

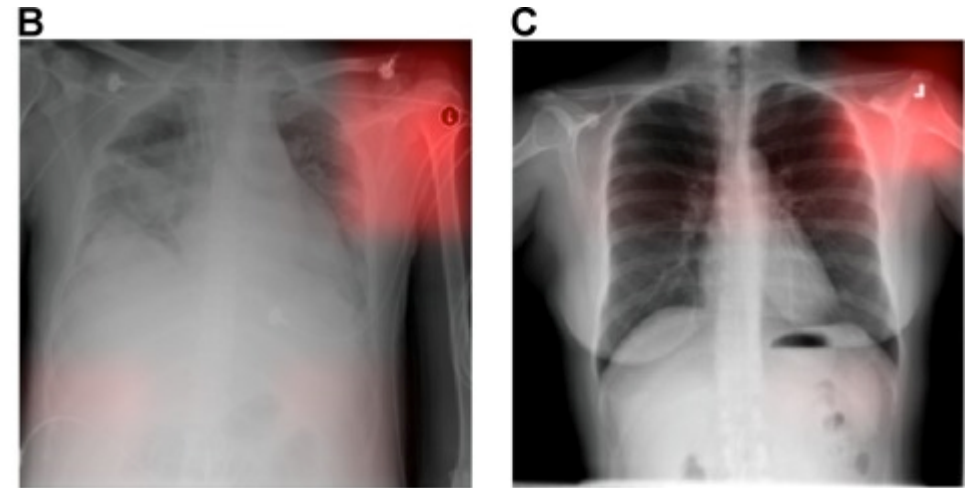
Explainable models and why we need them

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Why do we need explainable models?

CNNs learn to predict pneumonia by detecting hospital which took the image

- Study on detecting pneumonia using 158,323 chest radiographs
- CNNs robustly identified hospital system and department within a hospital
- CNN has learned to detect a metal token that radiology technicians place on the patient in the corner of the image

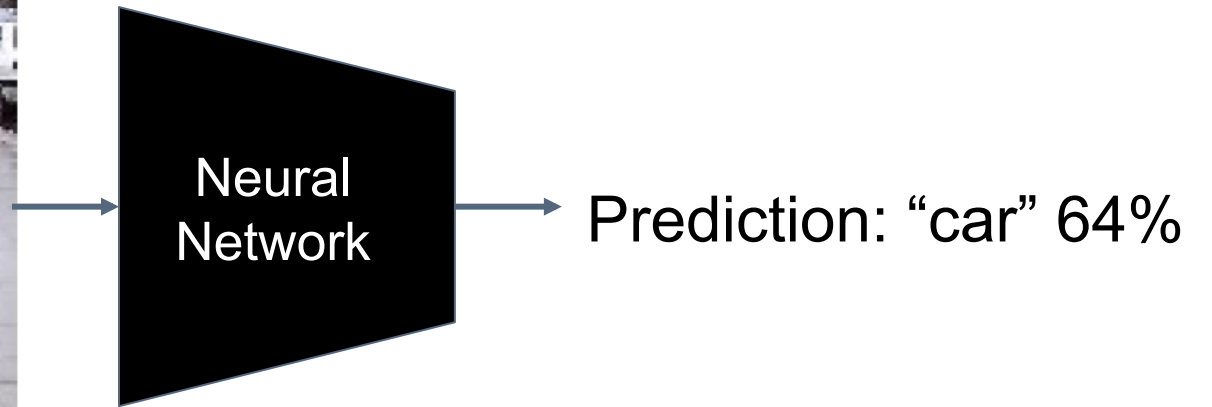


Variable generalization performance of a deep learning model to detect pneumonia in chest radiographs: A cross-sectional study.

[Zech JR](#)¹, [Badgeley MA](#)², [Liu M](#)², [Costa AB](#)³, [Titano JJ](#)⁴, [Oermann EK](#)³. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/30399157>

Can we explain the network's decision?

Why did the classifier predict “car”?



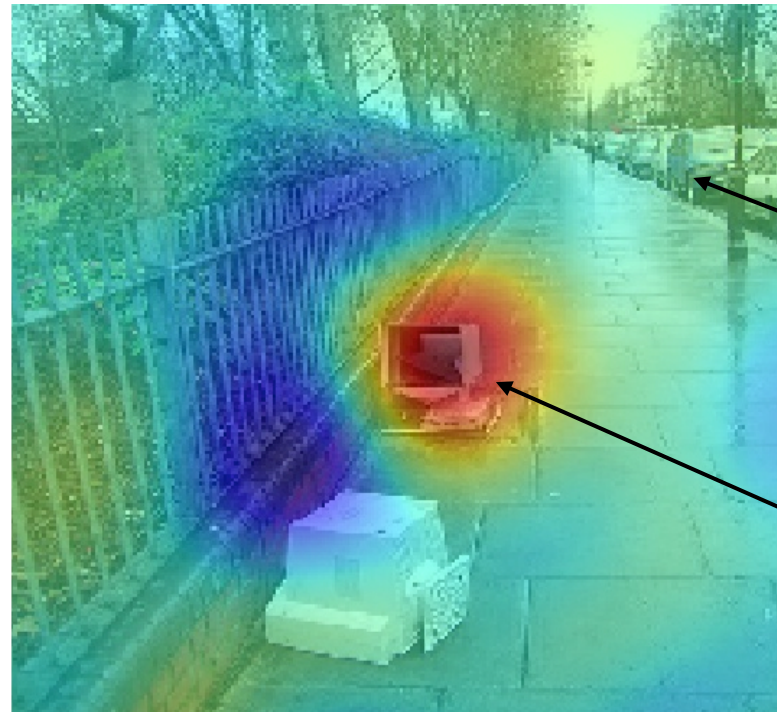
Saliency “explanation”

Why did the classifier predict “car”? –correct but for wrong reasons!

Prediction: “car” 64%



Explanation for “car”



Cars parked

actual reason is a
monitor and street
context

Saliency “explanation”

Why did the classifier predict “cow” (incorrect)?

