

Trustworthy Machine Learning

From Algorithmic Transparency to Decision Support

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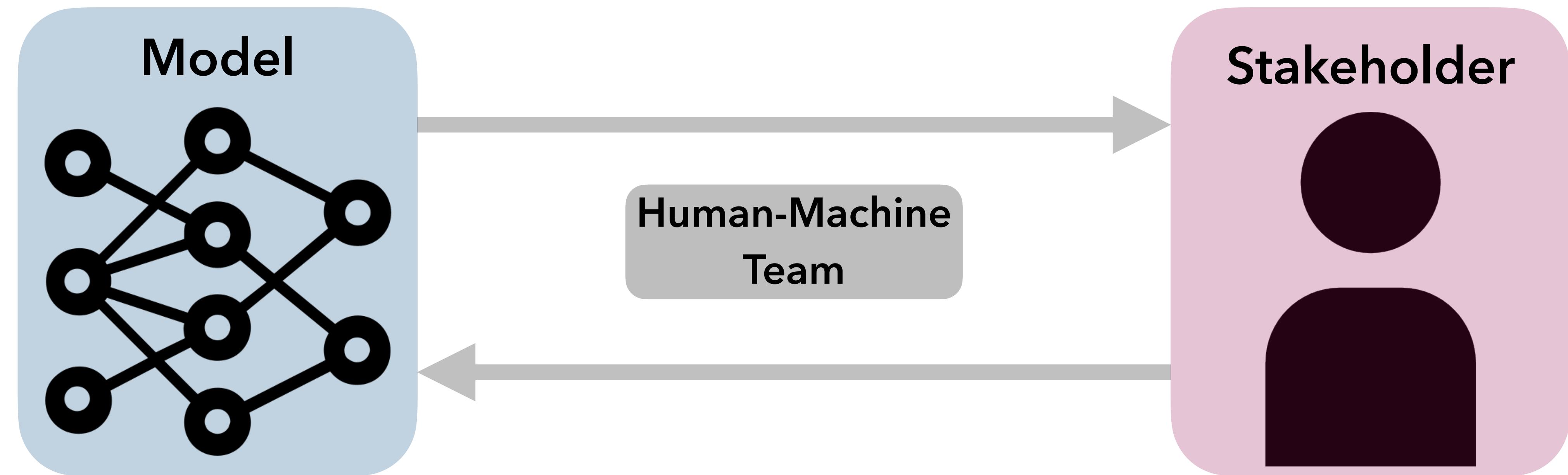
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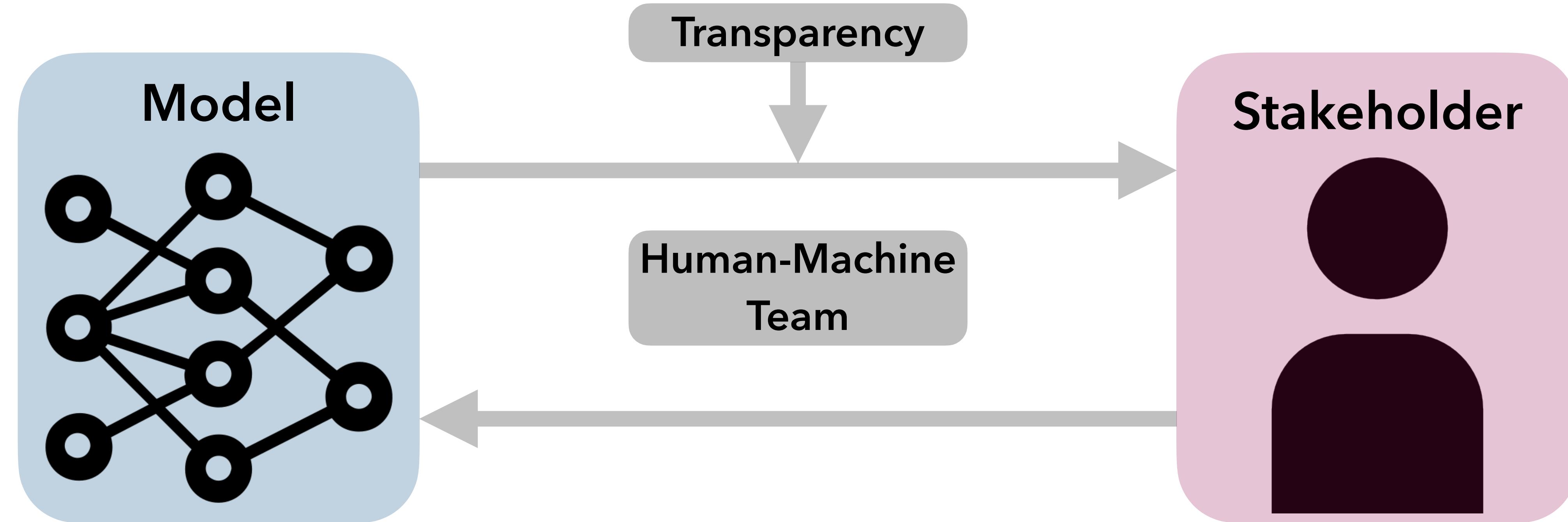
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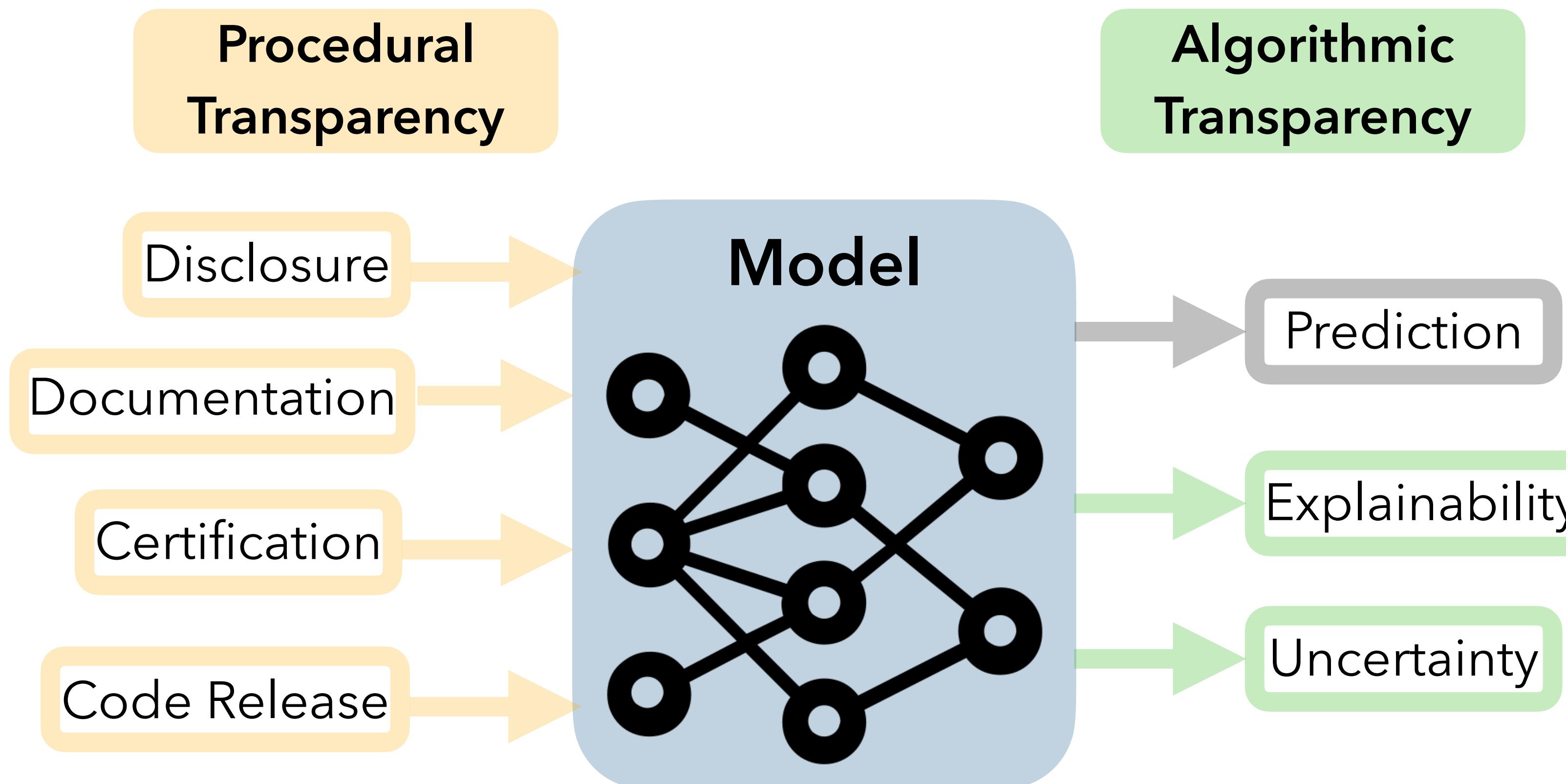
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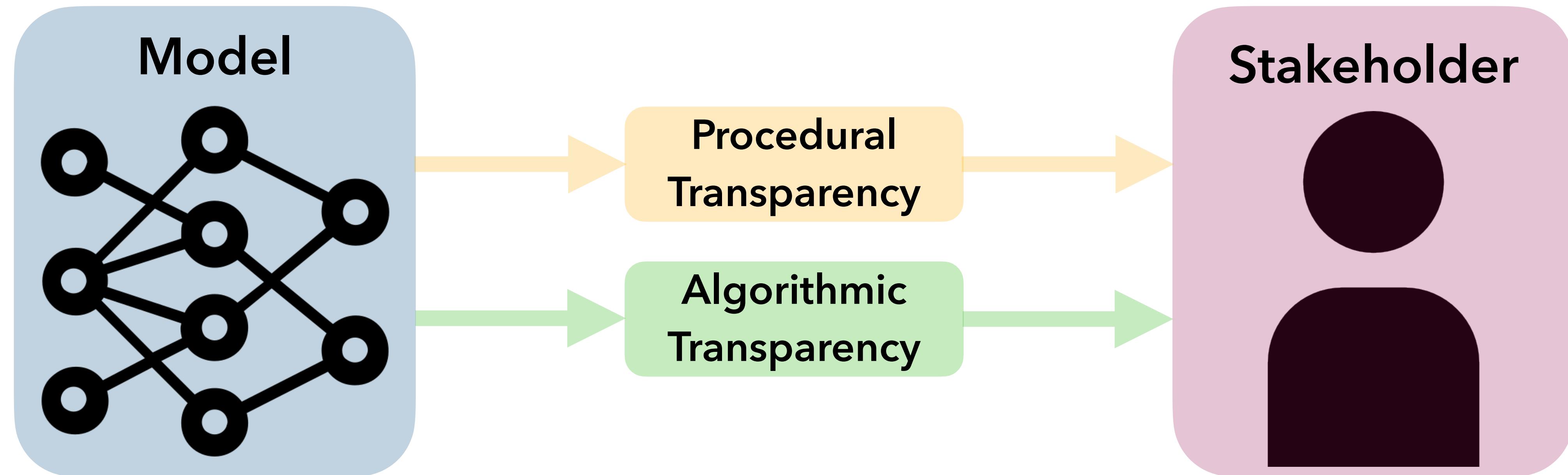


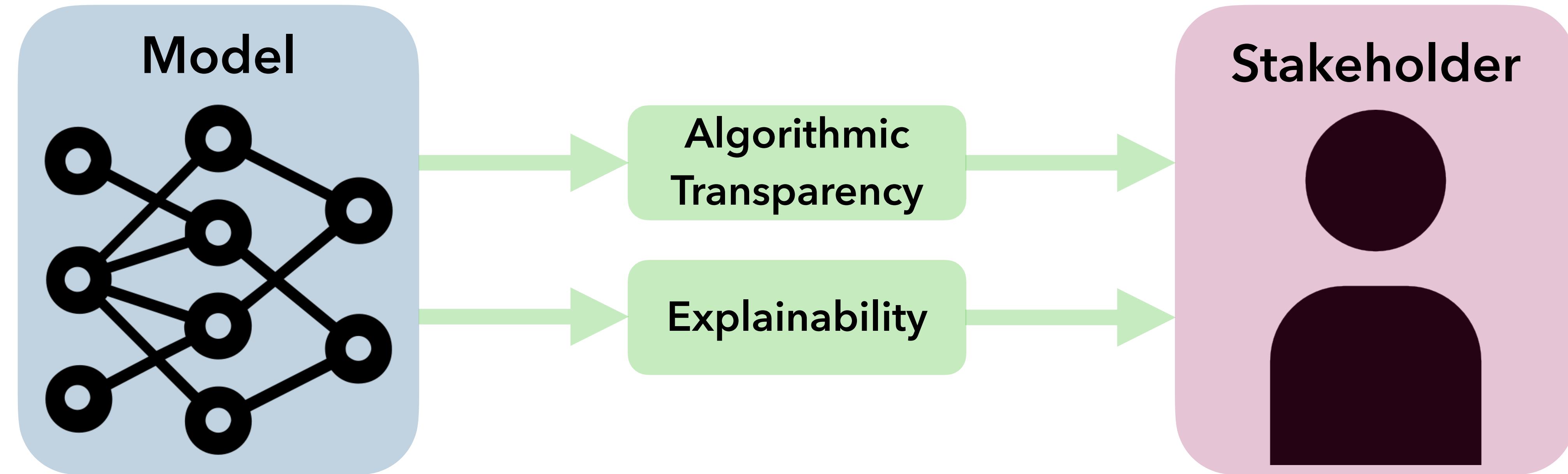




Transparency means providing stakeholders with relevant information about how a model works







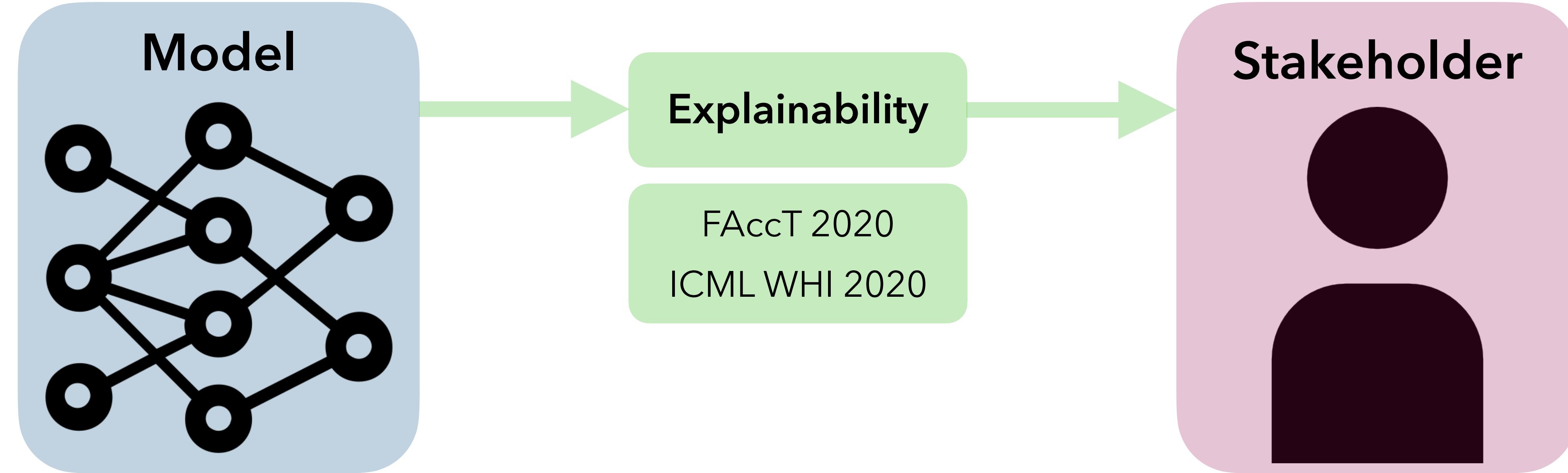
Explainability means providing insight into a model's behavior for specific datapoint(s)

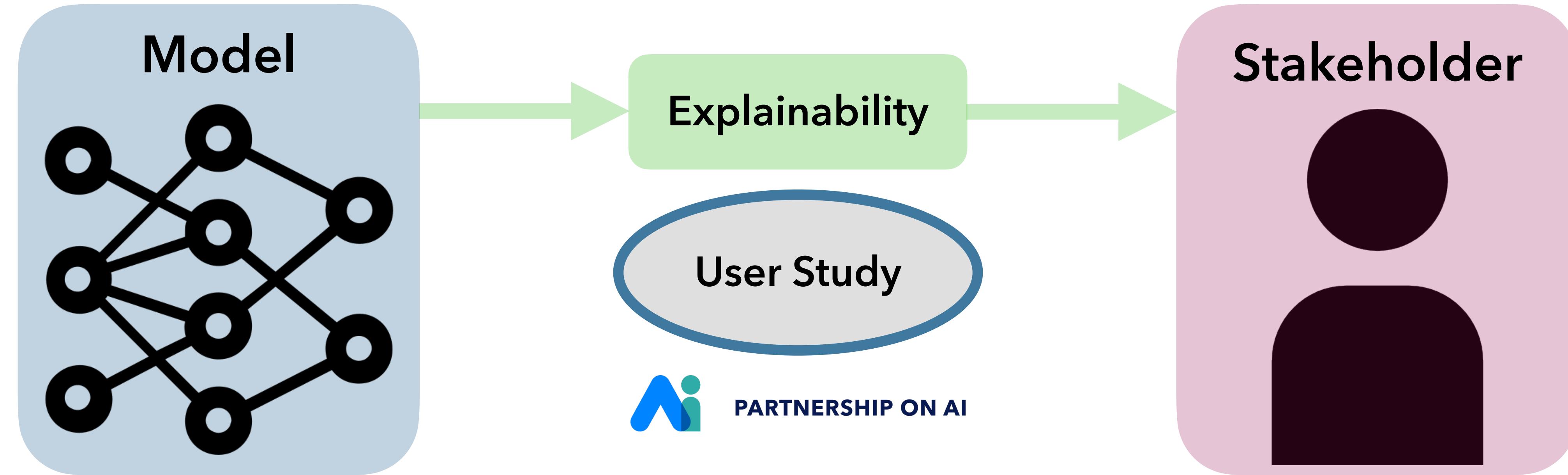
Research Style

Convenings

Methods

User Studies

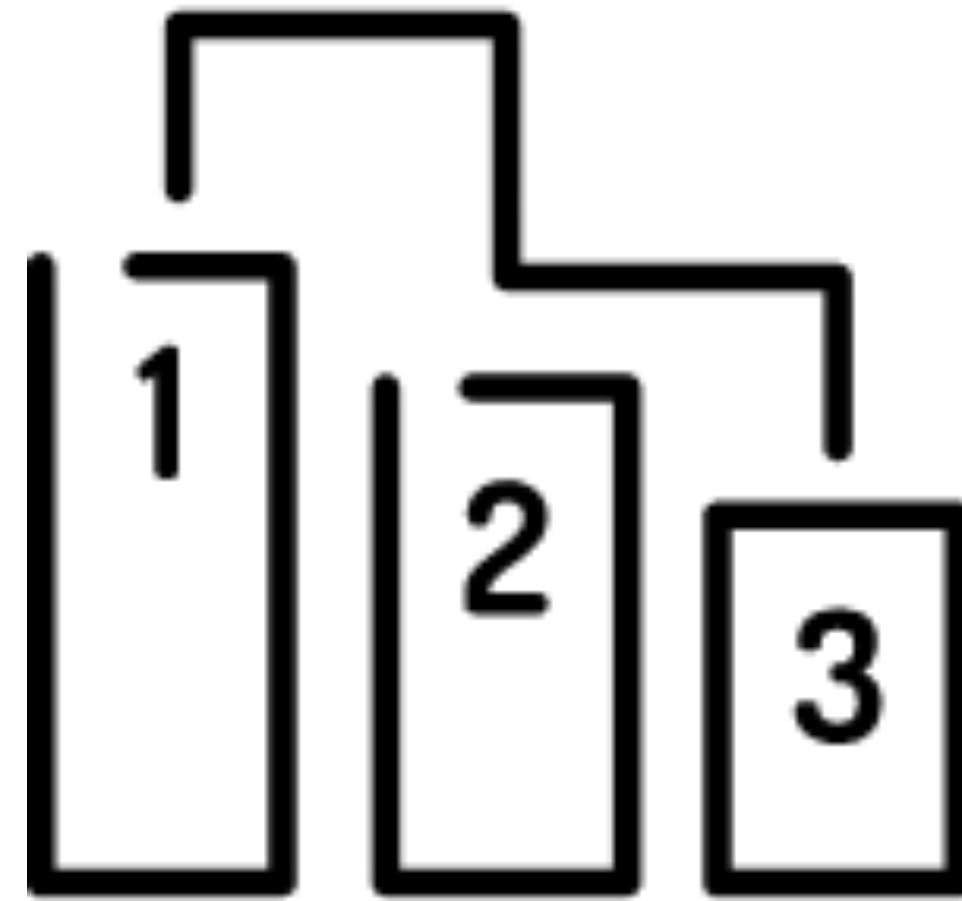




Goal: understand how explainability methods are used in *practice*

Approach: 30min to 2hr *semi-structured* interviews with 50 individuals from 30 organizations

