# Understanding Data and Models Through Visualization

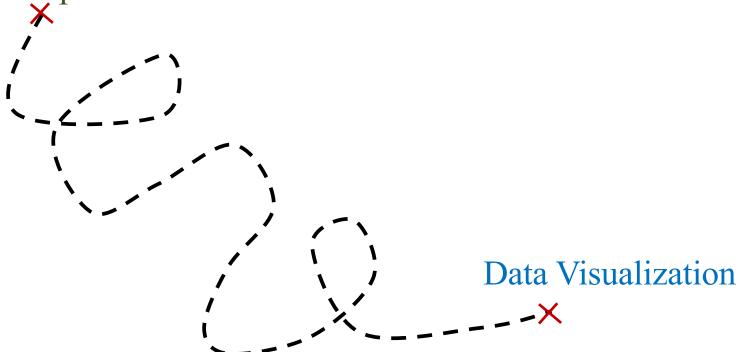
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# Outline

Interpretable ML & Model Visualization



# Interpretable Machine Learning

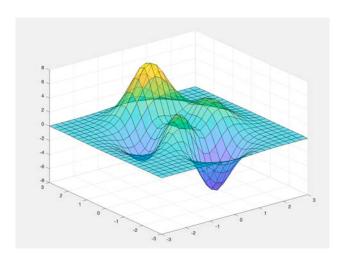
- An interpretable machine learning model obeys a domain-specific set of constraints.
- My technical definition: An interpretable machine learning model is constrained in model form so that it is either useful to someone, or obeys structural knowledge of the domain, such as monotonicity, causality, structural (generative) constraints, additivity, or physical constraints that come from domain knowledge.
- There's a spectrum.

What is the difference between an "interpretable model" and an "explanation model"?

• Interpretable models don't need to be "explained."

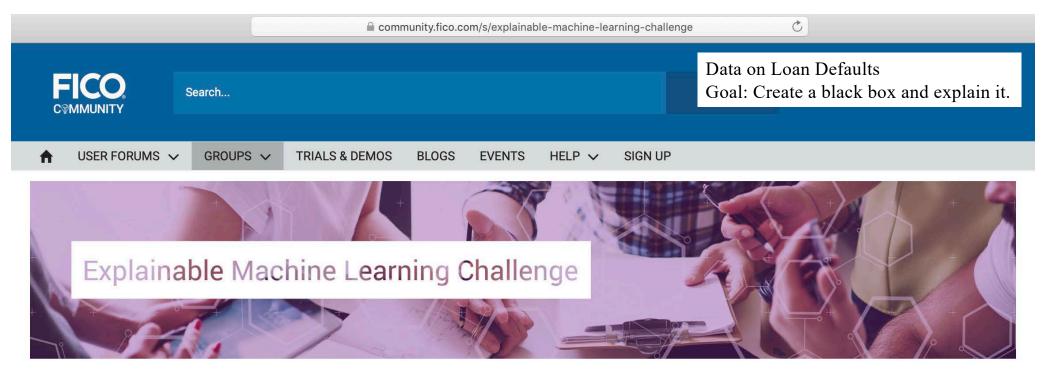
The 2HELPS2B score (predicts seizures in critically ill patients, Struck et al 2017)

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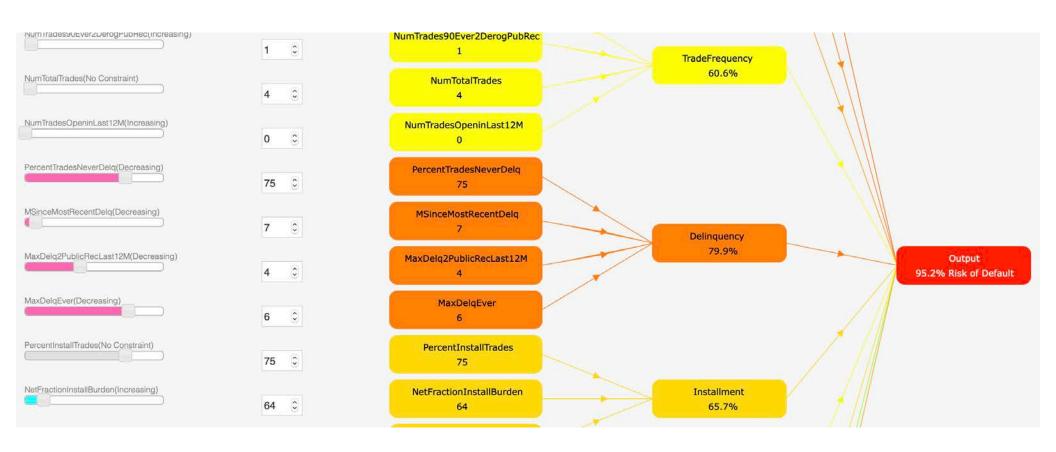


- An explanation model is often an approximation of a more complex model.
- If you can produce an interpretable model, why explain a black box?
- Models do not need to be "simple" to be interpretable.

