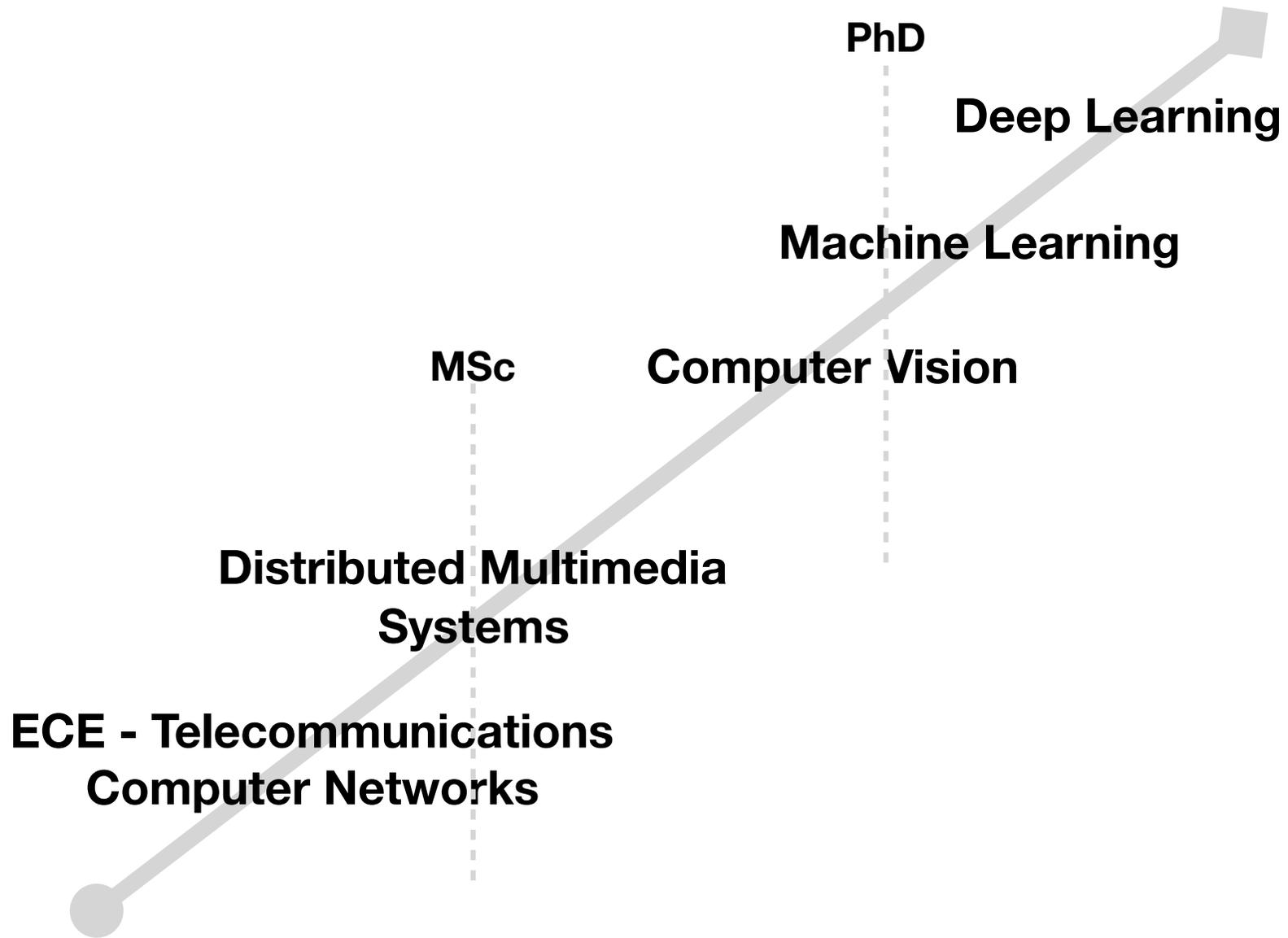


Producing Joint Decisions and Explanations with CNNs

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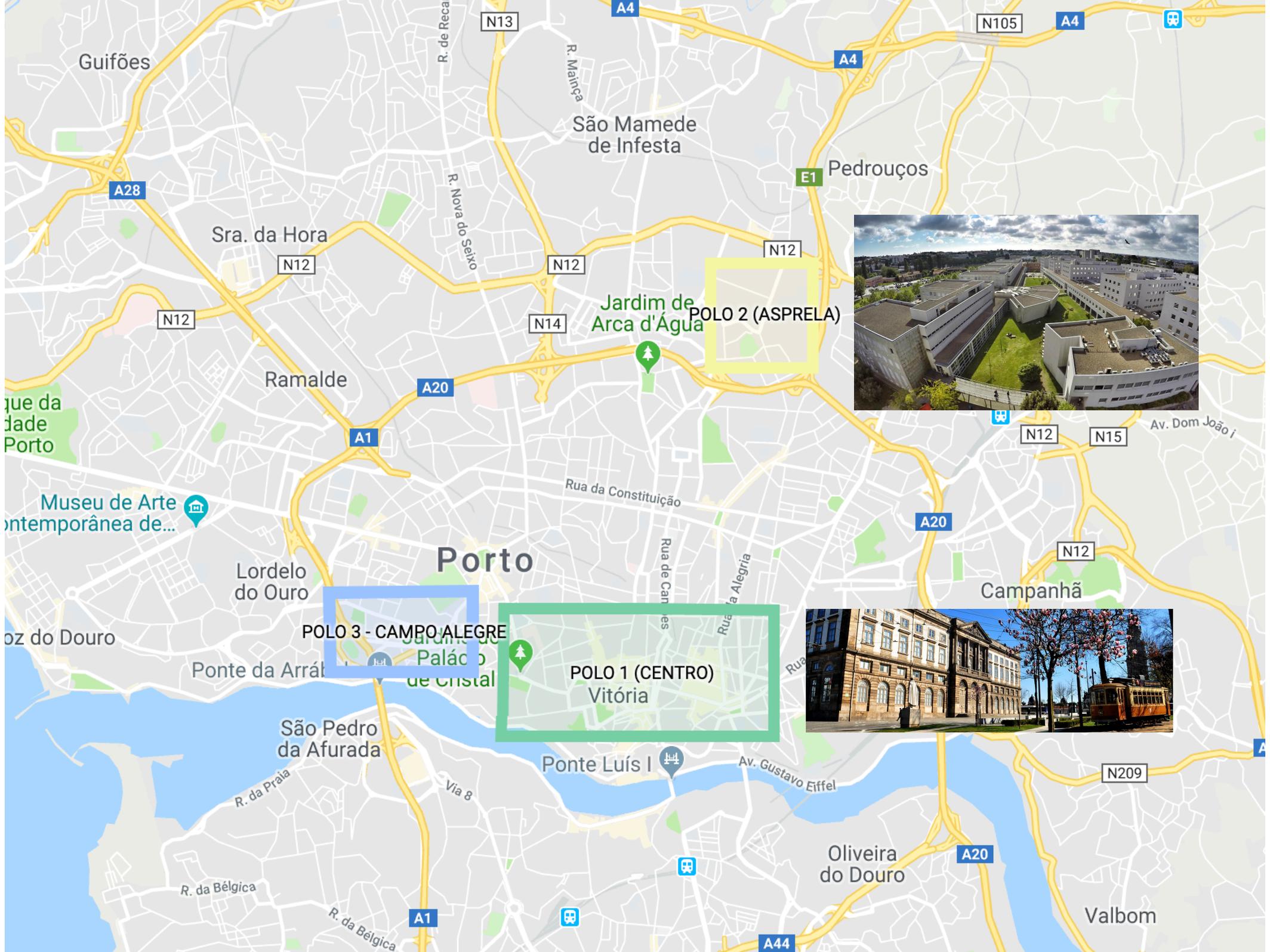
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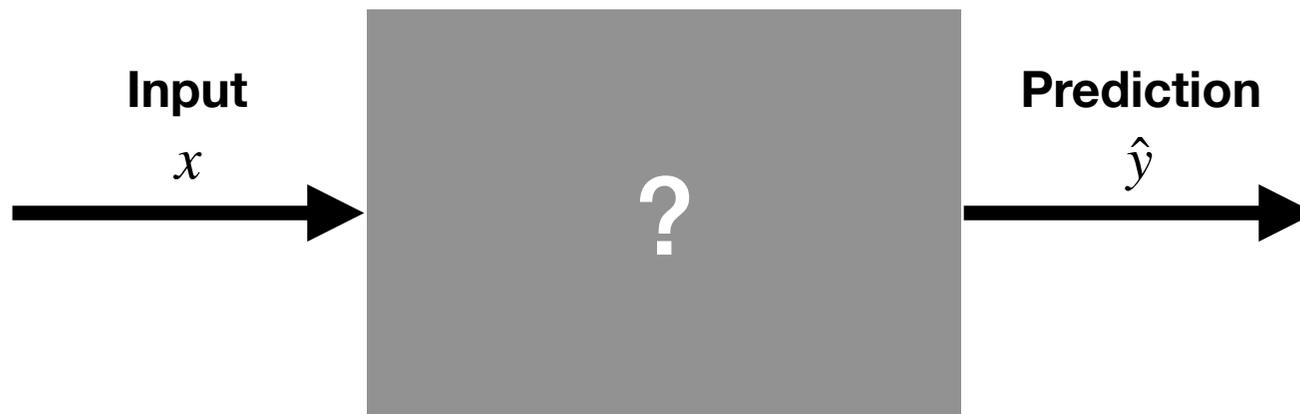
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Interpretability
+
Deep Learning





**Most of the cases we don't really know
what is happening...**

... (or care about)



<https://xkcd.com/1838/>

Interpretability

Interpretation is the process of giving
explanations

To Humans

Explanations

- Explanations are a small (less complex) “model” that focuses on a small portion of the data
- Desirable properties of explanations:
 - **Completeness** -> susceptible of being applied in other cases where the audience can verify the validity of that explanation
 - **Correctness** -> generate trust (i.e., be accurate)
 - **Compactness** -> succinct

Why?

