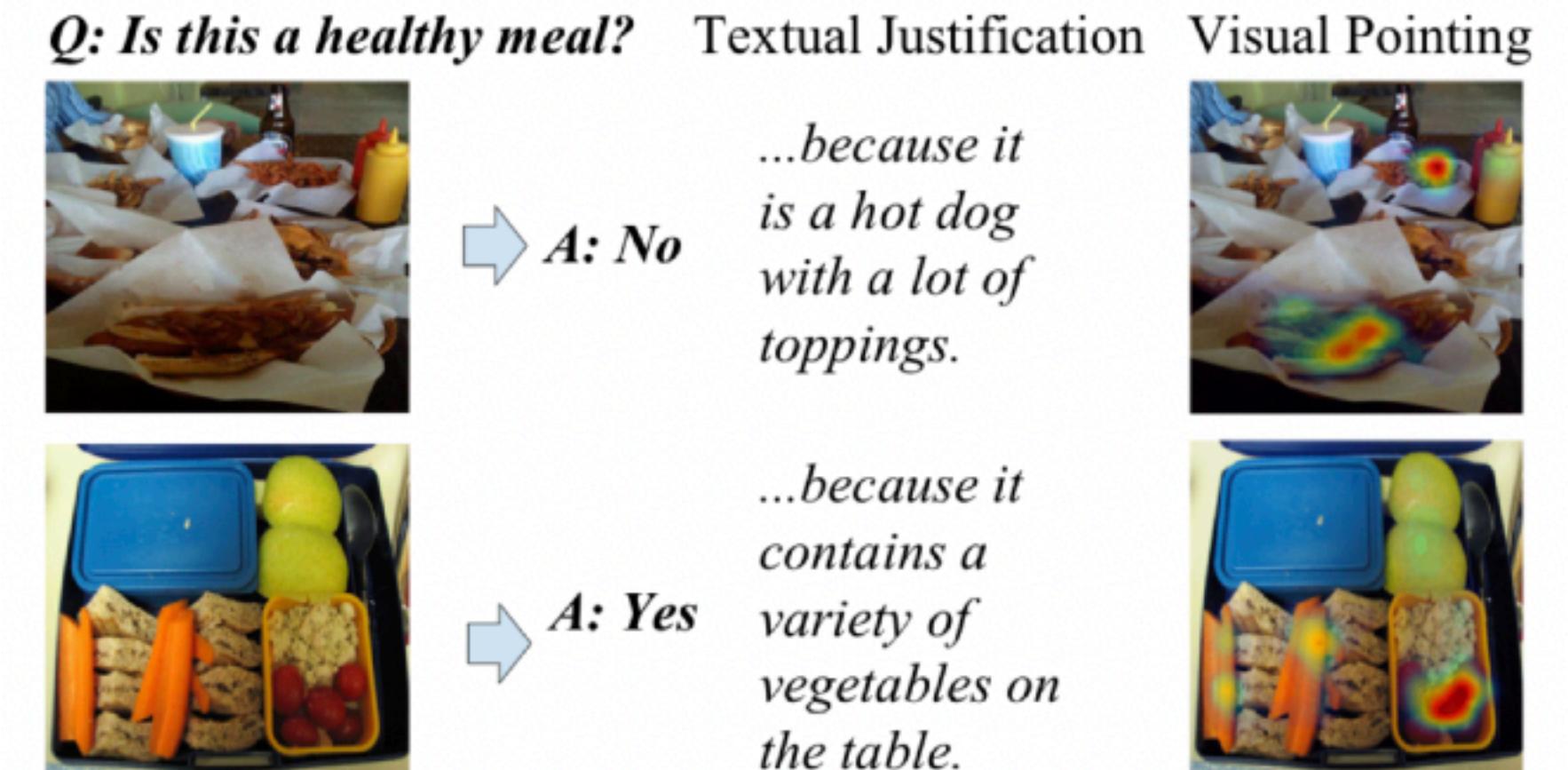
Explain processing

Role of individual units



Explain representation

Attention based



Explanation producing

Taxonomy

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Methods that Explain Processing

DeepRED – Rule Extraction from Deep Neural Networks*

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Extracting Rules from Artificial Neural Networks with Distributed Representations

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“Why Should I Trust You?” Explaining the Predictions of Any Classifier

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Examples of Processing Methods



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Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2012 IEEE Conference on. IEEE, 2012.

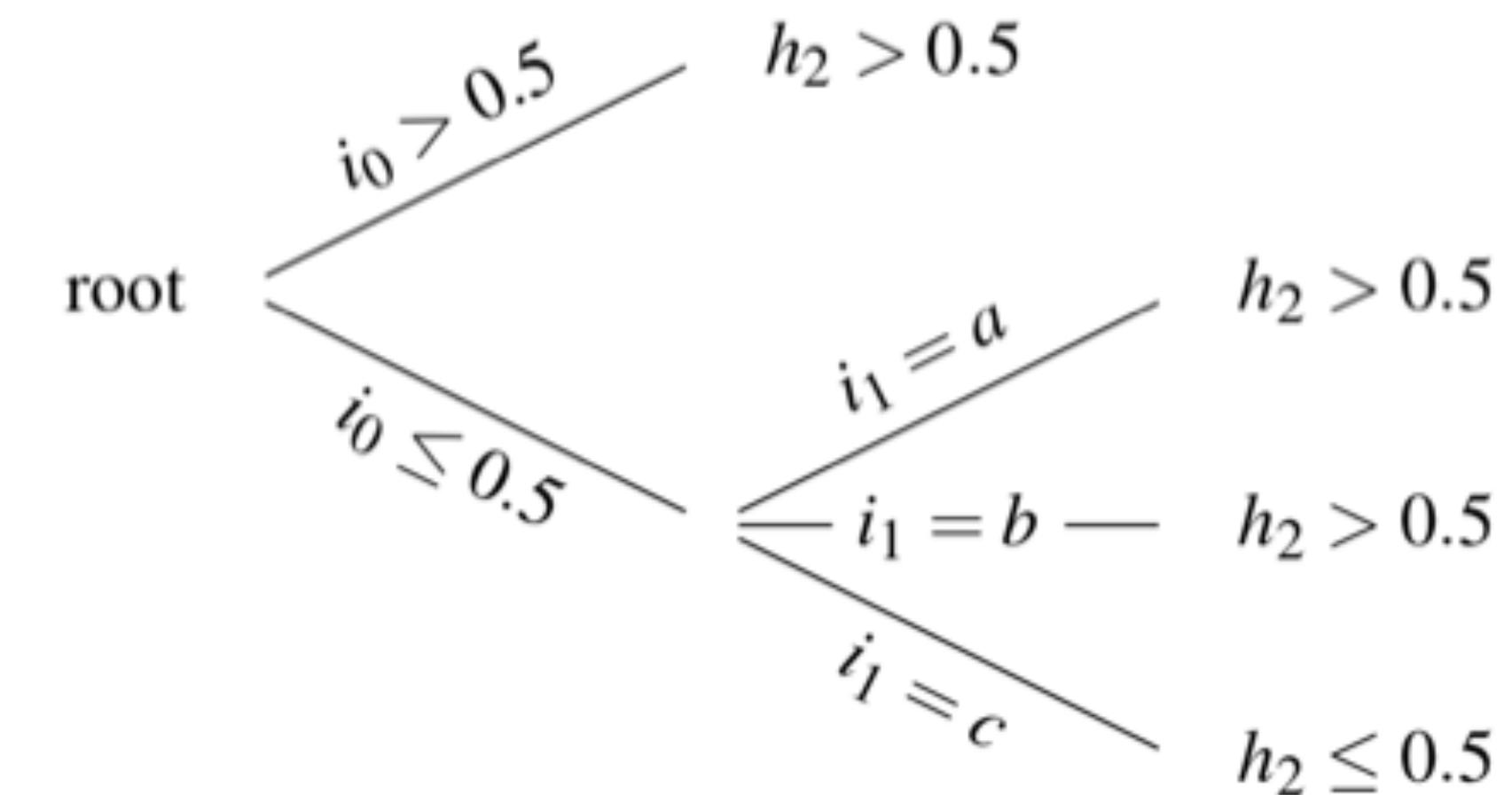
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Interpretability Beyond Feature Attribution: Quantitative Testing with Concept Activation Vectors (TCAV)