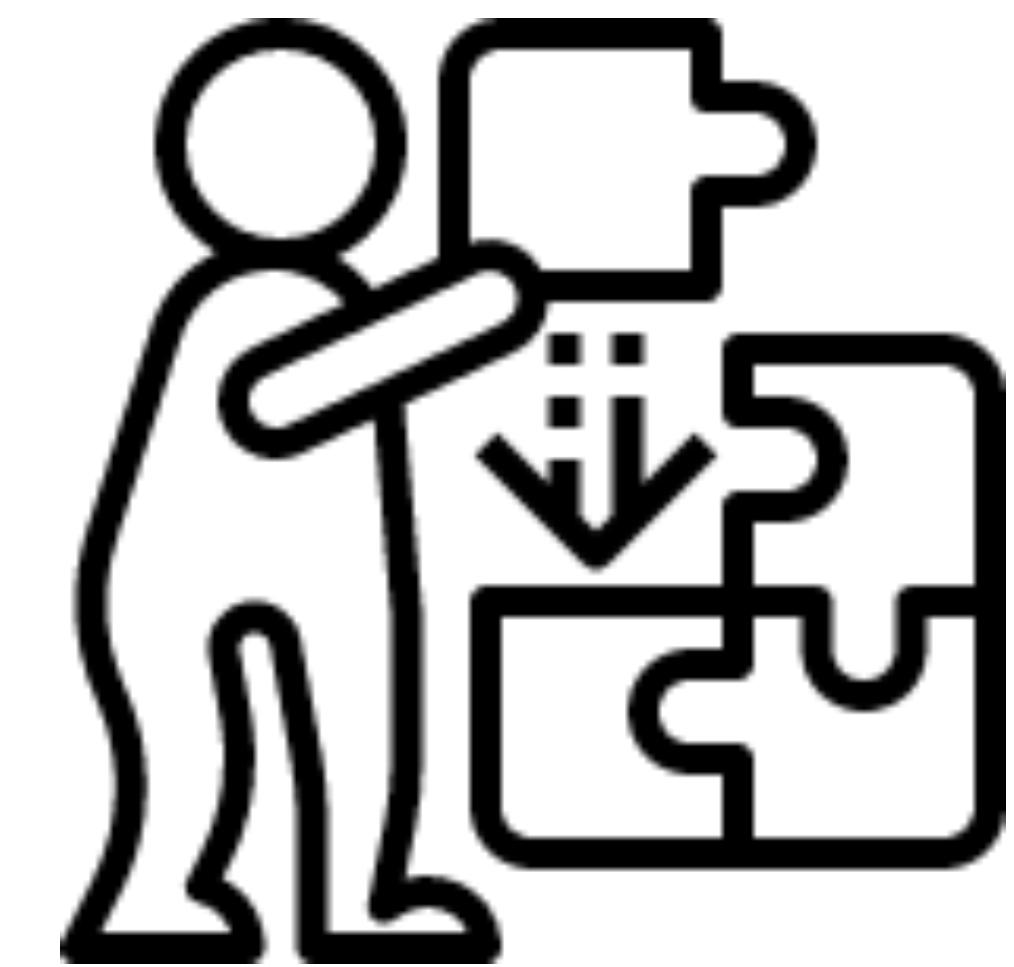
Popular Explanation Styles



Feature Importance

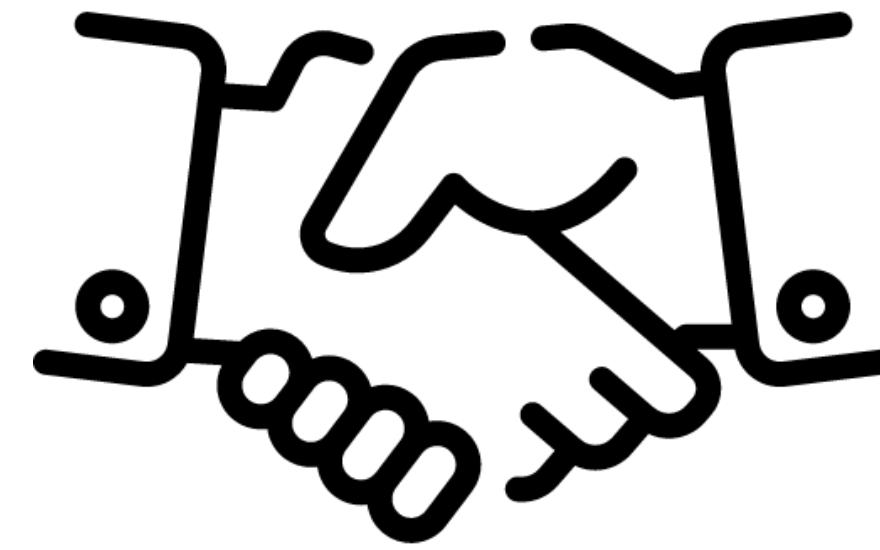


Sample Importance

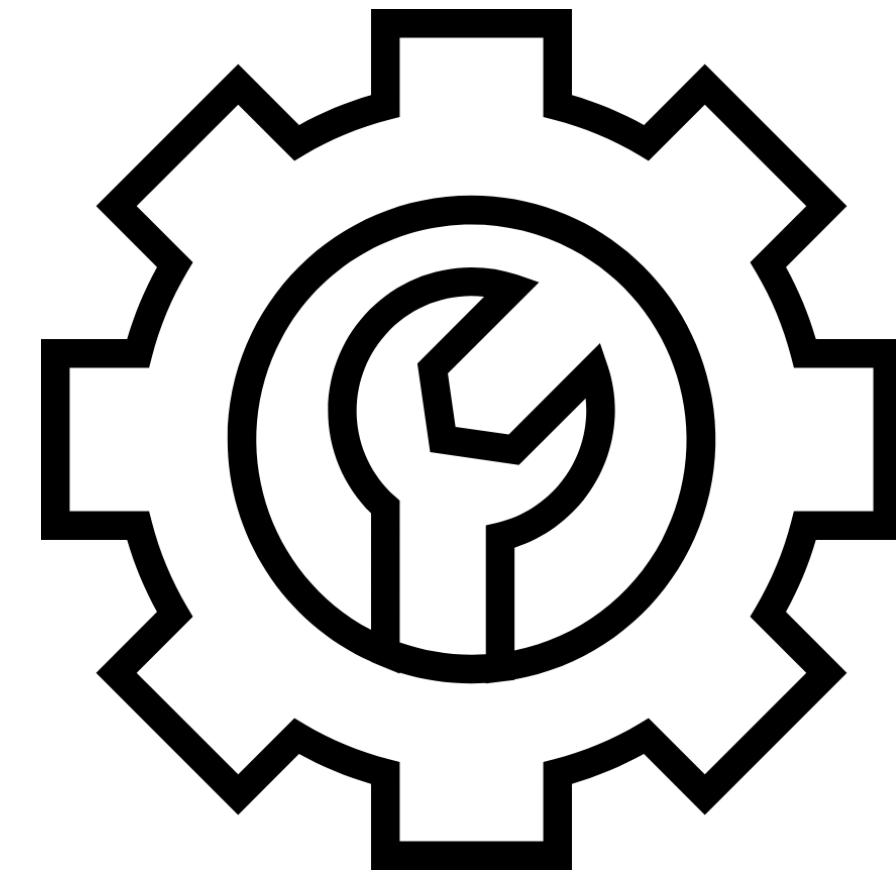


Counterfactuals

Common Explanation Stakeholders



Executives



Engineers



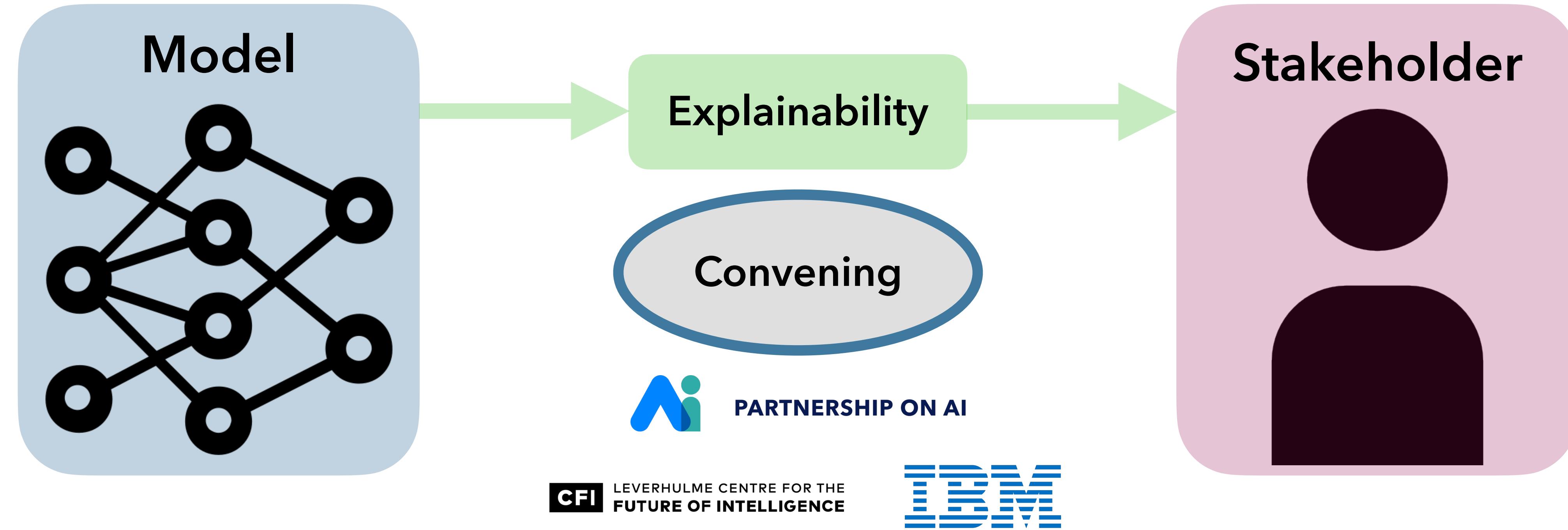
End Users



Regulators

Findings

1. Explainability is used for **debugging** internally
2. **Goals** of explainability are not clearly defined within organizations
3. Technical **limitations** make explainability hard to deploy in real-time



Goal: facilitate an *inter-stakeholder* conversation around explainability

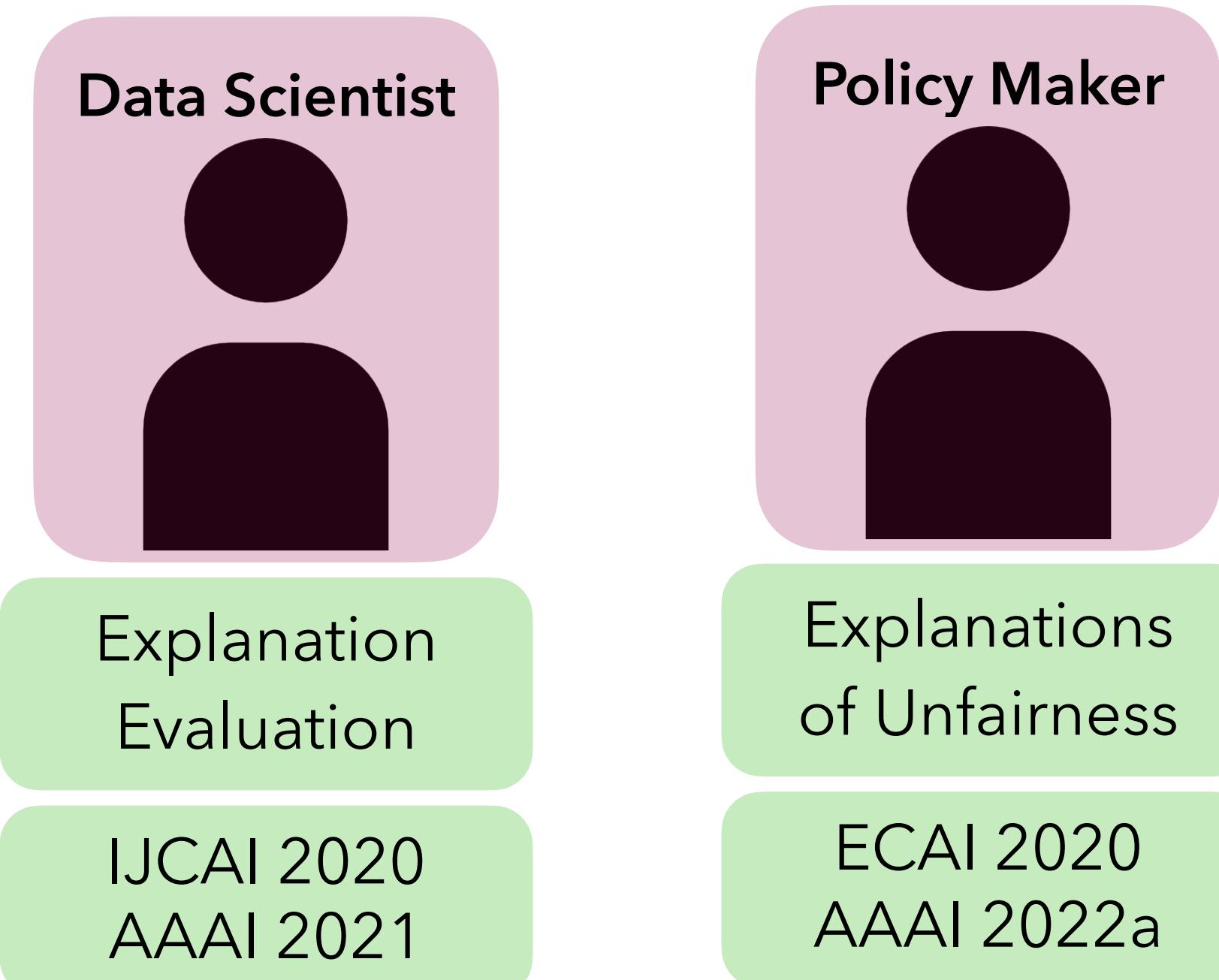
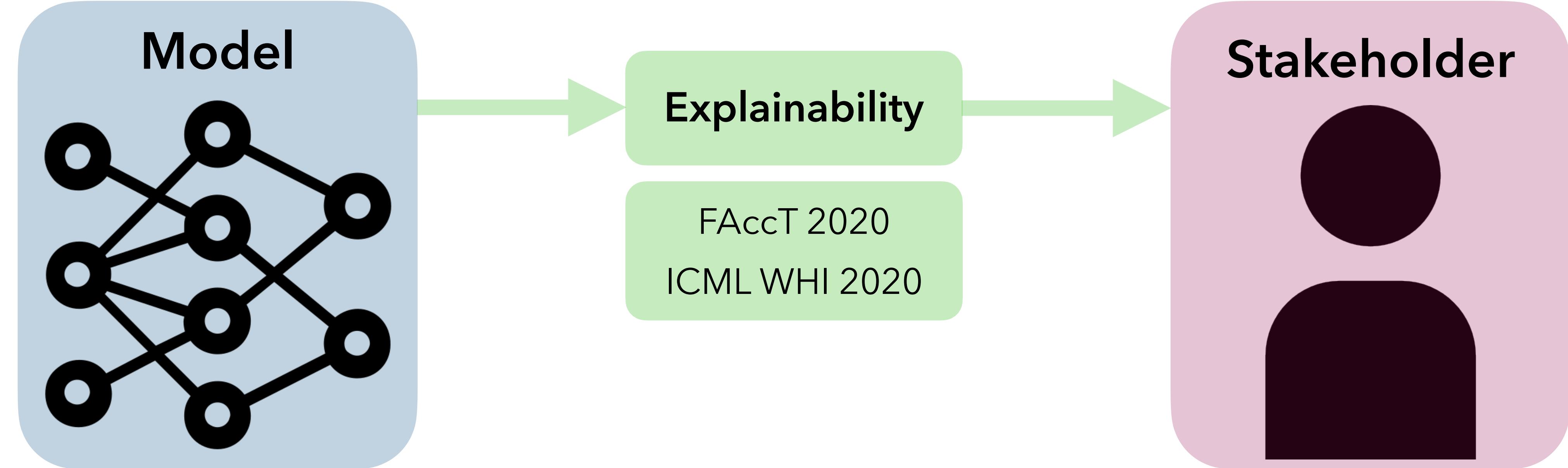
Conclusion: *Community engagement* and *context consideration* are important factors in deploying explainability thoughtfully

Community Engagement

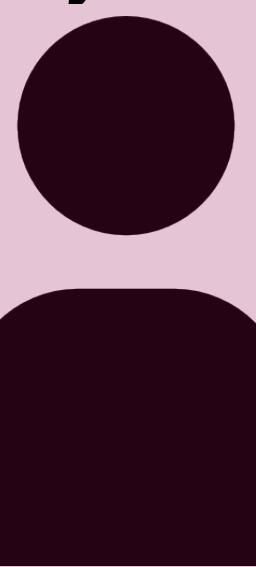
1. *In which **context** will this explanation be used?*
2. *How should the explanation be **evaluated**? Both quantitatively and qualitatively...*
3. *Can we prevent data misuse and preferential treatment by involving **affected groups** in the development process?*
4. *Can we **educate** stakeholders regarding the functionalities and limitations of explainable machine learning?*

Deploying Explainability

1. How does **uncertainty** in the model's predictions and explanation technique affect the resulting explanations?
2. How can stakeholders **interact** with the resulting explanations?
3. How, if at all, will stakeholder **behavior** change as a result of the explanation shown?
4. Over **time**, how will the model and explanations adapt to changes in stakeholder behavior?



Policy Maker



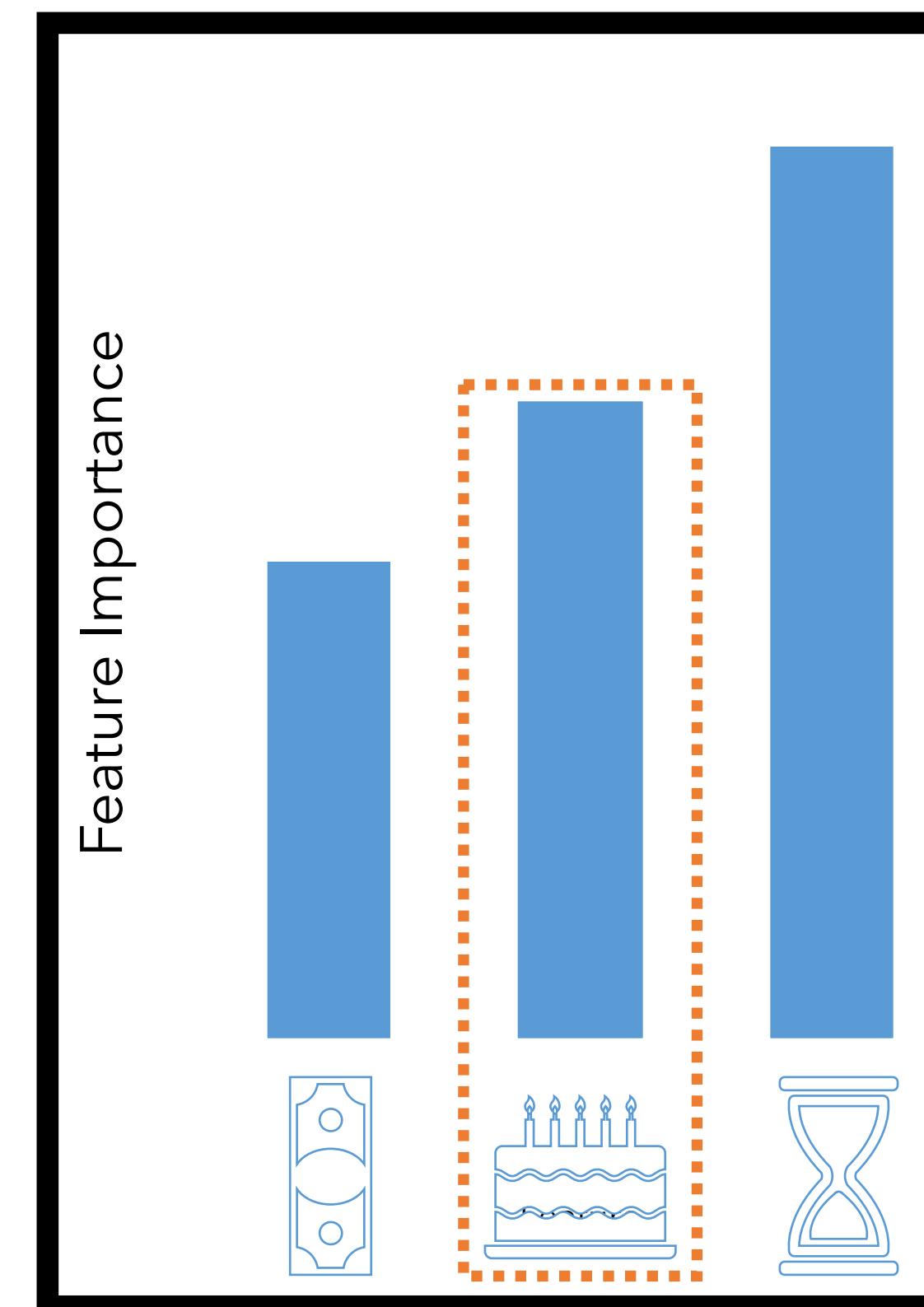
Explanations
of Unfairness

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Assure model fairness via explanations

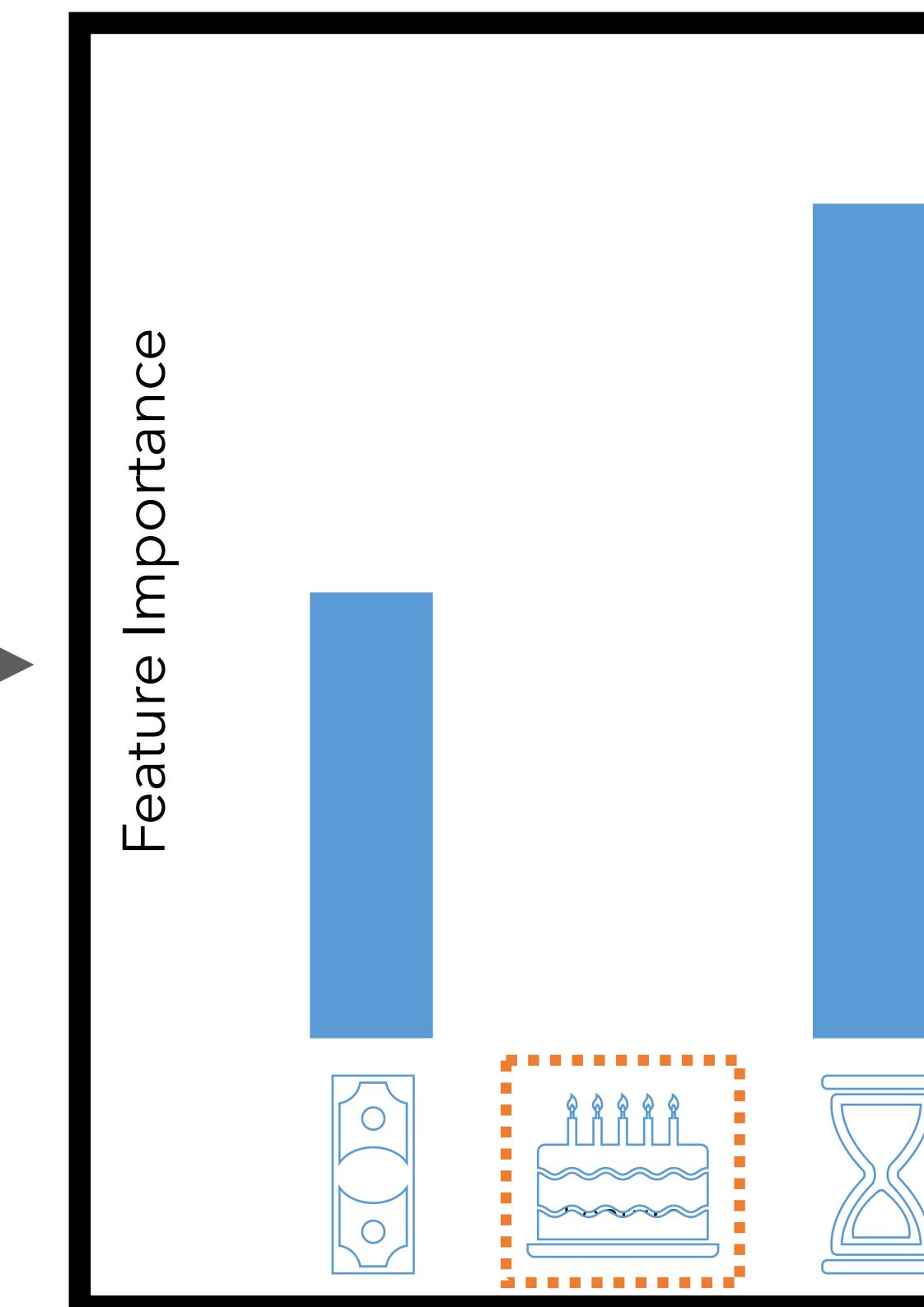
Methods

Model A



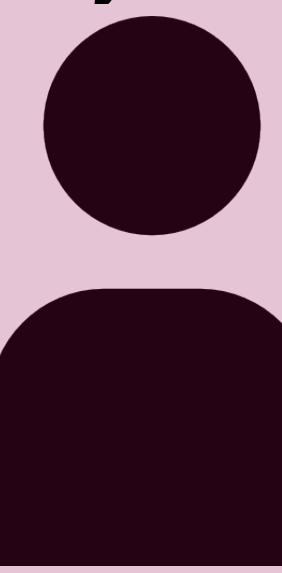
Unfair

Model B



Fair

Policy Maker



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Don't assume model fairness via explanations

