

# The Mathematics of Deep Learning: Can We Open the Black Box of Deep Neural Networks?

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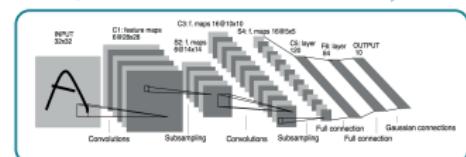
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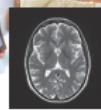
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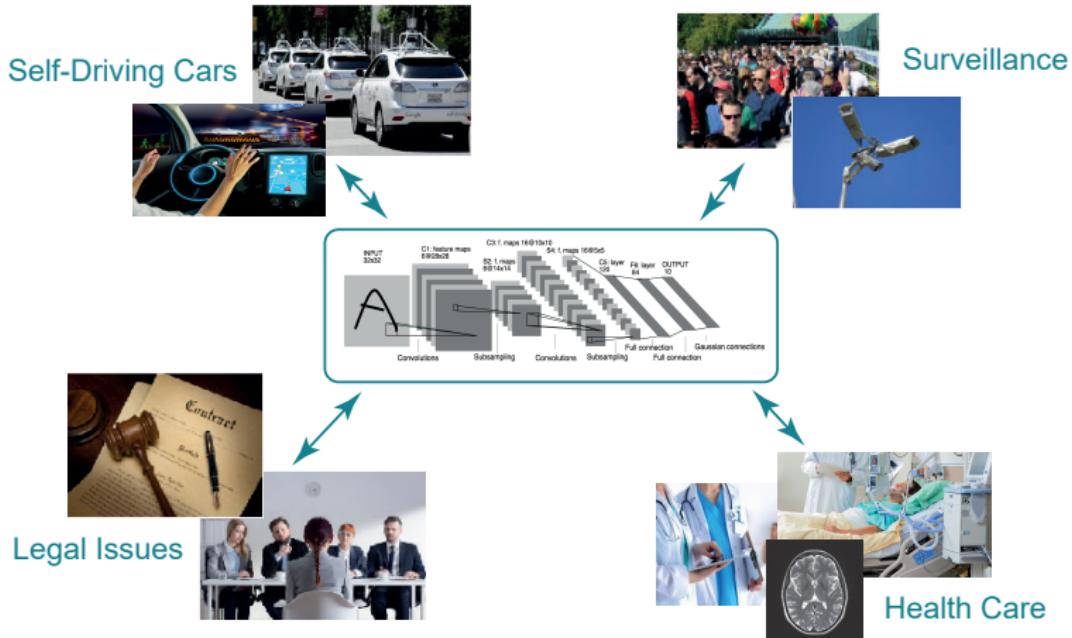
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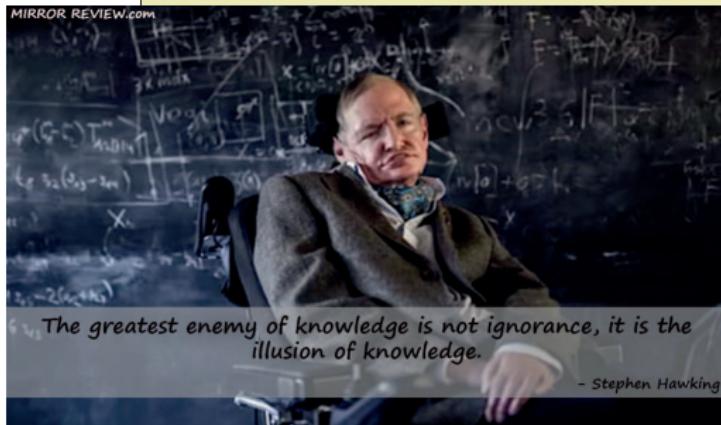
*Very few theoretical results explaining their success!*

# Deep Learning = Alchemy?



„Ali Rahimi, a researcher in artificial intelligence (AI) at Google in San Francisco, California, took a swipe at his field last December—and received a 40-second ovation for it. Speaking at an AI conference, Rahimi charged that **machine learning algorithms, in which computers learn through trial and error, have become a form of „alchemy.”** Researchers, he said, **do not know why some algorithms work and others don't, nor do they have rigorous criteria for choosing one AI architecture over another....**“

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# *Theoretical Foundations of Deep Learning*

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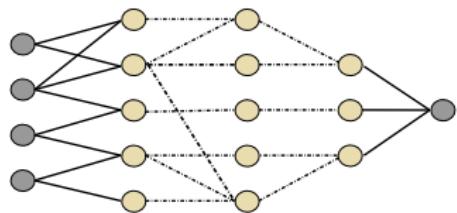
Assume the following notions:

- ▶  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ : Dimension of input layer.
- ▶  $L$ : Number of layers.
- ▶  $N$ : Number of neurons.
- ▶  $\rho : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ : (Non-linear) function called *activation function*.
- ▶  $T_\ell : \mathbb{R}^{N_{\ell-1}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{N_\ell}$ ,  $\ell = 1, \dots, L$ : Affine linear maps.

Then  $\Phi : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{N_L}$  given by

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is called *(deep) neural network (DNN)*.



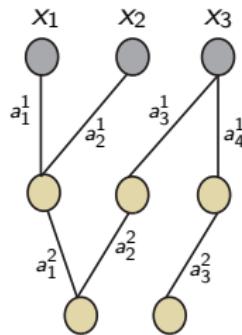
# Affine Linear Maps and Weights

**Remark:** The affine linear map  $T_\ell$  is defined by a matrix  $A_\ell \in \mathbb{R}^{N_{\ell-1} \times N_\ell}$  and an affine part  $b_\ell \in \mathbb{R}^{N_\ell}$  via

