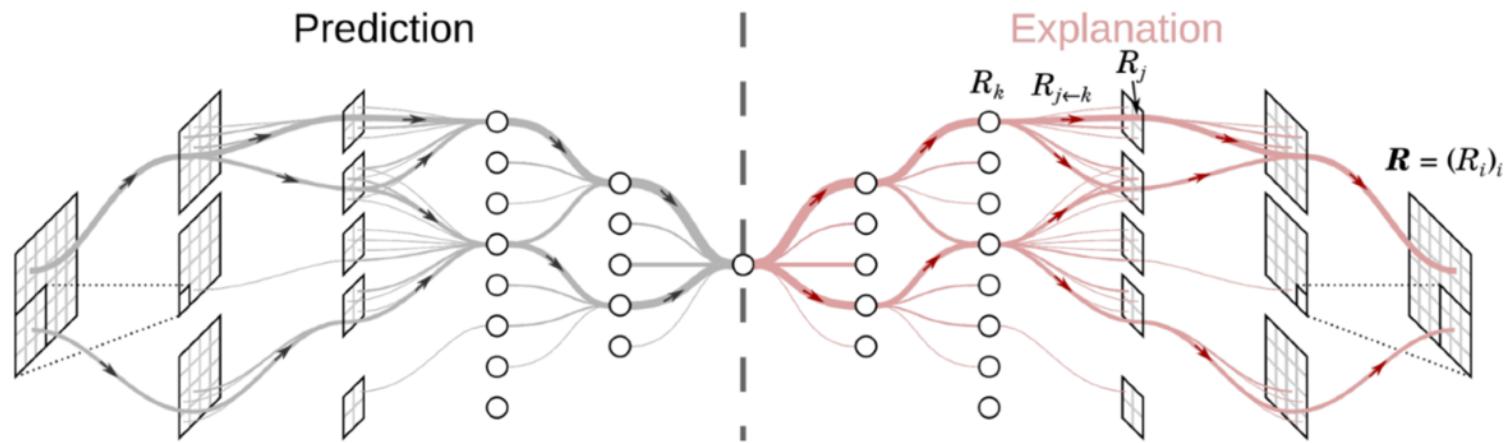
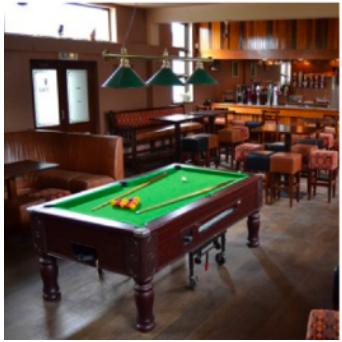


# Concept-Level Explainable AI

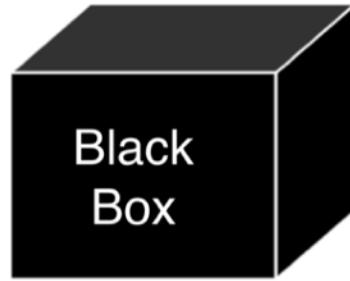
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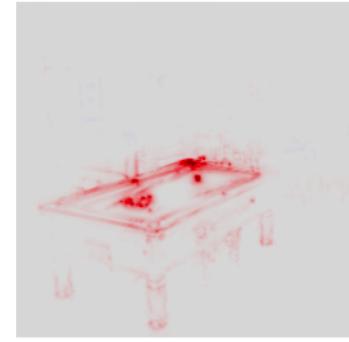
# Explain? Yes We Can



*classify*



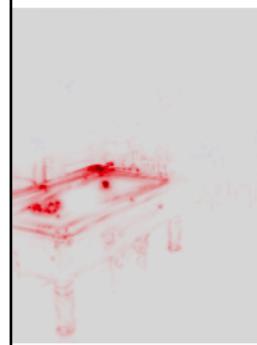
*explain*



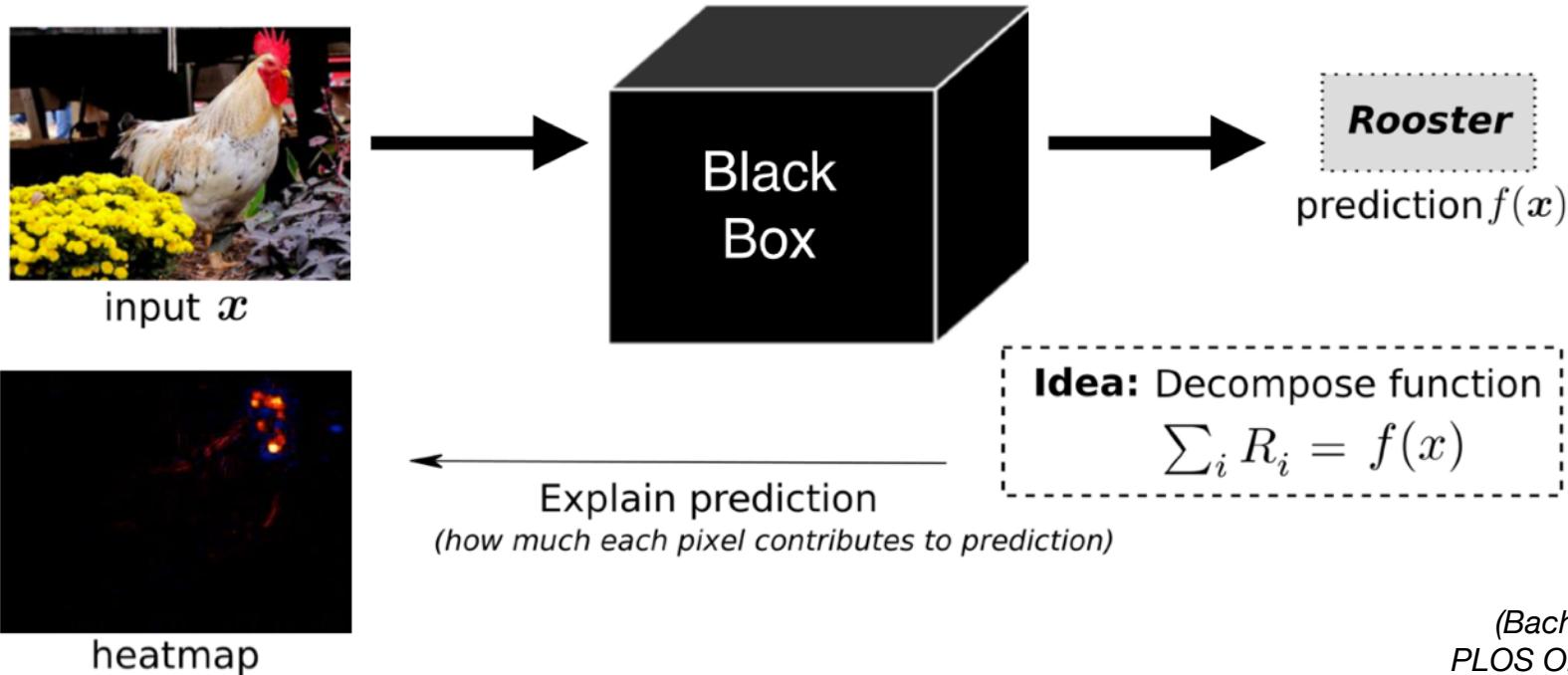
# Explain? Yes We Can



Baehrens'10 Gradient	Sundarajan'17 Int Grad	Zintgraf'17 Pred Diff	Ribeiro'16 LIME	Haufe'15 Pattern
Zurada'94 Gradient	Symonian'13 Gradient	Zeiler'14 Occlusions	Fong'17 M Perturb	Kindermans'17 PatternNet
Poulin'06 Additive	Lundberg'17 Shapley	Bazen'13 Taylor	Montavon'17 Deep Taylor	Shrikumar'17 DeepLIFT
Zeiler'14 Deconv	Landecker'13 Contrib Prop	Bach'15 LRP	Zhang'16 Excitation BP	
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# XAI 1.0: Layer-wise Relevance Propagation

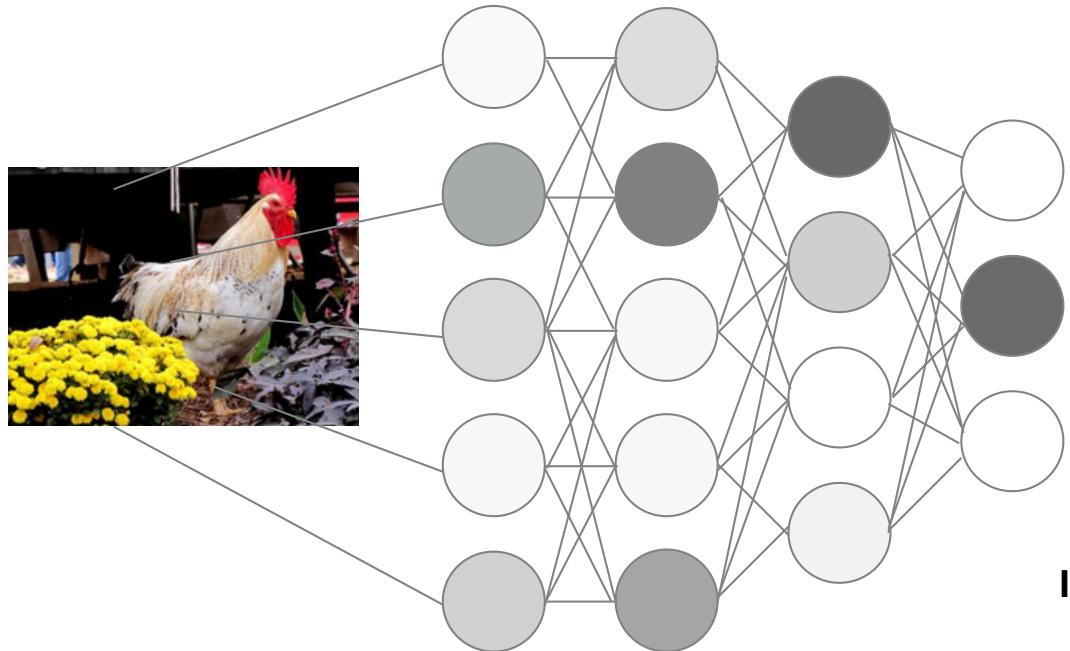


(Bach et al.,  
PLOS ONE, 2015)

Layer-wise Relevance Propagation is a general approach to explain predictions of AI.

