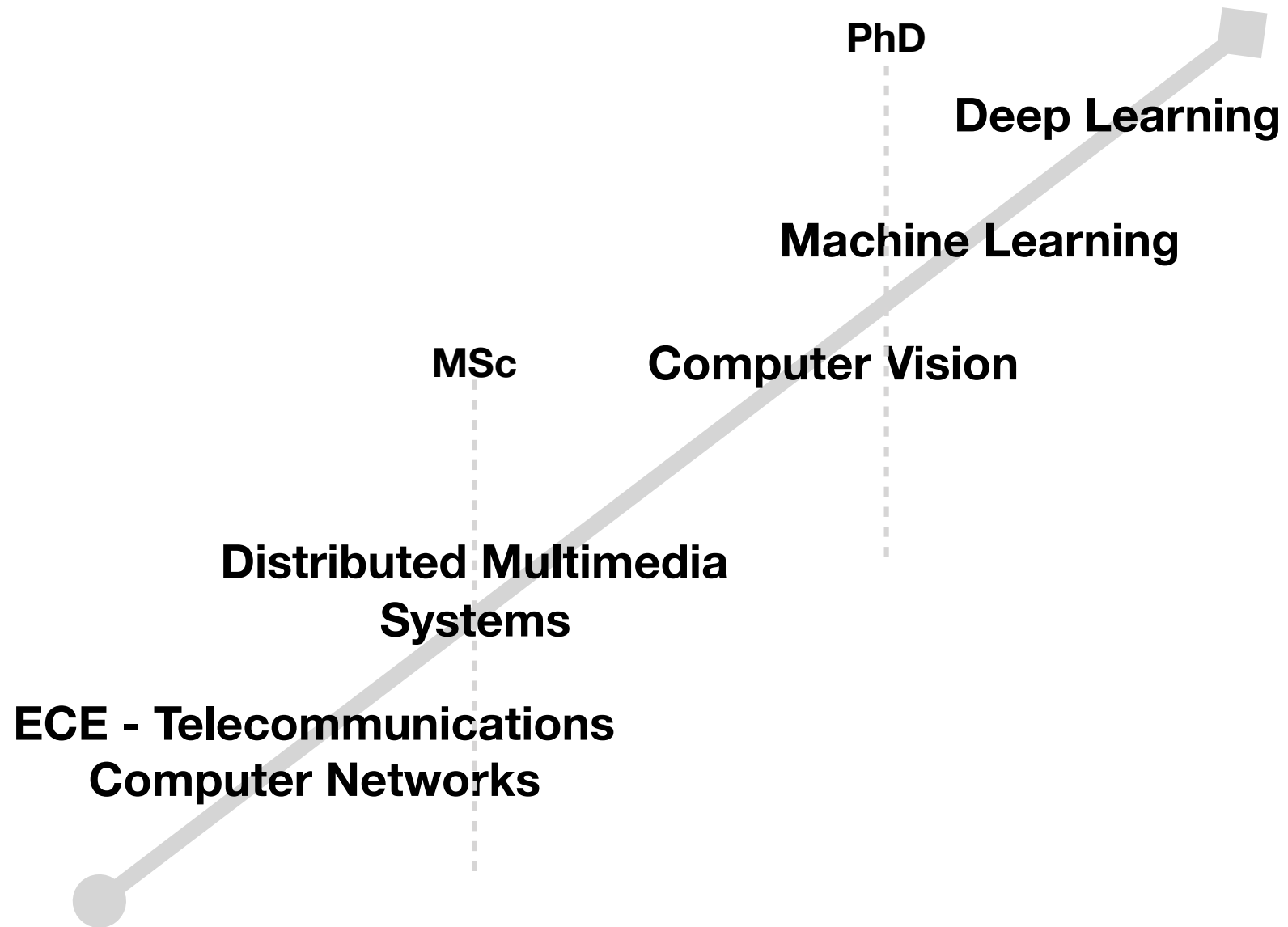


# **Producing Joint Decisions and Explanations with CNNs**

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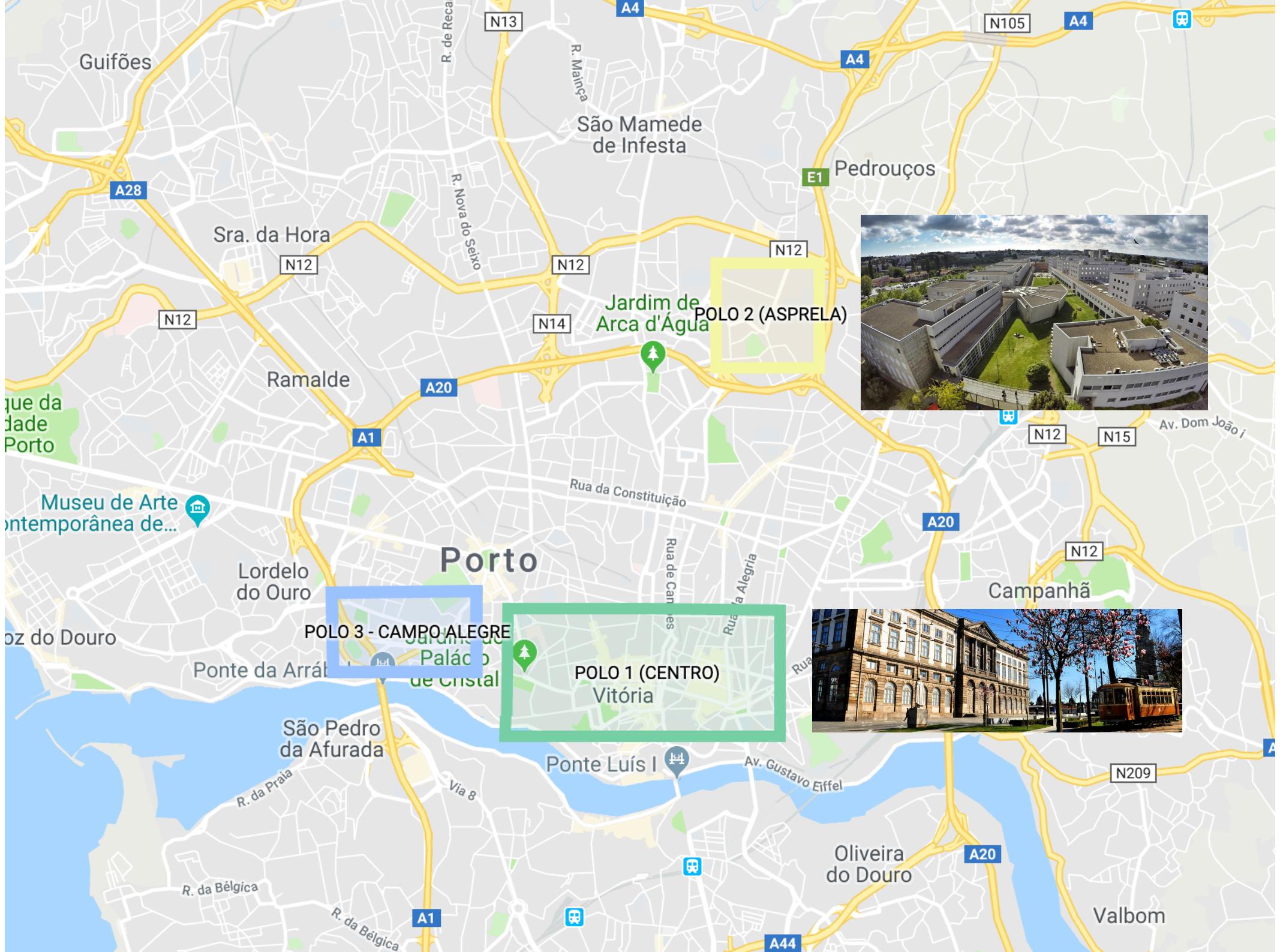


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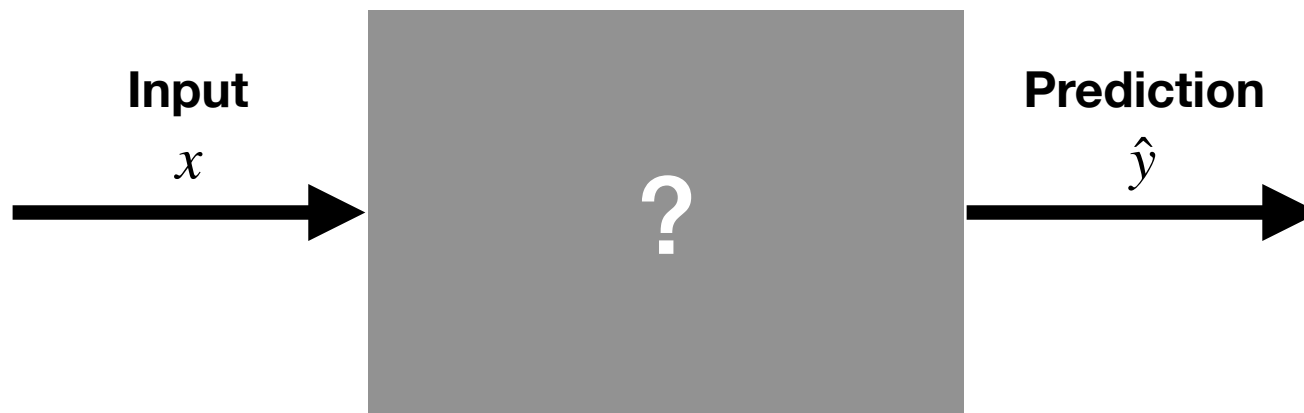
- Medical Imaging
- Biometrics
- Machine/Deep Learning





# **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?

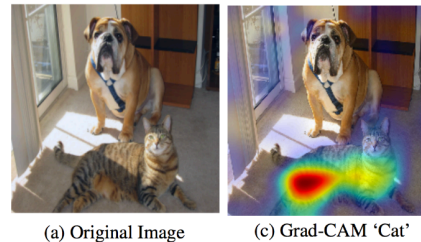
- **Post-model**
  - White box
    - Saliency maps
    - Investigation on hidden activations
  - Black box
    - Sensitivity analysis
    - Mimic models

# White Box - Saliency Maps

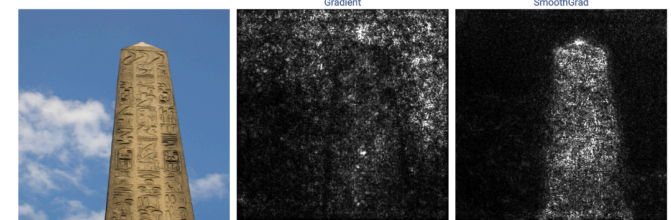
What are the features in the input space that influenced the most the classification?