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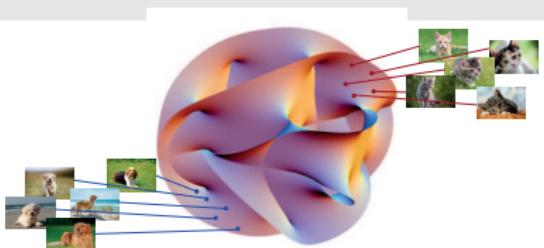
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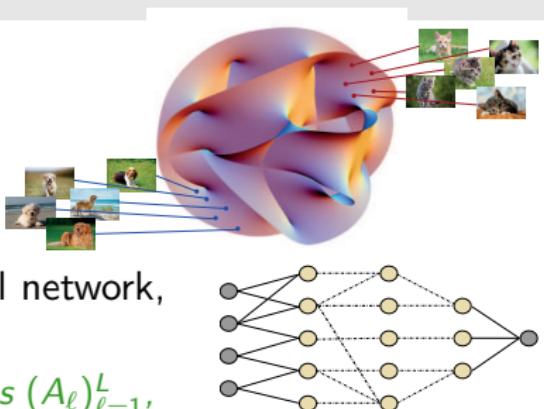
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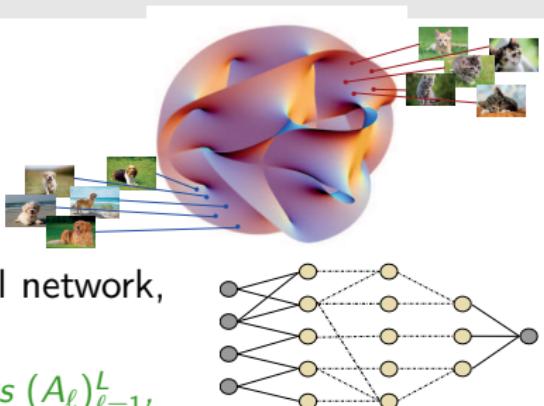
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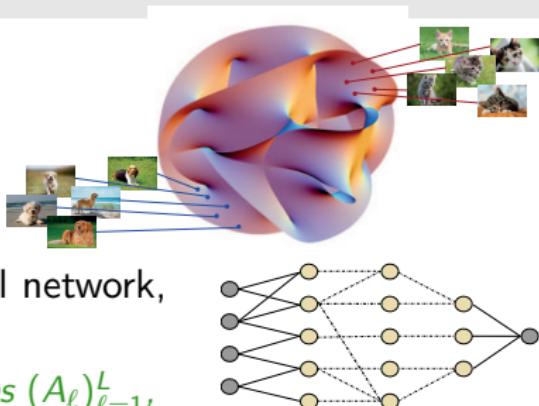
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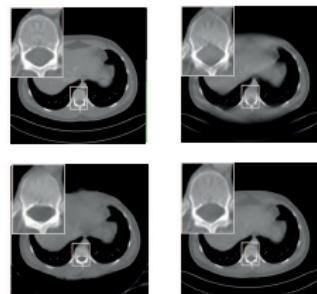
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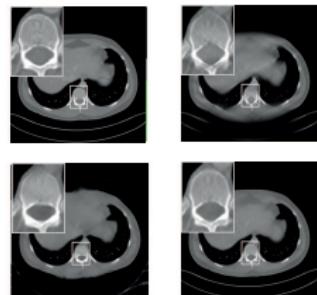


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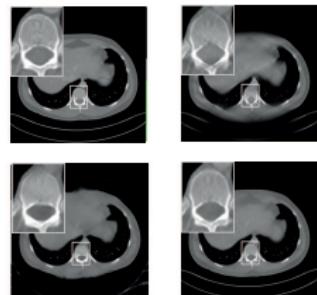


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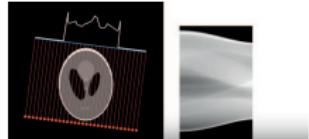


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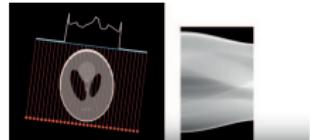
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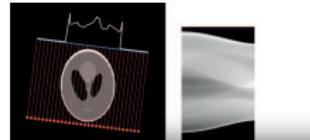
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Learn the Invisible (Bubba, K, Lassas, März, Samek, Siltanen, Srinivas; 2018):

*Step 1: Use model-based methods as far as possible*

- ▶ Solve with sparse regularization using shearlets.

*Step 2: Use data-driven methods where it is necessary*

- ▶ Use a deep neural network to recover the missing components.

*Step 3: Carefully combine both worlds*

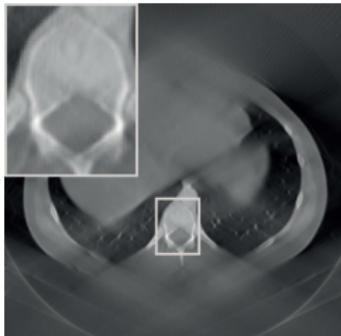
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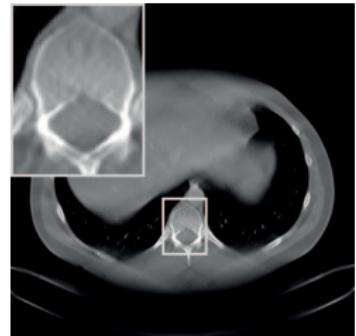
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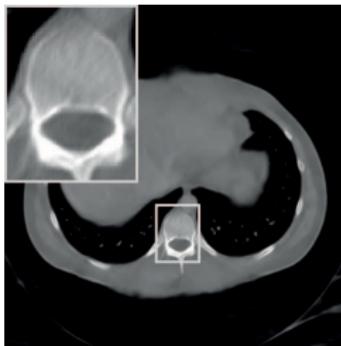
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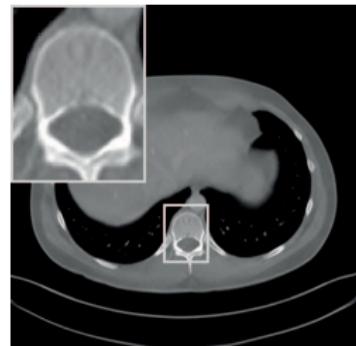
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Sparse Regularization with Shearlets



[Gu & Ye, 2017]