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CNN Features off-the-shelf: an Astounding Baseline for Recognition

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Examples of Explained Representations

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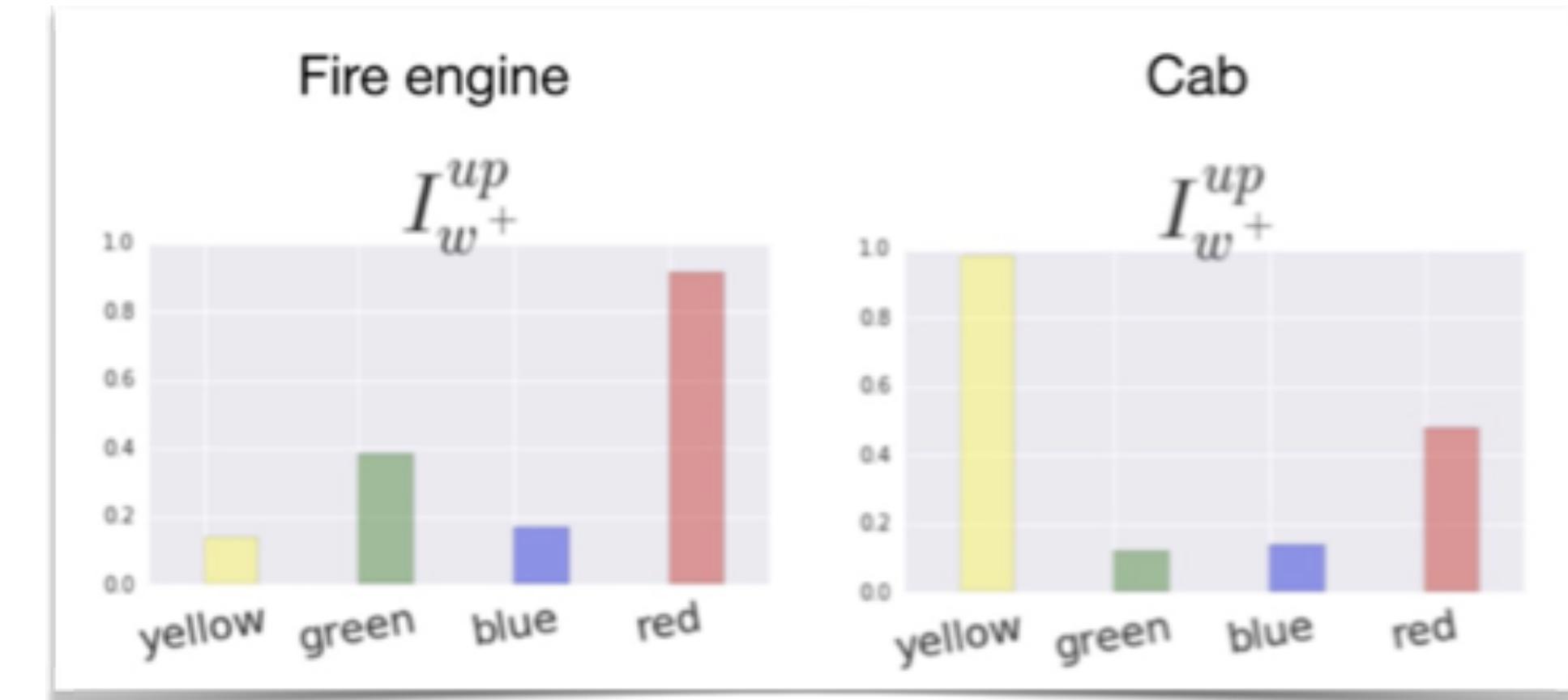
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Methods that Produce Explanations

Multimodal Explanations: Justifying Decisions and Pointing to the Evidence

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Hierarchical Question-Image Co-Attention for Visual Question Answering

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InfoGAN: Interpretable Representation Learning by Information Maximizing Generative Adversarial Nets

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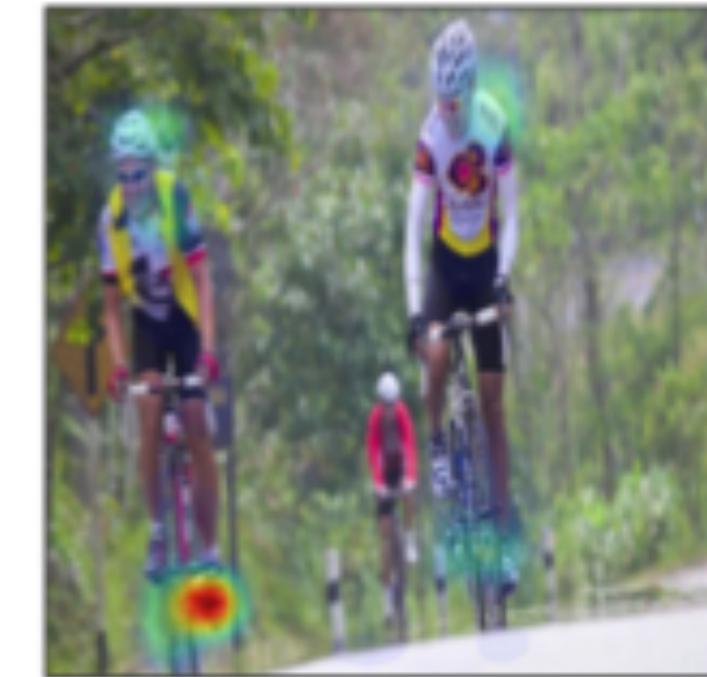
The activity is