Methods

Attribution of Sensitive Attribute

Our Goal $f_\theta \rightarrow f_{\theta+\delta}$

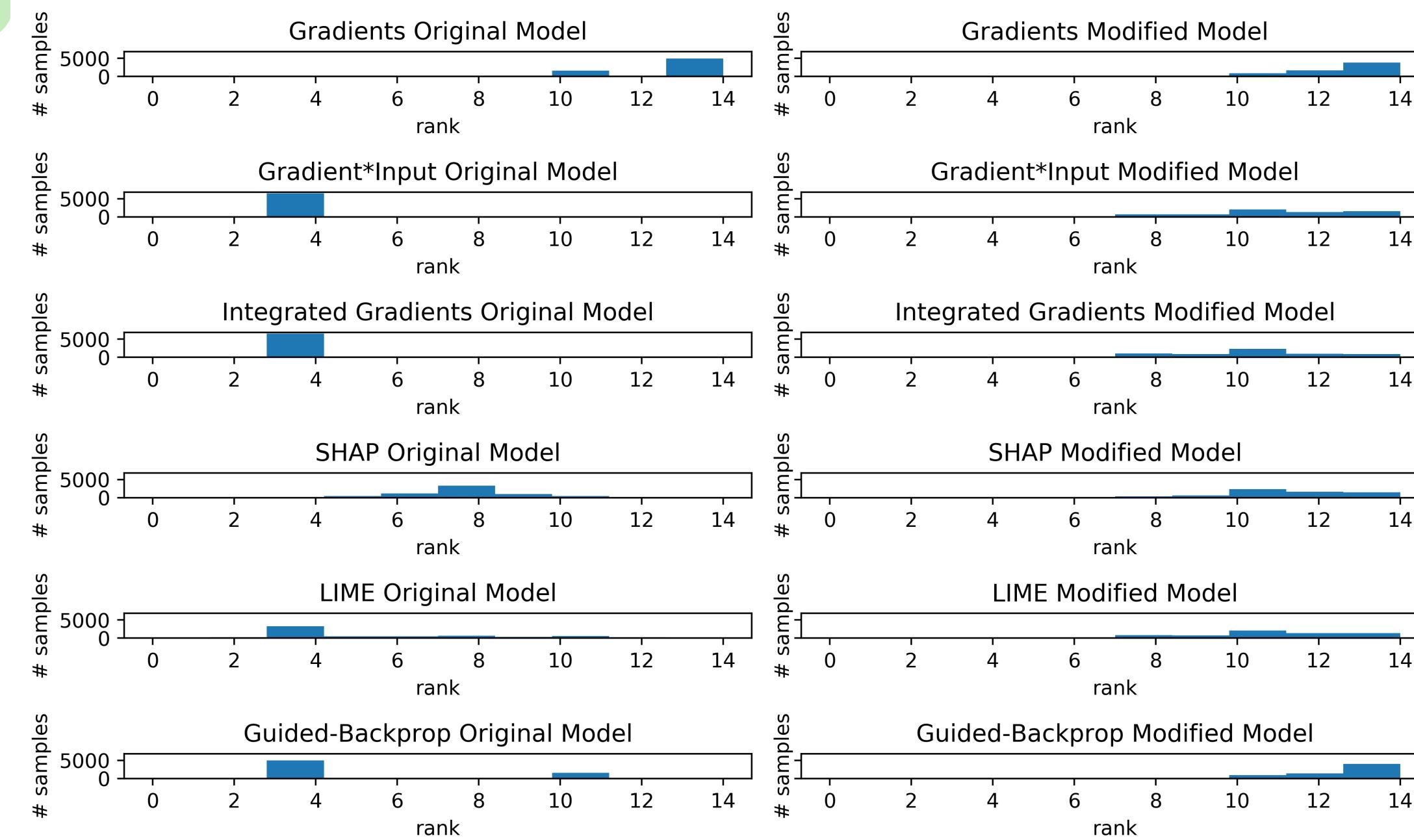
$$g(f, x)_j$$

1. Model Similarity $\forall i, f_{\theta+\delta}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \approx f_\theta(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})$

2. Low Target Attribution $\forall i, |g(f_{\theta+\delta}, \mathbf{x}^{(i)})_j| \ll |g(f_\theta, \mathbf{x}^{(i)})_j|$

Adversarial Explanation Attack

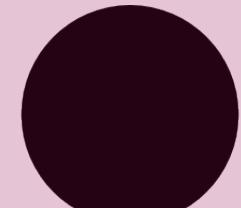
$$\operatorname{argmin}_\delta L' = L(f_{\theta+\delta}, x, y) + \frac{\alpha}{n} \left\| \nabla_{\mathbf{X}_{:,j}} L(f_{\theta+\delta}, x, y) \right\|_p$$



Our proposed attack:

1. Decreases relative importance significantly.
2. Generalizes to test points.
3. Transfers across explanation methods.

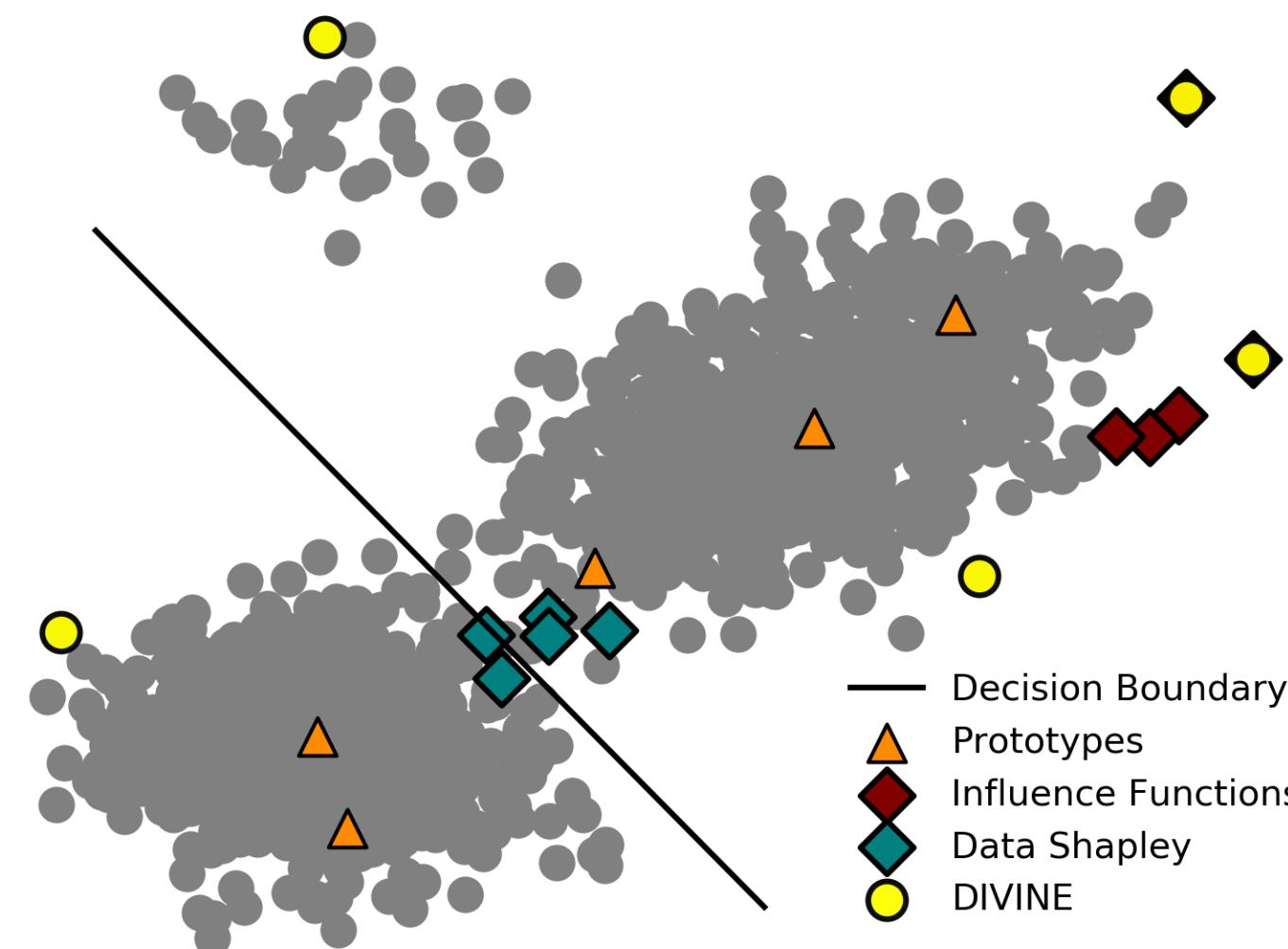
Data Scientist

Explanation
Evaluation

DIVINE: DIVerse INfluEntial Training Points

Methods

Question: "Which training points are important to a specific prediction?"



Formulation: Can we find a set of m training points that are not only influential to the model but also diverse in input space?

I. Measuring Influence

$$f_{\text{loss}}(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n l(x_i, y_i; \theta)$$

$$I_i = f(\hat{\theta}_i) - f(\hat{\theta})$$

$$I(S) = \sum_{i \in S} I_i$$

II. Measuring Diversity

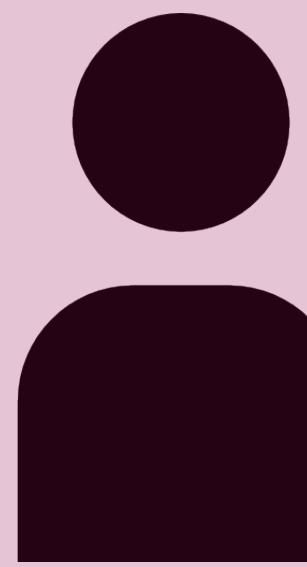
Submodular $R(S)$

$$R_{\text{SR}}(S) = \kappa - \sum_{u, v \in S} \phi(u, v)$$

III. Optimizing for Both

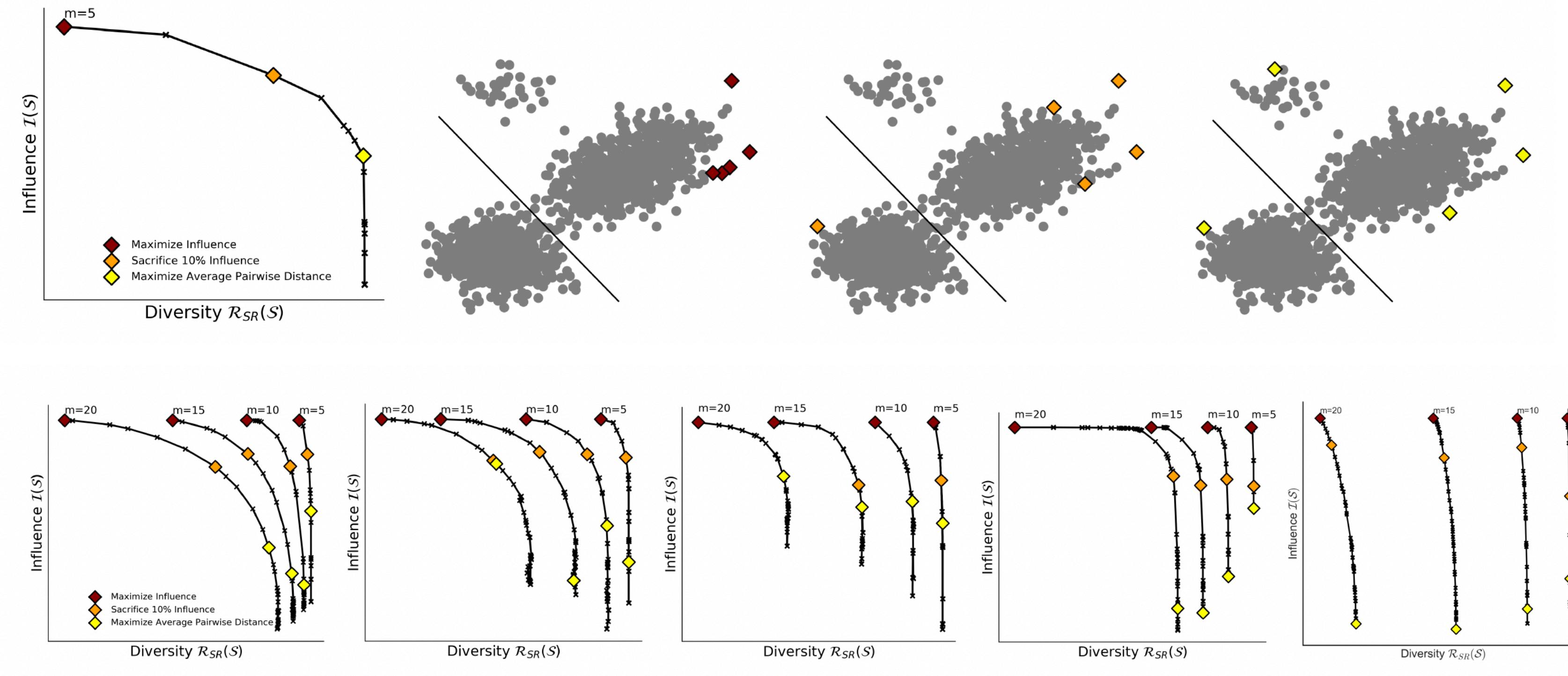
$$\max_{S \in D, |S|=m} I(S) + \gamma R(S)$$

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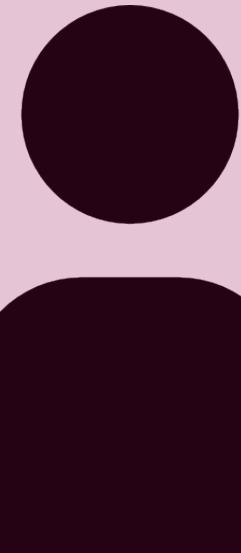
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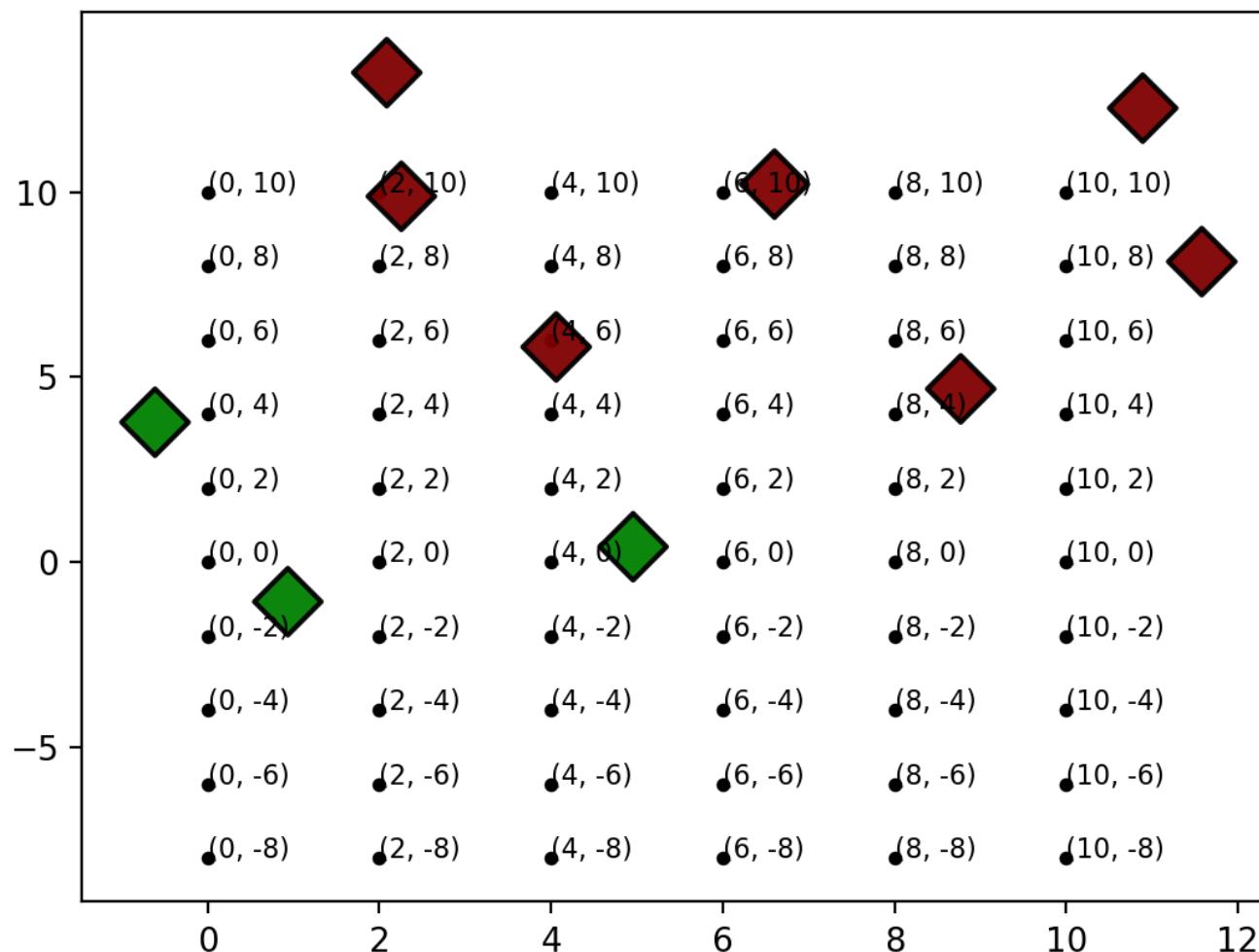
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Explanation Evaluation

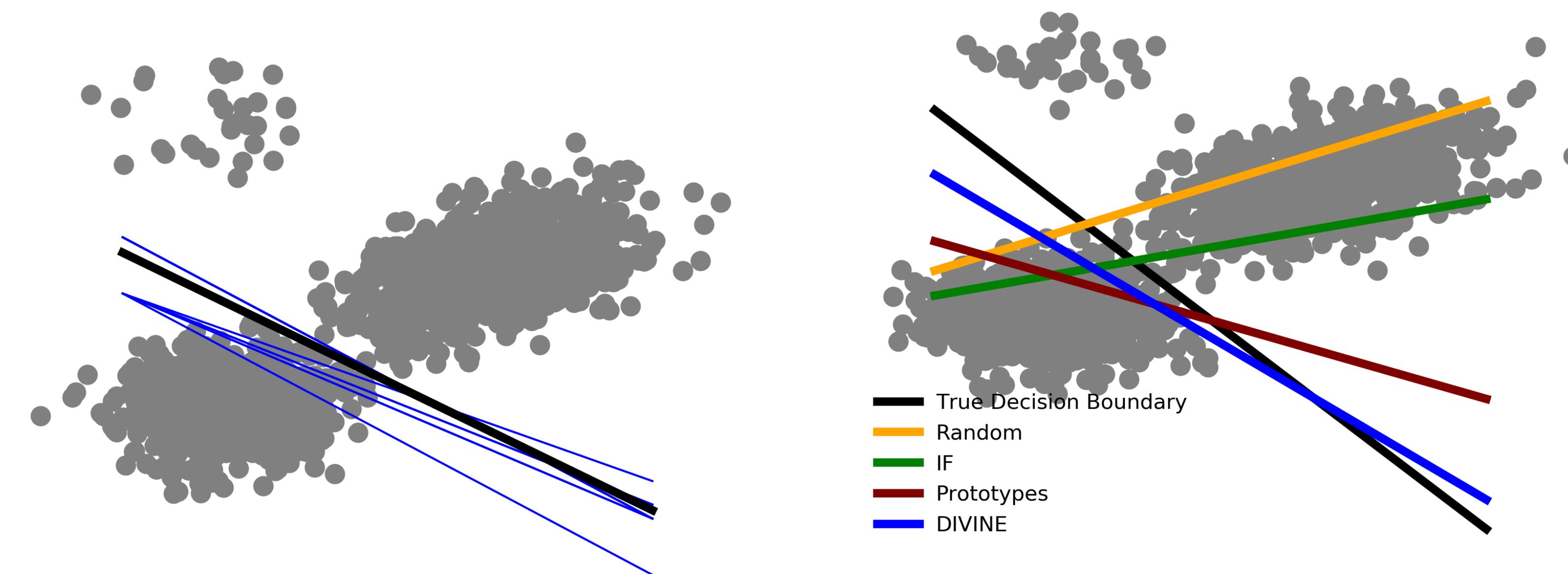


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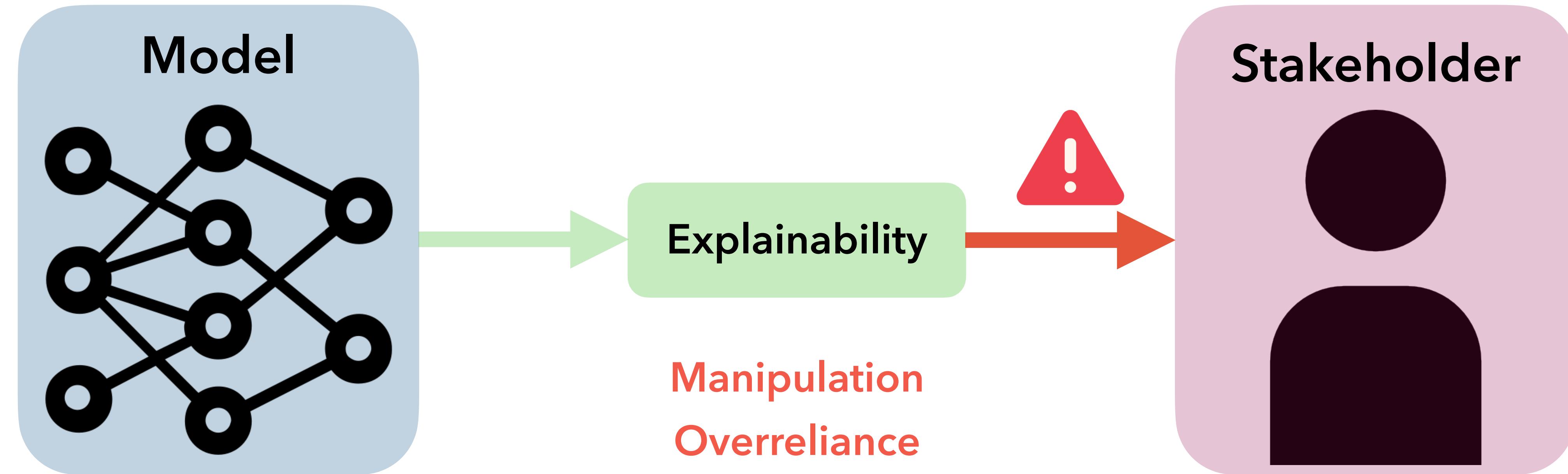
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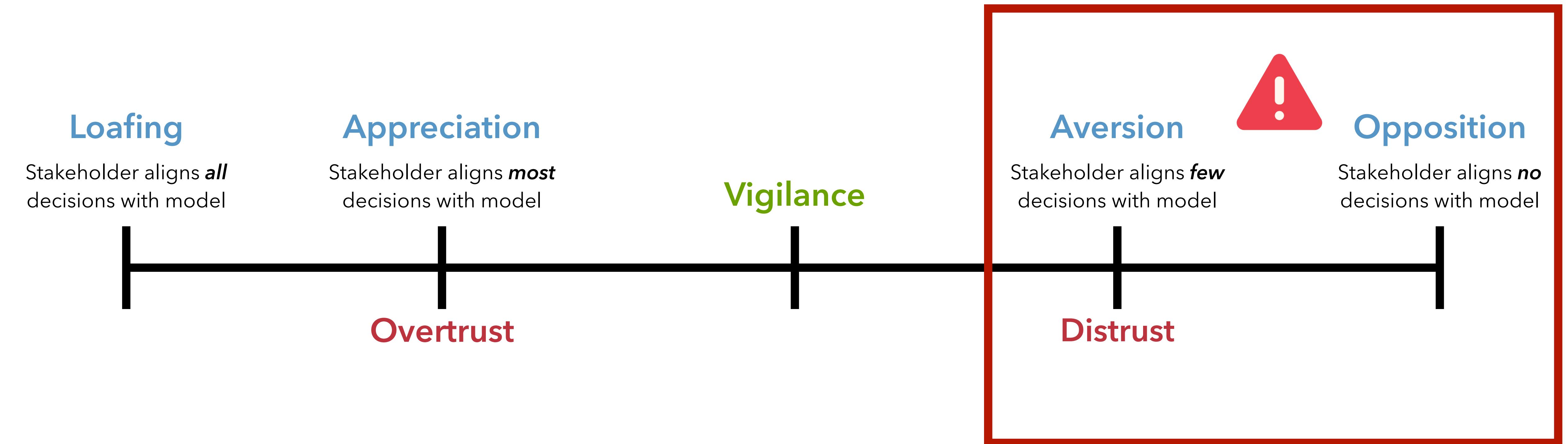
Task Simulability: Users how well a user can reason about an **entire** model given an explanation.