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

Grad-CAM [Selvaraju et al. 16]



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

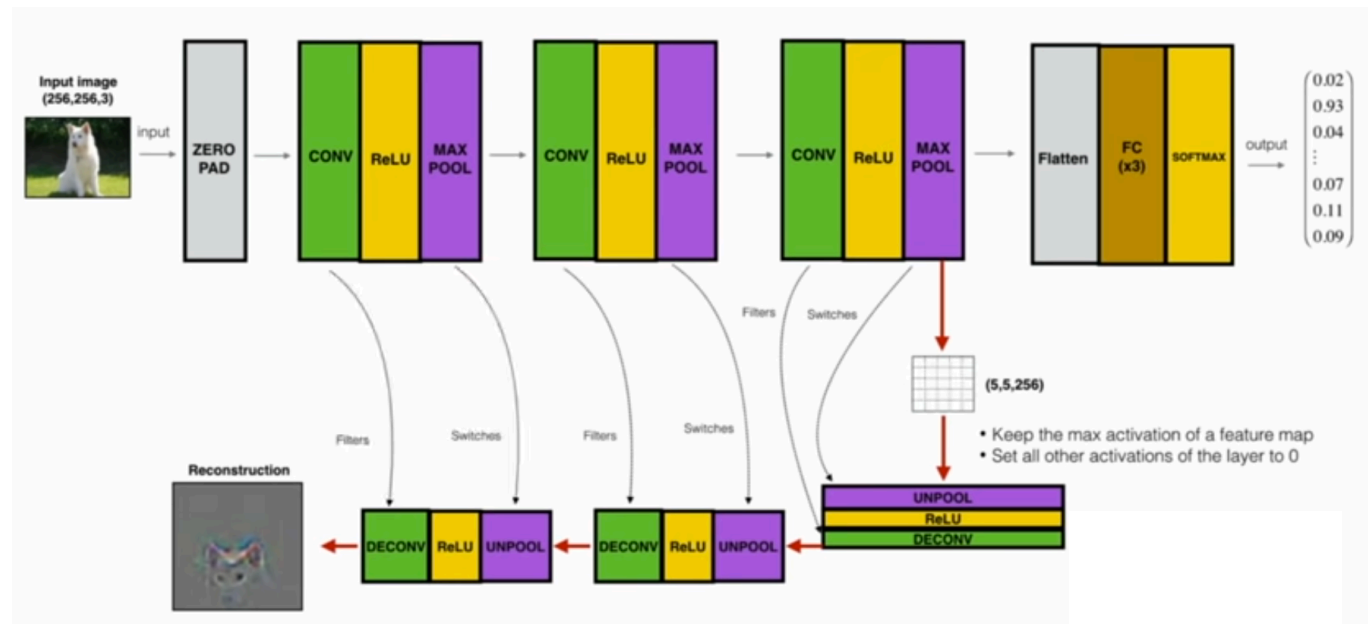


image from Stanford CS230, Fei-Fei Li and Justin Johnson

# Black Box - Sensitivity Analysis

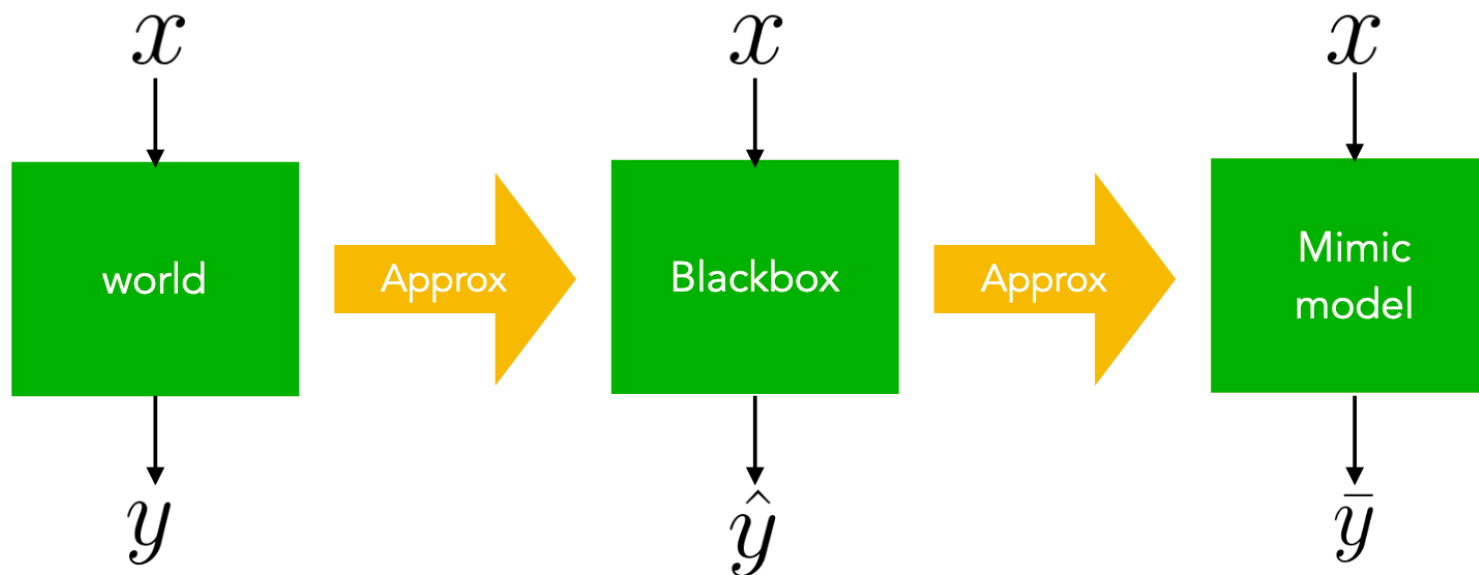
What would happen to output  $\hat{y}$ , if we perturb the input  $x$ ?

$$x \rightarrow x + \epsilon$$

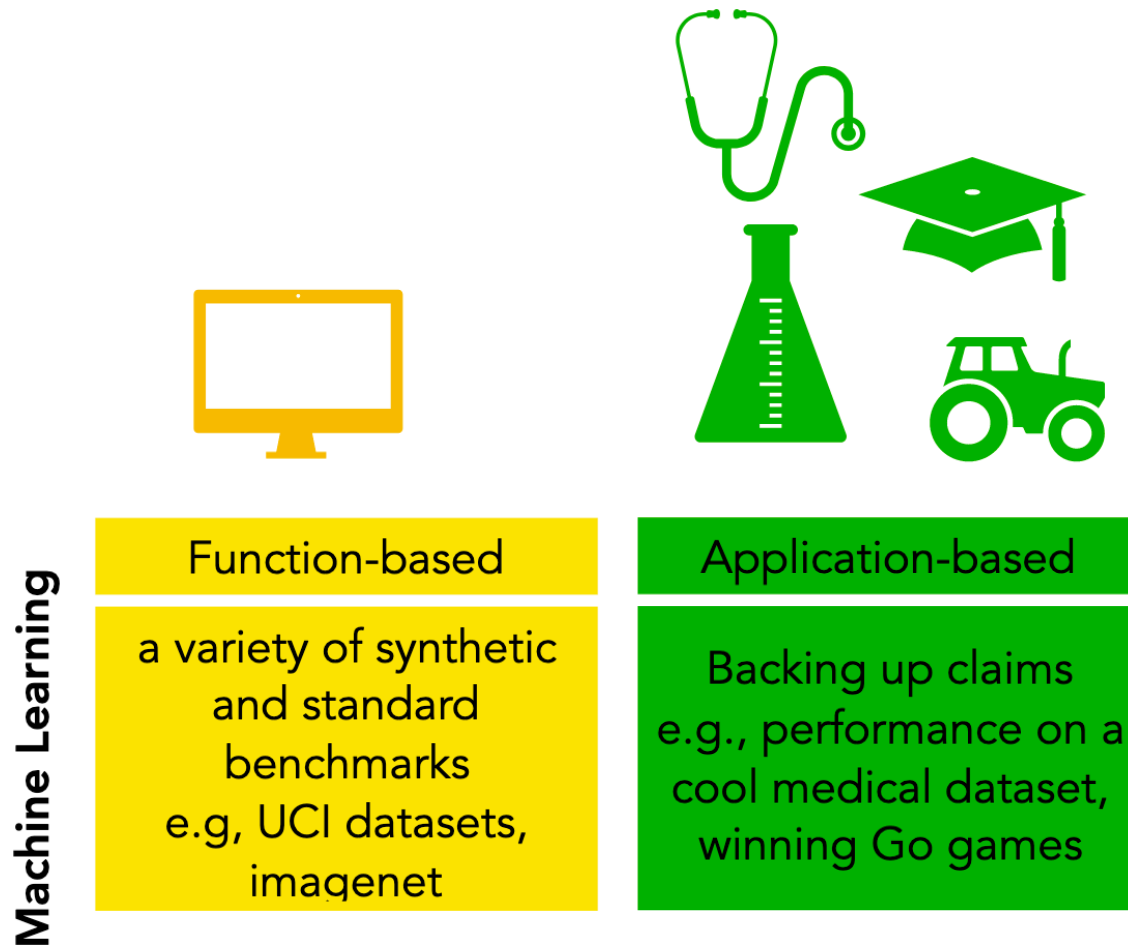
**Occlusion sensitivity** — occlude some part (sliding window) of the image and check how that affected the output

