

# Interactive Machine Learning for Sensing Applications

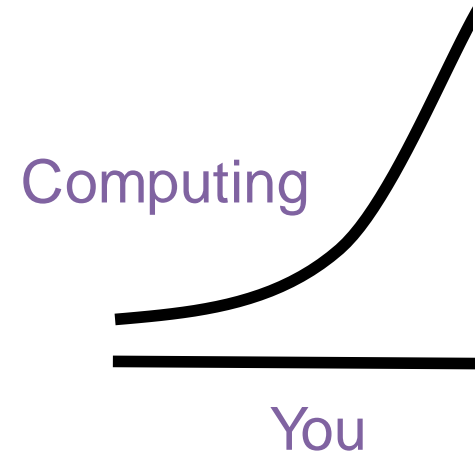
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- **Power to the People: The Role of Humans in Interactive Machine Learning**, Saleema Amershi, Maya Cakmak, William Bradley Knox, Todd Kulesza, AI Magazine, 2014

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# Opportunity of Machine Learning

Machine learning offers a unique tool for scaling human attention to new forms of data



The potential to use the power of this exponential curve to pull ourselves up

# The Challenge of Machine Learning

Applying machine learning remains hard

Difficult to understand relationships between data and the behavior of machine learning algorithms

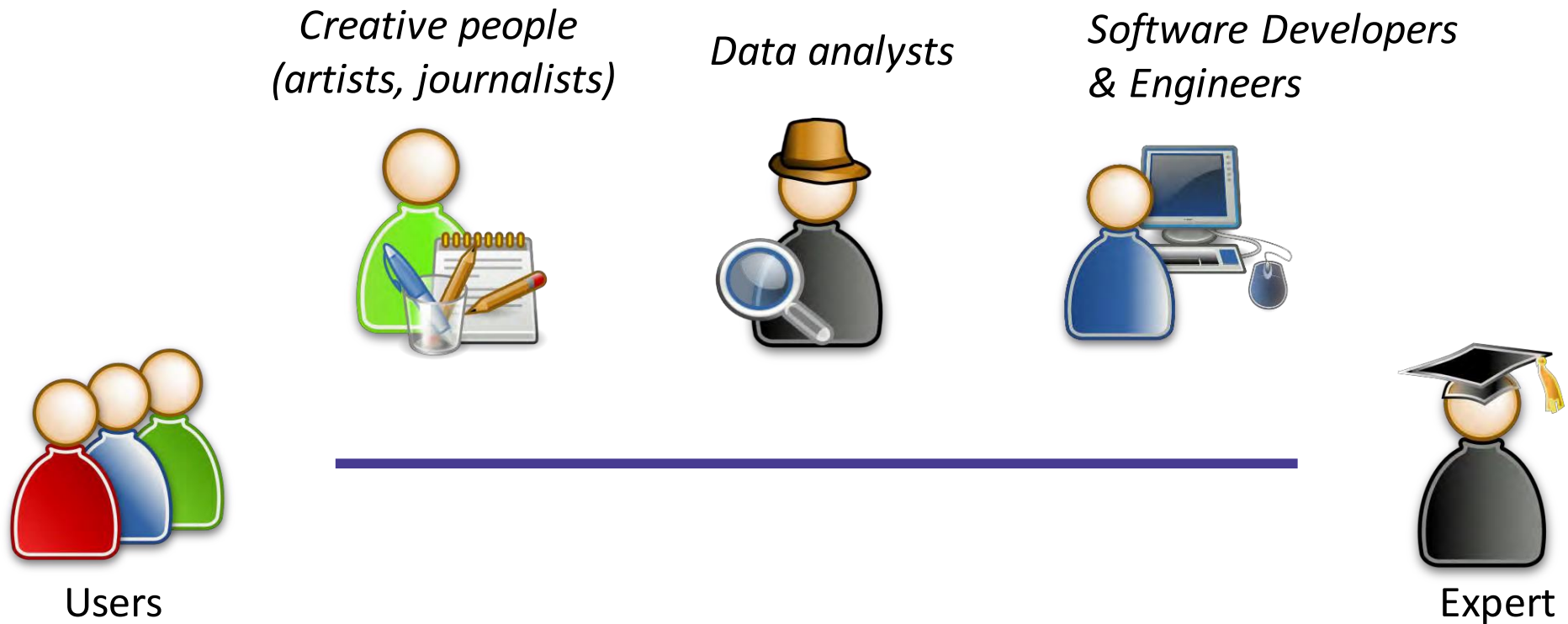
Difficult as an iterative and exploratory process

Difficult to evaluate in the context of applications



Limited to people  
with highly-specialized training

# Everyday Interaction with Machine Learning

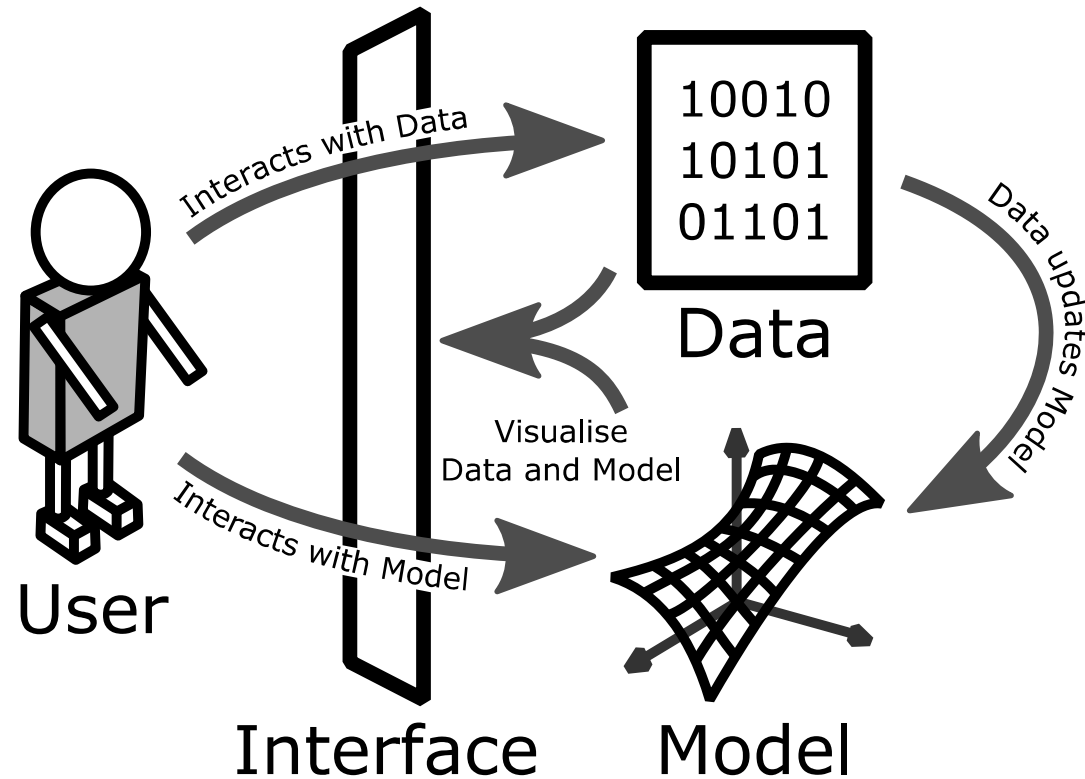


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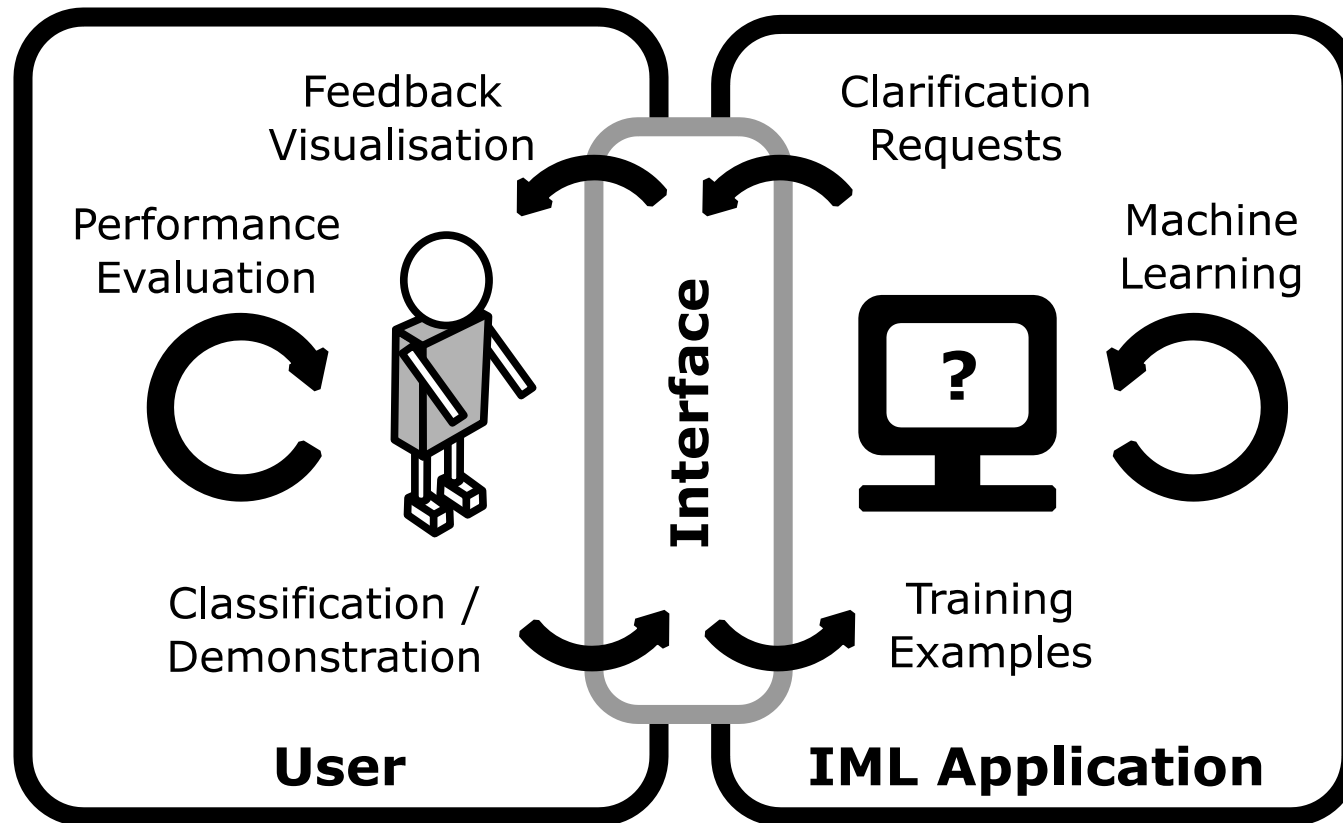
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# Structural Breakdown of IML