Prediction: “cow” 76%



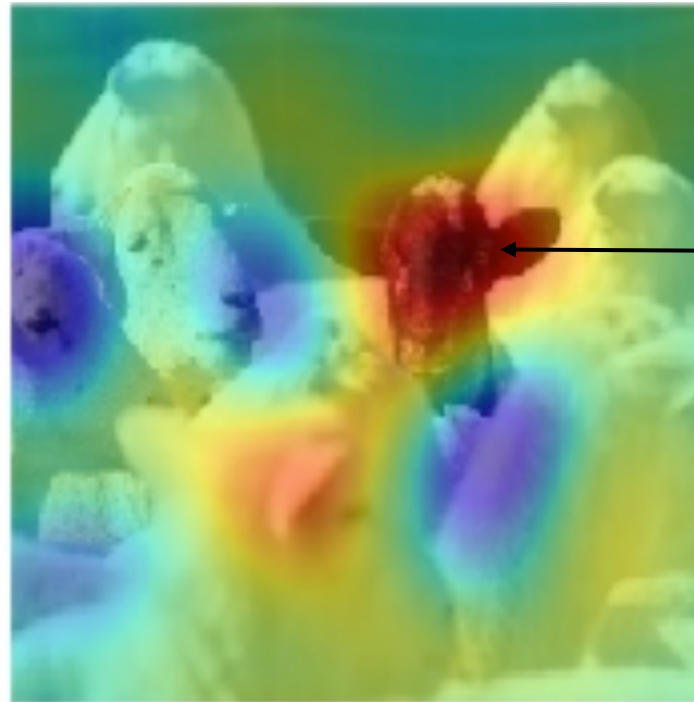
Saliency “explanation”

Why did the classifier predict “cow” (incorrect)?

Prediction: “cow” 76%



Explanation for “cow”



MODEL BIAS:
most sheep are
white, so model
mistakes black
sheep for cows

explainable AI

- explain prediction
- improve the model
- discover bias

Wrong



Baseline: A **man** sitting at a desk with a laptop computer.

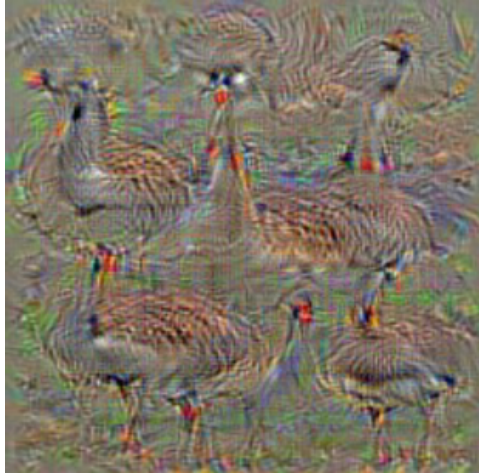
Right for the Right Reasons



Our Model: A **woman** sitting in front of a laptop computer.

eXplainable Artificial Intelligence (XAI)

Activation Maximization



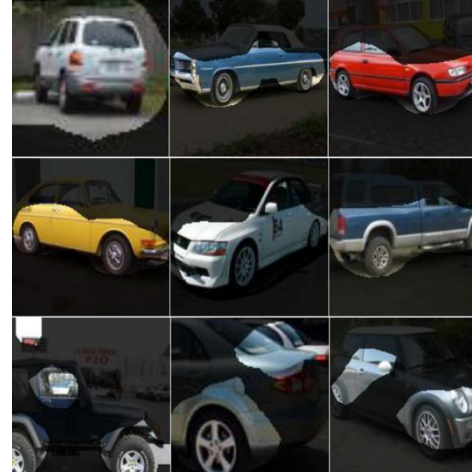
ostrich

Generate iconic images



volcano

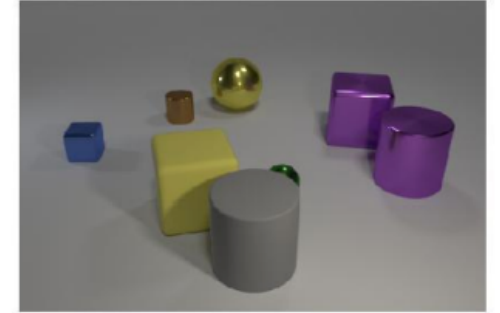
Network dissection



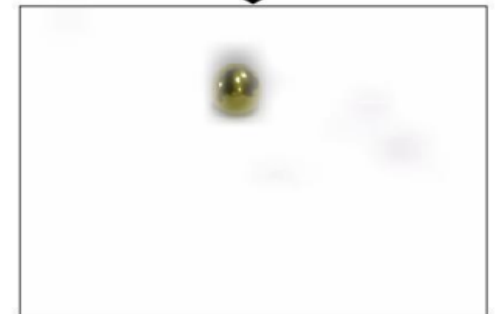
car neuron

Interpretable models

are there any large matte blocks of the same color as the large metal ball ?



find("large metal ball")



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Simonyan et al. **Deep inside convolutional networks: Visualising image classification models and saliency maps.** ICLR Workshop 2014.

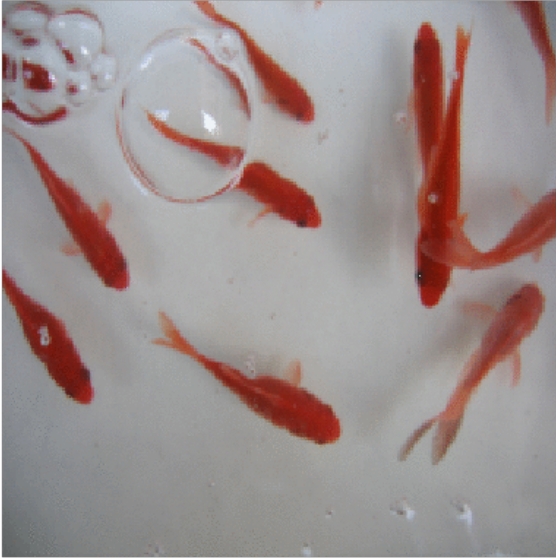
Nguyen et al. **Plug & play generative networks: Conditional iterative generation of images in latent space.** CVPR 2017

Bau et al. **Network Dissection: Quantifying Interpretability of Deep Visual Representations.** CVPR 2017

Hu et al. **Explainable Neural Computation via Stack Neural Module Networks.** ECCV 2018

Background: XAI via saliency detection

Image classification



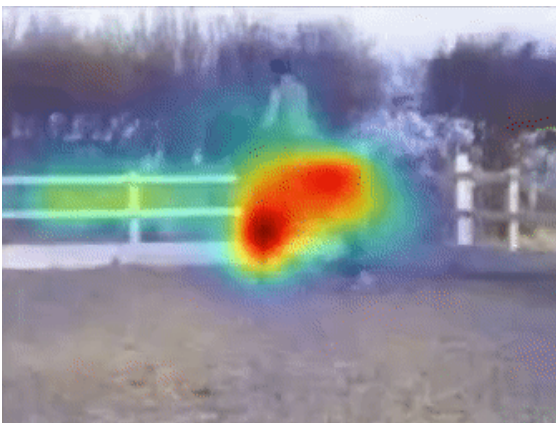
→ Goldfish

Image captioning



→ "A horse and a **carriage** on a city street."