# Black Box - Mimic Models

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

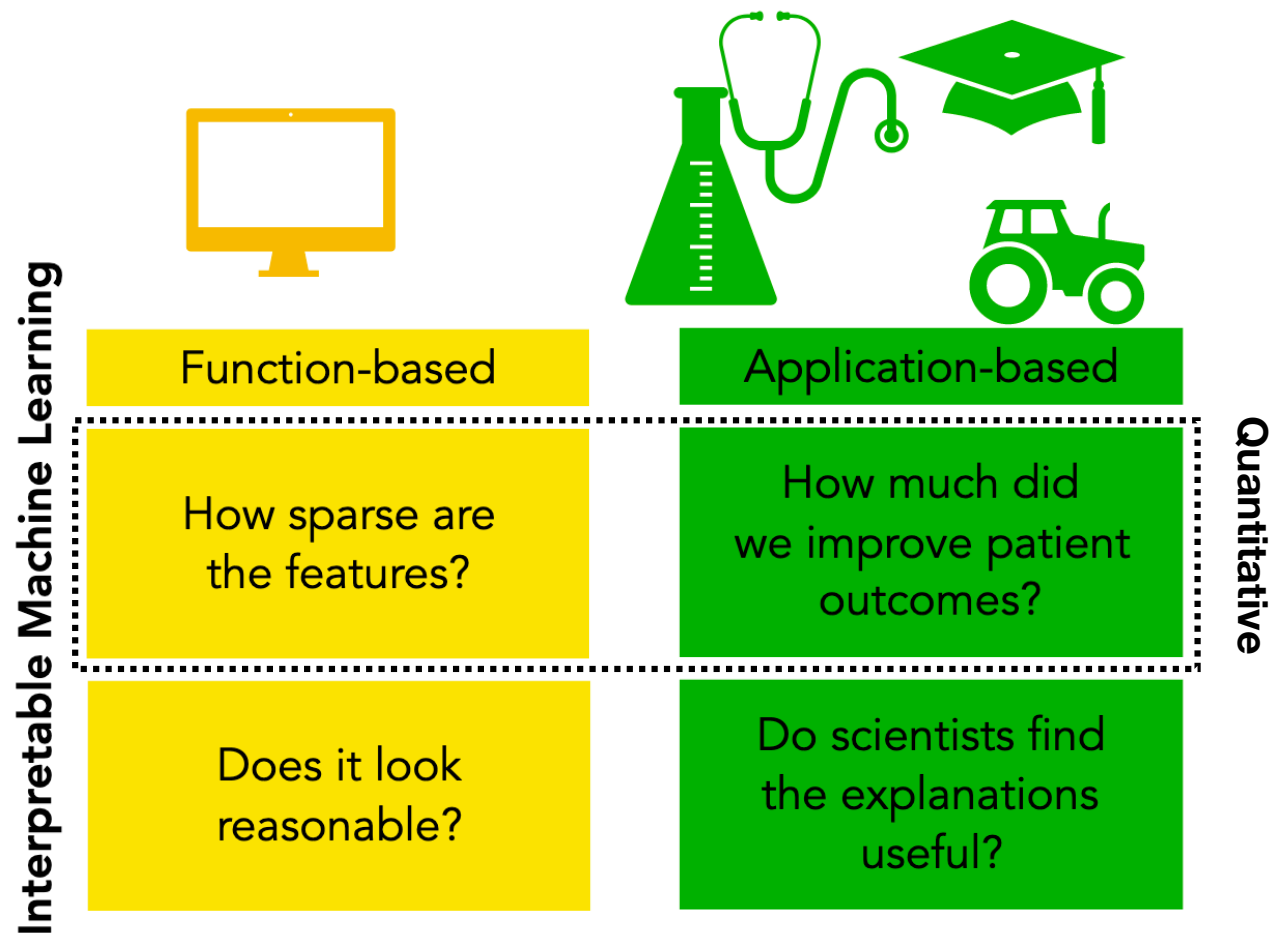


# Evaluation

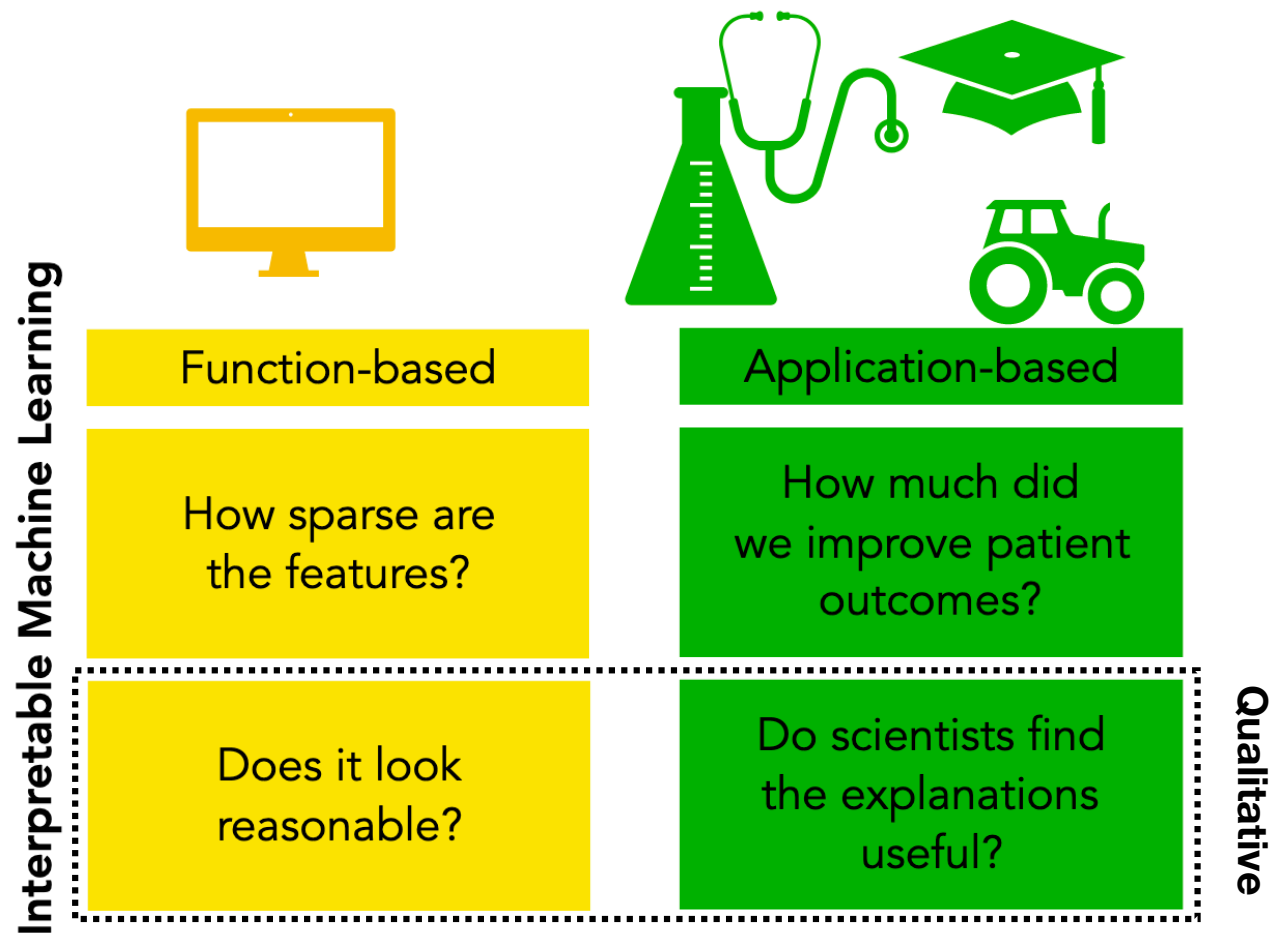




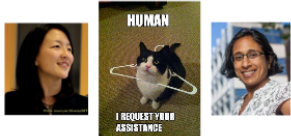
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Interpretable Machine Learning:  
The fuss, the concrete and the questions