**Who are the users?**

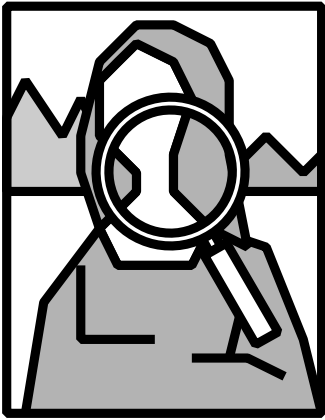
# Interactive Machine Learning



***Interactive Machine Learning*** is an interaction paradigm in which a user or user group **refines** an ML model through iterative cycles of input and review

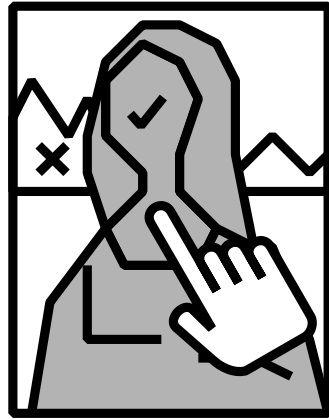


# Composition of an IML Interface



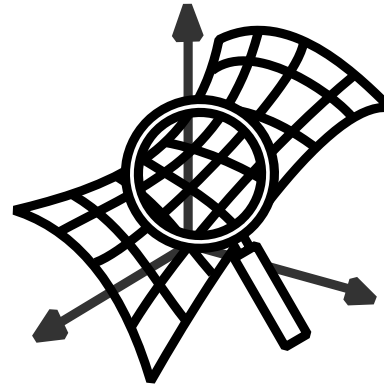
## **Sample Review**

Visualization of output sample(s) to assess how well desired concept operates at the instance level.



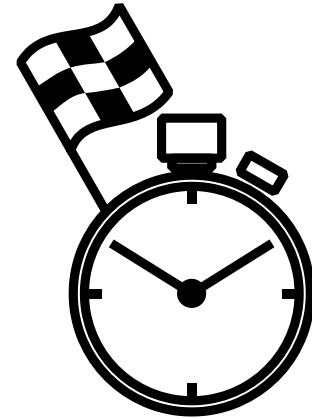
## **Feedback Assignment**

Assignment or correction of labels and/or creation of new samples to improve match with desired concept.



## **Model Inspection**

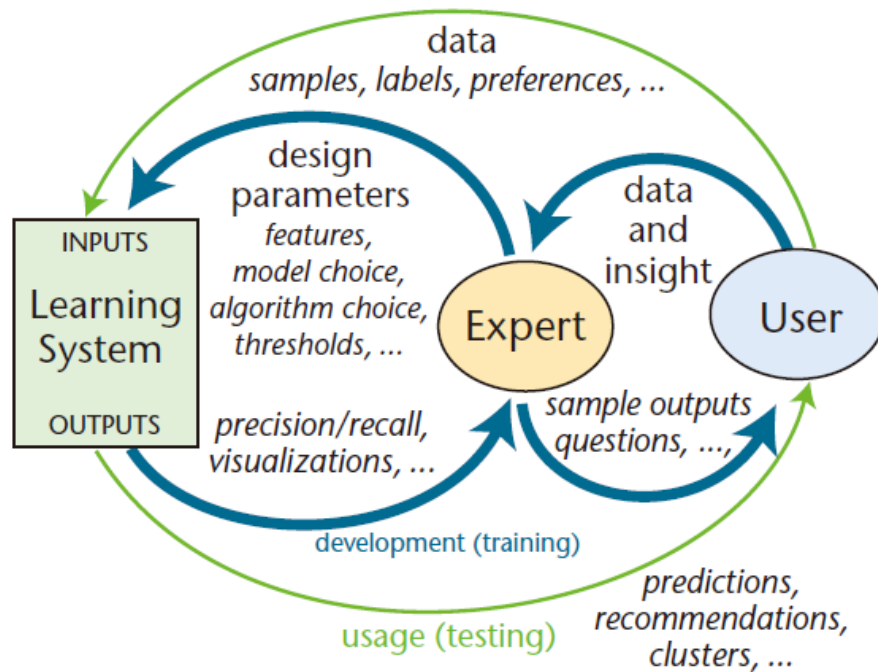
View of overall model quality and coverage to evaluate how well concept is captured.



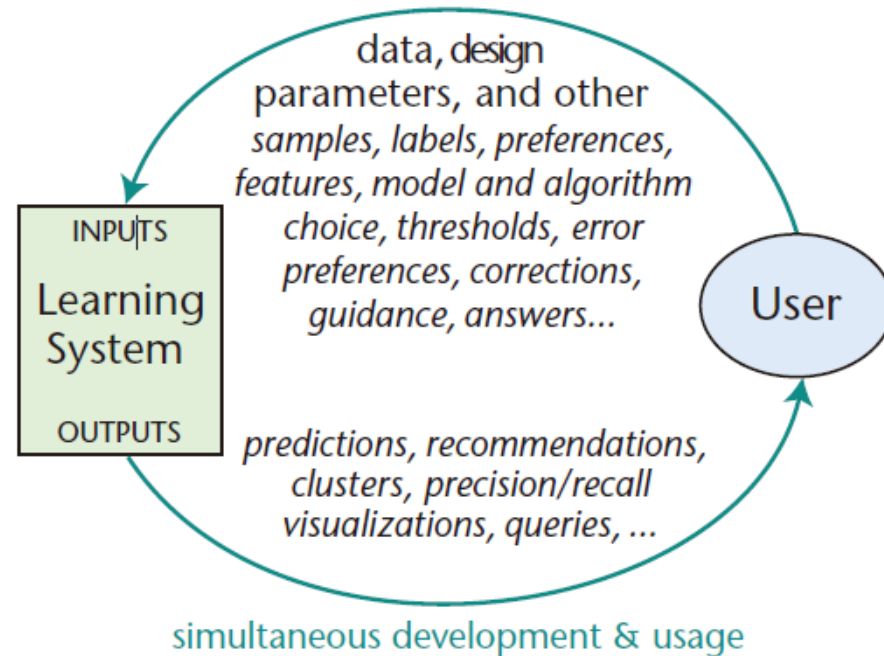
## **Task Overview**

View of current task status contextualized by coverage of training data and improvement potential relative to cost.

# Comparing processes for constructing machine learning systems



**Traditional machine learning**

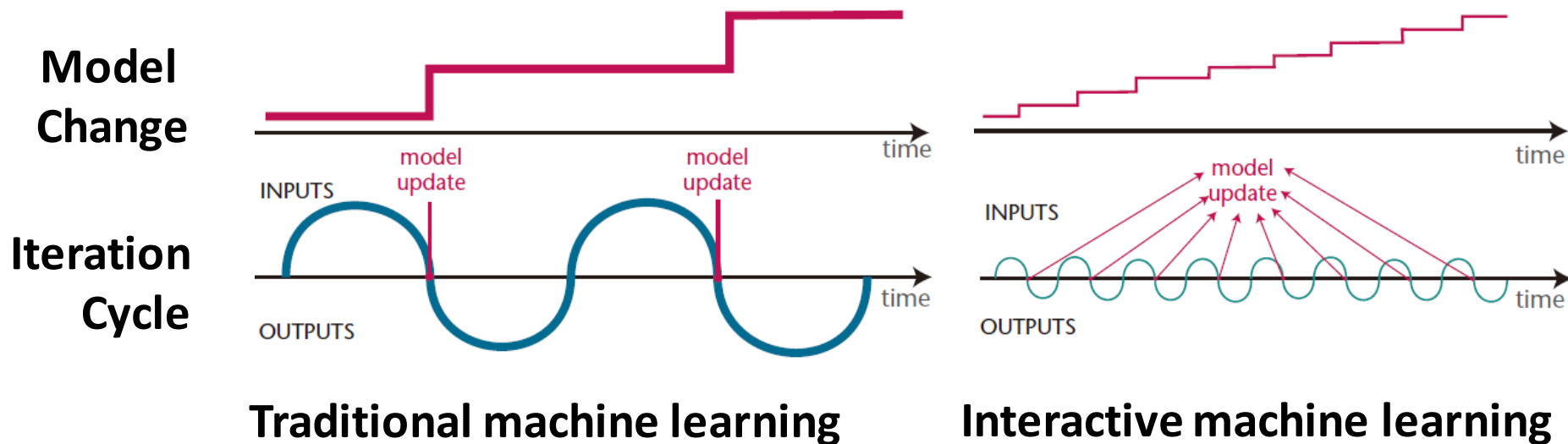


**Interactive machine learning**

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# Interactive Machine Learning