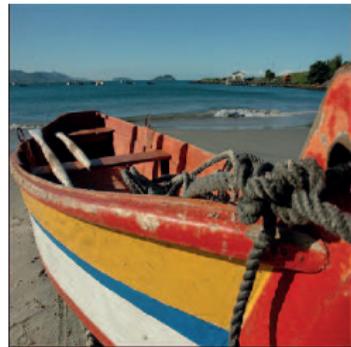


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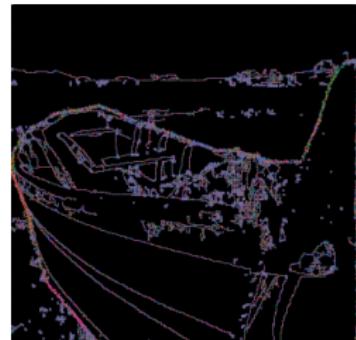
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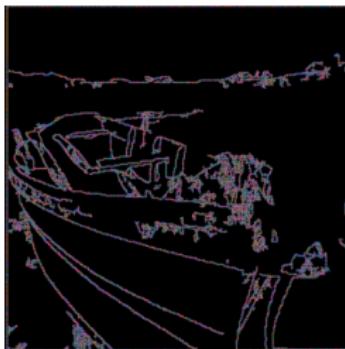
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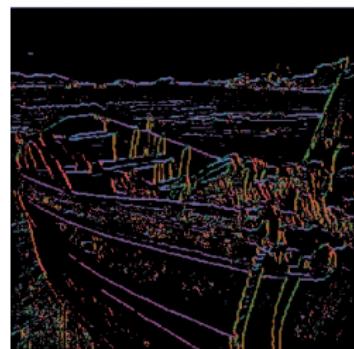
Human Annotation



SEAL [Yu et al; 2018]



CoShREM [Reisenhofer et al.; 2015]



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Theoretical Approach (K, Petersen, Raslan, Schneider; 2019):

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- We show the existence of a neural network  $\Phi$  which approximates the parametric map, i.e.,  
$$\|\Phi - u_y\| \leq \epsilon \quad \text{for all } y \in \mathcal{Y}.$$

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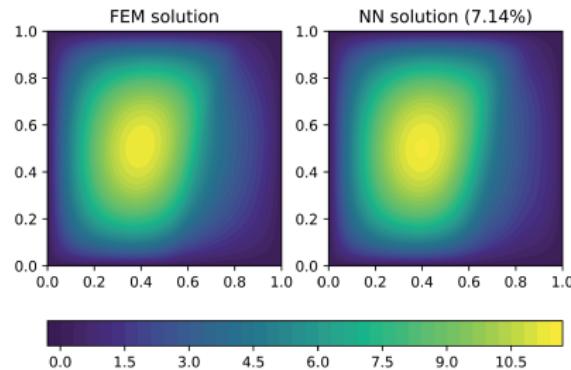
# Numerical Results

(Geist, Petersen, Raslan, Schneider, K; 2020)

## Set-Up:

- ▶ Parametric diffusion equation with various parametrizations
- ▶ Fixed neural network: 11 layers and 0.2-LReLU
- ▶ Training set: 20000 i.i.d. parameter samples

Example ( $p = 91$ ):



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# Data-Driven Versus Model-Based Approaches?



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# Main Research Goal

Some Questions:

- ▶ Which architecture to choose for a particular application?
- ▶ What is the expressive power of a given architecture?
- ▶ What effect has the depth of a neural network in this respect?
- ▶ What is the complexity of the approximating neural network?
- ▶ Can deep neural networks beat the curse of dimensionality?

General Mathematical Problem:

Given a function class  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $f \in \mathcal{C}$  as well as an accuracy  $\varepsilon > 0$ , does there exist a neural network  $\Phi$  such that

$$\|\Phi - f\| \leq \varepsilon,$$

and which complexity does  $\Phi$  have?