Been Kim  
Google Brain

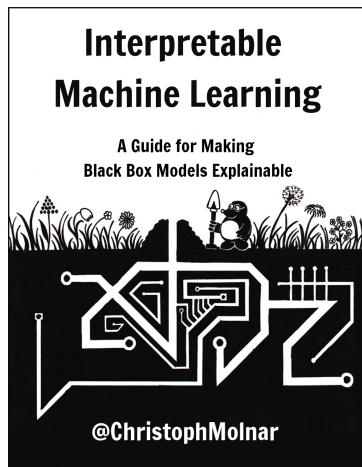


with Finale Doshi-Velez, Harvard university  
Tutorial, ICML 2017



## 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](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)**

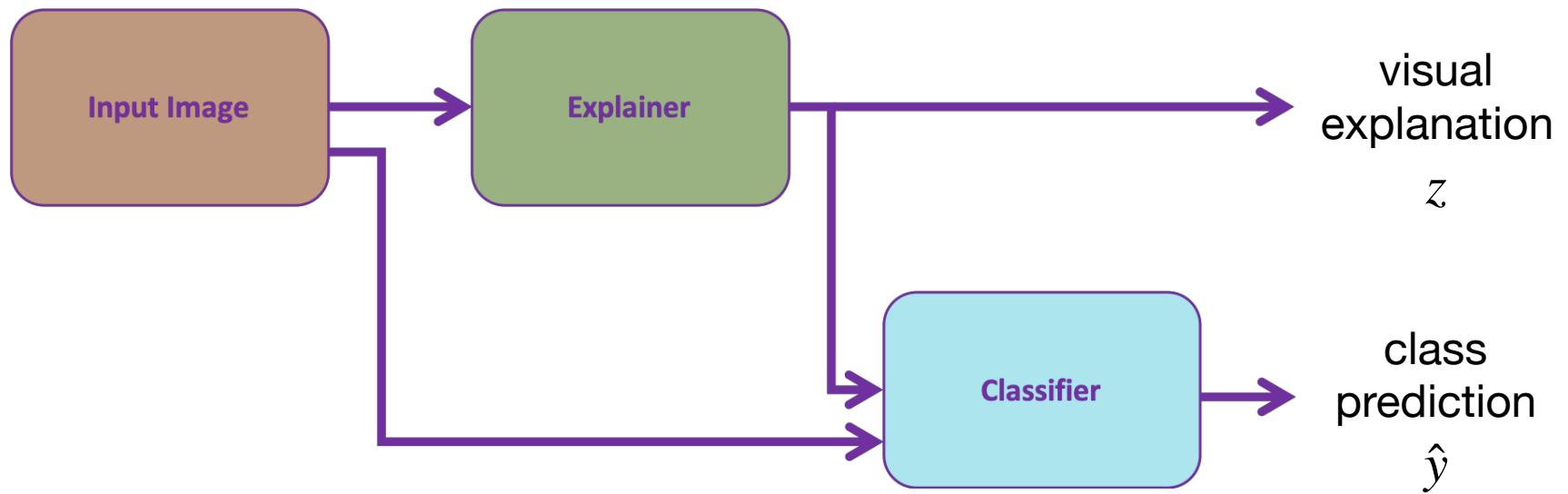
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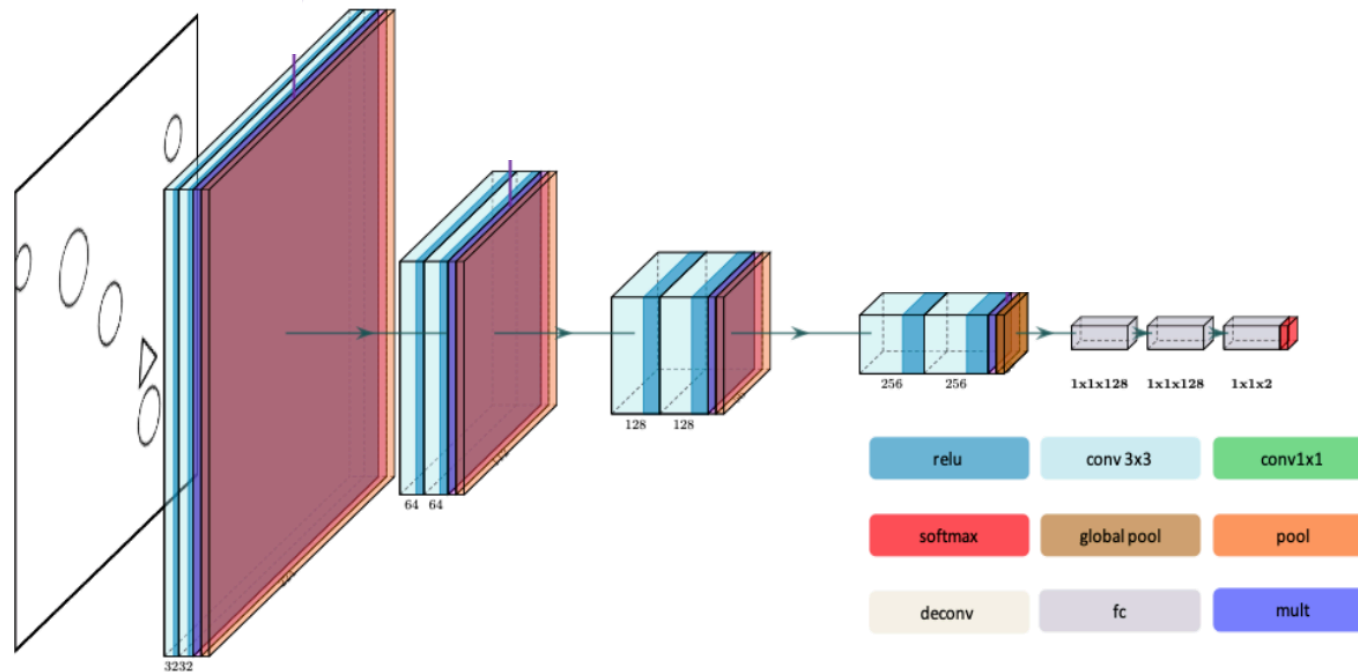
- Interpretability still lacks a unified formal definition and metrics
- Definition used (L.H. Gilpin *et al.* : “Explaining explanations: An overview of interpretability of machine learning):
  - explainability > interpretability