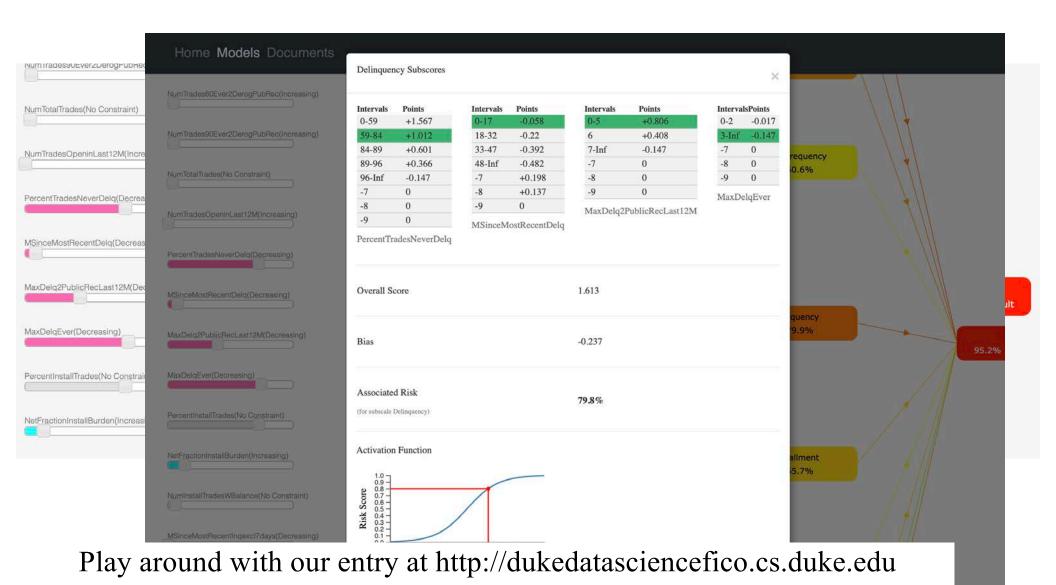
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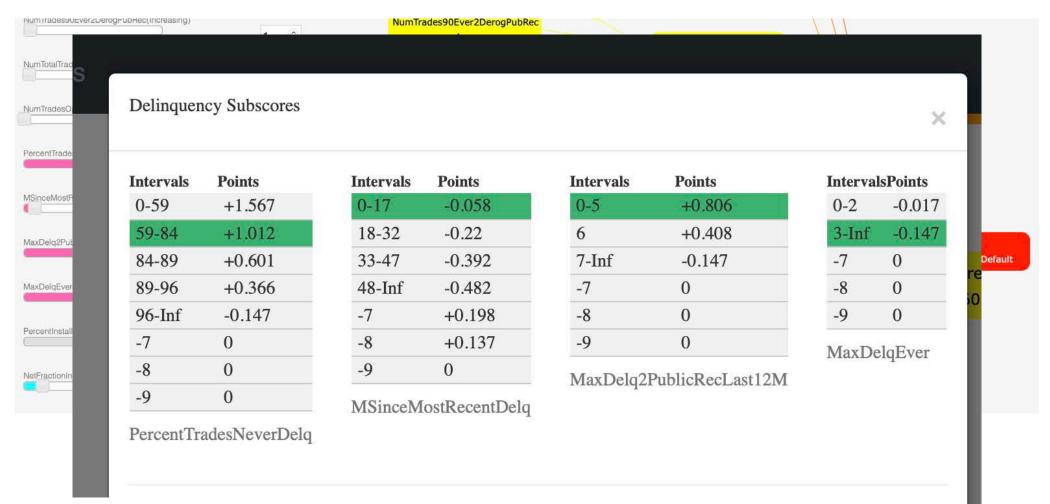


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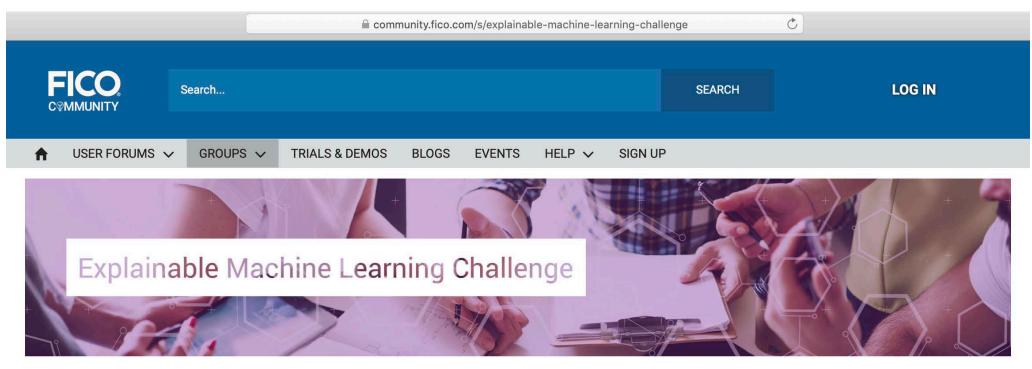
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# Results