- Rapid, focused, and incremental learning cycles result in a tight coupling between the user and the system, where the two influence one another
- As a result, it is difficult to decouple their influence on the resulting model and study such systems in isolation



# Example modes of “user interactions”

- Teaching by showing **samples** (labeling)  
(visual interactive labeling)
- Teaching by **demonstration**
- Teaching **concepts by examples**
- Teaching by **reinforcement (via feedback)**
- **Testing** learner's state: checking/evaluating student's learning

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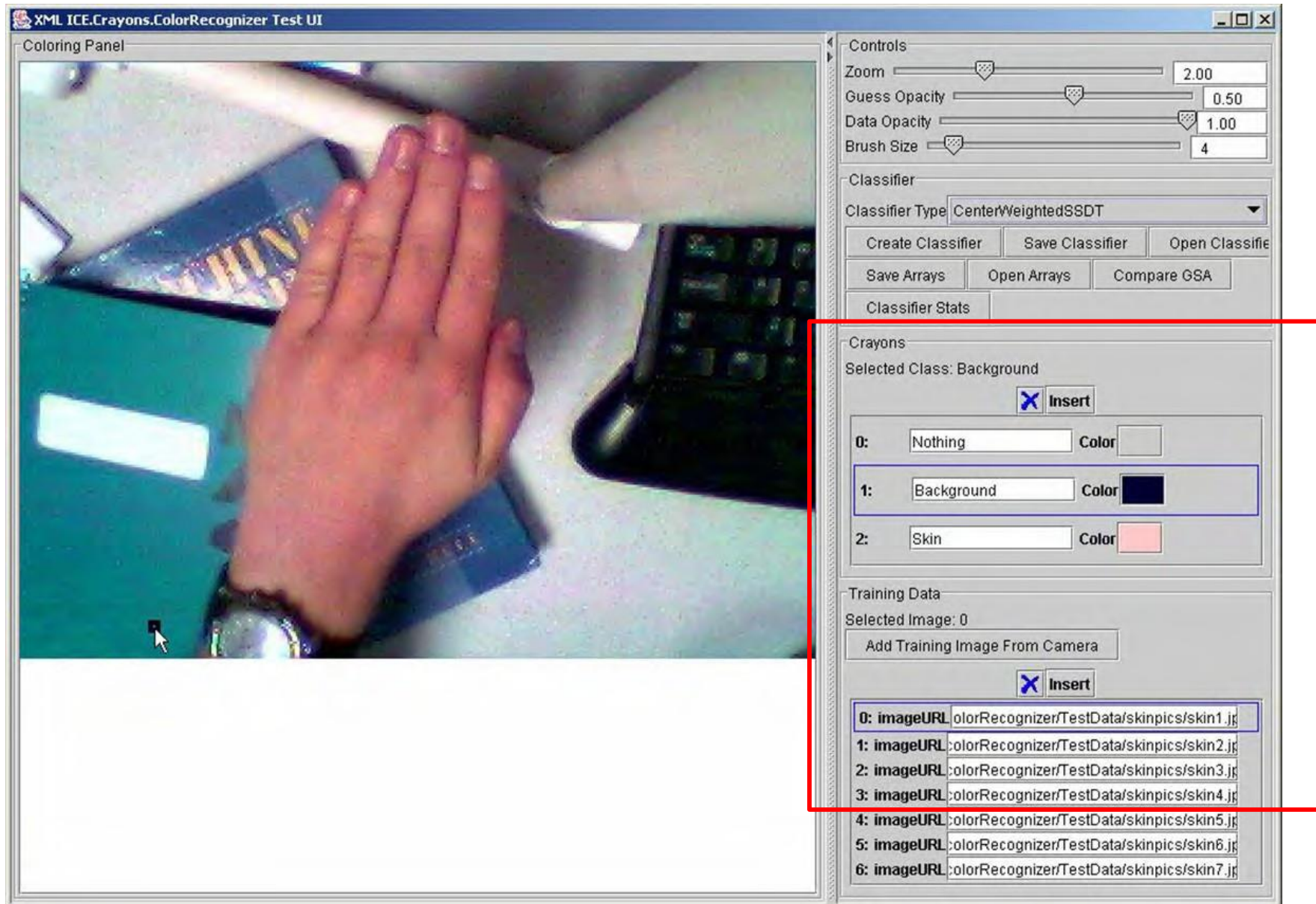
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Interactive training of image segmentation