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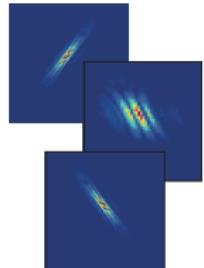
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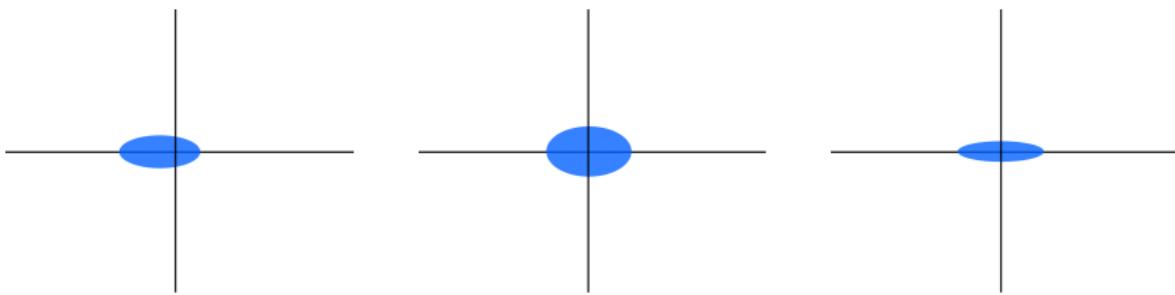
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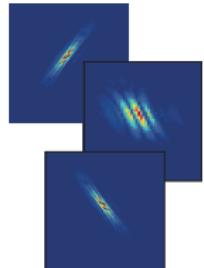
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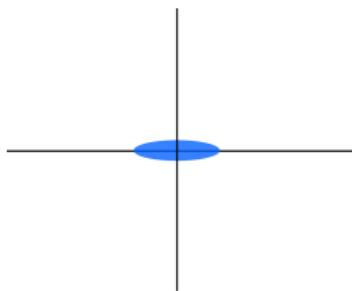
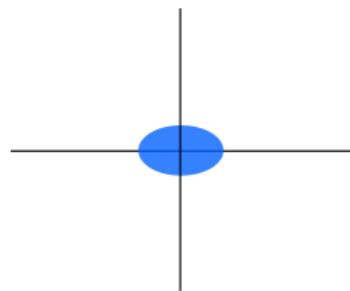
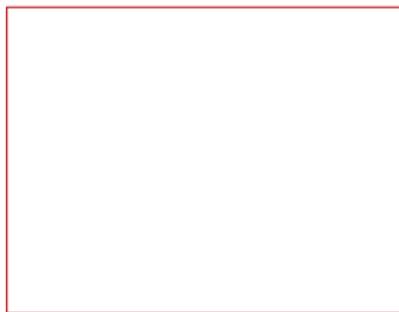
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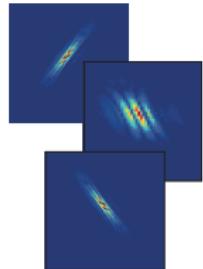
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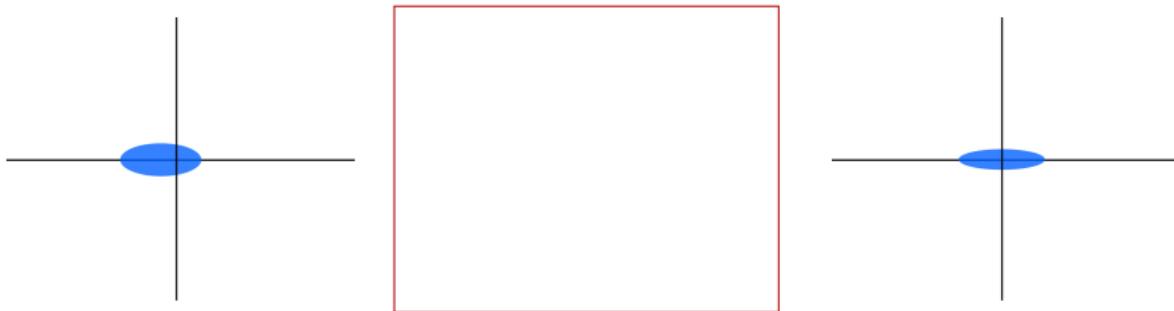
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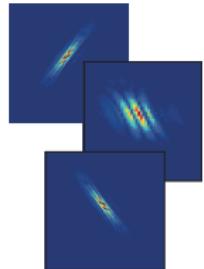
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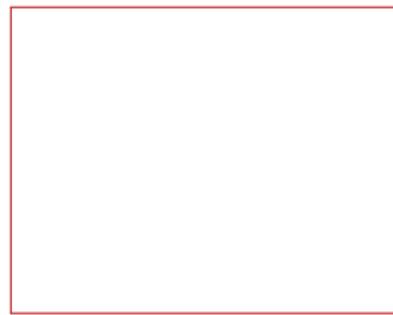
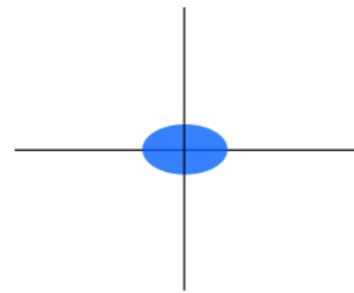
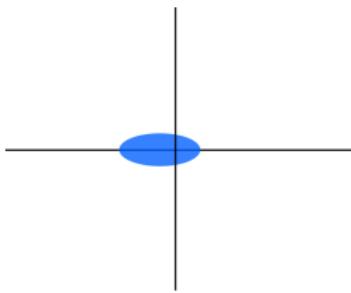
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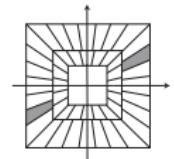
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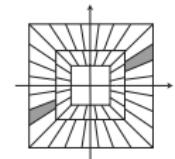
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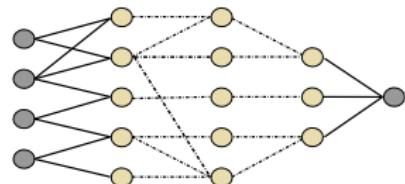


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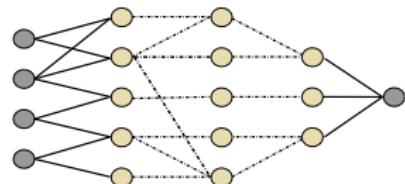
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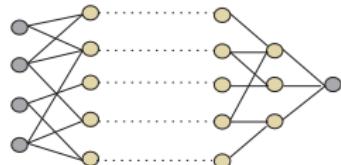
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# Sparsely Connected Deep Neural Networks

## Key Problem:

- ▶ Deep neural networks employed in practice often consist of **hundreds of layers**.
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~ *Employ deep neural networks with **sparse connectivity**!*



## Example of Speech Recognition:

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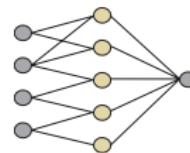
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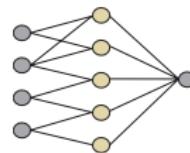


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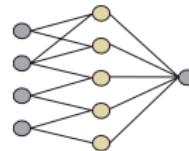
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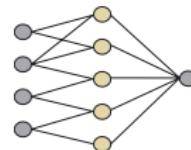