The team representing Duke University, which included Chaofan Chen, Kangcheng Lin, Cynthia Rudin, Yaron Shaposhnik, Sijia Wang and Tong Wang, received the FICO Recognition Award acknowledging their submission for going above and beyond expectations with a fully transparent global model and a user-friendly dashboard to allow users to explore the global model and its explanations.

# Dear XXX@Stanford.edu,

# Response:

Dear Cynthia,

Thanks for reaching out. This is an interesting paper... But I'm afraid its not a good fit for the special issue. ... Its also related to my own recent work on explainability of neural nets. ... Is the FICO data still available? If so, could you share it?

My (silent) response: Whoa, can I frame this ridiculous email?

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An interpretable deep neural network?

colored sparrow that part looks like Why is this bird classified as a clay-colored sparrow? looks like looks like looks like

Because this part of the bird

of a prototypical clay-

# "This Looks Like That: deep learning for interpretable image recognition"

NeurIPS 2019 (spotlight)

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### This Looks Like That: Deep Learning for Interpretable Image Recognition

Chaofan Chen, Oscar Li, Chaofan Tao, Alina Jade Barnett, Jonathan Su, Cynthia Rudin

When we are faced with challenging image classification tasks, we often explain our reasoning by dissecting the image, and pointing out prototypical aspects of one class or another. The mounting evidence for each of the classes helps us make our final decision. In this work, we introduce a deep network architecture — prototypical part network (ProtoPNet), that reasons in a similar way: the network dissects the image by finding prototypical parts, and combines evidence from the prototypes to make a final classification. The model thus reasons in a way that is qualitatively similar to the way ornithologists, physicians, and others would explain to people on how to solve challenging image

- Adds a "prototype" layer to a black box, forces the network to do case-based reasoning.
- Prototypes are learned during training.



Oscar



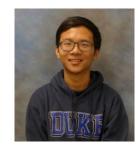
Jonathan



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Alina



Daniel

Why is this bird classfied as a red-bellied woodpecker?

Evidence for this bird being a red-bellied woodpecker:

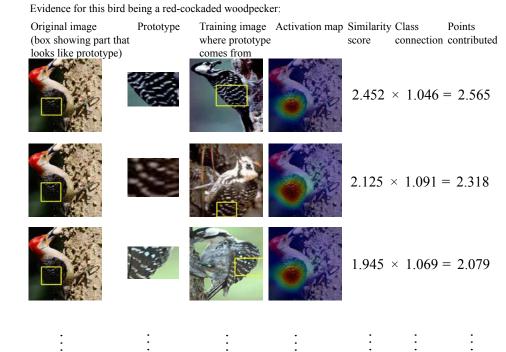
Original image (box showing part that looks like prototype)

Training image where prototype comes from

6.499 × 1.180 = 7.669

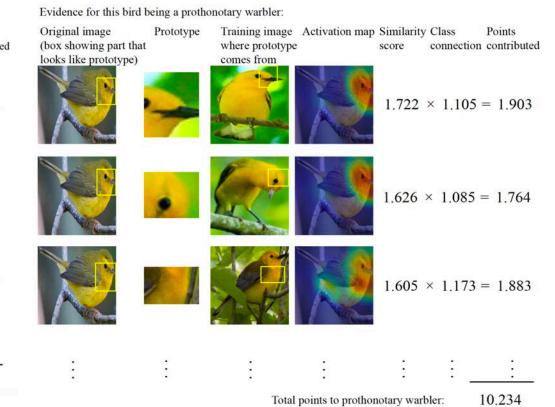
4.392 × 1.127 = 4.950

Total points to red-bellied woodpecker: 32.736



Total points to red-cockaded woodpecker: 16.886

Evidence for this bird b	eing a Wilsor	s warbler:		Property live		
Original image (box showing part that looks like prototype)	Prototype	Training image where prototype comes from	Activation map	Similarity score		Points contributed
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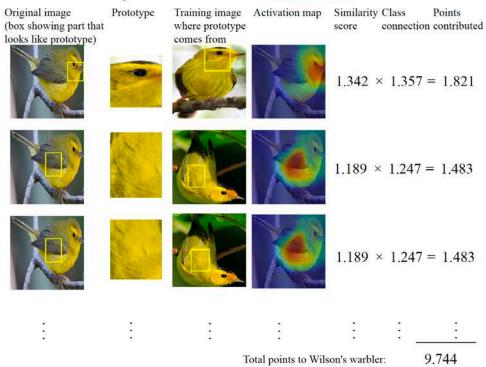