- **Safety** -> can help expose safety issues
- **Mismatched objectives and multi-objective trade-offs** -> what you optimise is not what you meant to optimise
- **Debugging** -> understand why the system doesn't work, and fix it
- **Sensitive domain** -> decisions in medicine, criminal justice, etc
- **Legal/Ethics** -> legally required to provide an explanation (e.g. GDPR) and/or we don't want to discriminate against particular groups
- ...

How?

- Ideal case — supervised ML approach
 - A dataset containing $\{features_{k,i}, question_k, answer_k\}$
- (Almost) never the case —> proxy models or approaches are needed

How?

- **Pre-model**
 - Exploratory data analysis
 - Visualisation for data exploration
- **In-model**
 - Build inherently interpretable models (e.g. rule-based - decision trees, rule list, rule sets -, case-based)
 - Regularisation (e.g. sparsity, monotonicity)

How?

- **Post-model**
 - White box
 - Saliency maps
 - Investigation on hidden activations
 - Black box
 - Sensitivity analysis
 - Mimic models

White Box - Saliency Maps

What are the features in the input space that influenced the most the classification?

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x_i}$$

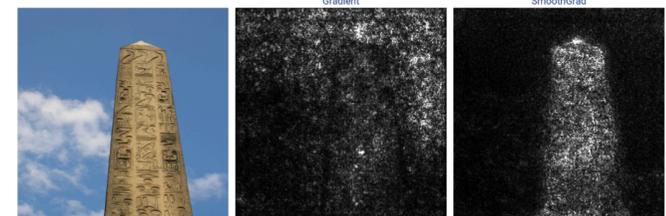
Grad-CAM [Selvaraju et al. 16]



(a) Original Image

(c) Grad-CAM 'Cat'

SmoothGrad [Smilkov et al. 17]



Integrated gradients [Sundararajan et al. 17]



backpropagate gradient of the output to the pixels in order to understand which pixels need to change the least to affect the class score the most

White Box - Hidden Layers

Gradient ascent (class model visualisation) — update the input image that maximizes the score of a certain class + some regularisation

Deconvolution — use deconvolution blocks to go from an activation map to a reconstructed image only with the most relevant parts

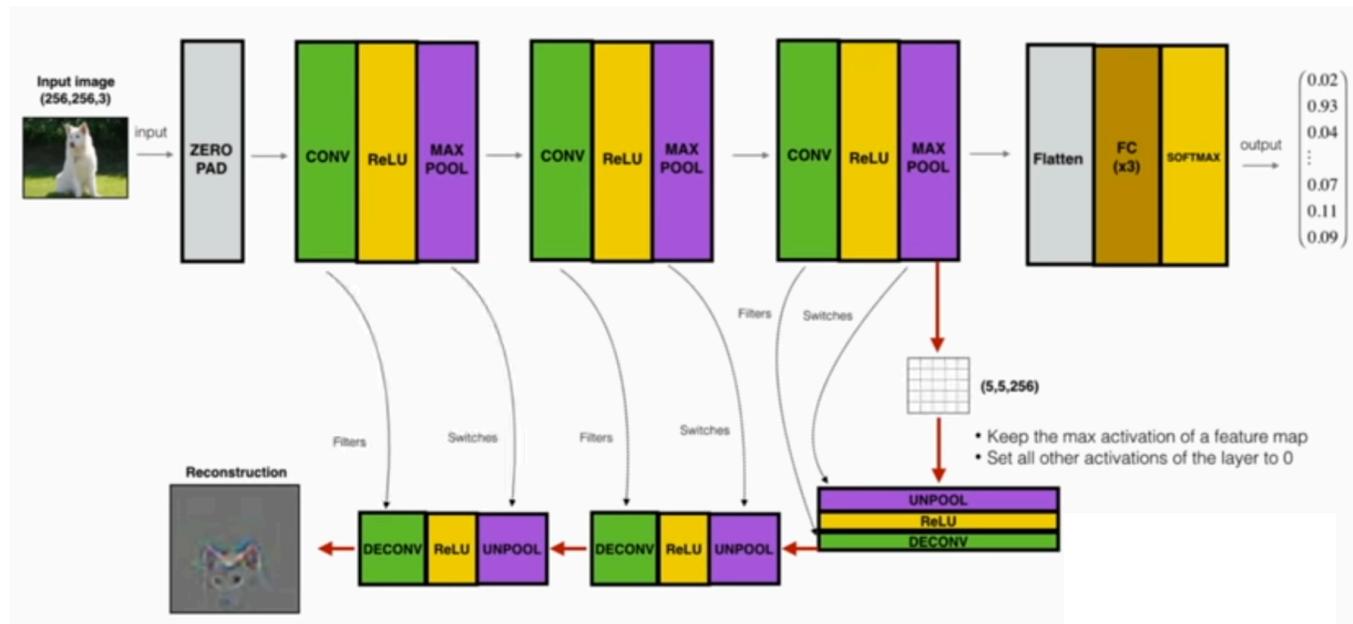


image from Stanford CS230, Fei-Fei Li and Justin Johnson

Black Box - Sensitivity Analysis

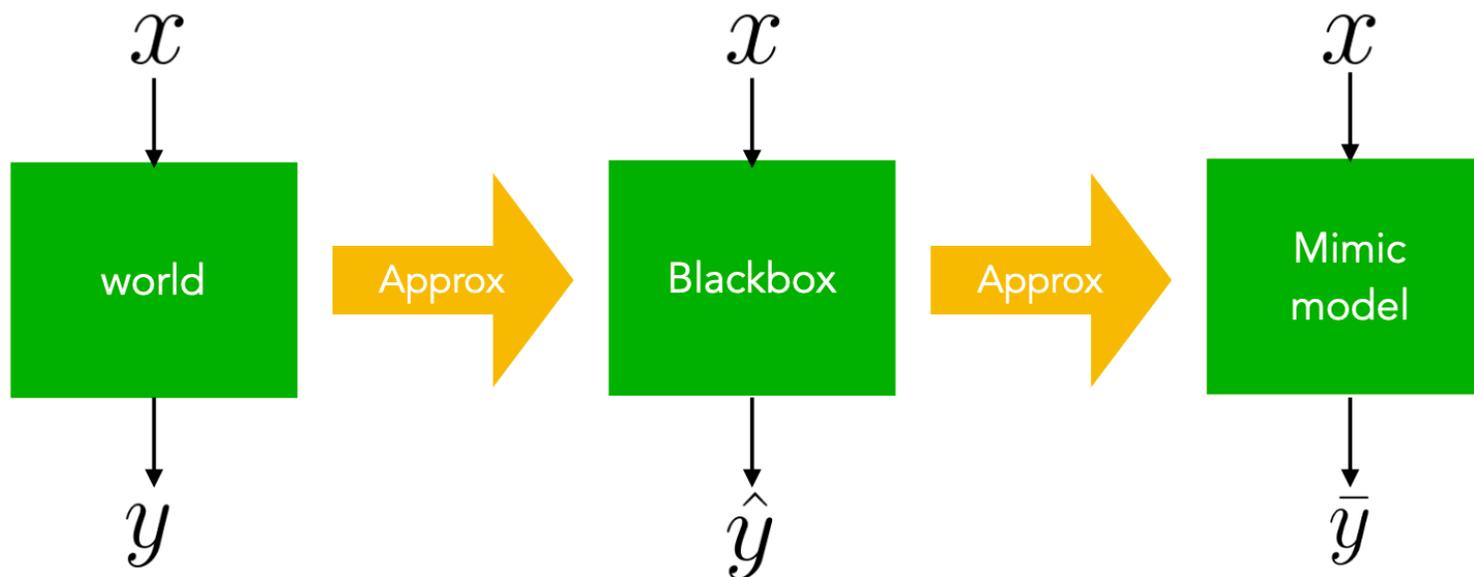
What would happen to output \hat{y} , if we perturb the input x ?

$$x \rightarrow x + \epsilon$$

Occlusion sensitivity — occlude some part (sliding window) of the image and check how that affected the output

Black Box - Mimic Models

- Train a black box on x and y : $f(x) = \hat{y}$
- Train an interpretable model on x and \hat{y} : $f(x) = \bar{y}$