Action recognition



→ Horse riding

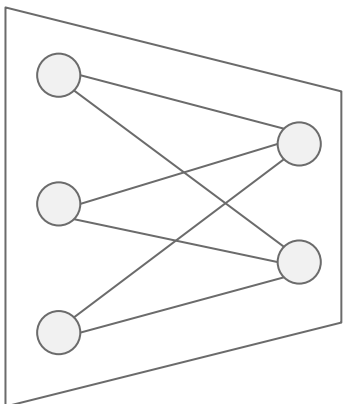
Sentiment analysis

"Despite its flaws,
this is still a
fascinating story."

→ positive

Background: White box vs. Black box

White-box model



Excitation backprop



Grad-CAM



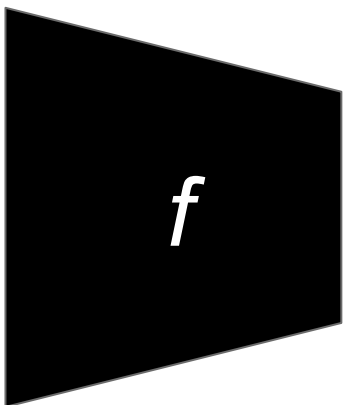
Meaningful Perturbations



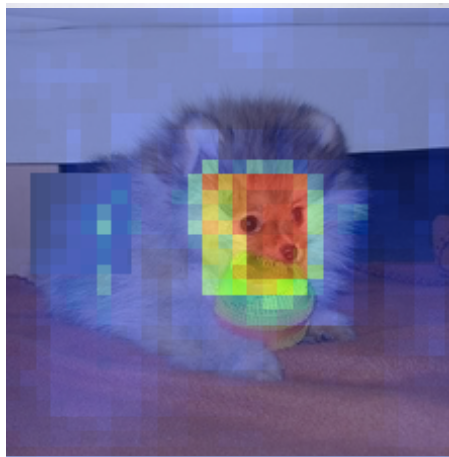
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Many many works on this!

Black-box model



Sliding occlusion



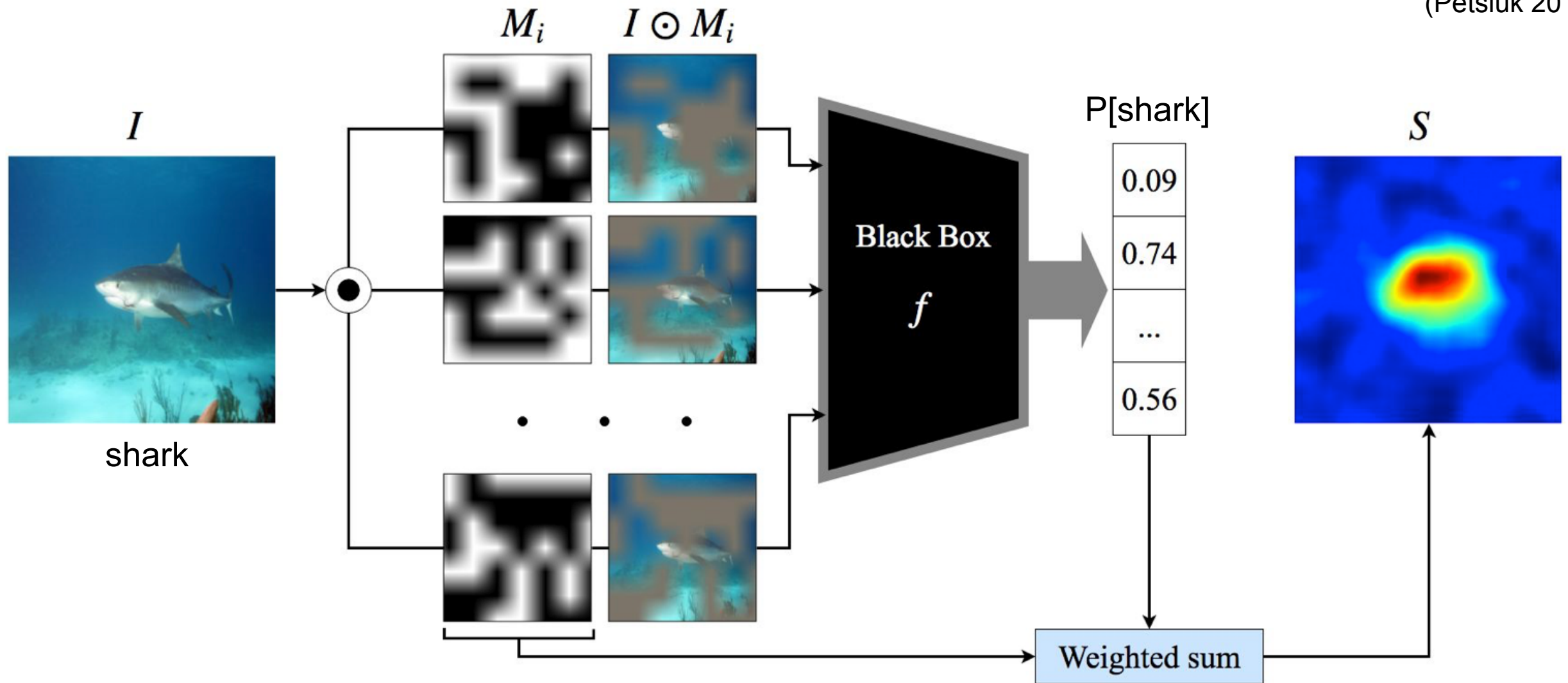
LIME



RISE: randomly mask input, measure output



(Petsiuk 2018)



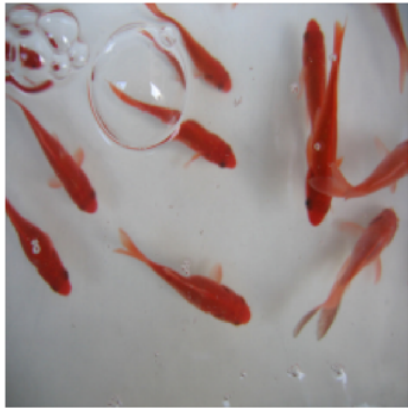
RISE: Qualitative Examples



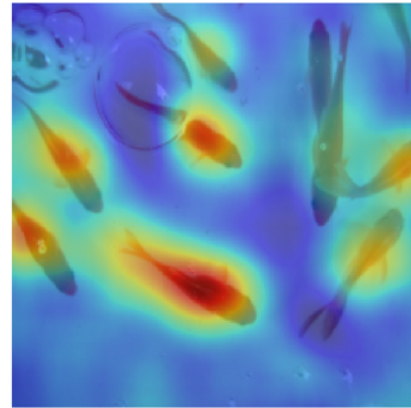
(Petsiuk 2018)