# XAI 1.0: Layer-wise Relevance Propagation

Classification



cat

rooster

dog

Initialization

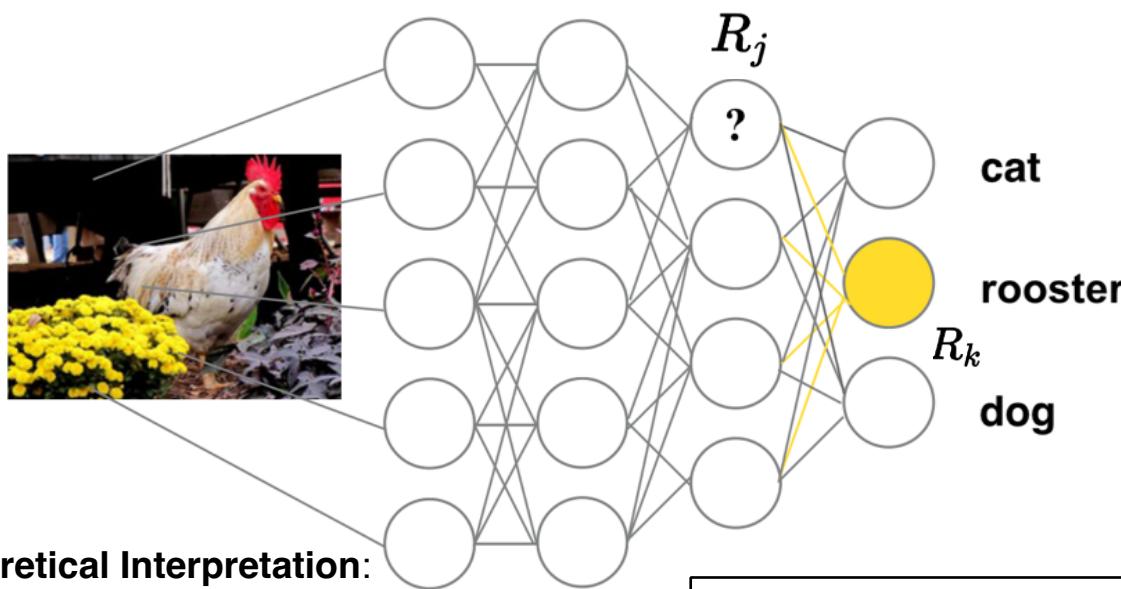
$$R_k = f(x)$$

Idea: Redistribute the evidence for class rooster back to image space.

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# XAI 1.0: Layer-wise Relevance Propagation

Explanation



how much has j contributed to activation of k

LRP:

(1) decompose

$$R_{j \leftarrow k} = \frac{z_{jk}}{z_k} R_k$$

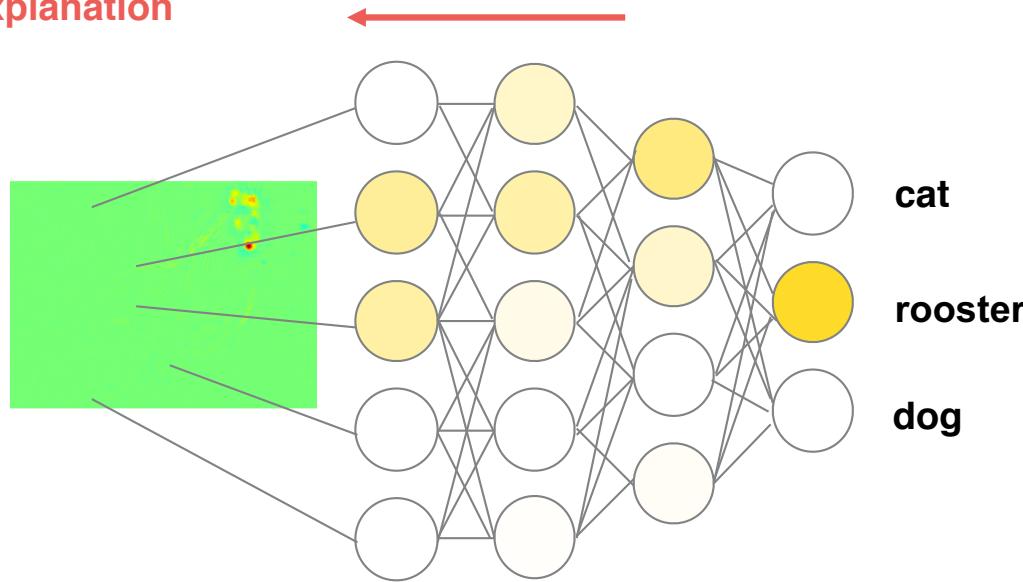


(2) aggregate

$$R_j = \sum R_{j \leftarrow k}$$

# XAI 1.0: Layer-wise Relevance Propagation

Explanation



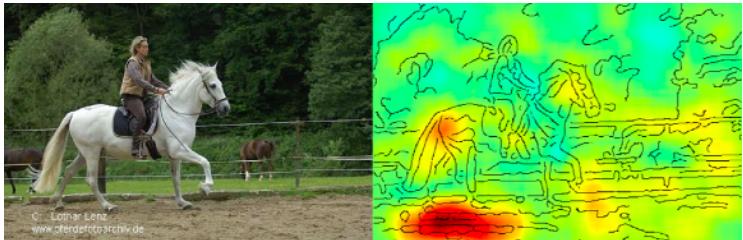
Layer-wise relevance conservation

$$\sum_i R_i = \dots = \sum_i R_i^{(l)} = \sum_j R_j^{(l+1)} = \dots = f(x)$$

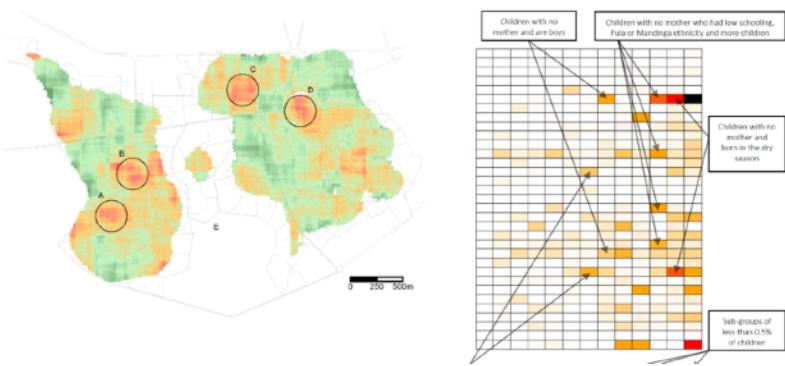
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# More Than Just Explaining ...

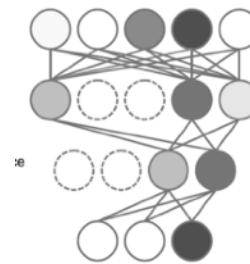
## Validation & Debugging



## Scientific Insights



## Pruning & Quantization

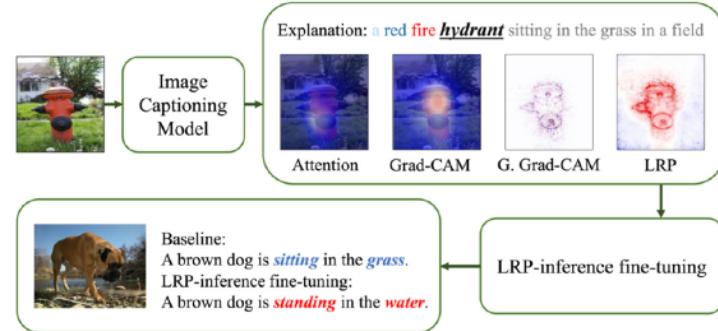


1.36	-0.56	0	-0.56
0	0	0	-0.56
0	-0.56	0	0
1.36	0	1.36	-0.56

-0.03	0.01	0.01	-0.06
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0.03	-0.08	0.10	-0.03
0.01	0.05	-0.04	0.04

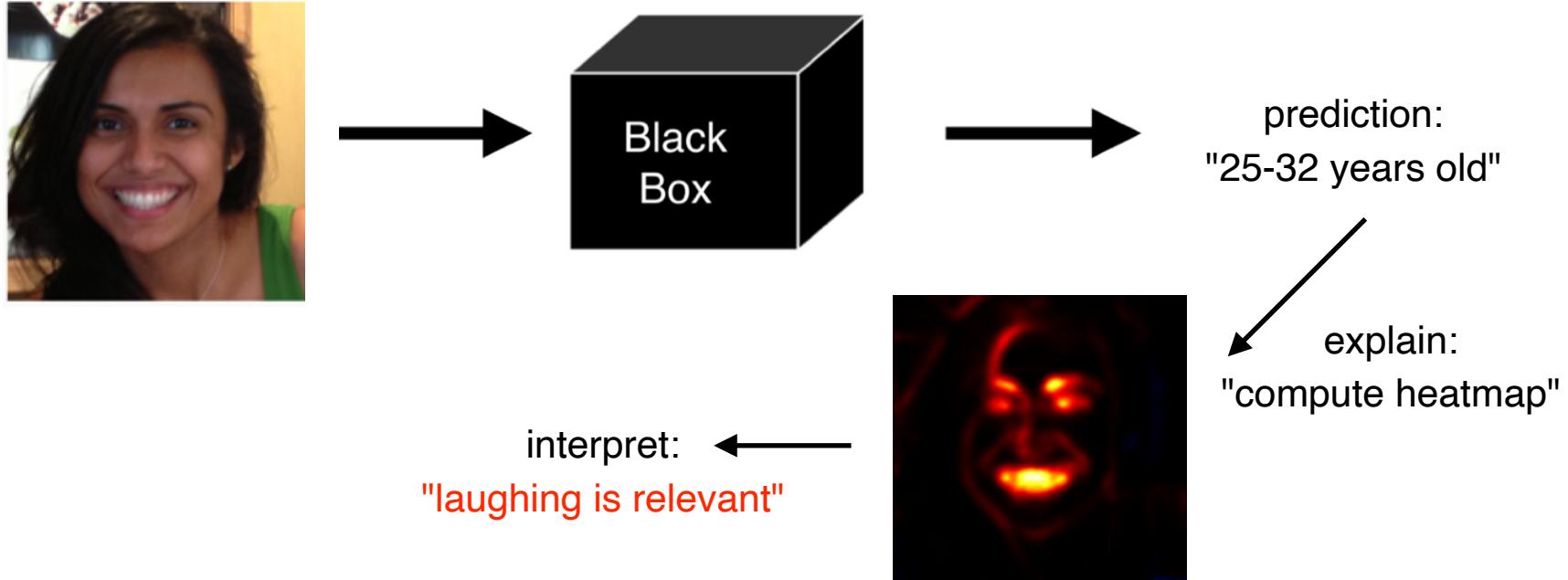
-0.04	0.01	0.01	-0.03
0.02	-0.07	0.08	-0.02
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## XAI-Based Model Improvement