Evaluation



Machine Learning

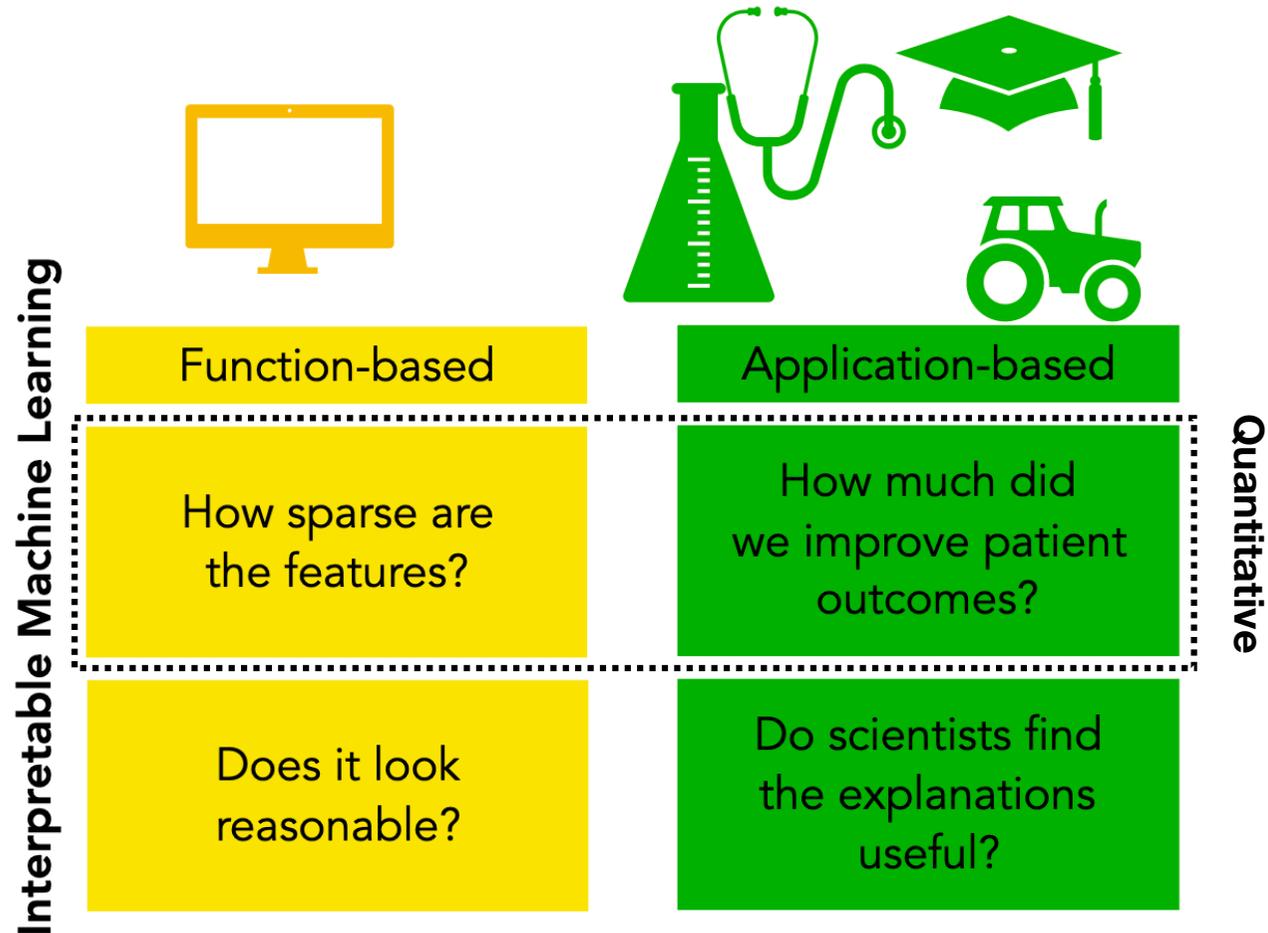
Function-based

a variety of synthetic
and standard
benchmarks
e.g, UCI datasets,
imagenet

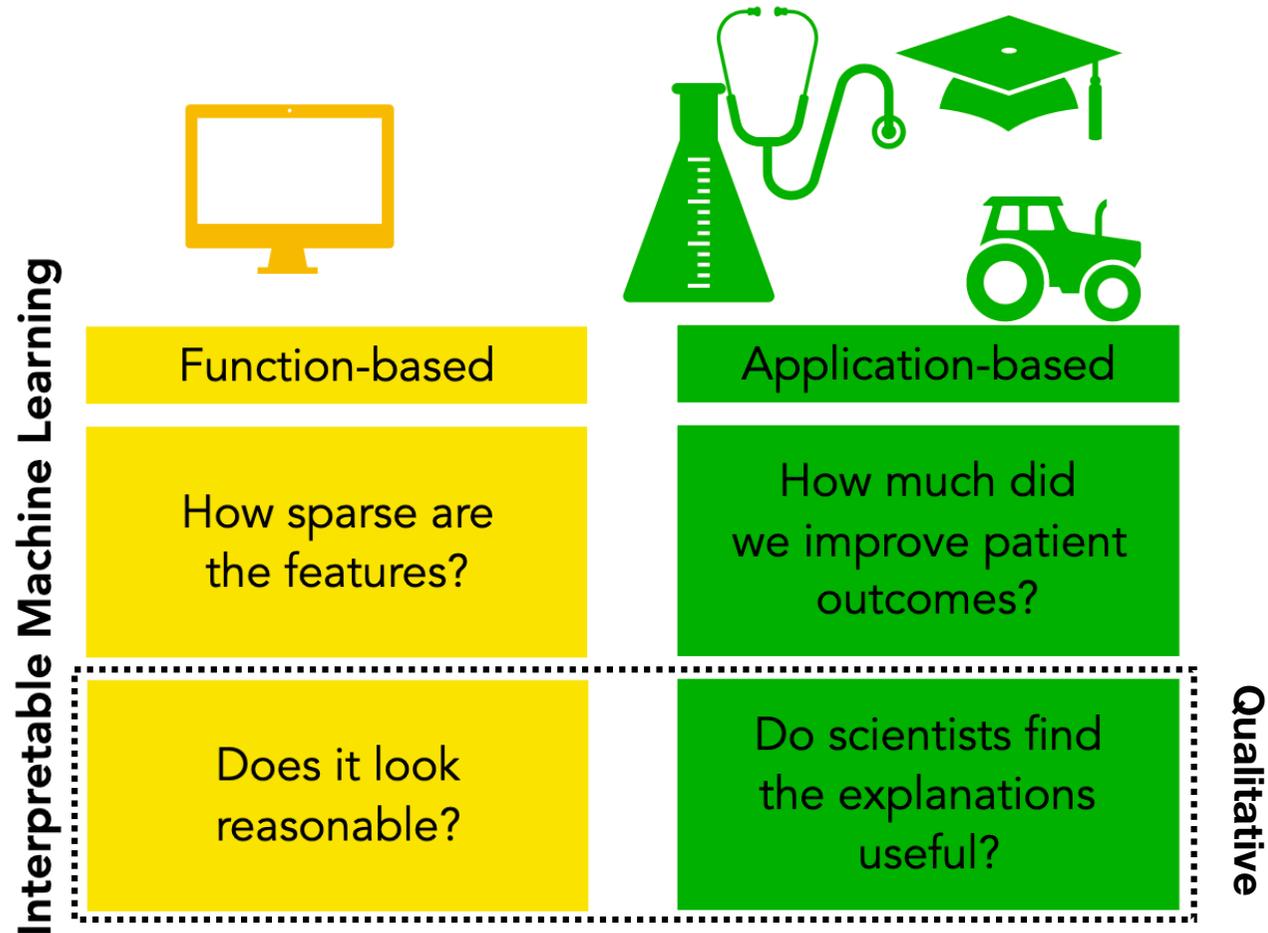
Application-based

Backing up claims
e.g., performance on a
cool medical dataset,
winning Go games

Evaluation



Evaluation



Interpretable Machine Learning:
The fuss, the concrete and the questions



Been Kim
Google Brain

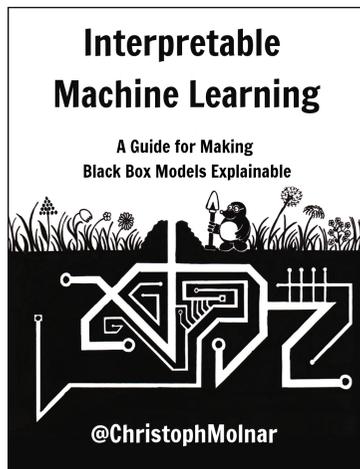


with Finale Doshi-Velez, Harvard university
Tutorial, ICML 2017



Been Kim and Finale Doshi-Velez, “Interpretable Machine Learning: The fuss, the concrete and the questions”, ICML Tutorial, 2017

https://people.csail.mit.edu/beenkim/papers/BeenK_FinaleDV_ICML2017_tutorial.pdf



Interpretable Machine Learning
A Guide for Making Black Box Models Explainable”,
Christoph Molnar, 2019

<https://christophm.github.io/interpretable-ml-book/>

Towards a Joint Approach to Produce Decisions and Explanations Using CNNs

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IbPRIA 2019**

(to be presented tomorrow - shortlisted for best paper)