A: Mountain Biking



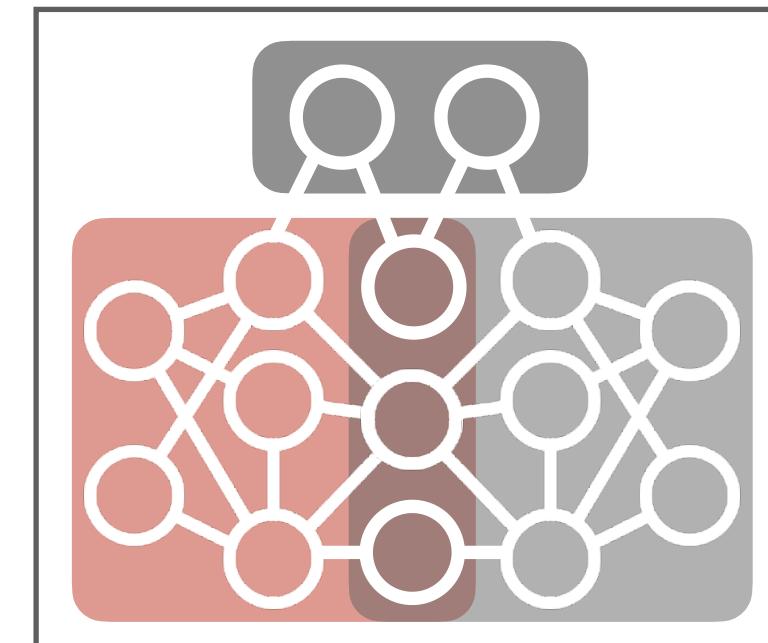
... because he is riding a bicycle down a mountain path in a mountainous area.

A: Road Biking



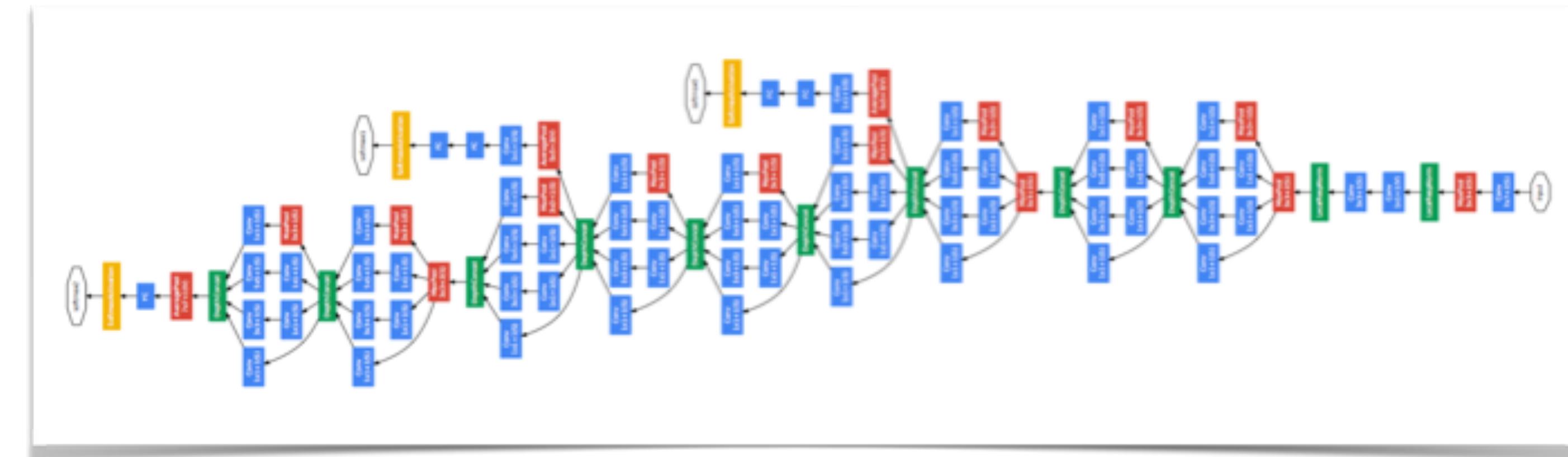
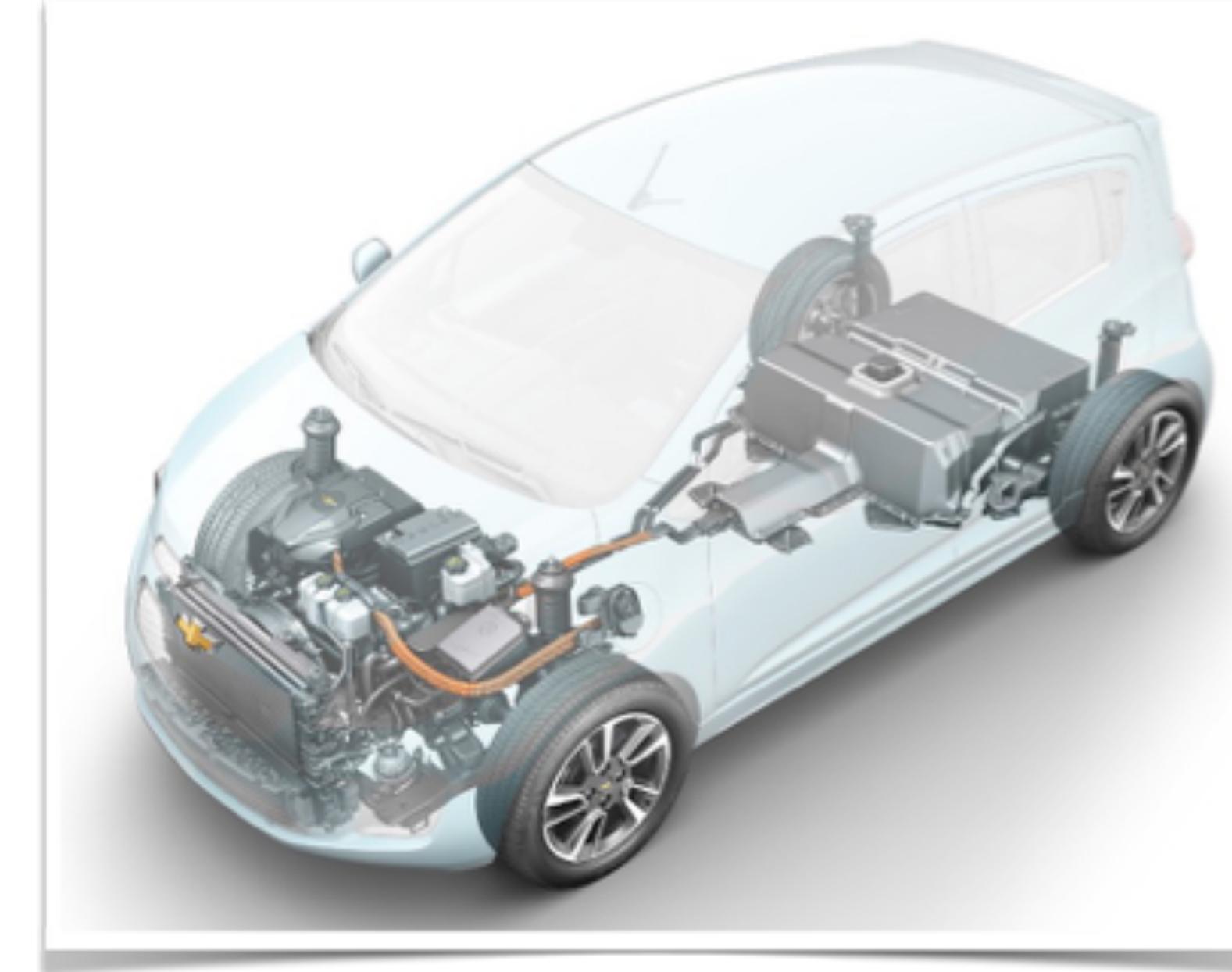
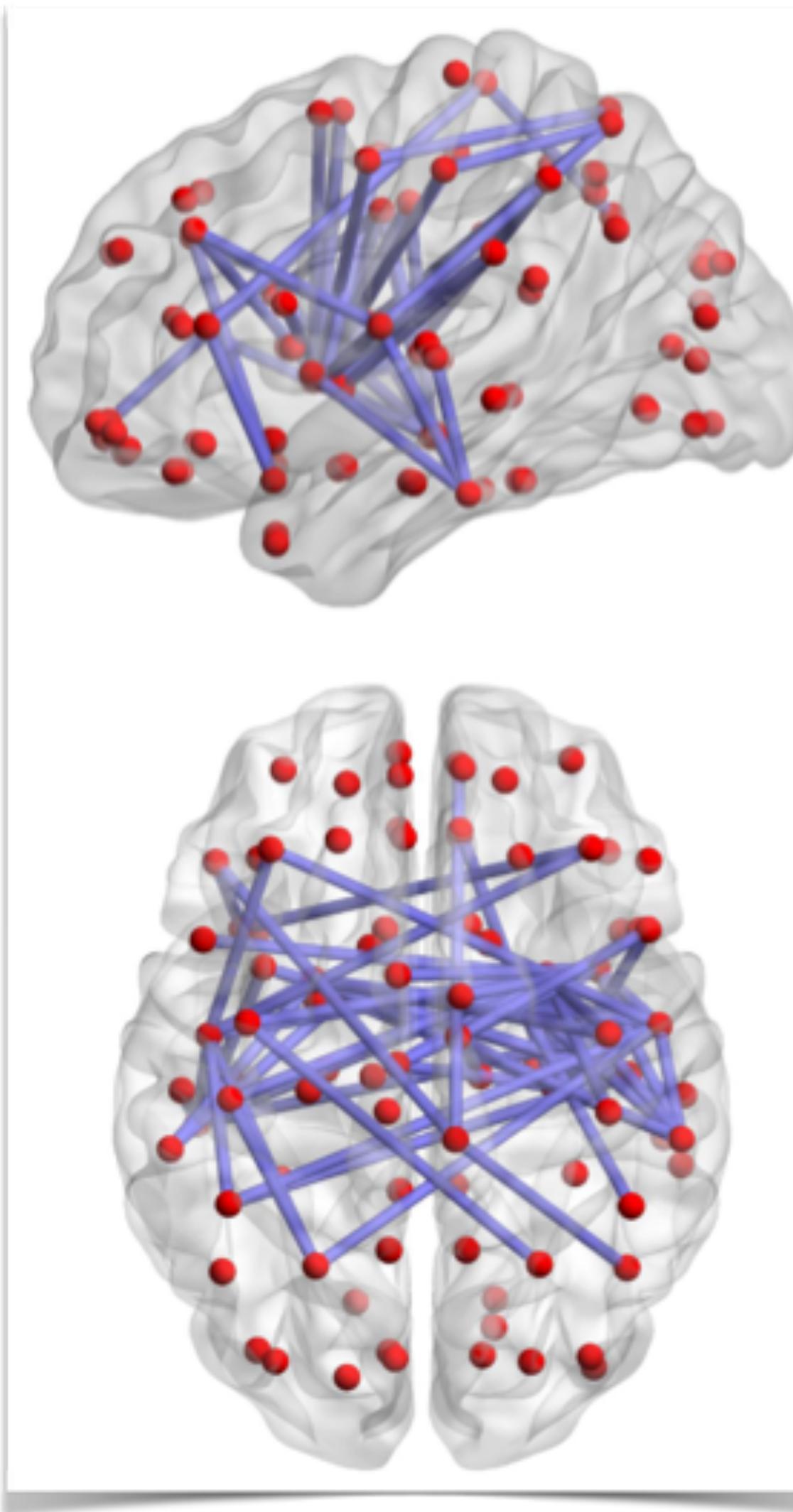
... because he is wearing a cycling uniform and riding a bicycle down the road.