# 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

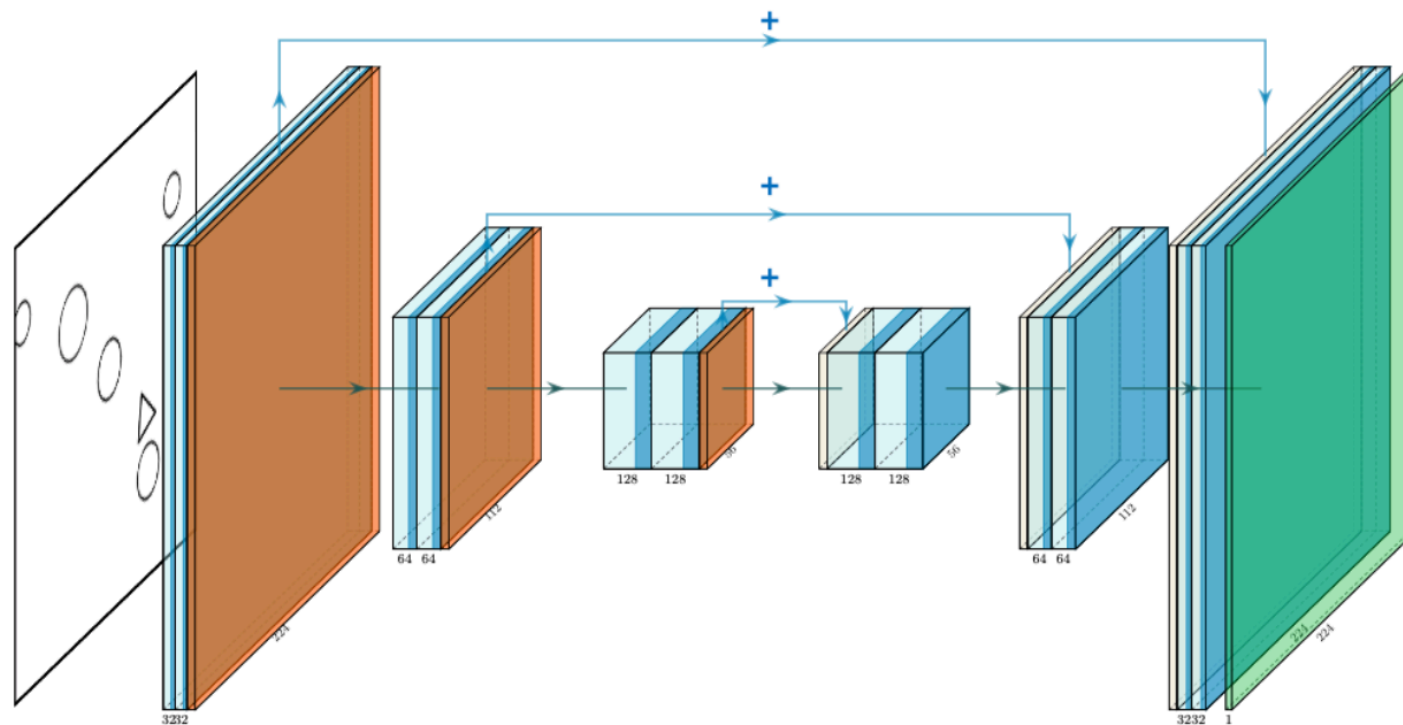
# Proposed Architecture



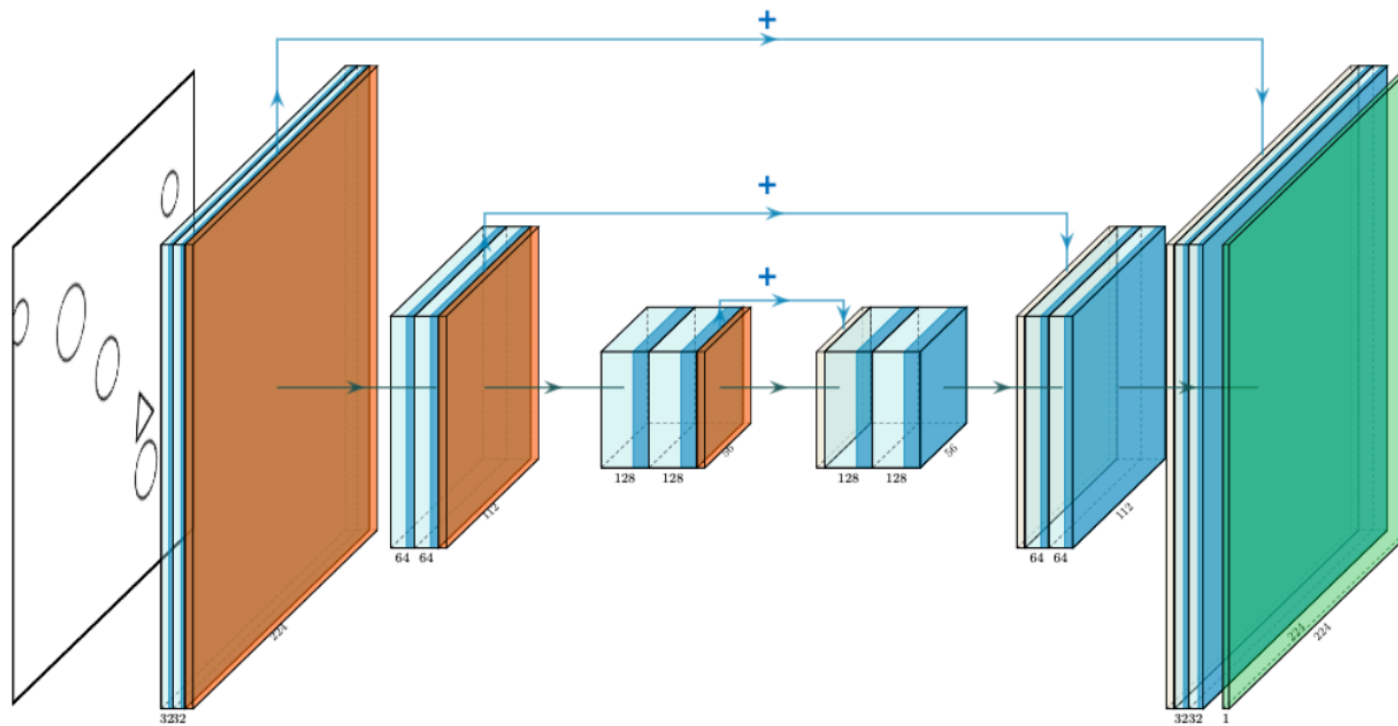


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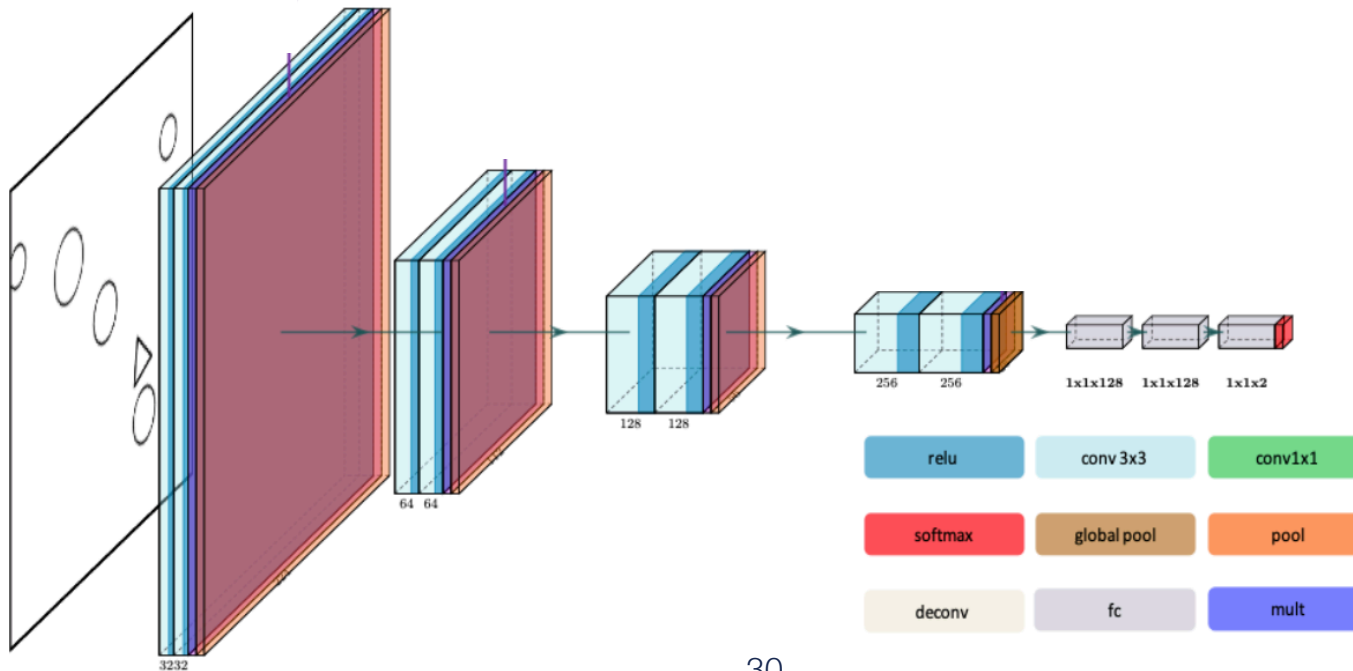




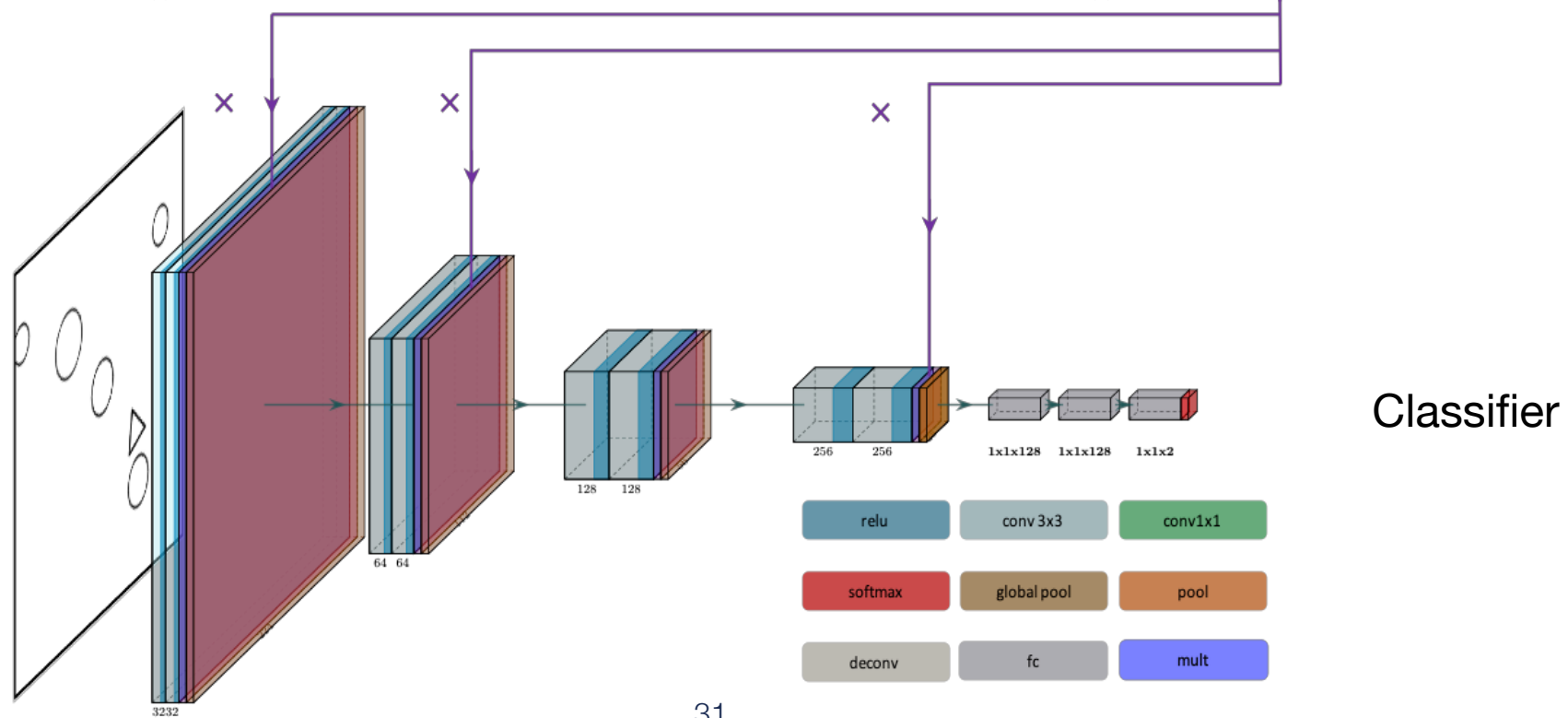
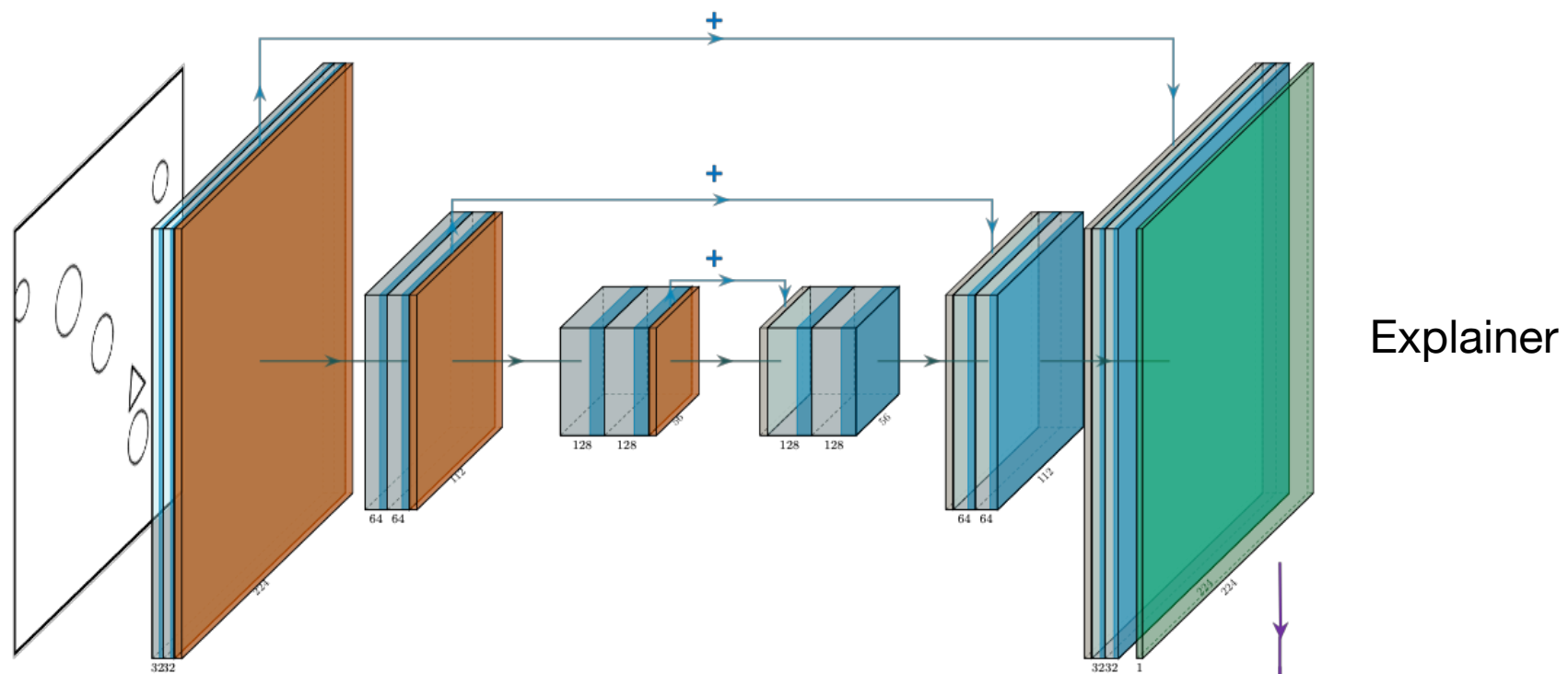
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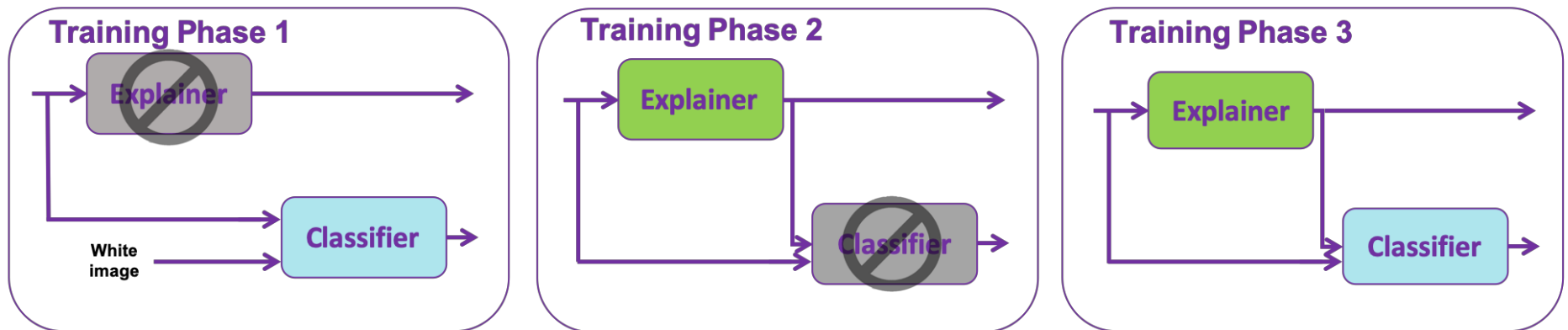
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Classifier