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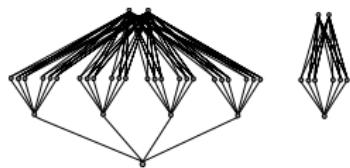
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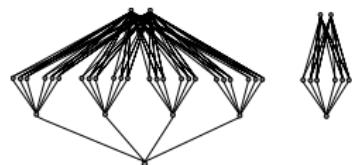
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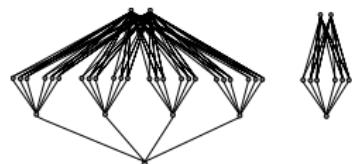
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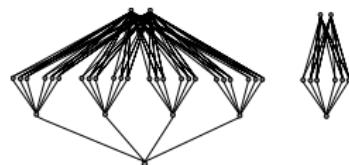
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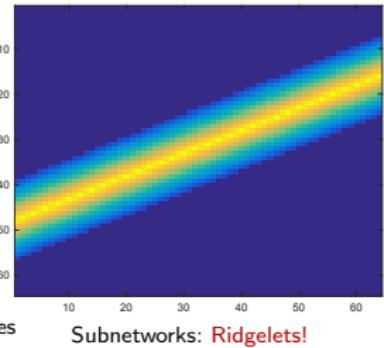
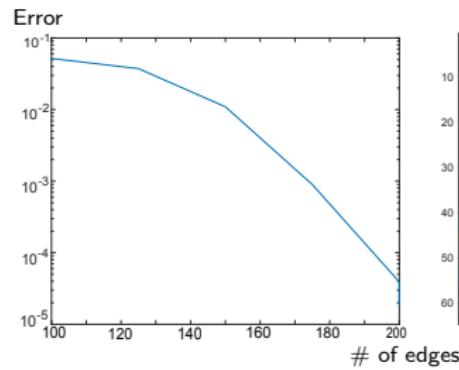
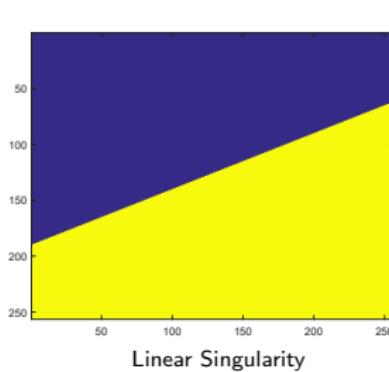
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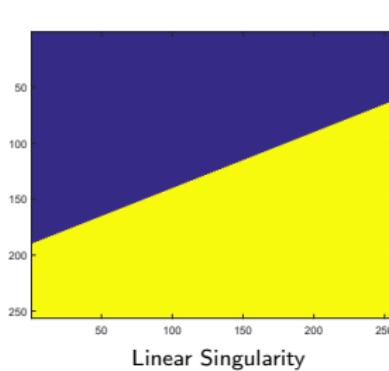
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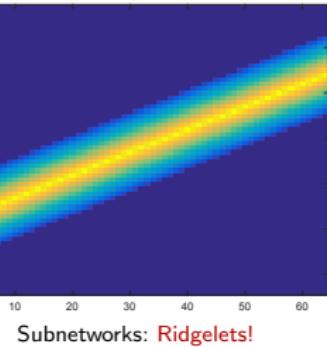
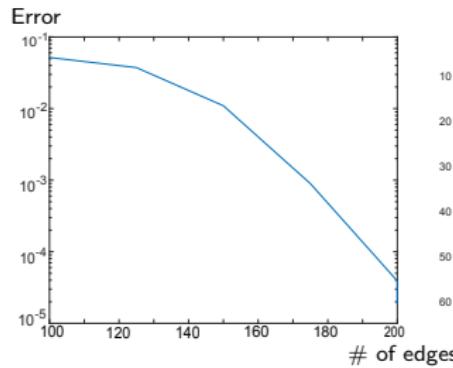
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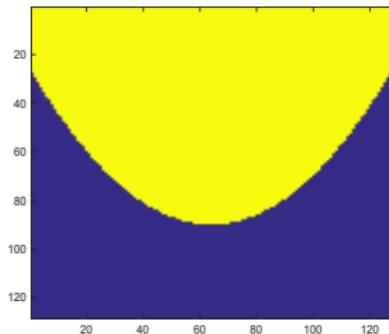
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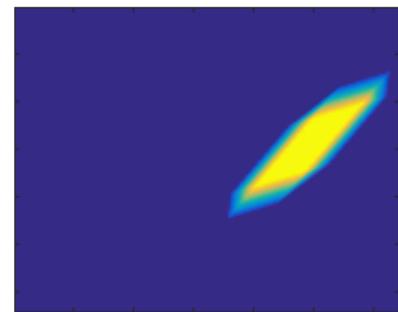
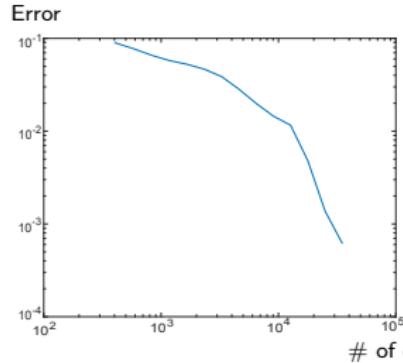
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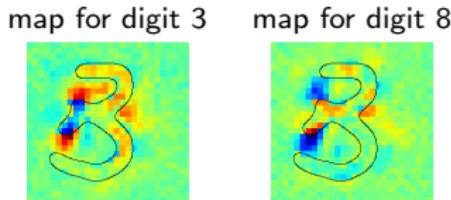
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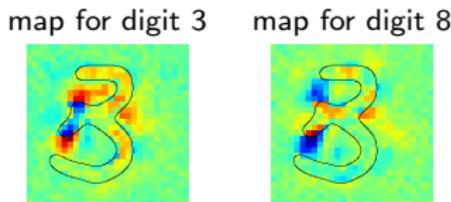


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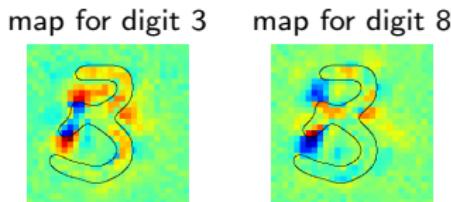


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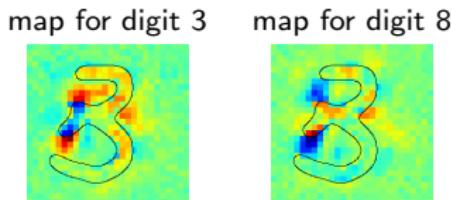


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- ▶ What is a **good** relevance map?
  - ~ *Formulation of interpretability as optimization problem.*
  - ~ *Theoretical analysis of complexity.*
- ▶ How to **compare** different relevance maps?
  - ~ *Canonical framework for comparison.*

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The Setting: Let

- ▶  $\Phi: [0, 1]^d \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a classification function,
- ▶  $x \in [0, 1]^d$  be an input signal.

The Task:

- ▶ Determine the most relevant components of  $x$  for the prediction  $\Phi(x)$ .
- ▶ Choose  $S \subseteq \{1, \dots, d\}$  of components that are considered relevant.
- ▶  $S$  should be small (usually not everything is relevant).
- ▶  $S^c$  is considered non-relevant.