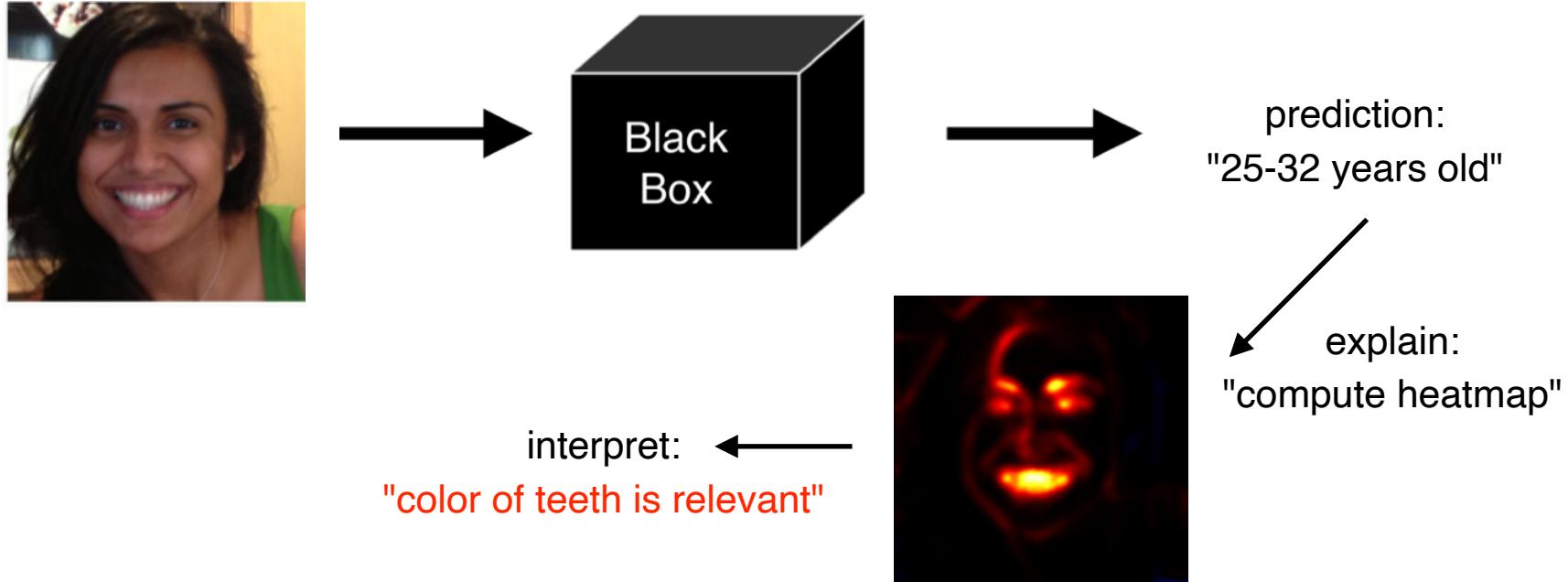


How understandable is the explanation ?

# Limitations of Attribution Maps

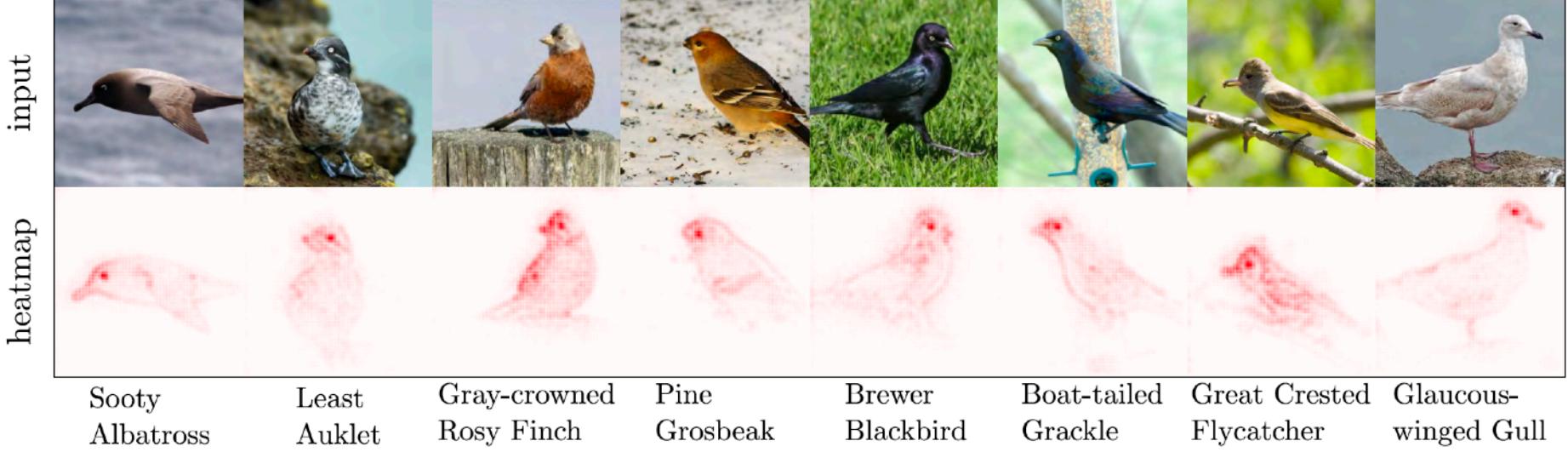


# Limitations of Attribution Maps



Problem: We know *where* something relevant is not *what* it is.

# Limitations of Attribution Maps



Problem: Loss of explanatory value due to superposition of concepts (all relevant).

# Entering XAI 2.0

## From “Where” to “What”: Towards Human-Understandable Explanations through Concept Relevance Propagation

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Maximilian Dreyer<sup>1,\*</sup>

Ilona Eisenbraun<sup>1</sup>

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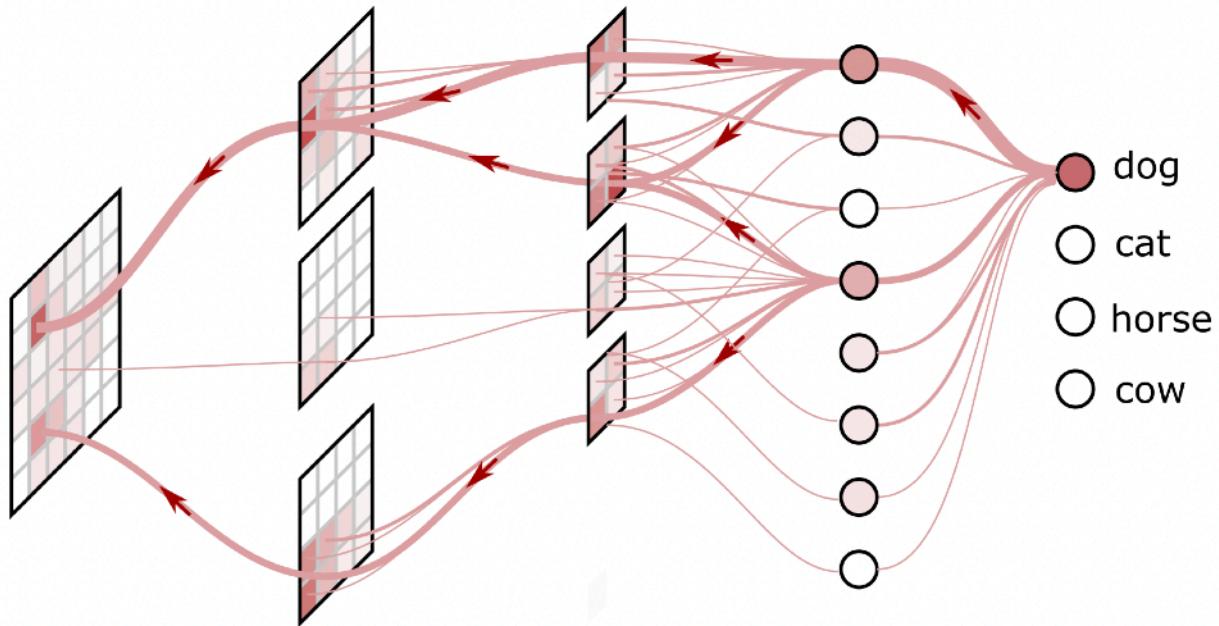
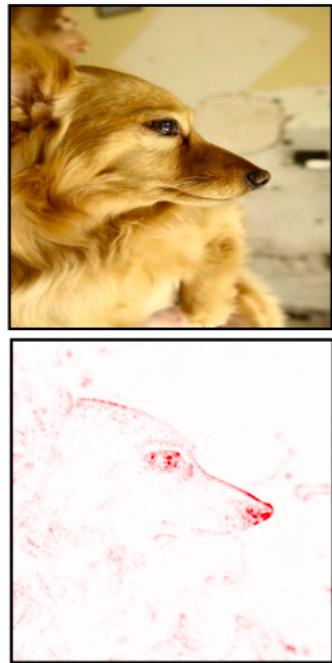
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<https://arxiv.org/abs/2206.03208>