- What the network actually sees, not what a human sees: “high-fidelity” explanation

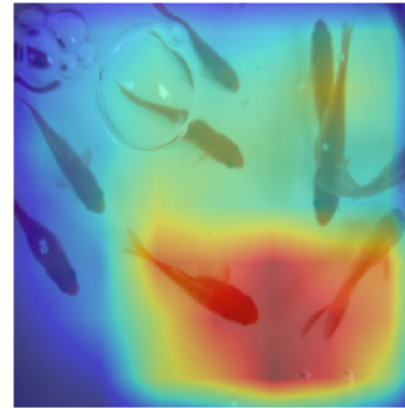
goldfish



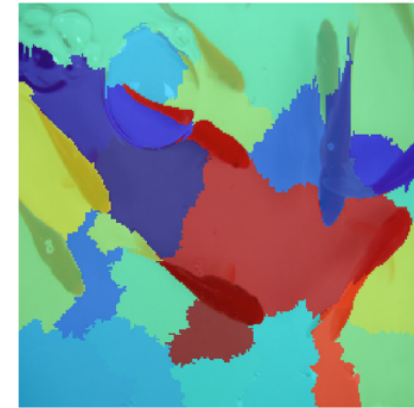
pixels important for prediction



Ours

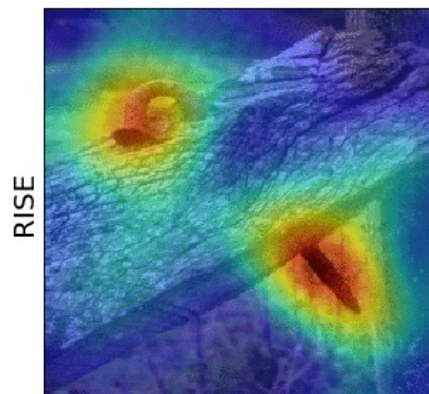


GradCAM

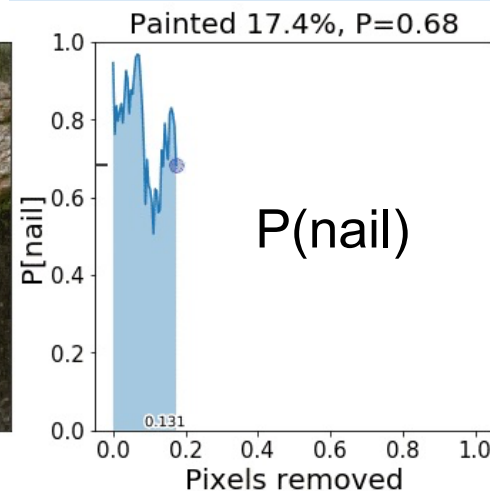


LIME

RISE: Evaluation



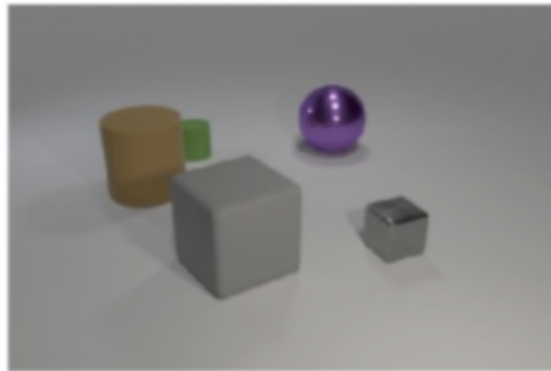
Explaining: nail



Method	ResNet50		VGG16	
	Deletion	Insertion	Deletion	Insertion
Grad-CAM [23]	0.1232	0.6766	0.1087	0.6149
Sliding window [31]	0.1421	0.6618	0.1158	0.5917
LIME [21]	0.1217	0.6940	0.1014	0.6167
RISE (ours)	0.1076 ± 0.0005	0.7267 ± 0.0006	0.0980 ± 0.0025	0.6663 ± 0.0014

Causal metrics on ImageNet dataset

Can we go beyond a single heatmap?



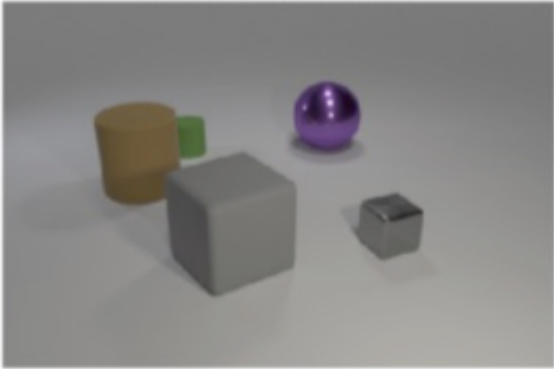
Q: There is a small gray block; are there any spheres to the left of it?

Neural modules learn a “program”



input: There is a small gray block; are there any spheres to the left of it?

input image



Stack neural module networks (Hu et al. 2018)