# Training Process



# Loss

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

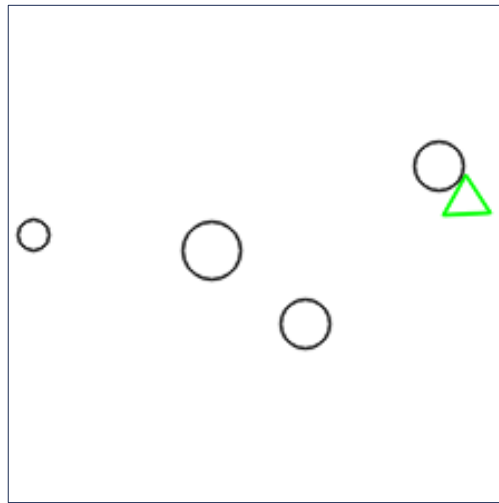
$$\mathcal{L}_{class} = - \sum_c y_{o,c} \log(p_{o,c})$$

categorical  
cross entropy

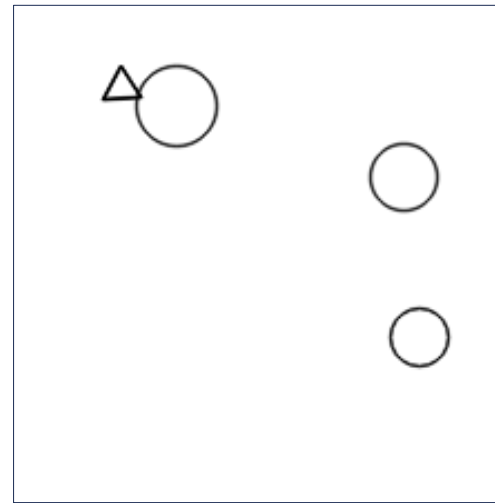
$$\mathcal{L}_{expl} = \lambda \frac{1}{m \times n} \sum_{i,j} |z_{i,j}|$$

penalised  
 $\ell_1$  norm

# Synthetic Datasets

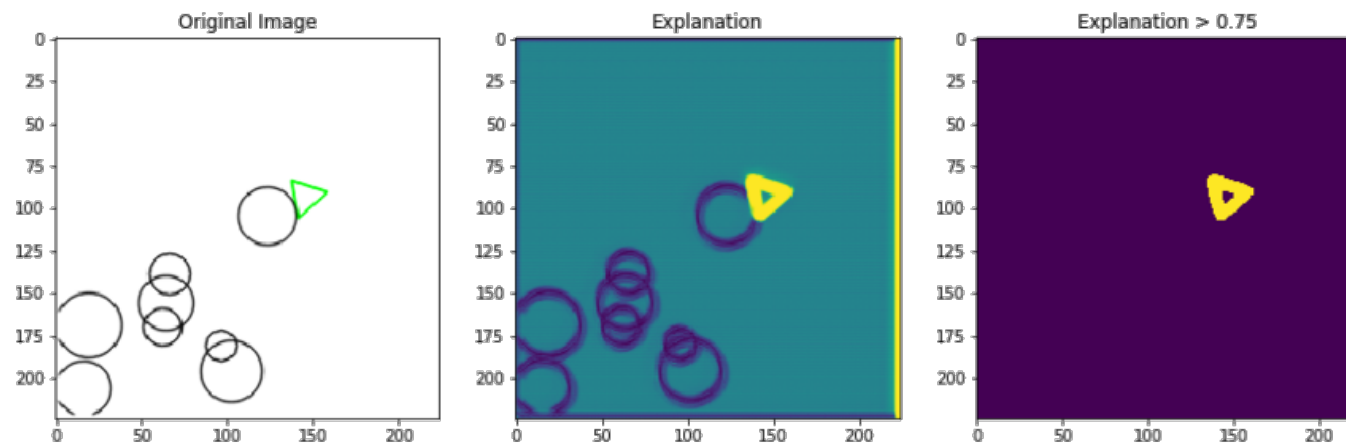


Simple dataset with  
colour cues  
**Binary classification**  
**problem:** exists/does  
not exist a triangle



Simple dataset without  
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**Binary classification**  
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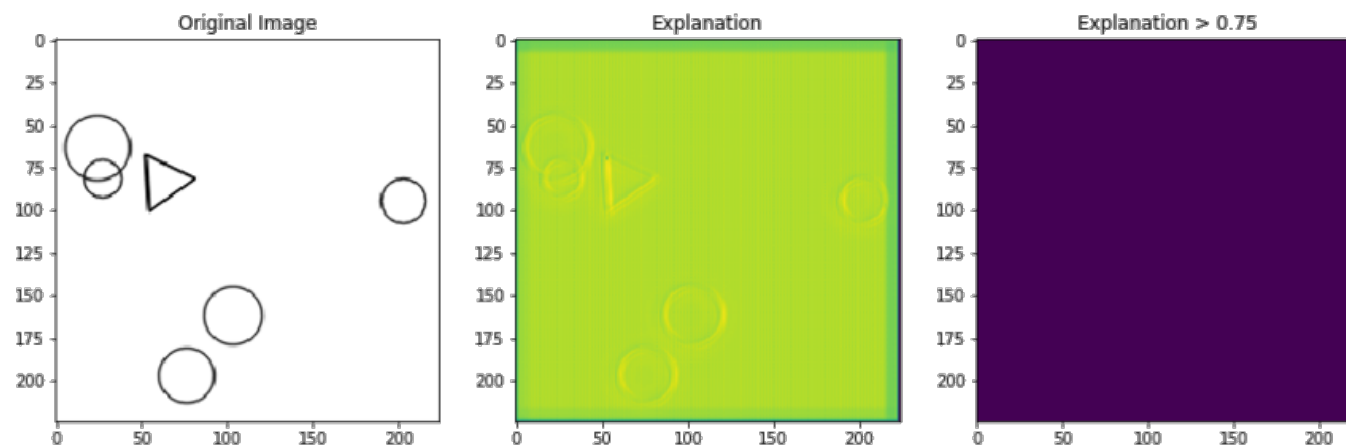
# Results on Synthetic Datasets



Explanation obtained without any regularisation



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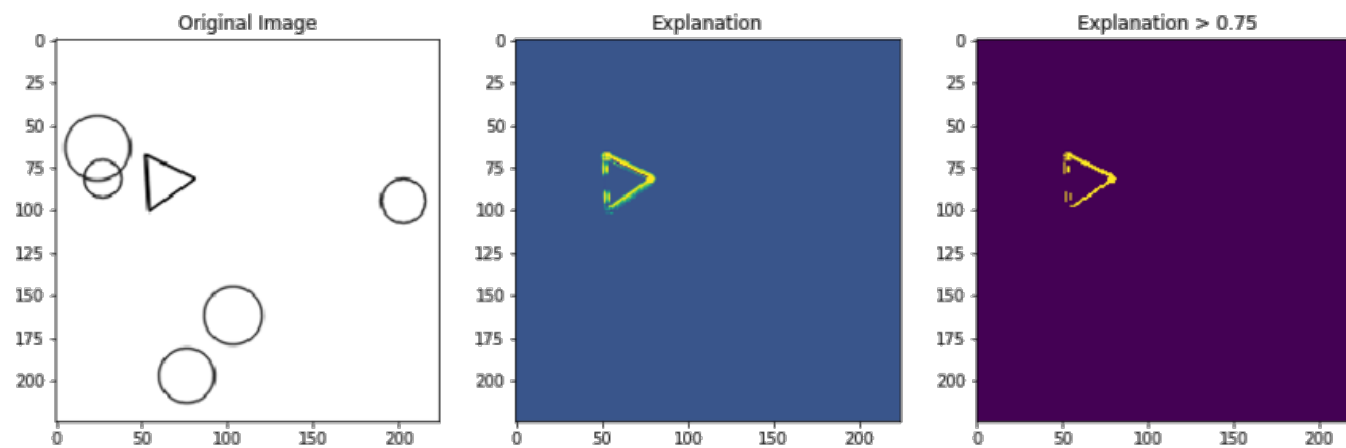