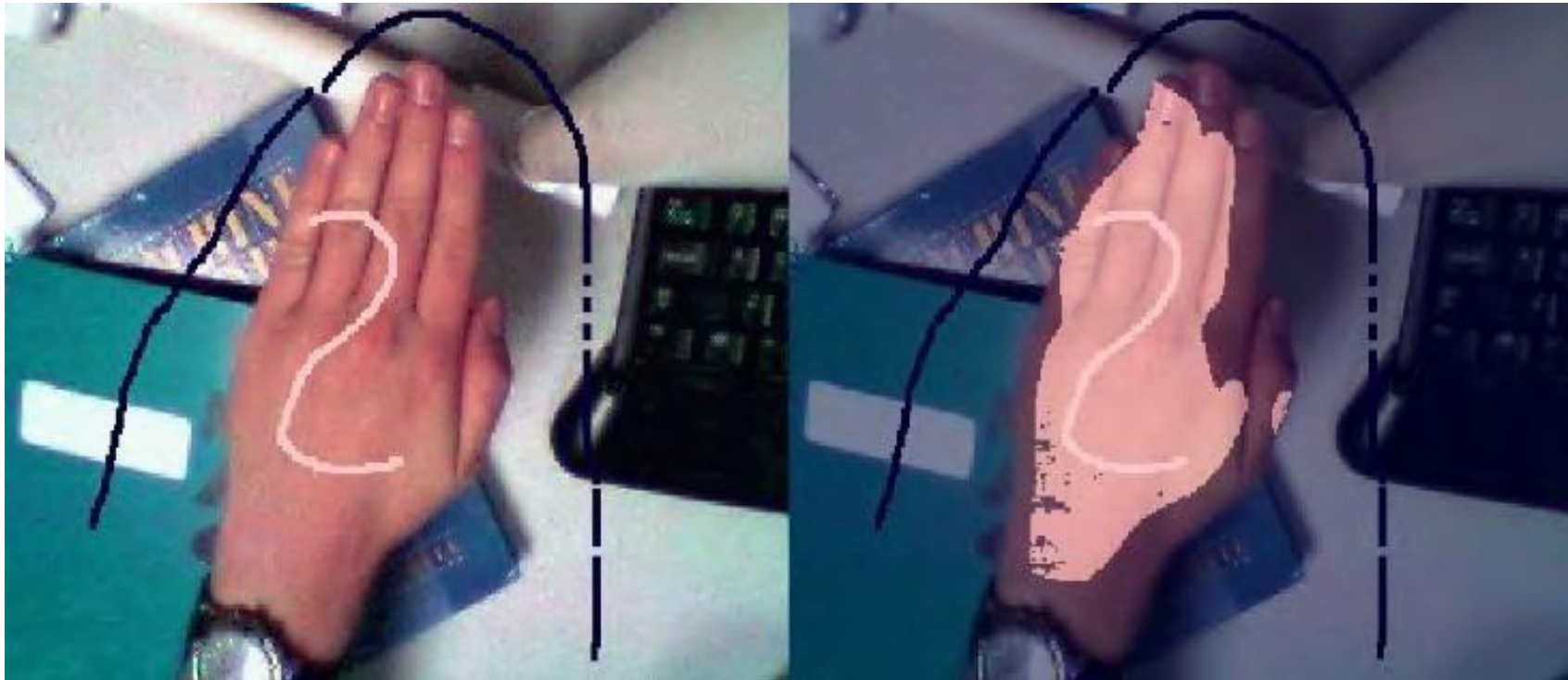
# Interactive Training and Correction





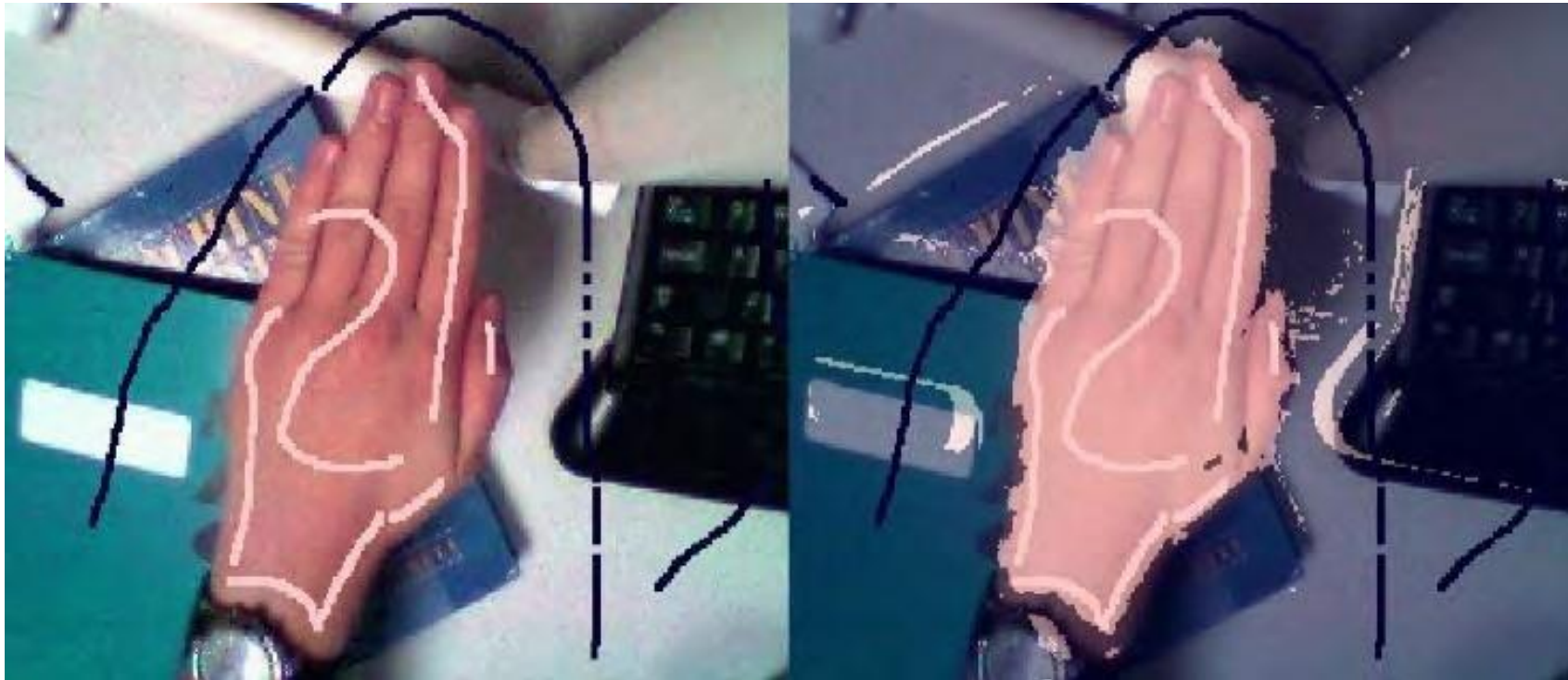
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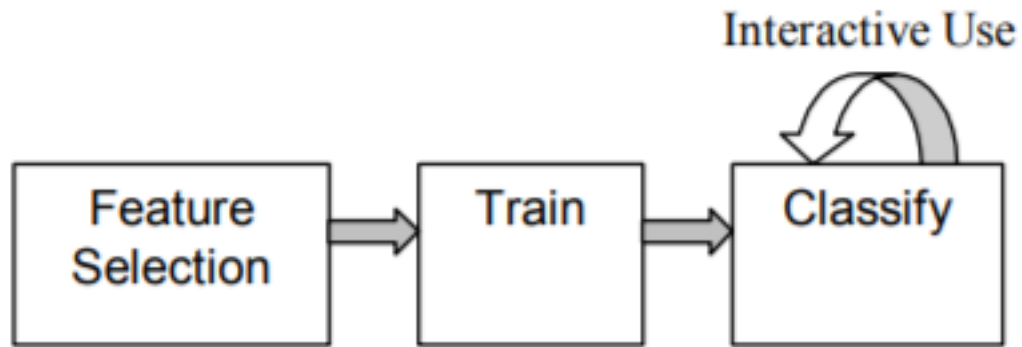
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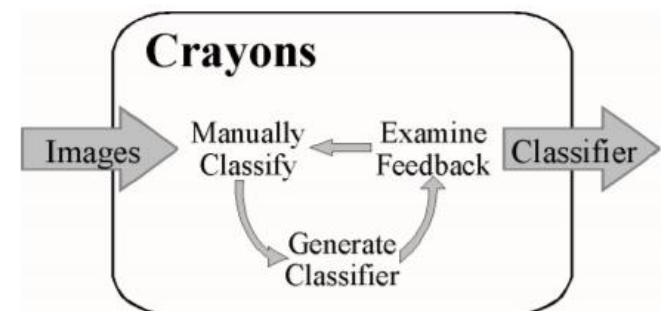
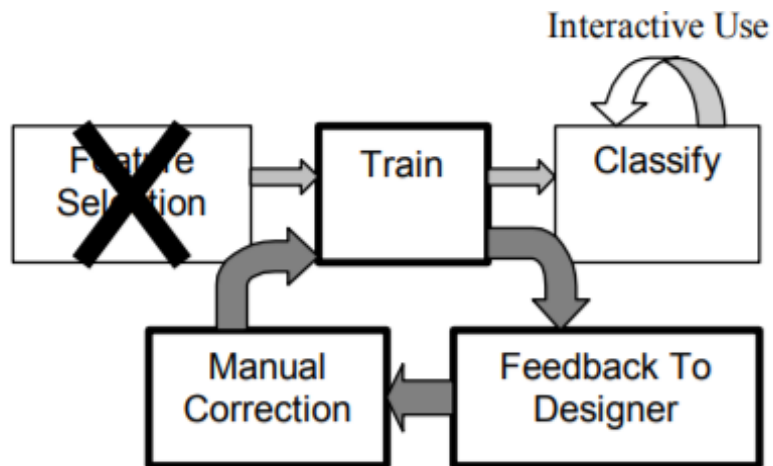
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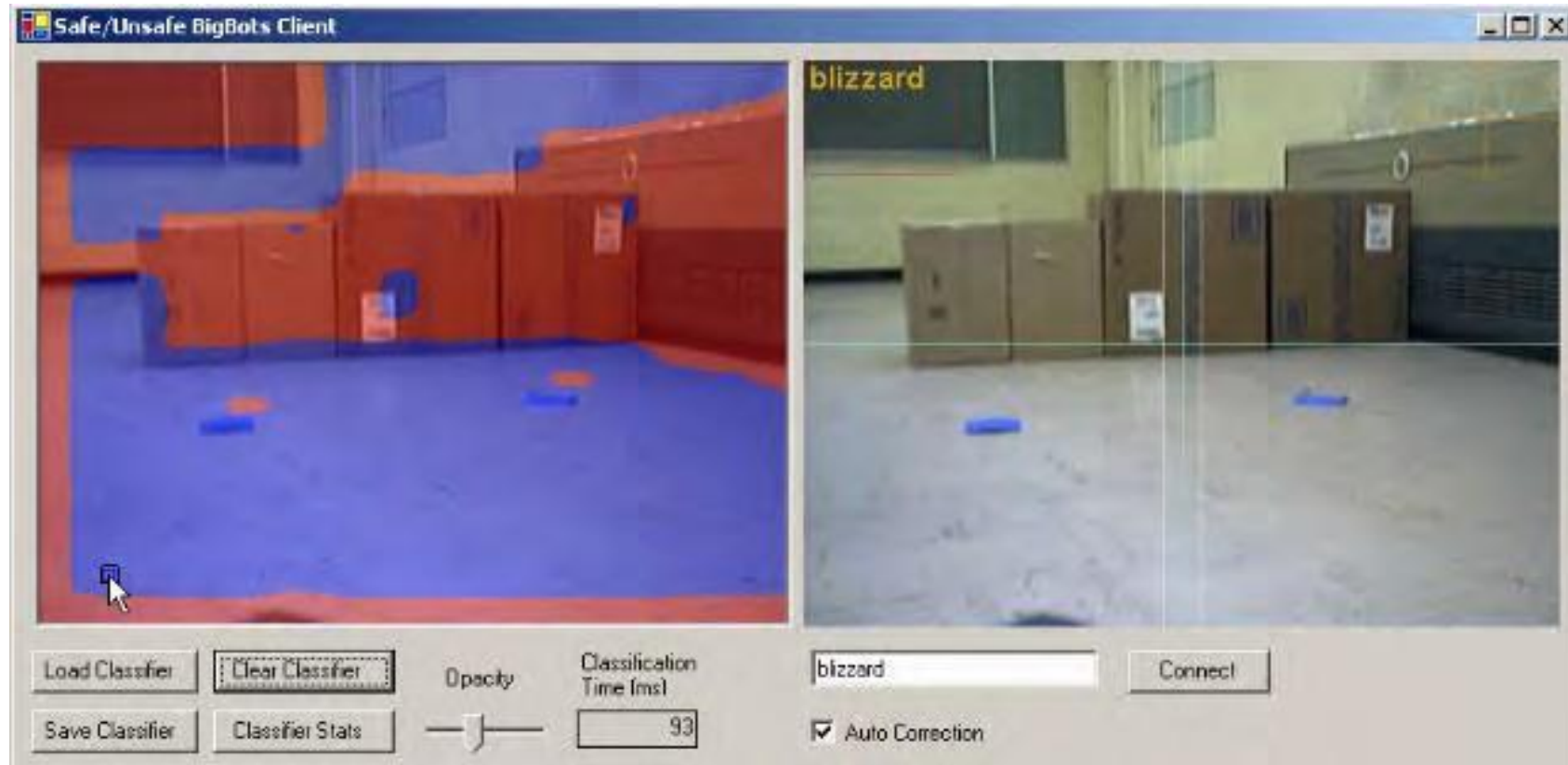
**Classical machine learning model**