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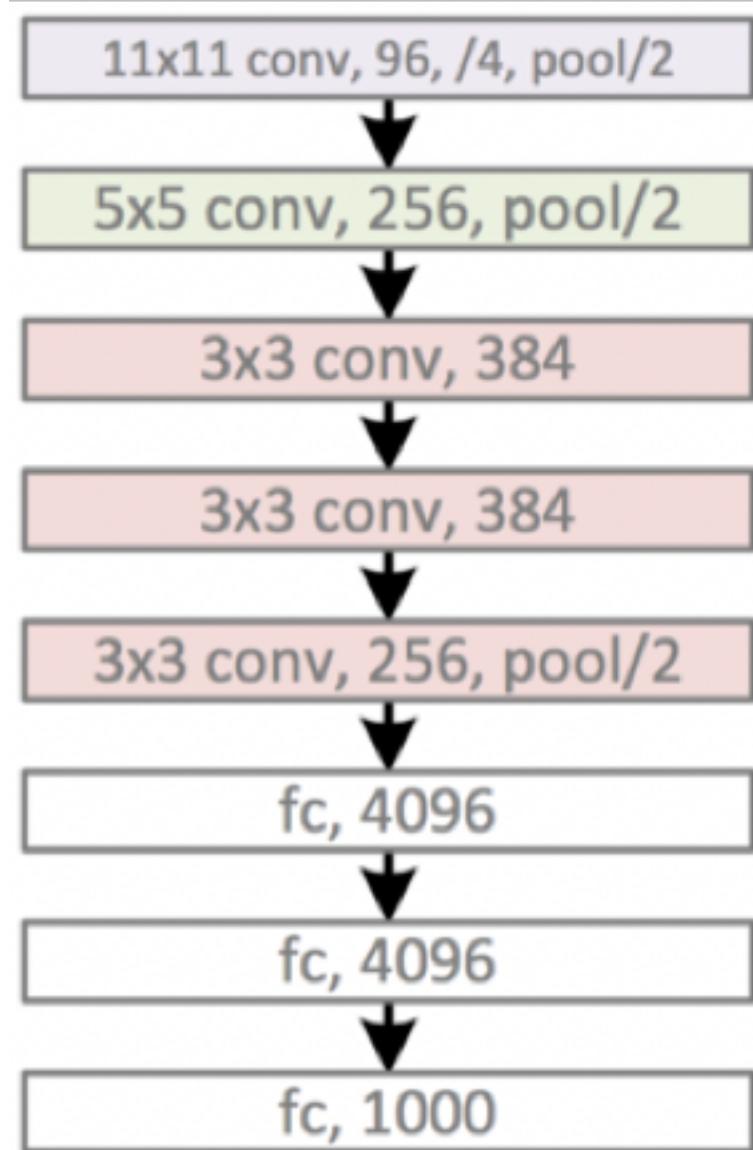


The best option is to veer and slow down. The vehicle is traveling too fast to suddenly stop. The vision system is inconsistent, but the lidar system has provided a reasonable and strong claim to avoid the object moving across the street.