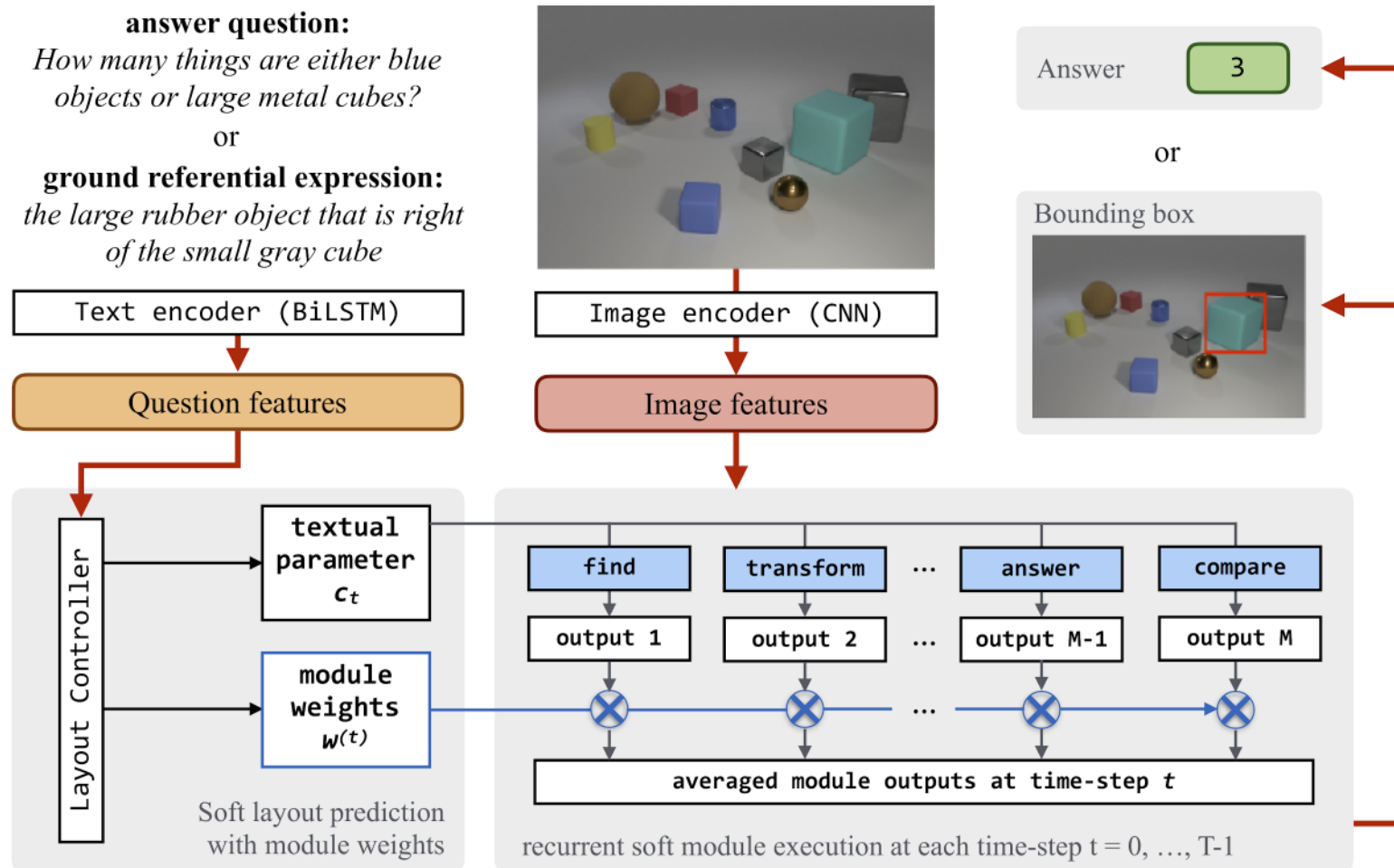


(Hu 2018)

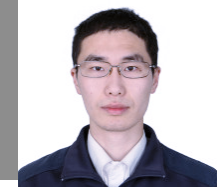
Differentiable: replacing previous *discrete* execution graph with *continuous* soft layout (via module weights), not requiring “expert layout” supervision or RL.

Interpretable as humans can understand its reasoning steps and detect its failure.

Multi-task by sharing a common set of sub-tasks (modules).

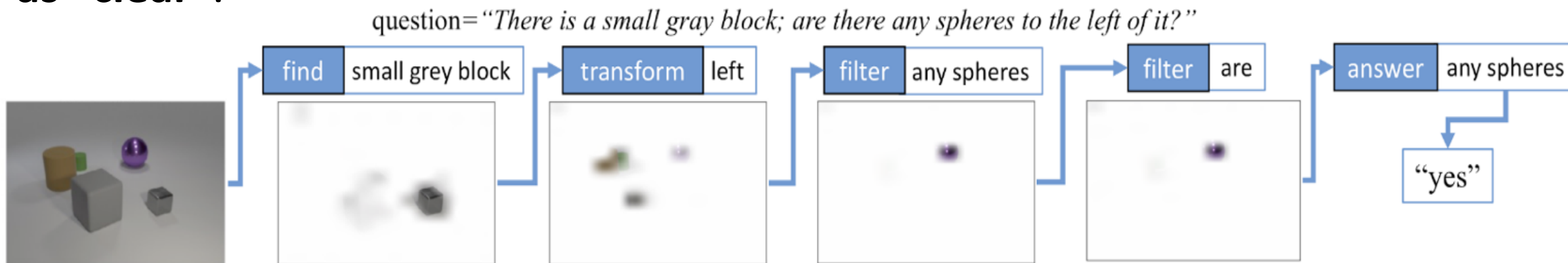


Interpretability evaluation of NMNs (Hu et al. 2018)



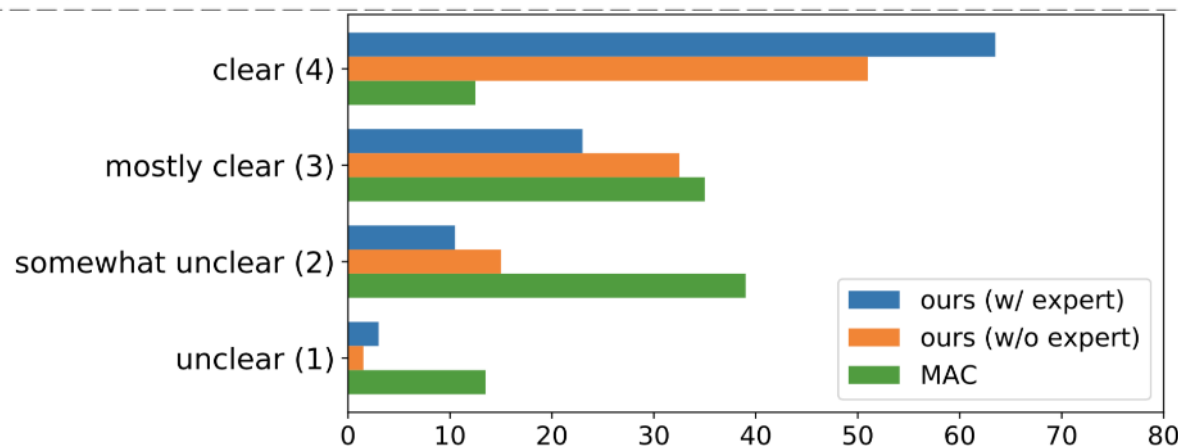
(Hu 2018)

We let human users judge (from the image and text attentions) whether the internal computation is clear to them. **Our model is much more often rated as “clear”.**



Question:

Are the internal reasoning steps above clear and understandable to you?



percentage of each choice (*clear, mostly clear, somewhat unclear and unclear*)

Can we explain similarity?