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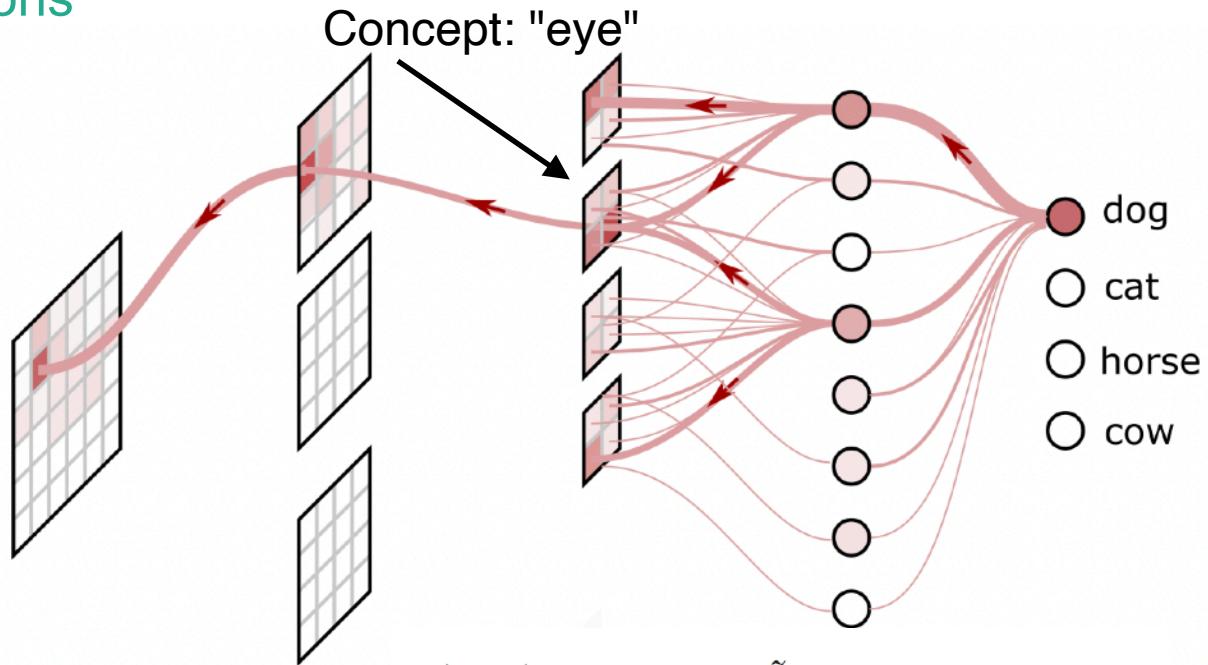
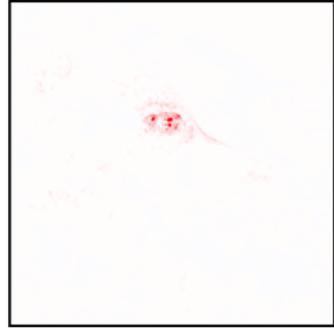
# Concept Relevance Propagation

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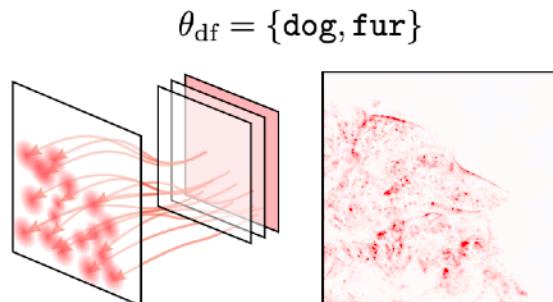
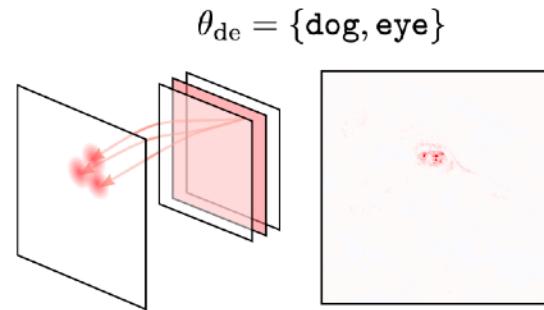
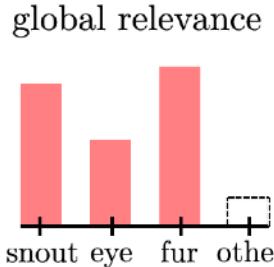
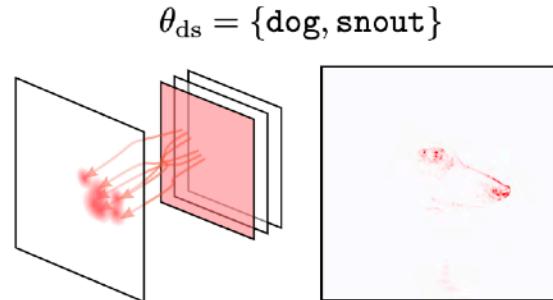
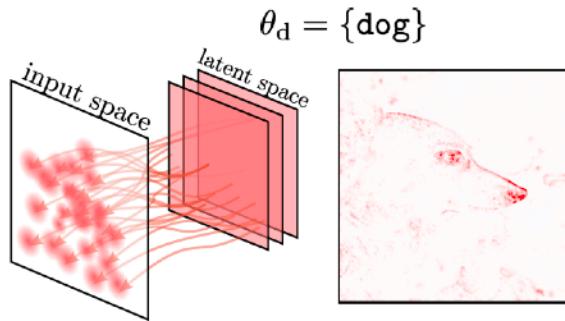


$$R_{i \leftarrow j}^{(l-1,l)}(\mathbf{x}|\theta \cup \theta_l) = \frac{z_{ij}}{z_j} \cdot \sum_{c_l \in \theta_l} \delta_{j c_l} \cdot R_j^l(\mathbf{x}|\theta)$$

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# Concept Relevance Propagation

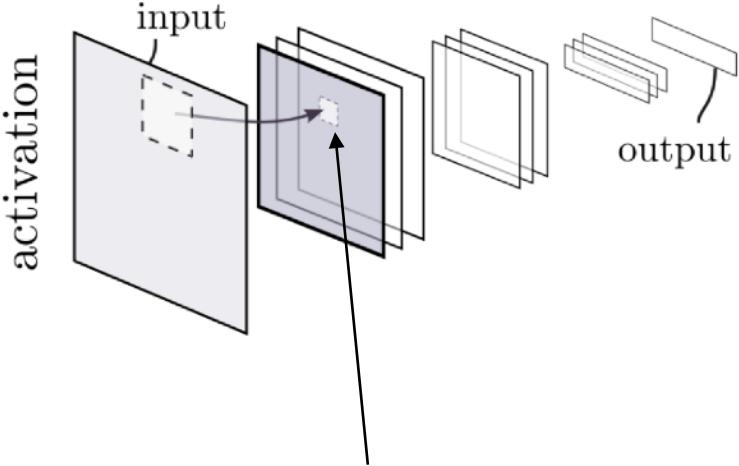
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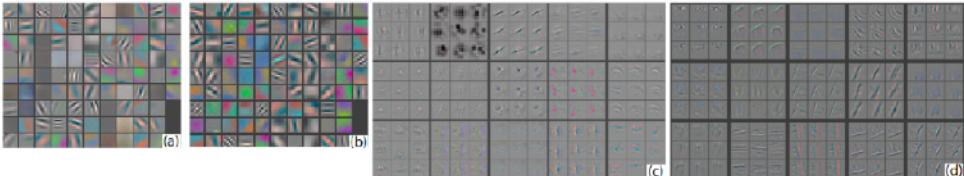
But usually we do not know what concept the channel is encoding?



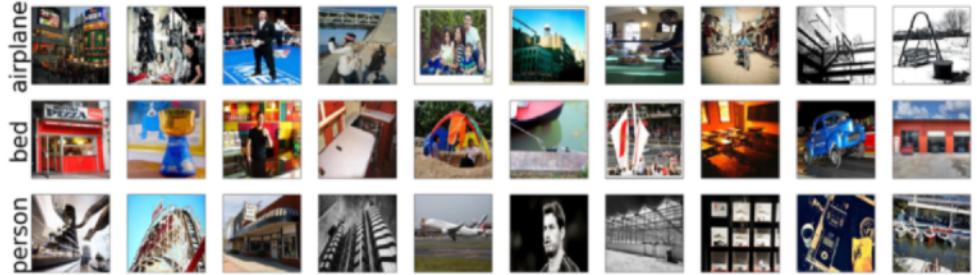
# Addressing the "What"-Question



(Zeiler et al., 2014) feature visualization



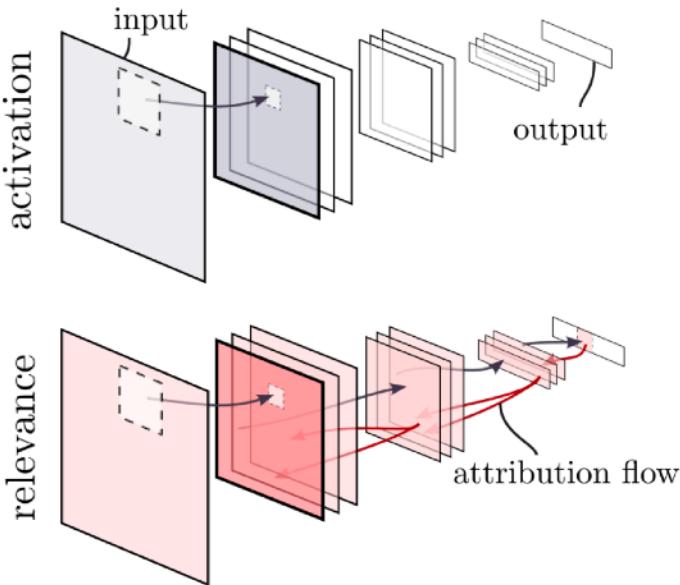
(Chen et al., 2020) data-based activation maximization