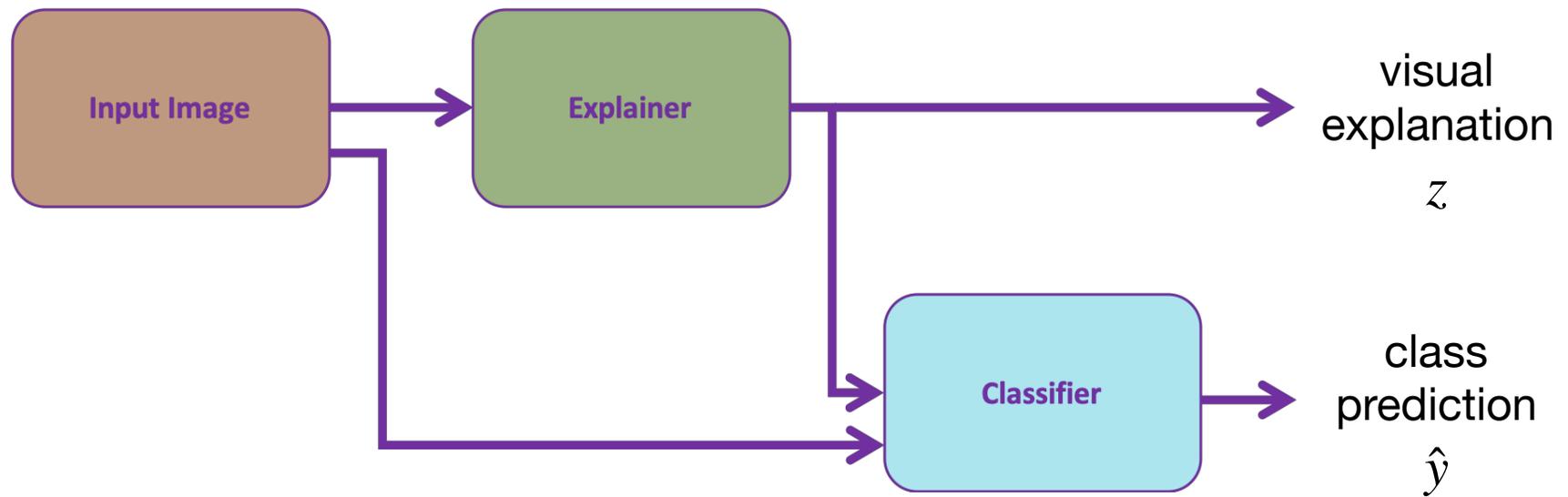
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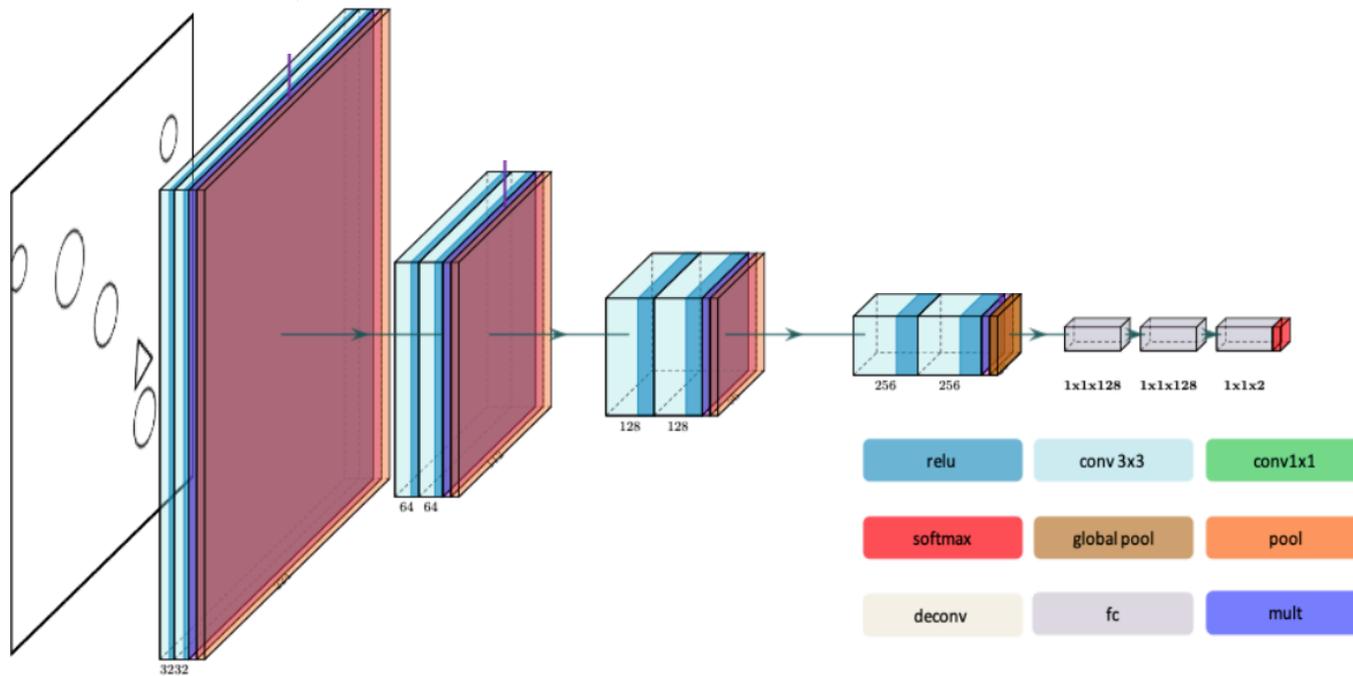
- Interpretability still lacks a unified formal definition and metrics
- Definition used (L.H. Gilpin *et al.* : “Explaining explanations: An overview of interpretability of machine learning):
 - explainability > interpretability

Explainable Model

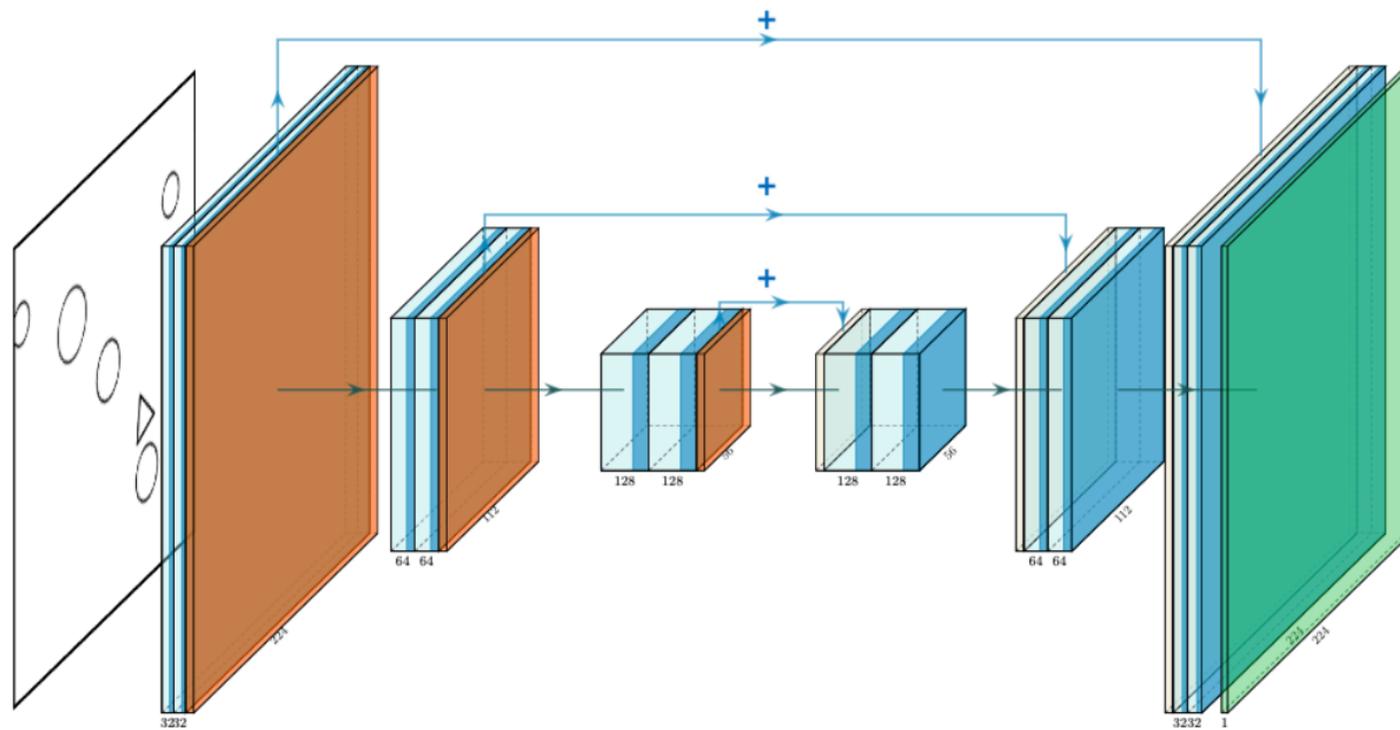
- **Explainable model** is one that can **summarise the reasons** for its behaviour or the causes of its decisions
- A good explanation should be able to balance the **interpretability-completeness trade-off**, because the more accurate an explanation, the less interpretable it may be to humans