A Problem: Insides Matter

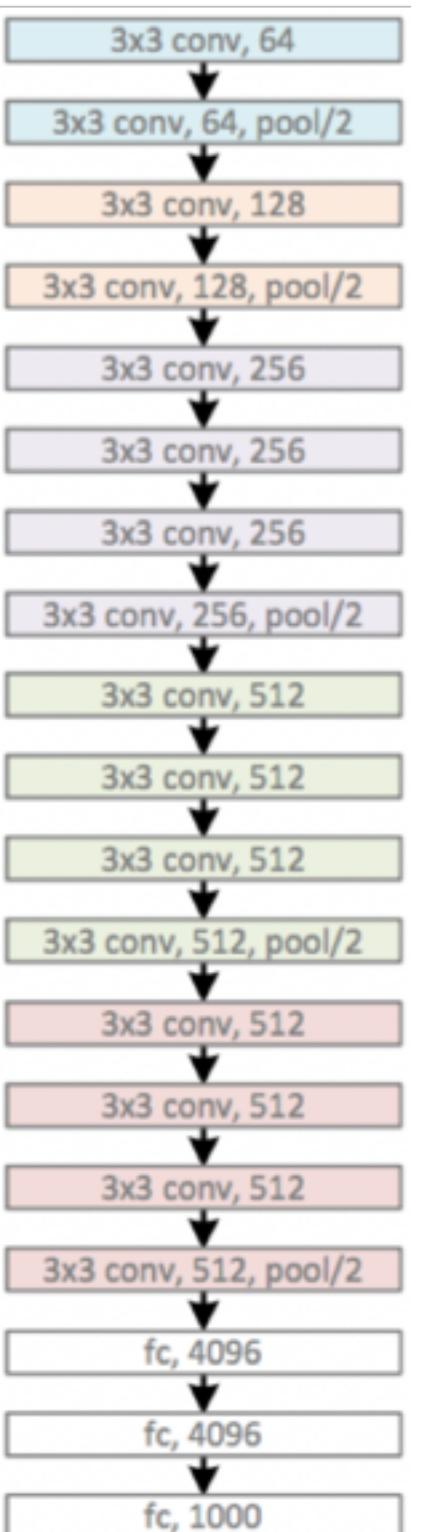


The More Complex (Deeper) The Deeper the Mystery



AlexNet (2012)

8 layers; acc 84.7%



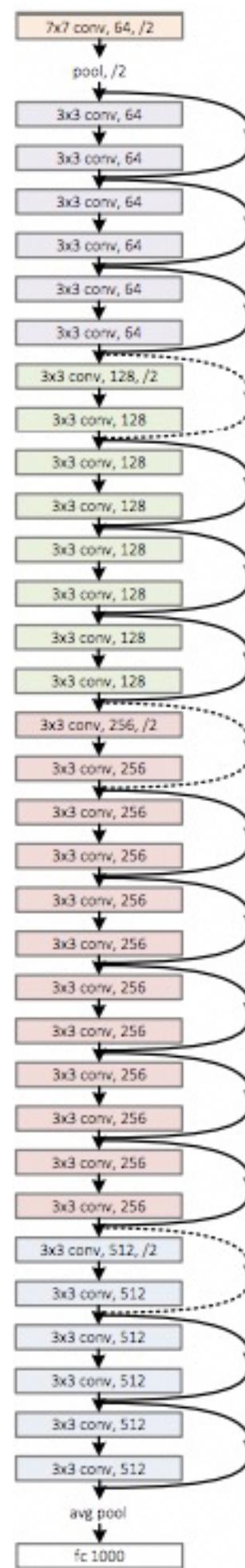
VGG (2014)

19 layers; acc 91.5%



GoogLeNet (2015)

22 layers; acc 92.2%



ResNet (2016)