# Relevance Maximization

## or why Activation Maximization is not the Answer

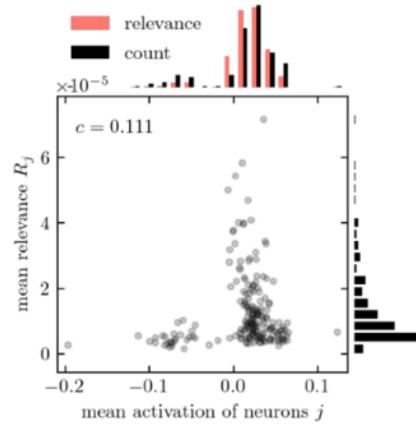
activation vs relevance flow



activation = stimulation  
**without task-context**

relevance = usefulness  
**within a task-context**

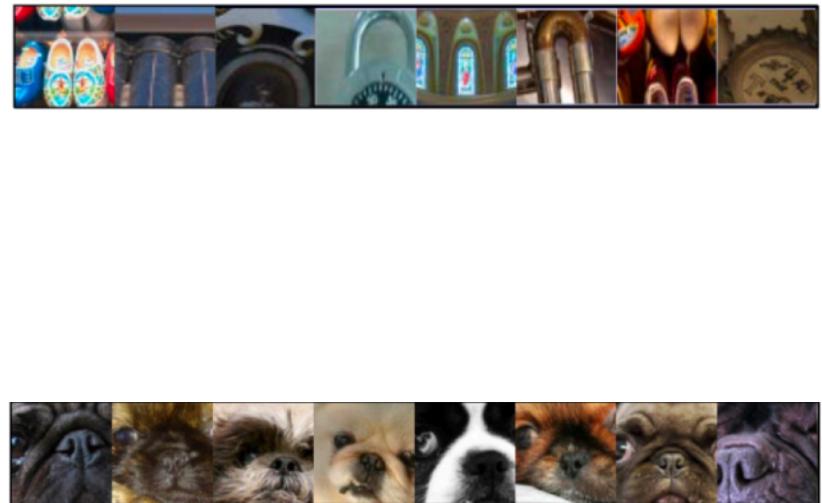
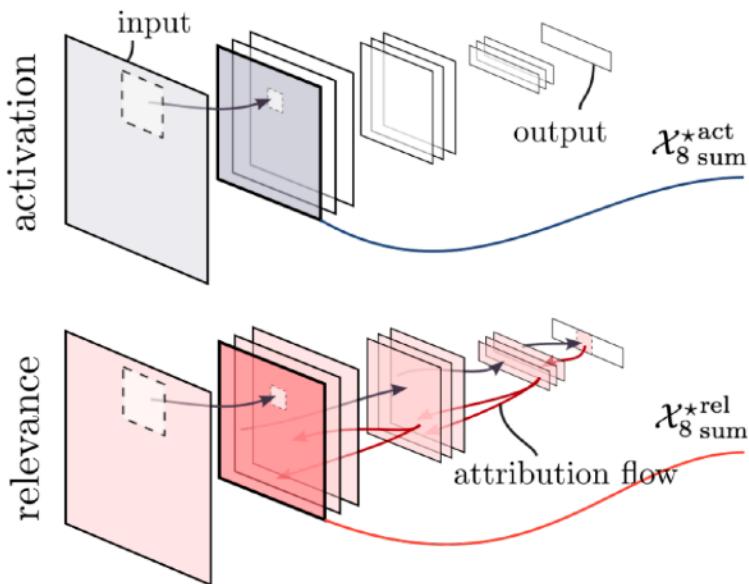
practically no correlation  
between activation and  
relevance



# Concept Relevance Propagation

## (ii) Understand the "What"-Question through RelMax

activation vs relevance flow → result in different example sets



within task-context

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# More Insights Into Reference Samples



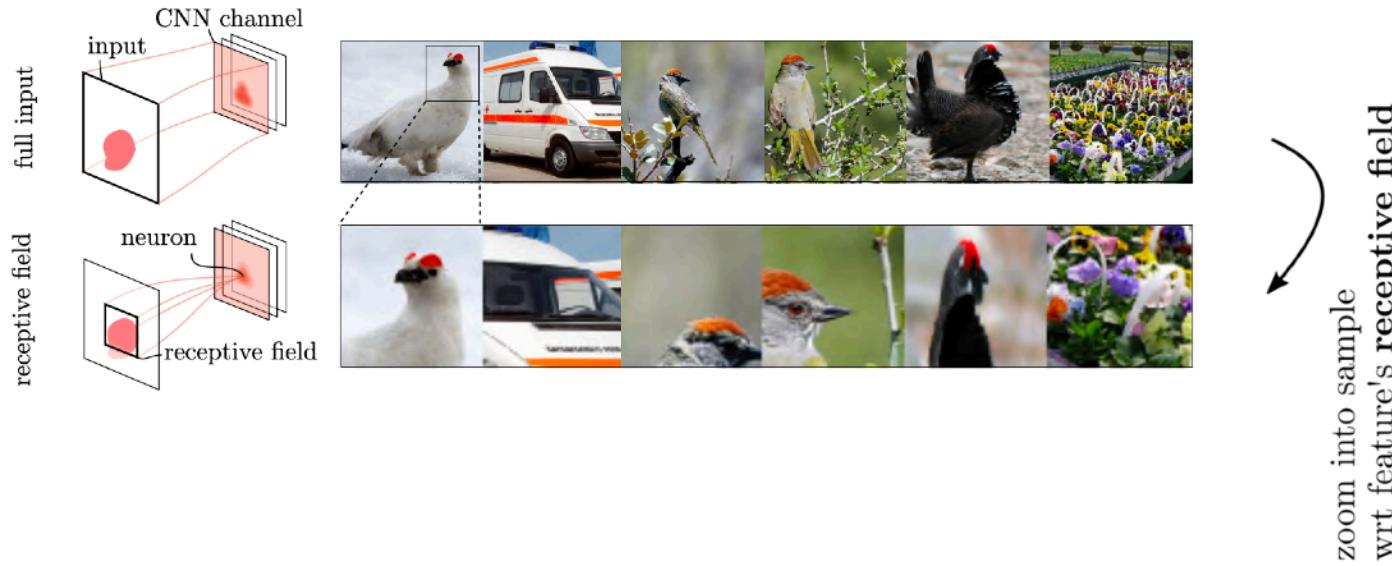
typical scenario in literature:

provide **full input-sized** explanatory examples.



which one is / are the relevant feature(s) ?

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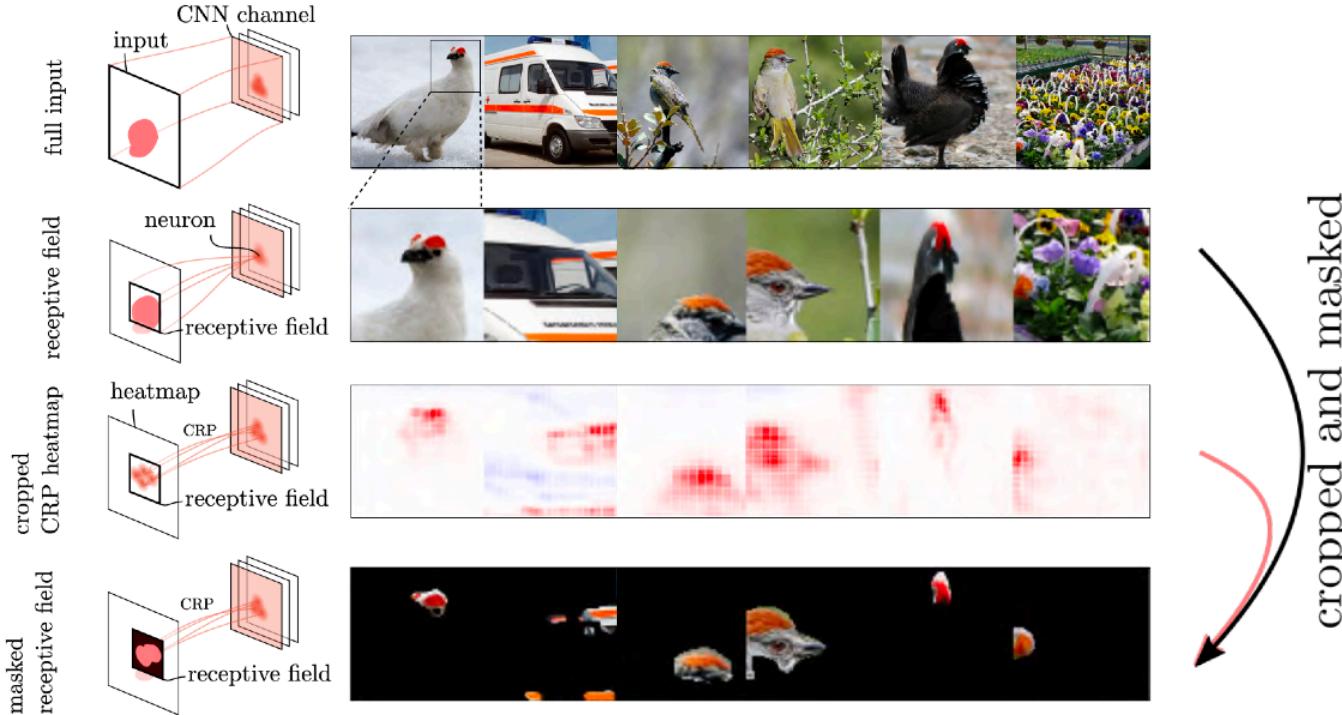


# More Insights Into Reference Samples



# Concept Relevance Propagation

## (iii) Highlight the Key Feature of a Concept



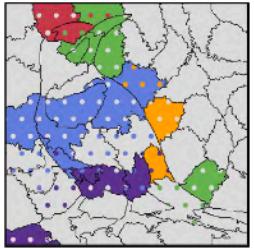
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# Concept Atlas

input



concept atlas

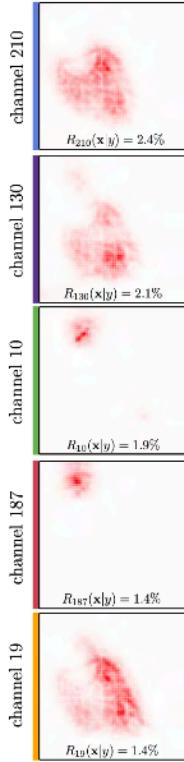


- most relevant
- 2nd most relevant

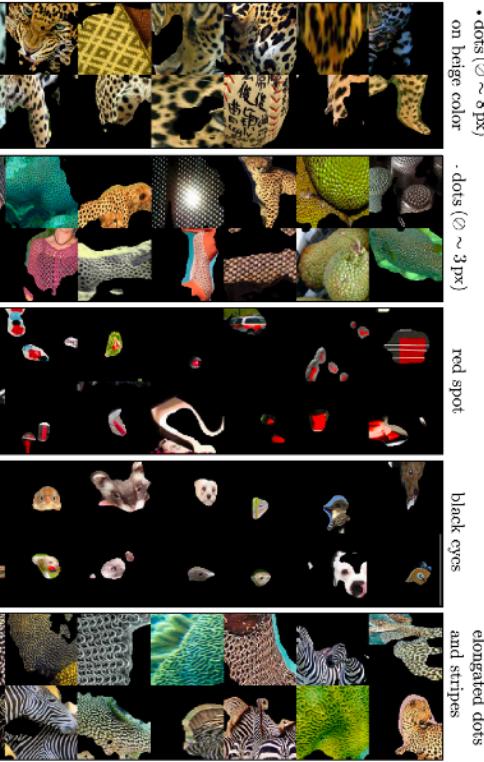
channels

210	187
130	19
10	other

conditional heatmap



masked reference samples

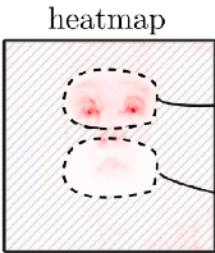
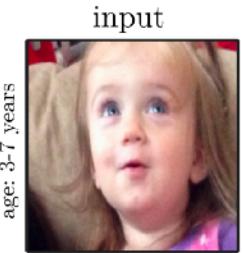


# Concept Relevance Propagation

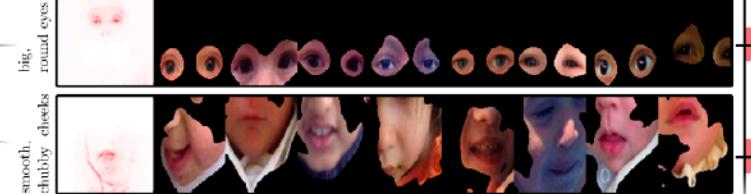
explain individual prediction

local XAI

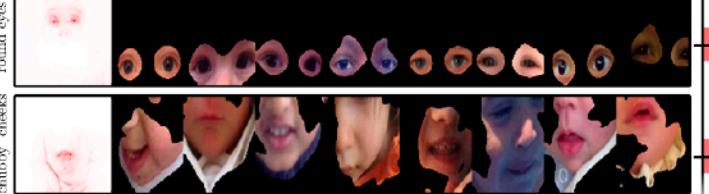
Where is the model looking at?