Why are these similar?



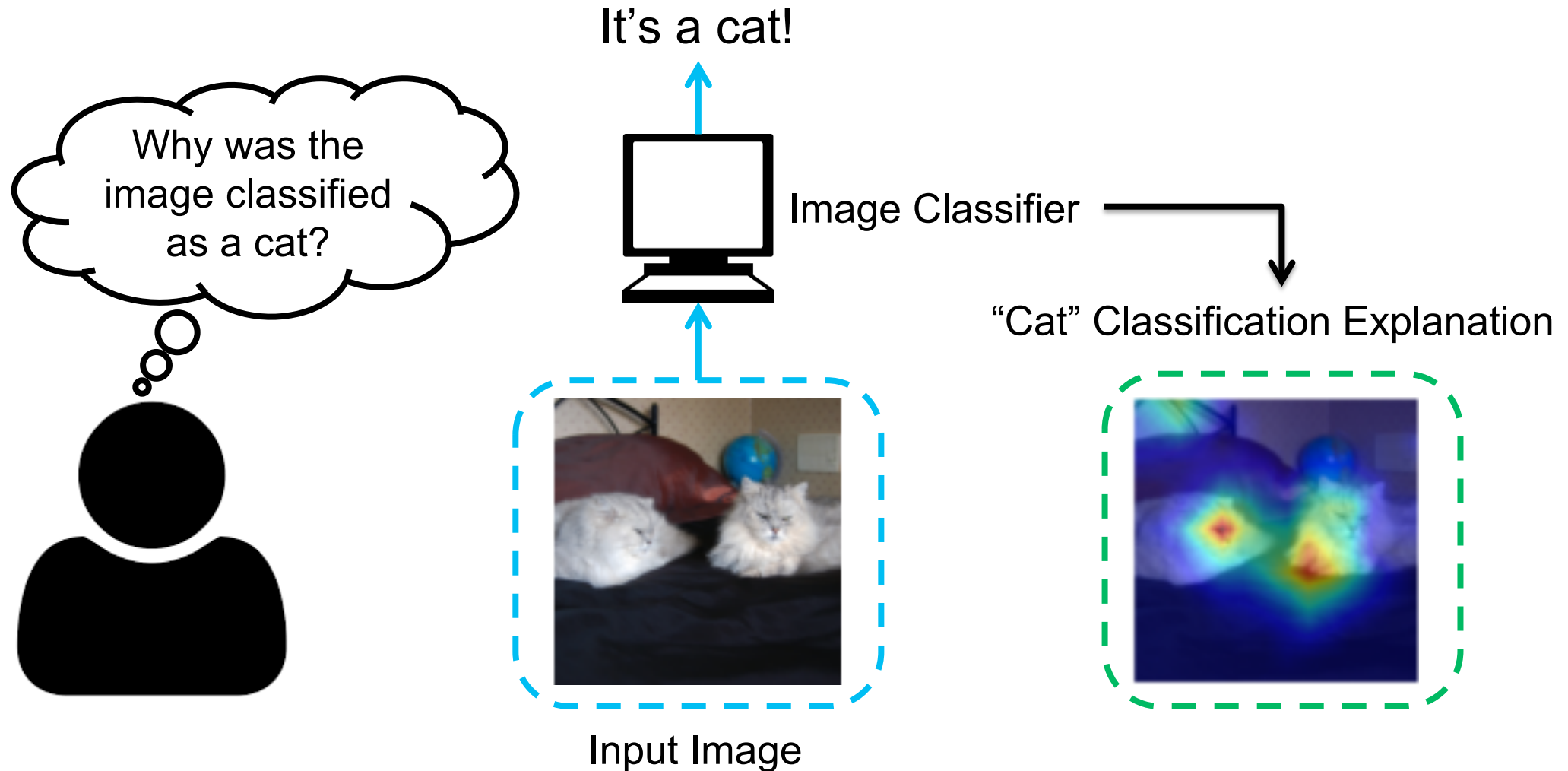
Both outdoors? Both are animals? Household pets?
Near/in a forest?

Why do these match?



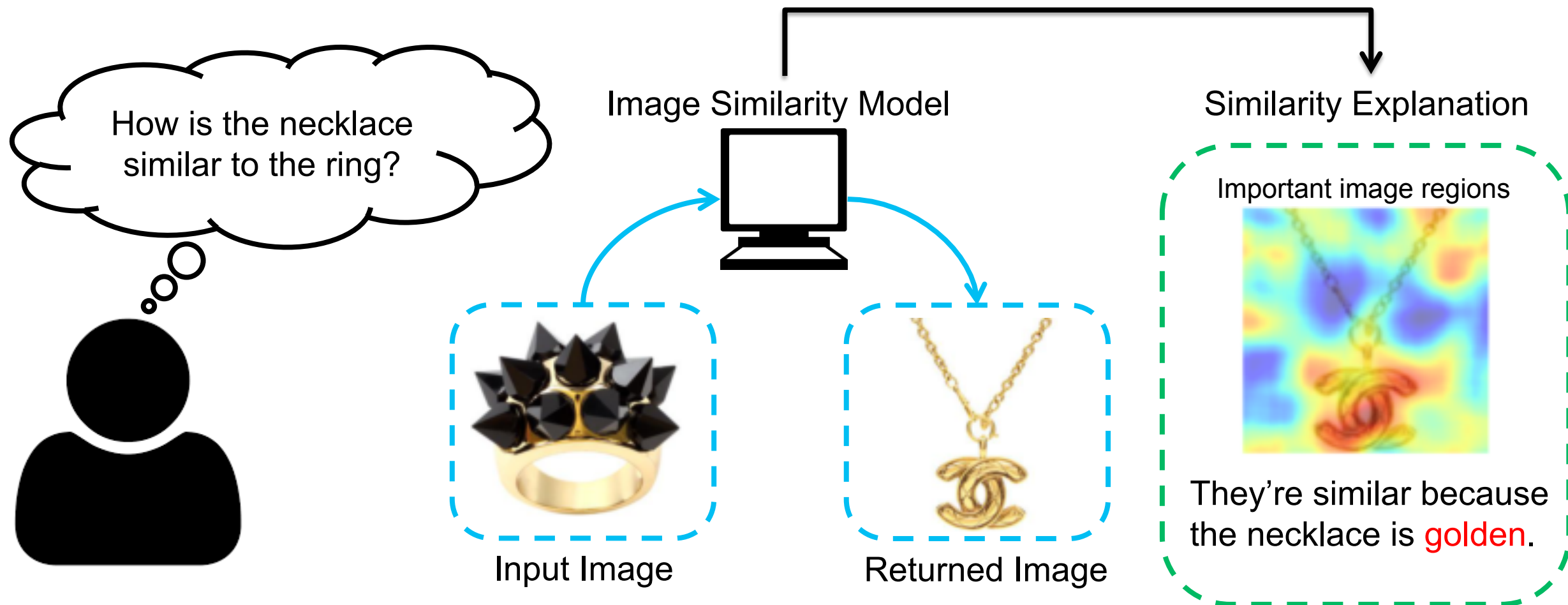
Both are jewelry? Both gold? Both shiny or sparkly?