Proposed Architecture

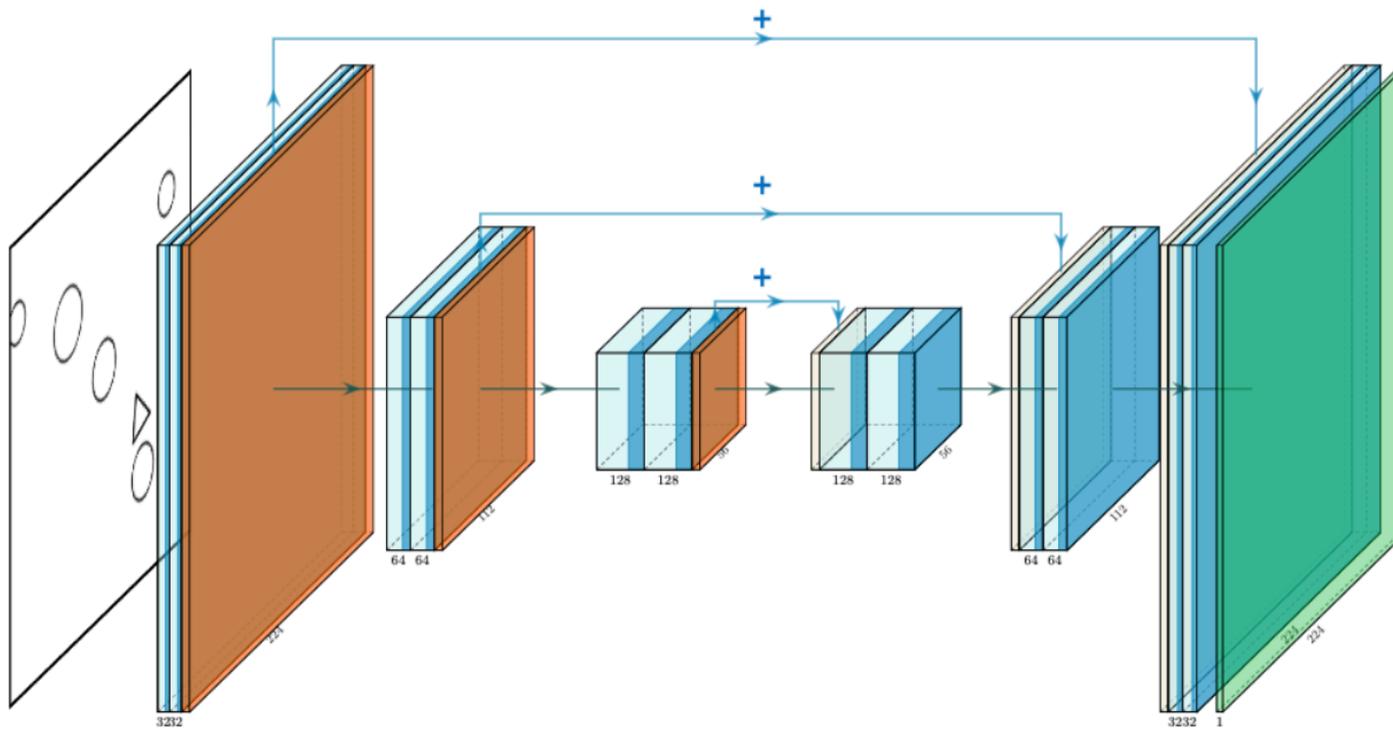




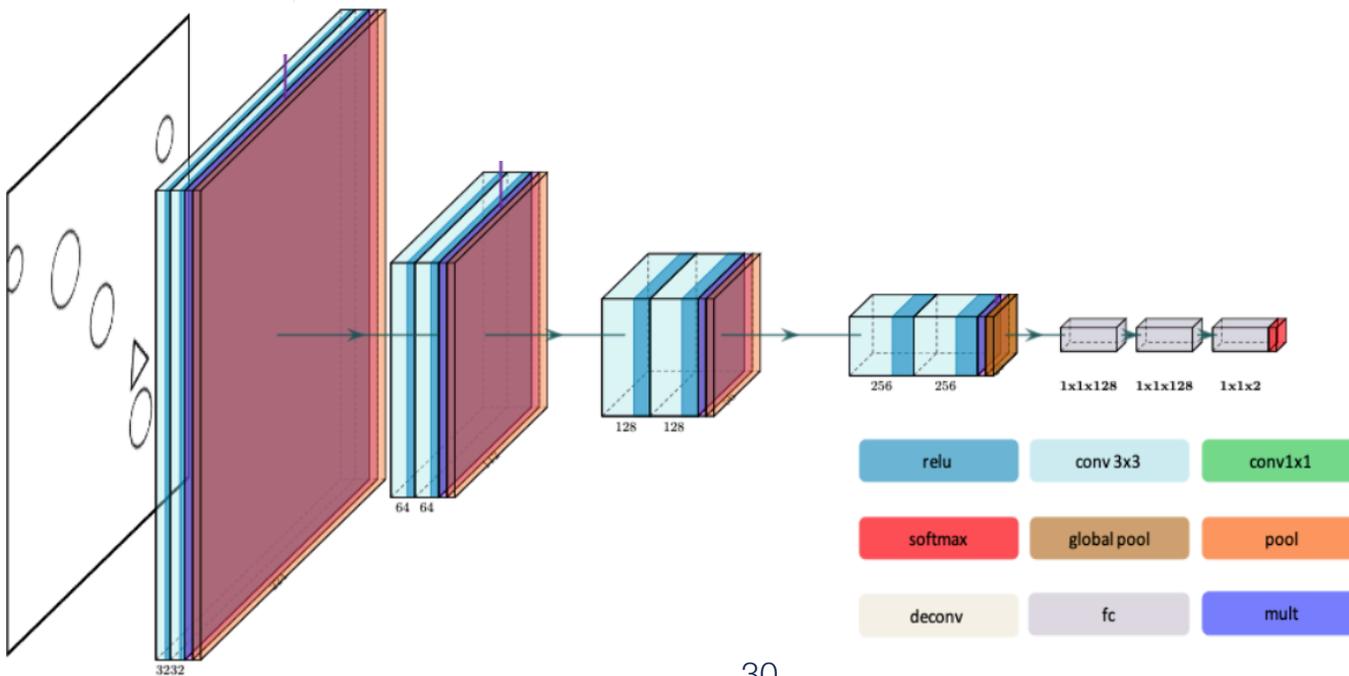
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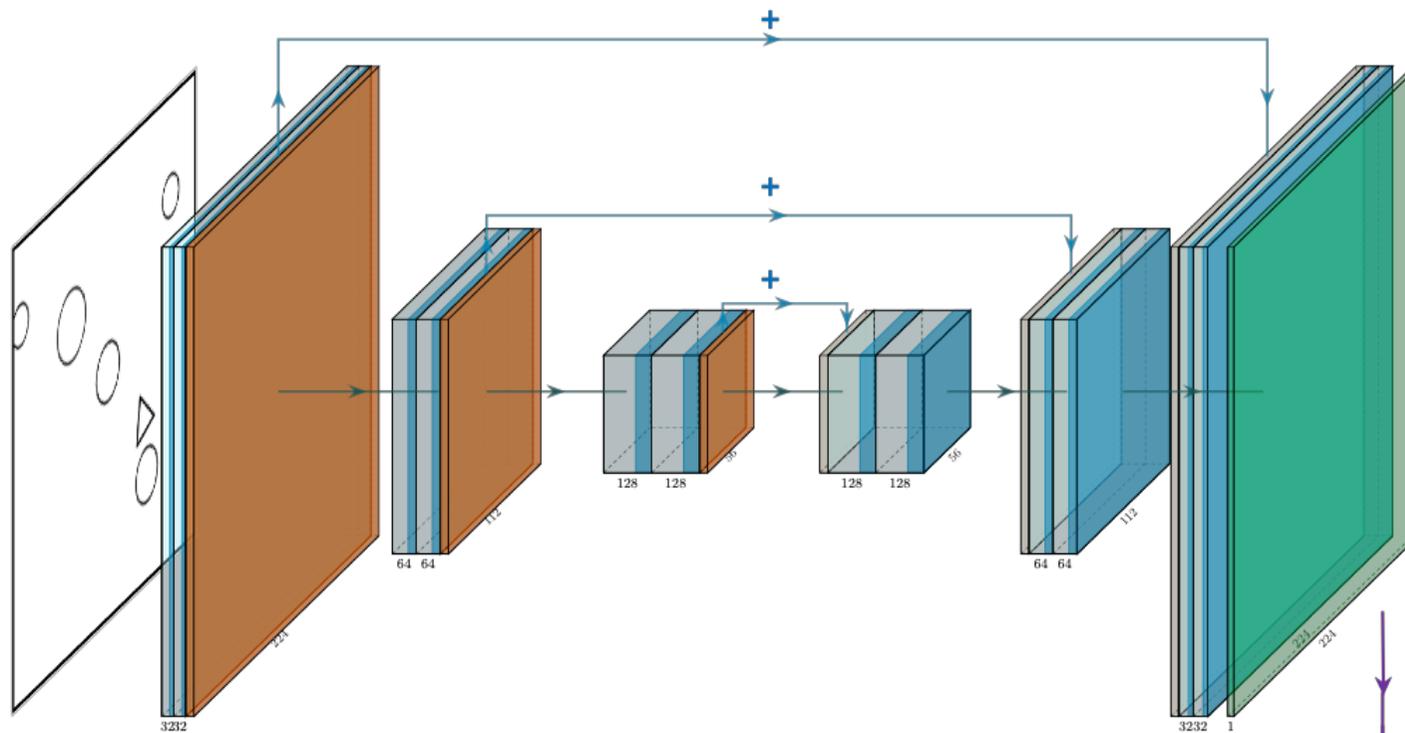
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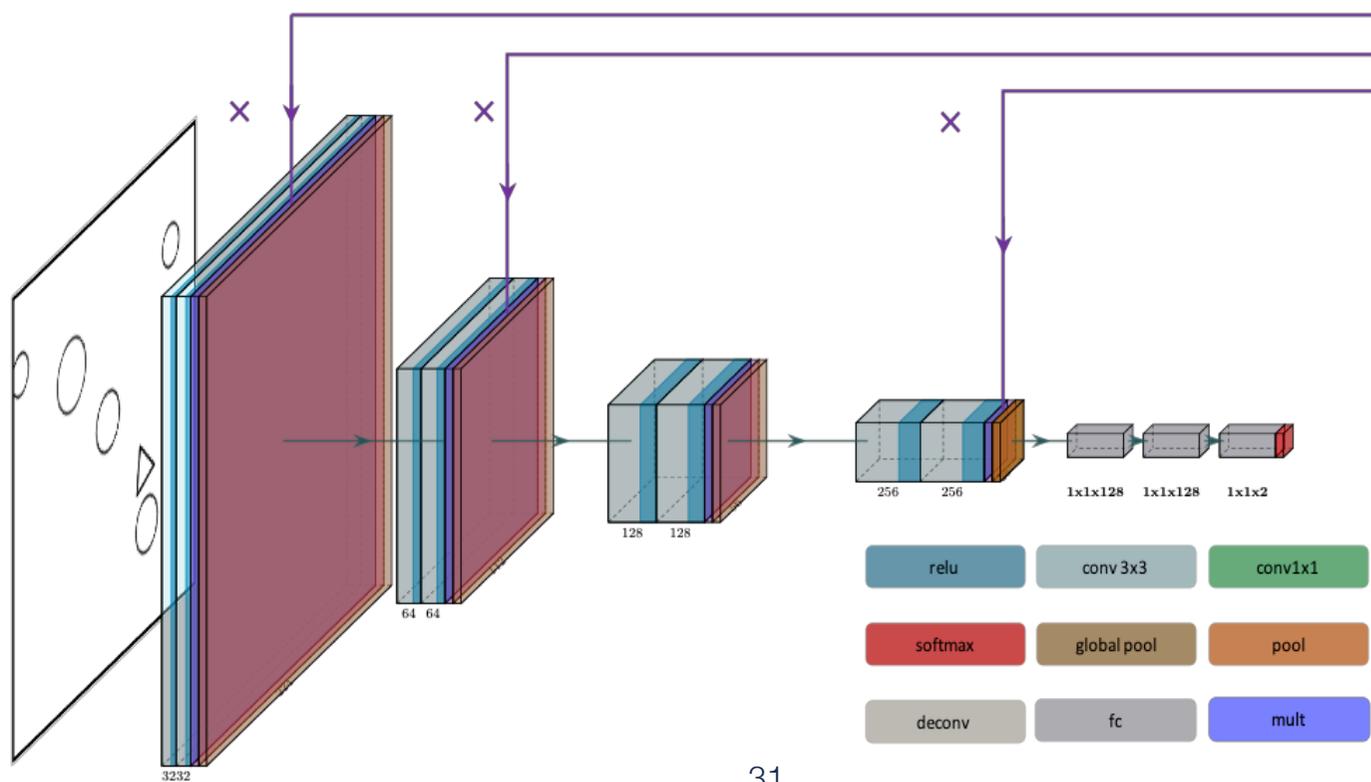
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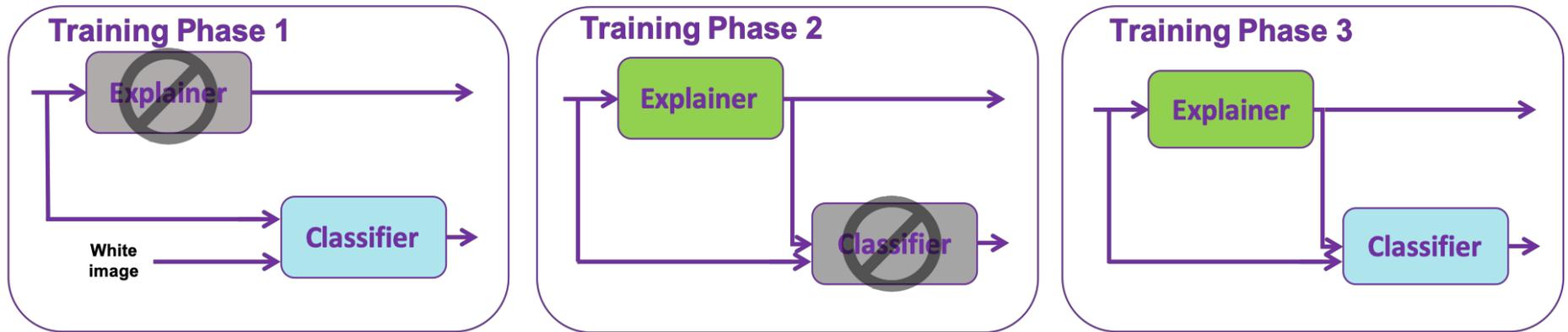