Base model: VGG-16

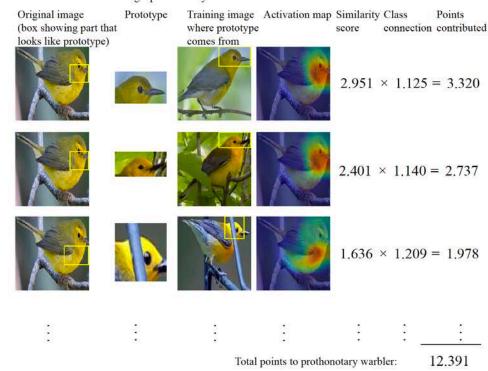
Why is this bird incorrectly classified as a prothonotary warbler, instead of a Wilson's warbler?



Evidence for this bird being a Wilson's warbler:



Evidence for this bird being a prothonotary warbler:



Base model: DenseNet161

# **CUB-200**

- 200 classes of birds
- Original black box accuracy between 74.6% (VGG16) and 82.3% (Res34).
- Interpretable model's accuracy between 76.1% (VGG) and 80.2% (Dense121). Combining several interpretable networks together yields 84.8%, and still yields an interpretable model.

So even for computer vision, we can still have an interpretable model of the same accuracy as a black box.

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# t-SNE is a dimension reduction algorithm.

Input: high-dimensional data

Output: low-dimensional data that preserves...

- the graph structure?
- local neighborhoods?
- global structure?

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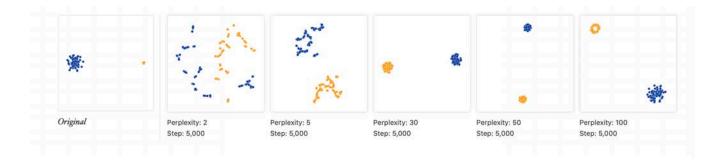
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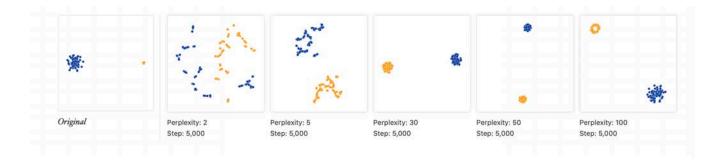
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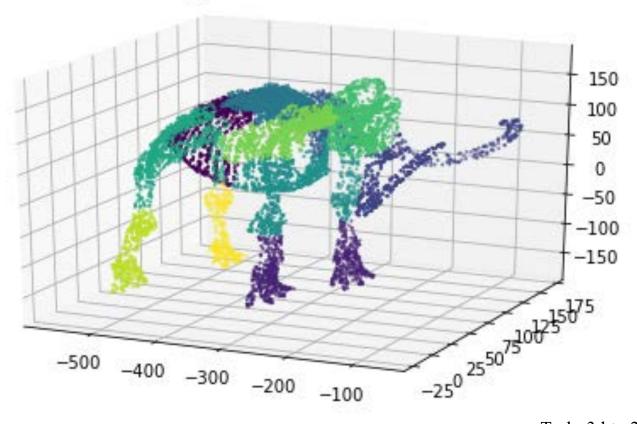


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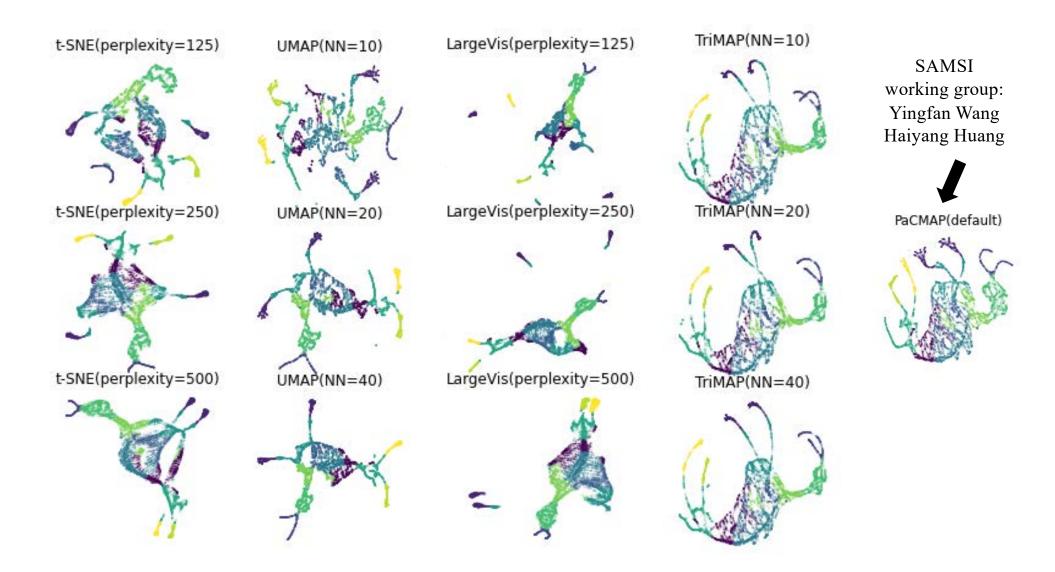