Original image  $x$

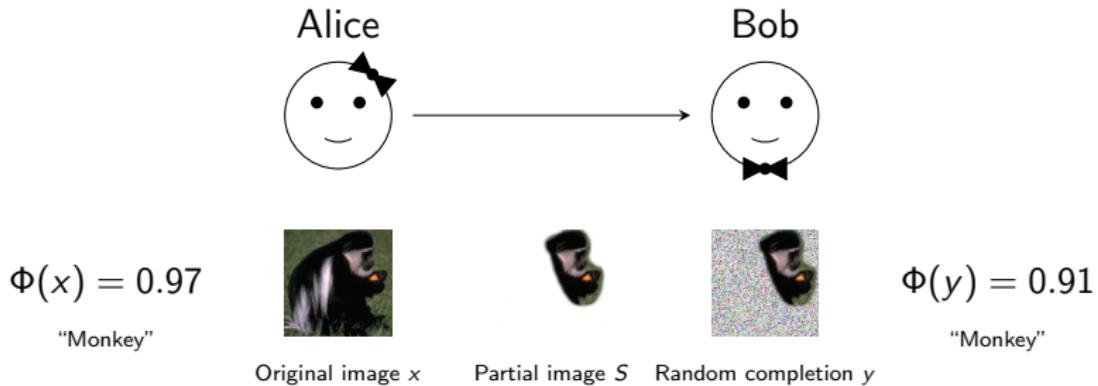


Relevant components  $S$



Non-relevant components  $S^c$

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Expected Distortion:

$$D(S) = D(\Phi, x, S) = \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{1}{2} (\Phi(x) - \Phi(y))^2 \right]$$

Rate-Distortion Function:

$$R(\epsilon) = \min_{S \subseteq \{1, \dots, d\}} \{|S| : D(S) \leq \epsilon\}$$

~ *Use this viewpoint for the definition of a relevance map!*



*Finding a minimizer of  $R(\epsilon)$*

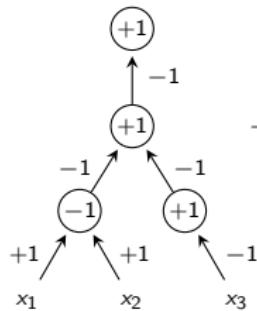
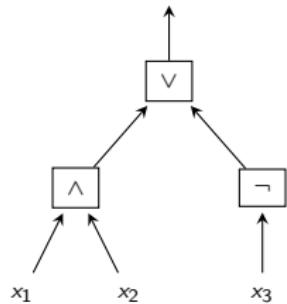
*or even approximating it is very hard!*



# Hardness Results

Boolean Functions as ReLU Neural Networks:

$$\Phi(x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

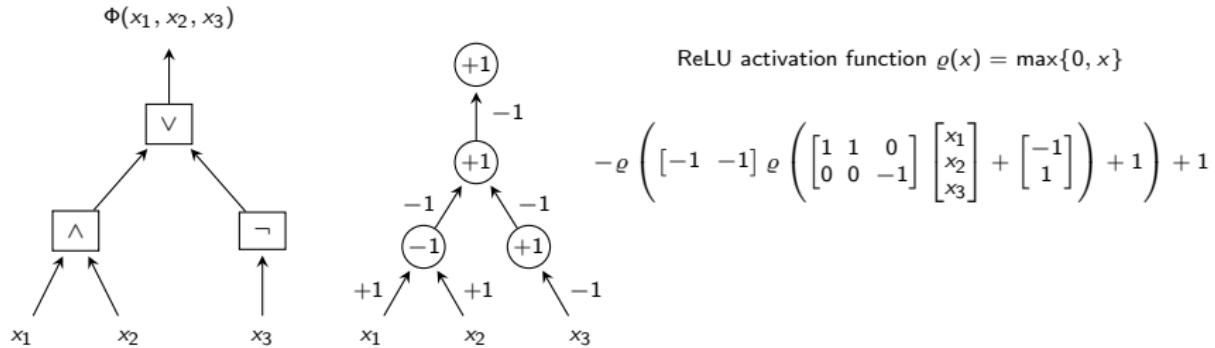


ReLU activation function  $\varrho(x) = \max\{0, x\}$

$$-\varrho \left( [-1 \ -1] \varrho \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) + 1 \right) + 1$$

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Boolean Functions as ReLU Neural Networks:



The Binary Setting: Let

- ▶  $\Phi: \{0, 1\}^d \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  be classifier functions,
- ▶  $x \in \{0, 1\}^d$  be signals, and
- ▶  $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{U}(\{0, 1\}^d)$  be a uniform distribution.

# Hardness Results

We consider the binary case.

Theorem (Wäldchen, Macdonald, Hauch, K, 2019):

Given  $\Phi$ ,  $x$ ,  $k \in \{1, \dots, d\}$ , and  $\epsilon < \frac{1}{4}$ . Deciding whether  $R(\epsilon) \leq k$  is NP<sup>PP</sup>-complete.

*Finding a minimizer of  $R(\epsilon)$  is hard!*

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Given  $\Phi$ ,  $x$ , and  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ . Approximating  $R(\epsilon)$  to within a factor of  $d^{1-\alpha}$  is NP-hard.

*Even the approximation problem of it is hard!*

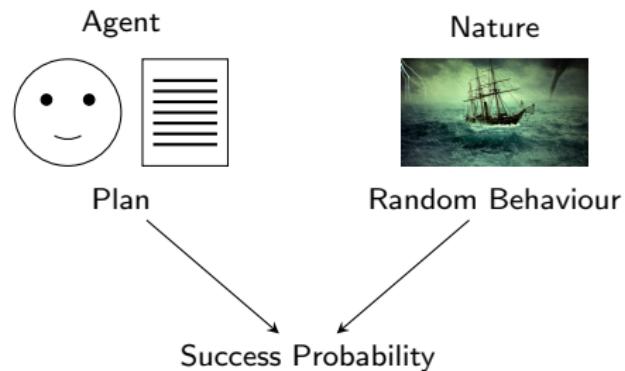
# What is NP<sup>PP</sup>?

The Complexity Class NP<sup>PP</sup>:

Many important problems in artificial intelligence belong to this class.