Explainer



Classifier

Training Process



Loss

$$\mathcal{L} = \alpha \mathcal{L}_{class} + (1 - \alpha) \mathcal{L}_{expl}$$

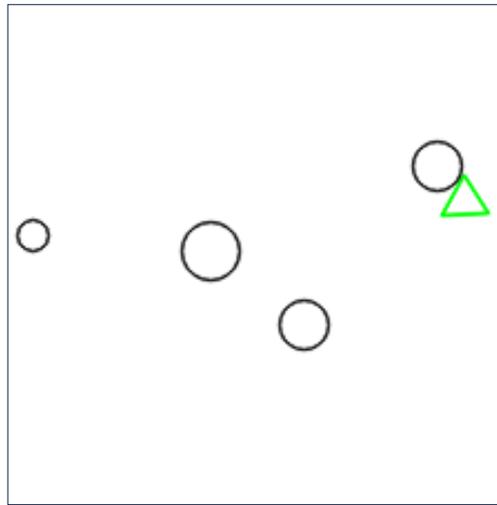
$$\mathcal{L}_{class} = - \sum_c y_{o,c} \log(p_{o,c})$$

categorical
cross entropy

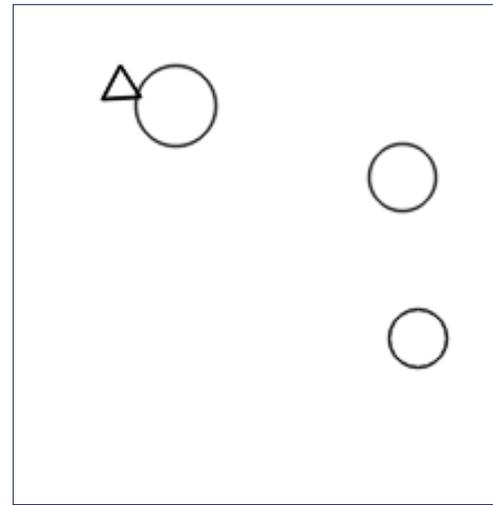
$$\mathcal{L}_{expl} = \lambda \frac{1}{m \times n} \sum_{i,j} |z_{i,j}|$$

penalised
 ℓ_1 norm

Synthetic Datasets

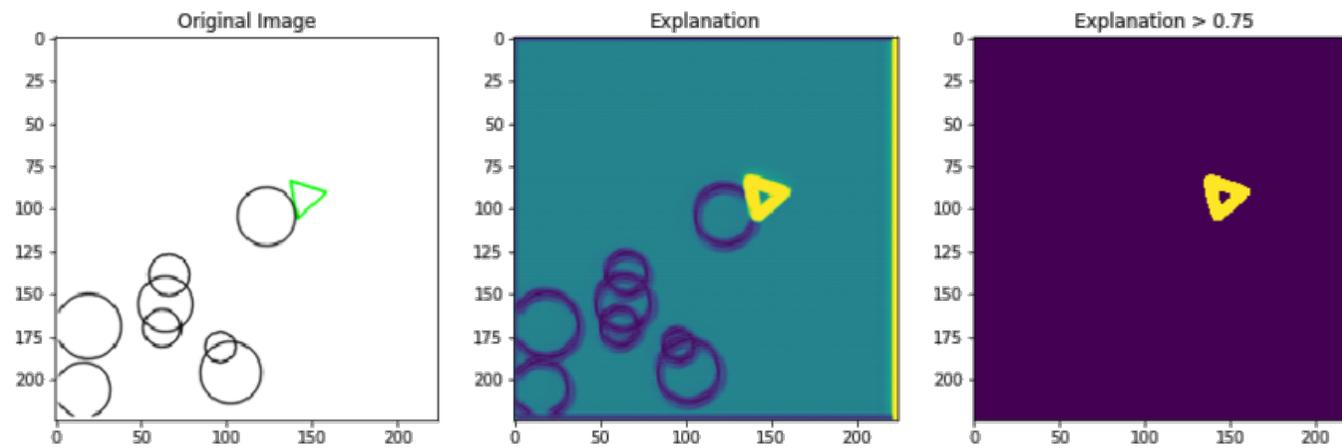


Simple dataset with
colour cues
Binary classification
problem: exists/does
not exist a triangle



Simple dataset without
colour cues
Binary classification
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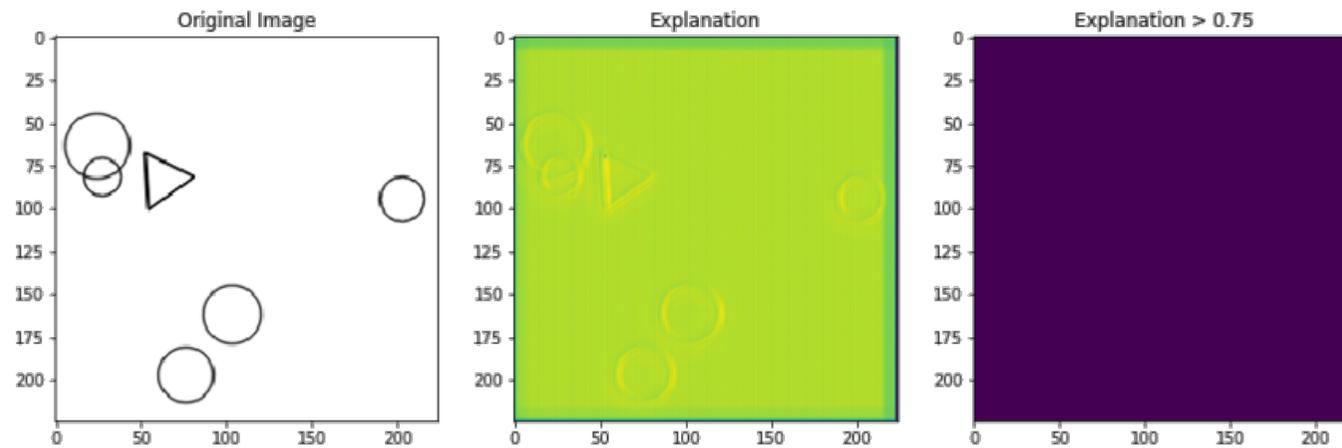
Results on Synthetic Datasets



Explanation obtained without any regularisation



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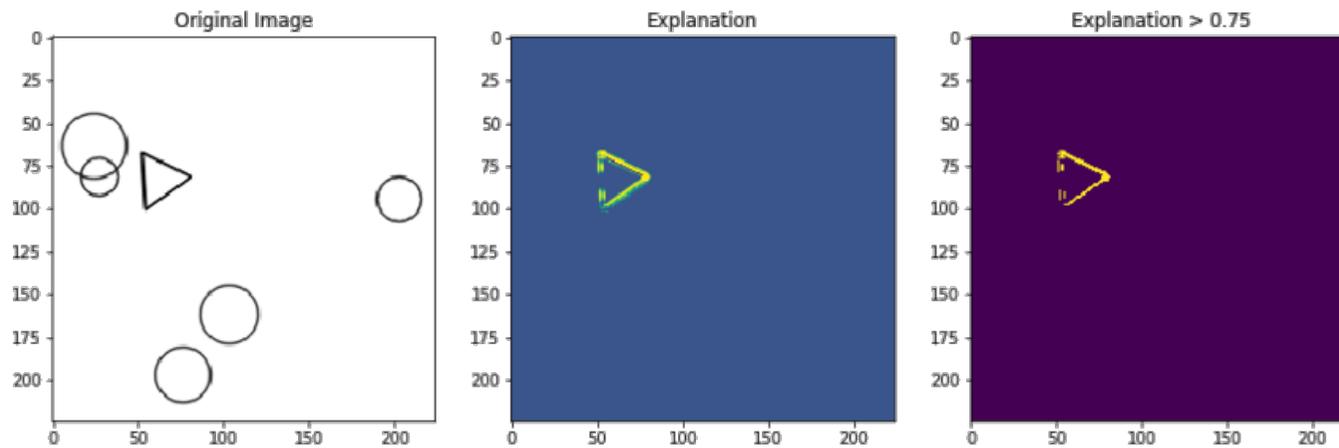