We show sets of points to a user and ask them to draw a decision boundary for each. Users decide upon a decision boundary by selecting two endpoints, which we then translate into a line.



Upon calculating the cosine similarity between the true and user-drawn decision boundaries, we find that DIVINE points were considerably more **helpful** to users.





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Loafing

Stakeholder aligns **all** decisions with model

Appreciation

Stakeholder aligns **most** decisions with model

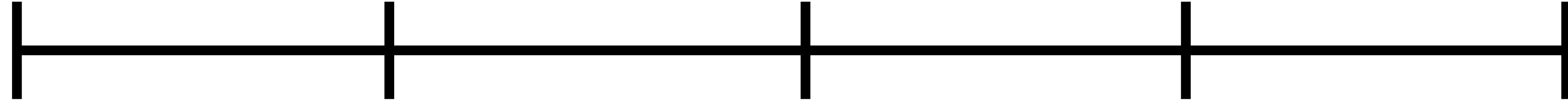
Aversion

Stakeholder aligns **few** decisions with model

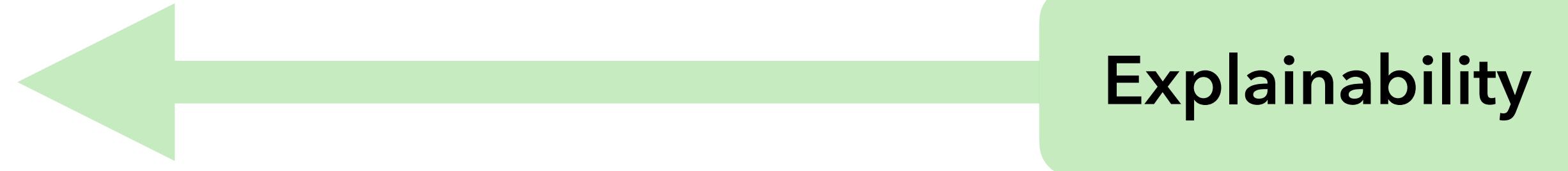
Opposition

Stakeholder aligns **no** decisions with model

Vigilance

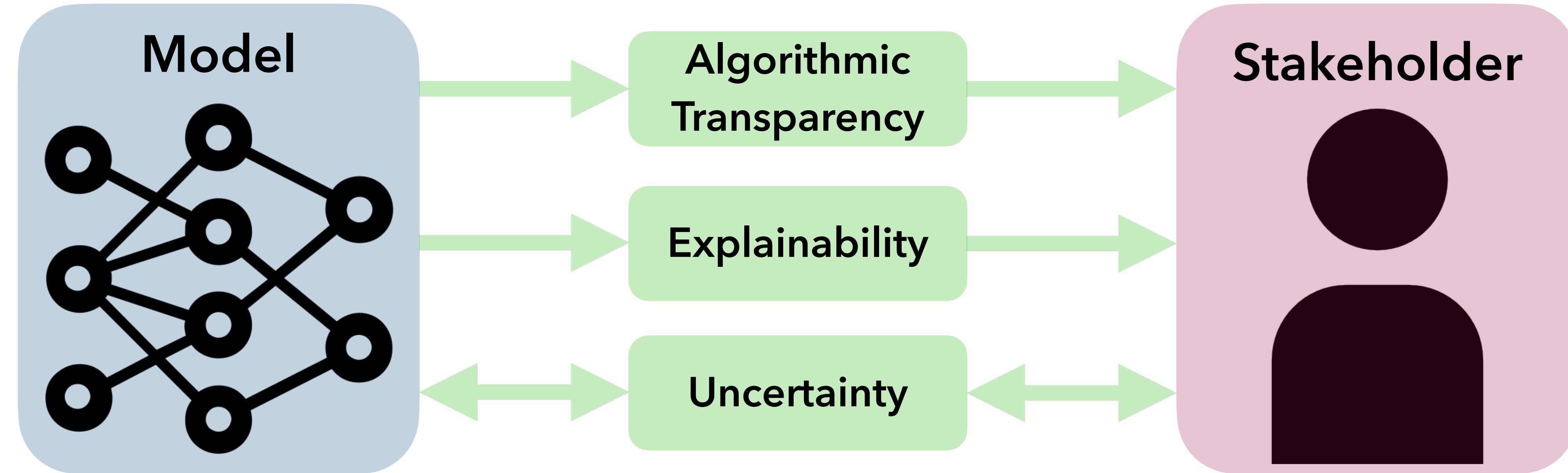


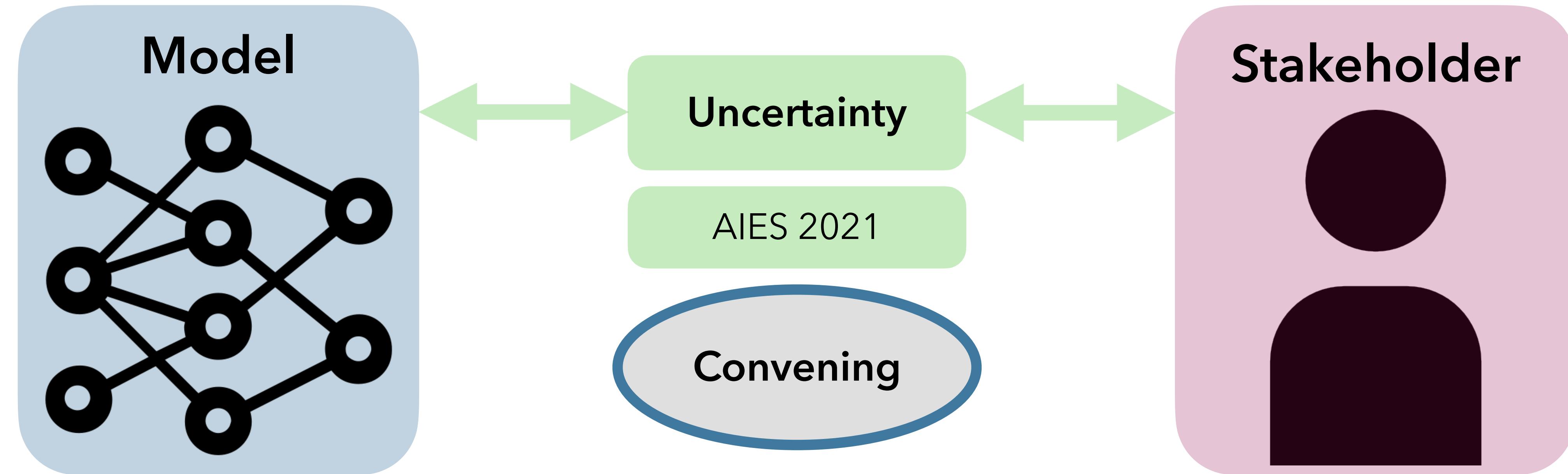
Explainability



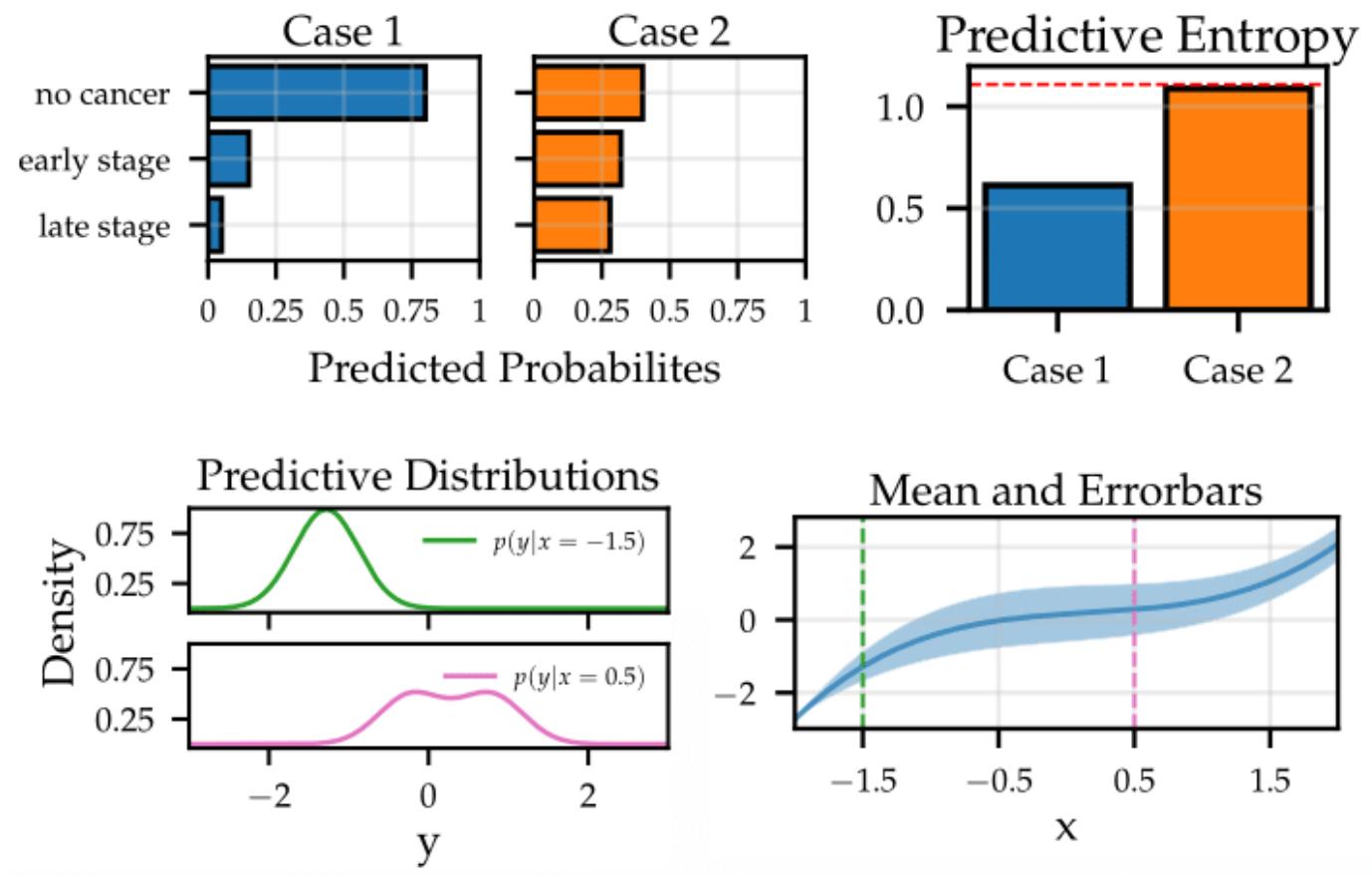
Uncertainty







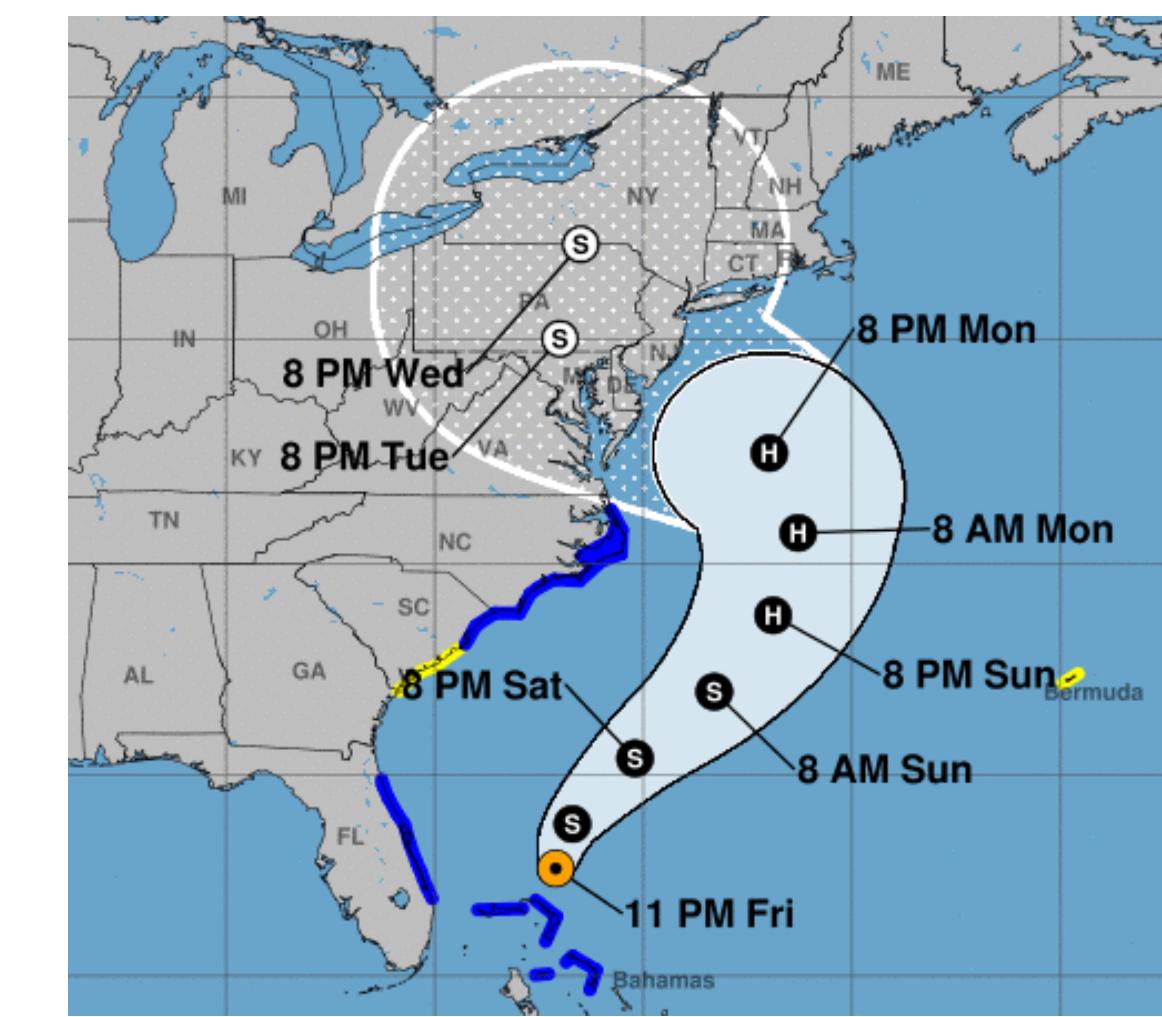
Step 1: Measuring

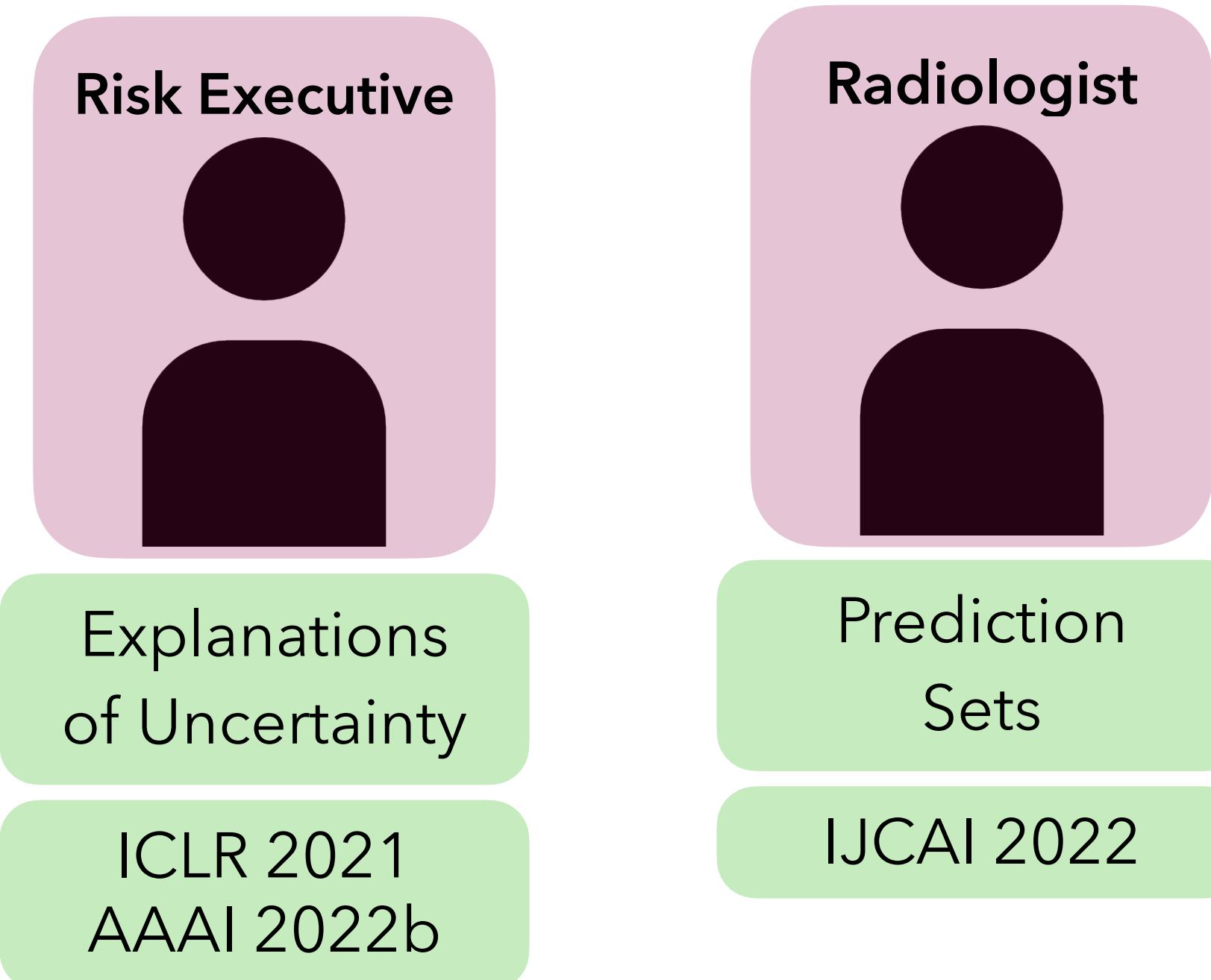
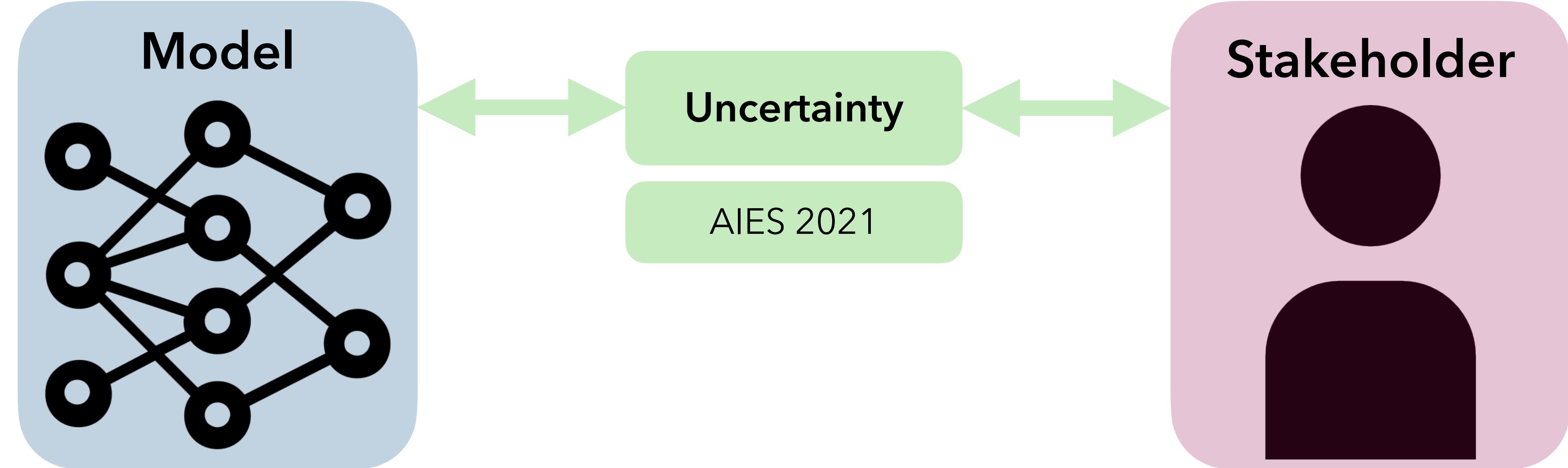


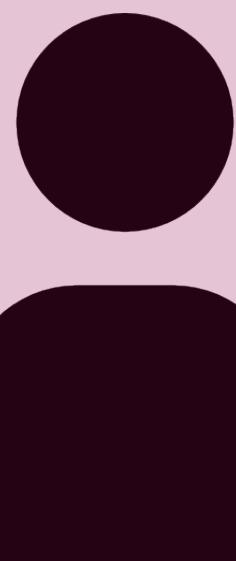
Step 2: Using

- **Fairness:** Measurement and Sampling Bias
- **Decision-Making:** Building Reject Option Classifiers
- **Trust Formation:** Displaying Ability, Benevolence, and Integrity