152 layers; acc 95.6%

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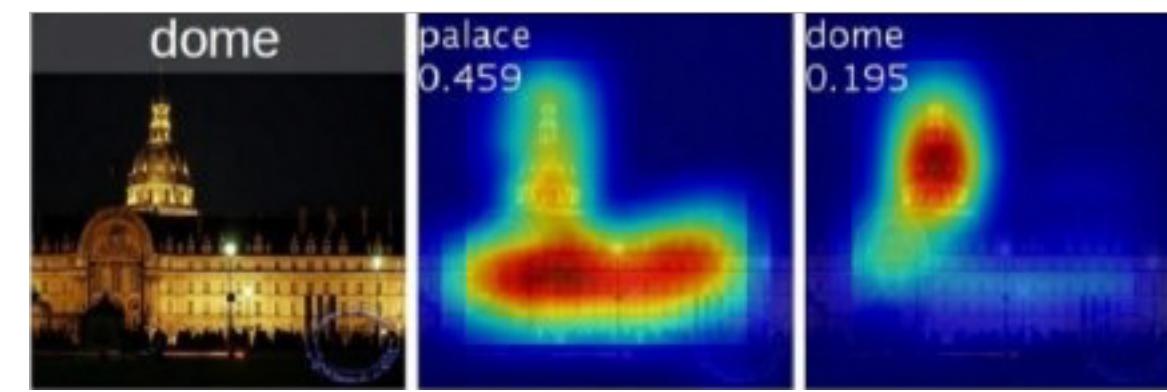
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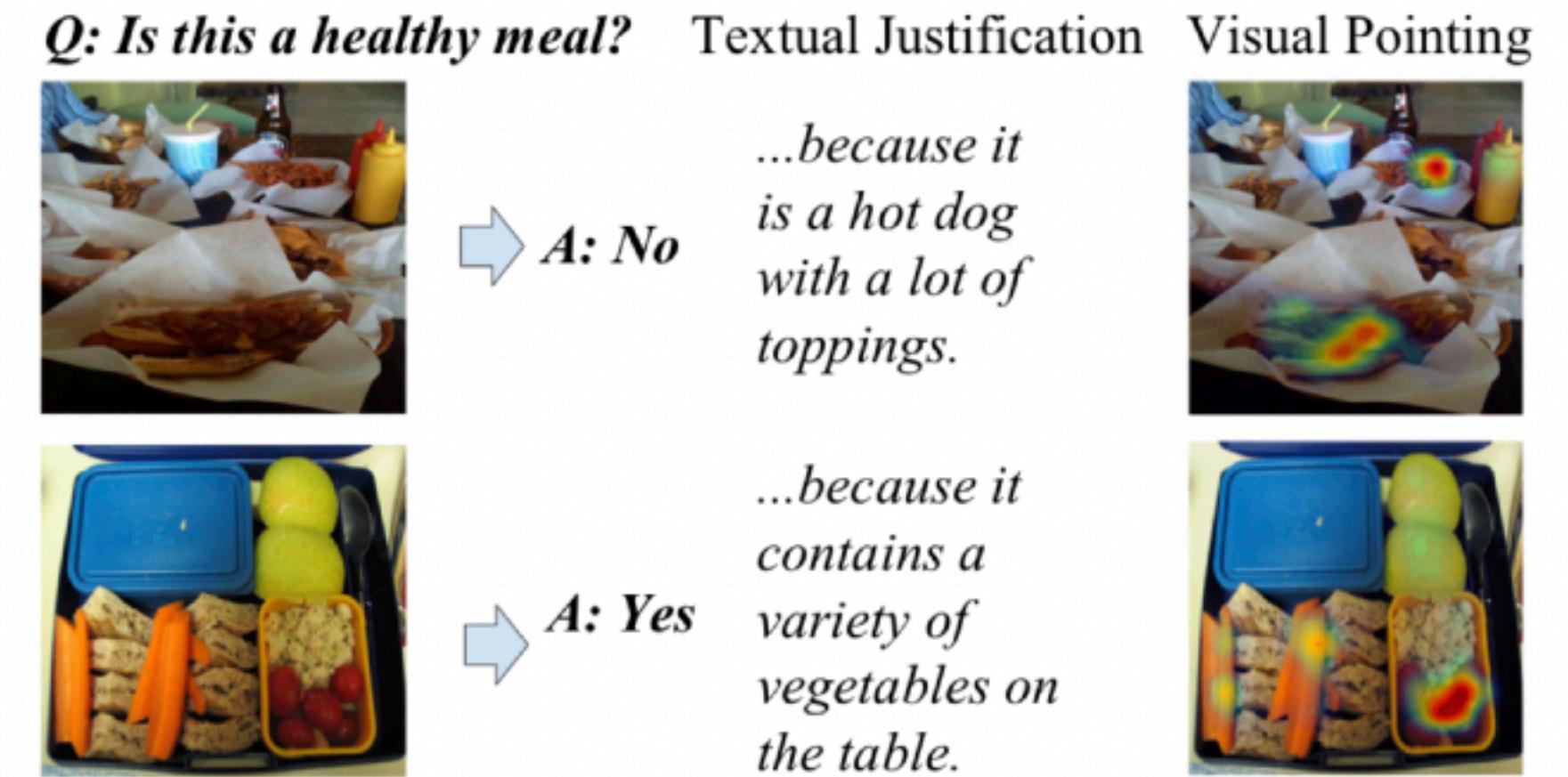
Completeness to
model

Role of individual
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Completeness
on other tasks

Attention based



Human
evaluation

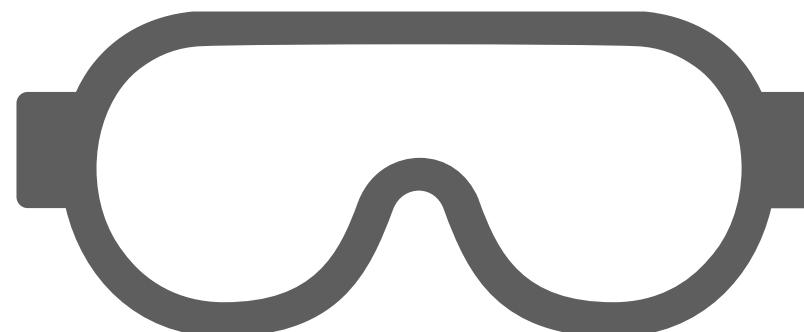
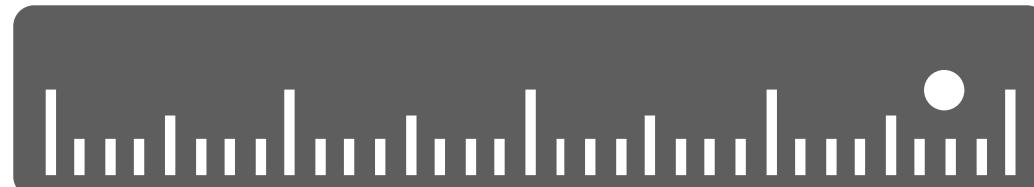
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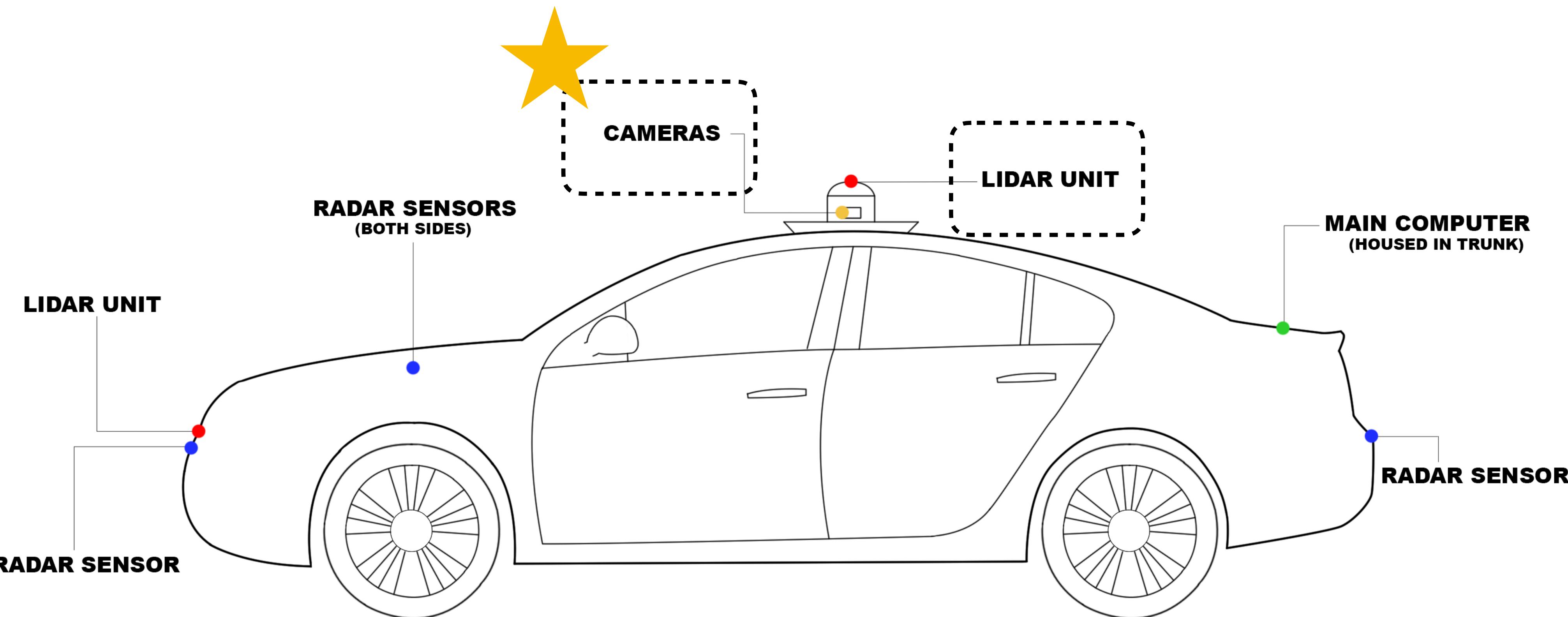
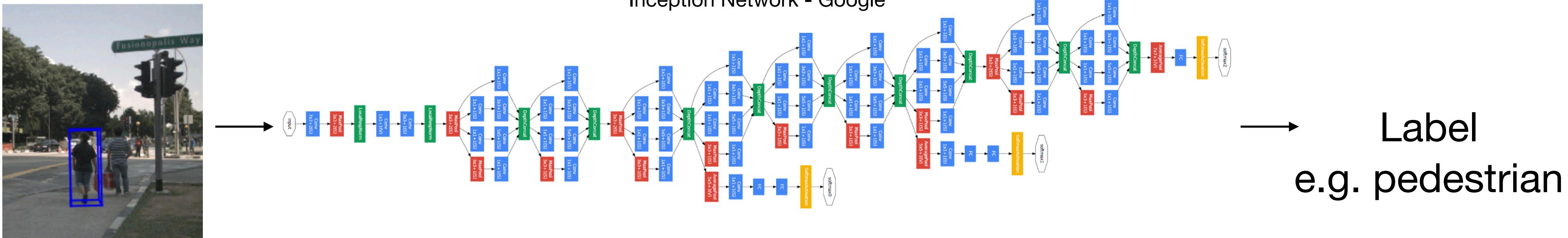
Challenges in Explainability