Some Examples:

- ▶ Planning under uncertainties
- ▶ Finding maximum a-posteriori configurations in graphical models
- ▶ Maximizing utility functions in Bayesian networks



*Our Method:*

*Rate-Distortion Explanation (RDE)*

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Resulting Minimization Problem:

$$\text{minimize } D(s) + \lambda \|s\|_1 \quad \text{subject to } s \in [0, 1]^d$$



# *Numerical Experiments*

# MNIST Experiment

6 8 3 4

## Data Set

Image size	$28 \times 28 \times 1$
Number of classes	10
Training samples	50000

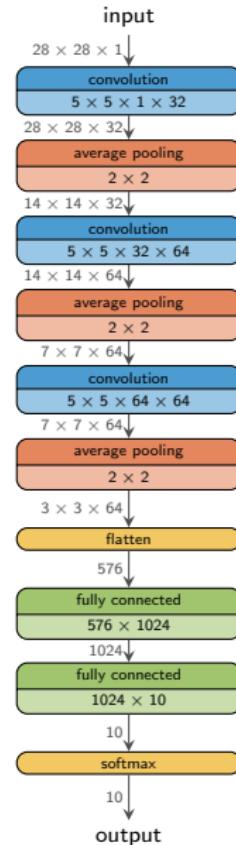
Test accuracy: 99.1%

MNIST dataset of handwritten digits (LeCun, Cortes, 1998)

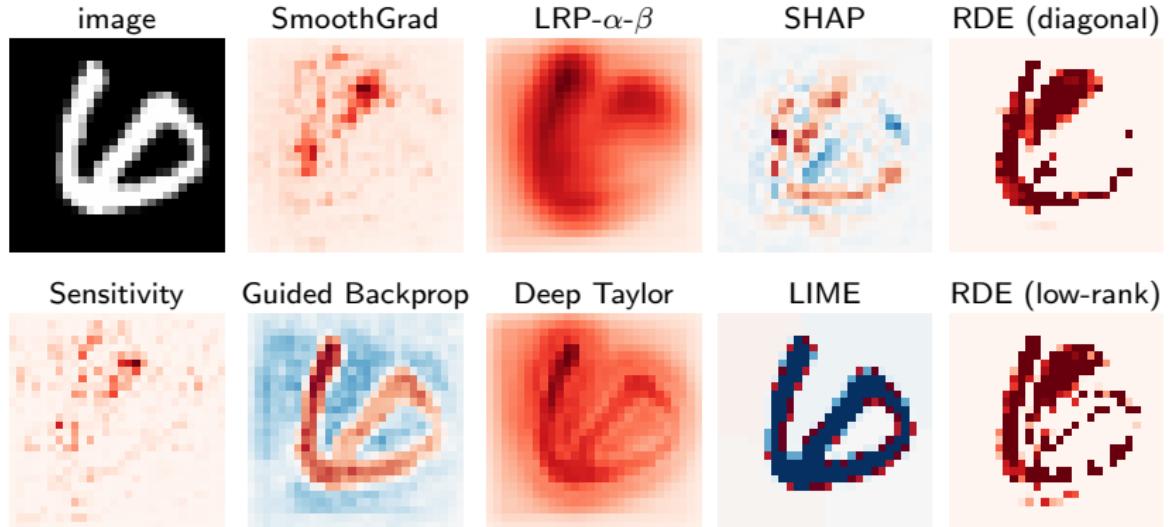
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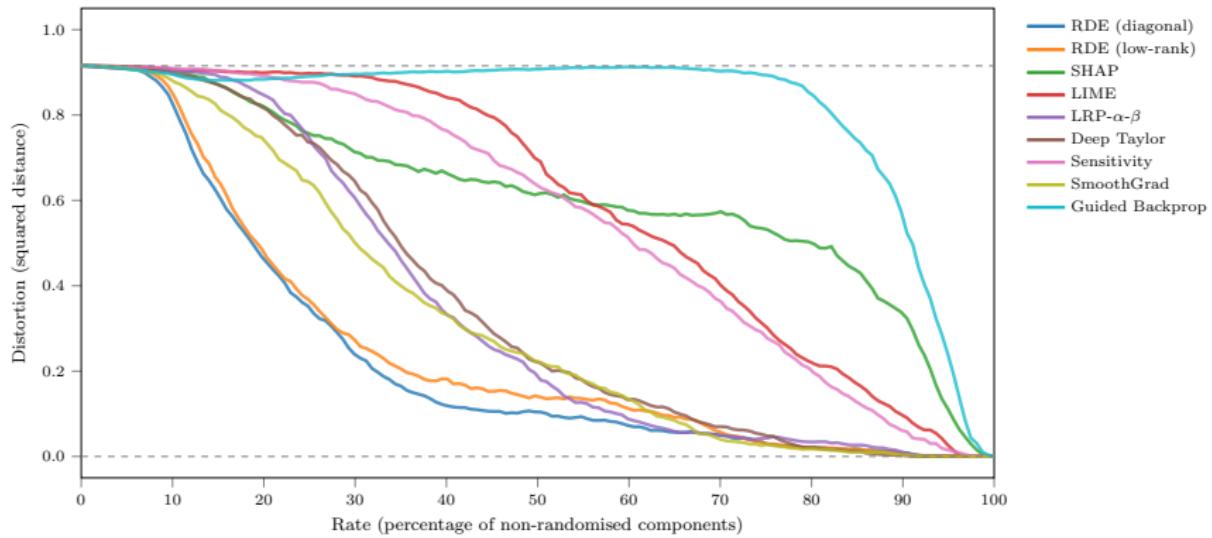
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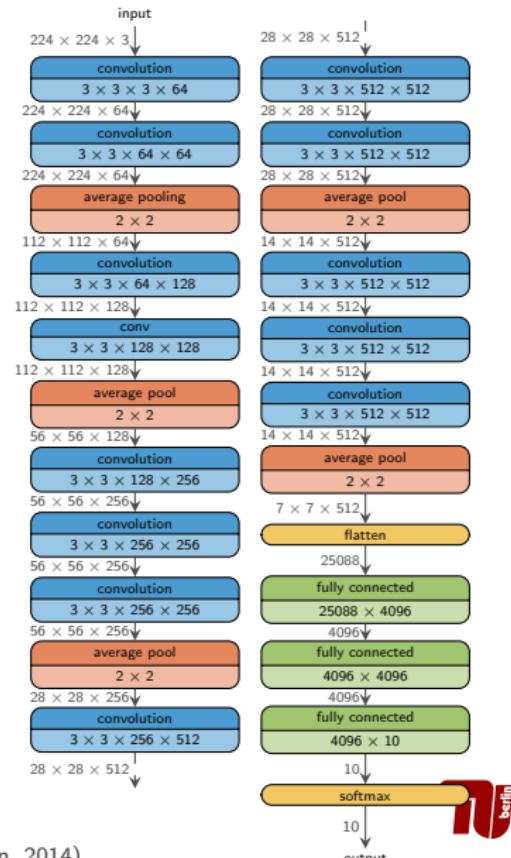