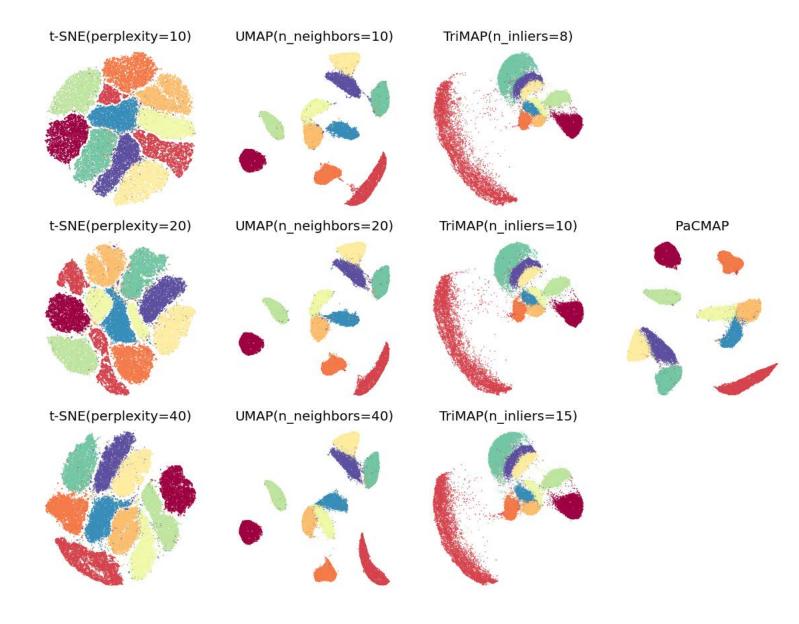
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# Original Mammoth



Task: 3d to 2d. Global structure is important here!





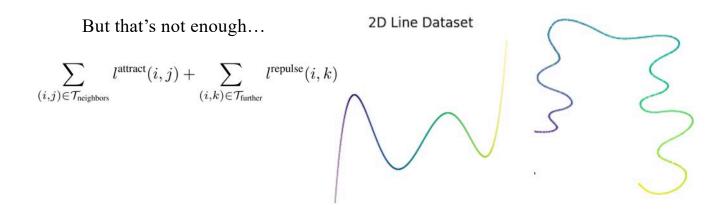
Algorithm	Graph component	Loss function					
t-SNE	Edges $(i, j)$	Loss <sub>i,j</sub> <sup>t-SNE</sup> = $p_{ij} \log \frac{p_{ij}}{q_{ij}}$ , where $q_{ij} = \frac{\left(1 + \ \mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{y}_j\ ^2\right)^{-1}}{\sum_{k \neq l} (1 + \ \mathbf{y}_k - y_l\ ^2)^{-1}}$					
UMAP	Edges $(i, j)$	$\operatorname{Loss}_{i,j}^{\operatorname{UMAP}} = \begin{cases} \bar{w}_{i,j} \log \left( 1 + a \left( \ \mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{y}_j\ _2^2 \right)^b \right)^{-1} & i, j \text{ neighbours} \\ (1 - \bar{w}_{i,j}) \log \left( 1 - \left( 1 + a \left( \ \mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{y}_j\ _2^2 \right)^b \right)^{-1} \right) & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$					
TriMAP	Triplets $(i, j, k)$ where Distance <sub>i,j</sub> $\leq$ Distance <sub>i,k</sub>	$\operatorname{Loss}^{TM}_{i,j,k} = \omega_{i,j,k} \frac{s(\mathbf{y}_i,\mathbf{y}_k)}{s(\mathbf{y}_i,\mathbf{y}_j) + s(\mathbf{y}_i,\mathbf{y}_k)}, \text{ where } s(\mathbf{y}_i,\mathbf{y}_j) = \left(1 + \ \mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{y}_j\ ^2\right)^{-1}$					

UMAP (McInnes et al., 2018), TriMAP (Amid & Warmuth, 2019)

What elements of these algorithms are important?