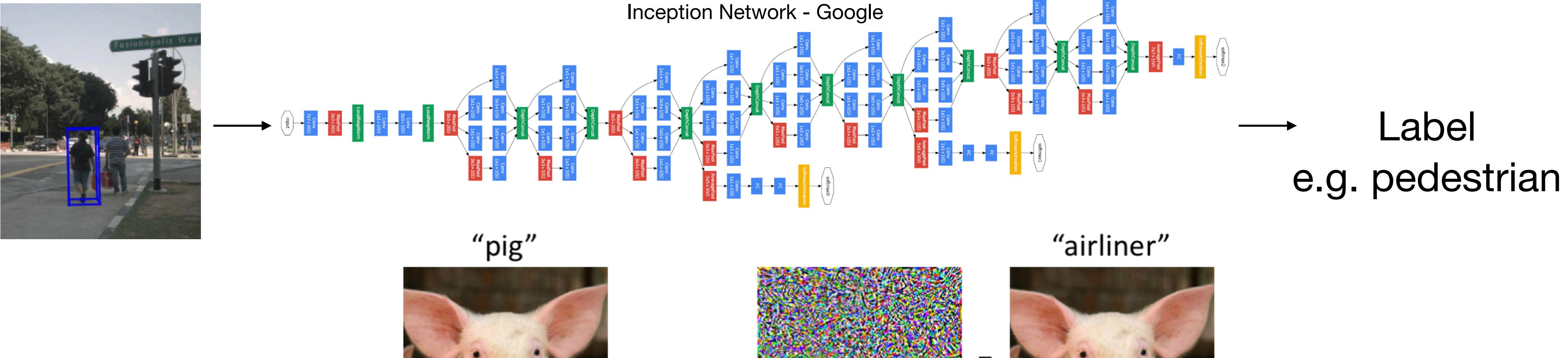
- Standards and metrics for explanations
 - How to **evaluate** explanations?
- Current metrics of evaluation are “fuzzy”
 - User based evaluations are not *always* appropriate
- Benchmarks for safety-critical and mission-critical tasks.



A Neural Network Labels Camera Data



Problem: Neural Networks are Brittle



For self-driving, and other mission-critical, safety-critical applications, these mistakes have CONSEQUENCES.



K. Eykholt et al. “Robust Physical-World Attacks on Deep Learning Visual Classification.”

Vision: Real World Adversarial Examples



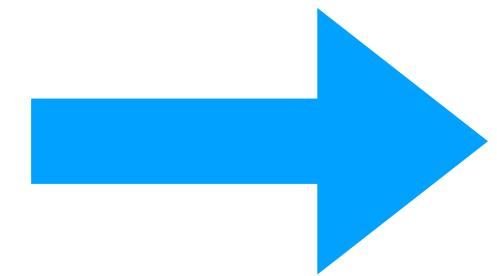
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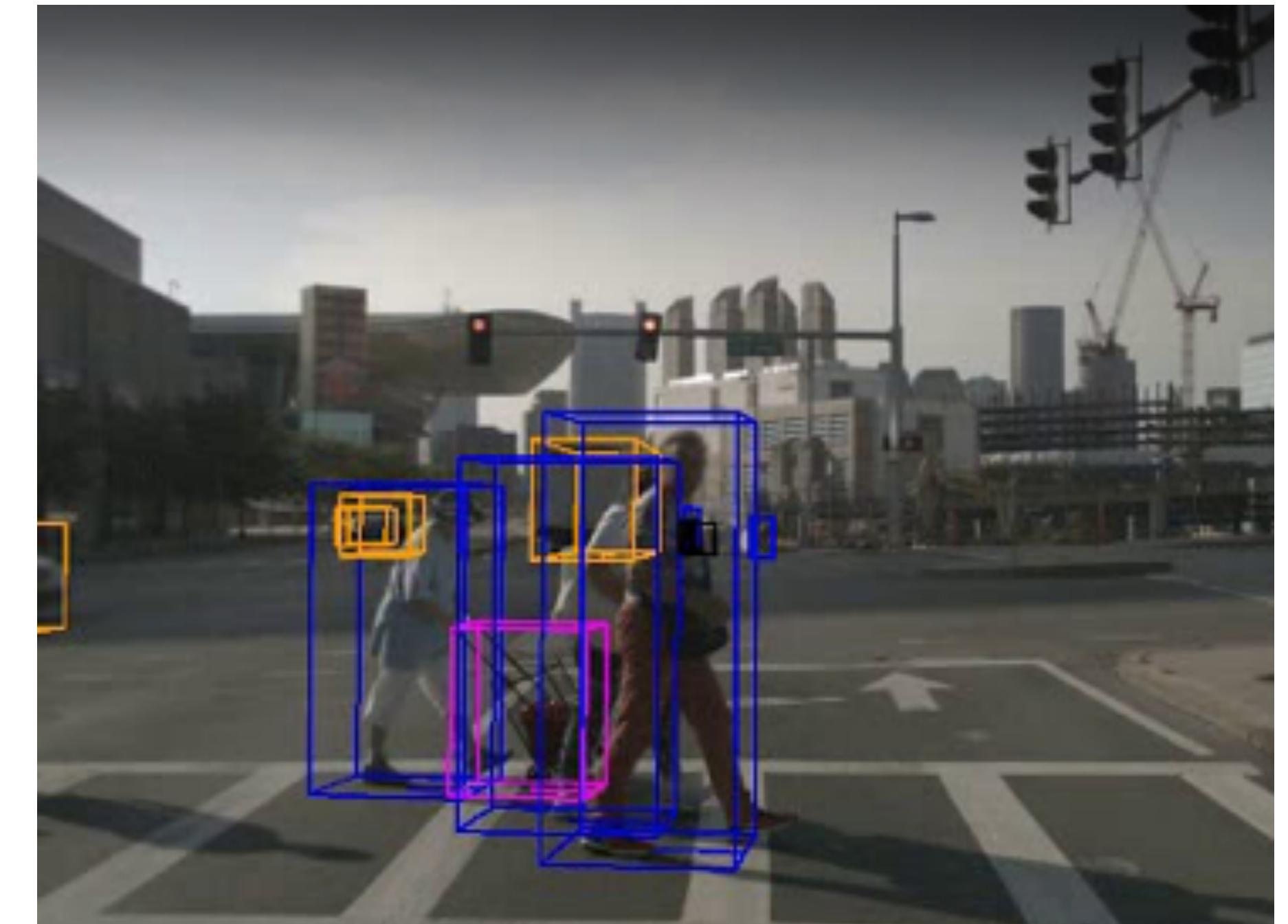
“Realistic” Adversarial examples