Explanation obtained without any regularisation



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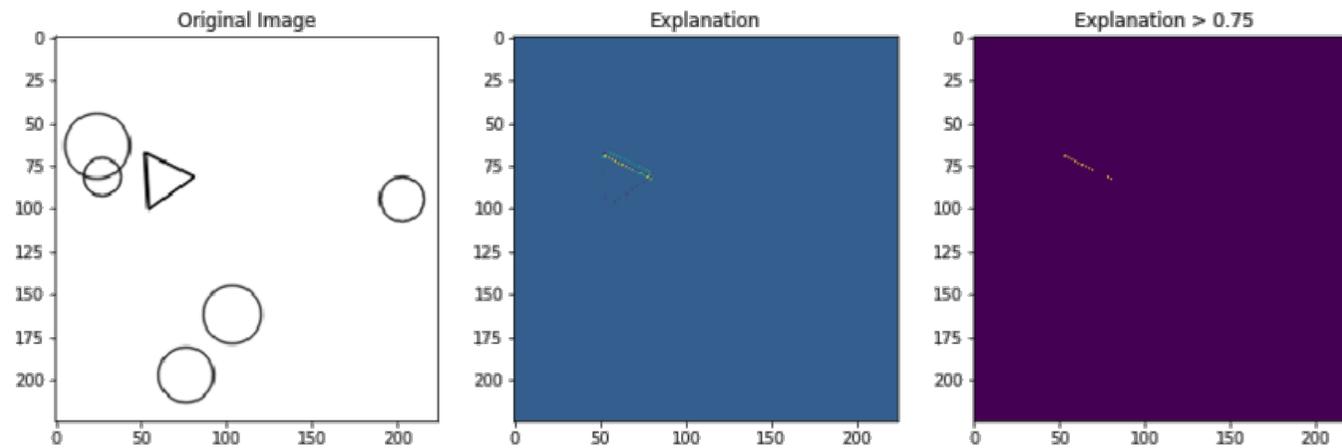
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Explanation obtained with ℓ_1 penalty $\lambda = 10^{-6}$



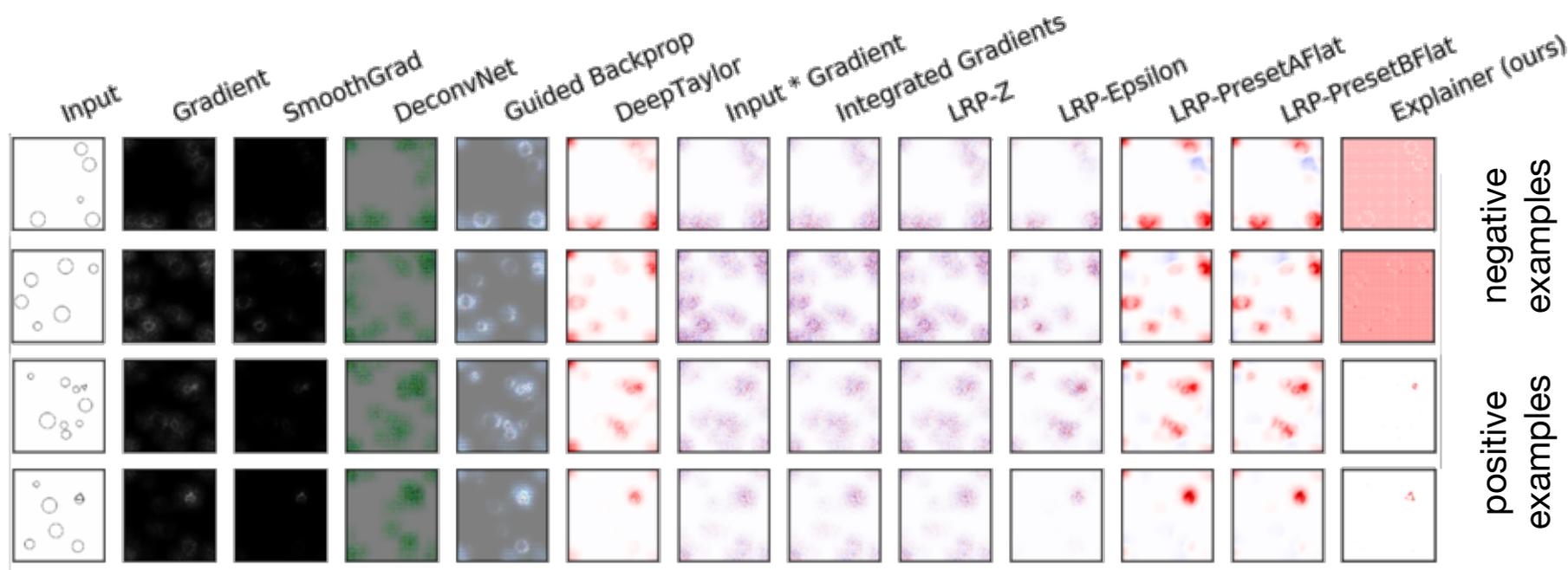
Results on Synthetic Datasets



Explanation obtained with ℓ_1 penalty $\lambda = 10^{-4}$



Comparison with State-of-the-Art Methods



Comparison between our explanation method and methods implemented in the iNNvestigate toolbox (Alber *et al.*: iNNvestigate neural networks!)

Real Datasets

Cue conflict dataset introduced in Geirhos *et al.*: "ImageNet-trained CNNs are biased towards texture; increasing shape bias improves accuracy and robustness"



Original class: truck
Texture class:
elephant

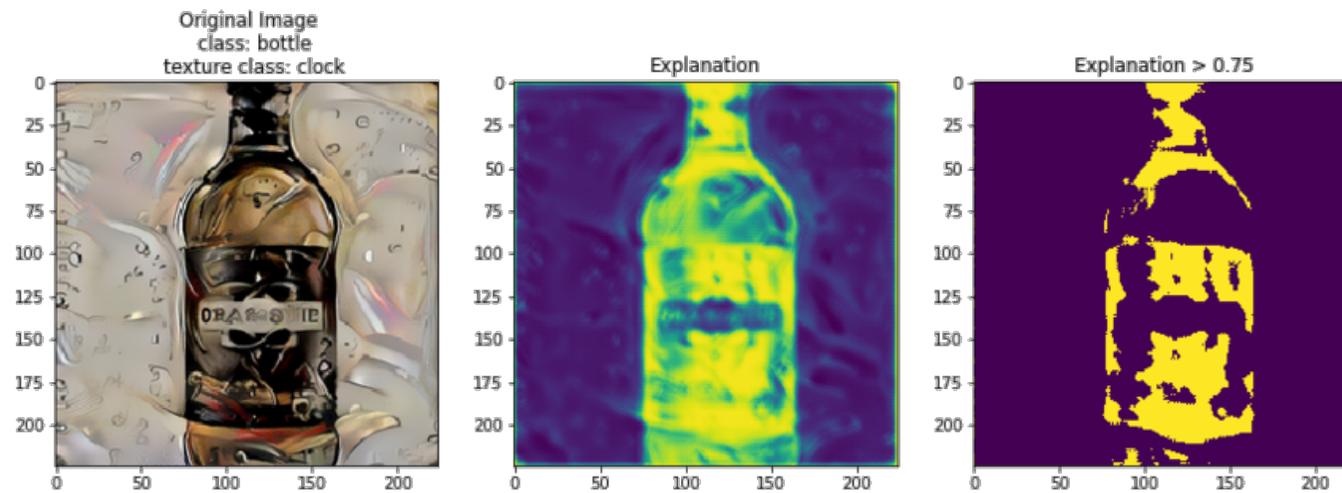


Original class: bicycle
Texture class: truck



Original class: bottle
Texture class: clock

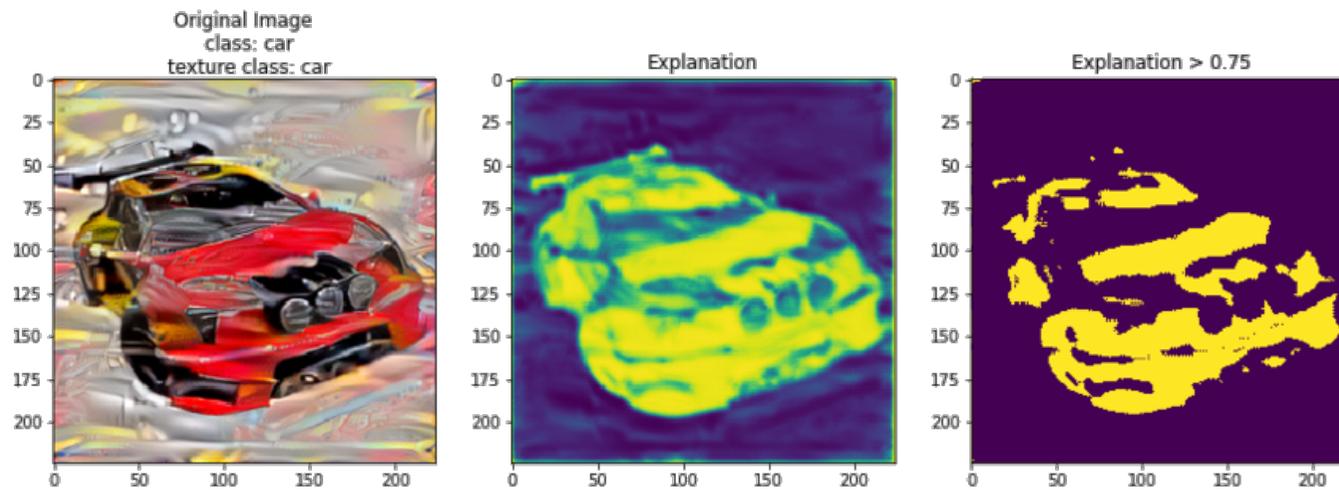
Results on Cue Conflict Dataset



Example explanation obtained from the cue conflict dataset without regularisation