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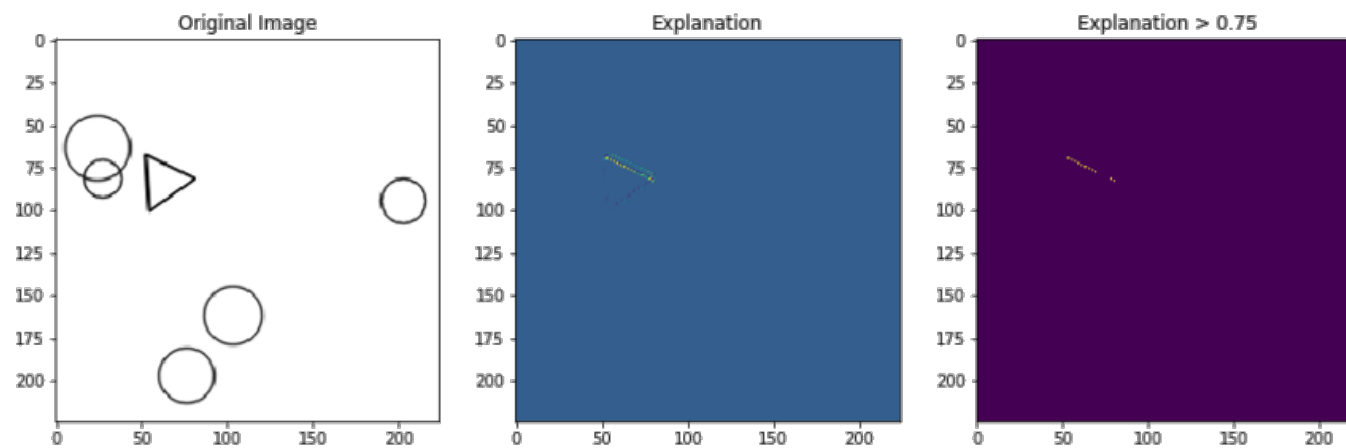
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Explanation obtained with  $\ell_1$  penalty  $\lambda = 10^{-6}$



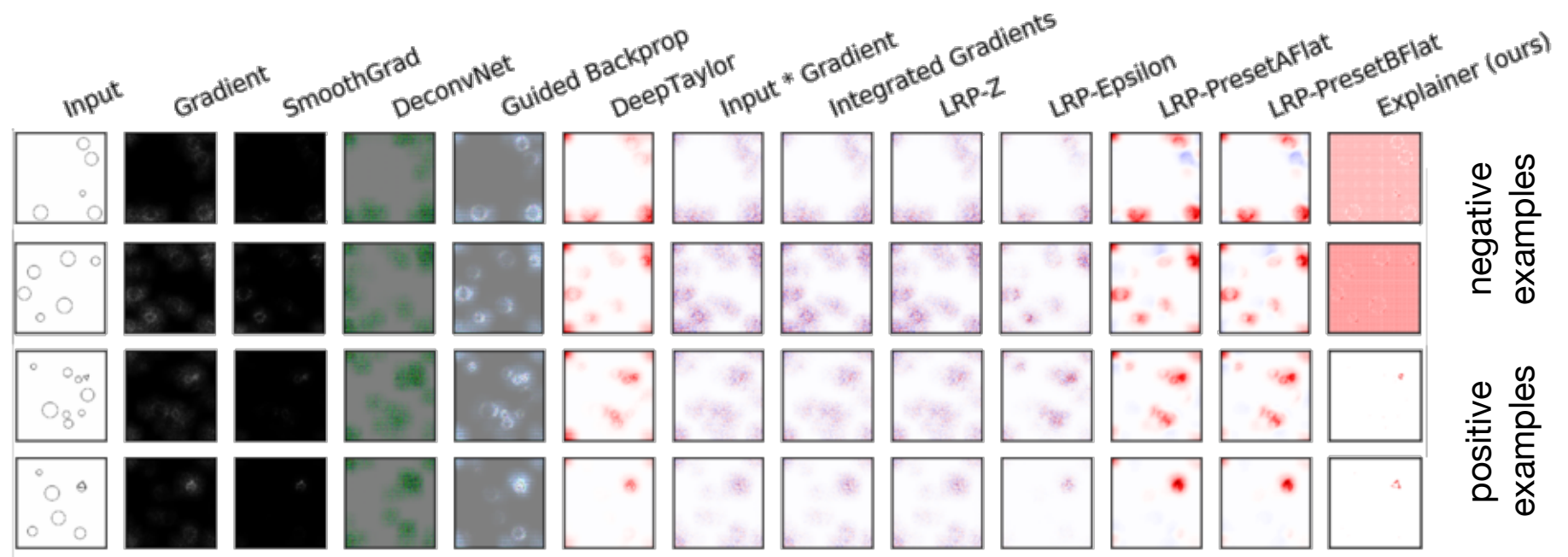
# Results on Synthetic Datasets



Explanation obtained with  $\ell_1$  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

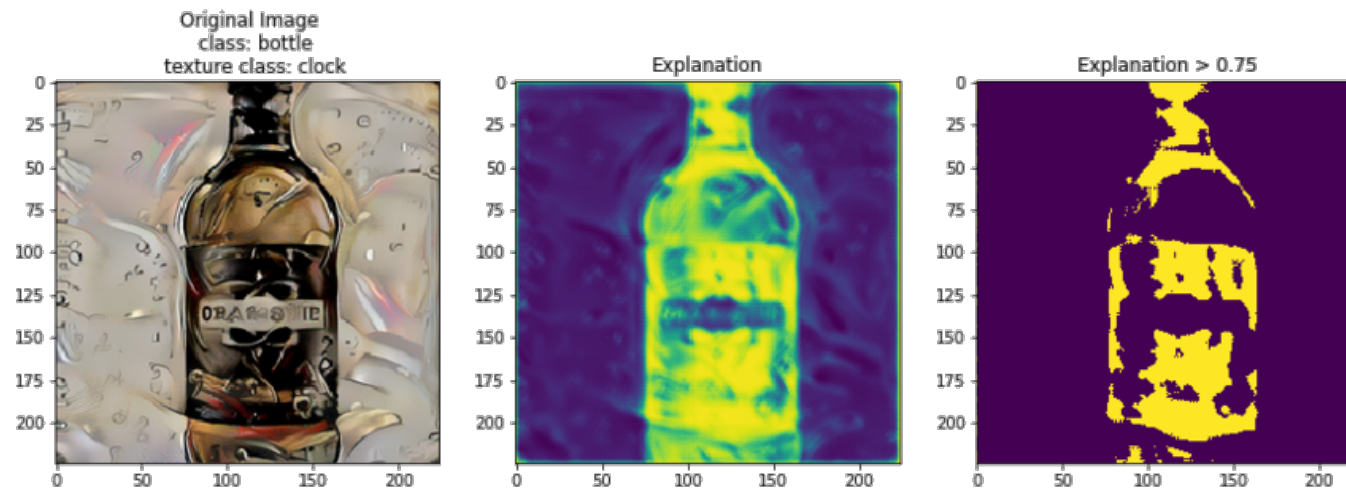


**Original class:** bicycle  
**Texture class:** truck



**Original class:** bottle  
**Texture class:** clock

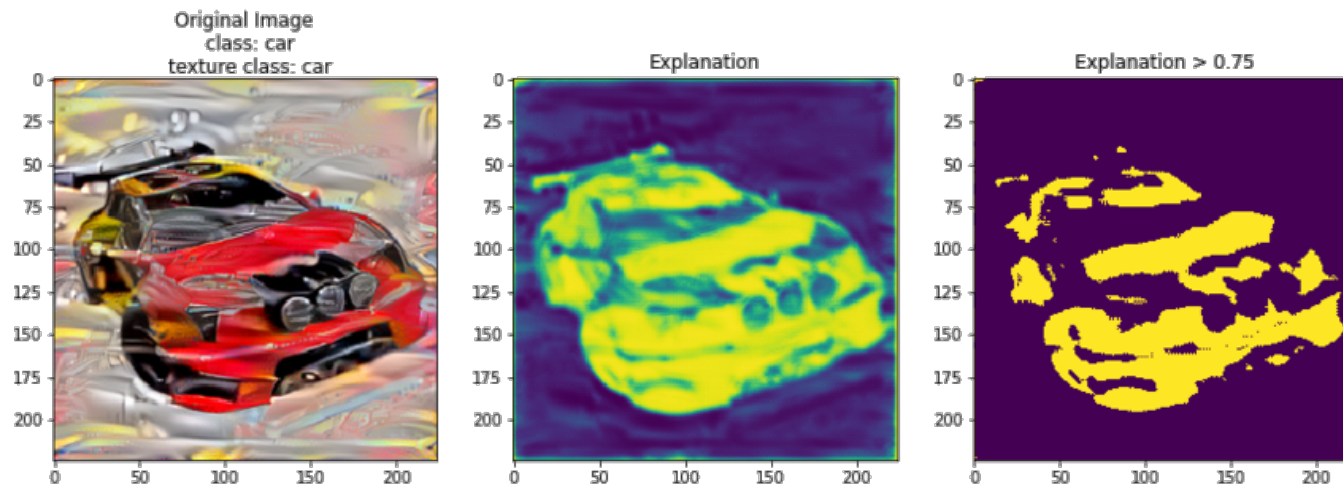
# Results on Cue Conflict Dataset



Example explanation obtained from the cue conflict dataset  
without regularisation