### What we knew before:

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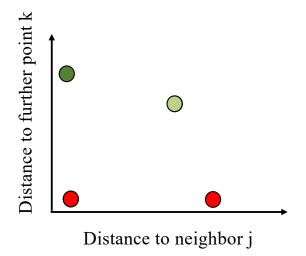
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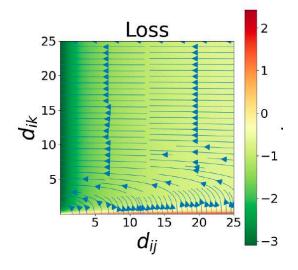
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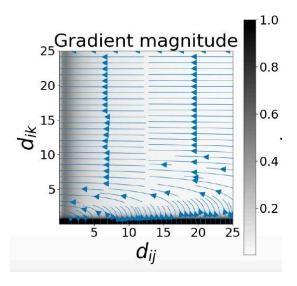
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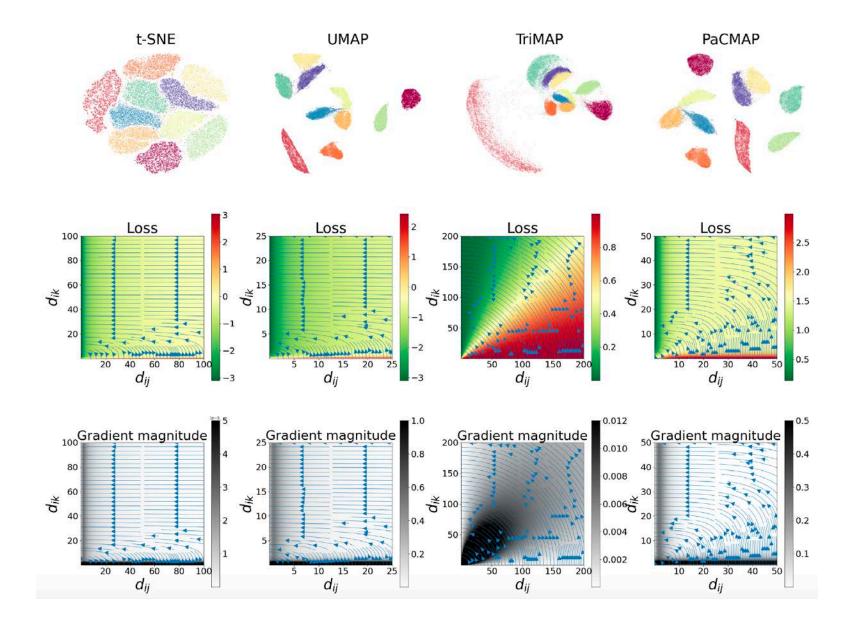
# The "rainbow" plot

Triple i, j (neighbor), k (further)









# Principles for a good loss for DR

- 1) Monotonicity: pull neighbors closer, push farther points away (go left, go up)
- 2) Except along the bottom, gradient should go mainly to the left (broadly attract neighbors, further points are far enough), sufficient attraction
- 3) Along bottom, gradient goes mainly up (further point is too close) with large gradient
- 4) Along vertical axis, small magnitude (neighbor is close enough)

5) Weak pull on far neighbors: gradients should become small as distance to neighbor j becomes large