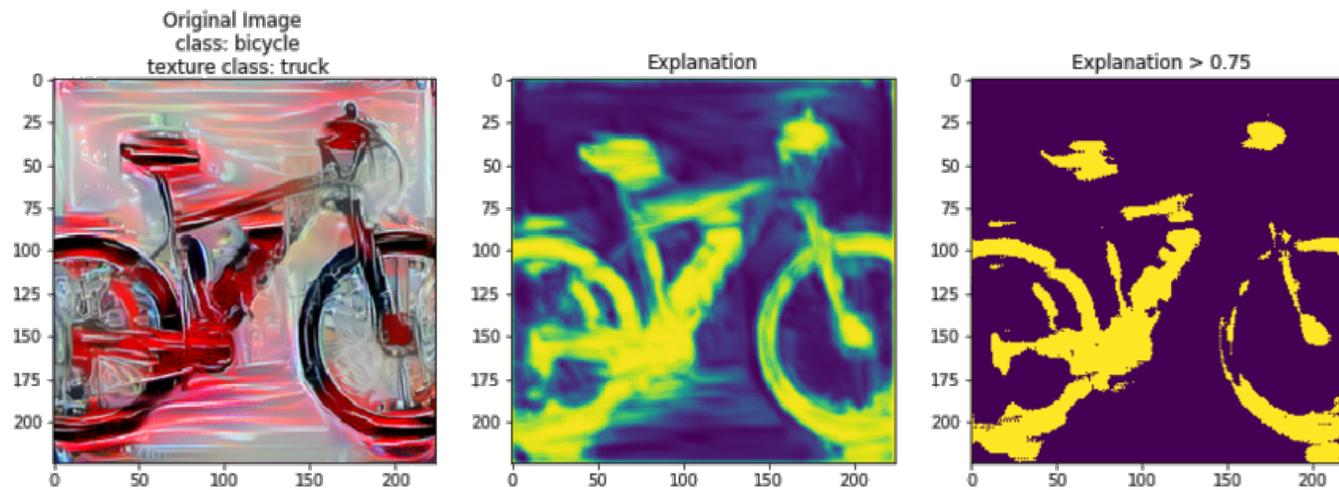
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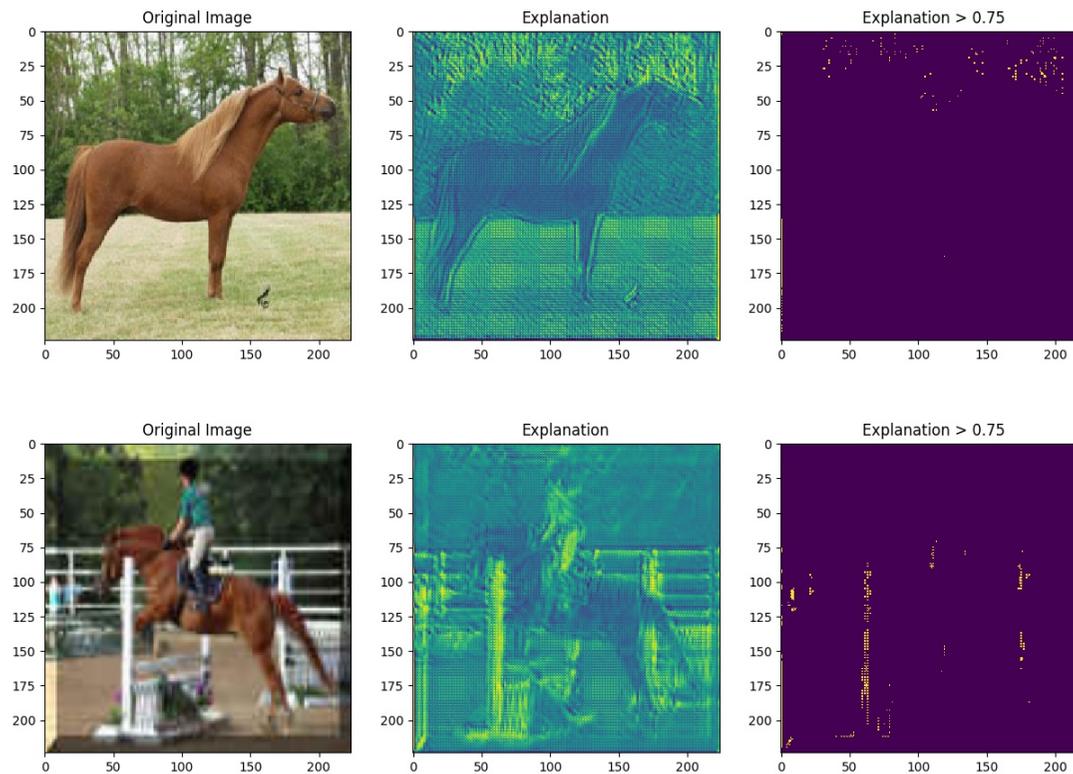
Other Preliminary Experiments

- Using a different (and larger) classifier
 - ResNet-50 pre-trained w/ ImageNet
- Horses vs. Zebras



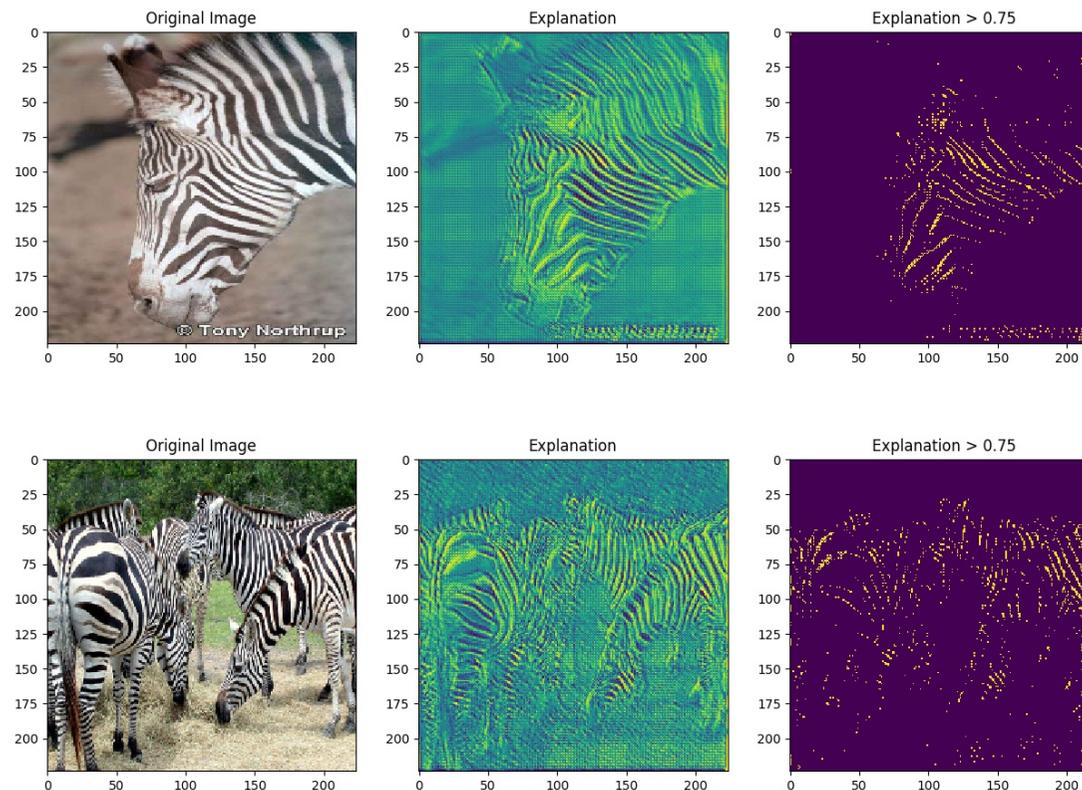
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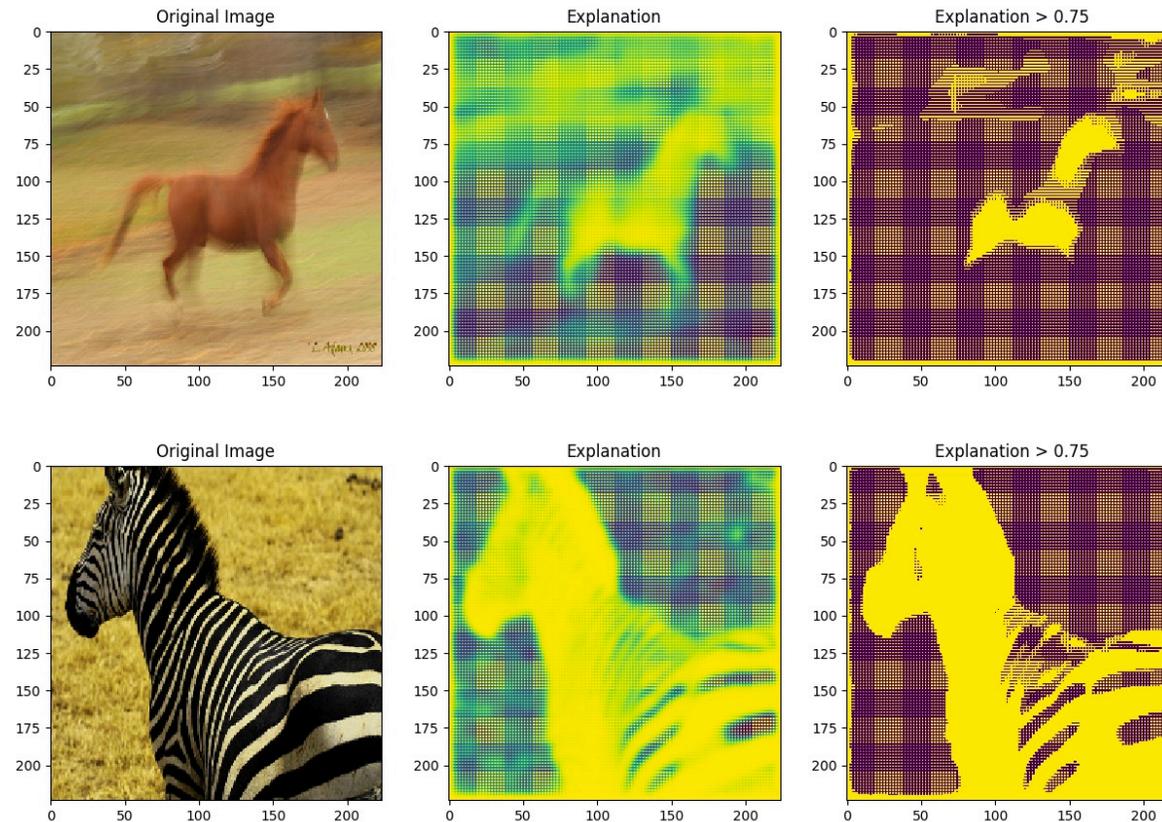
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Other Preliminary Experiments

- After the training process (no regularisation -> some artefacts):



Conclusion and Future Work

- Joint approach to produce decisions and explanations using CNNs
- Shows potential especially when compared to existing methods
- Future work includes:
 - Experimenting with other explainer losses, e.g. using Total Variation
 - Weak (and Semi) supervision of the explainer
 - Other modalities

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