Prior work: explain classifier



This work: explain similarity model

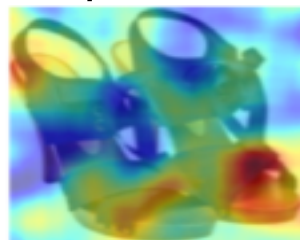
(Plummer 19)



Desirable Qualities of Explanations

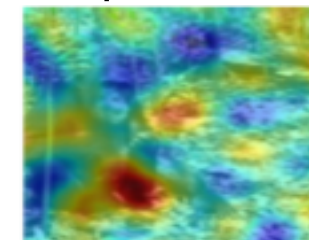
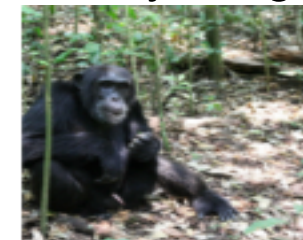
- Human interpretable
- Considers both images (i.e. changing one image affects the explanation of the other)
- Explains model behavior

Reference Image Query Image Explanation

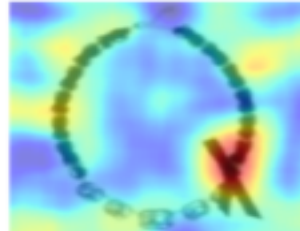


Open

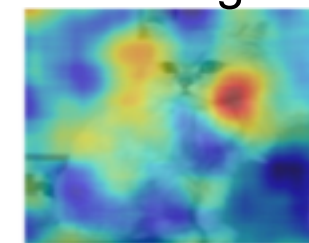
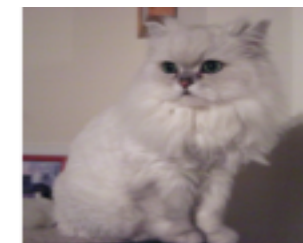
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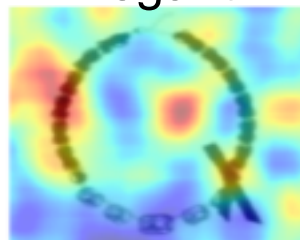
Strong



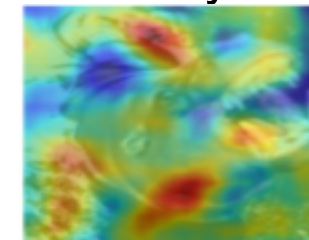
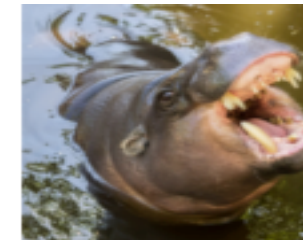
Elegant