Gradient magnitude

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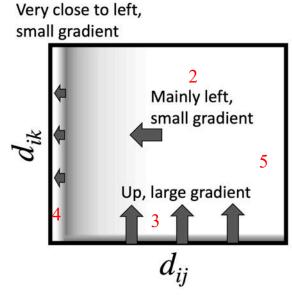
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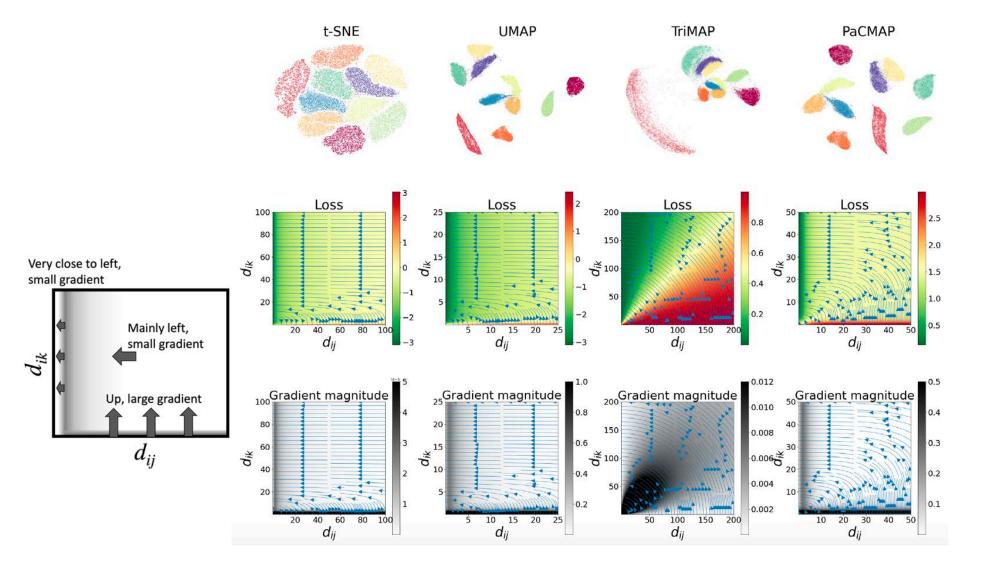
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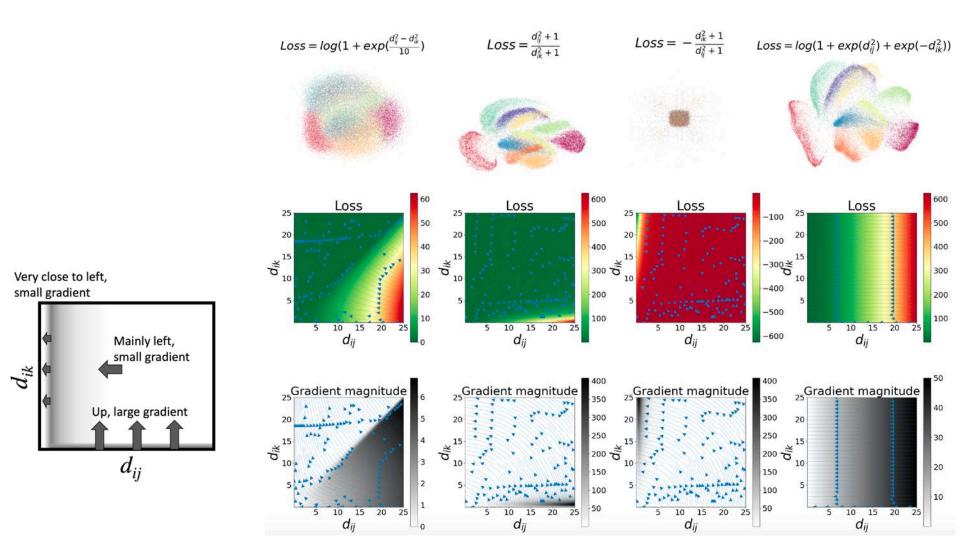
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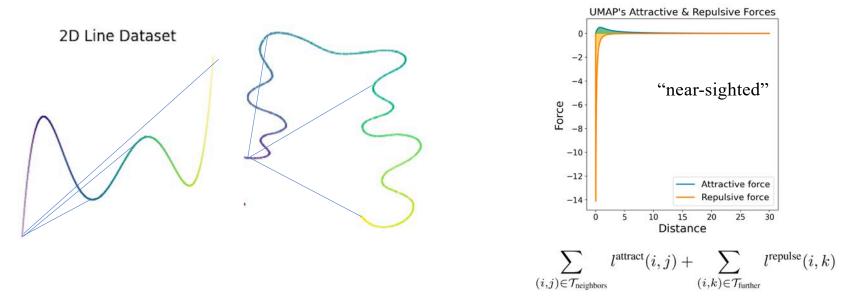


Too much repulsion Insufficient attraction No gradient on repulsion Insufficient local attraction

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The weights change on a schedule:

Period 1:  $w_{\text{neighbors}}$  is medium,  $w_{MN}$  is huge,  $w_{FP}$  is medium

Period 2:  $w_{\text{neighbors}}$  is large,  $w_{MN}$  is small,  $w_{FP}$  is medium

Period 3:  $w_{\text{neighbors}}$  is medium,  $w_{MN}$  is 0,  $w_{FP}$  is medium



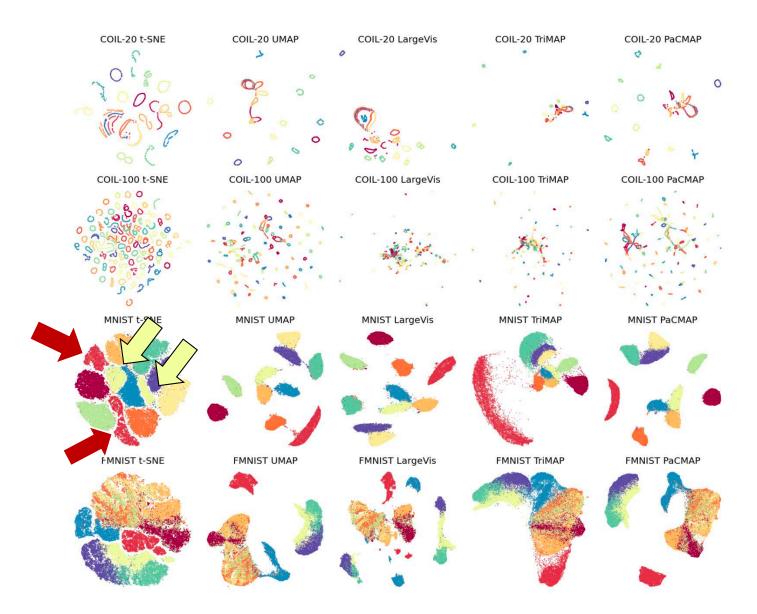
## SVM accuracy (measures local structure preservation)