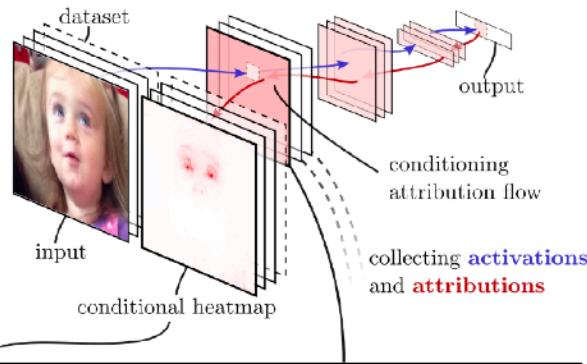
big, round eyes



smooth, chubby cheeks



glocal XAI  
What features is the model using here?



explain model representation

global XAI

What features exist?

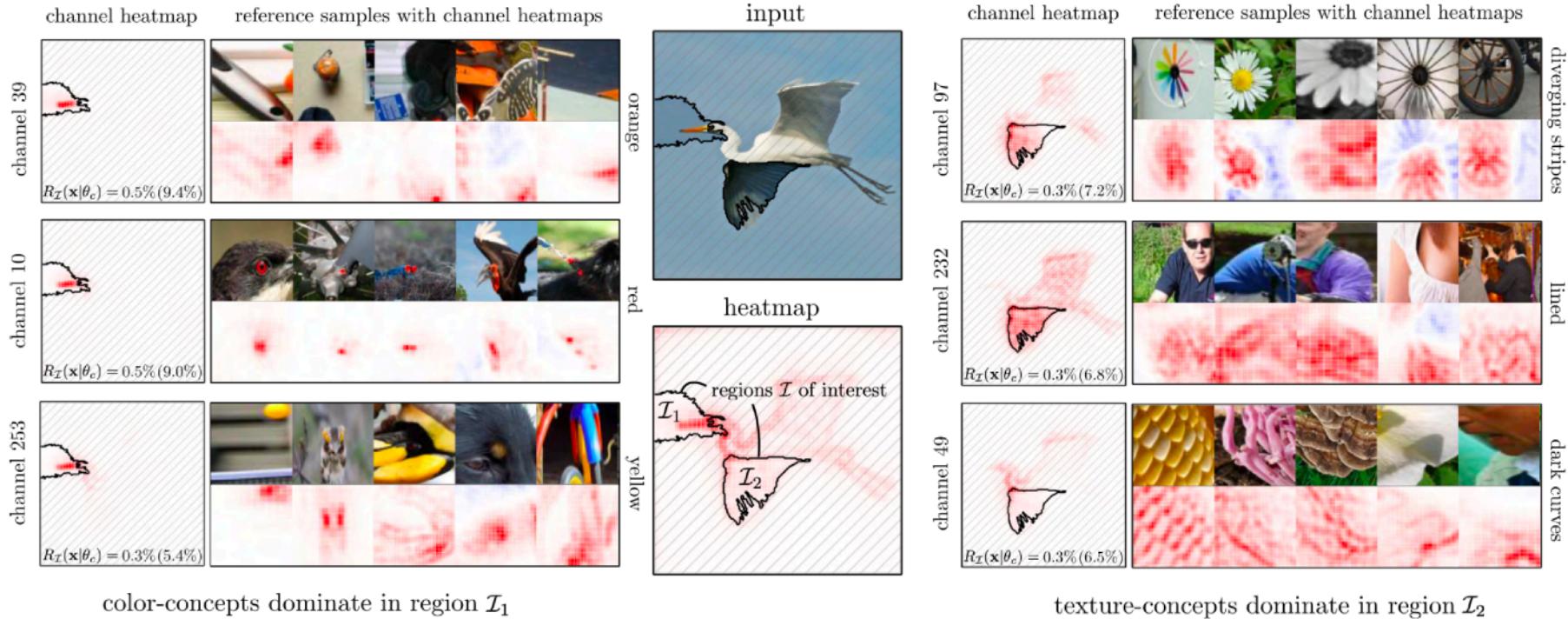
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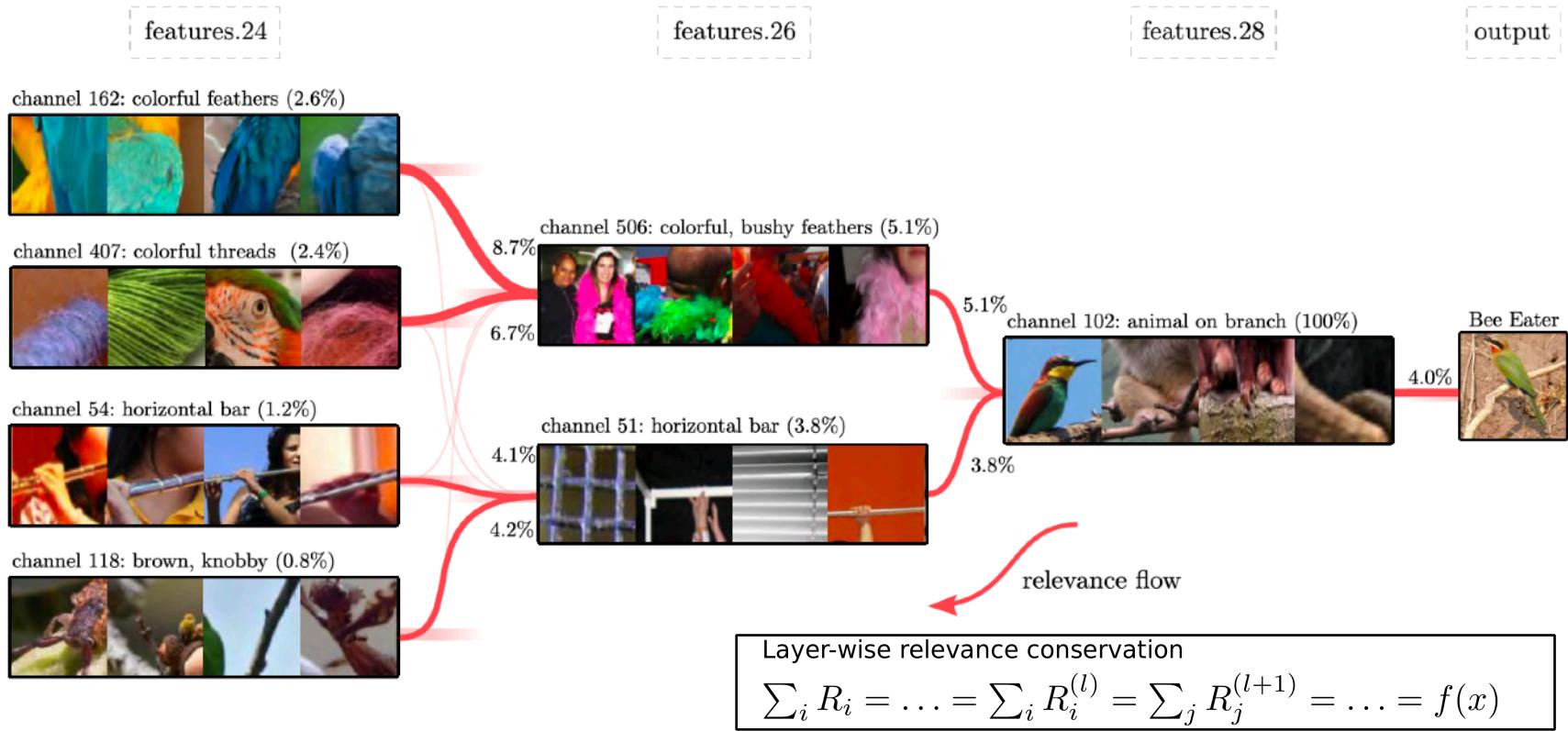
(Achtibat et al. 2022)

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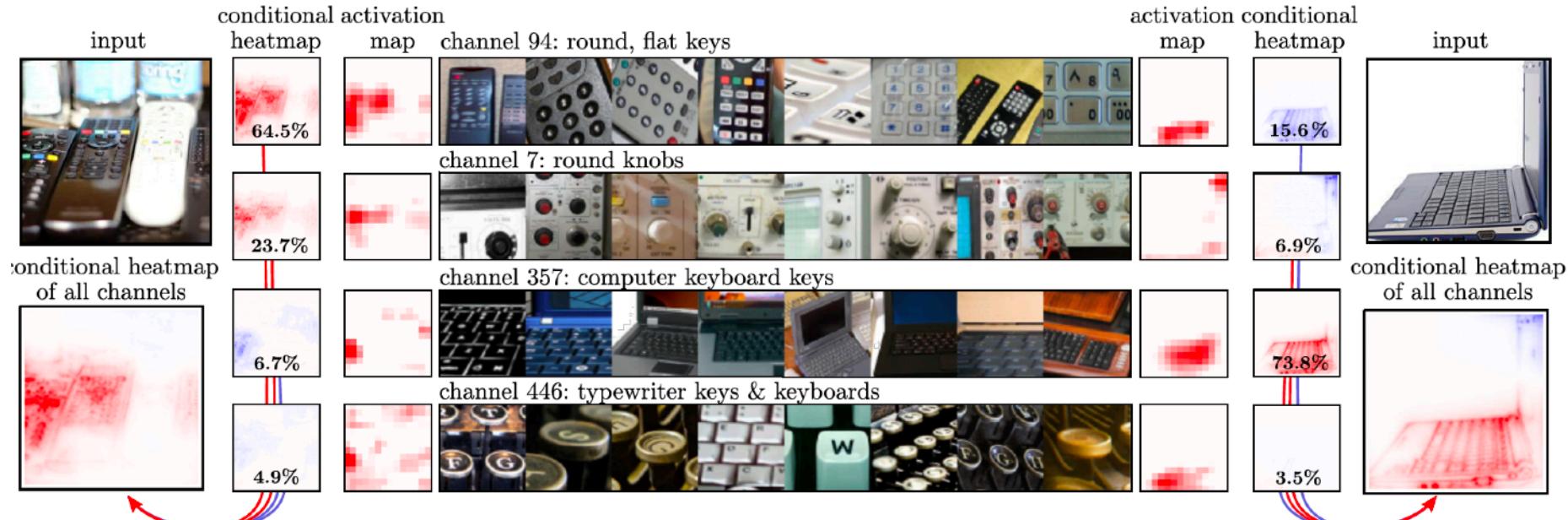
# Local Analyses as a Bottom-Up Complement