**Interactive machine learning w/ Crayon**



# Machine Learning as Interaction

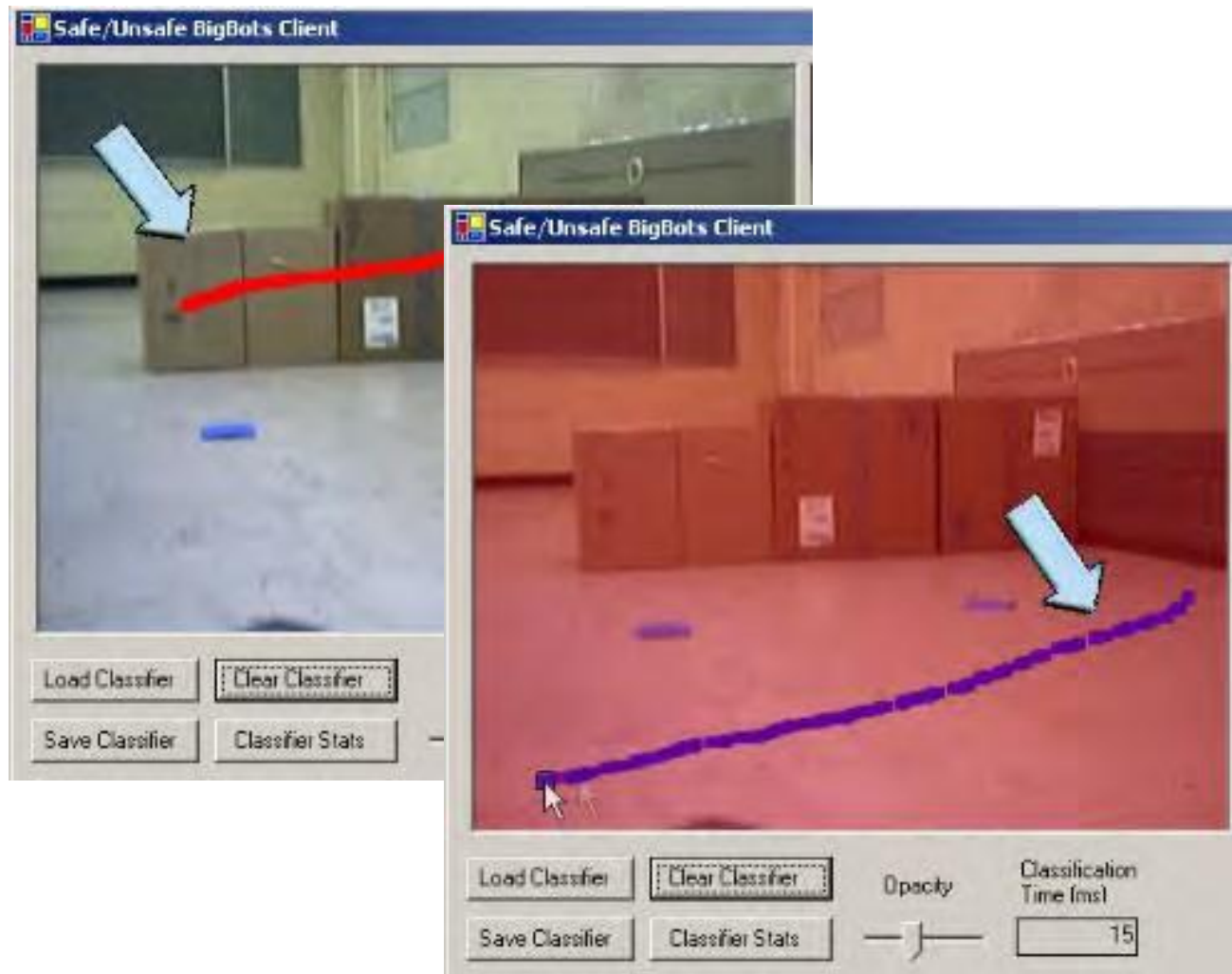


Classifier to identify safe driving paths,  
augmenting interactive driving controls

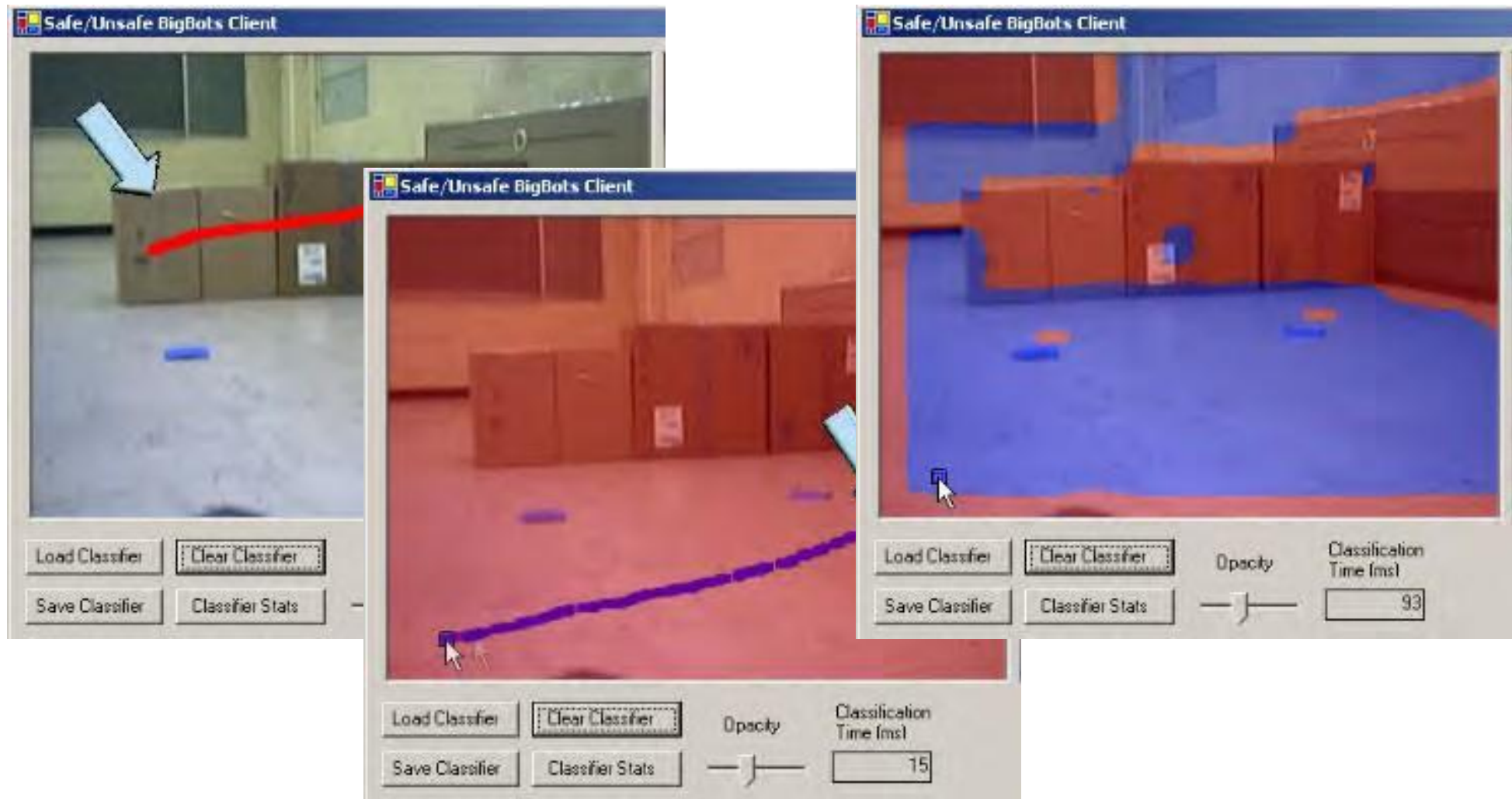
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# Range of Capability vs. Expertise



Domain-specific  
interactive tool

Easy to use

Specific capability

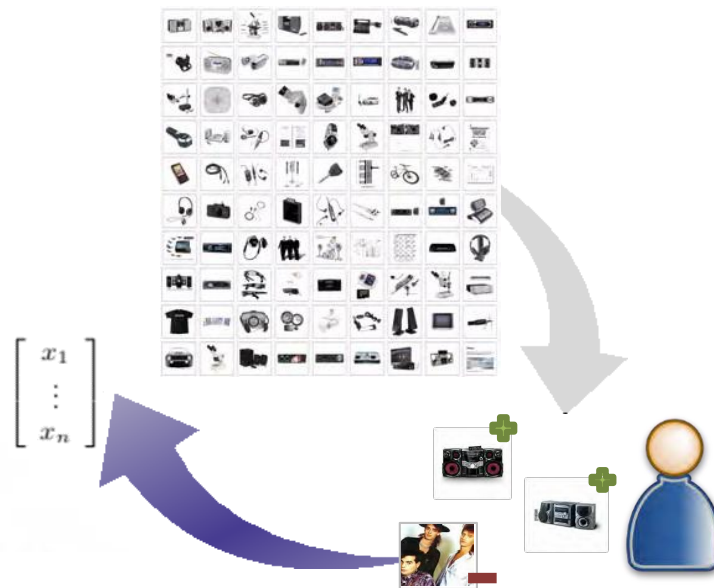


General purpose  
machine learning

High barriers to use

Flexible capabilities

# CueFlik



# Searching for “Product” Images

**Keywords** are generally insufficient for visually characterizing images

How do you **query** for ‘product’ images?