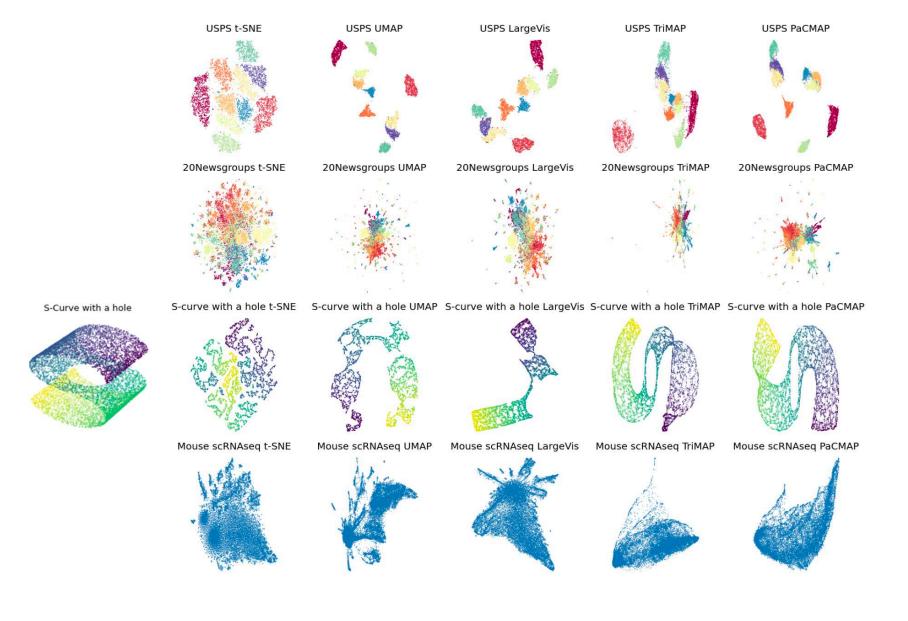
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# Random triplet accuracy (measures global structure preservation)

DATASET (SIZE)	T-SNE	LARGEVIS	UMAP	TRIMAP	PACMAP
COIL-20 (1.4K)	$0.698 \pm 0.016$	$0.735 \pm 0.011$	$0.649 \pm 0.014$	$0.659 \pm 0.006$	$0.699 \pm 0.007$
COIL-100 (7.2K)	$0.577 \pm 0.012$	$0.630 \pm 0.021$	$0.568 \pm 0.011$	$0.633 \pm 0.002$	$0.718 \pm 0.005$
USPS (9K)	$0.654 \pm 0.013$	$0.668 \pm 0.011$	$0.669 \pm 0.002$	$0.640 \pm 0.002$	$0.665 \pm 0.002$
S-CURVE WITH HOLE (9.5K)	$0.722 \pm 0.045$	$0.834 \pm 0.041$	$0.800 \pm 0.013$	$0.838 \pm 0.004$	$0.866 \pm 0.010$
MAMMOTH (10K)	$0.701 \pm 0.038$	$0.766 \pm 0.024$	$0.816 \pm 0.001$	$0.874 \pm 0.001$	$0.872 \pm 0.003$
20Newsgroups (18K)	$0.645 \pm 0.002$	$0.632 \pm 0.001$	$0.664 \pm 0.002$	$0.704 \pm 0.002$	$0.666 \pm 0.003$
Mouse scrna-seq (20K)	$0.715 \pm 0.002$	$0.719 \pm 0.003$	$0.727 \pm 0.002$	$0.728 \pm 0.001$	$0.727 \pm 0.001$
MNIST (70K)	$0.600 \pm 0.007$	$0.601 \pm 0.007$	$0.614 \pm 0.001$	$0.600 \pm 0.001$	$0.619 \pm 0.001$
F-MNIST (70K)	$0.679 \pm 0.019$	$0.657 \pm 0.011$	$0.740 \pm 0.001$	$0.777 \pm 0.001$	$0.741 \pm 0.002$
FLOW CYTOMETRY (3M)	(D = , C	÷ > 24.1	_	$0.857 \pm 0.001$	$0.894 \pm 0.005$
KDD CUP99 (4M)	(Ran out of me	mory or $t\overline{\underline{i}}$ me, >24 l	nrs per ru <u>n</u> )	$0.660 \pm 0.007$	$\boldsymbol{0.752 \pm 0.002}$

t-SNE version: opt-SNE (Belkina et al., 2019) built on Multi-core t-SNE (Ulyanov et al., 2016)





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