Step 3: Communicating





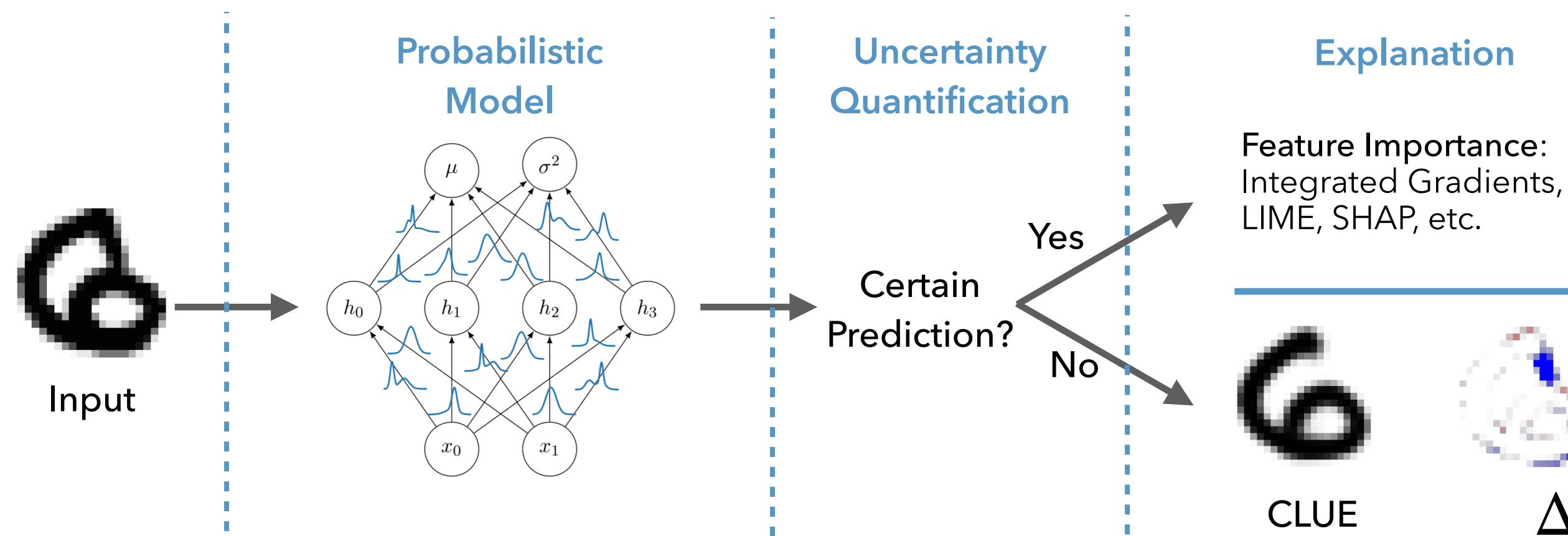


Explanations
of Uncertainty

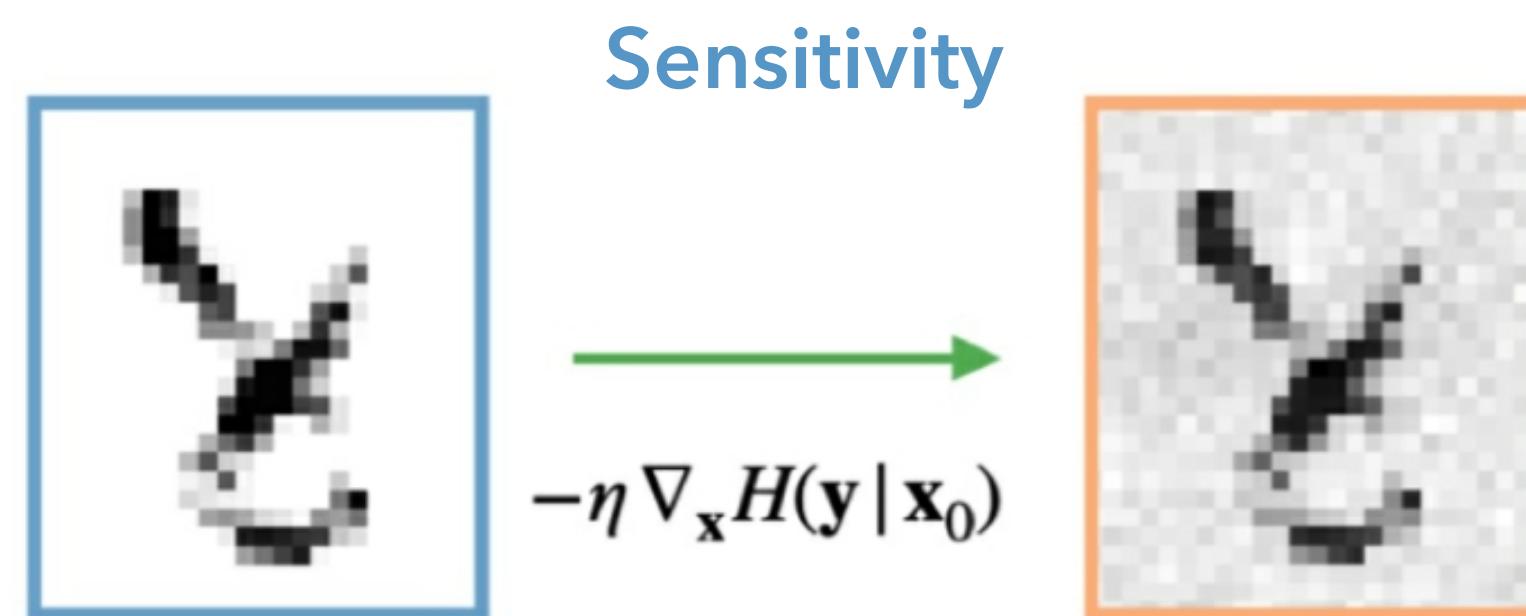
CLUE: Counterfactual Latent Uncertainty Explanations

Methods

Question: "Where in my input does uncertainty about my outcome lie?"

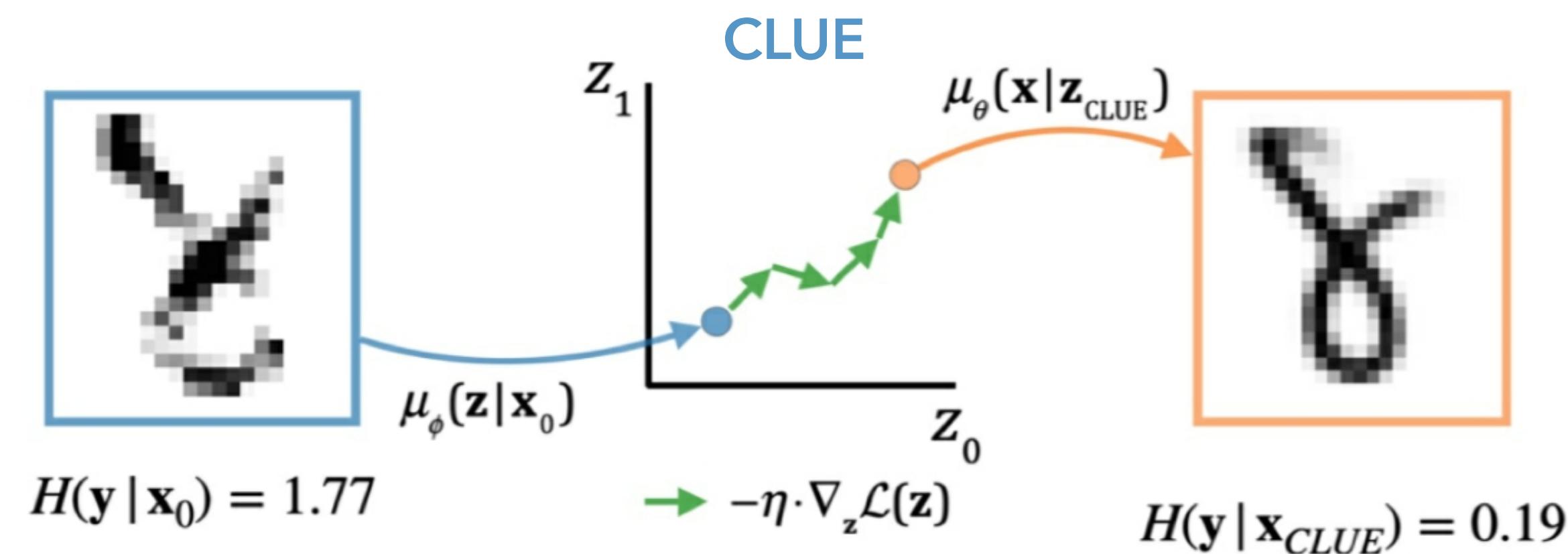


Formulation: What is the smallest change we need to make to an input, while staying in-distribution, such that our model produces more certain predictions?



$$H(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}_0) = 1.77$$

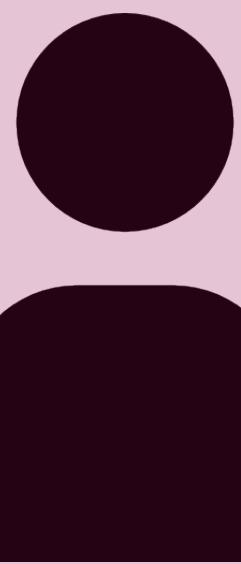
$$H(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}_{sens}) = 0.12$$



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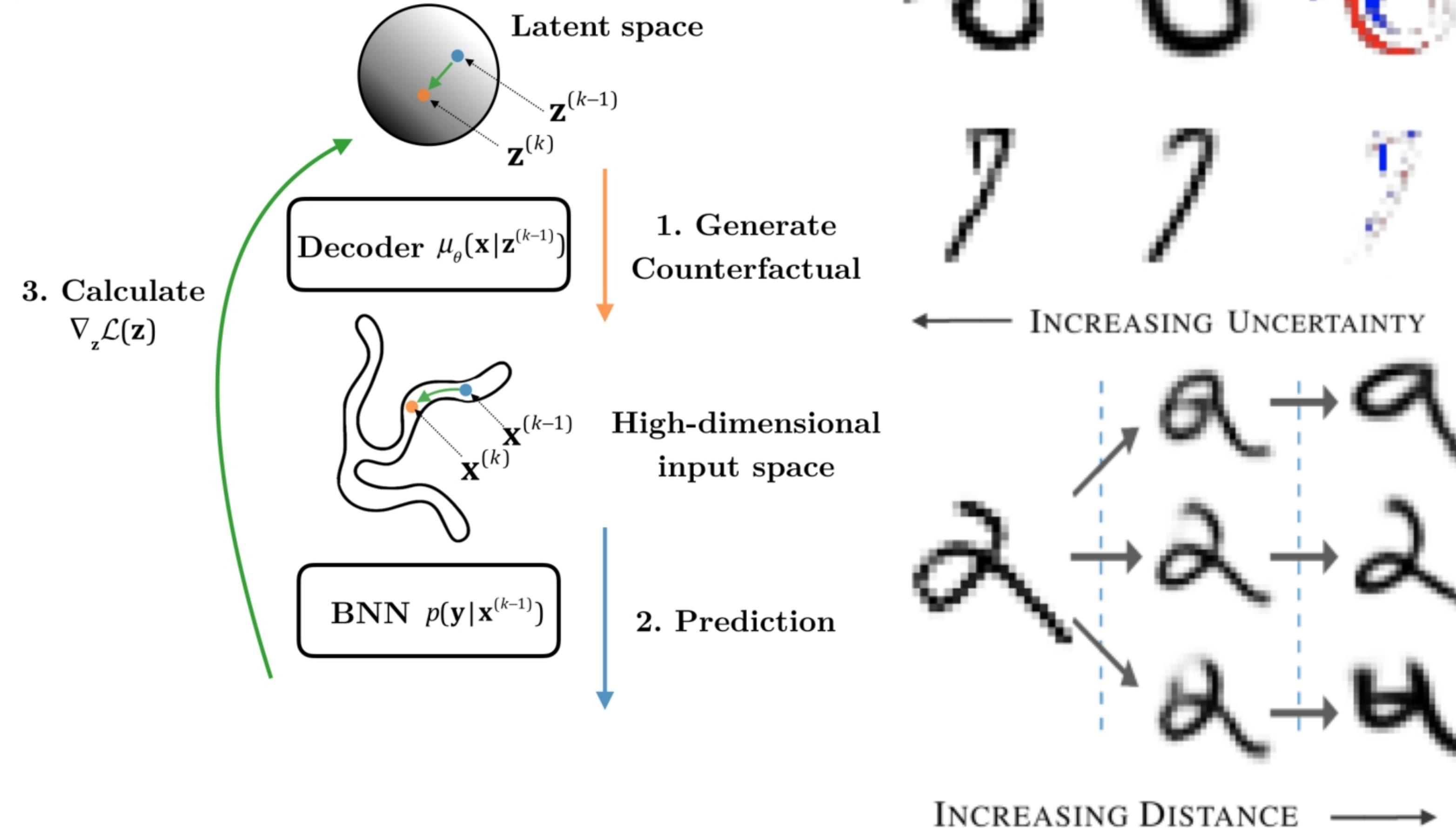
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Risk Executive

Explanations
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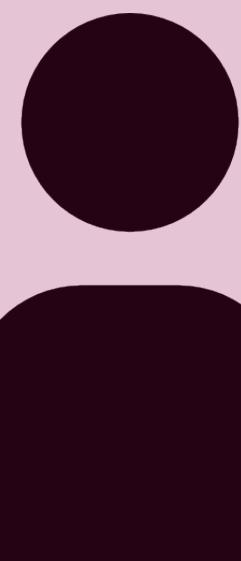
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Explanations
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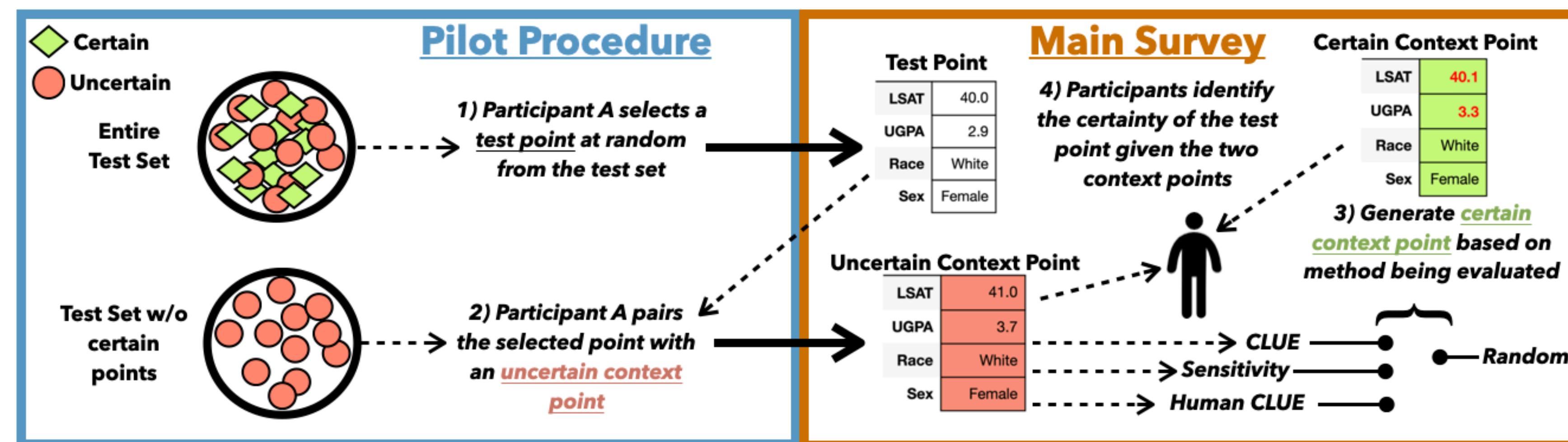
User Studies

Forward Simulation: Users are shown context examples and are tasked with predicting model behavior on new datapoint.

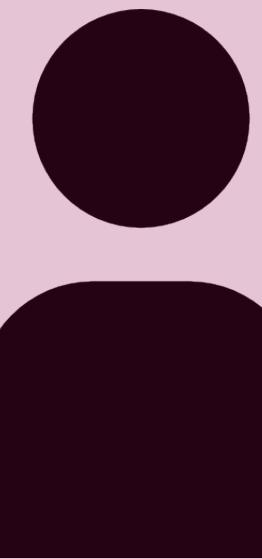
	Uncertain	Certain	?
Age	Less than 25	Age	Less than 25
Race	Caucasian	Race	African-American
Sex	Male	Sex	Male
Current Charge	Misdemeanour	Current Charge	Misdemeanour
Reoffended Before	Yes	Reoffended Before	No
Prior Convictions	1	Prior Convictions	0
Days Served	0	Days Served	0

	Combined	LSAT	COMPAS
CLUE	82.22	83.33	81.11
Human CLUE	62.22	61.11	63.33
Random	61.67	62.22	61.11
Local Sensitivity	52.78	56.67	48.89

CLUE outperforms other approaches with statistical significance.
(Using Nemenyi test for average ranks across test questions)



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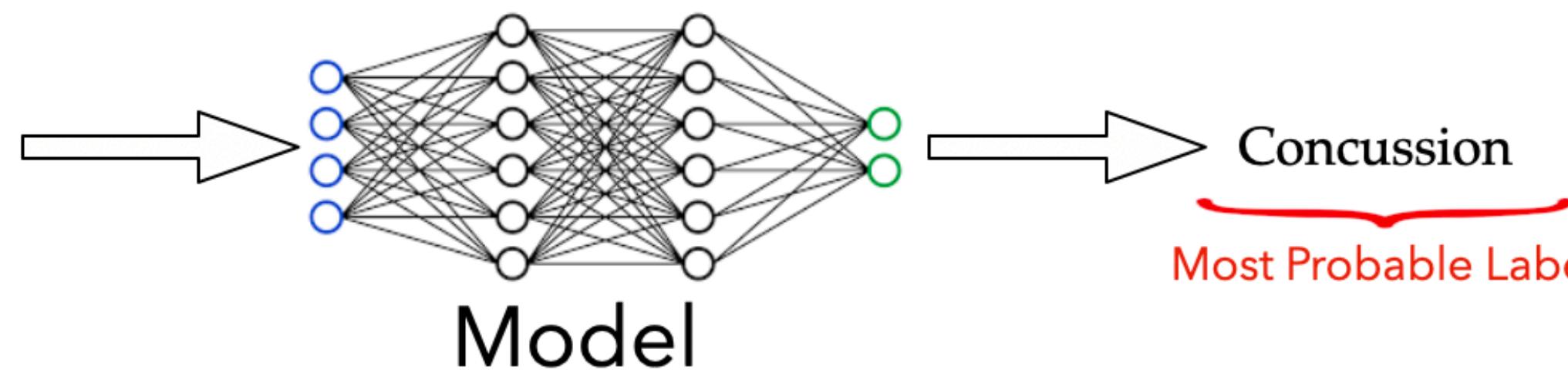
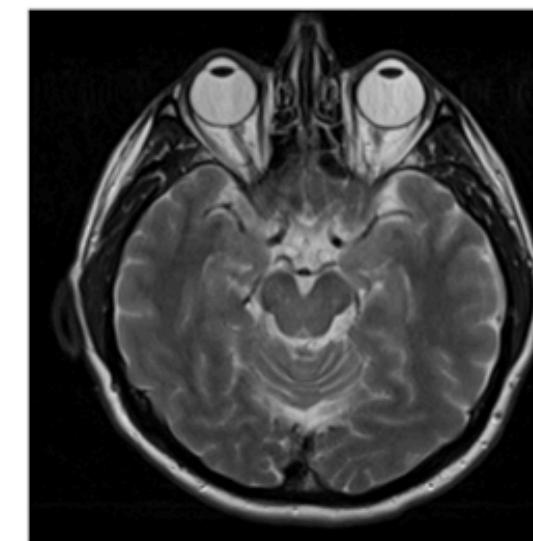
Prediction
Sets

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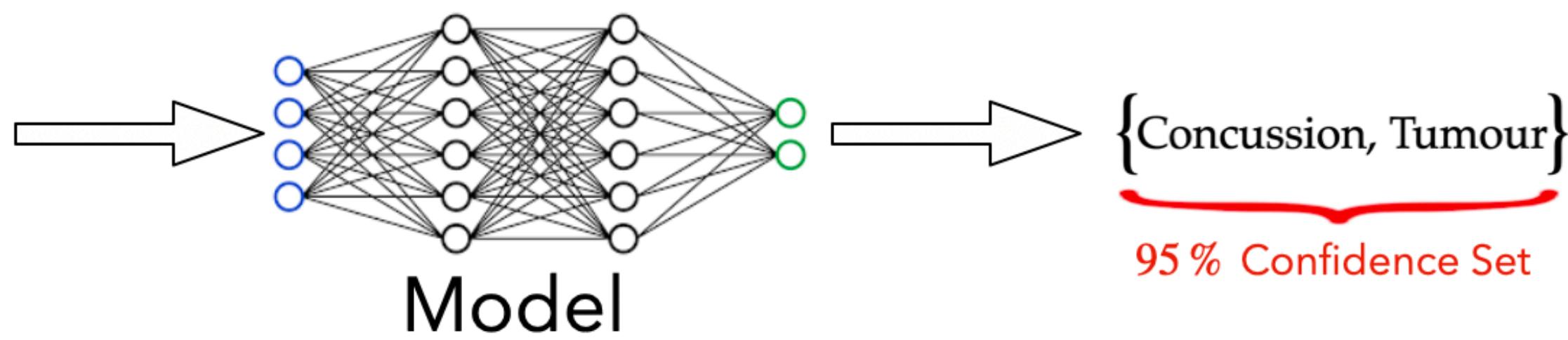
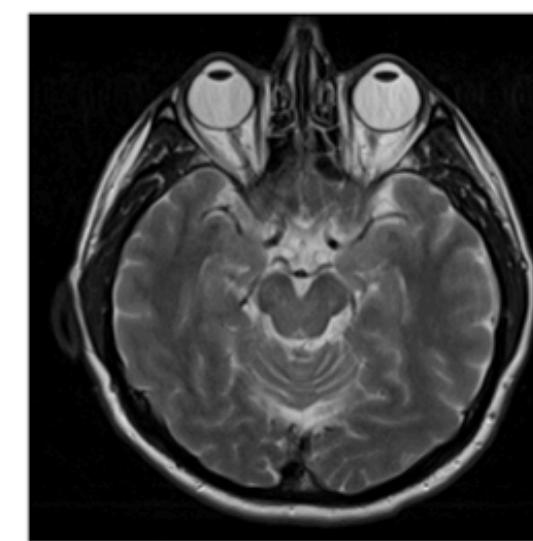
Generate prediction sets for experts

Methods

Question: "What other outcomes are probable?"



**Top-1
Classifier**



**Set Valued
Classifier**

Prediction Set $\Gamma(x) = \{y \in \mathcal{Y} \mid P(y|x) \geq \tau\}$

Conformal Prediction $FNR \leq \alpha \equiv P(y \notin \Gamma(x)) \leq \alpha$

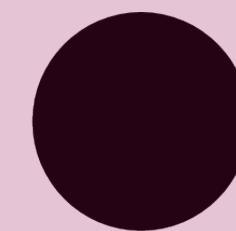
Risk Controlling Prediction Sets $P(\underbrace{\mathbb{E}[L(y, \Gamma(x))]}_{\text{Risk}} \leq \alpha) \geq 1 - \delta$

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Generate prediction sets for experts

User Studies

Question: Do prediction sets improve human-machine team performance?