# Mismatch of Keywords and Intent

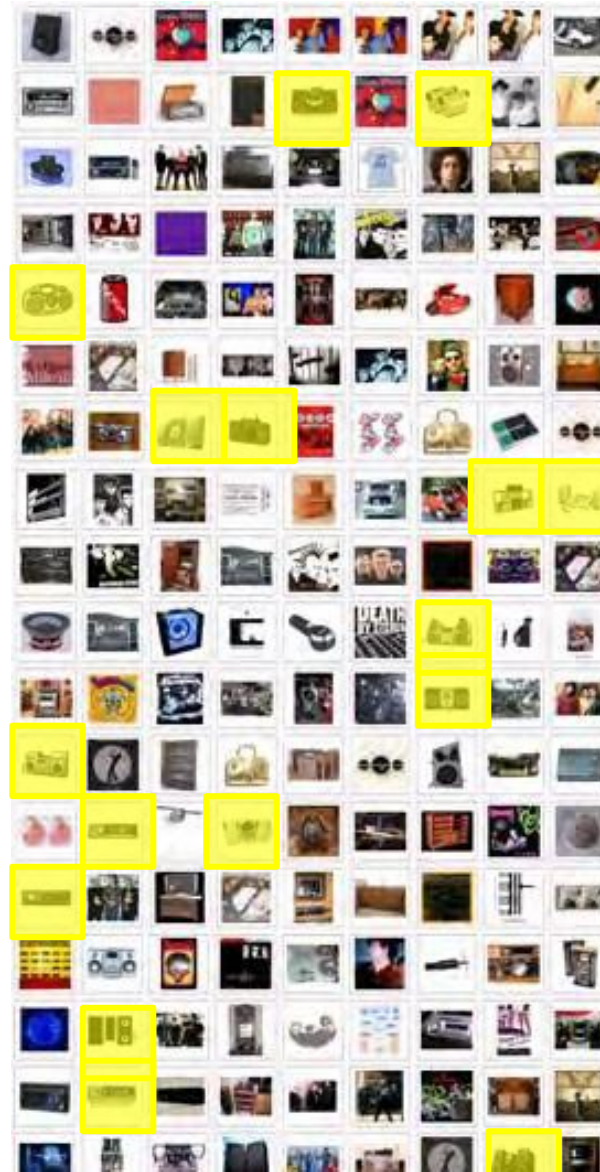
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10% match  
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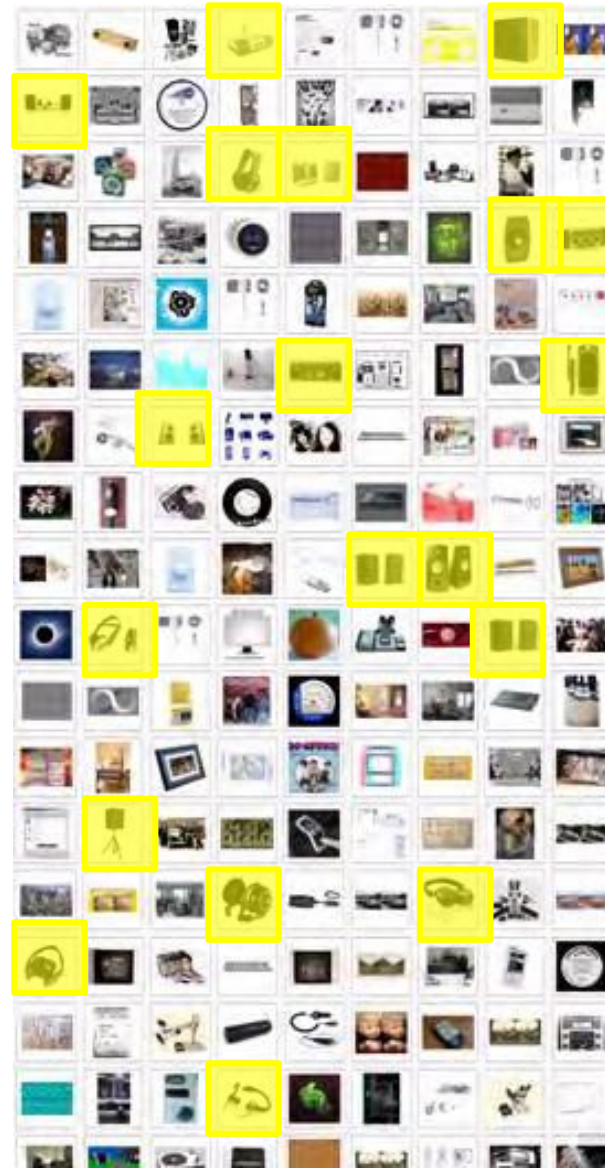
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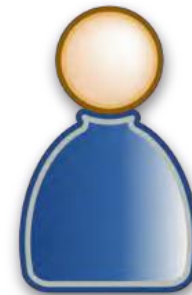
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# CueFlik



Interactive Concept Learning in Image Search





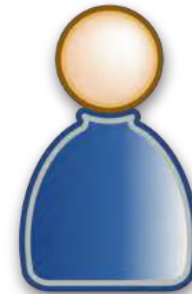
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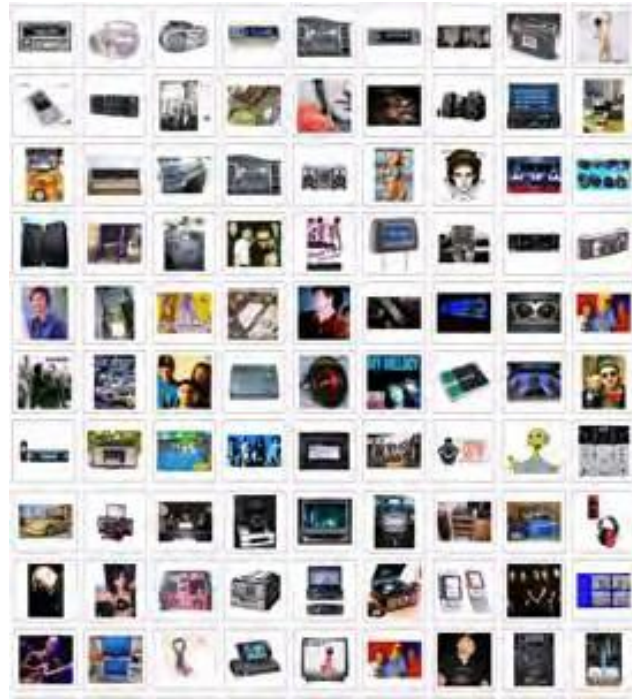
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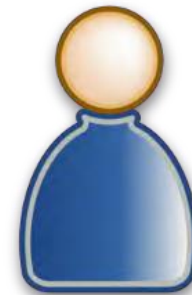
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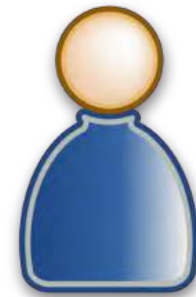
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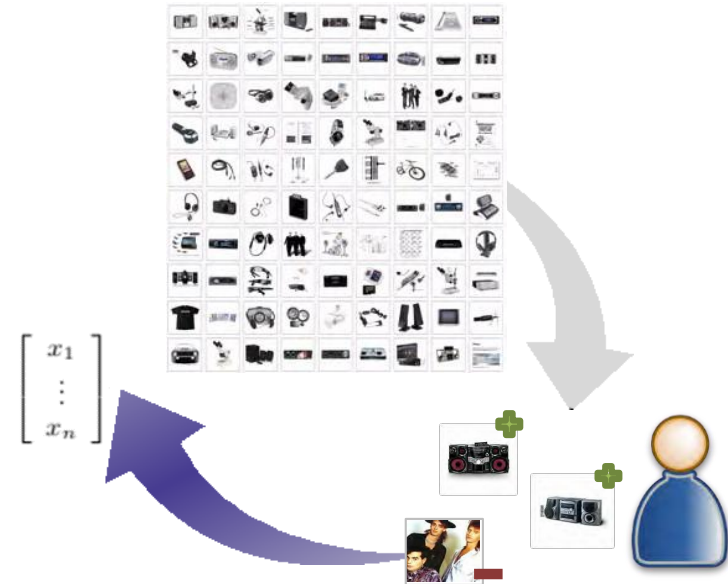
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# Defining a Language

CueFlik is interactively defining a language for interaction with data

Using **examples** to interactively teach definitions of concepts



Then apply concepts, such as ‘product photo’, to interact with data in current and future tasks