Furry



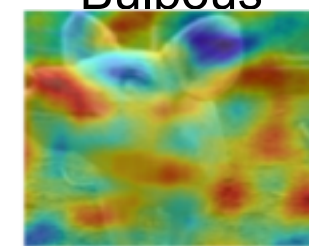
Collared



Bulbous

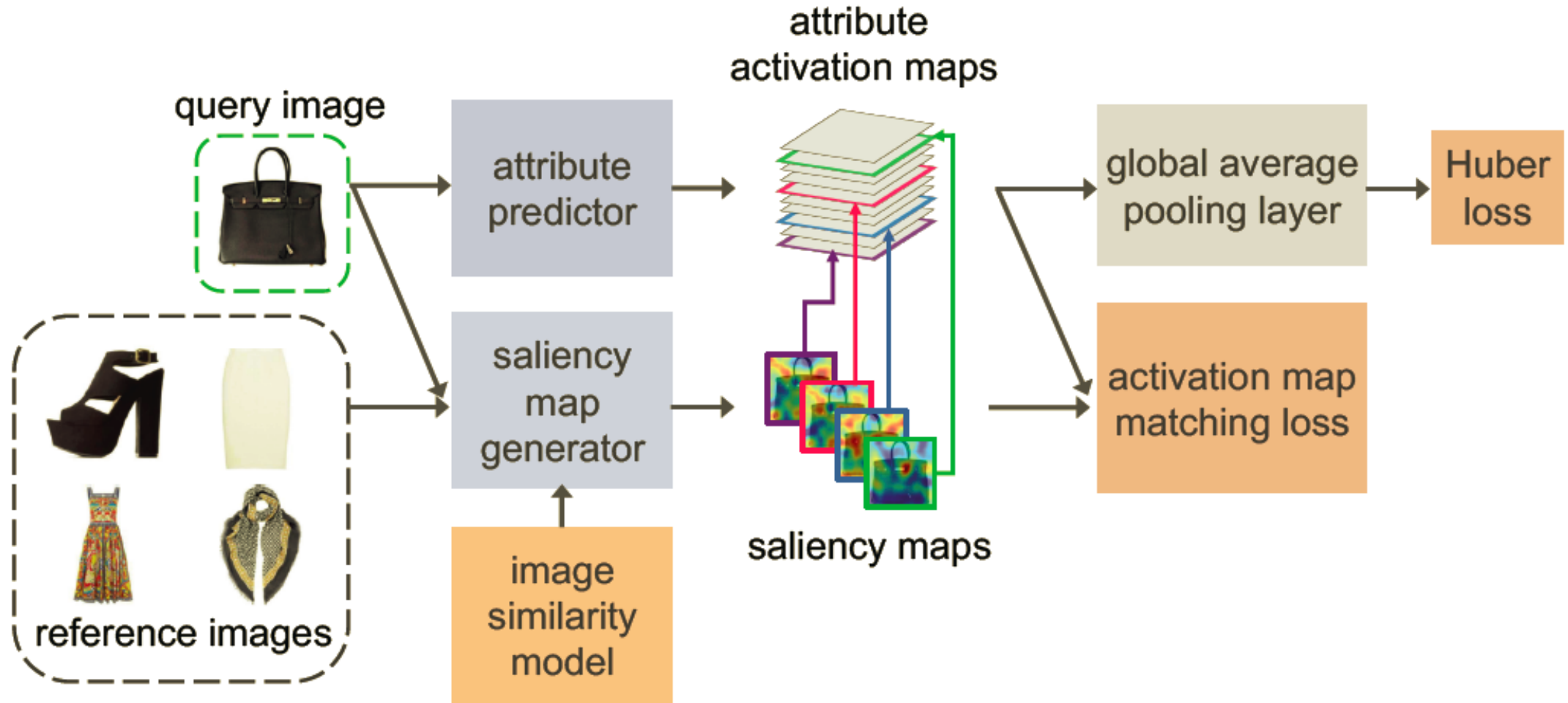


Blue



Ground

SANE: Attribute-based explanation model

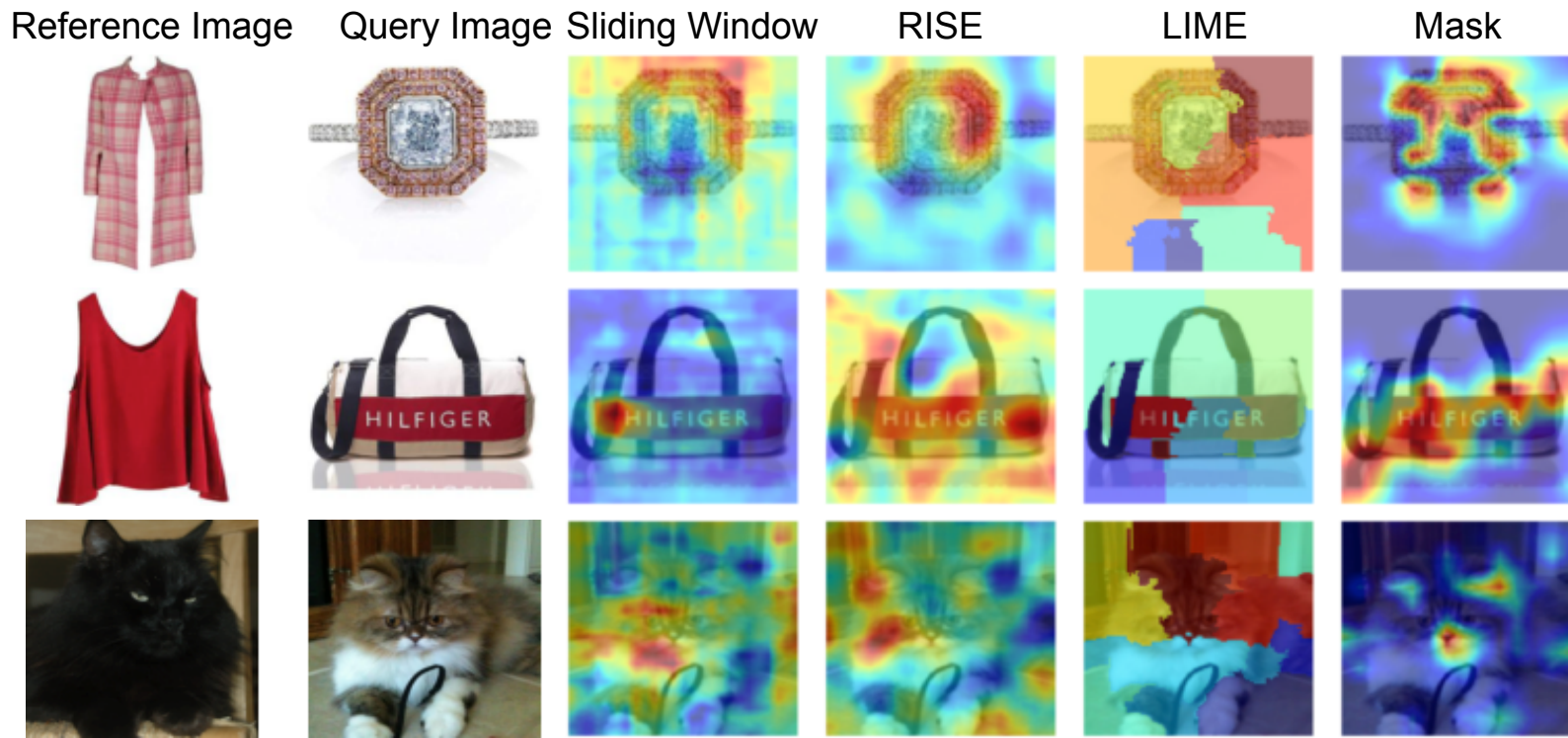


Saliency Map Performance



(Plummer 19)

Method	Fixed Reference?	Polyvore Outfits		Animals with Attributes 2	
		Insertion (↑)	Deletion (↓)	Insertion (↑)	Deletion (↓)
Sliding Window	Y	60.2	53.6	76.9	76.8
RISE	Y	62.0	52.0	76.5	77.1
LIME	Y	58.4	55.4	77.0	71.2
Mask	Y	59.4	53.3	74.5	77.3



Attribute “removal” metric



Input Image

Attribute to Remove

Returned Image



“studded”



measure drop
in similarity



“lace”



measure drop
in similarity

Attribute “removal” evaluation

(Plummer 19)

Method	Polyvore Outfits			Animals with Attributes 2		
	mAP	Top1	Attr	mAP	Top1	Attr
		Accuracy	Removal		Accuracy	Removal
Random	–	1.3	0.2	–	38.1	0.4
Attribute Classifier	24.2	49.1	0.5	66.5	73.9	0.9
FashionSearchNet [1]	24.5	49.1	0.4	66.7	75.2	1.1
FashionSearchNet + Map Matching	–	49.8	1.5	–	77.8	1.4
SANE	25.7	50.0	2.2	67.1	77.1	1.8
SANE + Map Matching	–	51.7	2.9	–	85.5	2.3
SANE + Map Matching + Prior (Full)	–	52.2	3.5	–	85.1	2.7



Summary

- A causal saliency explanation model (RISE)
- Naturally explainable modular networks
- Explaining a similarity model with attributes

Where to go next?

- need evaluation metrics for XAI
- disentangled representations

Datasets

- Polyvore Outfits - 365,054 images, 205 attributes
- Animals with Attributes 2 - 37,322 images, 50 animal classes, 85 attributes