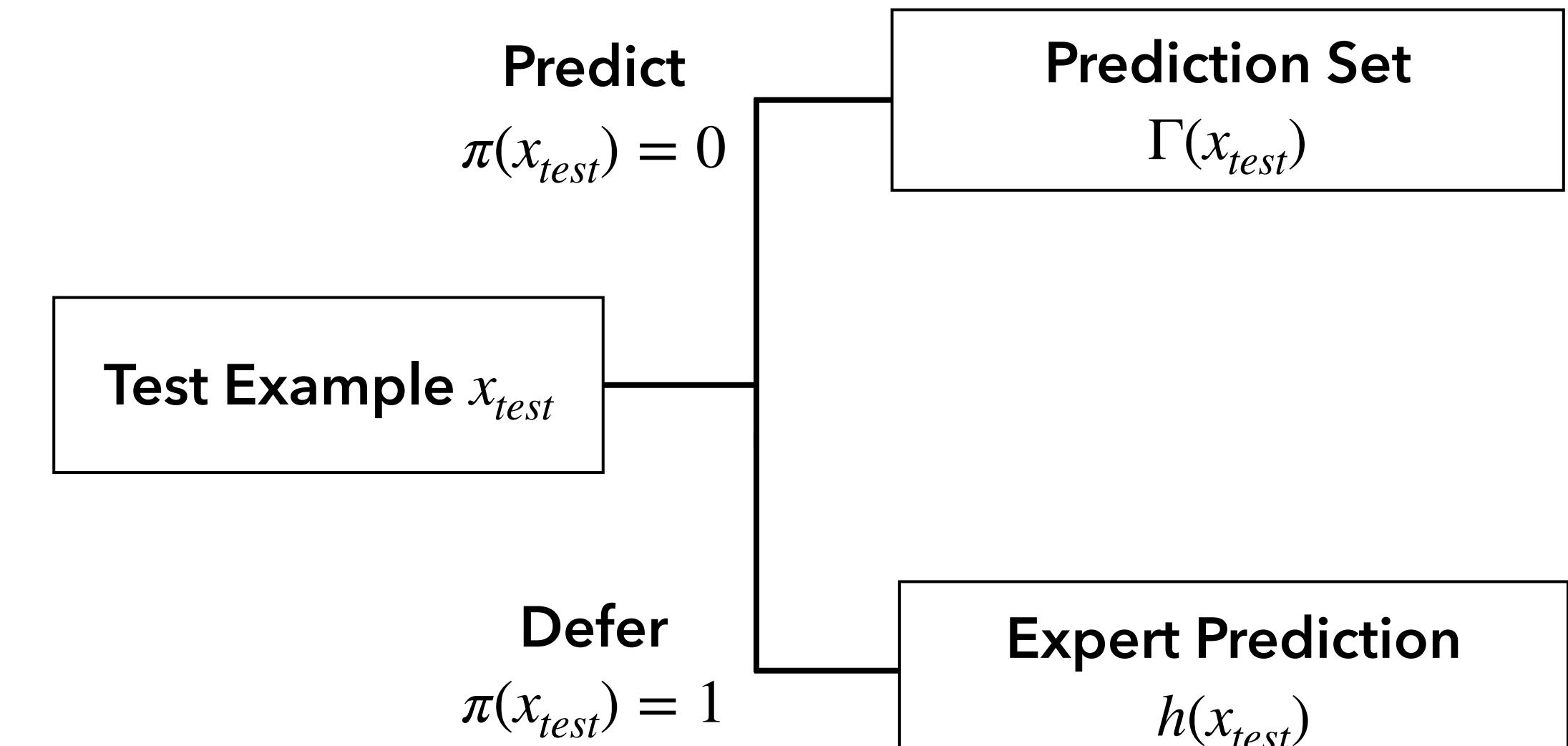
For CIFAR-100:

1. Prediction sets are perceived to be more useful ✓
2. Users trust prediction sets more than Top-1 classifiers ✓

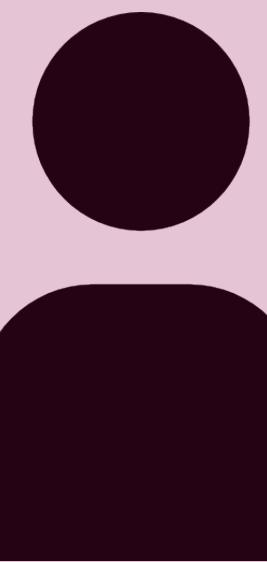
Metric	Top-1	RAPS	p value	Effect Size
Accuracy	0.76 ± 0.05	0.76 ± 0.05	0.999	0.000
Reported Utility	5.43 ± 0.69	6.94 ± 0.69	0.003	1.160
Reported Confidence	7.21 ± 0.55	7.88 ± 0.29	0.082	0.674
Reported Trust in Model	5.87 ± 0.81	8.00 ± 0.69	< 0.001	1.487

Observation: Some prediction sets can be quite large, rendering them useless to experts!

Idea: Learn a deferral policy $\pi(x) \in \{0,1\}$ and reduce prediction set size on remaining examples



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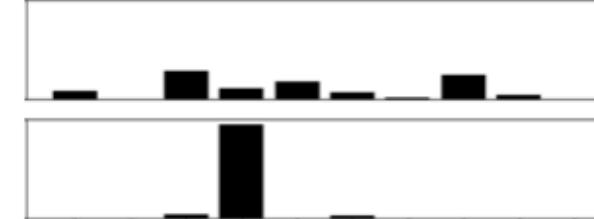
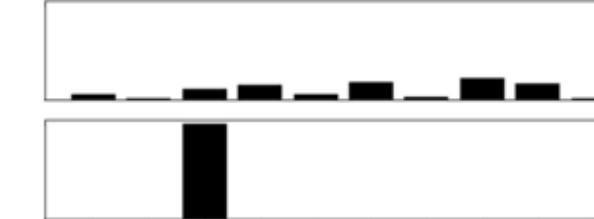
Using our [deferral plus prediction set scheme](#), we achieve:

1. Higher perceived utility ✓
2. Higher reported trust ✓
3. Higher team accuracy ✓

Model Uncertain — Humans Confident



Model
Human



D-RAPS

Defer

Defer

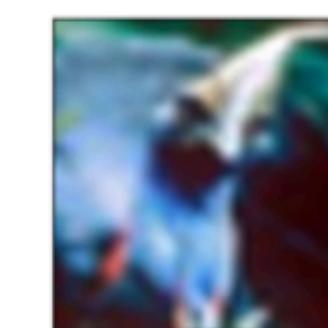
Defer

RAPS {Airplane, Ship, Automobile}

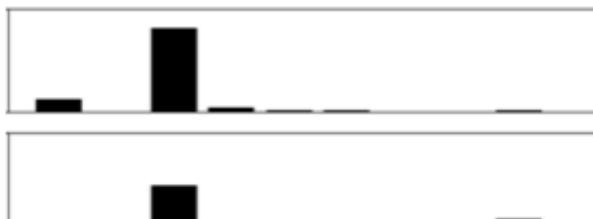
{Horse, Dog, Cat}

{Bird, Horse, Deer}

Model Confident — Humans Uncertain



Model
Human



D-RAPS

{Deer}

{Deer, Horse}

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{Bird, Airplane, Cat}

{Airplane}

{Airplane, Ship}

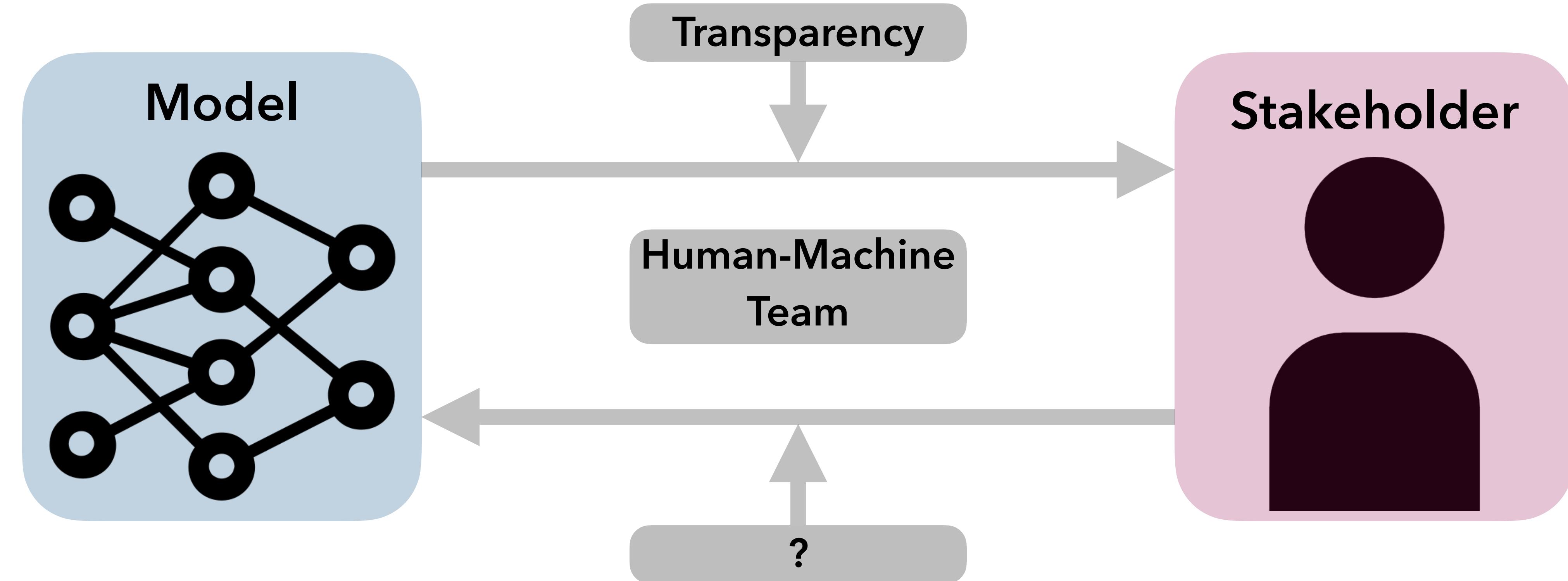
We also (A) [prove](#) that set size is reduced for the non-deferred examples and (B) [optimize](#) for additional set properties (e.g., sets with similar labels).

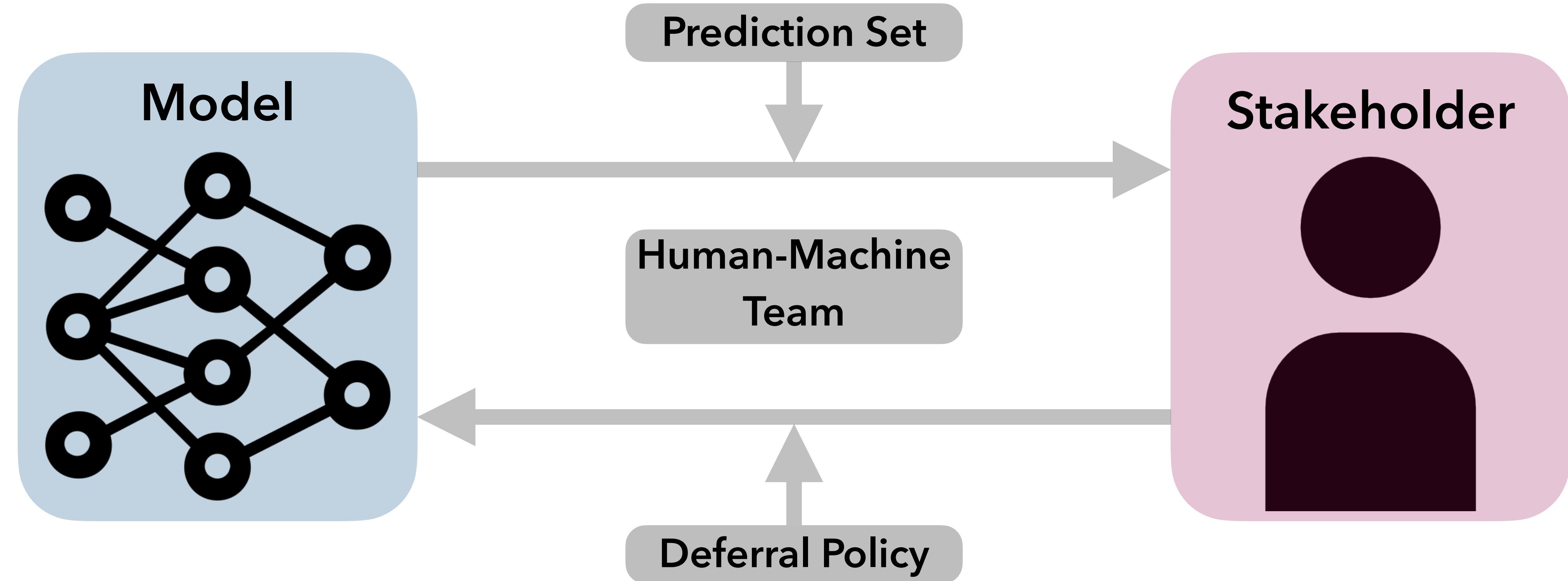
Some Takeaways Thus Far

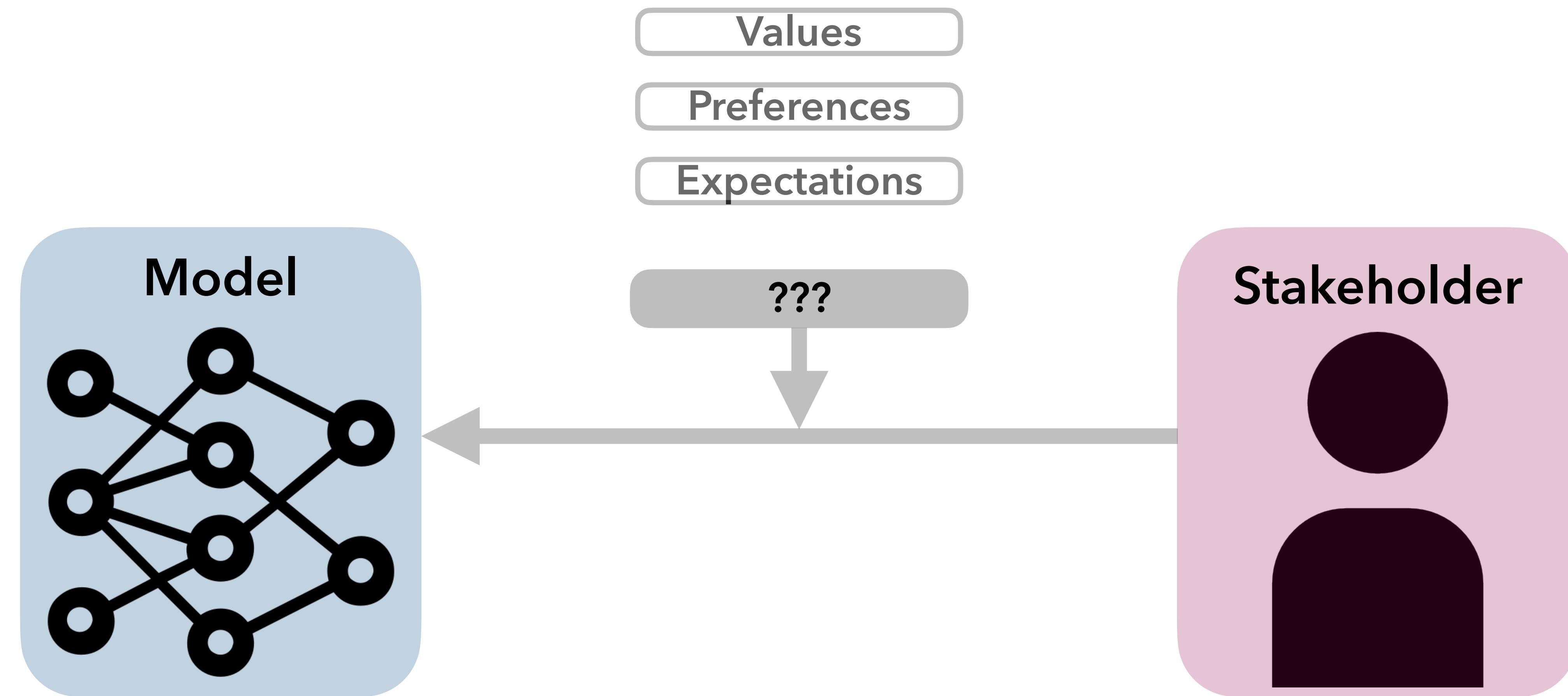
Algorithmic transparency is important but difficult

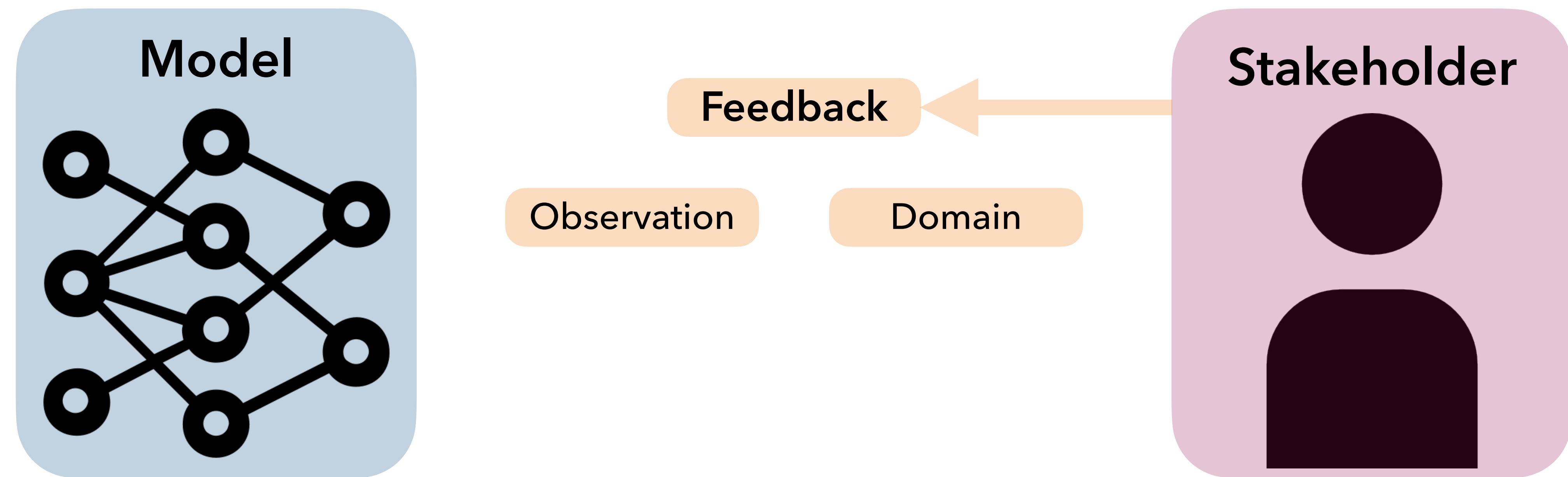
- Explanations are desirable in theory but are hard to operationalize
- Uncertainty can be treated as a form of transparency that can be used to alter stakeholder interaction with model
- We need to consider the context of transparency carefully to improve outcomes of human-machine teams