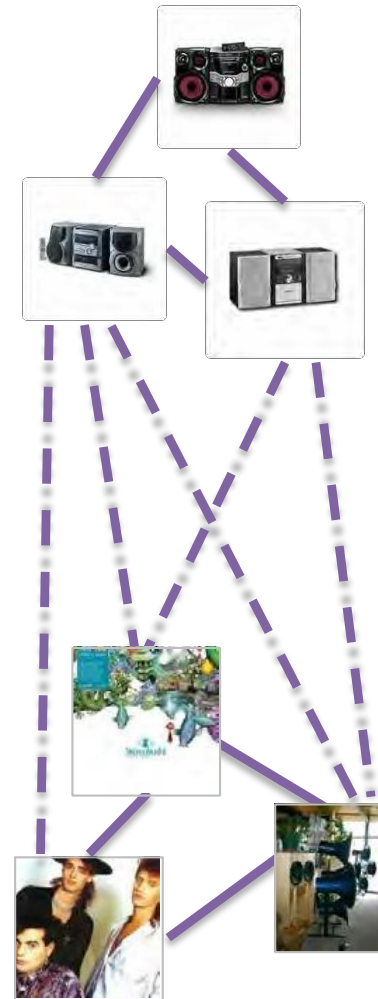


# Defining a Language

CueFlik learned a similarity metric, clustering examples while maximizing separation

We examined aspects of how to design **example-based training** to ensure agreement on concept

But the **language is implicit**,  
conveyed by **entirely examples**



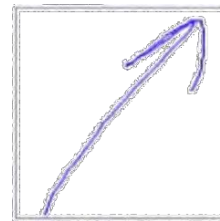
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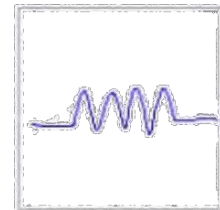
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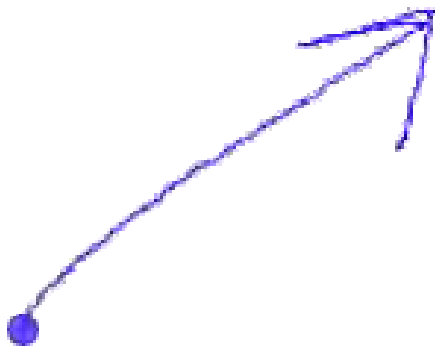


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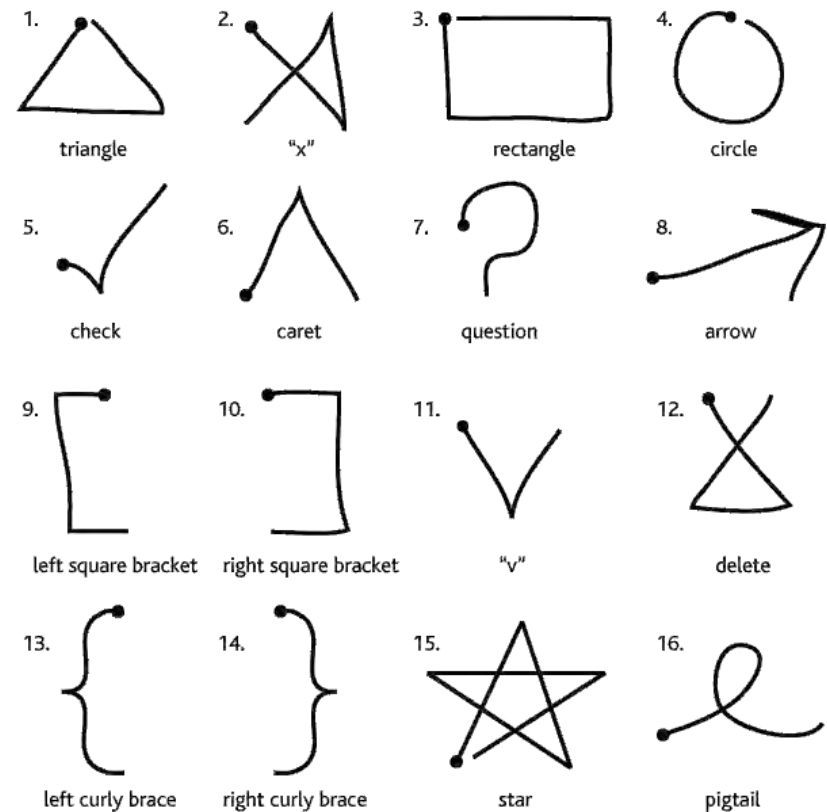


**draw**(Spring1Head)  
**repeat**  
    **draw**(Cap)  
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# Recognizing Symbolic Gestures



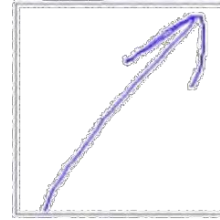
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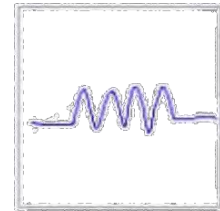
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Makes language **explicit**



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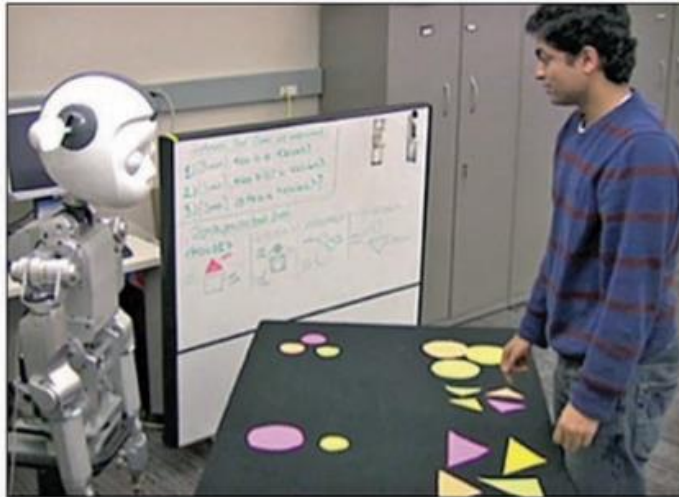
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# Studying User Interaction with IML

## 1. Users are people, not oracles



Passive learning: examples are chosen and presented by the user



Active learning: particular examples are requested by the learner

Although active learning results in faster convergence, **users get frustrated from having to answer the learner's long stream of questions and not having control over the interaction**



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## 2. People want to demonstrate how learners ***should*** behave

- Teaching by showing samples (labeling) (visual interactive labeling)
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*Towards Understanding How Humans Teach Robots, UMAP 2011*

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## 3. People naturally want to provide more than just data labels (**flexible, user-centered ways**)

- Example: a study to understand the types of input end users might provide to if unrestricted by the interface (e.g., **text classification of email messages**) (Stumpf et al., 2007)
- People naturally provided a **wide variety of input types** to improve the classifier's performance
  - suggesting alternative features to use
  - adjusting weights given to different features
  - modifying the information extracted from the text

Develop new ML algorithms that might better support the **natural feedback that people want to provide to learners**, rather than force users to interact in **limited, learner-centered** ways

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4. People value transparency in learning systems
  - People want to learn about systems

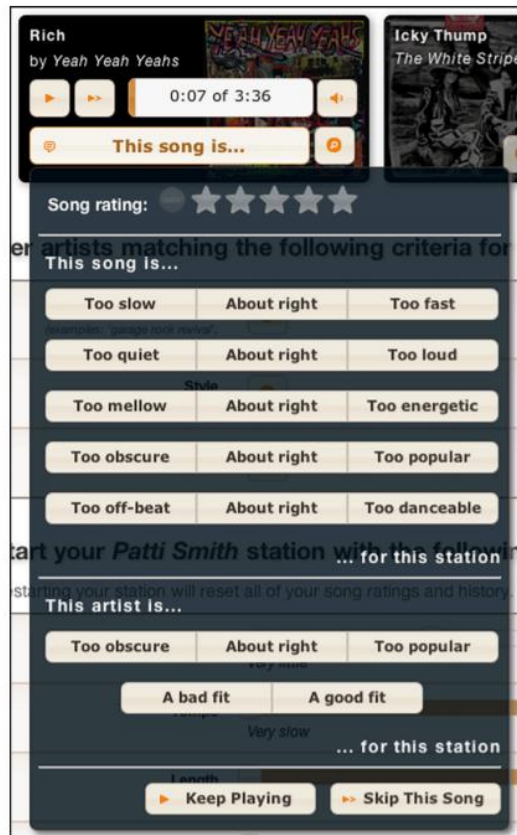


Figure 1. Users could debug by saying *why* the current song was a good or bad choice.