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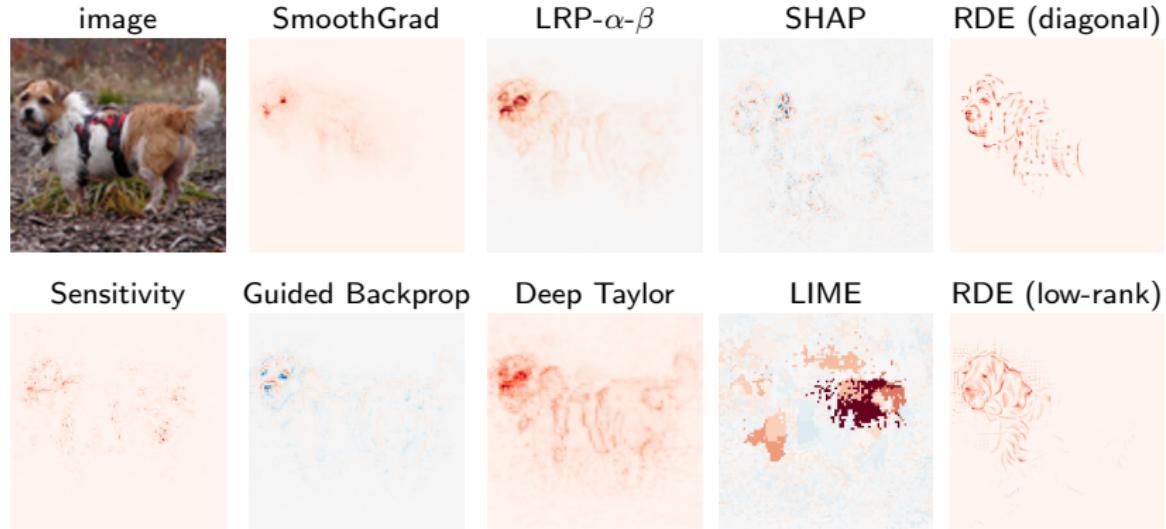
Image size	$96 \times 96 \times 3$ $(224 \times 224 \times 3)$
Number of classes	10
Training samples	4000

Test accuracy: 93.5%

(VGG-16 convolutions pretrained on Imagenet)



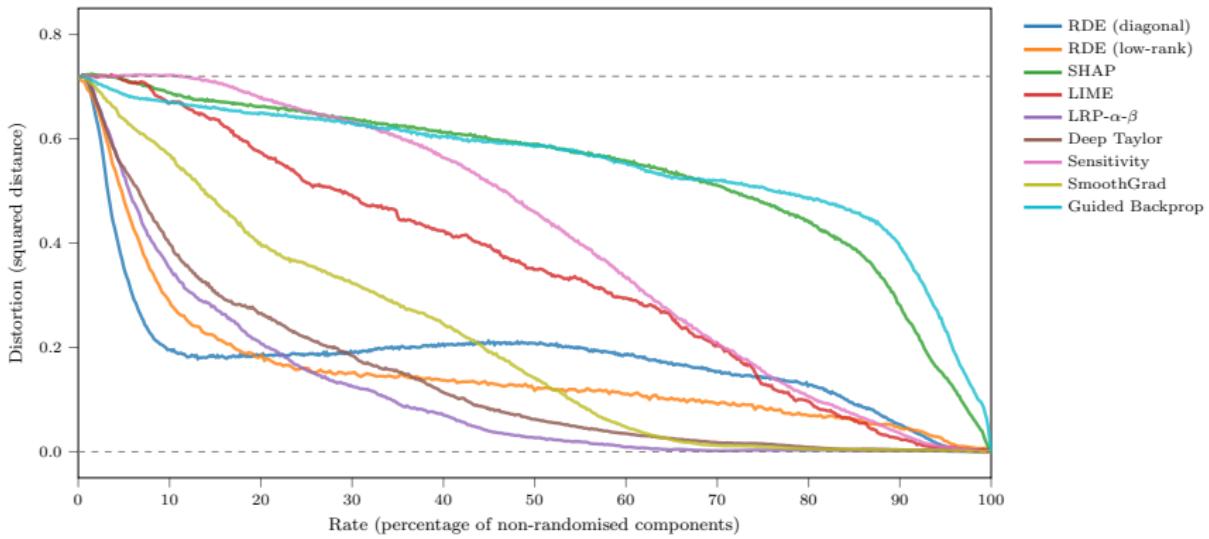
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## *Conclusions*

# What to take Home...?

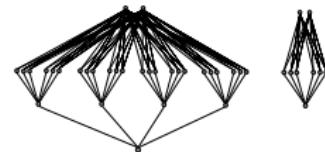
## Deep Learning:

- ▶ Impressive performance *in combination with classical mathematical methods* (Inverse Problems, PDEs, ...).
- ▶ A theoretical foundation of neural networks is largely missing: *Expressivity, Learning, Generalization, and Interpretability*.



## Expressivity:

- ▶ Fundamental lower bound on the complexity, leading to the construction of optimally memory-efficient networks.
- ▶ Neural networks are as powerful approximators as classical affine systems such as wavelets, shearlets, ...



## Interpretability:

- ▶ We provide a precise mathematical notion for relevance based on *rate-distortion theory*.
- ▶ We show that solving the optimization problem is hard.
- ▶ *RDE considers a relaxed version* and *outperforms current methods*.



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