# Concept Composition



# Understanding Concept Spaces



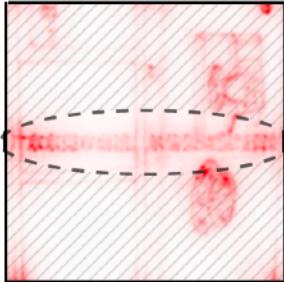
# Identifying Clever Hans

## Concept-based Reverse Search

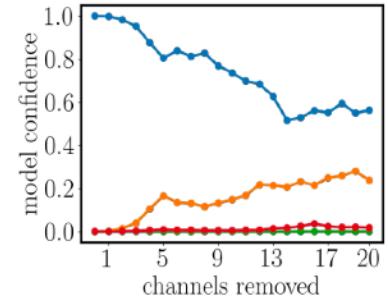
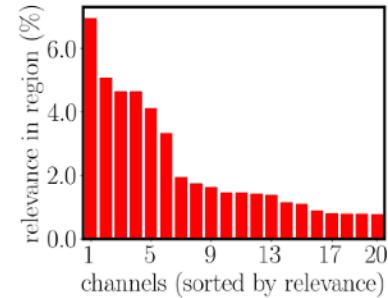
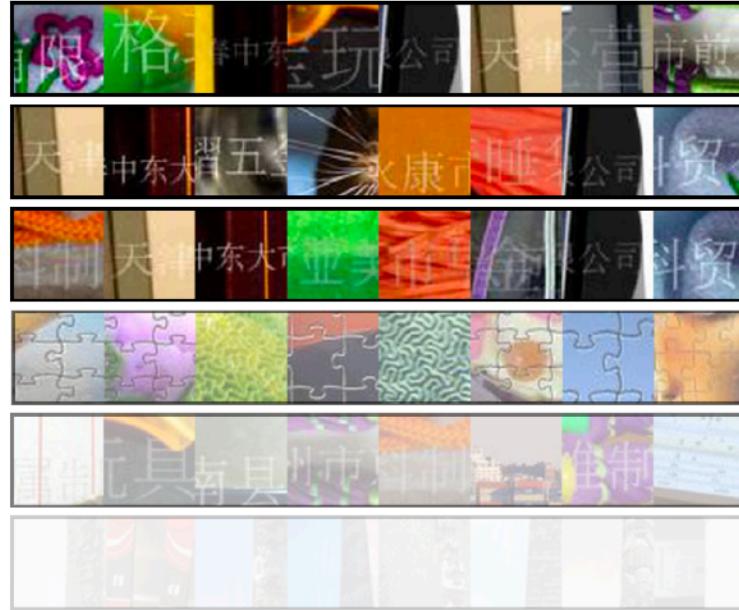
input



input heatmap



most relevant channels in region



class name

- safe
- lock
- monitor
- pay-phone

# Identifying Clever Hans

## Concept-based Reverse Search

whistle



mob



screw



mosquito net



can opener



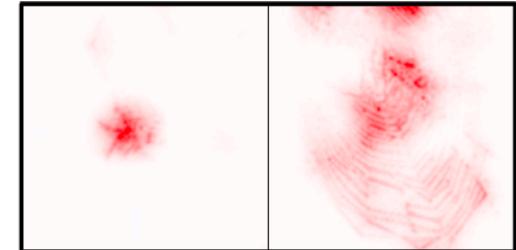
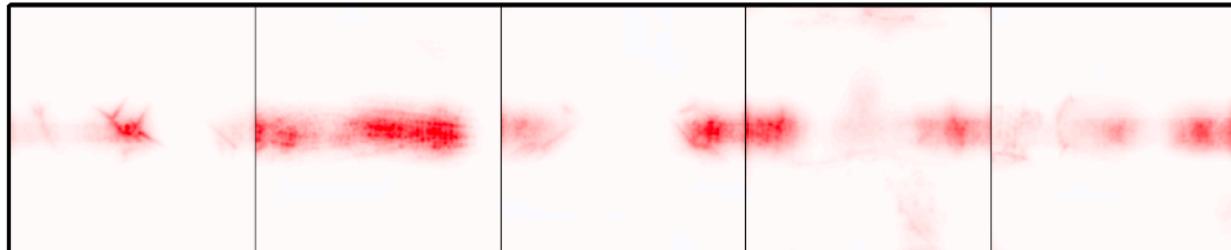
puma



spiderweb



conditional heatmap  $R(\mathbf{x}|\theta = \{c_{361}, y\})$



Fixing the Model: Adapt encoding space globally [Anders, Weber, et al. 2022] or rather outcome-dependently?

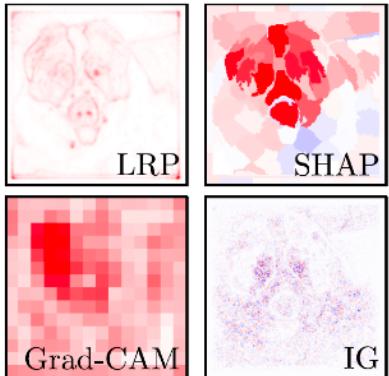
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# Human Evaluation

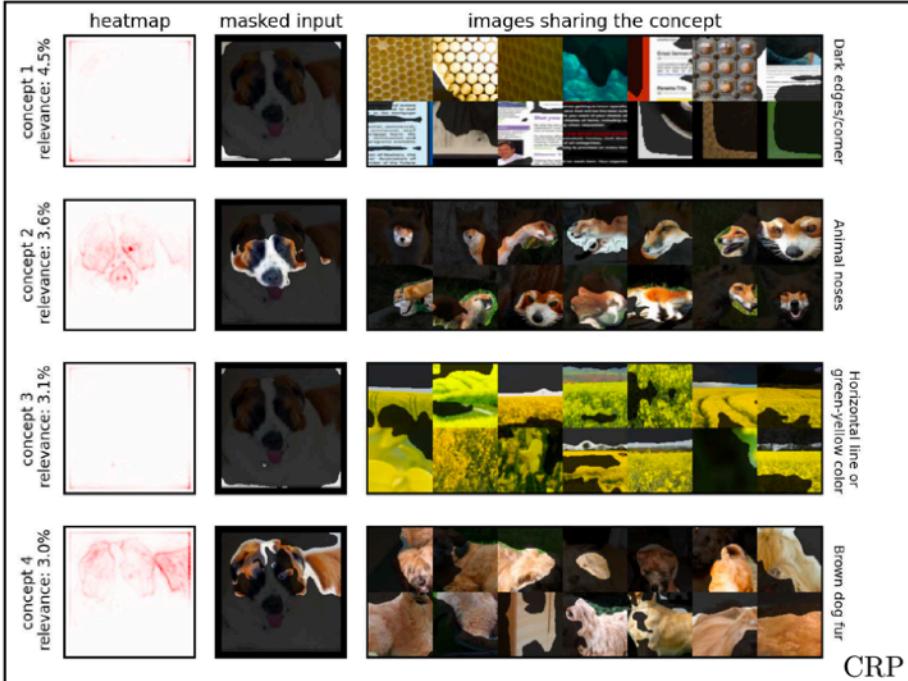
a input with artifact



b local explanations



c global CRP explanation



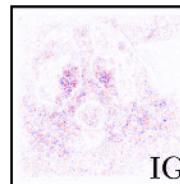
# Human Evaluation

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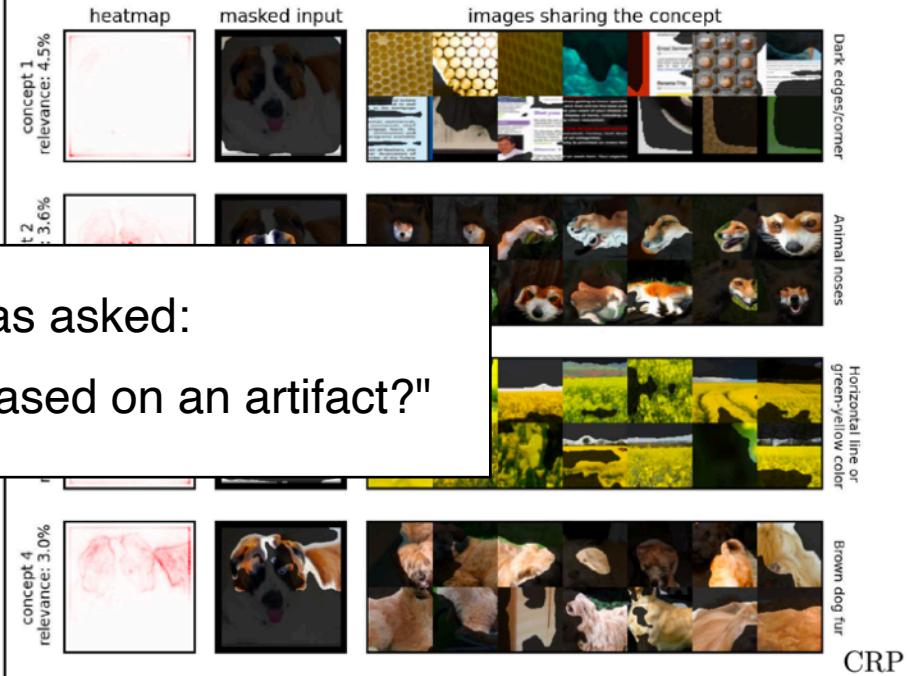


Human was asked:

"Was the prediction based on an artifact?"