Convening is powerful tool to motivate technical and socio-technical research

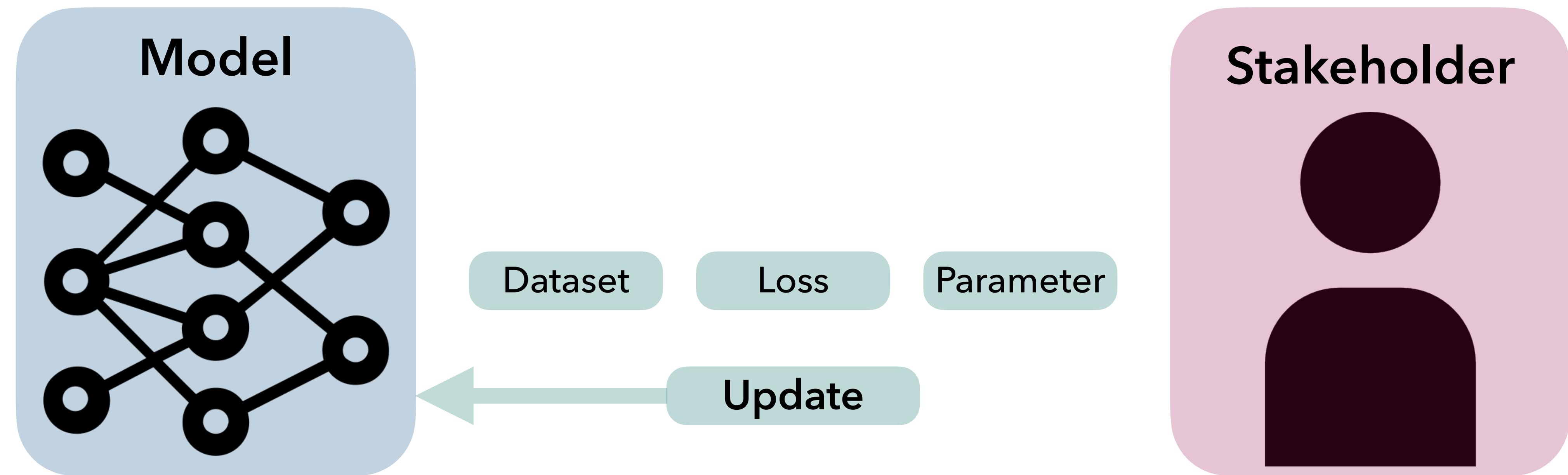


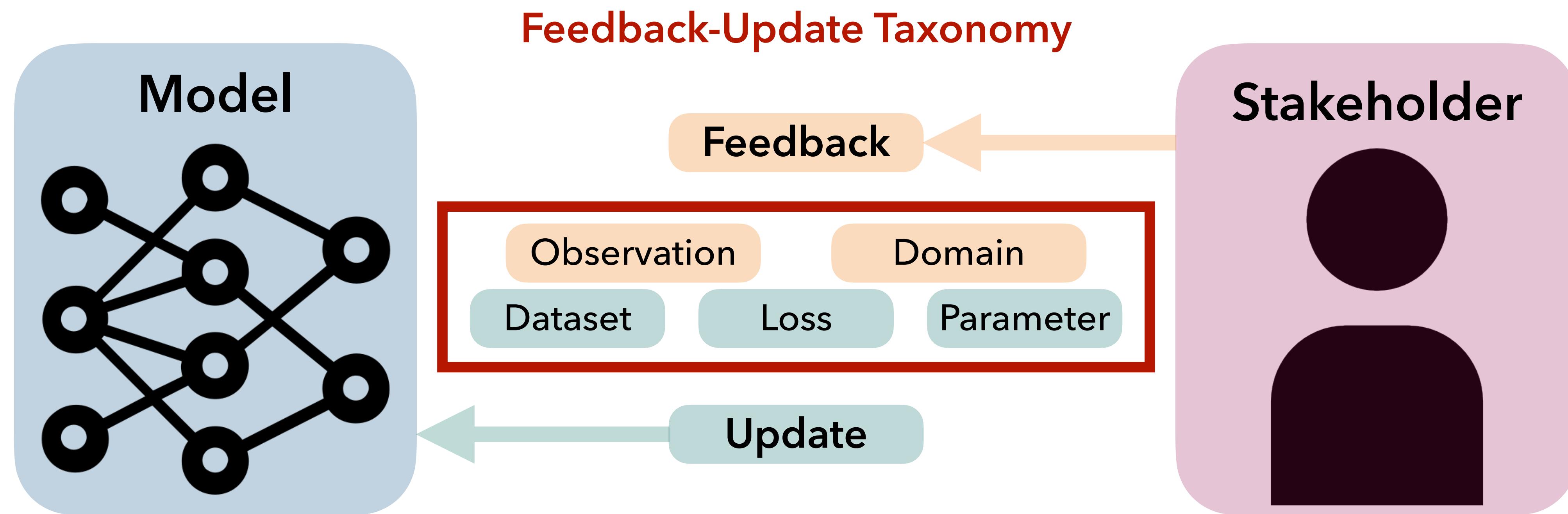




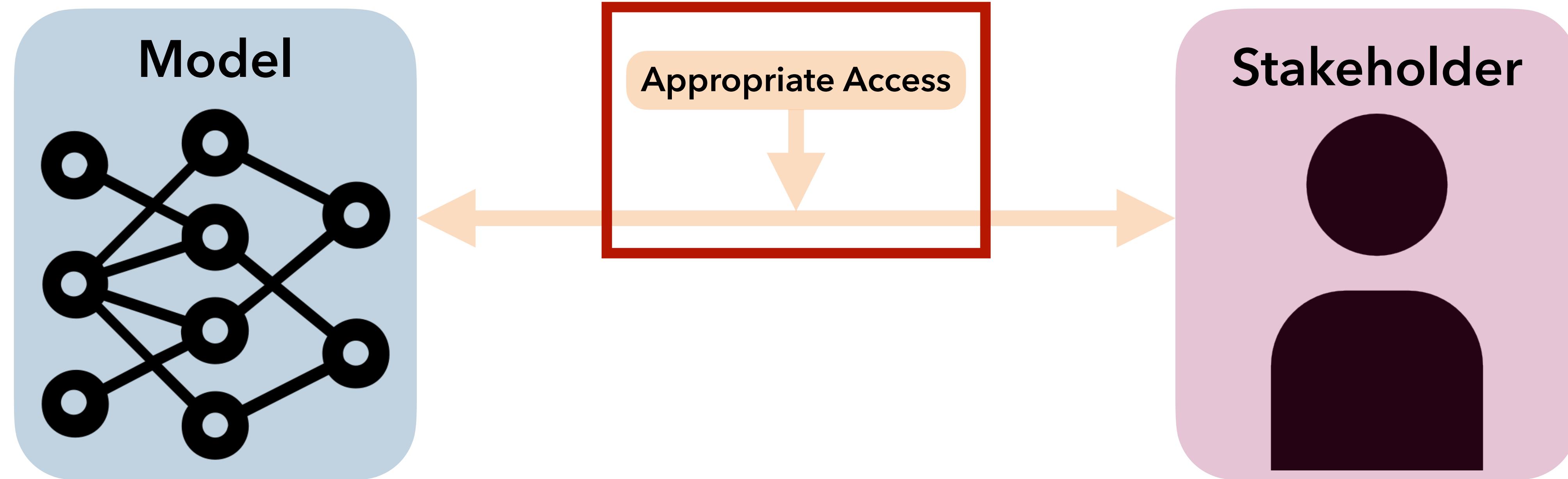


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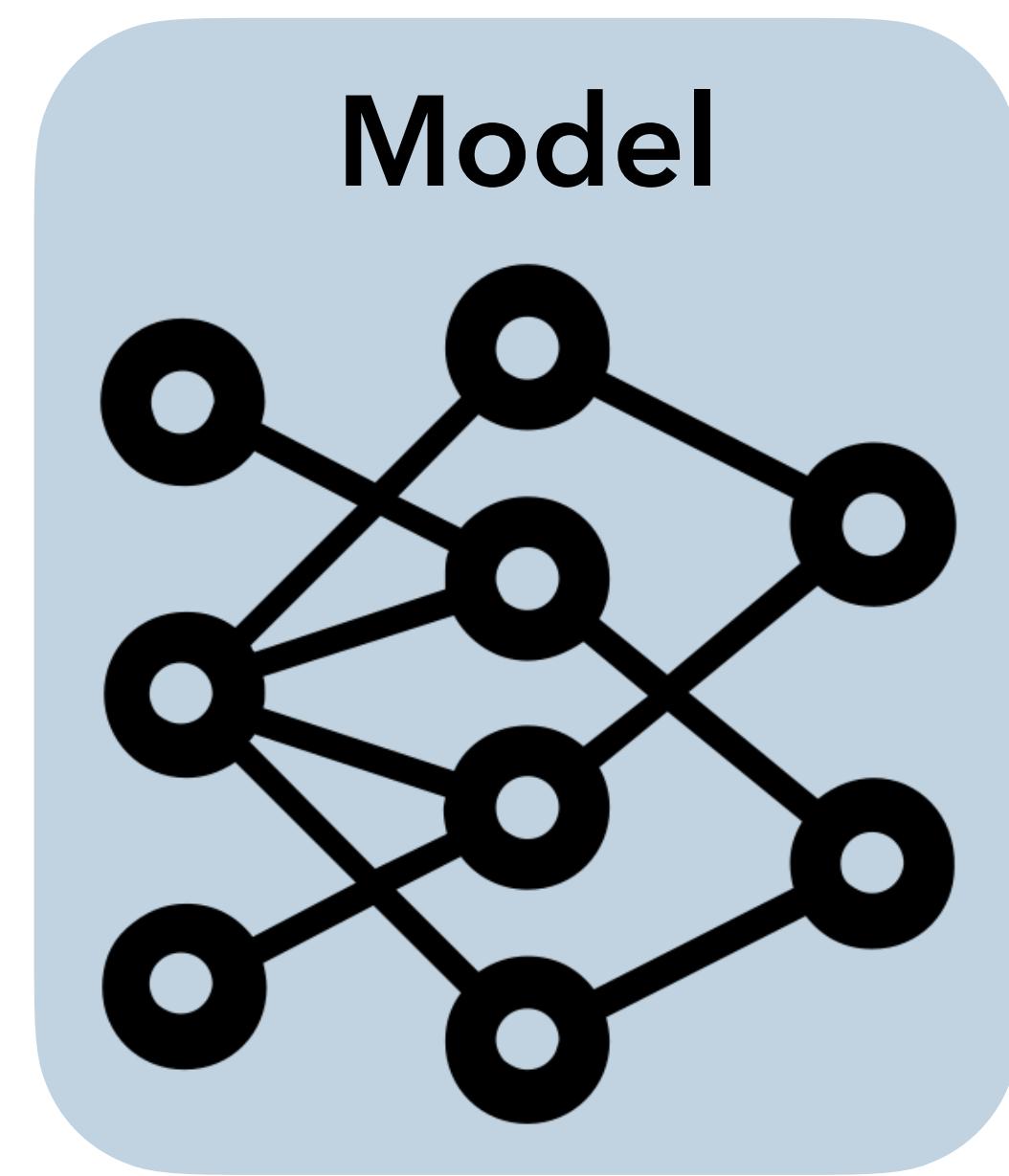


Socio-technical Relationship



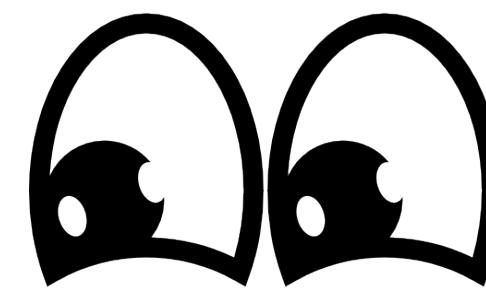
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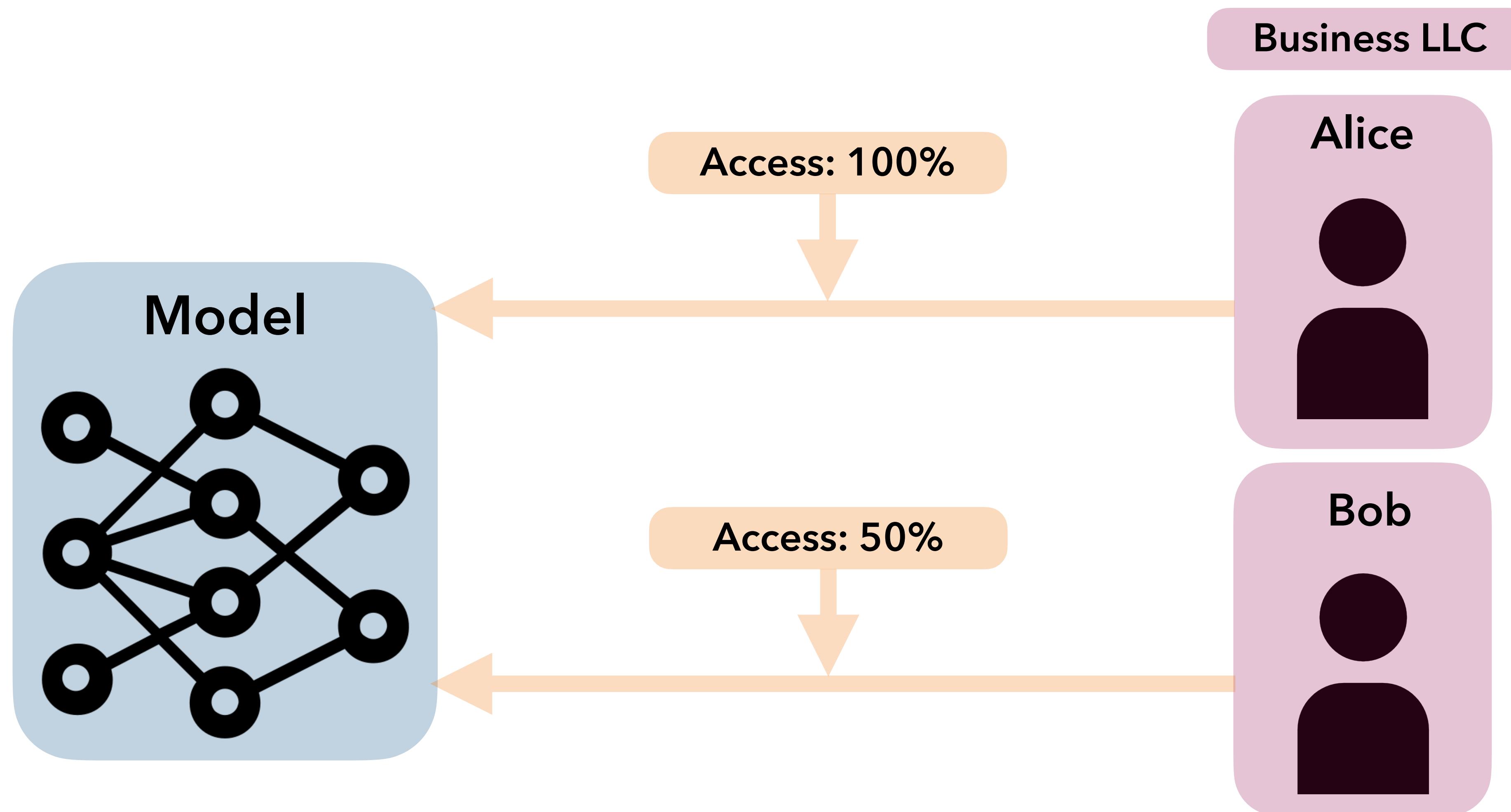
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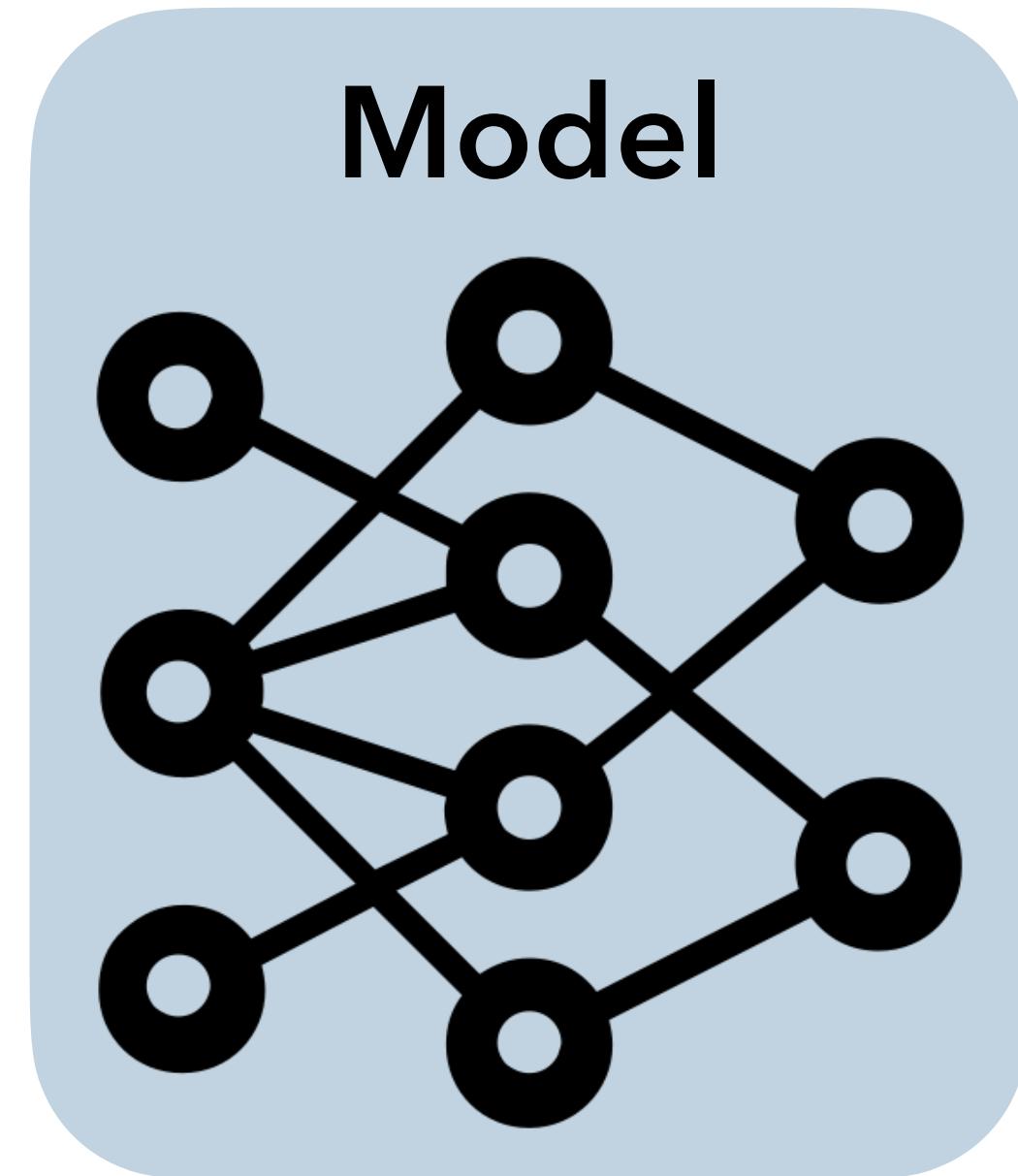


Stakeholder

Model Performance

Domain Expertise





Appropriate Access

Cost

Expertise

Internal Policy

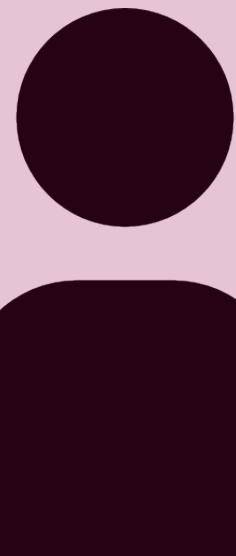
External Regulation

Business LLC

Alice

Bob

Decision Maker

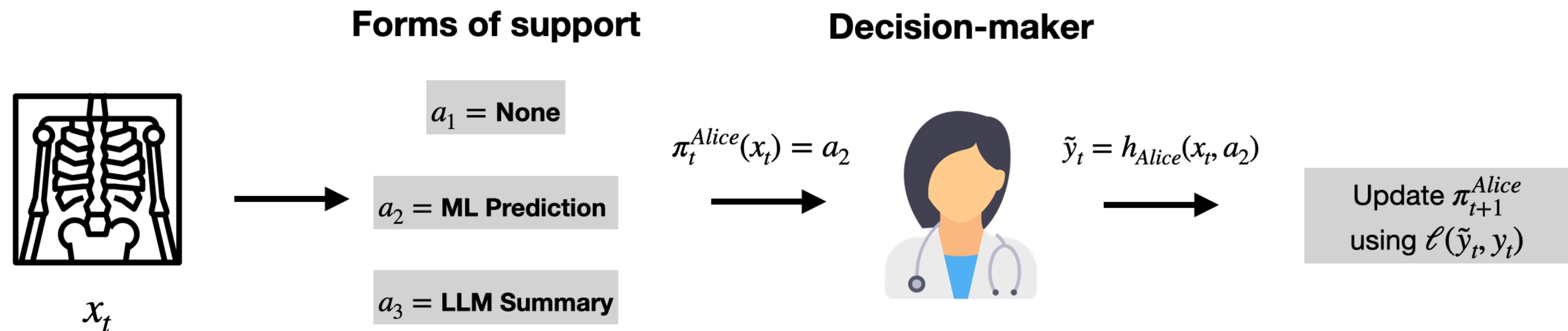


Personalize Access

Learning Personalized Decision Support Policies

Methods

Question: "When is it appropriate to provide decision support (e.g. ML model predictions) to a specific decision-maker?"



Formulation: For an unseen decision-maker, which available form of decision support would improve their decision outcome performance the most?

Set Up

We select a form of support $a_t \in A$ using a decision support policy $\pi_t : X \rightarrow \Delta(A)$

The decision-maker makes the final prediction: $\tilde{y}_t = h(x_t, a_t)$

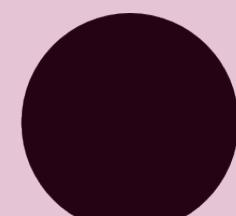
Performance differs under each form of support: $r_{A_i}(x; h) = \mathbb{E}_{y|x}[\ell(y, h(x, A_i))]$

Core Idea of THREAD

Learn policy π_t using a existing contextual bandits techniques

Include cost of a_t in the objective

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Expertise Profiles

Invariant: $r_{A_1}(X_j; h) \approx r_{A_2}(X_j; h), \forall j \in [N]$

Varying: $r_{A_1}(X_j; h) \leq r_{A_2}(X_j; h)$ and $r_{A_2}(X_k; h) \leq r_{A_1}(X_k; h)$

Strictly Better: $r_{A_1}(X_j; h) < r_{A_2}(X_j; h), \forall j \in [N]$

CIFAR10 Task: 3 forms of support (None, Model, or Expert Consensus) and 5 classes

MMLU Task: 2 forms of support (None or LLM) and 4 categories

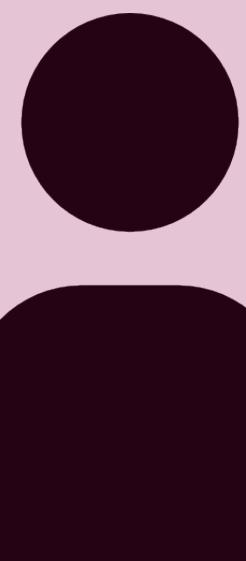
Algorithm	Invariant	Strictly Better	Varying
H-ONLY	0.00 ± 0.01	0.09 ± 0.08	0.50 ± 0.06
H-MODEL	0.00 ± 0.01	0.22 ± 0.19	0.35 ± 0.05
H-CONSENSUS	0.00 ± 0.01	0.23 ± 0.13	0.27 ± 0.08
Population	0.00 ± 0.02	0.18 ± 0.08	0.15 ± 0.03
THREAD-LinUCB	0.00 ± 0.01	0.17 ± 0.05	0.19 ± 0.05
THREAD-KNN	0.00 ± 0.01	0.06 ± 0.01	0.08 ± 0.02

Excess loss over optimal loss

Algorithm	Invariant	Strictly Better	Varying
H-ONLY	0.01 ± 0.01	0.18 ± 0.17	0.22 ± 0.12
H-LLM	0.01 ± 0.01	0.18 ± 0.21	0.12 ± 0.17
Population	0.00 ± 0.02	0.19 ± 0.07	0.12 ± 0.09
THREAD-LinUCB	0.00 ± 0.01	0.12 ± 0.03	0.07 ± 0.04
THREAD-KNN	0.01 ± 0.01	0.05 ± 0.03	0.05 ± 0.03

If a decision-maker benefits from having support some of the time, we can learn their policy [online](#)