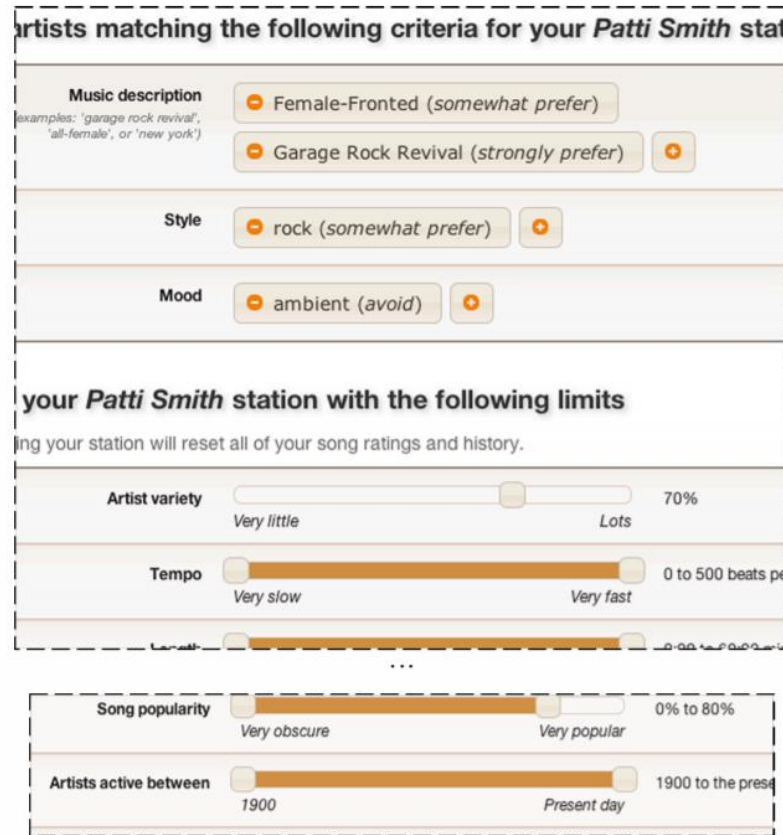
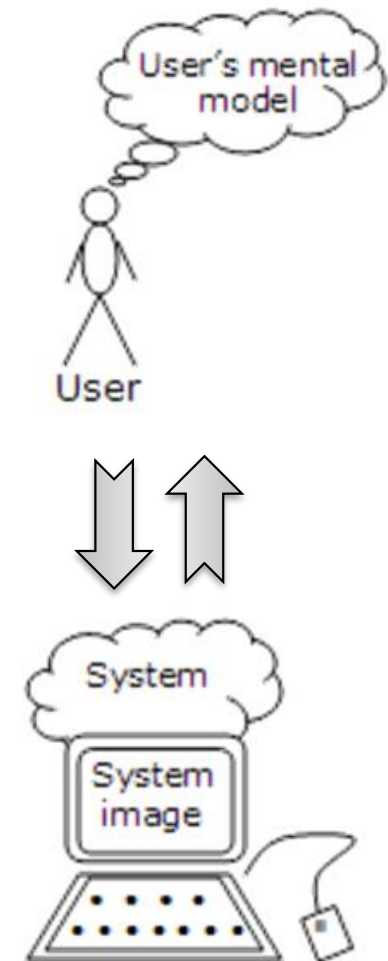


Figure 2. Participants could debug by adding guidelines on the type of music the station should or should not play, via a wide range of criteria.

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## 4. People value transparency in learning systems

- People want to learn about systems
  - Users **positively** evaluated a music recommender system after learning the **details about the system** (i.e., mental model)
  - The more participants learned about the recommender while interacting with it, the **more satisfied** they were with the recommender's output
  - Users are not always satisfied by “black box” learning systems
    - Sometimes they want to provide nuanced feedback to **steer** the system
    - And they are willing and able to **learn** details about the system to do so



# Studying User Interaction with IML

## 5. Transparency (and explanation) can help people provide better labels

- Improving labeling accuracy by providing **contextual features** of the sample to be labeled, along with other information (see table)
- Highest labeling accuracy occurred when the system provided **sufficient contextual features and current predictions** without uncertainty information

Dimension	Description	Activity Recognition Example
Uncertainty	Notify labeler that it is uncertain of the label	"Cannot determine your activity."
Amount of Context	Provide varying amounts of contextual information (none, sufficient, extra)	<b>Sufficient:</b> "Your feet are leaving the ground." <b>Extra:</b> "Your feet are leaving the ground together and repeatedly."
High/Low-Level Context	Give either low (sensor) level context or high (activity) level context	<b>Low:</b> "Shaking motion detected." <b>High:</b> "Your feet are leaving the ground."
Question	Ask for a label	"What activity are you doing?"
Prediction	Share the expected label for the data	"Prediction: Jumping."
User Feedback	Ask labeler to describe the important features	"How can this action be detected in the future?"

Towards Maximizing the Accuracy of Human-Labeled Sensor Data, Rosenthal and Dey, ACM IUI 2010

# Studying User Interaction with IML

5. Transparency (and explanation) can help people provide better labels

- Transparency at a more social level (why) helps
  - Displaying **the value of users' potential movie ratings** to a broader community in the **MovieLens recommendation system** (Rashid et al., 2006)
  - Users who were given information about **the value of their contribution to the entire MovieLens community provided more ratings** than those who were not given such information
  - Likewise, those given information about **value to a group of users with similar tastes** gave more ratings than those given information regarding the full MovieLens community

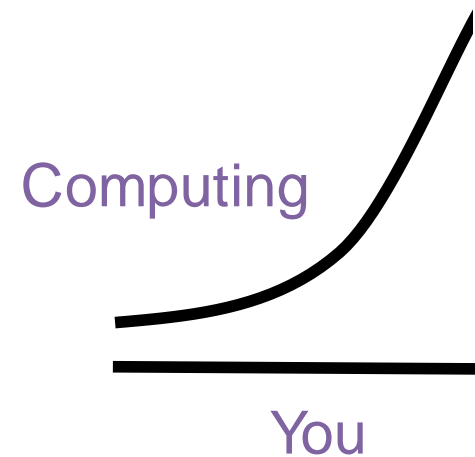


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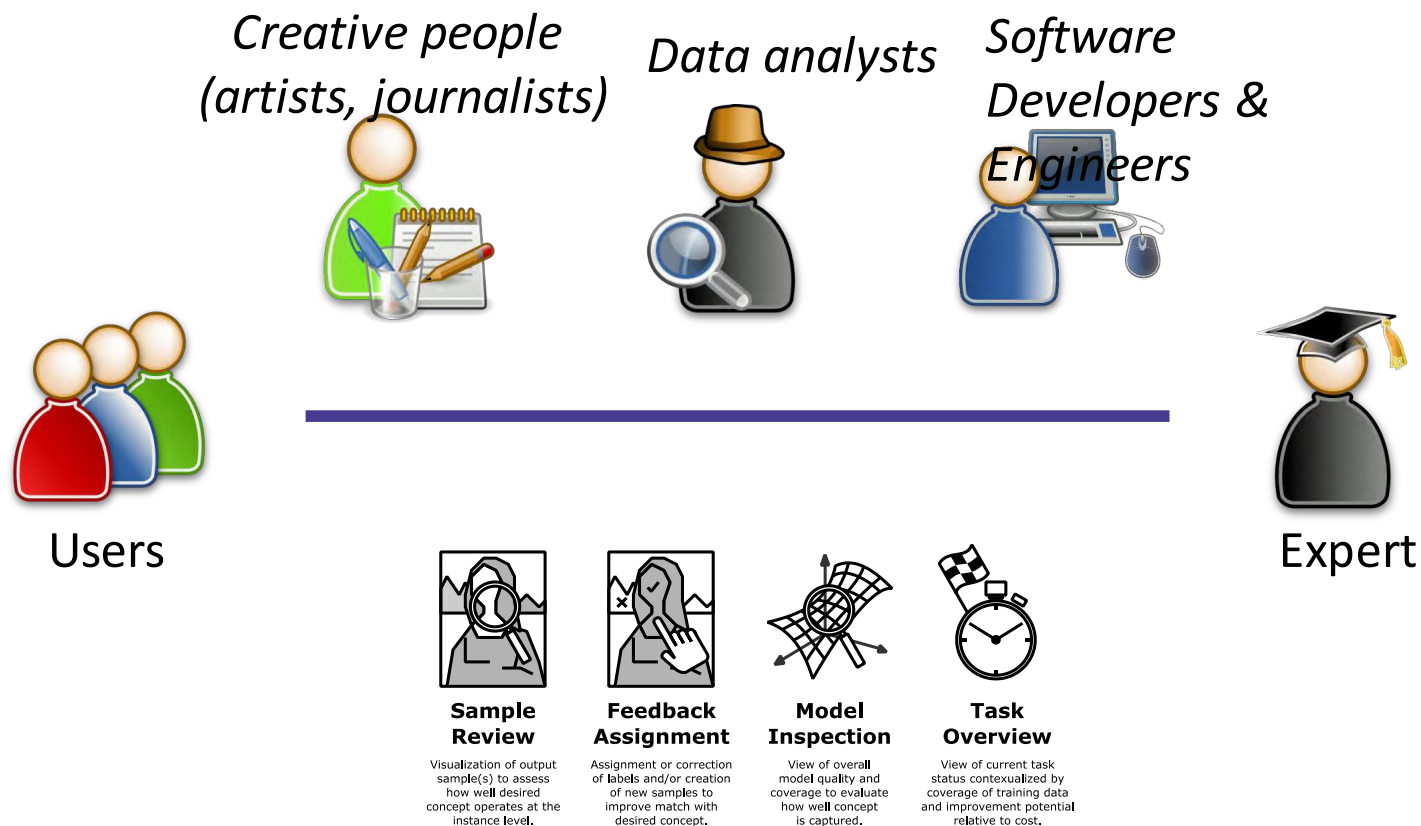
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Machine learning offers a unique tool for scaling human attention to new forms of data, but its complexity and opacity are barriers to effective design for everyday interaction



The human-computer interaction and design community has proven tools, approaches, and theory for addressing this challenge

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