c global CRP explanation

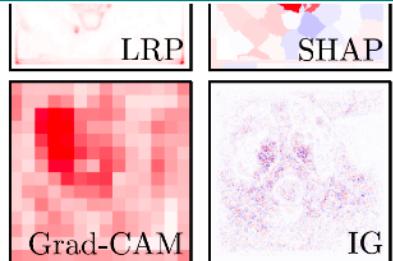


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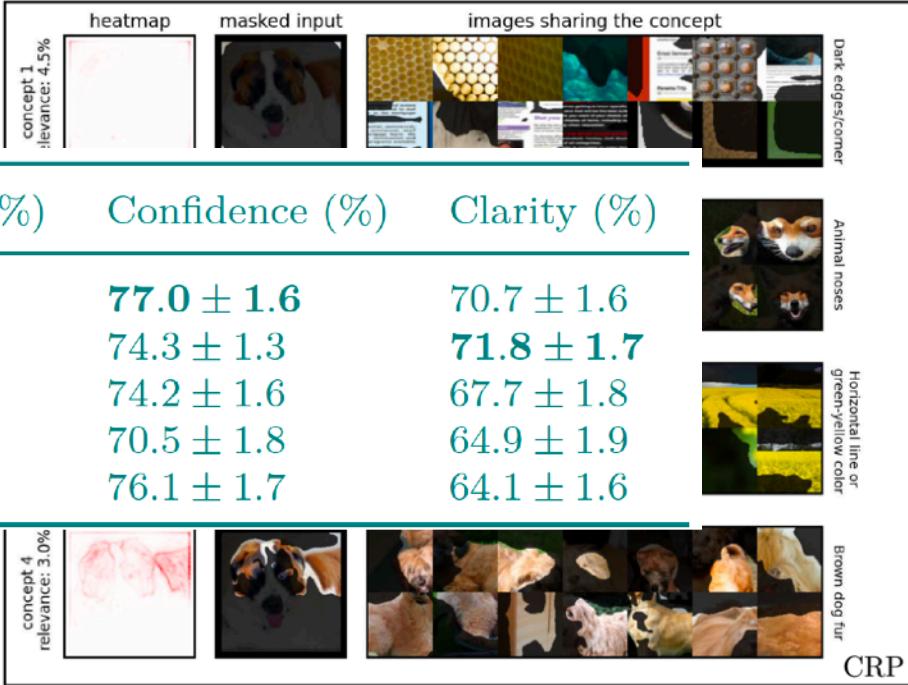
a input



Method	Accuracy (%)	F1-Score (%)	Confidence (%)	Clarity (%)
IG	$51.7 \pm 1.9$	$52.7 \pm 2.9$	<b><math>77.0 \pm 1.6</math></b>	$70.7 \pm 1.6$
LRP	$56.6 \pm 2.9$	$61.6 \pm 2.4$	$74.3 \pm 1.3$	<b><math>71.8 \pm 1.7</math></b>
SHAP	$58.3 \pm 2.7$	$62.2 \pm 2.4$	$74.2 \pm 1.6$	$67.7 \pm 1.8$
Grad-CAM	$63.7 \pm 3.4$	$67.4 \pm 2.3$	$70.5 \pm 1.8$	$64.9 \pm 1.9$
CRP (ours)	<b><math>80.9 \pm 3.4</math></b>	<b><math>82.3 \pm 1.8</math></b>	$76.1 \pm 1.7$	$64.1 \pm 1.6$



c global CRP explanation

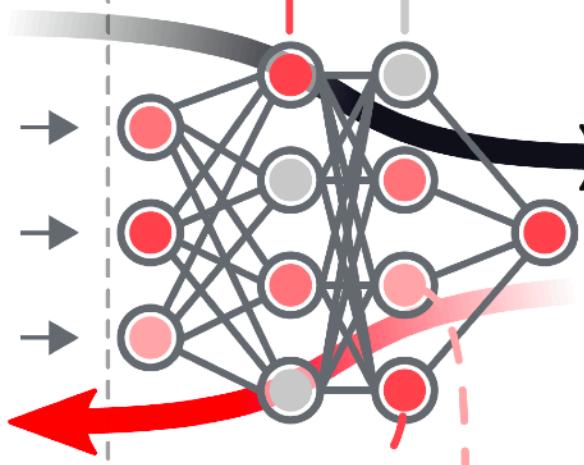
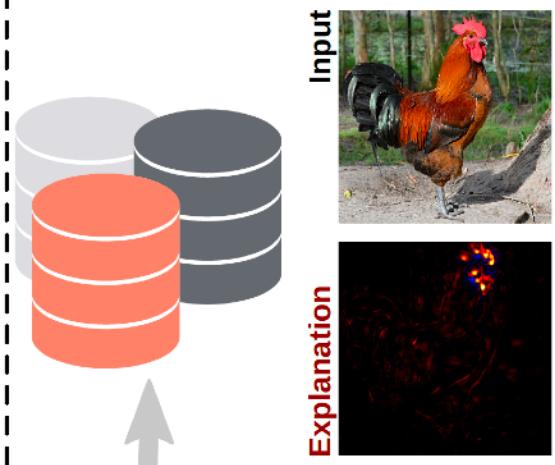


# **Conclusion**

# MODEL LEVEL XAI

relevant and irrelevant  
model components

## DATA(SET) LEVEL XAI

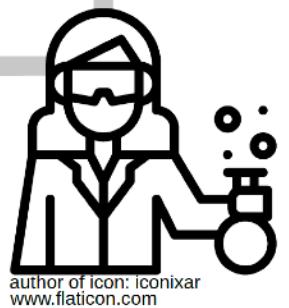


## HUMAN LEVEL XAI

... "mainly  
because of its  
red comb and  
throat wattles."

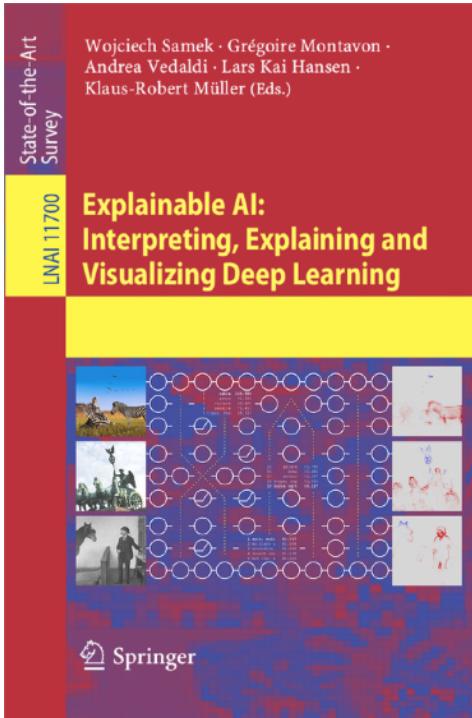


Secondary  
indicators are  
feather-like  
structures."

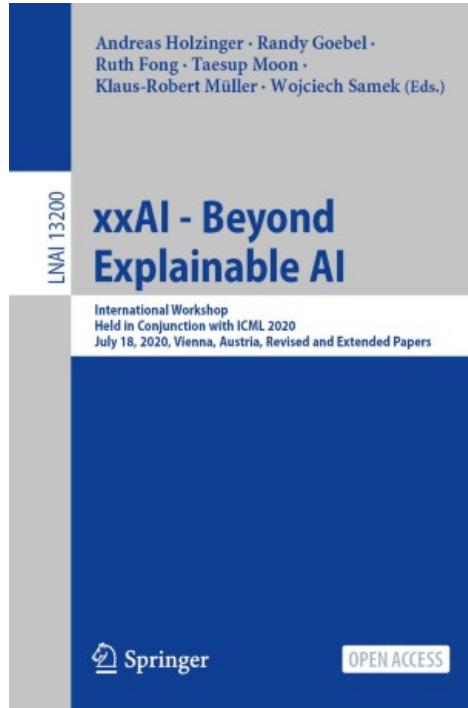


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# From XAI to XXAI



(2019)



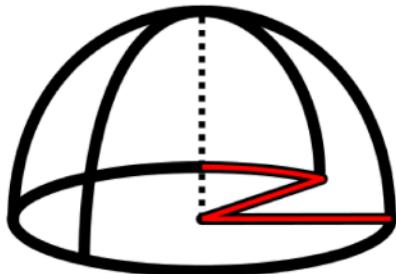
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New directions in XAI:

- Explain & Improve
- Concept-Level XAI
- Regression, RL, Unsup. L.
- Non-interpretable domains
- Beyond Explaining

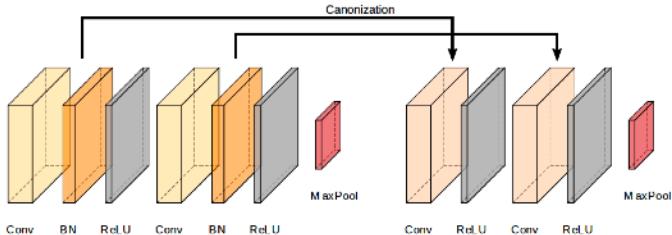
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# Toolboxes



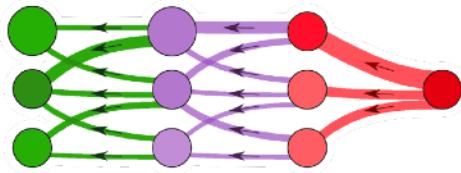
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## Canonization



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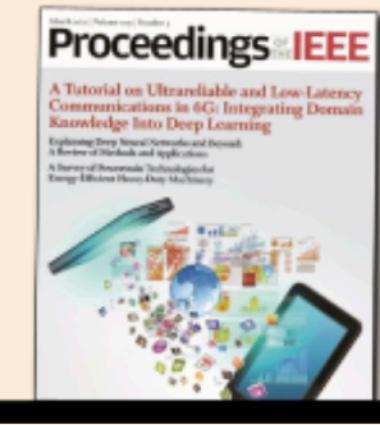
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With the broader and highly successful usage of machine learning (ML) in industry and the sciences, there has been a growing demand for explainable artificial intelligence (XAI). Interpretability and explanation methods for gaining a better understanding of the problem-solving abilities and strategies of nonlinear ML, in particular, deep neural networks, are, therefore, receiving increased attention. In this work, we aim to: 1) provide a timely overview of this active emerging field, with a focus on “post hoc” explanations, and explain its theoretical foundations; 2) put interpretability algorithms to a test both from a theory and comparative evaluation perspective using extensive simulations; 3) outline best practice aspects, i.e., how to best include interpretation methods into the standard usage of ML; and 4) demonstrate successful usage of XAI in a representative selection of application scenarios. Finally, we discuss challenges and possible future directions of this exciting foundational field of ML.



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