Decision Maker

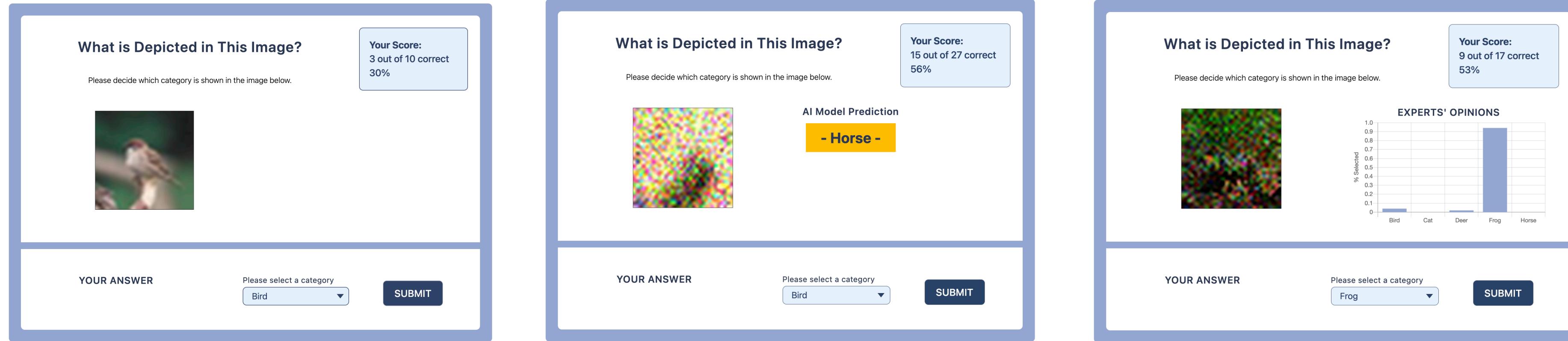


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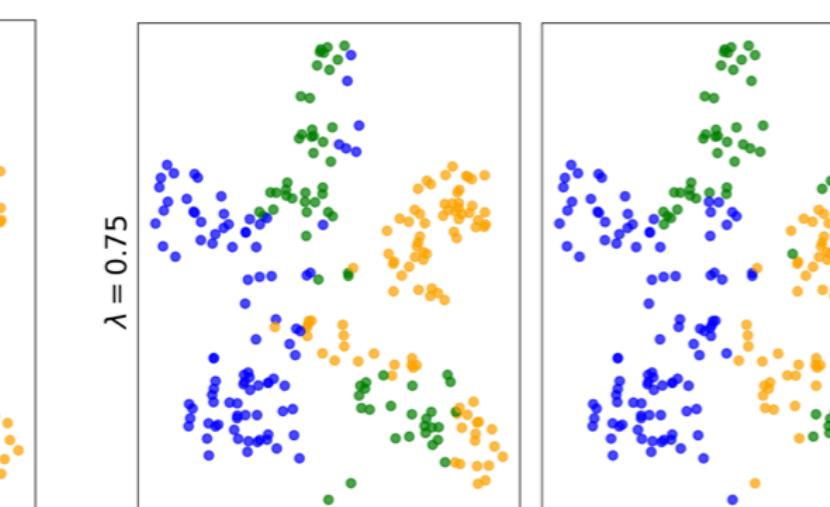
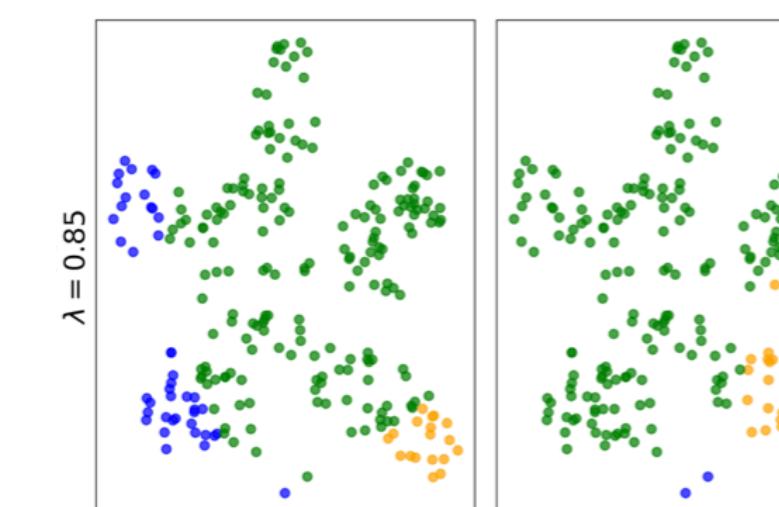
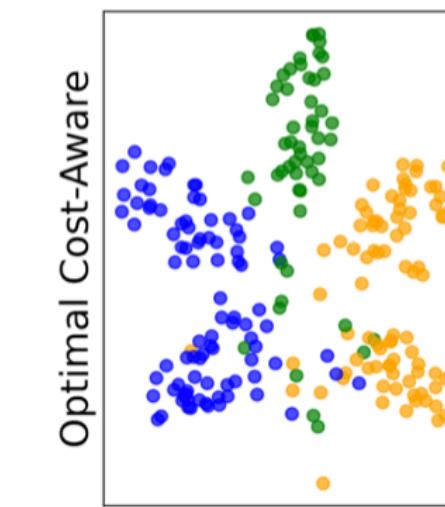
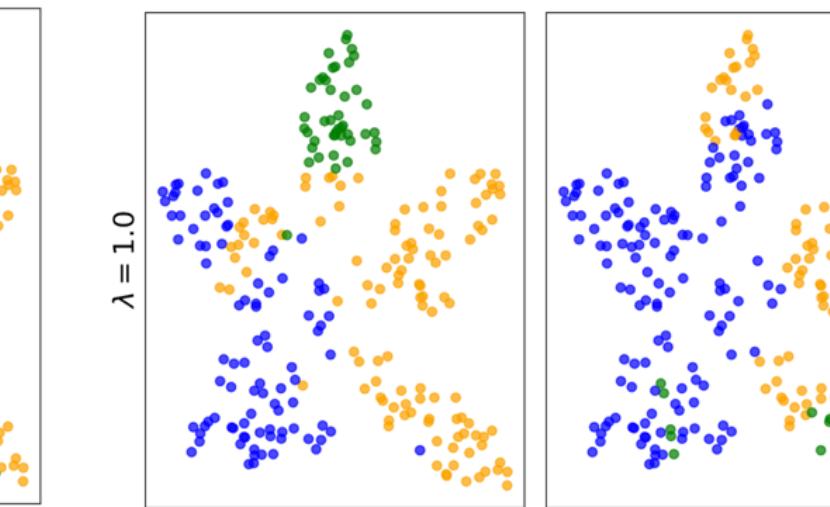
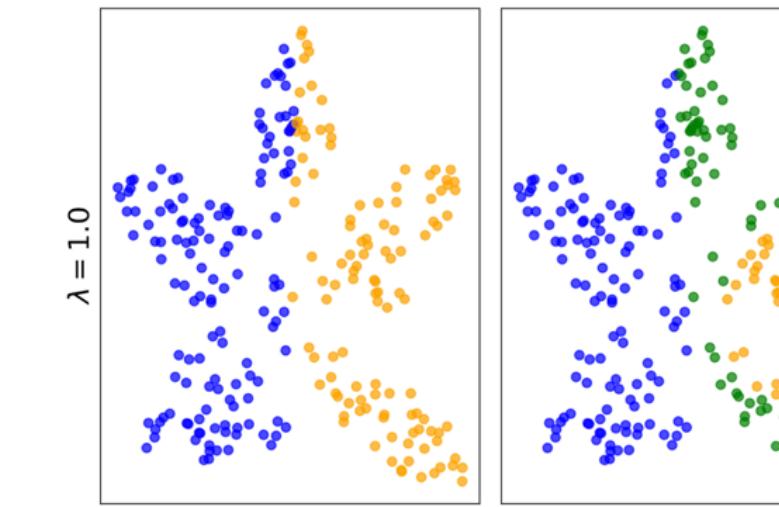
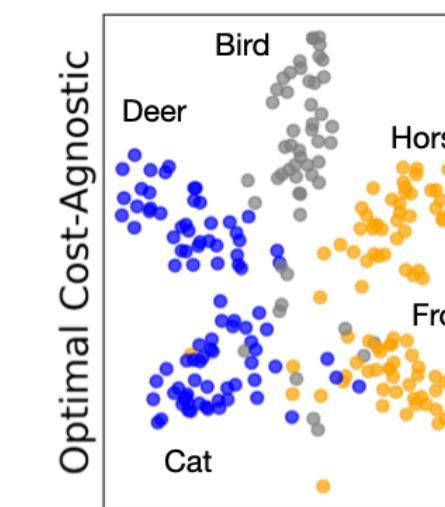
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Interactive Evaluation: Users interact with our tool, **Modiste**, which uses THREAD to learn when users require support online.



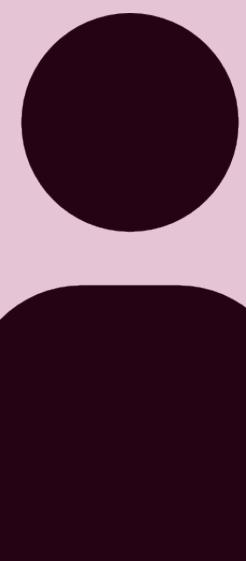
LinUCB

KNN



■ HUMAN ALONE ■ MODEL ■ CONSENSUS ■ ANY

Decision Maker



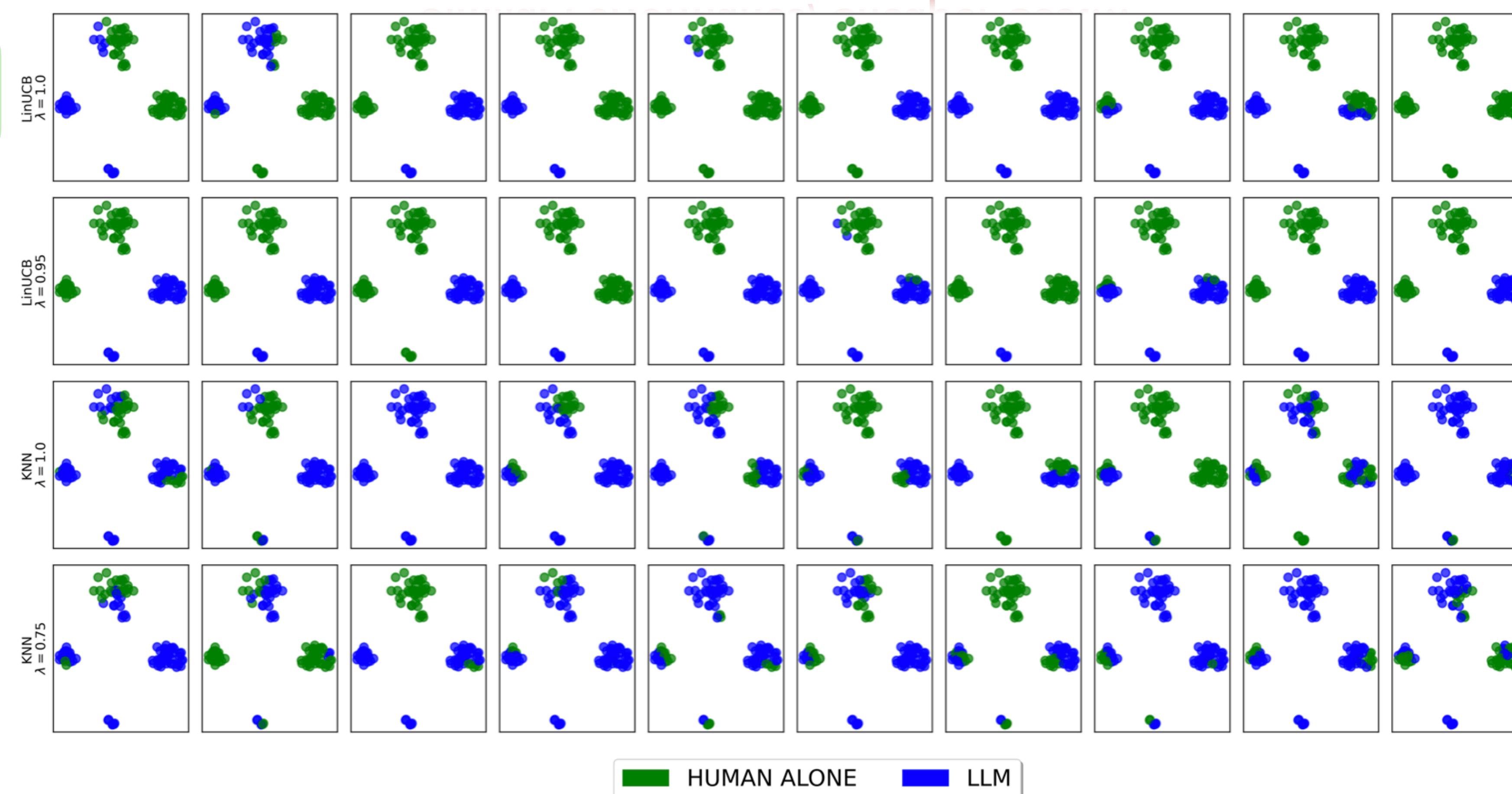
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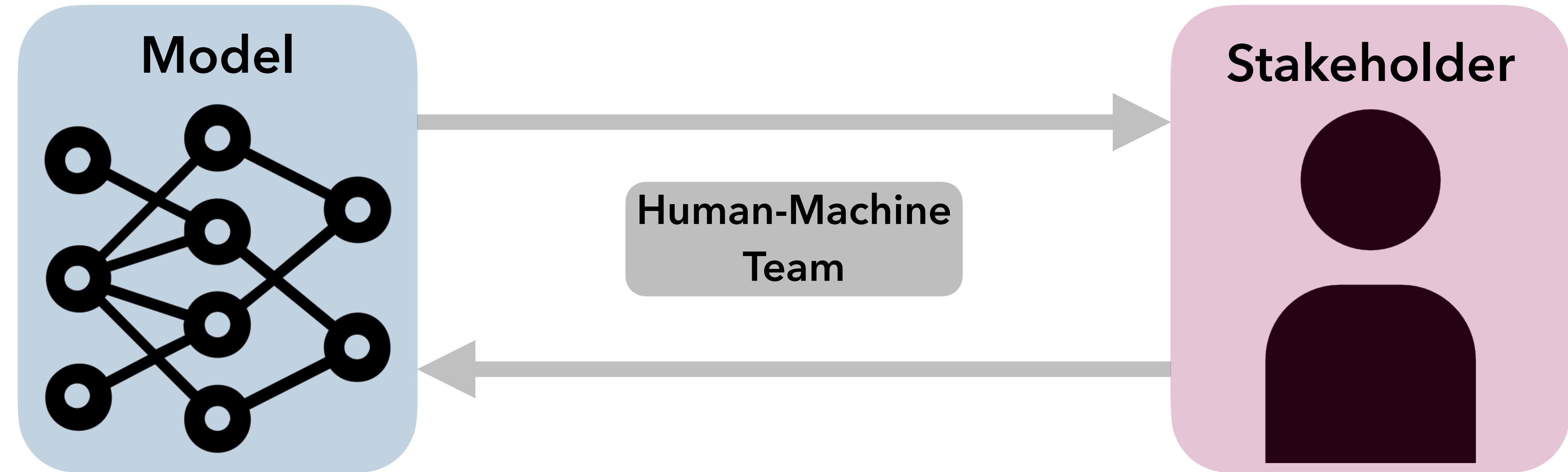
Similar Performance, Cheaper Cost!!!

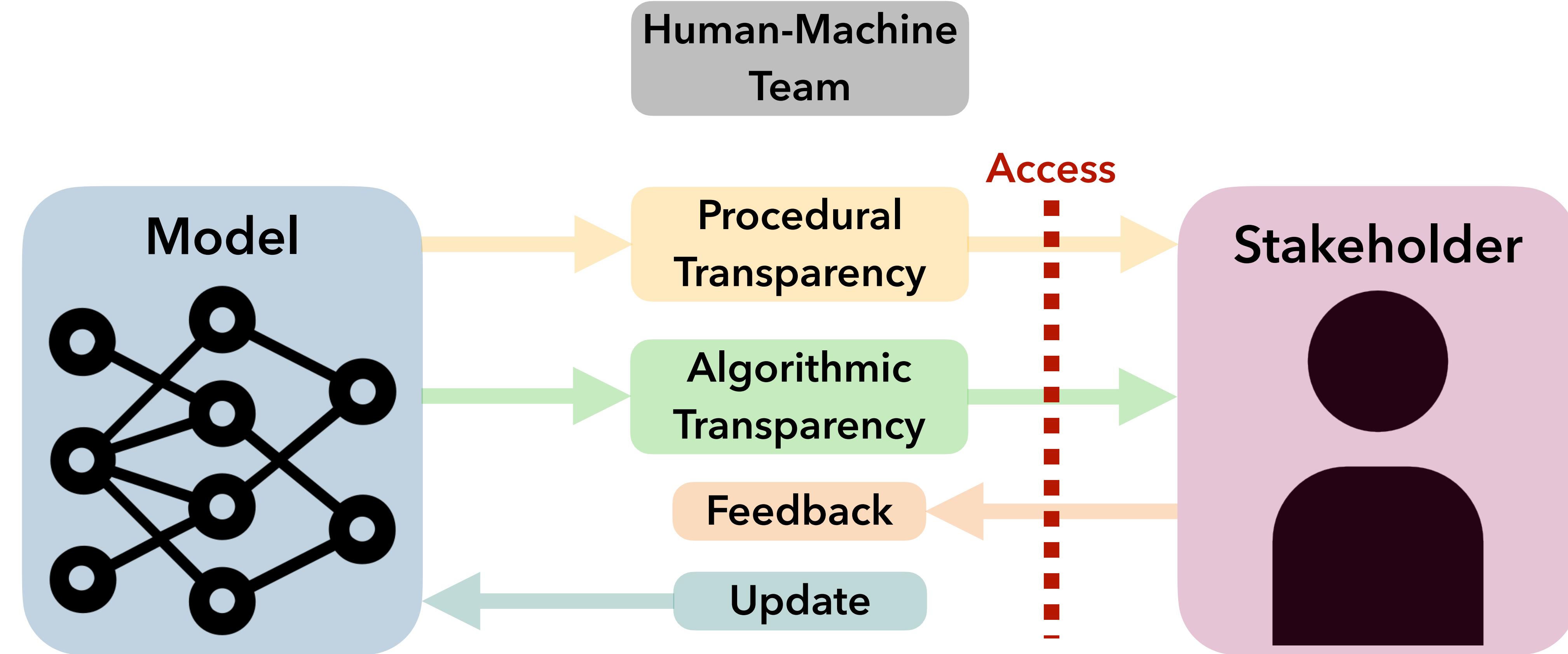


Additional Takeaways

Personalized access to decision support (e.g., ML models) can be learned and improve decision-maker performance

- Forms of decision support may be [offline](#) (e.g., expert consensus)
- [Selectivity](#) is just one way to operationalize stakeholder-model interaction and to preempt [aversive](#) behavior
- Testbeds (a la [Modiste](#)) can validate online learning algorithms in practice



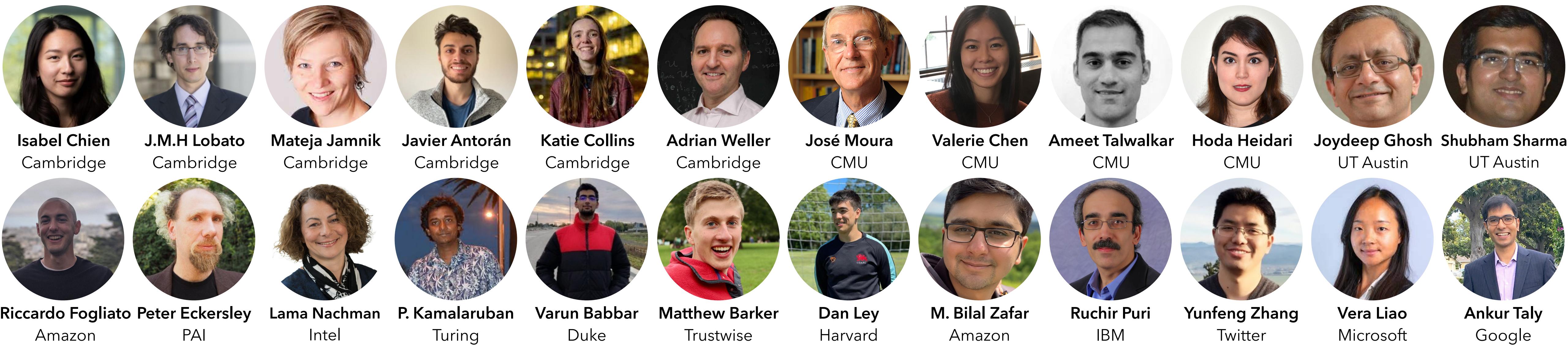


Future Directions

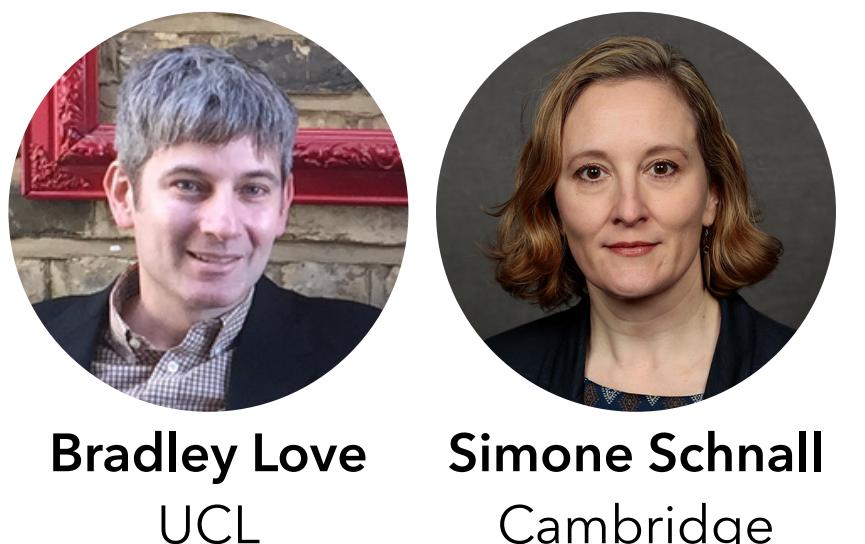
- Show selective access to models helps in **deployed** settings: this may mean selective transparency based on stakeholder expertise
- Study the **socio-technical** nature and societal implications of providing model predictions and subsequent transparency in specific **contexts**
- Leverage stronger **priors** in learning when decision-makers should be and want to be supported

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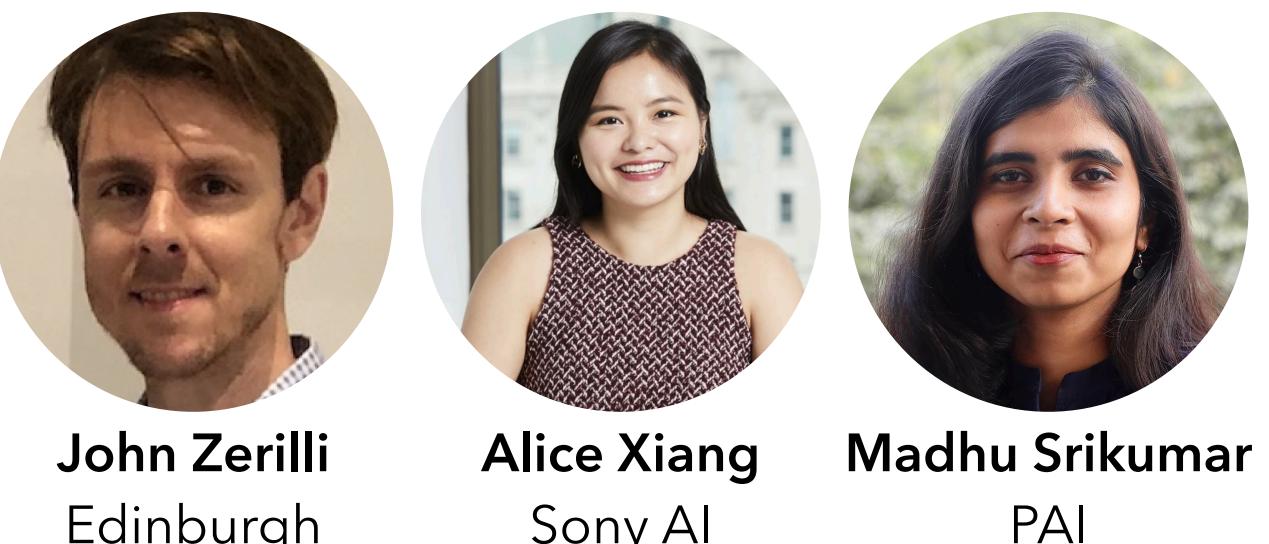
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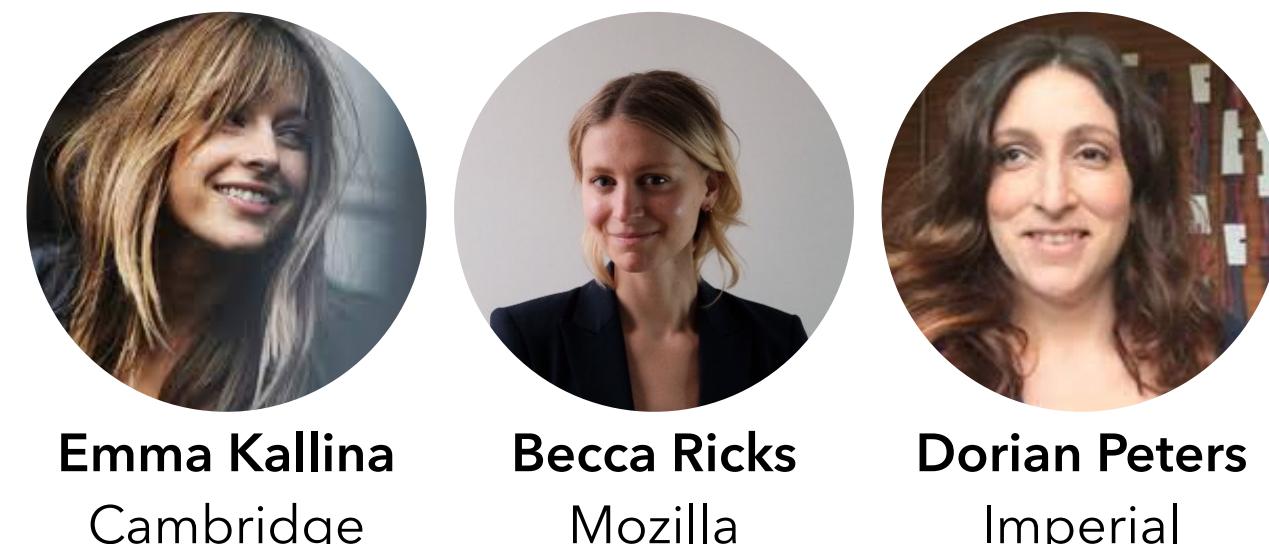
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Trustworthy Machine Learning

From Algorithmic Transparency to Decision Support

Thank you for listening! Questions?

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