The traffic lights are on top of the truck. The lights are not illuminated. The lights are moving at the same rate as the truck, therefore this is not a “regular” traffic light for slowing down and stopping at.

Lack of Data and Challenges for AVs

- Existing Challenges
 - Targeted as optimizing a mission or trajectory and not safety.
 - Data is hand-curated.
- Failure data is not available
 - Unethical to get it (cannot just drive into bad situations).
 - Want the data to be realistic (usually difficult in simulation).



Data from NuScenes

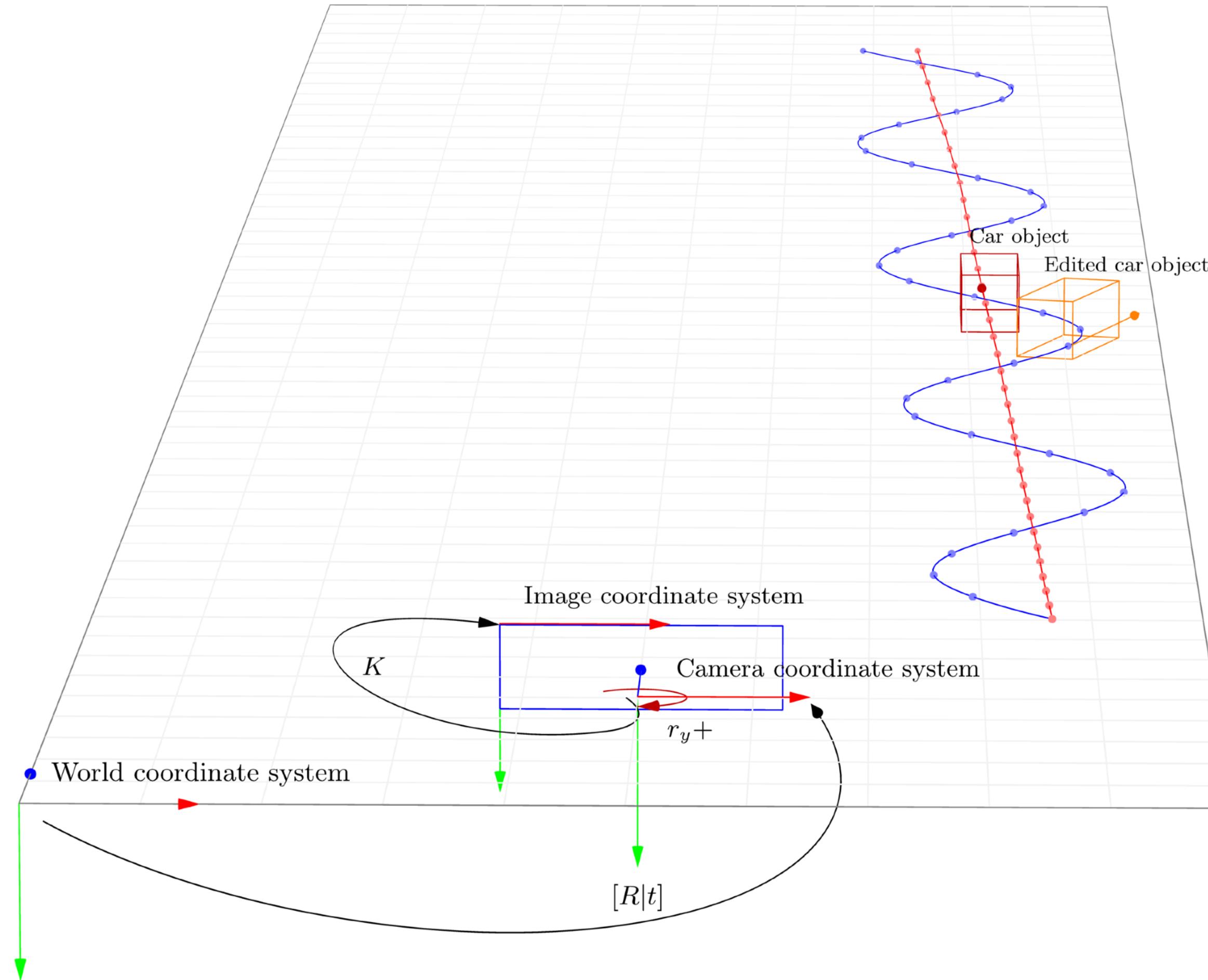
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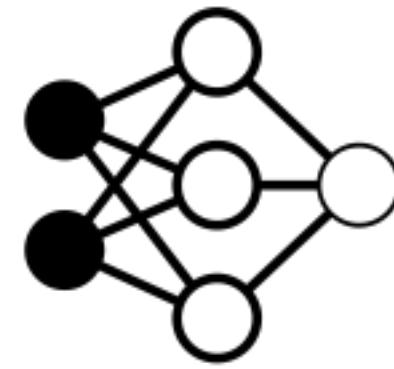


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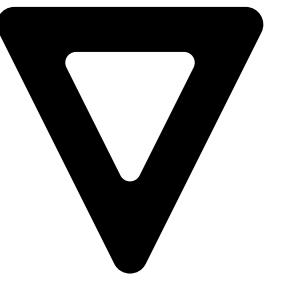
Contributions



Opaque Systems



Autonomous Systems



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