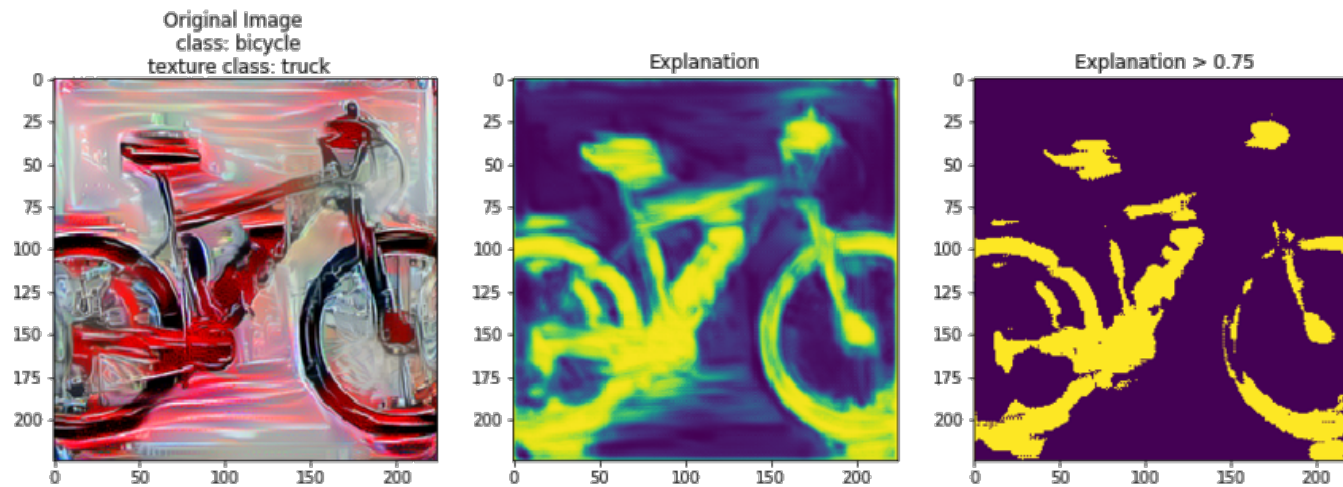
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# Other Preliminary Experiments

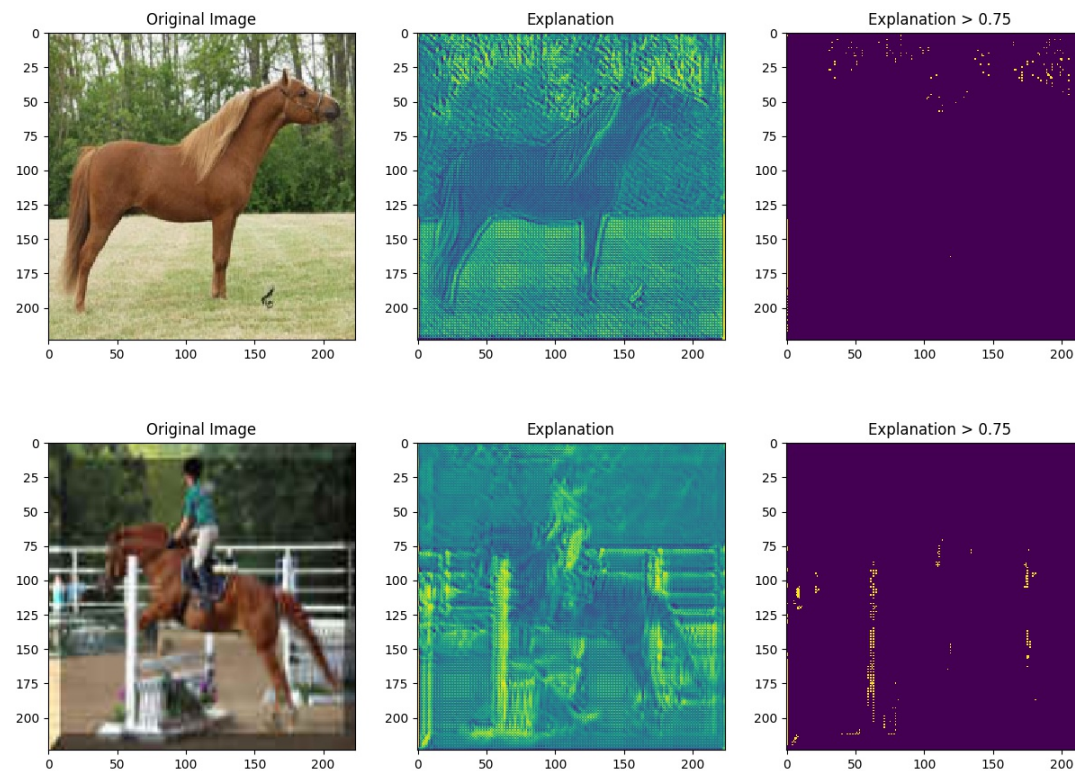
- Using a different (and larger) classifier
  - ResNet-50 pre-trained w/ ImageNet
- Horses vs. Zebras





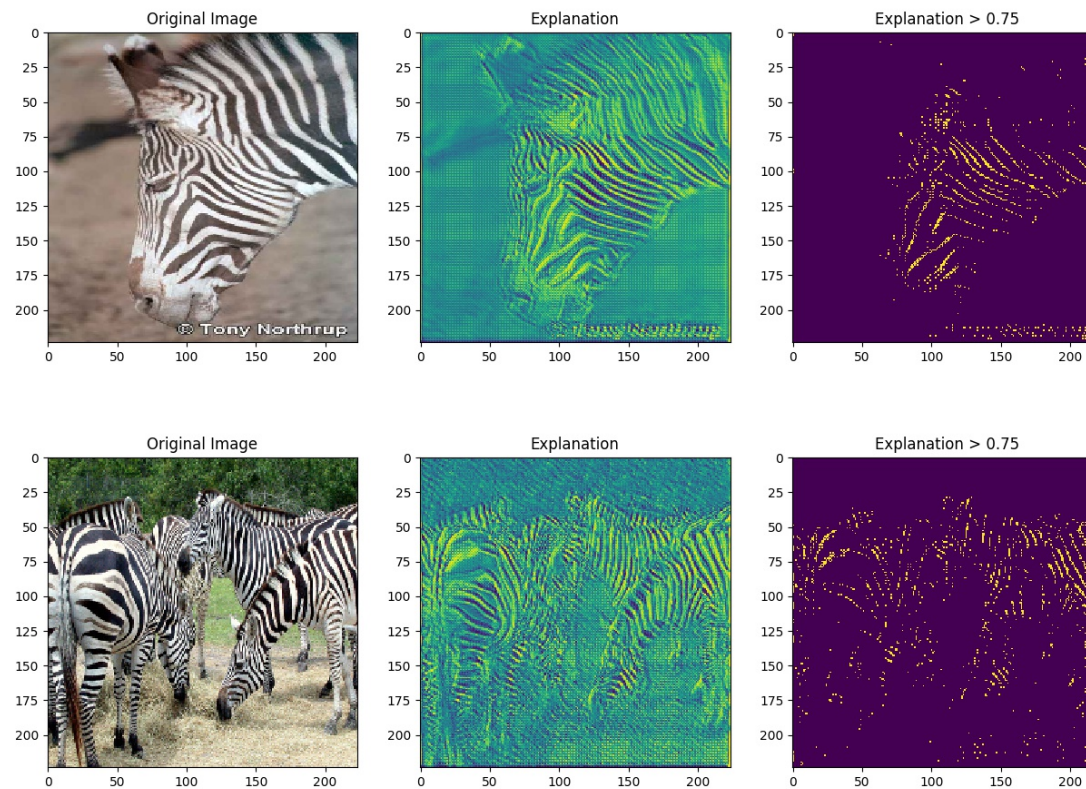
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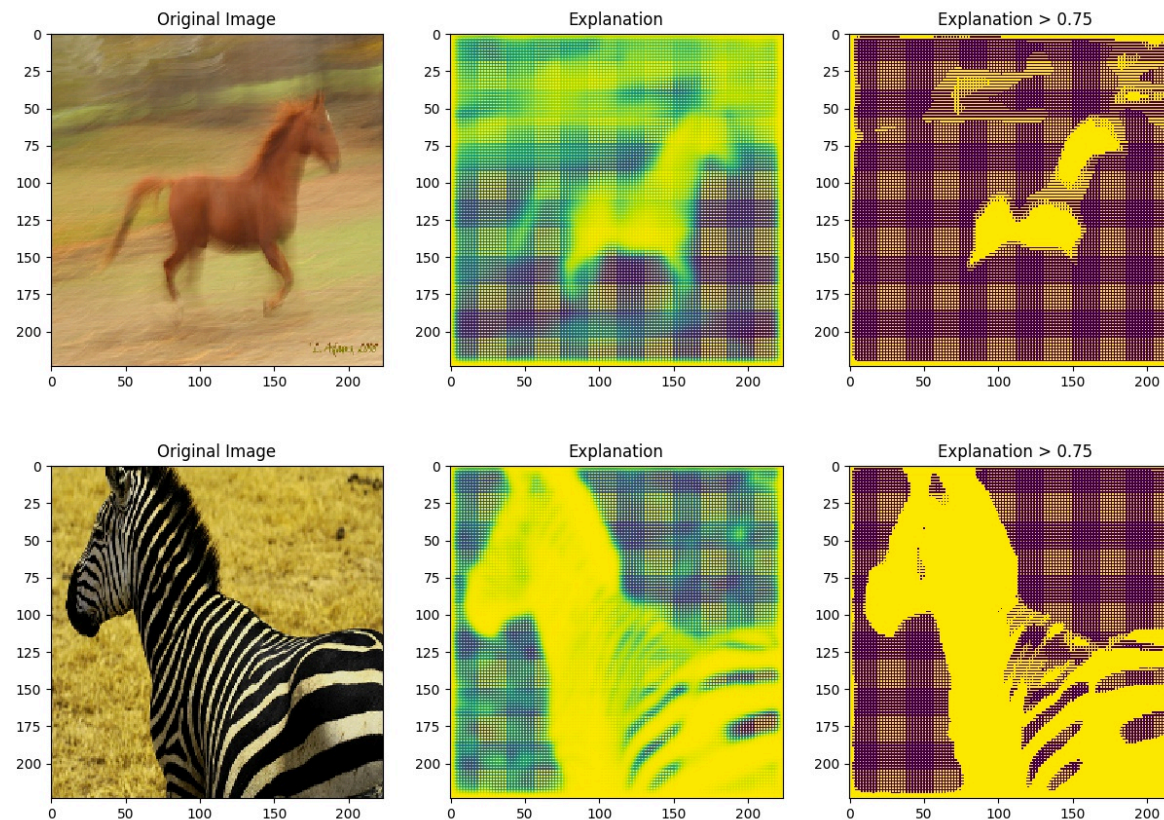
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# Other Preliminary Experiments

- 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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